

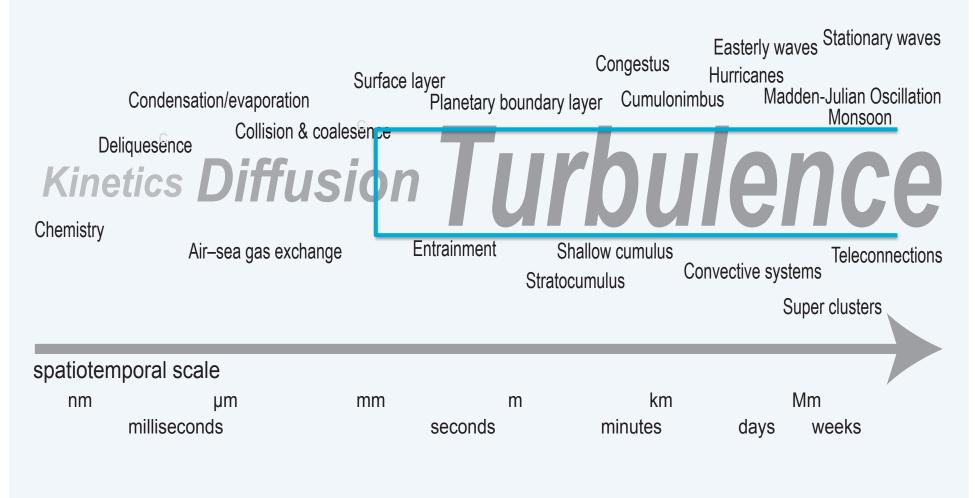
Stably stratified rotating turbulence What's different?

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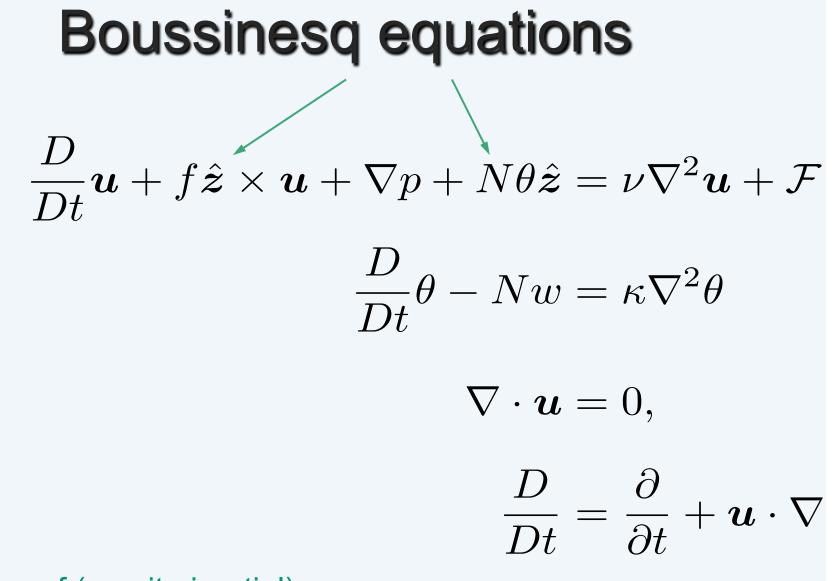
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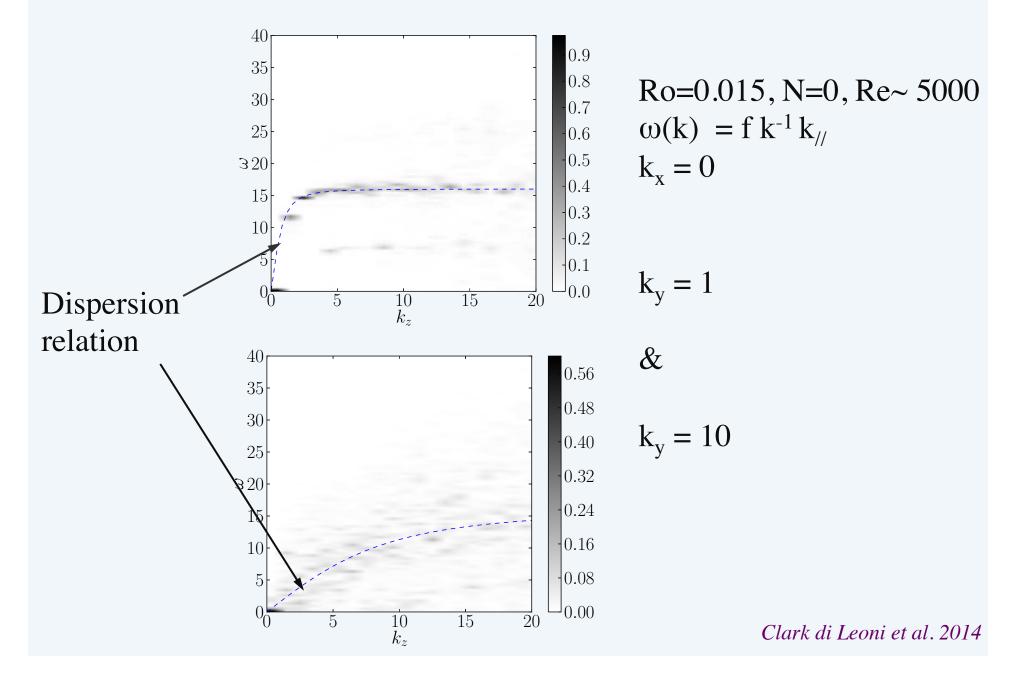
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Wave dispersion broadening in rotating flows



Boussinesq equations

$$\frac{D}{Dt}\boldsymbol{u} + f\hat{\boldsymbol{z}} \times \boldsymbol{u} + \nabla p + N\theta\hat{\boldsymbol{z}} = \nu\nabla^{2}\boldsymbol{u} + \mathcal{F}$$

$$\frac{D}{Dt}\theta - N\boldsymbol{w} = \kappa\nabla^{2}\theta$$
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Frequency of (gravity-inertial) waves: $\omega_k = [1/k] \cdot qrt\{N^2 k_{perp}^2 + f^2 k_{//}^2\}$ Do <u>waves</u> alter the overall dynamics? Stable Boussinesq stratification

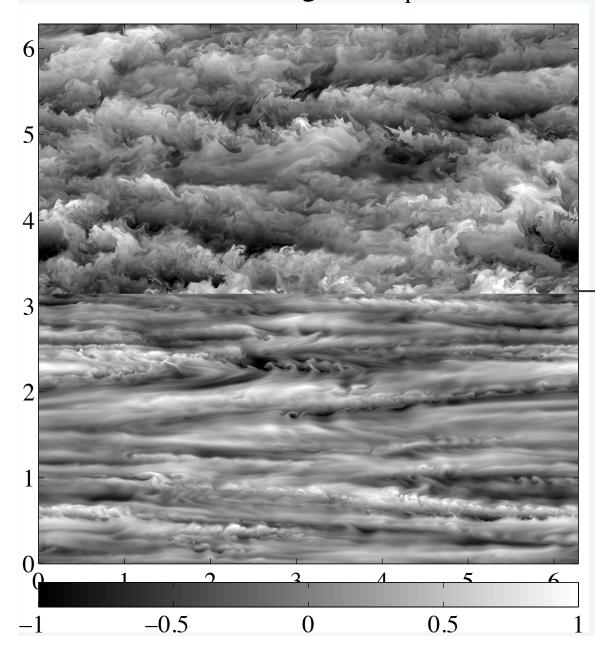
$$\partial_t \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} - \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} = -\nabla P - Nbe_z + \mathbf{F}$$
$$\partial_t b + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla b - \kappa \Delta b = Nw ,$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 .$$

* $F_z=1 \rightarrow L_z=u_{perp}/N$: buoyancy scale L_B (Billant Chomaz 2001)

* Together with using div $u=0 \rightarrow L_z/L_{perp} = u_z/u_{perp} = Fr << 1$

* Measure of vertical nonlinearity: $R_z = u_z L_z / v = Fr^2 u_{perp} L_{perp} / v$ $\rightarrow R_z = Fr^2 Re = \varepsilon / [vN^2] = R_B$: Buoyancy Reynolds number

Stratification, no rotation: Temperature fluctuations, xz slice, Re ~ 24000, 2048³ grids, $K_F \sim 2-3$

