

# Data Assimilation in the Boussinesq Approximation for Mantle Convection

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*“All models are wrong, but some are useful.”*

– George Box

# Section 1: Introduction

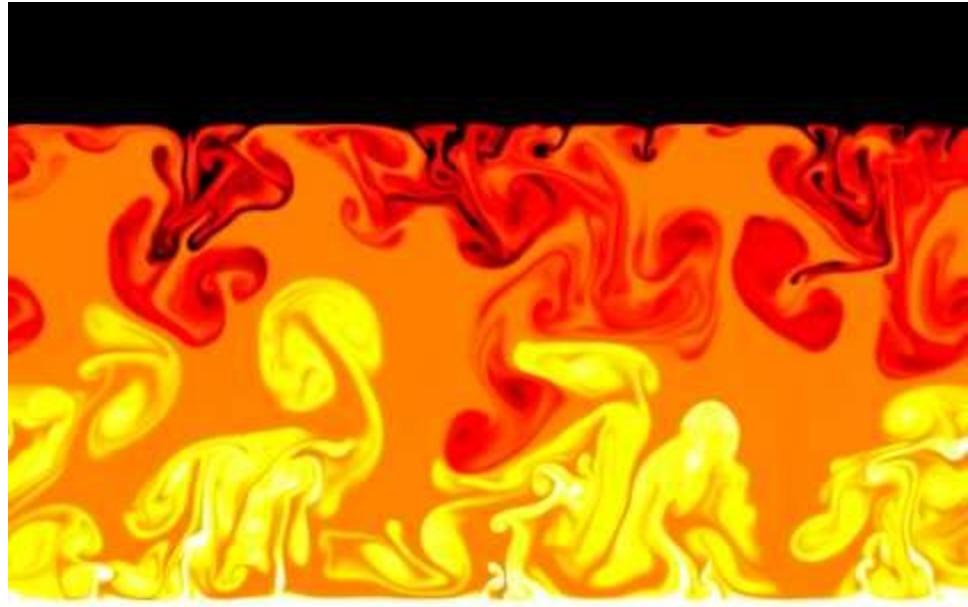
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# Rayleigh-Bénard Convection

Problem:

When placed between a hot plate and a cold plate, how does temperature diffuse through a fluid?

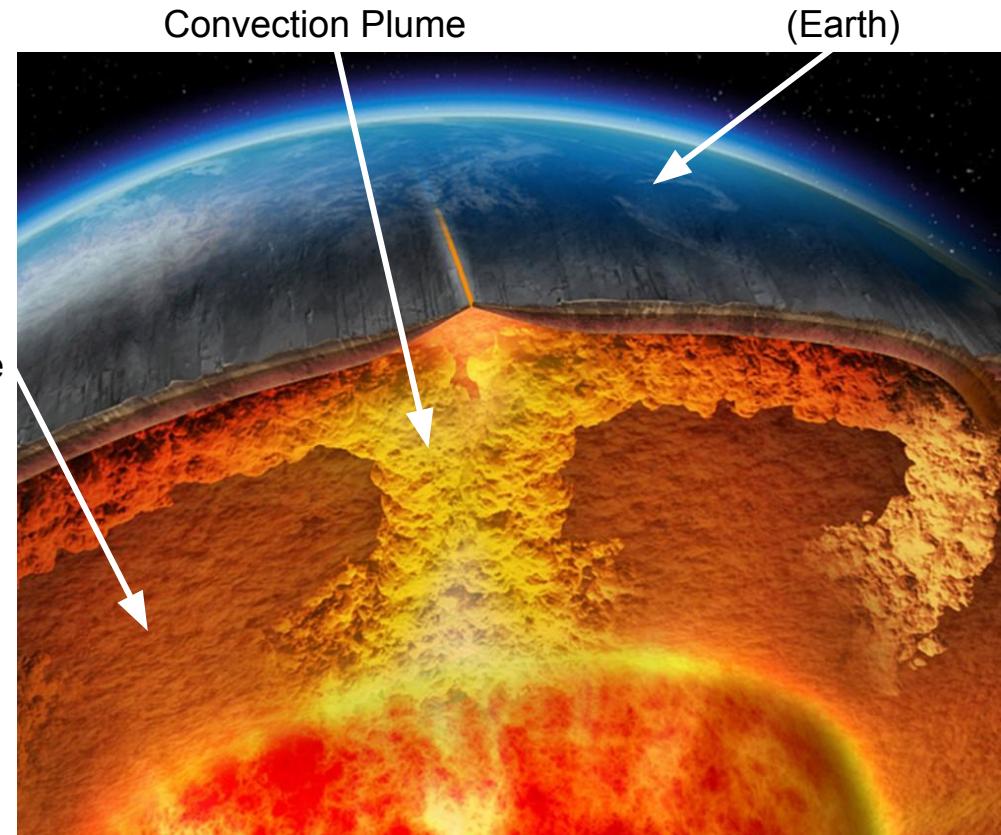
How does the temperature flow affect the movement of mass throughout the system?



# Mantle Convection

How is the mantle different from other kinds of convective systems?

- Extremely Viscous
- Geologic Time Scales
- Periodic Domain



# Boussinesq Equations

$$\partial_t \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} - \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} = -\nabla p + g \mathbf{e}_3 T$$

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Kinematic Viscosity      Pressure      Gravity

$$\underline{\mathbf{u}} = 0$$

Fluid Velocity       $\nabla \cdot \underline{\mathbf{u}}$       Temperature

$$\partial_t \underline{T} + \underline{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla \underline{T} = \underline{\kappa} \Delta \underline{T}$$

