

# Dynamic Meteorology and Climatology for Southeast Asia

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

Manabu D. Yamanaka

Graduate School of Science and Technology, Kobe University  
also Frontier Observational Research System for Global Change

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

Chapter 4: Equatorial wave dynamics and ENSO

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  $\phi$ , longitude  $\lambda$ , 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/s<sup>2</sup> (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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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  $T_v$

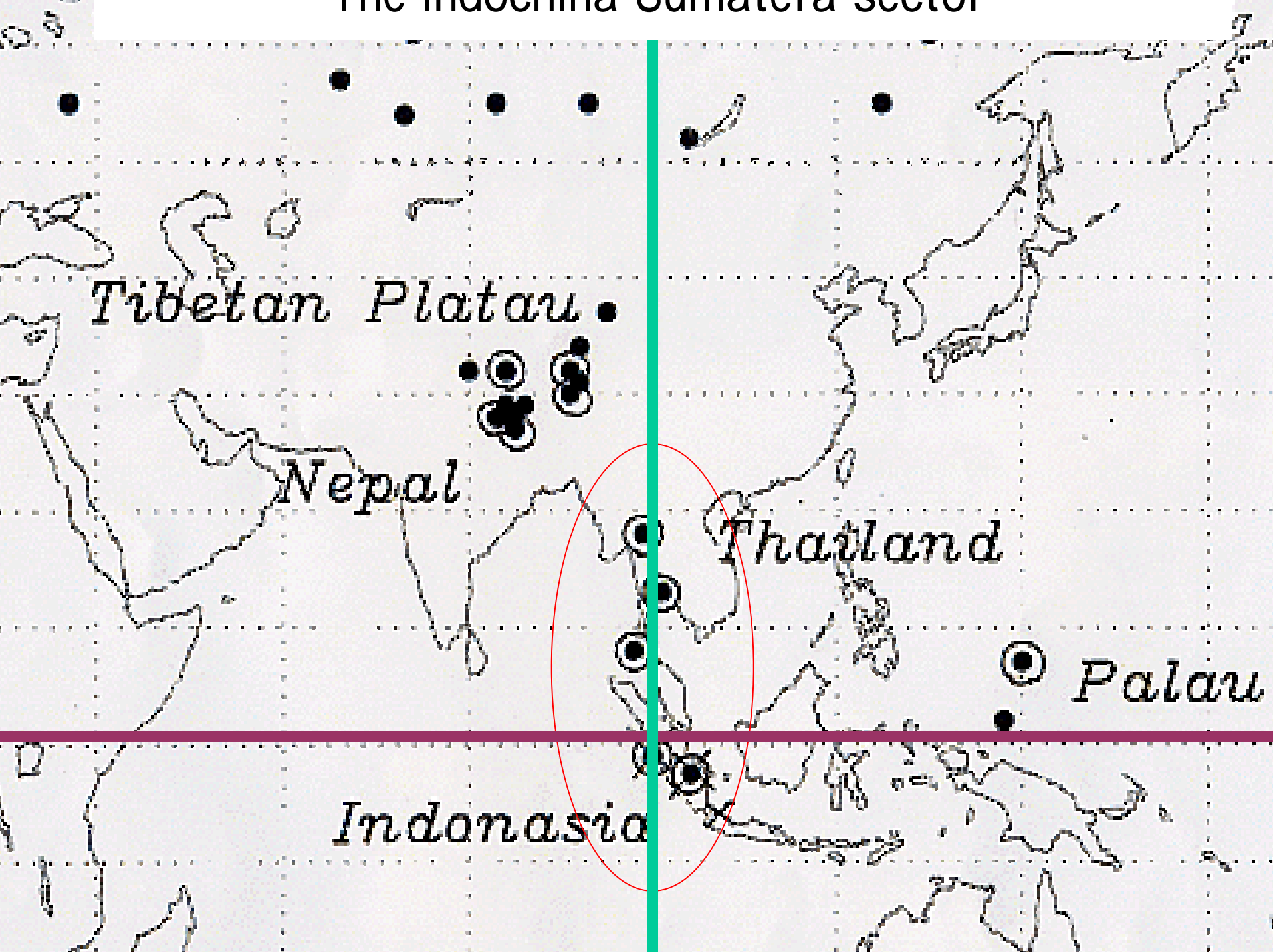
Everything must be expressed by a superposition of solutions of above 6 (7) equations!

# 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 Siamatera 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”, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> years:

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

Undergraduate course: 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 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

$$Q = \frac{1}{z} [S + I_{\downarrow} - I_{\uparrow}] = 0$$

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

$$\frac{1}{p} [T^4] \sim S/p_1$$

-  $T/z$  increases downward

- Convective equilibrium (adjustment)

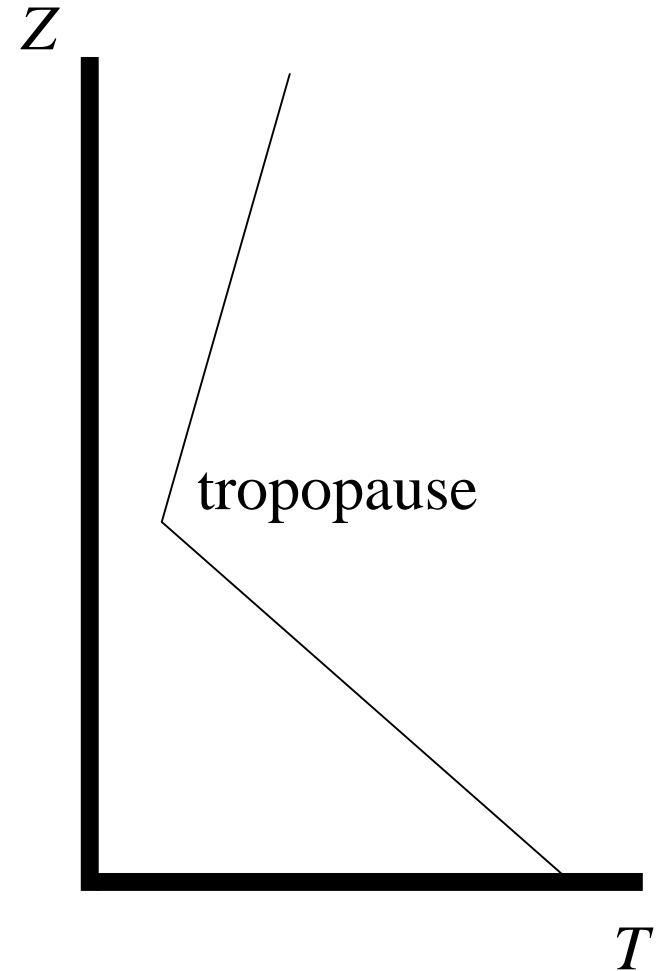
$$\frac{dT}{dz} = 0$$

(dry) adiabatic lapse rate:

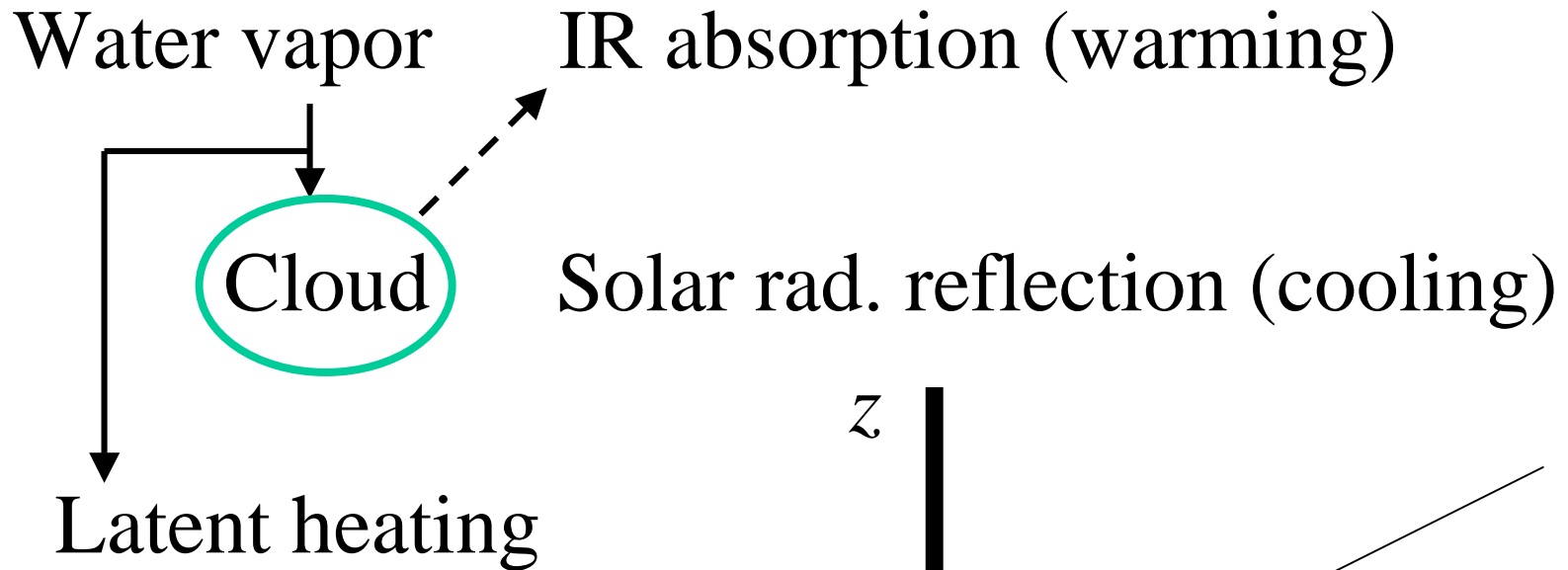
$$- \frac{dT}{dz} = g/C_p \approx 10 \text{ K/km}$$

- Separation of stratosphere (radiative)

and troposphere (convective)



