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## Interests

Geophysical fluid dynamics, physical oceanography, atmospheric dynamics, climate dynamics, fluid mechanics.

## Education

- Oct. 2010 – Feb. 2015 **Ph.D. in Physics**  
*National & Kapodistrian University of Athens*  
SUPERVISOR : Petros J. Ioannou  
THESIS : Formation of large-scale structures by turbulence in rotating planets [\[arXiv\]](#) 
- Sep. 2008 – Jun. 2010 **M.Sc. in Physics** (summa cum laude)  
Astrophysics, Astronomy and Mechanics  
*National & Kapodistrian University of Athens*
- Sep. 2003 – Jun. 2008 **B.Sc. in Physics** (summa cum laude, 9.16/10)  
*National & Kapodistrian University of Athens*  
Exchange through Socrates-Erasmus program during spring semester 2006 at the  
*Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms Universität, Bonn, Germany*
- Jul. 2001 – Aug. 2003 **Cyprus National Guard**  
Military service as Second Lieutenant in Armored Forces, Cyprus

## Experience

- May. 2018 – **Research Fellow**, part of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Climate Extremes project  
*Research School of Earth Sciences, Australian National University* (with Andy Hogg)
- Sep. 2015 – Apr. 2018 **Postdoctoral Researcher (NOAA Climate & Global Change Postdoctoral Fellow)**  
*Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego* (with William R. Young)
- Jun. 2015 – Aug. 2015 **Visiting Researcher**  
*Cyprus Oceanography Center, University of Cyprus*

## Grants & Awards

- 2015-2017 *NOAA Climate & Global Change Postdoctoral Fellowship*
- 2009-2014 *Alexander S. Onassis Foundation*  
Scholarship for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of M.Sc. and for 4 years of Ph.D. studies
- 2009-2012 *A. G. Leventis Foundation*  
Scholarship for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of M.Sc. and the first 2 years of Ph.D. studies
- 2005-2006 *Department of Physics, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens*  
Honorary Scholarship for the academic year 2005-06
- 2003-2005 *Department of Physics, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens*  
1<sup>st</sup> student for the academic years 2003-04 and 2004-05
- 2001 *International Physics Olympiad, June 2001*  
Participation with the National team of Cyprus

## Publications

### In progress/Submitted

Bakas, N. A., N. C. Constantinou and P. J. Ioannou (2018). Statistical state dynamics of weak jets in barotropic beta-plane turbulence. *J. Atmos. Sci.* (in review). [\[arXiv\]](#) [↓](#)

Constantinou, N. C. and J. B. Parker (2018). Magnetic suppression of zonal flows on a beta-plane. *Astrophys. J.* (submitted). [\[arXiv\]](#) [↓](#)

Parker, J. B. and N. C. Constantinou. Zonostrophic instability on the sphere. to be submitted in the *P. Roy. Soc. A-Math. Phys.*

### In press/published

Constantinou, N. C. (2018). A barotropic model of eddy saturation. *J. Phys. Oceanogr.* **48**(2), 397-411. [doi](#) [↓](#)

Constantinou, N. C. and W. R. Young (2017). Beta-plane turbulence above monoscale topography. *J. Fluid Mech.*, **827**, 415-447. [doi](#) [↓](#)

Farrell, B. F., P. J. Ioannou, J. Jiménez, N. C. Constantinou, A. Lozano-Duran and M.-A. Nikolaidis (2016). A statistical state dynamics-based study of the structure and mechanism of large-scale motions in plane Poiseuille flow. *J. Fluid Mech.*, **809**, 290-315. [doi](#) [↓](#)

Constantinou, N. C., B. F. Farrell and P. J. Ioannou (2016). Statistical state dynamics of jet-wave coexistence in barotropic beta-plane turbulence. *J. Atmos. Sci.*, **73** (5), 2229-2253. [doi](#) [↓](#)

Bakas, N. A., N. C. Constantinou and P. J. Ioannou (2015). S3T stability of the homogeneous state of barotropic beta-plane turbulence. *J. Atmos. Sci.*, **72** (5), 1689-1712. [doi](#) [↓](#)

Constantinou, N. C., A. Lozano-Duran, M.-A. Nikolaidis, B. F. Farrell, P. J. Ioannou and J. Jiménez (2014). Turbulence in the highly restricted dynamics of a closure at second order: comparison with DNS. *J. Phys.: Conf. Ser.*, **506**, 012004. [doi](#) [↓](#)

Constantinou, N. C., B. F. Farrell and P. J. Ioannou (2014). Emergence and equilibration of jets in beta-plane turbulence: applications of Stochastic Structural Stability Theory. *J. Atmos. Sci.*, **71** (5), 1818-1842. [doi](#) [↓](#)

Constantinou, N. C. and P. J. Ioannou (2011). Optimal excitation of two dimensional Holmboe instabilities. *Phys. Fluids*, **23**, 074102. [doi](#) [↓](#)

## Conferences

Statistical state dynamics reveals mechanism for organization of coherent structures in turbulent flows. *Euro-mech Colloquium 598: Coherent structures in wall-bounded turbulence*, London, UK, 29-31 Aug. 2018. (invited talk)

Eddy saturation in a barotropic model. *21st Conference on Atmospheric and Oceanic Fluid Dynamics*, Portland, USA, 25-30 Jun. 2017. (talk) [↓](#)

A statistical state dynamics based theory for jet-wave coexistence in beta-plane turbulence. *21st Conference on Atmospheric and Oceanic Fluid Dynamics*, Portland, USA, 25-30 Jun. 2017. (poster) [↓](#)

Understanding self-organization in turbulent flows by studying the statistical state dynamics, *Conference on "Recurrence, self-organization, and the dynamics of turbulence"*, KITP, UC, Santa Barbara, USA, 9-13 Jan. 2017. (invited talk) [↓](#)

