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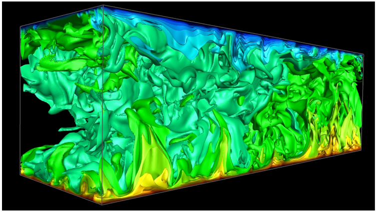

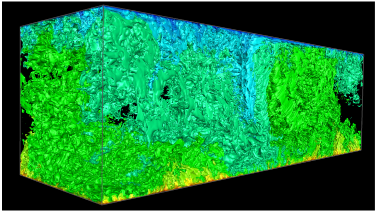

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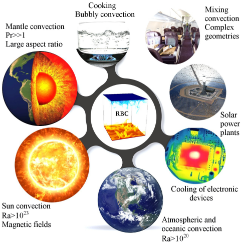

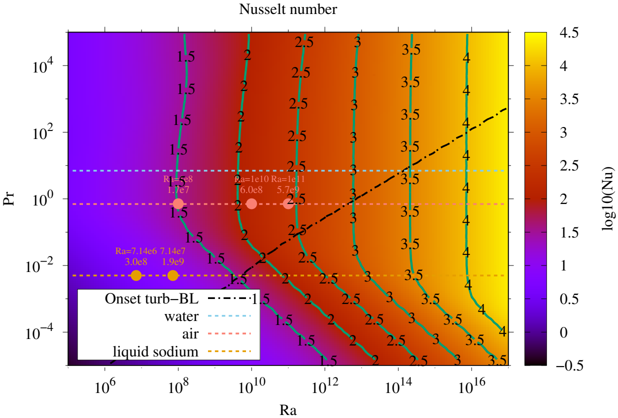

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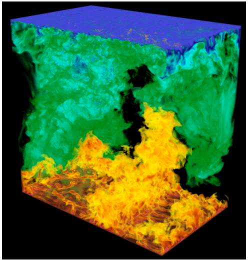

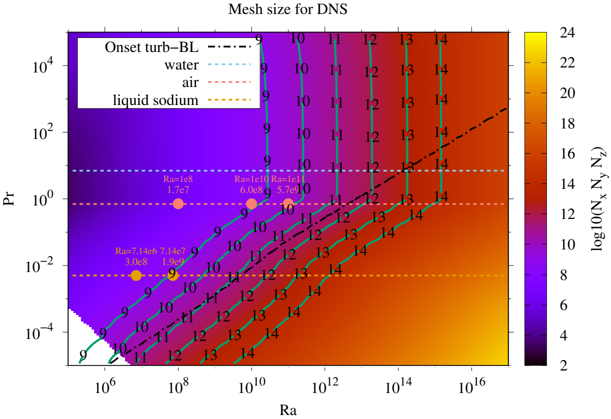

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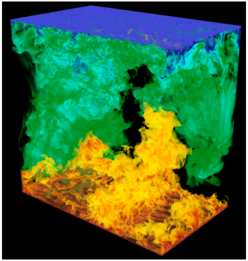

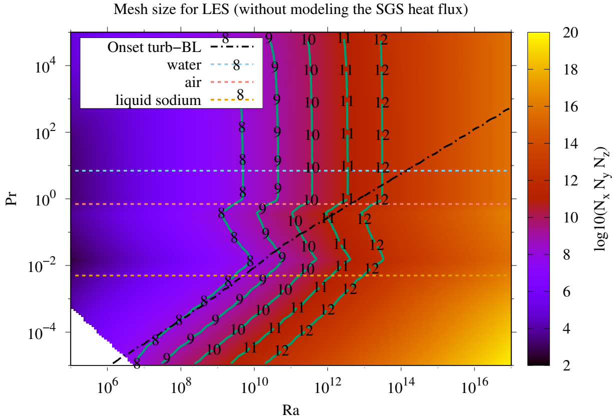

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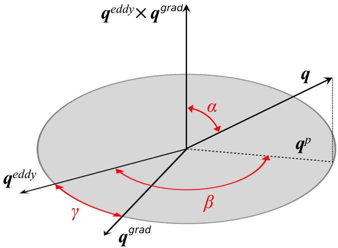

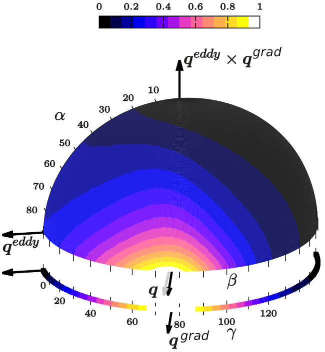

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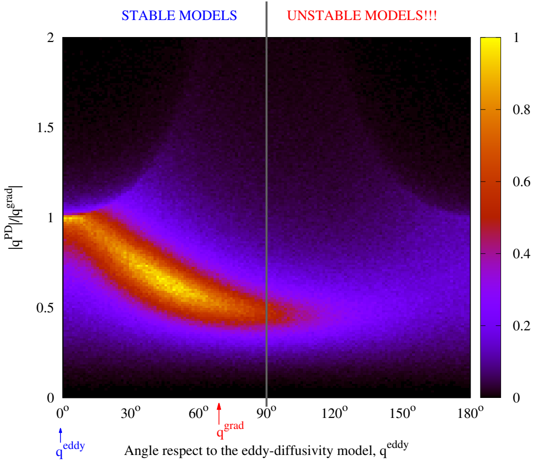

