

A Review of Dynamical Core Development Under CMMAP

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Professor Arakawa has made key contributions to all dynamical, physical and numerical aspects of atmosphere modeling.

In that sense, he is definitely a one-man-band in atmosphere modeling.

More than that, he is a great unifier of atmosphere modeling.

Parts of this talk summarize his recent contributions to the model dynamics.



A musician (one man band) performing in Santa Monica pier

Icosahedral dynamical core development

1-Grid optimization and shallow-water model


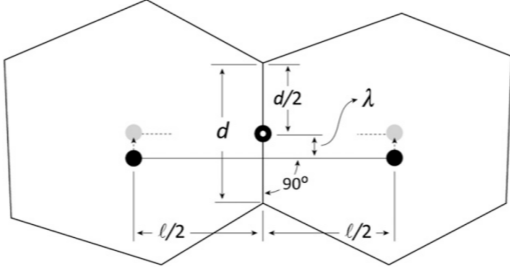
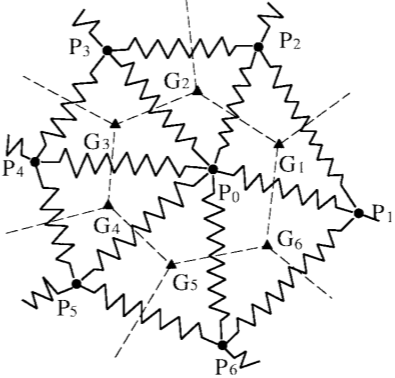
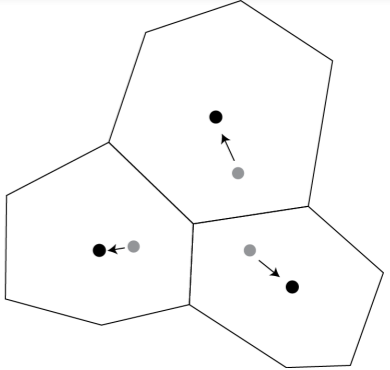
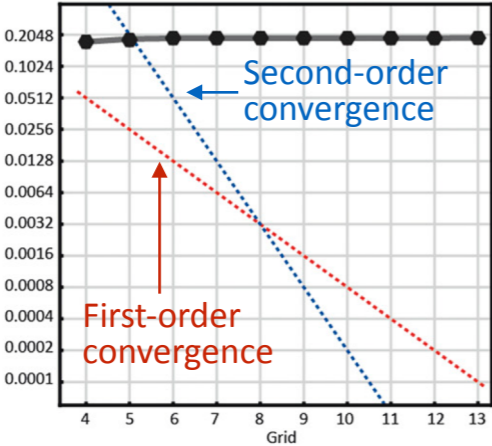
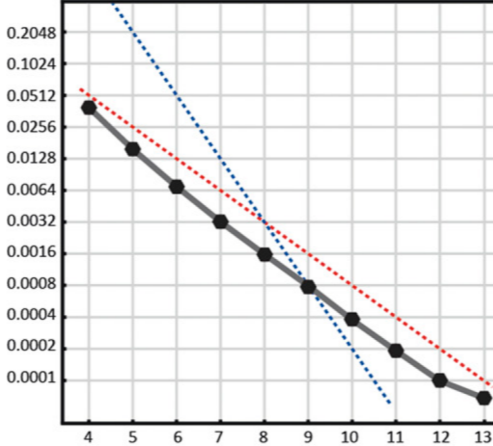
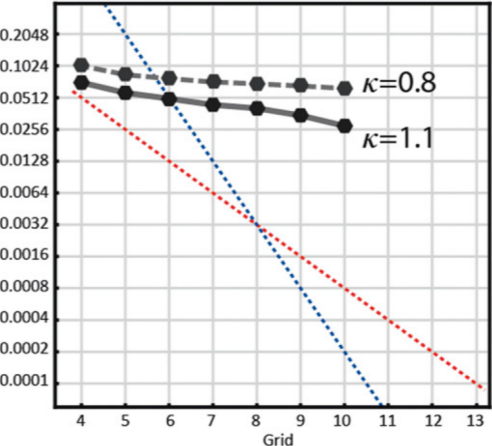
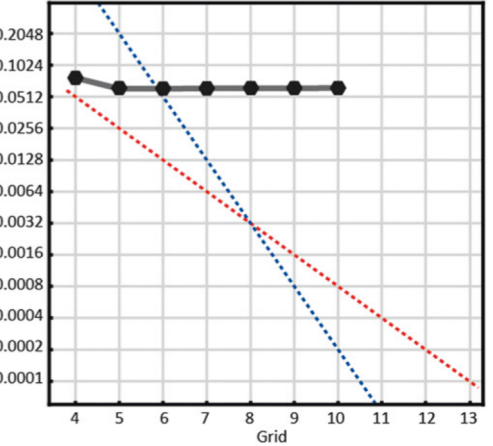
A 3D model of icosahedral grid used by Arakawa in his classes



Professor Arakawa's office, Sep 23, 2011
(It could also be Sep 23, 1985)

Optimization of (Icosahedral) Voronoi grids

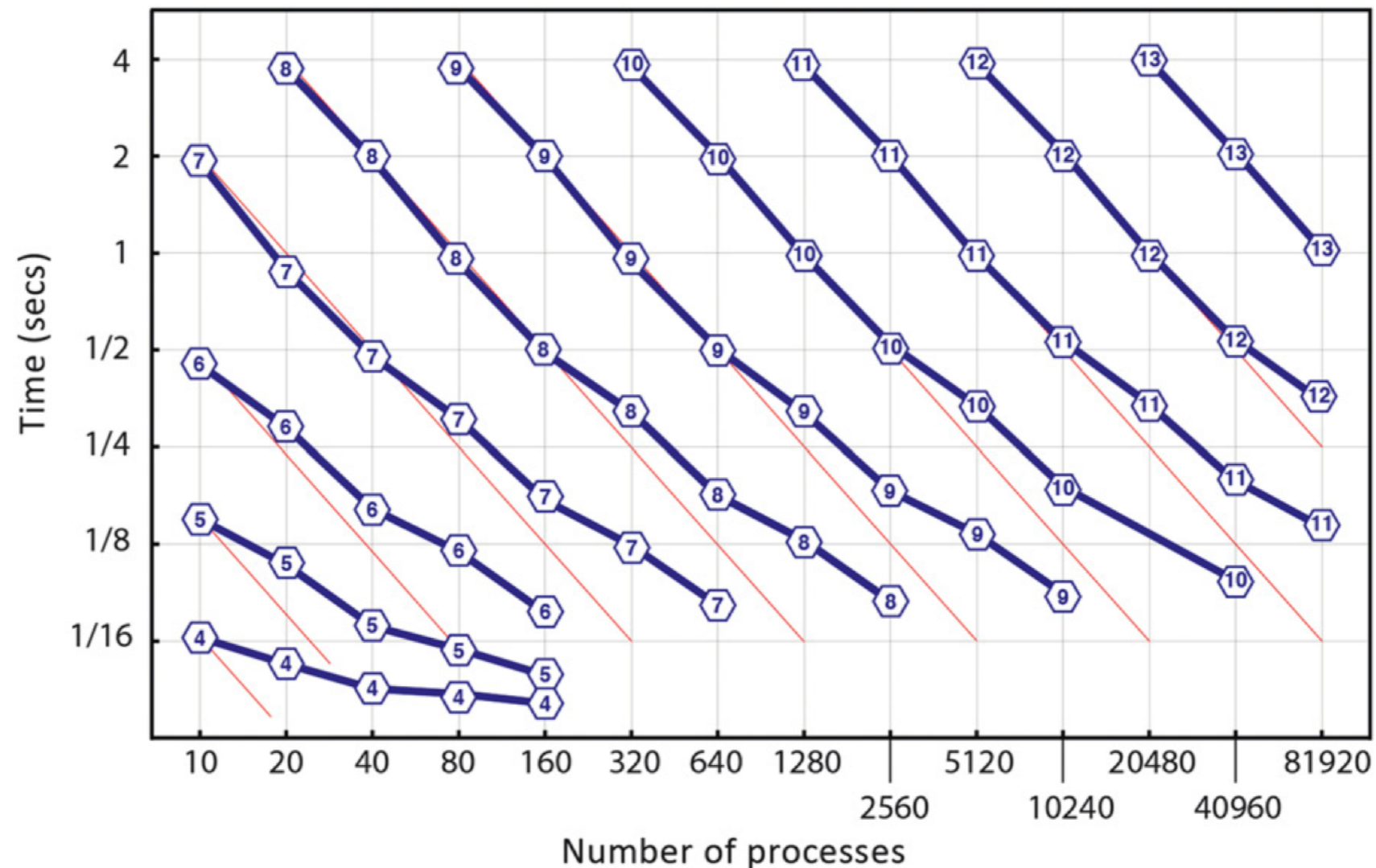
[Results from Heikes et al. (Dec 2013, *MWR*)]

Grid	Raw-grid	<u>Tweaked-grid</u>	Spring-grid	CVT-grid (Centroidal Voronoi Tessellation)
Optimization	<p>(1) (2) (3)</p>  <p>Icosahedron</p>			
L_∞ -error (Laplacian)				
Remarks on cell sizes		<p>Uniform distribution of cell areas</p> <p>Smallest and largest cells neighbors</p>	<p>Smooth transition from smallest to largest cells</p> <p>Big size difference between smallest and largest cells</p>	<p>Sharp transition from smallest to larger cells</p> <p>Big size difference between smallest and largest cells</p>
References	<p>Vestine et al. (1963) Sadourny et al. (1968) Williamson (1968)</p>	<p>UZIM Heikes et al. (<i>MWR</i>, 2013)</p>	<p>NICAM (Does not use Voronoi cells) Tomita et al. (2002)</p>	<p>MPAS (Does not start from an icosahedron) Du et al. (1999) Ju et al. (2011)</p>

Horizontal discretization of dynamical cores

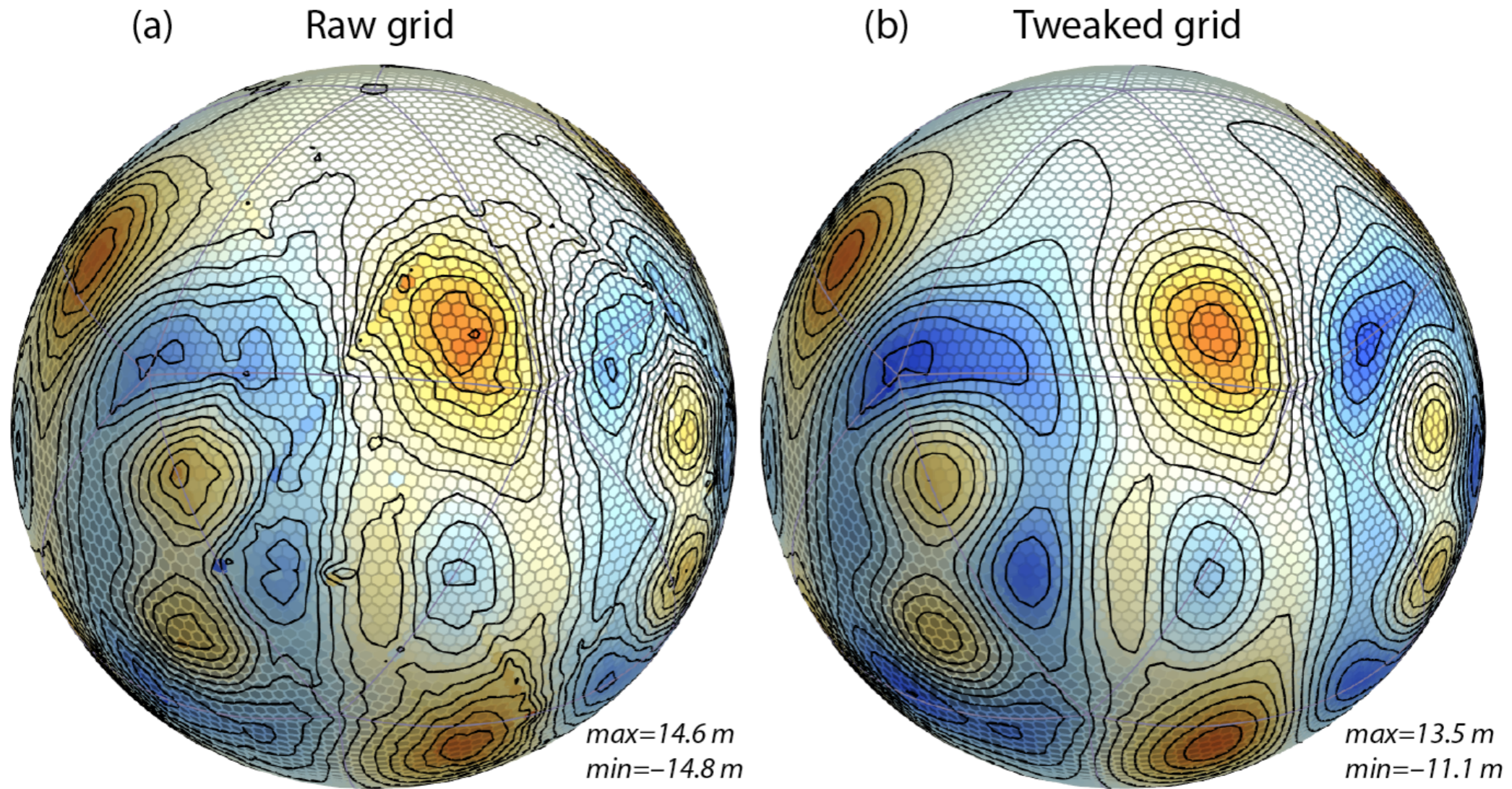
- ◆ Z-grid: Vorticity and divergence predicted for cell centers.
- ◆ Using 2D elliptic solvers, streamfunction and velocity potential are diagnosed from vorticity and divergence, respectively.

Strong parallel scalability of the V-cycled multigrid



Wavenumber-4 Rossby-Haurwitz wave simulations (shallow water)

$h_{\text{predicted}} - h_{\text{true}}$ from G5-simulation at hour 2



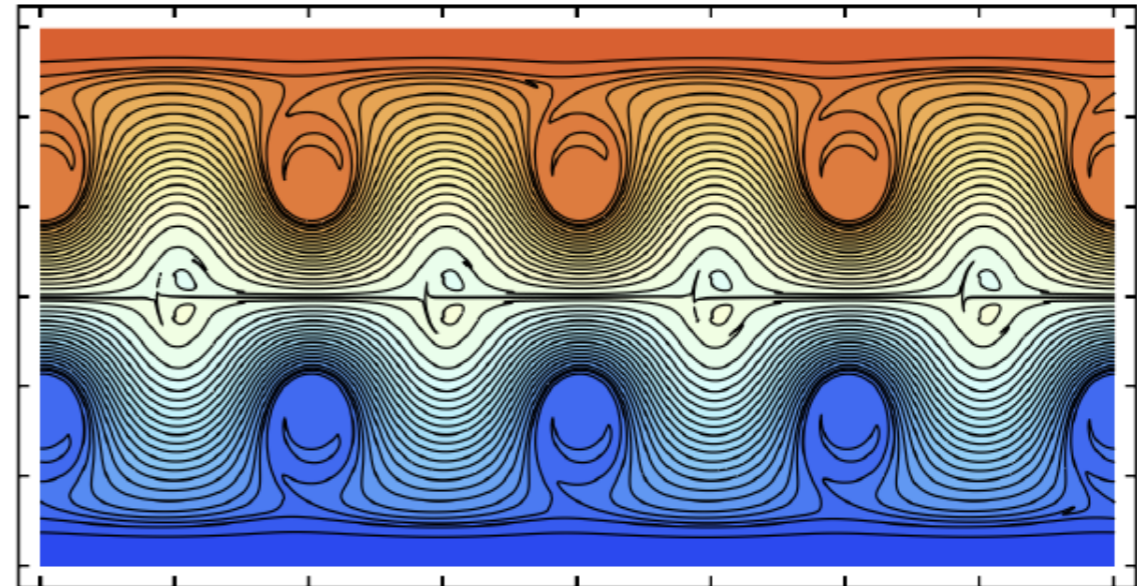
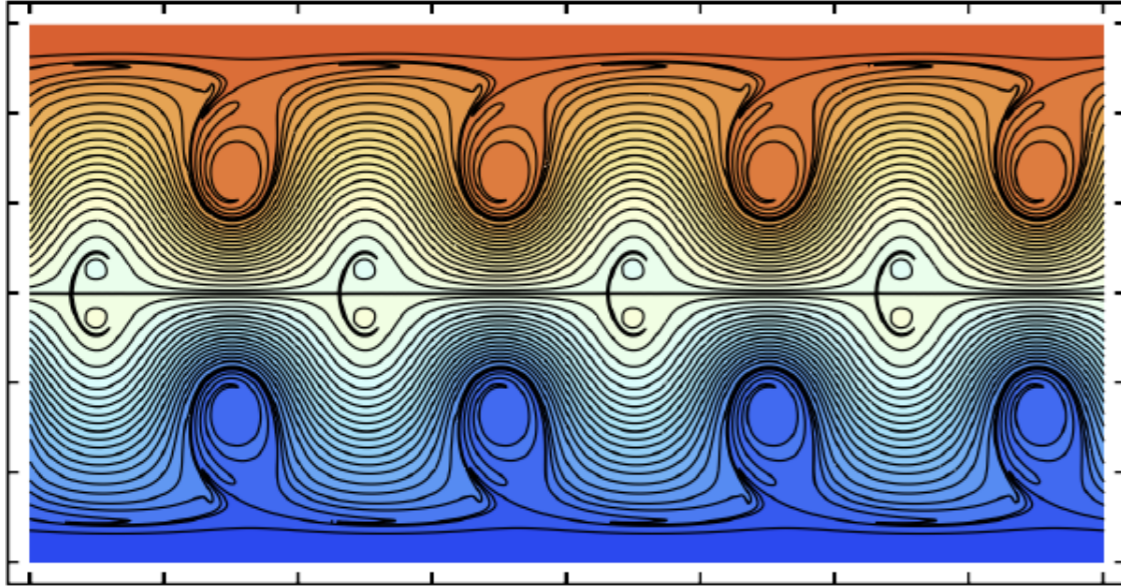
The “true-solution” is constructed by rotating the initial height field approximately 1 deg per 2 hours eastward, which is estimated from the propagation speed of the wavenumber-4 RH wave.