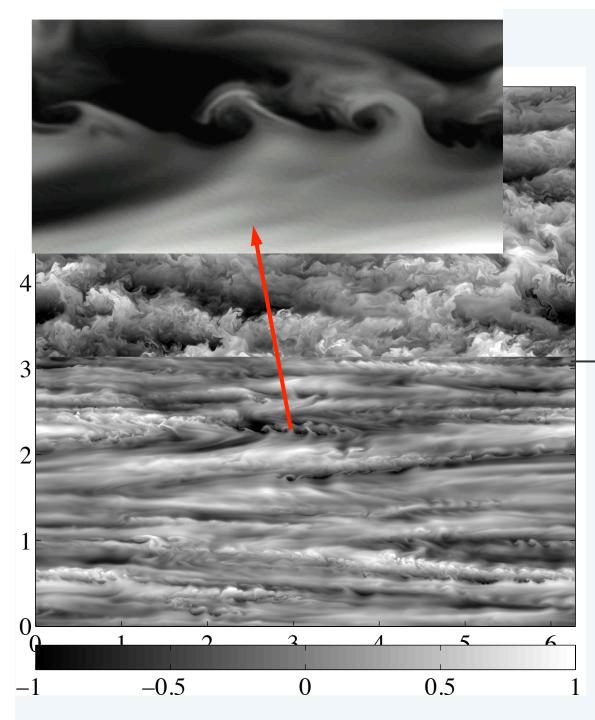


$$R_B = ReFr^2$$
 : buoyancy

Fr ~ 0.11 (N=4) R_B ~ 300

Fr ~ 0.03 (N=12) R_B ~ 22

Rorai et al., 2014



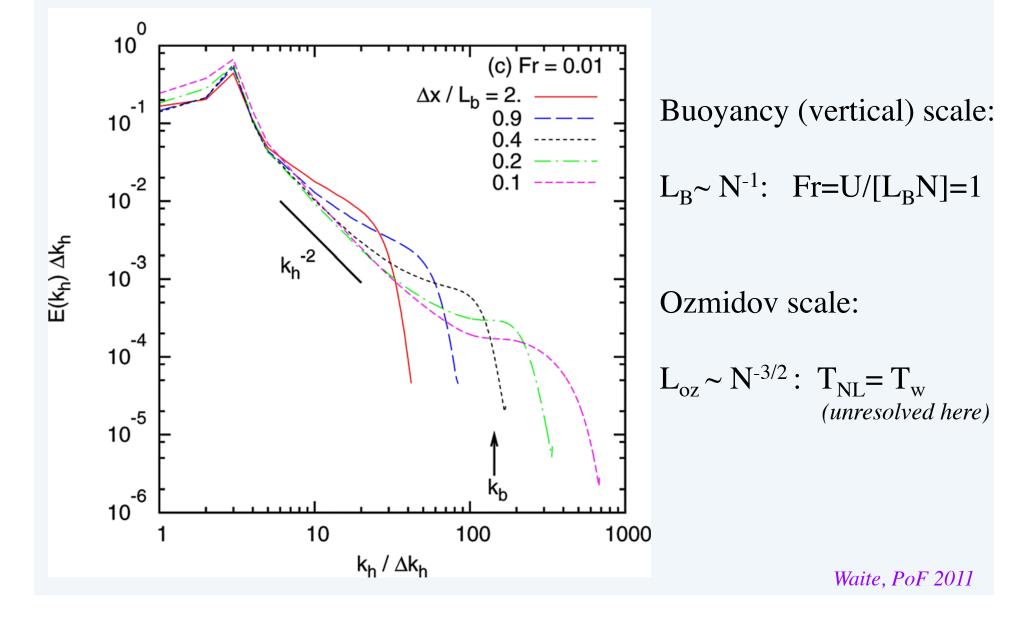
Pure stratification

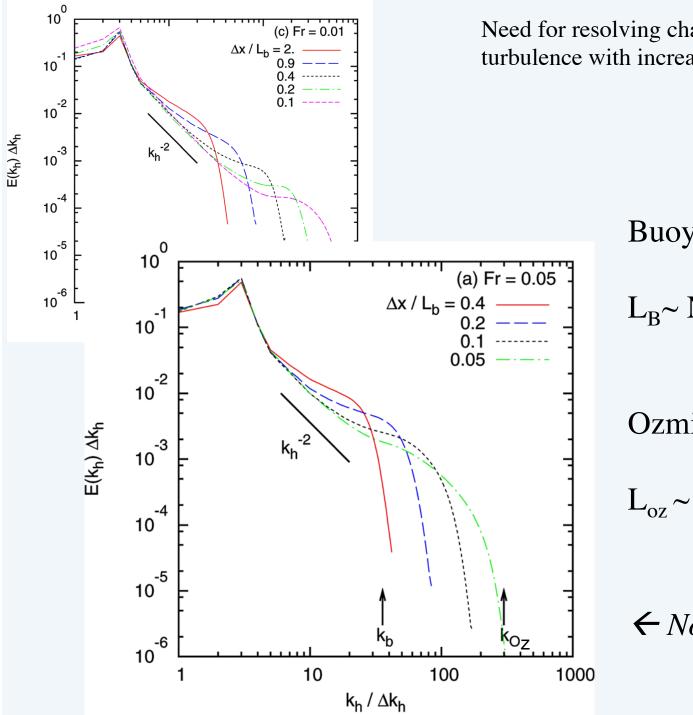
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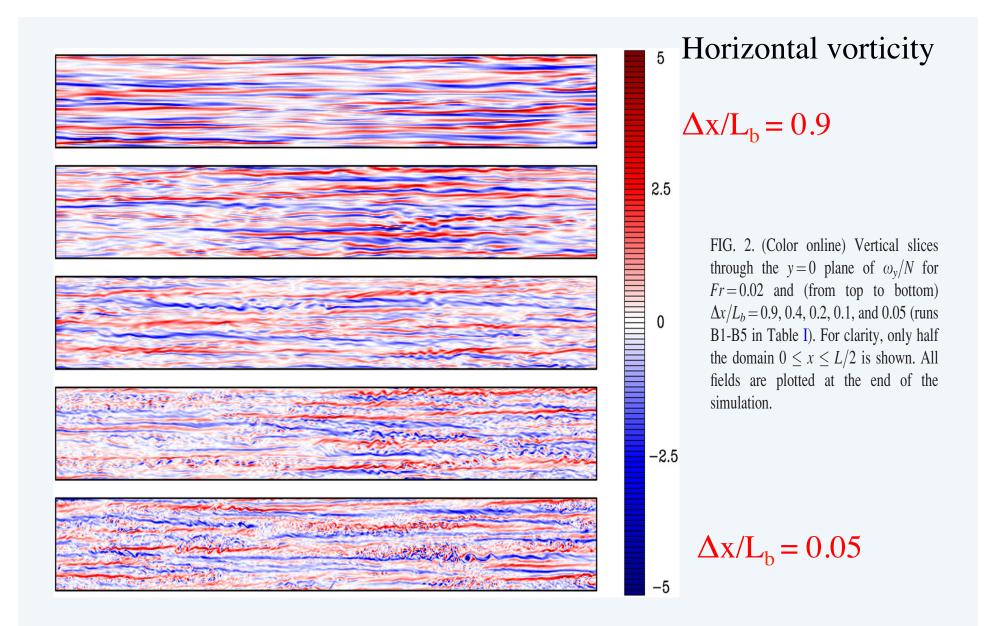
$$L_{B} \sim N^{-1}$$
: Fr=U/[L_BN]=1

Ozmidov scale:

$$L_{oz} \sim N^{-3/2}: T_{NL} = T_w$$

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\leftarrow Now resolved here
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Waite, *PoF* 2011



Stratified turbulence: resolving the buoyancy scale L_b

Waite, PoF 2011

Geostrophic Balance

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$$\frac{D}{Dt}\theta - N\boldsymbol{w} = \kappa\nabla^{2}\theta$$
$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{u} = 0,$$
Hydrostatic balance in the vertical
$$\frac{D}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \boldsymbol{u} \cdot \nabla,$$

 \rightarrow

Boussinesq → Geostrophic Balance

$$\frac{D}{Dt}\boldsymbol{u} + f\hat{\boldsymbol{z}} \times \boldsymbol{u} + \nabla p + N\theta\hat{\boldsymbol{z}} = \nu\nabla^{2}\boldsymbol{u} + \boldsymbol{F}$$
$$-\frac{D}{Dt}\theta - Nw = \kappa\nabla^{2}\theta$$

Take the curl \rightarrow "thermal winds"

 $\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{u} = 0,$ $\frac{D}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \boldsymbol{u} \cdot \nabla,$

 $N \partial_{y} \theta = -f \partial_{z} u_{x}$ $N \partial_{x} \theta = f \partial_{z} u_{y}$

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One more step (Hide '72): dot product with f **zxu** & horizontal average

→ Creation of helicity through rotation and stratification

$$\left| \langle u_{\perp} \cdot \nabla \times u_{\perp} \rangle_{\perp} = \frac{N}{f} \langle \mathbf{\Theta} \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \rangle_{\perp} \right|$$

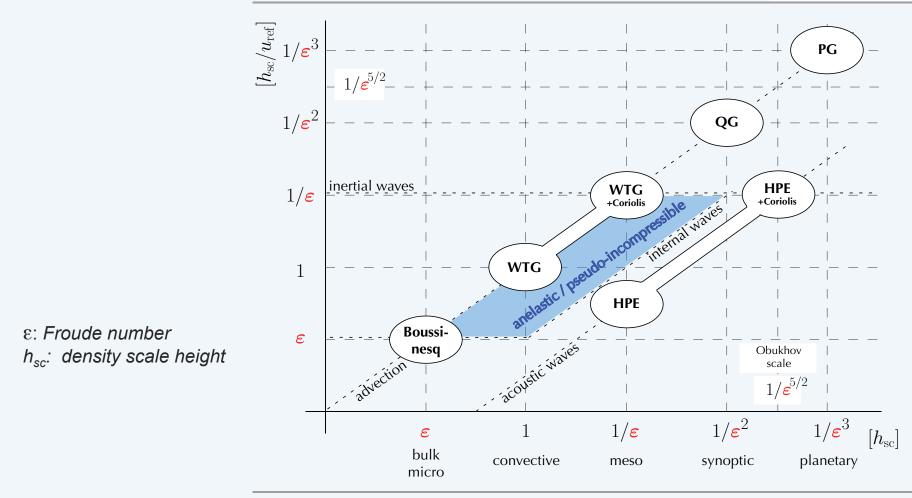
Recovered classical single-scale models:

 $\mathbf{U}^{(i)} = \mathbf{U}^{(i)}(\frac{t}{s}, \boldsymbol{x}, \frac{z}{s})$ $\mathbf{U}^{(i)} = \mathbf{U}^{(i)}(t, \boldsymbol{x}, z)$ $\mathbf{U}^{(i)} = \mathbf{U}^{(i)}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}t, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^2 \boldsymbol{x}, z)$ $\mathbf{U}^{(i)} = \mathbf{U}^{(i)}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^2 t, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^2 \boldsymbol{x}, z)$ $\mathbf{U}^{(i)} = \mathbf{U}^{(i)}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^2 t, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^2 \boldsymbol{x}, z)$ $\mathbf{U}^{(i)} = \mathbf{U}^{(i)}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^2 t, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\xi}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^2 \boldsymbol{x}), z)$ $\mathbf{U}^{(i)} = \mathbf{U}^{(i)}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{3/2}t, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{5/2}x, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{5/2}y, z)$

Linear small scale internal gravity waves Anelastic & pseudo-incompressible models Linear large scale internal gravity waves Mid-latitude Quasi-Geostrophic Flow Equatorial Weak Temperature Gradients Semi-geostrophic flow Kelvin, Yanai, Rossby, and gravity Waves

Klein, 2010

Atmospheric Flow Regimes



R.K., Ann. Rev. Fluic

Scaling regimes and model equations for atmospheric flows. The weak-temperature-gradient (WTG) and hydrostatic primitive equation (HPE) models cover a wide range of spatial scales assuming the associated advective and acoustic timescales, respectively. The anelastic and pseudoincompressible models for realistic flow regimes cover multiple spatiotemporal scales (Section 4.3). For similar graphs for near-equatorial flows, see Majda 2007b, Majda & Klein 2003. PG, planetary geostrophic; QG, quasi-geostrophic.

