

Dynamic Meteorology and Climatology for Southeast Asia

Brief introduction of “Tropical Meteorology” lecture
at a Japanese university master course

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Chapter 1: Basic principles and applications to SE-Asia

Chapter 2: Statics of moist atmosphere in tropics

Chapter 3: Zonal-mean dynamics and meridional circulations

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Chapter 5: Cloud convection dynamics and tropical cyclone

Chapter 1

Basic principles and applications to SE-Asia

- 1.1. Why atmospheric dynamics is necessary?
- 1.2. General principles governing planetary fluid
- 1.3. Problems in applications to SE-Asia
- 1.4. How to learn/educate atmospheric dynamics

1.1. Why atmospheric dynamics is necessary?

- Understanding atmospheric phenomena by a small number of physical principles
- Understanding atmospheric/hydrospheric/oceanic phenomena by common physical principles

atmosphere + hydrosphere + ocean climate

- Numerical weather/climate prediction
- Improving operational efficiency

1.2. General principles governing planetary fluid

- Planetary (or geophysical) fluid: Gas/liquid under

- sphericity: $a = 6370$ km (for the earth)

latitude ϕ , longitude λ , altitude z

eastward displacement: $dx = a \cos \phi d\lambda$

northward displacement: $dy = a d\phi$

- rotation: $\Omega = 2\pi / 86164$ s (for the earth)

Coriolis parameter: $f = 2\Omega \sin \phi$

Rossby parameter: $\beta = df/dy = 2\Omega \cos \phi$

- gravitation: $g = 9.8$ m/s² (for the earth)

- Variables: (6 for dry atmosphere)

- wind (or stream) velocity components: (u, v, w)

- thermodynamical state variables: (T, p, \dots)

[- humidity (or salinity): q]

Mathematical formulation of basic principles

- Mass conservation (continuity):

$$u \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial}{\partial z} = 0$$

- Momentum conservation (Newton's 2nd law):

$$\frac{du}{dt} - f v + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = F_x$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} + f u + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = F_y$$

$$\frac{dw}{dt} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = g$$

For atmosphere:

- Entropy conservation (1st law of thermodynamics):

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{Q}{T} \quad [\text{potential temperature: } \theta = T (p_0/p)^{R/C_p}]$$

- Ideal gas equation (Boyle-Charles' law):

$$p = \rho R T$$

For moist atmosphere:

- Continuity for humidity q Virtual temperature T_v

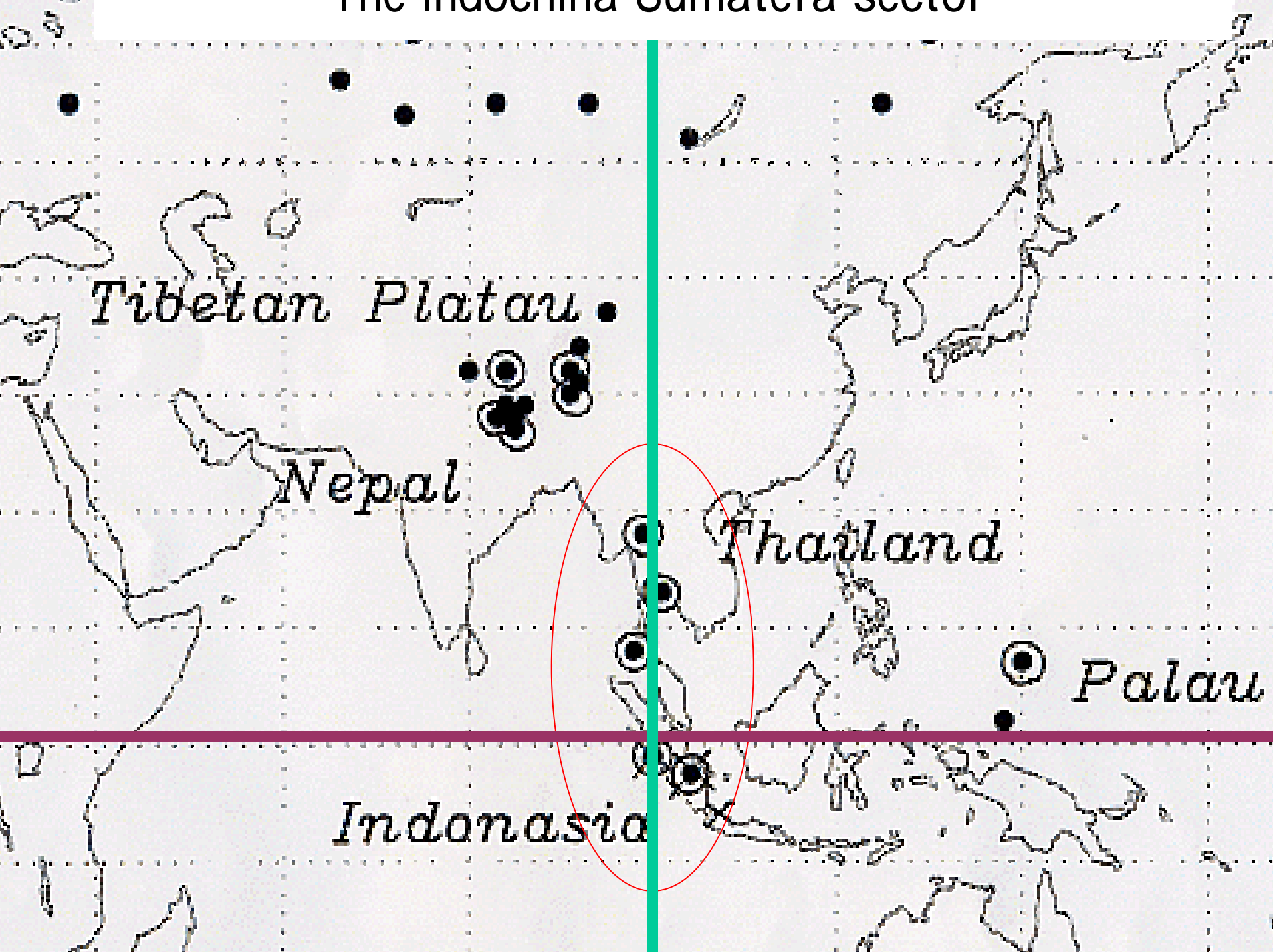
Everything must be expressed by a superposition of solutions of above 6 (7) equations!

1.3 Problems in applications to SE-Asia

- Low latitude: small f (but not)
- High solar azimuth: Q with diurnal periodicity
barotropic (relatively high horizontal homogeneity)
relatively weak seasonal variation
- High humidity: Q by latent heating
cloud convection, intraseasonal variations
- Complex geography: sea-land, mountain-valley, ...
local circulation
- Interaction with ocean
interannual variations

Seemingly less usefulness of atmospheric dynamics

The Indochina Sulfatera sector



Tibetan Platau

Nepal

Thailand

Palau

Indonesia

1.4. How to learn/educate atmospheric dynamics

- Training of basic physics/mathematics

(Principles are not so many! Learn them with reading papers.)

- Textbooks of mainly mid-latitude atmospheric dynamics, e.g.,

- J.R.Holton, “An Introduction to Dynamic Meteorology”, 3rd Ed., Academic Press, 1992.

- A.E.Gill, “Atmosphere-Ocean Dynamics”, McGraw-Hill?, 1982

- R.S.Lindzen, “Dynamics in Atmospheric Physics”, Cambridge University Press, 1990.

- ...

- Textbooks of general meteorology with dynamical aspects:

- D.G.Andrews, “An Introduction to Atmospheric Physics”, Cambridge University Press, 2000?

- M.L.Salby, “Fundamentals of Atmospheric Physics”, Academic Press, 1996.

- ...

- Textbooks of tropical meteorology/climatology without dynamics

- Environmental/geographical and geochemical knowledges

+

- Deep theoretical consideration

- Strong wishes for numerical prediction

- Spirits to establish a new meteorology

Curriculum in Dept. of Earth-Planetary Science, Kobe University

Undergraduate course: 1st/2nd years:

- Basic physics, mathematics, ...
- General introduction to earth and planetary science
- Mathematical physics/computers for EPS (including exercises)

Undergraduate course: 3rd/4th years: (Students are requested to have special subjects.)

- Geophysical fluid dynamics
- Atmosphere-hydrosphere sciences
- Experiments for atmosphere-hydrosphere sciences (mainly observations)

Master course (2 years after graduation of BSc.):

- Introduction to global environmental sciences
- Mid-latitude synoptic-scale meteorology
- Tropical meteorology

PhD course (additional 3 years after taking MSc):

- Physical climatology of earth and other planets
- Planetary fluid physics (mainly atmosphere-ocean interaction dynamics)
- Special topics on atmosphere/hydrosphere/ocean sciences

Special lectures (4 outside scientists /year)

Seminars and colloquia

Chapter 2

Statics of moist atmosphere in tropics

2.1. Hydrostatic equilibrium

2.2. Radiative-convective equilibrium

2.3. Moisture and conditional instability

2.1. Hydrostatic equilibrium

- Horizontally homogeneous:

$$u \sim v \sim w \sim 0, \quad F \sim Q \sim 0$$

$$-g + p/z = 0$$

with the ideal gas equation $\rho = p/RT$

$$p = p_0 \exp(-z/H),$$

$$\text{scale height: } H = RT/g$$

- Pressure coordinate

$$\text{“omega velocity”}: \quad \omega = dp/dt = -g \quad w$$

- Log-pressure coordinate:

$$p/z = gH \ln p - g \quad z^*, \quad g \quad z$$

$$/ \quad z^* = RT/H$$

p in momentum eqs. are also rewritten by

z^* may be conventionally regarded as z

2.2. Radiative-convective equilibrium

- Radiative equilibrium

$$Q = \int_z [S + I_{\downarrow} - I_{\uparrow}] dz = 0$$

($S \sim 0$ for $z > 0$, ozone layer)

$$\int_z p [-dT^4] \sim S/p_1$$

- T/z increases downward

- Convective equilibrium (adjustment)

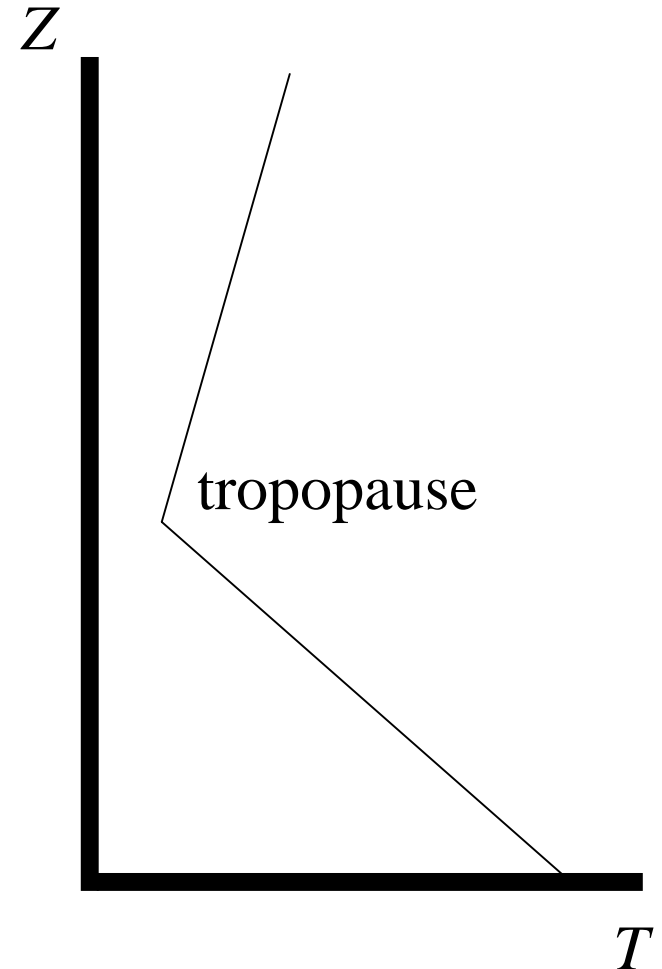
$$\int_z dz = 0$$

(dry) adiabatic lapse rate:

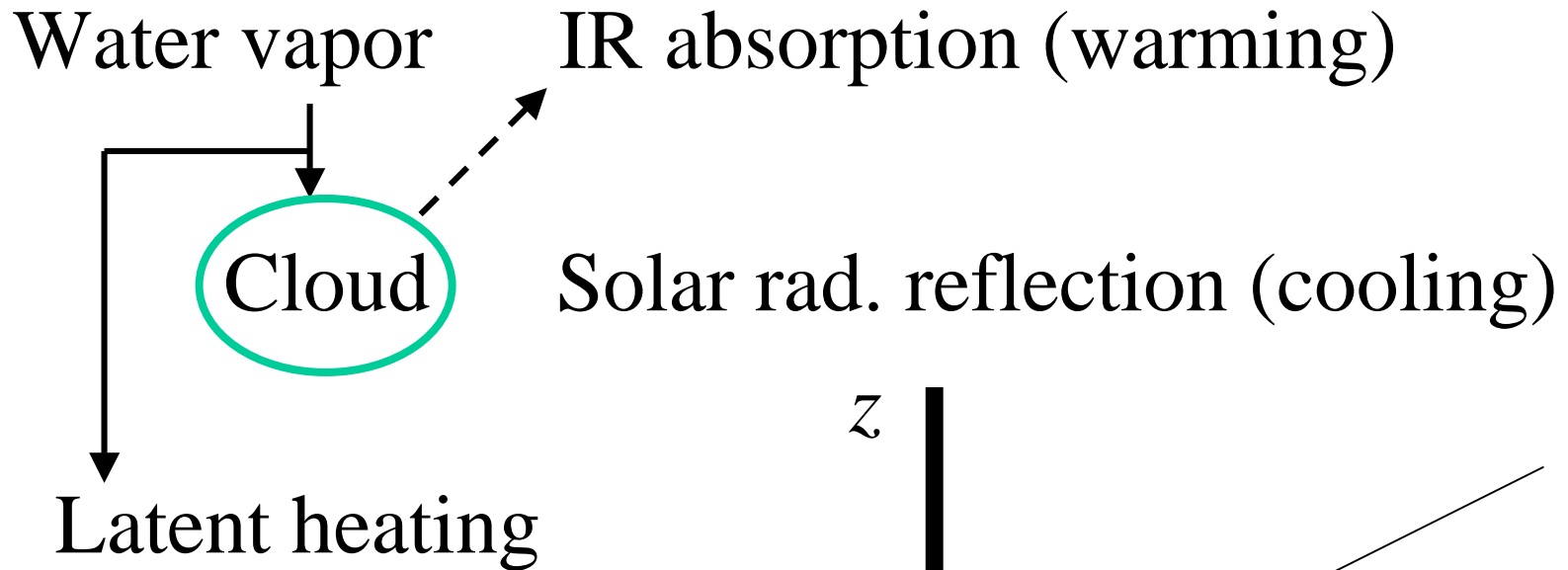
$$-dT/dz = g/C_p \approx 10 \text{ K/km}$$

