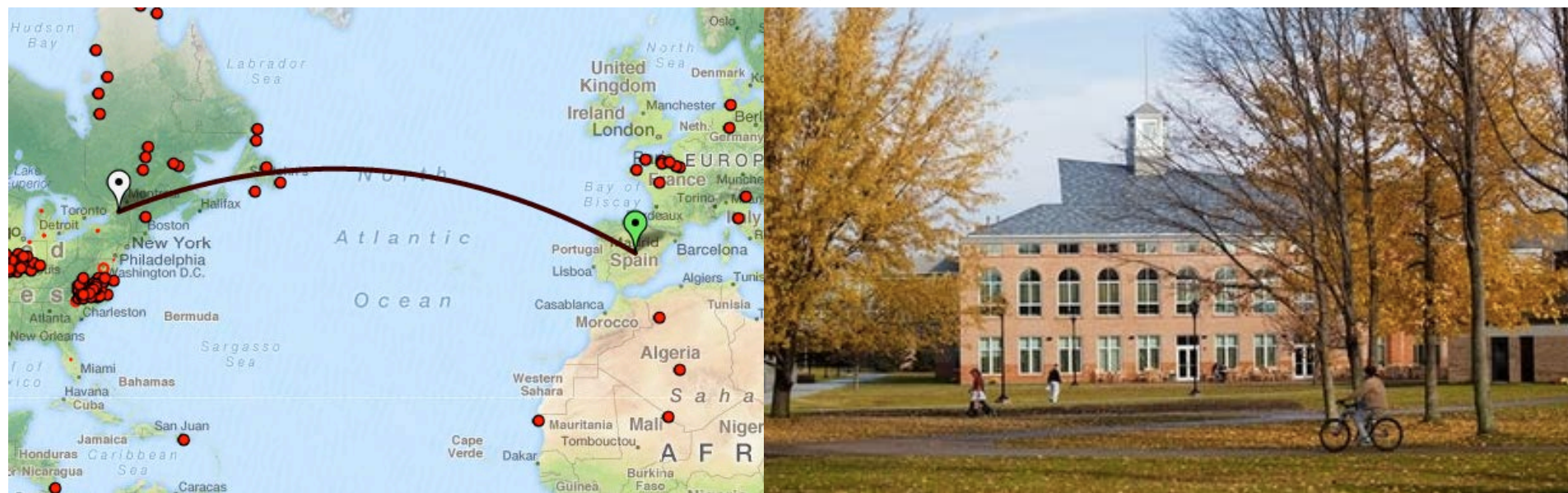


# Image Based Analysis of Coherenc, Directly From Movies

*Erik Bollt, with Abd Al Rahman Al Momani  
and with Basaynake*

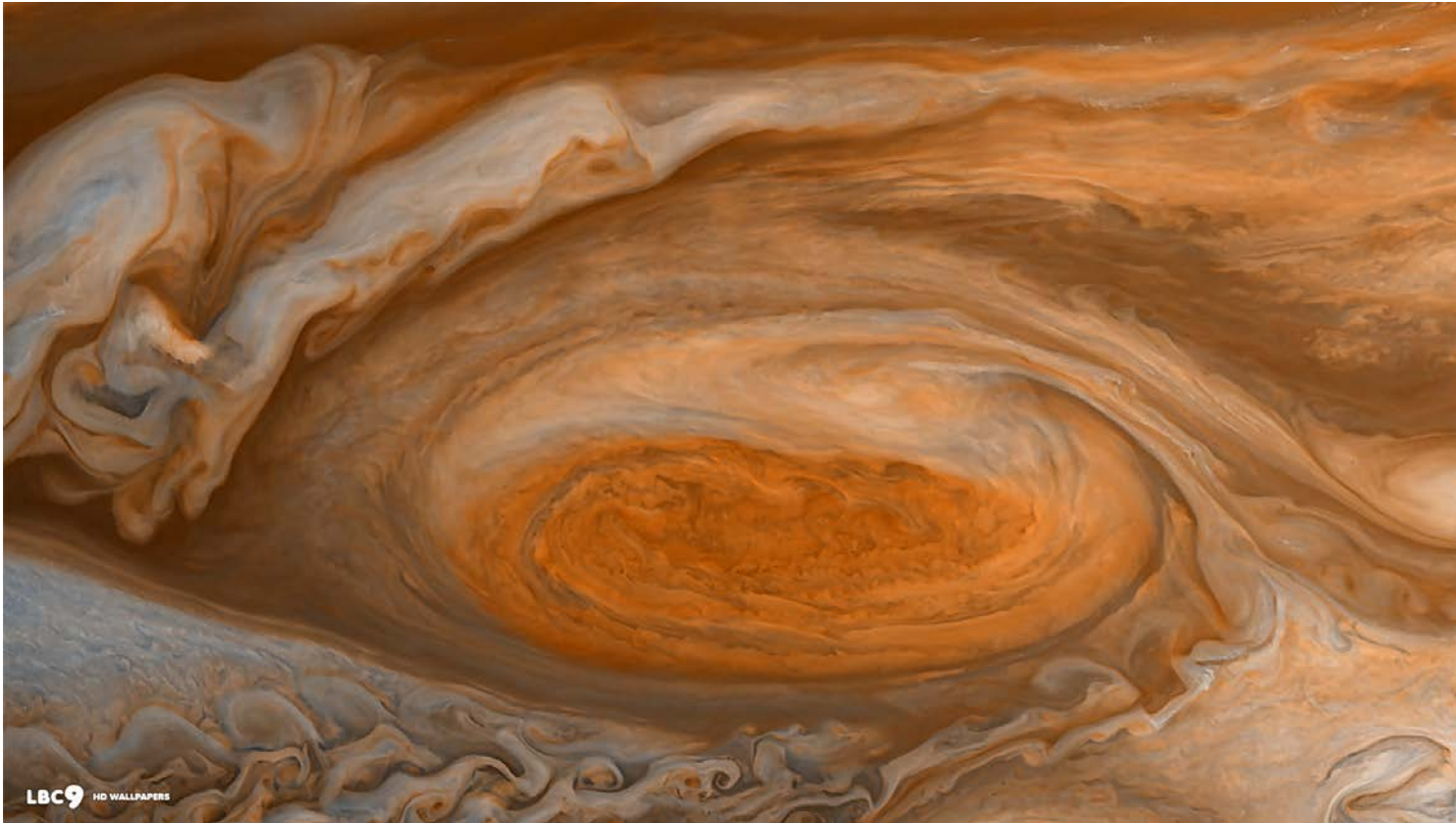




Jupiter Portrait as viewed from Cassini. "This true color mosaic of Jupiter was constructed from images taken by the narrow angle camera onboard NASA's Cassini spacecraft on December 29, 2000, during its closest approach to the giant planet at a distance of approximately 10 million kilometers (6.2 million miles)."<sup>1</sup>.



Clearly, time scale and space scale are each important regarding questions concerning some sets “hold together”



Iconic Coherent Set

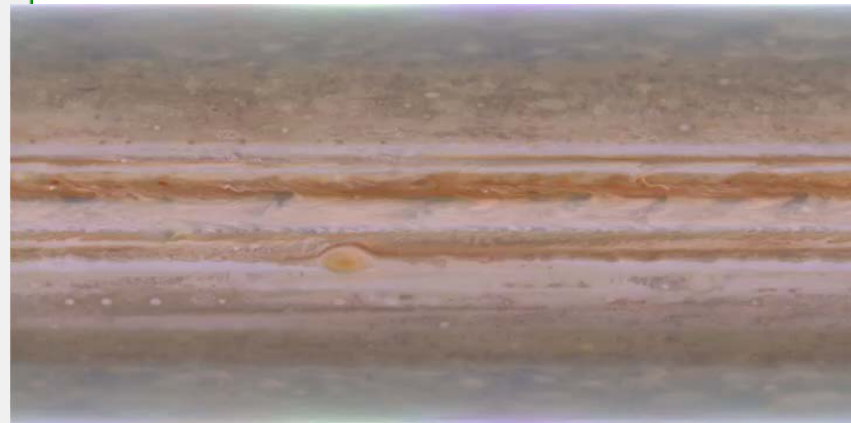
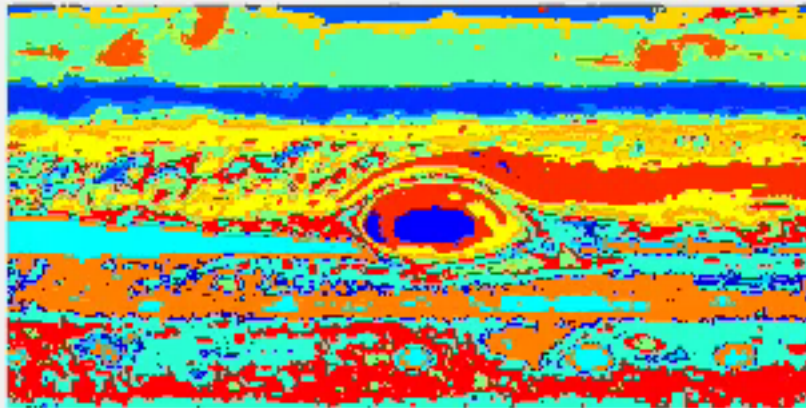
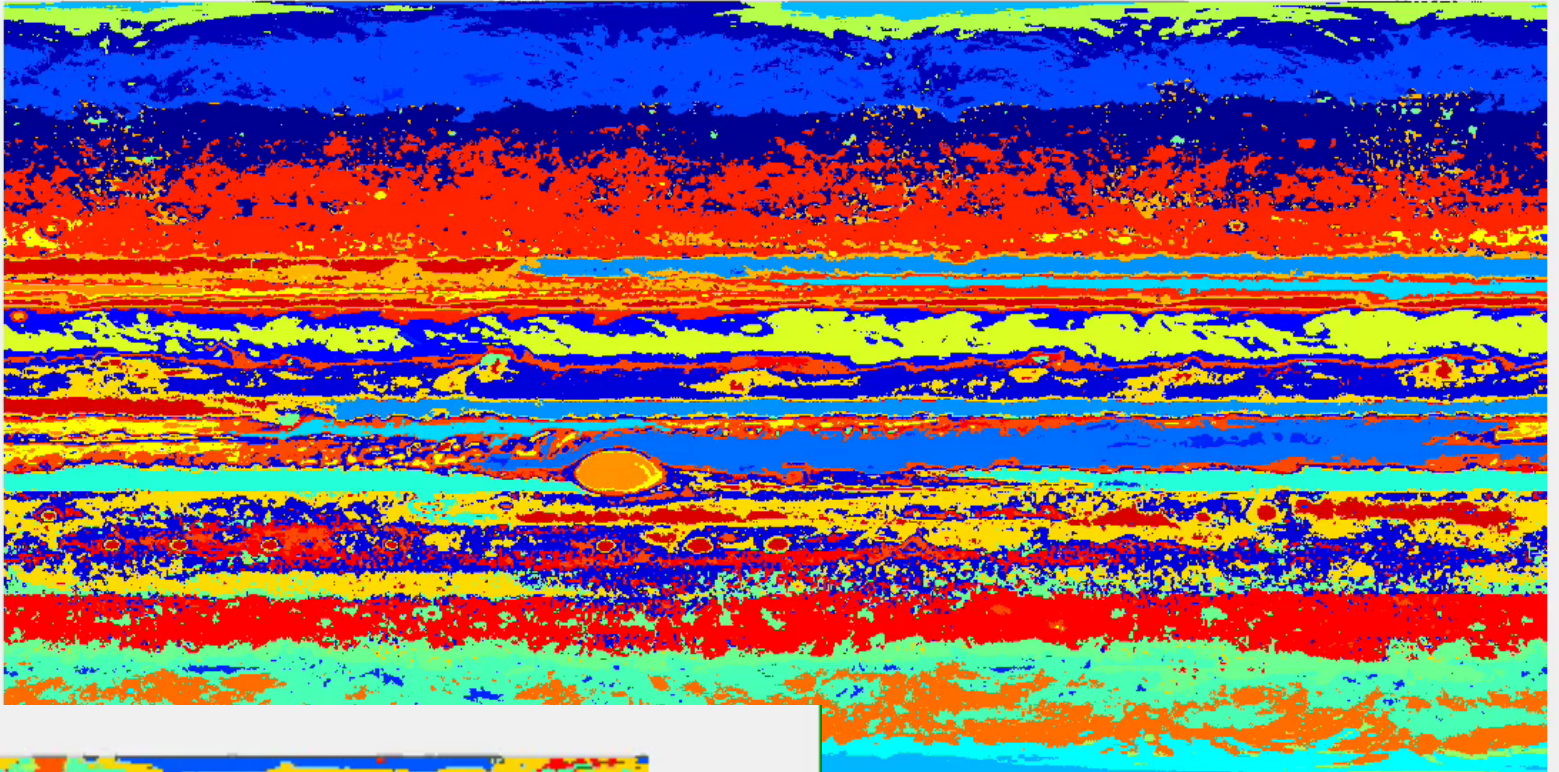
On certain time scale and space scale, some sets “*hold together.*”



