

Columnar Clouds and Internal Waves

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Multiscale Modelling Framework

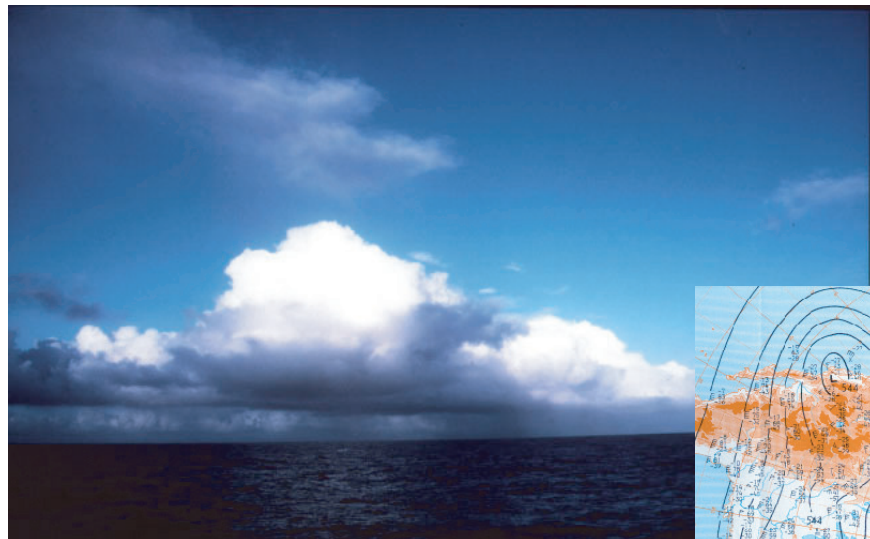
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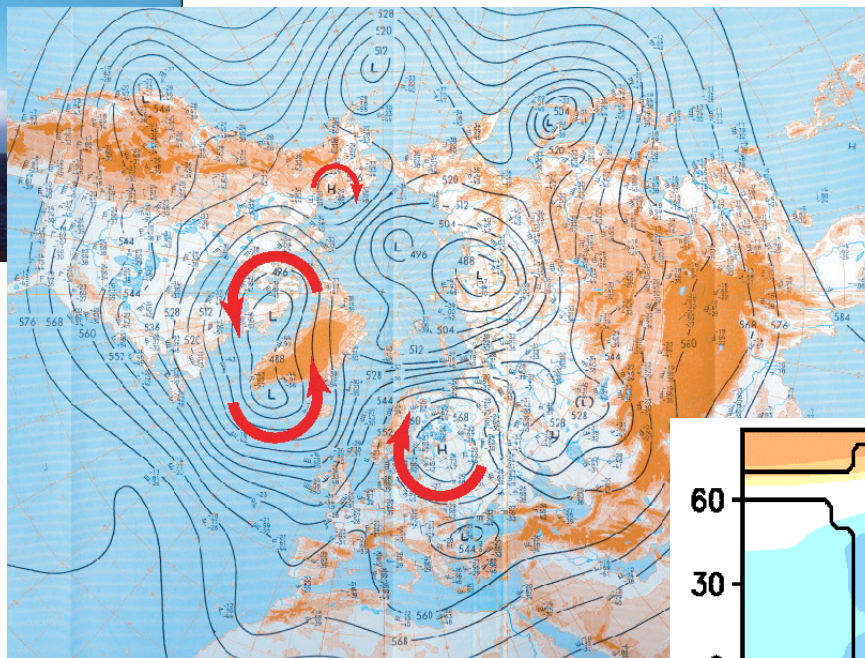
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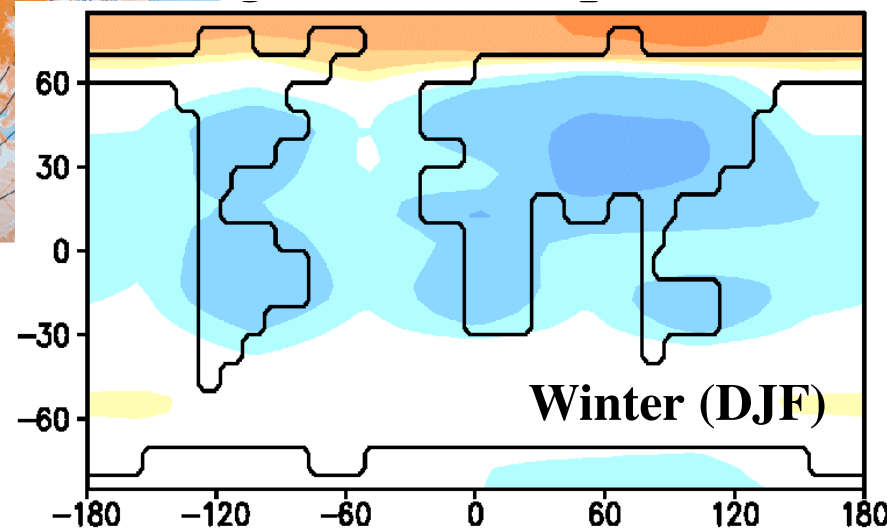
Conclusions



10 km / 20 min



1000 km / 2 days



Winter (DJF)

10000 km / 1 season

Scales

$$\mathbf{u}_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + w \mathbf{u}_z + \nabla \pi = \mathbf{S}_u$$

$$w_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla w + w w_z + \pi_z = -\theta' + S_w$$

$$\theta'_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \theta' + w \theta'_z = S'_\theta$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho_0 \mathbf{u}) + (\rho_0 w)_z = 0$$

$$\theta = 1 + \varepsilon^4 \theta'(\mathbf{x}, z, t) + o(\varepsilon^4)$$

Anelastic Boussinesque Model

10 km / 20 min

$$\underline{(\partial_\tau + \mathbf{u}^{(0)} \cdot \nabla) q = 0}$$

$$q = \zeta^{(0)} + \Omega_0 \beta \eta + \frac{\Omega_0}{\rho^{(0)}} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\rho^{(0)}}{d\Theta/dz} \theta^{(3)} \right)$$

$$\zeta^{(0)} = \nabla^2 \pi^{(3)}, \quad \theta^{(3)} = -\frac{\partial \pi^{(3)}}{\partial z}, \quad \mathbf{u}^{(0)} = \frac{1}{\Omega_0} \mathbf{k} \times \nabla \pi^{(3)}$$

Quasi-geostrophic theory

1000 km / 2 days

$$\frac{\partial Q_T}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}_T = S_T$$

$$\frac{\partial Q_q}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}_q = S_q$$

$$Q_\varphi = \int_{z_s}^{H_s} \rho \varphi dz, \quad \mathbf{F}_\varphi = \int_{z_s}^{H_s} \rho (\mathbf{u} \varphi + (\widehat{w} \varphi') + \mathbf{D}^2) dz, \quad (\varphi \in \{T, q\})$$

$$T = T_s(t, \mathbf{x}) + \Gamma(t, \mathbf{x}) \left(\min(z, H_T) - z_s \right), \quad q = q_s(t, \mathbf{x}) \exp\left(-\frac{z - z_s}{H_q}\right)$$

$$\rho = \rho_s \exp\left(-\frac{z}{h_w}\right), \quad p = p_s \exp\left(-\frac{\gamma z}{h_w}\right) + p_0(t, \mathbf{x}) + g \rho_s \int_0^z \frac{T}{T_s} dz'$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_g + \mathbf{u}_a, \quad f \rho_s \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{u}_g = -\nabla_x p \quad \mathbf{u}_a = \alpha \nabla p_0$$

V. Petoukhov et al., *CLIMBER-2* ..., *Climate Dynamics*, 16, (2000)

EMIC - equations (CLIMBER-2)

10000 km / 1 season

Scales

Three-dimensional compressible flow equations

$$\rho_t + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

$$(\rho \mathbf{v})_t + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v} \circ \mathbf{v}) + \nabla p + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \rho \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{S}_{\rho \mathbf{v}} - \rho g \mathbf{k}$$

$$(\rho e)_t + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{v} [\rho e + p]) = S_{\rho e}$$

$$(\rho Y_j)_t + \nabla \cdot (\rho Y_j \mathbf{v}) = S_{\rho Y_j}$$

$$(\rho e) = \frac{p}{\gamma - 1} + \frac{1}{2} \rho \mathbf{v}^2 + \rho \sum_{j=1}^N Q_j Y_j$$

How are the various reduced models related to this system ?

