

Large Scale Coherent Structure under Random Small Scale Bombardment

Emergence of Large Structure

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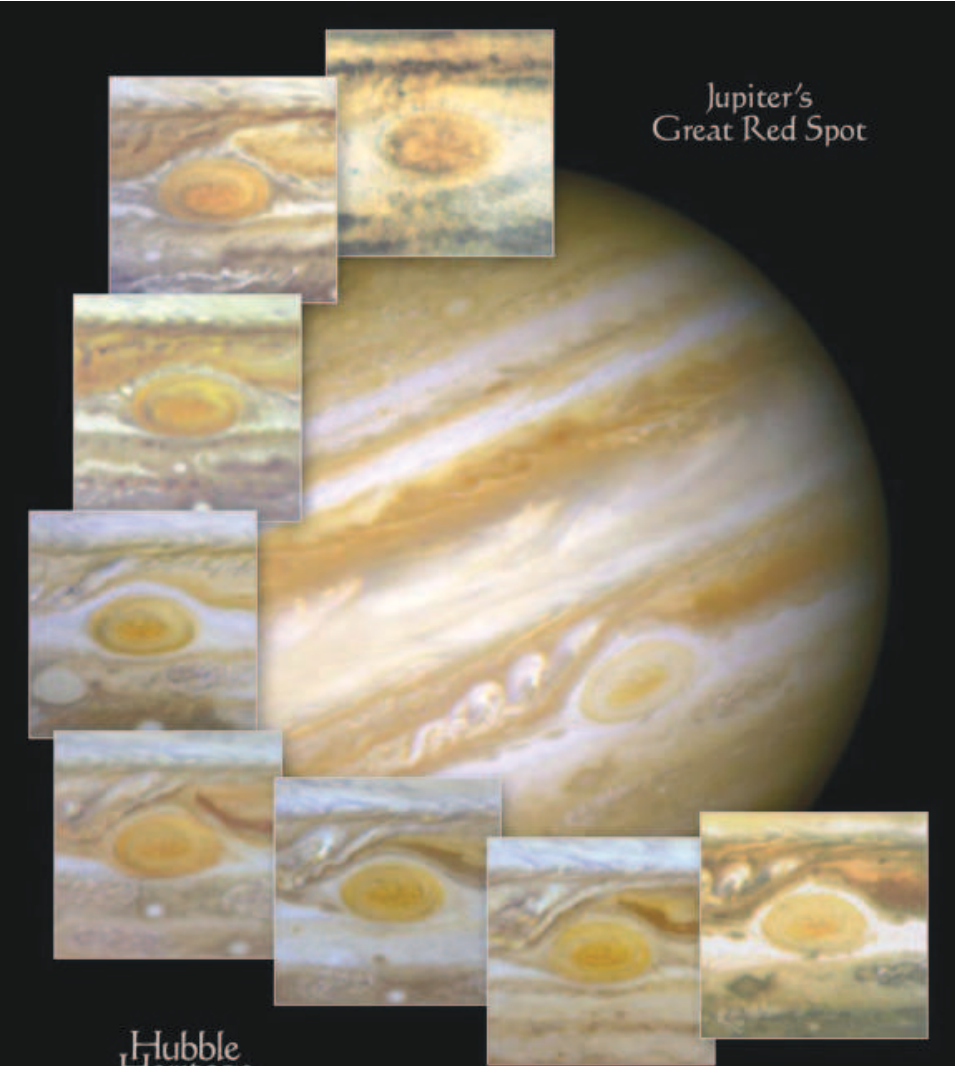


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Rationale: 1. fast rotation, (Charney, Bourgeois-Beale, Embid-Majda, Lions-Temam-Wang ...), 2. relative thinness (Raugel-Sell, Temam-Ziane, ...)



