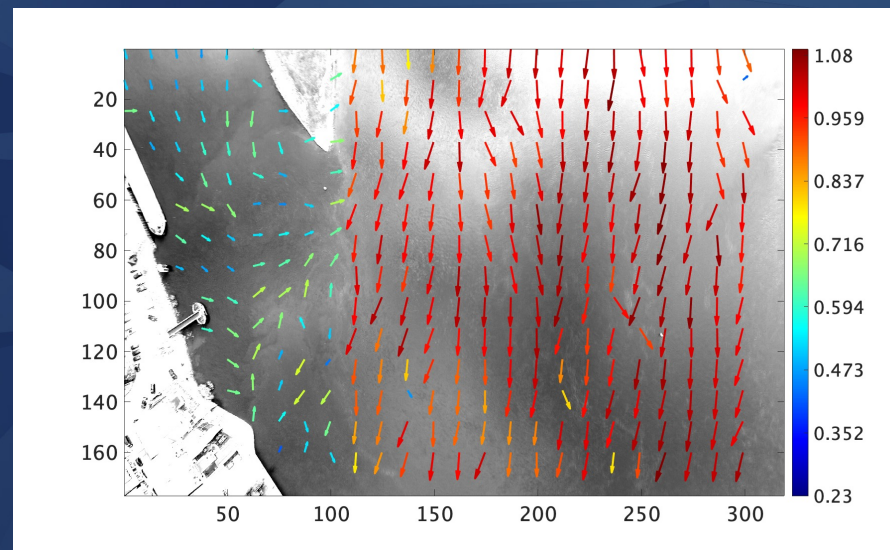


# Measuring Instantaneous Velocity Fields Remotely using a Two- Dimensional Power Spectral Density Technique



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### Computational Algorithm

Image pre-processing & rectification



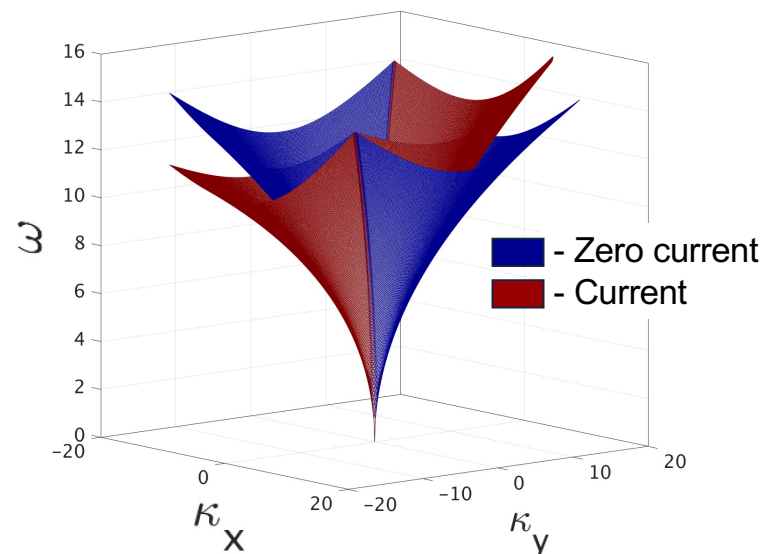
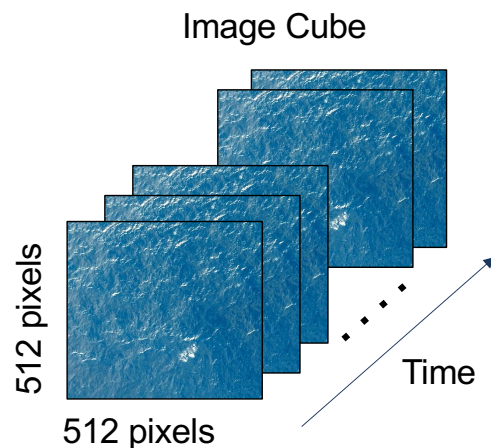
Create 3D cube of images



Fourier Transform of Image cube



Doppler-shifted Dispersion Surface



**Dispersion relation with current:**

$$\omega_e = \sqrt{gk \tanh(kh)} + \vec{U} \cdot \vec{k}$$

Deep water approximation:

