

# The Evolution of Vertical Spatial Coherence with Range from Source

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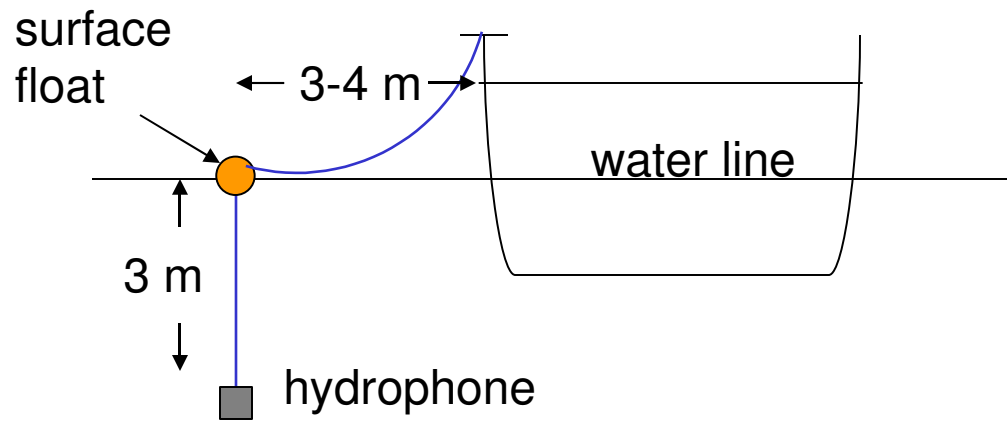
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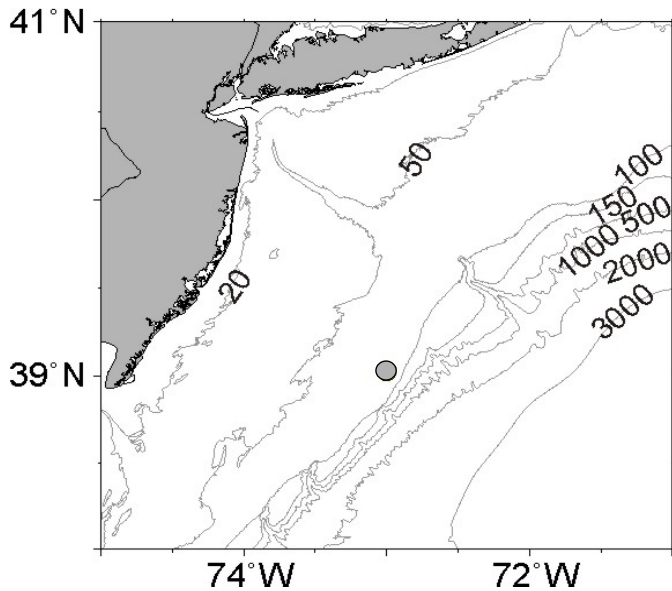
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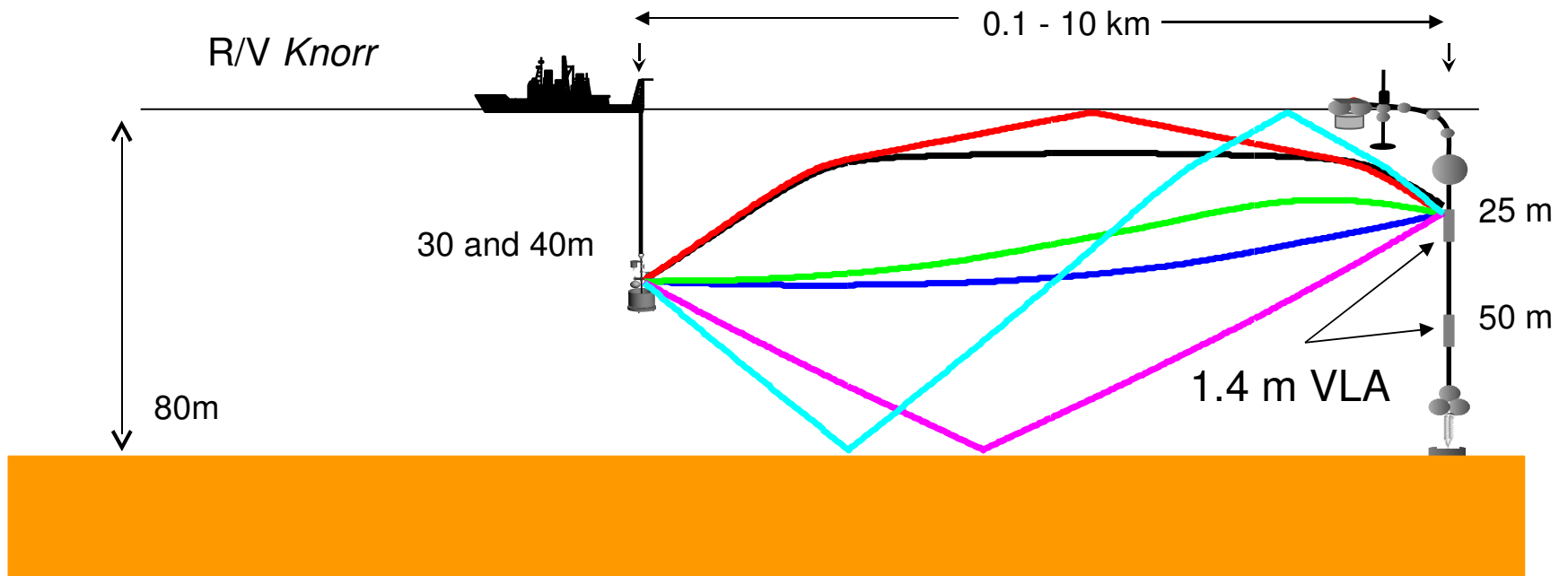


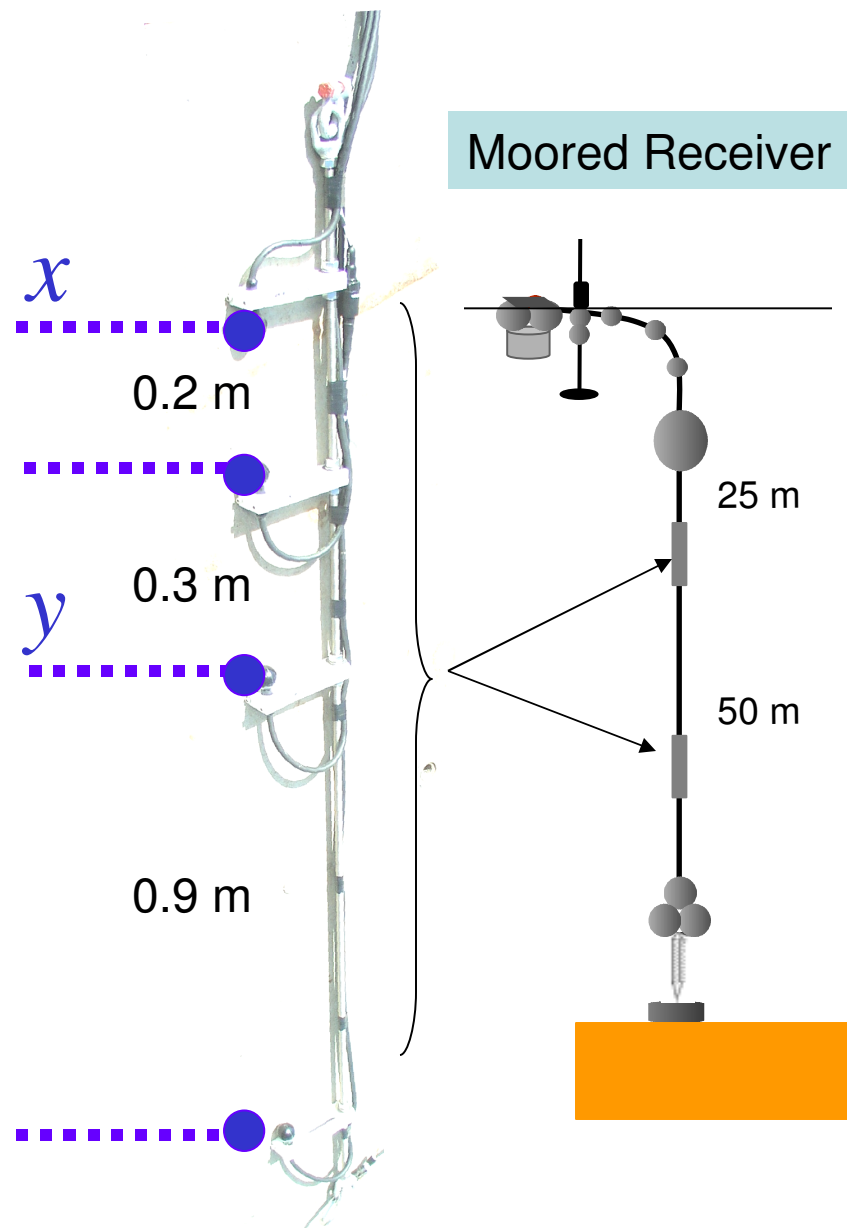
Experimental site: off the New Jersey  
Continental Shelf, Water Depth 80 m

