The physical parametrizations in LMDZ

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First of all…

Run a two-day simulation to explore the physics of the model during the talk :

- Go to the directory :
  `LMDZtesting/modipsl/modeles/LMDZ5/BENCH48x36x39`
- `cp ../DefLists/traceur.def .`
- `cp ../DefLists/physiq.def_NPv5.70 physiq.def`
- Change the outputs by opening config.def and changing the following lines :

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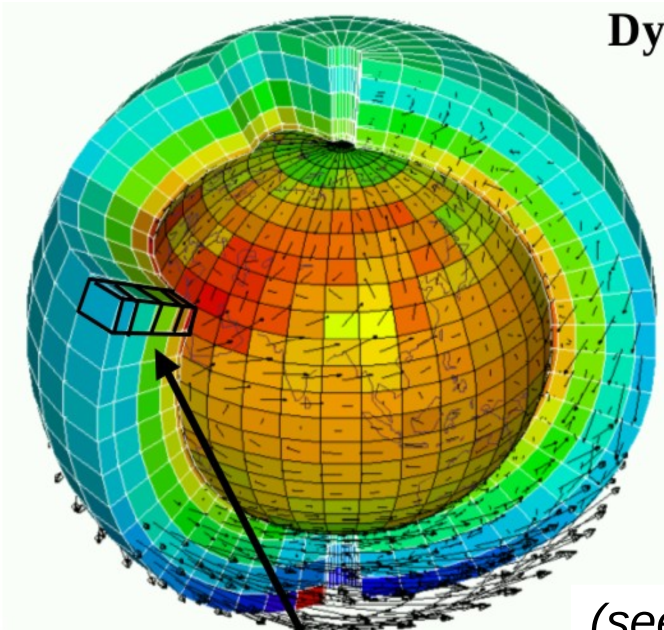
- Make sure that `nday=2` in `run.def`
- Run the model (`./gcm.e > listing`) and listen to us while it is running !

Quick reminder : general equations



Dynamical core : primitive equations discretized on the sphere

- Mass conservation

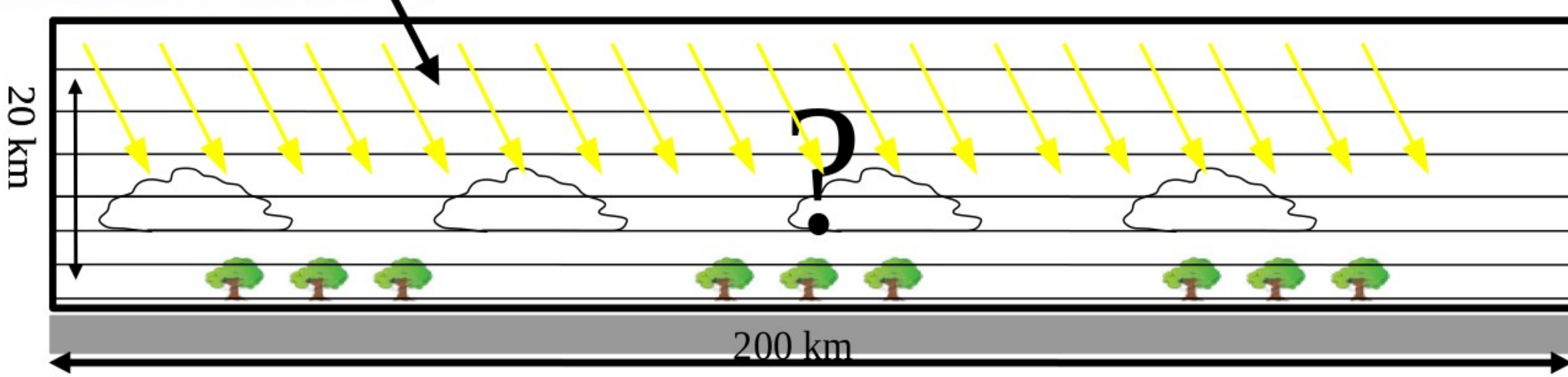
  $D\rho/Dt + \rho\,\mathrm{div}\underline{U} = 0$
- Potential temperature conservation

  $D\theta/Dt = Q/Cp\;(p_0/p)^{\kappa}$
- Momentum conservation

  $D\underline{U}/Dt + (1/\rho)\,\underline{\mathrm{grad}}p - \underline{g} + 2\,\underline{\Omega}\wedge\underline{U} = \underline{F}$
- Secondary components conservation

  $Dq/Dt = Sq$

(see yesterday's presentation by F. Hourdin)



Atmospheric GCM equations

Primitive equations in pressure coordinates

Momentum equation :

$$\partial_t\vec{v} + \boxed{(\vec{v}.\vec{\nabla}_p)\vec{v} + \omega\partial_p\vec{v}} + f\vec{k}\times\vec{v} = \boxed{-\vec{\nabla}_p\Phi} - \vec{S}_v$$

Coriolis

gravity

Continuity equation :

$$\vec{\nabla}_p.\vec{v} + \partial_p\omega = 0$$

Sources

Component conservation :

$$\partial_t q + \vec{v}.\vec{\nabla}_p q + \omega\partial_p q = S_q$$

Thermodynamic equation :

$$\partial_t\theta + \vec{v}.\vec{\nabla}_p\theta + \omega\partial_p\theta = \frac{\theta}{c_p T}\dot{Q}_{net}$$

$\Phi = gz$ geopotential

$\omega = \partial_t p$ vert. velocity

$q =$ specific humidity

$\dot{Q}_{net} =$ heating rate from all diabatic sources

$\vec{S}_v$, S_q and $\dot{Q}_{net}$: source terms determined by the **physical parametrizations** and the **radiative transfer scheme** :

- planetary boundary layer, shallow and deep convection
- scattering and absorption by cloud droplets and crystals
- drag due to topography...

Model tendencies

The integration of a given prognostic variable X $(T, \vec{v}(u, v, w), p, \rho, q_{vap})$ can be written as :

$$X_{t+\Delta t} = X_t + \left(\frac{\partial X}{\partial t}\right)_{\mathrm{dyn}} \Delta t \text{ (dynamical core)} \tag{1}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial X}{\partial t}\right)_{\mathrm{ray}} \Delta t \text{ (radiative transfer scheme)} \tag{2}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial X}{\partial t}\right)_{\mathrm{param}} \Delta t \text{ (parameterizations)} \tag{3}$$

Basic facts about parametrizations I

- Each parametrization : (1) works almost independently of the others ; (2) depends on vertical profiles of u, v, w, T, q and on some interface variables with the other parametrizations ; (3) ignores the spatial heterogeneities associated with the other processes (except for some processes in the deep convection scheme).
- The total tendency due to sub-grid processes is the sum of the tendencies due to each process :

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\boxed{
\begin{aligned}
S_T = (\partial_t T)_\varphi \quad &= (\partial_t T)_{\mathrm{eva}} + (\partial_t T)_{\mathrm{lsc}} + (\partial_t T)_{\mathrm{diff\ turb}} + (\partial_t T)_{\mathrm{conv}} \\
&\quad + (\partial_t T)_{\mathrm{wk}} + (\partial_t T)_{\mathrm{Th}} + (\partial_t T)_{\mathrm{ajs}} \\
&\quad + (\partial_t T)_{\mathrm{rad}} + (\partial_t T)_{\mathrm{oro}} + (\partial_t T)_{\mathrm{dissip}}
\end{aligned}
}
$$

In the model, the total tendency of T for example is $\partial_t T_{\mathrm{dyn}} + \partial_t T_{\mathrm{ray}} + \partial_t T_{\mathrm{param}} =$ `dtdyn` $+$ `dtphy`, where :

```
dtphy = dteva + dtlsc + dtvdf + dtcon +
        dtwak + dtthe + dtajs +
        (dtswr + dtlwr) + (dtoro + dtlif) + (dtdis + dtec)
```

Basic facts about parametrizations II

— Similiarly, the total tendency of a given tracer q writes :

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} S_q \;=\; (\partial_t q)_\varphi \;&=\; (\partial_t q)_{\text{eva}} + (\partial_t q)_{\text{lsc}} + (\partial_t q)_{\text{diff turb}} + (\partial_t q)_{\text{conv}} \\ &+ (\partial_t q)_{\text{wk}} + (\partial_t q)_{\text{qh}} + (\partial_t q)_{\text{ajs}} \end{aligned}}$$

In the model, the total tendency of q is therefore

$\partial_t q_{\text{dyn}} + \partial_t \partial_t q_{\text{param}} = \texttt{dqdyn} + \texttt{dqphy}$, where :

`dqphy = dqeva + dqlsc + dqvdf + dqcon + dqwak + dqthe + dqajs`

physiq_mod.F90 structure - I

Initialization (once) : *conf_phys, phyetat0, phys_output_open*

Beginning *change_srf_frac, solarlong*

Cloud water evap. *reevap*

Vertical diffusion (turbulent mixing) *pbl_surface*

Deep convection *conflx* (Tiedtke) or *concvl* (Emanuel)

Deep convection clouds *clouds_gno*

Density currents (wakes) *calwake*

Strato-cumulus *stratocu_if*

Thermal plumes *calltherm* and *ajsec* (sec = dry)

Thermal plume clouds *calcratqs*

Large scale condensation *fisrtilp*

Diagnostic clouds for Tiedtke *diagcld1*

Aerosols *readaerosol_optic*

Cloud optical parameters *newmicro* or *nuage*

Radiative processes *radlwsw* (bis)

In blue : subroutines and instructions modifying state variables

physiq_mod.F90 structure - II

Orographic processes : drag *drag_noro_strato* or *drag_noro*

Orographic processes : lift *lift_noro_strato* or *lift_noro*

Orographic processes : Gravity Waves *hines_gwd* or *GWD_rando*

Axial components of angular momentum and mountain torque : *aaam_bud*

Cosp simulator *phys_cosp*

Tracers *phytrac*

Tracers off-line *phystokenc*

Water and energy transport *transp*

Outputs

Statistics

Output of final state (for restart) *phyredem*

Turbulent diffusion

- Turbulent diffusion or "turbulent mixing" : transport by small random movements. Similar to molecular diffusion.

$$Dq/Dt = S_q \quad \text{où} \quad S_q = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(K_z \frac{\partial q}{\partial z})$$

- **Prandtl mixing length** : $K_z = l\ |w|$
  l : characteristic length of the small movements
  w : characteristic velocity
- **Turbulent kinetic energy (TKE)** : $K_z = l\ \sqrt{e}$

$$\begin{aligned} De/Dt &= f(dU/dz, d\theta/dz, e, ...) \\ Dl/Dt &= ... \end{aligned}$$

Turbulent diffusion (Vertical diffusion) of heat

T = temperature at time t ; T' = temperature at time $t + \delta t$.

