

# Supporting Information

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## 1 Methods

### 1.1 Experimental device

Our device is based on several previous set-ups detailed in Espa et al. (2014) and Galperin et al. (2014a, 2016). It consists of a  $L_x = 0.68$  by  $L_y = 0.69$  m rectangular tank of 0.20 m height that is attached to a rotating table by a rigid aluminium super-structure. The tank is filled with an electrolytic saline solution (mean depth of 4 cm) rotating counterclockwise with angular velocity  $\Omega = 3 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ . A transparent lid insulates the working fluid from the ambient air (The experimental facility is shown in supplementary Fig. 1). The radius of the working section is  $R = 0.297$  m and the topographic  $\beta$ -effect  $\beta = (2\Omega/H)dH/dr$  is related to the column fluid height,

$$H = H_o + \frac{\Omega^2}{2g} \left( r^2 - \frac{L_x^2 + L_y^2}{12} \right) \quad (1)$$

where  $r$  is the cylindrical radius and  $g$  is the gravitational constant. In our spectral analysis,  $\beta$  corresponds to the averaged value  $\beta = 0.53 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . The forcing is produced by passing a constant electric current through the working fluid over an array of permanent magnets (12 mm in diameter and spaced by 1-2 cm from each other) mounted under the bottom of the tank in a  $90^\circ$  or  $180^\circ$  arc of a 17 cm radius. Using the magnets' polarity, we can induce a westward and an eastward momentum that drives the formation of westward and eastward zonal

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jets. Experiments are run in both configurations for an electrical current intensity that varies between  $I = 2, 4$  and  $6\text{A}$ , as summarized in supplementary Table 1.

Velocities were measured at the flow surface by analyzing images of passively advected styrene particles with a mean size of about  $5 \times 10^{-5}$  m monitored by a video camera with a spatial resolution of  $1023 \times 1240$  pixels at a frequency of  $20$  Hz. The acquired images were analyzed using a feature tracking algorithm that reconstructs instantaneous Lagrangian velocities (Lacorata and Espa, 2012). The time history of the Eulerian velocity field was then obtained by interpolating the sparse data over a regular grid. Velocity fields are then projected onto a polar coordinate grid that is more appropriate to derive the spectral decomposition of the flow.

## 1.2 Spectral analysis in the cylindrical geometry of the laboratory

To compute the spectral analysis of 2D velocity fields  $\mathbf{u}$  projected on a polar coordinate grid, we use the truncated Bessel-Fourier decomposition over  $90^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$  sectors (corresponding to the electromagnetic forcing), truncation indices  $\gamma = 4$  and  $2$ , respectively:

$$f(r, \varphi) = \sum_{m=-M}^M \sum_{n=1}^N C_m^n J_m \left( \alpha_{mn} \frac{r}{R} \right) e^{\gamma i m \varphi} \quad (2)$$

where  $f(r, \varphi)$  is an arbitrary well-behaving function in cylindrical coordinates (of radius  $r$  and azimuth angle  $\varphi$ ) such that  $f(R, \varphi) = 0$ ,  $J_m$  is the Bessel function of the  $m$ th order,  $\alpha_{mn}$  its  $n$ th zero,  $n$  and  $m$  are respectively radial and zonal modes, and  $C_m^n$  are complex Bessel-Fourier coefficients (Arfken and Weber, 1999). With a spatial resolution of  $1^\circ$ , the total number of zonal modes  $M$  is limited to 45 for a  $90^\circ$  sector, 90 for a  $180^\circ$  sector, and the total number of radial modes  $N$  are limited to 60. It is clear from Eq. (2) that the 2D kinetic energy spectrum for each pair of modes  $m$  and  $n$  is

$$E(n, m) = \frac{1}{2} C_m^n \overline{C_m^n} J_{m+1}(\alpha_{mn})^2, \quad (3)$$

with  $\overline{C_m^n}$  the complex conjugate of  $C_m^n$ . Here the total kinetic energy  $E(n, m)$  is the sum of the radial and zonal kinetic energy spectra computed from radial  $u_r$  and zonal  $u_\varphi$  velocity components with  $\mathbf{u} = u_r \mathbf{e}_r + u_\varphi \mathbf{e}_\varphi$ . To accommodate the spectral anisotropy due to a  $\beta$ -effect, we define respectively the zonal and Kolmogorov-Kraichnan (KK) spectra as the axisymmetric part of the energy  $E_Z(n) = E(n, m = 0)$  and its non-axisymmetric part  $E_{KK}(n) = \sum_{m=-M}^M E(n, m \neq 0)$  (Sukoriansky et al., 2002). In cylindrical geometry, When the flow approaches the regime of zonostrophic turbulence (Galperin et al., 2010), the spectra are expected to become

$$E_Z(\alpha_{0n}) \simeq C_Z \beta^2 (\alpha_{0n}/R)^{-5} R^{-1}, \quad (4a)$$

$$E_{KK}(\alpha_{mn}) \simeq C_K \Pi_\epsilon^{2/3} (\alpha_{1n}/R)^{-5/3} R^{-1}, \quad (4b)$$

with constants  $C_Z = 0.2$  and  $C_K = 6$ , and  $R$  the tank's radius. One can estimate the scale at which the zonal and KK spectra intersect,

$$\hat{L}_\beta \simeq (C_K/C_Z)^{3/10} (\alpha_{0n}/n) (\alpha_{0n}/\alpha_{1n})^{1/2} (\Pi_\epsilon/\beta^3)^{1/5}. \quad (5)$$

Supplementary Table 1 gives the values of  $n$  and  $\hat{L}_\beta$  at which the spectra intersect in all experiments. The relationship between  $\hat{L}_\beta$  and  $L_\beta$  expressed by Eq. (5) is specific to the polar coordinate system due to the mapping of the space of  $n$  onto the space of  $\alpha_{mn}$ . In cylindrical geometry, scale  $\hat{L}_\beta$  is used for the ratio  $L_\beta/L_M$  reported in the main manuscript Table.

### 1.3 Kinetic energy flux in the laboratory

In order to better characterize the non-linear dynamics of eddy-eddy interactions, we compute the non-linear energy flux, which provides another estimate of the energy transfer rate,  $\Pi_\epsilon$ . Energy flux is obtained in our laboratory experiment by using a filtering procedure applied on a Cartesian 2D velocity field  $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})$  as introduced by Chen et al. (2006); Boffetta and Musacchio (2010).

