

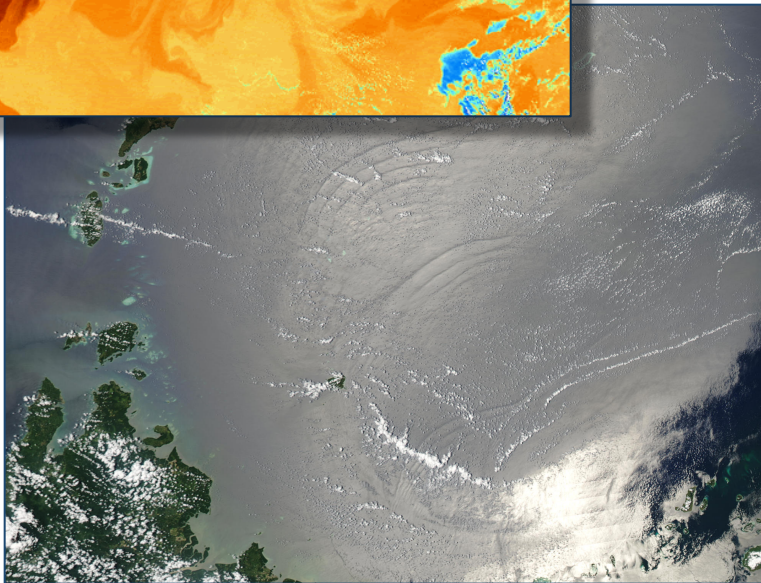
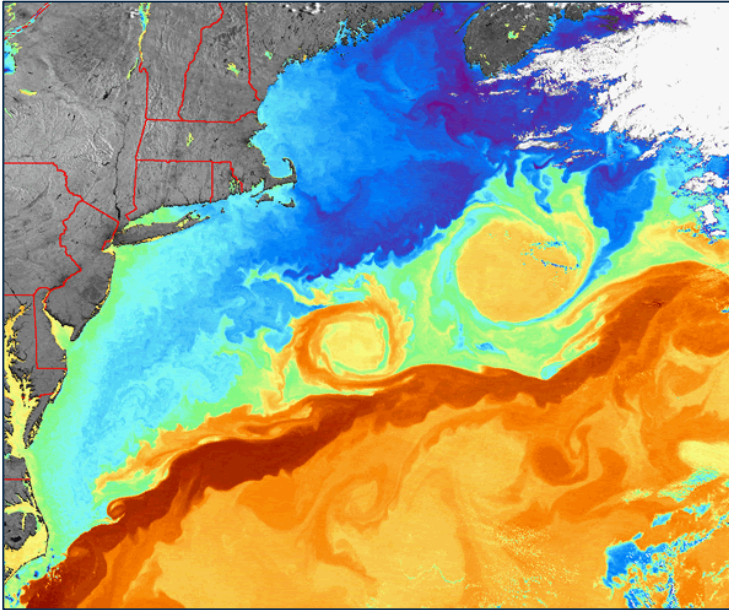


Οι νόμοι διατήρησης στη Φυσική Ωκεανογραφία

4. The conservation laws in the ocean dynamics

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- **Fundamental dynamics and the equations for geophysical fluids**
- **Oceanic approximations**
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- **Dominant scales in ocean dynamics**
- **Reduced equations – Scaling the ocean dynamics**

Fundamental dynamics and the equations for geophysical fluids

i. Momentum Equation:

$$\frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \nabla \Phi + \mathbf{F}$$

Pressure gradient

Material derivative

$$\frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}$$

local rate of change

advection

$$\Phi = -gz$$

Force potential

Non-conservative forces
e.g. $\mathbf{F} = \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$
(see next transparency)

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \nabla \mathbf{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p - g \hat{\mathbf{z}} + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$$

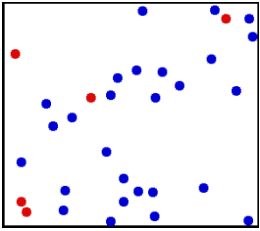
Non-linearity

$$Re = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}}{\nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}} = \frac{U^2 L^2}{\nu UL} = \frac{UL}{\nu}$$

In the ocean,
usually
 $Re \gg 1$

Mixing and diffusion

- Molecular random motions transport around “a property”



