

# TOMÁS L. CHOR

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## EDUCATION

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*Ph.D. Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences*  
University of California, Los Angeles

September 2020

*M.Sc. Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences*  
University of California, Los Angeles

December 2018

*M.Sc. Environmental Engineering*  
Federal University of Paraná, Curitiba

March 2014

*B.Sc. Environmental Engineering*  
Federal University of Paraná, Curitiba

January 2012

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Submesoscale dynamics in the ocean bottom boundary layer**  
*University of Maryland, Dept of Atmospheric and Oceanic Science*

October 2020 — Present

- Numerically investigating the energetics and mixing implications of submesoscale instabilities in the ocean bottom boundary layer.

**Mixing of passive materials in the upper ocean**  
*UCLA, Dept of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences*

September 2016 — September 2020

- Numerically investigated vertical mixing and horizontal transport of passive scalars in ocean surface boundary layers. Focus was given to wave effects, and new frameworks to model these conditions in global models were developed.

**Turbulent fluxes in the Amazon forest**  
*Federal University of Paraná, Dept of Environmental Engineering*

August 2015 — August 2016

- Worked with data from the Amazonian Tall Tower Observatory (ATTO) project to better understand how the dense canopy impacts turbulent fluxes in parts of the Amazon forest.

**Mathematical methods for modeling groundwater flows**  
*Federal University of Paraná, Dept of Environmental Engineering*

March 2012 — March 2014

- Developed novel solutions to a well-known equation that models groundwater flow (Boussinesq equation). These new solutions can be used as analytical models for water in porous aquifers.

**Turbulent fluxes over grasslands and lakes**  
*Federal University of Paraná, Dept of Environmental Engineering*

December 2010 — April 2014

- Performed meteorological and micrometeorological field measurements as well as data processing with the main goal of better understanding the nature of turbulent fluxes over some grassland and lake locations in Brazil.

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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### Jacob A. Bjerknes memorial award

December 2020

- Awarded by UCLA's department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences for contributions in advancing the understanding and modeling of scalar transport in the oceanic surface boundary layer

### Richard P. Turco exceptional research award

November 2019

- Awarded by UCLA's department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences for exceptional improvement in the understanding of tracer transport

### National Institute for Amazonian Research grant

August 2015 — August 2016

- Awarded jointly with the Max Planck Institute for Chemistry to work on the Amazonian Tall Tower Observatory project

### Odelar Leite Linhares award

October 2014

- Awarded by the Brazilian Society for Applied and Computational Mathematics for best Masters thesis in Applied mathematics in Brazil.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### In preparation

- [1] **Tomas Chor**, James C. McWilliams, and Marcelo Chamecki. "Dust-devil-like vortices in convective surface oceanic boundary layers". In: *In preparation* (2021).

### Journal publications

- [1] **Tomas Chor**, Jacob O. Wenegrat, and John Taylor. "Insights into the mixing efficiency of submesoscale Centrifugal-Symmetric instabilities". In: *Journal of Physical Oceanography* (2022). DOI: 10.1175/JPO-D-21-0259.1.
- [2] **Tomas Chor**, James C. McWilliams, and Marcelo Chamecki. "Modifications to the K-Profile parameterization with nondiffusive fluxes for Langmuir turbulence". In: *Journal of Physical Oceanography* (2021). DOI: 10.1175/JPO-D-20-0250.1.
- [3] **Tomas Chor**, James C. McWilliams, and Marcelo Chamecki. "Diffusive–Nondiffusive Flux Decompositions in Atmospheric Boundary Layers". In: *Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences* 77.10 (2020), pp. 3479–3494. ISSN: 0022-4928. DOI: 10.1175/JAS-D-20-0093.1.
- [4] Marcelo Chamecki, **Tomas Chor**, Di Yang, and Charles Meneveau. "Material transport in the ocean mixed layer: recent developments enabled by large eddy simulations". In: *Reviews of Geophysics* (2019). DOI: 10.1029/2019RG000655.
- [5] **Chor, Tomas**, Ailín Ruiz de Zárate, and Nelson L. Dias. "A generalized series solution for the Boussinesq equation with constant boundary conditions". In: *Water Resources Research* 55.4 (2019), pp. 3567–3575. DOI: 10.1029/2018WR024154.
- [6] Cléo Quaresma Dias-Júnior, ..., **Tomas Chor**, and Antonio Manzi. "Is There a Classical Inertial Sublayer Over the Amazon Forest?" In: *Geophysical Research Letters* 46.10 (2019), pp. 5614–5622. DOI: 10.1029/2019GL083237.