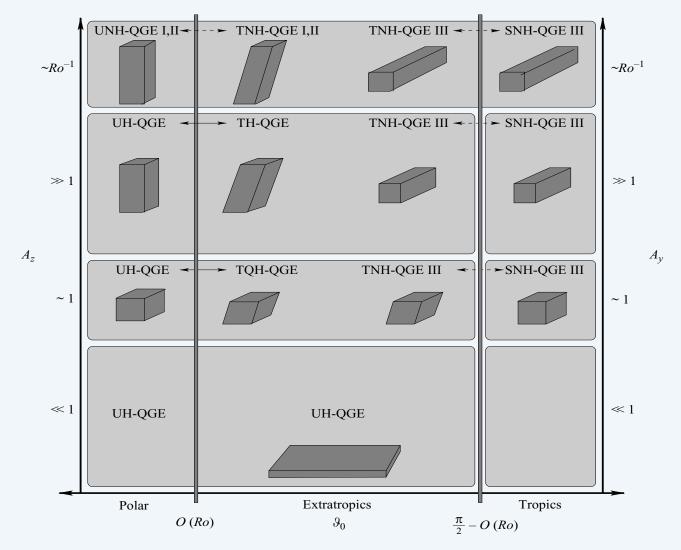
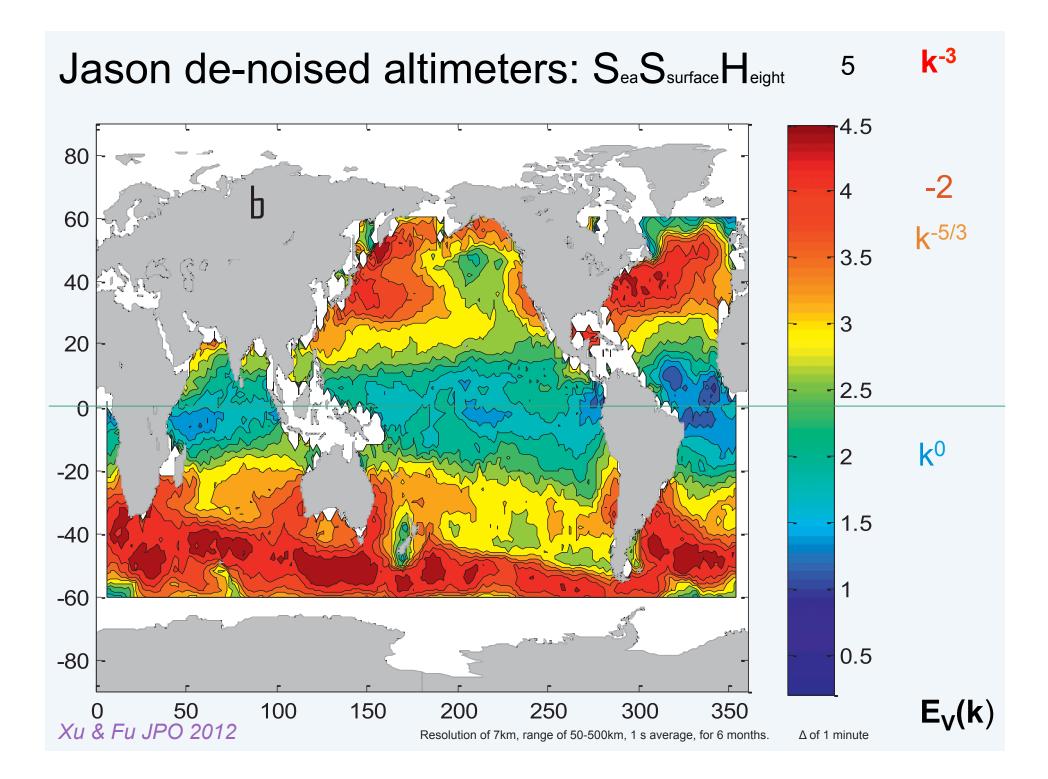


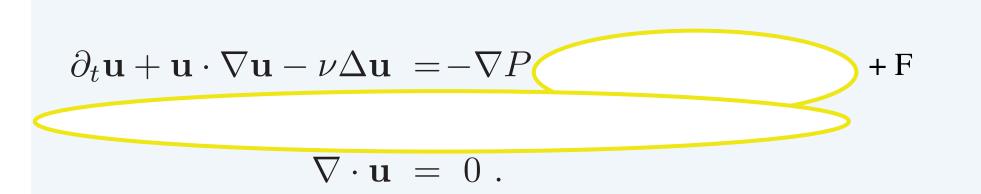
FIGURE 4. Classification of the reduced U–Upright, T–Tilted, S–Sideways QG models (see table 4) as a function of the colatitude ϑ_0 , and the spatial aspect ratios A_z or A_y . H–hydrostatic, QH–quasi-hydrostatic, NH–non-hydrostatic. With the exception of TNH-QGE III A_z distinguishes between all models in the polar and extratropical regions where $A_y = O(1)$, while A_y distinguishes between the tropical QGE and TNH-QGE III for which $A_z = O(1)$. The symbol \longleftrightarrow indicates a continuous transition between different models while \longleftrightarrow indicates extension of a model to the polar or equatorial regions.



What's different in rotating &/or stratified turbulence (R/ST)?

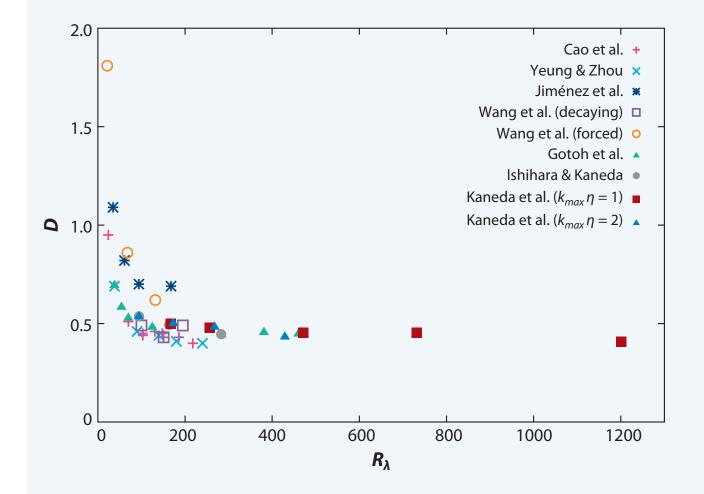
- Direct and inverse cascades in homogeneous isotropic turbulence
- Bi-directional constant-flux energy cascades & oceanic mixing
- Bolgiano-Obukhov scaling and the role of potential energy
- Development of large vertical velocity in stratified flows
- Role of helicity (velocity-vorticity correlations)

Homogeneous, isotropic turbulence: Navier-Stokes eqs.



One dimensionless parameter: Re= UL/v >> 1 *u: velocity*, *P: pressure v: viscosity*, *F: Force*

Invariants (v=0, F=0): 3D: Energy $\langle u^2/2 \rangle$ & helicity $\langle u.\nabla xu \rangle$ 2D: Energy $\langle u^2/2 \rangle$ & enstrophy $\langle |\nabla xu|^2 \rangle$ Direct numerical simulations: process study for a range of
 parameters: Dissipation for homogeneous isotropic turbulence



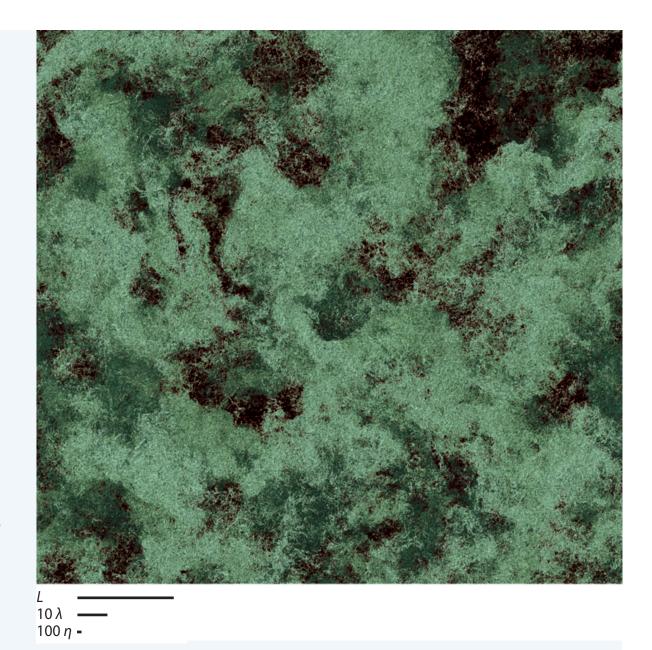
Kaneda et al., 2003; Ishihara & Kaneda, Ann. Rev. 2009

Vorticity **ω=∇xu**

Direct numerical simulation of homogeneous isotropic turbulence

Incompressible, 3D Navier-Stokes Periodic boundary conditions

64+ billion grid points (4096³) Ishihara Kaneda '03, Earth sim.