Thermal Diffusivity

# Boussinesq Equations

$$\frac{1}{\text{Pr}} [\partial_t \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}] - \Delta \mathbf{u} = -\nabla p + \text{Ra} \mathbf{e}_3 T$$

$$\text{Ra} = \frac{g\alpha}{\nu\kappa} (\delta T) h^3$$

$$\text{Pr} = \frac{\nu}{\kappa}$$

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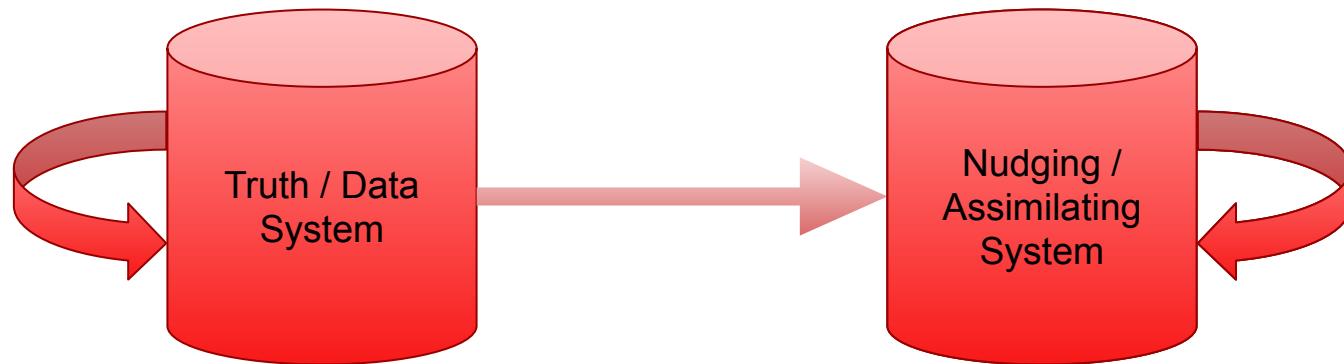
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# Data Assimilation



# Data Assimilation Problem (Infinite Prandtl)

Data Equations

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Assimilating Equations

$$-\Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}} = -\nabla \tilde{p} + \text{Rae}_3 \tilde{T}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{u}} = 0$$

$$\partial_t \tilde{T} + \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla \tilde{T} = \Delta \tilde{T} - \mu P_N(\tilde{T} - T)$$

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$$f = \sum_{n=-N}^N f_n e^{int}$$

Relaxation  
Parameter

Driving Term

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# Previous Work: Rayleigh-Bénard Data Assimilation

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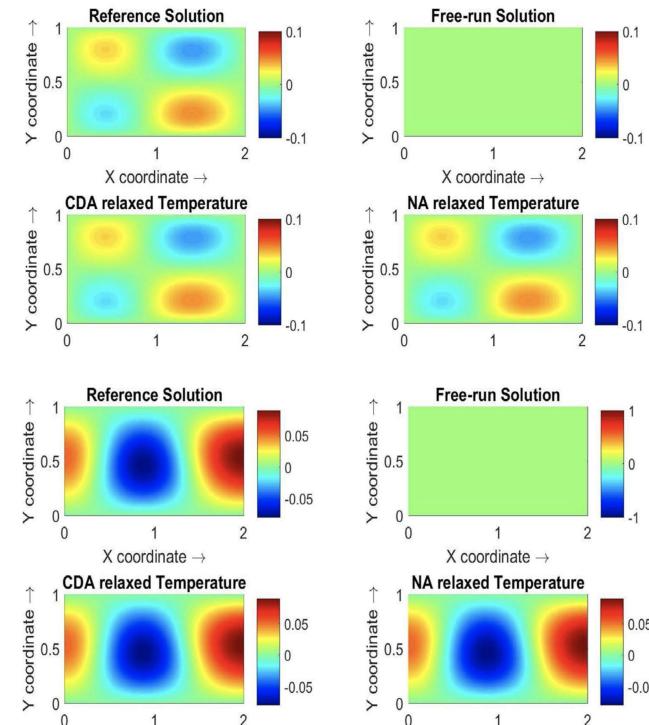


ORIGINAL PAPER

## Downscaling the 2D Bénard convection equations using continuous data assimilation

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- Compares two types of projection schemes
- Limited numerics on a nonturbulent state
- Nudging equations for temperature **and** velocity



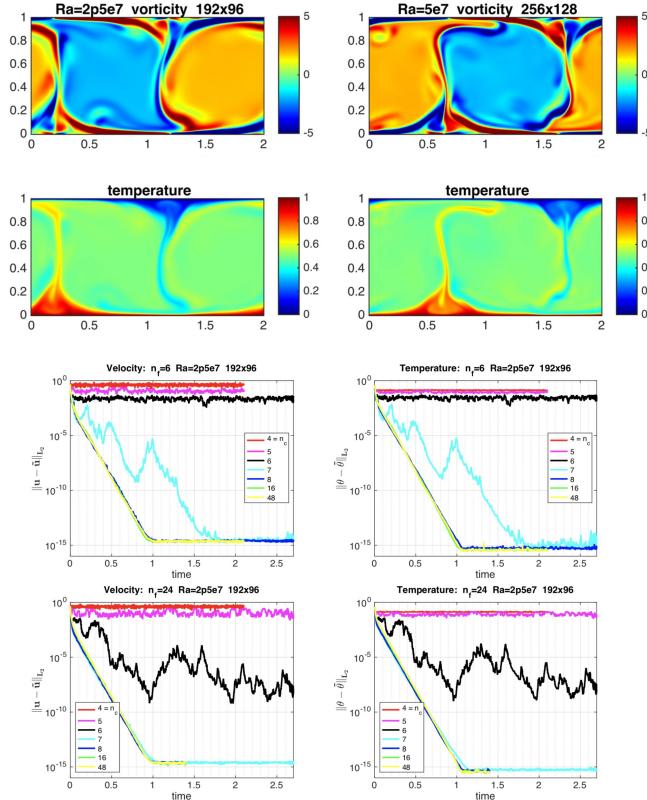
# Previous Work: Rayleigh-Bénard Data Assimilation

## ASSIMILATION OF NEARLY TURBULENT RAYLEIGH-BÉNARD FLOW THROUGH VORTICITY OR LOCAL CIRCULATION MEASUREMENTS: A COMPUTATIONAL STUDY

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**ABSTRACT.** We introduce a continuous (downscaling) data assimilation algorithm for the 2D Bénard convection problem using vorticity or local circulation measurements only. In this algorithm, a nudging term is added to the vorticity equation to constrain the model. Our numerical results indicate that the approximate solution of the algorithm is converging to the unknown reference solution (vorticity and temperature) corresponding to the measurements of the 2D Bénard convection problem when only spatial coarse-grain measurements of vorticity are assimilated. Moreover, this convergence is realized using data which is much more coarse than the resolution needed to satisfy rigorous analytical estimates.