## 2.3. Moisture and conditional instability

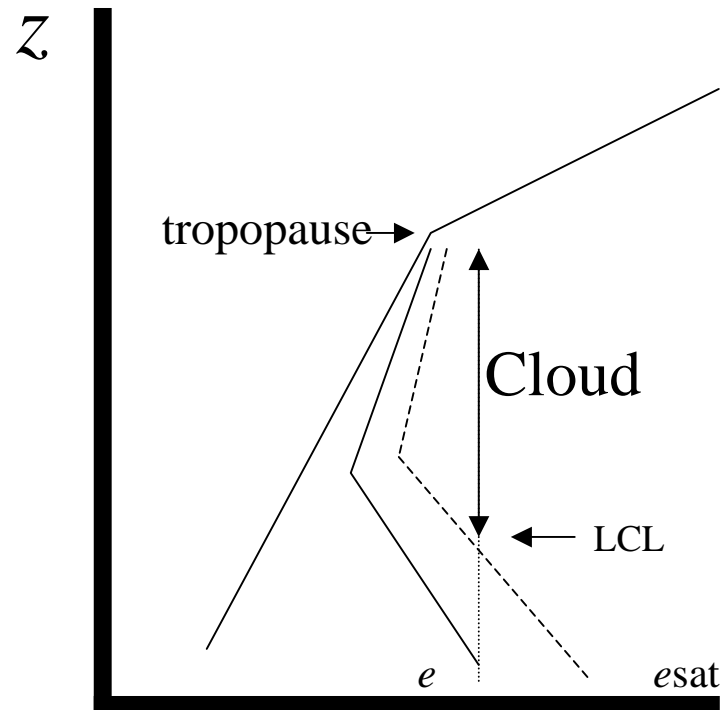


$$\frac{1}{z} = \frac{Q_{\text{latent}}}{T}$$

$$e/z = 0$$

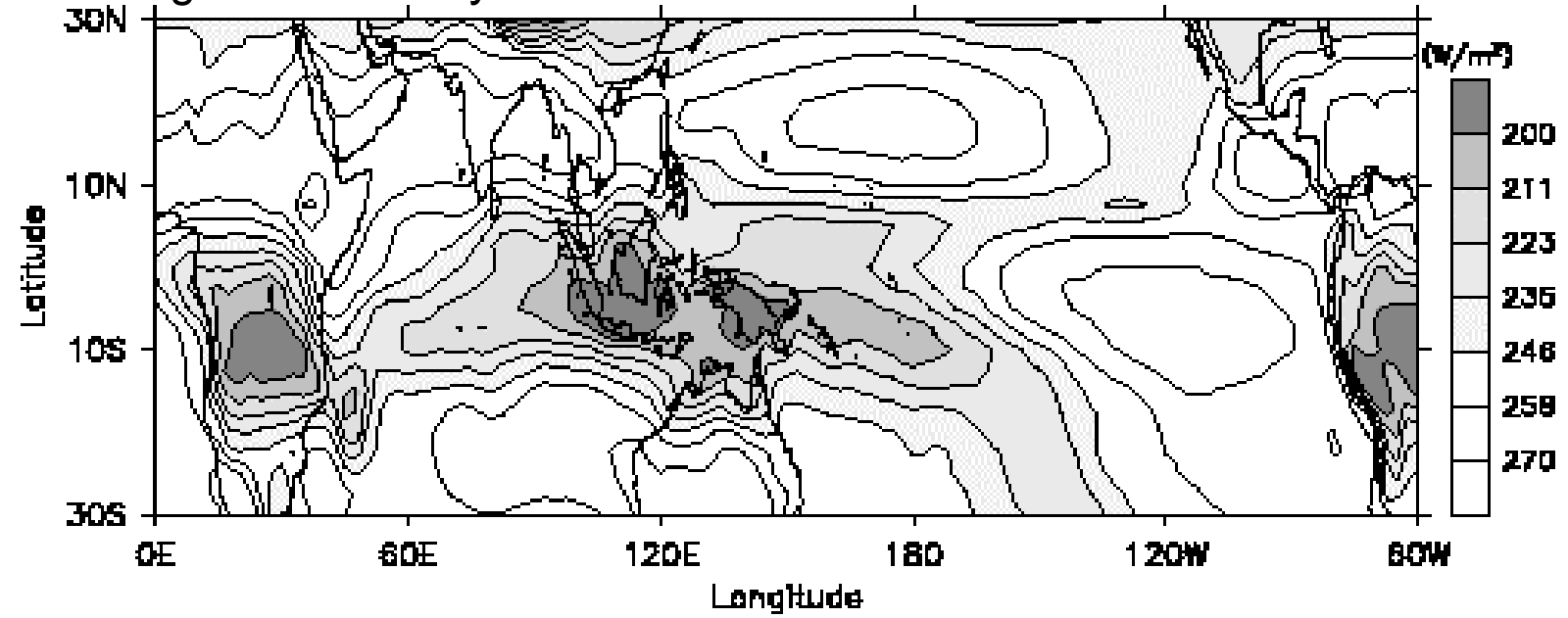
moist adiabatic lapse rate:

$$- \frac{T}{z} = 5 \text{ K/km}$$

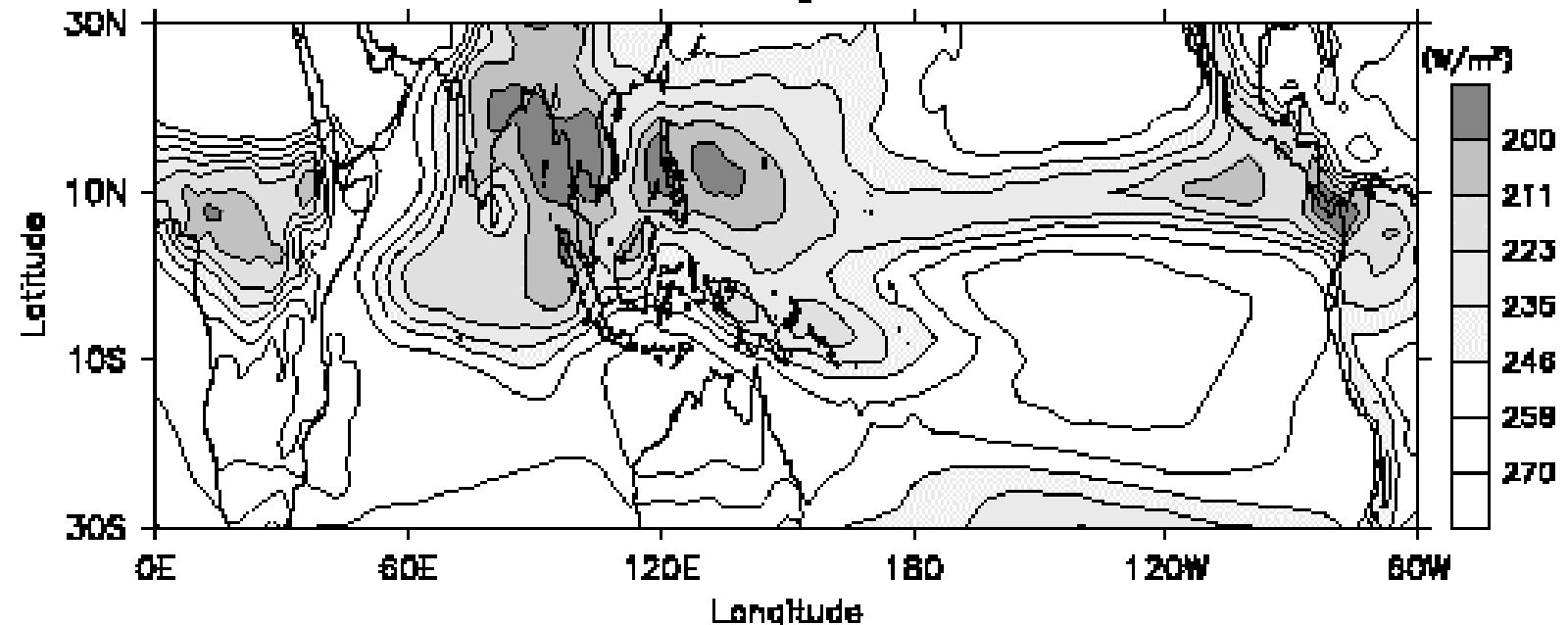


OLR longterm monthly mean (1979-95)

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 ( $f \approx 0$ ):

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

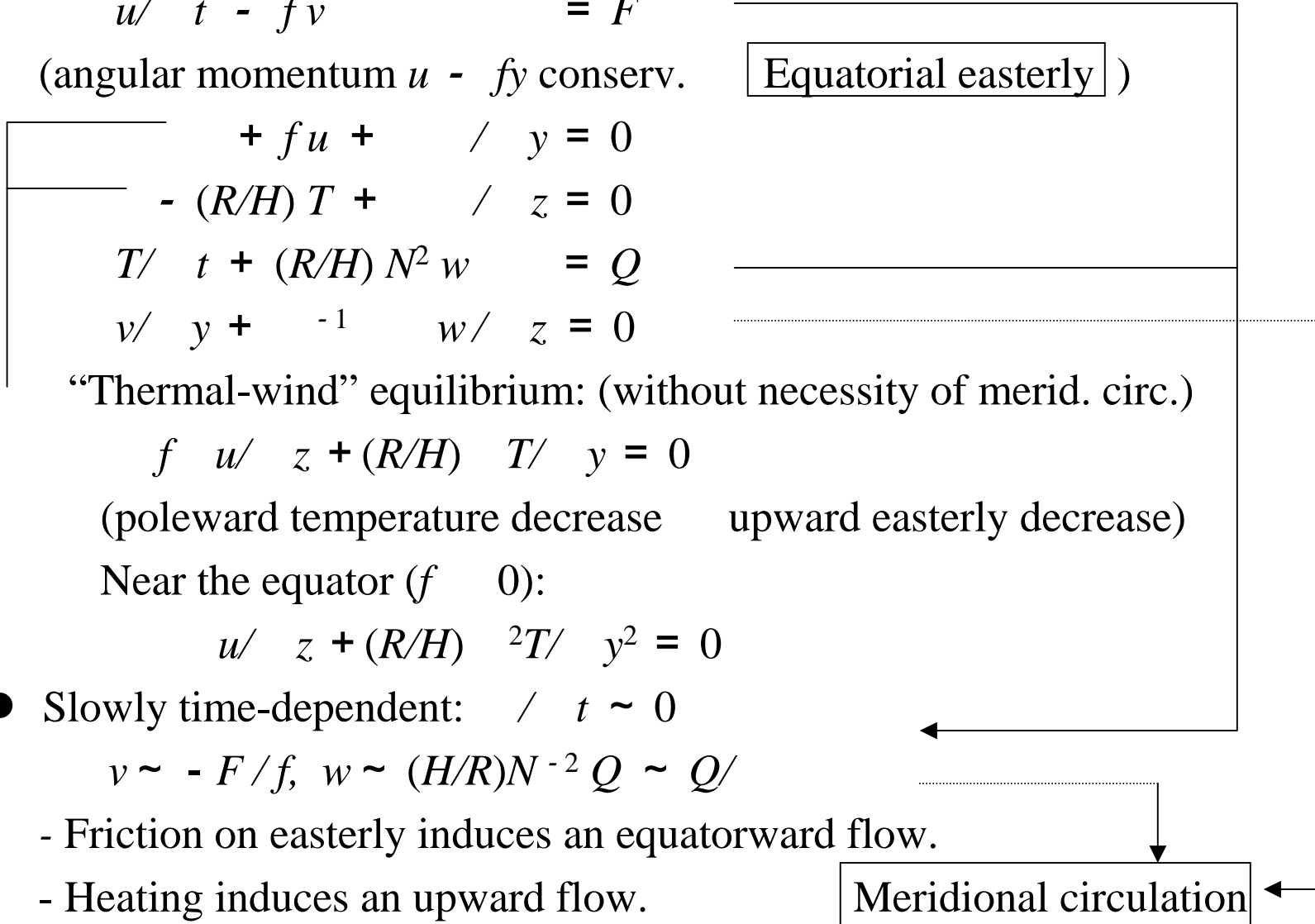
- Slowly time-dependent:  $/ t \sim 0$

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

- Friction on easterly induces an equatorward flow.

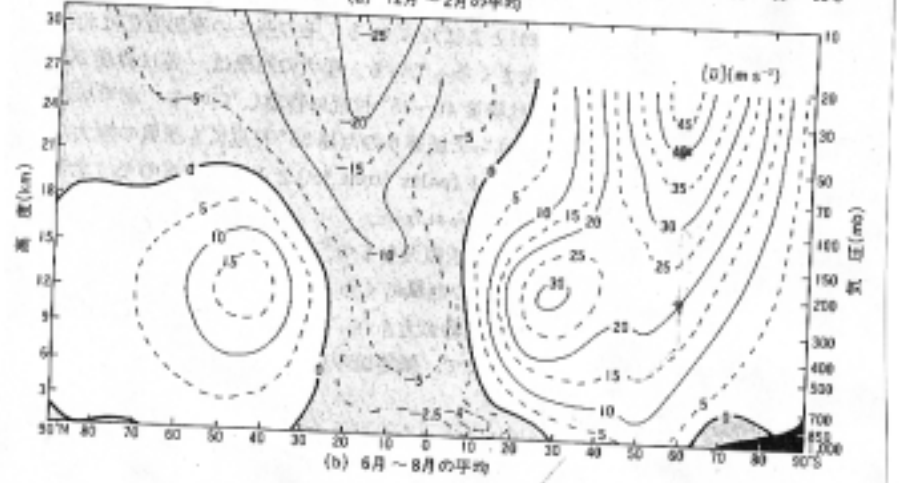
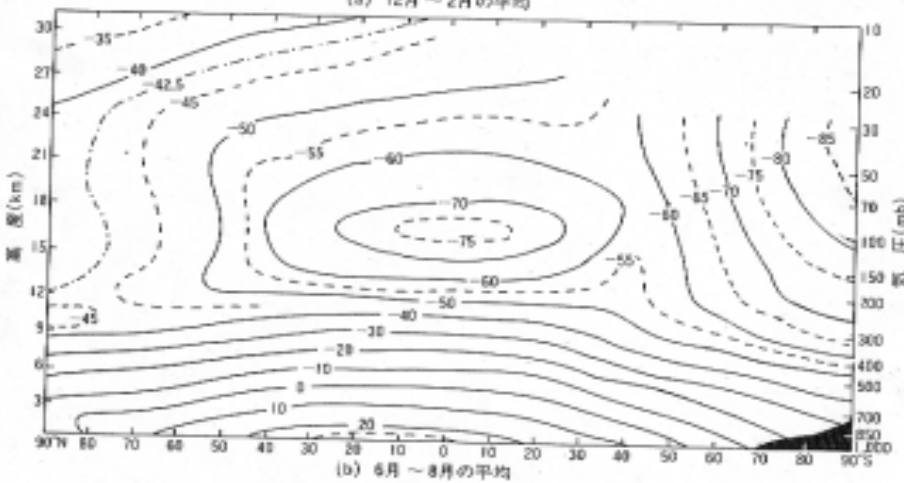
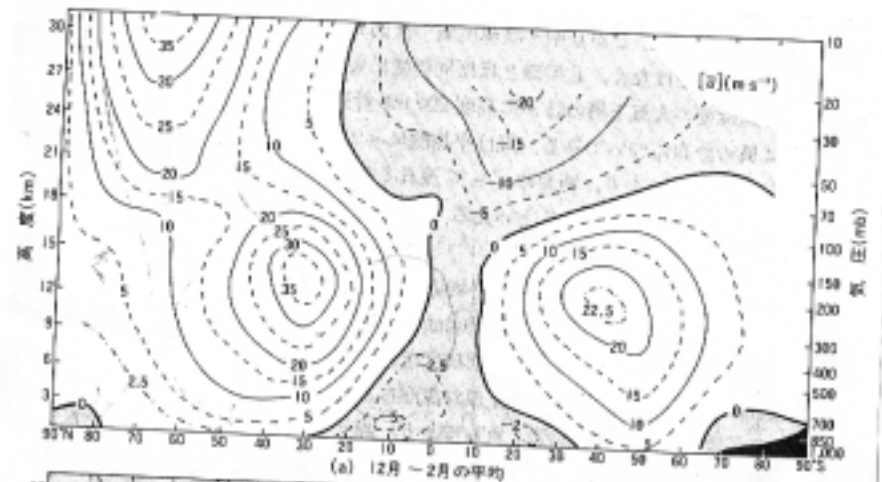
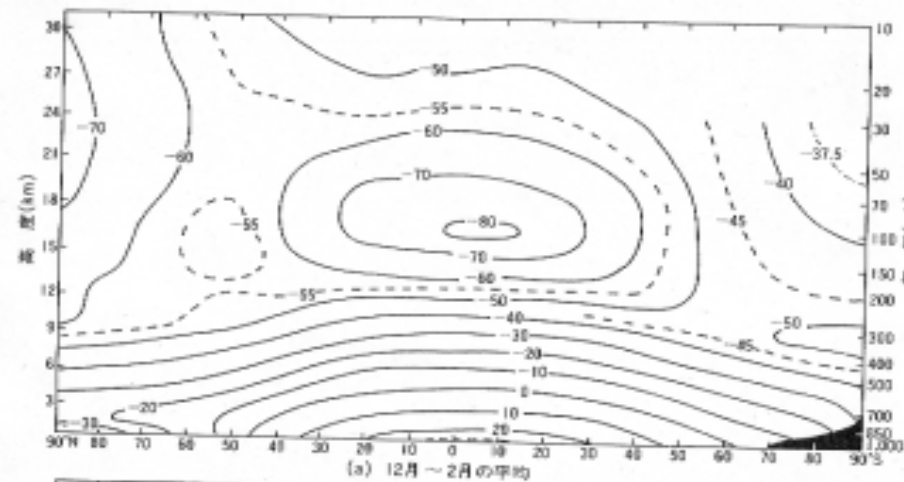
- Heating induces an upward flow.

