

# Subgrid Modelling for Geophysical Flows

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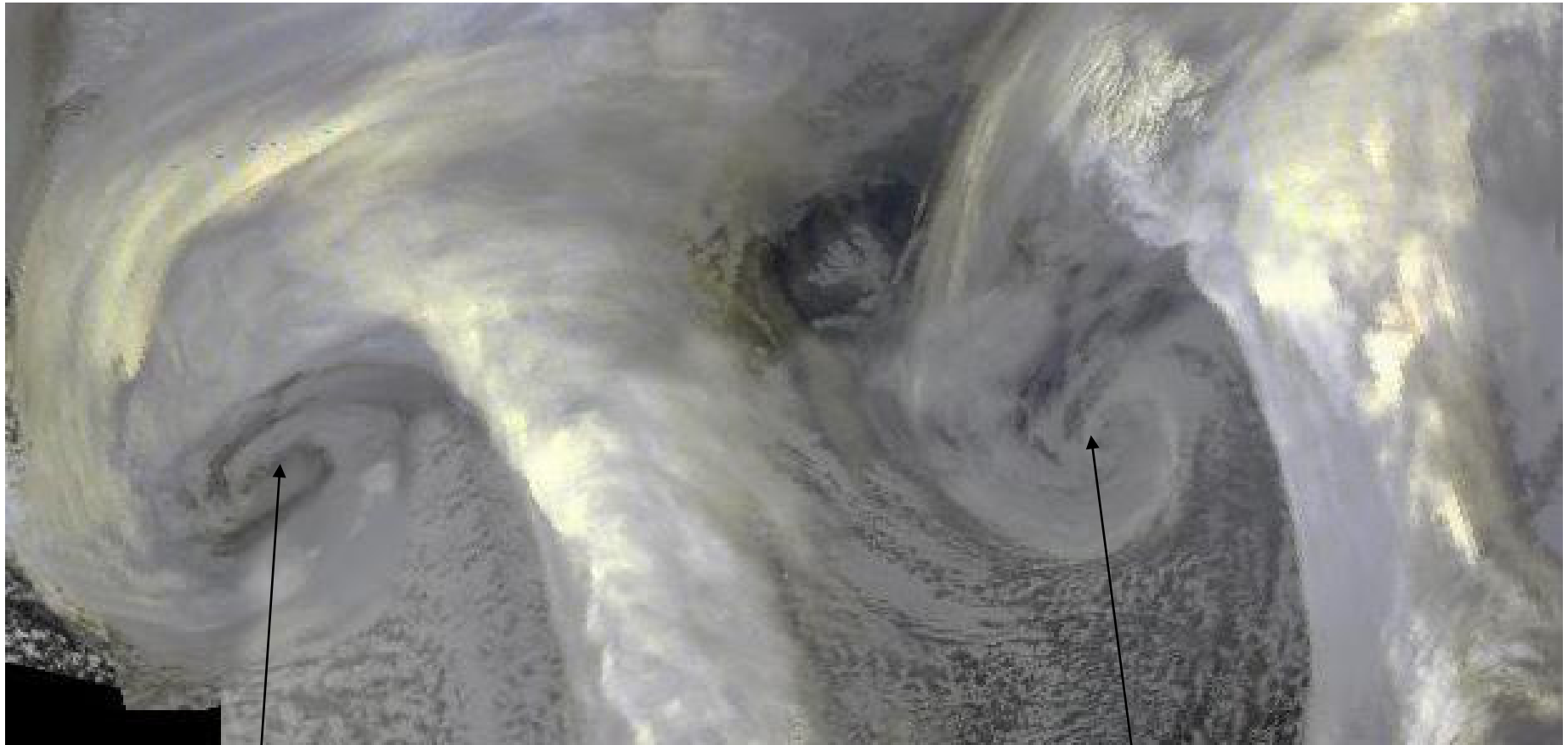
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# Wave-train of storms near Iceland on 31 Jan 1992

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- Systematic means of deriving subgrid effects
- Subgrid model applied without tuning parameters
- LES compared with higher resolution benchmark DNS
- Scaling laws of subgrid effects

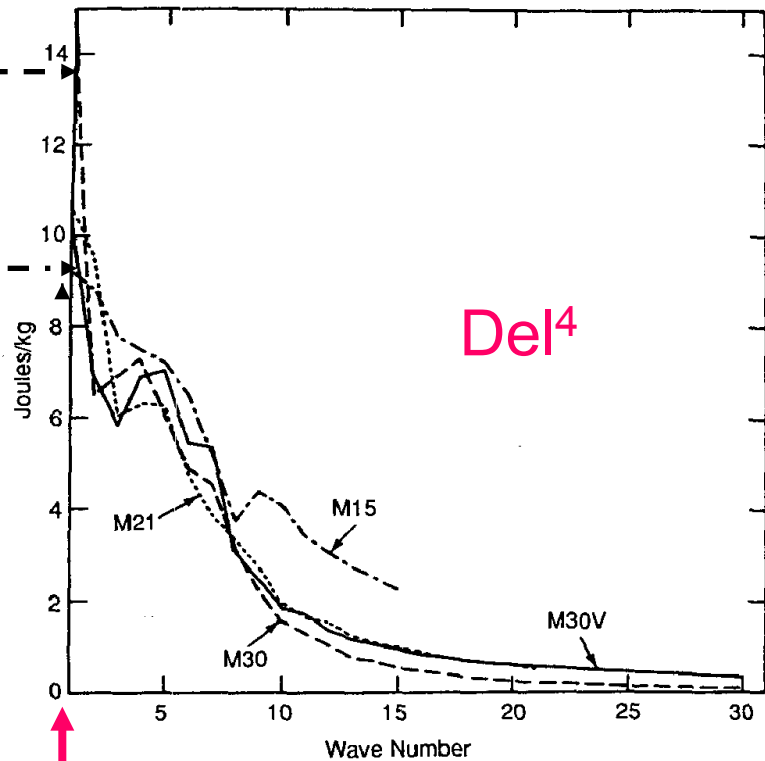
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# Resolution Dependence of Energy Spectra

Frederiksen et al., 1996, Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences

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Manabe et al. 1976 - GCM

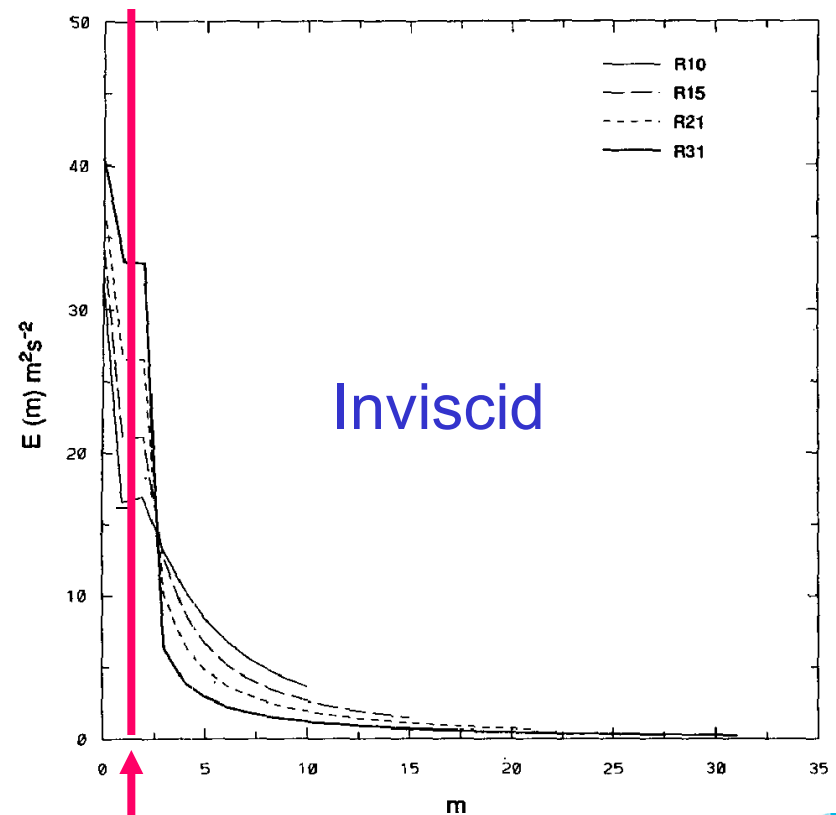


$\Delta t^4$

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Signature of SME in GCMs

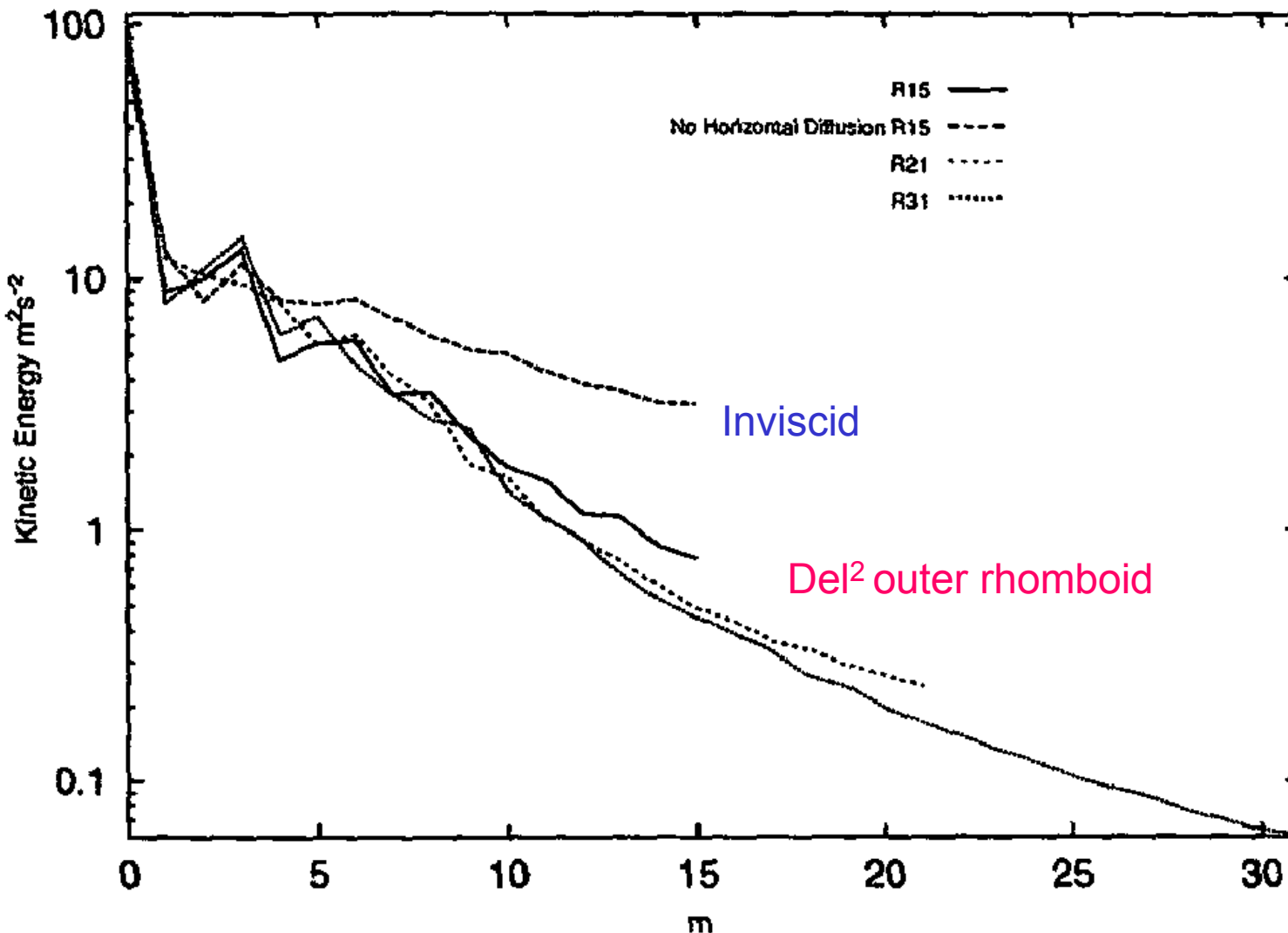
Frederiksen et al. - SME



Inviscid

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# Resolution Dependence of Energy Spectra



FDK 1996

E(0)	R
91.4	15
97.5	21
104.0	31

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Inviscid	
77.3	15

E in  $m^2s^{-2}$

Barotropic vorticity equation for Rossby wave turbulence

$$\frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t} = -J(\psi, \zeta + \beta y) - D_0 \zeta + f^0.$$

Dissipation operator  $D_0$  such as  $D_0 = -\nu_0 \nabla^2$

where  $\nu_0$  is bare viscosity,  $f_0$  is bare forcing,  $\beta$  is beta effect.

Jacobian

$$J(\psi, \zeta) = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial x}$$

Vorticity

$$\zeta = \nabla^2 \psi,$$

Zonal velocity  $u = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y},$

Meridional velocity  $v = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$

Spectral representation on doubly periodic domain:

$$\zeta(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \zeta_{\mathbf{k}}(t) \exp(i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x})$$

$$\zeta_{\mathbf{k}}(t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^{2\pi} d^2\mathbf{x} \zeta(\mathbf{x}, t) \exp(-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x})$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + D_0(\mathbf{k}) \right) \zeta_{\mathbf{k}}(t) = \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \sum_{\mathbf{q}} \left[ K(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \zeta_{-\mathbf{p}} \zeta_{-\mathbf{q}} \right] + f_{\mathbf{k}}^0$$

$$D_0(\mathbf{k}) = \nu_0 k^2 \text{ or more generally } D_0(\mathbf{k}) = \nu_0(\mathbf{k}) k^2 + i\omega_{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\omega_{\mathbf{k}} = -\beta k_x / k^2, \quad k = |\mathbf{k}|$$



Here 
$$k = (k_x^2 + k_y^2)^{1/2},$$

$$A(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = -(p_x q_y - p_y q_x) / p^2,$$

$$\begin{aligned} K(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) &= \frac{1}{2} [A(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) + A(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (p_x q_y - p_y q_x) (p^2 - q^2) / p^2 q^2, \end{aligned}$$

# Barotropic Vorticity Equation on the Sphere

Barotropic vorticity equation on the sphere

$$\frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t} = -J(\psi, \zeta + By) - D_0 \zeta + f^0$$

$$B = 2\Omega \Leftrightarrow \beta$$

Spherical harmonic expansion

$$\zeta(\lambda, \mu, t) = \sum_{m=-T}^T \sum_{n=|m|}^T \zeta_{mn}(t) P_n^m(\mu) \exp(im\lambda)$$

where  $\lambda$  is longitude and  $\mu$  is sine latitude.