Many definitions of coherency, and corresponding methods,



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# Pondering What to Call Coherence

## – Coherence Means A lot of things to A lot of People

- Follow the density? (Ensembles of initial conditions).  
....flux or transport of density in and out of sets? (Transfer Operator Methods)
- Follow measurements - measurables? (And the Koopman methods)  
(or combination).
- Follow strain of Boundaries? (LCS methods)
- Match shape? Exactly? Approximately? ( $\Rightarrow$  Shape Coherence  $\Rightarrow$  FTC)

## Should there be a unique solution to the concept of coherence?

LCS? Coherent Pair? Mesohyperbolic? Shape Coherent? Exact Coherent?

-A clustering method

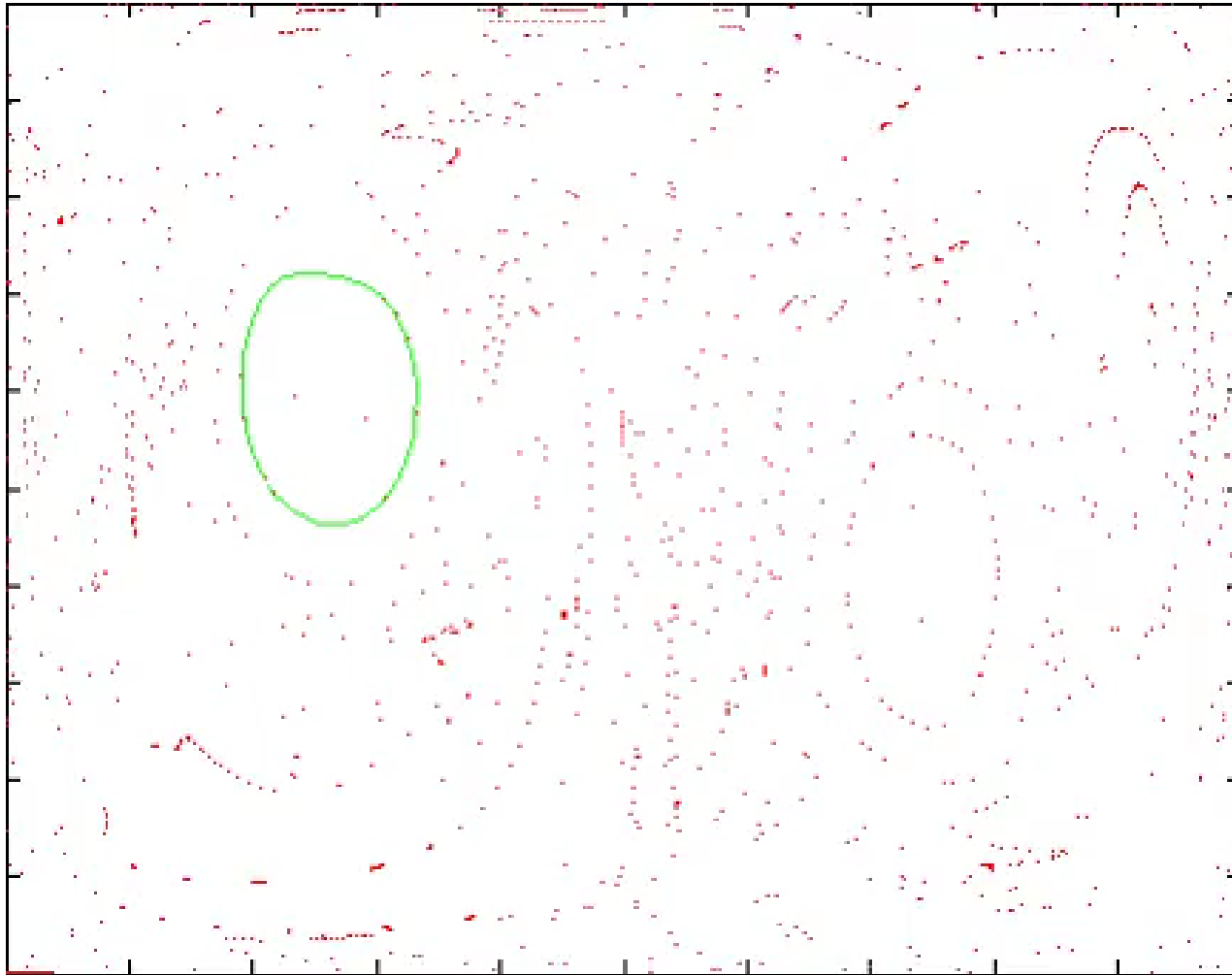
-Follow the “surprise” – information theory story

**ALL of these need a step to develop a model as SOME WAY to follow particles – a flow map, a vector field, etc.**

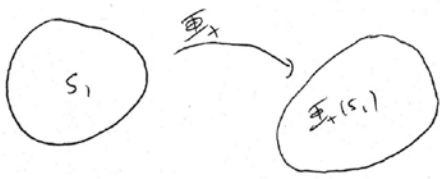
**What can we do DIRECTLY from watching a movie?**

*From my previous discussion* - Sets that keep their shape “look” coherent.

## The Green Set is Such a Set



Tian Ma and Erik M. Bollt, "Differential Geometry Perspective of Shape Coherence and Curvature Evolution by Finite-Time Nonhyperbolic Splitting, (SIADS), 2014



## Coherence vs continuity

– image of a connected set is connected



Before



After

The Green Set is Such a Set



Modelling the vector field of the flow from images

-again - can we skip this step?

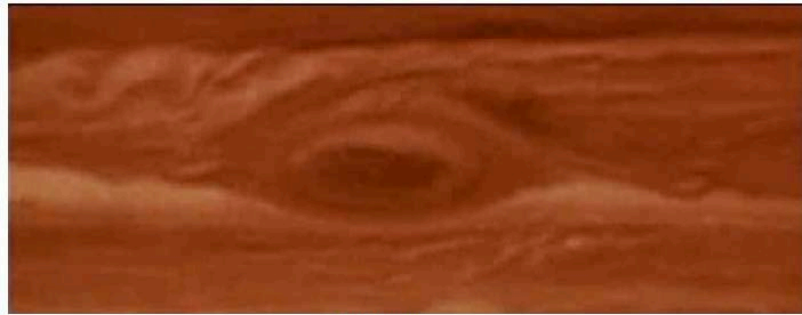


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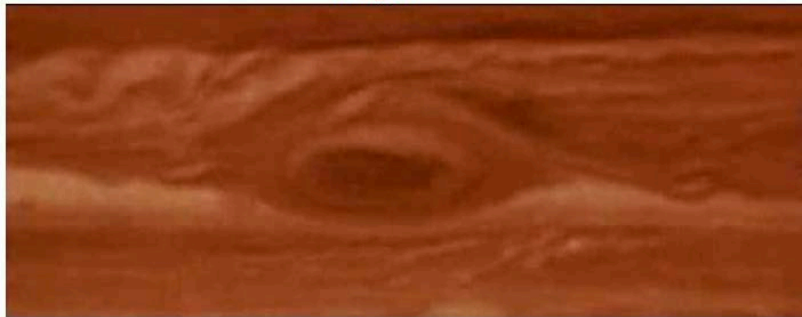


