

Effects of Ocean Surface Waves: on Turbulence, Climate, and Frontogenesis



Expanding on past work with:

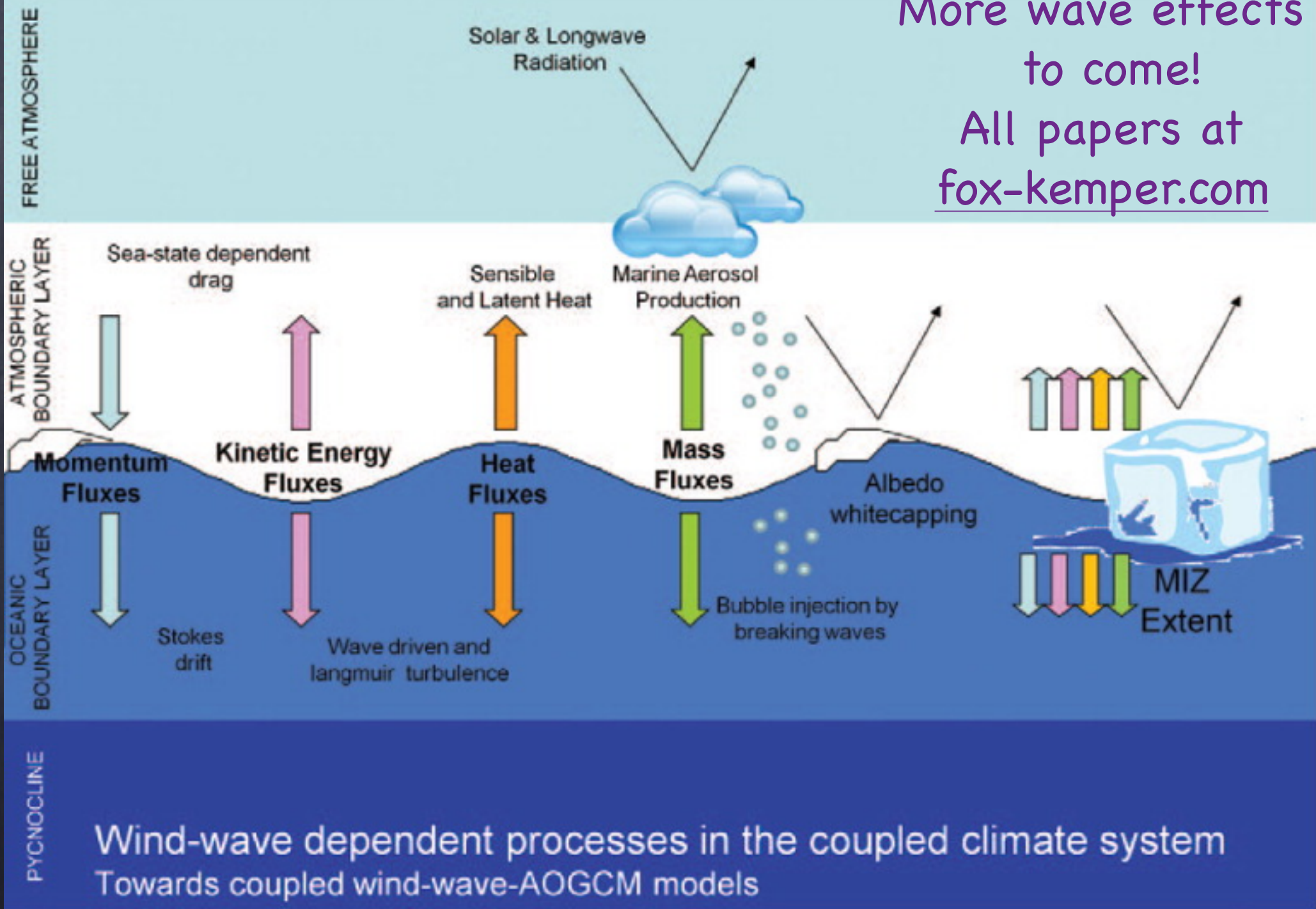
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Baylor Fox-Kemper
with **Nobuhiro Suzuki (Brown)**

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16:00-17:00

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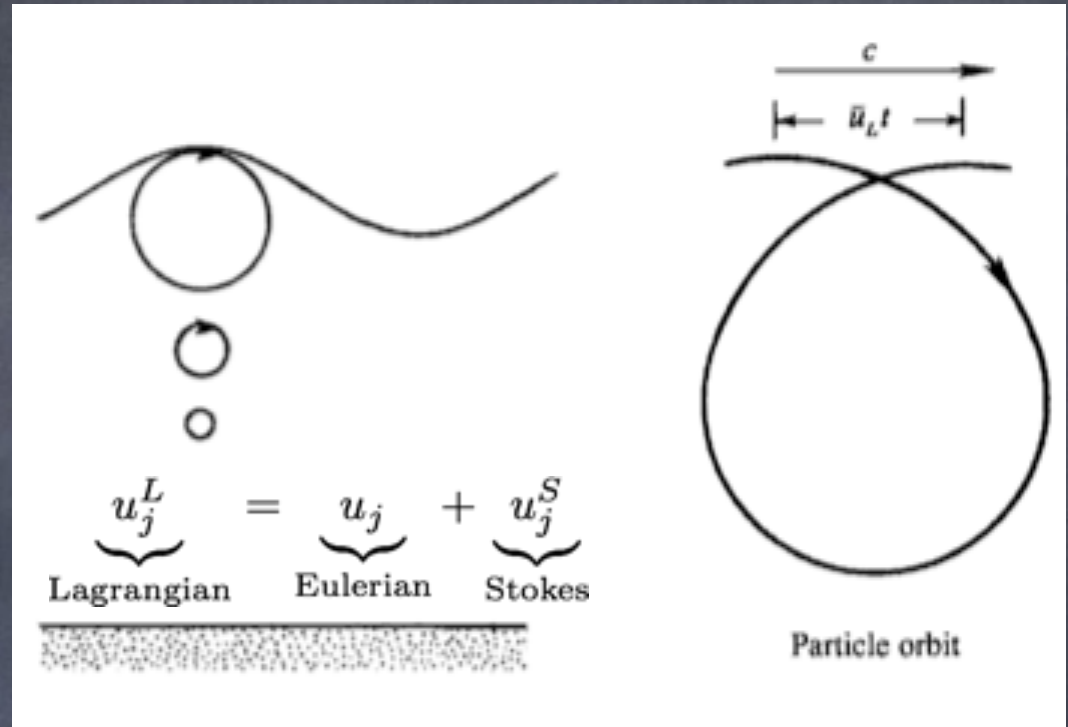
More wave effects
to come!
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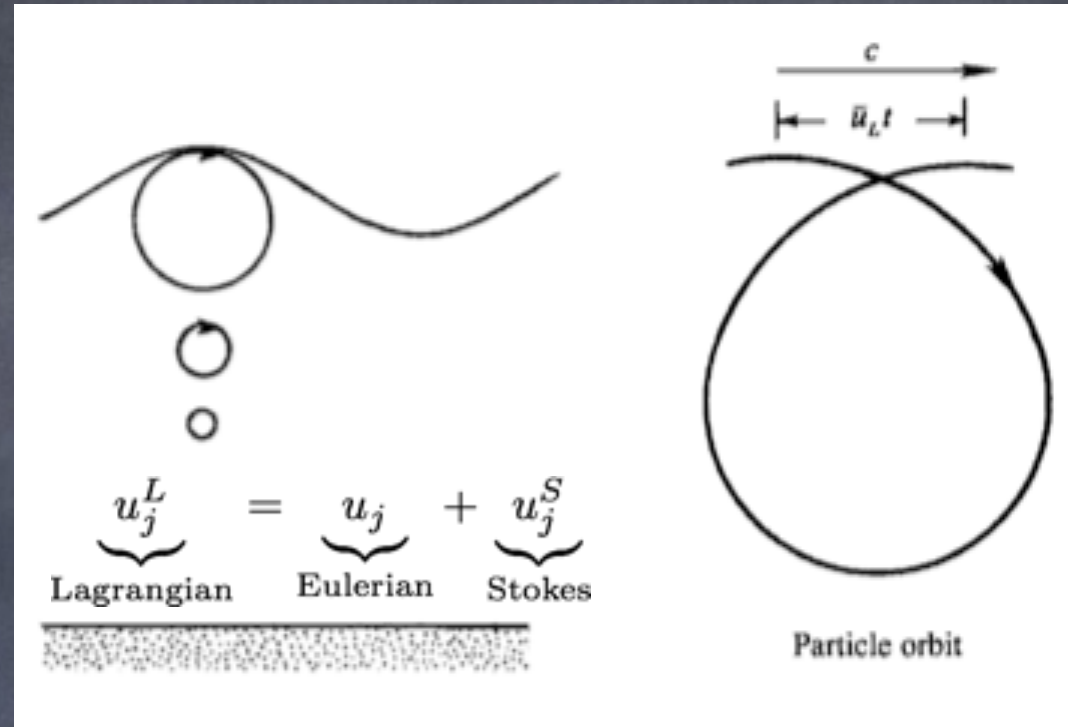
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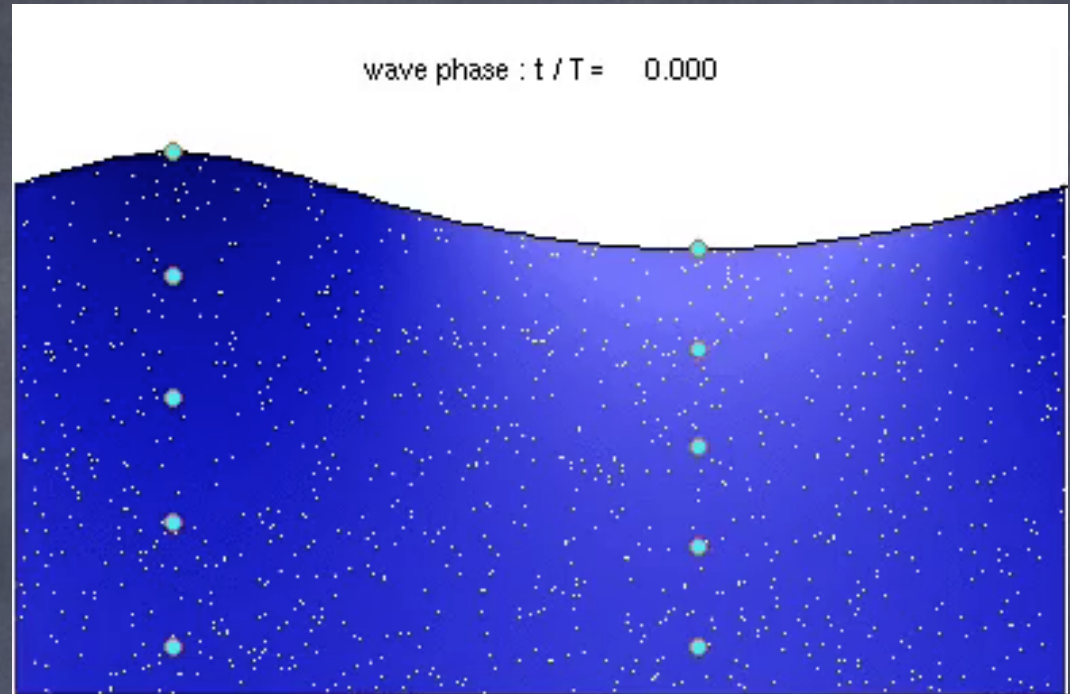
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Wave-Averaged Equations

following Lane et al. (07), McWilliams & F-K (13)
and Suzuki & F-K (16)

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Coupling Depends on Stokes drift–WAVE effects in YELLOW

Boundary conditions, plus:

$$Ro [v_{i,t} + v_j^L v_{i,j}] + \frac{M_{Ro}}{Ri} w v_{i,z} + \boxed{\epsilon_{izj} v_j^L} = \text{(Lagrangian) geostrophic} \quad -M_{Ro} \pi_{,i} + \frac{Ro}{Re} v_{i,jj}$$

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$$v_{j,j} + \frac{M_{Ro}}{Ro Ri} w_z = 0$$

$$\boxed{\epsilon = \frac{V^S H}{f L H_s}}$$

$$Re = \frac{UL}{\nu} \quad Ro = \frac{U}{fL} \quad Ri = \frac{N^2}{(U_{,z})^2} \quad \alpha = H/L \quad M_{Ro} \equiv \max(1, Ro)$$

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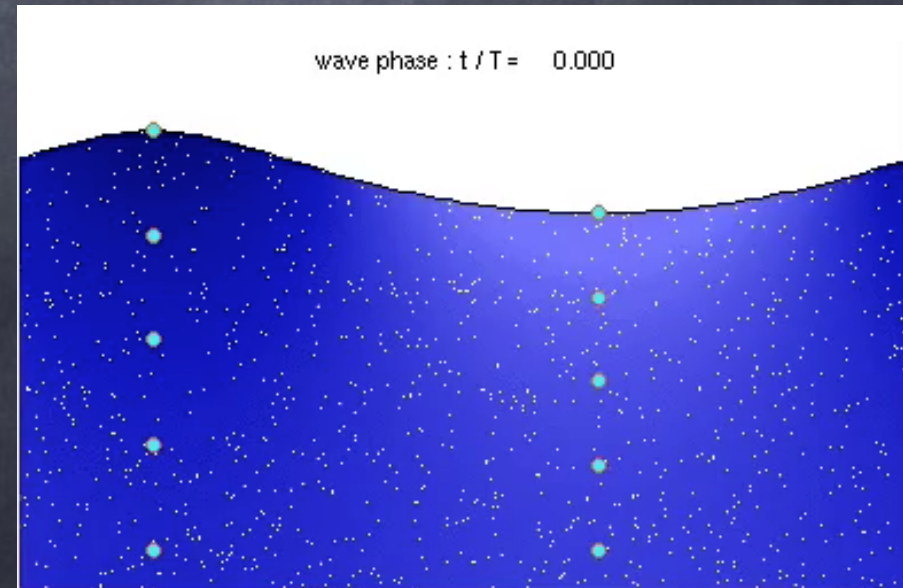
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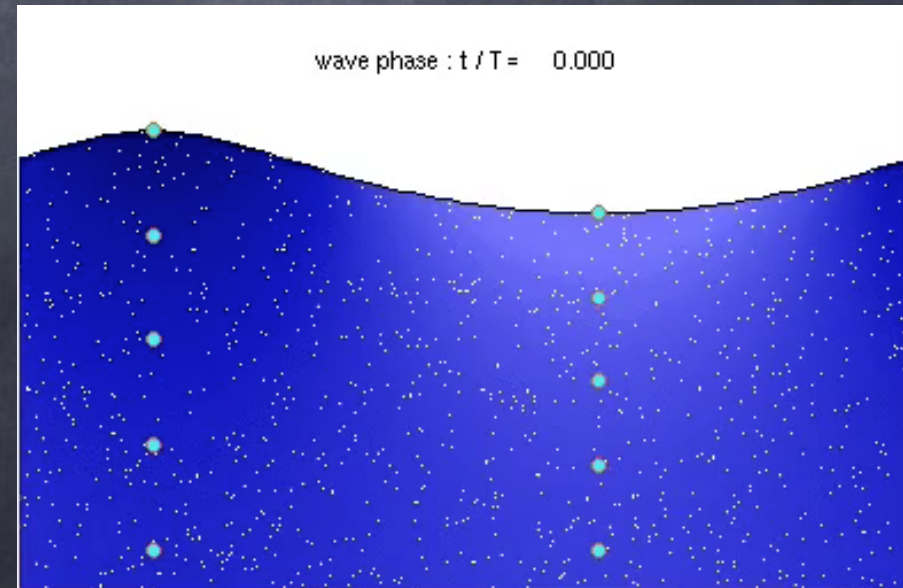
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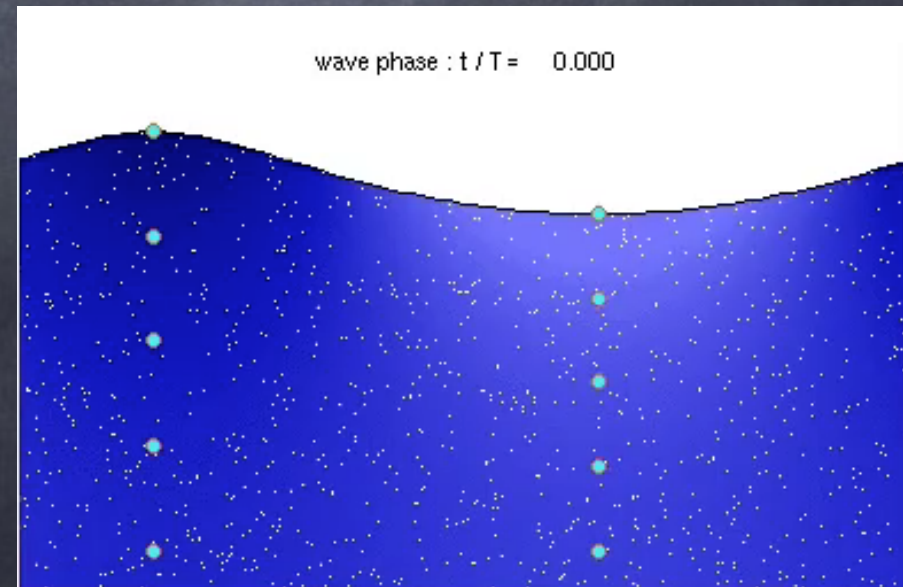
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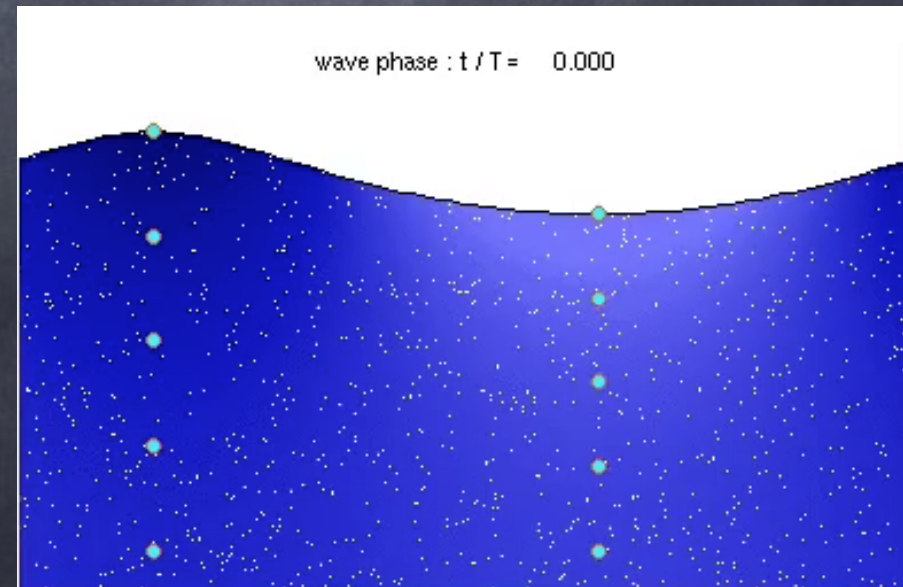
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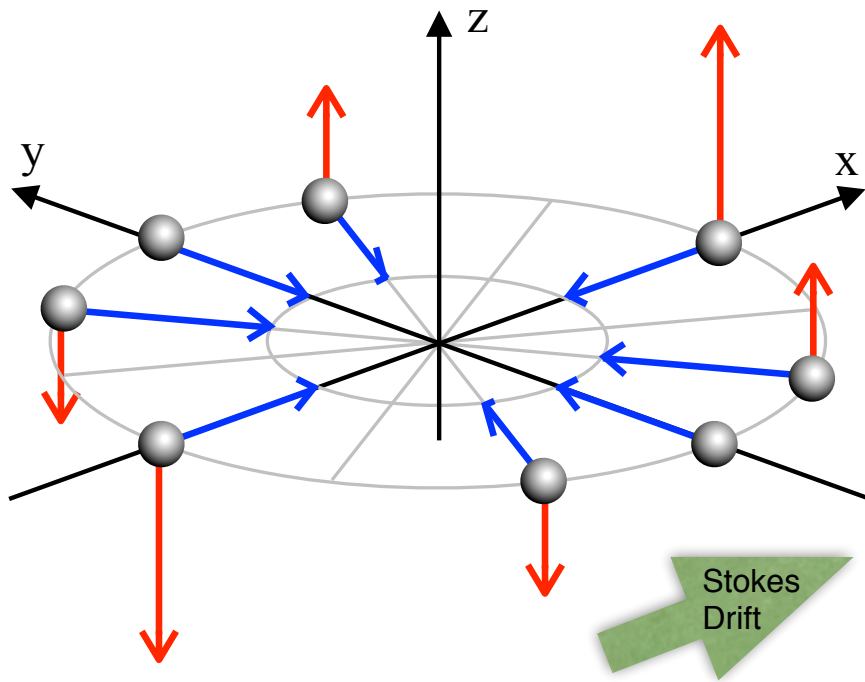
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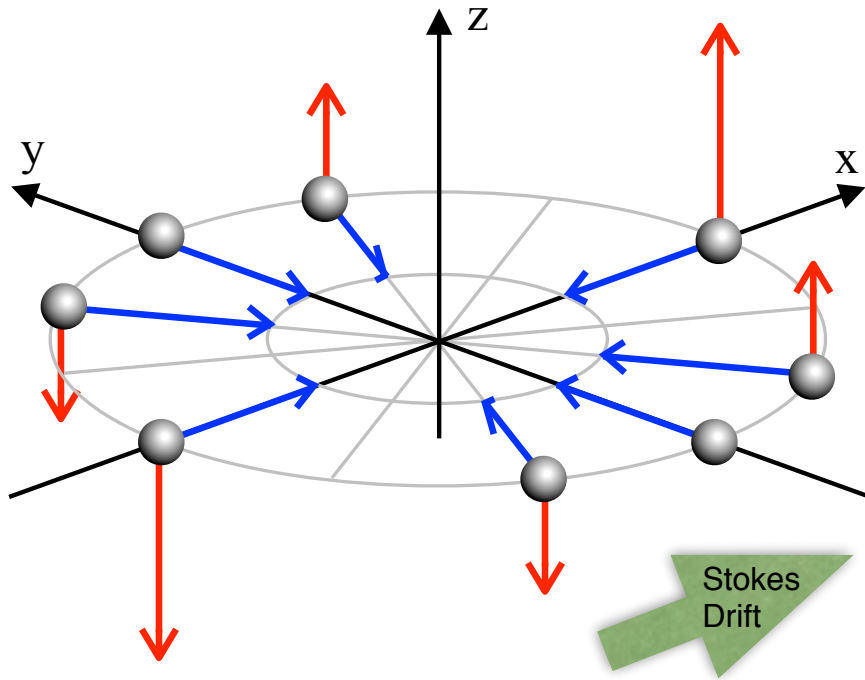
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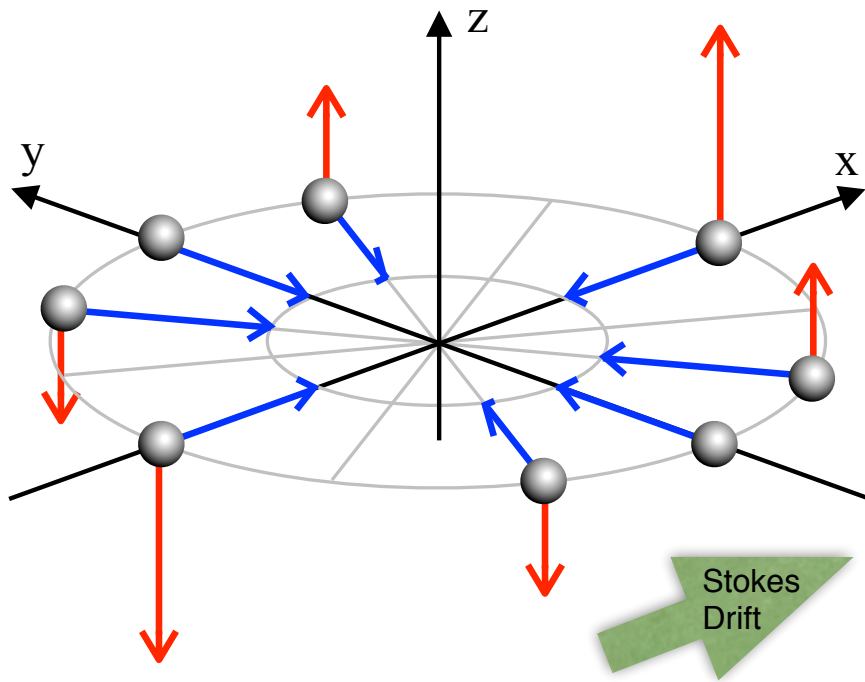
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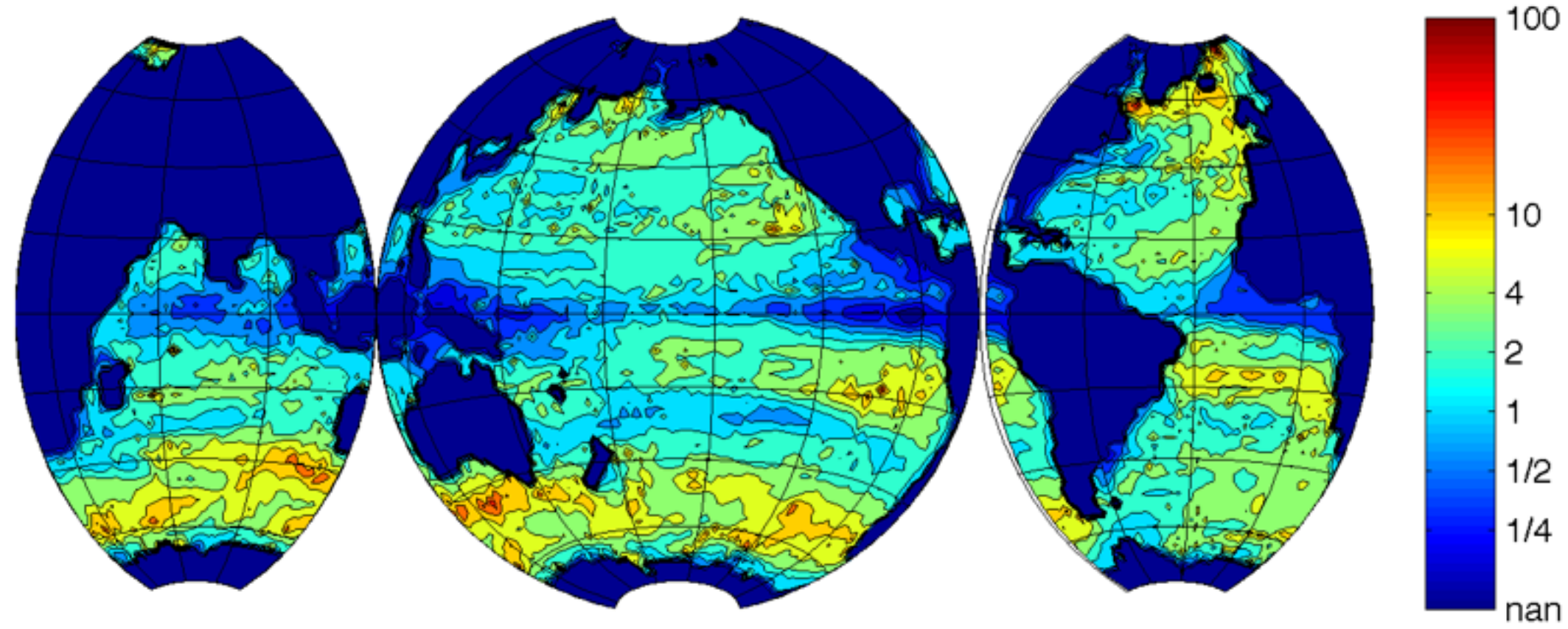
"wavy hydrostatic" if

$$\epsilon \gg 1$$

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Stokes force directly affects larger scales?

ε/Ro



$$\frac{\varepsilon}{Ro} = \frac{V_s H f L}{f L H_s V} = \frac{V_s H}{V H_s}$$

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The Character of Langmuir Turbulence

- Near-surface
- Langmuir Cells & Langmuir Turb.
- $Ro \gg 1$
- $Ri < 1$: Nonhydro
- 1-100m ($H=L$)
- 10s to 1hr
- $w, u = O(10\text{cm/s})$
- Stokes drift
- Eqtns: Wave-Averaged
- Params: McWilliams & Sullivan, 2000, Van Roekel et al. 2011
- Resolved routinely in 2170