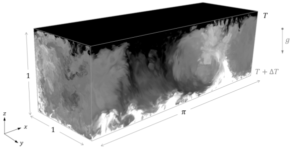

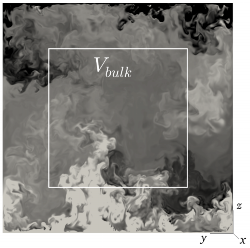

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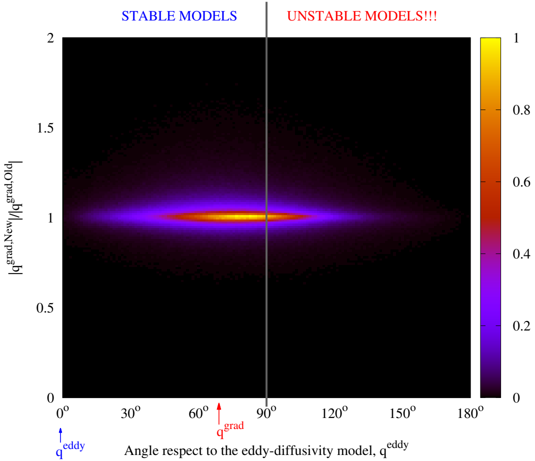

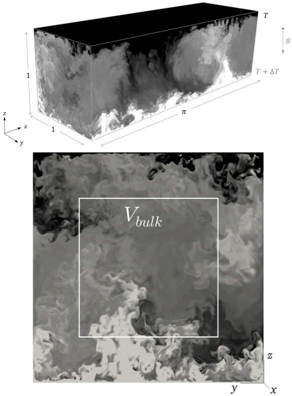

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Alternatively, it can expressed as follows

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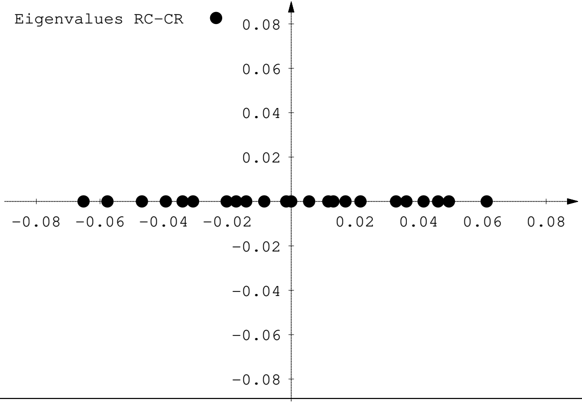

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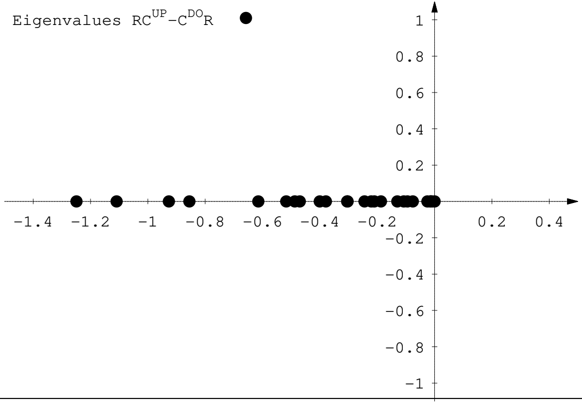

Idea: $\mathsf{RC}^{\mathsf{UP}} - \mathsf{C}^{\mathsf{DO}}\mathsf{R}$ instead of $\mathsf{RC} - \mathsf{CR}$ guarantees stability

Stabilizing the gradient model

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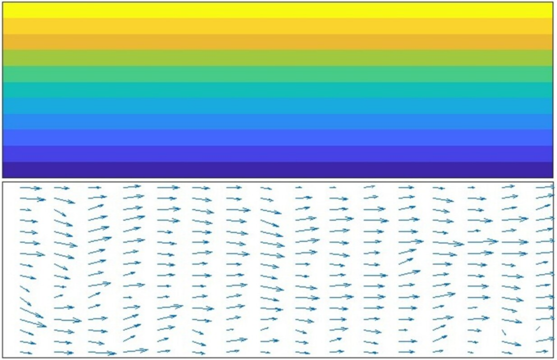