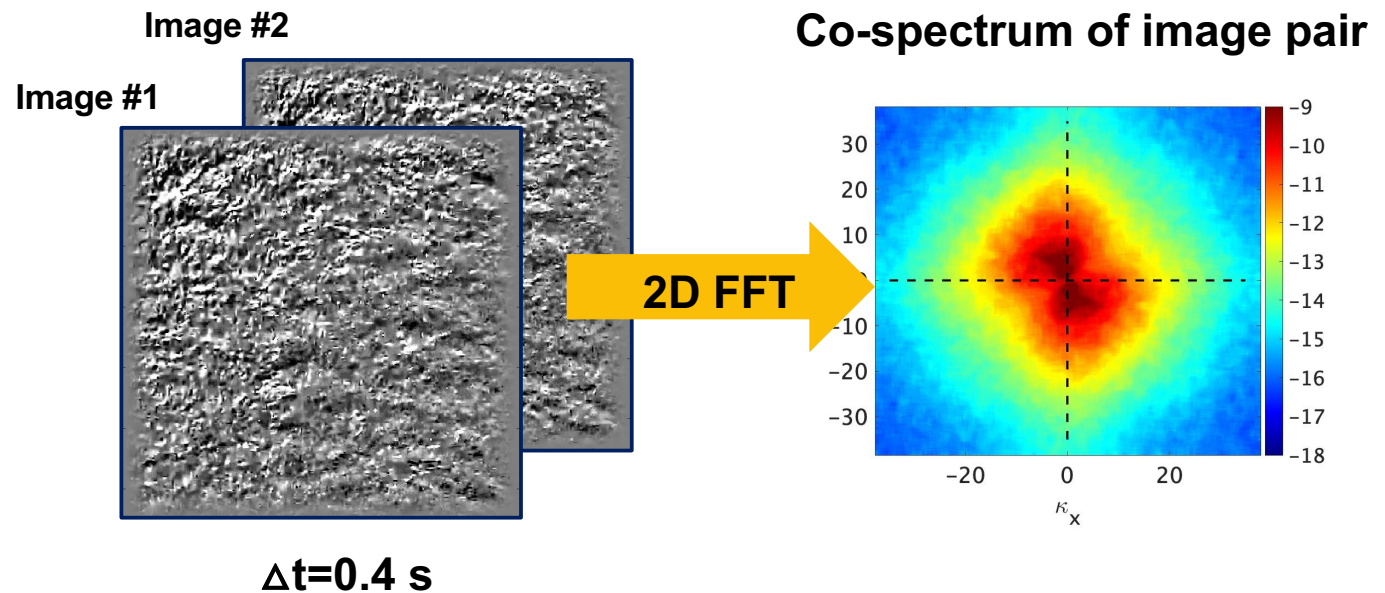
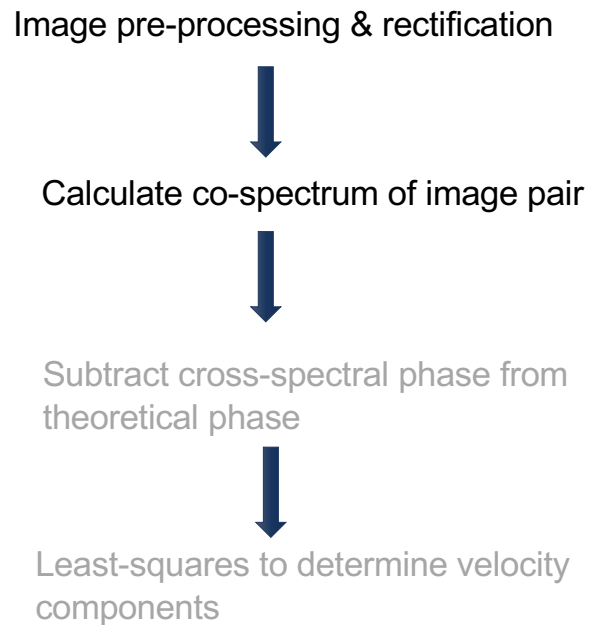
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$$\omega_e - \sqrt{gk} = \vec{U} \cdot \vec{k}$$

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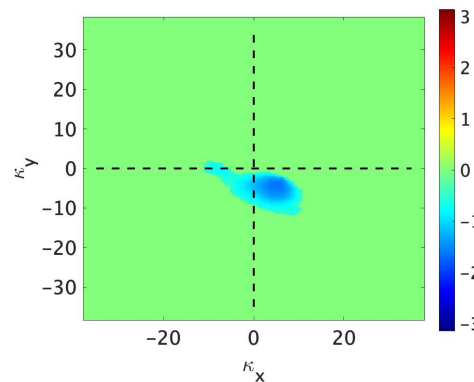
Calculate co-spectrum of image pair



Subtract cross-spectral phase from  
theoretical phase



Least-squares to determine velocity  
components



$$\omega = \sqrt{g\kappa \tanh(\kappa h)} + \vec{\kappa} \vec{U}$$

$$c = \frac{\omega}{\kappa} = \sqrt{\frac{g}{\kappa} \tanh(\kappa h)} + \frac{\vec{\kappa}}{\kappa} \vec{U}$$

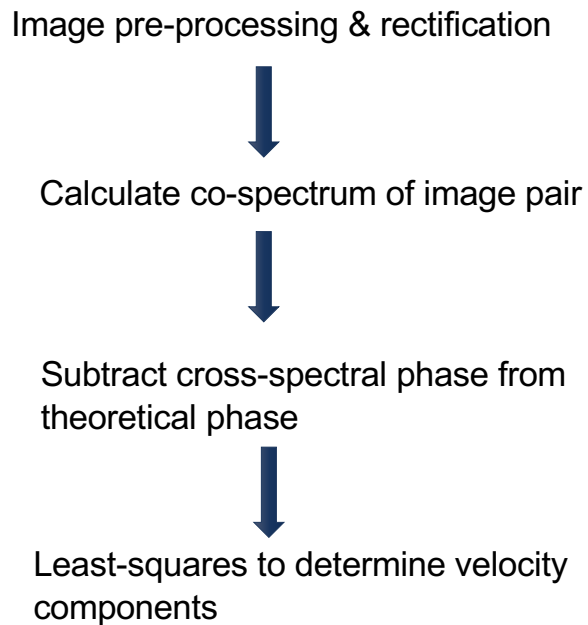
$$c = \frac{\phi(\kappa, \varphi)}{\kappa \Delta t}$$

$$\frac{\phi(\vec{\kappa})}{\kappa \Delta t} - \sqrt{\frac{g}{\kappa}} = \vec{U}$$