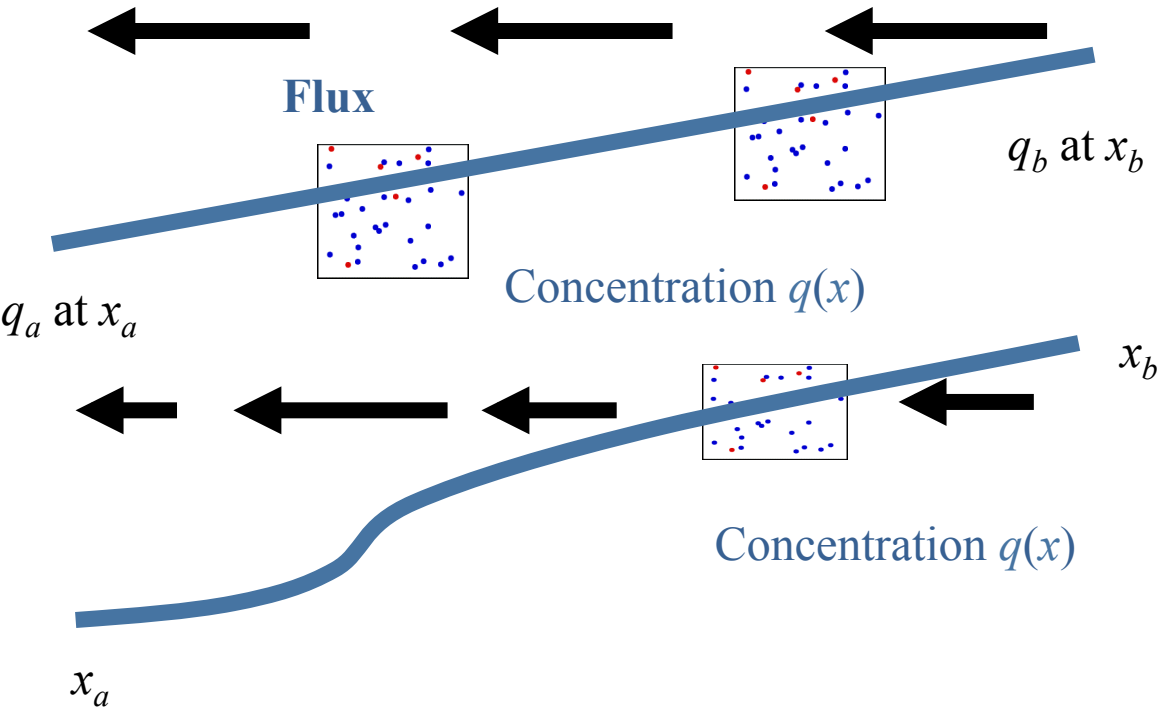
- **Flux=Force/Resistance** (De Groot, 1963)

$$F_q = \kappa_q \frac{\partial q}{\partial x}$$

←
↓
→

Flux of q
medium Resistance
Force (gradient)

If the concentration of q changes linearly along a path, there should be a constant flux of q along this path (and the concentration of q is constant in time along the path) – Or the opposite: Constant concentration in any point in a path, means constant flux along the path.



If there is a change of flux of q along the path ($\partial F / \partial x$) it will produce a change of q in time ($\partial q / \partial t$).

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = -\kappa_q \frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial x^2}$$

For velocity: resistance is μ (molecular viscosity) and $\nu = \mu / \rho$ (kinematic viscosity)

Why is viscosity a non-conservative force?

Ignoring any other force and density variations (and working only in one dimension for simplicity):

$$\rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial t} = \rho v \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2}$$

$$u \frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial t} = \rho v u \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \Rightarrow$$

Multiplying by u

$$\frac{\partial(\rho u^2 / 2)}{\partial t} = \rho v u \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \rho v \frac{\partial}{\partial z} u \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - \rho v \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)^2 =$$

$$= \rho v \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\partial(u^2 / 2)}{\partial z} - \rho v \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)^2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(v \frac{\partial(\rho u^2 / 2)}{\partial z} \right) - \rho v \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho u^2 / 2)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(v \frac{\partial(\rho u^2 / 2)}{\partial z} \right) - \rho v \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)^2$$

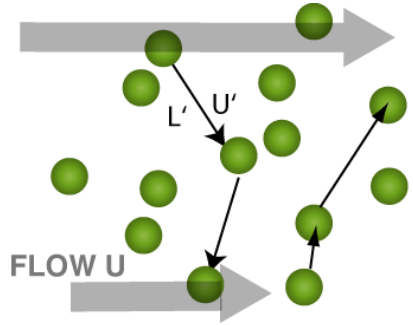
In three-dimensions

$$\frac{\partial(\rho u^2 / 2)}{\partial t} = \nabla \left(v \nabla(\rho u^2 / 2) \right) - \rho v \left[\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right]$$

Local rate of change of energy concentration

Energy Flux (Divergence of viscosity times the gradient of energy)

Loss of Mechanical Energy (Transformation to heat – always negative)



The heat added to the water increases its entropy at the rate of heat generation divided by absolute temperature (entropy source term).

ii. Conservation of mass (continuity equation):

$$\text{Mass flux to the volume (x=direction)} = \rho u \delta y \delta z$$

$$\text{Mass flux from the volume (x=direction)} = \left(\rho + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} \delta x \right) \left(u + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \delta x \right) \delta y \delta z$$

$$\text{Accumulation} \left[u \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} + \rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \delta x \right] \delta x \delta y \delta z = \left[\frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial x} + \underbrace{O(\delta x)}_{\text{small terms}} \right] \delta x \delta y \delta z$$

$$\text{In 3-D:} \left[\frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\rho w)}{\partial z} \right] \delta x \delta y \delta z$$

