

## **CLOSING ENERGY BUDGETS IN OCEAN MODELS**

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# MAIN ISSUES

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- Energy errors in mechanical energy and heat budgets don't have same implications
  - Constructing energy conserving Boussinesq equations is easy. Still can be crap though.
  - Importance of averaging operators. Parameterization of advection versus forces. Thermodynamics of mean variables.
  - Linking energetics of the resolved scales with that of the unresolved scales
  - Partial thermodynamic quantities. Isolating the freshwater from the seawater
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# MECHANICAL VERSUS THERMODYNAMIC SOURCES OF ENERGY IN THE OCEAN

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Heat Transport: Peak about 2 PW

Wind Power Input: About 2 TW

Buoyancy Power Input: About 0.5 TW



Mechanical sources of energy about 3 orders of magnitude smaller than Heat sources of energy

An energy error of 0.1 TW is probably inconsequential if it affects the Heat Budget, but likely to be a key source of error (Wrong forces in momentum equations) if it affects the mechanical energy budget (Kinetic Energy + Available Potential Energy)

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# SOURCES OF ENERGY ERRORS

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$$\frac{D\vec{v}}{Dt} + f\vec{k} \times \vec{v} + \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p = D_v + \vec{F}_{missing}$$

Affect KE budget

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} + \vec{v}_{eddy}) \cdot \nabla \theta = \nabla \cdot (K \nabla \theta) + \dot{\theta}_{nonconservative}$$

Affect APE and  
Heat budgets

All parameterizations of subgrid-scale effects have energetics implications

How do you go from a 1-D energy error back to a missing 3D force?

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# ENERGY FORMS

Standard Energy per unit mass

$$E_{ocean} = \frac{\vec{v}^2}{2} + gz + h(\eta, S, p) - \frac{p}{\rho}$$

**Kinetic  
Energy**

**Gravitational  
Potential  
Energy**

**Internal Energy =  
Specific Enthalpy –  
Pressure x Specific Volume**



# EXACT PARTITIONING OF REDUCED POTENTIAL ENERGY (TAILLEUX 2018)

$$h(\eta, S, p) + gz + \frac{p_r(z) - p}{\rho} = h + gz - \frac{p'}{\rho} = \Pi_1 + \Pi_2 + B_r$$

$$\Pi_1 = h(\eta, S, p) - h(\eta, S, p_r(z)) + \frac{p_r(z) - p}{\rho} \approx \frac{p'^2}{2\rho c_s^2} > 0 \quad \text{Available Acoustic Energy (AAE)}$$

$$\Pi_2 = h(\eta, S, p_r(z)) - h(\eta, S, p_r(z_r)) + g(z - z_r) \approx \frac{N_r^2(z - z_r)^2}{2} > 0 \quad \text{Available Potential Energy (APE)}$$

$$B_r = h(\eta, S, p_r(z_r)) + gz_r$$

**Background Potential Energy (BPE) = Heat**



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# AVAILABLE ACOUSTIC ENERGY (AEE)

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$$\Pi_1 = h(\eta, S, p) - h(\eta, S, p_r(z)) + \frac{p_r(z) - p}{\rho} \approx \frac{p'^2}{2 \rho c_s^2} \geq 0$$

Generally neglected in the Boussinesq and Anelastic approximation

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# AVAILABLE POTENTIAL ENERGY (APE) DENSITY

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$$\Pi_2 = h(\eta, S, p_r(z)) - h(\eta, S, p_r(z_r)) + g(z - z_r) \approx \frac{N_r^2 (z - z_r)^2}{2} > 0$$

Local version of Lorenz globally-defined APE

$$\iiint_V \Pi_2 \rho dV \geq APE_{Lorenz}$$

$\Pi_2$  can be constructed from any reasonable reference state, e.g., horizontally averaged density field. Does not absolutely require adiabatic re-arrangement.

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# DEFINITIONS OF HEAT

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Based on potential temperature, still very much in use

$$H = c_{p0}\theta \quad (\text{Bryan, 1962})$$

Based on potential enthalpy and Conservative Temperature, recommended by TEOS10

$$H = h(\eta, S, p_{00}) = c_{p0}\Theta \quad (\text{McDougall, 2003})$$

New definition, based on partitioning of PE into APE+AAE and BPE (Tailleux, 2018)

$$H = h(\eta, S, p_r(z_r)) + gz_r = c_{p0}\Theta_T \quad \text{'Salty' Static Energy estimated in state of rest}$$

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Should we worry that oceanographers and atmosphericists use incompatible definitions of heat?

Based on potential temperature, still very much in use

$$H = c_{p0}\theta \quad (\text{Bryan, 1962})$$

Should we worry that moist static energy keeps being converted with KE, no true heat?

Based on potential enthalpy and Conservative Temperature, recommended by TEOS10

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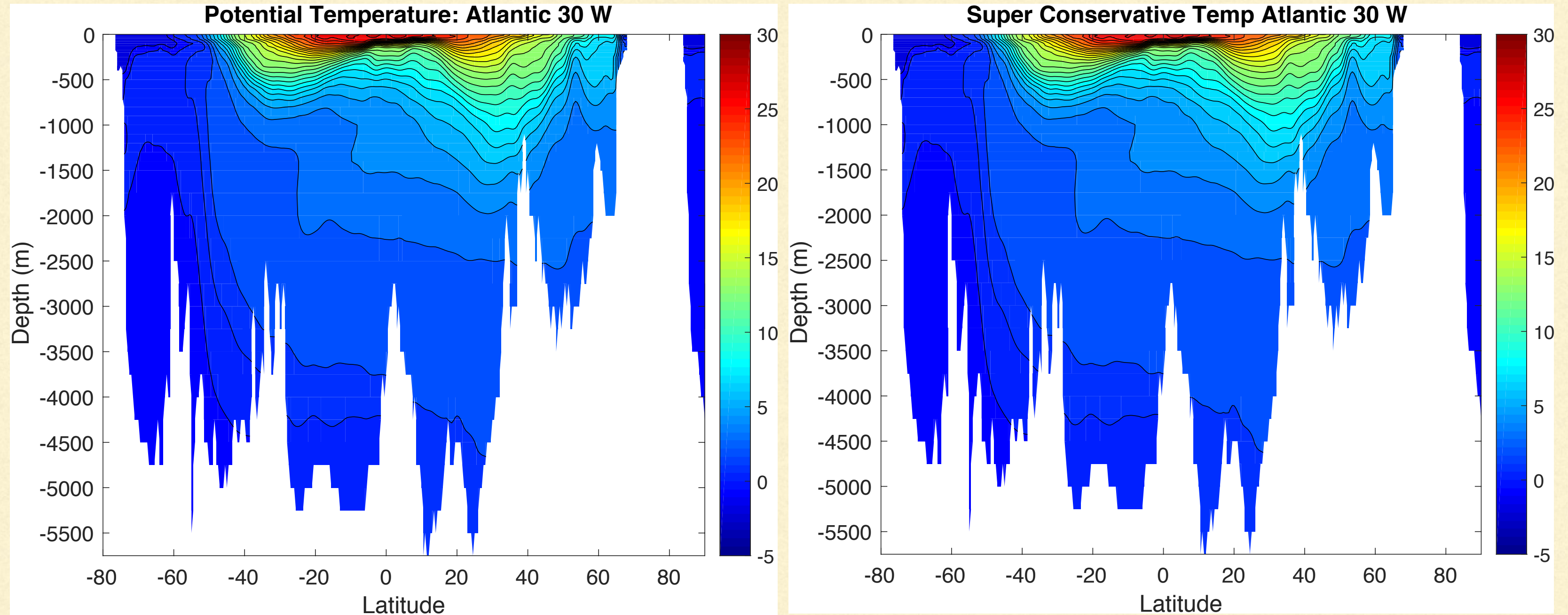
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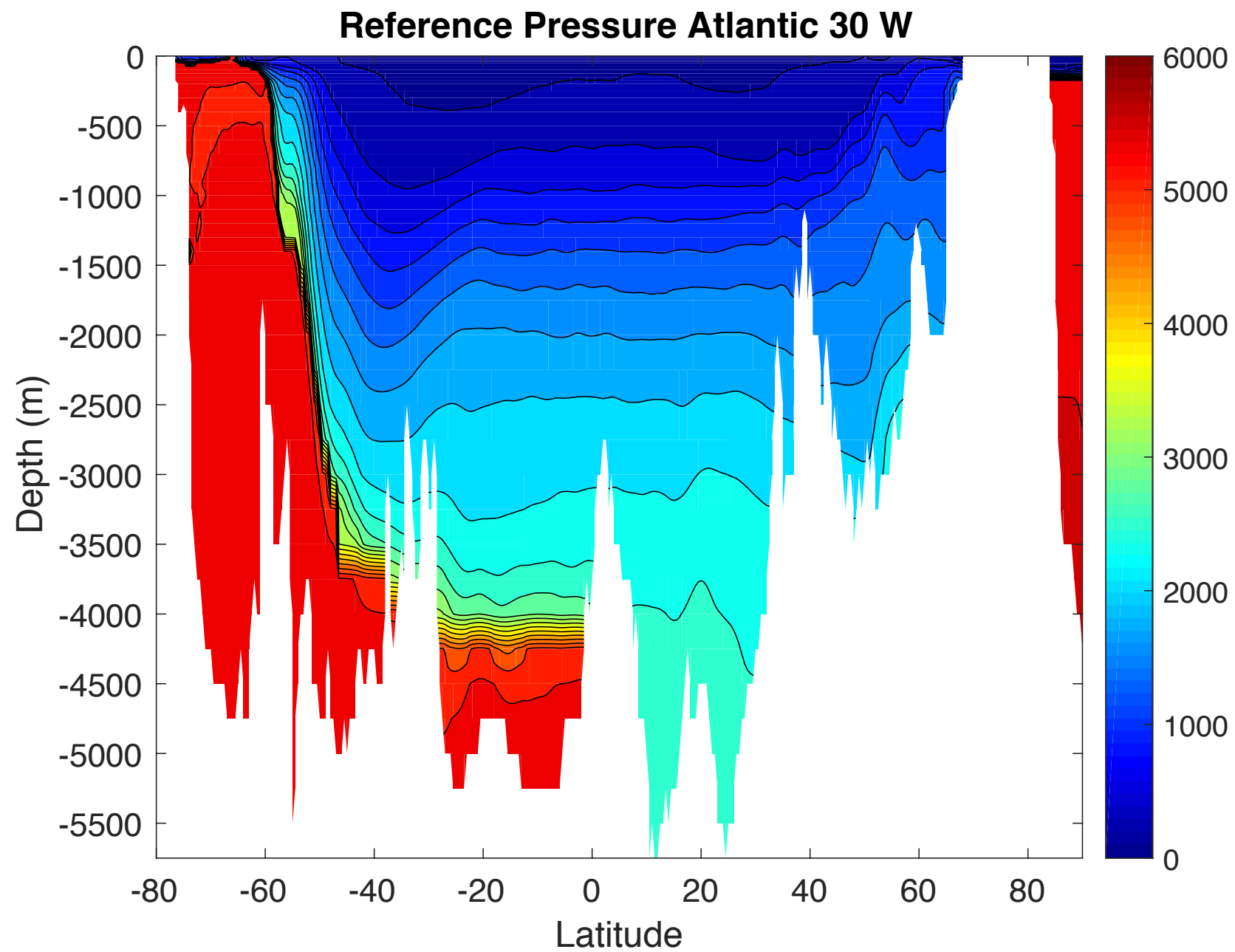