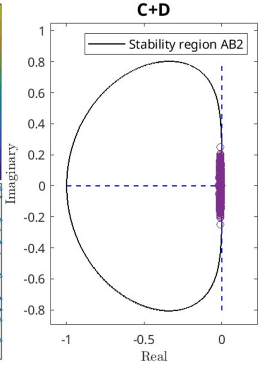

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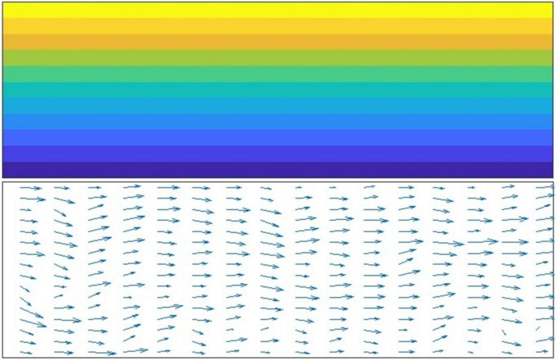

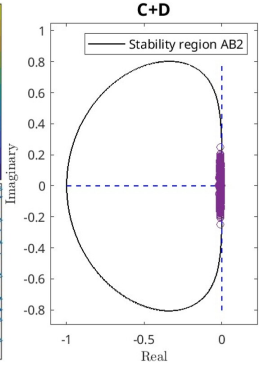

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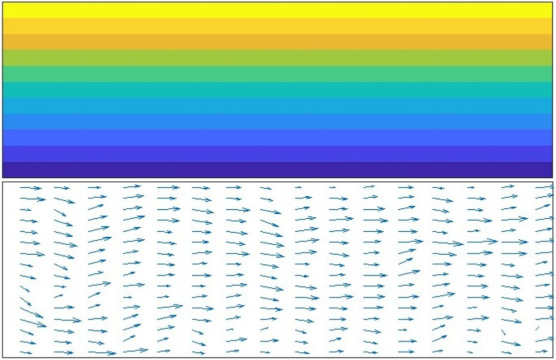

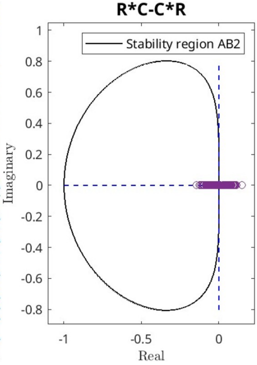

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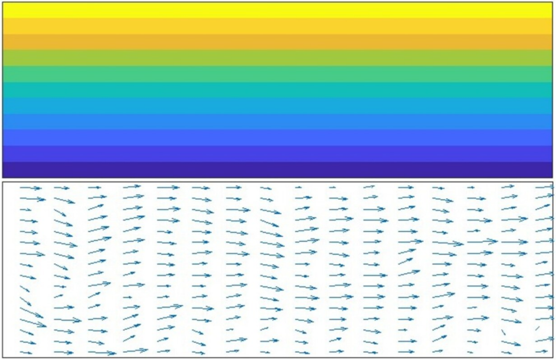

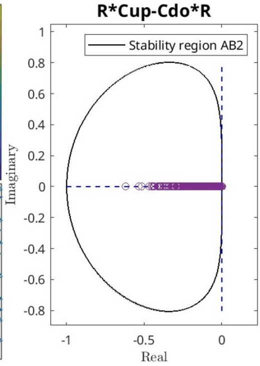

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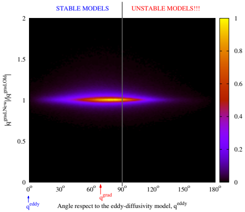

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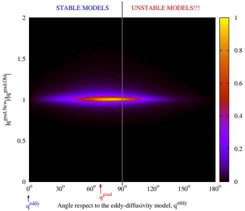

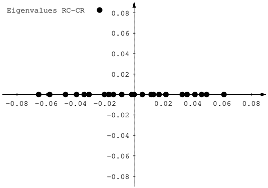

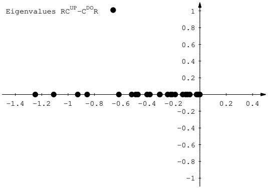

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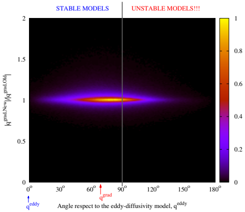

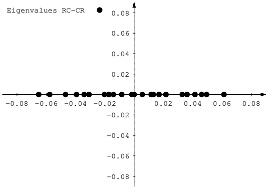

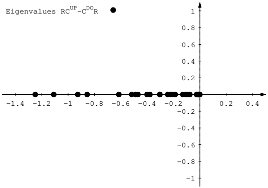

- **On going research**: running *a posteriori* for more complex cases

Thank you for your attendance