



# Scale, scaling and multifractals in complex geosystems part 2

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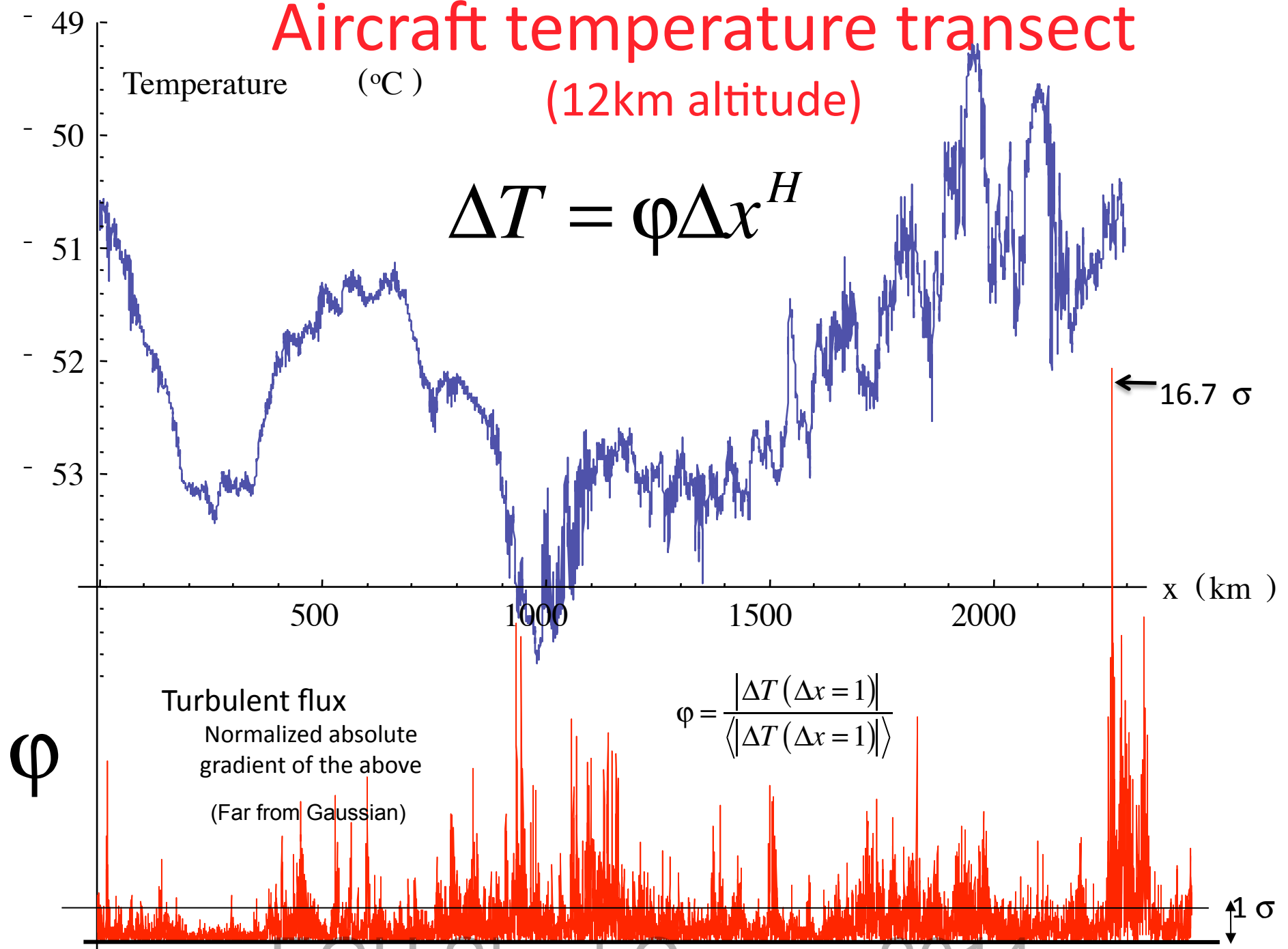


The unity of clouds and  
rocks:

Multifractality

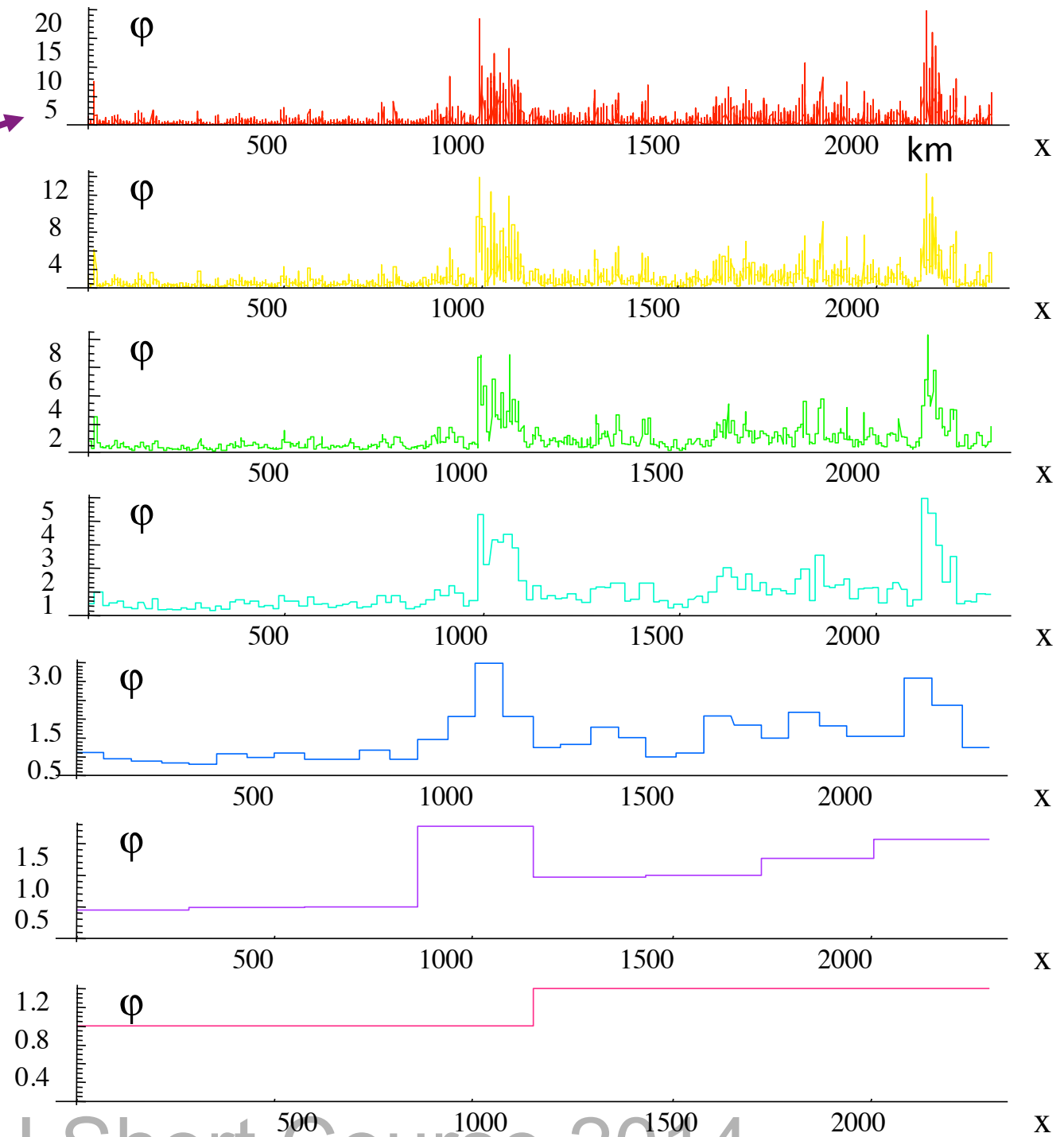
Multifractal simulation

# Aircraft temperature transect (12km altitude)

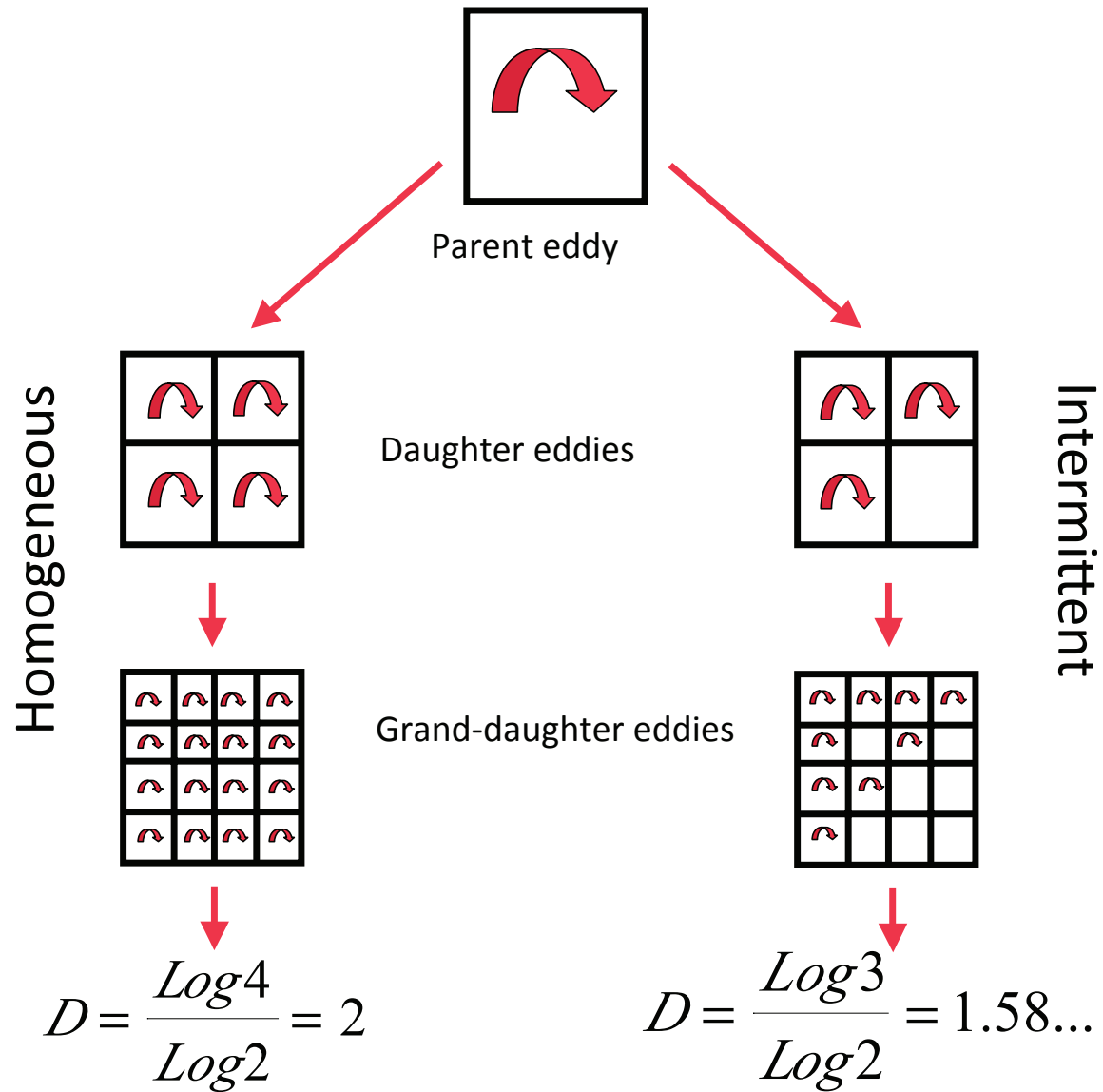


Temperature  
turbulent flux  $\phi$   
at 280m resolution

High to low  
Resolution:  
degrading by  
factors of 4



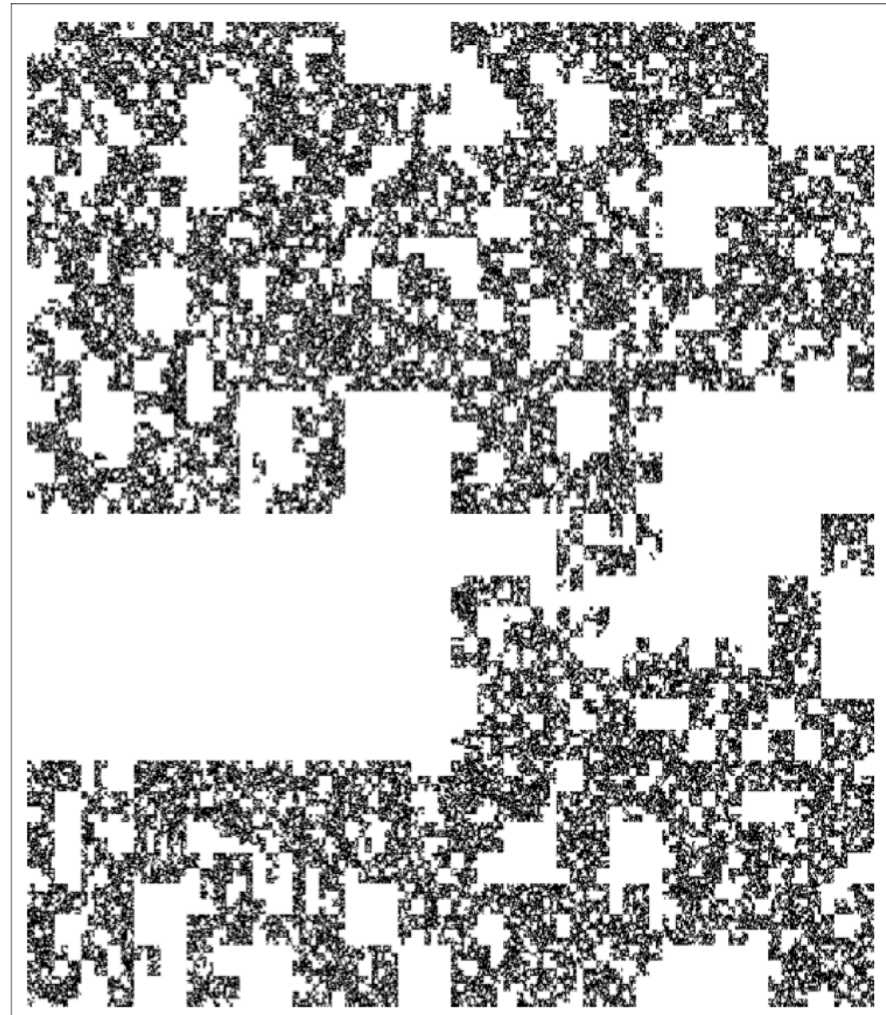
# Cascades



# Beta model

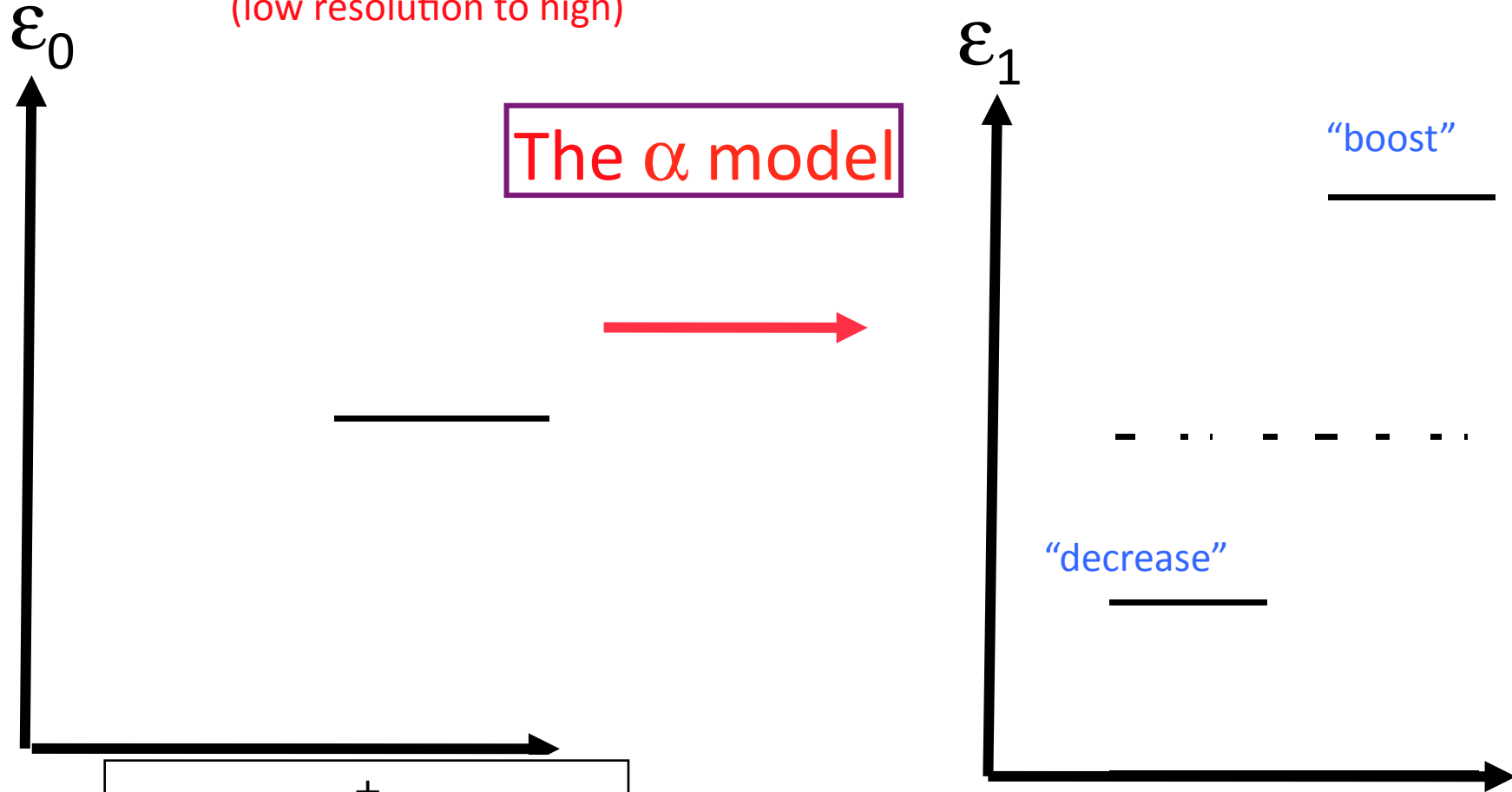
An initial attempt to handle intermittency reduces it to the simple notion of “on/off” intermittency, i.e. a cascade with the simple alternative alive/dead of the offspring.

In this example, the probability that an eddy will remain alive is  $\lambda_0^{-C} = 0.87$  (using the scale ratio at each step  $\lambda_0 = 4$  here and the codimension  $C = 0.2$ ).



# Cascades and Multifractals

Simulations: **multiplicative** introduction of small scale details  
(low resolution to high)



The  $\alpha$  model

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The  $\alpha$  model is a two state (binomial) process with  $\mu\varepsilon =$  either  $\lambda_0^{\gamma_+}$  or  $\lambda_0^{\gamma_-}$  where  $\gamma_+ > 0$  corresponds to a boost ( $\mu\varepsilon > 1$ ) and  $\gamma_-$  to a decrease ( $\mu\varepsilon < 1$ ).

$$\Pr(\mu\varepsilon = \lambda_0^{\gamma_+}) = \lambda_0^{-c}$$

$$\Pr(\mu\varepsilon = \lambda_0^{\gamma_-}) = 1 - \lambda_0^{-c}$$

S+L 1983

# Alpha model

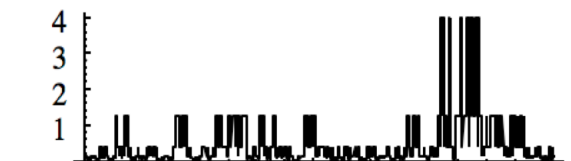
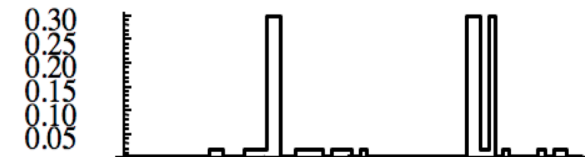
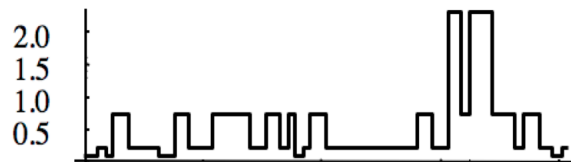
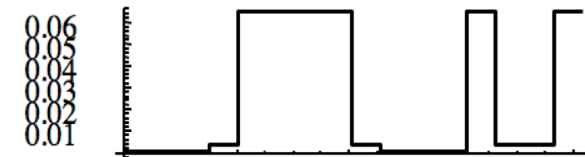
$\gamma_+ = 0.2, c = 0.3$

$\gamma_+ = 1.1, c = 1.2$

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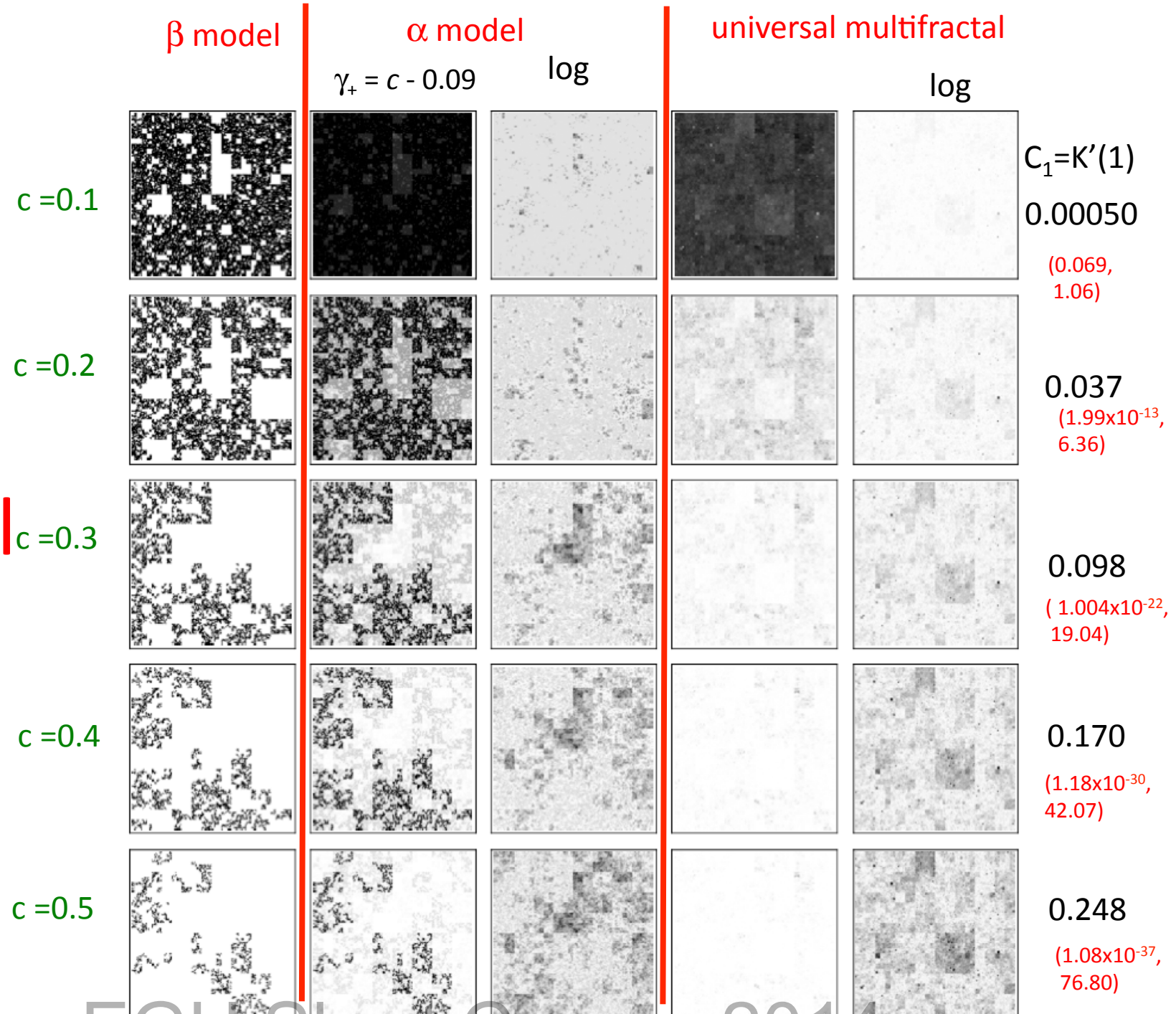
$$\Pr(\mu\varepsilon = \lambda_0^{\gamma_-}) = 1 - \lambda_0^{-c}$$



From top to bottom every second cascade step is shown (a factor of  $\lambda_0^2$ ) is shown, 10 steps in all, the total range of scales is  $2^{10} = 1024$ ). Notice the changing vertical scales



# 2-D Alpha model



# Multiplicative Cascades

Generic statistical behaviour:

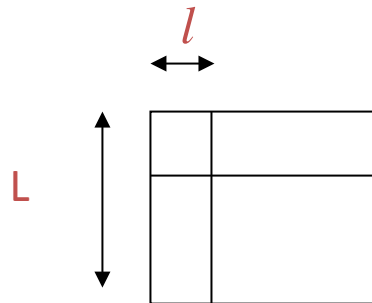
Statistical Moments:

scaling Scale invariant

Turbulent flux

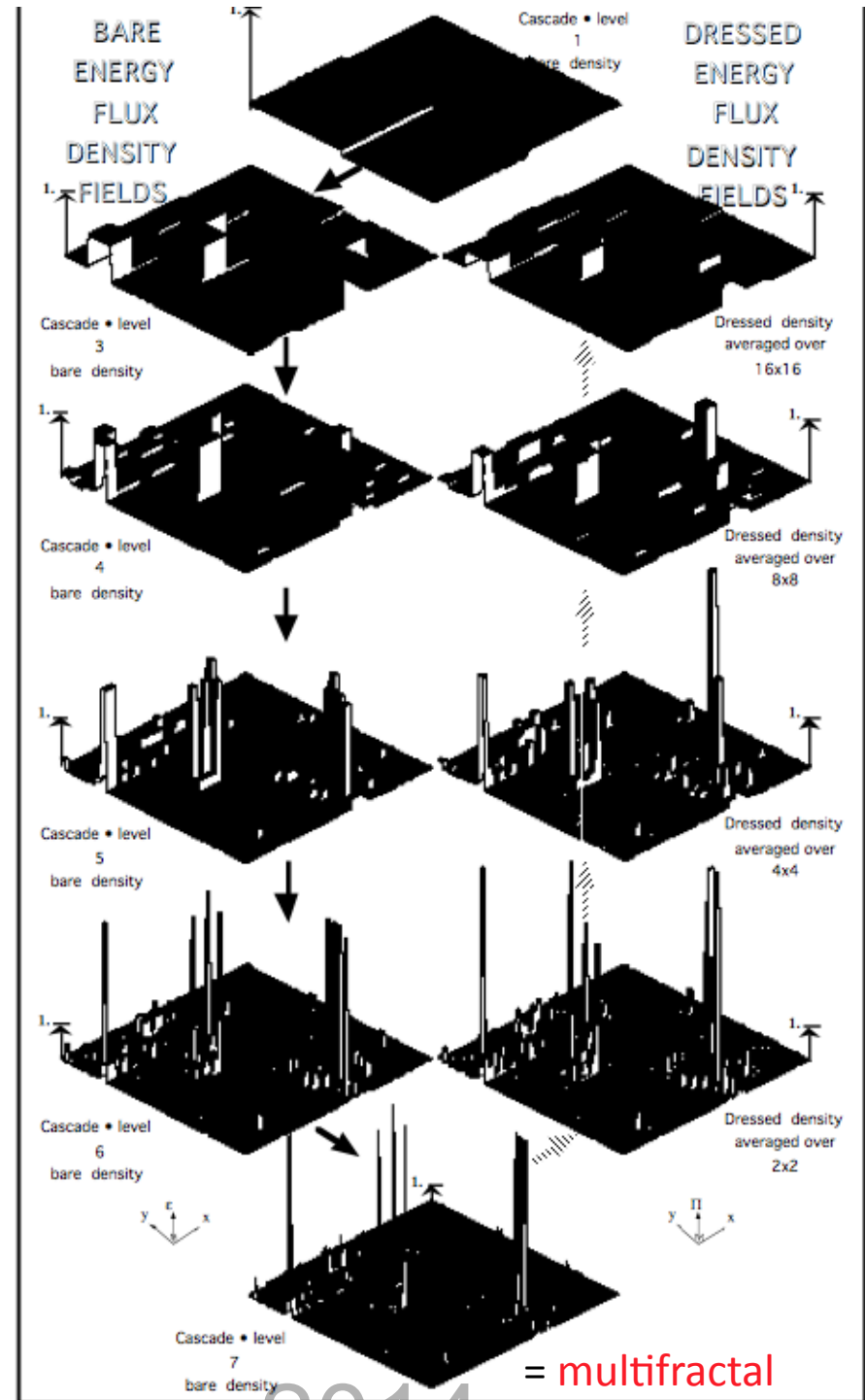
$$\langle \epsilon_{\lambda}^q \rangle \approx \lambda^{K(q)}$$

