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Last 10 days SSH M. Cahill, http://oceancurrent.imos.org.au

Science question

Southern Ocean > 60% of heat and > 25% of $CO2_{ant}$ uptake

- Uptake processes ?
- Transfer processes ?
- A few standing meanders where the ACC encounters rough topography are known to play crucial role

3-dimensional survey of a standing meander

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Mid-October to mid-November 2018 Cruise



Shorter time and space scales processes within the tortured large scale ACC

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Plan :

- Deployment of a fleet of EM-APEX profiling floats
- Deployment of drifters
- 88 full depth CTDs
- 33 Microstructure Vertical Profiles
- 400km of Triaxus cont.
 profiling (0-300m)
- Deployment of mooring
- Station repeat several times over inertial cycles
- +BGC sampling
- High Res Model

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Plan to maximize the success through adversity

Evaluate possibilities / develop plan of measurements :

- Moorings
- CTDs
- Triaxus/seasor/toyo...
- Drifters, what kind ?
- ARGOs, what kind ? classic, BGC, EM-APEX, deep floats ?
- Gliders ?
- AUVs?
- **BGC** ?
- Other in situ (air/sea, etc..)?
- Other remote sensing validation/use ?
- Second ship to do the fast profiling ?

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RESEARCH ARTICLE 10.1002/2013JC009516 On the nonequivalent barotropic structure of the Antarctic Circumpolar Current: An observational perspective

JGR,2015

Key Points:

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Figure 2. Location of the SOFINE experiment at the northern Kerguelen Plateau. Positions of the CTD/LADCP profiles (white circles) are marked along the ship track. Each profile position along the eight EM-APEX trajectories is shown (colored circles, identified in legend). Color shading is the bathymetry (m) from *Smith and Sandwell* [1997]. Colored contours from north to south mark the location of the northern (gray), central (pink), and southern (green) branches of the Subantarctic Front, and the northern Polar Front (brown) based on *Sokolov and Rintoul* [2009] sea surface height (SSH). Weekly and mean front positions (fine and heavy lines, respectively) are shown for AVISO SSH anomalies over the period 18 November 2008 to 14 January 2009 added to the *Gouretski and Koltermann* [2004] mean dynamic height of 100 dbar relative to 2500 dbar.

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Figure 1. The change in direction of flow from a deep current vector to a shallow one, and the associated vertical shear vector in (a) an equivalent barotropic flow, and (b) a nonequi-



Mesoscale to Submesoscale Wavenumber Spectra in Drake Passage

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Wavelength [km] 200 100 500 40 20 10 5 -3 10⁰ cDrake KE density [m² s⁻²/cpkm] -5/3 10⁻¹ 10⁻² 10-3 SQG KE spectra 0 m 26-50 m 10⁻⁴ 58-98 m 106-202 m 10⁻⁵ 10^{-2} 10^{-1} 10^{-3} Wavenumber [cpkm]

FIG. F1. Depth dependence of SQG-like KE spectra in the range of scales resolved by the ADCP data. The surface spectra follow a $k_h^{-5/3}$ power law. The vertical dependence is computed from the SQG solution's vertical structure for each k_h given the global average stratification from the cDrake experiment. Colors represent spectra in different layers used in computing the ADCP and llc4320 spectral estimates.



JPO,2016



of the transfer horizontal plan (a) vertical section along the meandering iet (**h**) and 3D view (c). The meander

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Fig. 1. SeaSoar section and MVP survey. (A) Map of survey site with temperature (color, main panel) and Absolute Dynamic Topography (ADT), and locations of the Seasoar section and MVP survey with surface temperature (colored dots) and surface velocity vectors. (B) Seasoar section from 9 May with depth-averaged along-front current speed (top)

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