

# NeverWorld 2

## The idealized component of the Eddy Energy and Ocean Transport CPT

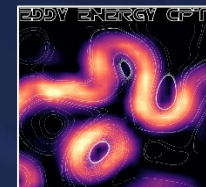
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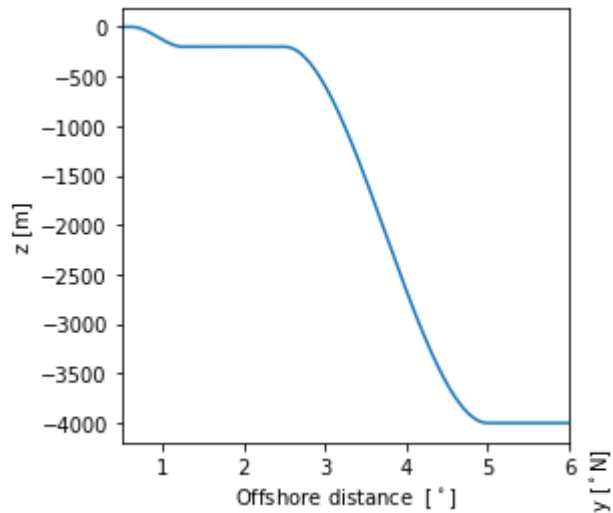


- Goal
  - Testbed for implementation and evaluation of extant (and future) SGS eddy parameterizations
  - Fair treatment and test of all parameterizations
- Why idealized?
  - Implementation and evaluation need a ground truth
  - Can afford ultra-fine resolution
  - Simpler to understand
  - Sandbox to develop analyses
  - Just a stepping stone
    - Next stage is to apply much of what we are doing with NW2, to a realistic ocean model (OM4\_05)
- Why “2” or new?
  - Zonally uniform channel models miss role of topography
  - NeverWorld 1 from Khani et al, 2019; Jansen et al 2019
    - single hemisphere
    - wanted to revisit topographic roughness
  - Considered “Hogglantic”s and other idealized configurations
    - Opted for simpler adiabatic option
    - We want to be able control topographic “spectrum”

