

# Modelling geophysical flows: how to go beyond honey?

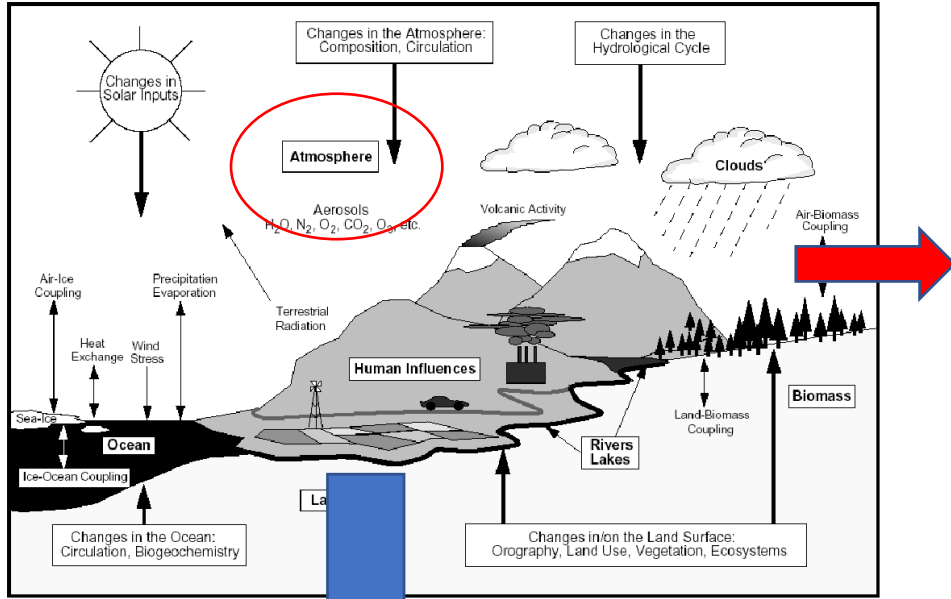
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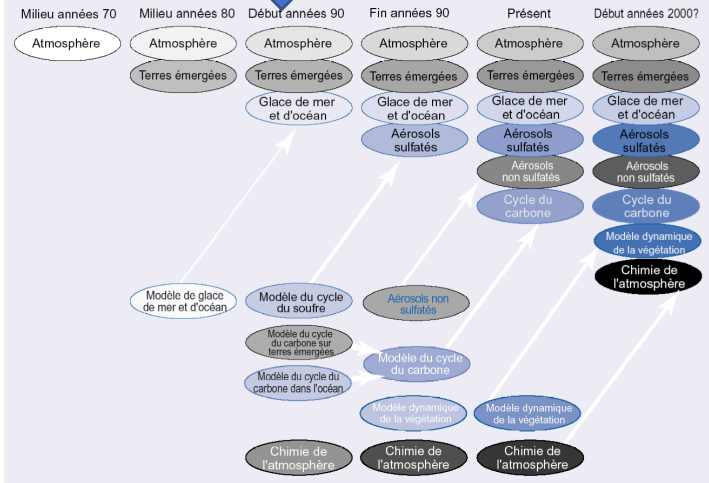
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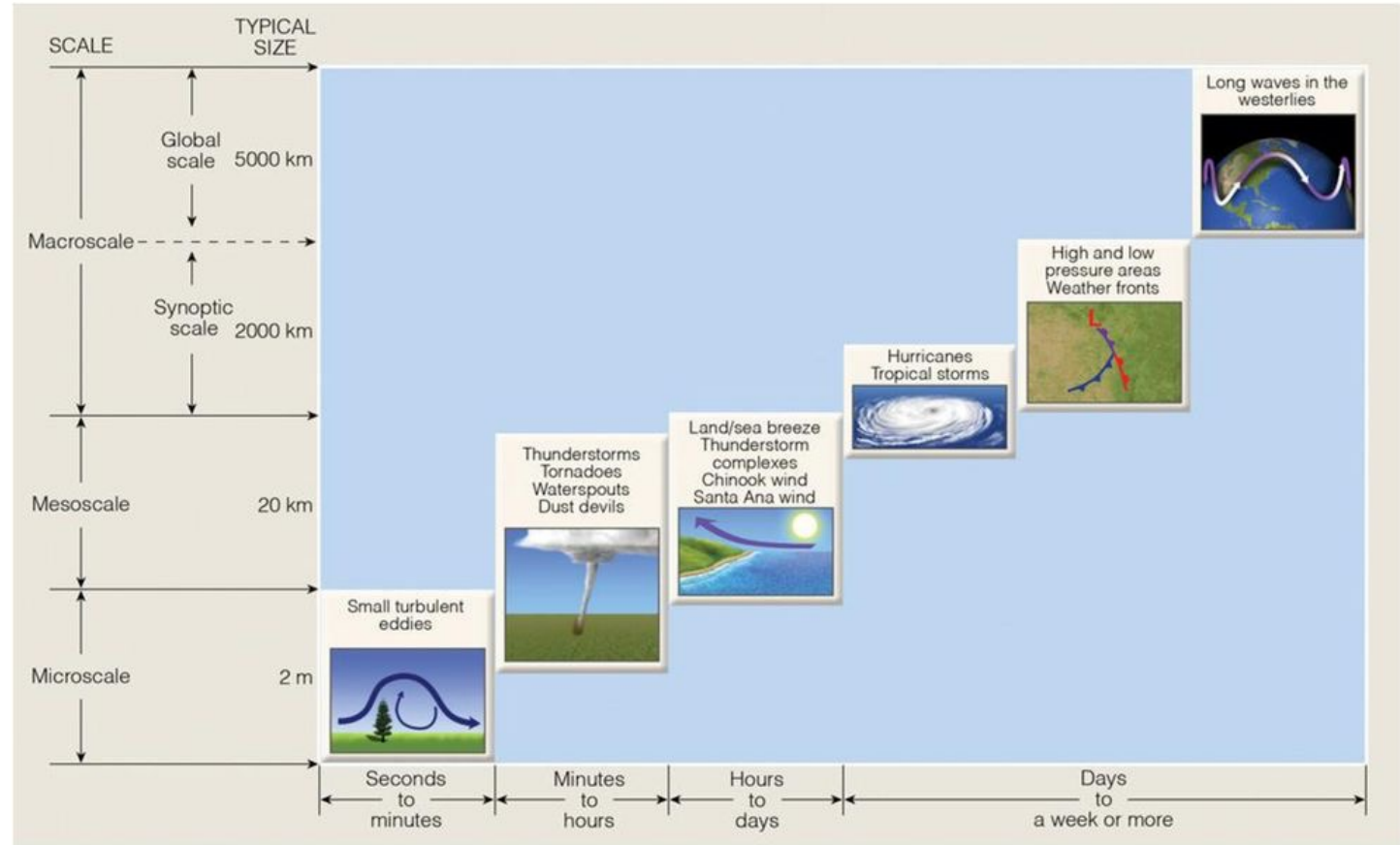
# Climate model and degrees of freedom



## Etablissement de modèles climatiques — passé, présent et futur



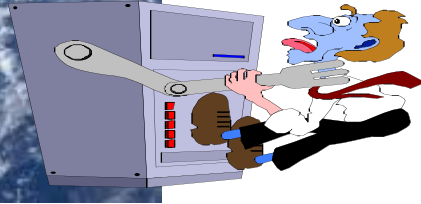
## Scales of Motion



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# Climate scales, climate model and degrees of freedom



Number of degrees of freedom

$$N = \left( \frac{L}{\eta} \right)^3$$

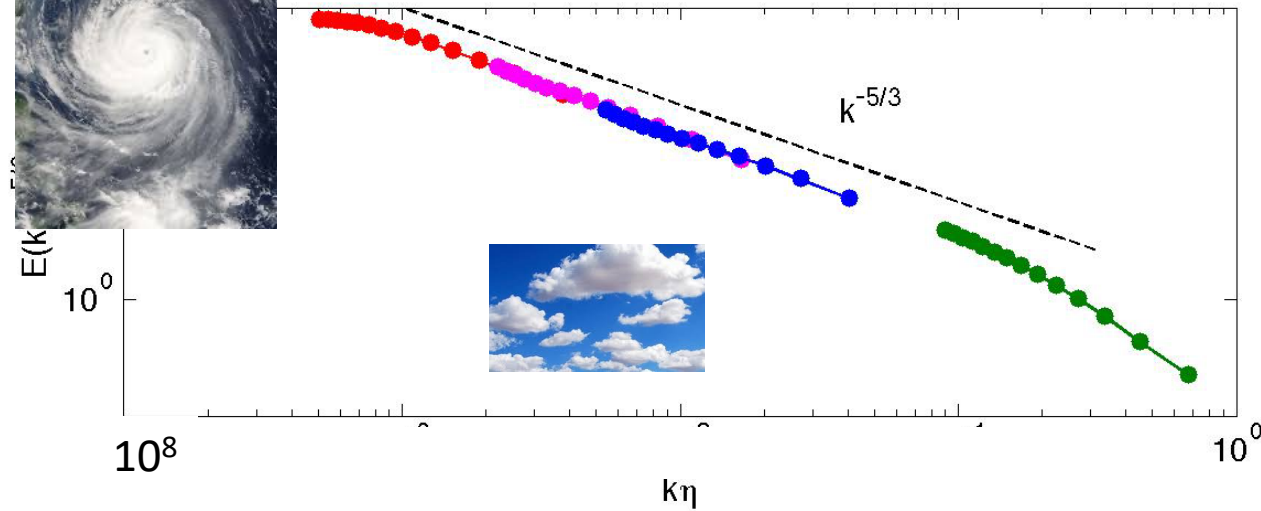
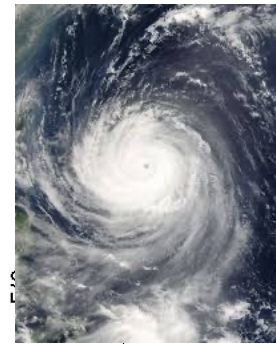
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Horizontal:  $N=10^{16}$

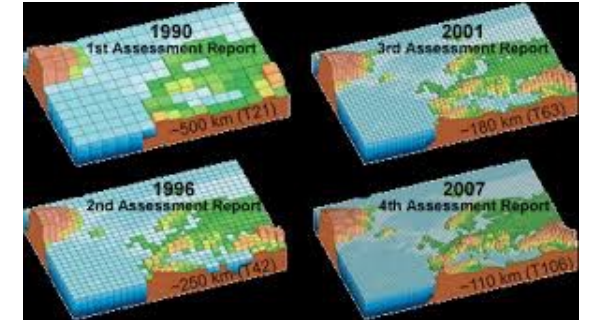
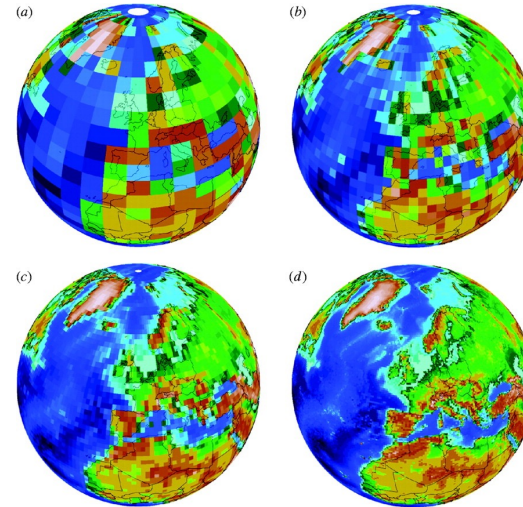
Vertical:  $N=10^7$

Volume:  $N=10^{23}$

Air



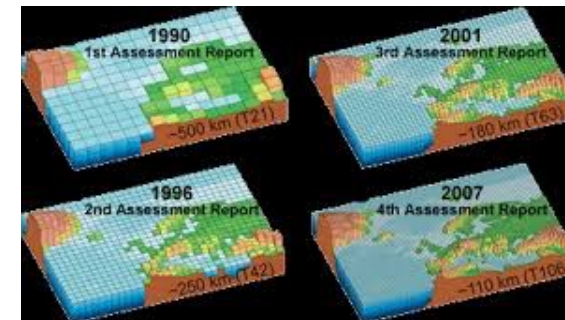
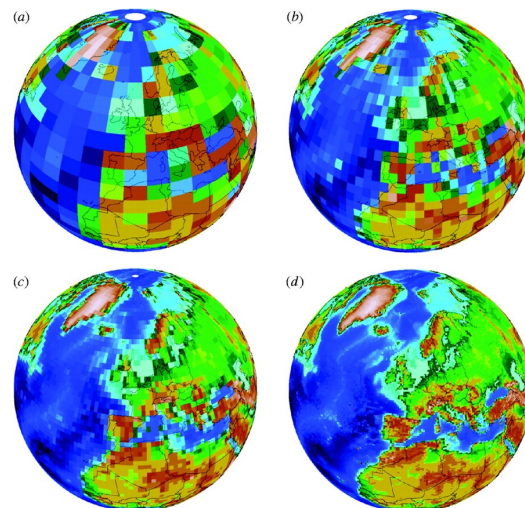
# Peut-on simuler la turbulence/ le climat ?



Plus l'ordinateur est gros,  
mieux on peut discrétiser  
Plus on peut prendre en compte  
De degrés de liberté

Combien y a-t-il de degrés de liberté pertinents et combien ça coûte de les simuler?

