

# A WAVY OCEAN BOUNDARY LAYER

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GIVEN :

- OCEAN MODEL • Bousinesq MOM-6 • Wave-Average Bousinesq (WAB)
- FORCING • Surface Buoyancy,  $B_0$  • Wind Stress,  $\vec{\tau} = (\tau_u, \tau_v)$  • Stokes Drift,  $\vec{U}_s$
- OCEAN STATE • Buoyancy,  $\Theta(z)$  • Eulerian Velocity,  $\vec{U}(z)$

COMPUTE BOUNDARY LAYER :

- DEPTH •  $h$
- TURBULENT VERTICAL FLUXES • Buoyancy,  $\langle w\theta \rangle$  • Momentum,  $\langle w\vec{u} \rangle$
- VERTICAL MIXING TENDENCIES •  $\partial_t \Theta = -\partial_z \langle w\theta \rangle$  •  $\partial_t \vec{U} = -\partial_z \langle w\vec{u} \rangle$



# Boundary-Layer ( $0 < \sigma = -z/h < 1$ ): LES & CvMIX

- $\langle w\theta \rangle = K_S (-\partial_z \Theta + \gamma_\theta)$
- $\langle wu \rangle = K_U (-\partial_z U + \gamma_U)$  ; Along shear
- $\langle wv \rangle = K_V \gamma_V$  ; Across shear
- $\gamma_\theta \propto B_0$
- $\gamma_U = 0 ?$
- $\gamma_V \propto \tau_v$

- $K_{M,S} = w_{M,S} h \mathbf{G}(\sigma)$  ;  $K_M = K_U = K_V$  (CvMIX Assumption)
- $w_{M,S} = \frac{\kappa u^* h}{\Phi_{M,S}(z/L) \chi_{M,S}(\xi)}$  ;  $\sigma < \sigma_c$
- $\chi_{M,S} \leq 1$  ;  $0 \leq \xi \leq 1$

- $h = \frac{\text{Ri}_c (|\Delta \mathbf{V}(h)|^2 + \mathbf{V}_t^2)}{\Delta \Theta(h)}$
- $\mathbf{V}_t^2 \propto w^* = (-B_0 h)^{1/3}$  , for Pure Convection ( $B_0 < 0$  ,  $\vec{\tau} = \overline{\mathbf{U}s} = 0$ )

# MOM-6 : JRA 1958-2018

Equation Set	$X_{M,S} (\xi)$	$\sigma_c$	$G(\sigma)$ $\sigma = -z/h$		$\Delta V$		
MOM-6 Control-0	1.0 $\xi=0$	0.1	cubic $\sigma(1-\sigma)^2$	$w_s$		0	0
WAB	$< 1$ $(0 < \xi < 1)$	1.0	$G_c(\sigma)$	$w^* < w_s$		$T_v$	WW3 WAVY
WAB	$< 1$ $(0 < \xi < 1)$	1.0	$G_c(\sigma)$	$w^* < w_s$		$T_v$	0 CALM
Mixing	>>MORE	MORE	<LESS	<LESS	>MORE	LESS	>MORE

$$\bullet w_{M,S} = \frac{\kappa u^* h}{\Phi_{M,S}(-z/L) X_{M,S}(\xi)}; \sigma < \sigma_c$$

