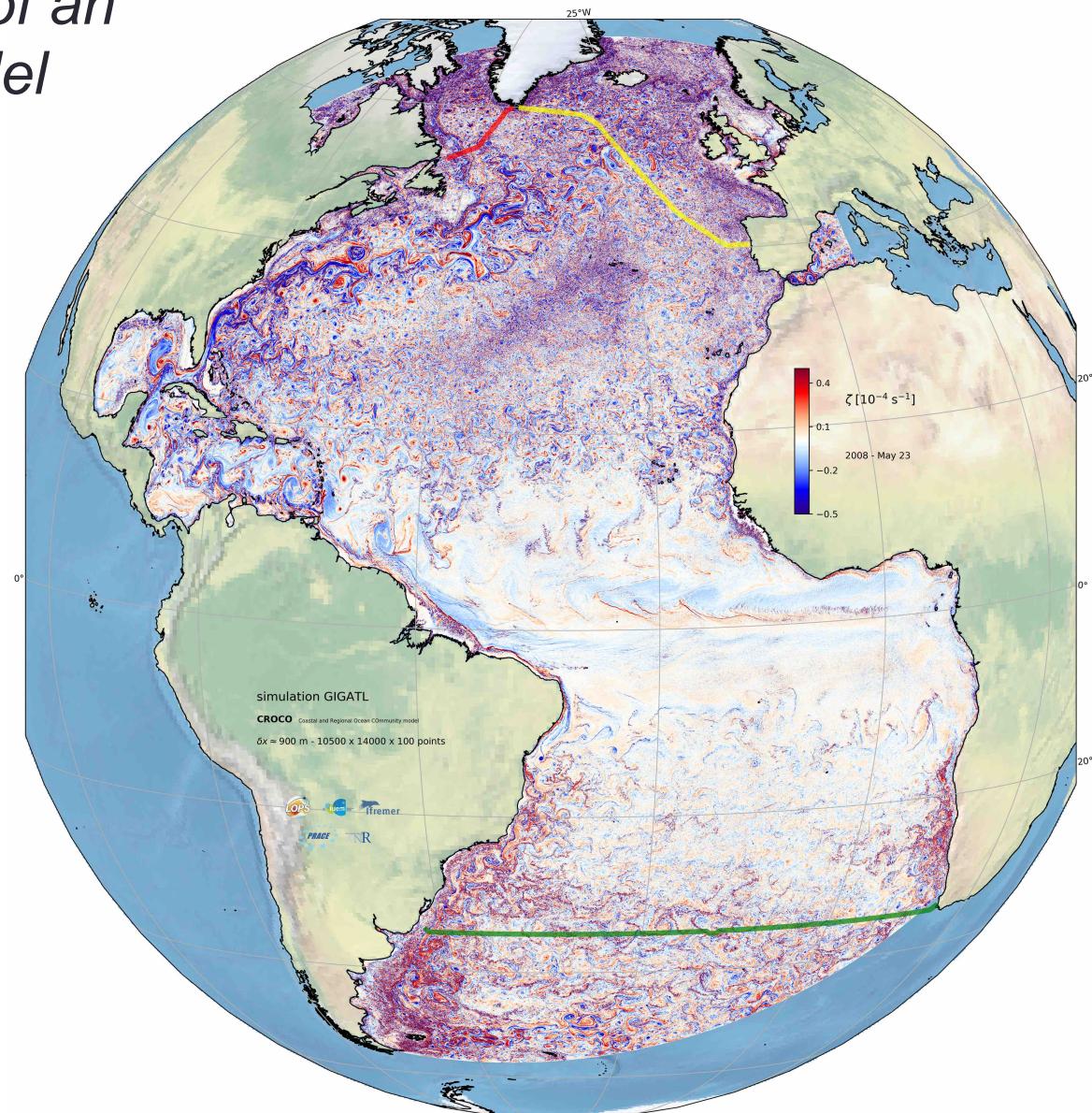


# Numerical Modelling

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*the anatomy of an  
ocean model*



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Presentations and material  
will be available at :

**jgula.fr/ModNum/**

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## #2 Subgrid-scale parameterization

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# Incompressible Navier-Stokes Equations:

- Dissipation of energy/momentum in the NS equations:

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Non-linear  
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Viscosity

- Importance of NL terms and viscosity = Reynolds Number

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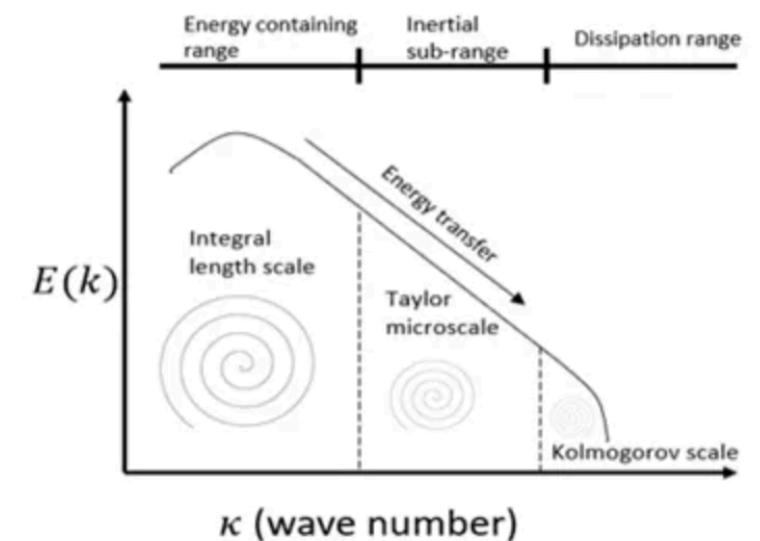
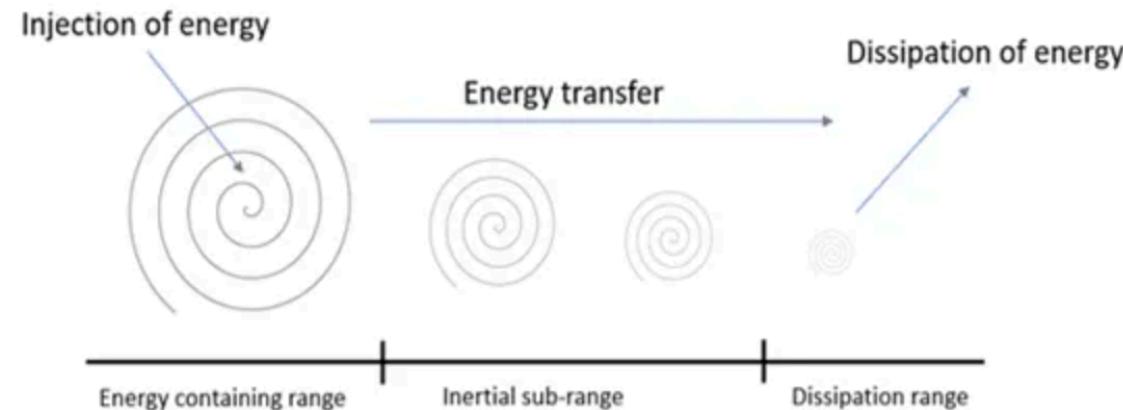
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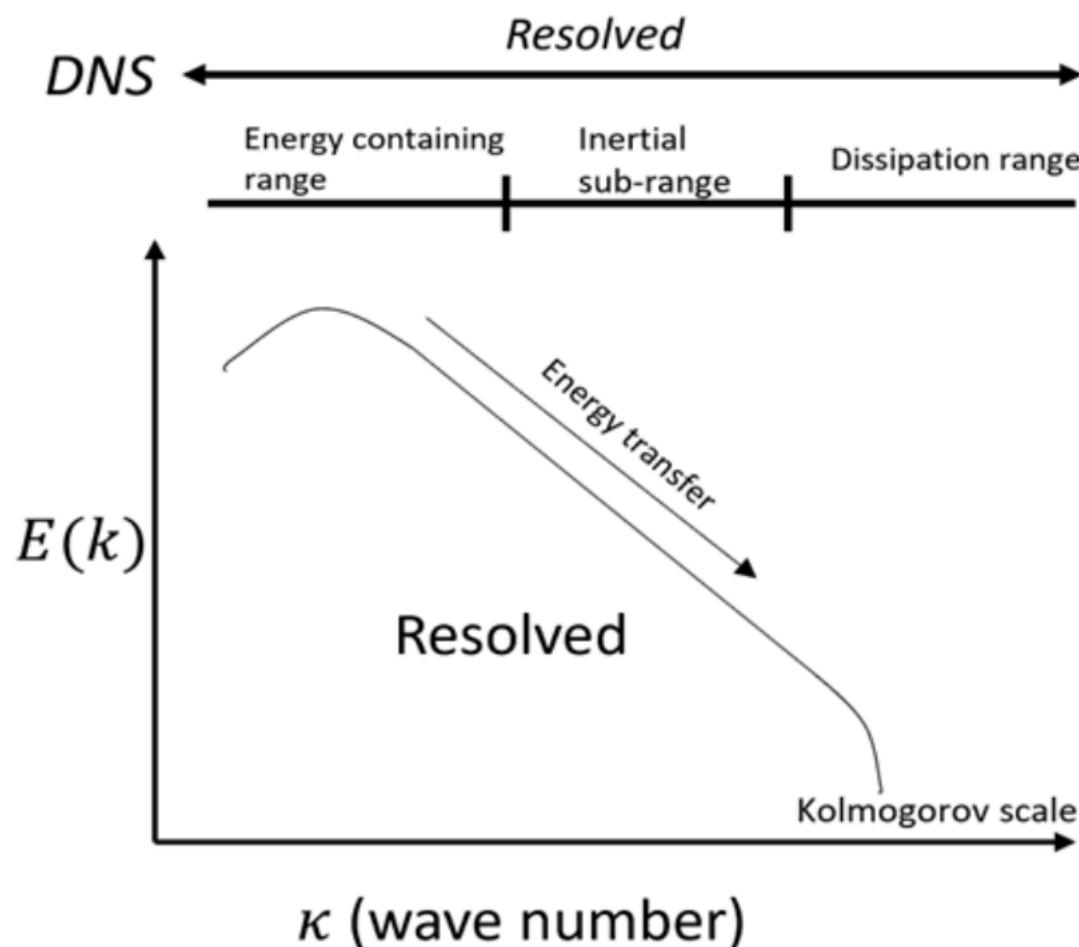
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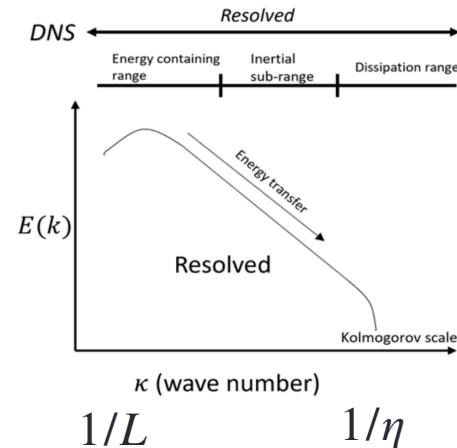
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$$\eta = \left( \frac{\nu^3}{\epsilon} \right)^{1/4} \approx \left( \frac{\nu^3 L}{U^3} \right)^{1/4} = Re^{-3/4} L$$

