

# Statistical mechanics and kinetic theory of the 2D Euler and stochastic Navier-Stokes equations

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# Statistical Mechanics for 2D and Geophysical Flows

- Equilibrium mechanics is not relevant for turbulent flows, except for few exceptions
- 2D-Euler or some classes of models for geophysical flows are proper conservative systems (no anomalous dissipation of energy)
- Statistical equilibrium: A very old idea, some famous contributions  
Onsager (1949), Joyce and Montgomery (1970), Caglioti Marchioro Pulvirenti Lions (1990), Robert (1990), Miller (1990), Robert et Sommeria (1991), Eyink and Spohn (1994), Kiessling and Lebowitz (1994), Bodineau and Guionnet (1999), Boucher, Ellis and Turkington (1999)

# Equilibrium: the 2D Euler Equations

- 2D Euler equations:

$$\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \omega = 0$$

Vorticity  $\omega = (\nabla \wedge \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{e}_z$ . Stream function  $\psi$ :  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{e}_z \times \nabla \psi$ ,  
 $\omega = \Delta \psi$

- Conservative dynamics - Hamiltonian (non canonical) and time reversible
- Invariants:

$$\text{Energy: } \mathcal{E}[\omega] = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathcal{D}} d^2x \mathbf{v}^2 = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathcal{D}} d^2x \omega \psi$$

$$\text{Casimir's functionals: } \mathcal{C}_s[\omega] = \int_{\mathcal{D}} d^2x s(\omega)$$

$$\text{Vorticity distribution: } D(\sigma) = \frac{dA}{d\sigma} \text{ with } A(\sigma) = \int_{\mathcal{D}} d^2x \chi_{\{\omega(\mathbf{x}) \leq \sigma\}}$$

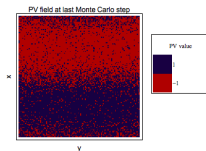
# Microstates for the 2D Euler Eq.

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- We discuss the case  $D(\sigma) = \frac{1}{2}\delta(\sigma + 1) + \frac{1}{2}\delta(\sigma - 1)$ , ( $\omega(\mathbf{r}) \in \{-1, 1\}$  with  $\pm 1$  values occupying equal areas).
- Vorticity points on a **lattice of size  $N \times N$**  (used for instance as weight in a finite elements approximations of 2D fields)

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- $\omega \in X_N$  : microstate.  $X_N$  is the set of microstates



Vorticity on a  $N \times N$  lattice

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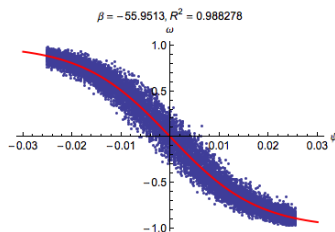
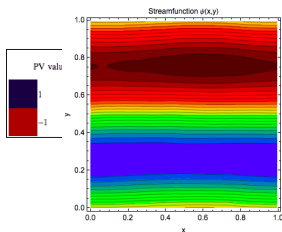
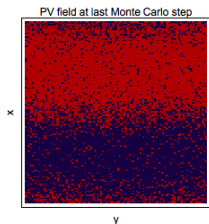
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# A Typical Vorticity Field for the Microcanonical Measure

A two vorticity level case:  $\omega \in \{-1, 1\}$ ,  $E = 0.6E_{max}$ ,  $N \times N = 128 \times 128$

- **Creutz's algorithm:** a generalization of Metropolis-Hasting's algorithm that samples microcanonical measures.



Vorticity field

Stream function

Coarse-grained-vorticity  
 vs stream function

# How to Deal with the Microcanonical Measure

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- The limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$  is rather simple
- The 2D-Euler has a mean-field behavior. The microcanonical measure is a Young measure, with local probabilities which are determined by maximization of a mean-field entropy. This is a large deviations result, proven by generalization of Sanov's theorem

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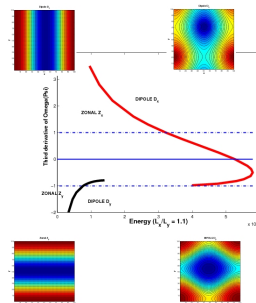
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A second order phase transition.

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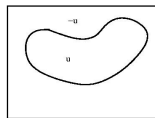
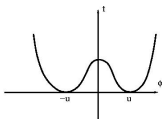
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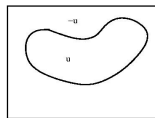
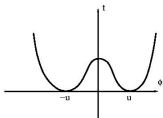
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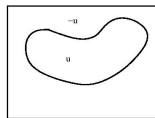
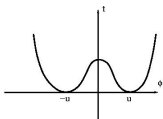
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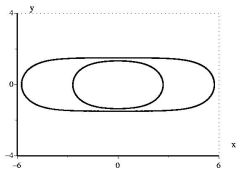
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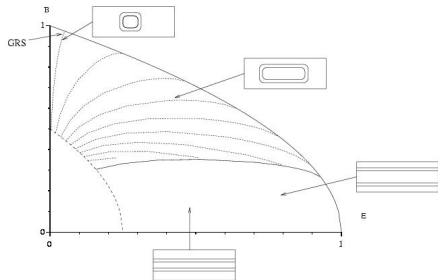
Below left: the Great Red Spot and a White Oval.

