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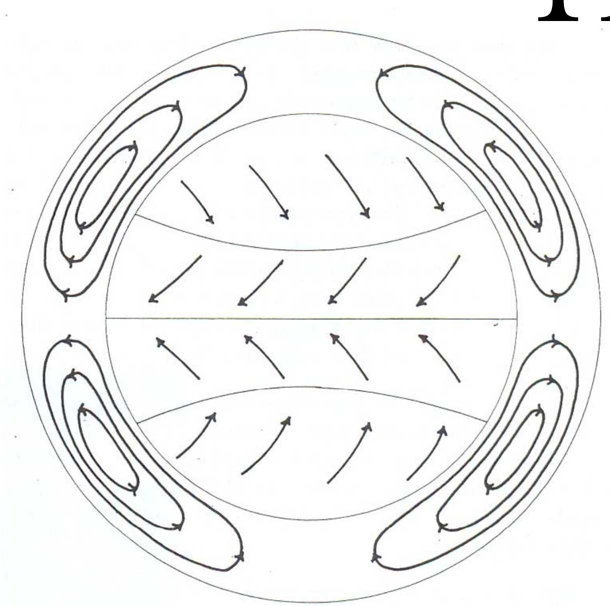

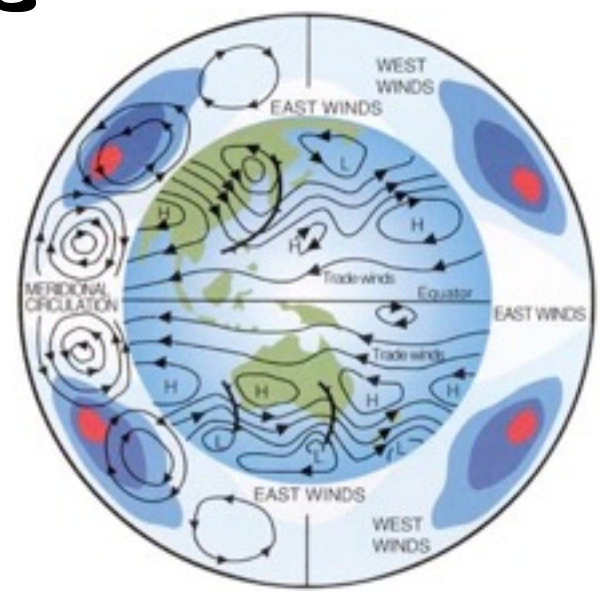

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Reference reading:
Vallis Chapter 11.1-11.2;Lindzen 2005, Chapter 7;
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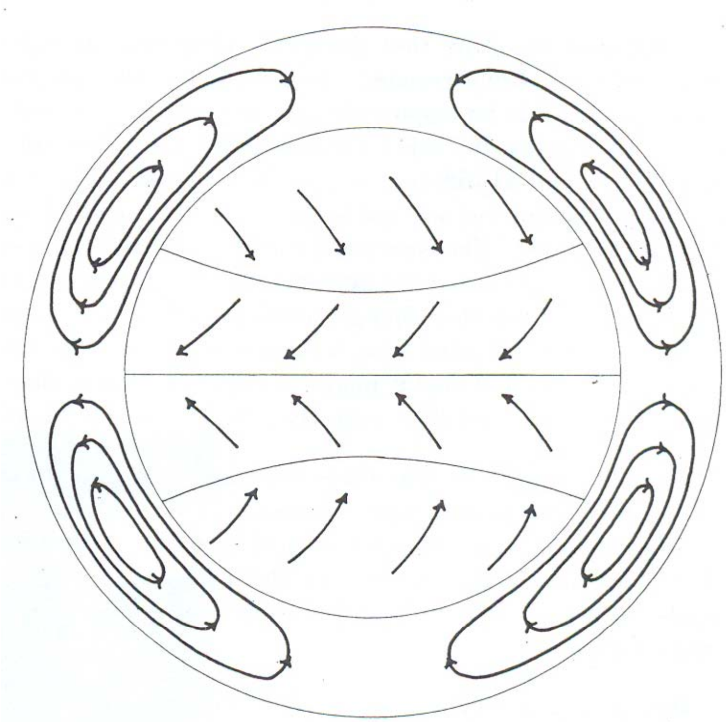
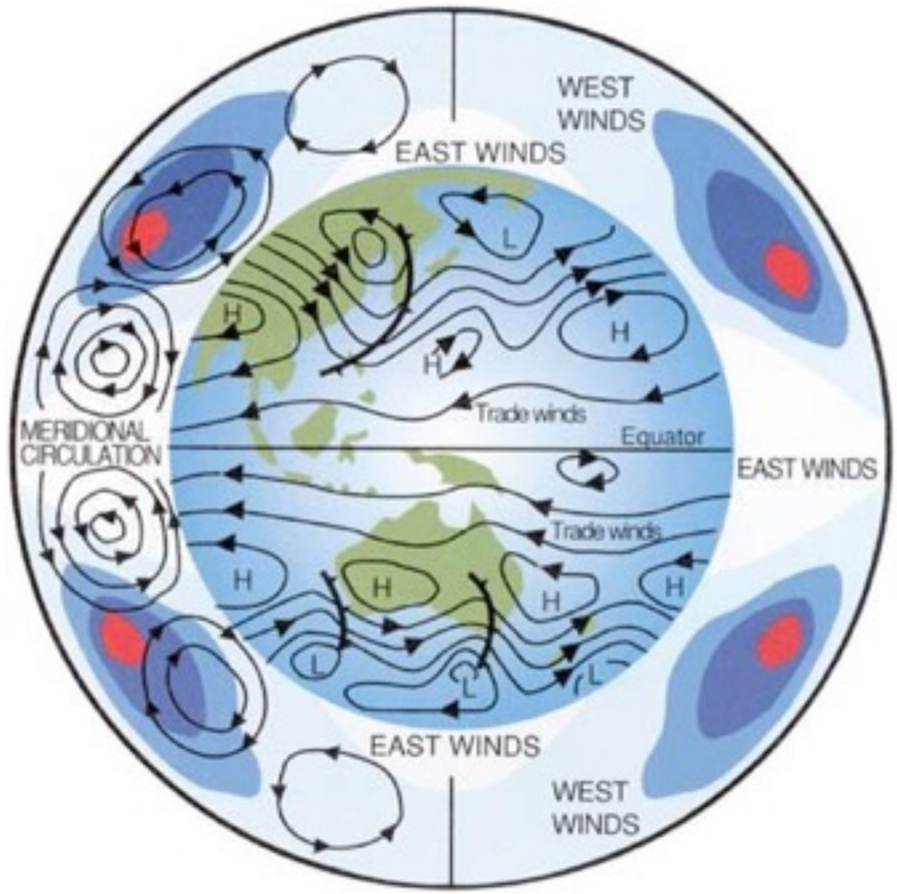
Zonally averaged meridional circulations
- Hadley Cell



