

- Lecture I

- motivate/overview celestial objects where rotation influences buoyancy driven flows
- discuss energetics, waves, geostrophy

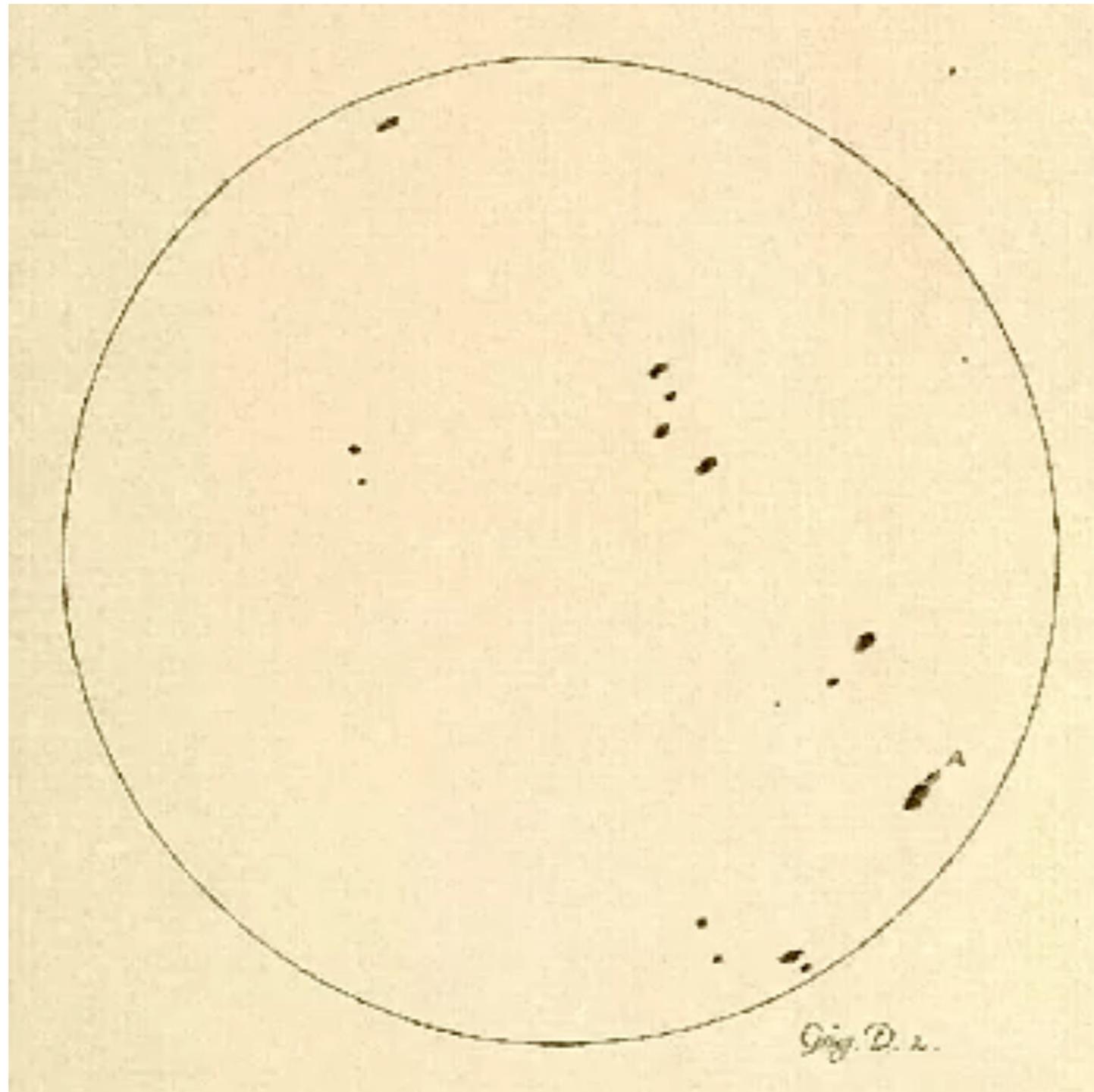
- Lecture II

- stability theory for rotating convection - what can we glean from it
- motivates non-hydrostatic quasi-geostrophy
- derive and investigate semi-analytic solutions (skeleton for strongly NL flows)

Lecture III

- investigate fully NL rotating convection from QG perspective
- assess how the theory holds up c.f. experiments and DNS
- comments on broader view and future outlook

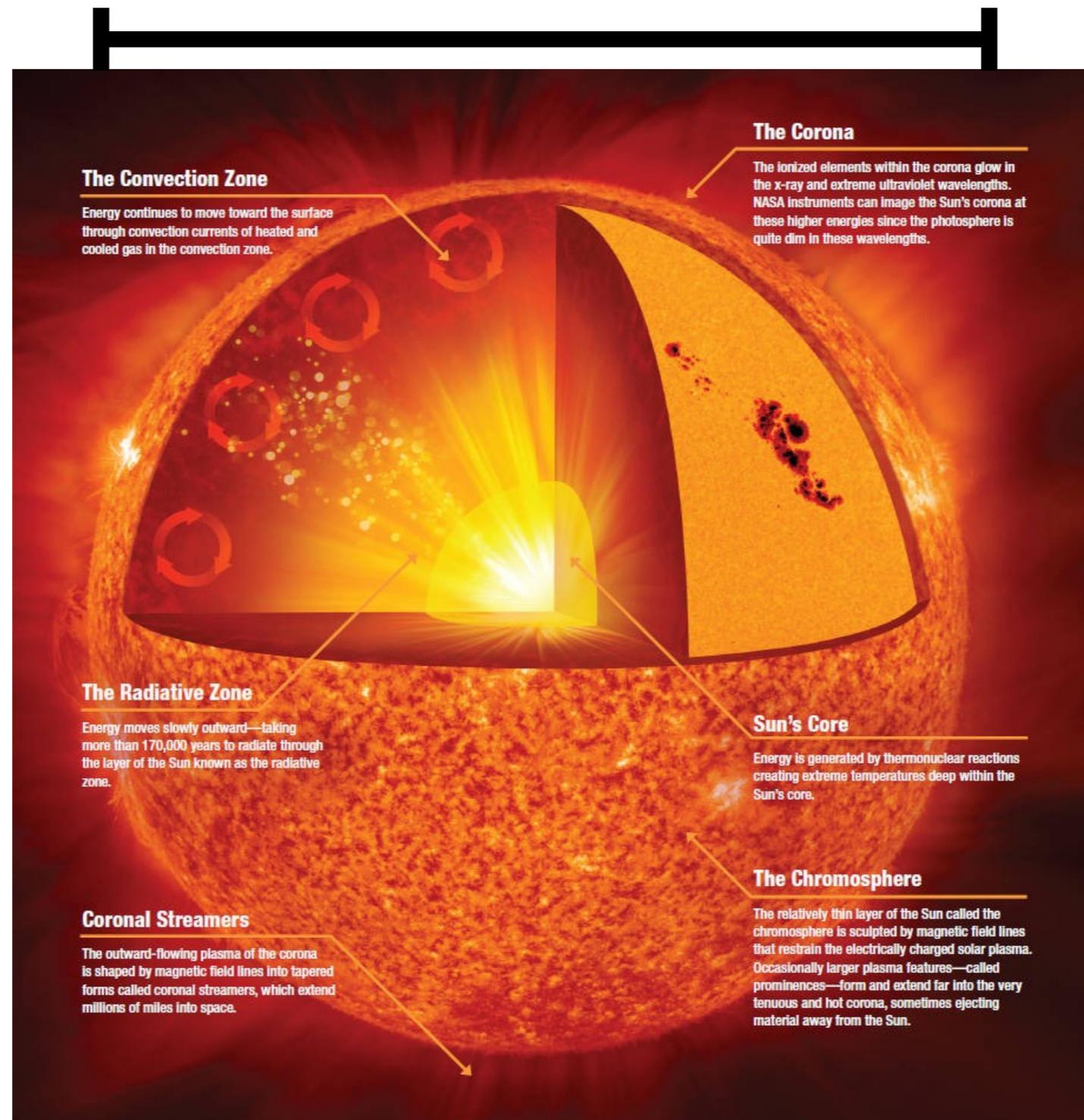
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The Galileo Project, 1995, Galileo 1613

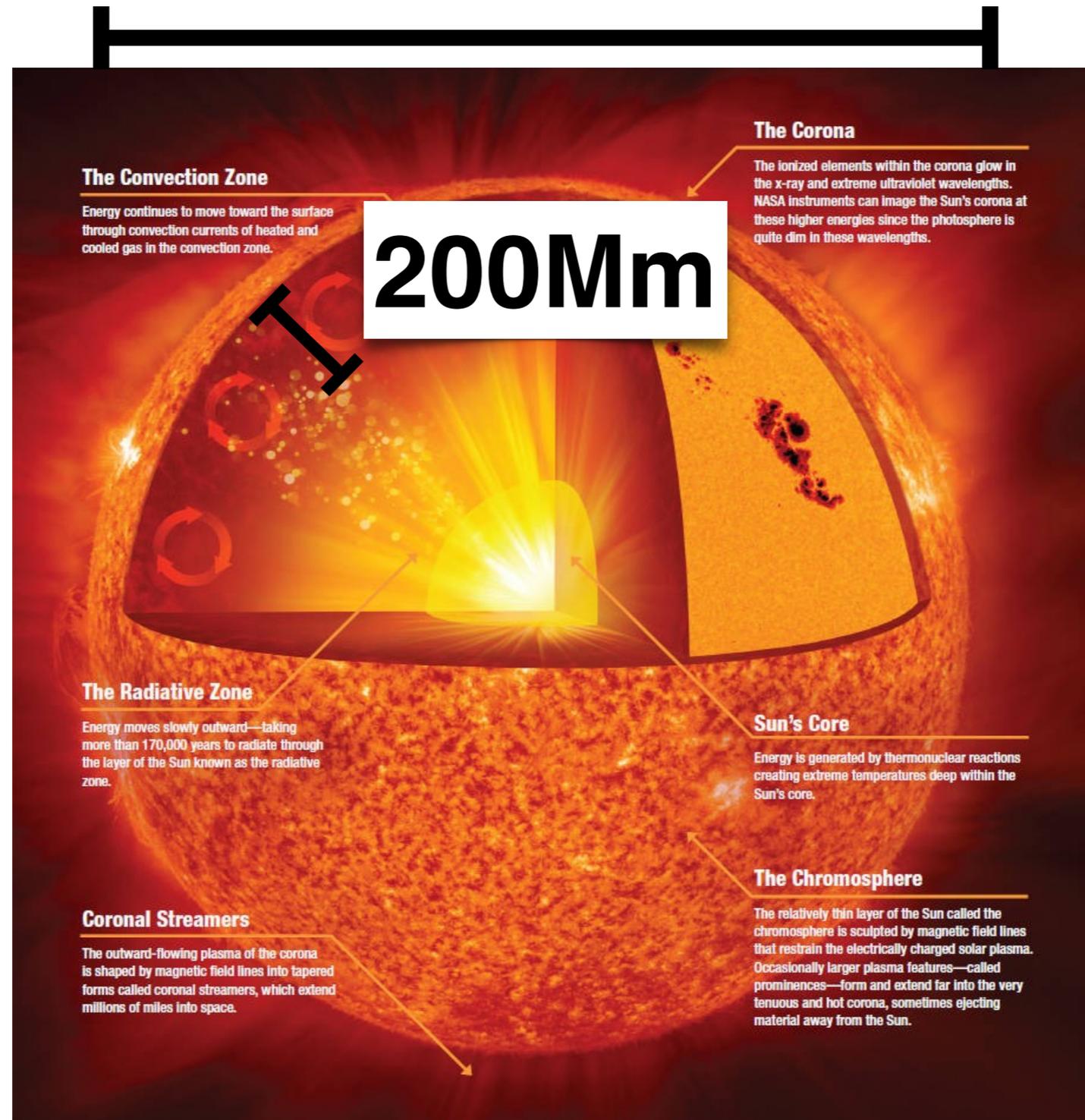
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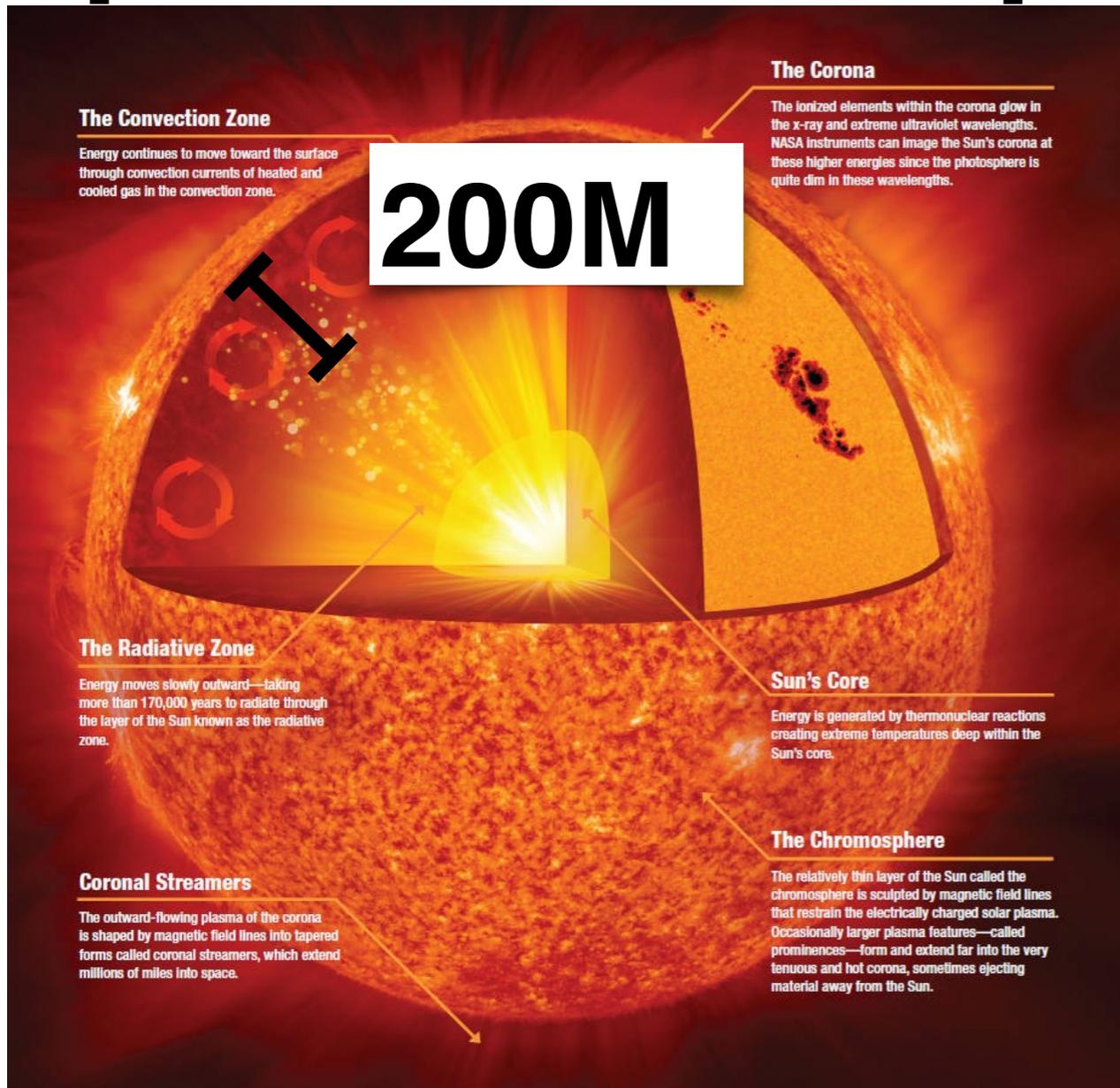
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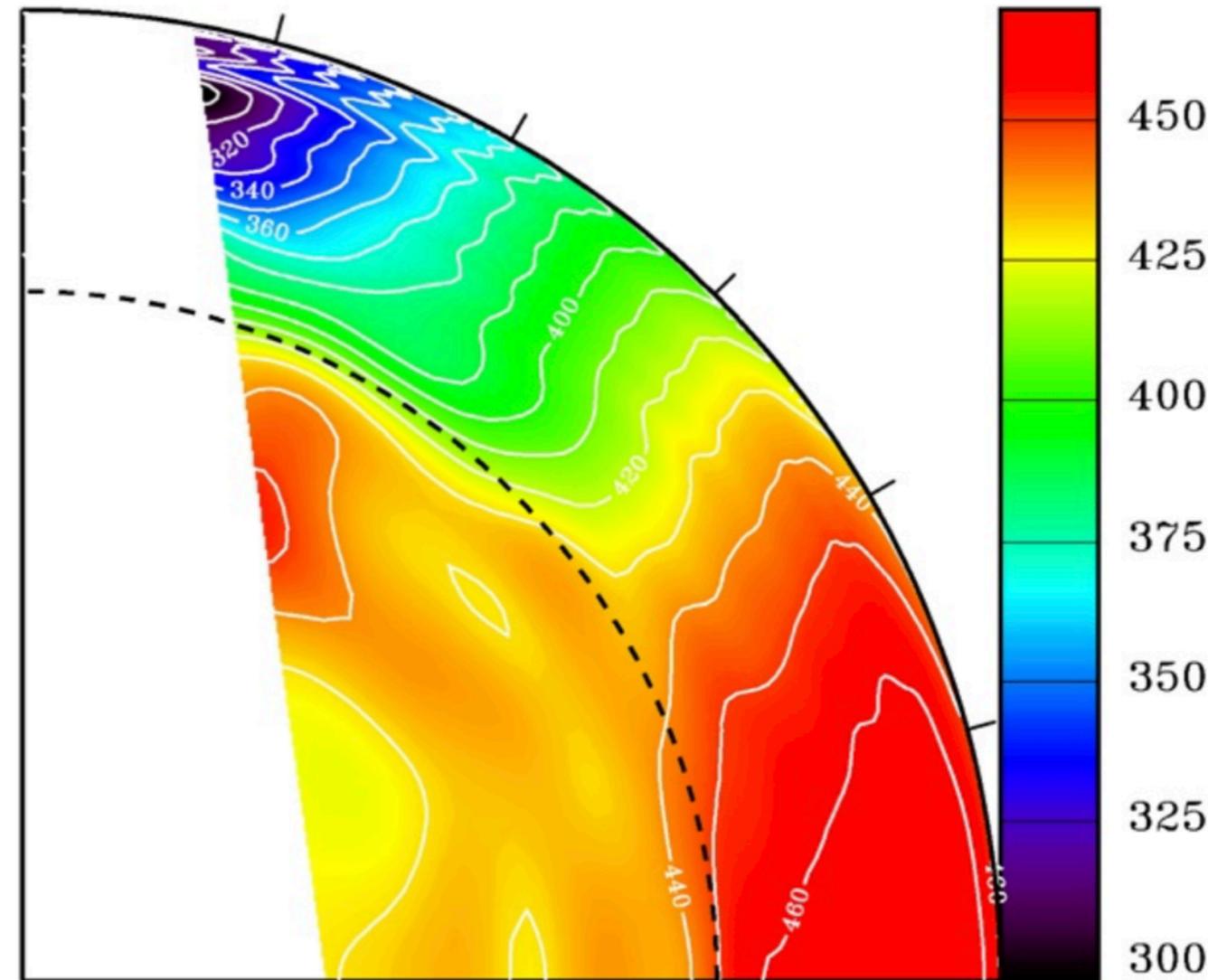


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Solar differential rotation

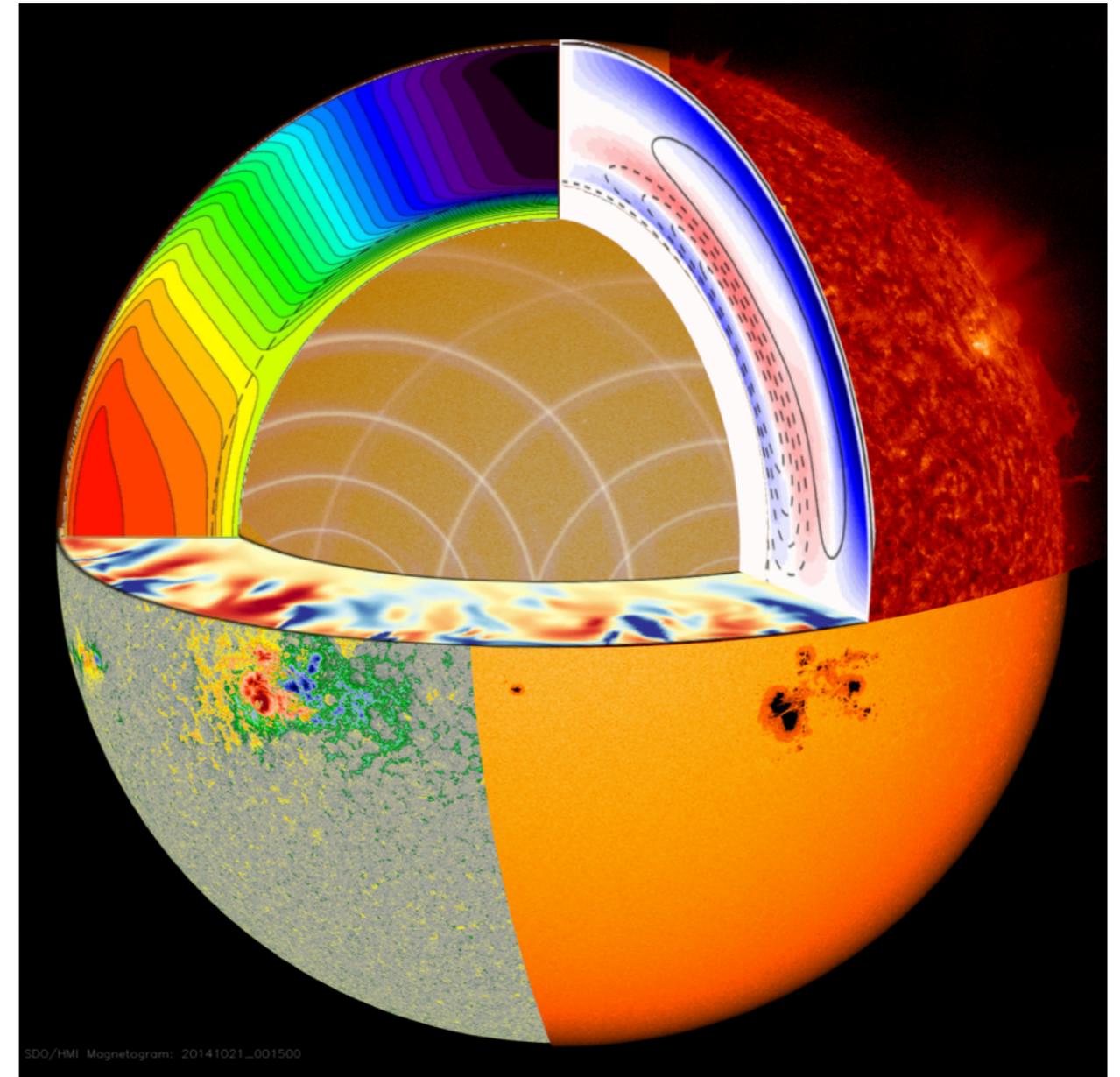
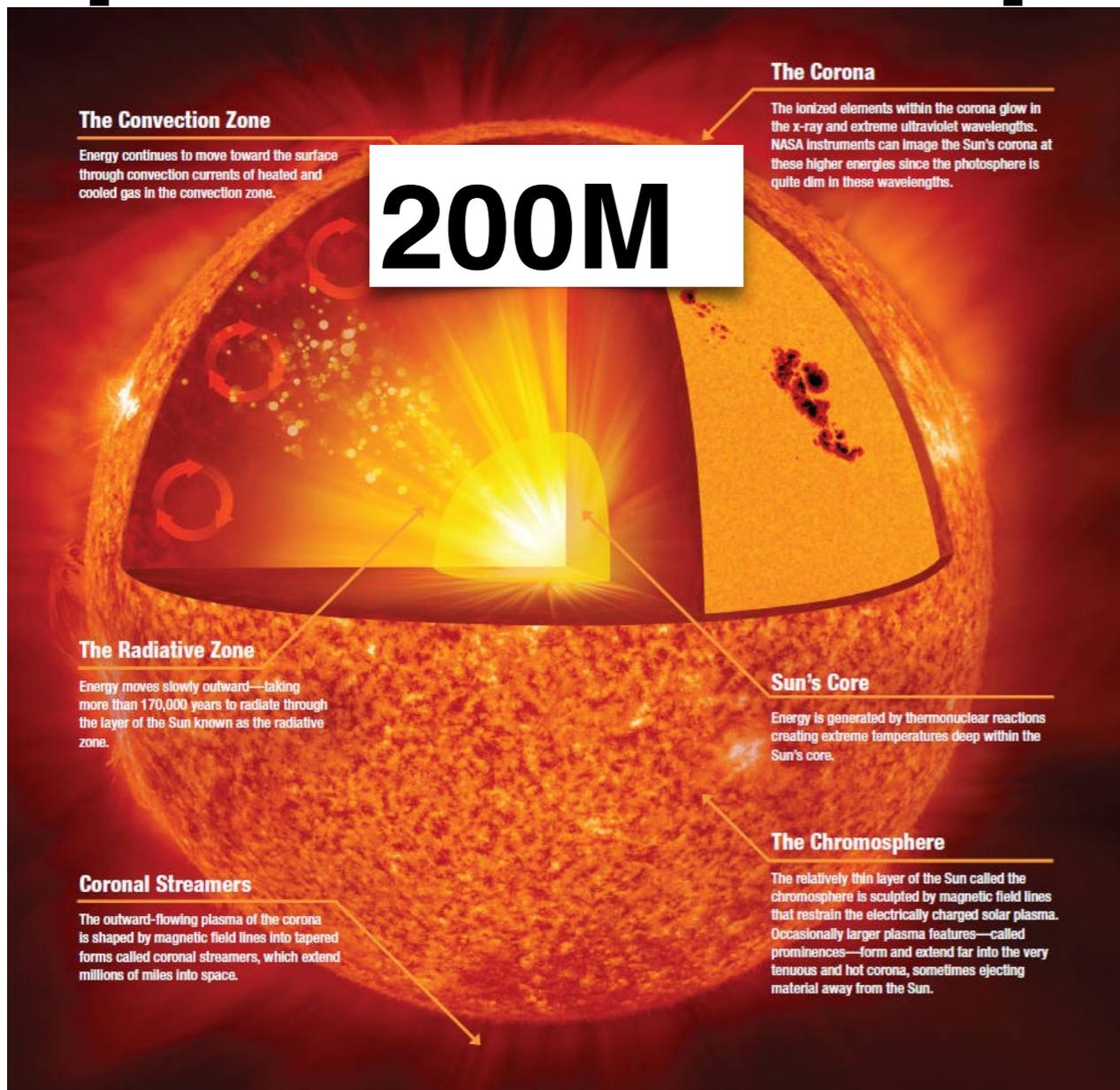


Differential rotation in the Sun. Rotation rate is higher at the equator than at the poles. The frequency is measured in nHz and the dashed line represents the base of the convection zone. Taken from Schou et al. (1998)

- Helioseimology - acoustic inferences observe rotation rates constant along radial lines
- convective redistribution of angular mtm.

