

# Polar Upper Ocean Dynamics: Waves, Eddies, Turbulence, Spectra, Modelling

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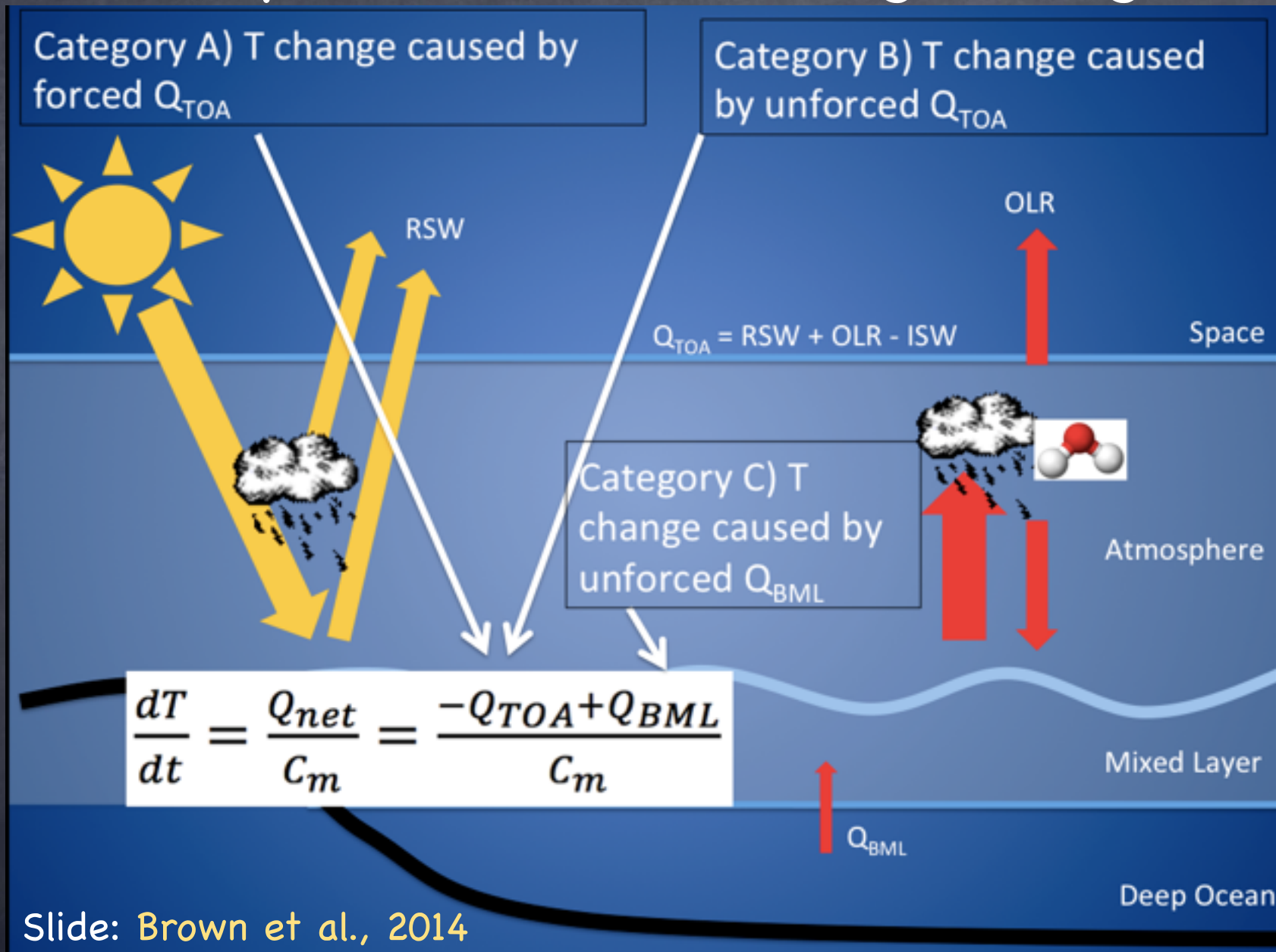
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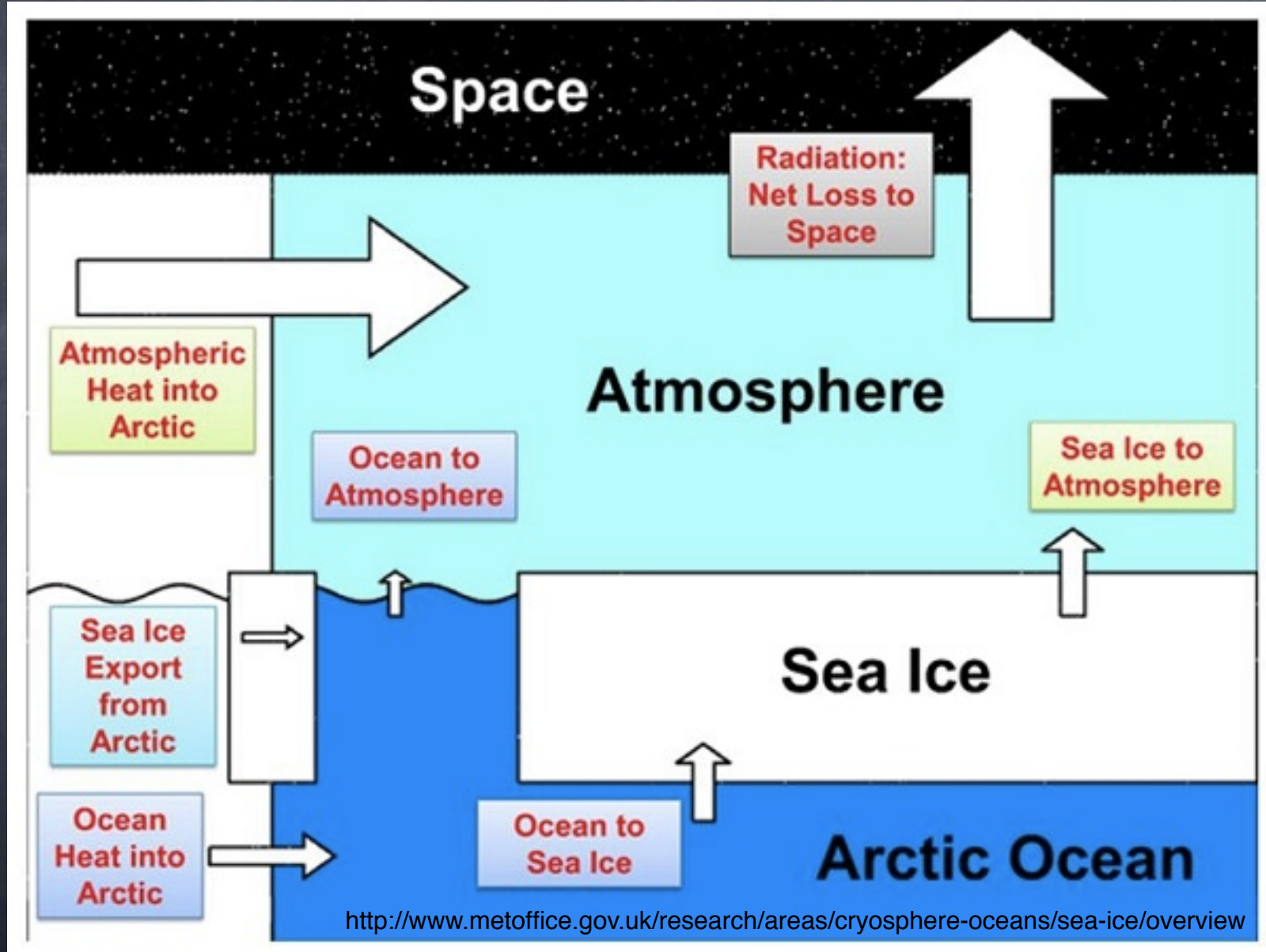
# Extrapolar Surface Energy Budget



Slide: Brown et al., 2014

- $O(2W/m^2)$  change to  $Q_{BML}$  as important as GHG
- Slight oversimplification—sensitivity + budget

# Arctic Surface Energy Budget





# What do hydrographic observations show?

Ocean Heat Content not fixed:  $Q_{BML}$  not zero (and varies)!

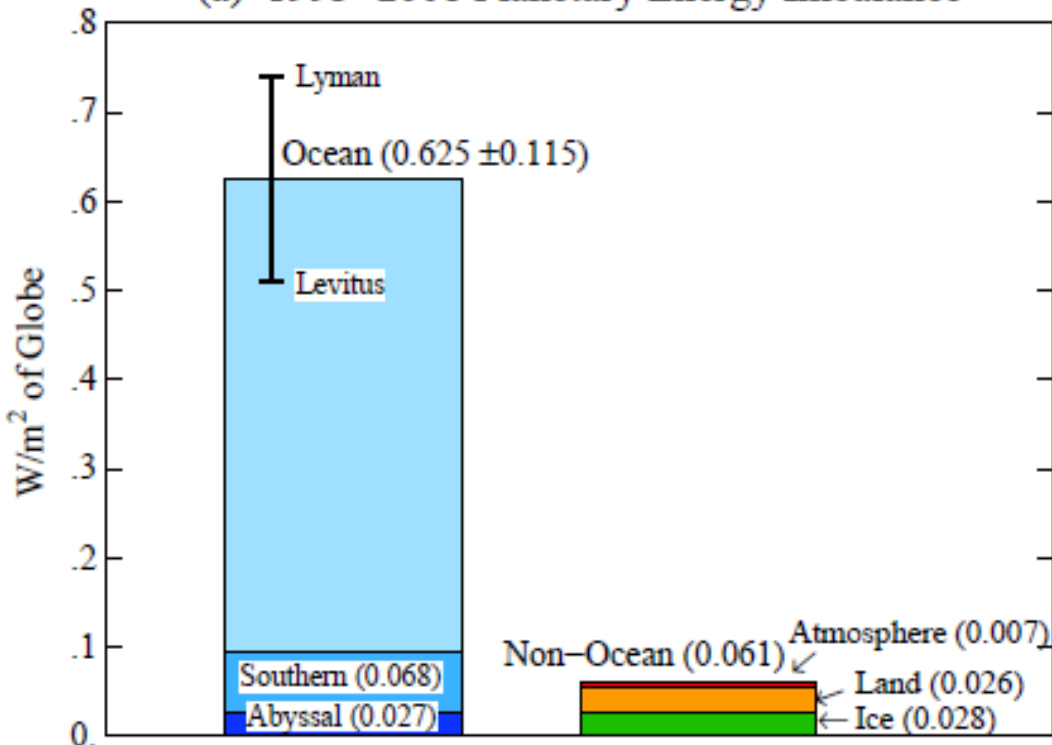
28% of anthropogenic forcing equals the warming in the oceans and about 70% goes back to space.

90% of anomalous warming is in the oceans.

$0.7 \text{ W/m}^2$  to atmosphere only is about  $1.5\text{K/yr}$

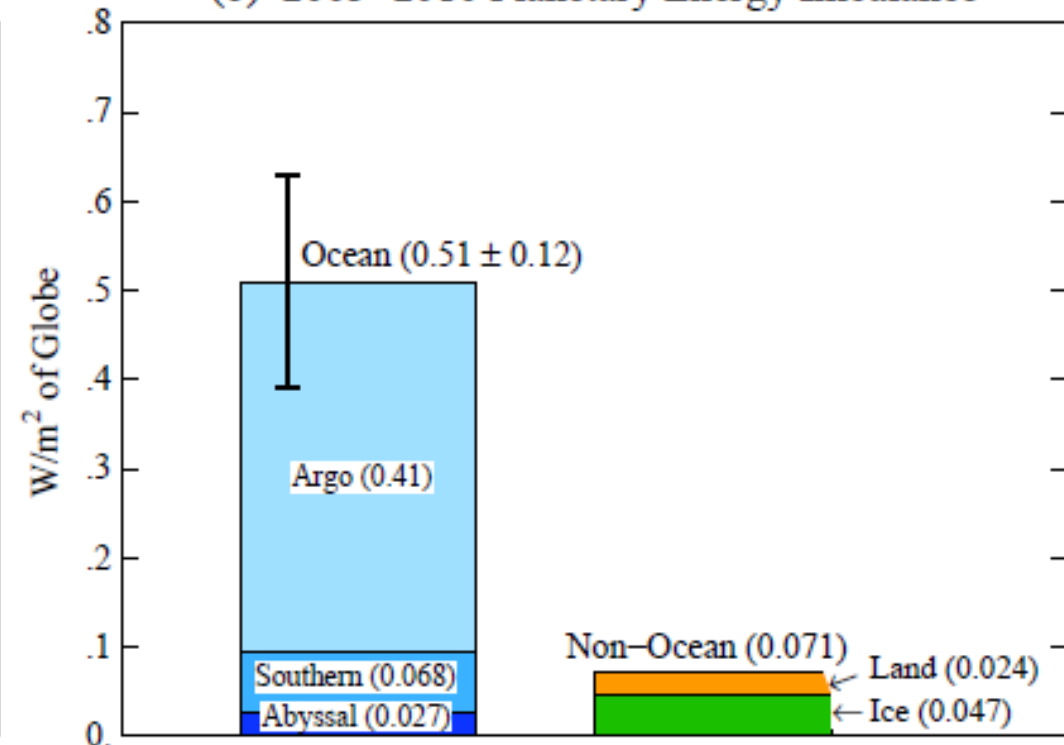
## Trad. Hydrography

(a) 1993–2008 Planetary Energy Imbalance



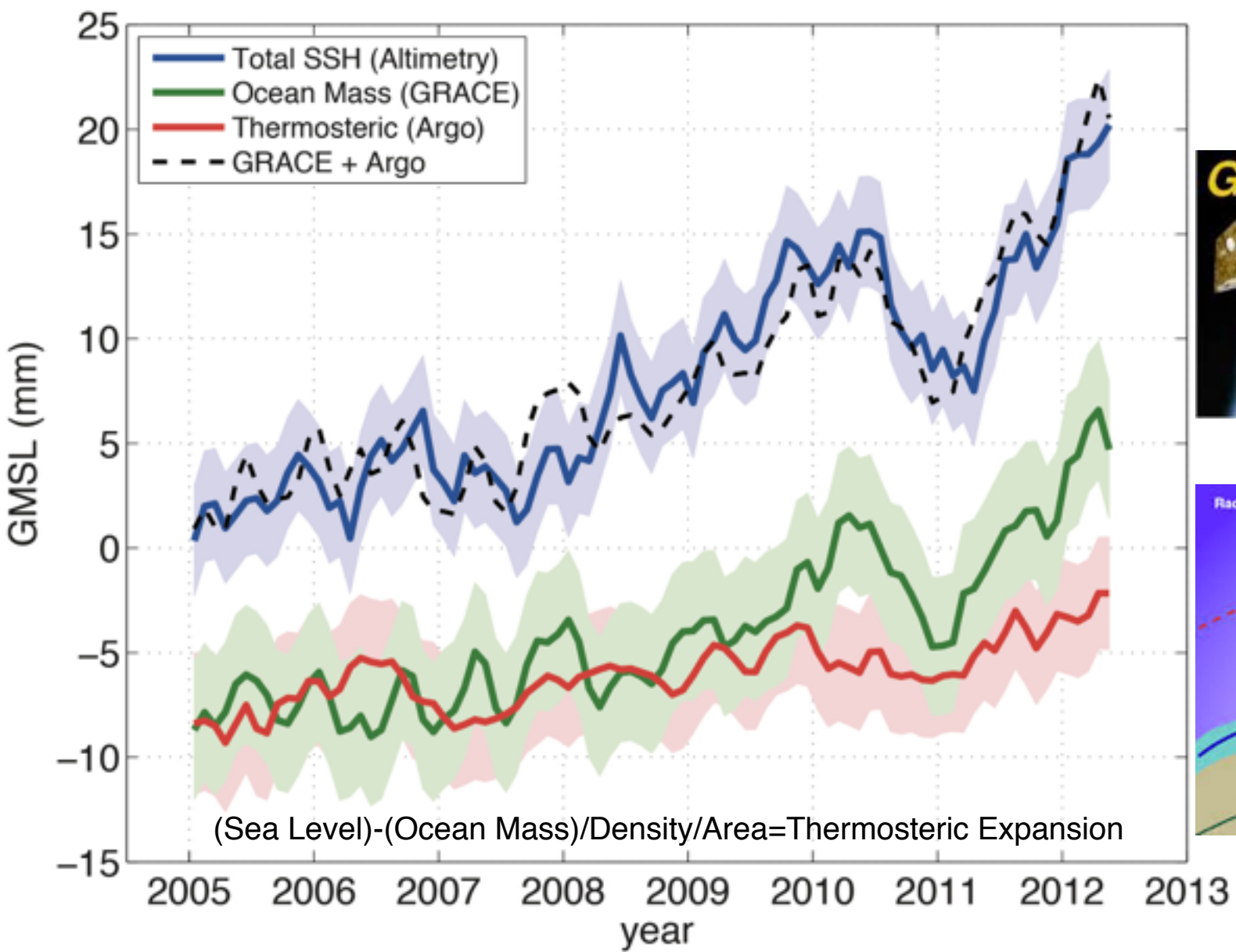
## From the Argo Era

(b) 2005–2010 Planetary Energy Imbalance

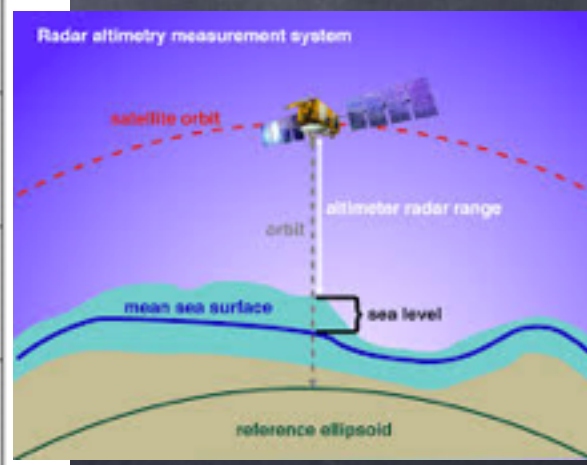


Hansen et al. (2011)

# Another reason to care about ocean warming—and to observe it (by subtraction): Sea Level Rise



[podaac.jpl.nasa.gov](http://podaac.jpl.nasa.gov)



[nesdis.noaa.gov](http://nesdis.noaa.gov)



# Surface, Mixed Layer, Seasons?

0.7 W/m<sup>2</sup>

=

Atmosphere:

1.5K/yr

=

3.4m Ocean:

1.5K/yr

=

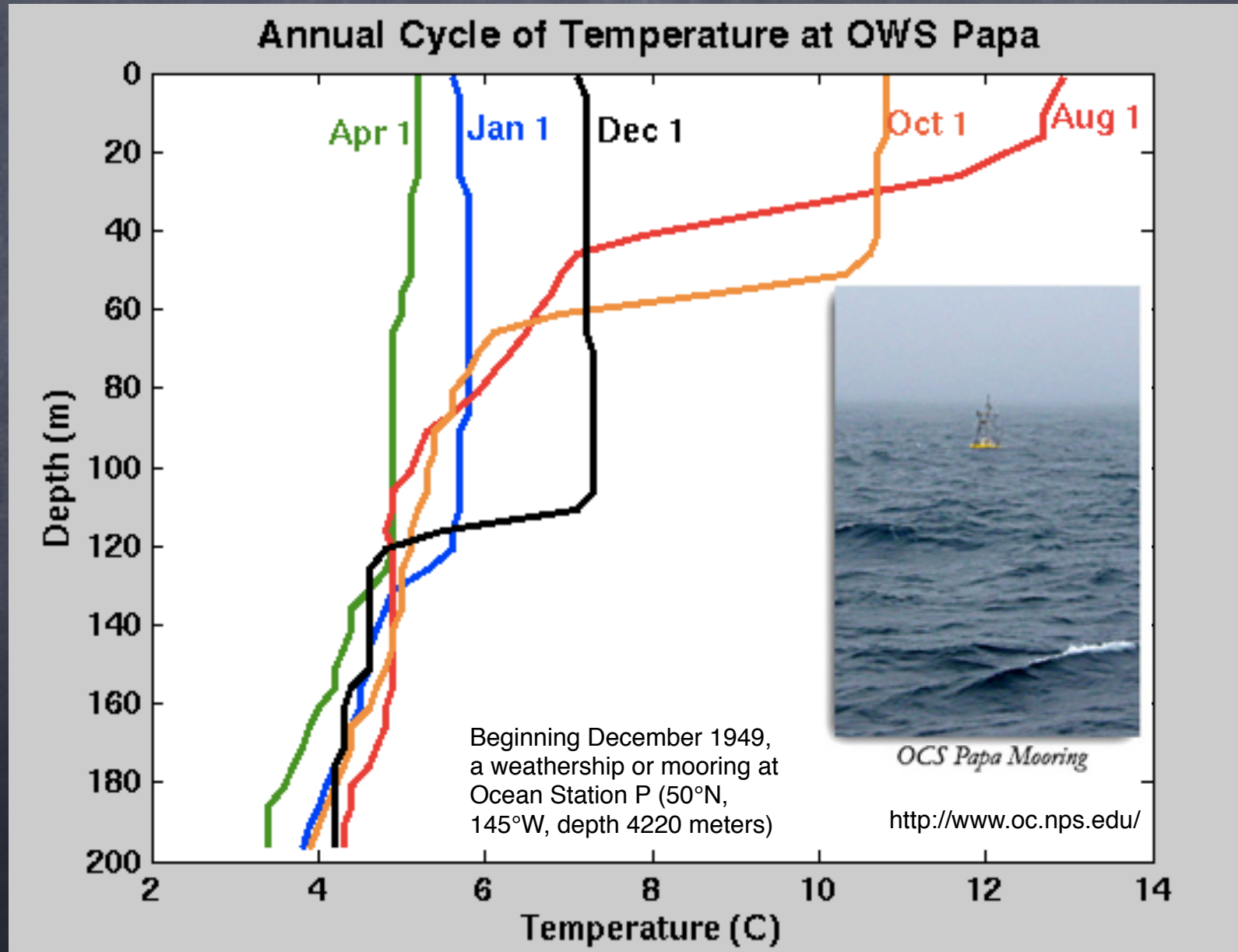
34m Ocean:

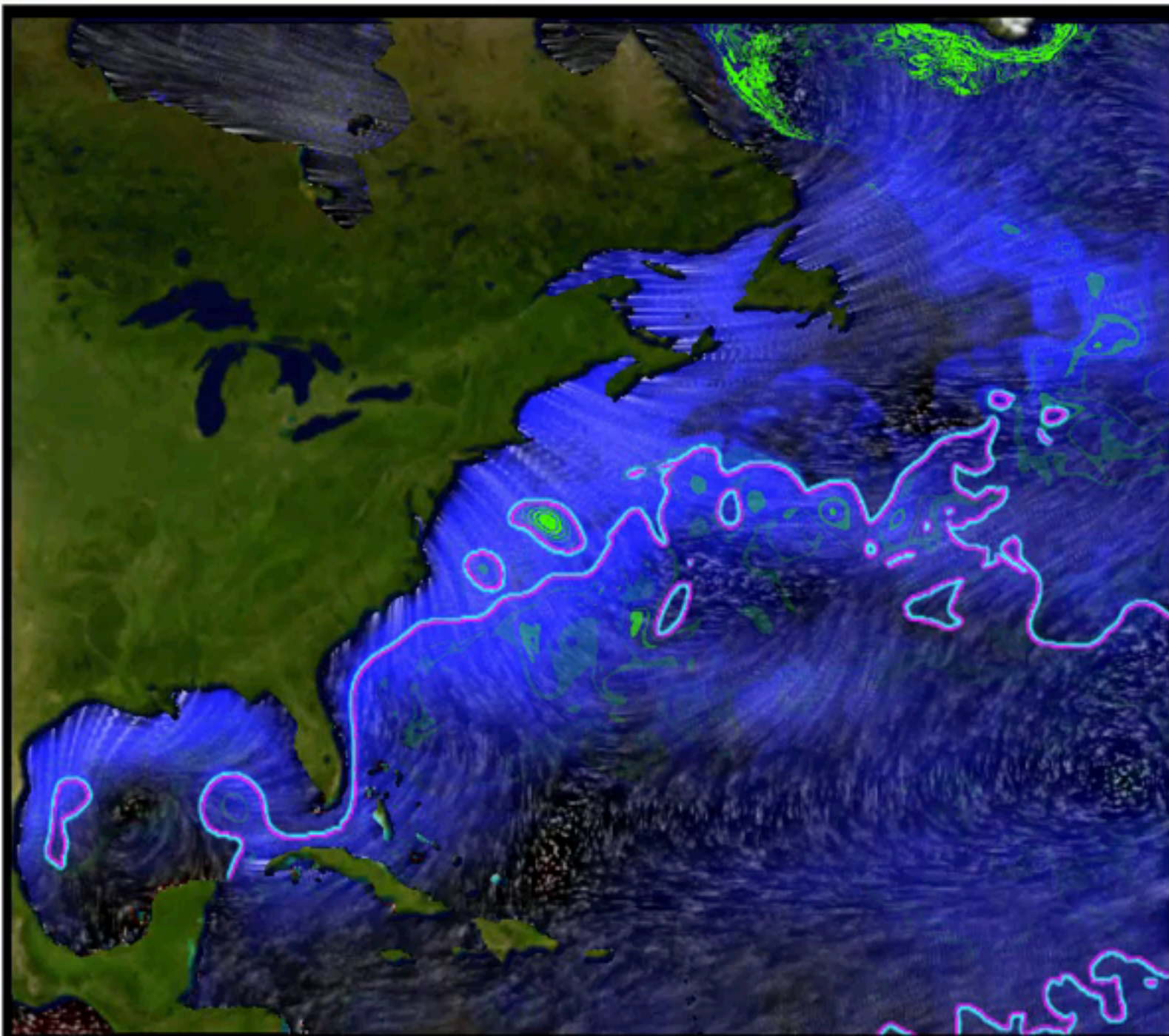
0.15K/yr

=1% of

mixed layer

seasonality





Weather,  
Atmosphere  
Fast

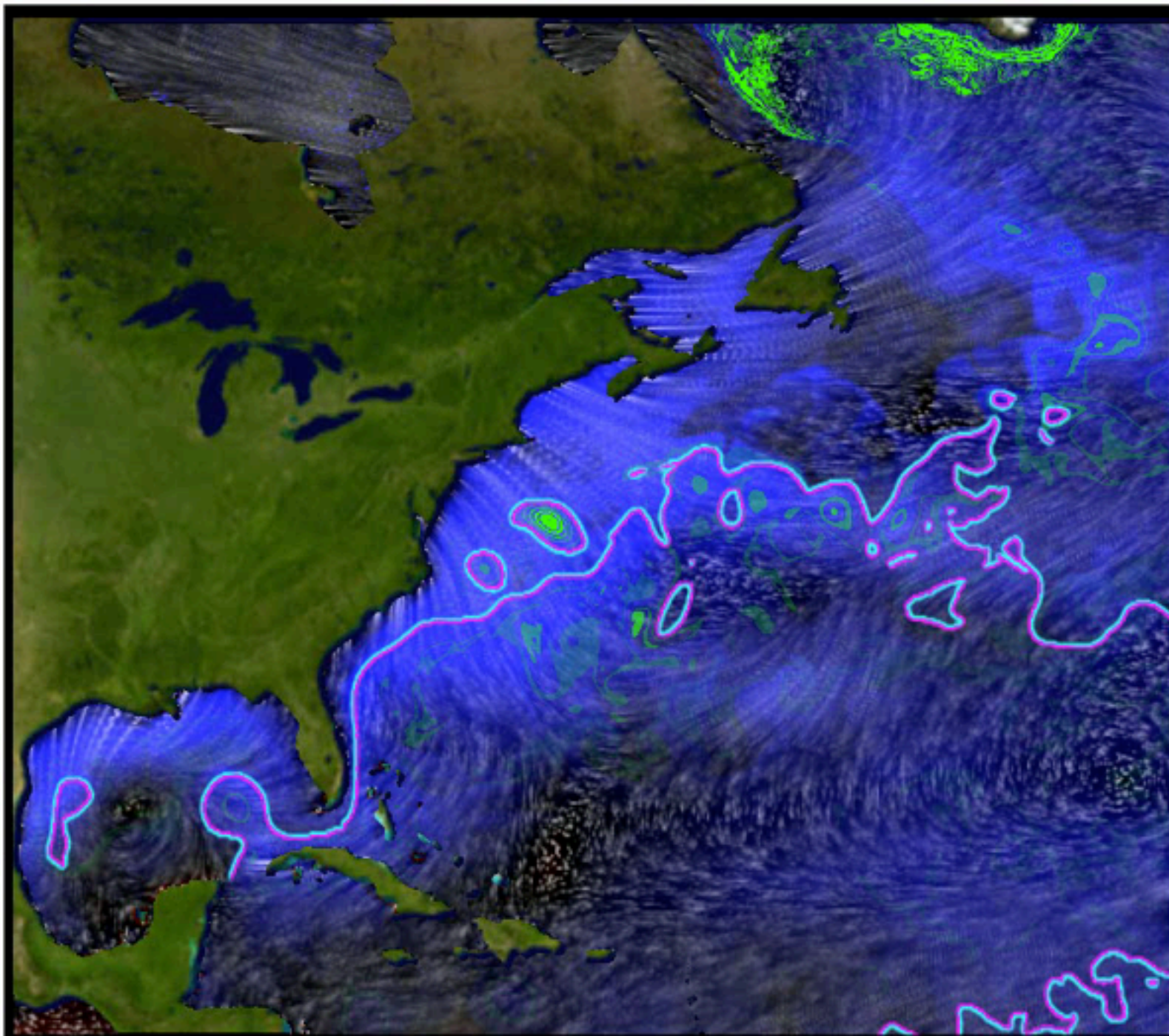
Ocean,  
Climate  
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ECCO Movie: Chris Henze, NASA Ames

tau / qflux / theta200m / kppMLD

Jan 1 00:30 2001



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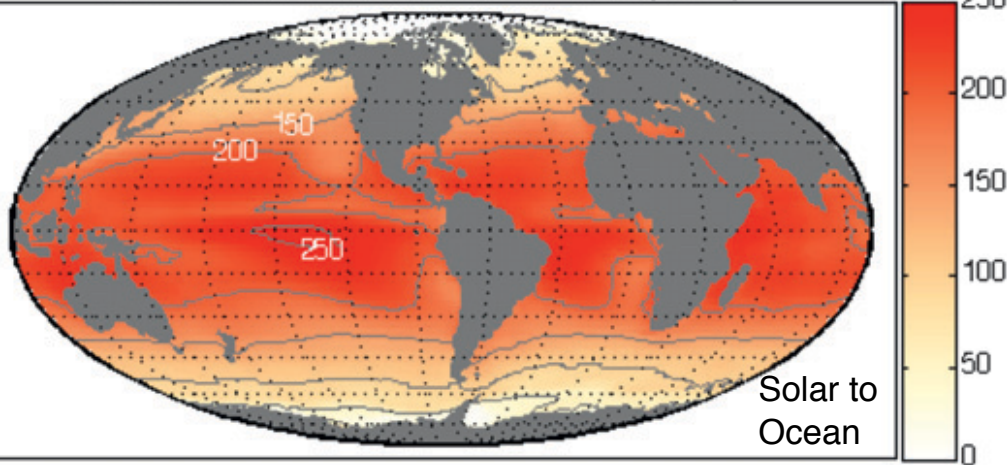
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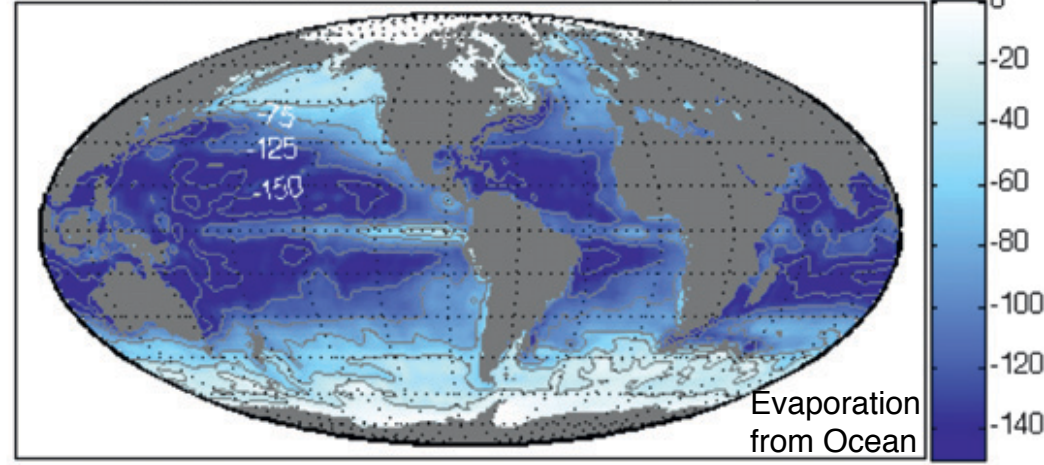


The net  $Q_{BML}$  is also about 1% of different flux components and about 1% of net spatial extremes

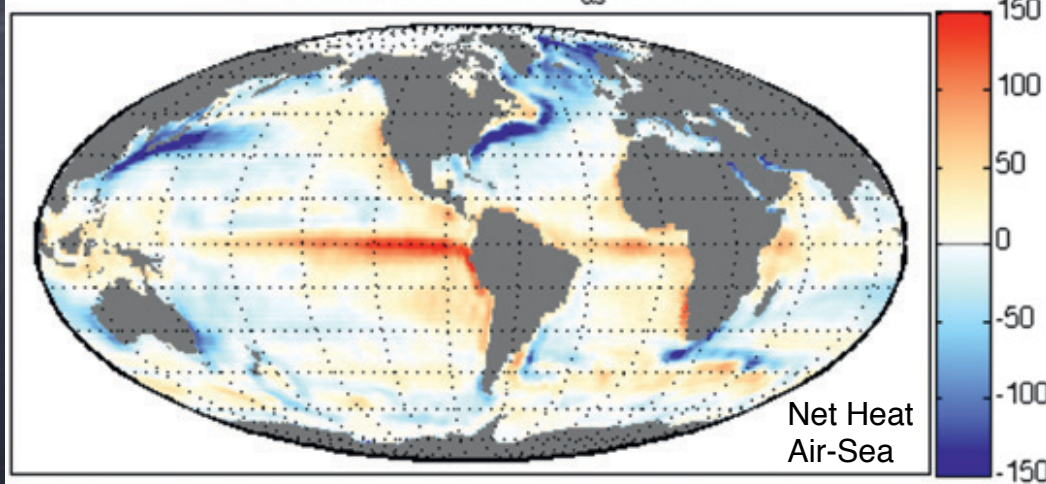
Mean of 1986-2005 CORE net sw heat flux ( $W/m^2$ )



Mean of 1986-2005 CORE latent heat flux ( $W/m^2$ )

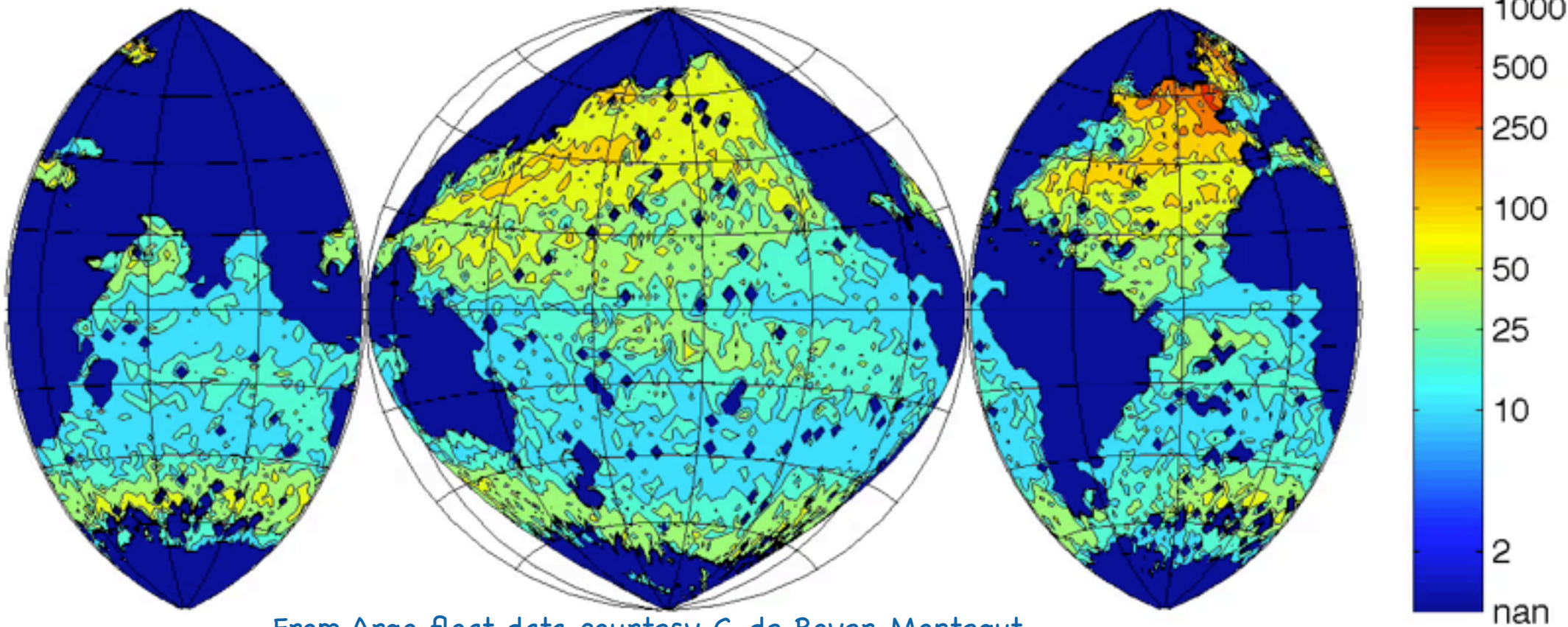


Mean of 1986-2005 CORE  $Q_{as}$  ( $W/m^2$ )



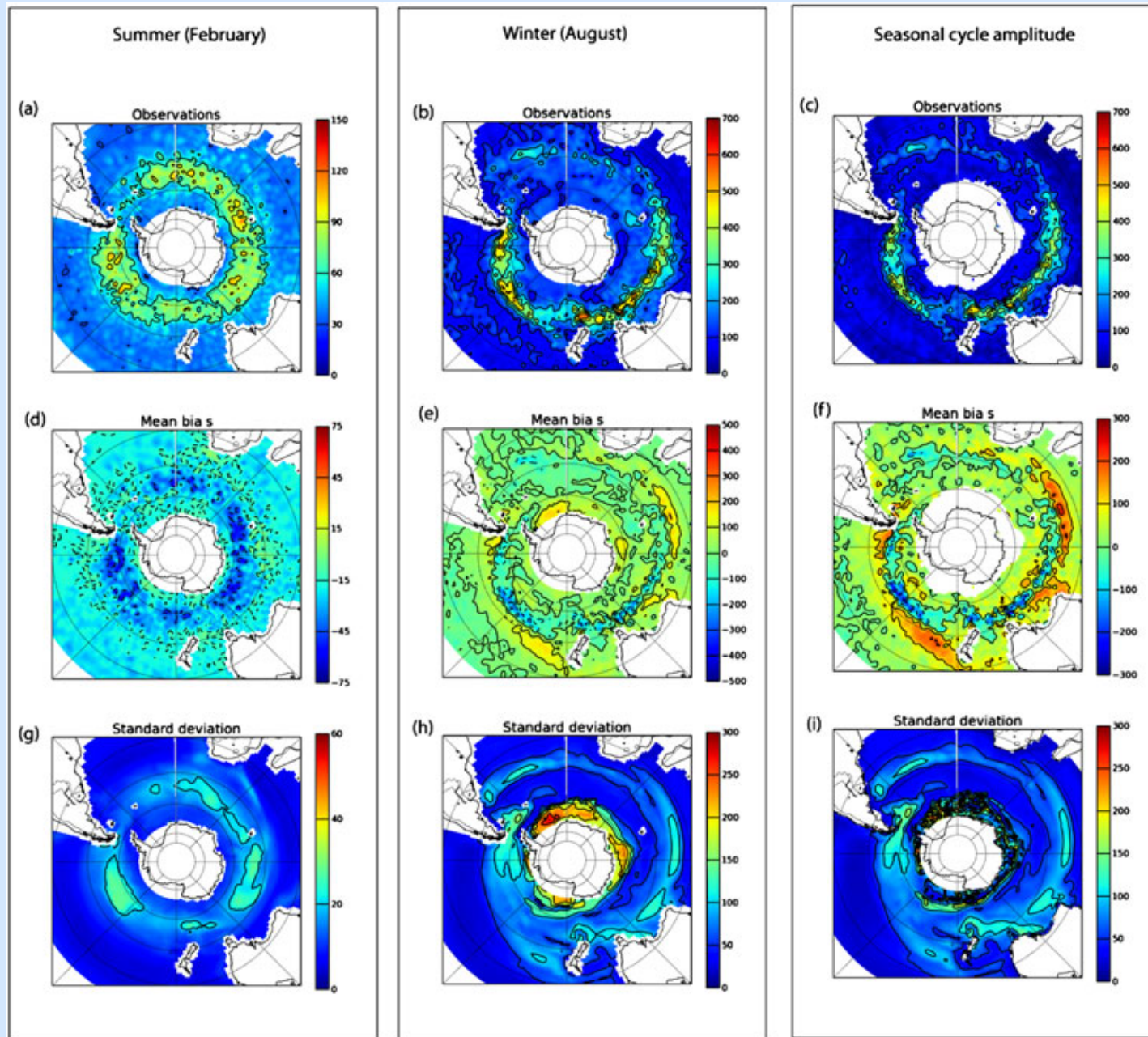
# The Ocean Mixed Layer

Mixed Layer Depth ( $\Delta$  density=0.001) in month 1

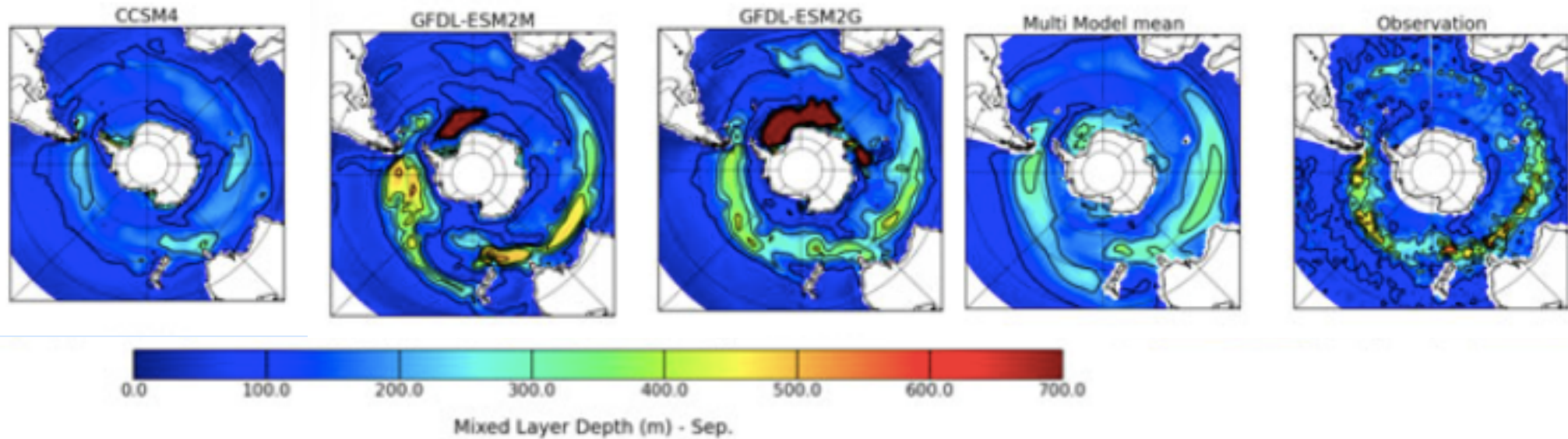


From Argo float data courtesy C. de Boyer-Montégut

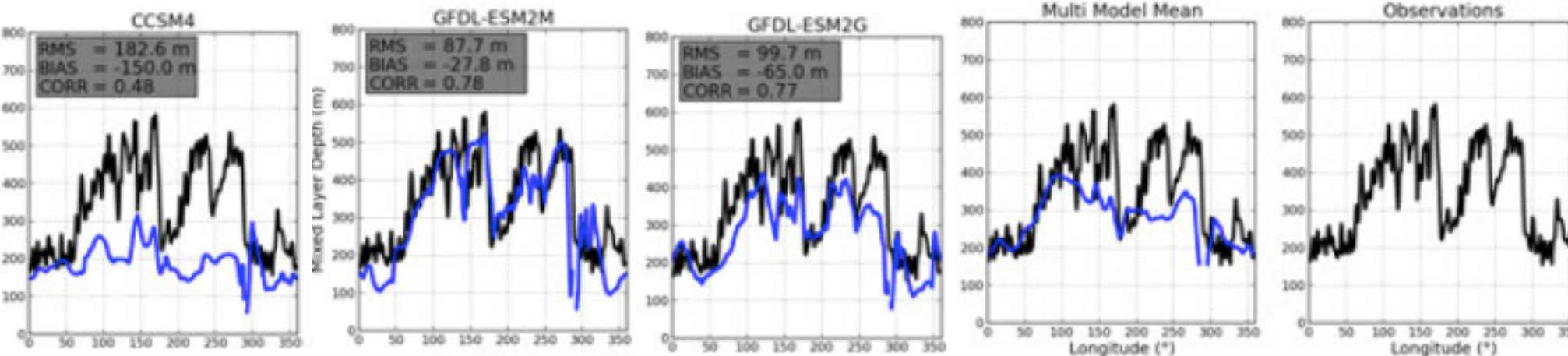
**Stommel's Demon:** ocean properties at depth set by deepest wintertime mixed layer & its properties: Subsurface T, S, CFCs, etc., affected. Use to check!



**Figure 1.** Multi-model representation of summer, winter and amplitude of MLD seasonal cycle (in meters; climatological mean over the “historic” period). (a–c) Observed MLD, (d–f) multi-model mean bias, (g–i) multi-model standard deviation of bias. Analysis for summer is shown on the left column (i.e., Figures 1a, 1d, and 1g), for winter on the middle column (i.e., Figures 1b, 1e, and 1h) and for the amplitude of the seasonal cycle on the right column (i.e., Figures 1c, 1f, and 1i).



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# So, processes important in the Polar Upper Ocean?

- Submesoscale Eddies—A review of F-K et al. 2011 parameterization effects
  - What is the EKE spectrum under ice?
- Langmuir Turbulence—A review of Li et al. 2015 parameterization effects
  - Atmosphere–Ocean–Ice–Wave coupling?
- Mesoscale Eddies—Anisotropy and MLD

Too Simple: What about directly modeling processes in climate models?  
Don't we have big enough computers? or won't we soon?

