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Abstract

This atlas documents the climate characteristics of version 1 of the NASA Seasonalto-Interannual Prediction Project (NSIPP) Atmospheric General Circulation Model (AGCM). The AGCM includes an interactive land model (the Mosaic scheme), and is part of the NSIPP coupled atmosphere-land-ocean model. The results presented here are based on a 20-year (December 1979-November 1999) "AMIP-style" integration of the AGCM in which the monthly-mean sea-surface temperature and sea ice are specified from observations.

The climate characteristics of the AGCM are compared with the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) and the European Center for Medium-Range Weather Foreacsting (ECMWF) reanalyses. Other verification data include Special Sensor Microwave/Imager (SSM/I) total precipitable water, the Xie-Arkin estimates of precipitation, and Earth Radiation Budget Experiment (ERBE) measurements of short and long wave radiation.

The atlas is organized by season. The basic quantities include seasonal mean global maps and zonal and vertical averages of circulation, variance/covariance statistics, and selected physics quantities.

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1 Introduction

The mission of the NASA Seasonal-to-Interannual Prediction Project (NSIPP) is to use remotely-sensed observations to enhance the predictability of El Nino/Southern Oscillation (ENSO) and other major seasonal-to-interannual signals and their global teleconnections. Fulfilling this mission requires state-of-the-art general circulation models of the coupled ocean-atmosphere-land system that can be used to assimilate observations and to demonstrate the utility of those observations through experimental prediction.

This report presents the climate characteristics of version 1 of the NSIPP Atmospheric General Circulation Model (the NSIPP 1 AGCM). This model, which is the atmosphere/land component of the full coupled atmosphere-land-ocean model, is currently being used in a wide range of atmospheric, coupled ocean/atmosphere and land/atmosphere simulation and predictability studies. Subsequent reports will summarize the predictability characteristics and interannual variability of this version of the AGCM.

The NSIPP AGCM was developed at Goddard. NSIPP 1 is a production version of the development cycle Aries 1_1/Patch 4. We note that the Goddard Earth Observing System (GEOS) model currently being used by the Data Assimilation Office (DAO) stems from the same development path. The GEOS model was, however, tailored for atmospheric data assimilation, while the NSIPP model was developed for climate simulation and prediction. This difference in application manifests itself largely in the tailoring and tuning of the physical parameterizations to ensure that certain key aspects of the atmosphere/land system are faithfully reproduced by the model. For example, in the development of the NSIPP AGCM, much attention has been devoted to the simulation of wind stresses over the tropical Pacific Ocean in order to obtain the proper atmosphere-ocean coupling when run in a coupled mode. Also, the middle latitude atmospheric stationary waves must be sufficiently unbiased in order to obtain the proper extratropical ENSO response and its variability (e.g., Schubert et al. 2000). In fact, it is these two aspects of the model climatology that motivated the recent model development, leading to Patch 4.

Although one may regard most changes in Patch 4 as fairly minor, they led to a much improved simulation over earlier versions. These changes include an increase in vertical resolution from 22 to 34 levels, with all new levels added near the surface; a modified version of the convection parameterization, with a more complete liquid water budget in updrafts; a modified version of the turbulence scheme, together with the elimination of dry convective adjustment; the use of filtered topography; and some minor modifications to the cloud disgnostic scheme. More details are presented in the next section.

The results presented are from a 20-year (December 1979-November 1999) "AMIP-style" integration of the NSIPP 1 AGCM. Here AMIP indicates that the model was run with monthly mean sea surface temperature and sea ice specified from observations following the experimental design of the Atmospheric Model Intercomparison Project (Gates 1992). The results are compared with the reanalysis performed by the National Centers for Environmental Prediction and the National Center for Atmospheric Research (the NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis, Kalnay et al., 1995) for the same time period. Other verification data include the European Center for Medium-Range Weather Foreacsting (ECMWF) reanalysis (Gibson et al., 1996), Special Sensor Microwave/Imager (SSM/I) total precipitable water, Xie ans

Arkin (1997) estimates of precipitation, and Earth Radiation Budget Experiment (ERBE) measurements of shortwave and longwave radiation.

The atlas is organized by season. The basic quantities include seasonal mean global maps and zonal and vertical averages of circulation, variance/covariance statistics, and selected physics quantities.

Section 2 describes the NSIPP 1 AGCM. Sections 3 and 4 describe the model integration and validation data, respectively. Section 5 gives an overview of the organization of the atlas. The results are discussed in Sections 6-8.

2 Description of the model

The AGCM is the atmospheric component of the NSIPP coupled prediction system. It uses a finite-difference dynamical core based on a C-grid in the horizontal and a standard sigma coordinate in the vertical. A detailed description of this core is given in Suarez and Takacs (1995).

Finite differences are second-order accurate, except for advection by the rotational part of the flow, which is done at fourth order. The momentum equations use a fourth-order version of the enstrophy conserving scheme of Sadourney (1975). The horizontal advection schemes for potential temperature and moisture are also fourth-order and conserve the quantity and its square (Takacs and Suarez, 1996).

The parameterizations of solar and infrared radiative heating rates are described in Chou and Suarez (1999) and Chou and Suarez (1994). The solar parameterization includes absorption due to O_3 , CO_2 , water vapor, O_2 , and clouds, as well as gaseous and aerosol scattering. The solar spectrum is divided into eight Visible-UV bands and three near-IR bands. A k-distribution method is used within each band. The eight VIS-UV bands use a single k-interval, while the IR bands use ten intervals each. Effects of multiple scattering by clouds and aerosols are treated using the δ -Eddington approximation for the direct beam and Sagan-Pollock for diffuse radiation. The infrared parameterization includes absorption by water vapor, CO_2 , O_3 , methane, N_2O , CFC-11, CFC-12, and CFC-22, within eight spectral bands, but in the results prsented only water vapor, CO_2 , and O_3 are included.