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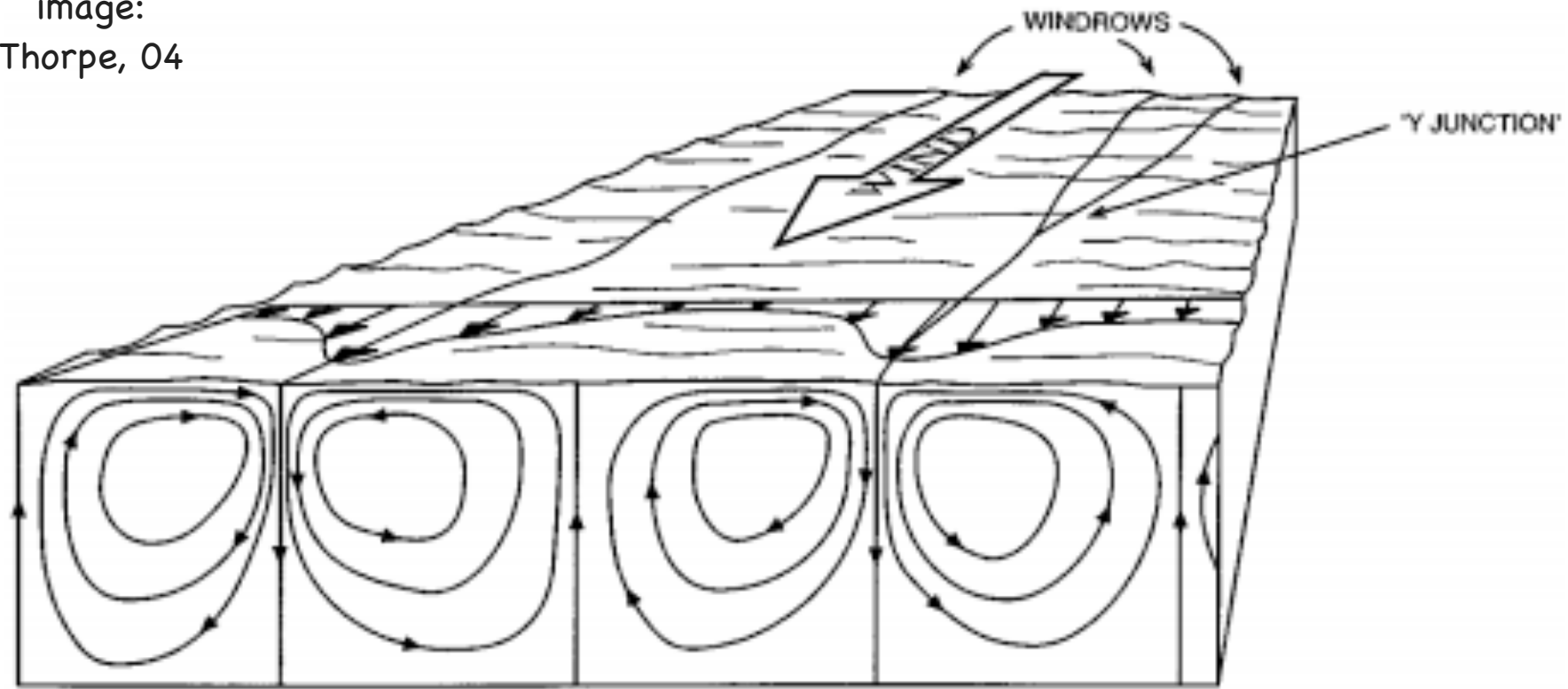
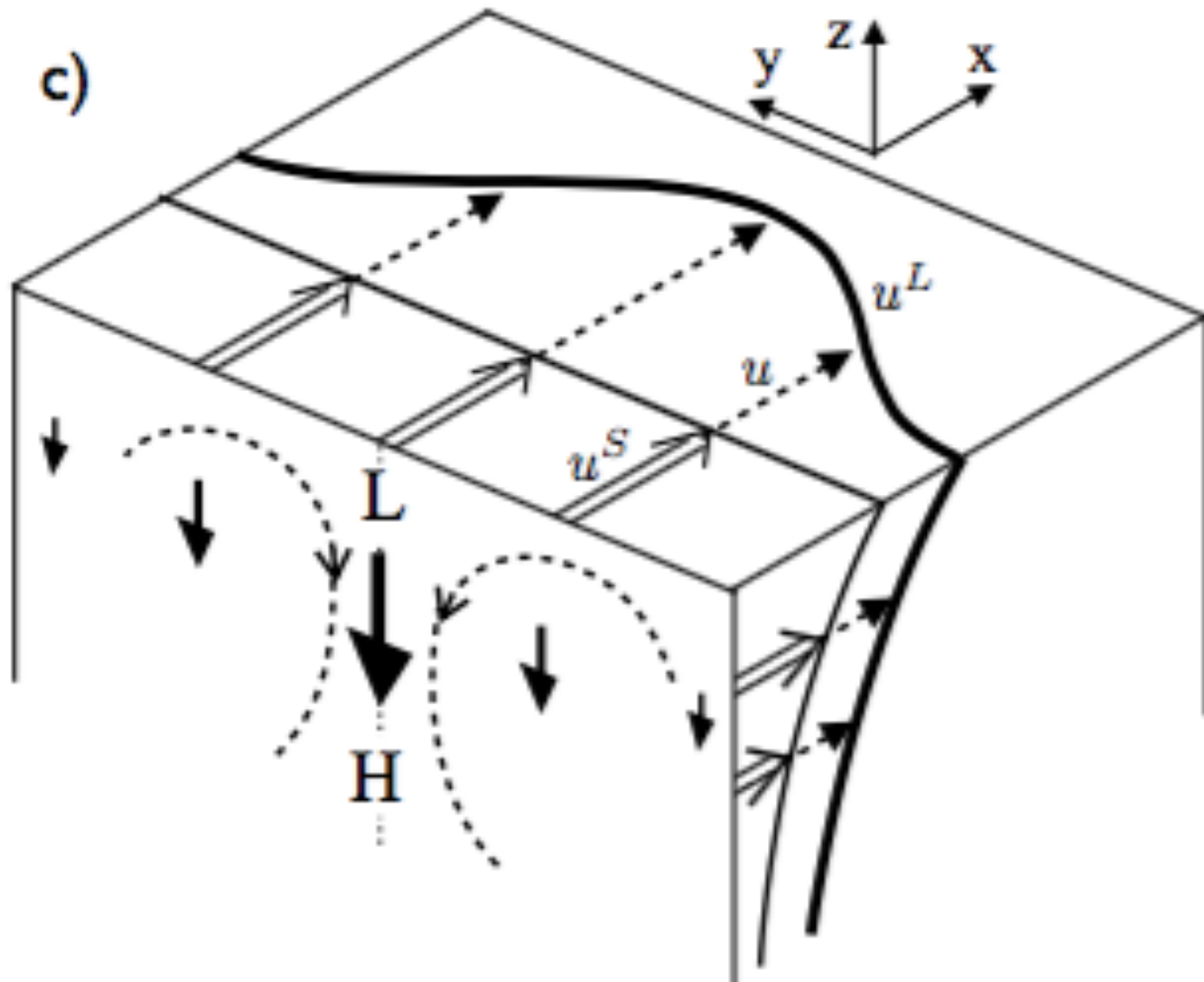
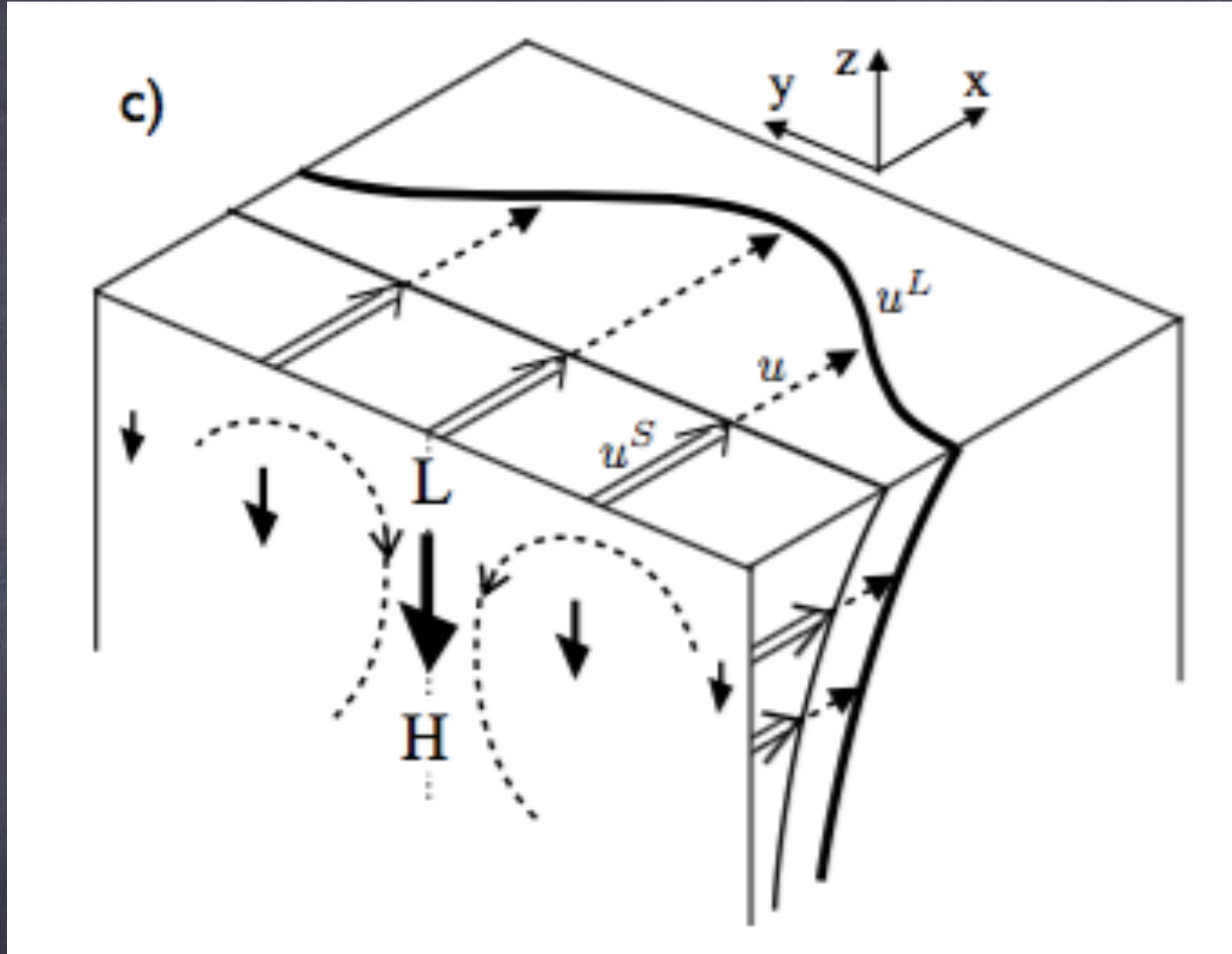


Figure 1 Sketch showing the pattern of mean flow in idealized Langmuir circulation. The windrows may be 2 m to 300 m apart, and the cell form is roughly square (as shown). In practice the flow is turbulent, especially near the water surface, and the windrows (Figure 2) amalgamate and meander in space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

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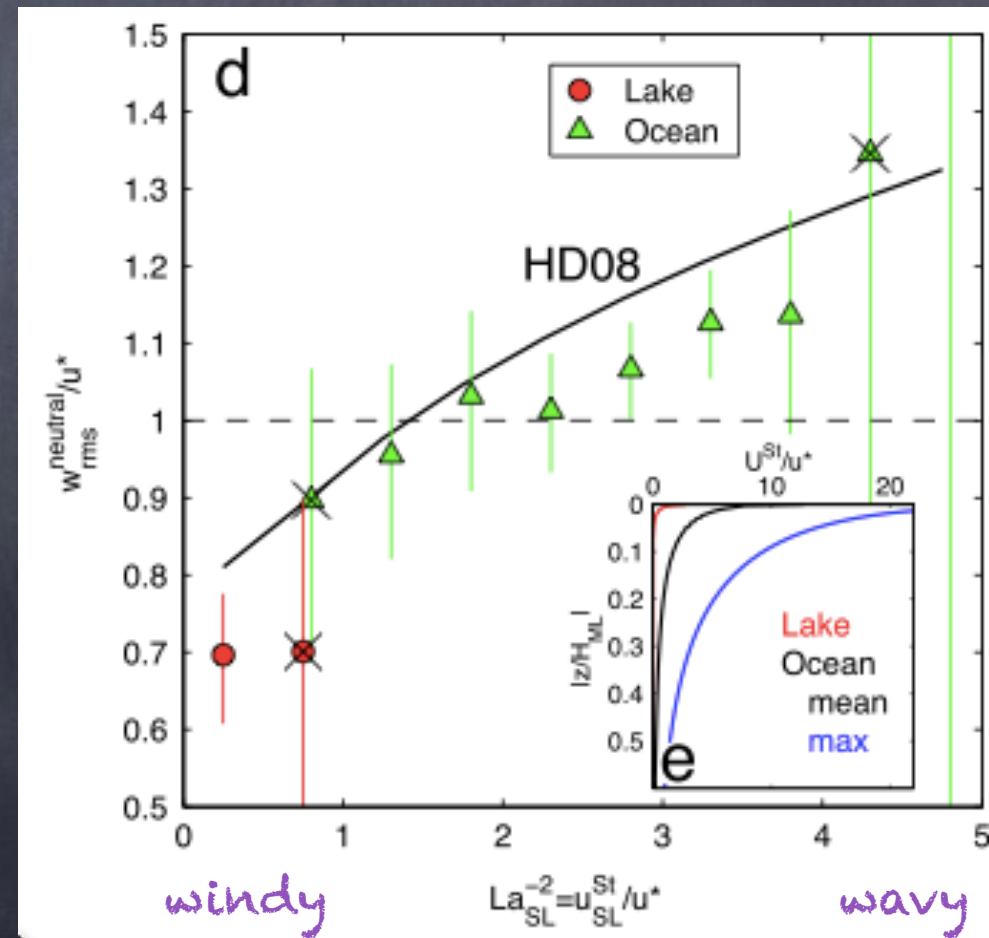
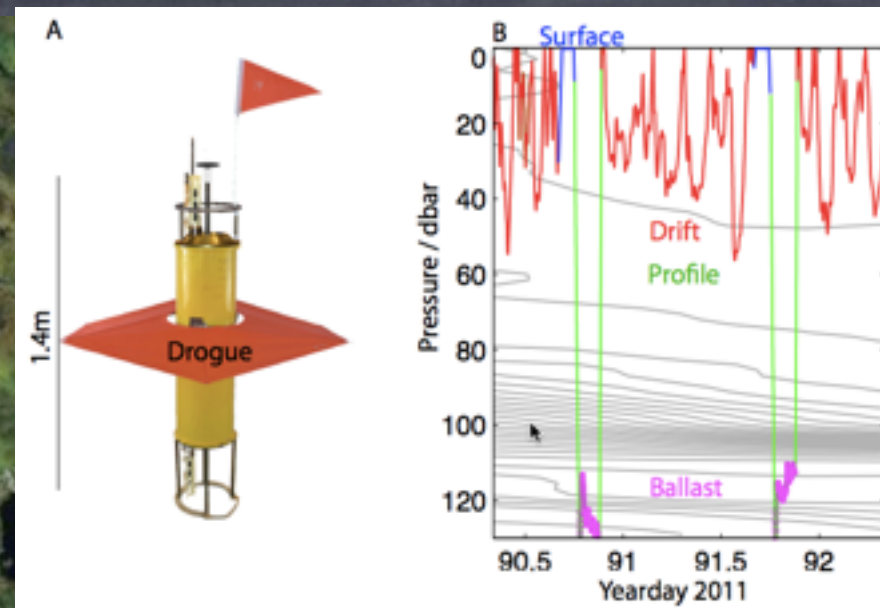
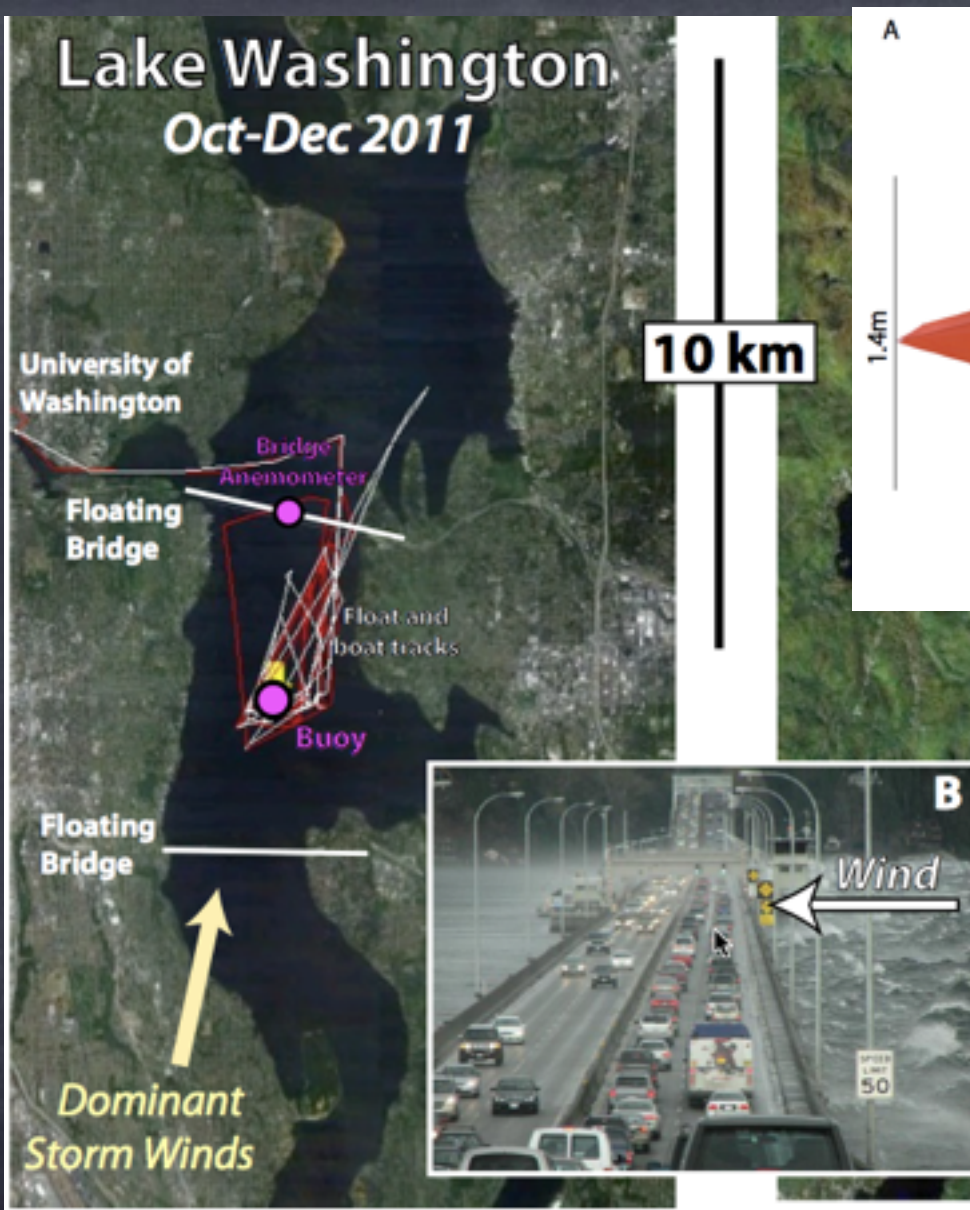
Typical effect: Downward Force for down-Flow Stokes Drift

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

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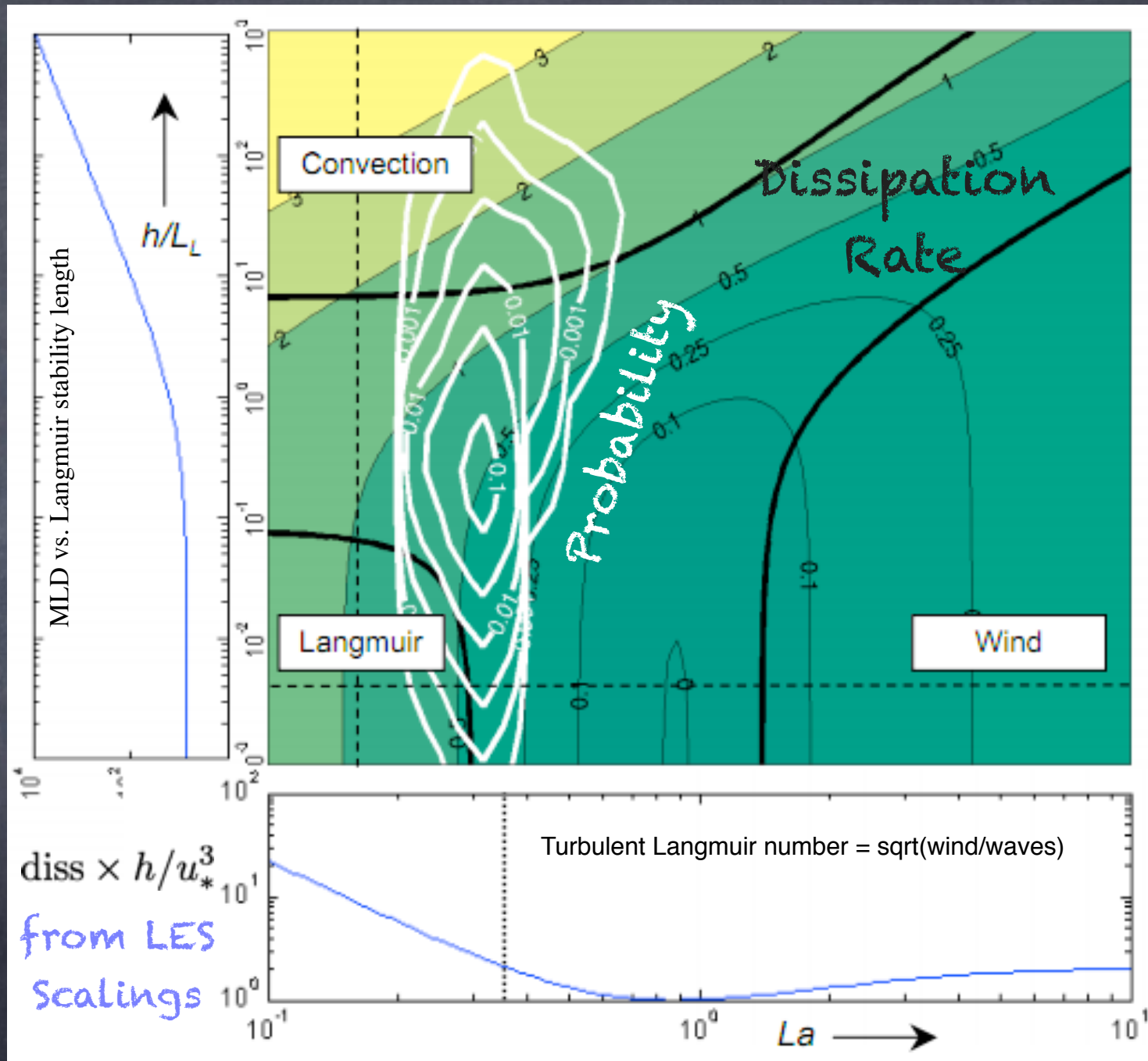
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Data + Large Eddy Simulation for scaling laws, Southern Ocean data to determine available mixing energy

So, waves are likely to drive mixing via Stokes drift (combines with cooling & winds)

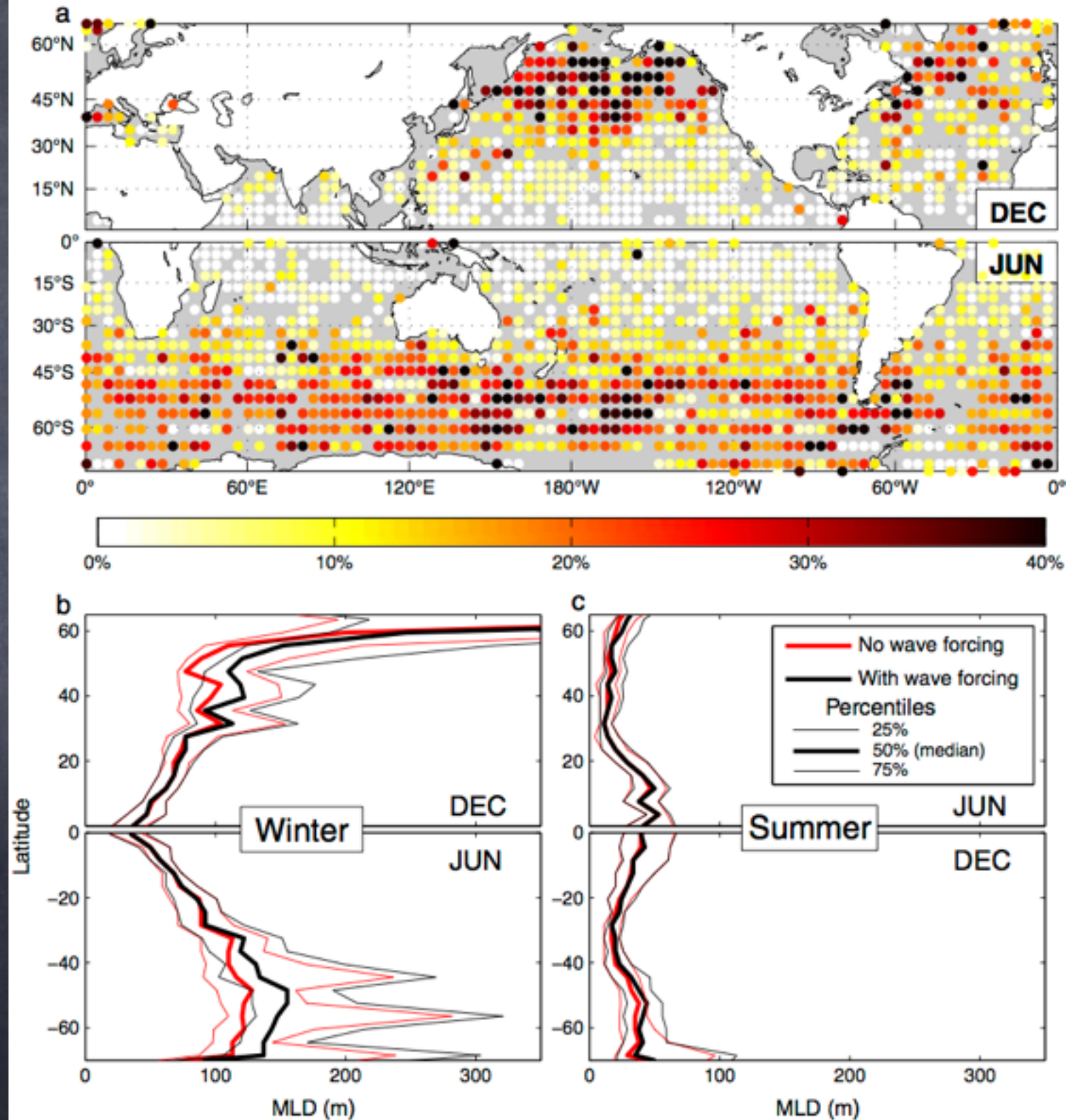


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Including Stokes-driven Mixing should deepen the Mixed Layer!

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As estimated with:
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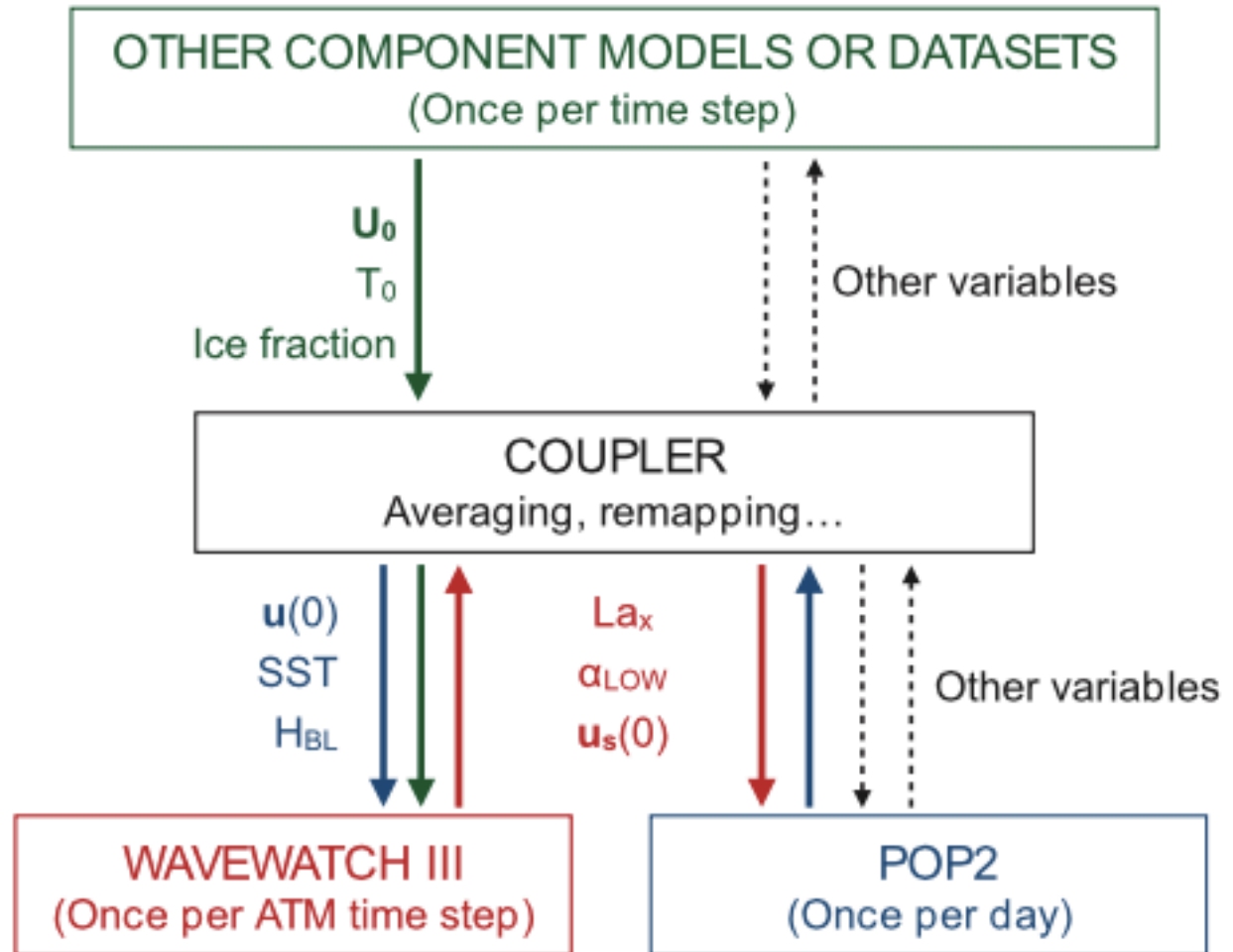
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Technical Note