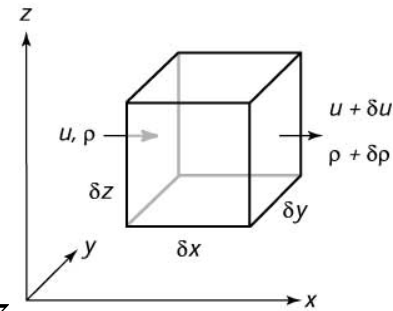
This accumulation must be accompanied by increase of mass in the volume

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\text{density} \times \text{volume}) = \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \right) \delta x \delta y \delta z = - \left(\frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\rho w)}{\partial z} \right) \delta x \delta y \delta z$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \right) = - \left(\frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\rho w)}{\partial z} \right) \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{\frac{D\rho}{Dt} = -\rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla(\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \nabla \rho + \rho \nabla \mathbf{u} = 0$$



iii. Conservation of dissolved material concentration:

$$\frac{\partial(\rho q)}{\partial t} + \nabla(\rho q \mathbf{u}) = S^q \longrightarrow$$

non conservative sources and sinks of q

e.g. $\kappa \nabla^2 q$

and using the continuity equation

$$\boxed{\frac{Dq}{Dt} = \kappa \nabla^2 q + S^q}$$

For the ocean (and the atmosphere) κ is of the order of ν , i.e. the

Prandtl number $\nu / \kappa = O(1)$

thus advection dominates diffusion (as Re is very large).

iv. Internal energy conservation:

$$\rho \frac{De}{Dt} = -p \nabla \mathbf{u} + \rho Q$$

Change of internal energy due to pressure variations cooling/heating

and using the continuity equation

$$\boxed{\frac{De}{Dt} = -p \frac{D}{Dt} \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \right) + Q}$$

1st Law of Thermodynamics

v. Entropy conservation:

$$\boxed{T \frac{D\eta}{Dt} = Q - \sum_k \mu_k S^{(q_k)}}$$

Temperature $T(K)$

μ_k chemical potential

cooling/heating

2nd Law of Thermodynamics

vi. Equation of state:

$$\boxed{\rho = \rho(T, p, q)} \longrightarrow \text{ocean } S(\text{psu})$$

$$d\rho = \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial T} \right)_{S,p} dT + \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial S} \right)_{T,p} dS + \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial p} \right)_{S,T} dp = \rho (\alpha dT + \beta dS + \gamma dp)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{\rho} \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial T} \right)_{S,p} \quad \text{thermal expansion coefficient (K}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$\beta = \frac{1}{\rho} \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial S} \right)_{T,p} \quad \text{haline contraction coefficient (psu}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\rho} \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial p} \right)_{S,T} \quad \text{compressibility coefficient (Pa}^{-1}\text{)}$$

For small variations (and assuming α, β, γ independent of T, S, p)

$$\rho = \rho_0 \left[1 + \alpha (T - T_0) + \beta (S - S_0) + \gamma (p - p_0) \right]$$

In reality the thermal expansion coefficient depends on temperature (**cabelling**) and the non-linearity induced has the result that two water masses characterized by a different temperature and salinity but same density when mix together, the resulting mixed water can become denser and eventually sinks. Thermal expansion coefficient is also dependent on pressure (**thermobaricity**). For this reason two water masses with different salinity and temperature but same density at the surface, don't have the same density below the surface.

The equation for ρ is obtained in a sequence of steps. First, the density ρ_w of pure water ($S = 0$) is given by

$$\rho_w = 999.842594 + 6.793952 \times 10^{-2}t - 9.095290 \times 10^{-3}t^2 + 1.001685 \times 10^{-4}t^3 - 1.120083 \times 10^{-6}t^4 + 6.536332 \times 10^{-9}t^5. \quad (\text{A3.1})$$

Second, the density at one standard atmosphere (effectively $p = 0$) is given by

$$\rho(S, t, 0) = \rho_w + S(0.824493 - 4.0899 \times 10^{-3}t + 7.6438 \times 10^{-5}t^2 - 8.2467 \times 10^{-7}t^3 + 5.3875 \times 10^{-9}t^4) + S^{3/2}(-5.72466 \times 10^{-3} + 1.0227 \times 10^{-4}t - 1.6546 \times 10^{-6}t^2) + 4.8314 \times 10^{-4}S^2. \quad (\text{A3.2})$$

Finally, the density at pressure p is given by

$$\rho(S, t, p) = \rho(S, t, 0) / (1 - p/K(S, t, p)). \quad (\text{A3.3})$$

where K is the secant bulk modulus. The pure water value K_w is given by

$$K_w = 19652.21 + 148.4206t - 2.327105t^2 + 1.360477 \times 10^{-2}t^3 - 5.155288 \times 10^{-5}t^4. \quad (\text{A3.4})$$