Topographic beta-plane turbulence and form stress. *AGU Fall Meeting 2016*, San Francisco, USA, 12-16 Dec. 2016. (poster) [↓](#)

Structure and mechanism of turbulence under dynamical restriction in plane Poiseuille flow. *69th APS Division of Fluid Dynamics Meeting*, Portland, USA, 20-22 Nov. 2016. (talk) [↓](#)

Statistical state dynamics of jet/wave coexistence in beta-plane turbulence. *APS March Meeting 2016*, Baltimore, USA, 14-18 Mar., 2016. (talk) [↓](#)

Emergence and equilibration of zonal winds in turbulent planetary atmospheres. 12th International Conference on Meteorology, Climatology and Atmospheric Physics, COMECAP 2014 [\[HTML\]](#), Heraklion, Crete, Greece, 28-31 May 2014. (poster) [↓](#)

Emergence and equilibration of jets in planetary turbulence. EGU 2013 General Assembly [\[HTML\]](#), Vienna, Austria, 8-12 Apr. 2013. (talk) [↓](#)

Emergence and equilibration of jets in planetary turbulence. 8th Panhellenic Meeting “Fluid Flow Phenomena” (ROI 2012) [\[HTML\]](#), Volos, Greece, 16-17 November 2012. (talk) [↓](#)

## Seminars

Eddy saturation in a barotropic model. LDEO OCP Seminar [\[HTML\]](#), Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Columbia University, Palisades, USA, 27 Oct. 2017. [↓](#)

Eddy saturation in a barotropic model. CEAFM Seminar [\[HTML\]](#), Department of Earth & Planetary Sciences, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA, 13 Oct. 2017. [↓](#)

Topographic beta-plane turbulence and form stress. Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Summer Program, WHOI [\[HTML\]](#), Woods Hole, USA, 19 Jul. 2016. [↓](#)

Topographic beta-plane turbulence and form stress. Mathematics of Turbulence Reunion Conference, IPAM, UCLA [\[HTML\]](#), Lake Arrowhead, 7 Jun. 2016. [↓](#)

Statistical state dynamics of planetary turbulence. CEAFM Seminar [\[HTML\]](#), Whiting School of Engineering, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, 18 Mar. 2016. [↓](#)

A theory for large-scale structure formation in atmospheric/oceanic turbulence: Is jet formation a phase transition phenomenon? CASPO Seminar, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego [\[HTML\]](#), La Jolla, 10 Feb. 2016. [↓](#)

Formation of large-scale structures by turbulence in planetary atmospheres. Physics Department, University of Cyprus [\[HTML\]](#), Nicosia, 5 May 2015. [↓](#)

Emergence of large-scale structure in planetary turbulence as an instability of the homogeneous turbulent state. IPAM, UCLA [\[HTML\]](#), Los Angeles, 21 Oct. 2014. [↓](#)

Emergence and equilibration of zonal winds in turbulent planetary atmospheres. Cyprus Oceanography Center, University of Cyprus [\[HTML\]](#), Nicosia, 7 Jan. 2014. [↓](#)

Verification of the predictions of SSST in nonlinear simulations. 2nd Meeting of “Zonal Jets and Eddies” team, International Space Science Institute (ISSI) [\[HTML\]](#), Bern 2-5 Apr. 2013. [↓](#)

## Workshops

- 2017     **Vorticity in the Universe: From superfluids to weather and climate, to the universe**  
Aspen Center for Physics  
August 27 - September 17 2017, Aspen, CO, USA [\[HTML\]](#)
- 2017     **Les Houches Summer School on Fundamental Aspects of Turbulent Flows in Climate Dynamics**  
Les Houches Physics School  
July 31 - August 25 2017, Les Houches, France [\[HTML\]](#)
- 2014     **Mathematics of Turbulence**  
Institute of Pure & Applied Mathematics, UCLA  
September 8 - December 12 2014, Los Angeles, USA [\[HTML\]](#)
- 2013     **Geoturb: Numerical modeling and theoretical challenges in atmosphere and ocean turbulence**  
Ecole normale supérieure de Lyon  
2-4 October 2013, Lyon, France. [\[HTML\]](#)
- 2013     **First Multiflow Summer Workshop**  
Universidad Politécnica de Madrid

10 June - 12 July 2013, Madrid, Spain. [\[HTML\]](#)

2011 **International Graduate School on  
Stability, Transition to Turbulence and Flow Control**  
organized by Advanced Instability Methods (AIM) Network  
22-27 August 2011, Cambridge, UK. [\[HTML\]](#)

2009 **Climate Variability & Climate Change:  
Estimating and reducing uncertainties**  
8-17 June 2009, Visegrád, Hungary. [\[HTML\]](#)

## Programming skills

[julia](#), Python, Matlab, git, markdown

## Software

Core developer for “FourierFlows.jl”: Julia package for solving PDEs on doubly-periodic domains using Fourier-based pseudospectral methods; doi:[10.5281/zenodo.1226678](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1226678)

## Teaching experience

2018 Visiting lecturer for **Fluid Mechanics** (Undergraduate) [lecture notes available at [github](#)]  
Department of Physics and Physical Oceanography, University of North Carolina Wilmington  
2016 Teaching assistant for **Applied Mathematics III** (Graduate)  
Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego  
2010-2014 Teaching assistant for **Nonlinear dynamical systems** (3rd year Undergraduate)  
Physics Department, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

## Other scientific activities

Reviewer : Journal of Fluid Mechanics, Journal of Physical Oceanography, Physics of Plasmas,  
Physics Letters A, Scientific Reports.

Member : American Geophysical Union, American Meteorological Society, American Physical  
Society (also member of Topical Group on the Physics of Climate).

## References

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