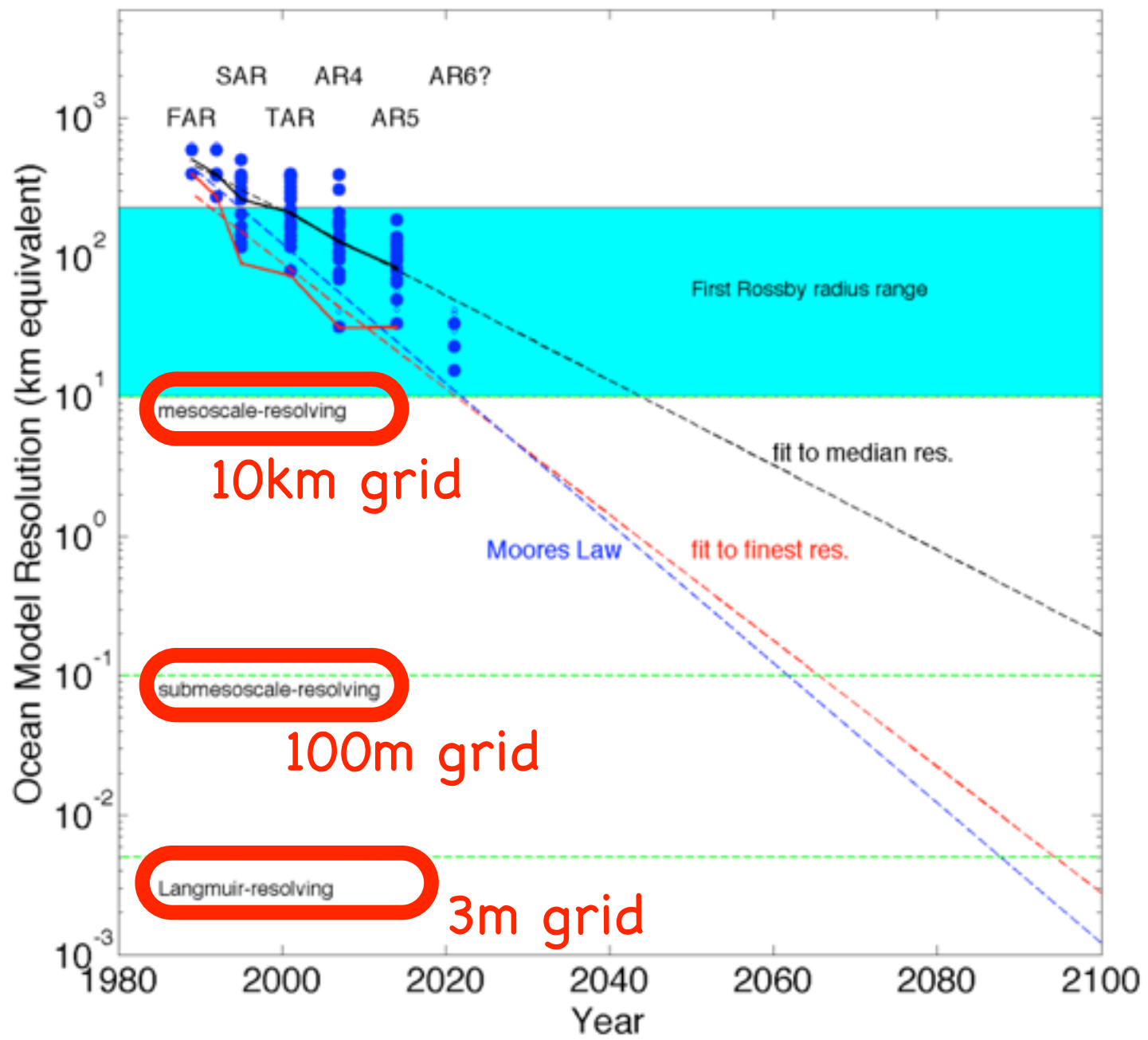


Here are the collection of IPCC models...

If we can't resolve a process, we need to develop a parameterization or subgrid model of its effect

B. Fox-Kemper, S. Bachman, B. Pearson, and S. Reckinger. Principles and advances in subgrid modeling for eddy-rich simulations. CLIVAR Exchanges, 19(2):42-46, July 2014.

Resolution of Ocean Component of Coupled IPCC models



# The Character of the Submesoscale

←  
10 km

(Capet et al., 2008)

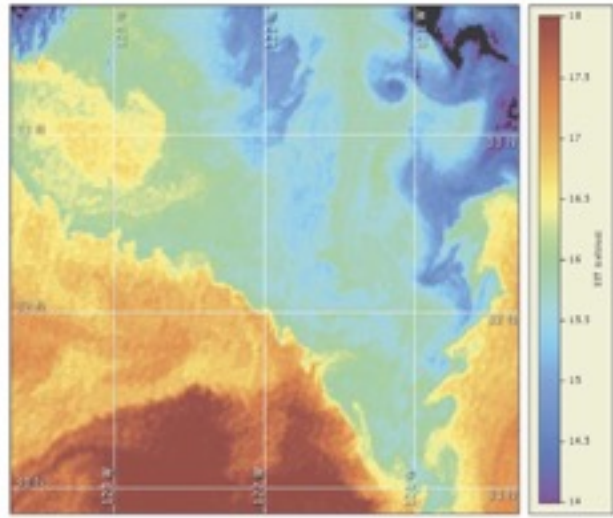
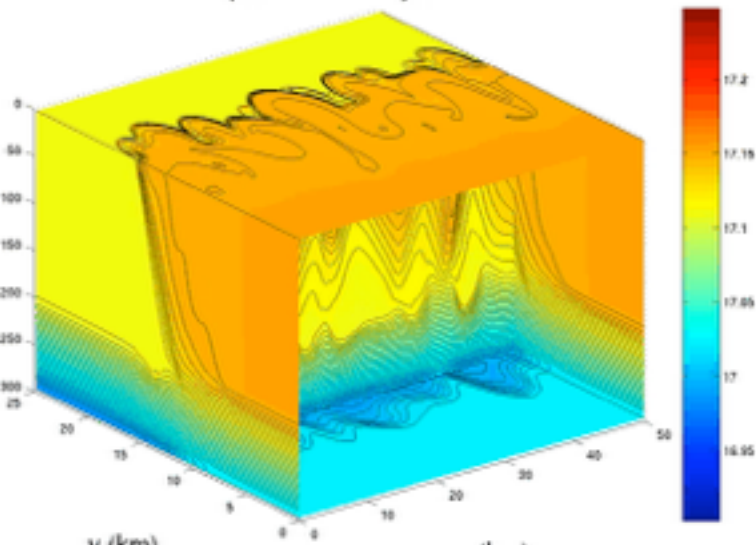


FIG. 16. Sea surface temperature measured at 1832 UTC 3 Jan 2006 off Point Conception in the California Current from CoastWatch (<http://coastwatch.pfeg.nasa.gov>). The fronts between recently

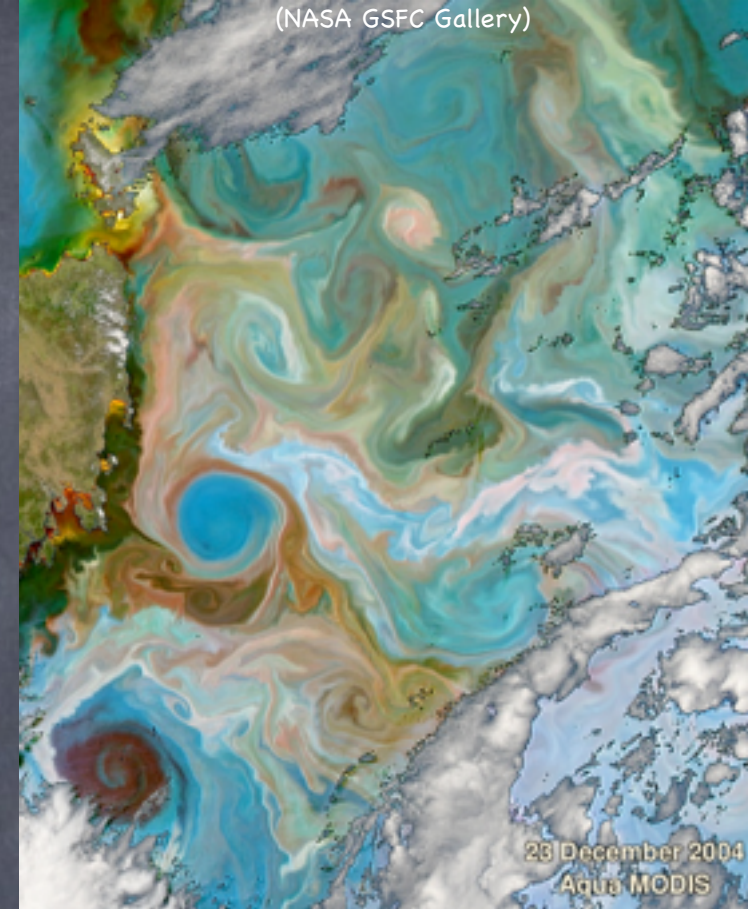
Temperature on day:17.375



- Fronts
- Eddies
- $Ro=O(1)$
- $Ri=O(1)$
- near-surface ( $H=100m$ )
- 1-10km, days

Eddy processes often  
**baroclinic instability**

Parameterizations =  
F-K, Ferrari et al (08-11).  
Routinely resolved in 2100



(NASA GSFC Gallery)

23 December 2004  
Aqua MODIS

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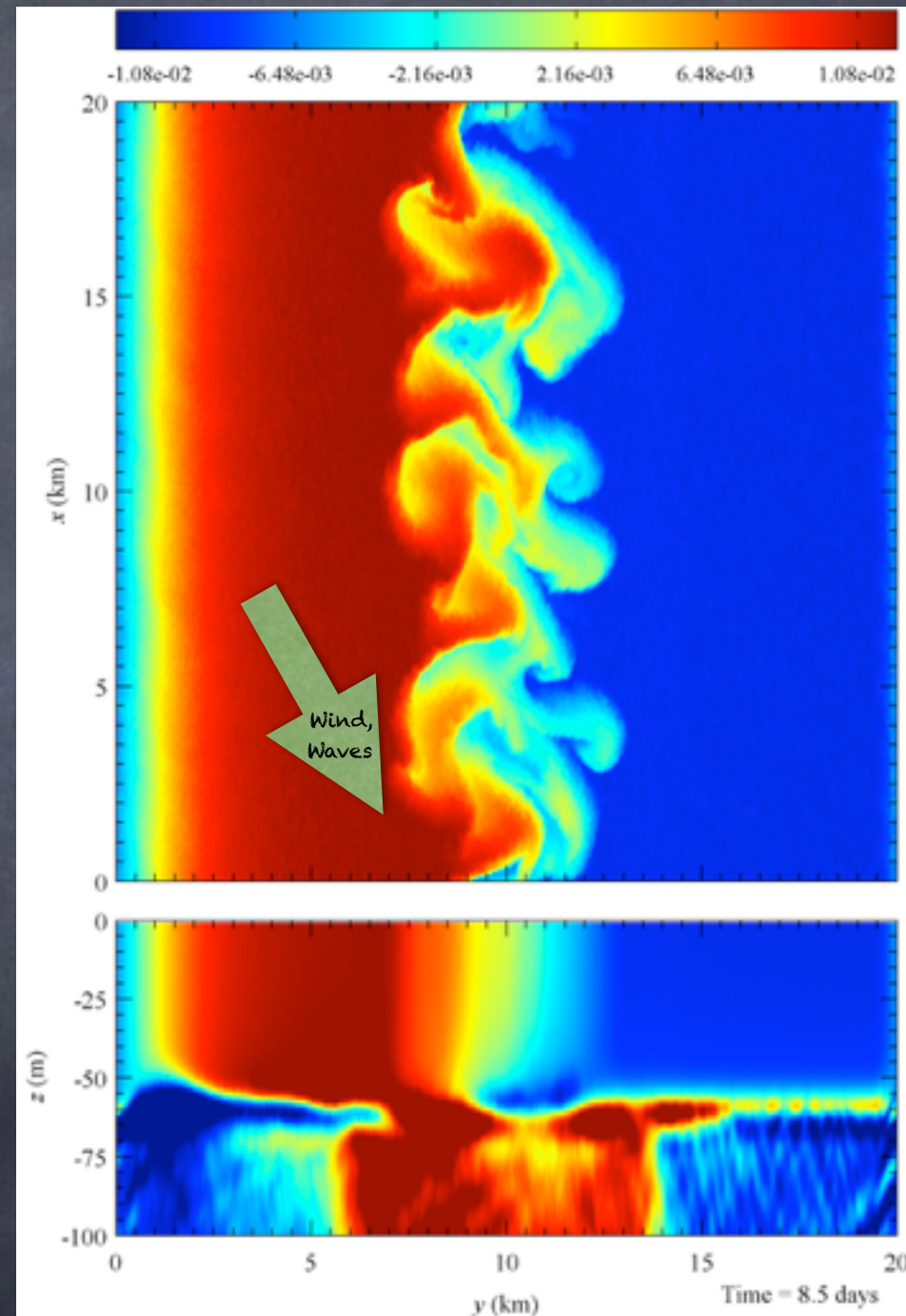
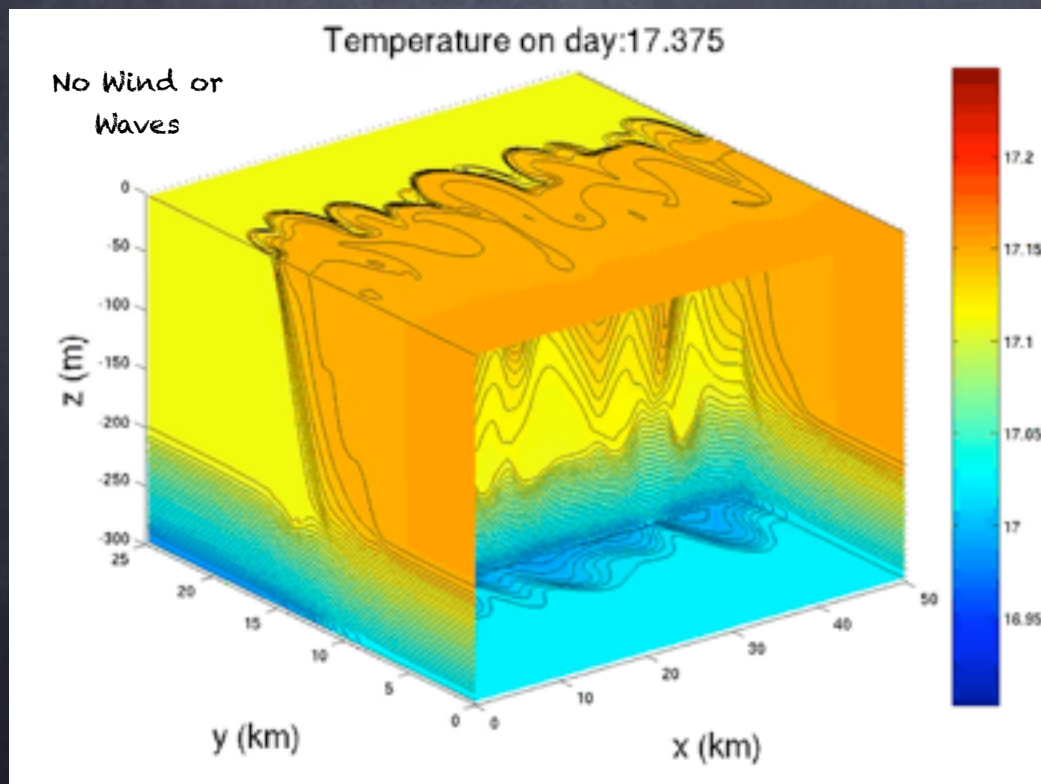
S. Bachman and BFK. Eddy parameterization challenge suite. I: Eady spindown. *Ocean Modelling*, 64:12-28, 2013

<http://oceancolor.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

# Submesoscale?

Submesoscale (1-10km)  
fronts & the eddies that form on  
them help restratify the boundary  
layer

Mixing balances restratification



Movie: P. Hamlington



# Submesoscale Mixed Layer Eddy Restructification:

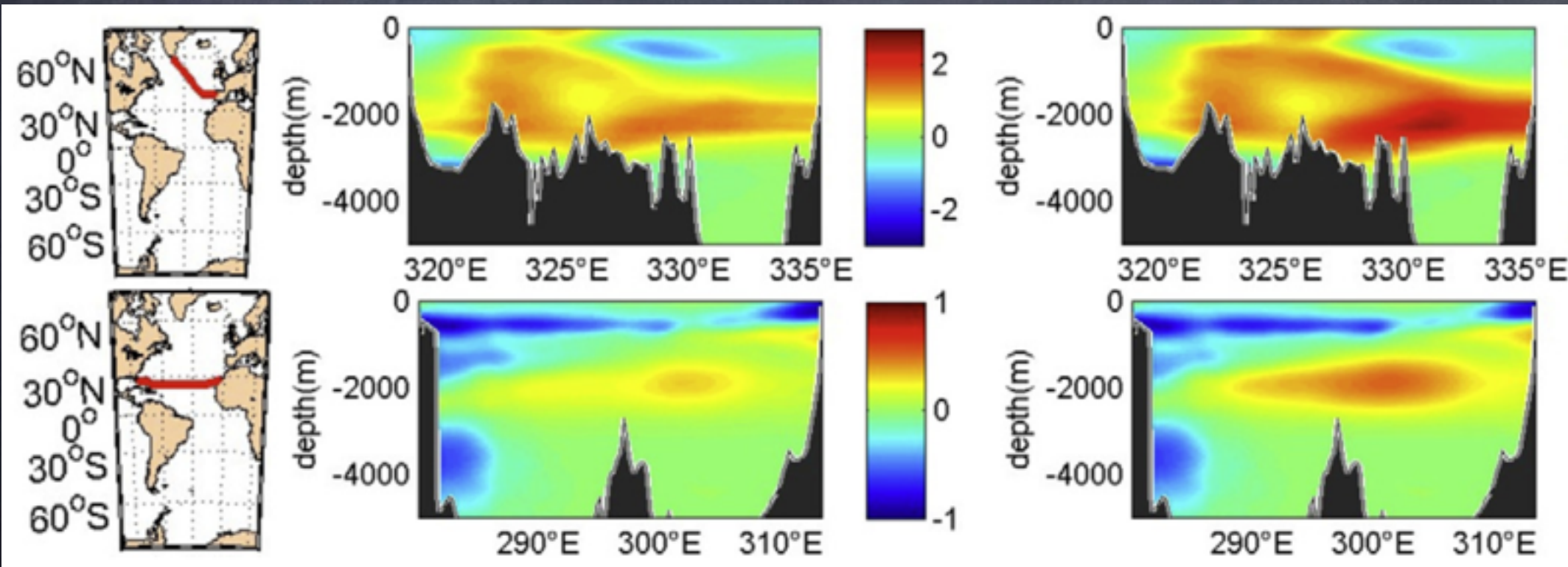
MLE implemented in NCAR, GFDL, Hadley, NEMO,

...

Improves CFC uptake (Atlantic water masses)

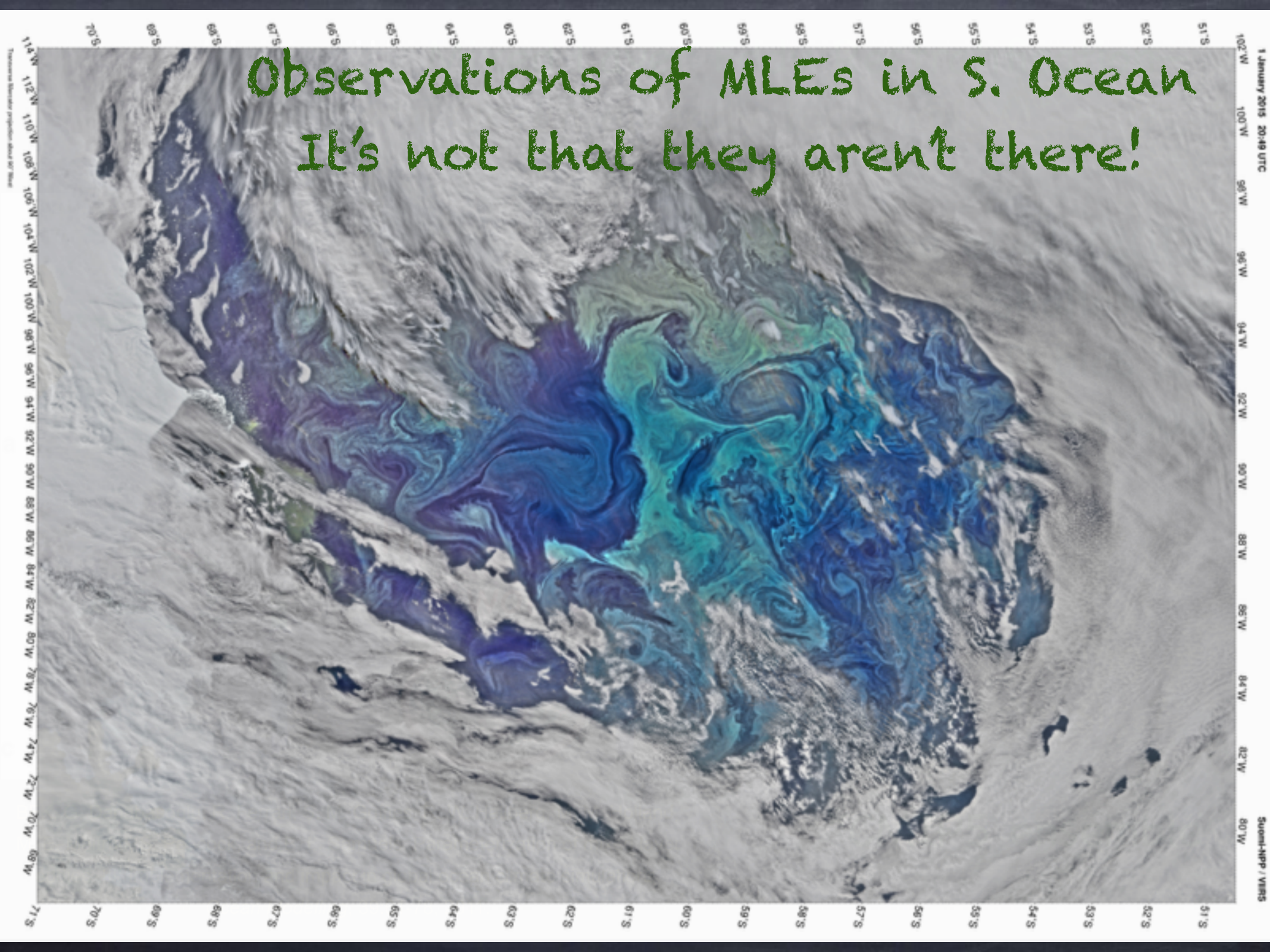
Bias with MLE  
Parameterization

Bias w/o MLE



# Observations of MLEs in S. Ocean

It's not that they aren't there!



# A Global Parameterization of Mixed Layer Eddy & Scale Aware Restratification validated against simulations

Flow

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$$\overline{\mathbf{u}'b'} \equiv \Psi \times \nabla \bar{b}$$

$$\Psi = \left[ \frac{\Delta x}{L_f} \right] \frac{C_e H^2 \mu(z)}{\sqrt{f^2 + \tau^{-2}}} \nabla \bar{b} \times \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

Compare to the original **singular, unrescaled** version

$$\Psi = \left| \frac{C_e H^2 \mu(z)}{|f|} \nabla \bar{b} \times \hat{\mathbf{z}} \right.$$

New version **handles the equator**, and **averages over many fronts**

# Different Eddy Spectra Under Ice?

If accurate,  $k^{-3}$  implies a reduction of submesoscale effect by about 20x.