Following their approach, we introduce the filtered velocity field  $\mathbf{u}_s(\mathbf{x}) = (G_s * \mathbf{u})(\mathbf{x})$  that contains the information from  $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})$  only at length scales  $> s$  and results from convolution with a Gaussian filter  $G_s(\mathbf{x}) = s^{-2}G(\mathbf{x}/s)$ . The energy flux  $\Pi_\epsilon$  that represents the local transfer of kinetic energy from scales larger than  $s$  to scales smaller to  $s$ , is defined as,

$$\Pi_\epsilon^s(\mathbf{x}) = -(\tau_{ij})_s \nabla_i (u_j)_s, \quad (6)$$

where  $(\tau_{ij})_s = (u_i u_j)_s - (u_i)_s (u_j)_s$  and  $\nabla_i$  is the first derivative. Computed from expression (6), fluxes with a negative/positive value evidence an upscale/downscale (inverse/direct) cascade of energy. Figure 1 in the main text and Figure 2 in the Supporting Information show energy fluxes computed on a  $N_x \times N_y$  Cartesian grid centered on the sector where the jet is enforced and with  $N_x = N_y = 100$  grid points. All fluxes are averaged in space and time, over 2401 frames once steady state is achieved. Filtered scales  $s$  are converted in non-dimensional wave-number  $n = N_x/s$ . For both western and eastern jets, fluxes show an upscale energy cascade toward jets' scale and a small range of a downscale cascade at the largest scales for the western jets only.

### 1.4 Spectral analysis in spherical geometry

#### Kinetic energy spectra

To compute the spectral analysis of a 2D velocity fields  $\mathbf{u}$  projected on a latitude-longitude coordinate grid it is appropriate to decompose the vector field in terms of two scalar functions. A decomposition into rotational (non-divergent)  $\mathbf{v}$  and divergent (irrotational)  $\mathbf{w}$  velocity components can be performed via the Helmholtz expression  $\mathbf{u} = \nabla_h \times \psi \mathbf{e}_z + \nabla_h \phi = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$ , where scalar fields  $\psi$  and  $\phi$  are the horizontal (i.e. latitude-longitude) streamfunction and velocity potential, respectively. Using this decomposition, one obtains the vorticity  $\zeta$  and the divergence  $\delta$  fields,

$$\zeta = \text{rot}_h(\mathbf{u}) = \nabla_h^2 \psi \quad (7a)$$

$$\delta = \text{div}_h(\mathbf{u}) = \nabla_h^2 \phi. \quad (7b)$$

By definition, the scalar product of two horizontal vector fields  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  can be expressed in the spectral domain as,

$$(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})_{m,n} = \frac{R^2}{n(n+1)} \mathbb{R} \{ \text{rot}_h(\mathbf{a})_{m,n} \text{rot}_h^*(\mathbf{b})_{m,n} + \text{div}_h(\mathbf{a})_{m,n} \text{div}_h^*(\mathbf{b})_{m,n} \} \quad (8)$$

where  $*$  is the complex conjugate,  $\mathbb{R}\{\cdot\}$  refers to the real part and  $R$  is the spherical radius (see Boer (1983); Augier and Lindborg (2013)). It is clear from Eq. (8) that the 2D kinetic energy spectrum (i.e. spectral energy density per modes  $m, n$ ) is

$$\mathcal{E}(n, m) = \frac{(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u})_{m,n}}{2} = \frac{R^2}{2n(n+1)} \mathbb{R} \{ \zeta_{m,n} \zeta_{m,n}^* + \delta_{m,n} \delta_{m,n}^* \}, \quad (9)$$

where  $\zeta_{m,n}$  and  $\delta_{m,n}$  are the spherical harmonic coefficients of the relative vorticity and divergence fields. When spherical harmonic functions are invoked to compute energy spectra, the basis functions  $Y_n^m(\varphi, \lambda)$  are eigenfunctions of the horizontal Laplacian operator  $\nabla_h^2 Y_n^m = -n(n+1)Y_n^m/a^2$ , and depend on non-dimensional total and zonal indices  $n$  and  $m$  respectively (Boer, 1983; Boer and Shepherd, 1983). The planetary spin axis defines the zonal index

118  $m = 0$  to be the axisymmetric mode that characterizes the zonal jets. Indices  $m \neq 0$  define the  
 119 non-axisymmetric part of the flow, namely velocity fluctuations. Following Sukoriansky et al.  
 120 (2002), we define the 1D energy spectrum as  $E(n) = \sum_{m=-n}^n \mathcal{E}(n, m)$ , which can be decom-  
 121 posed into a sum of the zonal and Kolmogorov-Kraichnan spectra,  $E(n) = E_Z(n) + E_{KK}(n)$ .  
 122 The zonal spectrum corresponds to the axisymmetric energy,  $E_Z(n) = \mathcal{E}(n, m = 0)$  while the  
 123 KK spectrum is a sum over all non-axisymmetric modes,  $E_{KK}(n) = 2 \sum_{m=1}^n \mathcal{E}(n, m)$ . In spher-  
 124 ical geometry, when the flow approaches the regime of zonostrophic turbulence, the spectra are  
 125 expected to become,

$$126 \quad E_Z(n) = C_Z \beta^2 n^{-5}, \quad (10a)$$

$$127 \quad E_R(n) = C_K \Pi_\epsilon^{2/3} n^{-5/3}, \quad . \quad (10b)$$

129 One can estimate the scale at which the zonal and KK spectra intersect,

$$130 \quad L_\beta = 2\pi R (C_K/C_Z)^{3/10} (\Pi_\epsilon/\beta^3)^{1/5}. \quad (11)$$

131 Values for  $L_\beta$  from 2D velocity maps of Cassini and the Saturn GCM are reported in the Table  
 132 of the letter.

