

# Forcings



# Forcings: Generalities

Momentum conservation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla u - fv = -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \nabla_h (K_{Mh} \cdot \nabla_h u) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( K_{Mv} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla v + fu = -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} + \nabla_h (K_{Mh} \cdot \nabla_h v) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( K_{Mv} \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right)$$

advection    Coriolis    Pressure gradient    Horizontal diffusion    Vertical diffusion

Hydrostatic

$$0 = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - \rho g$$

Continuity

$$0 = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z}$$

Tracer conservation

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla T = \nabla_h (K_{Th} \cdot \nabla_h T) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( K_{Tv} \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla S = \nabla_h (K_{Sh} \cdot \nabla_h S) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( K_{Sv} \frac{\partial S}{\partial z} \right)$$

Equation of state

$$\rho = \rho(S, T, p)$$

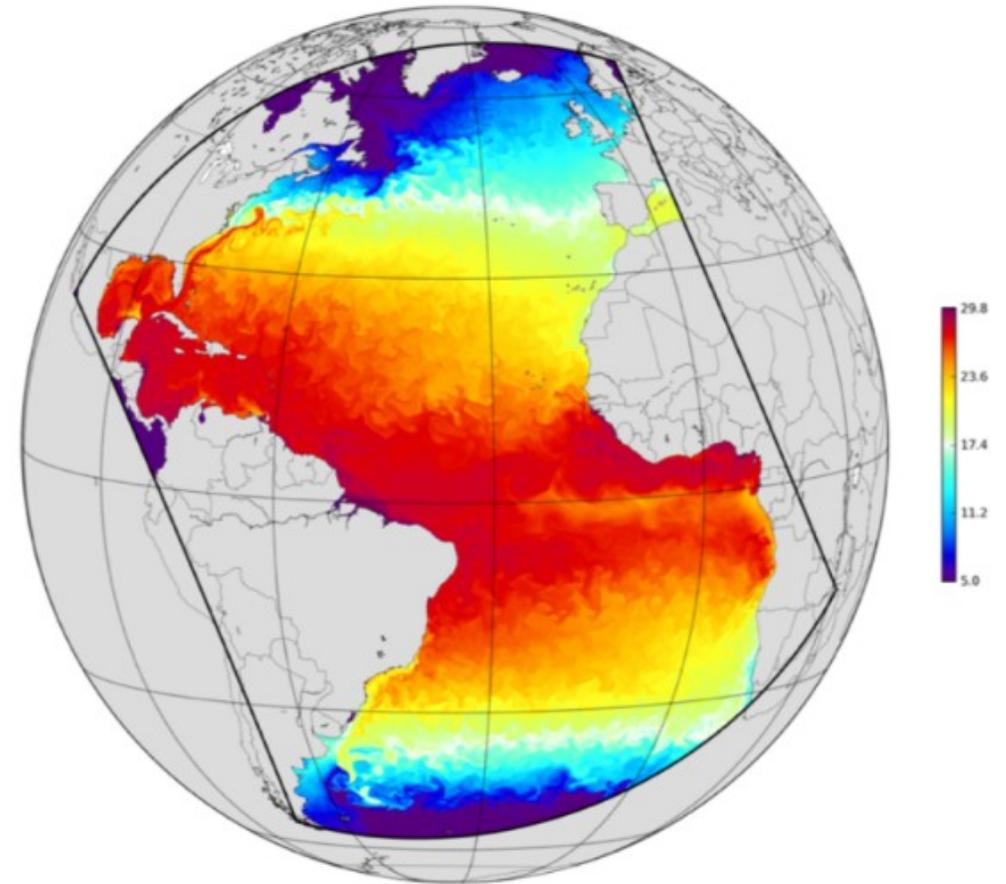
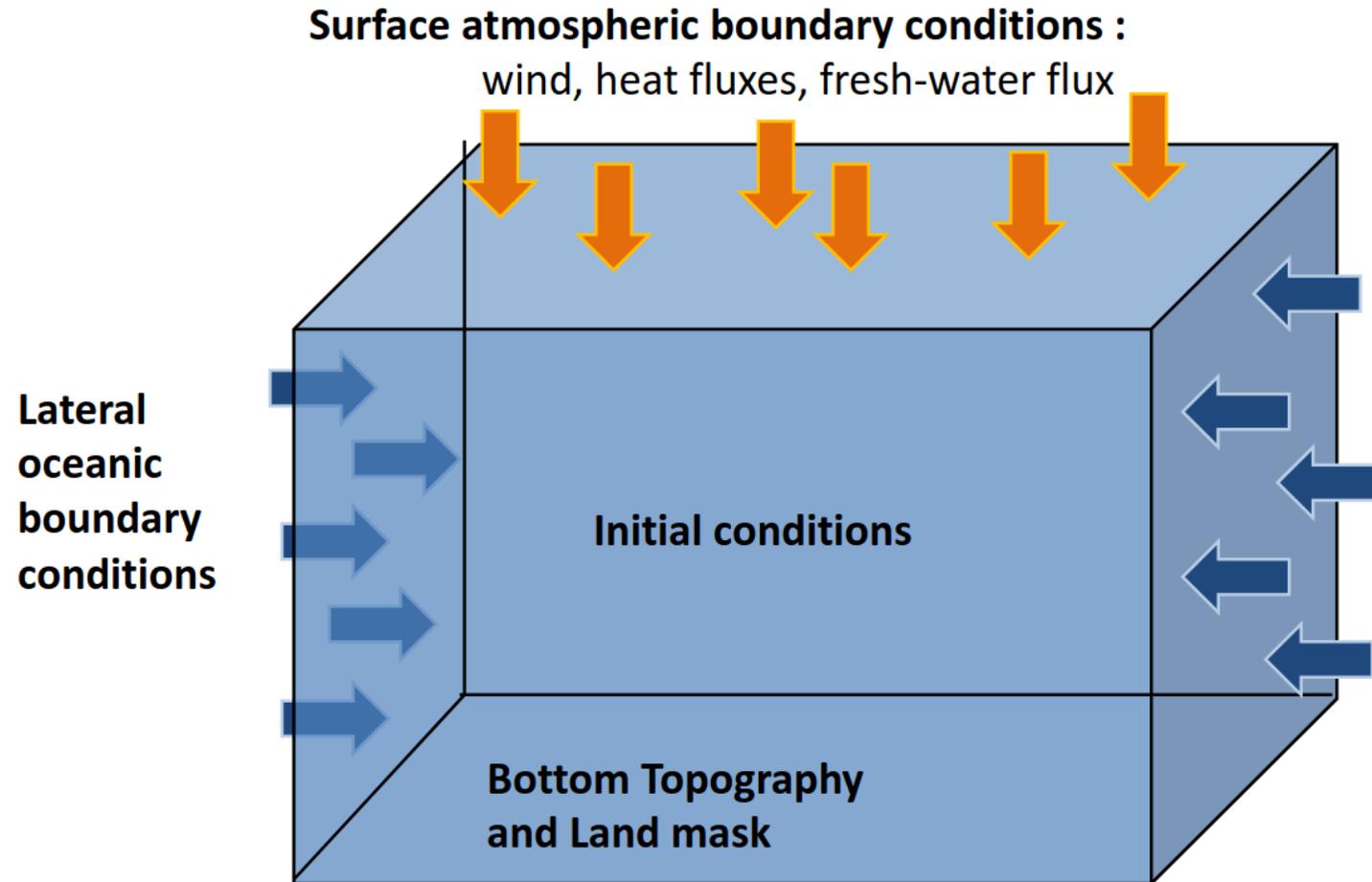


Figure 4: Snapshot of SST for the Atlantic simulation domain from a 6 km CROCO simulation.

