

While there will not be time or energy to discuss all these topics, this the 'reservoir' from which I am drawing the lectures. PBR

## 1. BASIC ROTATING, STRATIFIED FLUIDS.. OCEANS AND ATMOSPHERES

**Stiffness** - rotation

**layering** - buoyancy and geometry  
fat bodies, thin sheets

**textures** - SeaWiFS ocean color video  
AVHRR

### energetics

solar source  $1368 \text{ W m}^{-2} \Rightarrow 342 \text{ W m}^{-2}$  average solar radiation  
flux, transformation, utilization, storage (ff) transportation  
human utilization:  $4 \times 10^{20} \text{ J/yr}$ ,

IE + KE + PE  $\propto$  adiabatic perf gas

### 3DTurbulence: classical

vector tracer VORT  $\propto D\omega/Dt = (\omega \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u}$  tipping, bending of vortex lines

vector tracer cascade

energy dissipation  $\varepsilon = \nu |\omega|^2$  plus boundary terms

stretching of conservable tracers...active, passive

stirring  $\Rightarrow$  mixing

vortex tube strength:  $\propto$  proof

topology of vortex lines: we need to see them Okhitani (U EA)

vorticity meters

hydrogen bubble visualization...MIT films

tornado vortex

### rotational stiffness

inertial waves, Taylor-Proudman columns video

internal wave eqn:  $\propto$

waves & circ (linear): TC as low freq inertial wave

grav +  $\Omega$  Kelvin waves ...in gen'l edge modes arise from mixed b.c., two rest forces video

### geostrophic adjustment

**continuous stratification:** N-venetian blind  $\propto$

upper mixed layer

$\theta/S$  sorting... compensation not univ Gregg, Ferrari

thermal wind...exact  $\propto$

$\nabla \mathbf{p} \times \nabla \mathbf{q}$  solenoids, twisting horiz vorticity eqn... thermal wind imbalance forced by

fric, wind, convec

veloc spirals -- veering backing, heating

WBUC, 500mb/slp

add  $\theta/S$  sorting

compensation is not universal..Gregg, Ferrari

### results from general wave theory

rays geom. optics

sta phase or w.p.

•group vel Moiré

divergence of rays  $\propto$

far field asymptotics: steady radn FT  $\propto$  MJL

impulsive generation (Dickinson Revs Geophys 1969)  
 (note rad'n condn = gradual switch-on or weak friction)  
 waveguide modes  
 rays vs modes energy flux.  
 Ocean : ...do internal modes exist or does energy propagate downward and

dissipate at depth?

constructing the wave pattern  
 Taylor column revisited  
 • refraction, dispersion  $Dk_i/Dt$ ,  $Dx_i/Dt$ , ..  
 •WKBJ  $p^{-1/4} \exp(i \int p^{1/2} dx) \Rightarrow$  wave action  $\alpha$   
 gen'l wave action  $A = \xi_\alpha \cdot (u + \Omega \times \xi)$   
 why is it so general: RWS arg. flux of M = flux of E/c  $\alpha$   
 intro to form drag  
 ray example: grav waves on an adverse current. Shear and critical layers  
 trivial: look at undular bore KdV..only slightly nl

## 2. POTENTIAL VORTICITY, ROSSBY WAVES

Kelvin's theorem with rotation

**Ertel/Rossby PV**

QG PV

conservation, invertibility.....Maxwell eqns atomic orbitals

cylind geos adj (fig) Hedstrom..

Prandtl ratio

Hidaka's Onions (fig)

Haynes-McIntyre eqn: PV locked to isentropic surfaces...mixed layers and PV  
 unnatural b.c. for PV (unless know MLD...)

boundary sheets

fpb, pbr, Schneider et al.