- Compares number of projection nodes in each direction, always with  $\mu = 1 = \text{Pr}$
- Nudging on the vorticity and local circulation
- Bound  $\mu \geq C(\text{Ra}^{3/2})$  is not very sharp



## Section 2: Infinite Prandtl Assimilation

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# Infinite Prandtl Assimilation

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# Infinite Prandtl Assimilation: Theorem

**Theorem 2.6** (Infinite Prandtl Synchronization). *Let  $(\mathbf{u}, T)$  and  $(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \tilde{T})$  satisfy the infinite-Prandtl Boussinesq data assimilation problem, and suppose that  $\|T_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)}, \|\tilde{T}_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq M$  for some  $M > 0$ . Then there exists an absolute constant  $C_0 > 0$  such that if*

$$\frac{1}{2}\lambda_N \geq \mu \quad \text{and} \quad \mu \geq \frac{C_0}{2}Ra^2,$$

*then*

$$\|(\tilde{T} - T)(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + Ra^{-2}\|(\tilde{\mathbf{u}} - \mathbf{u})(t)\|_{H^2(\Omega)}^2 \in O(e^{-\mu t})$$

*for all  $t \geq 0$ .*

# Infinite Prandtl Assimilation: Proof

$$-\Delta \mathbf{w} = -\nabla q + \text{Rae}_3 S$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{w} = \tilde{\mathbf{u}} - \mathbf{u}$$

$$\partial_t S + \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla S + \mathbf{w} \cdot \nabla T = \Delta S - \mu P_N(S)$$

$$S = \tilde{T} - T$$

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$$S(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \tilde{T}_0(\mathbf{x}) - T_0(\mathbf{x})$$

# Infinite Prandtl Assimilation: Proof

$$\|\mathbf{w}\|_{H^2(\Omega)} + \|q\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq C \|\text{Rae}_3 S\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

# Infinite Prandtl Assimilation: Proof

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|S\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \|\nabla S\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \mu \|P_N(S)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 = - \int_{\Omega} (\mathbf{w} \cdot \nabla T) S \, d\mathbf{x}$$

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} (\mathbf{w} \cdot \nabla T) S \, d\mathbf{x} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \|\nabla S(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + C \text{Ra}^2 (1 + \|\eta(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2) \|S(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \|\nabla S\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \mu \|P_N(S)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \geq \mu \|S\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|S(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + 2 \left( \mu - C \text{Ra}^2 (1 + \|\eta(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2) \right) \|S(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq 0$$

# Infinite Prandtl Assimilation: Proof

$$\begin{aligned}\|S(t)\|^2 &\leq \|S(0)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \exp \left( -2\mu t + C \text{Ra}^2 \int_0^t (1 + \|\eta(s)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2) ds \right) \\ &\leq \|S(0)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \exp \left( C_0 \text{Ra}^2 \left( \|T_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + 1 \right) \right) \exp(-\mu t)\end{aligned}$$

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# Section 3: Numerical Simulations

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# Reduction to 2 Dimensions

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\psi_{x_3} \\ \psi_{x_1} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = -\psi_{x_3 x_1} + \psi_{x_1 x_3} = 0$$
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{u} = \partial_{x_1} u_3 - \partial_{x_3} u_1 = \psi_{x_1 x_1} + \psi_{x_3 x_3} = \Delta \psi = \zeta$$
$$\nabla \times ((\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}) = (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)(\nabla \times \mathbf{u})$$

## Reduction to 2 Dimensions

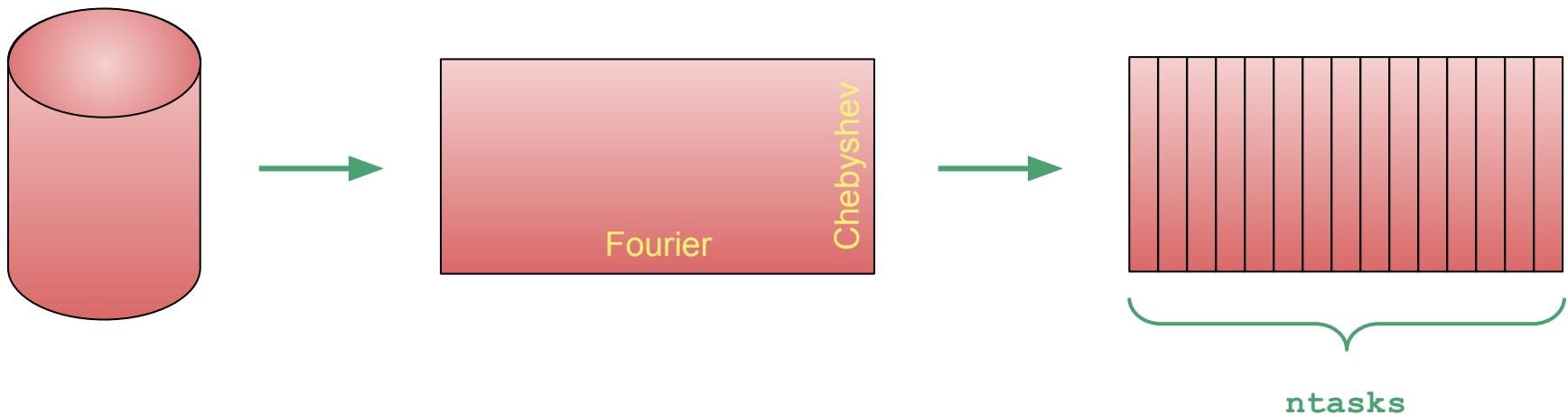
$$\nabla \times (-\Delta \mathbf{u}) = \nabla \times (-\nabla p + \text{Ra} \mathbf{e}_3 T)$$

$$-\Delta(\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) = -(\nabla \times \nabla p) + \text{Ra}(\nabla \times \mathbf{e}_3 T)$$

$$-\Delta(\Delta \psi) = \text{Ra}(T_{x_1} - 0)$$

$$-\Delta \zeta = \text{Ra} T_{x_1}$$

# Dedalus: A Flexible Spectral Solver



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import numpy as np
from dedalus import public as de

x_basis = de.Fourier('x', 256, interval=(0, 4), dealias=3/2)
z_basis = de.Chebyshev('z', 128, interval=(0, 1), dealias=3/2)
domain = de.Domain([x_basis, z_basis], grid_dtype=np.float64)

problem = de.IVP(domain, variables=['T', 'Tz', 'psi', 'psiz', 'zeta', 'zetaz'])
problem.parameters['Ra'] = 10000
problem.substitutions['u1'] = "-dz(psi)"
problem.substitutions['u3'] = "dx(psi)"
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# Dedalus: A Flexible Spectral Solver