Motivation

Key ingredients

1. Identification of

- **uniformly valid system scales**
- **non-dimensional parameters**
- **distinguished limits**

2. Specializations of a multiple scales ansatz

$$a = 6 \cdot 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$\Omega = 10^{-4} \text{ 1/s}$$

$$g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$p_{\text{ref}} = 10^5 \text{ kg/ms}^2$$

$$T_{\text{ref}} = 300 \text{ K}$$

$$\Delta\theta = 50 \text{ K}$$

$$R = 287 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2\text{K}$$

$$\gamma = 1.4$$

Key ingredients

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- **non-dimensional parameters**
- distinguished limits

$$\frac{c_{\text{ref}}}{\Omega a} \sim 0.5$$

$$\frac{a \Omega^2}{g} \sim 6 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$$\frac{\Delta\theta}{T_{\text{ref}}} \sim 1.6 \cdot 10^{-1}$$

$$\left(c_{\text{ref}} = \sqrt{\gamma R T_{\text{ref}}} \right)$$

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2. Specializations of a multiple scales ansatz

$$\frac{c_{\text{ref}}}{\Omega a} \sim \sqrt{\varepsilon}$$

$$\frac{h_{\text{sc}}}{a} \sim \varepsilon^3$$

$$\frac{\Delta\theta}{T_{\text{ref}}} \sim \varepsilon$$

$$(\varepsilon \rightarrow 0)$$

$$c_{\text{ref}} = \sqrt{p_{\text{ref}}/\rho_{\text{ref}}}$$

$$h_{\text{sc}} = p_{\text{ref}}/g\rho_{\text{ref}}$$

Scaled governing equations

$$\rho_t + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

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Ready for asymptotics in ϵ

Dimensionless Parameters & Distinguished Limits

Recovered classical **single-scale** models:

$\mathbf{U}^{(i)} = \mathbf{U}^{(i)}\left(\frac{t}{\epsilon}, \mathbf{x}, \frac{z}{\epsilon}\right)$ Linear small scale internal gravity waves

$\mathbf{U}^{(i)} = \mathbf{U}^{(i)}(t, \mathbf{x}, z)$ Anelastic & pseudo-incompressible models

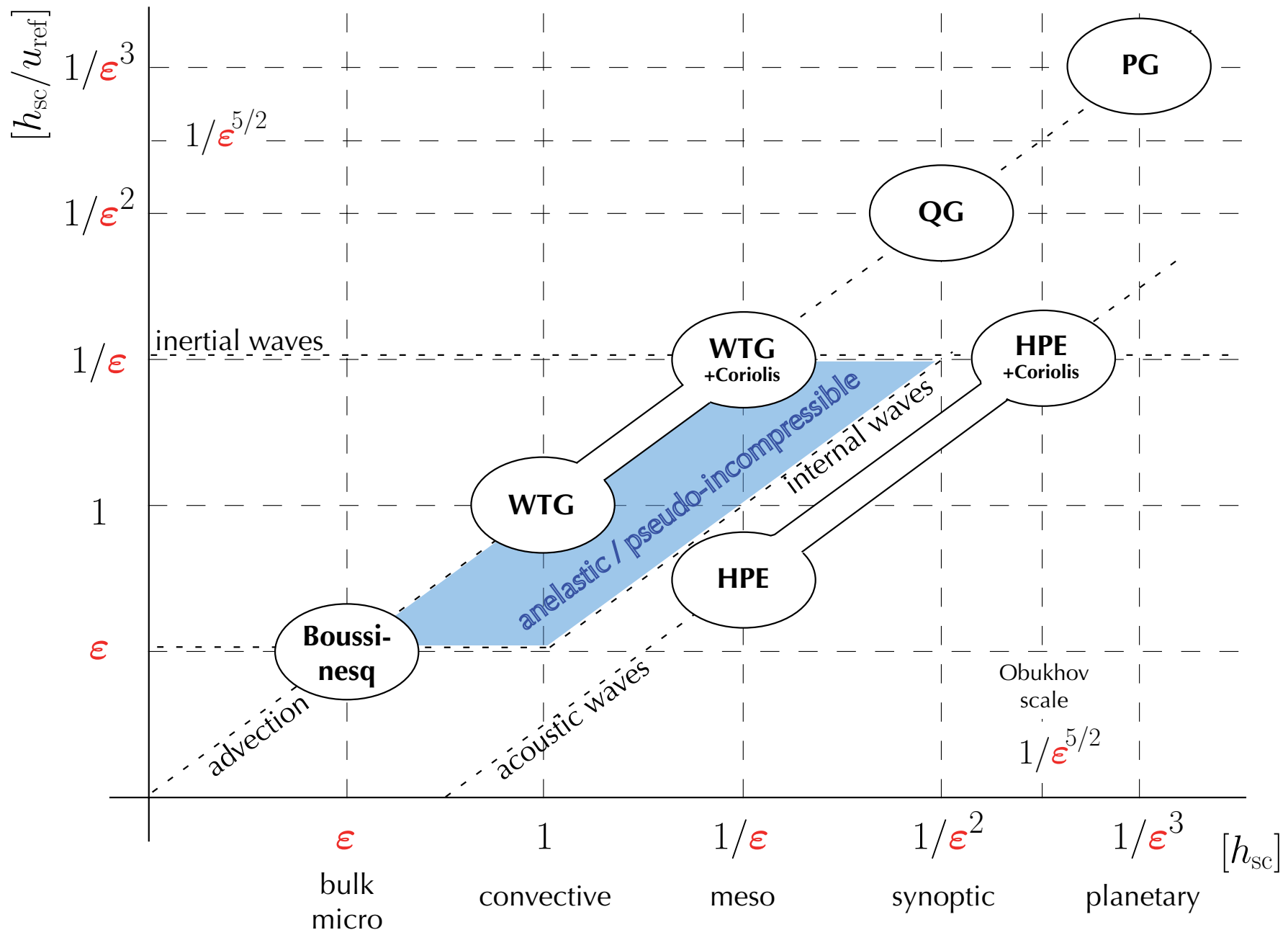
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$\mathbf{U}^{(i)} = \mathbf{U}^{(i)}(\epsilon^2 t, \epsilon^2 \mathbf{x}, z)$ Mid-latitude **Q**uasi-**G**eostrophic Flow

$\mathbf{U}^{(i)} = \mathbf{U}^{(i)}(\epsilon^2 t, \epsilon^2 \mathbf{x}, z)$ Equatorial **W**eak **T**emperature **G**radients

$\mathbf{U}^{(i)} = \mathbf{U}^{(i)}(\epsilon^2 t, \epsilon^{-1} \xi(\epsilon^2 \mathbf{x}), z)$ Semi-geostrophic flow

$\mathbf{U}^{(i)} = \mathbf{U}^{(i)}(\underline{\epsilon^{3/2} t}, \underline{\epsilon^{5/2} x}, \underline{\epsilon^{5/2} y}, z)$ Kelvin, Yanai, Rossby, and gravity Waves



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Characteristic (inverse) time scales

	dimensional	dimensionless
advection :	$\frac{u_{\text{ref}}}{h_{\text{sc}}}$	1
sound :	$\frac{\sqrt{gh_{\text{sc}}}}{h_{\text{sc}}}$	$\frac{\sqrt{gh_{\text{sc}}}}{u_{\text{ref}}} = \frac{1}{\epsilon^2}$
internal waves :	$N = \sqrt{\frac{g d\bar{\theta}}{\bar{\theta} dz}}$	$\frac{\sqrt{gh_{\text{sc}}}}{u_{\text{ref}}} \sqrt{\frac{h_{\text{sc}} d\bar{\theta}}{\bar{\theta} dz}} = \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \sqrt{\frac{h_{\text{sc}} \epsilon^2 d\bar{\theta}'}{\bar{\theta} dz}}$