where  $\nu$  is the kinematic viscosity

And  $\epsilon$  the rate of kinetic energy dissipation

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What is  $Re$  for the ocean?

Given  $U \sim 0.1 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ,  $L \sim 10^7 \text{ m}$ ,  $H \sim 10^3 \text{ m}$ , and  $\nu \approx 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$ ,

we have:  $Re = \frac{UL}{\nu}$

The number of iterations (for 1 year) is thus:  $\sim \frac{TUH}{L^2} Re^3$

Given about  $\sim 1000$  FLOPs per iteration

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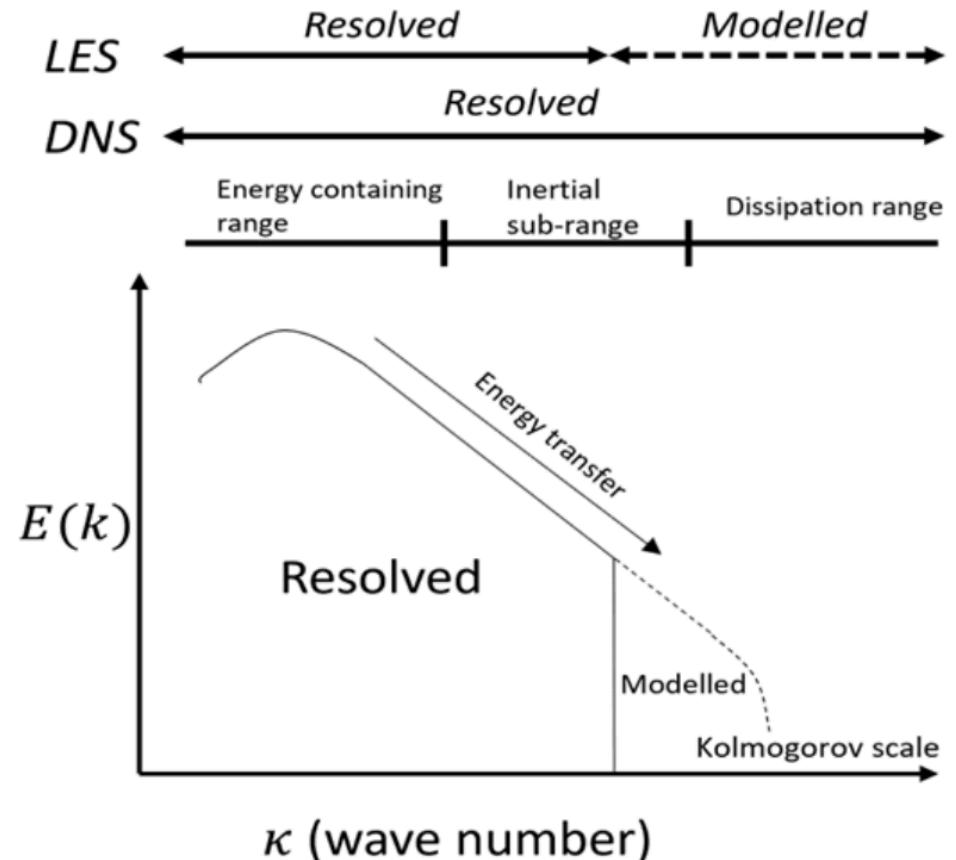
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# Large Eddy Simulation

LES was first proposed by Joseph Smagorinsky in 1963 in his paper on atmospheric turbulence and weather prediction (Smagorinsky, Joseph (March 1963). [“General Circulation Experiments with the Primitive Equations”](#). *Monthly Weather Review*. **91** (3): 99–164).



Main idea: Only the large eddies in a turbulent flow are resolved, whereas the smaller more universal eddies are modelled.

# Large Eddy Simulation

The flow is decomposed using a spatial filter:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{x}, t) &= \int_{\Omega} G(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}; \Delta) \phi(\mathbf{r}, t) d\mathbf{r} \\ \phi(\mathbf{x}, t) &= \tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{x}, t) + \phi^{\text{sgs}}(\mathbf{x}, t)\end{aligned}$$

So the momentum equation becomes:

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{u}_i}{\partial t} + \tilde{u}_j \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_i}{\partial x_j} = - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial x_i} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}_i}{\partial x_j^2} - \frac{\partial \tau_{ij}^{\text{sgs}}}{\partial x_j}$$

With an additional term (**the subgrid-scale stress tensor**), which can be modelled using various schemes.

An historical one is the Smagorinsky SGS model:

$$\tau_{ij}^{\text{sgs}} - \frac{1}{3} \tau_{kk}^{\text{sgs}} \delta_{ij} = - 2\nu_t \tilde{S}_{ij} \quad \text{with} \quad \tilde{S}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_j}{\partial x_i} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \nu_t = (C_s \Delta)^2 \left( 2\tilde{S}_{ij} \tilde{S}_{ij} \right)^{1/2}$$

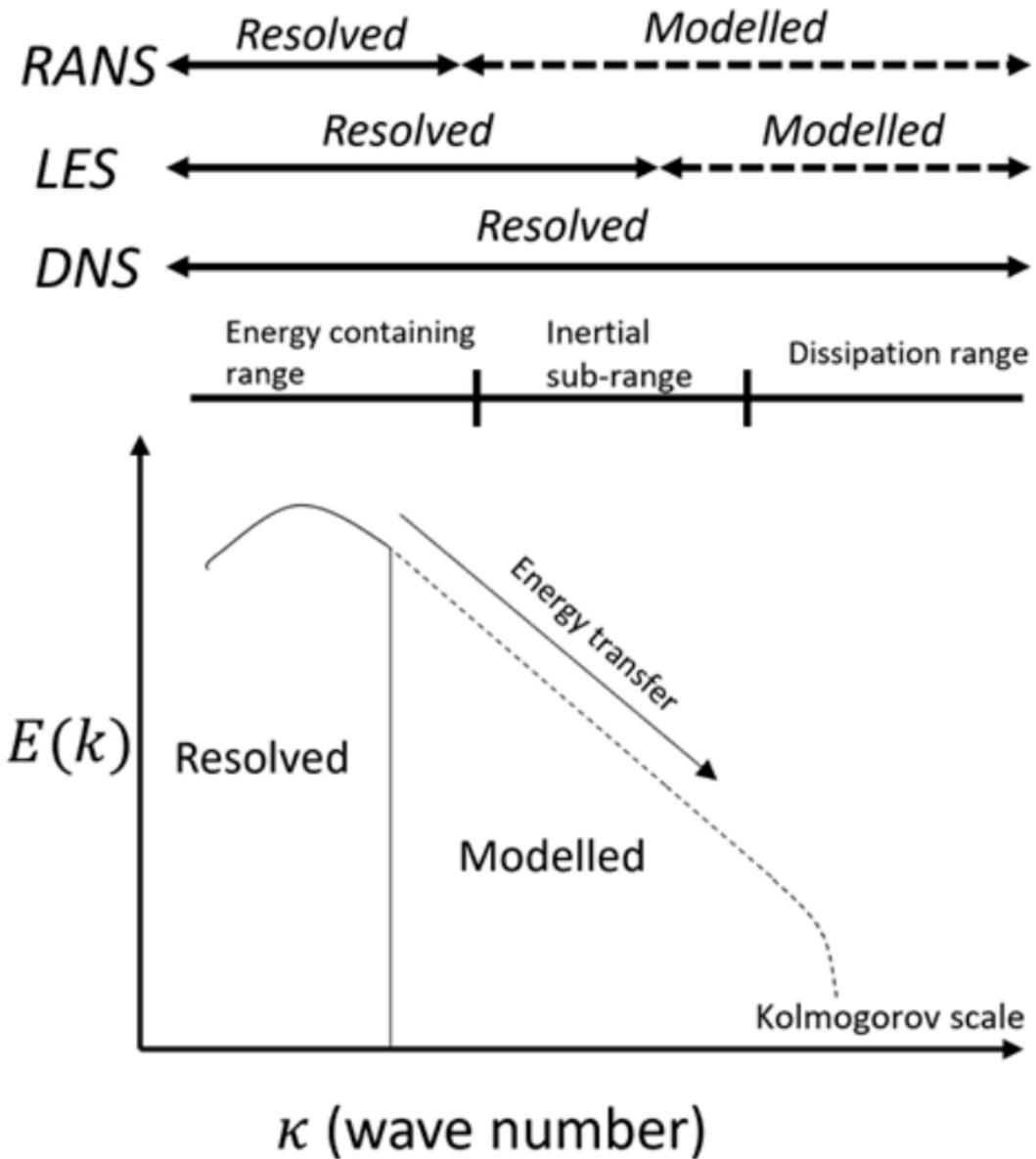
# Reynolds averaging

RANS was first proposed by Osborne Reynolds.