Meridional circulation





# Zonal-mean temperature and zonal wind



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

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

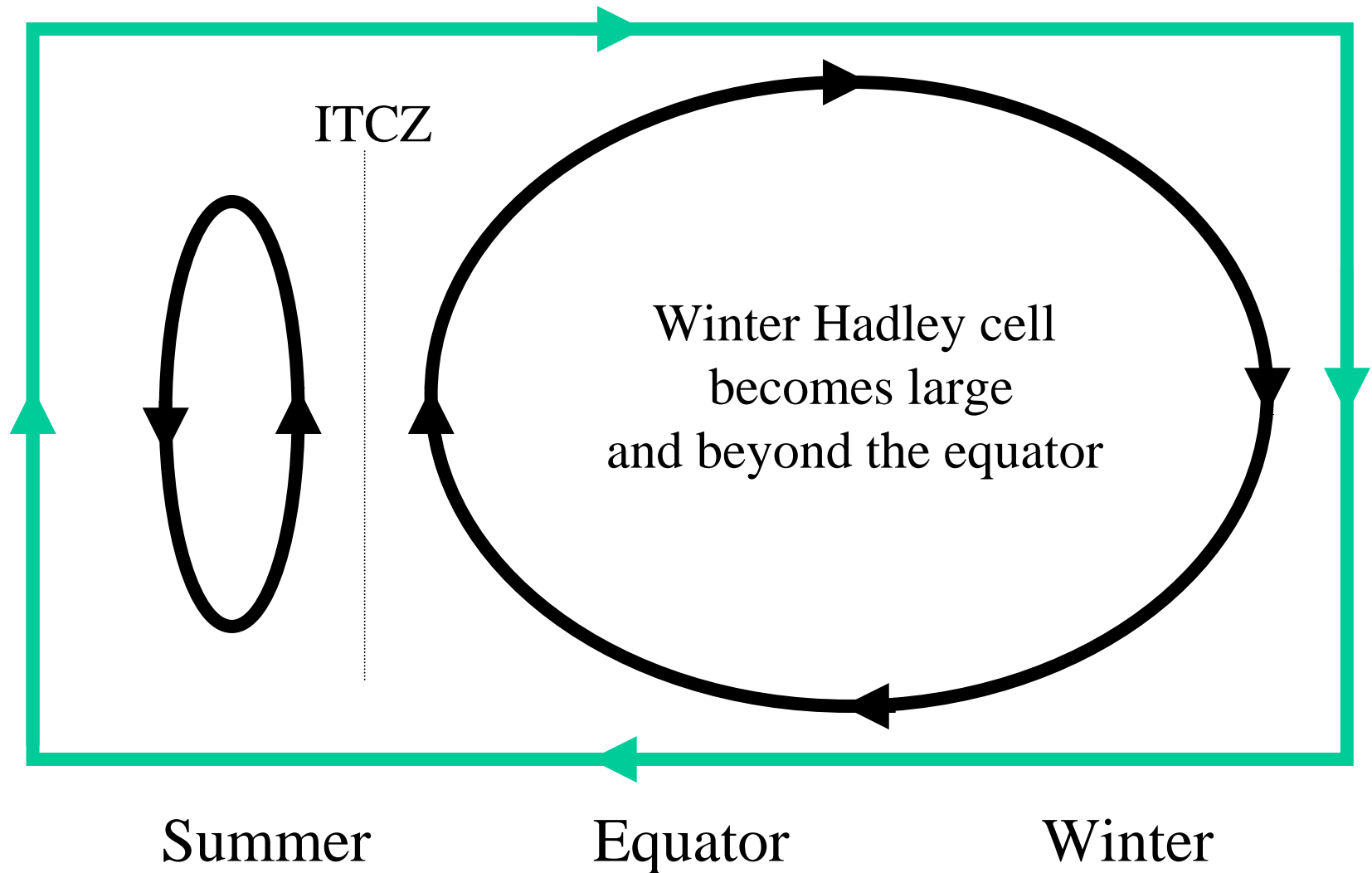
- Antisymmetric forcing:  $G \sim \cos y \sin mz$

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)

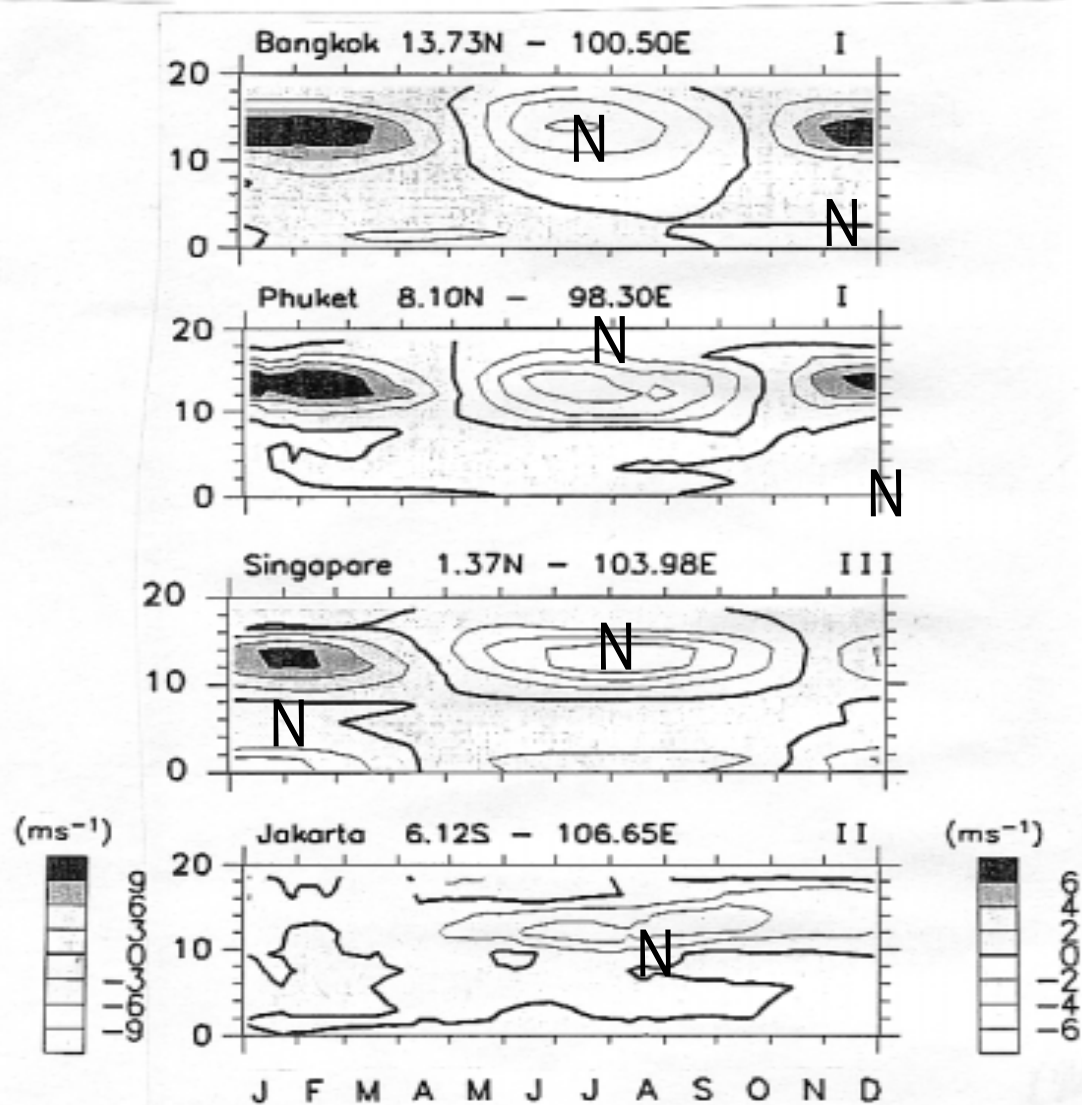
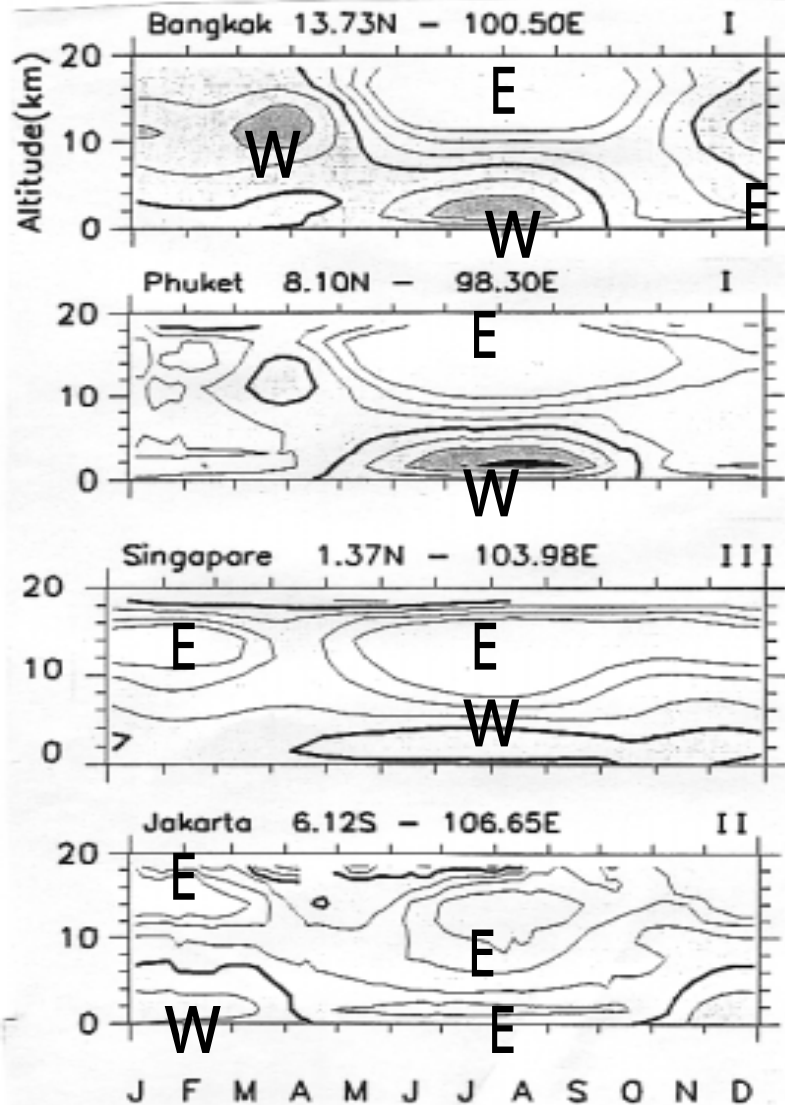
# Monsoon and Hadley circulations