Scaling for the equatorial region:*

$$\frac{h_{\text{sc}} d\bar{\theta}}{\bar{\theta} dz} = O(\epsilon^2) \quad \text{implies} \quad t_{\text{sound}} \sim \epsilon t_{\text{internal}} \sim \epsilon^2 t_{\text{adv}}$$

* Majda & Klein, JAS, (2003)

Clouds and internal waves

Columnar clouds / internal wave time scales*

general expansion scheme

$$\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{x}, z, t; \epsilon) = \sum_i \epsilon^i \mathbf{U}^{(i)}(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \mathbf{x}, z, \tau)$$

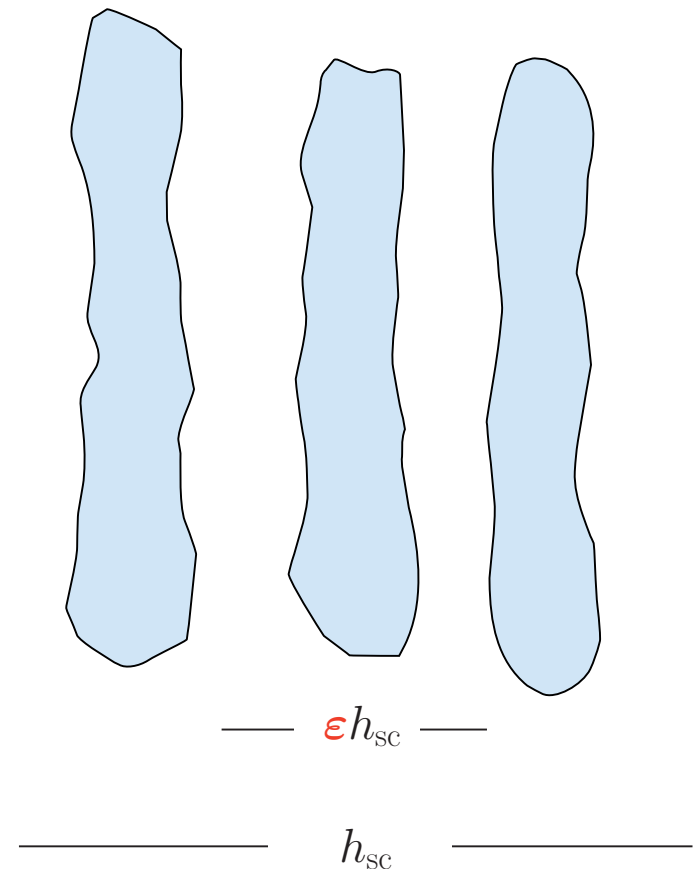
horizontal velocity scaling

$$\mathbf{u}^{(0)}(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \mathbf{x}, z, \tau) \equiv \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, z, \tau)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\eta} = \mathbf{x} / \epsilon$$

$$\tau = t / \epsilon$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \frac{\mathbf{x}'}{h_{\text{sc}}}, \quad t = \frac{t' u_{\text{ref}}}{h_{\text{sc}}}$$



Clouds and internal waves

Convective scale

$$\mathbf{u}_\tau + \nabla_x \pi = 0$$

$$\bar{w}_\tau + \pi_z = \bar{\theta}$$

$$\bar{\theta}_\tau + \bar{w}N^2 = \frac{\Gamma L^{**}}{p_0} \mathbf{C}$$

$$\rho_0 \nabla_x \cdot \mathbf{u} + (\rho_0 \bar{w})_z = 0$$

$$H(q_c) \equiv 0$$

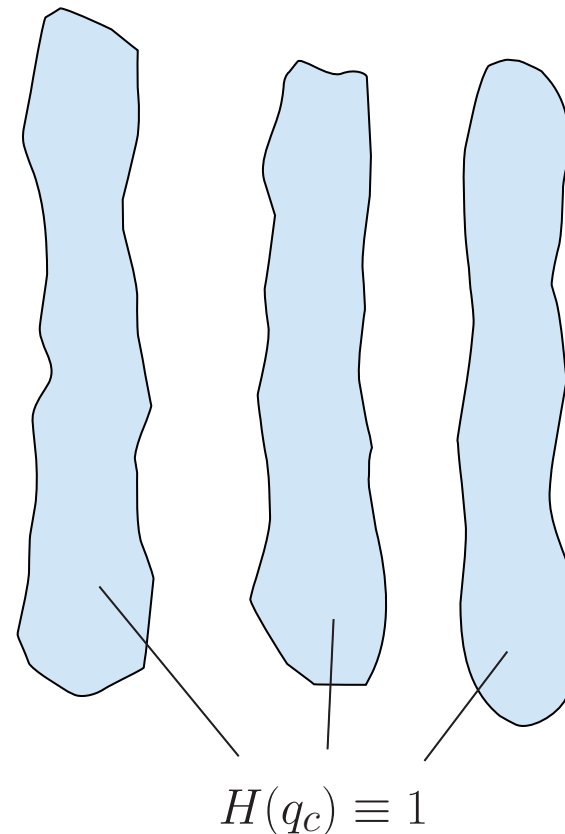
Cloud column scale

$$(\partial_\tau + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla_\eta) \tilde{w} = \tilde{\theta}$$

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Moisture coupling

$$\mathbf{C} = H(q_c) \mathbf{C}_d + [1 - H(q_c)] \mathbf{C}_{ev}$$



Clouds and internal waves

Saturated Air

$$C_d = C_d^{**} \underline{\delta q_v^{(n^*)}} q_c = -(\tilde{w} + \bar{w}) \frac{dq_{vs}}{dz}$$

$$(\partial_\tau + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla_\eta) q_c = H(q_c) C_d - C_{cr}^{**} q_r q_c$$

$$(\partial_\tau + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla_\eta) q_r = 0$$

Undersaturated Air

$$C_{ev} = -C_{ev}^{**} (q_{vs}(z) - q_v) q_r^{1/2}$$

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Convective scale (\mathbf{x}, z, τ)

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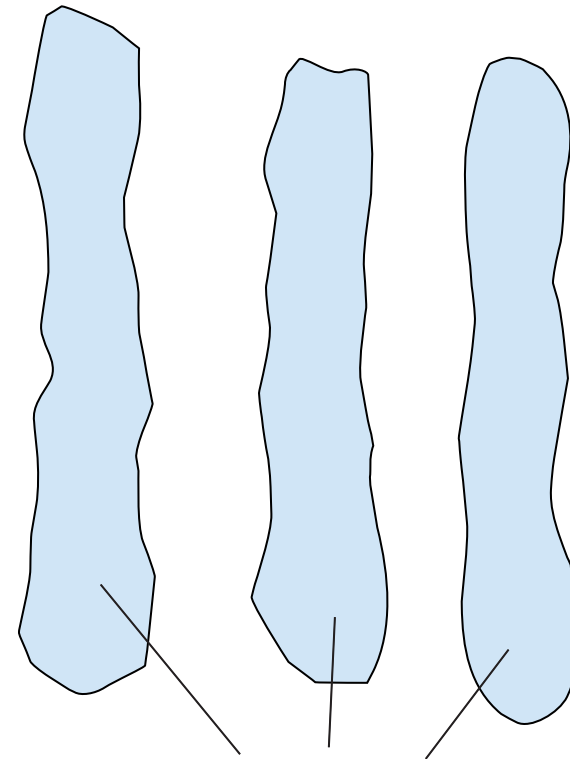
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New averaged microscale variables

$$w'(\mathbf{x}, z, \tau) = \overline{H(q_c) \tilde{w}}$$

$$\sigma(\mathbf{x}, z) = \overline{H(q_c)}$$

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Analytical microscale closure II