# COMPARISON: $\theta$ VERSUS $\Theta_T$ — DIFFER BY A FEW 10'S OF MILLI-KELVINS





# Reference state pressure in the ocean – 30 W



Level of Neutral Buoyancy Equation

$$\rho(\eta, S, p_R) = \rho_R(z_R)$$

Reference state is hydrostatic

$$\frac{\partial p_R}{\partial z}(z) = -g \rho_R(z)$$

Reference pressure/depth are material functions of entropy and salinity

$$p_R = p_R(z_R) = p_R(\eta, S)$$



# MECHANICAL VERSUS HEAT BUDGETS

Kinetic Energy Budget  $\rho \frac{D}{Dt} \left( \frac{\vec{v}^2}{2} + \Pi_1 \right) + \nabla \cdot (p' \vec{v} - \rho \vec{F}_{ke}) \approx \rho b w - \rho \varepsilon_k$

APE Budget  $\rho \frac{D\Pi_2}{Dt} - \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{F}_{ape}) = -\rho b w - \rho \varepsilon_p$

Heat Budget  $\rho \frac{DB_r}{Dt} - \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{F}_r) = \rho(\varepsilon_k + \varepsilon_p)$

Viscous  
Dissipation of KE

Thermal  
Dissipation of APE

$$\frac{\varepsilon_p}{\varepsilon_k} \approx 0.2$$



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# HEAT CONSERVATION, OLD AND NEW

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## New definition of heat

$$\rho \frac{DB_r}{Dt} - \nabla \cdot (\rho F_r) = \rho(\varepsilon_p + \varepsilon_k)$$

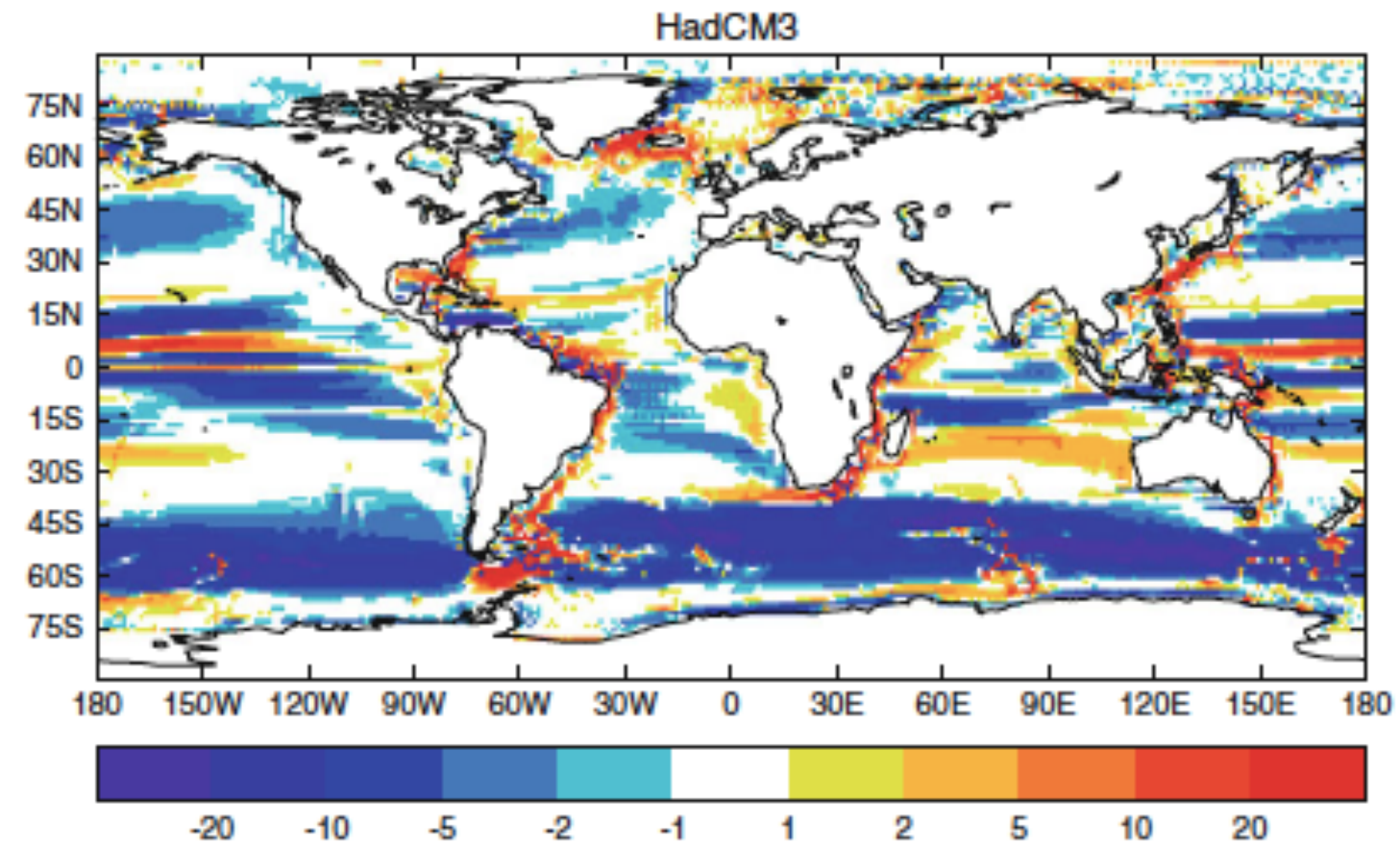
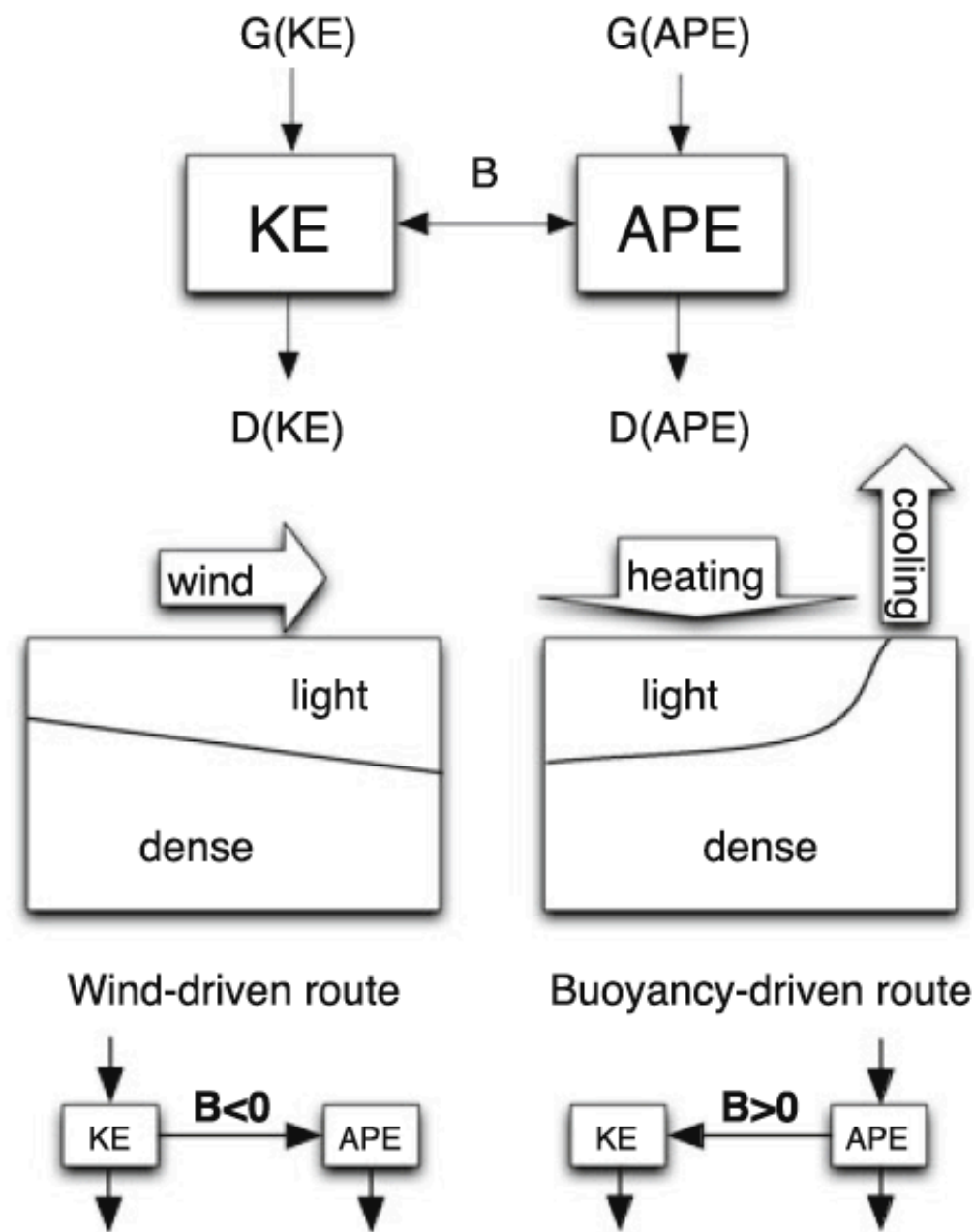
## Existing heat definitions

$$\rho c_{p0} \frac{D\Theta}{Dt} - \nabla \cdot (\rho F_\Theta) = \rho(\varepsilon_p + \varepsilon_k) + \rho \dot{\Theta}_{irr}$$

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# SIMULATED CONVERSIONS BETWEEN APE AND KE: WIND-DRIVEN AND BUOYANCY-DRIVEN ROUTES

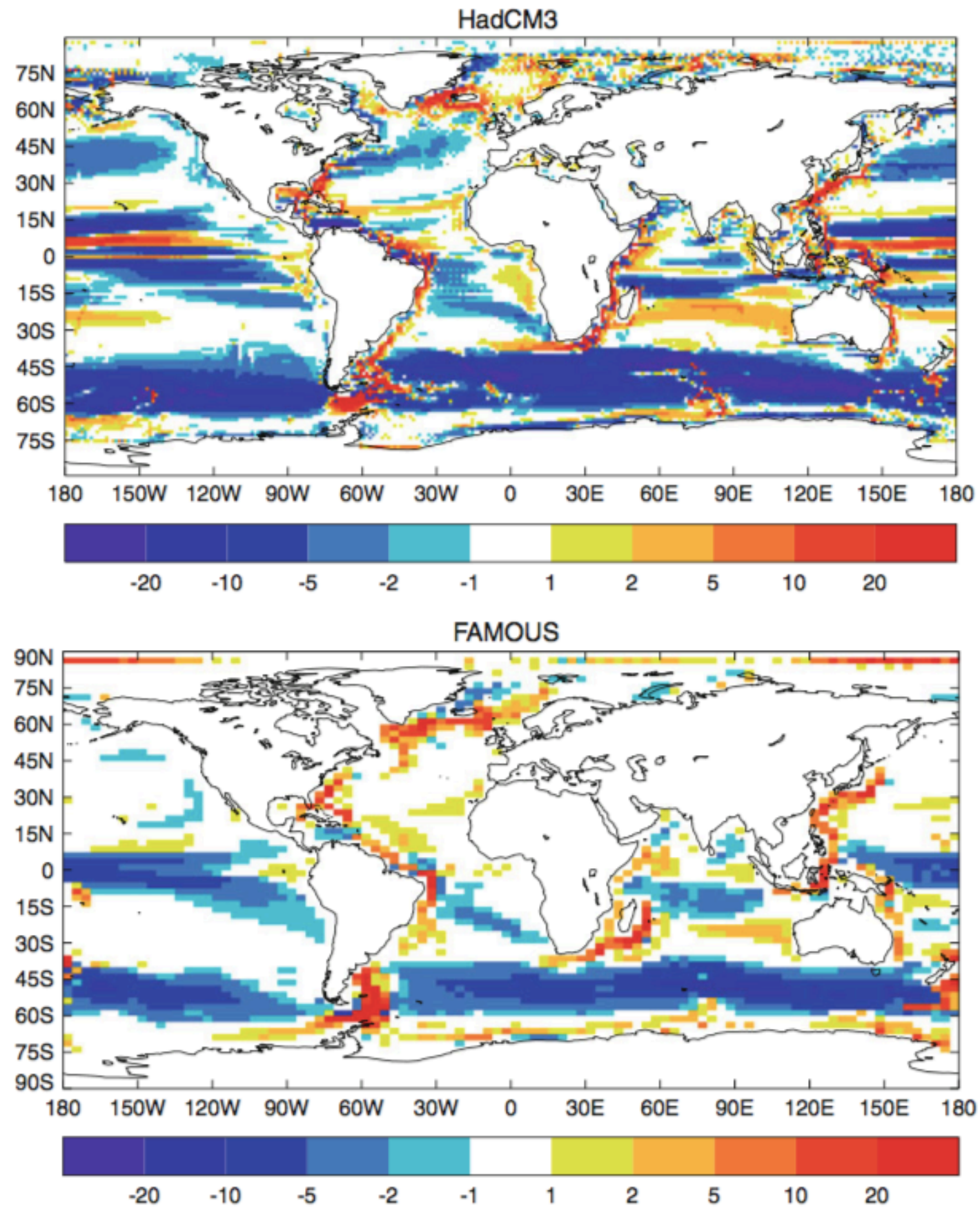


Buoyancy-driven conversions =  $O(20 \text{ mW} \cdot \text{m}^{-2})$   
taking place in about 1/10 of the total ocean area