The value at one standard atmosphere ($p = 0$) is given by

$$K(S, t, 0) = K_w + S(54.6746 - 0.603459t + 1.09987 \times 10^{-2}t^2 - 6.1670 \times 10^{-2}t^3) + S^{3/2}(7.944 \times 10^{-2} + 1.6483 \times 10^{-2}t - 5.3009 \times 10^{-4}t^2) \quad (\text{A3.5})$$

and the value at pressure p by

$$K(S, t, p) = K(S, t, 0) + p(3.239908 + 1.43713 \times 10^{-3}t + 1.16092 \times 10^{-4}t^2 - 5.77905 \times 10^{-7}t^3) + pS(2.2838 \times 10^{-3} - 1.0981 \times 10^{-2}t - 1.6078 \times 10^{-6}t^2) + 1.91075 \times 10^{-4}pS^{3/2} + p^2(8.50935 \times 10^{-5} - 6.12293 \times 10^{-6}t + 5.2787 \times 10^{-8}t^2) + p^2S(-9.9348 \times 10^{-7} + 2.0816 \times 10^{-8}t + 9.1697 \times 10^{-10}t^2). \quad (\text{A3.6})$$

Oceanic approximations

Incompressibility

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{D\rho}{Dt} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \longrightarrow \text{Compressibility} \quad \beta = -\frac{1}{V} \frac{DV}{DP} = -\left(\frac{1}{V} \frac{DV}{Dt}\right) \left(\frac{Dt}{DP}\right) = -\left(\frac{1}{V} \frac{DV}{Dt}\right) / \frac{DP}{Dt}$$

If the volume does not change under changes in pressure

$$\beta = 0; \quad \frac{1}{V} \frac{DV}{Dt} = 0$$

Using

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{D\rho}{Dt} = \frac{V}{m} \frac{D}{Dt} \left(\frac{m}{V}\right) = -\frac{1}{V} \frac{DV}{Dt}$$

So, for incompressible fluid $\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{D\rho}{Dt} = 0$

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{D\rho}{Dt} \sim \frac{1}{T} \frac{\delta\rho}{\rho} = \frac{U}{L} \frac{\delta\rho}{\rho} \ll \frac{U}{L} \sim \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}$$

$$\frac{\delta\rho}{\rho} = O(10^{-3})$$

***Boussinesq
Continuity
Equation***

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{D\rho}{Dt} = 0$$

Linearized equation of state under incompressibility

Typical values $\rho_0 = 1028 \text{ kg/m}^3$,
 $T_0 = 10 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} = 283 \text{ }^\circ\text{K}$, $S_0 = 35 \text{ } \%$

$$\rho = \rho_0 \left[1 - \alpha(T - T_0) + \beta(S - S_0) \right]$$

***Boussinesq
Equation of State***

$$\alpha = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial T} \approx 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

Thermal expansion coefficient

$$\beta = +\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial S} \approx 8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ ppt}^{-1}$$

Haline contraction coefficient

Neglecting possible
thermobaric instability
and ***cabelling instability***

Oceanic approximations

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \nabla p - g \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \hat{\mathbf{z}} + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla S = \kappa_S \nabla^2 S + S^S \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla T = \kappa_T \nabla^2 T + \frac{Q}{c_p \rho_0} \quad (4)$$

$$\rho = \rho_0 \left[1 - \alpha (T - T_0) + \beta (S - S_0) \right] \quad (5)$$

$$c_p = 4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

Boussinesq Equations

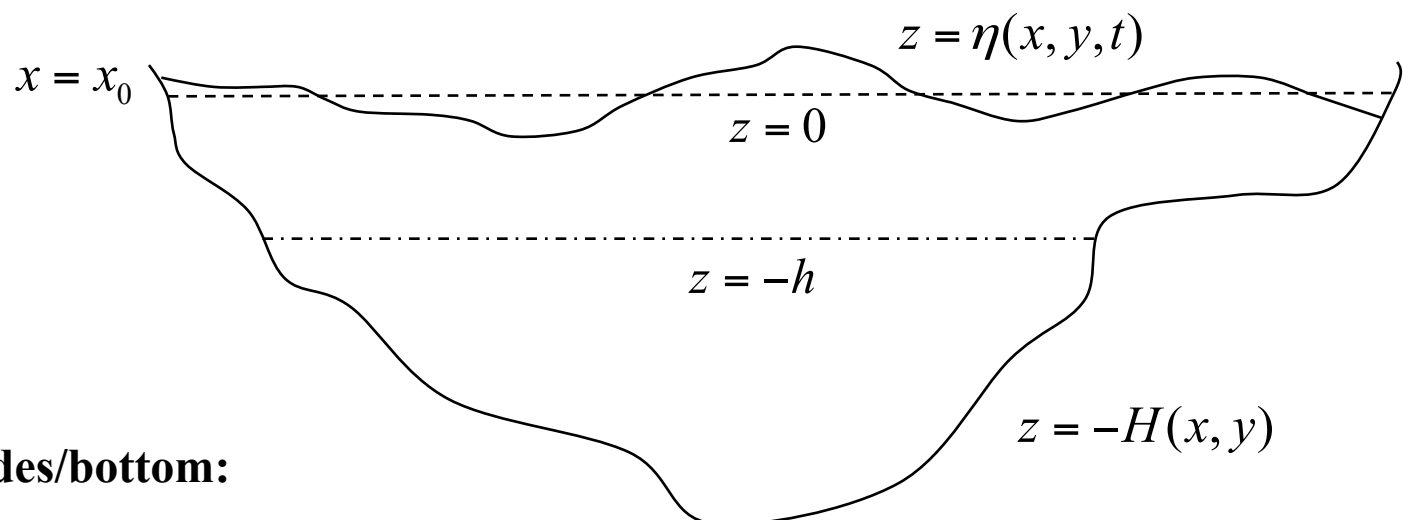
- Entropy and density conservation equations become redundant due to the thermodynamic approximations
- Boussinesq approximations cancel acoustic and shock waves, it is a good approximation since

