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Simulation and control of stochastic mean-field models: from starlings over neurons and traders to supercooling

Large interacting random systems are widespread in nature, technology, and society, ranging from large flocks of birds, over networks of communicating neurons, to banks interconnected through mutual lending.

Classical work by McKean and Vlasov has paved the way for an elegant description of such systems by stochastic differential equations with coefficients that depend on the law of the process itself.

In this talk, Christoph Reisinger will review recent theoretical and computational advances in the simulation and control of large interacting particle systems in classical and non-classical settings. He will highlight the challenges presented by the numerical approximation of the resulting McKean-Vlasov equations, as well as the construction of optimal stochastic control by gradient iterations of the feedback control map where relevant. Applications range from neuroscience to credit risk analysis.

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