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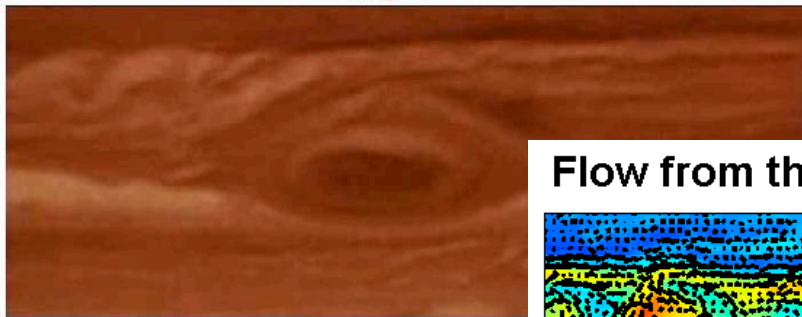
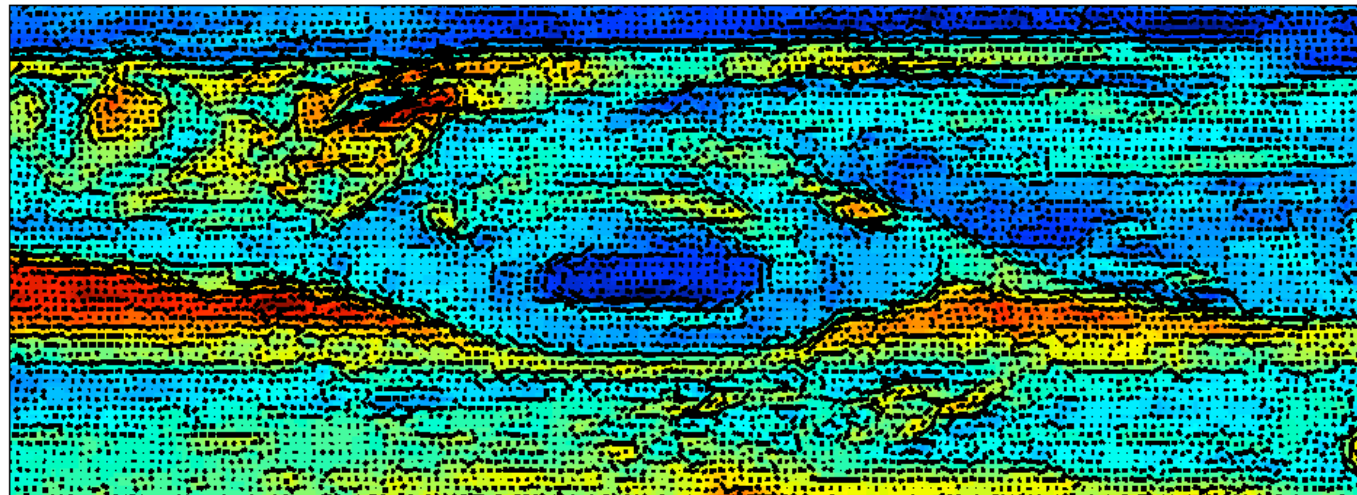


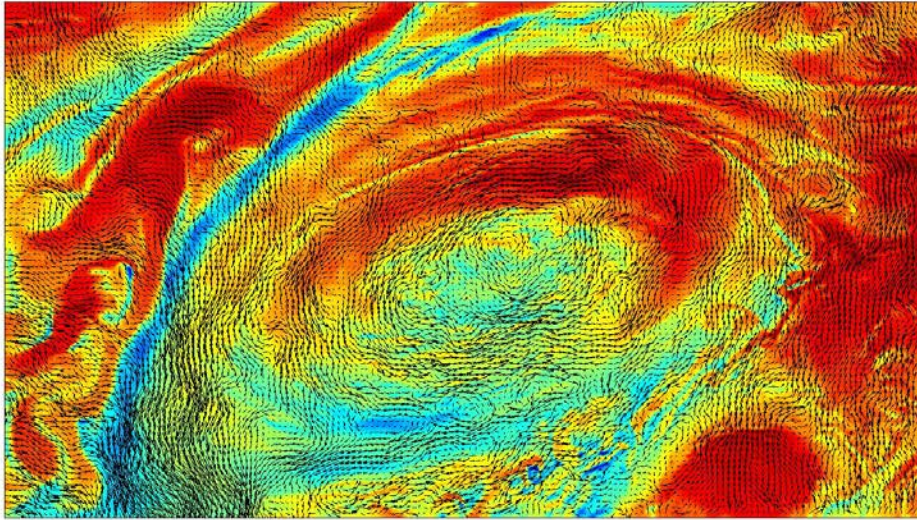
Image 3



Flow from the Quasi-Geostrophic Multi-time step method with  $n=2$



## In an Effort as SOME WAY to follow particles



$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, t),$$

$$\mathbf{F} : M \rightarrow M$$

a flow mapping,  $\mathbf{x}(t) = \Phi(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0, t)$  is inferred

### Classical (UV) method

- The image brightness,  $I(x, y, t)$  of a point  $(x, y)$  is locally conservative over the time  $t$ .
- The problem is ill-posed and hence regularized by assuming the expected flow is smooth.
- The energy functional is

$$E(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} (I_t + I_x u + I_y v)^2 d\Omega + \alpha \int_{\Omega} (u_x^2 + u_y^2 + v_x^2 + v_y^2) d\Omega$$

### Stream function method

- If the stream function is  $\psi$  then  $\langle u, v \rangle = \langle -\psi_x, \psi_y \rangle$
- The new Energy functional,

$$E(\psi) = \int_{\Omega} (I_t - I_x \psi_y + I_y \psi_x)^2 d\Omega + \alpha \int_{\Omega} (\psi_{xx}^2 + \psi_{xy}^2 + \psi_{yx}^2 + \psi_{yy}^2) d\Omega$$

- The Euler-Lagrange equation is

$$[A^* A + \alpha(B + B^*)]\psi = -A^* I_t$$

where  $A = -I_x D_y + I_y D_x$  and  $B = D_{xx}^* D_{xx} + D_{xy}^* D_{xy} + D_{yx}^* D_{yx} + D_{yy}^* D_{yy}$

### Multi-time step method

- Apply when a sequence of images is available
- Energy functional for two stream functions

$$E(\psi_1, \psi_2) = \int_{\Omega} (I_{1t} - I_{1x} \psi_{1y} + I_{1y} \psi_{1x})^2 + (I_{2t} - I_{2x} \psi_{2y} + I_{2y} \psi_{2x})^2 d\Omega + \beta \int_{\Omega} (\psi_1 - \psi_2)^2 d\Omega +$$

$$\alpha \int_{\Omega} (\psi_{1xx}^2 + \psi_{1xy}^2 + \psi_{1yx}^2 + \psi_{1yy}^2 + \psi_{2xx}^2 + \psi_{2xy}^2 + \psi_{2yx}^2 + \psi_{2yy}^2) d\Omega$$

- Euler-Lagrange equations are

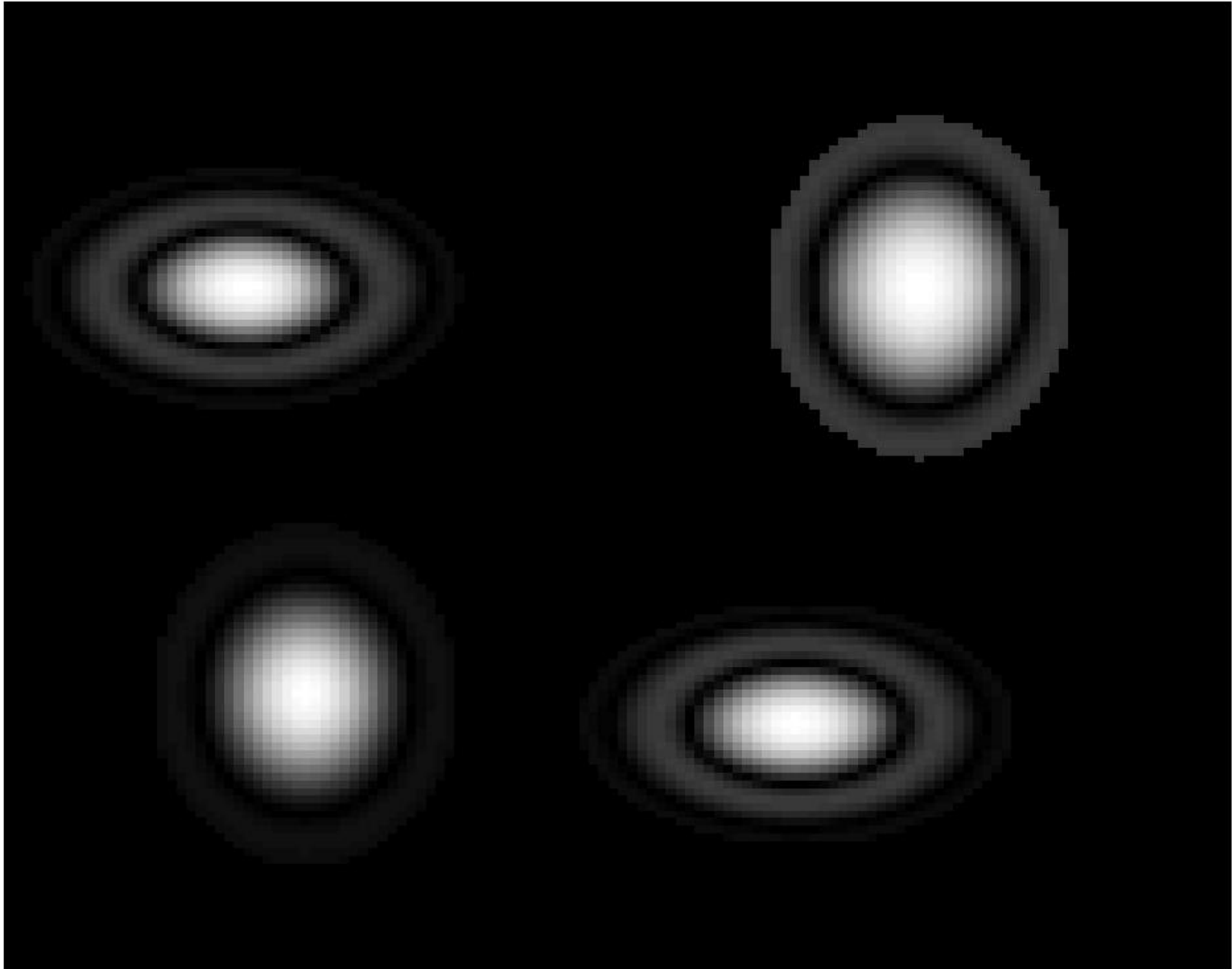
$$A_1^* (I_{1t} + A_1 \psi_1) + \beta(\psi_1 - \psi_2) + \alpha B \psi_1 = 0$$