- Separation of stratosphere (radiative)

and troposphere (convective)



2.3. Moisture and conditional instability

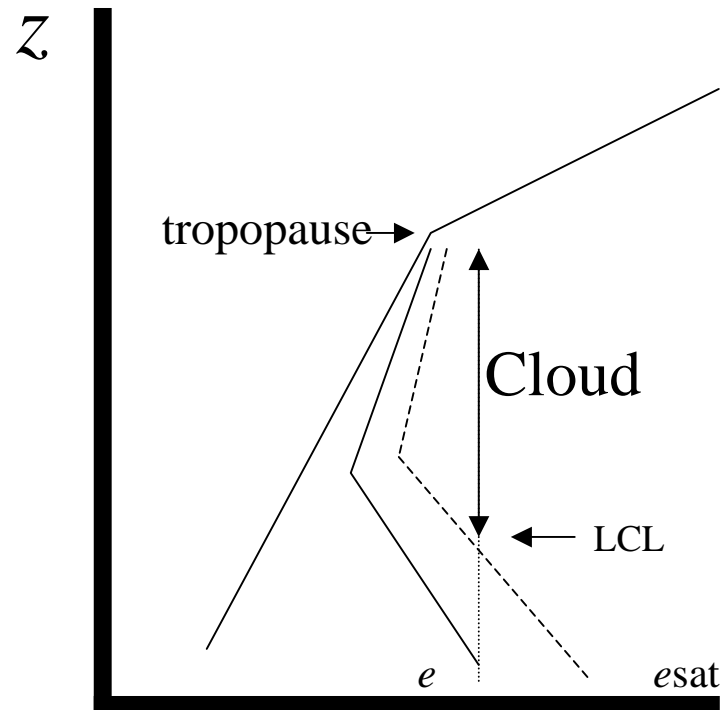


$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{dz} = \frac{Q_{\text{latent}}}{T}$$

$$\frac{e}{e_{\text{sat}}} = 0$$

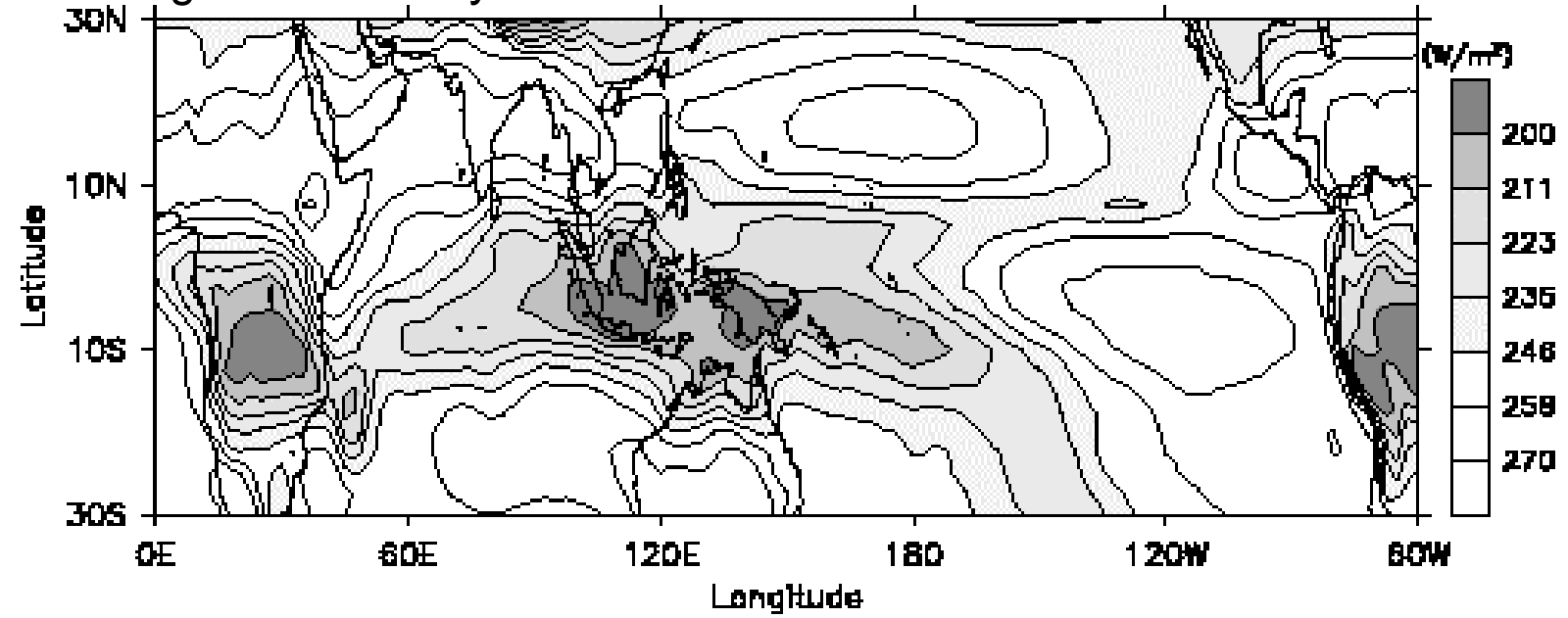
moist adiabatic lapse rate:

$$-\frac{dT}{dz} \approx 5 \text{ K/km}$$

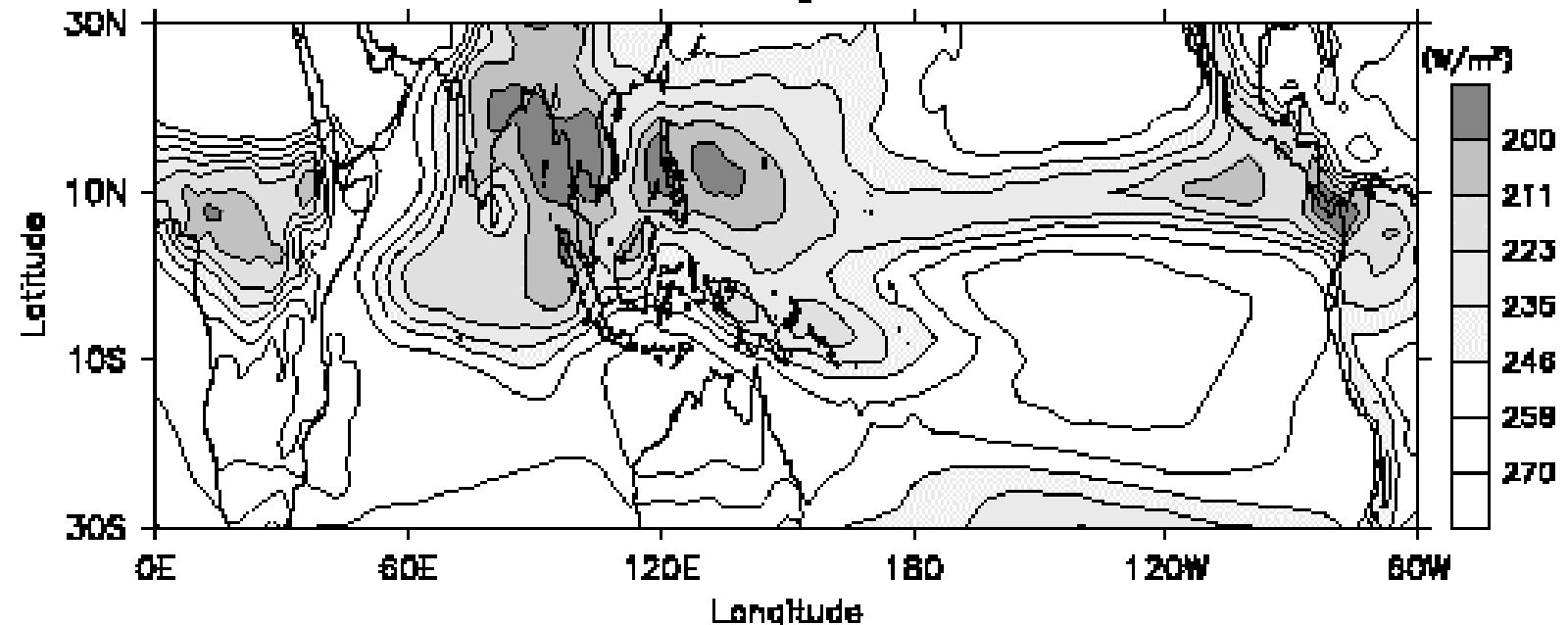


OLR longterm monthly mean (1979-95)

Jan



Aug



Chapter 3

Zonal-mean dynamics and meridional circulations

3.1. Equatorial easterly (trade wind)

3.2. Hadley circulation and ITCZ

3.3. Monsoon circulation

[3.4. Brewer-Dobson circulation and
stratospheric ozone transport]

Axi-symmetric dynamics

- Zonally homogeneous:

$$u/t - fv = F$$

(angular momentum $u - fy$ conserv.)

Equatorial easterly)

$$+ fu + / y = 0$$

$$- (R/H) T + / z = 0$$

$$T/t + (R/H) N^2 w = Q$$

$$v/y +^{-1} w/z = 0$$

“Thermal-wind” equilibrium: (without necessity of merid. circ.)

$$f u/z + (R/H) T/y = 0$$

(poleward temperature decrease upward easterly decrease)

Near the equator ($f \approx 0$):

$$u/z + (R/H) T/y^2 = 0$$

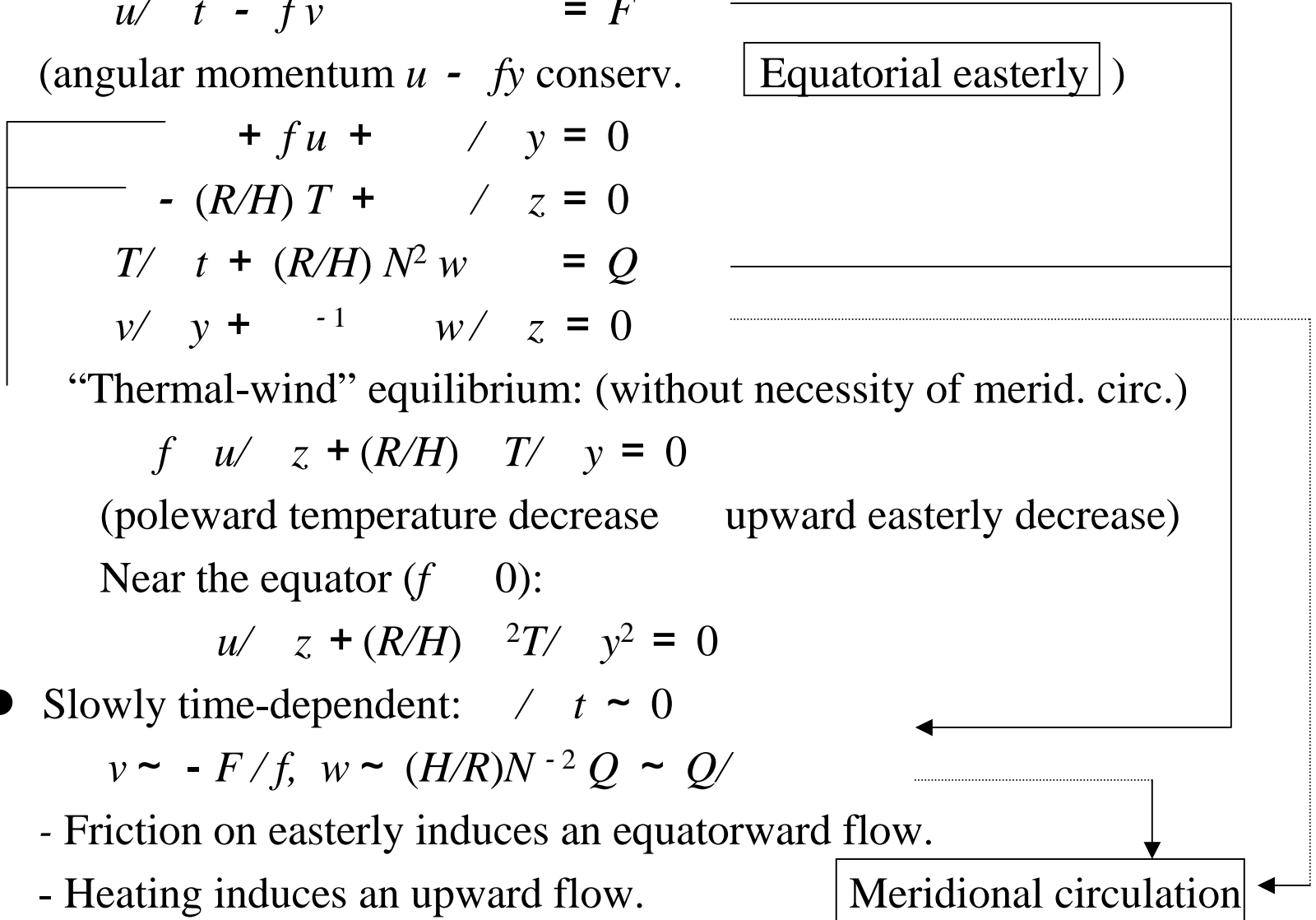
- Slowly time-dependent: $/ t \sim 0$

$$v \sim -F/f, w \sim (H/R)N^{-2} Q \sim Q$$

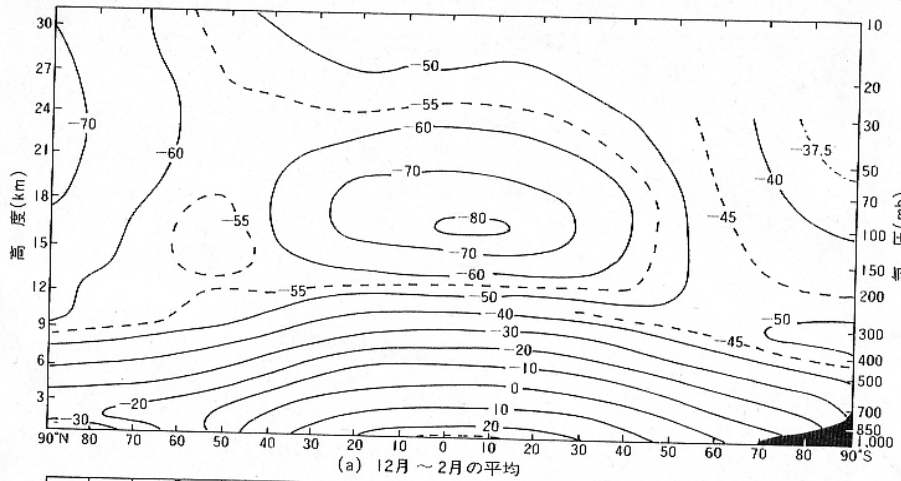
- Friction on easterly induces an equatorward flow.