Eady prob: zero interior PV, sheets stripped into interior

non geostrophic PV: Eliasson Sawyer eqn for symm circls

instability if PV < 0: PV = J(H,θ) where H= abs ang mom

...if density surfaces steeper than ang mom sfcs, unstable  
 mixing, convec along H surfaces

ageostrophic cases pull us away from geostrophic, hydrost, θ-wind balance

vorticity waves

inertial waves are vort waves (except for trivial inertial osc)

that's what holds them together: abs vortex lines bending, stretching

Cormac Ω wake

**Rossby waves**

DR: anisotropic, inverse, witch's hat

primitive vort arg suggests role of *vortex/PV rearrangement*

qbx runs

**oceans:**

Ocean-Green's function - 1  $\delta(x,y) \exp(-i\omega t)$  videos: [GFDlab](#), [altimeter-Chelton](#)

Ocean-Green's function-2  $\beta$  plume  $\delta(x,y)$  do asymptotics carefully  
 western boundary by method of images

Ocean gyres: 2 layer wind-driven ocean Hallberg

RW set up,  $\beta$  plumes for compact PV forcing

boundary currents: active or passive? Modern numerical diagnosis Maximenko, Liu

**atmospheres:**

Atmosphere- Greens function-3 standing RW

[video](#)

Lighthill blocking

### 3. INSTABILITY TO GEOS TURBULENCE - WAVES, JETS and GYRES

#### enstrophy cascade

contour stretching. dual cascade: in part due to local (in  $k$ ) dynamics but globally (in  $k$ )

must be controlled by dissipation. Dissip of PV different from dissip of energy spectra

hard-core vortices can resist the enstrophy cascade

rings from Kuroshio, GS, Meddies, LS eddies usually assoc with bc instab

**jet-generation** by random stirring video

PV rearrangement

importance of radiation

Welander's goldfish

Baroclinic instability as a pair of interacting Rossby waves Methven Hoskins

Haynes Scinocca Magnusdottir life cycles

stratified fluid...Phillips effect

PV staircases

jet stream waveguide

low lat critical layers reflecting/absorbing (Jung Rhines fig)

vertical structure: external mode  $\alpha$  wave eqn

#### baroclinic life cycles

jet sharpening in classic BCI

#### barotropization

turbulent view: lateral expansion and barotropization pbr 77  
still true?

downstream development Chang, Orlanski

dual cascade?? Thompson & Young

importance of energy sink: McWilliams: high resolution simulations  
with free slip

mode-jumping as a product of barotropization

#### ocean gyres

Ocean- PV balance: sources and sinks (Breckenridge) Haynes/McIntyre, Marshall...

cold and warm subduction

rev of homog and ventilation

barotropization and form drag

Hallberg model: boundary PV injection

PV of gyres

Williams O'Dwyer bdry mixing, deep PV

#### boundary layers

boundary currents Ocean and Atmosphere

A lower bl

O upper mixed layer

Ferrari dual SGT model frontogenesis

Thomas: wind gen PV (by convec overturning: stronger than frontogenesis  
in controlling PV, subduction bolus). Elliassen-Sawyer equation

#### annular modes – storm tracks

Nakamura N Pacific

teleconnections—Pacific to Atlantic

ocean centers of action: Held: thermal versus orographic forcing

explosive cyclogenesis Reid, Hoskins, Bracegirdle

NAO, NAM, SAM EP analysis: self-tuning waveguide

acceleration of the south polar vortex: due to human activity!

Limpasuvan, Hartmann, Lorenz

**Atlantic storm track** synoptics of storm tracks and ssw, vertical interaction

Greenland's effect on the storm track

model resolution: T1000 global simulations

**between the meridional overturning circulation (MOC) and gyres: the ACC**

wind stress and form drag

#### 4. THE GLOBAL MOC: OVERTURNING CIRCULATIONS AND CLIMATE

**the argument**

Munk's abyssal recipes

Sandström's theorem

Paparella & Young: 'buoyancy driven MOC is non-turbulent'

fallacy of single energetic arguments

obviously mixing is required to lift the dense cold waters to the sfc

Gnanadesekin, Toggweiler, GFDL HIM-ACC

**what is the MOC?**

transport, transformation and exchange on the  $\theta/S$  plane

the  $\theta/S$  relation is the key descriptor of ocean buoyancy

and thermodynamics and halodynamics

**what drives ocean / atmosphere thermodynamics?**

meridional energy flux dry static  $C_p T + gz \approx C_p \theta$

**cumulus clouds** over the Bering Sea: air-sea buoyancy flux: does the GS warm Europe,

does the Kuroshio warm Seattle?

