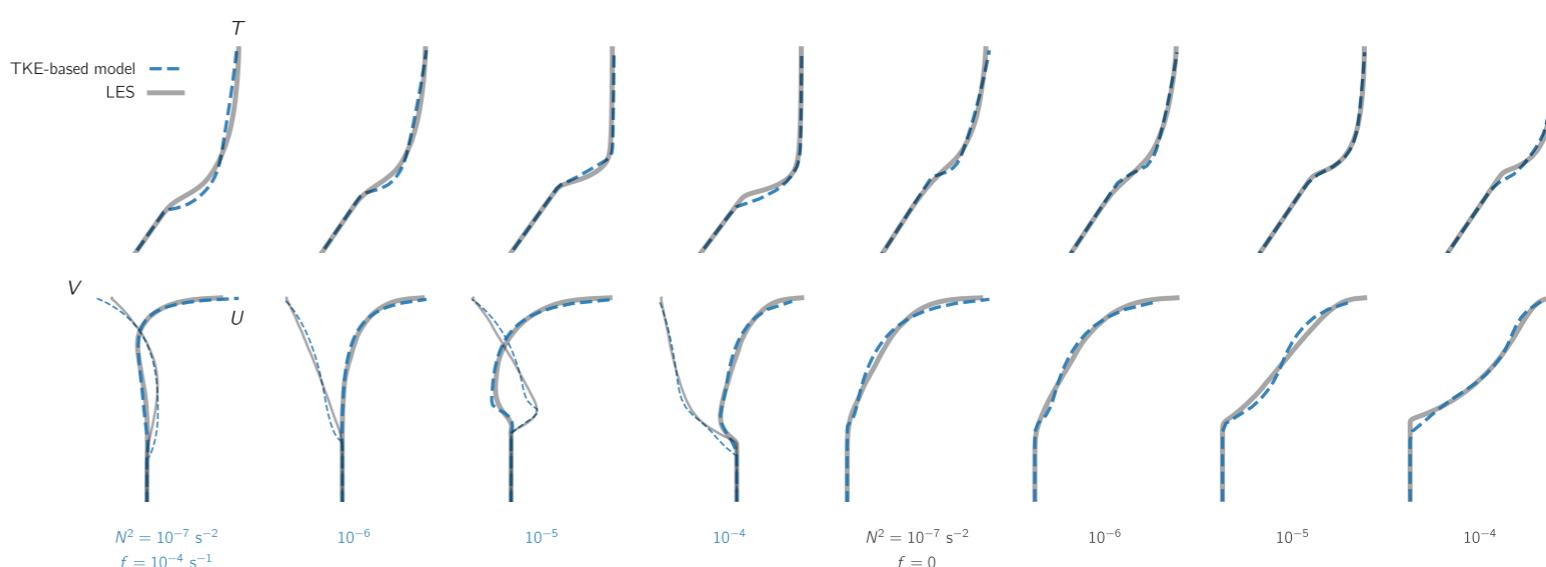


A calibrated turbulent-kinetic-energy-based parameterization outperforms a calibrated K-profile parameterization for stress-driven turbulence

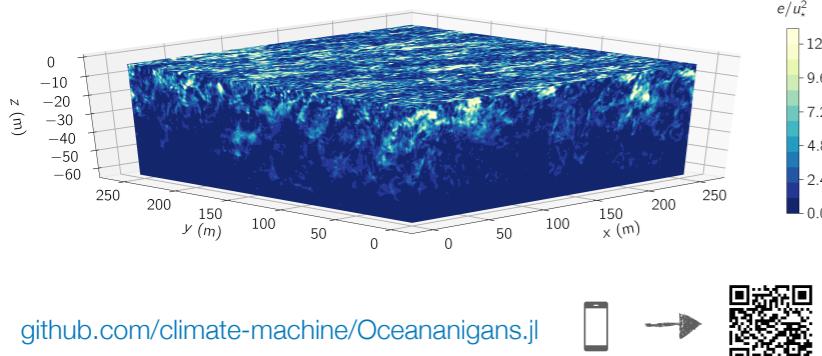


Gregory L Wagner, Andre Souza, Ali Ramadhan, Raffaele Ferrari, and the Climate Modeling Alliance
clima.caltech.edu | github.com/climate-machine | glwagner.github.io



Oceananigans.jl

- I. Large eddy simulations with open source Julia GPU software provide “data” for training parameterizations.