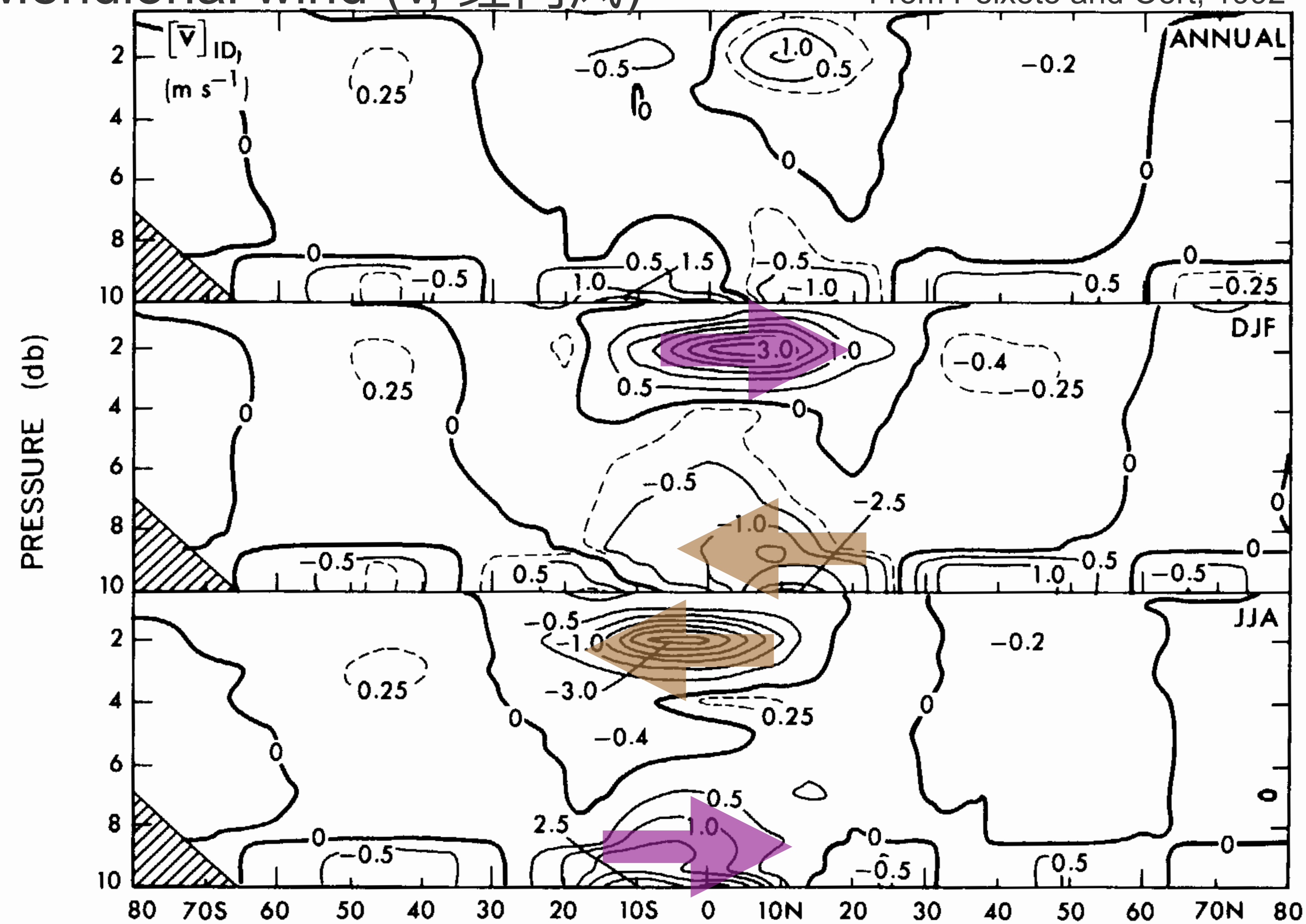


Hadley Cell

- Observations

- Meridional wind (v, 经向风)