### 133 Kinetic energy flux

134 To compute the non-linear energy flux in the spherical coordinates of Jupiter and Saturn, we  
 135 start with the vorticity equation,

$$136 \quad \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t} = -(\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \zeta - D, \quad (12)$$

137 where  $\mathbf{v}$  is the rotational velocity, and  $D$  is the vorticity tendency due to divergent flow and  
 138 other vorticity sources and sinks. In spectral space, the enstrophy equation is

$$139 \quad \frac{\partial G_n}{\partial t} = J_n + D_n^G, \quad (13)$$

140 with enstrophy  $G = \frac{1}{2} \zeta^2$ , and divergent effects, sources, and sinks contained within  $D_n^G$ . The  
 141 enstrophy interaction term is given by the enstrophy transfer function (Burgess et al., 2013;  
 142 Read et al., 2018),

$$143 \quad J_n = -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{m=-n}^n \left[ \zeta_{m,n}^* \{ \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \zeta \}_{m,n} + \zeta_{m,n} \{ \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \zeta \}_{m,n}^* \right], \quad (14)$$

144 and the associated energy transfer function is

$$145 \quad I_n = \frac{R^2}{n(n+1)} J_n. \quad (15)$$

146 The energy flux can now be computed:

$$147 \quad \Pi_\epsilon^{n+1} = - \sum_{l=1}^n I_l \quad (16)$$

148 respectively. The integral over all wavenumbers  $N$  is zero by construction and should also be  
 149 equal to zero at  $n = 0$  as the energy transfer functions represent conservative processes. The  
 150 expression (16) is an estimate of non-linear transfer of energy between different scales of motions  
 151 obtained from the spectral decomposition of 2D velocity fields. Energy fluxes for Jupiter and  
 152 the Saturn GCM are reported in Figure 1 of the main text.

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## 1.5 Potential vorticity formulation and the sorting algorithm

When 2D relative vorticity maps are involved, i.e. from laboratory measurements, global climate models, and Cassini cloud tracking, we estimate the potential vorticity using the formulation

$$PV = (\zeta + 2\Omega)/H, \quad (17)$$

where  $H$  is the fluid layer depth. In the laboratory it corresponds to the topography of the free surface  $H$ , while for the Saturn GCM and for Jupiter we consider a constant depth extension of the atmospheric layer along the planetary radius, using  $H = 59$  km in the Saturn GCM (Spiga et al., 2020) and  $H = 1000$  km for Jupiter (Kaspi et al., 2018).

For Jupiter and Saturn, we also make use of potential vorticity profiles derived by Read et al. (2006) for Jupiter and by Read et al. (2009) for Saturn. These are isentropic potential vorticity (IPV) profiles computed from measured horizontal velocity and temperature fields, assuming hydrostatic balance and large Richardson number (i.e. when buoyancy forces dominate over velocity shear in the vertical). Then the general definition of Ertel PV becomes

$$IPV = -g(\zeta_p + 2\Omega \sin \theta) \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial p} \quad (18)$$

where  $\zeta_p$  is the vertical component of the relative vorticity on pressure surfaces,  $g$  is the gravitational constant,  $\Theta$  is the potential temperature, and  $p$  is the pressure. The quasi-geostrophic potential vorticity (QGPV) is defined on isobaric surfaces,

$$QGPV = \zeta_p + 2\Omega \sin \theta - f \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left( \frac{pT_d(x, y, p)}{s(p)T_s(p)} \right) \right], \quad (19)$$

where  $T_s(p)$  is the horizontal mean temperature profile, representing the reference profile for the quasi-geostrophic analysis,  $T_d(x, y, p) = T(x, y, p) - T_s(p)$ , and  $s(p)$  is the profile of the stability parameter, defined in terms of potential temperature as  $s = -pC_{p0}/\langle C_p(p) \rangle \partial \langle \ln \Theta \rangle / \partial \ln p$ . Here horizontal means isobaric surface and defines the coordinates  $(x, y)$ ,  $C_p$  is the specific heat capacity of hydrogen, and  $C_{p0}$  is the specific heat capacity of the hydrogen-helium mixture that dominates the composition of gas giants' atmospheres (see Read et al. (2006, 2009) for more details).

Potential vorticity monotonization is performed by using the Matlab function "sort" that sorts array elements in either the ascending or descending direction. Each PV value in the array is located at a certain index corresponding to a spatial position in a radial or latitudinal array. The radial and latitudinal arrays are regular grids with spacing  $\Delta_g$ . Once sorted, each PV value has moved from its indexed position to another, and the displacement in the indexed array is converted into a length scale by multiplying by the grid spacing  $\Delta_g$ . Finally, the typical length scale  $L_M$  is obtained by computing the RMS displacement over time and space, excluding zeros. The algorithm of the sorting procedure is available at <https://github.com/scabanes/JUMP>

## 1.6 Estimate of $L_M$ and $L_\beta$ in the main manuscript Table

**For the laboratory:** Estimates of  $L_M$  and  $L_\beta$  are computed on truncated (i.e.  $90^\circ$  or  $180^\circ$  azimuthal domains) surface velocity maps with maximum cylindrical radius  $R = 0.297$  m. Spectral quantities are averaged over 2401 frames corresponding to 58 rotation periods. Length scales  $L_M$  are RMS values [with their standard deviation](#) over the same truncated domain and the same 2401 frames.

**For Jupiter:** Estimates of  $L_M$  based on QGPV (CIRS) and QGPV (IRIS) are computed [between the range of latitudes  \$\pm 58^\circ\$  and  \$\pm 10^\circ\$](#) . Estimates are RMS values in latitude and over four pressure levels between  $2 \leq p \leq 268$  hPa (for CIRS) and  $2 \leq p \leq 225$  hPa (for IRIS) respectively (profiles are shown in supplementary Fig. 5 and 6). Estimates of  $L_M$  and  $L_\beta$  from

the 2D Cassini maps are computed between latitudes  $\pm 55^\circ$  at Jupiter's cloud deck, i.e. approximately  $550 \leq p \leq 750$  hPa (Porco et al., 2003). Spectral quantities are averaged over four Jupiter days and the length scale  $L_M$  is an RMS value with its standard deviation over latitude, longitude and time.

**For Saturn:** Estimates of  $L_M$  from QGPV and IPV are computed between the range of latitudes  $\pm 58^\circ$  and  $\pm 10^\circ$ . Estimates are RMS values in latitude and over four pressure levels between  $2 \leq p \leq 270$  hPa (profiles are shown in supplementary Fig. 8 and 9). Estimates of  $L_M$  and  $L_\beta$  from the Saturn GCM are computed between latitudes  $\pm 80^\circ$ . Spectral quantities are averaged over two simulated Saturn years and over nine pressure levels ranging between  $30 < p < 650$  hPa. The length scale  $L_M$  is an RMS value with its standard deviation over latitude, longitude, pressure, and the two simulated Saturn years.