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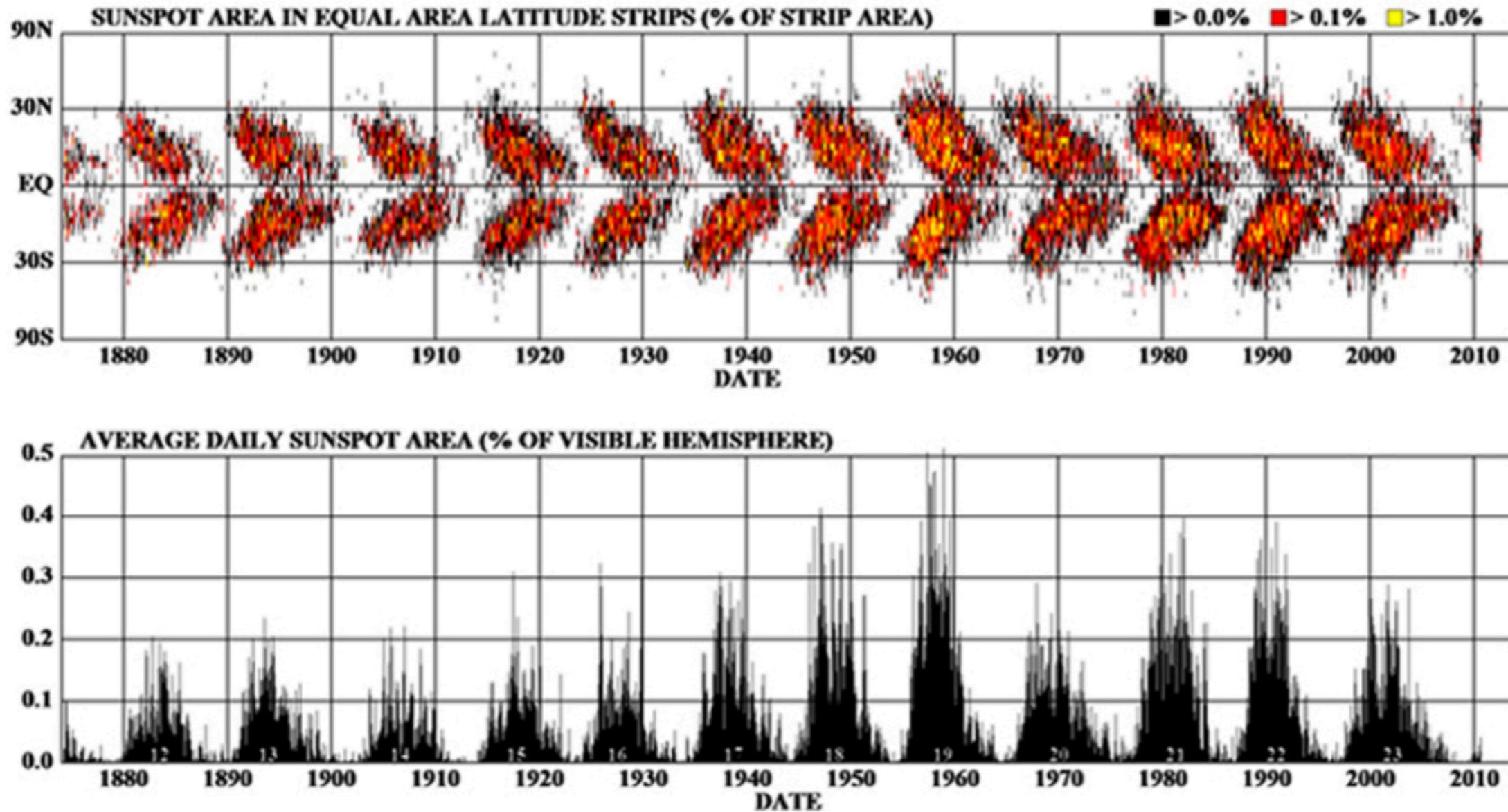
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Convective dynamo action - 22 yr magnetic cycle.

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DAILY SUNSPOT AREA AVERAGED OVER INDIVIDUAL SOLAR ROTATIONS



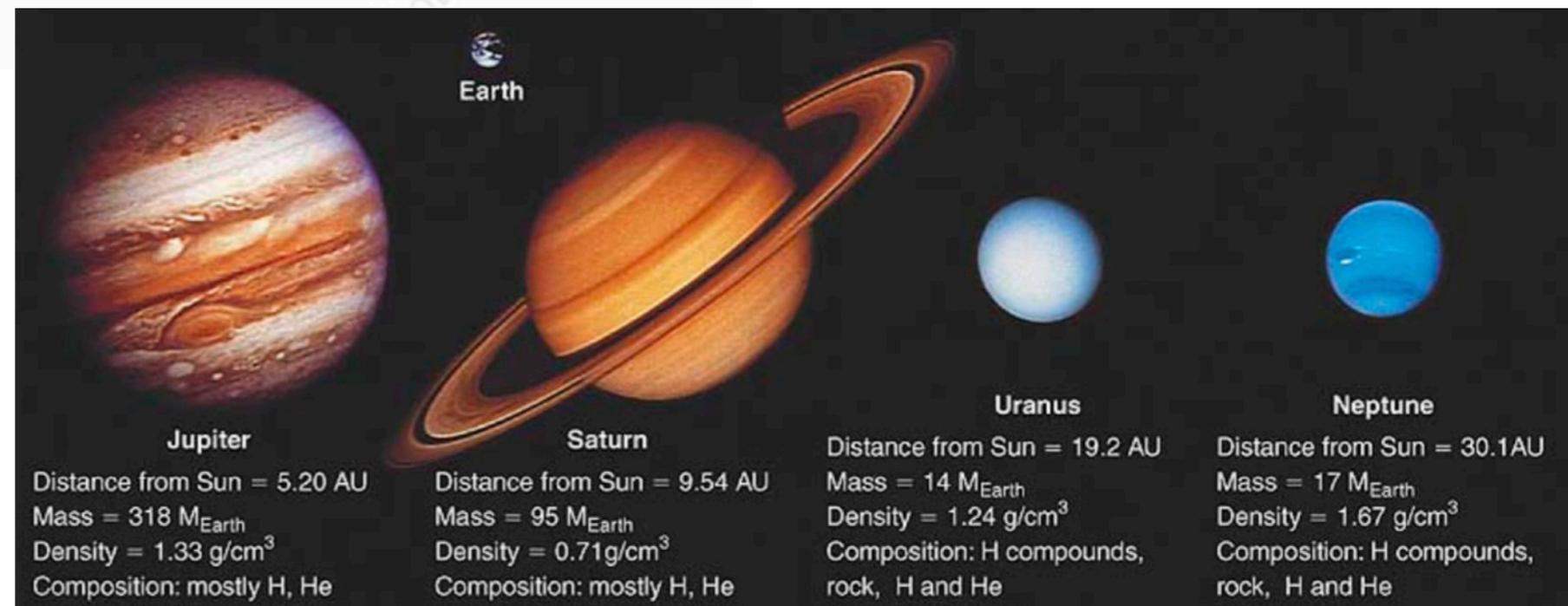
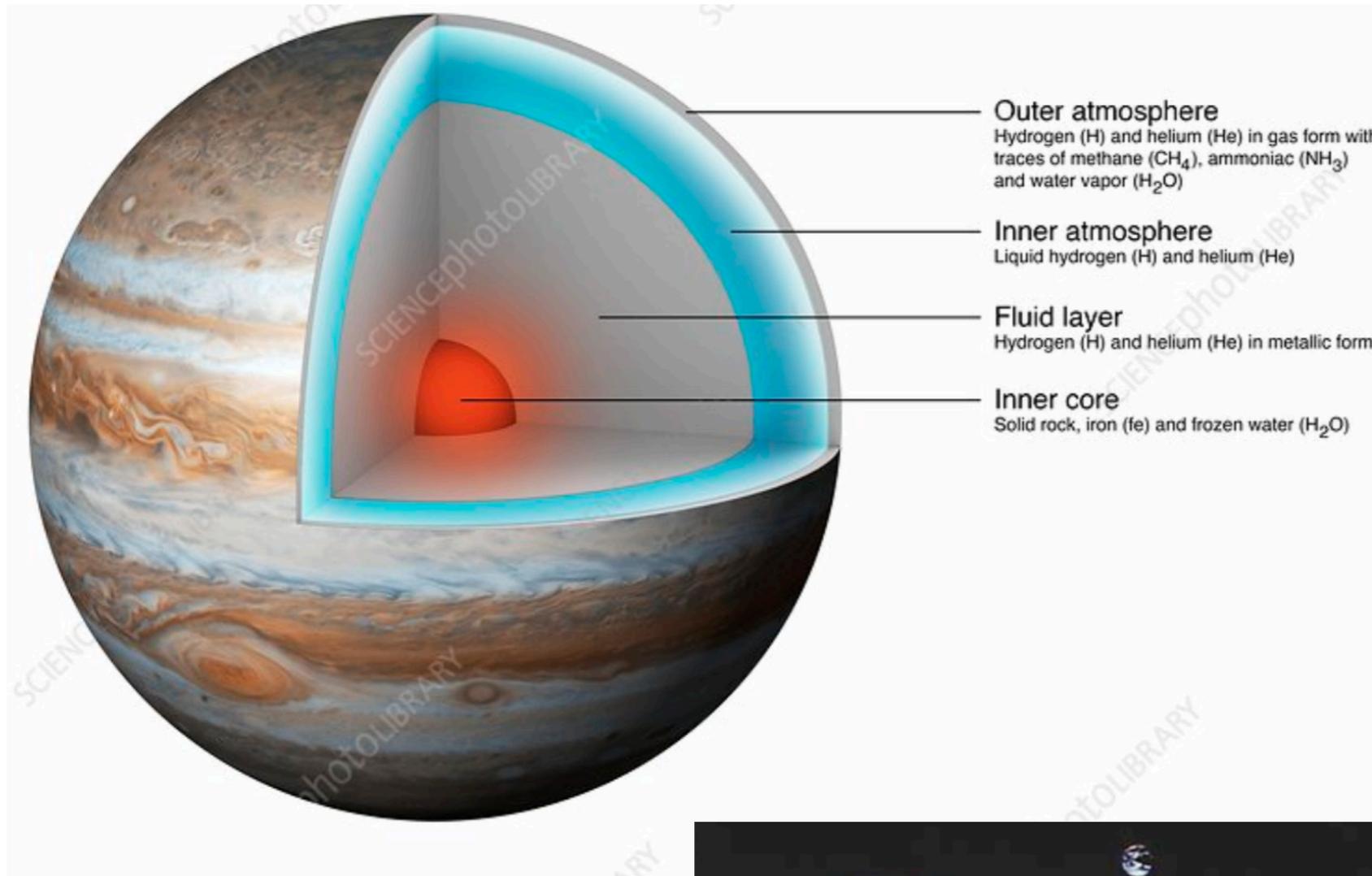
<http://solarscience.msfc.nasa.gov/>

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- Convective dynamo action - 22 yr magnetic cycle
- Envelope exhibits chaotic overtones

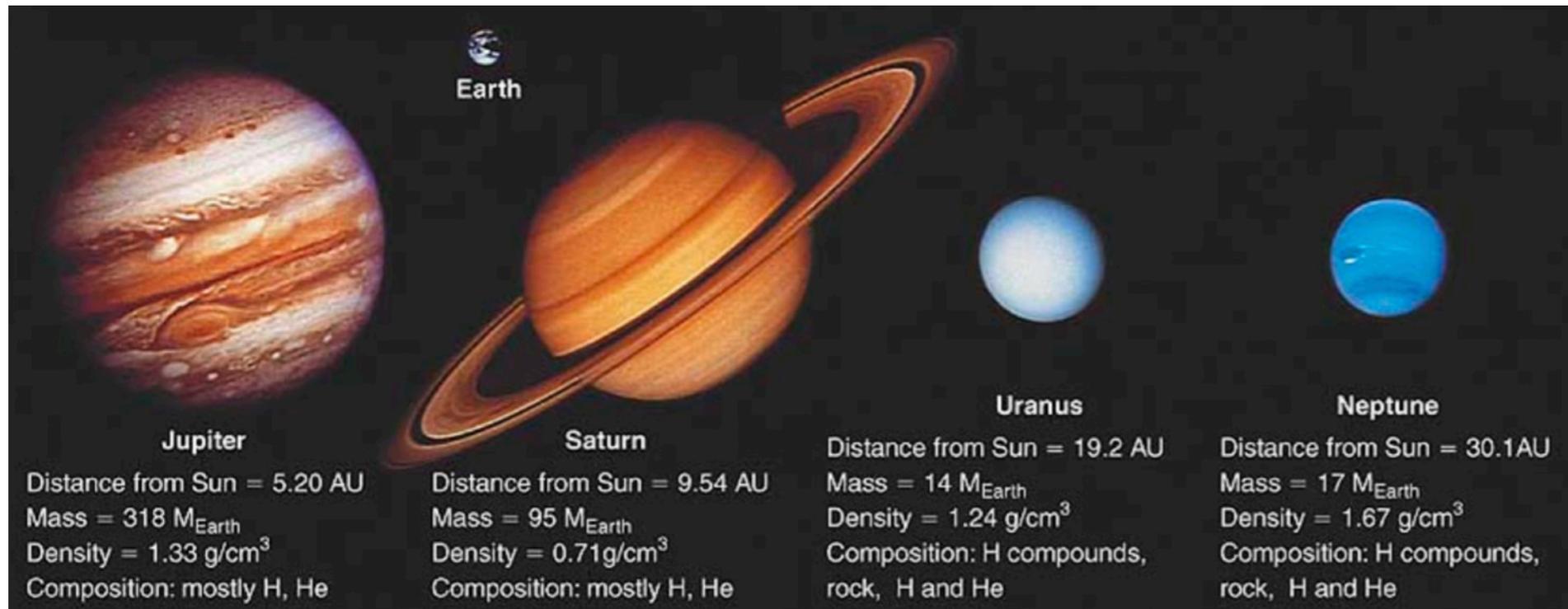
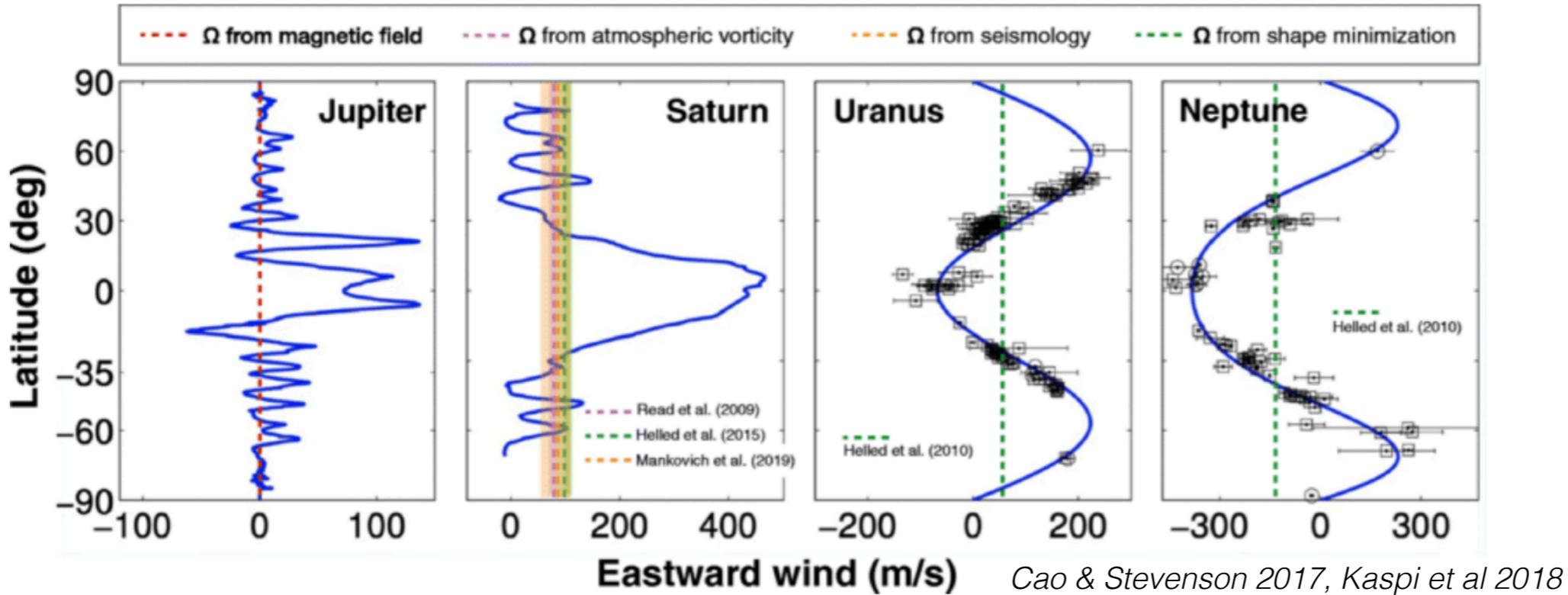
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Rapid rotators



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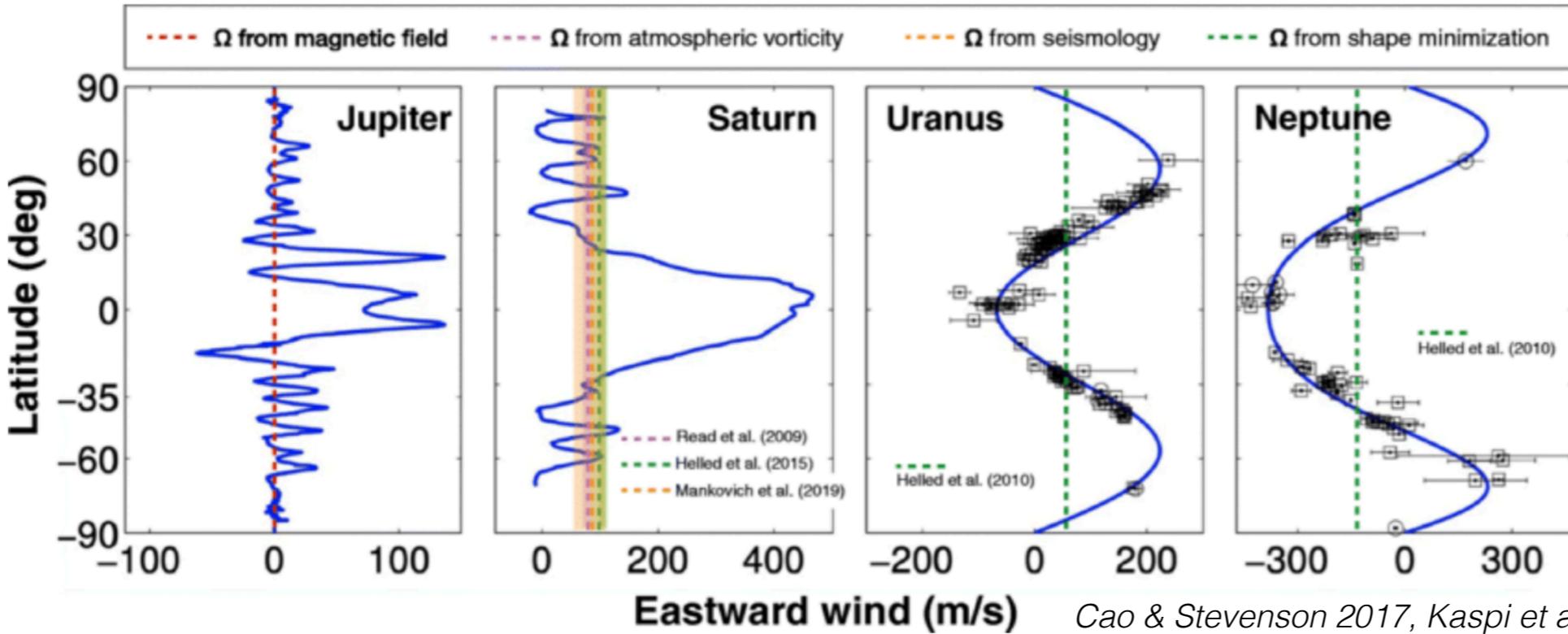
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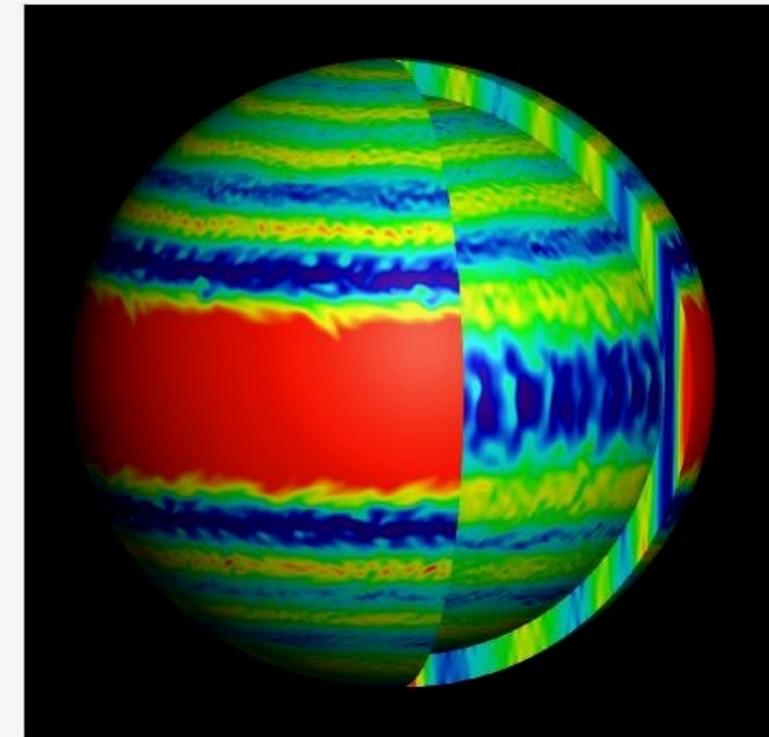
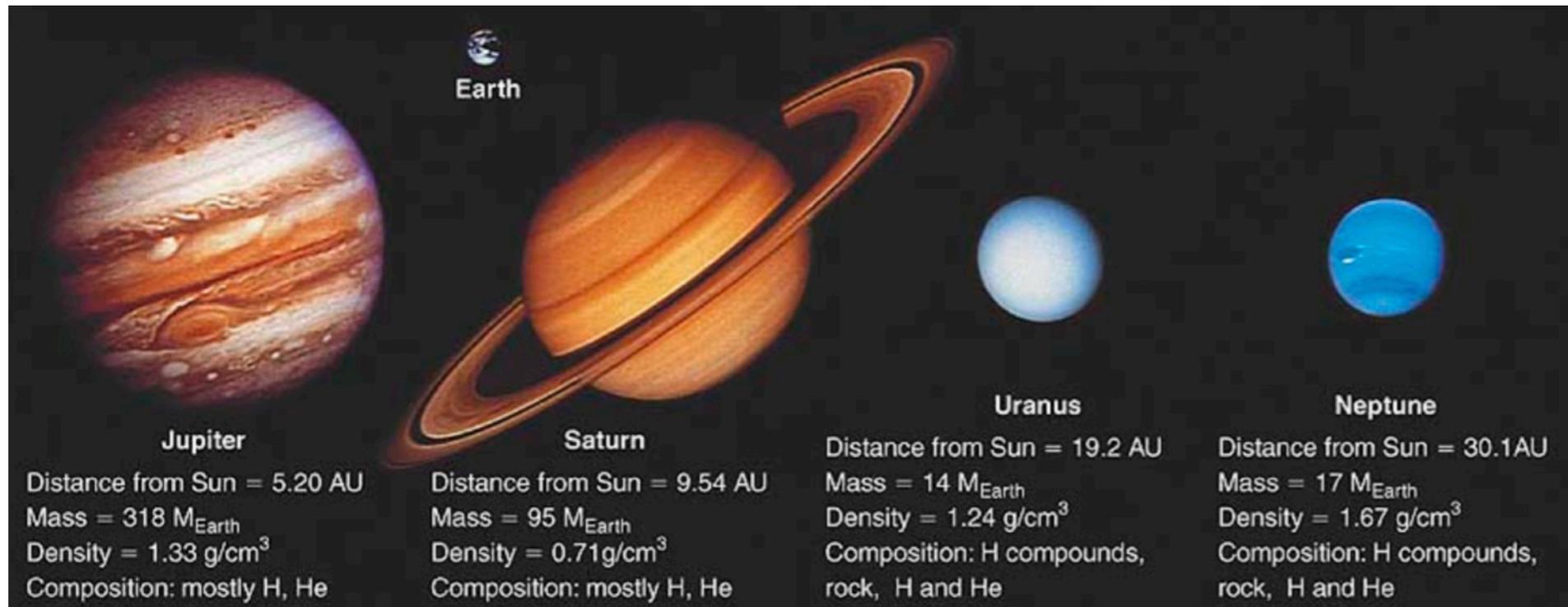
Convective motions under influence of rotation drive zonal jets. JUNO mission- Jets extend $O(1000 \text{ km})$ into interior