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problem.add_equation("Tz - dz(T) = 0")
problem.add_equation("psiz - dz(psi) = 0")
problem.add_equation("zeta_z - dz(zeta) = 0")
problem.add_equation("zeta - dx(dx(psi)) - dz(psiz) = 0")
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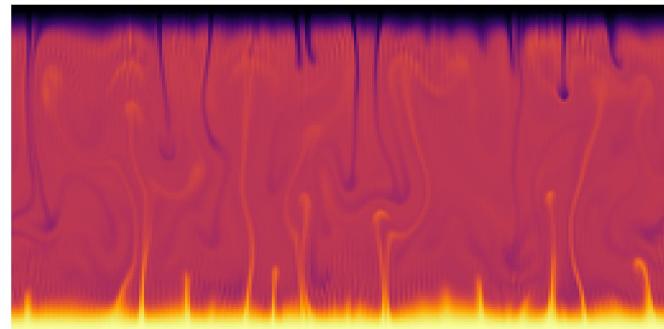
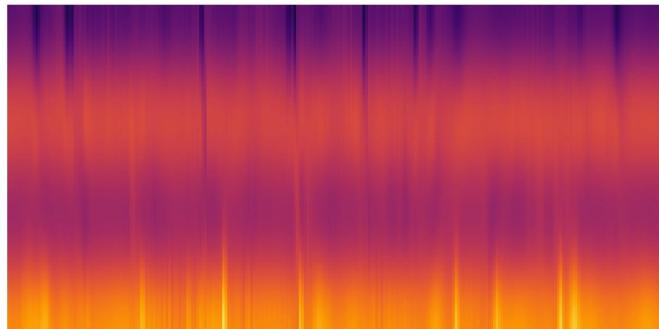
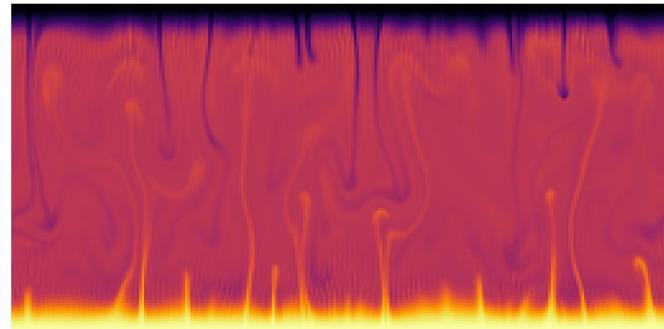
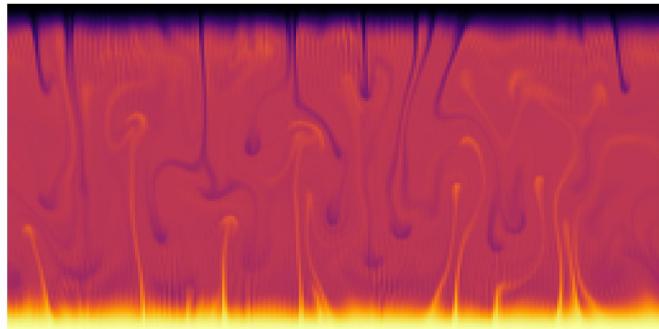
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problem.add_equation("Ra*dx(T) + dx(dx(zeta)) + dz(zeta_z) = 0")
problem.add_equation("dt(T) - dx(dx(T)) - dz(Tz) = -u1*dx(T) - u3*Tz")
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# Dedalus: A Flexible Spectral Solver

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problem.add_bc("left(T) = 1")
problem.add_bc("right(T) = 0")
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problem.add_bc("left(psiz) = 0")
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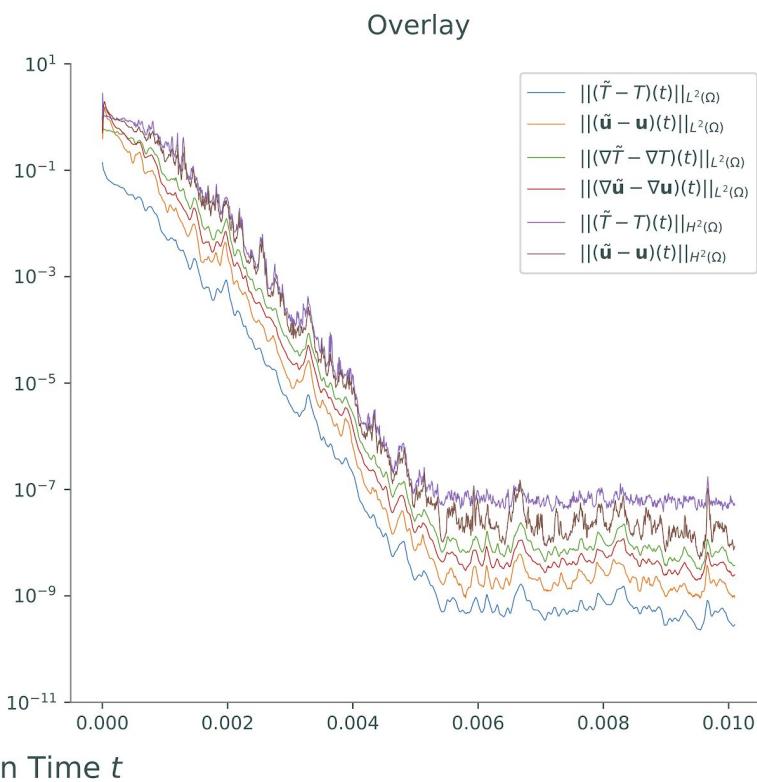
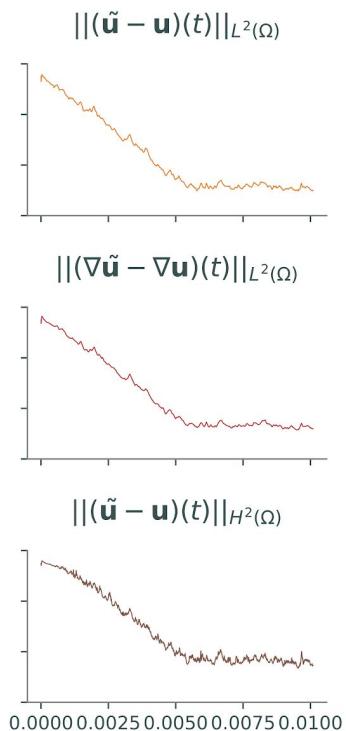
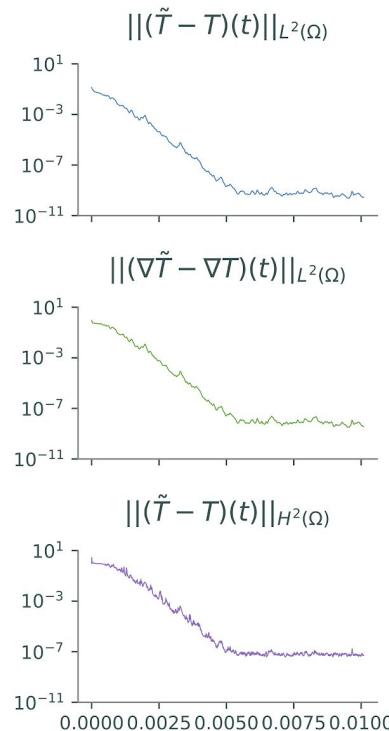
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$\text{Ra} = 5.22\text{e}7$ ,  $\mu = 12700$ ,  $N = 32$