- Heating induces an upward flow.

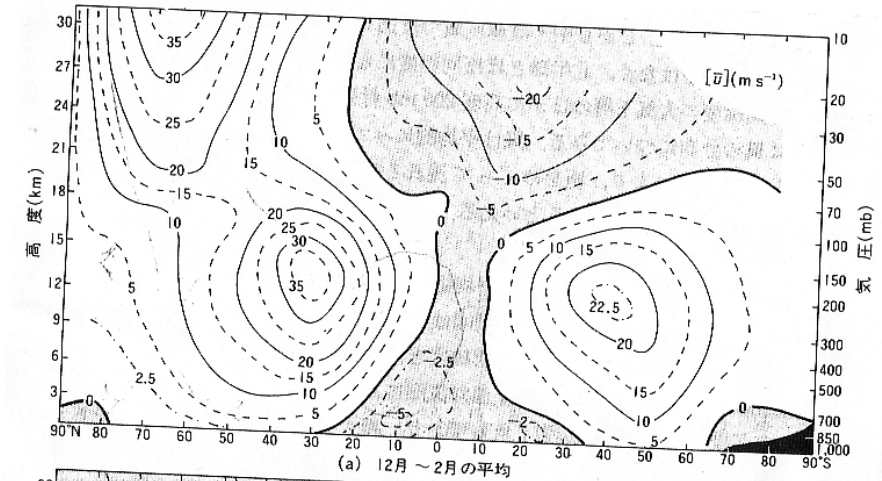
Meridional circulation



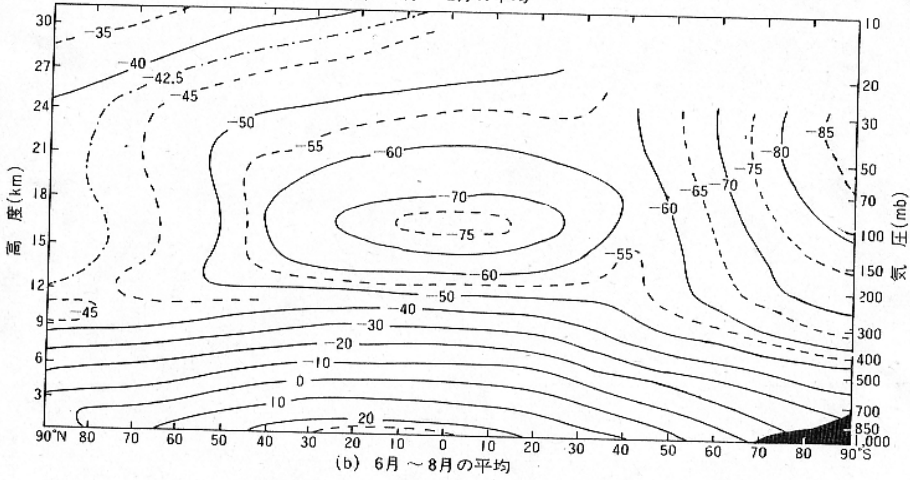
Zonal-mean temperature and zonal wind



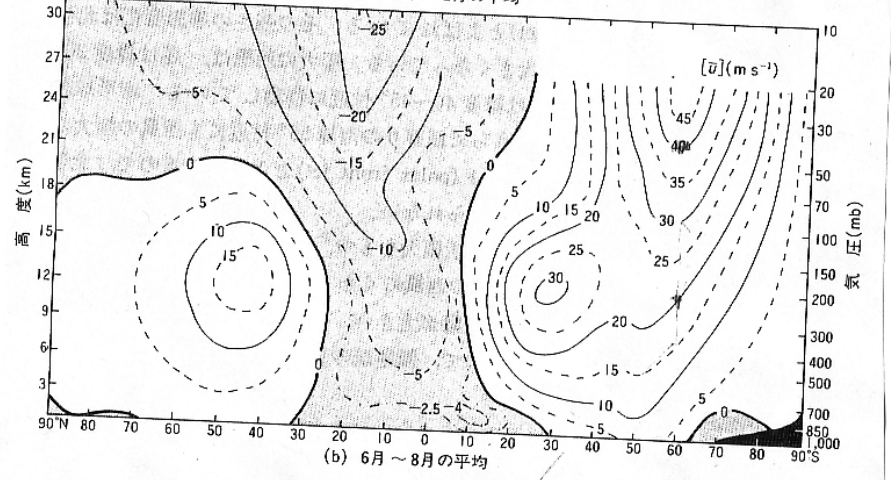
(a) 12月～2月の平均



(a) 12月～2月の平均



(b) 6月～8月の平均



(b) 6月～8月の平均

Upper troposphere: Poleward temperature increase
 Lower troposphere: Poleward temperature decrease

upward easterly increase
 upward easterly decrease

Meridional Circulations

- Governing equation:

$$\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \left(\frac{f}{N}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right] \psi = G$$

$$v = - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z}, \quad w = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}$$

- Symmetric forcing: $G \sim -\sin y \sin mz$

Hadley circulation: $\psi \sim \sin y \sin mz$

$$(v \sim -\sin y \cos mz, w \sim \cos y \sin mz)$$

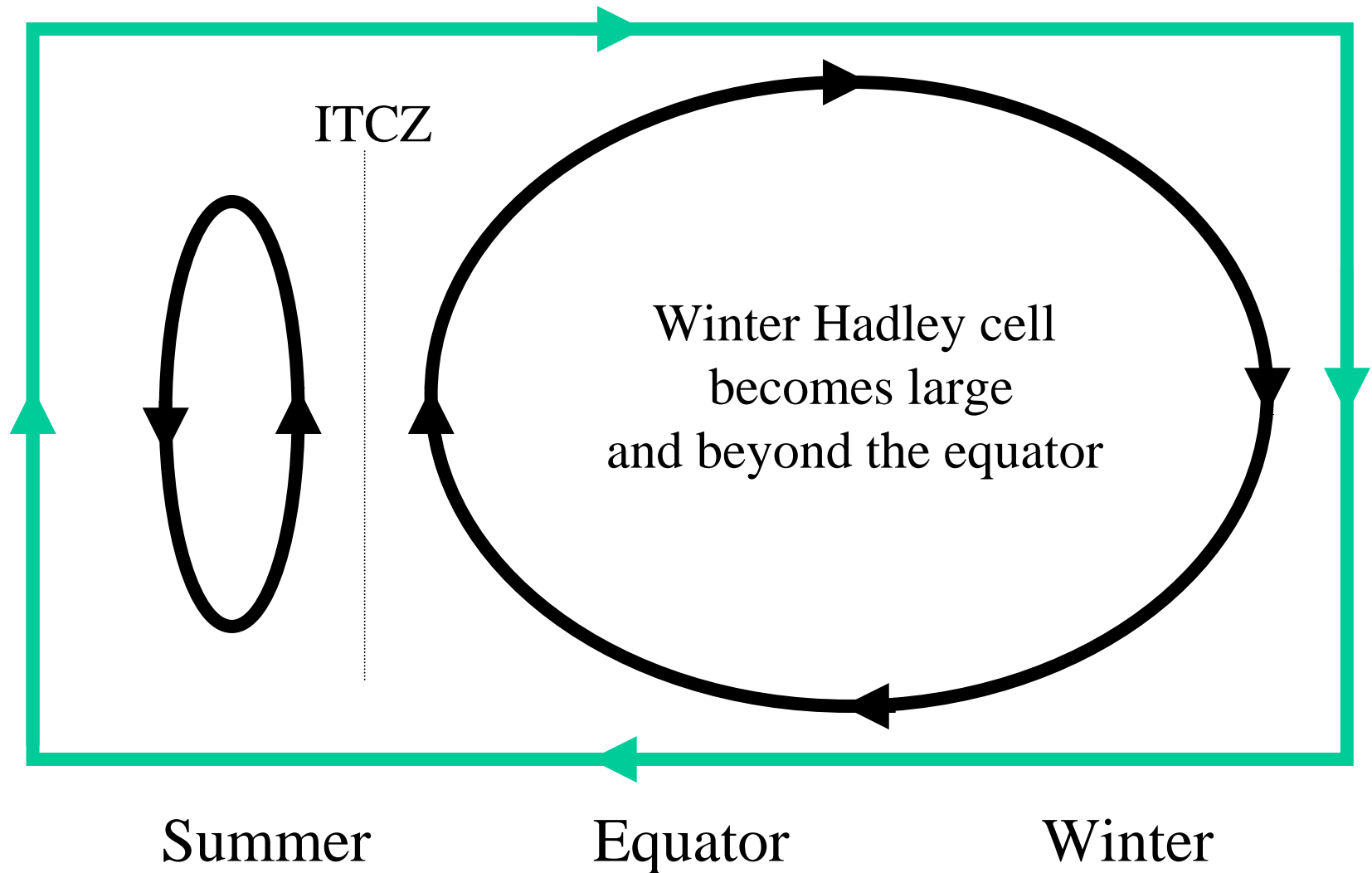
- Antisymmetric forcing: $G \sim \cos y \sin mz$

Monsoon circulation: $\psi \sim -\cos y \sin mz$

$$(v \sim \cos y \cos mz, w \sim \sin y \sin mz)$$

(For details, Holton, Chapter 10)

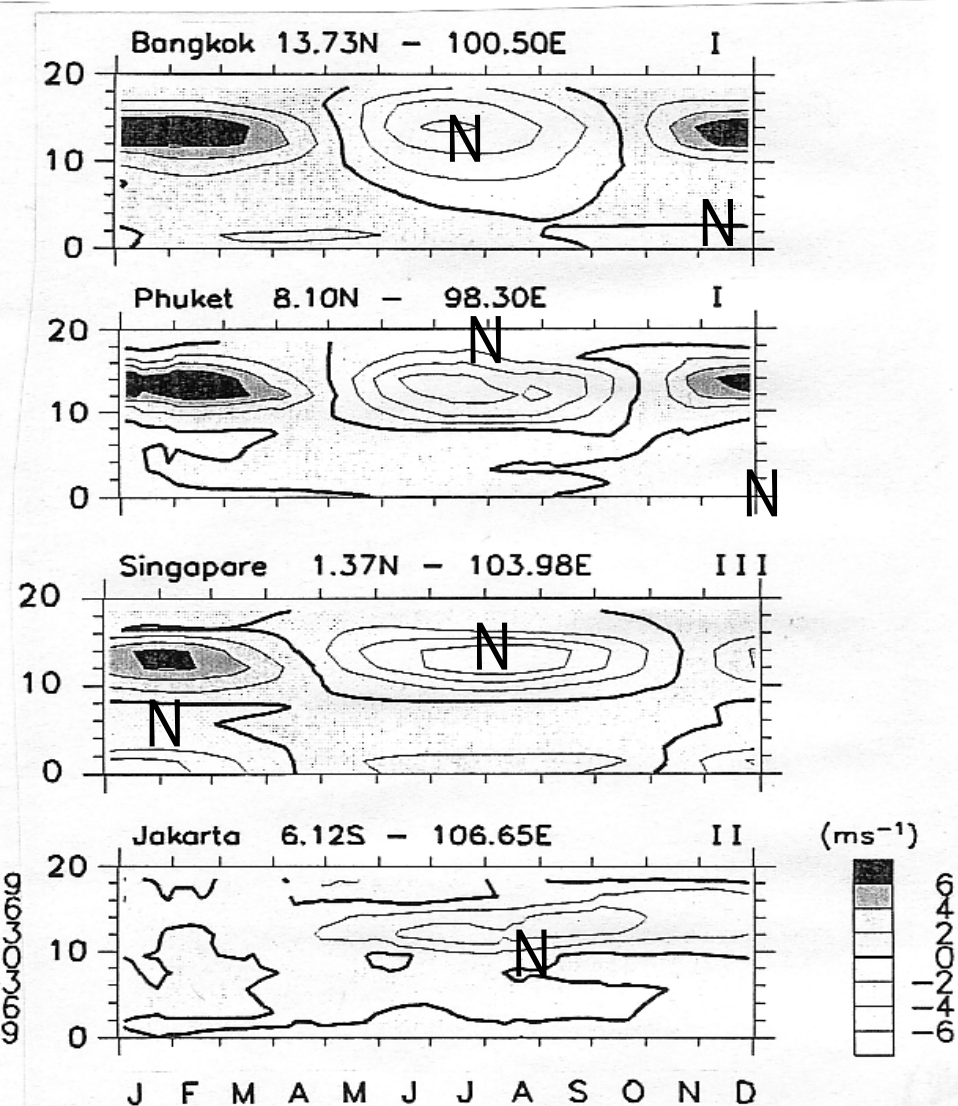
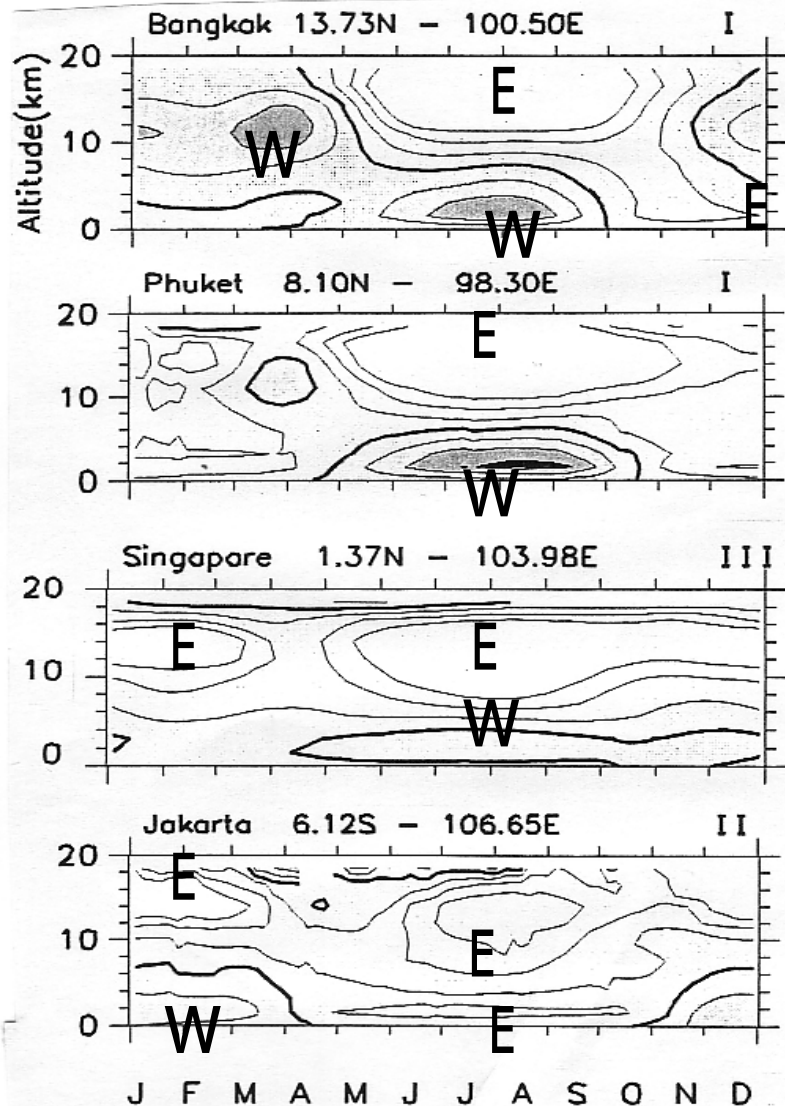
Monsoon and Hadley circulations