From the moist physics parameterizations, the GCM estimates a cloud fraction at each level. For the solar radiation calculation, the GCM levels are then grouped into three regions which are identified with high ($\sigma < 0.56$) middle ($0.56 < \sigma < 0.77$) and low ($\sigma > 0.77$) clouds. Within each of these regions, clouds are assumed to be maximally overlapped and the cloud fractions are scaled using a scheme that depends on solar zenith angle and optical thickness. This leaves us with a single cloud fraction in each of the three regions. The overlapping between these region is treated "exactly" by assuming random overlapping and combining the results of full transfer calculations for the eight possible cases.

Turbulence throughout the atmospheric column is modeled using the Louis et al.(1982) scheme. This is a local "K" scheme with Richardson number-dependent viscosity and diffusivity. In practice, we found that the scheme contributed to excessive annual mean

stresses over the equatorial pacific, as well as to unrealistic seasonal variation of these stresses. These deficiencies were alleviated by using a smaller than usual value for the eddymixing length scale λ_0 . We use $\lambda_0=20$ meters, compared to typical values of 80 to 160 meters in other implementations of the scheme. We also truncate mixing in the stable Ri regime, so that for Ri>3.0 vertical viscosity and diffusivity are exactly zero. This eliminates sporadic patches of significant momentum mixing in the middle troposphere, which we believe have an adverse effect on the simulation of surface wind stresses. These modifications to the standard implementation of the Louis scheme do not have noticeable negative impacts on other aspects of the model climate. We also note here that dry convective adjustment has been eliminated from the current version of the model.

The model uses the gravity-wave drag parameterization described by Zhou et al. (1996). The Zhou scheme incorporates only orographically forced gravity waves. Directional anisotropy of the orographic forcing is ignored. The scheme contains two important "tunable" parameters, the effective wavenumber k_{mw} for the waves, and a maximum surface amplitude for the waves h_{max} . These must be determined empirically. Currently we use $k_{mw} = 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$ m⁻¹ and $h_{max} = 400$ m. The surface amplitude of waves is the lower of h_{max} and a local gridbox RMS topographic deviation derived from the GTOPO30 thirty arcsecond topographic data set (http://edcwww.cr.usgs.gov/landdaac/gtopo30/gtopo30.html). The GTOPO30 data have been binned by averaging the heights in 5 x 5 squares to produce a 2.5' dataset. It is with these data that the RMS amplitudes are computed.

In addition to the Zhou scheme, the model incorporates enhanced Rayleigh damping above $\sigma=0.05$. This damping is formulated as

$$ec{F}=\gamma_0\left(rac{0.05-\sigma}{0.05}
ight)^2(ec{U}\cdotec{U})ec{U}$$

where \vec{U} is the model horizontal wind vector. The strength $\gamma_0 = (60 \text{ m s}^{-1})^{-2}(10 \text{ d})^{-1}$ is chosen to damp a 60 m s⁻¹ jet in 10 days. This drag is a crude *ad hoc* representation of missing gravity wave drag in the middle atmosphere. It is intended primarily to reduce the strength of the polar night jet in the winter stratosphere in the interest of computational stability. This drag formulation does not produce realistic simulations of the stratospheric climate.

We find that our simulation of stationary planetary waves improves significantly when the topographic elevation data used by the model is first filtered to eliminate high spatial frequencies. This is accomplished using a 12-th order Coiflet filter. Coiflets are nearly symmetrical orthogonal wavelets with compact support and exact reconstruction. We filter by simply removing the highest frequency (octave) of the Coiflet transform of the topography and reconstructing. The compact support of the Coiflet filter reduces the ringing that plagues higher-order filtering techniques.

Penetrative convection originating in the boundary layer is parameterized using the Relaxed Arakawa-Schubert (RAS) scheme (Moorthi and Suarez, 1992), which is a simple and efficient implementation of the Arakawa-Schubert scheme. The version described in Moorthi and Suarez, RAS-1, is the standard parameterization used at Goddard. It has also been tested at NCEP, NCAR, and COLA, and has performed particularly well in simulating the atmospheric response to tropical SST anomalies — a crucial aspect of the coupled prediction problem. We have recently updated it by including a more detailed condensate budget in the updraft. This version, which we refer to as RAS 1.5, is the one used in the NSIPP 1 AGCM.

Clouds are obtained from an empirically-based, diagnostic scheme in which the cloud cover at each grid point depends directly on the results of the large-scale condensation and convection parameterizations. The scheme defines both large-scale and convective cloudiness. Large-scale cloudiness is determined in two steps. First, an initial cloud fraction is estimated using a simple diagnostic scheme based solely on relative humidity (RH). This scheme is similar to that of Slingo (1987). A high threshhold RH of 95% is used. Even with this high threshhold value, excessive cloudiness results over tropical and subtropical oceans. Thus, a second "destruction" step is invoked. We simply use the magnitude of subsidence drying produced by RAS to destroy a fraction of the large-scale clouds produced by the RH diagnostic,

$$C_{ls} = \max\left[C_{ls}^{*} \left(1 - \left[\frac{D_{cnv}}{D_0} \right]^2 \right), 0 \right]$$

where C_{ls}^* is the initial estimate from the RH-diagnostic, D_{cnv} is the 3-dimensional distribution of net convective drying from RAS, and D_0 is a tunable parameter, which we choose by examining the global radiation budget. In the simulations discussed here, this parameter has a value of 7 g kg⁻¹ day⁻¹.

The land surface model (LSM) is the Mosaic LSM of Koster and Suarez (1992, 1996), The core of the LSM is a standard soil-vegetation-atmosphere-tranfer (SVAT) model. The most distinctive feature of Mosaic is that it subdivides each AGCM grid square into subregions, or tiles, of relatively homogeneous vegetation type and then calculates separate one-dimensional energy and water balances over each tile, with distinct stomatal control over transpiration rates. This model has performed well in tests against observations (Chen et al. 1997, Wood et al. 1998), and has been used in studies of land-atmosphere interactions (Koster et al., 2000, and references therein).