These are the averaged Navier-Stokes equations that are obtained after employing Reynolds averaging.

The basic principle behind RANS equations is Reynolds decomposition, where a quantity is decomposed into a mean and fluctuating quantity.

Here, the mean quantity is resolved using the numerical solution, and any interactions with the fluctuating quantity are modelled.



# Reynolds averaging

The idea is based on separation of mean and turbulent component:  $u = \bar{u} + u'$

Traditionally using time-averaging:

$$\bar{u} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T u \, dt$$

*(but this can also be used as a spatial average or an ensemble average as long as the flow is statistically homogeneous in the averaging direction)*

$$\bar{u} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_0^N u \quad \text{or} \quad \bar{u} = \frac{1}{X} \int_0^X u \, dx$$

The important property is that we have:

$$\bar{u}' = 0$$

# Reynolds averaging

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- Activity:

Adapt the momentum equation:

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + u_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + f \mathbf{k} \times u_i + \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} g \mathbf{k} = -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_j} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$$

For the mean velocity:  $\frac{\partial \bar{u}_i}{\partial t} = ?$

# Reynolds averaging

So we resolve only the equations for the mean variables:

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}_i}{\partial t} + \overline{u_j} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + f \mathbf{k} \times \bar{u}_i + \frac{\bar{\rho}}{\rho_0} g \mathbf{k} = - \frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial \bar{P}}{\partial x_j} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}_i}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$$



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Advection for the  
averaged flow

Reynolds stress  
= effect of subgrid-scale turbulence

# Turbulence closure

## The Closure Problem :

- The number of unknowns is larger than the number of equations
- When we start deriving equations for unknowns, more variables appear.

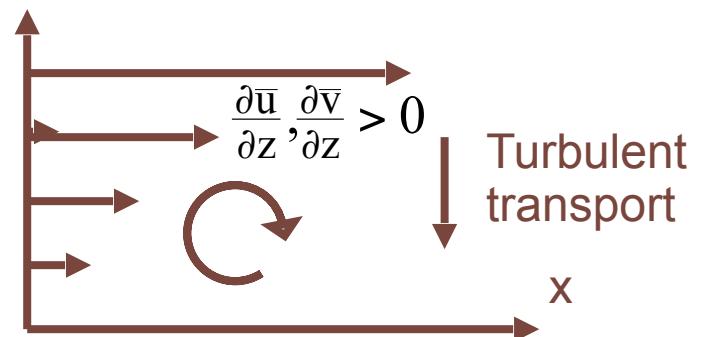
Progn. Eq. for:	Moment	Equation	No. Eqs.	No. Unknowns
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$\overline{u'_i u'_j u'_k}$	First	$\frac{\partial \overline{u'_i u'_j u'_k}}{\partial t} = \dots - \frac{\partial u'_k u'_i u'_j u'_m}{\partial x_m}$	10	15

# Turbulence closure

- In PE models the equations are closed by parameterizing the Reynolds stresses as:

$$\overline{u'w'} = -K_M v \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}$$

$$\overline{v'w'} = -K_M v \frac{\partial v}{\partial z}$$



# Turbulence closure

In CROCO:

$$\mathcal{F}_u = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( K_{Mv} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) + \nabla_h (K_{Mh} \cdot \nabla_h u)$$

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Vertical mixing

Horizontal diffusion  
(here as a Laplacian)

# Turbulence closure

Horizontal diffusion:

$$K_{Mh}, K_{Th}, K_{Sh}$$

- Explicit diffusion:
  - options: **UV\_VIS2, UV\_VIS4, TS\_DIF2, TS\_DIF4** -> K values in croco.in
  - options: **UV\_VIS\_SMAGO**
  - see: [https://croco-ocean.gitlabpages.inria.fr/croco\\_doc/model/model.parametrizations.diffusion.html](https://croco-ocean.gitlabpages.inria.fr/croco_doc/model/model.parametrizations.diffusion.html)
- and/or Implicit (comes from the advective scheme):
  - options **UV\_HADV\_UP3, UV\_HADV\_UP5, UV\_HADV\_WENO5, UV\_HADV\_TVD**  
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Vertical Mixing:

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- Local Turbulence closure: GLS, k-kl (MY2.5), k- $\epsilon$ ,  $\kappa$ - $\omega$ , etc. [e.g. *Warner et al, 2005, Ocean Modelling*]
  - For example: RANS :  $k$ - $\epsilon$  model (Burchard et al., 1998)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{dk}{dt} = P - \epsilon & \text{TKE} \\ \frac{d\epsilon}{dt} = \frac{\epsilon}{k} (c_{\epsilon 1} P - c_{\epsilon 2} \epsilon) & \text{dissipation} \end{array} \right.$$

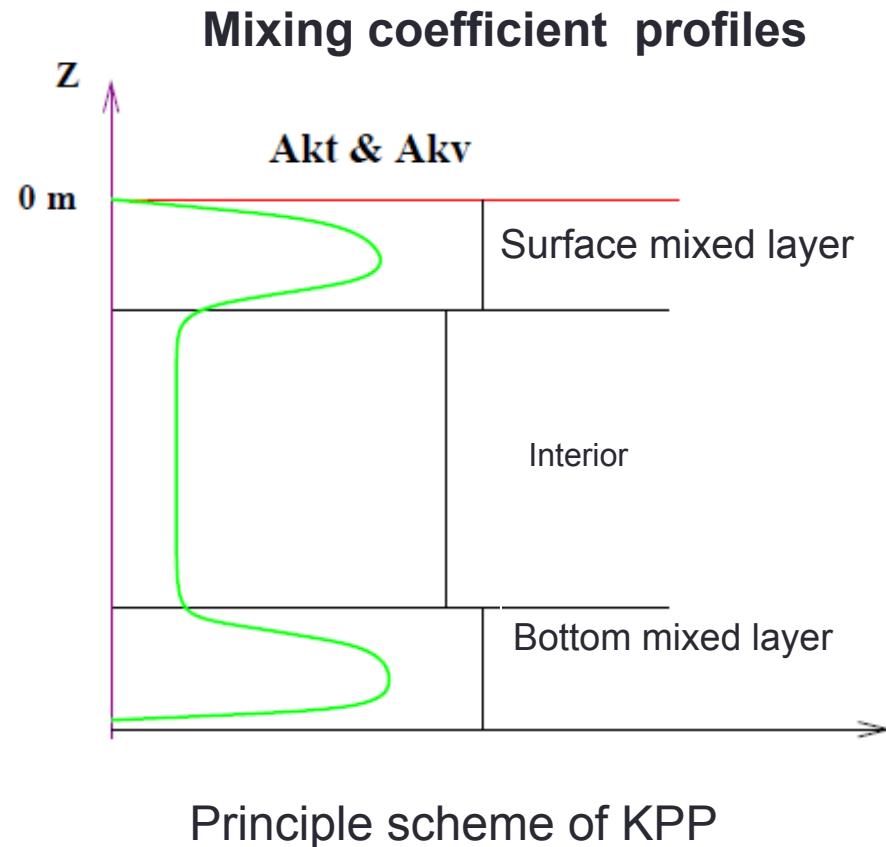
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# Boundary conditions