Courtesy of J. Gula

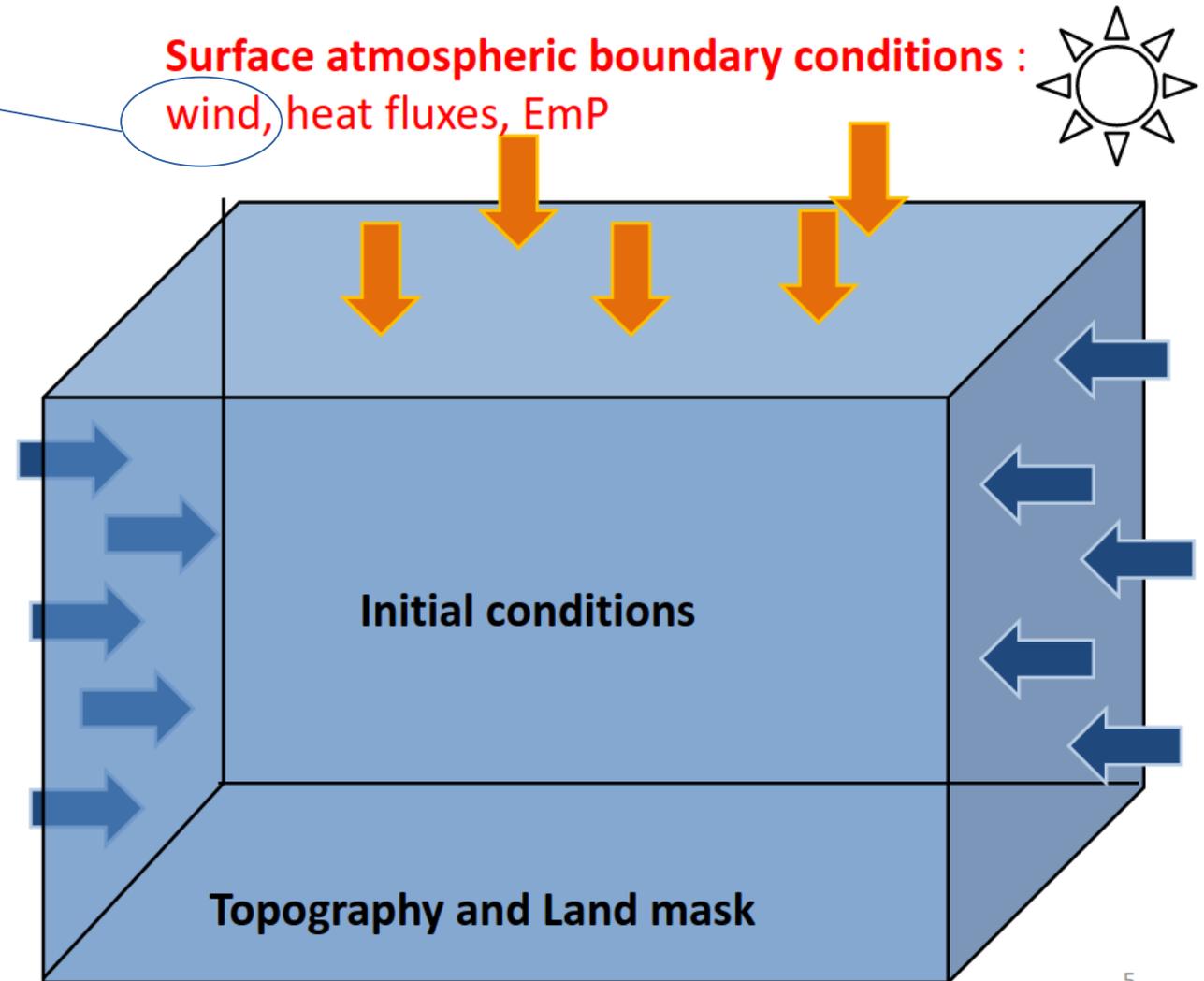
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# Atmospheric Forcings

## Surface wind stress

- Approaching sea surface, the geostrophic balance is broken, even for large scales.
- The major reason is the influences of the winds blowing over the sea surface, which causes the transfer of momentum (and energy) into the ocean through turbulent processes.
- The surface momentum flux into ocean is called the surface wind stress ( $\tau$ ), which is the tangential force (in the direction of the wind) exerting on the ocean per unit area (Unit: Newton per square meter)



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## Wind stress Calculation

- Direct measurement of wind stress is difficult.
- Wind stress is mostly derived from meteorological observations near the sea surface using the bulk formula with empirical parameters.

The **transfer of momentum** between the atmosphere and the Ocean is given by the **stress**  $\vec{\tau}$

$$\vec{\tau} = \rho_a C_d (\vec{U}_{rel} \cdot |\vec{U}_{rel}|)$$

Relative motion between the two fluids, then:

$$\vec{U}_{rel} = \vec{U}_a - \vec{U}_o$$

Note that  $C_d$  is highly non-linear with  $\vec{U}_{rel}$

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## Drag Coefficient $C_d$

- $C_d$  is dimensionless, ranging from 0.001 to 0.0025 (A median value is about 0.0013). Its magnitude mainly depends on local wind stress and local stability.
- $C_d$  Dependence on stability (air-sea temperature difference).

More important for light wind situation

For mid-latitude, the stability effect is usually small but in tropical and subtropical regions, it should be included.

- $C_d$  Dependence on wind speed.

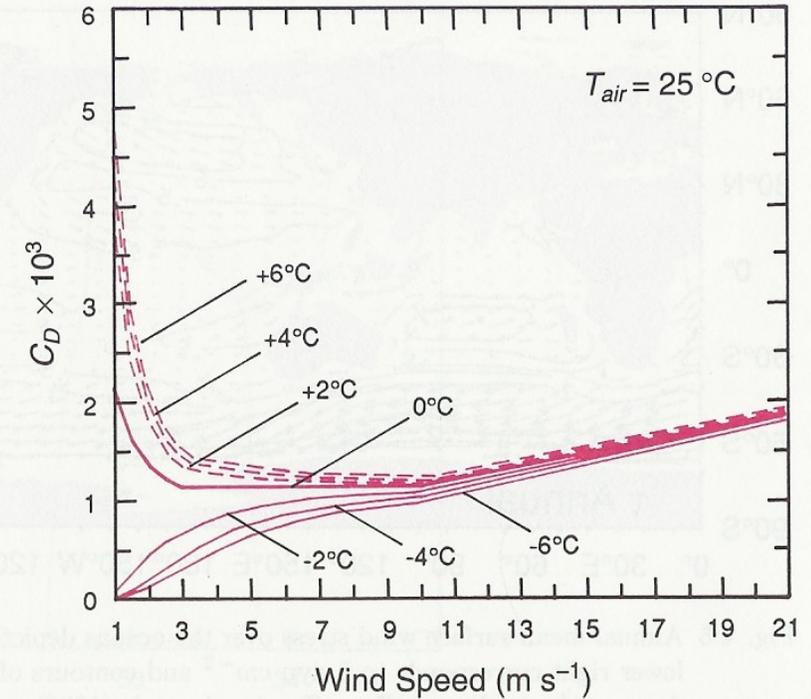


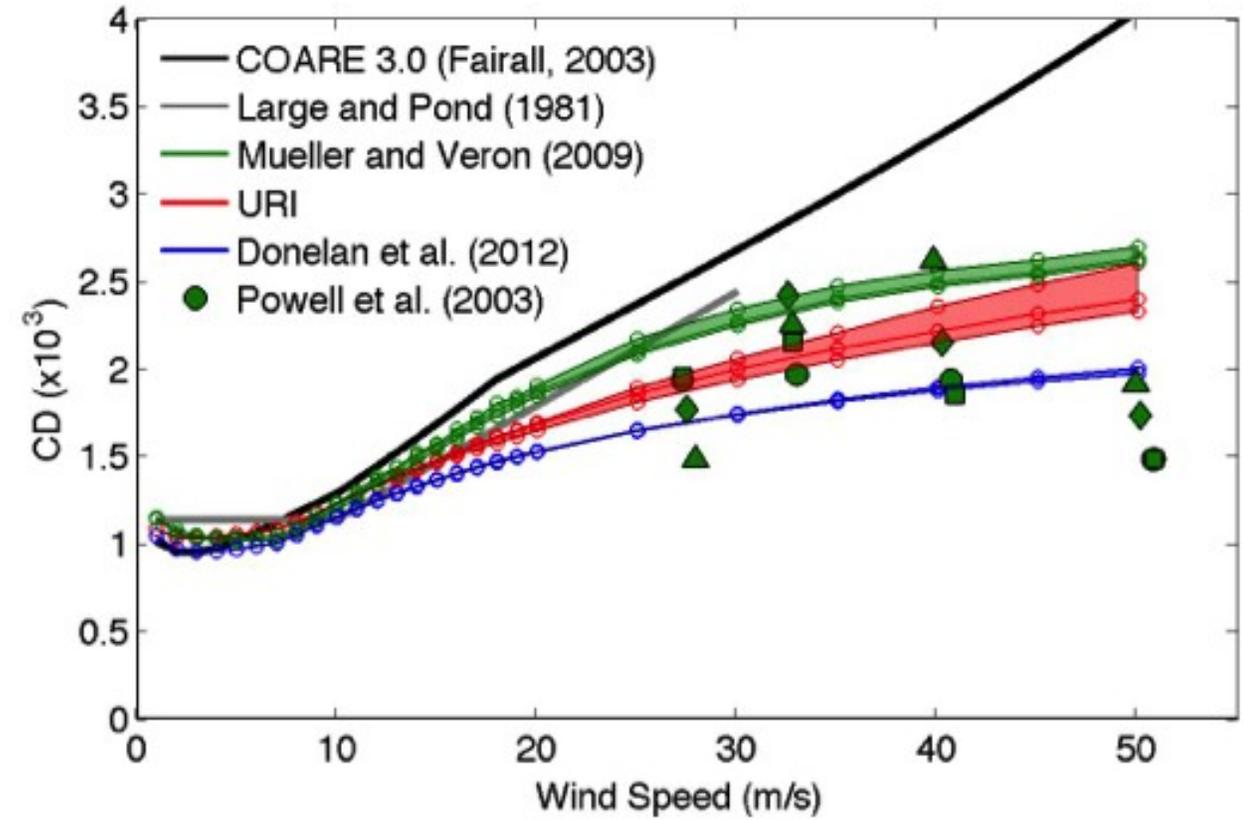
Fig. 4.6 The wind stress is computed from the wind speed,  $V$ , according to the formula  $\tau = \rho_a C_D V v$  and it is in the direction of the wind. Shown is the drag coefficient ( $\times 10^3$ ),  $C_D$ , as a function of wind speed and atmospheric stability, as measured by the air-sea temperature differences, based on Large and Pond (1981), as given by Trenberth et al. (1989). Values are for an air temperature of  $25^\circ\text{C}$  and dashed lines indicate air less than sea temperatures (unstable).

