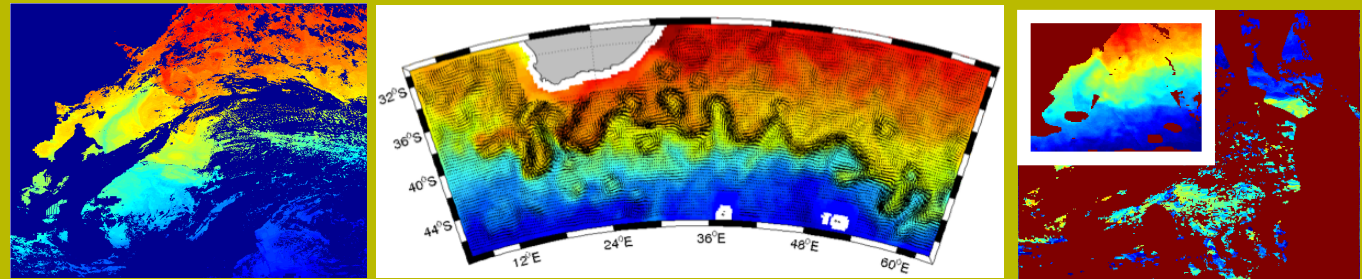




Stochastic models for texture geometry: application to texture recognition and super-resolution



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Telecom Bretagne

- Yearly budget: 38 M€ - 70 % from State grant (Ministry of Industry)
- Staff: 354
 - 154 Professors
 - 20 full-time researchers
- > 1000 Students (MSc, PhD)
- UMR LabSTICC, équipe TOMS (~50 pers.)

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school

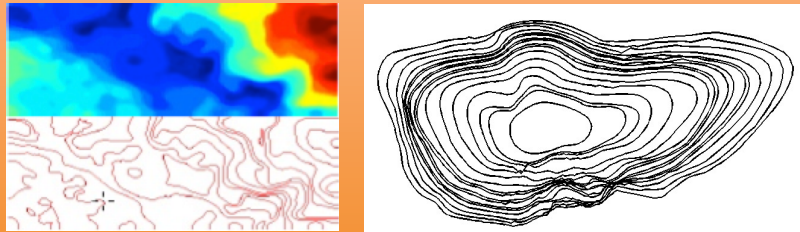
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Remote sensing group: research interests

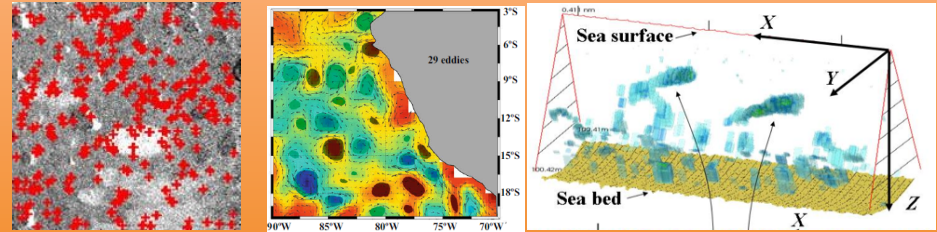
Image and shape geometry, stochastic geometry

Extraction of geometric information
Multiscale geometric pattern



[e.g., CVIU'2008, GRSL'2011]

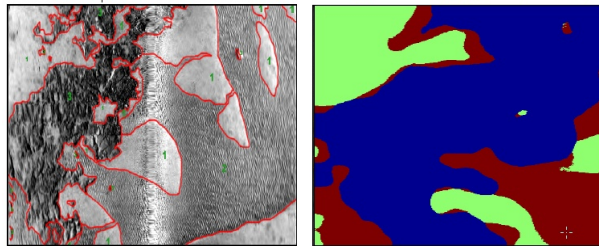
Distribution of local signatures
Random point process



[e.g., IEEE GRS 2011, CVPR'2011]

Learning and classification

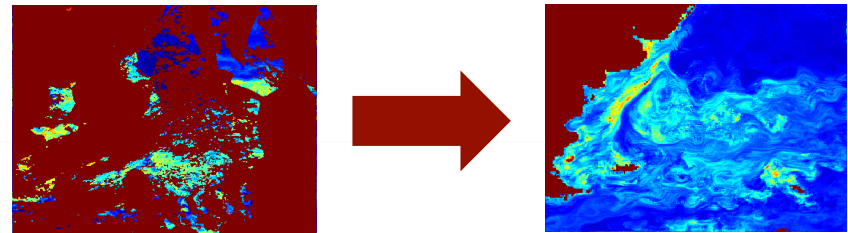
Weakly supervised learning
Texture recognition and classification
Statistical downscaling/super-resolution



[e.g., IEEE IP 2010, ECCV'2010]

Variational methods

Detection and tracking
Missing data interpolation
Multiscale assimilation



[e.g., IEEE IP 2010, ECCV'2006]

Remote sensing group: application to marine ecology and oceanography

Biocalcified archives

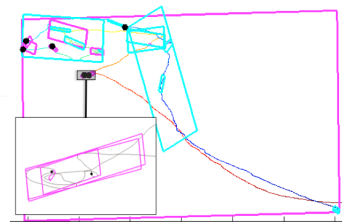
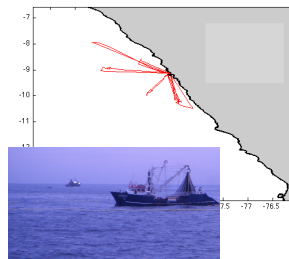
Morphogenesis
Bio-energetic biomineralization models



[e.g., CVIU'2008, PLOS One'2011]

Movement ecology

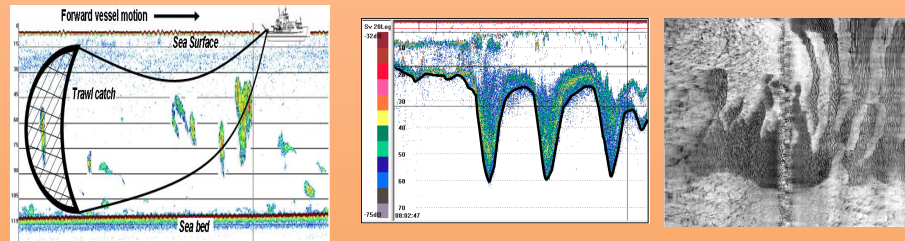
Random walk models
Multiscale pattern detection
State-space models



[e.g., RFIA'2012]

Sonar ocean sensing

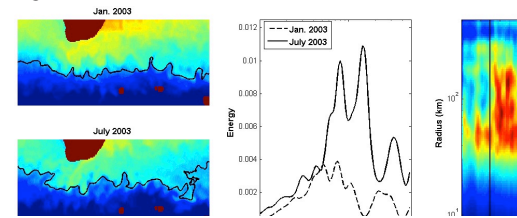
Seabed mapping
Sonar imaging of the pelagic system



[e.g., GRSL 2011, IEEE GRS 2011, IEEE IP 2011]

Satellite ocean sensing

Statistical models of ocean turbulence
Multiscale interpolation
Geophysical field assimilation

