

Introduction to Data Assimilation, Subgrid-Scale Parameterization and Predictability

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Outline for Today

Subgrid-scale Parameterizations

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- Reynolds Averaging
- Energy Spectra
- Random Number Generation

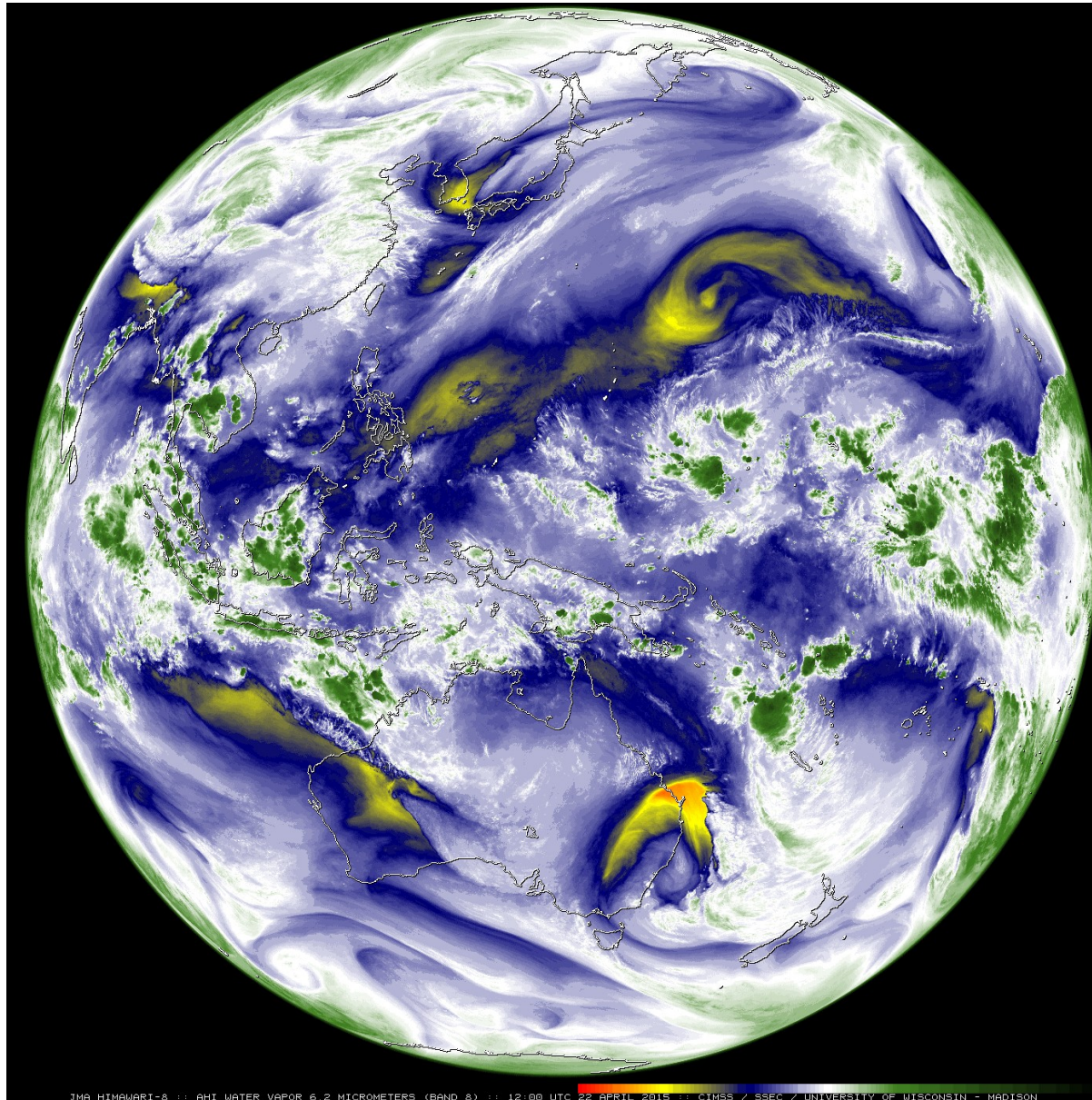


Climate Models

Explainity Video

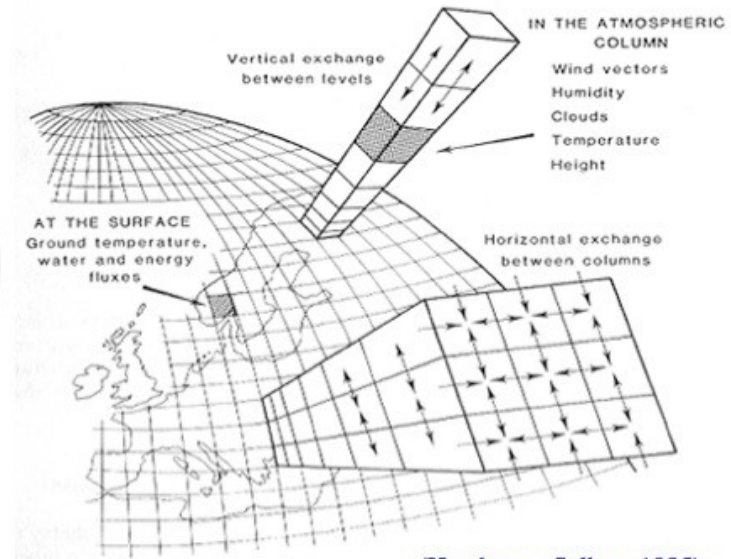
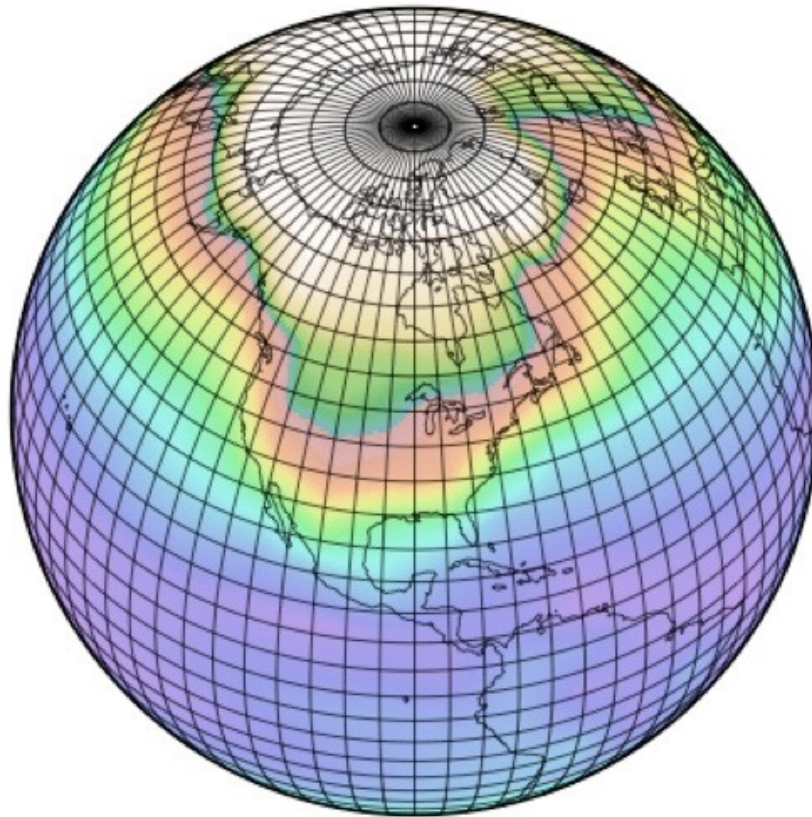