Kaspi et al, Nature 2018



Cao & Stevenson 2017, Kaspi et al 2018

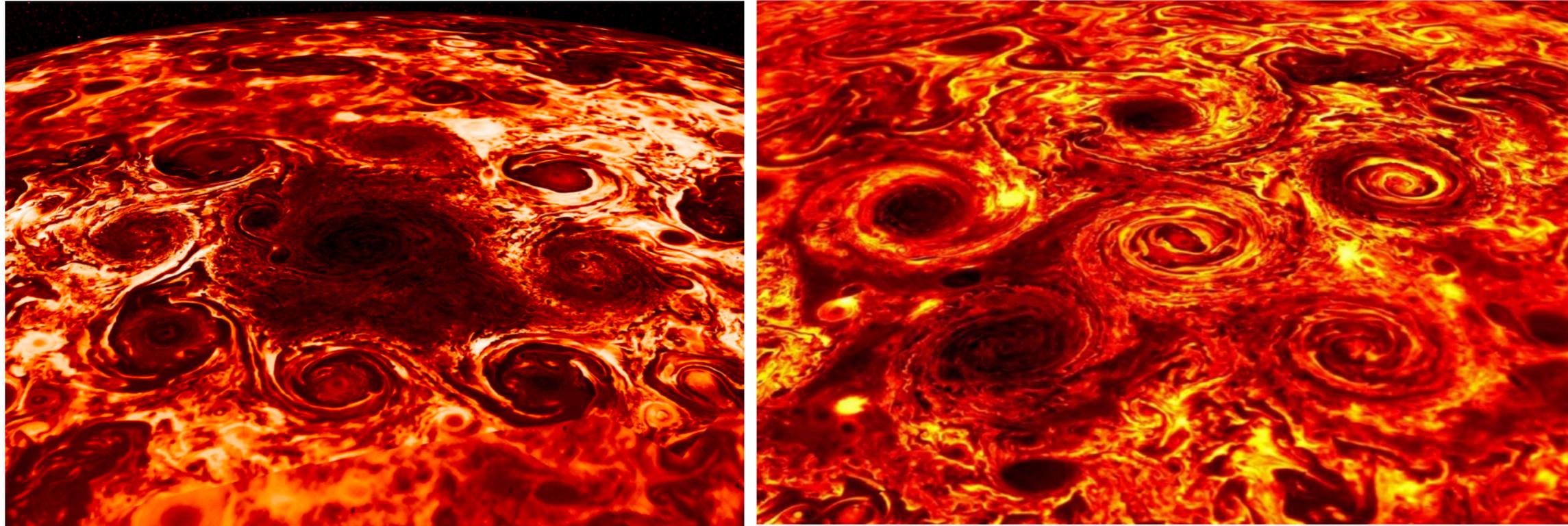
Observed in simulations



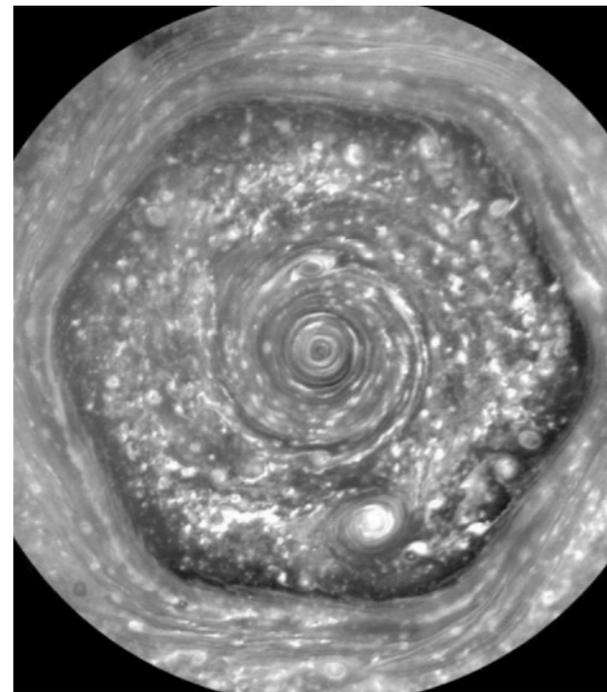
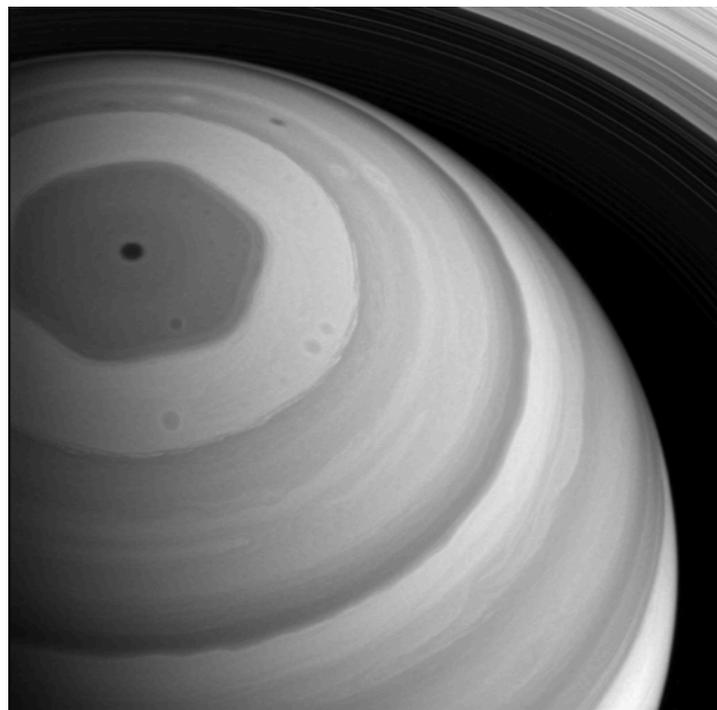
Heimpel, Aurnou & Wicht, Nature 2005

Giant (Jovian) Planets

JUNO observation: cyclonic vortical arrays at north and south poles



(NASA/JPL-Caltech/SwRI/ASI/INAF/JIRAM)



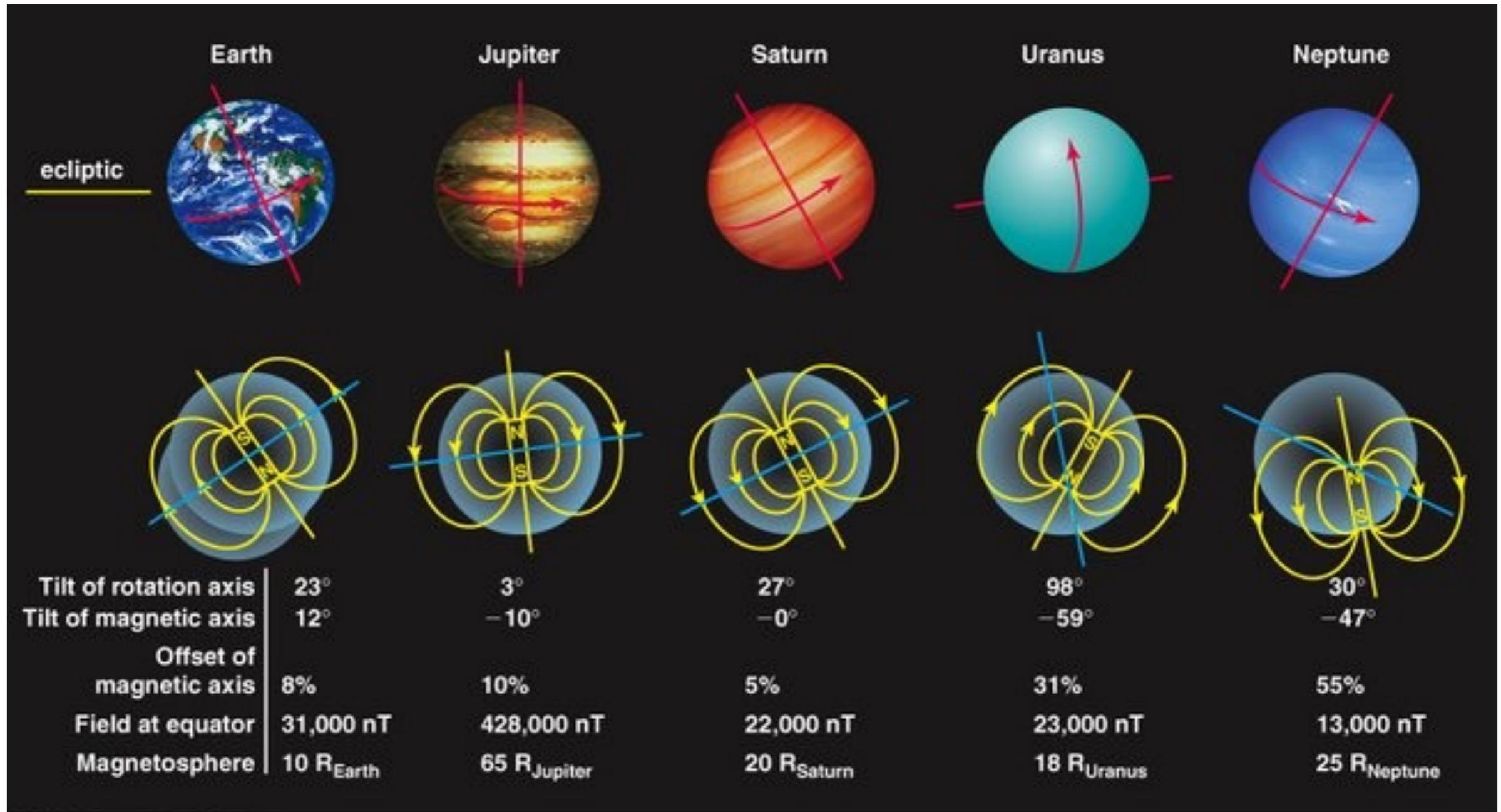
Cassini observation: Hexagonal structure of jets and vortices

Observation and theoretical investigations suggests
Convective driving is the source.

Siegelman et al. PNAS, Nature Phys. 2022

Giant (Jovian) Planets

- Observations:
 - rotating convection primary driver for magnetic field generation



Earth

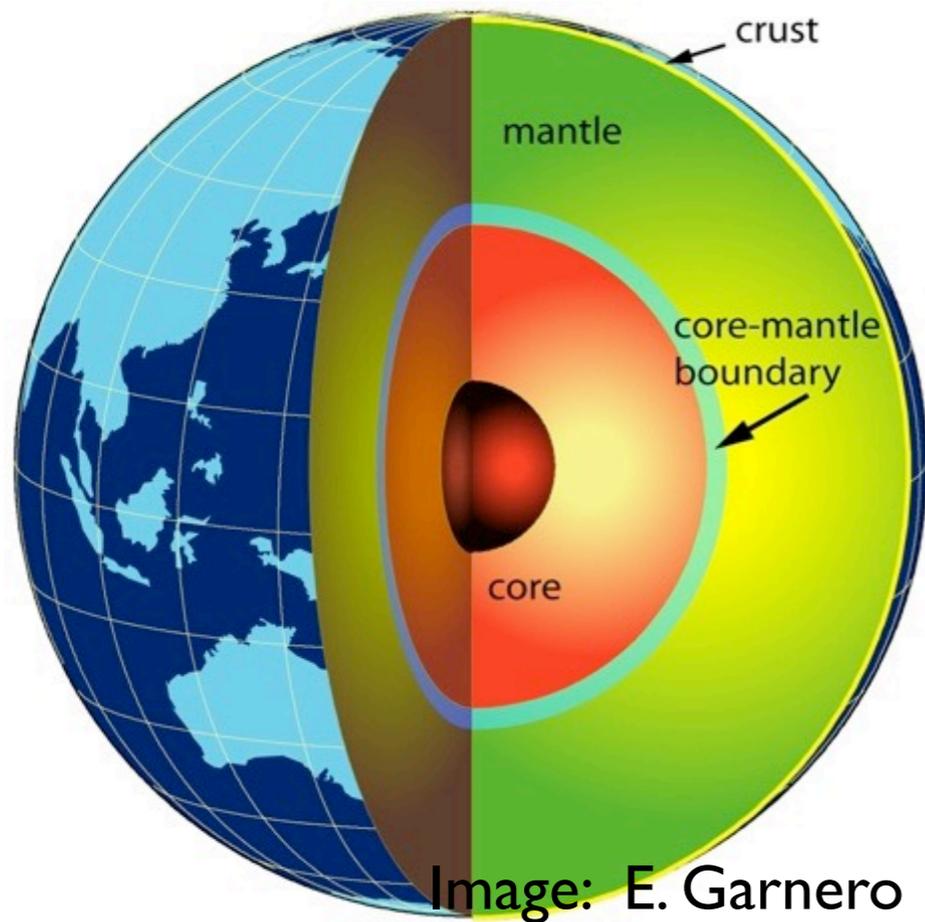
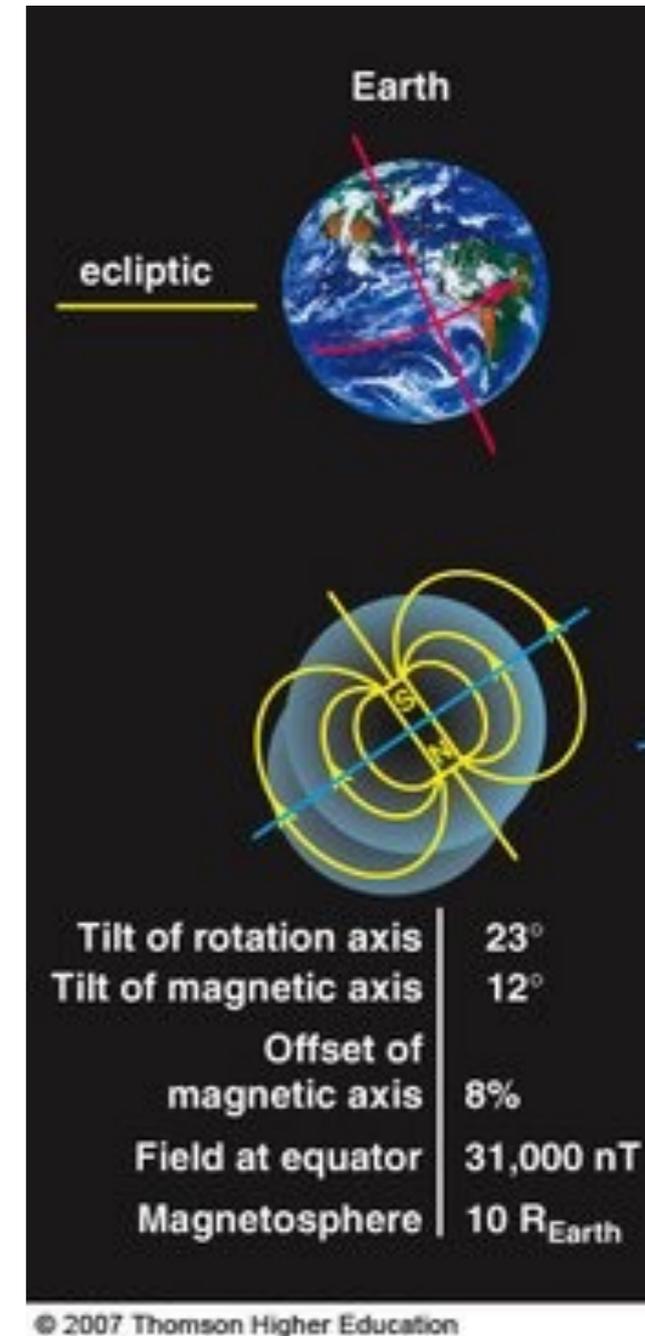


Image: E. Garnero



Outer liquid iron core - rotating convective motions sustain dynamo action

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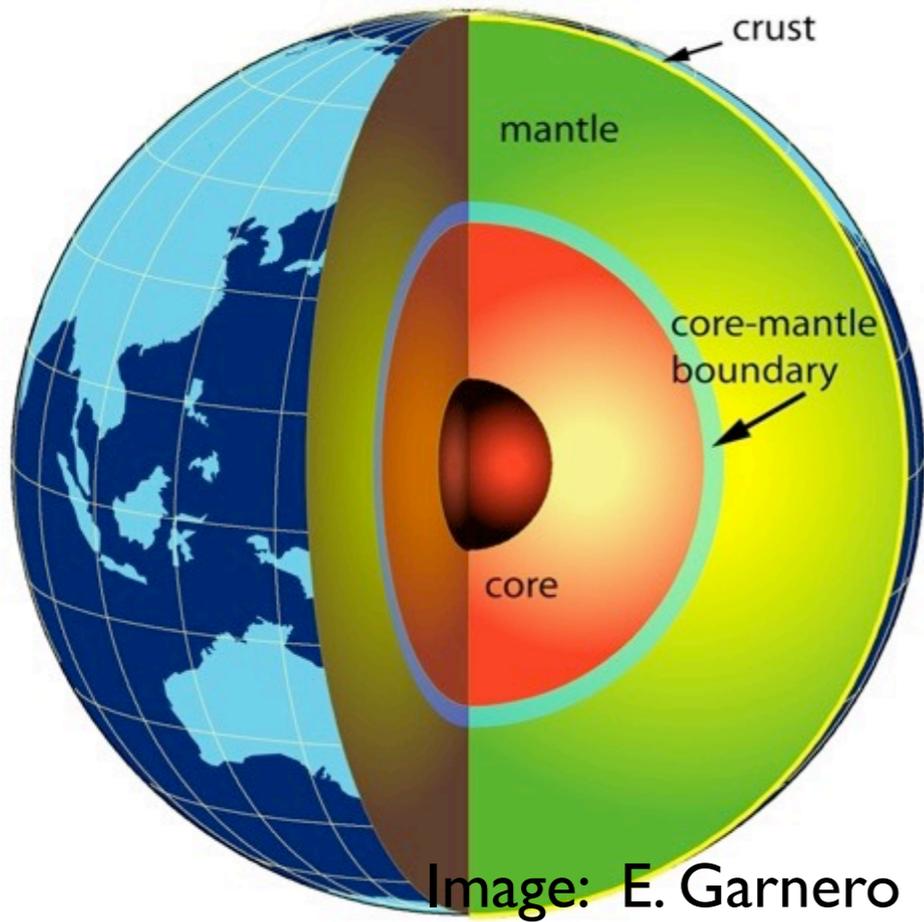
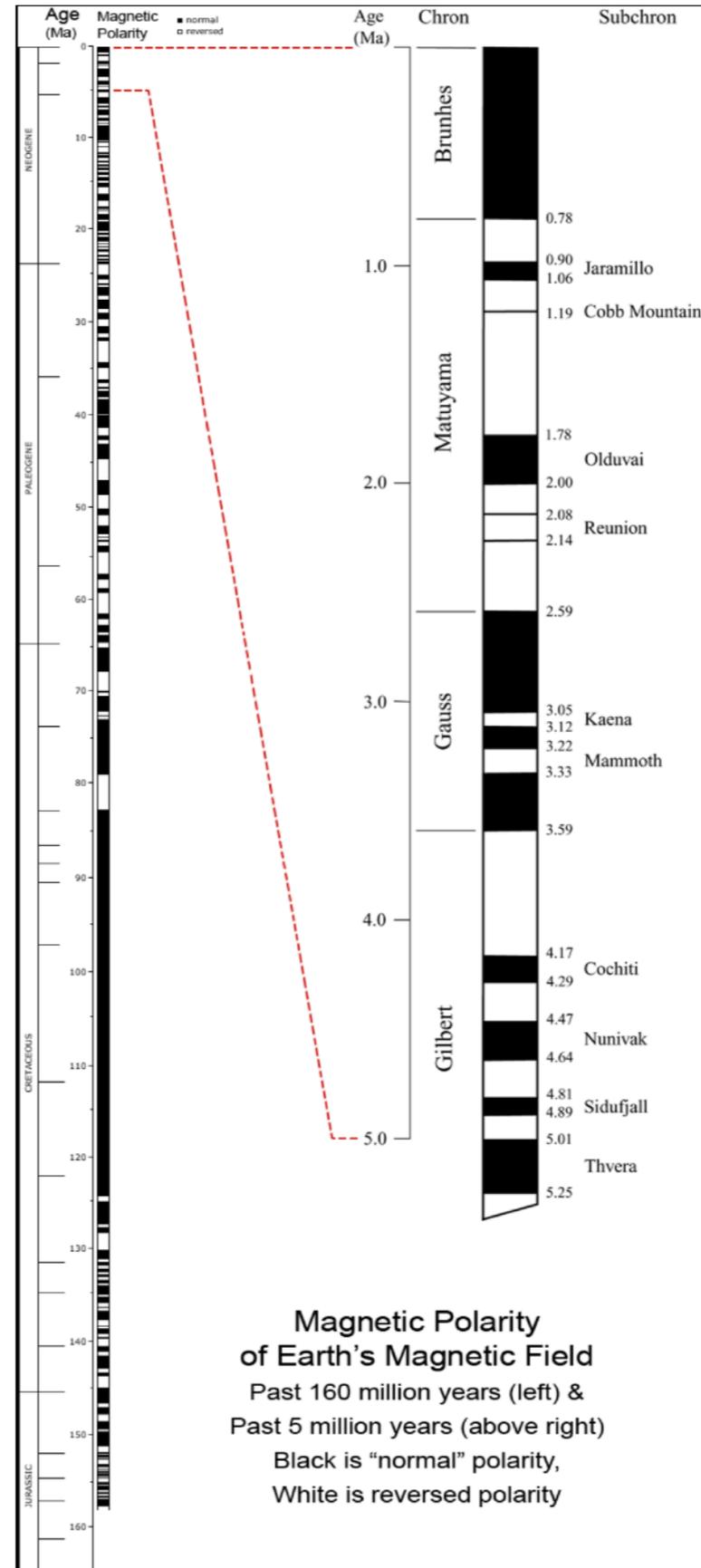
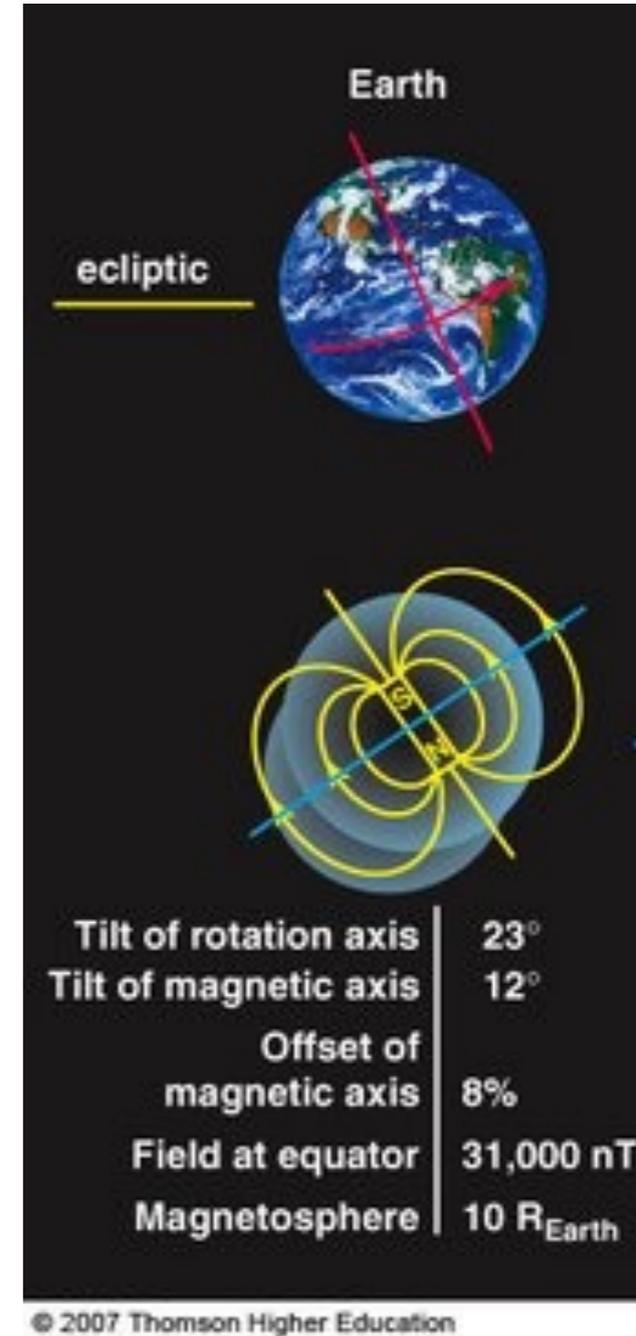


