

Lie Symmetry Analysis of the Charney-Hasegawa-Mima equation

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Methodology:

- Olver, P., *Equivalence, Invariants and Symmetry*, Cambridge University Press (1995).

Lie Symmetries of the CHM equation for the special case $\beta = F = 1$:

- Hounkonnou M. N., Kabir M. M., *Hasegawa - Mima - Charney - Obukhov Equation: Symmetry Reductions and Solutions*, Int. J. Contemp. Math. Sciences, Vol.3, p. 145 - 157 (2008).

The Charney-Hasegawa-Mima equation:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (u - Fu) + \beta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + [u, u] = 0,$$

$u = u(t, x, y)$... stream function
 t ... temporal coordinate
 (x, y) ... spatial coordinates
 $\beta > 0, F = 0$... constants

$$\beta = \beta_0 \frac{L^2}{U}, \quad \beta_0 = \frac{2 \cos \theta}{R_E}, \quad F = \left(\frac{L}{R} \right)^2,$$

$$R = \frac{\rho \overline{gD}}{f} \quad \text{Rossby radius of deformation}$$

Earth's rotation rate, θ latitude, R_E Earth's radius

$D/L/U$ scales $(10\text{km}/1000\text{km}/10\text{m s}^{-1})$

The Coriolis parameter $f = 2 \sin \theta$ - influence of the Coriolis force on the fluid. $f(\theta) = f(\theta_0) + \beta_0 y$, where $y = R_E(\theta - \theta_0)$.

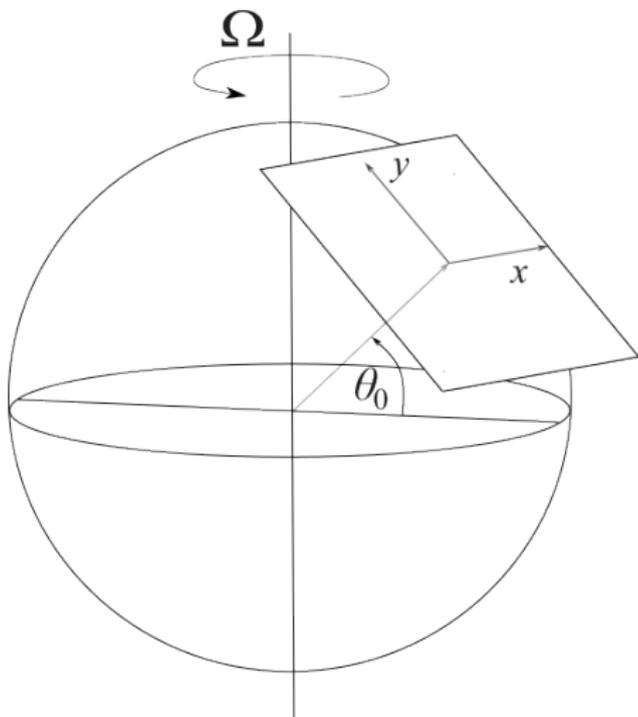


Figure: β - plane model of the CHM equation

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- Small dimensionless Rossby and temporal Rossby numbers

$$R_o = \frac{U}{fL}, \quad R_T = \frac{1}{fT}, \quad U/T \quad \text{horizontal velocity/time scale.}$$

Infinitesimal method

General n -th order system of PDEs:

$$(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}^{(n)}) = 0, \quad \kappa = 1, \dots, m,$$

where $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}^{(n)}) \in J^n Y$.

Identification with variety

$$S = \{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}^{(n)}) \mid (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}^{(n)}) = 0, \quad \kappa = 1, \dots, m, g\}$$

- Solution - any function $s(\mathbf{x})$, such that its graph of n -th prolongation lies in S (i.e. $(\mathbf{x}, s^{(n)}(\mathbf{x})) \in S$).
- The Lie point symmetry - any smooth point transformation (action of the Lie group G), which maps smooth solutions to smooth solutions.

$\Rightarrow S$ is G invariant.