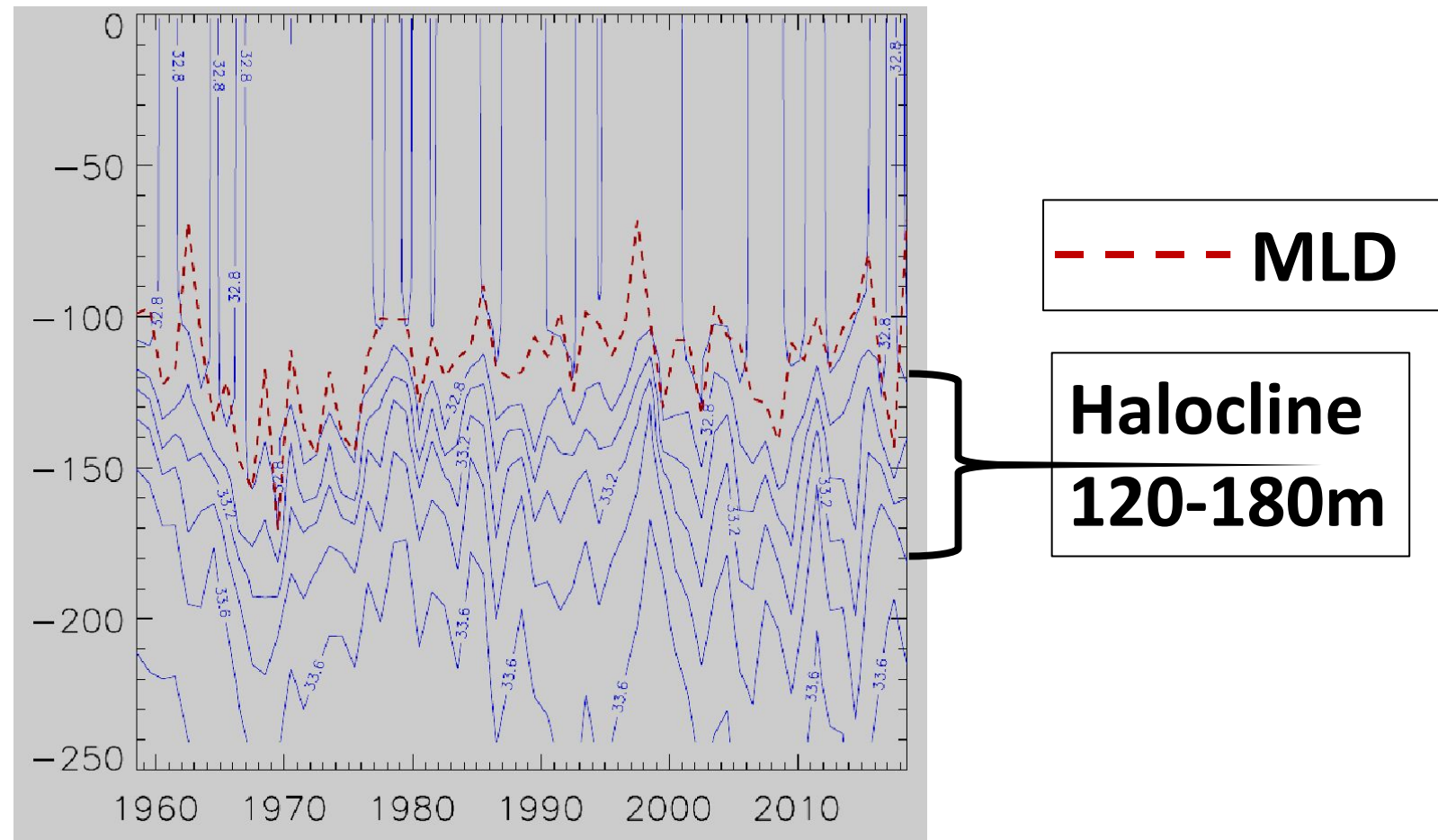
$$\bullet K_{M,S} = w_{M,S} h G$$

$$\bullet \langle wv \rangle = K_M Y_v$$

$$\bullet h = \frac{Ri_c (|\Delta V(h)|^2 + V_t^2)}{\Delta\Theta(h)}$$

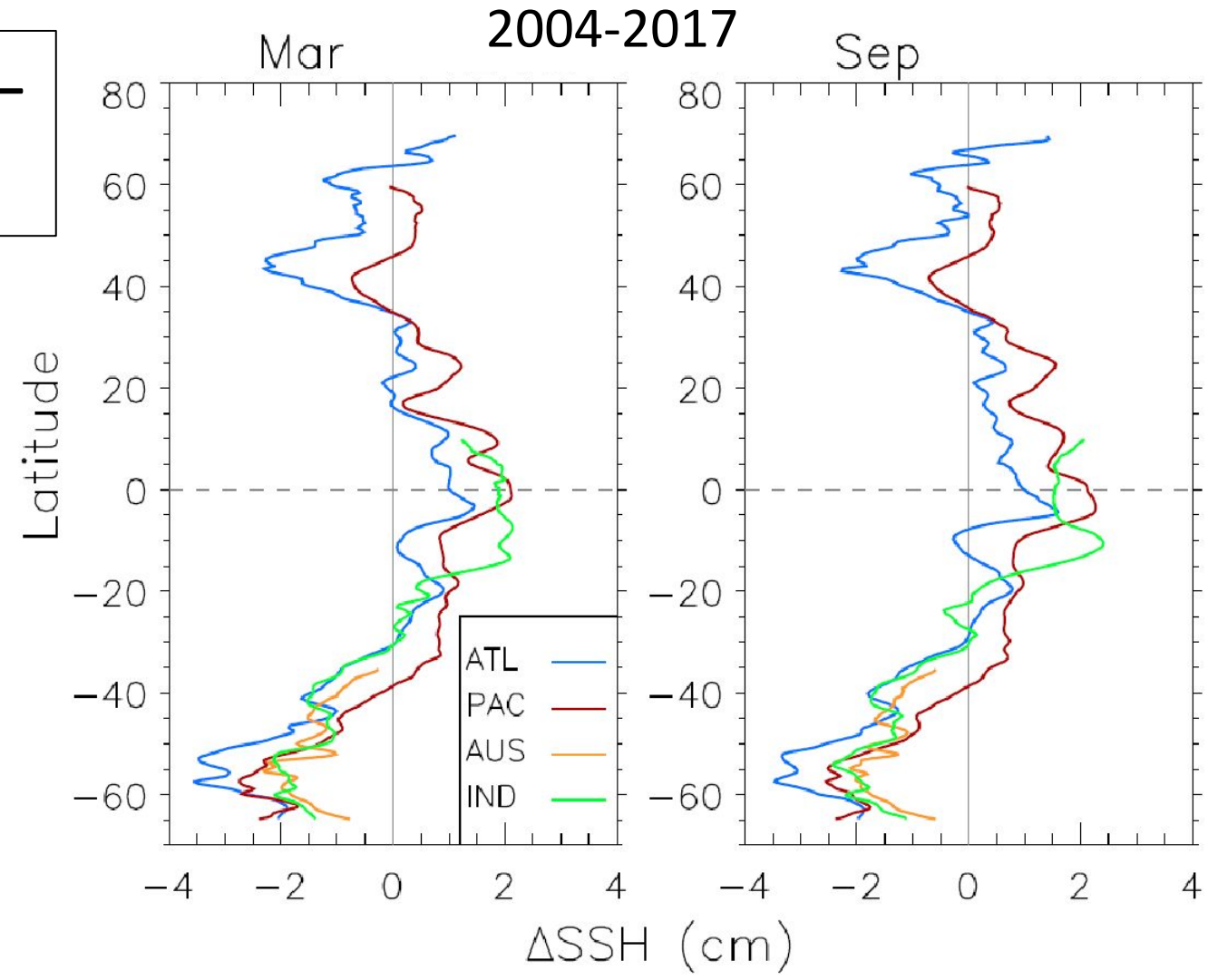
