

Statistics and Data Science Seminar

From a stochastic vortex dynamic model to Onsager-Joyce-Montgomery theory

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Abstract: The vorticity formulation of 2-D incompressible Navier-Stokes equation can be viewed as mean-field limit of stochastic interacting point vortices. As number of particles goes to infinity and viscosity term goes to zero, we arrive at inviscid limit of 2-D incompressible Euler equation.

We study multi-scale large deviation limits of such model, on the torus, as particle number and time go large but viscosity goes small. The result gives a first principle approach to establish the Onsager-Joyce-Montgomery theory as limit theorem derived from microscopically defined non-equilibrium models. The Onsager-Joyce-Montgomery theory concerns large time coherent structures of vortex dynamics associated with 2-D Euler equation. It was previously informally formulated using equilibrium models only.

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