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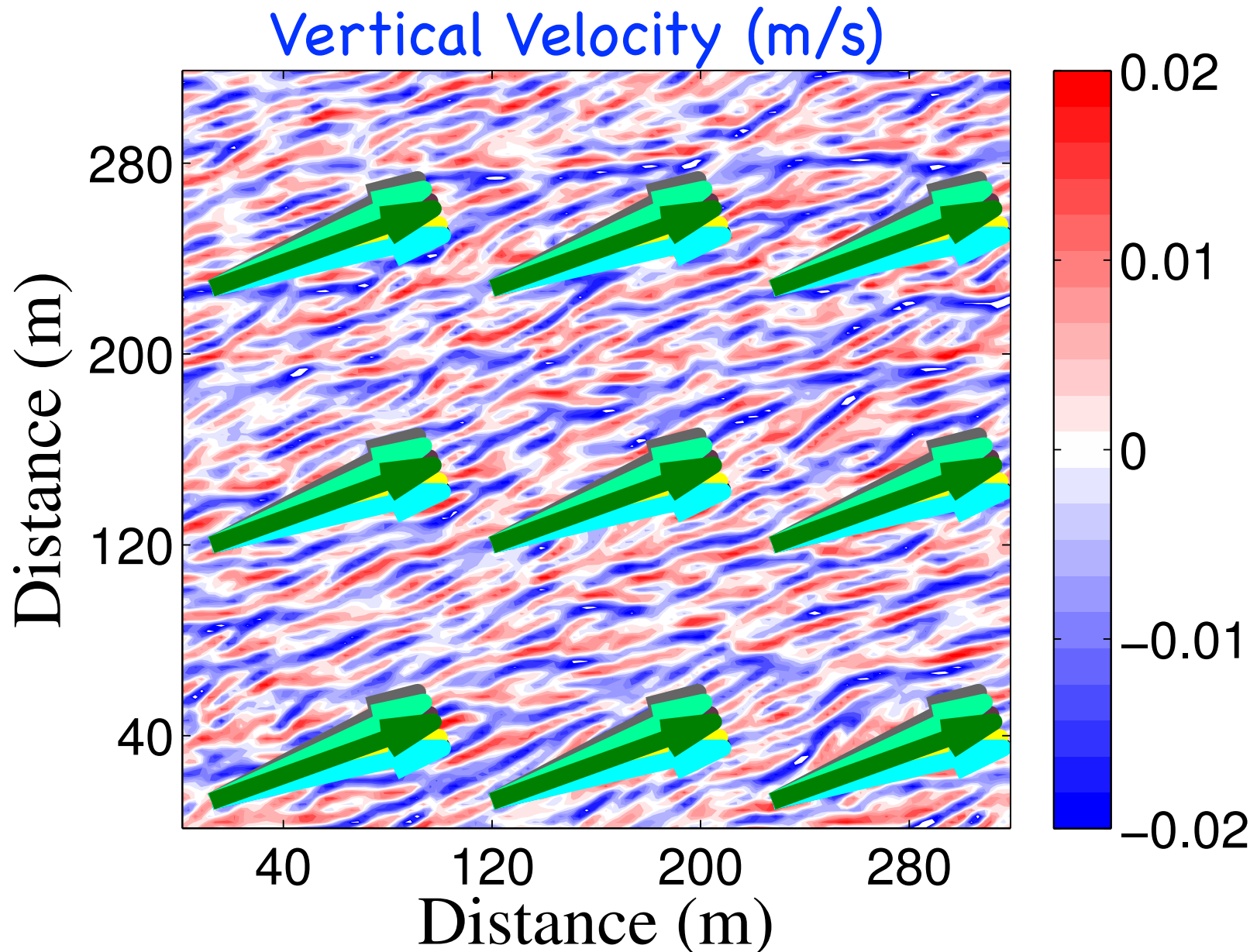
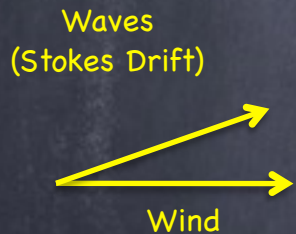
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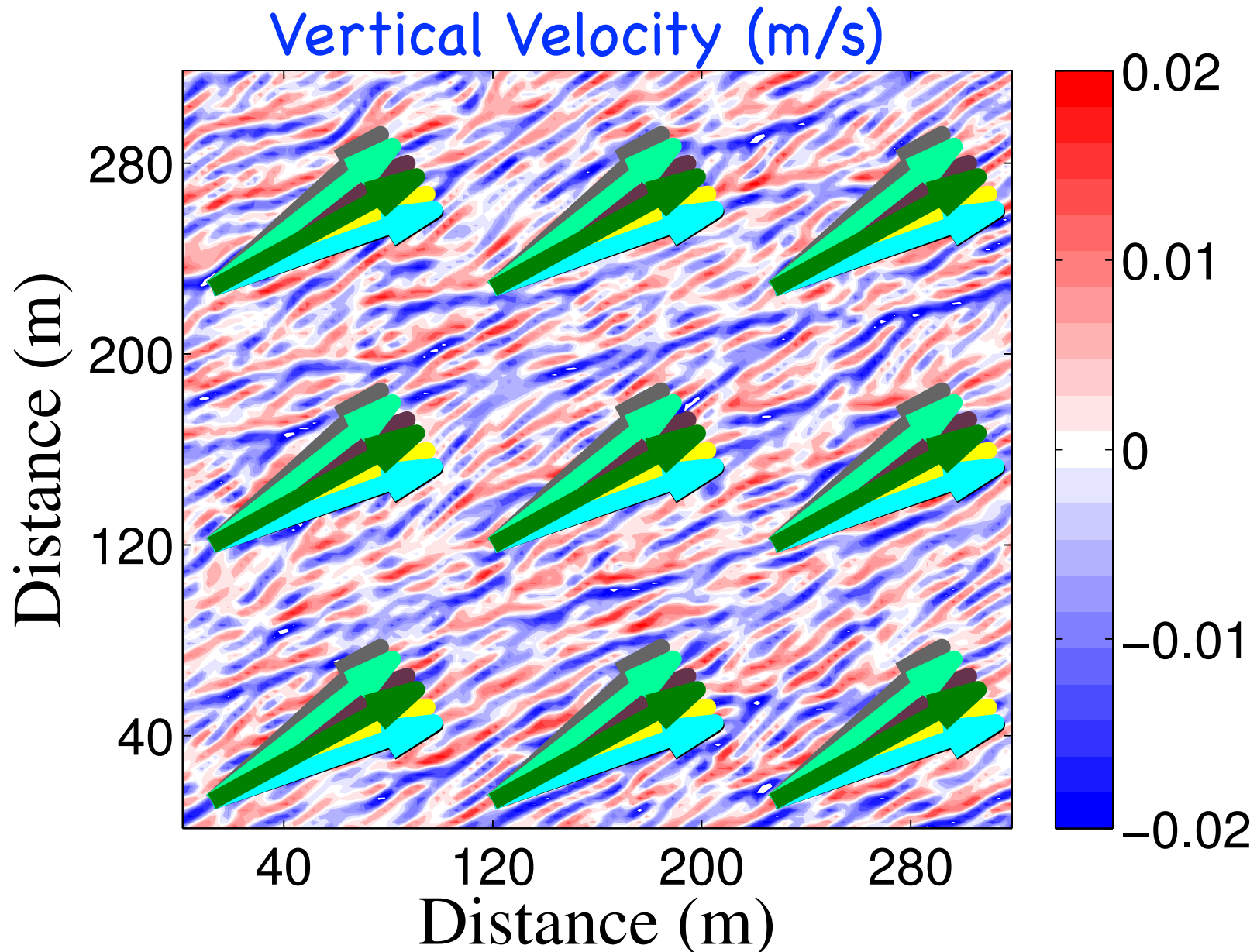
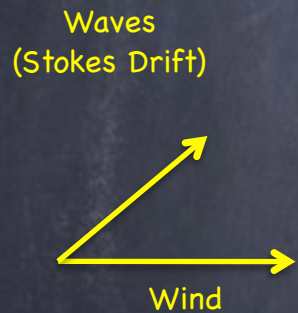
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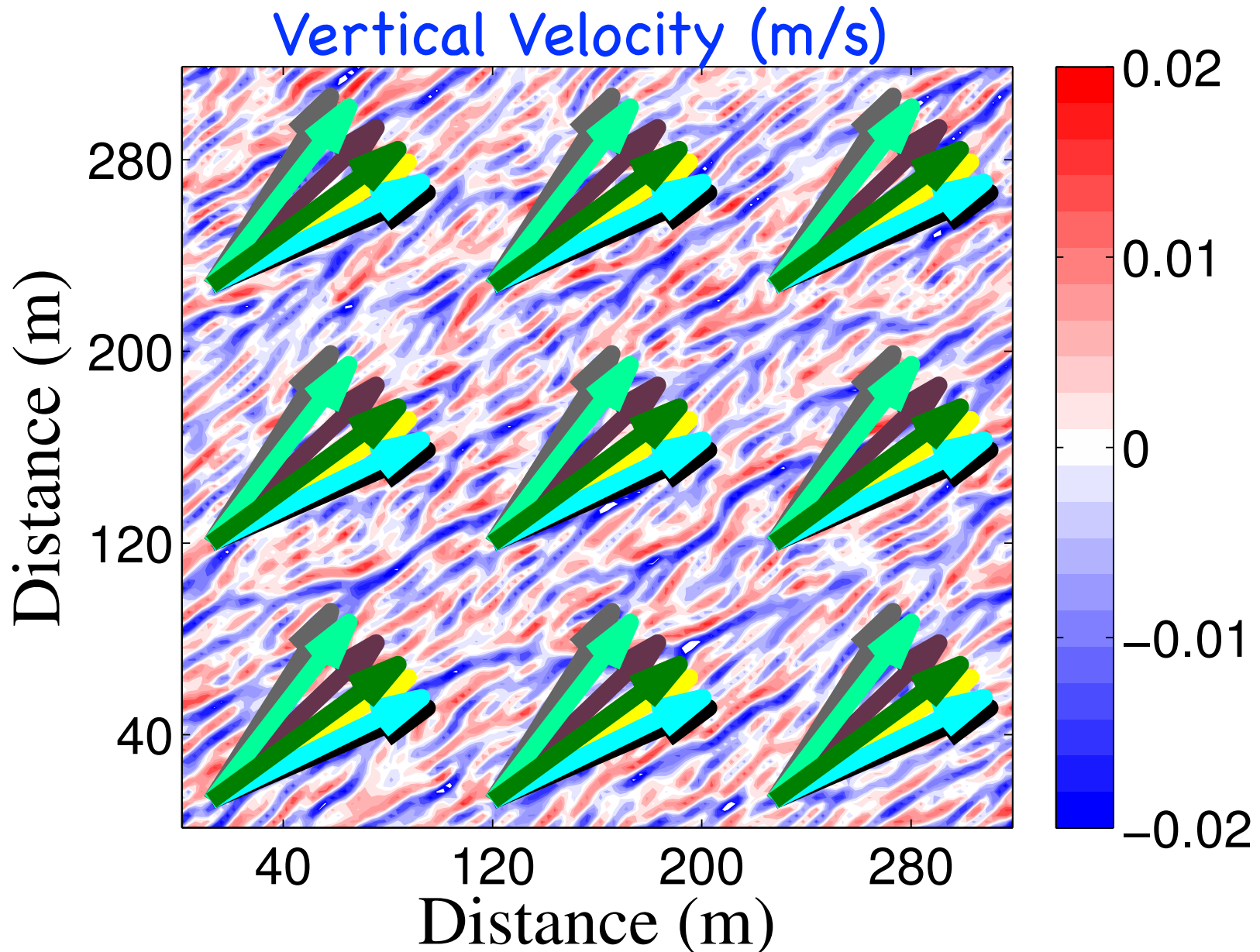
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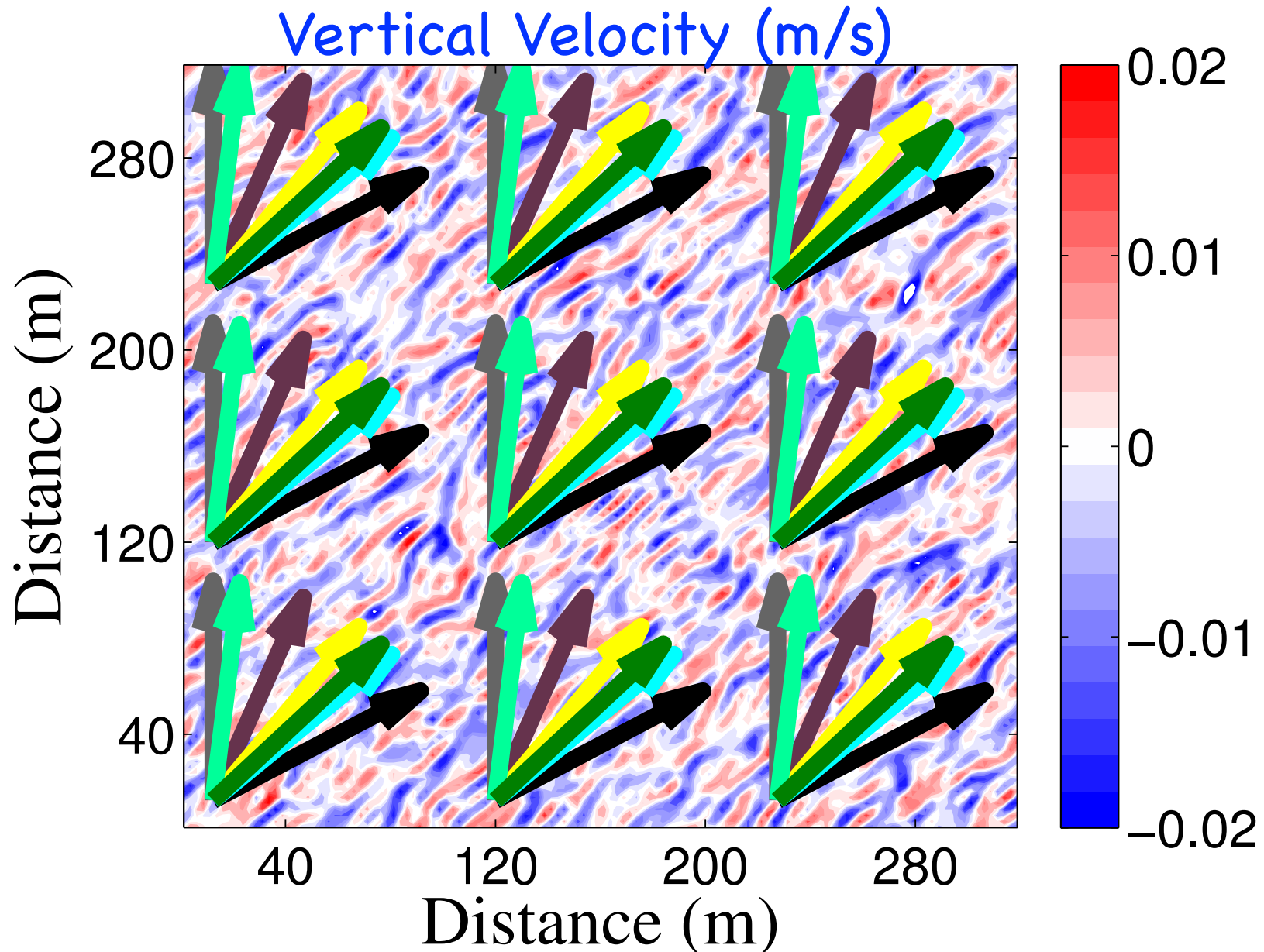
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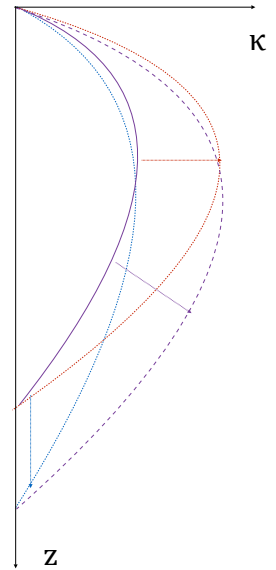
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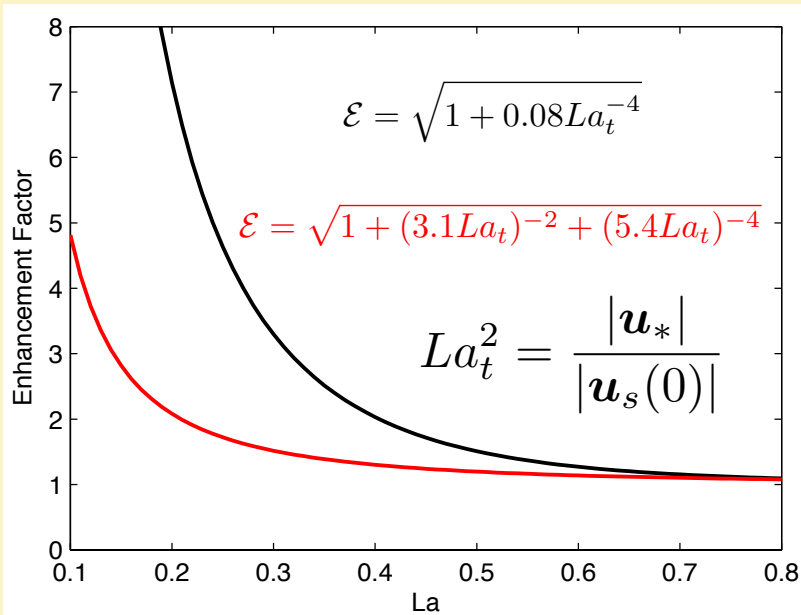
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Langmuir Mixing in KPP for use in CESM1.2



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- WaveWatch-III (Stokes drift) <-> POP2 (U, T, H_{BL})
- CORE2 interannual forcing (Large and Yeager,2009), or fully coupled
- 4 IAF cycles; average over last 50 years for climatology (over 200 years total)
- Or fully coupled climate model—active atmosphere.

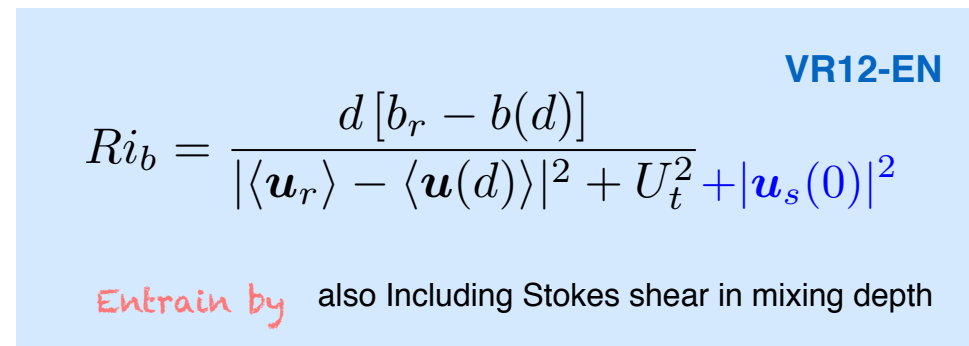
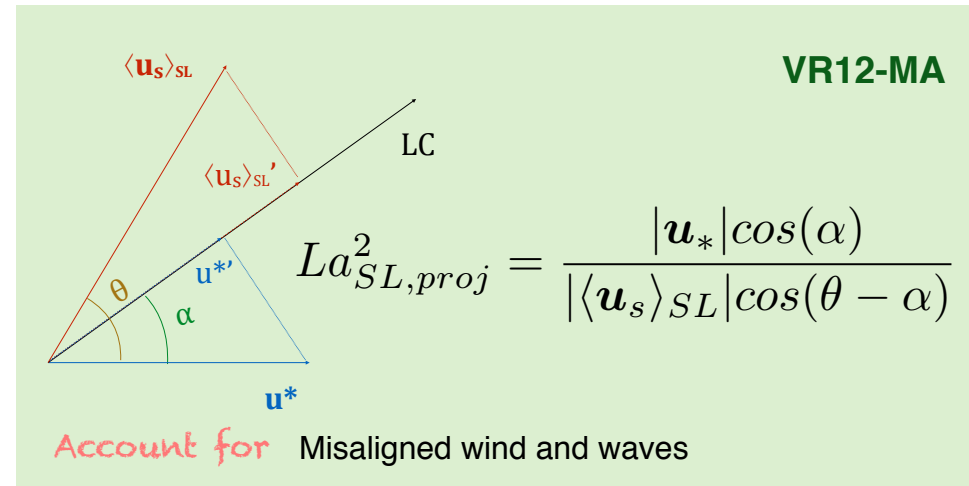


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Revise Enhancement factor to vertical velocity scale W

Aligned wind and waves



Langmuir Mixing in Climate: Boundary Layer Depth Improved

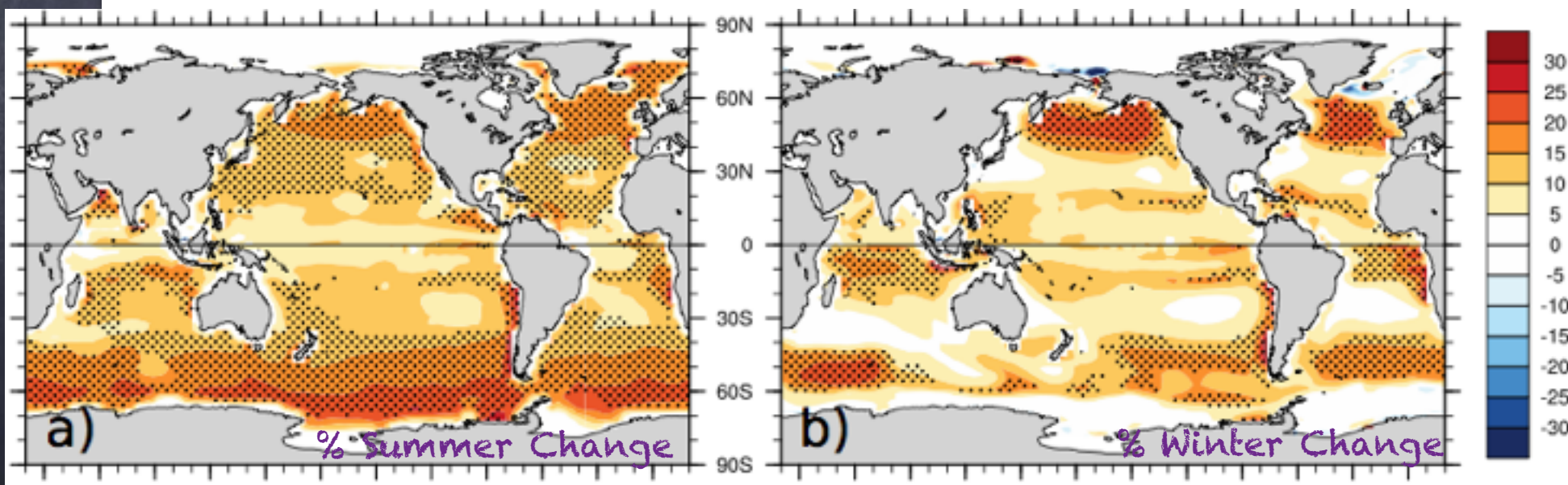
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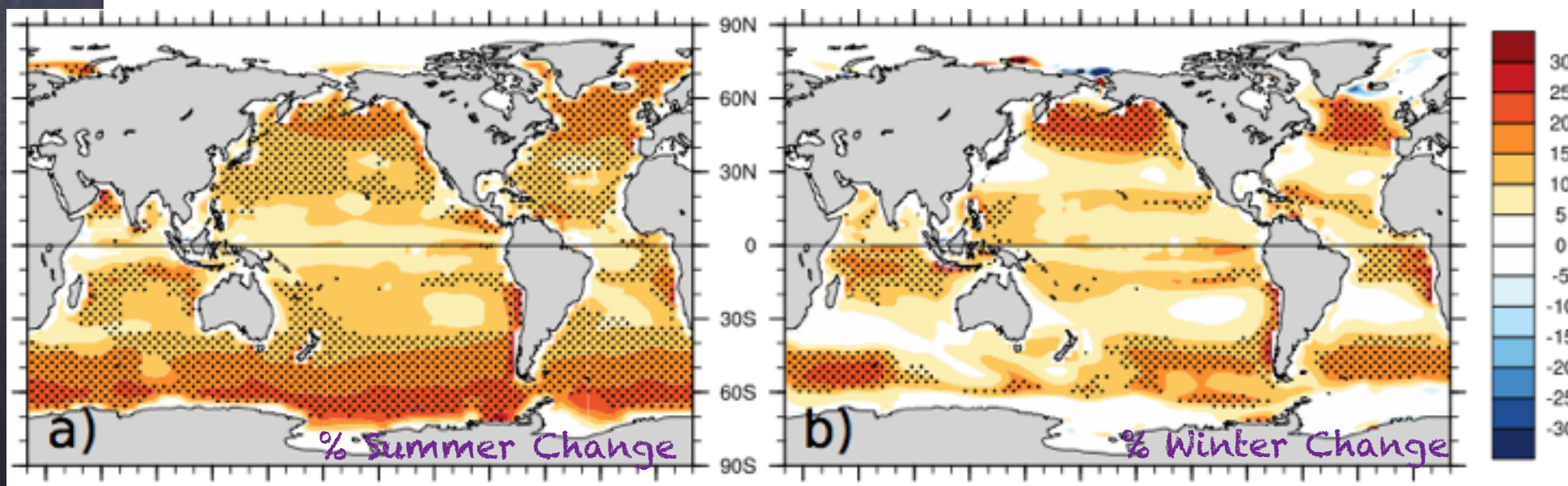
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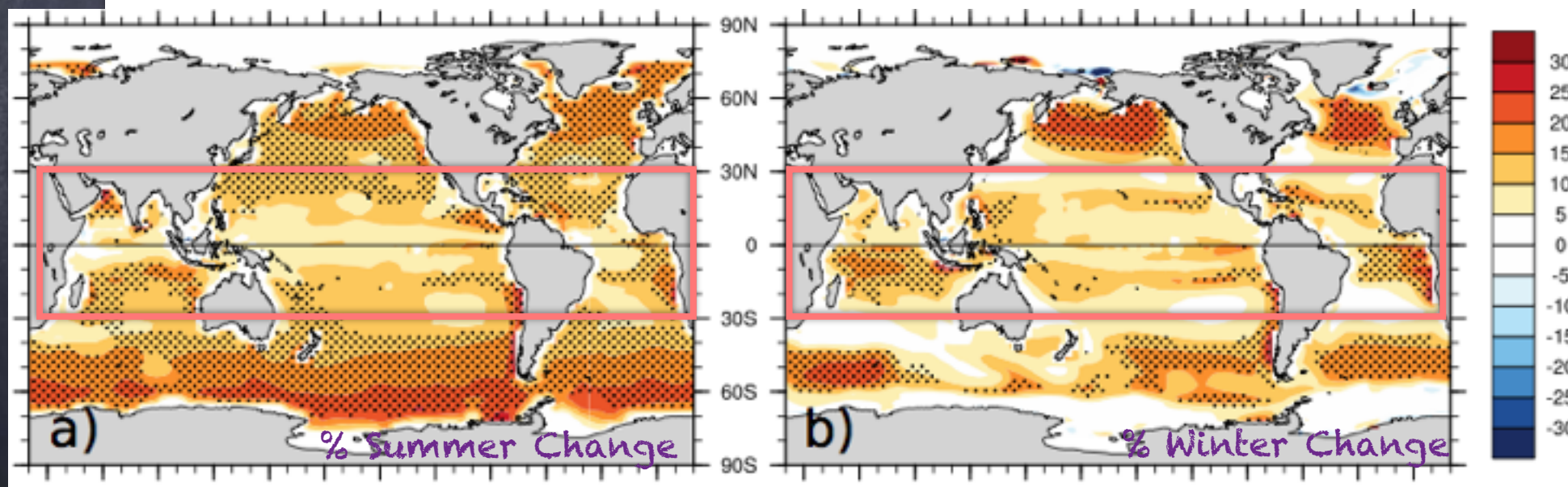
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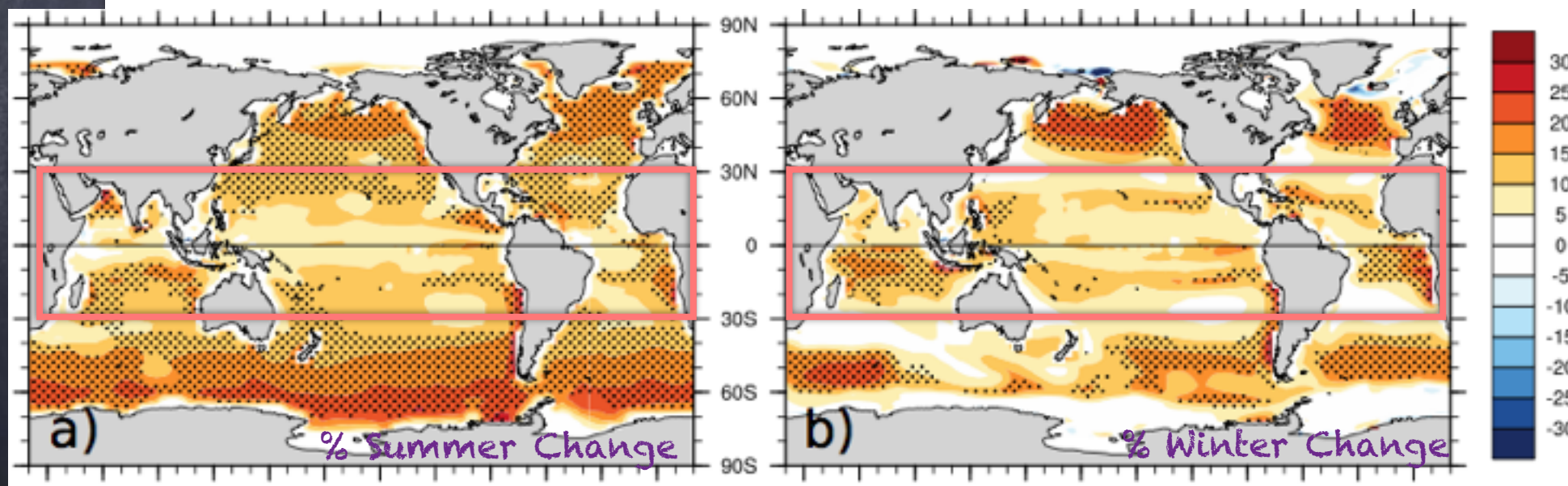
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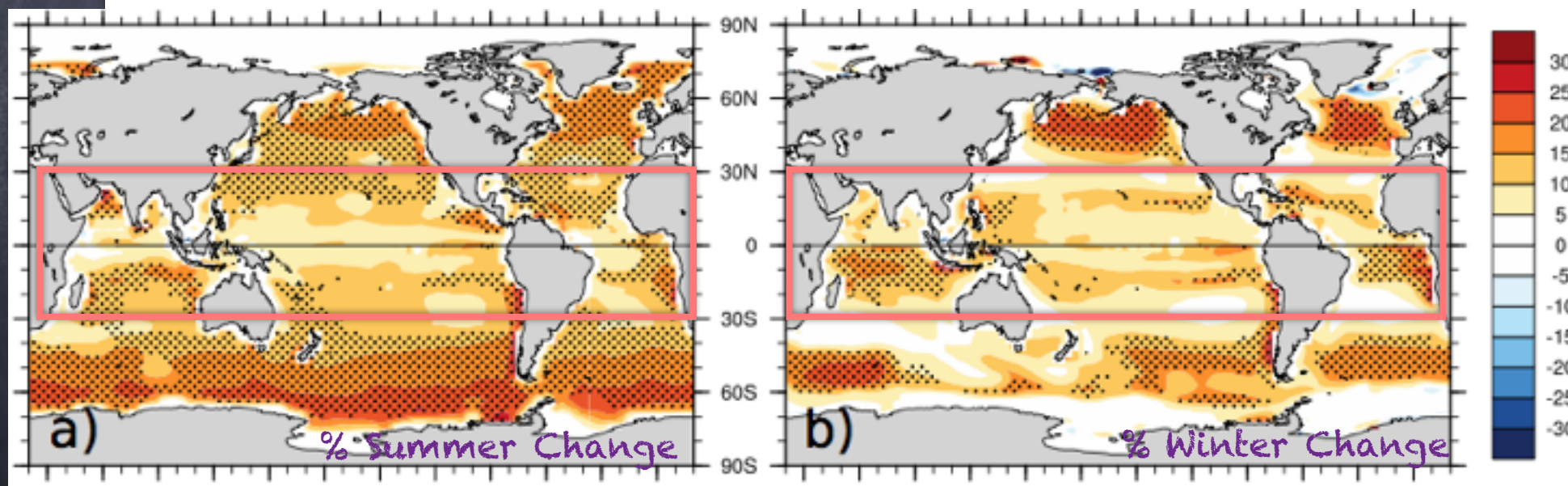
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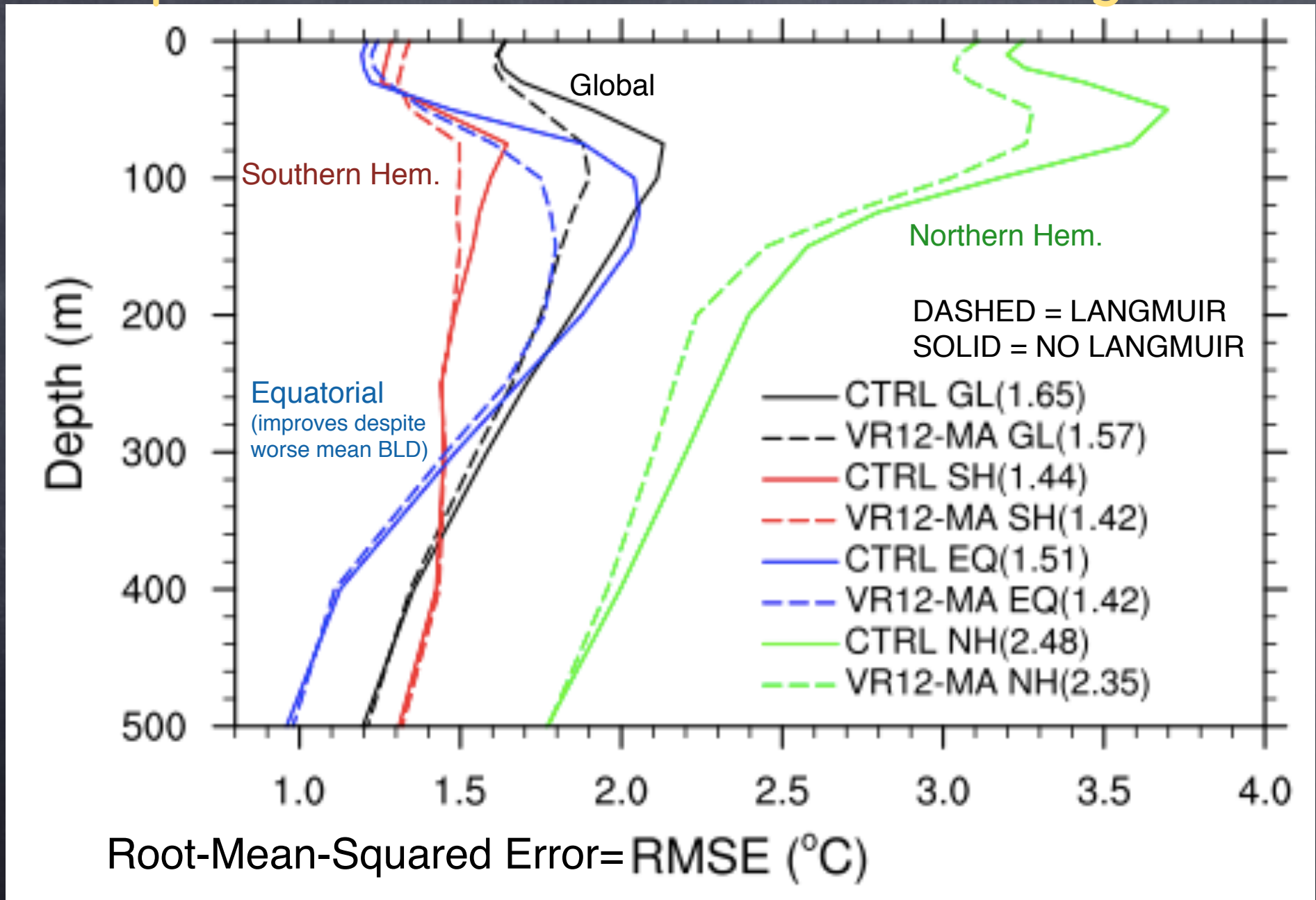
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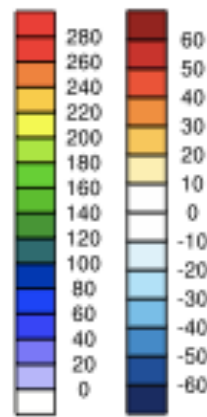
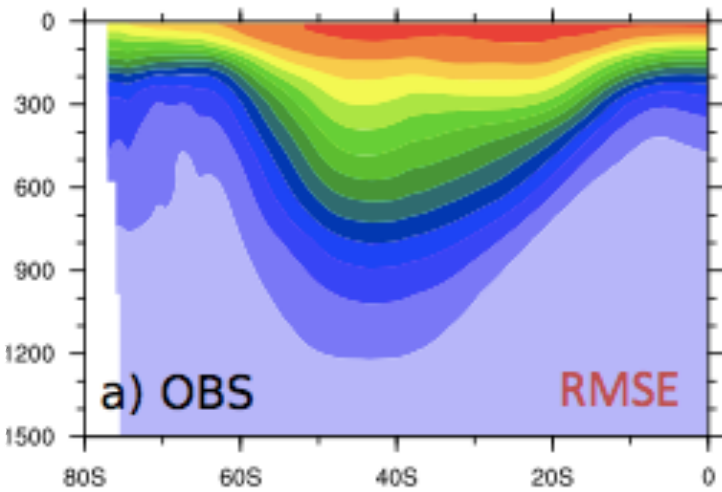
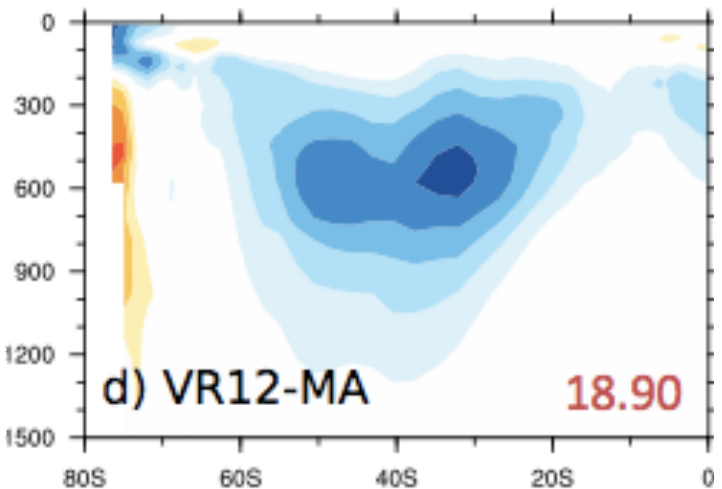
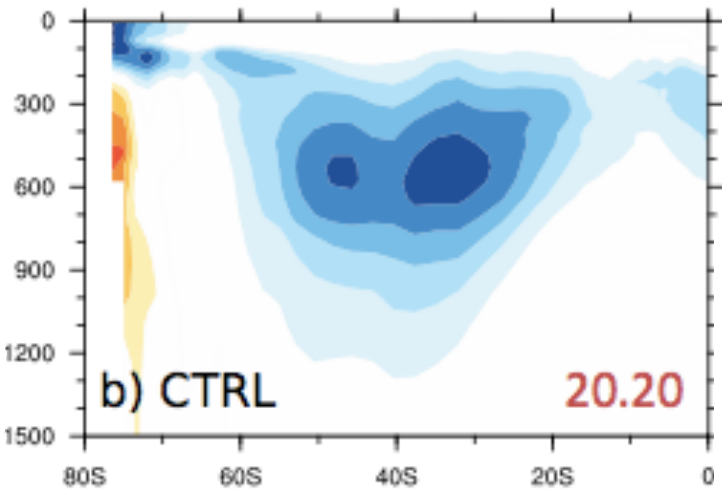