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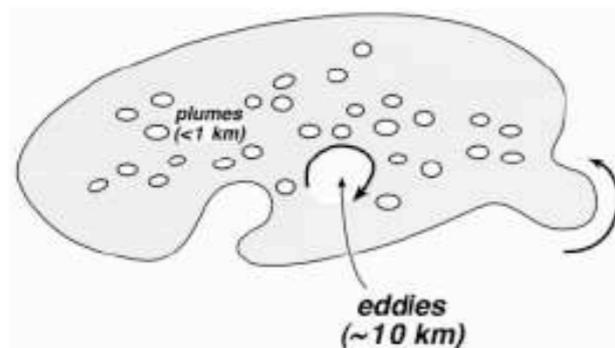
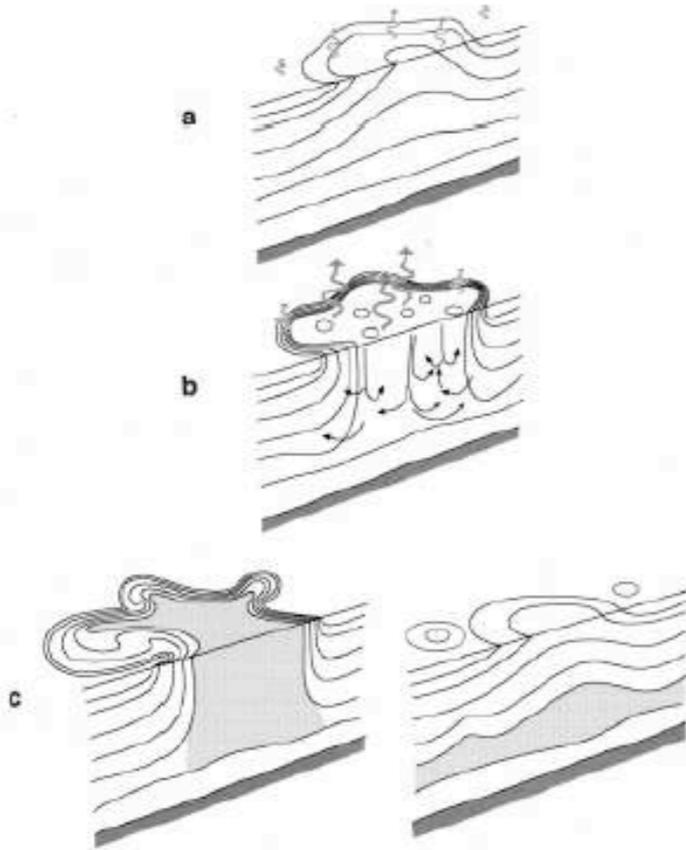
Magnetic Polarity of Earth's Magnetic Field
 Past 160 million years (left) &
 Past 5 million years (above right)
 Black is "normal" polarity,
 White is reversed polarity



Outer liquid iron core - rotating convective motions sustain dynamo action, chaotic reversals of 100K yr timescale

Phases of Open Ocean Deep Convection

(Marshall and Schott, JGR 1999)



- preconditioning
 - cyclonic gyre domes isopycnals,
 $L \sim 100\text{km}$
- deep convection
 - cooling events trigger deep plumes,
 $L \lesssim 1\text{km}$ $H \sim 2\text{km}$, $U \lesssim 10\text{ cm/s}$
- lateral exchange
 - geostrophic eddies,
 $L \sim 10\text{km}$
- influenced by rotation
 - natural Rossby number $Ro^* \sim 0.1 - 0.4$

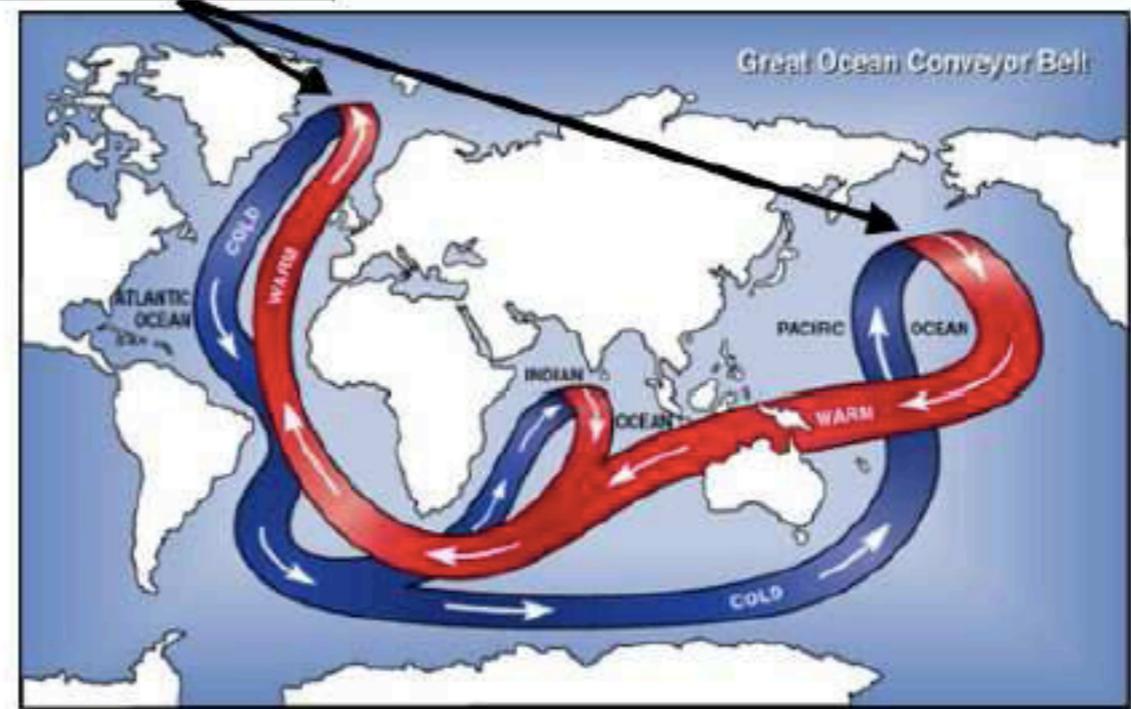
$$Ro^* = \frac{L_{rot}}{H} = \left(\frac{B}{f^3 H^2} \right)^{1/2}$$

Meridional Overtuning Circulation

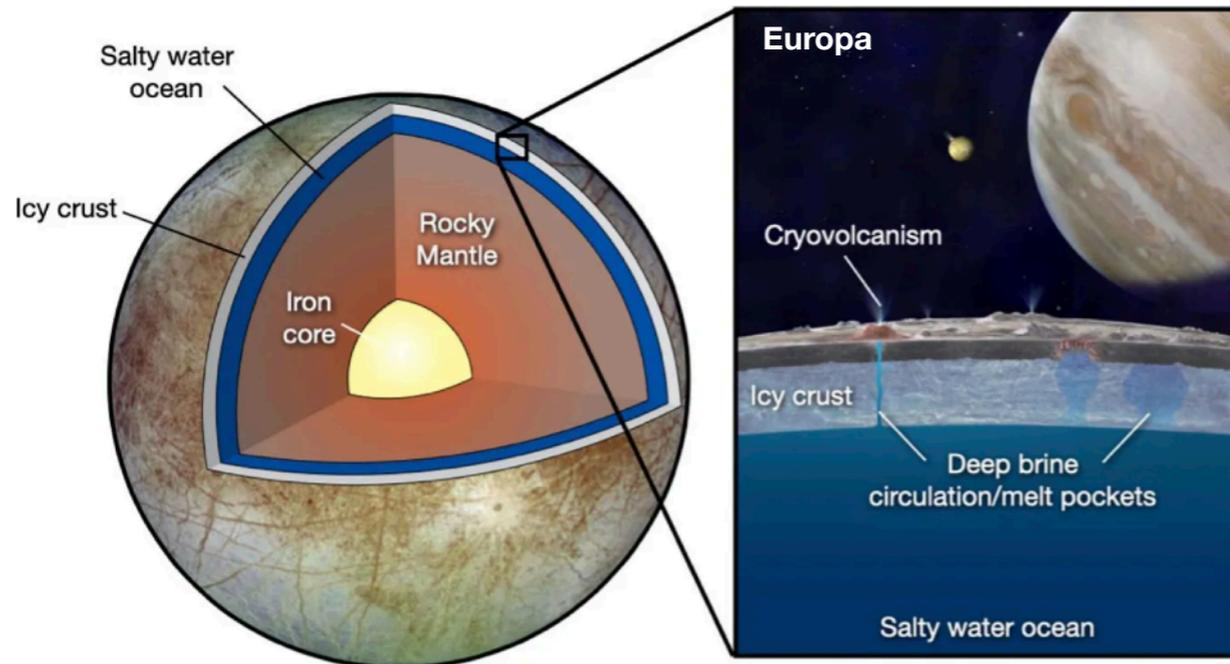
- density driven vertical overtuning
 - timescale: 1000yrs
- one contribution:
 - small scale deep convection
 - timescale: \sim days
 - requires parameterization

Oceanic Conveyor Belt of Heat A conceptual model of global ocean circulation.

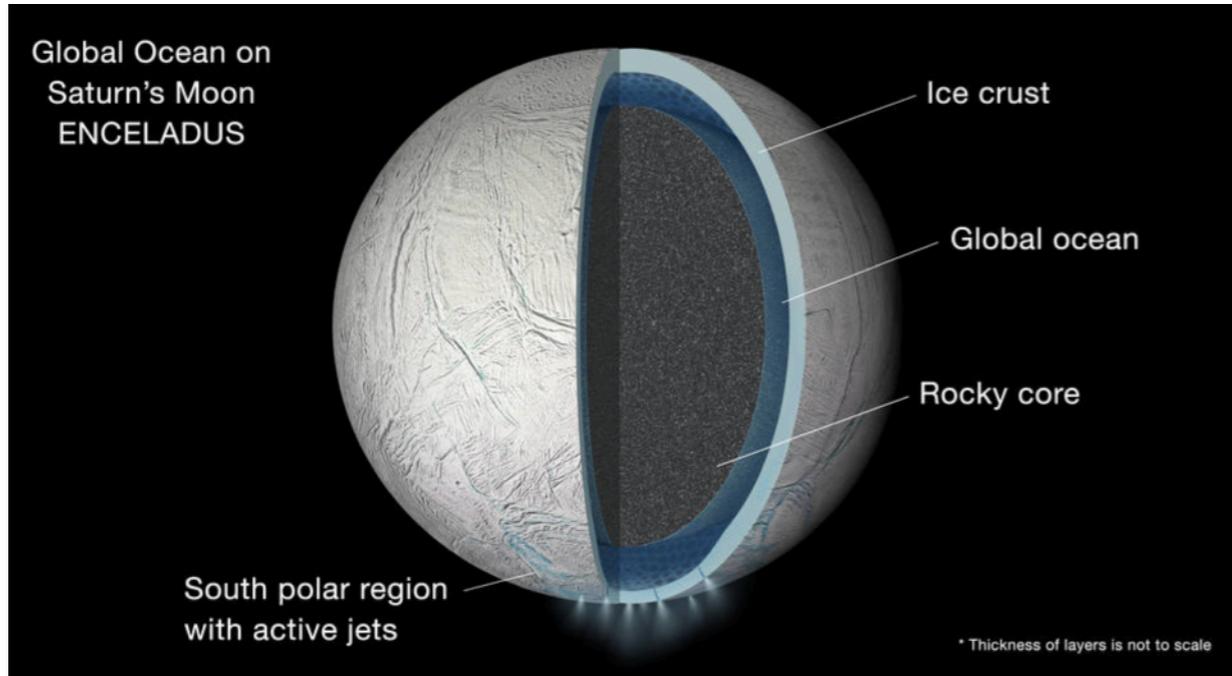
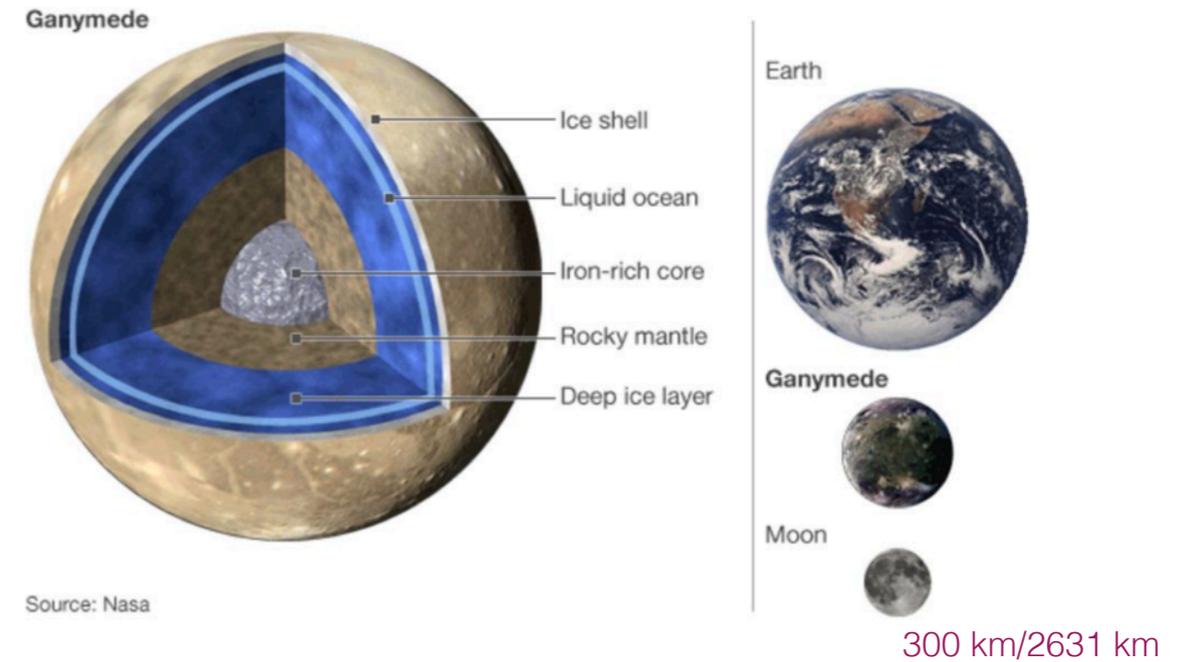
Overtuning circulation



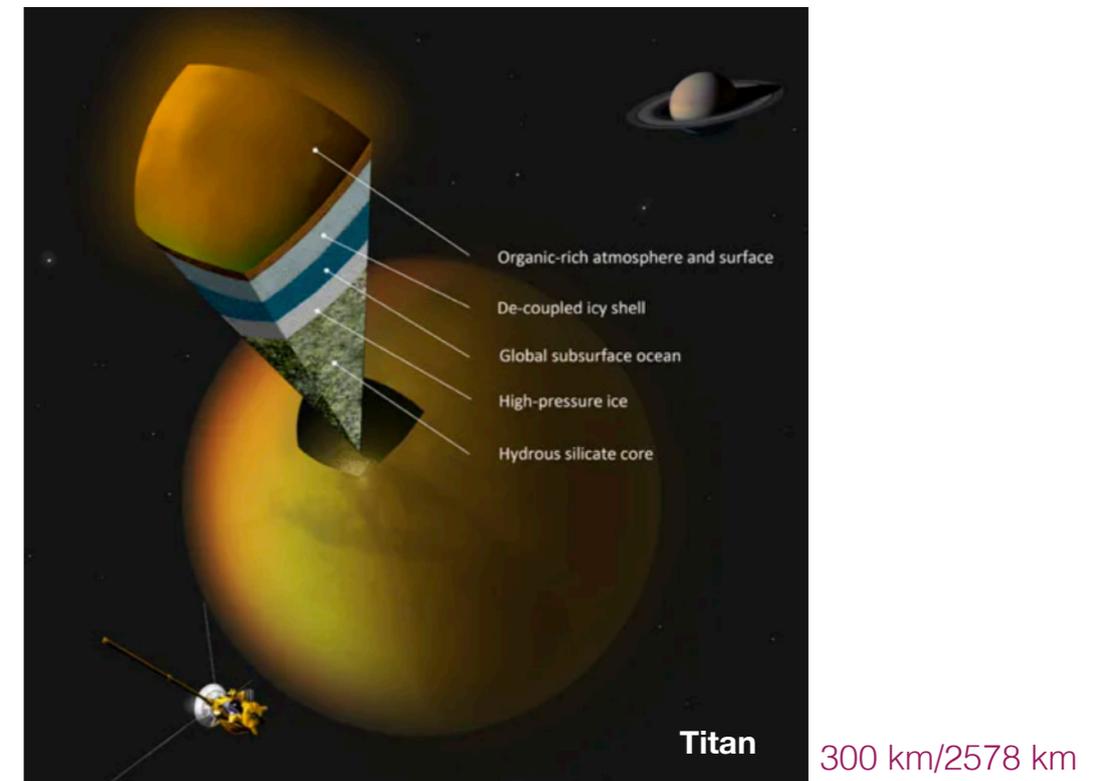
Subsurface off-world oceans



120 km/1561 km



40 km/252 km



Magnetic measurements - existence of subsurface oceans O(100km) deep on two moons of Jupiter/Saturn.

Fluids motions are buoyantly forced - rotation important to dynamics.

Navier-Stokes Equation

Cons. Mtm.

$$\partial_t \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathcal{F}$$

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Incompressible fluid motions