**Buoyancy-driven APE production =**  
 $20 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \times 3 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ m}^2 \times \frac{1}{10} \approx \mathbf{0.6 \text{ TW}}$

Gregory and Tailleux (2011)



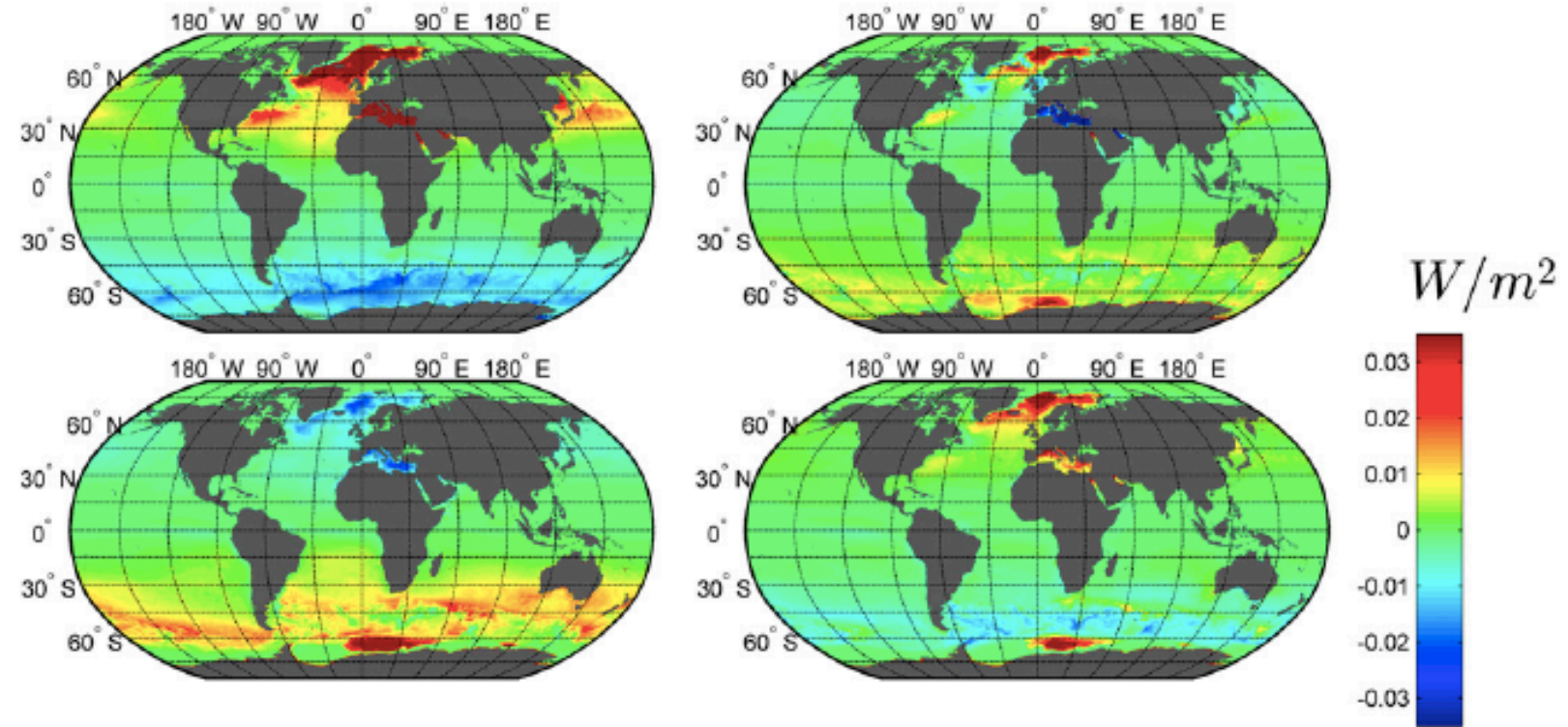


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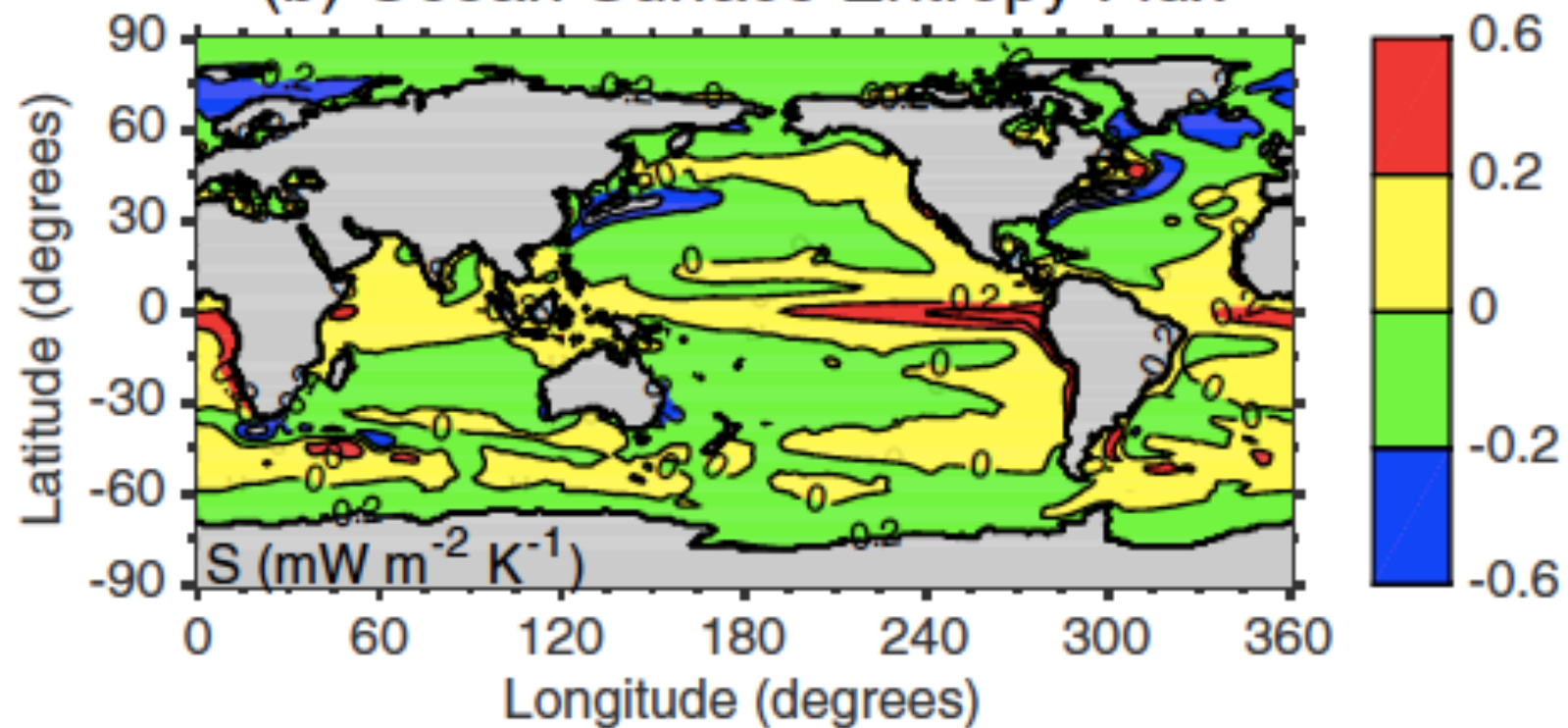
APE/KE conversion rate  
Work against pressure  
gradient  
 $\text{mW/m}^2$



## Seasonal APE production (Zemskova et al, 2015)

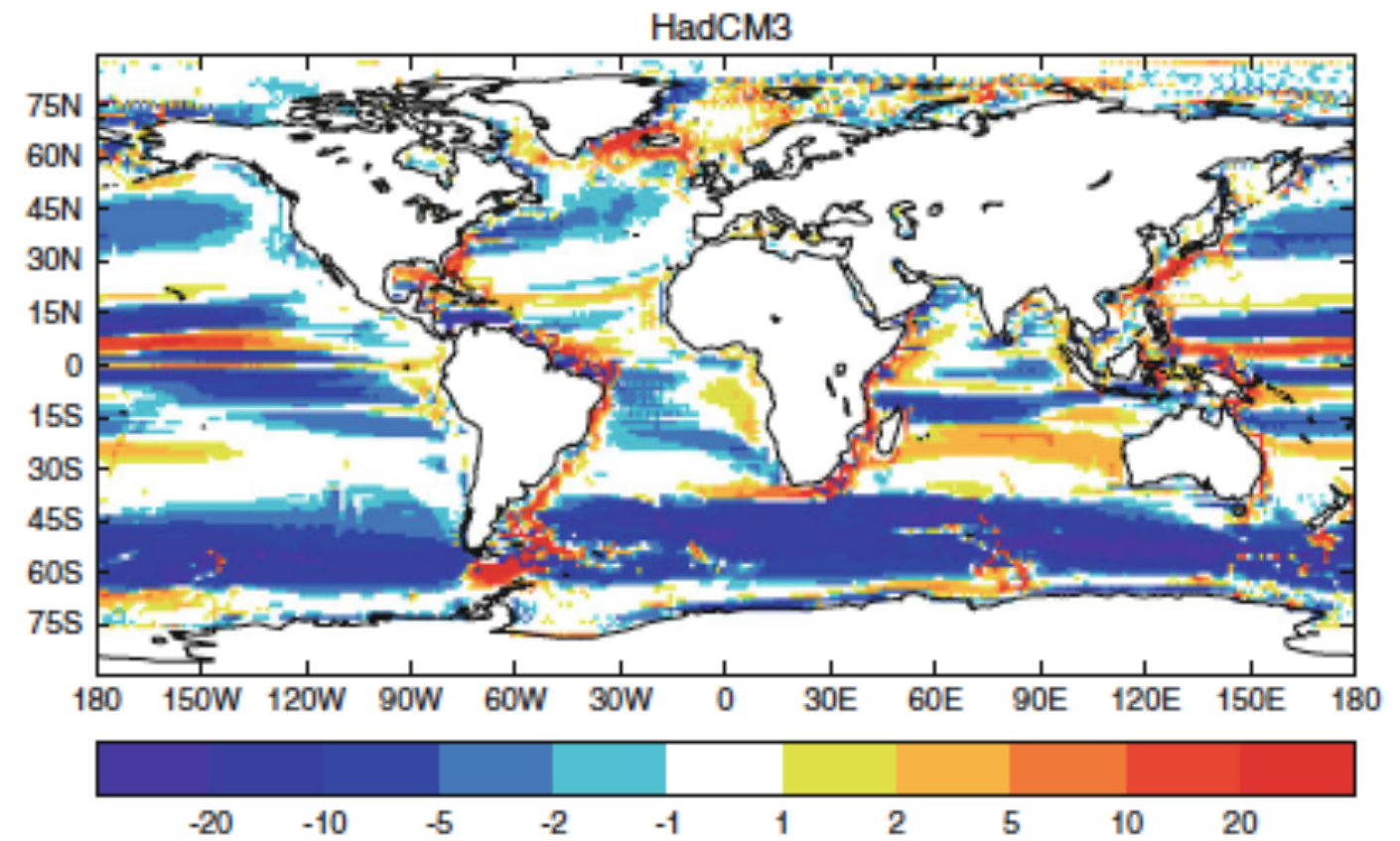


## (b) Ocean Surface Entropy Flux



Bannon and Najjar (2018)