$$A_2^* (I_{2t} + A_2 \psi_2) - \beta(\psi_1 - \psi_2) + \alpha B \psi_2 = 0$$

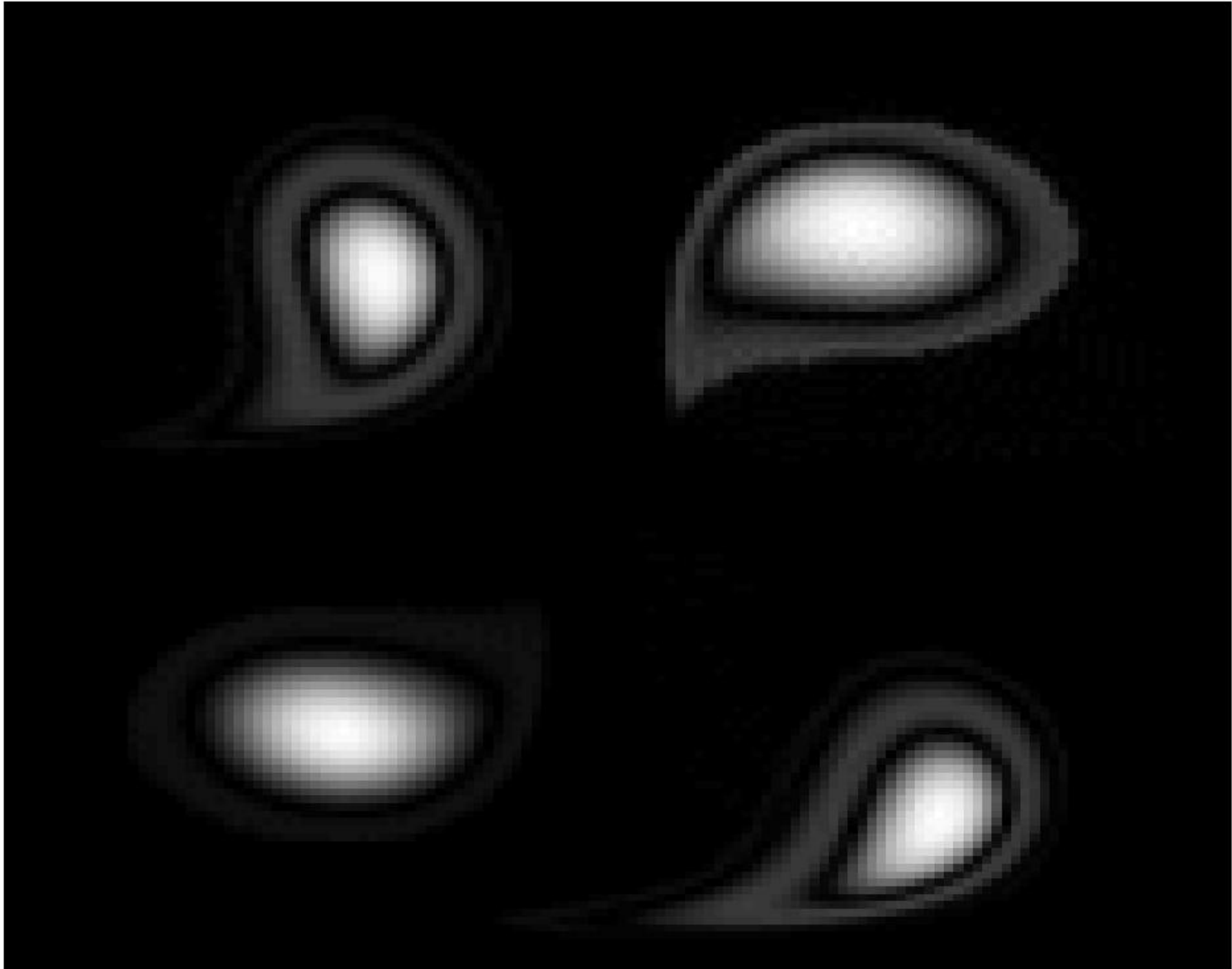
- Energy functional for  $n$  stream functions

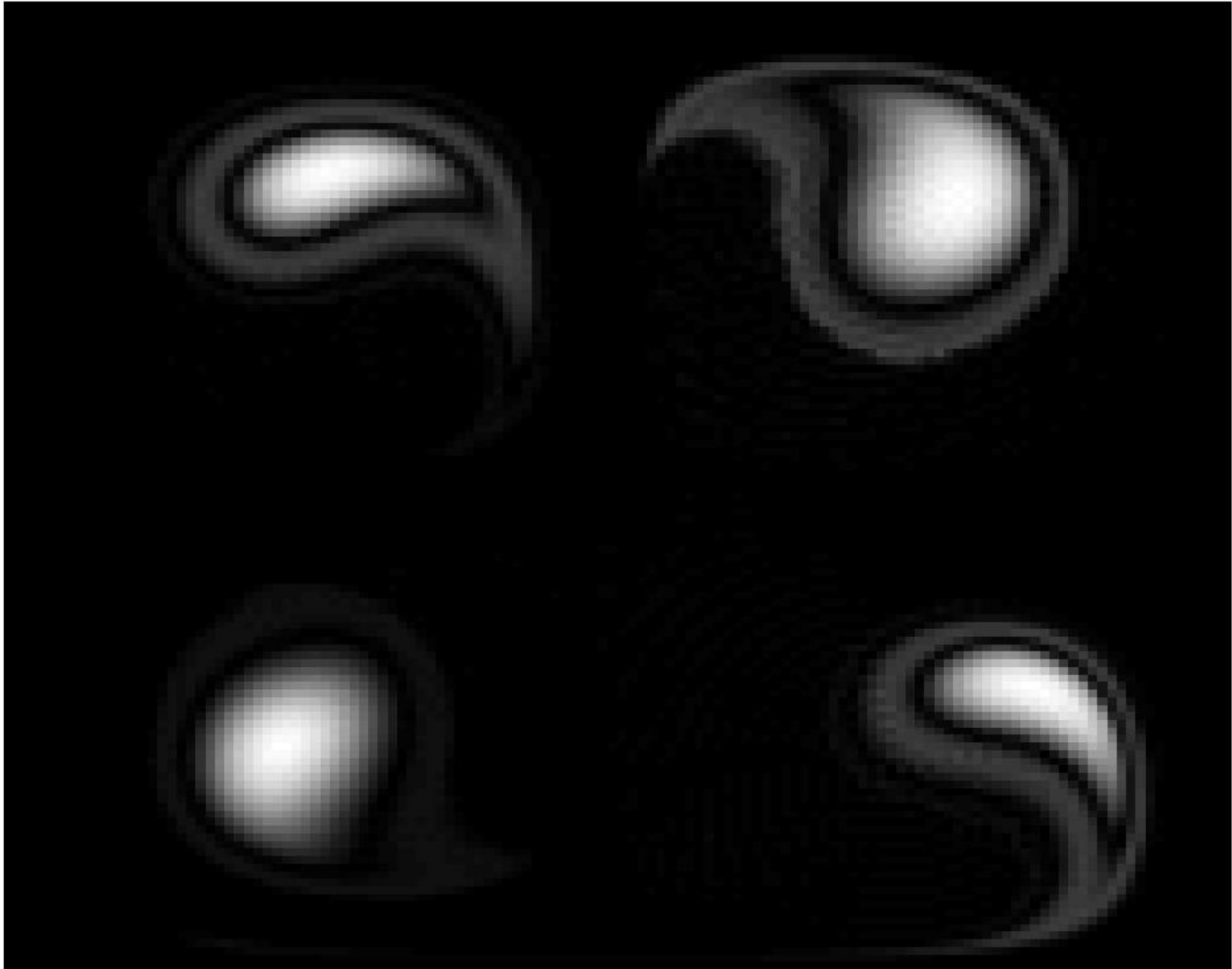
$$E(\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_n) = \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{\Omega} (I_{kt} - I_{kx} \psi_{ky} + I_{ky} \psi_{kx})^2 d\Omega + \beta \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \int_{\Omega} (\psi_k - \psi_{k+1})^2 d\Omega + \alpha \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{\Omega} (\psi_{kxx}^2 + \psi_{kxy}^2 + \psi_{kyx}^2 + \psi_{kyy}^2) d\Omega$$

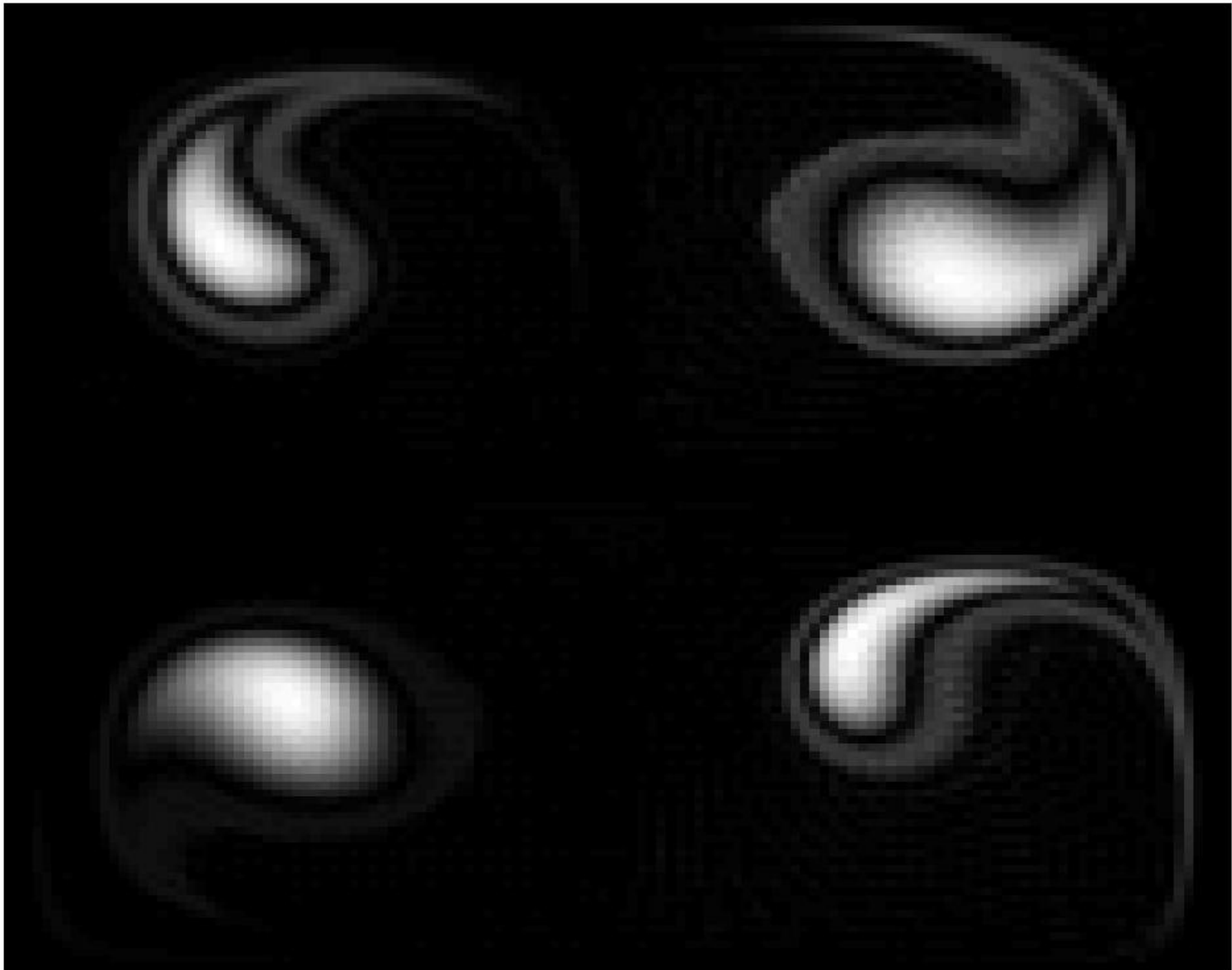
- Need to solve  $n$  linear Euler-Lagrange equations