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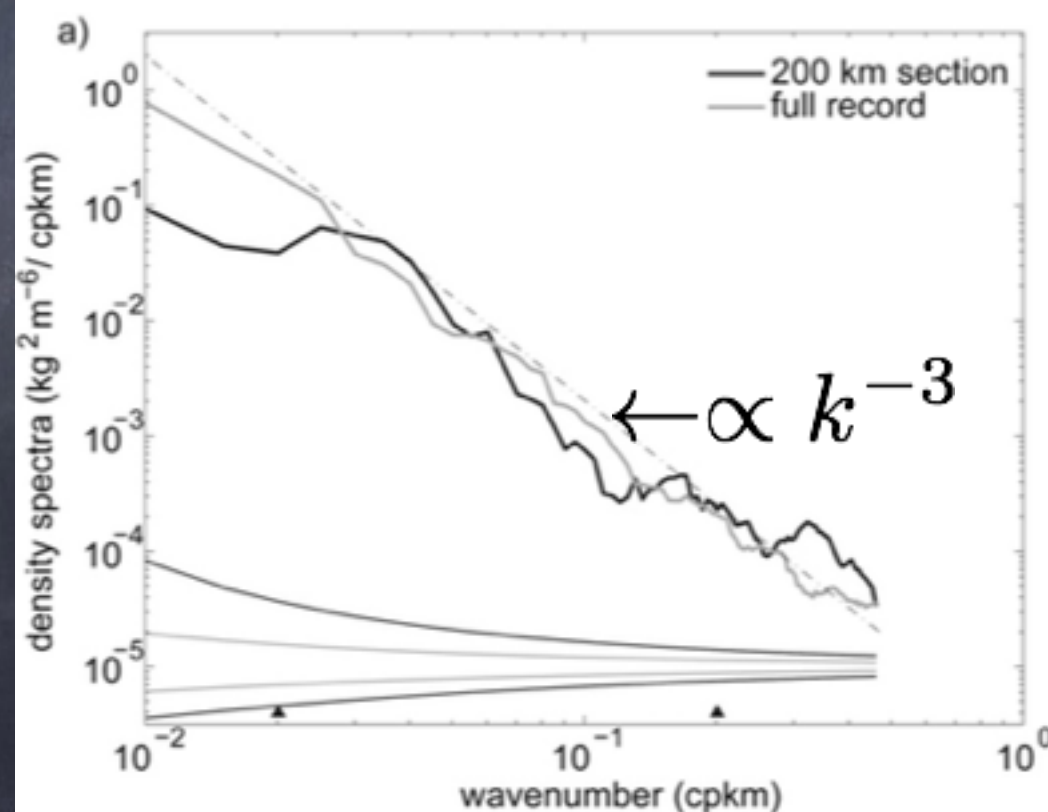
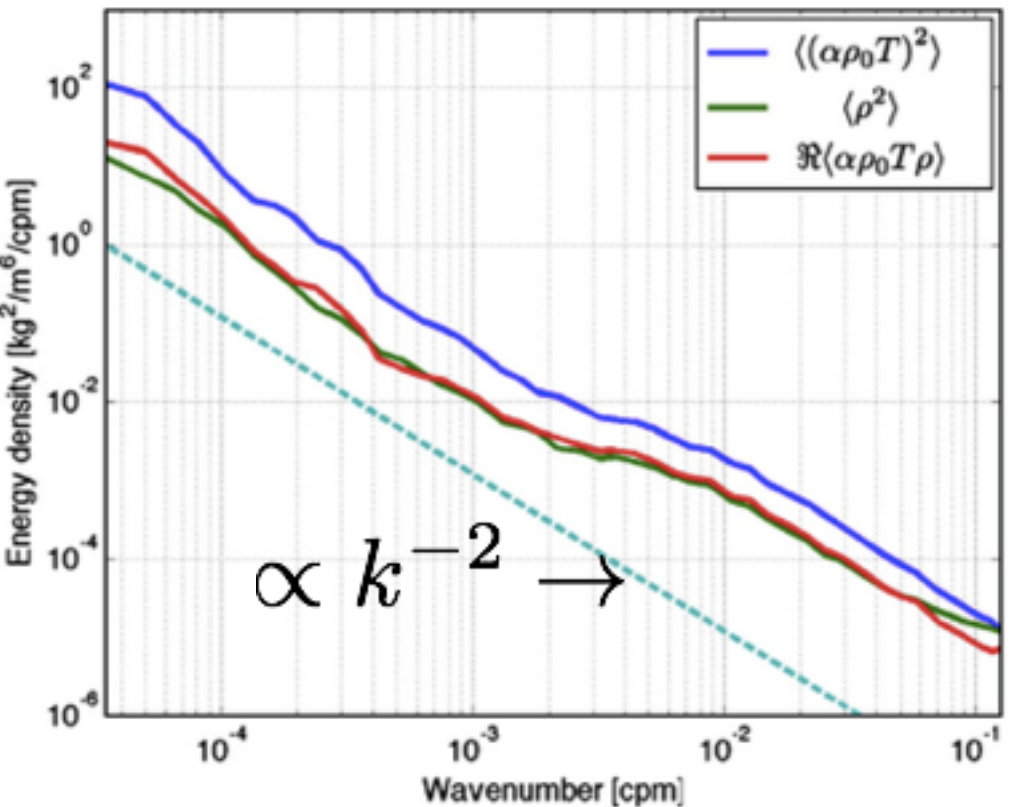
## Horizontal Density Structure and Restratification of the Arctic Ocean Surface Layer

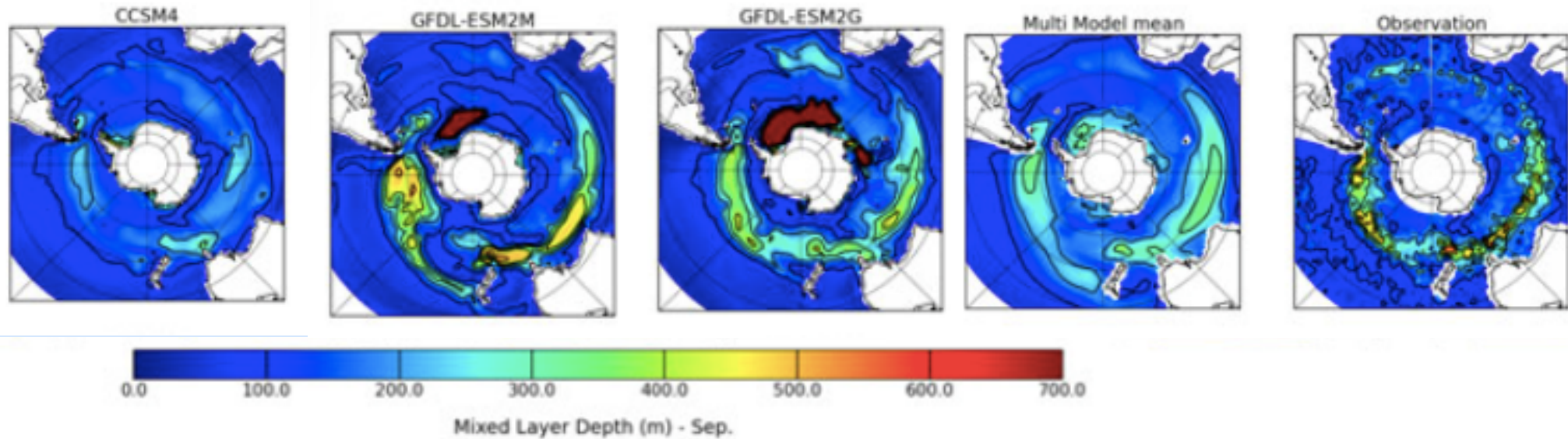
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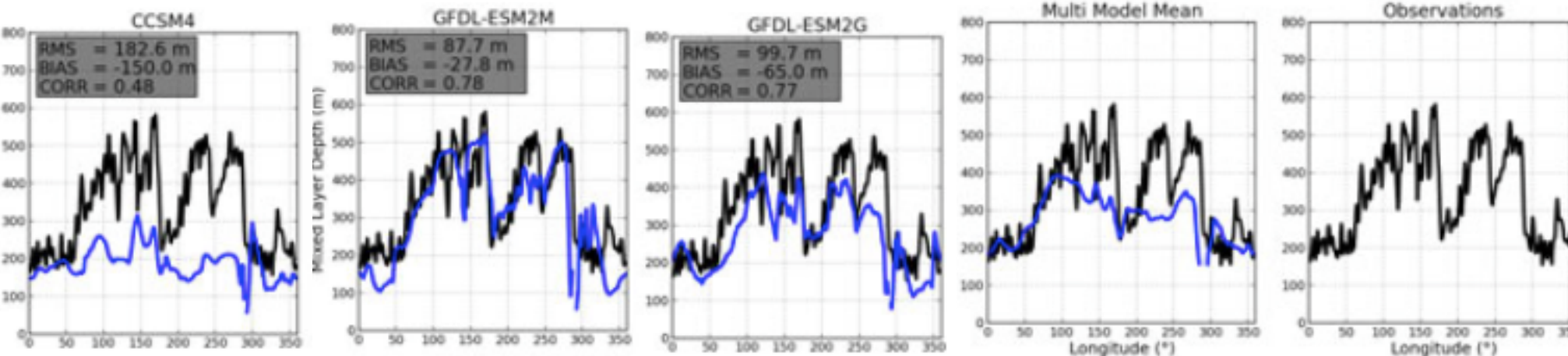
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# The Character of Langmuir (Wave-driven) Turbulence

- Near-surface
- Langmuir Cells & Langmuir Turb.
- $Ro \gg 1$
- $Ri < 1$ : Nonhydro
- 1-100m ( $H=L$ )
- 10s to 1hr
- $w, u=0$  (10cm/s)
- Stokes drift
- Eqtns: Craik-Leibovich, Wave-Averaged Equations
- Params: McWilliams & Sullivan, 2000, Van Roekel et al. 2012
- Resolved routinely in 2170

image:  
Thorpe, 04

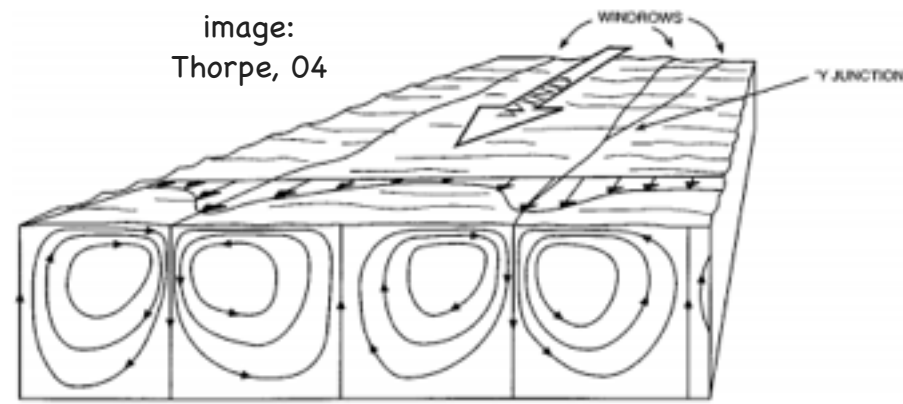


Figure 1 Sketch showing the pattern of mean flow in idealized Langmuir circulation. The windrows may be 2 m to 300 m apart, and the cell form is roughly square (as shown). In practice the flow is turbulent, especially near the water surface, and the windrows (Figure 2) amalgamate and meander in space and time. Bands of bubbles or buoyant algae may form within the downward-going (or downwelling) flow (see Figure 3).

Image: NPR.org, Deep  
Water Horizon Spill

# Wave-Averaged Eqtns:

## Stokes Drift Affects Slower Phenomena

- Formally a multiscale asymptotic equation set:
  - 3 classes: Small, Fast; Large, Fast; Large, Slow
  - Solve first 2 types of motion in the case of limited wave steepness, irrotational  $\rightarrow$  Deep Water Waves!
  - Average over deep water waves in space & time,
  - Arrive at Large, Slow equation set with wave effects

In these equations all Wave Effects involve the Stokes Drift

Turbulent Langmuir #  $La_t^2 = \frac{u^*}{u_s}$

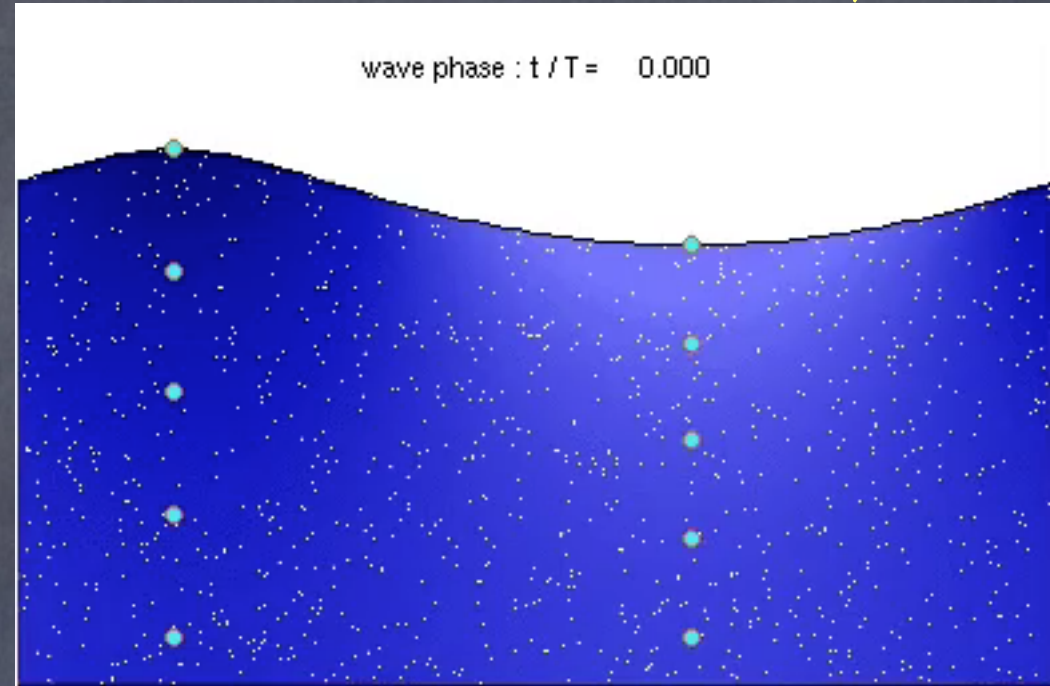
Friction Velocity

$$u^* = \sqrt{\tau/\rho}$$

# Waves Provide Stokes Drift

& Stokes Drift drives  
Langmuir Turbulence

Stokes: Compare the velocity  
of wave trajectories vs.  
Eulerian velocity;  
leading difference = Stokes:



Movie: Creative Commons

Monochromatic:

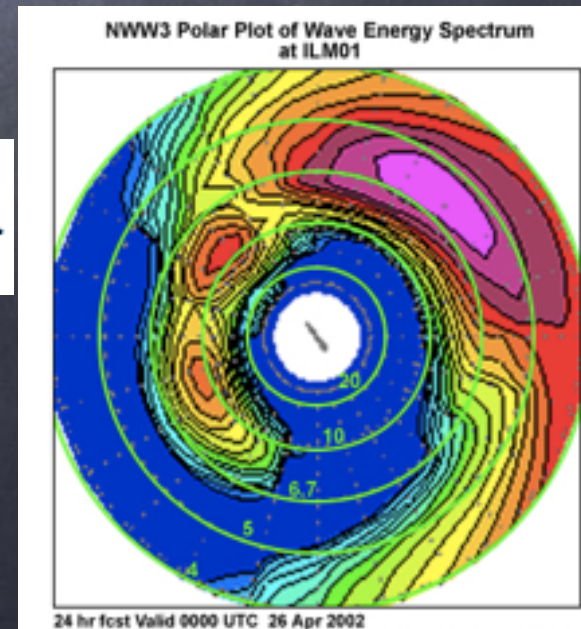
$$\mathbf{u}^S = \hat{\mathbf{e}}^w \frac{8\pi^3 a^2 f_p^3}{g} e^{\frac{8\pi^2 f_p^2}{g} z}$$

Wave  
Spectrum:

$$\mathbf{u}^S = \frac{16\pi^3}{g} \int_0^\infty \int_{-\pi}^\pi (\cos \theta, \sin \theta, 0) f^3 S_{f\theta}(f, \theta) e^{\frac{8\pi^2 f^2}{g} z} d\theta df.$$

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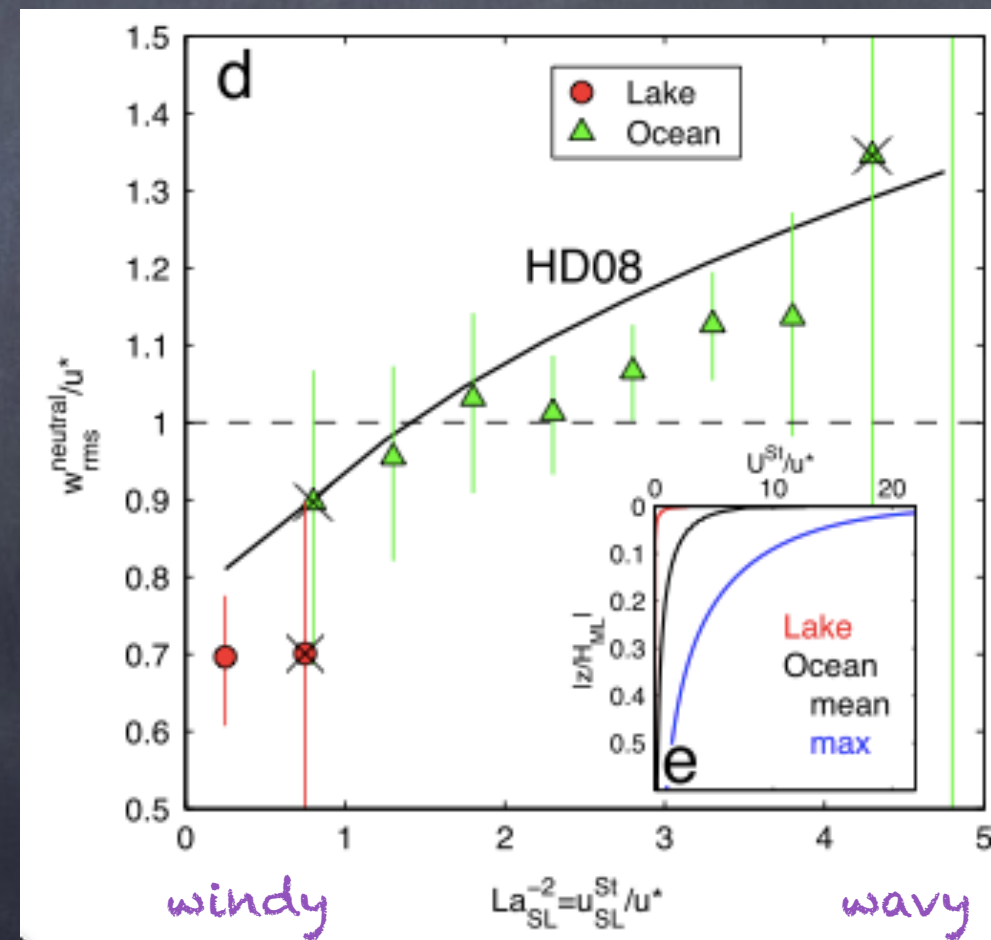
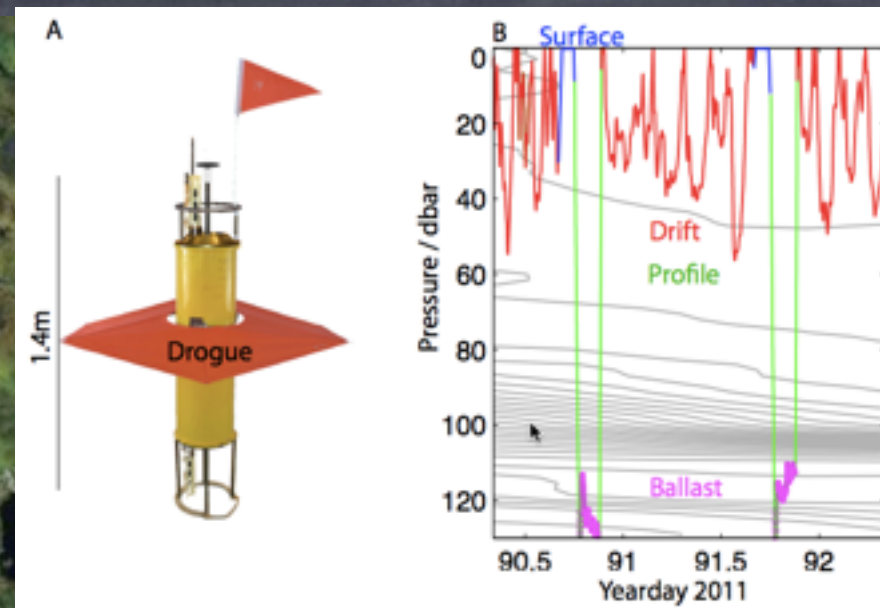
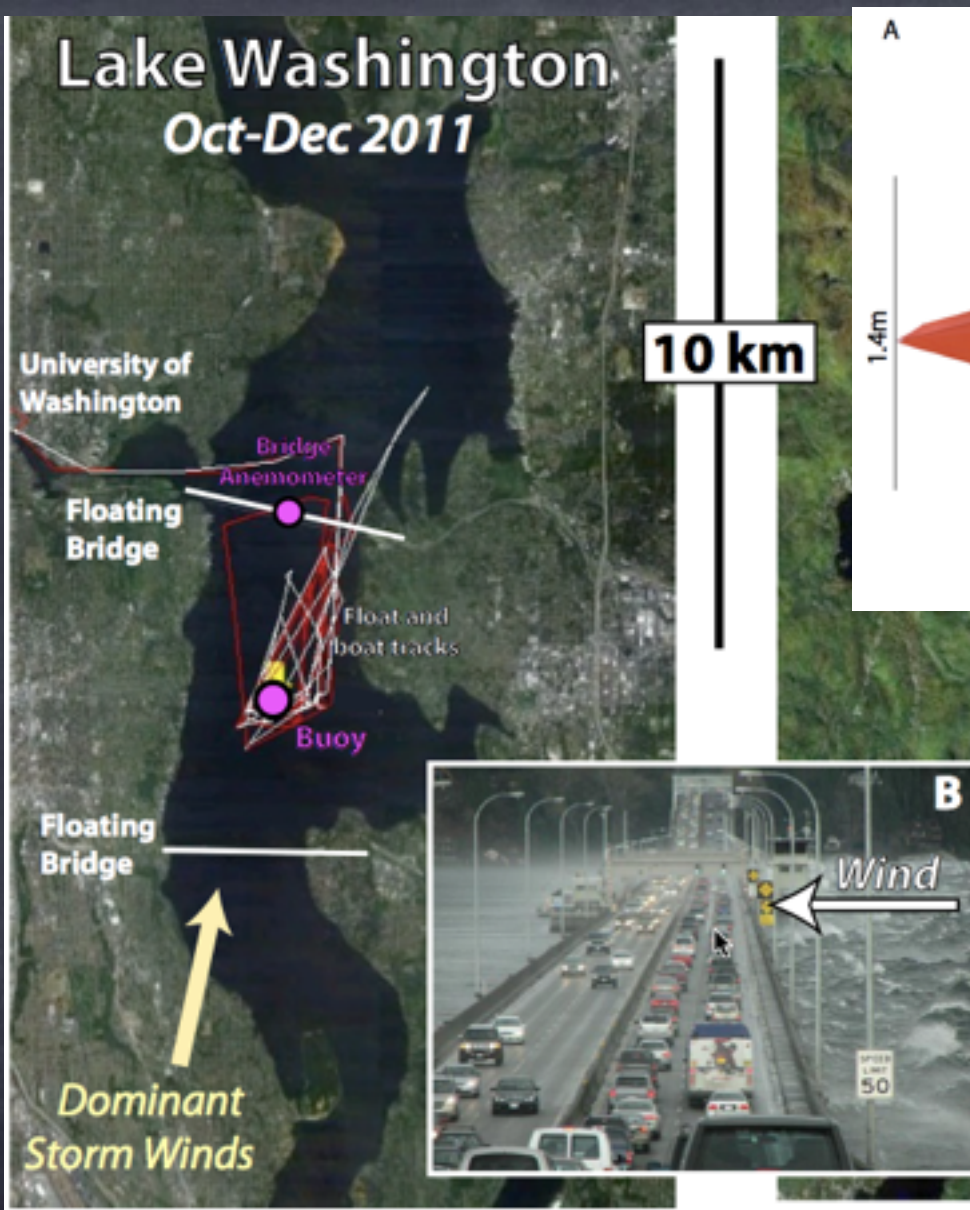
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No Retuning! ALL coefficients from LES



1) Observations obey a particular scaling for  $\langle w^2 \rangle$ !