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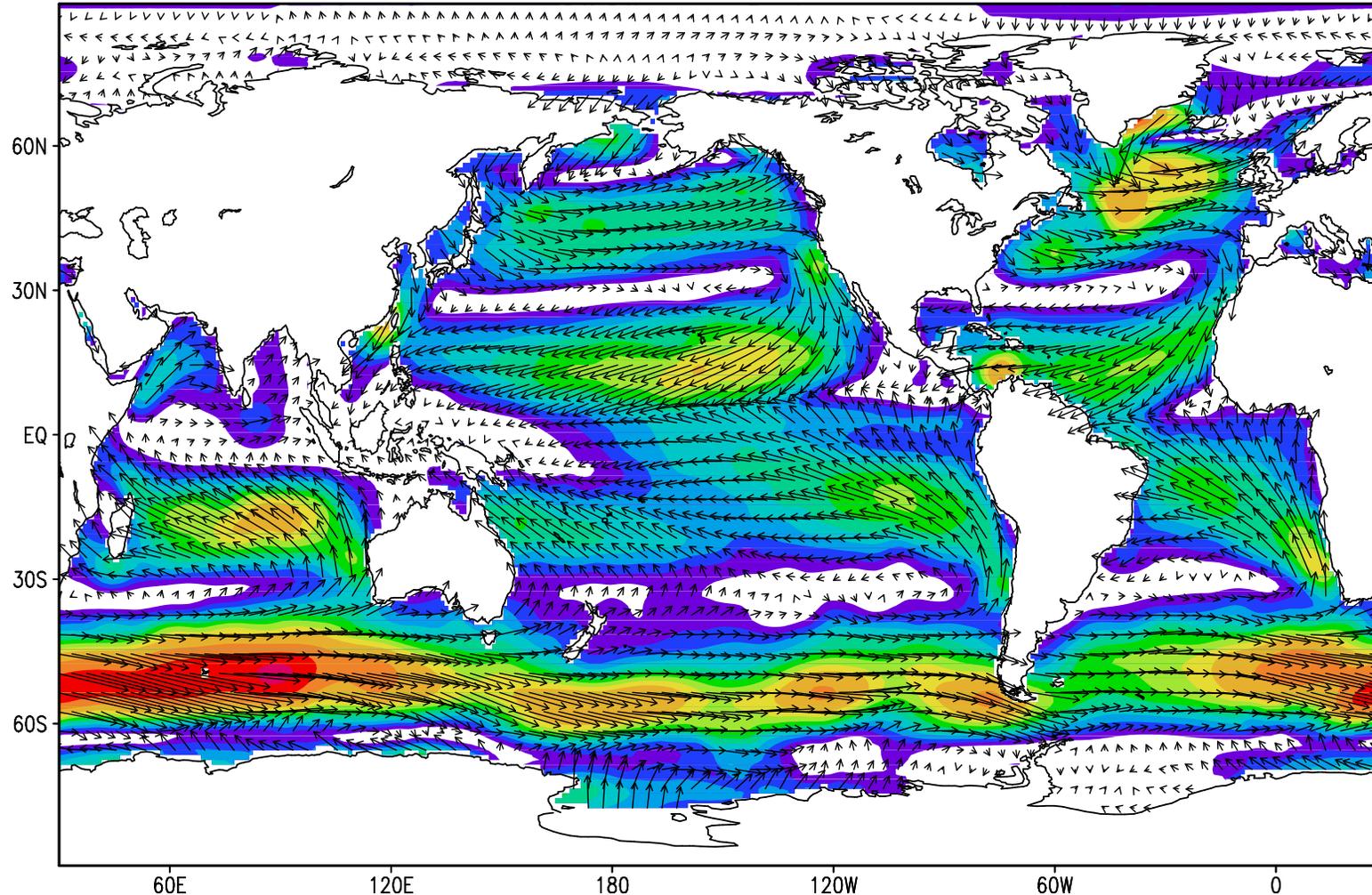
## $C_d$ dependence on wind speed in neutral condition

Large uncertainty  
between estimates  
(especially in low  
wind speed).

Lack data in high wind

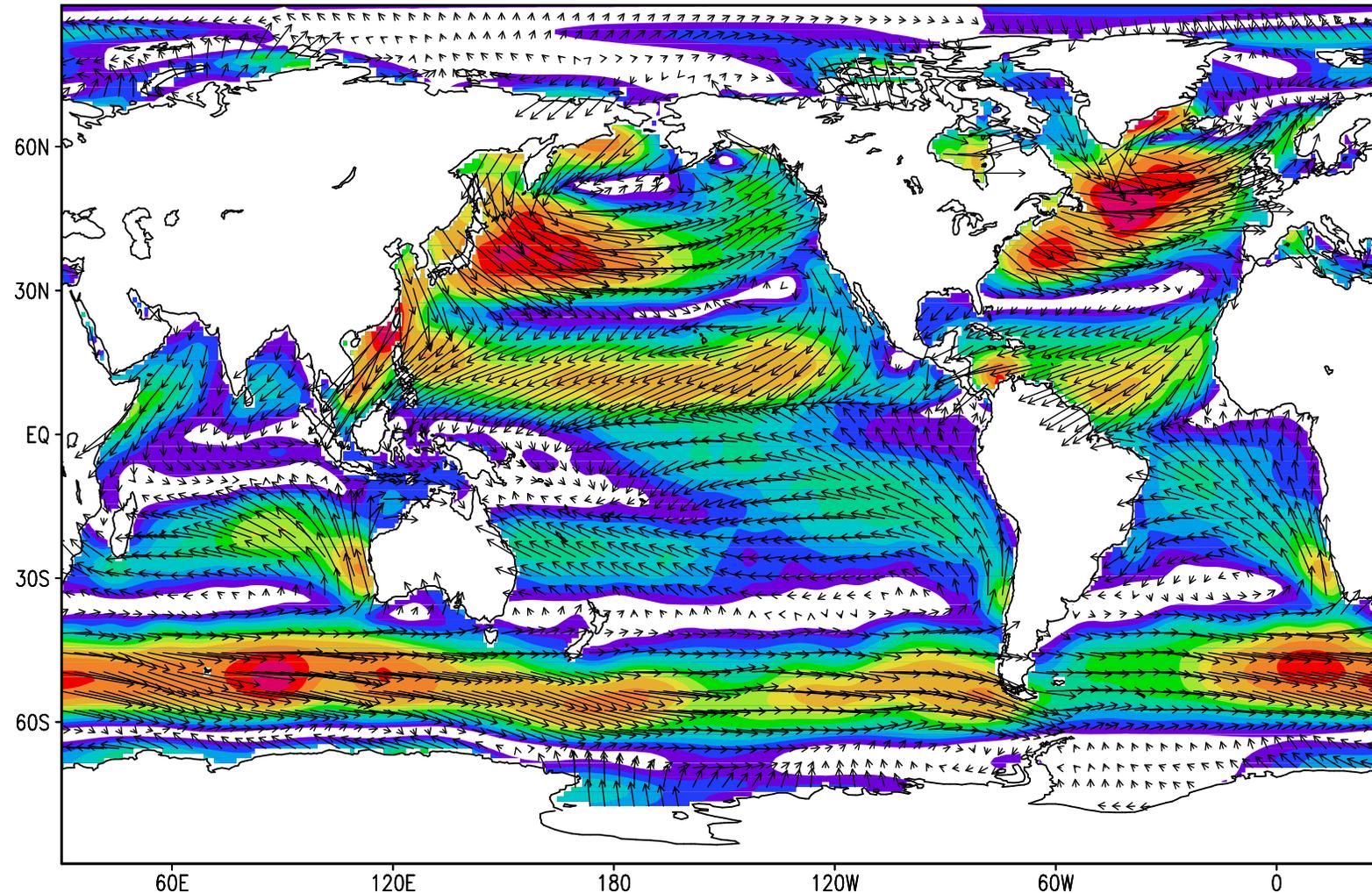


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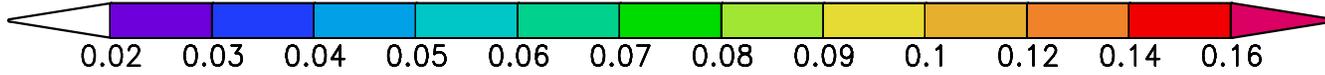
Annual Mean  
surface wind stress