Legendre functions and Equivalences

$$P_{\mathbf{k}} = P_n^m$$

$$\mathbf{k} = (m, n) = (m_k, n_k)$$

$$-\mathbf{k} = (-m, n)$$

$$k = n$$

Spectral equation on the sphere

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + D_0(\mathbf{k}) \right) \zeta_{\mathbf{k}}(t) = i \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \sum_{\mathbf{q}} [K(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \zeta_{-\mathbf{p}} \zeta_{-\mathbf{q}}] + f_{\mathbf{k}}^0$$

Here, bare dissipation is

$$D_0(\mathbf{k}) \equiv D_0(m_k, n_k) = \nu_0(k)k(k+1) + i\omega_k$$

with

$$\omega_k = -\frac{Bm_k}{k(k+1)}.$$

Interaction coefficients

$$K(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = \frac{1}{2} [A(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) + A(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})]$$

$$A(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = -\left(\frac{1}{p(p+1)}\right) \int_{-1}^1 d\mu P_k \left( m_p P_p \frac{dP_q}{d\mu} - m_q P_q \frac{dP_p}{d\mu} \right)$$

The Closure Problem:

$$\frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t} \sim \lambda \zeta \zeta$$

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- Summation of Feynman diagrams
- Functional approaches
- Path integral approaches
- Heuristic renormalization

$$\zeta_{\mathbf{k}} = \langle \zeta_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle + \hat{\zeta}_{\mathbf{k}}.$$

Homogeneous turbulence with  $\langle \zeta \rangle = 0$

$$C_{\mathbf{k},-\mathbf{l}}(t,t') = \langle \hat{\zeta}_{\mathbf{k}}(t) \hat{\zeta}_{-\mathbf{l}}(t') \rangle;$$

$$R_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{l}}(t,t') = \langle \delta \hat{\zeta}_{\mathbf{k}}(t) / \delta \hat{f}_{\mathbf{l}}^0(t') \rangle,$$

$$\left\langle \hat{\zeta}_{-\mathbf{l}}(t) \hat{\zeta}_{(\mathbf{l}-\mathbf{k})}(t) \hat{\zeta}_{\mathbf{k}}(t') \right\rangle$$

# DIA for Homogeneous Turbulence

Both Planar and Spherical Geometry

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Two - point cumulant equation

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + D_0(\mathbf{k}) \right) C_{\mathbf{k}}(t, t')$$
$$= \int_{t_0}^{t'} ds [S_{\mathbf{k}}(t, s) + F_{\mathbf{k}}^0(t, s)] R_{-\mathbf{k}}(t', s) - \int_{t_0}^t ds \eta_{\mathbf{k}}(t, s) C_{-\mathbf{k}}(t', s).$$

Nonlinear damping :

$$\eta_{\mathbf{k}}(t, s) = -4 \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \sum_{\mathbf{q}} K(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) K(-\mathbf{p}, -\mathbf{q}, -\mathbf{k}) R_{-\mathbf{p}}(t, s) C_{-\mathbf{q}}(t, s).$$

Nonlinear noise :

$$S_{\mathbf{k}}(t, s) = 2 \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \sum_{\mathbf{q}} K(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) K(-\mathbf{k}, -\mathbf{p}, -\mathbf{q}) C_{-\mathbf{p}}(t, s) C_{-\mathbf{q}}(t, s).$$

Bare noise :  $F_{\mathbf{k}}^0(t, s) = \langle \hat{f}_{\mathbf{k}}^0(t) \hat{f}_{-\mathbf{k}}^0(s) \rangle.$

Single - time two - point cumulant equation

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \text{Re } D_0(\mathbf{k}) \right) C_{\mathbf{k}}(t, t) \\ = \text{Re} \int_{t_0}^t ds [S_{\mathbf{k}}(t, s) + F_{\mathbf{k}}^0(t, s)] R_{-\mathbf{k}}(t, s) - \text{Re} \int_{t_0}^t ds \eta_{\mathbf{k}}(t, s) C_{-\mathbf{k}}(t', s).$$

since

$$\frac{\partial C_{\mathbf{k}}(t, t)}{\partial t} = \lim_{t' \rightarrow t} \left\{ \frac{\partial C_{\mathbf{k}}(t, t')}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial C_{\mathbf{k}}(t, t')}{\partial t'} \right\}$$



## Response function equation

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + D_0(\mathbf{k}) \right) R_{\mathbf{k}}(t, t') = - \int_{t'}^t ds \eta_{\mathbf{k}}(t, s) R_{\mathbf{k}}(s, t').$$

EDQNM closure from DIA closure

Specialize to isotropic case :  $\mathbf{k} \rightarrow k$

FTD :  $C_k(t, t')\Theta(t - t') = R_k(t, t')C_k(t, t)$

Exponential decay of response function :

$$R_k(t, t') = \exp[-\mu_k(t - t')]$$

Eddy damping :  $\mu_k = \gamma[k(k + 1)C_k(t, t)]^{1/2} + D_0(k)$ ,

where  $\gamma \approx 0.6$ .

Bare dissipation :  $D_0(k) = \nu_0(k)k(k + 1)$

Cumulant equation :

$$\frac{\partial C_k(t, t)}{\partial t} + 2D_0(k)C_k(t, t) - F_o(k) = -2\eta_k(t)C_k(t, t) + 2S_k(t).$$

Specialize to white noise :

$$2 \int_{t_0}^t ds F_k^0(t, s) R_{-\mathbf{k}}(t', s) \rightarrow F^0(k, t)$$

Nonlinear damping :

$$\eta_k(t) = -4 \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \sum_{\mathbf{q}} K(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) K(-\mathbf{p}, -\mathbf{q}, -\mathbf{k}) \theta_{kpq} C_q(t, t)$$

Nonlinear noise :

$$S_k(t) = 2 \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \sum_{\mathbf{q}} K(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) K(-\mathbf{k}, -\mathbf{p}, -\mathbf{q}) \theta_{kpq} C_p(t, t) C_q(t, t)$$

Triad relaxation time :

$$\theta_{kpq}(t) = \int_{t_0}^t ds R_k(t, s) R_p(t, s) R_q(t, s) = \frac{1 - \exp[-(\mu_k + \mu_p + \mu_q)(t - t_0)]}{\mu_k + \mu_p + \mu_q}$$

with

$$\theta_{kpq}(\infty) = (\mu_k + \mu_p + \mu_q)^{-1}$$

## Subgrid Modelling with EDQNM closure

Full resolution :

$$\mathbf{T}(T) = \{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \mid -T \leq m_p \leq T, |m_p| \leq p \leq T; -T \leq m_q \leq T, |m_q| \leq p \leq T\}$$

Reduced resolution  $T_R < T$

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{T}(T_R)$$

Subgrid scales :

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{T} - \mathbf{R}$$

EDQNM cumulant equation for resolved scales :

$$\frac{\partial C_k(t,t)}{\partial t} + 2[D_0(k) + \eta_k^S(t)]C_k(t,t) - [F_o(k) + 2S_k^S(t)] = -2\eta_k^R(t)C_k(t,t) + 2S_k^R(t).$$

Eddy drain viscosity and drain dissipation

$$D_d(k) = \eta_k^S = \nu_d(k)k(k+1); \quad \nu_d(k) = [k(k+1)]^{-1} \eta_k^S$$

Renormalized viscosity and dissipation

$$D_r(k) = D_0(k) + D_d(k); \quad \nu_r(k) = \nu_0(k) + \nu_d(k)$$

Stochastic backscatter

$$F_b(k) = 2S_k^S$$

Renormalized noise

$$F_r(k) = F_0(k) + F_b(k)$$

Eddy backscatter viscosity and backscatter dissipation

$$D_b(k) = -[C_k(t,t)]^{-1} S_k^S; \quad \nu_b(k) = -[k(k+1)C_k(t,t)]^{-1} S_k^S$$

Net eddy viscosity and net dissipation

$$D_n(k) = D_d(k) + D_b(k); \quad \nu_n(k) = \nu_d(k) + \nu_b(k)$$

Renormalized net viscosity and renormalized net dissipation

$$D_{rn}(k) = D_0(k) + D_n(k); \quad \nu_{rn}(k) = \nu_0(k) + \nu_n(k)$$

Thus we can rewrite EDQNM cumulant equation for resolved scales

$$\frac{\partial C_k(t,t)}{\partial t} + 2[D_0(k) + \eta_k^S(t)]C_k(t,t) - [F_o(k) + 2S_k^S(t)] = -2\eta_k^R(t)C_k(t,t) + 2S_k^R(t)$$

as

$$\frac{\partial C_k(t,t)}{\partial t} + 2D_r(k)C_k(t,t) - F_r(k) = -2\eta_k^R(t)C_k(t,t) + 2S_k^R(t)$$

This is in the same form as the full resolution EDQNM equation

$$\frac{\partial C_k(t,t)}{\partial t} + 2D_0(k)C_k(t,t) - F_o(k) = -2\eta_k(t)C_k(t,t) + 2S_k(t)$$

with

$$D_0 \rightarrow D_r; F_0 \rightarrow F_r; \eta_k \rightarrow \eta_k^R; S_k \rightarrow S_k^R$$

## DIA Eddy Viscosities and Stochastic Backscatter

### DIA eddy drain viscosity

$$\nu_d(k) = [k(k+1)C_k(t, t)]^{-1} \int_{t_0}^t ds \eta_k^S(t, s) C_k(t, s)$$

### DIA stochastic backscatter

$$F_b(k) = 2 \int_{t_0}^t ds S_k^S(t, s) R_k(t, s)$$

### Eddy backscatter viscosity

$$\nu_b(k) = -[k(k+1)C_k(t, t)]^{-1} \int_{t_0}^t ds S_k^S(t, s) R_k(t, s)$$

# LES with rotation, kinetic energy m-spectra

Frederiksen and Davies 1997, Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences

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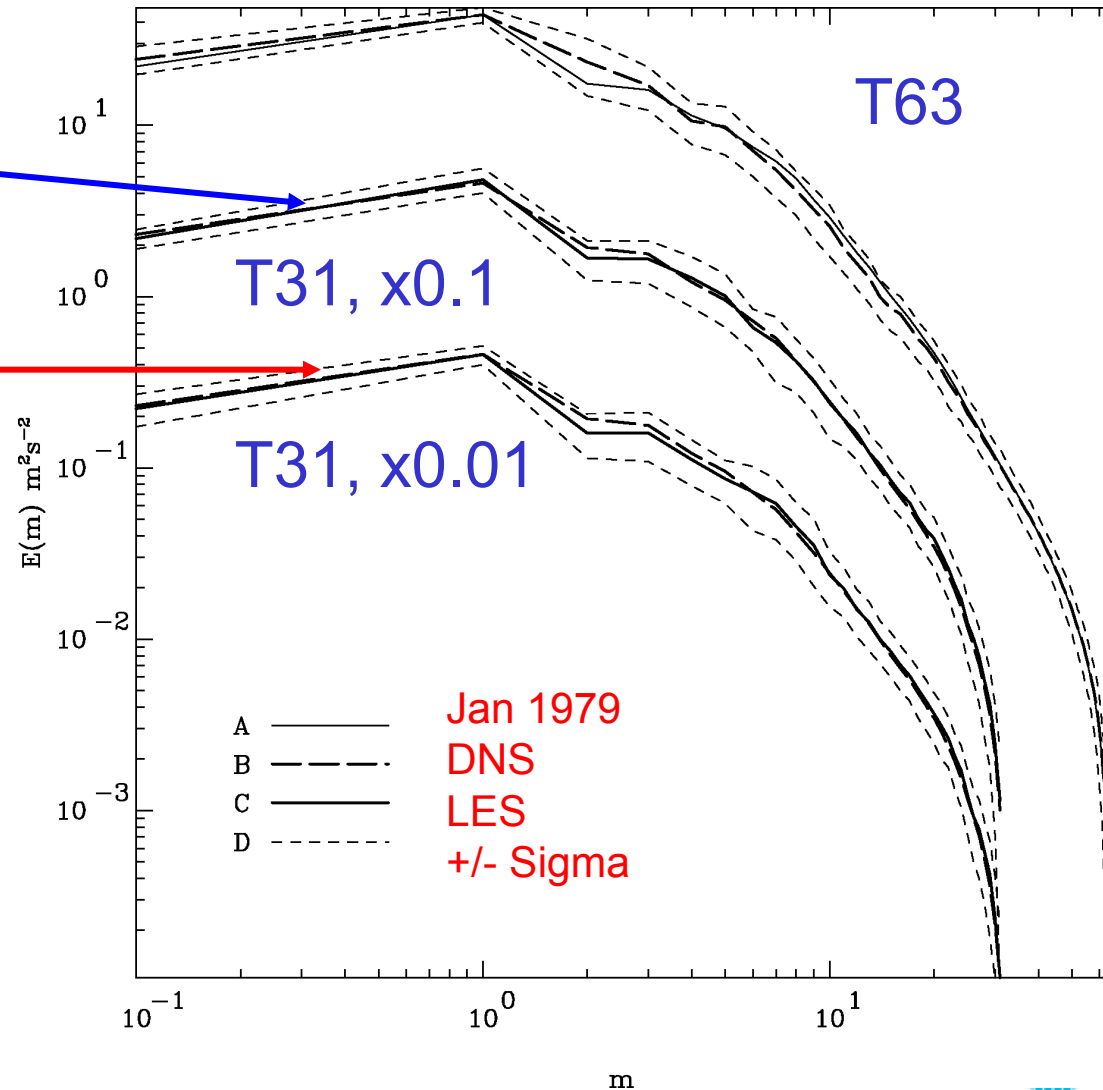
## Closure based

$$v_r(n) = v_0(n) + v_d(n),$$

$$F_r(n) = F_0(n) + F_b(n) \Rightarrow f_k^r$$

$$v_{rn}(n) = v_0(n) + v_d(n) + v_b(n),$$

$$F_0(n) \Rightarrow f_k^0$$



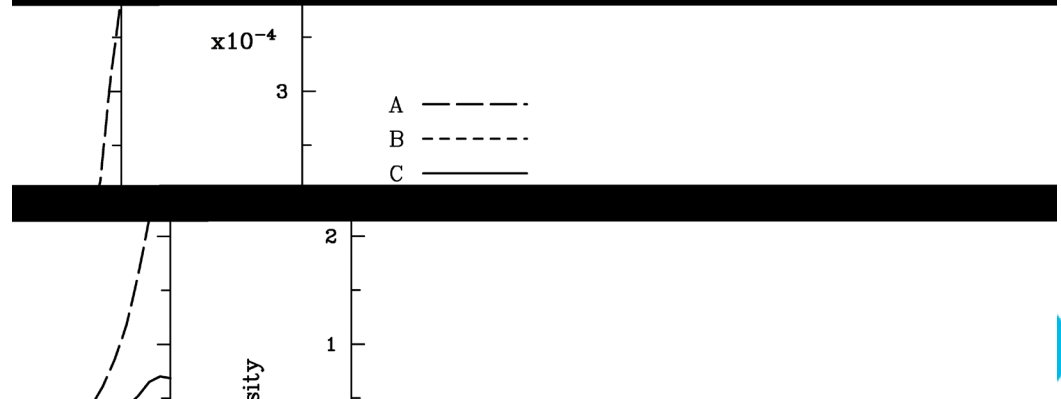
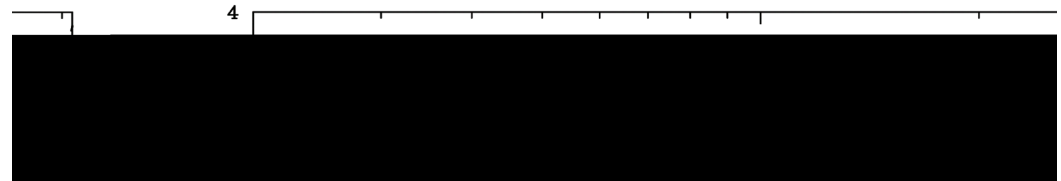
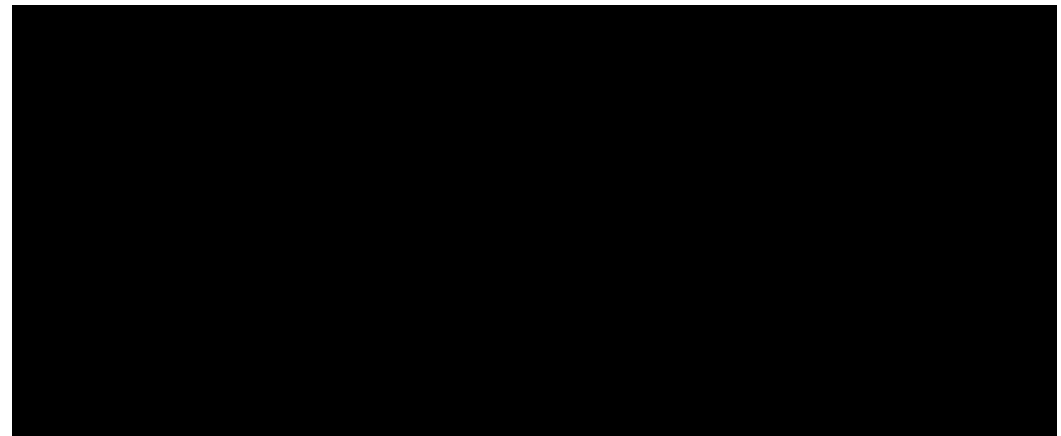