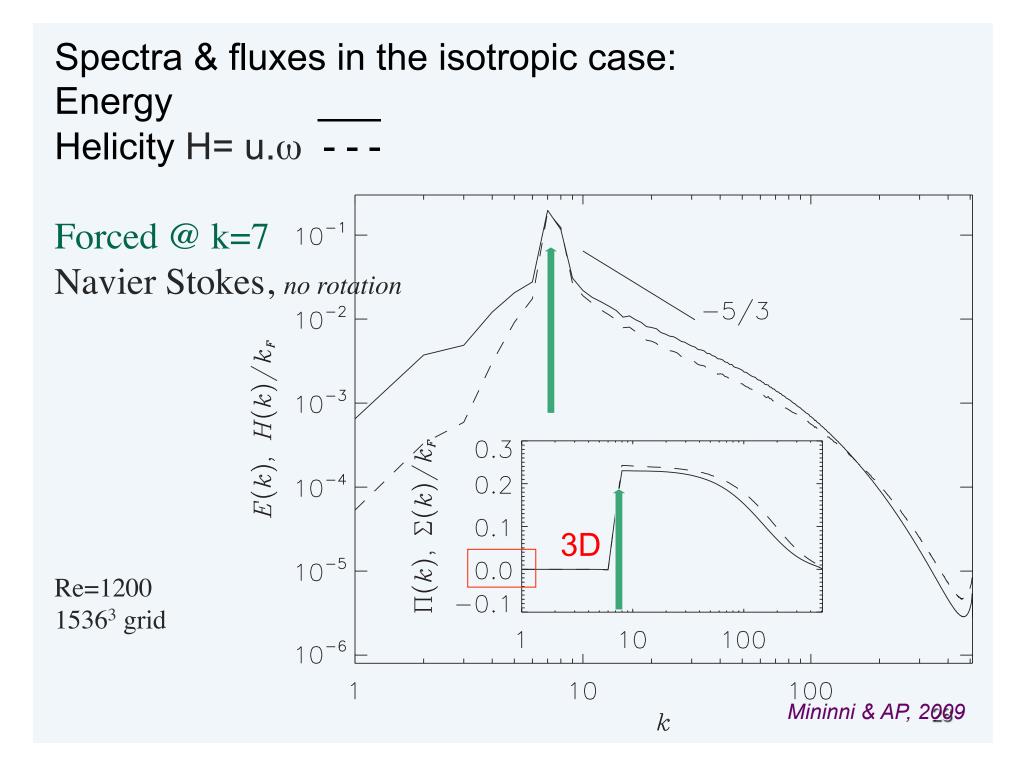


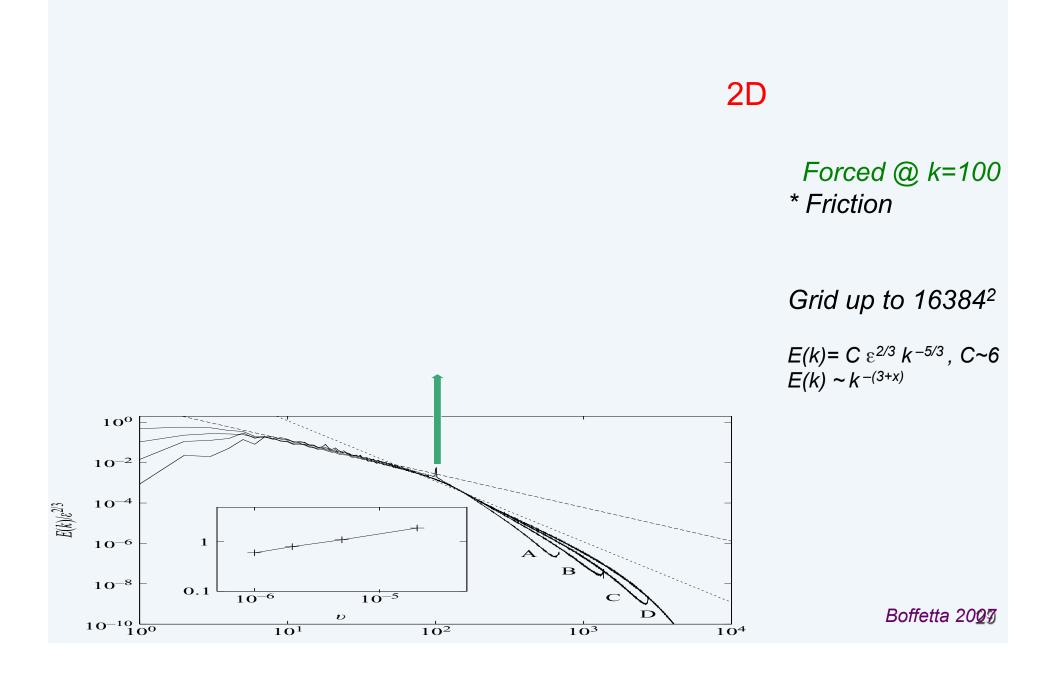
NEW! De Bruyn-Kops, 2015: 4096X8092² with stratification NEW! Kaneda, 2015: 12288³ homogeneous isotropic turbulence

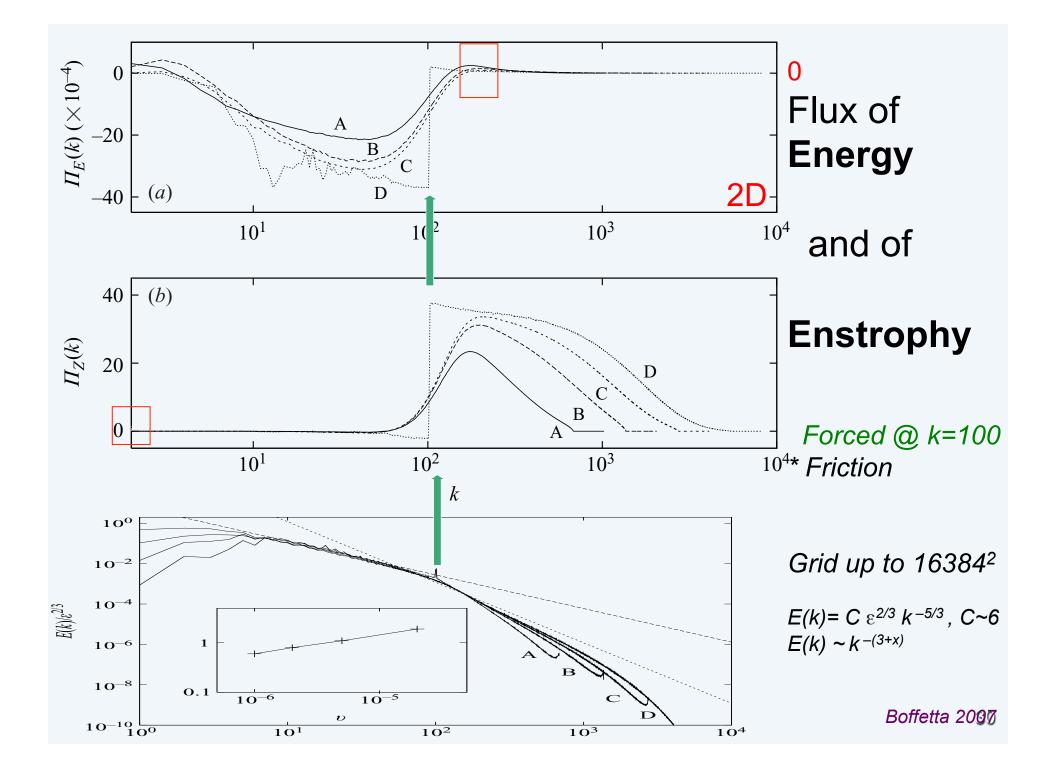
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Direct versus inverse cascades







Paradigm with 2 invariants like energy & enstrophy:

2D: Dual but mutually exclusive system with an inverse cascade of energy & a direct enstrophy cascade

3D: Direct cascade of energy, and direct helicity cascade

BUT ... role of:

- 1) Aspect ratio / Anisotropy
- 2) Imposed magnetic field
- 3) Imposed rotation / stratification
- 4) Helicity decimation
- 5) And more

3D, T-HI, **2D**2C force, $A=L_z/L_x=1/64$ with $S = L_f/L_z$

Turbulent viscosity, Navier-Stokes, no rotation, 128³ grid

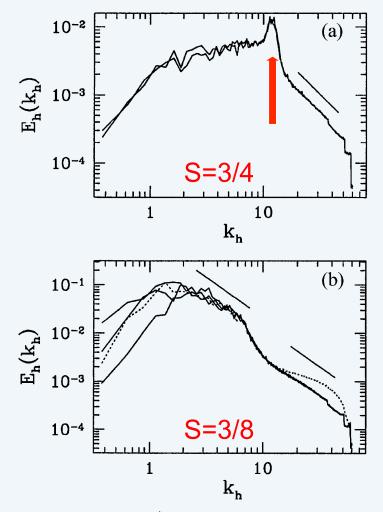


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Smith et al. PRL 1996

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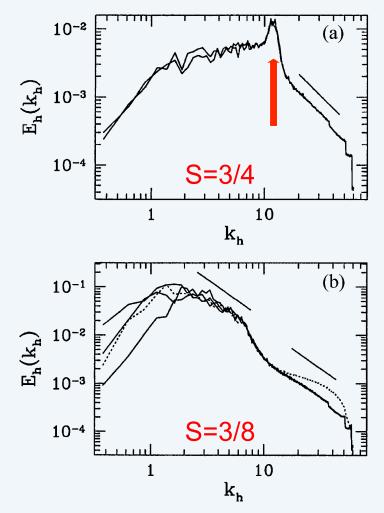


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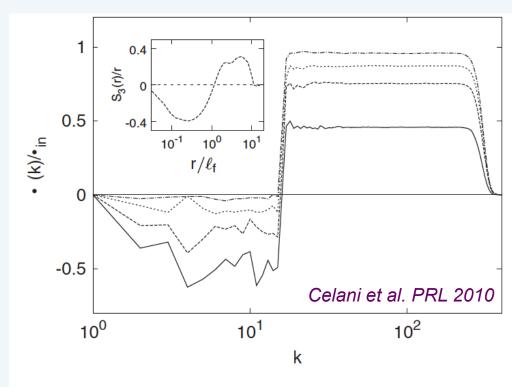
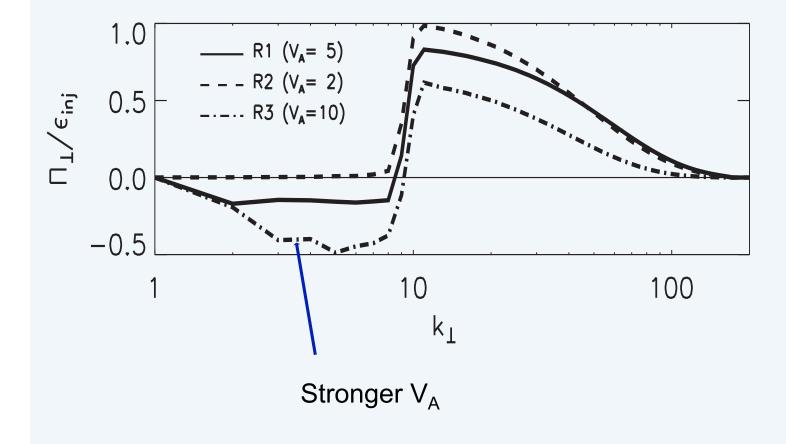


FIG. 2. Spectral flux of kinetic energy for various aspect ratio $L_z/\ell_f = 1/8$, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2 (from bottom to top). Simulation parameters as in Fig. 1. The inset reports the third order structure function of the velocity, $S_3(r)$, for $L_z/\ell_f = 1/4$.