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$$w'_\tau = \theta'$$

analogously

$$\theta'_\tau + \sigma w' N^2 = \sigma [(1 - \sigma) \bar{w} N^2 + \bar{C}]$$

where

$$\theta'(\mathbf{x}, z, \tau) = \overline{H(q_c) \tilde{\theta}}$$

$$w'(\mathbf{x}, z, \tau) = \overline{H(q_c) \tilde{w}}$$

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Coupled micro-macro dynamics on convective scales

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where

$\sigma(\mathbf{x}, z), \bar{C}(\mathbf{x}, z), N(z)$ are prescribed

Clouds and internal waves

Coupled micro-macro dynamics on convective scales (**with mean advection**)

$$D_\tau \mathbf{u} + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \pi = 0$$

$$D_\tau \bar{w} + \pi_z = \bar{\theta}$$

$$D_\tau \bar{\theta} + (1 - \sigma) \bar{w} N^2 = \mathbf{w}' N^2 - \bar{C}$$

$$\rho_0 \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{u} + (\rho_0 \bar{w})_z = 0$$

$$D_\tau w' = \theta'$$

$$D_\tau \theta' + \sigma w' N^2 = \sigma(1 - \sigma) \bar{w} N^2 + \sigma \bar{C}.$$

where

$$D_\tau = \partial_\tau + \mathbf{u}^\infty \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma(\mathbf{x}, z), \bar{C}(\mathbf{x}, z), N(z) \text{ are prescribed}$$

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Clouds may narrow the spectrum of lee waves



without cloud

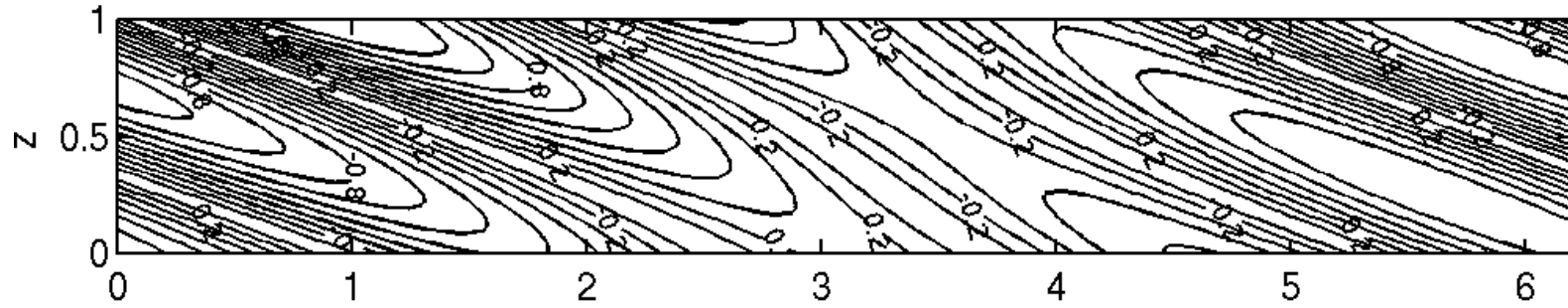
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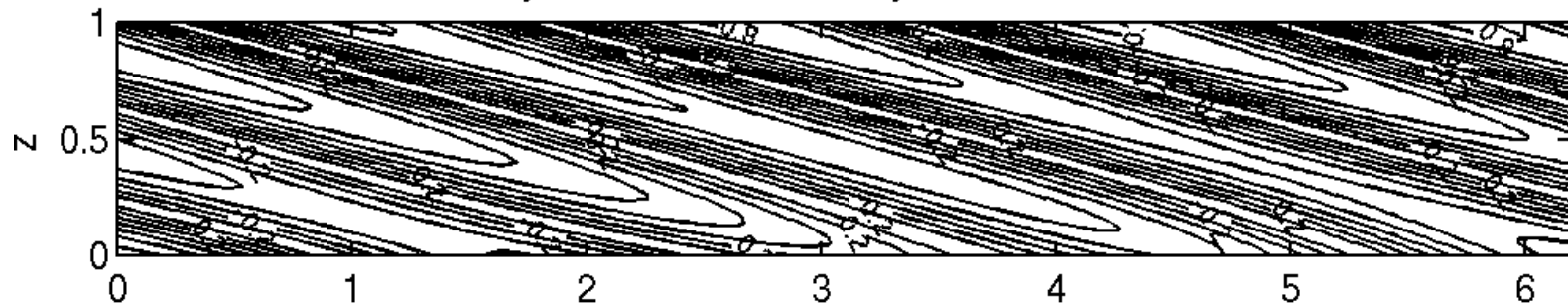
$$k_{\text{up}} = \frac{N}{u^{\infty}} \quad \text{and} \quad k_{\text{low}} = \sqrt{\sigma} \frac{N}{u^{\infty}}$$

Lee waves over $\sin(x) + \sin(2x)$ -topography

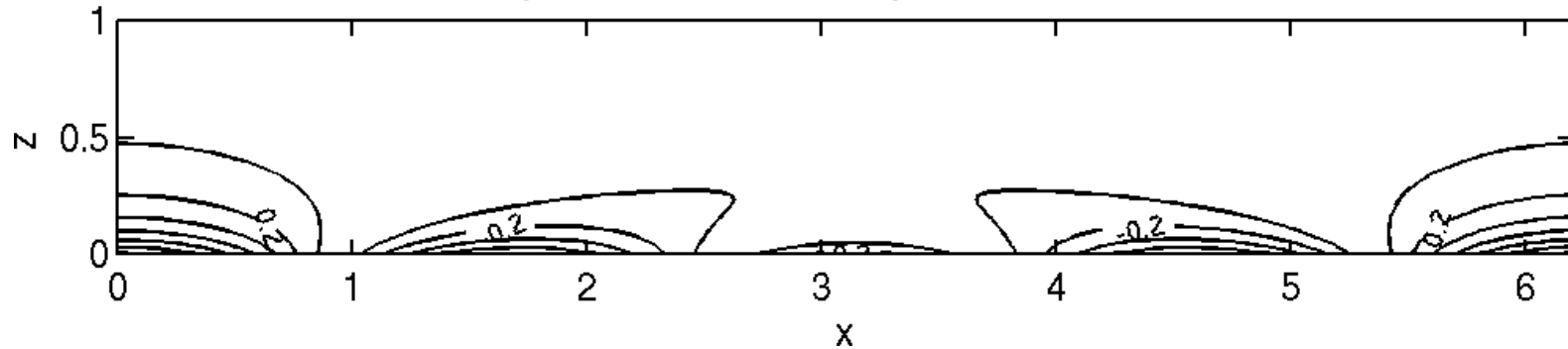
Steady state vertical velocity. $\sigma=0, N=2.5, U=0.5$