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Acoustic Source

Moored Receiver  
& Data Telemetry





Spatial coherence between  
(d) vertically-separated  
channels based on N ping avg

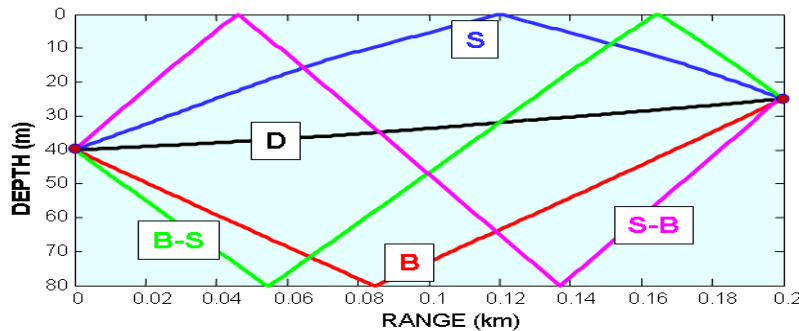
$$\Gamma_{xy} = \frac{\langle xy^* \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle xx^* \rangle \langle yy^* \rangle}}$$

4 receiver pairs and frequency (k)  
6 combinations of kd

# MEASUREMENT APPROACH

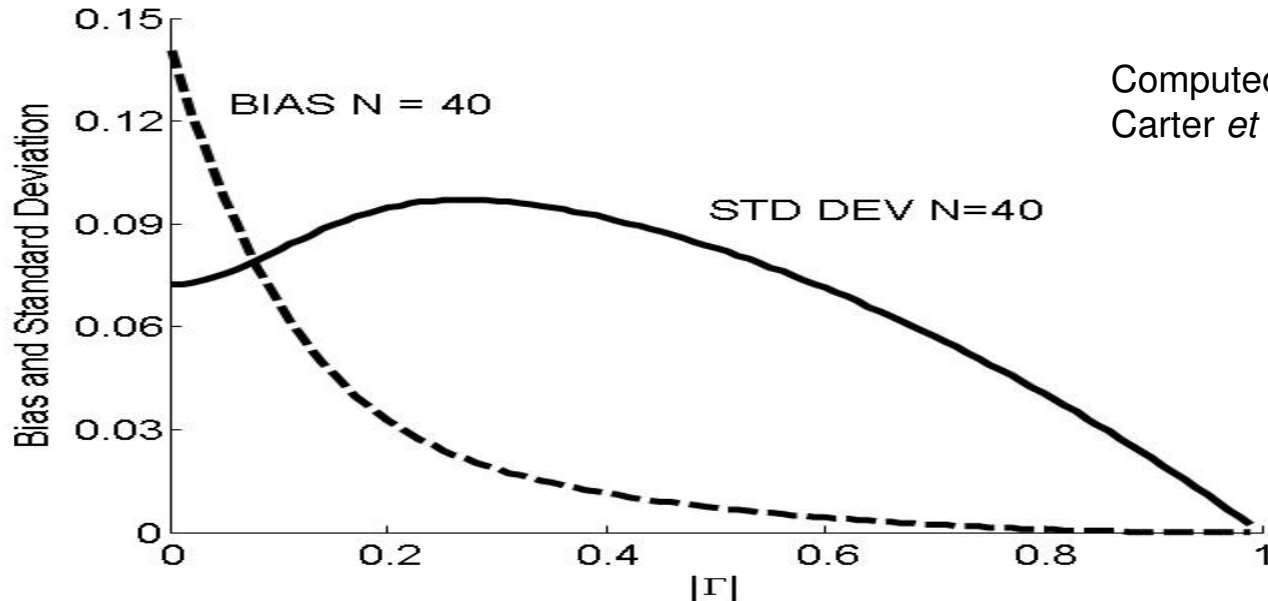
Estimates of vertical spatial coherence made with FM and CW pulses

- frequencies 3-18 kHz
- $BW \ll 1/\text{channel impulse time}$ , multi-paths are not separated but combined



Each pulse separated by ~60 sec.

Considerable averaging necessary to reduce both bias and variance.



Computed from equations in  
Carter *et al.* (1973)

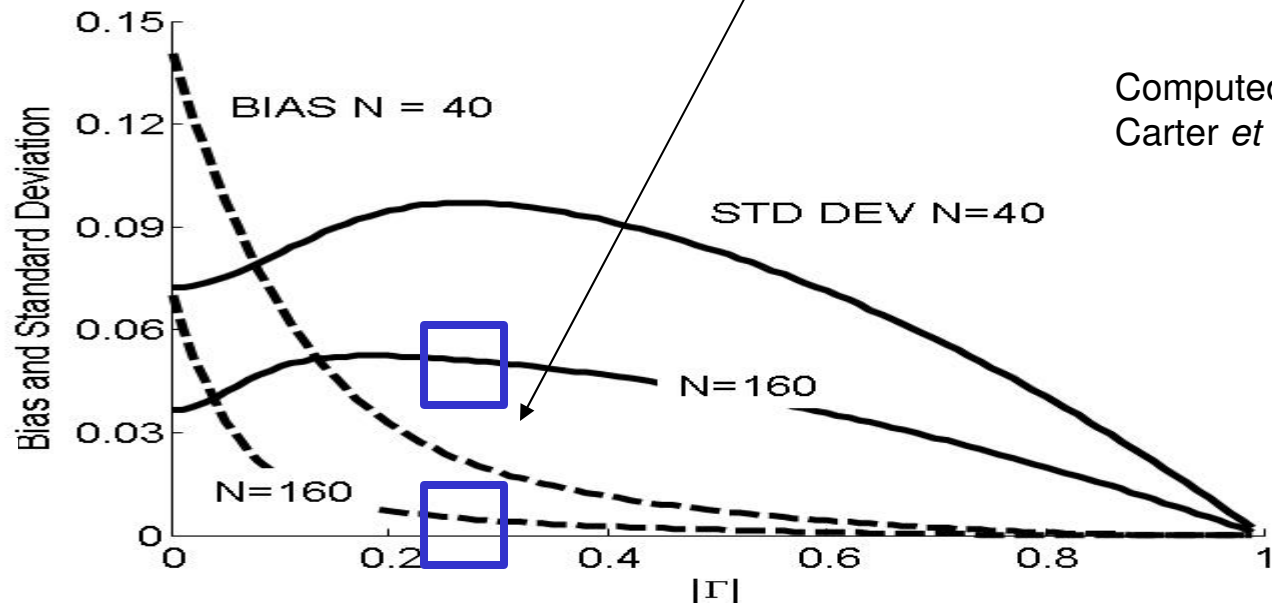


# MEASUREMENT APPROACH

Low values of coherence magnitude particularly susceptible to bias

Several experimental sets combined over periods of order 60 min.  
is sufficient to reduce bias and variance to acceptable levels –  
especially important for lower magnitudes of coherence  $< \sim 0.3$