T_n	$\longrightarrow$	$C_n,\ D_n$	T'_n	$=$	$C_n\ +\ D_n T'_{n-1}$
T_{i+1}	$\longrightarrow$	$C_{i+1},\ D_{i+1}$	T'_{i+1}	$=$	$C_{i+1}\ +\ D_{i+1} T'_i$
T_i	$\longrightarrow$	$C_i,\ D_i$	T'_i	$=$	$C_i\ +\ D_i T'_{i-1}$
T_{i-1}	$\longrightarrow$	$C_{i-1},\ D_{i-1}$	T'_{i-1}	$=$	$C_{i-1}\ +\ D_{i-1} T'_{i-2}$
T_2	$\longrightarrow$	$C_2,\ D_2$	T'_2	$=$	$C_2\ +\ D_2 T'_1$
T_1	$\longrightarrow$	$A,\ B$	$C_p T'_1$	$=$	$A\ +\ B\phi'\delta t$
$\phi\ =\ K(T_1\ -\ T_s)$					
$C_p T_1 = A\ +\ B\phi\delta t$					

Sub-surface model : input = A and B ; output = ϕ'

Mixed boundary condition for the sub-surface model

Vertical diffusion

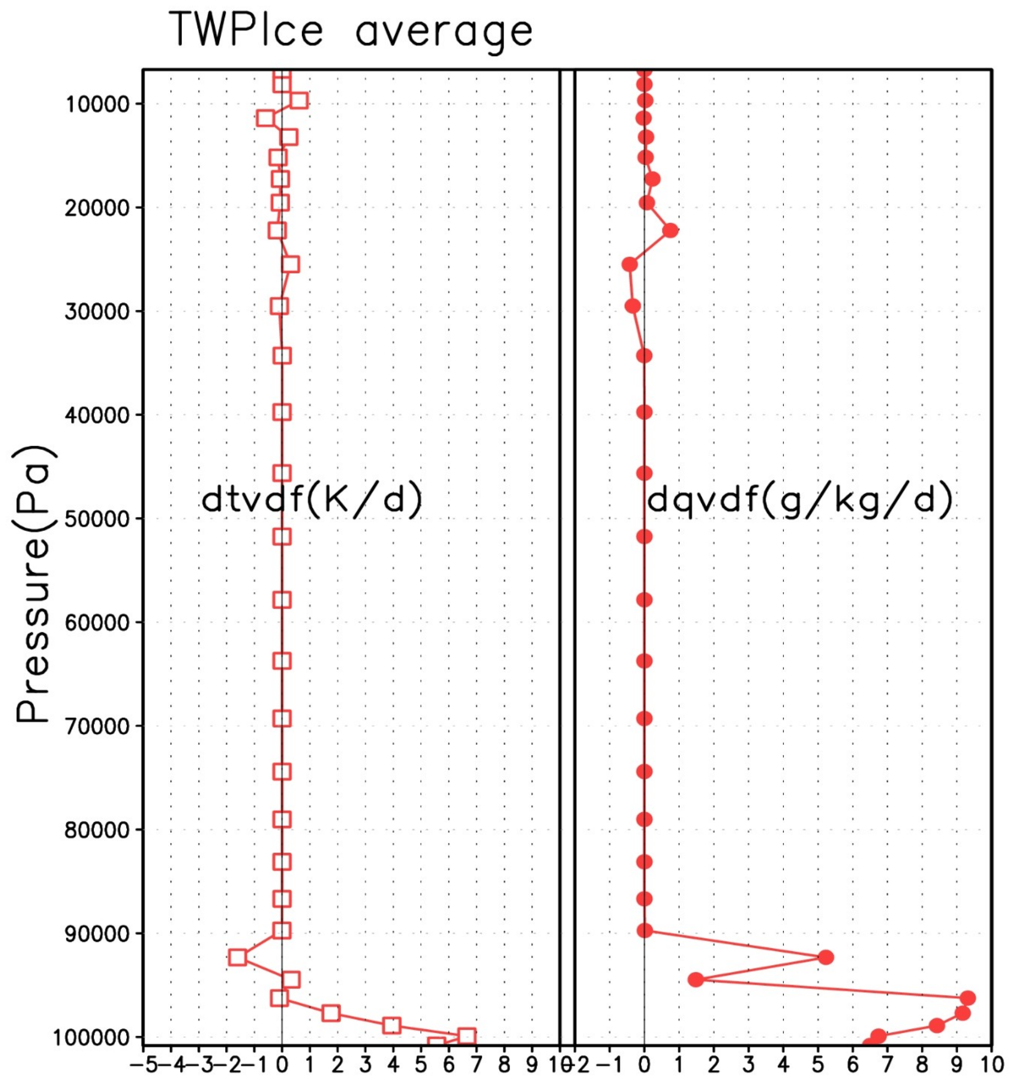
Subroutine : pbl_surface

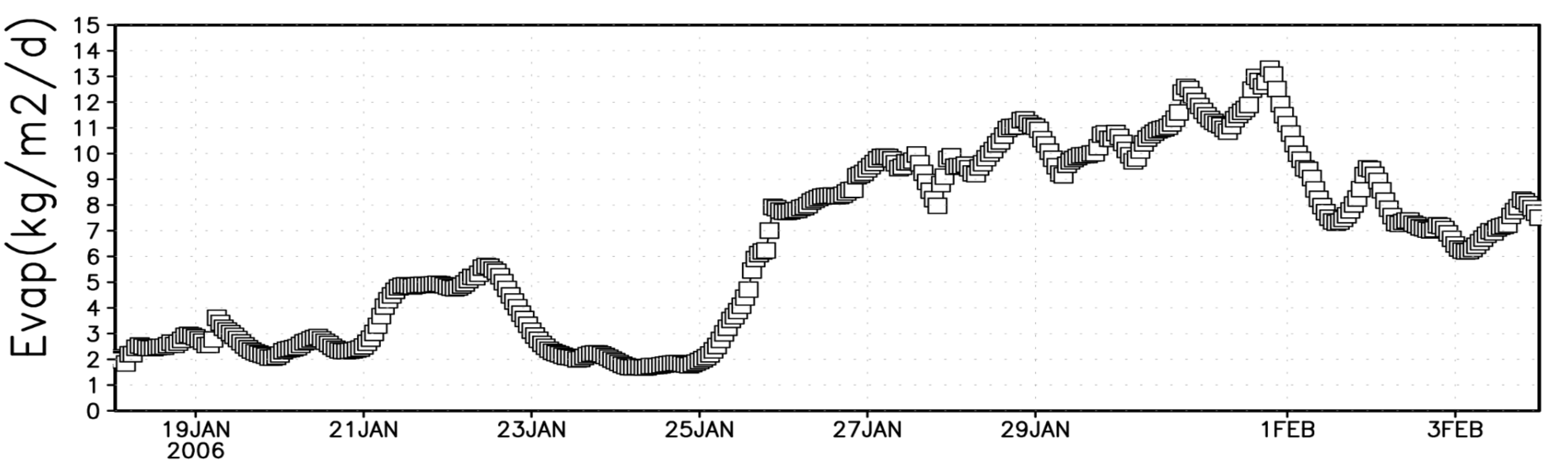
Tendencies :

