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Cesar B Rocha

Physical oceanographer

Research I combine theory, computer simulations, and observations to study how the ocean flows and shapes the climate. My motivation stems from genuine curiosity and the societal relevance of oceanography in the anthropocene. Lately, my research efforts have targeted the turbulent and wavy dynamics of the upper ocean at horizontal scales between 1-300 km.

Education

Ongoing, PhD in Oceanography, University of California, San Diego BSc (Honors), MSc in Oceanography, University of São Paulo, Brazil

Experience

2015, Fellow in Geophysical Fluid Dynamics, GFD Program, WHOI Coupled reduced equations for strongly stratified flows.

2013–Current, Graduate Student Researcher, SIO/UCSD Stratified planetary turbulence and dynamics of the upper ocean.

2012, Visiting student, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Quasigeostrophic modes and surface quasigeostrophic solutions.

2011–2013, Master Student, University of Sao Paulo Energetics and dynamics of the Brazil Current System.

Publications

Submitted

2. Ardhuin, F., Gille, S., Menemenlis, D., Rocha, C. B., Rascle, N., Chapron, B., Gula, J., Molemaker, J.: Small scale currents have large effects on ocean wave heights, under review for JGR-Oceans.

Peer-reviewed

- 5. **Rocha, C. B.**, Gille, S. T., Chereskin, T. K., and Menemenlis, D.: Seasonality of submesoscale dynamics in the Kuroshio Extension, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, *in press*, doi: 10.1002/2016GL071349.
- 4. **Rocha, C. B.**; Chereskin, T. K.; Gille, S. T. and Menemenlis, D., 2016: "Mesoscale to submesoscale wavenumber spectra in Drake Passage", *J. Phys. Oceanogr.*, 46 (2), 601-620, doi:10.1175/JPO-D-15-0087.1.
- 3. **Rocha, C. B.**; Young, W. R. and Grooms, I., 2016: "On Galerkin approximations of the surface-active quasi-geostrophic equations", *J. Phys. Oceanogr.*, 46 (1), 125-139, doi:10.1175/JP0-D-15-0073.1
- 2. **Rocha, C. B.**; da Silveira, I. C. A., Castro, B. ,M. and Lima, J. A. M., **2014**: "Vertical structure, energetics and dynamics of the Brazil Current System at 22°S-28°S", *J. Geophys. Res.*, *119*, doi:10.1002/2013JC009143.
- 1. Rocha, C. B.; Tandon, A.; da Silveira, I. C. A. and Lima, J. A. M., 2013: "Traditional Quasi-geostrophic modes and Surface Quasi-geostrophic solutions in the Southwestern Atlantic", *J. Geophys. Res.*, 118 (5), doi:10.1002/jgrc.20214.

Grey literature

1. Rocha, C. B., 2015: Coupled reduced equations for strongly stratified flows, Proceedings of the Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Program, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, MA.

Service

Referee for Deep Sea Research-I, Geophysical Research Letters, Journal of Fluid Mechanics, Nature Communications, Ocean Modelling.

Member of student committee as part of the SIO faculty search in large scale observational physical oceanography (2016).

Mentor for 1st yr SIO PhD students, 2015 cohort.

Member of student committee for the SIO teaching award (2015).

Invited Seminars

1. Oceans and Cryosphere Seminar Series, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Fall 2015

Software

Core developer for "Python quasigeostrophic model" (PyQG), doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.30517

Core developer for "Spectral Analysis in Python" (PySpec),

doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.31596

Contributor to a number of open source projects on github.

Honors & Awards

2016, NASA Earth & Space Science Graduate Fellowship 2015, Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Fellowship, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution 2011, Best Honor Thesis in Oceanography, University of Sao Paulo

Skills

Programming

Python, C, Fortran 90, Shell-Script, Matlab, git, mercurial, markdown

Languages

English (fluent), Portuguese (native), Spanish (professional fluency)

Membership

American Geophysical Union, The Oceanography Society, NumFOCUS

Other interests

Data science, Scientific reproducibility, Free software, Open science, History and philosophy of science