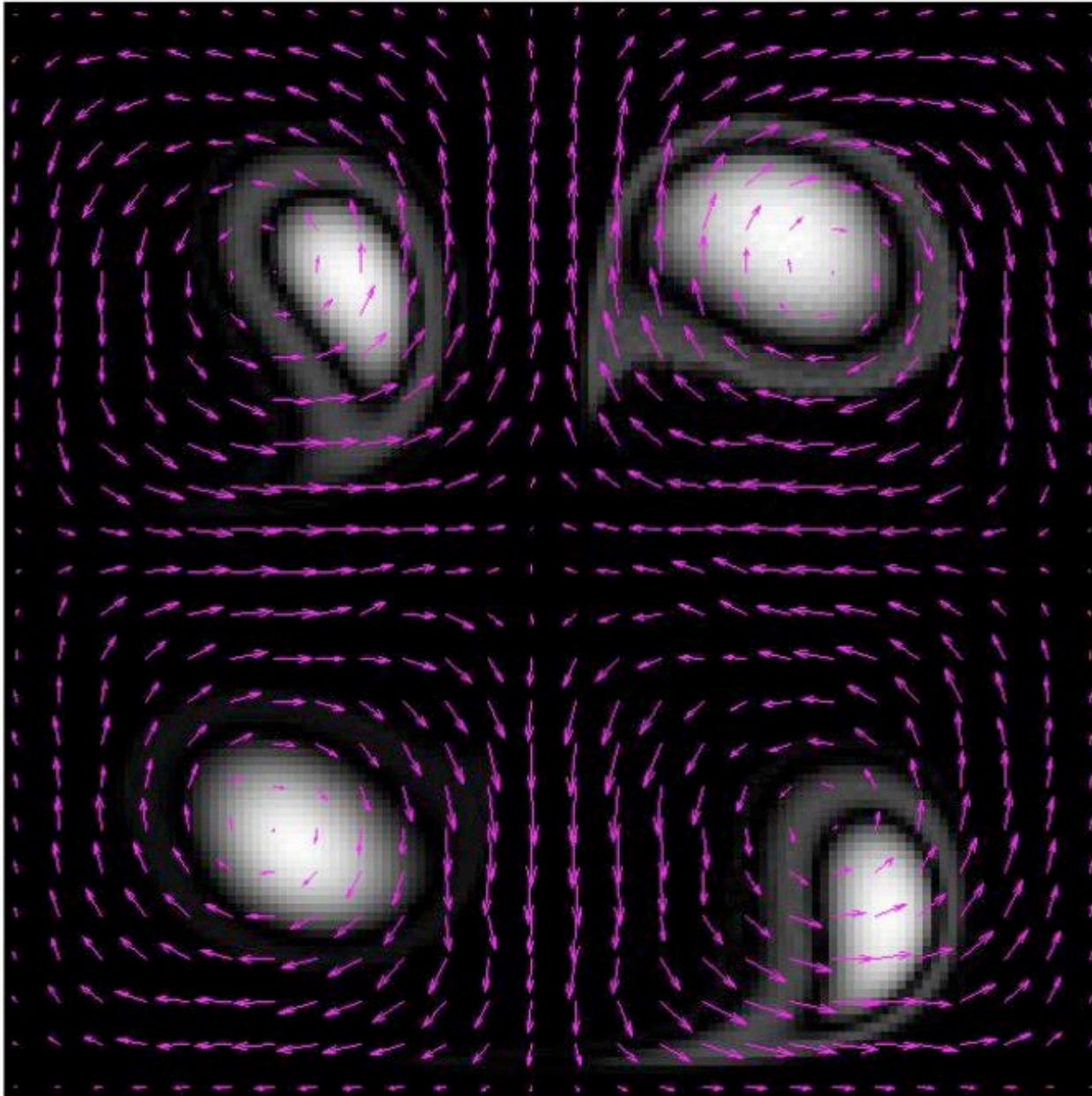






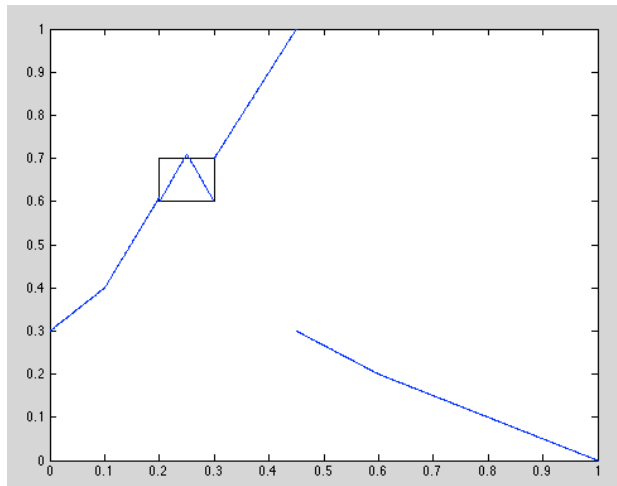




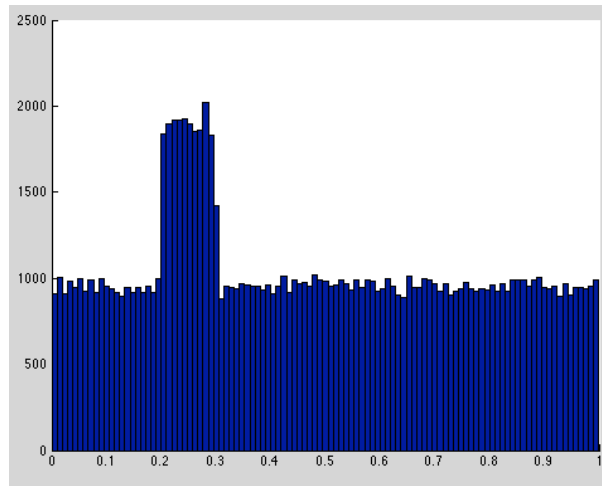


But do we really need the vector field?

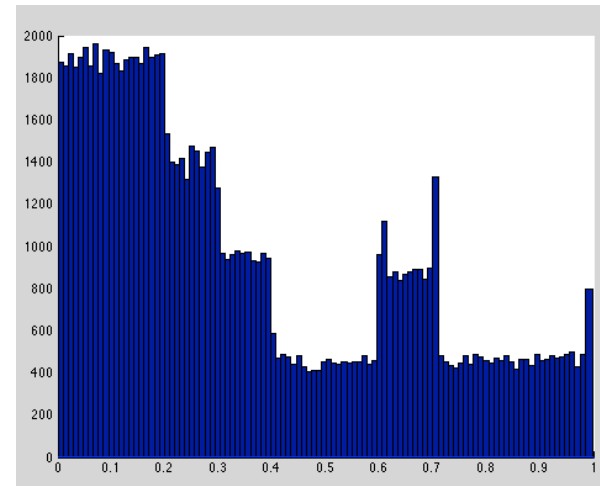
# A hyperbolic coherent set vs an elliptic coherent set



$T(x)$

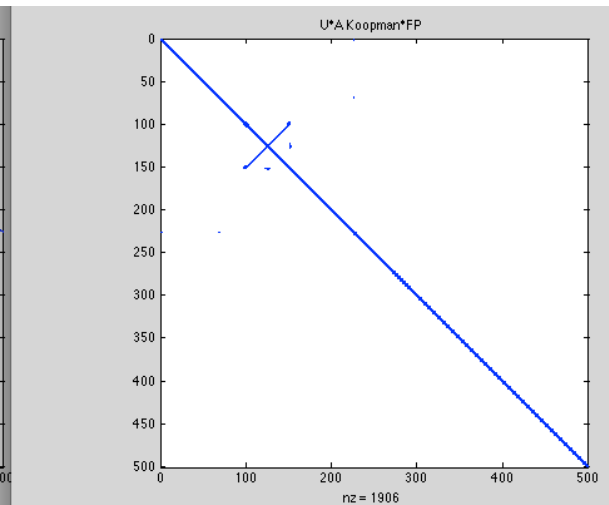
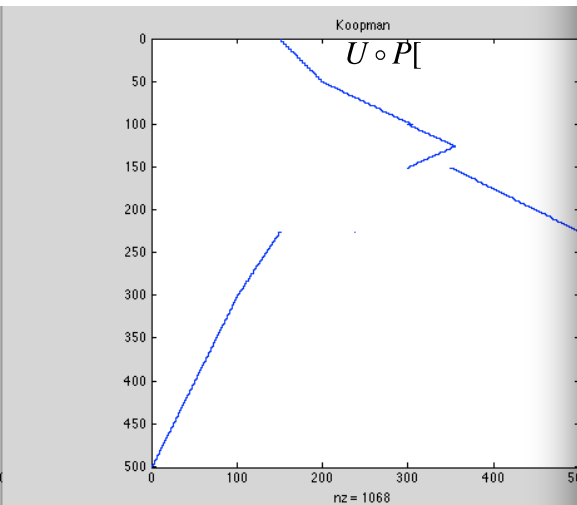
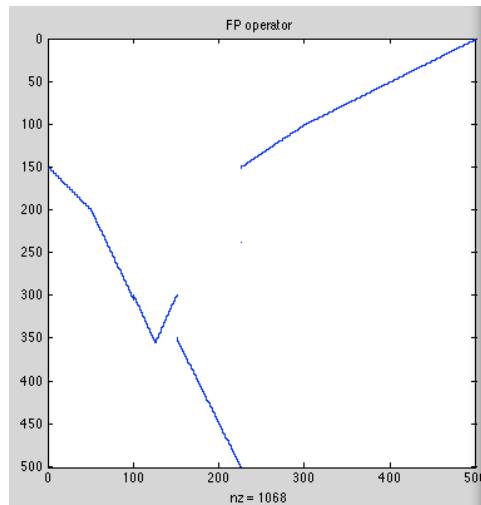