3 Description of the integration

All results presented here are from a single AMIP-style run begun on 1 January 1979 0Z and extending to 1 December 1999 0Z. The first eleven months of the run were discarded as a "spin up" period. We thus analyzed twenty years (December 1979 - November 1999) of integration.

For this run, the model was integrated at a resolution of 2° latitude by 2.5° longitude, using 34 sigma layers (Table 1).

Sea-surface temperatures (SST) and sea-ice fractions were specified based on the monthly Reynolds O-I dataset (Reynolds and Smith 1994). The land surface was fully interactive and consists of some 13000 tiles distributed over the atmospheric grid boxes that contain a non-zero land fraction. The tiles represent six different vegetation types, as well as land ice, bare soil, desert, and lakes. Lakes are treated as a freely evaporating surface (i.e., no surface, only aerodynamic, resistance) with a heat capacity equivalent to 2 meters of water.

L	σ	L	σ	L	σ	L	σ	L	σ
1 6	0.000 0.050	2 7	0.005 0.075	3 8	0.010 0.100	4 9	0.015 0.125	5 10	0.025 0.150
11	0.175	12	0.200	13	0.225	14	0.275	15	0.325
16	0.375	17	0.425	18	0.500	19	0.625	20	0.700
21	0.750	22	0.775	23	0.800	24	0.825	25	0.850
26	0.865	27	0.880	28	0.895	29	0.910	30	0.925
31	0.940	32	0.955	33	0.970	34	0.985	35	1.000

Table 1: Sigma surfaces separating the 34 layers of the model.

One peculiarity of this run is that, to avoid running with a sea-ice model, we have specified both sea ice fractions and temperatures. The former vary interannual, but sea-ice temperatures repeat the same seasonal cycle each year.

4 Validation data sets

For the upper air fields and their statistics, we compare with the NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis (Kalnay et al. 1994) averaged for the same period as the model simulation. For the moisture field and various physics diagnostics we compare with various satellite and in situ measurements described below.

Precipitation is compared with the combined satellite, gauge, and model estimates derived by Xie and Arkin (1997). These data are available for the entire period of the simulation from ftp://ftp.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/precip/cmap/monthly/.

Estimates of total precipitable water (TPW) are those generated by Wentz (1992) from the Special Sensor Microwave Imager (SSM/I) measurements. The radiative transfer algorithm uses three channels of microwave measurements (22V, 37V, 37H) and a scheme that accounts for absorption and emission in the atmosphere and uses a surface emissivity value over oceans appropriate for a wind-roughened sea surface. The scheme does not account for scattering by raindrops or by frozen hydrometers and is, therefore inaccurate for high rain rates. No data is produced over land or sea ice, because of the complexity of the surface emissivity.

To validate the top of the atmosphere radiation budget, we compare with the Earth Radiation Budget Experiment (ERBE) data collected by the ERBS, NOAA 9 and NOAA 10 satellites between November 1984 and February 1990. More information on ERBE may be obtained at (http://asd-www.larc.nasa.gov/erbe/ASDerbe.html). We limit our comparison to the 5-year period from 1985 through 1989.

Surface fluxes are compared with the first 10 years of the ECMWF reanalysis (Gibson et al., 1996).

5 Organization and calculations

Unless otherwise noted, quantities presented in this report are averaged over the 20 years of the integration. We will concentrate on seasonal means. Instantaneous values of the simulated upper air data were saved four times daily at 0Z,6Z,12Z, and 18Z. Surface and top-of-atmosphere (TOA) fluxes, precipitation, and cloudiness were accumulated at each time step and saved once daily.

Results are presented as zonal means and global maps of climatological means and submonthly variance/covariance statistics. For selected quantities we also show the zonal mean bias (departures from NCEP/NCAR reanalysis), and/or line plots of zonal means at selected pressure levels or of vertical means. The zonal means are computed at the following pressure levels (1000, 925, 850, 700, 500, 400, 300, 250, 200, 150, 100, 70, 50, 30, qnd 10 mb). While results are presented up to 10 mb, the model was not tuned to produce a very realistic stratosphere. In fact, the current values of Rayleigh friction produce a rather strong damping on the stratosphere, resulting in unrealistically weak high latitude westerlies and covariance statistics above about 50 mb.

The variance/covariance statistics are divided into "transient" and "stationary" components. The "transient" statistics are computed from 6 hourly deviations from monthly means of each year and each calendar month. Products are then taken and averaged for each season and for the twenty years of the analysis. The "stationary" statistics are computed from zonal departures of monthly means. these are then averaged for each season and for the twenty years of the analysis. We will use overbars to denote a calendar monthly mean, so that $u' = u - \overline{u}$ is the monthly deviation of u, and square brackets to denote a zonal mean, so that $u^* = u - \overline{u}$ is the zonal departure of u. Then the mean quadratic quantities are defined as:

$$TRANSIENT(u,v) = \left\{ \overline{u'v'} \right\}, \qquad STATIONARY(u,v) = \left\{ [\overline{u}^* \overline{v}^*] \right\},$$

where the braces represent an average over the three months of each season and all years. For all squared statistics, other than kinetic energy, we plot the square root, which is taken after all averaging.

Section 6 discusses the climatological means and bias of upper air fields. Section 7 discusses sub-monthly quadratic statistics, and Section 8 selected physics quantities.

6 Means of Upper Air Fields

The model produces a very good simulation of the general circulation of the troposphere, including the zonally asymmetric flow and stationary eddy patterns. In the following discussion, we emphasize deficiencies that remain in the simulation.