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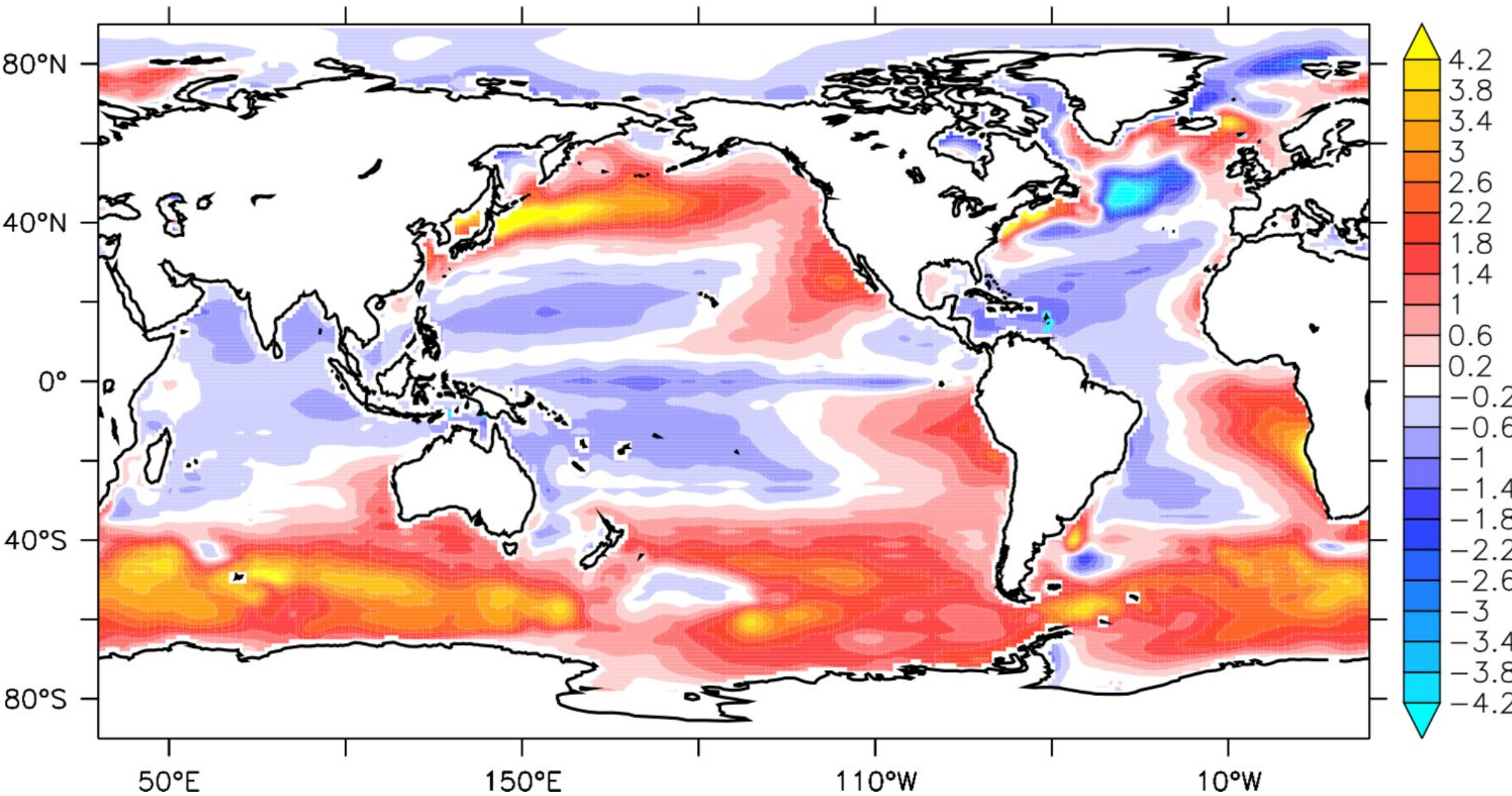
Climate Models

Grid Point Models



(Henderson-Sellers, 1985)