For  $N \sim 100$  or more estimates,  
more tolerable bias and variance  
for low coherence magnitudes



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# MODELING APPROACH

RAM Parabolic Equation (Collins) modified to account for rough water-air impedance boundary (via approach of Thomson and Brooke, 2003)

Generate 1-D cuts through a 2-D sea surface:

Large surface wavelengths ( $\lambda > 16$  cm,  $|K| < 1$ ) use directional information from nearby wave buoy estimates (Low Pass Sea Surface)

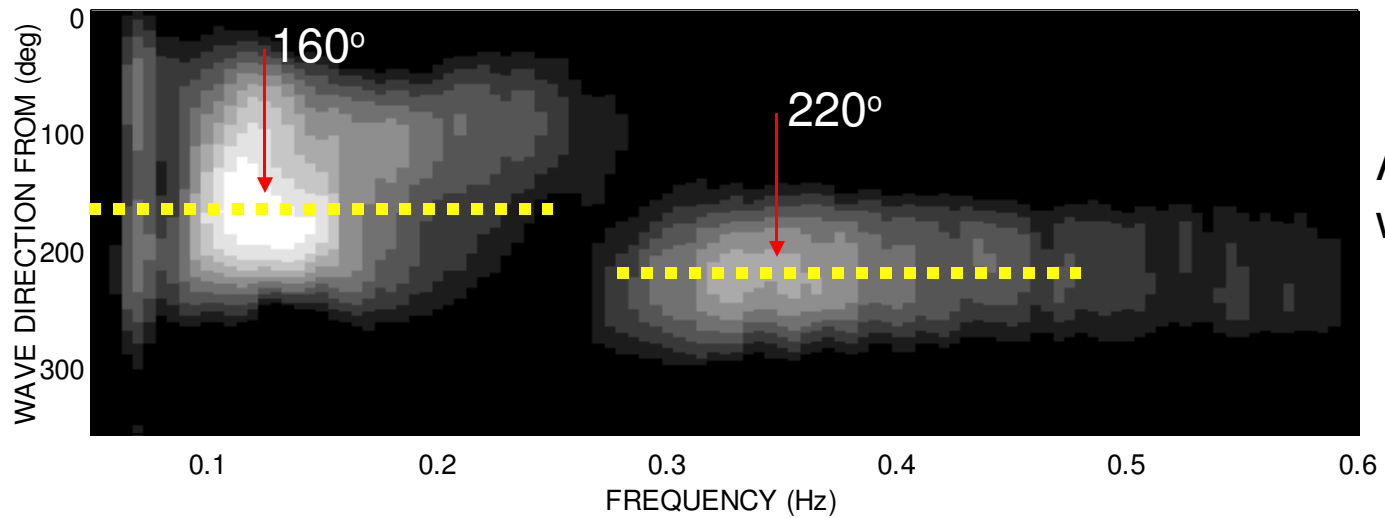
Small surface wavelengths ( $|K| > 1$ ) goes as  $1/|K_x|^{-3}$  equivalent to  $1/|K|^{-4}$  in 2D (High Pass Sea Surface)

Surface Realization = Low Pass + High Pass with wave number support up to  $K \sim 30$

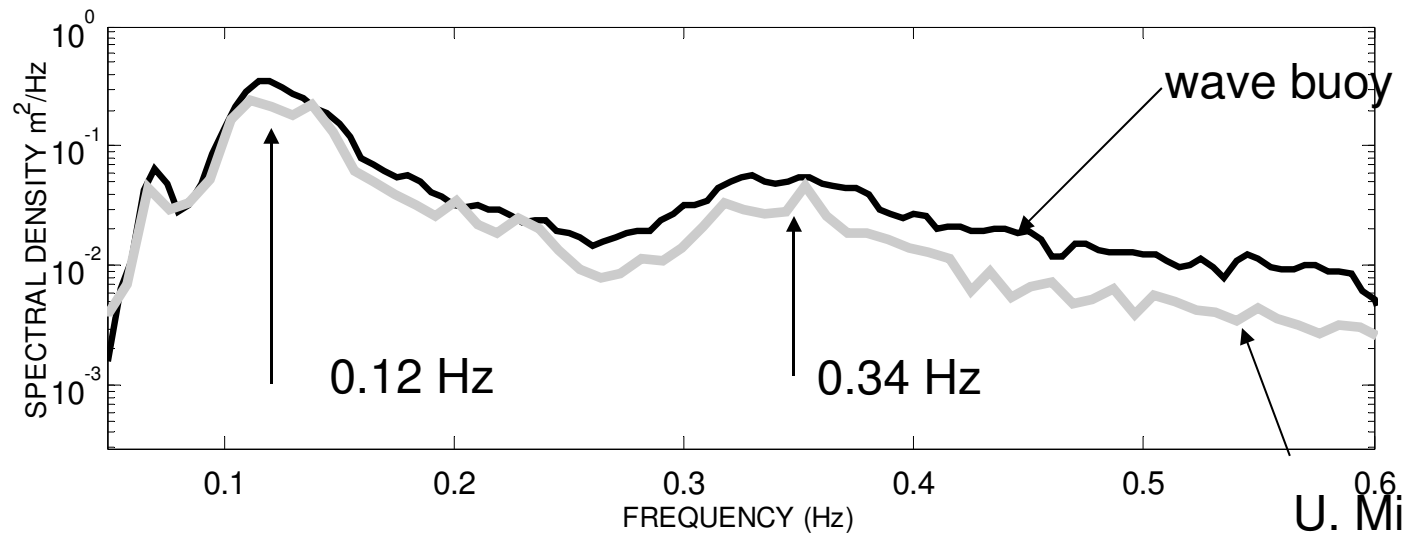
Sound speed data taken when appropriate from with CTD casts made from the R/V Knorr, or derived from the WHOI temperature mooring (“Shark”)