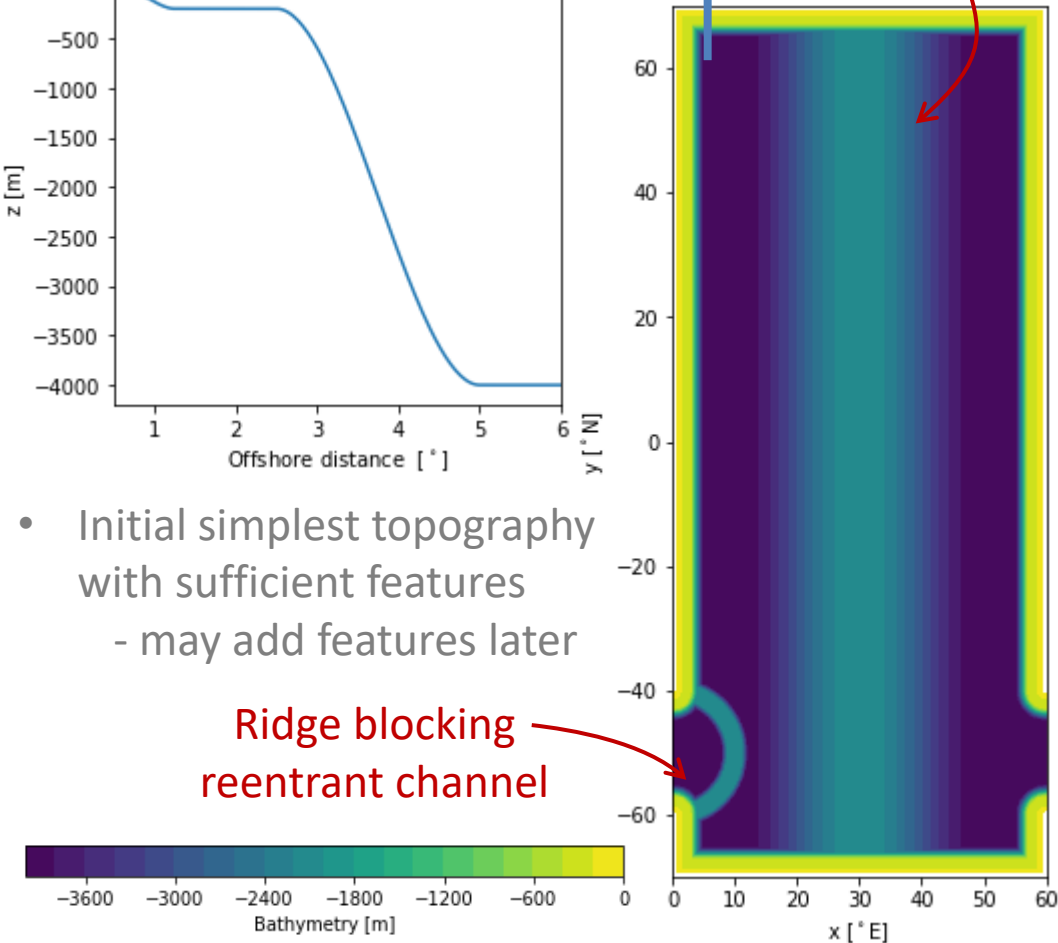
# NeverWorld 2 details

Extends *Khani et al., 2019; Jansen et al., 2019*

Coastal shelf and slope



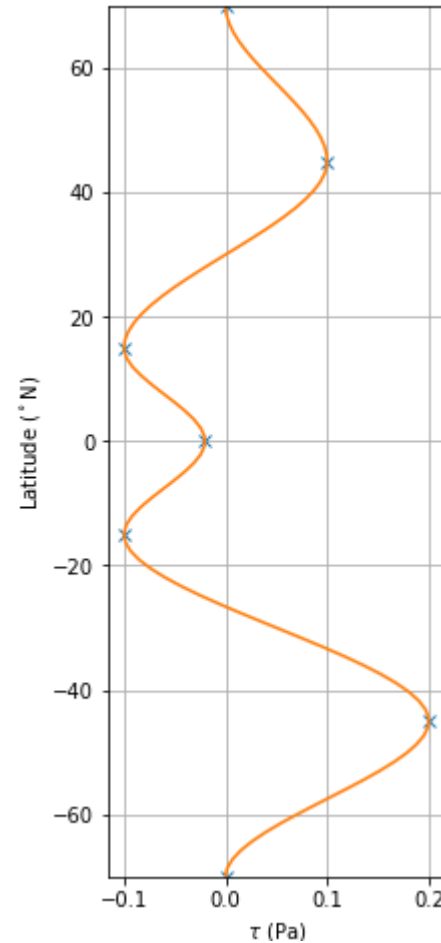
Large scale topographic features



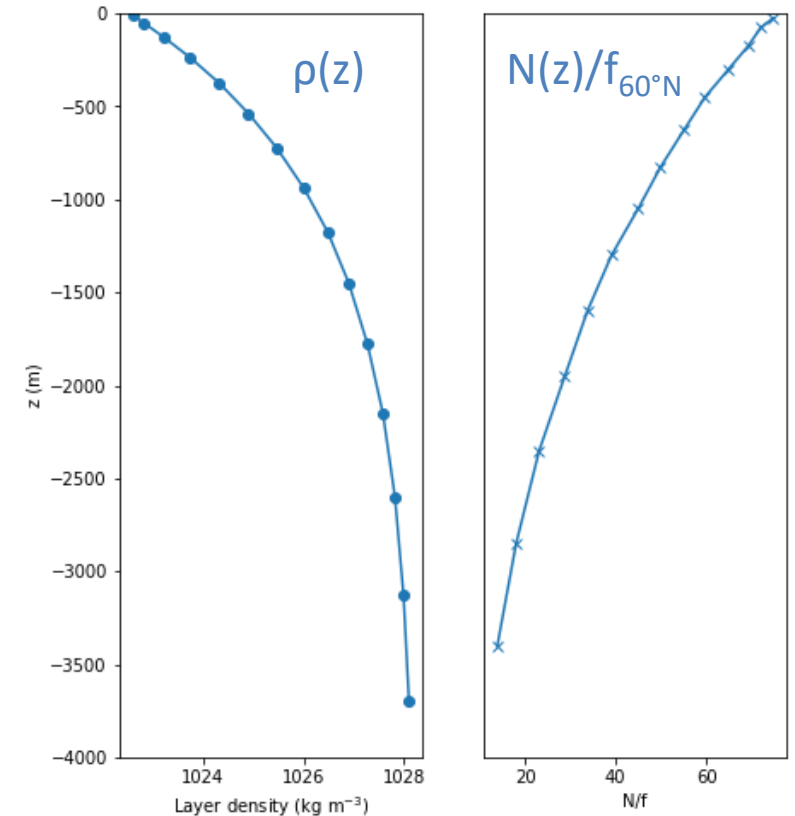
- Initial simplest topography with sufficient features - may add features later

Ridge blocking reentrant channel

Fixed zonal winds



- 15 layers, exponential stratification
- ADIABATIC (no buoyancy forcing) - may revisit later



- spherical grid

# NeverWorld 2 model

- Stacked Shallow Water Equations

$$\partial_t v_k + q_k \hat{k} \times (vh)_k + \nabla K_k + \sum_{l=1}^k g'_{l-\frac{1}{2}} \nabla \eta_{l-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\rho_c} \partial_z \tau + \partial_z \kappa_v \partial_z v - \nabla A_s \cdot \nabla^3 v$$