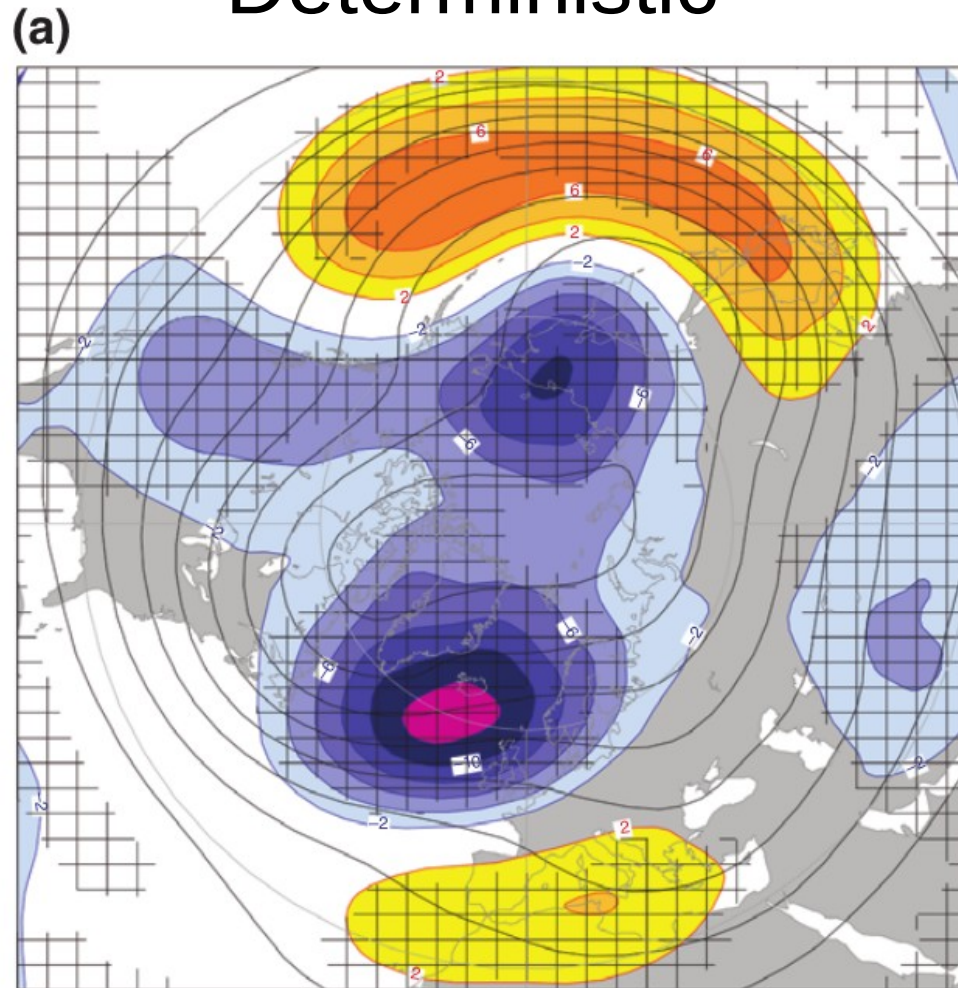
SST Bias



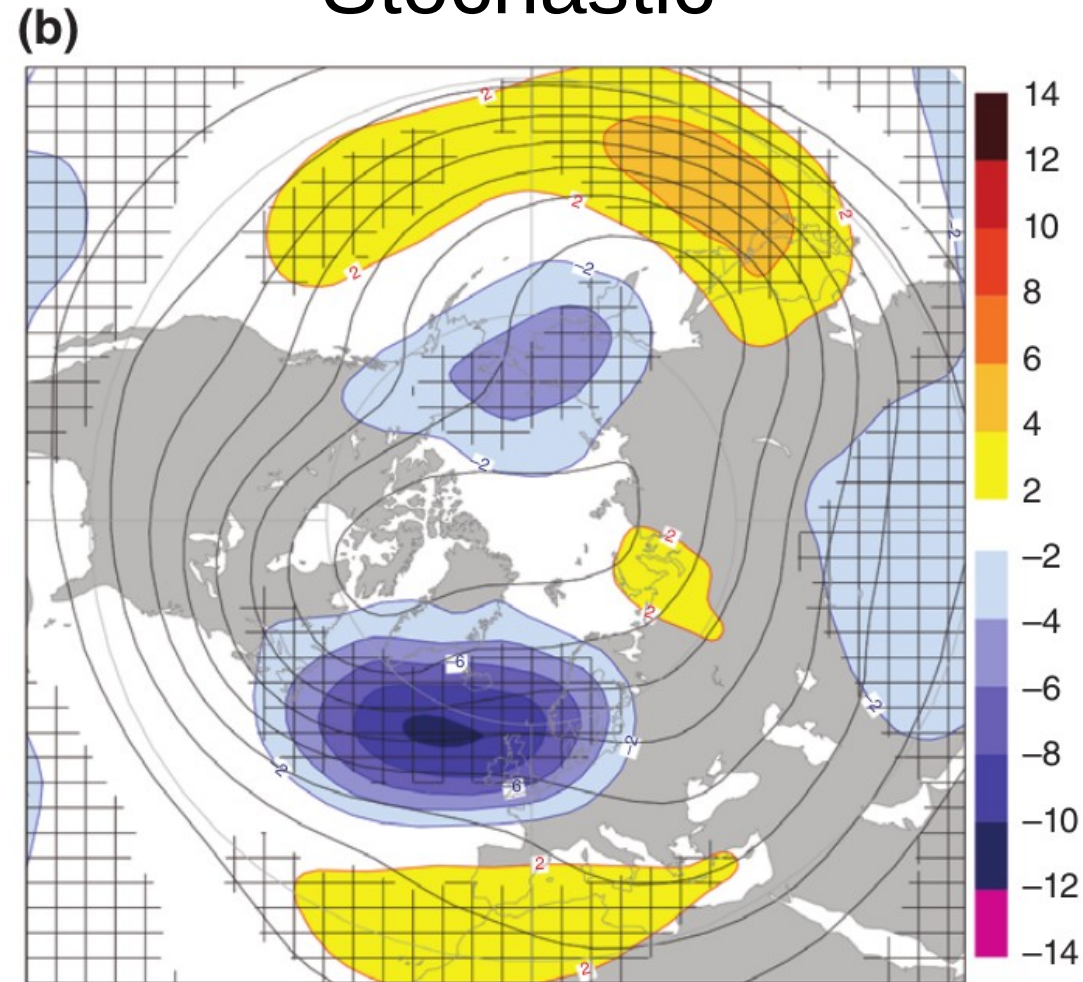
Annual-mean SST difference between a long EC-Earth control run and the WOA09 climatology

