

# Forcing of mean flow and turbulence by waves in homogeneous zone of Iroise Sea

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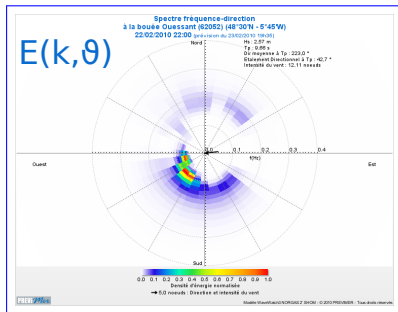
## Motivations :

*Increase the precision of the surface drift*

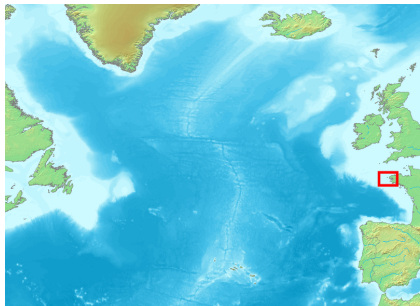
- Pollution
- Search and rescue
- Air-sea fluxes
- Surface transport process

## Methods :

- Whole surface waves spectrum  $E(k, \theta)$  given by Wavewatch 3
- 1D water column at one fixed coordinate
- Validation with surface velocity measured by HF radar



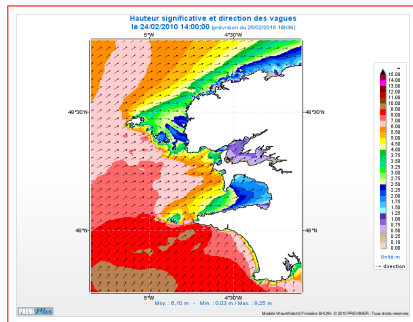
# Localization and phenomenology of the Iroise sea



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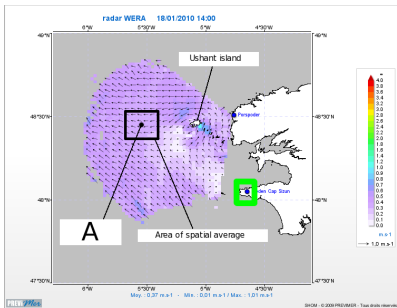
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- Strong wind : North atlantic depression
- Strong tidal currents
- Extreme waves conditions



## IROISE SEA

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Velocity measured by HF radar  
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HF Radar antenna  
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- Use lagrangian surface velocity measured by HF radar for validation *F. Ardhuin & al. [2009]*

$$\underbrace{U_{\text{Lagrangian}}}_{\text{HF Radar}} \approx \underbrace{U_{\text{Quasi Eulerian}}}_{\text{Model}} + \underbrace{U_{\text{Stokes}}}_{\text{Surface waves}}$$

- Hypothesis : horizontal homogeneity in the vicinity of point **A**
- Point **A** : water column, 120 m, time series over 2 years

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = \underbrace{-f \mathbf{e}_z \wedge \mathbf{u}}_{\text{Coriolis}} \quad \underbrace{-\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \overline{\mathbf{u}' w'}}_{\text{Mixing by Turbulence}} \quad \underbrace{-g \nabla_H \xi}_{\text{Tide}} \quad \text{Equation for velocities}$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \underbrace{-\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \overline{\mathbf{w}' T'}}_{\text{Mixing by turbulence}} + \underbrace{\Phi_T(z)}_{\text{Atmospheric flux}} \quad \text{Equation for temperature}$$

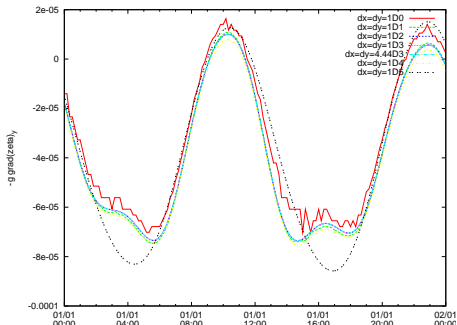
Turbulence feedback : with turbulente viscosity and diffusivity