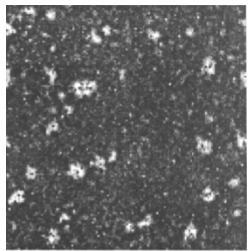
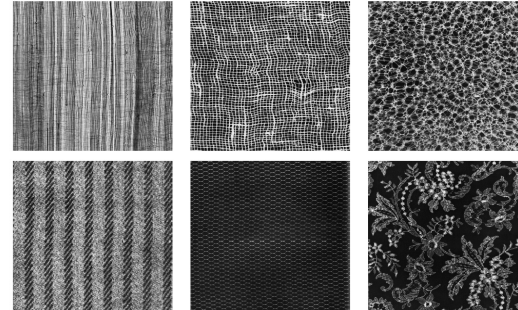


[e.g., GRSL'2011, TGRS'2013, ICASSP'2013]

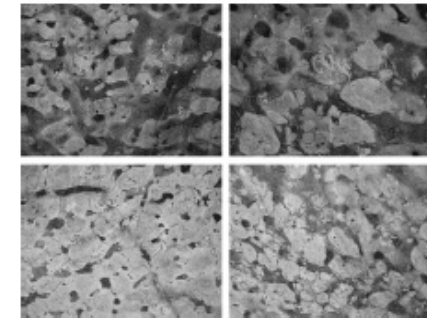


Texture modelling and recognition: a long story

Haralick features (70's)
Cooccurrence matrices
Brodatz textures



Gabor filters
Oriented filters (80's)



AR models,
MRFs 80's, 90's

Invariance to geometric
transforms (rotation) (90's)

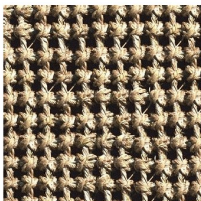
Pyramid-based models (90's)
FRAME (1998)

Local signatures (2004-)
Invariances: contrast &
geometry

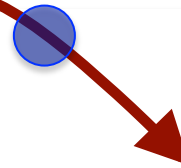


Exemplar-based and patch-
based models (2000-)

New texture databases



Gaussian random fields(2012),
Multiplicative cascades (2007)





Texture modelling and recognition: texture geometry

- «Independence» of contrast and geometry component in images

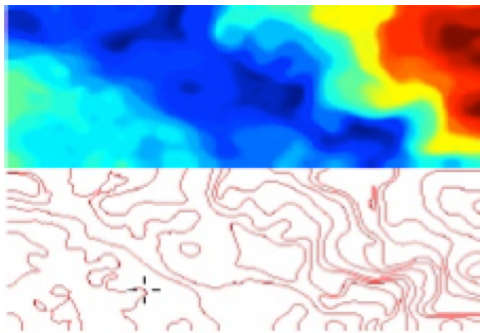
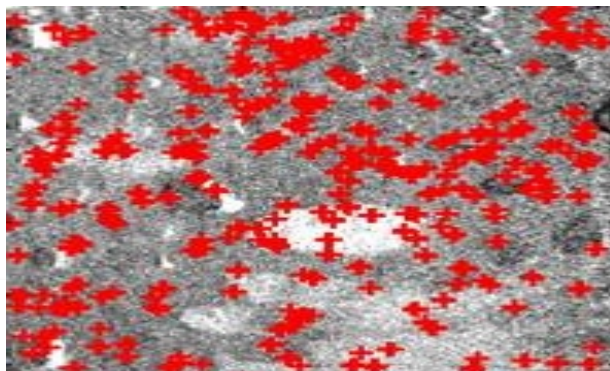
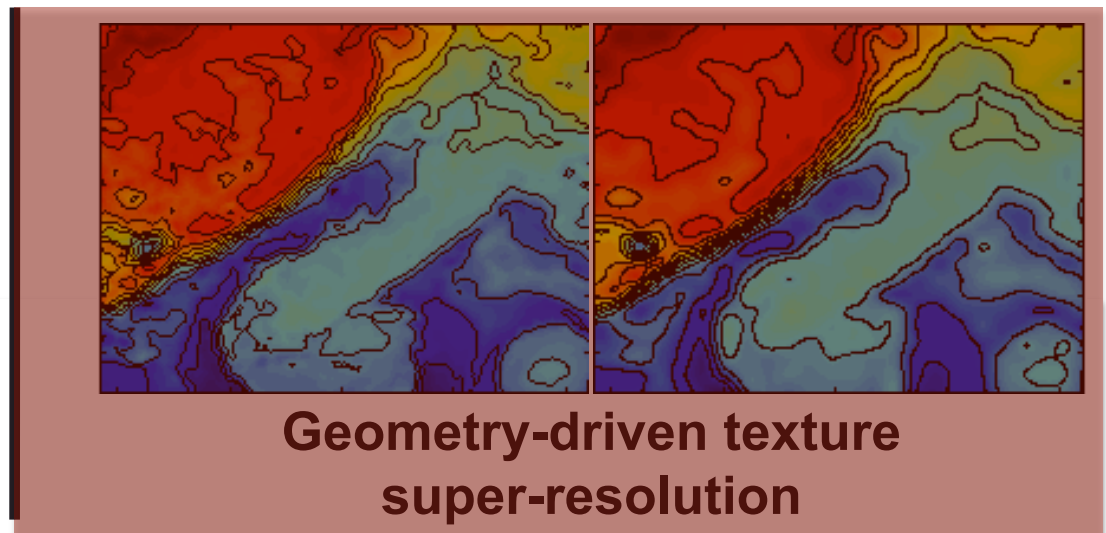


Image representation based on their level-lines [Monasse, 2000]

- Which representations for texture geometry?



Spatial distribution of local features for texture recognition



Geometry-driven texture super-resolution



Oceanic regimes from SST observations: context and objectives

■ Scalar tracers as markers of turbulence regimes

- Passive transport (advection-diffusion)

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + v \cdot \nabla T = \nu \Delta T$$