From Peixoto and Oort, 1992



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- Vertical velocity (垂直速度)

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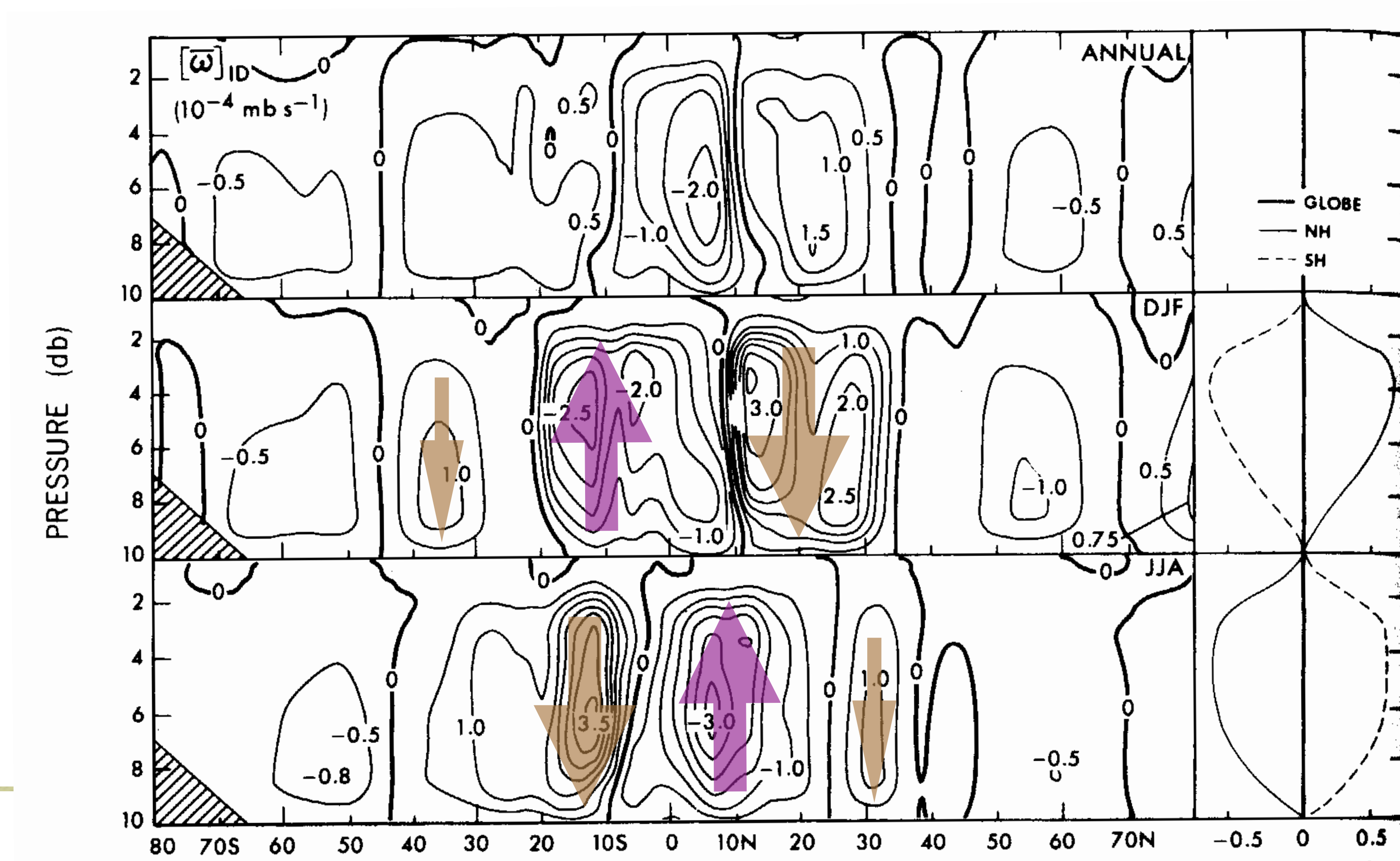

- Observations

- Stream function (流函数)

纬向平均的连续方程：

$$\frac{\partial[\bar{v}]\cos\phi}{R\cos\phi\partial\phi}+\frac{\partial[\bar{\omega}]}{\partial p}=0$$