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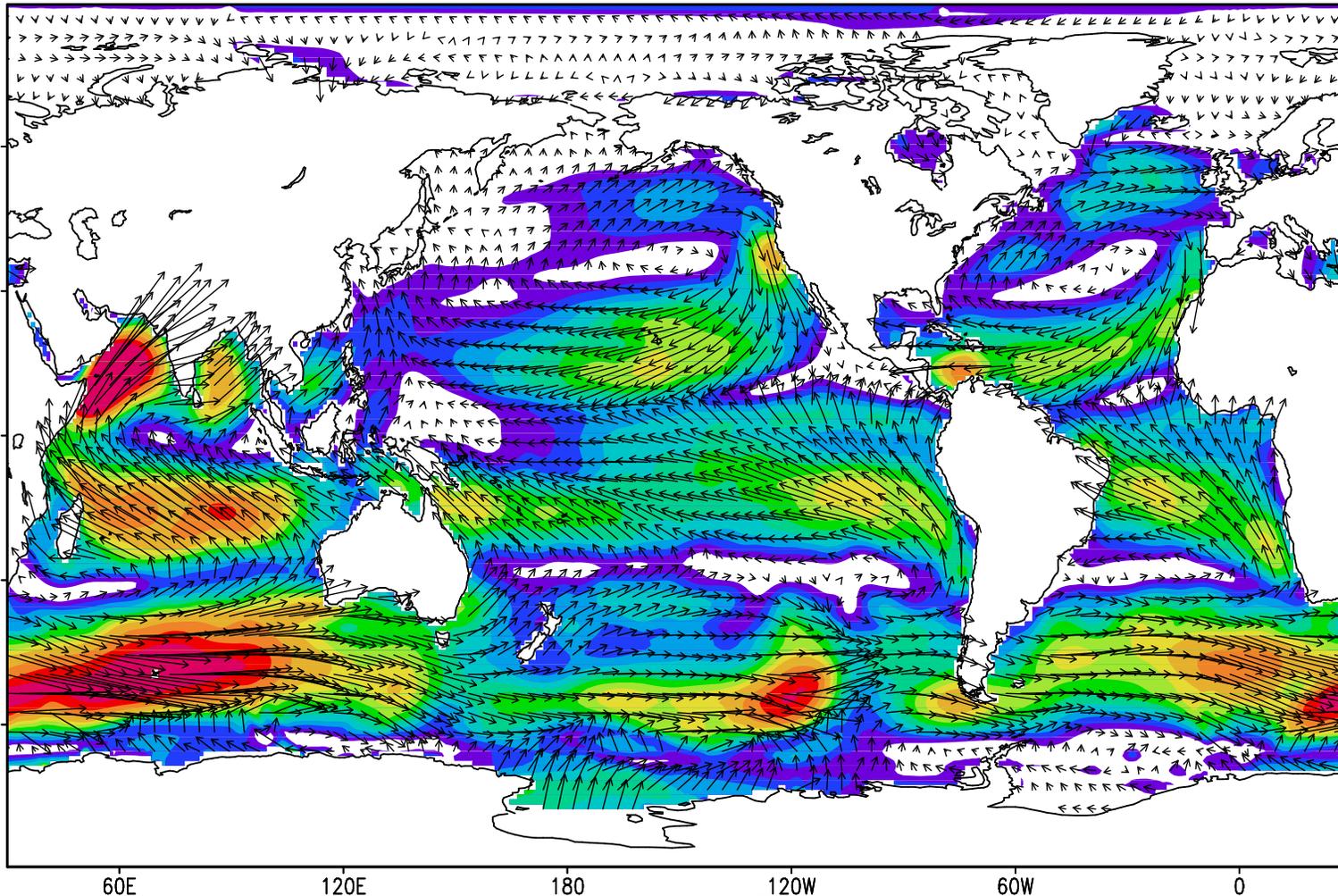


December-January-  
February mean  
wind stress

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June-July-August  
mean wind  
stress



60E

120E

180

120W

60W

0

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- **Two possibilities :**

Directly read Taux, Tauy  
in the forcing files in (N.m<sup>-2</sup>)

- **matlab: `make_forcing`**  
Uses stress data from COADS  
**Look at the data !**

- **ROMS: CPP\_KEYS=**  
  
`undef BULK_FLUX`

Use of a bulk formula :



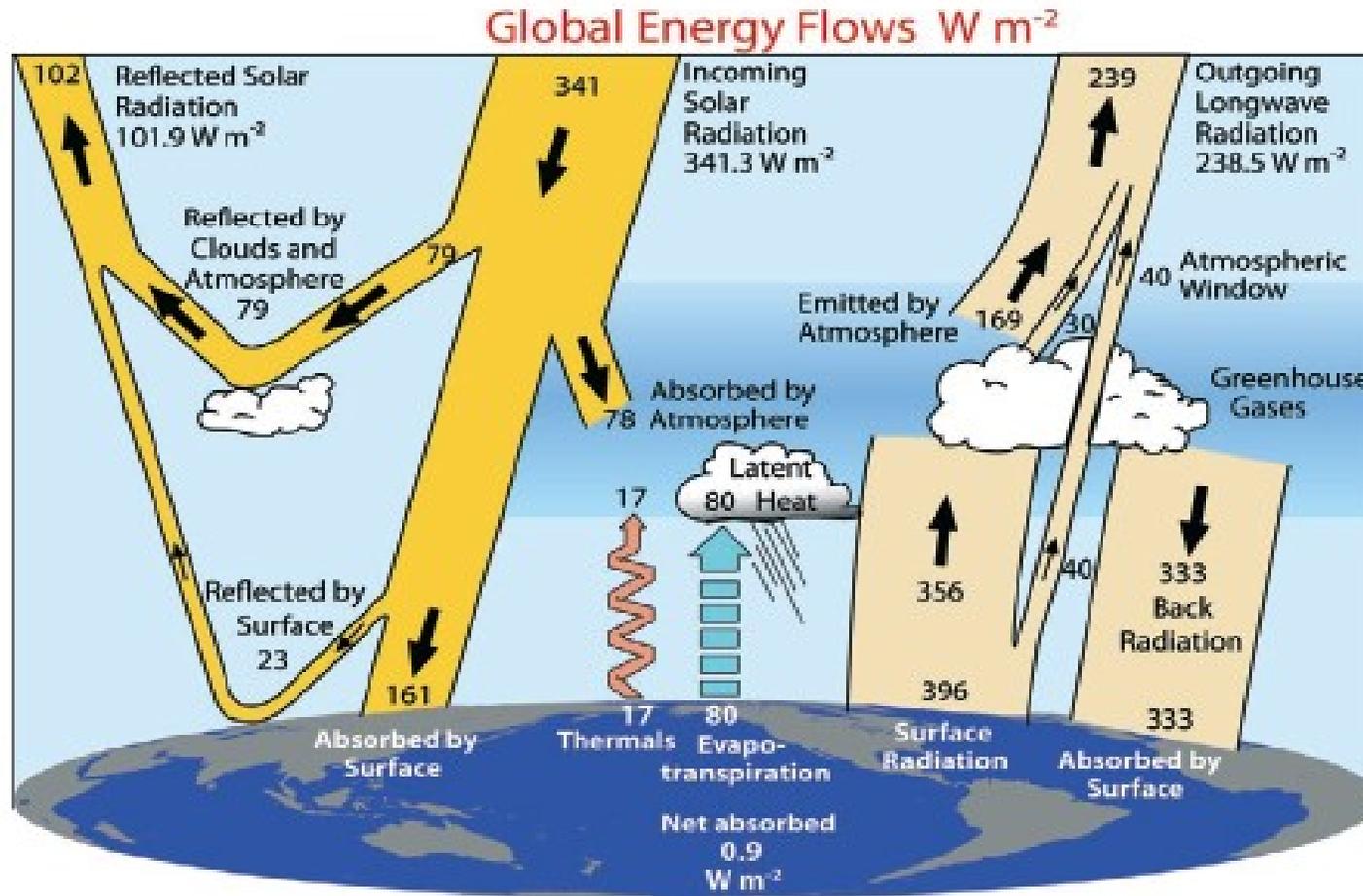
- Compute the wind stress from the *C<sub>d</sub>* drag coefficient, model SST and wind stress

- **matlab: `make_bulk`**
- **Uses wind data from COADS**
- **Look at the data !**
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`define BULK_FLUX`

Fairall formula is by default but please note that other bulk formulae are possible