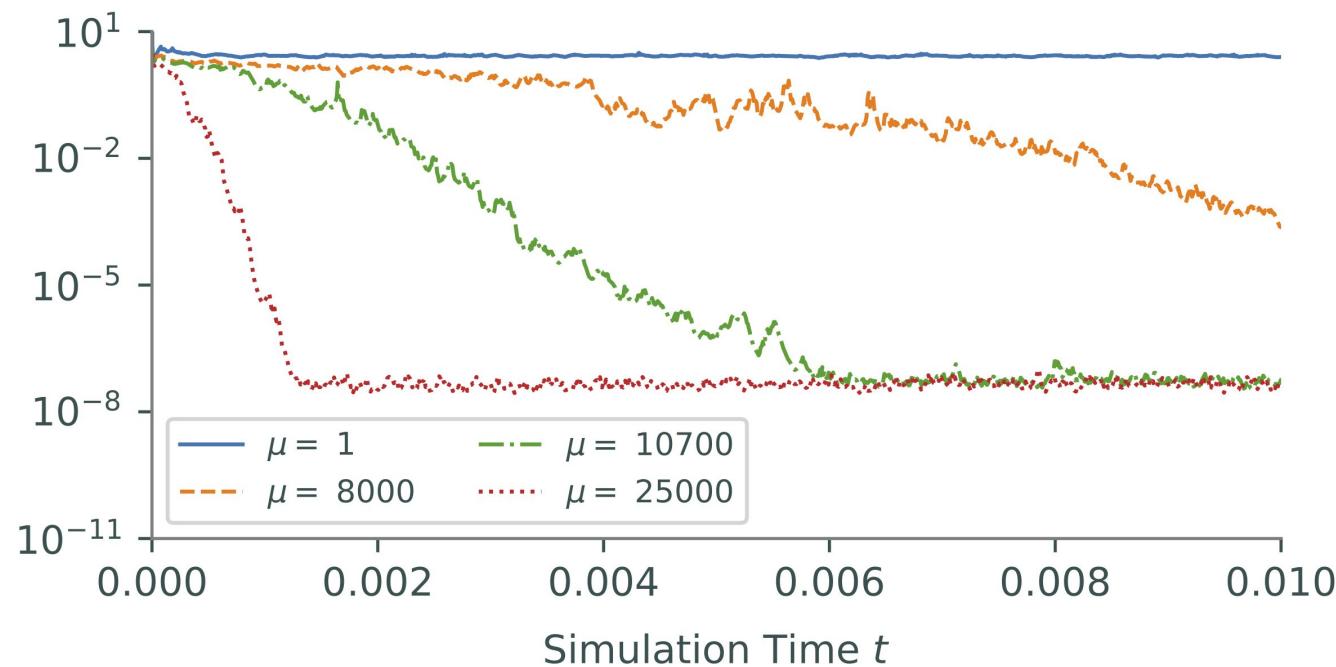
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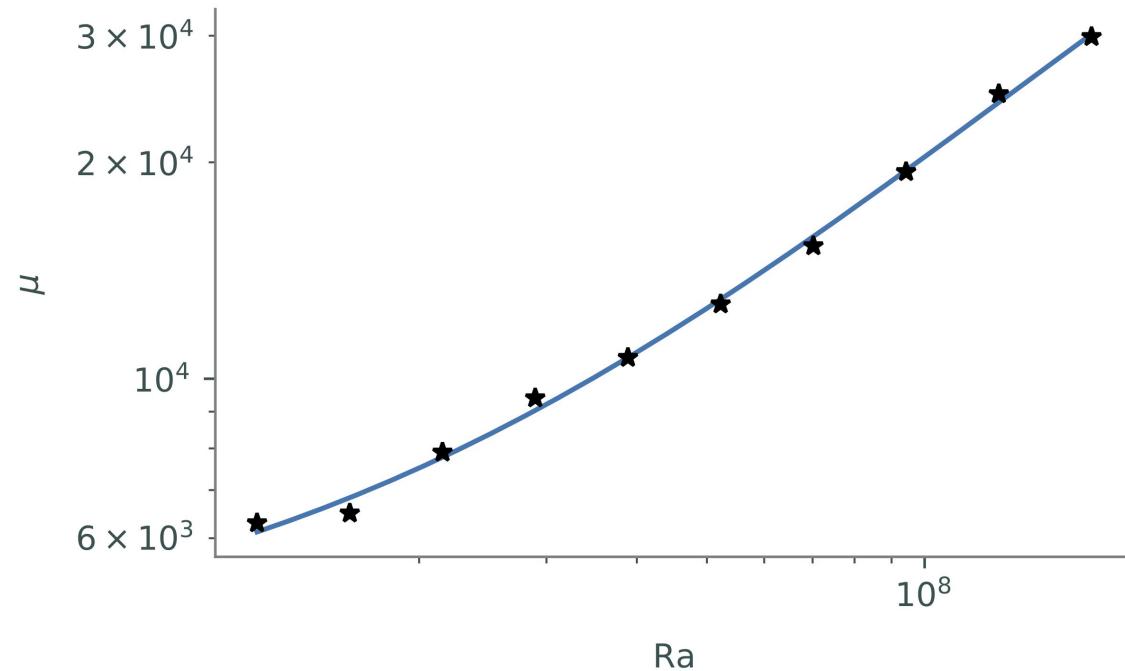
$\text{Ra} = 3.89\text{e}7, N = 32$