Dynamic  
hyper-  
viscosity

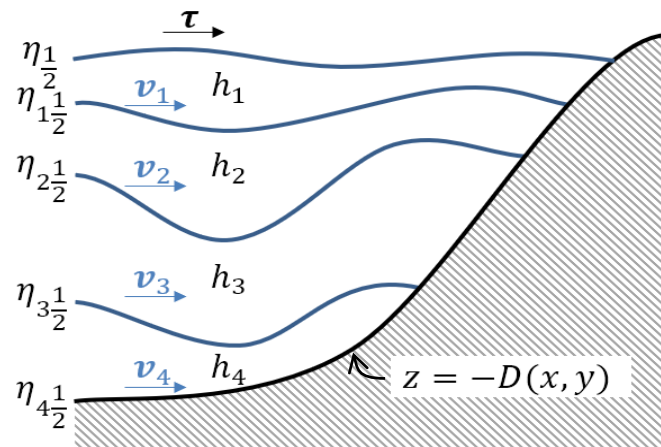
$$\partial_t h_k + \nabla \cdot (vh)_k = 0$$

$$\eta_{k-\frac{1}{2}} = -D + \sum_{l=k}^N h_l$$

$$q_k = \frac{f + \nabla \times v_k}{h_k}$$

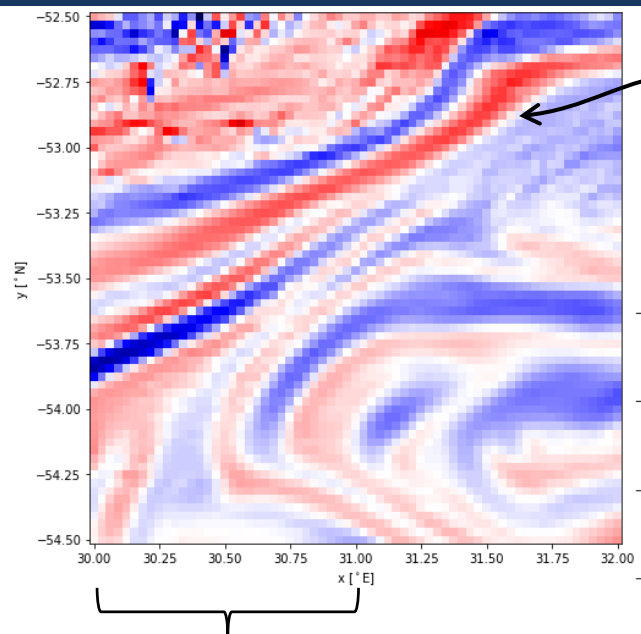
$$K_k = \frac{1}{2} |v_k|^2$$

$$g'_{k-\frac{1}{2}} = g \frac{\rho_{k-1} - \rho_k}{\rho_c}$$



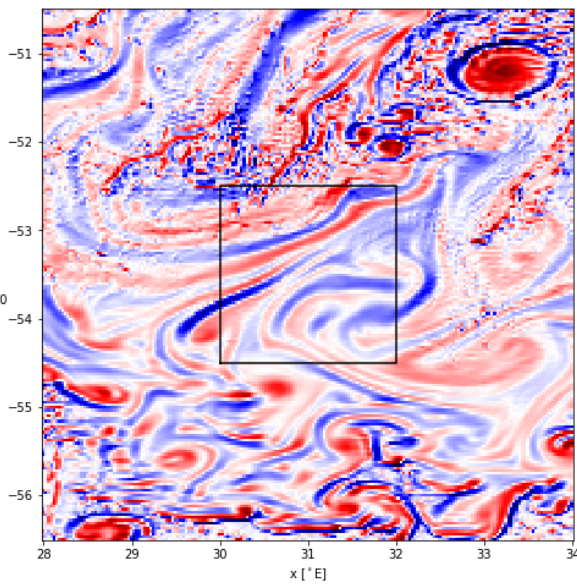
- Cheap
  - (not much more than QG)
- Can span the equator
  - (unlike QG)
- Same code (MOM6) as used in the realistic models (GFDL's OM4 and CESM2.2)
  - LANL is duplicating setups w. MPAS-O
- Strictly adiabatic
  - No complications from mixed layers, mixing, etc.