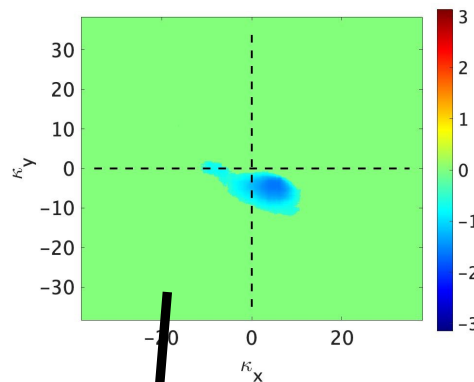


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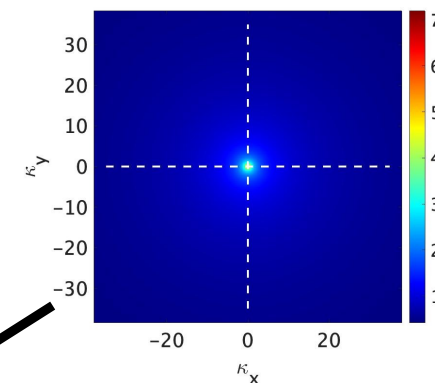
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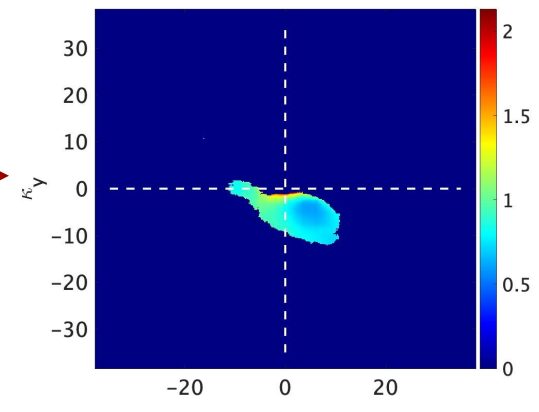
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Theoretical phase  $\sqrt{\frac{g}{\kappa}}$



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**Drone images from Streßer, et. al. (2017) taken over the Elbe river in Lauenburg, Germany were used in this analysis.**

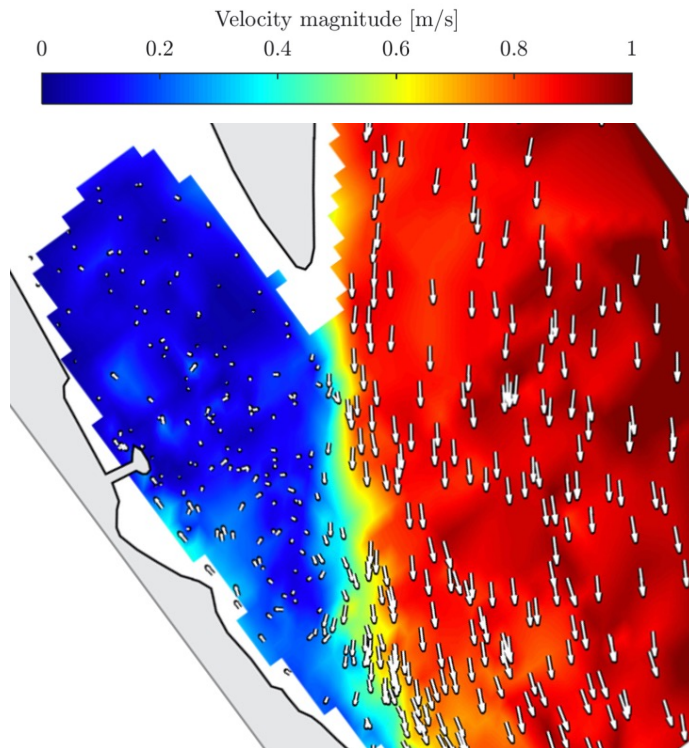


Altitude: 204 m  
Sample rate: 24 fps  
Record length: 60 sec  
Spatial Res: 8 cm/pix  
Data cube: 150 x 150 pixels