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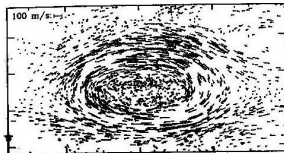
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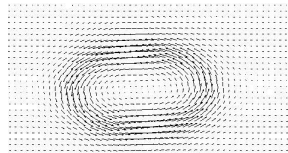
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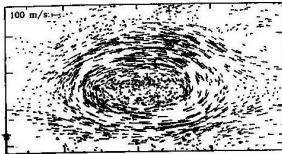


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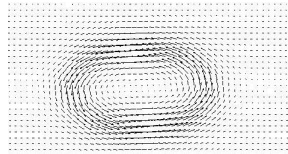
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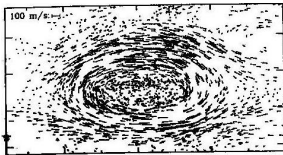


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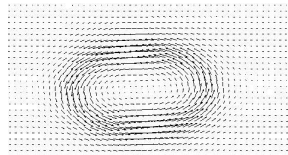
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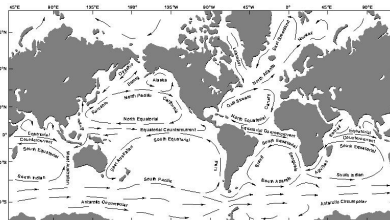
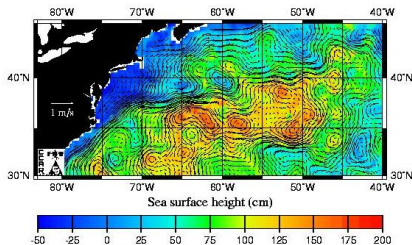
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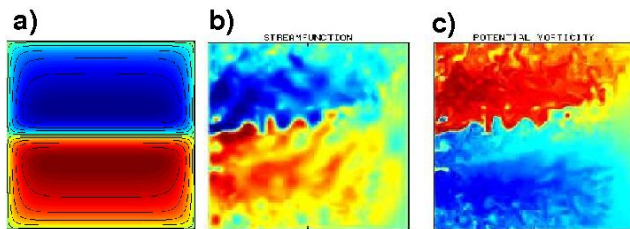


Map of ocean currents

North Atlantic sea height

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Statistical equilibria of the QG 1-1/2 layer in a closed basin

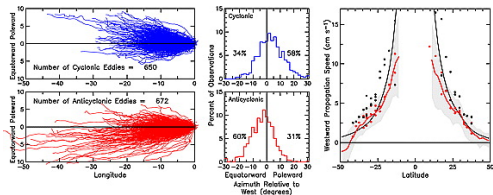
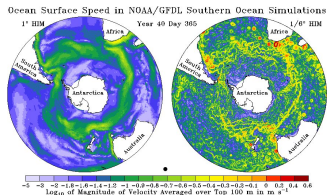


- The states with negative PV to the north (eastward jet), and positive PV to the south (westward jet) are equivalent.
- The beta effect  $h(y) = \tilde{\beta}y$  breaks the symmetry between westward and eastward jets.

A. Venaille, and F. Bouchet, *J. Phys. Oceanography*, 2011.

# Ocean Rings (Mesoscale Ocean Vortices)

Gulf Stream rings - Agulhas rings - Meddies - etc ...



Hallberg-Gnanadesikan

Chelton and co. - GRL 2007

- Both cyclonic and anticyclonic rings drift westward with a velocity  $\tilde{\beta} R^2$
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- A uniform discretization of the vorticity field is thus a good starting point
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- Lemma (a consequence of the law of large numbers):
  - 1 For Young measures, the velocity field is independent of the vorticity field
  - 2 At each point, it has a Dirac distribution functions

$$P(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{r}) = \delta(\mathbf{v} - \bar{\mathbf{v}}) \text{ with } \bar{\omega}(\mathbf{r}) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\sigma \sigma \rho(\sigma, \mathbf{r}) = \frac{\partial h}{\partial \lambda}(0, \mathbf{r})$$

- Then, for Young measures, the evolution of the moment generating functional is equivalent to

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# Summary

## Messages :

- We can build **microcanonical measures** for the 2D Euler equations and similar models
- They are **Young measures**, with local probabilities maximizing a mean-field variational problem (large deviation result)
- **Jupiter vortices**, **ocean vortices** and **ocean eastward jets** as statistical equilibria
- The **dynamics and dynamical stability** of Young measures seems an essential problem to understand

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