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Potential Vorticity η/gh (m⁻²sec) from G8 (~30 km)

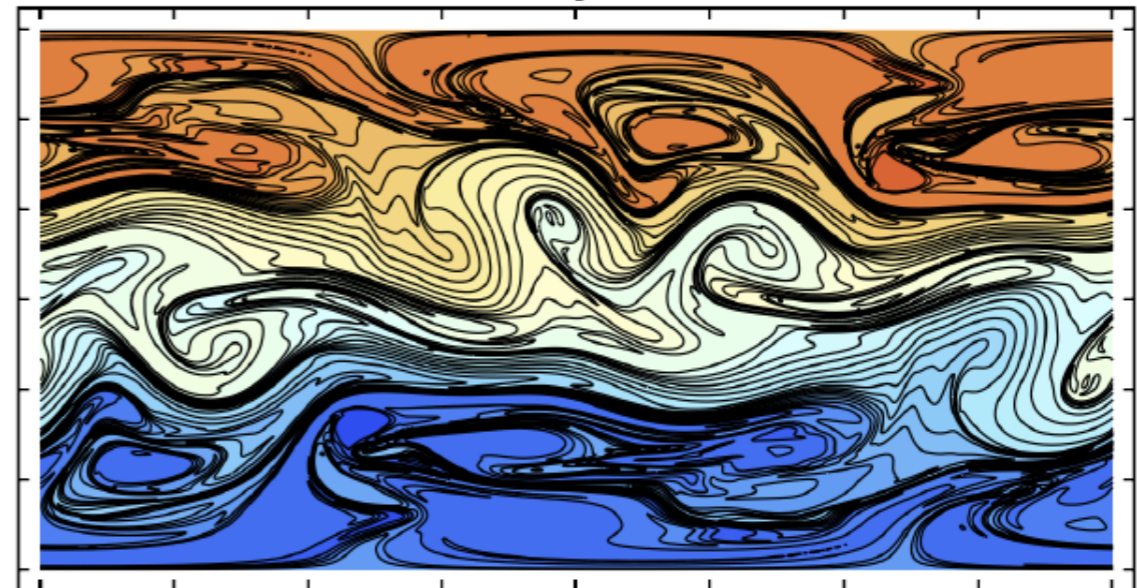
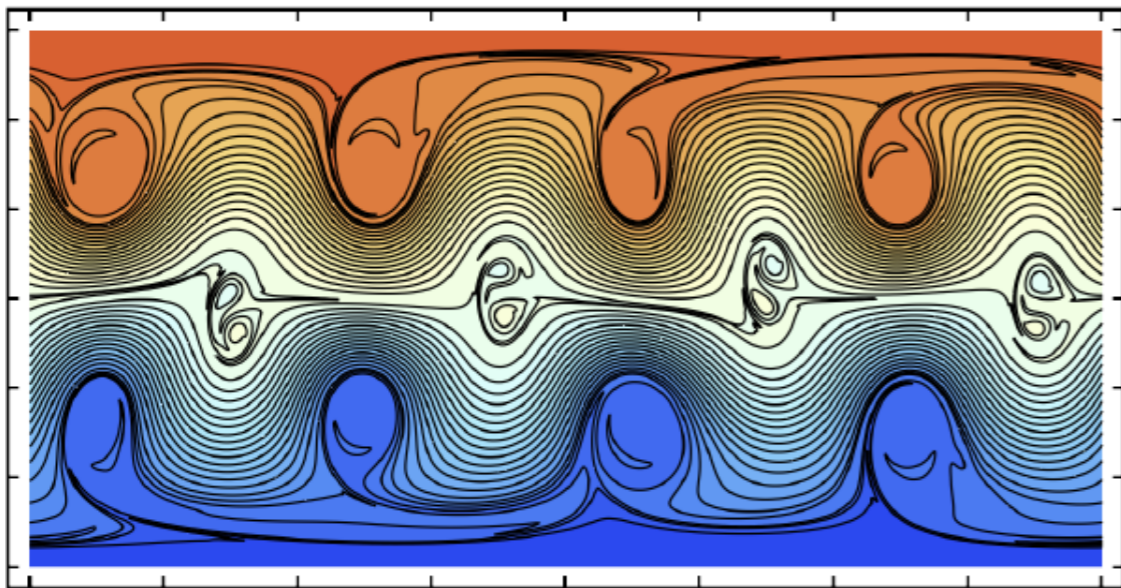
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Day 20

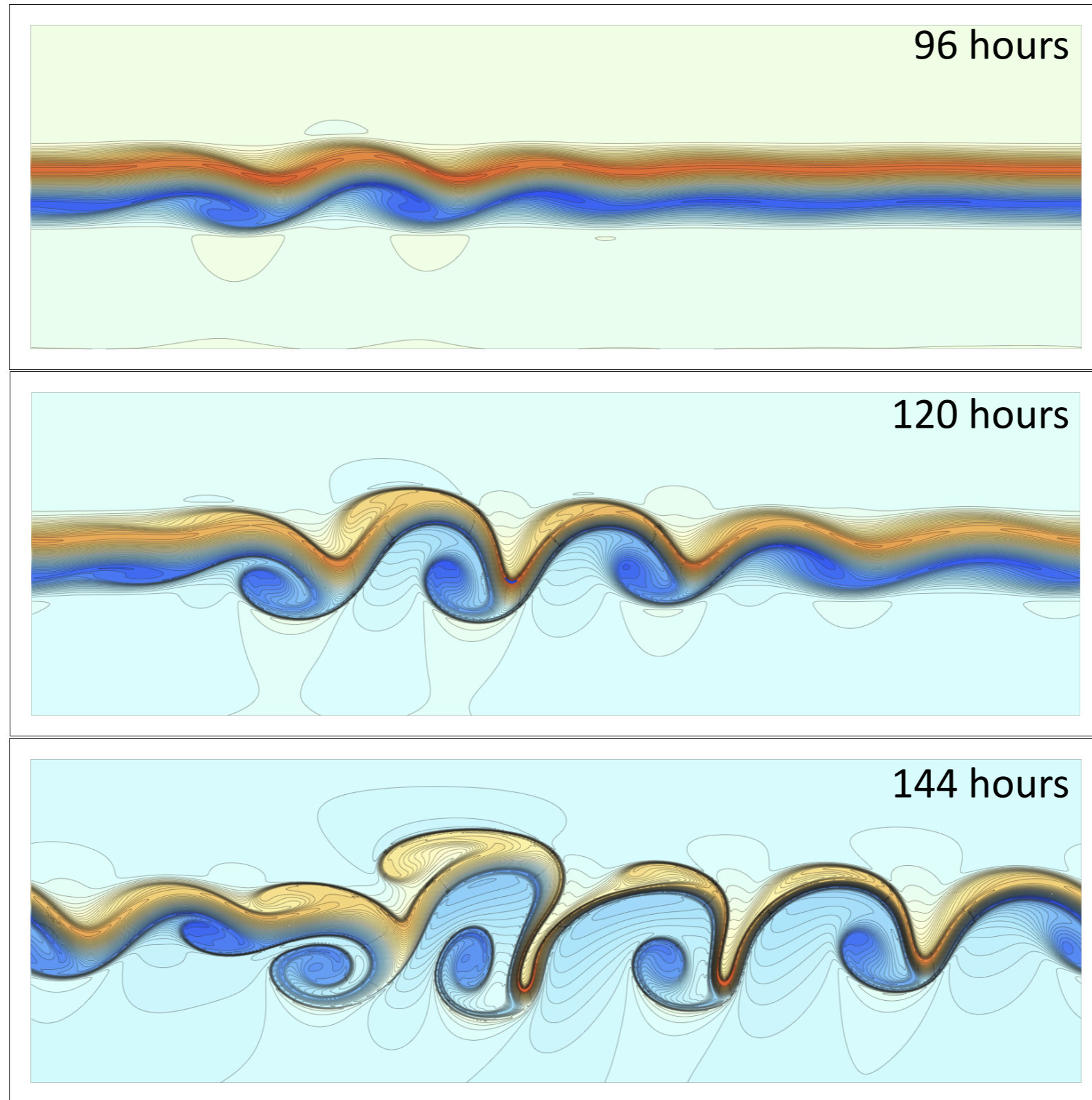


Day 30

Day 40



Shallow-water simulations (setup from Galewsky et al., 2004 *Tellus*)



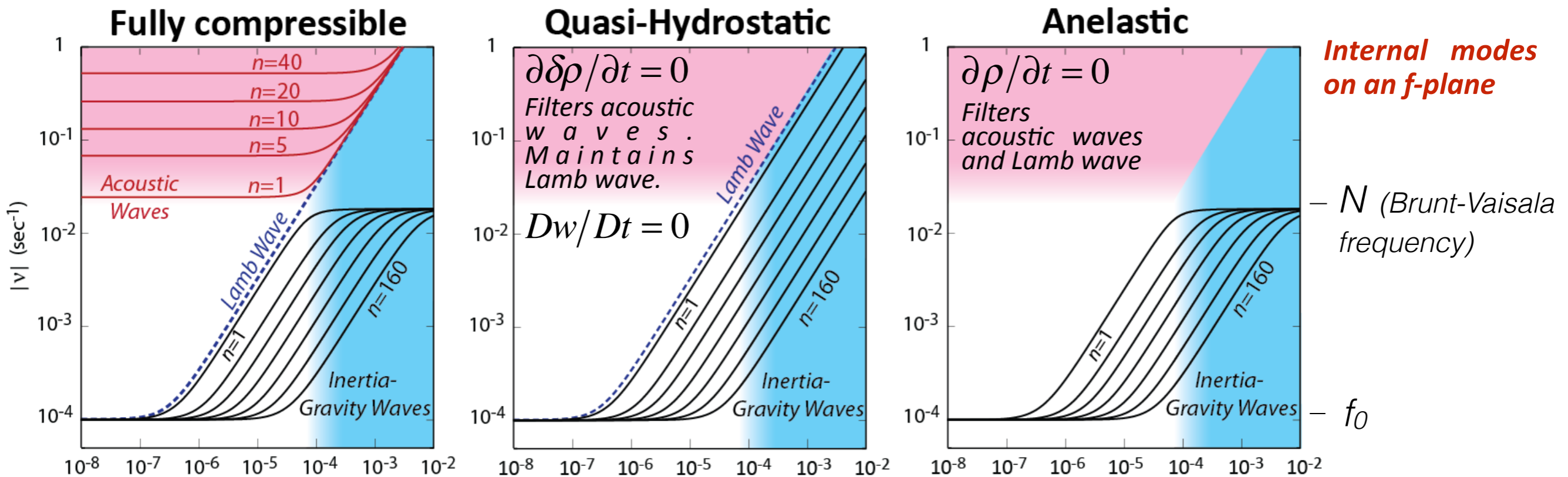
Resolution: G9 (~15 km)

2-Unified System of Equations

- It has been designed for use in global cloud resolving models.
- It filters vertically propagating acoustic waves.
- It does not require a basic state. It conserves energy.
- It can be added on any quasi-hydrostatic model.
- For description, see Arakawa and Konor (2009 *MWR*) and Konor (2014 *MWR*).
- Various aspects of the unified system resemble Durran (1989 *JAS*, 2008 *JFM*); Laprise (1992 *MWR*); and Lipps and Hemler (1982 *JAS*).
- Linear aspects of the system are tested by Dukowicz (2013 *MWR*).
- Filtered systems, not including unified, are tested by Davies et al. (2003 *QJRMS*).

Rationale Behind the Unified System

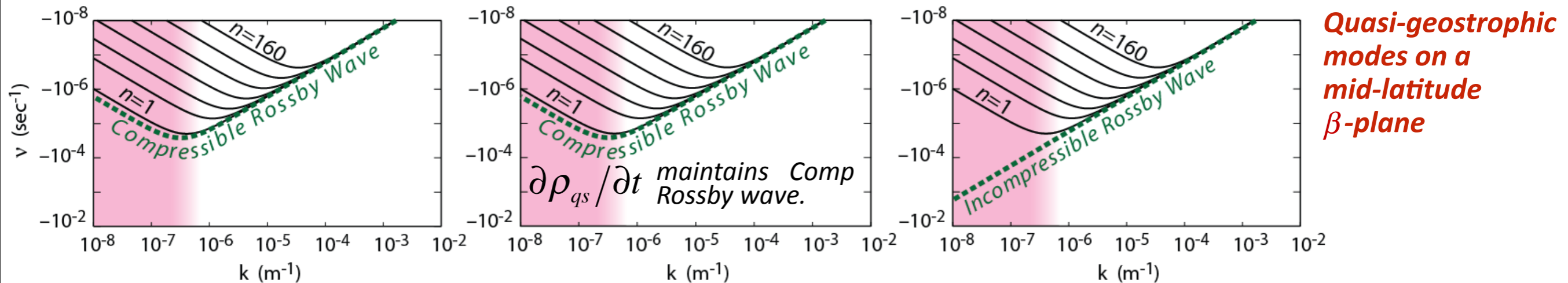
Frequency of normal modes as a function of horizontal wavenumber



$\delta \rho$: Nonhydrostatic part of density

ρ_{qs} : Quasi-hydrostatic part of density

n is vertical wavenumber



Dw/Dt is needed for nonhydrostatic effects

$\partial \rho_{qs} / \partial t$ is needed for large-scale elasticity

$\partial \delta \rho / \partial t = 0$ is enough to filter vertically propagating acoustic waves

Blue shading:
 Dw/Dt
 is not negligible

Pink shading:
 $\partial \rho_{qs} / \partial t$
 is not negligible

Fully compressible equations

θ and z are not split

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Horizontal momentum equation:

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Vertical momentum equation:

$$\frac{Dw}{Dt} = -c_p \theta \frac{\partial (\pi_{qs} + \delta \pi)}{\partial z} - g \Rightarrow \frac{Dw}{Dt} = -c_p \theta \frac{\partial \delta \pi}{\partial z}$$

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“Hydrostatic” equation:

$$0 = -c_p \theta \frac{\partial \pi_{qs}}{\partial z} - g$$

Thermodynamic equation:

$$\frac{D\theta}{Dt} = 0$$

Continuity equation:

$$\frac{\partial (\rho_{qs} + \delta \rho)}{\partial t} = -\nabla_H \cdot [(\rho_{qs} + \delta \rho) \mathbf{v}] - \frac{\partial [(\rho_{qs} + \delta \rho) w]}{\partial z}$$

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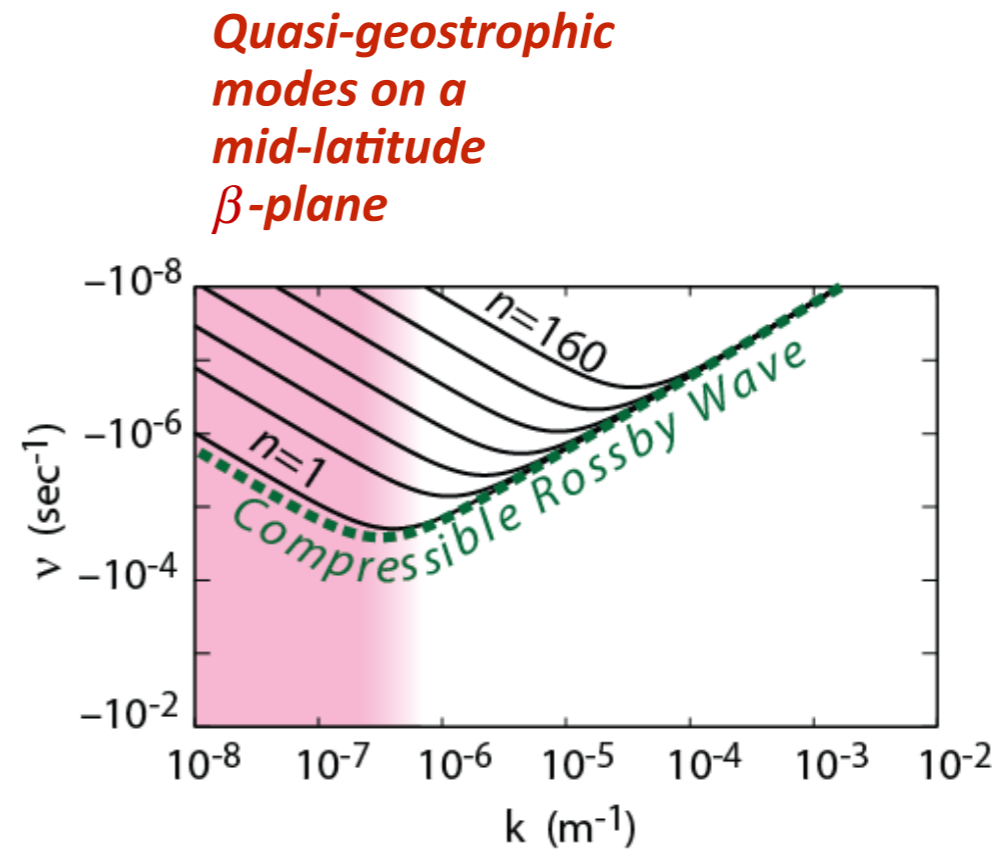
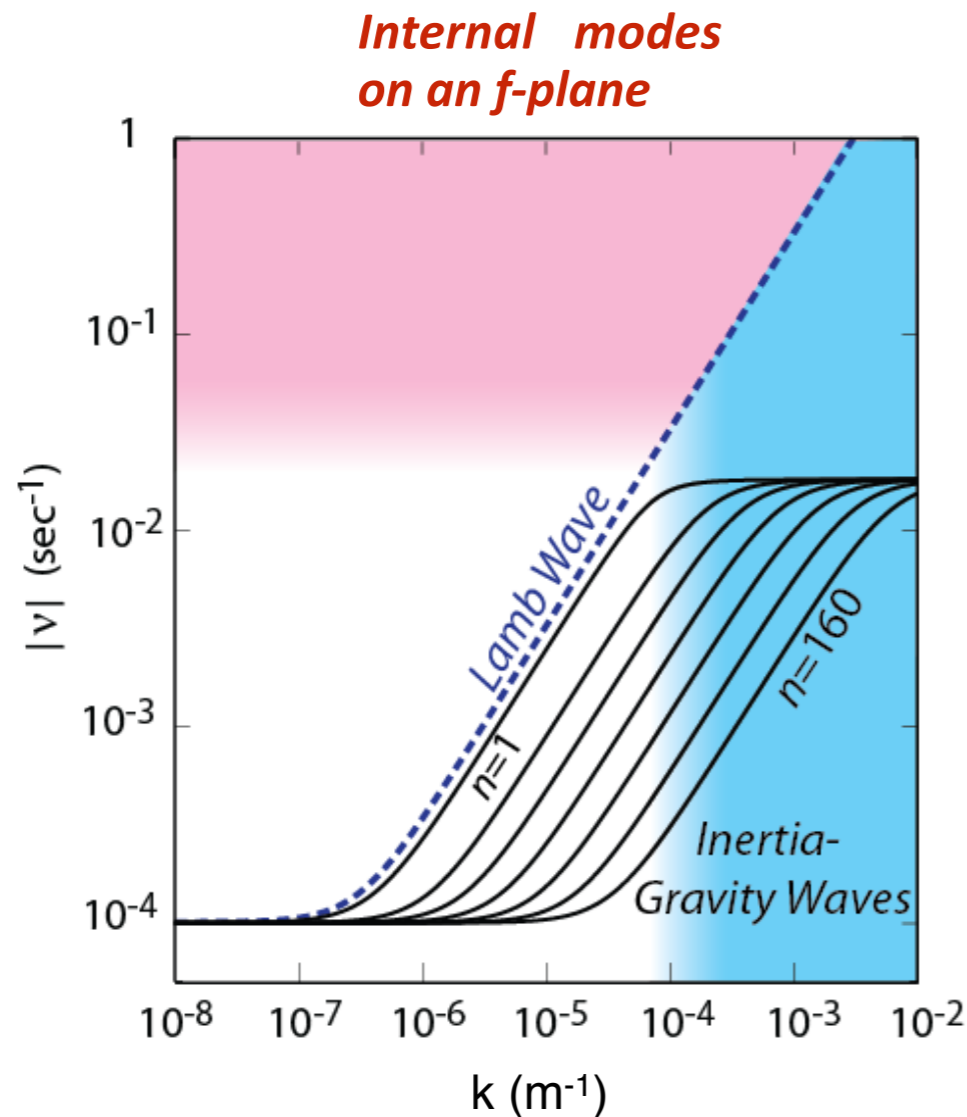
Continuity equation:

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{qs}}{\partial t} = -\nabla_H \cdot (\rho_{qs} \mathbf{v}) - \frac{\partial (\rho_{qs} w)}{\partial z}$$

$\rho_{qs} \gg \delta \rho$ is assumed

Unified System

Frequency of normal modes as a function of horizontal wavenumber



n is vertical wavenumber

Dw/Dt and $\partial\rho_{qs}/\partial t$ are maintained

$\partial\delta\rho/\partial t = 0$ is used to filter vertically propagating acoustic waves

... “The atmospheric case is much more sensitive to approximation. The recent “unified” approximation of Arakawa and Konor is one of the most accurate”...