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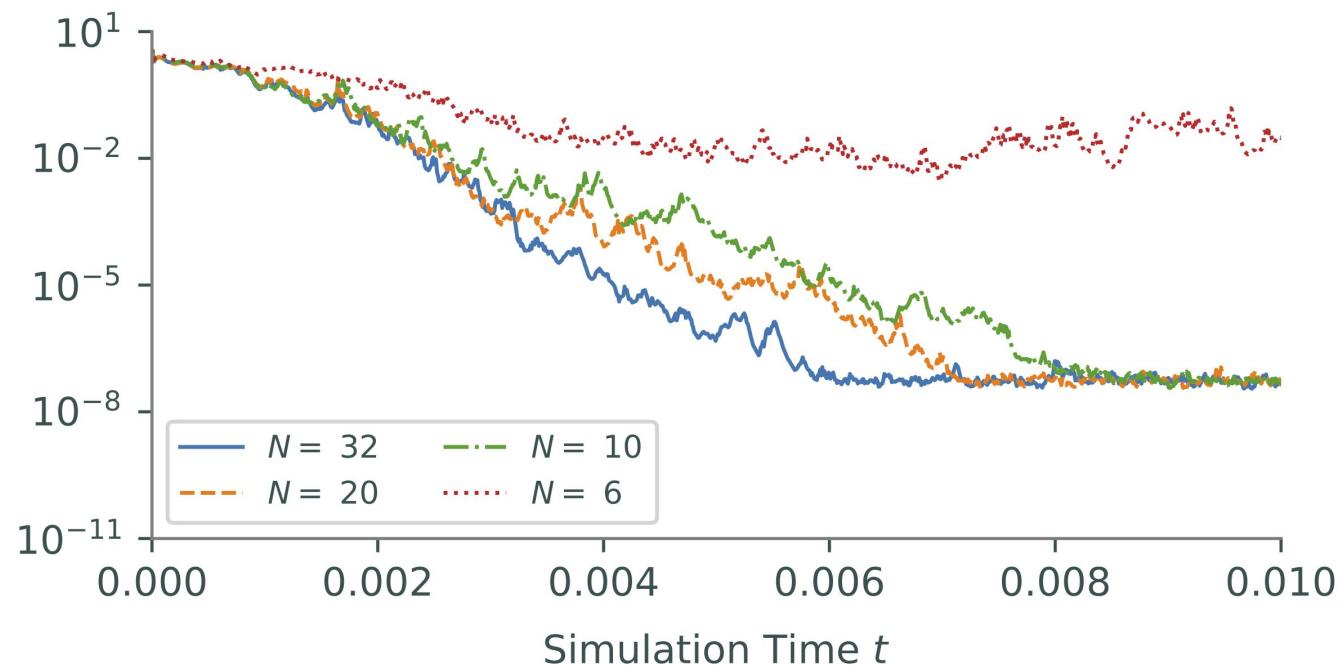
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Ra	$\mu$
$1.1937766 \times 10^7$	6,300
$1.6037187 \times 10^7$	6,500
$2.1544346 \times 10^7$	7,900
$2.8942661 \times 10^7$	9,400
$3.8881551 \times 10^7$	10,700
$5.2233450 \times 10^7$	12,700
$7.0170382 \times 10^7$	15,300
$9.4266845 \times 10^7$	19,400
$1.26638017 \times 10^8$	24,900
$1.70125427 \times 10^8$	29,900



# Simulation Results

$\text{Ra} = 3.89 \times 10^7$ ,  $\mu = 10700$



# Section 4: Other Assimilation Schemes

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# Finite Prandtl Assimilation

## Data Equations

$$\frac{1}{\text{Pr}} [\partial_t \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}] - \Delta \mathbf{u} = -\nabla p + \text{Rae}_3 T$$

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## Assimilating Equations

$$\frac{1}{\text{Pr}} [\partial_t \hat{\mathbf{u}} + (\hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla) \hat{\mathbf{u}}] - \Delta \hat{\mathbf{u}} = -\nabla \hat{p} + \text{Rae}_3 \hat{T}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}} = 0$$

$$\partial_t \hat{T} + \hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla \hat{T} = \Delta \hat{T} - \mu P_N(\hat{T} - T)$$

# Finite Prandtl Assimilation: Theorem

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $(\mathbf{u}, T)$  and  $(\hat{\mathbf{u}}, \hat{T})$  satisfy the finite-Prandtl Boussinesq data assimilation problem, with  $(\mathbf{u}_0, T_0), (\hat{\mathbf{u}}_0, \hat{T}_0) \in \mathcal{B}(\rho_1, \rho_2)$ , respectively. There exist absolute constants  $C_0, C_1, C_2 > 0$  such that if*

$$\frac{1}{2}\lambda_N \geq \mu, \quad \mu \geq \left(\frac{1}{2} + Ra^2\right) Pr, \quad (4.3)$$

*and*

$$Pr \geq \max\{1, 4C_0^{1/2} \max\{C_2^{1/2}, C_1^{1/2}\}(1 + Ra)^5\}, \quad (4.4)$$

*then*

$$\|(\hat{\mathbf{u}} - \mathbf{u})(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \|(\hat{T} - T)(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq O(e^{-(Pr/2)t})$$