# METRICS : Winter Halocline at owsP

1 JRA cycle of Feb Salinity at owsP ; WAVY (13)



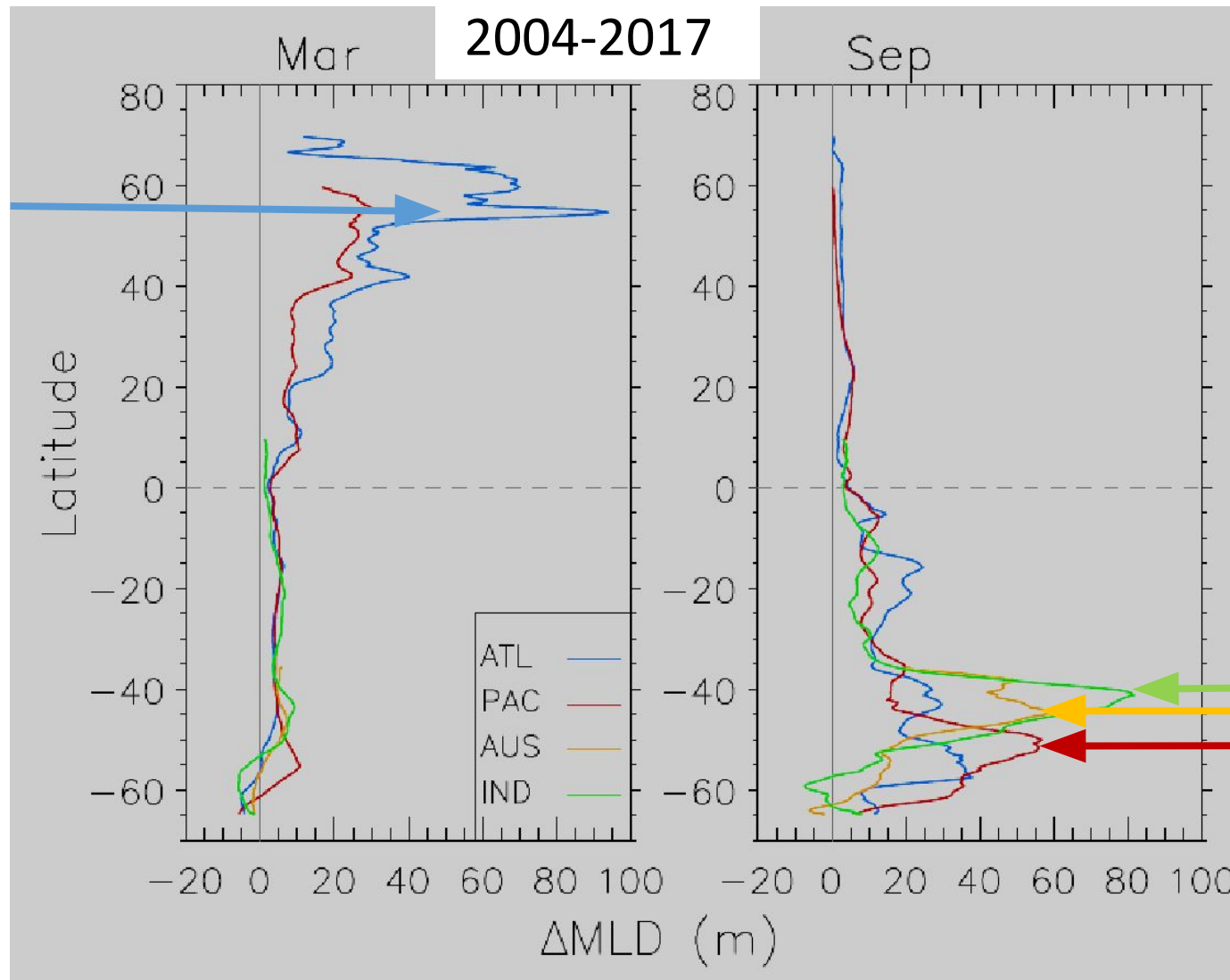
# WAVE EFFECTS: Sea Surface Height

WAVY (13) –  
CALM (14)