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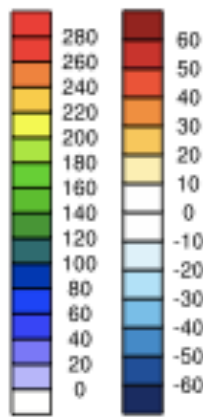
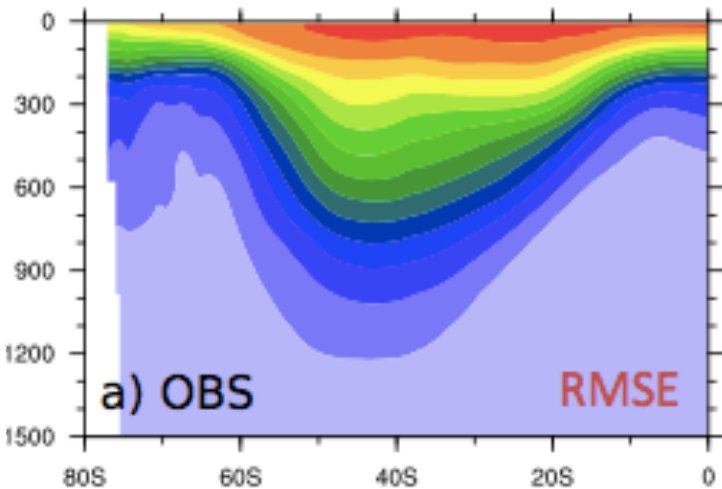
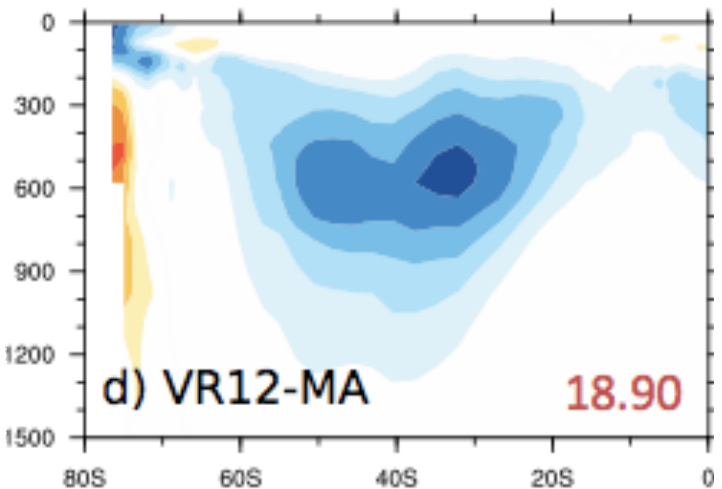
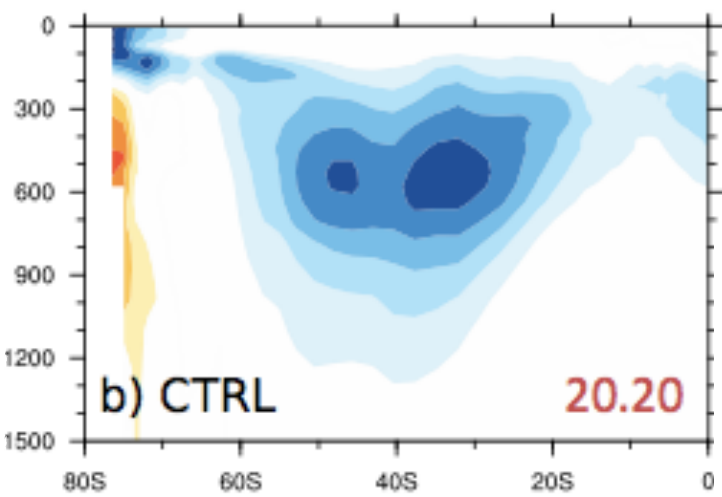


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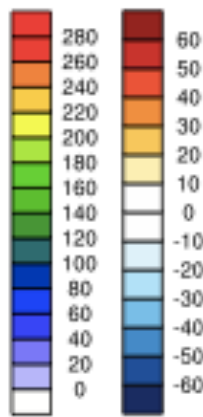
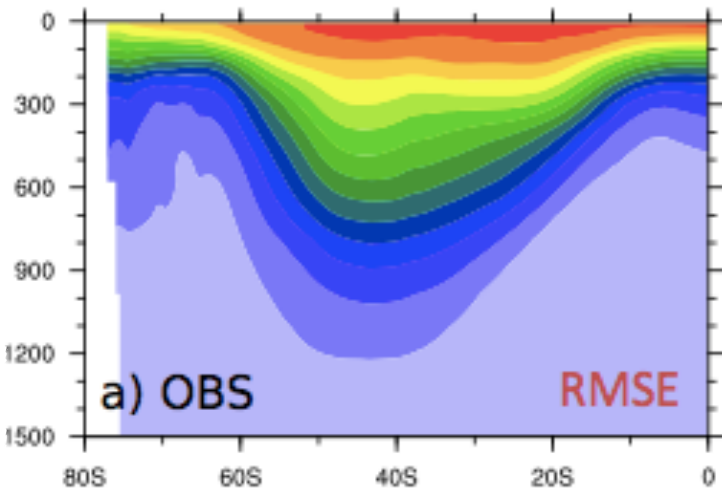
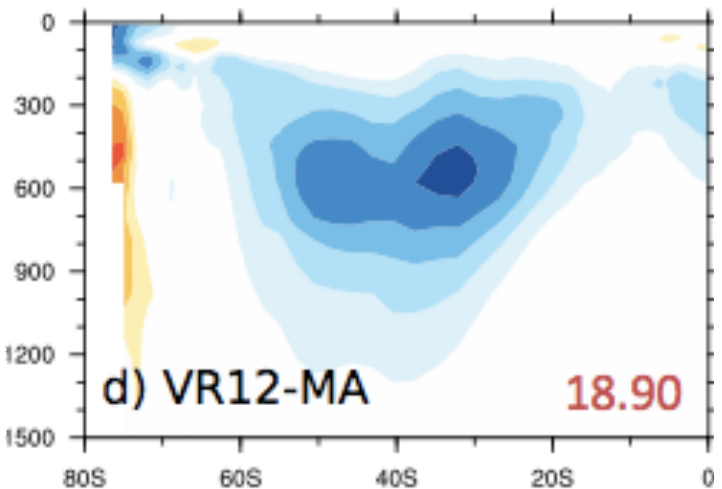
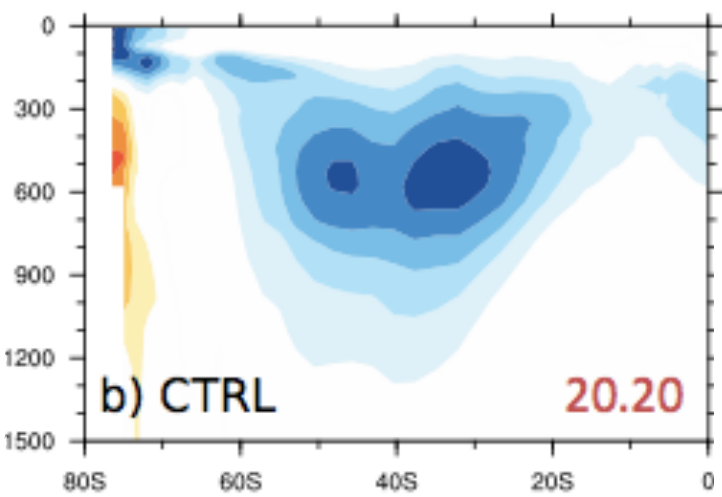


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Mid-way Conclusions

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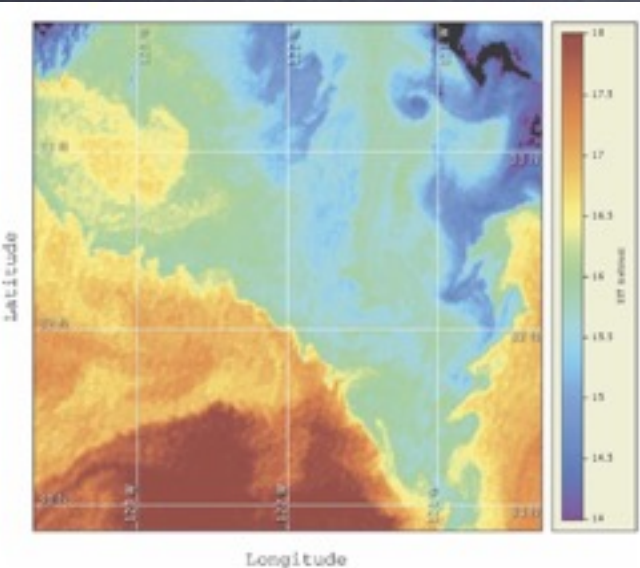
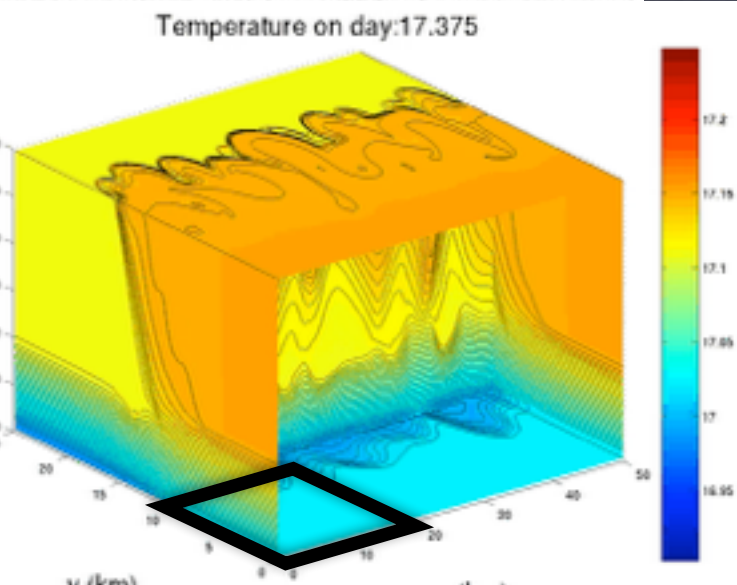


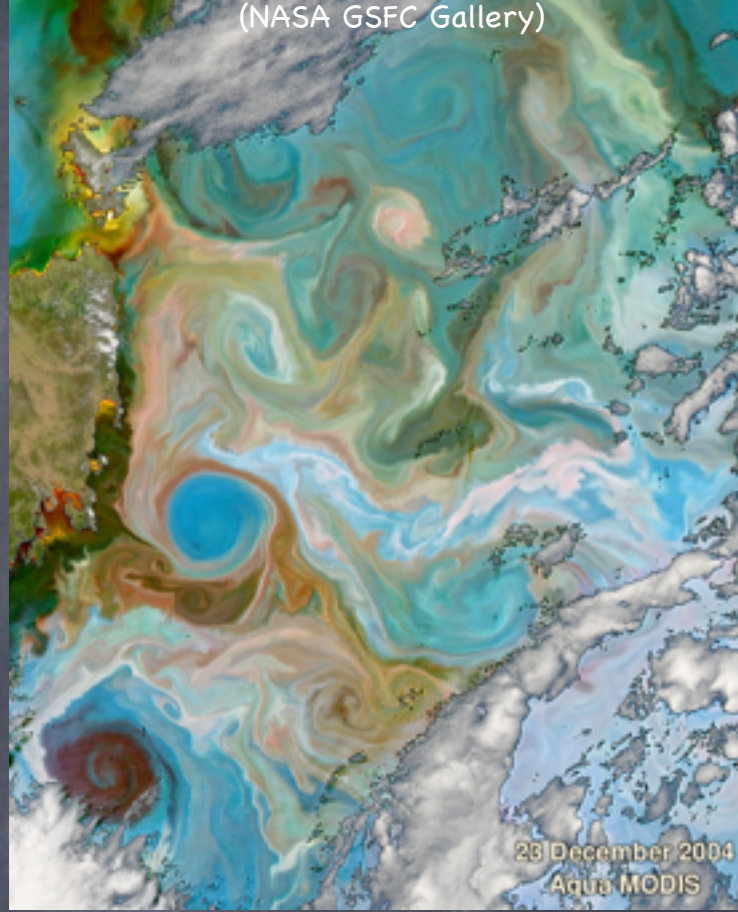
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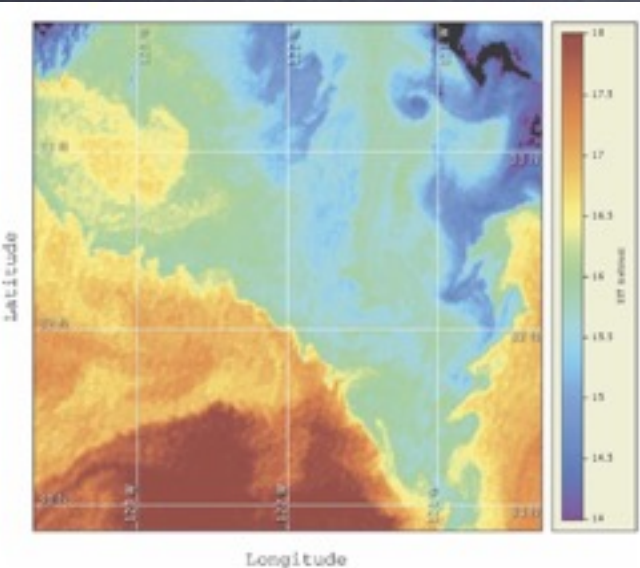
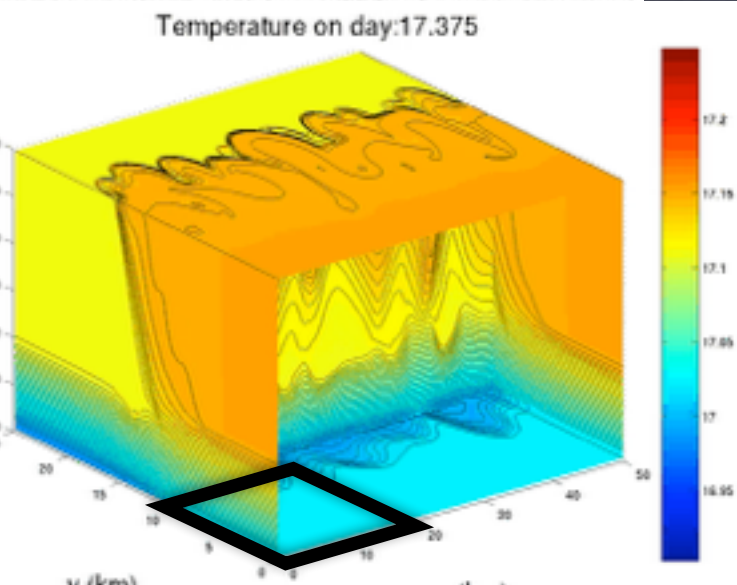


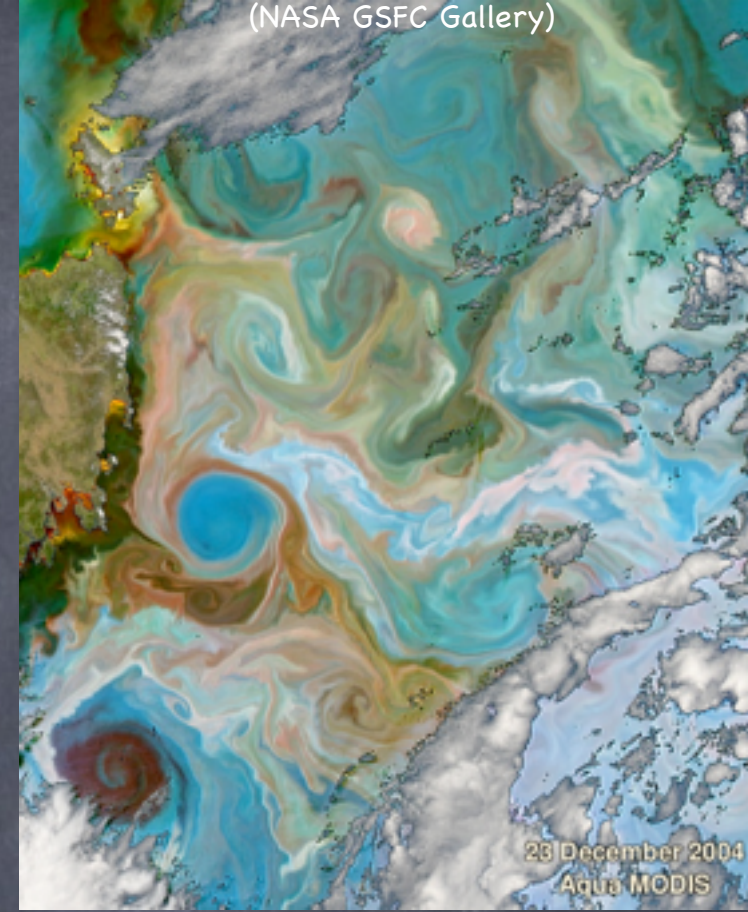
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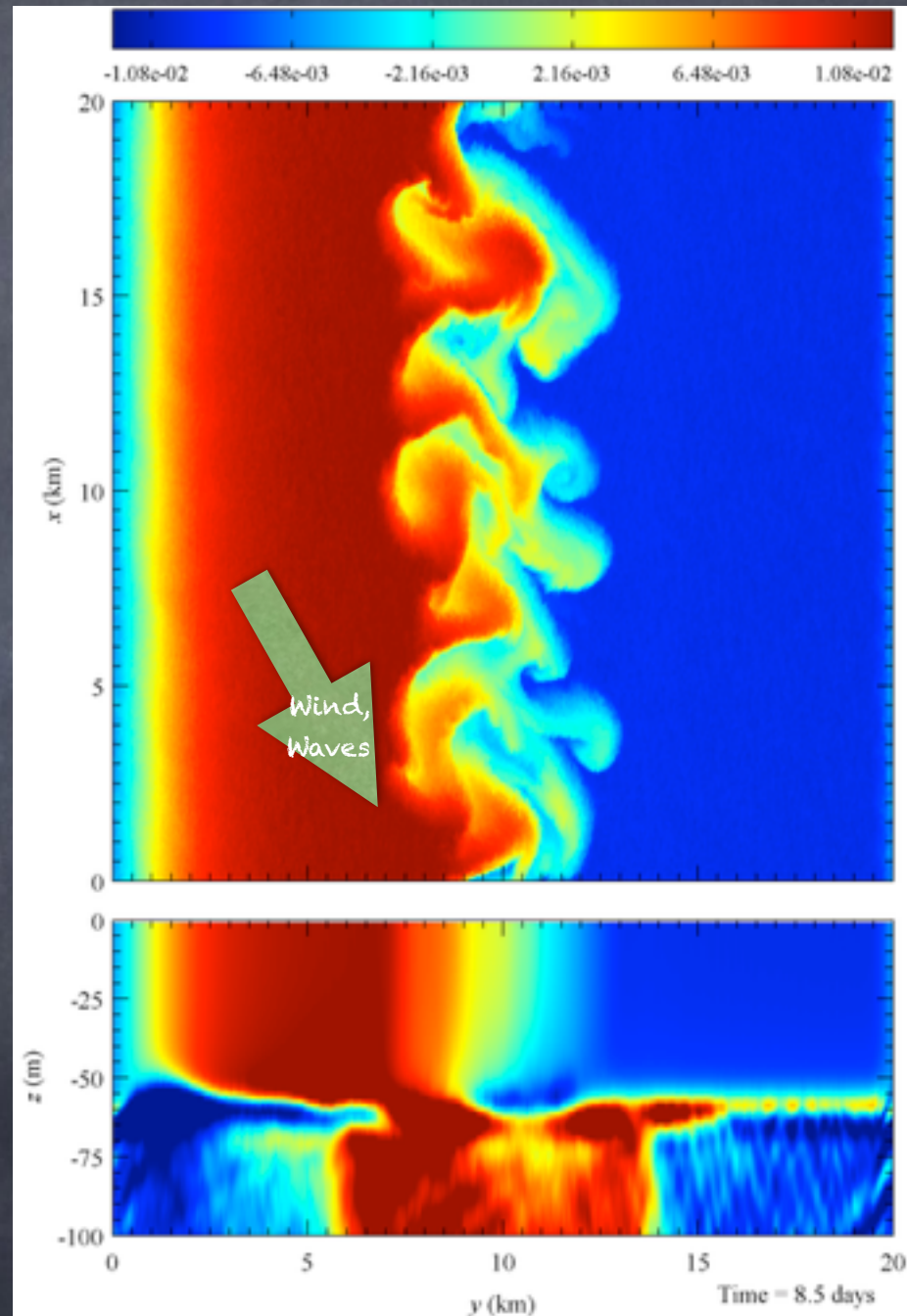
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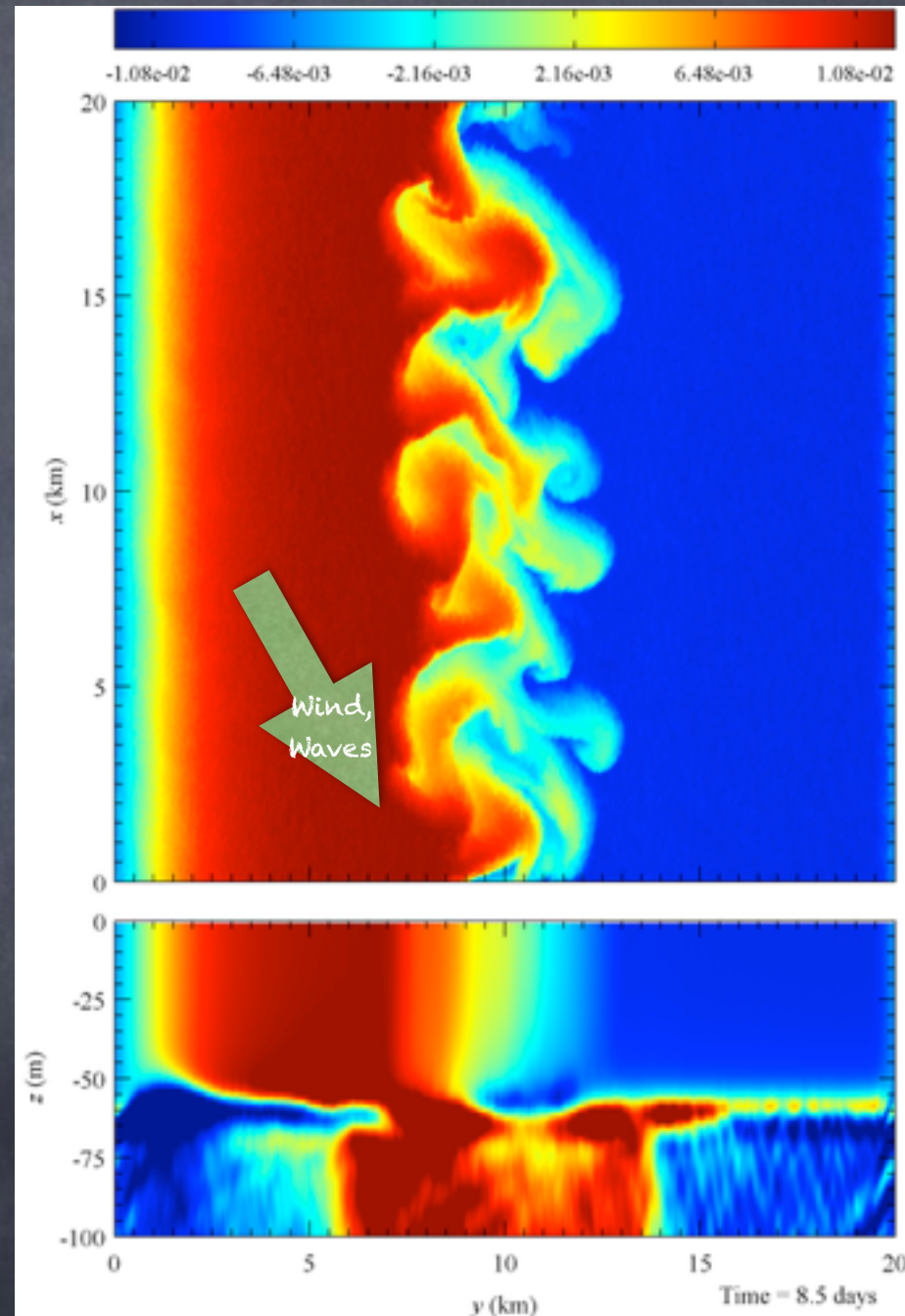
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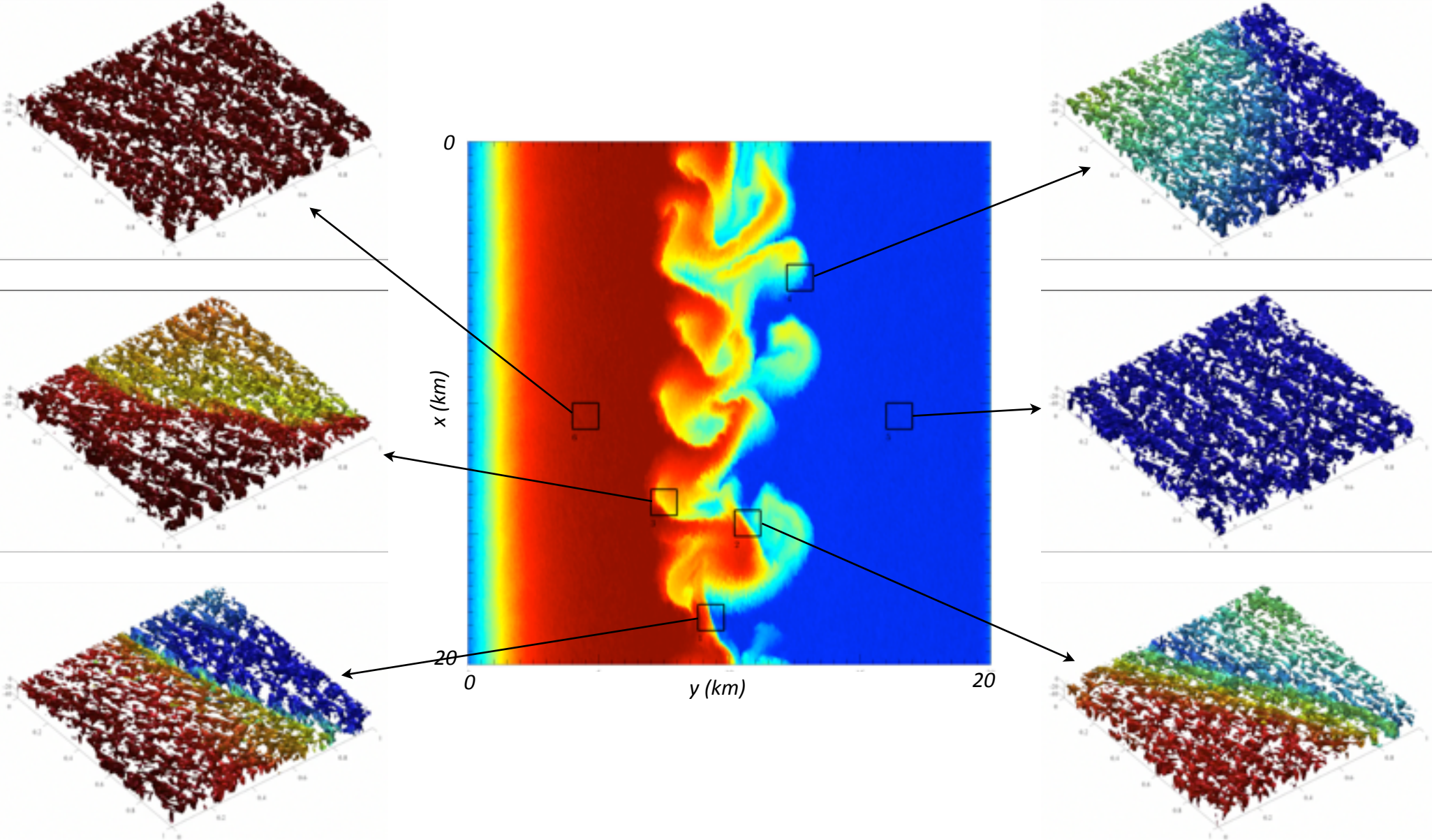
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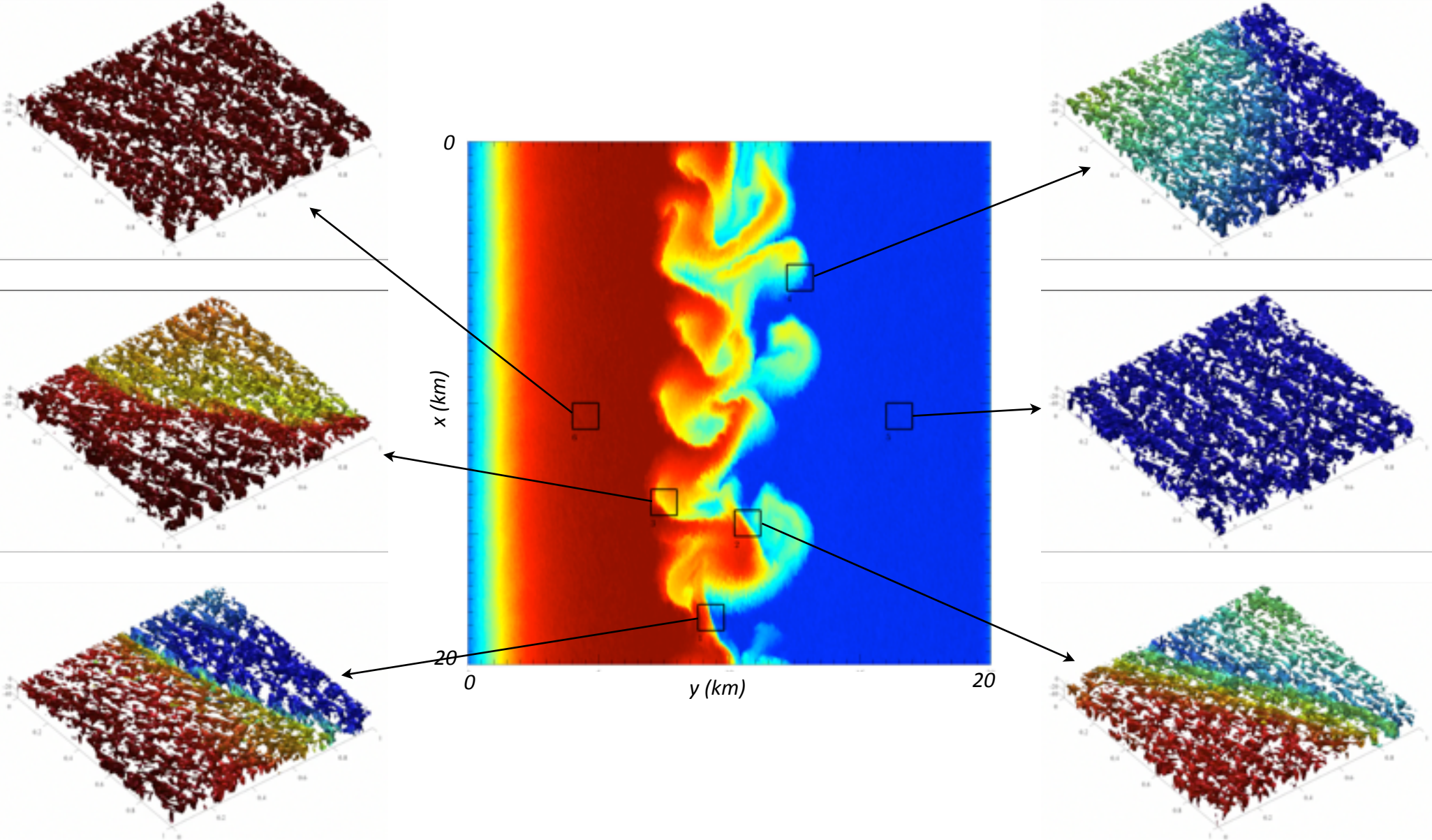
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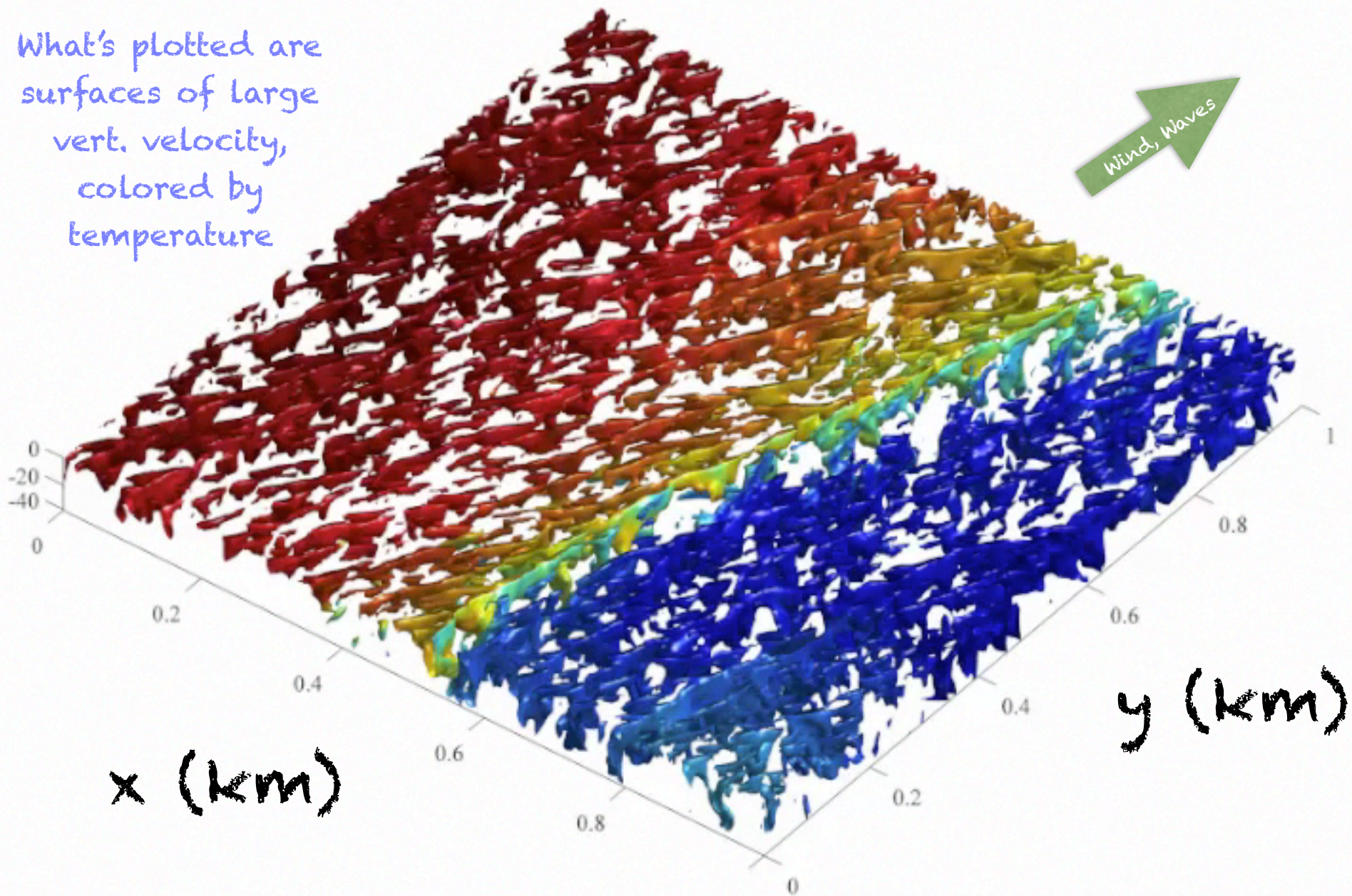
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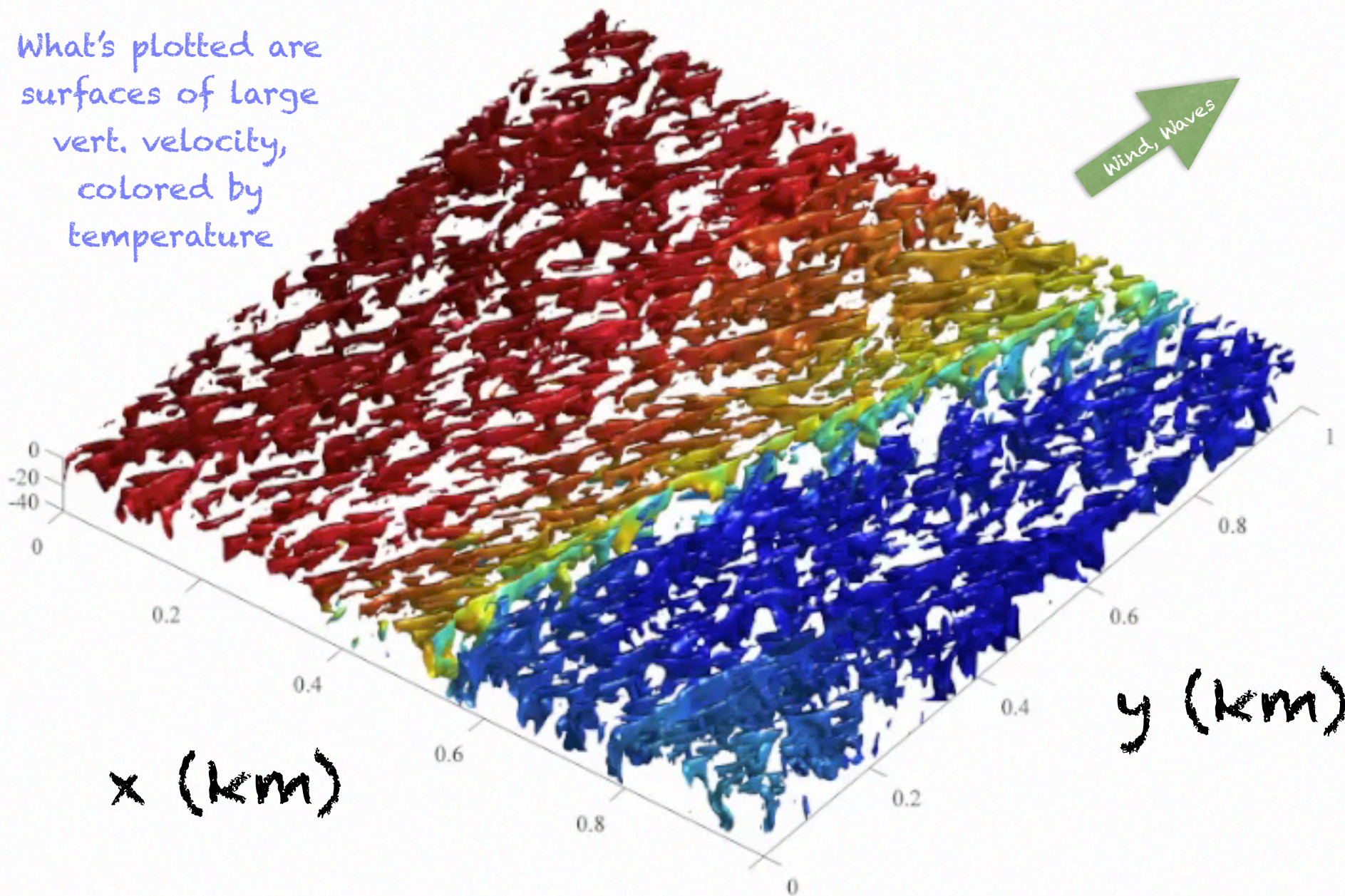
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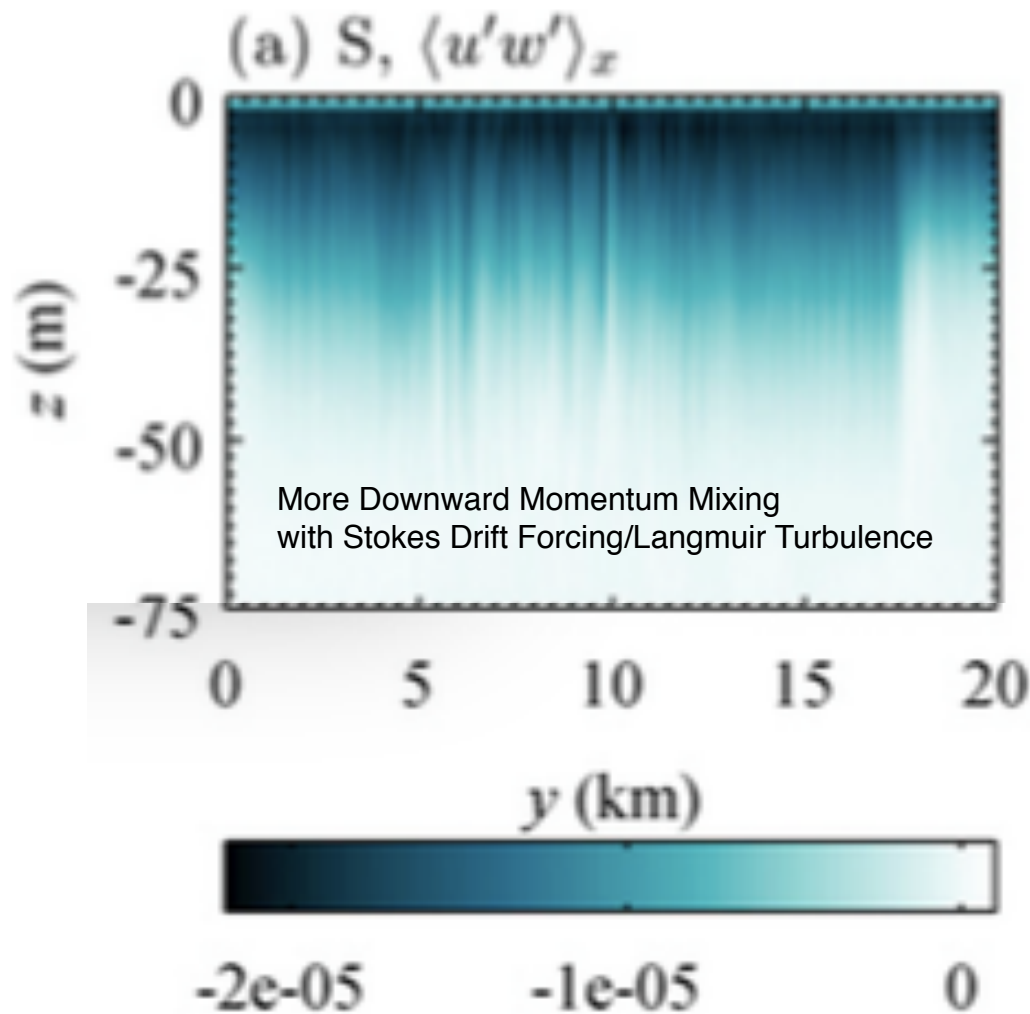