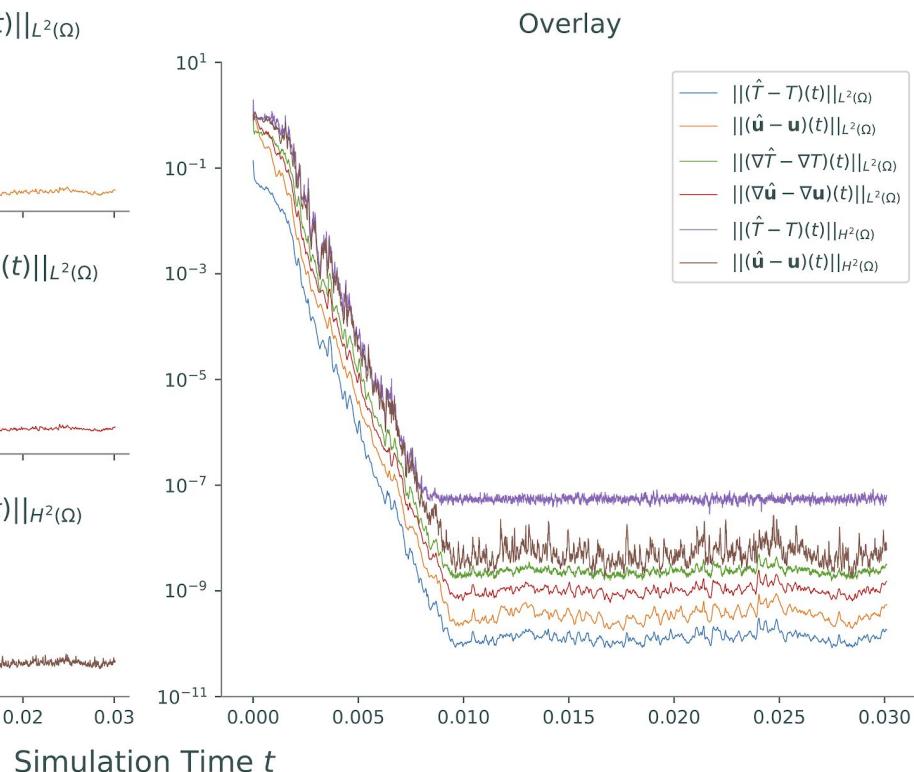
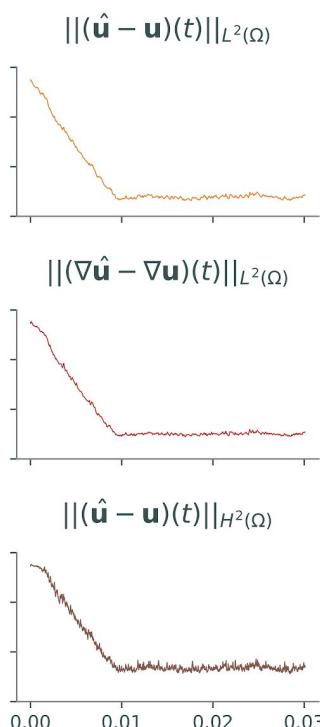
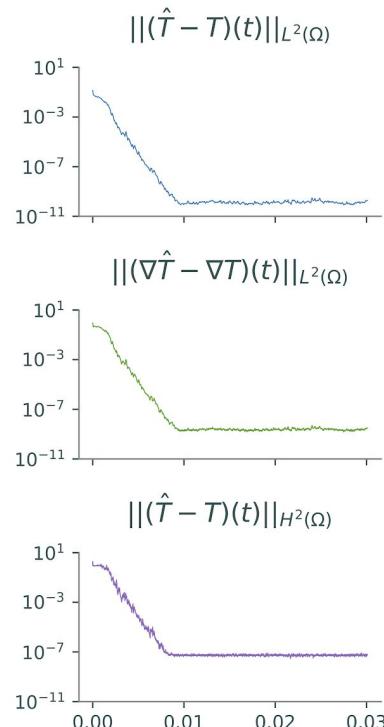
*holds for  $t \geq 0$ .*

## Reduction to 2 Dimensions

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \left( \frac{1}{\text{Pr}} [\partial_t \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}] \right) &= \frac{1}{\text{Pr}} [(\nabla \times \partial_t \mathbf{u}) + \nabla \times ((\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u})] \\ &= \frac{1}{\text{Pr}} [\partial_t (\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)(\nabla \times \mathbf{u})] \\ &= \frac{1}{\text{Pr}} [\zeta_t + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \zeta)] \\ &= \frac{1}{\text{Pr}} [\zeta_t - \psi_{x_3} \zeta_{x_1} + \psi_{x_1} \zeta_{x_3}]\end{aligned}$$

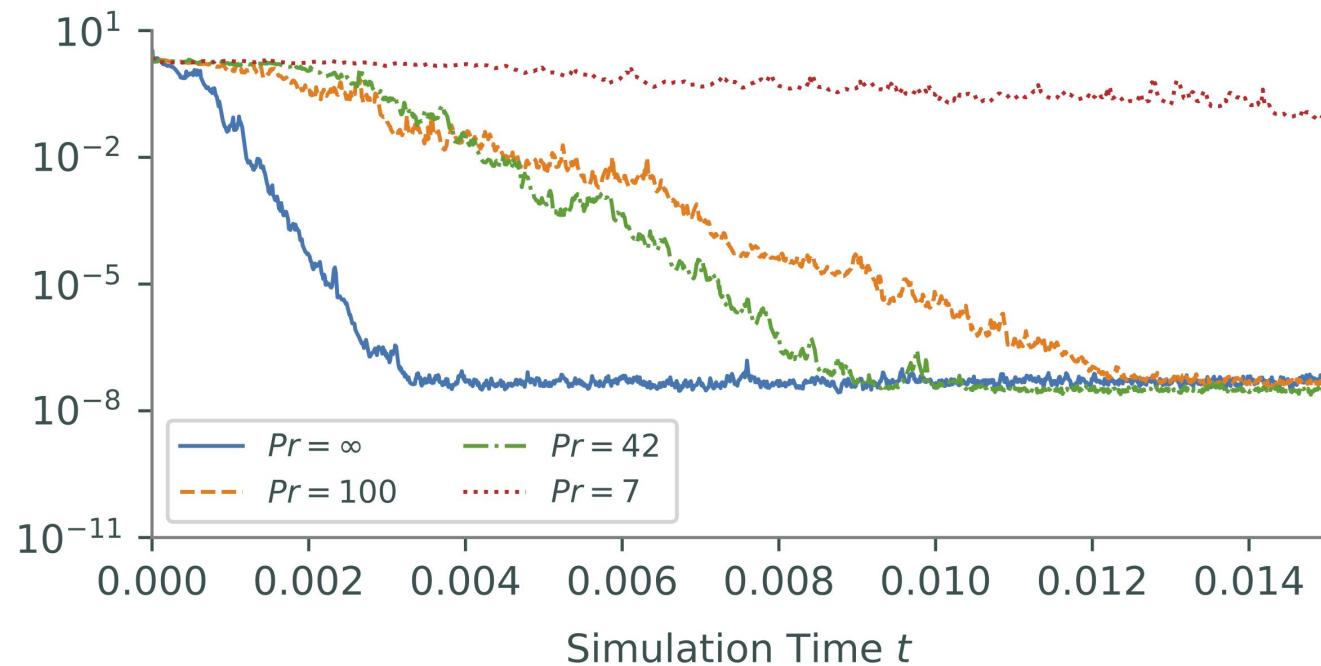
# Simulation Results

Ra = 5.22e7, Pr = 100,  $\mu$  = 18000, N = 32



# Simulation Results

$\text{Ra} = 3.89\text{e}7$ ,  $\mu = 14000$ ,  $N = 32$



# Simulation Results

Ra	$\mu$	Pr
$1.1937766 \times 10^7$	10,000	75
$1.6037187 \times 10^7$	11,000	56
$2.1544346 \times 10^7$	12,000	56
$2.8942661 \times 10^7$	13,000	100
$3.8881551 \times 10^7$	14,000	42
$5.2233450 \times 10^7$	18,000	42
$7.0170382 \times 10^7$	20,000	42
$9.4266845 \times 10^7$	25,000	31
$1.26638017 \times 10^8$	32,000	31
$1.70125427 \times 10^8$	40,000	31