$r_0(x)$



$r_1(x)$

All the particles move together BUT they mix/shuffle within the coherent



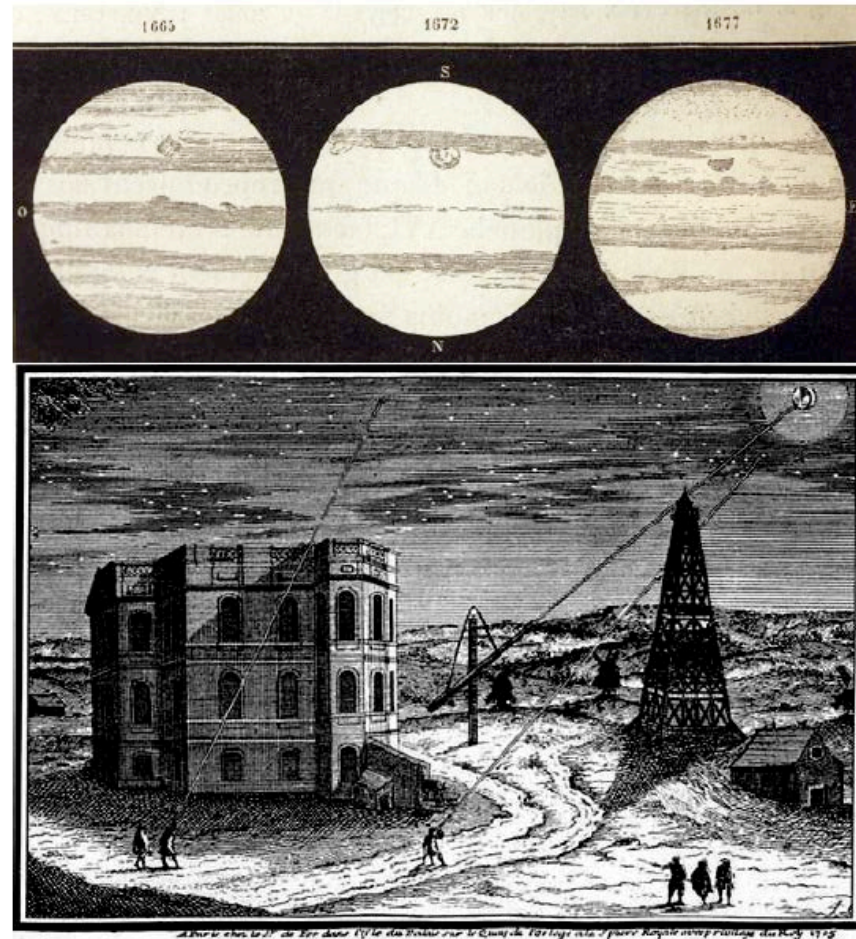
**Frobenius-Perron – P** - advance density,

**Koopman – U** - evaluate a function at the image,

$U \circ P[\rho_0](x) = U[\rho_1](x) = \rho_1 \circ T(x)$  evaluate the new density at the image point,

-or pull back density and look for almost invariant sets

# Can Coherence be Found without a Vector Field? Just based on what we watch?

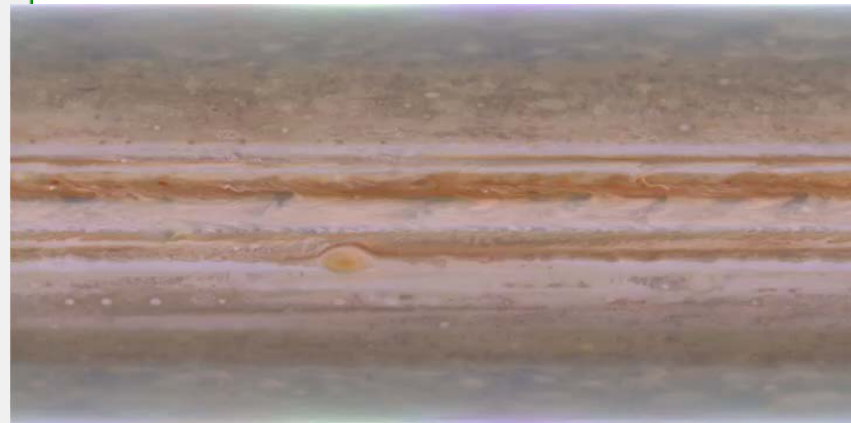
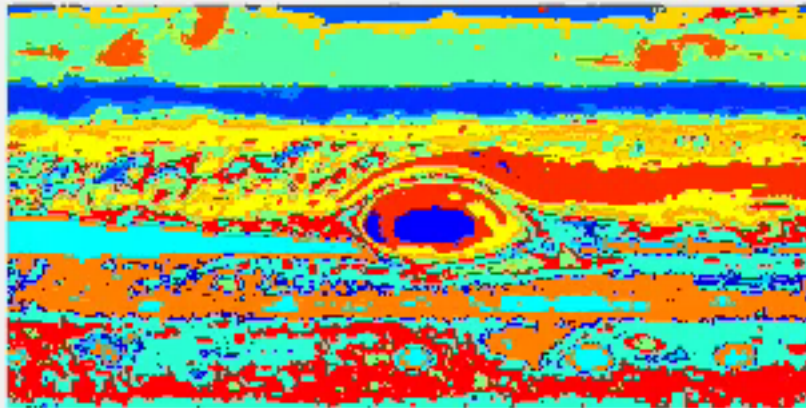
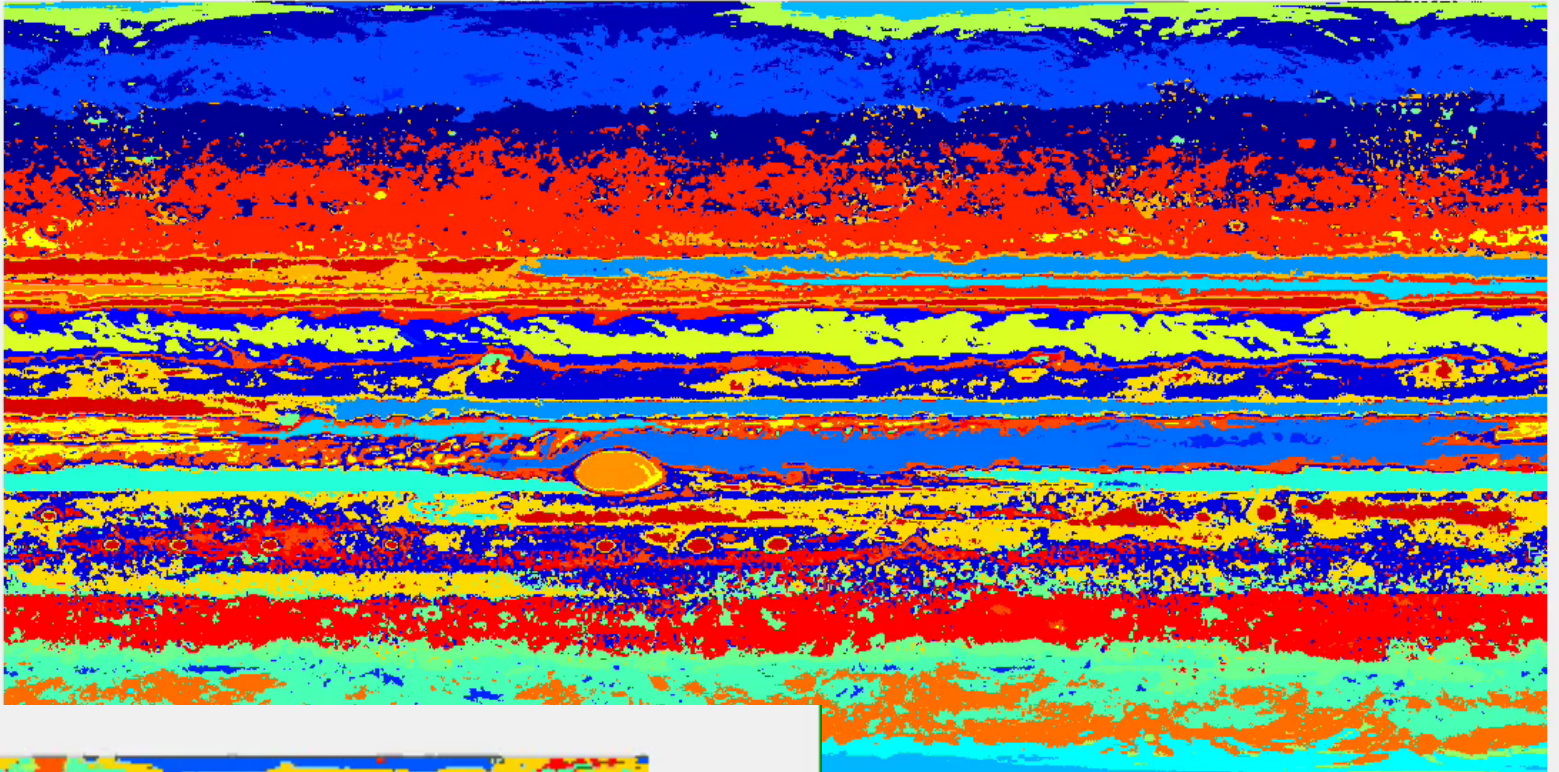


Jupiter as sketched by Giovanni Domenico Cassini (Top) in his own hand from 1665-1677, from the Memoires de l'Académie Royale des Sciences de Paris,<sup>2</sup>. Note that North is drawn, and so labelled, on the bottom. We see that Cassini was seeing and sketching similar scenes over the several years, including apparently the large storm. (Bottom) A sketch of the observatory in Paris.

**Goal – coherent when we see it, and to develop appropriate mathematical formalism behind this sense.**



# A punch-line first – Looking for a “Motion Segmentation” without a vector field



# From The parallel worlds of spectral partitioning, graph theory, data analytics, image processing and dynamical systems coherency

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- There have been several complementary views of clustering by spectral methods, by graph cuts as random walkers, and comparably as a diffusion process as described by diffusion map and comparably as an eigensystem.
- Weighted Directed Spectral Graph Theory has special issues related to the conductance of a graph (often called Cheeger-constant) which is numerical measure of whether or not a graph has a "bottleneck", and it given by:

$$\Phi(G) = \min_{S \subseteq V} \varphi(S)$$

Where  $\varphi(S) = \frac{\sum_{i \in S, j \in \bar{S}} a_{ij}}{\min(a(S), a(\bar{S}))}$  is the conductance of the cut  $(S, \bar{S})$  of the graph  $G$ , and  $a_{ij}$  are entries of adjacency matrix of  $G$ .