# Peut-on simuler la turbulence/ le climat ?



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De degrés de liberté



## Calcul:

6  $10^9$  nœuds --> 1 semaine de CPU  
sur Blue Gene



## Stokage:

$10^8$  nœuds- -> 2Tb= 1 disk

# Les échelles du système

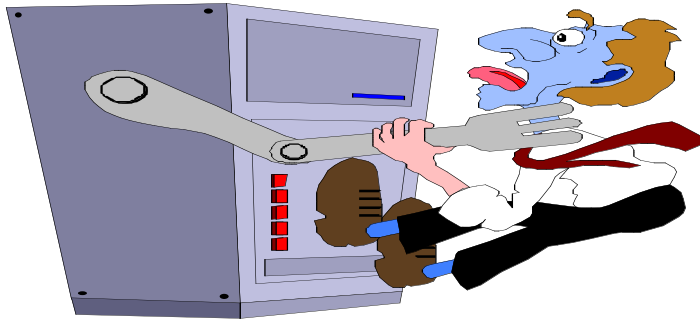


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10 ans de cpu  
10 000 disks

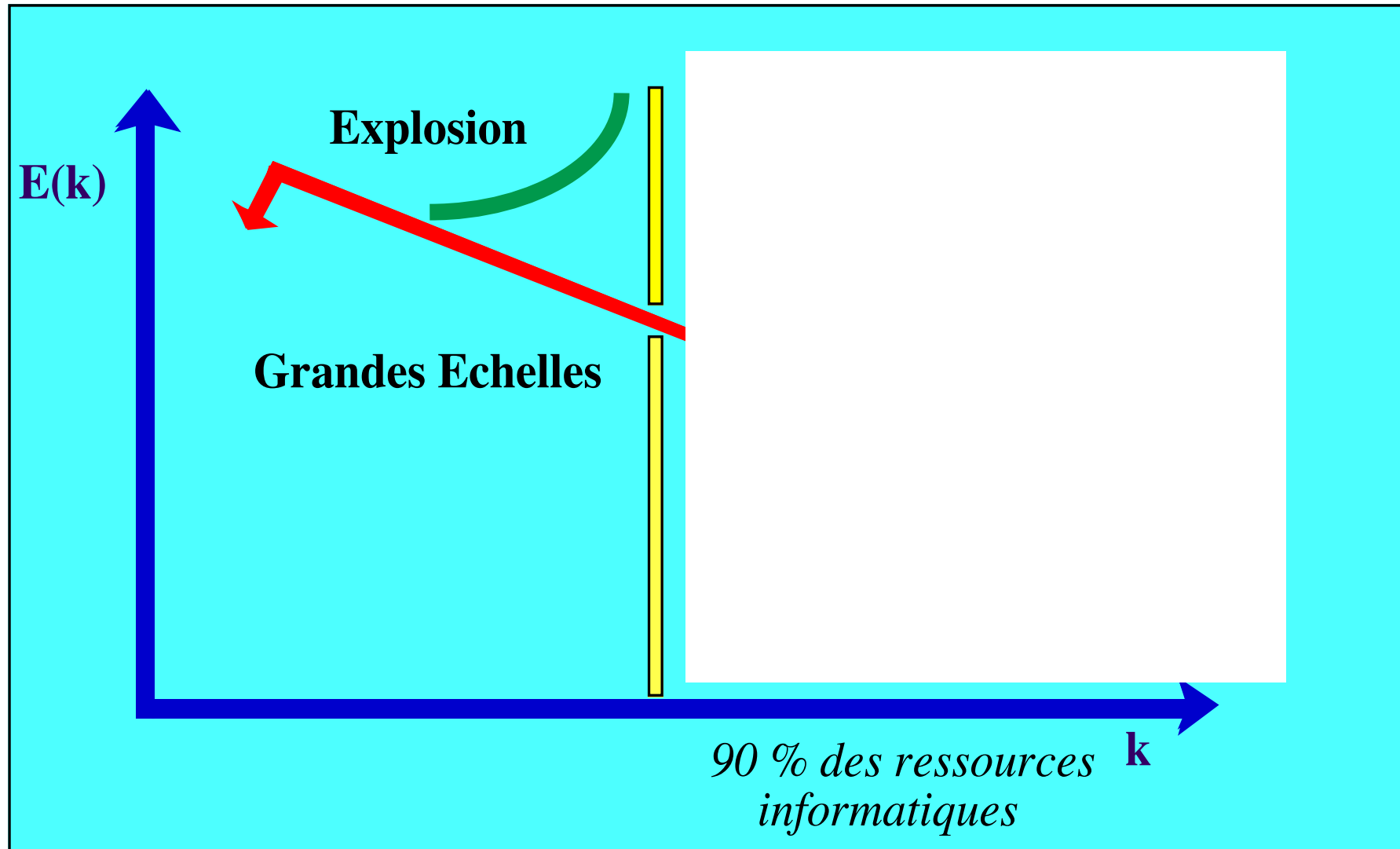
$10^{11}$  ans de cpu  
 $10^{15}$  disks



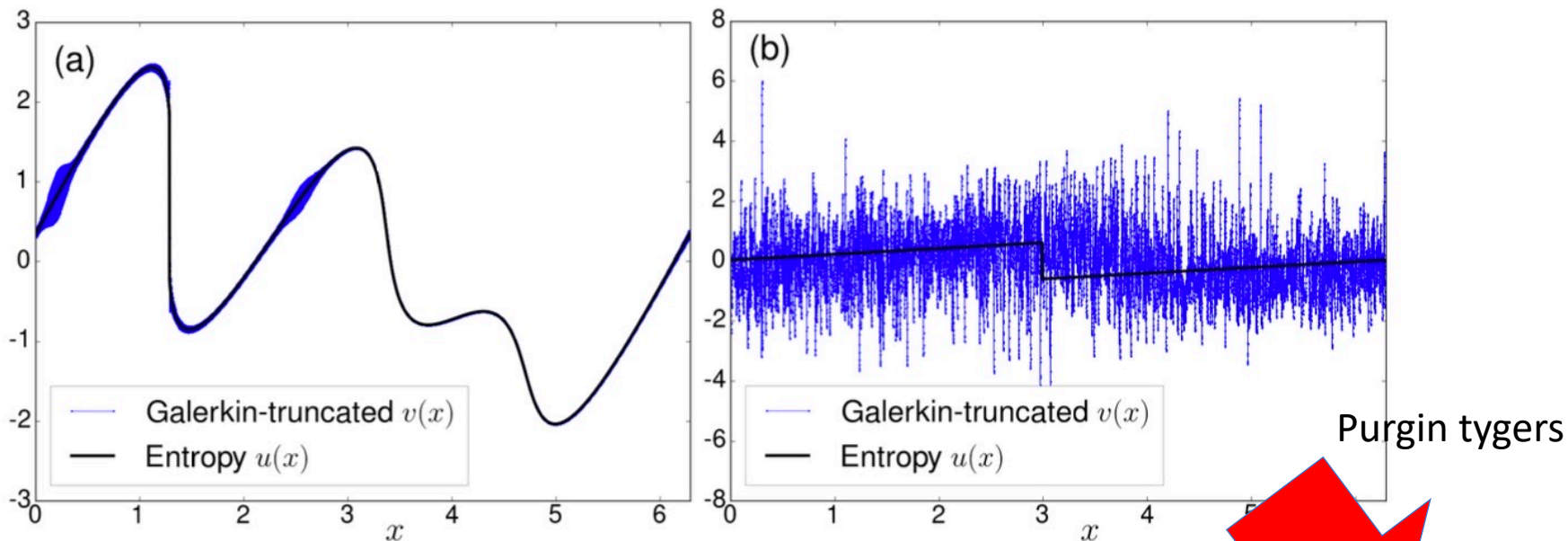
$Re=10^6$   
L=10 cm  
 $\eta=0,01$  mm  
 $\Delta t=1$  ms  
 $N=10^{12}$

Eau

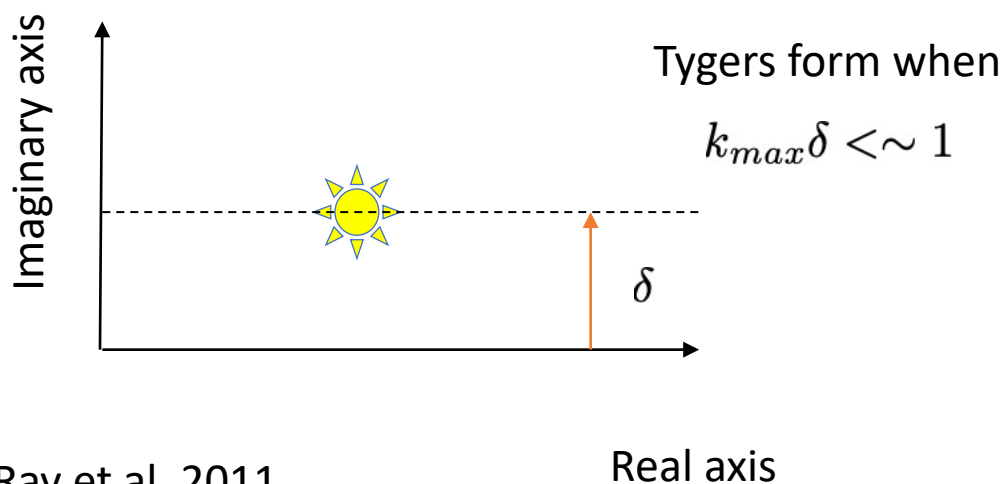
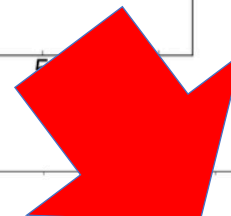
# What can be done? Truncate?



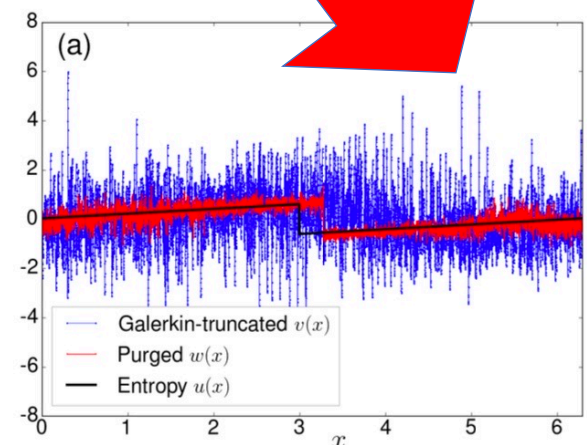
# What happens when we truncate? 1D



Purgin tygers



Ray et al, 2011

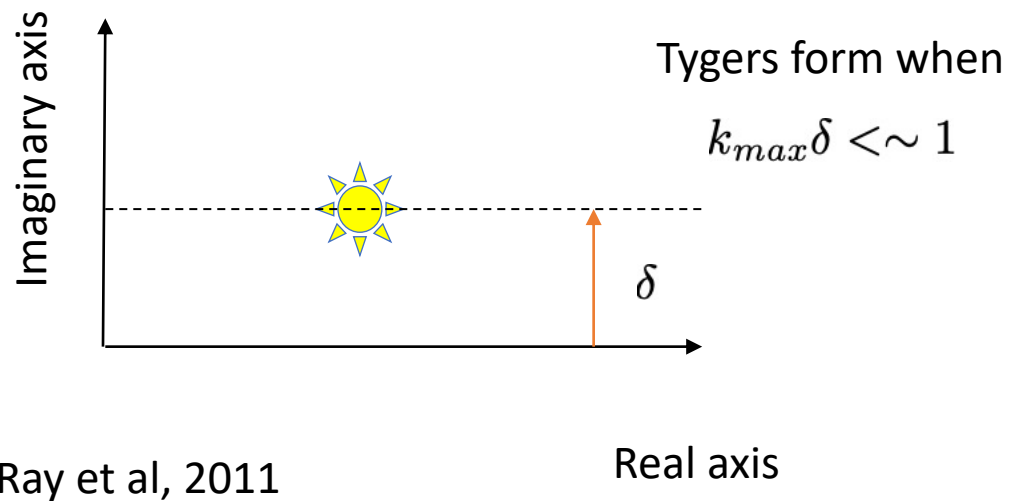
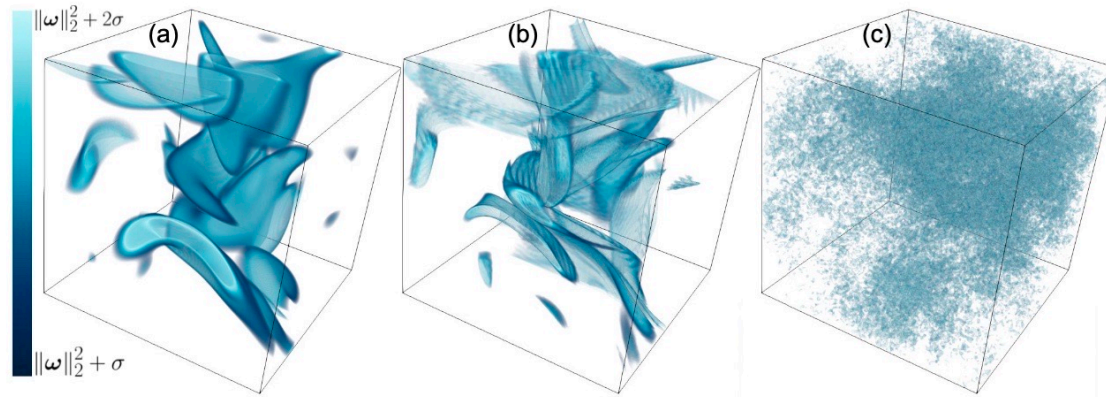


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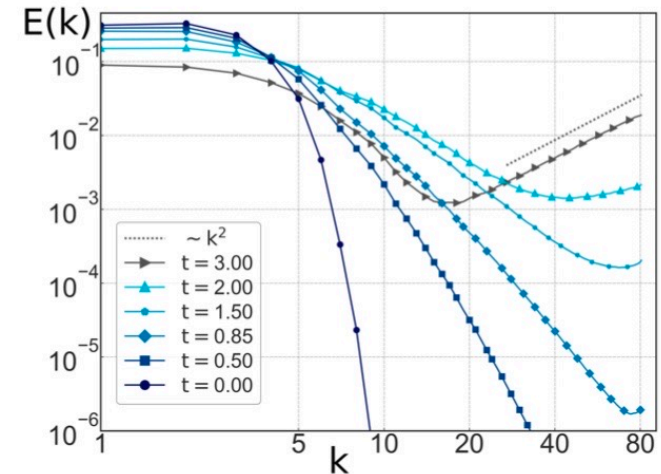


# What happens when we truncate? 3D

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Ray et al, 2011



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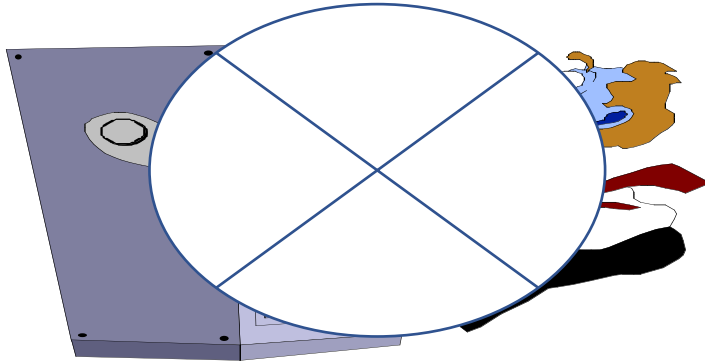


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10 ans de cpu  
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 $\Delta t=1/1000$  s  
 $N=10^{12}$