The model simulation of the seasonal mean zonal mean winds is generally quite good. Notable deficiencies include, weak high latitude stratospheric winter westerlies, an easterly bias in the upper troposphere/lower stratosphere of the tropics, and a westerly bias in the middle latitudes of the Southern Hemisphere. At 200 mb, the model produces a westerly node in the eastern tropical Pacific that is too strong. During JJA, the 200 mb Asian and North Pacific jets are too weak. There is a tendency for a westerly bias at 200 mb over the tropical western hemisphere during DJF and MAM. The model fails to capture the separation of the 200 mb African and East Asian jets during MAM. At 850 mb, the model generates too strong tropical easterlies over the eastern Pacific, and too strong westerlies in the Southern Hemisphere middle latitudes and the Asian summer monsoon region.

The seasonal cycle of the Hadley Cell is quite realistic, though the maximum rising motion during JJA occurs substantially lower in the atmosphere (below 500 mb) than the estimates from the NCEP/NCAR reanalysis show (400 mb). The model has a consistent cold bias throughout most of the stratosphere, the Southern Hemisphere high latitude upper troposphere, and the tropical upper troposphere. A substantial warm bias (greater than 8 degrees C) occurs during the winter in the stratosphere of the southern high latitudes. During all seasons the tropical and subtropical troposphere below 800 mb is too dry (maximum bias near 925mb), while between 700 mb and 500 mb the tropics are too wet. The moisture bias is reflected in the relative humidity (RH) bias, though the latter also show that the boundary layer relative humidity is too high, while away from the polar regions the upper tropospheric relative humidity is too low.

The North Pacific and North Atlantic surface highs tend to be too strong, especially during JJA. The North American upper tropospheric west coast ridge is too strong during DJF. The east Asian/west Pacific trough is too weak (and has a noticeable hump) during DJF, and it does not extend far enough into the eastern Pacific during MAM.

The model shows excessive noise over mountains in the 500 mb omega fields. Compared to the NCEP reanalysis, there is insufficient rising motion over the tropical eastern Pacific in the region of the ITCZ. The eddy stream function at 300 mb shows tropical/subtropical stationary waves that are too weak in the eastern hemisphere, while they are too strong in the western hemisphere during all seasons. The seasonal evolution of the 200 mb velocity potential is quite good.

7 Sub-Monthly Quadratics of Upper Air Fields

The model produces good tropospheric transient and stationary zonal and meridonal wind variances. However, the transient variances in both wind components (especially v) tend to be somewhat weak in the Northern Hemisphere. This leads to a substantial underestimate of the transient kinetic energy in the Northern Hemisphere troposphere during all seasons. The stationary zonal wind variance is too strong in the upper tropospheric tropics. The wind variances are much weaker than observed in the high latitudes of the stratosphere during winter.

There are large differences in the variance of the omega field, with the model showing considerably larger variance than the NCEP/NCAR reanalysis in the tropics and extratropics. It should be noted that the quality of the reanalysis are suspect for this field. The model produces very good geopotential height variances in the troposphere. Similar to the wind variances; however, the height variances are weaker than observed during the cold seasons in the high latitudes of the stratosphere. This is especially so for the stationary component during DJF in the Northern Hemisphere and during SON in the Southern Hemisphere. At 200 mb, the seasonal cycle of the height variance is quite good, though the variance is somewhat weaker than observed in the Northern Hemisphere middle and high latitudes.

The model produces excellent meridional fluxes of zonal momentum. Exceptions are the too strong stationary fluxes between 200 mb and 100 mb during JJA, and a tendency to overestimate the southward transient fluxes in the Southern Hemisphere. The model produces reasonable heat fluxes in the troposphere, though transient southward fluxes in the Southern Hemisphere are systematically higher than in the reanalysis. In the stratosphere, the stationary meridional heat flux is much too weak at high latitudes during DJF, while the transient component is too strong. The model generates very realistic meridional moisture fluxes.

8 Surface and TOA Fluxes

The model's global precipitation distribution is much improved from that produced by earlier versions. In particular, its tendency to produce unrealistic double ITCZs in the central and eastern Pacific has been greatly lessened. A strong vestige of the problem, however, remains in the MAM season. One of the more intractable problems with the precipitation distribution is a "gap" in the eastern Pacific ITCZ and an associated "bull's eye" in precipitation over Central America. This problem is apparent in all four seasons of the simulation.

The simulated precipitable water (vapor only) agrees quite well with the satellite estimate (SSM/I). As might be expected, however, it shows some of the same unrealistic features as the precipitation fields.

The zonal mean total radiation budget at the top of the atmosphere is simulated well. The most obvious deficiency is the excessive outgoing longwave radiation at almost all latitudes and all seasons. This results in a systematic "cold" bias in the net radiation, which is otherwise extremely well simulated. The "cloud radiative forcings" (CRF) highlight better the model's performance. In the OLR-CRF, the model does surprisingly well in the tropics— a result of our improved distributions of convective activity. In the middle latitudes, the model consistently underestimated the OLR-CRF, implying too little, or too low cloudiness in these regions. The solar CRF is extremely good, the main problem being too weak forcing in middle latitudes of the southern hemisphere during MAM. Aside from this, little differentiates it from the ERBE data.

The global distributions of CRF show clearly that some of the agreement in the zonal mean results from a compensation of errors along latitude circles, but they also show that much of the agreement is due to the model's improved distribution of tropical (convective) cloudiness and of the marine stratus and stratocumulus regimes. The latter is best seen in the solar CRF distributions.

Because of its importance to the ENSO problem, we have devoted considerable attention to

the simulation of tropical surface stresses, particularly the seasonal cycle in the equatorial Pacific. As may be seen from the global distributions shown, both the zonal and meridional stress compare quite well with the ECMWF reanalysis. In fact, even the more difficult and oceanographically important curl of the wind stress is very close to the reanalysis.

The same cannot be said of the sensible and latent heat fluxes, both of which the model seems to overestimate very significantly, at least over oceans.