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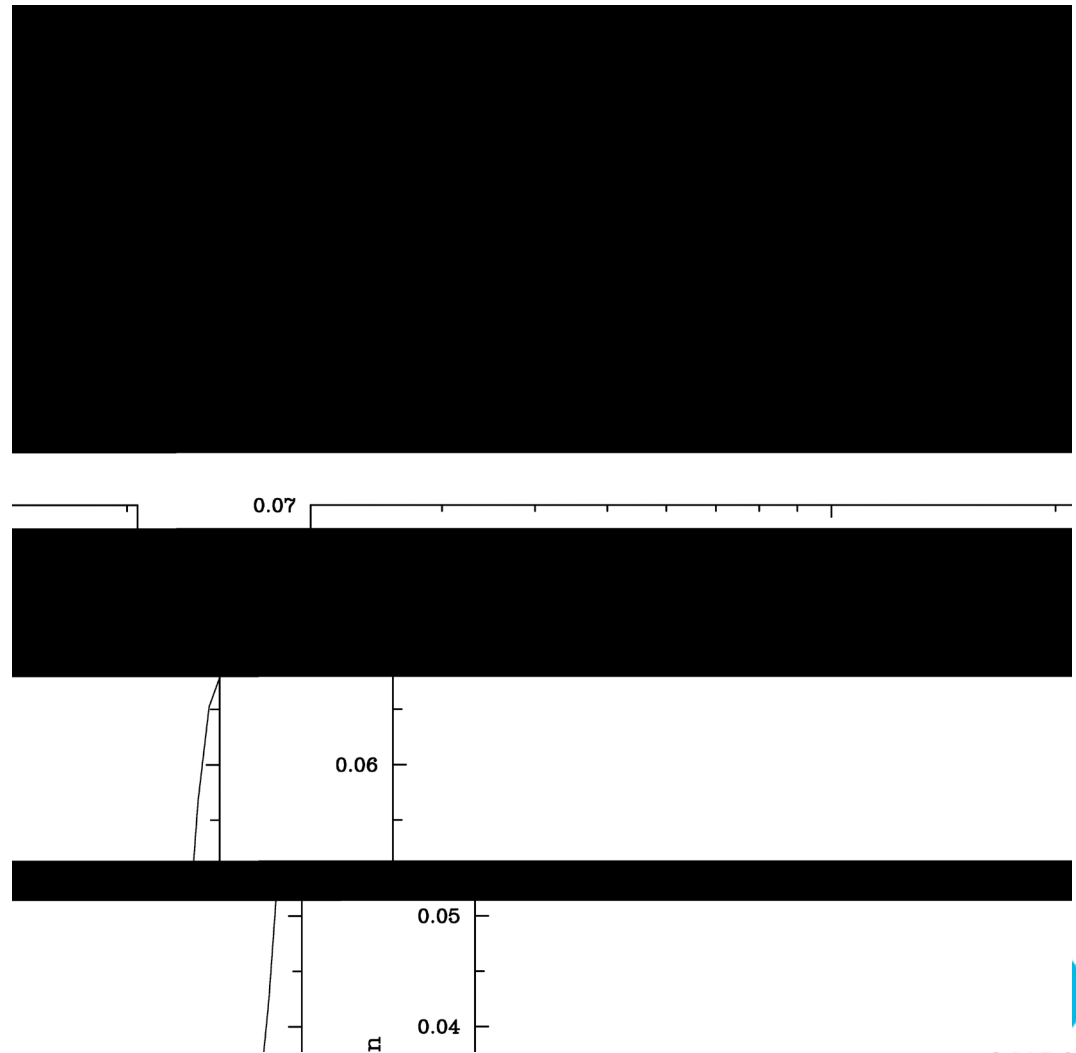
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Closure based



$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + D_0(\mathbf{k}) \right) \tilde{\zeta}_{\mathbf{k}}(t) = - \int_{t_0}^t ds \eta_{\mathbf{k}}(t, s) \tilde{\zeta}_{\mathbf{k}}(s) + \hat{f}_{\mathbf{k}}^o(t) + f_{\mathbf{k}}^S(t)$$

Nonlinear damping :

$$\eta_{\mathbf{k}}(t, s) = -4 \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \sum_{\mathbf{q}} K(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) K(-\mathbf{p}, -\mathbf{q}, -\mathbf{k}) R_{-\mathbf{p}}(t, s) C_{-\mathbf{q}}(t, s).$$

Nonlinear stochastic noise :

$$f_{\mathbf{k}}^S(t) = \sqrt{2} \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \sum_{\mathbf{q}} \delta(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}) K(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \rho_{-\mathbf{p}}^{(1)}(t) \rho_{-\mathbf{q}}^{(2)}(t),$$

$$\langle \rho_{\mathbf{k}}^{(i)}(t) \rho_{-\mathbf{l}}^{(j)}(t') \rangle = \delta_{ij} \delta_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{l}} C_{\mathbf{k}}(t, t')$$

$$\langle \tilde{\zeta}_{\mathbf{k}}(t) \tilde{\zeta}_{-\mathbf{k}}(t') \rangle = C_{\mathbf{k}}(t, t').$$

## Subgrid Modelling based on Direct Numerical Simulation

RECALL :

Full resolution :

$$\mathbf{T}(T) = \{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \mid -T \leq m_p \leq T, |m_p| \leq p \leq T; -T \leq m_q \leq T, |m_q| \leq p \leq T\}$$

Reduced resolution  $T_R < T$

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{T}(T_R)$$

Subgrid scales :

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{T} - \mathbf{R}$$

# Direct Stochastic Modelling Approach

Frederiksen and Kepert 2006, Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences [www.csiro.au](http://www.csiro.au)

$$\mathbf{q} = (\dots, q_k^j, \dots)^T \Leftarrow (\dots, \zeta_k, \dots)^T$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{q}}{\partial t} = \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{q}}{\partial t} \right)_R + \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{q}}{\partial t} \right)_S$$

$$\mathbf{q} = \bar{\mathbf{q}} + \hat{\mathbf{q}}$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{q}(t)}{\partial t} \right)_S = \bar{\mathbf{f}}_e + \left( \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{q}}}{\partial t} \right)_S$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{f}}_e = \left( \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{q}}(t)}{\partial t} \right)_S$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t)}{\partial t} \right)_S = -\mathbf{D}_d \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) + \hat{\mathbf{f}}_b(t)$$

The drain dissipation includes memory effects as in the DIA and QDIA :

$$\mathbf{D}_d = - \left[ \left\langle \int_{t_0}^t ds \left( \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{q}}(s)}{\partial t} \right)_{\mathbf{s}} \hat{\mathbf{q}}^+(t_0) \right\rangle \right] \left[ \left\langle \int_{t_0}^t ds \hat{\mathbf{q}}(s) \hat{\mathbf{q}}^+(t_0) \right\rangle \right]^{-1}.$$

Subgrid nonlinear noise matrix :

$$\mathbf{F}_b = \mathbf{F}_b + \mathbf{F}_b^+$$

where

$$\mathbf{F}_b = \left\langle \hat{\mathbf{f}}_b(t) \hat{\mathbf{q}}^+(t) \right\rangle.$$

The Lyapunov or balance equation :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{T} &= \left\langle \left( \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t)}{\partial t} \right)_s \hat{\mathbf{q}}^+(t) \right\rangle + \left\langle \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) \left( \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t)}{\partial t} \right)_s^+ \right\rangle \\ &= -\mathbf{D}_d \langle \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) \hat{\mathbf{q}}^+(t) \rangle - \langle \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) \hat{\mathbf{q}}^+(t) \rangle \mathbf{D}_d^+ + \mathbf{F}_b(t).\end{aligned}$$

Yields  $\mathbf{F}_b(t)$  once  $\mathbf{D}_d$  has been calculated.

$\mathbf{F}_b$  is calculated as coloured noise but it may be sufficient to represent by white noise in LES :

$$\langle \mathbf{f}_b(t) \mathbf{f}_b^+(t') \rangle = \mathbf{F}_b \delta(t - t').$$

The backscatter dissipation matrix is defined by :

$$\mathbf{D}_b = -\mathbf{F}_b \left[ \left\langle \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) \hat{\mathbf{q}}^+(t) \right\rangle \right]^{-1}.$$

The net dissipation matrix is defined by

$$\mathbf{D}_n = \mathbf{D}_d + \mathbf{D}_b.$$

Thus,

$$\left( \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t)}{\partial t} \right)_s = -\mathbf{D}_n \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t)$$

and

$$\mathbf{D}_n = - \left[ \left\langle \left( \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t)}{\partial t} \right)_s \hat{\mathbf{q}}^+(t) \right\rangle \right] \left[ \left\langle \hat{\mathbf{q}}(t) \hat{\mathbf{q}}^+(t) \right\rangle \right]^{-1}.$$



QDIA inhomogeneous closure suggests  
quasi - diagonal subgrid - scale terms :

$$D_{\bullet}^{ij}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{l}) = D_{\bullet}^{ij}(\mathbf{k}) \delta_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{l}}, \quad \bullet = \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{d} \text{ or } \mathbf{n}$$

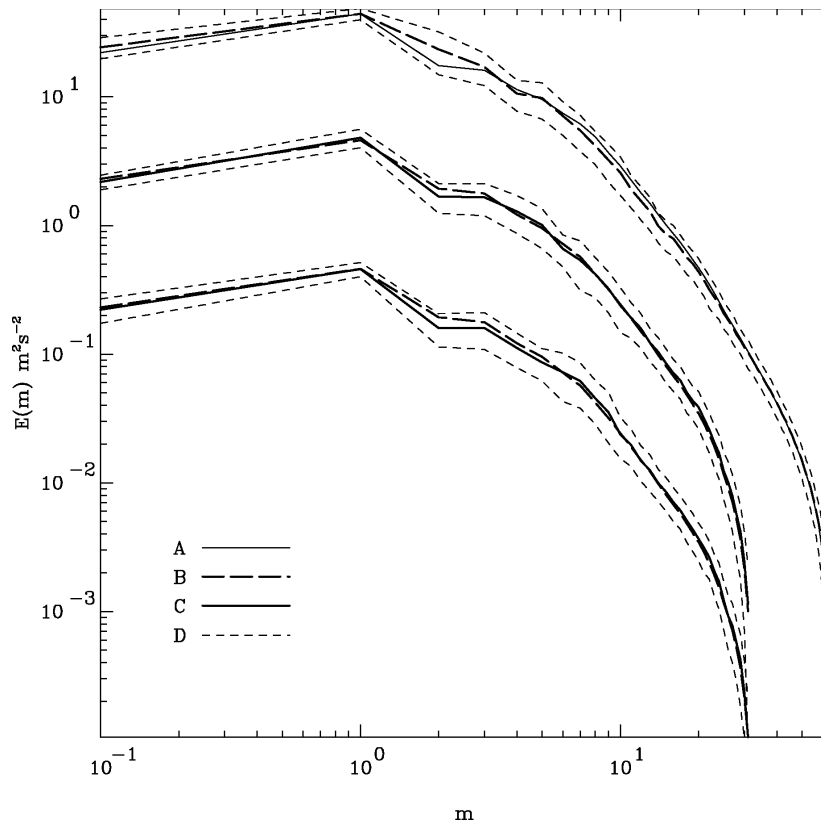
$$F_{\bullet}^{ij}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{l}) = F_{\bullet}^{ij}(\mathbf{k}) \delta_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{l}}.$$

# Comparison of Closure and Stochastic Modelling for Barotropic 2D Flows

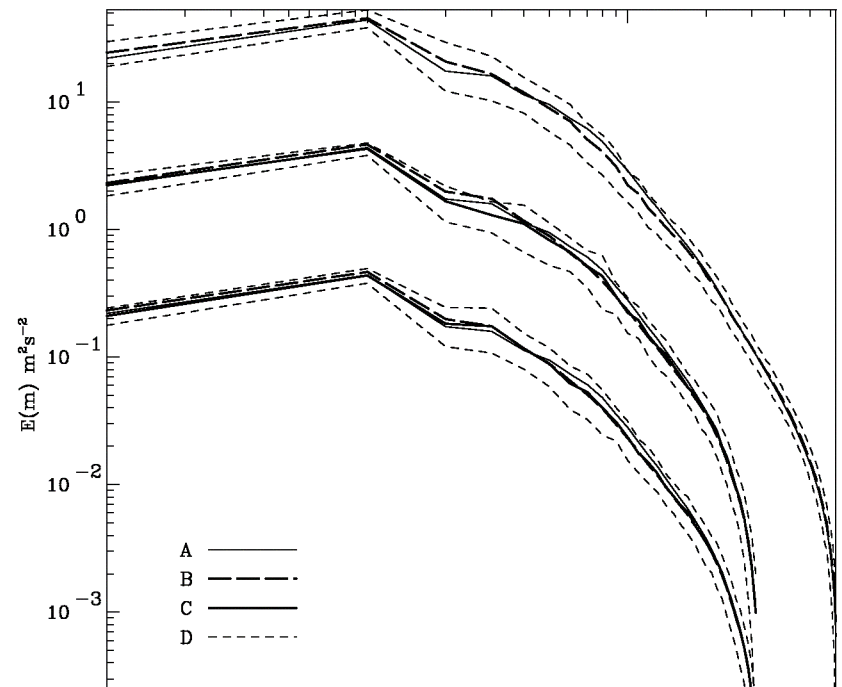
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Essentially the same results from closure and stochastic model