$$\text{Mach number : } M = \frac{U}{C_s} \ll 1$$

$$C_s \approx 1500 \text{ m}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}, \quad U \approx 1 \text{ m}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

- When the right hand side of equations (3) and (4) is zero, the processes are called **adiabatic**.

Boundary conditions



Sides/bottom:

$\mathbf{u} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} = 0$ at $z = -H(x, y)$ & $x = x_0$

Top:

$w = \frac{D\eta}{Dt}$ at $z = \eta(x, y, t)$ $\frac{D\eta}{Dt} = 0$ & $p = 0$ at $z = 0$ Rigid-lid

$p = p_{\text{atm}}(x, y, t)$



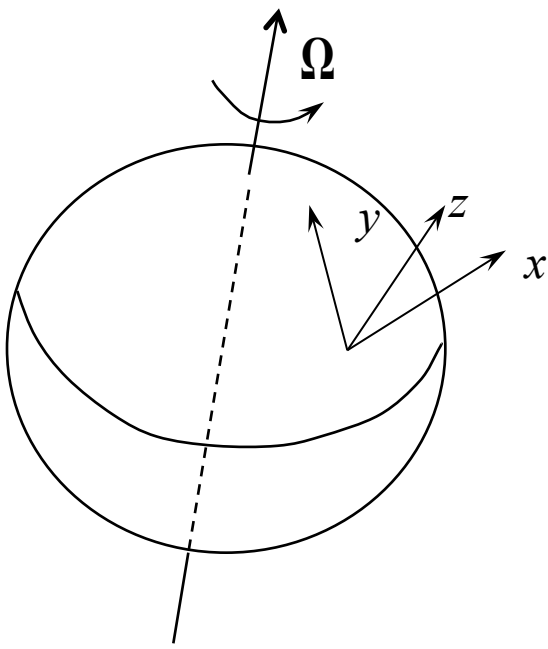
$h \approx -\delta p_{\text{atm}} / g\rho_0$

Inverse Barometer Effect
(no oceanic acceleration)

Interior:

$p_{\text{up}} = p_{\text{low}}$ at $z = -h$

The effect of rotation



The β term

$$\beta = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial f}{R_{earth} \partial \varphi} = \frac{\partial(2\Omega \sin \varphi)}{R_{earth} \partial \varphi} = \frac{2\Omega \cos \varphi}{R_{earth}}$$

Or expanding Ω around φ_0 or y_0
 with $\varphi - \varphi_0 \ll 1, y - y_0 \ll R_{earth}$

$$\Omega = \Omega_e \left[\sin \varphi_0 + \cos \varphi_0 (\varphi - \varphi_0) + \dots \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[f_0 + \beta_0 (y - y_0) + \dots \right]$$

$$\left(\frac{D\mathbf{r}}{Dt} \right)_I = \left(\frac{D\mathbf{r}}{Dt} \right)_R + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_I = \mathbf{u}_R + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r} \quad (1)$$

$$\left(\frac{D\mathbf{u}_I}{Dt} \right)_I = \left(\frac{D\mathbf{u}_I}{Dt} \right)_R + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u}_I \quad (2)$$

(1)&(2)

$$\left(\frac{D\mathbf{u}_I}{Dt} \right)_I = \left(\frac{D\mathbf{u}_R}{Dt} \right)_R + \frac{D\boldsymbol{\Omega}}{Dt} \times \mathbf{r} + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \left(\frac{D\mathbf{r}}{Dt} \right)_R + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times (\mathbf{u}_R + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r})$$

$$= \left(\frac{D\mathbf{u}_R}{Dt} \right)_R + 2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u}_R + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}) + \cancel{\frac{D\boldsymbol{\Omega}}{Dt} \times \mathbf{r}} = 0$$

Coriolis acceleration

small term

$$\begin{aligned} x: & -2\Omega \sin \varphi v + 2\Omega \cos \varphi w \\ y: & +2\Omega \sin \varphi u \\ z: & -2\Omega \cos \varphi u \end{aligned}$$

(correction in g)
 $\mathbf{g}_{effective} = -g + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r})$

$$\mathbf{f} = 2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \sin \varphi$$

- No Coriolis force on stationary bodies.
- Dominant horizontal deflection (right/left).
- Coriolis force does no work on a body because it is perpendicular to the velocity.