9 Summary

The atlas presents a very good simulation of the mean seasonal cycle of the tropospheric general circulation. The model is shown to have very good skill in simulating the horizontal and vertical distribution of both mean fields and variance/covariance statistics.

The results also identify a several deficiencies. Some of these, like the problems in the eastern Pacific ITCZ, may require increased horizontal resolution. Others, however, are things that we feel can clearly be improved within the current framework.

Nevertheless, we feel this is an acceptable model for NSIPP's purposes and have frozen it in the form presented here. A number of other experiments have already been conducted with it and many more will follow. These experiments address the model's sensitivity to sea-surface temperatures, its teleconnection patterns and modes of natural variability, the nature of its land-atmosphere interactions, and its performance in coupled integrations. In all of these areas, the model appears to be performing quite well, and results will be reported in the near future.

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ZONAL MEAN FIELDS

(DJF, MAM, JJA, SON)

Zonal wind Meridional wind Mass stream function Omega Temperature Specific humidity Relative humidity Zonal wind bias Temperature bias Specific humidity bias

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Figure 1: Zonal mean zonal wind (m s^{-1}) — Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: DJF; Right panels: JJA.


















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Figure 8: Omega (mb d⁻¹) — Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: MAM; Right panels: SON.



Figure 9: Zonal mean temperature (K) --- Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: DJF; Right panels: JJA.















Figure 13: Zonal mean relative humidity (%) — Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: DJF; Right panels: JJA.









 $[\overline{U}]$ BIAS



 $[\overline{T}]$ BIAS

Figure 16: Zonal mean temperature bias (K) .



 $[\overline{q}]$ BIAS

Figure 17: Zonal mean specific humidity bias (g kg^{-1}) .



Figure 18: Zonal mean relative humidity bias (g kg^{-1}) .

 $[RH(\overline{q},\overline{T})] \text{$ **BIAS** $}$

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GLOBAL MAPS

(DJF, MAM, JJA, SON)

Zonal wind 200 mb Zonal wind 850 mb Sea-level pressure Eddy geopotential height 300 mb Omega 500 mb Eddy stream function 200 mb Velocity potential 200 mb ZONAL MEANS Sea-level pressure Zonal wind 200 mb Zonal wind 850 mb

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DJF

 \overline{U}_{200}



Figure 19: Zonal wind at 200 mb for DJF— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 5 m s⁻¹. Easterlies indicated by dark shading, light shading indicates westerlies in excess of 40 m s⁻¹.



Figure 20: Zonal wind at 200 mb for JJA— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 5 m s⁻¹. Easterlies indicated by dark shading, light shading indicates westerlies in excess of 40 m s⁻¹.

 \overline{U}_{200}



Figure 21: Zonal wind at 200 mb for MAM— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 5 m s⁻¹. Easterlies indicated by dark shading, light shading indicates westerlies in excess of 40 m s⁻¹.





Figure 22: Zonal wind at 200 mb for SON— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 5 m s⁻¹. Easterlies indicated by dark shading, light shading indicates westerlies in excess of 40 m s⁻¹.







Figure 23: Zonal wind at 850 mb for DJF— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 3 m s⁻¹. Easterlies are shaded.



Figure 24: Zonal wind at 850 mb for JJA— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 3 m s^{-1} . Easterlies are shaded.

 \mathbf{MAM}

 $\overline{\mathrm{U}}_{850}$



Figure 25: Zonal wind at 850 mb for MAM— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 3 m s^{-1} . Easterlies are shaded.

SON

Model



Figure 26: Zonal wind at 850 mb for SON— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 3 m s^{-1} . Easterlies are shaded.

 $\overline{\mathrm{SLP}}$



Figure 27: Sea-level pressure for DJF— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 4 mb. Shading indicates pressures in excess of 1000 mb.



Figure 28: Sea-level pressure for JJA— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 4 mb. Shading indicates pressures in excess of 1000 mb.

 $\overline{\mathrm{SLP}}$



Figure 29: Sea-level pressure for MAM— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 4 mb. Shading indicates pressures in excess of 1000 mb.

SON



Figure 30: Sea-level pressure for SON— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 4 mb. Shading indicates pressures in excess of 1000 mb.

DJF

 $\overline{Z^*}_{300}$



Figure 31: Eddy geopotential height at 300 mb for DJF— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 40 m. Shading indicates negative values.





Figure 32: Eddy geopotential height at 300 mb for JJA— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 40 m. Shading indicates negative values.

MAM





Figure 33: Eddy geopotential height at 300 mb for MAM— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 40 m. Shading indicates negative values.

SON





Figure 34: Eddy geopotential height at 300 mb for SON— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 40 m. Shading indicates negative values.

DJF

 $\overline{\omega}_{500}$



Figure 35: Omega at 500 mb (mb d^{-1}) for DJF— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 4 mb d^{-1} . Shading indicates rising motion.



Figure 36: Omega at 500 mb (mb d^{-1}) for JJA— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 4 mb d^{-1} . Shading indicates rising motion.

 $\overline{\omega}_{500}$



Figure 37: Omega at 500 mb (mb d^{-1}) for MAM— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 4 mb d^{-1} . Shading indicates rising motion.
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Figure 38: Omega at 500 mb (mb d^{-1}) for SON— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 4 mb d^{-1} . Shading indicates rising motion.

DJF





Figure 39: Eddy stream function at 200 mb for DJF— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 5×10^6 m² s⁻¹. Shading indicates negative values.





Figure 40: Eddy stream function at 200 mb for JJA— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 5×10^6 m² s⁻¹. Shading indicates negative values.

MAM





Figure 41: Eddy stream function at 200 mb for MAM— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 5×10^6 m² s⁻¹. Shading indicates negative values.

SON





Figure 42: Eddy stream function at 200 mb for SON— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: $5 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$. Shading indicates negative values.