Dukowicz (Dec 2013, *MWR*)

Solution algorithm for the unified equations (z vertical coordinate)

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$\pi \equiv \pi_{qs} + \delta\pi$

Prediction of potential temperature:

$$\frac{D\theta}{Dt} = 0$$

Diagnosis and prediction of “quasi-hydrostatic” variables:

$$0 = -c_p \theta \frac{\partial \pi_{qs}}{\partial z} - g$$

$$\frac{\partial(\pi_{qs})_S}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial(\pi_{qs})_T}{\partial t} = \frac{g}{c_p} \int_{z_T}^{z_S} \theta^{-2} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} dz$$

$$0 = -\frac{1}{\rho_{qs}} \frac{\partial p_{qs}}{\partial z} - g \quad \frac{\partial \rho_{qs}}{\partial t} = -\nabla_H \cdot (\rho_{qs} \mathbf{v}) - \frac{\partial(\rho_{qs} w)}{\partial z}$$

$$\leftarrow \frac{\partial(p_{qs})_S}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial(p_{qs})_T}{\partial t} = g \int_{z_T}^{z_S} \nabla_H \cdot (\rho_{qs} \mathbf{v}) dz$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{qs}}{\partial t} = \rho_{qs} \left(\frac{1-\kappa}{\kappa} \frac{1}{\pi_{qs}} \frac{\partial \pi_{qs}}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{\theta} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \rho_{qs}}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\rho_{qs} \left(\frac{1-\kappa}{\kappa} \frac{1}{\pi_{qs}} \frac{\partial \pi_{qs}}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{\theta} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} \right) \right]$$

Diagnosis of nonhydrostatic Exner pressure:

$$\nabla_H \cdot (\rho_{qs} c_p \theta \nabla_H \delta\pi) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\rho_{qs} c_p \theta \frac{\partial \delta\pi}{\partial z} \right) =$$

$$-\nabla_H \cdot (\rho_{qs} c_p \theta \nabla_H \pi_{qs}) - \nabla_H \cdot (\rho_{qs} \mathbf{G}_H) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\rho_{qs} G_z) + \frac{\partial^2 \rho_{qs}}{\partial t^2}$$

Prediction of horizontal momentum:

$$\frac{D\mathbf{v}}{Dt} + f\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{v} = -c_p \theta \nabla_H (\pi_{qs} + \delta\pi)$$

Diagnosis of vertical momentum through continuity equation:

$$\frac{\partial(\rho_{qs} w)}{\partial z} = -\nabla_H \cdot (\rho_{qs} \mathbf{v}) - \frac{\partial \rho_{qs}}{\partial t}$$

Energetics of the unified system

Energy equation and conservation of energy:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} [\rho_{qs} (E_{qs} + c_p \delta T)] + \nabla_H \cdot [(\rho_{qs} E_{qs} + p) \mathbf{v}] + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} [(\rho_{qs} E_{qs} + p) w] = \frac{1}{\kappa} \frac{p_{qs}}{\pi_{qs}} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \delta \pi$$

where $E_{qs} \equiv \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{v}^2 + w^2) + gz + c_v T_{qs}$ is the quasi-hydrostatic energy

Conservation of energy requires $\overline{\overline{\frac{p_{qs}}{\pi_{qs}} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \delta \pi}} = 0$ ($\overline{\overline{\quad}}$ denotes 3D domain mean)

The use of domain mean nonhydrostatic Exner pressure to conserve energy :

$(\delta \pi)^{(0)}$ is the nh Exner pressure obtained by solving the 3D elliptic equation

$(\delta \pi)^{(*)} = (\delta \pi)^{(0)} - \overline{\overline{(\delta \pi)^{(0)}}$ is the nh Exner pressure with no domain mean

$\delta \pi = (\delta \pi)^{(*)} + \overline{\overline{\delta \pi}}$ is the nh Exner pressure which conserves energy

Then $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \overline{\overline{\delta \pi}} = - \frac{p_{qs}}{\pi_{qs}} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\delta \pi)^{(*)} \bigg/ \frac{p_{qs}}{\pi_{qs}}$ conserves energy

Implication of energy conservation:

$T \equiv T_{qs} + \delta T = T_{qs} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{\pi_{qs}} [(\delta \pi)^{(*)} + \overline{\overline{\delta \pi}}] \right\}$ Enforcing energy conservation through this approach impacts mean temperature, and therefore model physics

Unified equations

Continuity equation:

$$\nabla_H \cdot (\rho_{qs} \mathbf{v}) + \frac{\partial(\rho_{qs} w)}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial \rho_{qs}}{\partial t}$$

(Generalized) pseudo-incompressible equations

Pseudo-incompressible continuity equation:

$$\nabla_H \cdot (\bar{\theta} \bar{\rho} \mathbf{v}) + \frac{\partial(\bar{\theta} \bar{\rho} w)}{\partial z} = \frac{\bar{\rho} Q}{c_p \bar{\pi} \bar{\theta}}$$

where $\bar{\theta} = \bar{\theta}(z)$ $\bar{\rho} = \bar{\rho}(z)$ Durran (1989)

Generalized pseudo-incompressible continuity equation:

3D time dependent basic state

$\bar{\theta} = \bar{\theta}(x, y, z, t)$ $\bar{\rho} = \bar{\rho}(x, y, z, t)$ Durran (2008)

Issues:

Durran (2008) does not describe an algorithm for the determination of $\bar{\theta} = \bar{\theta}(x, y, z, t)$ and $\bar{\rho} = \bar{\rho}(x, y, z, t)$.

It proposes to prescribe $\bar{\theta} = \bar{\theta}(x, y, z, t)$ and $\bar{\rho} = \bar{\rho}(x, y, z, t)$ from a low-resolution global model (GCM).

Two problems with this:

- 1- Pseudo-incompressible model cannot influence the GCM.
- 2- Double counting of physics.

Fully compressible equations in a quasi-hydrostatic pressure coordinate

Laprise (1992 *MWR*) approach

Coordinate transformation $z \Rightarrow p_{qs}$ (*)

State equation:

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Thermodynamic equation:

$$\frac{D\theta}{Dt} = 0 \quad \frac{D}{Dt} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \right)_{p_{qs}} + \omega \frac{\partial}{\partial p_{qs}}$$

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(*) p_{qs} in Laprise (1992) is different than that in Arakawa and Konor (2009)

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Equation that is used to diagnose z:

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial p_{qs}} \equiv -\frac{1}{g\rho}$$

Consistent!

Continuity equation:

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} + \rho D_3 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{D}{Dt} \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \right) - \frac{1}{\rho} D_3 = 0$$

where

$$D_3 \equiv \nabla_{p_{qs}} \cdot \mathbf{v} - g \left(\nabla_{p_{qs}} z \right) \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial p_{qs}} - g \frac{\partial(\rho w)}{\partial p_{qs}}$$

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$$\nabla_{p_{qs}} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial p_{qs}} = 0 \quad \text{Obtained by requiring} \quad \rho \frac{\partial z}{\partial p_{qs}} \equiv \underline{\text{const.}}$$

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Conflict!

Continuity equation:

TBD

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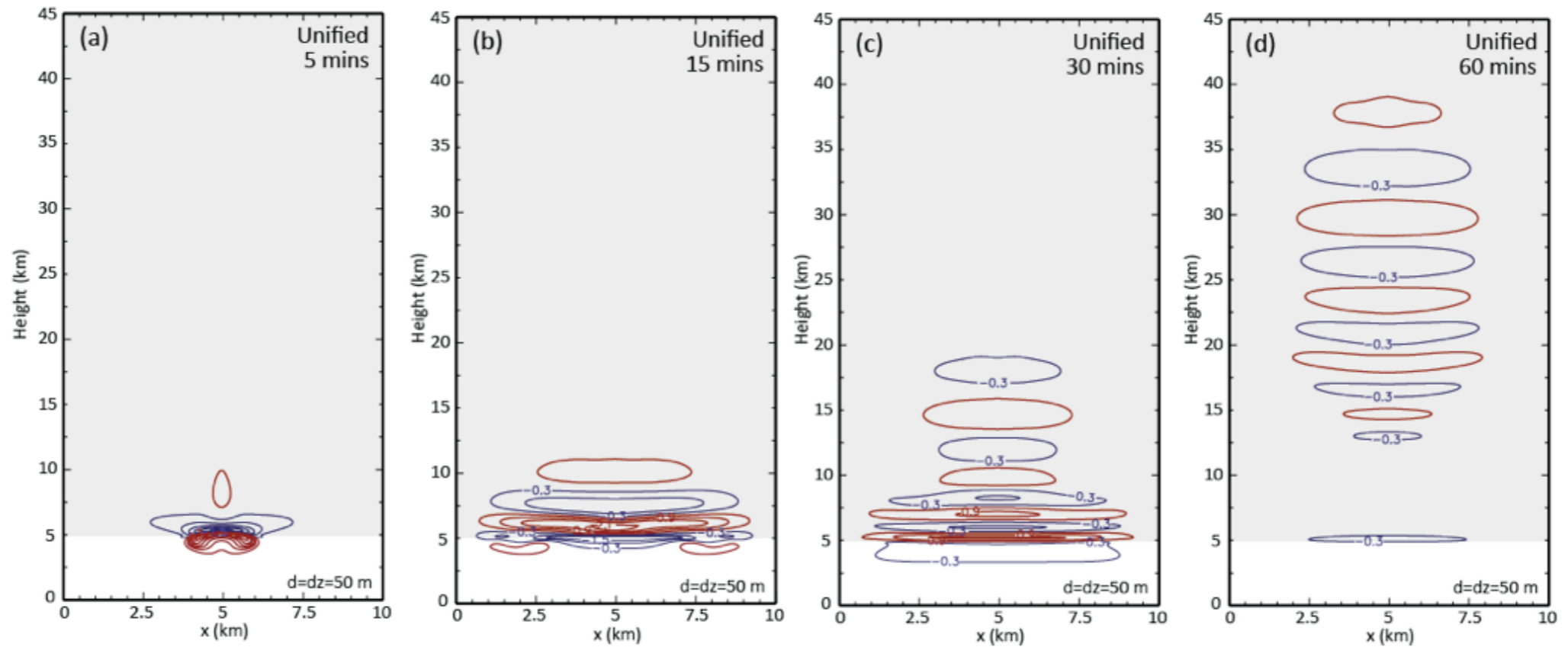
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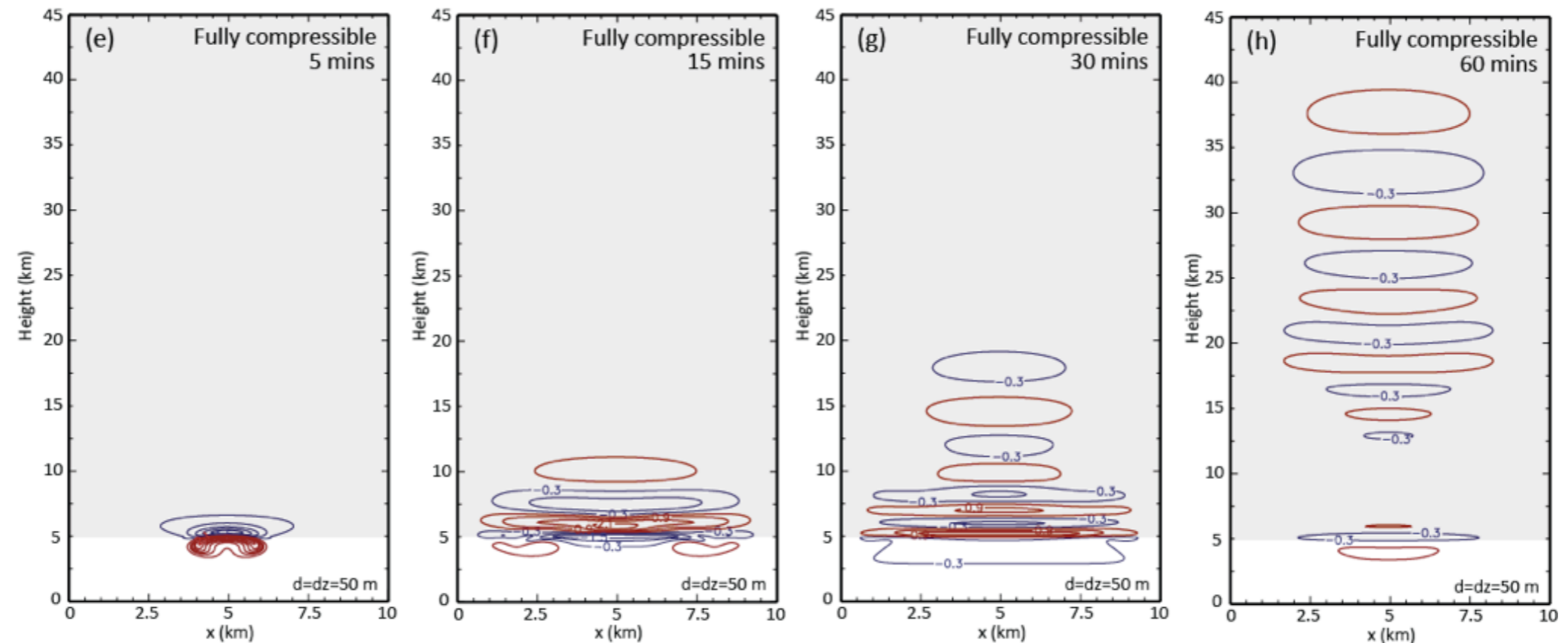
To be continued...

Cloud-scale simulations including a stratosphere with the unified, fully compressible, anelastic and pseudo-incompressible models (Warm bubble and stratosphere)

Unified



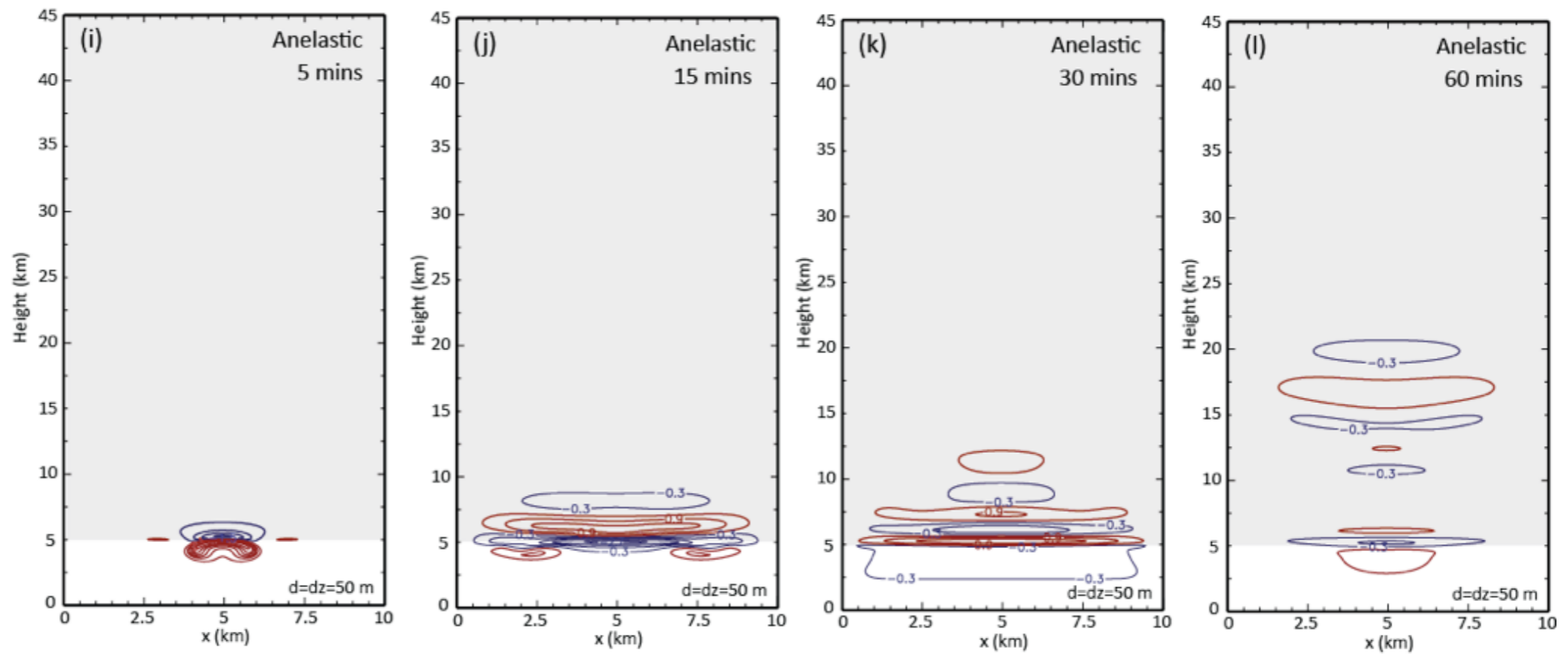
Fully compressible



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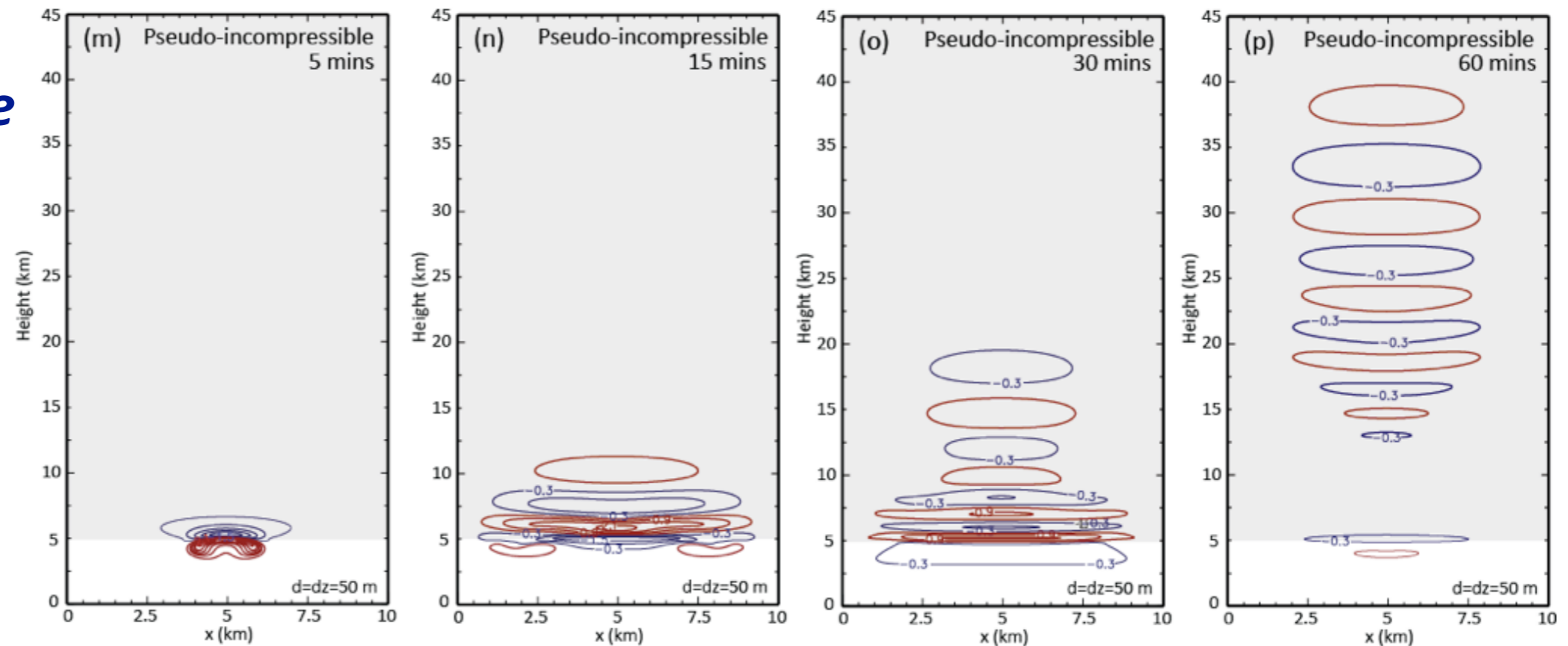
Anelastic (Lipps and Hemler)