Statistical averaging Resolution: ratio  $\lambda=L/l$

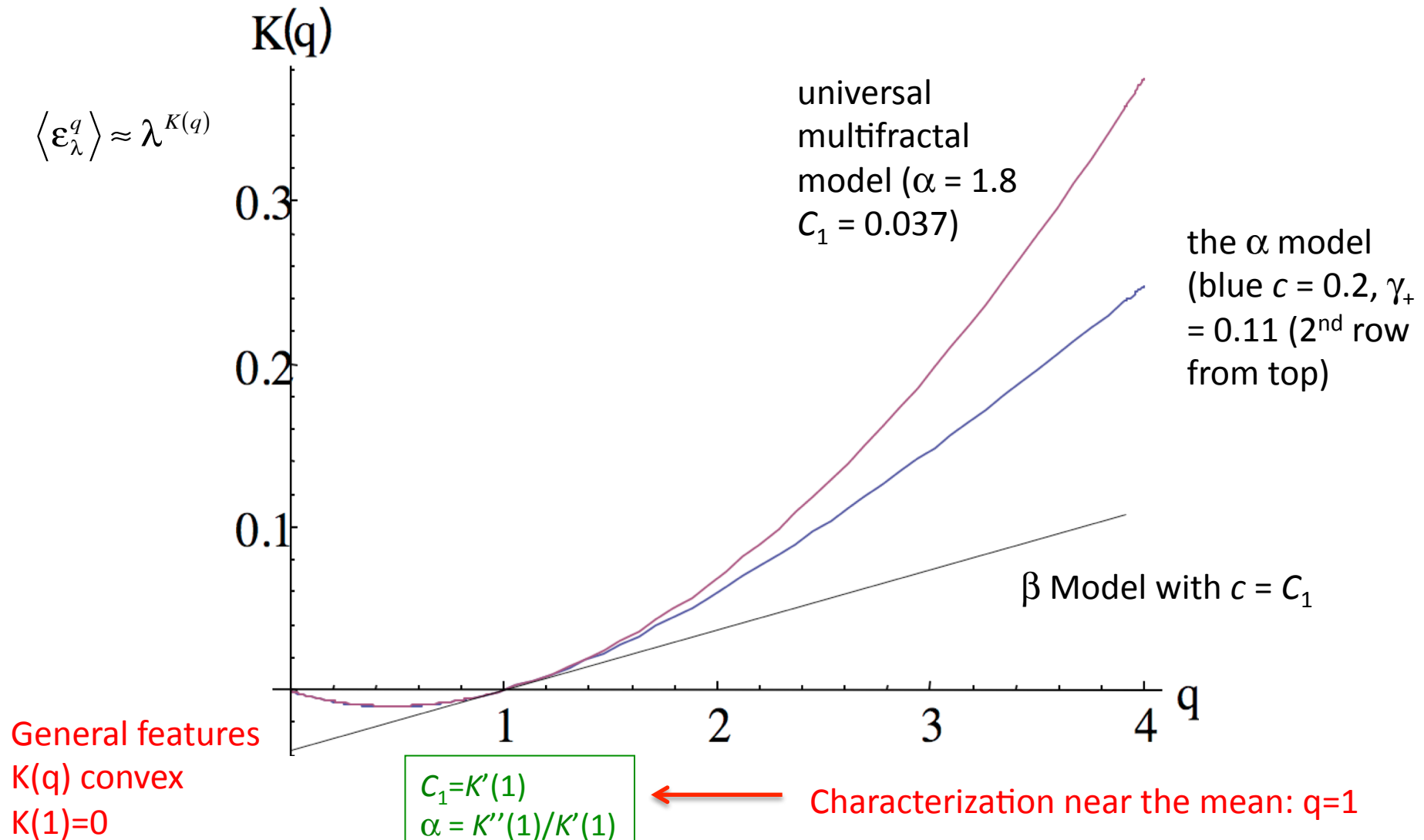


Probabilities:

$$\Pr(\epsilon_{\lambda} > \lambda^r) \approx \lambda^{-c(r)}$$



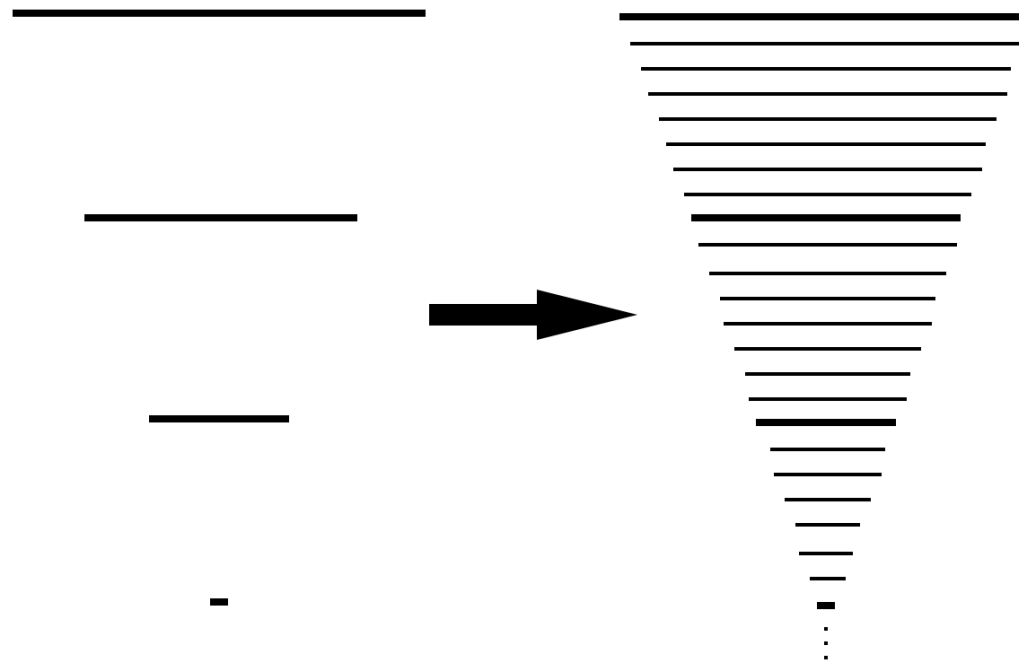
# Characterizing $K(q)$ : parametrisation near the mean



# Characterizing $K(q)$ : universality

## Route 1) Densification of scales

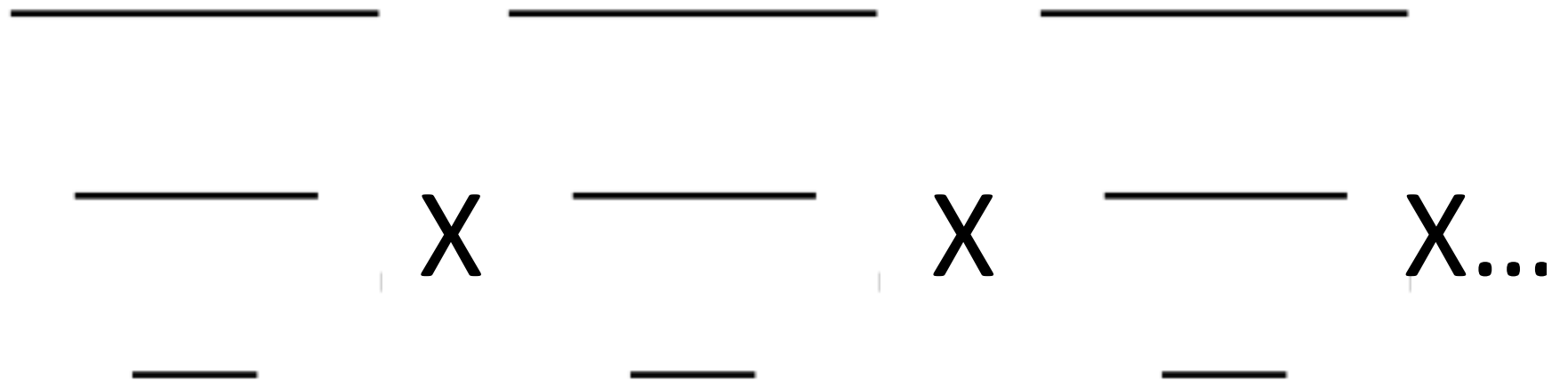
Discrete in scale  
(ex.  $\beta$ ,  $\alpha$  models)



Continuous in  
scale

# Characterizing $K(q)$ : universality

Route 2) "Mixing" of independent discrete cascades



$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 \varepsilon_1 & \times & \varepsilon_2 & \times & \varepsilon_3 & \times \\
 \Gamma_1 & + & \Gamma_2 & + & \Gamma_3 & +
 \end{array}$$

$\Gamma = \log \varepsilon$

# Universal Multifractals

“Multiplicative central limit theorem”

Hence:

$$K(q) = \frac{C_1}{\alpha - 1} (q^\alpha - q); \quad 0 \leq \alpha \leq 2$$

Codimension of  
mean

$$K(q) = C_1 q \log q$$

$$(\alpha = 1)$$

Levy index of  
generator

$$\langle \varepsilon_\lambda^q \rangle \rightarrow \infty$$

For  $\alpha < 2$ , and  $q < 0$

Note:

$$C_1 = K'(1)$$

$$\alpha = K''(1)/K'(1)$$



Characterisation of all statistics

# Data Analysis

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# Fluctuation statistics and structure functions

The space-time variability of natural systems, can often be broken up into various “scaling ranges” over which the fluctuations vary in a power law manner with respect to scale. Over these ranges, the fluctuations follow

$$\Delta v = \varphi_{\Delta x} \Delta x^H$$

The flux at resolution  $\Delta x$

Using Fluctuations:

$$S_q(\Delta x) = \langle (\Delta v(\Delta x))^q \rangle = \langle \varphi_{\Delta x}^q \rangle \Delta x^{qH} \approx \Delta x^{\xi(q)}; \quad \langle \varphi_{\Delta x}^q \rangle = \left( \frac{L}{\Delta x} \right)^{K(q)}; \quad \xi(q) = qH - K(q)$$

(generalized, qth order) Structure function

Hence, we seek H, K(q)

With universality:  $K(q) = \frac{C_1}{\alpha - 1} (q^\alpha - q)$  i.e. we seek H,  $C_1$ ,  $\alpha$



# Empirical analysis: Estimating fluxes from the fluctuations

Multifractal cascade equation:  $\langle \varphi_\lambda^q \rangle = \lambda^{K(q)}$

Fluctuations:  $\Delta I = \varphi_{\Delta x} \Delta x^H$

Estimating the fluxes from the fluctuations

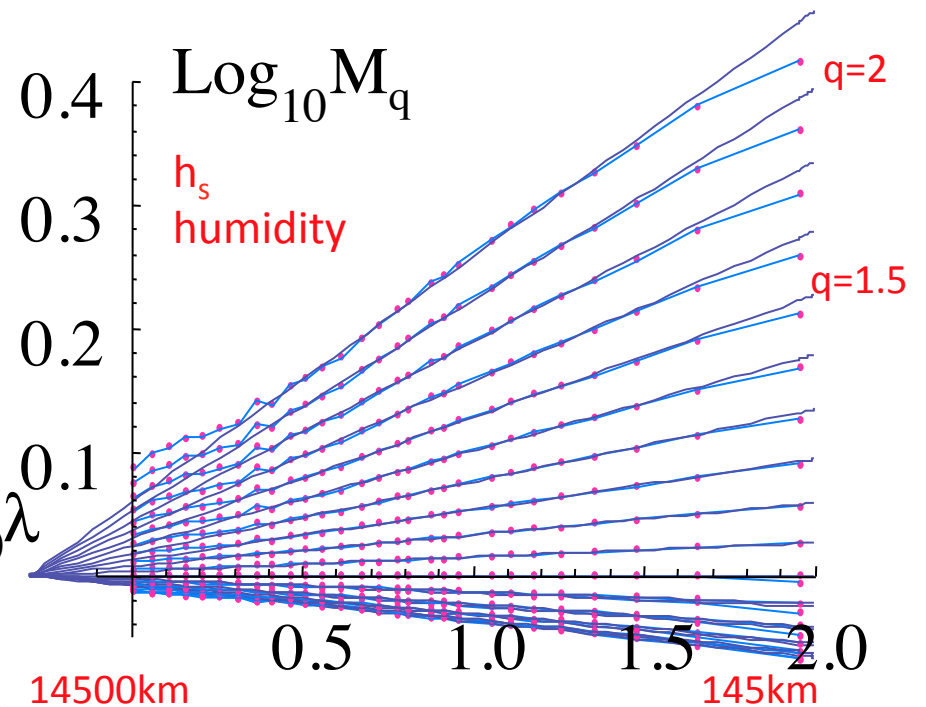
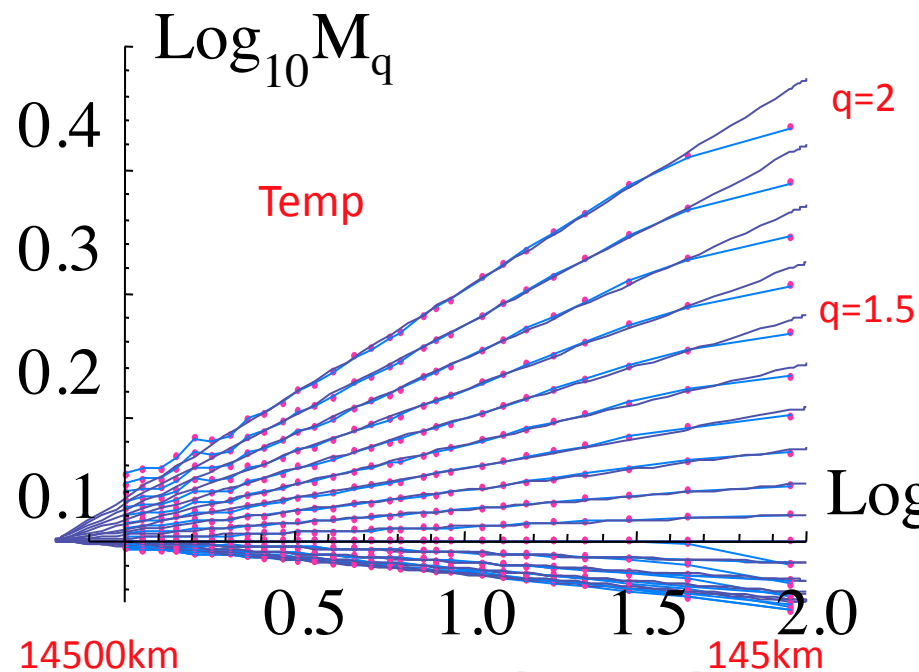
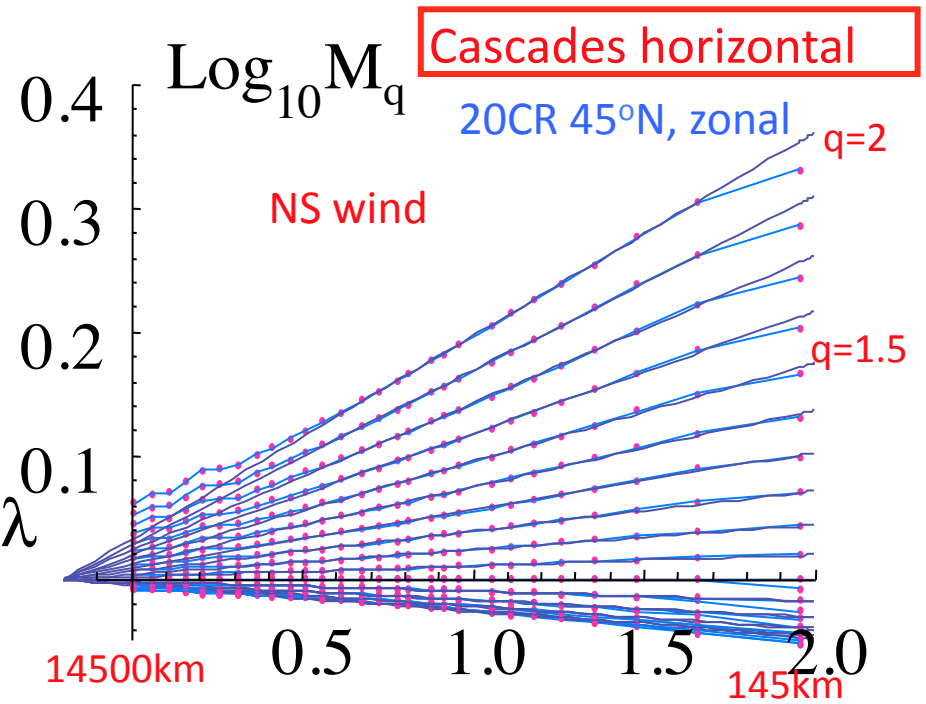
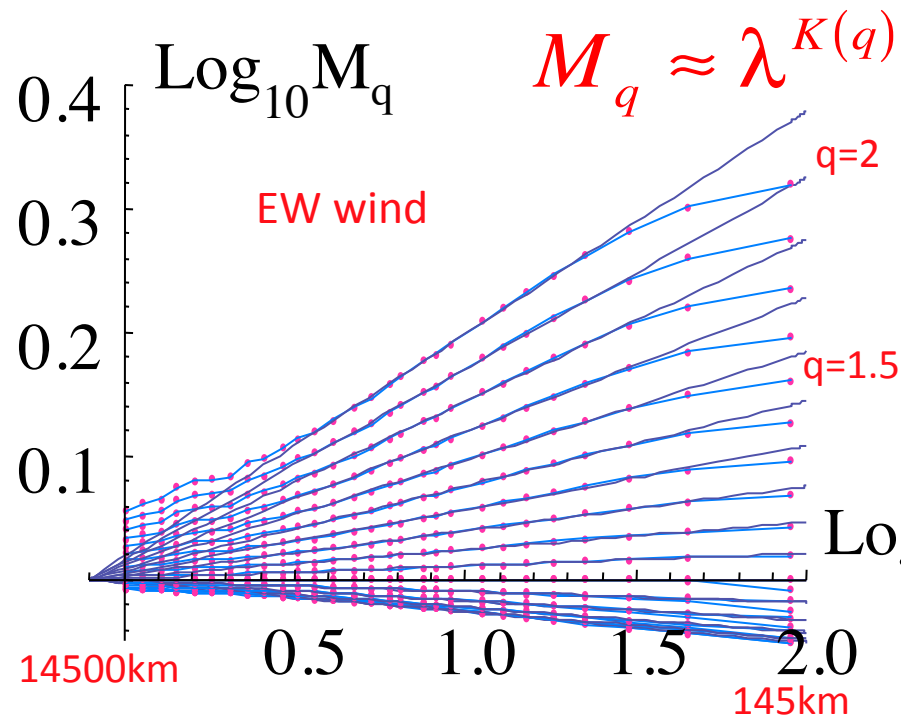
$$\varphi'_\lambda = \frac{\varphi_\lambda}{\langle \varphi_\lambda \rangle} \approx \frac{\Delta I(\Delta x)}{\langle \Delta I(\Delta x) \rangle}; \quad \lambda = \frac{L}{\Delta x}$$

outer cascade scale

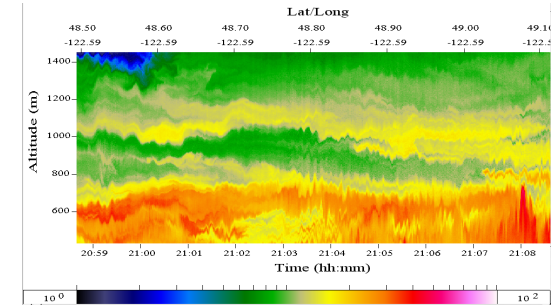
Normalized flux at resolution  $\lambda$

$$M_q = \langle \varphi'^q_\lambda \rangle$$

Estimate at finest resolution, then degrade to intermediate resolutions by averaging

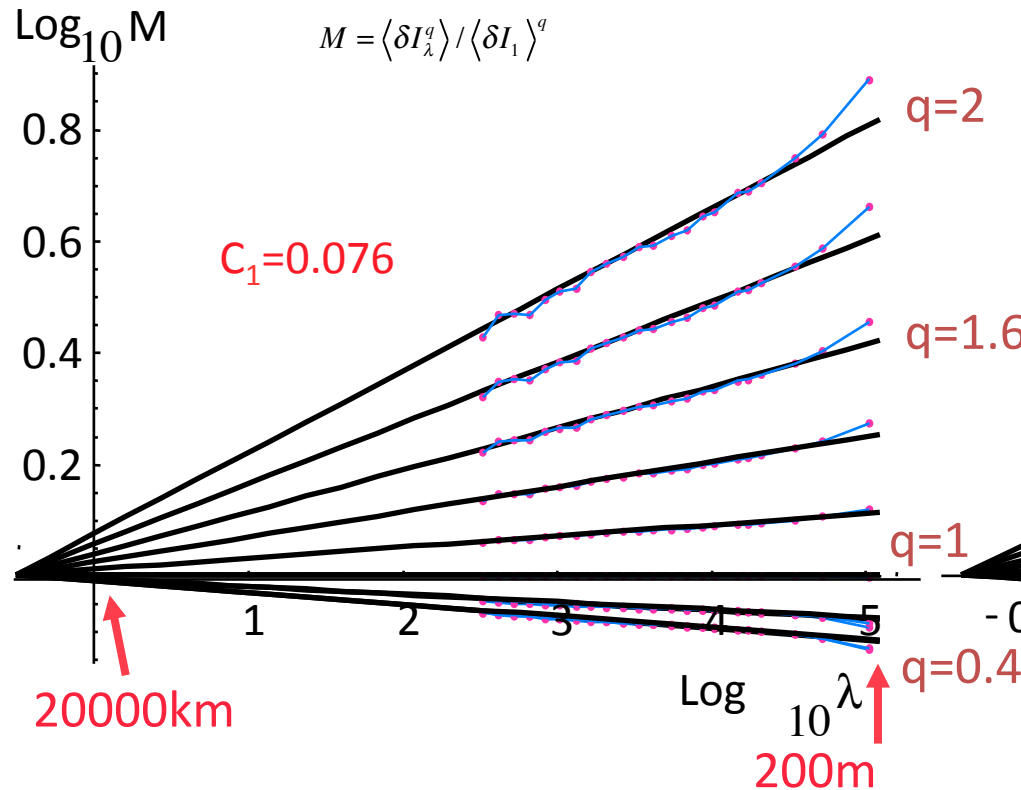


# Vertical cascades: lidar backscatter

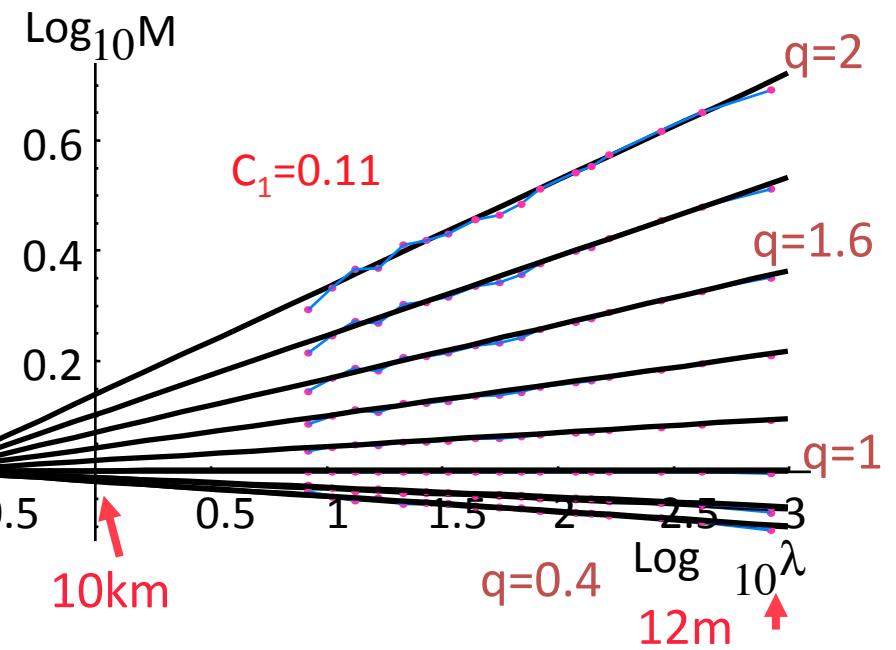


From 10 airborne lidar cross-sections near Vancouver B.C.