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \nabla \mathbf{u} + 2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \nabla p - g \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \hat{\mathbf{z}} + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla S = \kappa_S \nabla^2 S + S^S \quad \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla T = \kappa_T \nabla^2 T + \frac{Q}{c_p \rho_0}$$

$$\rho = \rho_0 [1 - \alpha(T - T_0) + \beta(S - S_0)]$$

WORKING EQUATIONS

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + 2\Omega \sin \varphi v + \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} - 2\Omega \sin \varphi u + \nu \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - g + \nu \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial S}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial S}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial S}{\partial z} = \kappa_S \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial x^2} + \kappa_S \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial y^2} + \kappa_S \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial z^2} + S^S$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = \kappa_T \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \kappa_T \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \kappa_T \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} + \frac{Q}{c_p \rho_0}$$

$$\rho = \rho_0 [1 - \alpha(T - T_0) + \beta(S - S_0)]$$

The “mean” state

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + f v + v \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + v \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + v \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u w}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + f v + v \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + v \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + v \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\boxed{u = \bar{u} + u'; \quad v = \bar{v} + v'; \quad w = \bar{w} + w'; \quad P = \bar{P} + P'}$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u} + u'}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (\bar{u} + u')(\bar{u} + u')}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial (\bar{u} + u')(\bar{v} + v')}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial (\bar{u} + u')(\bar{w} + w')}{\partial z} =$$

$$-\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial \bar{P} + P'}{\partial x} + f(\bar{v} + v') + v \frac{\partial^2 (\bar{u} + u')}{\partial x^2} + v \frac{\partial^2 (\bar{u} + u')}{\partial y^2} + v \frac{\partial^2 (\bar{u} + u')}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t} + \bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} + \bar{w} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial z} =$$

$$-\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial \bar{P}}{\partial x} + f \bar{v} + v \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial x^2} + v \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial y^2} + v \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial z^2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \overline{(u'u')} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \overline{(u'v')} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \overline{(u'w')}$$

Similarly:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial t} + \bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial x} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial y} + \bar{w} \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial z} = \\
 & -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial \bar{P}}{\partial y} - f\bar{u} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 \bar{v}}{\partial x^2} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 \bar{v}}{\partial y^2} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 \bar{v}}{\partial z^2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \overline{(u'v')} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \overline{(v'v')} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \overline{(v'w')} \\
 & \frac{\partial \bar{w}}{\partial t} + \bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{w}}{\partial x} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{w}}{\partial y} + \bar{w} \frac{\partial \bar{w}}{\partial z} = \\
 & -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial \bar{P}}{\partial z} - g + \nu \frac{\partial^2 \bar{w}}{\partial x^2} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 \bar{w}}{\partial y^2} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 \bar{w}}{\partial z^2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \overline{(u'w')} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \overline{(v'w')} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \overline{(w'w')}
 \end{aligned}$$

The continuity equation:

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \bar{w}}{\partial z} = 0$$

Removing the “mean” state:

$$\frac{\partial u'}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v'}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w'}{\partial z} = 0$$

First order closure scheme:

$$\underbrace{\nu \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \overline{(u'u')}}_{A_H \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial x^2}} + \underbrace{\nu \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \overline{(u'v')}}_{A_H \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial y^2}} + \underbrace{\nu \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial z^2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \overline{(u'w')}}_{A_V \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial z^2}}$$

- **Molecular diffusion and viscosity**

$$\kappa_T = 0.0014 \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec} \quad (\text{temperature})$$

$$\kappa_S = 0.000013 \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec} \quad (\text{salinity})$$

$$\nu = 0.018 \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec} \text{ at } 0^\circ\text{C} \quad (0.010 \text{ at } 20^\circ\text{C})$$

Turbulence has the same coefficients for temperature, salinity and momentum but is anisotropic (vertical/horizontal)

- **Eddy diffusivity and viscosity**

$$A_H = (\text{horizontal}) = 1 \text{ to } 10^4 \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$$

$$A_V = (\text{vertical}) = 10^{-5} \text{ to } 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$$

SCALING

The basic equations include a very large number of distinct types of physical processes, ranging from molecular to global scales. Depending on the processes under investigation we can define appropriate scales that describe these processes.