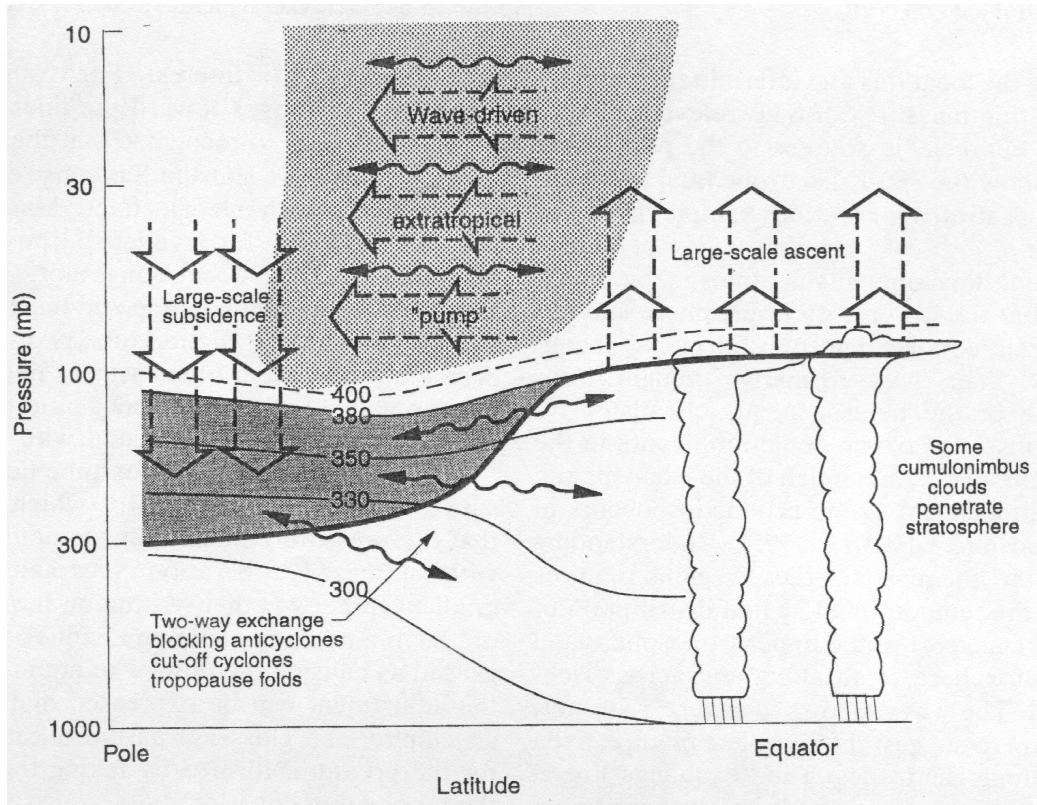
Seasonal-vertical variations

Zonal Wind
(affected by Monsoon)

Meridional Wind
(Hadley + Monsoon)



Stratospheric response to tropospheric convection



(Holton, 1995)

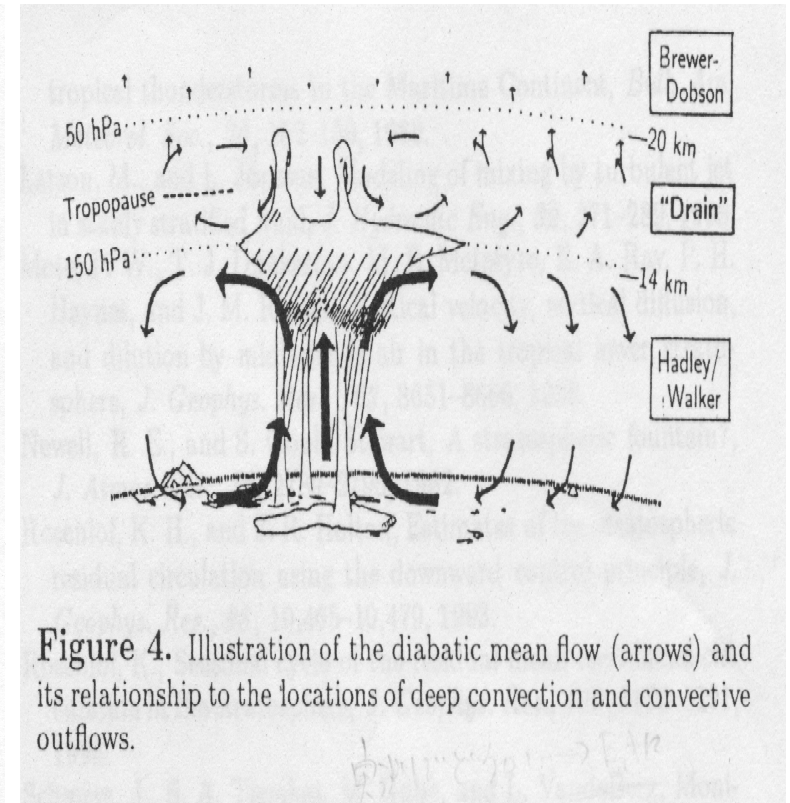


Figure 4. Illustration of the diabatic mean flow (arrows) and its relationship to the locations of deep convection and convective outflows.

(Sherwood, 2000)

Chapter 4

Equatorial wave dynamics and ENSO

4.1. Equatorial waves

4.2. Matsuno-Gill pattern and Walker circulation

4.3. Atmosphere-ocean interaction and ENSO

[4.4. Wave-mean flow interaction and QBO]

4.1. Equatorial waves

- Perturbation equations: ($u = u + u'$, etc.)

$$u' / t - y v' + \dots / x = 0$$

$$v' / t + y u' + \dots / y = 0$$

$$- (R/H) T' + \dots / z = 0$$

$$T' / t + (R/H) N^2 w' = 0$$

$$v' / y + \dots v' / y + \dots^{-1} w' / z = 0$$

- Three / t 3 types of solutions:

Eastward/westward propagating inertio-gravity waves

Westward propagating Rossby waves

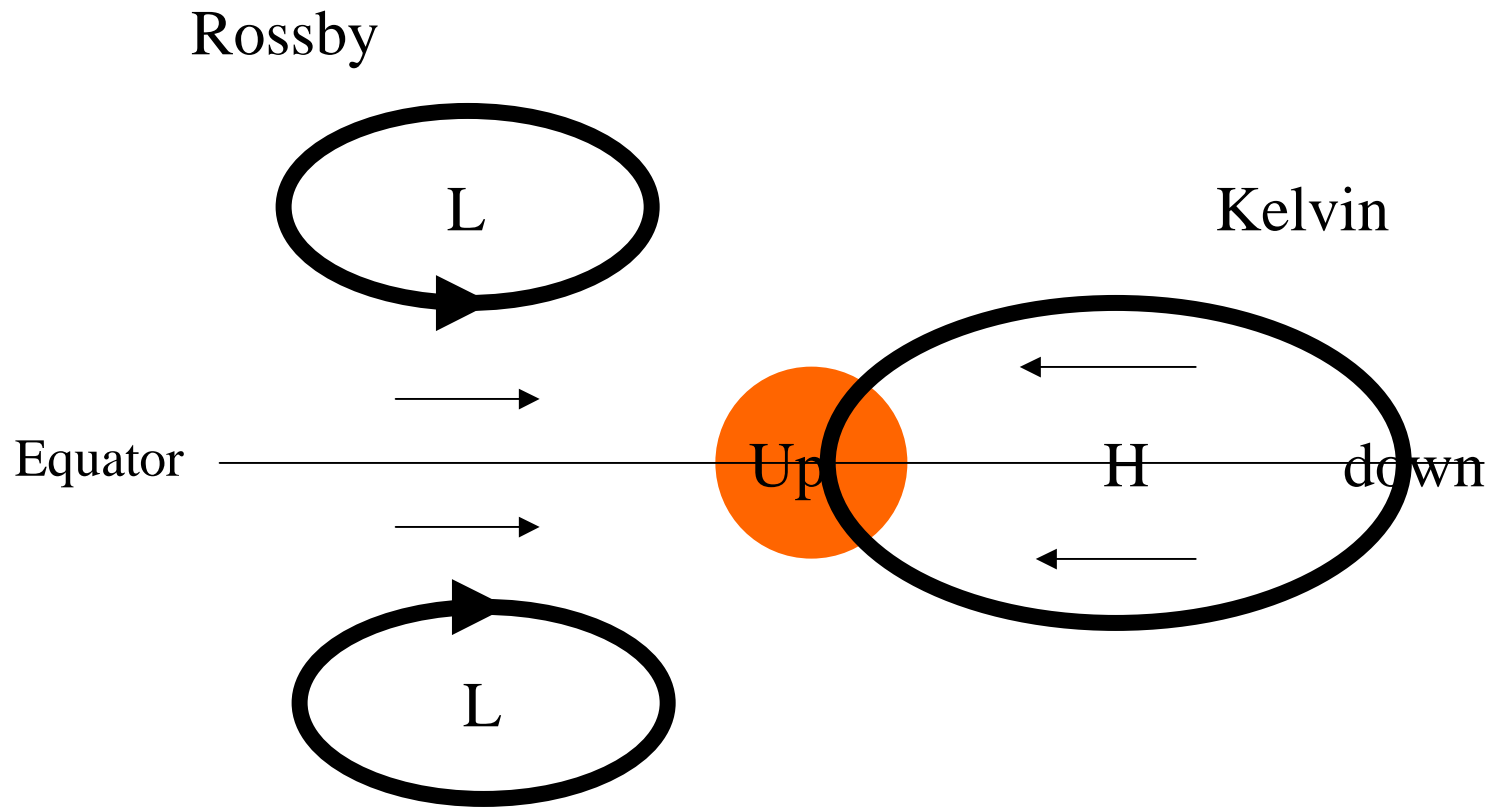
- Hermit equation and exact solutions

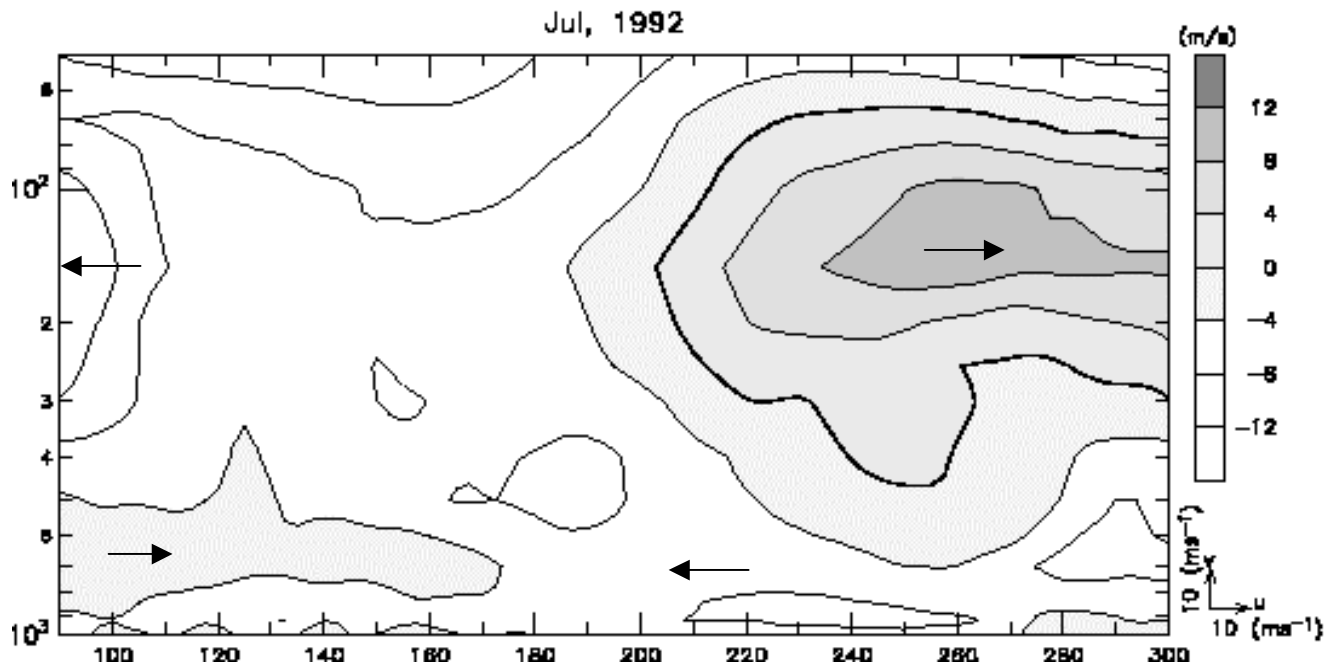
including singular solutions: (Matsuno, 1966)