Horizontal cascade

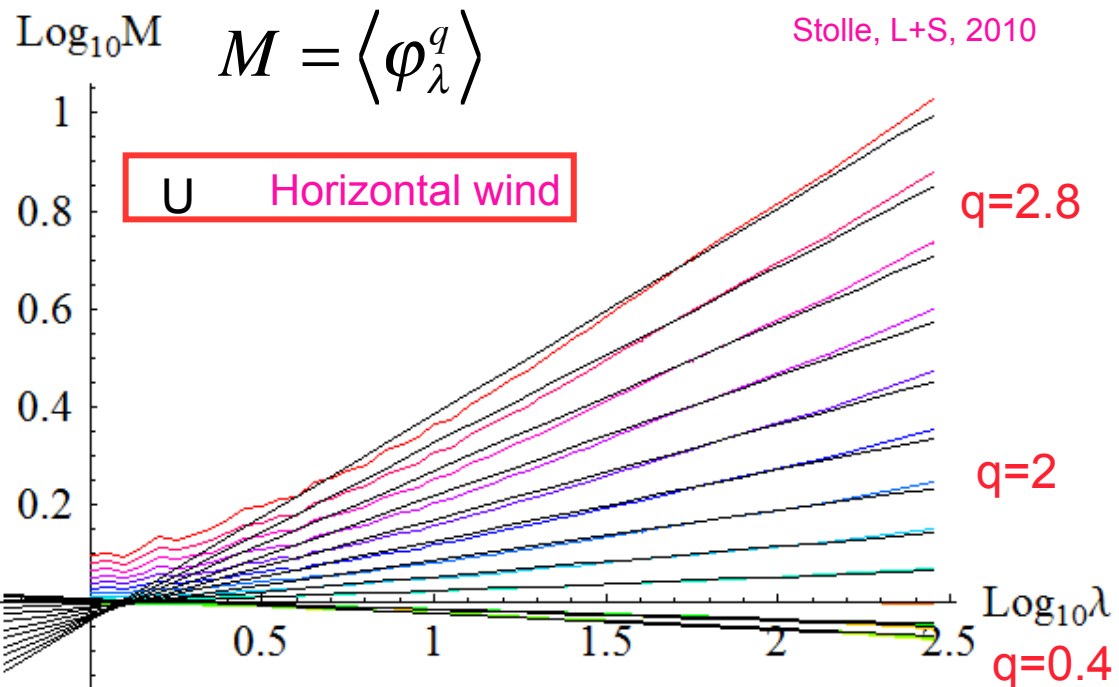


Vertical cascade

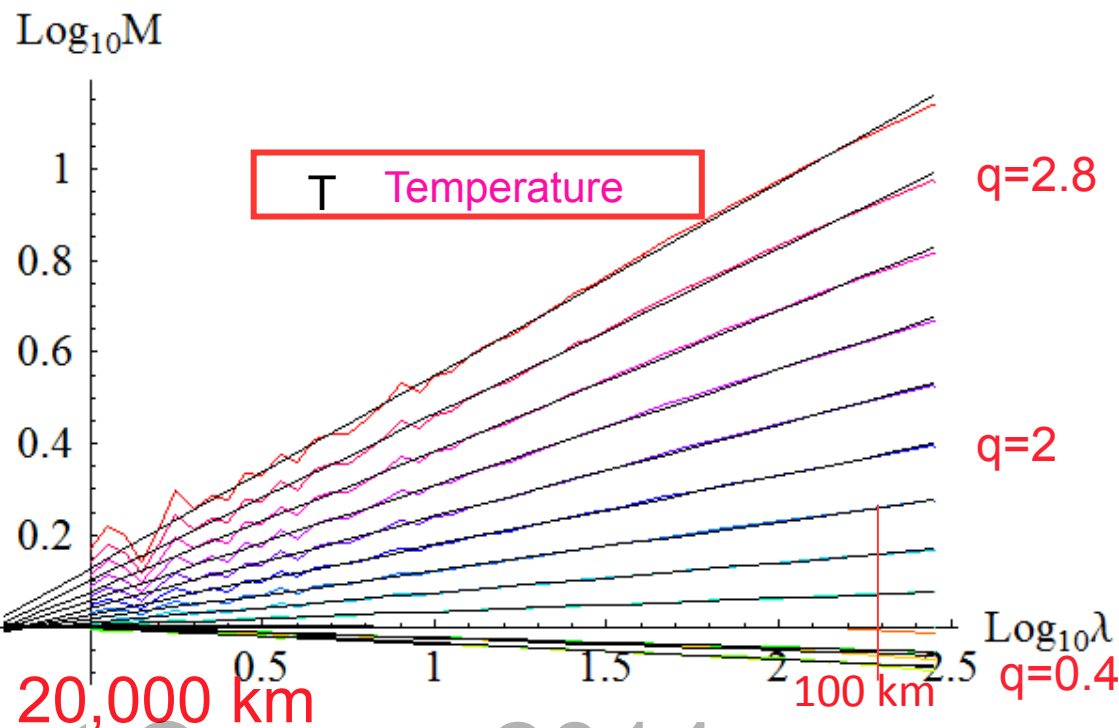


$q = 0, 0.2, 0.4, \dots, 2$

# Global GEMS Model 00h



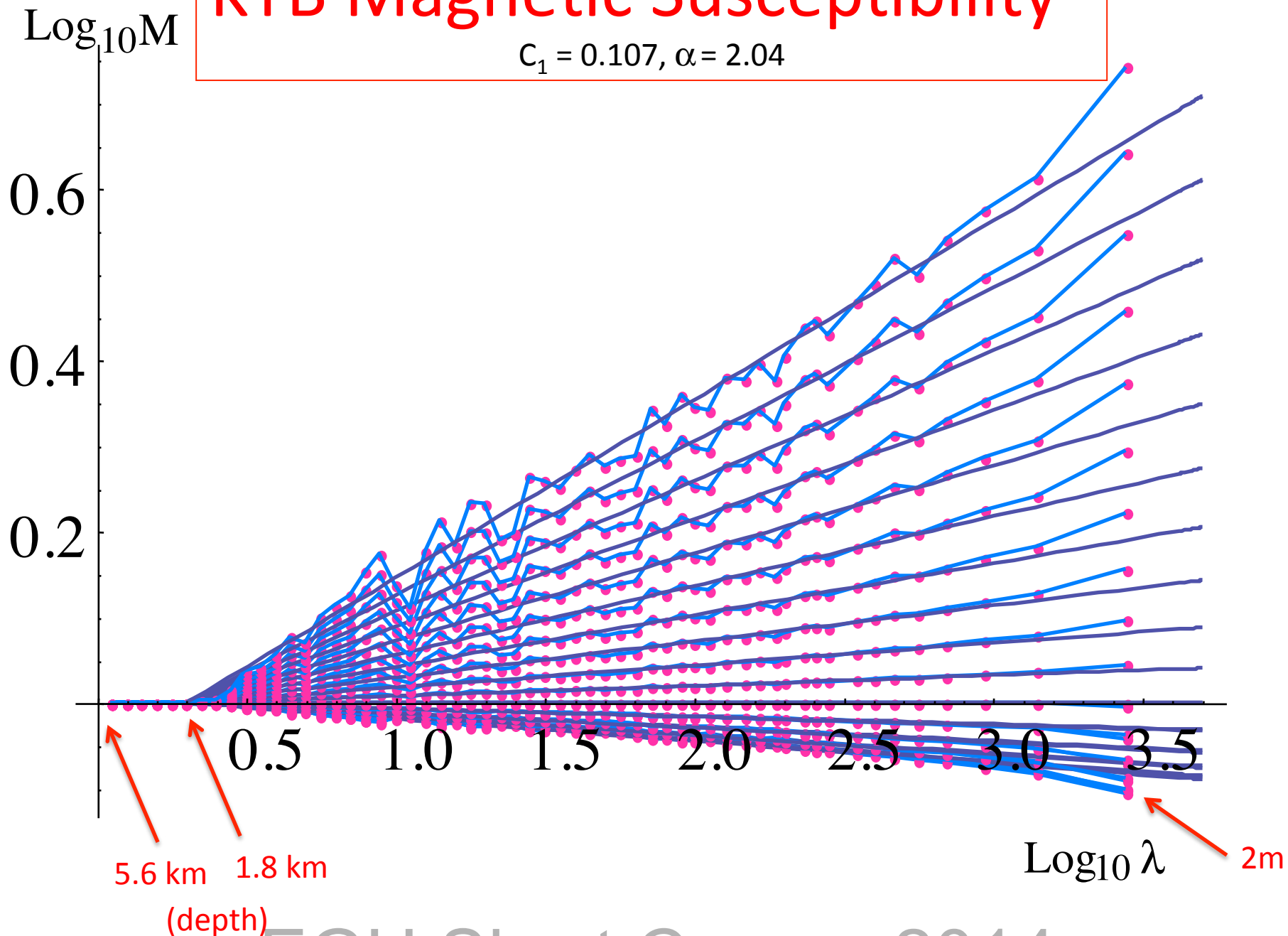
Analysis of four months  
U,T at 1000 mb



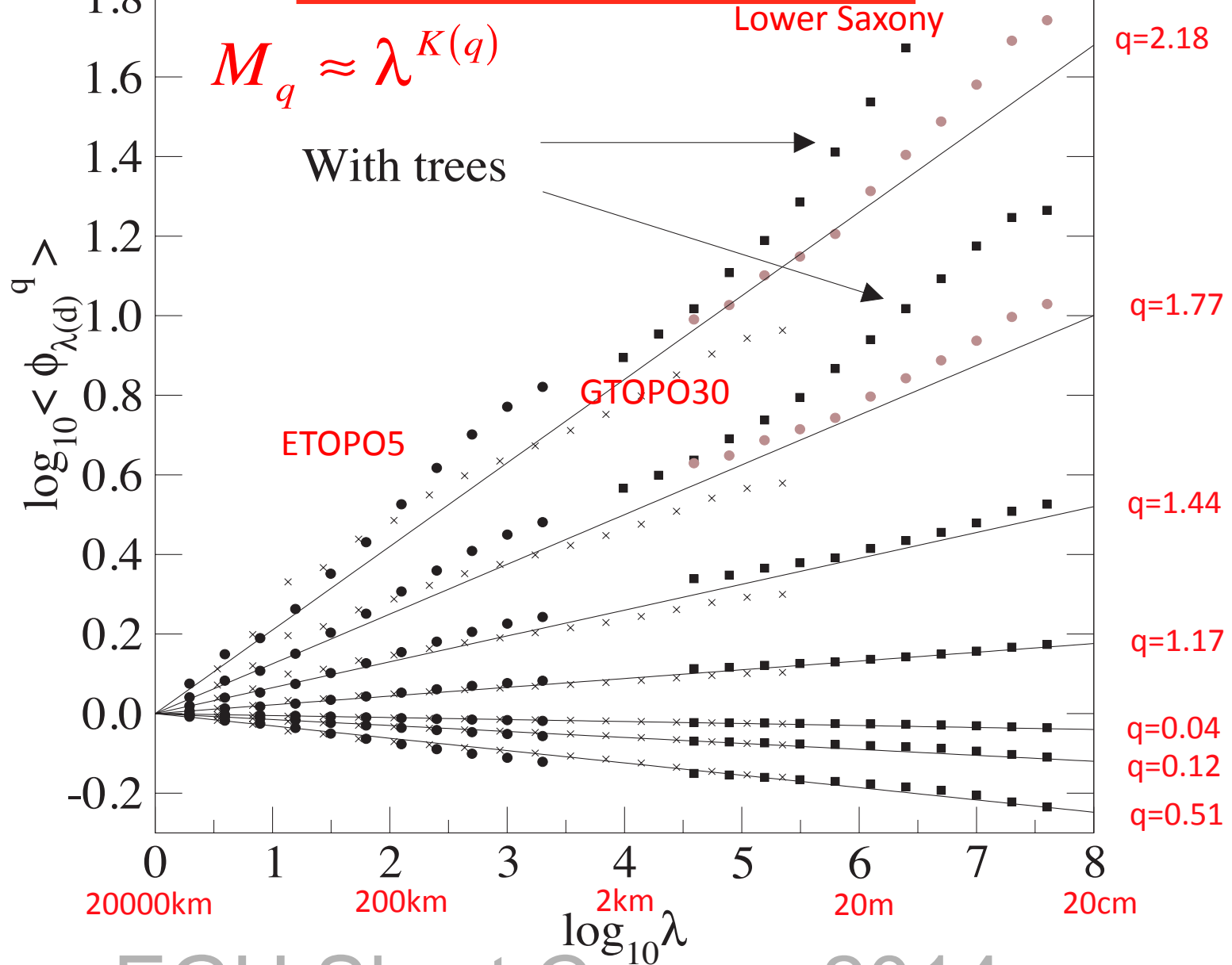
(48 h forecasts are  
almost the same)

# KTB Magnetic Susceptibility

$$C_1 = 0.107, \alpha = 2.04$$



# Topography



# Horizontal spatial Scaling exponents

		$C_1$	$\alpha$	$H$	$\beta$	$L_{eff}$
<b>State variables</b>	$u, v$	0.09	1.9	1/3, (0.77)	1.6, (2.4)	(14 000)
	$w$	(0.12)	(1.9)	(-0.14)	(0.4)	(15 000)
	$T$	0.11, (0.08)	1.8	0.50, (0.77)	1.9, (2.4)	5000 (19 000)
	$h$	0.09	1.8	0.51	1.9	10 000
	$z$	(0.09)	(1.9)	(1.26)	(3.3)	(60 000)
<b>Precipitation</b>	$R$	0.4	1.5	0.00	0.2	32 000
<b>Passive scalars</b>	Aerosol concentration	0.08	1.8	0.33	1.6	25 000
<b>Radiances</b>	Infrared	0.08	1.5	0.3	1.5	15 000
	Visible	0.08	1.5	0.2	1.5	10 000
	Passive microwave	0.1–0.26	1.5	0.25–0.5	1.3–1.6	5000–15 000
<b>Topography</b>	Altitude	0.12	1.8	0.7	2.1	20 000
<b>Sea surface temperature</b>	SST (see Table 8.2)	0.12	1.9	0.50	1.8	16 000

$$\Delta I = \varphi \Delta x^H \quad \langle \varphi_\lambda^q \rangle = \lambda^{K(q)} \quad \lambda = L_{eff} / \Delta x \quad K(q) = \frac{C_1}{\alpha - 1} (q^\alpha - q) \quad E(k) \approx k^{-\beta}$$

# Surface, solid earth exponents

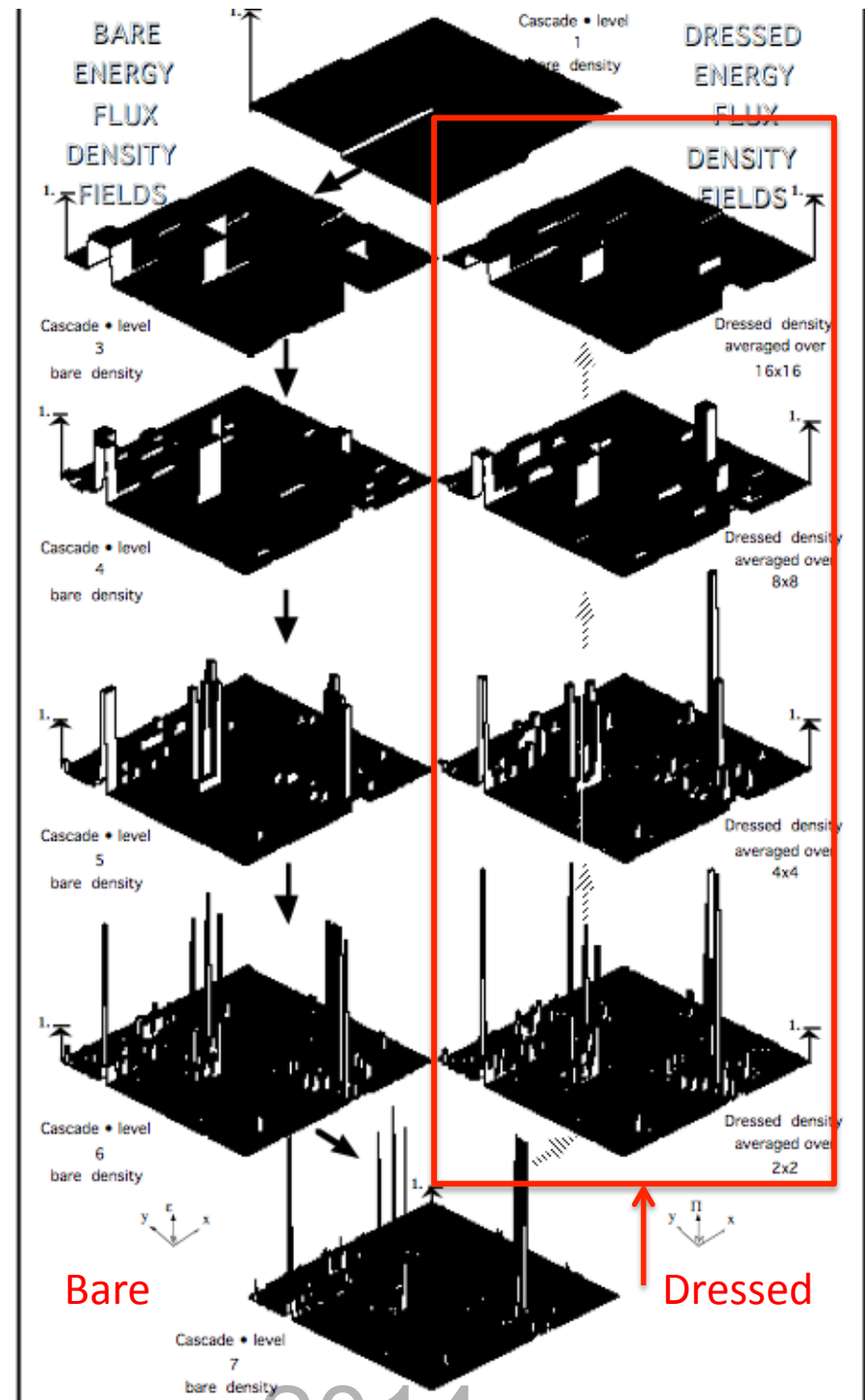
	$C_1$	$\alpha$	$H$	$\beta$
<b>Rock Density (vertical)</b>	0.045	2.0	0.08	1.07
<b>Magnetic susceptibility (vertical)</b>	0.11	2.0	0.17	1.12
<b>Topography</b>	0.12	1.8	0.7	2.1
<b>Vegetation index</b>	0.064	2.0	0.16	1.19
<b>Soil moisture index</b>	0.053	2.0	0.14	1.17

$$\Delta I = \varphi \Delta x^H \quad \langle \varphi_{\lambda}^q \rangle = \lambda^{K(q)} \quad \lambda = L_{eff} / \Delta x \quad K(q) = \frac{C_1}{\alpha - 1} (q^{\alpha} - q) \quad E(k) \approx k^{-\beta}$$

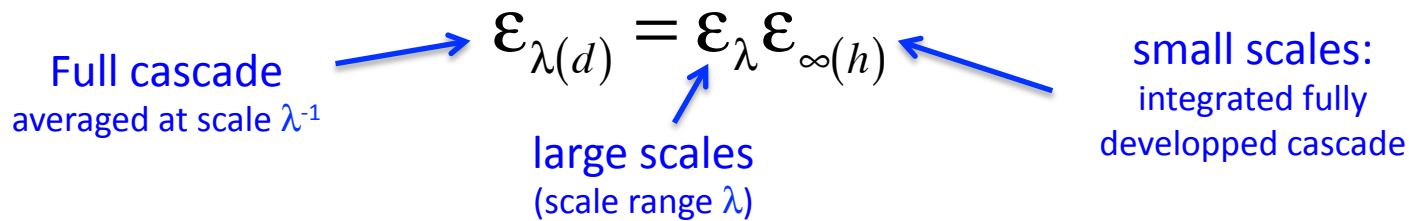


Extremes,  
Divergence of moments,  
Self-organized criticality

# Bare and dressed Cascades



# Multifractal Butterfly effect



The hidden moments diverge:

$$\langle \epsilon_{\infty, (h)}^q \rangle \approx \begin{cases} O(1); & q < q_D \\ \infty; & q \geq q_D \end{cases}$$

Divergence due to small scales: the multifractal butterfly effect

$q_D$  is the solution to the implicit equation

$$K(q_D) = D(q-1)$$

Discontinuity in first derivative = first order multifractal phase transition

Divergence of dressed moments:

$$\langle \epsilon_{\lambda(d)}^q \rangle = \lambda^{K_d(q)} \quad \text{where:}$$

$$K_d(q) = \begin{cases} K(q); & q < q_D \\ \infty; & q \geq q_D \end{cases}$$

Long range dependencies place this outside the framework of Extreme Value Theory

Probability distributions

$$\langle \epsilon_{\lambda(d)}^q \rangle = \infty, q \geq q_D \iff \Pr(\epsilon_{\lambda(d)} > s) \sim s^{-q_D}, s \gg 1$$

Mandelbrot 1974, S+L 1987

# Divergence of moments in Laboratory turbulence

$$\Pr(\varepsilon > s) \approx s^{-q_{D,\varepsilon}}$$

Dissipation Range:

$$\varepsilon \approx \underline{v} \cdot \nabla^2 \underline{v} \approx v \frac{\Delta v^2}{\Delta x^2} \quad \Pr(\varepsilon > s) = \Pr\left(\frac{v \Delta v^2}{\Delta x^2} > s\right) \quad q_{D,\varepsilon} = q_{D,v(diss)} / 2$$

Inertial Range:

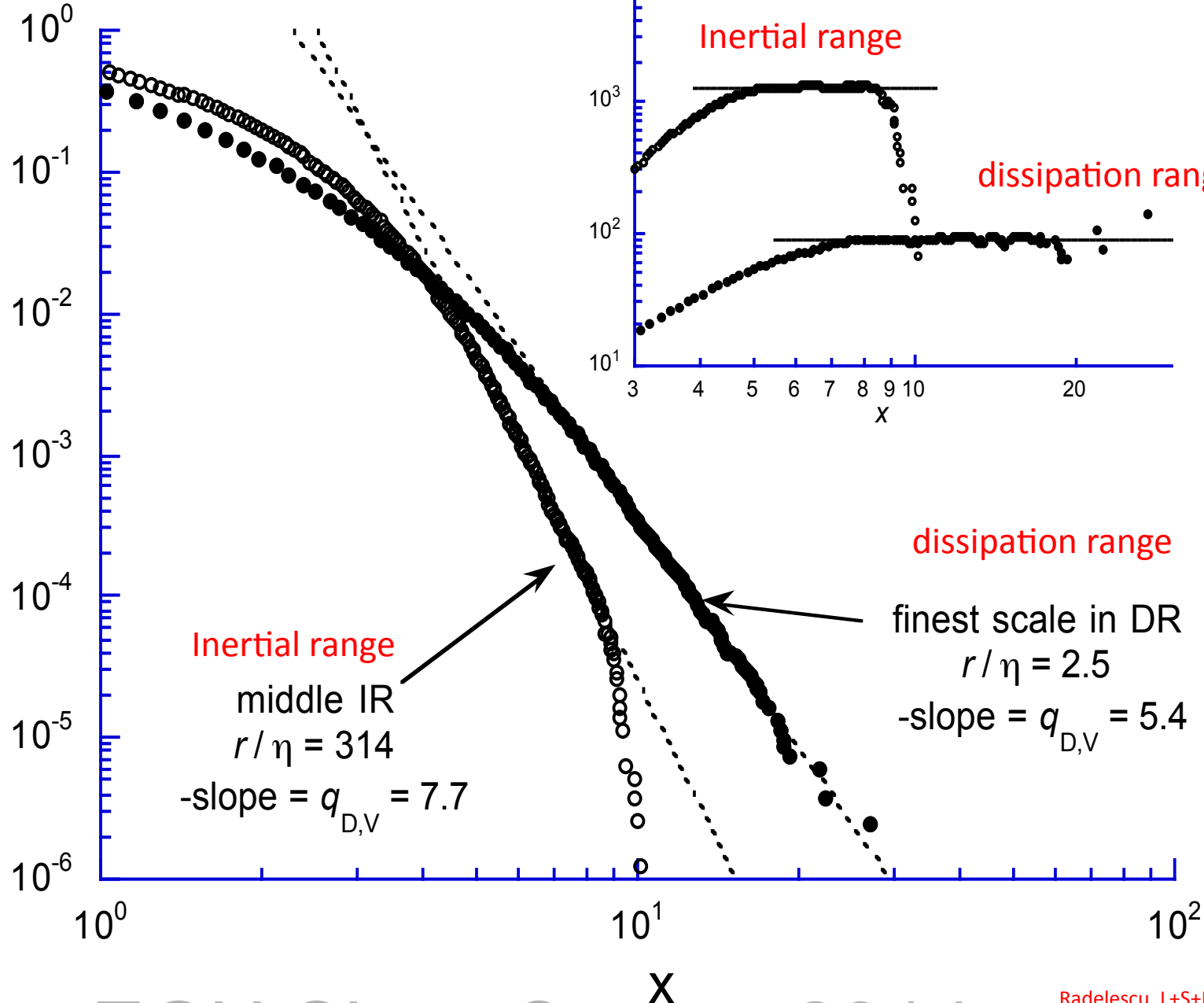
$$\varepsilon \approx \frac{\Delta v^3}{\Delta x} \quad \Pr(\varepsilon > s) = \Pr\left(\frac{\Delta v^3}{\Delta x} > s\right) \quad q_{D,\varepsilon} = q_{D,v(inertial)} / 3$$

Laboratory Data:

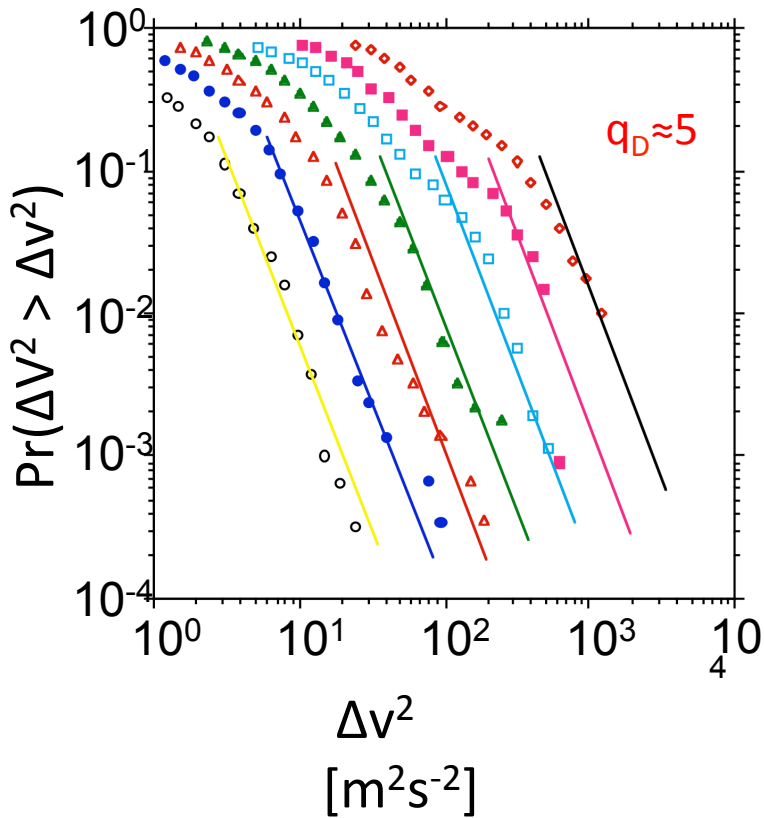
Dissipation range estimate:  $q_{D,v(diss)} \approx 5.4$ ;  $q_{D,\varepsilon} \approx 2.7$

Inertial range estimate:  $q_{D,v(inertial)} \approx 7.7$ ;  $q_{D,\varepsilon} \approx 2.6$

$$\Pr (|\Delta u| / u_{\text{RMS}} > x)$$

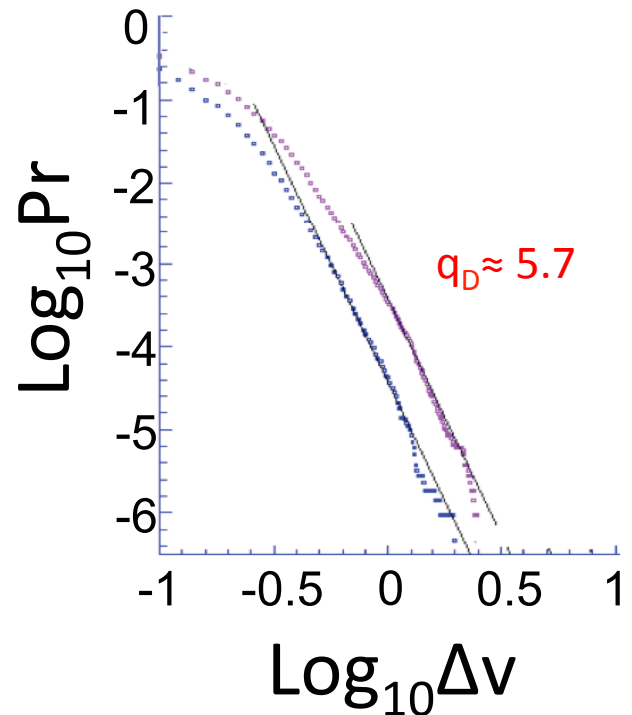


Divergence of moments in the horizontal wind field

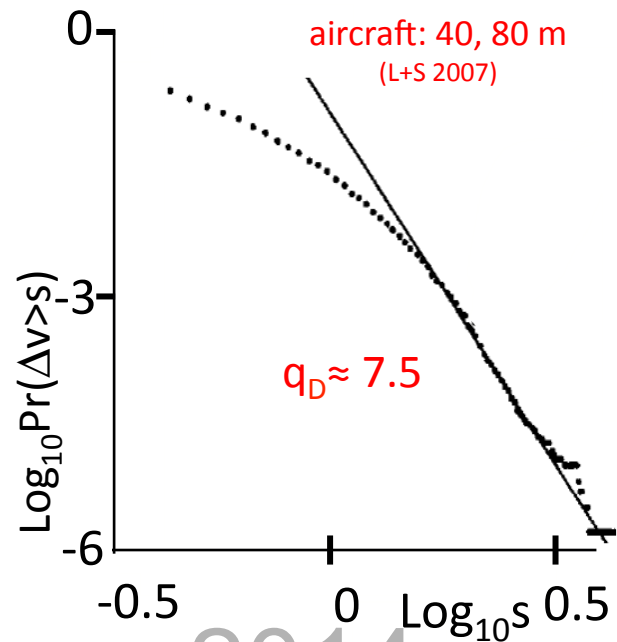


Across vertical layers  
radiosondes  
Layers 50,100, 200, 400,...3200m  
(S+L1985)

