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## Stochastic flow

$$d\mathbf{X}_t = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{X}_t, t)dt + \underbrace{\sigma(\mathbf{X}_t, t)d\mathbf{B}_t}_{\text{Uncertainty or Noise}} \quad (1)$$

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- Covariance and variance

$$\begin{aligned} Q(x, y, t, s) &= \mathbb{E} \left[ (\sigma(x, t) dB_t) (\sigma(y, s) dB_s)^T \right] \\ &= \delta(t - s) dt \int_{\Omega} \check{\sigma}(x, z, t) \check{\sigma}^T(y, z, s) dz \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$a \triangleq Q/dt = \sigma \sigma^T \quad (4)$$

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## Stochastic Reynolds transport theorem (Mémin, 2014)

$$d \int_{\mathcal{V}(t)} \theta(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\mathcal{V}(t)} (D_t \theta + \theta \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_s)) d\mathbf{x} \quad (7)$$

- Stochastic transport operator (Resseguier et al., 2017)

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- Itô–Stokes drift (Bauer et al., 2020)

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- Energy conservation ( $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{F} = 0$ ) (Bauer et al., 2020)

$$d_t \int_\Omega \frac{1}{2} \|\nabla \psi\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\psi/R_d)^2 = 0 \quad (15)$$

## Test case: monochromatic Rossby wave

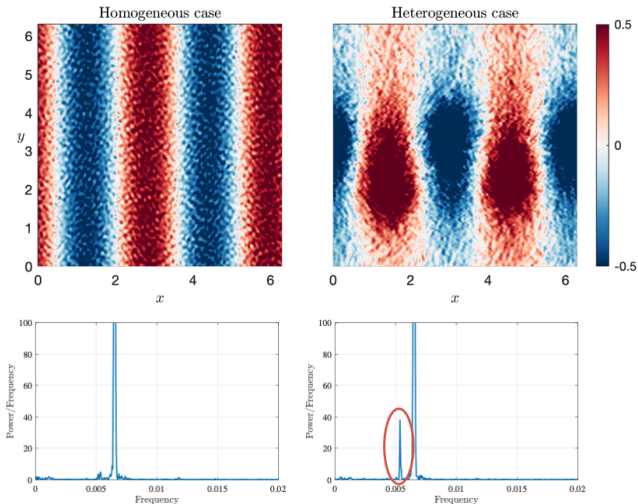
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# Numerical results: effect of small-scale inhomogeneity

Relative vorticity at  $t = 1000$



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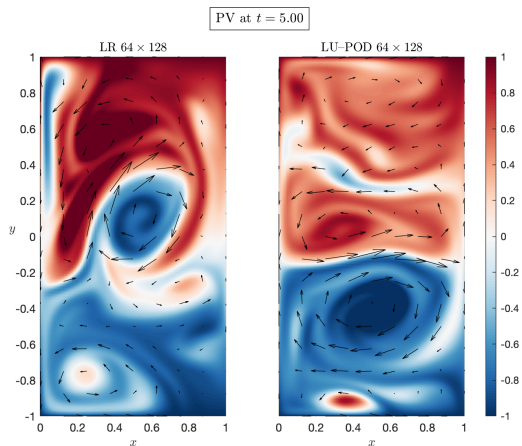
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- POD noise

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where the EOFs  $\boldsymbol{\phi}_n$  are learned from eddy-resolving ( $256 \times 512$ ) data.

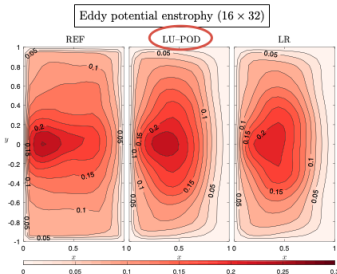
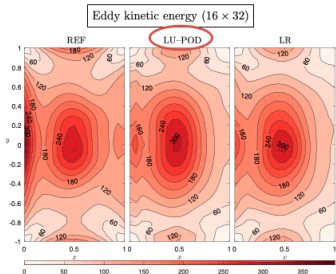
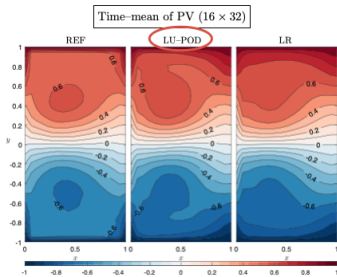
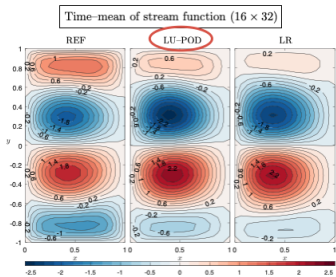
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LU	0.094	0.064	0.161	0.182
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Table: Normalized RMSE of statistics for stream function ( $32 \times 64$ )