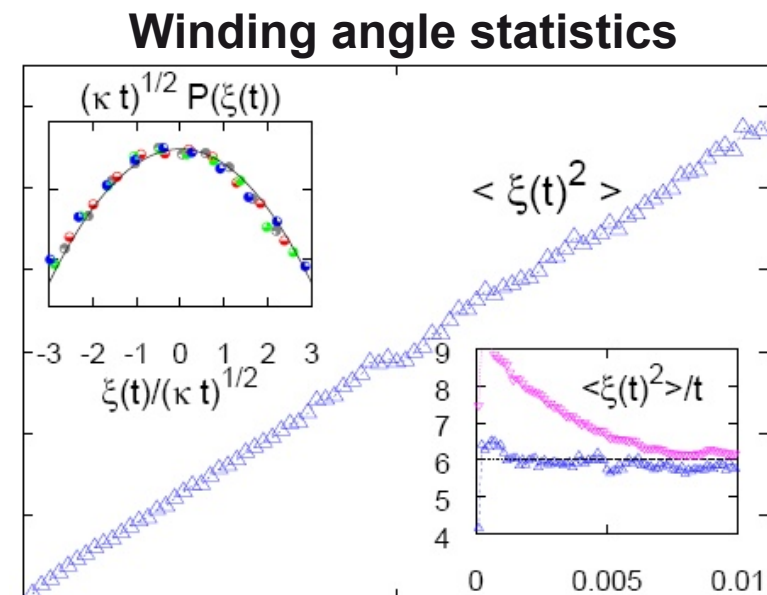
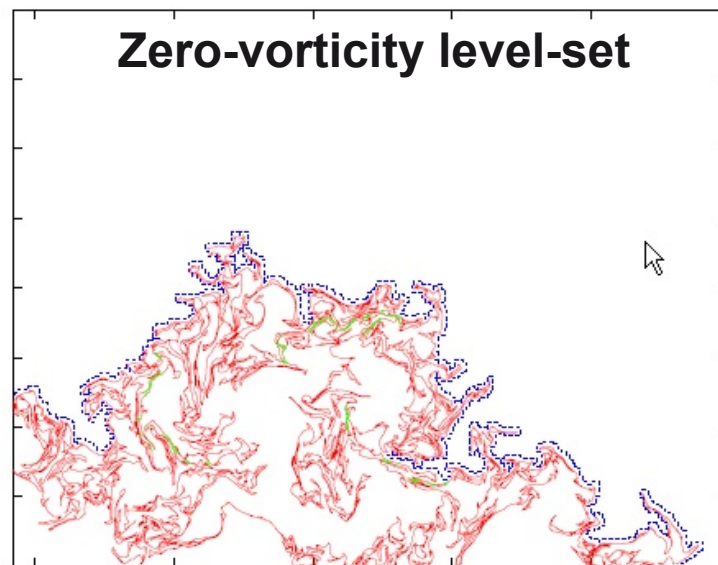
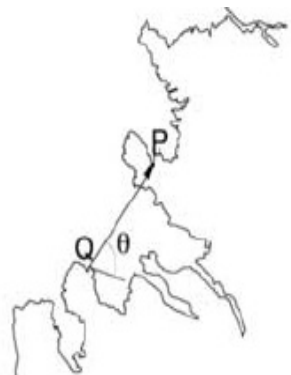
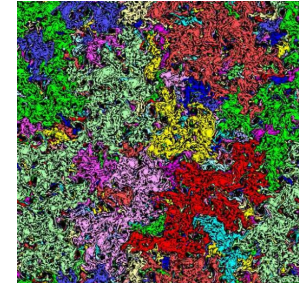
- Coupled 3D dynamics of flow velocities and temperatures, SQG model [Klein et al.]
 - **Temperature becomes an active tracer**
 - 3D dynamics determined by surface dynamics
 - Alpha-turbulence model



SST-based Markers of oceanic regimes

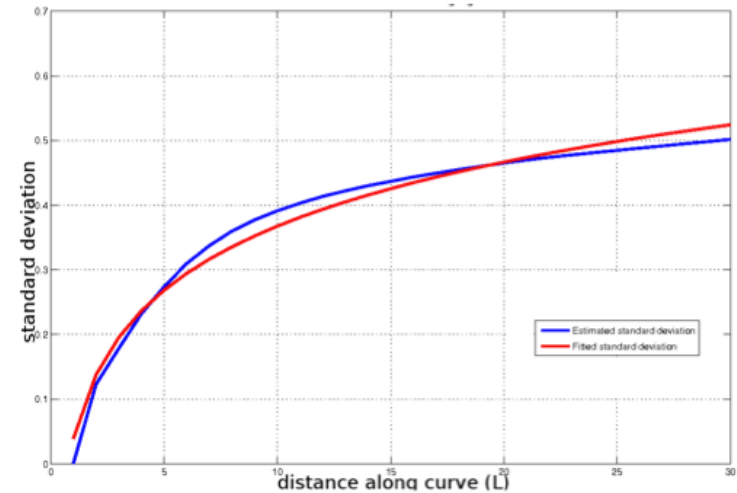
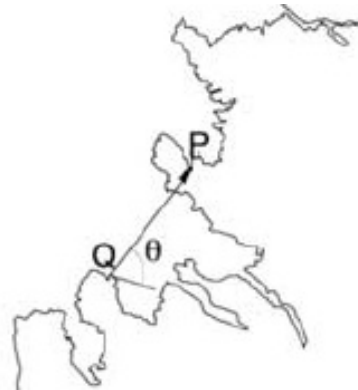
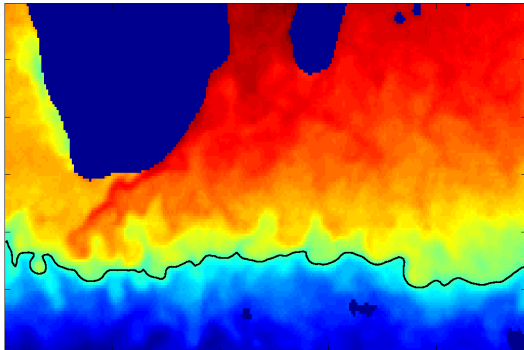
■ Background and motivations

- Turbulence involves fractal « textural » features
- Statistical geometric properties of 2D turbulence [e.g., Bernard et al., 2006] (***SLE process, conformal invariance***)



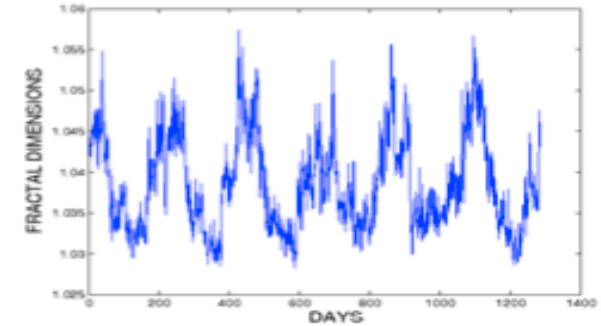
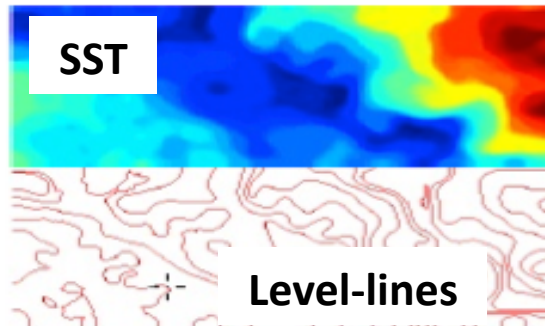
Fractal Geometry of Ocean Dynamics?

Winding angle statistics of SST level-lines



Evaluation of SQG hypothesis in front region

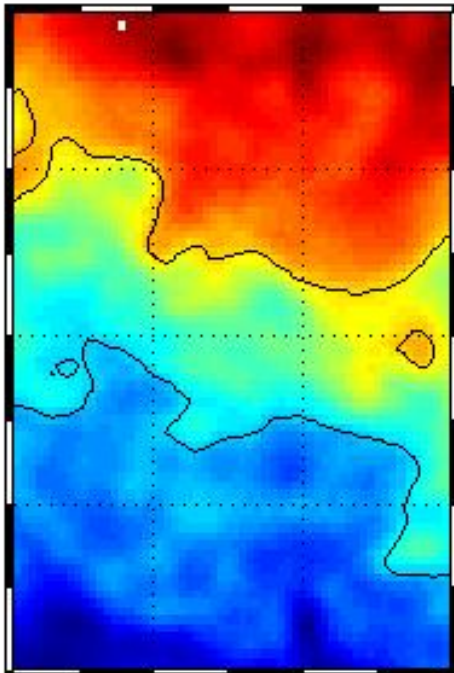
Estimation of diffusivity coefficient from winding angle statistics





