

Wavelet-based Analysis:
Intermittency,
Coherency, Pulses:

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Background:

Standard Turbulence Theories

(cf., Kolmogorov):

Homogeneity, Isotropy

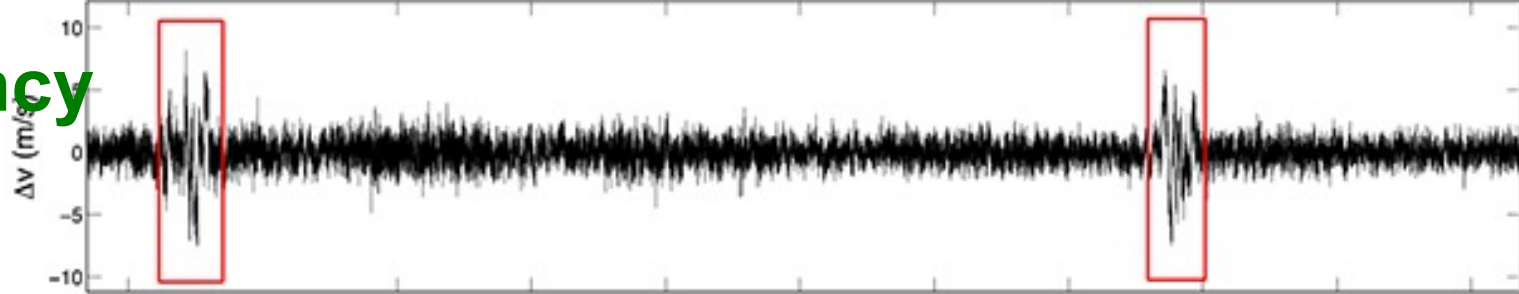
(i.e., totally disorganized)

Observed Turbulence:

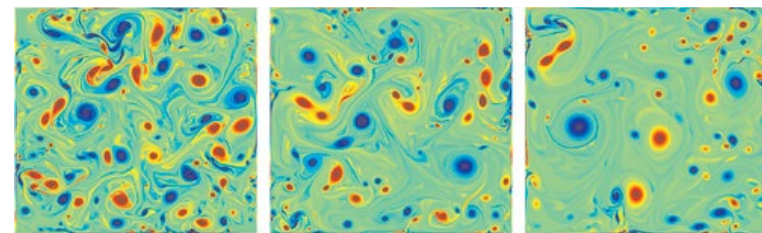
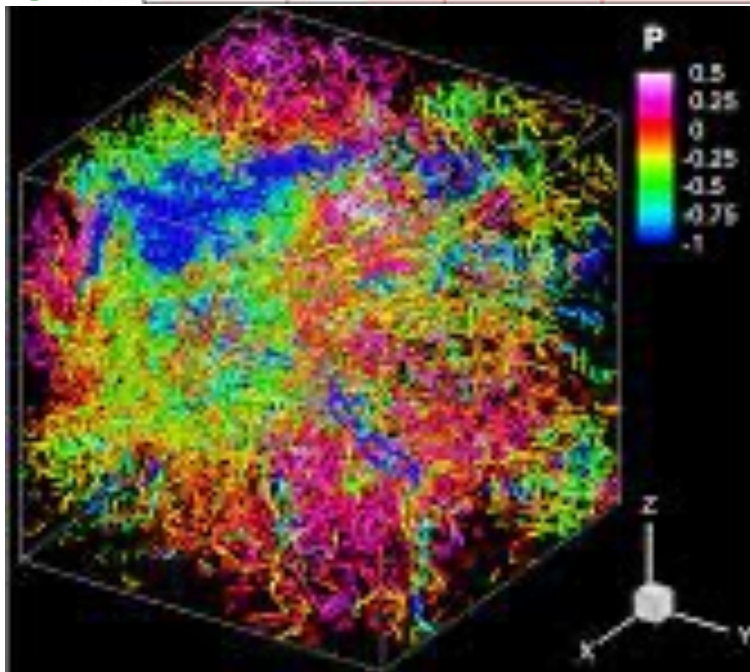
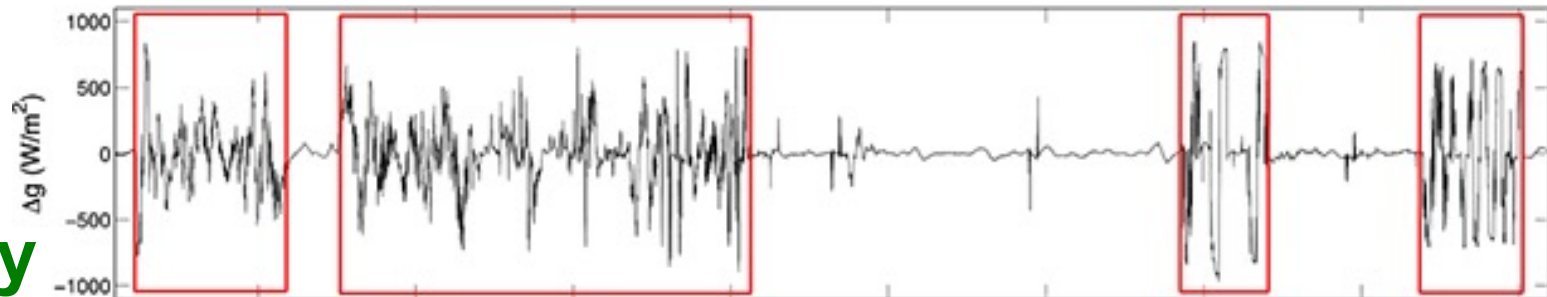
Inhomogeneous, Nonisotropic:

Intermittency, Coherency, Pulses

Intermittency



Coherency



$\tau = 8$

$\tau = 24$

$\tau = 64$

$\tau = 100$

$\tau = 135$

$\tau = 400$

Intermittency, Coherency:

**Isolated Structures in Time and
Space :**

Pulses

How to Characterize
the Intermittency, Coherency,
Pulses?:

i.e.,

Isolated Structures in Time and
Space?:

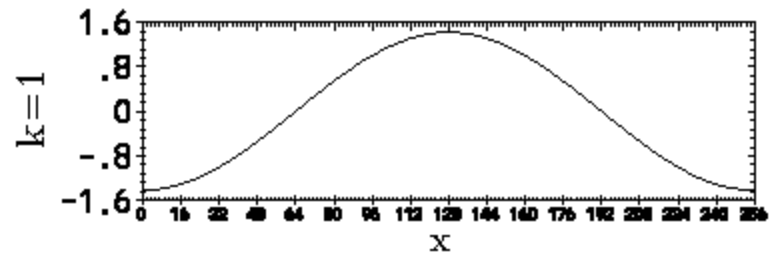
Wavelet

Wavelet(Discrete Orthogonal:Meyer)

Two indices: i, j :

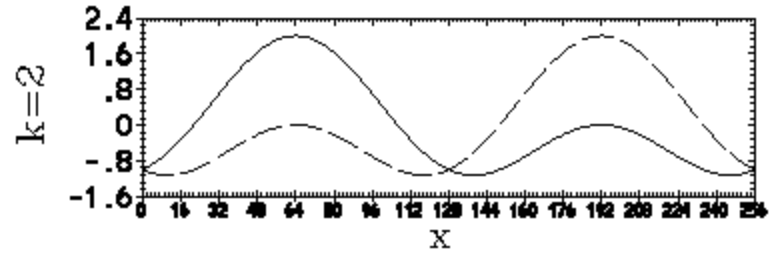
localizations:

$k=2^i, i=0$



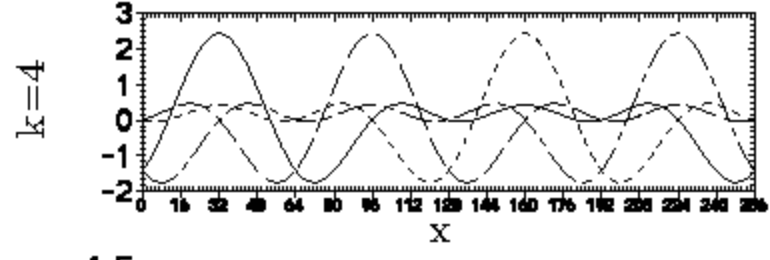
$j=1$

$i=1$



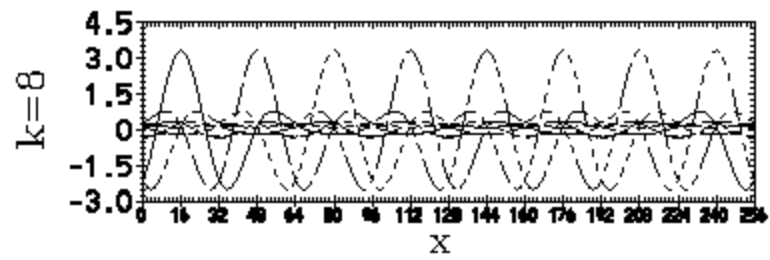
$j=1, 2$

$i=2$



$j=1, \dots, 4$

$i=3$



$j=1, \dots, 8$

$i=-1$: domain average

Orthogonal & Complete

Fourier Expansion (Discrete Complete Set)
for a finite periodic domain, $[0, L]$:

$$\frac{1}{L} \int_0^L \phi_k(x) \phi_l(x) dx = \delta_{kl}$$

For any *well-behaved* function, $f(x)$:

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \hat{f}_k \phi_k(x)$$
$$\hat{f}_k = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \phi_k(x) dx$$

wavlet method

$$\frac{1}{L} \int_0^L \phi_{i,j}(x) \phi_{i',j'}(x) dx = \delta_{ii'} \delta_{jj'}$$

For any *well-behaved* function, $f(x)$:

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=-1}^{i_{max}} \sum_{j=1}^{\text{Max}(1, 2^i)} \hat{f}_{i,j} \phi_{i,j}(x)$$
$$\hat{f}_{i,j} = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \phi_{i,j}(x) dx$$

Wavelet(Discrete Orthogonal:Meyer)

Wavelet-based Decomposition:

$$\varphi(x) = \sum_{i=-1}^{\ln_2 N-1} \sum_{j=1}^{j_{max}} \tilde{\varphi}_{i,j} \psi_{i,j}(x)$$

$$\varphi(x, y) = \sum_{i_x=-1}^{\ln_2 N_x-1} \sum_{i_y=-1}^{\ln_2 N_y-1} \sum_{j_x=1}^{j_{x,max}} \sum_{j_y=1}^{j_{y,max}} \tilde{\varphi}_{i_x,i_y,j_x,j_y} \psi_{i_x,j_x}(x) \psi_{i_y,j_y}(y)$$

Demonstrations:

**Efficiency of Representing
Intermittency, Coherency, and
Pulses by Wavelet:**

Compression

Decomposition

Extraction

Compression:

Let $l = l(i, j)$ with $l = 0, \dots, N - 1$:

$$\hat{f}_l^c = \begin{cases} \hat{f}_l, & |\hat{f}_l| > \alpha f_c \\ 0, & |\hat{f}_l| \leq \alpha f_c \end{cases}$$

where

$$f_c = \left(\sum_{l=1}^{N-1} \hat{f}_l^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

Compressed Representation:

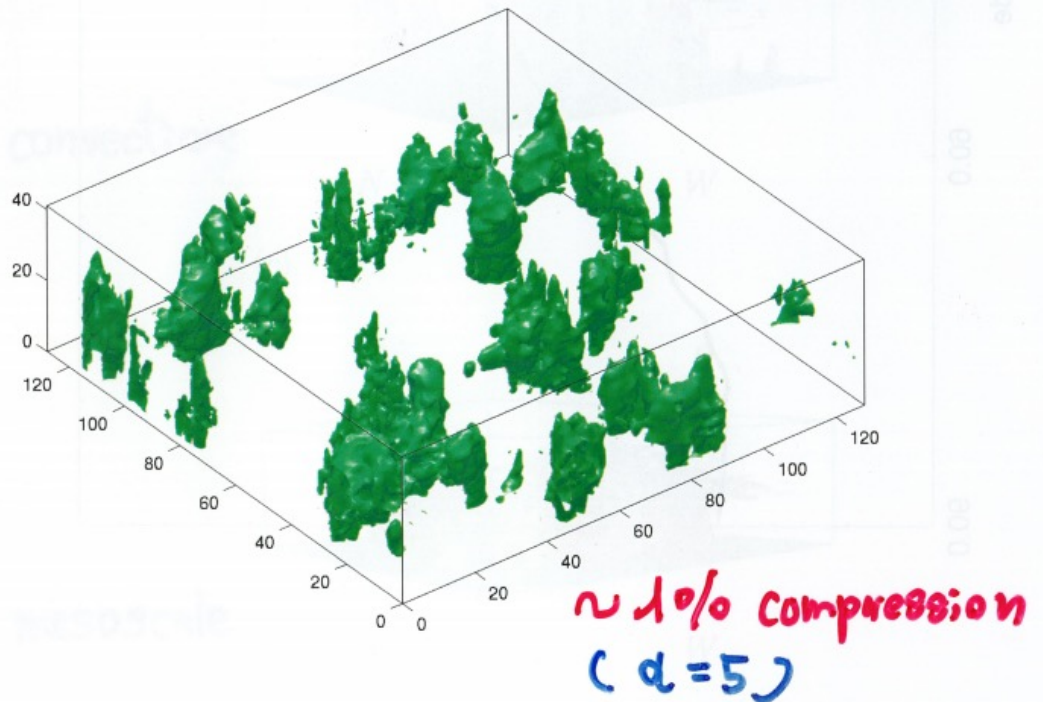
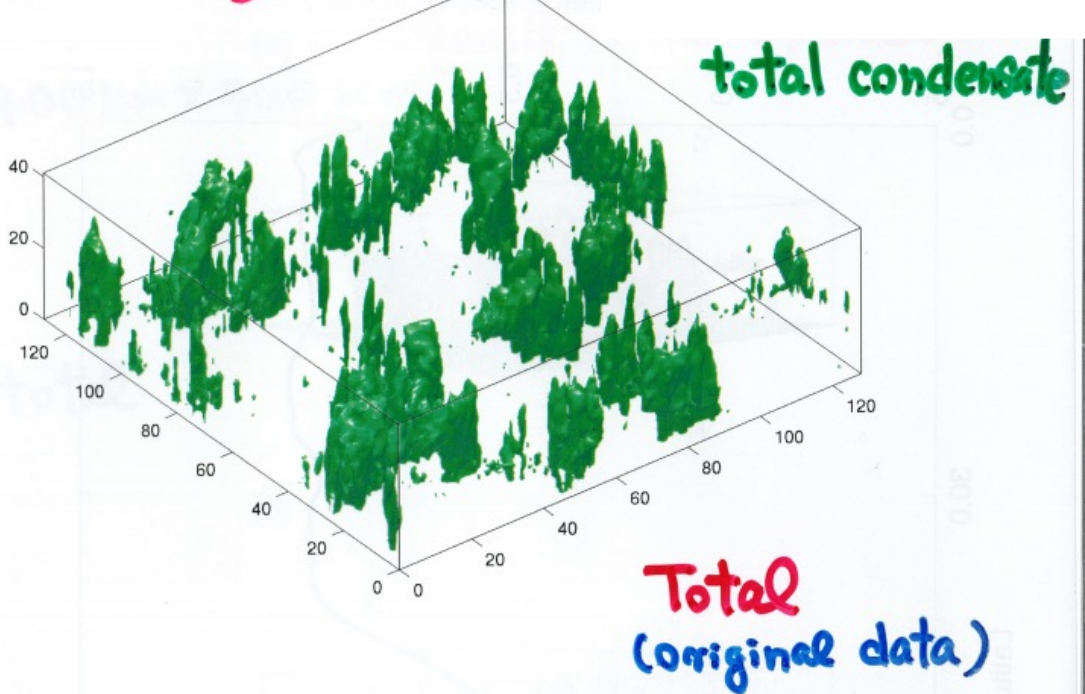
$$f^c(x) = \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} \hat{f}_l^c \phi_l(x)$$