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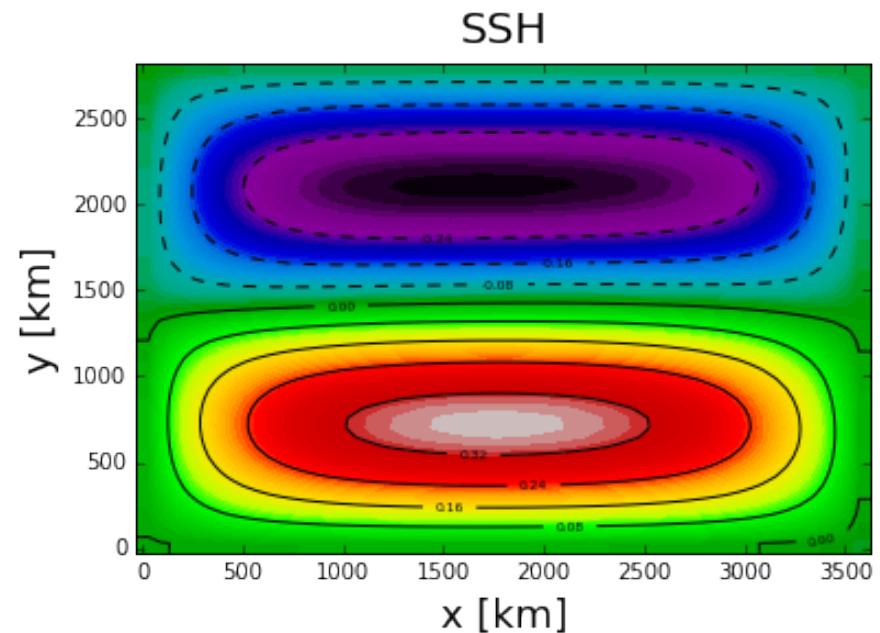
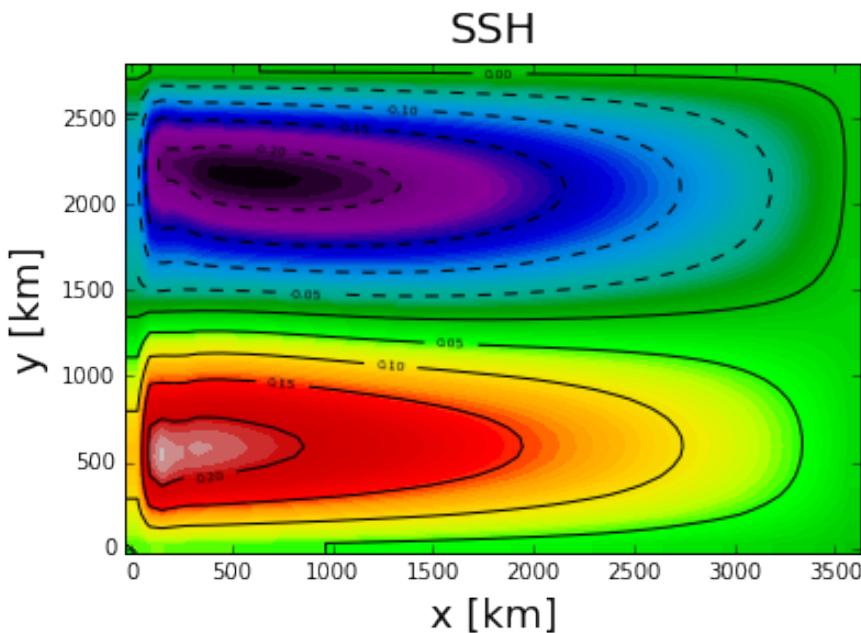
top ( $\sigma = 0$ )	$\left( \frac{K_m}{H_z} \right) \frac{\partial u}{\partial \sigma} = \tau_s^x(x, y, t)$ $\left( \frac{K_m}{H_z} \right) \frac{\partial v}{\partial \sigma} = \tau_s^y(x, y, t)$ $\left( \frac{K_C}{H_z} \right) \frac{\partial C}{\partial \sigma} = \frac{Q_C}{\rho_o c_P}$ $\Omega = 0$	Wind stress
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and bottom ( $\sigma = -1$ )	$\left( \frac{K_m}{H_z} \right) \frac{\partial u}{\partial \sigma} = \tau_b^x(x, y, t)$ $\left( \frac{K_m}{H_z} \right) \frac{\partial v}{\partial \sigma} = \tau_b^y(x, y, t)$ $\left( \frac{K_C}{H_z} \right) \frac{\partial C}{\partial s} = 0$ $\Omega = 0.$	Bottom friction
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# Bottom Boundary conditions

1. Linear friction, with  
**r friction velocities** [m/s]  $\rightarrow (\tau_b^x, \tau_b^y) = -r (u_b, v_b)$
2. Quadratic friction, controled by a constant drag coefficient **Cd**  $\rightarrow (\tau_b^x, \tau_b^y) = C_d \sqrt{u_b^2 + v_b^2} (u_b, v_b)$
3. Quadratic friction coefficient, using variable **Cd** (Von Karman log. layer)  
$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} (\tau_b^x, \tau_b^y) = C_d \sqrt{u_b^2 + v_b^2} (u_b, v_b) \\ C_d = \left( \frac{\kappa}{\log[\Delta z_b/z_r]} \right)^2 \text{ si } C_d^{min} < C_d < C_d^{max} \\ C_d = C_d^{min} \text{ ou } C_d^{max} \\ \kappa = 0.41 \\ z_r = \text{Roughness Length} \\ \Delta z_b = \text{thickness of the first bottom level} \end{cases}$$

## Activity 2 - Run an idealized ocean basin and diagnose barotropic vorticity balance



$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial t}}_{\text{rate}} = - \underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \cdot (f \vec{u})}_{\text{planet. vort. adv.}} + \underbrace{\frac{\mathbf{J}(P_b, h)}{\rho_0}}_{\text{bot. pres. torque}} + \underbrace{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \times \frac{\vec{\tau}^{wind}}{\rho_0}}_{\text{wind curl}} - \underbrace{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \times \frac{\vec{\tau}^{bot}}{\rho_0}}_{\text{bot. drag curl}} \\
 + \underbrace{\mathcal{D}_\Sigma}_{\text{horiz. diffusion.}} - \underbrace{A_\Sigma}_{\text{NL advection}}$$

# Stommel's gyre

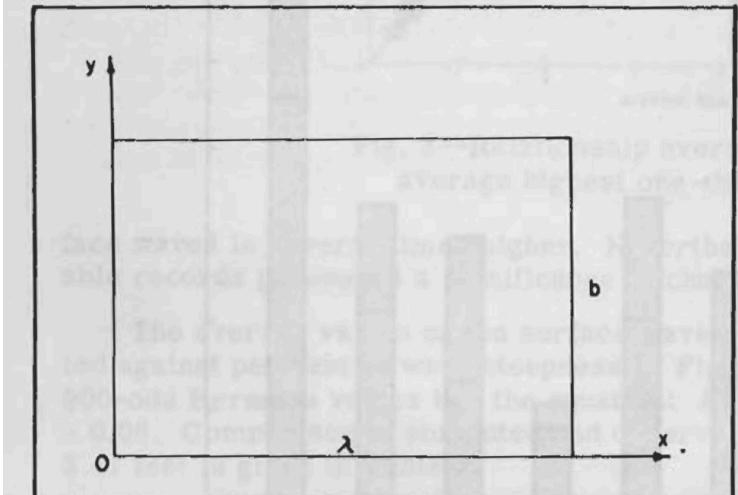
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**Fig. 1--Ocean basin dimensions and the coordinate system**

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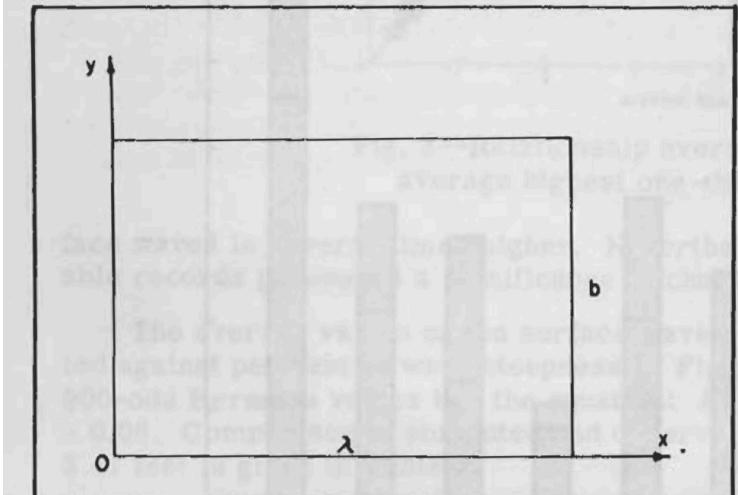
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# Wind

Drag

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# Wind Curl

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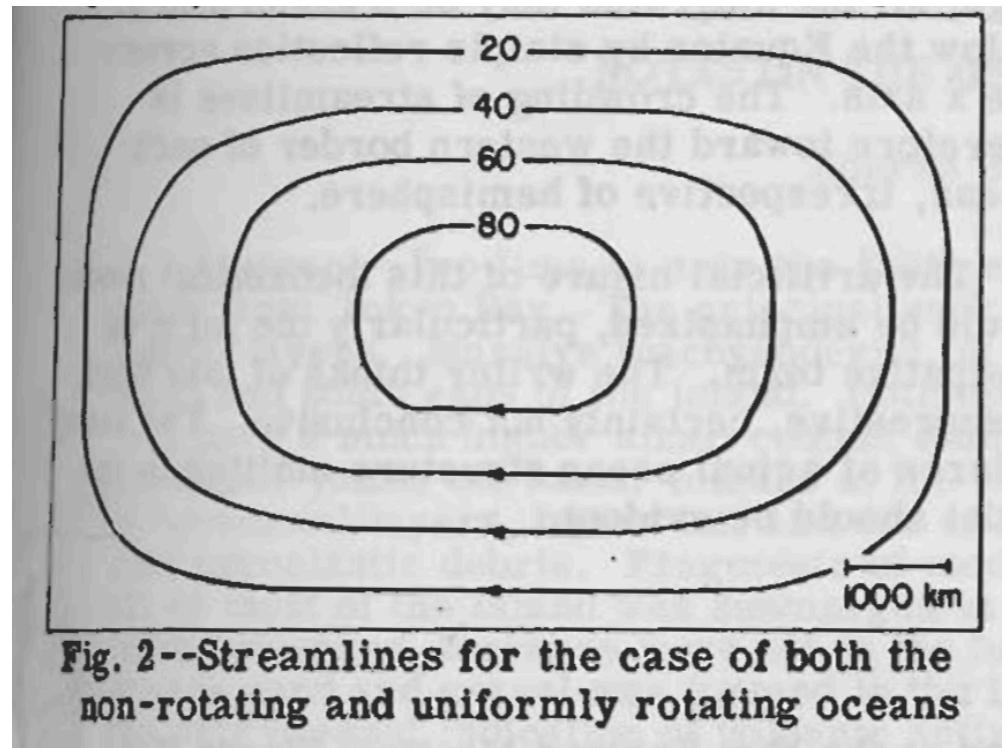
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The equation for the stream function is therefore

$$\psi = \gamma(b/\pi)^2 \sin(\pi y/b) [e^{(x-\lambda)\pi/b} + e^{-x\pi/b} - 1]$$