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

incompressibility

Generic nondimensionalization U, L, \mathcal{T}, P

Nonlinear Energy Cascade

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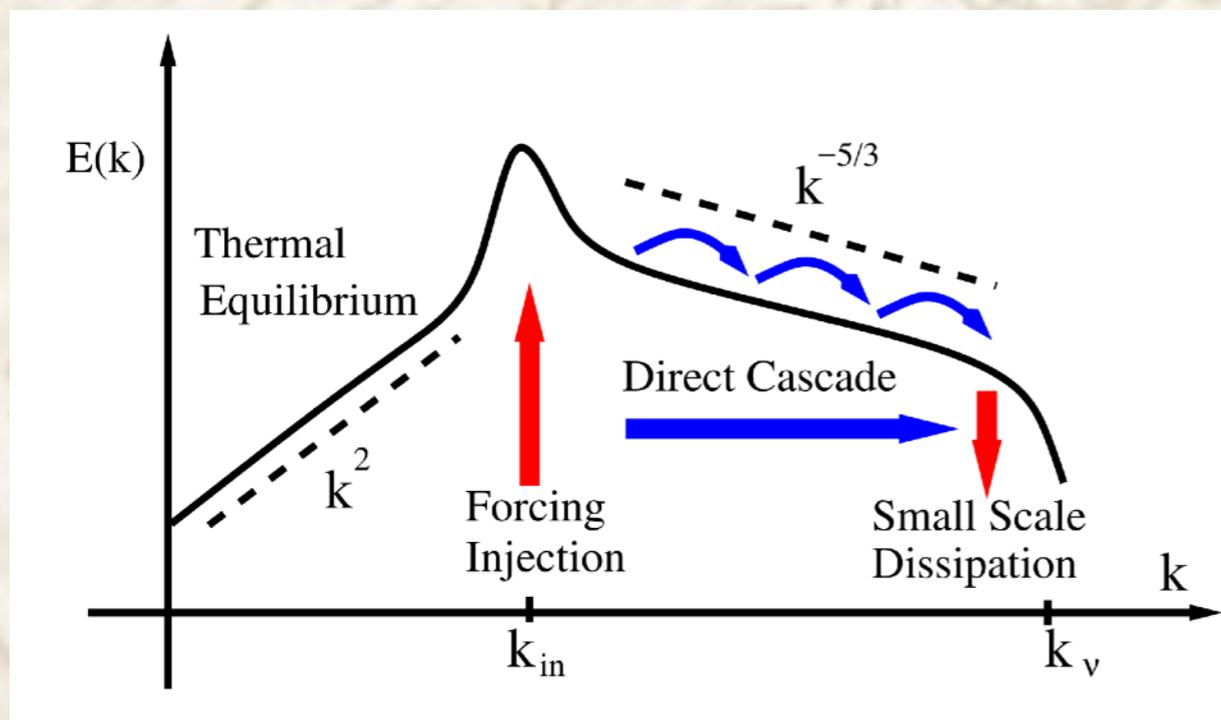
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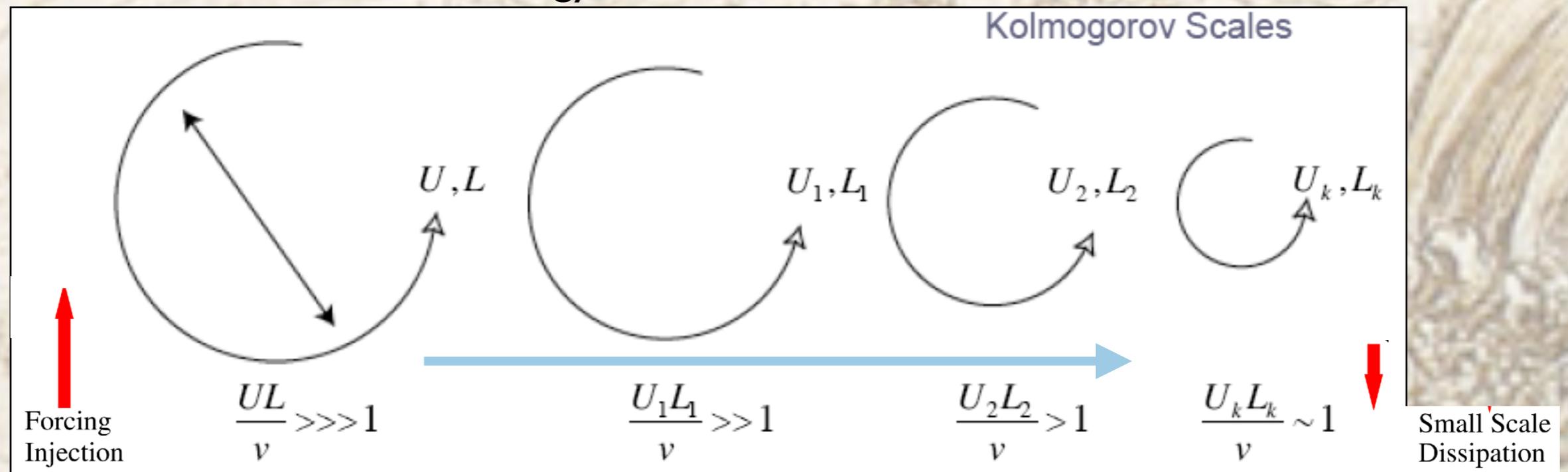
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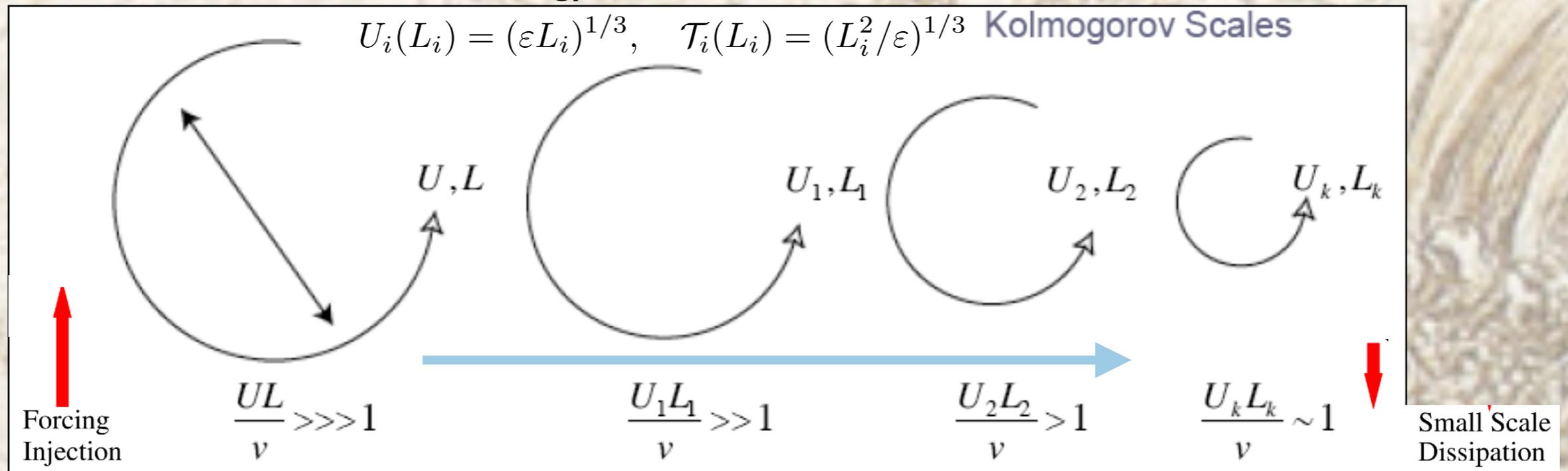
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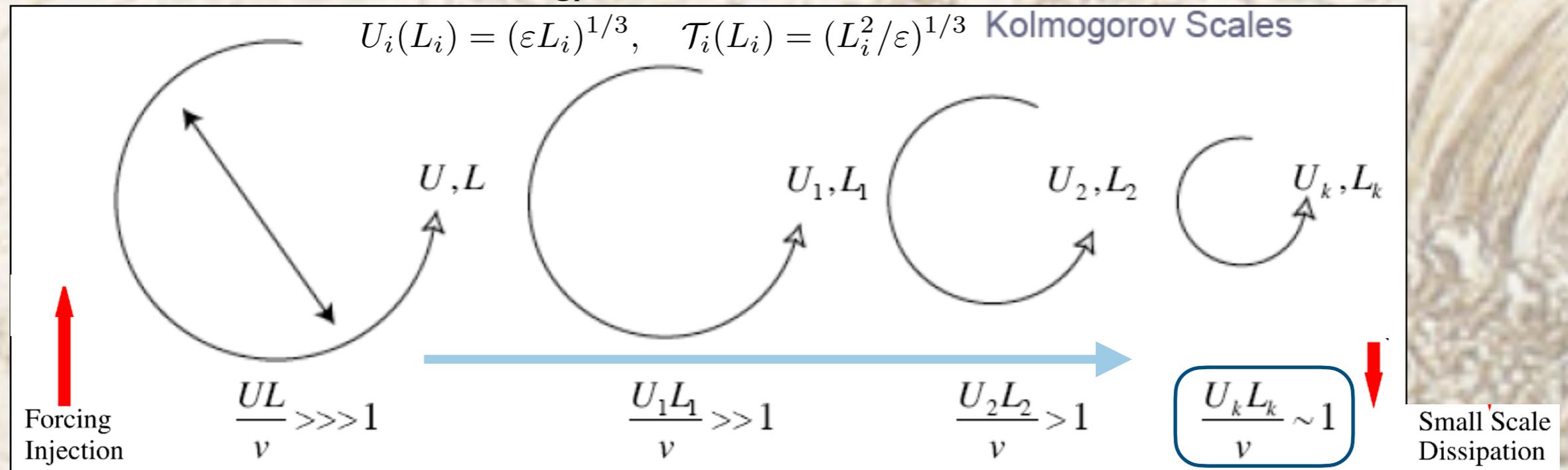
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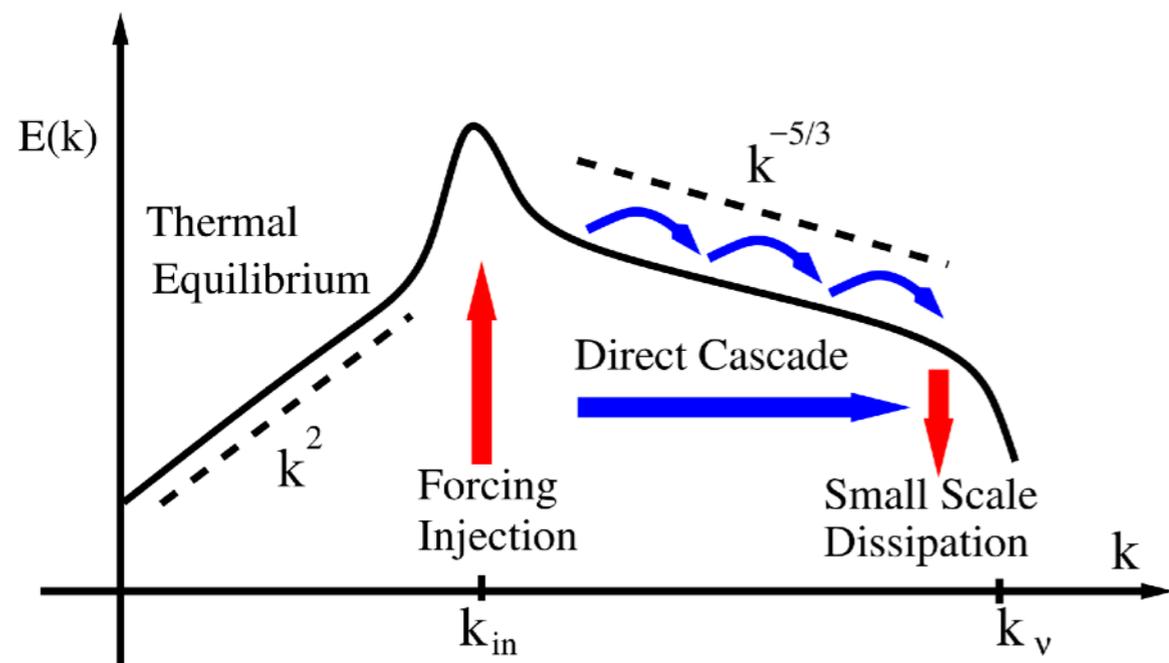
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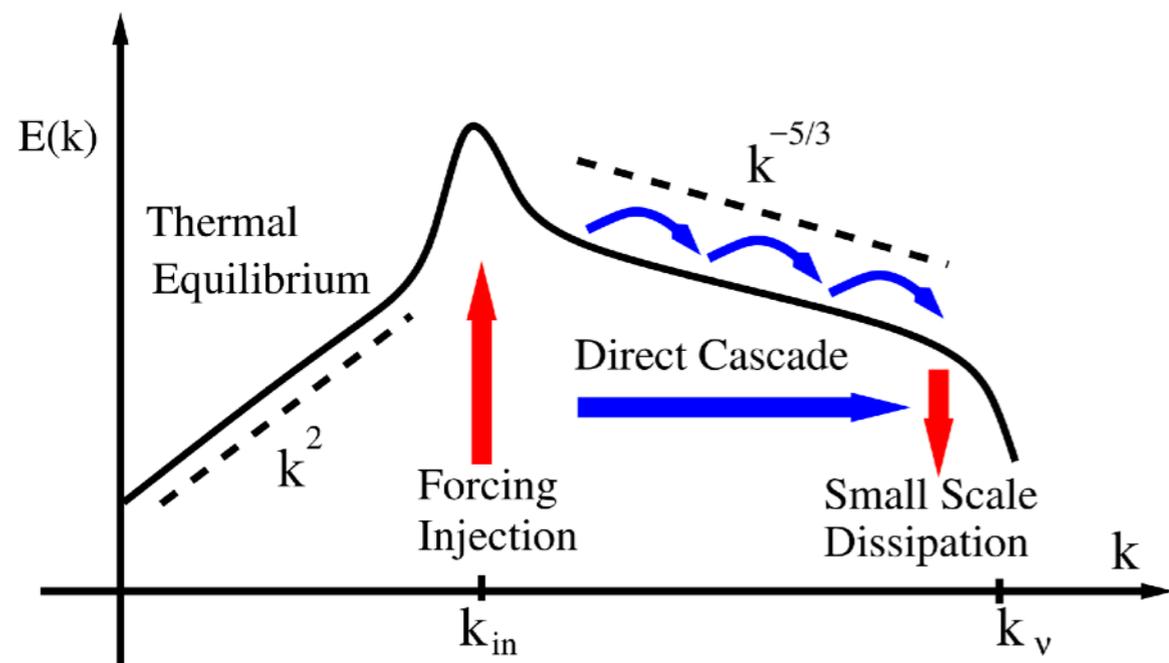
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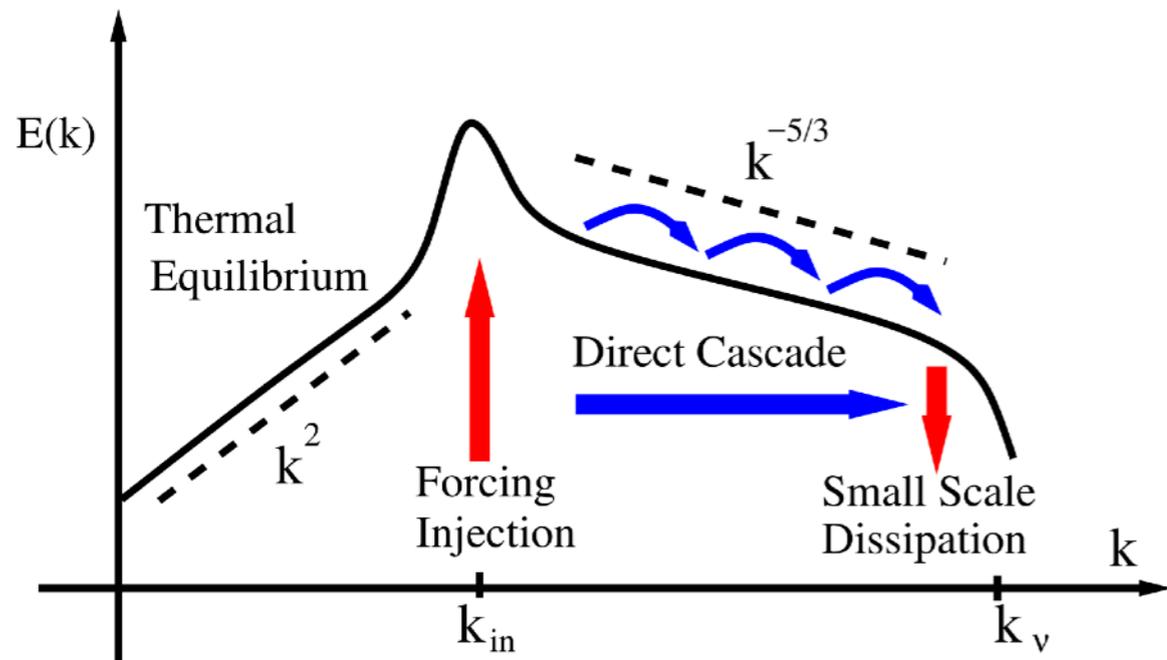
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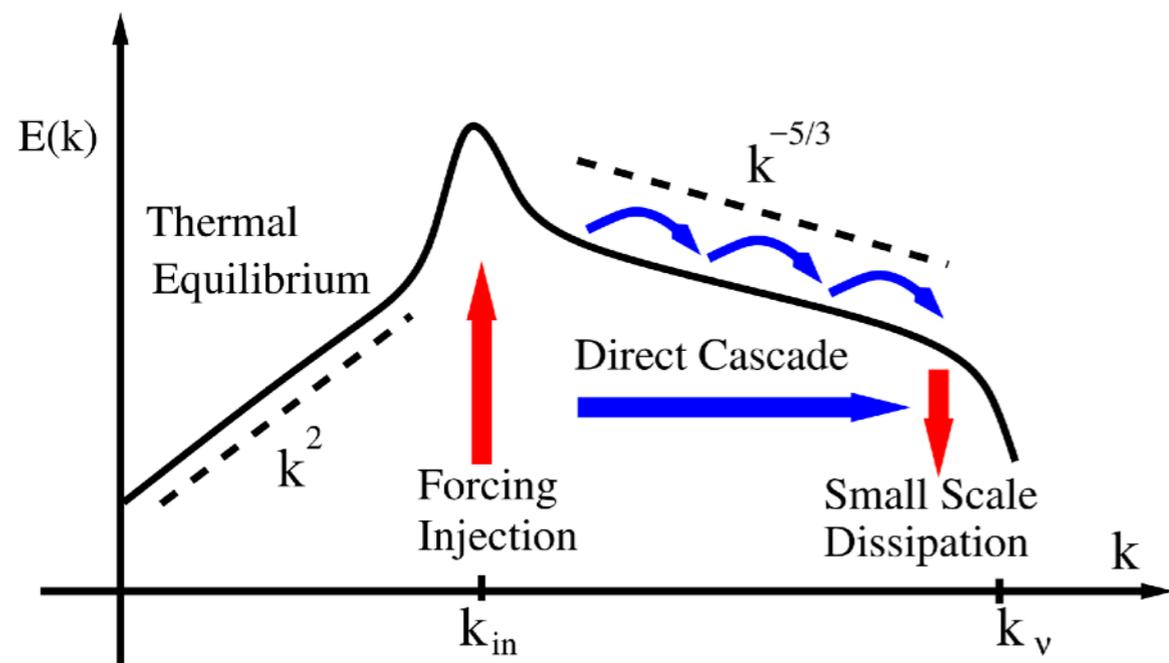
Kolmogorov scaling law:

Dimensional analysis of energy per unit mass per unit k

$$\frac{U^2}{k} \sim \frac{L^3}{T^2} \sim \varepsilon^\alpha \left(\frac{1}{L} \right)^\beta = \left(\frac{L^3}{T^3} \right)^\alpha \left(\frac{1}{L} \right)^\beta$$

$\nearrow 2/3$
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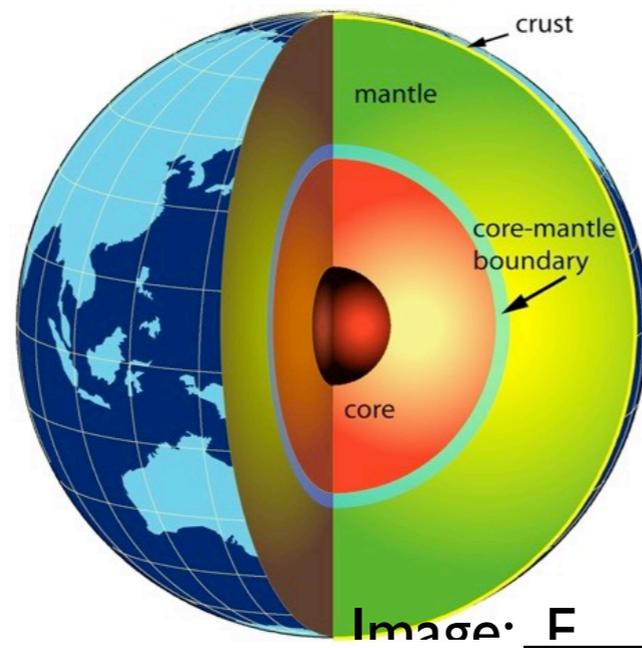
Turbulence challenge $\Rightarrow N^3 \sim Re^{9/4}$

Nondimensional Parameters: Extreme

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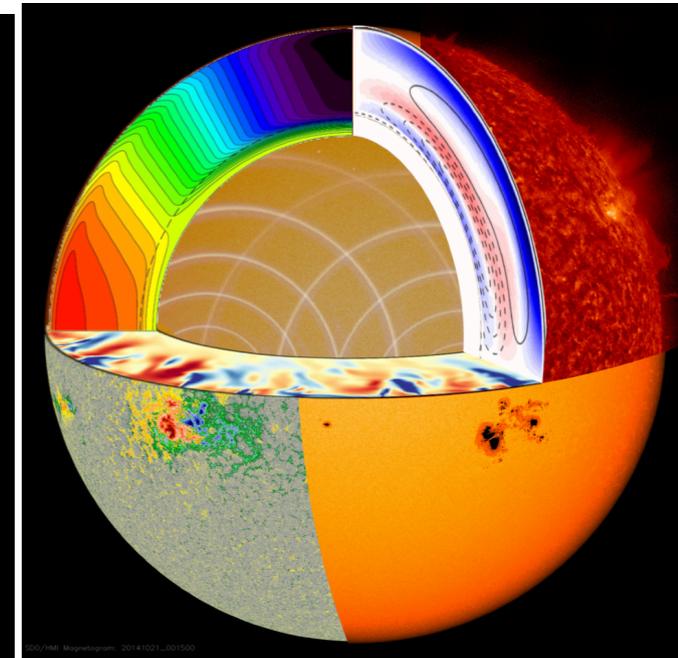
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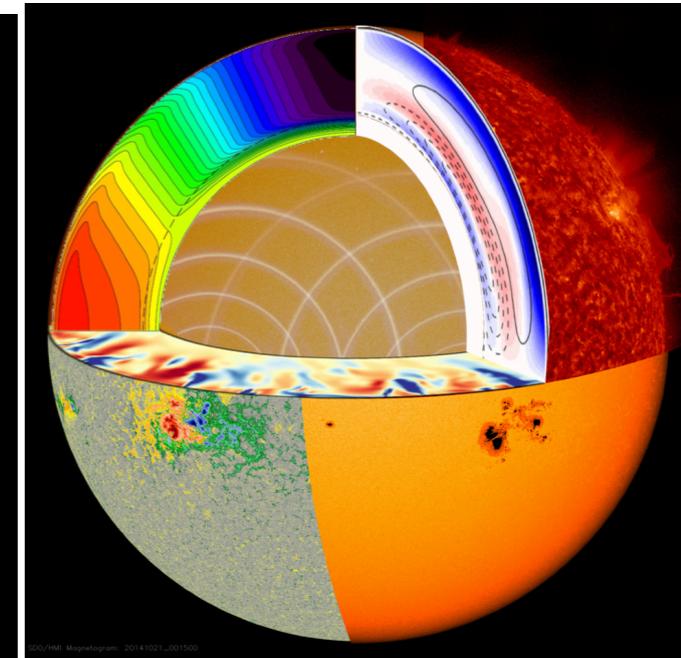
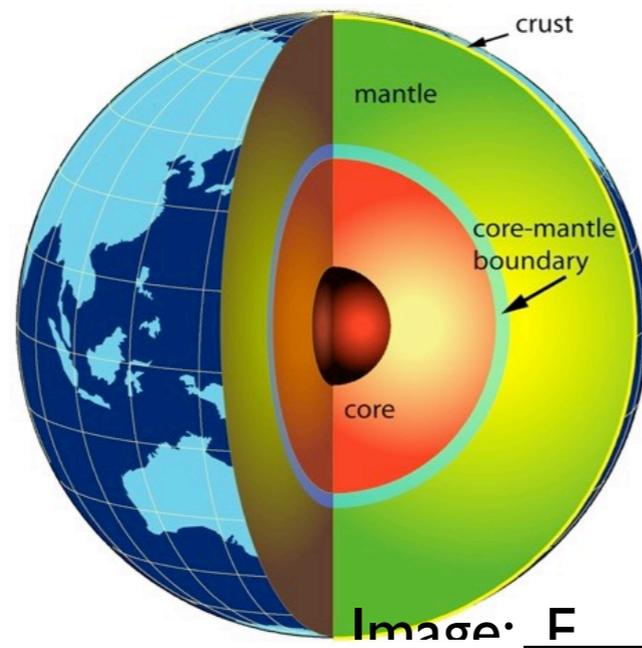
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 $\Omega \sim 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ rad/s}$
 $L \sim 15 \text{ Mm}$



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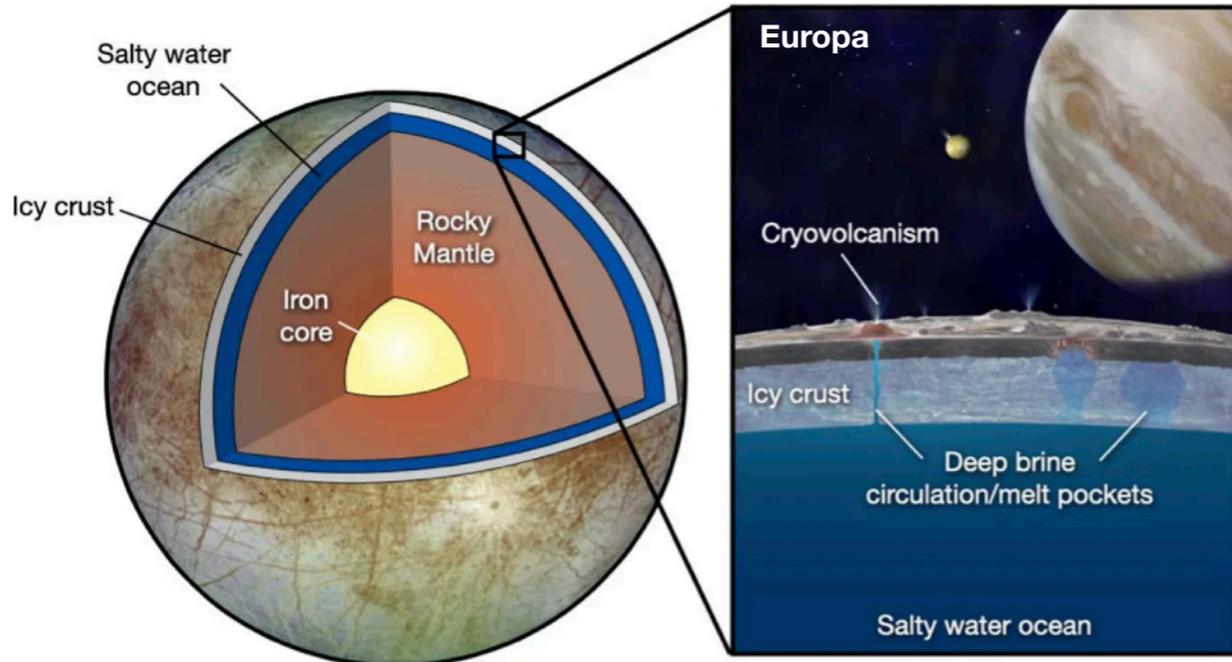
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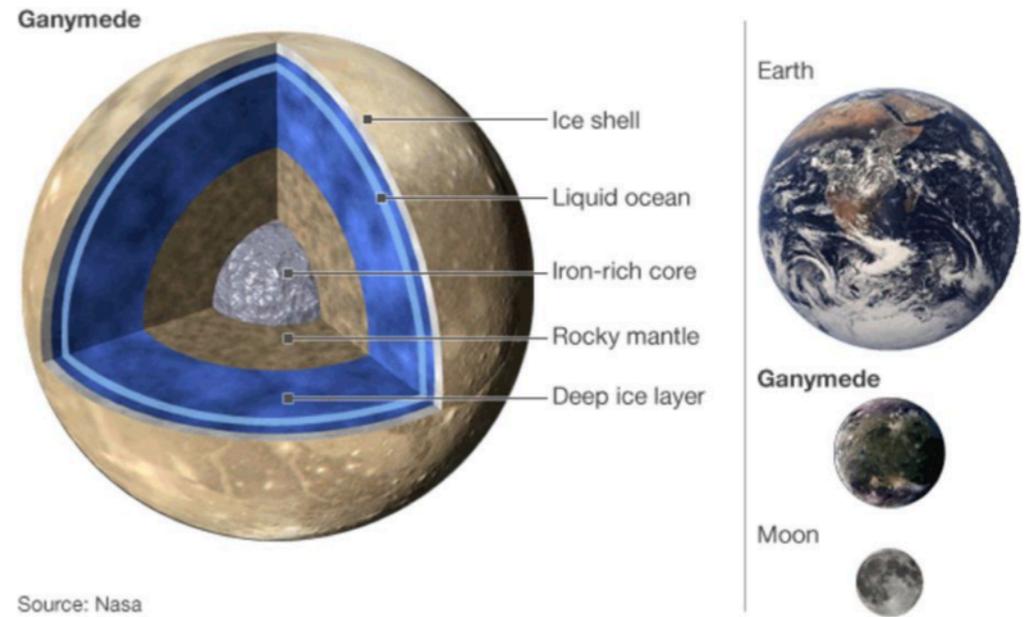
Soderlund et al. GRL2019, Nature Geo. 2013