Closure Results



Stochastic Modelling Results

# Comparison of Closure and Stochastic Modelling Eddy Viscosities

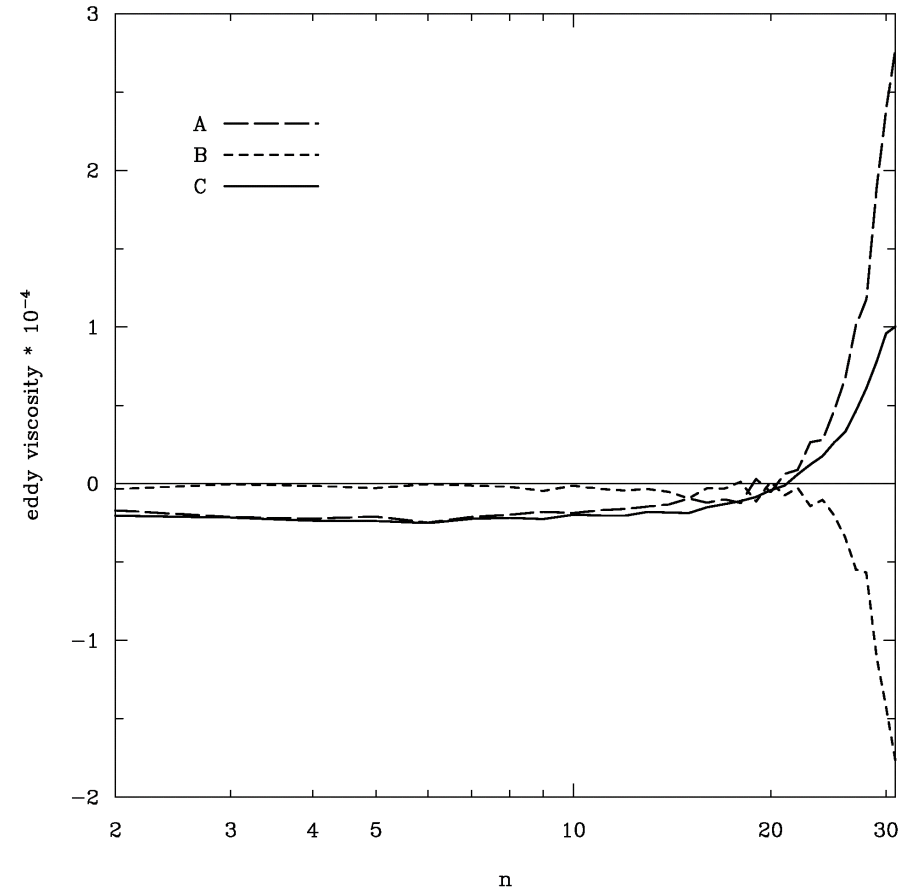
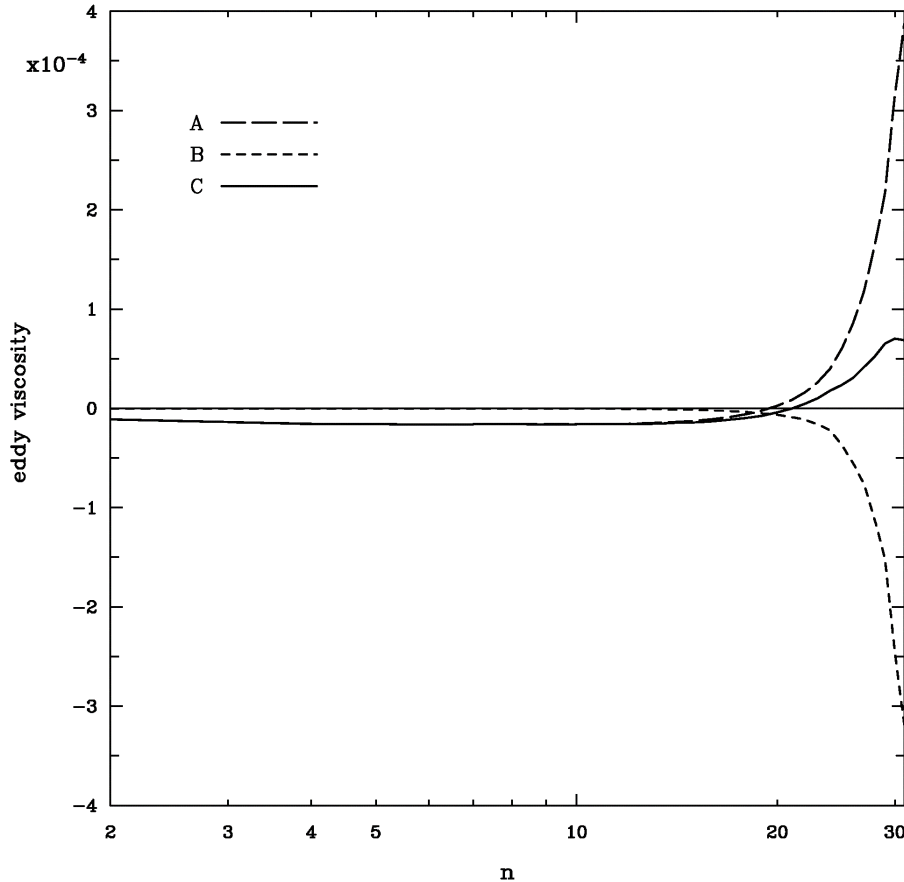
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Closure

Stochastic Model



# QG Equations in terms of Vorticity and Temperature

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$$\frac{\partial \zeta^j}{\partial t} = -J(\psi^j, \zeta^j) - B \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \lambda} - (-1)^j f_c w / p_m - \sum_l D_\zeta^{jl} \zeta^l - \alpha_\zeta^j \zeta^j + \kappa_\zeta^j (\tilde{\zeta}^j - \zeta^j),$$

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = -J(\psi^0, \theta) + \bar{\sigma} w / p_m - D_\theta \theta - \alpha_\theta \theta + \kappa_\theta (\tilde{\theta} - \theta)$$

Here,  $\psi^j$  are the streamfunctions at the upper ( $j = 1$ ) and lower ( $j = 2$ ) levels,  $\zeta^j = \nabla^2 \psi^j$  is the vorticity,  $\theta$  is the mean potential temperature,  $D_\zeta^{jl}$  and  $D_\theta$  are dissipation operators,  $\alpha^j$  are coefficients and  $\tilde{\zeta}^j$  and  $\tilde{\theta}$  are mean states towards which the fields are relaxed with relaxation coefficients  $\kappa_\zeta^j$  and  $\kappa_\theta$ .

Also,  $B = 2\Omega$ ,  $f_c = 2\Omega\mu_c$ ,  $\mu_c$  is the sine of a typical mid-latitude,

$w = p_m \nabla^2 \chi$  is the "vertical velocity" at 500 hPa,  $\chi$  is the lower level velocity potential,

$p_m = 500$  hPa,  $\bar{\sigma}$  is the static stability.

$$J(\psi, \zeta) = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \lambda} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial \mu} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \mu} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial \lambda}$$

$$\theta = \frac{f_c}{2bc_p} (\psi^1 - \psi^2) = \frac{\bar{\sigma}}{f_c} F_L (\psi^1 - \psi^2)$$

$$F_L = f_c^2 / 2bc_p \bar{\sigma} \quad \text{and} \quad b = 0.124$$

$\lambda$  is longitude,  $\mu$  is sine latitude

# QG Potential Vorticity Equation

$$\frac{\partial q^j}{\partial t} = -J(\psi^j, q^j) - B \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \lambda} - \sum_l D_0^{jl} q^l - \alpha^j q^j + \kappa^j (\tilde{q}^j - q^j),$$
$$q^j = \nabla^2 \psi^j + (-1)^j F_L(\psi^1 - \psi^2)$$

Here,  $q^j$  are the reduced potential vorticity fields,  
at the upper ( $j = 1$ ) and lower ( $j = 2$ ) levels,  $D_0^{jl}$  are dissipation operators,  
 $\alpha^j$  are drag coefficients and  $\tilde{q}^j$  are mean states,  
towards which the fields are relaxed, with relaxation coefficients  $\kappa^j$ .

# Spectral QG Potential Vorticity Equation

Spectral QG equation on the sphere

$$\frac{\partial q_{mn}^j(t)}{\partial t} = i \sum_{m_p p} \sum_{m_q q} A_n^{m_p m_q} \zeta_{-m_p p}^j q_{-m_q q}^j - \sum_l D_0^{jl}(m, n) q_{mn}^l - i \omega_{mn} \zeta_{mn}^j - \alpha_{mn}^j \zeta_{mn}^j + \kappa_{mn}^j (\tilde{q}_{mn}^j - q_{mn}^j),$$

where  $\omega_{mn}^j = -Bm[n(n+1)]^{-1}$ ,

or

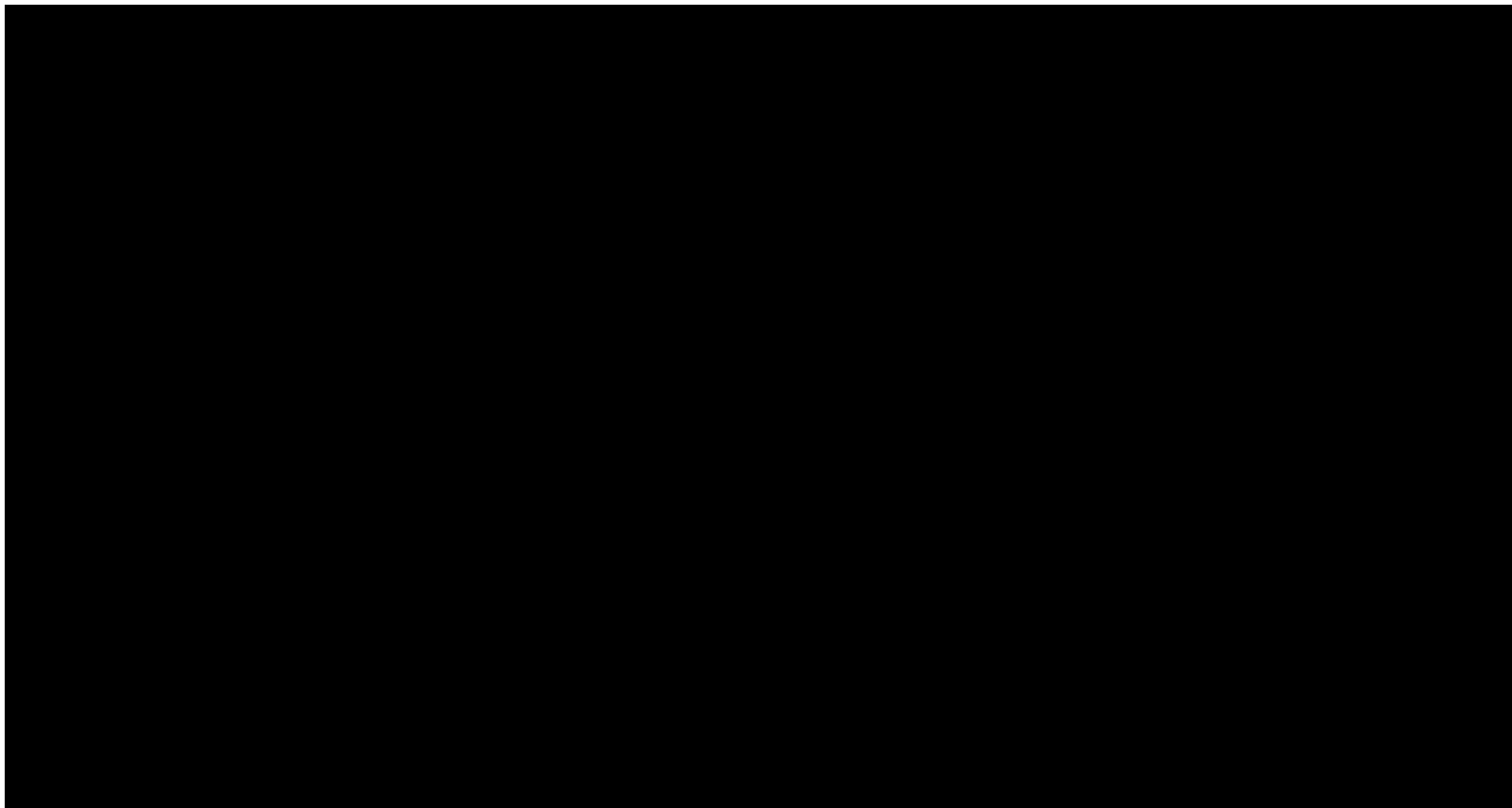
$$\frac{\partial q_{\mathbf{k}}^j(t)}{\partial t} = i \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \sum_{\mathbf{q}} A(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \zeta_{-\mathbf{p}}^j q_{-\mathbf{q}}^j - \sum_l D_0^{jl}(\mathbf{k}) q_{\mathbf{k}}^l - i \omega_{\mathbf{k}} \zeta_{\mathbf{k}}^j - \alpha_{\mathbf{k}}^j \zeta_{\mathbf{k}}^j + \kappa_{\mathbf{k}}^j (\tilde{q}_{\mathbf{k}}^j - q_{\mathbf{k}}^j).$$

# Baroclinic Atmospheric Model Results: Zonal Jets

Zidikheri and Frederiksen 2009, Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences [www.csiro.au](http://www.csiro.au)

Longitudinally averaged (a) relaxation zonal winds, and (b) time averaged winds in T126 DNS