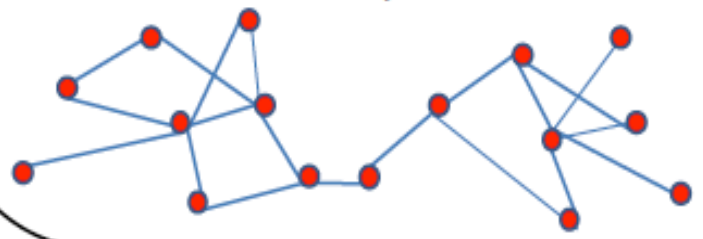
$$X = [c_{1,:}^T | c_{2,:}^T | \dots | c_{pq,:}^T]$$

So for color alone,  $X$  is  $d \times pq$ , and write  $X_i = c_{i,:}^T$  the column vector of colors at pixel position  $i$ . Then the pairwise distance is:

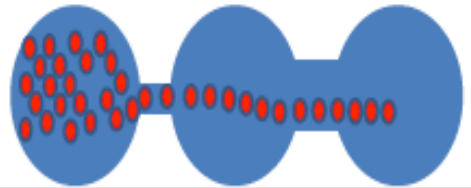
$$D_{i,j} = \|X_i - X_j\|_2$$

Which gives the pairwise symmetric affinity matrix:

$$W_{i,j} = e^{-D_{i,j}^2 / 2\sigma^2}$$



Bottleneckyness



Degree matrix:

$$D_{i,i} = \sum_j W_{i,j}, \quad D_{i,j} = 0, \quad i \neq j$$

Then we have maximum cut problem:

$$\min_x \text{ncut}(x) = \min_y \frac{y^T (D - W)y}{y^T D y}$$

Which solved by the generalized eigenvalue eigenvector problem

$$(D - W)y = \lambda D y$$



# Weighted Directed Affinity For Developing “Motion Segmentation” interpretation of coherence without a vector field

$$X = [c_{1,:}(t)^T | c_{2,:}(t)^T | \dots | c_{pq,:}(t)^T]$$

$D_1(i, j, a, \tau) = \sum_{l=1}^{\tau-1} \|X_i(t + la) - X_j(t + (l-1)a)\|_2$ , Measure Affinity

$D_2(i, j)^2 = \|z(i) - z(j)\|_2^2$ , Spatial Displacement Affinity

$$D(i, k, a, \tau)^2 = D_1(i, j, a, \tau)^2 + \alpha D_2(i, j)^2$$

The Weighted Directed Affinity

$$\mathcal{W}_{i,j} = e^{-D(i,k,a,\tau)^2/2\sigma^2}$$

<- reminds of diffusion map method?

$$\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{D}^{-1}\mathcal{W}$$

<- This serves instead of the unknown  
<- transfer operator (as Naïve Bayes)

Where  $\mathcal{D}$  is the degree matrix and  $\mathcal{P}$  is a row stochastic matrix representing probabilities of a Markov chain through the directed graph.

*Note: Affinity is based only in “affinity” from movie, no trajectories or transfer operators.*



# Directed Graph Analogue of Graph Laplacian

$$\mathcal{L} = I - \frac{\Pi^{1/2} P \Pi^{-1/2} + \Pi^{-1/2} P^T \Pi^{1/2}}{2}$$

Where  $\Pi$  is the diagonal matrix from the eigenvalue problem  $u = uP$ , and  $\Pi = \text{diag}(u)$ .

## Numerical Results

Courant-Fischer Formula and Raleigh Quotient

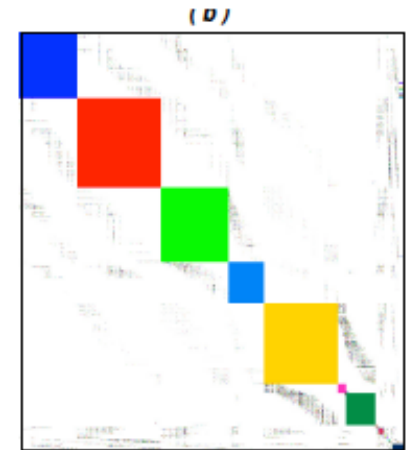
Then eigenvectors cluster,  
**Max-cut problem** for **directed**  
 – bottleneckyness/Cheeger/  
 conductance

From Chung,  
 -already standard FP operators

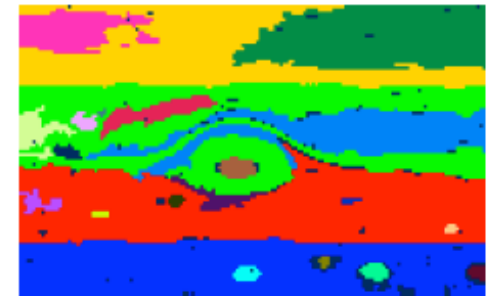
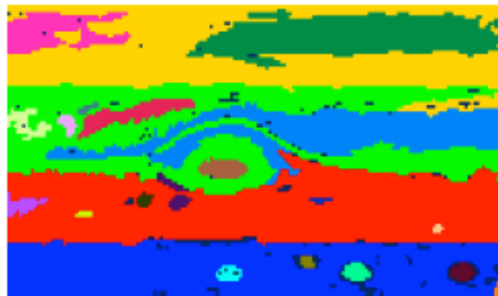
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Affinity  $\mathcal{W}$   
(c)

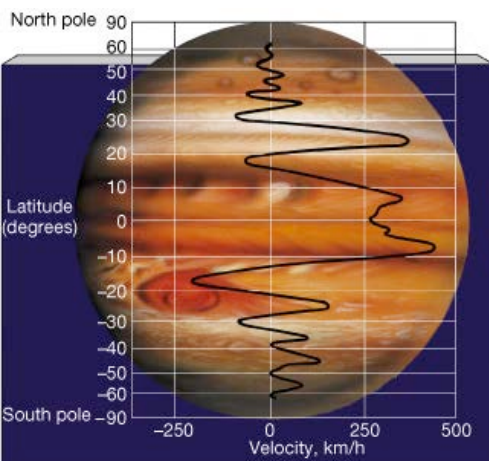
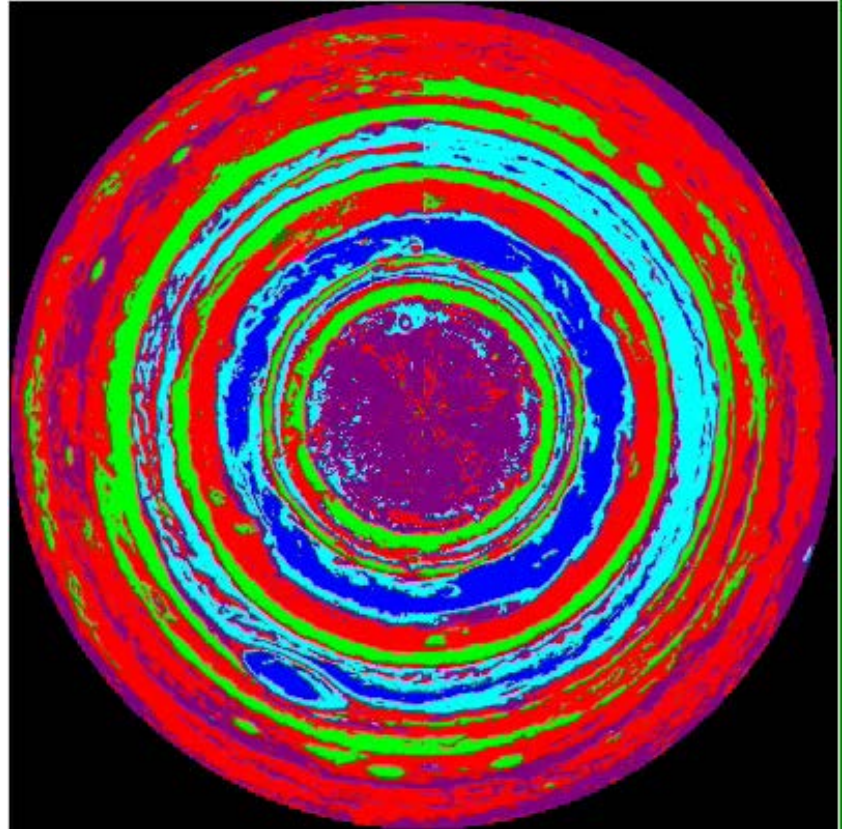
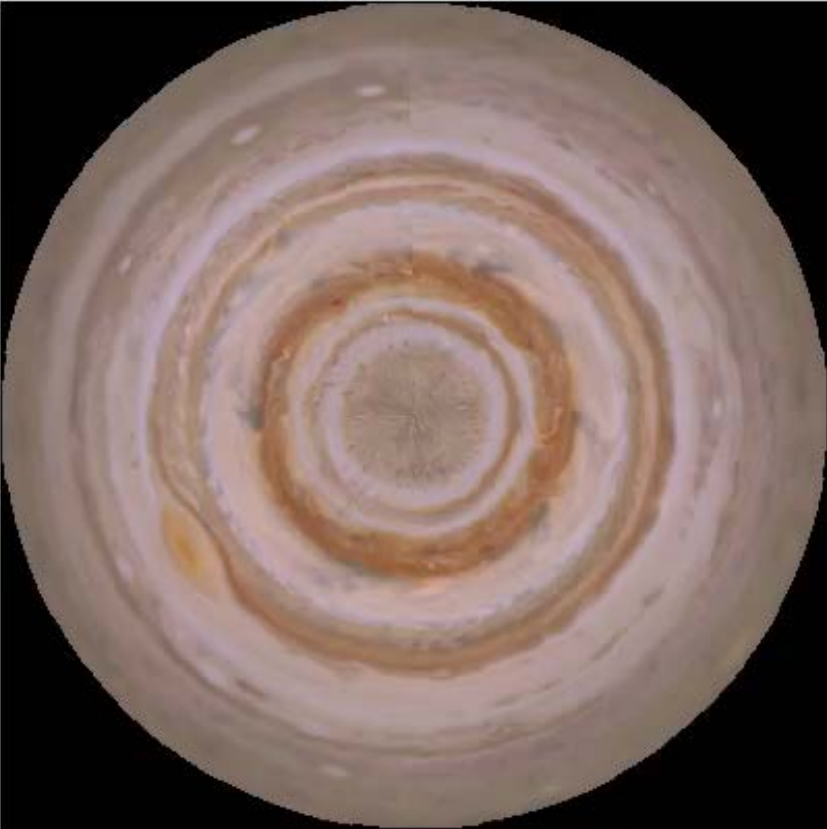


Partitioned Affinity  $\mathcal{W}$   
(d)



$$\lambda_2 = \min_{x^T p^{1/2} = 0, x \neq 0} \frac{x^T \mathcal{L} x}{x^T x} = \min_{y^T p = 0, y \neq 0} \frac{\sum_{i,j} (y_i - y_j)^2 p_i p_{i,j}}{\sum_i y_i^2 p_i}$$

# Results – From Top View



Zonal Flow The wind speed in Jupiter's atmosphere, measured relative to the planet's internal rotation rate. Alternations in wind direction are associated with the atmospheric band structure.