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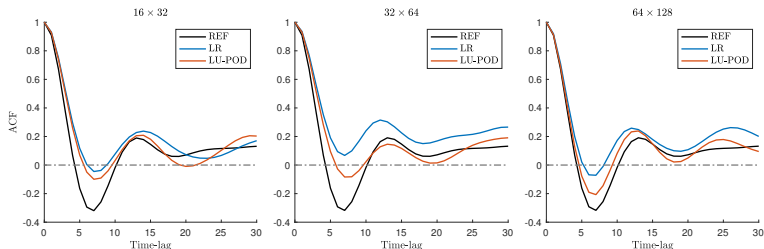
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## Autocorrelation function for total circulation

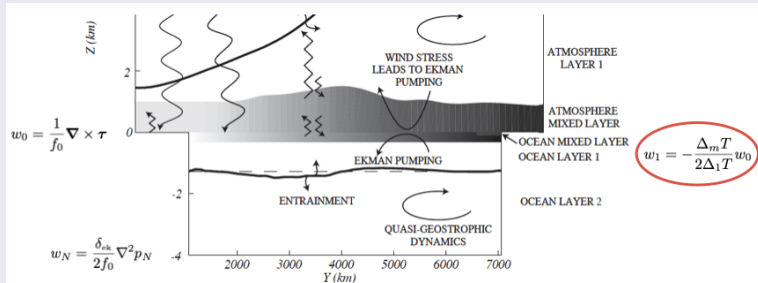
$$\text{ACF}(\tau) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{\Psi}^2} \overline{(\Psi(t) - \bar{\Psi}^t)(\Psi(t + \tau) - \bar{\Psi}^t)}^t, \quad (17)$$

where  $\Psi(t) \triangleq \frac{1}{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \psi(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x}$  with its standard derivation  $\sigma_{\Psi}$ .



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## Quasi-geostrophic coupled model (Q-GCM) (Hogg et al., 2003)



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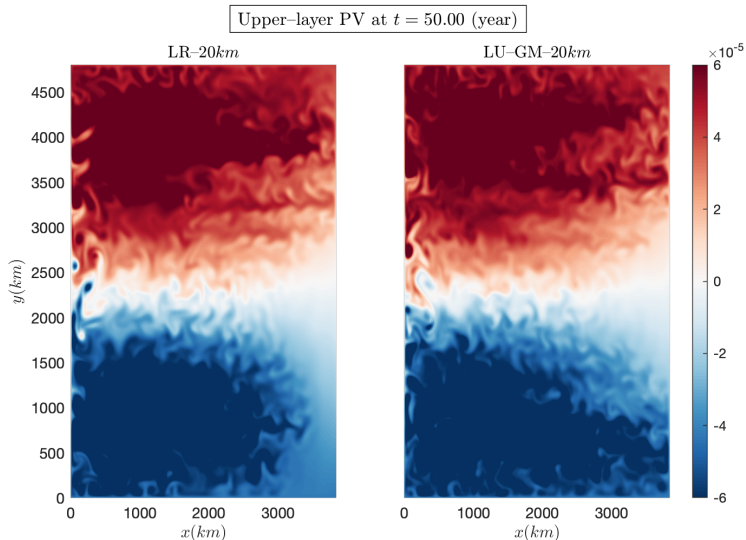
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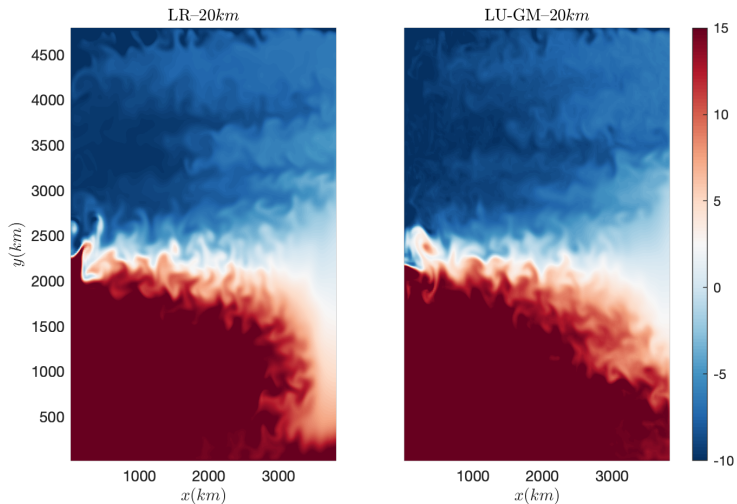
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Mixed-layer temperature anomaly at  $t = 50.00$  (year)



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## Measures of statistics (Grooms et al., 2015)

- Pattern correlation (PC)

$$PC = \frac{\int_{\Omega} \sigma_f^2 \sigma_{f_{\text{ref}}}^2 d\mathbf{x}}{(\int_{\Omega} \sigma_f^4 d\mathbf{x})(\int_{\Omega} \sigma_{f_{\text{ref}}}^4 d\mathbf{x})} \quad \nearrow \quad (24)$$

