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Abstract:

We study diffusion and mixing in different fluid dynamics models, mainly related to incompressible flows. In this setting, mixing is a purely advective effect, which causes a transfer of energy to high frequency. In turn, mixing acts to enhance the dissipative forces, giving rise to what we refer to as enhanced dissipation: this can be understood by the identification of a time-scale faster than the purely diffusive one. We will give a general quantitative criterion that links mixing rates (in terms of decay of negative Sobolev norms) to enhanced dissipation time-scales. Applications include passive scalar evolution in both planar and radial settings, fractional diffusion, linearized two-dimensional Navier-Stokes equations, and even simple examples in kinetic theory.

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