120 km/1561 km

$$Ra \sim 10^{20} - 10^{22}$$

$$Re \sim 10^{10} - 10^{11}$$

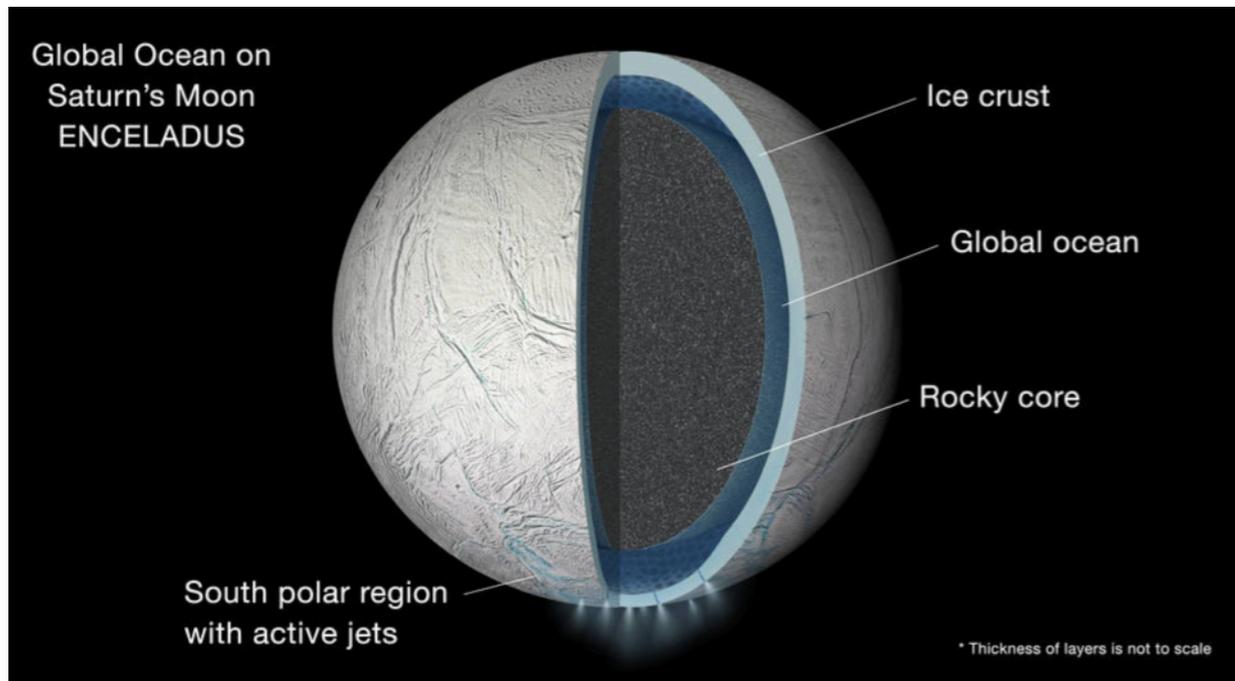


Source: Nasa

300 km/2631 km

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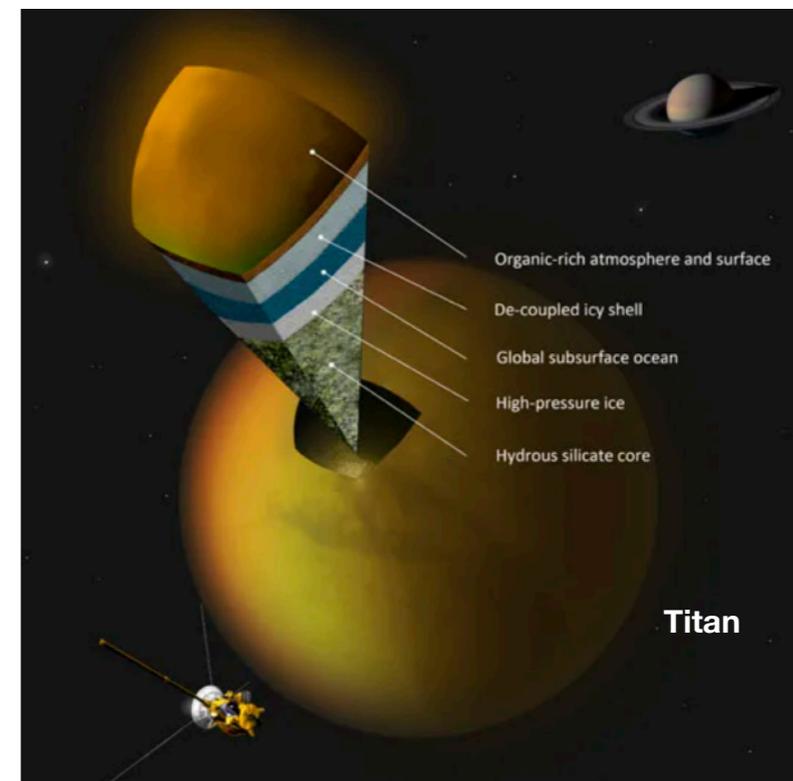
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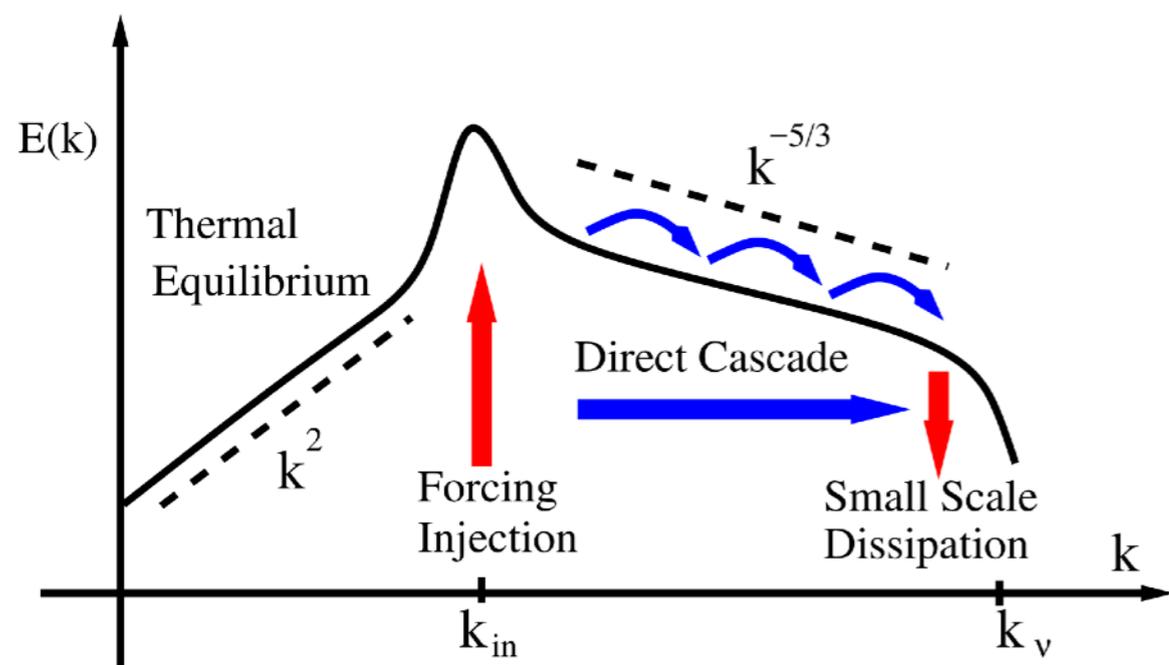


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Nonlinear Energy Cascade



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Kolmogorov Scales

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$$v_k = (\nu \varepsilon)^{1/4} \quad \text{Velocity}$$

$$T_k = \left(\frac{\nu}{\varepsilon} \right)^{1/2} \quad \text{Time}$$

Degrees of Freedom

$$L/l_k \sim Re^{3/4}$$

$$U/v_k \sim Re^{1/4}$$

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Turbulence challenge $\Rightarrow N^3 \sim Re^{9/4}$

$$(10^{6+})^3 \sim (10^{8+})^{9/4} \Rightarrow \text{GAFD}$$

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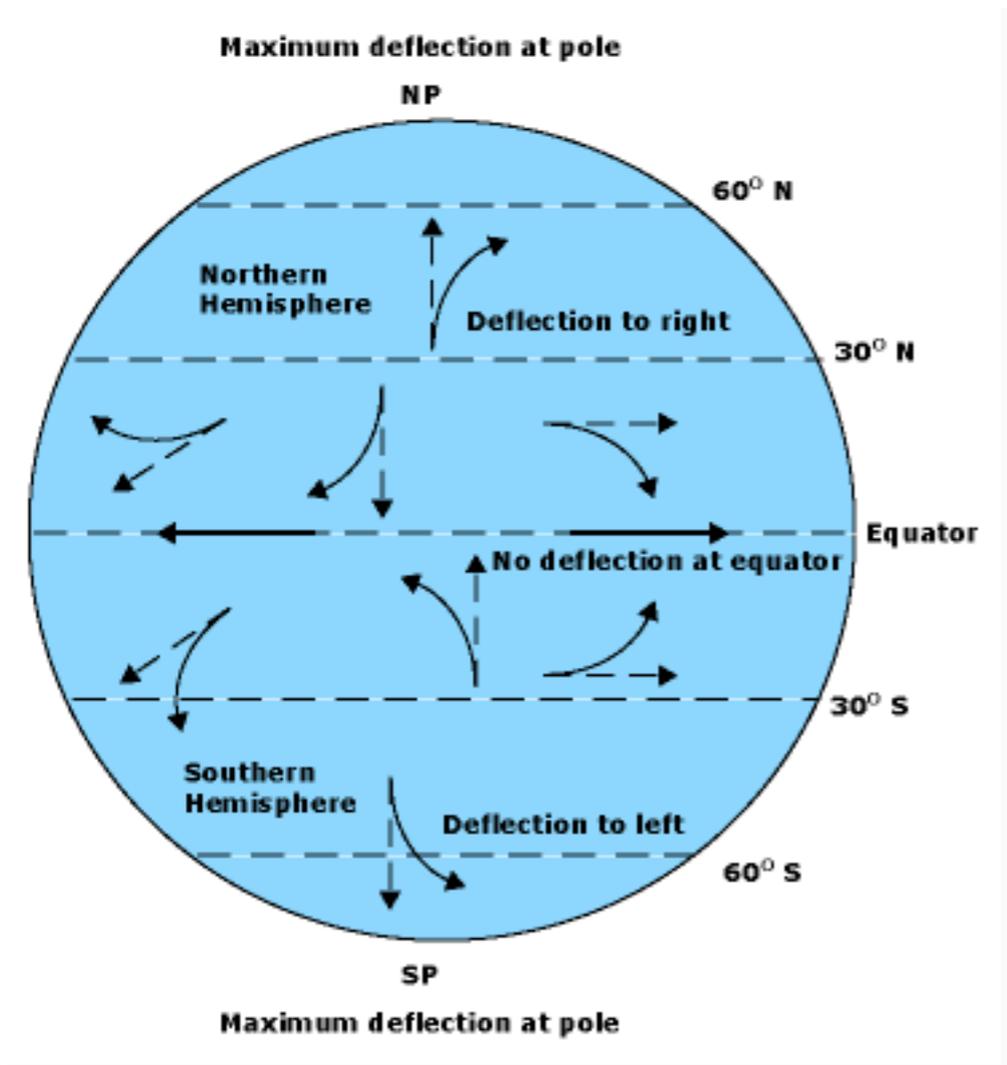
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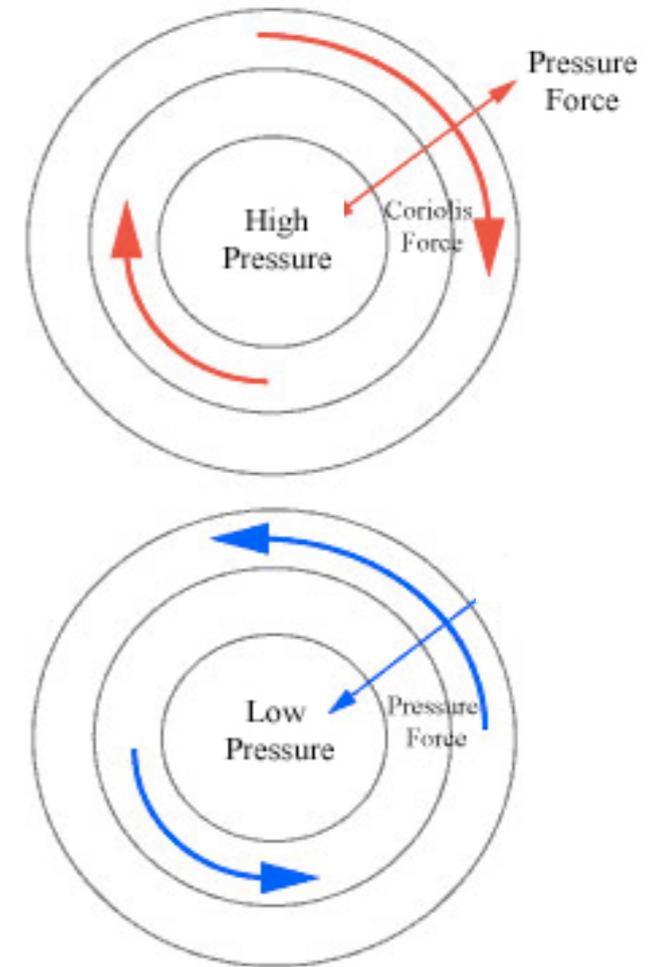
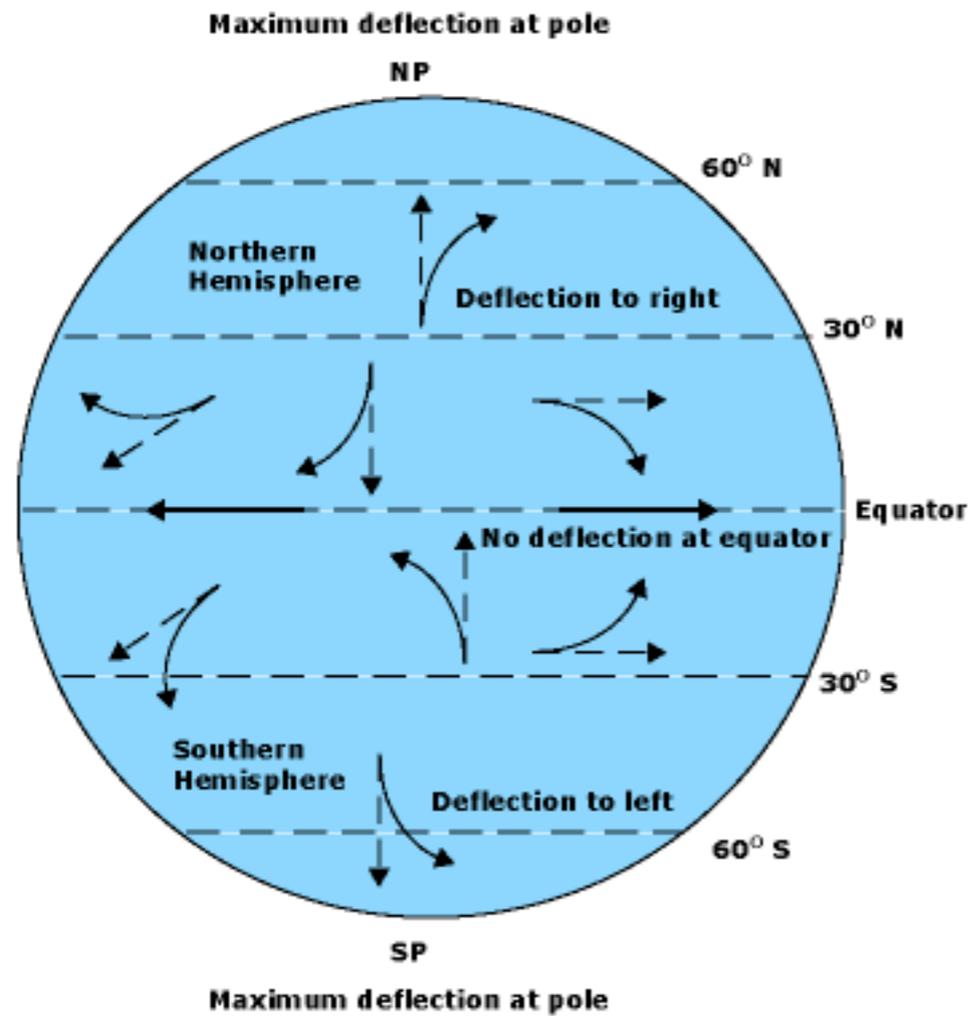
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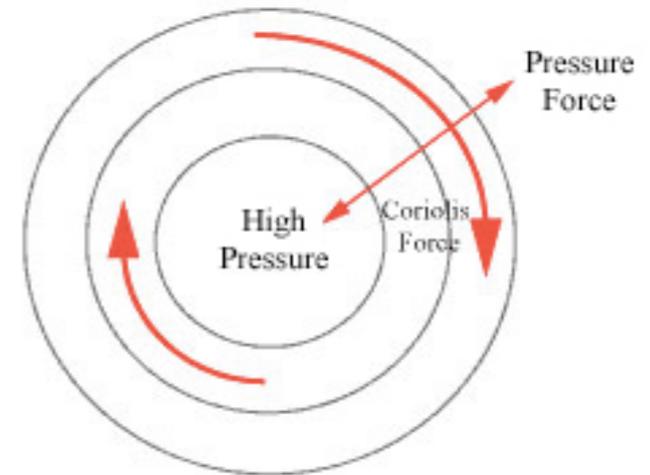
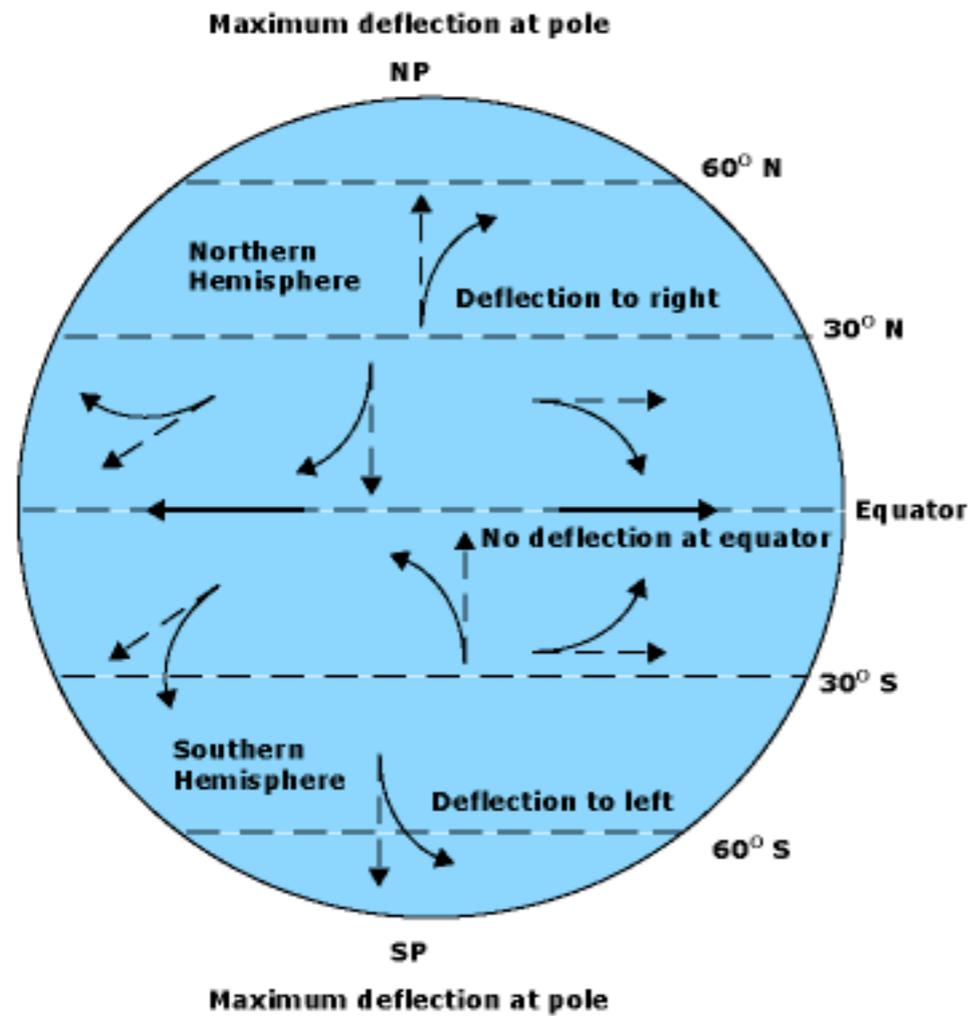
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Governing Equations: Effects of Rotation

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 \text{Strouhal} & & \text{Rossby} & & \text{Euler} & & \text{Reynolds} &
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$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

incompressibility

$$Ro = \frac{\text{inertia}}{\text{Coriolis}} = \frac{U^2/L}{2\Omega U} = \frac{U/L}{2\Omega} = \frac{U}{2\Omega L}$$

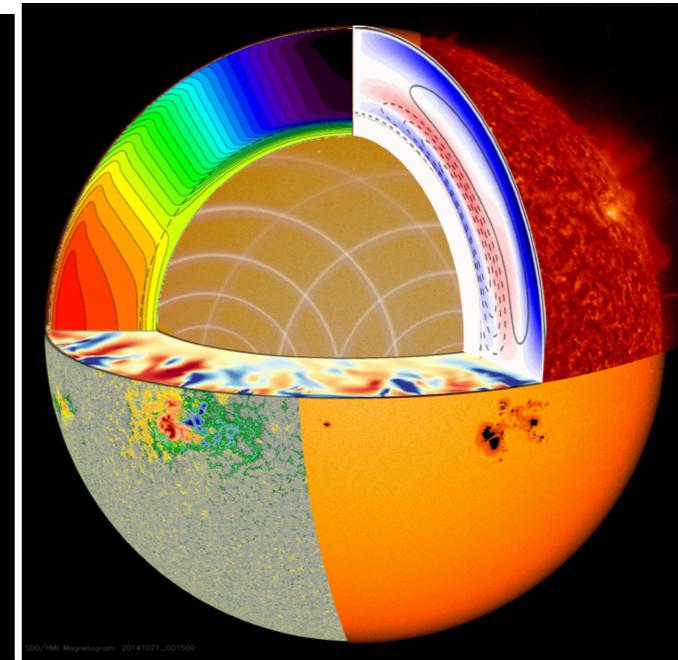
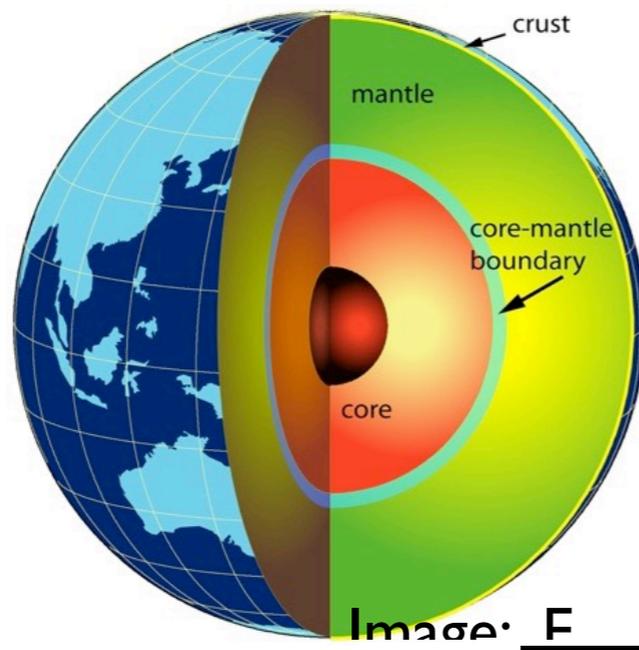
Types of motion affected by the Coriolis force:

Relative vorticity is less than planetary vorticity $Ro \leq 1$ or $U/L \leq 2\Omega$

Vary on timescales greater than a planetary day $StrRo \leq 1$ or $T \geq 1/2\Omega$