Lipps and Hemler (1983)



Pseudo-incompressible

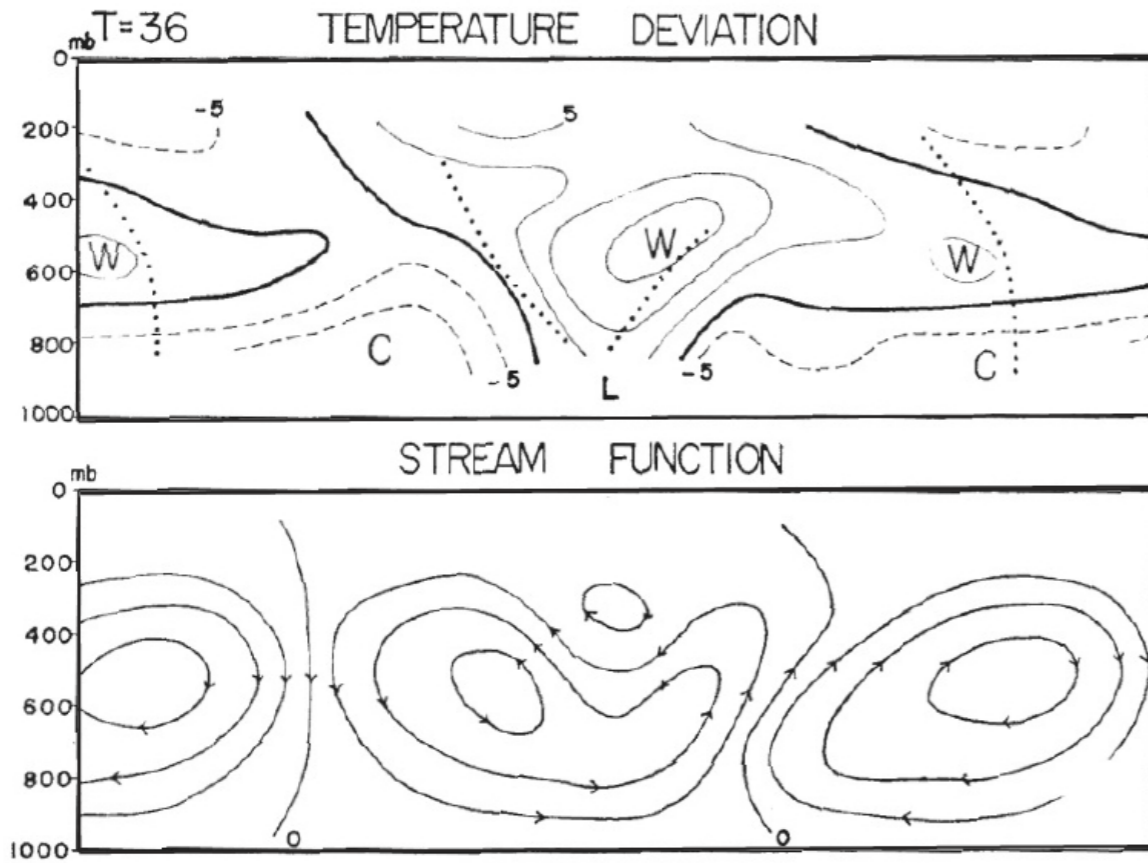
Durran (1989 and 2008)



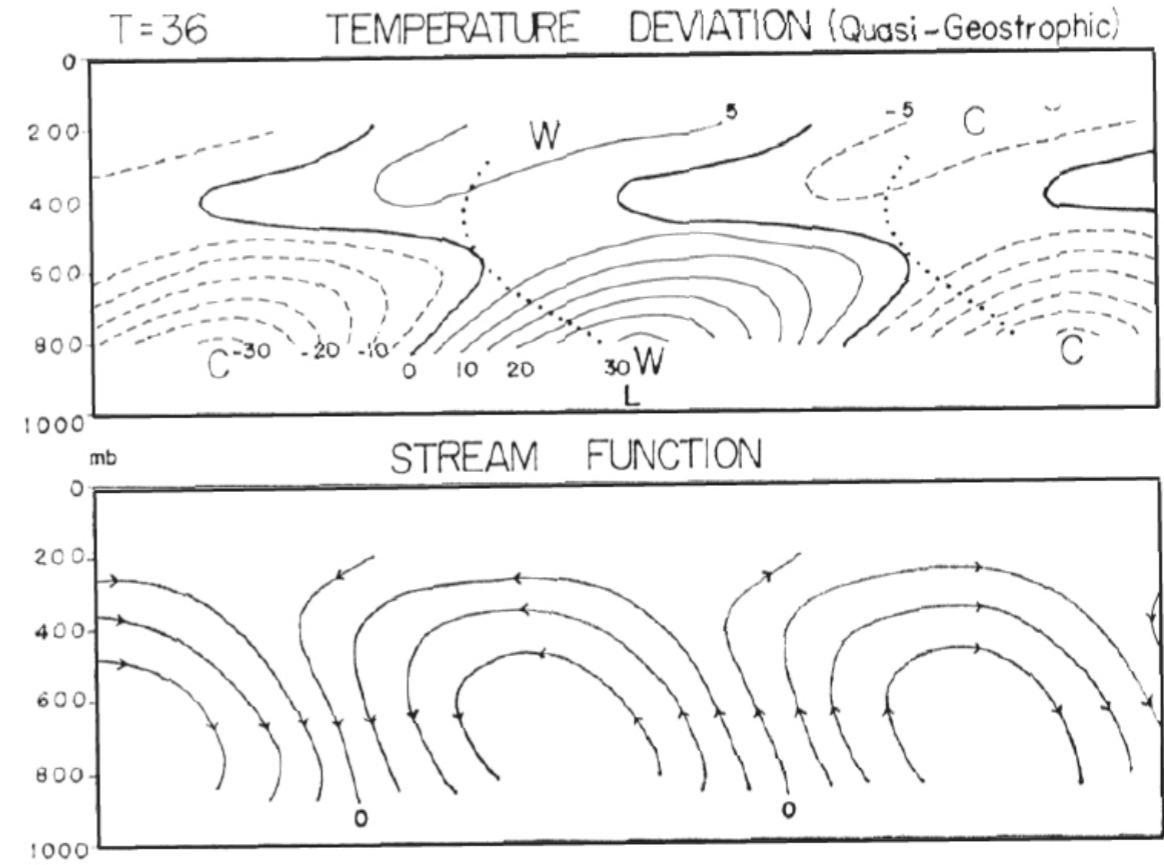
Non-geostrophic effects in the baroclinic prognostic equations

Arakawa (1962)

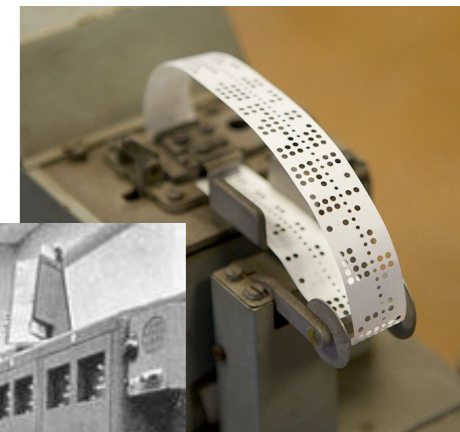
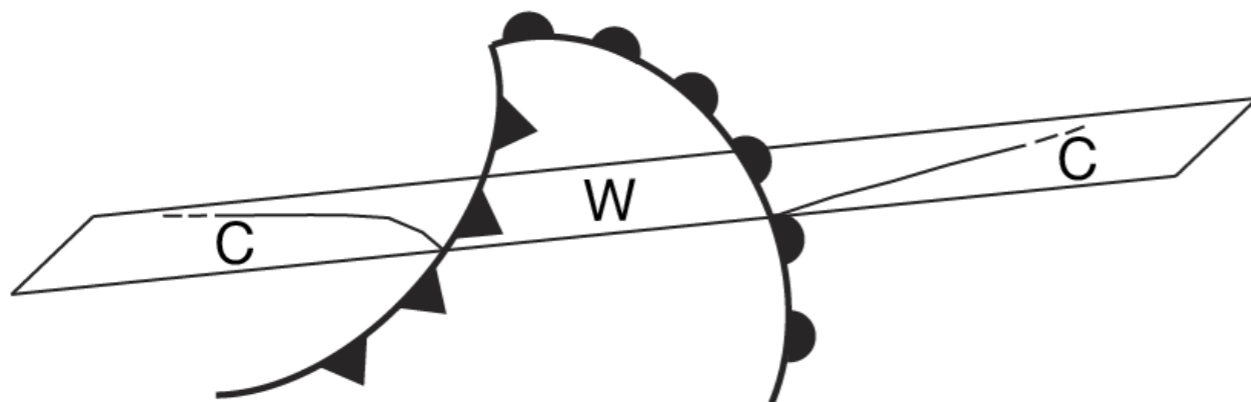
Model based on the balanced system of equations



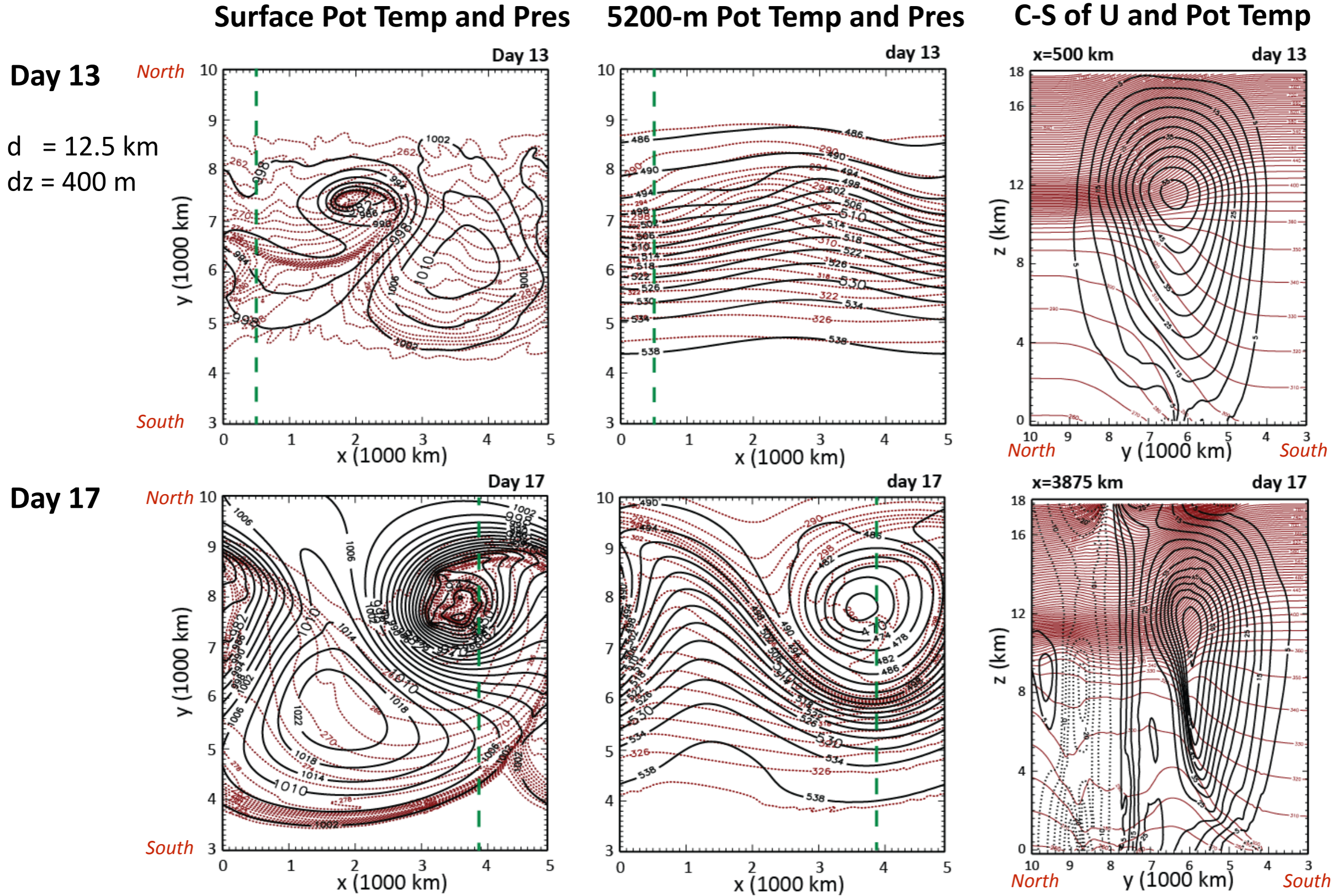
Quasi-geostrophic model



2D model (x - p plane) $d=100$ km, $dp=200$ mb and $dt=30$ mins



Idealized extratropical cyclogenesis simulated by a unified model



- From an idealized extratropical cyclogenesis simulation on a β -plane. Random initial perturbation on pot temp.
- The unified model used in the simulation has a height vertical coordinate. The C-grid and the L-grid are used in the horizontal and vertical discretizations, respectively.

Unified system in sigma (ζ) vertical coordinate

Quasi-hydrostatic module

$$\zeta \equiv \frac{(p_{qs})_S - p_{qs}}{m} \quad (\text{increases with height})$$

$$m \equiv \frac{\partial p_{qs}}{\partial \zeta} = (p_{qs})_S - (p_{qs})_T$$

$$\frac{D\theta}{Dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial (p_{qs})_S}{\partial t} = - \int_{\zeta_S}^{\zeta_T} \nabla_{\zeta} \cdot (m\mathbf{v}) d\zeta \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial (p_{qs})_T}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial \zeta} = \frac{m}{g} \frac{\kappa \pi_{qs}}{p_{qs}} c_p \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial (m\dot{\zeta})}{\partial \zeta} = -\nabla_{\zeta} \cdot (m\mathbf{v}) + \int_{\zeta_S}^{\zeta_T} \nabla_{\zeta} \cdot (m\mathbf{v}) d\zeta$$

$$(m\dot{\zeta})_S = (m\dot{\zeta})_T = 0$$

$$\frac{D\mathbf{v}}{Dt} + f\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{v} = -c_p \theta \nabla_{\zeta} \pi_{qs} - g(\nabla_{\zeta} z)$$

$$-c_p \theta \nabla_{\zeta} \delta\pi + g(\nabla_{\zeta} z) \frac{\rho_{qs}}{m} c_p \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \delta\pi$$

Nonhydrostatic module

$$\frac{Dw}{Dt} = -\frac{g\rho_{qs}}{m} c_p \theta \frac{\partial \delta\pi}{\partial \zeta} \quad (\text{not a prognostic equation of the model, used only in the derivation of the elliptic equation})$$

$$w = w_c + \frac{1}{g\rho_{qs}} m \dot{\zeta}$$

$$w_c \equiv \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)_{\zeta} z + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\zeta} z$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)_{\zeta} z = \int_{\zeta_S}^{\zeta} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)_{\zeta} \left(\frac{mR\pi_{qs}\theta}{gp_{qs}} \right) d\zeta$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \nabla_{\zeta} \cdot (m c_p \theta \nabla_{\zeta} \delta\pi) - \nabla_{\zeta} \cdot \left[g\rho_{qs} (\nabla_{\zeta} z) c_p \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \delta\pi \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \left(\frac{g^2 \rho_{qs}^2}{m} c_p \theta \frac{\partial \delta\pi}{\partial \zeta} \right) \\ & = -\nabla_{\zeta} \cdot \left[m (c_p \theta \nabla_{\zeta} \pi_{qs} + g \nabla_{\zeta} z) \right] \\ & - g \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \left[-w \frac{\partial \rho_{qs}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho_{qs} w_c) + \rho_{qs} G_z \right] - \nabla_{\zeta} \cdot \left(m \mathbf{G}_H - \mathbf{v} \frac{\partial m}{\partial t} \right) + \frac{\partial^2 m}{\partial t^2} \end{aligned}$$

3-Unified Z-grid Icosahedral Model (UZIM)

- ◆ Predicts vorticity and divergence
- ◆ UZIM-z is the height vertical coordinate version with the L-grid
- ◆ UZIM-sigma is the sigma vertical coordinate version with the CP-grid
- ◆ For hexagon/pentagon icosahedral grid optimization, see Heikes et al. (2013 *MWR*)

