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Experimental Investigation of the Momentum and Mass Transfer by Zonal Jets

In collaboration with Dr. Stefania Espa at the DICEA Sapienza Università di Roma, Magnetohydrodynamically-produced eastward zonal jets will be investigated. While eastward jets produce energetic eddies, eastward jets generate basin-wide gyres. As a result, most eddies in the atmospheres of Jupiter and Saturn where the jet flows are predominantly reside in the vicinity of the eastward jets. In Earth's oceans, the continental constraints produce eastern boundary currents that give rise to eastward jets, such as the Gulf Stream and the Kuroshio Extension, which, in turn, span large recirculation gyres. We are investigating the subtleties of such jets and gyres, as well as their interaction. This collaboration will provide intellectual impacts and infrastructural support for the work being done in USF's College of Marine Science.

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