Planetary vorticity  
and rotation

Wind  
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# Stommel's gyre

- With latitudinal variation of Coriolis

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \beta \neq 0$$

- Formation of a western boundary

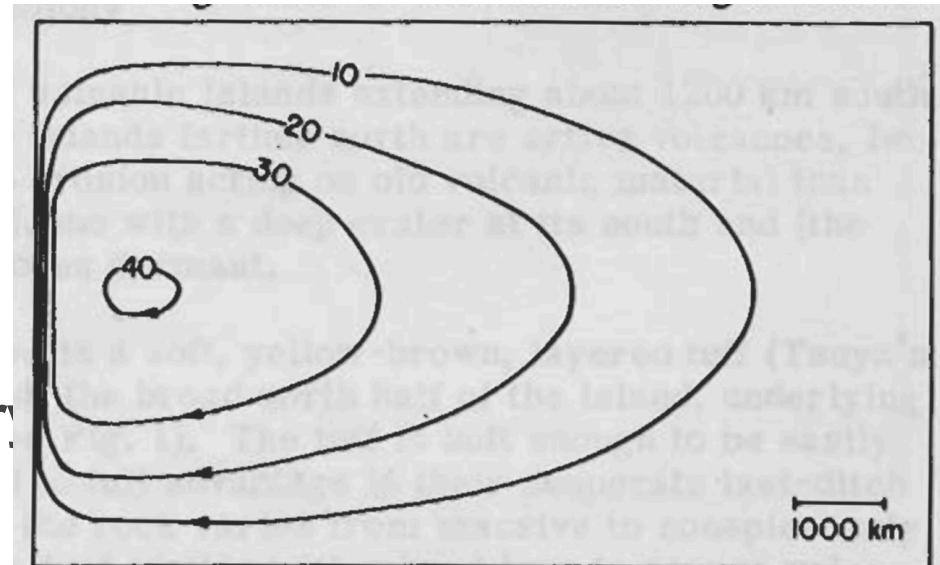
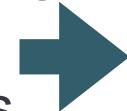


Fig. 5 --Streamlines for the case where the Coriolis force is a linear function of latitude

# Stommel's gyre (no beta)

- Forcings and data
  - Bottom topography + Land mask
  - Atmospheric surface boundary forcing
  - Initial oceanic conditions
  - Lateral oceanic boundary conditions
- Flat bottom
- Constant wind ( $sustr(i,j) = -cff1 * \cos(2. * \pi / el * yr(i,j))$ )
- Resting state
- Vertical walls



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# define UV_COR
# define UV_VIS2
# define TS_DIF2
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# define ANA_GRID
# define ANA_INITIAL
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- croco.in**

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bottom_drag:    RDRG(m/s),      RDRG2, Zob [m],   Cdb_min, Cdb_max
                3.e-4           0.     0.     0.     0.

gamma2:
                1.

linEOS_cff:   R0 [kg/m3], T0 [Celsius], S0 [PSU], TCOEF [1/Celsius], SCOEY [1/PSU]
                30.          0.        0.       0.28      0.

lateral_visc: VISC2 [m^2/sec]
                1000.      0.