# NeverWorld 2 solution

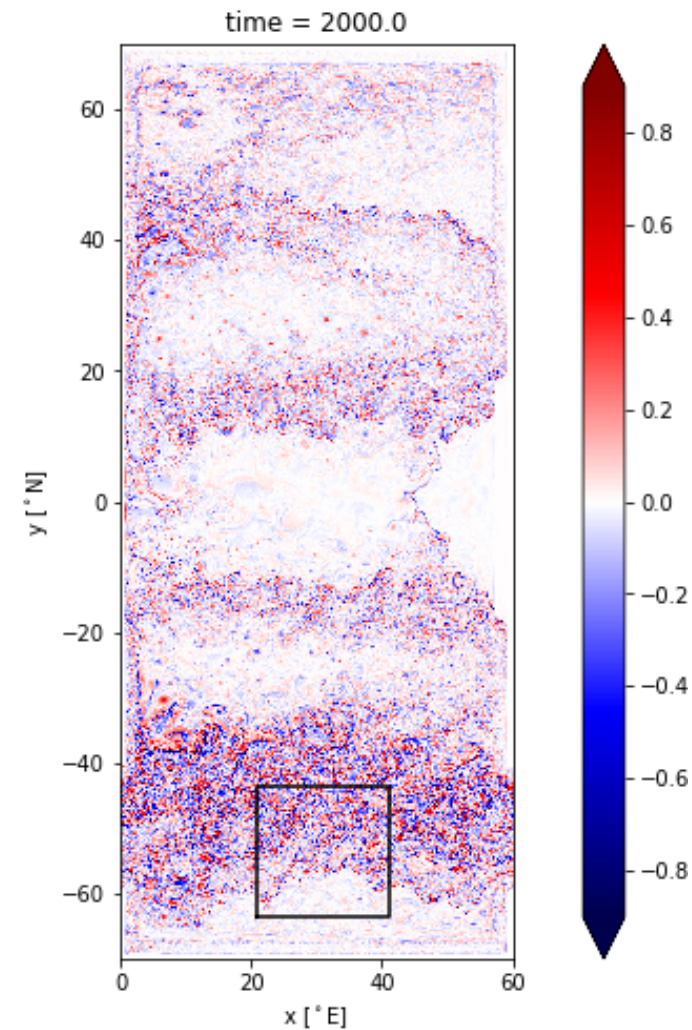
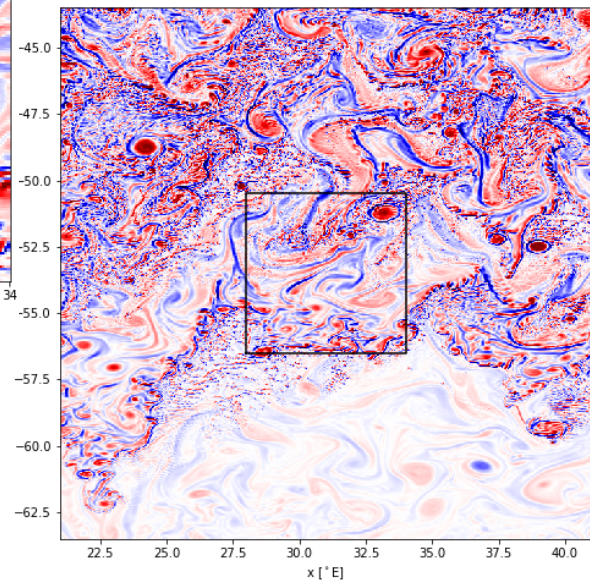


1/32° grid cells

Resolution of many CMIP models



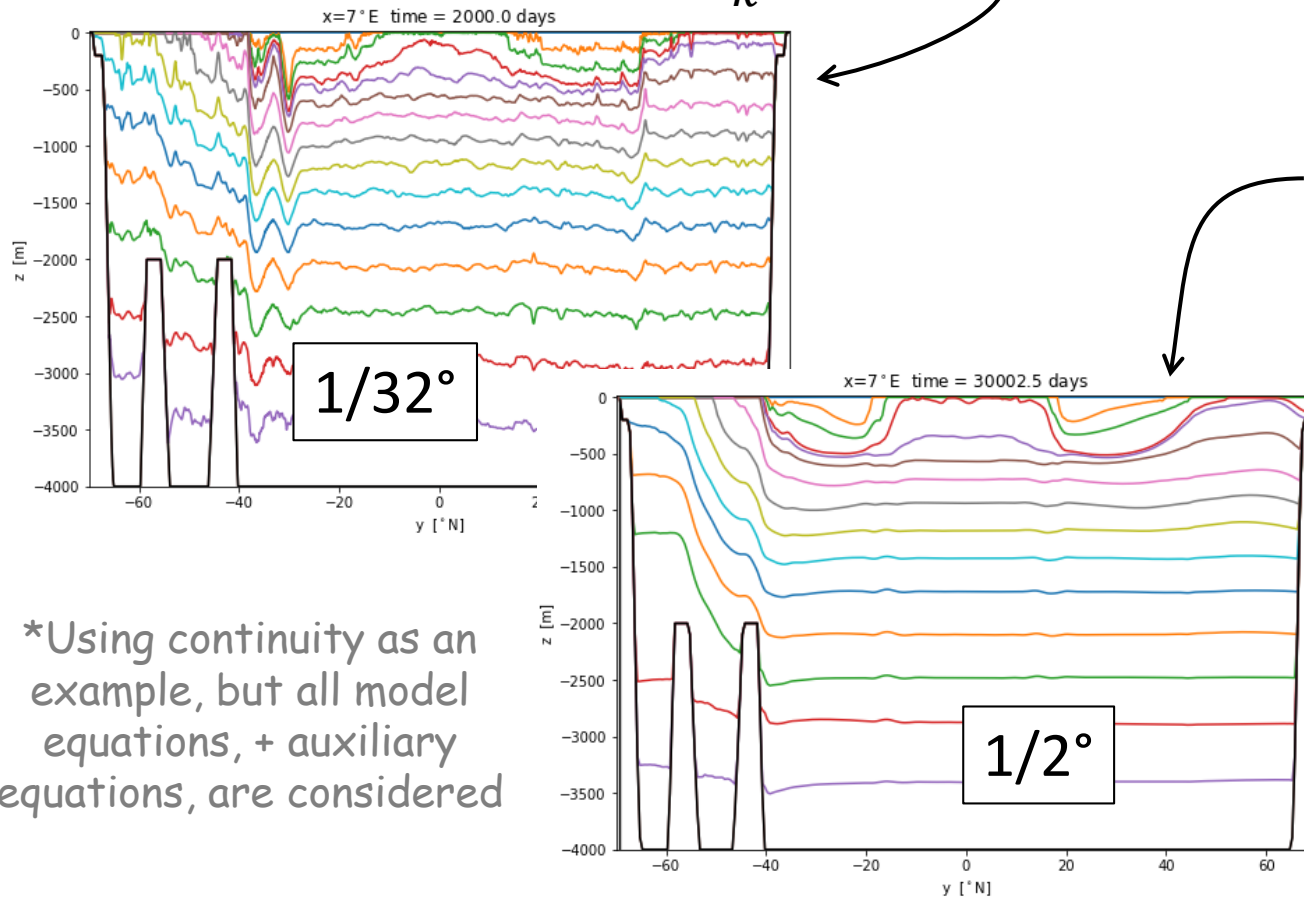
Surface layer  
non-dimensional  
relative vorticity  
 $\zeta/|f|_{max}$