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \overline{\mathbf{u}' w'} &= \nu_T \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathbf{u} && \text{in momentum equation} \\ -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \overline{\mathbf{u}' T'} &= \kappa_T \frac{\partial}{\partial z} T && \text{in temperature equation} \end{aligned}$$

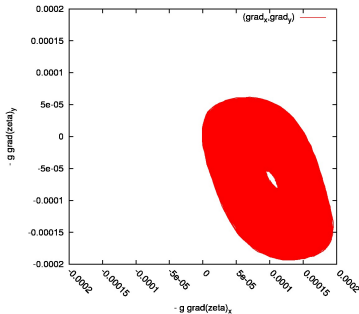
Surface flux of momentum

$$\tau^* = C_{DS} \frac{\rho_{\text{Air}}}{\rho_{\text{Water}}} U_{10} \mathbf{U}_{10} \quad \text{with } C_{DS} = 1.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

# Including tide in 1D vertical model



Zonal pressure gradient  
Discretization dependencies



Vector of pressure gradient  
01/2007 to 01/2008

The tide pressure  $-g \nabla_H \xi$  is computed by finite differences on SSH using CST France from SHOM with 150 main harmonics constituents *R. Le Roy & B. Simon [2003]* ( $dx = 1000 \text{ m}$ )

## Wide range of oscillatory phenomenon present at point A

Tide

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$$M_8 = 89.45 \mu\text{Hz}$$

$$M_6 = 67.092 \mu\text{Hz}$$

$$M_4 = 44.72 \mu\text{Hz}$$

$$M_2 = 22.36 \mu\text{Hz}$$

$$K_1 = 11.61 \mu\text{Hz}$$

$$Mf = 847.23 \text{ nHz}$$

$$Mm = 420.03 \text{ nHz}$$

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Radiation of internal gravity waves	$\omega \in ]0, O(300)] \text{ mHz}$
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Radiation of inertial waves	$\omega \in ]0, 17.4] \mu\text{Hz}$
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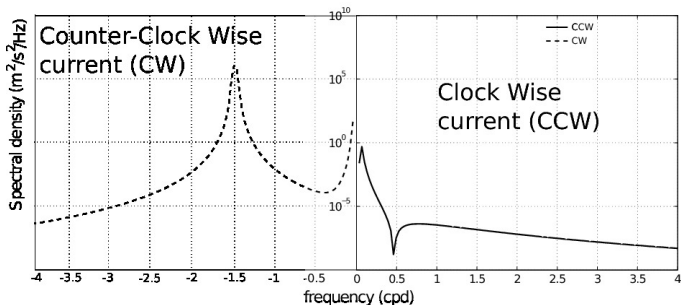
Mixed inertio-gravity waves	$\omega \in ]0, O(300)] \text{ mHz}$
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Distortion by shear	?
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⇒ spectral analysis



Rotary spectra of a basic Coriolis system with  $N_{FFT} = 88$

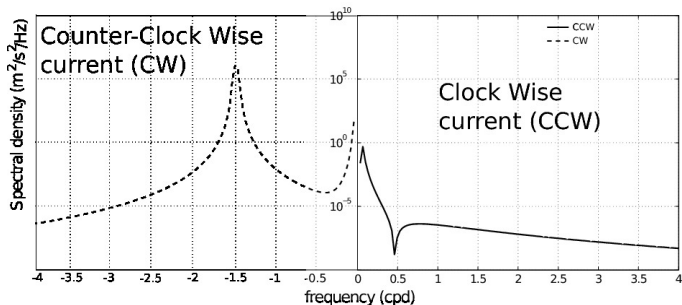
$$\begin{cases} u(t) = \cos(2\pi ft)u(0) + \sin(2\pi ft)v(0) \\ v(t) = -\sin(2\pi ft)u(0) + \cos(2\pi ft)v(0) \end{cases}$$