引入流函数：

$$[\bar{v}]=g\frac{\partial\psi}{2\pi R\cos\phi\partial p}$$

$$[\bar{\omega}]=-g\frac{\partial\psi}{2\pi R^2\cos\phi\partial\phi}$$

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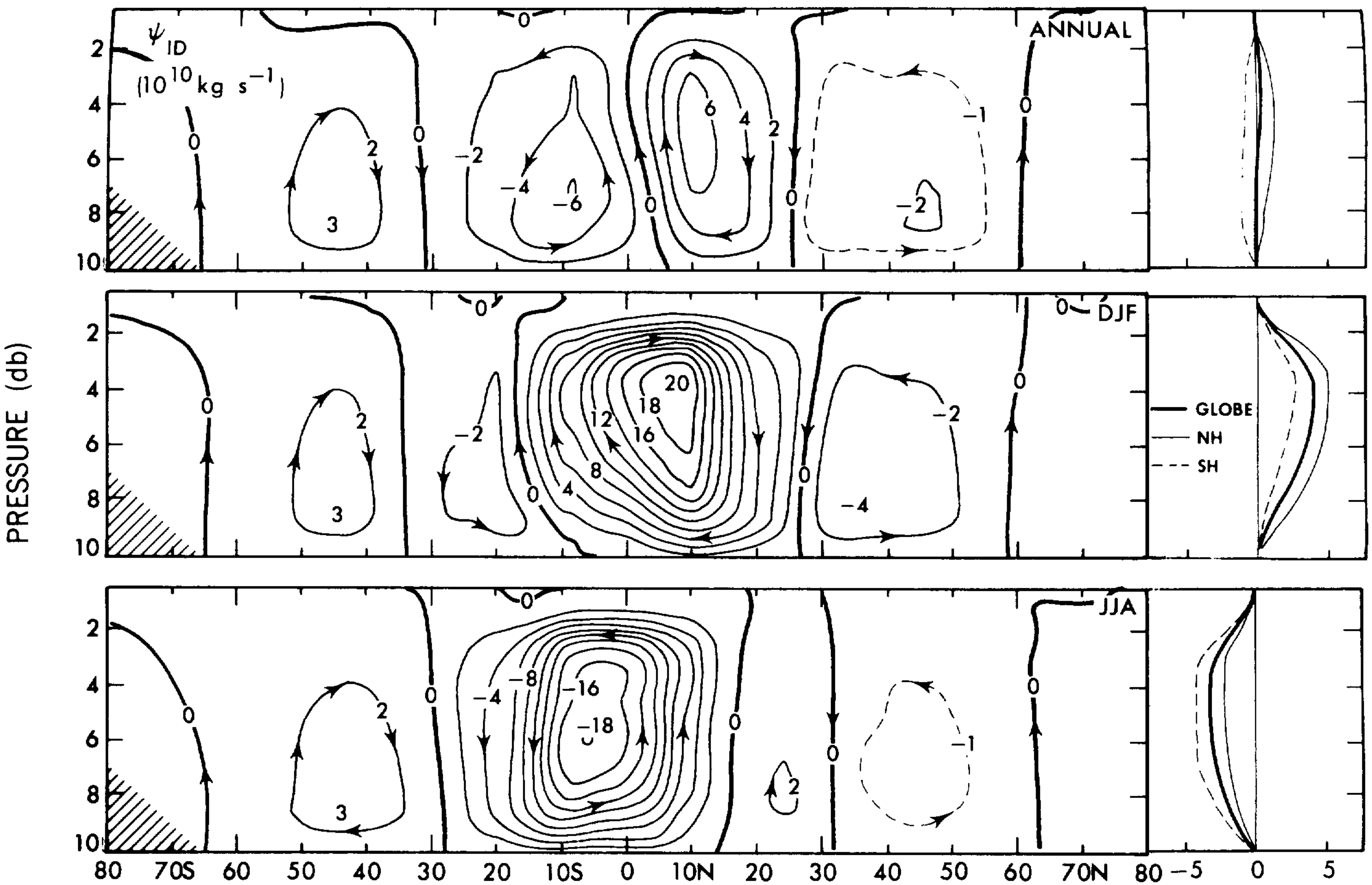