$F_L=100$



250 hPa level solid; 750 hPa dashed



# Baroclinic Atmospheric Results: LES at T63 level 1

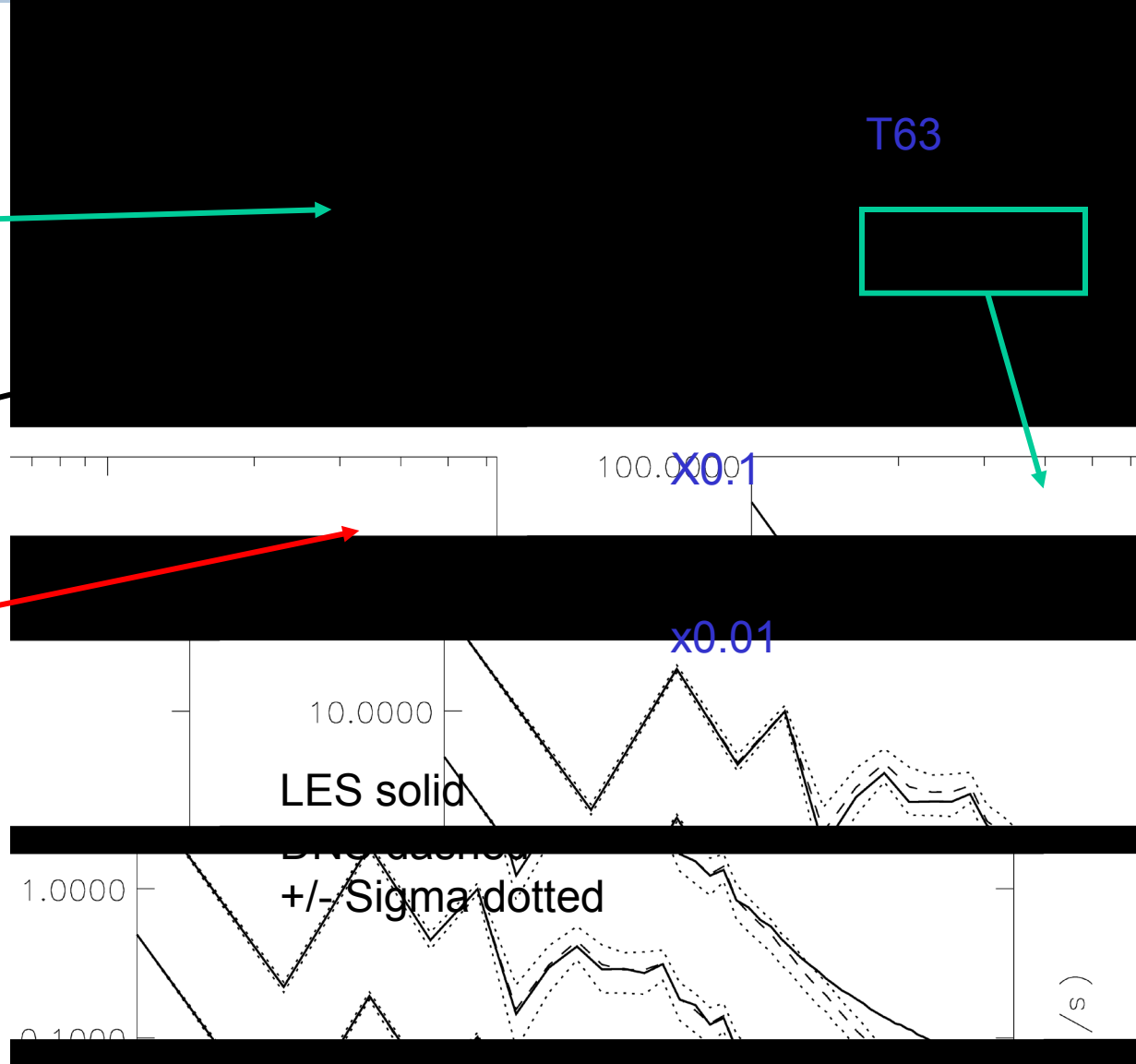
Kinetic Energy level 1

Bare Dissipation

Renormalized Net Dissipation

Renormalized Drain Dissipation and Stochastic Backscatter

Since  $F_L=100$  the levels decouple

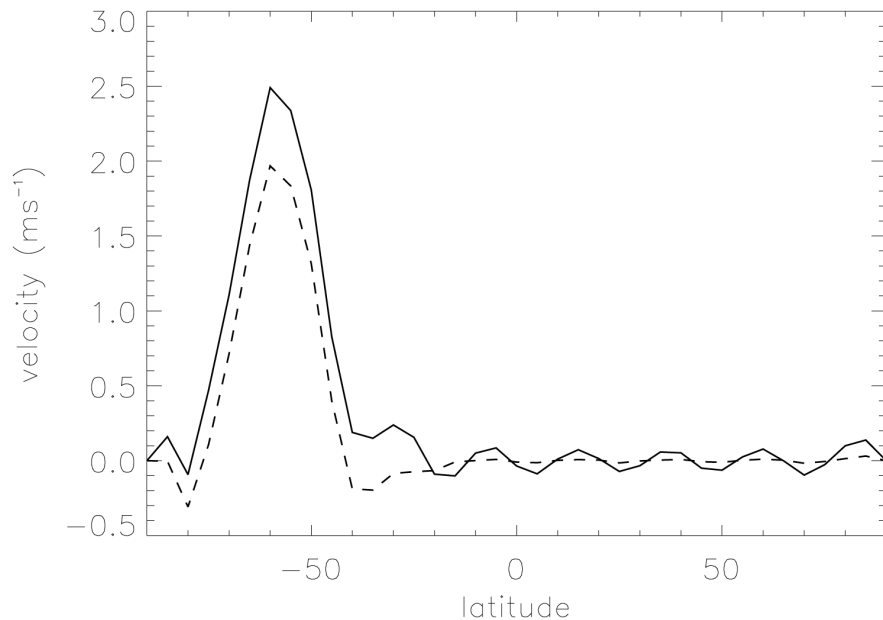


# Baroclinic Oceanic Results

Zidikheri and Frederiksen 2010, Phil. Transactions of the Royal Society

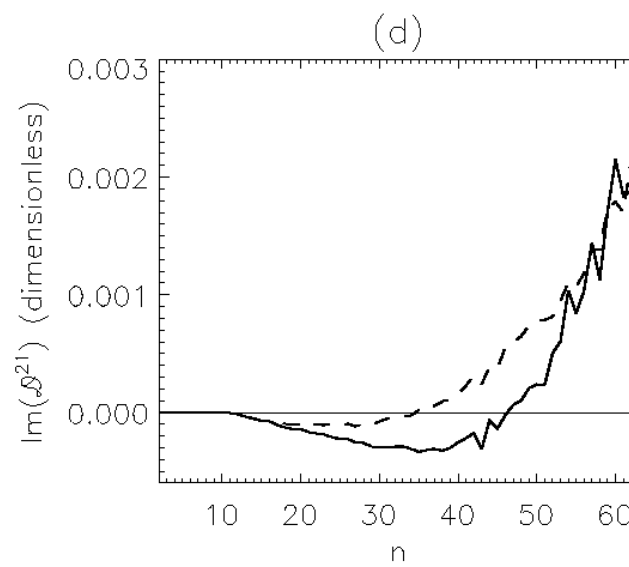
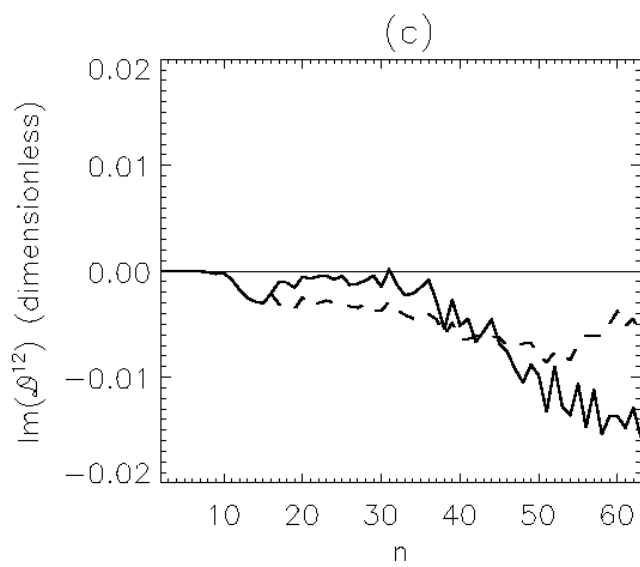
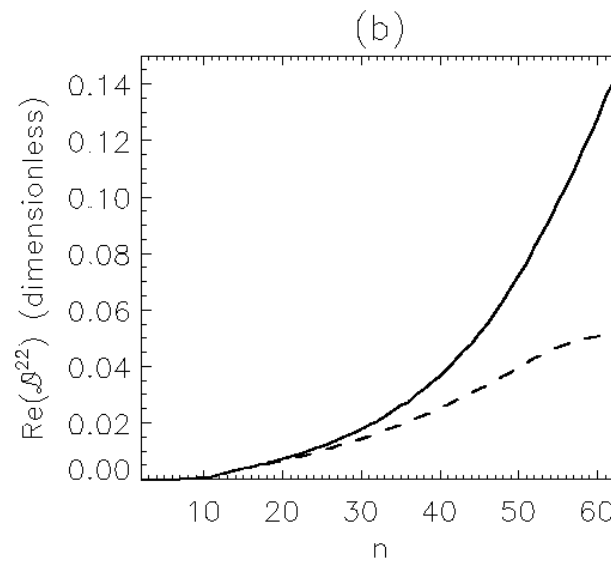
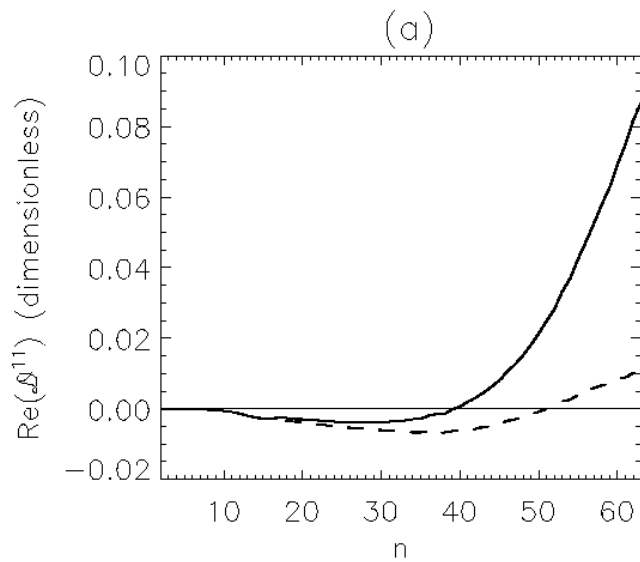
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$F_L=10,000$



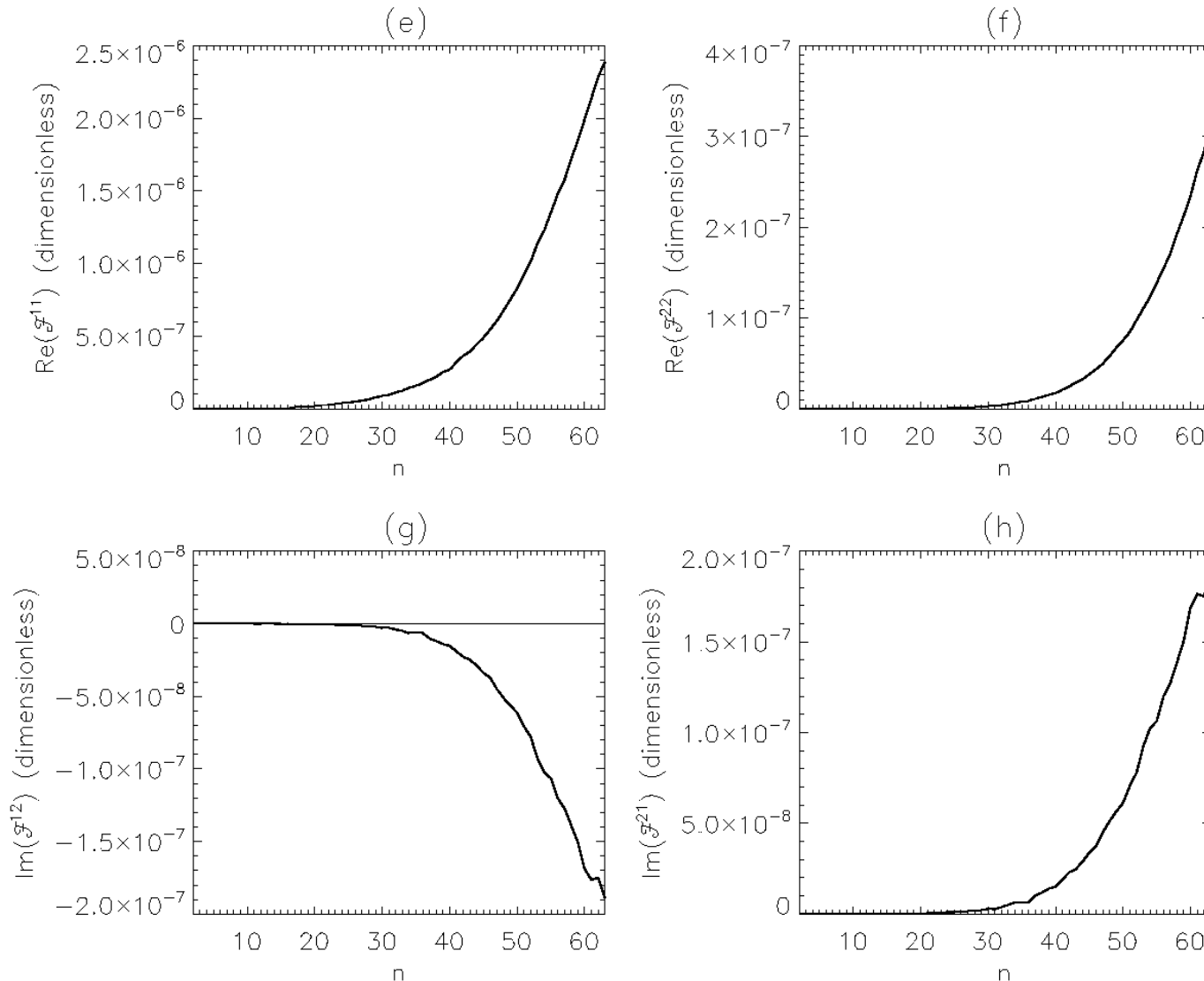
**Figure :** Longitudinally averaged time-averaged currents for Level 1 (upper level, solid) and Level 2 (lower level, dashed).

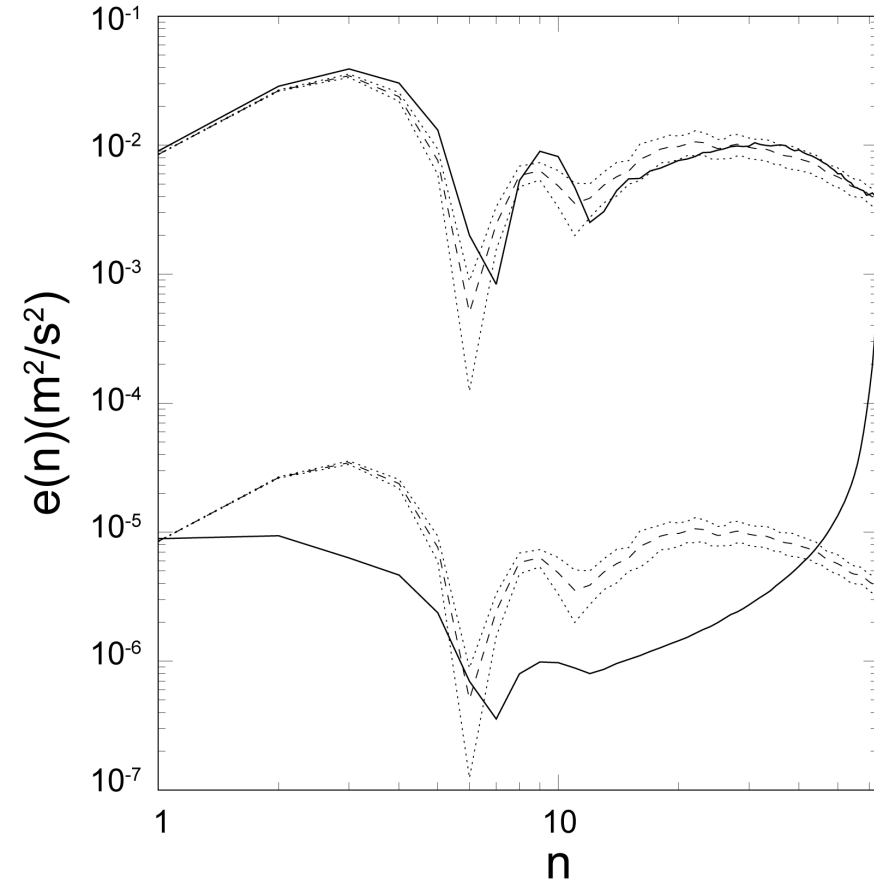
# Ocean: Barotropic and Baroclinic Dissipations



Drain-solid  
Net - dashed  
T252 to T63

# Ocean: Barotropic and Baroclinic Eddy Noise



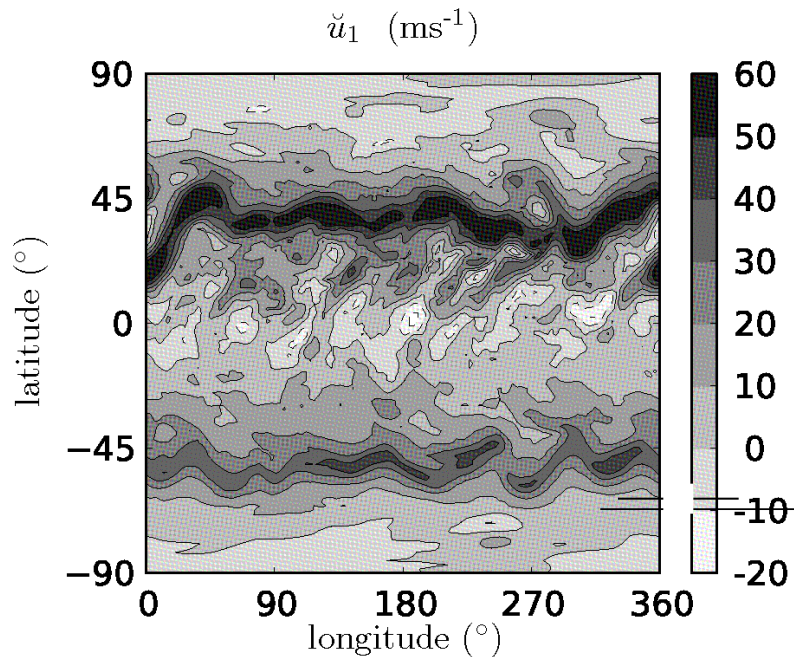


**Figure :** Kinetic energy spectra in  $\text{m}^2\text{s}^{-2}$  at Level 1 as functions of total wavenumber for LES at T63 (solid); for DNS at T252 truncated back to T63 (dashed); and DNS  $e(n) \pm$  standard deviation (dotted). The top results are for LES with subgrid-scale parameterizations; the bottom results are for LES without subgrid-scale parameterizations scaled by  $10^{-3}$ .