Average air-sea conditions for 0830-1500 UTC. Wind speed 6 m/s  $\pm$  1 m/s



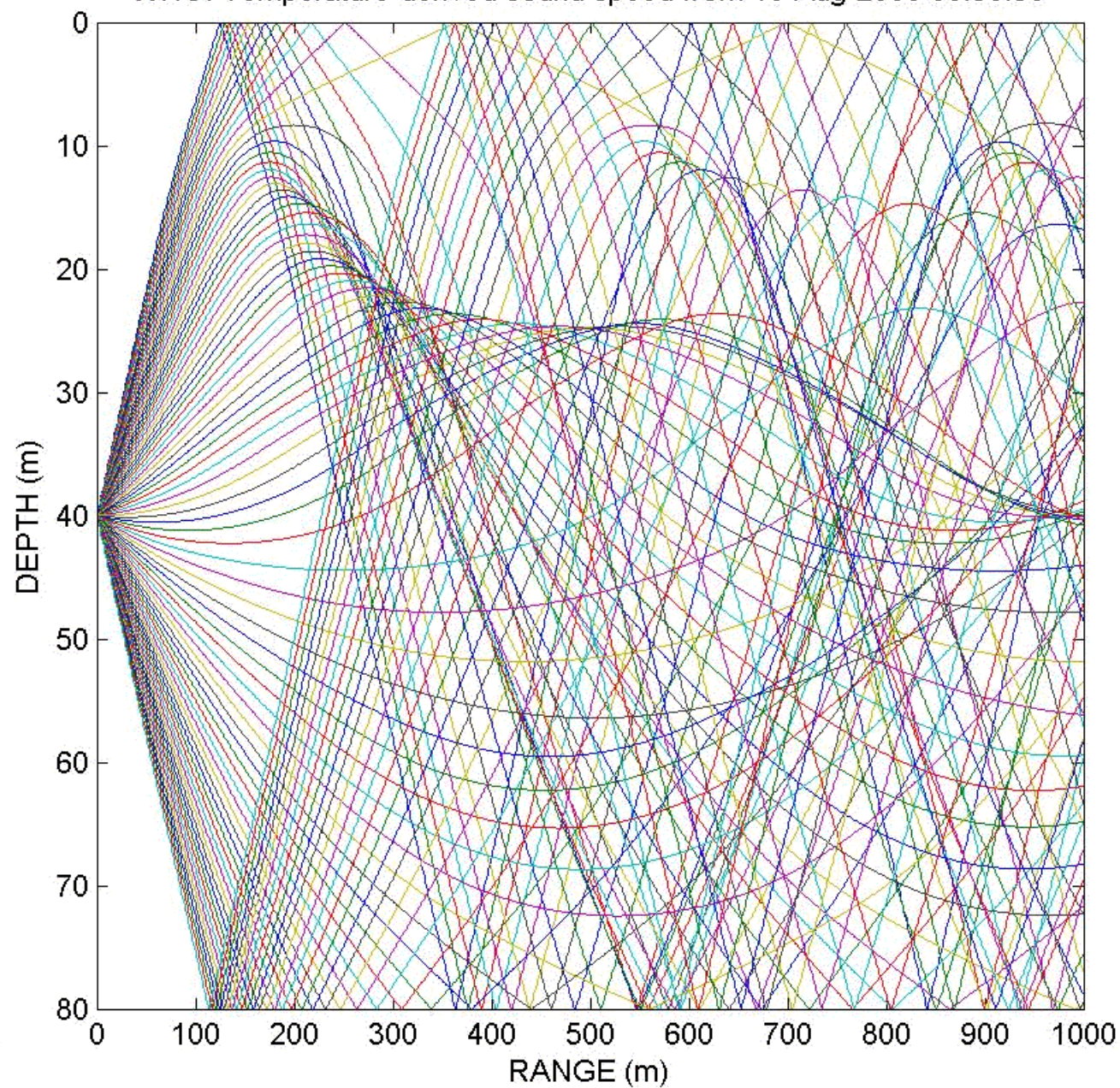
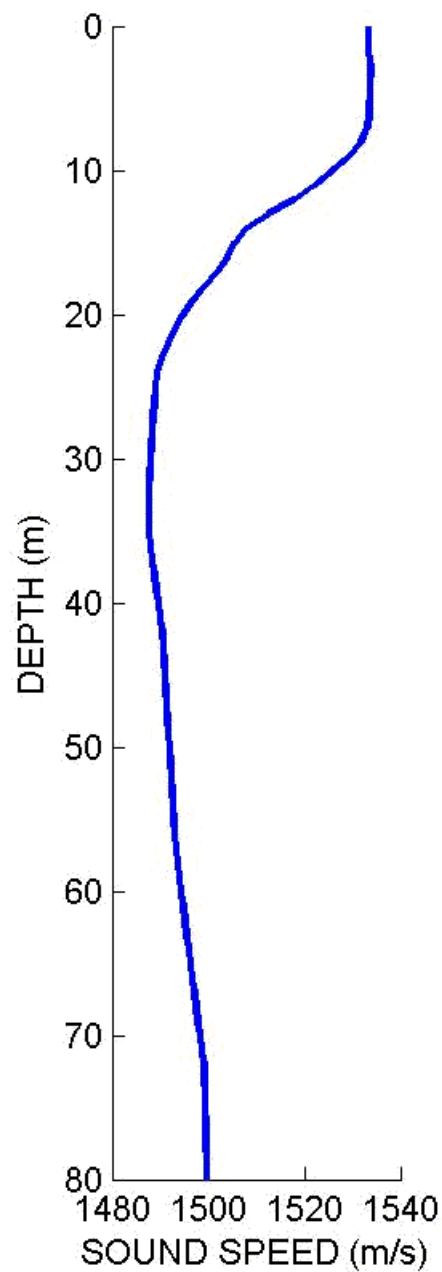
APL-UW  
wave buoy



U. Miami  
ASIS buoy



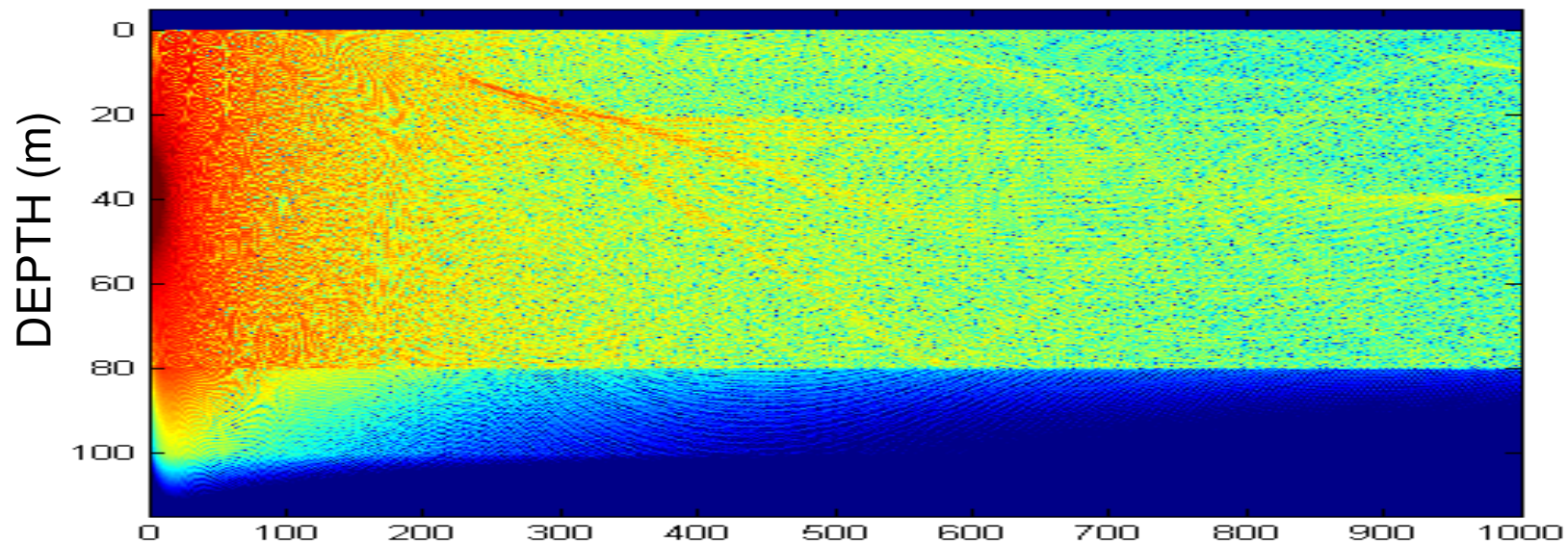
WHOI Temperature-derived sound speed from 10-Aug-2006 00:50:30