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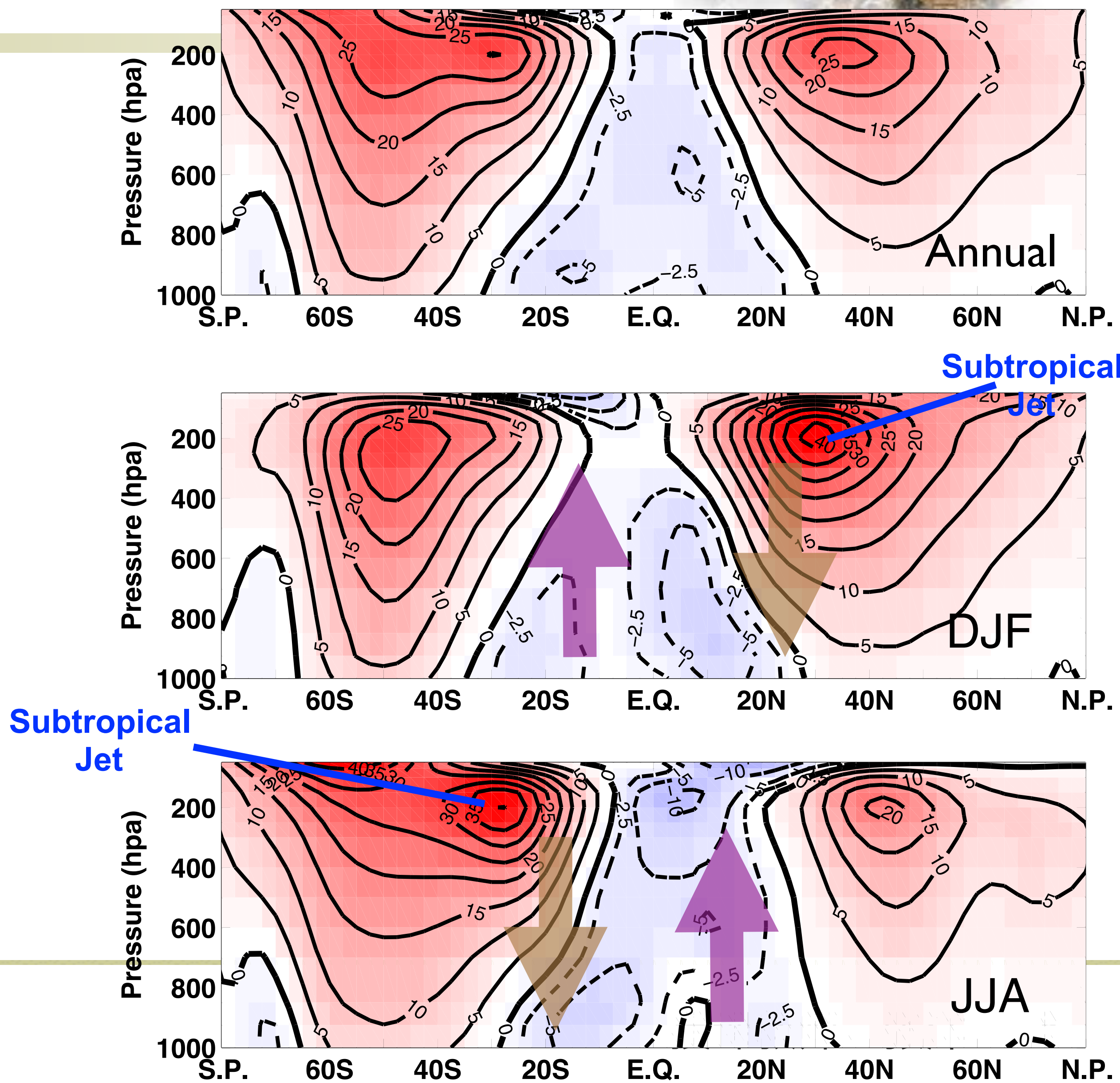
- Zonal winds (U, 纬向风)



- Observations

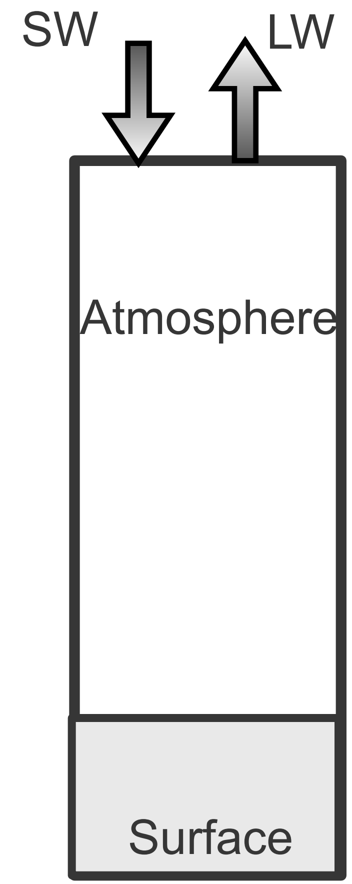
- RE temperature gradient and observed temperature distribution

$$\text{solar radiation} = \text{infrared cooling}$$
$$Qs(x)\mathcal{A}(T) = I(T)$$