At  $\phi = 48.500^\circ$  of latitude and  $-6.0^\circ$  of longitude

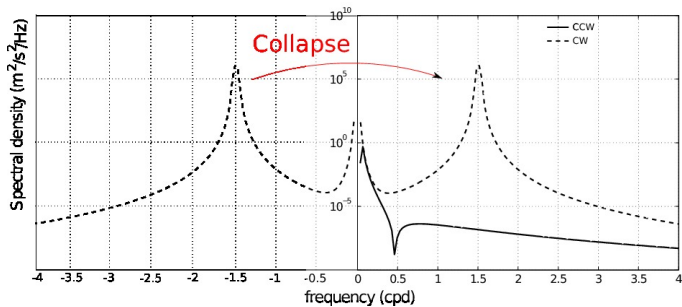
$$f_{Coriolis} = \frac{2\Omega \sin \phi}{2\pi} \text{ i.e.}$$

$$f_{Coriolis} = 17.4 \mu\text{Hz} \text{ or } f_{Coriolis} = 1.50 \text{ cpd}$$

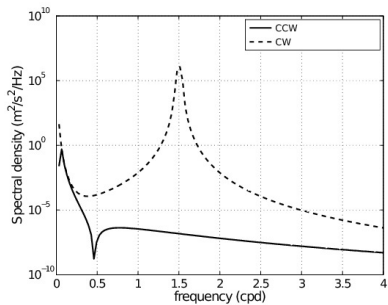




We use one sided spectra to compare rotation trend



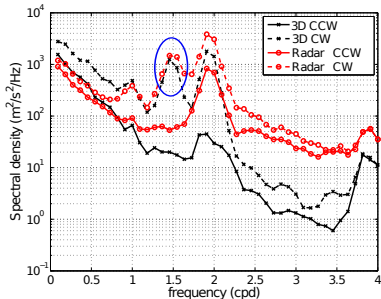
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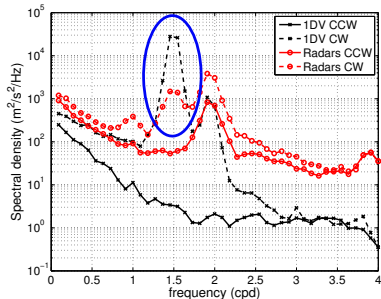
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# Inertial oscillation in 3D and 1D simulation

Same turbulence model, atmospheric forcing, tidal forcing and vertical discretization



Code MARS3D  $\Rightarrow$  Signature of inertial waves accurate

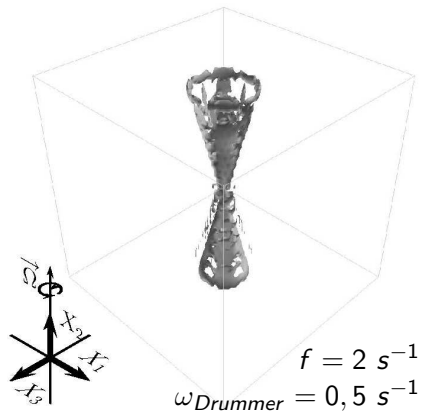


1D code  $\Rightarrow$  well known problem with inertial frequency

R. T. Pollard & R. C. Millard [1969]

G. L. Mellor [2000]

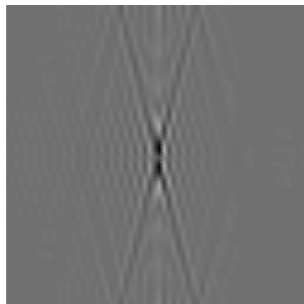
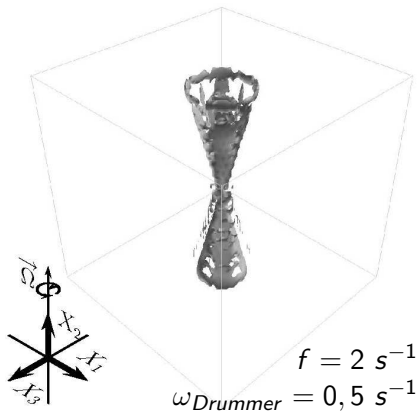
# Inertial wave propagation in 3D



Inertial waves as the explanation of over estimation of inertial frequency in 1D oceanic boundary layer model.