dtvdf, dqvdf, duvdf, dvvdf

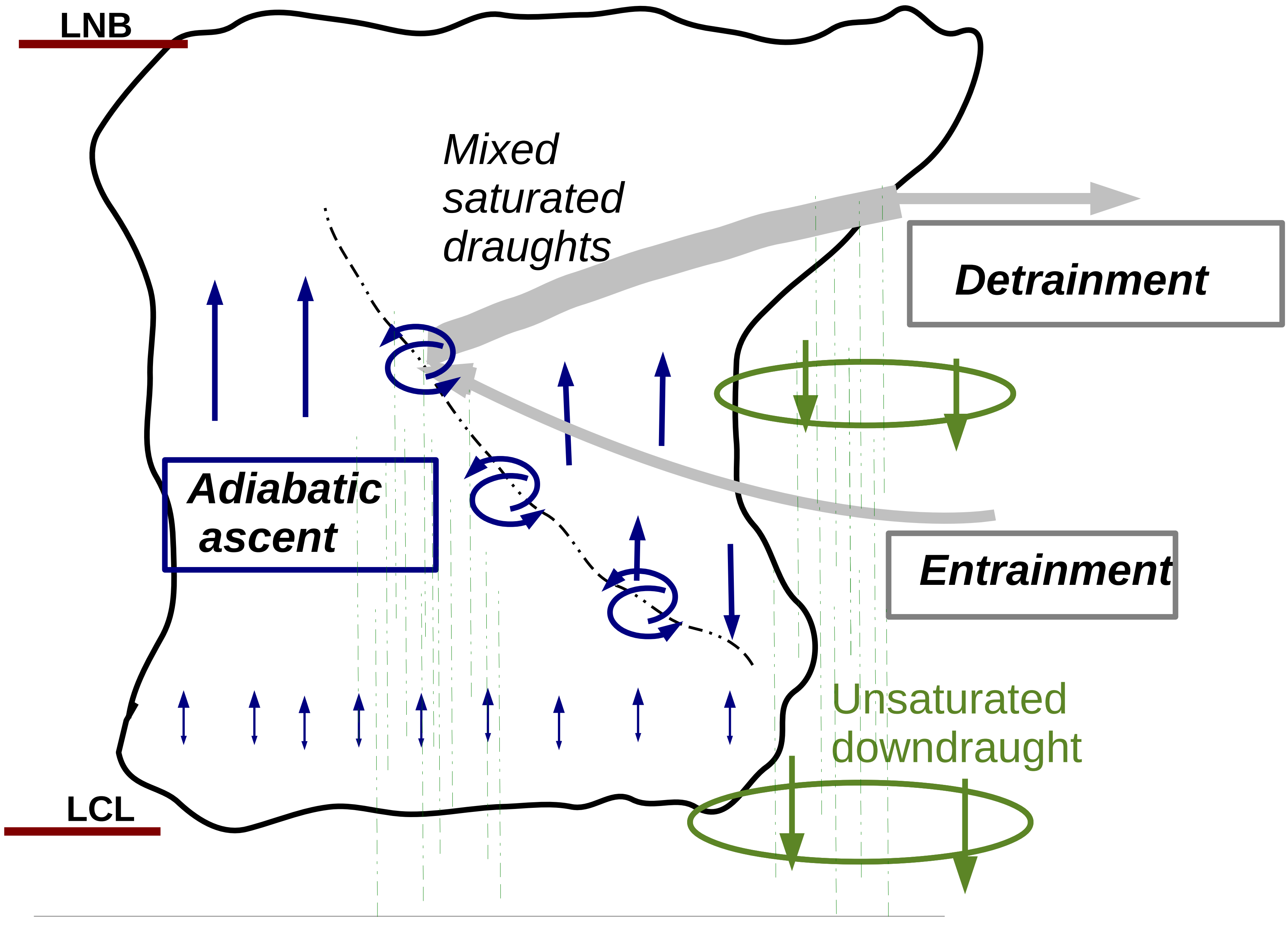
Other variables

- sens : sensible heat flux at the surface (positive upward)
- evap : water vapour flux at the surface (positive upward)
- flat : latent heat flux at the surface (positive downward)
- taux, tauy : wind stress at the surface





Emanuel scheme



Deep convection

Subroutine : concvl

Tendencies :

dtcon, dqcon, ducon, dvcon

Other variables

- pluc : convective precipitation at the surface
- ftd : temperature tendency due to the sole unsaturated downdraughts
- fqd : moisture tendency due to the sole unsaturated downdraughts
- clwcon : condensed water of convective clouds ("in cloud" condensed water content)
- Ma : mass flux of the adiabatic ascent
- upwd : mass flux of the saturated updraughts
- dnwd : mass flux of the saturated downdraughts
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- pr_con_l : vertical profile of convective liquid precipitation
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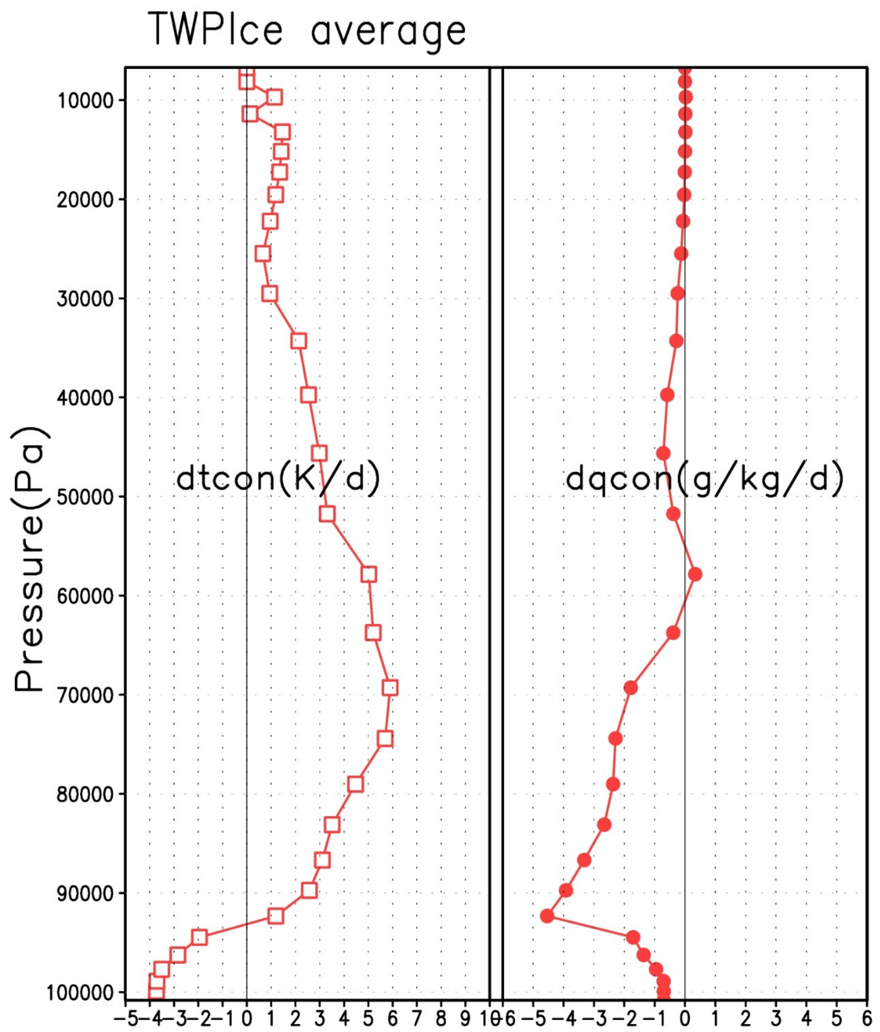