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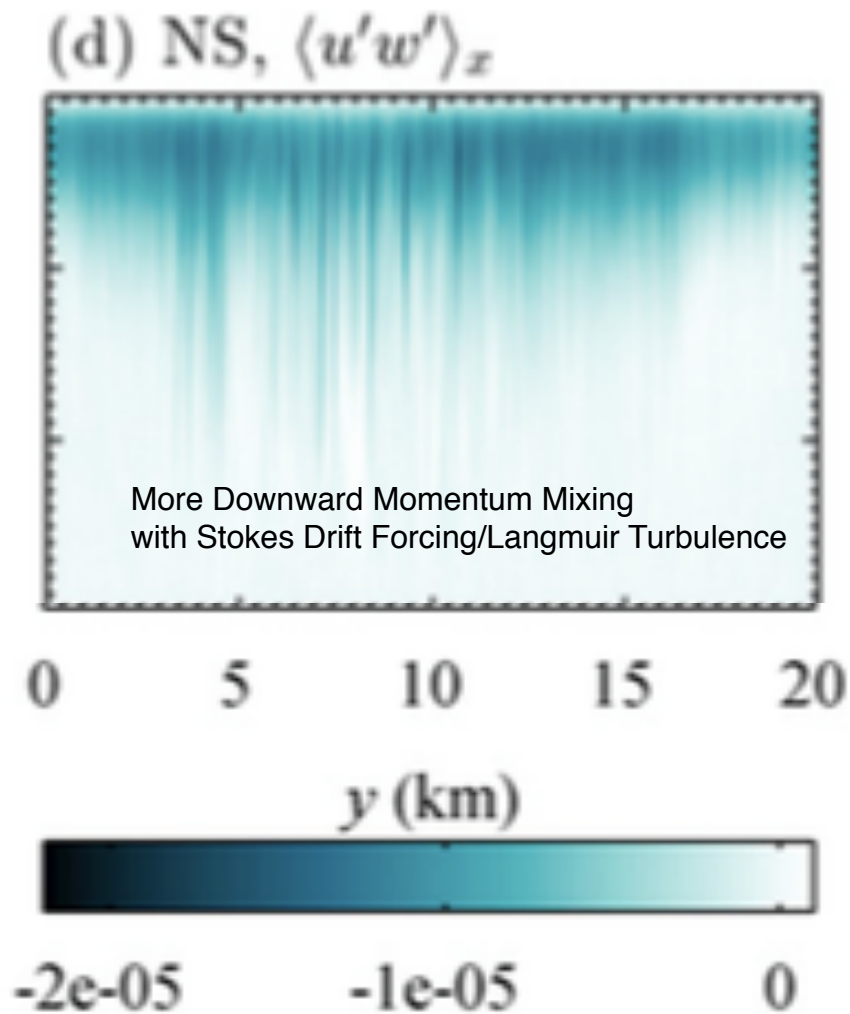


Stokes force makes small-scale Turbulence stronger

With Stokes Forcing



Without Stokes Forcing



As we've seen, waves can drive turbulence that affect larger scales indirectly. This is expected.

What about direct effects of waves on larger scales?

$$\mathbf{f} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial z} = -\nabla b$$

Becomes Lagrangian Thermal Wind Balance

$$\mathbf{f} \times \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v}_s) = \mathbf{f} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_L}{\partial z} = -\nabla b$$

Now the temperature gradients govern the Lagrangian flow, not the Eulerian!

The Eulerian response to Stokes is often to cancel it out!
(Anti-Stokes flow, Lab: Monismith et al., Obs: Lentz et al.)

Lagrangian Thermal Wind Linear Stability

Like Eady, but
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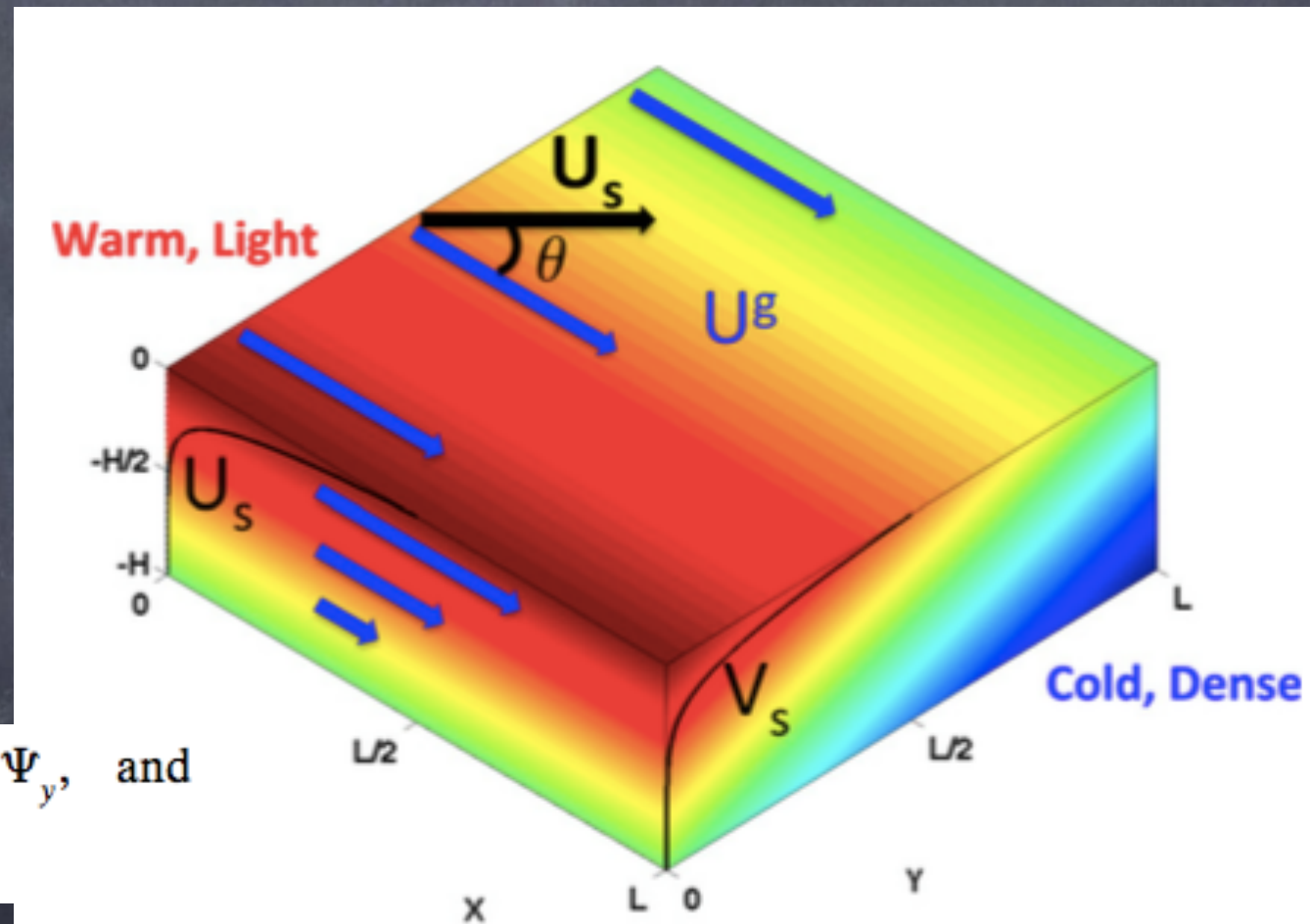


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$$U + U^S = -\Psi_y^L, \text{ such that } U = -\Psi_y, \text{ and}$$


$$V + V^S = \Psi_x^L = 0.$$

Analytic & Numerical Wavy Submesoscale Stability: Geostrophic (Mixed Layer) Instabilities

Charney, Stern, Pedlosky criteria (appropriately generalized) apply:

• Instability allowed if:

- 1) Q_Y^L changes sign in the interior of the domain;
- 2) Q_Y^L is the opposite sign as U_z^L at $z = 0$;
- 3) Q_Y^L is the same sign as U_z^L at $z = -H$;
- 4) U_z^L has the same sign at $z = -H$ and $z = 0$.

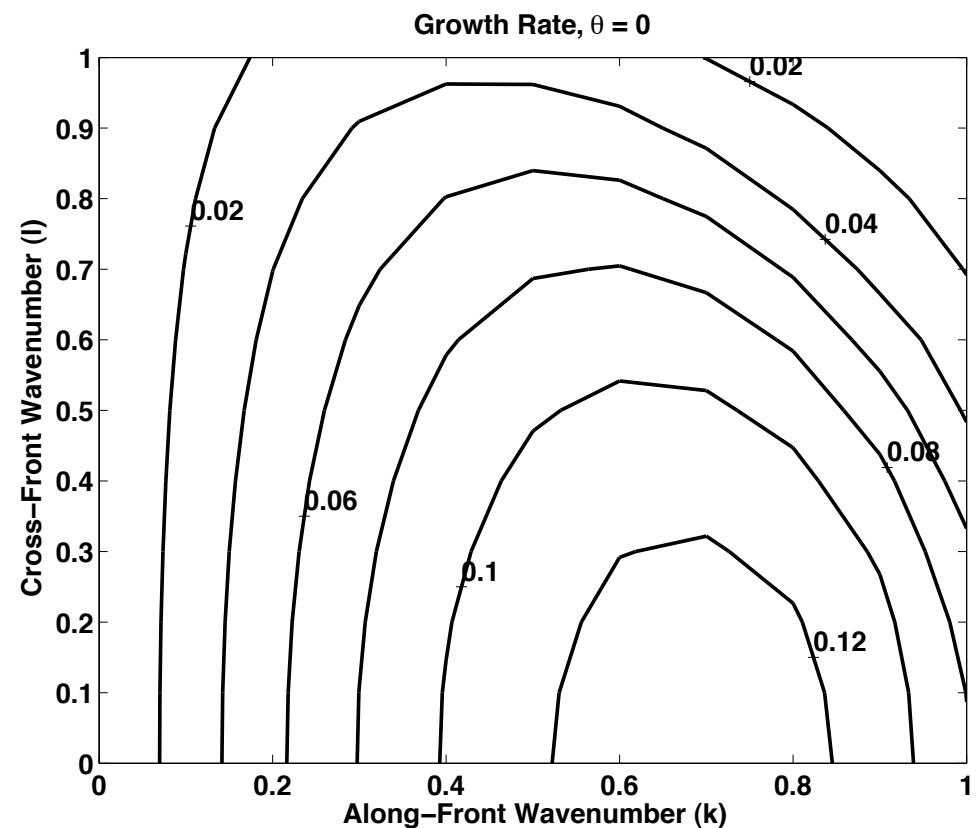
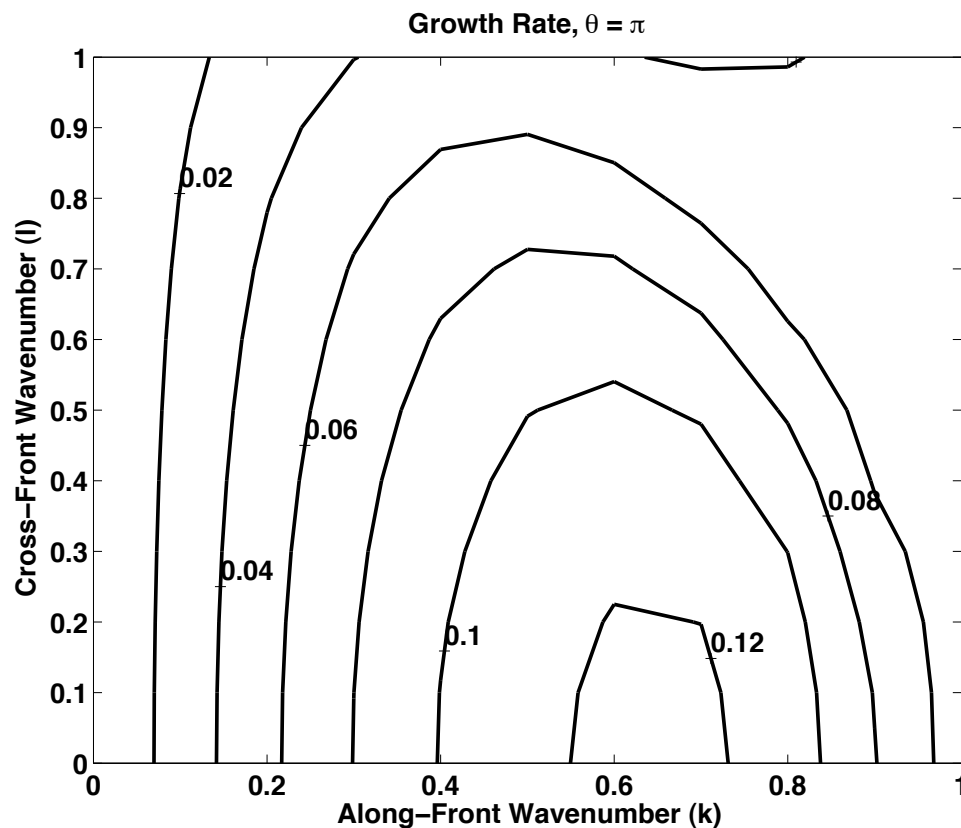
$$Q^L = \nabla_H^2 \Psi + \beta Y + \partial_z \left(\frac{f_0^2}{N^2} \frac{\Psi_z^L}{B_z} \right)$$


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Streamfunctions
with and w/o Stokes

Analytic & Numerical Wavy Submesoscale Stability: Geostrophic Instabilities

- For typical conditions, the Stokes effect amounts to a small change in geostrophic instability (mixed layer eddy) growth rates.



Analytic & Numerical Wavy Submesoscale Stability: Symmetric Instabilities

- Hoskins (1974) showed that if a front in thermal wind balance is symmetrically unstable, the PV must be anticyclonic.
- Haney et al extend Hoskins' analysis to flows in Lagrangian thermal wind balance in the special case that the Stokes shear is constant.

Vert.
Density
Gradient

Horiz.
Density
Gradient

Anti-Stokes
Shear

$$fQ = \underbrace{f^2 N^2 - M^4}_{\text{geostrophic } fQ} - \underbrace{fM^2 U_z^S}_{\text{Stokes-modified } fQ} < 0.$$

- In the absence of Stokes drift, this is equivalent to the familiar criteria on Richardson Number, with Stokes drift is distinct.

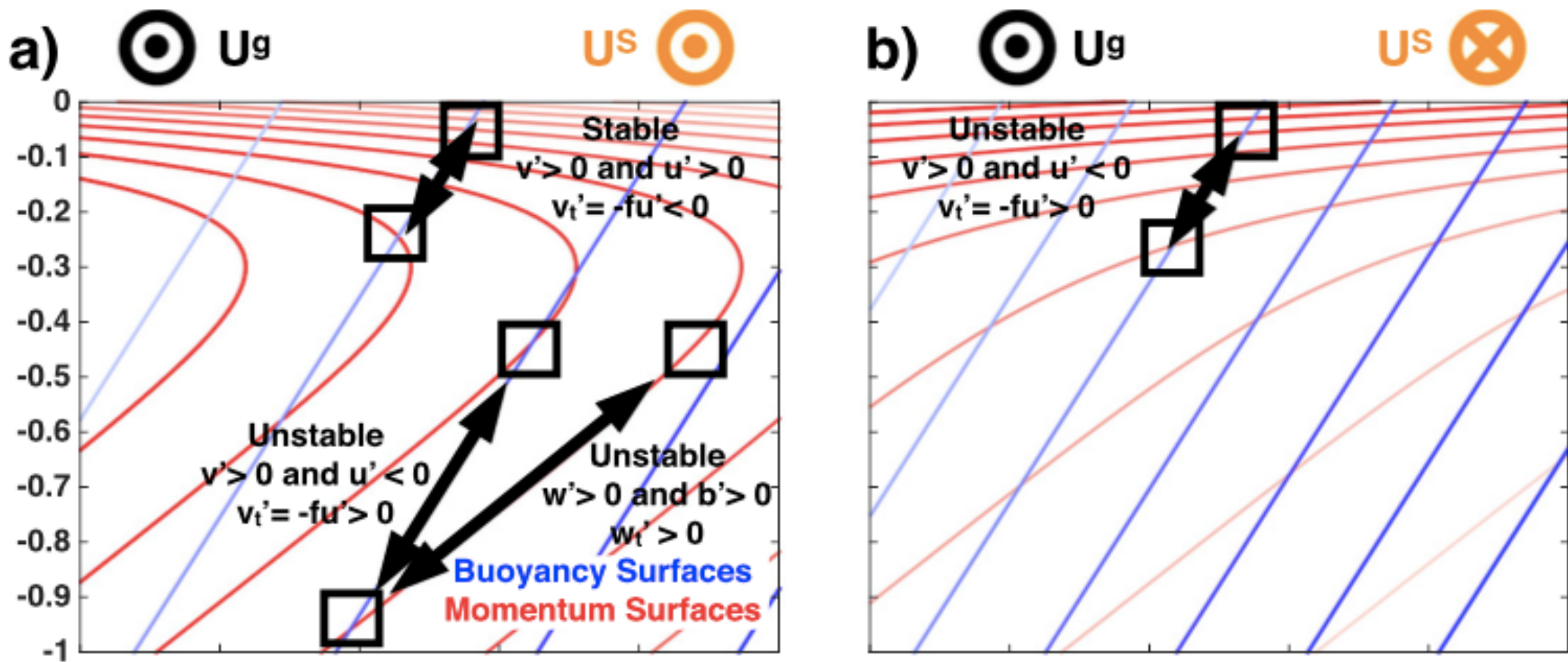
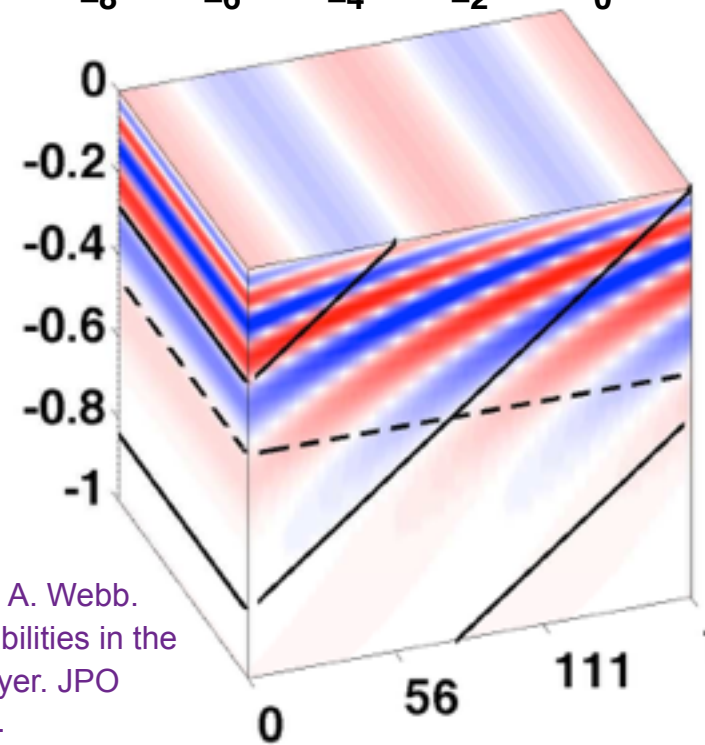
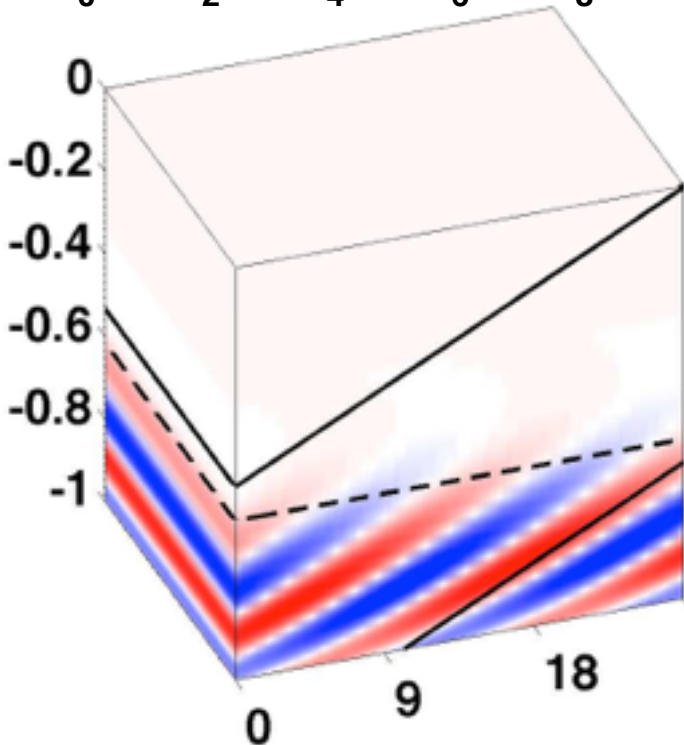
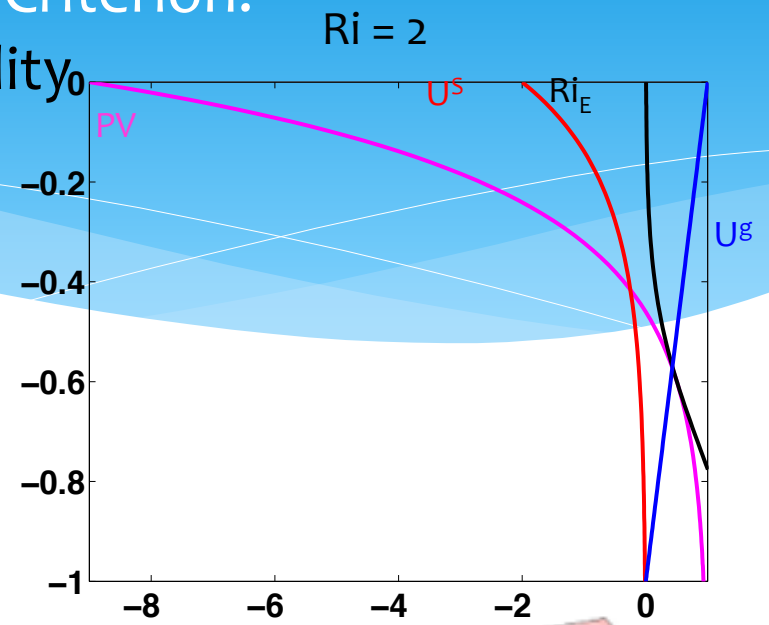
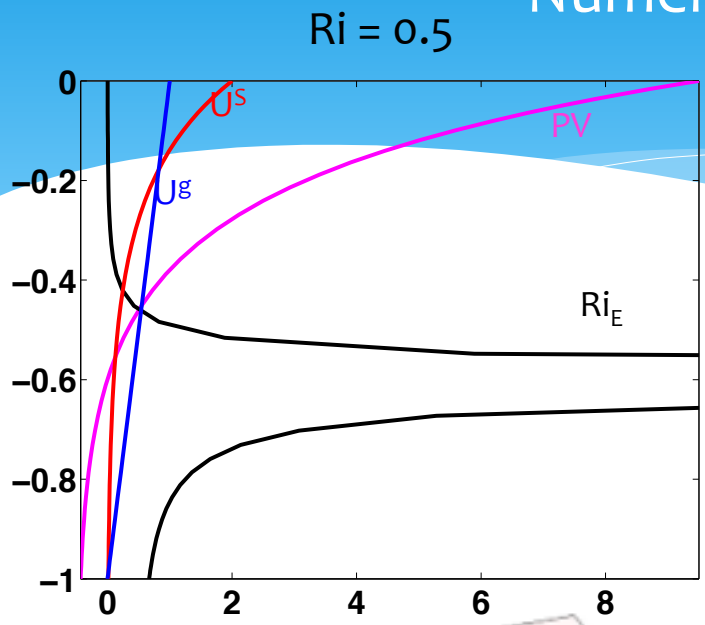


FIG. 1. A schematic of the (a) downfront and (b) upfront Stokes drift scenarios. The blue lines show isopycnals, with darker blue indicating denser water. The red lines show surfaces of constant downfront absolute Eulerian momentum, with darker red indicating greater momentum. The perturbation equations are written from the perspective of the lower of the two parcels. A change of all signs would be from the perspective of the upper parcel and have the same stability. For example, in (b) the lower parcel moves to the right ($v' > 0$) along an isopycnal and brings with it lower downfront momentum than its surroundings ($u' < 0$). This exerts an acceleration in the cross-front v' direction due to the Coriolis force that further enhances the initial perturbation ($v' > 0$). In both cases, $Ri = 0.5$. Lines of constant buoyancy and absolute momentum are only parallel when $Ri = 1$.