In time  
sonic probe, 10 Hz  
(Schmitt, S+L 1994)

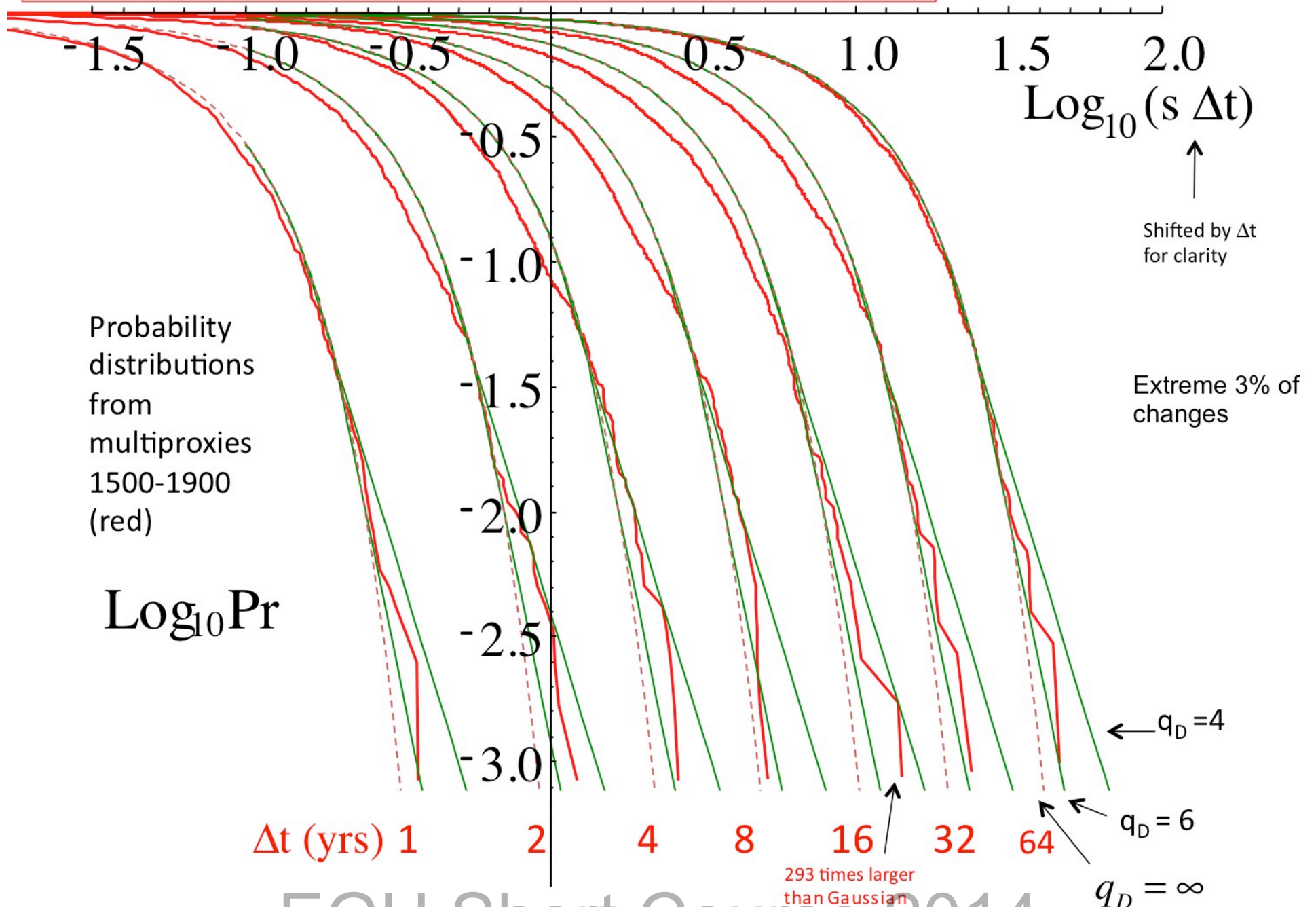


In the horizontal  
aircraft: 40, 80 m  
(L+S 2007)



Bracketing the temperature extremes with power laws

$$s^{-4} > \Pr(\Delta T > s) > s^{-6}$$



# $q_D$ estimates for various geophysical fields

**Table 5.1a** A summary of various estimates of the critical order of divergence of moments ( $q_D$ ) for various atmospheric fields.

Field	Data source	Type	$q_D$	Reference
Horizontal wind	Sonic	10Hz, time	7.5	Schmitt <i>et al.</i> , 1994
	Sonic	10 Hz	7.3	Finn <i>et al.</i> , 2001
	Hot wire probe	Inertial range	7.7	Fig. 5.22, Radulescu <i>et al.</i> , 2002
	Hot wire probe	Dissipation range	5.4	Fig. 5.22, Radulescu <i>et al.</i> , 2002
	Anemometer	15 minutes	7	Tchiguirinskaia <i>et al.</i> , 2006
	Anemometer	Daily	7	Tchiguirinskaia <i>et al.</i> , 2006
	Aircraft, stratosphere	Horizontal, 40 m	5.7	Lovejoy and Schertzer, 2007
	Aircraft, troposphere	Horizontal, 280 m – 36 km	$\approx 5$	Fig. 5.10
	Aircraft, troposphere	Horizontal, 40 m – 20 km	$\approx 7 \pm 1$	Chigirinskaya <i>et al.</i> , 1994
	Aircraft, troposphere	Horizontal, 100 m	$\approx 5$	Schertzer and Lovejoy, 1985
Radiosonde	Vertical, 50 m	5	Schertzer and Lovejoy, 1985, Lazarev <i>et al.</i> , 1994	
Scaling gyroscopes cascade (SGC) model (Box 3.4)	Time	$6.9 \pm 0.2$	Chigirinskaya and Schertzer, 1996	
Potential temperature	Radiosonde	Vertical, 50 m	3.3	Schertzer and Lovejoy, 1985
Humidity	Aircraft, troposphere	Horizontal, 280 m – 36 km	$\approx 5$	Fig. 5.10
Temperature	Aircraft, troposphere	Horizontal, 280 m – 36 km	$\approx 5$	Fig. 5.10
	Hemispheric, global	Annual, monthly	$\approx 5, 5$	Lovejoy and Schertzer, 1986, and unpublished analysis respectively
	Daily, stations	Average over 53 stations in France, daily single station (Macon)	4.5, 4.5	Ladoy <i>et al.</i> , 1991
Paleotemperatures	Ice cores	350 years (time), 0.55 m, 1 m (depth)	5, 5	Lovejoy and Schertzer, 1986, Fig. 5.21 respectively
Geopotential anomalies	Reanalyses	500 mb, daily	2.7	Sardeshmukh and Sura, 2009
Vorticity anomalies	Reanalyses	300 mb, daily	1.7	Sardeshmukh and Sura, 2009
Visible radiances (ocean surface)	Remote sensing	7 m resolution MIES data	3.6	Lovejoy <i>et al.</i> , 2001
Passive scalar (SF <sub>6</sub> )	Fast response SF <sub>6</sub> analyzer	1 Hz	4.7	Finn <i>et al.</i> , 2001
Vertical CO <sub>2</sub> flux (above a field)	Aircraft new ground	Horizontal $\approx 1$ km resolution	5.3	Austin <i>et al.</i> , 1991
Seveso pollution	Ground concentrations	In-situ measurements	2.2	Salvadori <i>et al.</i> , 1993
Chernobyl fallout	Ground concentrations	In-situ measurements	1.7	Chigirinskaya <i>et al.</i> , 1998; Salvadori <i>et al.</i> , 1993
Density of meteorological stations	WMO surface network	Geographic location of stations	$3.7 \pm 0.1$	Tessier <i>et al.</i> , 1994

Most exponents: range 3-5

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**Table 5.1b** A summary of various estimates of the critical order of divergence of moments ( $q_D$ ) for various hydrological fields.

Field	Data source	Type	$q_D$	Reference
<b>Radar reflectivity of rain</b>	Radar reflectivity factor	1 km <sup>3</sup> resolution	1.1	Schertzer and Lovejoy, 1987
<b>Rain rate</b>	Gauges	Daily, Nimes	2.6	Ladoy <i>et al.</i> , 1991
	Gauges	Daily, time, France	≈ 3	Ladoy <i>et al.</i> , 1993
	Gauges	Daily, USA	1.7–3	Georgakakos <i>et al.</i> , 1994
	High-resolution gauges	8 minutes	≈ 2	Olsson, 1995
	High-resolution gauges	15 s	2.8–8.5	Harris <i>et al.</i> , 1996
	Gauges	Daily, time	3.6 ± 0.07	Tessier <i>et al.</i> , 1996
	Gauges	1–8 days	3.5	De Lima, 1998
	Gauges	Hourly, time	4.0	Kiely and Ivanova, 1999
	Gauges	Daily, four series from 18th century	3.78 ± 0.46	Hubert <i>et al.</i> , 2001
	Gauges	Hourly, time	≈ 3	Fig. 5.10c; Schertzer <i>et al.</i> , 2010
Gauges	Hourly, time	≈ 3	Fig. 5.20b; Lovejoy <i>et al.</i> , 2012	
High-resolution gauges	15 s, averaged to 30 minutes	2.23	Verrier, 2011	
<b>Raindrop volumes</b>	Stereophotography	10 m <sup>3</sup> sampling volume	5	Lovejoy and Schertzer, 2008
<b>Liquid water at turbulent scales</b>	Stereophotography	Total water in 40 cm cubes	3	Lovejoy and Schertzer, 2006b
<b>Stream flow</b>	River gauges (France)	Daily	3.2 ± 0.07	Tessier <i>et al.</i> , 1996
	River gauges (USA)	Daily	3.2 ± 0.07	Pandey <i>et al.</i> , 1998; Tessier <i>et al.</i> , 1996
	River gauges (France)	Daily	2.5–10	Schertzer <i>et al.</i> , 2006

$q_D$  estimates for various hydrological fields

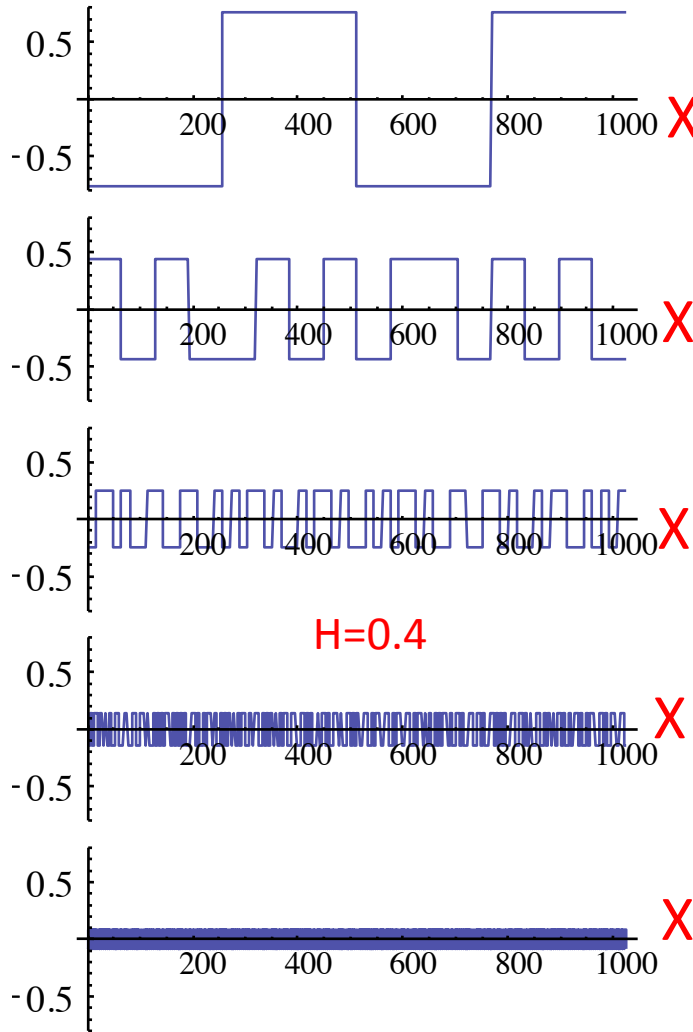
Most exponents: ≈ 3

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# Simulations

### H model (additive)

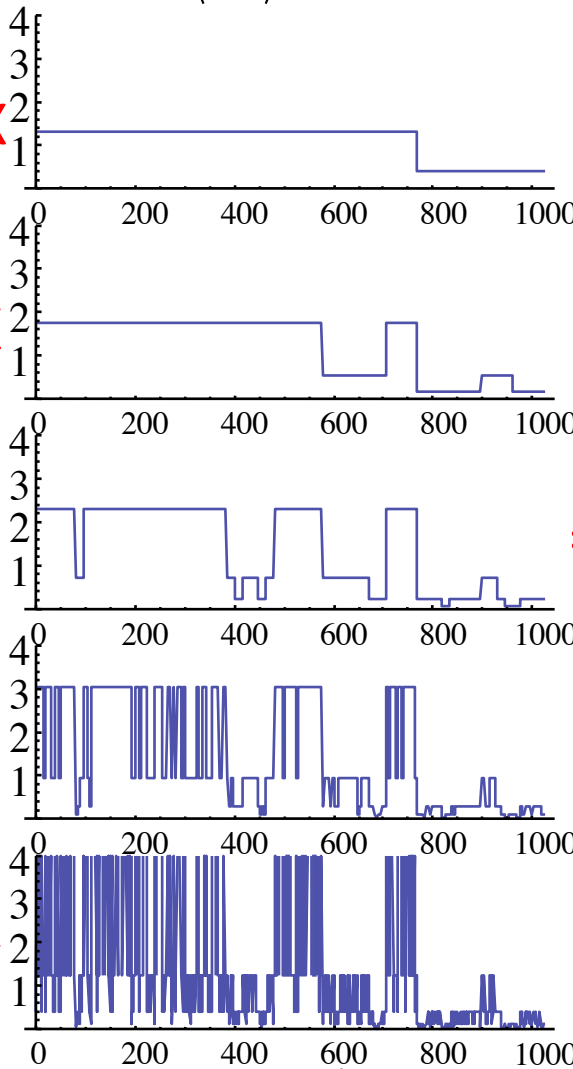
$$\langle \Delta T (\Delta t)^q \rangle \approx \Delta t^{qH}$$



H=0.4

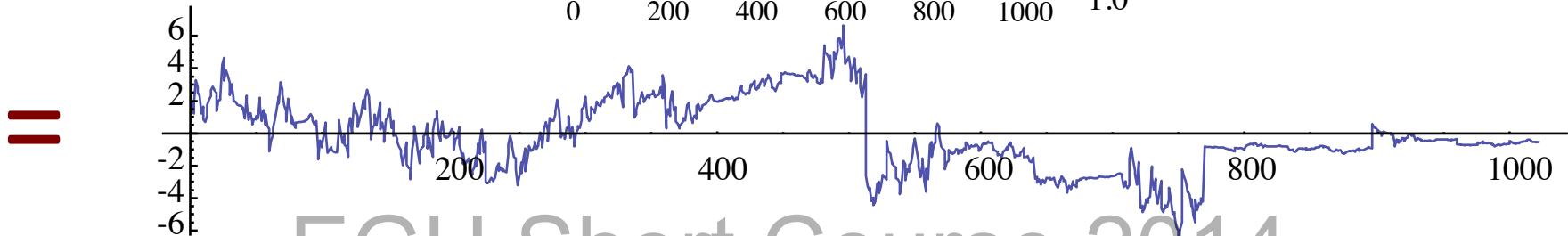
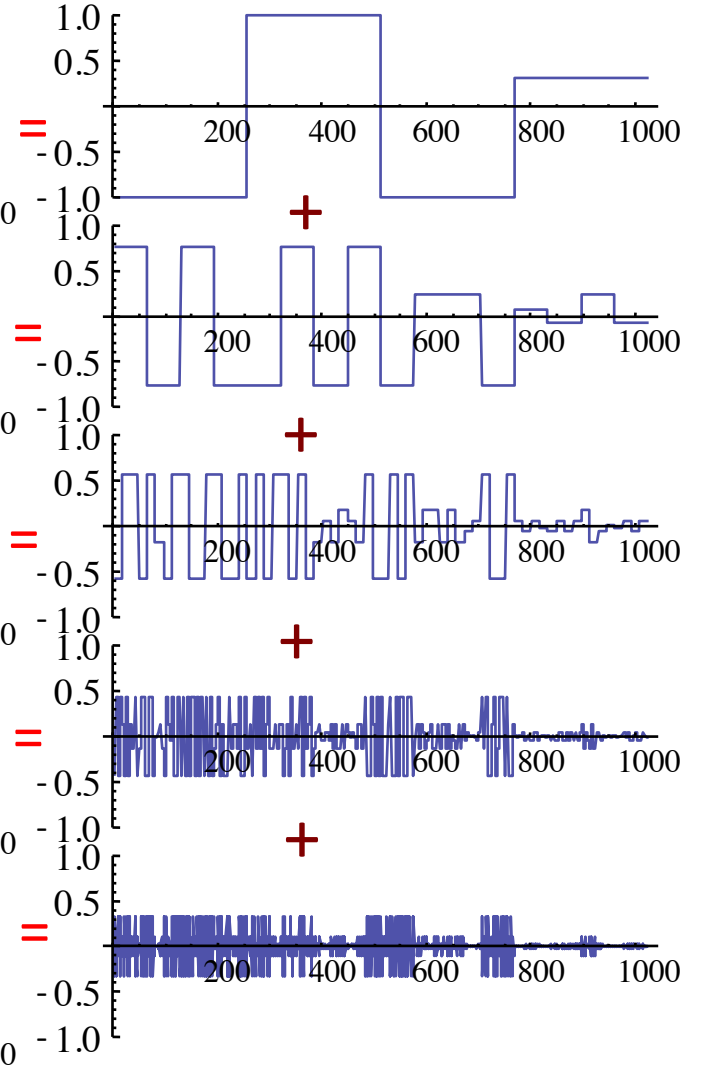
### $\alpha$ Model (multiplicative)

$$\langle \varphi_{\Delta t}^q \rangle \approx \Delta t^{-K(q)}$$



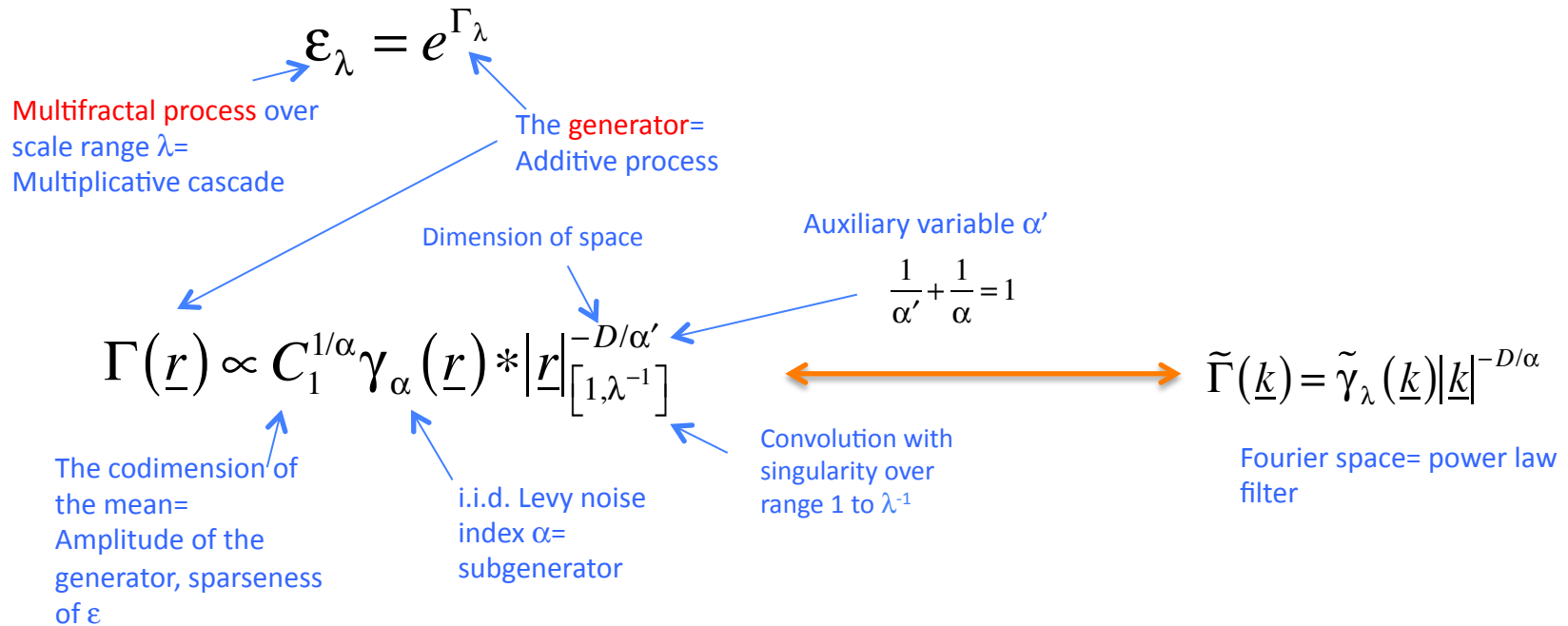
### H- $\alpha$ model

$$\langle \Delta T (\Delta t)^q \rangle \approx \langle \varphi_{\Delta t}^q \rangle \Delta t^{Hq} = \Delta t^{Hq-K(q)}$$



# Multiplicative processes

## The process



## The statistics

$$\langle \varepsilon_\lambda^q \rangle = \lambda^{K(q)}$$

$$K(q) = \frac{C_1}{\alpha - 1} (q^\alpha - q)$$

$q < q_D$

$$\Pr(\varepsilon_\lambda > s) \approx s^{-q_D}$$

$s \gg 1$

General multifractal statistics, convex  $K(q)$

Universal multifractals ("multiplicative central limit theorem")

Extremes: "Fat tails"

# Fractionally Integrated Flux (FIF) model (both additive and multiplicative)

S+L 1987

## The process

$$I(\underline{r}) = \varepsilon_\lambda(\underline{r}) * |\underline{r}|^{-(D-H)} \longleftrightarrow \tilde{I}(\underline{k}) = \tilde{\varepsilon}_\lambda(\underline{k}) |\underline{k}|^{-H}$$

Convolution=  
fractional integration  
order H

Fourier space= power  
law filter

## The statistics

$$S_q(\underline{\Delta r}) = \langle \Delta I(\underline{\Delta r})^q \rangle = \langle \varepsilon_\lambda^q \rangle |\underline{\Delta r}|^{qH} = |\underline{\Delta r}|^{\xi(q)}$$

$q^{\text{th}}$  order  
structure  
function

fluctuation

Note:

$$\lambda = L / |\underline{\Delta r}|$$

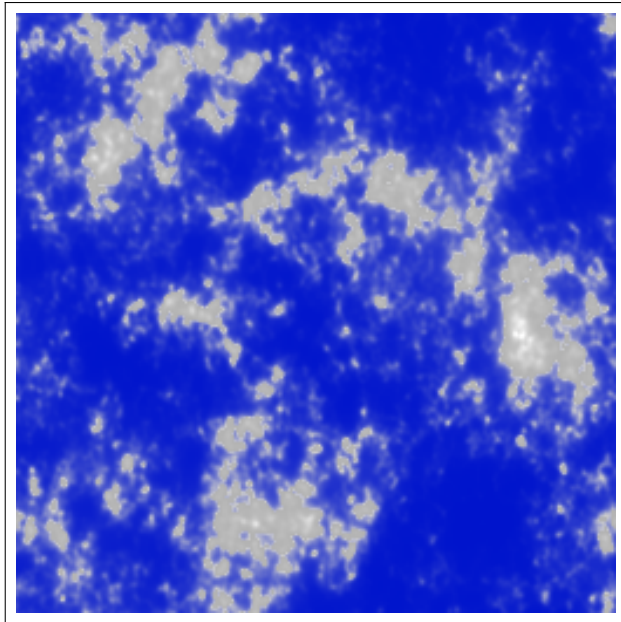
$$\langle \varepsilon_\lambda^q \rangle = \lambda^{K(q)}$$

structure  
function  
exponent

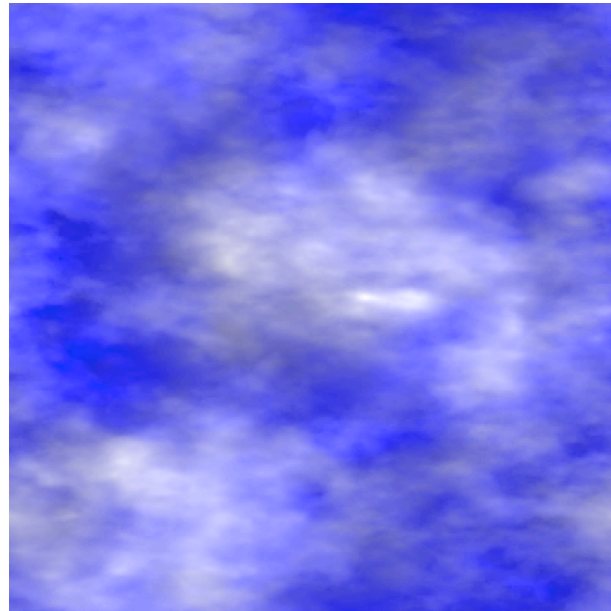
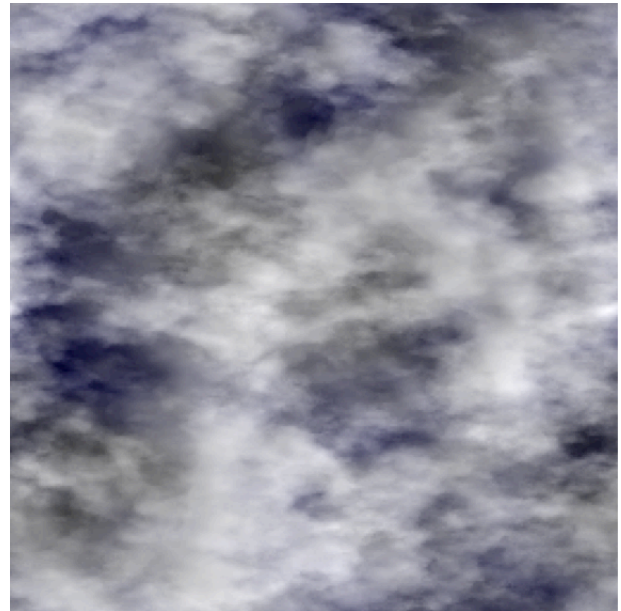
$$\xi(q) = qH - K(q)$$

FIF modeling: clouds and radiative transfer

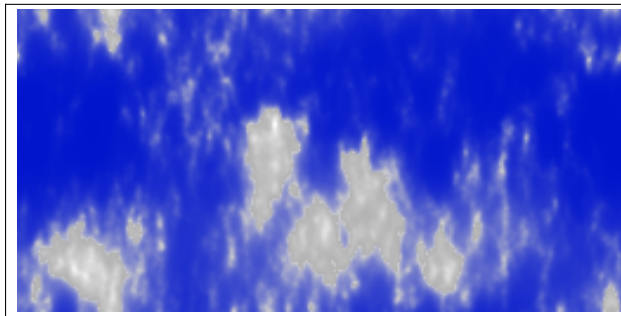
Cloud liquid water (top)