Visualization of iso-entrophy when the rotating fluid is excited by a periodic impulse at the frequency  $\omega_{\text{Drummer}} = 0,5$

# Inertial wave propagation in 3D



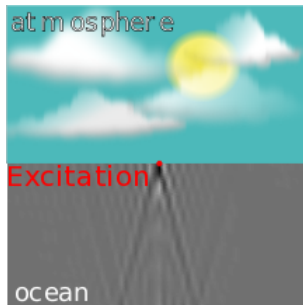
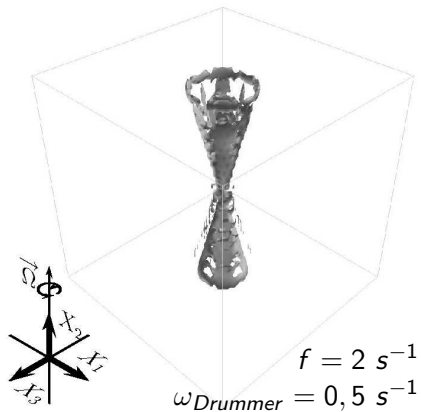
$$\omega = \pm 2\Omega \cos \theta$$

Theoretical angle 75.52

Measured angle 75.94

Visualization of iso-entrophy when the rotating fluid is excited by a periodic impulse at the frequency  $\omega_{\text{Drummer}} = 0,5$

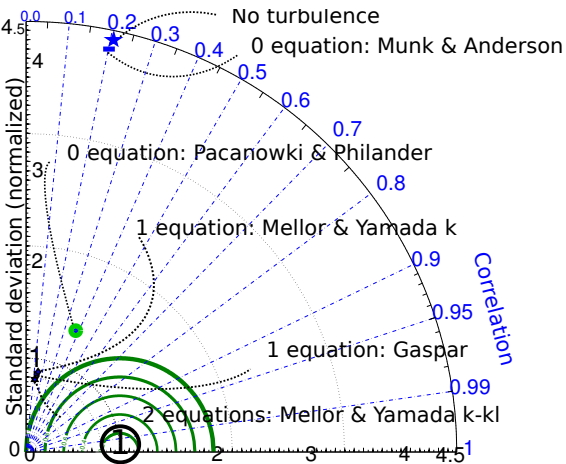
# Inertial wave propagation in 3D



Excitation in real ocean :  
Wind ?  
Tide ?

Incompatibility of 1D modelling with the nature of the inertial waves  
→ 3D anisotropic waves (and inertio-gravity)

# Some of tested turbulence models with Taylor diagram



Taylor diagram : polar representation of performance

**Radius** : Standard deviation normalized

**Angle** : Correlation coefficient

**Distance to ①** Unbiased root mean square difference normalized

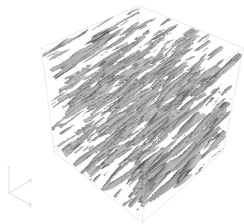
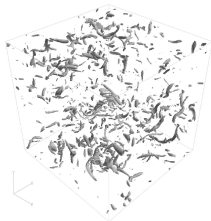
Strong dependence to turbulence model

Why?  $\Rightarrow$  maybe the anisotropy?

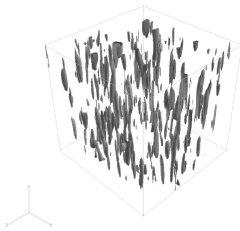


Why so many differences from one model to another? Because anisotropic turbulence hides a wide range of dynamics