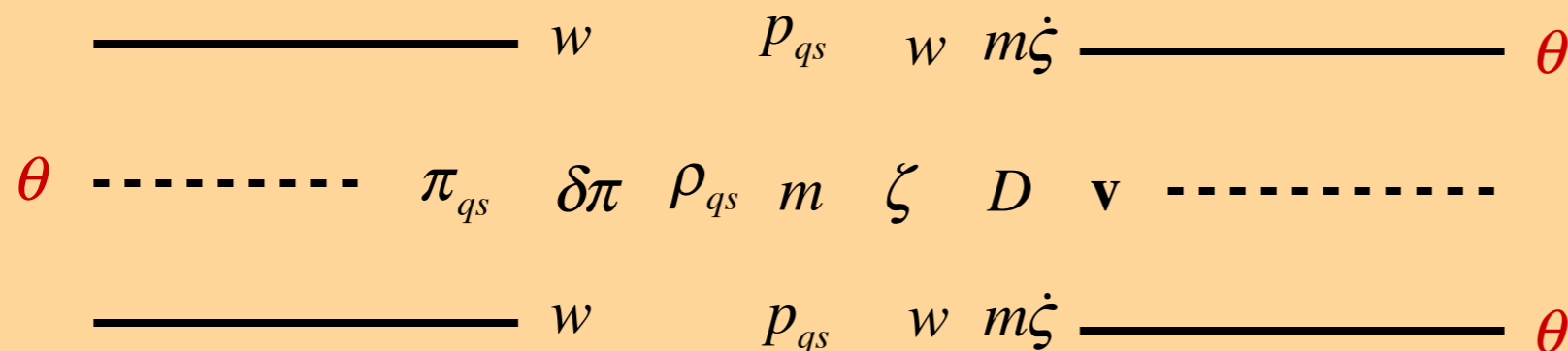
L-grid of UZIM-z

CP-grid of UZIM-sigma

CP-grid and L-grid difference

Arakawa and Moorthi (1988)

Arakawa and Konor (1996)



Characteristics of simulations shown here:

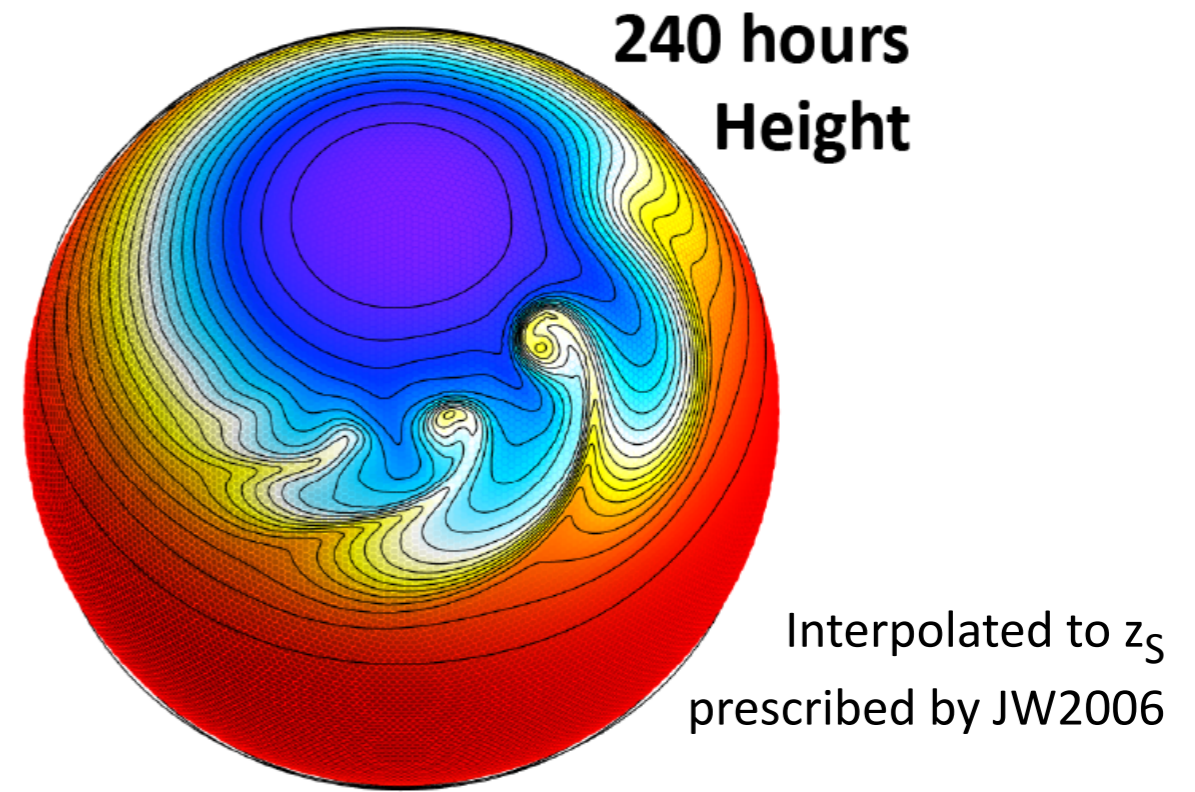
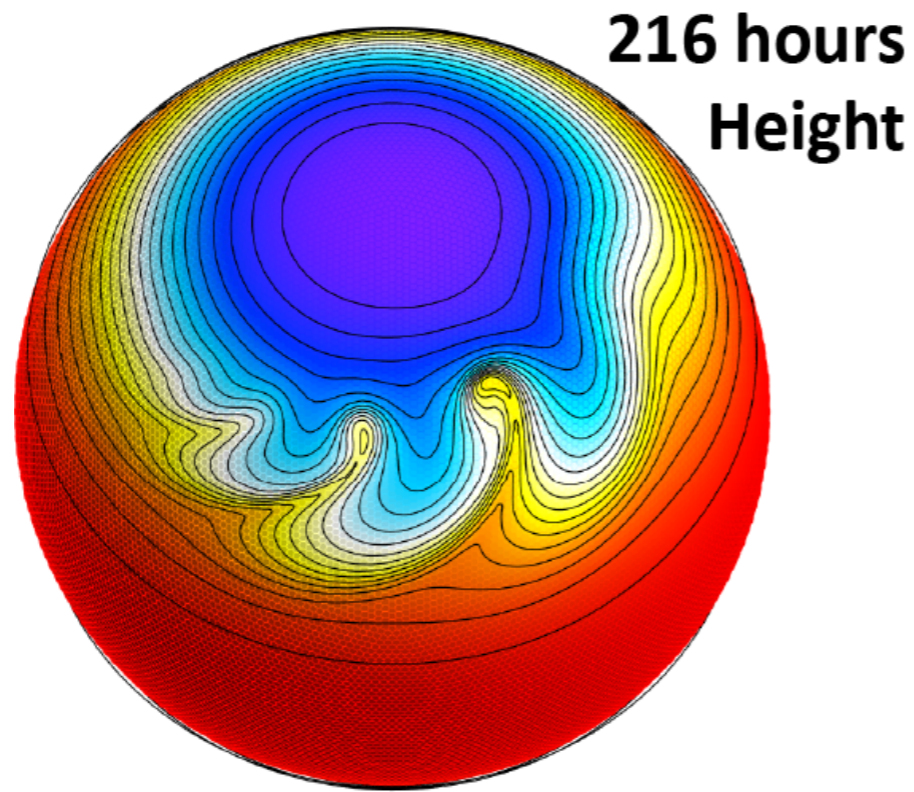
- ◆ 32 stretched layers in the vertical under 32 km

Grid	Number of cells	Horizontal grid distance
G6	40962	121.3 km
G7	163842	60.6 km

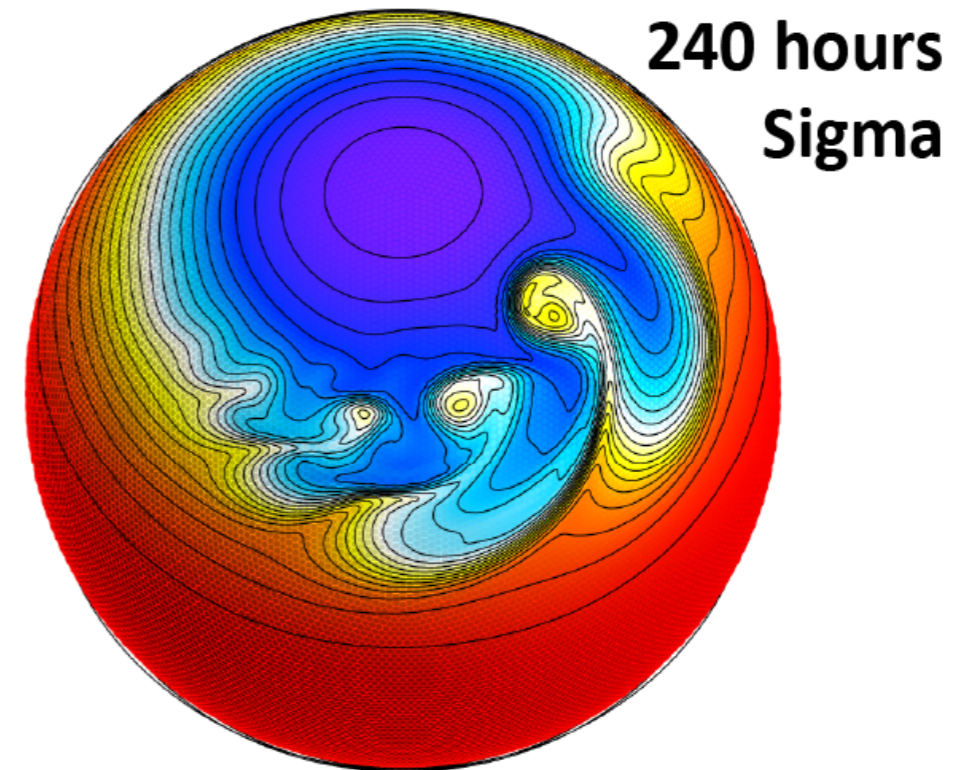
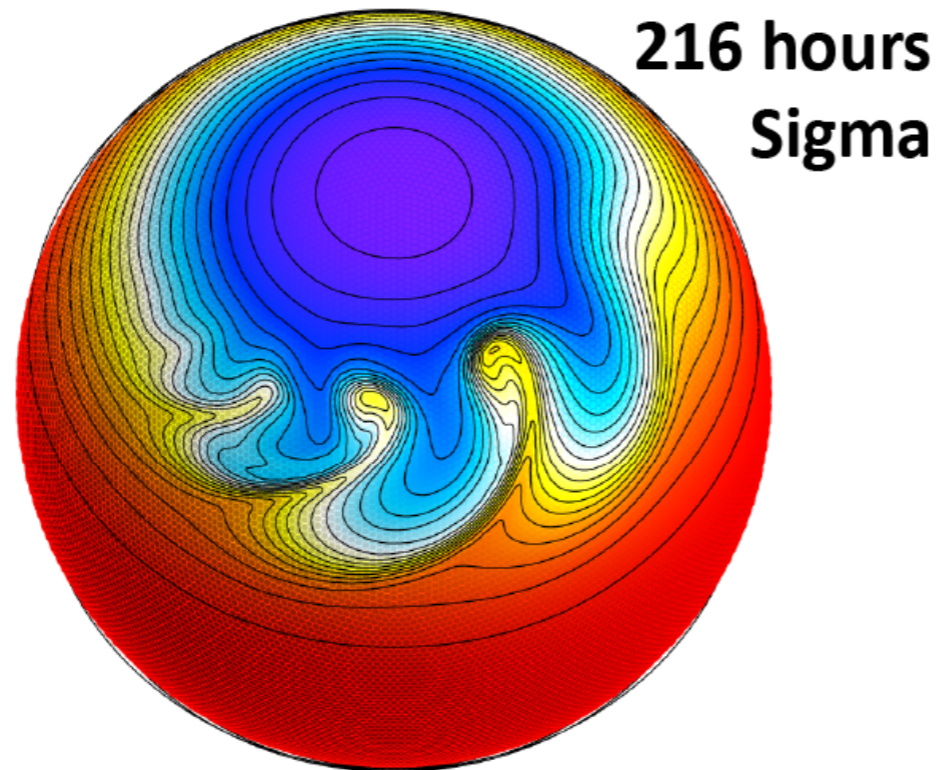
Idealized extratropical cyclogenesis (setup from Jablonowski and Williamson, 2006)

Surface Potential Temperature

UZIM-z



UZIM-sigma



Resolution: G7-32L

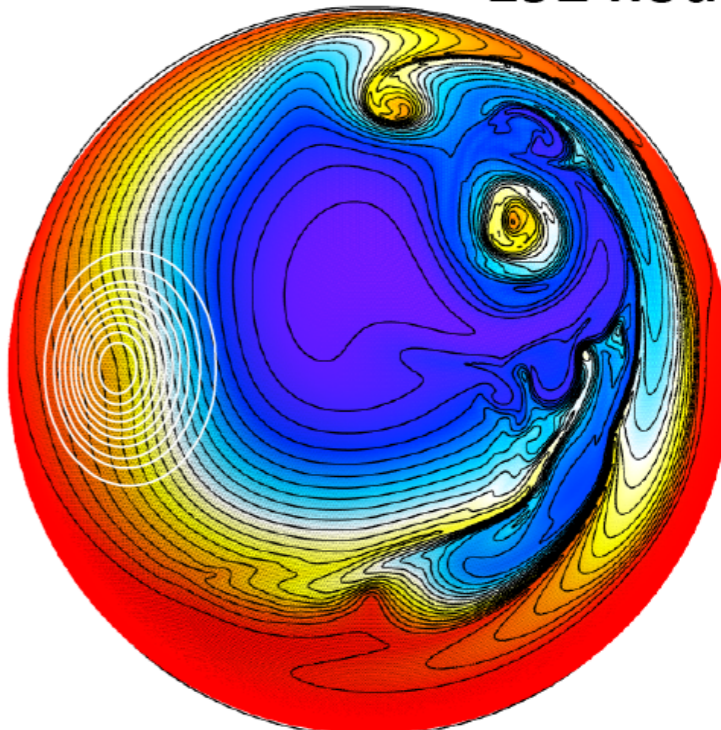
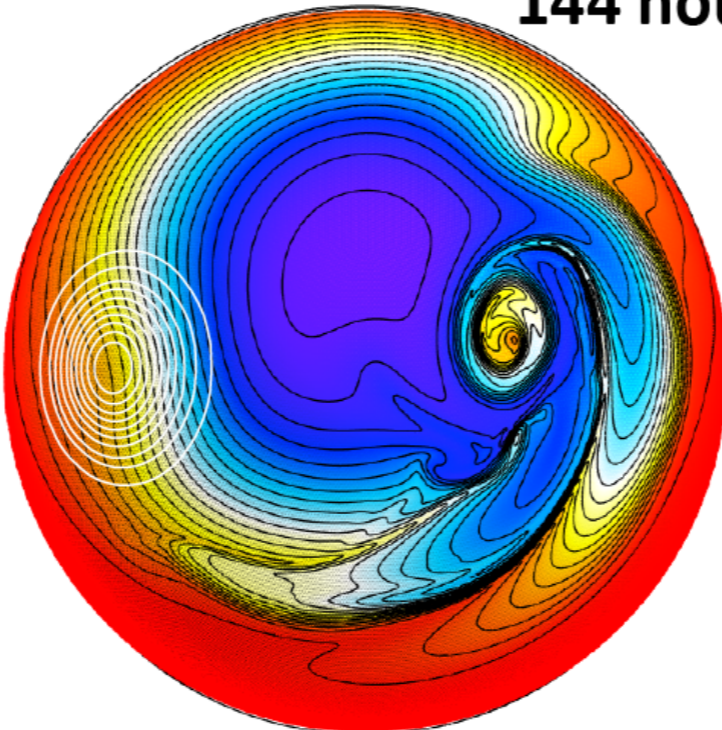
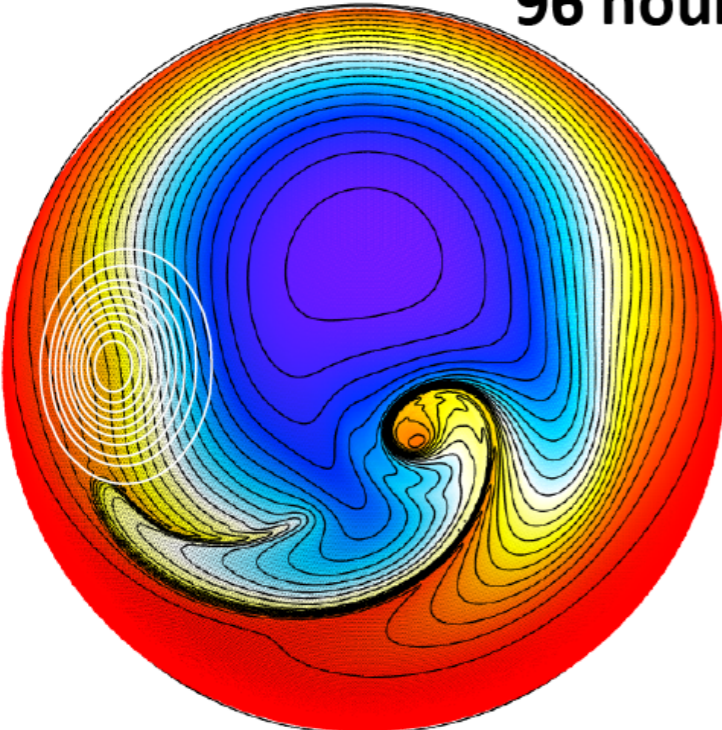
Extratropical cyclogenesis modified by a mountain

Surface Potential Temperature

96 hours

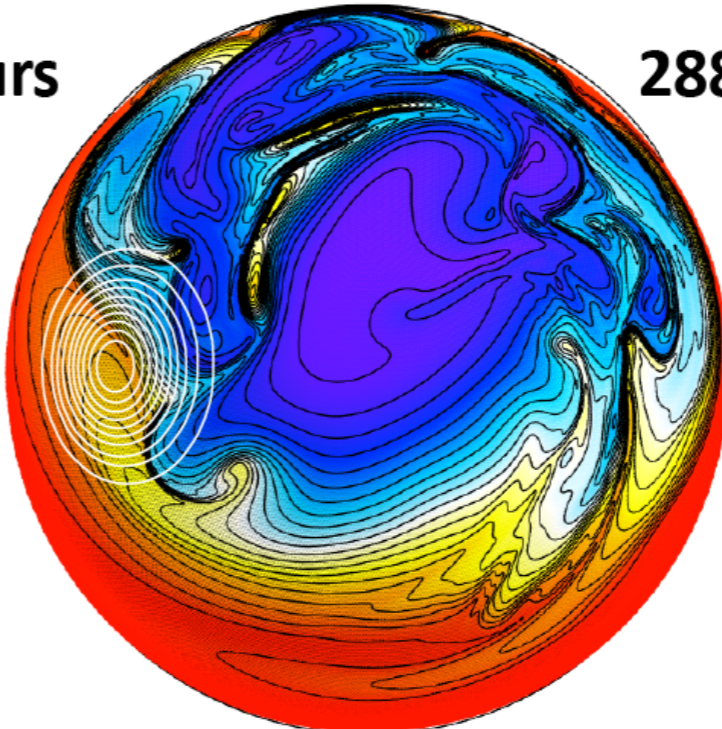
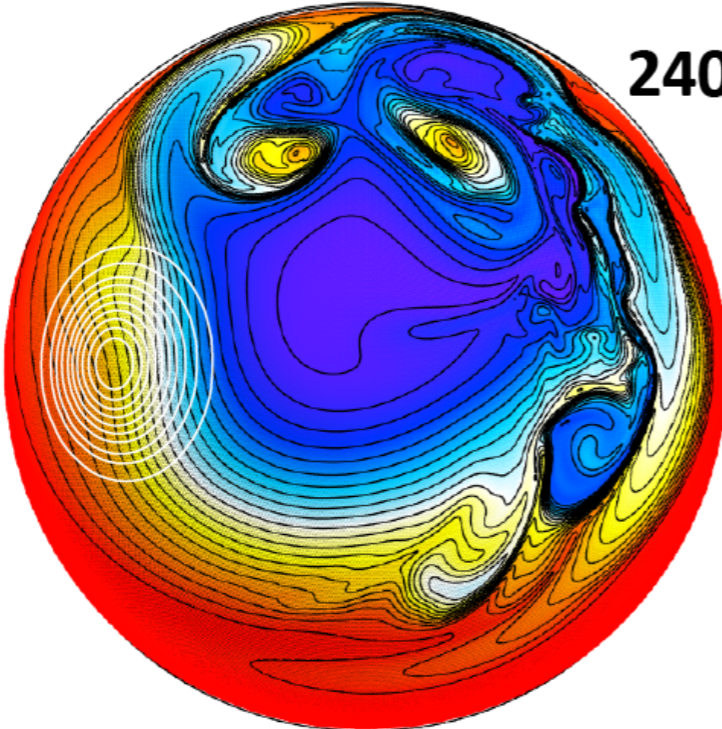
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192 hours