# WAVE EFFECTS: Mixed Layer Depth (m)

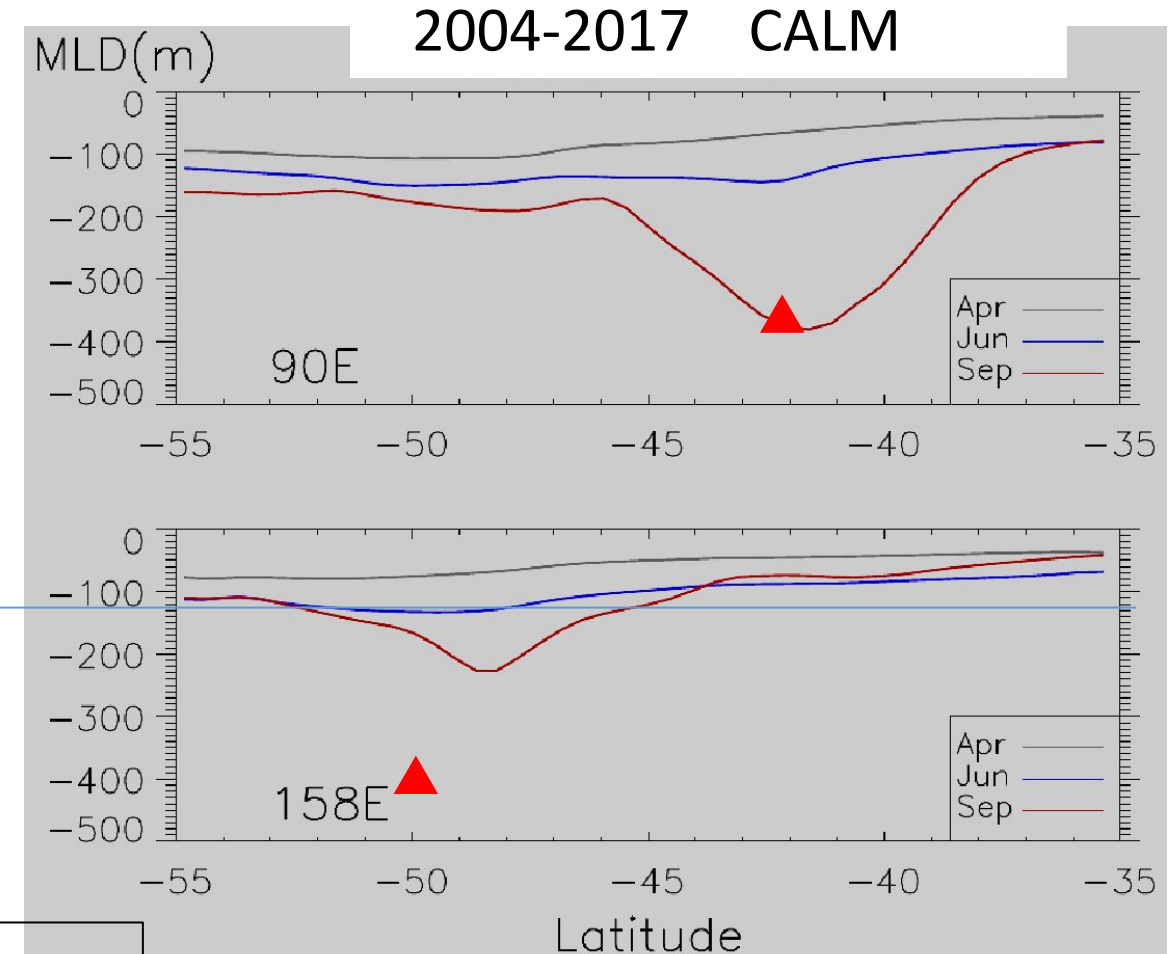
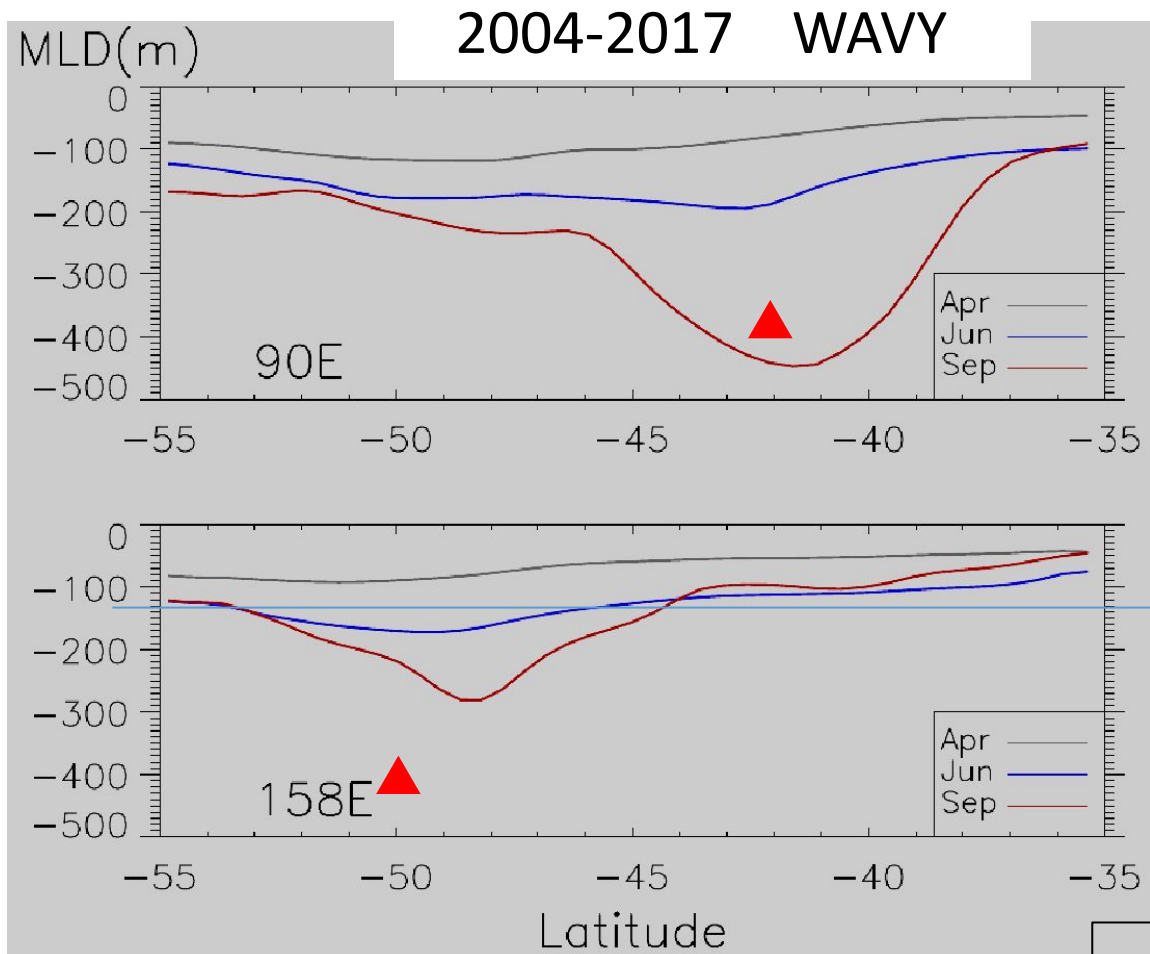
Lab Sea