## Conversions between APE and KE



Carnot Power = **O(100 TW)**

(Bannon and Najjar, 2018)

APE production = **O(0.5 TW)**

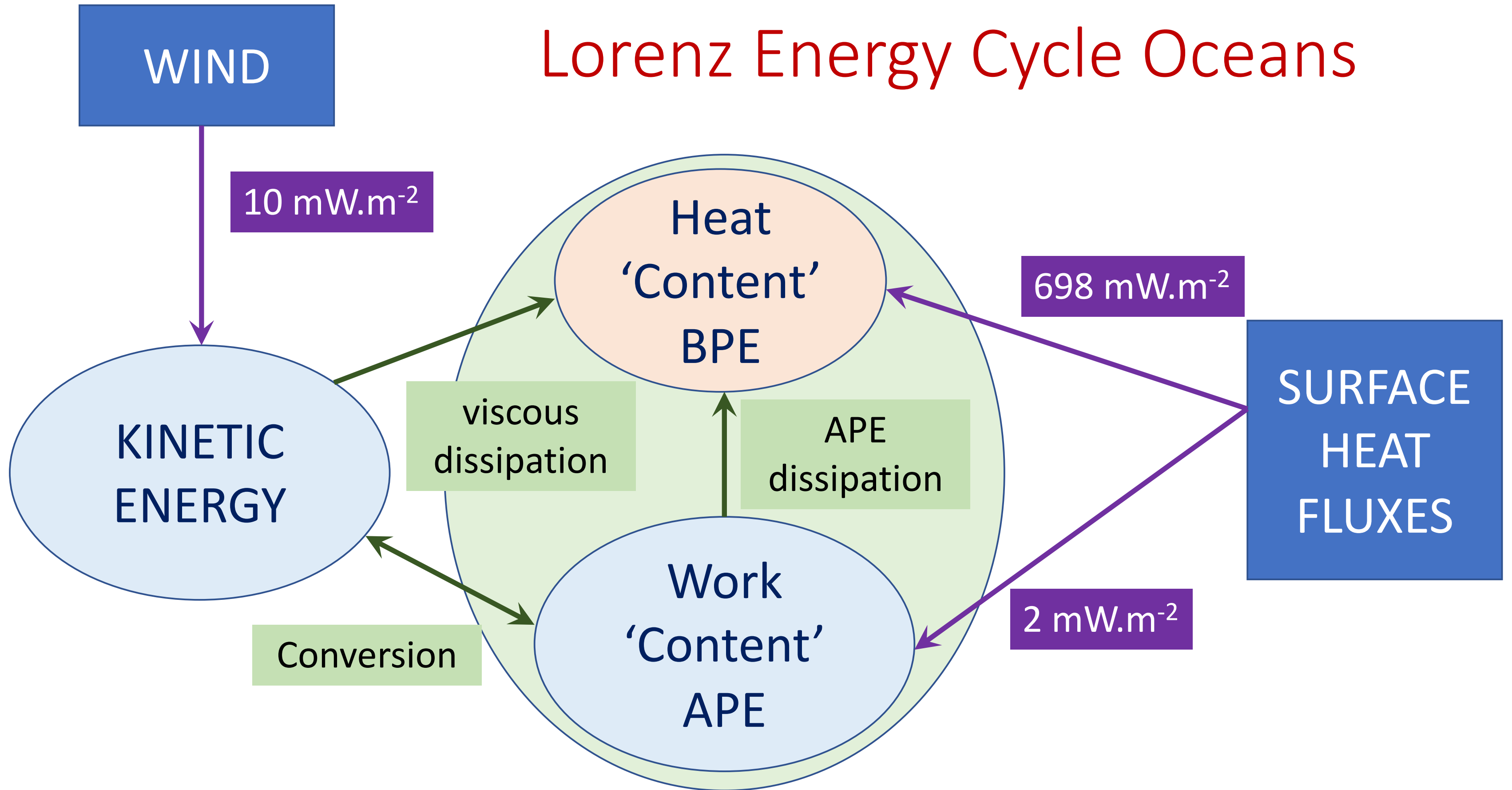
(Zemskova et al., 2015)

Indirect estimate of APE production

(Gregory and Tailleux, 2011) = **0.6 TW**

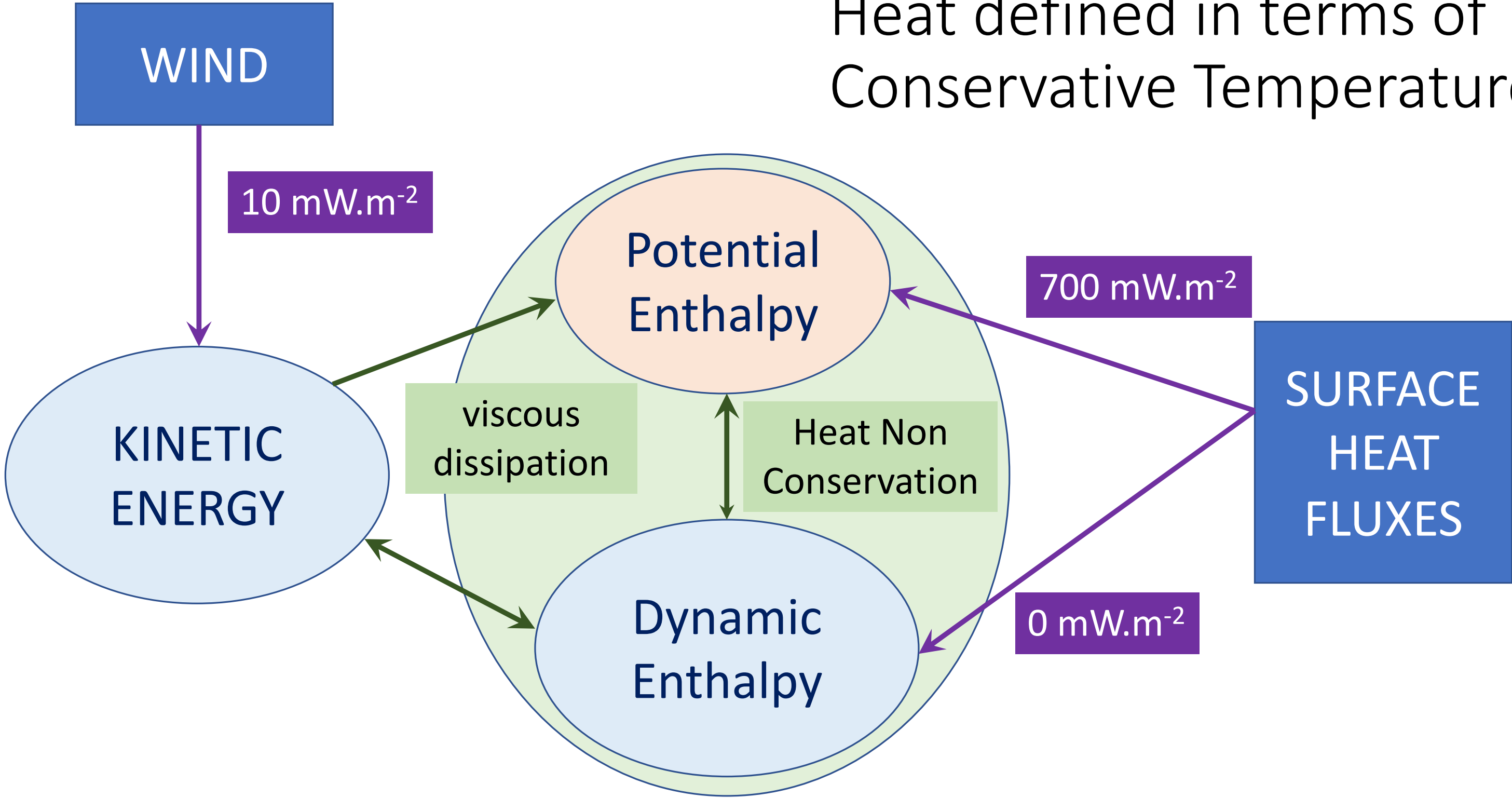


# Lorenz Energy Cycle Oceans





# Heat defined in terms of Conservative Temperature





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# BOUSSINESQ ENERGETICS

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- Because Boussinesq decouples dynamics from thermodynamics, we did not know until not long ago:
    - Whether seawater Boussinesq equations had a well defined conservation principle
    - Whether standard thermodynamic properties (internal energy, enthalpy, entropy) could still be defined for it
    - Whether its energetics is traceable to that of the full compressible Navier-Stokes equations
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# CLOSING ENERGETICS OF BOUSSINESQ MODELS IS EASY

$$\frac{Dv}{Dt} + f k \times v + \frac{1}{\rho_0} \nabla p' = F(v)$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial p'}{\partial z} = b_{gcm} = \text{buoyancy}$$

$$\frac{D\theta}{Dt} = \nabla \cdot F_\theta + \dot{\theta}_{irr}$$

$$\frac{DS}{Dt} = \nabla \cdot F_S$$

$$b_{gcm} = -\frac{g}{\rho_0} (\rho_{gcm} - \rho_0)$$

$$p' = p + \rho_0 g z$$

$$\nabla \cdot v + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$\rho_0 \frac{D}{Dt} \frac{v^2}{2} + \nabla \cdot (p' v_{3d}) = \rho_0 b_{gcm}(S, \theta, z) w + \rho_0 v \cdot F(v)$$



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# CLOSING ENERGETICS OF BOUSSINESQ MODELS IS EASY

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Write: 
$$b(S, \theta, z) \frac{Dz}{Dt} = \frac{D}{Dt} \int_0^z b(S, \theta, z') dz' - \int_0^z b_S dz' \frac{DS}{Dt} - \int_0^z b_\theta dz' \frac{D\theta}{Dt}$$

Set  $\dot{\theta}_{irr}$  so that the term  $\dot{E}_{noncons} = 0$  in Boussinesq energy conservation equation:

$$\rho_0 \frac{D}{Dt} \left( \frac{v^2}{2} + gz - \int_0^z b(S, \theta, z') dz' \right) + \nabla \cdot (p' v') = \nabla \cdot F_e + \dot{E}_{noncons}$$

To what extent does it matter that Boussinesq total energy differs from true total energy?

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# BOUSSINESQ THERMODYNAMICS

T,S are the observable quantities. Boussinesq approximation should not affect these.