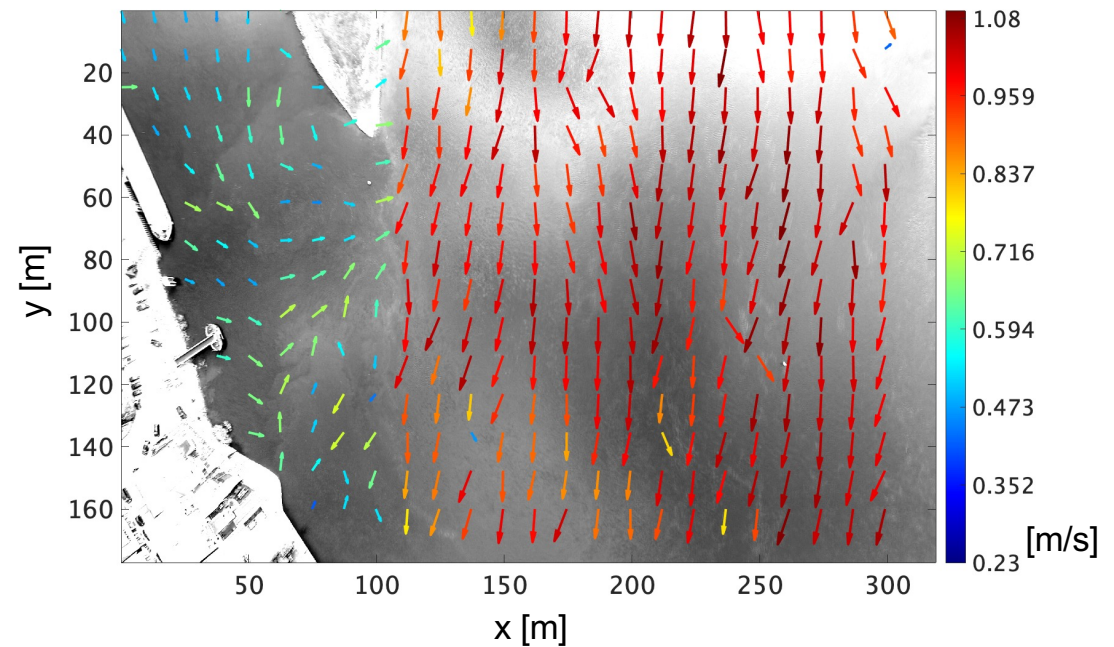
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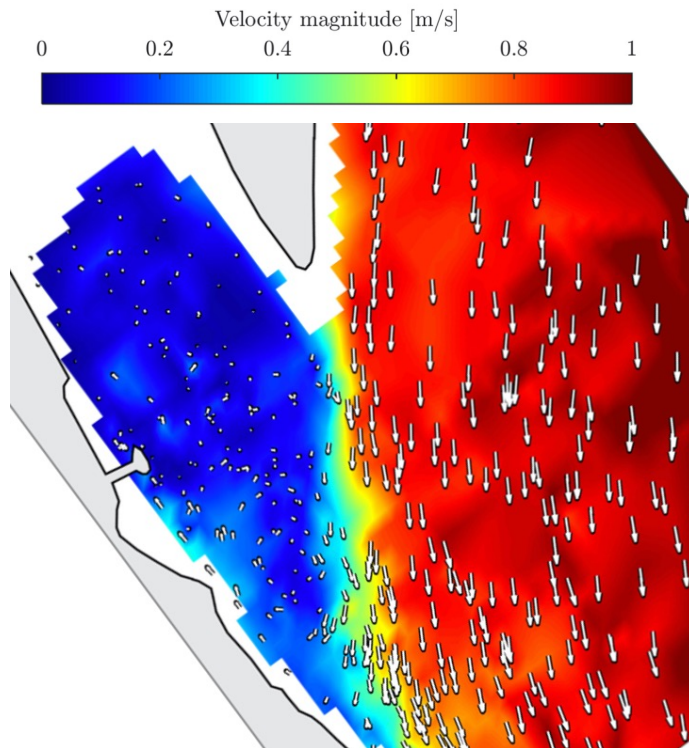
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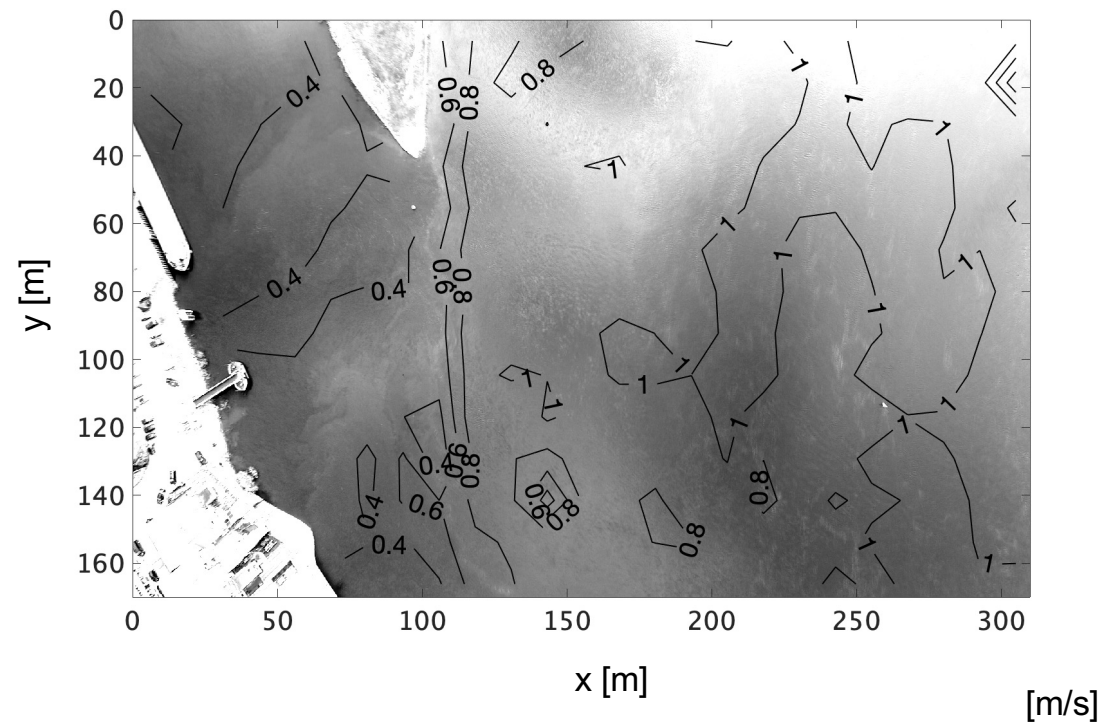