# The parameterization task

- Treat fine resolution as “truth”

$$\partial_t h_k^f + \nabla \cdot (v^f h^f)_k = 0$$



\*Using continuity as an example, but all model equations, + auxiliary equations, are considered

- What SGS fluxes yield a coarse resolution model with as similar solution as possible

$$\partial_t h_k^c + \nabla \cdot (v^c h^c)_k = -\nabla \cdot (\langle v' h' \rangle^{SGS})_k$$

– Must define “similar”

- Coarsening / filtering operators
- Metrics

$$\text{e.g. } A_c h^c = \int_{A_c} h^f dA$$

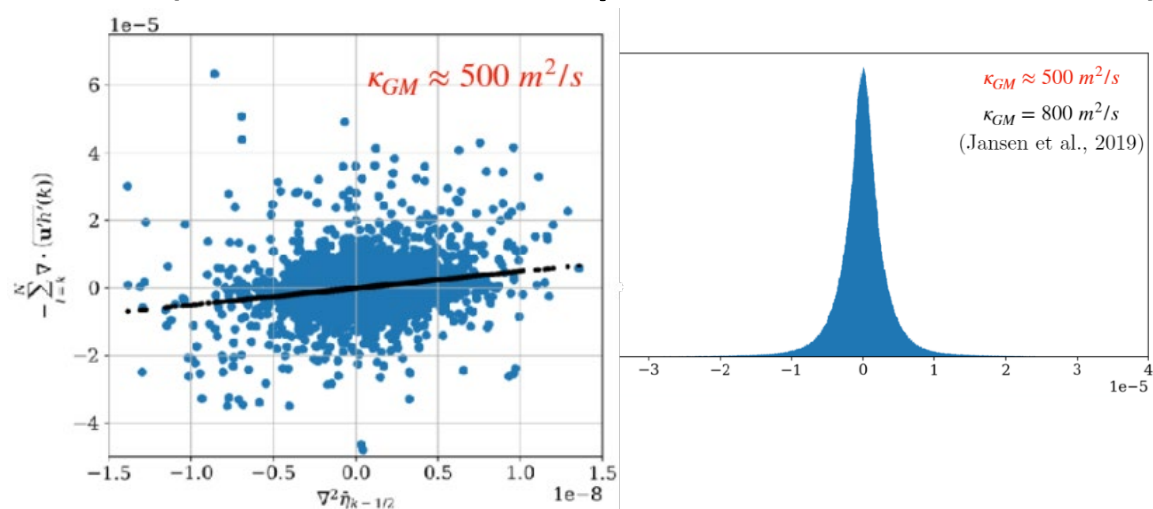
– Parameterization inputs?

$$\langle v' h' \rangle^{SGS} = f(v_1^c; h_1^c; v_2^c; h_2^c; \dots; ?)$$

- Model of eddy energy? Non-local?