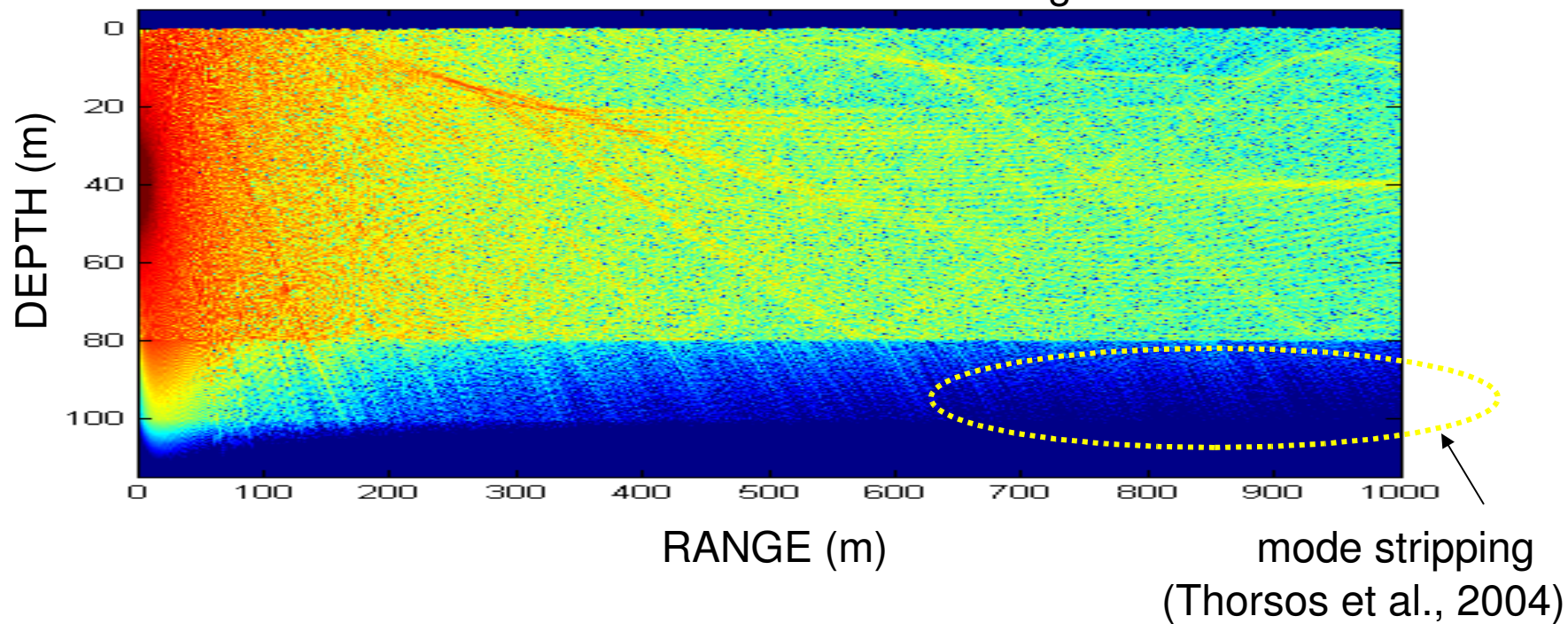


PE Field 10 kHz

flat surface



rough surface



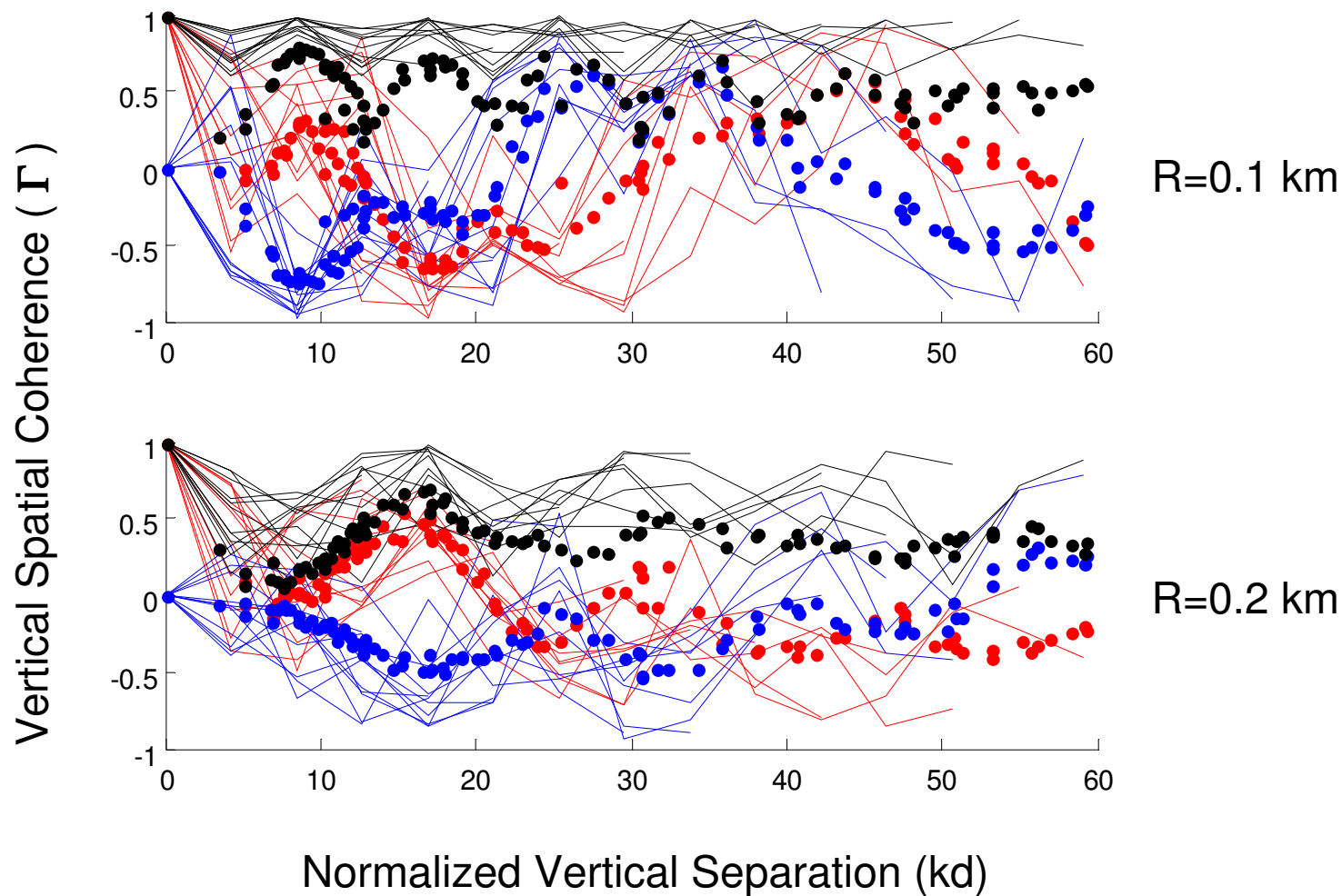
PE DATA

$|\Gamma|$  — ●

$\text{Re}(\Gamma)$  — ●

$\text{Im}(\Gamma)$  — ●

change  $c(z)$  with flat sea surface: poor agreement



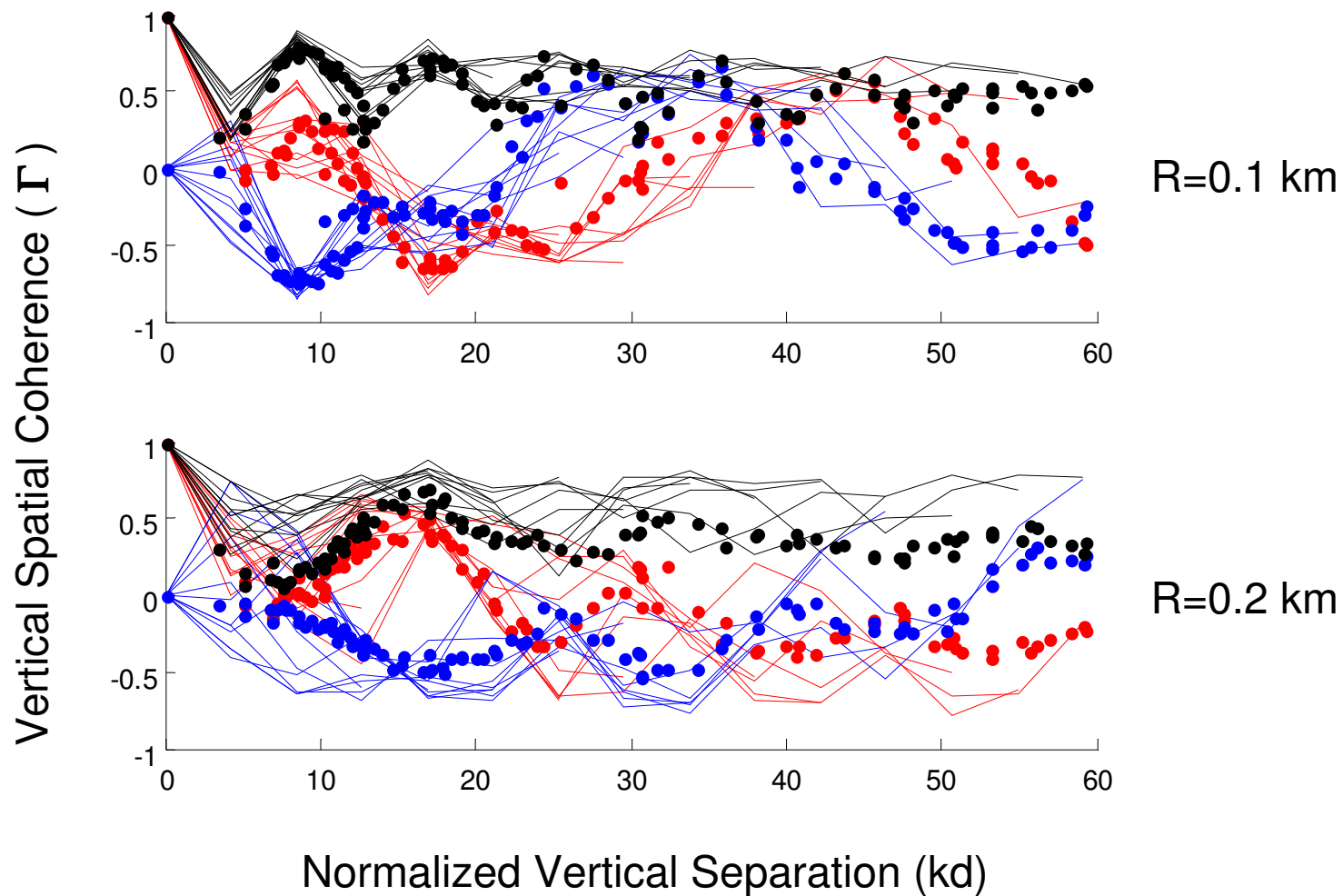
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fixed  $c(z)$  with each new sea surface