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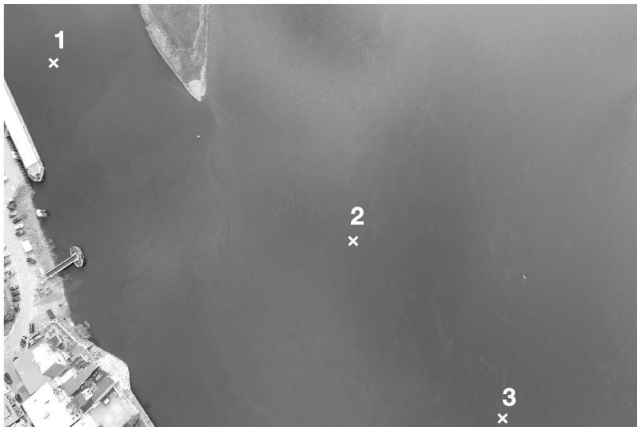
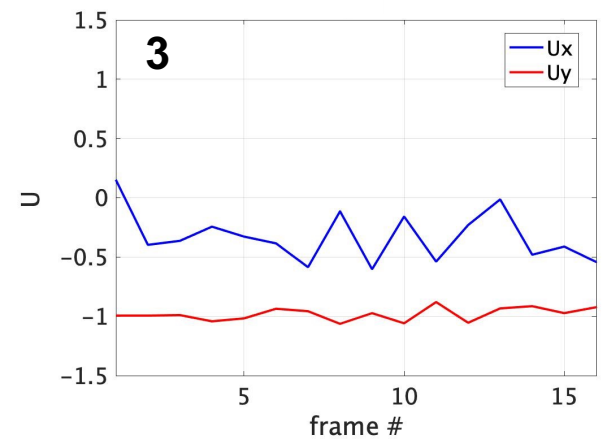
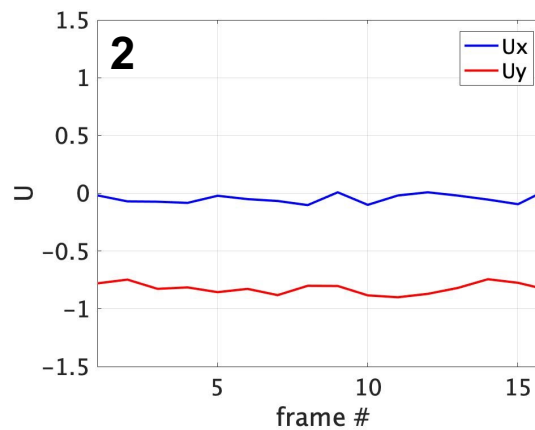
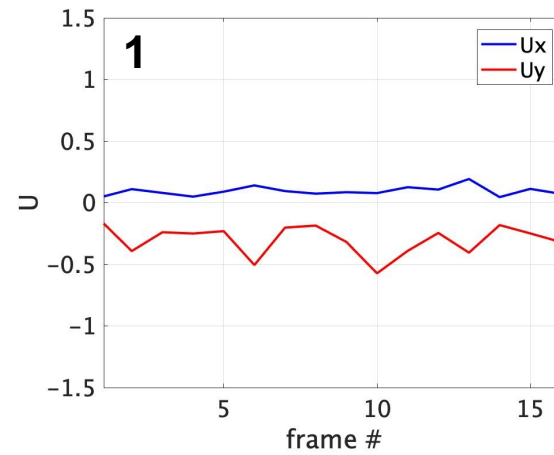
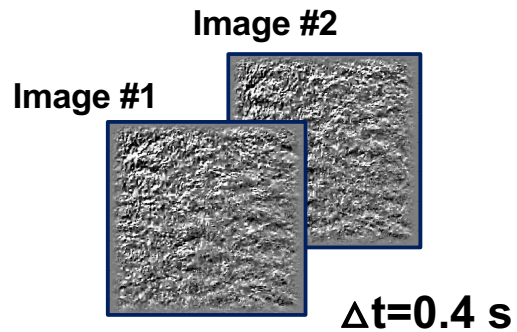
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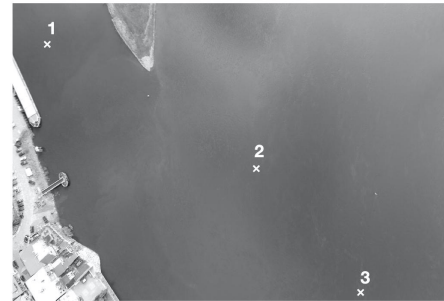
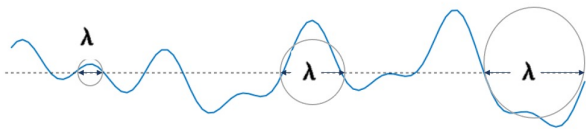