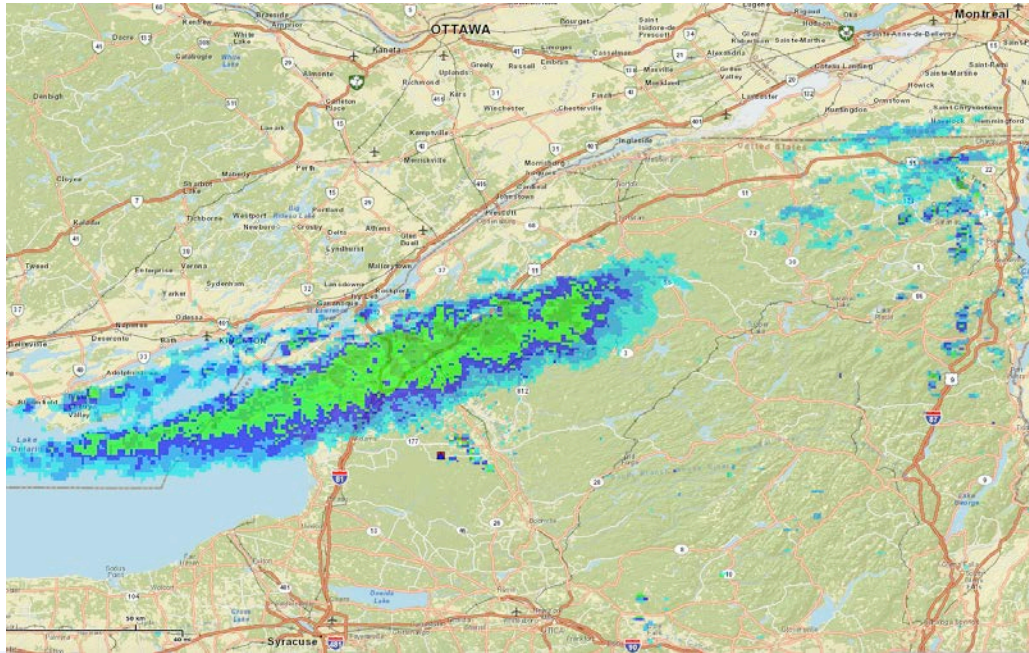
# What is this?

- Coherent Sets?
- Clustered Time Evolving Measurements?
- Advection only?



# Does observed coherence correspond to the same coherence one would get with A transfer operator from an advective process?

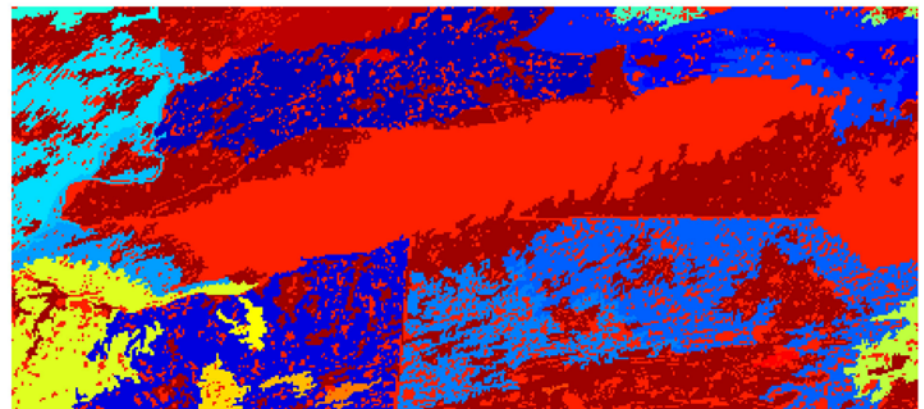
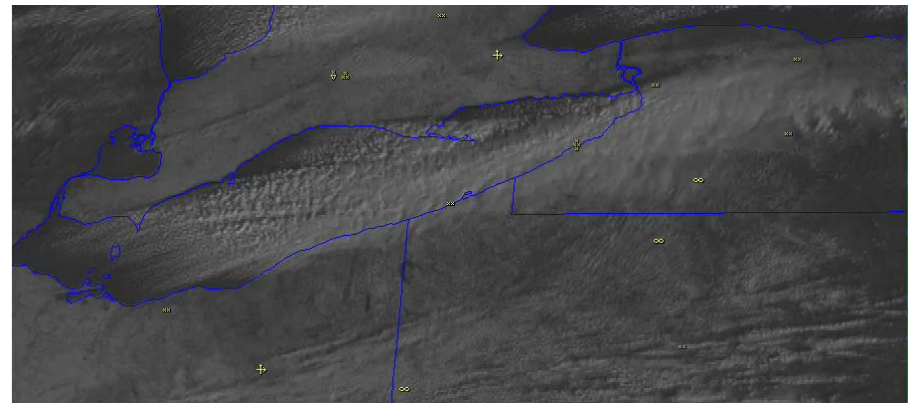
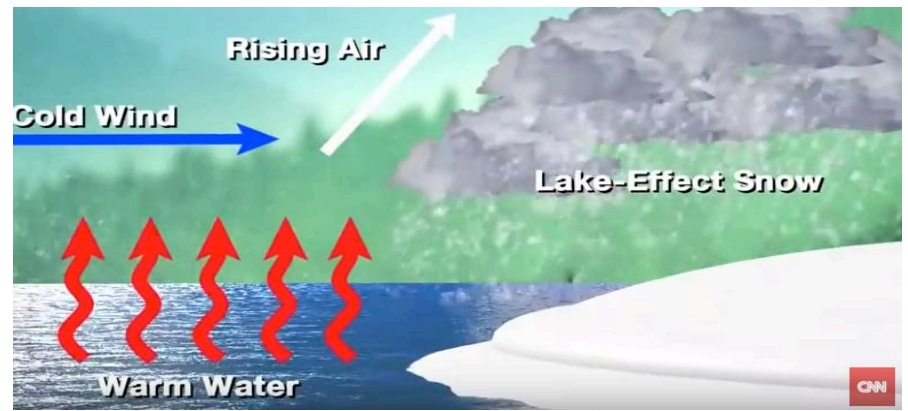
Weather- reaction (diffusive) advective, vs purely advective



*Cupid* Note to Self:  
Never Fall Asleep in a Blizzard



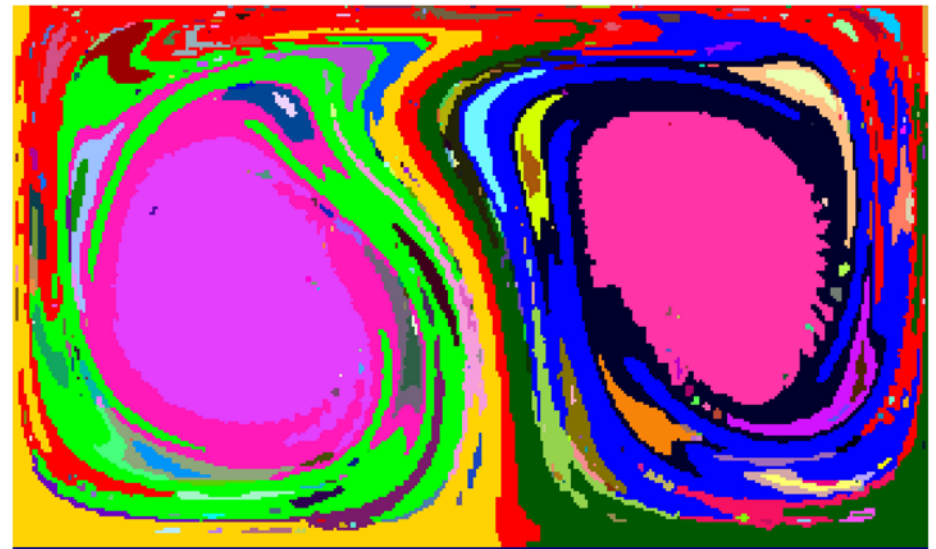
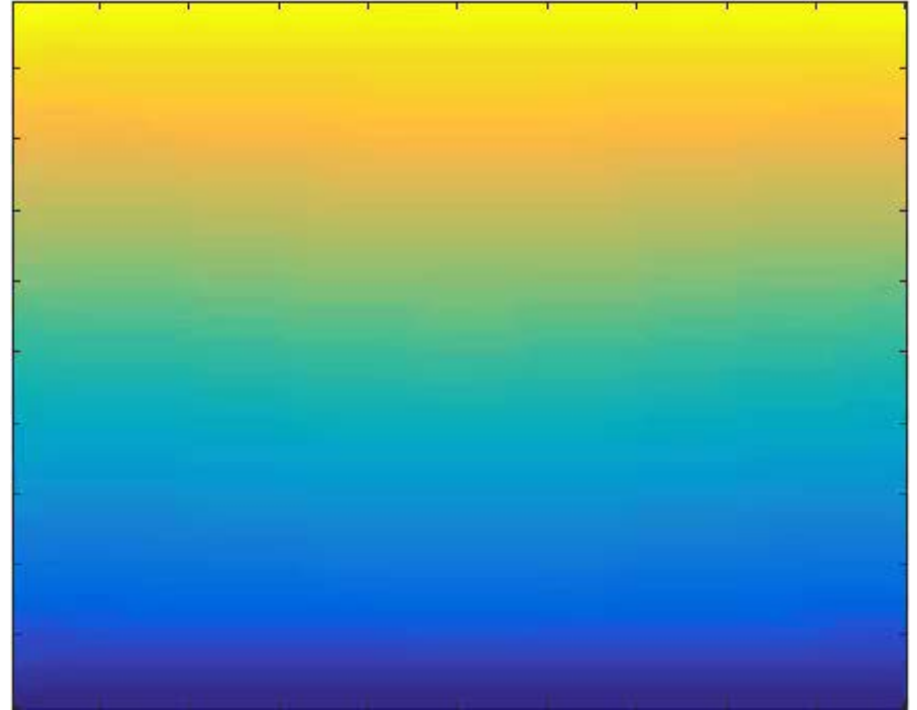
# Weather- advective?



And all of our **favorite** benchmark test  
In the subject of coherency

The “Harmonic Oscillator” of coherency

The **Double Gyre**



**The End**



- If you have the vector field, use it
- If you have the transfer operator, use it
- Coherence as a spectral motion tracking

-Modified with a weighted directed graph  
graph Laplacian – background of Cheeger  
by Fischer-Courant and Raleigh Quotient



- Details in papers on my website, and on the weighted  
directed graph Laplacian in my book
- Relate to an advective diffusion map