Extreme fluctuations in turbulent flows

Strong impact on immersed structures

• Premature wear, low output, breakdowns.



Direct Numerical Simulation is irrelevent for rare events



How to simulate events with typical return times of **months** without having to simulate months of turbulence ?

We use importance sampling

Shift the distribution towards extreme values

Population Dynamics

- Evolution of a population of simulations
- Periodically duplicated/dicarded



Application to a simple test case : computational cost for **statistics** & **dynamics** for **extreme drag fluctuations** reduced by a factor 100