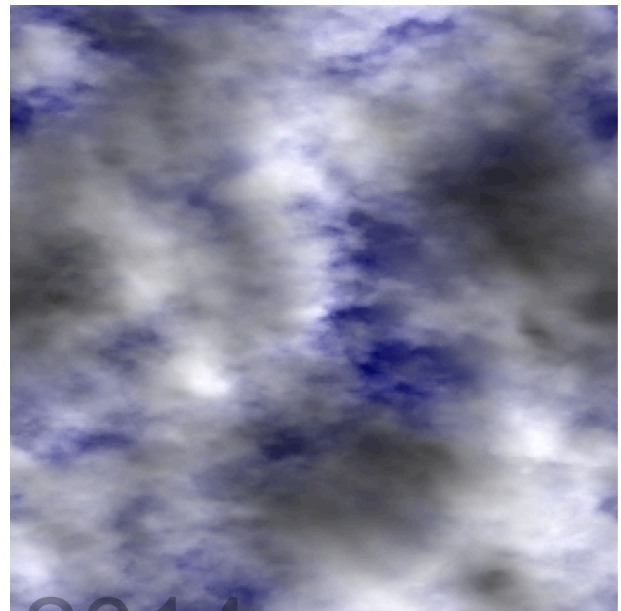
Cloud top visible



Cloud top, infra red



Cloud liquid water (side)



Cloud bottom visible



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# The unity of clouds and rocks

Anisotropic scaling,  
scaling stratification

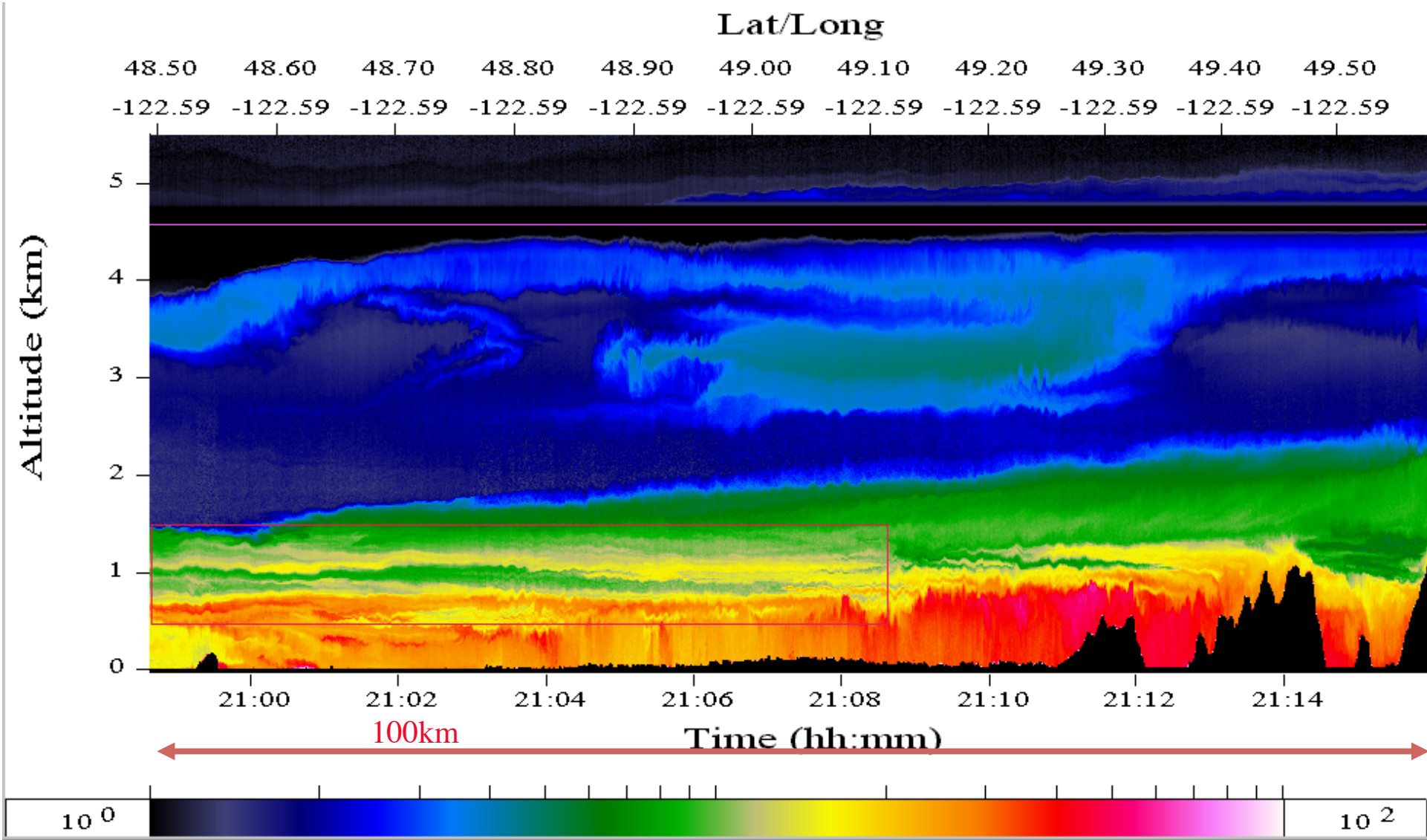
Multifractal simulation

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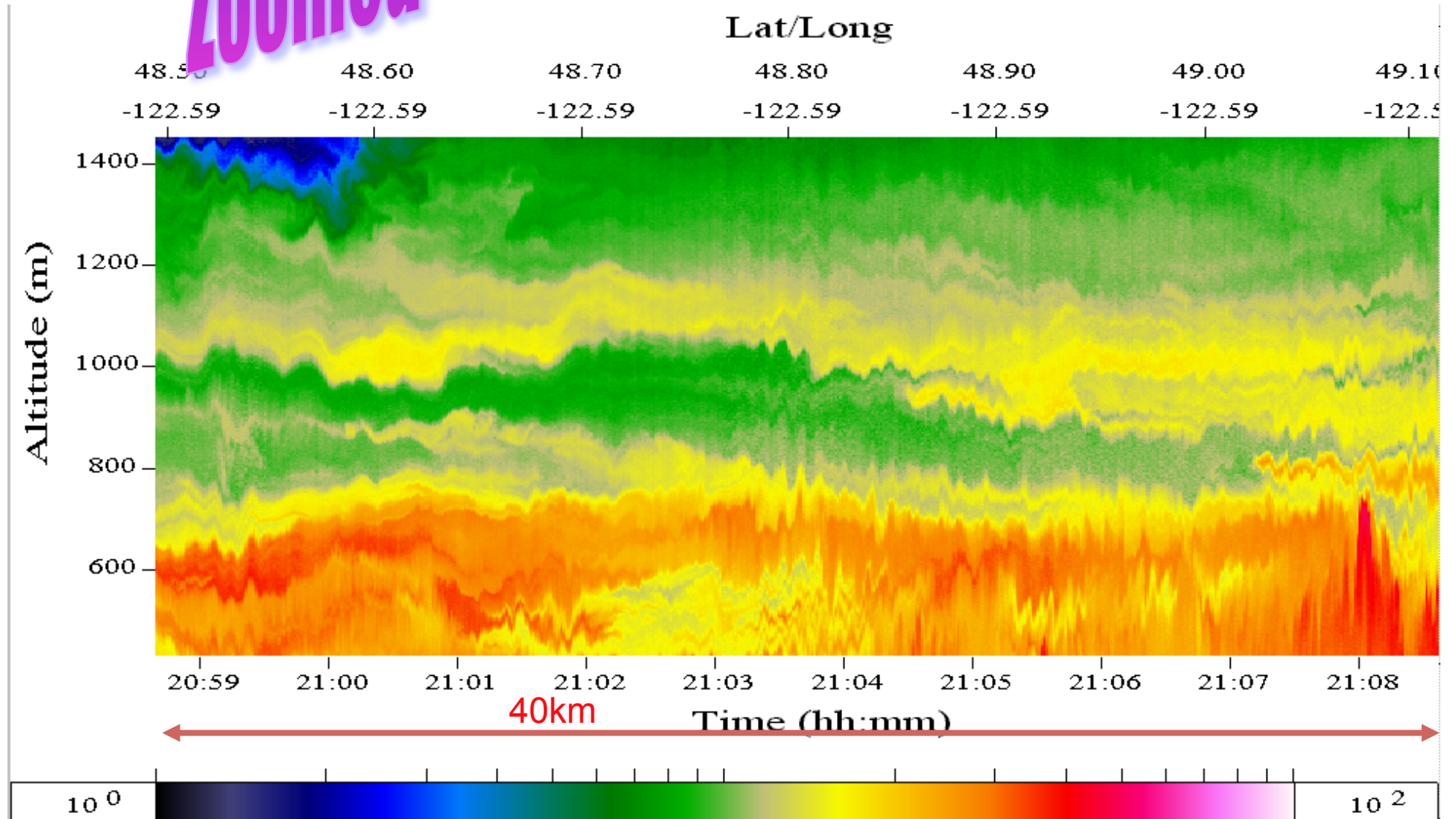


# AERIAL Lidar Data

(courtesy of K. Strawbridge)

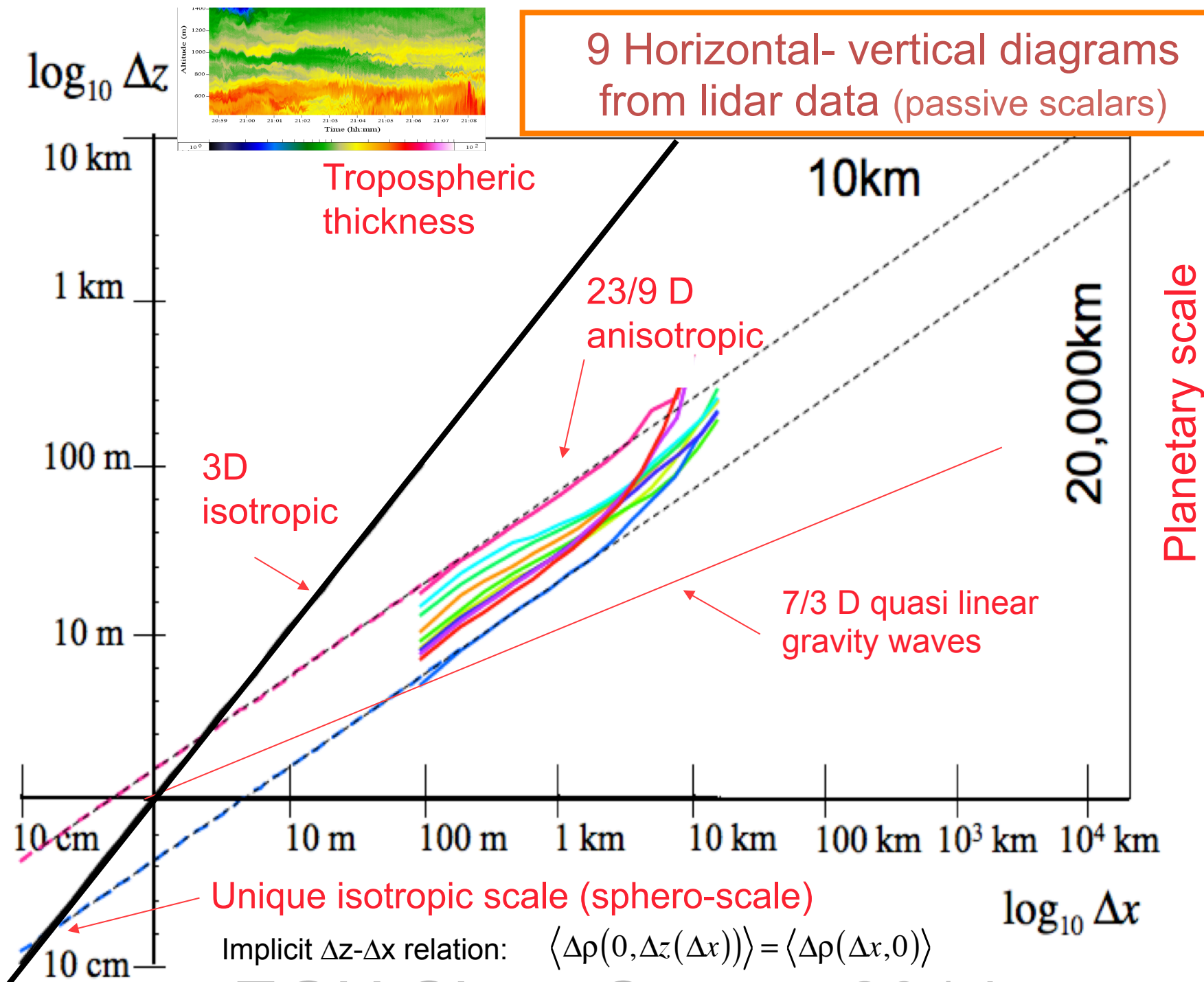


**Zoomed**



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9 Horizontal- vertical diagrams from lidar data (passive scalars)



# The physical scale function and differential scaling

$$|\underline{\Delta r}| \rightarrow \|\underline{\Delta r}\|$$

Usual distance  
(=vector norm)

Scale function  
(scale notion)

Scale symmetry  $\|\lambda^{-G} \underline{r}\| = \lambda^{-1} \|\underline{r}\|$

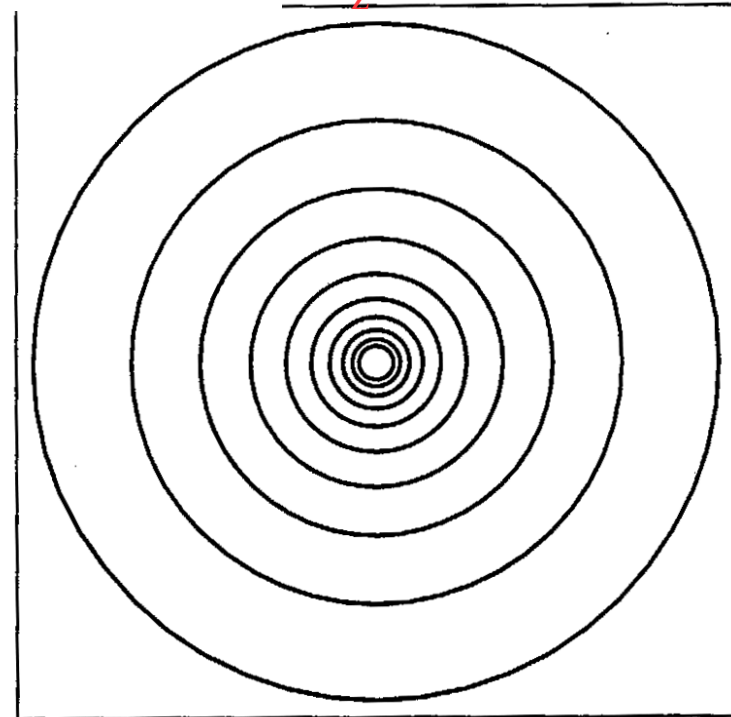
“canonical” scale function:

$$\|(\Delta x, \Delta z)\| = l_s \left( \left( \frac{\Delta x}{l_s} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\Delta z}{l_s} \right)^{2/H_z} \right)^{1/2}$$

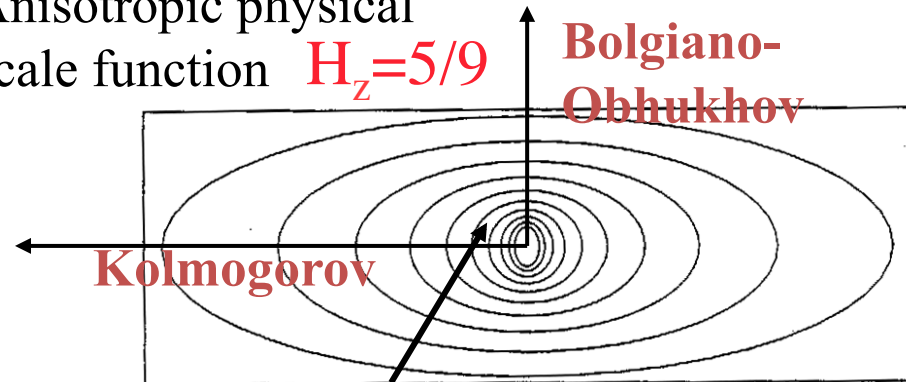
$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & H_z \end{pmatrix}$$

## Vertical sections

Isotropic function  $H_z=1$



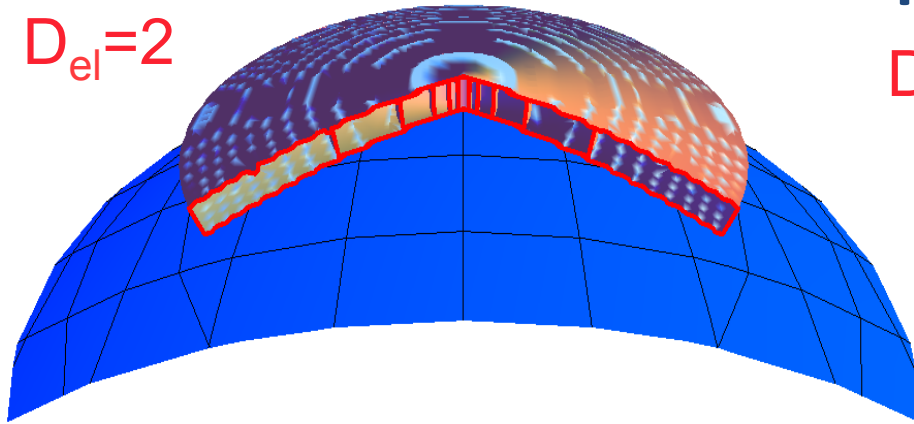
Anisotropic physical scale function  $H_z=5/9$



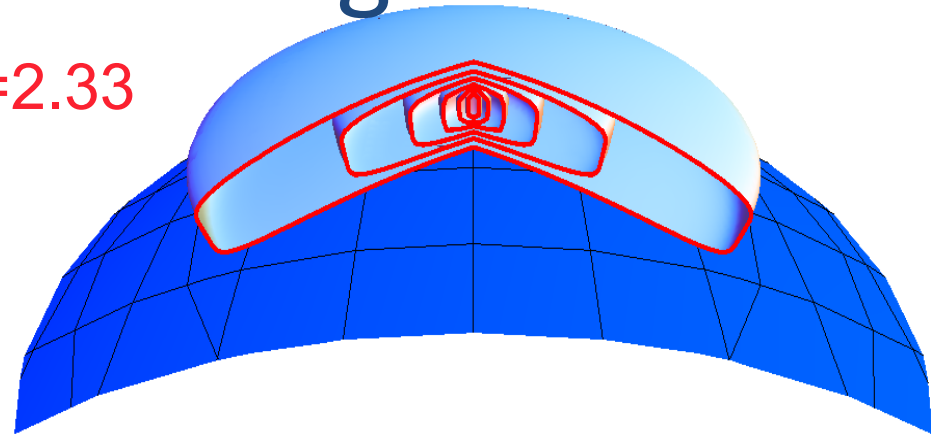
Sphero-scale

# Anisotropic Scaling

$$D_{el}=2$$

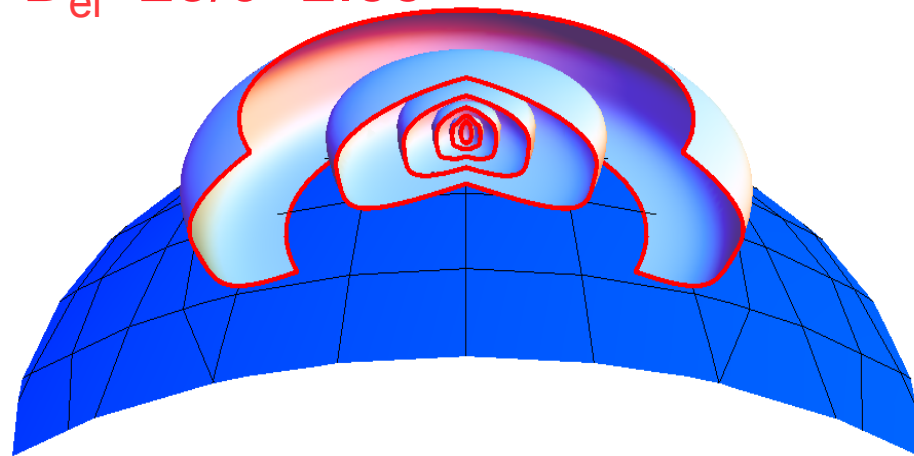


$$D_{el}=2.33$$

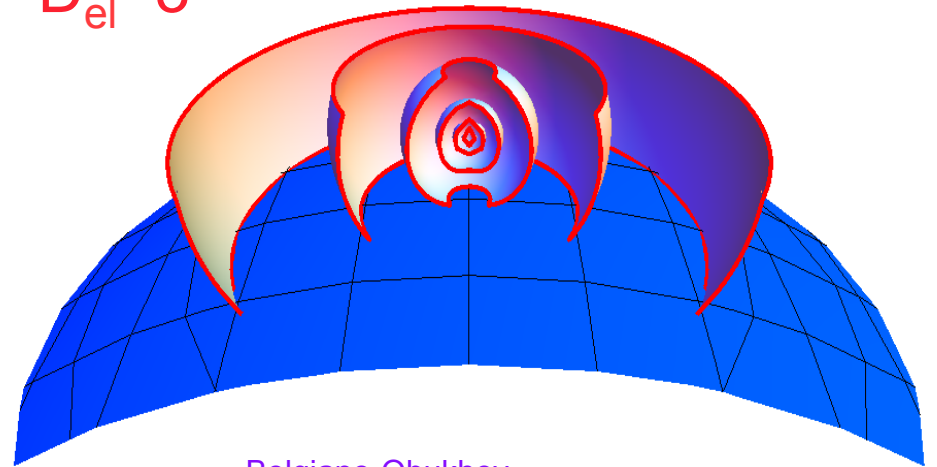


$$D_{el}=23/9=2.55$$

c.f. empirical: 2.57



$$D_{el}=3$$



**The 23/9D model:**

$$\underbrace{\Delta v(\Delta x) = \varepsilon^{1/3} \Delta x^{1/3}}_{\text{Kolmogorov}}; \quad \overbrace{\Delta v(\Delta z) = \phi^{1/5} \Delta z^{3/5}}^{\text{Bolgiano-Obukhov}} \quad H_z = (1/3)/(3/5) = 5/9$$

Kolmogorov

Volume  $\approx L_x L_y L_z \approx L^{D_{el}}$

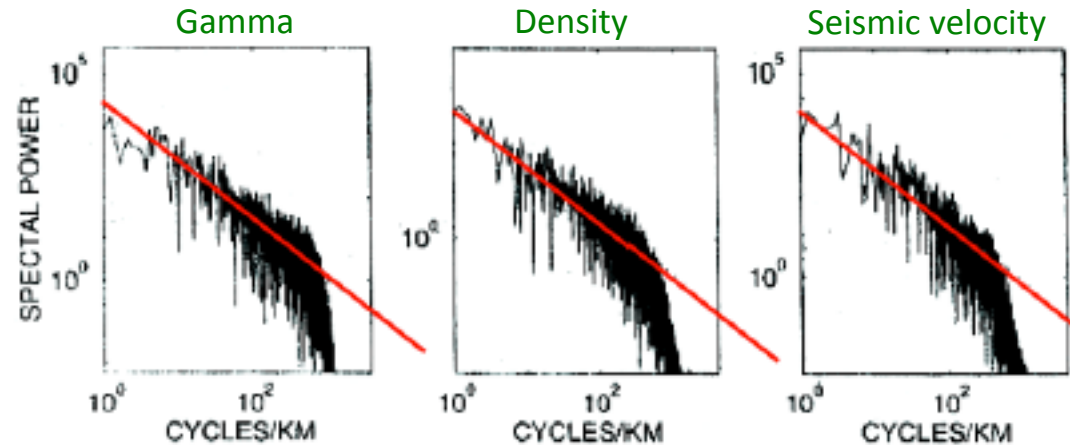
$$D_{el} = 2 + H_z = 23/9$$

# Fly by of anisotropic (multifractal, cascade) cloud



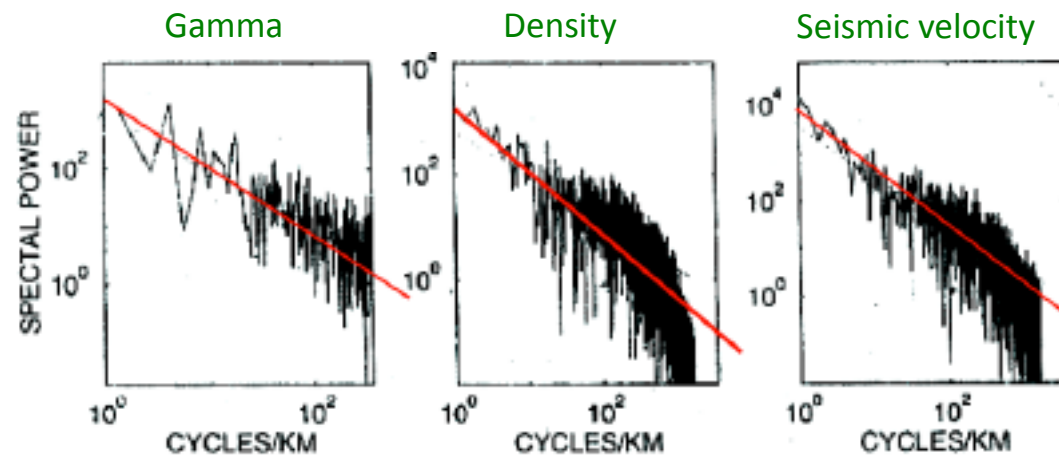
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# Horizontal versus vertical borehole rock densities



Horizontal boreholes ( $\beta_h = 1.4$ )

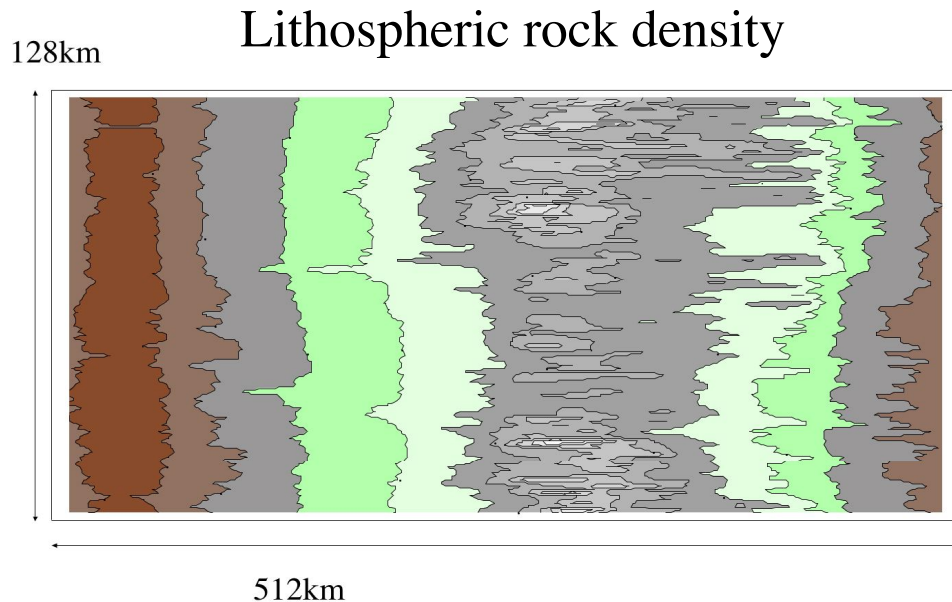
$$H_z = (\beta_h - 1)/(\beta_v - 1) = 2$$