Gibbs function:  $g(S,T,p)$  encodes all possible information about thermodynamics of seawater

$$g_b(S,T,z) = g(S,T,p_0(z))$$

$$dg_b = -\eta_b dT + \mu_b dS - v_b \rho_0 g dz$$

$$d(g_b + gz) = -\eta_b dT + \mu_b dS + g(1 - \rho_0 v_b) dz$$

$$d(g_b + gz + T\eta_b) = T d\eta_b + \mu_b dS - b dz$$

$$b \frac{Dz}{Dt} = -\frac{D}{Dt} (h_b + gz) + T \frac{D\eta_b}{Dt} + \mu_b \frac{DS}{Dt}$$

$$\rho_0 \frac{D}{Dt} \left( \frac{v^2}{2} + h_b + gz \right) + \nabla \cdot (p' v_{3d}) = \rho_0 \left( T \frac{D\eta_b}{Dt} + \mu_b \frac{DS}{Dt} \right) + \rho_0 v \cdot F(v)$$



# CLOSING BOUSSINESQ ENERGY BUDGET

Inviscid, adiabatic, isohaline processes:

$$\rho_0 \frac{D}{Dt} \left( \frac{v^2}{2} + h_b + gz \right) + \nabla \cdot (p' v_{3d}) = 0 \quad \text{Boussinesq}$$

$$\rho \frac{D}{Dt} \left( \frac{v_{3d}^2}{2} + AAE + h_b + gz \right) + \nabla \cdot (p' v_{3d}) = 0 \quad \text{Fully compressible Navier-Stokes equations}$$

$$\text{Boussinesq neglects } \frac{w^2}{2} + \frac{p'^2}{2\rho c_s^2} + h(\eta, S, p_r(z)) - h(\eta, S, p_0(z)) \quad - \frac{g}{\rho_0} (\rho_{gcm} - \rho_0) = g(\rho_0 v_b - 1)$$

$$\text{Requires } b_{gcm} = b$$

$$\rho_{gcm} = \rho_b - \frac{(\rho_b - \rho_0)^2}{\rho_b} \neq 0$$



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# CLOSING ENERGY BUDGET OF BOUSSINESQ MODELS

$$b_{gcm} = b_{true} - \frac{g(\rho_b - \rho_0)^2}{\rho_b \rho_0}$$

$$b_{gcm} \frac{Dz}{Dt} = b_{true} \frac{Dz}{Dt} - \delta b \frac{Dz}{Dt} = -\frac{D}{Dt}(h_b + gz) + (T - \delta T) \frac{D\eta_b}{Dt} + (\mu_b - \delta\mu_b) \frac{DS}{Dt} - \int_0^z \delta b(\eta_b, S, z')$$

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# THERMODYNAMICS OF “MEAN” VARIABLES

Problem: Mean (averaged) variables are assumed to satisfy the same thermodynamic relations as the non-averaged variables. Example for Boussinesq Ocean Models:  $\rho_m = \rho(S_m, \theta_m, p_0(z))$

$$\text{For hydrostatic models: } \frac{\partial p_m}{\partial z} = -\rho_m g$$

However, for nonlinear functions of their arguments:

$$\bar{\rho} = \rho(\bar{S}, \bar{\theta}, p_0(z)) + \rho_{SS} \frac{\overline{S'^2}}{2} + \rho_{S\theta} \overline{S'\theta'} + \rho_{\theta\theta} \frac{\overline{\theta'^2}}{2} + \dots = \rho(\bar{S}, \bar{\theta}, p_0) + \delta\rho_{eddy}$$

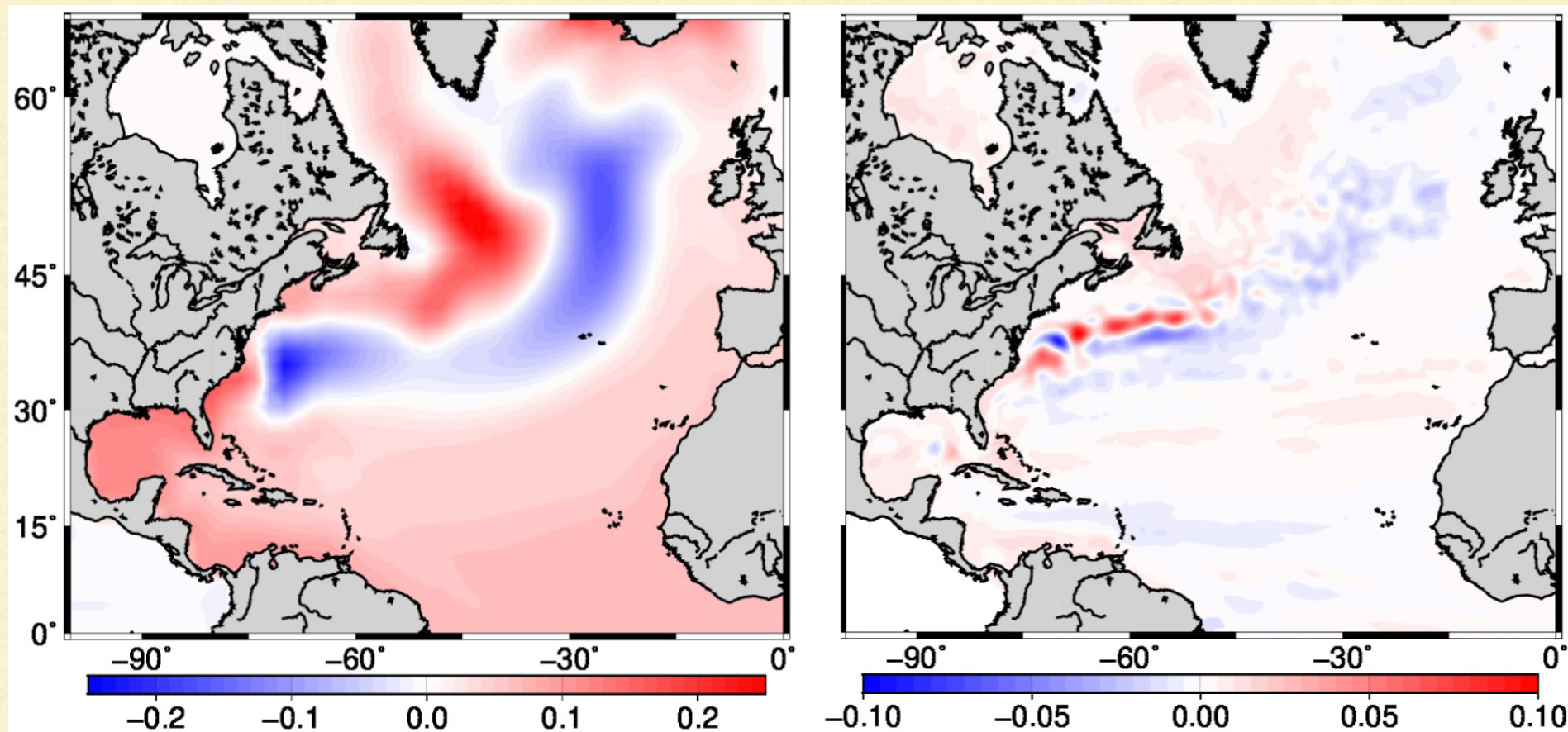
$$\frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial z} = -(\bar{\rho} + \delta\rho_{eddy})g$$



BRANKART (2013), BRANKART ET AL. (2015),  
ZANNA ET AL. 2018

ORCA2 (2deg)

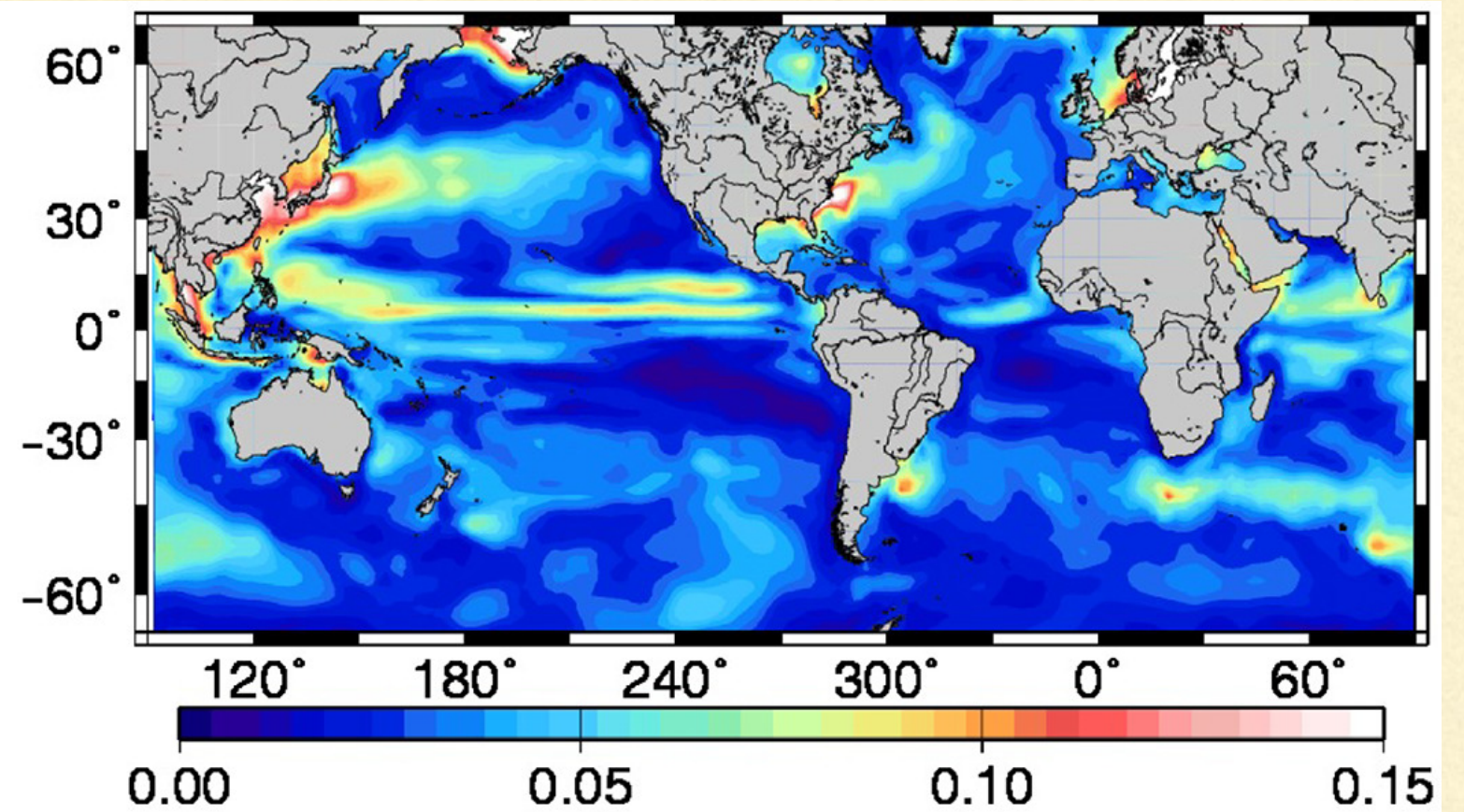
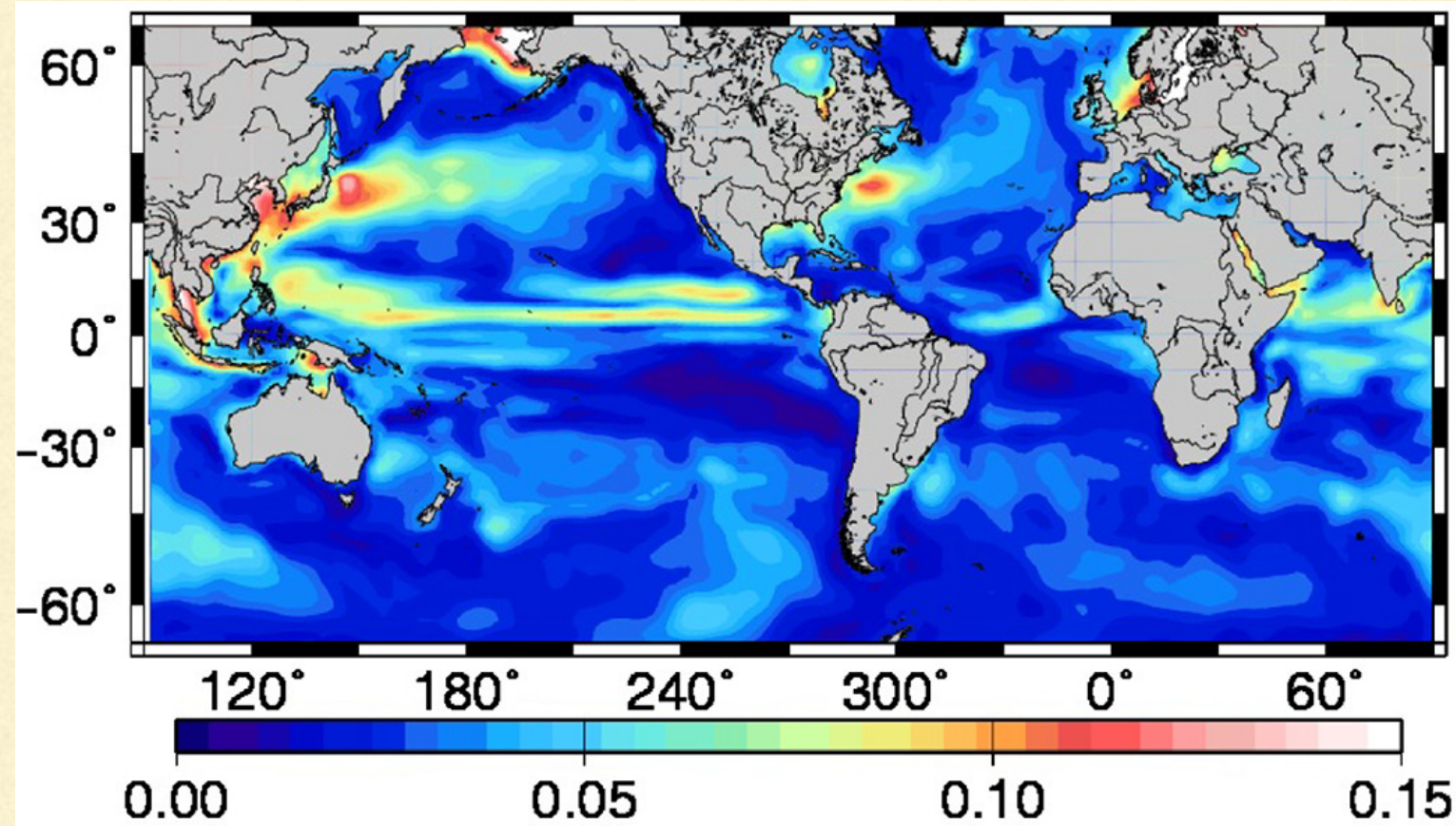
NATL25 (1/4 deg)