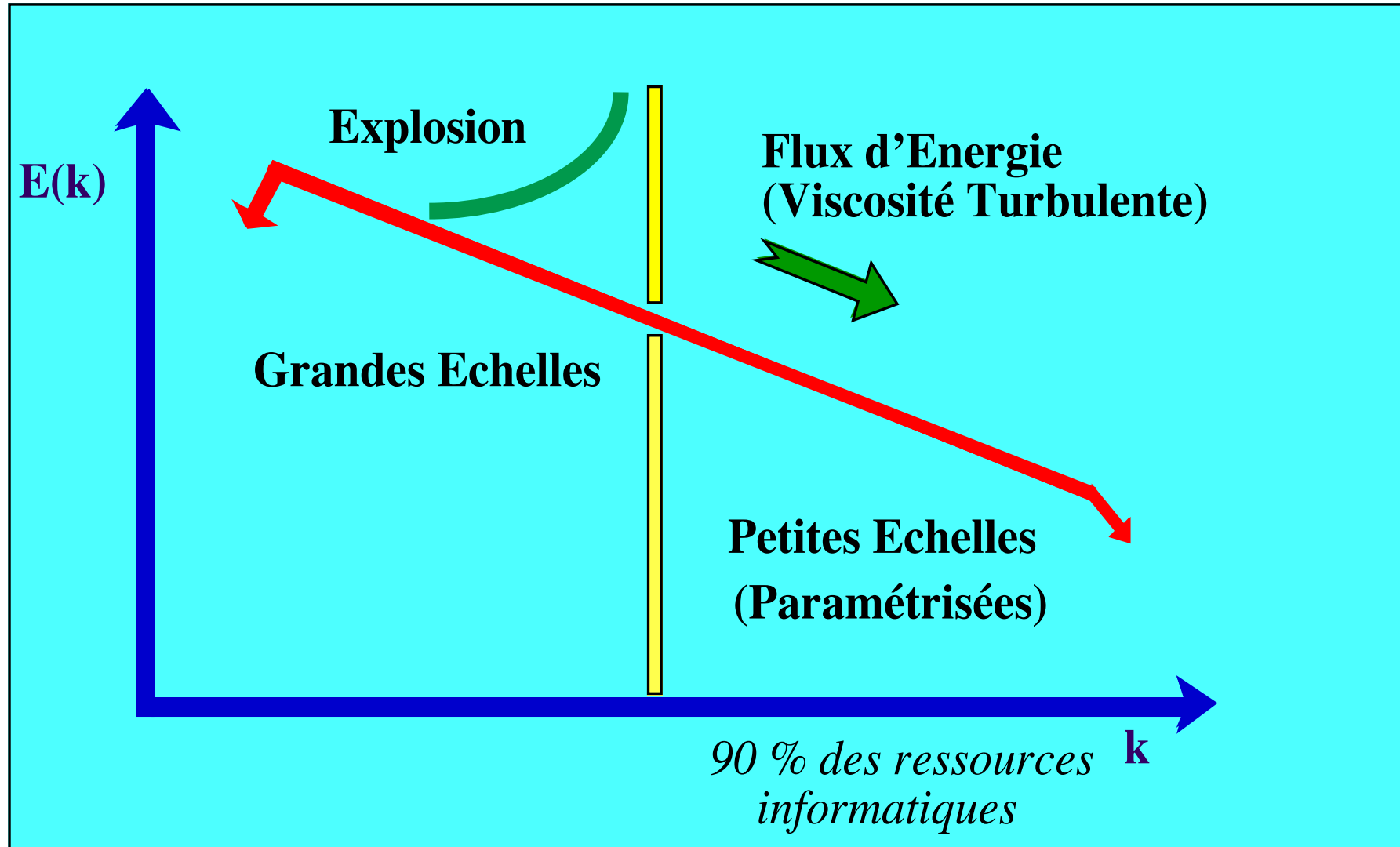
Eau

1 mn de cpu  
Moins d'un disk

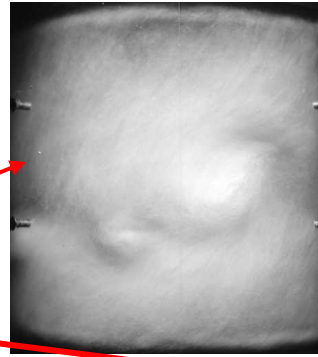
$Re=600$   
L=10 cm  
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 $\Delta t=1/10$  s  
 $N=10^3$

Glycerol

# What can be done?

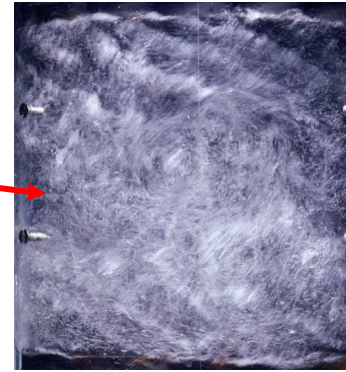


# Two ways to cut the scale space

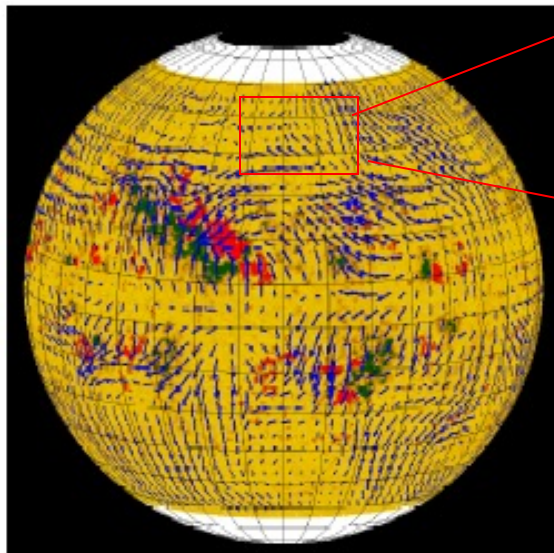


Mean Flow

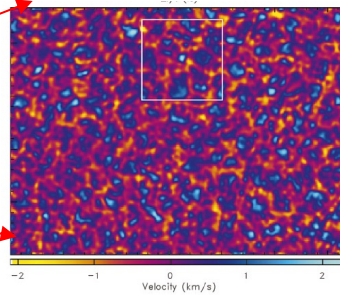
Fluctuations



RANS:  
You keep the mean  
Flow  
Parametrize  
fluctuations



Large scale



Small  
scales

LES:  
You keep the large scale  
Parametrize the small

# Mathematical translation

$$\partial_t u_i + u_j \nabla_j u_i = -\nabla_i p + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \Delta u_i + f_i$$

$$u = \bar{u} + u'$$



- Spatial filter for LES
- Ensemble average for RANS

$$\partial_t \bar{u}_i + \bar{u}_j \nabla_j \bar{u}_i = -\nabla_i \bar{p} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \Delta \bar{u}_i + \bar{f}_i - \nabla_j \tau_{ij}$$

Reynolds stress

$$\tau_{ij} = \overline{u_i u_j} - \bar{u}_i \bar{u}_j + \overline{u_i u'_j} + \overline{u'_i u_j} + \overline{u'_i u'_j}$$

LES

$$\tau_{ij} = \overline{u'_i u'_j}$$

RANS

# Parametrization: RANS

Issue: Reynolds stress parametrization

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_{ij} &= +\overline{u'_i u'_j} \\ &= -\alpha_{ijk} \overline{u_k} - \beta_{ijkl} \nabla_k \overline{u_l}\end{aligned}$$

AKA effect	Turbulent Viscosity
Helicity effect	4 order tensor
Influence on mean flow (breaks Galilean invariance)	Can be « negative » (instabilities)
Produces large scale-instabilities (cf dynamo effect)	
<i>Sulem, Frisch, She</i>	<i>Dubrulle&amp;Frisch</i>

RANS

# Parametrization: RANS AKA effect

Use to explain:            Solar Granulation (Kishan, MNRAS, 1991)  
                                 Galaxy Clustering (Kishan, MNRAS, 1993)  
                                 Large-scale vortices in disks  
                                 (Kitchatinov et al, A&A, 1994)

Little (not?) used in general turbulence

No general theory

Analogy with dynamo:

$$\alpha_{ijk} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{\overline{\vec{u}' \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{u}')}}{\tau} \epsilon_{ijk}$$

3D isotropic

# Parametrization: RANS Viscosity

Not necessarily isotrop(cf shear flows) (Dubrulle&Frisch,

Isotropic Case  $\beta_{ijkl} = \nu_T \delta_{jk} \delta_{il}$

Dimensional analysis

$$\nu_T = K V L$$

Constant

Characteristic  
length

Characteristic  
velocity

Kolmogorov theory

$$V = (\varepsilon L)^{1/3}$$

$$\nu_T = K \varepsilon^{1/3} L^{4/3}$$



# Example : Smagorinski

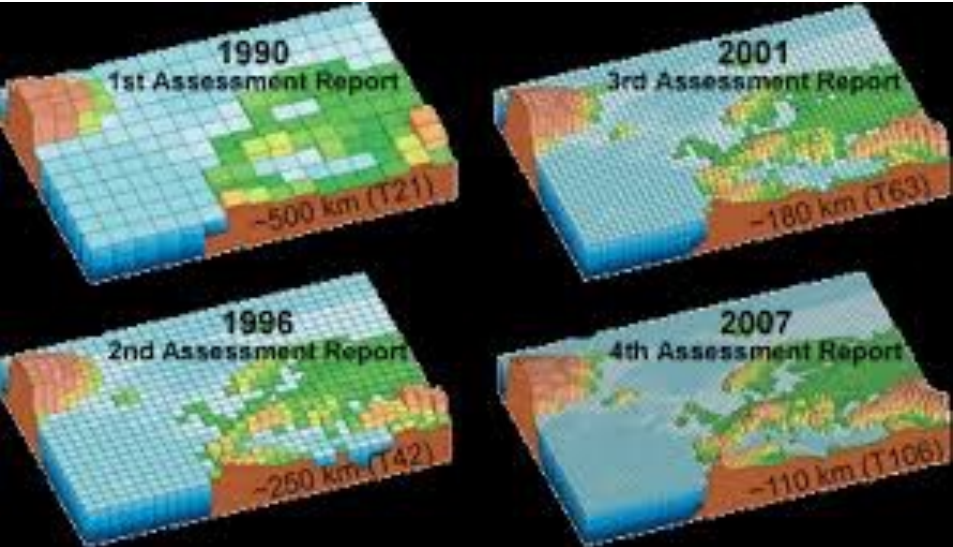
Viscosity written function of mean gradients

$$\nu_T = (c_s \Delta)^2 \sqrt{\nabla_j \bar{u}_i \nabla_j \bar{u}_i}$$

Adjustable  
Constant

Mesh size

# Climate model and degrees of freedom



L=1000 km  
 H=100 km  
 $\eta=10\text{ mm}$   
 $\Delta t=1\text{ s}$

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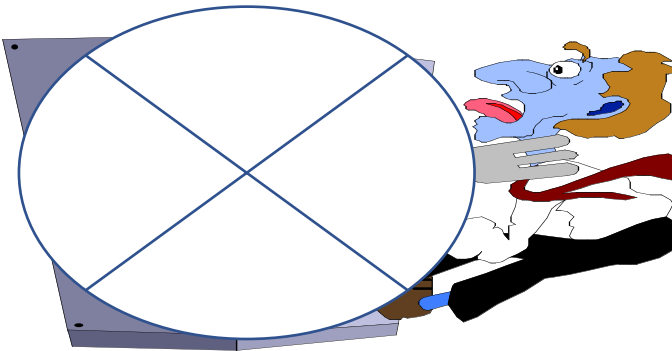
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Viscosity  $\times 10^6$  !

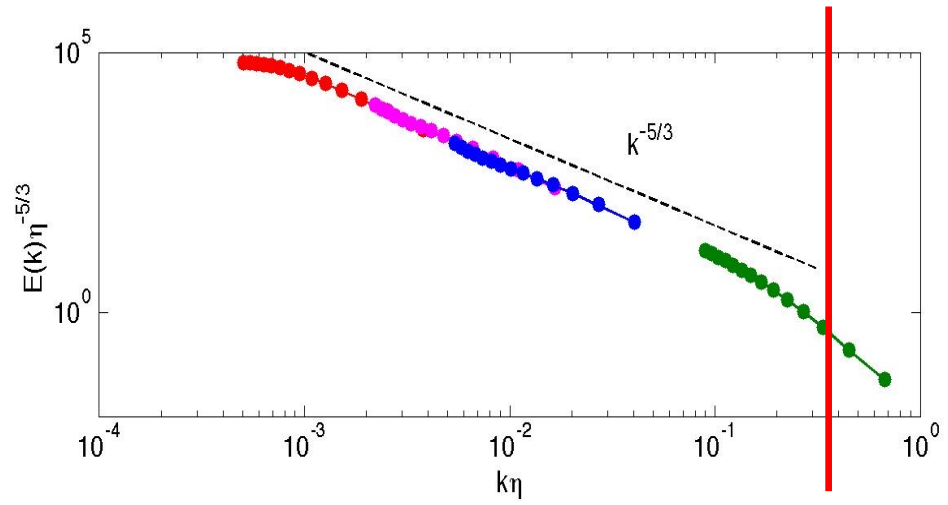
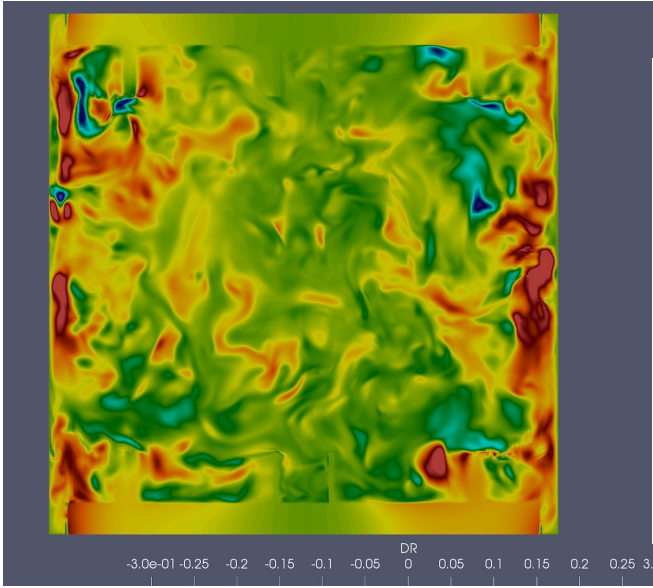
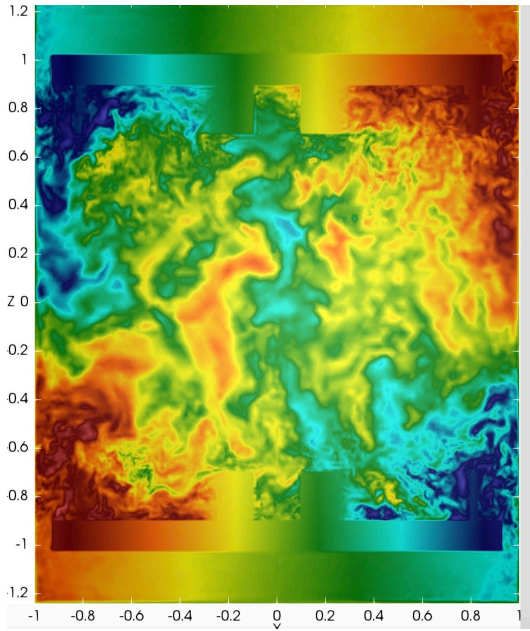
L=1 000 km  
 $\Delta L=100\text{ km}$   
 H=100 km  
 $\Delta H=5\text{ km}$   
 $\Delta t=1000\text{ s}$

Horizontal:  $N=10^2$   
 Vertical:  $N=20$   
 Volume:  $N=2 \times 10^3$

Peanut Butter



# How could we observe this new paradigm?



$$D_\ell(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{4} \int_V d^3r (\nabla G_\ell)(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \delta \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r}) |\delta \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r})|^2,$$

**Problem**

When we truncate the scale space we truncate energy transfer and impede the building of large fluctuations-> necessity to go to at least Kolmogorov scale to get them