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Simple model

Two dimensional Navier-Stokes equation (vorticity-stream function)

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$$\Delta \psi = q,$$

$$q|_{t=0} = q_0 (\geq 0)$$

$$\psi = q = 0, \text{ on } \partial Q (Q = [0, \pi] \times [0, \pi])$$



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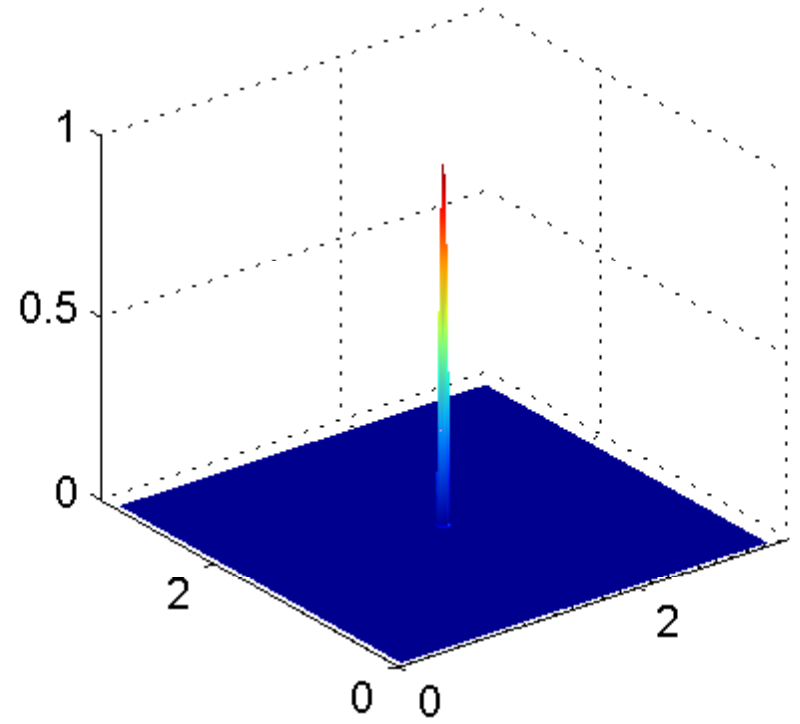
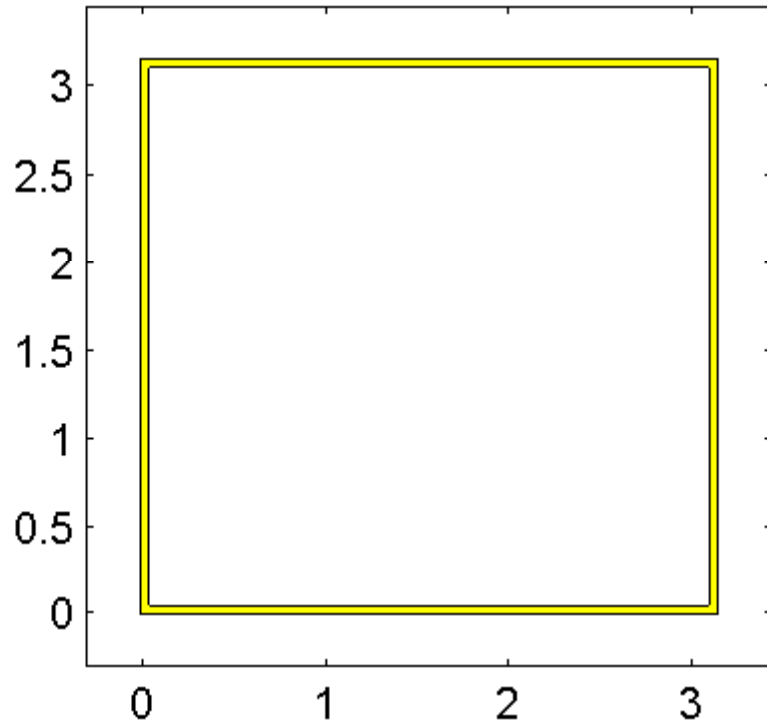
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• x_j : uniform distribution on $Q_{r_0} = [r_0, \pi - r_0] \times [r_0, \pi - r_0]$