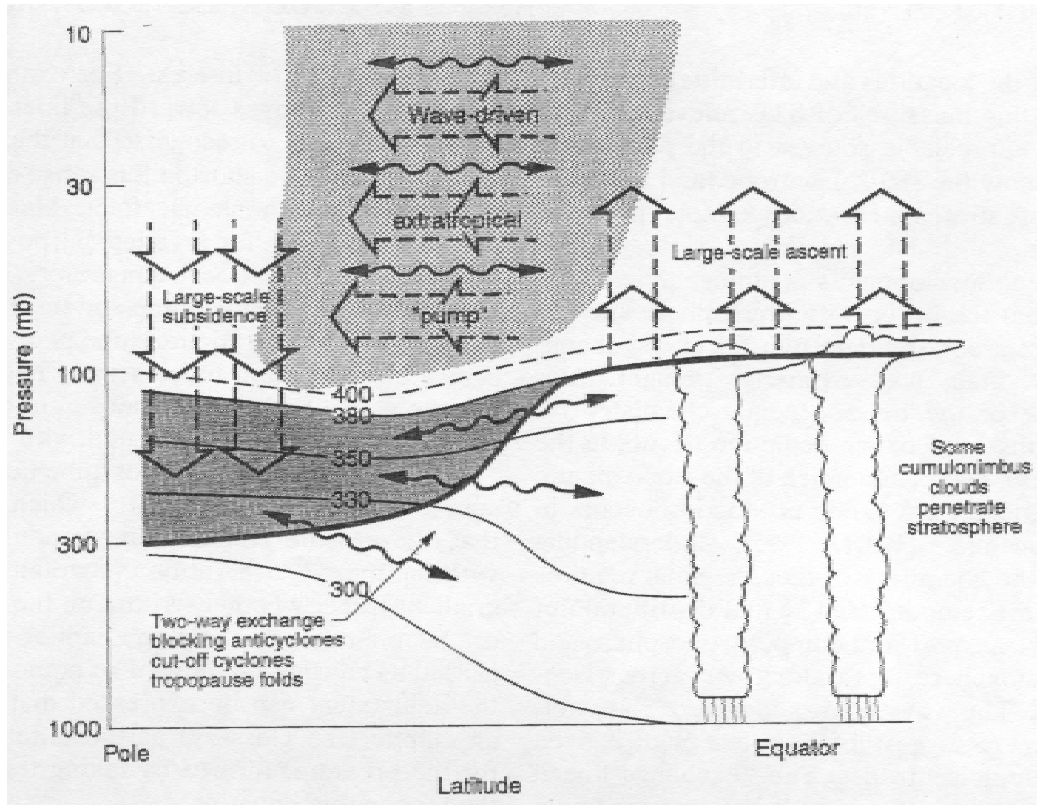
# Seasonal-vertical variations

Zonal Wind  
(affected by Monsoon)

Meridional Wind  
(Hadley + Monsoon)



# Stratospheric response to tropospheric convection



(Holton, 1995)

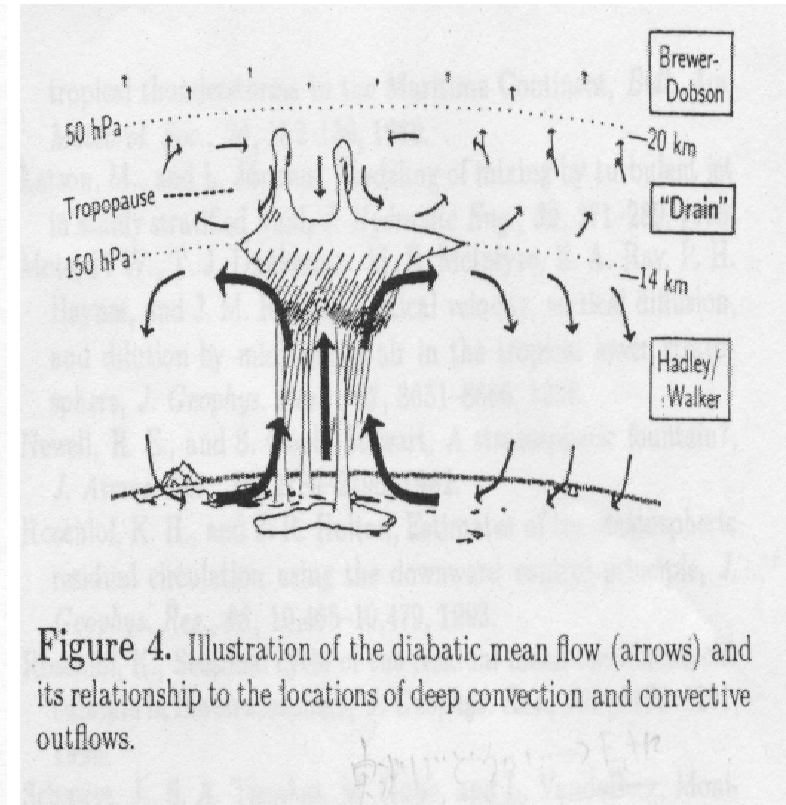


Figure 4. Illustration of the diabatic mean flow (arrows) and its relationship to the locations of deep convection and convective outflows.

(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

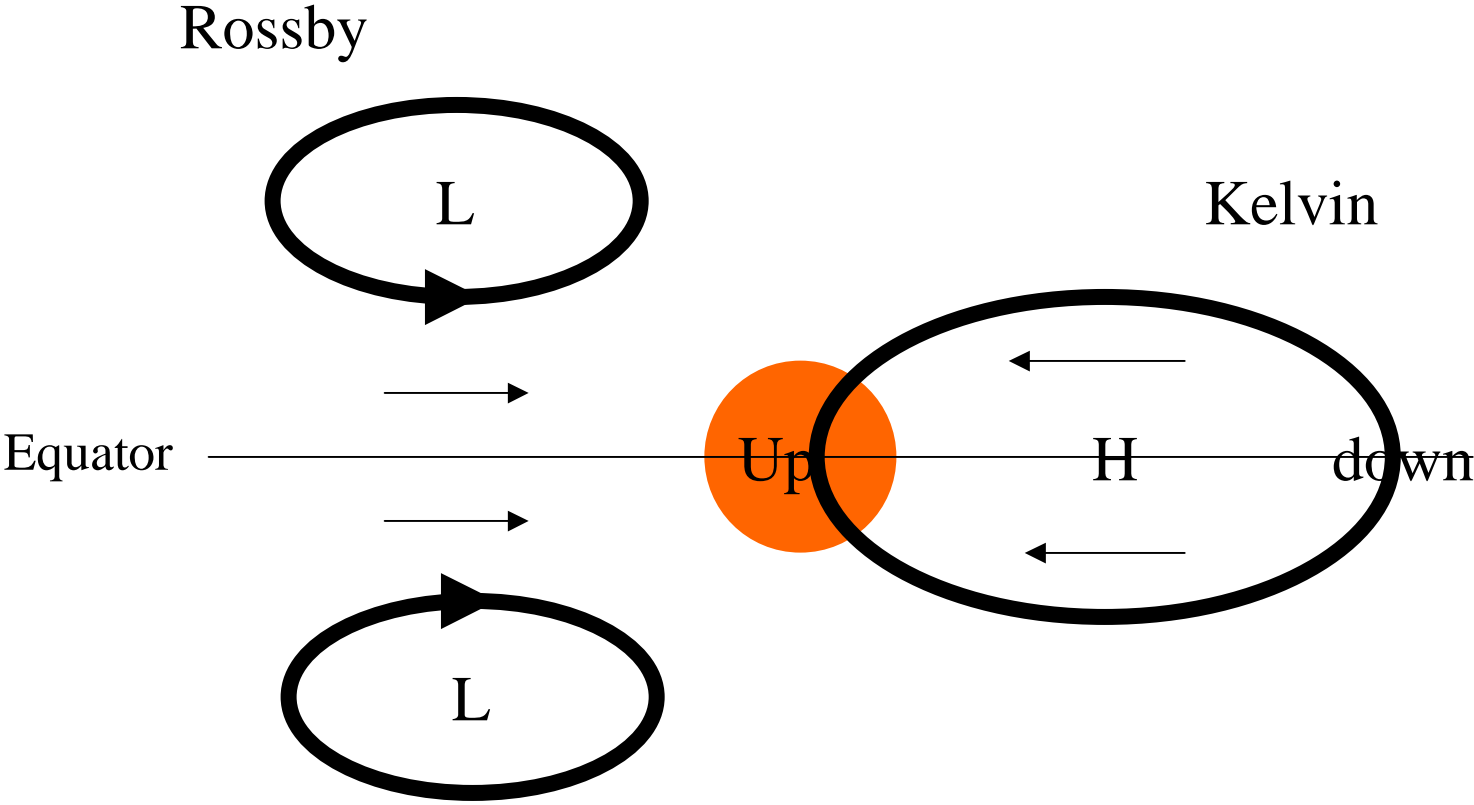
- Hermit equation and exact solutions

including singular solutions: (Matsuno, 1966)