~~$Ri < 1 \Rightarrow SI$~~

★ $fQ < 0 \Rightarrow SI$

Numerical Wavy Stability Criterion:
Symmetric Instability

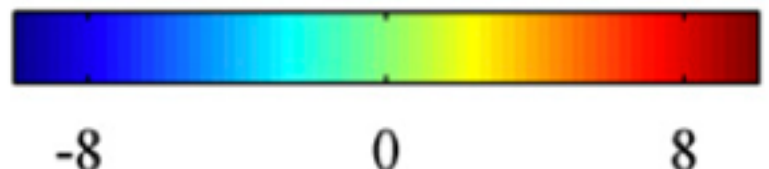
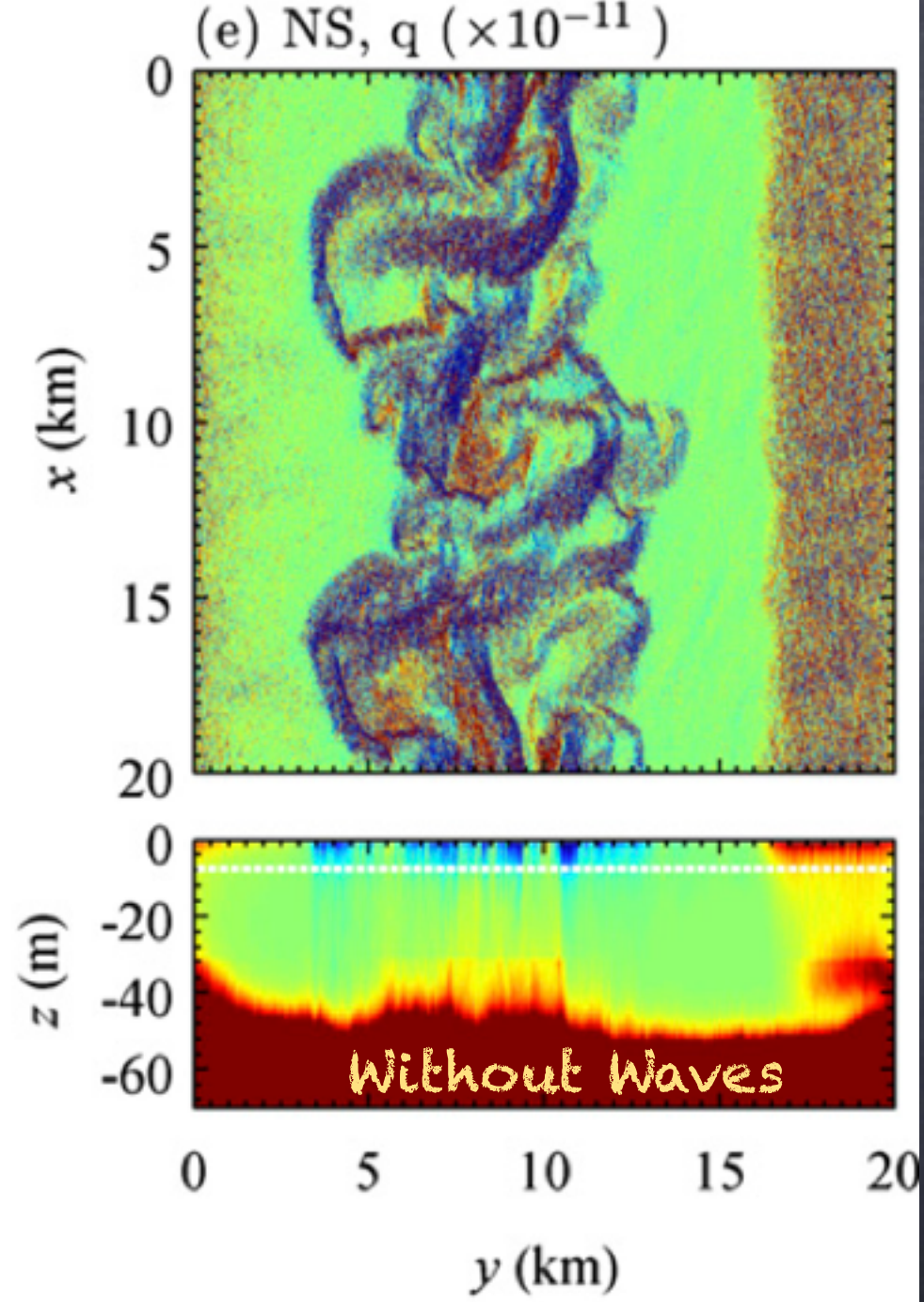
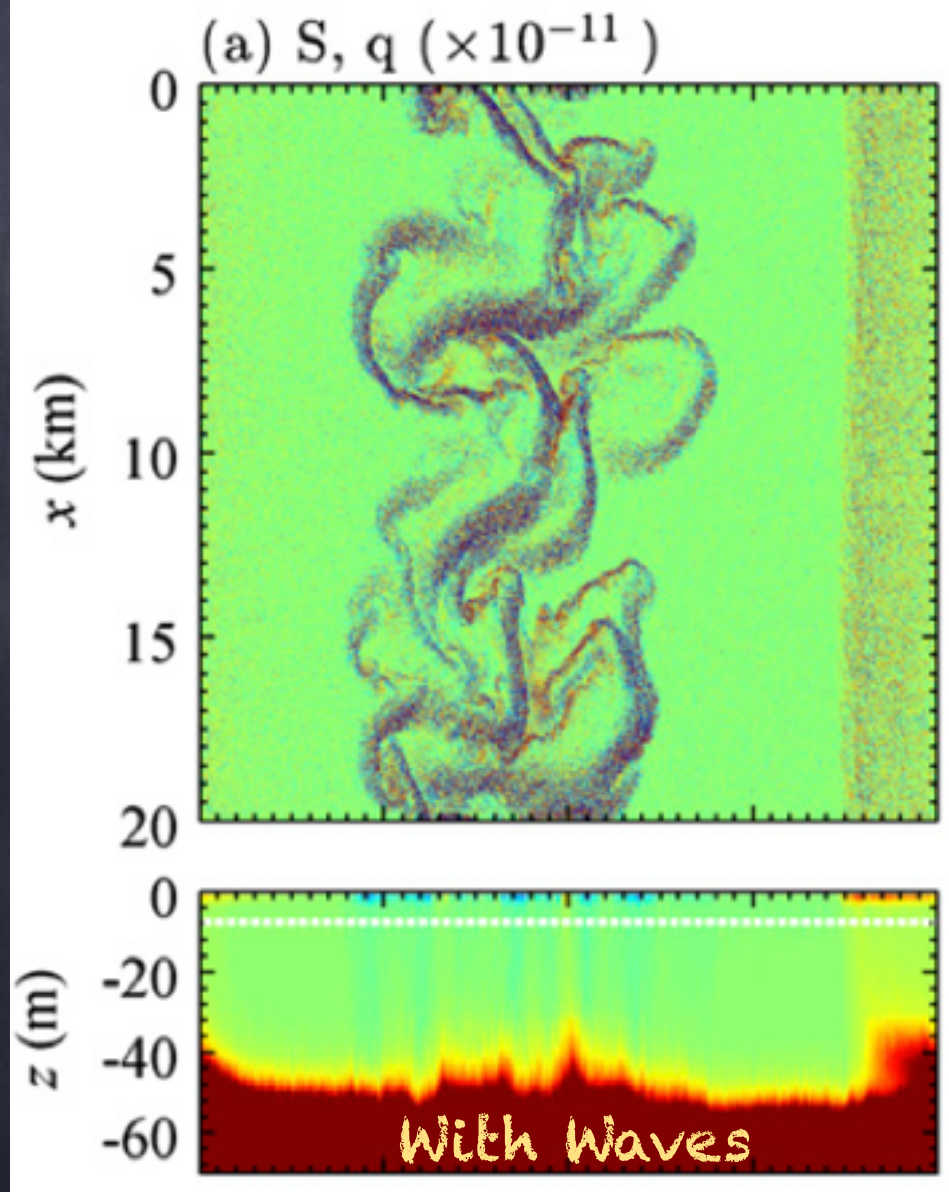


— Isopycnals

-- PV=0

Cross front velocity for the fastest growing mode

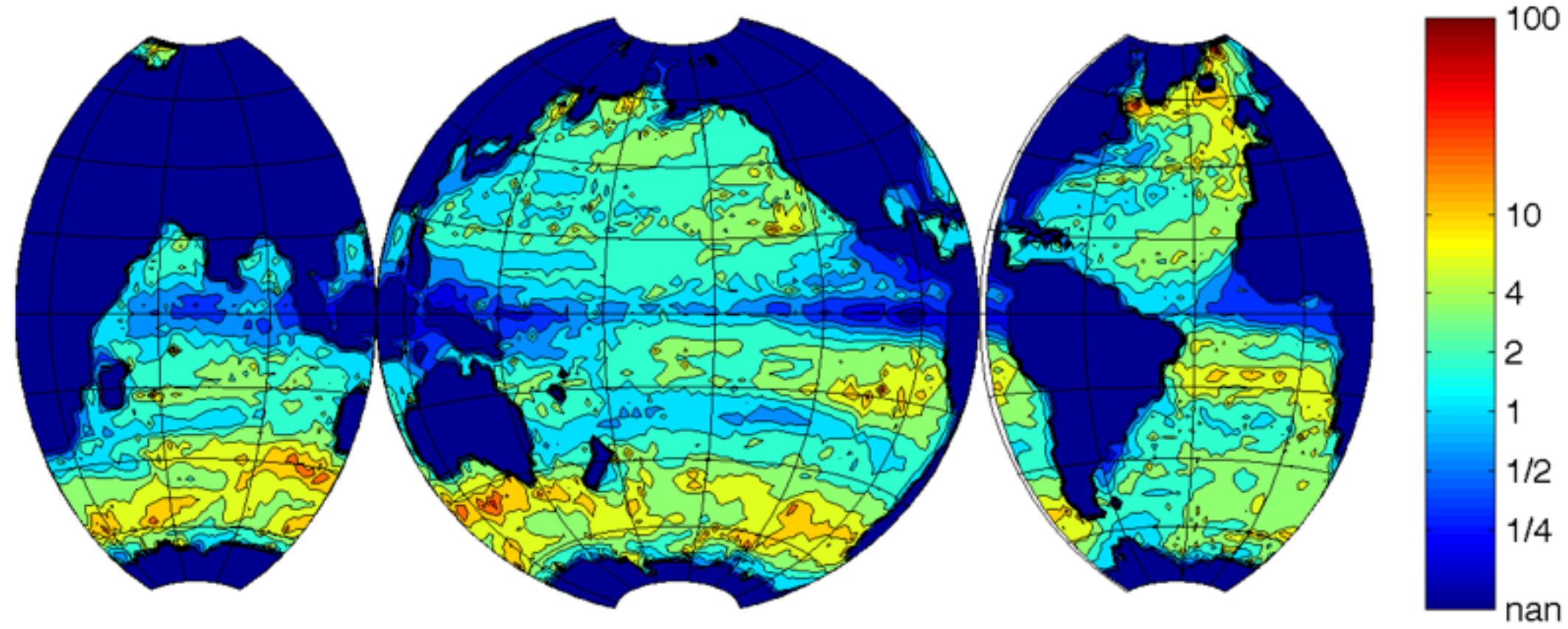
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So, if $f_Q < 0$ indicates likely regions of symmetric instability—Surface Waves STRONGLY affect SI!

Stokes force directly affects larger scales?

ε/Ro

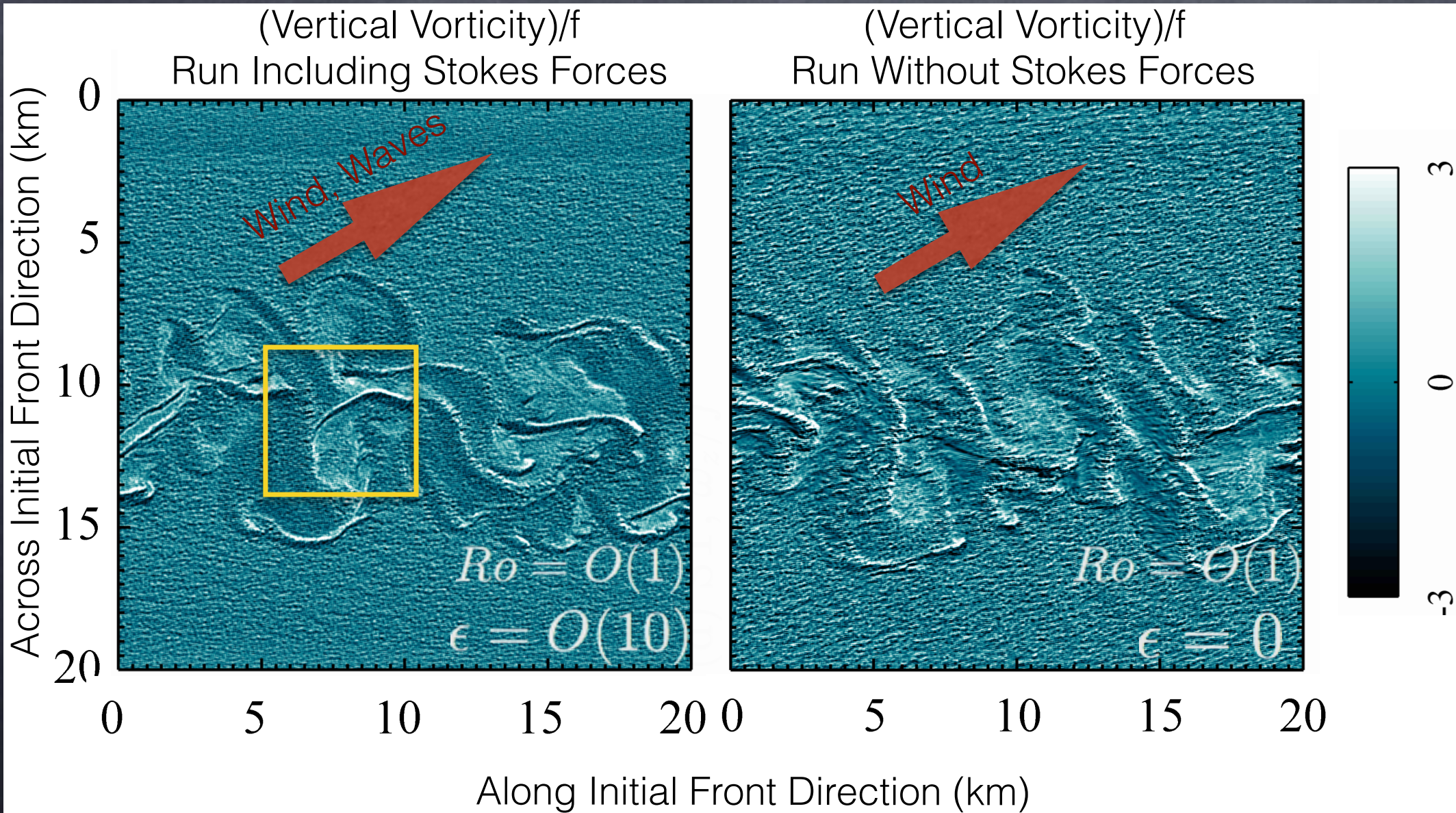


$$\frac{\varepsilon}{Ro} = \frac{V_s H f L}{f L H_s V} = \frac{V_s H}{V H_s}$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{V^s H}{f L H_s} \quad Ro = \frac{U}{f L}$$

Are Fronts and Filaments different with Stokes shear force?

$$\frac{\alpha^2}{Ri} \left[w_{,t} + v_j^L w_{,j} + \frac{M_{Ro}}{Ro Ri} w w_{,z} \right] = -\pi_{,z} + b - \varepsilon v_j^L v_{j,z}^s + \frac{\alpha^2}{Re Ri} w_{,jj}$$



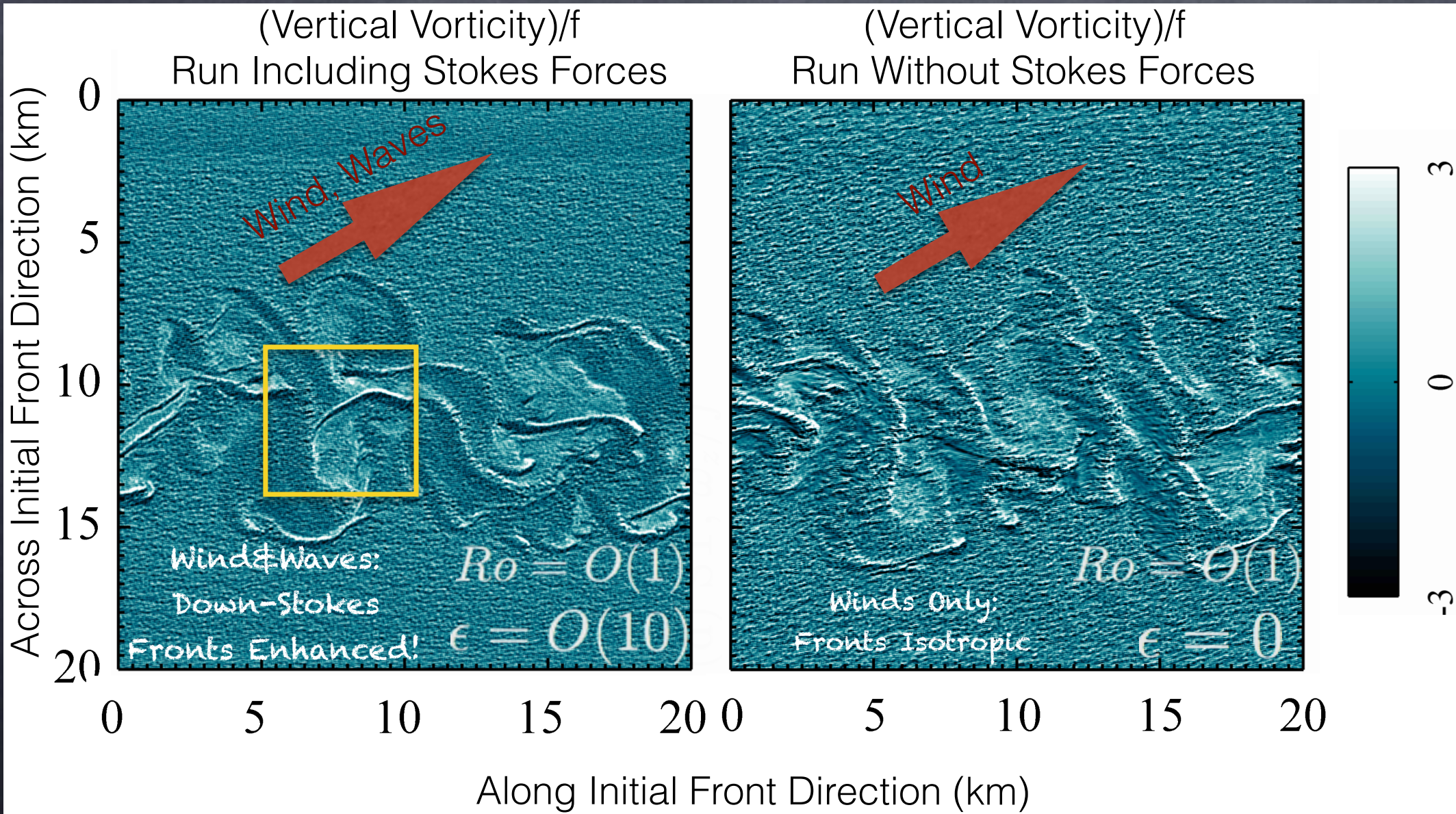
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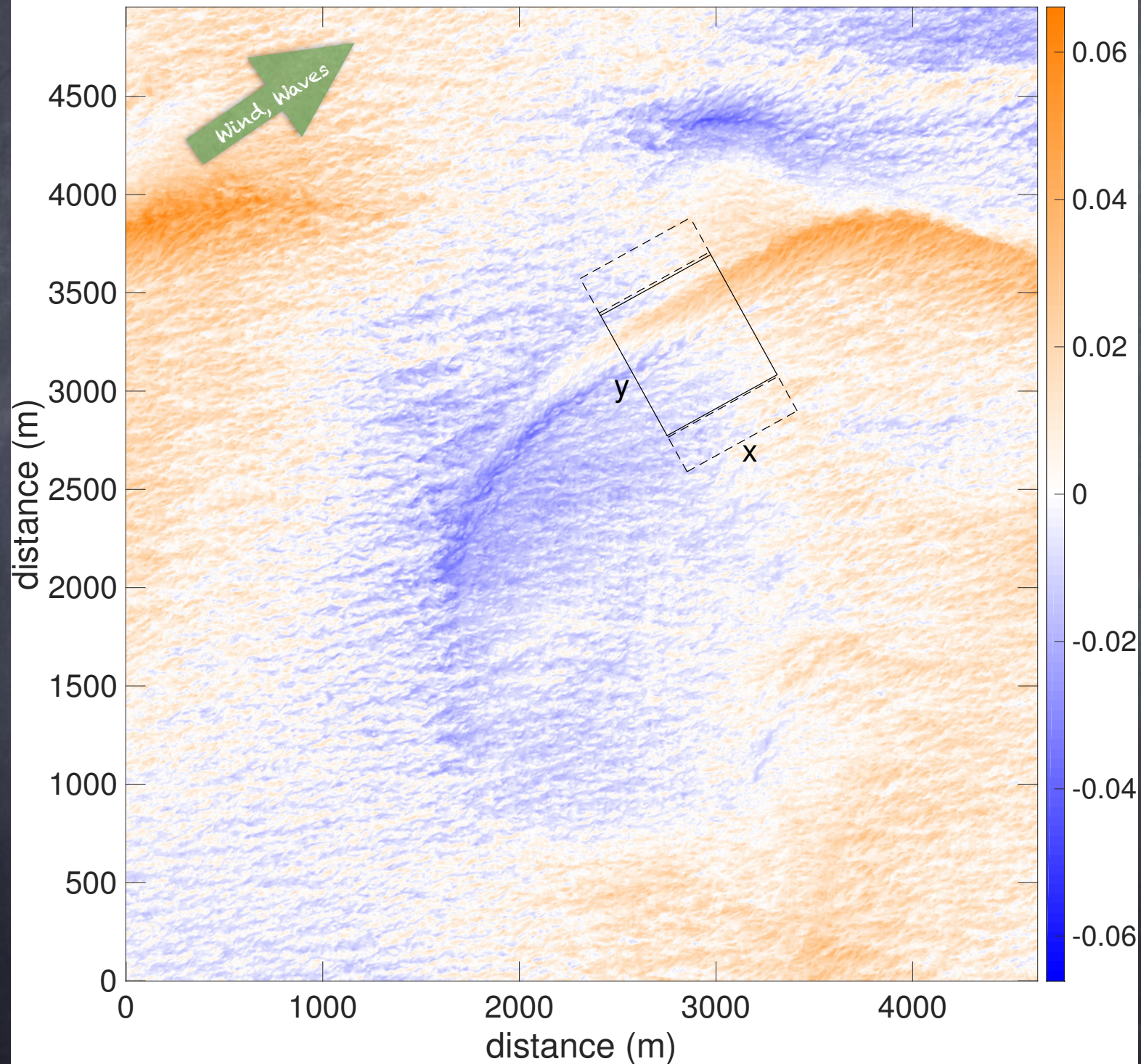


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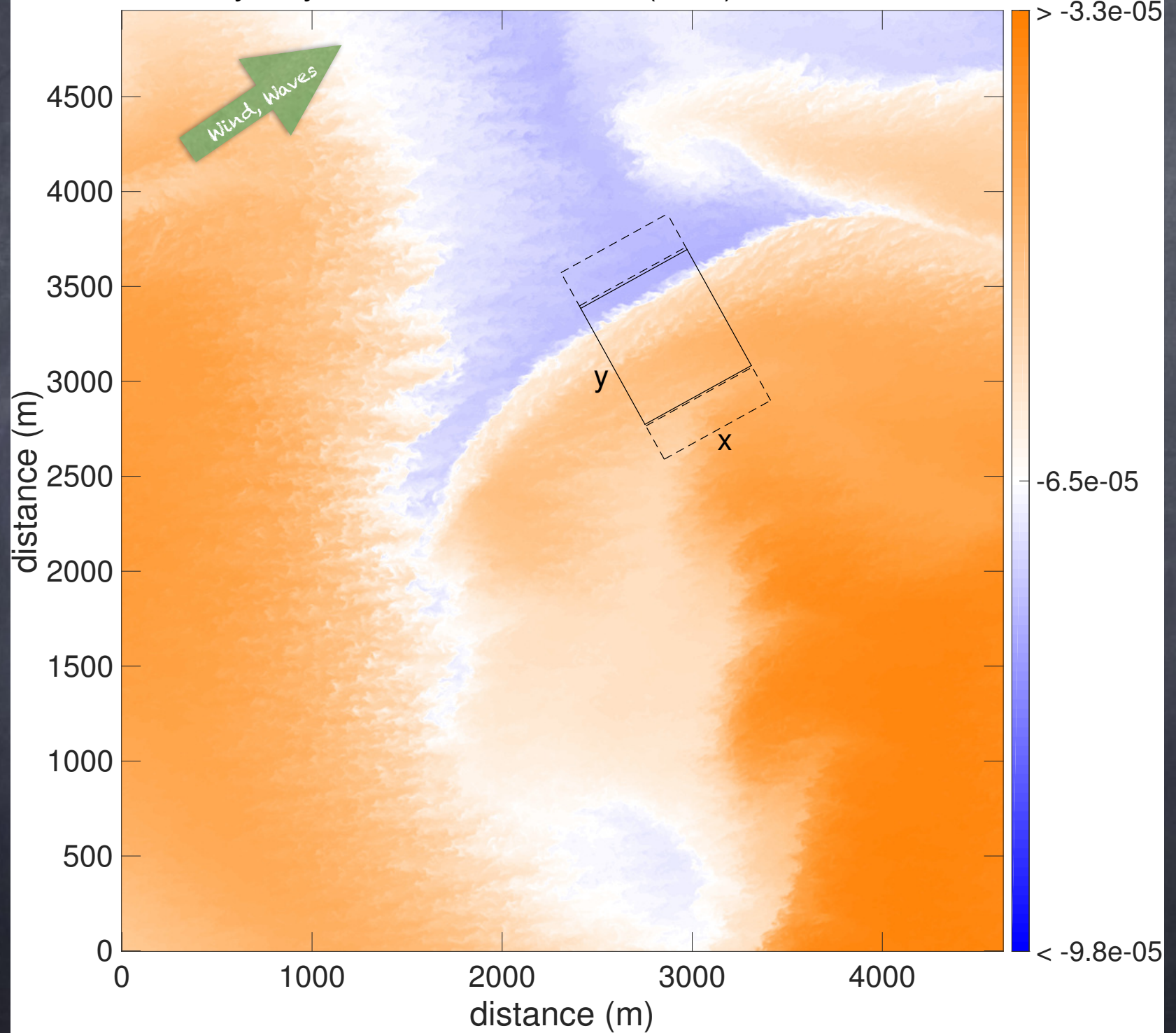
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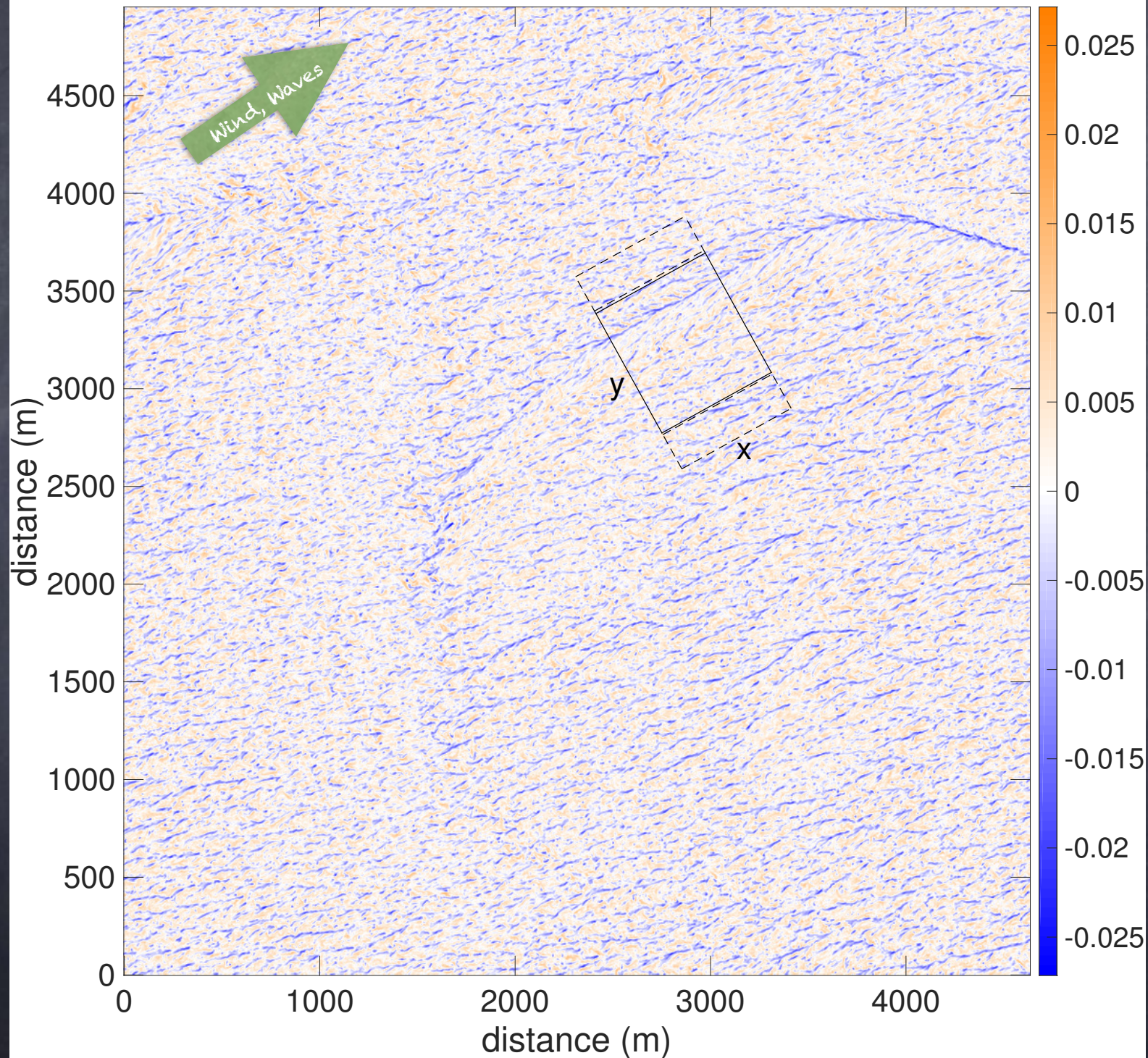
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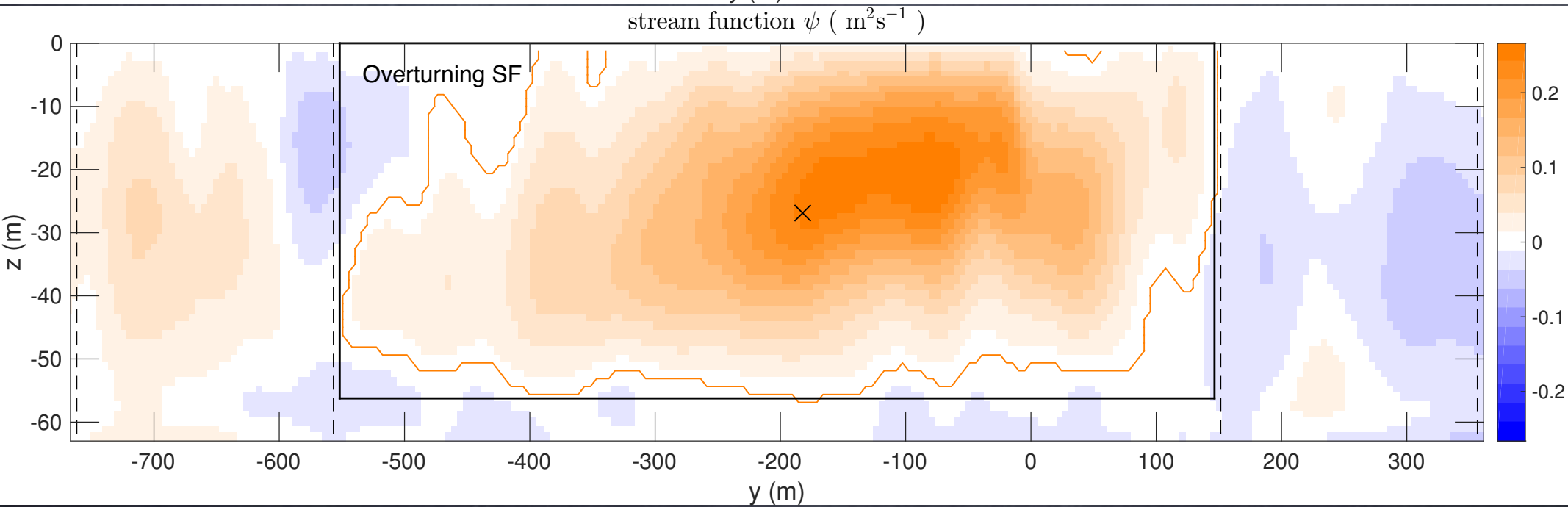
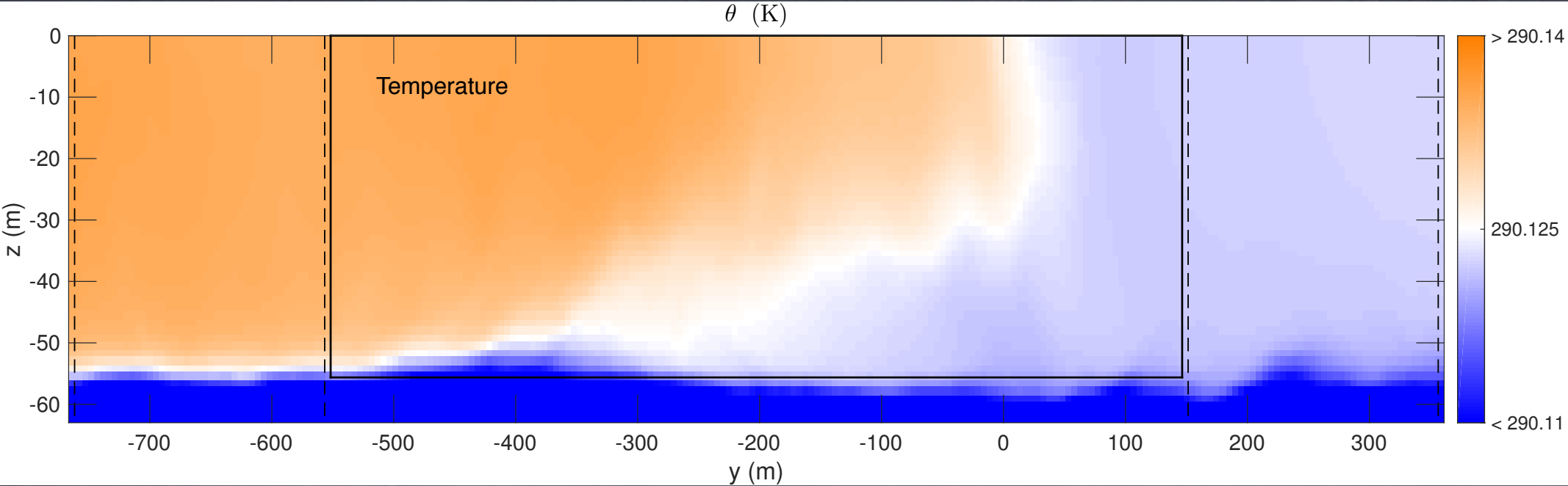