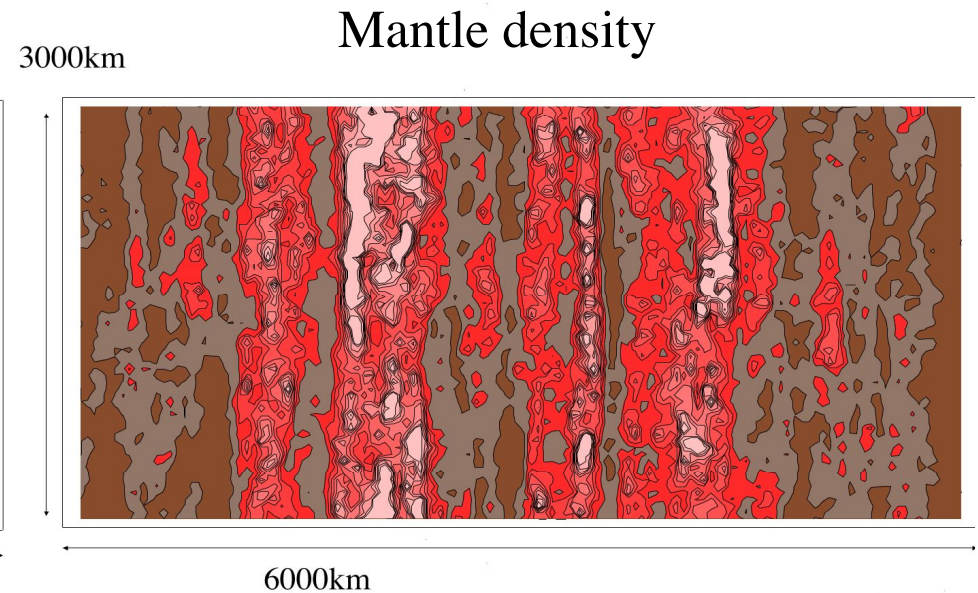
Vertical boreholes ( $\beta_v = 1.2$ )

# Stratified Multifractal Crust, Mantle rock density simulation

Vertical cross-sections  $D_{el}=3$



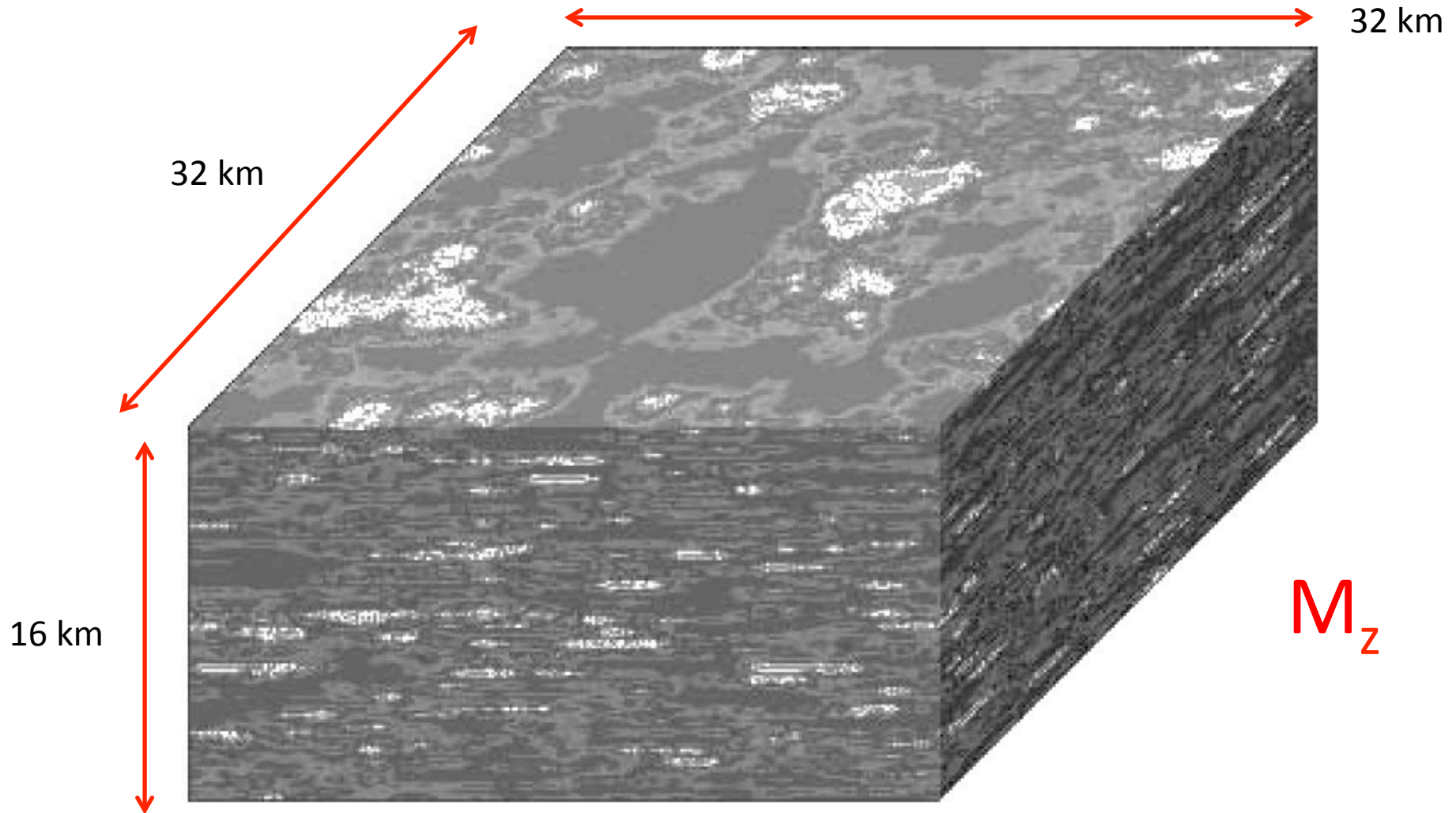
Sphero-scale  $l_s=256\text{km}$ , with 1 pixel = 1km.



Sphero scale = 1 pixel. Each pixel is 50 km, sphero-scale = 25km. Hot (low density) plumes shown as white/red (this is a model for either density or temperature fluctuations (the two being proportional; we assume constant expansion coefficient). These are for fluctuations with respect to the mean vertical profile



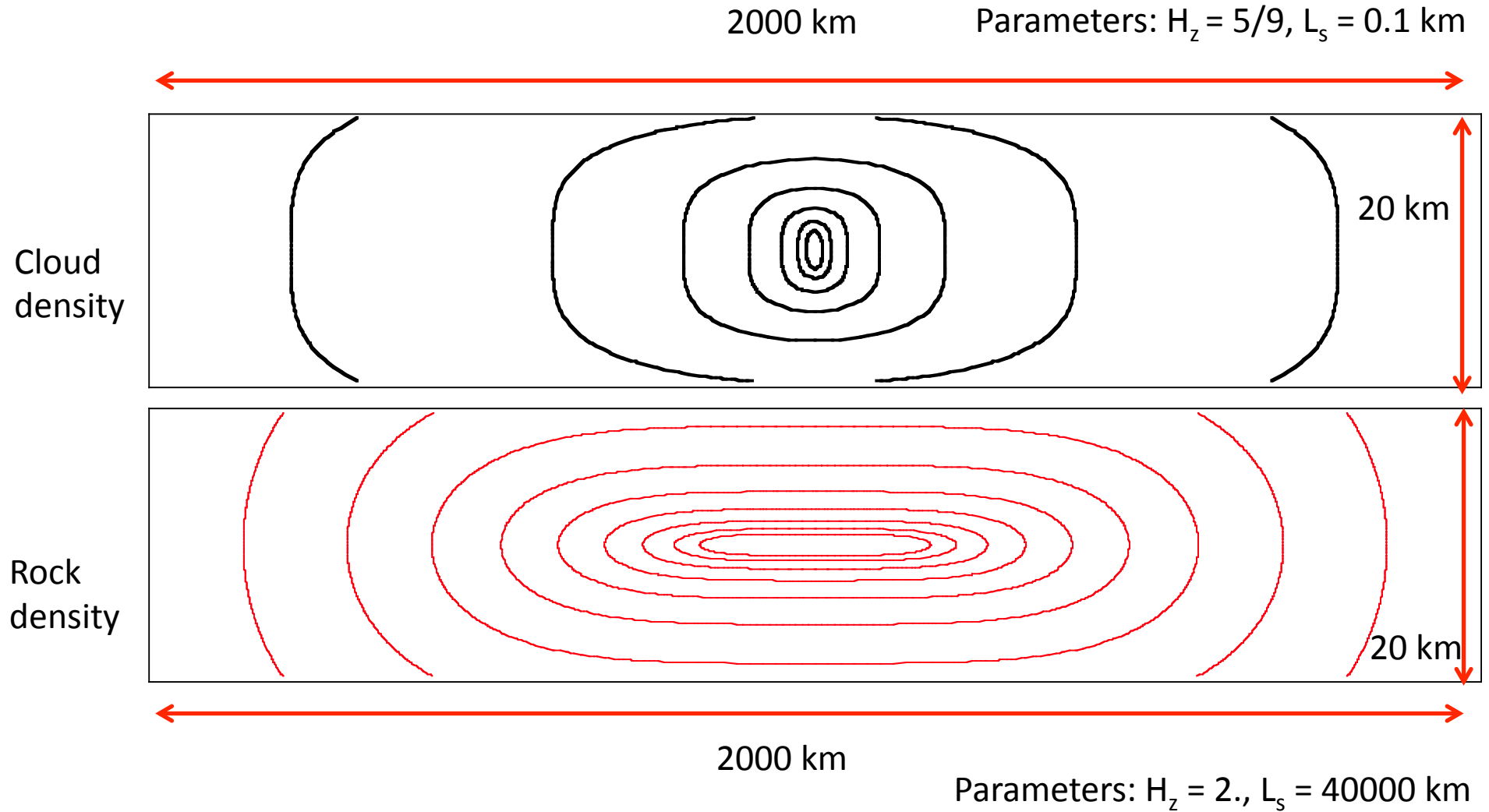
# Simulated magnetization field for horizontally isotropic crustal magnetization



Parameters: are  $H_z = 1.7$ ,  $s = 4$ ,  $H = 0.2$ ,  $\alpha = 1.98$ ,  $C_1 = 0.08$ ,  $l_s = 2500$  km,

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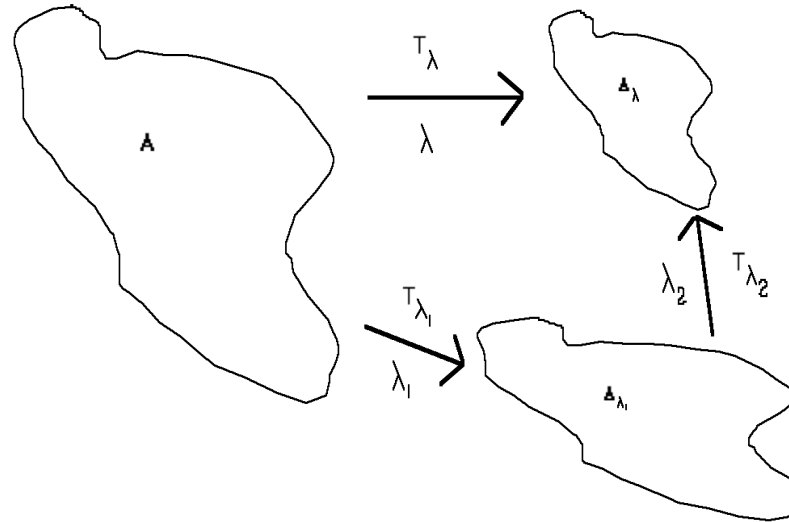
# The unity of geosciences: clouds and rocks



aspect ratios = 1/5

# Generalized Scale Invariance

The scale changing operator  $T_\lambda$  which transforms the scale of vectors by scale ratio  $\lambda$



$T_\lambda$  is the rule relating the statistical properties at one scale to another and involves only the scale ratio. This implies that  $T_\lambda$  has certain properties. In particular, if and only if  $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 = \lambda$ , then:

$$B_\lambda = T_\lambda B_1 = T_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2} B_1 = T_{\lambda_1} B_{\lambda_2} = T_{\lambda_2} B_{\lambda_1}$$

it is also commutative  $T_\lambda = T_{\lambda_2} T_{\lambda_1} = T_{\lambda_1} T_{\lambda_2}$

This implies that  $T_\lambda$  is a one parameter multiplicative group with parameter  $\lambda$ :

$$T_\lambda = \lambda^{-G}$$

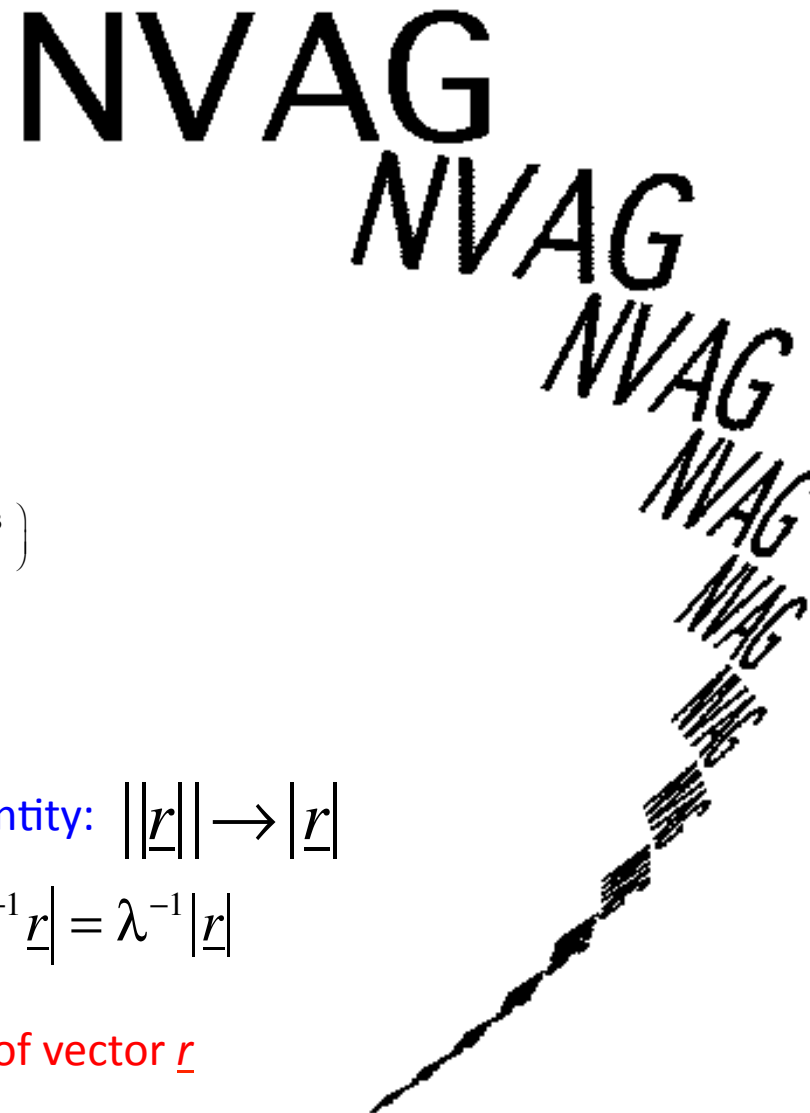
One parameter Lie group, G= generator

# Example of anisotropic “Blow down”

$$T_\lambda = \lambda^{-G}$$

A generalized blow-down with increasing of the acronym “NVAG”. If  $G = I$ , we would have obtained a standard reduction, with all the copies uniformly reduced converging to the centre of the reduction. Here the parameters are  $G = \begin{pmatrix} 1.3 & -1.3 \\ 0.3 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix}$

and each successive reduction is by 28%.



Scale function equation

$$\|\lambda^{-G} \underline{r}\| = \lambda^{-1} \|\underline{r}\|$$

generator      Scale ratio      Scale function: size of vector  $\underline{r}$

G=identity:  $\|\underline{r}\| \rightarrow \|\underline{r}\|$

$$\|\lambda^{-1} \underline{r}\| = \lambda^{-1} \|\underline{r}\|$$

# Scale functions in linear GSI (position independent)

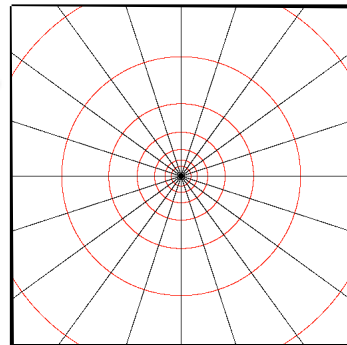
Isotropic  
(self similar)

$$T_\lambda = \lambda^{-G}$$

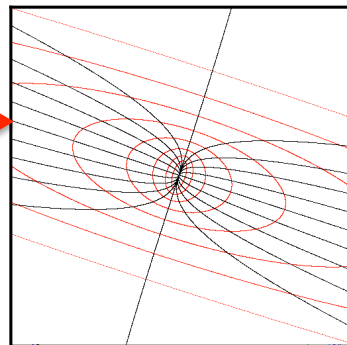
Scale functions

$$\|\lambda^{-G} \underline{r}\| = \lambda^{-1} \|\underline{r}\|$$

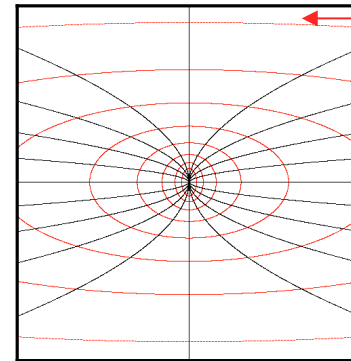
Stratification  
dominant (real  
eigenvalues)



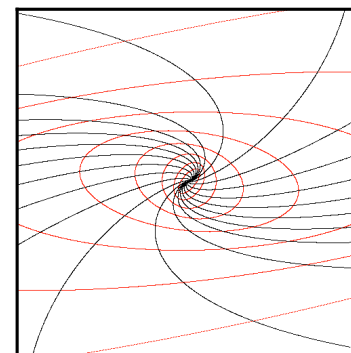
$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1.35 & 0.25 \\ 0.25 & 0.65 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1.35 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.65 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1.35 & -0.45 \\ 0.85 & 0.65 \end{pmatrix}$$

Scale isolines in  
red  $\|\underline{r}\| = \text{constant}$

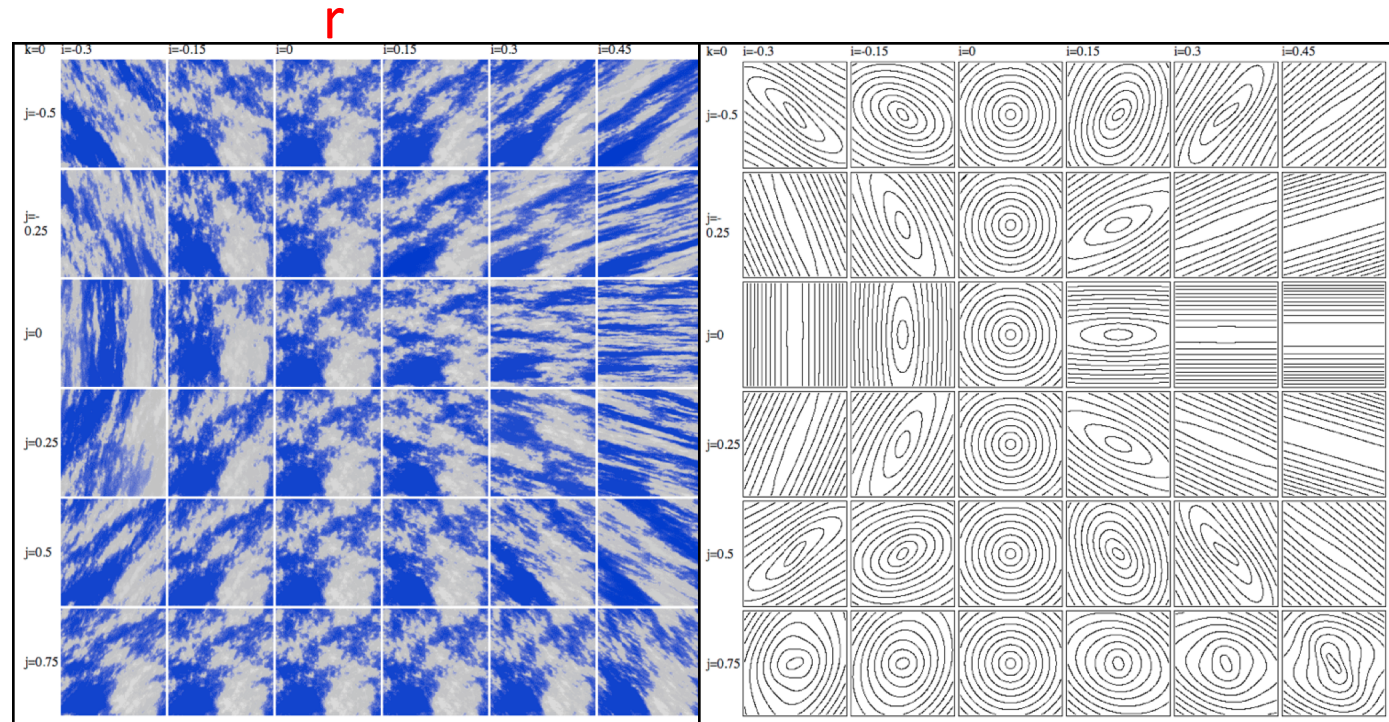
Self-affine

Rotation  
dominant  
(complex  
eigenvalues)

## Roundish unit ball

$k = 0$ : we vary  $r$  (denoted  $i$ ) from  $-0.3, -0.15, \dots, 0.45$  left to right and  $e$  (denoted  $j$ ) from  $-0.5, -0.25, \dots, 0.75$  top to bottom. On the right we show the contours of the corresponding scale functions.

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & r - e \\ r + e & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad e$$



## Highly anisotropic unit ball: $k = 10$

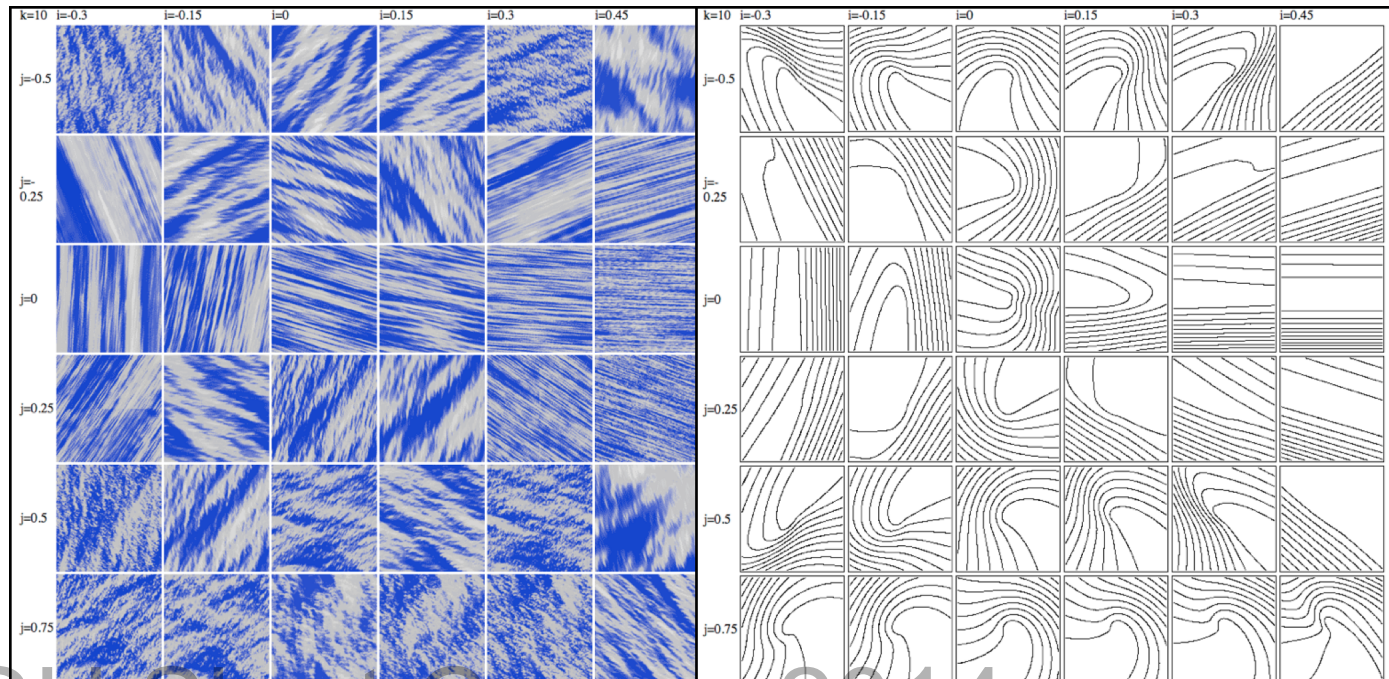
Polar coordinate scale function for unit ball

$$\|r\| = r\Theta(\theta'') = 1 \quad \text{with}$$

$$\Theta(\theta'') = 1 + \frac{1 - 2^{-k}}{1 + 2^{-k}} \cos \theta''$$

Hence:

$$\max(\Theta(\theta'')) / \min(\Theta(\theta'')) = 2^k$$

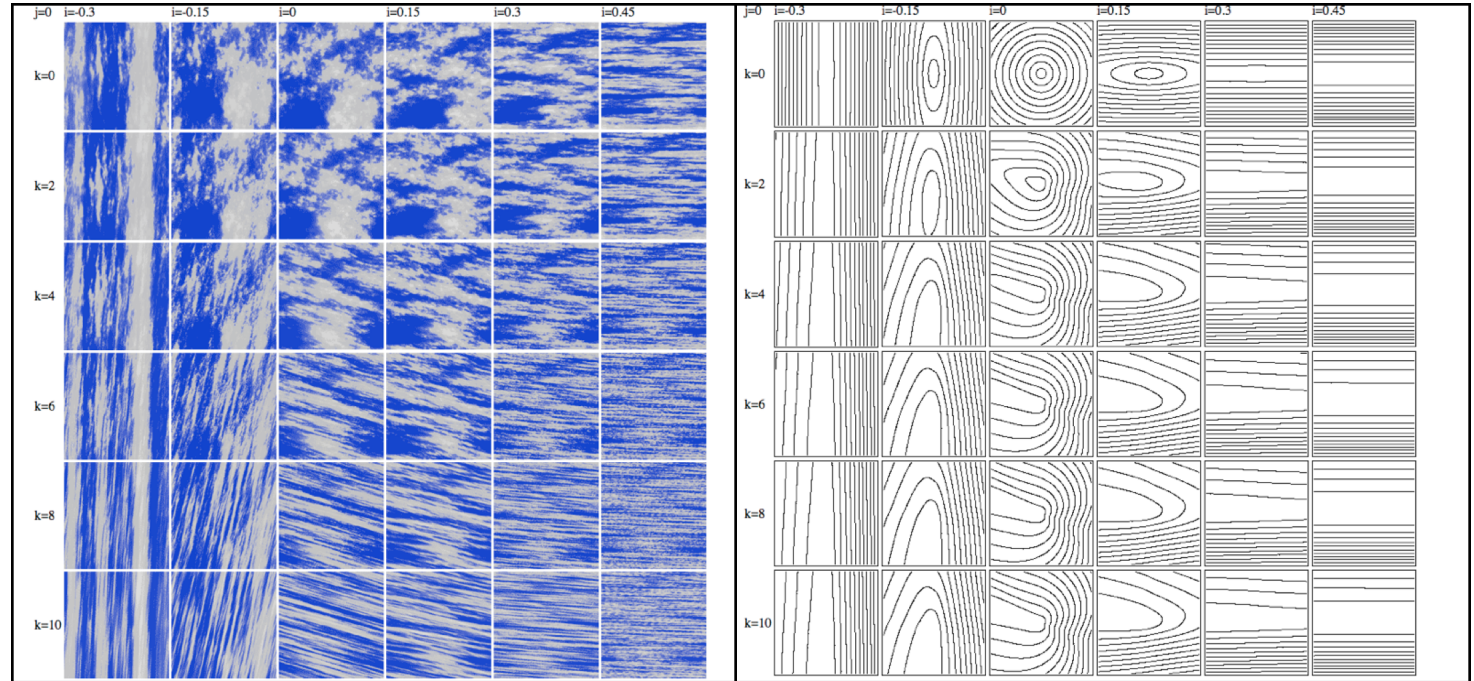


$e = 0$

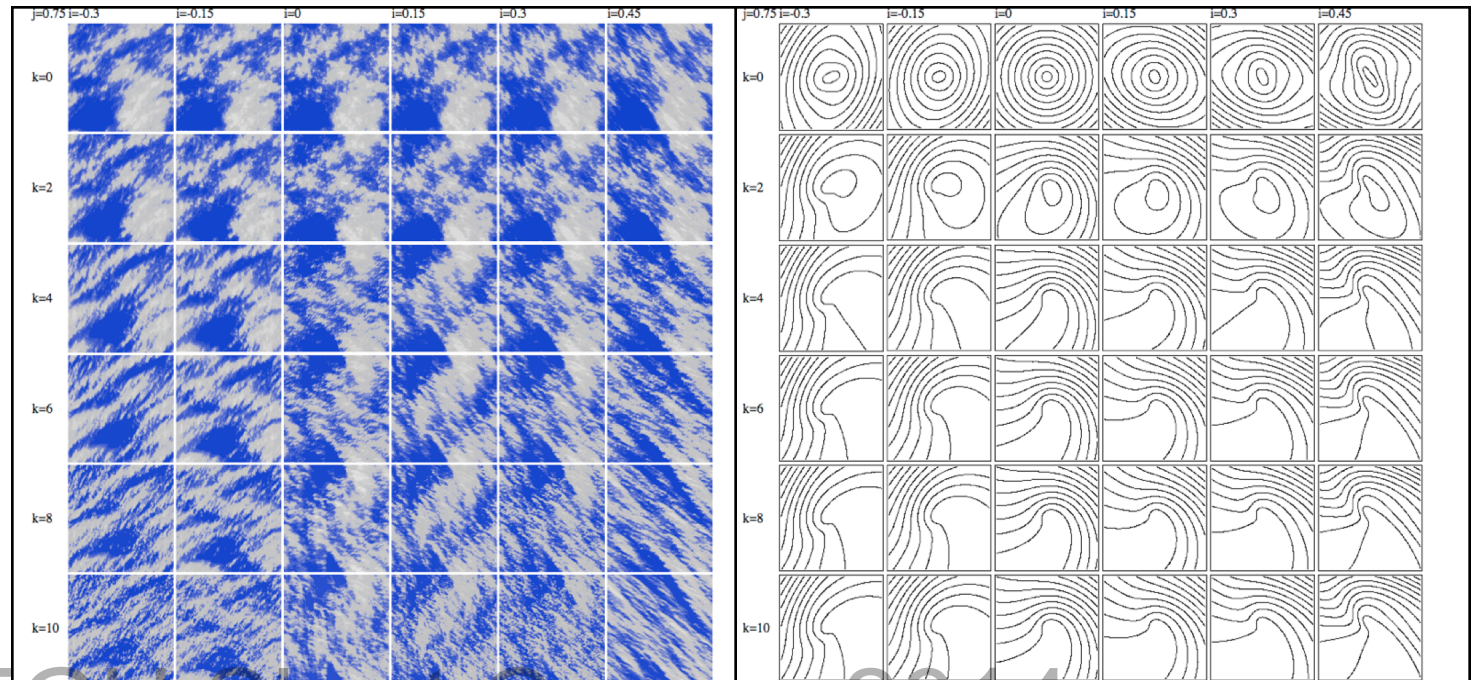
$r$  is increased from -0.3, -0.15, ...0.45 left to right, from top to bottom,  $k$  is increased from 0, 2, 4, ..10.