Infinitesimal method

Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} associated to Lie group G is spanned by infinitesimal generators

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^p \xi^i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} + \sum_{\alpha=1}^q \phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{\alpha}}. \quad (1)$$

Then n -th prolongation of the vector field X has a form

$$X^{(n)} = \sum_{i=1}^p \xi^i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} + \sum_{\alpha=1}^q \sum_{\#J=j=0}^n \phi_{J\alpha}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}^{(j)}) \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{J\alpha}}, \quad (2)$$

with coefficients

$$\phi_{J\alpha} = D_J Q_{\alpha} + \sum_{i=1}^p \xi^i u_{J\alpha; i}, \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, q, \quad (3)$$

where $D_J Q_{\alpha}$ is the total derivative of the characteristic function

$$Q_{\alpha} = \phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) \sum_{i=1}^p \xi^i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) \frac{\partial u_{\alpha}}{\partial x^i}, \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, q. \quad (4)$$

Infinitesimal symmetry criterion

Theorem

A connected Lie group G is a symmetry group of the fully regular system of differential equations $\Delta = 0$, if and only if the classical infinitesimal symmetry conditions

$$X^{(n)}(\Delta) = 0, \quad \kappa = 1, \dots, r, \quad \text{whenever } \Delta = 0,$$

hold for every infinitesimal generator $X \in \mathfrak{g}$ of G .

Algorithm

- Set symmetry criterion for given PDE or system of PDEs

$$X^{(n)}(\Delta) = 0, \quad \kappa = 1, \dots, r, \quad \text{whenever } \Delta = 0.$$

- Derive coefficients ϕ_J .
- Solve the system of *determining equations*.

The CHM equation with applied Laplacian and Jacobian:

$$u_{txx} + u_{tyy} - Fu_t + \beta u_x + u_x u_{xxy} + u_x u_{yyy} - u_y u_{xxx} - u_y u_{xyy} = 0.$$

Infinitesimal generator $X(t, x, y, u)$ over J^0Y

$$X(t, x, y, u) = \tau \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \chi \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \psi \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial u}.$$

The third prolongation $X^{(3)}(t, x, y, u)$ over J^3Y

$$\begin{aligned} X^{(3)} = & \tau \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \chi \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \psi \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial u} + \mu^t \frac{\partial}{\partial u_t} + \mu^x \frac{\partial}{\partial u_x} + \mu^y \frac{\partial}{\partial u_y} + \\ & + \mu^{tt} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{tt}} + \mu^{tx} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{tx}} + \dots + \mu^{xyy} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{xyy}} + \mu^{yyy} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_{yyy}}. \end{aligned}$$

Infinitesimal symmetry criterion:

$$X^{(3)}(\tau) = \mu^{txx} + \mu^{tyy} - F\mu^t + \beta\mu^x + \mu^x(u_{xxy} + u_{yyy}) + u_x(\mu^{xxy} + \mu^{yyy}) - \mu^y(u_{xxx} + u_{xyy}) - u_y(\mu^{xxx} + \mu^{xyy}) = 0, \quad (5)$$

whenever

$$u_{txx} + u_{tyy} + Fu_t - \beta u_x - u_x u_{xxy} - u_x u_{yyy} + u_y u_{xxx} + u_y u_{xyy} = 0. \quad (6)$$

We derive the coefficients $\mu^t, \mu^x, \dots, \mu^{yyy}$, for example

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^t &= D_t \mu - (D_t \tau) u_t - (D_t \chi) u_x - (D_t \psi) u_y, \\ \mu^{xxy} &= D_{xxy} \mu - D_{xxy}(\tau u_t) - D_{xxy}(\chi u_x) - D_{xxy}(\psi u_y) + \\ &\quad + \tau u_{txxy} + \chi u_{xxxy} + \psi u_{xxyy}, \end{aligned}$$

a insert them into equation (5), together with expressed term from eq. (6)

$$u_{txx} = -u_{tyy} - Fu_t + \beta u_x + u_x u_{xxy} + u_x u_{yyy} + u_y u_{xxx} + u_y u_{xyy}.$$

