

Stochastic subgrid turbulence parameterisation of eddy-eddy, eddy-topographic, eddy-meanfield and meanfield-meanfield interactions

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• In most primitive form, subgrid modelling relates q_t^s to q.

Subgrid interactions

- Eddy-eddy: *subgrid eddies* and *resolved eddies*.
- Eddy-topographic: *subgrid eddies* and *resolved topography*.
- Eddy-meanfield: *subgrid eddies* and *resolved meanfield*.
- Meanfield-meanfield: *subgrid meanfield* and *resolved meanfield*.



• Functional forms derived from closure theory (Frederiksen, 1999, JAS)

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Decompose Mean Subgrid Tendency $\equiv \overline{\mathbf{q}_t^{\mathbf{S}}} \equiv \overline{\mathbf{f}}_{\mathbf{h}} + \overline{\mathbf{f}}_{\mathbf{m}} + \overline{\mathbf{j}}$

- meanfield-meanfield: evaluate $\overline{j} = \mathcal{N}(\overline{q}; \mathbf{S}) \equiv \mathcal{N}(\overline{q}; \mathbf{T}) \mathcal{N}(\overline{q}; \mathbf{R})$
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• Similar to previous evaluation of closure terms (O'Kane & Frederiksen, 2008)

LES : Eddy-Eddy Variants ; Full Mean Subgrid Tendency

- For $T_R = 31$ stochastic and deterministic variants with anisotropic and isotropic eddy-eddy coefficients reproduce the DNS for all scales
- For $T_R = 15$ anisotropic coefficients are required



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- Eddy-eddy parameterisation has dominant impact
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Concluding Remarks

- Stochastic subgrid modelling approach used to determine parameterisation coefficients representing the interactions between the:
 - subgrid eddies and resolved eddies (eddy-eddy)
 - subgrid eddies and resolved topography (eddy-topographic)
 - subgrid eddies and resolved meanfield (eddy-meanfield)
 - subgrid meanfield and resolved meanfield (meanfield-meanfield)
- Note there are no tuning parameters in this approach.
- The eddy-eddy parameterisation has the dominant contribution to reproducing the DNS spectra across all scales.
- However, parameterisation of **all subgrid interactions** required for best agreement of the DNS and LES in terms of:
 - kinetic energy spectra
 - mean nonzonal streamfunction
 - mean zonal velocity

Questions



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