Here, our procedure to estimate  $L_M$  and  $L_\beta$  is based on a global average over time, latitudes, longitudes and pressure levels and presupposes the existence of a global value for the energy transfer rate  $\Pi_\epsilon$ . Further studies might consider a more local (at smaller scale) estimate of the turbulent energy transfers  $\Pi_\epsilon$  rather than global, but this is beyond the scope of this study.

## 1.7 Eddy diffusivity coefficient in quasi-geostrophic turbulence

In theories of homogeneous isotropic turbulence, it is customary to invoke a one-dimensional representation of the eddy diffusivity coefficient  $K$  which is given by the classical Richardson diffusion law (Richardson, 1926),

$$K(l) \propto \Pi_\epsilon^{1/3} l^{4/3}, \quad (20)$$

where  $\Pi_\epsilon$  is the rate of a direct energy cascade and  $l$  a typical mixing length scale. However, geophysical and planetary turbulence features strongly anisotropic flows that combine turbulence, waves and jets. Energy is transferred upscale by an inverse energy cascade and the effect of the anisotropy is reflected in the choice of  $l$  in the meridional direction (along the latitude).

In the framework of rotating turbulence with a  $\beta$ -effect, recall the critical length scale  $L_\beta$  that corresponds to the crossover between the KK-spectrum and the zonal flow spectrum, see expressions (2) and (3) in the main manuscript. In the meridional direction, scales  $l$  larger than  $L_\beta$  do not contribute to the diffusivity coefficient  $K(l)$  and so  $l$  in (20) remains "frozen" at  $L_\beta$  and becomes scale-independent, something reminiscent of the so-called Taylor diffusion regime (Taylor, 1922). Then, following the formulation developed by Galperin et al. (2016), one can obtain the expression for the latitudinal eddy diffusivity coefficient in the scale-independent, Taylor-like regime,

$$K_\theta(L_\beta) = \Pi_\epsilon^{3/5} \beta^{-4/5}, \quad (21)$$

where  $\Pi_\epsilon$  is the upscale energy transfer rate discussed in the main text. This scaling was verified in laboratory experiments and gave great prediction of the meridional spread of comet's debris in planetary atmospheres using a one-dimensional diffusion equation, see Galperin et al. (2016). Note that in the zonal direction, diffusion continues to obey the Richardson law in expression (20). We estimate  $K_\theta$  within Jupiter's atmosphere using  $\beta \simeq 2.5 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $1.5 \times 10^{-5} \leq \Pi_\epsilon \leq 9 \times 10^{-5}$  and within Saturn's atmosphere using  $\beta \simeq 2.83 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $0.6 \times 10^{-5} \leq \Pi_\epsilon \leq 1.2 \times 10^{-5}$  respectively. This results in  $K_\theta \sim (2.4 - 7) \times 10^6 \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  for Jupiter and  $\sim (1.3 - 1.9) \times 10^6 \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  for Saturn.

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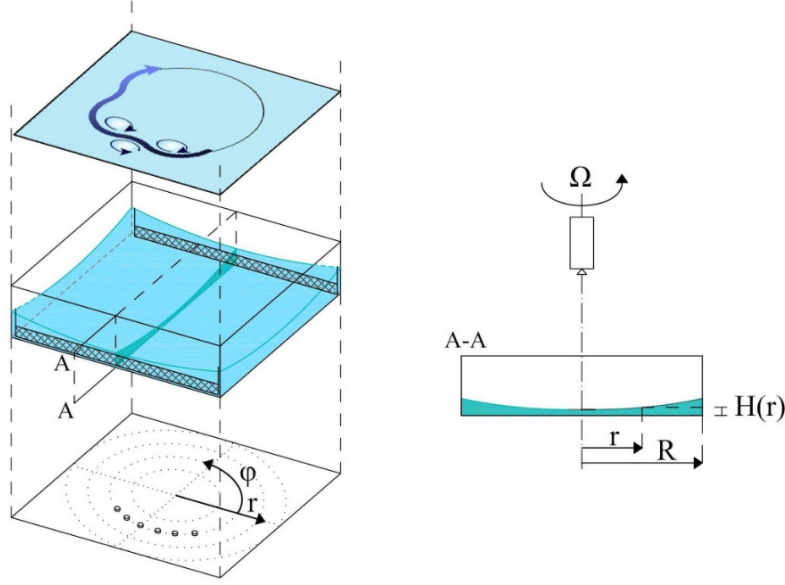


Figure 1: Schematic representation of the experimental device. magnets are placed in a  $90^\circ$  arc at radius 17 cm. The topographic  $\beta$ -effect is estimated by  $\beta = (2\Omega/H)dH/dr$  and depends on the fluid column height  $H$  and the cylindrical radius  $r$ .

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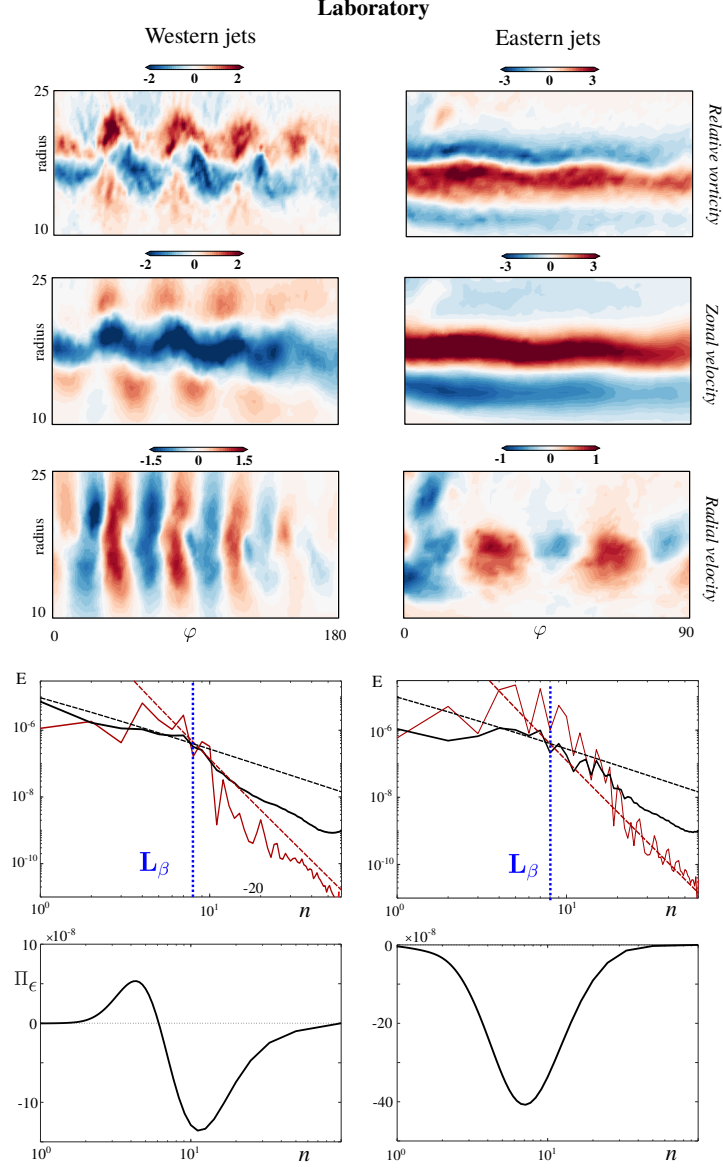