Westward propagating mixed Rossby-gravity waves

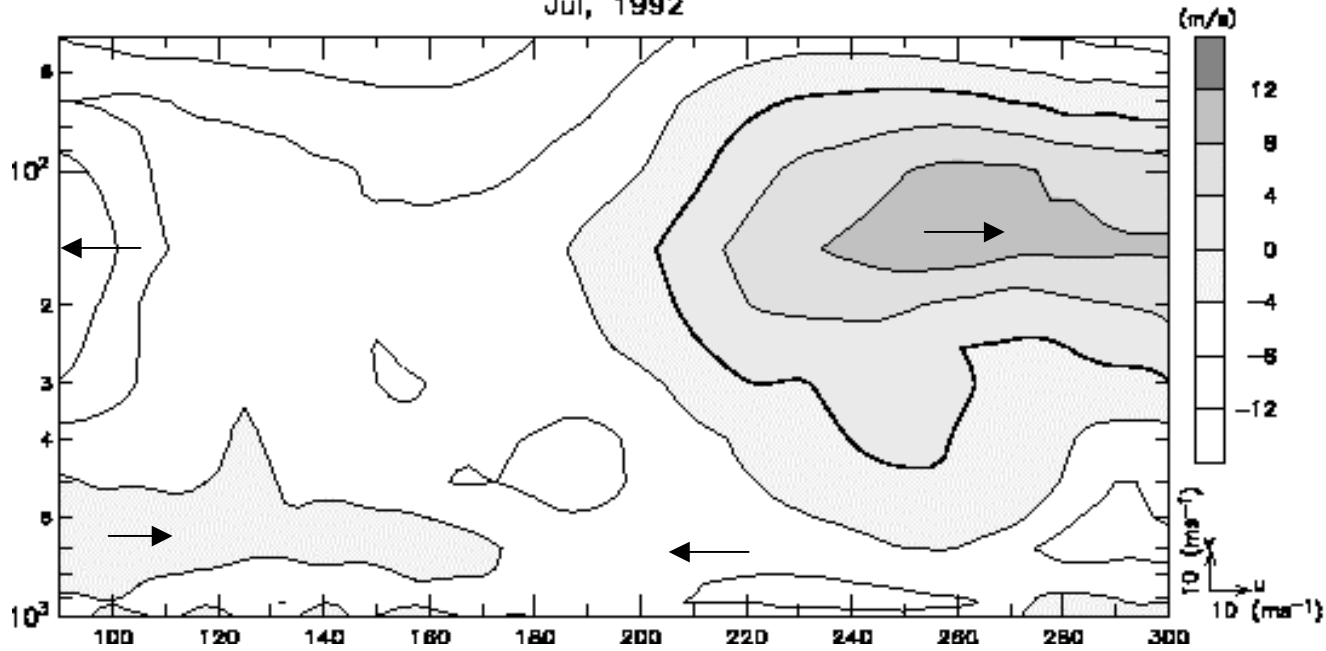
Eastward propagating Kelvin waves

# 4.2. Matsuno-Gill pattern and Walker circulation





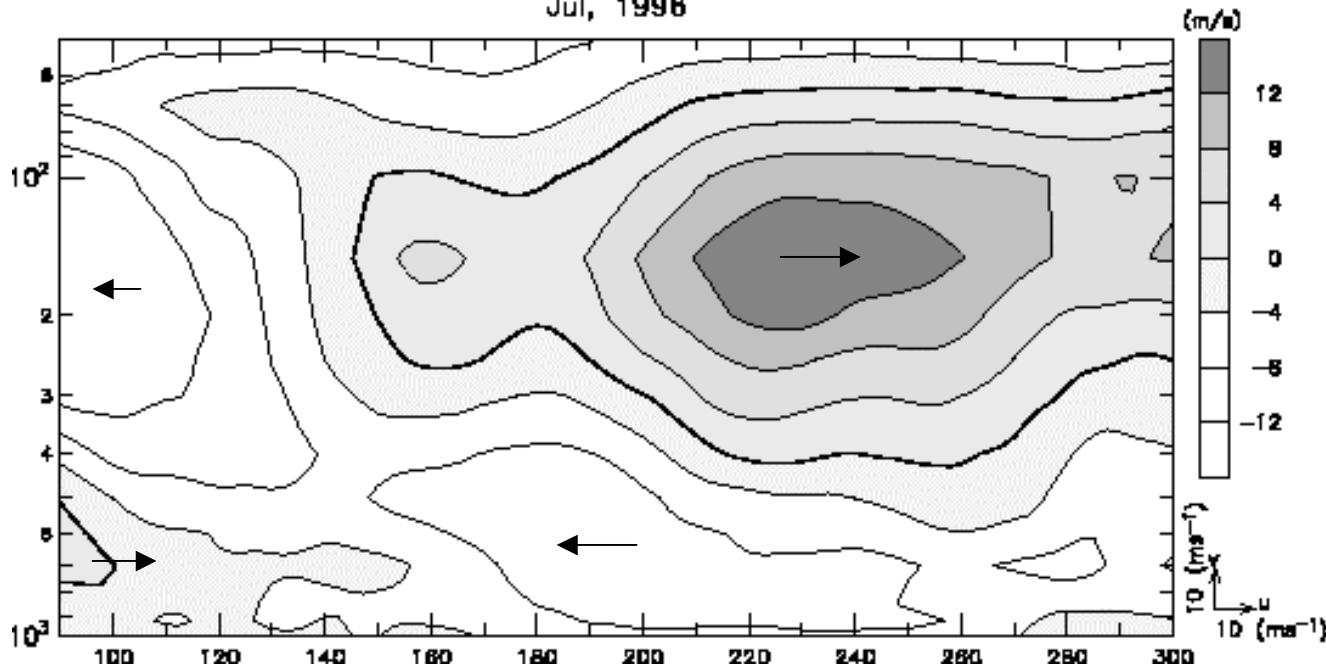
Jul, 1992



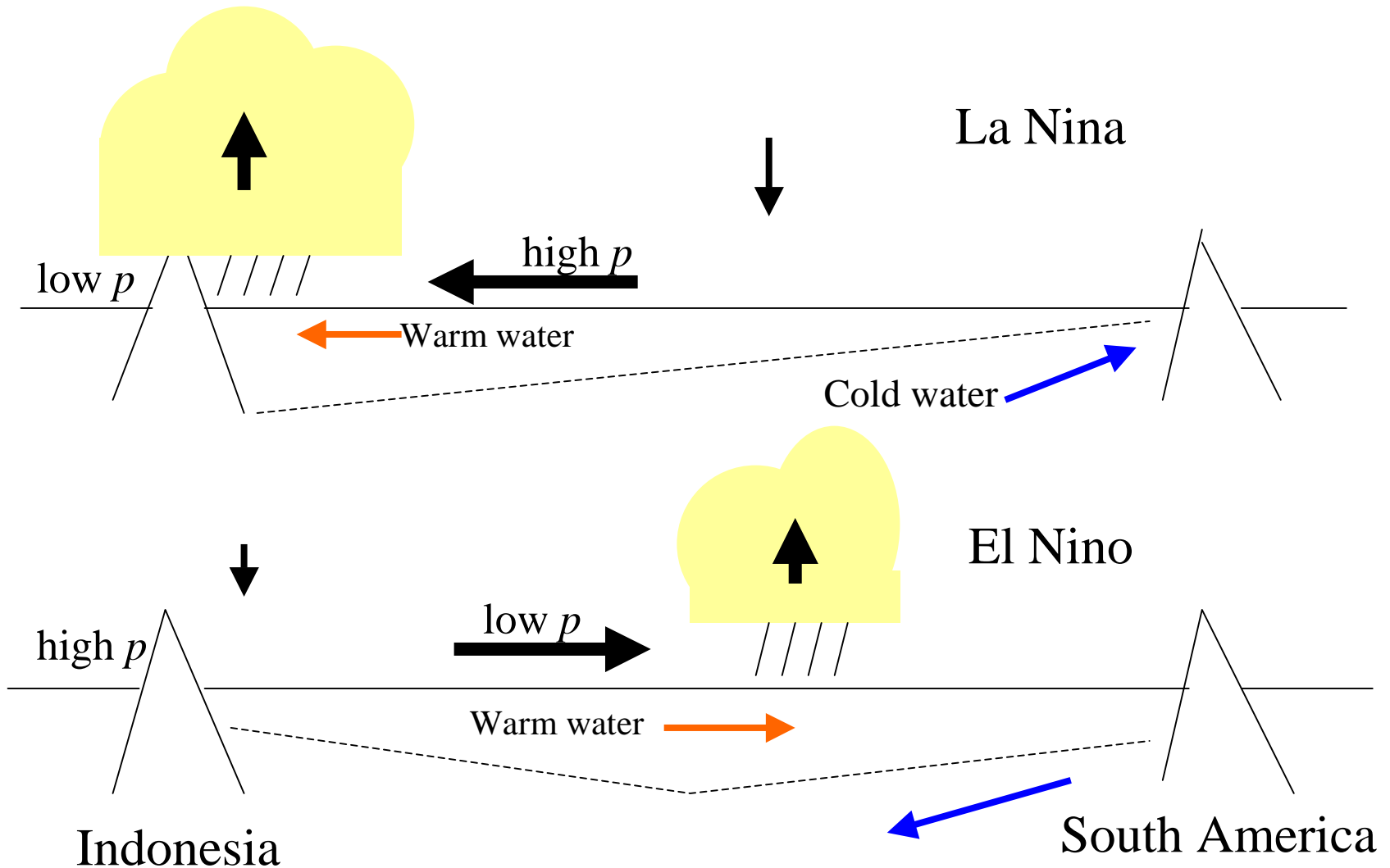
Zonal Section  
of Zonal Wind

↓  
Walker  
Circulation

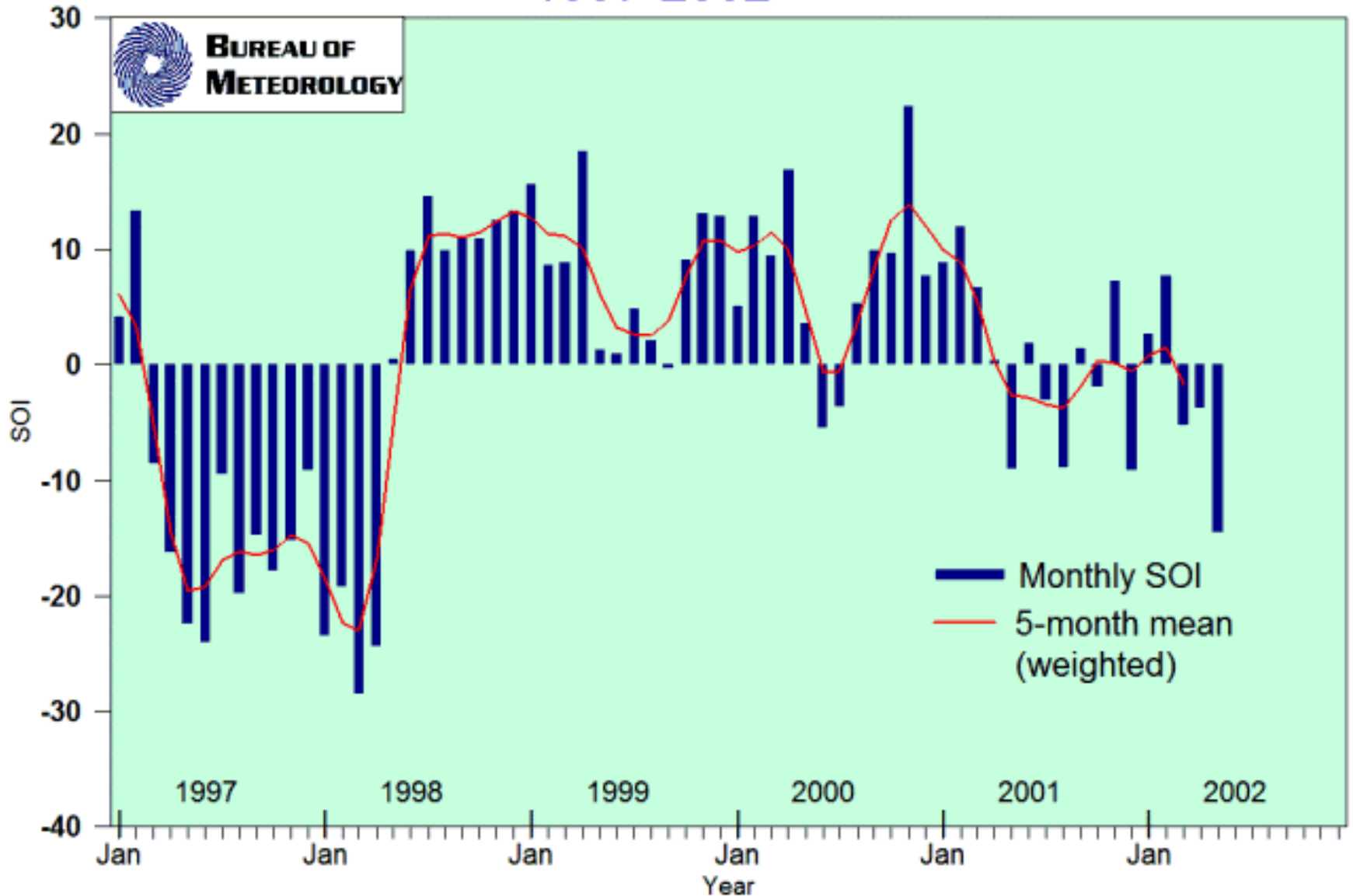
Jul, 1996



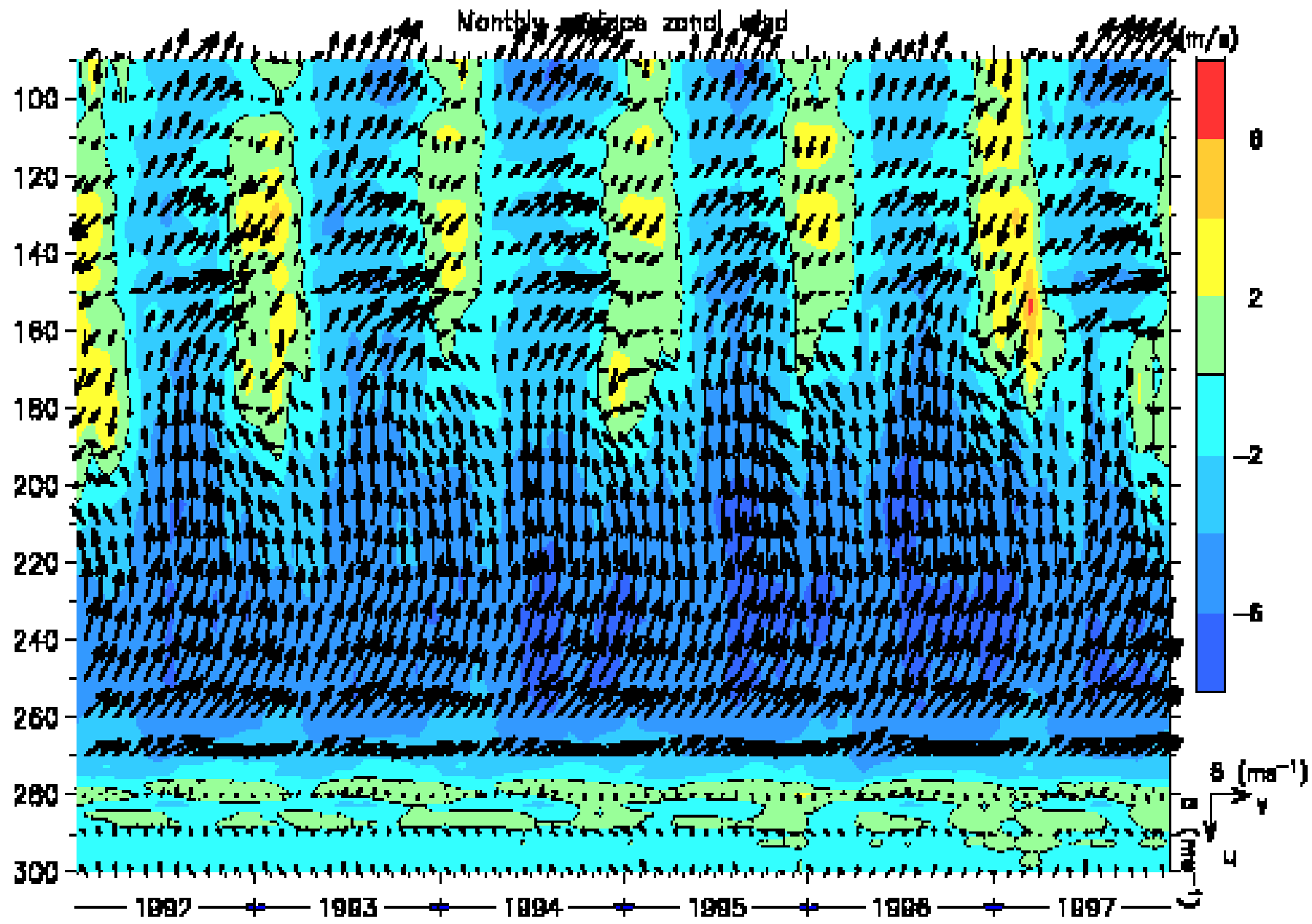
## 4.3. Atmosphere-ocean interaction and ENSO