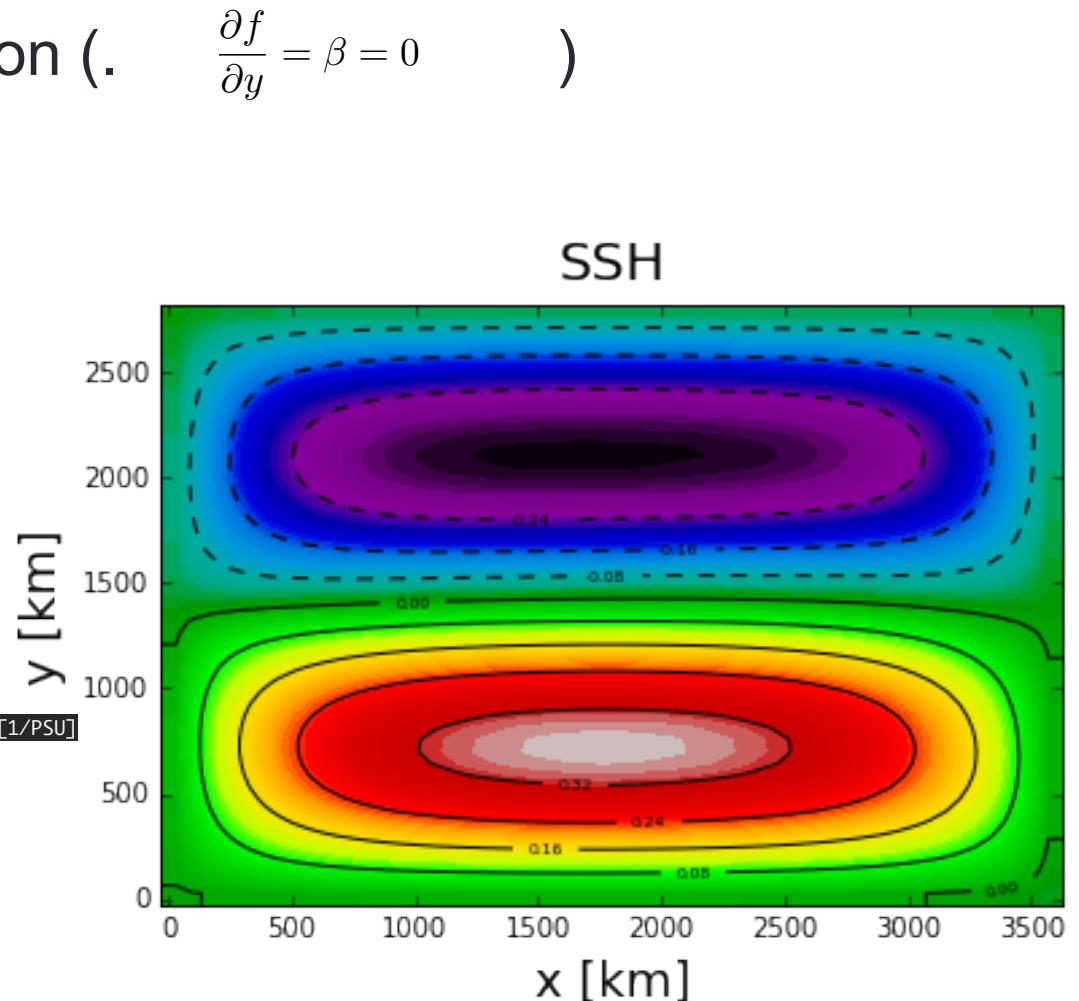
tracer_diff2: TN2
                1000.      0.
```

- ana\_grid.F**

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f0=1.E-4
beta=0.
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- param.h**

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parameter (LLm0=60, MMm0=50, N=10)
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CROCO simulation after 20 years

# Barotropic vorticity balance

- Barotropic vorticity:  $\Omega = \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y}$  with  $\bar{u} = \int_{-h}^{\zeta} u \, dz,$
- The barotropic vorticity balance equation of the flow is obtained by integrating the momentum equations in the vertical and cross differentiating them:
  - [cf: [https://www.jgula.fr/ModNum/vort\\_balance.pdf](https://www.jgula.fr/ModNum/vort_balance.pdf)]

# Barotropic vorticity balance

- We integrate the momentum equations in the vertical, get derivatives out of integrals and get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \bar{u}\bar{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \bar{u}\bar{v}}{\partial y} - f\bar{v} = \\
 - \frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial \bar{P}}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\rho_0} P(\zeta) \cdot \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\rho_0} P(-h) \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + \tau_x^{wind} - \tau_x^{bot} + \bar{\mathcal{D}}_x \\
 \underbrace{\frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial t}}_{+} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial \bar{v}\bar{v}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \bar{u}\bar{v}}{\partial x}}_{+} + \underbrace{f\bar{u}}_{=} = \\
 - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial \bar{P}}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{\rho_0} P(\zeta) \cdot \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{\rho_0} P(-h) \frac{\partial h}{\partial y}}_{+} + \underbrace{\tau_y^{wind} - \tau_y^{bot} + \bar{\mathcal{D}}_y}_{+}
 \end{aligned}$$

Using boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_{Mv} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \Big|_{\zeta} - K_{Mv} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \Big|_{-h} &= \frac{1}{\rho_0} (\tau_x^{wind} - \tau_x^{bot}) \\
 K_{Mv} \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \Big|_{\zeta} - K_{Mv} \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \Big|_{-h} &= \frac{1}{\rho_0} (\tau_y^{wind} - \tau_y^{bot})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 w|_{\zeta} &= \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t} + u|_{\zeta} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial x} + v|_{\zeta} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial y} \\
 w|_{-h} &= u|_{-h} \frac{\partial -h}{\partial x} + v|_{-h} \frac{\partial -h}{\partial y}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Barotropic vorticity balance

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$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial t}}_{\text{rate}} = - \underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \cdot (f \vec{u})}_{\text{planet. vort. adv.}} + \underbrace{\frac{\mathbf{J}(P_b, h)}{\rho_0}}_{\text{bot. pres. torque}} + \underbrace{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \times \frac{\vec{\tau}^{\text{wind}}}{\rho_0}}_{\text{wind curl}} - \underbrace{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \times \frac{\vec{\tau}^{\text{bot}}}{\rho_0}}_{\text{bot. drag curl}} \\ + \underbrace{\mathcal{D}_\Sigma}_{\text{horiz. diffusion.}} - \underbrace{A_\Sigma}_{\text{NL advection}}$$

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$$v(D + h)(\partial f / \partial y) + (F \pi / b) \sin(\pi y / b) + R(\partial v / \partial x - \partial u / \partial y) = 0$$