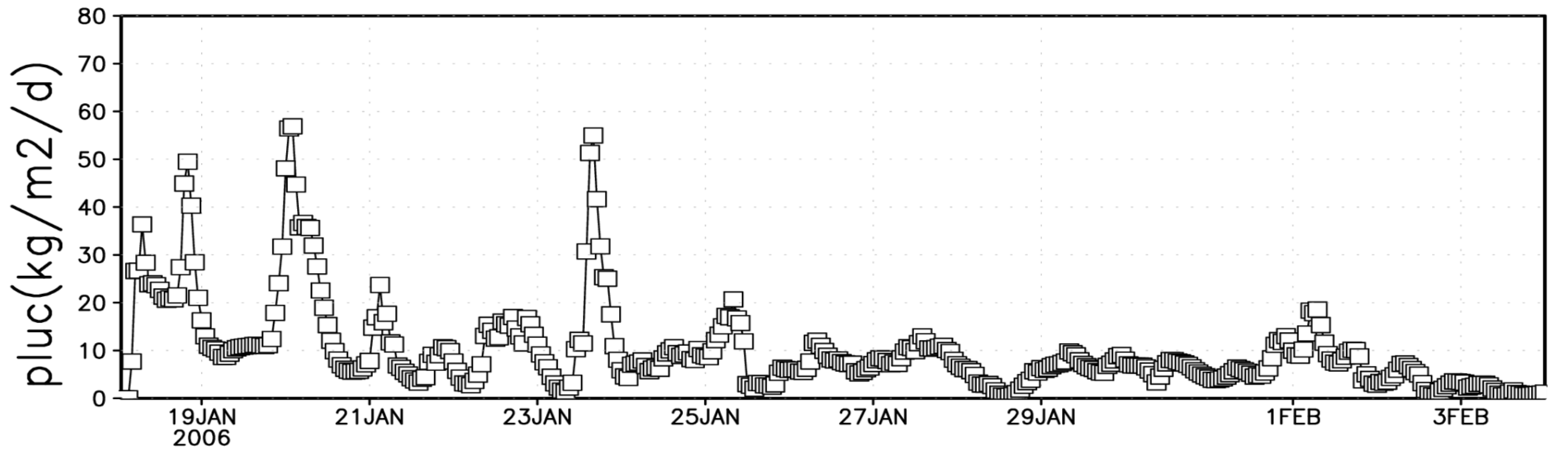

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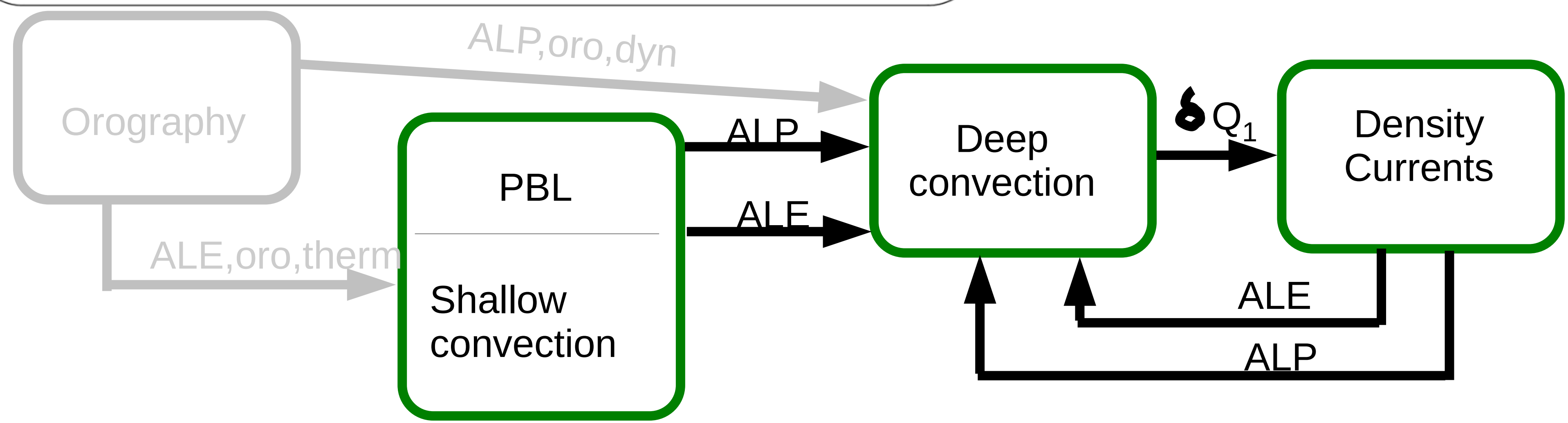
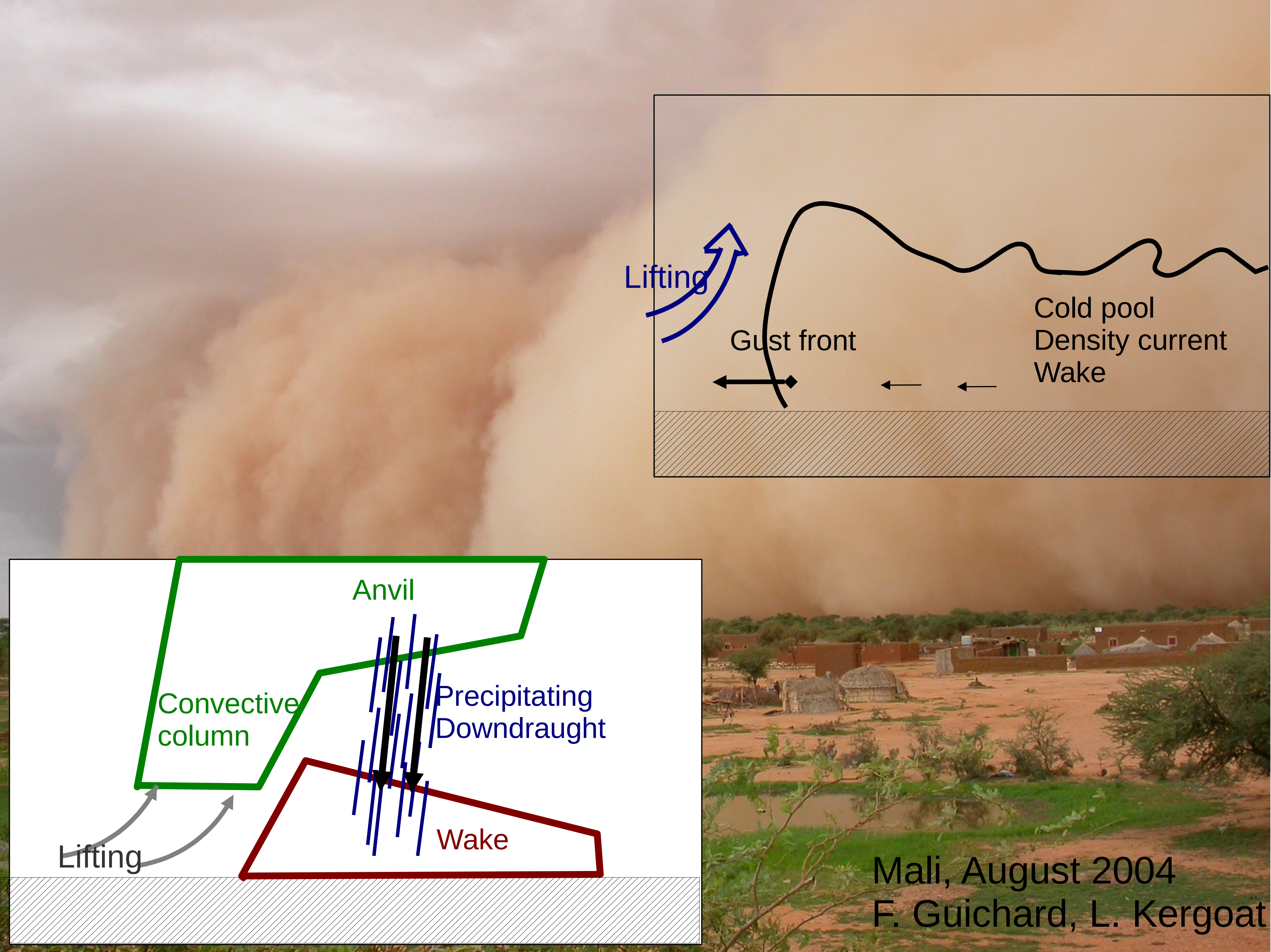
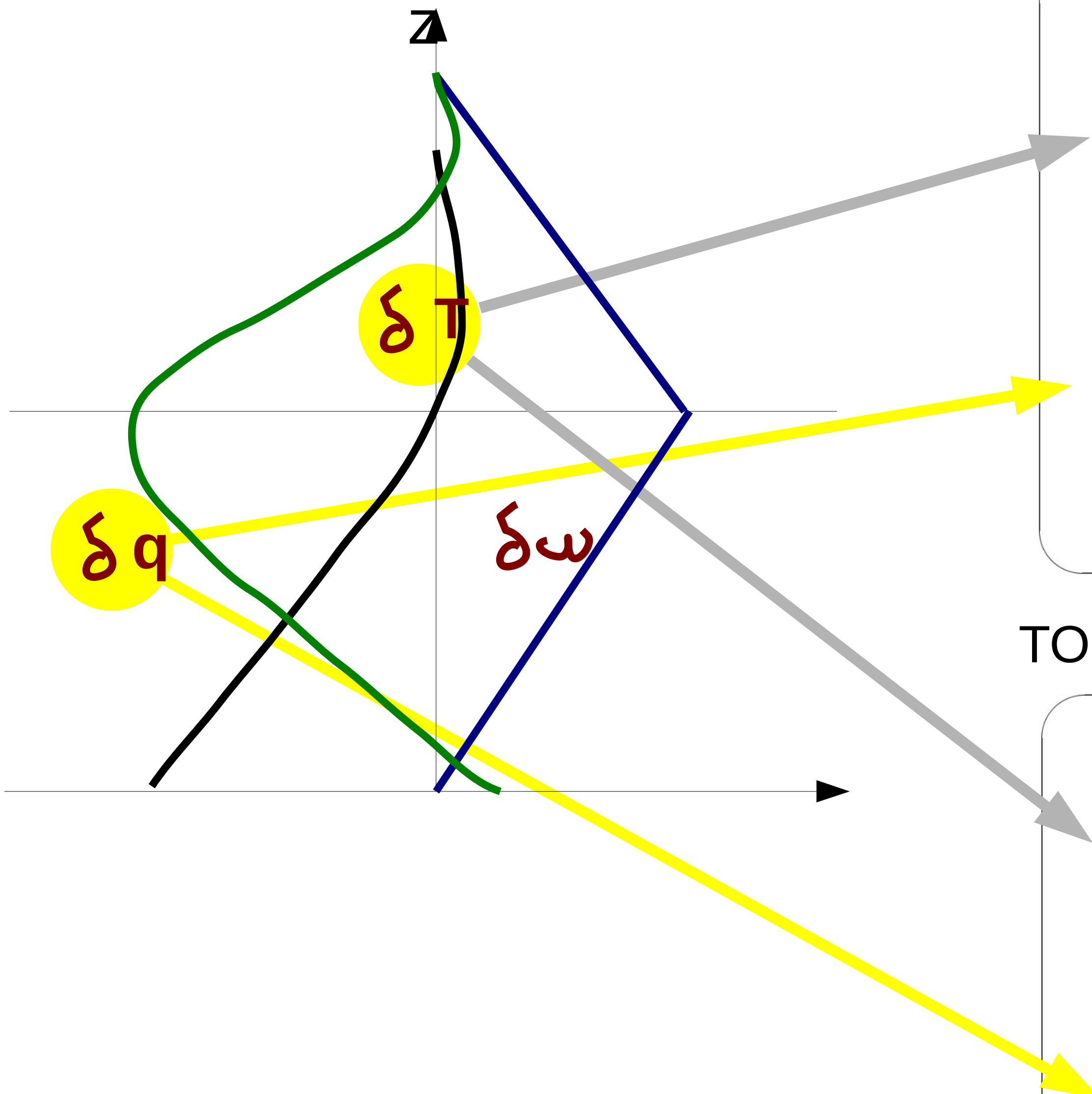


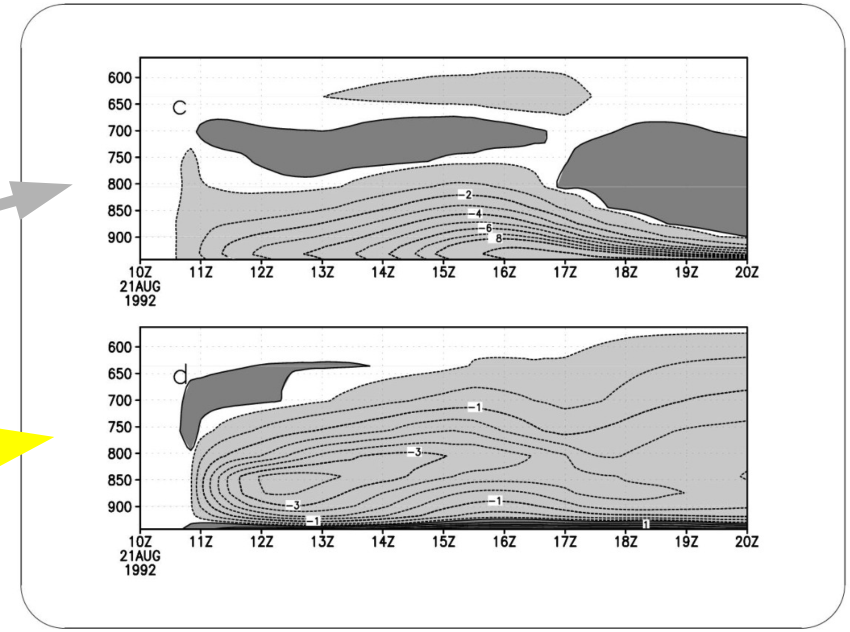


Lifting
Gust front
Cold pool
Density current
Wake
Anvil
Convective column
Precipitating Downdraught
Wake
Lifting
Mali, August 2004
F. Guichard, L. Kergoat