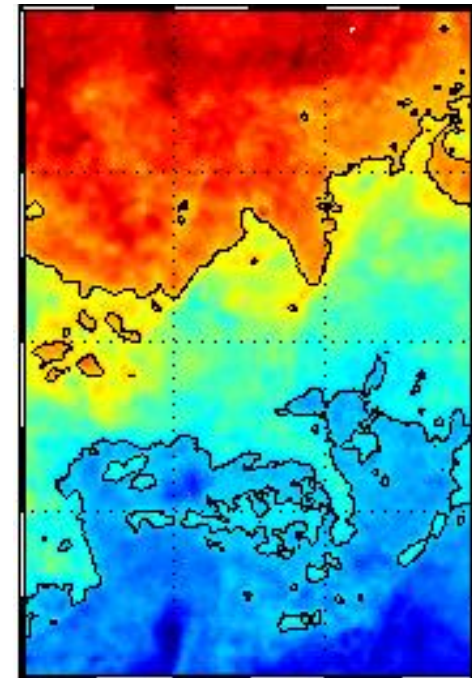
Beyond fractal signatures: focus on super-resolution/two-scale analysis

Low-resolution observation



**S'il vous plaît,
dessine-moi des détails**

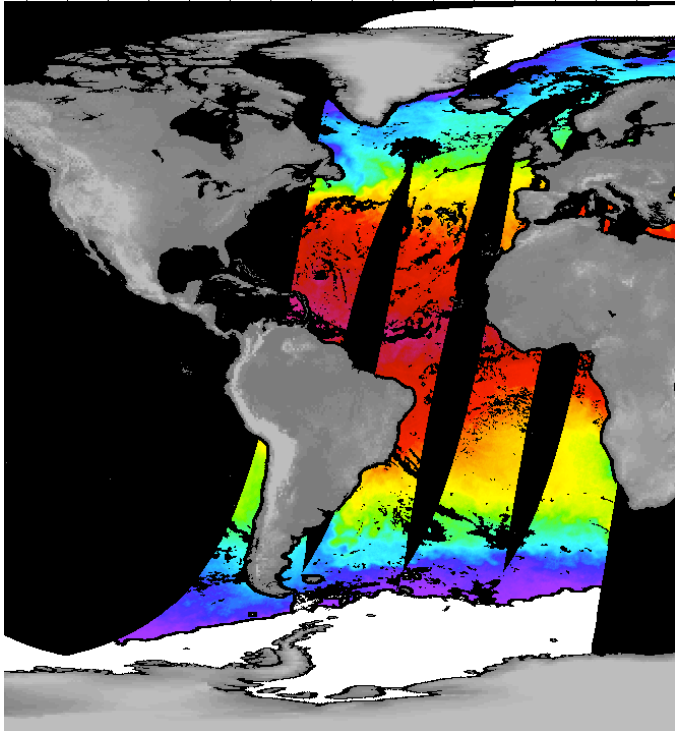
High-resolution observation



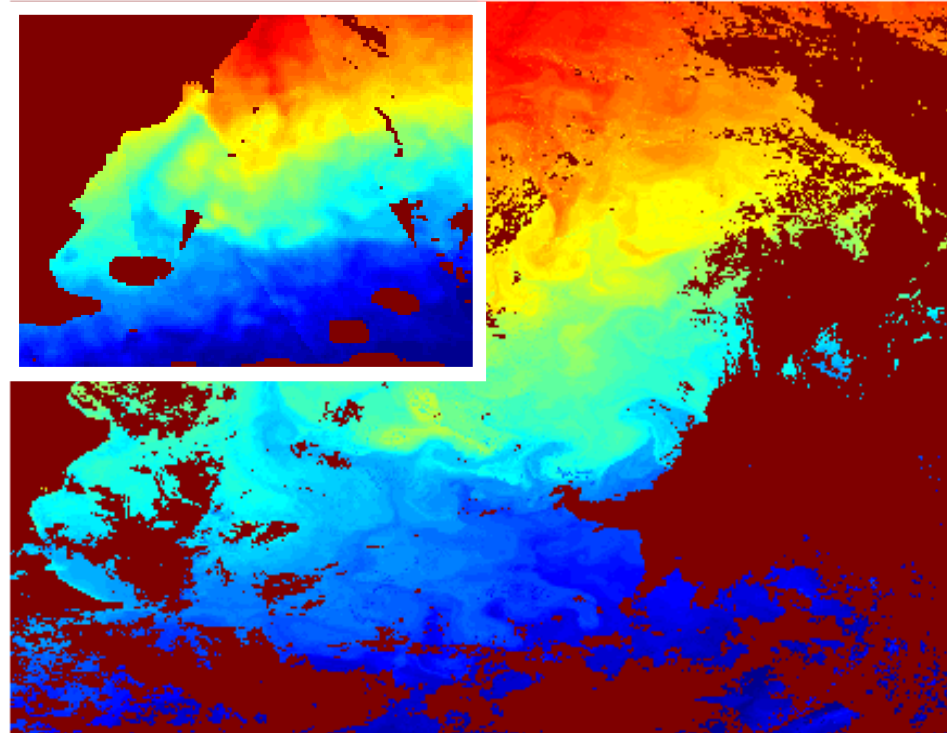
Which model to drive the emulation of high-resolution details from a low-resolution observation?



Why super-resolution issues in the remote sensing of the ocean?



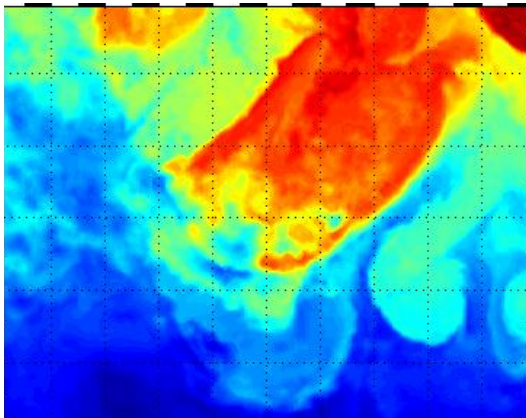
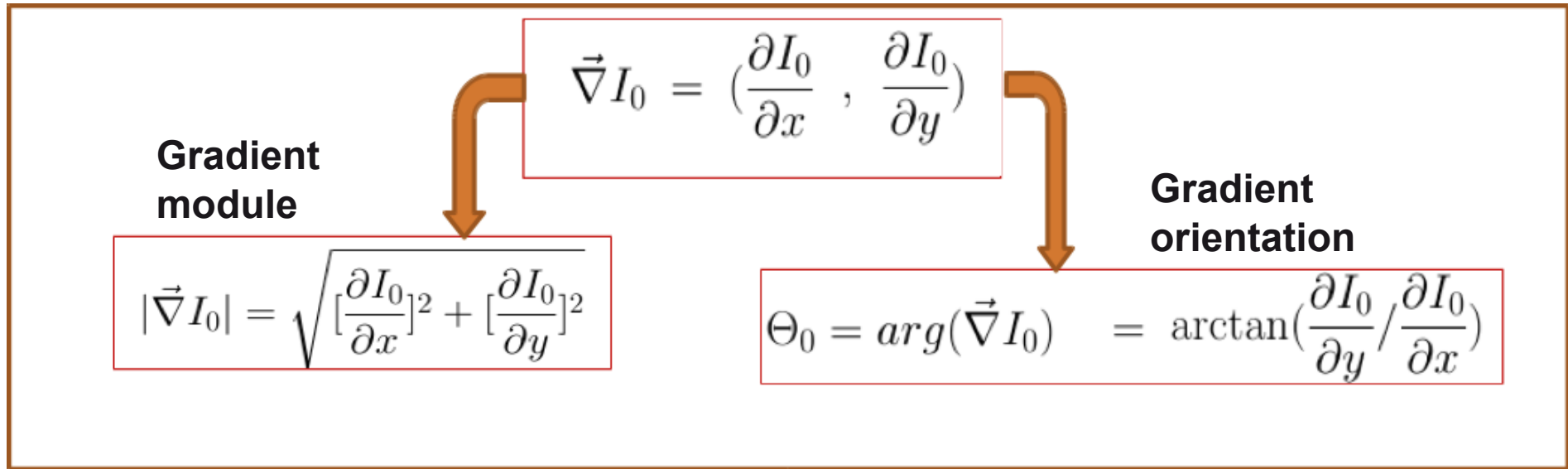
Space-time satellite sampling