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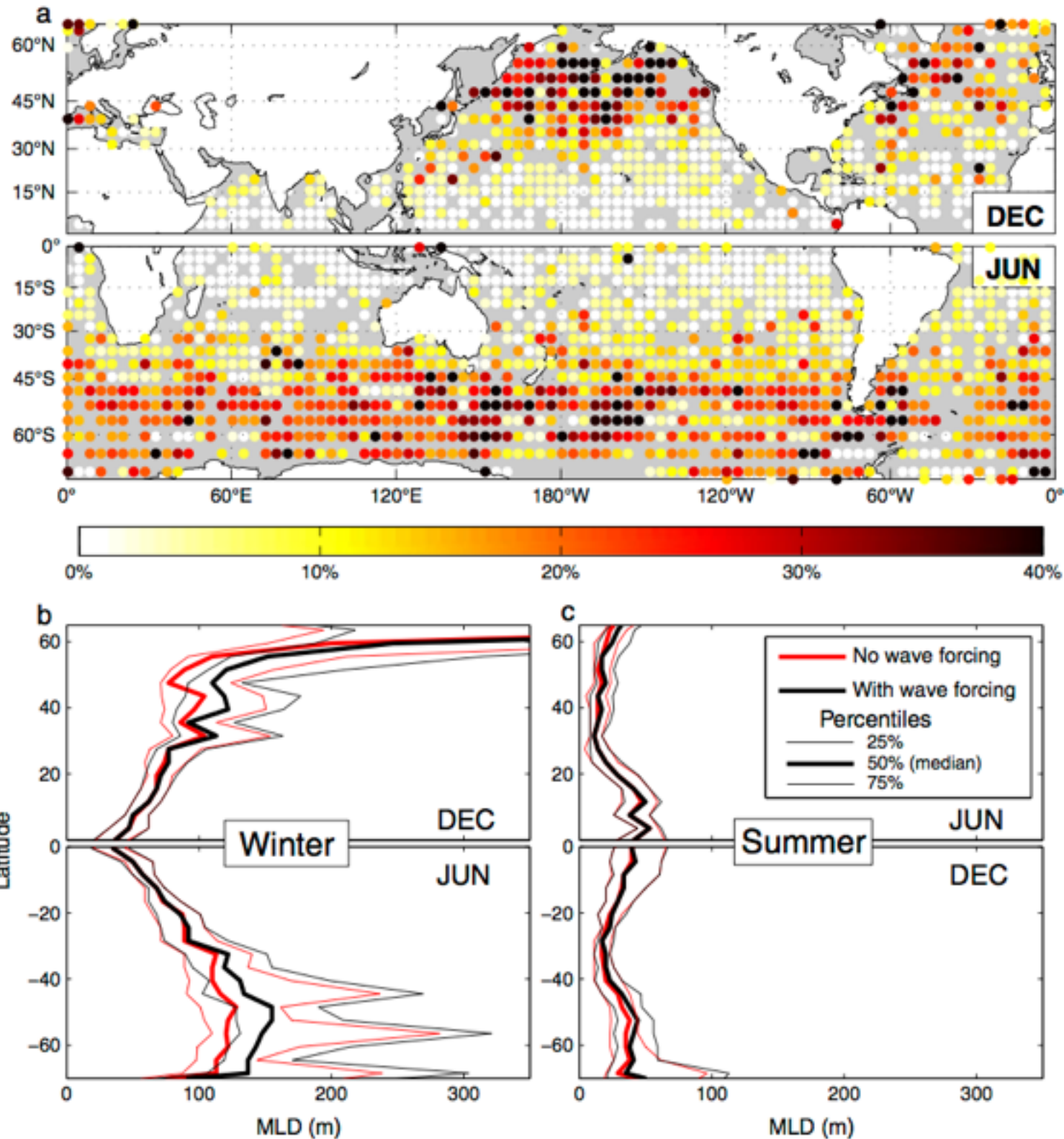
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Including  
Stokes-driven  
Mixing  
(Harcourt 2013)  
Deepens the  
Winter Mixed Layer  
about 30%!

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Waves can be  
dominant source of  
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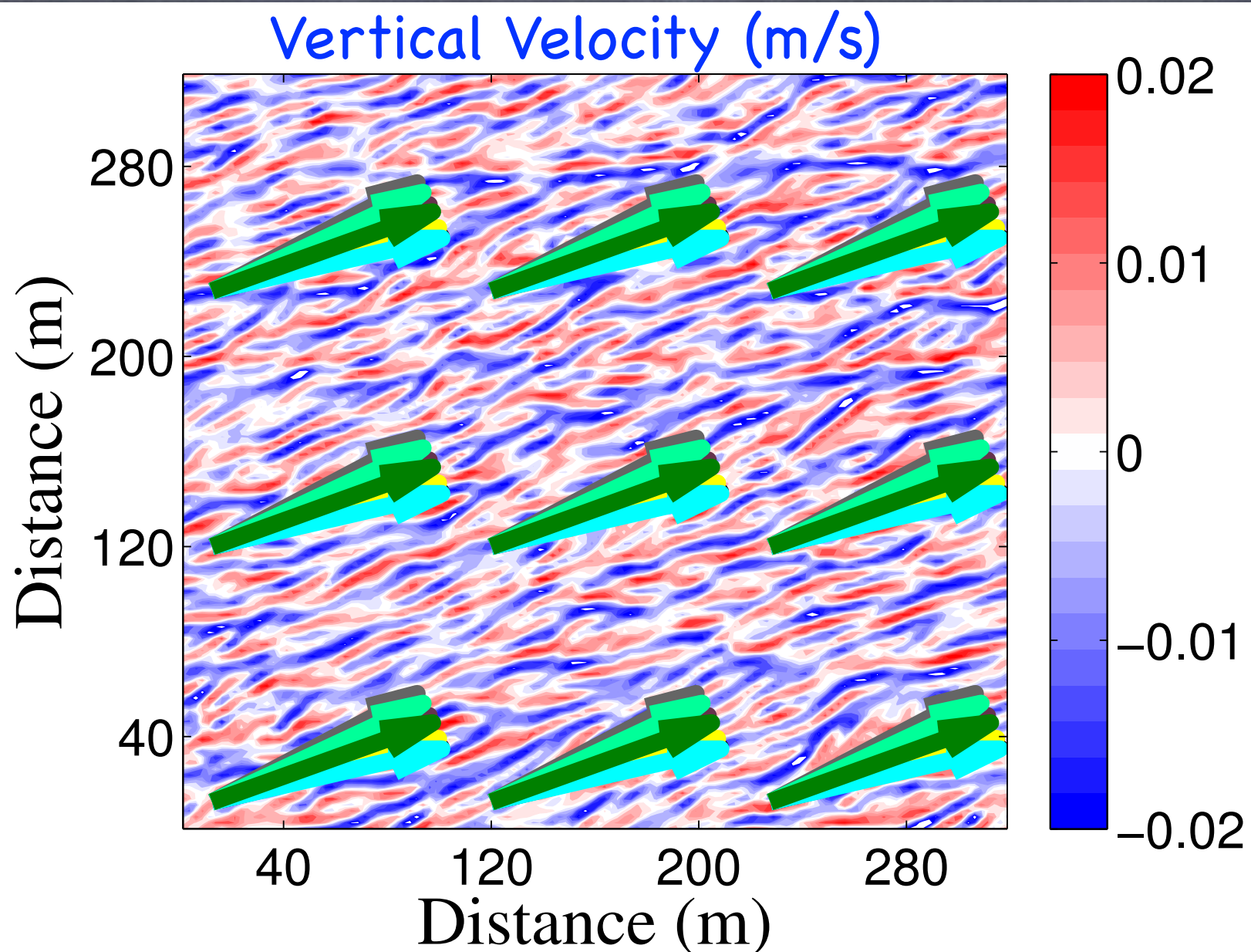
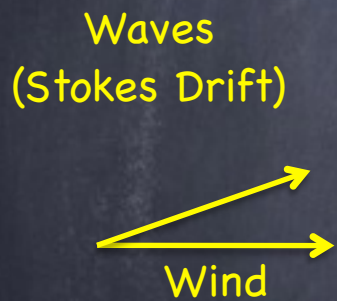
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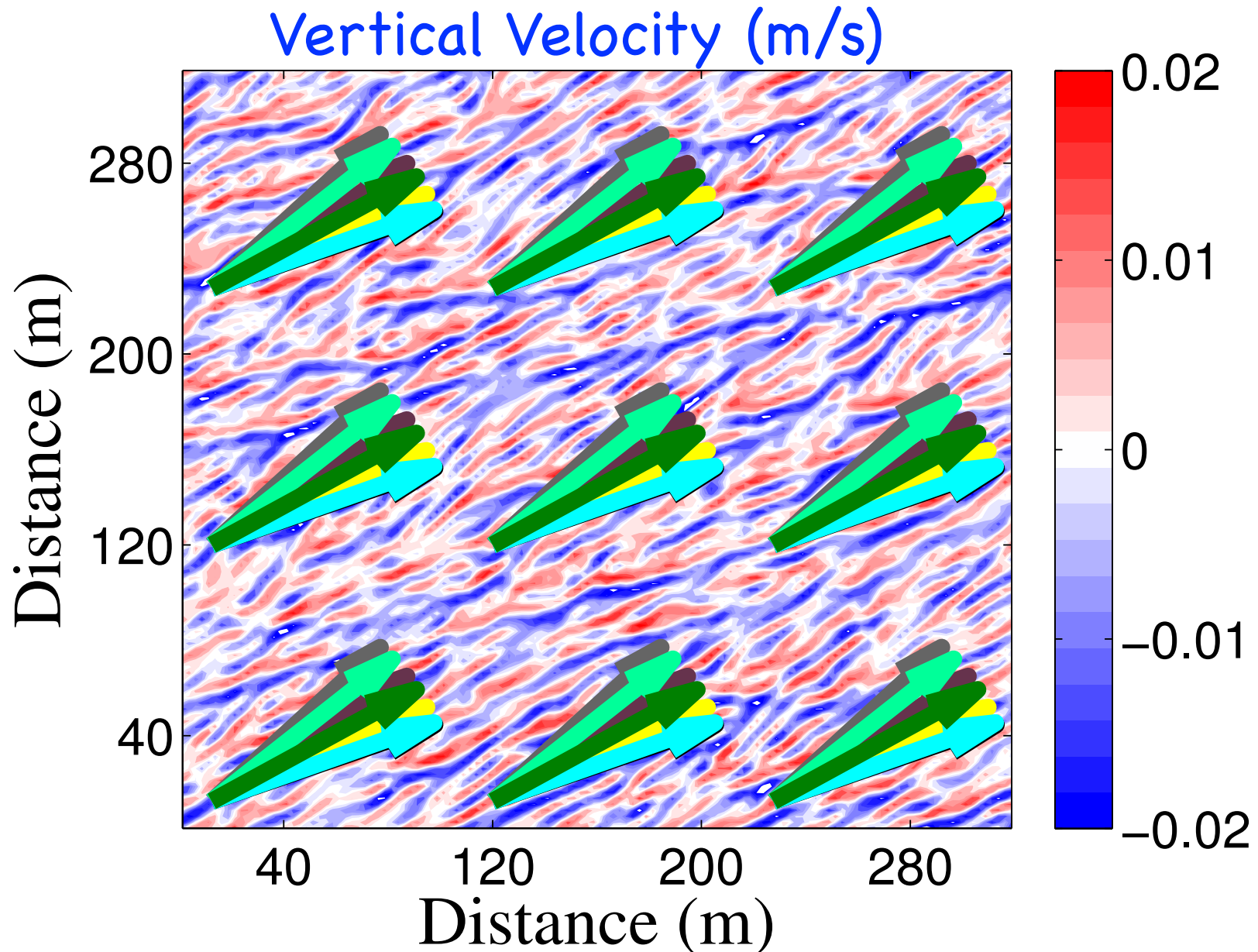
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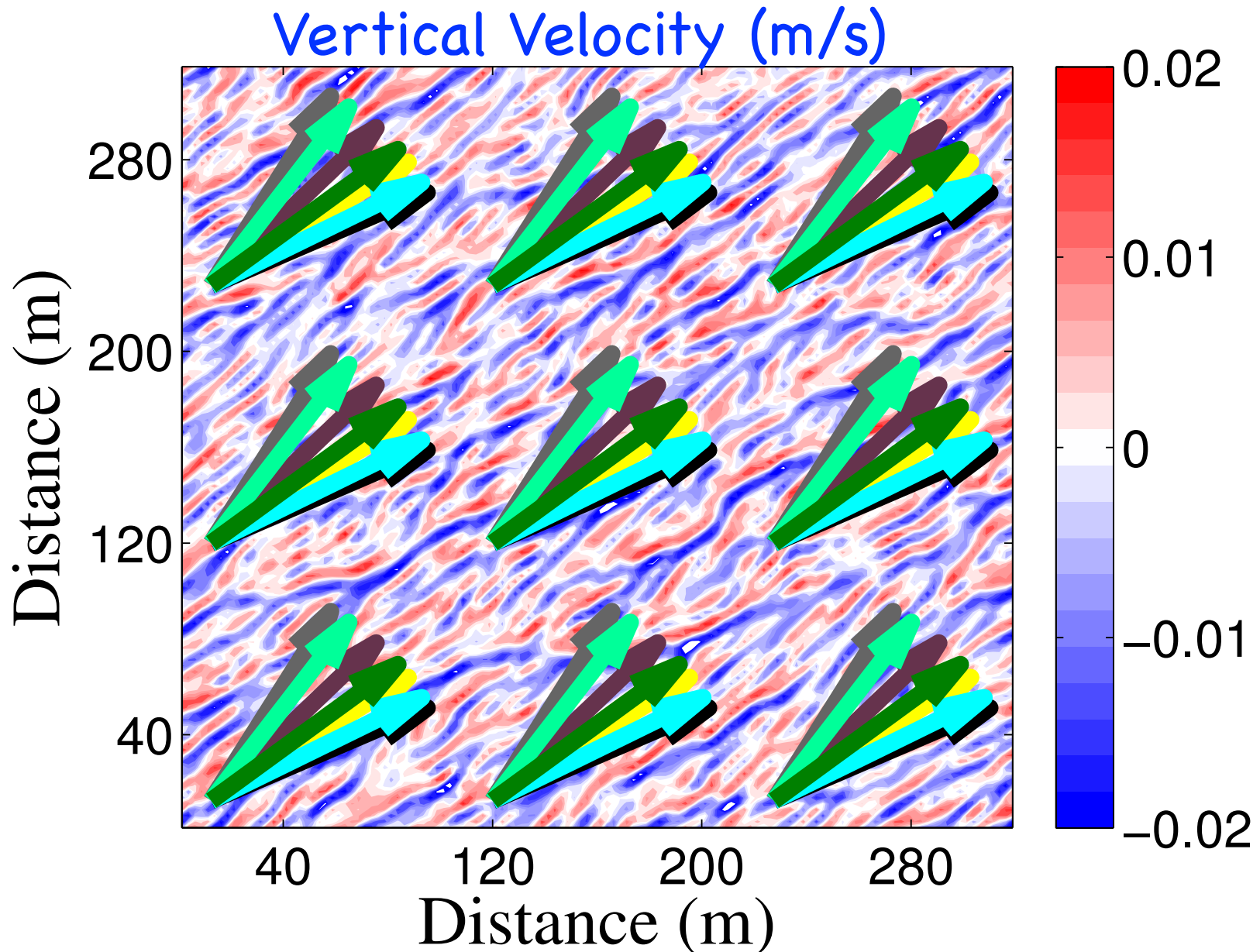
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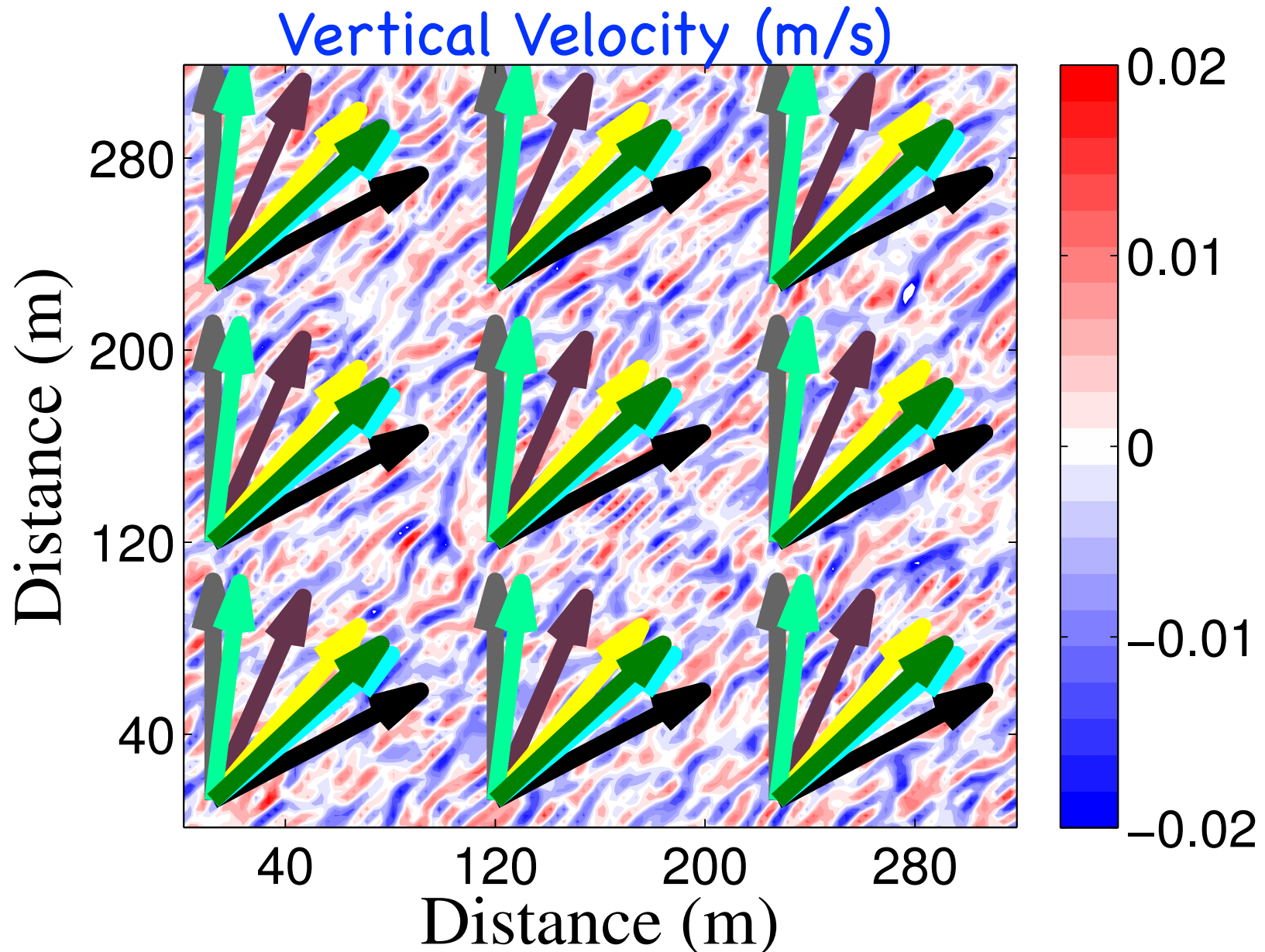
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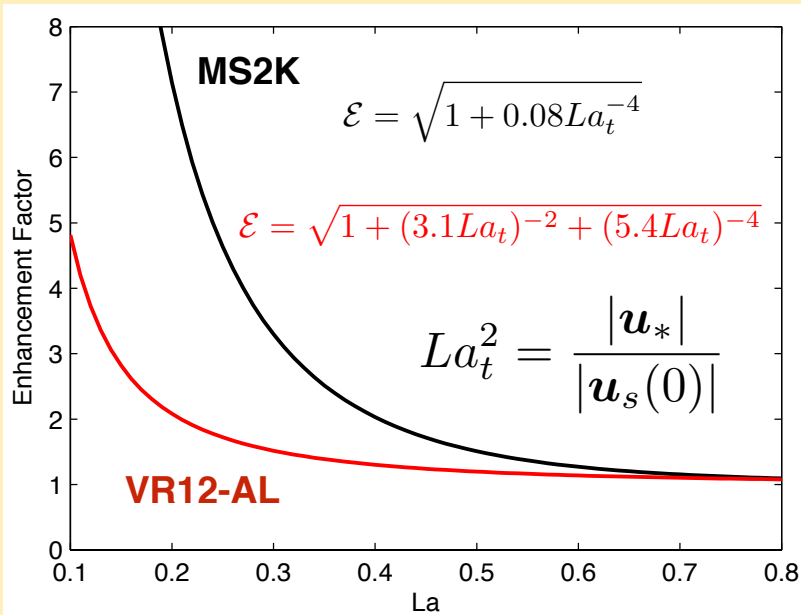
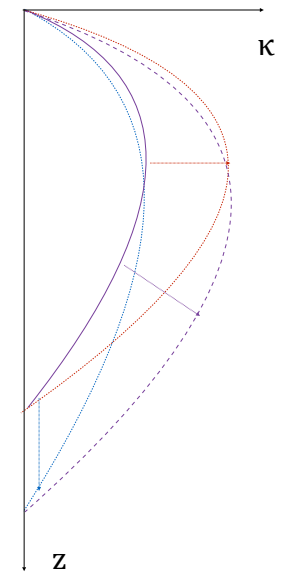


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# Langmuir Mixing in KPP for use in CESM1.2

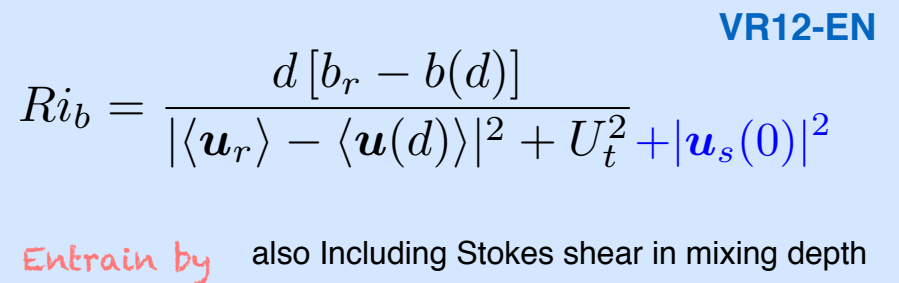
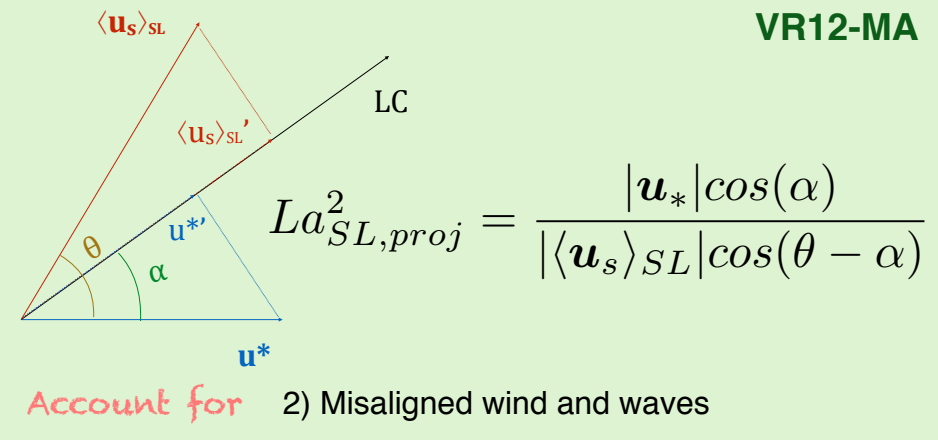
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- WaveWatch-III (Stokes drift) <-> POP2 (U, T, H<sub>BL</sub>)
- CORE2 interannual forcing (Large and Yeager, 2009), or fully coupled climate
- 4 IAF cycles; average over last 50 years for climatology (over 200 years total)



**Revise** Enhancement factor to vertical velocity scale W

1) Assume aligned wind and waves



# Wave Mixing in CESM: Reduces MLD Errors

Table 3: Root mean square difference (m) of summer and winter mean mixed layer depth in comparison with observation (de Boyer Montégut et al. (2004), updated to include the ARGO data to 2012).<sup>a</sup>

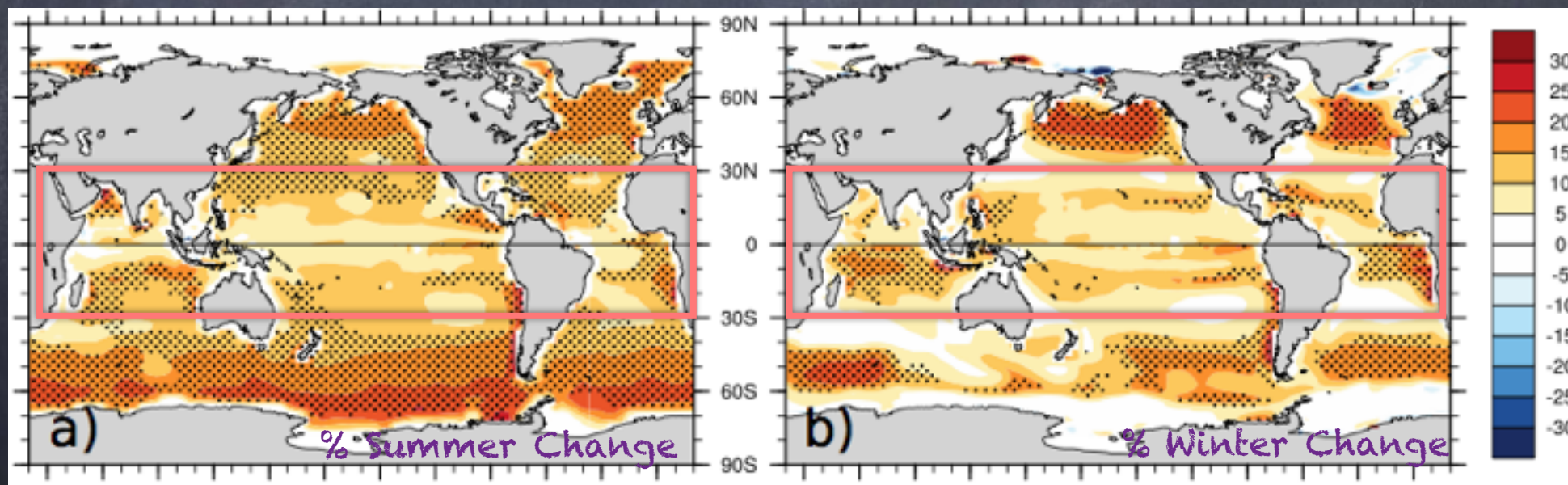
Case	Summer			Winter		
	Global	South of 30°S	30°S-30°N	Global	South of 30°S	30°S-30°N
CTRL	10.62 (13.40)	17.24 (21.73)	5.38 (6.71)	43.85 (45.50)	57.19 (56.53)	12.57 (16.16)
MS2K	15.37	15.47	17.03	119.91	171.92	40.31
SS02	36.79	63.83	7.54	99.32	164.34	17.39
VR12-AL	9.06	13.47	6.49	40.45	50.33	14.52
VR12-MA	8.73 (11.83)	12.65 (18.13)	6.61 (7.52)	40.99 (42.02)	51.78 (50.78)	14.23 (15.67)
VR12-EN	8.95	10.52	8.91	41.94	52.98	19.58

<sup>a</sup> Numbers shown in the parentheses are for the fully coupled experiments.