Effects of subgridscale T/S  
variability on mean density.  
Impacts on Sea Surface  
Height (SSH)

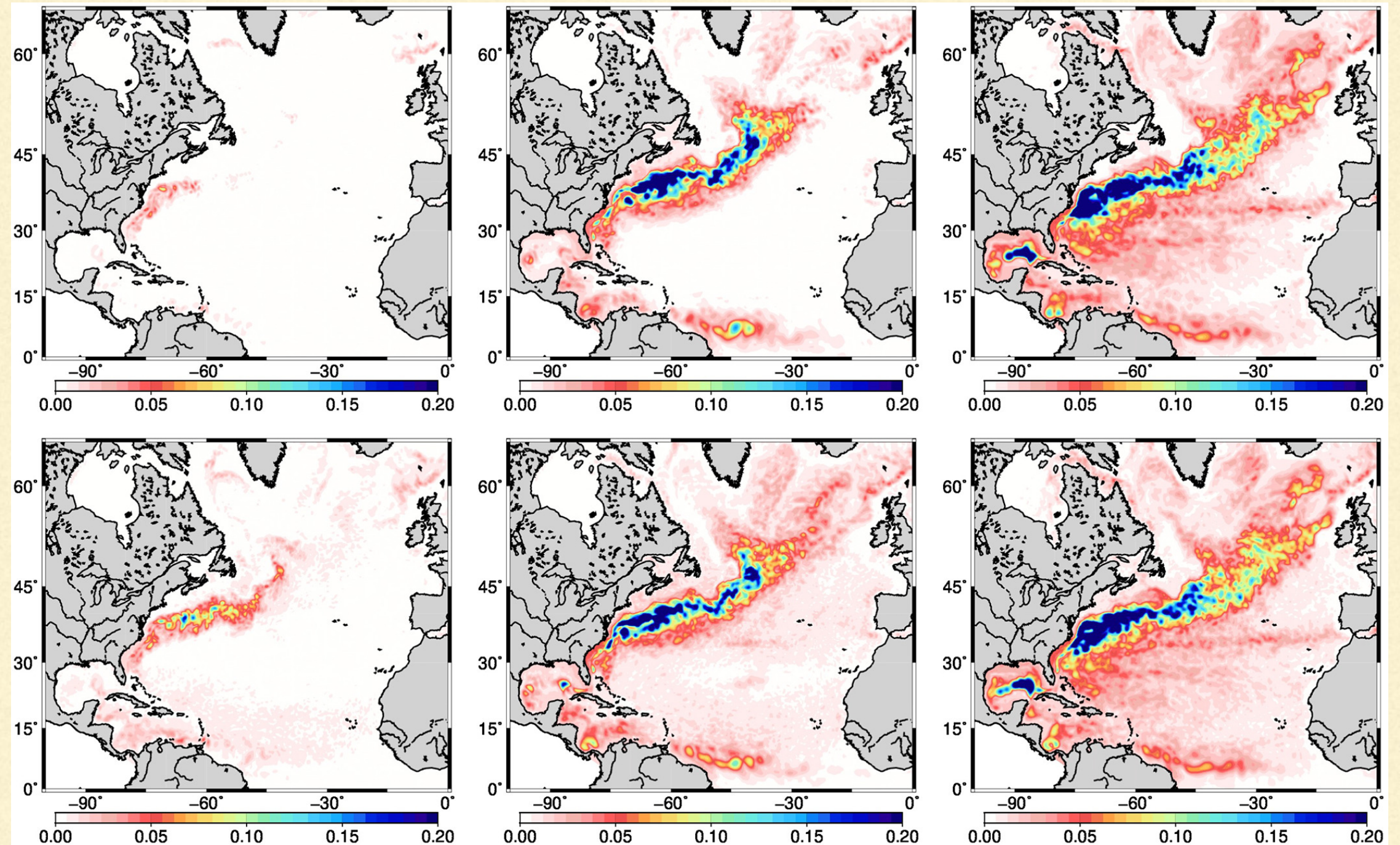


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# IMPORTANCE OF AVERAGING OPERATOR CORRECTLY SIMULATING T/S CRUCIAL

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$$\vec{v}_{gcm} \cdot \nabla C_{gcm} = \nabla \cdot (K \nabla C_{gcm})$$

Lagrangian averaging

$$\bar{v}^L \cdot \nabla \bar{C}^L = \dot{\bar{c}}^L$$

$$\frac{D\bar{v}^L}{Dt} + 2\Omega \times \bar{v}^L + \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p = D_v + F_{eddy}$$

Eulerian averaging

$$(\bar{v} + v_{eddy}) \cdot \nabla \bar{C} = \nabla \cdot (K \nabla \bar{C})$$

$$\nabla \cdot \overline{v' C'} = v_{eddy} \cdot \nabla C - \nabla \cdot (K \nabla \bar{C})$$

$$\frac{D\bar{v}}{Dt} + 2\Omega \times \bar{v} + \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p = D_v$$

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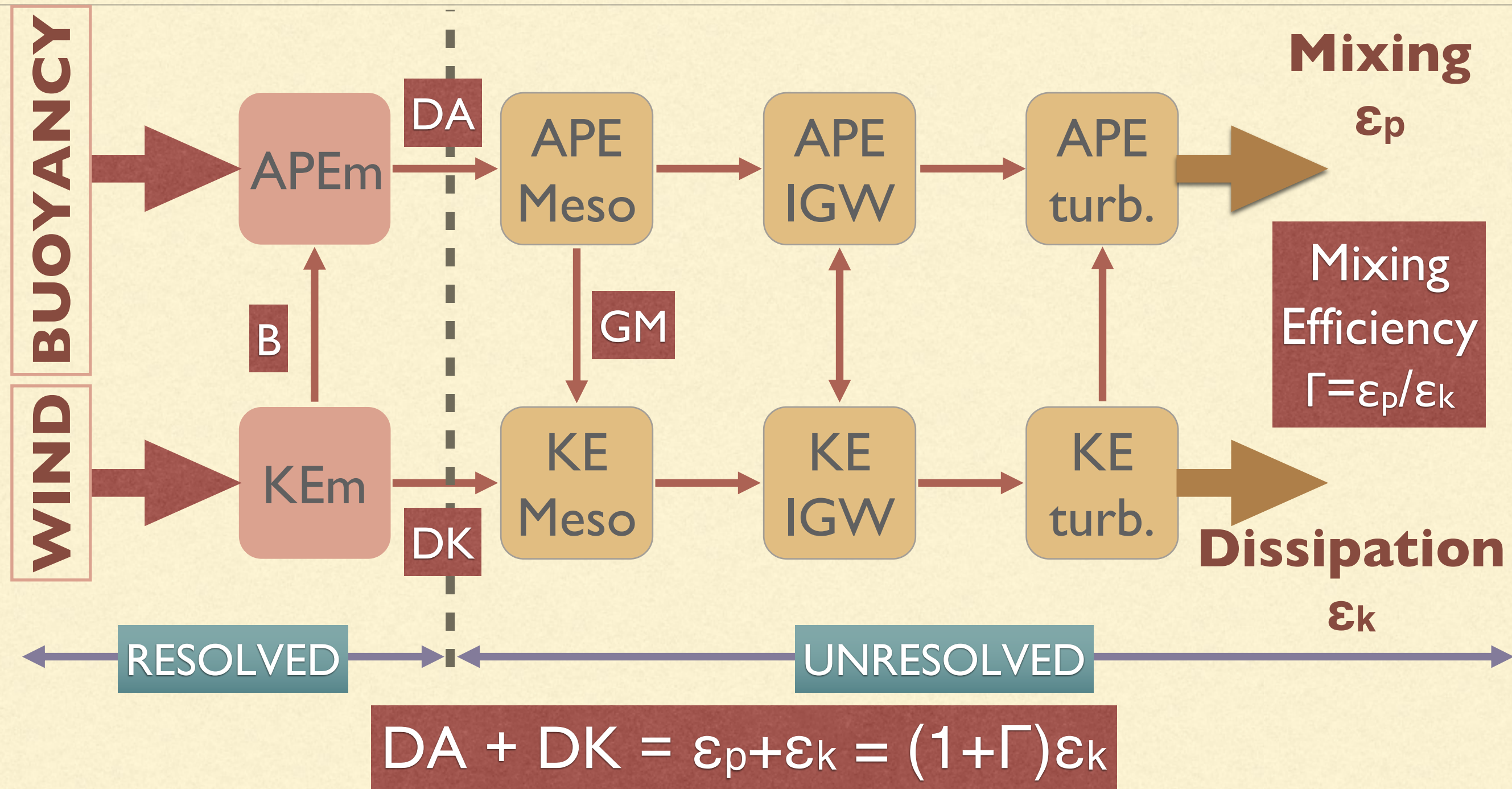
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# LINKING MIXING TO SOURCES OF STIRRING ENERGETICALLY CONSISTENT MODELS (EDEN,..)