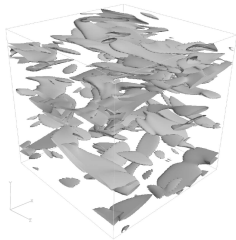
Classical  
Isotropic turbulence



shear  $S$   
turbulence



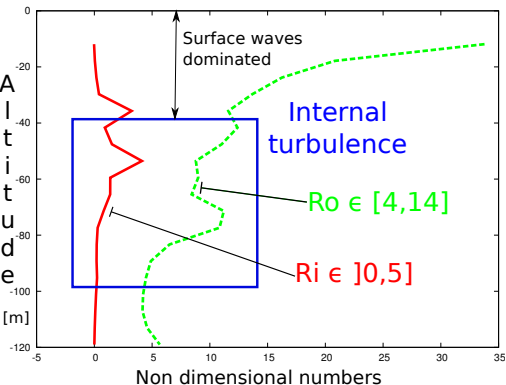
inertial  $f$   
waves turbulence



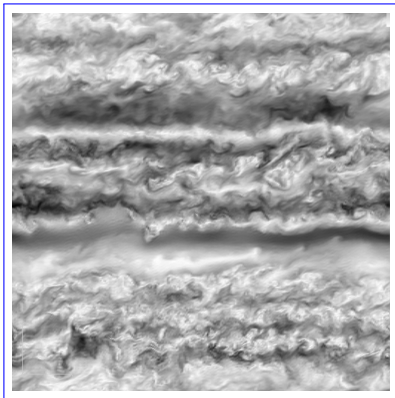
internal gravity  $N$   
waves turbulence

Visualization of iso-entropy from homogeneous turbulence **D**irect **N**umerical **S**imulation (DNS)

# Oceanic turbulence with mean rotation, stratification and shear with DNS



Time averaged profile of  $Ro = \frac{S(z)}{f}$  and  $Ri = \frac{N(z)^2}{S^2}$ . Simulation with 1D code during 3 years in Iroise Sea at point A.



Zonal velocity

$$Ro = \frac{S}{f} = 4.94 \quad Ri = \frac{N^2}{S^2} = 0,99$$

Non-trivial vertical and meridional flux

$$\frac{\partial k}{\partial t} - \overbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \nu_T \frac{S_q}{S_M} \frac{\partial k}{\partial z} \right)}^{\text{diffusion}} = \overbrace{\nu_T \left( \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right)}^{\text{production by mean shear}} - \overbrace{\frac{C_\epsilon k^{3/2}}{l_\epsilon}}^{\text{dissipation}}$$

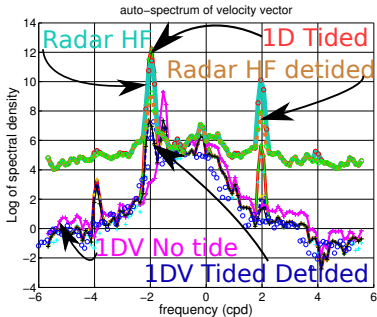
turbulent viscosity  $\nu_T = C_k l_k \sqrt{k}$  and turbulent diffusivity  $\kappa_T = \frac{\nu_T}{Pr}$

travel upward  $l_u$  define by  $\frac{g}{\rho_0} \int_z^{z+l_u} [\bar{\rho}(z) - \bar{\rho}(z')] dz' = k(z)$

travel downward  $l_d$  define by  $\frac{g}{\rho_0} \int_z^{z-l_d} [\bar{\rho}(z) - \bar{\rho}(z')] dz' = k(z)$

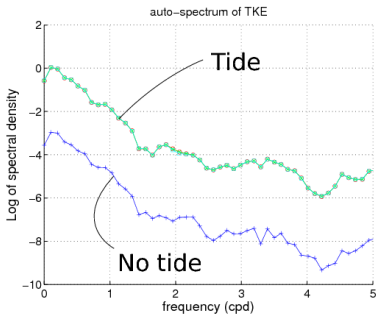
energetic scale  $l_k = \min(l_u, l_d)$  and dissipation scale  $l_\epsilon = \sqrt{(l_u l_d)}$

- No  $z_0$  for define internal lengths scales
- Successfully used H. Muller & al. [2007] and H. Muller & al. [2010] in Iroise Sea



Detiding with `r_t_tide` *K. E. Leffler & D. A. Jay [2009]*

$$\mathbf{u}_{1D \text{ No tide}} \neq \text{Detide}(\mathbf{u}_{1D \text{ Tided}})$$



Frequency analysis of TKE evolution : no significant tidal frequency present, but TKE greater when tide included

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# 1D equation with drift Stokes generated by surface waves

