

Recent Improvements to Resolved and Parameterized Gravity-Wave Dynamics in NAVGEM, the Navy's Global Numerical Weather Prediction System

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DEEPWAVE Research Flight 23 14 July 2014

Outbound RF23 Flight Leg





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NAVGEM Reanalyses for DEEPWAVE Austral Winter (T119L74 & T425L74)





Modeled Wavefield Response in MLT Airglow 0700 UTC



Maximum Wavefield Steepness in Fourier-Ray "Hindcasts"

(a) Maximum Steepness 2014071406 V2





Inbound RF23 Flight Legs

Inbound AMTM Imagery

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Large Migrating Semidiurnal Tide in MLT Reanalysis at 51°S NAVGEM Reanalysis Wind on 6.41x10⁻³ hPa (~82km) 360 (a) Zonal Wind 120 100 270 Longitude (° E) 80 60 180 40 ms 20 0 90 -20-400 (b) Meridional Wind 75 50 270 Longitude (° E) 25 0 180 ms -25-5090 -75-100

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FR Modeled Breaking Heights

Time Evolution of Wavefields

Huge MLT Driving Effects

- Offline calculation using linear saturation theory
- Layer-averaged mean flow accelerations ~-350 m s⁻¹ hour⁻¹
- Layer-averaged dynamical heating rates ~ 8 K hour⁻¹

Conclusions

- RF23 supports important role of small subantarctic mountains to middle atmosphere momentum (and heat!) budget in austral winter (Alexander et al. 2009; McLandress et al. 2012; Alexander and Grimsdell, 2013)
- How does wavefield stay linear up to ~78 km before breaking?
 - 1. Spectral filtering of wavefield content (turning points & directional critical levels)
 - 2. Horizontal geometrical spreading of wavefields
 - 3. Nonhydrostatic downstream dispersion/spreading

=> Only nonhydrostatic solutions accurate: corresponding hydrostatic solutions are grossly inaccurate (parameterization implications)

- Huge MLT drag and heating rates (consistent with AMTM "warm up" in final overpass) with strong semidiurnal tidal modulation
- The "right" linear gravity-wave models <u>CAN</u> be accurate up to high altitudes right up to point of incipient wave breaking
- see Eckermann et al., J. Atmos. Sci., submitted, 2016.

BACKUP SLIDES

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Model MLT Wavefields 0700 UTC

Inbound AMTM Imagery

FR Model Momentum Fluxes

Model MLT Wavefields 1000 UTC

Linear Solution Approximations

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ATMOSPHEIC BACKGROUNDS:

NAVGEM 0-100 km Reanalysis for DEEPWAVE Austral Winter

Global Model Physics Modules Needed for Upper Levels

- Shortwave heating due to UV O₂ and O₃ photolysis
- Non-LTE CO₂ longwave cooling to space
- Exothermic Chemical Heating
- Gravity-Wave Drag (Momentum Deposition)
 - Orographic Sources of Gravity Wave Drag
 - Nonorographic Sources of Gravity Wave Drag
 - Frictional Heating (KE Dissipation)
 - Momentum/Heat Mixing due to GW-Induced Turbulence

The Deep Propagating Gravity Wave Experiment

(a) RMS AIRS Brightness Temperature: June-July 2003-2011 2.5 hPa

DEEPWAVE Southern Climatology

DEEPWAVE RF23