Figure 2: Laboratory fields and spectral analysis. From top to bottom, vorticity ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ ), zonal velocity ( $\text{m s}^{-1}$ ) and radial velocity ( $\text{m s}^{-1}$ ) fields as well as the spectral distribution of kinetic energy ( $\text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-2}$ ). All quantities are reported for an western (eastern) jet forced by a  $180^\circ$  ( $90^\circ$ ) arc of magnets with a forcing that corresponds to an electrical current of  $I = 6\text{A}$ . Energy spectra and fluxes are computed from instantaneous velocity maps at steady state and averaged in time at each mode  $n$  over 58 rotation periods.



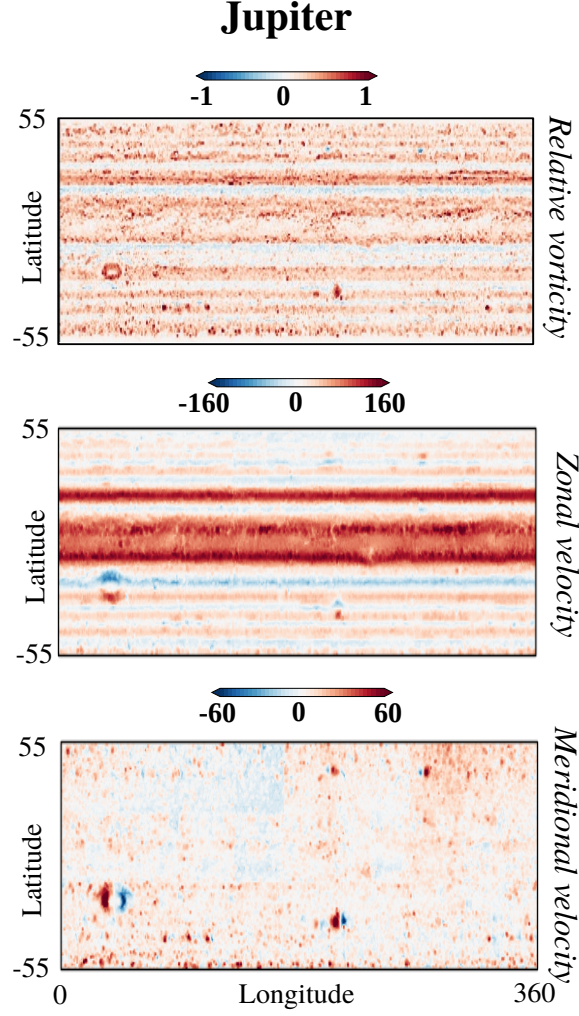


Figure 3: Jupiter’s cloud-top winds based on Cassini imaging. 2D horizontal velocity maps were obtained by Galperin et al. (2014b) using cloud tracking of high resolution visible/NIR images taken during Cassini’s flyby of Jupiter in December 2000. Wind fields were retrieved by using Correlation Imaging Velocimetry. We used their dataset G14g, which contains gridded horizontal wind vectors covering three rotation periods over  $360^\circ$  in longitude and  $\pm 50^\circ$  in latitude. Here the second day is shown. Top to bottom: Relative vorticity is in units of  $\times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , zonal velocity in  $\text{m s}^{-1}$ , and meridional velocity in  $\text{m s}^{-1}$ .

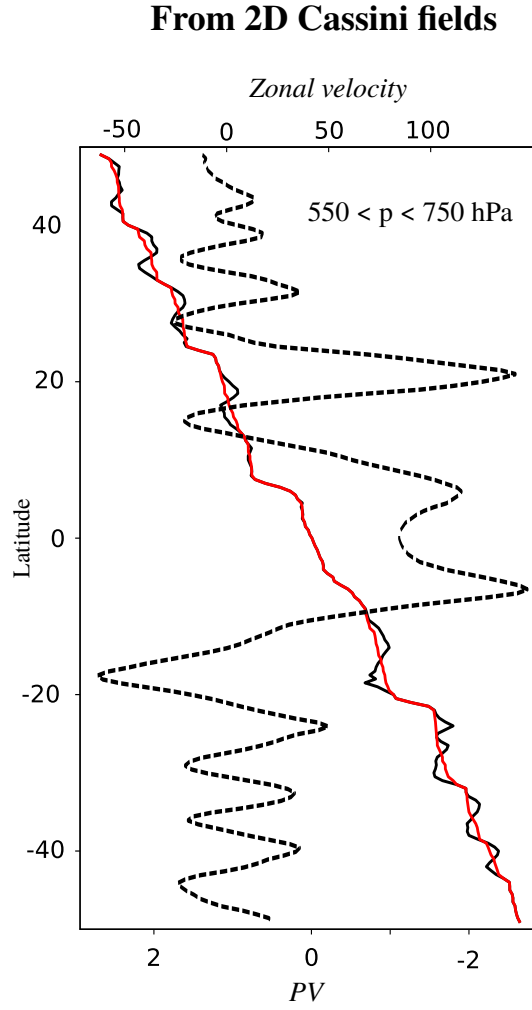


Figure 4: Jupiter potential vorticity and averaged zonal velocity profiles. PV is shown in thick black lines in units of  $\times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Zonal velocity are dashed lines in units of  $\text{m s}^{-1}$ . Red lines are monotized PV profiles. The pressure level  $p$  at which profiles are measured in the atmosphere are labeled in the panel.