Steady state vertical velocity. $\sigma=0.1, N=2.5, U=0.5$

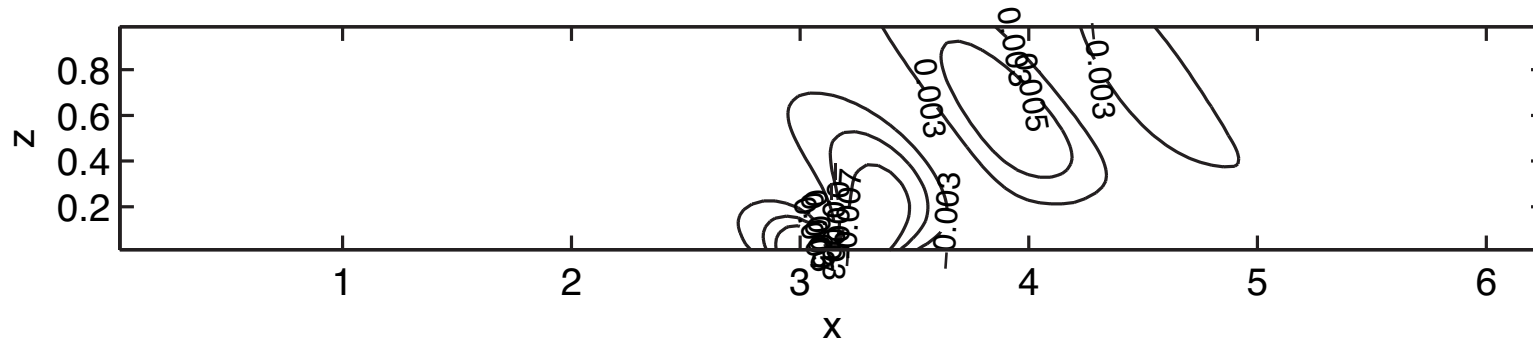


Steady state vertical velocity. $\sigma=0.2, N=2.5, U=0.5$



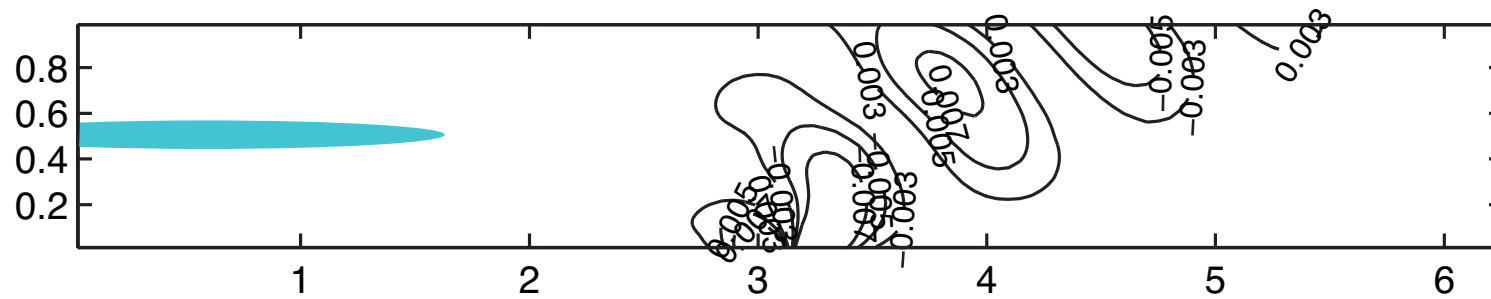
Cloud meets lee wave

Vertical velocity at $t = 5.0$, $U = 0.5$



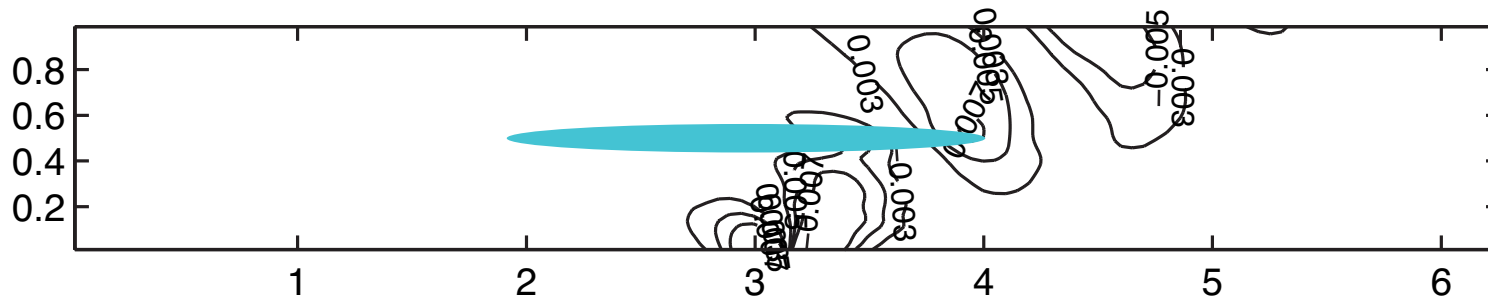
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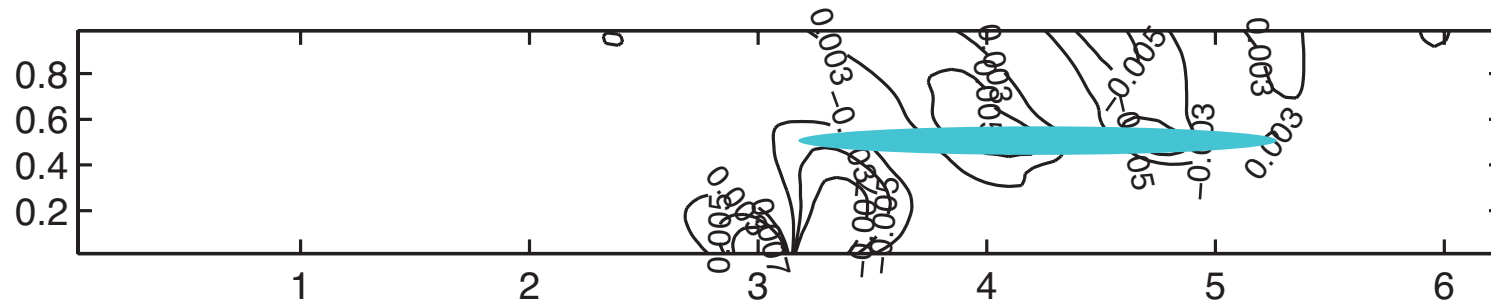
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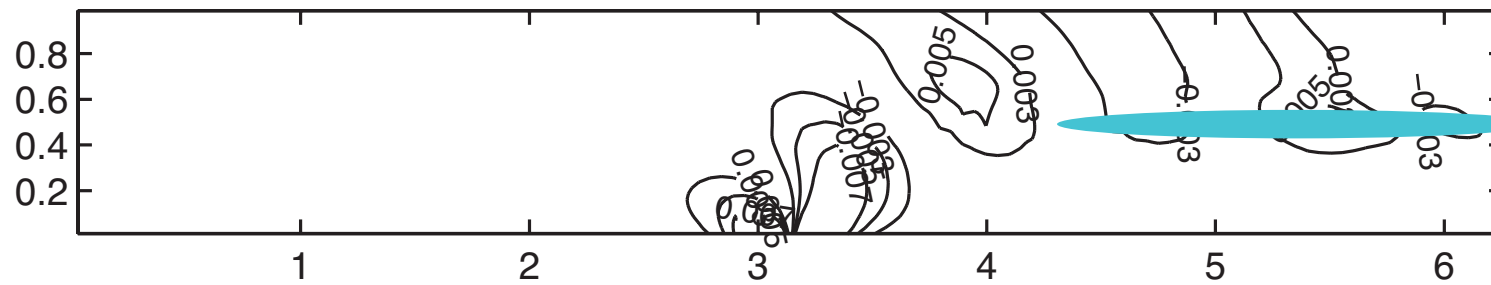
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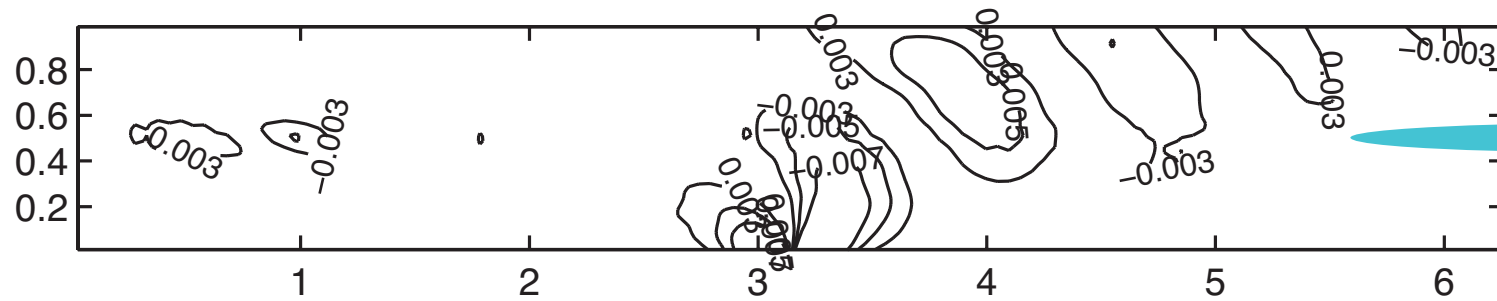
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Vertical velocity at $t = 20.0$, $U = 0.5$