Atmospheric Bias

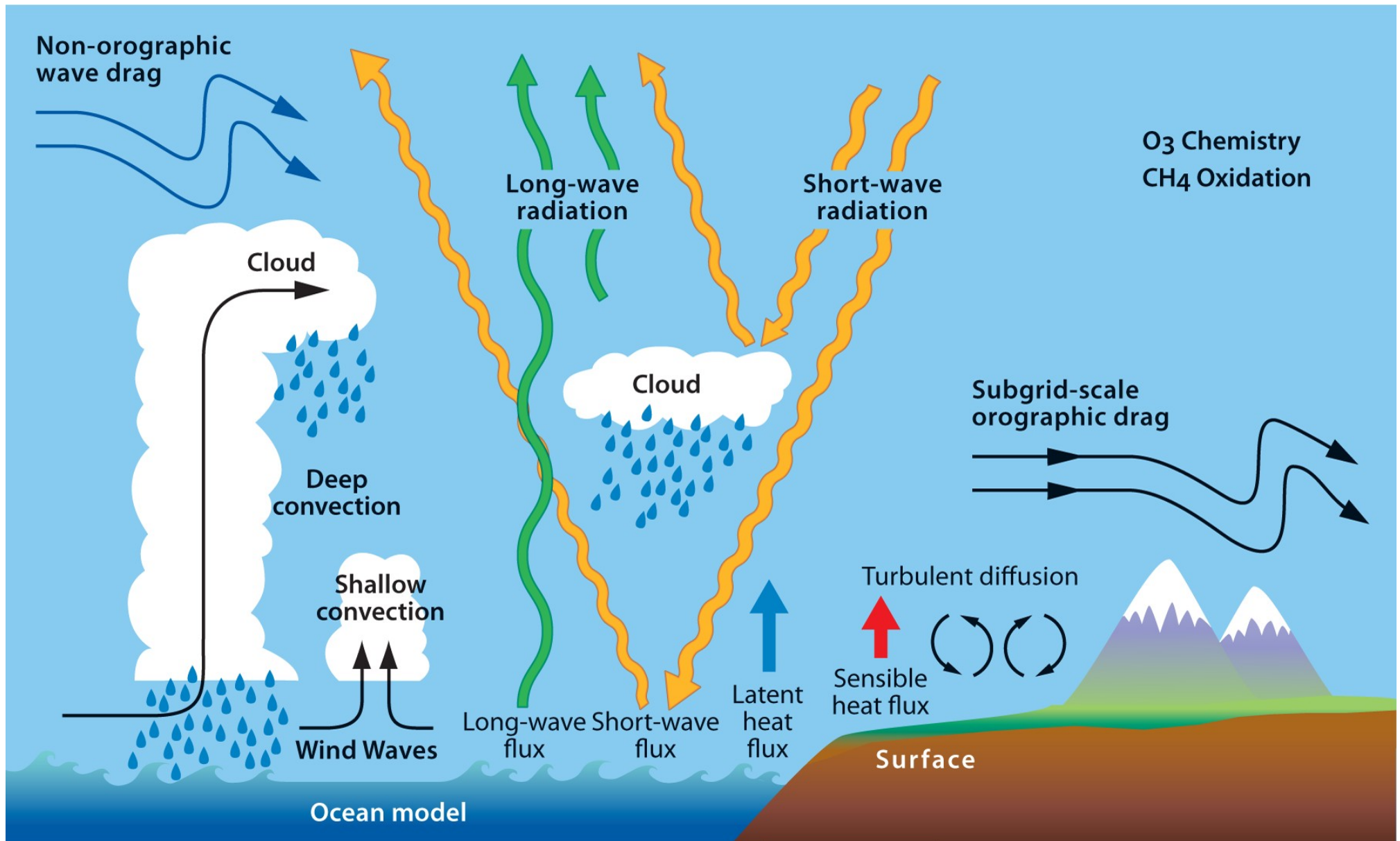
Deterministic



Stochastic



Subgrid-Scale Parameterizations



The closure problem



The closure problem

Decomposing the velocity field into mean and fluctuating components

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

$$\overline{u'} = 0$$

The closure problem

Reynolds Averaging:

Consider $\frac{du}{dt} + uu + ru = 0$

Averaging $\frac{d\bar{u}}{dt} + \bar{u}\bar{u} + r\bar{u} = 0$

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

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$$\bar{u}\bar{u} = \bar{u}\bar{u} + \overline{u'u'} \neq 0$$

The closure problem

Obtain equation for \overline{uu}

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d\overline{u^2}}{dt} + \overline{uuu} + r\overline{u^2} = 0$$

Triple term

Continue ...

$$\frac{d\overline{u^3}}{dt} + \overline{uuuu} + \dots = 0$$

Deterministic Parameterizations

Zeroth order closure: $\overline{u' u'} = 0$

K-Theory: $\overline{u' u'} = K \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x}$

Second order closure:

$$\overline{u' u' u'} = K' \frac{\partial \overline{u' u'}}{\partial x}$$

Energy Spectra



Energy Spectra

Triad Interactions

$$\frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t} + J(\psi, \zeta) = F + \nu \nabla^2 \psi, \quad \zeta = \nabla^2 \psi.$$

Fourier Decomposition

$$\psi(x, y, t) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \tilde{\psi}(\mathbf{k}, t) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}}, \quad \zeta(x, y, t) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \tilde{\zeta}(\mathbf{k}, t) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}},$$

Energy Spectra

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \tilde{\psi}(\mathbf{k}, t) = \sum_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} A(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \tilde{\psi}(\mathbf{p}, t) \tilde{\psi}(\mathbf{q}, t) + \tilde{F}(\mathbf{k}) - \nu k^4 \tilde{\psi}(\mathbf{k}, t),$$

Triad Interactions

Only $A(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = (q^2 / k^2)(p^x q^y - p^y q^x) \delta(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{k})$

$$\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{k}$$

Energy Spectra

Triad Interactions

- (i) Local interactions, in which $k \sim p \sim q$;
- (ii) Nonlocal interactions, in which $k \sim p \gg q$.