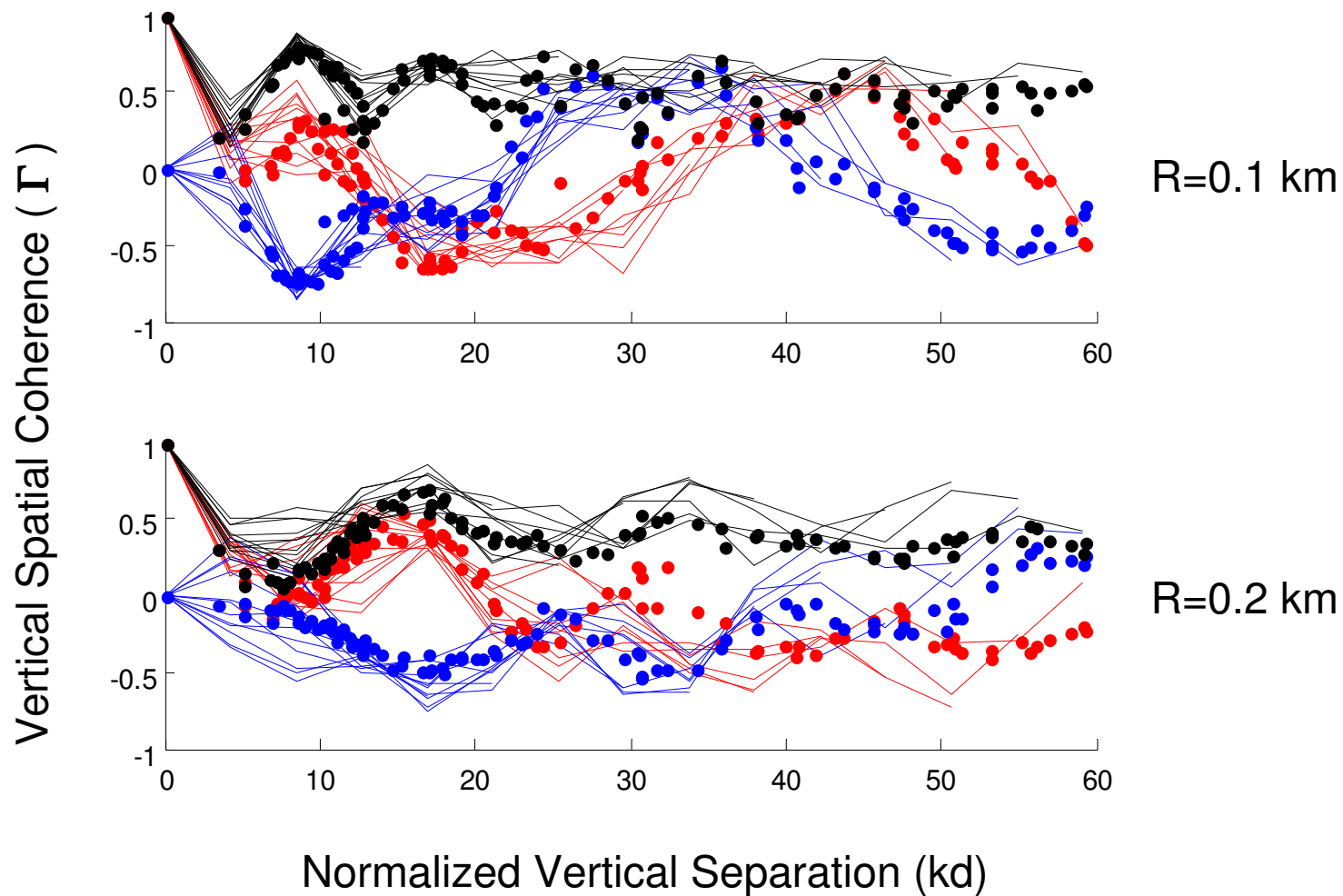
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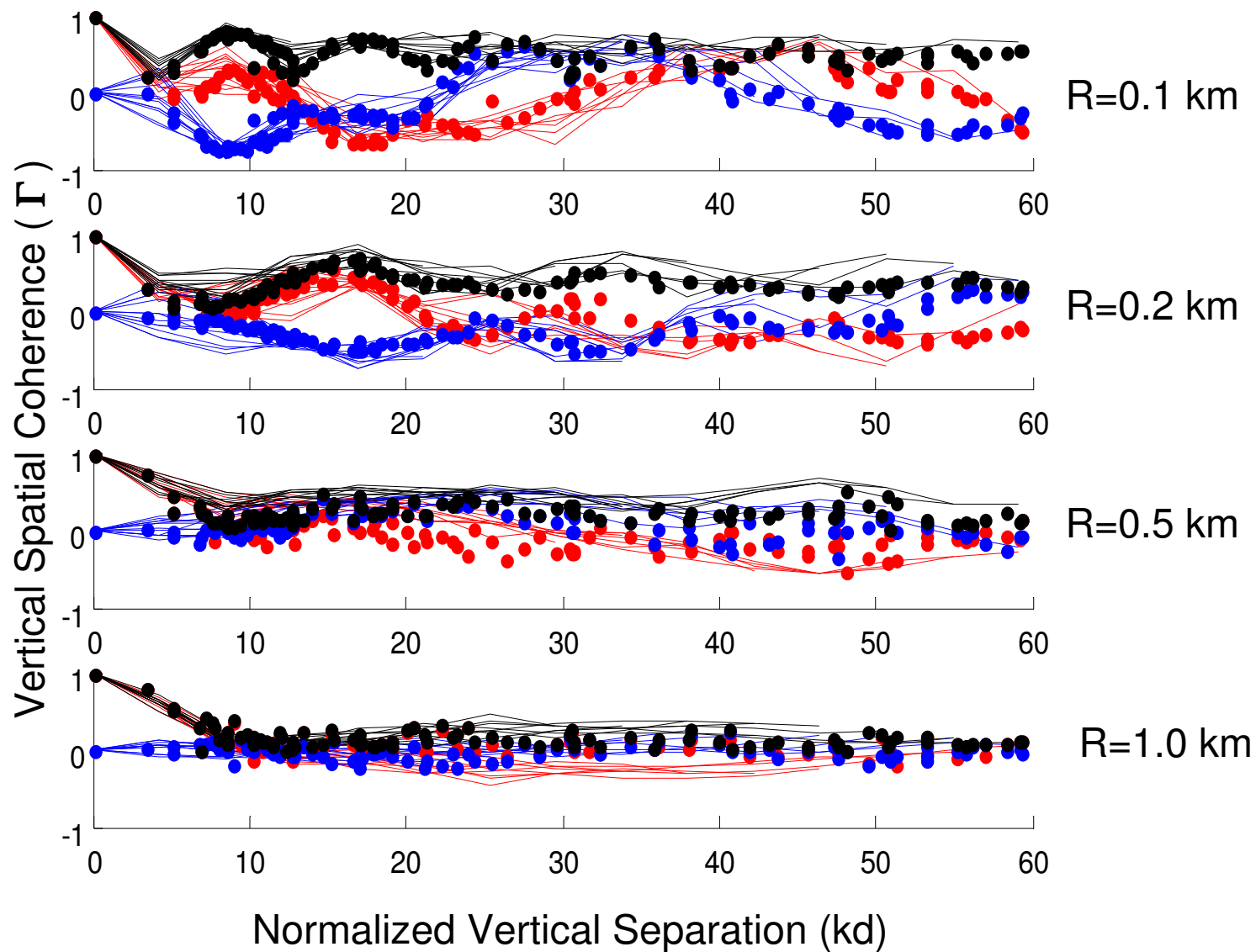
$\text{Im}(\Gamma)$  — ●