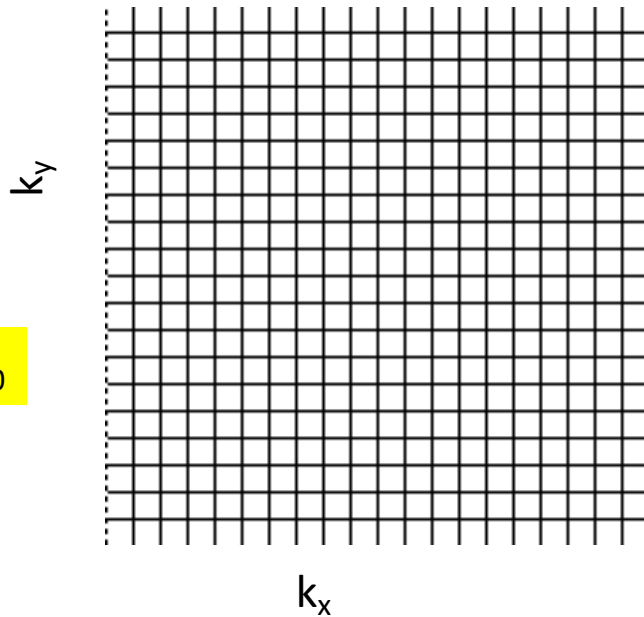
**Navier-Stokes Equations:**

$$\partial_t u + u \cdot \nabla u = -\nabla p + \nu \Delta u + f$$

# From DNS to log-lattices

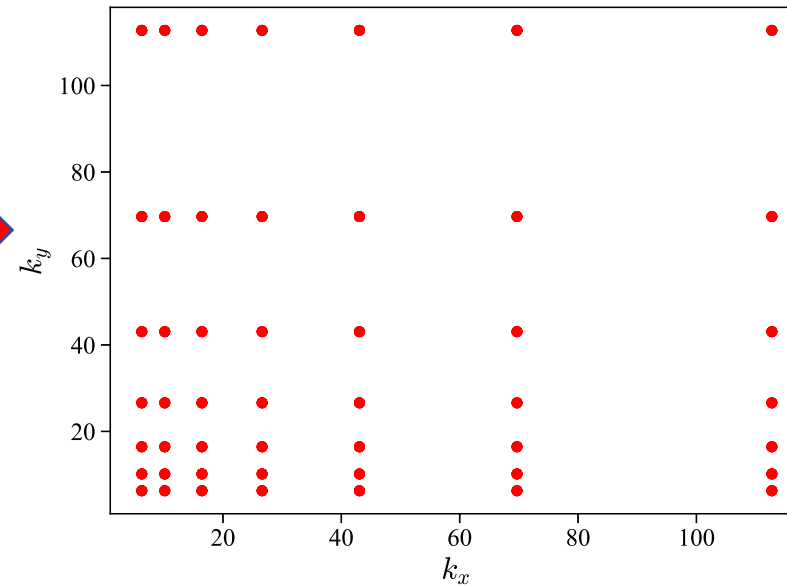
$$\partial_t \hat{u}_i = P_{ij} \left( -ik_q \hat{u}_q * \hat{u}_j + \hat{f}_j \right) - \nu_r k^2 \hat{u}_i,$$

Fourier grid



$$K_n = n k_0$$

Log grid



$$K_n = 2^n k_0$$

$$u * v \quad m = n + q, (m, n, q) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$$

$$\lambda^m = \lambda^n + \lambda^q, (m, n, q) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$$

$$\lambda = 2 \quad (z = 3^D).$$

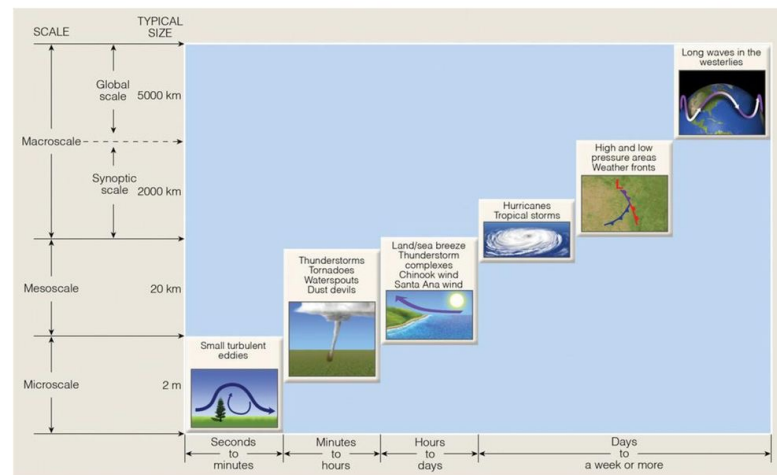
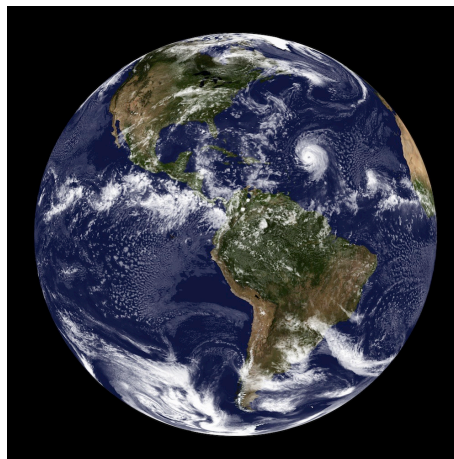
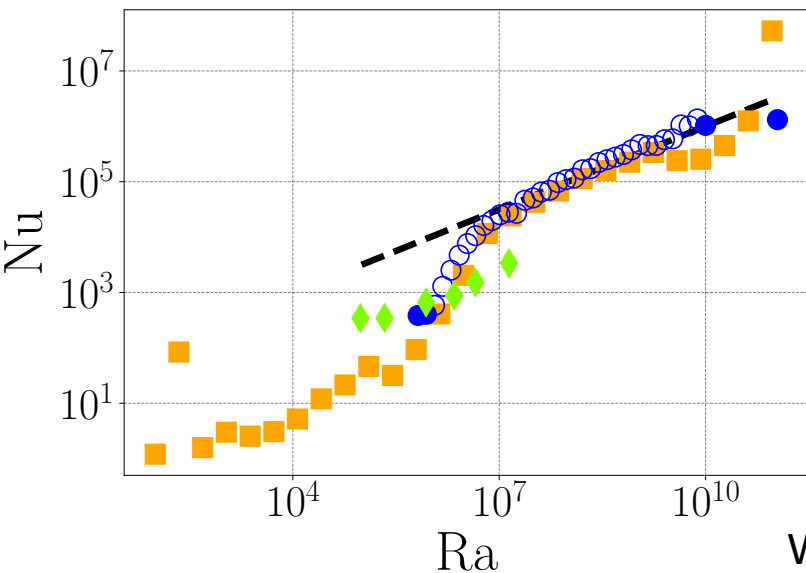
$$\lambda = \sigma \approx 1.325 \quad (z = 12^D)$$

$$\lambda = \Phi \approx 1.618 \quad (z = 6^D)$$

$$1 = \lambda^b - \lambda^a, 0 < a < b$$

# Generalization to Convection

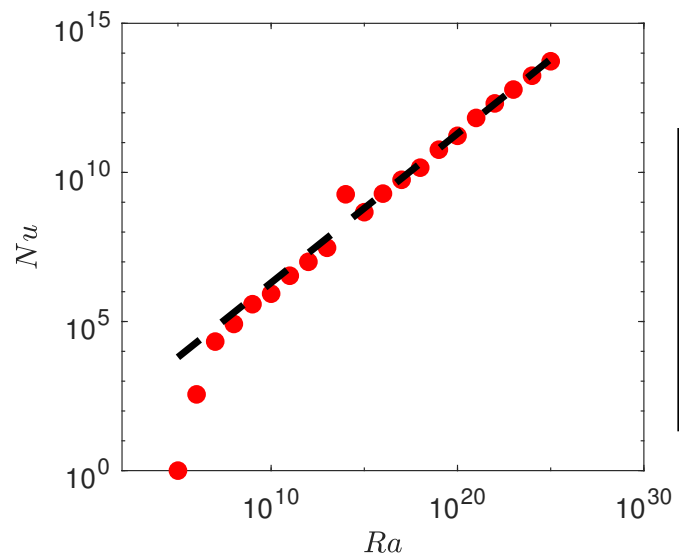
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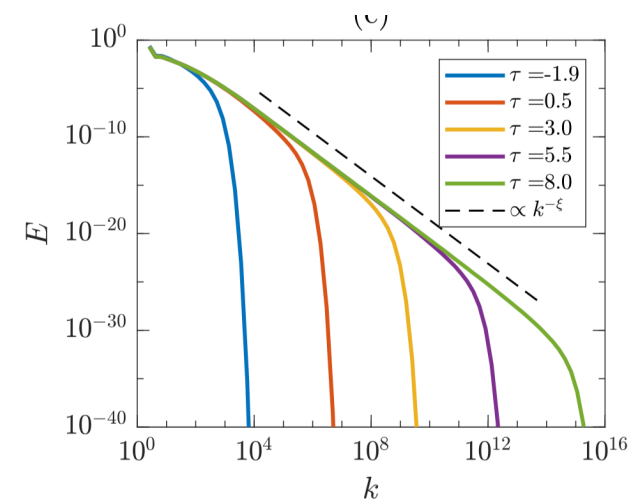
With 80 modes, we can simulate atmospheric convection with parameters equivalent to that of the atmosphere



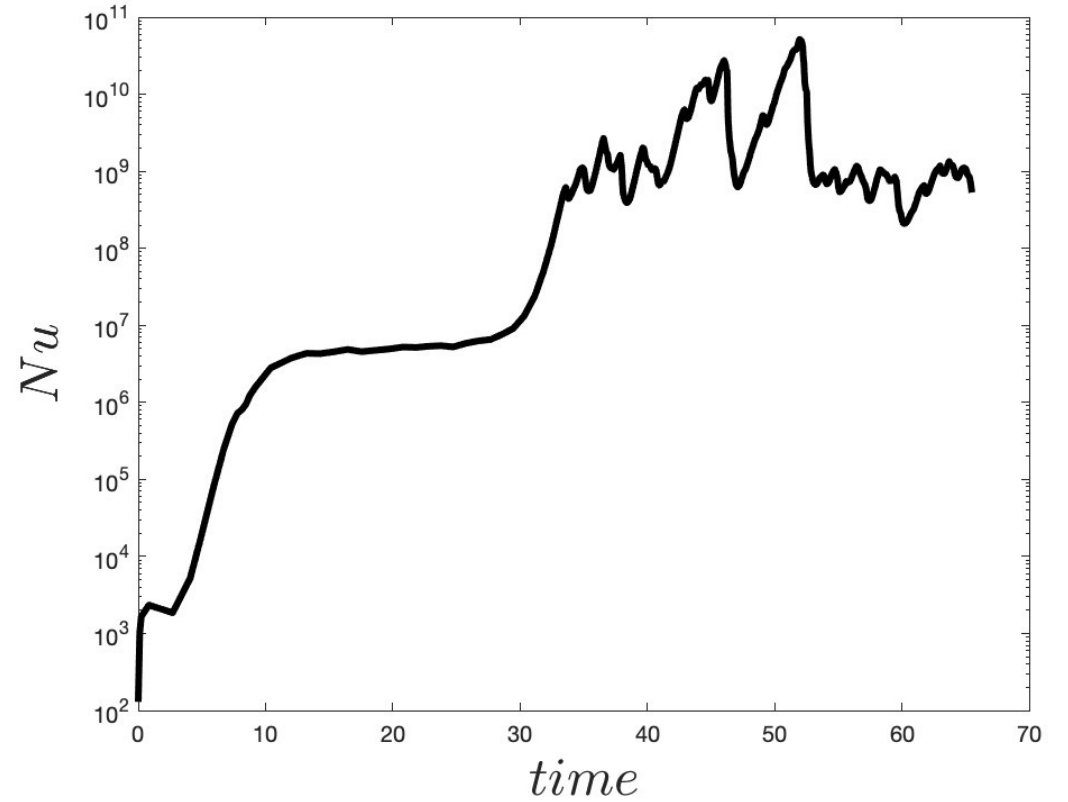
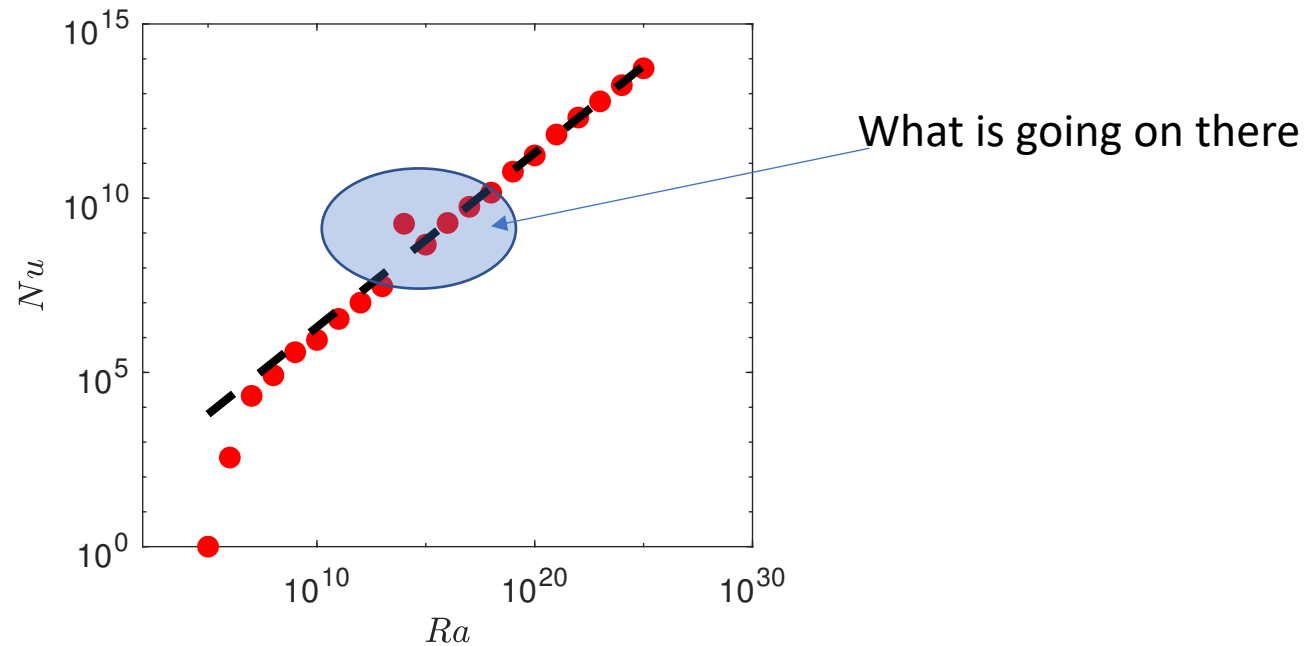
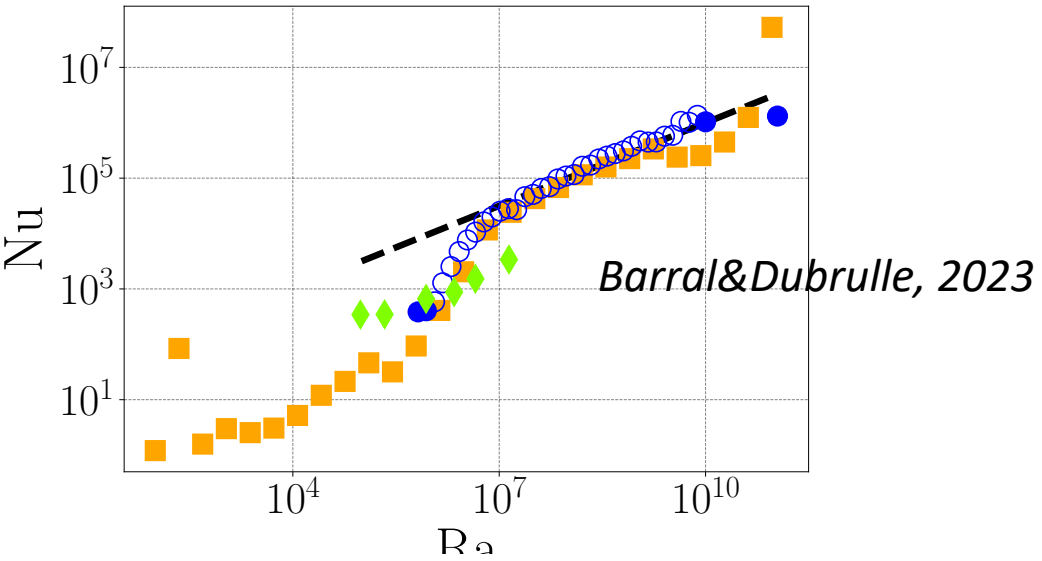
$$\partial_t u + u \cdot \nabla u + \nabla p = Pr(\nabla^2 u + Ra\theta \vec{z}),$$

$$\partial_t \theta + u \cdot \nabla \theta = \nabla^2 \theta + u_z,$$

80 modes!!!!