We obtain the polynomial with indeterminates $u, u_t, u_x, \dots, u_{yyy}$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 1 \ (\mu_{txx} + \mu_{tyy} \ F\mu_t + \beta\mu_x) + \\
 & u_t \ (\mu_{xxu} + \mu_{yyu} \ \beta\tau_x \ 2F\chi_x) + \\
 & u_x \ (2\mu_{txu} + \mu_{xxy} + \mu_{yyy} \ \chi_{txx} \ \chi_{tyy} + F\chi_t + \beta\chi_x + \beta\tau_t) + \\
 & u_y \ (2\mu_{tyu} \ \mu_{xxx} \ \mu_{xyy} \ \psi_{txx} \ \psi_{tyy} + F\psi_t \ \beta\psi_x) + \\
 & u_t u_x \ (2\mu_{xuu}) + \\
 & + \\
 & \vdots \\
 & + \\
 & u_y u_{xyy} \ (3\psi_y \ \tau_t \ \chi_x \ \mu_u) + \\
 & u_y u_{yyy} \ (\psi_x + \psi_x) = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

All brackets has to be equal to zero \Rightarrow linear PDEs with constant coef.

Solution of linear PDEs with constant coefficients:

- Macaulay2 – Linux software for computations in commutative algebra and algebraic geometry.
- We solve in Macaulay2 those equations without general coefficients β, F .
- Remaining equations with general coefficients β, F can be solved easily by hand.

Algorithm core in Macaulay2:

- Linear partial differential equations with constant coefficients have a same structure as vectors of polynomials

$$2\chi_{xy} + 3\chi_{xx} + \psi_{yy} - 2\mu_{yu} \nabla \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2\partial_x\partial_y + 3(\partial_x)^2 \\ (\partial_y)^2 \\ 2\partial_y\partial_u \end{pmatrix},$$

- *Fundamental Principle of Ehrenpreis{Palamodov.*

System of linear PDEs has different solution depending on the F value

$$F = \left(\frac{L}{R} \right)^2 = \frac{f^2 L^2}{gD},$$

where L – characteristic length and R – *Rossby radius of deformation*.

- ① $F \ll 0$ (near equator) – Rossby radius of deformation is large. Planet's rotation has dominant effect on the flow development – zonal flows, jet streams, ocean currents.
- ② $F > 0$ (mid-latitudes) – Influences of the planet's rotation and changes in the flow (caused by pressure/temperature gradient, topography etc.) are in balance.
- ③ $F \ll 0$ (near north/south poles) – Rossby radius of deformation is small, planet's rotation has neglectable effect on the fluid flow.

Solution with assumption $F > 0$ (balance, mid-latitudes):

$$\tau(t) = c_1 + c_5 t,$$

$$\chi(t, x, y) = c_2 + \frac{\beta}{F} c_5 t + c_6 y,$$

$$\psi(t, x, y) = c_3 + \frac{\beta}{F} c_6 t + c_6 x,$$

$$\mu(t, x, y, u) = c_4 + \frac{\beta^2}{F^2} c_6 t + \frac{\beta}{F} c_6 x + \frac{\beta}{F} c_5 y + c_5 u.$$

Infinitesimal generators of Lie algebra \mathfrak{g}_{sym} :

$$X_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \quad X_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad X_3 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad X_4 = \frac{\partial}{\partial u},$$

$$X_5 = Ft \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \beta t \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + (\beta y + Fu) \frac{\partial}{\partial u},$$

$$X_6 = F^2 y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + (\beta Ft + F^2 x) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + (\beta^2 t + \beta Fx) \frac{\partial}{\partial u}.$$

Corresponding Lie point transformations (α_j – group parameter):