Westward propagating mixed Rossby-gravity waves

Eastward propagating Kelvin waves

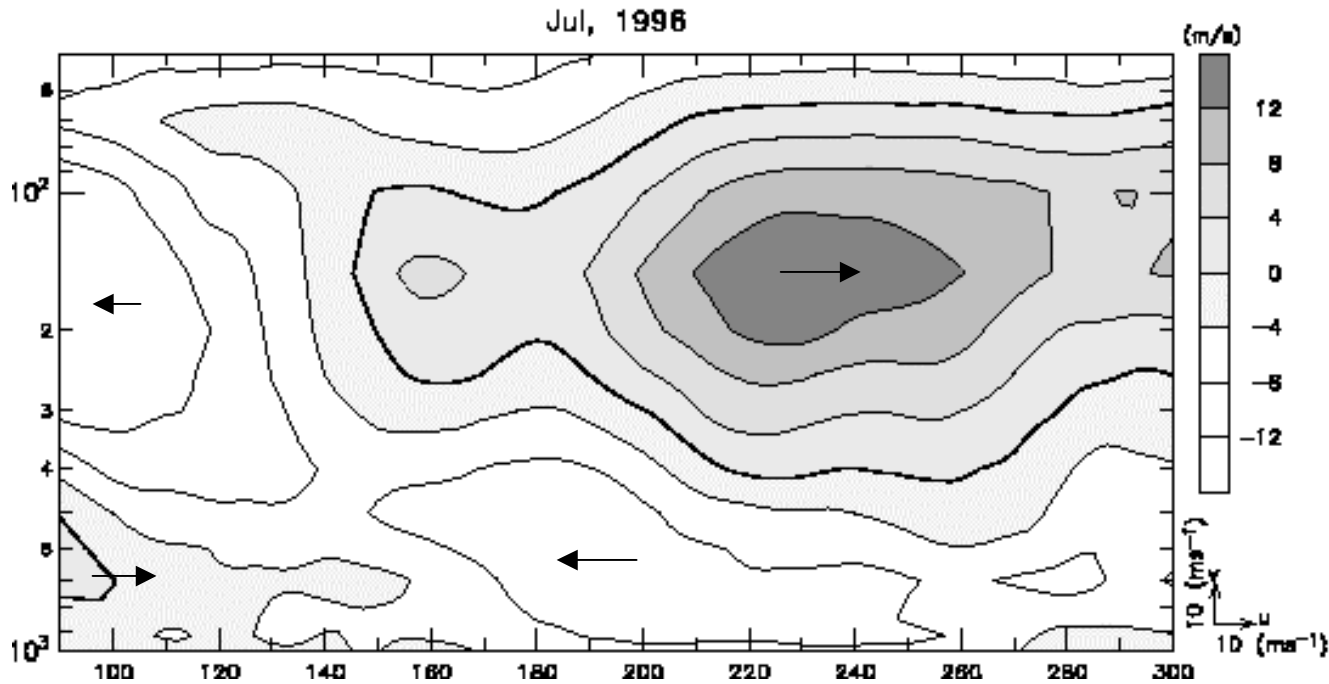
4.2. Matsuno-Gill pattern and Walker circulation



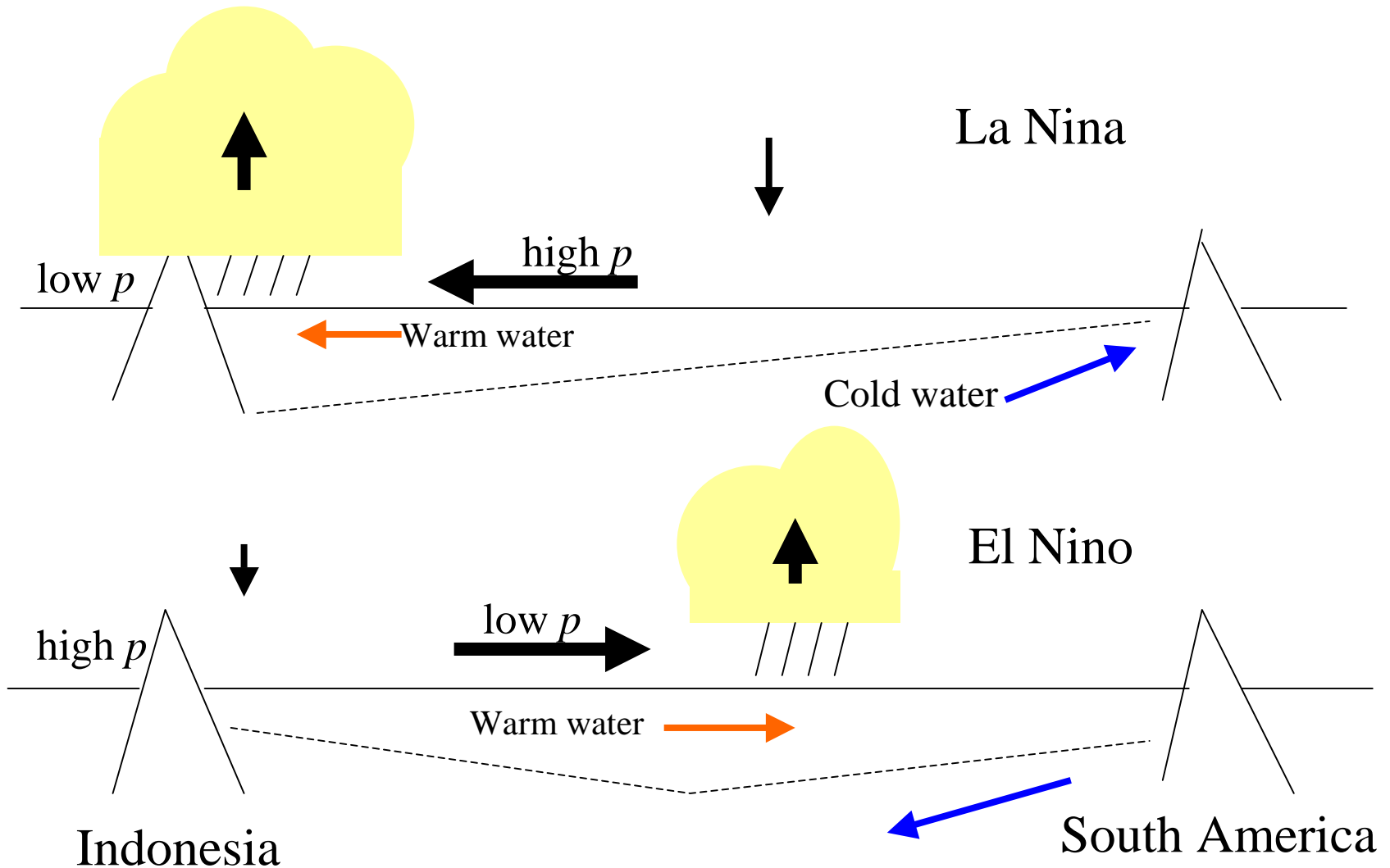


Zonal Section
of Zonal Wind

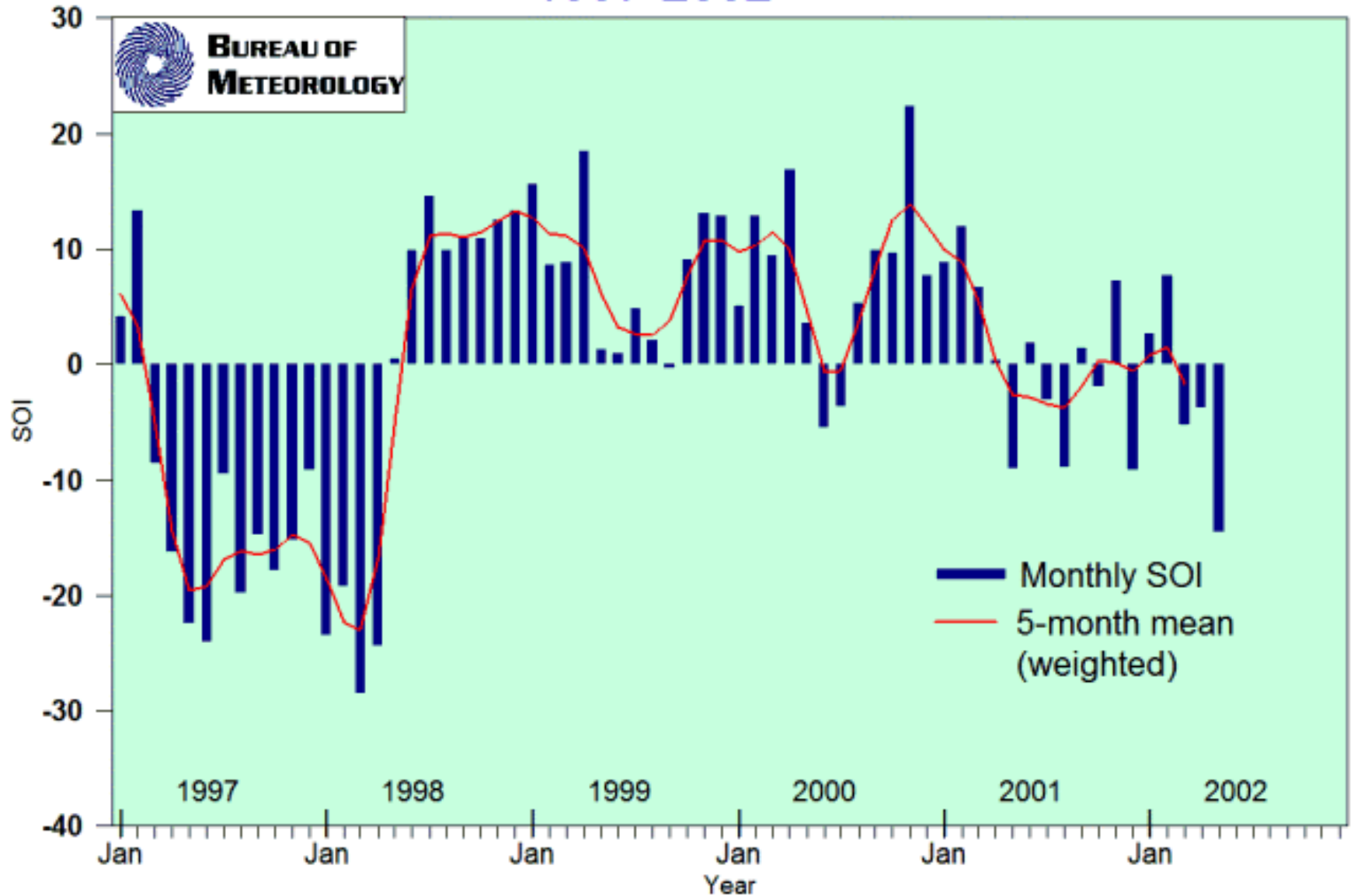
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Walker
Circulation



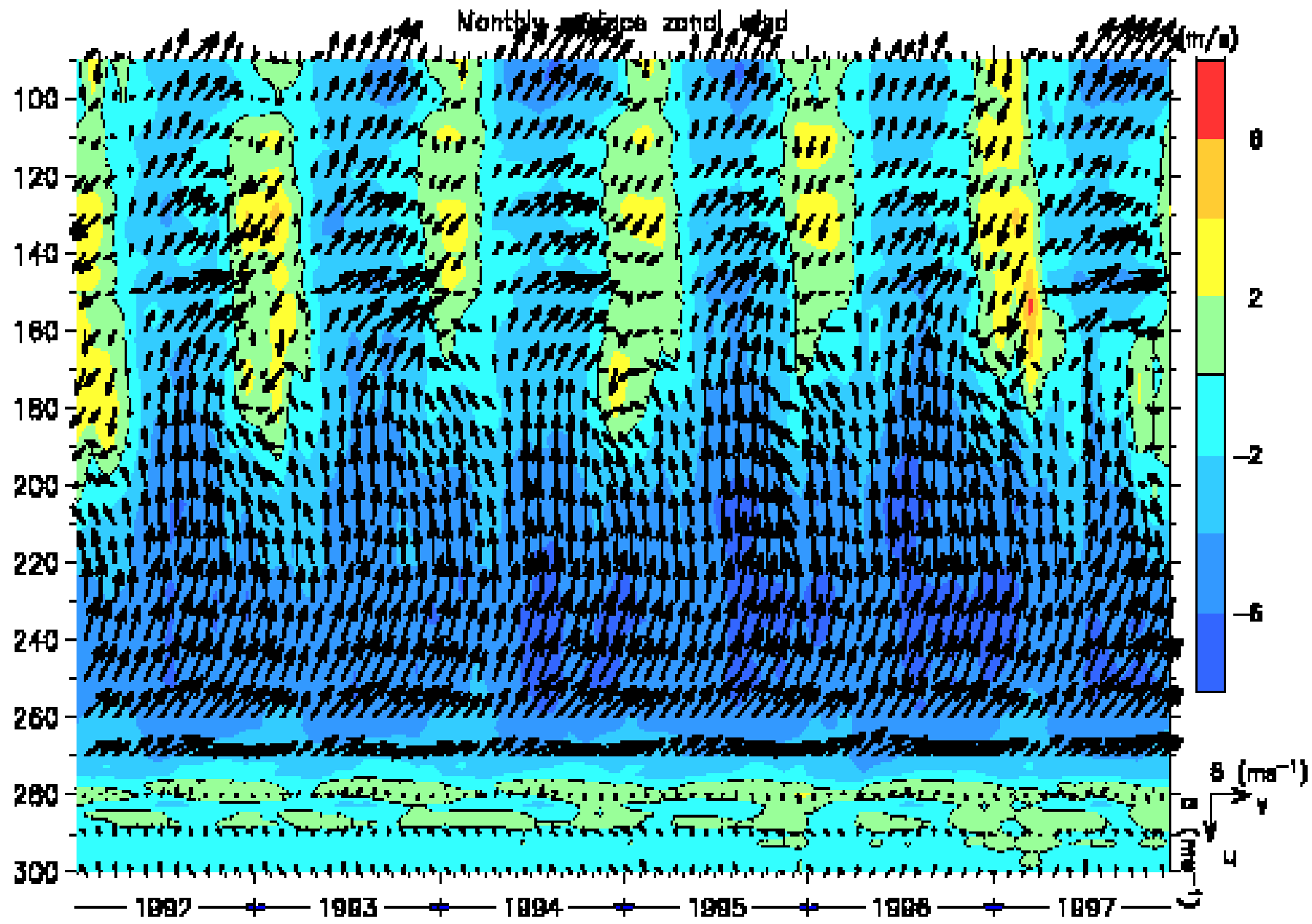
4.3. Atmosphere-ocean interaction and ENSO