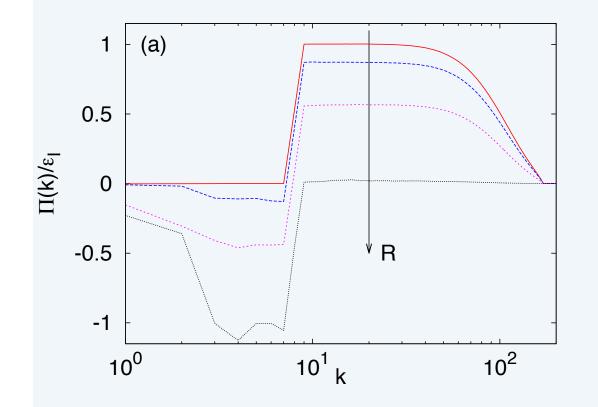
Kinetic energy flux in 3D MHD for various V_A



Alexakis, 2011

Energy flux in rotating flows with varying aspect ratios

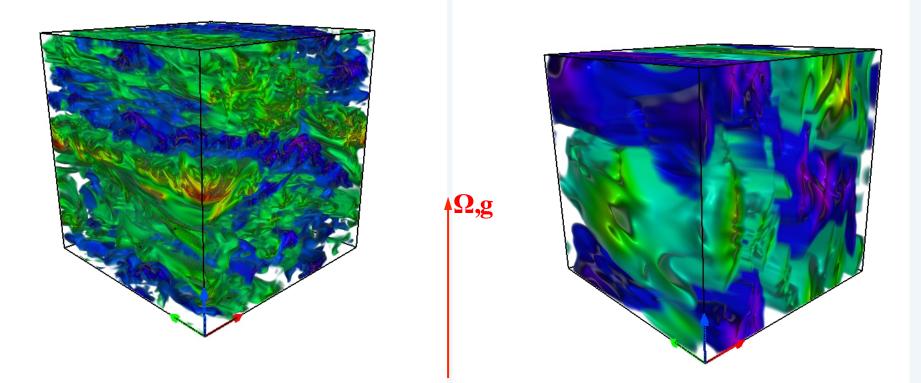
R~ f: rotation S=L_z/L_f



Deusebio et al. 2014 35

 What happens with rotation
 and
 stratification
 in an idealized setting?

Temperature, Re ~ 8000, 512^3 grids, decaying flows

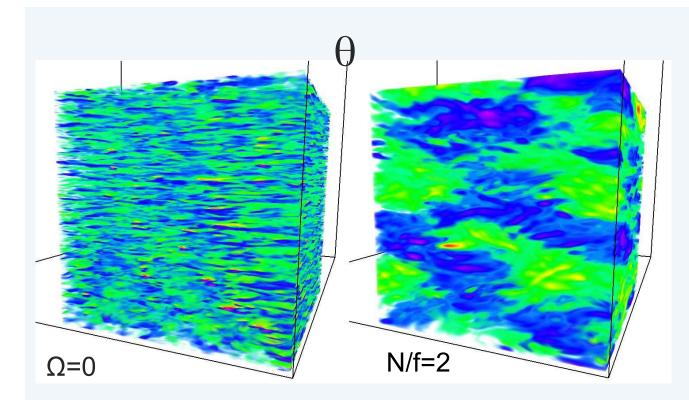


Fr ~ 0.11, Ro ~ 0.4, R_B = ReFr² ~ 100, N/f ~ 3.6

Fr ~ 0.025, Ro ~ 0.05, R_B ~ 5, N/f = 2

Rendering using Vapor

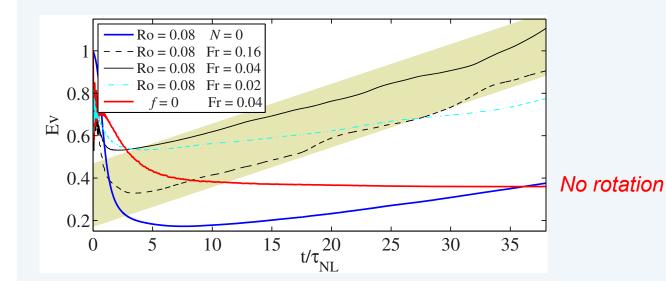
Marino et al., 2013



Rot + strat

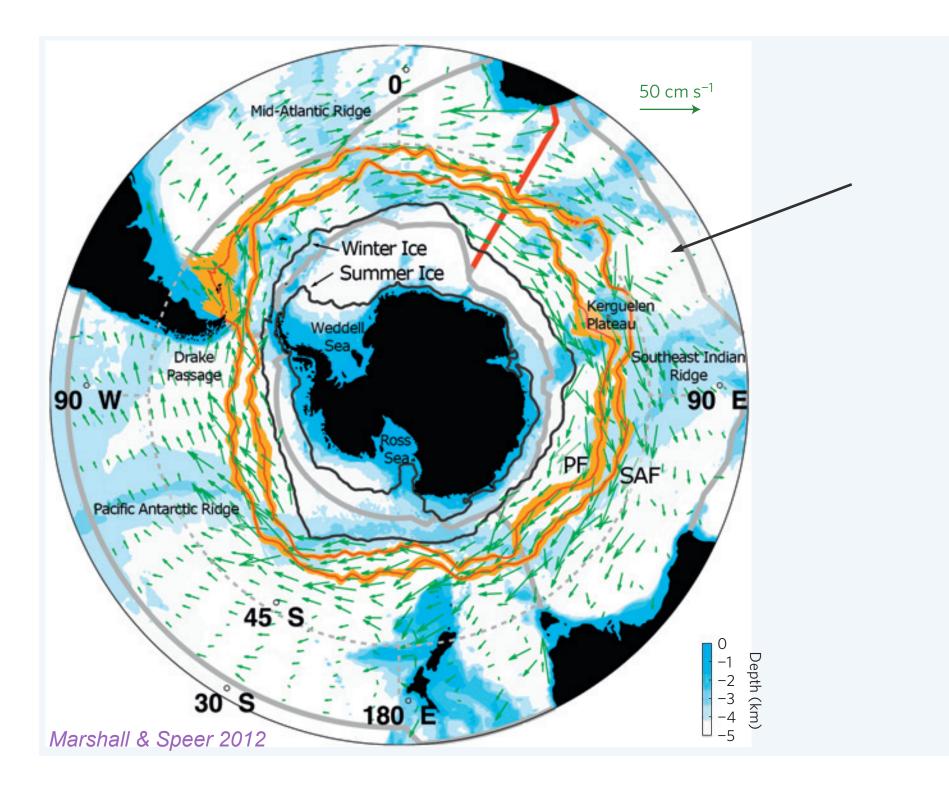
Forcing at small scales

Re=1000



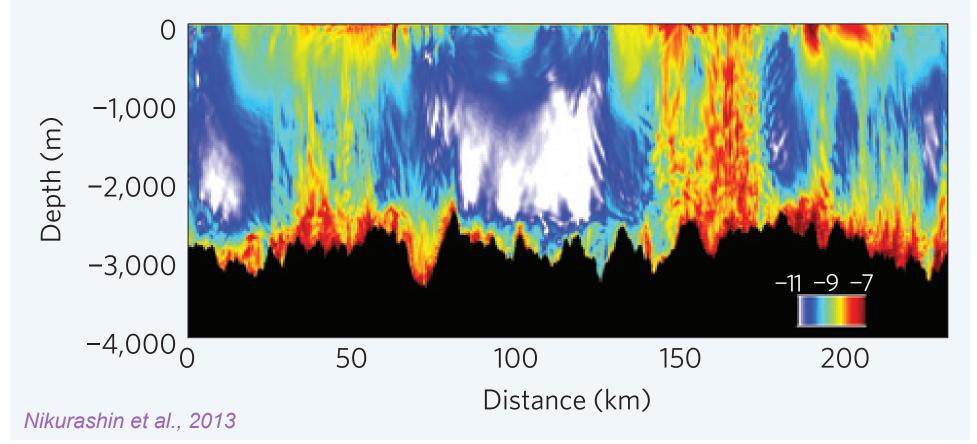
E(t)512³ or 1024³ grids $k_F=22$ or 40

Marino et al., EPL 2013



Run: MIT-GCM, N/f~ 4.7, Grid ~ 1200² X 200 points , 230x230 km² x 4km U ~ 10cm/s, N=7x10⁻⁴/s, high Prandtl number $R_{perp} \sim 7x10^7$, $R_Z \sim 7x10^3$