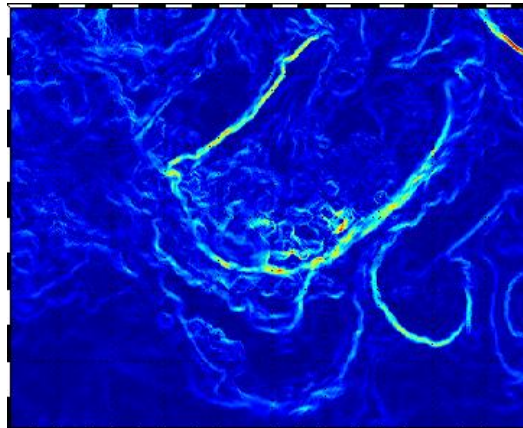
Missing data issues with multi-sensor/multiscale sources



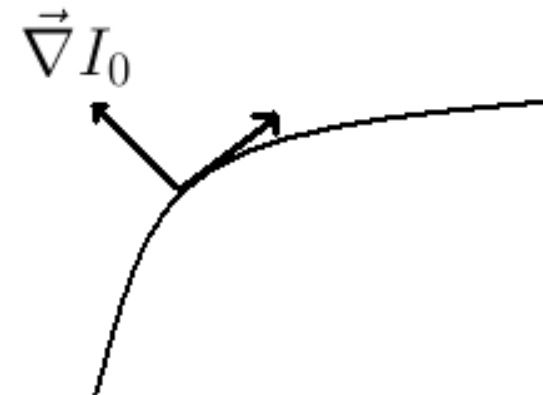
Geometry/deformations in SST fields



SST field



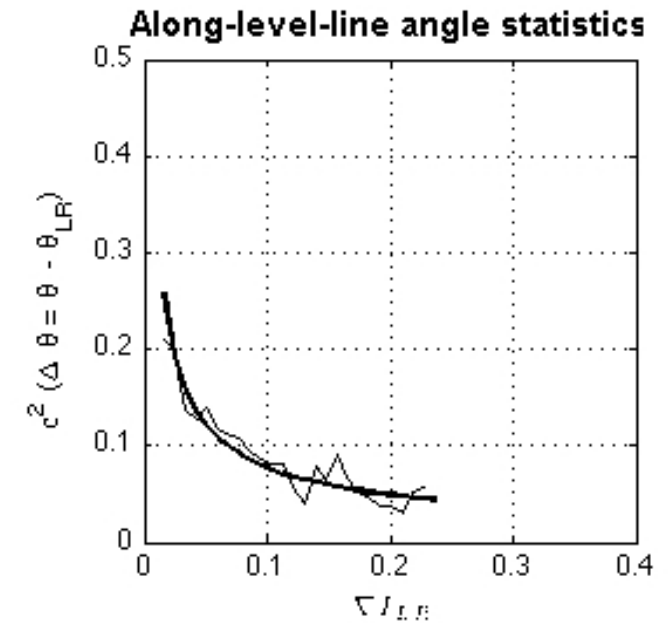
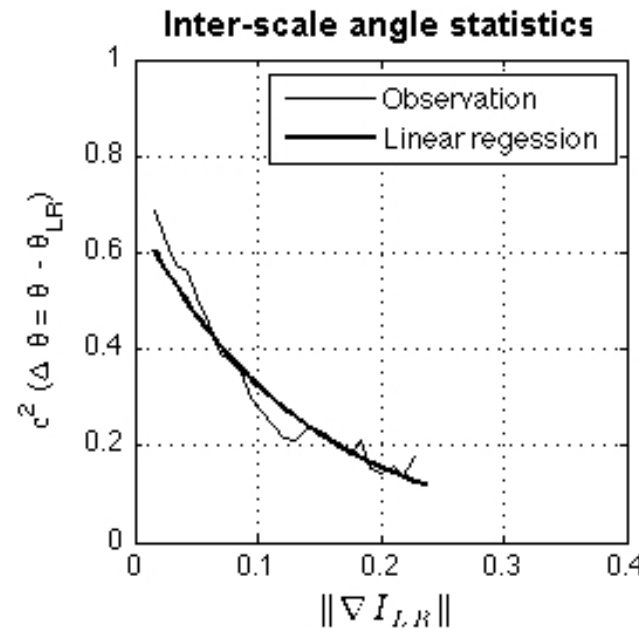
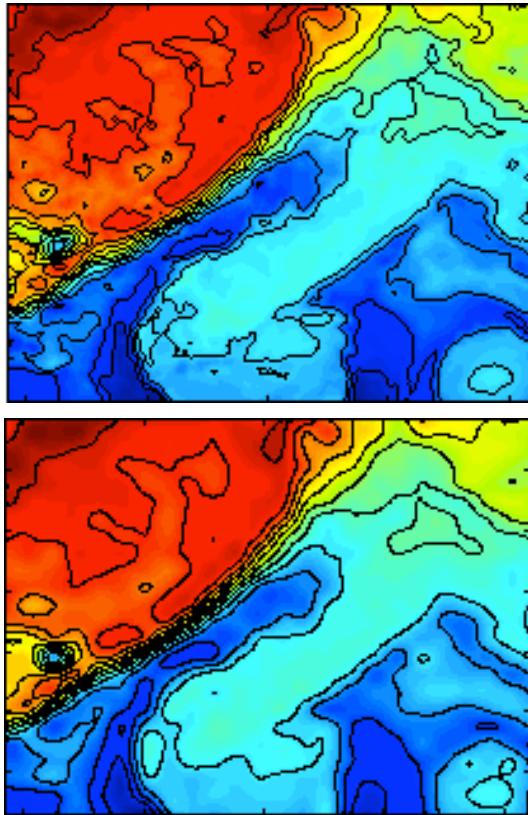
Gradient module