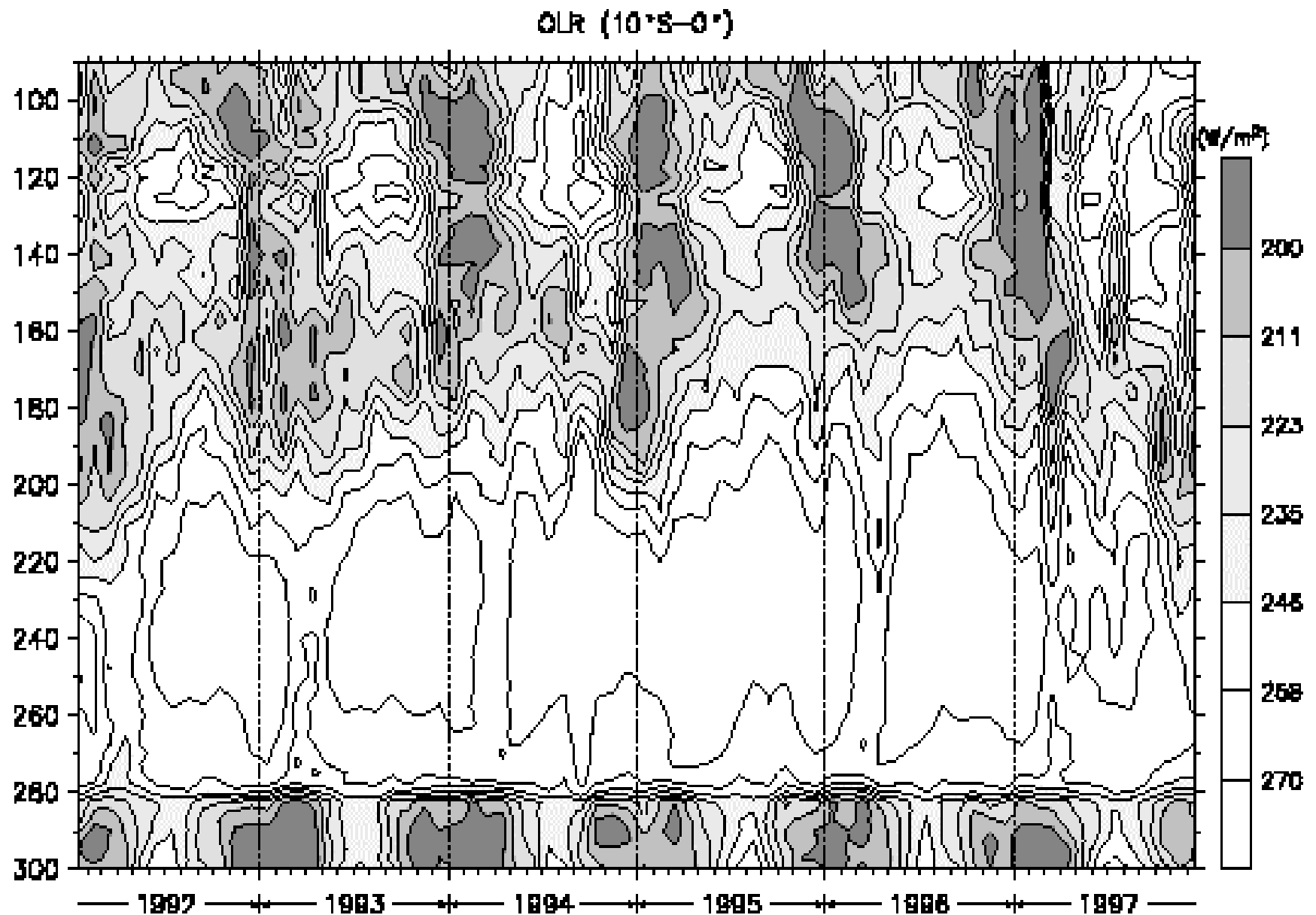
Southern Oscillation Index (SOI) 1997-2002



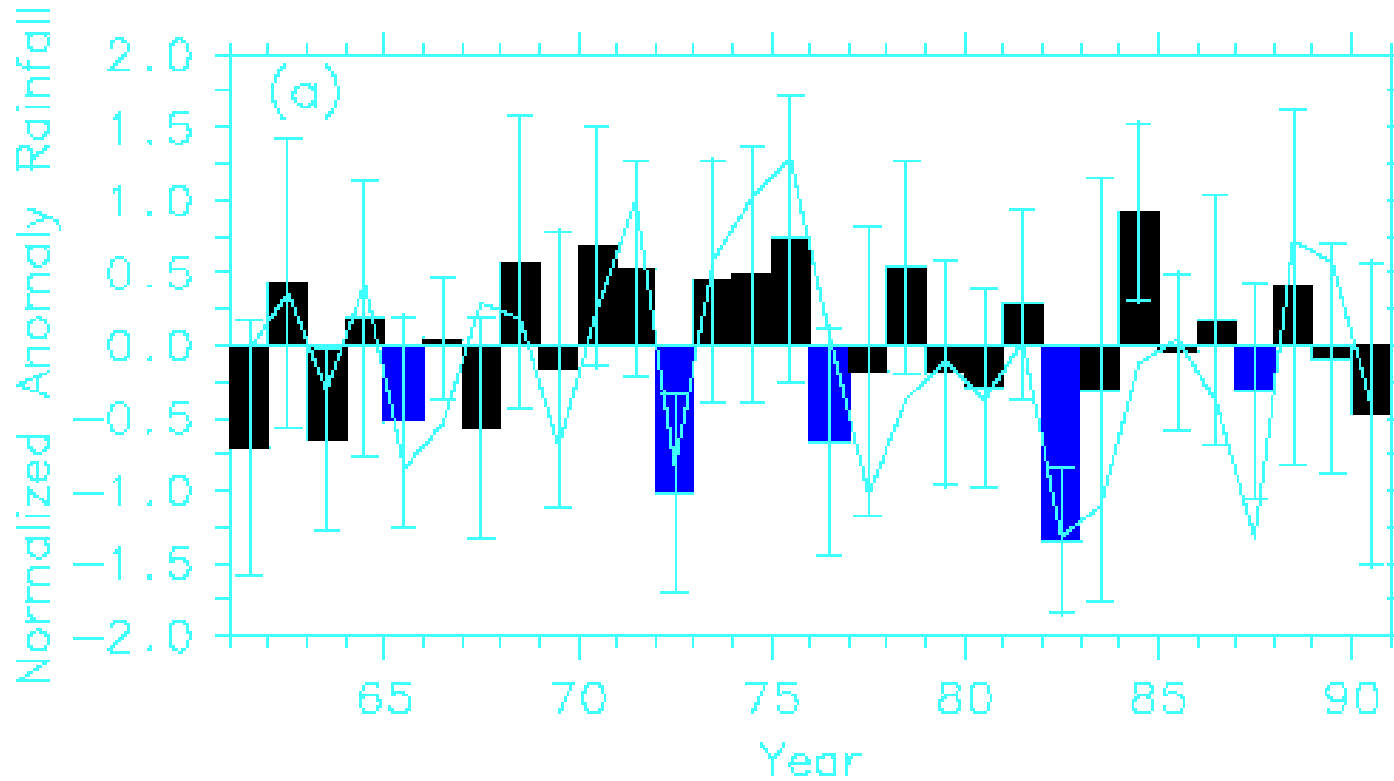
Interannual variation of surface wind over Equatorial Pacific



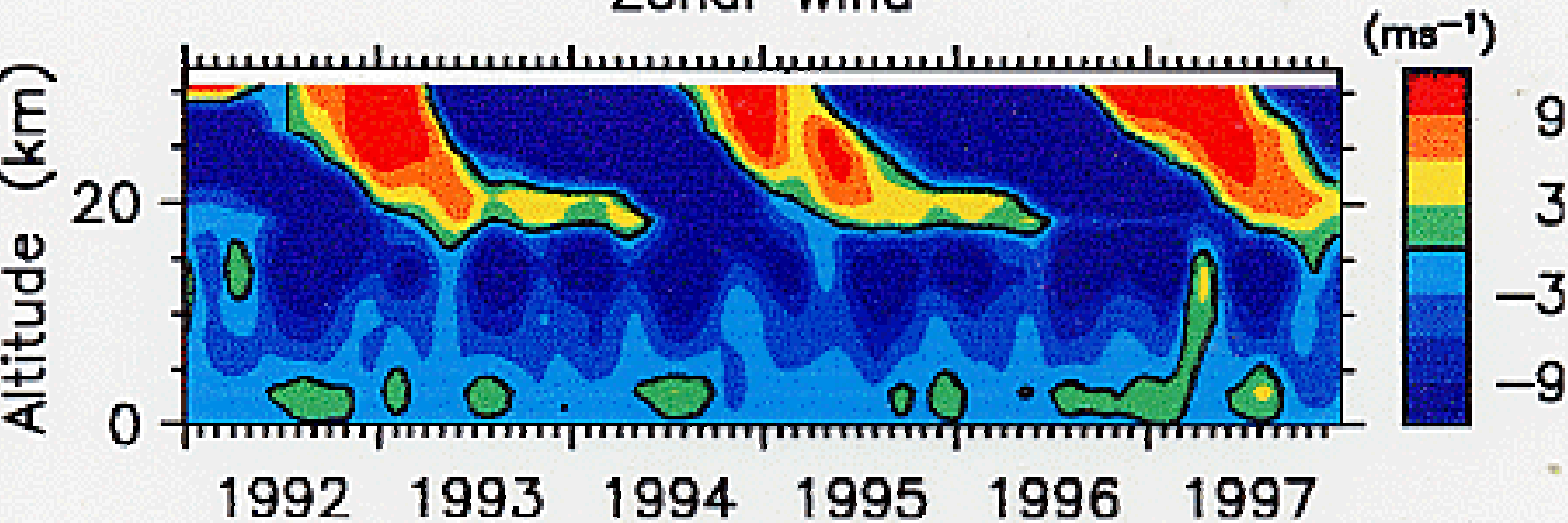
Interannual variations of OLR over equatorial Pacific



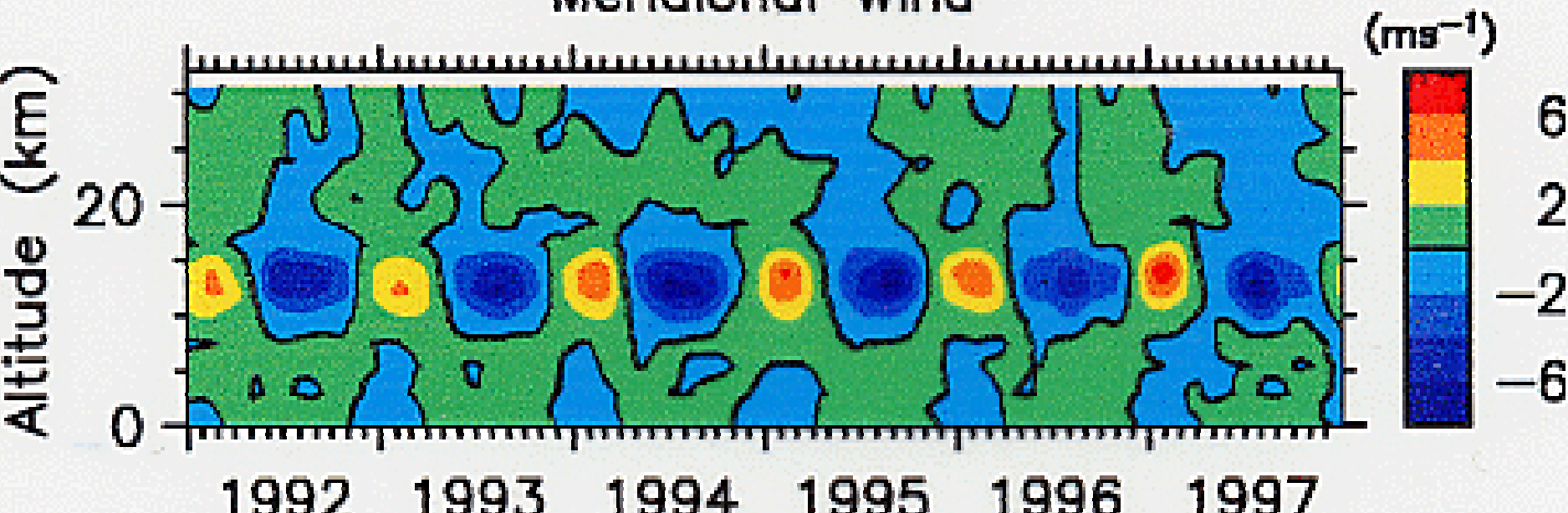
Indonesian Rainfall and SOI



Zonal Wind



Meridional Wind



Interannual Variations

- Daily rainfall (Hamada et al., 2002; JMSJ)
 - Rawinsondes (Okamoto et al., 2002; submitted)
 - Rainwater isotope (Ichiyanagi et al., 2002;GRL)
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- ENSO, QBO
 - Decadal-scale variations