Control

Competition

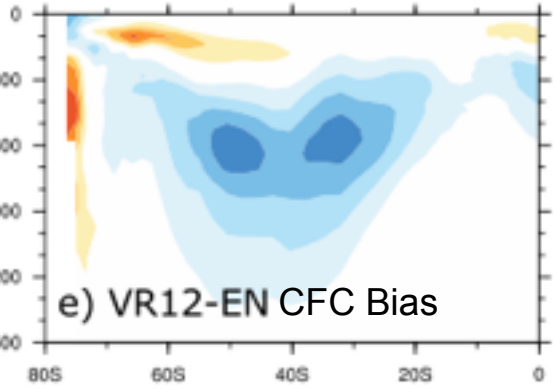
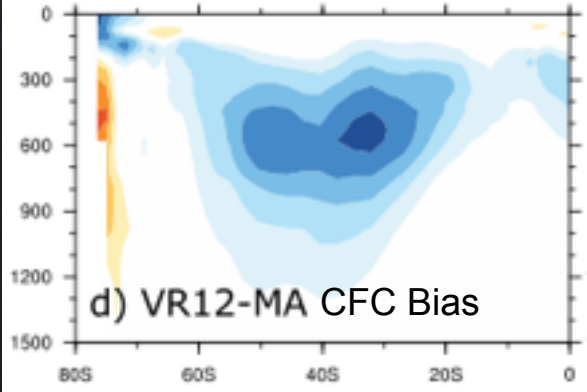
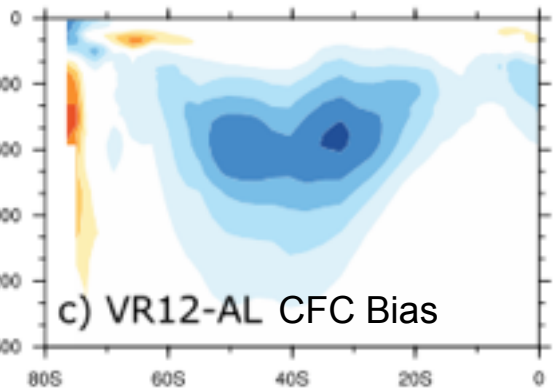
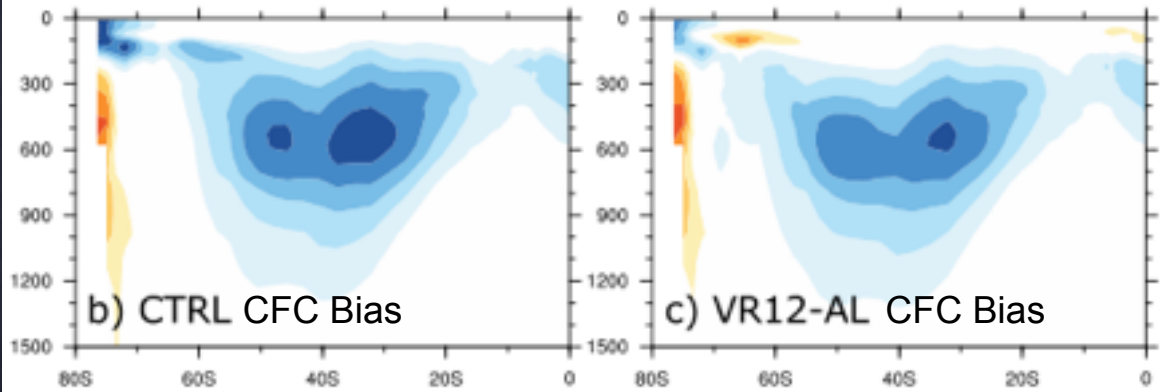
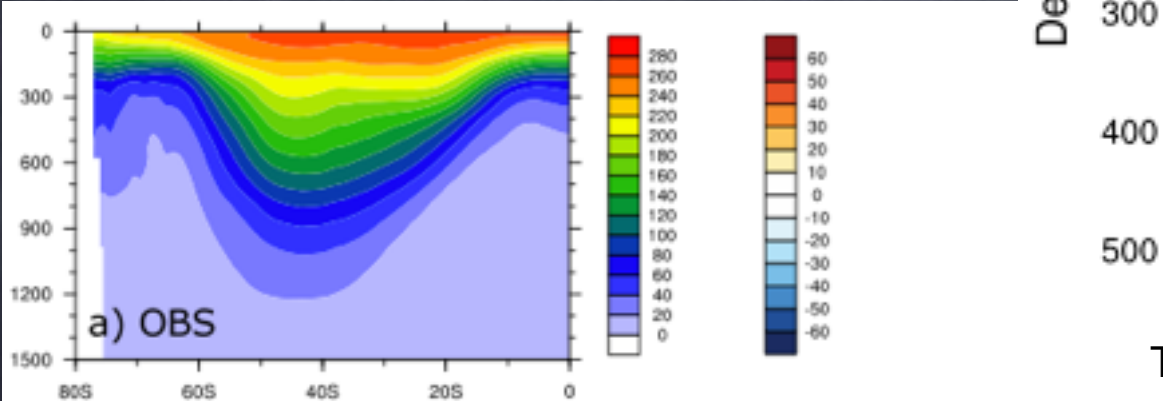
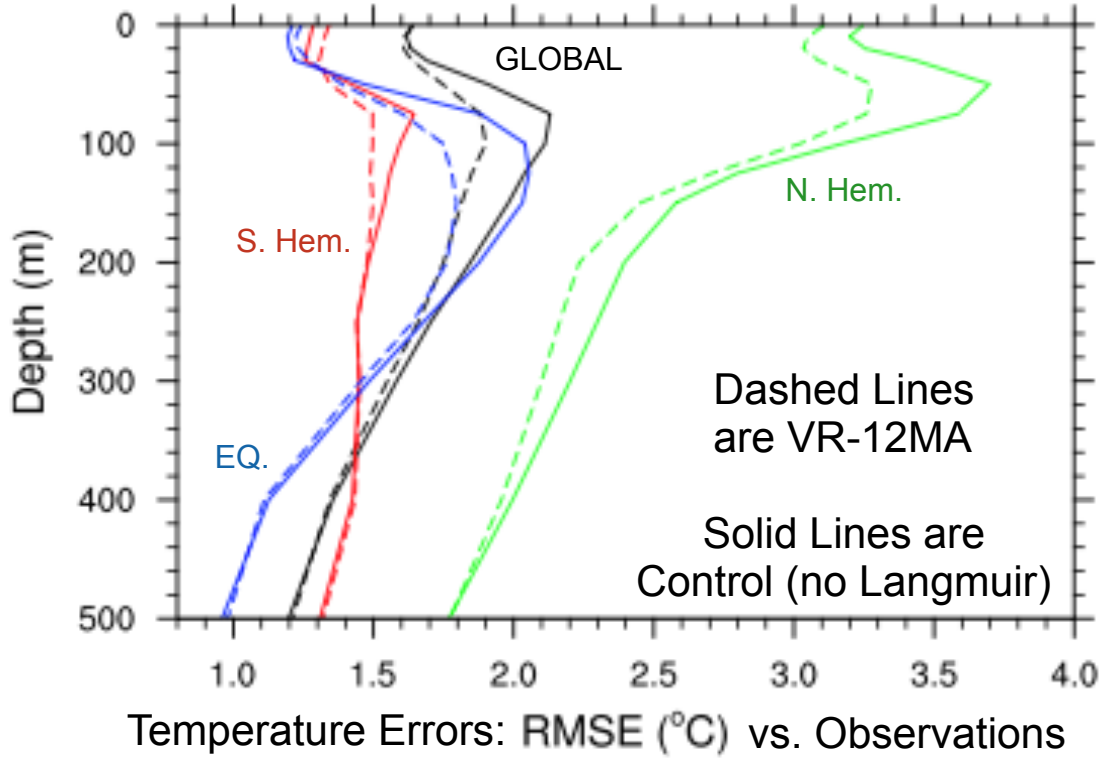
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Despite MLD bias increase in near Equator—better ventilation and subsurface effects when Langmuir is included, even near Equator!

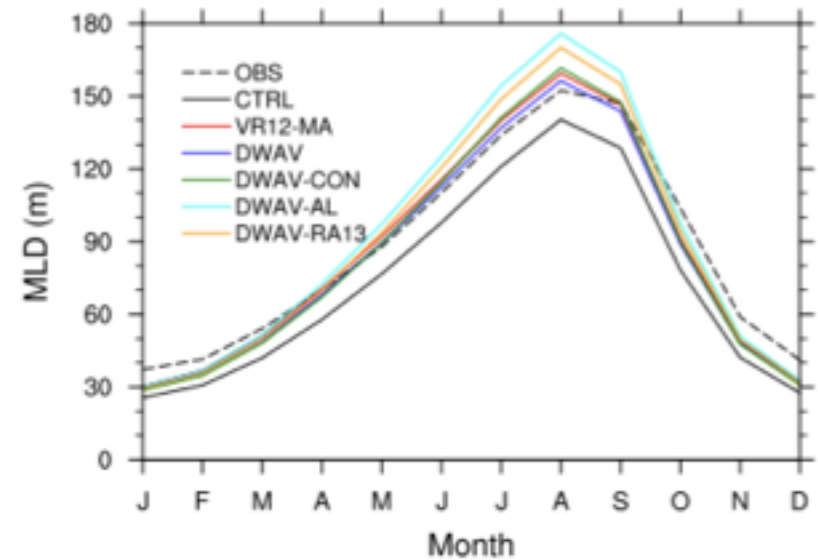
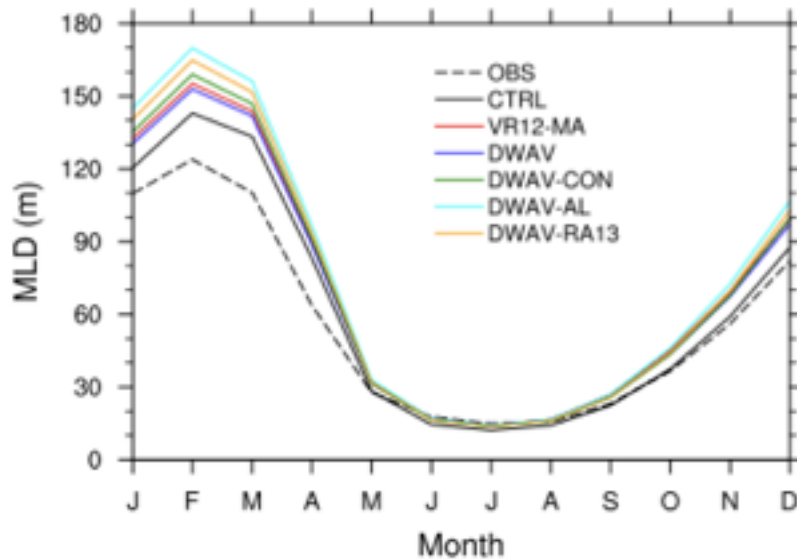


Wave Mixing in CESM Improves Subsurface Properties & Stommel's Demon!

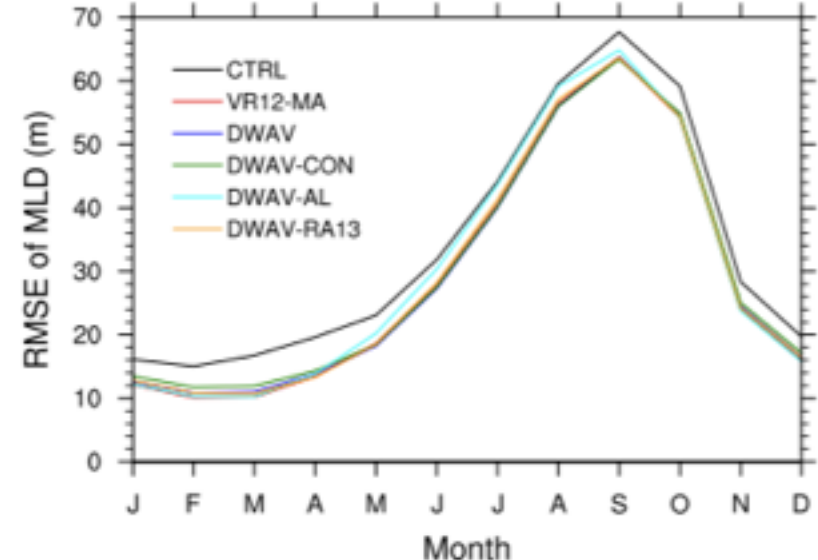
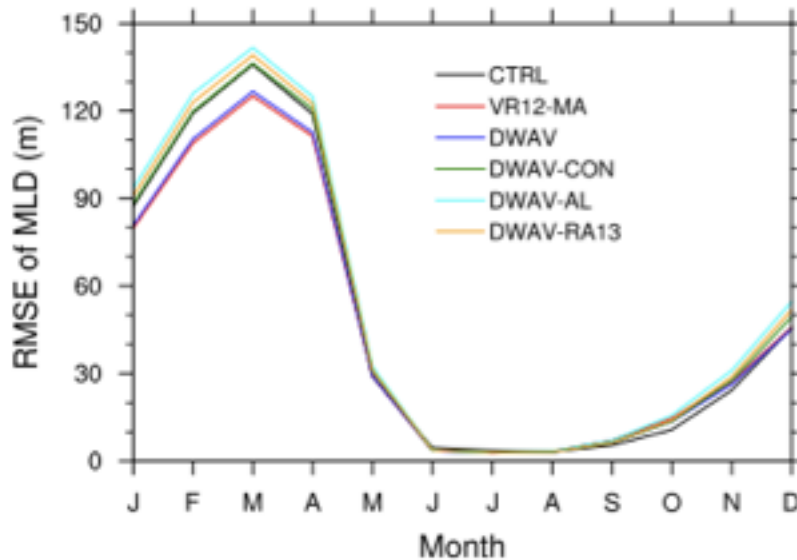
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# Prognostic Waves versus "Data Waves"

Mean



RMSE



30N-90N ice-free

90S-30S ice-free

# Prognostic Waves versus "Data Waves"

There are minimal differences in most places—data waves usually closer to prognostic waves than differences among different Langmuir parameterizations.

Prognostic Waves

Data Waves

b1850\_f19\_gx1\_vr12-ma - b1850\_f19\_gx1\_ctrl

b1850\_f19\_gx1\_dwav - b1850\_f19\_gx1\_ctrl

grid cell mean ice thickness

m

grid cell mean ice thickness

m

MIN = -0.37 MAX = 1.97

MIN = -0.90 MAX = 3.38

ANN Mean b1850\_f19\_gx1\_vr12-ma-b1850\_f19\_gx1\_ctrl

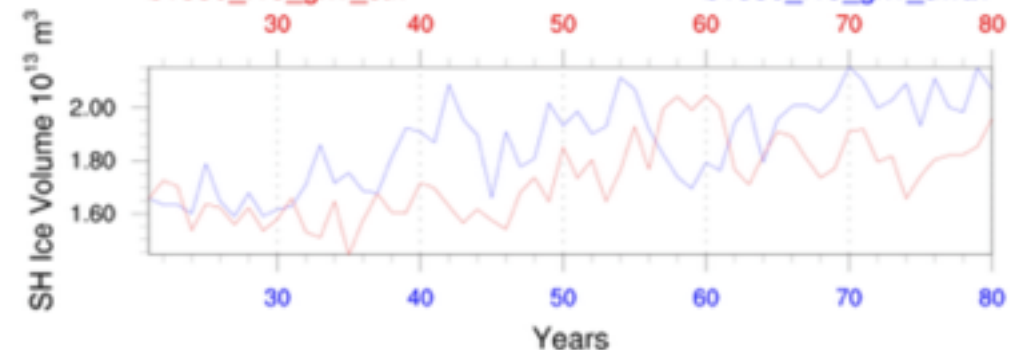
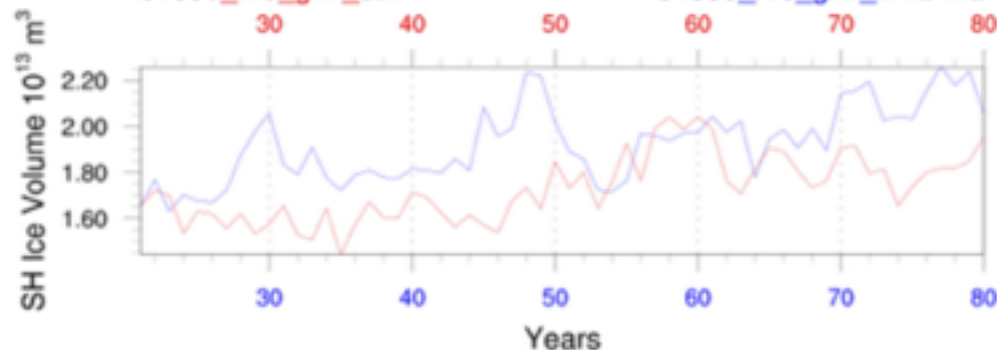
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As you can see, there is some difference in West Antarctic sea ice response between the data waves and the prognostic waves... we are working to figure out exactly what causes it.

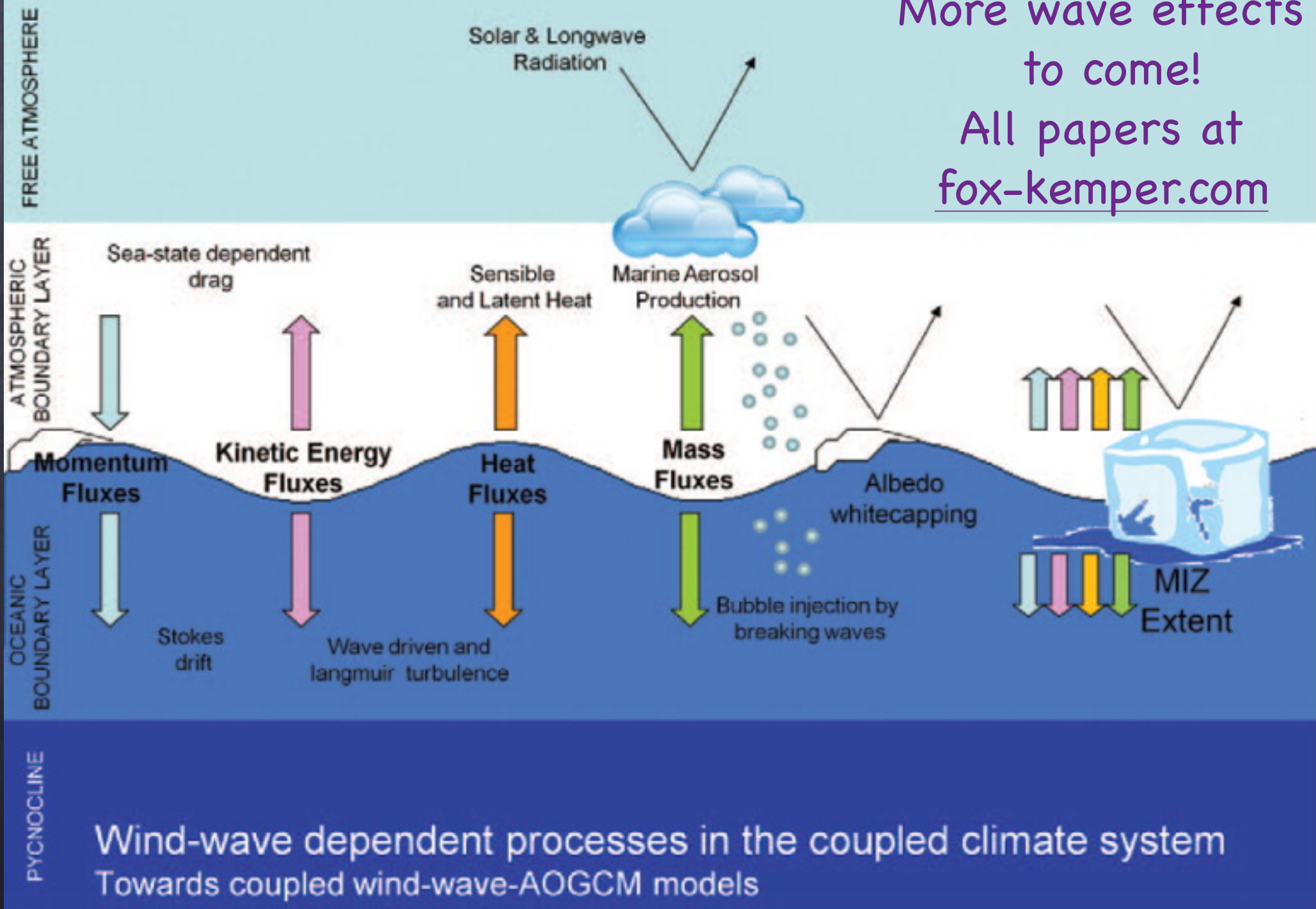
Preliminary trends indicate more increase with prognostic waves—needs more time to run!

# Langmuir effects on climate

- 1) From observational, offline, and climate model estimates, including Langmuir mixing generally improves the mixed layer depths in many regions and improves ventilation.
- A prognostic wave model is generally thought to be required to force the Langmuir mixing.
- By comparison against a "data waves" climatology, it is found that feedbacks to the wave model are weak. Thus, this cheaper option is available.