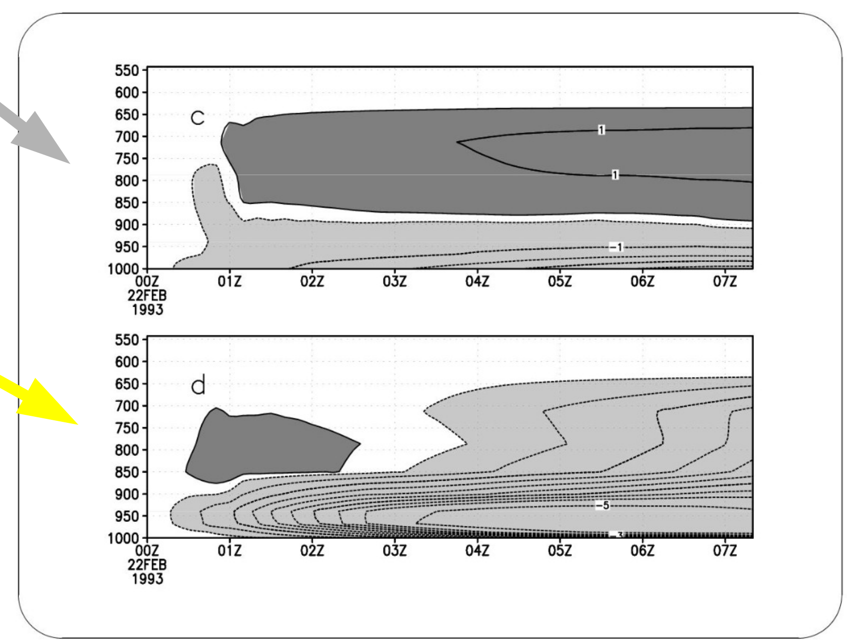
Simulated wake properties



HAPEX92: 21 Aug 1992 squall line case



TOGA-COARE: 22 Feb 1993 squall line ca



Cold pools (wakes)

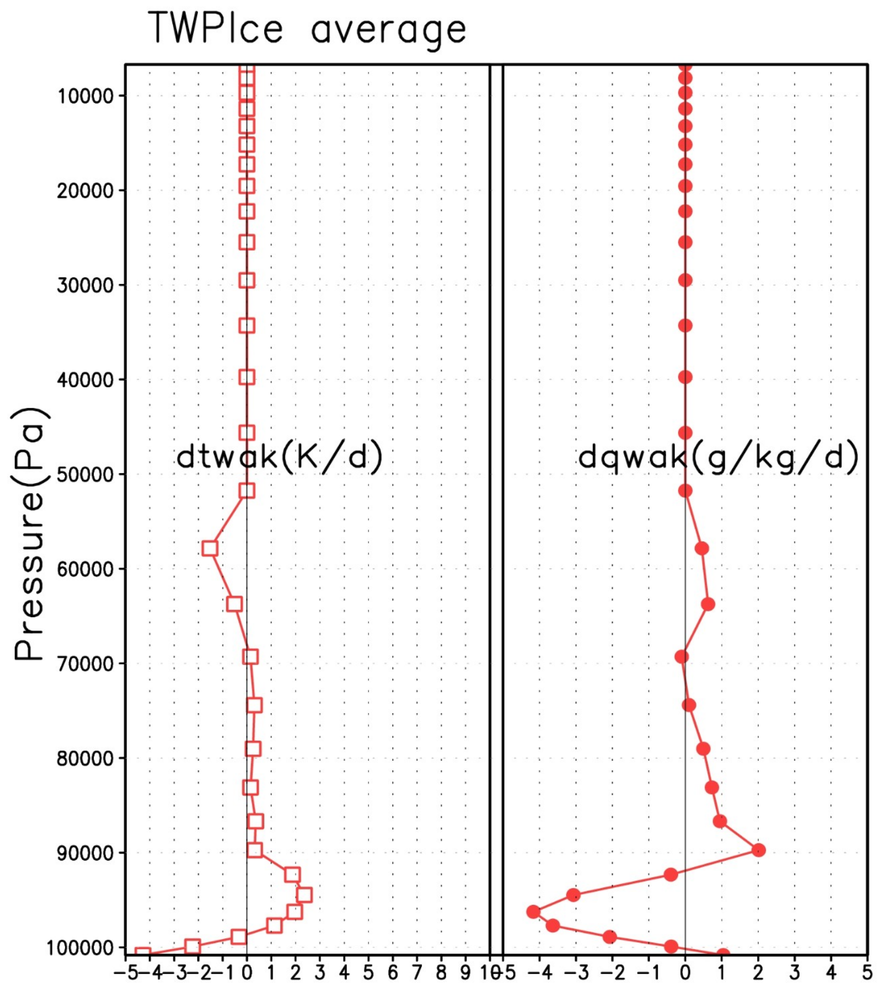
Subroutine : calwake

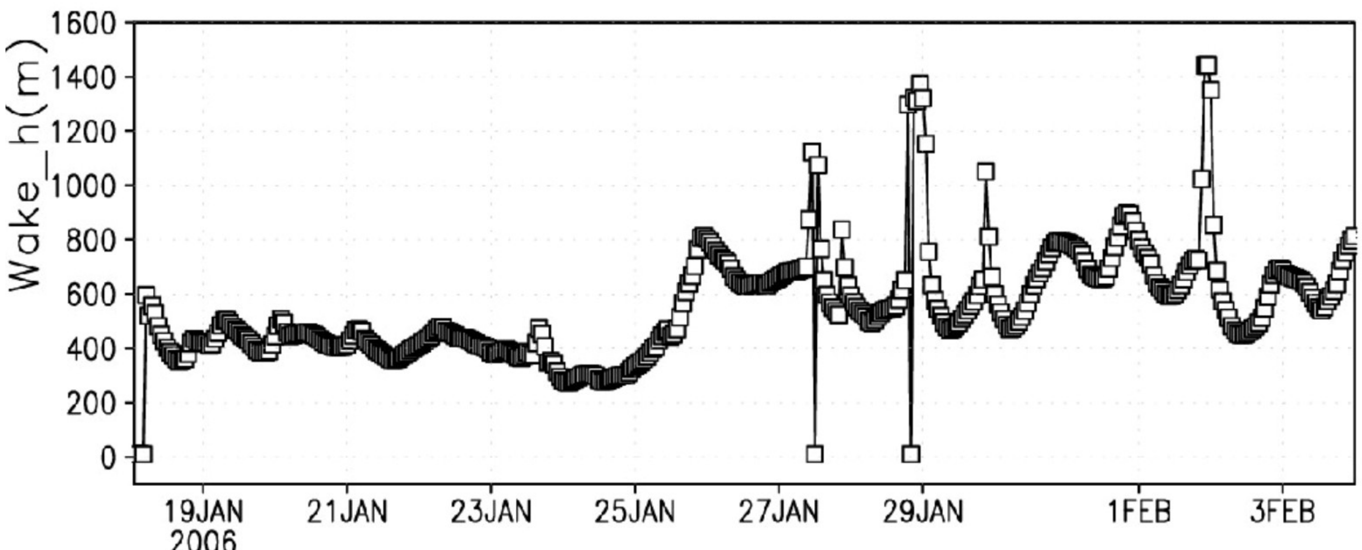
Tendencies :