Gradient vs. Level-line



Empirical cues: geometrical regularity of the level-lines



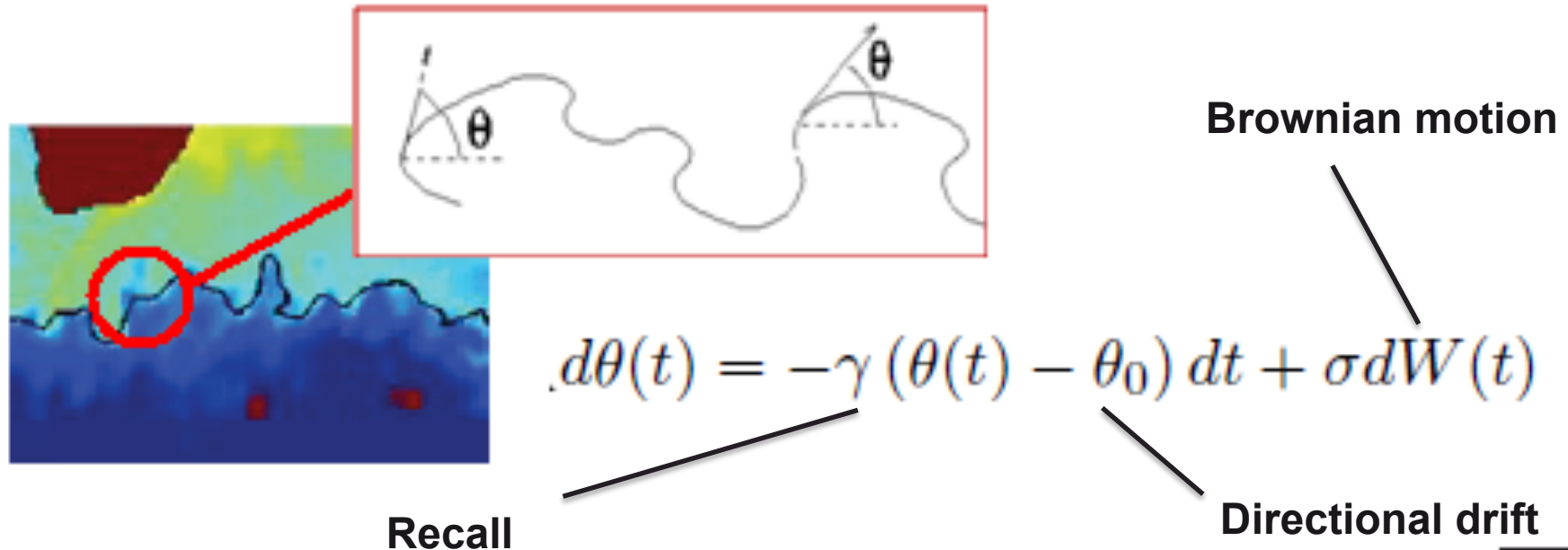
The low-resolution gradient drives the local regularity at high-resolution: **THE GREATER THE GRADIENT, THE MORE REGULAR**



From empirical orientation statistics to a probabilistic model

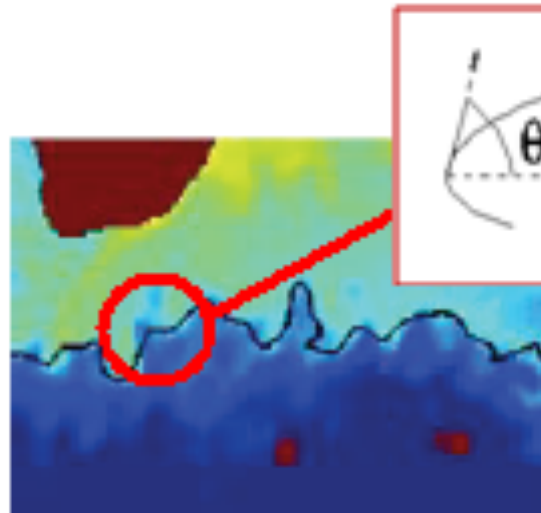
■ Image level-lines as 2D random walks

- Correlated random walks/Orstein-Uhlenbeck process
- « Geometrical random walk »: parameterization according to the turning angle (constant-speed walk)



From empirical orientation statistics to a probabilistic model

Image level-lines as 2D random walks



$$d\theta(t) = -\gamma (\theta(t) - \theta_0) dt + \sigma dW(t)$$

Fokker-Plank representation

$$\frac{\partial P(\theta, s)}{\partial s} = -\frac{\partial [DP(\theta, s)]}{\partial \theta} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 [\sigma^2 P(\theta, s)]}{\partial \theta^2}$$

**Stationary
distribution**

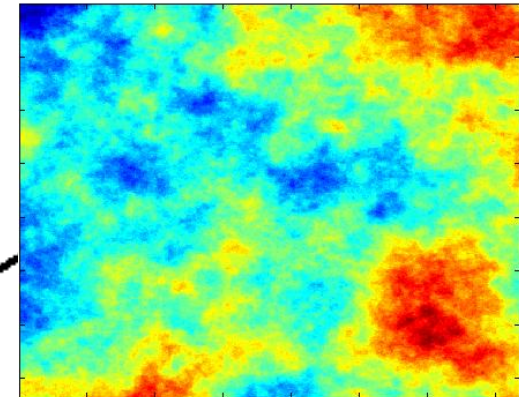
$$P(\Theta) \sim \exp(-\lambda \Theta^2)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\alpha}{\sigma^2}$$

Geometry-driven 2D image model

Stochastic model for Image orientation

$$d\Theta_p = \boxed{-\alpha(\Theta_p - \Theta_0)} dP + \sigma \boxed{dW_p}$$



Brownian surface

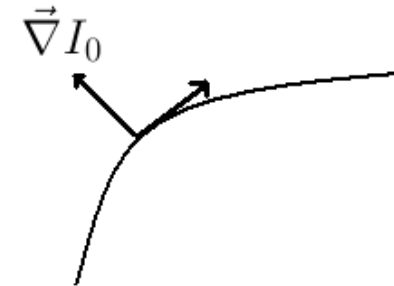
Recall to the low-resolution orientation

Control of the local geometrical regularity from parameters α and σ

Geometry-driven 2D image model

■ Stochastic image model

$$\begin{cases} d\theta(p) = -\gamma (\theta(p) - \theta_0(p)) dp + \sigma dW(p) \\ \langle n_{\tilde{I}}(p), u_{\theta}(p) \rangle = 0, \forall p \end{cases}$$



■ Implementation:

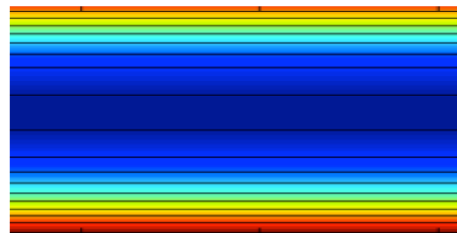
- 1. Sampling an orientation field θ
- 2. Solving the variational minimization

$$\tilde{I} = \arg \min_I \int \| \langle \nabla I(p), u_{\theta}(p) \rangle \| dp$$

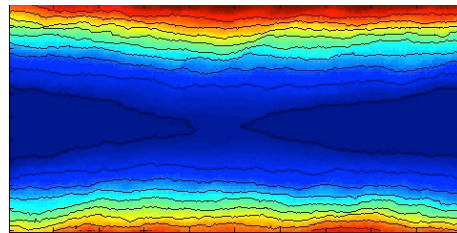


Geometry-driven 2D image model: simulations

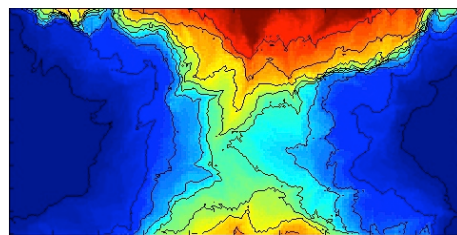
■ Simulations with « simple » low-resolution orientation fields