Energy dissipation 10^{-10} $\rightarrow 10^{-8}$ W/kg



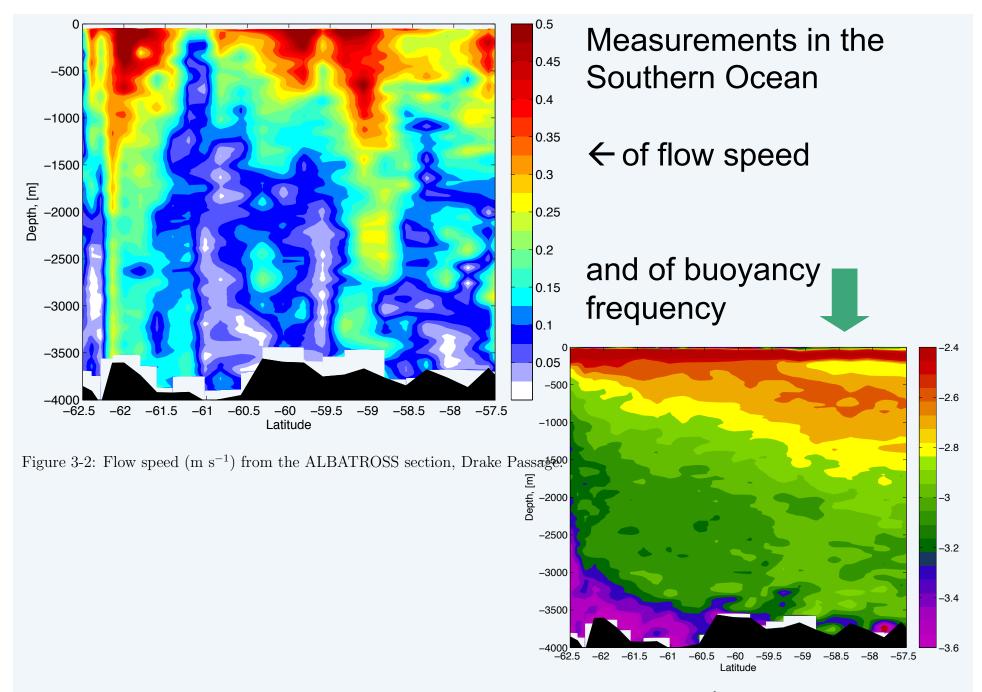
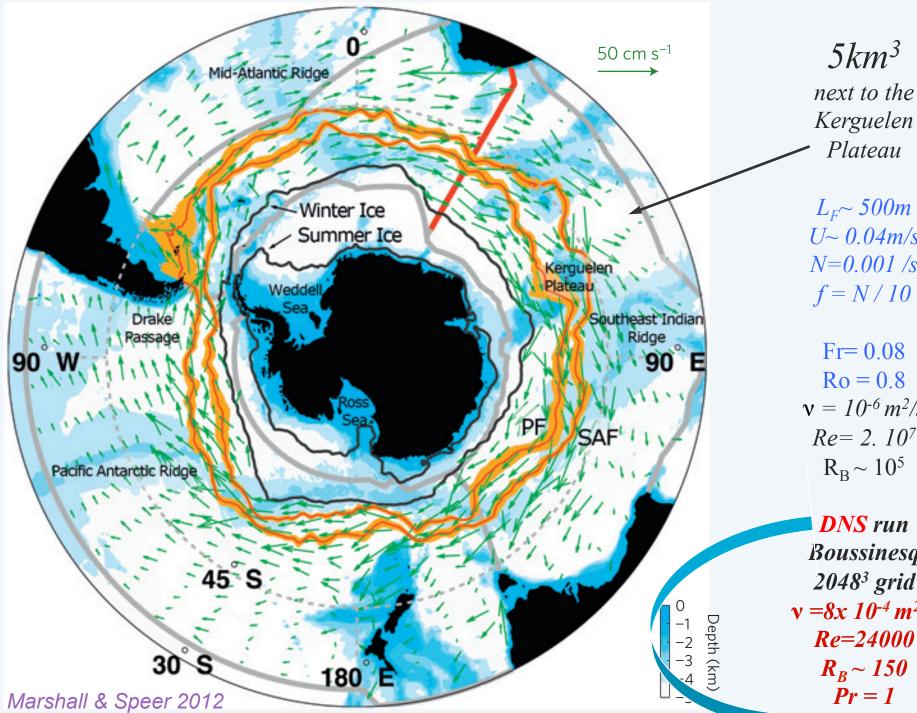


Figure 3-1: Buoyancy frequency (s⁻¹) in logarithmic scale from the ALBATROSS section, Drake Passage. Nikurashin, 2009

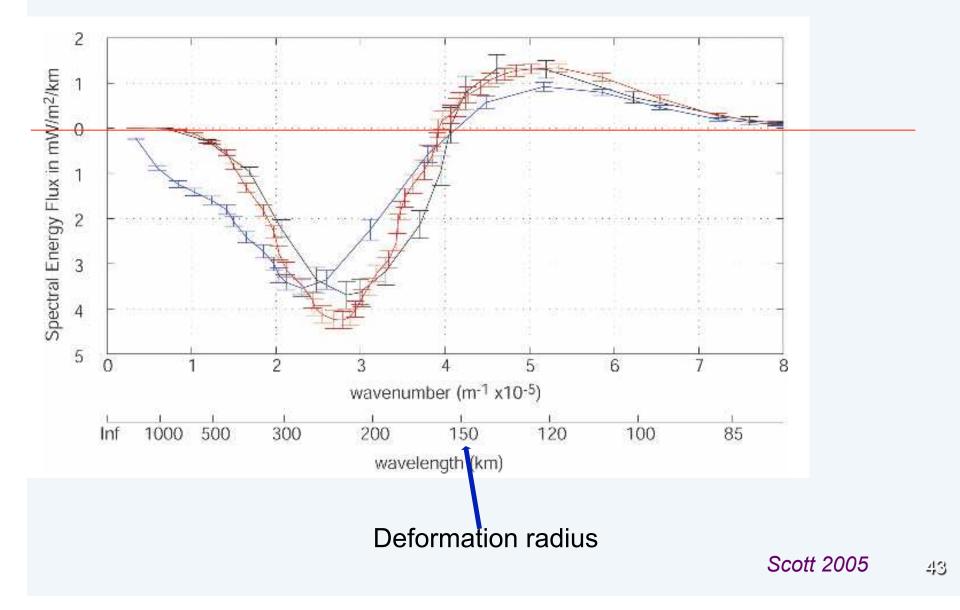


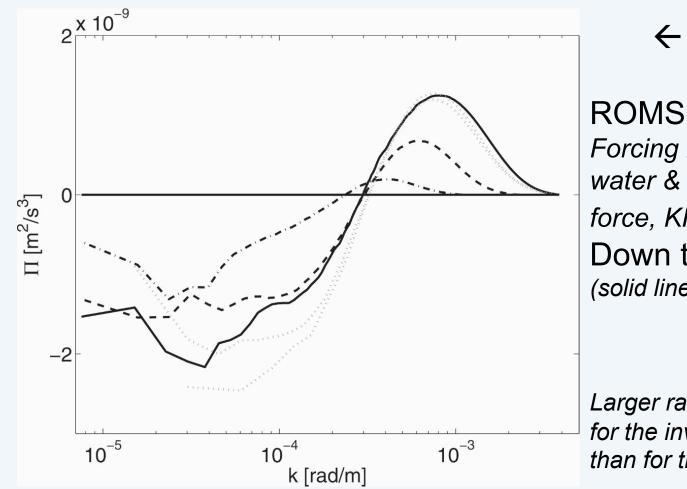
 $L_F \sim 500m$ $U \sim 0.04 m/s$ N=0.001 /s f = N/10

Fr = 0.08Ro = 0.8 $v = 10^{-6} m^2/s$ $Re=2.10^{7}$ $R_{\rm B} \sim 10^5$

DNS run Boussinesq 2048³ grid $v = 8x \ 10^{-4} \ m^2/s$ *Re=24000* $R_B \sim 150$ Pr = 1

Kinetic energy flux in the ACC, 10+yrs data every 10 days $\sim T_{NL}$





 ← Energy flux and spectrum
 MS

Forcing in momentum, fresh water & heat with restoring force, KPP & sponge layer Down to 0.75km res. (solid line)

Larger range for the inverse cascade than for the direct one

A paradox?

• Capet et al. (2008), ROMS+KPP:

... we hesitate to draw any strong conclusions about the efficacy of a mesoscale inverse KE {*Kinetic Energy*} cascade in our solutions, although our results indicate it does occur to some degree ...

* Scott et al. (2011), oceanic data analysis:

despite great effort in studying the ocean's energy budget in the last two decades, the bulk of the dissipation of the most energetic oceanic motions remains unaccounted for.

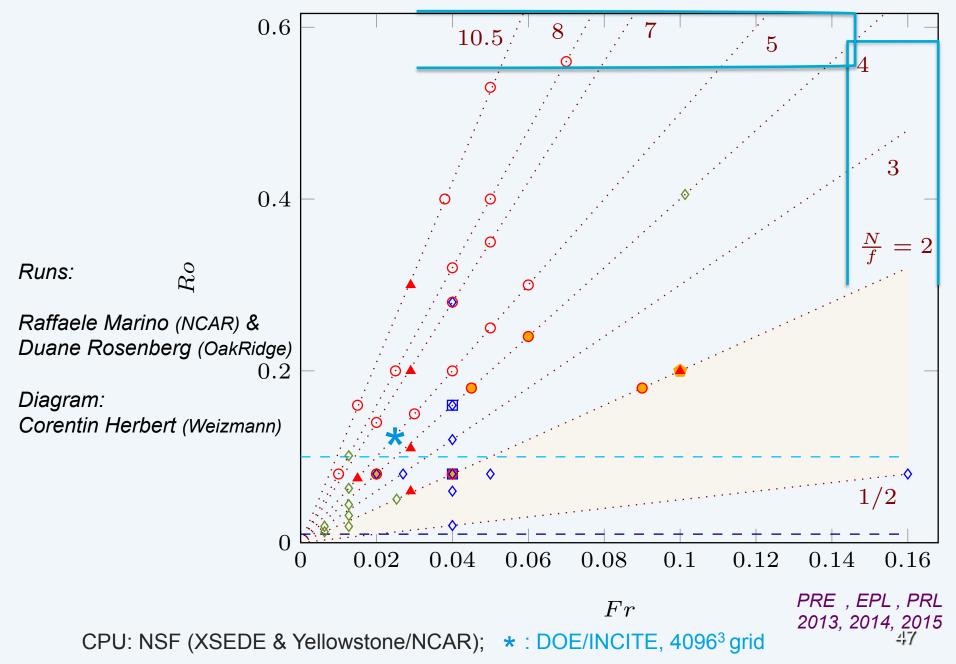
Geophysical High Order Suite for Turbulence (Gomez & Mininni)