Forcing figure



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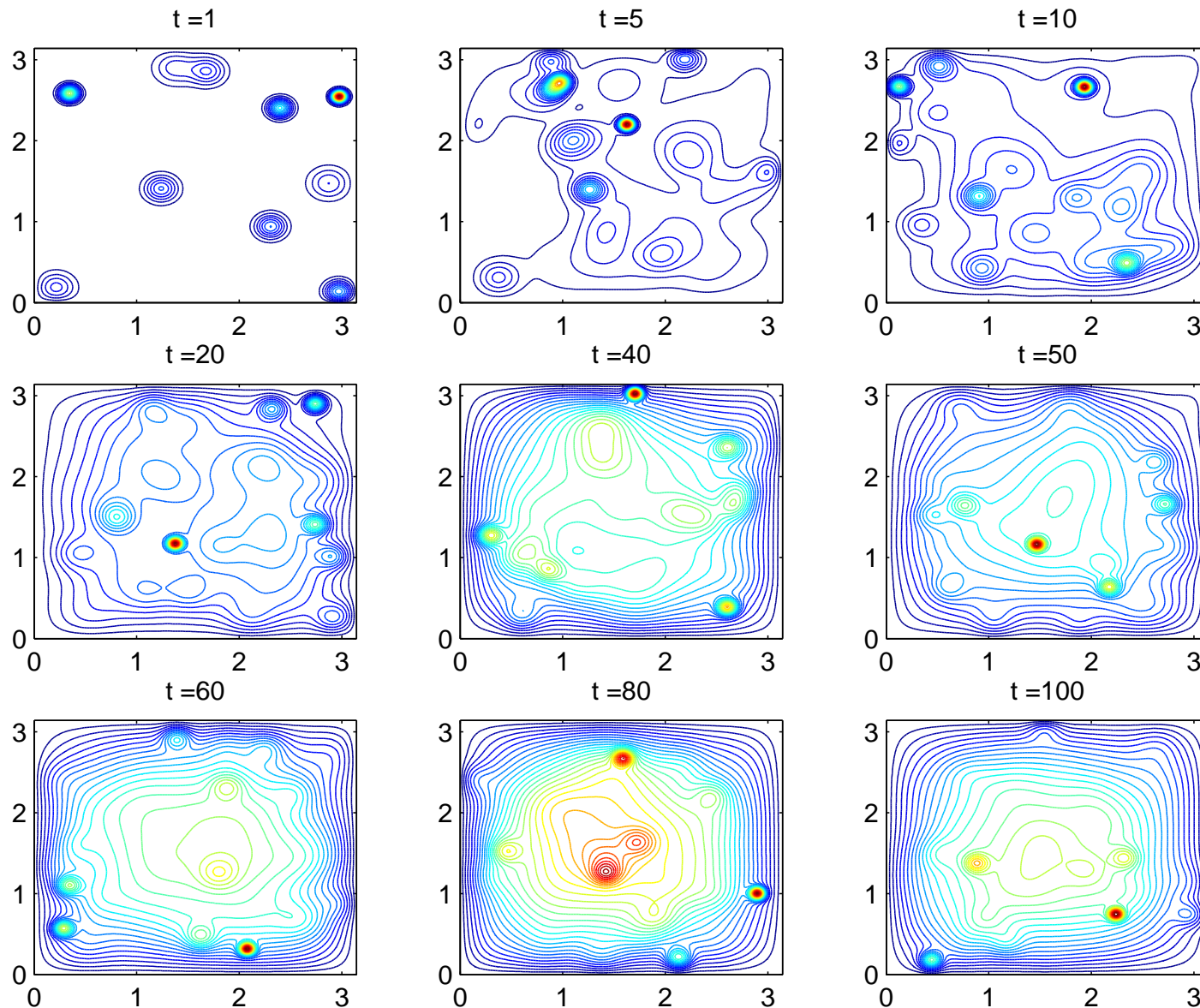