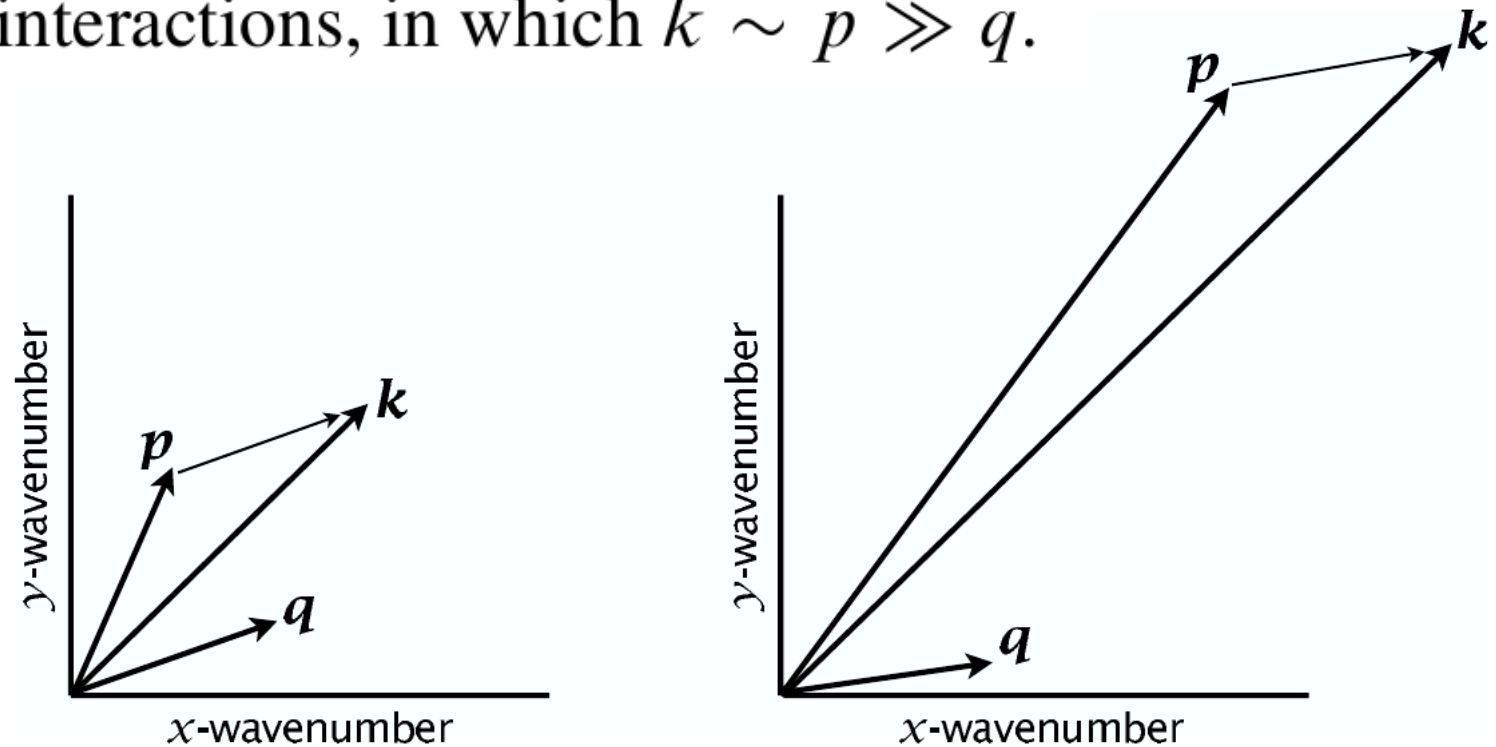
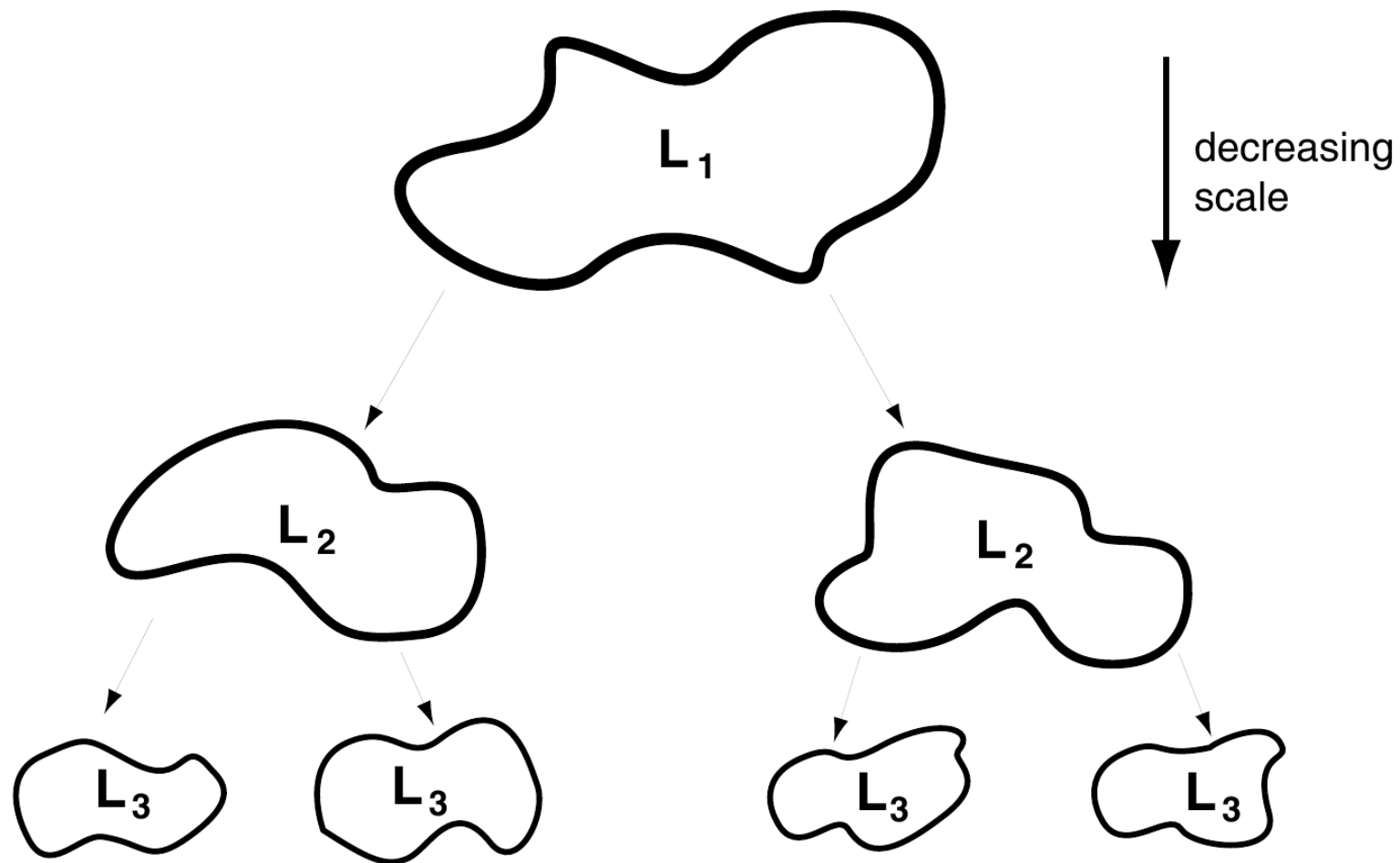