WAVY (13) –  
CALM (14)

Deep Mixing  
Bands

# SO Deep Mixing (DuVivier et al., 2019)

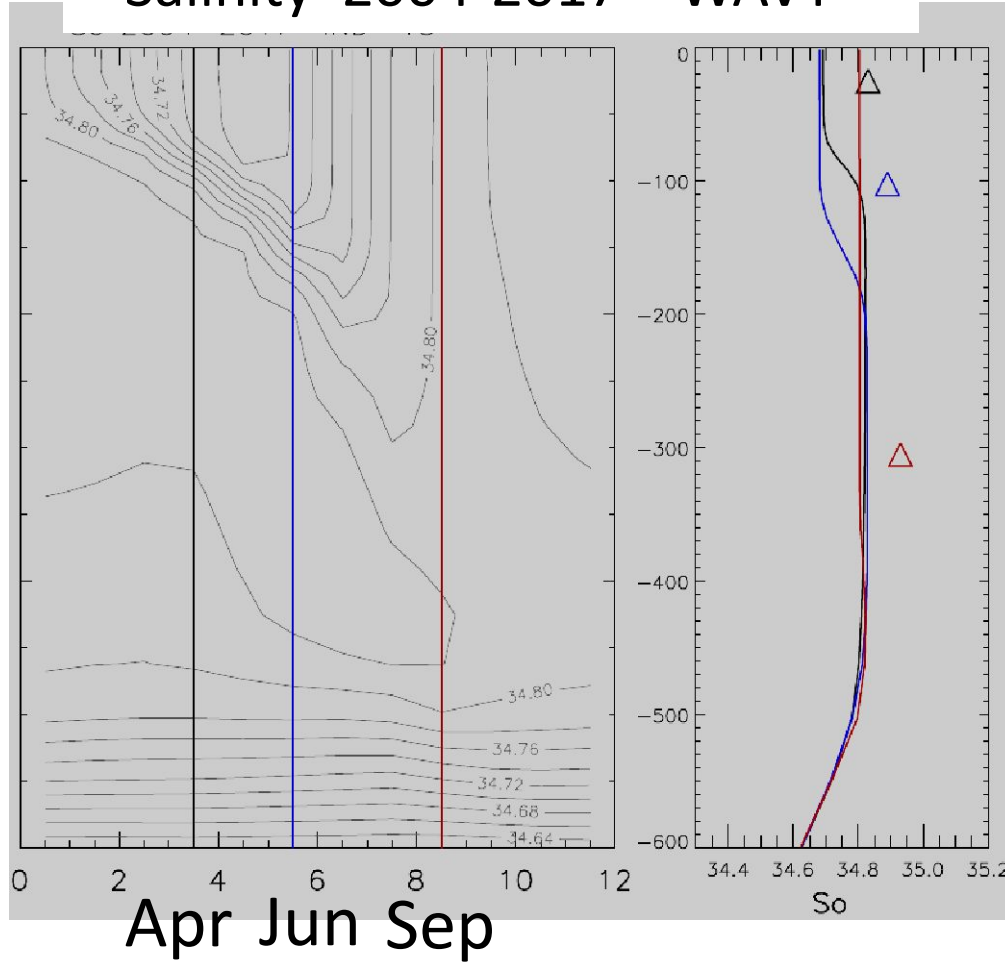


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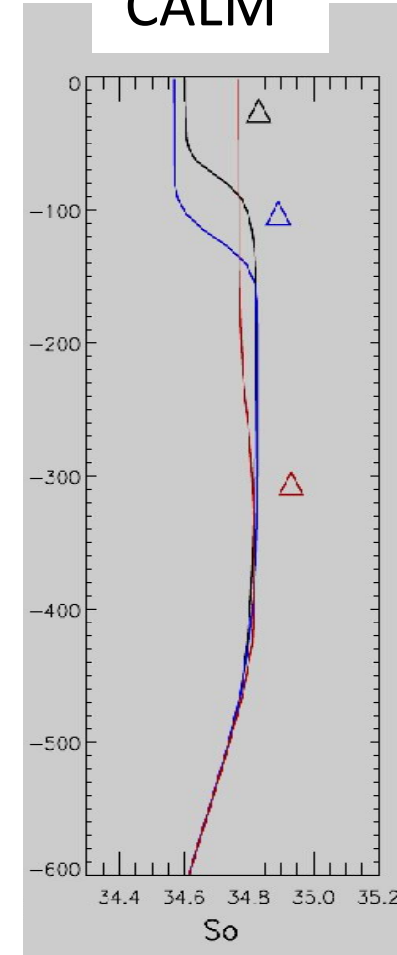