# Atmospheric forcings: Heat fluxes

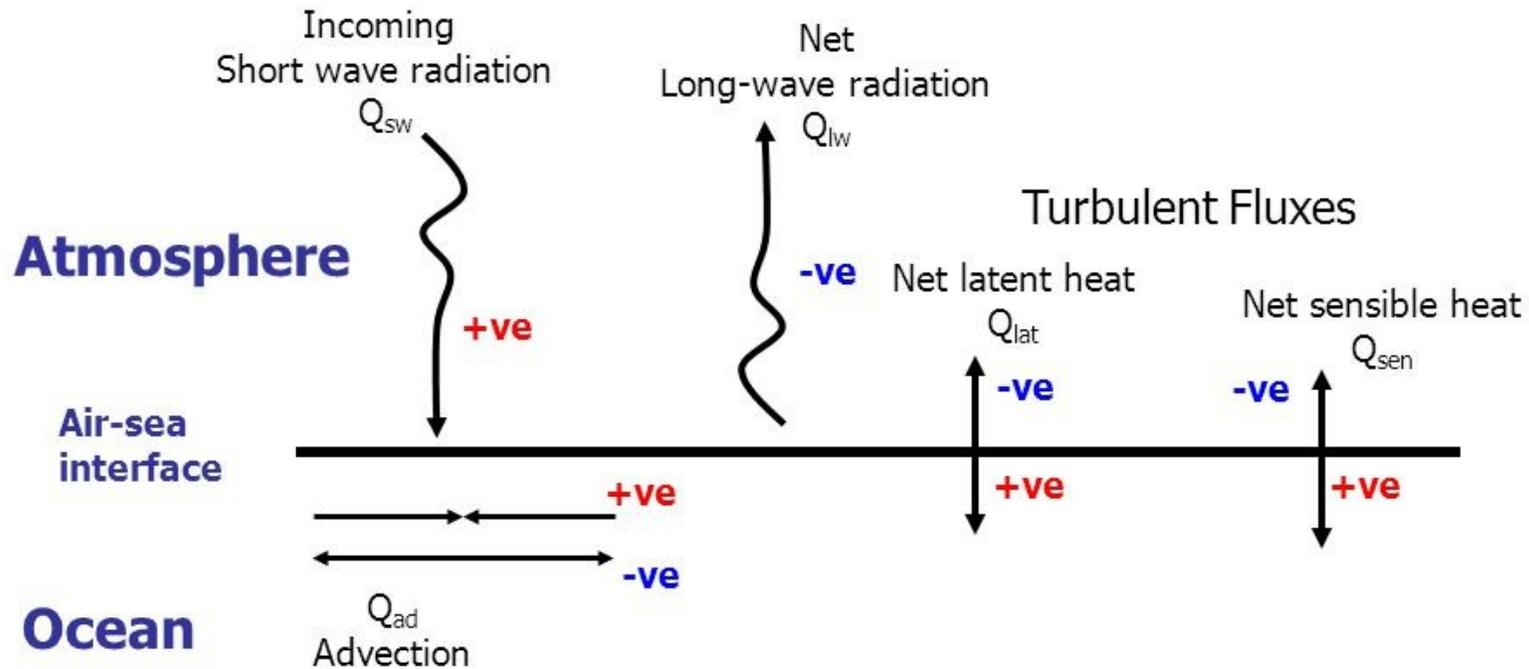


**FIG. 1. The global annual mean Earth's energy budget for the Mar 2000 to May 2004 period ( $W m^{-2}$ ). The broad arrows indicate the schematic flow of energy in proportion to their importance.**

# Atmospheric forcings: Heat fluxes

## Heat budget equation

Heat fluxes into a region of ocean:

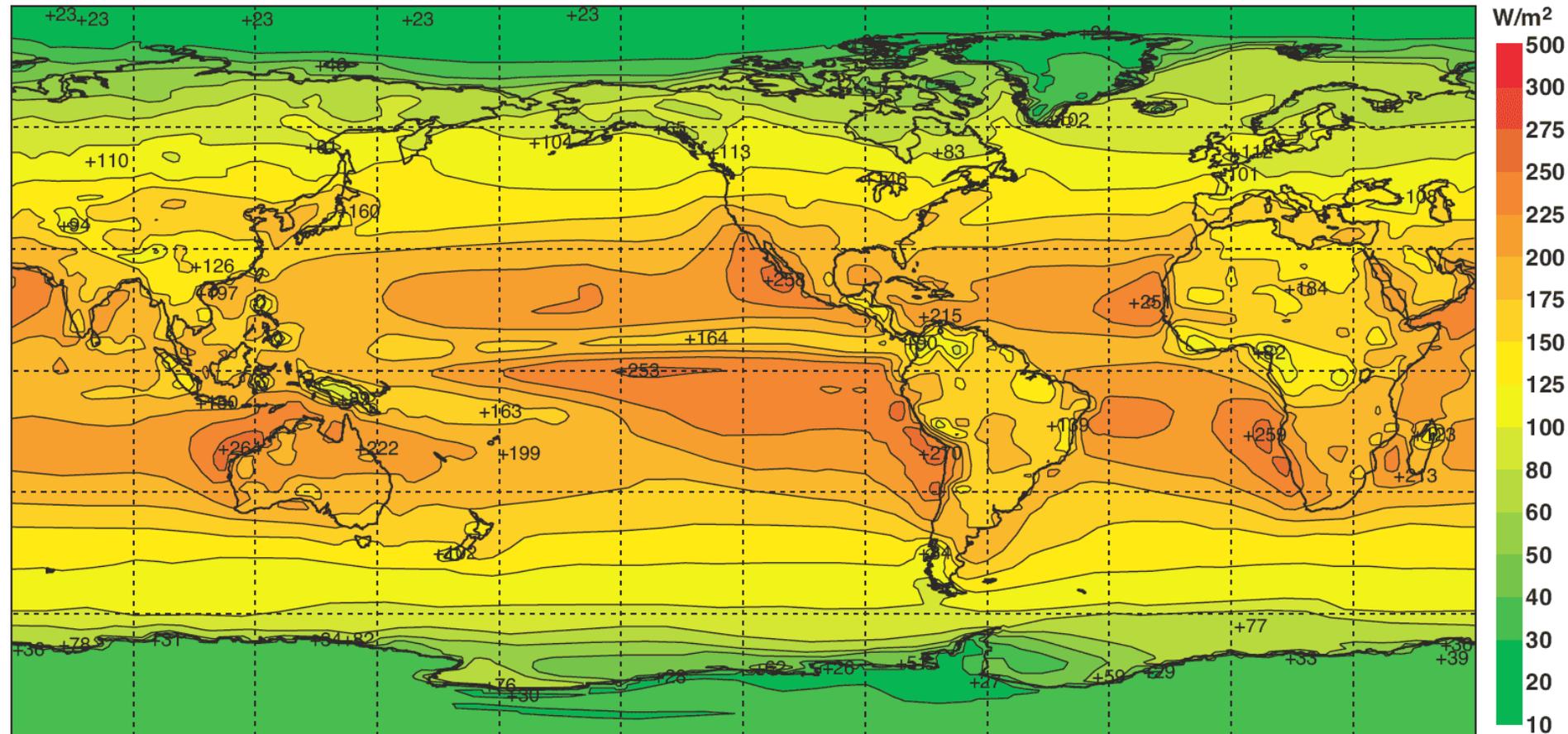


$$Q_{net} = Q_{sw} + Q_{lw} + Q_{lat} + Q_{sen} + Q_{ad}$$

# Atmospheric forcings: Heat fluxes

Net surface solar radiation

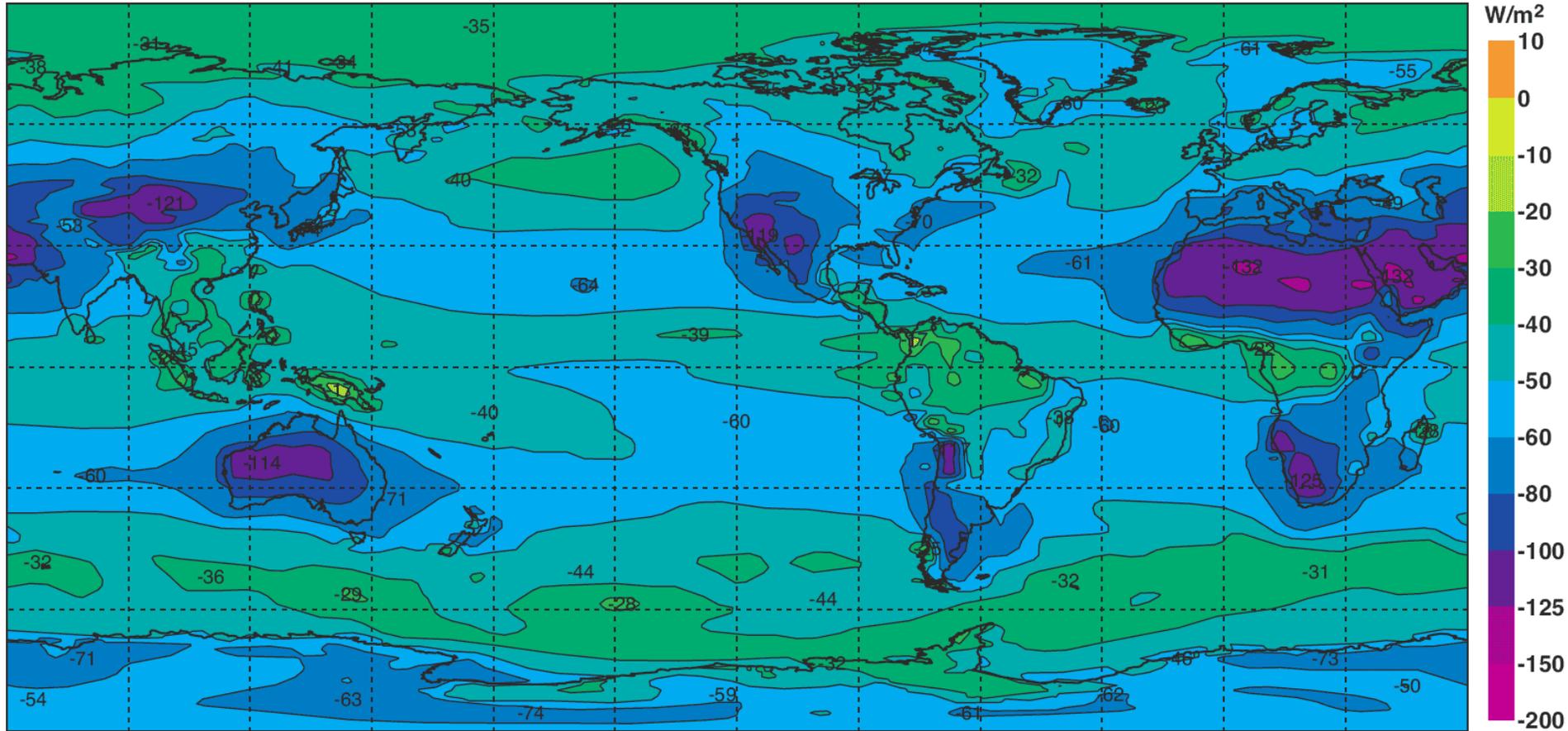
Annual mean



# Atmospheric forcings: Heat fluxes

Net surface thermal radiation

Annual mean



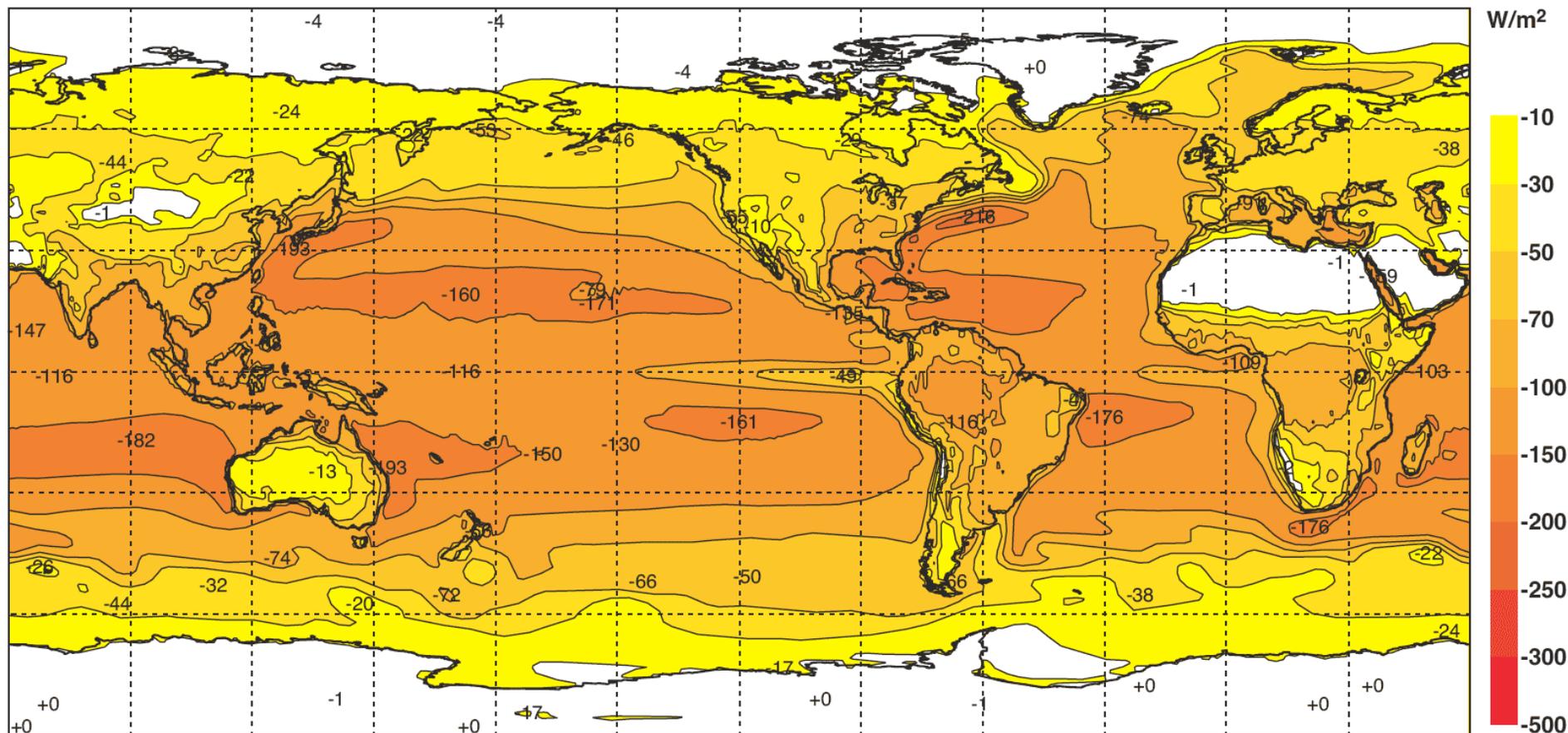
$$Q_{lw}$$

= Black body radiation  $\propto T^4$

# Atmospheric forcings: Heat fluxes

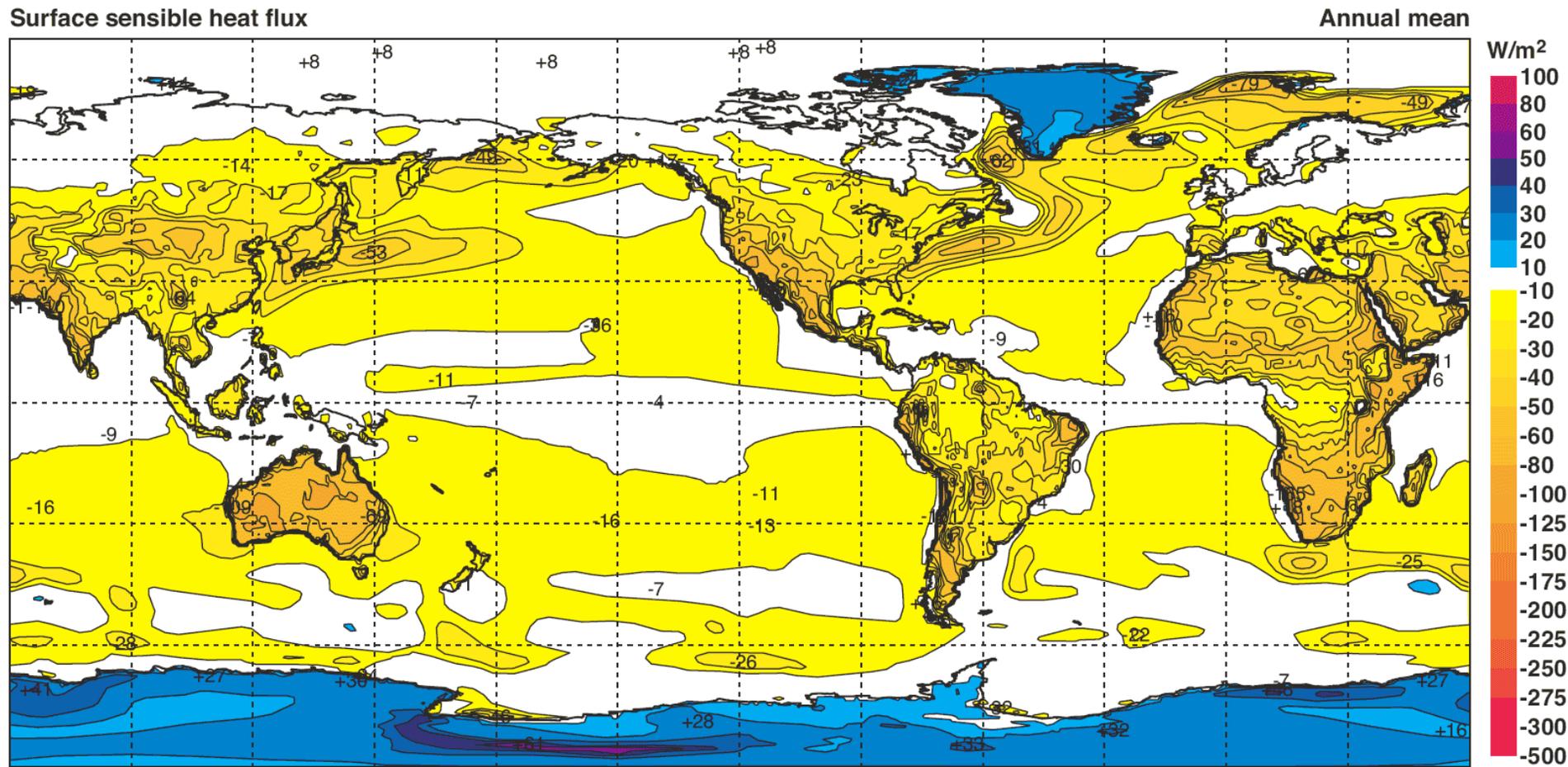
Surface latent heat flux

Annual mean



$$Q_{\text{lat}} = \rho C_E (q_s - q_{10}) U_{10},$$

# Atmospheric forcings: Heat fluxes

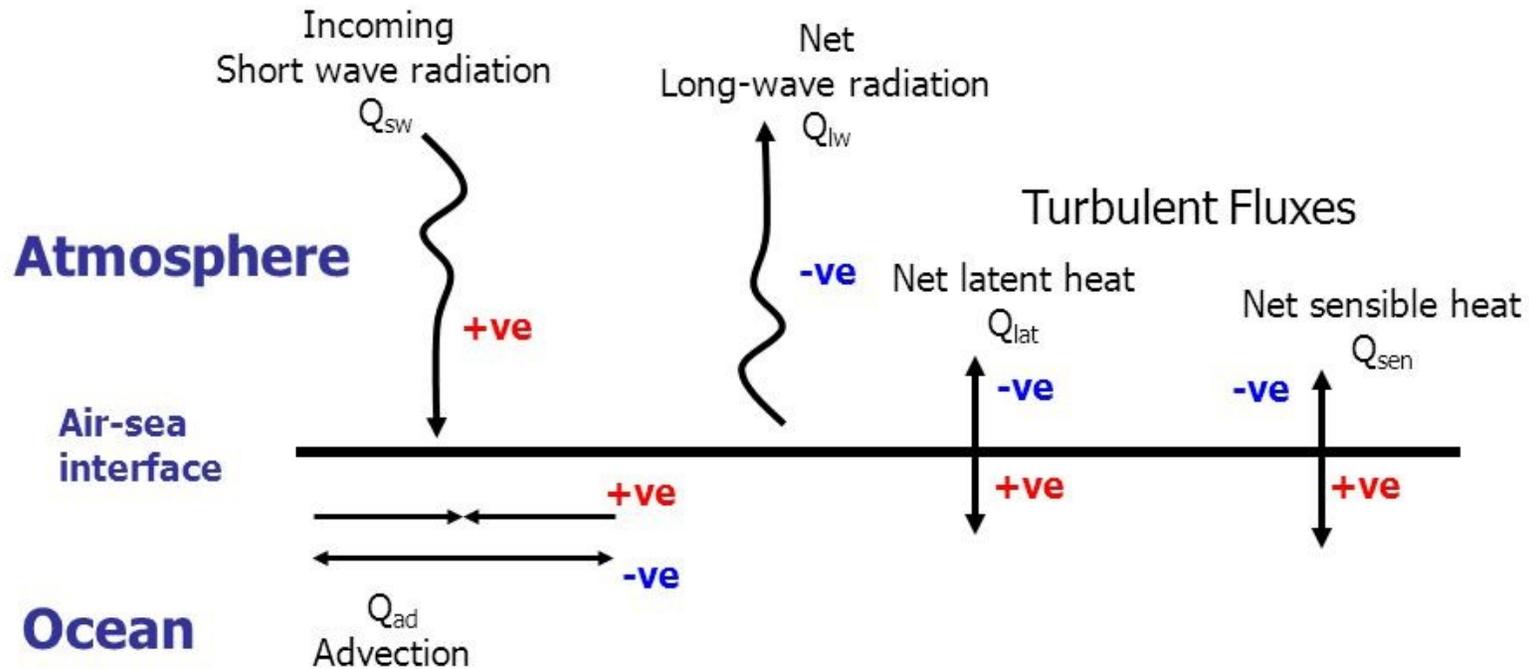