Fig. 8.1 Two interacting triads, each with $k = p + q$. On the left, a local triad with $k \sim p \sim q$. On the right, a nonlocal triad with $k \sim p \gg q$.

Energy Spectra

Energy cascade



Energy Spectra

Energy (3d turbulence)

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{E} &= \int E \, dV = \frac{1}{2} \int (u^2 + v^2 + w^2) \, dV \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum (|\tilde{u}|^2 + |\tilde{v}|^2 + |\tilde{w}|^2) \, d\mathbf{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{E} \equiv \int \mathcal{E}(k) \, dk$$

Energy Spectra

Dimensions and the Kolmogorov Spectrum

Quantity	Dimension
Wavenumber, k	$1/L$
Energy per unit mass, E	$U^2 = L^2/T^2$
Energy spectrum, $\mathcal{E}(k)$	$EL = L^3/T^2$
Energy Flux, ε	$E/T = L^2/T^3$

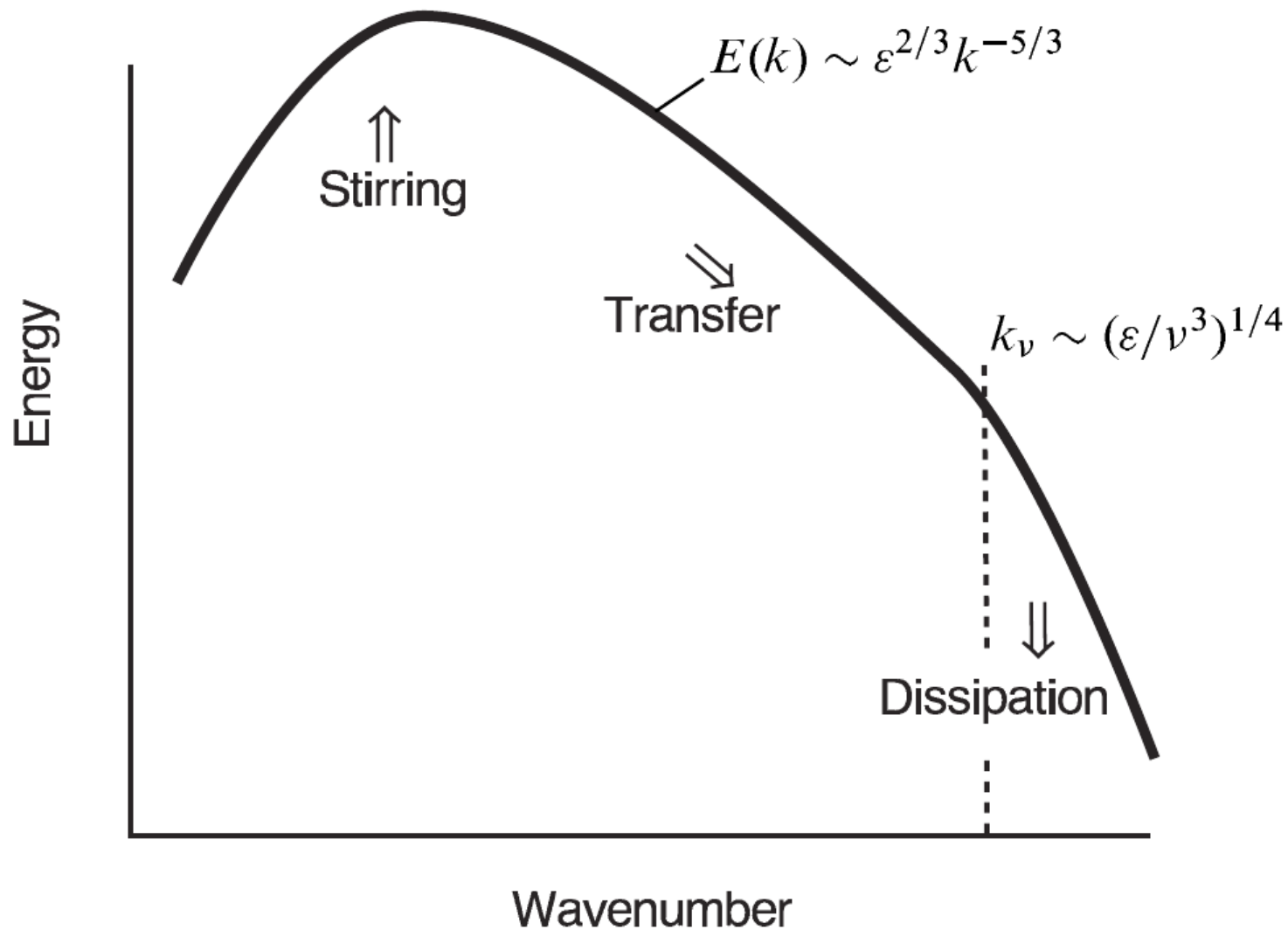
If $\mathcal{E} = f(\varepsilon, k)$ then the only dimensionally consistent relation for the energy spectrum is

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{K} \varepsilon^{2/3} k^{-5/3}$$

where \mathcal{K} is a dimensionless constant.