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 $L \sim 200 \text{ Mm}$

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$Ro \sim 1-10^{-2}$

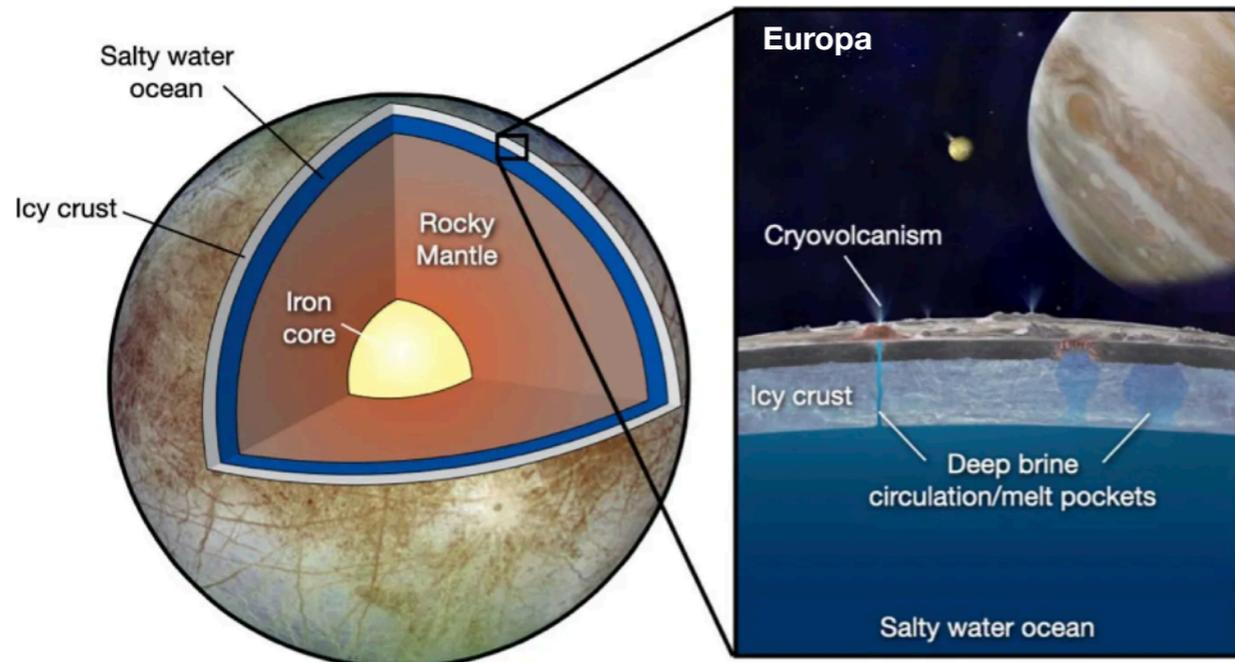
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Subsurface off-world oceans

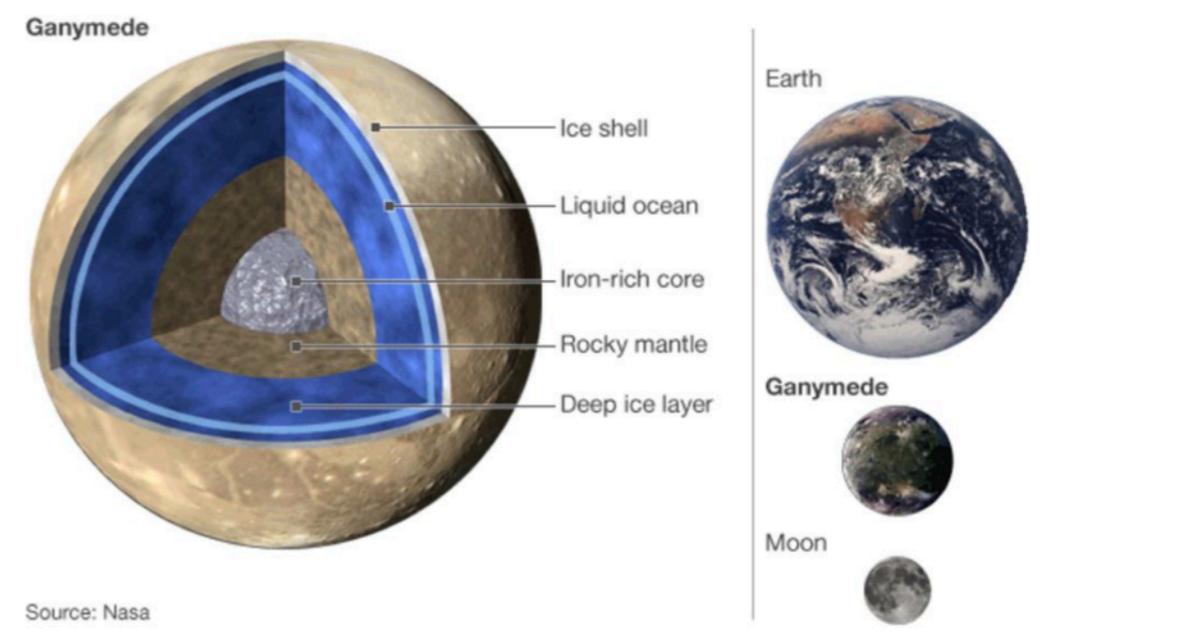
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120 km/1561 km

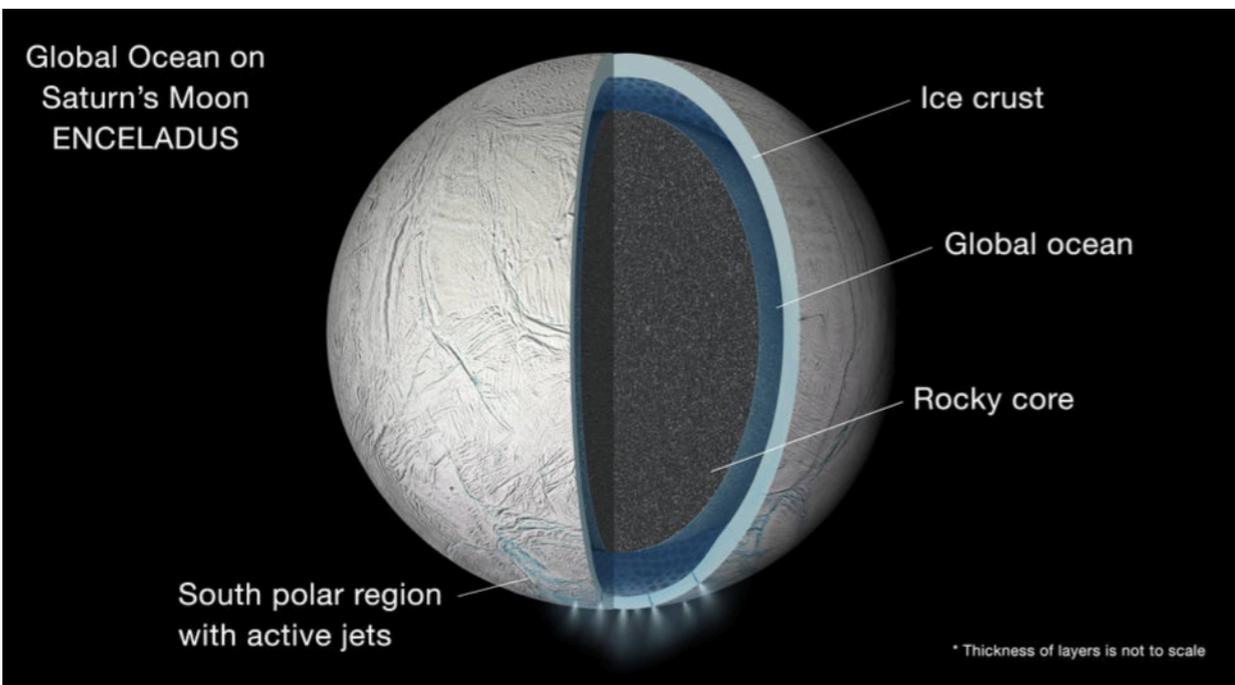
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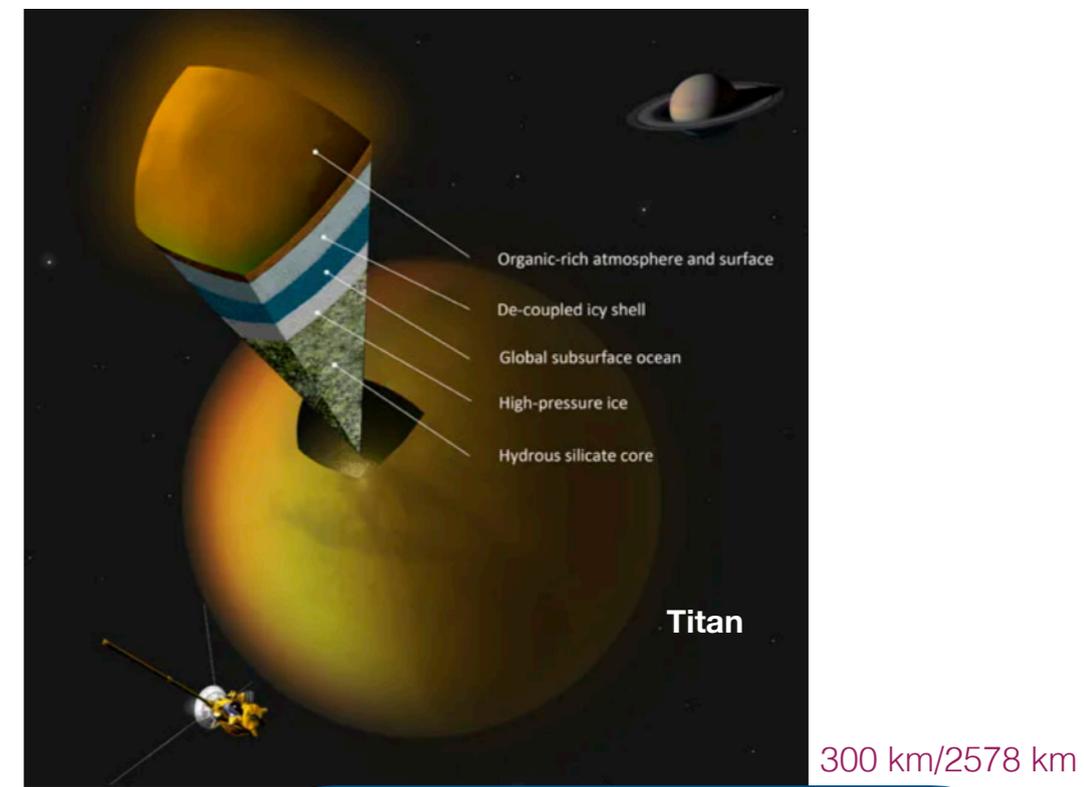
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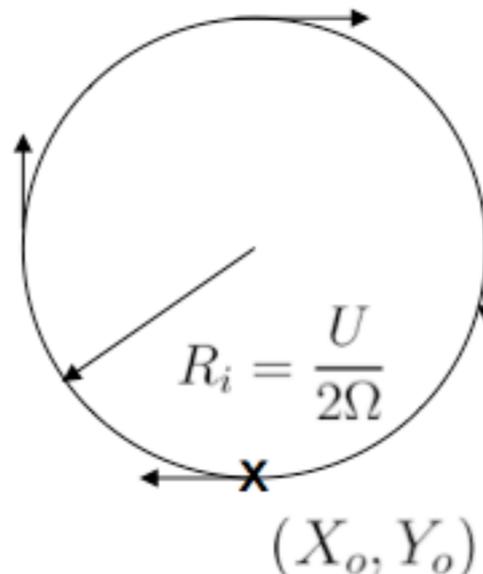
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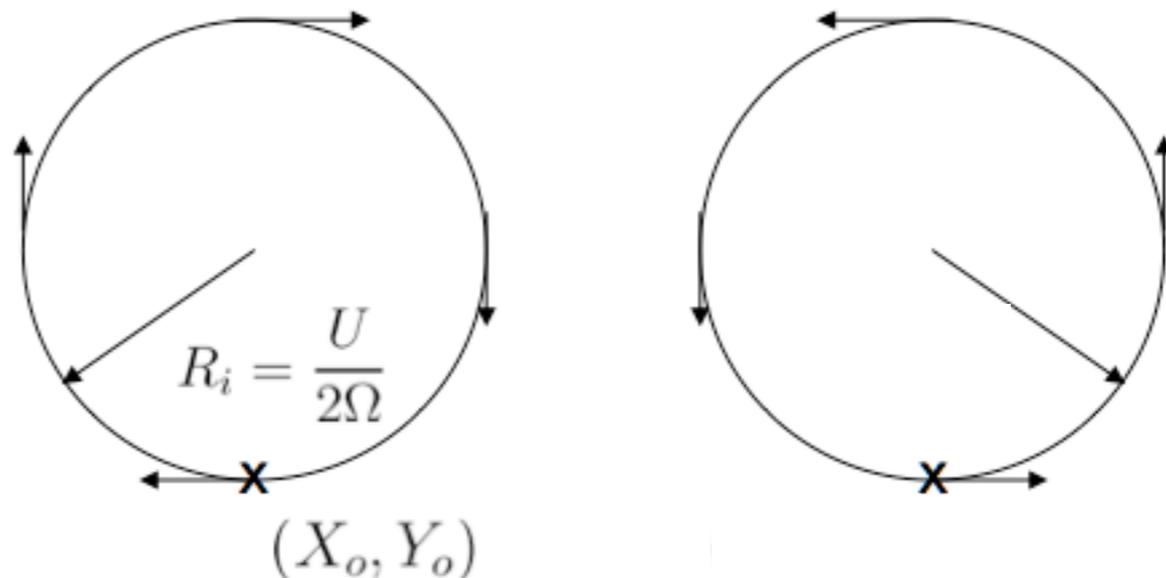
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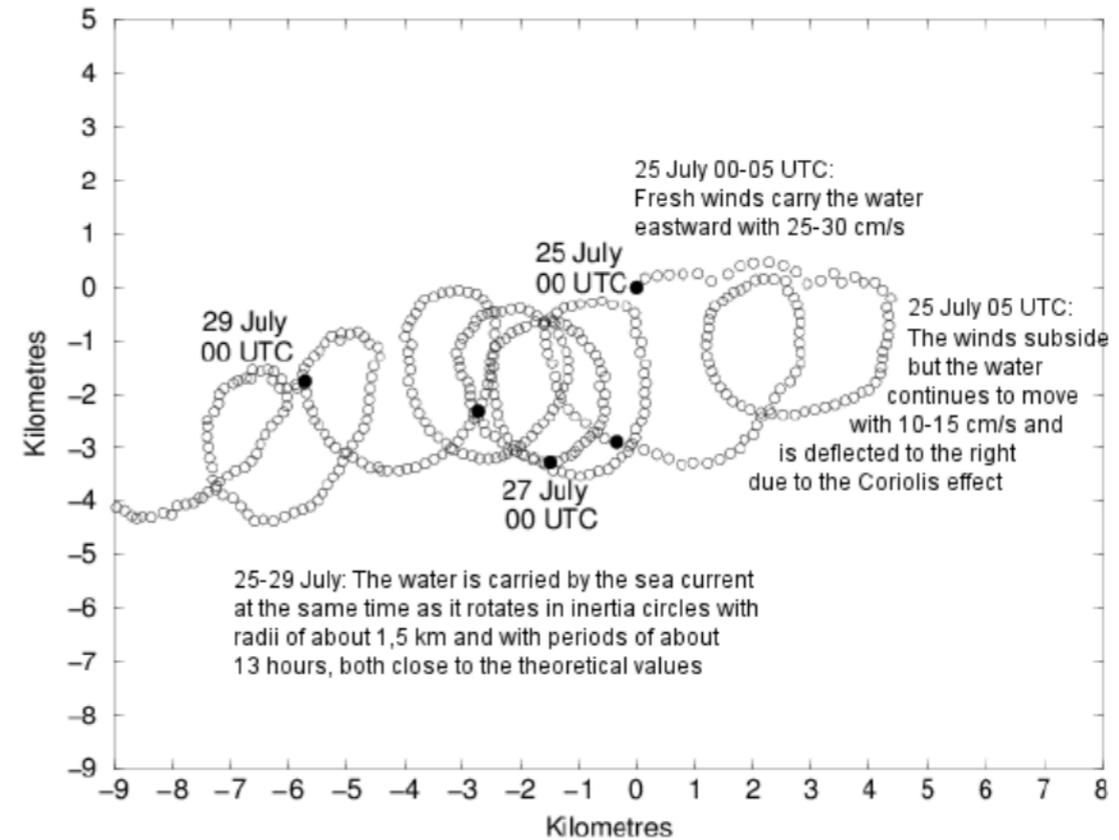
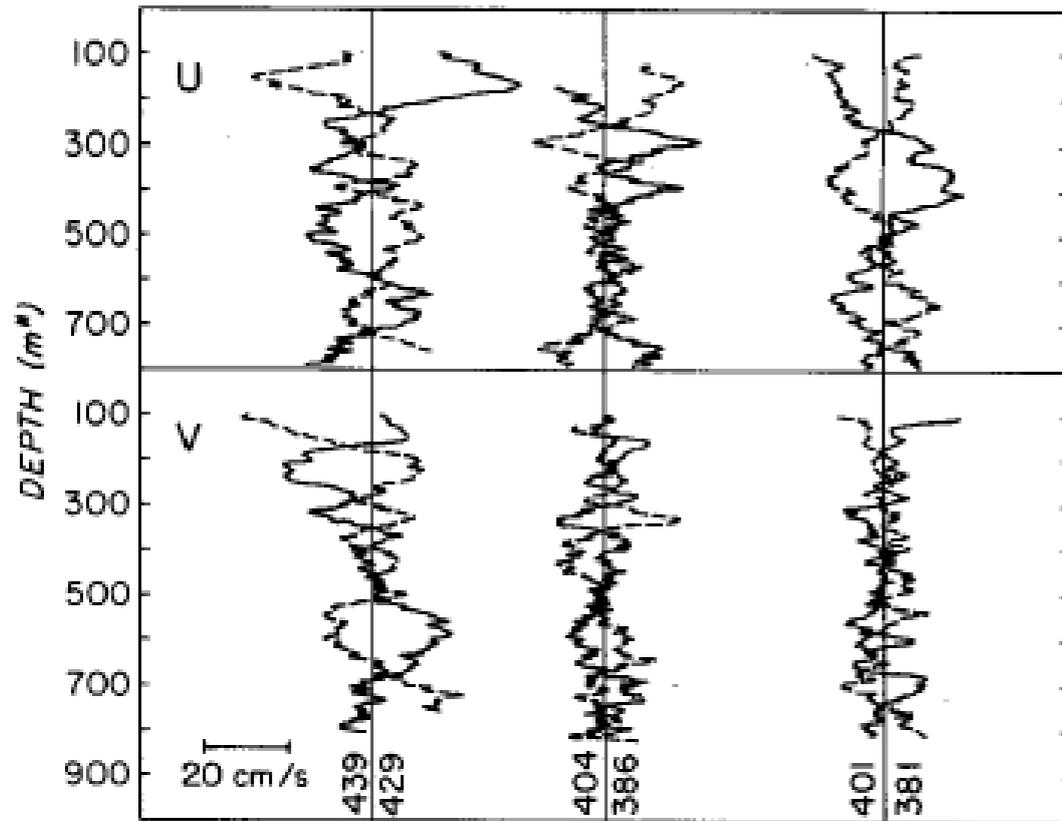


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Horizontal velocity profiles taken a half inertial period apart are near mirror-images of each other suggesting flows are dominated by inertial motions

Half the energy variance in the IW band is explained by inertial motions in the upper ocean (Ferrari & Wunsch. Ann. Rev. Fluid Mech 2008).

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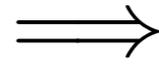
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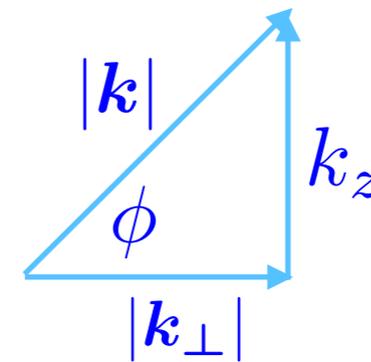
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dependent solely on orientation

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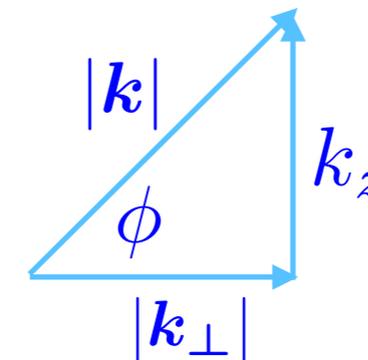
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Inertial weak wave turbulence

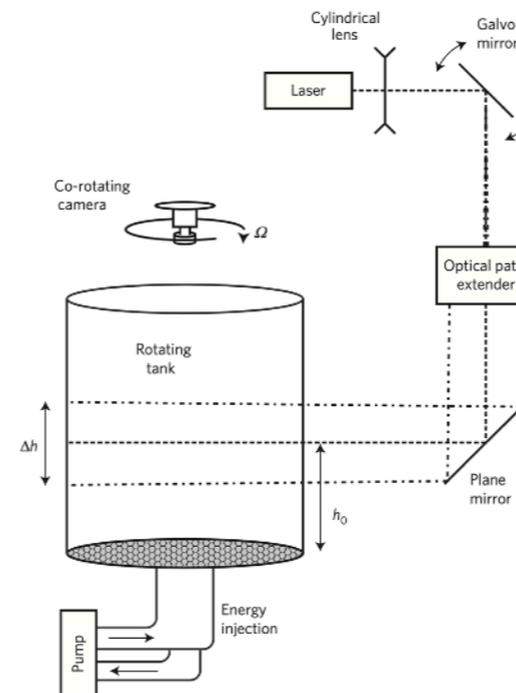
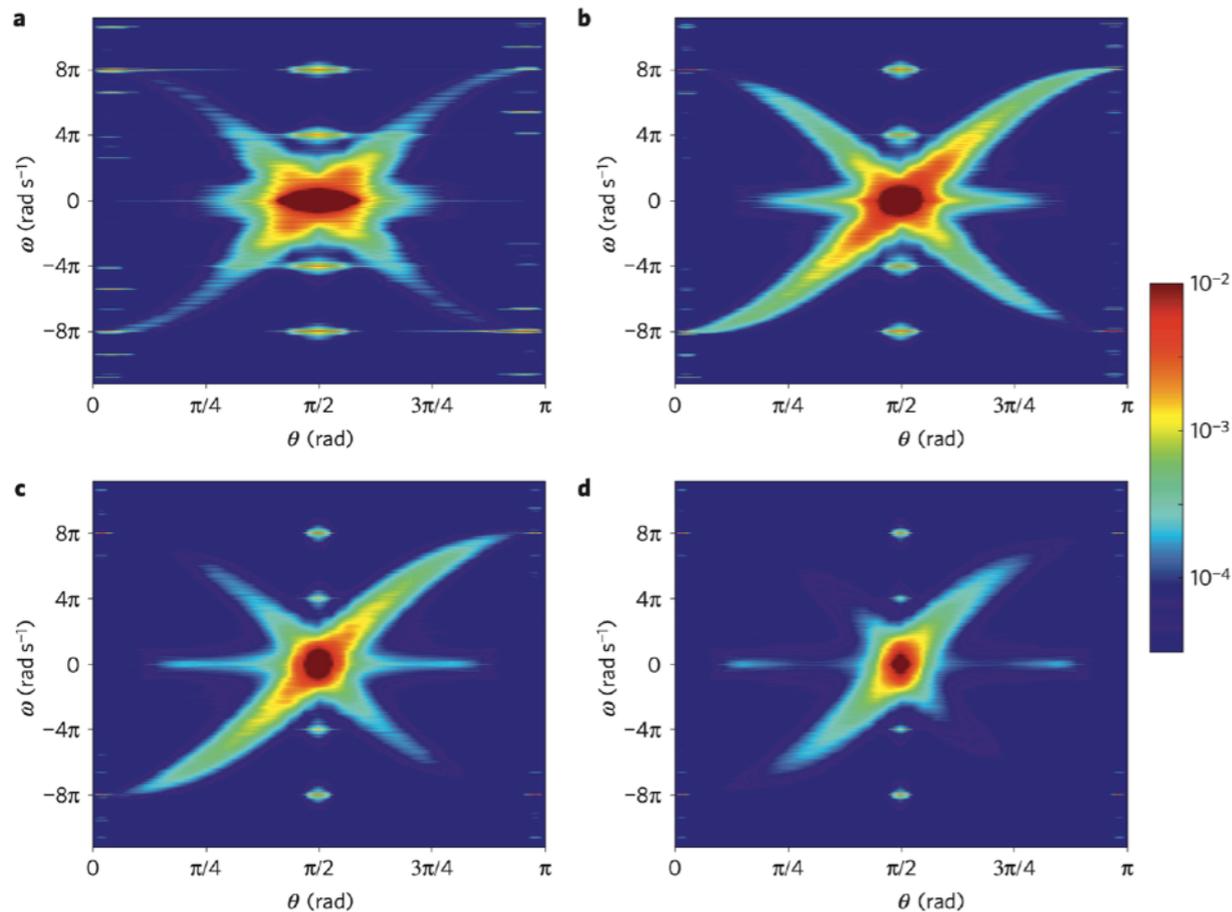


Figure 3 | Direct measurements of the inertial wave spectrum. The energy spectrum is localized along curves that correspond to the dispersion relation (equation (1)) of inertial waves. Integration across different wavenumber ranges (0.78–1.39 (a); 1.42–2.03 (b); 2.06–2.64 (c); 2.67–3.28 (d) rad cm⁻¹) shows that the shape of the curve is independent of $|k|$. In the high wavenumber range (c,d), the upward propagating waves carry more energy than the downward propagating waves. The data were taken at $h_0 = 68.5$ cm, with $\Delta h = 25.9$ cm and $\Omega = 4\pi$ rad s⁻¹. The spikes at $\theta = \pi/2$ and $\omega = \pm 4\pi, \pm 8\pi$ rad s⁻¹ are measurement noise corresponding to the rotation rate and its harmonics.