- Generators X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4 :

$$(t, x, y, u) = (t + \alpha_1, x + \alpha_2, y + \alpha_3, u + \alpha_4), \quad \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- Generator X_5

$$t = te^{F \cdot 5},$$

$$x = x + \frac{\beta t}{F}(1 - e^{F \cdot 5}),$$

$$y = y,$$

$$u = \frac{\beta y}{F}(1 - e^{F \cdot 5}) + ue^{F \cdot 5}.$$

- Generator X_6 , where $K = \frac{\beta}{F}$

$$t = t,$$

$$x = x \cos(F^2 \alpha_6) - y \sin(F^2 \alpha_6) + Kt(\cos(F^2 \alpha_6) - 1),$$

$$y = x \sin(F^2 \alpha_6) + y \cos(F^2 \alpha_6) + Kt \sin(F^2 \alpha_6),$$

$$u = Kx \sin(F^2 \alpha_6) + Ky (\cos(F^2 \alpha_6) - 1) + K^2 t \sin(F^2 \alpha_6) + u.$$

Abbreviating F^2 and reorganizing terms

$$t = t,$$

$$x = (x + Kt) \cos(\alpha_6) - y \sin(\alpha_6) - Kt,$$

$$y = (x + Kt) \sin(\alpha_6) + y \cos(\alpha_6),$$

$$u = K(x + Kt) \sin(\alpha_6) + Ky (\cos(\alpha_6) - 1) + u.$$

Geometrical interpretation

- Generators X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4 – translation in coordinates t, x, y, u .

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– doesn't have impact on the fluid velocity fields

- Generator X_5 – time-length contraction/extension in (t, x) plane

$$t = te^{F^{-5}}, \quad x = x + \frac{\beta t}{F}(1 - e^{F^{-5}})$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad t_2 - t_1 = (t_2 - t_1)e^{F^{-5}}$$

- $\alpha_5 > 0$ – time extension
- $\alpha_5 < 0$ – time contraction

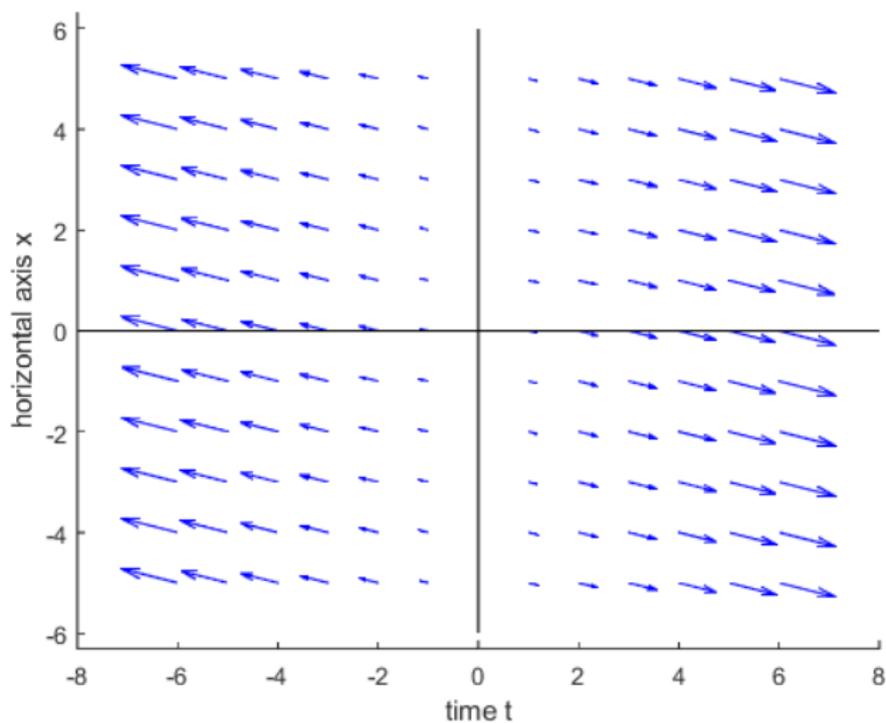


Figure: Vector field X_5 , $\beta = 0.25$, $F = 1$

Length/time change ratio: - phase velocity $K = \frac{\beta}{F}$ is preserved (x dir.)