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- Gaussian approximation of relative entropy

$$\text{Dispersion} = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\sigma_{f_{\text{ref}}}^2}{\sigma_f^2} - 1 - \log \left( \frac{\sigma_{f_{\text{ref}}}^2}{\sigma_f^2} \right) \right) d\mathbf{x} \quad \searrow \quad (25)$$

$$\text{Entropy} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} \frac{(\bar{f}^t - \bar{f}_{\text{ref}}^t)^2}{\sigma_f^2} d\mathbf{x} + \text{Dispersion} \right) \quad \searrow \quad (26)$$

# Numerical results: comparison of measures

Model	RMSE of mean	RMSE of std	PC of std	Dispersion	Entropy
LR	0.41	0.71	0.51	79	41
LU-POD	0.38	0.69	0.52	38	19
LU-GM	0.36	0.66	0.53	16	8

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Model	RMSE of mean	RMSE of std	PC of std	Dispersion	Entropy
LR	0.23	0.64	0.51	194	98
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Model	RMSE of mean	RMSE of std	PC of std	Dispersion	Entropy
LR	0.12	0.67	0.57	1322	661
LU-POD	0.12	0.65	0.65	222	111
LU-GM	0.12	0.60	0.83	41	21

Table: Measures of skill for bottom-layer pressure (40km).



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Model	RMSE of mean	RMSE of std	PC of std	Dispersion	Entropy
LR	0.44	0.71	0.44	851	26
LU-POD	0.44	0.69	0.46	36	18
LU-GM	0.41	0.66	0.50	15	8

Table: Measures of skill for upper-layer pressure (80km).

Model	RMSE of mean	RMSE of std	PC of std	Dispersion	Entropy
LR	0.26	0.60	0.58	188	94
LU-POD	0.26	0.59	0.61	67	34
LU-GM	0.25	0.55	0.70	18	9

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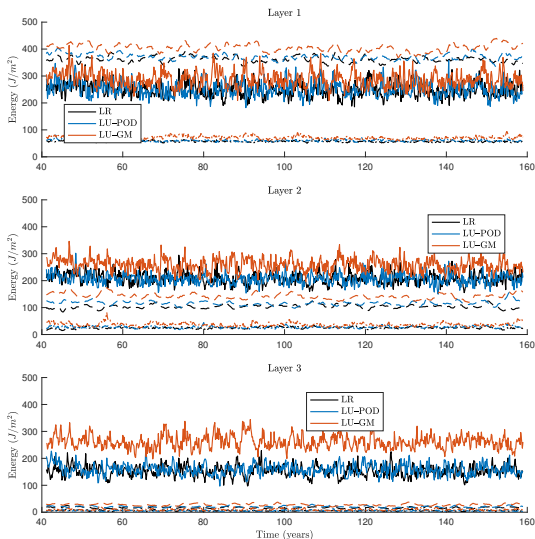
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## Energy pathways (Hogg and Blundell, 2006)

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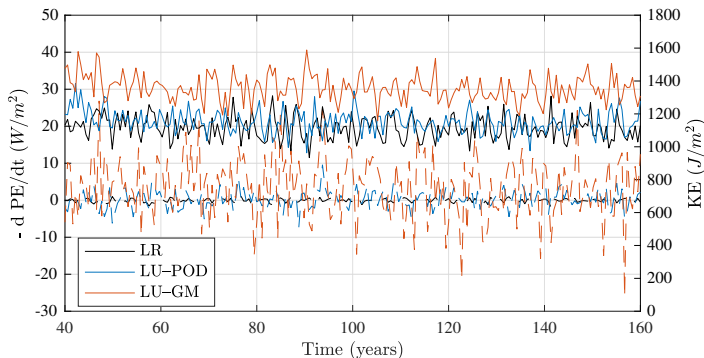
$$\text{KE}_k = \frac{\rho H_k}{2} \left( \underbrace{\langle u_k \rangle^2}_{\text{Zonal KE}} + \underbrace{(\overline{u_k^2} + \overline{v_k^2})}_{\text{Standing EKE}} + \underbrace{(u_k'^2 + v_k'^2)}_{\text{Transient EKE}} \right) \quad (27)$$

# Numerical results: (eddy) kinetic energy budget



**Figure:** Comparison of zonal (dotted lines), standing eddy (dashed lines), and transient eddy kinetic energy (solid lines), for different coarse ( $40km$ ) models, in (a) layer 1, (b) layer 2, and (c) layer 3.

# Numerical results: energy exchange



**Figure:** Time series of the negative rate of change of potential energy (dashed lines) and total kinetic energy (solid lines), for different coarse (40km) models.

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# Future works

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Thank for Your Attention!

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