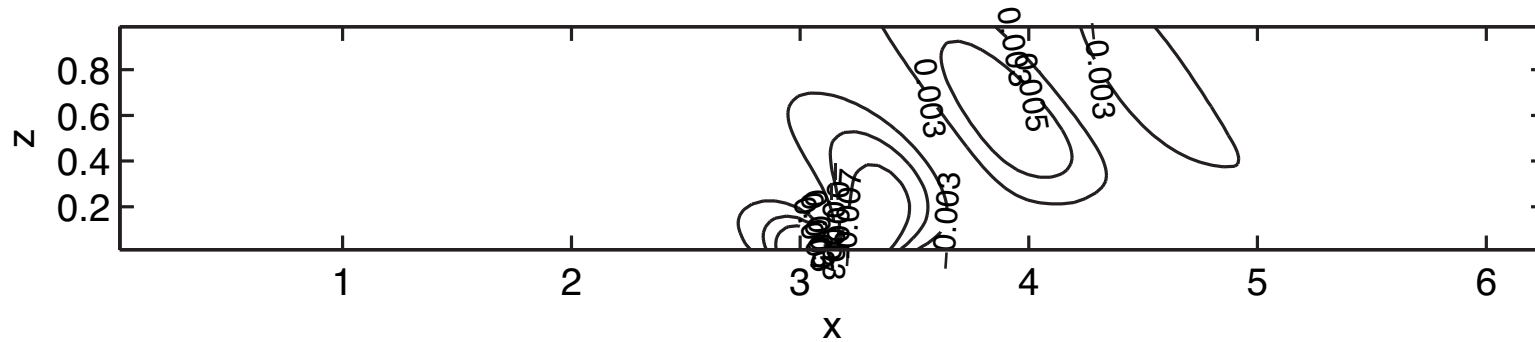
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Vertical velocity at $t = 22.5$, $U = 0.5$



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Vertical velocity at $t = 5.0$, $U = 0.5$