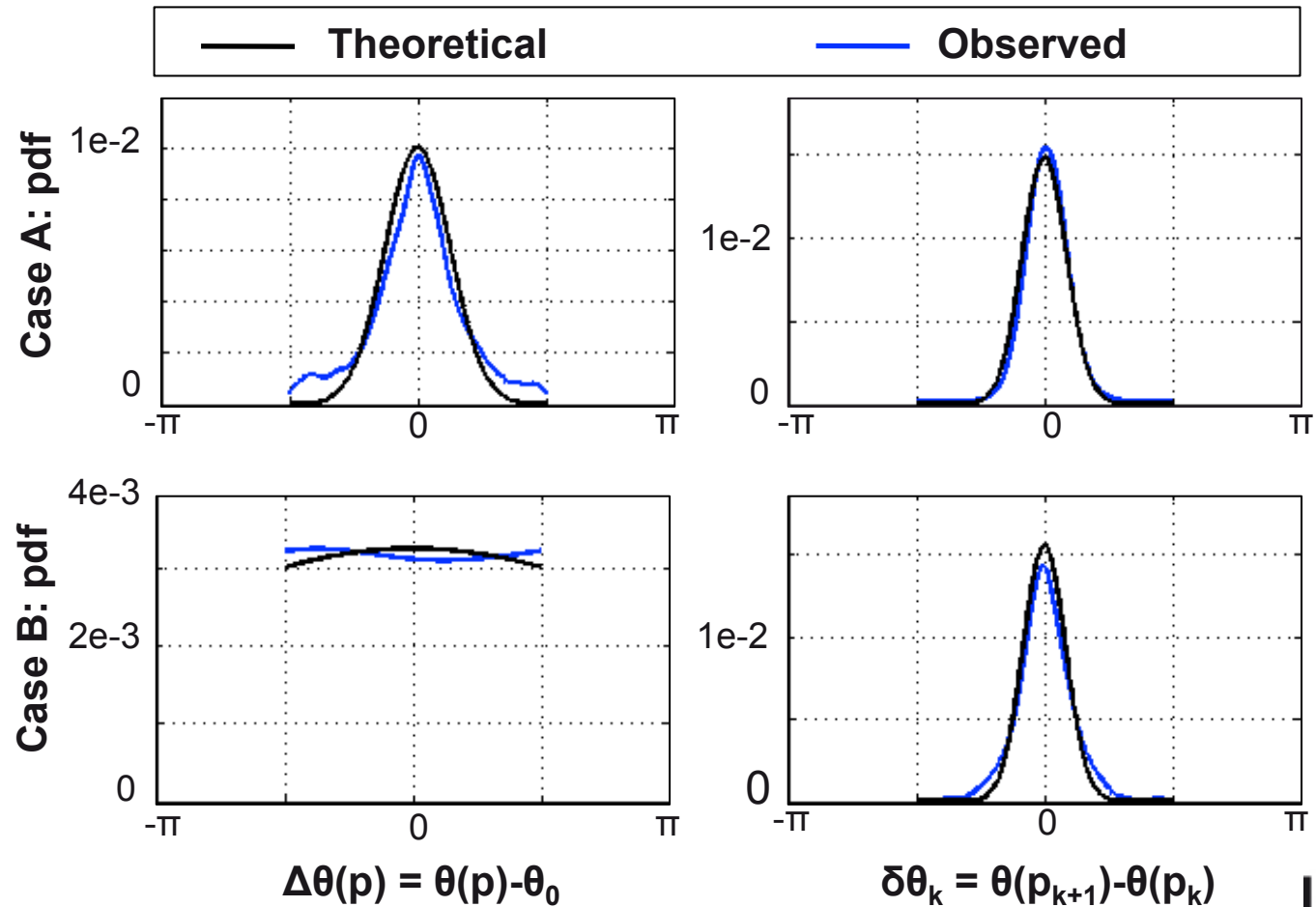
Initialisation



Case A



Case B



Application to texture super-resolution

■ Problem statement

I_{HR} : High-resolution image, $N \times M$ grid

I_{LR} : Low-resolution image, $N/K \times M/K$ grid

Projection constraint: $I_{LR} = \mathcal{P}[I_{HR}]$

$$I_{LR} = \mathcal{P}[\mathcal{P}^{-1}[I_{LR}]] \quad \mathcal{P}[I_{HR} - \mathcal{P}[I_{HR}]] = 0$$

■ Stochastic super-resolution model:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} d\theta(p) = -\gamma(p) (\theta(p) - \theta_{LR}(p)) dp + \sigma(p) dW(p) \\ \tilde{I} = \arg \min_I \int \|\langle \nabla I(p), u_{\theta}(p) \rangle\| dp \\ \text{Subject to } I_{LR} = \mathcal{P}[\tilde{I}] \end{array} \right.$$

Application to texture super-resolution

■ Implementation

- Projection/subsampling operator: dyadic wavelet ($K=2^h$)
- Sampling $d\theta(p) = -\gamma(p) (\theta(p) - \theta_{LR}(p)) dp + \sigma(p)dW(p)$
- Variational minimization

$$\tilde{I} = \arg \min_I \int \|\langle \nabla I(p), u_\theta(p) \rangle\| dp$$

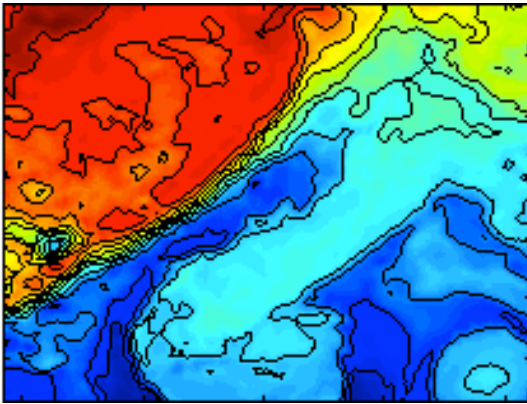
Subject to $I_{LR} = \mathcal{P}[\tilde{I}]$

Iterative gradient descent

$$\begin{cases} I^{(0)} = I_{LR} \\ I^{(k+1)} = I^{(k)} + \lambda \left[\delta I^{(k)} - \mathcal{P}[\delta I^{(k)}] \right] \end{cases}$$

Application to texture super-resolution

Setting regularity parameters



$$d\theta(p) = -\gamma(p) (\theta(p) - \theta_{LR}(p)) dp + \sigma(p) dW(p)$$

$$\begin{cases} \gamma(p) = \gamma_0 \|\nabla I_{LR}(p)\|^\nu \\ \sigma(p) = \sigma_0 \|\nabla I_{LR}(p)\|^{-\beta} \end{cases}$$

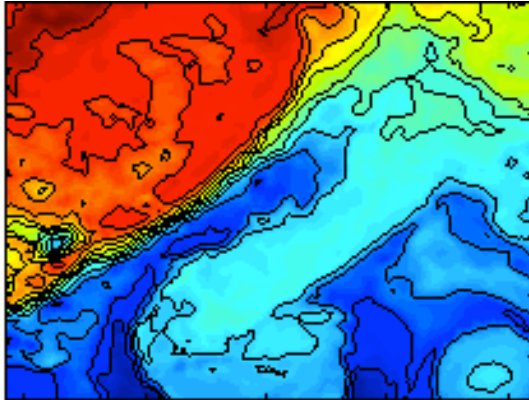
Low-gradient areas depict irregular level-lines

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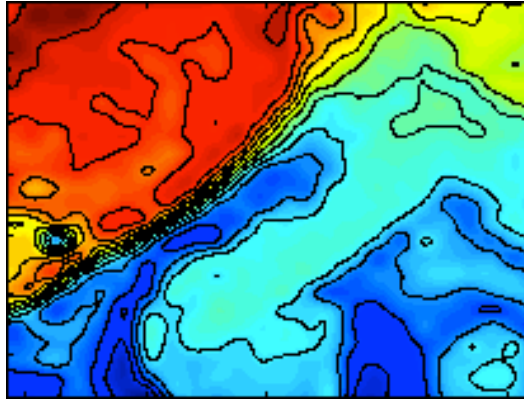
Image contours are more regular.