- [7] **Chor, Tomas**, Di Yang, Charles Meneveau, and Marcelo Chamecki. “A Turbulence Velocity Scale for Predicting the Fate of Buoyant Materials in the Oceanic Mixed Layer”. In: *Geophysical Research Letters* 45.21 (2018), pp. 11, 817–11, 826. DOI: 10.1029/2018GL080296.
- [8] **Chor, Tomás**, Di Yang, Charles Meneveau, and Marcelo Chamecki. “Preferential concentration of noninertial buoyant particles in the ocean mixed layer under free convection”. In: *Phys. Rev. Fluids* 3 (2018), p. 064501. DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevFluids.3.064501.
- [9] **Tomás L. Chor**, Nelson L. Dias, Alessandro Araújo, and ... “Flux-variance and flux-gradient relationships in the roughness sublayer over the Amazon forest”. In: *Agricultural and Forest Meteorology* 239 (2017), pp. 213–222. ISSN: 0168-1923. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.agrformet.2017.03.009>.
- [10] Einara Zahn, **Tomas L. Chor**, and N. L. Dias. “A Simple Methodology for Quality Control of Micrometeorological Datasets”. In: *American Journal of Environmental Engineering* 6.4A (2016), pp. 135–142. DOI: 10.5923/s.ajee.201601.20.
- [11] **Chor, Tomas L.** and N. L. Dias. “Technical Note: A simple generalization of the Brutsaert and Nieber analysis”. In: *Hydrology and Earth System Sciences* 19.6 (2015), pp. 2755–2761. DOI: 10.5194/hess-19-2755-2015.
- [12] Nelson L. Dias, **Chor, Tomás L.**, and Ailín Ruiz de Zárate. “A semianalytical solution for the Boussinesq equation with nonhomogeneous constant boundary conditions”. In: *Water Resources Research* 50.8 (2014), pp. 6549–6556. ISSN: 1944-7973. DOI: 10.1002/2014WR015437.
- [13] **Chor, Tomas**, N. L. Dias, and Ailín Ruiz de Zárate. “An exact series and improved numerical and approximate solutions for the Boussinesq equation”. In: *Water Resources Research* 49.11 (2013), pp. 7380–7387. DOI: 10.1002/wrcr.20543.
- [14] B. L. Crivellaro, N. L. Dias, and **Chor, Tomas**. “Spectral Effects on Scalar Correlations and Fluxes”. In: *American Journal of Environmental Engineering* 3.1 (2013), pp. 13–17. DOI: 10.5923/j.ajee.20130301.03.

## Book chapters

- [1] N. L. Dias, Cynara Cunha, Dornelles Vissotto Junior, Maurício F Gobbi, Fernando A S Armani, Lucas E B Hoeltgebaum, **Tomás L Chor**, and Bianca L Crivellaro. *BALCAR project: Greenhouse gas emissions from hydroelectric dam reservoirs (in Portuguese)*. Chapter 5: Modelling. CEPEL, 2014.

## SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING

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**The Burgers Program’s Research School on Fluid Dynamics**  
*University of Maryland*

June 2018

- Attended talks and workshops on several aspects of turbulence.

**The San Diego Supercomputing Center Summer Institute**  
*University of California, San Diego*

August 2019

- Attended Workshops on how to apply high-performance computing in scientific research.