CRM Simulation:

TOGA-COARE:

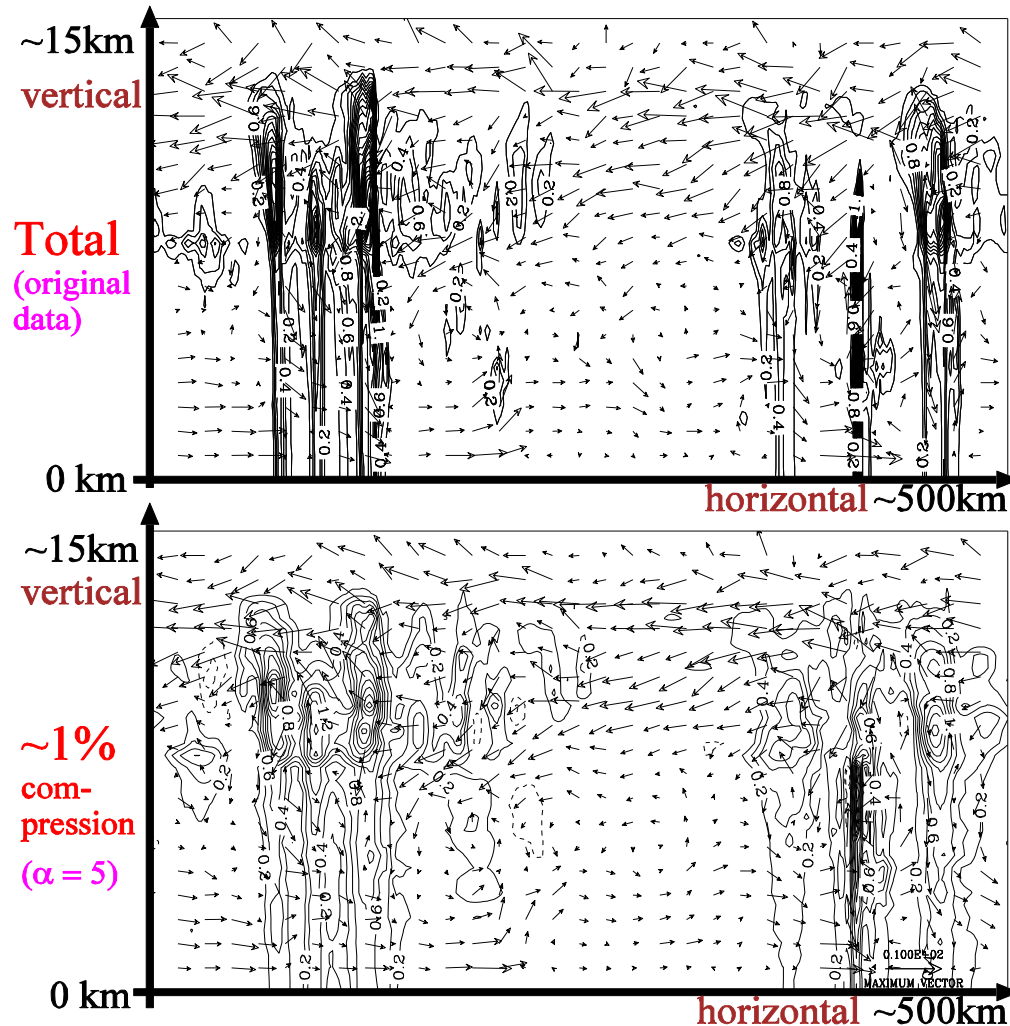
512 x 512 km²

x 18km



Wavelet Compression of 3D CRM Data (TOGA period)

Example of a vertical-section
total condensate + winds



Decomposition:

Choose a Threshold Variable: φ .

High Component:

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}}_l^H = \begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{f}}_l, & |\hat{\varphi}_l| > \varphi_c \\ 0, & |\hat{\varphi}_l| \leq \varphi_c \end{cases}$$

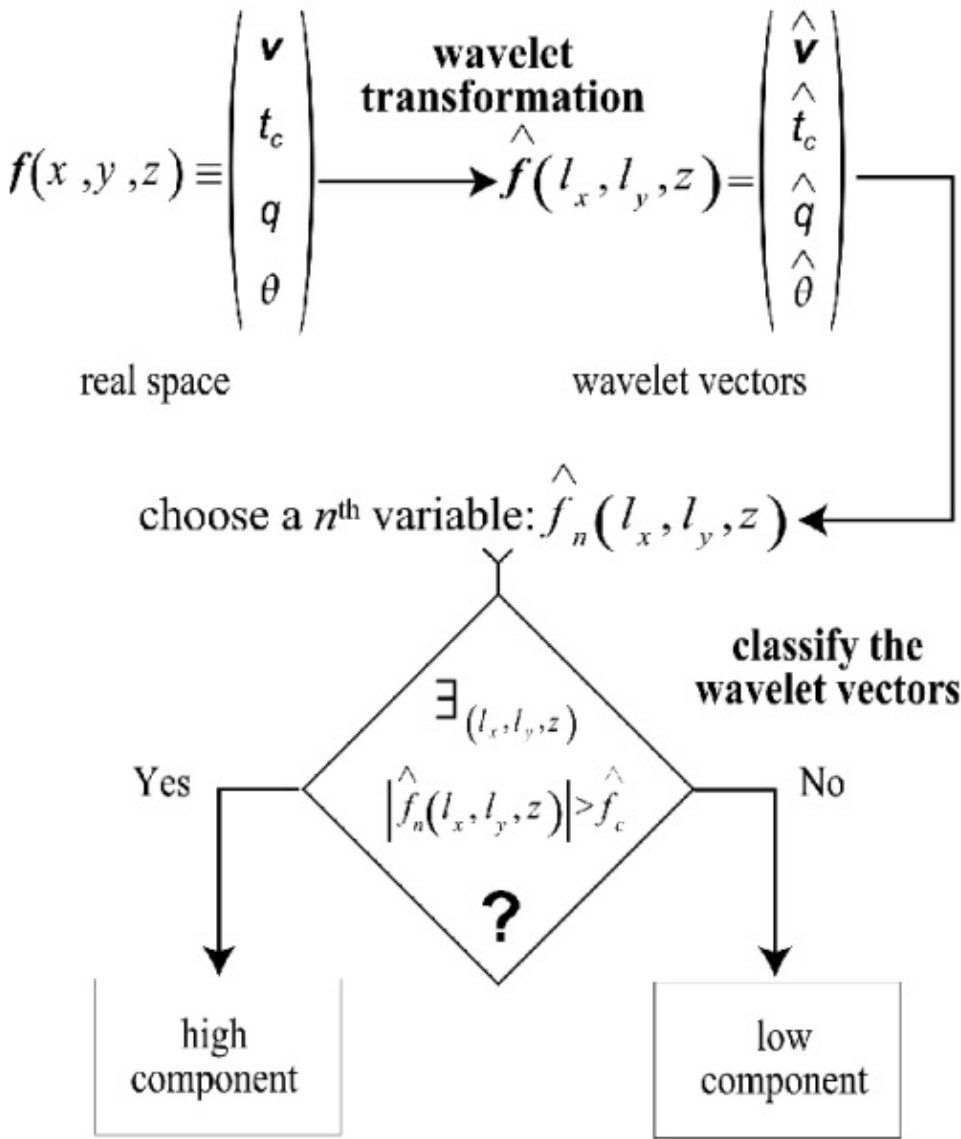
Low Component:

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}}_l^L = \begin{cases} 0, & |\hat{\varphi}_l| > \varphi_c \\ \hat{\mathbf{f}}_l, & |\hat{\varphi}_l| \leq \varphi_c \end{cases}$$

Here,

$$\varphi_c = \left(\sum_{l=1}^{N-1} \hat{\varphi}_l^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

Decomposition:



Decomposition:

**Convective and Mesoscale
Components:**

Threshold Variable:

$$\phi = d | v_H | / dz$$

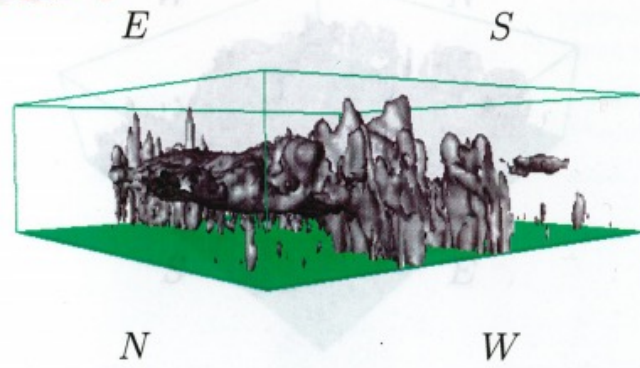
CRM Simulation:

GATE:

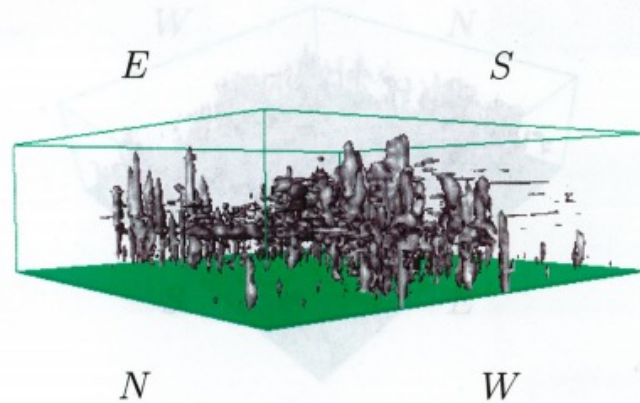
**Squall-Line
System**

400 x 400 km²

total

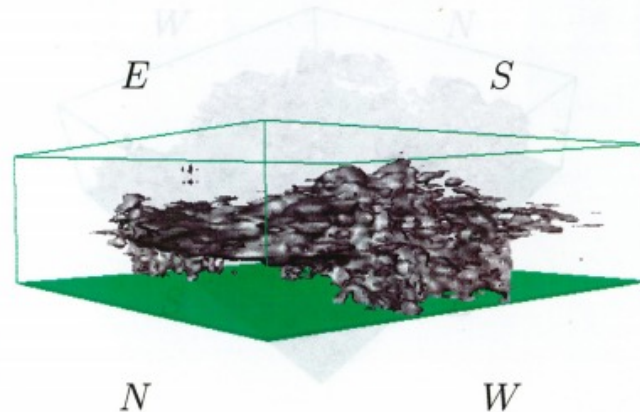


(b)



convective

(c)



mesoscale

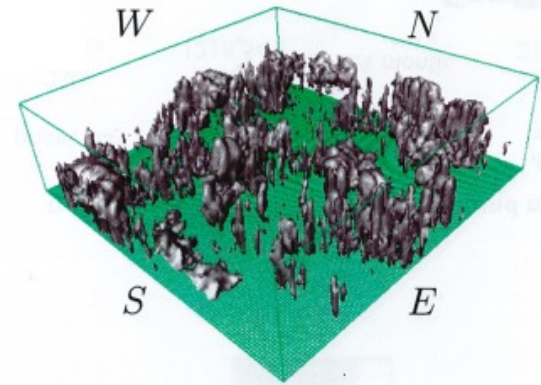
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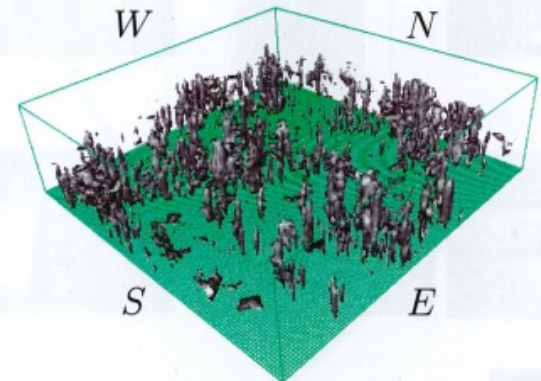
**Nonsquall-Line
System**

400 x 400 km²

total

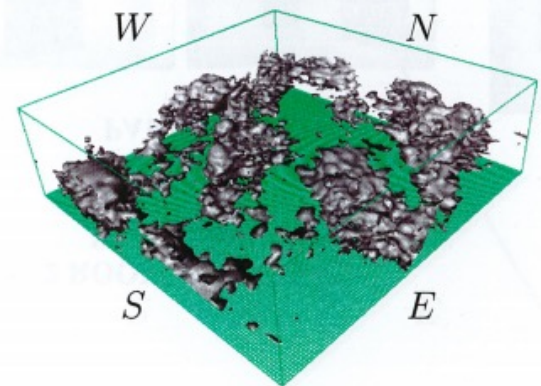


(b)



convective

(c)



mesoscale

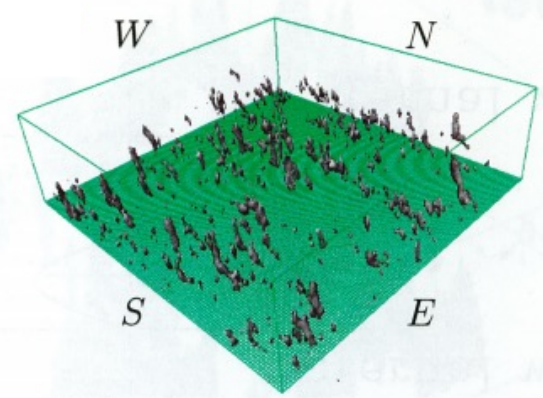
CRM Simulation:

GATE:

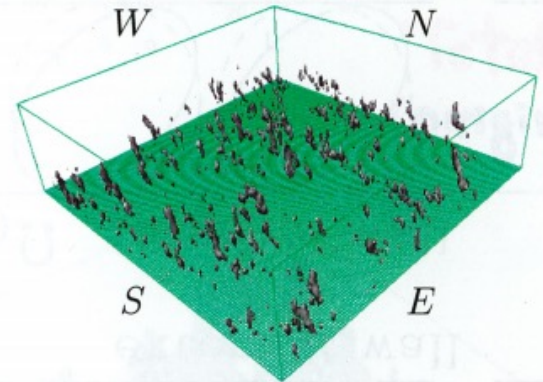
**Scattered
Convection**

400 x 400 km²

total

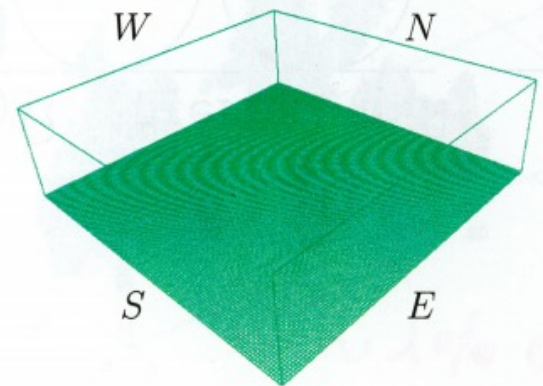


(b)



convective

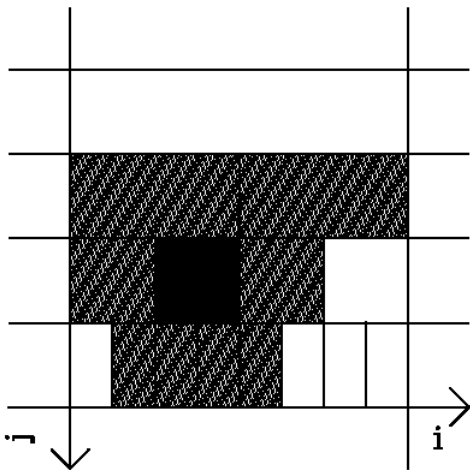
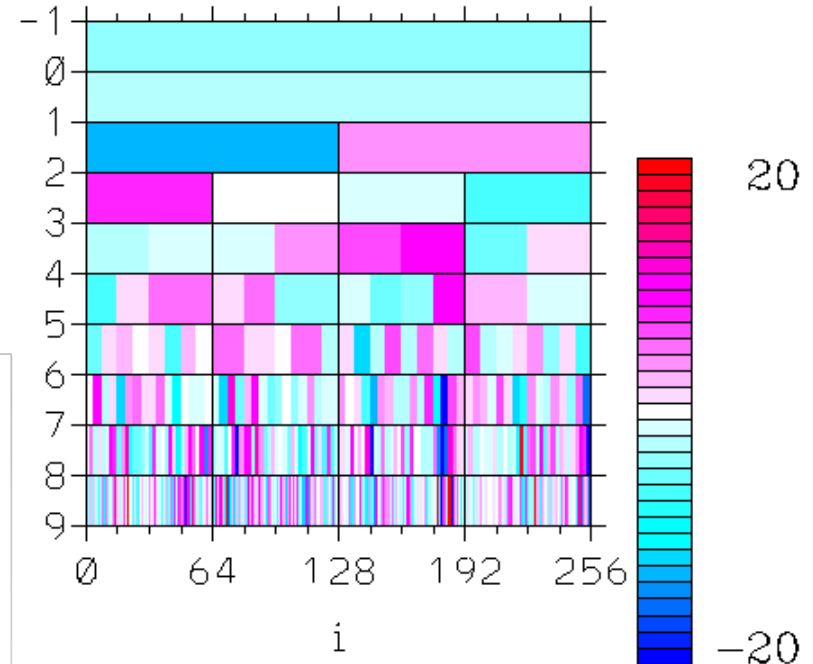
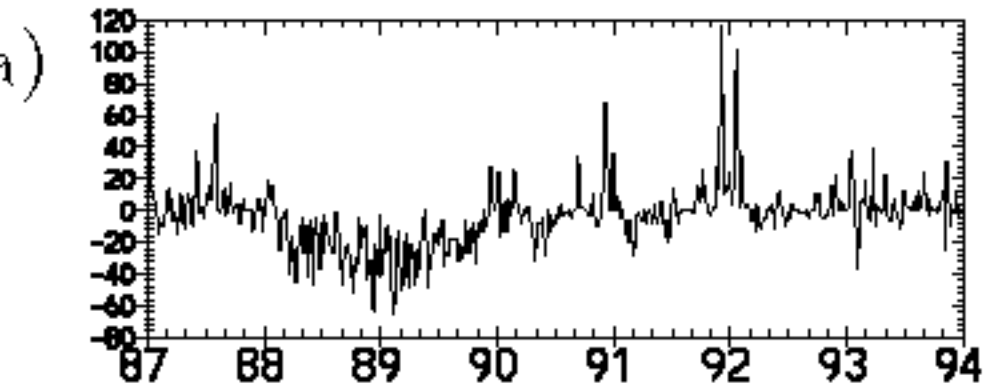
(c)