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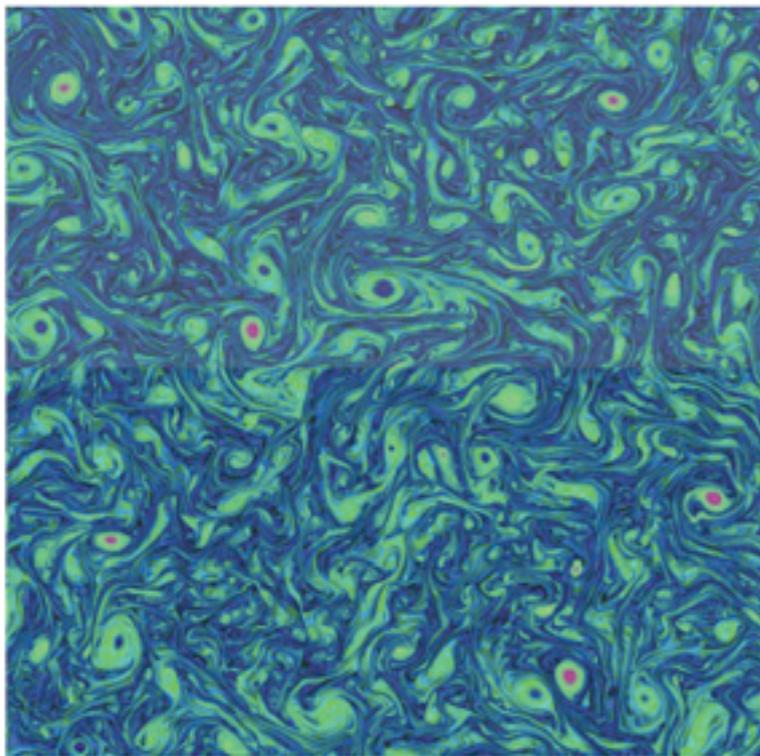
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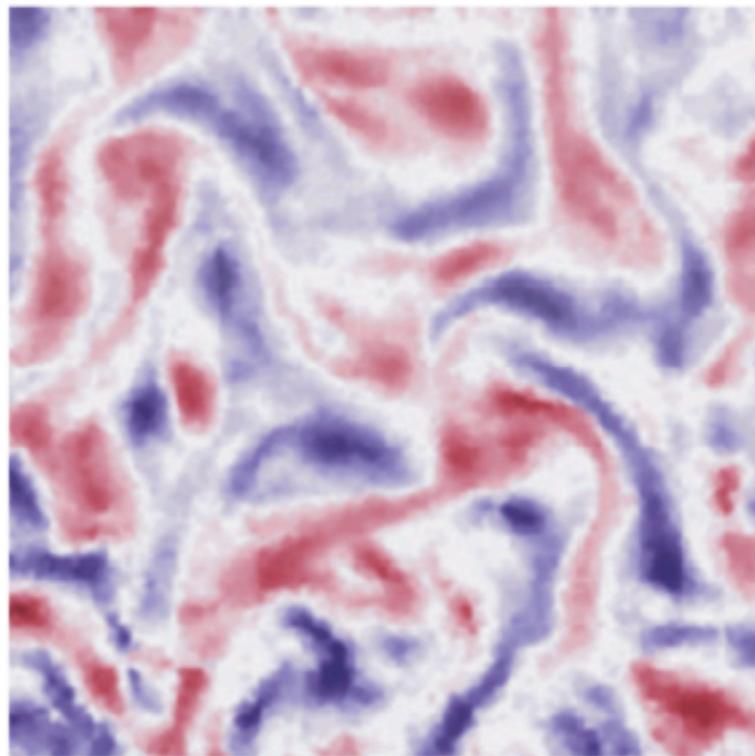
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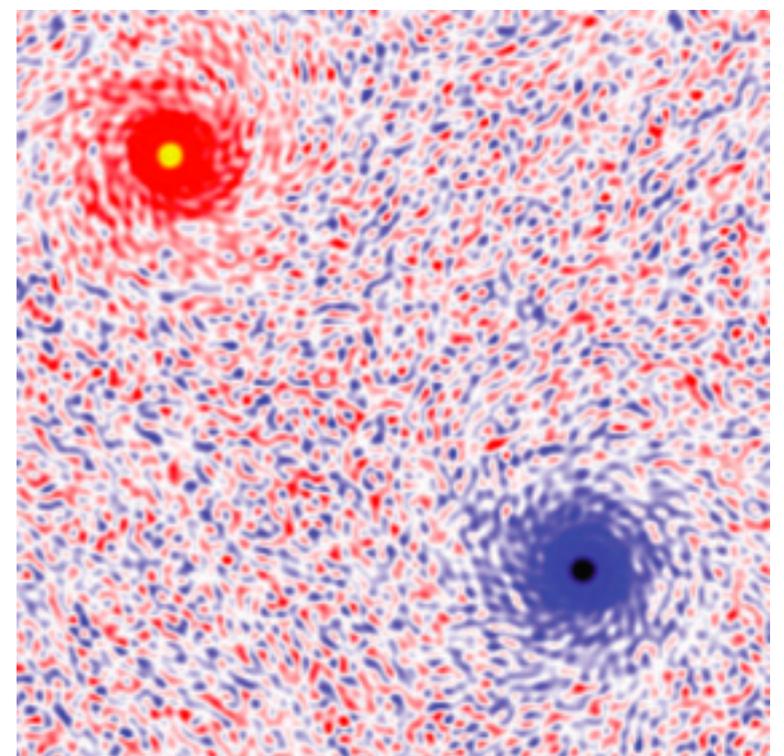
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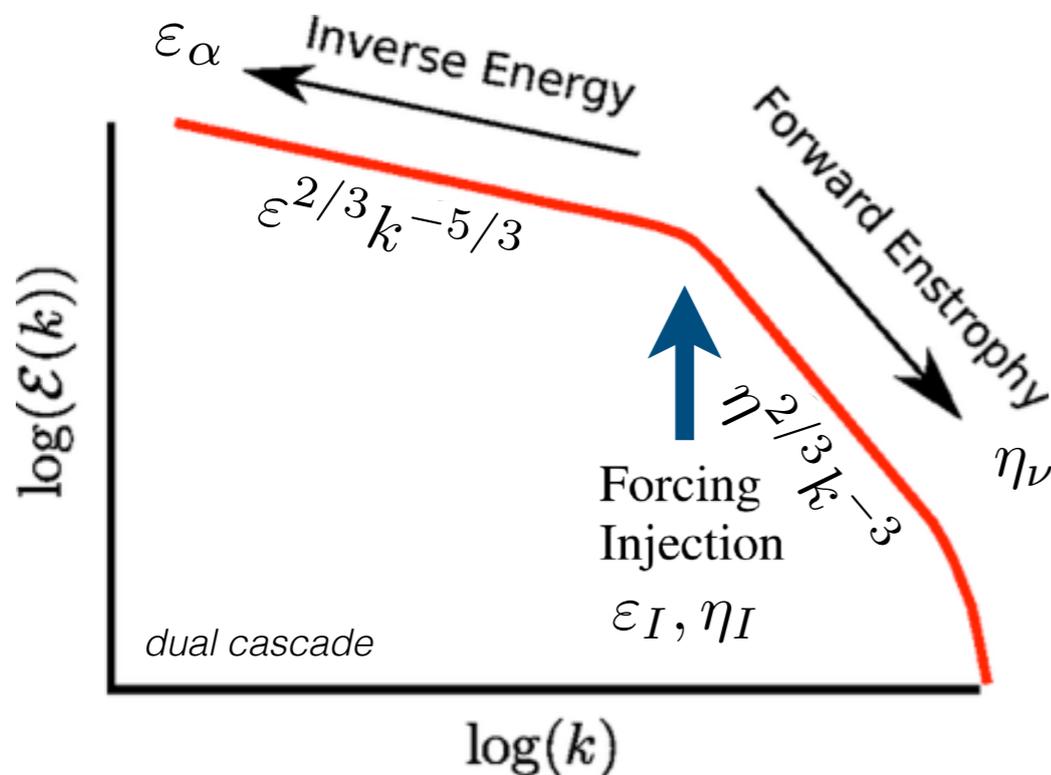
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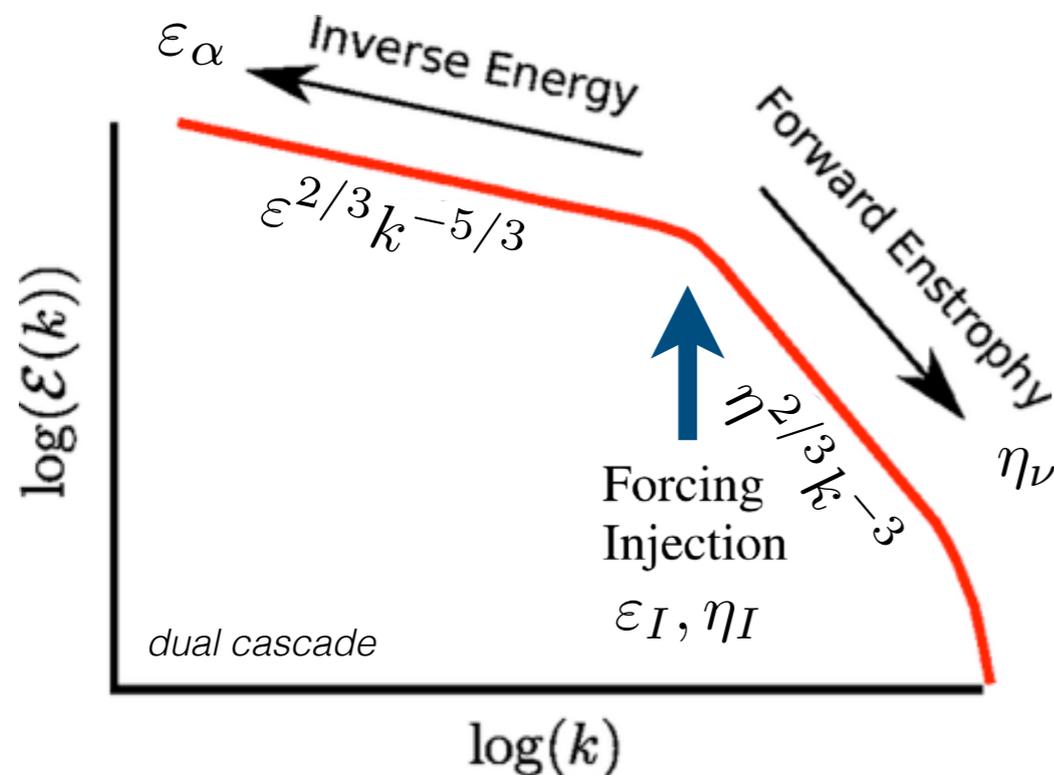
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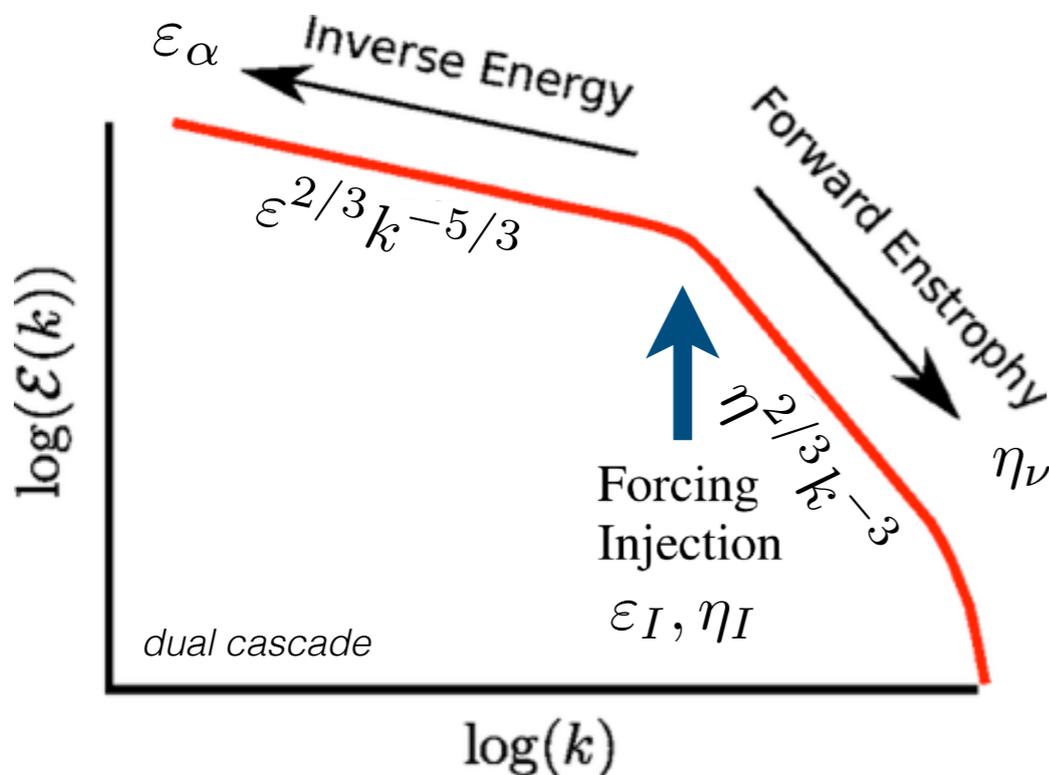
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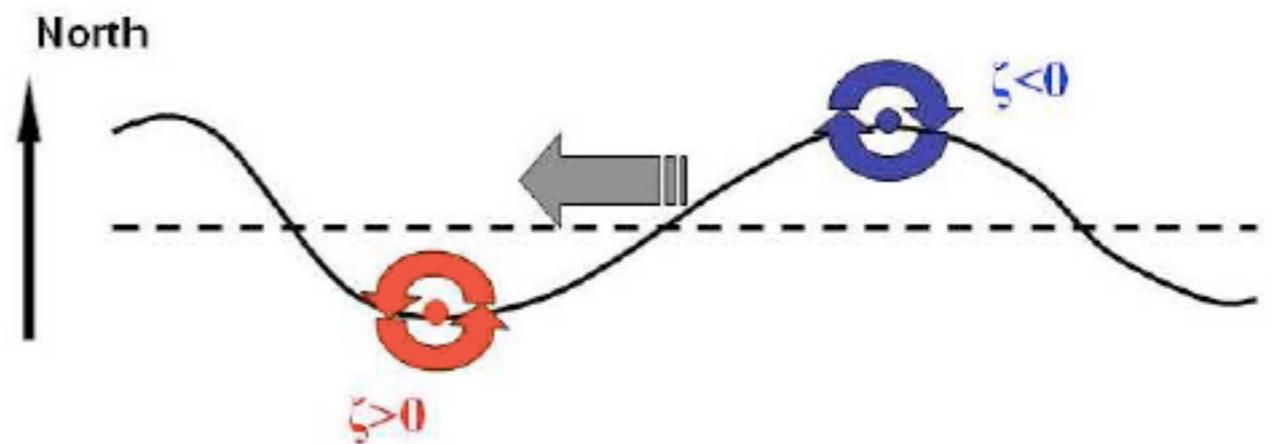
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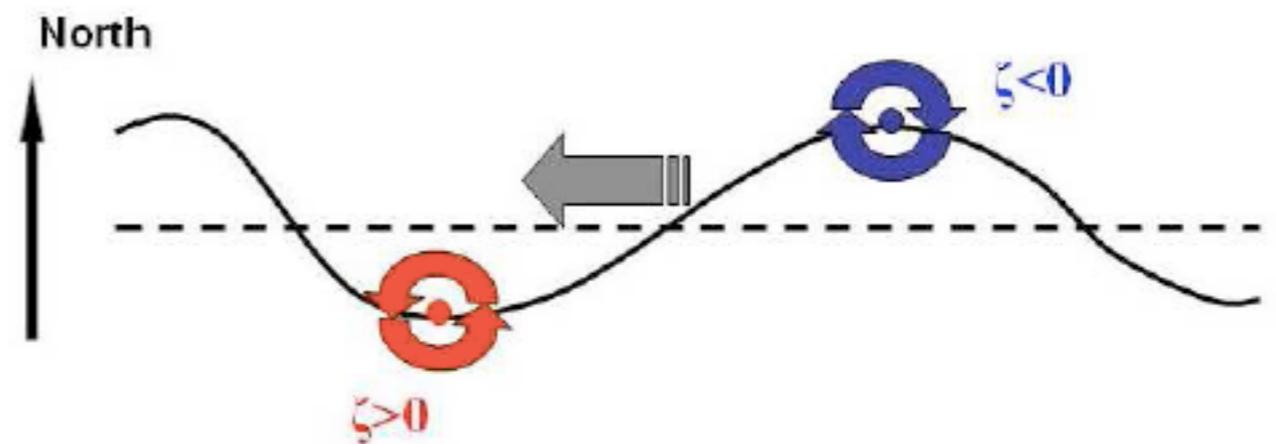
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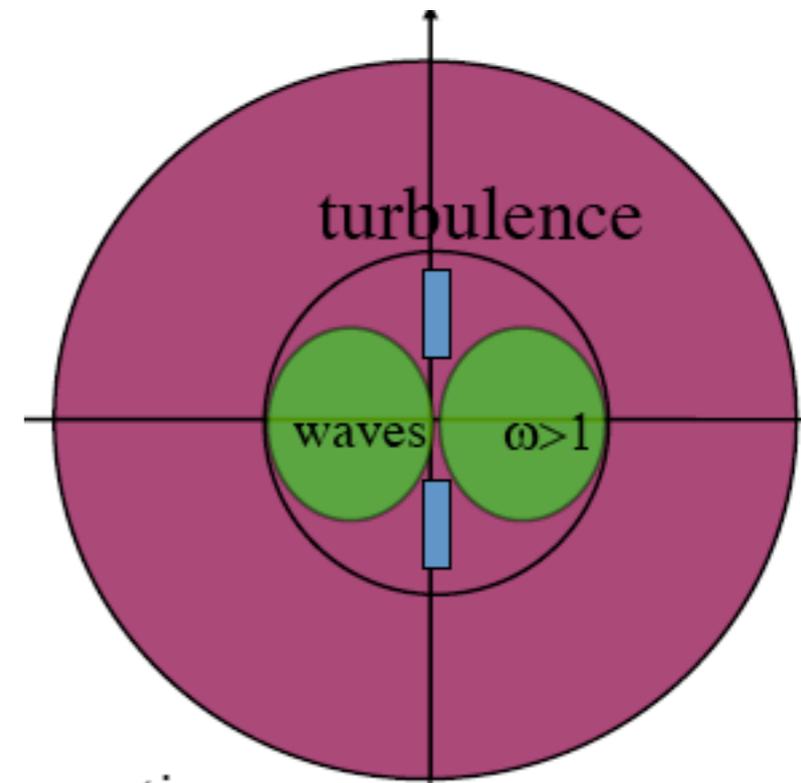
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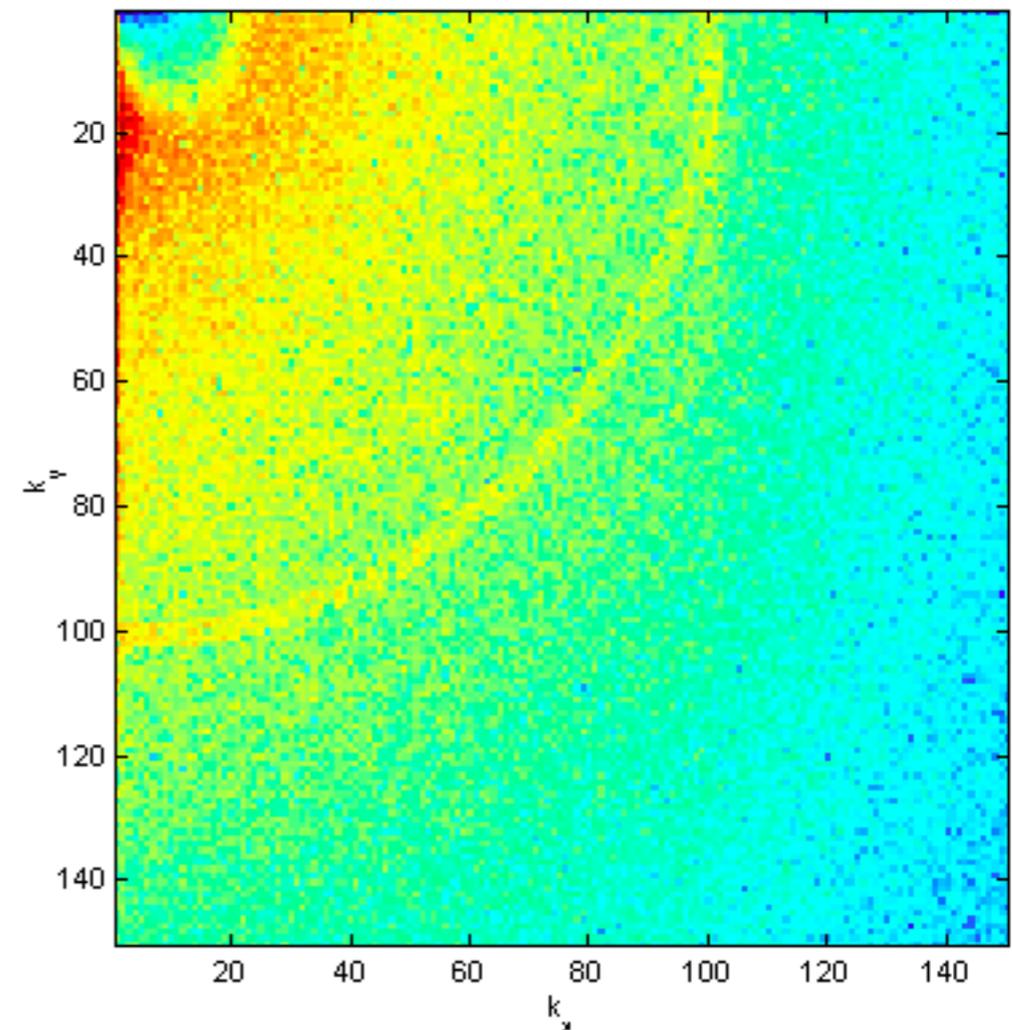
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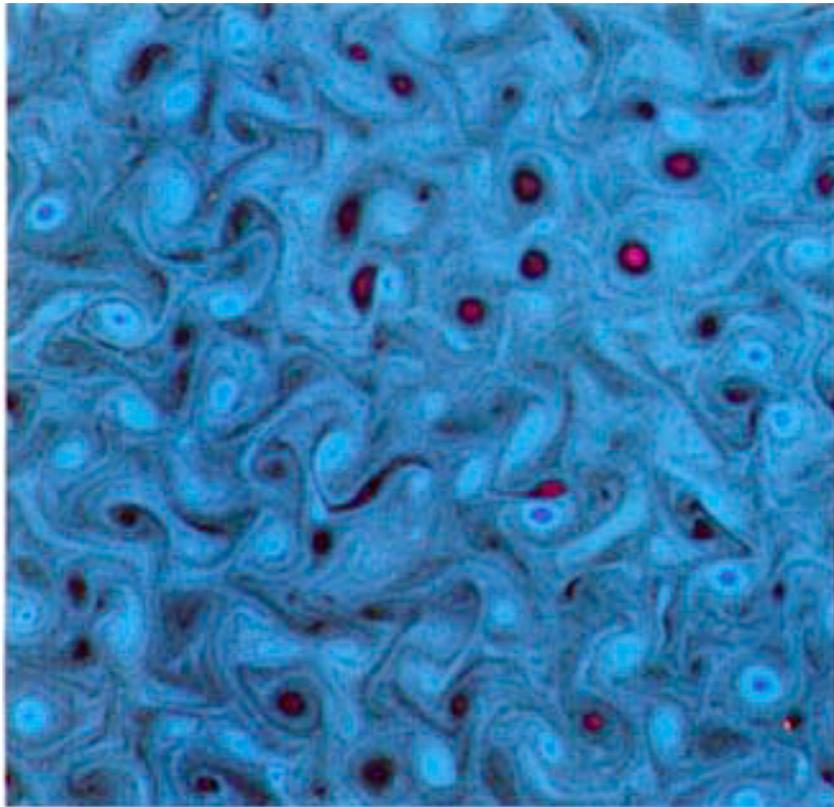
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