two different air/sea flux maps: one for ocean, one for atmosphere

Bailey et al Clim Dyn 05

are climate models too sensitive to the atmosphere (Lab Sea)

**where does the ocean upwell?**

Nurser et al... Veronis effect

ACC/Southern Ocean Speer

**convection in GFD**

rotating convection.

mesoscale eddies and convective plumes

#### 5. AN OCEANOGRAPHER'S EXPERIENCE IN TEACHING ABOUT THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

**We are well-prepared** to do so: physics, chem., bio, geo

Arctic climate: polar amplification **video**

Arctic natives: Chukchi coast: Harald Sverdup

150,000 Inuit natives with a common language.

The first ethnologist of the Arctic, Knud Rasmussen

Lapland Scandinavia, Greenland, Canada, Alaska, Chukchi coast

Energy as an organizing theme for understanding the environment

Sun=>Earth=>climate and photosynthesis

human use of energy and its implications

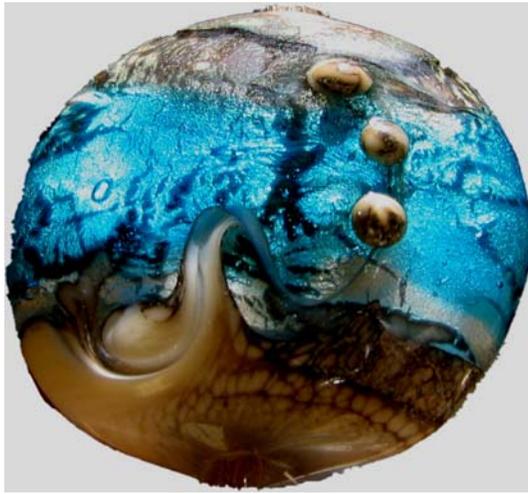
the future of water

**Gaia's revenge** or the **Skeptical Environmentalist?**

#### 6. SEMINAR

Exploring high-latitude ocean climate with Seagliders and satellites

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These lectures will address the dynamics of oceans and atmospheres, as seen through theory, laboratory simulation and field observation. We will look particularly at high latitudes and climate dynamics of the ocean circulation coupled to the atmospheric storm tracks. We will emphasize the dynamics that is difficult to represent in numerical circulation models. We will discuss properties of oceans and atmospheres that are both fundamental, unsolved questions of physics, and are also important, unsolved problems of global environmental change.

**Lecture 1:**

Is the ocean circulation important to global climate? Does dense water drive the global conveyor circulation? Fundamental questions about oceans and atmospheres that are currently under debate.

The field theory for buoyancy and potential vorticity  
Basic propagators: Rossby waves and geostrophic adjustment.  
Potential vorticity: inversion and flux.

**Lecture 2:**

How do waves and eddies shape the general circulation, gyres and jet streams?  
Almost invisible overturning circulations.  
Lessons from Jupiter and Saturn.  
The peculiar role of mountains, seamounts and continental-slope topography.

**Lecture 3:**

Dynamics of ocean gyres and their relation with the global conveyor circulation.  
Water-mass transport, transformation and air-sea exchange of heat and fresh water.  
Ocean overflows and their mixing.  
Decadal trends in the global ocean circulation.

**Lecture 4:**

Heat, fresh-water, ice: convection in oceans and atmospheres and the texture of geophysical fluids.

**Lecture 5:**

Teaching young students about the global environment using the GFD laboratory: science meets energy and environment in the lives of Arctic natives