Parameterization

- I. We use a down-gradient assumption and eddy diffusivity to model horizontally-averaged turbulent fluxes of momentum, tracers, and turbulent kinetic energy.

$$\overline{w\phi} \approx -C_\phi^K \ell \sqrt{e} \partial_z \Phi$$

$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} K_\phi$

$$\Phi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Phi_{\text{TKE}}(z, t)$$

$$\bar{\phi} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{A} \int \phi_{\text{LES}} dA$$

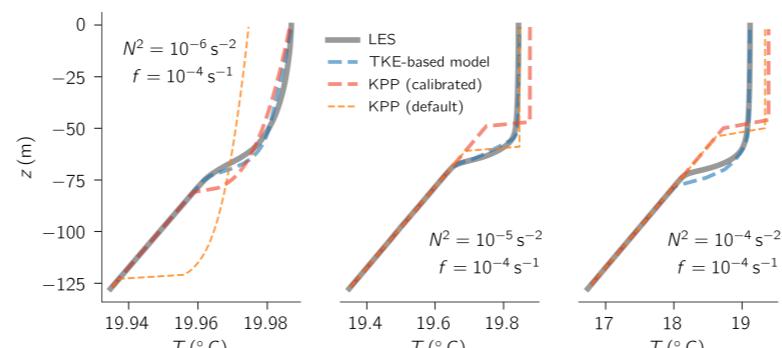
- II. Eddy diffusivities are proportional to a mixing length and the turbulent velocity, the square root of turbulent kinetic energy.

$$\partial_t e = (\partial_z K_e \partial_z) e + K_u |\partial_z \mathbf{U}|^2 - K_c \partial_z B - C^D \frac{e^{3/2}}{\ell}$$

transport production buoyancy flux dissipation

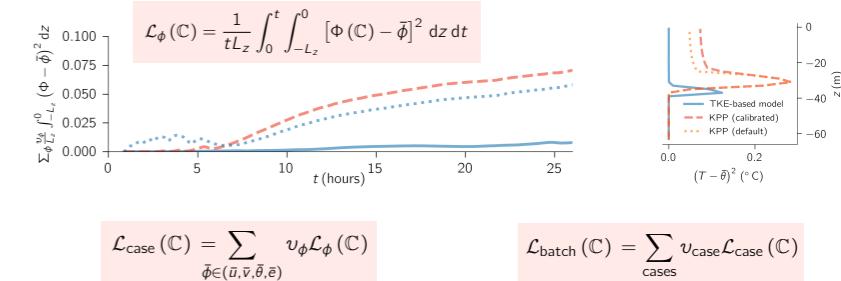
$$\ell = \max(\Delta z, \tilde{\ell}) \quad \tilde{\ell} = \min \left(C_w^\ell z, C_b^\ell \frac{\sqrt{e}}{N} \right) \quad N \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sqrt{\max(0, \partial_z B)}$$

- III. The calibrated TKE-based model predicts stress-driven boundary layer profiles better than a calibrated K-profile parameterization. In stress-driven turbulence, the TKE-based model has 7 free parameters and KPP has 3 free parameters.

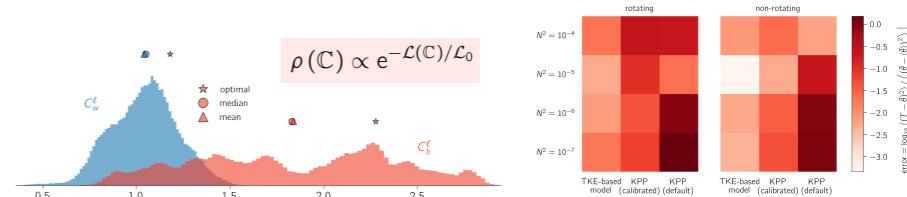


Calibration

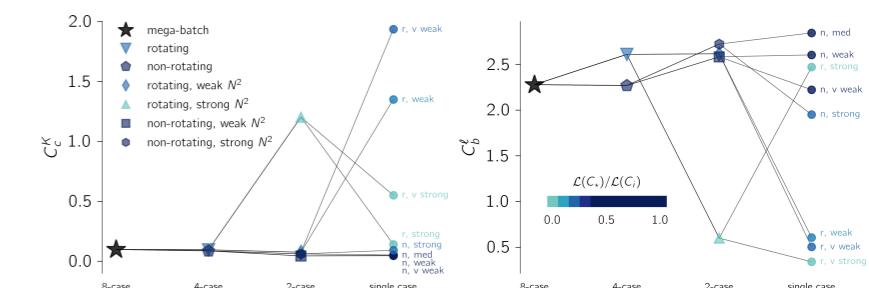
- I. Loss functions measure discrepancy between parameterized and LES profiles. We use weighted sums of field-specific loss functions to coalesce multi-field and multi-case loss functions.



- II. We use a Markov Chain, Monte Carlo method to sample parameter PDFs and to calibrate the TKE-based parameterization to four rotating LESs and four non-rotating LESs with varying initial stratification.



- III. A hierarchy of mini-batched calibrations illustrate the dependence of optimal parameters on batch size and the role of batch size in calibration.



CliMa / LESbrary

- I. This work is part of CliMa, a new Earth system model that synthesizes observations and high-fidelity simulations to hierarchically constrain parameterizations for climate prediction:

1. Constrain to physics
Match parameterizations to high-res simulations
2. Constrain to global observations in present climate
Refine parameterizations in global context

- II. To accomplish 1, we plan to create a massive library of both idealized and realistic simulation data for training parameterizations called the LESbrary.