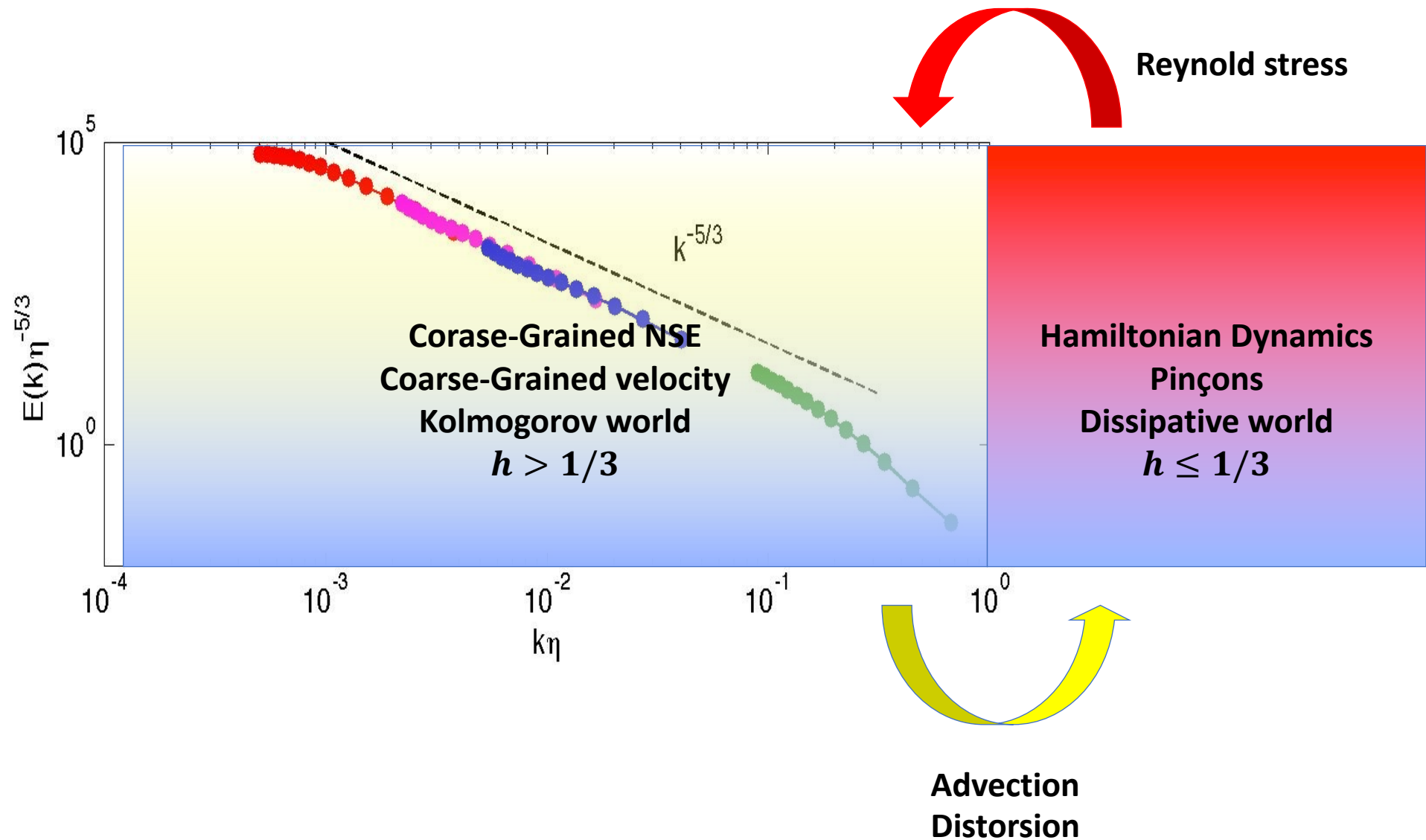


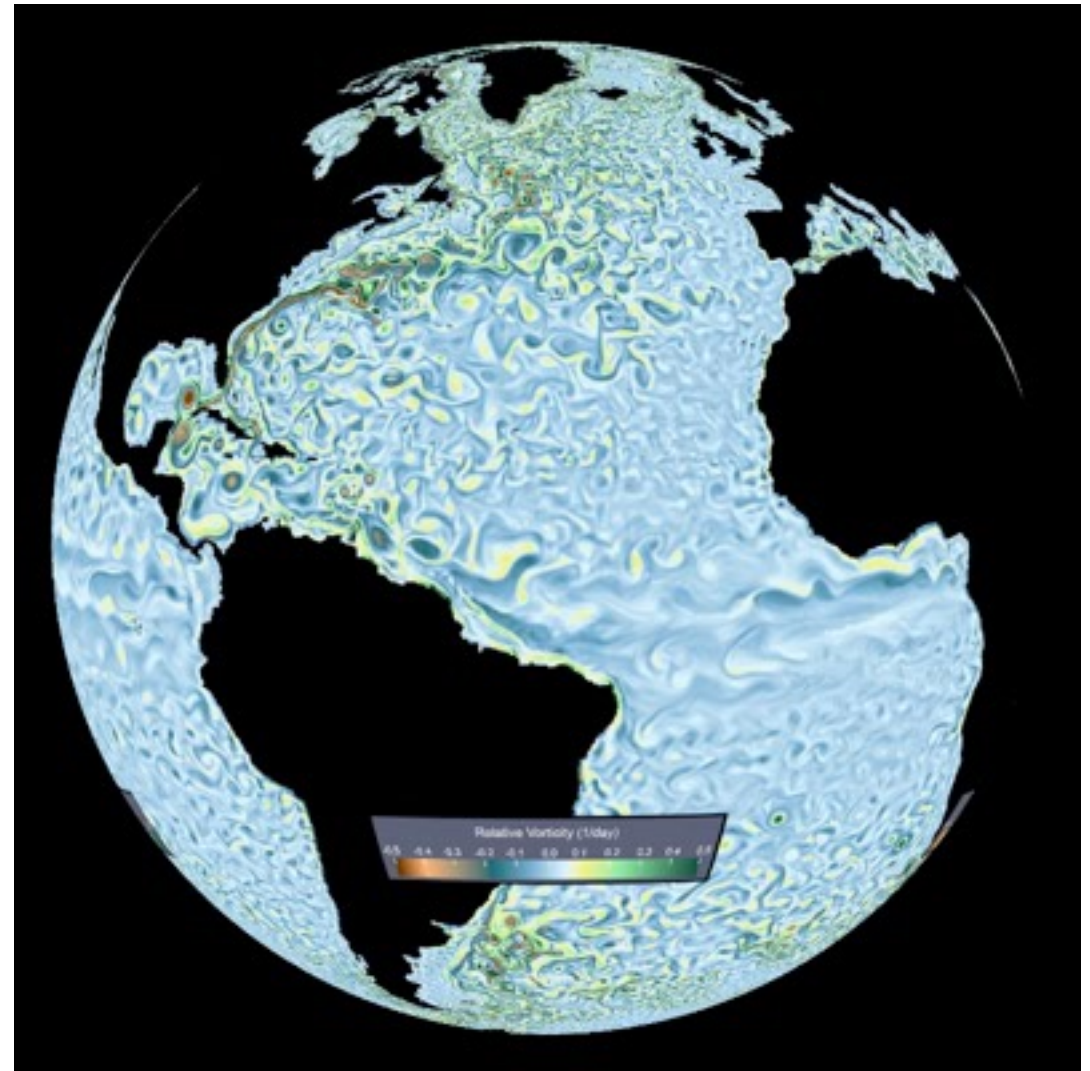
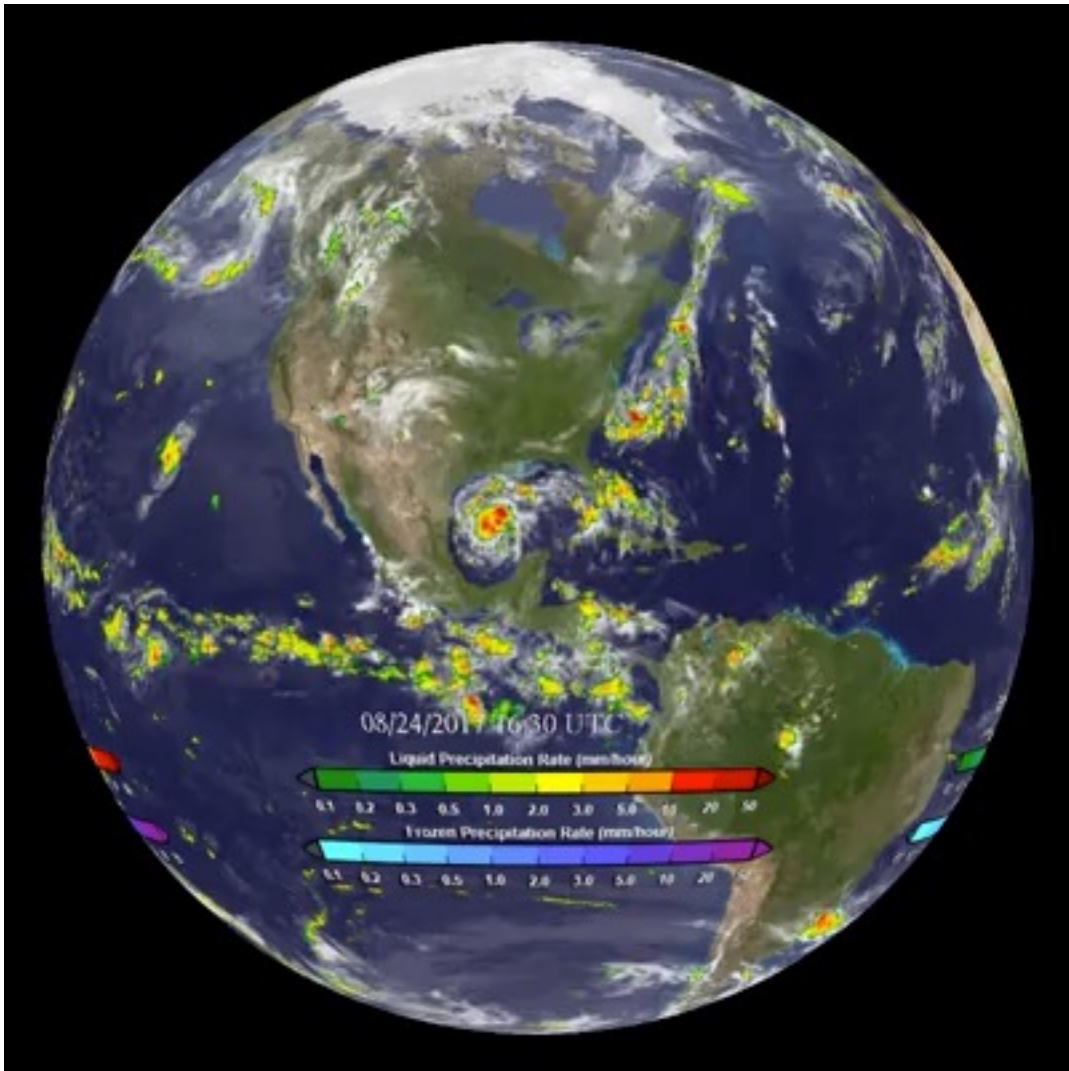
# Generalization to Convection