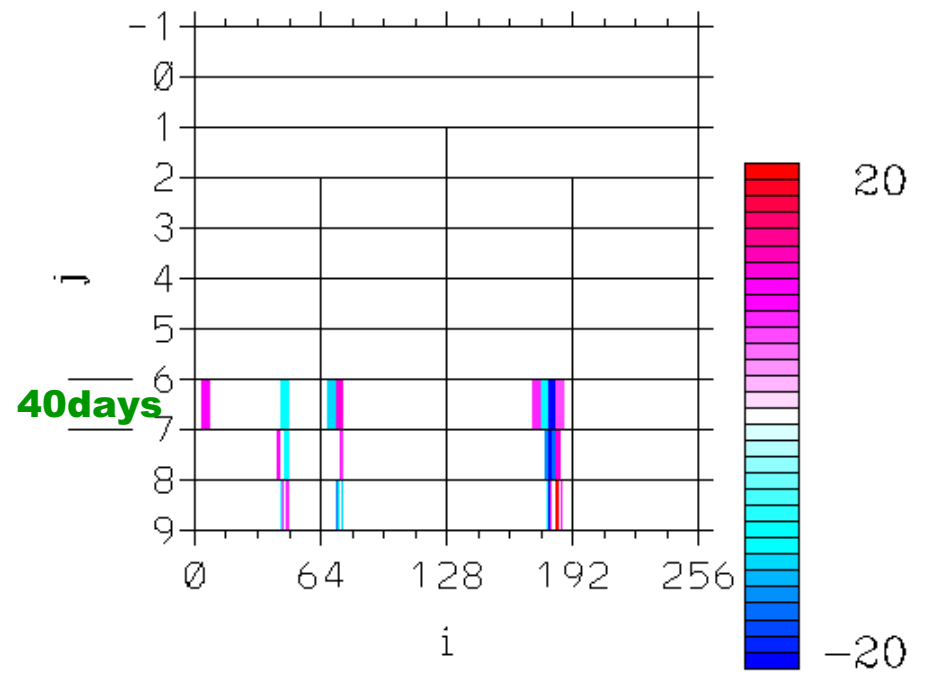
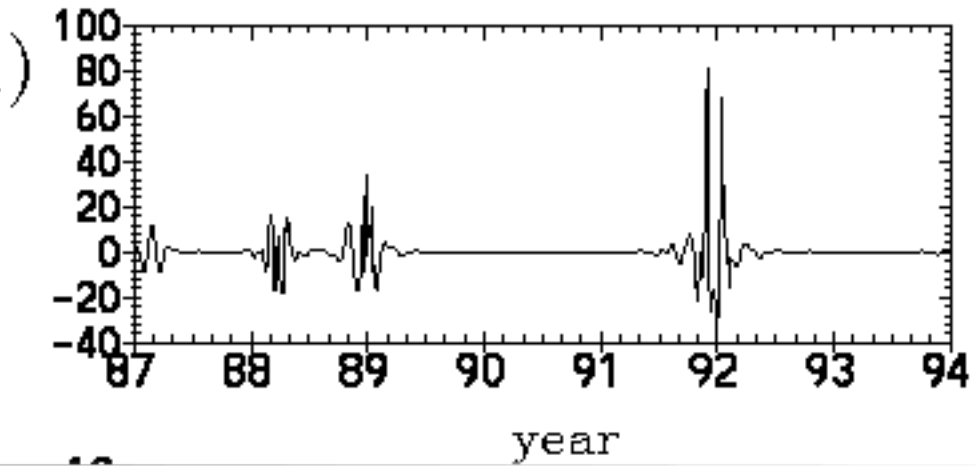
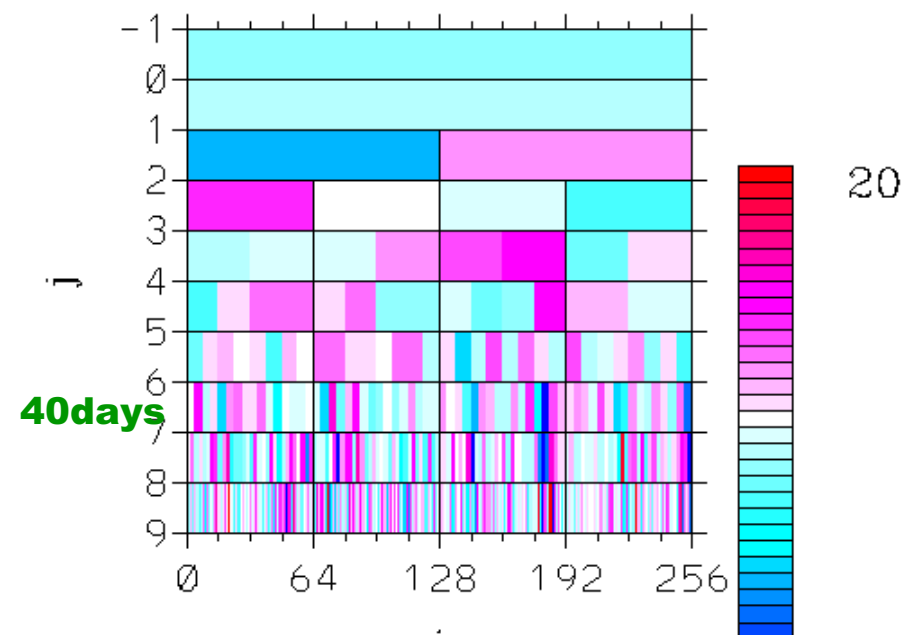
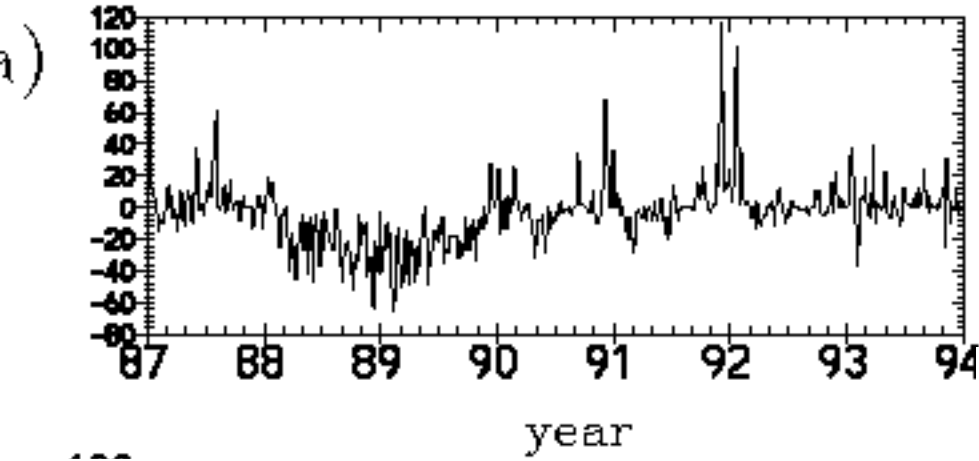
mesoscale

Extraction:

One-Dimensional Demonstration: Zonal Wind over Western Pacific:



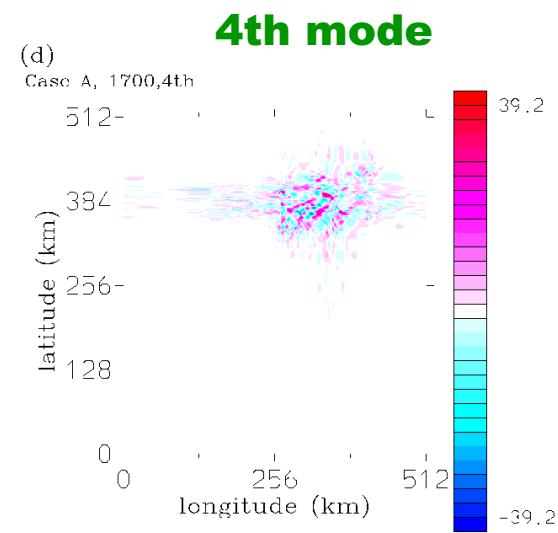
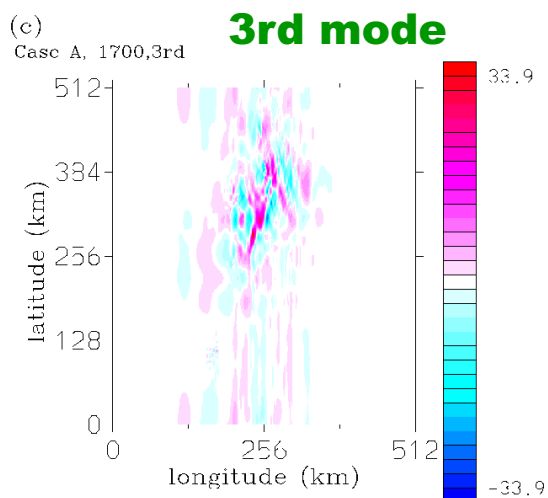
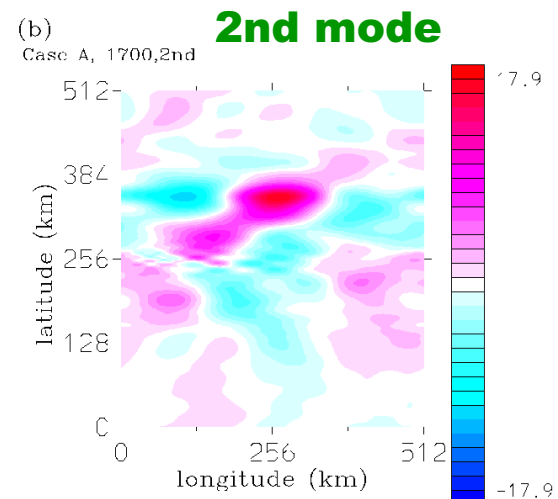
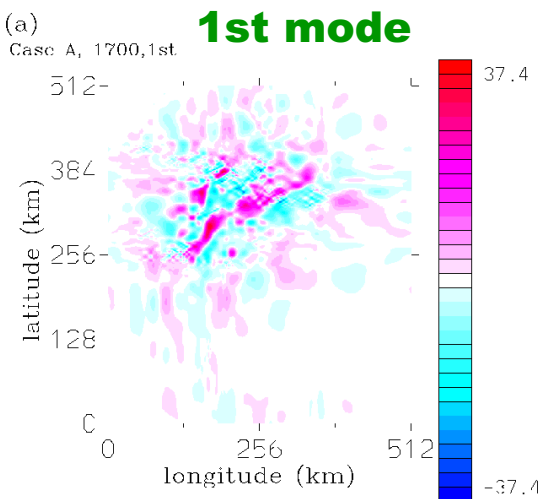
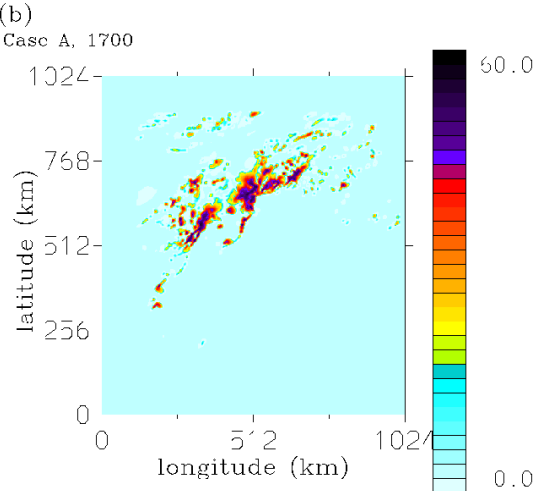
Extraction of Isolated Fe **One-Dimensional Demon** **Zonal Wind over Western**