 $\overline{\chi}_{200}$



Figure 43: Velocity potential at 200 mb for DJF— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 5×10^6 m² s⁻¹. Shading indicates negative values.

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Figure 44: Velocity potential at 200 mb for JJA— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 5×10^6 m² s⁻¹. Shading indicates negative values.

MAM

 $\overline{\chi}_{200}$



Figure 45: Velocity potential at 200 mb for MAM— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 5×10^6 m² s⁻¹. Shading indicates negative values.



Figure 46: Velocity potential at 200 mb for SON— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 5×10^6 m² s⁻¹. Shading indicates negative values.



[SLP]





 $[\overline{U}]_{200}$





 $\left[\overline{U}
ight]_{850}$



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ZONAL MEAN STATISTICS

(DJF, MAM, JJA, SON)

$$\begin{split} \sqrt{[\overline{(u')^2}]} & \text{and} & \sqrt{[\overline{(\overline{u^*})^2}]} \\ \sqrt{[\overline{(v')^2}]} & \text{and} & \sqrt{[\overline{(\overline{v^*})^2}]} \\ \frac{1}{2}[\overline{(u')^2} + \overline{(v')^2}] & \text{and} & \frac{1}{2}[(\overline{u^*})^2 + (\overline{v^*})^2] \\ \sqrt{[\overline{(u')^2}]} & \text{and} & \sqrt{[\overline{(\overline{w^*})^2}]} \\ \sqrt{[\overline{(u')^2}]} & \text{and} & \sqrt{[\overline{(\overline{w^*})^2}]} \\ \sqrt{[\overline{(T')^2}]} & \text{and} & \sqrt{[\overline{(\overline{T^*})^2}]} \\ \sqrt{[\overline{(Z')^2}]} & \text{and} & \sqrt{[\overline{(\overline{Z^*})^2}]} \\ \overline{(u'v')} & \text{and} & [\overline{u^*\overline{v^*}}] \\ [\overline{v'T'}] & \text{and} & [\overline{v^*\overline{T^*}}] \\ [\overline{w'T'}] & \text{and} & [\overline{w^*\overline{T^*}}] \\ [\overline{w'T'}] & \text{and} & [\overline{w^*\overline{T^*}}] \\ [\overline{v'q'}] & \text{and} & [\overline{v^*\overline{q^*}}] \end{split}$$

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SON

















SON



Figure 58: Zonal mean eddy kinetic energy $(m^2 s^{-2})$ for DJF— Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: Transients; Right panels: Stationary.











Figure 61: Zonal mean eddy kinetic energy (m² s⁻²) for SON— Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: Transients; Right panels: Stationary.



Figure 62: Zonal mean standard deviation of ω (mb d⁻¹) for DJF— Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: Transients; Right panels: Stationary.



Figure 63: Zonal mean standard deviation of ω (mb d⁻¹) for JJA— Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: Transients; Right panels: Stationary.



Figure 64: Zonal mean standard deviation of ω (mb d⁻¹) for MAM- Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: Transients; Right panels: Stationary.



Figure 65: Zonal mean standard deviation of ω (mb d⁻¹) for SON— Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: Transients; Right panels: Stationary.

SON



Figure 66: Zonal mean standard deviation of T (K) for DJF— Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: Transients; Right panels: Stationary.







Figure 68: Zonal mean standard deviation of T (K) for MAM— Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: Transients; Right panels: Stationary.





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JJA









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Figure 78: Zonal mean eddy meridional heat transports (m s⁻¹ K) for DJF— Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: Transients; Right panels: Stationary.





JJA



Figure 80: Zonal mean eddy meridional heat transports (m s⁻¹ K) for MAM— Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: Transients; Right panels: Stationary.



Figure 81: Zonal mean eddy meridional heat transports (m s⁻¹ K) for SON— Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: Transients; Right panels: Stationary.

SON



Figure 82: Zonal mean eddy vertical heat transports (mb d⁻¹ K). for DJF— Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: Transients; Right panels: Stationary.

DJF



Figure 83: Zonal mean eddy vertical heat transports (mb d⁻¹ K). for JJA— Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: Transients; Right panels: Stationary.

JJA









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JJA









SON







 $[\overline{(\omega')^2}]$





 $[\overline{(T')^2}]$

Figure 92: Square root of the vertical mean $[(\overline{T'})^2]$ (K) Solid: Model, Dashed:Reanalysis.



 $\left[\overline{(Z')^2}\right]$





[n'v']

Figure 94: Vertical mean [u'v'] $(m^2 s^{-2})$ Solid: Model, Dashed:Reanalysis.



[v'T']





 $[\omega'T']$







[v'q']

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GLOBAL MAPS OF SELECTED STATISTICS

(DJF, MAM, JJA, SON)



DJF





Figure 98: $\sqrt{[(u')^2]}$ at 200mb for DJF— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 2 m s⁻¹. Shading indicates values exceeding 6 m s⁻¹.

JJA





Figure 99: $\sqrt{[(u')^2]}$ at 200mb for JJA— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 2 m s⁻¹. Shading indicates values exceeding 6 m s⁻¹.

\mathbf{MAM}





Figure 100: $\sqrt{[(u')^2]}$ at 200mb for MAM— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 2 m s⁻¹. Shading indicates values exceeding 6 m s⁻¹.

SON



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Figure 101: $\sqrt{[(u')^2]}$ at 200mb for SON— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 2 m s⁻¹. Shading indicates values exceeding 6 m s⁻¹.

DJF





Figure 102: $\sqrt{[\overline{(v')^2}]}$ at 200mb for DJF— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 2 m s⁻¹. Shading indicates values exceeding 6 m s⁻¹.

JJA





Figure 103: $\sqrt{[\overline{(v')^2}]}$ at 200mb for JJA— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 2 m s⁻¹. Shading indicates values exceeding 6 m s⁻¹.