Bifurcation to an intermittent regime

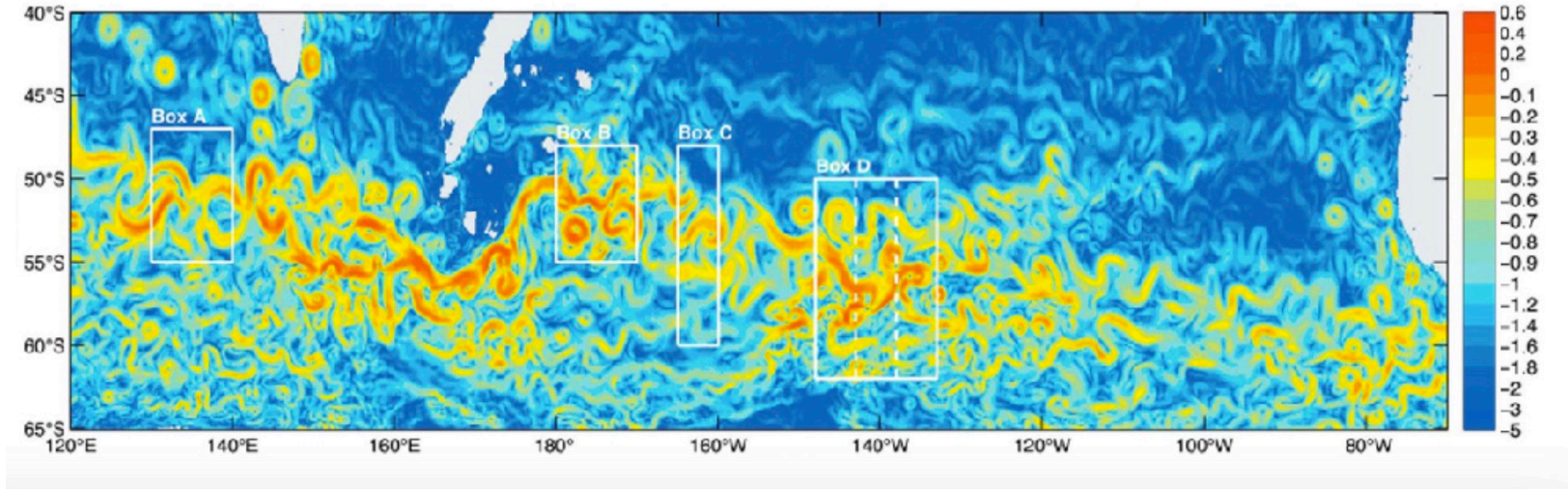
# Two-fluids model of turbulence



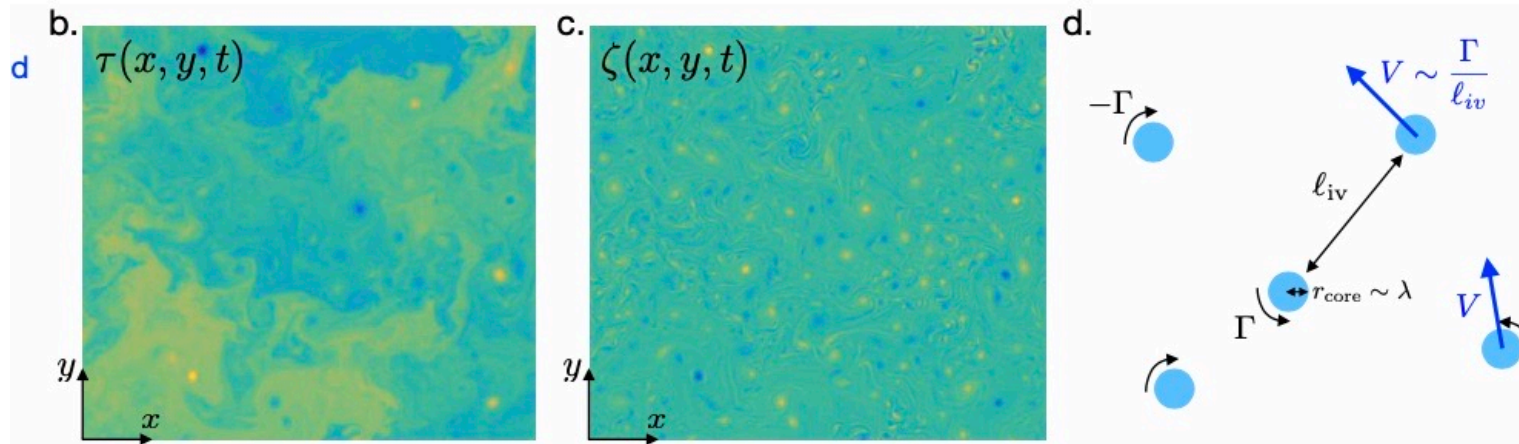




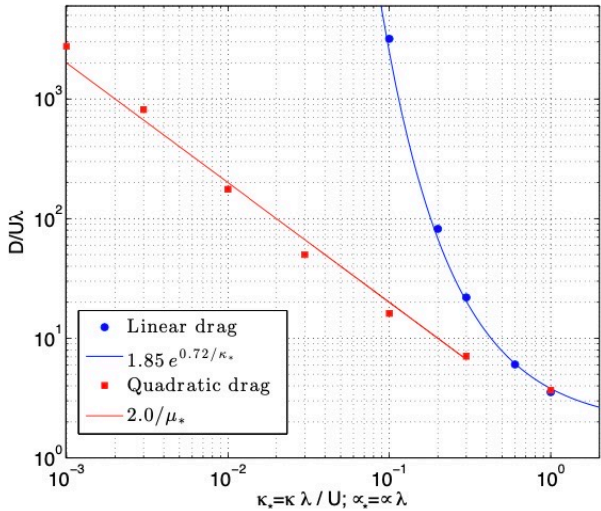
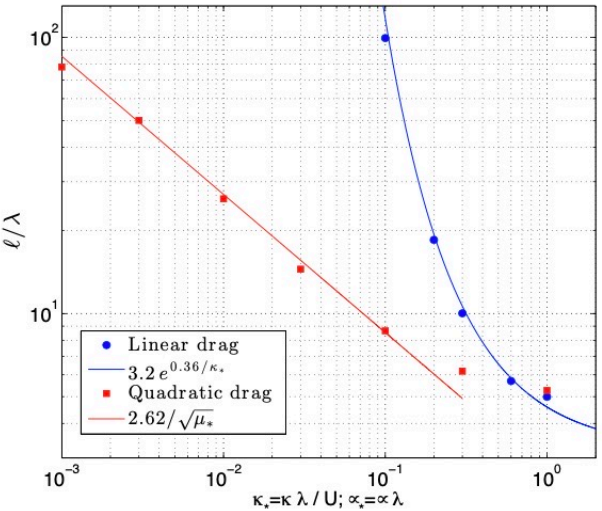
# 2D case: point vortices in the Ocean



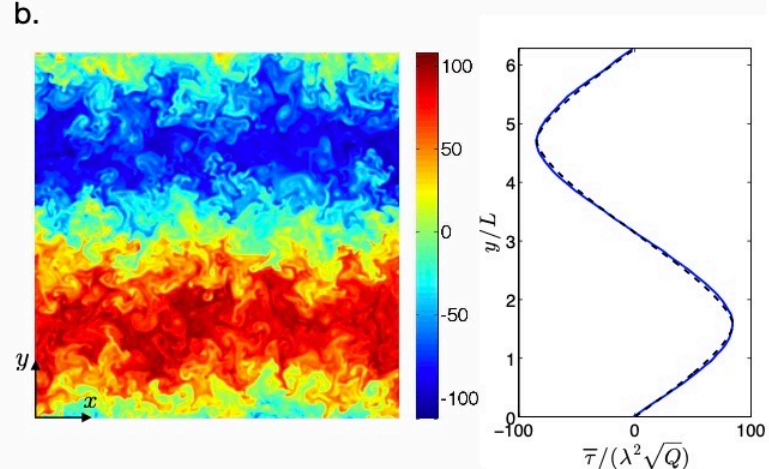
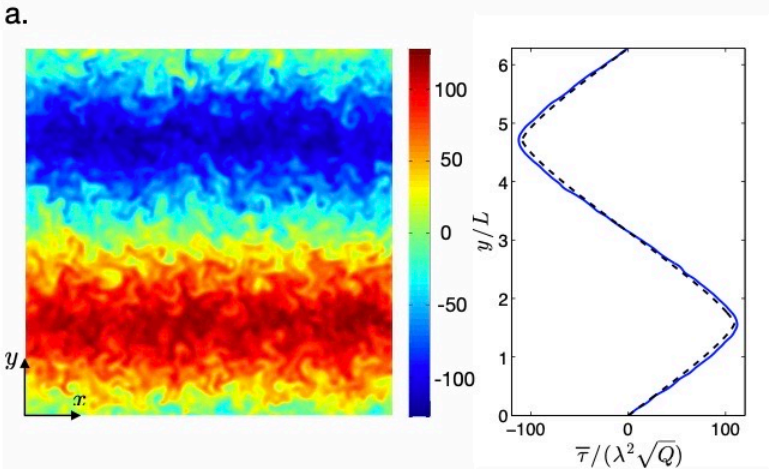
Model of barocline vortices by Gas of point vortices



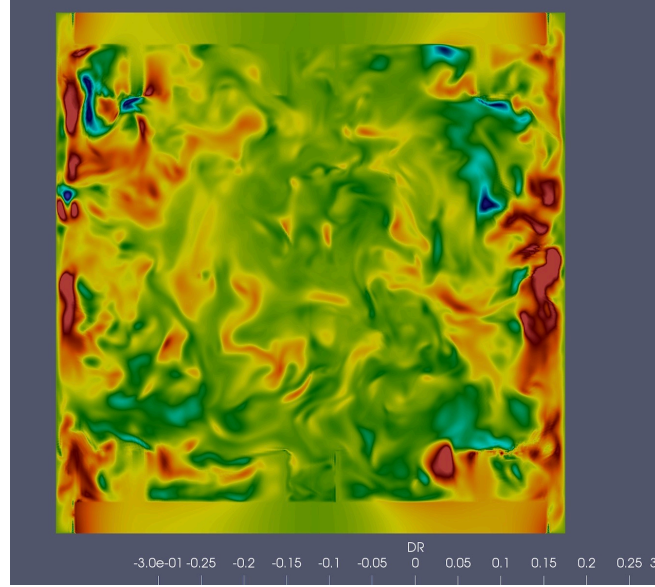
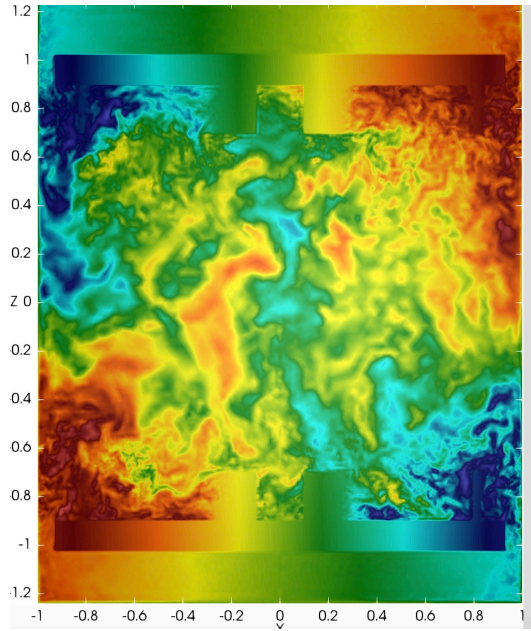
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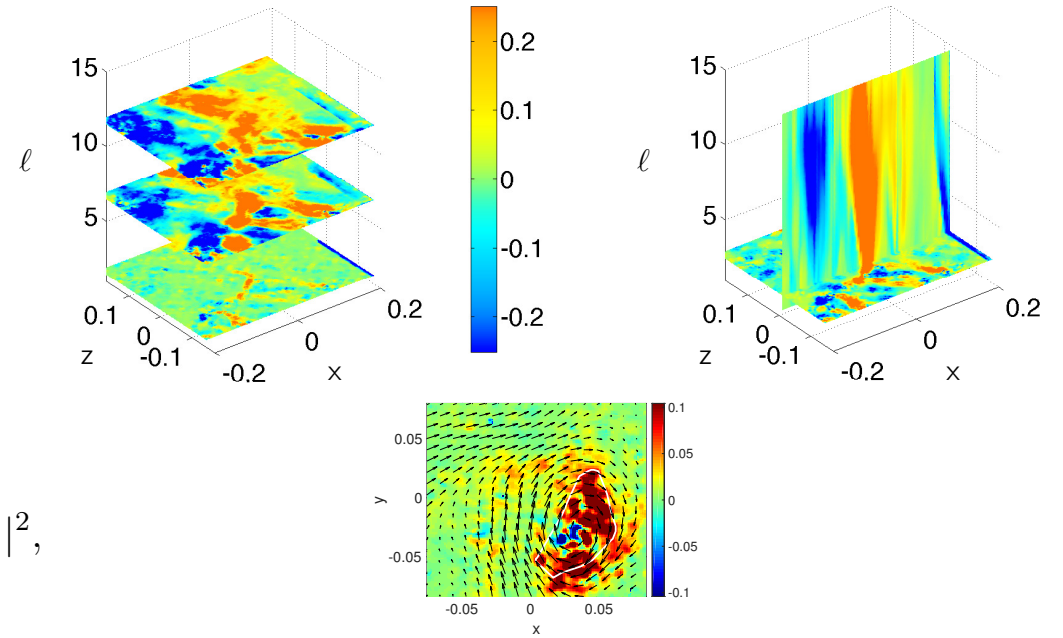
$$\mathbf{v}_T = KVL$$



# 3D case: quasi-singularities



High fluctuations are built through  
Local energy transfer through  
Smaller scale



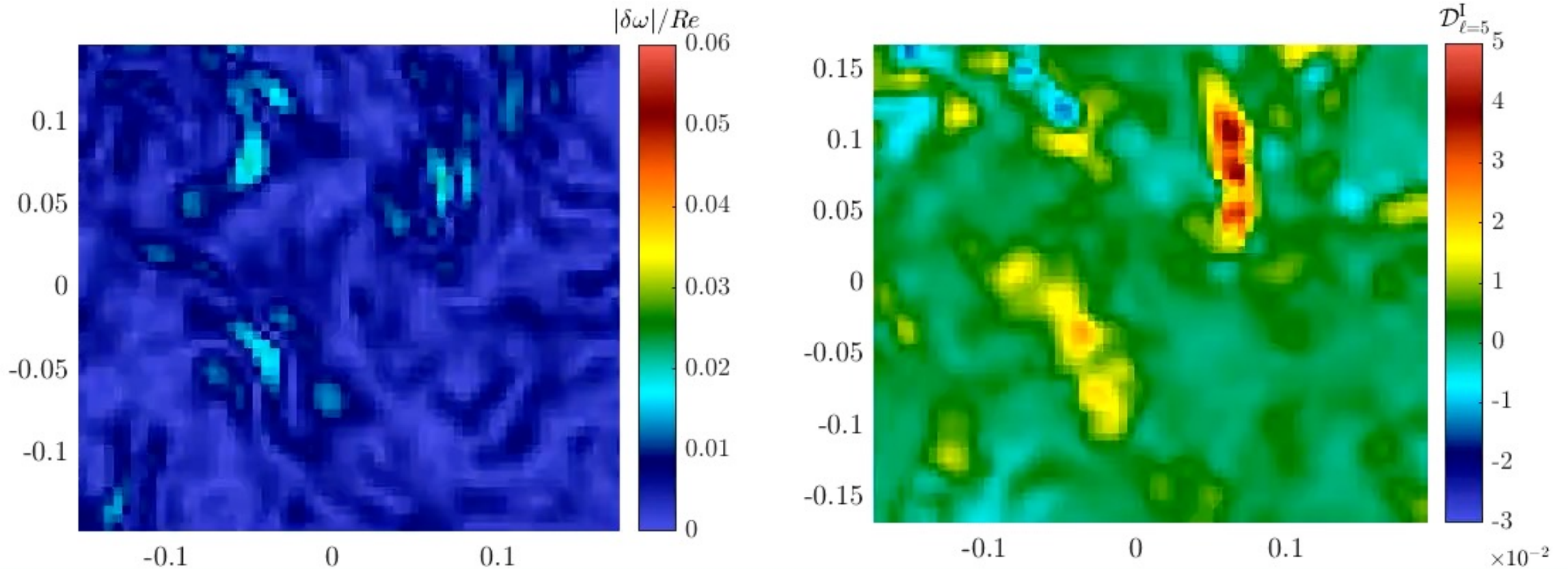
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**Navier-Stokes Equations:**