240 hours

288 hours



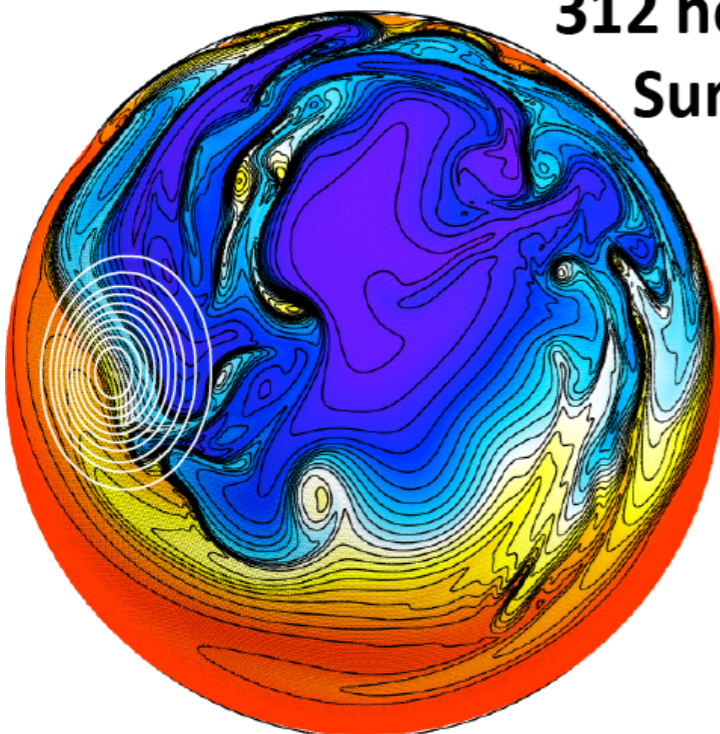
*Mountain is 2000 m high
(No gravity wave drag)*

UZIM-sigma

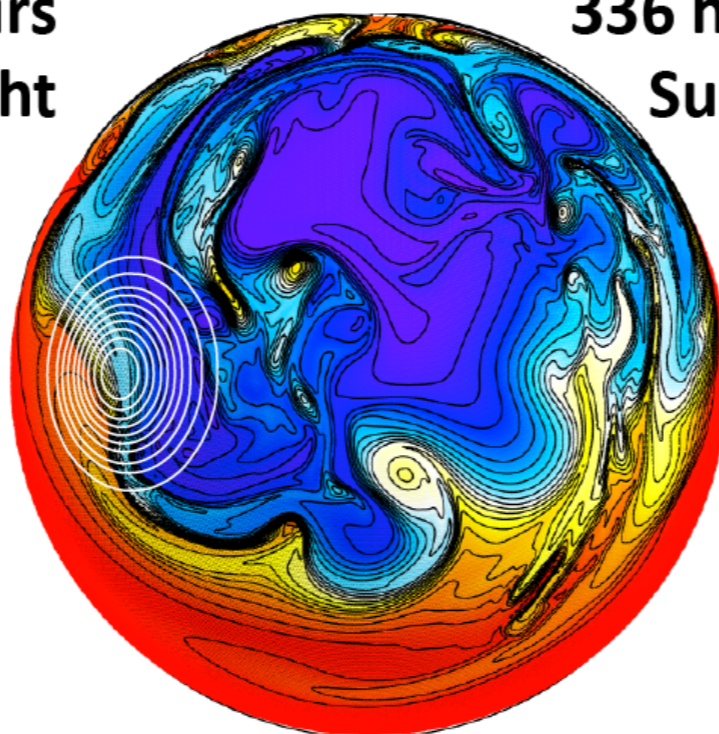
Resolution: G7-32L

Extratropical disturbances induced by a mountain

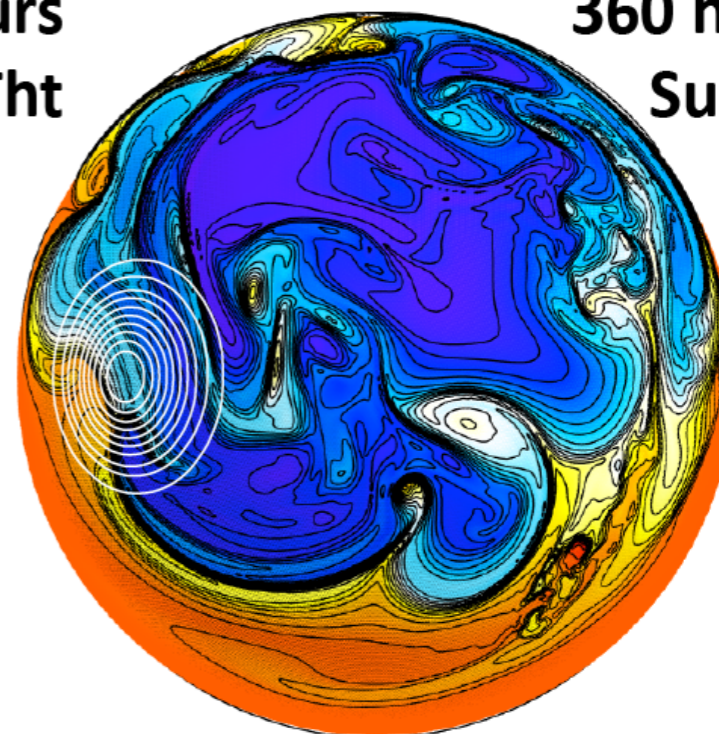
312 hours
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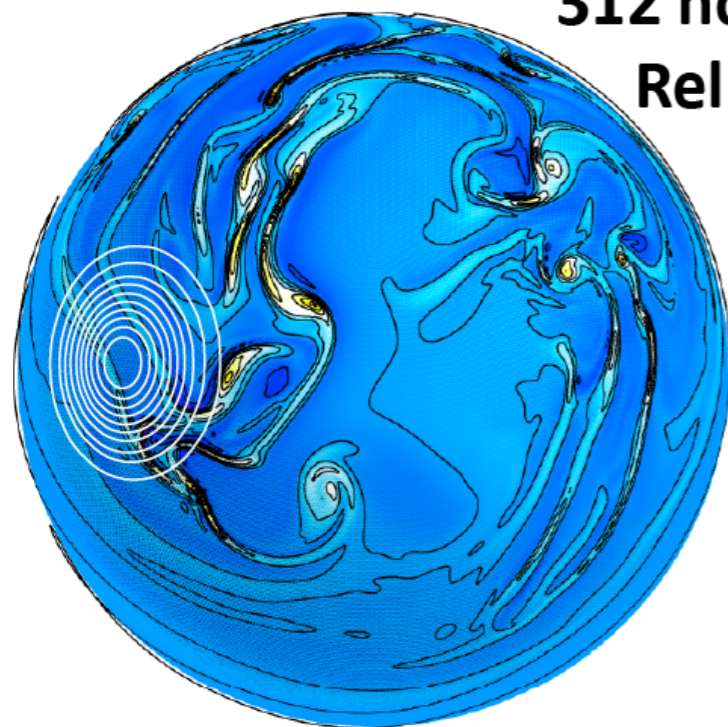
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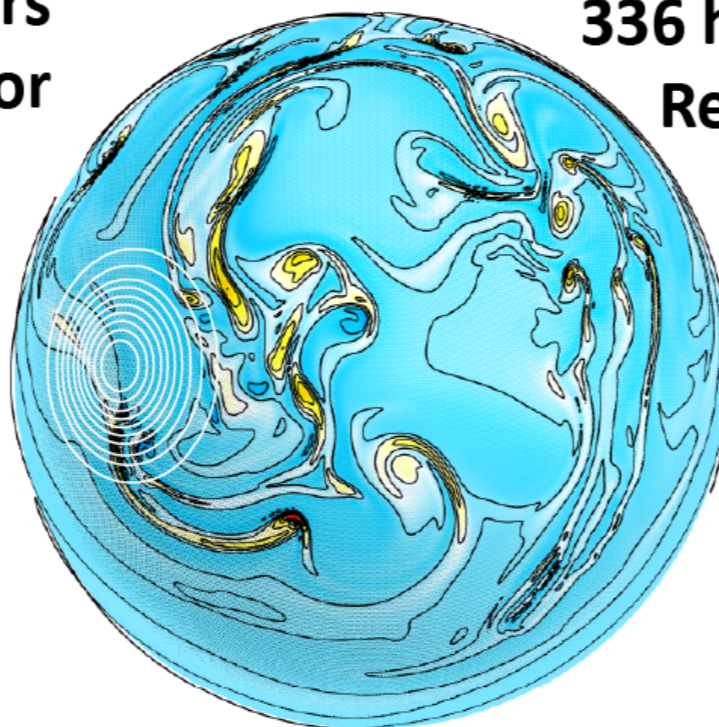
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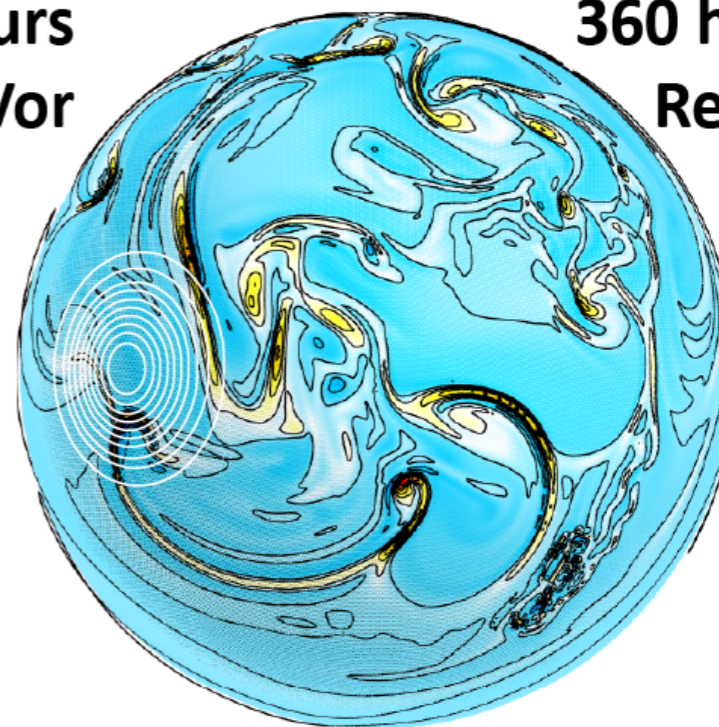
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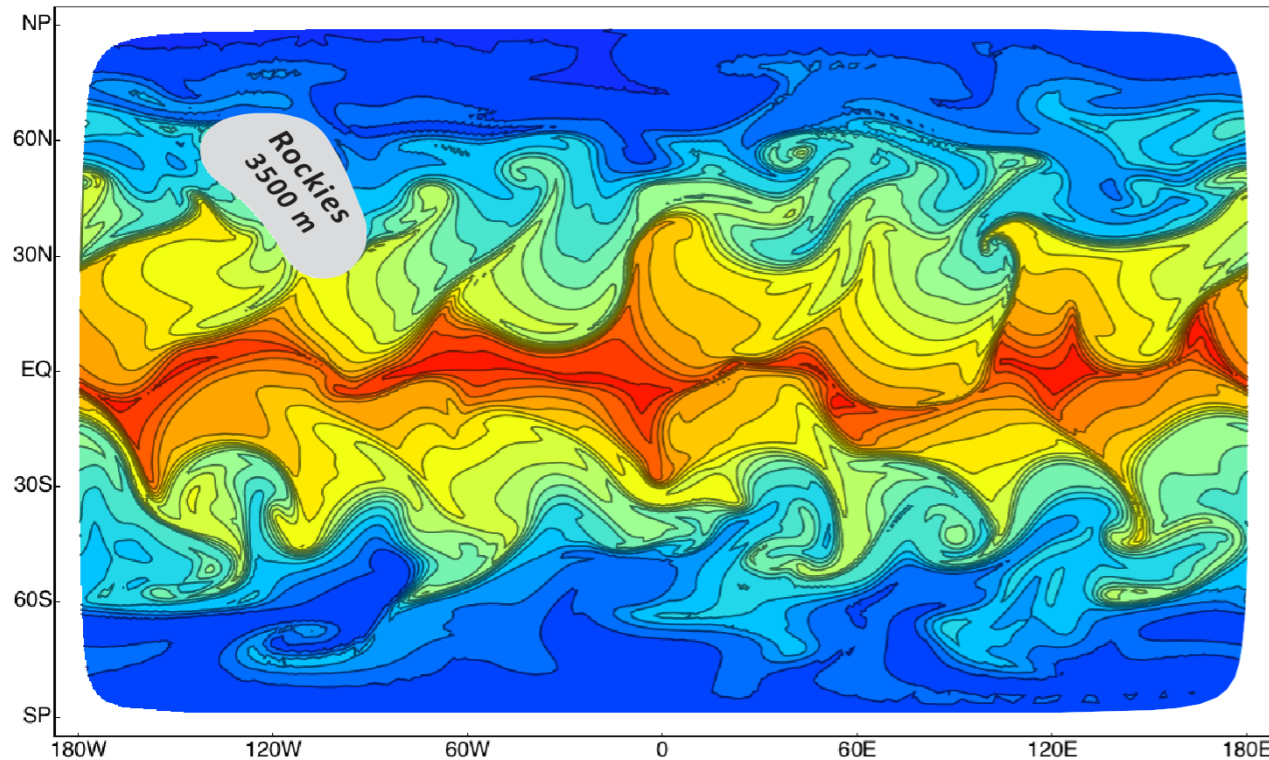
Mountain is 2000 m high