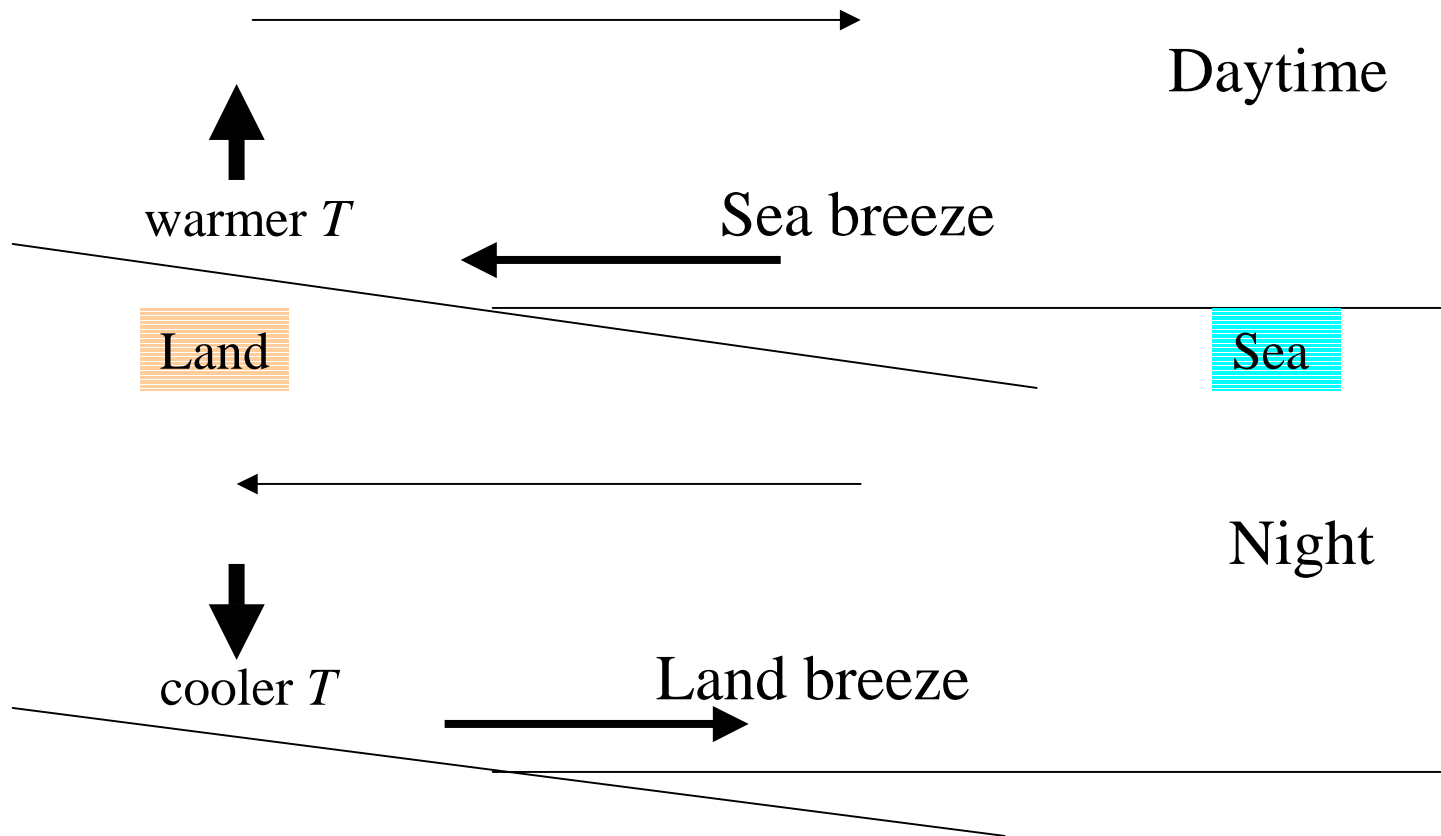
Chapter 5

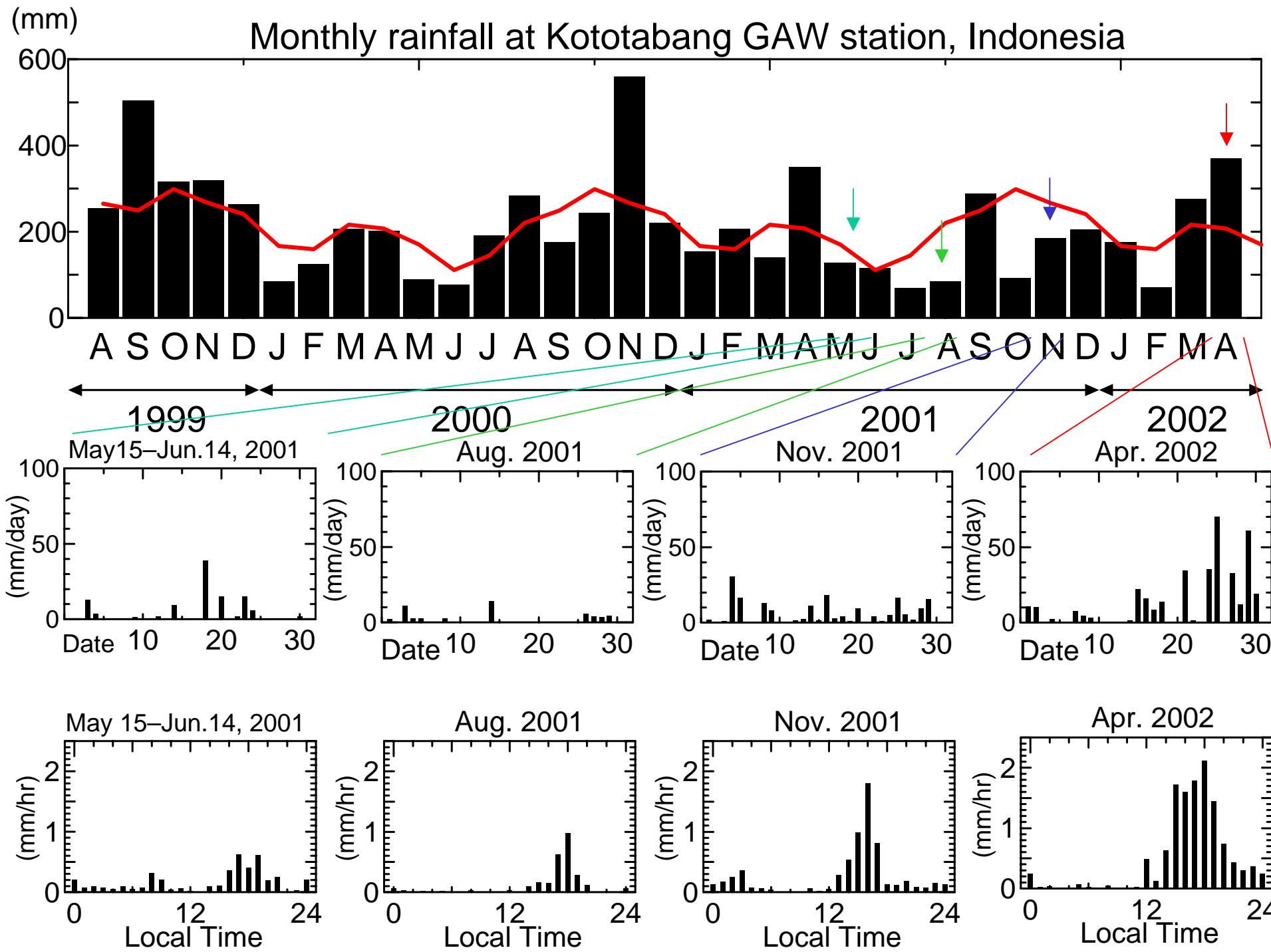
Cloud convection dynamics and tropical cyclone

- 5.1. Horizontal convection and local circulation
- 5.2. Vertical convection and cloud dynamics
- 5.3. CISK and tropical cyclone
- 5.4. Cloud organization and intraseasonal variation

5.1. Horizontal convection and local circulation

Forced motion under stable stratification with differential heating:
Sea-land/mountain-valley breeze; City (“Heat island”) circulation





5.2. Vertical convection and cloud dynamics

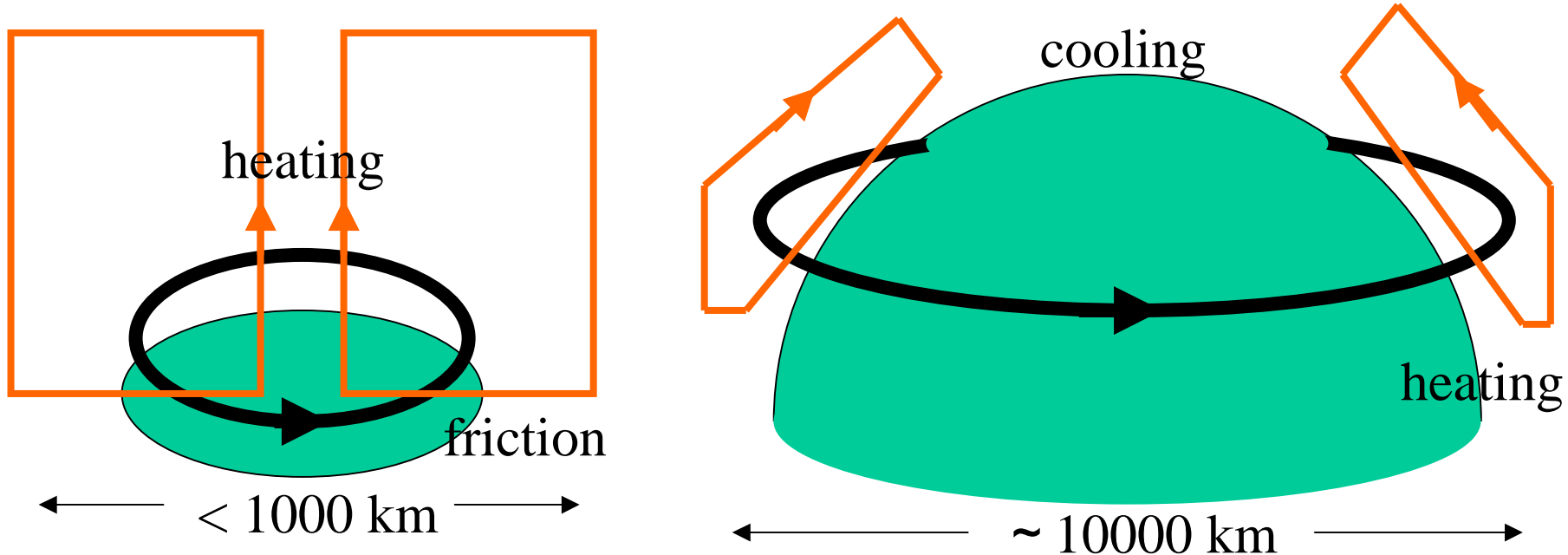
- Vertical heat transport:
 - Radiation: electromagnetic (without any media)
 - Conduction: molecule motions
 - Convection: hydrodynamic motions
- Classical hydrodynamics of convection
 - Rayleigh-Taylor, Benard-Rayleigh, ...
 - viscosity, gravity
- (Conditionally) Unstable stratification
 - Latent heating “Pseudo”-adiabatic process
 - Equivalent potential temperature
- Coupling with cloud microphysics
 - Condensation/evaporation, freezing/melting, sublimation
 - Heterogeneous growing, aerosol nuclei, chemistry, electricity
 - Warm rain: stochastic coalescence, droplet/drizzle/raindrop
 - Cold rain: ice crystal/snow/graupel /hail

5.3. CISK and tropical cyclone

- Cumulus parameterization schemes:
 - Manabe: “Convective adjustment”
 - Kuo: $Q \sim - (T - T_c)$
 - Ooyama: $Q \sim (\text{entrainment}) \cdot w / \text{PBL top}$
 - Arakawa-Schubert: Statistics of subgrid clouds
- CISK = Convective instability of the second kind
Vortex generation due to Ekman pumping at PBL top
- Tropical cyclone (Typhoon)
 - Tangential (gradient) wind: Coriolis + centrifugal = pres.grad.
Coriolis force Cyclone only in sub-tropics (> 10 deg)
 - Radial (Ekman) wind: Coriolis + centrifugal = friction
Centrifugal force no intrusion of outside air into “Eye”
 - Warm-core, “eye-wall” cloud, spiral rainband
 - Typhoon activity and its interannual variation (ENSO)