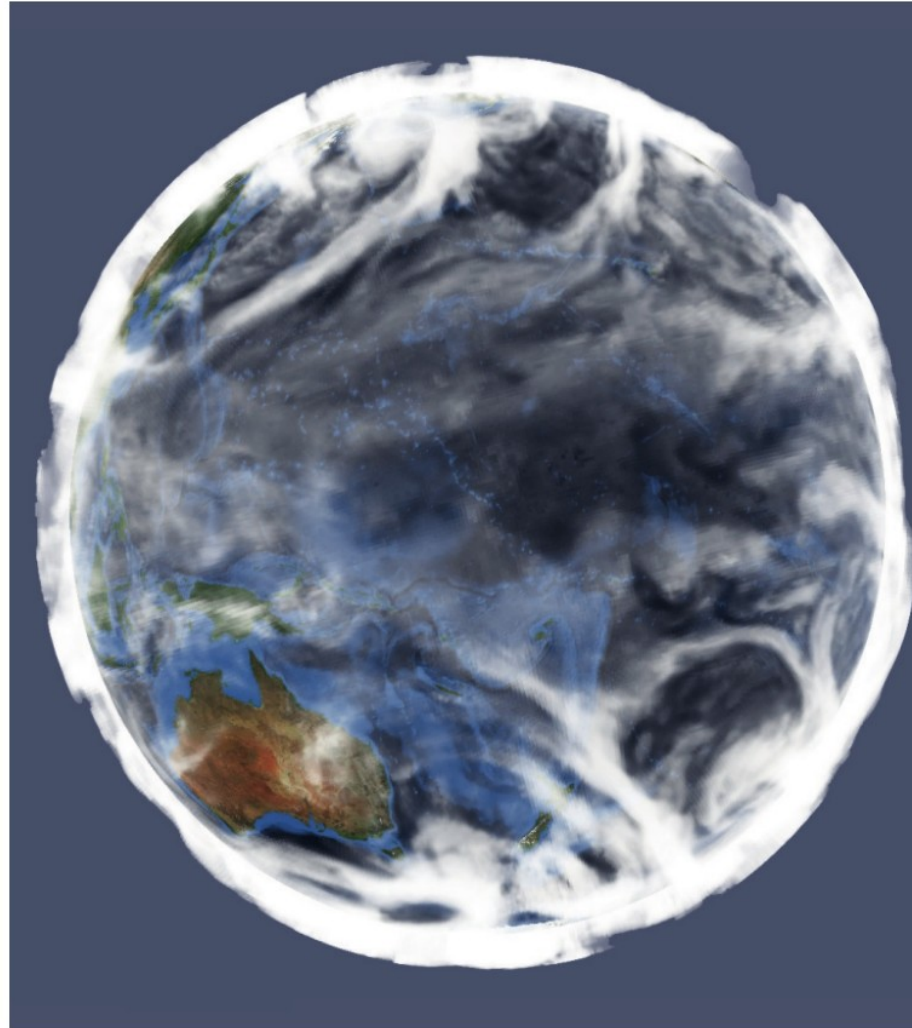
Buckingham π theorem

Energy Spectra



Energy Spectra

Two Dimensional Turbulence



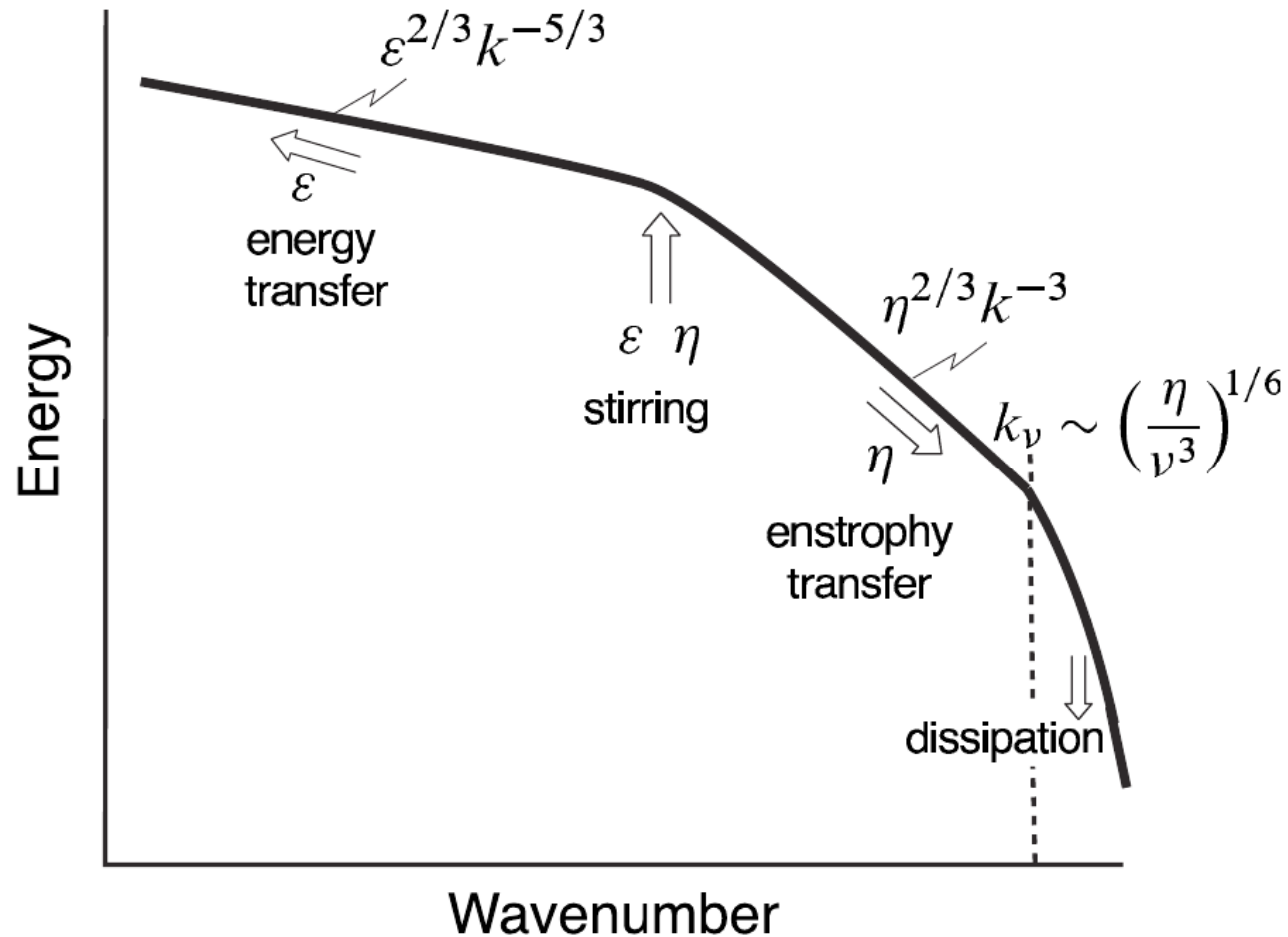
Energy Spectra

Two Dimensional Turbulence

Conservation of Energy and Enstrophy
→ different from 3d turbulence

Energy Spectra

Two Dimensional Turbulence



Energy Spectra

- Most traditional schemes are overly damping
- Neglecting upscale injection of energy
→ Backscatter
- Need for Stochastic Backscatter schemes

Random Number Generator

How do we generate random numbers?

Random Number Generator

Pseudo-Random Numbers:

Linear congruential pseudo random number
Generator:

These have the recursive form

$$X_{n+1} = (aX_n + b) \pmod{c}$$

Seed X_0

Uniform distributed: $U_n = \frac{X_n}{c}$

Random Number Generator

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c should be chosen as large as possible
Perhaps as power of 2

That is not a recommended RNG!

Random Number Generator