Justification by the generalized Lagrangian Mean :

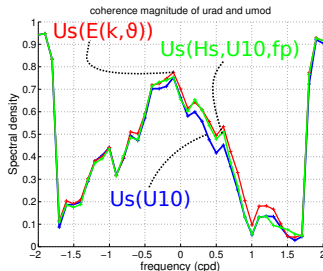
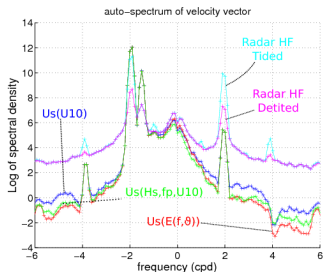
*D. G. Andrews & M. E. McIntyres [1978]*

*F. Ardhuin & al. [2008]*

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = -f \mathbf{e}_z \wedge (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{U}_S) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \overline{\mathbf{u}' w'} - g \nabla_H \xi$$

- $\mathbf{U}_S = 4\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\infty f k e^{2k(f)z} E(f, \theta) df d\theta \mathbf{e}_\theta$  *K. E. Kenyon [1969]*
- $\mathbf{U}_S = 0.016 e^{\frac{(z-h)}{L_w}} \mathbf{U}_{10}$  with  $L_w = 0.12 \frac{U_{10}^2}{g}$  *M. Li & C. Garrett [1993]*
- $\mathbf{U}_S = (6.25 \cdot 10^{-4} \mathbf{U}_{10} \min \{U_{10}, 14.5\} + 0.025 (Hs - 0.4) \mathbf{e}_\theta) e^{\pi \frac{f_{\text{peak}}}{g} (z-h)}$  *F. Ardhuin & al. [2009] adapted*

# Stokes drift : parametrisations or spectral composition ?



Stratified open ocean with Stokes drift in momentum equation following *N. Rascle and F. Ardhuin [2009]*

- $U_S(f, \theta, E(f, \theta))$
- $U_S(U_{10})$
- $U_S(H_s, f_{peak}, U_{10})$

The Stokes drift based on wind and  $H_s$  is more coherent than the one based only on the wind

# Modified TKE equation with surface waves

- Production by Stokes drift  $Prod_{Stokes}$  in TKE equation :

$$\frac{\partial k}{\partial t} = Diff + Prod_{Mean} + Prod_{Stokes} + Diss$$

①  $Prod_{Stokes} = \nu_T \left( \left( \frac{\partial U_S}{\partial z} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial V_S}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right)$

- TKE production by breaking of deep water waves with  $\alpha$  parameter at top boundary condition :

$$\frac{\partial k}{\partial z} = \alpha (|\tau_x|^3 + |\tau_y|^3) \text{ at } z = H$$

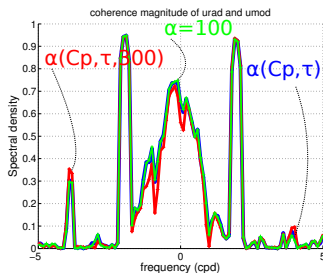
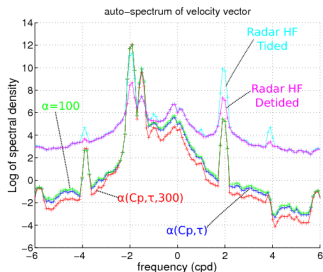
①  $\alpha = 100$  P. D. Craig & M. L. Banner [1994]

②  $\alpha = \frac{\bar{c}}{\sqrt{\tau_x^{*2} + \tau_y^{*2}}}$  E. A. Terray & al. [1996]

③ if  $\frac{c_{peak}}{\tau_x^{*2} + \tau_y^{*2}} < 300$  then  $\alpha = \frac{\bar{c}}{\sqrt{\tau_x^{*2} + \tau_y^{*2}}}$  else  $\alpha = 150$

$$c_{peak} = \frac{g}{2\pi \underbrace{f_{peak}}_{\text{Peak frequency}}} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{c} = \frac{g}{2\pi \underbrace{f_{Mean}}_{\text{Mean frequency}}}$$