# SO Deep Mixing: Indian (90°E ; 40°S )

Salinity 2004-2017 WAVY



CALM



△ **ARGO**  
**@ MLD**



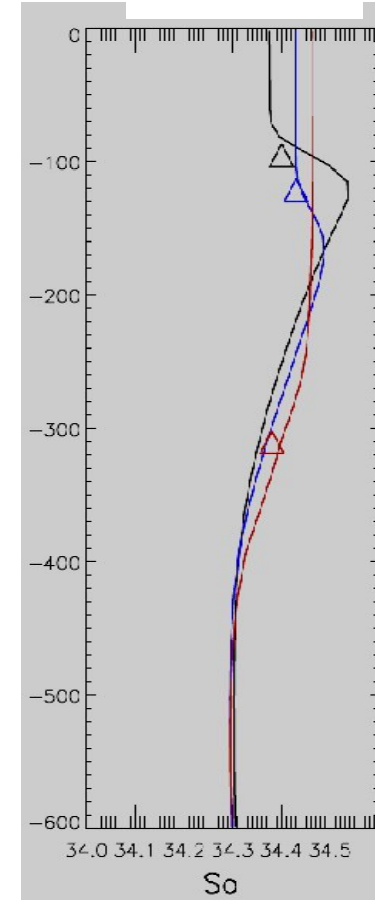
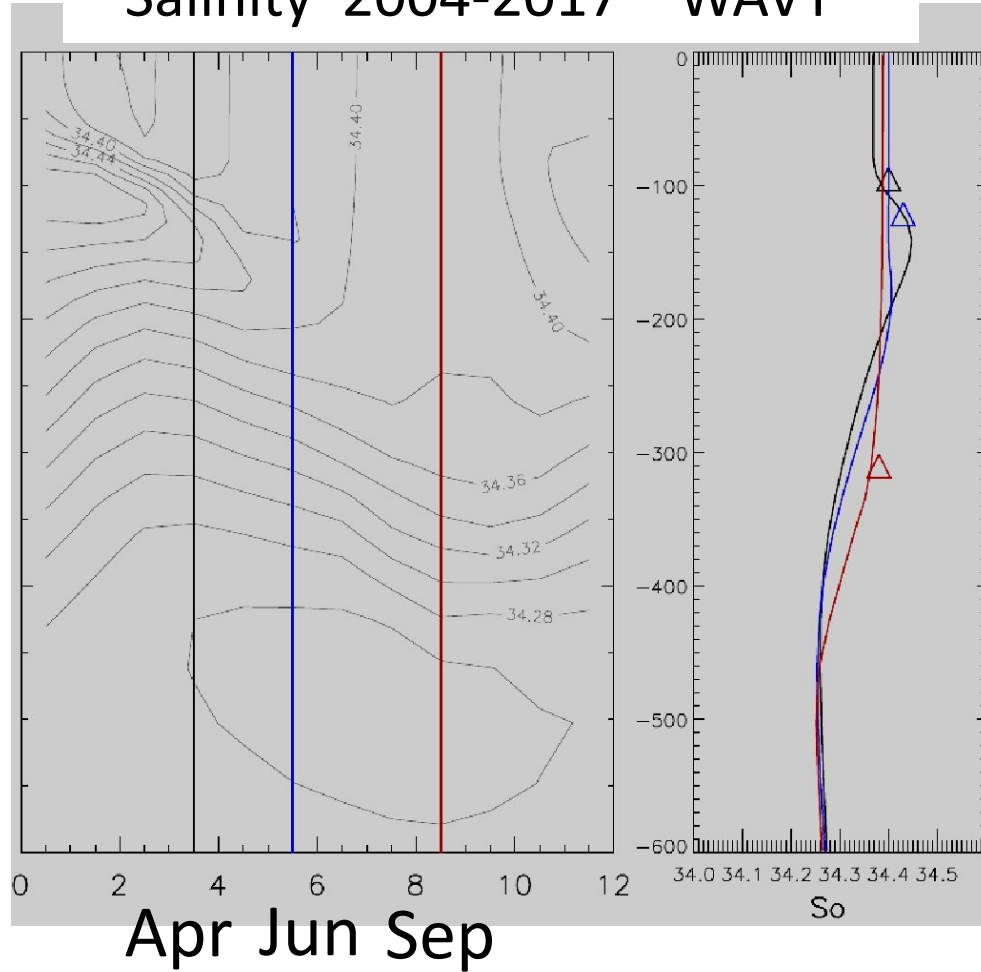