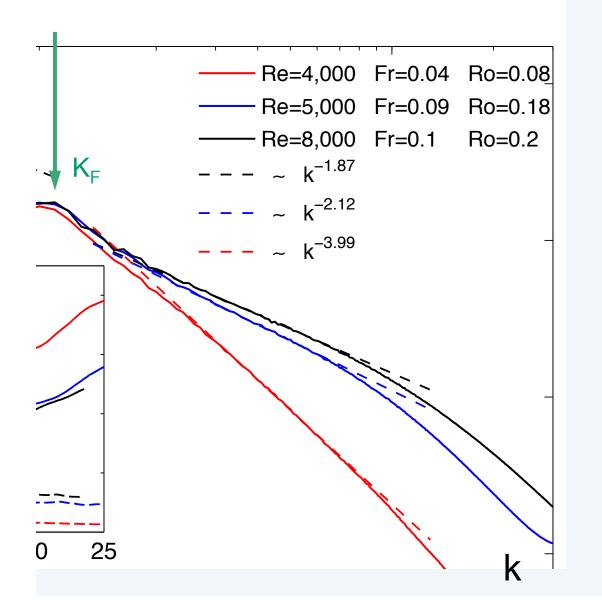
- Pseudo-spectral DNS, periodic BC cubic (also 2D), single/double precision; Runge-Kutta for incompressible Navier-Stokes, SQG & Boussinesq. Includes rotation, passive scalar(s), MHD + Hall term
- GHOST, from laptop to high-performance, parallelizes linearly up to 100,000 processors, using hybrid MPI/Open-MP (Mininni et al. 2011, Parallel Comp. 37)
- 3D Visualization: VAPOR (NCAR); and development @ OakRidge (D. Rosenberg)
- LES: alpha model & variants (Clark, Leray) for fluids & MHD
- Helical spectral (EDQNM) model for eddy viscosity & eddy noise
- NEW! Lagrangian particles (w. A. Pumir, ENS)
- NEW! Gross-Pitaevskii & Ginzburg-Landau (with M. Brachet, ENS)
- Data, forced: 2048³ Navier-Stokes and 1536³ & 3072³ with rotation, both w. or w/o helicity. Rotating stratified turbulence w. 2048³ grids.
- Spin-down MHD:1536³ random + 6144³ ideal & 2048³ w. T-Green symmetry.
- Decaying rotating stratified flow, N/f~5, Re=5.5 10⁴, 2048³, 3072³ & 4096³ grids

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Rotating-stratified data



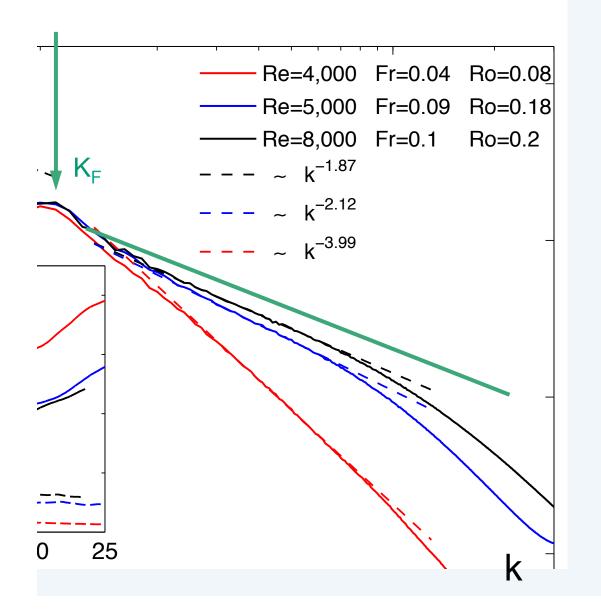


Forcing at $K_F \sim 10$

Small-scale spectra N/f =2 and for different parameters

 $R_B = Re Fr^2$

R_B= 6, 40 & 80



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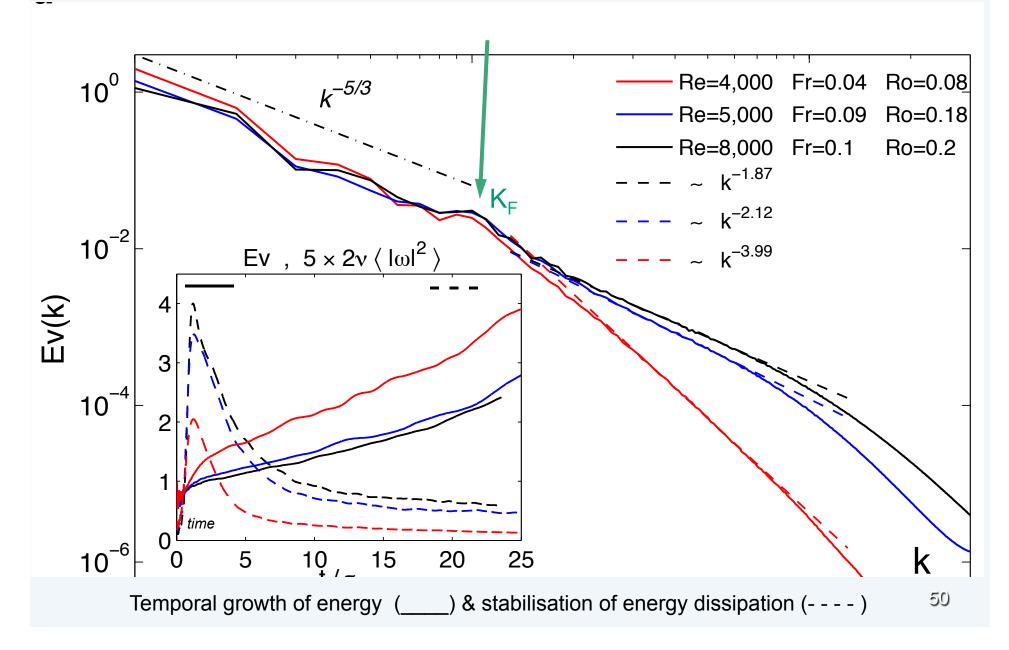
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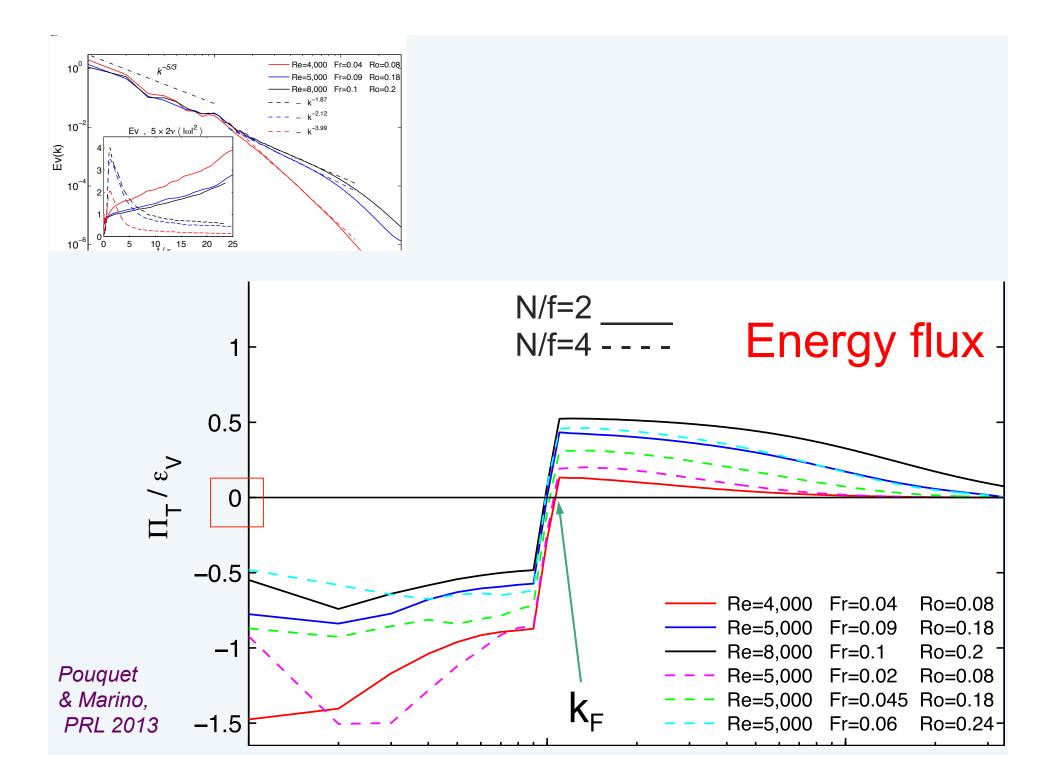
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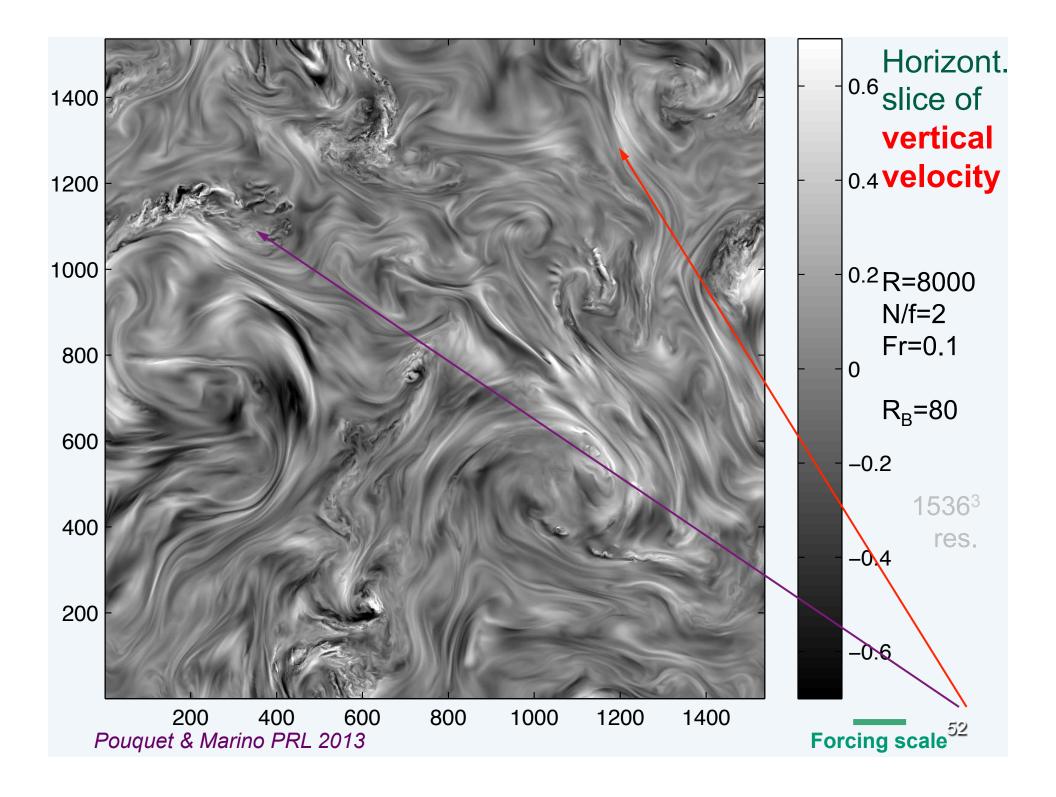
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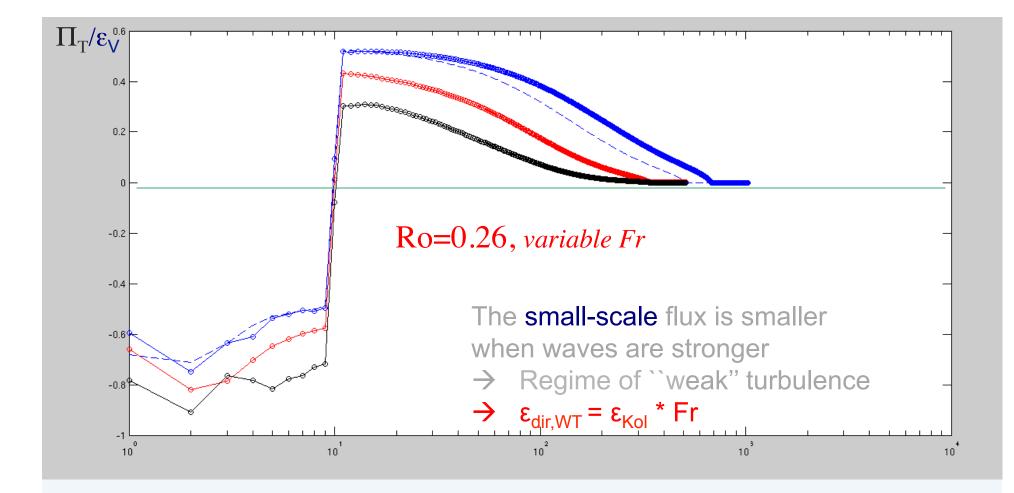
& 120, E(k) ~ k^{-1.77}