buoyancy - the horizontal mean (ms^{-2}) at $z = -11.25\text{m}$



vertical velocity (ms^{-1}) at $z = -11.25\text{m}$



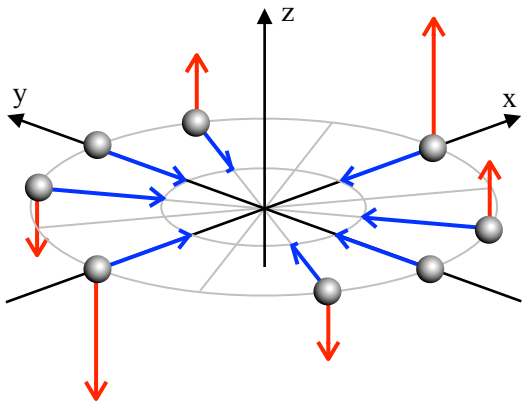


Stokes Shear Force in Budgets for Overturning

- 2nd Largest Source in Ang. Momentum (26% of buoyancy)
- 3rd Largest Source in Overturning KE (24% of buoyancy)
- 2nd Largest Source of Overturning Vorticity (44% of buoyancy)

$$\frac{\alpha^2}{Ri} \left[w_{,t} + v_j^L w_{,j} + \frac{M_{Ro}}{Ro Ri} w w_{,z} \right] = -\pi_{,z} + b - \epsilon v_j^L v_{j,z}^s + \frac{\alpha^2}{Re Ri} w_{,jj}$$

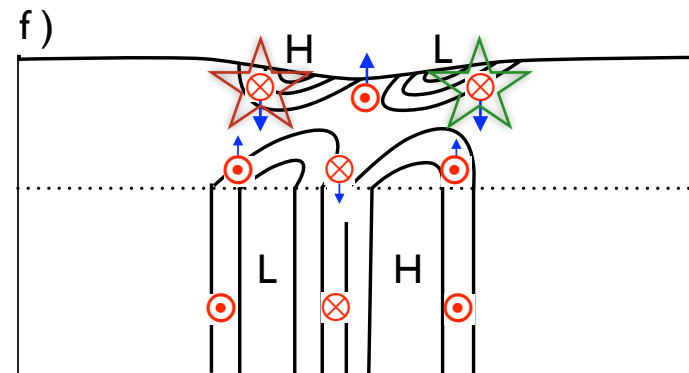
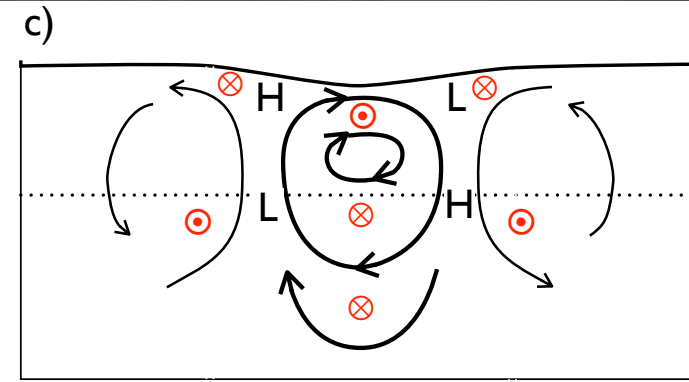
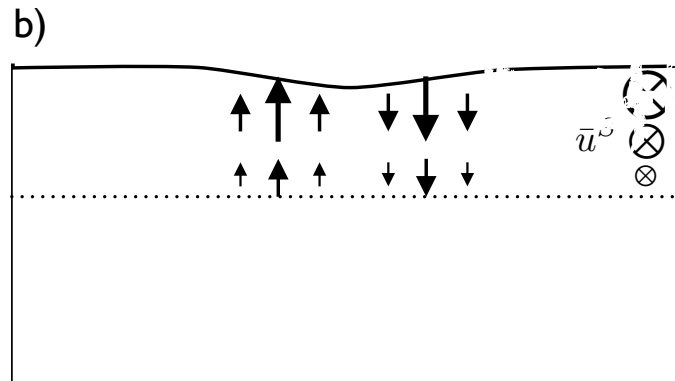
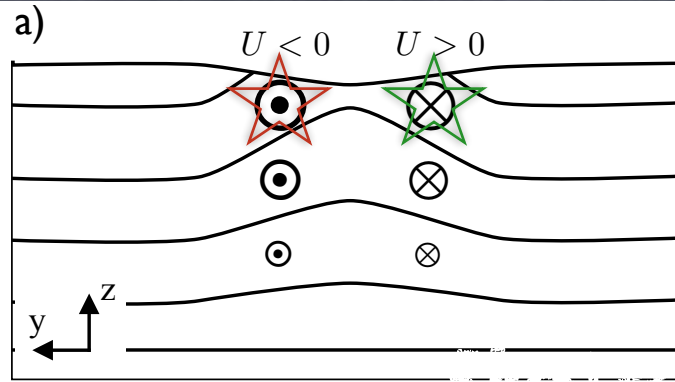
Stokes Shear Force Affects Fronts and Filaments



←: Stokes-shear force ●: water parcel
 ←: turbulent velocity

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Enhances Fronts for Down-Front Stokes

Opposes Fronts for Up-Front Stokes

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Can it be observed? CARTHE LASER (next week)



Aerostat



Can it be observed?



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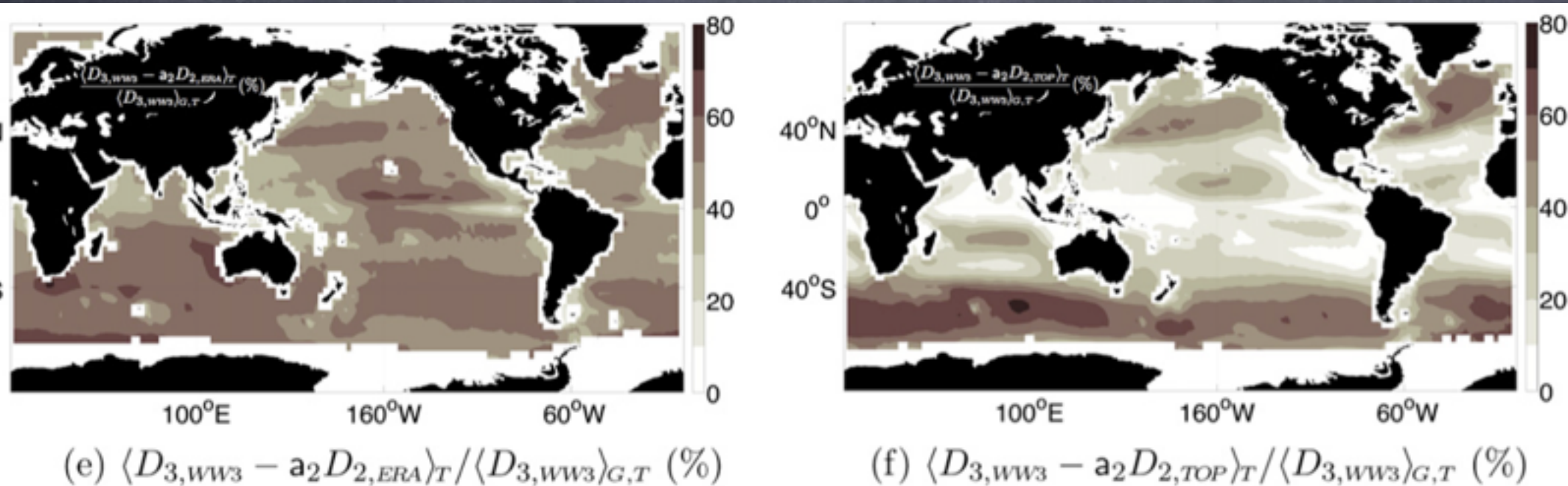


About 45 Min Later.

Conclusions

- In the upper ocean, horizontal scales as big as basins, and as small as meters contribute non-negligibly to the air-sea exchange and climate
- Interesting transition occurs on the Submeso to Langmuir scale boundary, as nonhydro. & ageostrophic effects begin to dominate
- Langmuir mixing scalings consistent with LES & obs., reduce climate model biases in MLD, T, CFCs vs. observations by 5-25%.
- The 25-45% forcing effects of the Stokes Shear force on submesoscale dynamics are under-appreciated.
- All papers at: fox-kemper.com/pubs

How well do we know Stokes Drift? <50% discrepancy



RMS error in measures of surface Stokes drift, 2 wave models (left), model vs. altimeter (right)

Year 2000 data & models

Why? Vortex Tilting Mechanism

In CLB: Tilting occurs in direction of $\mathbf{u}_L = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v}_s$

$$\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial t} + \underbrace{(\mathbf{u}_L \cdot \nabla)}_{AD} \xi = \underbrace{(\boldsymbol{\omega}_a \cdot \nabla)}_{TS} (\mathbf{u}_L \cdot \hat{\mathbf{x}}') + \underbrace{(\nabla b \times \hat{\mathbf{z}})}_{BV} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{x}}' + \text{SGS},$$

Misalignment enhances degree of wave-driven LT

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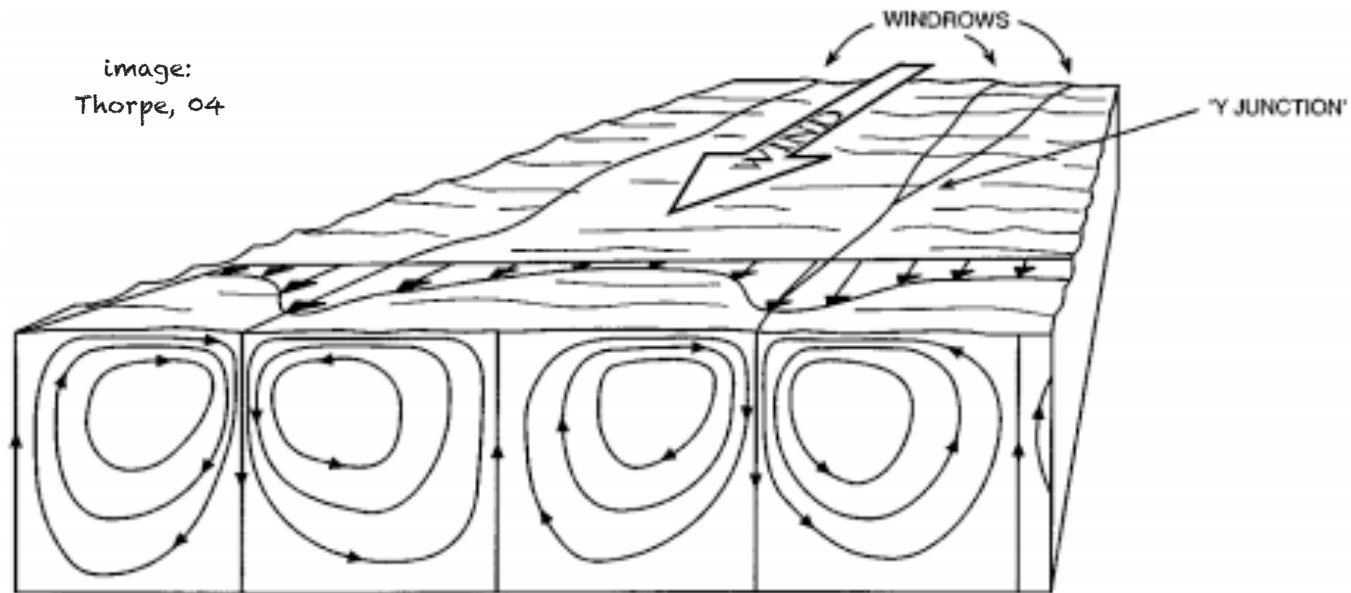


Figure 1 Sketch showing the pattern of mean flow in idealized Langmuir circulation. The windrows may be 2 m to 300 m apart, and the cell form is roughly square (as shown). In practice the flow is turbulent, especially near the water surface, and the windrows (Figure 2) amalgamate and meander in space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

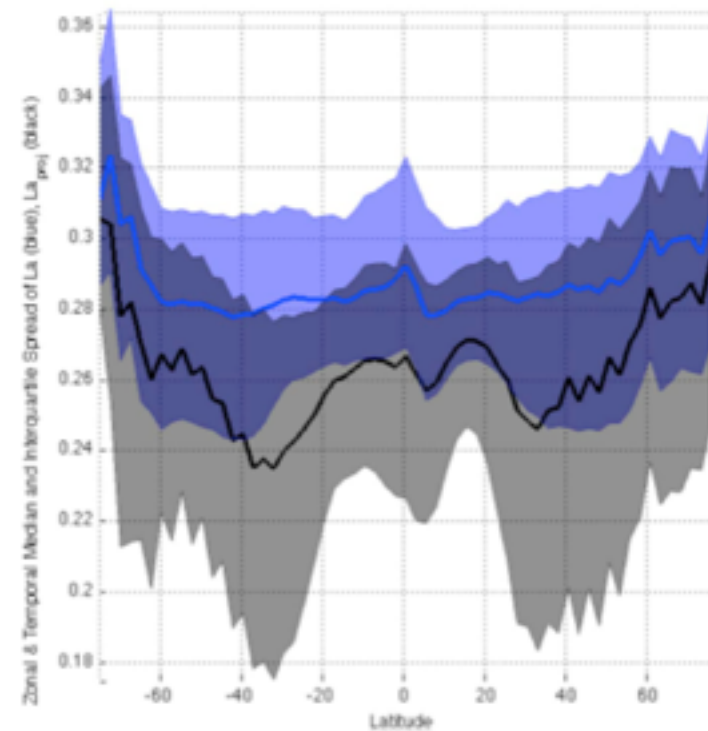
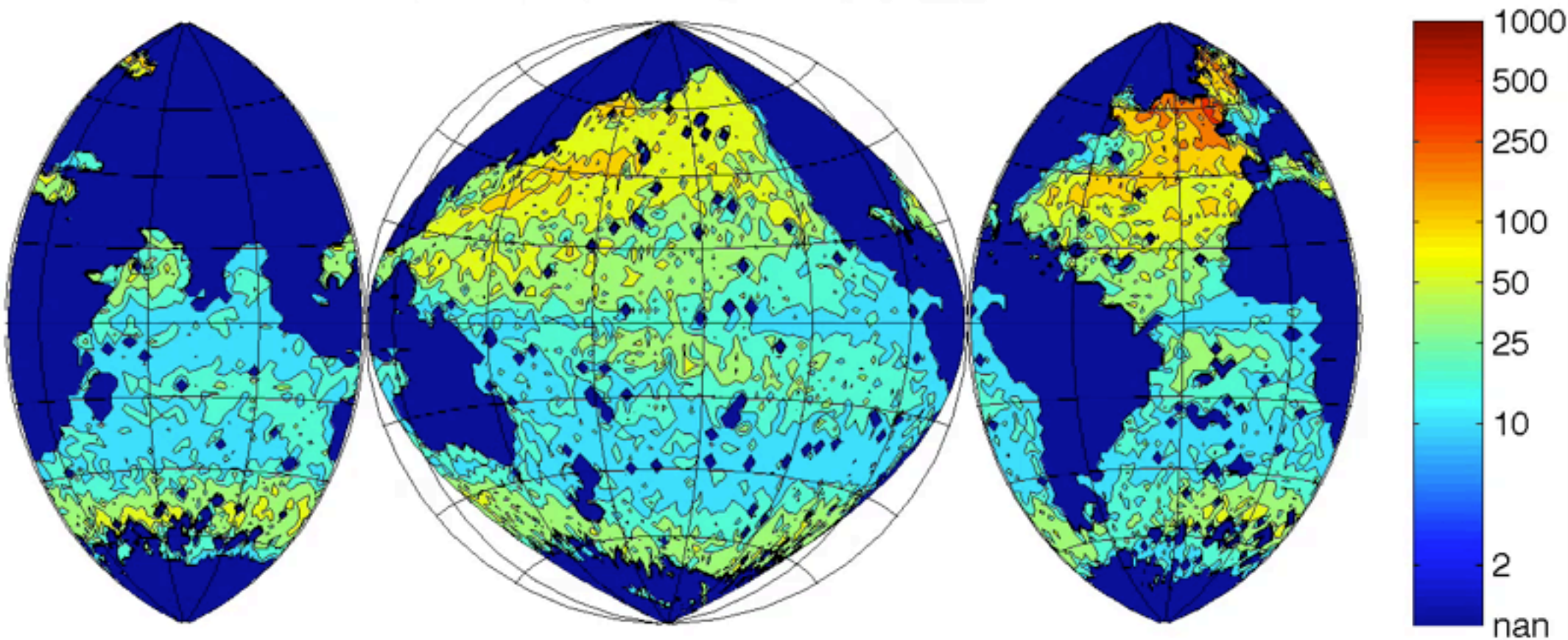


Figure 17. Temporal and zonal median and interquartile range of La_t and La_{proj} for a realistic simulation of 1994–2002 using Wave Watch III.

The Ocean Mixed Layer

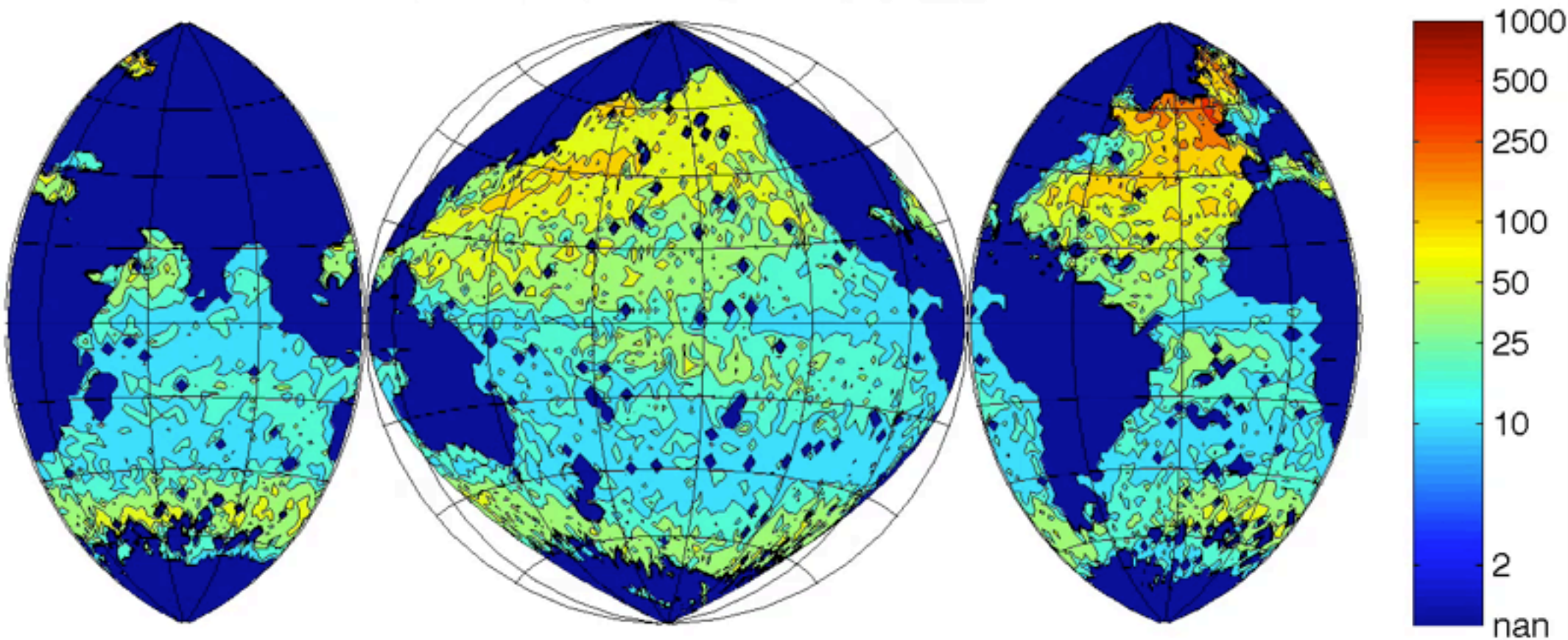
Mixed Layer Depth (Δ density=0.001) in month 1



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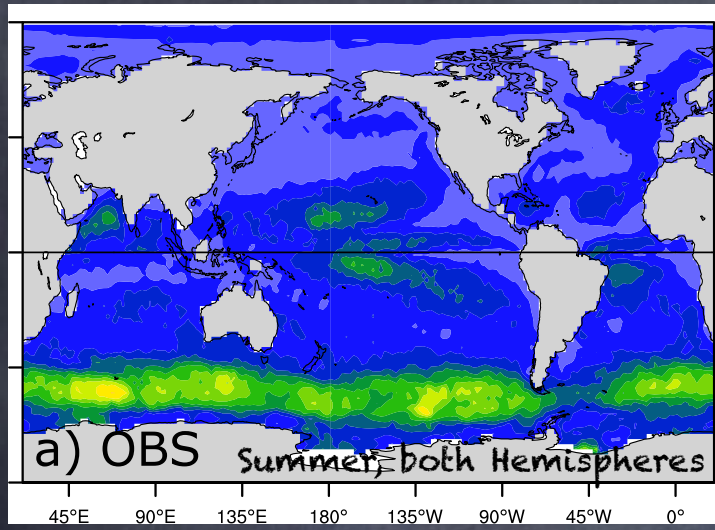
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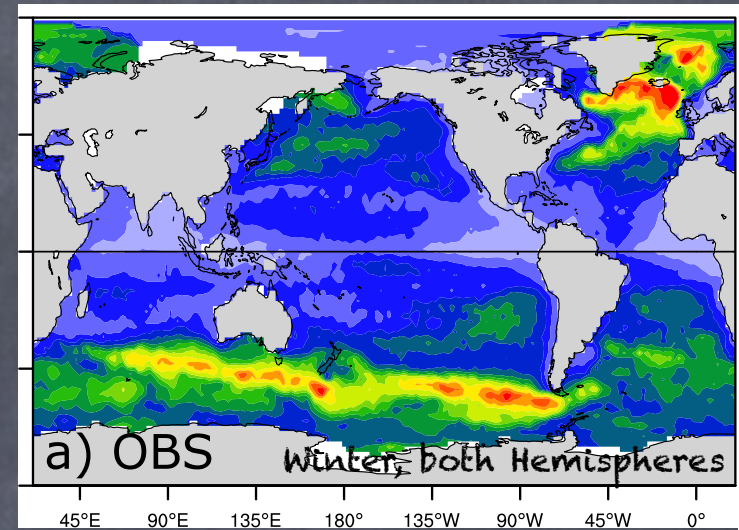
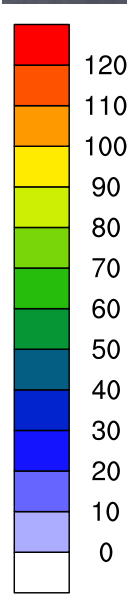


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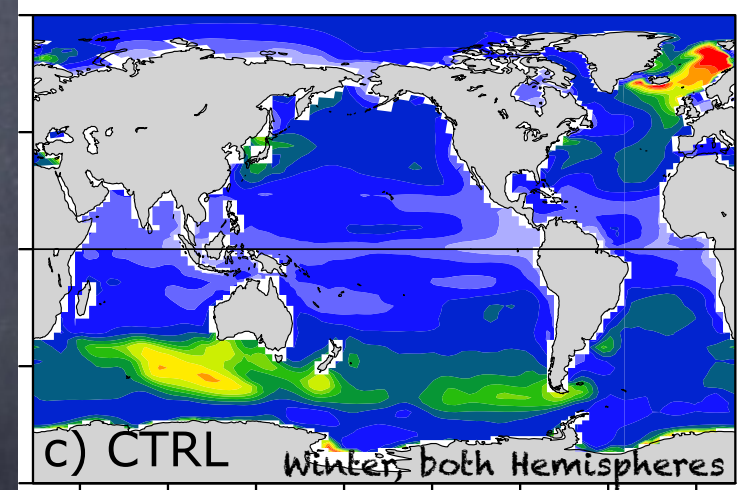
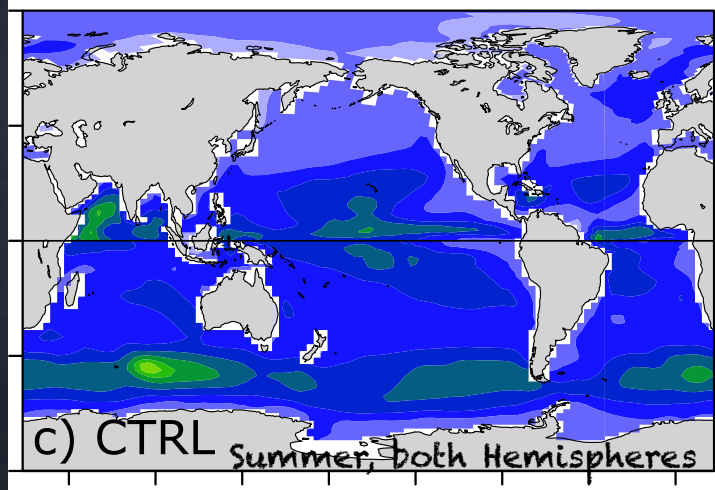
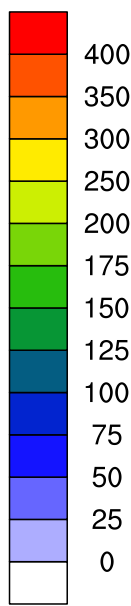
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Climate
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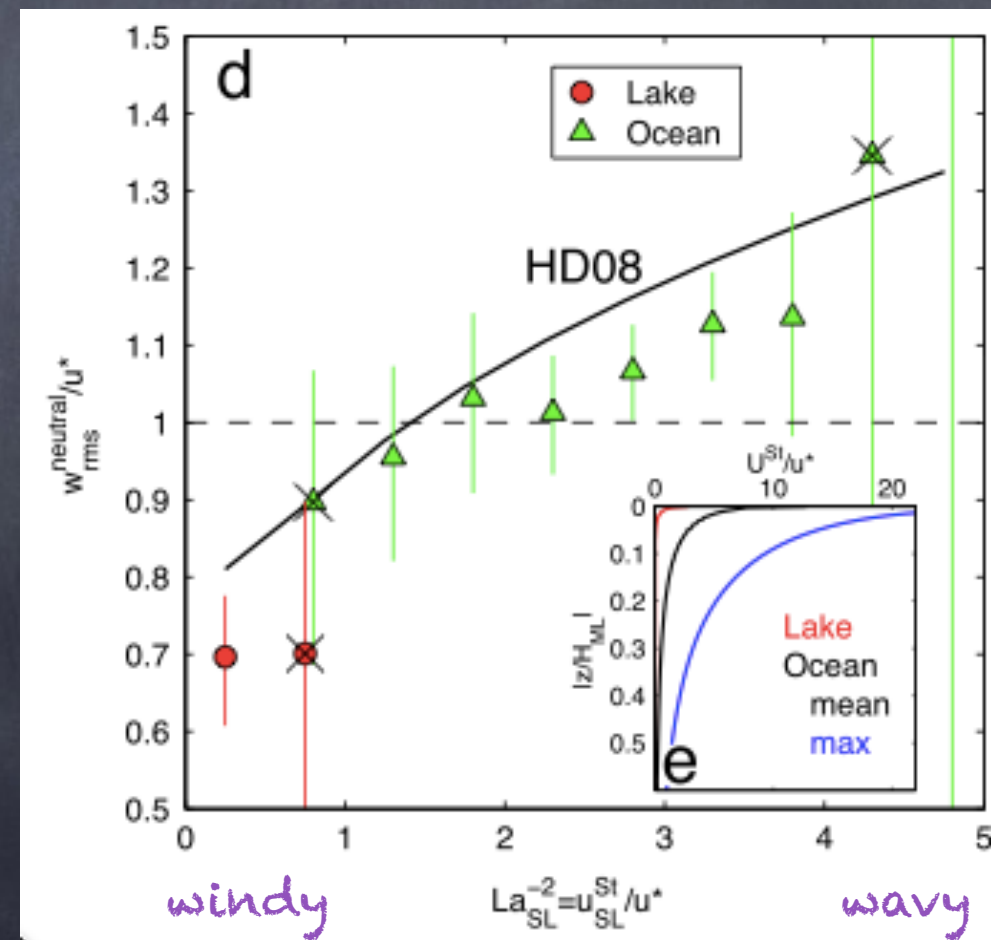
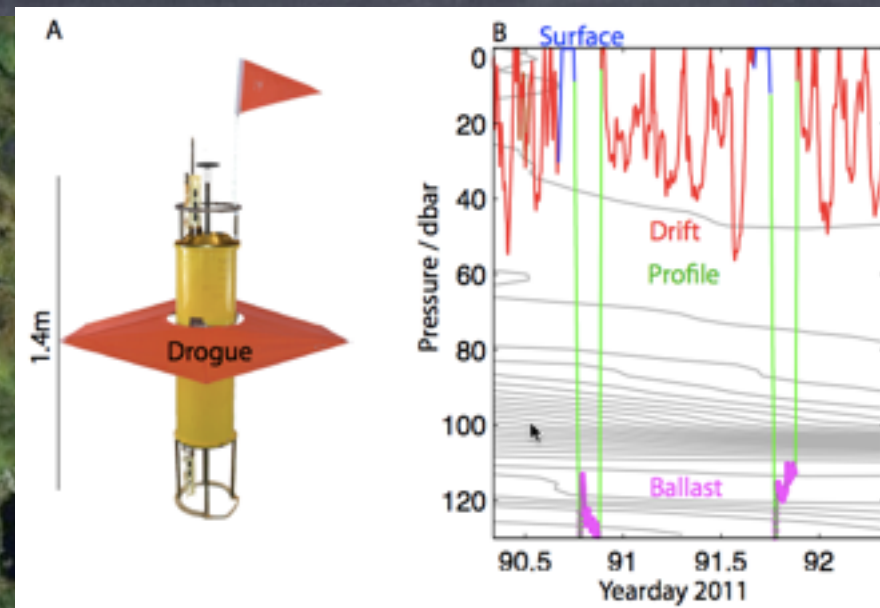
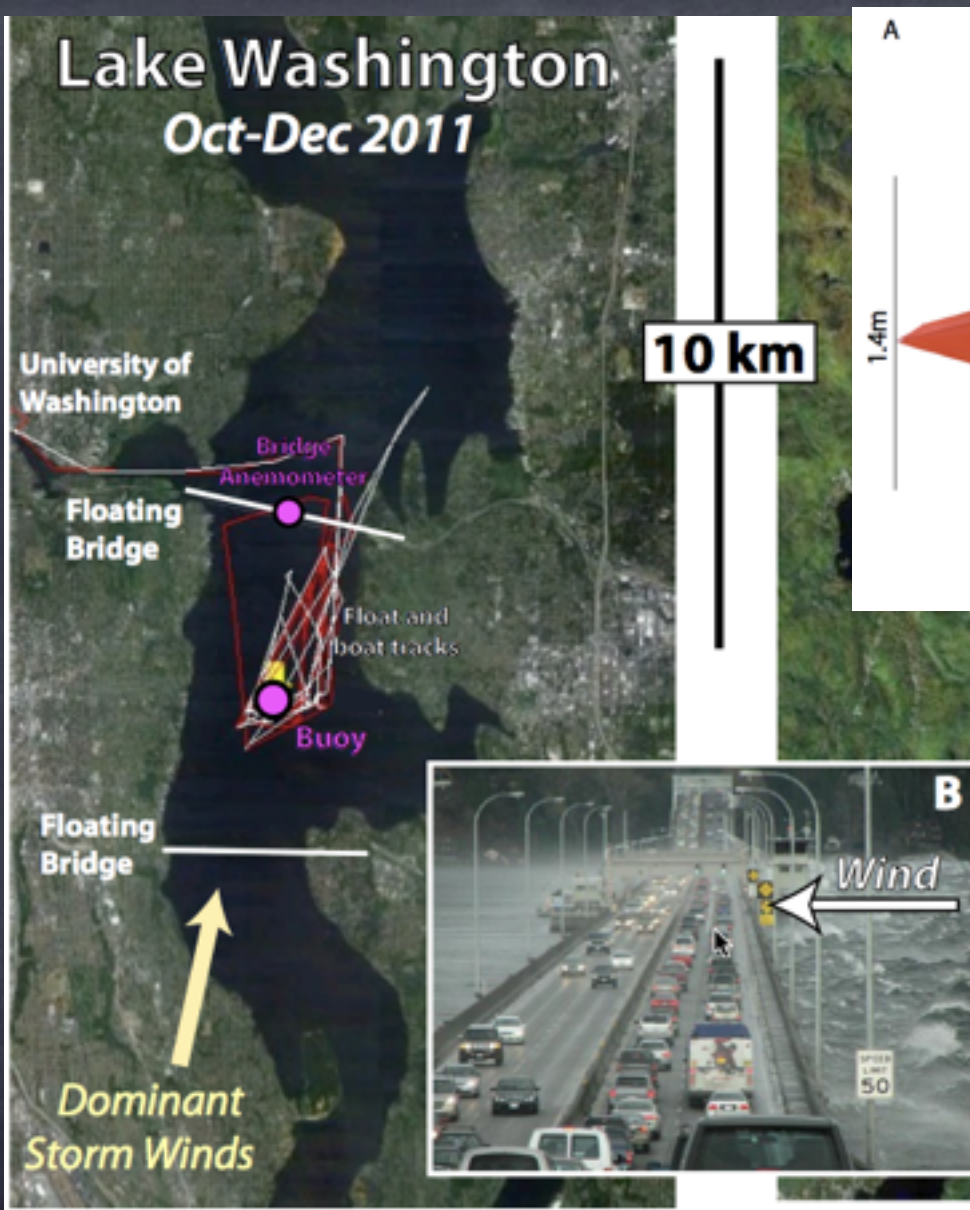
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To quantify Langmuir Turb. effects on climate: 3 WAYS