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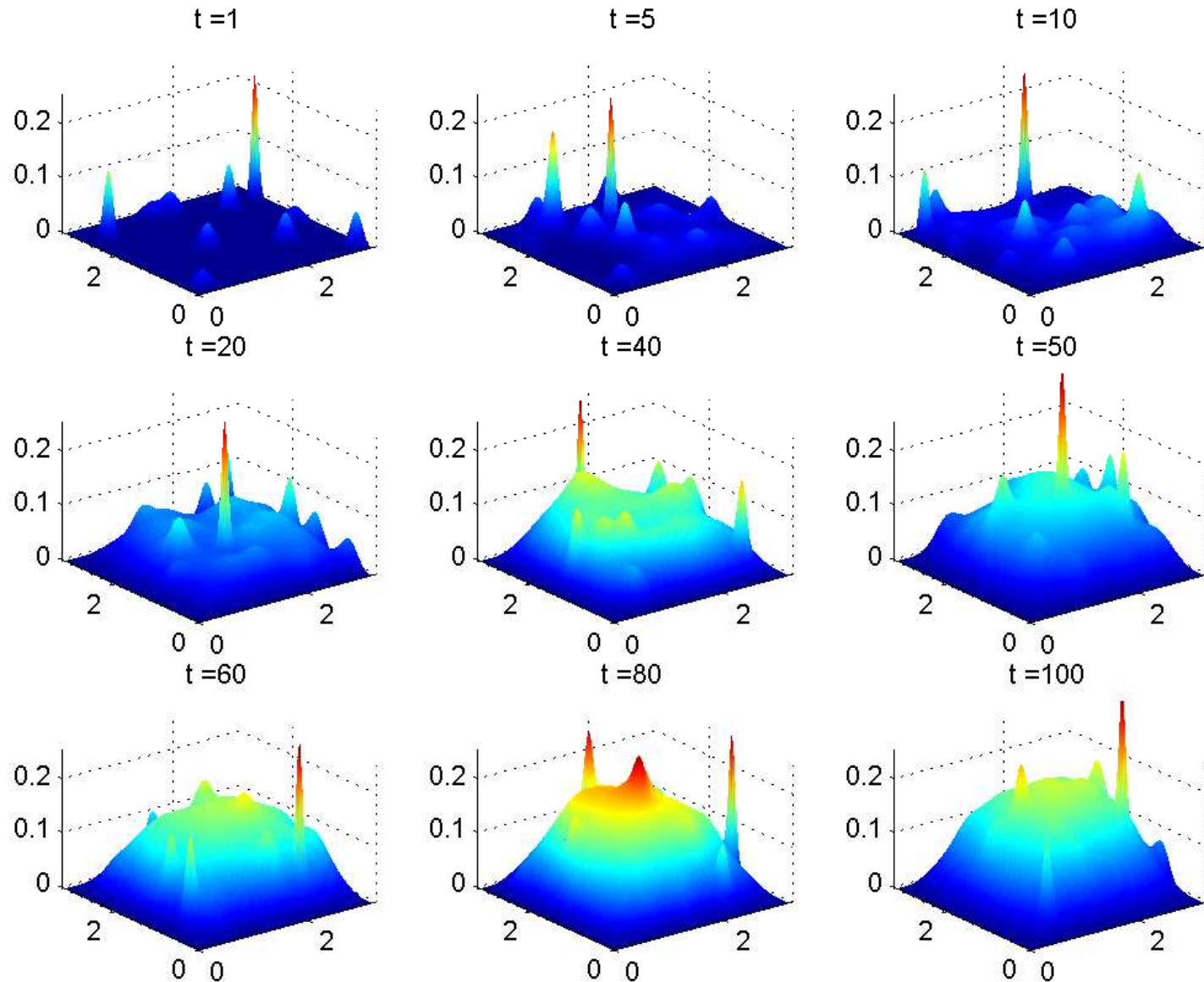
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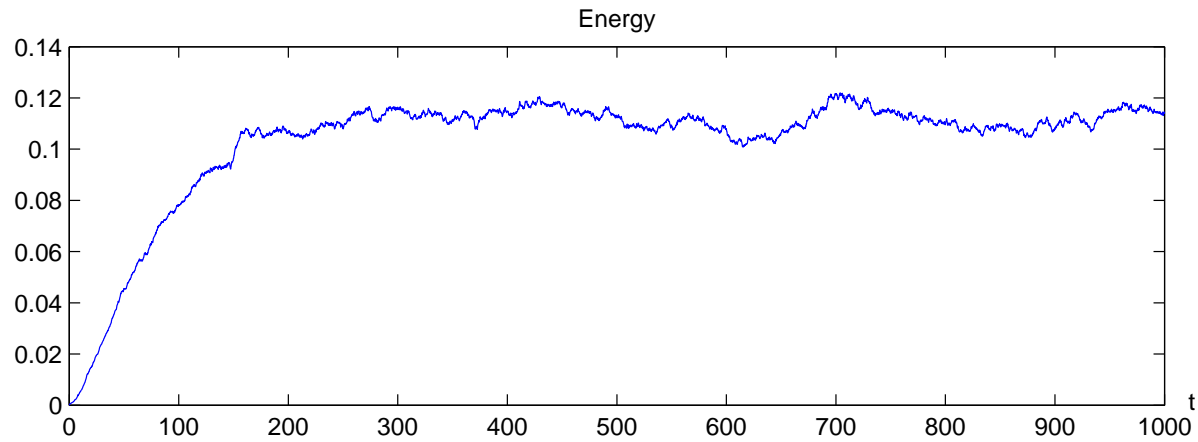
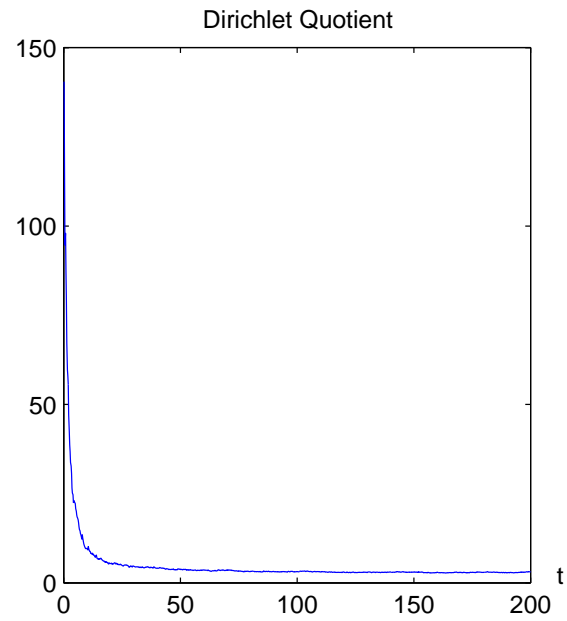
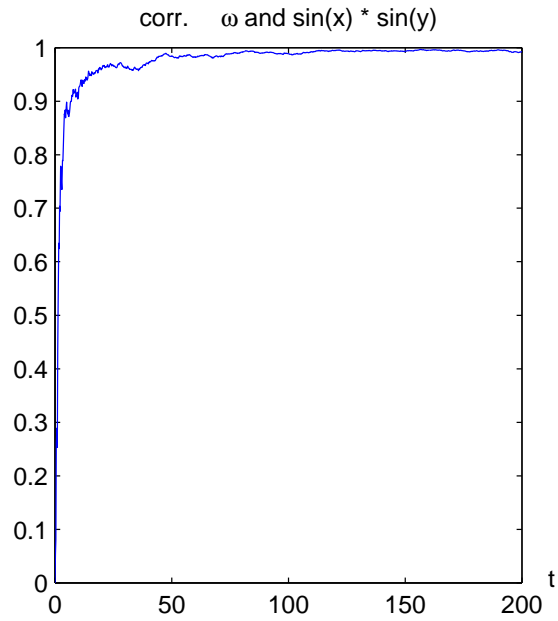
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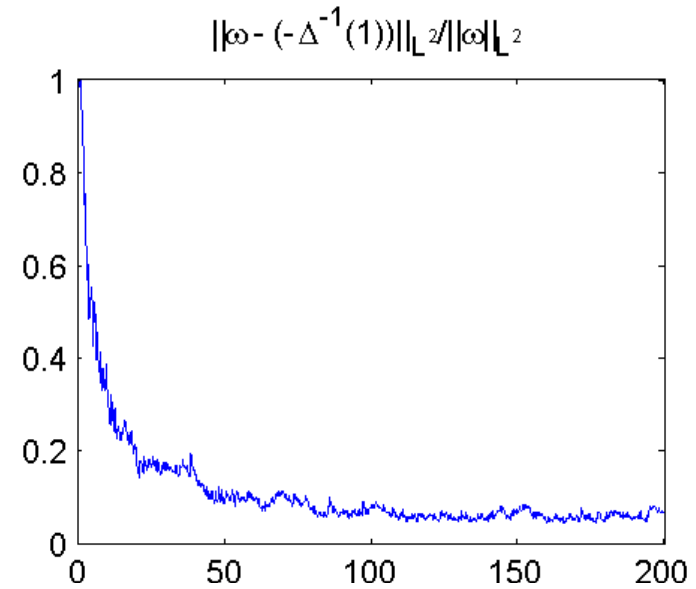