UZIM-sigma

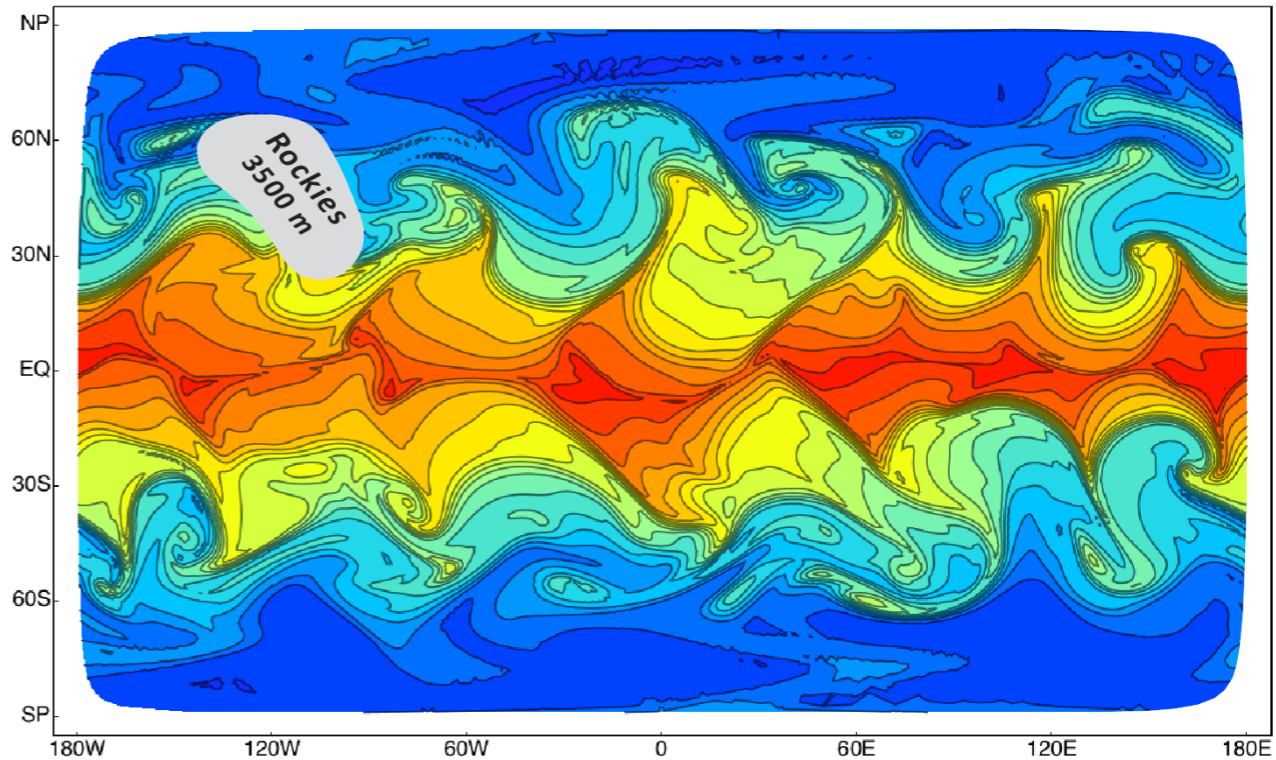
Resolution: G7-32L

Snapshots of surface potential temperature

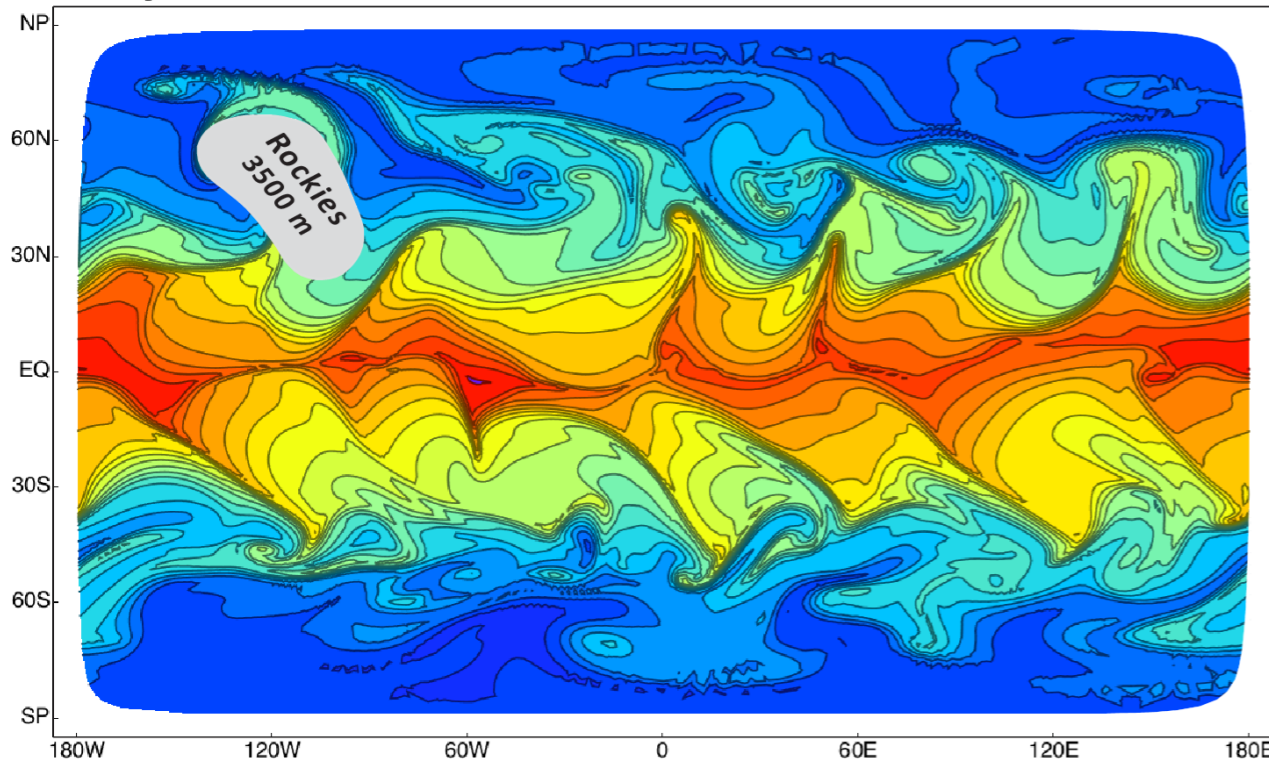
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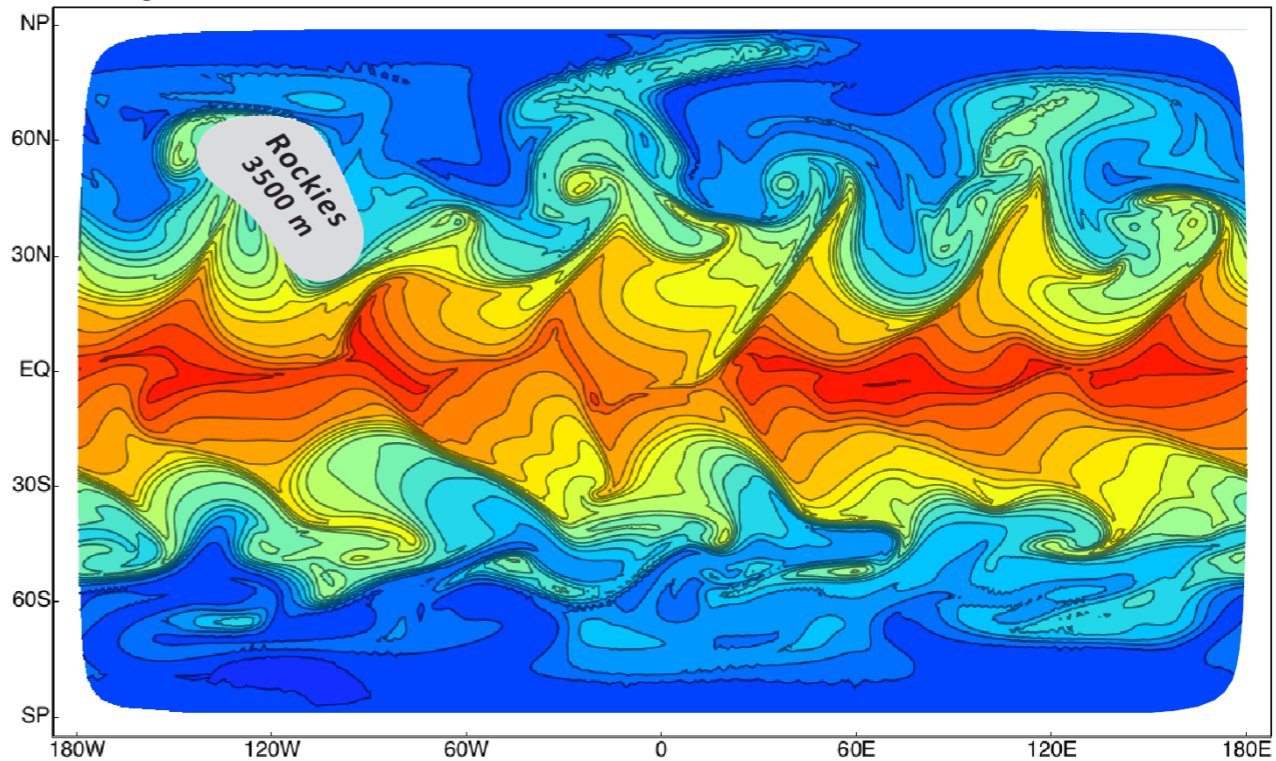
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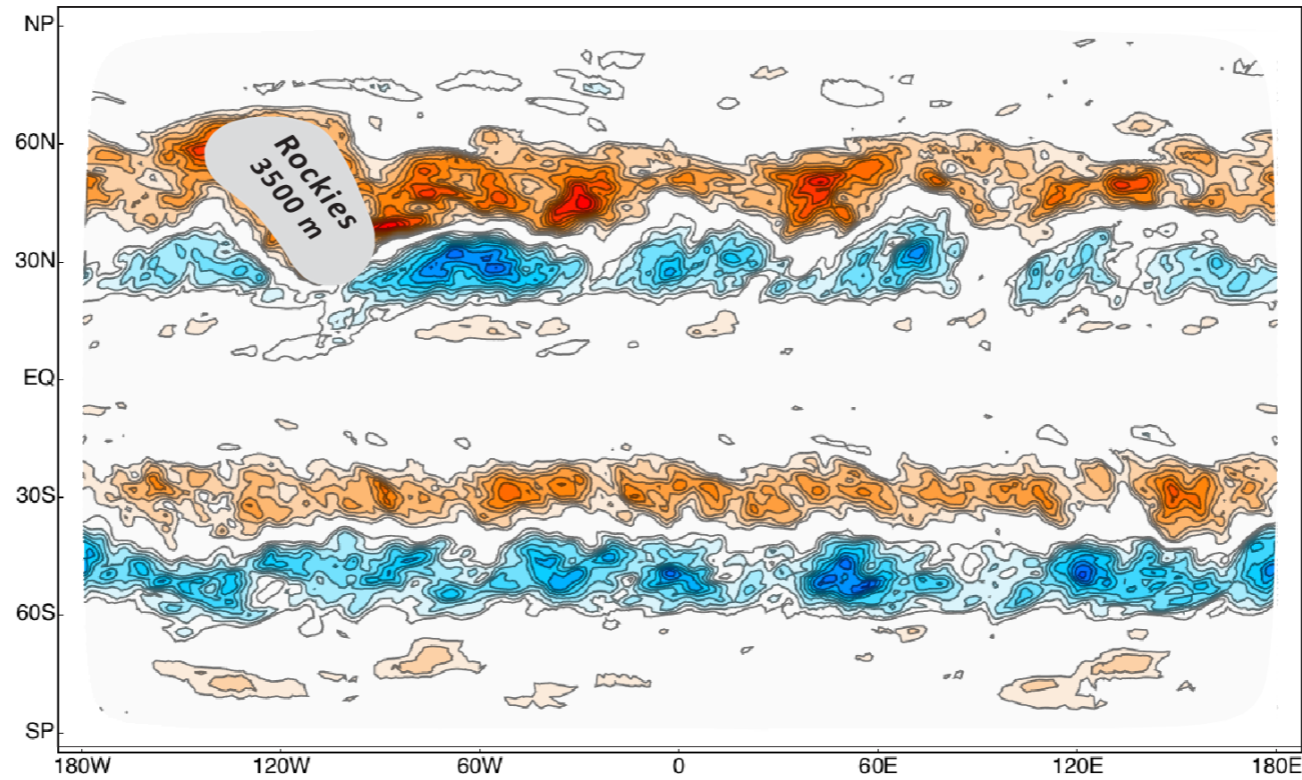


UZIM-sigma (No gravity wave drag)

Resolution: G6-32L

Idealized general circulation with Held-Suarez forcing and the “Rocky” mountains

**Time Averaged
Vorticity
at 750 mb**

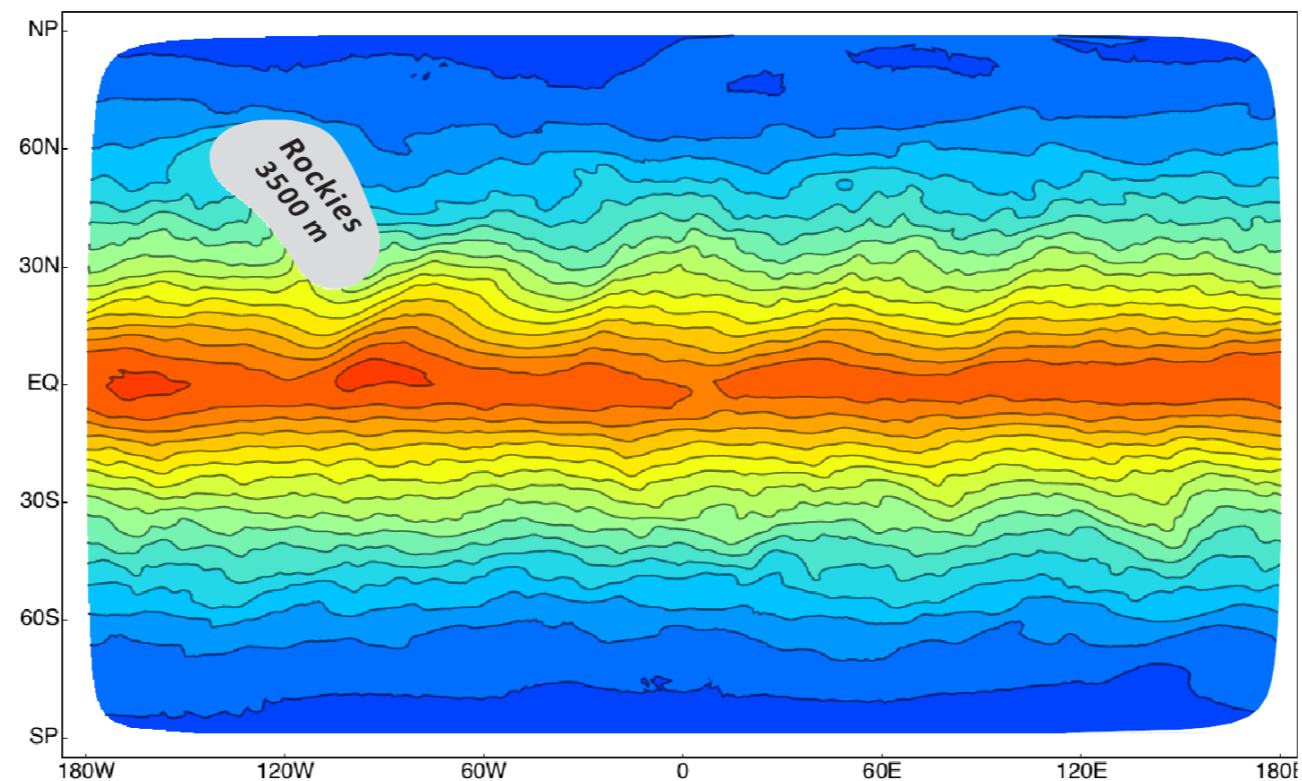


*“Rockies” are
3500 m high*

*Averaging between
days 1500 to 2000*

No gravity wave drag

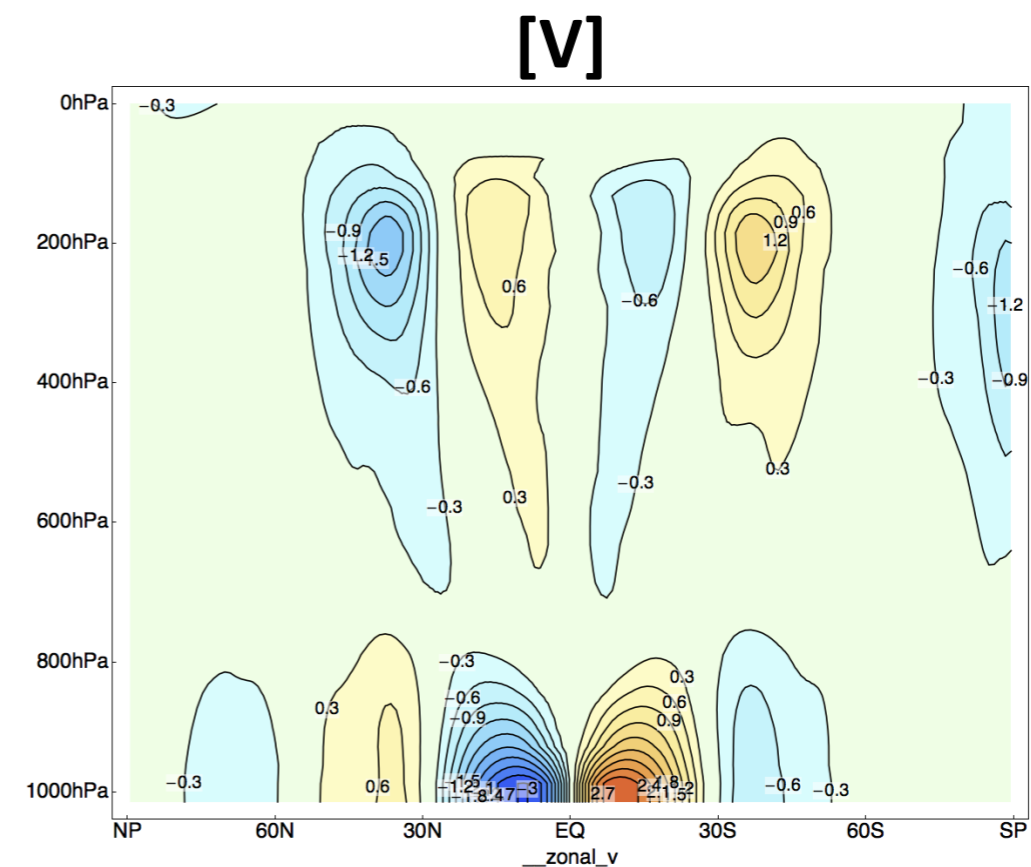
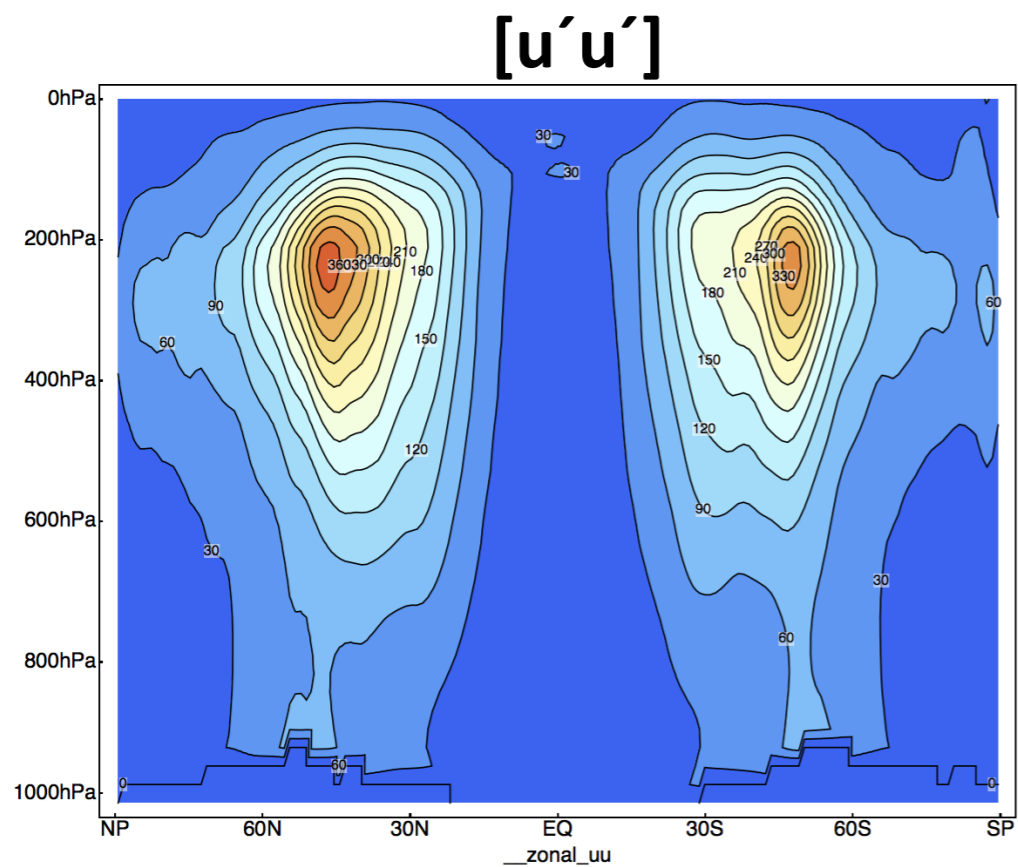
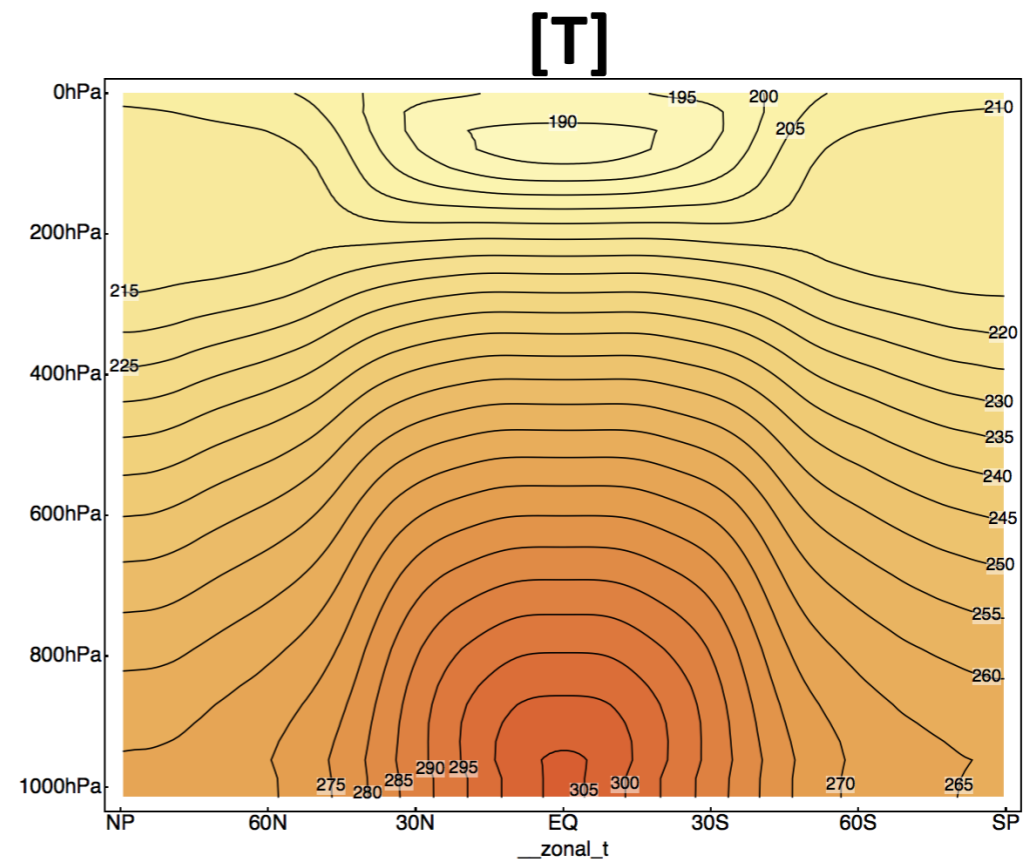
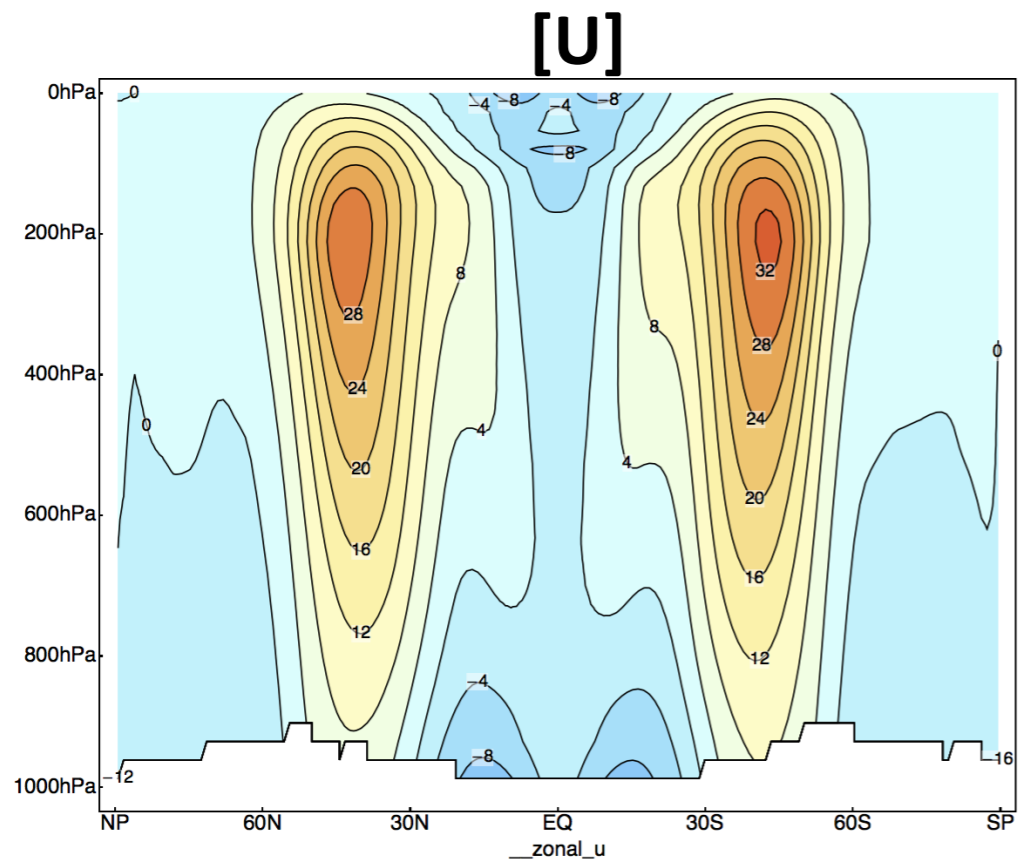
**Time Averaged
Surface Potential
Temperature**