Table 1: Control parameters used in laboratory experiments with electromagnetic forcing inducing westward and eastward momentum with an electrical current intensity  $I$  in ampere (A). Westward jets are produced with a  $90^\circ$  and a  $180^\circ$  arc of magnets while eastward jets are produced using a  $90^\circ$  arc of magnets only.  $\Pi_\epsilon$  is the energy transfer rate,  $\hat{L}_\beta$  is the transitional scale in cylindrical geometry, and  $n$  is the index at which the spectra intersect.  $L_\beta$  in the main manuscript Table corresponds to  $\hat{L}_\beta$  here.

Experiments	$I$ (A)	$\Pi_\epsilon$ (W kg $^{-1}$ )	$\hat{L}_\beta$ (cm)	$n$
1: Western-jet $90^\circ$	2	$2.1 \cdot 10^{-8}$	2.2	12
2: Western-jet $90^\circ$	4	$11 \cdot 10^{-8}$	3.1	9
3: Western-jet $90^\circ$	6	$29 \cdot 10^{-8}$	3.72	8
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2: Eastern-jet $90^\circ$	4	$11 \cdot 10^{-8}$	3.1	9
3: Eastern-jet $90^\circ$	6	$21 \cdot 10^{-8}$	3.5	8
1: Western-jet $180^\circ$	2	$2 \cdot 10^{-8}$	2.24	14
2: Western-jet $180^\circ$	4	$8 \cdot 10^{-8}$	2.91	10
3: Western-jet $180^\circ$	6	$20 \cdot 10^{-8}$	3.46	8

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### IPV from CIRS and IRIS

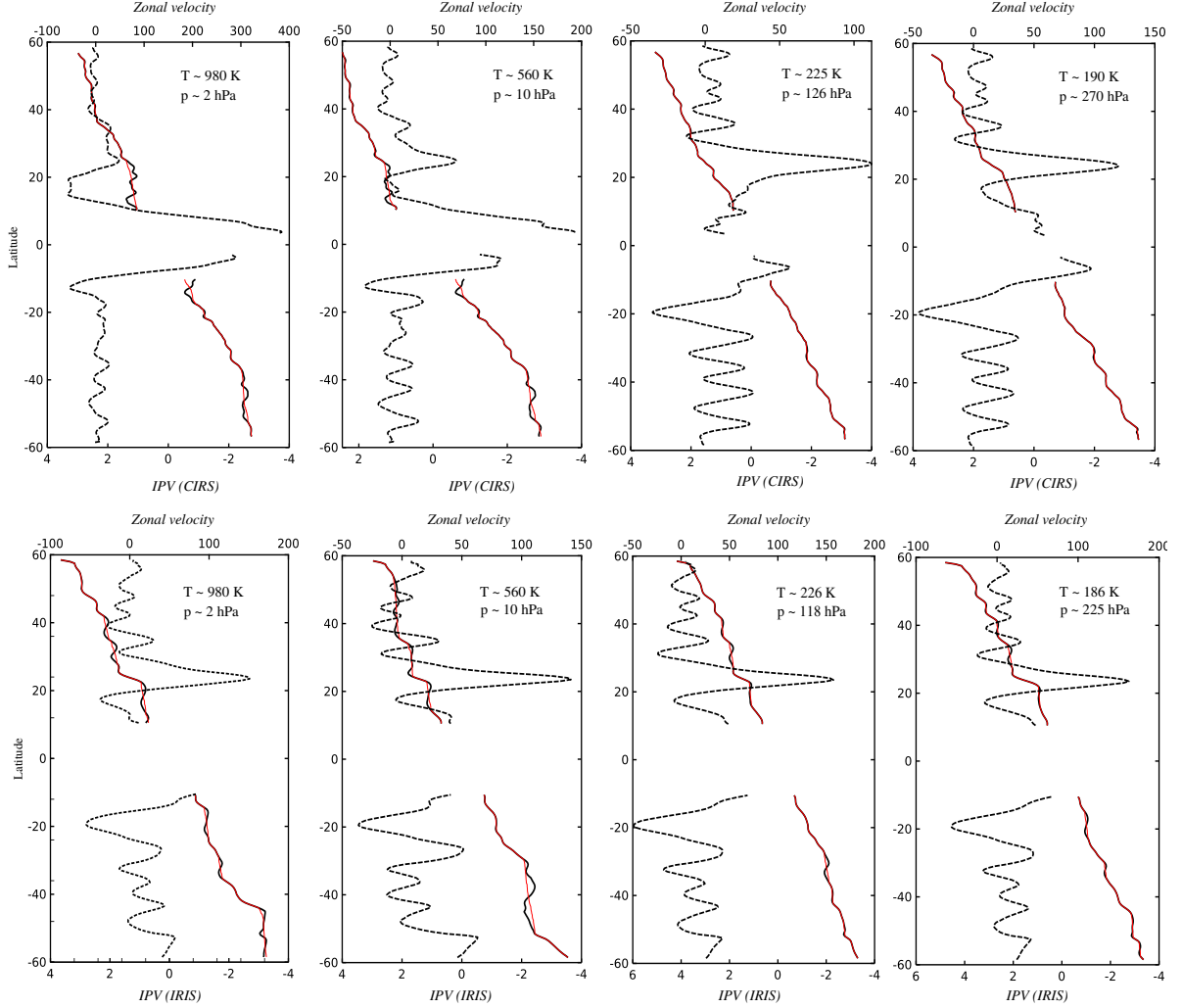


Figure 5: Jupiter IPV and averaged zonal velocity profiles. To compute IPV latitudinal profiles for Jupiter (limited to the range of latitudes  $\pm 58^\circ$  and  $\pm 10^\circ$ ), Read et al. (2006) combined velocity measurements, derived by tracking cloud features in Voyager 1 and 2 and Cassini images, and thermal measurements from the Voyager 1 InfraRed Interferometric Spectrometer (IRIS) (Conrath et al., 1998) and Cassini Composite InfraRed Spectrometer (CIRS) (Porco et al., 2004) instruments. IPV from CIRS and IRIS instruments are shown as black thick lines in units of  $\times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , and zonal velocity is shown as dashed lines in units of  $\text{m s}^{-1}$ . The red lines are monotized IPV profiles. The pressure level  $p$  and the temperature  $T$  of the isentropic level at which profiles are measured in the atmosphere, are labeled in each panel. For more details on IPV profiles see Read et al. (2006).