$$\text{infrared cooling } I = A + BT$$

or

$$\boxed{I = \sigma T_{rad}^4}$$



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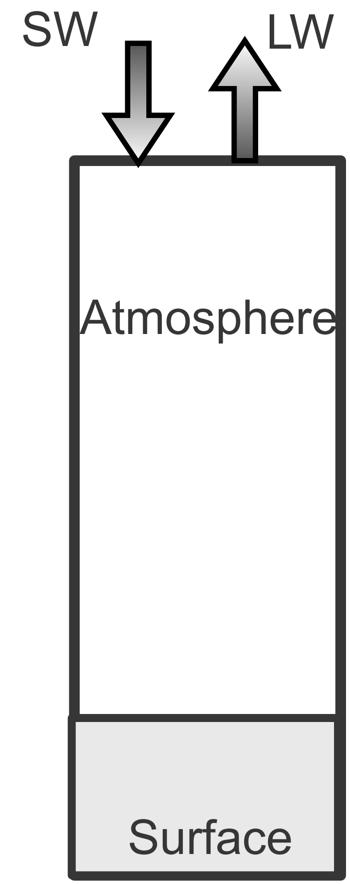
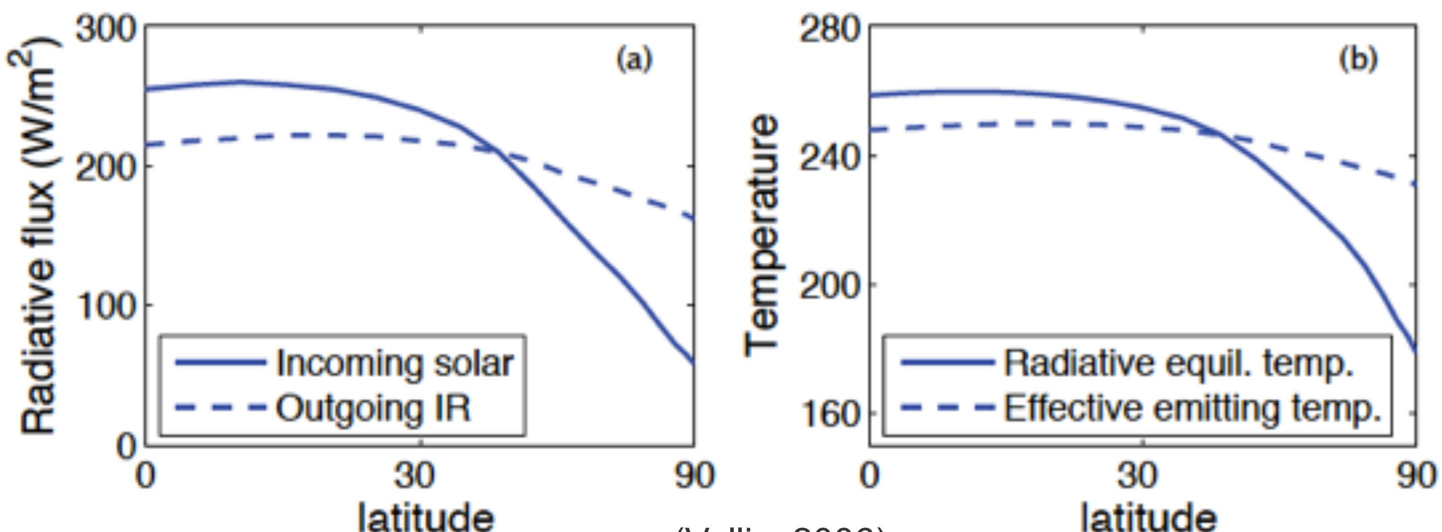




(Vallis, 2006)

- Observations

- Summary （小结）
  - **Temperature field:** the equator-pole temperature gradient is much smaller than the RE temperature gradient.
  - **Wind fields:** **meridional winds** strongest at tropopause and surface; **vertical velocity** strongest at mid-level of the troposphere.
  - **Jets (zonal winds):** strong subtropical jet at **upper level** with its maximum in the latitudes at the edge or just poleward of the descending branch of the Hadley cell; **surface winds**-easterlies near the equator and westerlies in the extratropics.
  - **Strong seasonal variations:** in summer or winter, Hadley cell always appears as a strong single cell across the equator with the ascending branch in the tropics of the summer hemisphere.

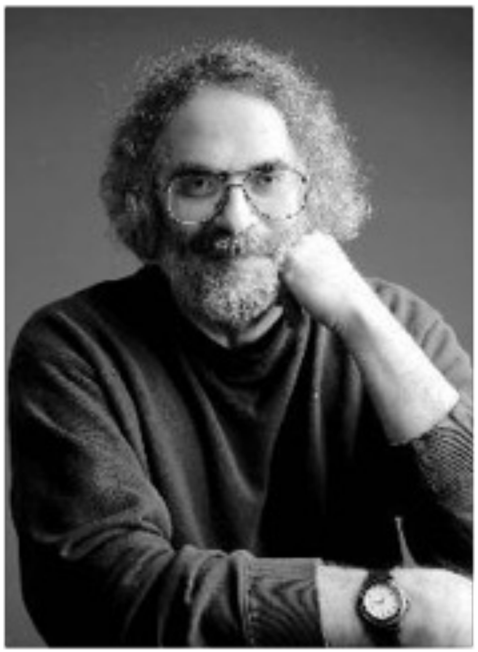
- Outline

- Observations
- Held-Hou theory (axisymmetric flow, a model that is symmetric about the equator)
- Lindzen-Hou theory (axisymmetric flow, a model that is asymmetry about the equator)
- Moisture effects
- The role of eddies
- Discussions

Hadley Cell

- Theories

- **Held-Hou model (1980)**



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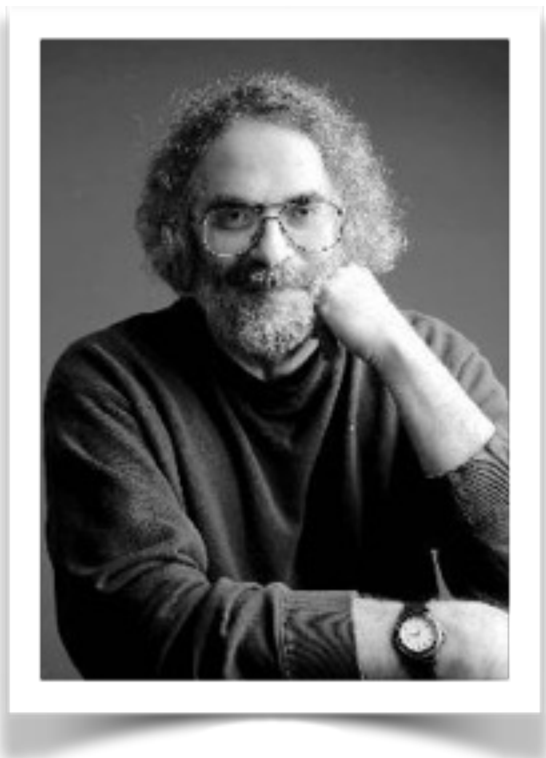