No Retuning! All coefficients from LES

More wave effects  
to come!  
All papers at  
[fox-kemper.com](http://fox-kemper.com)

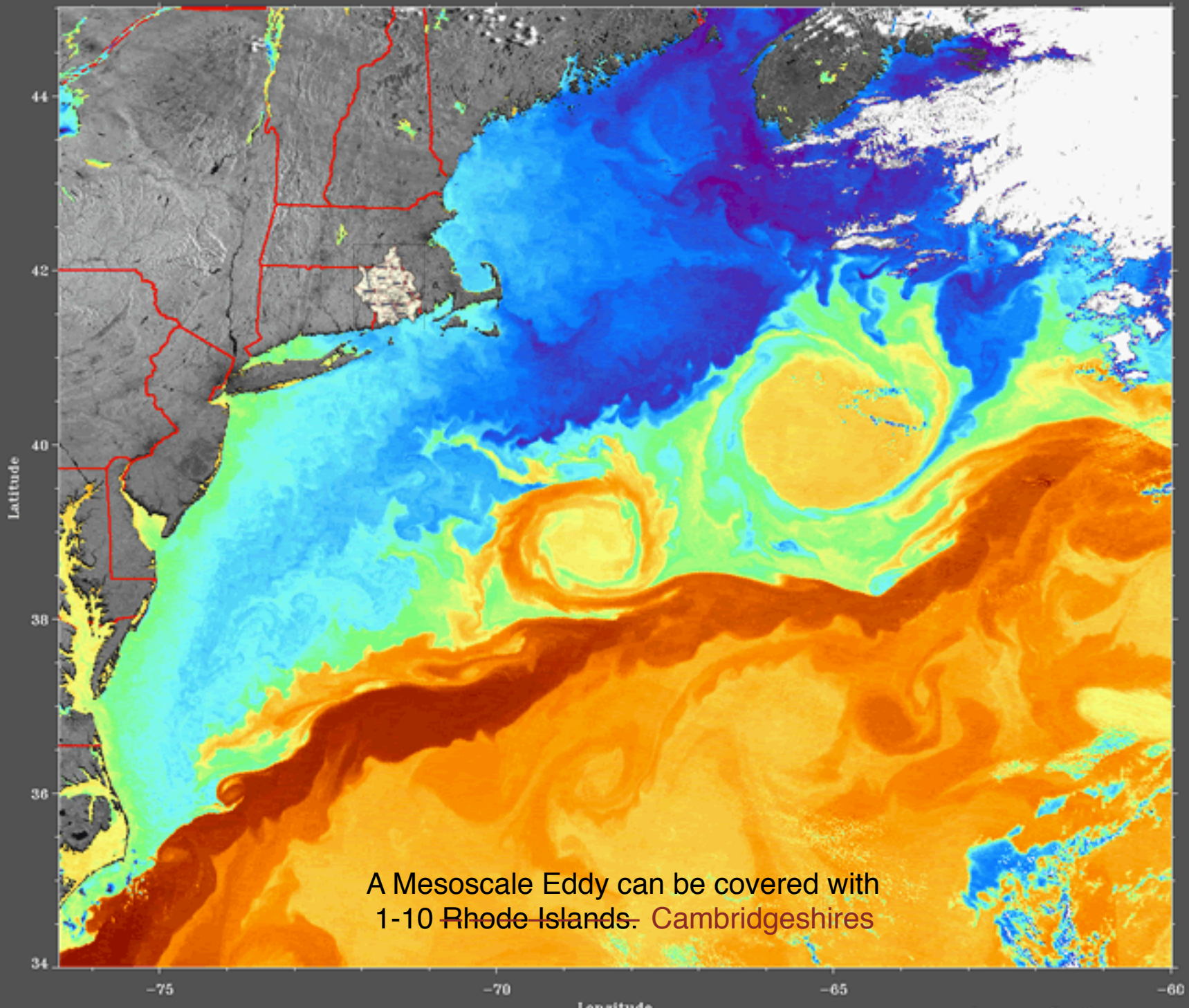




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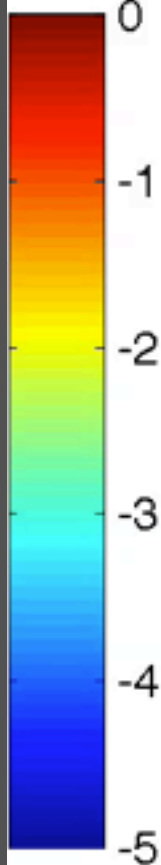
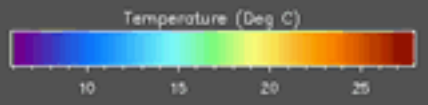
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Satellite  
view of  
flows



A Mesoscale Eddy can be covered with  
1-10 Rhode Islands. Cambridgeshires

WATER SURFACE TEMPERATURE  
Land and Clouds from Channel 2  
NOAA-12 AVHRR 1997 Jun 11 11:27 UT



# Shear Dispersion:

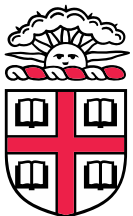
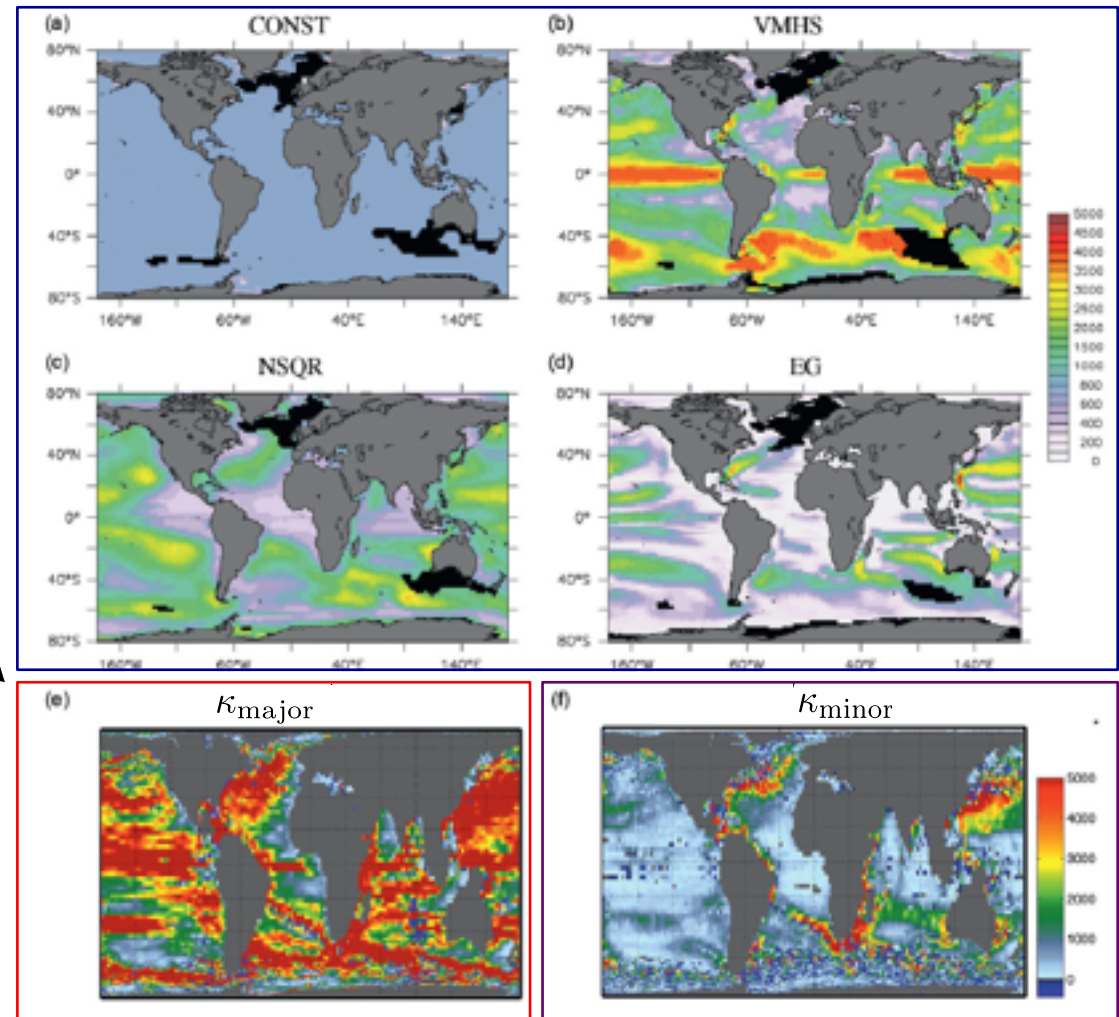
More along-flow than cross-flow diffusivity



Credit:  
Environmental Fluid Dynamics Toronto

# Mesoscale Eddy Parameterization

- Parameterizations currently use isotropic diffusivity
- Extend for anisotropy\*
  - Principal axis alignment
  - $\kappa_{\text{major}} / \kappa_{\text{minor}}$
- What will be gained?
  - Shear dispersion
  - PV-gradient suppression
  - Better ventilation of passive and biogeochemical tracers



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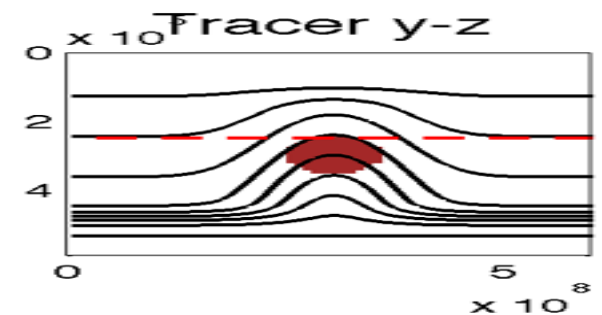
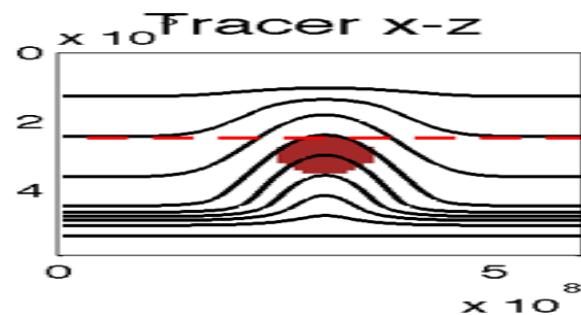
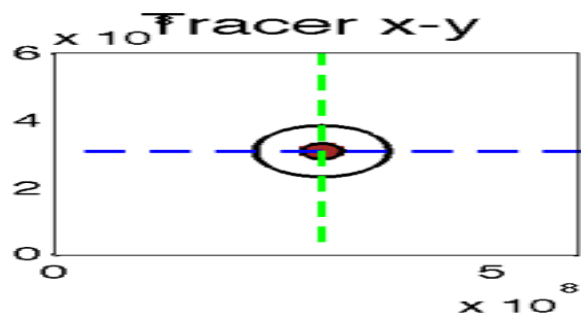
# Mesoscale Eddy Parameterization

- Baroclinic instability drives eddies through a conversion of available potential energy to kinetic energy
- Eddies anisotropically...

diffuse along isopycnals


flatten isopycnal slopes

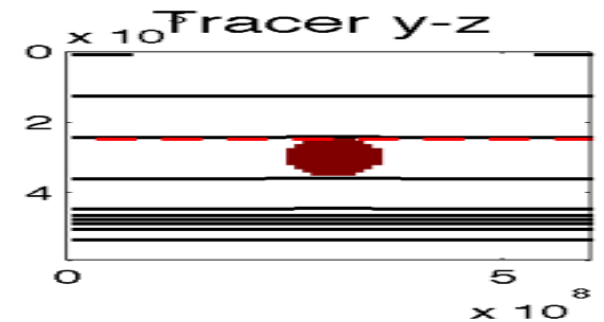
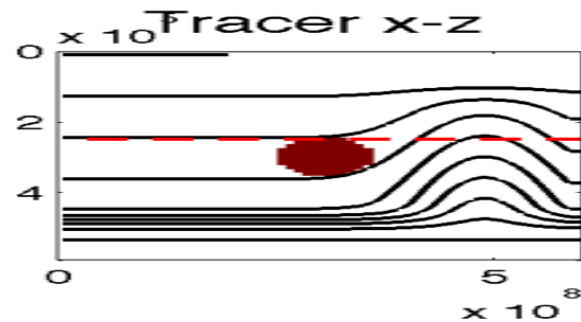
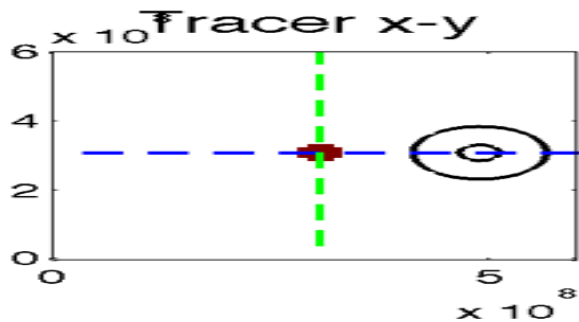
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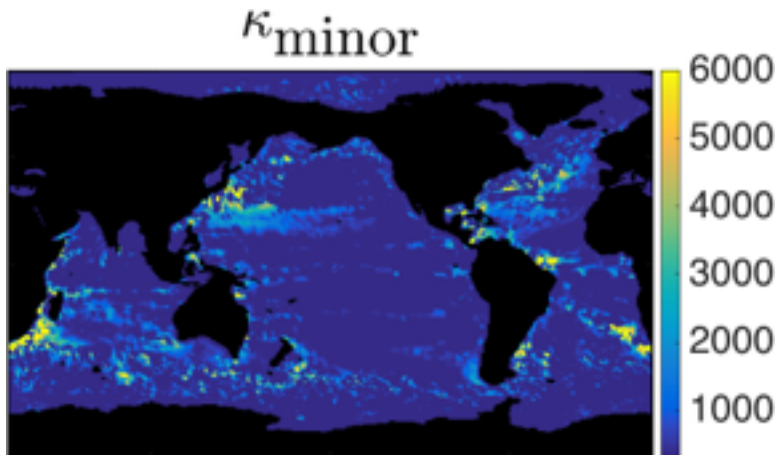
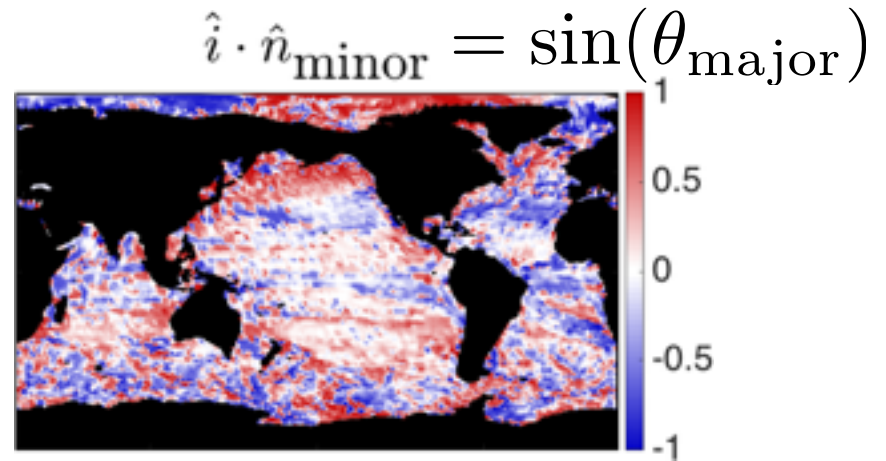
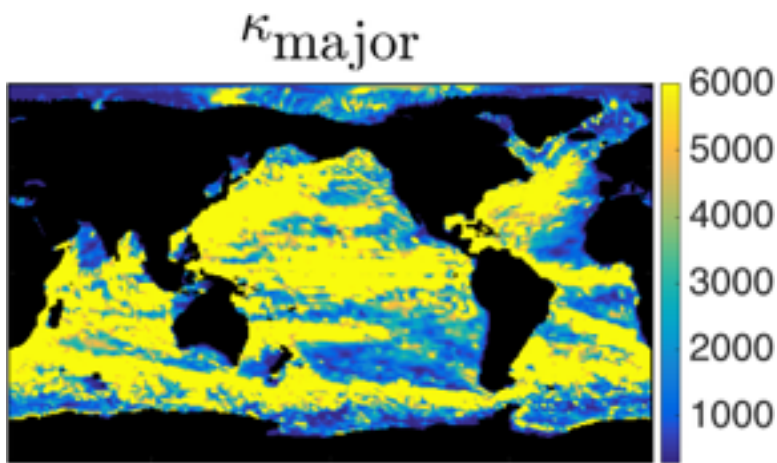
# Anisotropic GM/Redi

- Parameterize anisotropic transport mechanisms in the ocean:

- $\kappa$  
1.  $\kappa_{\text{minor}}$  (suppression from background diffusivity)
  2.  $\kappa_{\text{major}}$  (enhancement from background diffusivity)
  3.  $\sin(\theta)$  (alignment of principal axis of diffusion)



# Hi-res Diagnosed Tensor



- 0.1 degree POP2 with 9 passive tracers (various orientation restoring)\*
- Diffusivities calculated using least-squares
- Tensor applied statically in 1-degree tests



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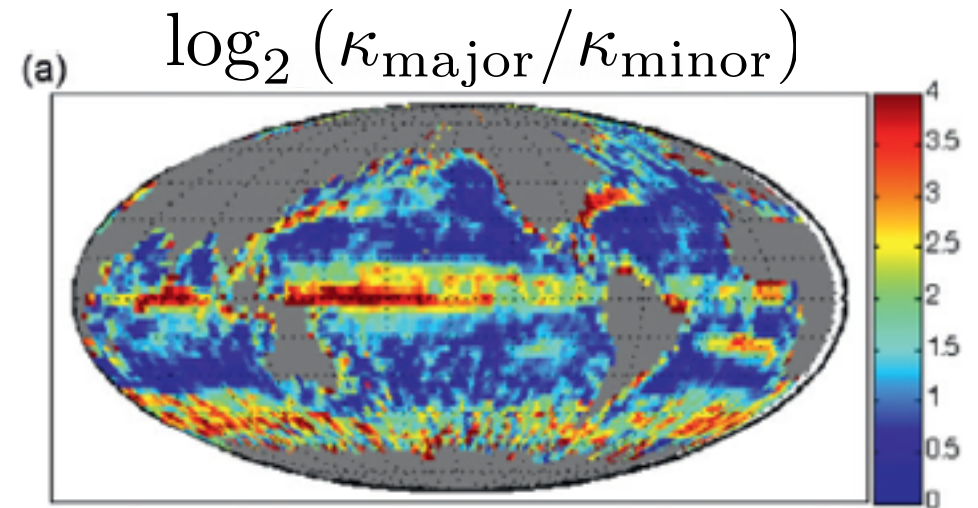
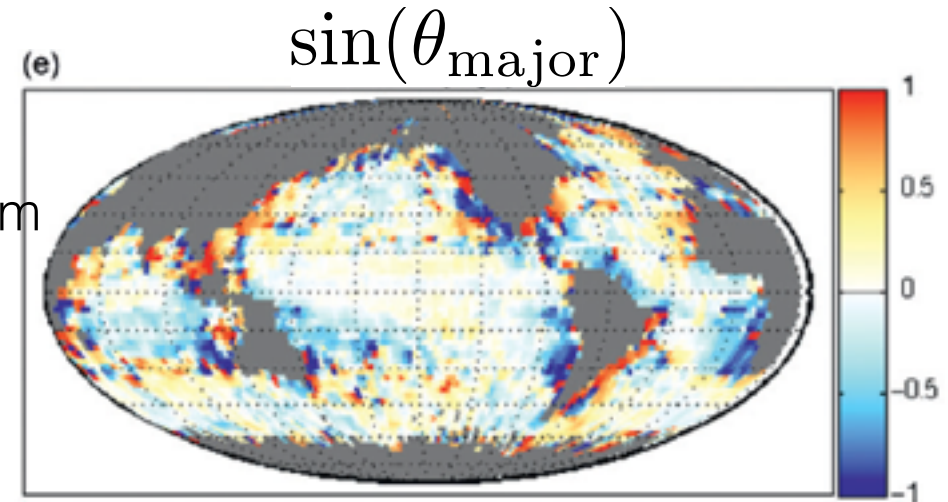
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# Drifter Observation Diffusivity Tensor

- Principal axis alignment
  - Major axis **aligned zonally** away from boundary currents
  - Major axis **aligned with the flow** near boundary currents
- $\kappa_{\text{major}} / \kappa_{\text{minor}}$ 
  - **> 16** in equatorial region
  - Typical ratio is  $\approx 5$



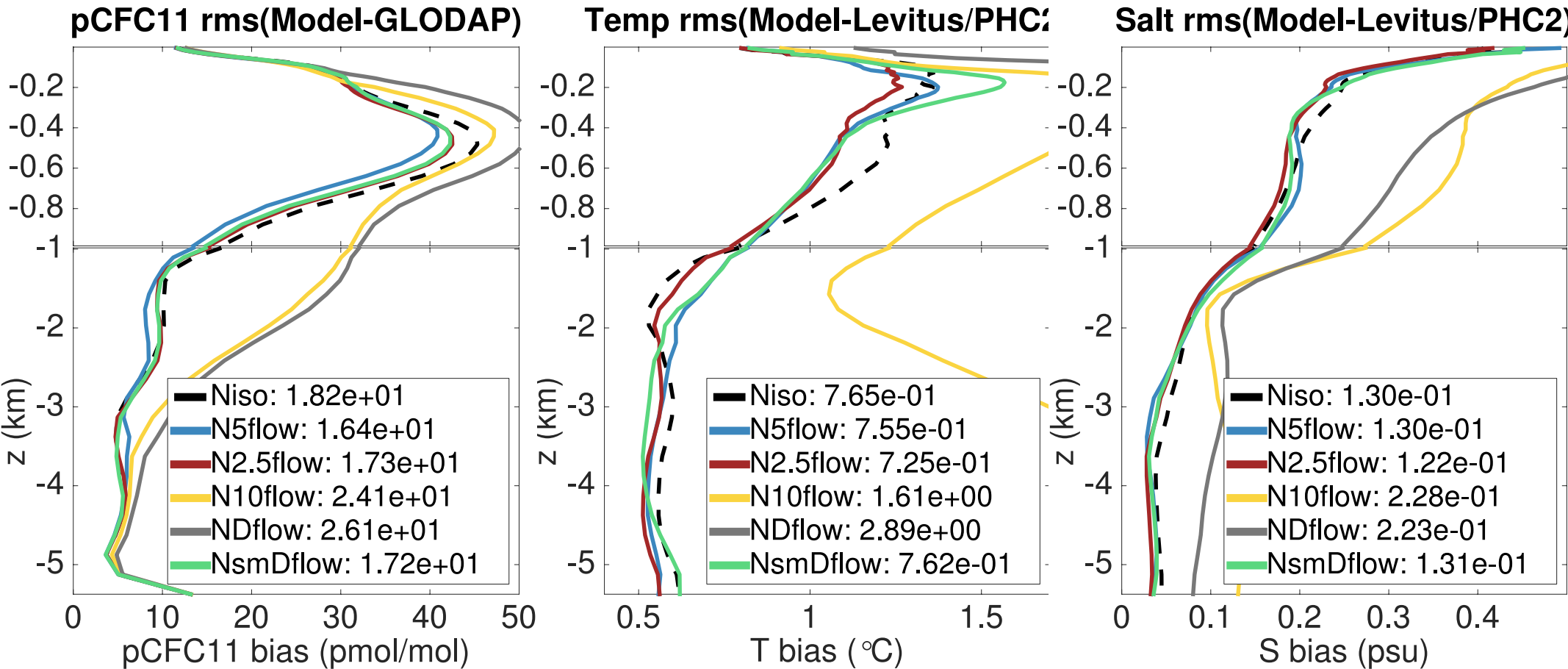
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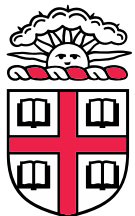
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# Diffusivity Ratio Study