# Southern Oscillation Index (SOI) 1997-2002

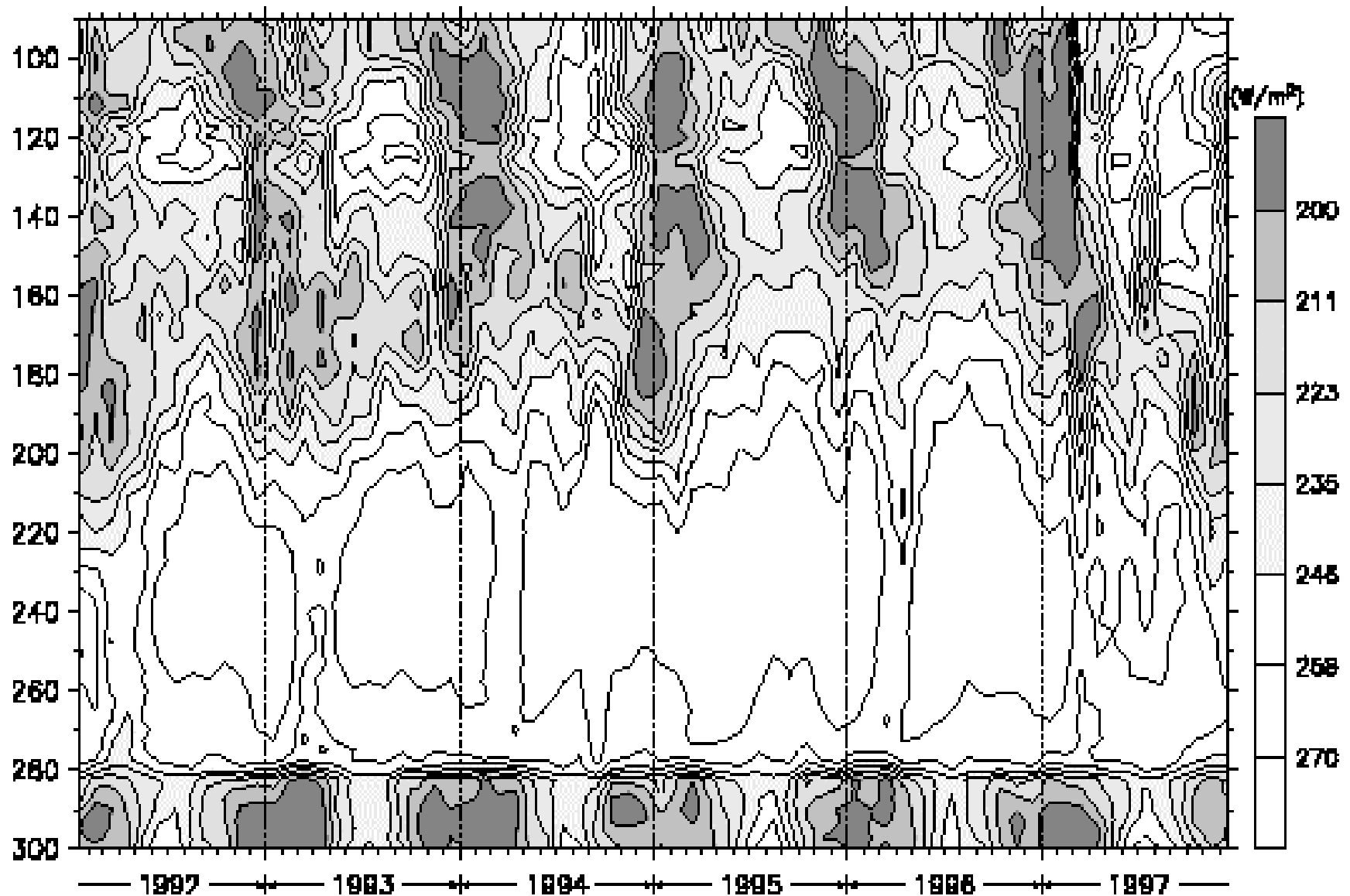


# Interannual variation of surface wind over Equatorial Pacific

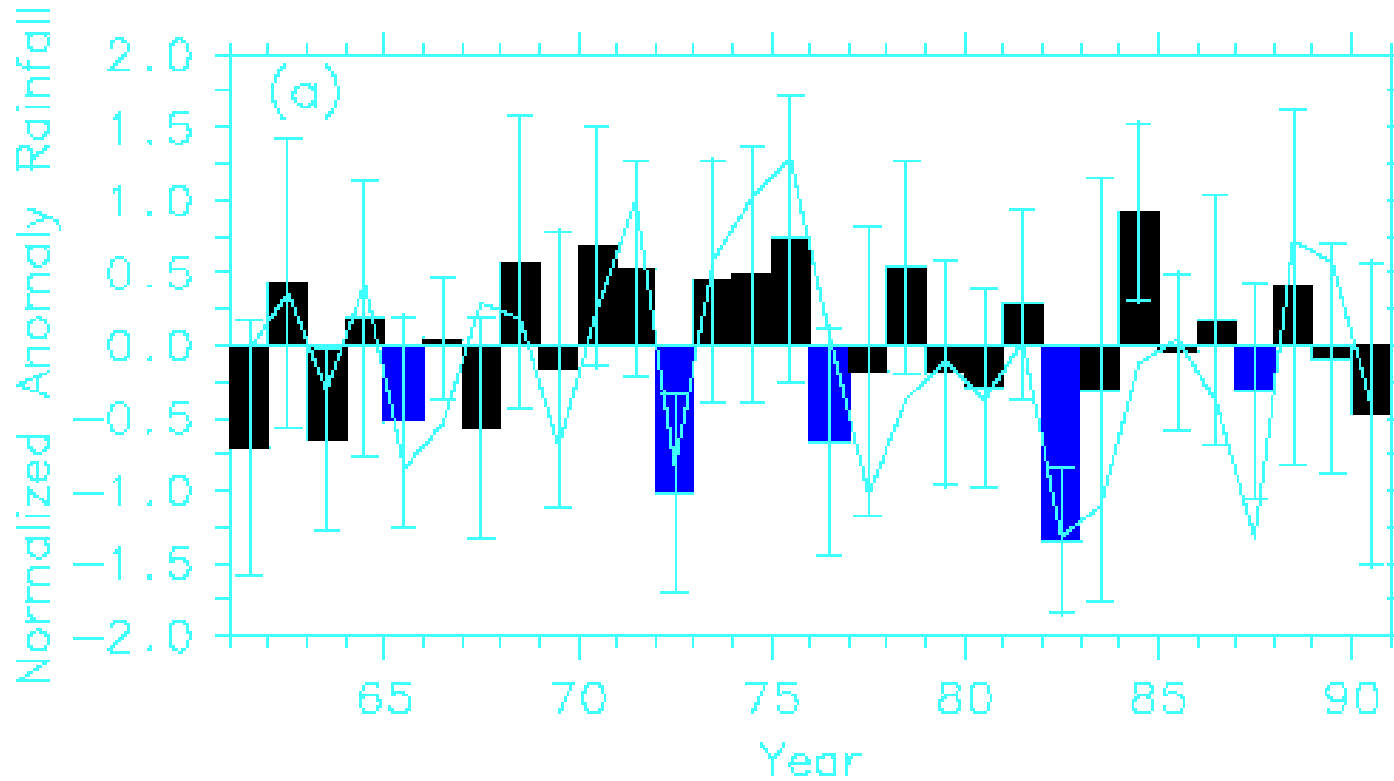


# Interannual variations of OLR over equatorial Pacific

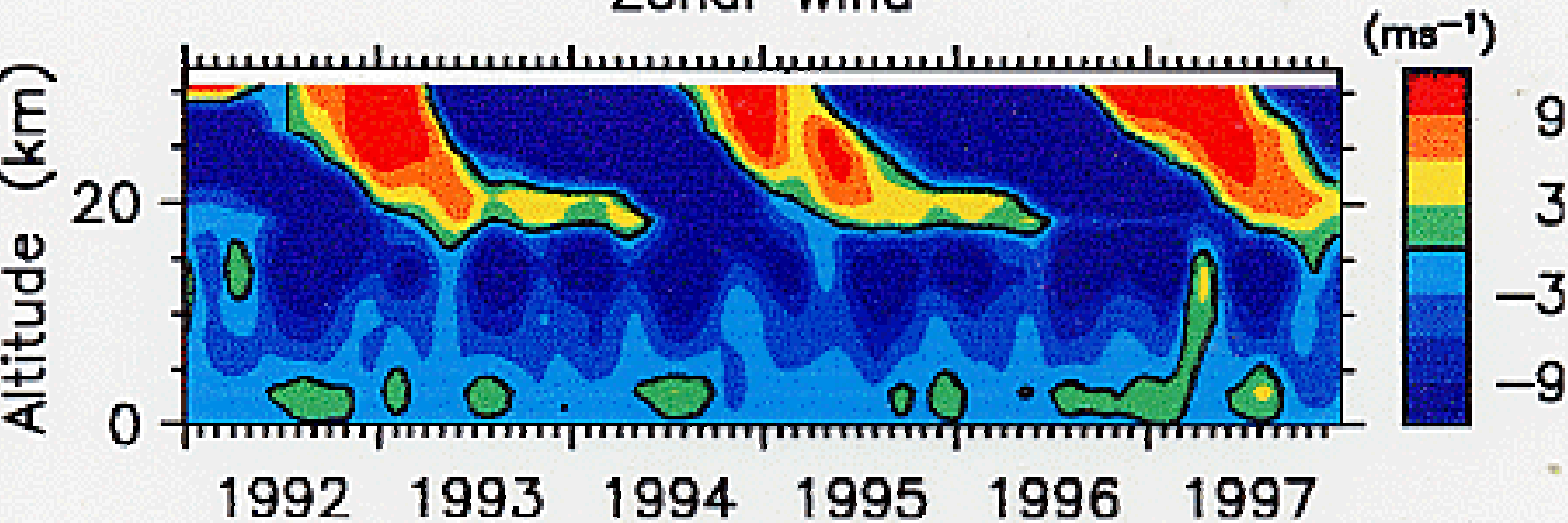
OLR (10°S-0°)