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Dry flow over a hill, w

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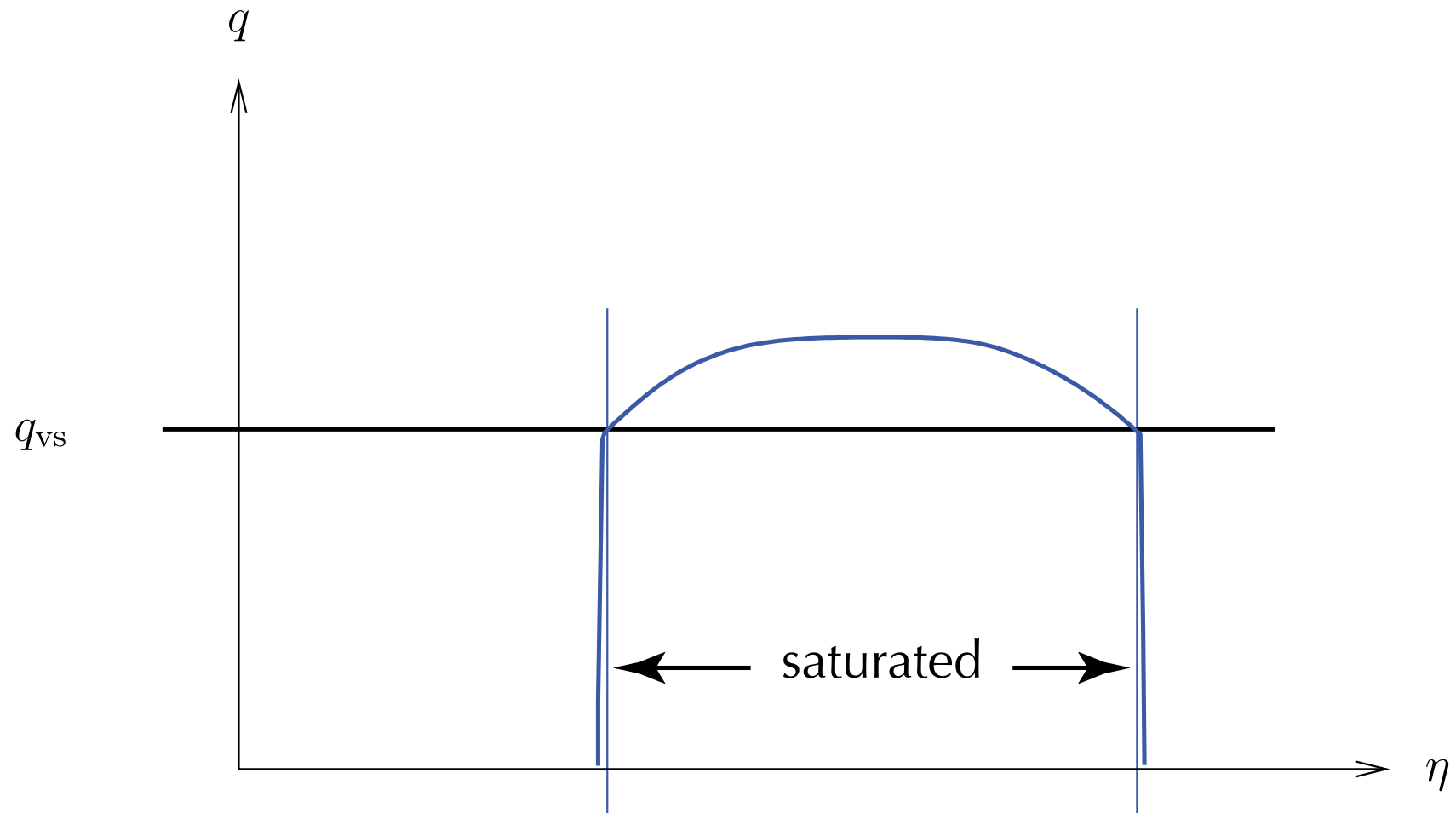
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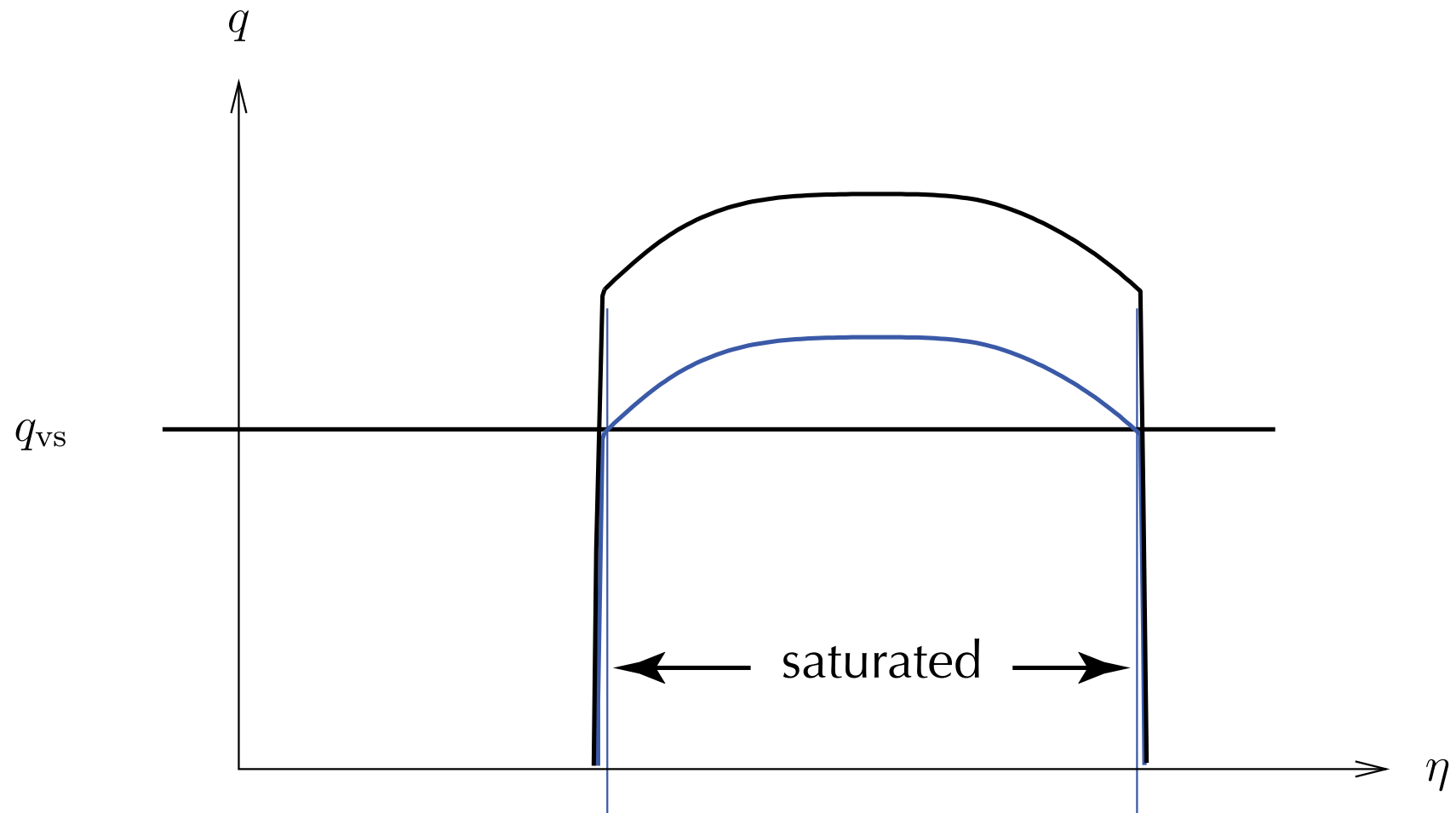
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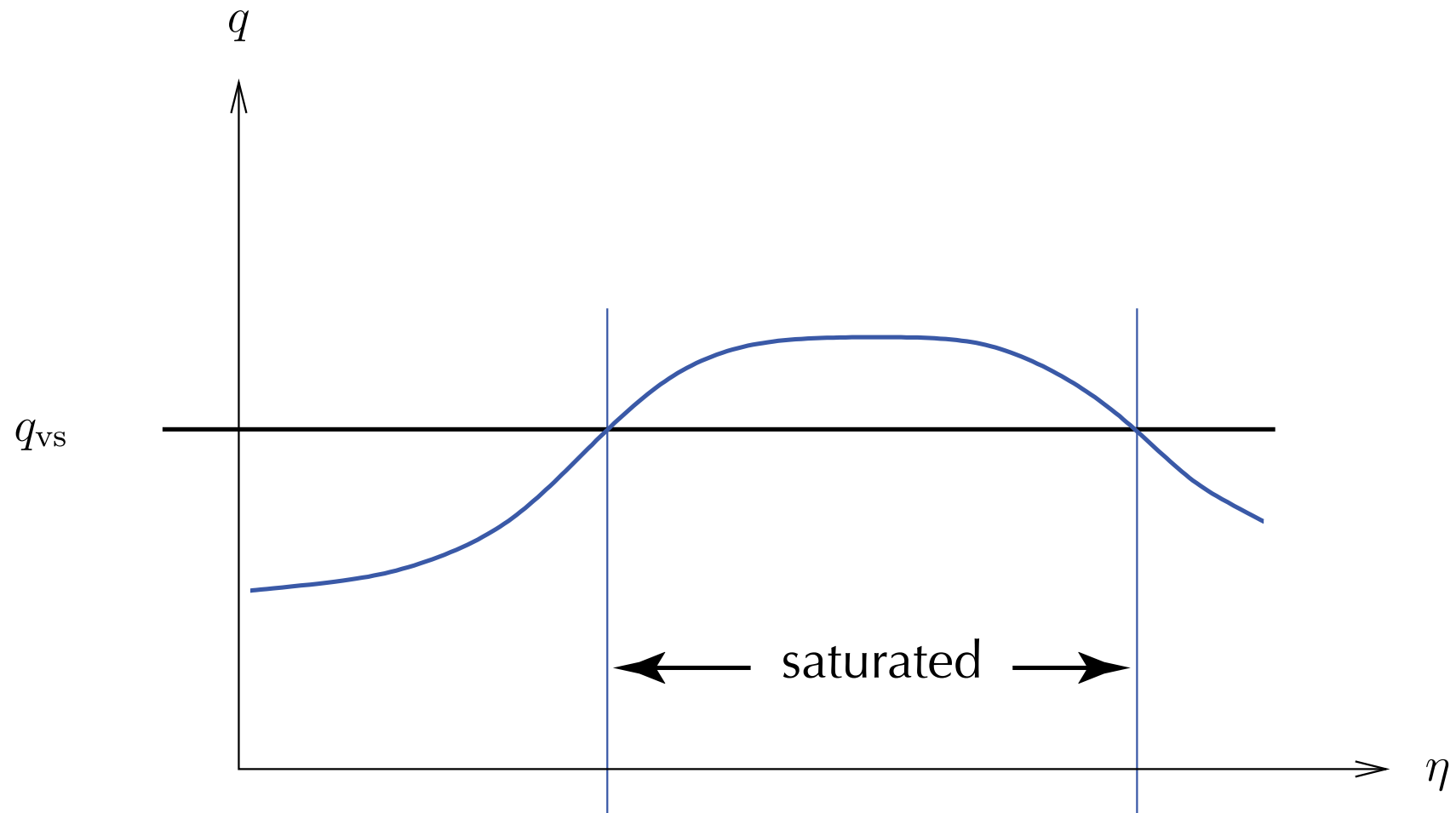
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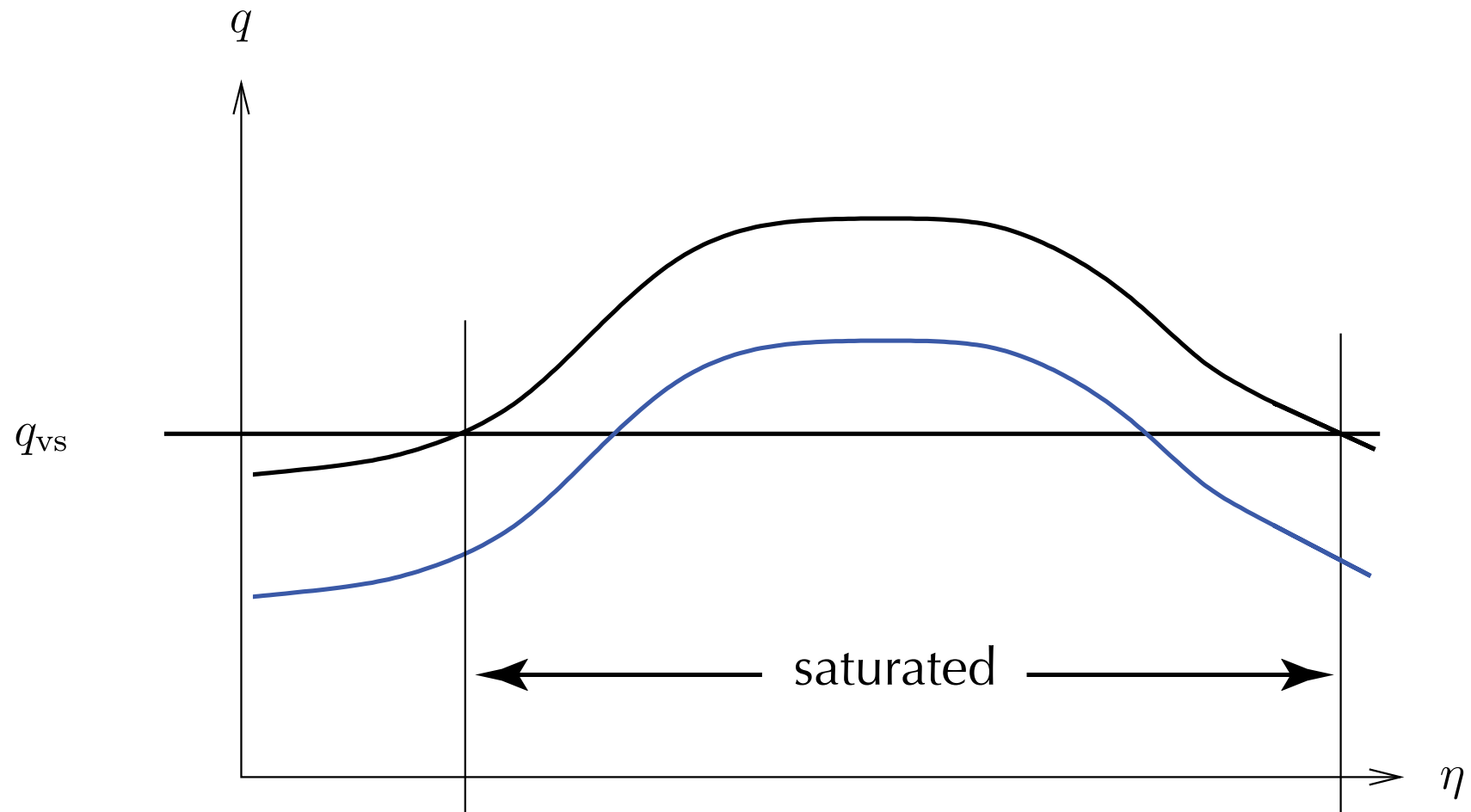
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Cloud column scale