MAM





Figure 104: $\sqrt{[(v')^2]}$ at 200mb for MAM— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 2 m s⁻¹. Shading indicates values exceeding 6 m s⁻¹.

SON



Model



Figure 105: $\sqrt{[(v')^2]}$ at 200mb for SON— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 2 m s⁻¹. Shading indicates values exceeding 6 m s⁻¹.

 \mathbf{DJF}





Figure 106: $\frac{1}{2}[\overline{(u')^2} + \overline{(v')^2}]$ at 200mb for DJF— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 30 m² s⁻². Shading indicates values exceeding 120 m² s⁻².


Figure 107: $\frac{1}{2}[\overline{(u')^2} + \overline{(v')^2}]$ at 200mb for JJA— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 30 m² s⁻². Shading indicates values exceeding 120 m² s⁻².





Figure 108: $\frac{1}{2}[\overline{(u')^2}+\overline{(v')^2}]$ at 200mb for MAM— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 30 m² s⁻². Shading indicates values exceeding 120 m² s⁻².





Figure 109: $\frac{1}{2}[\overline{(u')^2} + \overline{(v')^2}]$ at 200mb for SON— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 30 m² s⁻². Shading indicates values exceeding 120 m² s⁻².

DJF





Figure 110: $\sqrt{[(\omega')^2]}$ at 500mb for DJF— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 20 mb d⁻¹. Shading indicates values exceeding 120 mb d⁻¹.

JJA





Figure 111: $\sqrt{[(\omega')^2]}$ at 500mb for JJA— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 20 mb d⁻¹. Shading indicates values exceeding 120 mb d⁻¹.

\mathbf{MAM}





Figure 112: $\sqrt{[(\omega')^2]}$ at 500mb for MAM— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 20 mb d⁻¹. Shading indicates values exceeding 120 mb d⁻¹.





Figure 113: $\sqrt{[(\omega')^2]}$ at 500mb for SON— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 20 mb d⁻¹. Shading indicates values exceeding 120 mb d⁻¹.







Figure 114: $\sqrt{[(T')^2]}$ at 850mp (K) for DJF— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 1 K. Shading indicates values exceeding 4 K.

JJA





Figure 115: $\sqrt{[(T')^2]}$ at 850mp (K) for JJA— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 1 K. Shading indicates values exceeding 4 K.

\mathbf{MAM}





Figure 116: $\sqrt{[(T')^2]}$ at 850mp (K) for MAM— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 1 K. Shading indicates values exceeding 4 K.







Figure 117: $\sqrt{[(T')^2]}$ at 850mp (K) for SON— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 1 K. Shading indicates values exceeding 4 K.

DJF





Figure 118: $\sqrt{[(Z')^2]}$ at 200 mb (m) for DJF— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 20 m. Shading indicates values exceeding 100 m.

JJA





Figure 119: $\sqrt{[(Z')^2]}$ at 200 mb (m) for JJA— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 20 m. Shading indicates values exceeding 100 m.

MAM





Figure 120: $\sqrt{[Z')^2]}$ at 200 mb (m) for MAM— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 20 m. Shading indicates values exceeding 100 m.





Figure 121: $\sqrt{[(Z')^2]}$ at 200 mb (m) for SON— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 20 m. Shading indicates values exceeding 100 m.

DJF





Figure 122: $\sqrt{[(\chi')^2]}$ at 200mb for DJF— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 2 ×10⁶ m² s⁻¹. Shading indicates values exceeding 8 ×10⁶ m² s⁻¹.

JJA





Figure 123: $\sqrt{[(\chi')^2]}$ at 200mb for JJA— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: $2 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$. Shading indicates values exceeding $8 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$.

MAM





Figure 124: $\sqrt{[(\chi')^2]}$ at 200mb for MAM— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 2 ×10⁶ m² s⁻¹. Shading indicates values exceeding 8 ×10⁶ m² s⁻¹.





Figure 125: $\sqrt{[(\chi')^2]}$ at 200mb for SON— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 2 ×10⁶ m² s⁻¹. Shading indicates values exceeding 8 ×10⁶ m² s⁻¹.

DJF





Figure 126: $[\overline{u'v'}]$ at 200 mb for DJF— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 20 m² s⁻². Shading indicates negative values



Figure 127: $[\overline{u'v'}]$ at 200 mb for JJA— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 20 m² s⁻². Shading indicates negative values

MAM





Figure 128: $[\overline{u'v'}]$ at 200 mb for MAM— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 20 m² s⁻². Shading indicates negative values





Figure 129: $[\overline{u'v'}]$ at 200 mb for SON— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 20 m² s⁻². Shading indicates negative values

 \mathbf{DJF}



Figure 130: $[\overline{v'T'}]$ at 850 mb for DJF— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 5 m s⁻¹ K. Shading indicates negative values





Figure 131: $[\overline{v'T'}]$ at 850 mb for JJA— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 5 m s⁻¹ K. Shading indicates negative values

MAM





Figure 132: $[\overline{v'T'}]$ at 850 mb for MAM— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 5 m s⁻¹ K. Shading indicates negative values



Model



Figure 133: $[\overline{v'T'}]$ at 850 mb for SON— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 5 m s⁻¹ K. Shading indicates negative values

 \mathbf{DJF}





Figure 134: $-[\overline{\omega'T'}]$ at 850 mb for DJF— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 50 mb d⁻¹ K. Shading indicates downward heat transport





Figure 135: $-[\overline{\omega'T'}]$ at 850 mb for JJA— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 50 mb d⁻¹ K. Shading indicates downward heat transport



Figure 136: $-[\overline{\omega'T'}]$ at 850 mb for MAM— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 50 mb d⁻¹ K. Shading indicates downward heat transport





Figure 137: $-[\overline{\omega'T'}]$ at 850 mb for SON— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 50 mb d⁻¹ K. Shading indicates downward heat transport