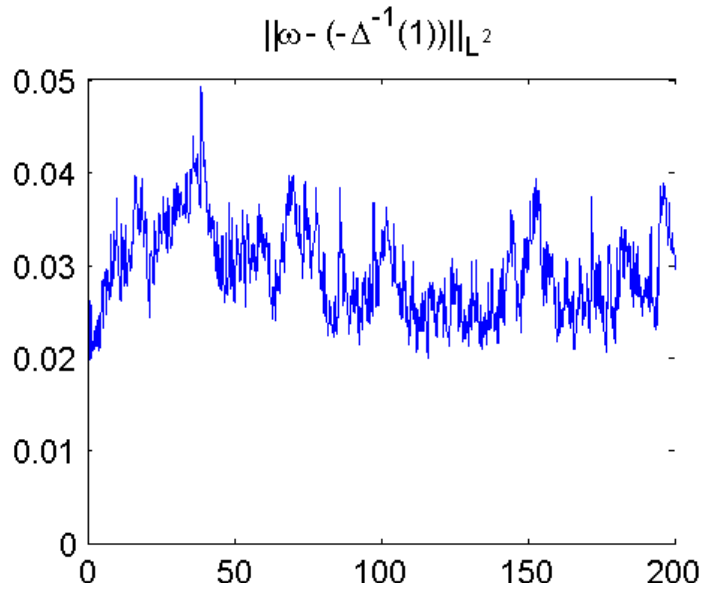
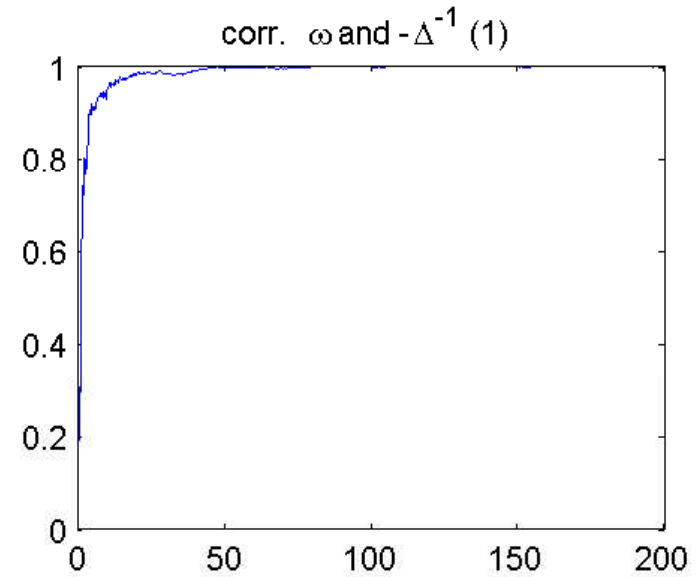
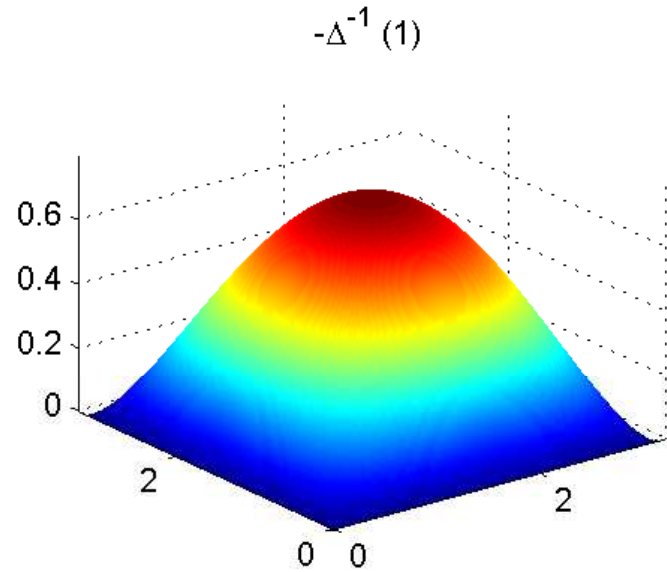
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where

$$G(\vec{x}, t) = \sum b_{\vec{k}} e_{\vec{k}}(\vec{x}) \beta_{\vec{k}}(t)$$

$\{e_{\vec{k}}(\vec{x})\}$ **o.n.b.**, $\{\beta_{\vec{k}}(t)\}$ **Brownians**



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generalization of Caraballo-Langa-Robinson



Commutative diagram (Majda-W.)

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- E, Flandoli, Kuksin, Mattingly, Maslowski, Schmalfuss, Sinai, Shirikyan, ...



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