- 1) From OBSERVATIONS, estimate wave effects on key parameters ($\langle w^2 \rangle$, sources of energy) using scalings from Large Eddy Simulations. MODEL INDEPENDENT
- 2) OFFLINE 1d mixing with waves parameterized, mixing into observed Argo profiles, reanalysis winds, waves, cooling. ROBUST TO MODEL ERRORS
- 3) In a climate model, *add in a wave forecast model as a new component in addition to atmosphere, ocean, ice, etc.*, use this to drive parameterizations of wave mixing in ocean component. FEEDBACKS PRESENT

No Retuning! ALL coefficients from LES

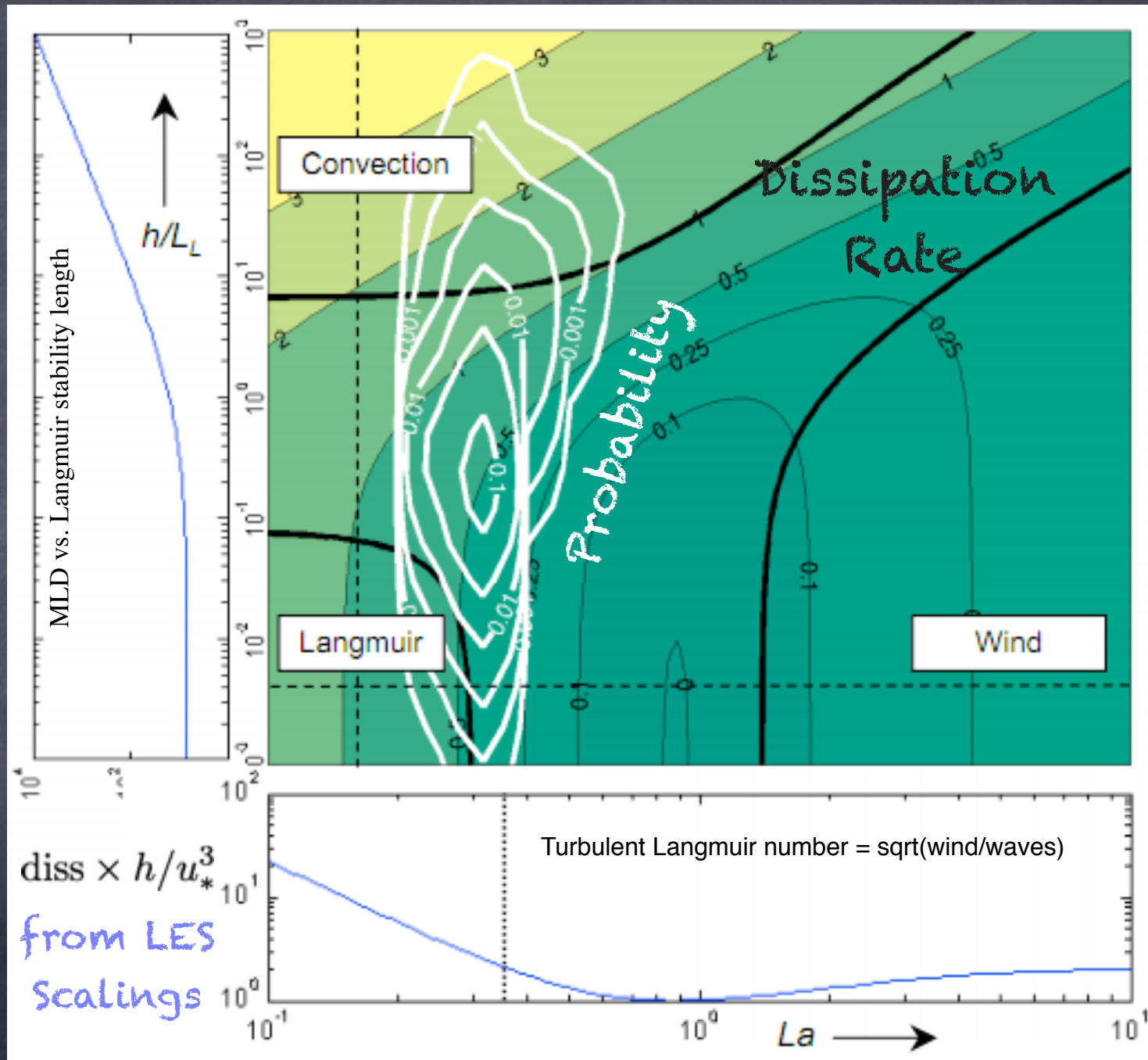


1) Observations obey a particular scaling for $\langle w^2 \rangle$!

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Data + Large Eddy Simulation for scaling laws, Southern Ocean data to determine available mixing energy

So, waves are likely to drive mixing via Stokes drift (combines with cooling & winds)

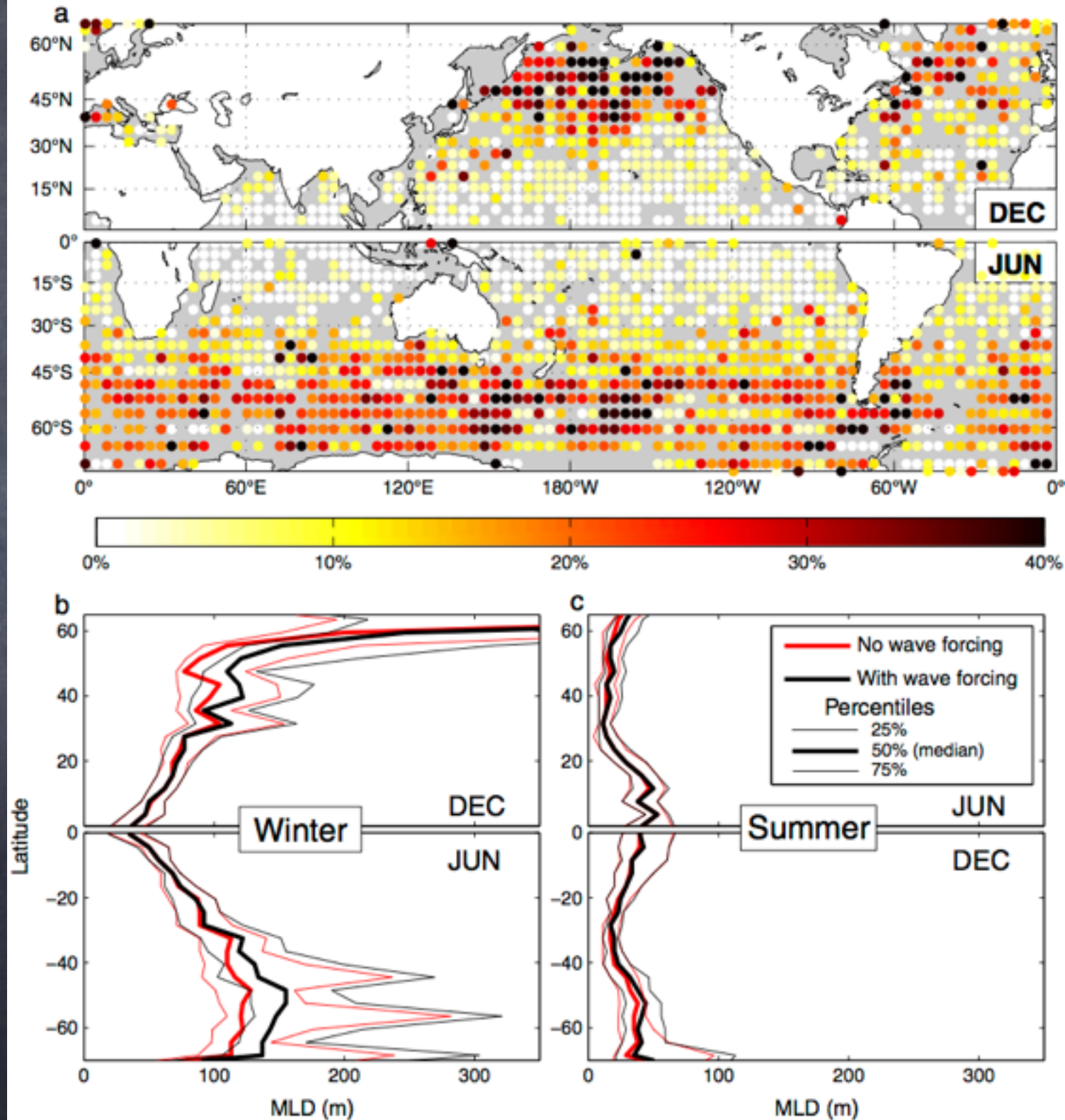


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Including Stokes-driven Mixing should deepen the Mixed Layer!

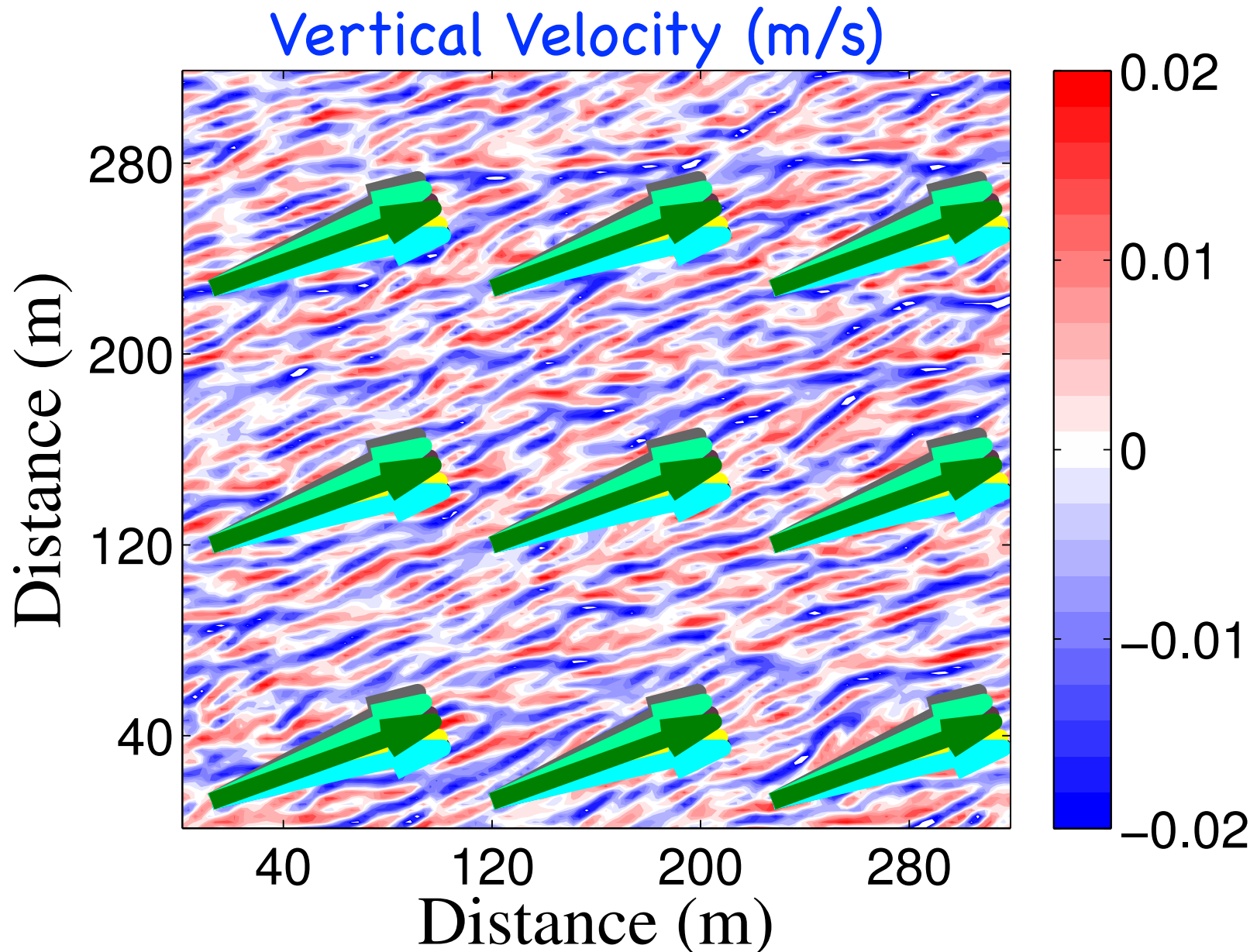
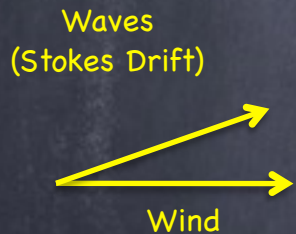
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As estimated with:
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modeled waves,
an LES-validated mixing parameterization,
and observed winds, solar, latent, etc.



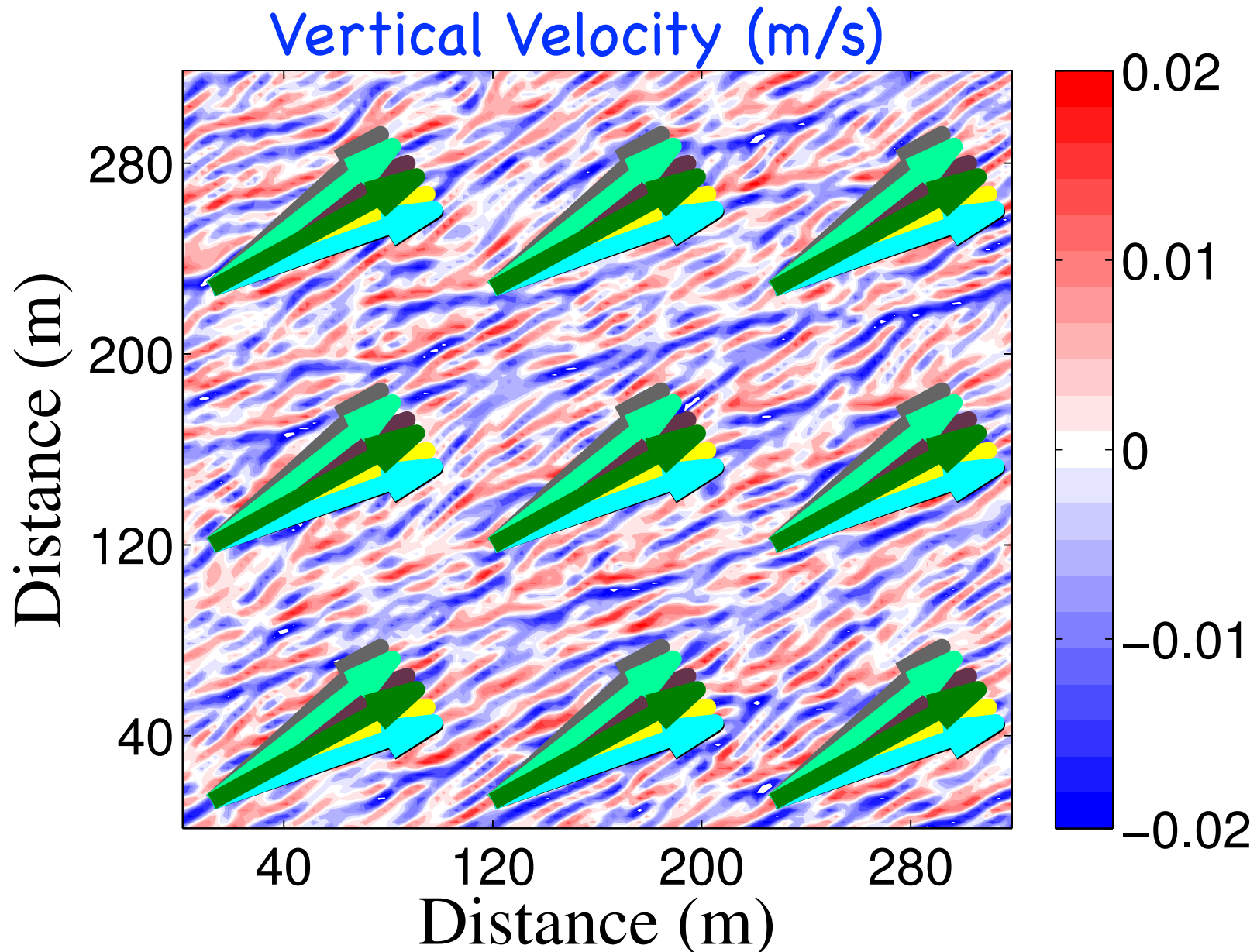
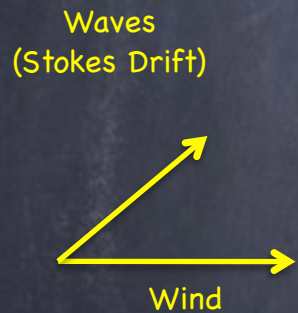
Something that happens often with waves: Tricky: Misaligned Wind & Waves

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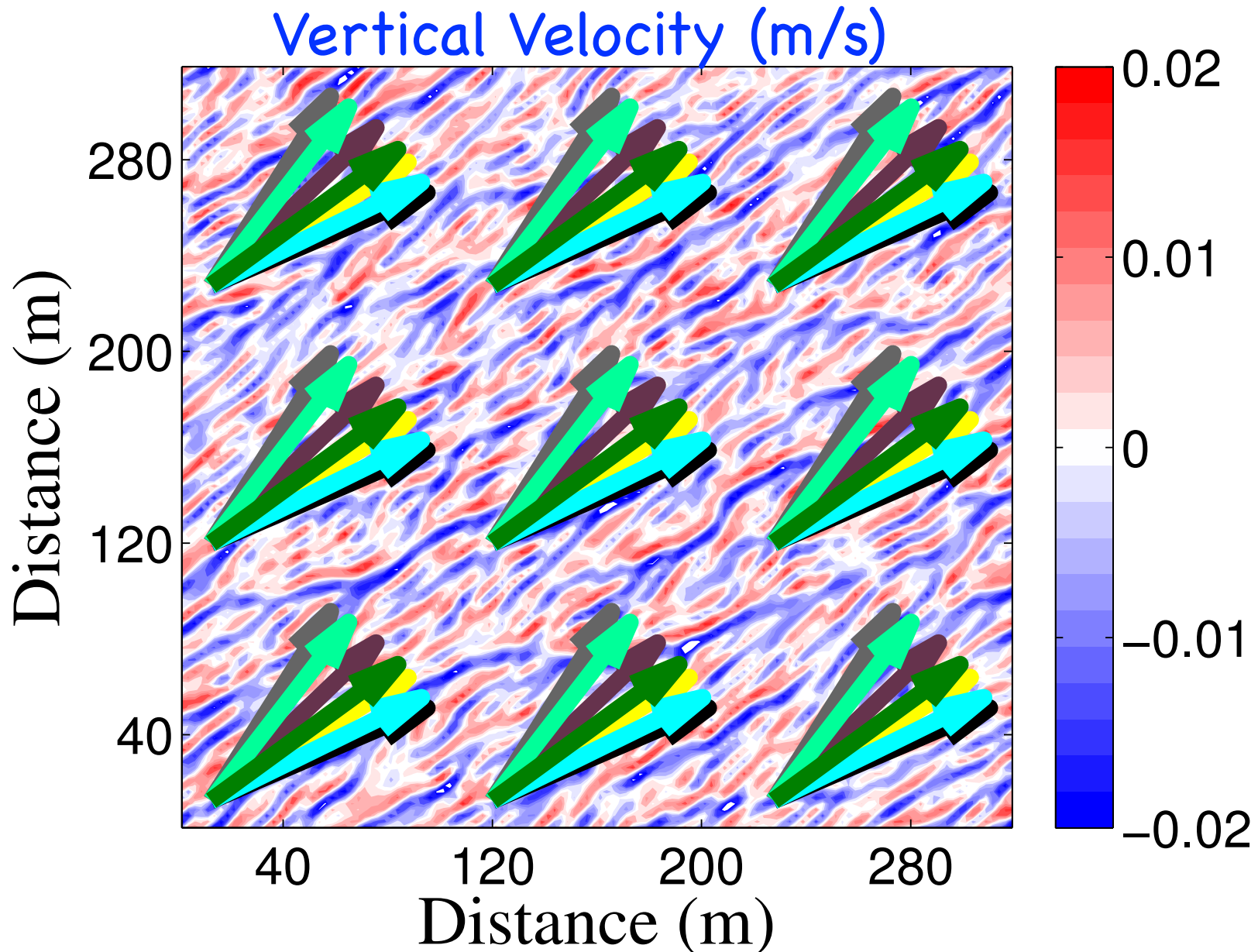
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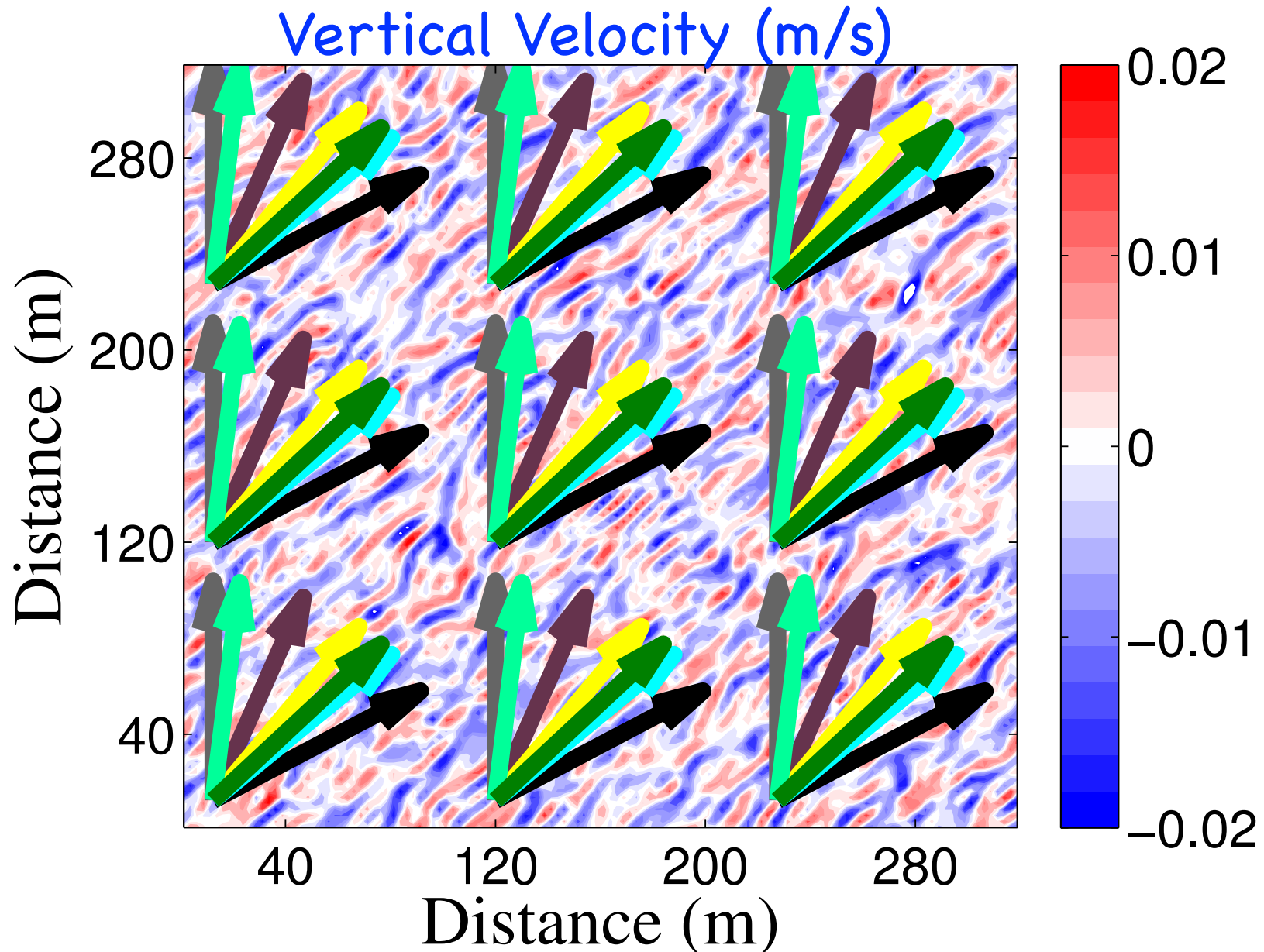
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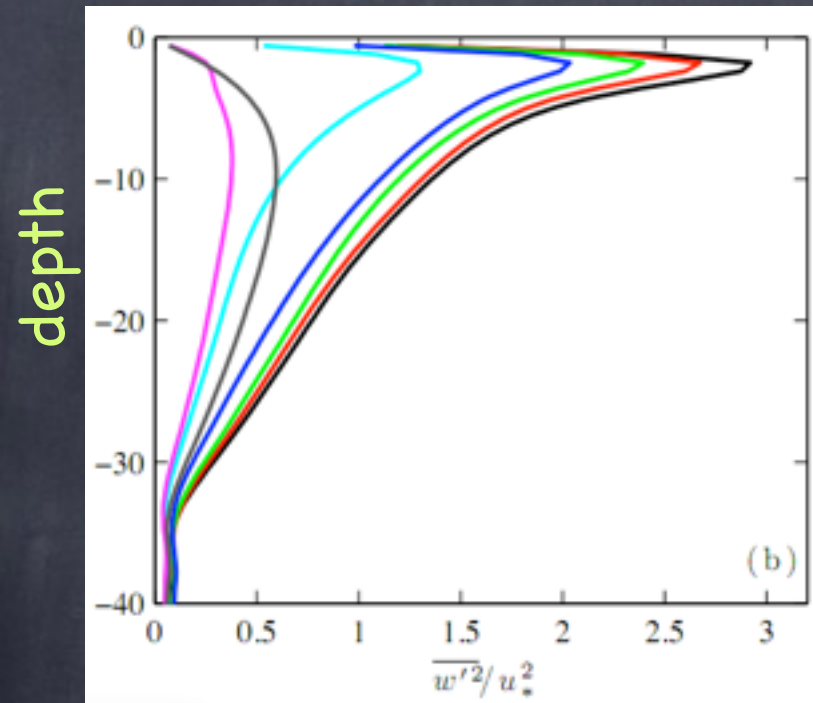
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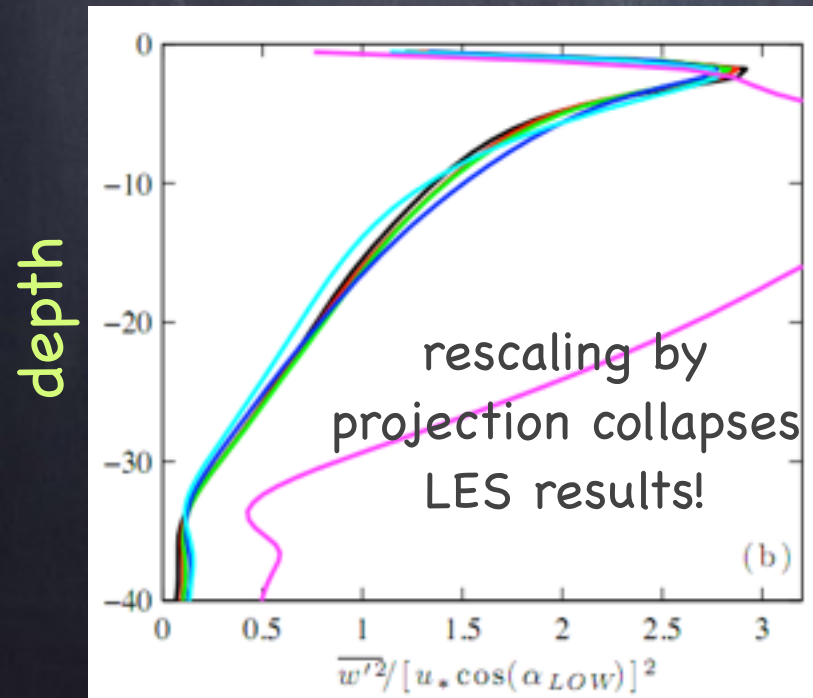


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$\langle w^2 \rangle$



rescaled $\langle w^2 \rangle$



Generalized Turbulent Parameter (Langmuir Number) Projection of u^* , u_s into Langmuir Direction

$$La_{proj}^2 = \frac{|u_*| \cos(\alpha_{LOW})}{|u_s| \cos(\theta_{ww} - \alpha_{LOW})},$$

A scaling for LC strength &
direction!

Enough for climate model application

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