change  $c(z)$  with each new sea surface: better agreement with data





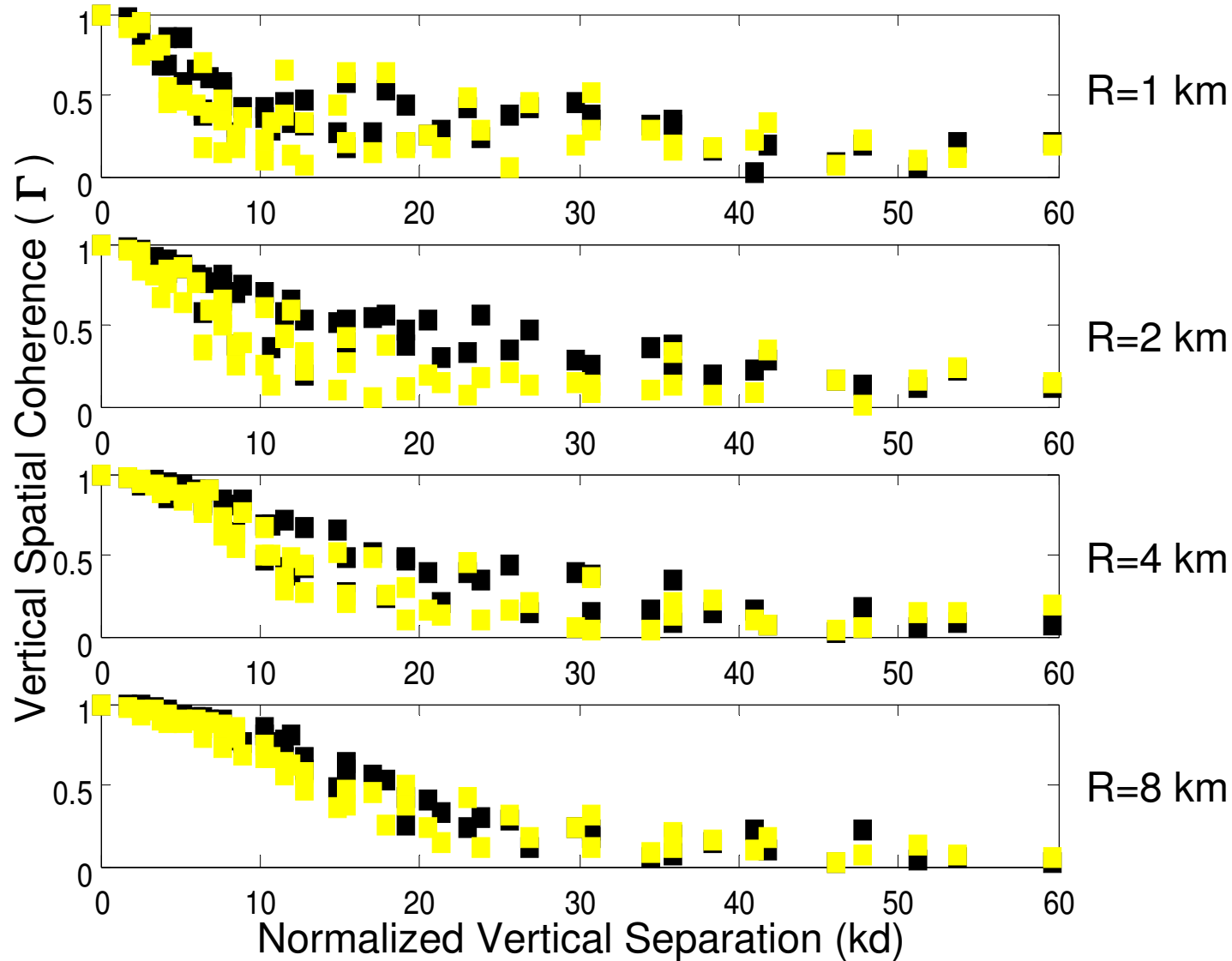
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VLA depth