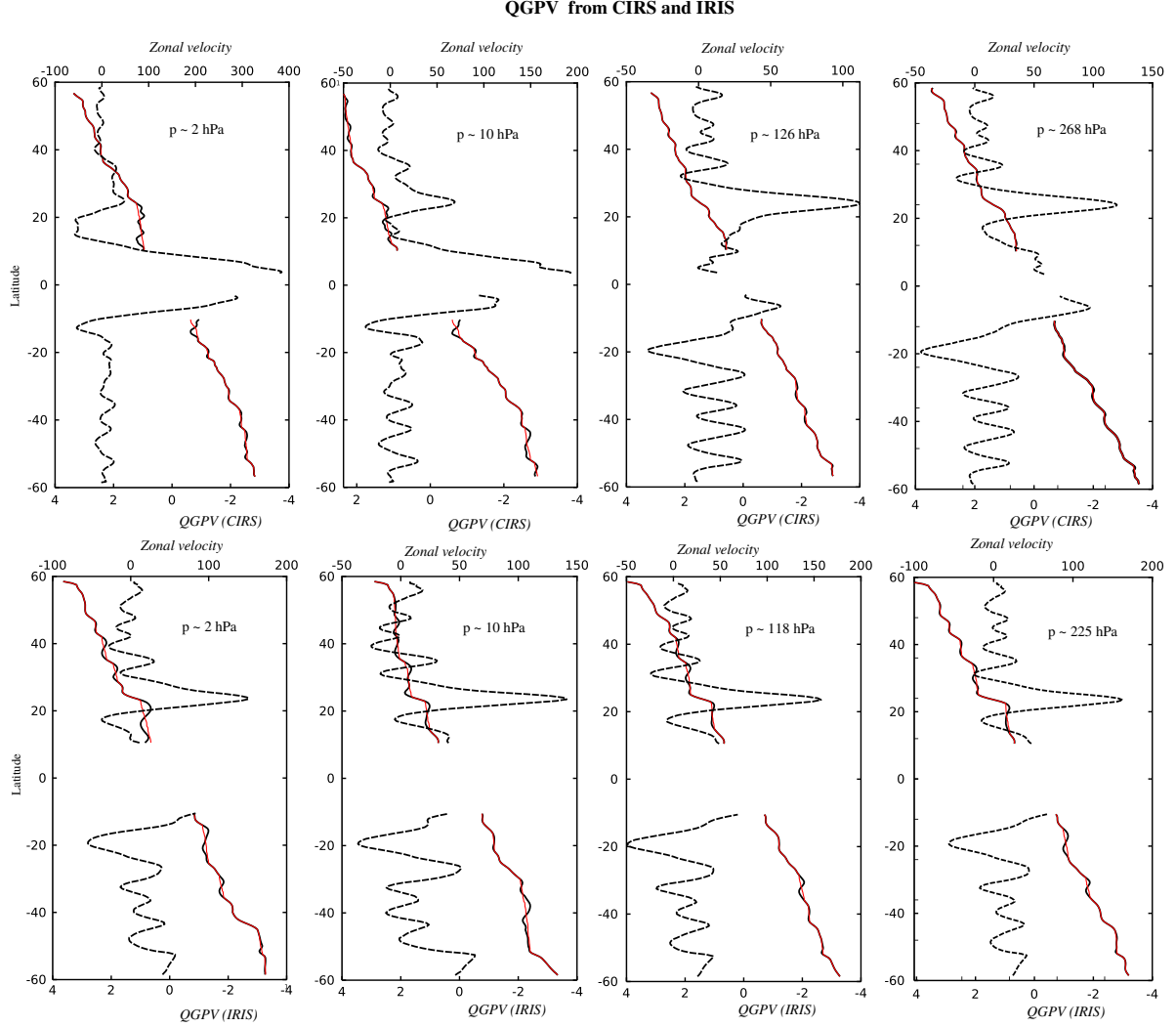


Figure 6: Jupiter QGPV and averaged zonal velocity profiles. To compute QGPV latitudinal profiles for Jupiter (limited to the range of latitudes  $\pm 58^\circ$  and  $\pm 10^\circ$ ), Read et al. (2006) combined velocity measurements, derived by tracking cloud features in Voyager 1 and 2 and Cassini images, and thermal measurements from the Voyager 1 InfraRed Interferometric Spectrometer (IRIS) (Conrath et al., 1998) and Cassini Composite InfraRed Spectrometer (CIRS) (Porco et al., 2004) instruments. QGPV from CIRS and IRIS instruments are shown as black thick lines in units of  $\times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , and zonal velocity is shown as dashed lines in units of  $\text{m s}^{-1}$ . The red lines are monotonicized QGPV profiles. The pressure level  $p$  where profiles are measured are labeled in each panel. For more details on QGPV profiles see Read et al. (2006).

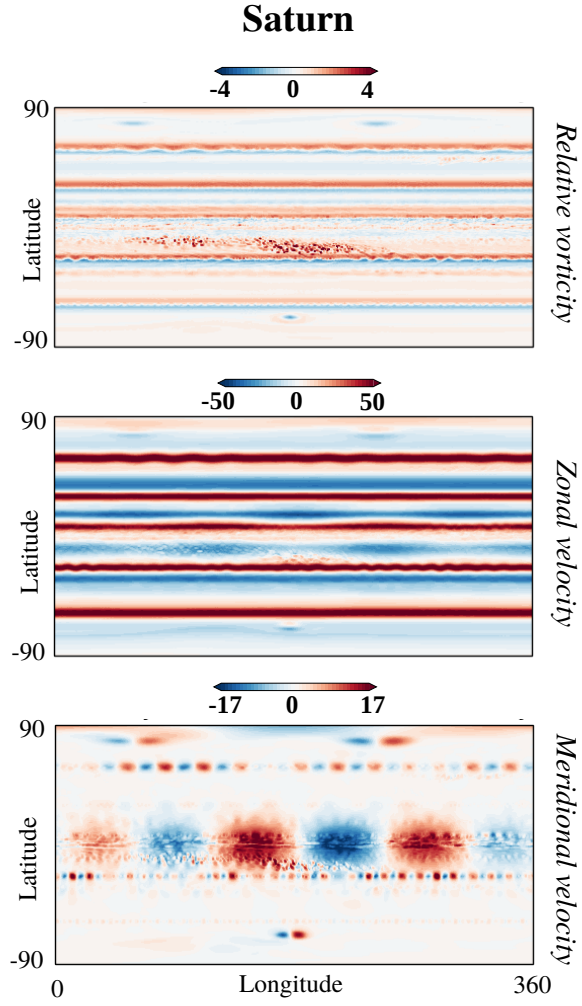


Figure 7: Saturn GCM fields. From top to bottom: Relative vorticity in units of  $\times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , zonal velocity in  $\text{m s}^{-1}$ , and meridional velocities in  $\text{m s}^{-1}$ .