## SELECTED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATIONS

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## Invited talks

- [1] T. Chor. “Insights into the mixing of centrifugal-symmetric instabilities”. In: *Gordon Research Conference on Ocean Mixing 2022*. (Invited speaker). 2022.
- [2] T. Chor. “Nondiffusive turbulent mixing in surface oceanic boundary layers”. In: *University of Cambridge, Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics*. (Invited speaker). 2021.
- [3] T. Chor. “Modifications to the K-Profile parameterization with nondiffusive fluxes for wave effects”. In: *University of Maryland, Oceans Lunch Seminar*. (Invited speaker). 2020.
- [4] T. Chor. “New analytic solutions to the nonlinear Boussinesq equation for underground water”. In: *CNMAC – National Conference on Applied and Computational Mathematics*. (Invited speaker). 2014.

## Recent conference participations

- [1] **T Chor** and Gregory L. Wagner. “Theory, software, and best practices for large eddy simulations of small-scale ocean turbulence”. In: *American Geophysical Union’s Ocean Sciences Meeting*. Tutorial. 2022.
- [2] **T Chor**, Jacob Wenegrat, and John Taylor. “Insights into the mixing efficiency of centrifugal-symmetric instabilities in the ocean”. In: *American Geophysical Union’s Ocean Sciences Meeting*. Talk. 2022.
- [3] **T Chor** and Jacob Wenegrat. “Insights into the mixing efficiency of centrifugal-symmetric instabilities in the ocean”. In: *2021 Research Symposium on Environmental and Applied Fluid Dynamics*. Talk. 2021.
- [4] **T Chor**, J C McWilliams, and M Chamecki. “Revisiting Eddy-diffusivity models in atmospheric boundary layers”. In: *72nd Annual Meeting of the APS Division of Fluid Dynamics*. Talk. 2019.
- [5] **Chor, T**, J C McWilliams, and M Chamecki. “Dust-devil-like vortices in the oceanic mixed layer”. In: *22nd Conference on Atmospheric and Oceanic Fluid Dynamics*. Poster. 2019.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Teaching assistant

Winter 2018, Fall 2018 and Winter 2020

*UCLA, Dept of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences*

- Course: “Introduction to the Atmospheric Environment”, Undergraduate level
- Helped prepare and led discussion sessions for up to 90 students of diverse background. Also helped prepare course structure, exams and lab activities, as well as graded homeworks and exams.

### Special reader

Fall 2019

*UCLA, Dept of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences*

- Course: “Introduction to Atmospheric and Oceanic Fluid”, Graduate level
- Graded homeworks and papers that cover a range of topics in dynamics and thermodynamics of the atmosphere and ocean.

## OTHER RELEVANT SKILLS

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Software developer

- Creator and developer of Pymicra, the Python tool for Micrometeorological Analyses, among other Python and Julia packages.
- Contributor to several open-source community packages (most notably Oceananigans)

### **Languages**

- Portuguese as native language
- Fluent English and Spanish
- Basic French

### **Programming languages**

- Python, Julia, Fortran, Bash

## **RELEVANT OUTREACH AND MENTORSHIP**

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### **Research advisor**

Fall 2021

*University of Maryland*

- Advising an undergraduate student on a project that aims to characterize mixing at the ocean bottom by analyzing Radon 222 and potential density profiles.

### **Author of TED-Ed video on Turbulence**

April 2019

- Conceived and wrote script for TED-Ed video with the goal of popularizing the topic of Turbulence. It has over a million views on YouTube alone.

### **Research mentor**

Fall 2018

*UCLA*

- Mentored an undergraduate student on a small project collecting high-frequency atmospheric data at the top of a building.

### **Volunteer in the Exploring Your Universe (EYU) event**

April 2018

*UCLA*

- Performed experiments and interacted with attendees of EYU, which is a large outreach event focusing on popularizing science to children.

### **Student Recruitment Chair**

Fall 2017 to Fall 2018

*XEP, UCLA*

- Organized recruitment efforts and events for incoming graduate students.

## **RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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### **Climatempo**

June 2014 — July 2015

*Researcher*

*São Paulo, Brazil*

- Ran pollution dispersion models and forecasted wind power supply for the wind energy industry