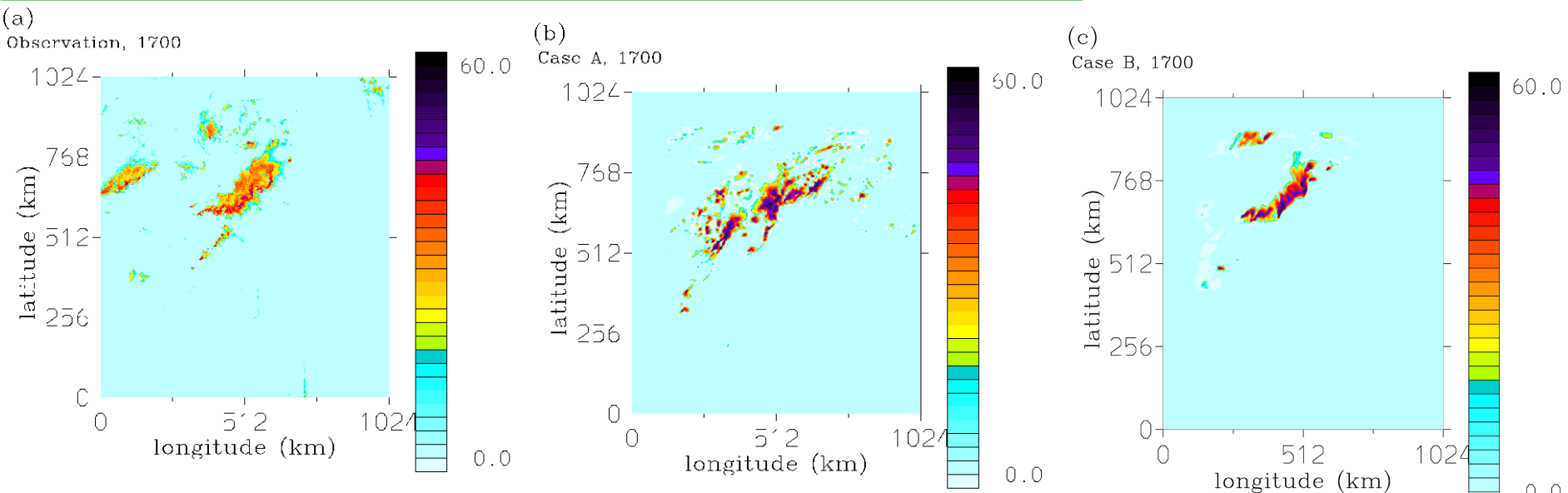
Extraction of Isolated Features:

Two-Dimensional Generalization:

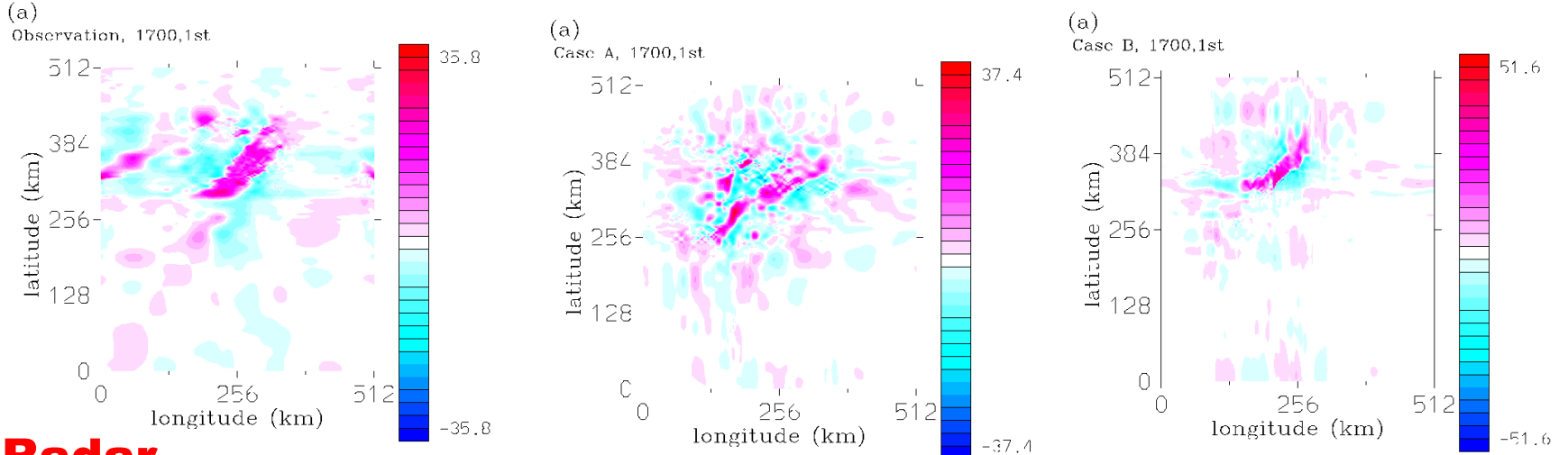
Conceptually Straightforward:



Extraction of Isolated Features:



1st Extracted Modes:



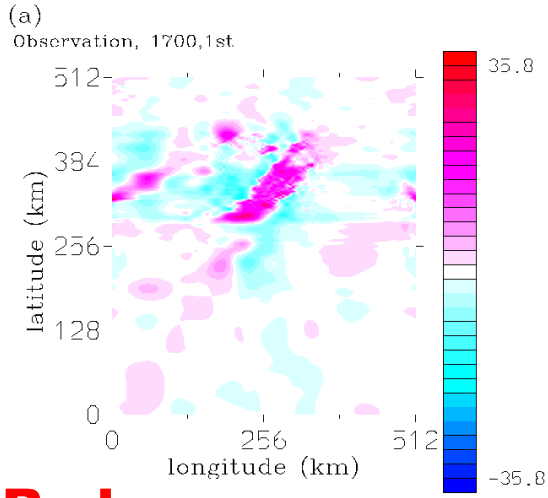
**Radar
Observation**

Forecast A

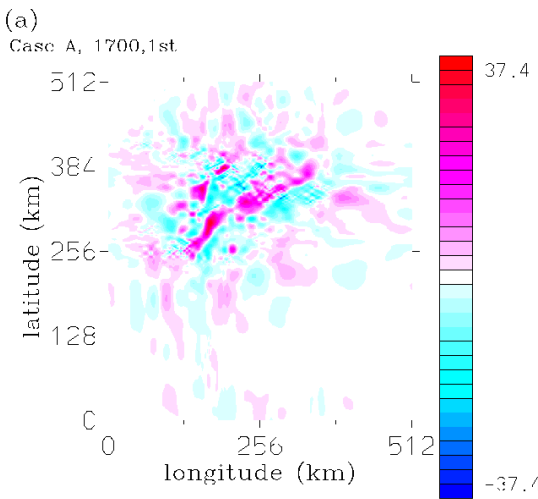
Forecast B

Extraction of Isolated Features:

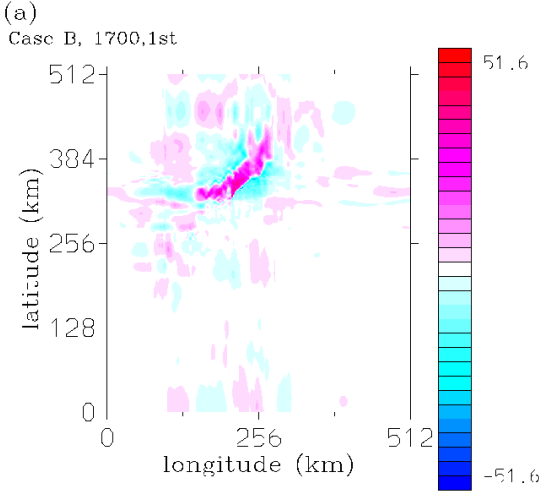
1st Extracted Modes:



**Radar
Observation**

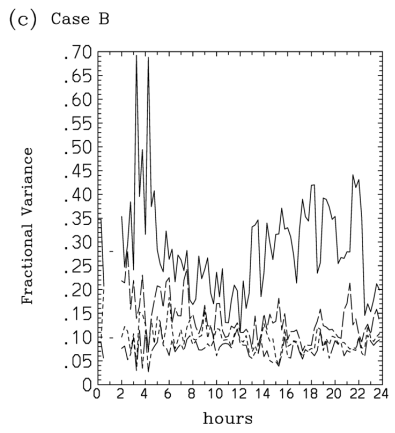
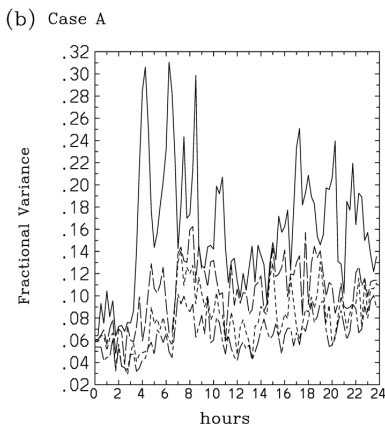
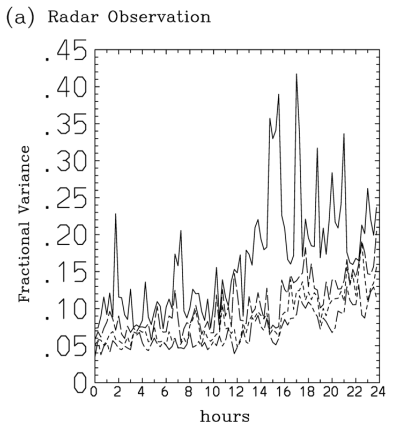


Forecast A



Forecast B

Explained Variance of First 4 Modes:



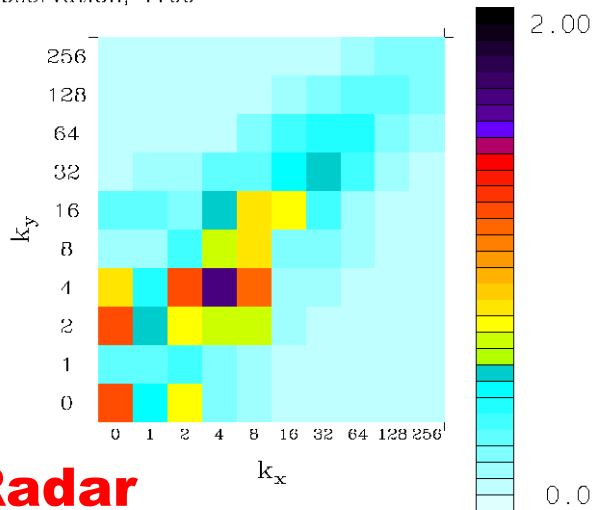
Fourier-Type Analysis:

Wavenumber-Spectrum Power:

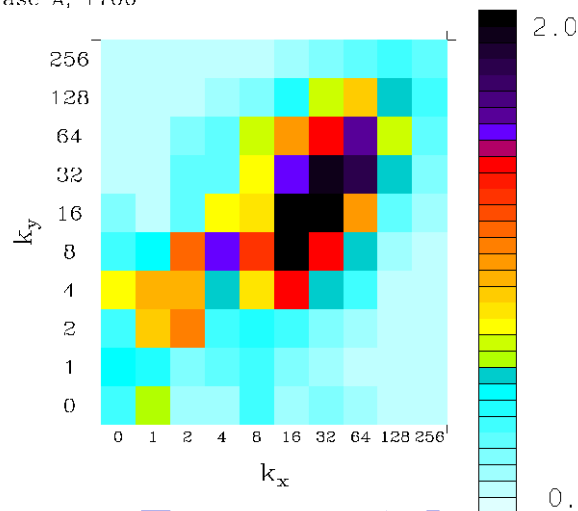
$$P(k_x, k_y) = \sum_{j_x=1}^{\max(1, k_x)} \sum_{j_y=1}^{\max(1, k_y)} \tilde{\varphi}_{i_x, i_y, j_x, j_y}^2$$

at 17:00

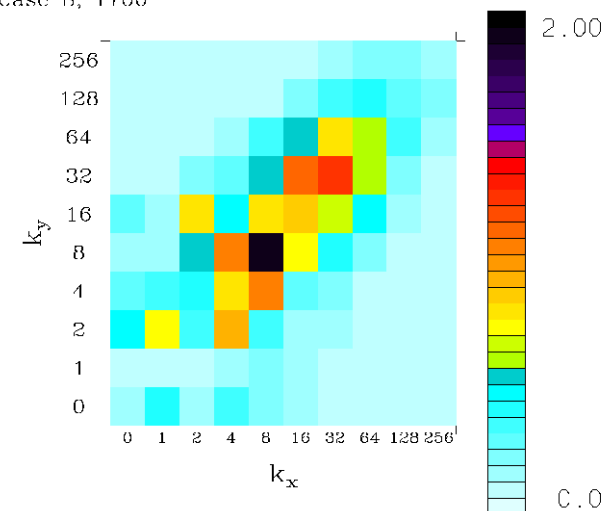
(a) Observation, 1700



(b) Case A, 1700



(c) Case B, 1700



**Radar
Observation**

Forecast A

Forecast B

Further Perspectives:

**Applications to the Standard
Fourier-Based Method for the
Intermittency Analyses:**

Just Replace Fourier by Wavelet

Advantage:

No Windowing Issue Any More

Summary

Wavelet:

- **Capacity of Quantifying the Intermittency effectively:**

- **Orthogonality and Completeness**
- **Automatic Windowing**
- **Many Options with Flexibility**

Q: What We Want to Quantify?

Further Possibility:

Careful Process Study in Wavelet Space

Bottom Line

Don't Use Continuous Wavelet

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Example of Process Study in Wavelet Space: **Energy-Conversion Cycle** (Yano et al. 2005, QJ):