$k$

$r$



$e = 0.75$



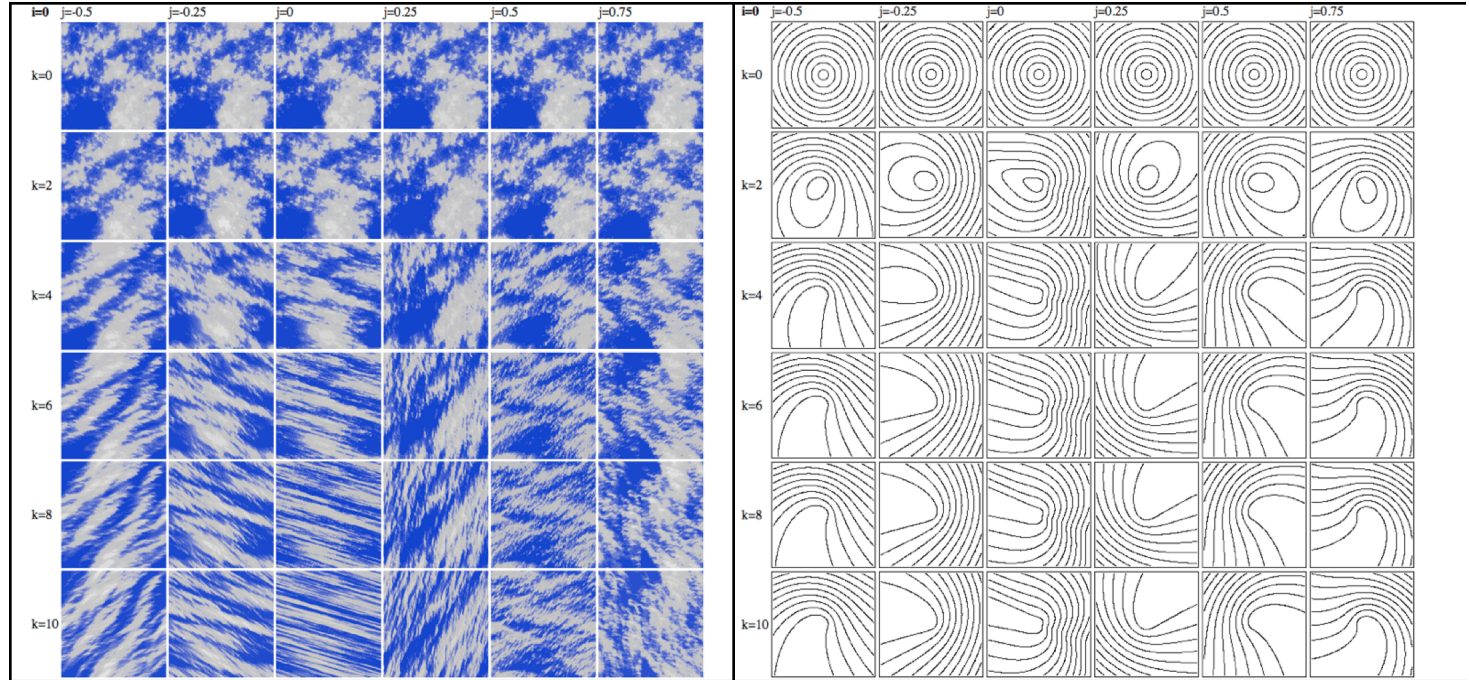


$e$

$r = 0$

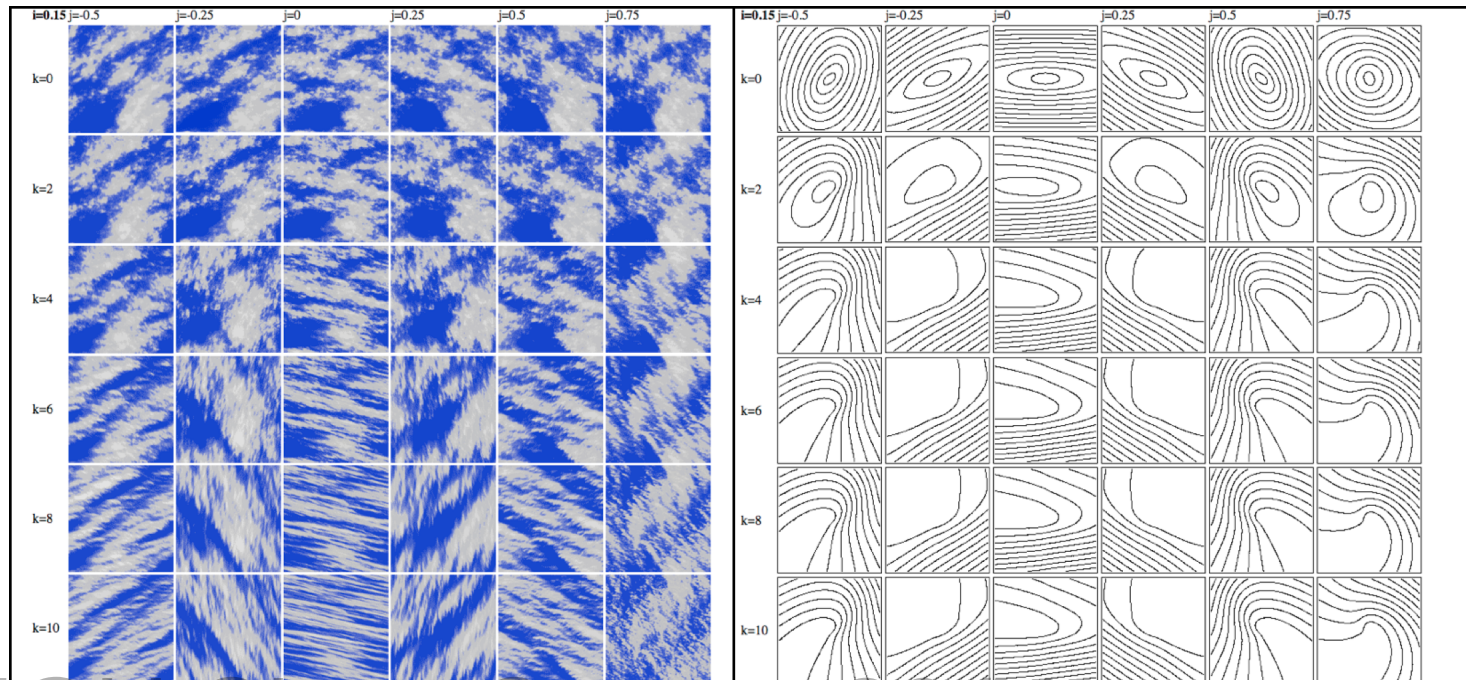
$e$  left to right is:  
-0.5, -0.25, ...0.75.

$k$



$r = 0.15$

In all rows, from  
top to bottom,  $k$   
is increased (0,  
2, 4,..10),



# Changing G

<http://www.physics.mcgill.ca/~gang/multifrac/index.htm>



## multifractal explorer

all for circular sphero-scale

| introduction | multifractals | clouds | topography | misc | movies | glossary | publications |  
| isotropic | self-affine | GSI |

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1-i & -j \\ j & 1+i \end{pmatrix}$$

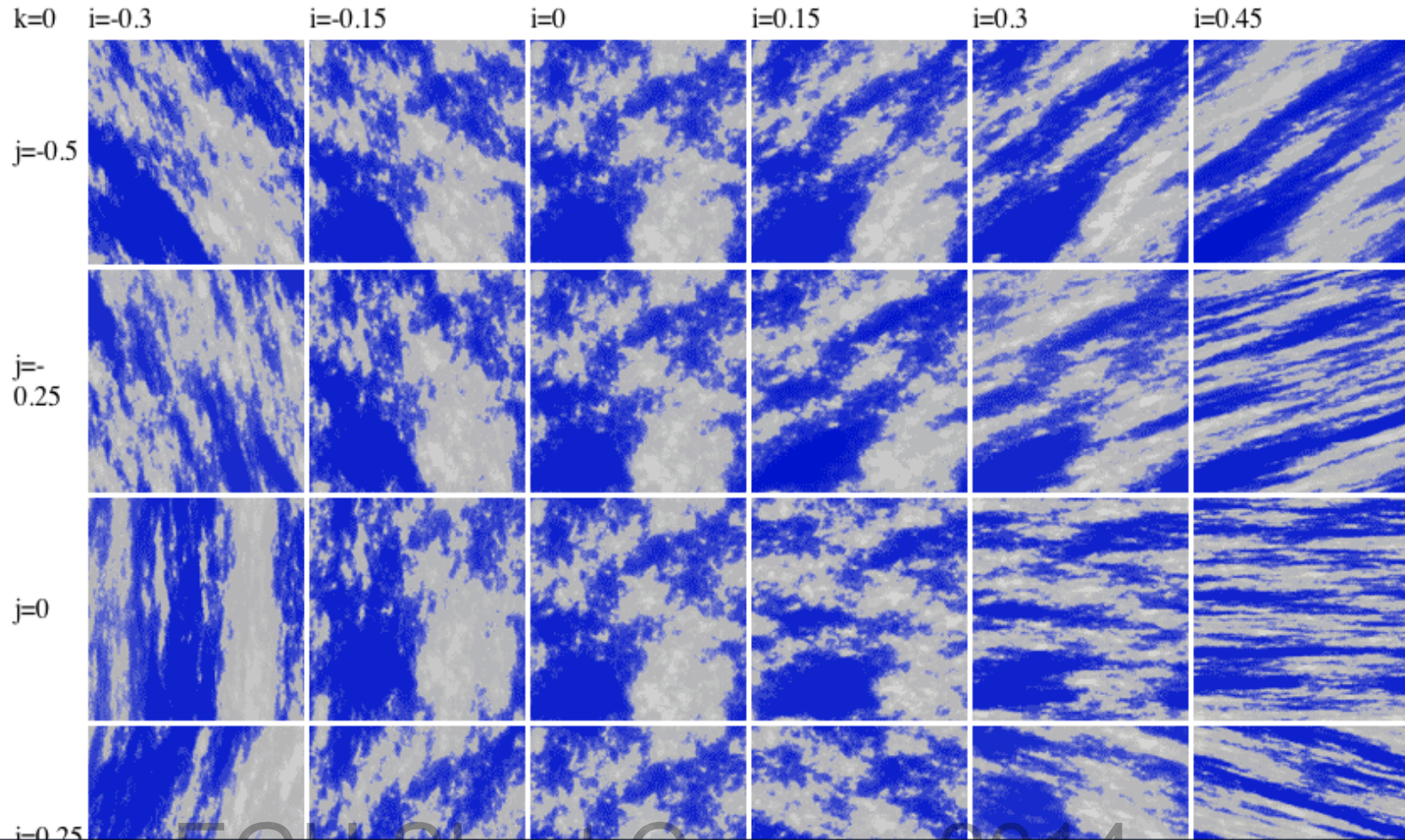
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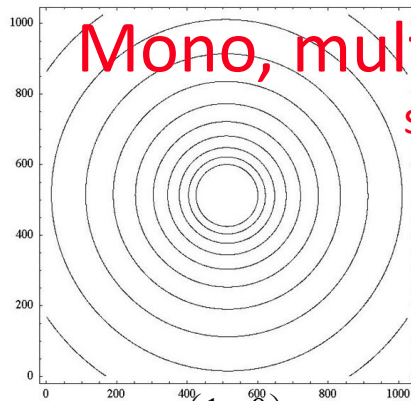
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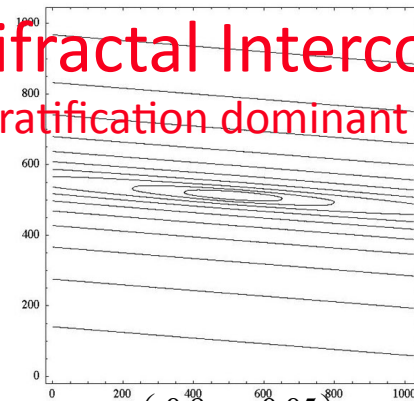


# Mono, multifractal Intercomparison, stratification dominant

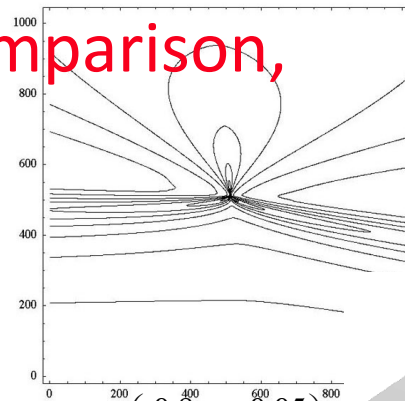
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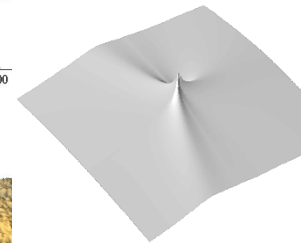
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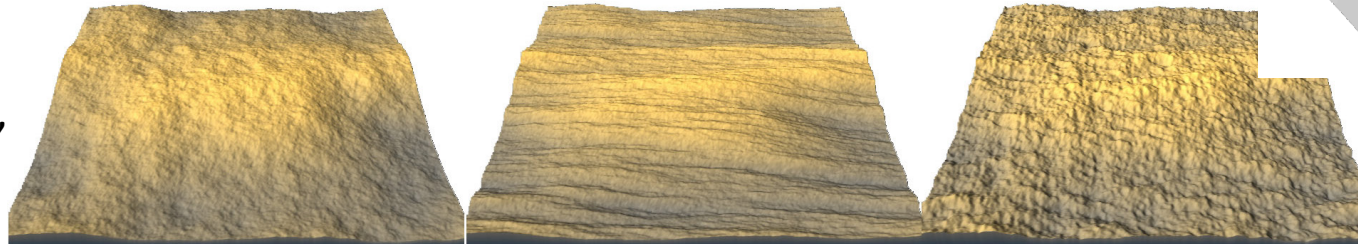
$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & -0.05 \\ 0.05 & 1.2 \end{pmatrix}$$



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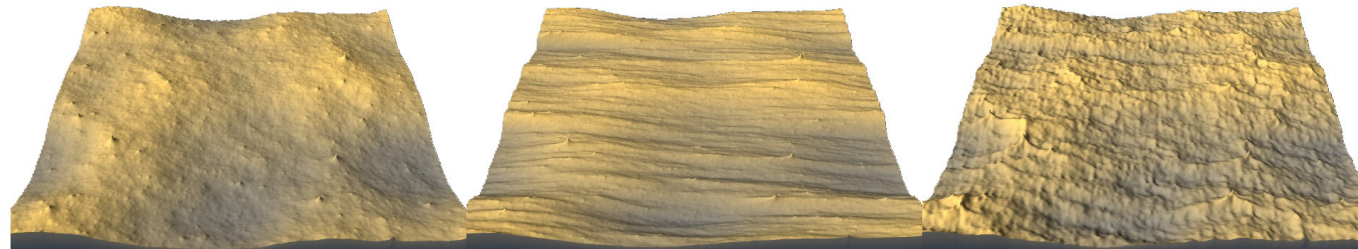
Fractional Brownian motion,  
 $H=0.7$



$$\langle \Delta h(\Delta r)^q \rangle \approx \Delta r^{qH-K(q)}$$

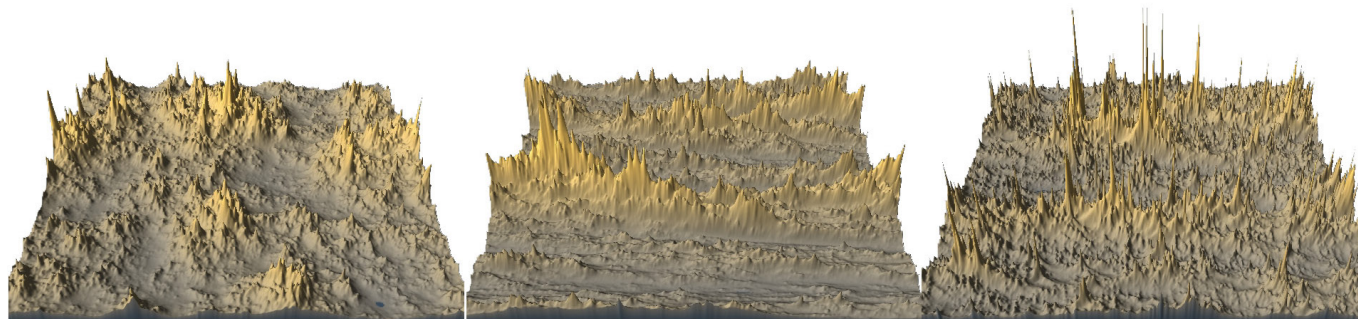
$$K(q) = 0$$

Fractional Levy motion,  
 $H=0.7, \alpha = 1.8$



Multifractal FIF  
 $H=0.7, \alpha = 1.8,$   
 $C_1=0.12$

$$K(q) = \frac{C_1}{\alpha-1} (q^\alpha - q)$$



isotropic

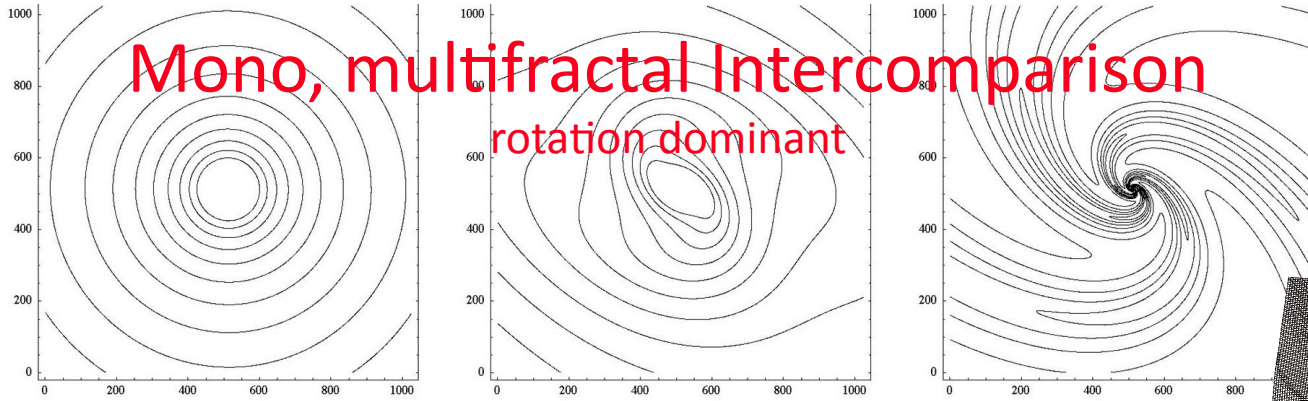
Anisotropic no trivial anisotropy

Anisotropic with trivial anisotropy

# Mono, multifractal Intercomparison

rotation dominant

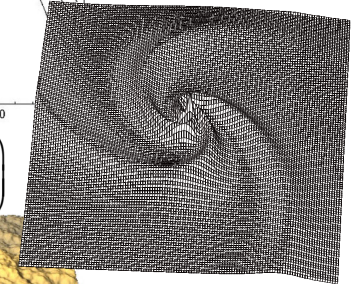
Contours of the scale functions



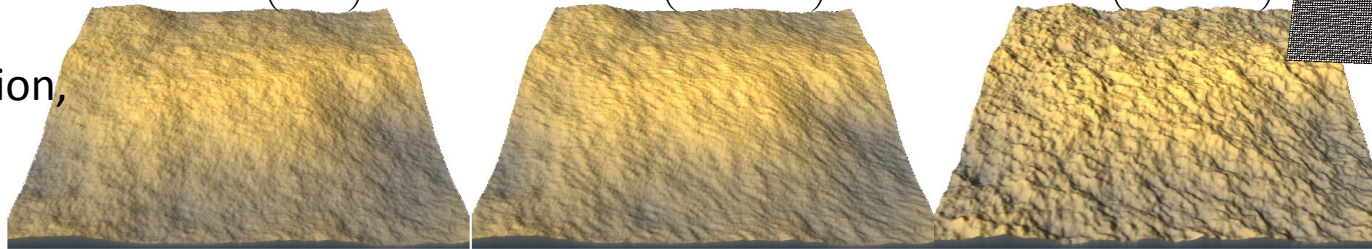
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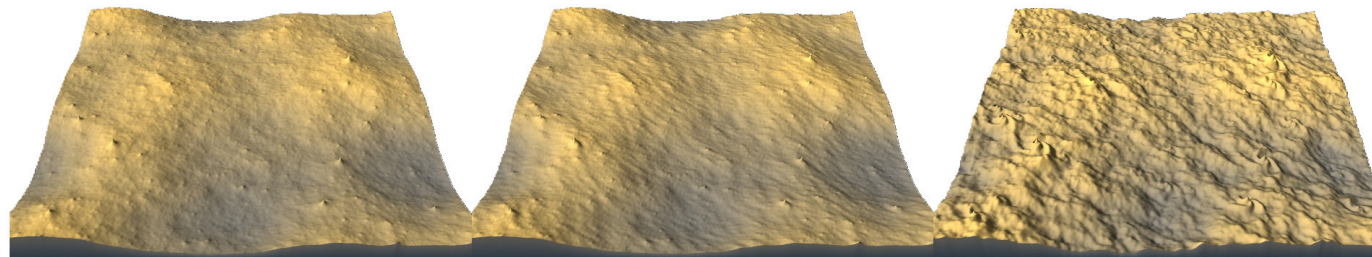
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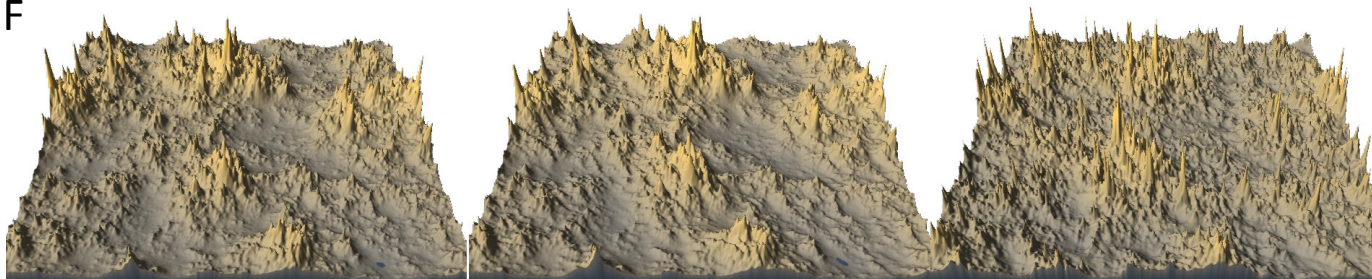
Fractional Brownian motion,  $H=0.7$



Fractional Levy motion,  $H=0.7$ ,  $\alpha=1.8$



Multifractal, FIF  
 $H=0.7$ ,  $\alpha=1.8$ ,  
 $C_1=0.12$



isotropic

Anisotropic no trivial anisotropy

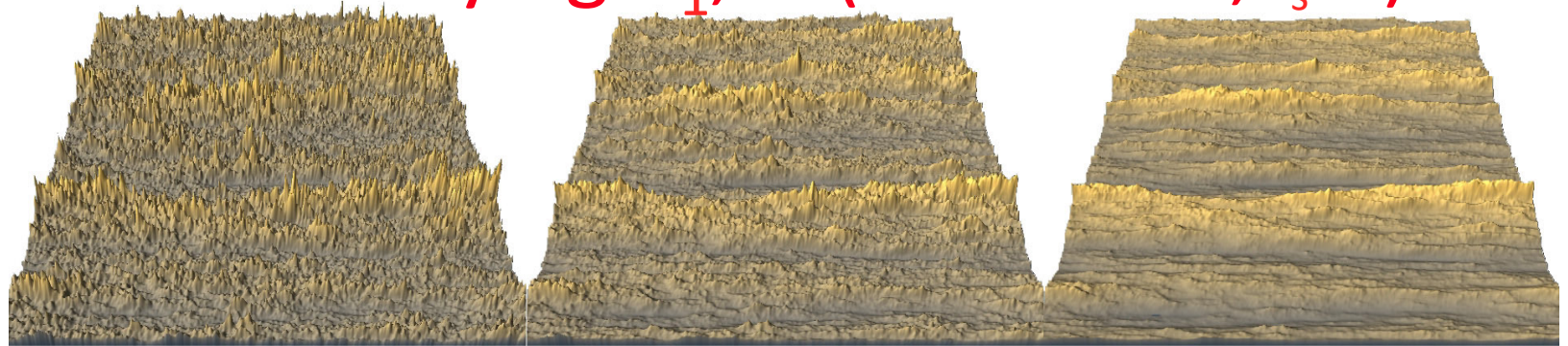
Anisotropic with trivial anisotropy

# Effect of varying $C_1$ , $H$ (self-affine, $l_s=1$ )

$C_1=0.05$

All:

$\alpha=1.8$



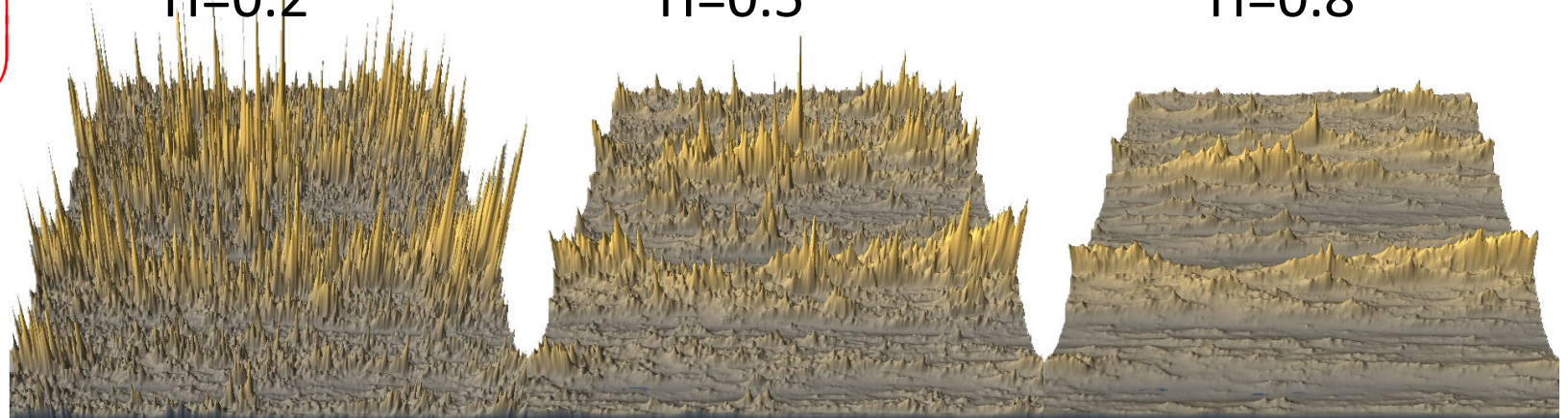
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H=0.2

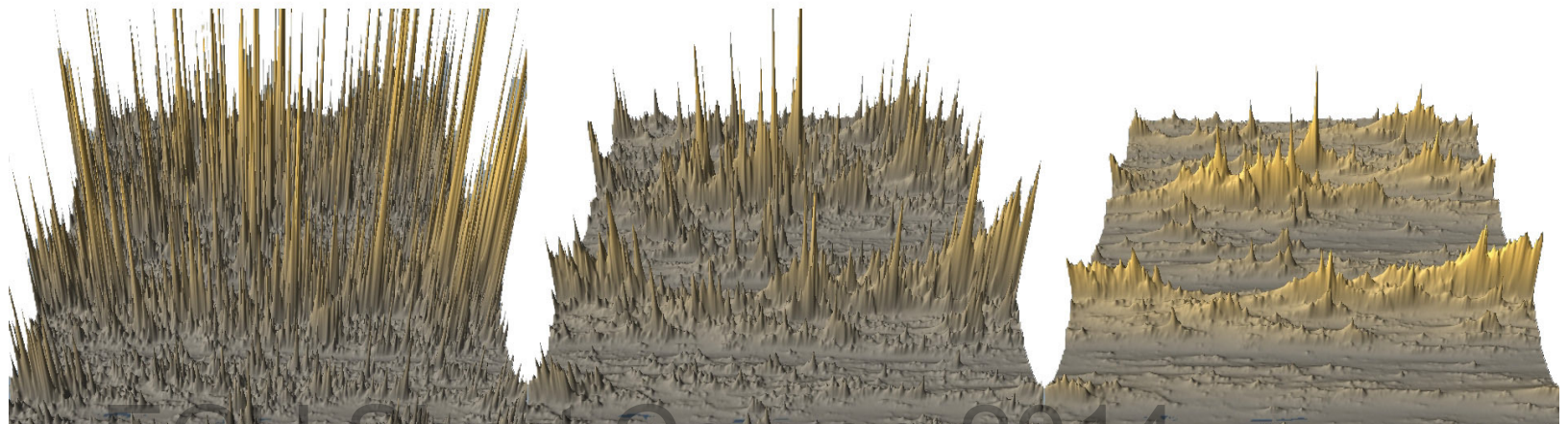
H=0.5

H=0.8

$C_1=0.15$



$C_1=0.25$

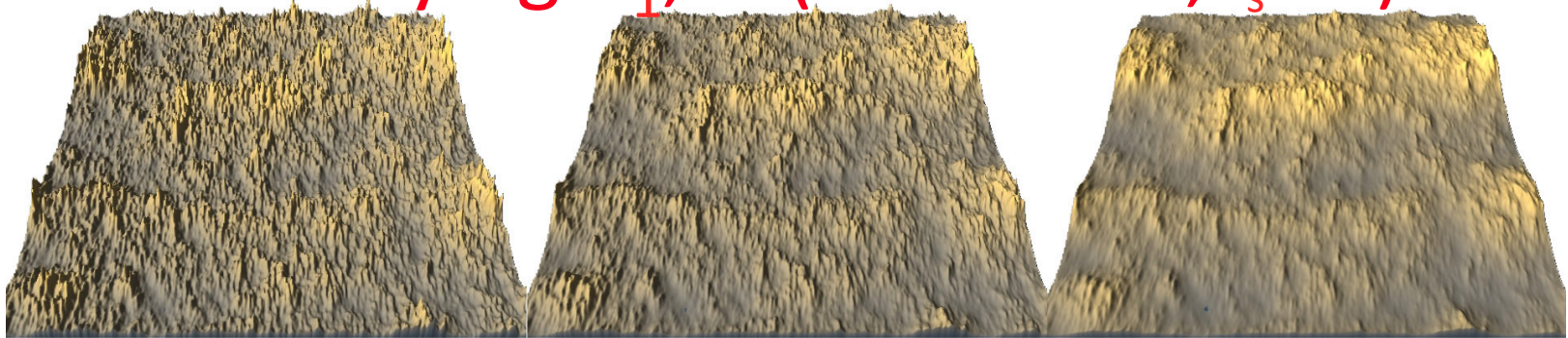


# Effect of varying $C_1$ , $H$ (self-affine, $l_s=64$ )

$C_1=0.05$

All:

$\alpha=1.8$



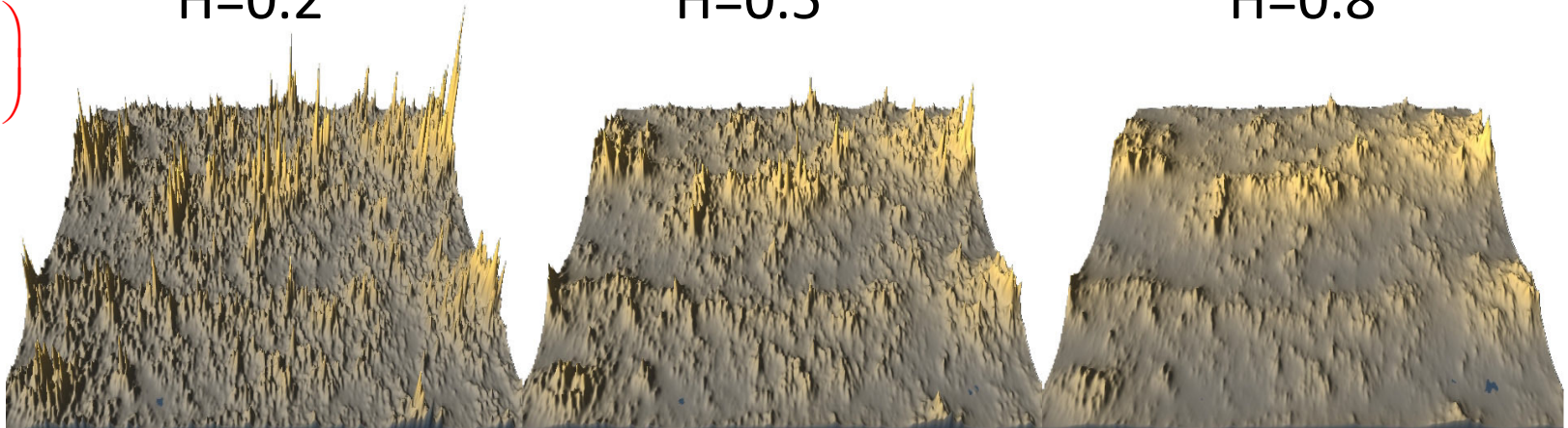
H=0.2

H=0.5

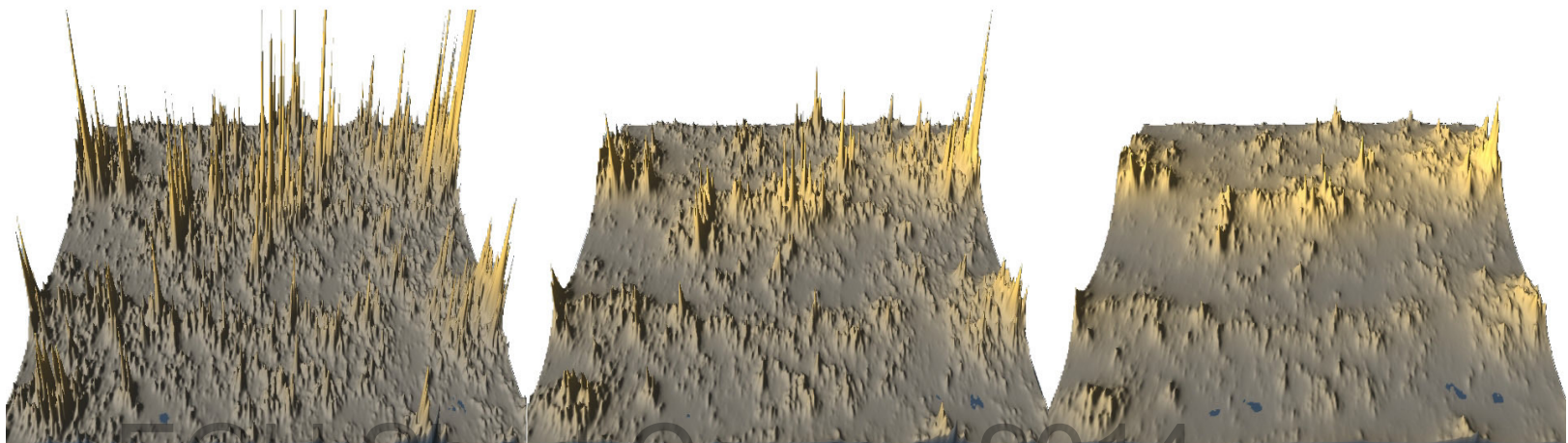
H=0.8

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$C_1=0.15$



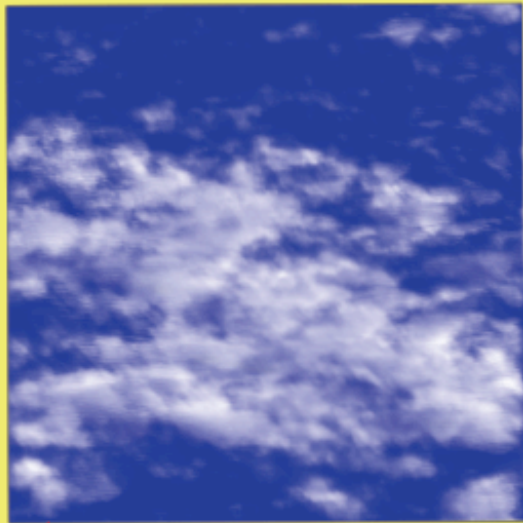
$C_1=0.25$



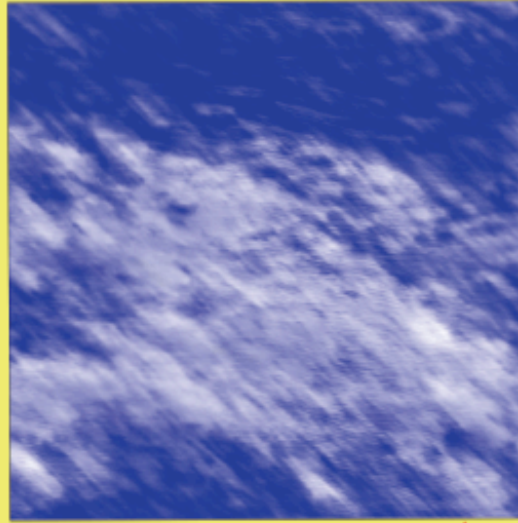
Extension from space  
to space-time  
(including waves)

Cascades from localized to increasingly unlocalized structures:

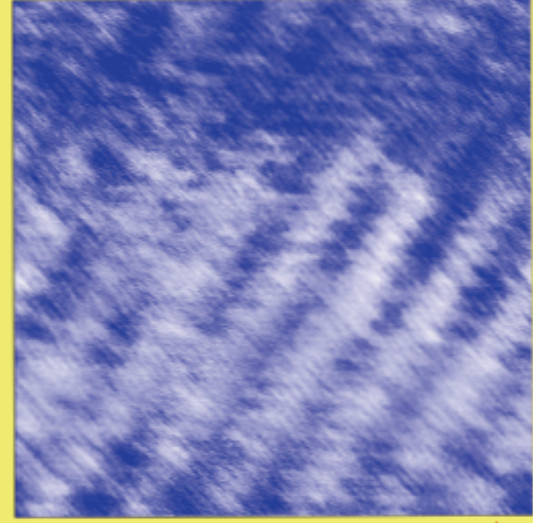
$$H_{\text{wav}} = 1/3 - H_{\text{tur}}$$



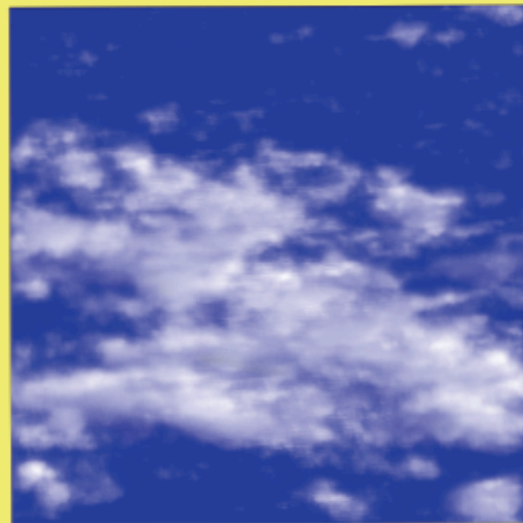
↑  $H_{\text{wav}} = 0.22$



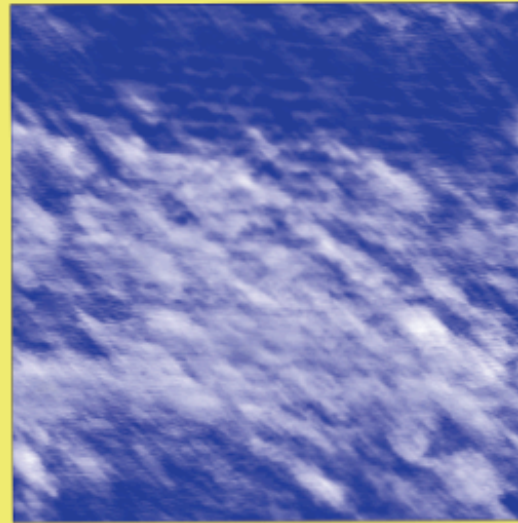
$H_{\text{wav}} = 0.37$  ↑



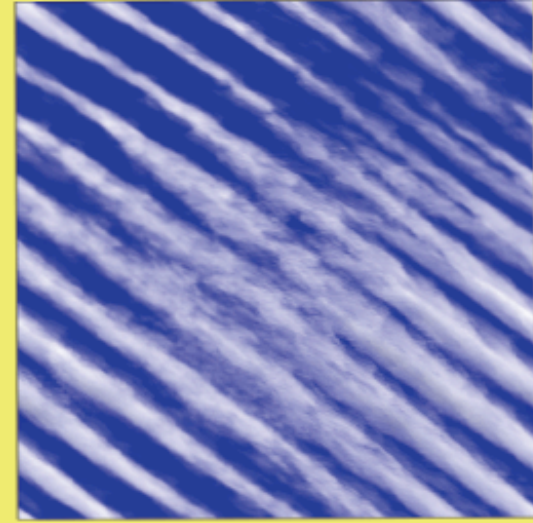
$H_{\text{wav}} = 0.52$  ↑



$H_{\text{wav}} = 0.0$



$H_{\text{wav}} = 0.33$



$H_{\text{wav}} = 0.47$

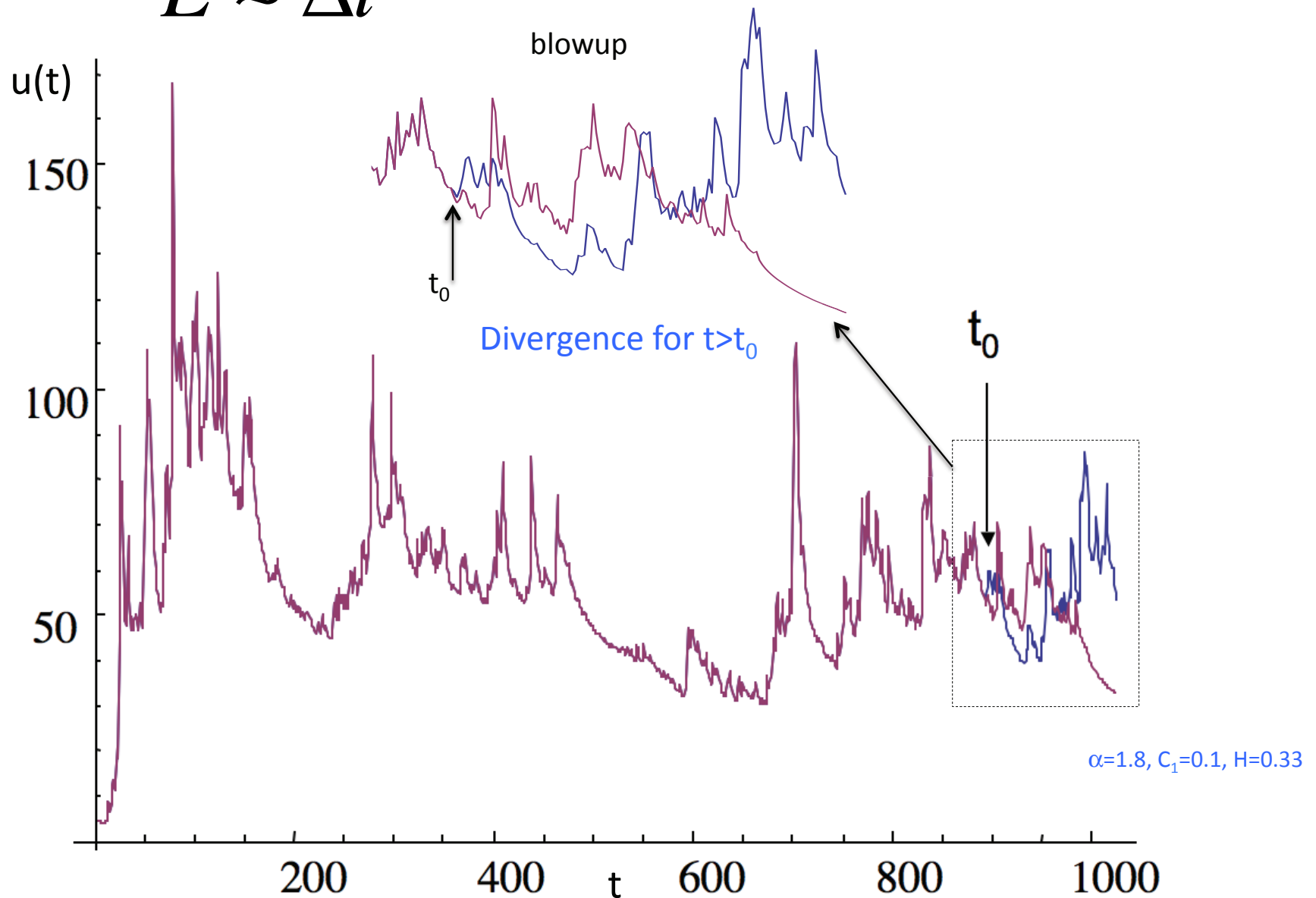


# Predictability and stochastic forecasting

Predictability limits algebraic:

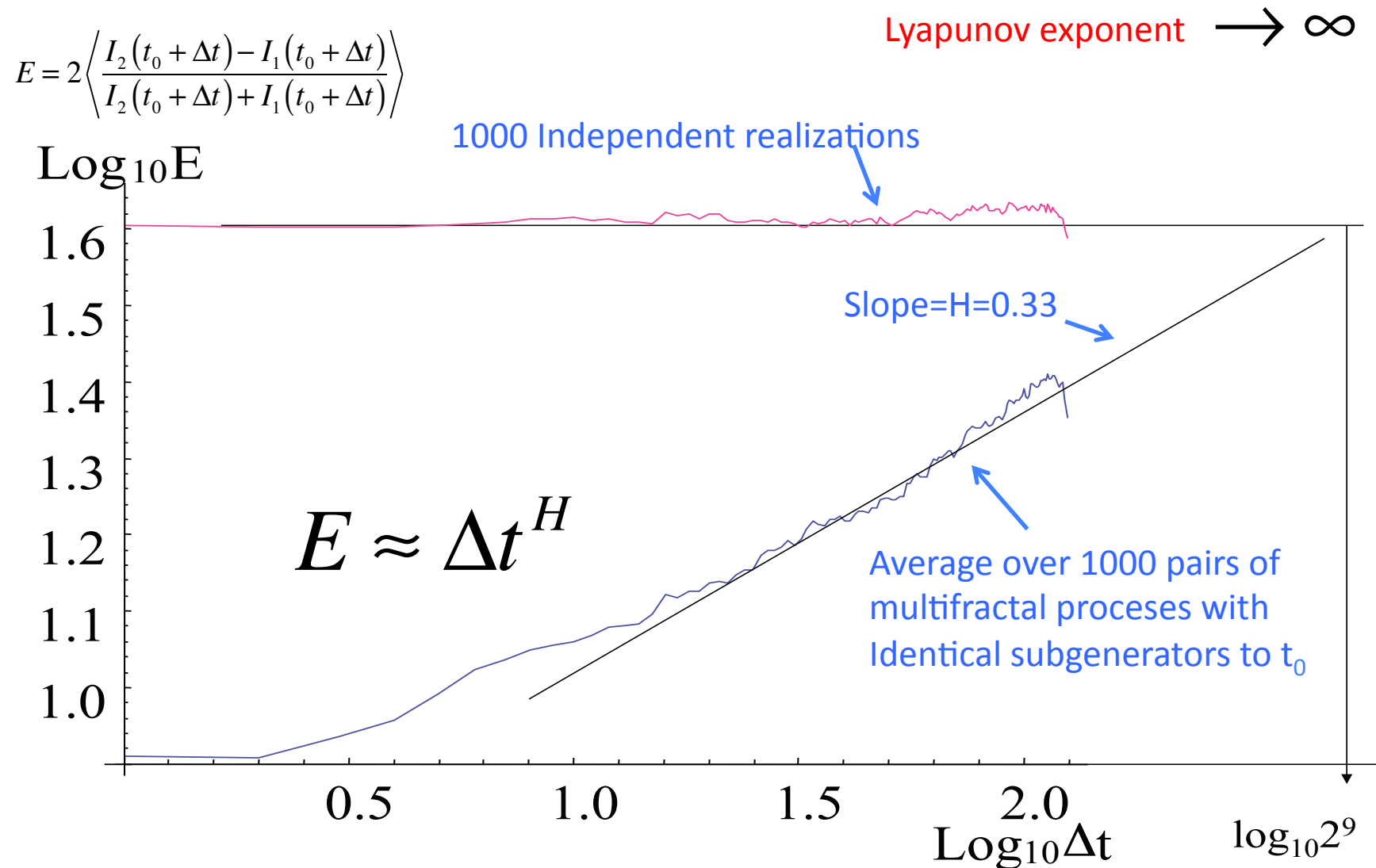
Prediction error:  $E \approx \Delta t^H$

Lyapunov exponent  $\rightarrow \infty$

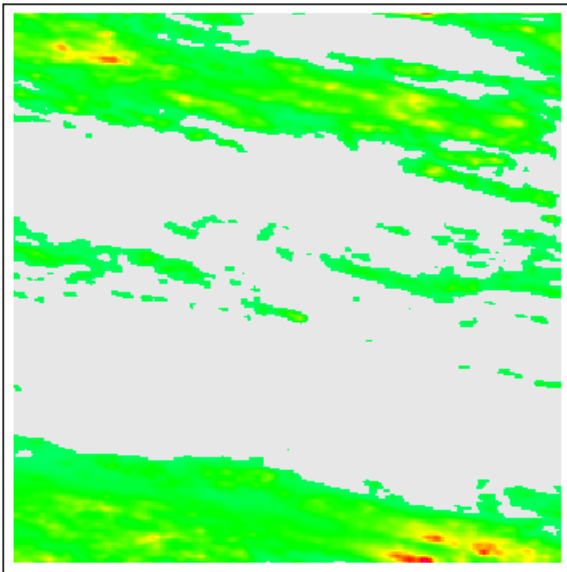


Two multifractal processes with identical subgenerators to  $t_0$

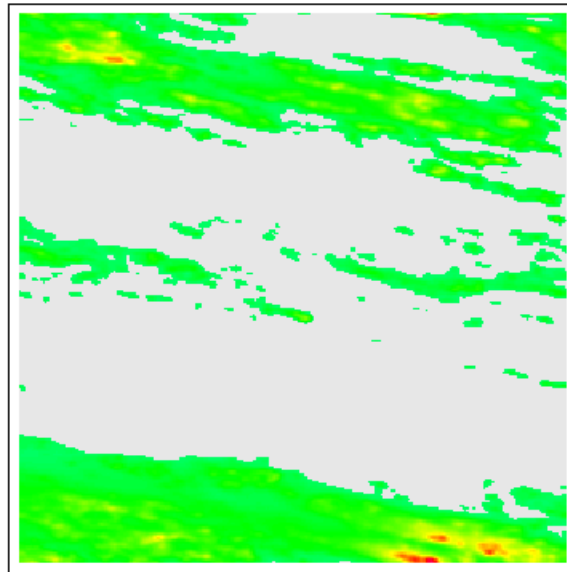
# Algebraic divergence of realizations



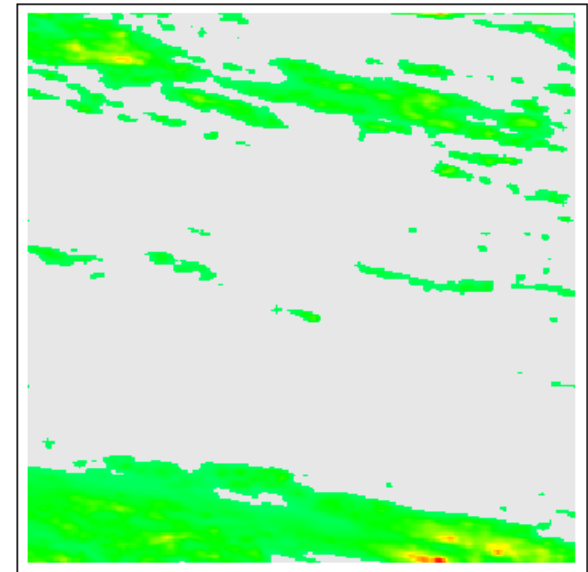
# Space-time Cascades, stochastic nowcasting (rain)



Realization A



Realization B



Forecast based on first  
16 time steps

(all same initially)

# Conclusions

1. High level stochastic turbulence laws emerge from (deterministic) continuum mechanics at strong nonlinearity
2. Regimes: Weather, macroweather, climate
3. Analysis techniques: Haar fluctuations: accurate yet simple to interpret
4. Generalize classical laws: a) : Intermittency using cascades  
b) wide range of scales using anisotropic scaling, stratification
5. Unity of the geosciences: anisotropic scaling, multifractality