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Moisture coupling

$$C = H(q_c) C_d + [1 - H(q_c)] C_{ev}$$

Analytical microscale closure I

$$C_{ev} = -C_{ev}^{**} (q_{vs}(z) - q_v) q_r^{1/2}$$

$$[1 - H(q_c)] C_{ev} = -\bar{C}(\mathbf{x}, z)$$

$$C_d = -(\tilde{w} + \bar{w}) \frac{dq_{vs}}{dz}$$

$$\overline{H(q_c) C_d} = -\left(\overline{H(q_c) \tilde{w}} + \overline{H(q_c) \bar{w}} \right) \frac{dq_{vs}}{dz}$$

$$\overline{H(q_c) C_d} = -\left(w' + \sigma(\mathbf{x}, z) \bar{w} \right) \frac{dq_{vs}}{dz}$$

New averaged microscale variables

$$w'(\mathbf{x}, z, \tau) = \overline{H(q_c) \tilde{w}}$$

$$\sigma(\mathbf{x}, z) = \overline{H(q_c)}$$

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Analytical microscale closure II

$$(\partial_\tau + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla_\eta) H(q_c) \neq 0$$

$$(\partial_\tau + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla_\eta) H(q_c) \tilde{w} = ??$$

$$\overline{(H(q_c) \tilde{w})}_\tau = !!$$

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New formulation for the saturation indicator function $H(q_c)$:

Total moisture conservation

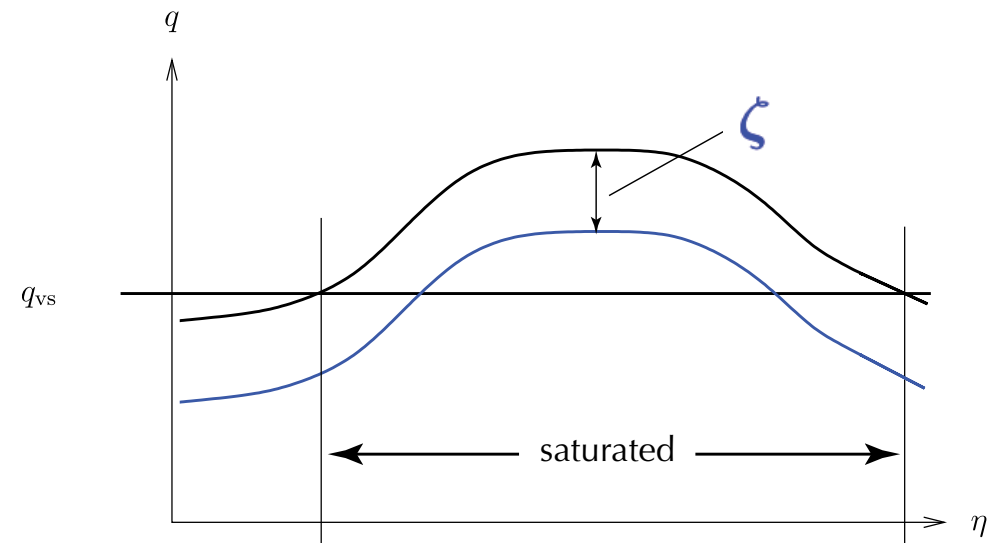
$$(\partial_\tau + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla_\eta) \left[H(q_c) q_c^{(1)} + (1 - H(q_c)) q_v^{(1)} \right] + w^{(0)} \frac{dq_{vs}^{(0)}}{dz} = 0$$

ζ : First-order vertical displacement with

$$(\partial_\tau + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla_\eta) \zeta = w^{(0)}$$

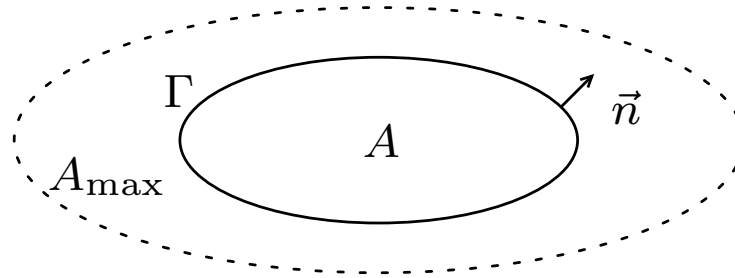
By choice of initial data:

$$H(q_c) \equiv H(\zeta) \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma \equiv \overline{H(\zeta)}$$



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$\overline{H(q_c) \tilde{w}}$ = area-integral of \tilde{w} over saturated domain.



As in finite volumes with moving boundary:

$$\left(\overline{H(q_c) \tilde{w}} \right)_\tau = \overline{H(q_c) \tilde{\theta}} + \int_{\partial A} \tilde{w} v_n d\sigma$$

Observation for undersaturated regions

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_\tau + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla_\eta) \tilde{w} &= \tilde{\theta} \\ (\partial_\tau + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla_\eta) \tilde{\theta} + \tilde{w} N^2 &= -\overline{C_d}(\tau, \mathbf{x}, z) \end{aligned}$$

Suggestive assumption:

$$\underline{\tilde{w}|_{\partial A} \equiv \tilde{w}_{us}(\tau, \mathbf{x}, z)}$$

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Coupled micro-macro dynamics on convective scales

$$\mathbf{u}_\tau + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \pi = 0$$

$$\bar{w}_\tau + \pi_z = \bar{\theta}$$

$$\bar{\theta}_\tau + (1 - \sigma) \bar{w} N^2 = w' N^2$$

$$\rho_0 \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{u} + (\rho_0 \bar{w})_z = 0$$

$$w'_\tau = \theta' + \tilde{w}_{\text{us}} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial \tau}$$

$$\theta'_\tau + \sigma w' N^2 = \sigma (1 - \sigma) \bar{w} N^2 + \tilde{\theta}_{\text{us}} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial \tau}.$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial \tau} = (\bar{w} + \tilde{w}_{\text{us}}) \frac{\partial \sigma_0}{\partial \zeta}(\zeta, x, z)$$

$\tilde{w}_{\text{us}}, \tilde{\theta}_{\text{us}}$ are particular solutions of

$$\tilde{w}_\tau = \tilde{\theta}$$

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