Typhoon as a “mini-earth”

with different heating distribution



Tangential wind

Radial wind

Vertical velocity

Pressure gradient

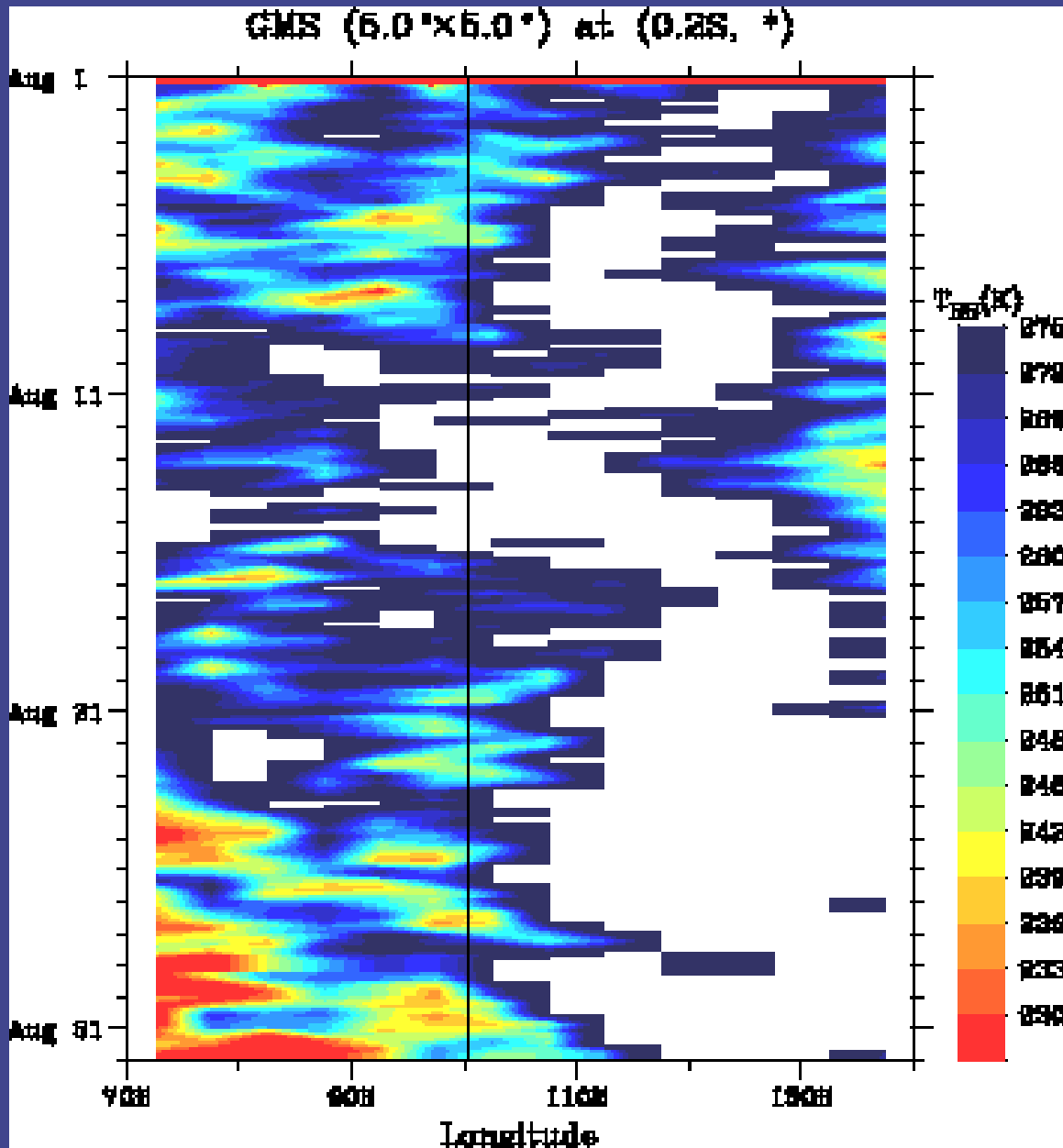
Surface friction, turbulence /drag

Latent heat by cloud/precipitation

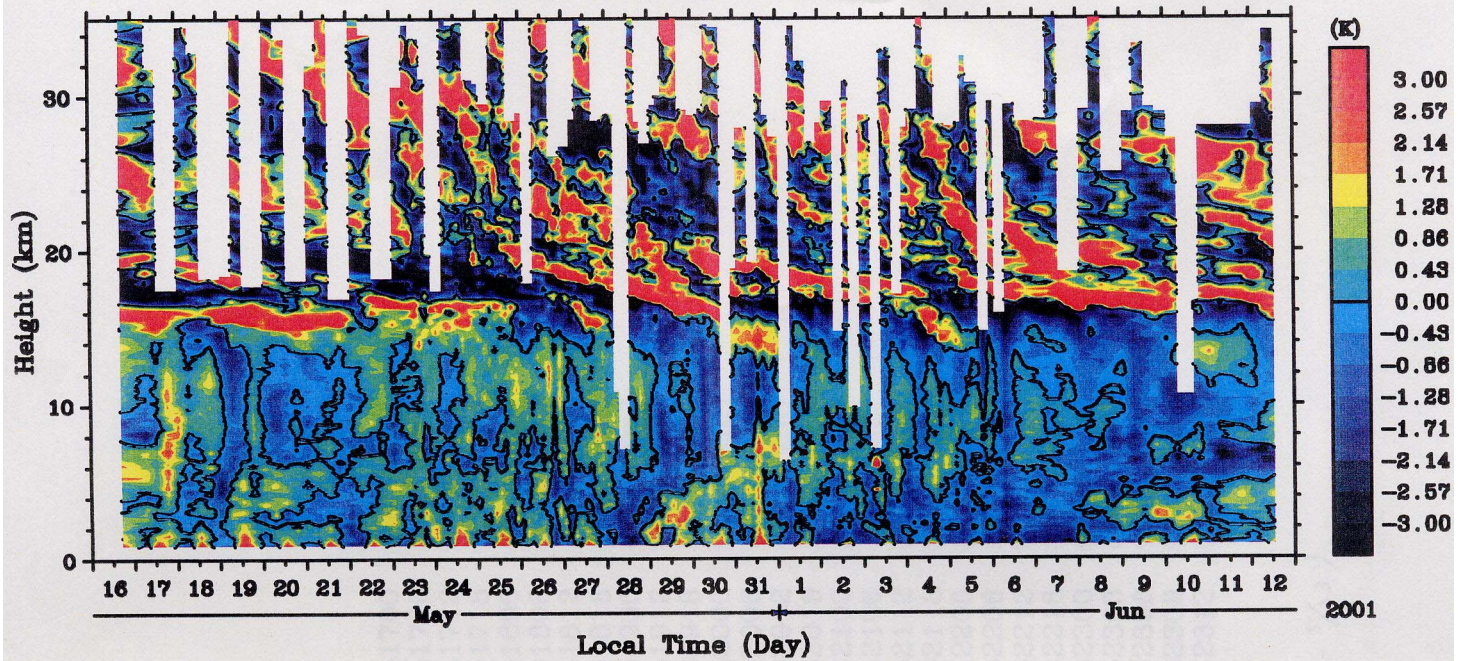
5.4. Cloud organization and intraseasonal variation

- Wave-CISK and cloud organization mechanisms
 - Kelvin-wavelike, eastward-propagating ISV (Hayashi-Sumi)
- Cloud hierarchical structure observed by GMS
 - Eastward-propagating super-cluster and 30-60 day ISV (Madden-Julian, Yasunari, ..., Nitta et al.)
 - Westward-propagating clusters inside ISV (Nakazawa, Takayabu, ...)
- Modulation of ISV observed by rawinsondes, profilers, GPS, etc.
 - Jawa (Hashiguchi et al. 1995; Tsuda et al., 1995; ...)
 - Sumatera (Wu et al, 2002; Mori et al., 2002)
 - 3D structure of ISV by composite analysis of rawinsonde data
 - Quasi-4-day period (Widiyatmi et al., 2000, 2001)
 - longer than – 2-day period over Pacific (Takayabu,)
 - Interaction with local diurnal circulations
 - North Jawa (Hashiguchi et al., 1995; Araki et al., 2002)
 - Sumatera (Murata et al., 2002; Sakurai et al., 2002)

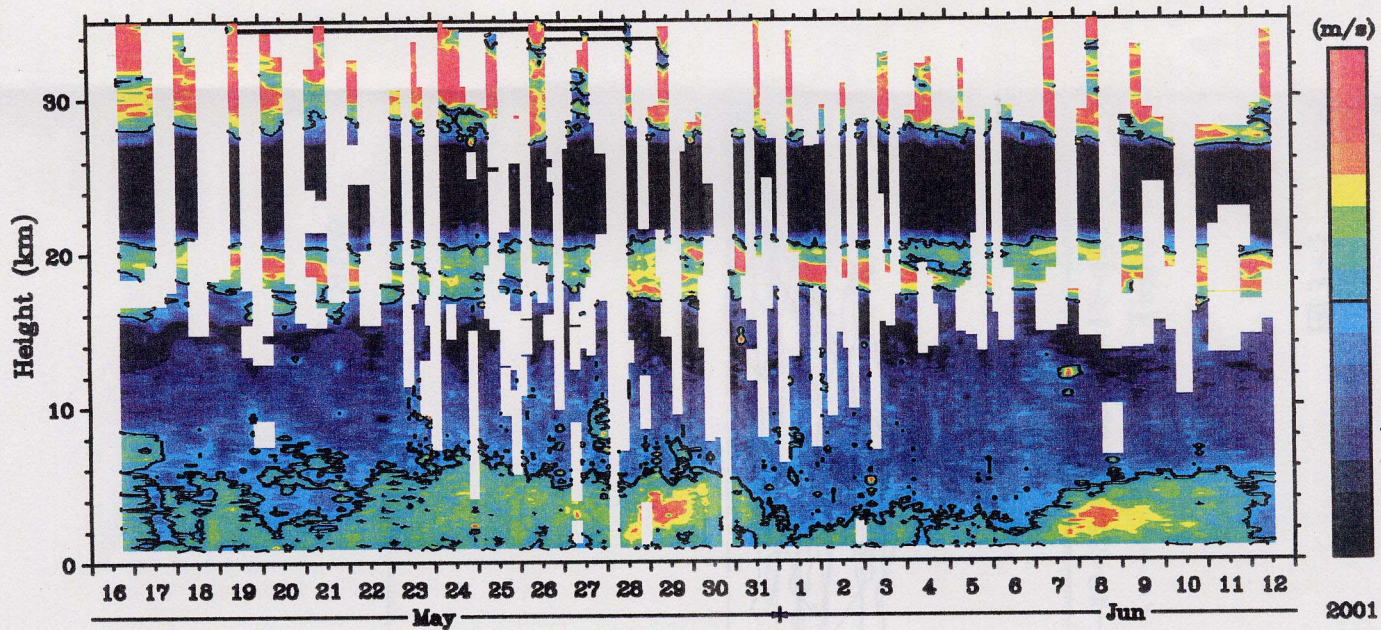
T_{BB} by GMS



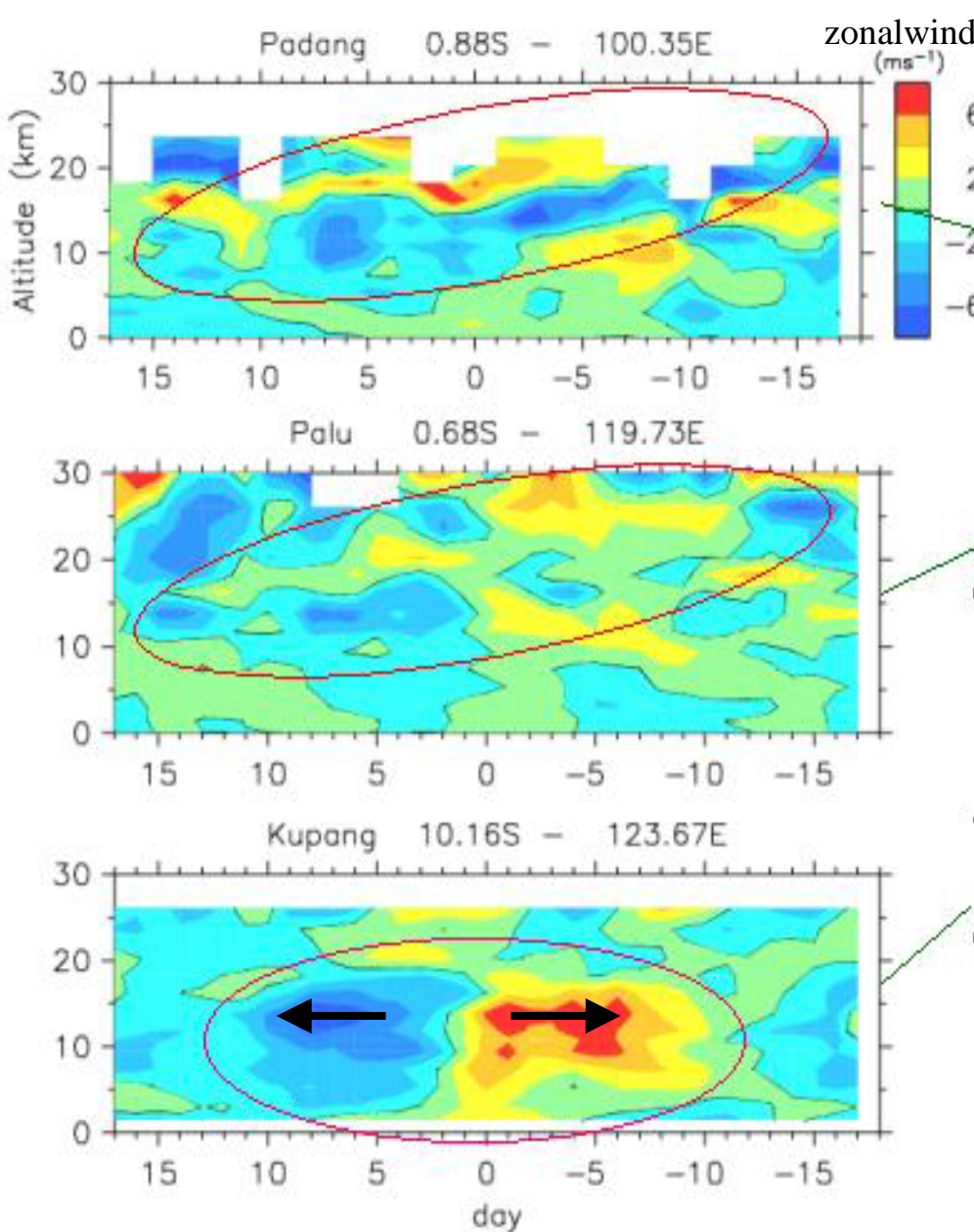
Fluctuating Component of Temperature



Zonal Wind



Composite analysis of rawinsonde data around humidity maximum



+ : westerly (→), - : easterly (←)



- Waves with downward progression (vicinity of the Eq.) (Seen also temp.)
→ **Kelvin waves!?**
- **Divergence** around 15km and **Convergence** near the ground (dominates in the S.H.)

Remarks

Local diurnal variations

Cloud generation/modification

Intraseasonal variations

Seasonal march modification

Seasonal and interannual variations

Conclusion

- Meteorological/climatological phenomena in SE-Asia are understood as a sum of solutions of the basic equations of atmospheric dynamics such as
 - Trade wind, Hadley and monsoon circulations,
 - Matsuno-Gill patterns and intraseasonal variations,
 - Local circulations and clouds.
- Education courses somewhat different from standard (mid-lat.) one of atmospheric dynamics must be established.
- Observations also must be continued and extended in order to obtain evidence of each component much more, as well as new theoretical concept from accumulated observational evidence.