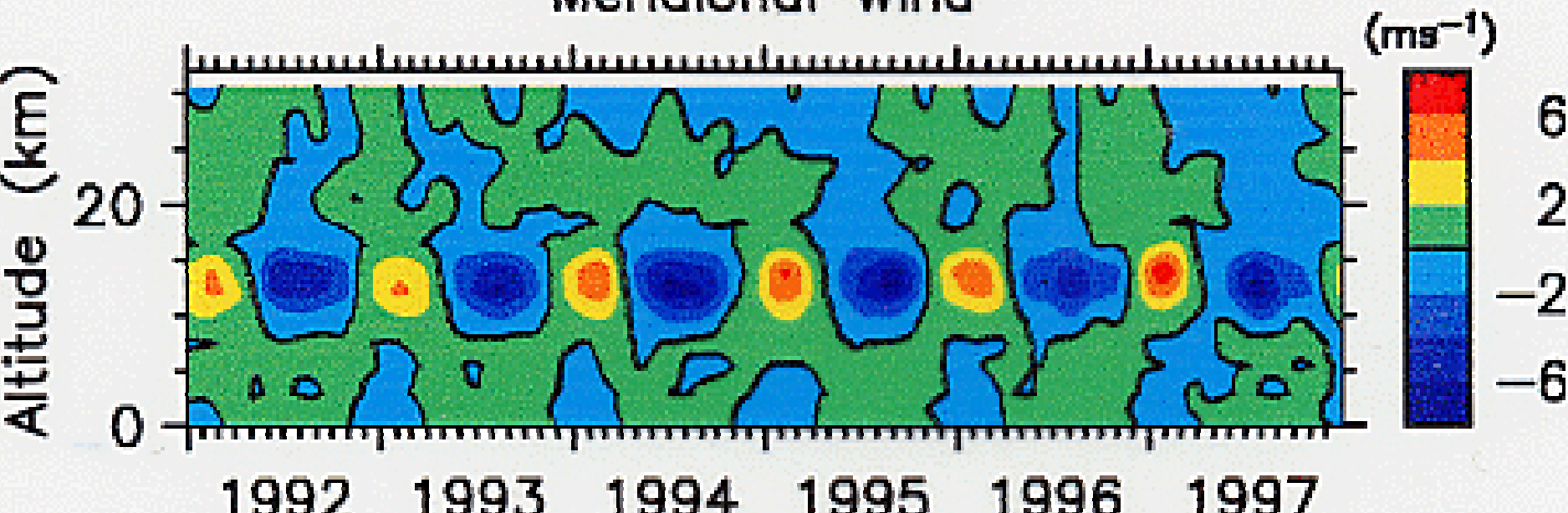
# Indonesian Rainfall and SOI



# 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)
- 
- ENSO, QBO
  - Decadal-scale variations



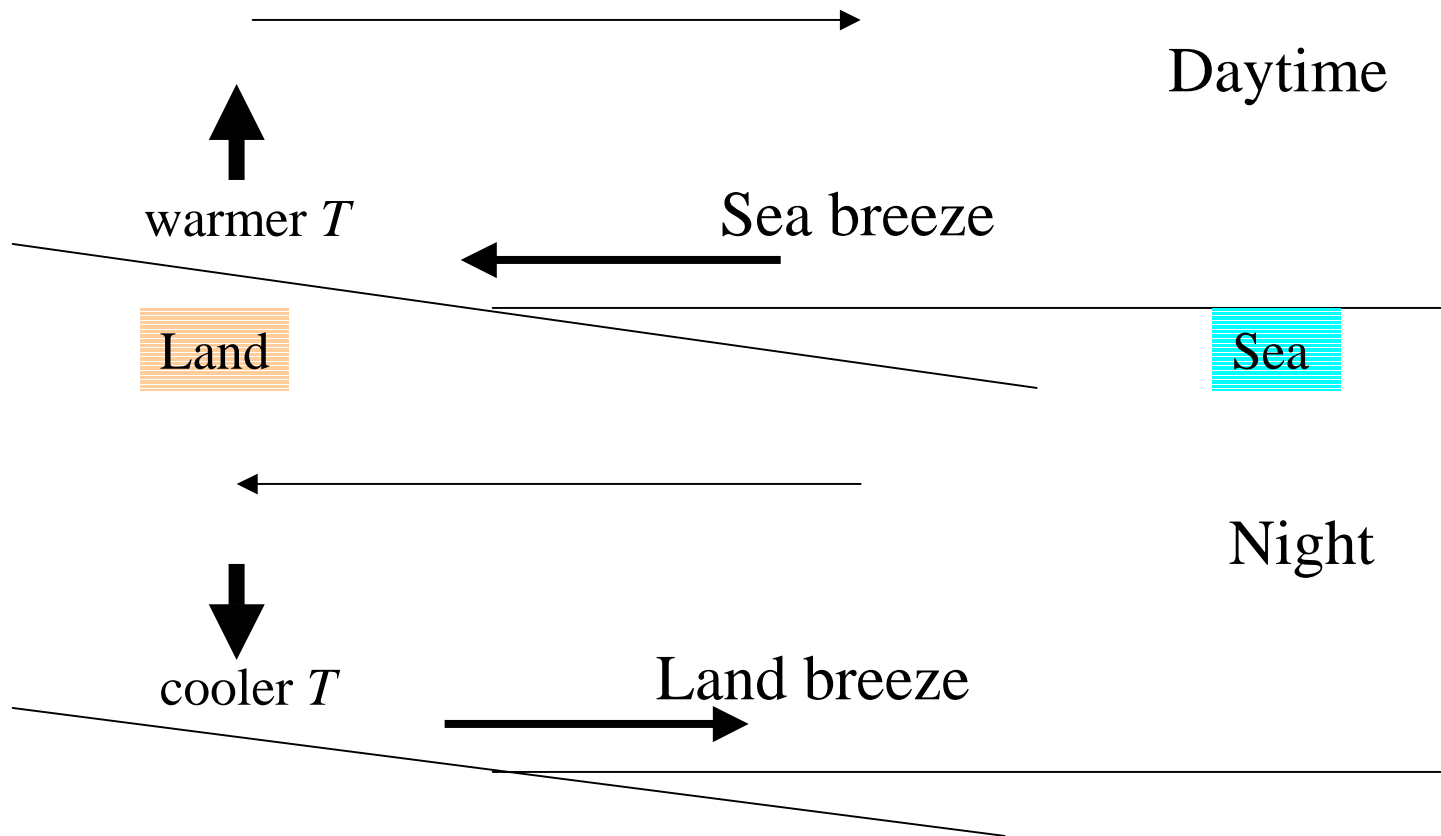
# Chapter 5

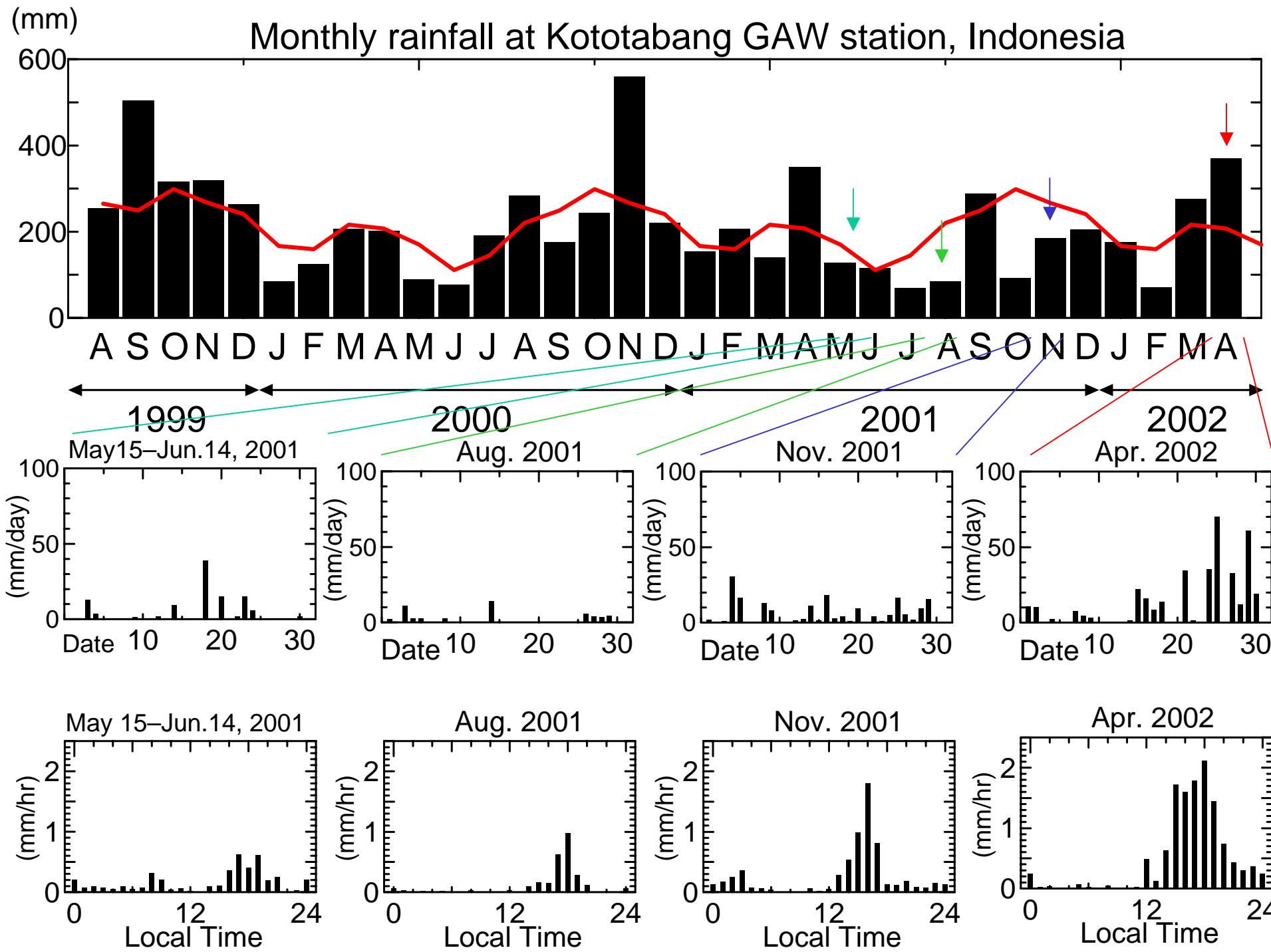
## Cloud convection dynamics and tropical cyclone

- 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

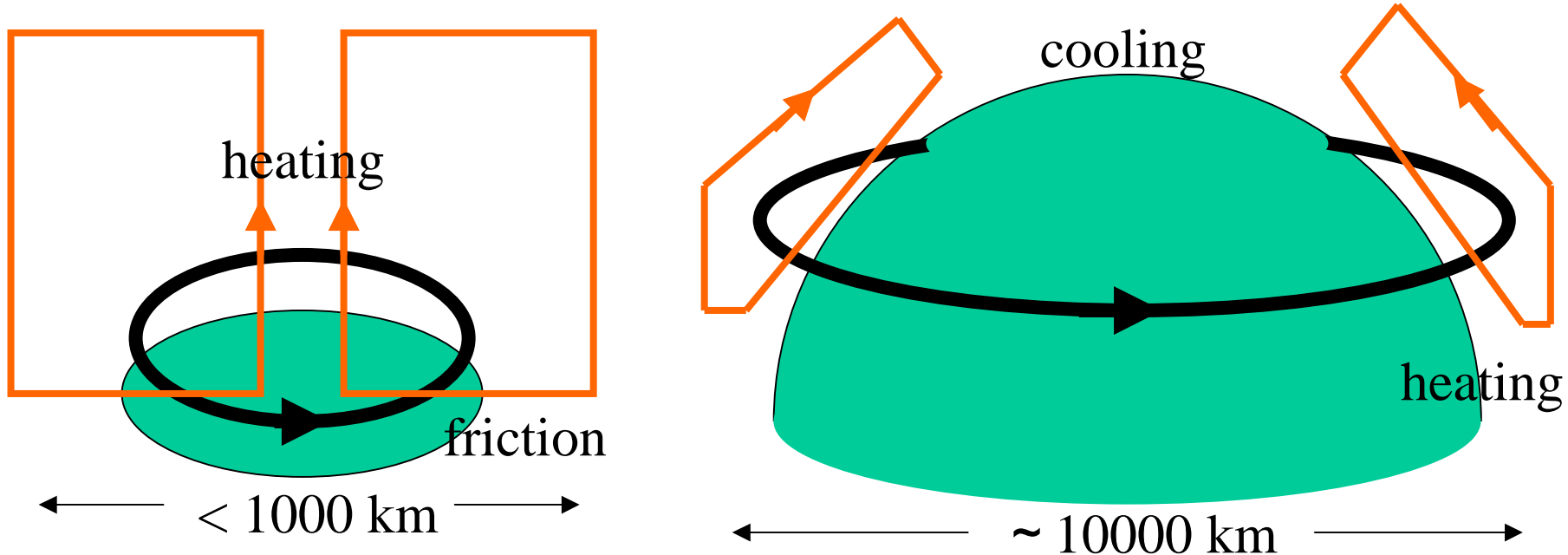
- Vertical heat transport:
  - Radiation: electromagnetic (without any media)
  - Conduction: molecule motions
  - Convection: hydrodynamic motions
- Classical hydrodynamics of convection
  - Rayleigh-Taylor, Benard-Rayleigh, ...
  - viscosity, gravity
- (Conditionally) Unstable stratification
  - Latent 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