dtwak, dqwak

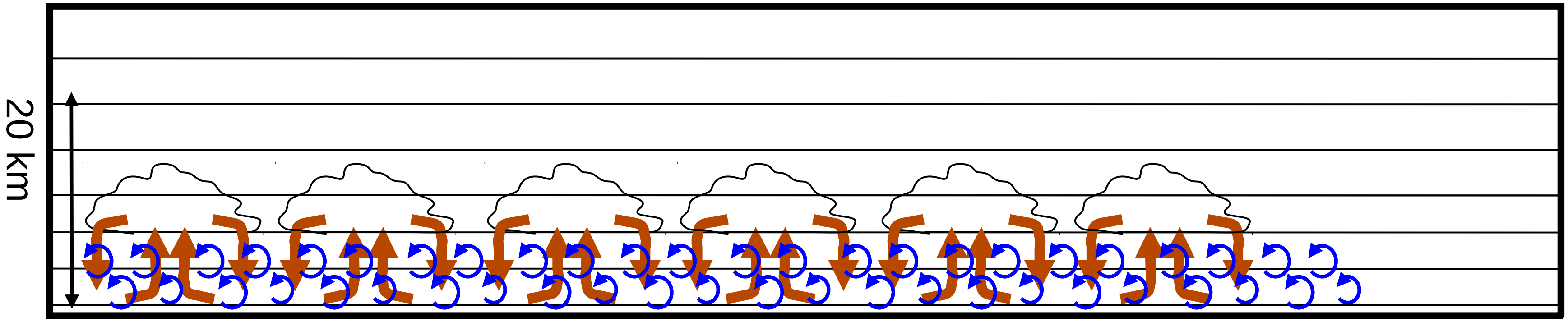
Other variables

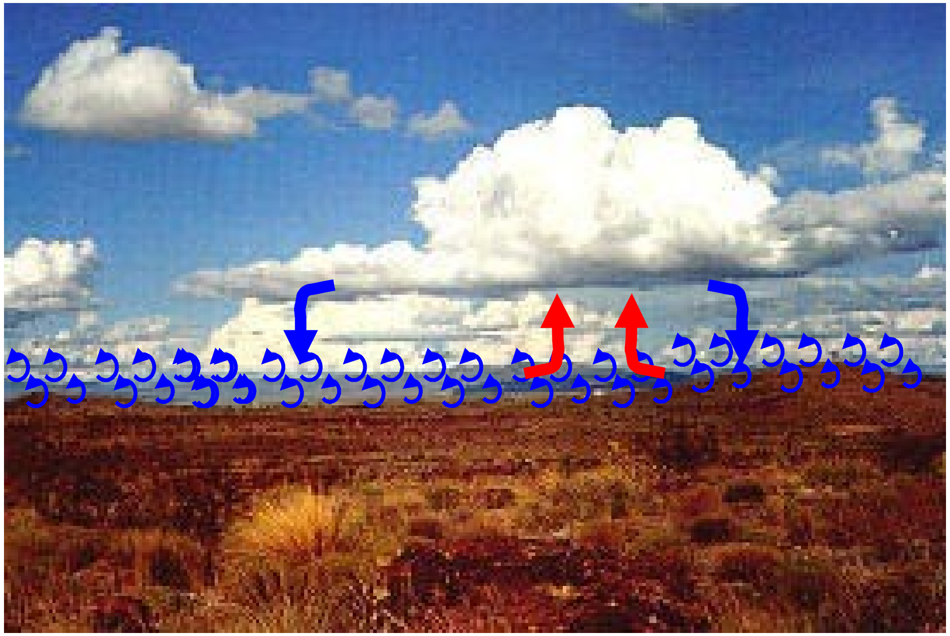
- Alp_wk : lifting power due to cold pools
- Ale_wk : lifting energy due to cold pools
- wake_s : fractional area of cold pools
- wake_h : cold pool height
- wape : WAke Potential Energy
- wake_deltat : vertical profile of temperature difference $T_w - T_x$
- wake_deltaq : vertical profile of humidity difference $q_w - q_x$
- wake_omg : vertical profile of vertical velocity difference $\omega_w - \omega_x$





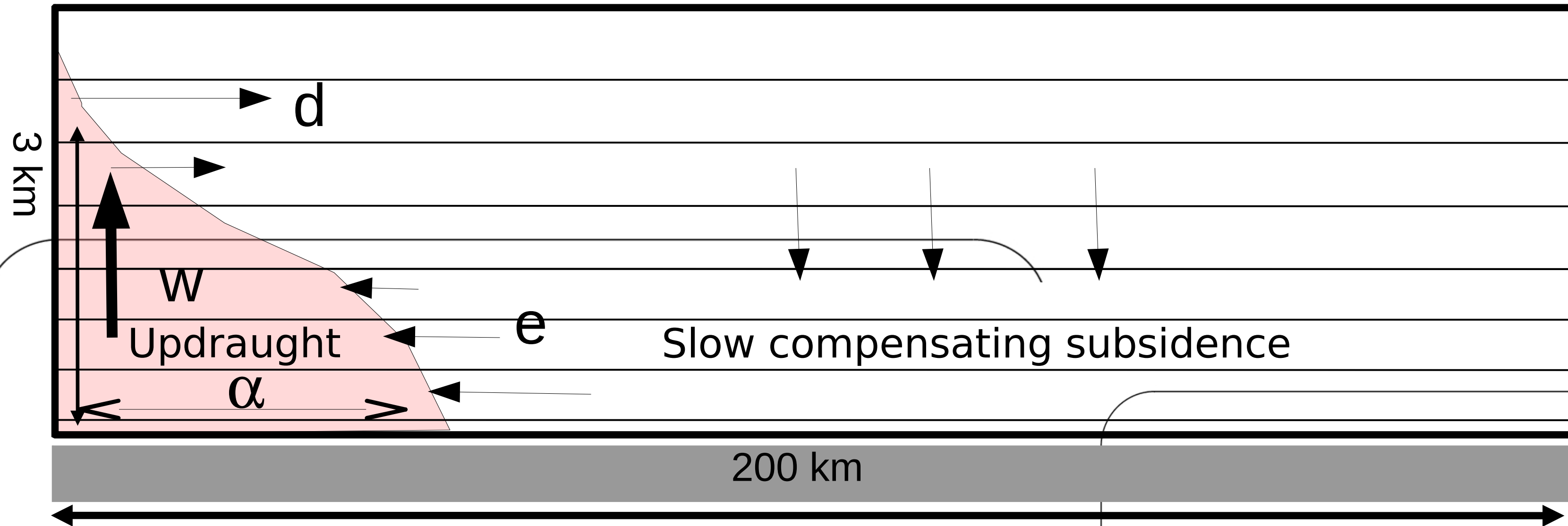
In a model column there are structures of boundary layer scale





“The Thermal Model”:
Each column is split in two parts: Ascending air from the surface and subsiding air around it.

The model represents a mean plume (the thermal) and a mean cloud.



Internal variables of the parametrization :

- w = mean vertical velocity of ascending plumes
- α = fractionnal area covered by the updraughts
- e = lateral input rate of air into the plume (entrainment)
- d = output rate of air from the plume (detrainment)
- q_a = concentration of constituant q in the updraughts

Source term for the explicit equations :

$$S_q = -\frac{1}{\rho}\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\overline{\rho w' q'} = \frac{1}{\rho}\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\left[\rho K_z \frac{\partial q}{\partial z}\right] - \frac{1}{\rho}\frac{\partial}{\partial z}[f(q_a - q)]$$

Turbulent Diffusion

Transport by the thermal plume model

- **Mass conservation**

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = e - d \quad \text{where} \quad f = \alpha \rho w$$

- **Mass conservation of constituent** q

$$\frac{\partial f q_a}{\partial z} = eq - dq_a$$

- **Equation of movement**

$$\frac{\partial f w}{\partial z} = -dw + \alpha \rho B$$

- **where B is the buoyancy :**

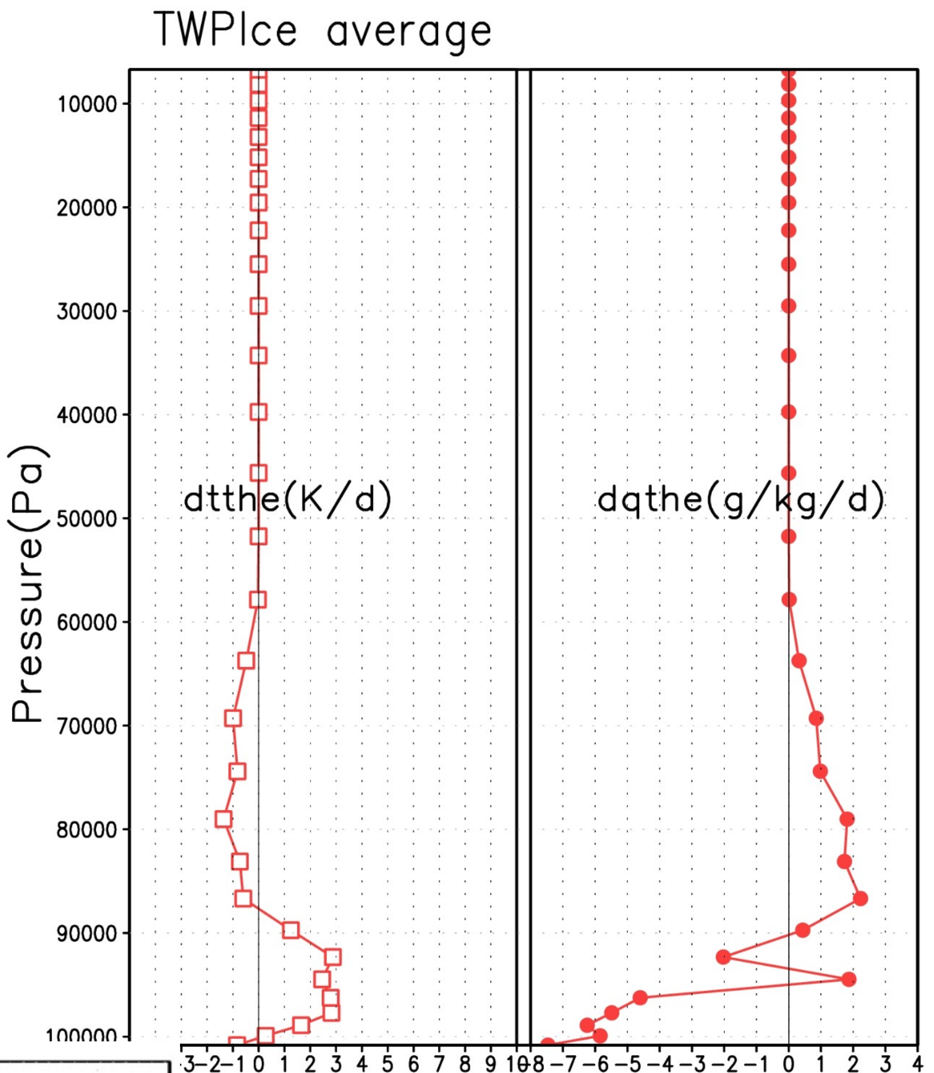
$$B = g\frac{\theta_{va} - \theta_v}{\theta_v}$$

- **and the complex part lies in the expression of** e **and** d **:**

$$e = f\, max\left(0, \frac{\beta}{1+\beta}\left(a_1 \frac{B}{w^2} - b\right)\right)$$

$$d = \ldots$$

Etc ...