How to generate Gaussian distributed random numbers?

Random Number Generator

Box-Muller Method

$$N_1 = \sqrt{-2 \ln(U_1)} \cos(2 \pi U_2)$$

$$N_2 = \sqrt{-2 \ln(U_1)} \sin(2 \pi U_2)$$

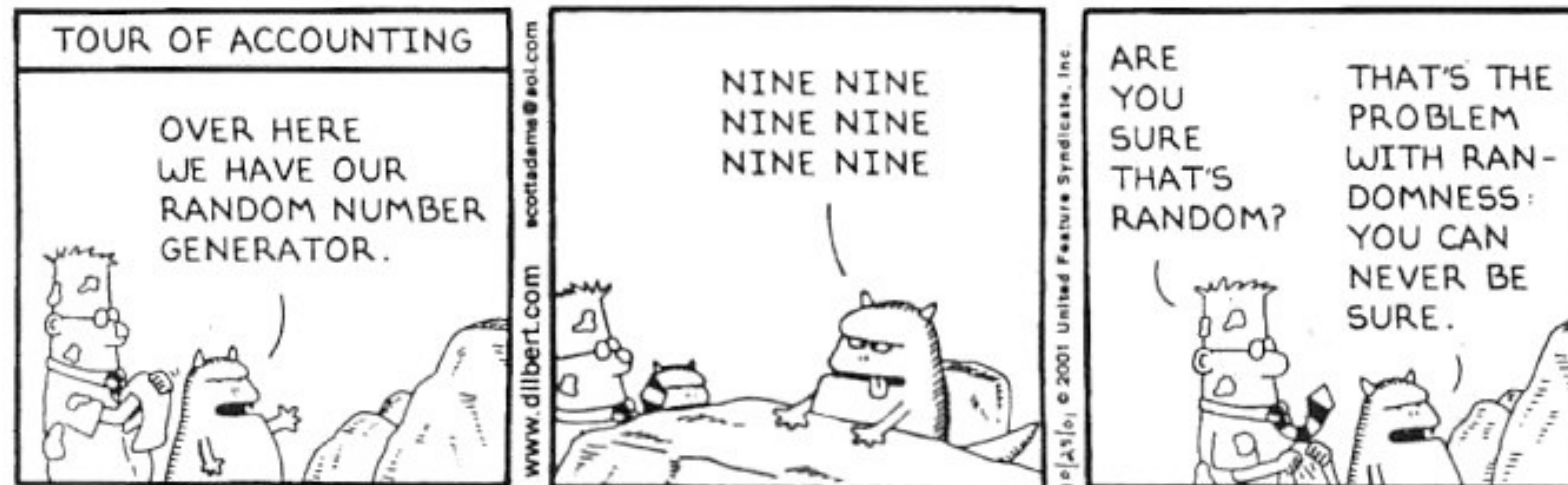
U1, U2: Uniform random numbers

N1, N2: Gaussian random numbers

Random Number Generator

How to check the randomness?

DILBERT By SCOTT ADAMS



Random Number Generator

How to check the randomness?

Check distribution

Check autocorrelation

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diehard_tests

Random Number Generator

Mersenne Twister

- very long period of $2^{19937} - 1$.
- It passes numerous tests for statistical randomness, including the Diehard tests.

Used by R, Python, Matlab, ...

GCC uses different PRNG

Random Number Generator

Exercise:

Write a Random Number Generator

$$X_{n+1} = (aX_n + b) \bmod c$$

$$U_n = \frac{X_n}{c}$$

1) $a=11, b=0, c=2^2$

2) $a=65539, b=0, c=2^{31}$