# Hybrid Prandtl Assimilation

## Data Equations

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## Assimilating Equations

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$$\nabla \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}} = 0$$

$$\partial_t \hat{T} + \hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla \hat{T} = \Delta \hat{T} - \mu P_N(\hat{T} - T)$$

# Hybrid Prandtl Assimilation: Theorem

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $(\mathbf{u}, T)$ ,  $(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \tilde{T})$  be a regular solution of the hybrid-Prandtl Boussinesq data assimilation problem, with initial conditions  $(\mathbf{u}_0, T_0) \in \mathcal{B}_V(\rho_1) \times \mathcal{B}_{H^1(\Omega)}(\rho_2)$  and  $\tilde{T}_0 \in \mathcal{B}_{H^1(\Omega)}(\rho_2)$ . There exists an absolute constant  $C_0 > 0$  such that if*

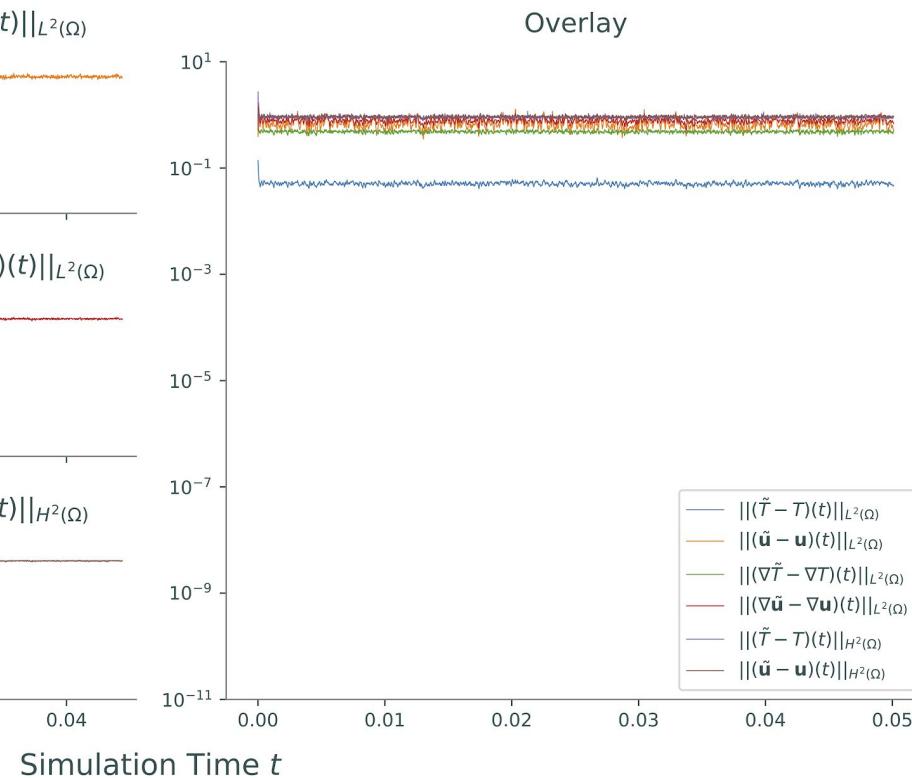
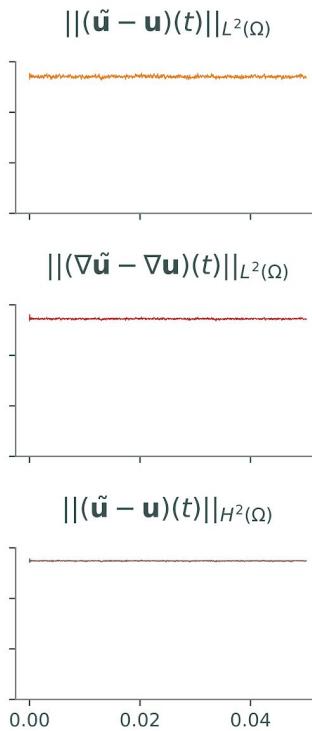
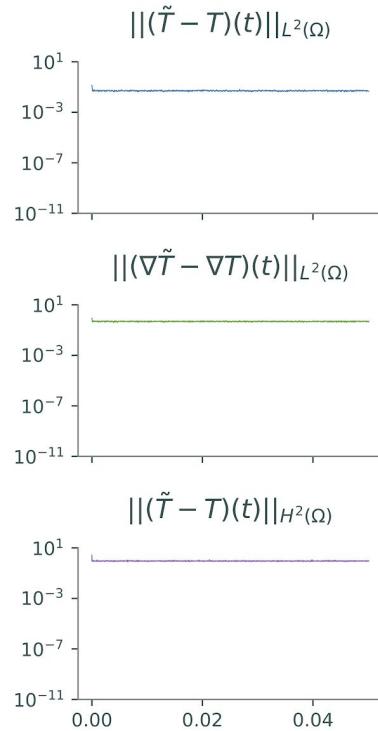
$$\frac{\lambda_N}{2} \geq \mu \quad \text{and} \quad \mu \geq \frac{4}{3} C_0^2 (\rho_2 + 1)^2 Ra^2, \quad (4.9)$$

*then for any given fixed time interval  $[0, t]$ ,*

$$Ra^{-1} \|\tilde{\mathbf{u}}(\tau) - \mathbf{u}(\tau)\|_{H^2(\Omega)} + \|\tilde{T}(\tau) - T(\tau)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq O(e^{-\mu t}) + O(Pr^{-1}), \quad 0 \leq \tau \leq t. \quad (4.10)$$

# Simulation Results

Ra = 5.22e7, Pr = 100,  $\mu$  = 18000, N = 32



# Thank You

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