Thermals and dry adjustment

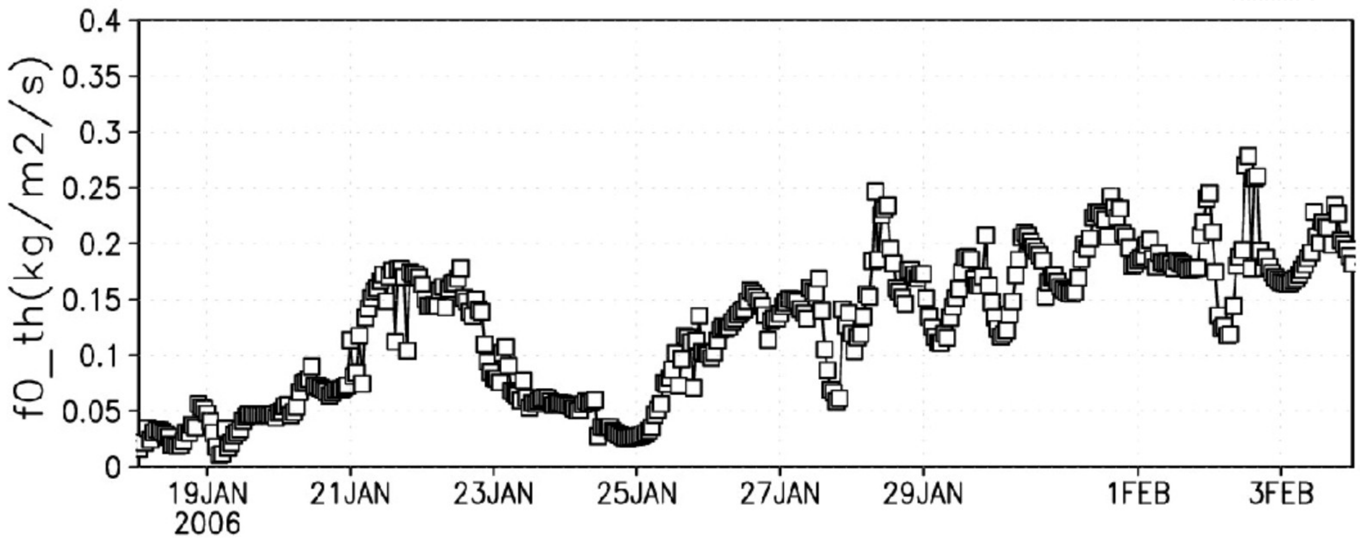
Subroutine : calltherm

Tendencies :

dtthe, dqthe,duthe, dvthe

Other variables

- dtajs : temperature tendency due to the sole dry adjustment
- dqajs : humidity tendency due to the sole dry adjustment
- a_th : fractional area of thermal plumes
- d_th : detrainment
- e_th : entrainment
- f_th : mass flux
- w_th : vertical velocity in the thermal plume (m/s, positive upward)
- q_th : total water content in the thermal plume
- zmax_th : altitude of the top of the thermal plume (m)



Large scale condensation (evap & lsc)

Subroutines : reevap & fisrtilp

Tendencies :

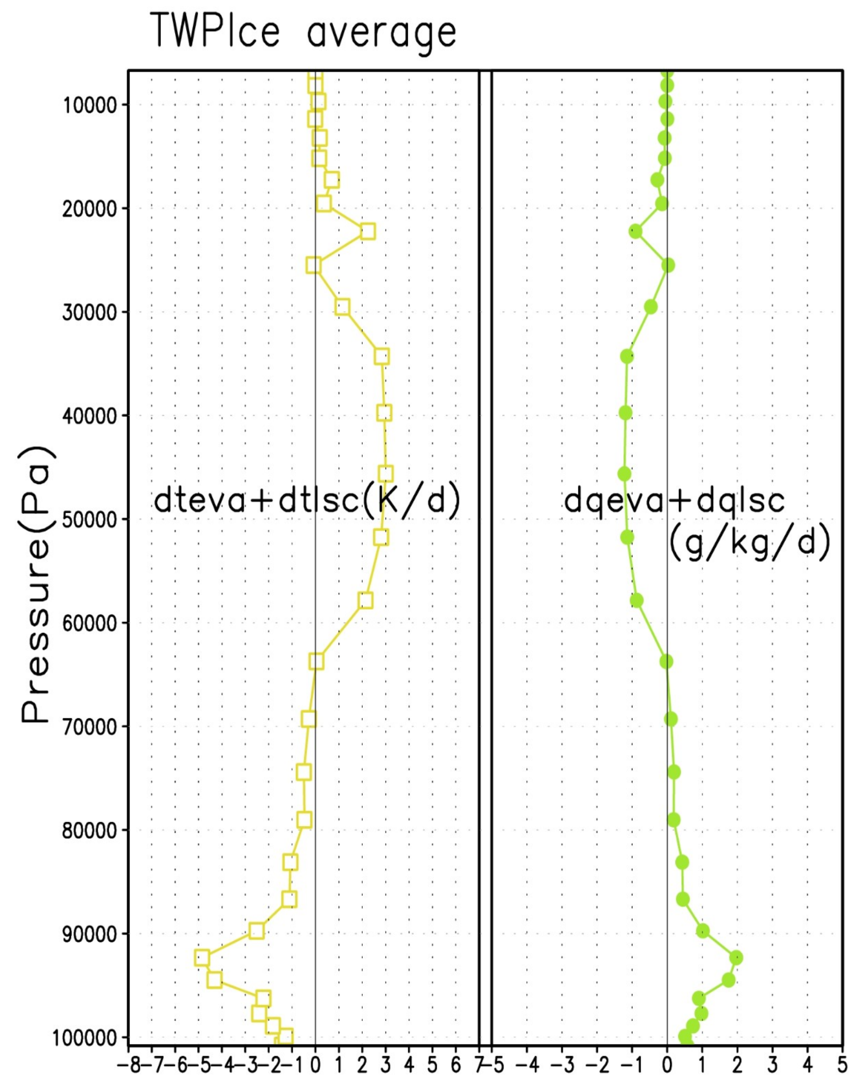
dteva, dqeva : tendencies due to cloud water evaporation

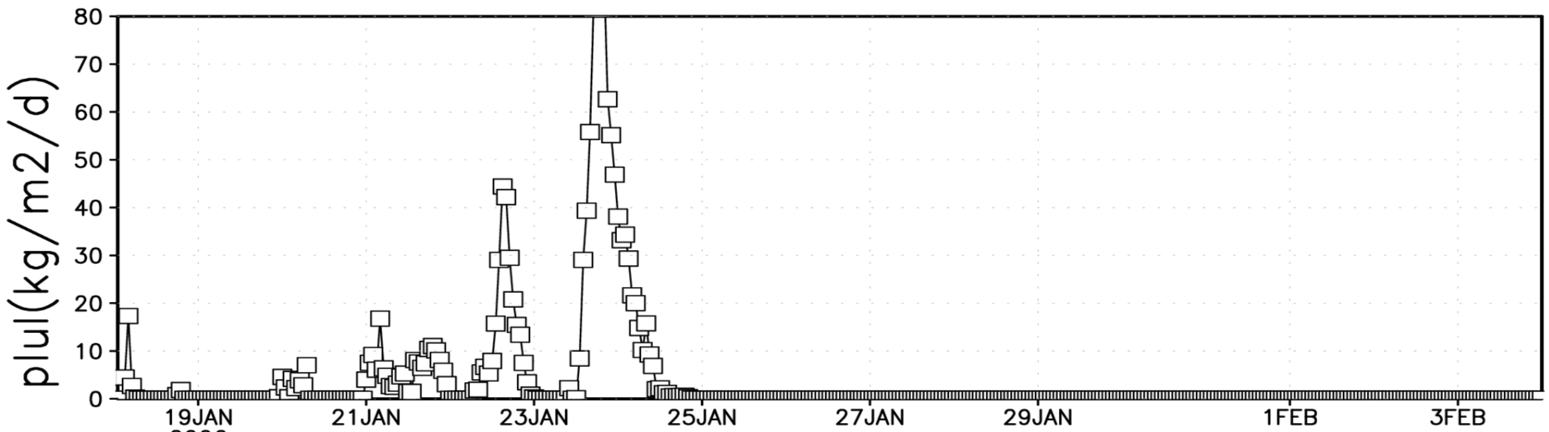
dtlsc, dqlsc : tendencies due to cloud water condensation

Total tendencies are the sums of the evaporation and condensation tendencies.

Other variables

- plul : so called "large scale" or "stratiform" precipitation ; encompasses both stratiform precipitation and boundary layer cumulus precipitation.
- rneb : cloud cover
- pr_lsc_l : vertical profile of large scale liquid precipitation
- pr_lsc_i : vertical profile of large scale ice precipitation