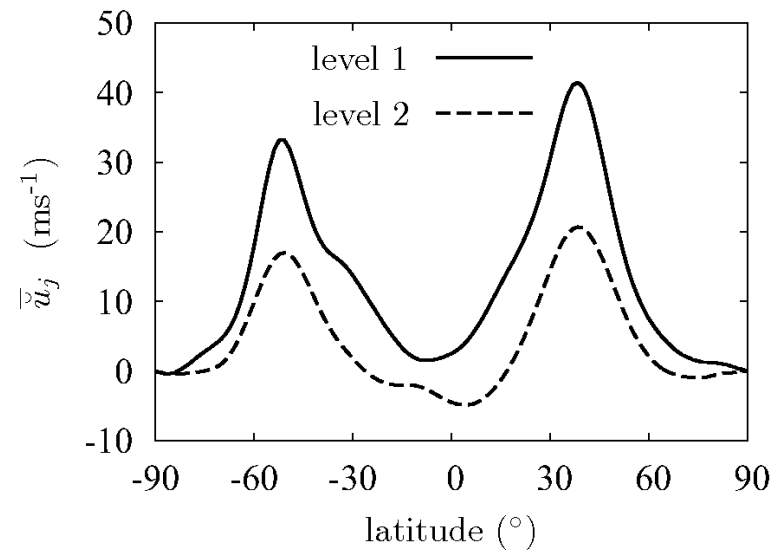
# Scaling Laws for Subgrid Model - Atmosphere

Kitsios, Frederiksen & Zidikheri 2011, JAS

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(a)



(b)

FIG. 1. Flow field from  $\mathcal{A}504$  illustrated by: (a) level 1 instantaneous zonal velocity field  $\check{u}_1$ ; and (b) the time averaged zonal velocity  $\bar{u}_j$  at level  $j = 1$  and level  $j = 2$ . In both figures the velocity is presented in metres per second ( $\text{ms}^{-1}$ ).

## Case A

$\tilde{\alpha}_{mn}^1$  correspond to 20 day e - folding time for  $n \leq 15$

$\tilde{\alpha}_{mn}^2$  correspond to 5 day e - folding time for  $n \leq 15$

$e_1(n) \sim n^{-3.2}$ ;  $e_2(n) \sim n^{-3.2}$  close to  $n^{-3}$  inertial range

## Case B

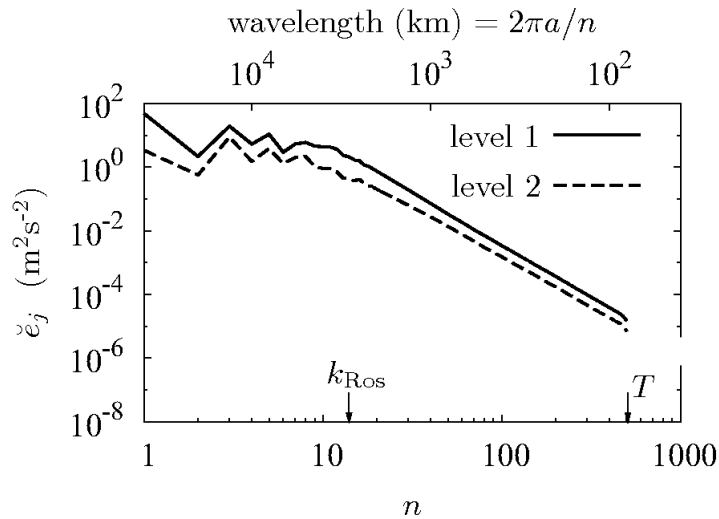
$\tilde{\alpha}_{mn}^1$  correspond to 20 day e - folding time for all  $n$

$\tilde{\alpha}_{mn}^2$  correspond to 5 day e - folding time for all  $n$

$e_1(n) \sim n^{-3.5}$ ;  $e_2(n) \sim n^{-4.1}$

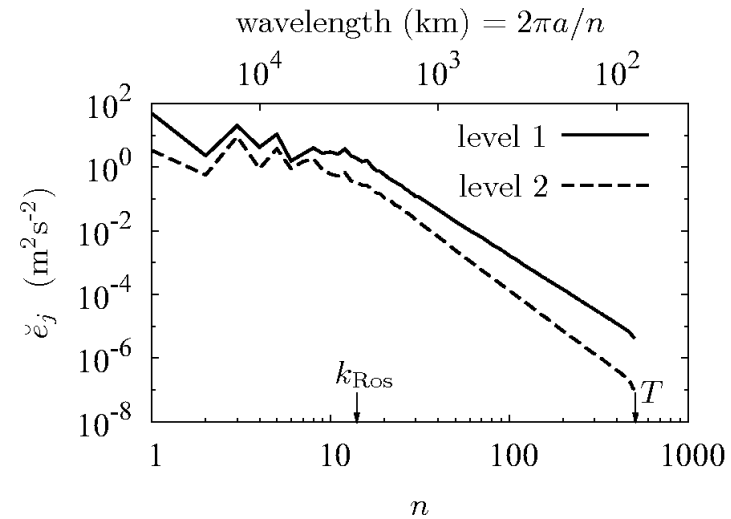
# Kinetic Energy and Enstrophy Flux Spectra

A

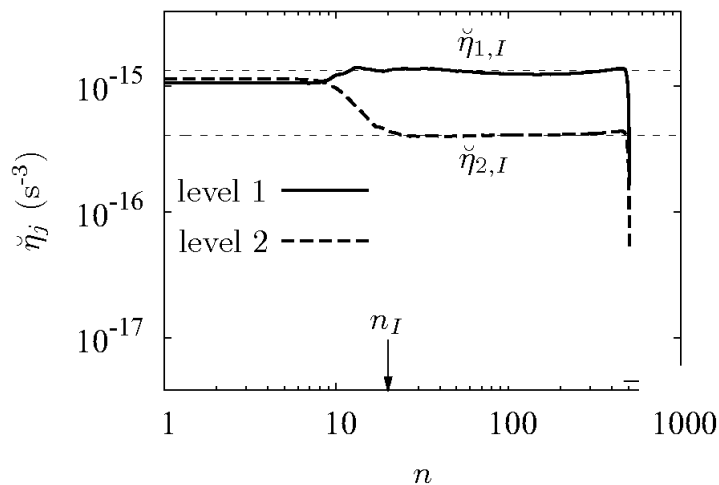


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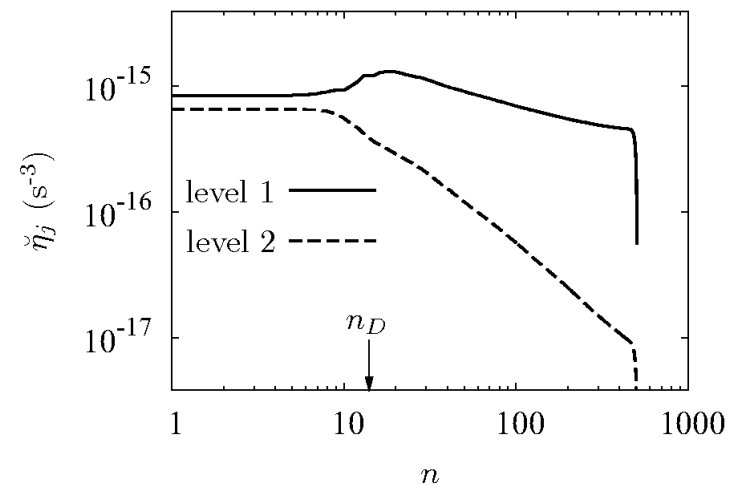
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(b)



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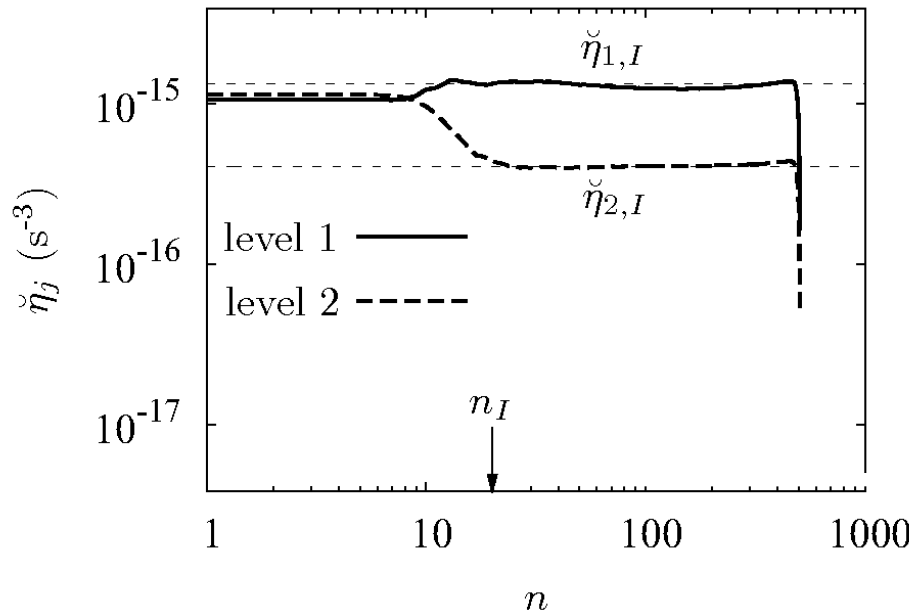


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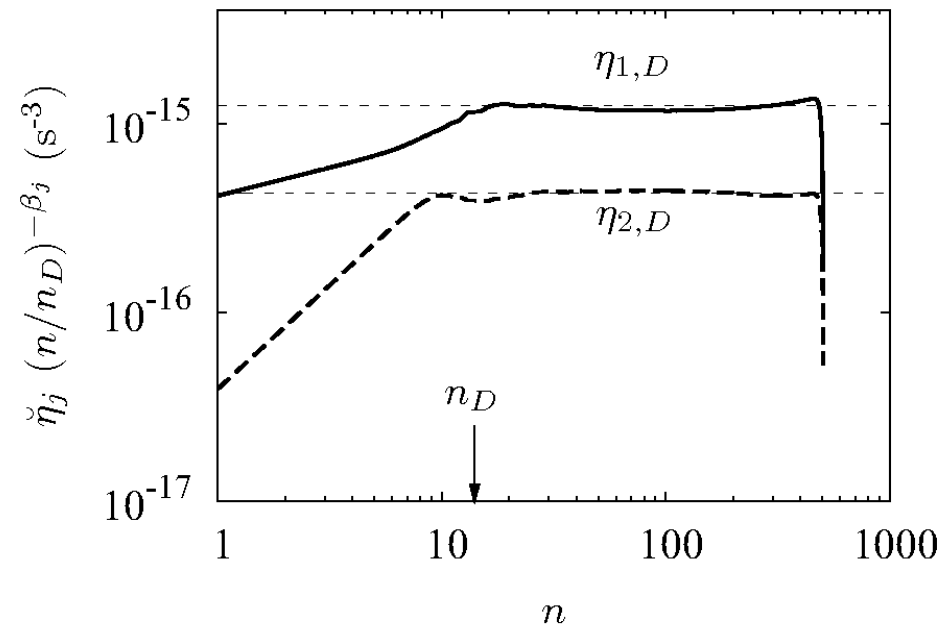


# Enstrophy Flux Spectra (Case B - Rectified)

Case A



Case B



$$\check{\eta}_{j,ref} = \check{\eta}_{j,I} \text{ for case A; } \check{\eta}_{j,ref} = \check{\eta}_{j,D} \text{ for case B}$$

# Drain, Backscatter and Net Eddy Viscosities

T126 to T63 Level 1

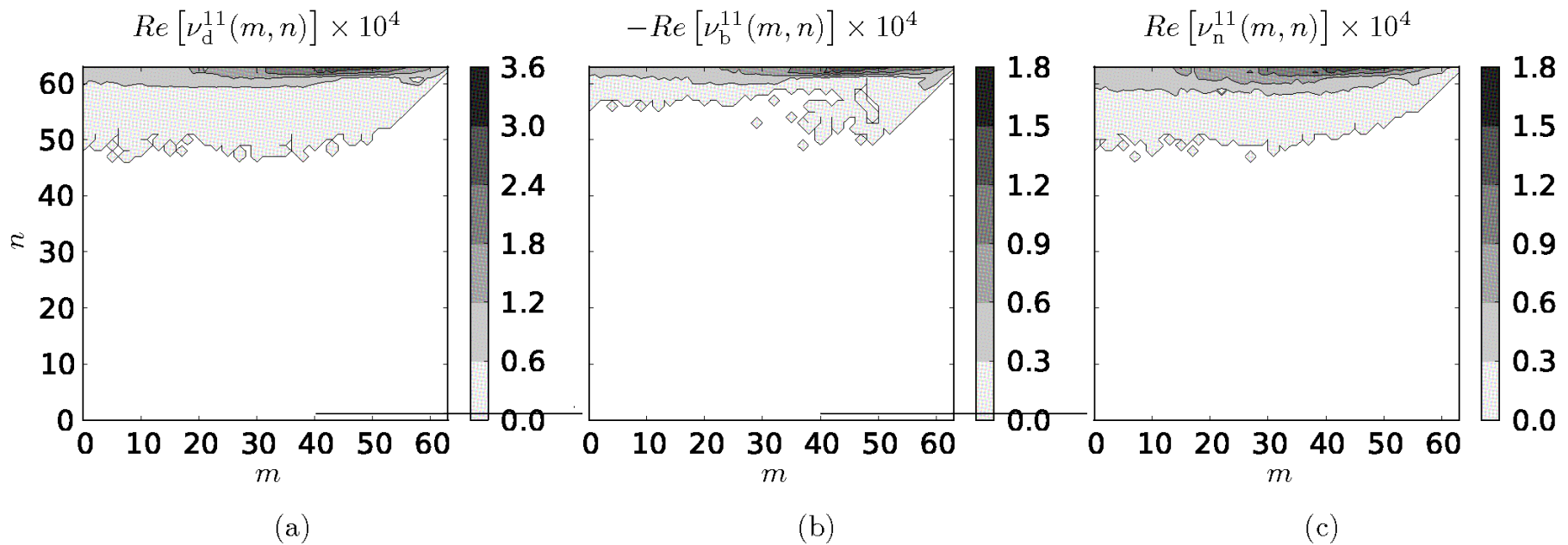


FIG. 3. Anisotropic subgrid-scale coefficients required to truncate the  $\mathcal{A}126$  DNS back to an LES with  $T_R = 63$ : (a)  $Re [\nu_d^{11}(m, n)]$ ; (b)  $-Re [\nu_b^{11}(m, n)]$ ; and (c)  $Re [\nu_n^{11}(m, n)]$ . Note the  $n$  axis in (a) is applicable to all figures.