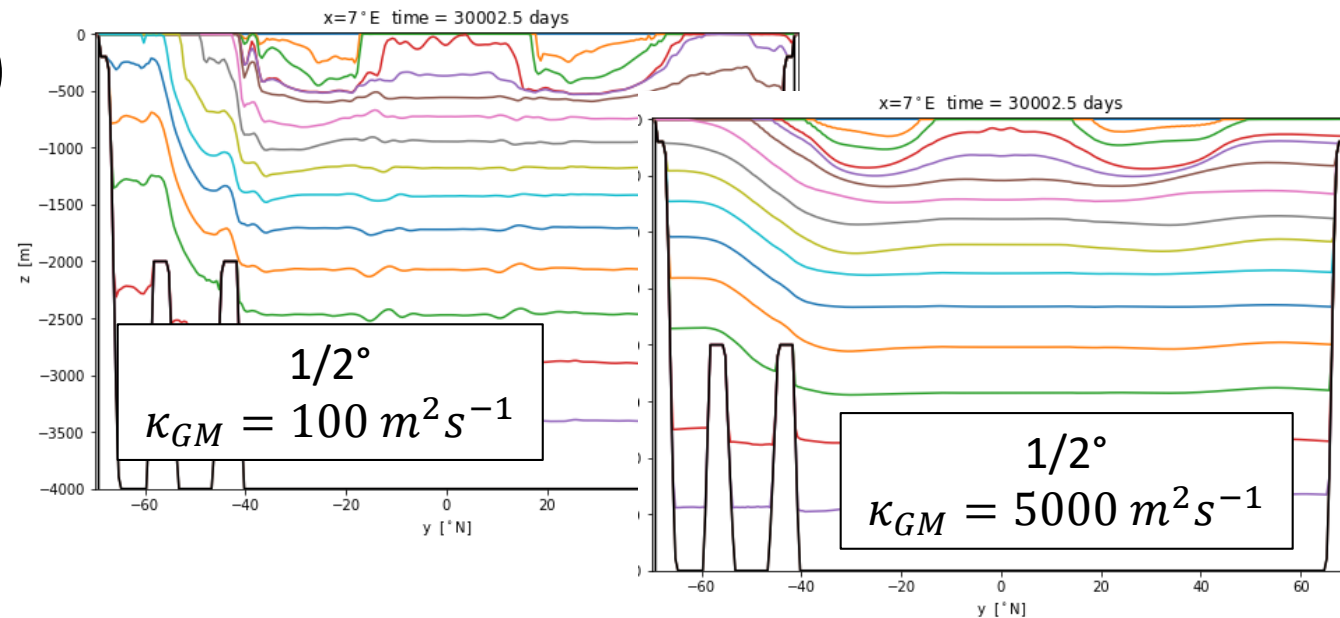
# Evaluate parameterizations offline

- Offline analysis of high-resolution data
  - Coarsening & filtering
  - Testing/optimization of free parameters in parameterizations
  - (Derivation of parameterizations)



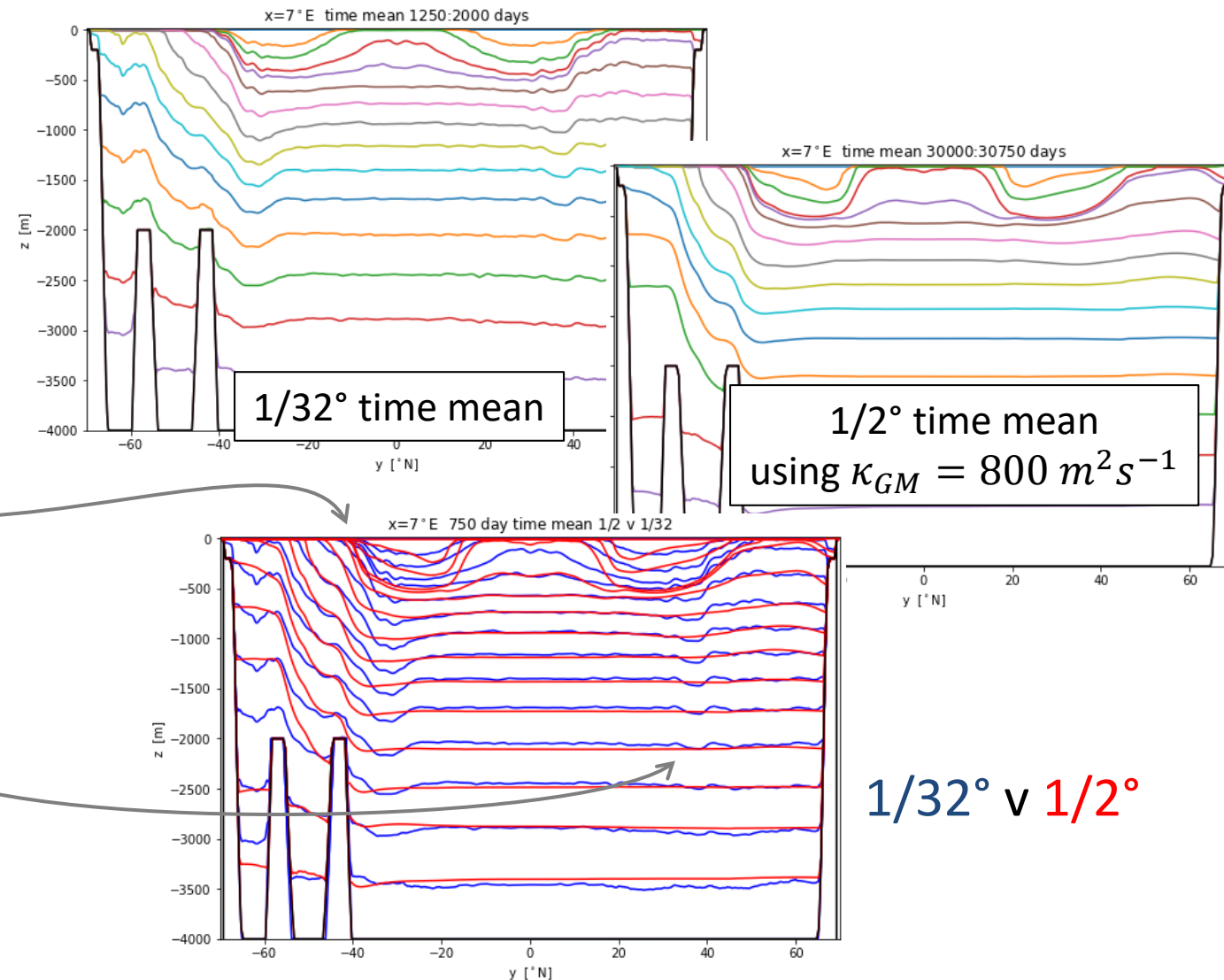
- Online evaluation
  - Optimize whole model solution
  - Assumes
    - correct form of parameterizations
    - rest of coarse model is not biased