# SO Deep Mixing: C-Pacific (145°W ; 51°S )

Salinity 2004-2017 WAVY

CALM

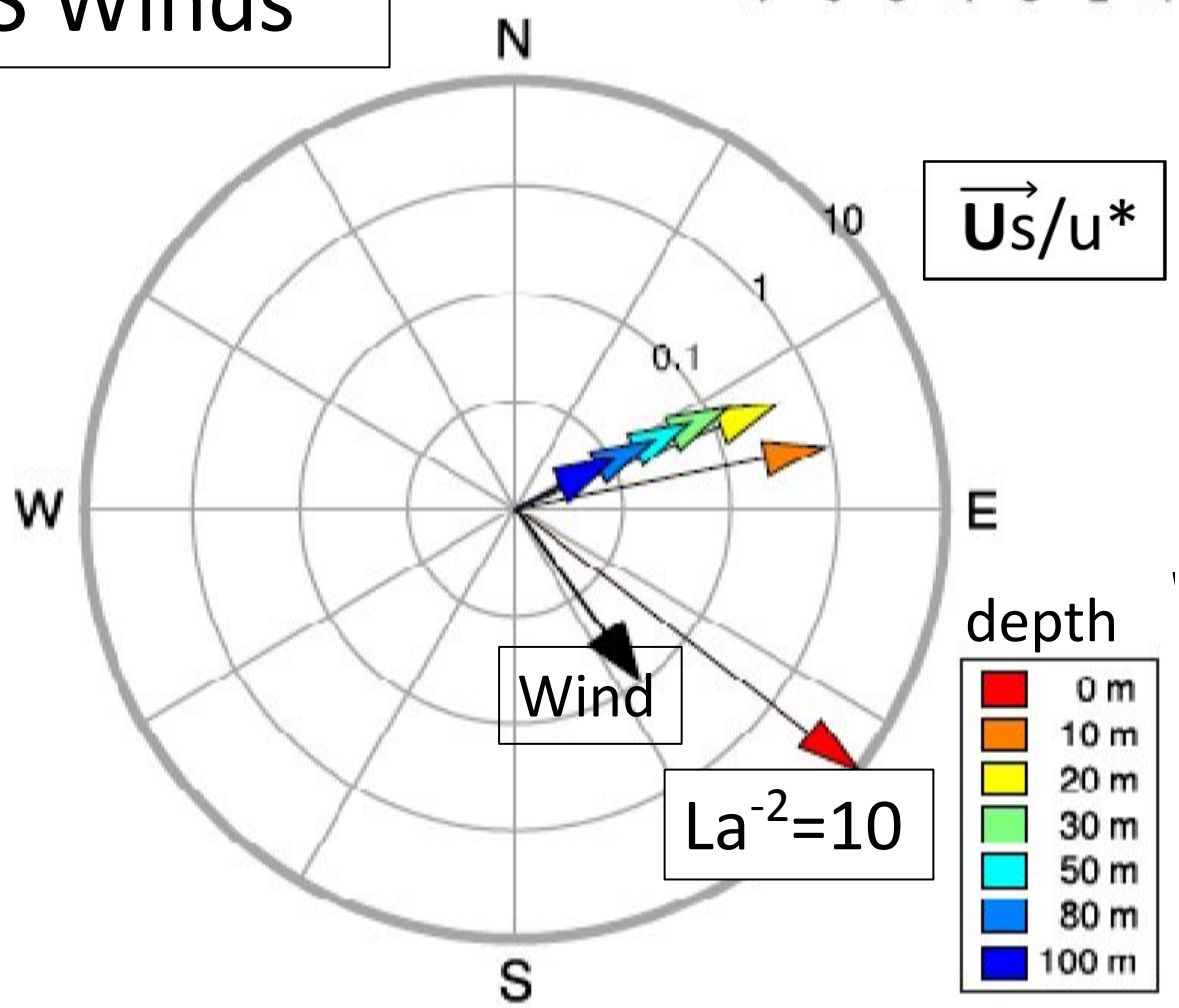
△ ARGO  
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# Stokes Drift, $\vec{U}_s$ : SOFS 12:00 June 8, 2010

WW3  
SOFS Winds

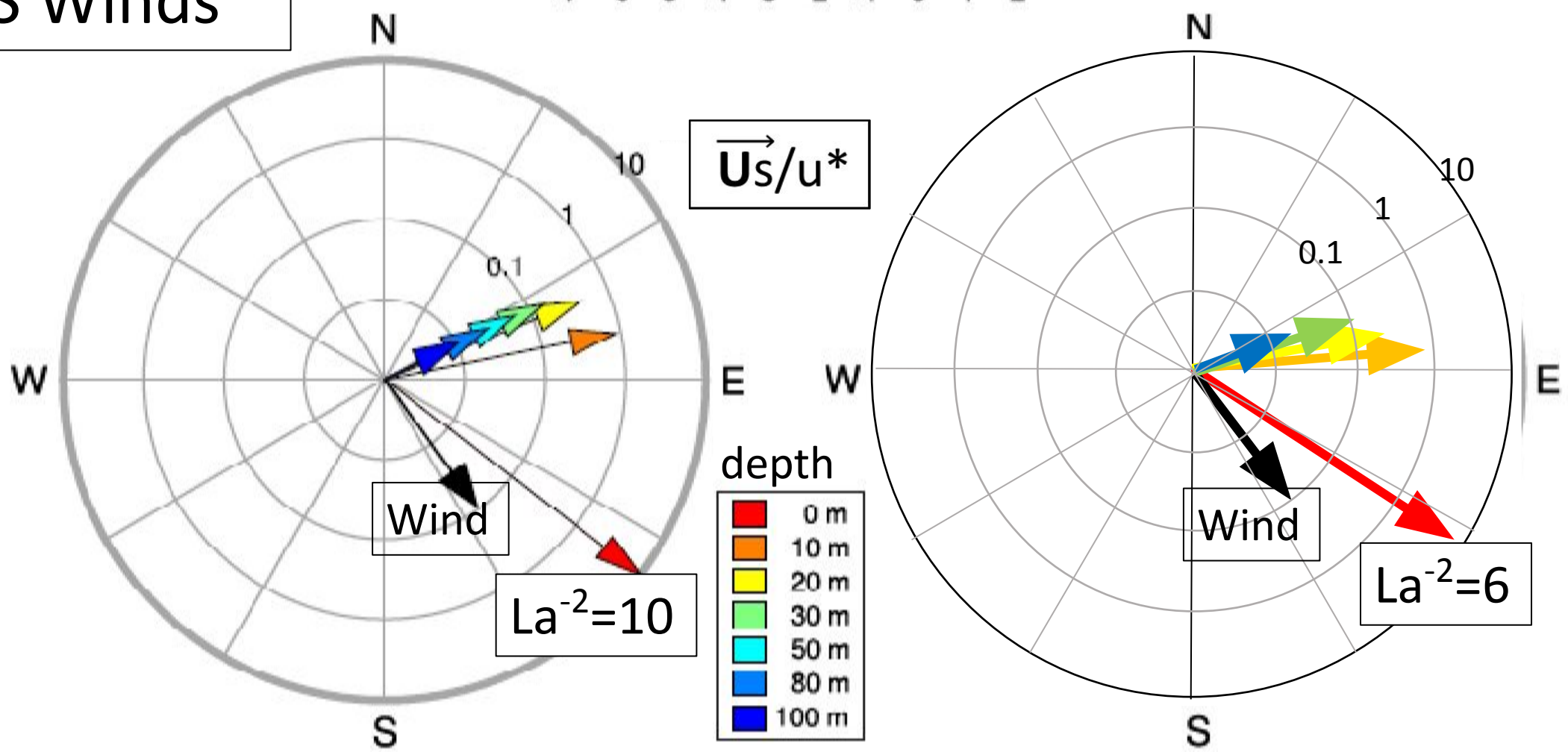
$$\vec{U}_s(z) = \sum_{b=1}^{Nb=3} \vec{U}_b \exp(2 k_b z)$$