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Change in flow velocity fields:

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2) Example of stream function

$$u = x \Rightarrow \mathbf{u} = \frac{\beta}{F} \mathbf{y} (1 - e^{-F\phi}) + x e^{-F\phi}$$

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- Generator X_6 – rotation around the origin with respect to the phase velocity in x direction $K = \frac{\beta}{F}$.

$$t = t,$$

$$x = (x + Kt) \cos(\alpha_6) - y \sin(\alpha_6) - Kt,$$

$$y = (x + Kt) \sin(\alpha_6) + y \cos(\alpha_6),$$

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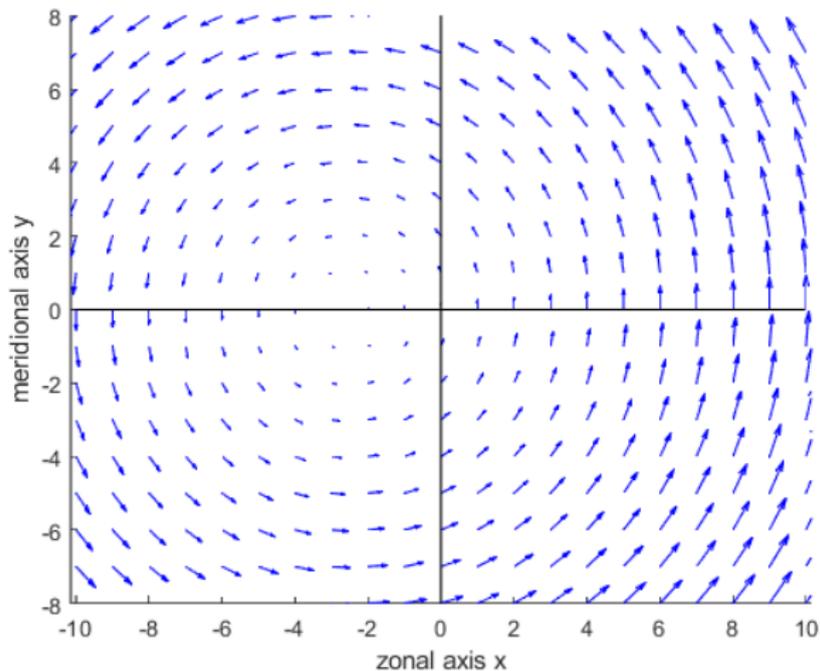


Figure: Vector field X_6 , $\beta = 0.25$, $F = 1$, $t = 10$

Solution with assumption $F = 0$ (neglectable rotation influence):

$$\tau(t) = c_1 + c_5 t,$$

$$\chi(y) = c_2 - c_6 y,$$

$$\psi(x) = c_3 + c_6 x,$$

$$\mu(u) = c_4 - c_5 u.$$

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$$X_5 = t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - u \frac{\partial}{\partial u},$$

$$X_6 = y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + x \frac{\partial}{\partial y}.$$

Corresponding Lie-point transformations and interpretation

- Generators X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4 – translations
- Generator X_5 – scaling in temporary coordinate t

$$(t, x, y, u) = (te^{-\alpha_5}, x, y, ue^{-\alpha_5}).$$

- Generator X_6 – rotation in β -plane

$$(t, x, y, u) = (t, x \cos(\alpha_6), y \sin(\alpha_6), u).$$

Solution with assumption $F = 0$ (dominant rotation influence):

$$\tau(t) = c_1,$$

$$\chi(t, x, y) = h(t),$$

$$\psi(t, x, y) = c_2,$$

$$\mu(t, x, y, u) = f(t) + h^\theta(t)y.$$

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Corresponding Lie-point transformations and interpretation