- Usually based on the so-called Osborn model linking diapycnal mixing to viscous dissipation:  
$$K_v = \Gamma \varepsilon_k / N^2$$
  - Motivates using a turbulent kinetic energy (TKE) equation to predict  $\varepsilon_k$ , but requires knowledge of the mixing efficiency parameter  $\Gamma$  (often assumed constant = 0.2)
  - Alternative would be to use alternative form  $K_v = \varepsilon_p / N^2$
  - Would suggest to construct a turbulent potential energy (TPE) dissipation to predict  $\varepsilon_p$
  - Atmosphericists currently developing turbulent schemes based on two turbulent energies equation for KE and APE
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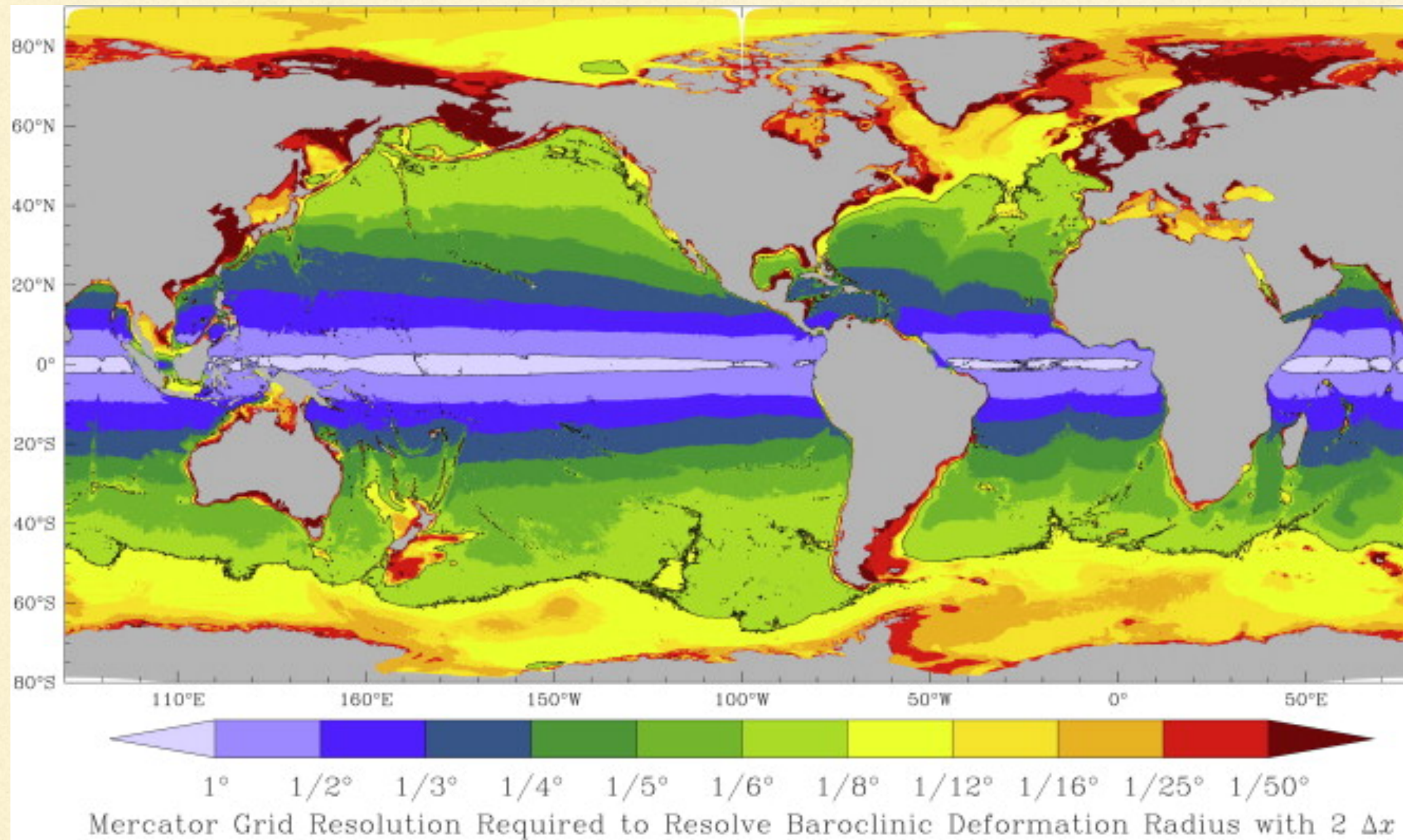
# RESOLVED AND UNRESOLVED ENERGY PATHWAYS - COARSE RESOLUTION MODELS





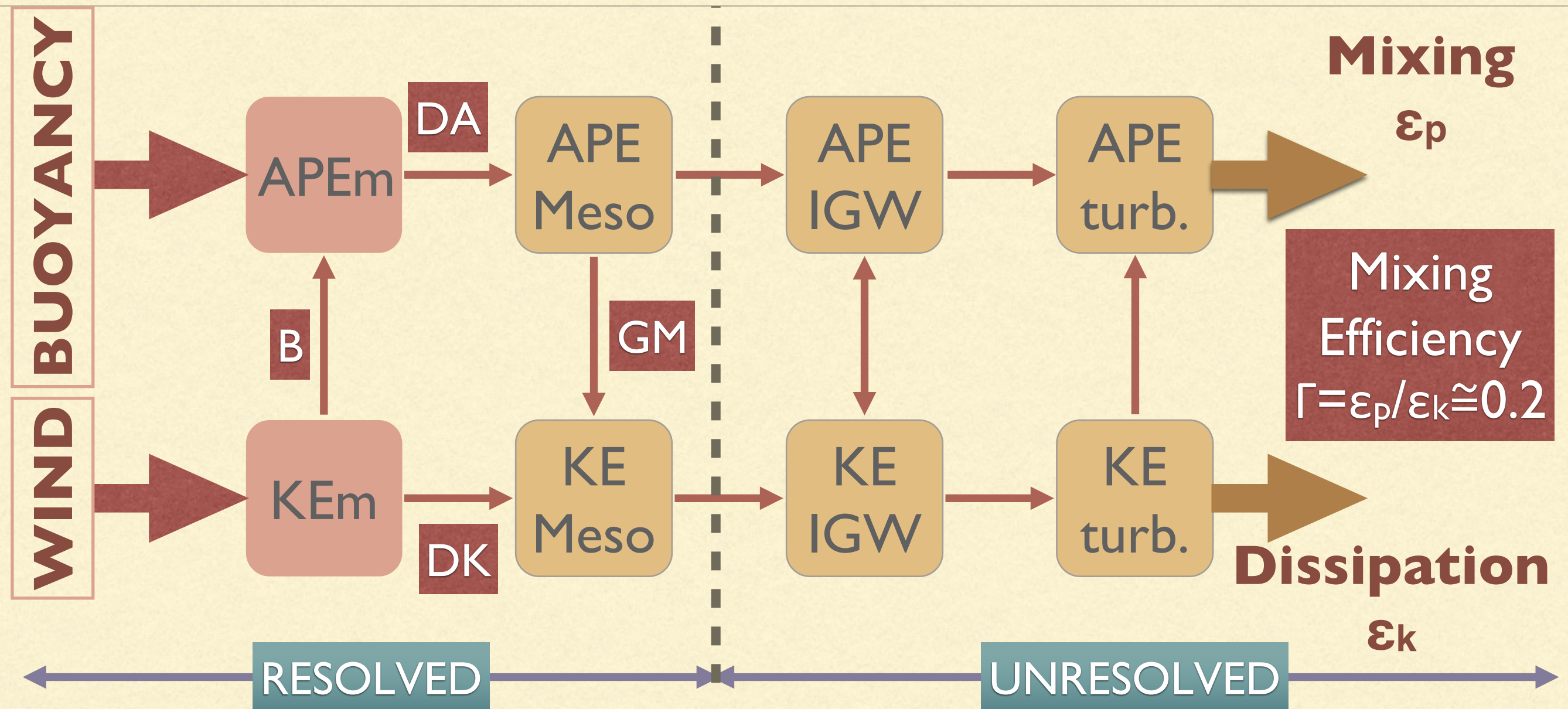
# RESOLUTION NEEDED TO RESOLVE BAROCLINIC ROSSBY RADIUS OF DEFORMATION

Hallberg (2013)





# RESOLVED AND UNRESOLVED ENERGY PATHWAYS - HIGH RESOLUTION MODELS





$$DA = BUO + B$$

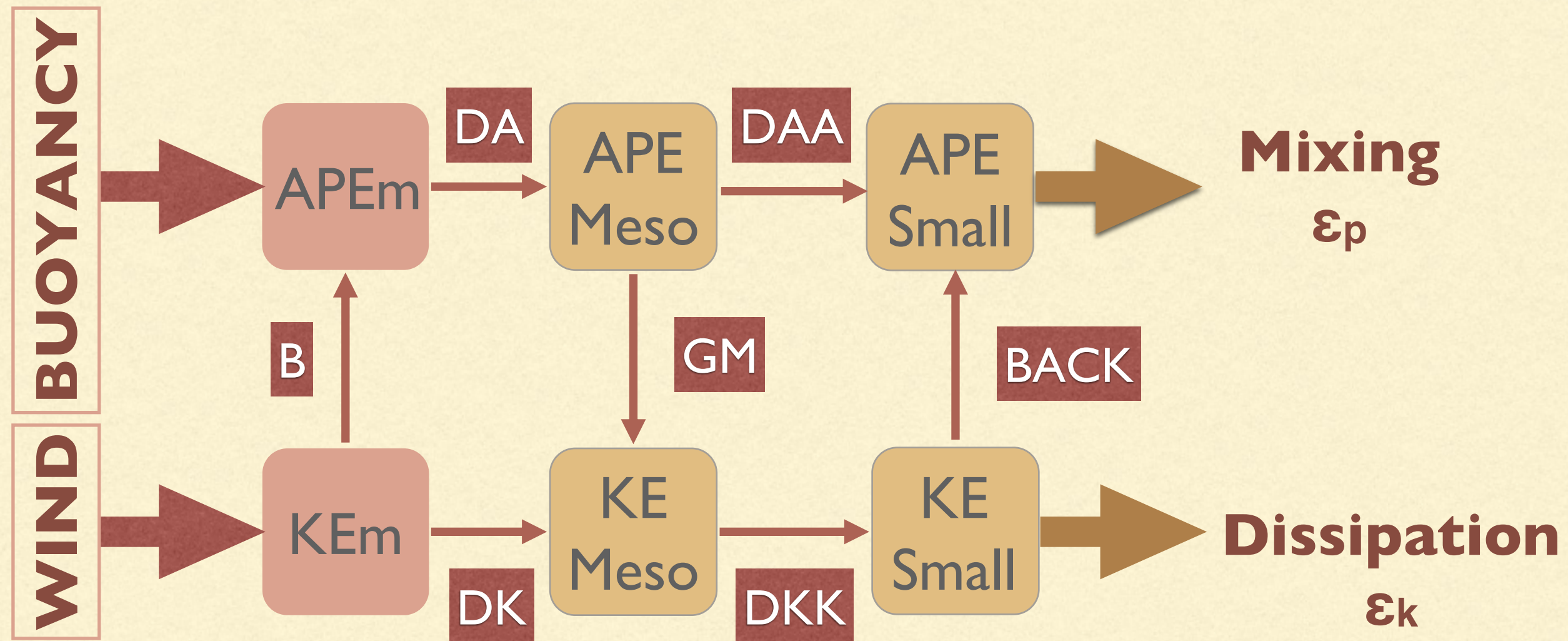
$$DAA = DA - GM$$

$$EP = DAA + BACK$$

$$DK = WIND - B$$

$$DKK = DK + GM$$

$$EK = DKK - BACK$$



$$EP = DA - GM + BACK$$

$$EK = DK + GM - BACK$$

$$DA = EP + GM - BACK$$

$$DK = EK - GM + BACK$$



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# MIXING PARAMETERISATIONS

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$$\frac{DS}{Dt} = -\Psi_{gm} \times \nabla S + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{K} \nabla S)$$

$$\frac{D\theta}{Dt} = -\Psi_{gm} \times \nabla \theta + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{K} \nabla \theta)$$

$$\mathbf{K} = K_i(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{d}\mathbf{d}^T) + K_d\mathbf{d}\mathbf{d}^T$$

Isopycnal  
Mixing

Diapycnal  
Mixing

$$\mathbf{d} = \frac{\nabla \gamma}{|\nabla \gamma|}$$

Diapycnal  
Direction

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# EP DUE TO ROTATED DIFFUSION IN NON-EDDY RESOLVING MODELS. HAS IT THE RIGHT FORM?