DJF





Figure 138: $[\overline{v'q'}]$ at 850 mb (m s⁻¹ g kg⁻¹) for DJF— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 2 m s⁻¹ g kg⁻¹. Shading indicates negative values

JJA



Model



Figure 139: $[\overline{v'q'}]$ at 850 mb (m s⁻¹ g kg⁻¹) for JJA— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 2 m s⁻¹ g kg⁻¹. Shading indicates negative values

MAM





Figure 140: $[\overline{v'q'}]$ at 850 mb (m s⁻¹ g kg⁻¹) for MAM— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 2 m s⁻¹ g kg⁻¹. Shading indicates negative values





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Figure 141: [v'q'] at 850 mb (m s⁻¹ g kg⁻¹) for SON— Top: Model, Bottom: Reanalysis. Contour interval: 2 m s⁻¹ g kg⁻¹. Shading indicates negative values

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GLOBAL MAPS OF PHYSICS DIAGNOSTICS

(DJF, MAM, JJA, SON)

Precipitation Total Precipitable Water Outgoing Longwave Radiation Longwave Cloud Radiative Forcing Absorbed Solar Radiation Solar Cloud Radiative Forcing Net Radiation at the Top of the Atmosphere Net Cloud Radiative Forcing Zonal Surface Stress (τ_x) Meridional Surface Stress (τ_y) Curl of the Surface Wind Stress Surface Sensible Heat Flux Surface Latent Heat Flux





Figure 142: Total precipitation (mm d^{-1}). The comparison is for the entire 20-year period of the run. — Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: DJF; Right panels: JJA.

Total Precipitation



Figure 143: Total precipitation (mm d^{-1}). The comparison is for the entire 20-year period of the run. — Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: MAM; Right panels: SON.

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 TPW

DJF

JJA



Figure 144: Total precipitable water (kg m⁻²). The comparison is for the period July 1987 to February 1992. — Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: DJF; Right panels: JJA. Contour interval: 10 kg m⁻². Shading indicates values in excess of 30 kg m⁻².









Figure 145: Total precipitable water (kg m⁻²). The comparison is for the period July 1987 to February 1992. — Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: MAM; Right panels: SON. Contour interval: 10 kg m⁻². Shading indicates values in excess of 30 $kg m^{-2}$.



OLR

Figure 146: Outgoing longwave radiation at the top of the atmosphere (W m^{-2}). The comparison is for the ERBE period: January 1985 to December 1989. Solid: Model, Dashed: ERBE.



Figure 147: Net downward shortwave radiation at the top of the atmosphere (W m^{-2}). The comparison is for the ERBE period: January 1985 to December 1989. Solid: Model, Dashed: ERBE.

[NSR]



[NET]

Figure 148: Net downward radiation at the top of the atmosphere at the top of the atmosphere (W m^{-2}). The comparison is for the ERBE period: January 1985 to December 1989. Solid: Model, Dashed: ERBE.







$[NSR_CRF]$



Figure 150: Shortwave cloud radiative forcing (W m^{-2}). The comparison is for the ERBE period: January 1985 to December 1989. Solid: Model, Dashed: ERBE.





Figure 151: Net cloud radiative forcing (W m^{-2}). The comparison is for the ERBE period: January 1985 to December 1989. Solid: Model, Dashed: ERBE.





Figure 152: Longwave cloud radiative forcing (W m^{-2}). The comparison is for the ERBE period: January 1985 to December 1989.— Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: DJF; Right panels: JJA.





Figure 153: Longwave cloud radiative forcing (W m^{-2}). The comparison is for the ERBE period: January 1985 to December 1989.— Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: MAM; Right panels: SON.





Figure 154: Shortwave cloud radiative forcing (W m⁻²). The comparison is for the ERBE period: January 1985 to December 1989.— Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: DJF; Right panels: JJA. NSR_CRF



Figure 155: Shortwave cloud radiative forcing (W m^{-2}). The comparison is for the ERBE period: January 1985 to December 1989.— Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: MAM; Right panels: SON.





Figure 156: Net cloud radiative forcing (W m^{-2}). The comparison is for the ERBE period: January 1985 to December 1989.— Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: DJF; Right panels: JJA.









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 $\overline{NET}_{MODEL} - \overline{NET}_{ERBE}$

Figure 160: Net radiation bias (Model - ERBE) (W m^{-2}). The comparison is for the ERBE period: January 1985 to December 1989.

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Figure 161: Zonal component of the surface wind stress (dynes $\rm cm^{-2}$). - Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: DJF; Right panels: JJA. Results from the ECMWF re-analysis are for the 10-year period December 1979 to November 1989. Model results are for all 20 years.

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 $\overline{\tau_x}$



panels: DJF; Right panels: JJA. Results from the ECMWF re-analysis are for the 10-year period December 1979 to November 1989. Model results are for all 20 years.

 $\overline{\mathcal{T}_y}$



 \mathcal{T}_{y}

panels: MAM; Right panels: SON. Results from the ECMWF re-analysis are for the 10-year period December 1979 to November 1989. Model results are for all 20 years.



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panels: JJA. Results from the ECMWF re-analysis are for the 10-year period December 1979 to November 1989. Model results are for all 20 years.



Figure 166: Curl of the surface wind stress $(10^{-6} \text{ N m}^{-3})$. — Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: MAM; Right panels: SON. Results from the ECMWF re-analysis are for the 10-year period December 1979 to November 1989. Model results are for all 20 years.









Figure 167: Surface sensible heat flux (W m^{-2}). — Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: DJF; Right panels: JJA. Results from the ECMWF re-analysis are for the 10-year period December 1979 to November 1989. Model results are for all 20 years.





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Figure 169: Surface latent heat flux (W m⁻²). — Upper panels: Model; Lower panels: Reanalysis; Left panels: DJF; Right panels: JJA. Results from the ECMWF re-analysis are for the 10-year period December 1979 to November 1989. Model results are for all 20 years.





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