Results

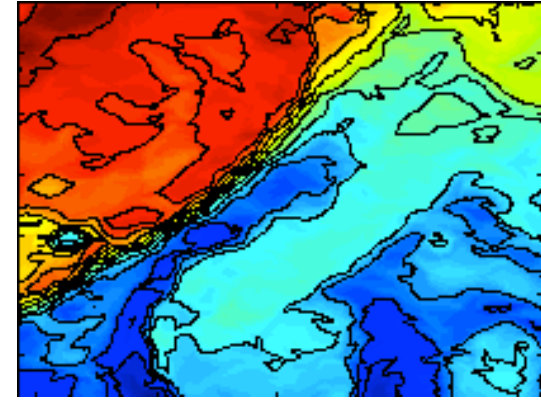
HR image



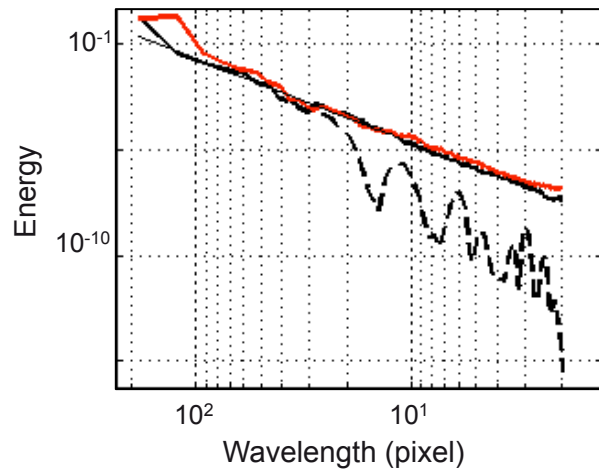
LR image



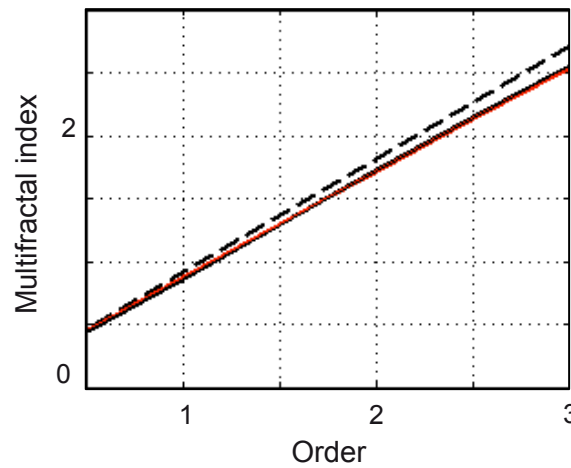
HR simulation



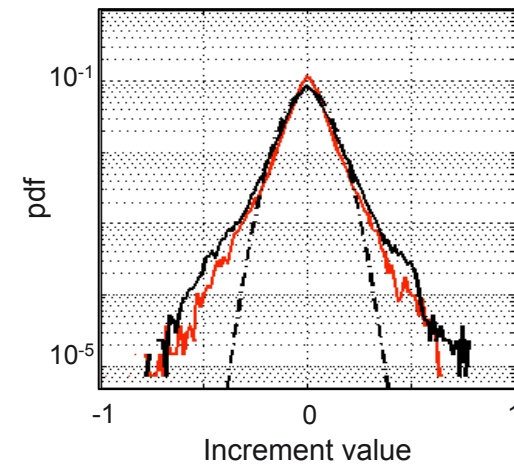
Fourier spectrum



Multifractal spectrum



Increment distribution



Future work

■ Model extension

- Model calibration from observed geometrical features
- Fractional Brownian « noise »

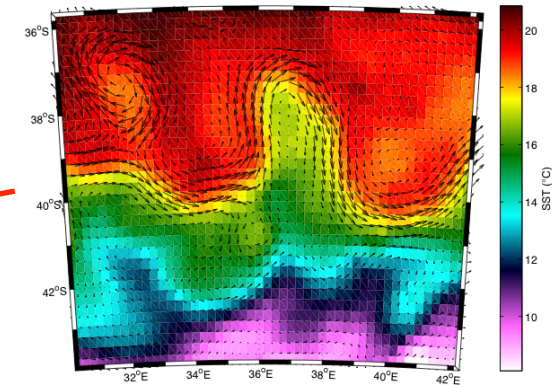
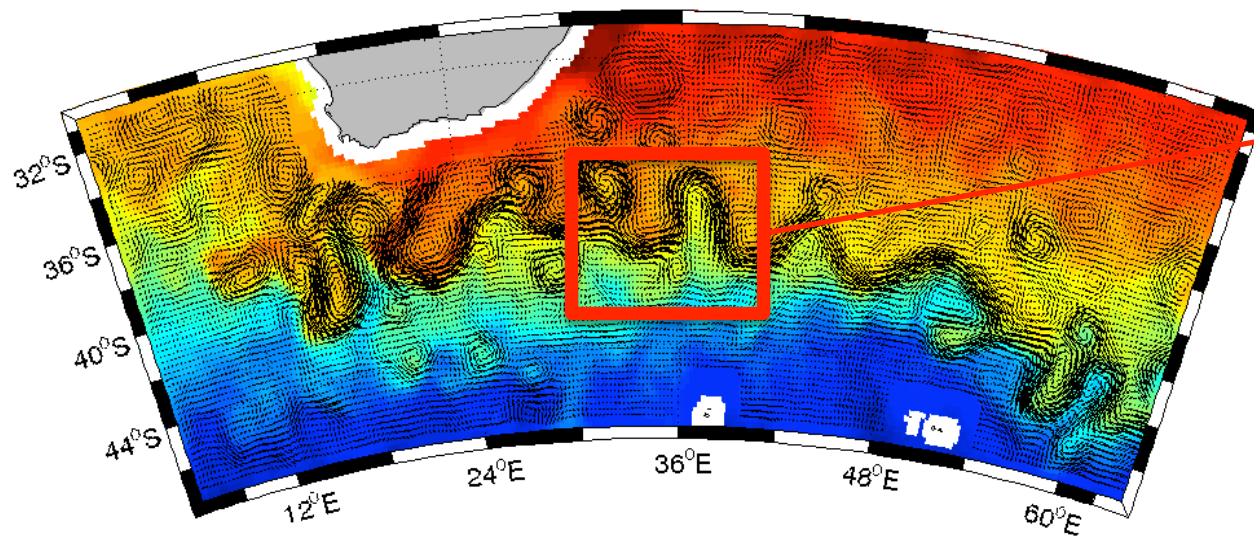
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- Investigate alternate formulation using Gaussian random fields and associated PDEs (e.g., advection-diffusion dynamics)
- Multi-scale/spatio-temporal extension
- Application to missing data interpolation



Future work: application to the emulation of high-resolution upper ocean dynamics

Agulhas (01-Jan-2004)



Goal: Emulate daily high-resolution sea surface currents from daily HR SST images and « weekly » LR SSH images

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