#### Topological waves in geophysical and astrophysical flows

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# A precursor of El Nino



temperature anomaly

Eastward propagation of an equatorially trapped mode without backscattering. Why ?

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#### I. Equatorial Waves

### Shallow water model





 $\partial_t h + \nabla \cdot (h \mathbf{u}) = 0,$  $\partial_t \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = -g \nabla h - f \mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{u}.$ 

Coriolis parameter  $f = 2 \mathbf{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{n}$ 

2D flow model, broken time reversal symmetry

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Poincaré
$$\hat{\Psi}_+$$
geostrophic
$$\hat{\Psi}_1$$

$$\hat{\Psi}_0$$
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Rotation opens a frequency gap

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Two modes with eastward group velocity filling the frequency gap.
How to explain the global shape of the spectrum ?

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### The first Chern number



It counts the number of singularities in a bundle of vectors parameterized on a closed surface.

# Winding of eigenmodes

f-plane shallow water eigenmode

$$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u} \\ \hat{v} \\ \hat{\eta} \end{pmatrix}$$

A (local) geometrical quantity

Berry curvature  $\mathbf{B} = i \nabla_p \times \left( \Psi^{\dagger} \nabla_p \Psi \right)$ 



A (global) topological number



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#### II. Acoustic-Gravity Waves

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Linearize around a state of rest with density profile  $\rho_o(z)$ 







Compressibility: sound waves





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Does it always exist ?



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# Linearized equation

$$\partial_{t} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{w} \\ \tilde{\theta} \\ \tilde{p} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -c_{s}\partial_{x} \\ 0 & 0 & -N & S - c_{s}\partial_{z} \\ 0 & N & 0 & 0 \\ -c_{s}\partial_{x} & -S - c_{s}\partial_{z} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{w} \\ \tilde{\theta} \\ \tilde{p} \end{pmatrix}$$

Buoyancy frequency

Stratification parameter

$$N^2 = -g\frac{\partial_z \rho_0}{\rho_0} - \frac{g^2}{c_s^2}$$

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{N^2 c_s}{g} - \frac{g}{c_s} \right)$$

Mirror symmetry recovered when S=0 !







#### **Manolis Perrot**



Four degeneracy points at S=0



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## Spectral flow





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Solid boundary

#### Prospect : observation of Lamblike waves?

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In the ocean

In stars

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Iga 2001 predicts absence of Lamb like due to finite size effect

# III. Other manifestations of topology in geophysical waves

#### III.1 Coastal Kelvin waves

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Is it topological? short answer is probably not. But...

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Clément Tauber

#### Need a regularization, e.g. with odd viscosity

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t u &= -g\partial_x \eta + (f + \nu_o \Delta)v \\ \partial_t v &= -g\partial_y \eta - (f + \nu_o \Delta)u \\ \partial_t \eta &= -H\partial_x u - H\partial_y v \end{aligned}$$

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« The number of unidirectional states filling the frequency gap is topologically protected » **NO!**  « The number of states gained by a given band when varying parameter kx is topologically protected » **NO!** 

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#### A weaker form of bulk-boundary correspondence still holds (thanks to C. TAUBER)

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#### Nicolas Pérez

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#### Conclusion

Breaking time reversal symmetry with rotation

- Topological invariant related to emergence of Yanai/Kelvin waves
- Delplace Marston Venaille 2017

Breaking mirror symmetry with gravity

- Topology predicts the emergence of Lamb-like waves. Observation ?
- Perrot Delplace Venaille 2019

Coastal Kelvin waves are also topological, but in a weaker sense

- Apparent breaking of «Bulk-boundary correspondence»
- Tauber Delplace Venaille 2019, 2020

Manifestation of Berry curvature in geophysical ray tracing

- Formal analogy between extraordinary Hall effect and equatorial drift
- Perez Delplace Venaille, in prep.

#### Collaborators

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