Radiation

Subroutine : radlwsw

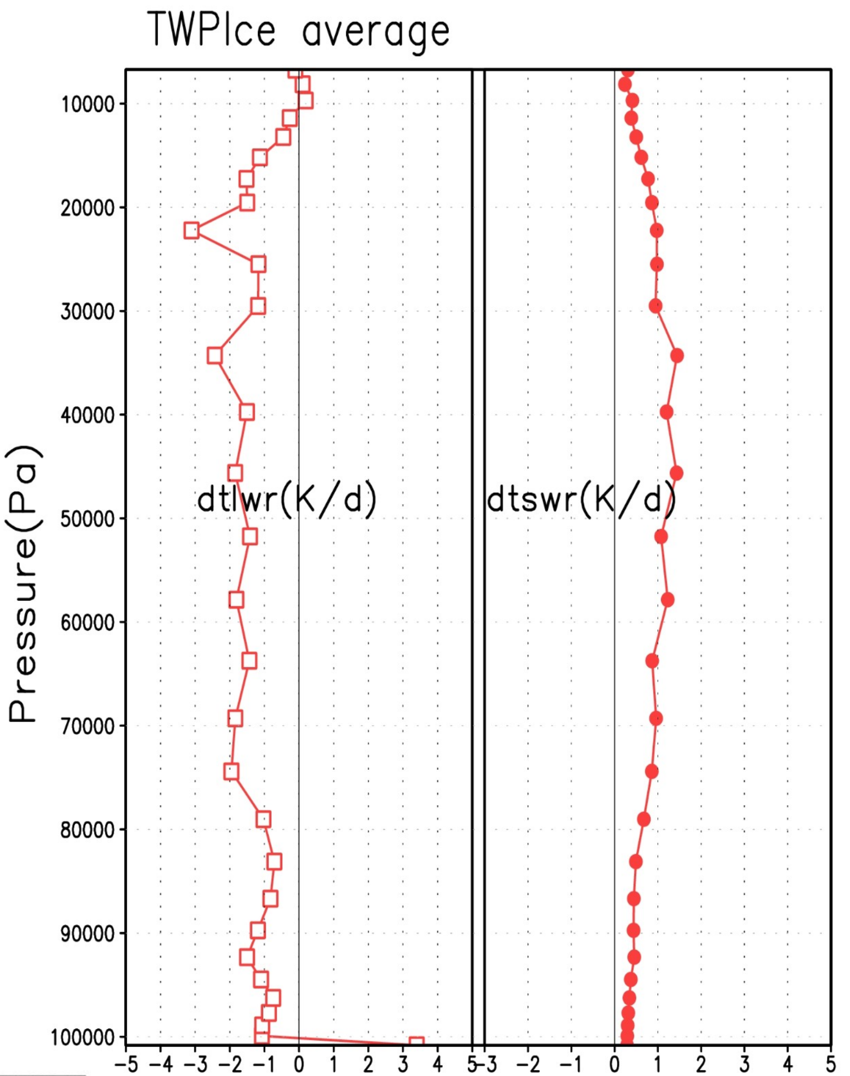
Tendencies :

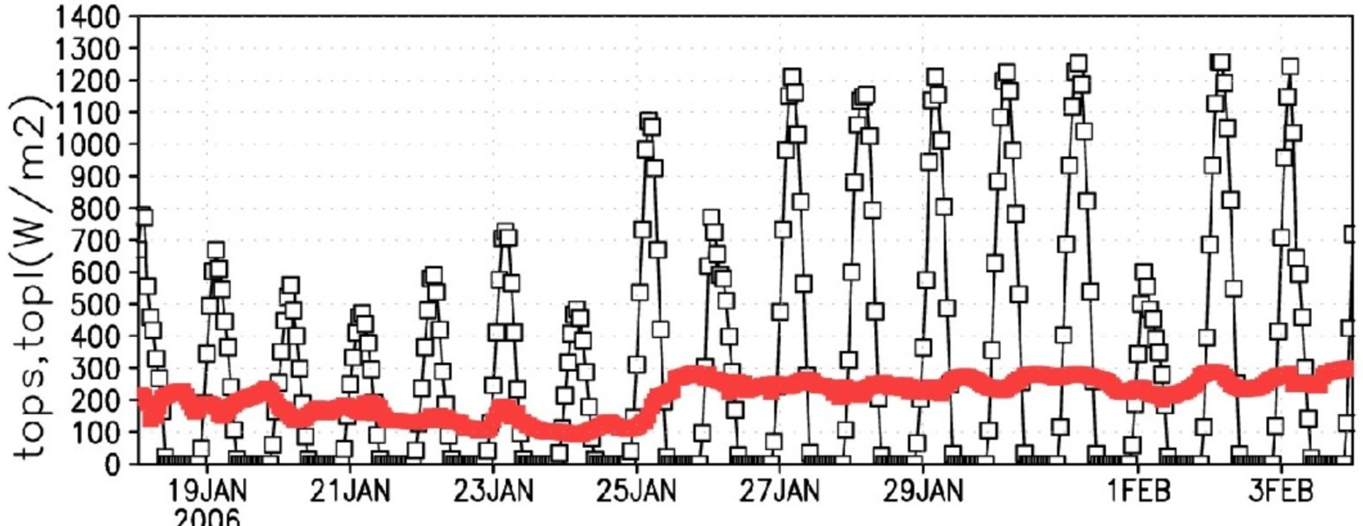
dtswr, dtlwr Temperature tendencies due to solar radiation (SW = short wave) and thermal infra-red (LW = long wave)

The total radiative tendency is the sum of the SW and LW tendencies.

Other variables

– dtsw0 : clear sky SW tendency
– dtlw0 : clear sky LW tendency
– tops : net solar radiation at top of atmosphere (positive downward)
– topl : net infra-red radiation at top of atmosphere (positive upward)
– tops0, topl0 : same for clear sky
– sols : net solar radiation at surface (positive downward)
– soll : net infra-red radiation at surface (positive downward)
– sols0, soll0 : same for clear sky





Radiation II : Energy budget

Energy budget at the top of the atmosphere :

`nettop = tops-topl = (SWdn-SWup) - (LWup-LWdn)`

Energy input (received solar energy minus reflected solar and emitted LW energy)
Positive in the tropics, negative at the poles

Surface energy budget (from the atmosphere to the surface) :

`bils = soll + sols + sens + flat`

`soll = lwdnsfc-lwupsfc` (same for `sols`)

`flat` : latent heat flux (from the atmosphere to the surface)
Negative when there is surface evaporation

`sens` : sensible heat flux (from the atmosphere to the surface)
Positive when the atmosphere heats the surface (polar regions)
Negative when the atmosphere is heated by the surface (continents & oceans)

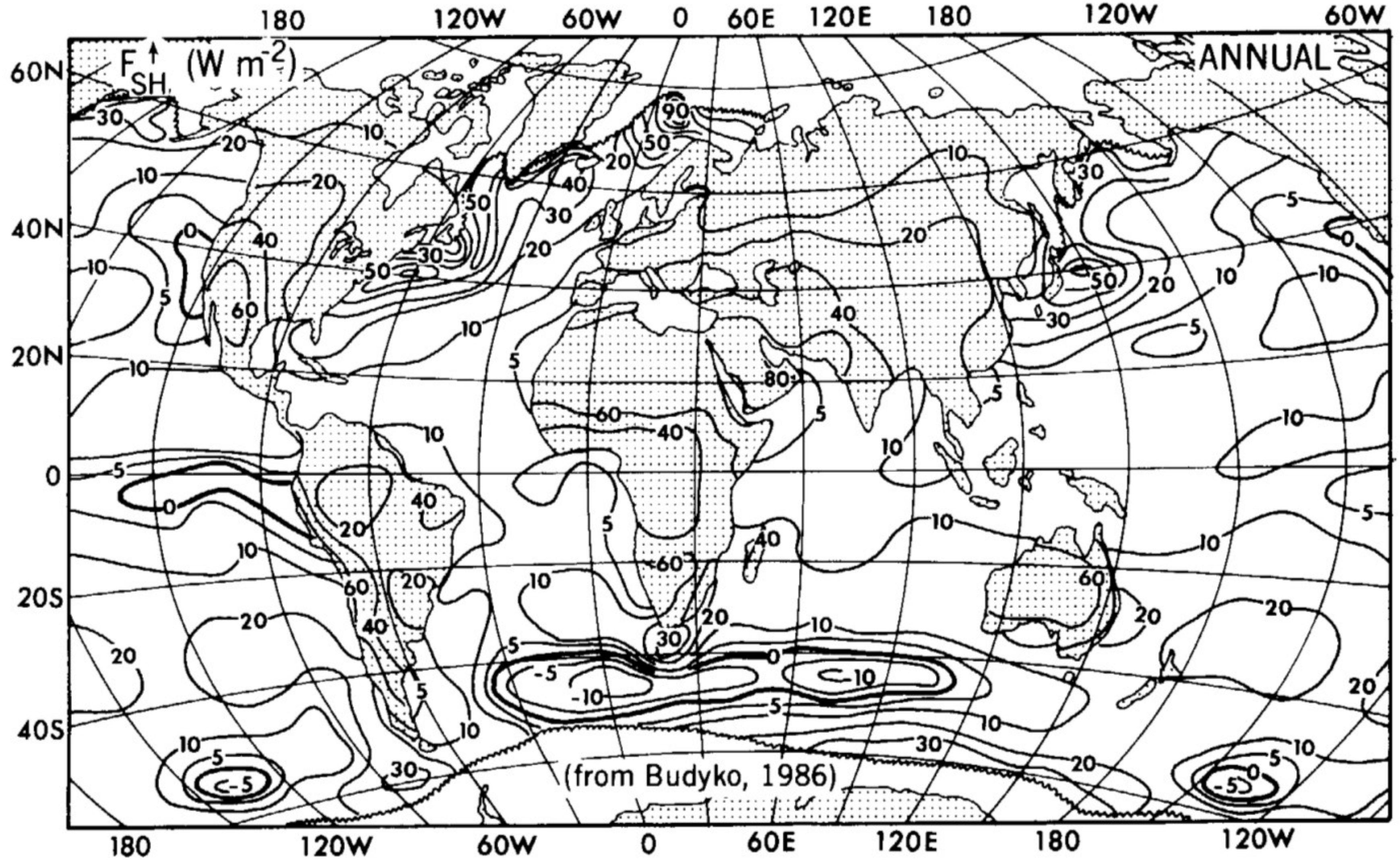


FIGURE 10.8. Global distribution of the sensible heat flux from the earth's surface into the atmosphere in W m^{-2} for annual-mean conditions after Budyko (1986).

Orography

Subroutines : drag_noro (or drag_noro_strato)
& lift_noro (or lift_noro_strato)

Tendencies :
dtoro, duoro, dvoro : tendencies of temperature and velocity due to the drag
dtlif, dulif, dvlif : tendencies of temperature and velocity due to the lift

Total tendencies are the sums of the drag and lift tendencies.