# Net Eddy Viscosities with Changing Resolution $T_R$

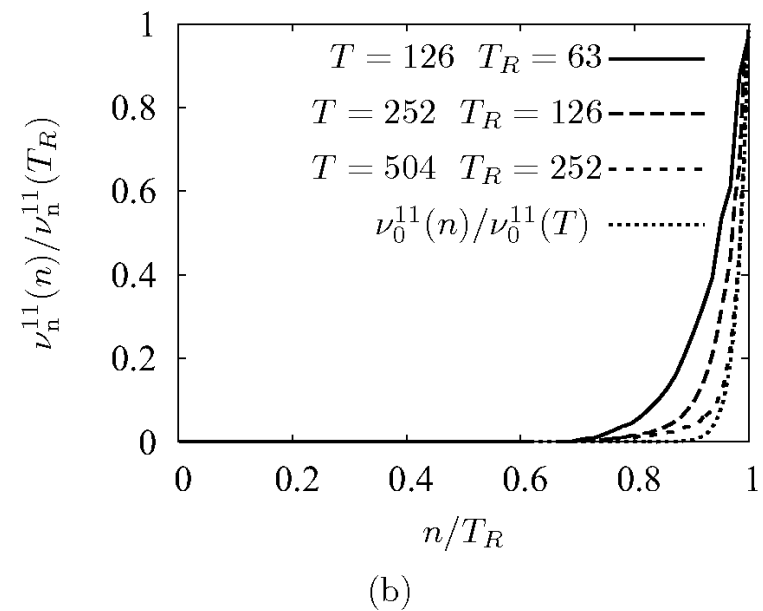
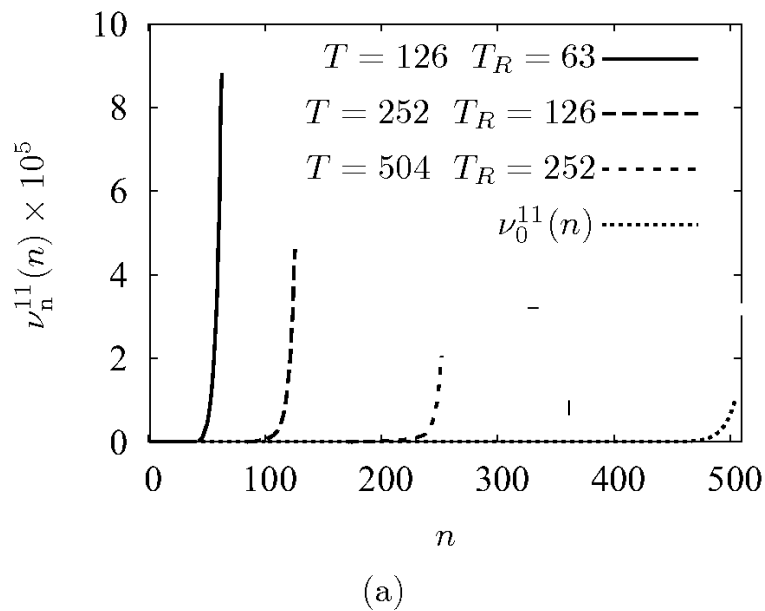


FIG. 4. Isotropic net eddy viscosity subgrid coefficients: (a)  $\nu_n^{11}(n)$ ; and (b) scaled such that  $\nu_n^{11}(n)/\nu_n^{11}(T_R)$  plotted against  $n/T_R$ . The bare eddy viscosity  $\nu_0^{11}$  for the  $\mathcal{A}504$  DNS is also included in the above figures.

Kraichnan (1967)

$$e_j(n) = C \eta_{j,I}^{2/3} n^{-3}$$

Leith (1971)

$$v^{jj}(T_R) \sim \eta_{j,I}^{1/3}$$

$$D_{\bullet}^{jj}(n) = D_{\bullet}^{jj}(T_R) \left( \frac{n}{T_R} \right)^{\rho_{\bullet}^j},$$

$$n(n+1) \sim n^2, T_R(T_R+1) \sim T_R^2$$

$$v_{\bullet}^{jj}(n) = v_{\bullet}^{jj}(T_R) \left( \frac{n}{T_R} \right)^{\rho_{\bullet}^j - 2}, \bullet = n, d \text{ or } b$$

# Scaling Properties of Net Viscosity

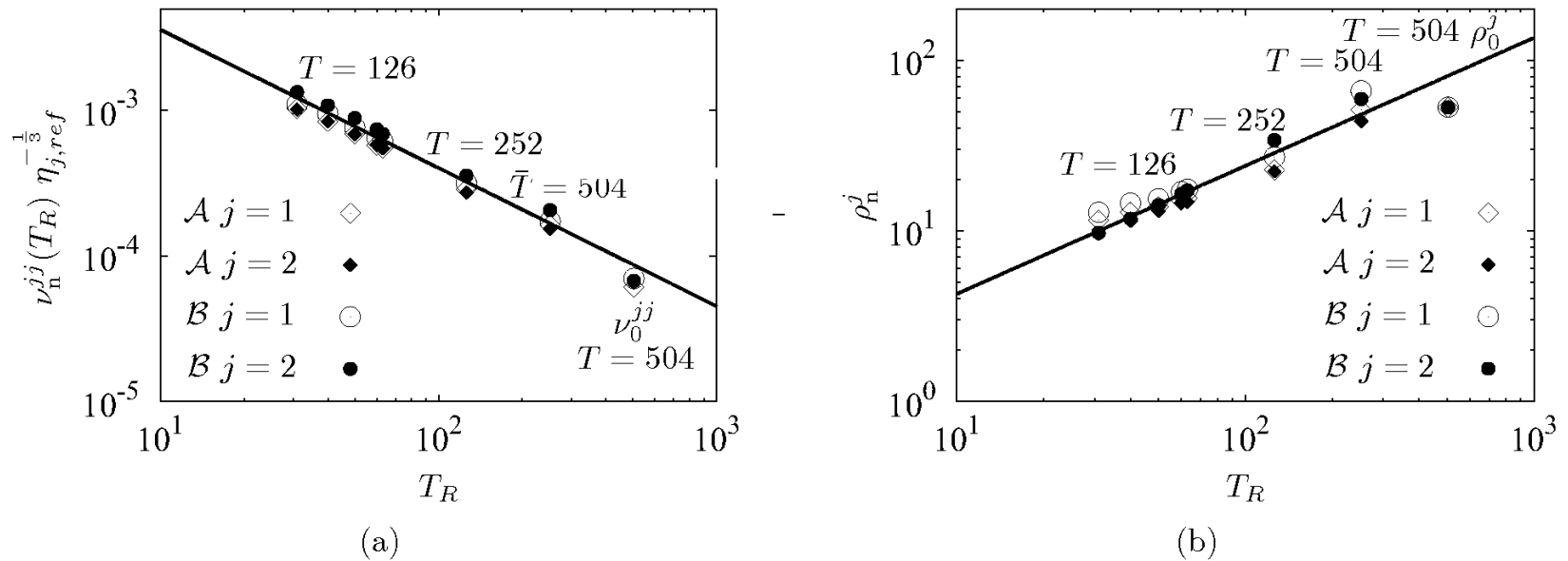


FIG. 5. The scaling of the subgrid coefficients properties: (a)  $\nu_n^{jj}(T_R)$  with trend line  $0.032 \eta_{j,ref}^{1/3} T_R^{-1}$ ; and (b)  $\rho_n^j$  with trend line  $0.76 T_R^{0.75}$ . The truncation wavenumber of the DNS from which these coefficients were determined is labelled on the figures. As a point of reference, the data points at  $T_R = 504$  represent the properties of the bare dissipation applied to the  $\mathcal{A}504$  and  $\mathcal{B}504$  DNS. The solid lines are the least squares regression lines fit to the data.

# Convergence of Drain and Backscatter Viscosities

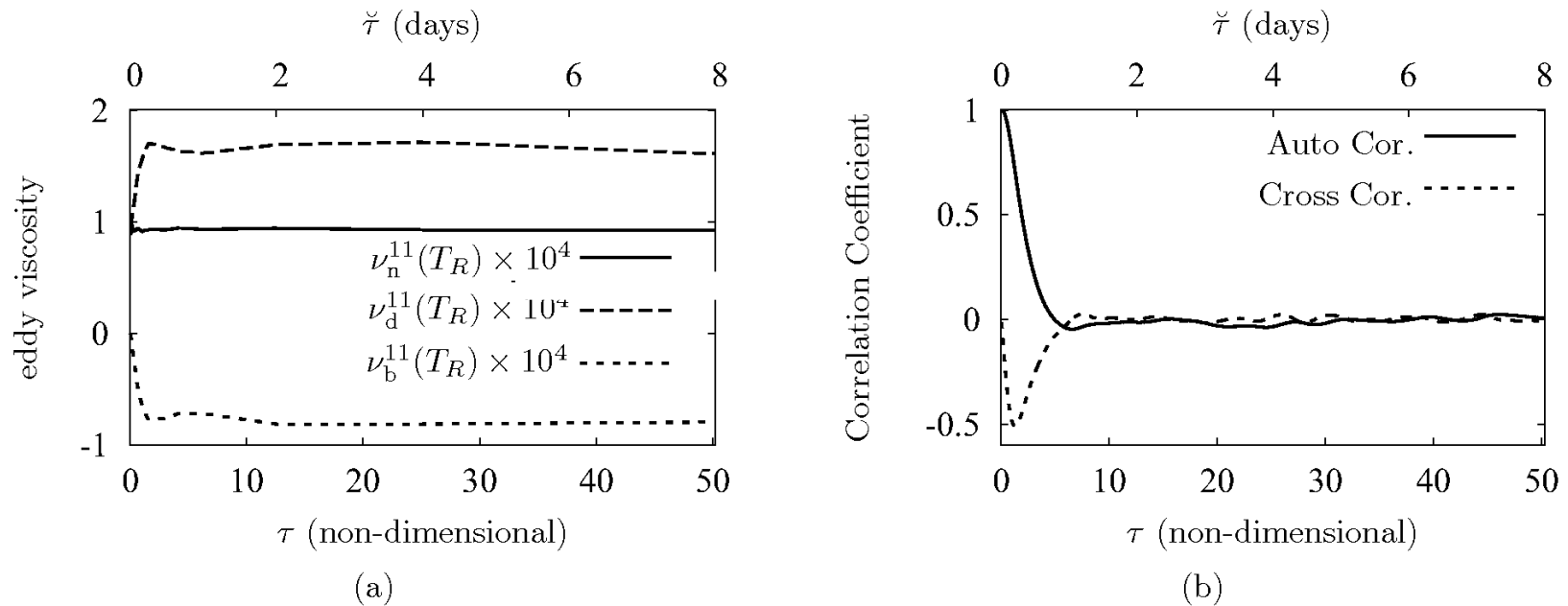


FIG. 6. For the  $\mathcal{B}126$  DNS truncated back to  $T_R = 63$ , the impact of the integration period ( $\tau$ ) on the subgrid coefficients is illustrated by: (a)  $\nu_n^{11}(T_R)$ ,  $\nu_d^{11}(T_R)$ ,  $\nu_b^{11}(T_R)$  versus  $\tau$ ; and to illustrate what contributes to  $\nu_d^{11}(T_R)$  (b) the cross-correlation (Cross Cor.) between  $(\hat{q}^S)_{mn}^1(t + \tau)$  and  $\hat{q}_{mn}^1(t)$ , and the auto-correlation (Auto Cor.) between  $\hat{q}_{mn}^1(t + \tau)$  and  $\hat{q}_{mn}^1(t)$ , for the wavenumber pair  $(m, n) = (T_R, T_R)$ .

# Convergence of Drain and Backscatter Viscosities

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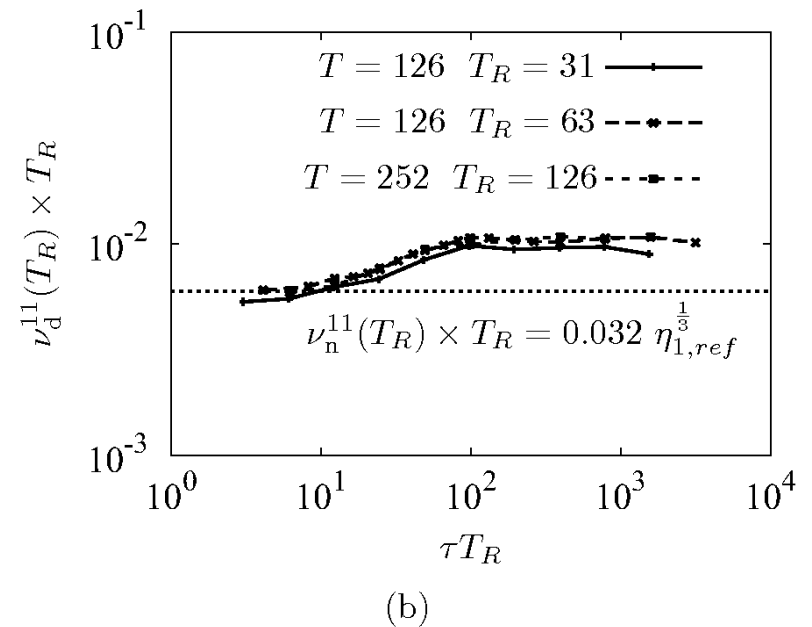
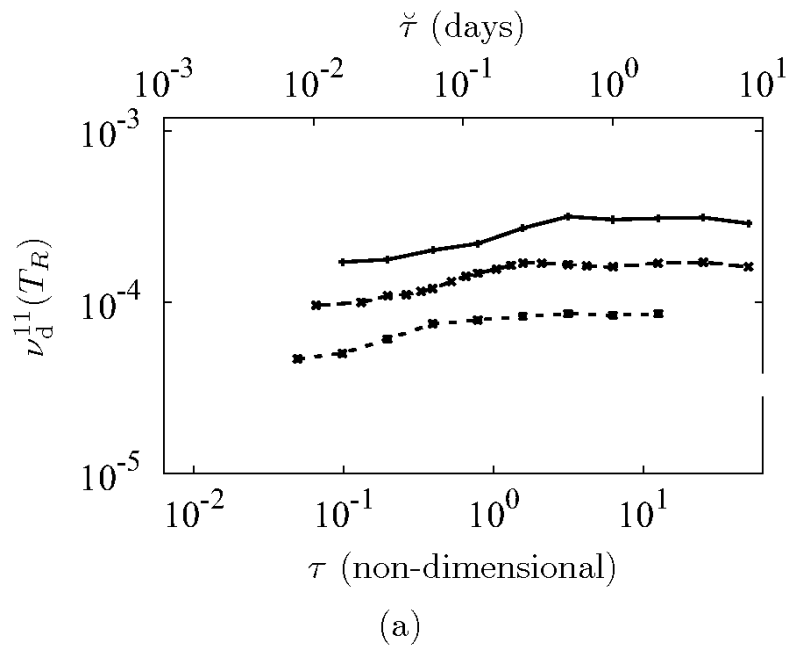
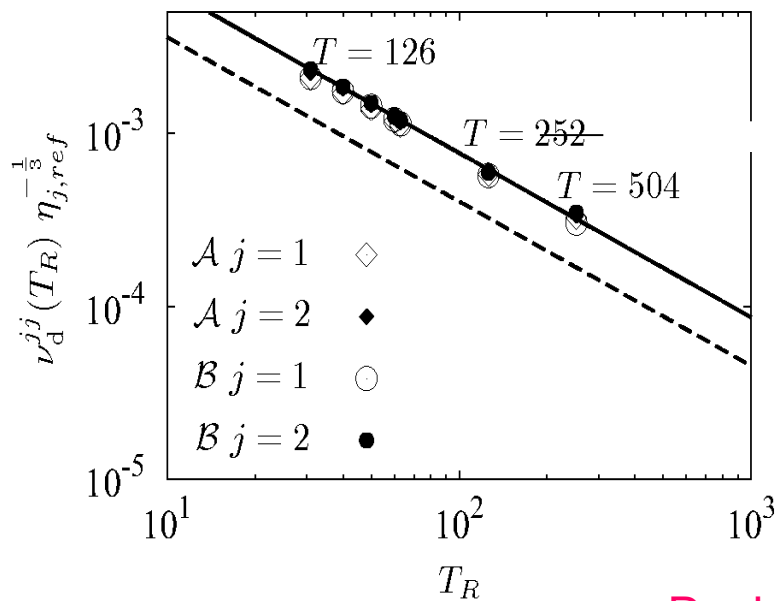
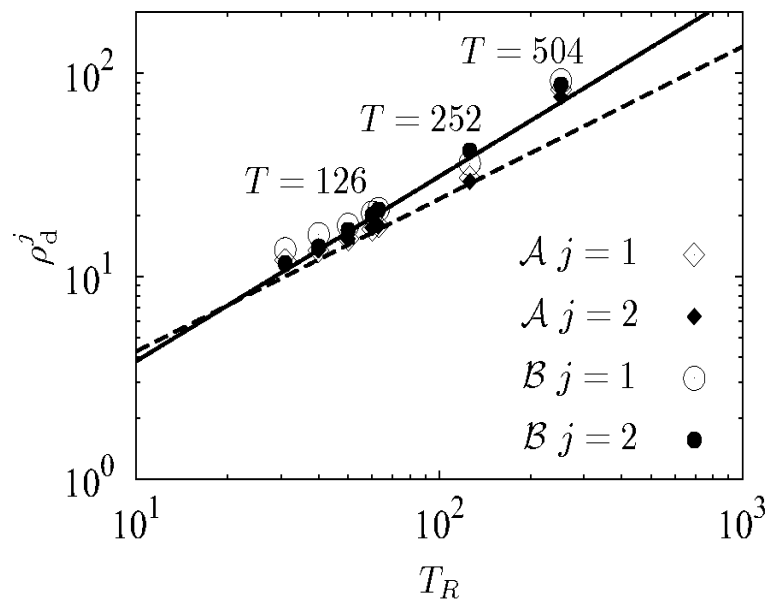


FIG. 7. For various DNS ( $T$ ) and LES truncation resolutions ( $T_R$ ): (a)  $\nu_d^{11}(T_R)$  versus  $\tau$ ; and (b) scaled such that  $\nu_d^{11}(T_R) \times T_R$  is plotted versus  $\tau T_R$ , with the dashed horizontal line representing  $\nu_n^{11}(T_R) \times T_R = 0.032 \eta_{1,ref}^{1/3}$ , where  $\eta_{1,ref} = \eta_{1,D}$ . The legend in (b) is also applicable to the data in (a).