UZIM-sigma

Resolution: G7-32L

Idealized general circulation with Held-Suarez forcing and the "Rocky" mountains

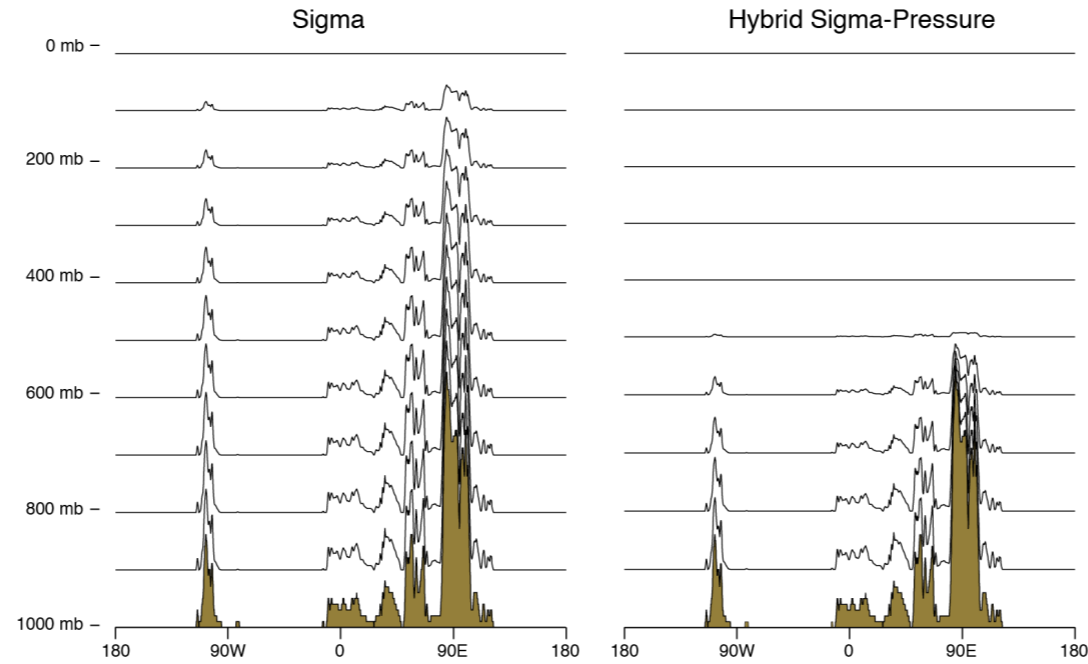


UZIM-sigma

Zonal averaging excludes Rockies

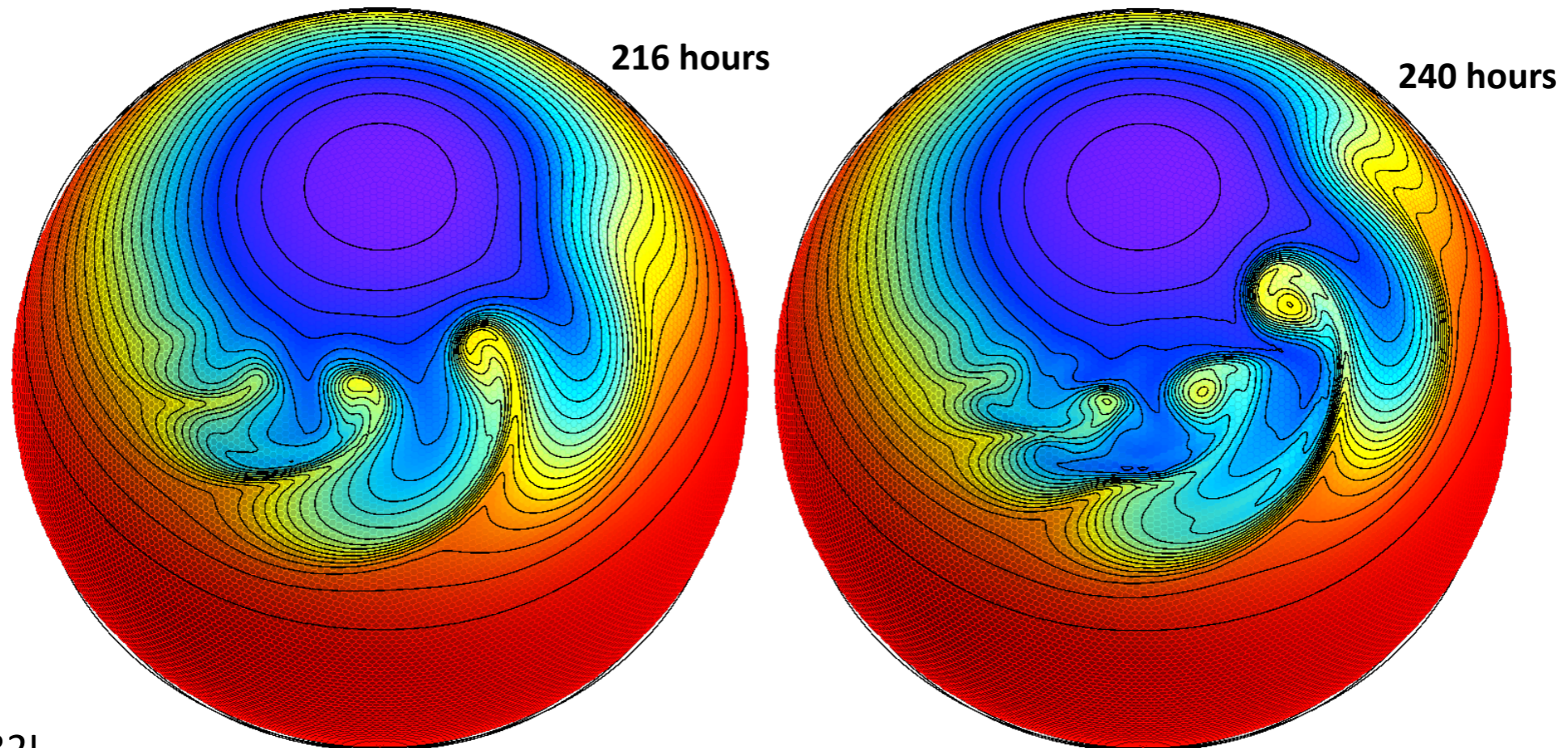
No gravity wave drag

UZIM-sigma-p



Surface topography
at 39° Latitude circle

Idealized extratropical cyclogenesis (Jablonowski and Williamson, 2006) Surface Potential Temperature



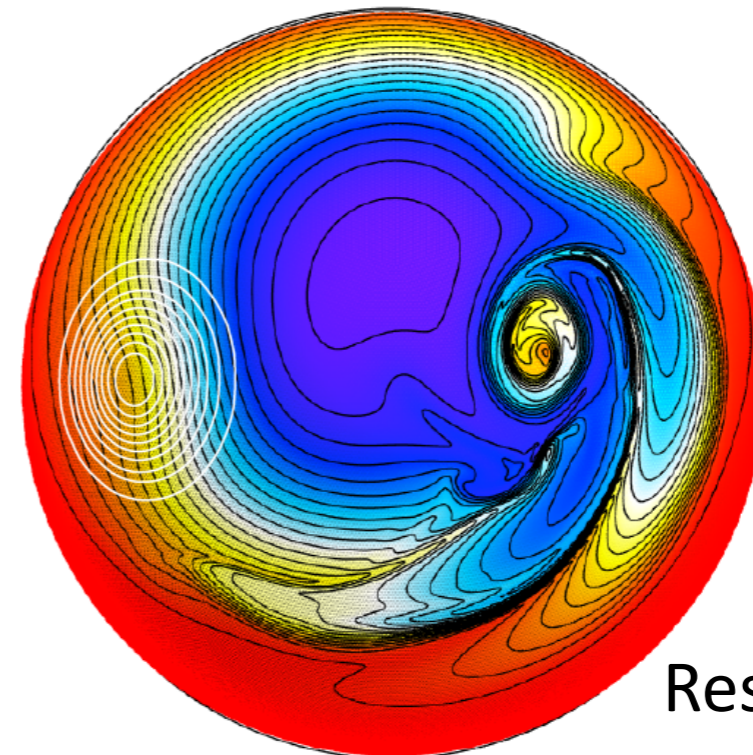
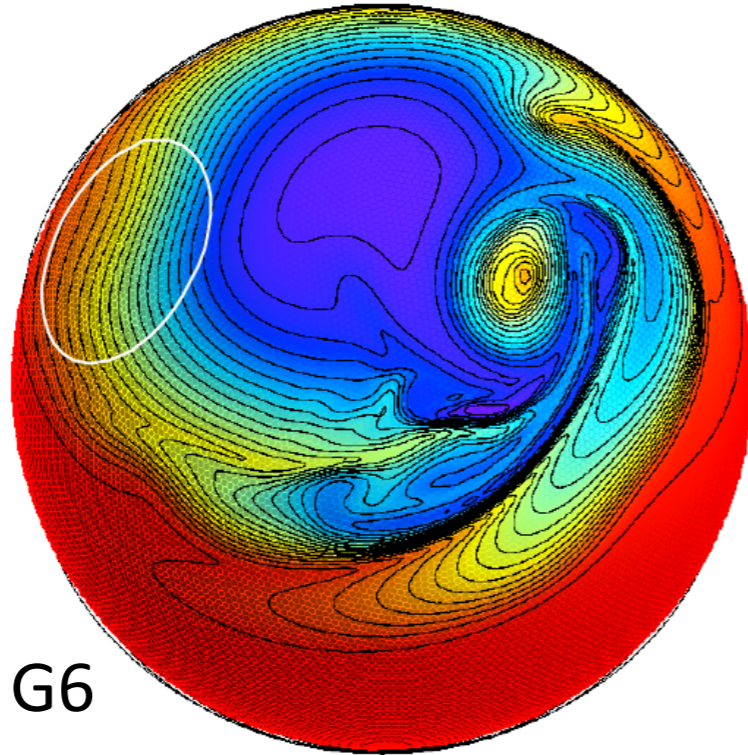
Extratropical cyclogenesis modified by a mountain

Surface Potential Temperature

UZIM-sigma-p

UZIM-sigma

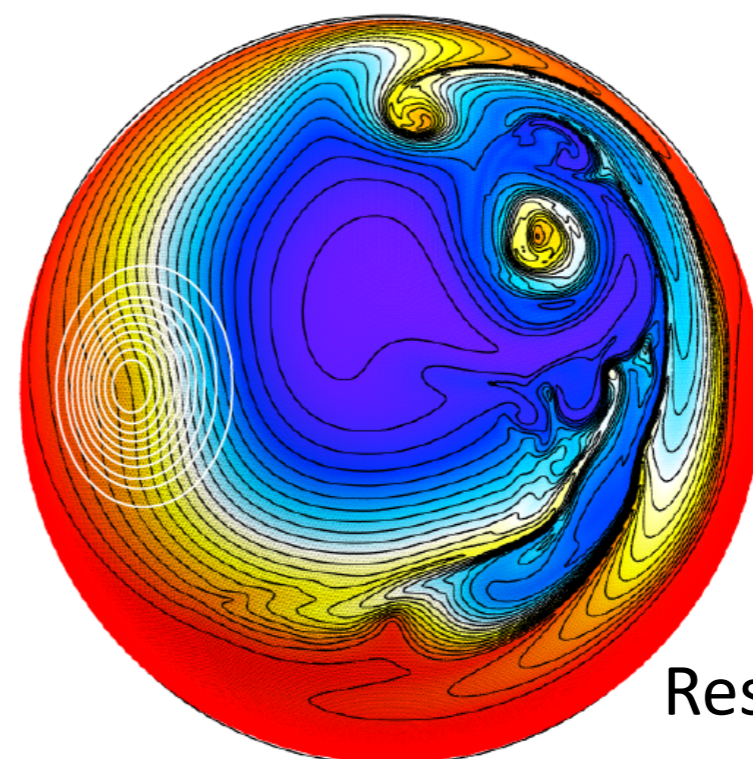
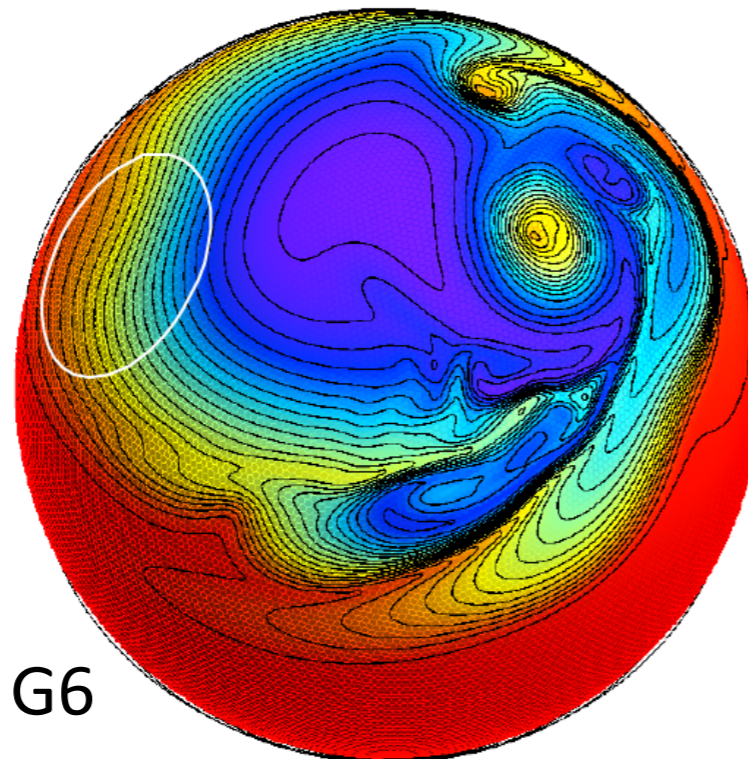
144 hours



Resolution: G6

Resolution: G7

192 hours



Resolution: G6

Resolution: G7

4-Summary

- ◆ Icosahedral grid optimization, horizontal discretization and 2D multigrid solver, which are also used in the UZIM, have been updated under CMMAP. The updates include accuracy increases, computational performance improvements and extensions to higher resolutions (up to G13).
- ◆ The UZIM based on the height coordinate and the L-grid, and the UZIM based on the hybrid sigma-pressure coordinate and the CP-grid are ready for large-scale global applications.
- ◆ Our quest for a “unified” 3D elliptic solver is still continuing.
- ◆ The unified system (and UZIM) in the hybrid isentropic-sigma coordinate and the SP-UZIM (with surface topography and prototype MMF) are months away.

Thank you professor Arakawa for being an inspiration for us.