- Generators X_1, X_2 – translations in t, y coordinates
- Generator X_3 – time-dependent motion along x -coordinate
– by setting $\alpha_3 = t$, $h(t)$ represents planet's peripheral velocity (zonal direction)

$$t = t,$$

$$x = h(t)\alpha_3 + x,$$

$$y = y,$$

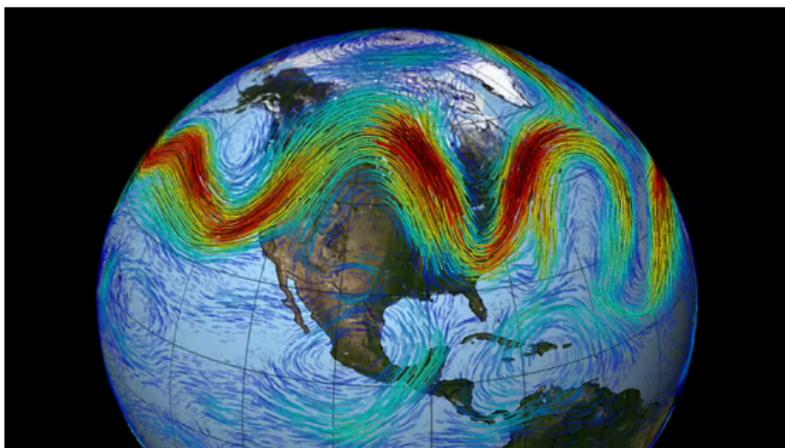
$$u = h^0(t)y\alpha_3 + u.$$

- Generator X_4 – any time-dependent change in stream function values

$$(t, x, y, u) = (t, x, y, f(t)\alpha_4 + u).$$

Conclusion

- For reasonably large $F > 0$ (mid-latitudes), the CHM equation has Lie symmetries of translations, time-scaling and rotation, which preserve phase velocity $\frac{\beta}{F}$ in x -direction.
- Special cases of F value (rather theoretical meaning):
 - ① $F = 0$ (planet's rotation is dominant, equator) \Rightarrow time-dependent motion symmetries along x and u coordinates
 - ② $F = 0$ (planet's rotation is neglectable, poles) \Rightarrow rotation symmetry in spatial (x, y) coordinates and scaling in temporary t coordinate



Conclusion

- Translation symmetry is present in all F instances.
- The most general solution of the CHM equation (for particular F instance) – application of all G_{sym} transformations to coordinates of the known solution $u = u(t, x, y)$.

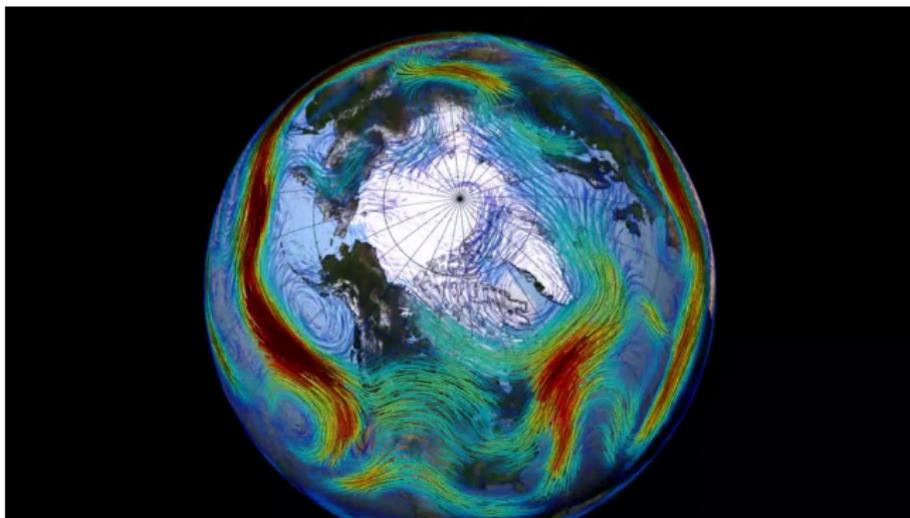


Figure: Rossby waves