# What about white caps parametrisation ?

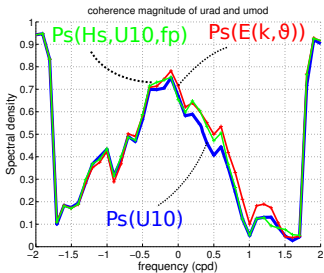
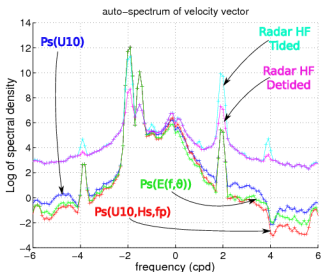


Stratified oceanic mixed layer following Y. Noh [1996] Y. Noh & H. J. Kim [1999] N. Raschle & F. Ardhuin [2009]

Creation of turbulence by breaking surface waves based on E. A. Terray & al. [1996] are less energetic than the one of P. D. Craig & M. L. Banner [1994]



# Production of TKE by Stokes drift

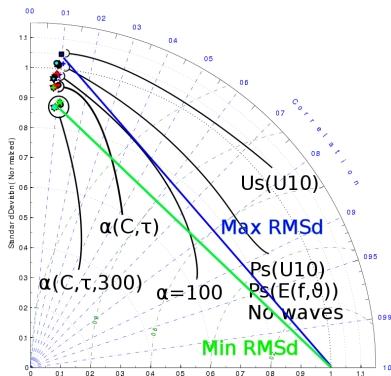


Why?

- Langmuir cell due to non-linear interaction between the Stokes drift and the vertical shear *A. D. Craik & S. Leibovich [1976]*.

Parametrisation based on sea state increase the coherence and the energy in low frequency and decrease the energy in height frequency.

# Overview of sea states parametrisations with 37 runs



Correlation coefficient around  $R \approx 0.1 \rightarrow$  Not a problem with waves parametrisation but with the overestimation of inertial frequency in 1D modelling

The better normalized RMS difference is obtained for model with  $\alpha(\bar{c}, \tau^*, 300)$  parametrisation.

# Overview of sea states parametrisations with 37 runs

	Parametrisation	STDd
1	$\alpha(\bar{c}, \tau^*, 300)$ & $Prod_{Stokes}(E(f, \theta))$	0.31547
2	$\alpha(\bar{c}, \tau^*, 300)$ & $U_5(E(f, \theta))$	0.31694
3	$\alpha(\bar{c}, \tau^*, 300)$ & $U_5(E(f, \theta))$ & $Prod_{Stokes}(E(f, \theta))$	0.31694
4	$\alpha(\bar{c}, \tau^*, 300)$ & $Prod_{Stokes}(U_{10})$	0.31761
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32	WITHOUT WAVES PARAMETRISATION	0.33884
33	$Prod_{Stokes}(H_s, U_{10}, f_p)$ & $U_5(H_s, U_{10}, f_p)$	0.33897
34	$\alpha = 100$ & $U_5(U_{10})$ & $Prod_{Stokes}(U_{10})$	0.33946
35	$\alpha = 100$ & $U_5(U_{10})$	0.33946
36	$U_5(H_s, U_{10}, f_p)$	0.33998
37	$U_5(U_{10})$	0.34111

$$STDd = \sqrt{(v_{Model} - v_{Radar} - (\bar{v}_{Model} - \bar{v}_{Radar}))^2}$$

## Conclusion

- In Iroise sea adding  $U_{\text{Stokes}}$ ,  $Prod_{\text{Stokes}}$  and  $\alpha$  increase the accuracy
- Coherent parametrization needed
- For breaking surface waves : best formulation  $\alpha(\bar{c}, \tau^*, 300)$
- $U(z, Hs, U10, f_{peak}) \Rightarrow$  representative of the spectral based

## Work in progress

- Link the  $C_{DS}$  of velocity boundary condition to the sea states
- Fit more precisely vertical dependency of the Stokes drift
- Evaluate the surface rugosity length scale  $z_0$  induces by this sea state parametrisations
- 3D implementations and analysis

Thank you for your attention