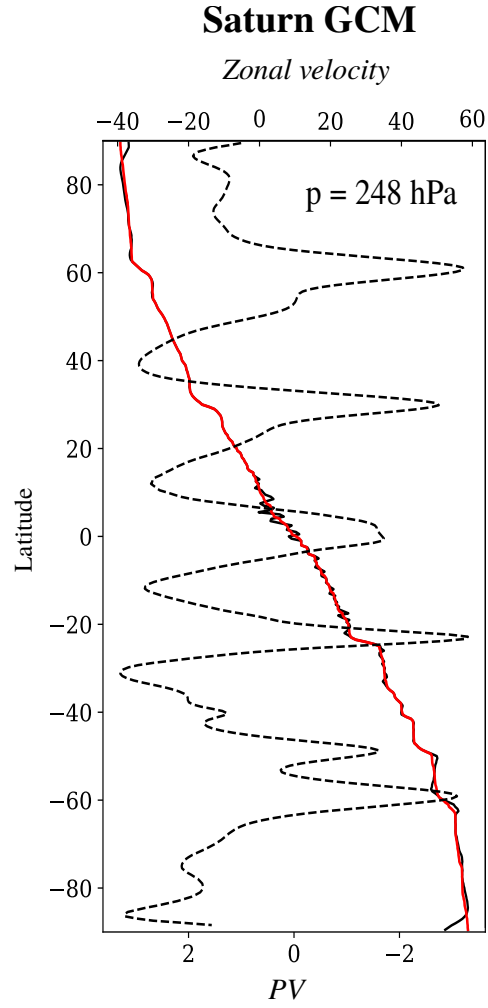


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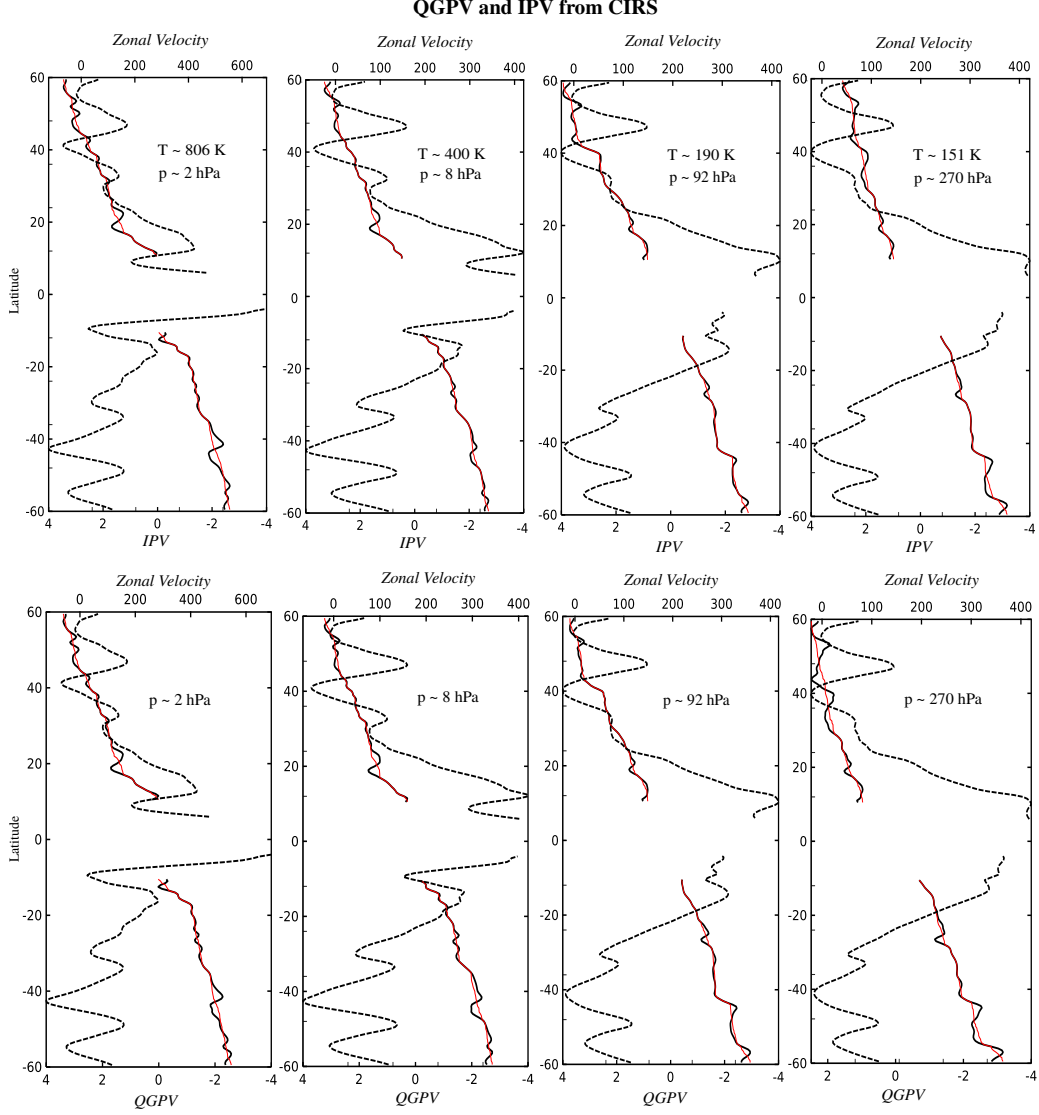


Figure 9: Saturn potential vorticity and averaged zonal velocity profiles. We show IPV and QGPV measured from CIRS-instrument and represented in thick black lines in units of  $\times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Zonal velocity are dashed lines in units of  $\text{m s}^{-1}$ . Red lines are monotonicized QGPV and IPV profiles. The temperature of the isentropic level and/or the pressure level  $p$  at which profiles are measured in the atmosphere, are labeled in each panel. For more details on the IPV and QGPV profiles see Read et al. (2009).