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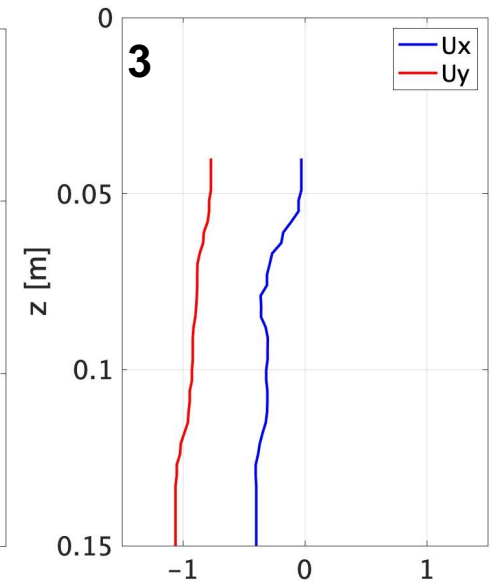
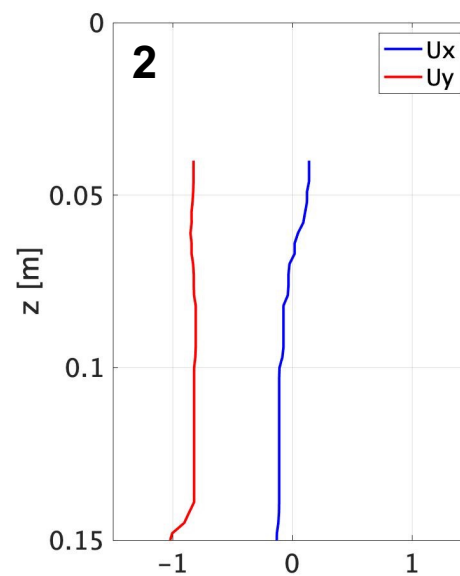
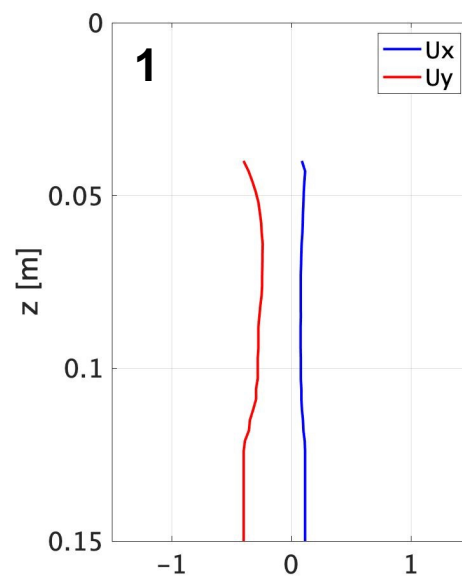
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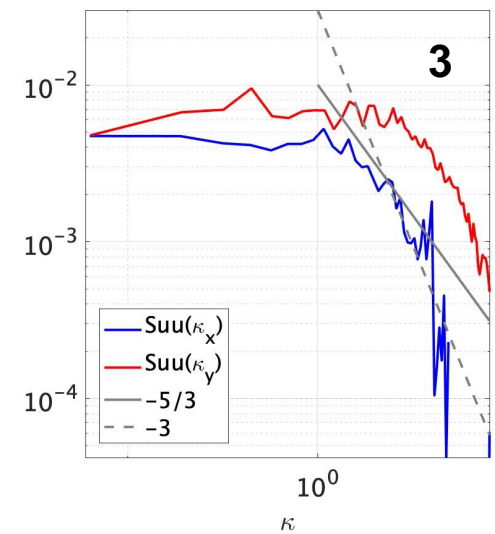
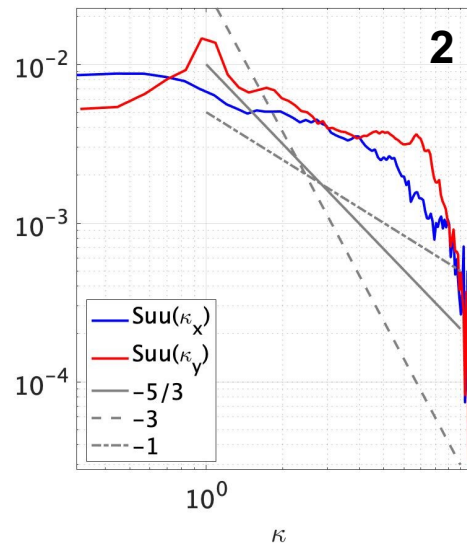
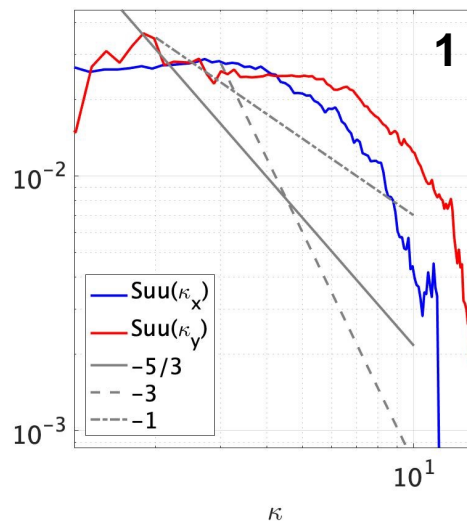
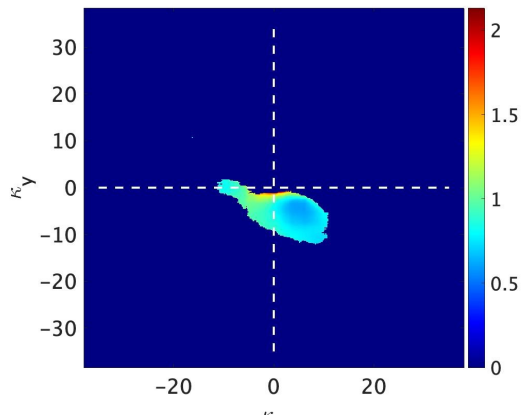
$$U(k) = 2k \int_{-d}^0 U(z) e^{2kz} dz,$$

$$d_m \approx \frac{1}{2k} = \frac{\lambda_o}{4\pi}.$$

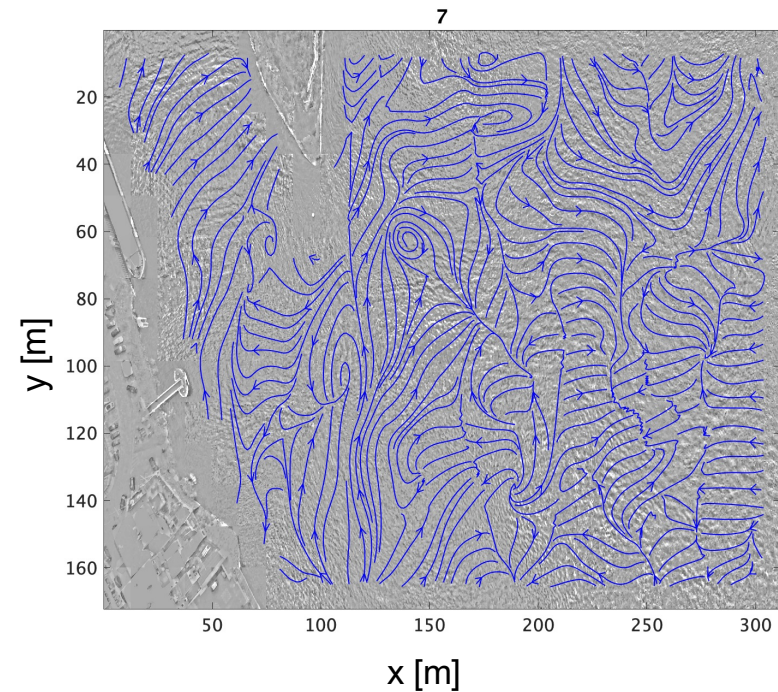
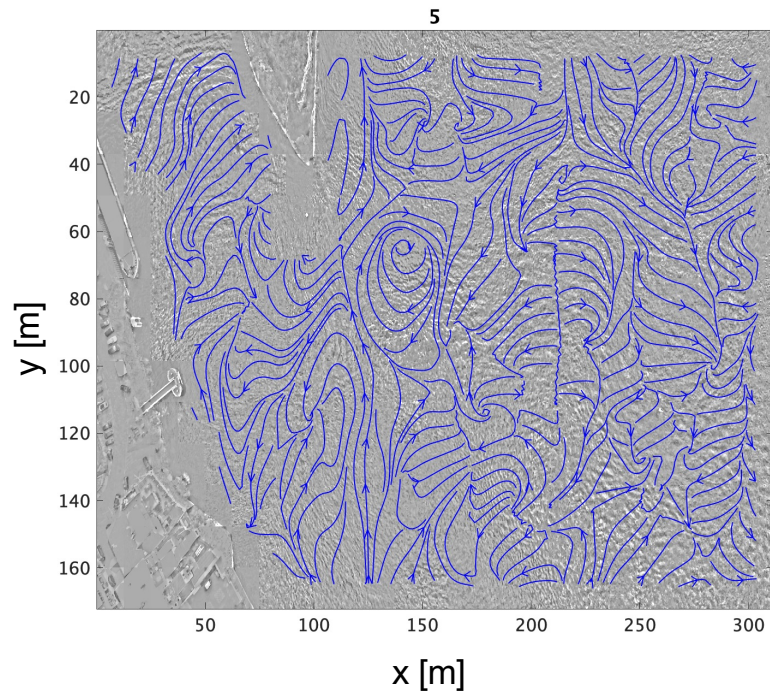
Ref: Stewart & Joy(1974)