N<sup>2</sup> isotropic
ratio=5
ratio=2.5
ratio=10
diagnosed
smoothed diagnosis

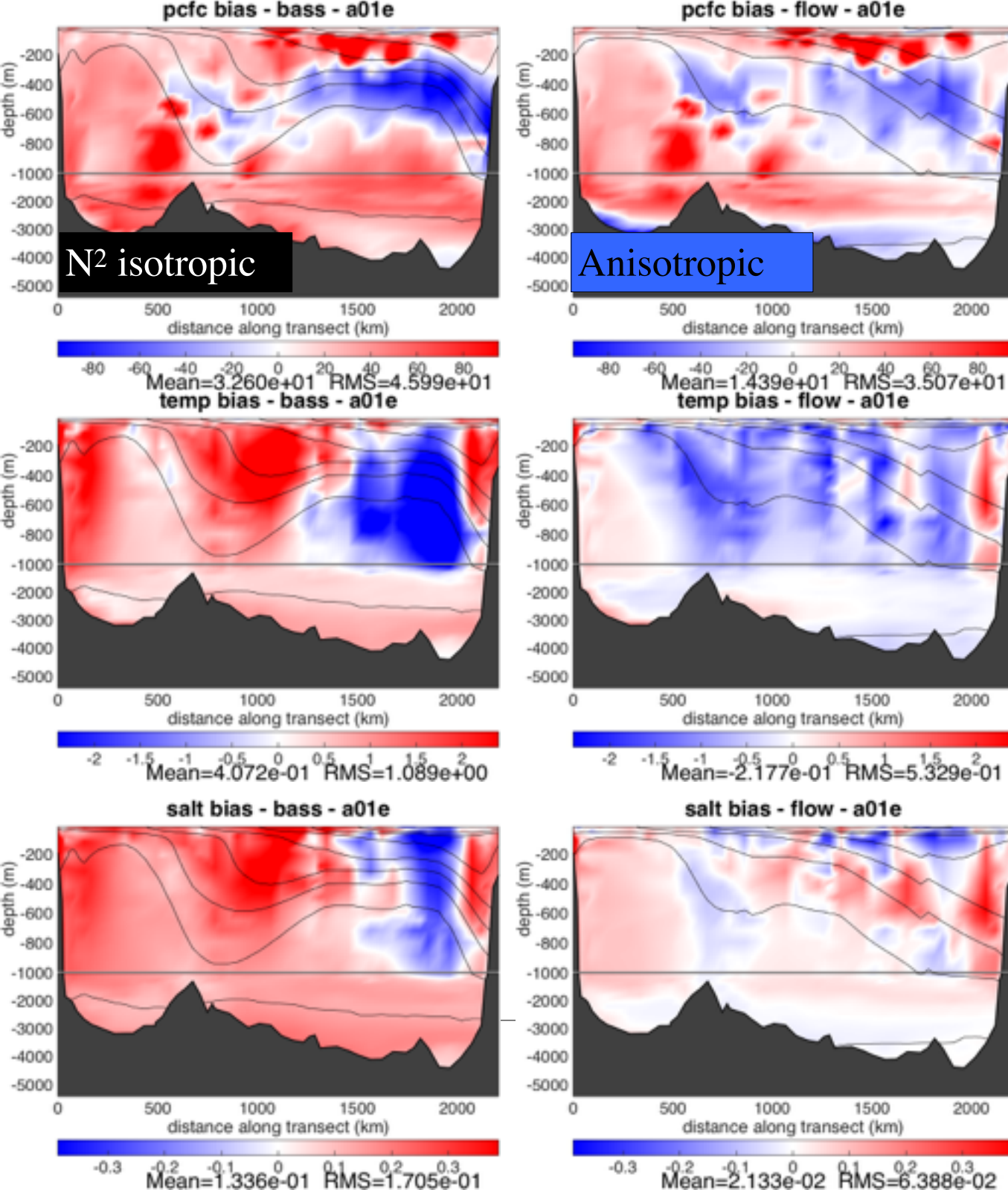


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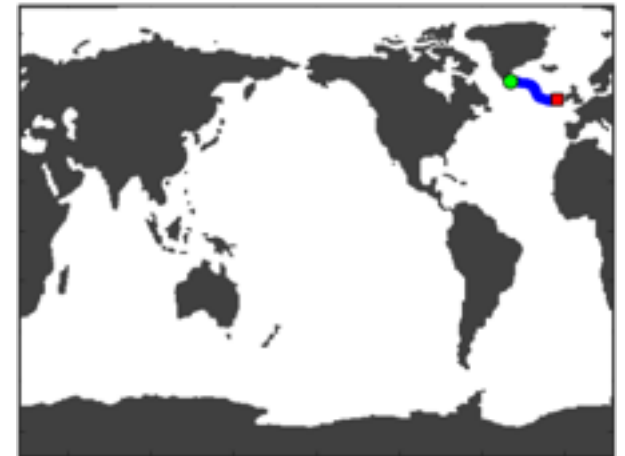
High diffusivity ratios introduce drastic biases likely due to suppression of deep water formation & AMOC shutdown



# Along WOCE Transect

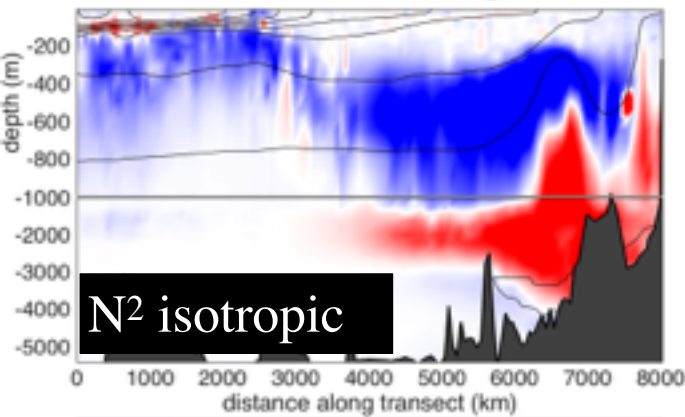


Map for a01e

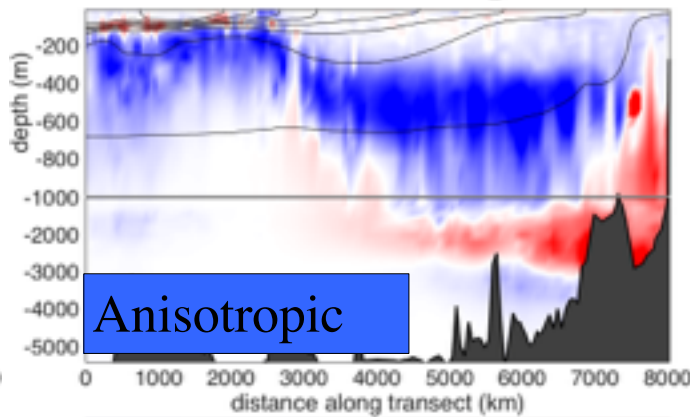


Anisotropy  
drastically reduces  
biases:  
pCFC by 24%  
Temp by 48%  
Salinity by 63%

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pcfc bias - flow - a16n<sub>2</sub>003a

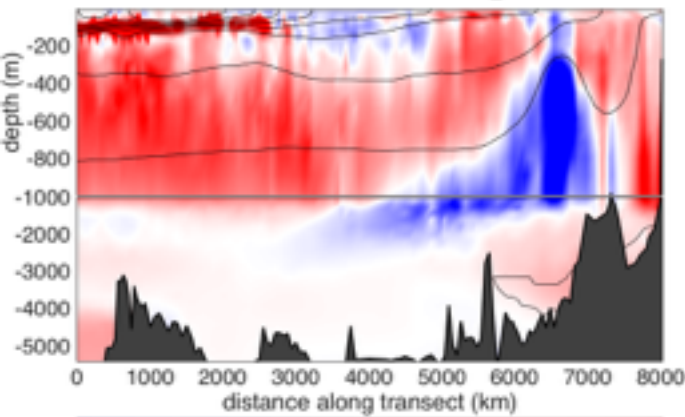


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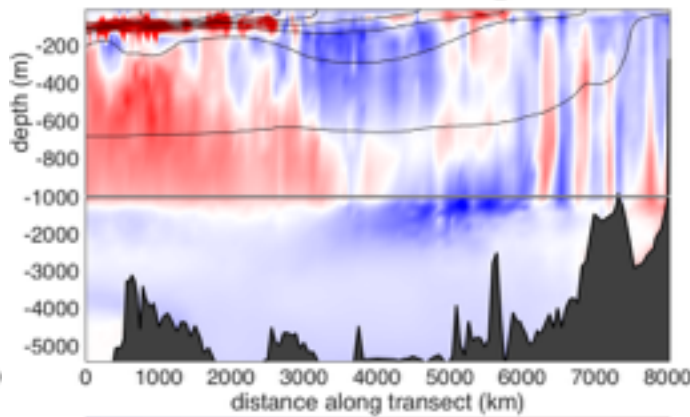
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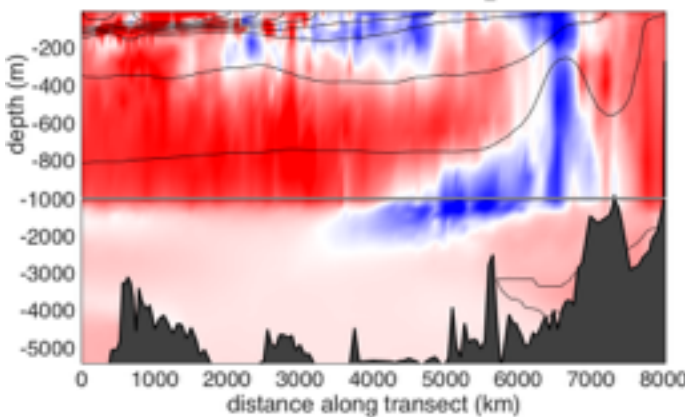
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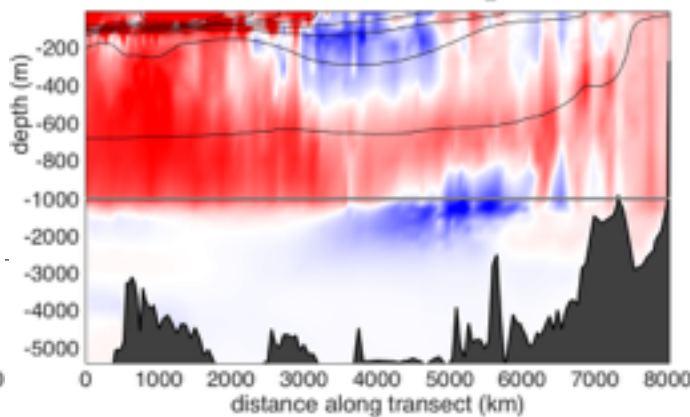
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salt bias - bass - a16n<sub>2</sub>003a  
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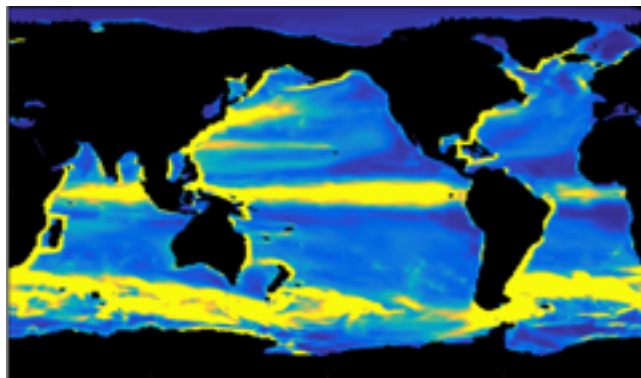


Anisotropy also reduces biases in equatorial Atlantic

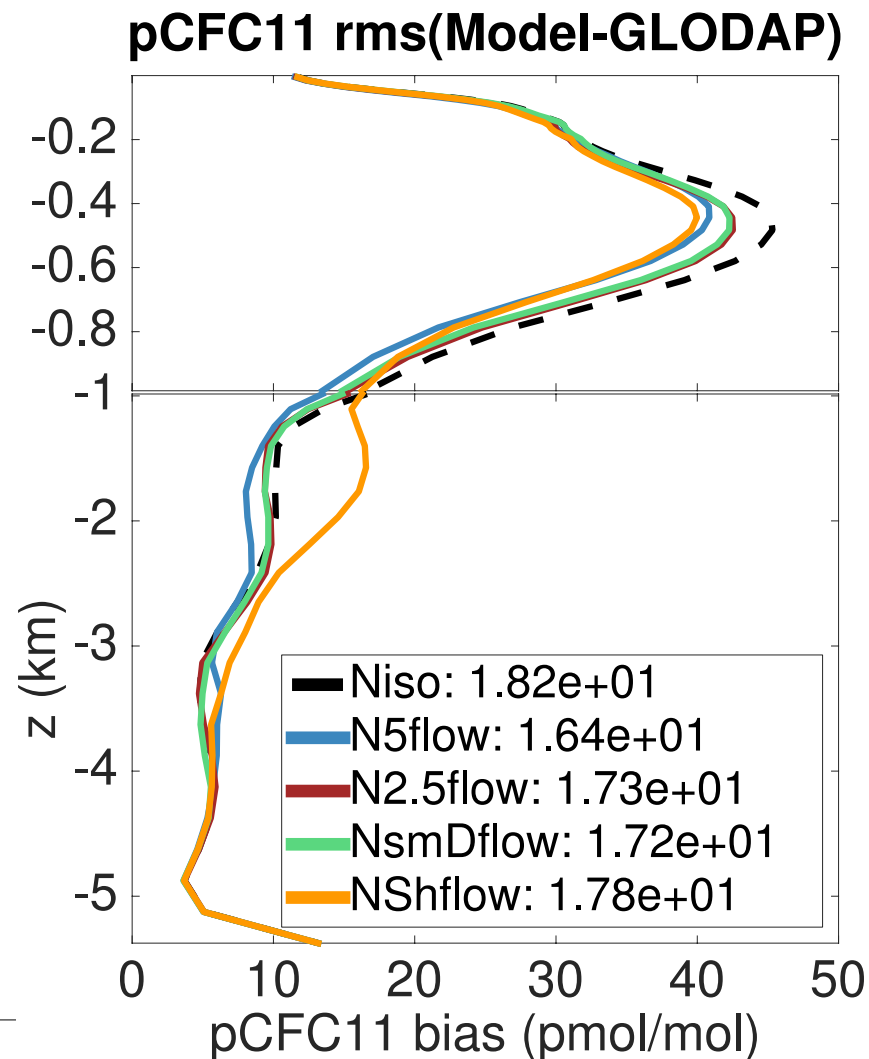
# Shear Dispersion Parameterization

$$\kappa_{\text{major}} = \kappa + \kappa^{-1} \langle (u\Delta y)^2 + (v\Delta x)^2 \rangle$$

shear dispersion



Current version reduces CFC bias, but does not maintain AMOC, likely due to strong shear (strong diffusion) in Labrador Sea, preventing deep water formation



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# Shear Dispersion Parameterization

Taylor (1953)  
pipe flow

$$\kappa_{\text{flow}} = \kappa + \frac{U^2 R^2}{48\kappa}$$

$\kappa$  = background diffusivity

Smith (2005)  
QG jet (shear dispersion)

$$\kappa_{\text{flow}} = \kappa + \kappa^{-1} \sum_n \frac{|\hat{U}_n|^2}{k_n^2}$$

May 2005

$$U(y) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{U}_n e^{-ik_n y}$$

$$\kappa_{\text{flow}} = \kappa + \kappa^{-1} \left\langle \left[ \int U(y) dy \right]^2 \right\rangle$$

Shear dispersion  
parameterization

$$\kappa_{\text{major}} = \kappa + \frac{a}{2\pi^2\kappa} \langle (u\Delta y)^2 + (v\Delta x)^2 \rangle$$

Parameter  $a$  sets scale of shear dispersion.

Average over neighboring 4 U-cells

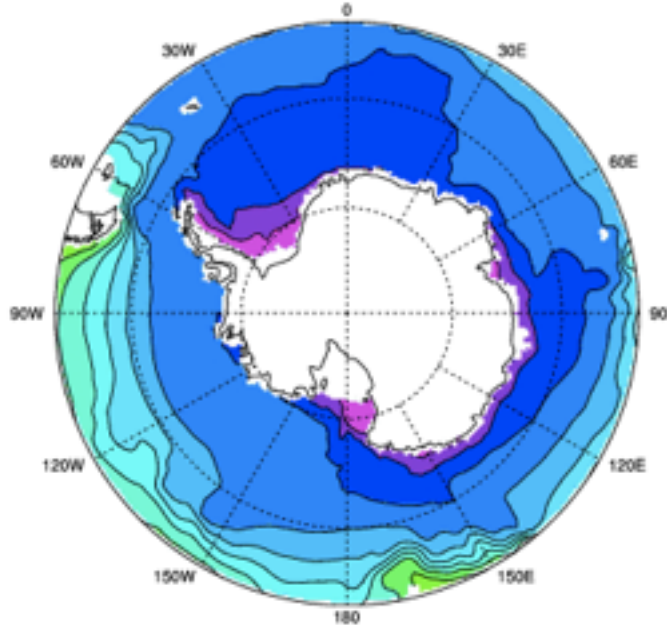
Use reduction of  $\kappa_{\text{minor}}$  to fix AMOC  
suppression and temperature drift?

Model shear dispersion effects at  
largest unresolved scale:  $a = 1$

# Temperature at 300m

## Control

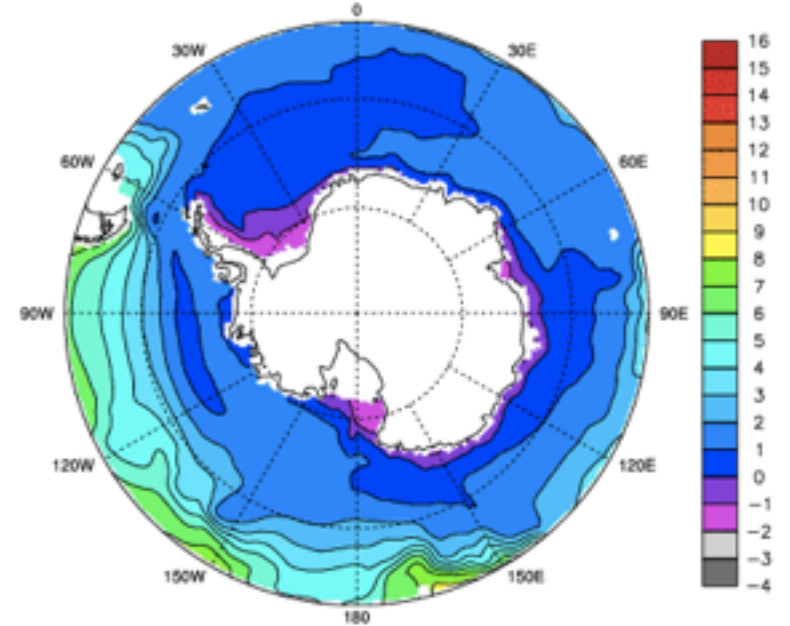
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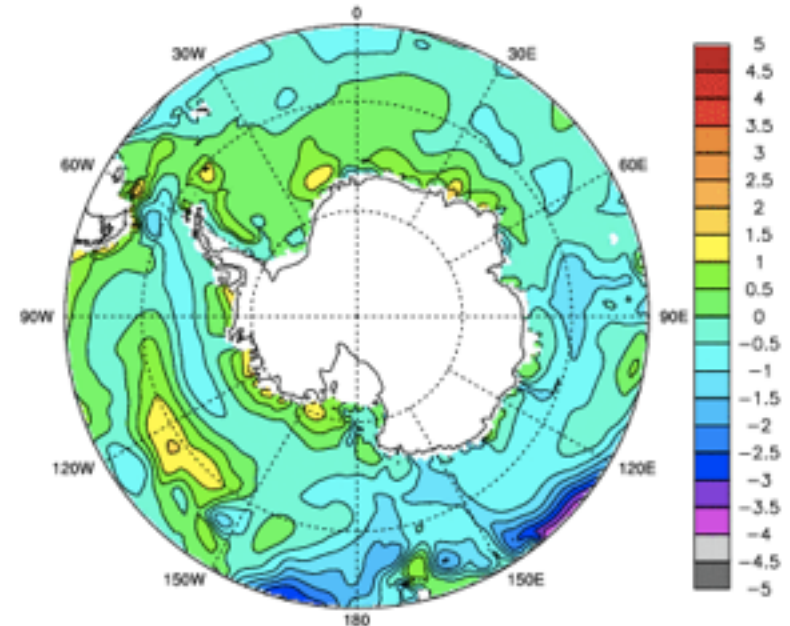
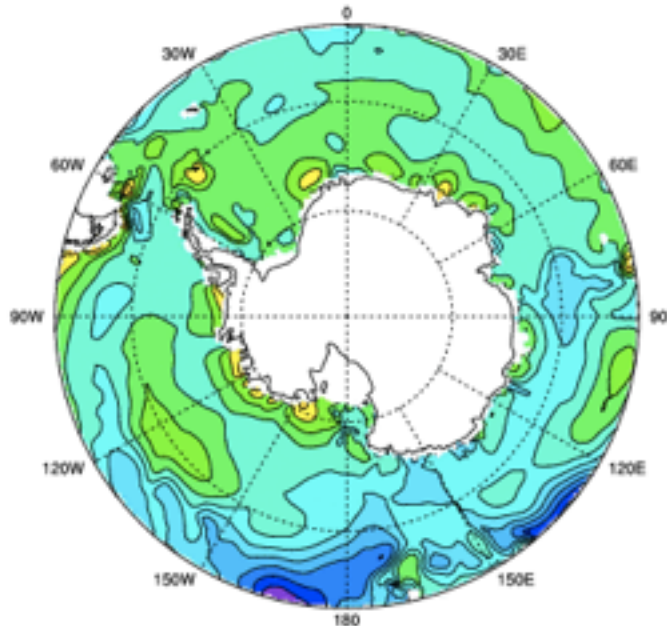
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## Shear Dispersion

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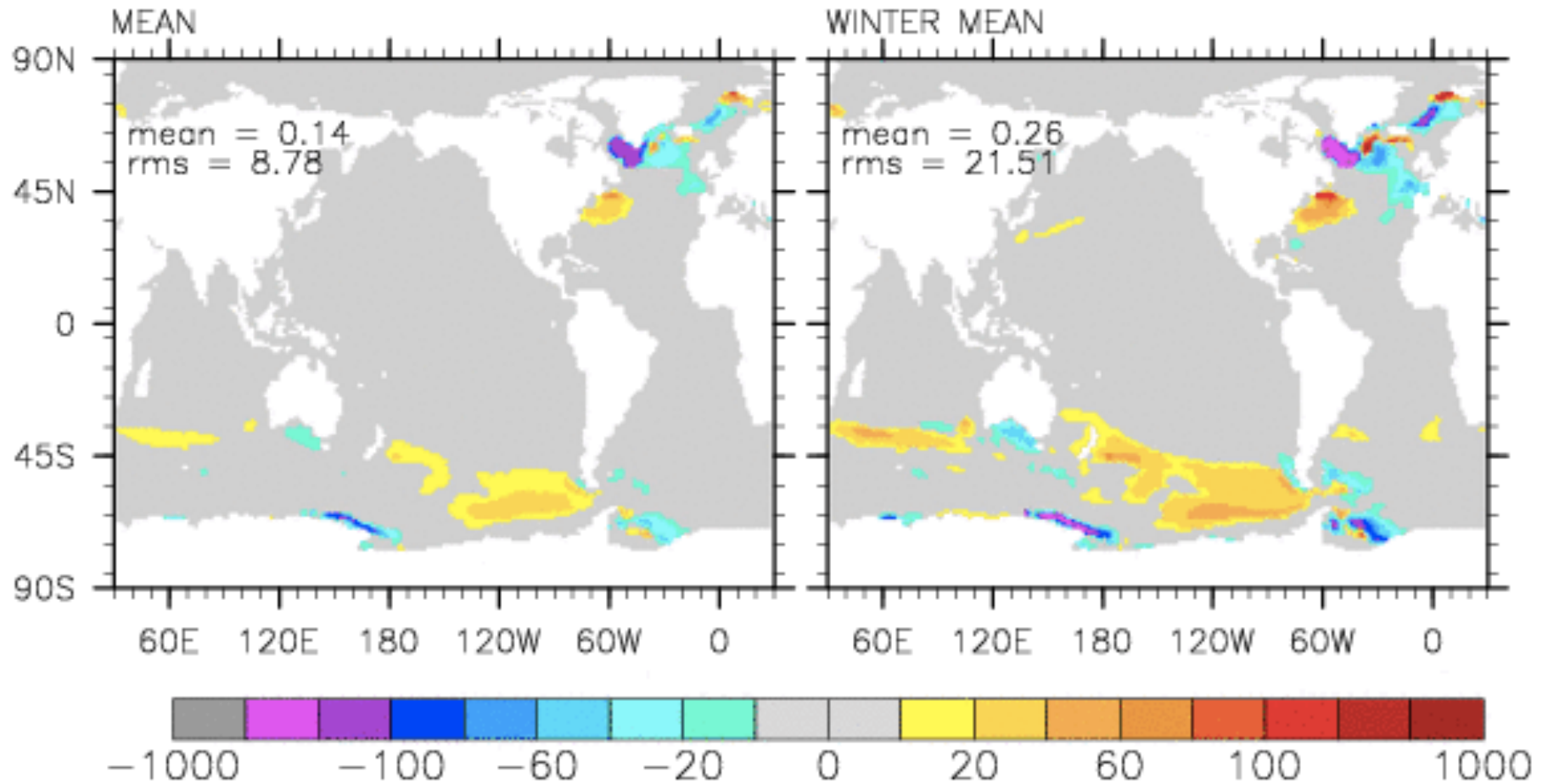


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# Mixed Layer Depth

## Shear Dispersion minus Control



# Conclusions



- **Submesoscale Parameterization**
  - Mature parameterization
  - Significant impact on MLD—model dependent
  - Removing param doesn't fix S. Ocean MLD bias
- **Langmuir Mixing**
  - Mature parameterization
  - Significant improvement of MLD & ventilation
  - Can be run with prognostic or "data waves"
  - Interesting feedbacks with sea ice not understood
- **Mesoscale Anisotropy**
  - Basic physics understood
  - Significant bias reductions under controlled circumstances
  - Shear dispersion parameterization less well developed