Similar to Jansen et al., 2019



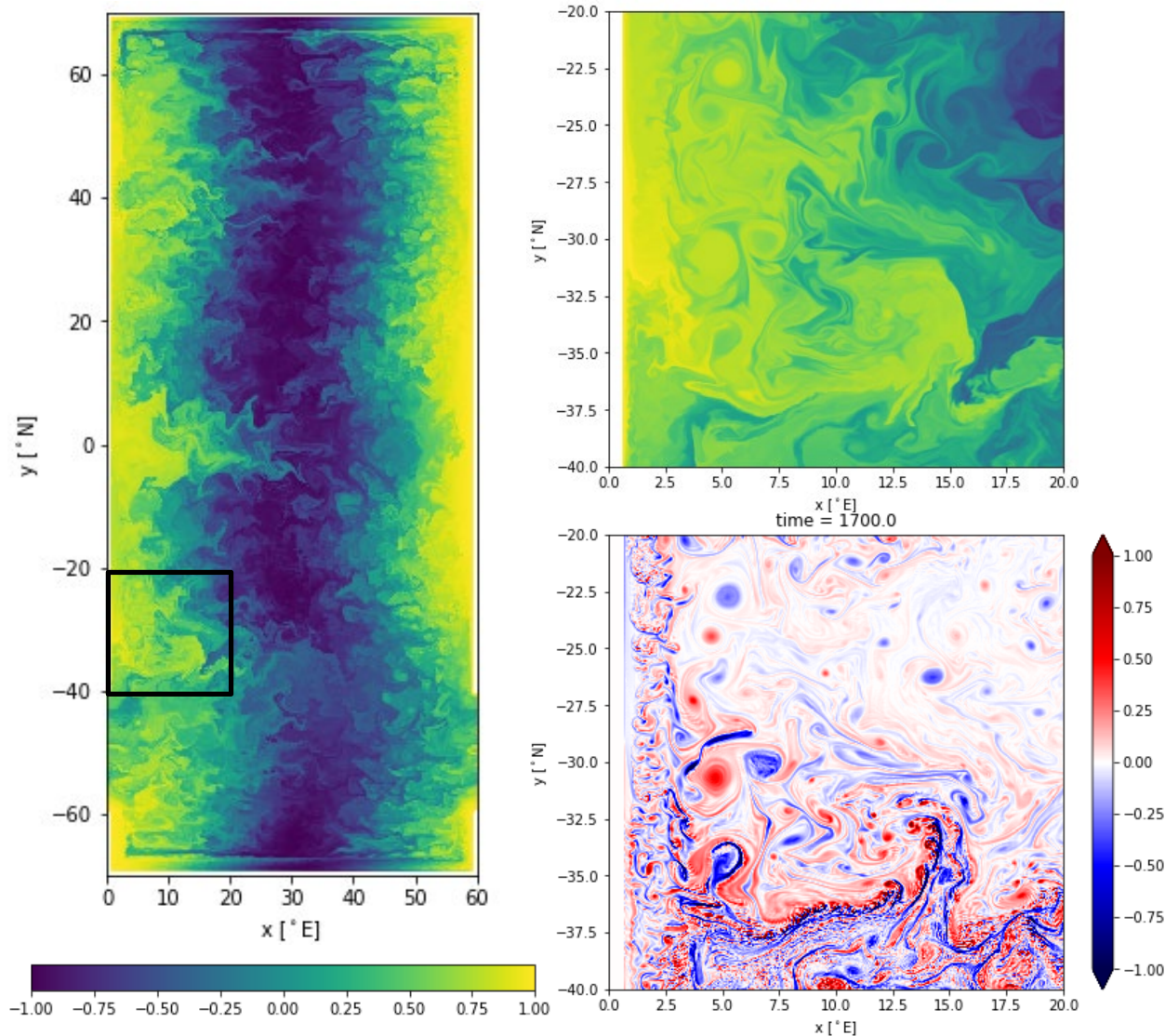
# Testing parameterizations online

- Comparison of time-mean state across resolution
  - active parameterizations in coarse model
- Systematic biases
  - Largest biases are often near topography
    - likely due to standing eddies
  - Large scale biases in interior
    - deficiency of existing parameterizations