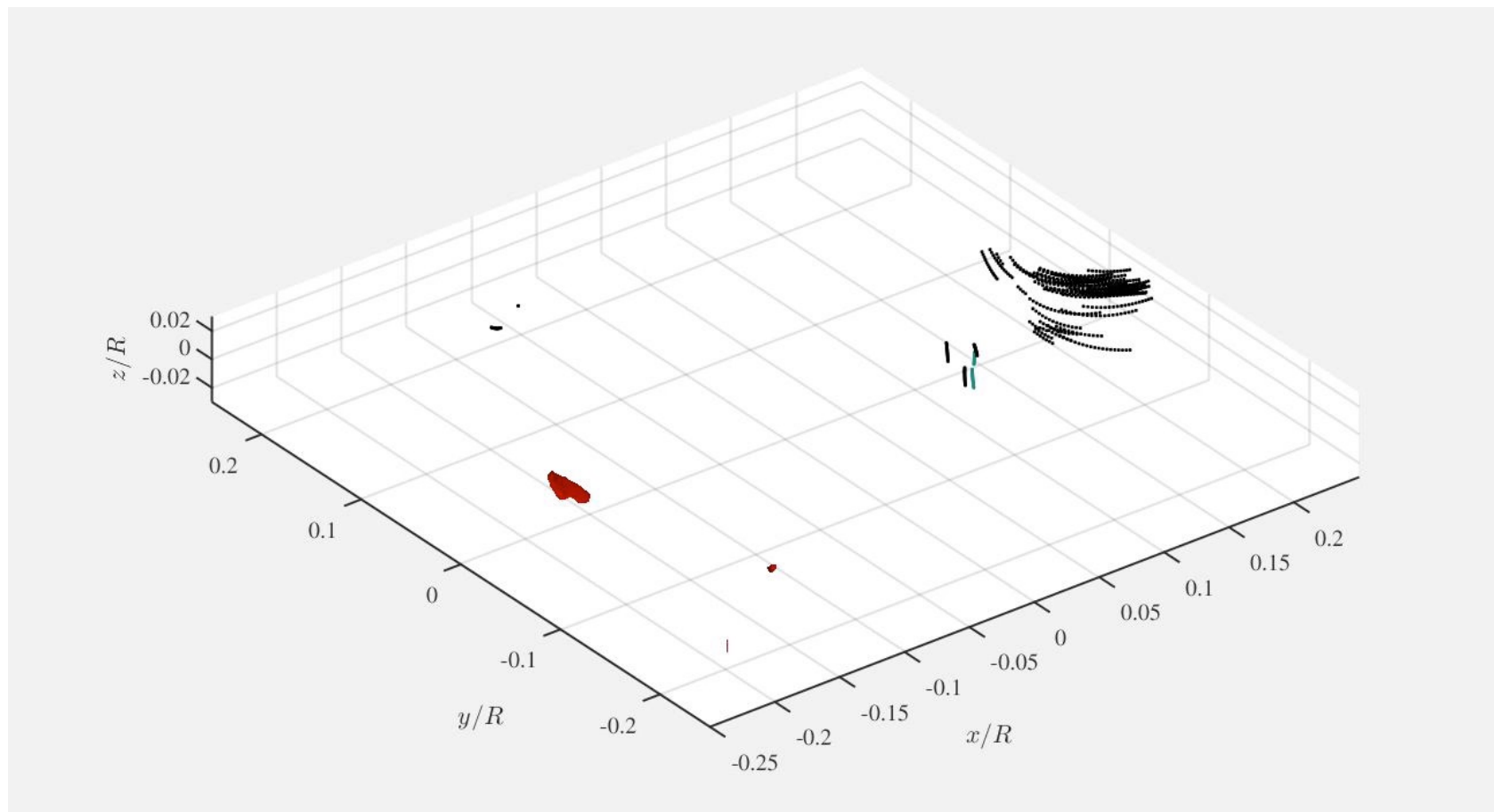
$$\partial_t \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = -\nabla p + \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}$$

**Building of quasi-singular events**

# Dynamics of intense energy transfers



# Dynamics of quasi singularities



Reconnexion?

Eulerian



Lagrangian

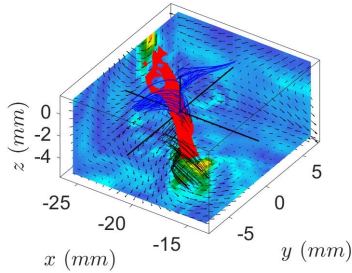


# Model of NS singularity: homogeneous solution of NS of degree -1

Rescaling Symmetry for  $h=-1$   $(t, x, u) \rightarrow (\gamma^2 t, \gamma x, \gamma^{-1}u) (\nu \neq 0)$

$u(\gamma^2 t, \gamma x) = \gamma^{-1}u(t, x)$  homogeneous solutions of NS of degree -1

**Stationary: only solution=Axisymmetric:** (Sverak, xx)  
Landau –Squire solutions



$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{U} &= 0, \\ (\mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{U} + \frac{\nabla p}{\rho} - \nu \Delta \mathbf{U} &= \nu^2 \delta(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{F}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

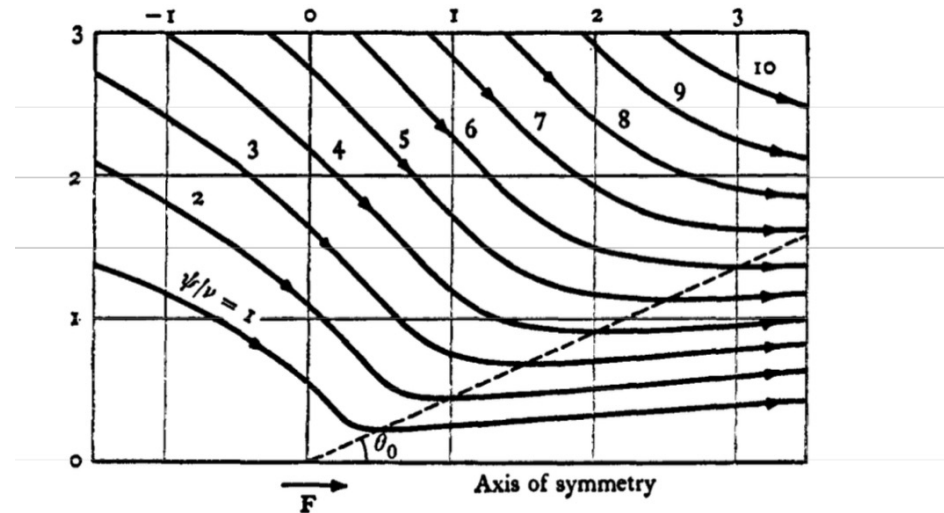


Figure 4.6.1. Streamlines of the flow for  $c = 0.1$ ,  $\theta_0 = 24^\circ 37'$ .  
(The units for  $\psi/\nu$  and  $r$  are consistent.)

# Model of singularity: homogeneous solution of NS of degree -1

*Stationary solutions of NSE with a force at the origin*

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{U} &= 0, \\ (\mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{U} + \frac{\nabla p}{\rho} - \nu \Delta \mathbf{U} &= \nu^2 \delta(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{F}, \end{aligned}$$

General form

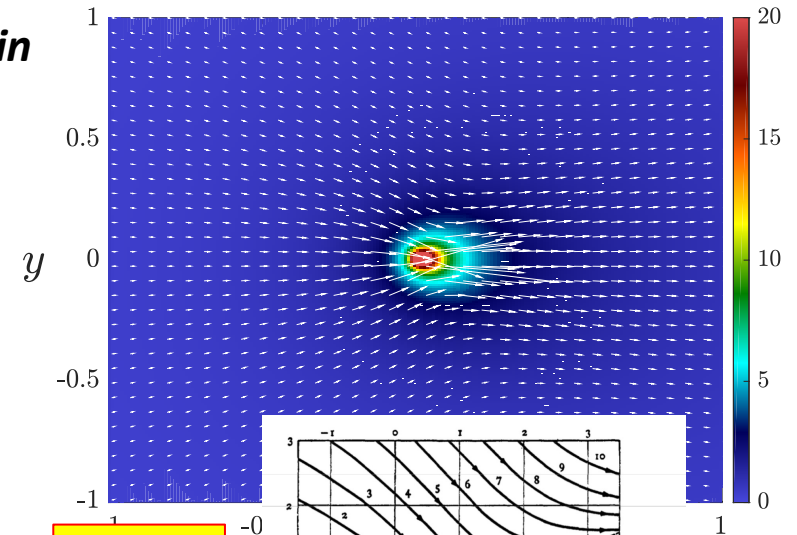
$$\phi(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}) = \|\mathbf{x}\| - \boldsymbol{\gamma} \cdot \mathbf{x}, \quad \gamma < 1$$

$$\mathbf{U} = -2\nabla(\ln \phi) + 2\mathbf{x}\Delta \ln(\phi),$$

and

$$\mathbf{F} = F(\|\boldsymbol{\gamma}\|) \frac{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}{\|\boldsymbol{\gamma}\|},$$

$$F(\boldsymbol{\gamma}) = 4\pi \left[ \frac{4}{\gamma} - \frac{2}{\gamma^2} \ln \left( \frac{1+\gamma}{1-\gamma} \right) + \frac{16}{3} \frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma^2} \right].$$



Pinçon

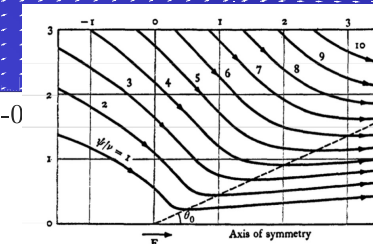
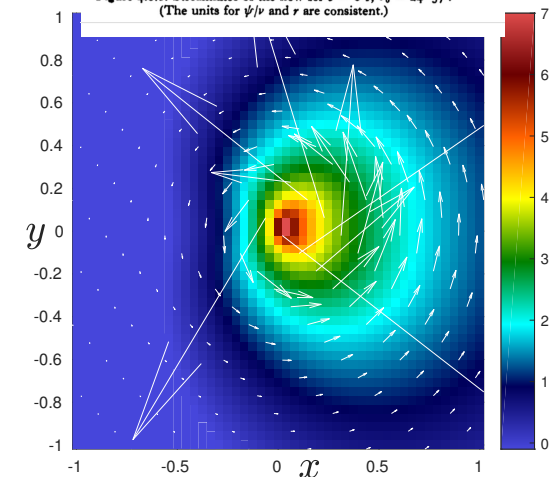


Figure 4.6.1. Streamlines of the flow for  $c = 0.1$ ,  $\theta_0 = 24^\circ 37'$ . (The units for  $\psi/\nu$  and  $r$  are consistent.)



# Model of singularity: homogeneous solution of NS of degree -1

*Stationary solutions of NSE with a force at the origin*

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{U} &= 0, \\ (\mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{U} + \frac{\nabla p}{\rho} - \nu \Delta \mathbf{U} &= \nu^2 \delta(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{F}, \end{aligned}$$

General form

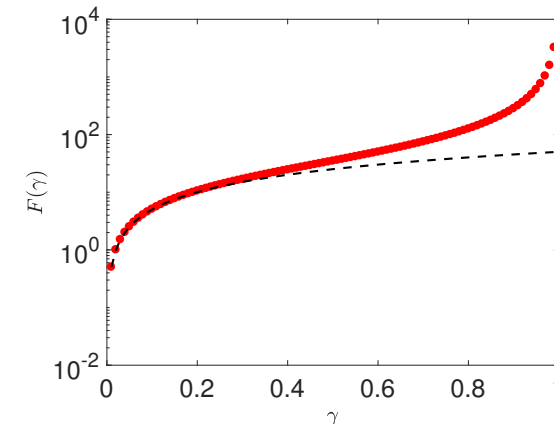
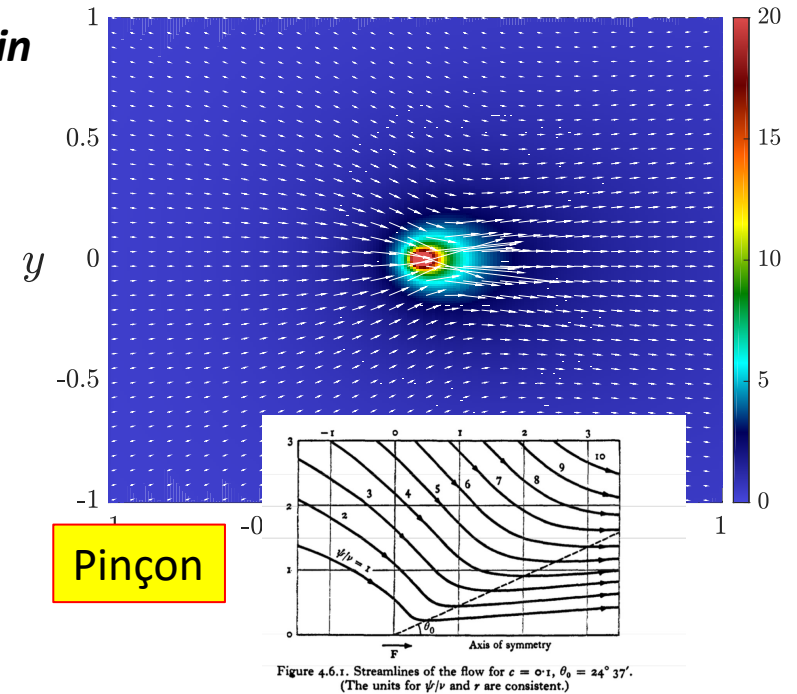
$$\phi(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}) = \|\mathbf{x}\| - \boldsymbol{\gamma} \cdot \mathbf{x}, \quad \boldsymbol{\gamma} < 1$$

$$\mathbf{U} = -2\nabla(\ln \phi) + 2\mathbf{x}\Delta \ln(\phi),$$

and

$$\mathbf{F} = F(\|\boldsymbol{\gamma}\|) \frac{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}{\|\boldsymbol{\gamma}\|},$$

$$F(\boldsymbol{\gamma}) = 4\pi \left[ \frac{4}{\boldsymbol{\gamma}} - \frac{2}{\boldsymbol{\gamma}^2} \ln \left( \frac{1+\boldsymbol{\gamma}}{1-\boldsymbol{\gamma}} \right) + \frac{16}{3} \frac{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}{1-\boldsymbol{\gamma}^2} \right].$$





# 3D: Interaction between a regular field and a pinçon

Consider the case where a pinçon, located at  $\mathbf{x}_\alpha$  is embedded in a regular velocity field. What is going on?

*The system is solution of NSE provided the two sets of equations are satisfied*

For the field

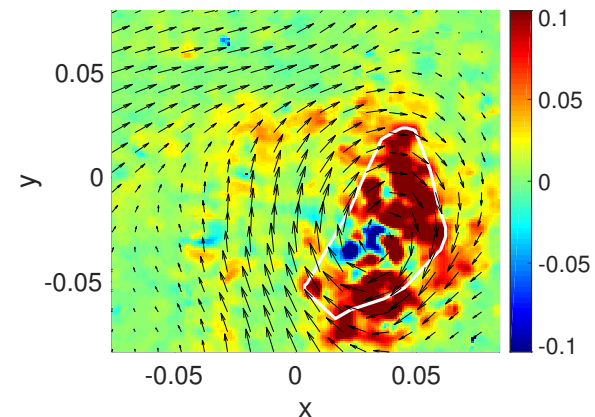
$$\partial_t \overline{\mathbf{v}}_R^\ell + (\overline{\mathbf{v}}_R^\ell \cdot \nabla) \overline{\mathbf{v}}_R^\ell + \frac{\nabla \overline{p}_r^\ell}{\rho} - \nu \Delta \overline{\mathbf{v}}_R^\ell = \tau^\ell - \frac{\nu^2}{\ell^3} \psi \left( \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_\alpha}{\ell} \right) \mathbf{F},$$

The two contributions are equal at the Kolmogorov scale

where  $\tau^\ell = \nabla \cdot (\overline{\mathbf{v}}_R^\ell \overline{\mathbf{v}}_R^\ell - \overline{\mathbf{v}}_R \overline{\mathbf{v}}_R^\ell)$  is the Reynolds stress.