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Meet the model (diagram)
↓
Conservation of angular momentum
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Thermal wind balance
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Distribution of temperature
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Latitudinal extent of Hadley Cell
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Strength of Hadley Cell
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Distribution of upper westerly
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Distribution of surface winds

Held-Hou model (1980)

Make assumptions:

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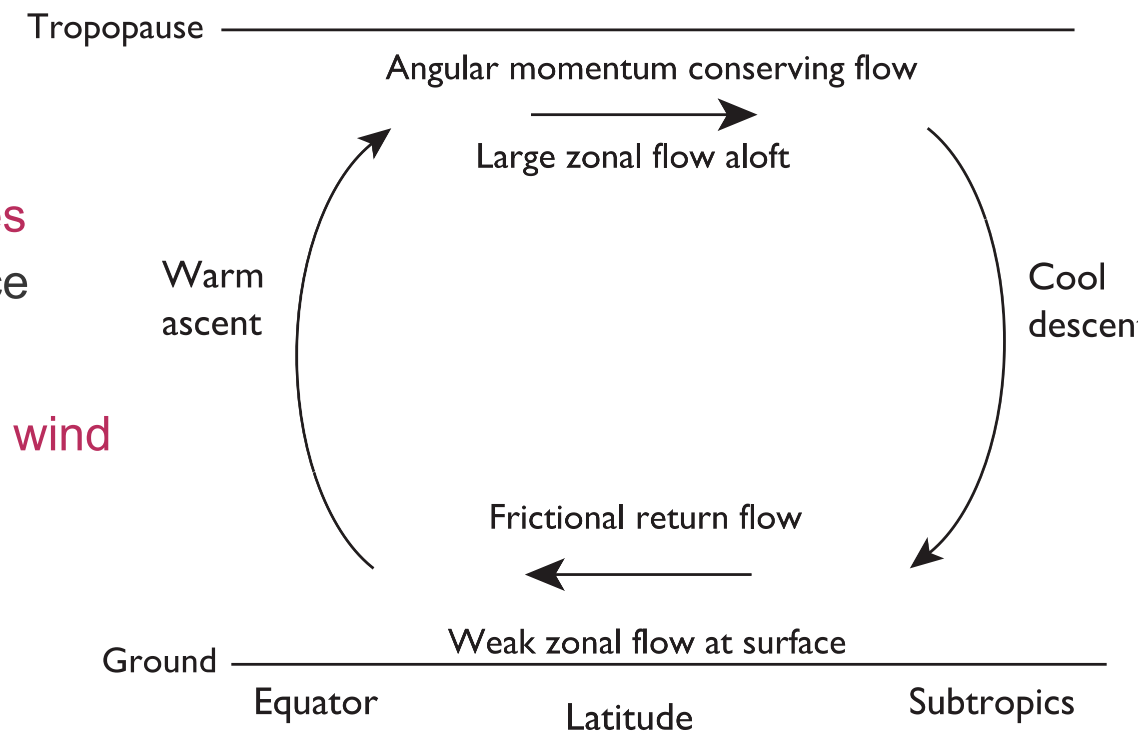
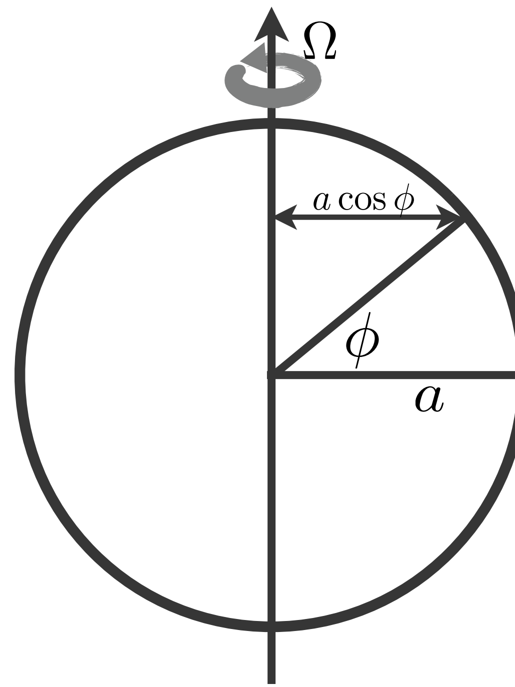


Angular momentum

- Definition (per unit mass): $\vec{M} = \vec{r} \times \vec{v}_a$

- Since the earth moves with its axis with an angular velocity $\vec{\Omega}$, the component of angular momentum about its axis is $\vec{M} \cdot \vec{n}$



- Absolute angular momentum about its axis is:

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\begin{aligned}
M = \vec{M} \cdot \vec{n} &= (\vec{r} \times \vec{v}_a) \cdot \vec{n} \\
&= [\vec{r} \times (\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{r} + \vec{v})] \cdot \vec{n}
\end{aligned}
$$