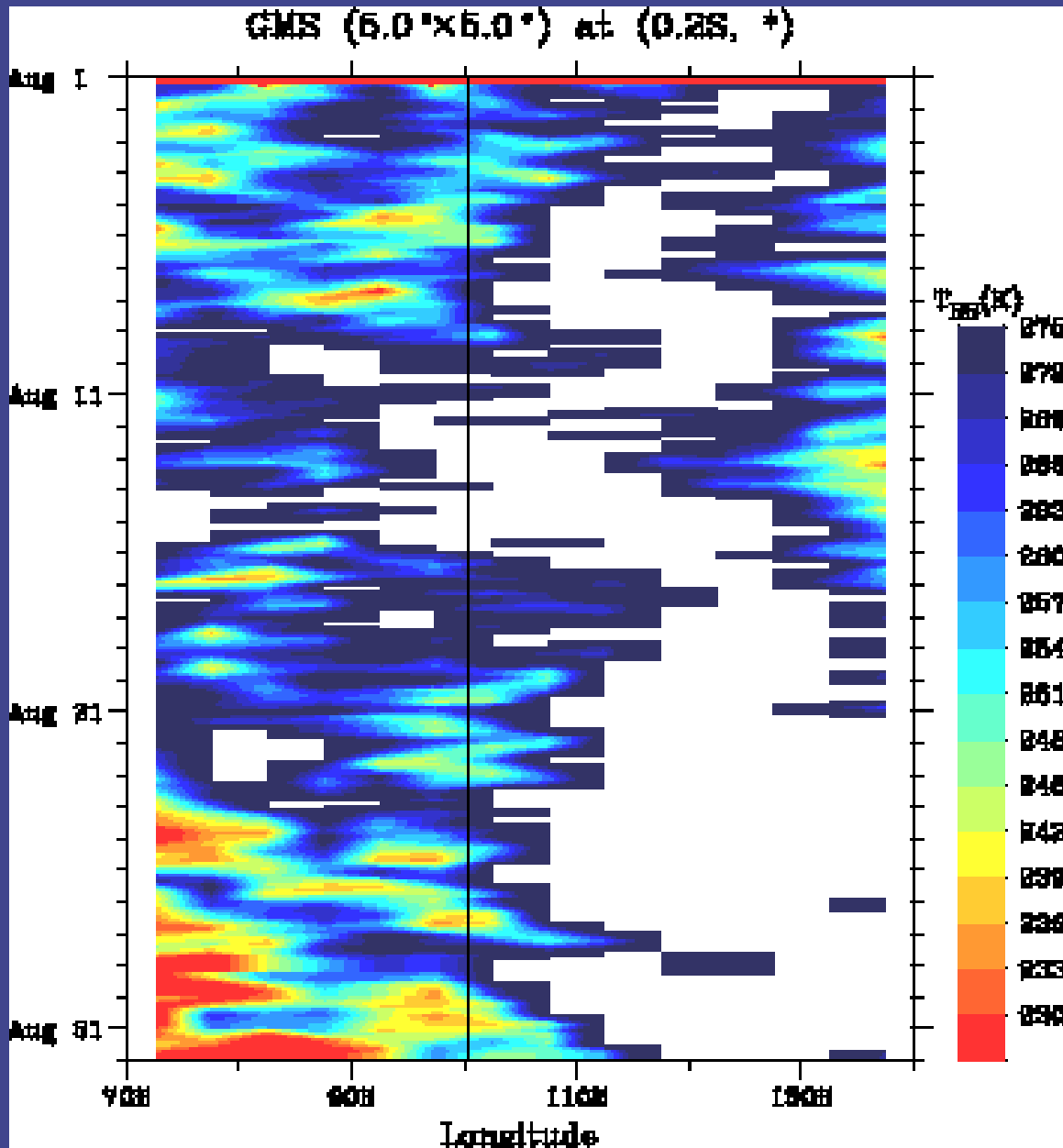
Surface friction, turbulence /drag

Latent heat by cloud/precipitation

## 5.4. Cloud organization and intraseasonal variation

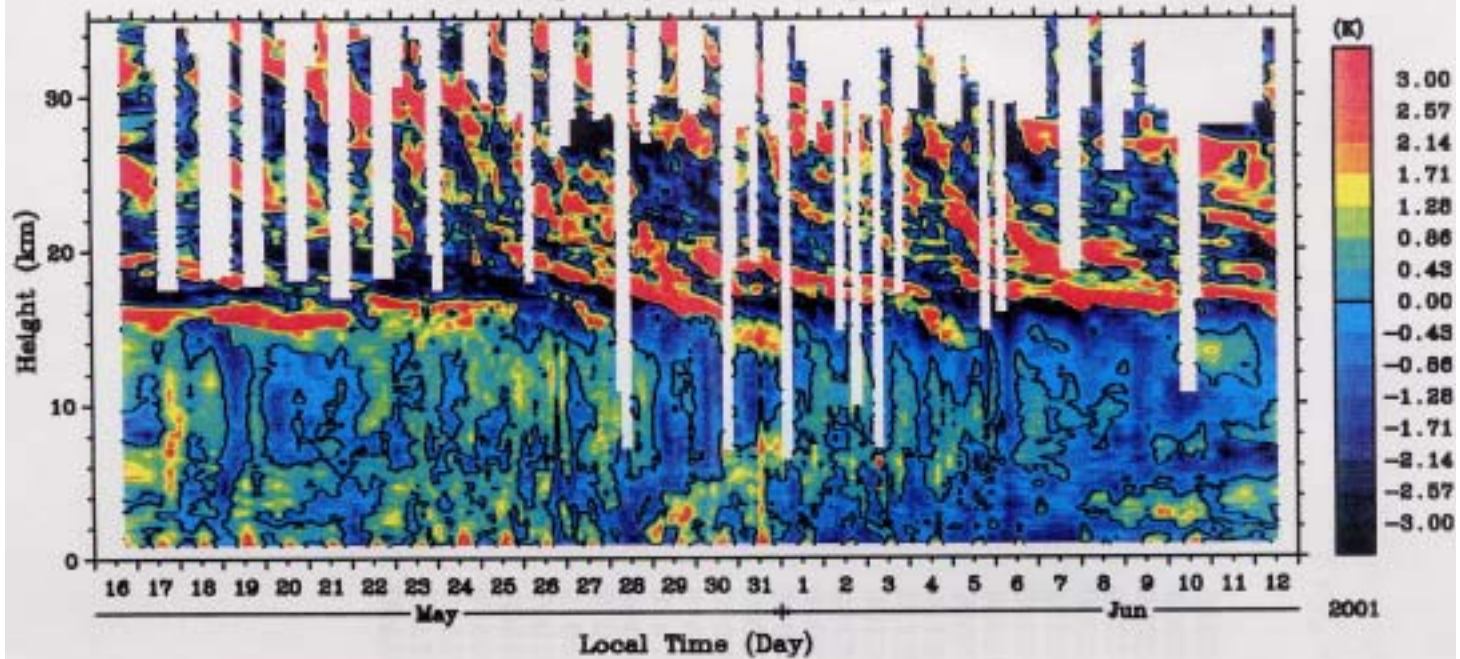
- Wave-CISK and cloud organization mechanisms
  - Kelvin-wavelike, eastward-propagating ISV (Hayashi-Sumi)
- Cloud hierarchical structure observed by GMS
  - Eastward-propagating super-cluster and 30-60 day ISV (Madden-Julian, Yasunari, ..., Nitta et al.)
  - Westward-propagating clusters inside ISV (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)

# $T_{\text{BB}}$ by GMS

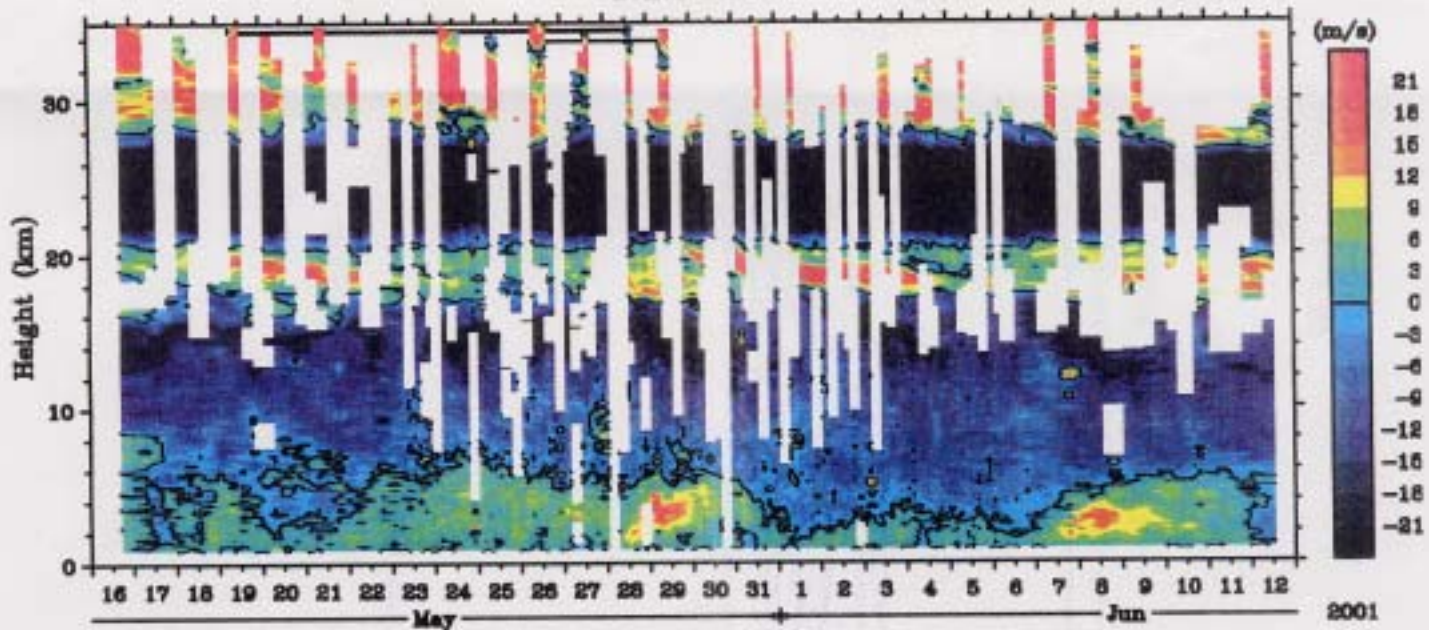




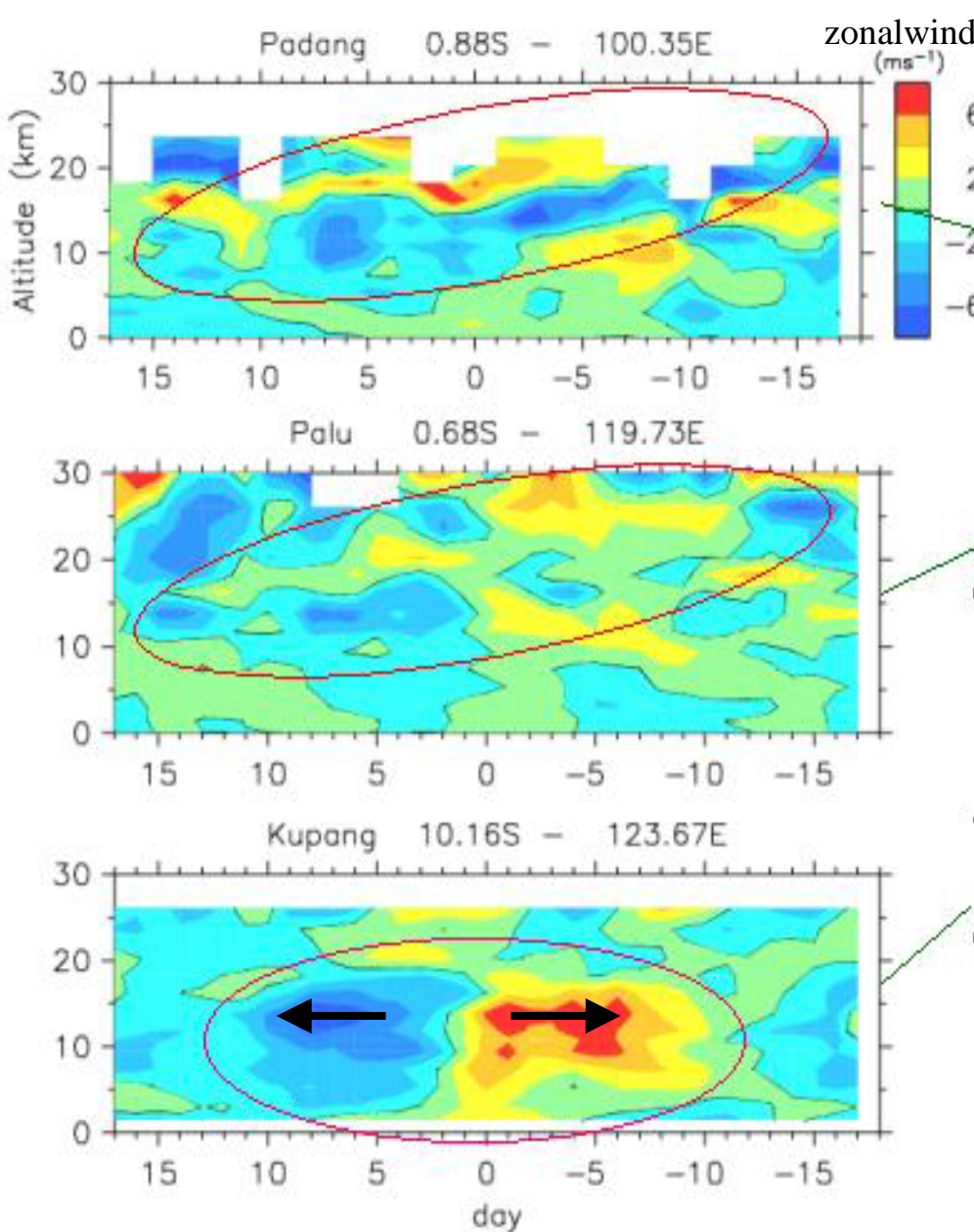
Fluctuating Component of Temperature



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.