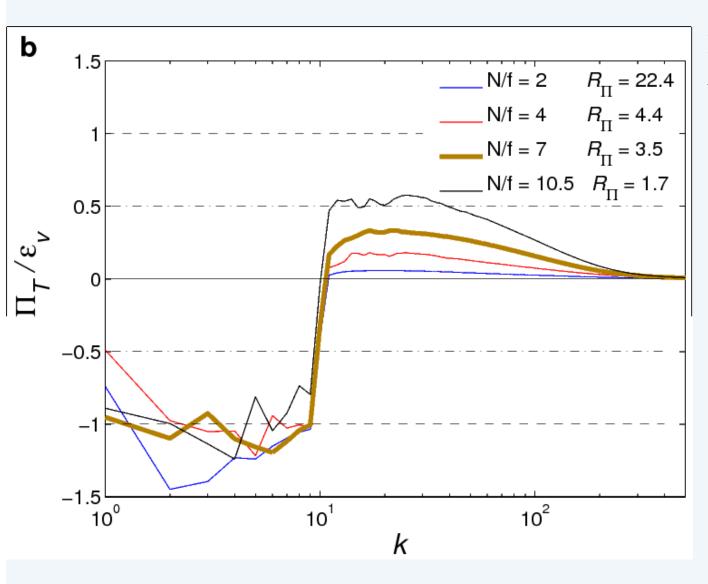
Large-scale spectra, N/f=2







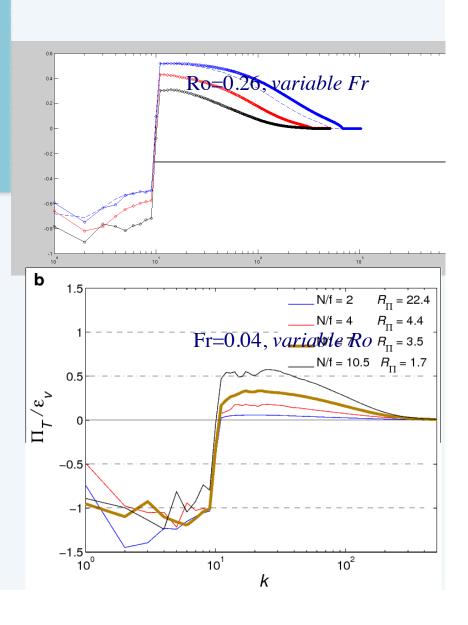


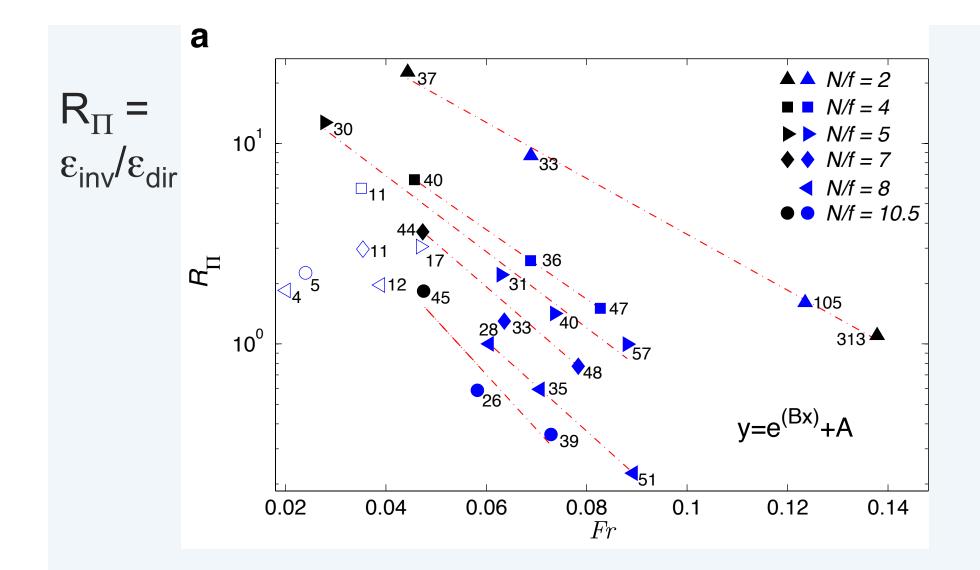


Fr=0.04, *variable Ro* N/f=Ro/Fr, Ro=U/[Lf] *Ro~* 0.08 ~ 0.16 ~ 0.28 ~ 0.45

The stronger the rotation, the larger is R_{Π} , i.e. the larger is the cascade to large scales **relative** to that to small scales

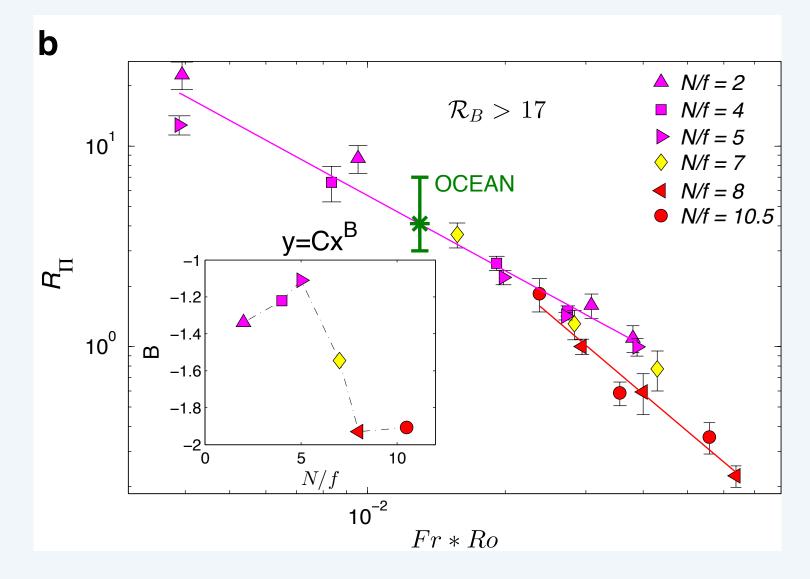
 $\rightarrow \epsilon_{LS} / \epsilon_{ss} \sim [Fr * Ro]^{-1}$ ~ ω_{rms} [Nf]^{-1/2} Re ⁻¹





* Point labeled with values of $R_B = Re Fr^2$

$$R_{\Pi} = \epsilon_{inv} / \epsilon_{dir}$$



Conclusion

Dual bi-directional constant flux cascades are the norm, allowing for long-time large-scale coherent structures as well as small-scale mixing and dissipation