# Barotropic vorticity balance

- Steady state ( $\frac{\partial \cdot}{\partial t} = 0$ ); Linear; No diffusion (only bottom drag); Flat bottom

$$\begin{aligned}
\cancel{\partial \phi_{ra}} &= - \underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \cdot (f \vec{u})}_{\text{planet. vort. adv.}} + \cancel{\frac{\mathbf{J}(\vec{k})}{k}} - \cancel{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \times \frac{\vec{\tau}^{wind}}{\rho_0}} - \cancel{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \times \frac{\vec{\tau}^{bot}}{\rho_0}} \\
&+ \cancel{\frac{\partial \phi_{\Sigma}}{\partial x}} - \cancel{\frac{\partial \phi_{\Sigma}}{\partial y}} \\
&+ \cancel{\text{horiz. diffusion.}} - \cancel{\text{NL advection}}
\end{aligned}$$

↑ wind curl      ↑ bot. drag curl

# Stommel's gyre (no beta)

- Steady state ( $\frac{\partial \cdot}{\partial t} = 0$ ); Linear; No diffusion (only bottom drag); Flat bottom
- No rotation / or constant rotation ( $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \beta = 0$ )

$$\cancel{\text{rate}} = - \cancel{\text{Dvert. vort. adv.}} + \cancel{\text{bot. press. torque}} + \underbrace{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \times \frac{\vec{\tau}^{wind}}{\rho_0}}_{\text{wind curl}} - \underbrace{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \times \frac{\vec{\tau}^{bot}}{\rho_0}}_{\text{bot. drag curl}}$$

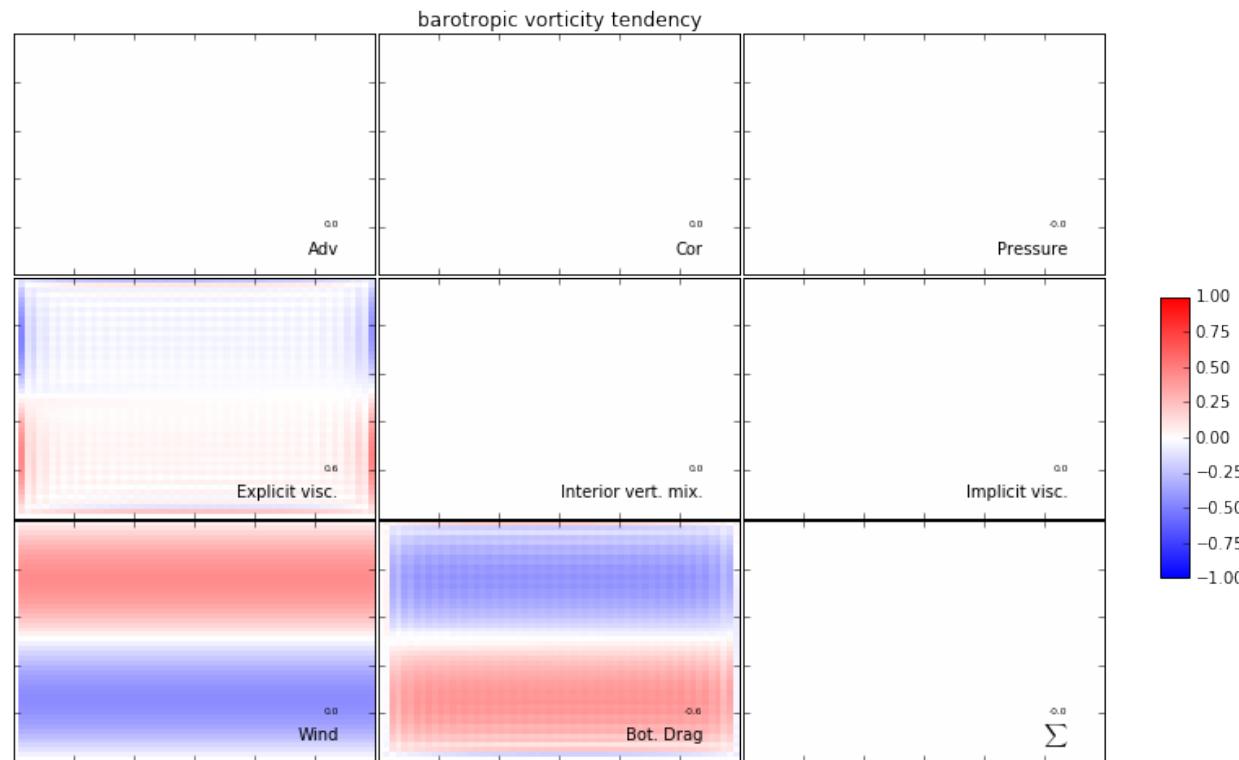
The equation shows the balance of forces in Stommel's gyre. The terms are:  
- A crossed-out term "rate".  
- A crossed-out term "Dvert. vort. adv." (Divergent vorticity advection).  
- A crossed-out term "bot. press. torque" (bottom pressure torque).  
- A term enclosed in a yellow box:  $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \times \frac{\vec{\tau}^{wind}}{\rho_0}$ , labeled "wind curl".  
- A term enclosed in a blue box:  $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \times \frac{\vec{\tau}^{bot}}{\rho_0}$ , labeled "bot. drag curl".  
- A crossed-out term "horiz. diffusion." (horizontal diffusion) with coefficient  $\mathcal{D}_\Sigma$ .  
- A crossed-out term "NI vort. diff." (Non-rotating vorticity diffusion).

# Stommel's gyre (no beta)

- No rotation / or constant rotation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cancel{\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t}} = & - \cancel{\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u})} + \cancel{\frac{\vec{J} \cdot \vec{P} \cdot h}{\rho_0}} \\
 & + \cancel{D_\Sigma} - \cancel{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\tau}^{\text{NL adv}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

   $\vec{\tau}^{\text{wind}}$   
   $\vec{\tau}^{\text{bot}}$   
  wind curl  
  bot. drag curl



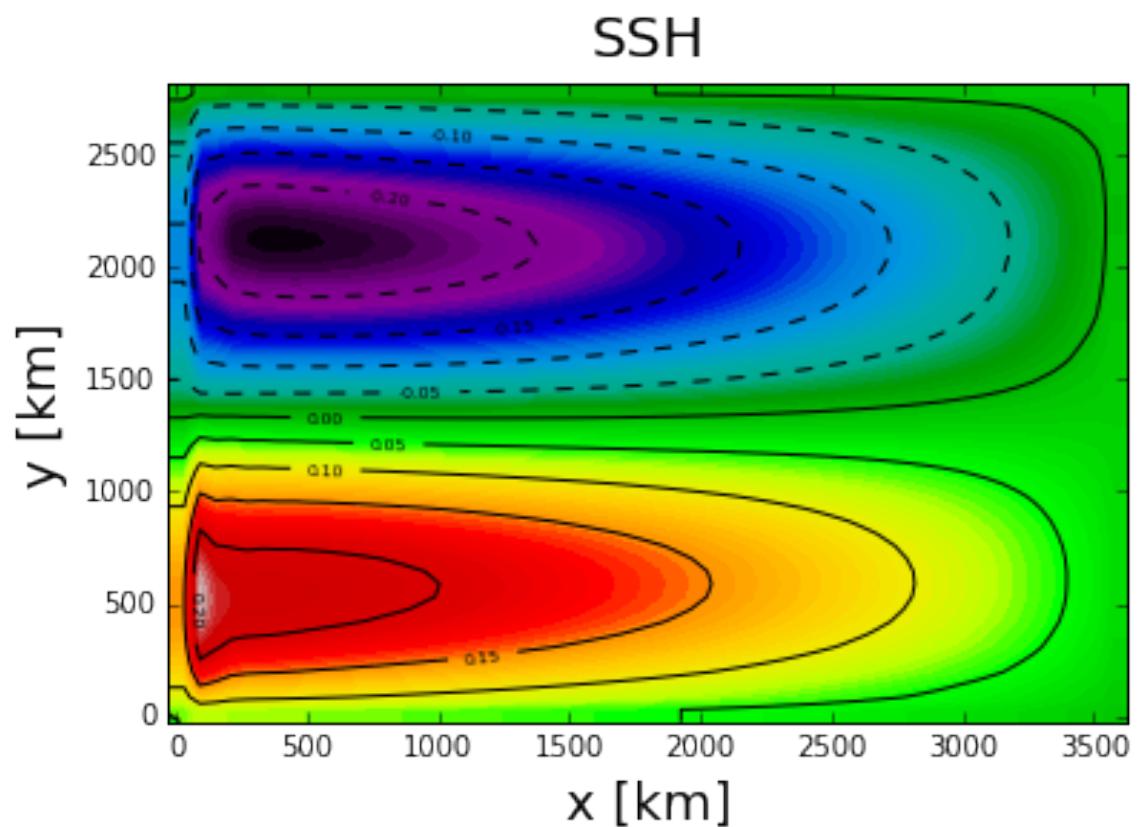
# Stommel's gyre (with beta)

- With latitudinal variation of Coriolis ( $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \beta \neq 0$ )

- ana\_grid.F**

$f_0=1.E-4$

$\beta=2.E-11$



# Stommel's gyre (no beta)

- No rotation / or constant rotation (  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \beta = 0$  )

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$$\cancel{\text{rate}} = - \underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \cdot (f \vec{u})}_{\text{planet. vort. adv.}} + \cancel{\frac{\partial u}{\partial z}(z, h)} + \cancel{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \times \frac{\vec{\tau}^{wind}}{\rho_0}} + \cancel{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \times \frac{\vec{\tau}^{bot}}{\rho_0}}$$

+

$$\cancel{\mathcal{D}_\Sigma} - \cancel{A_\Sigma}$$

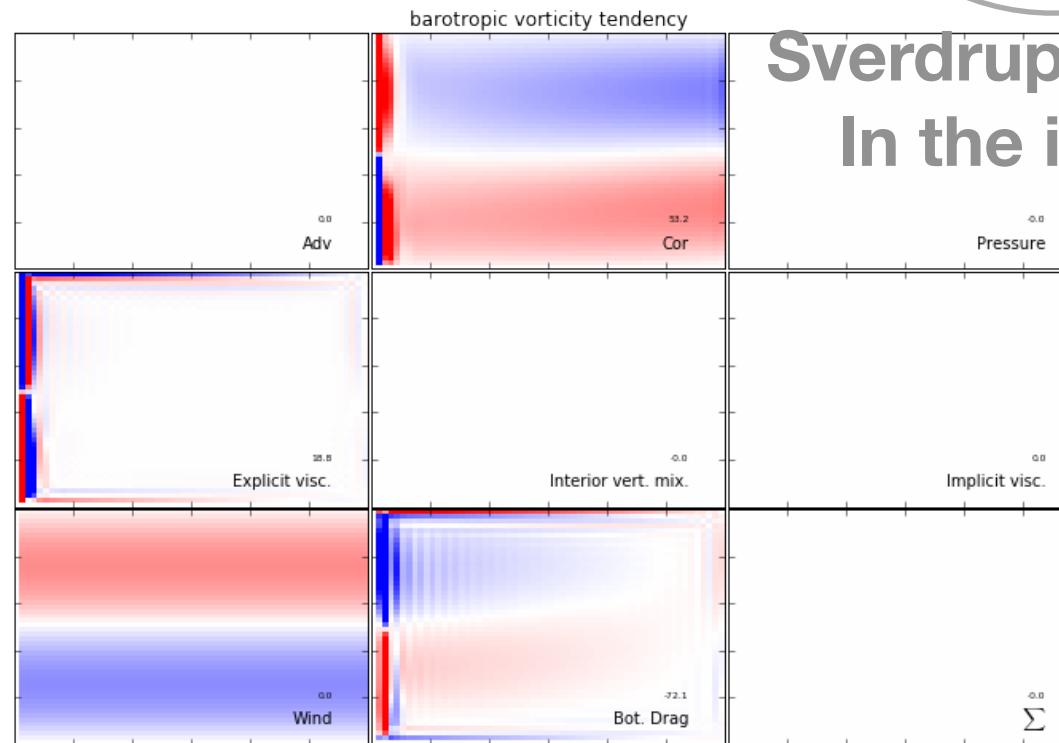
horiz. diffusion. NI advection