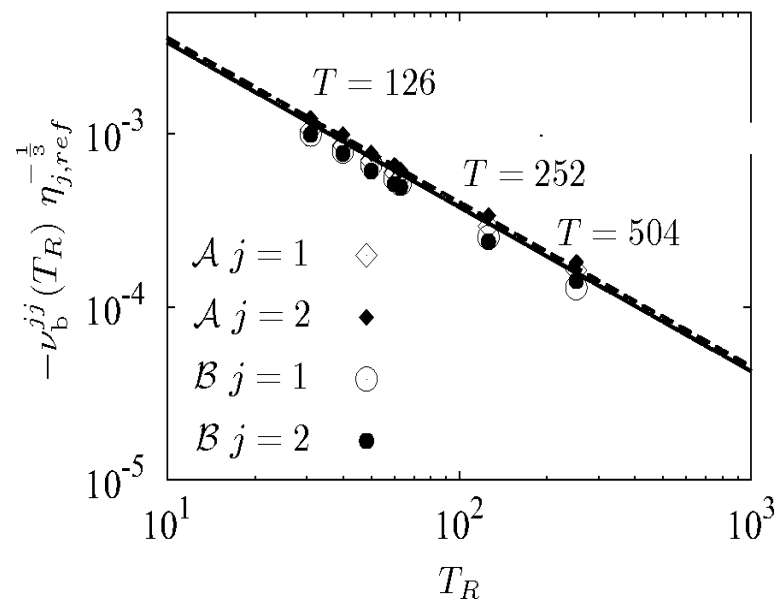


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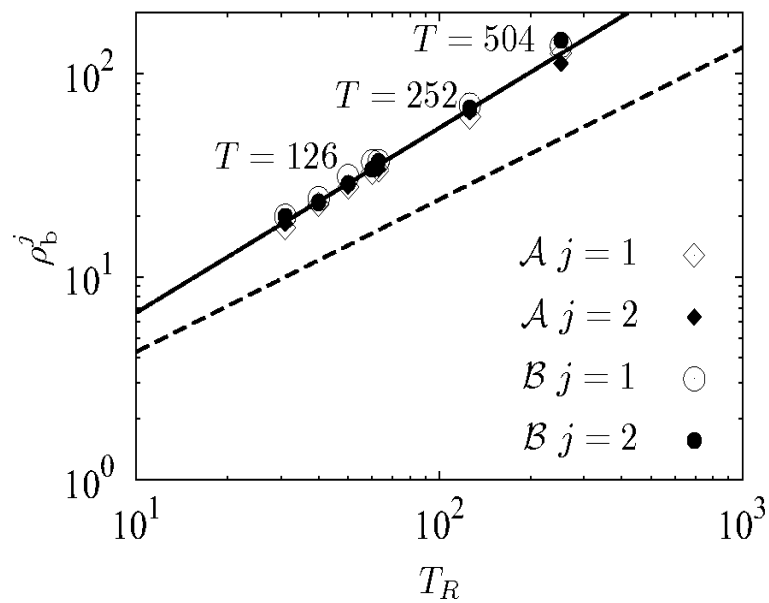


(b)

Dashed line n



(c)



(d)

Scaling Properties d and b

$$\nu_d^{jj}(T_R) \approx 2\nu_n^{jj}(T_R) \approx -2\nu_b^{jj}(T_R)$$

definition

$$\nu_n^{jj}(n) = \nu_n^{jj}(T_R) \left(\frac{n}{T_R}\right)^{\rho_n^j - 2} \rightarrow (26)$$

$$\nu_d^{jj}(n) = \nu_d^{jj}(T_R) \left(\frac{n}{T_R}\right)^{\rho_d^j - 2} \rightarrow (29)$$

$$\nu_b^{jj}(n) = \nu_b^{jj}(T_R) \left(\frac{n}{T_R}\right)^{\rho_b^j - 2} \rightarrow (32)$$

$$\nu_d^{jj}(T_R) \approx 2\nu_n^{jj}(T_R) \approx -2\nu_b^{jj}(T_R)$$

value at truncation

power exponent

$$\nu_n^{jj}(T_R) = 0.032 \eta_{j,ref}^{\frac{1}{3}} T_R^{-1} \rightarrow (27)$$

$$\rho_n^j = 0.76 T_R^{0.75} \rightarrow (28)$$

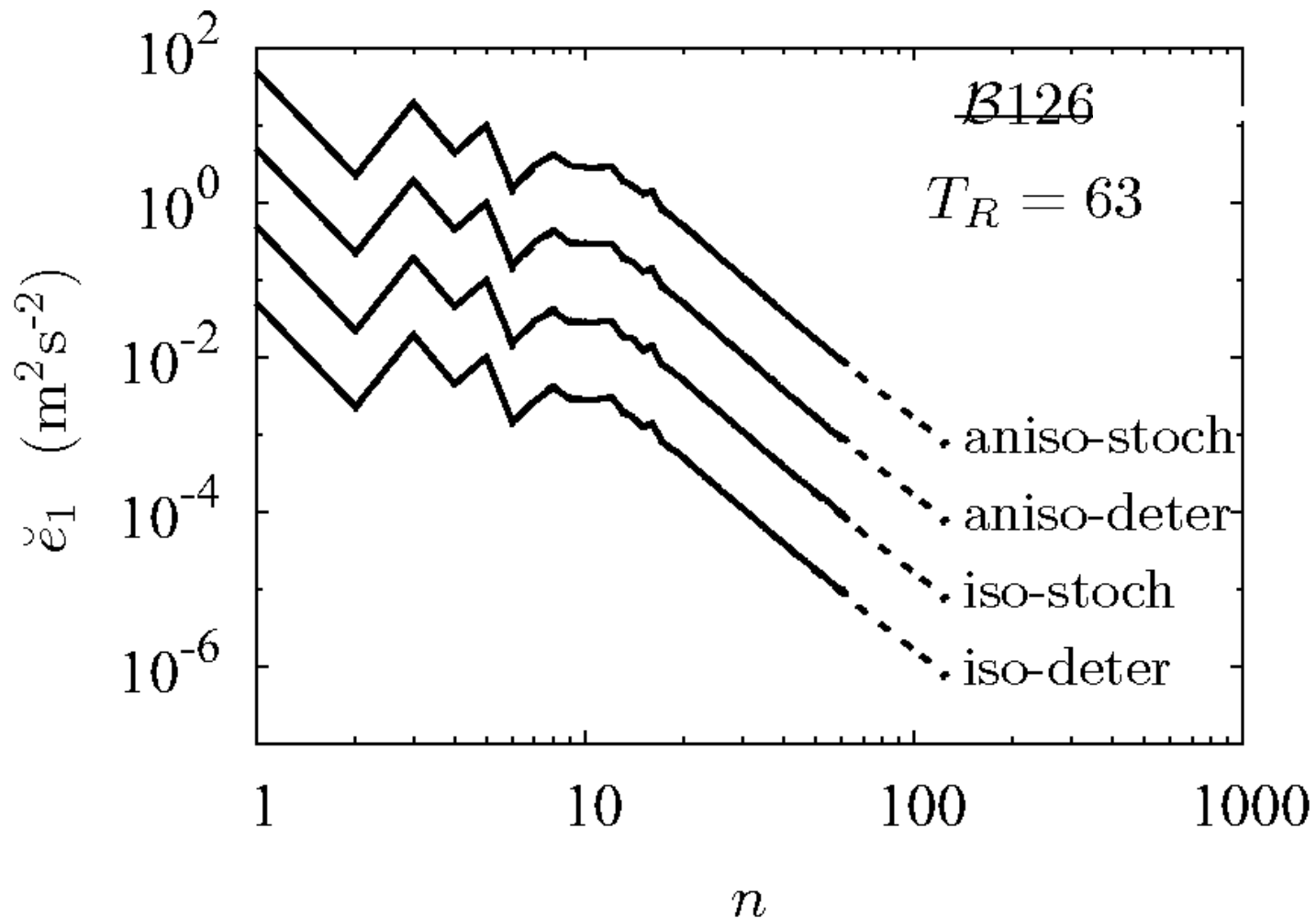
$$\nu_d^{jj}(T_R) = 0.063 \eta_{j,ref}^{\frac{1}{3}} T_R^{-1} \rightarrow (30)$$

$$\rho_d^j = 0.47 T_R^{0.91} \rightarrow (31)$$

$$\nu_b^{jj}(T_R) = -0.031 \eta_{j,ref}^{\frac{1}{3}} T_R^{-1} \rightarrow (33)$$

$$\rho_b^j = 0.82 T_R^{0.91} \rightarrow (34)$$

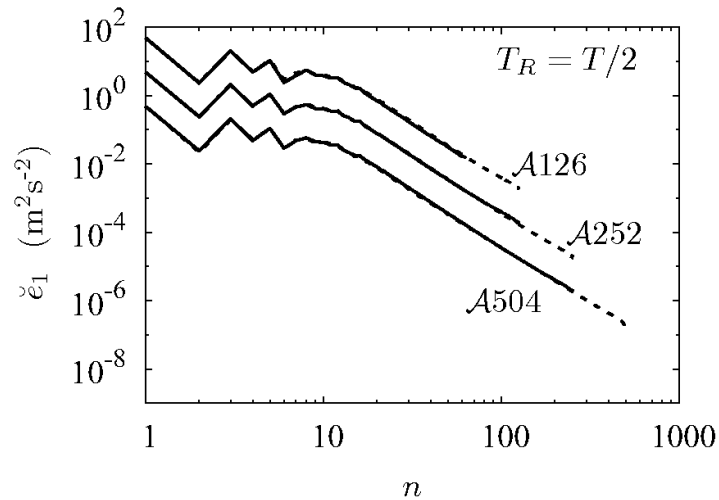
# LESs with net eddy viscosity from DNS



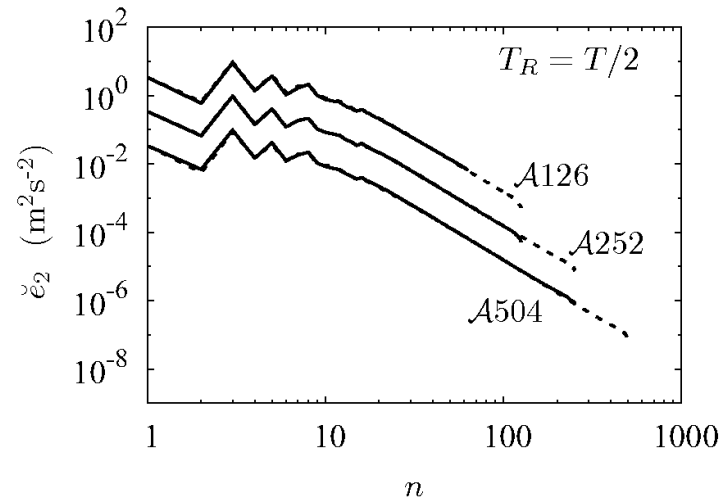
# LESs with net eddy viscosity satisfying scaling law.

Nearly identical results using drain viscosity and stochastic backscatter

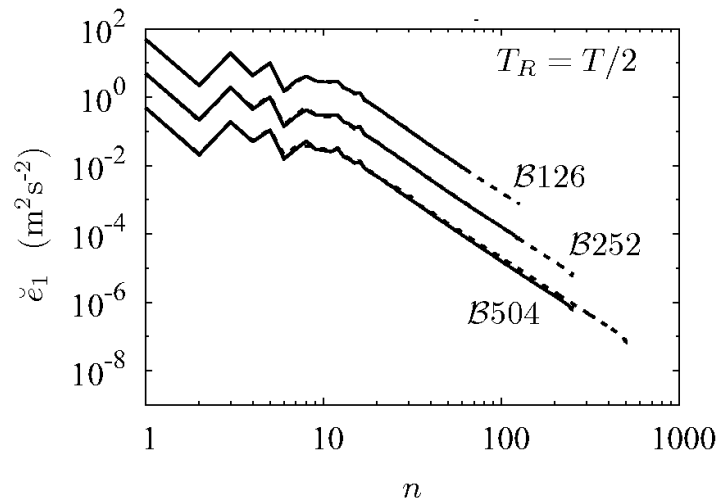
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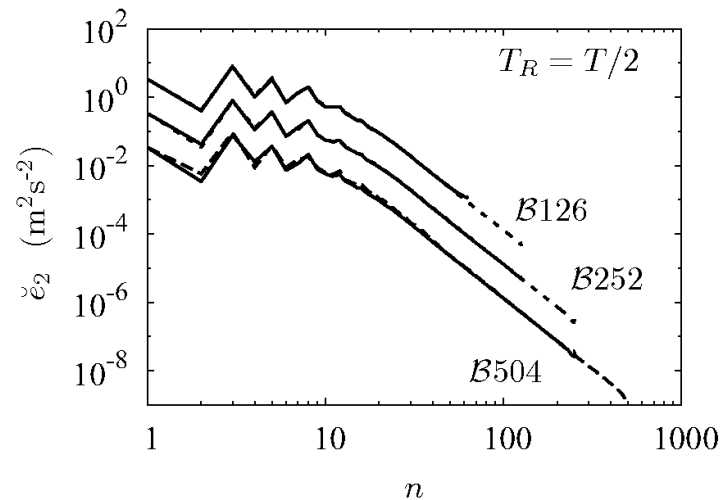
(a)



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(c)



(d)

More general applications ?

From stochastic LES for  $q$  to  $w$  :

$$(q^j, \frac{\partial q^j}{\partial t}) \Rightarrow (\zeta^j, \frac{\partial \zeta^j}{\partial t}; \theta, \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t}) \Rightarrow w$$

and particularly updrafts in vertical velocity.

Morales and Nenes, 2010 JGR Statistics of updrafts in clouds

- Closure based subgrid-scale parameterizations have been compared with those based on a stochastic modelling approach.
- A stochastic method for subgrid-scale modelling has been applied to barotropic and baroclinic atmospheric and oceanic turbulent flows.
- Baroclinic turbulent flows with mean jets and rotation have been considered within QG models for the atmosphere and ocean.
- The subgrid-scale parameterizations of eddy viscosity and dissipation and stochastic backscatter have a cusp at the smallest retained scales of LES.
- LES with renormalized subgrid-scale parameterizations are in excellent agreement with DNS.
- For atmospheric flows deterministic and stochastic parameterizations are equally successful in reproducing mean flows and spectra.
- For oceanic flows a stochastic parameterization is necessary to represent injection due to unresolved baroclinic instability.
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