$$u, v \rightarrow U$$

$$w \rightarrow W$$

$$x, y \rightarrow L$$

$$z \rightarrow H$$

$$t \rightarrow T \approx \frac{L}{U} \approx \frac{H}{W}$$

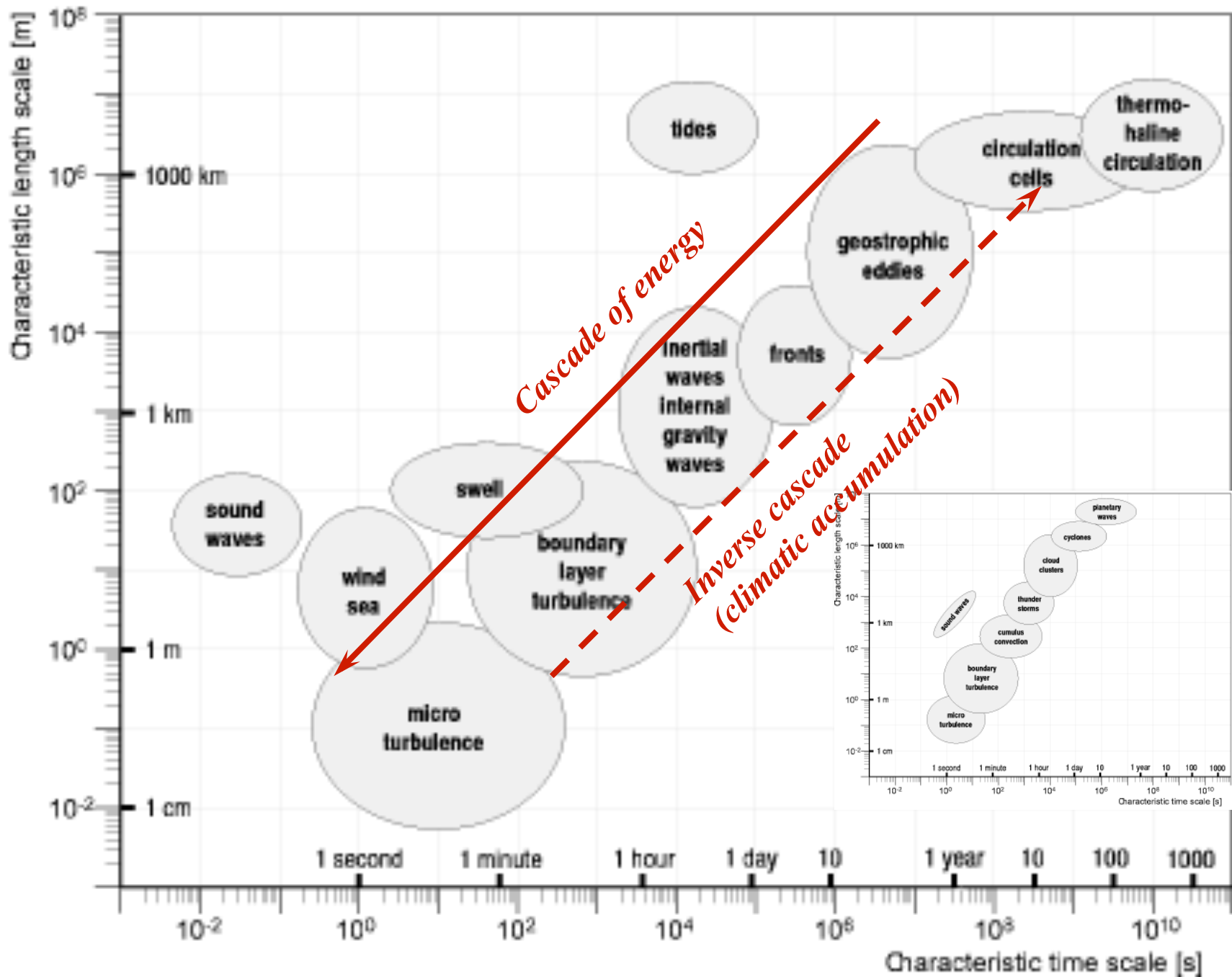
Goal: Estimation of the relative importance of each term in the process under investigation and the possibility to simplify the basic equation by defining a dominant balance of the dynamics/thermodynamics involved.

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + f v + \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2}$$



SCALING

$$\frac{U^2}{L} \quad \frac{U^2}{L} \quad \frac{U^2}{L} \quad \frac{UW}{H} \quad \frac{\Delta P}{\rho L} \quad fU \quad \nu \frac{U}{L^2} \quad \nu \frac{U}{L^2} \quad \nu \frac{U}{H^2}$$



Scaling numbers:

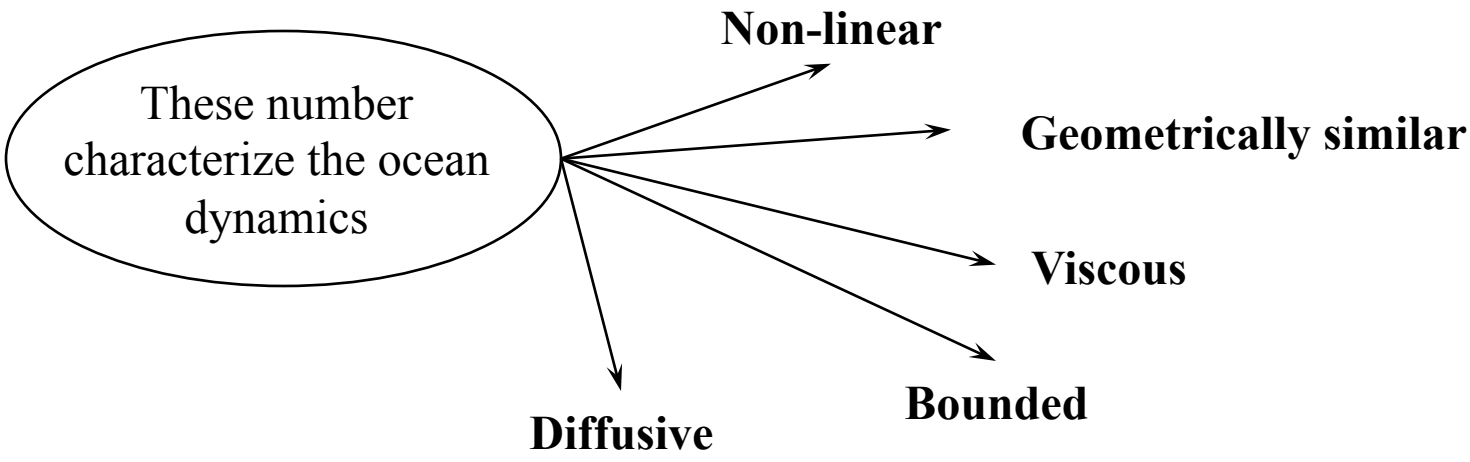
Aspect ratio: $\frac{H}{L}$

$$R_o = \frac{\text{Non-linear Term}}{\text{Coriolis Term}} = \frac{U^2}{L} \frac{1}{fU} = \frac{U}{fL}$$

$$E_k = \frac{\text{Viscosity Terms}}{\text{Coriolis Term}} = \nu \frac{U}{L^2} \frac{1}{fU} = \frac{\nu}{fL^2} \left(\frac{\nu}{fH^2} \right)$$

$$R_E = \frac{\text{Non-linear Term}}{\text{Viscosity Term}} = \frac{U^2}{L} \bigg/ A_H \frac{U}{L^2} = \frac{UL}{A_H}$$

$$F_R = \frac{U^2}{N^2 H^2} \quad B_u = \frac{NH}{fL}$$



Geostrophic – hydrostatic approximation (the large scale limit):

$$R_o = \frac{U}{fL} \ll 1 \quad E_k = \frac{v}{fL^2} \ll 1 \quad \frac{H}{L} \ll 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} &= -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + fv + v \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + v \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + v \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} &= -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} - fu + v \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + v \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + v \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} &= -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - g + v \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + v \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + v \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$fv = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \text{ (1); } fu = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \text{ (2); } \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = -g \text{ (3)}$$

The geostrophic – hydrostatic limit

The “Taylor Columns”

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (1) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (2)$$

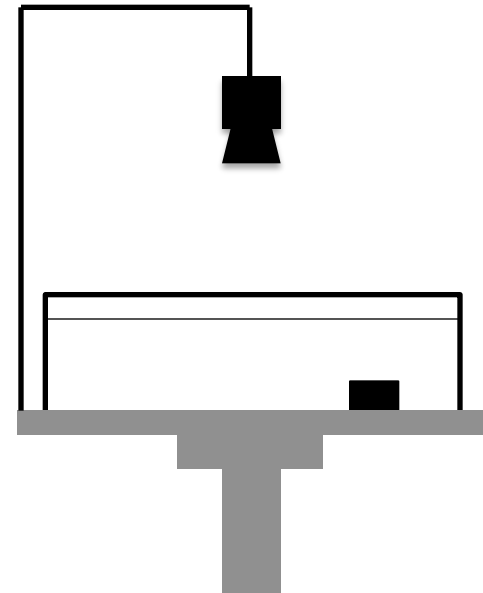
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{\rho_0 f} \left[\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x \partial y} \right]$$

$$= 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

Non-divergent
horizontal flow (2D)

Boussinesq continuity $\Rightarrow \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$ or $w = 0$



$$fv = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \quad (1)$$

$$fu = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} + g = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} (1) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial(\rho f v)}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (-g\rho)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} (2) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial(\rho f u)}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (-g\rho)$$

Using (3)

$$\Rightarrow f \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial z} = -g \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x}; f \frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial z} = g \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial y}$$

since $\rho \frac{\Delta U}{\Delta z} \gg U \frac{\Delta \rho}{\Delta z}$ we can write

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = -\frac{g}{\rho_0 f} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x}; \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \frac{g}{\rho_0 f} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial y}$$

Thermal wind equations

$$\frac{\Delta v}{\Delta z} = -\frac{g}{\rho_0 f} \frac{\Delta \rho}{\Delta x}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_1 = v_2 - \frac{g}{\rho_0 f} \frac{\Delta \rho}{\Delta x} \Delta z$$

Geostrophy computes the velocity shear and not the absolute velocity

Level of no (known) motion ←