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## Instantaneous velocity fields reveal the presence of eddies.



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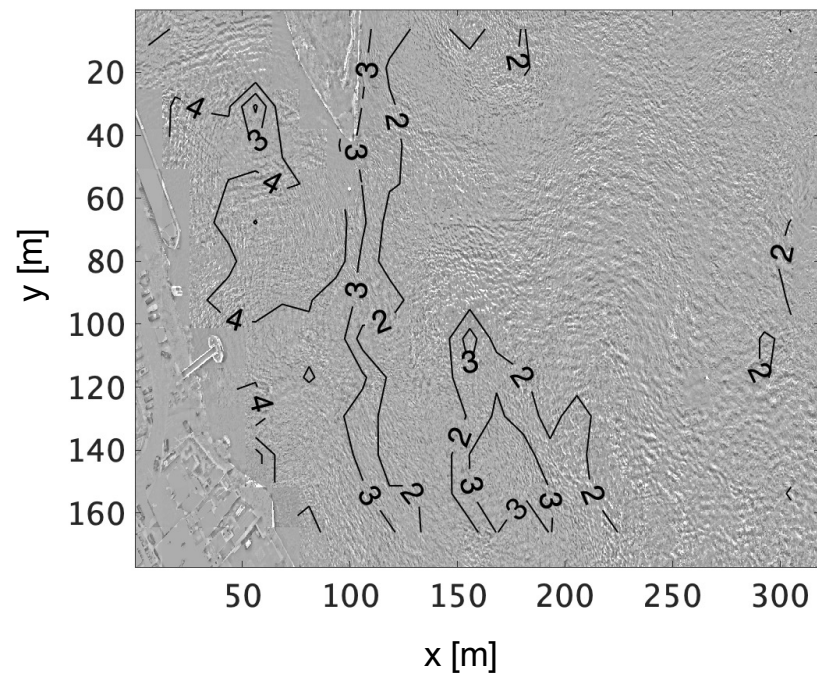
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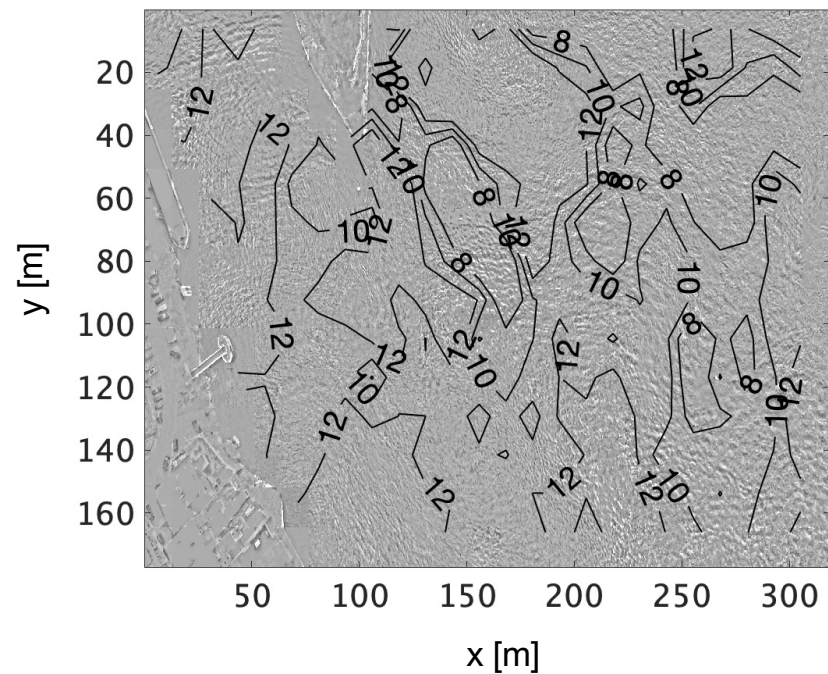