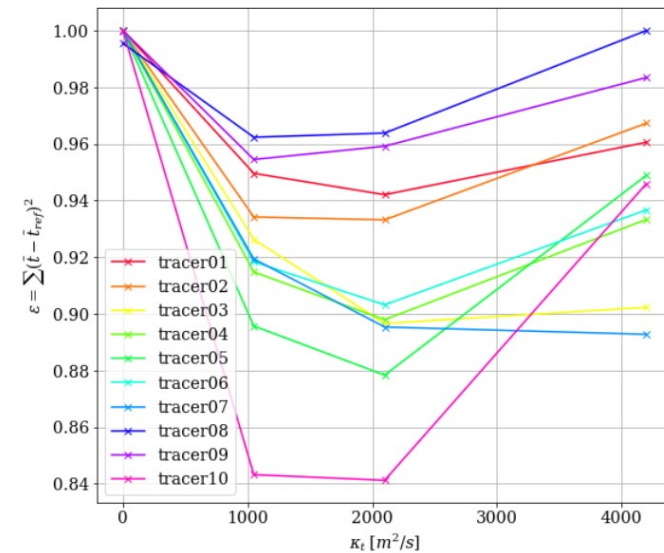




# Taking advantage of the adiabatic mode



- Using passive tracers to test neutral diffusion parameterization
 
$$\partial_t(h_k^c \theta_k^c) + \nabla \cdot \left( \left( (v^c h^c)_k + \langle v' h' \rangle^{SGS} \right) \theta_k^c \right) = -\nabla \cdot (h_k^c \kappa_{tr} \nabla_h \theta_k^c)_k$$
  - Can optimize tracer diffusivities without affecting circulation

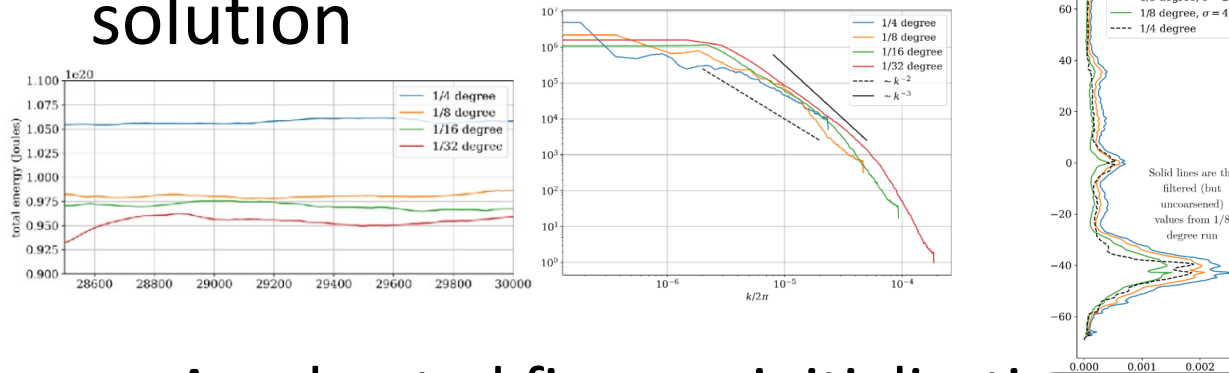


Also, e.g. Bachman et al., 2015, 2020

# Status and next steps

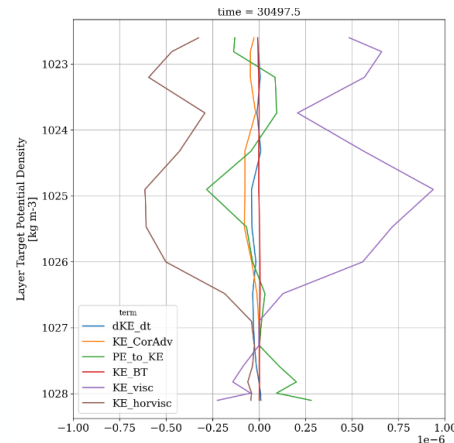
To date:

- Designing NW2 and examining solution



– Accelerated fine-res initialization

- Checking diagnostics and closing budgets
- Developing analyses and metrics



Next up:

- Systematic evaluations of parameterizations
  - Long check list of NW2 evaluations
    - Constant  $\kappa$  GM, Visbeck et al., 1997, Danabasoglu & Marshall, 2007, Jansen, 2019, Bachman, 2019, Kong & Jansen, 2020 Anstey & Zanna, 2017, Zanna & Bolton, 2020, Klocker & Abernathy, 2014, ...
- Evaluation in realistic model configurations
- Add range of resolutions

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