- After vector calculation, we have:

$$
\begin{aligned}
M &= M_\Omega + M_E \\
&= \Omega a^2 \cos^2 \phi + u a \cos \phi
\end{aligned}
$$

Held-Hou model

-Angular momentum

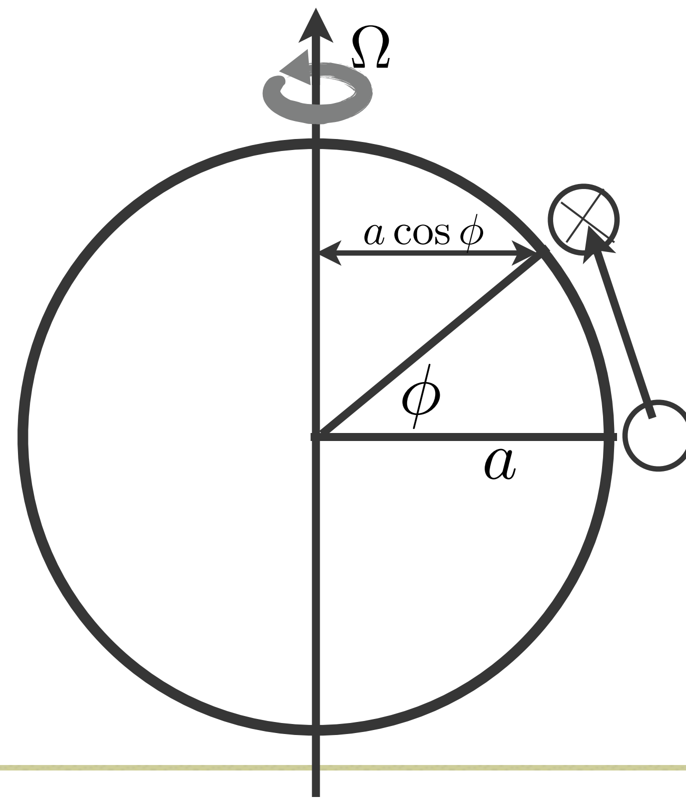
- The absolute angular momentum per unit mass is

$$M = (\Omega a\cos\phi + u)a\cos\phi$$

Due to earth's solid rotation

Deviation from the solid rotation

a is the radius of the earth



- Zonal momentum equation:

$$\frac{Du}{Dt} - fv - \frac{uv}{a}\tan\phi = -\frac{1}{a\cos\phi\rho}\frac{\partial p}{\partial\lambda} + F_\lambda$$

$$\frac{D}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{u}{a\cos\phi}\frac{\partial}{\partial\lambda} + \frac{v}{a}\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi} + w\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

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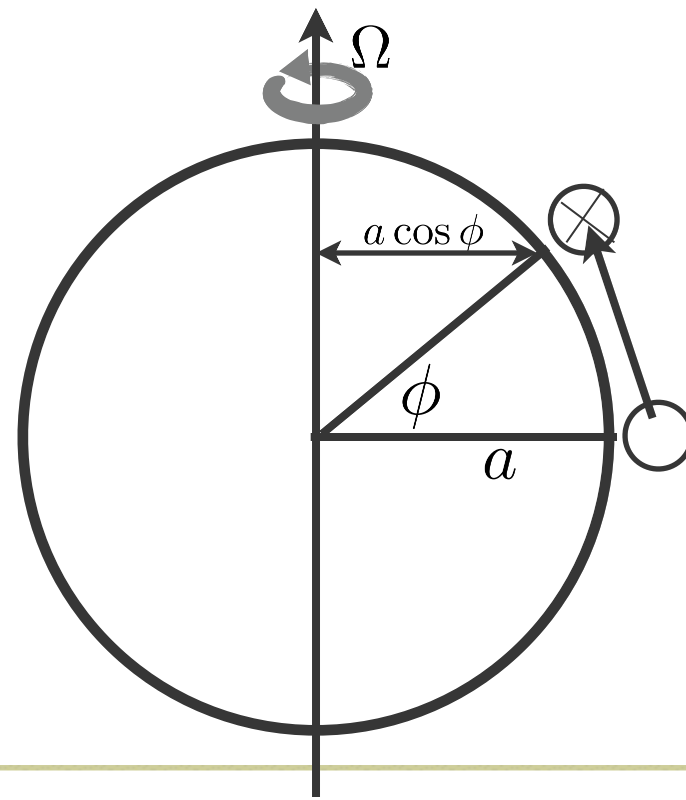

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In an **axisymmetric flow** ([M]=M)

$$\frac{D}{Dt}[M] = a\cos\phi[F_\lambda]$$

In an inviscid (frictionless), **axisymmetric** flow, the angular momentum is conserved.

Held-Hou model

-Angular momentum

$$[M] = (\Omega a \cos\phi + [u]) a \cos\phi$$

- At the equator, as the parcels rise from the surface, where the flow is weak, we assume that the zonal flow is zero there.

$$[u] = \Omega a \frac{\sin^2\phi}{\cos\phi} \equiv U_M$$

Then, what is the U_M at 10, 20, 30 degree?

Answers: 14, 57, 134 m/s, respectively

Combined with the weak surface flow, this indicates strong vertical shear of the zonal wind.