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$$\cancel{\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t}} = -\underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \cdot (f \vec{u})}_{\text{planet. vort. adv.}} + \underbrace{\frac{\vec{J} \times P(h)}{R}}_{\text{bot. pres. torque}} + \underbrace{k \cdot \vec{\nabla} \times \frac{\vec{\tau}^{\text{wind}}}{\rho_0}}_{\text{wind curl}} - \underbrace{k \cdot \vec{\nabla} \times \frac{\vec{\tau}^{\text{bot}}}{\rho_0}}_{\text{bot. drag curl}}$$

+  $\cancel{D_\Sigma}$  horiz. diffusion.  $\cancel{\text{NL adv.}}$



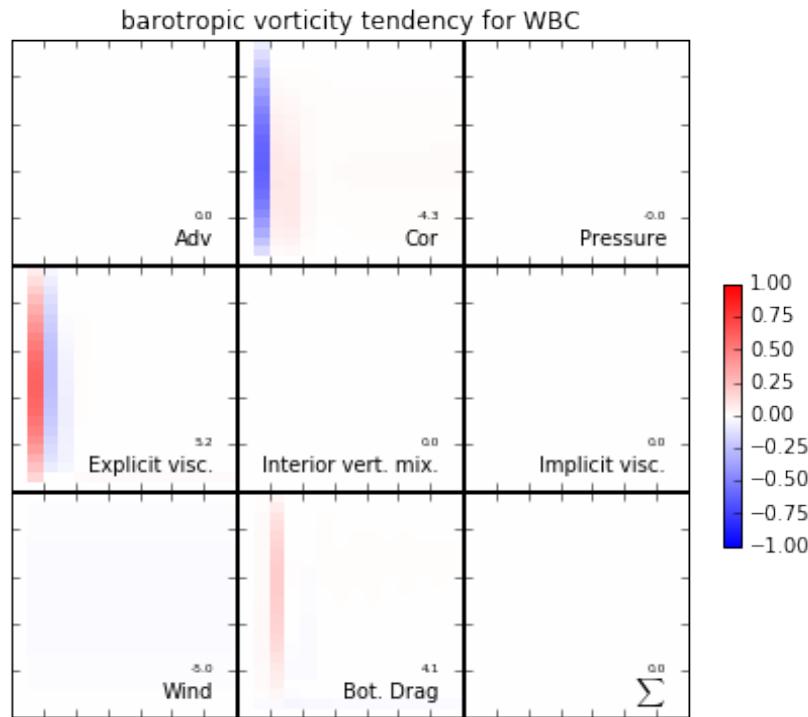
**Sverdrup Balance  
In the interior**

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+  $\underbrace{\mathcal{D}_\Sigma}_{\text{horiz. diffusion.}}$  NL advection



Zoom over the  
western boundary  
current

# Munk' gyre

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## ON THE WIND-DRIVEN OCEAN CIRCULATION

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$$P = \int_{-h}^{z_0} p \, dz, \quad \mathbf{M}_H = \int_{-h}^{z_0} \rho \mathbf{v}_H \, dz, \quad (2a, b)$$

designate the integrated pressure and mass transport.

$$\nabla P + f \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{M} - \boldsymbol{\tau} - A \nabla^2 \mathbf{M} = 0. \quad \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{k} \times \nabla \psi,$$

$$(A \nabla^4 - \beta \partial / \partial x) \psi = - \operatorname{curl}_z \boldsymbol{\tau},$$

For boundary conditions we choose

$$\psi_{\text{bdry}} = 0, \quad (\partial \psi / \partial \nu)_{\text{bdry}} = 0, \quad (7a, b)$$

In Ekman's and Stommel's model the ocean is assumed homogeneous, a case in which the currents extend to the very bottom. Not only is this in contrast with observations, according to which the bulk of the water transport in the main ocean currents takes place in the upper thousand meters, but it also leads to mathematical complications which rendered Ekman's

analysis very difficult, and forced Stommel to resort to a rather arbitrary frictional force along the bottom.

To avoid these difficulties, we retain Sverdrup's integrated mass transport as the dependent variable. This device makes it possible to examine the more general case of a baroclinic ocean without having to specify the nature of the vertical distributions of density and current. In recognition of the evidence that currents essentially vanish at great depths, we shall depend on lateral friction for the dissipative forces. From Stommel we retain the rectangular boundaries, although we extend the basin to both sides of the equator and deal with the *observed* wind distribution rather than a simple sinusoidal distribution.

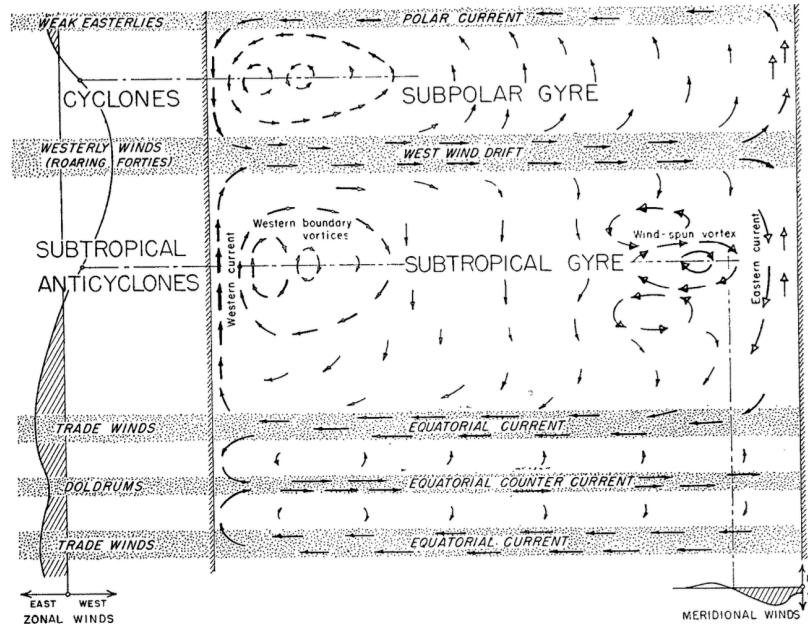


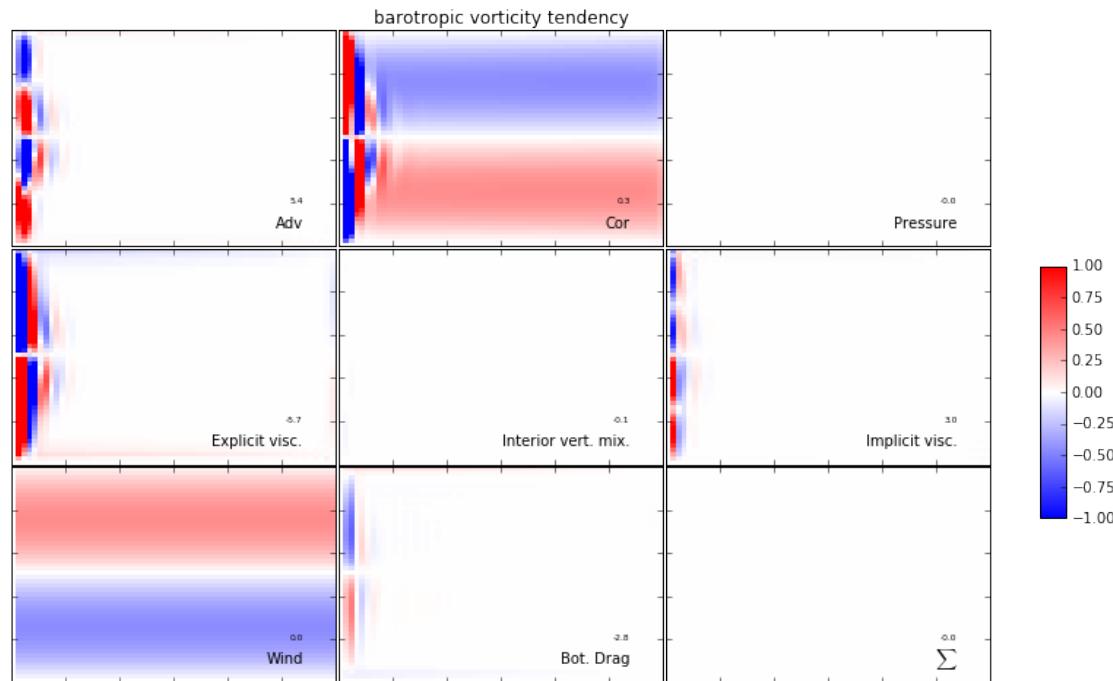
FIG. 8. Schematic presentation of circulation in a rectangular ocean resulting from zonal winds (filled arrowheads), meridional winds (open arrowheads), or both (half-filled arrowheads). The width of the arrows is an indication of the strength of the currents. The nomenclature applies to either hemisphere, but in the Southern Hemisphere the subpolar gyre is replaced largely by the Antarctic Circumpolar Current (west wind drift) flowing around the world. Geographic names of the currents in various oceans are summarized in table 3.

# Gyre with beta and lateral drag

- With latitudinal variation of Coriolis

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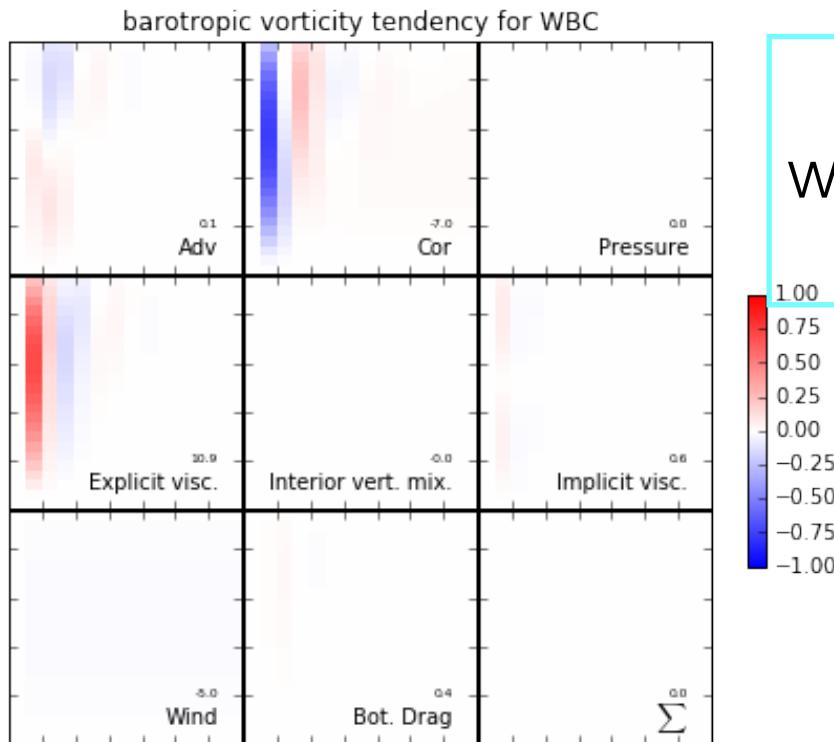
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 rate  
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# Gyre with beta and lateral drag

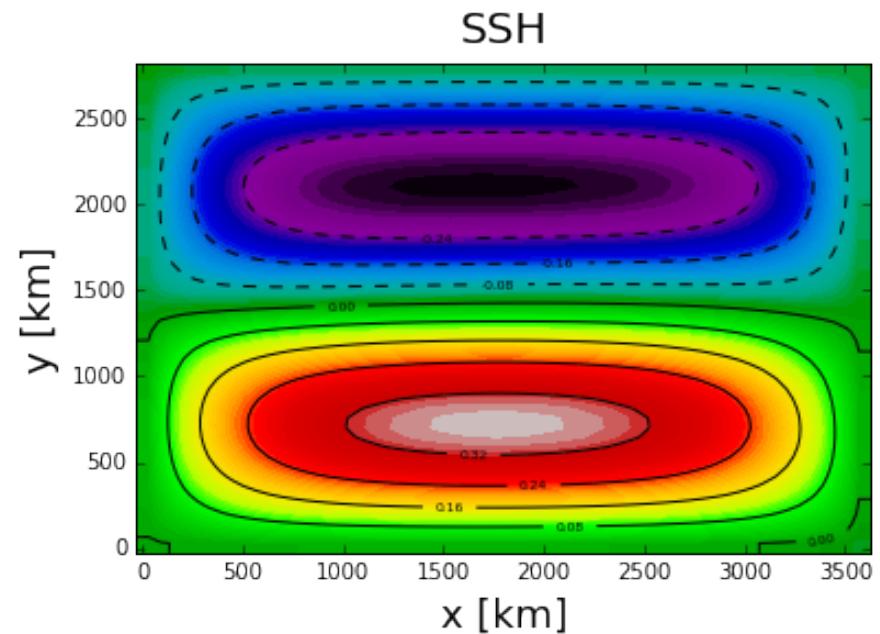
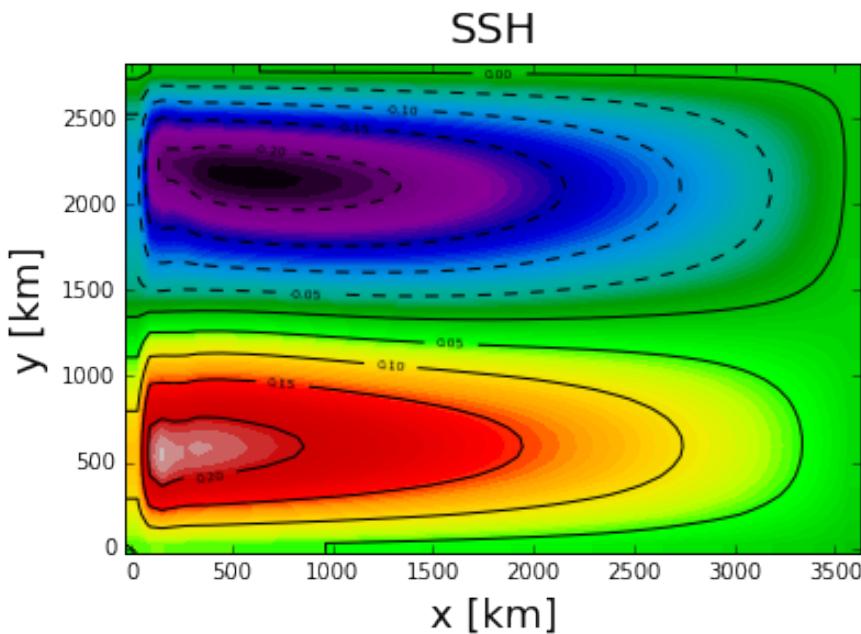
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Zoom over the western boundary current

## Activity 2 - Run an idealized ocean basin and diagnose barotropic vorticity balance



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