■ 25 m

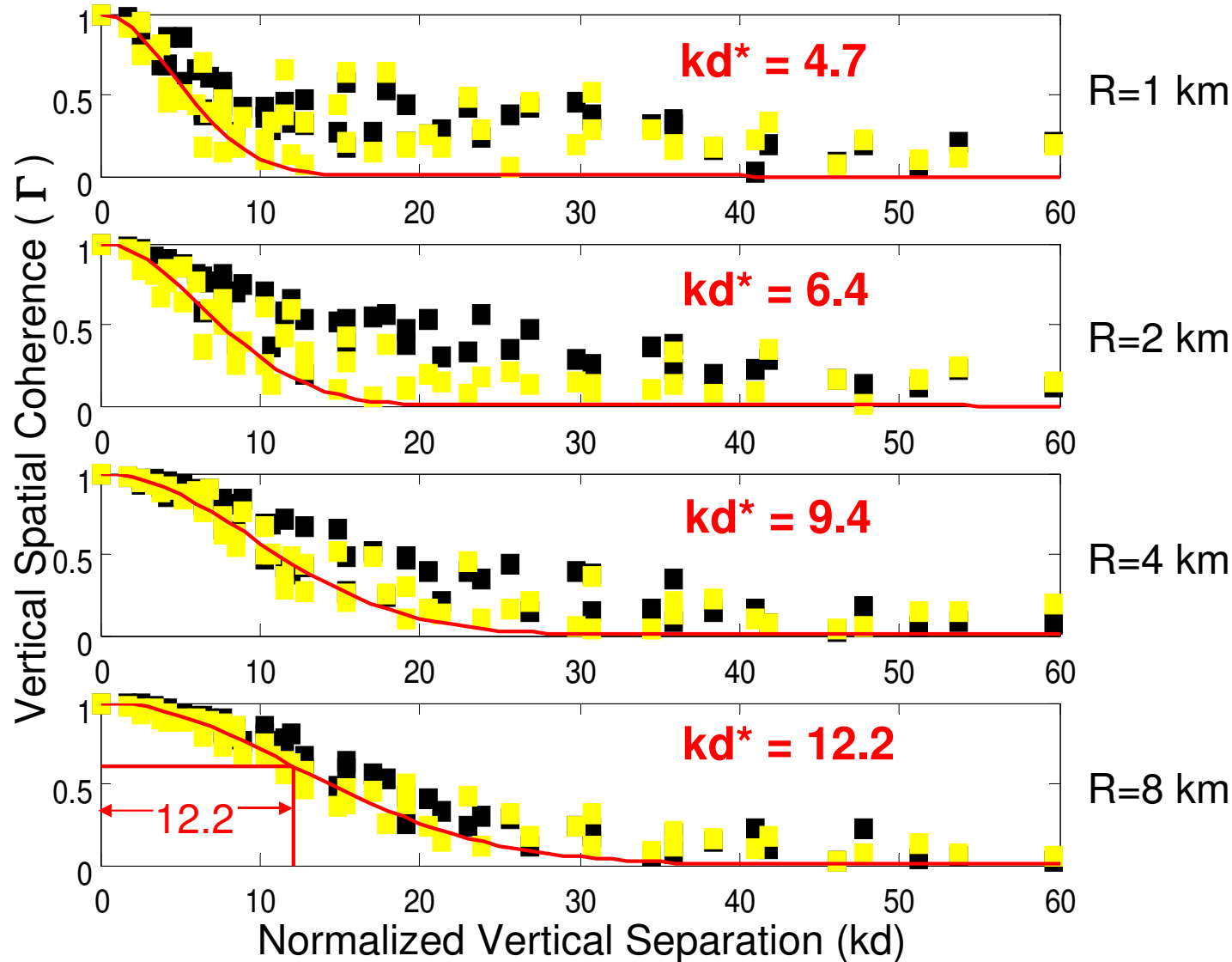
■ 50 m



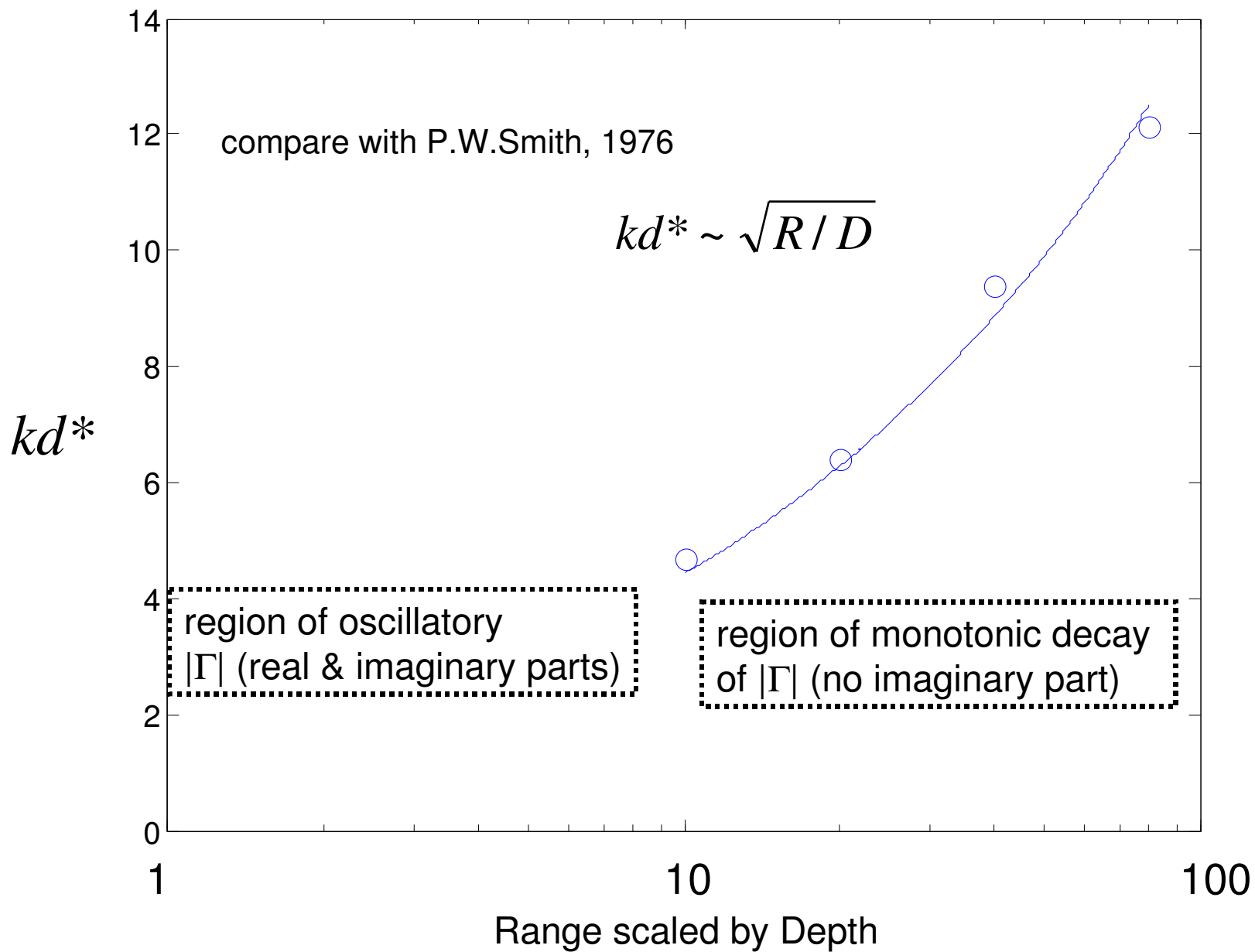
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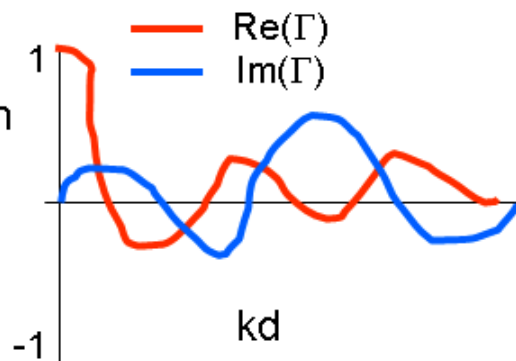
# Notional Ideas on Vertical Coherence

## VERTICAL COHERENCE

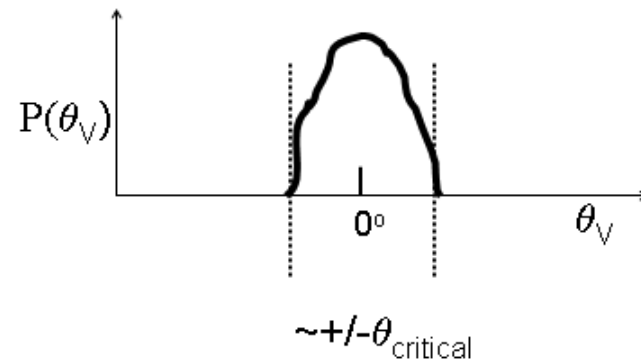
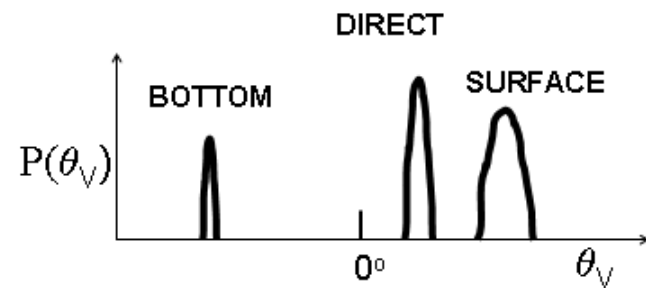
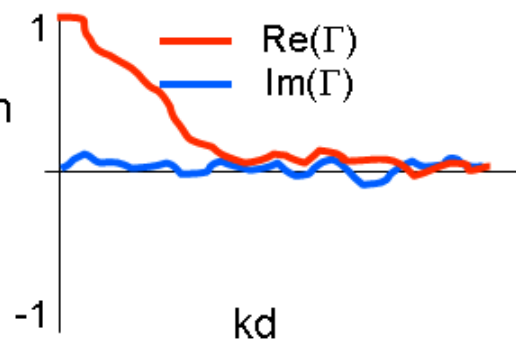
## VERTICAL ANGULAR SPREAD

SCALED  
RANGE

Range/Depth  
< 10



Range/Depth  
> 10



# Summary

- Spatial coherence subject to significant bias, particularly at  $|\Gamma| < \sim 0.2$
- Rough surface PE simulations compare well with observations  
(comparison only for ranges  $< 1$  km )
- For short ranges (Range/Depth  $< 10$ ) multipath  $|\Gamma|$  is highly oscillatory,  
(ray view point)
- For long ranges (Range/Depth)  $> 10$  multipath  $|\Gamma|$  becomes monotonic
- Spatial coherence increases with range due to mode stripping:
  - short range: sea surface plays a strong role (modeled in this work)
  - longer range: ocean dynamical effects will dominate (*not* modeled in this work)
- Increasing spatial coherence with range has important implications in terms of modeling reverberation and signal processing gain