# Stokes Drift : SOFS 03:00 GMT June 8, 2010

WW3  
SOFS Winds

$$\vec{U}_s(z) = \sum_{b=1}^{Nb=3} \vec{U}_b \exp(2 k_b z)$$



# Conclusion

- WW3 surface waves have been coupled within the CvMIX KPP construct to be consistent with WAB LES solutions;  $\gg w_{M,S}$
- Stokes Drift:  $N_b=3$  captures depth decay, but  $La \sim 30\%$  high
- Waves deepen mixed layer; Move water volume to low latitudes
- Prior missing waves largely compensated ( $> G(\sigma)$ ,  $Vt^2 \propto w_s$ )
- Adding wave dependencies could double count
- Wave impacts depend on General Circulation and Forcing biases
- Cheaper waves for 2/3 MOM-6 with legacy waves?

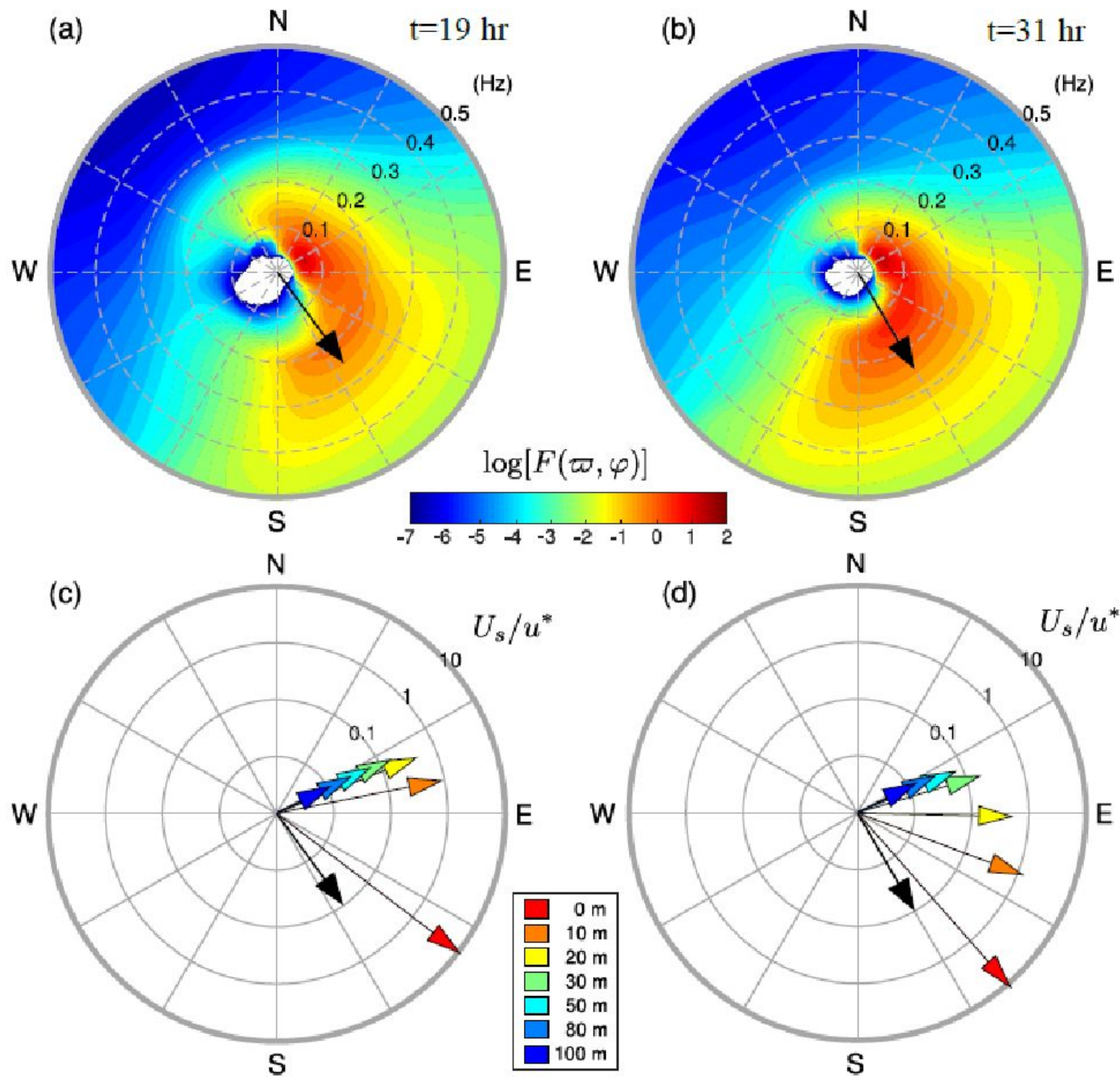


# Questions

- WW3 on 2/3 MOM-6 grid ~ MOM-6
- Simpler wave model and/or more bands increase  $L_a$  ?
- Optimize mixing for CESM-3 General Circulation and Forcing ?







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