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Local APE theory for SeaWater Boussinesq models (Tailleux, 2013)

$$e_a = \frac{g}{\rho_0} \int_{z_r(S, \theta, t)}^z [\rho(S, \theta, p_0(z')) - \rho_r(z', t)] dz'$$

$$\rho(S, \theta, p_0(z_r)) = \rho_r(z_r, t)$$

$$\rho_0 \frac{De_a}{Dt} = (\rho - \rho_r)gw + g(z - z_r) \left( \bar{\rho}_S \frac{DS}{Dt} + \bar{\rho}_\theta \frac{D\theta}{Dt} \right) - g \int_{z_r}^z \frac{\partial \rho_r}{\partial t} dz'$$

$$\bar{\rho}_i = \frac{1}{z - z_r} \int_{z_r}^z \rho_i(S, \theta, p_0(z')) dz'$$

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# CONSTRAINTS ON DIABATIC MIXING PARAMETERISATION

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$$\varepsilon_p = \frac{g}{\rho_0} [\mathbf{K} (\bar{\rho}_S \nabla S + \bar{\rho}_\theta \nabla \theta)] \cdot \nabla (z - z_r) + (z - z_r) \text{NonLinear}$$

$$K_v N^2 = K_i \mathbf{M}_i \cdot \mathbf{h}_i + K_d \mathbf{M}_d \cdot \mathbf{h}_d + (z - z_r) \text{NonLinear}$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \frac{g}{\rho_0} (\bar{\rho}_S \nabla S + \bar{\rho}_\theta \nabla \theta) \quad \mathbf{h} = \nabla (z - z_r) = \mathbf{k} - \nabla z_r$$

K<sub>i</sub>, K<sub>d</sub>, and mixing direction needs to be such that above quantity is of same order of magnitude as what is measured observationally

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# PARTIAL THERMODYNAMIC PROPERTIES

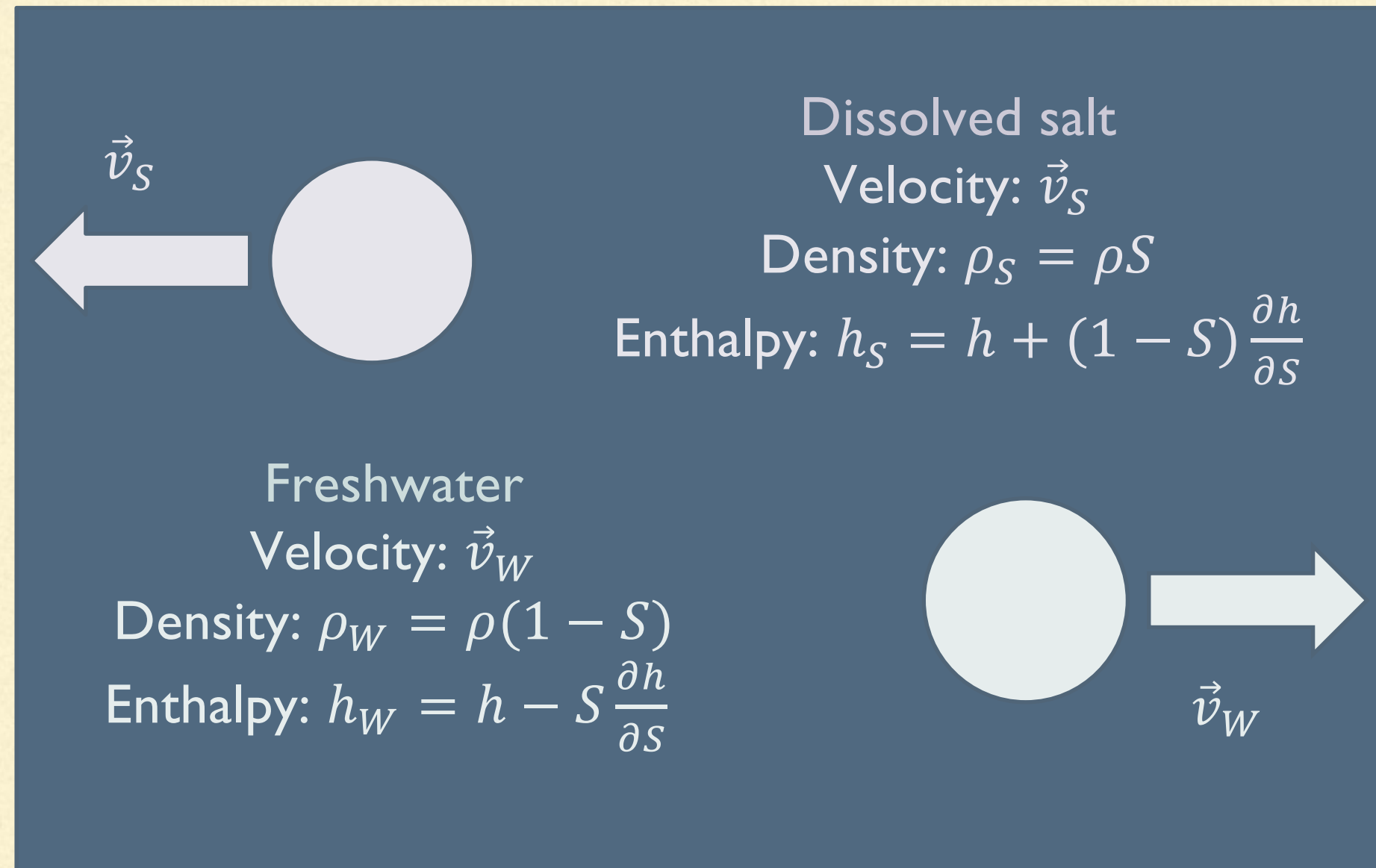
## “WHAT IS THE LATENT HEAT FLUX?”

The idea is that quantities such as enthalpy or internal energy can be defined separately for the freshwater and dissolved salt components in seawater, or for water vapour and dry air in the atmosphere, as if they were not part of a mixture

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# PARTIAL THERMODYNAMIC PROPERTIES



## Mixture: Seawater

Velocity:  $\vec{v} = S\vec{v}_S + (1 - S)\vec{v}_W$

Density:  $\rho$

Enthalpy:  $h = S h_S + (1 - S)h_W$

Salt Flux:  $\vec{J}_S = S(1 - S)(\vec{v}_S - \vec{v}_W)$

Dissolved salt and freshwater travel with their own velocity and individual thermodynamic properties



# PARTIAL THERMODYNAMIC PROPERTIES

## IMPORTANT FOR:

Defining saturation water vapour pressure over seawater:

$$g_W(S, T, p_d + e_s) = g_V(T, q, p_d + e_s)$$

Defining latent heat of evaporation over seawater

$$L = h_v - h_W$$

Defining boundary conditions for seawater (similar idea for moist air):

$$\vec{v}_W \cdot \vec{n} dS = \text{evaporation} - \text{precipitation}$$

$$\vec{v}_S \cdot \vec{n} dS = 0$$

Saturation water vapour pressure and latent heat depends on salinity over the ocean!!



# PARTIAL THERMODYNAMIC PROPERTIES

## IMPORTANT FOR:

Defining fluxes of properties

Entropy flux:  $\rho \eta \vec{v} = \rho [S \eta_S \vec{v}_S + (1 - S) \eta_W \vec{v}_W - (\eta_S - \eta_W) \vec{J}_S]$

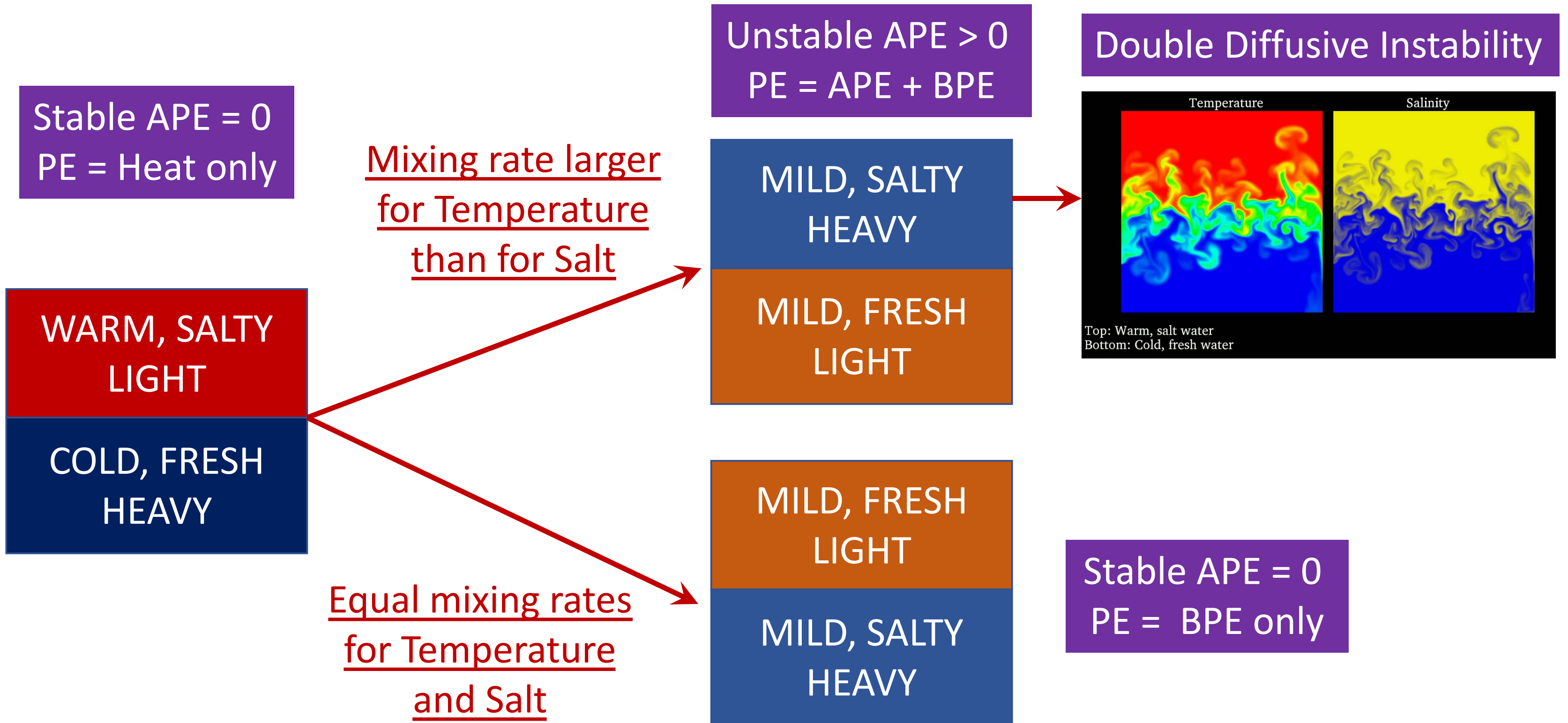
Enthalpy flux:  $\rho h \vec{v} = \rho [S h_S \vec{v}_S + (1 - S) h_W \vec{v}_W - (h_S - h_W) \vec{J}_S]$

Salt Flux:  $\rho \vec{J}_S = \rho_S (\vec{v} - \vec{v}_S) = \rho S(1 - S)(\vec{v}_S - \vec{v}_W)$

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# BPE (Heat) can occasionally become APE (Work)





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# SUMMARY

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- Boussinesq equations can be made conservative but
    - Conserved Boussinesq energy may differ from true energy
    - Energy conservation requires that resolved + unresolved energy be conservative
    - Need to clarify link between resolved and unresolved energy reservoirs
    - Requires clarification of underlying averaging operator
  - Partial thermodynamic properties key to understand coupling with atmosphere
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