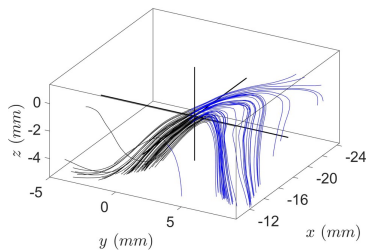
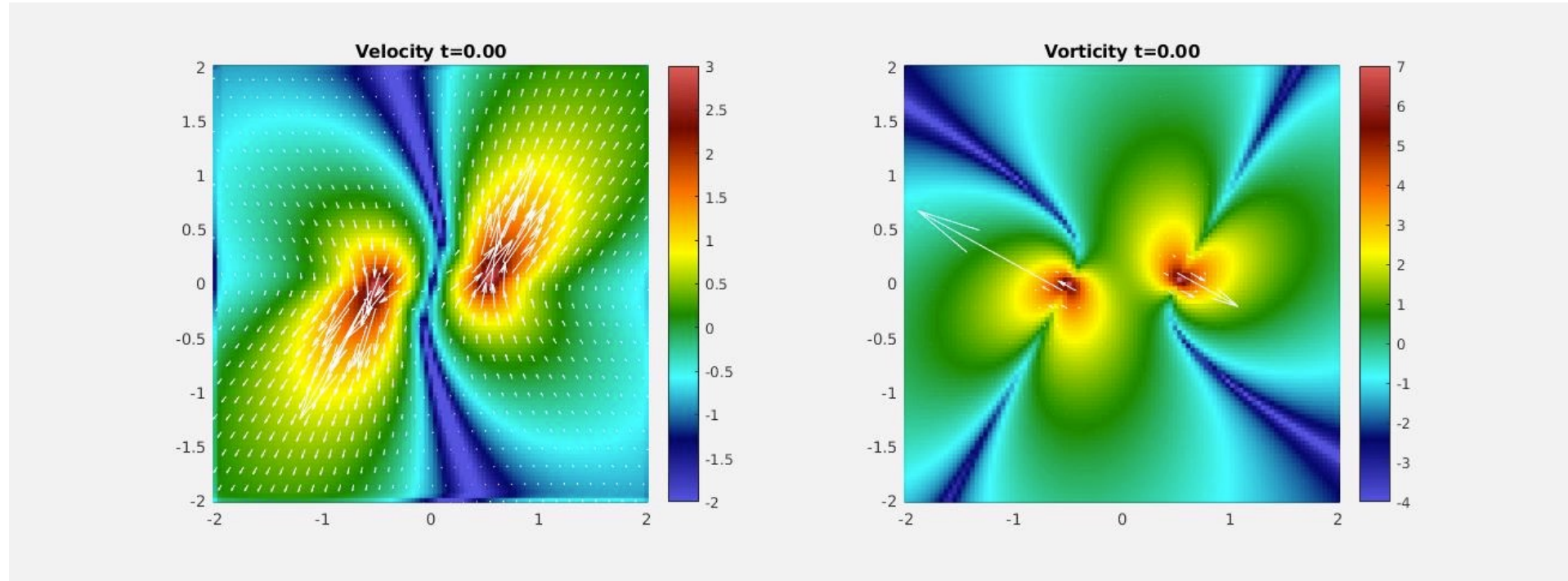
For the pinçon

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{x}}_\alpha &= \mathbf{v}_R(\mathbf{x}_\alpha) \\ \dot{\gamma} \overline{\nabla}_\gamma \mathbf{U}^\ell &= -(\overline{\mathbf{U}}^\ell \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}_R. \end{aligned}$$

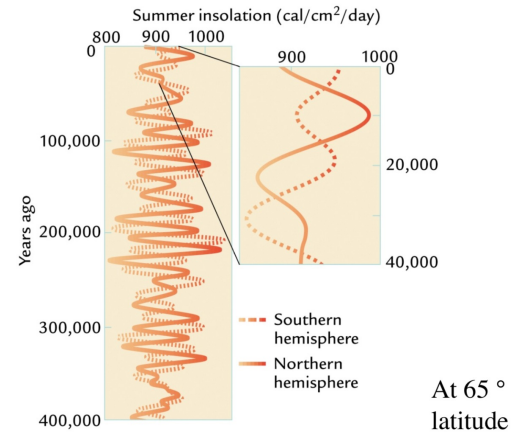
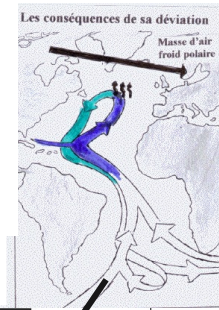
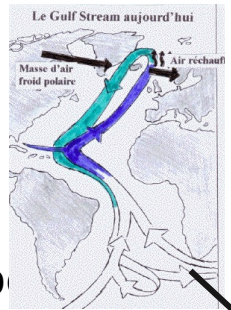
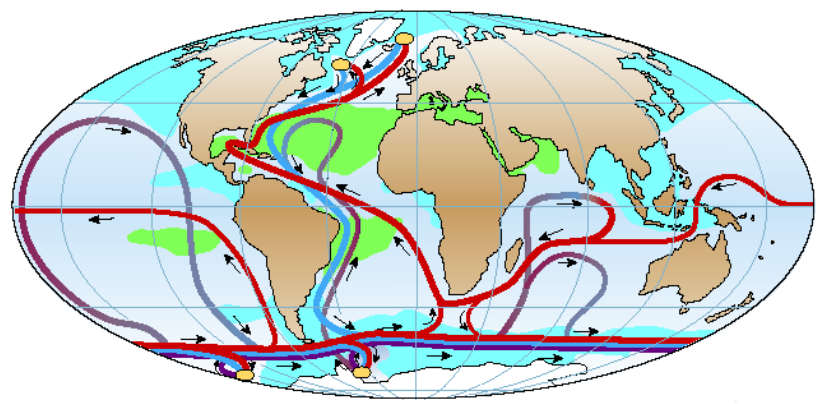


The pinçon moves with the fluid velocity and is sheared by the regular field

# Interaction between a dipole of pinçons



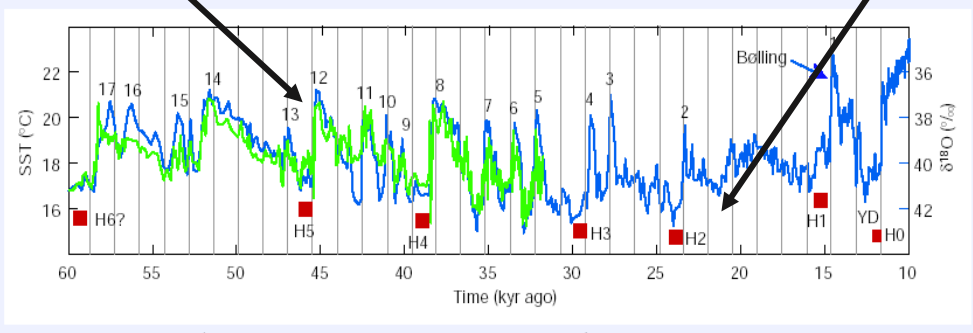
# Climate Bifurcations or Tipping points



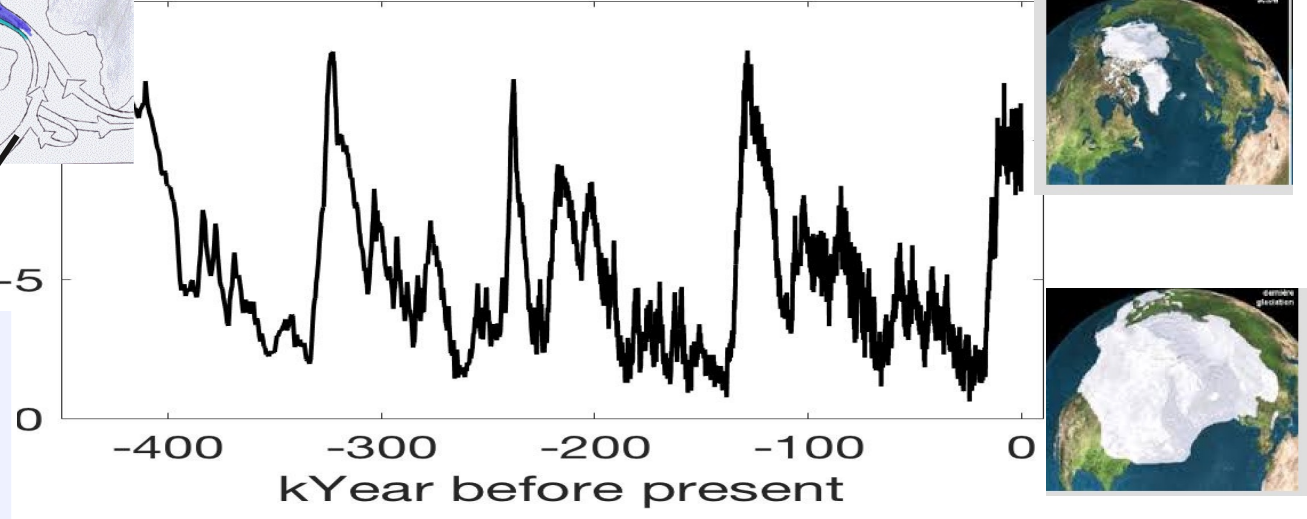
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## Heinrich and Dansgaard-Oeschger events

**Figure 3** Temperature reconstructions from ocean sediments and Greenland ice. Proxy data from the subtropical Atlantic<sup>86</sup> (green) and from the Greenland ice core GISP2 (ref. 87; blue) show several Dansgaard-Oeschger (D/O) warm events (numbered). The timing of Heinrich events is marked in red. Grey lines at intervals of 1,470 years illustrate the tendency of D/O events to occur with this spacing, or multiples thereof.



## Vodstok data



Forced bifurcation

# Can we predict climate bifurcations????



L=1000 km  
H=100 km  
 $\eta=10$  mm

Horizontal:  $N=10^{16}$   
Vertical:  $N=10^7$

Volume:  $N=10^{23}$

Air

Viscosity  $\times 10^6$  !



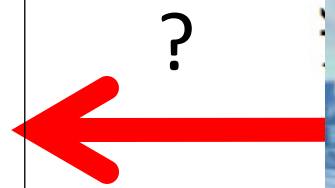
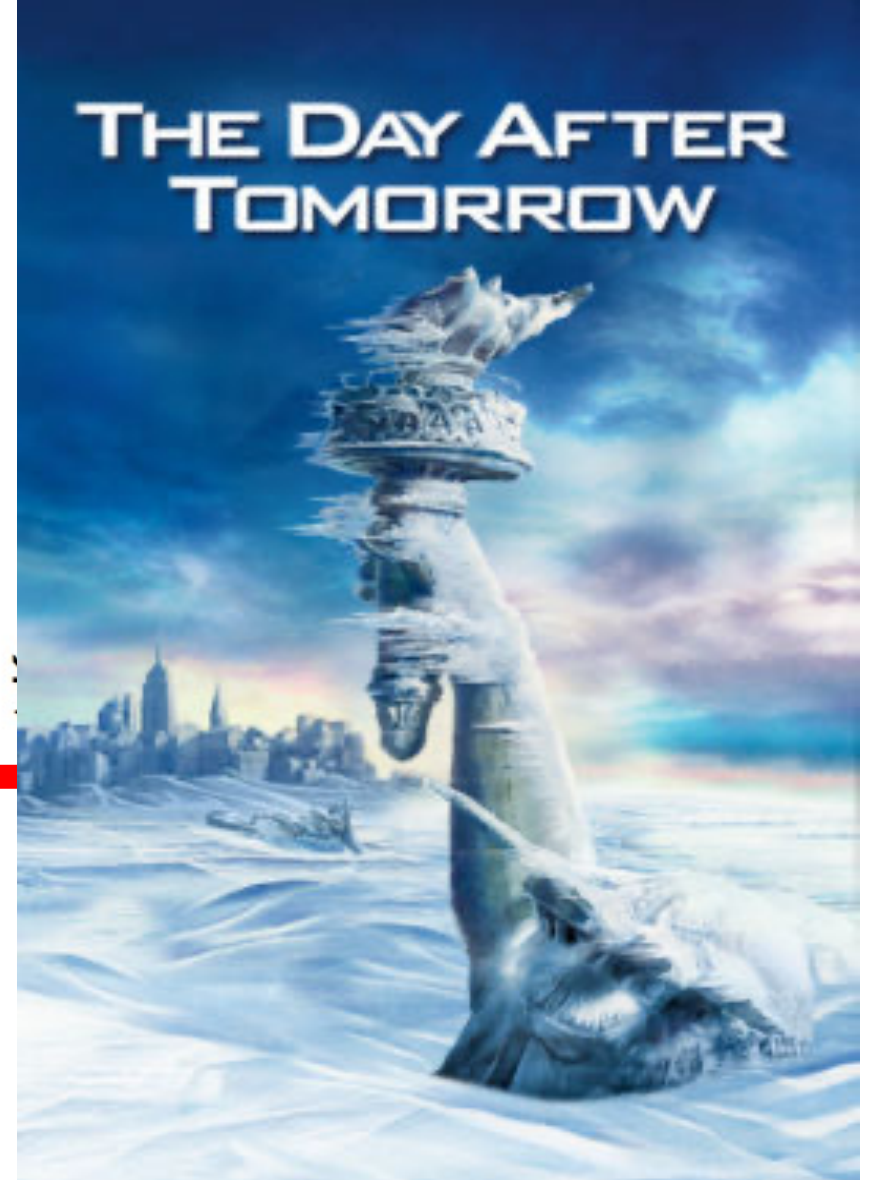
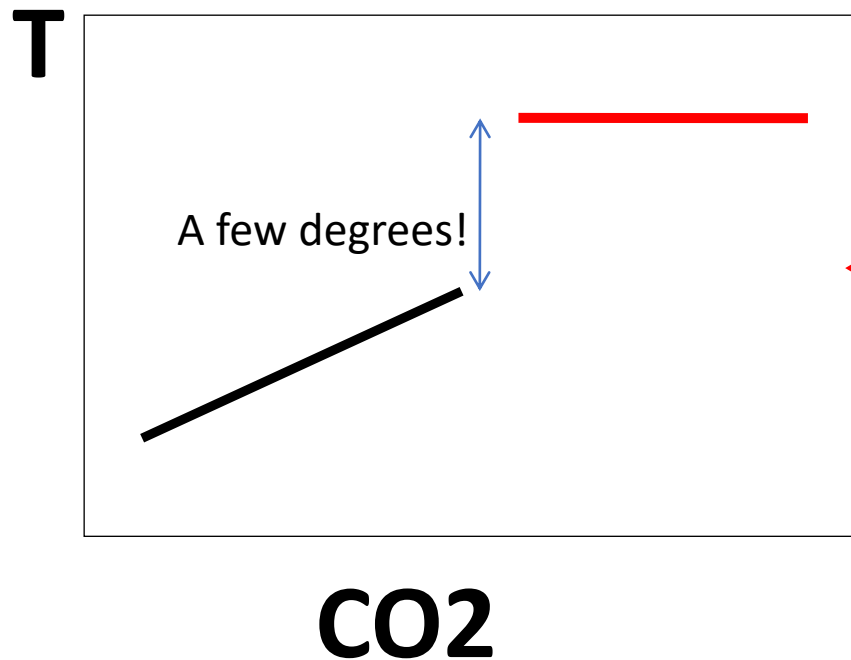
H=100 km  
 $\Delta H=5$  km  
 $\Delta t=1000$  s

Peanut Butter



Vertical:  $N=20$   
Volume:  $N=2 \times 10^3$

..... Caveat!!!!!!



What could really be observed in IPCC simulations when increasing resolution?  
Problem of climate change might be even more worrisome!!!! (no more « adaptibility! »)