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Lowest Wave Numbers Present

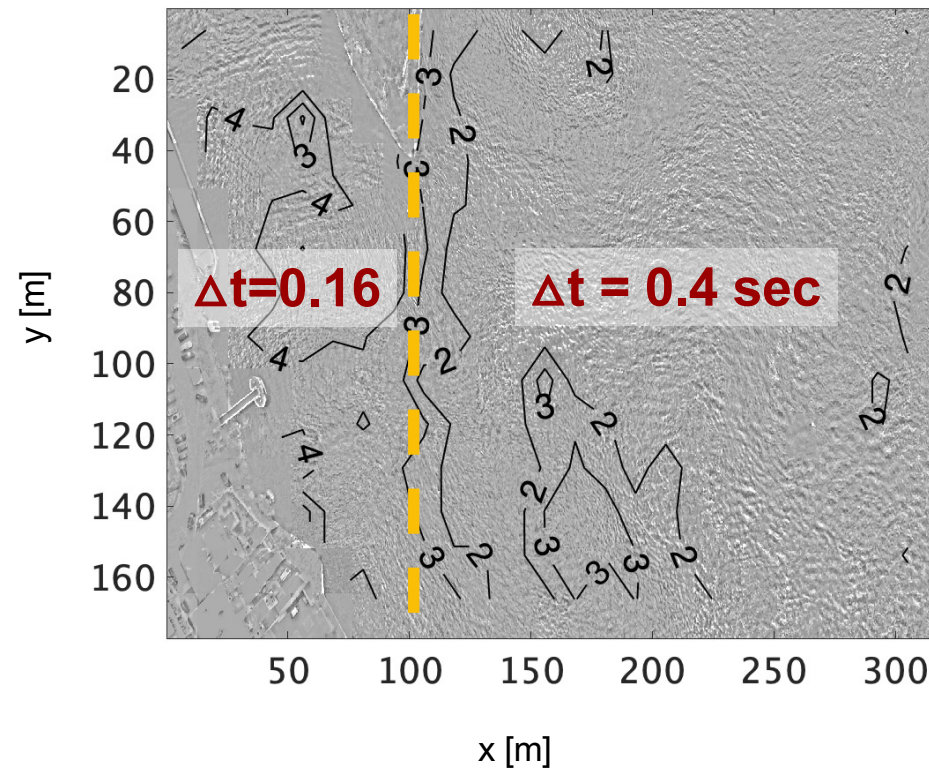


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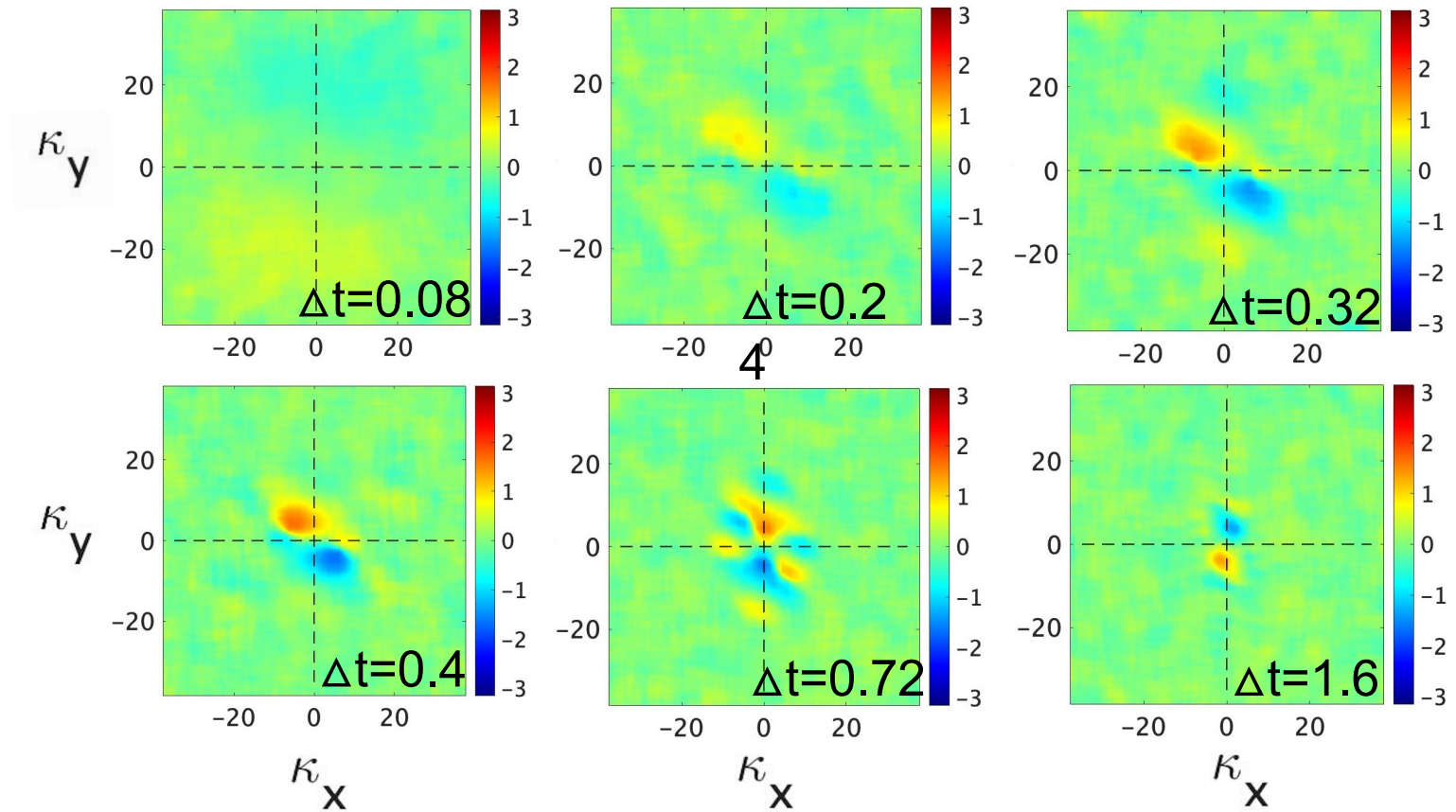
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