$$Q_{\text{sen}} = \rho C_H C_p (T_s - T_{10}) U_{10}$$

# Atmospheric forcings: Heat fluxes

## Heat budget equation

Heat fluxes into a region of ocean:



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# Atmospheric forcings: Heat fluxes

## Heat budget equation

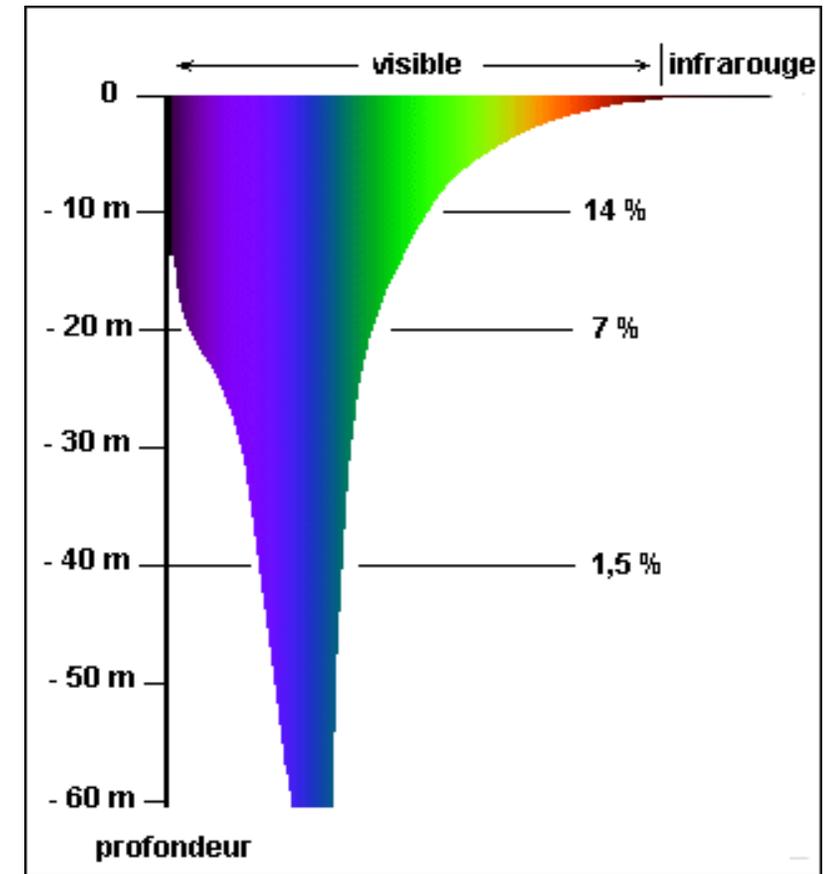
Heat fluxes into a region of ocean:

- At the surface :

$$Q_{lw} + Q_{lat} + Q_{sen}$$

- At the surface and sub-surface :

$$Q_{sw}$$



# Atmospheric forcings: Heat fluxes

## Heat budget equation

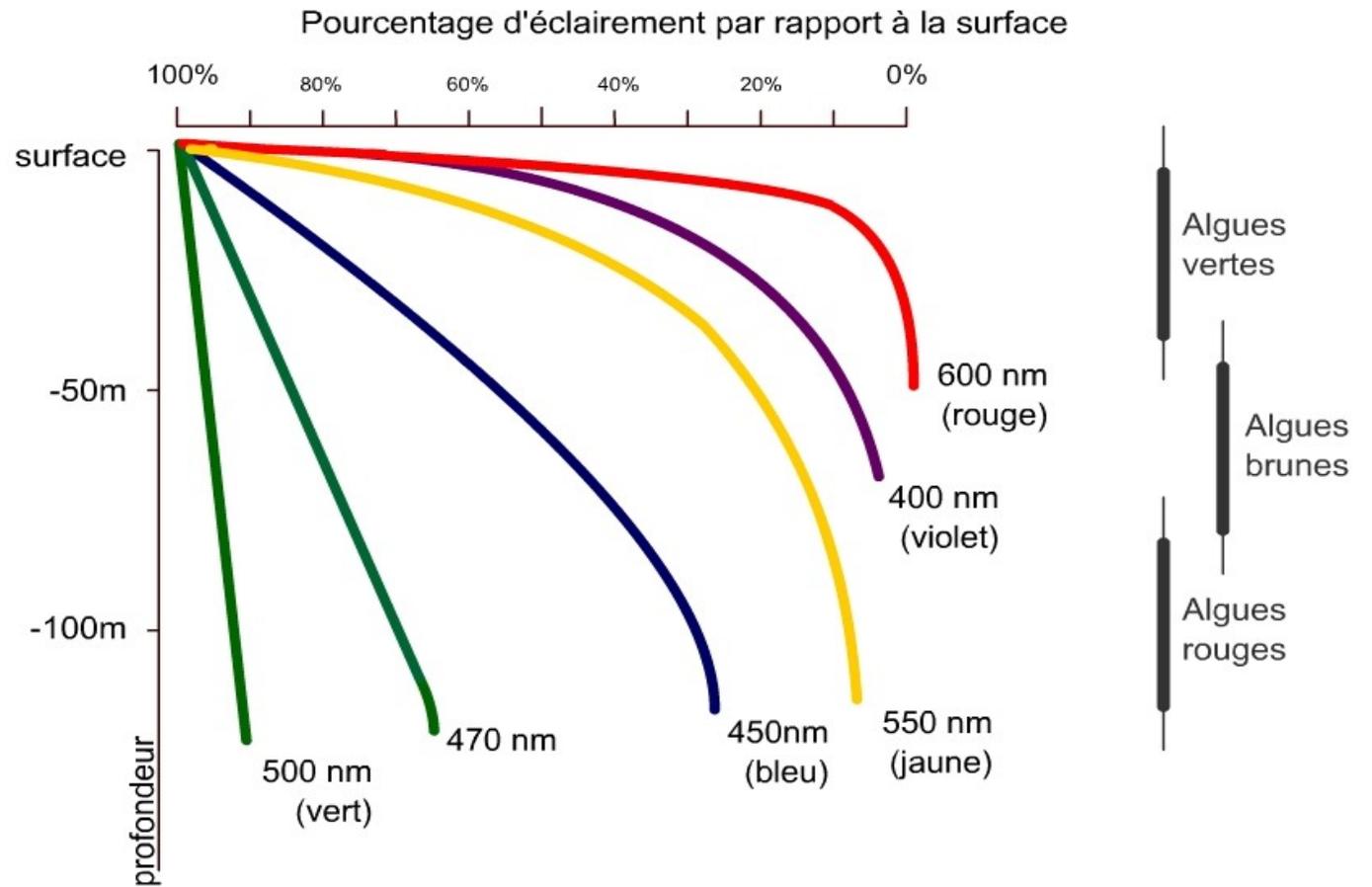
Heat fluxes into a region of ocean:

- At the surface :

$$Q_{lw} + Q_{lat} + Q_{sen}$$

- At the surface and sub-surface:

$$: Q_{sw}$$



# Atmospheric forcings: Heat fluxes

- **Two possibilities :**

Directly read of **Qnet** and **Qsolar**  
in the forcing files in (W.m<sup>-2</sup>)

- **matlab:** **make\_forcing**  
**Uses stress data from COADS**

- **ROMS: CPP\_KEYS=**

`undef BULK_FLUX`

Use of a bulk formula :



- Compute the sensible, latent, long wave heat flux from the *CE,CH* coefficient using model SST, 10m wind speed, T2m q2m
- Use **Qsolar** too.
- **matlab:** **make\_bulk**
- **Uses wind data from COADS**

- **ROMS: CPP\_KEYS=**  
`define BULK_FLUX`  
`define BULK_LW:`

Longwave “in” only, outgoing longwave are calculated for the model SST

# Atmospheric forcings: Fresh water fluxes

- **Two possibilities :**

Directly read of EmP  
in the forcing files in (cm.day<sup>-1</sup>)

- **matlab: `make_forcing`**  
**Uses stress data from COADS**
- **ROMS: CPP\_KEYS=**  
**undef BULK\_FLUX**

Use of a bulk formula :

$$E = \rho C_E (q_s - q_{10}) U_{10}$$

- Compute the evaporation from *CE* coefficient using model SST, 10m wind speed, q2m
- Use Precipitation too.
  - **matlab: `make_bulk`**
  - **Uses wind data from COADS**
- **ROMS: CPP\_KEYS=**  
**define BULK\_FLUX**



Fairall formula is by default but please note that other bulk formulae are possible

# Atmospheric forcings: Air-sea interactions

## ➤ Heat fluxes & Freshwater fluxes

- Directly read the forcing files
- Use of a bulk formulae :
  - Heat flux : compute total heat flux from latent, sensible, solar and longwave fluxes and model SST
  - Freshwater flux : compute from evap, prate and model SSS

*bulk\_flux.F*

## ➤ Wind stress:

- Directly read the forcing files
- Use of a bulk formulae :
  - Compute the wind stress from the  $C_d$  drag coefficient, model SST and wind stress

# Atmospheric forcings: Recap and keys

## Surface atmospheric boundary conditions

### Heat fluxes & Freshwater fluxes:

- Directly read the forcing files
- OR use of a bulk formulae to compute
  - Heat flux : compute total heat flux from latent, sensible, solar and long-wave fluxes and model SST
  - Fresh-water flux : compute from evap, prate and model SSS

### Wind stress:

- Directly read the wind stress files
- Or use of bulk formulae to compute the wind stress from the Cd drag coefficient, model SST and wind

```
/* Vertical Mixing */
# undef BODYFORCE
# undef BVF_MIXING
# define LMD_MIXING
# undef GLS_MIXING
# ifdef LMD_MIXING
# define LMD_SKPP
# define LMD_BKPP
# define LMD_RIMIX
# define LMD_CONVEC
# undef LMD_DDMIX
# define LMD_NONLOCAL
# undef MLCONVEC
# endif

/* Surface Forcing */
# undef BULK_FLUX
# ifdef BULK_FLUX
# define BULK_FAIRALL
# define BULK_LW
# define BULK_EP
# define BULK_SMFLUX
# undef SST_SKIN
# undef ANA_DIURNAL_SW
# undef ONLINE
# ifdef ONLINE
# undef AROME
# undef ERA_ECMWF
# endif
# undef READ_PATM
# ifdef READ_PATM
# define OBC_PATM
# endif
# else
# define QCORRECTION
# define SFLX_CORR
# undef SFLX_CORR_COEF
# define ANA_DIURNAL_SW
# endif
# undef SMLUX_CFB
# undef SEA_ICE_NOFLUX

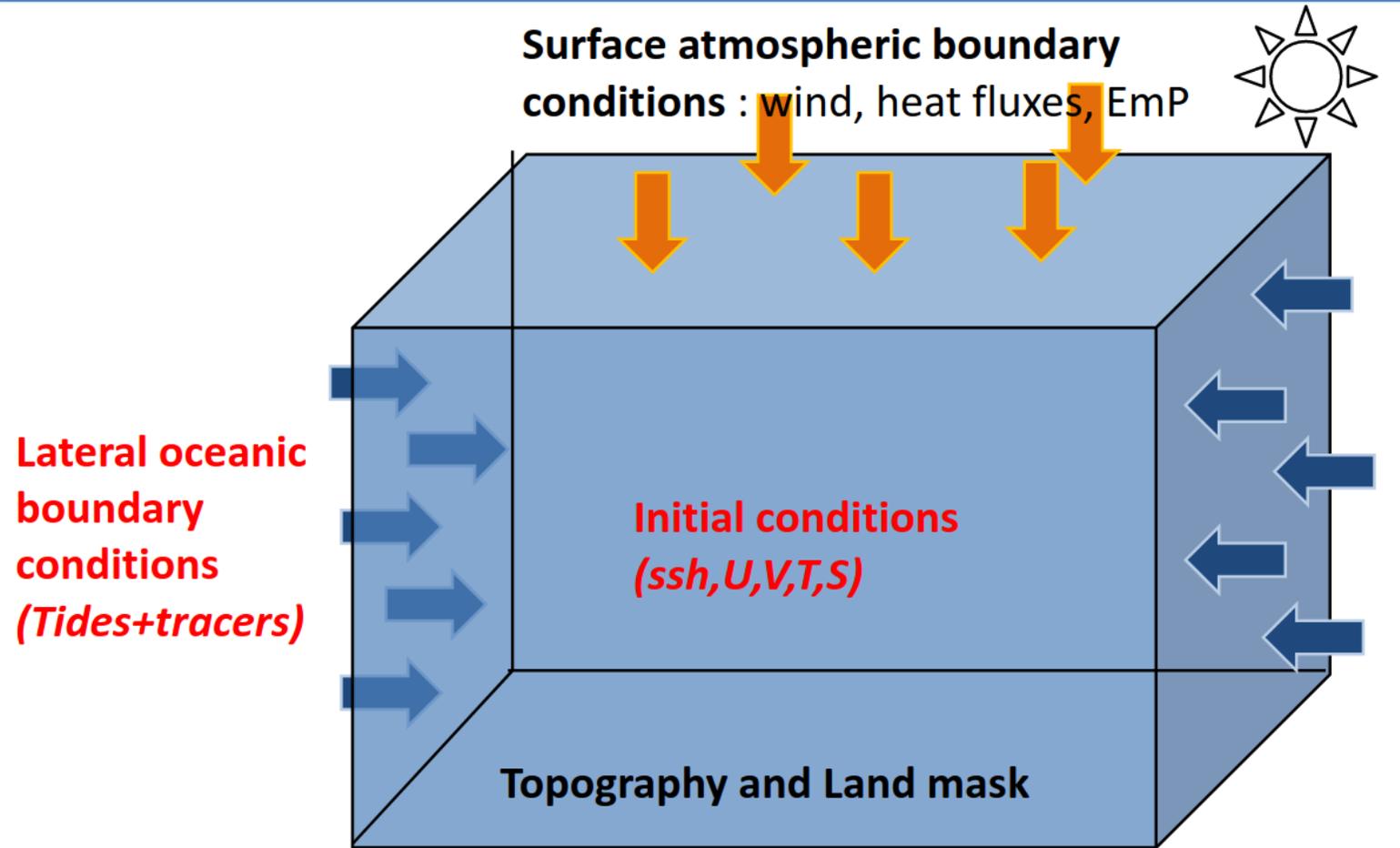
/* Wave-current interactions */
# ifdef OW_COUPLING
# define MRL_WCI
# define BBL
# endif
# ifdef MRL_WCI
# ifndef OW_COUPLING
# define WAVE_OFFLINE
```

cppdefs.h



# Forcings: Boundary Conditions

## Initial and lateral oceanic boundary conditions



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## Open boundary conditions (OBC type)

Adaptative mixed radiations/nudging open boundary conditions (*Marchesiello et al, 2001*).

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + c_x \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + c_y \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\tau} (\phi - \phi_{ext})$$

- Radiation, (Orlanski, 1982) for tracers
- Possibility to use **“Characteristic method” for barotropic mode** : Specially designed for tidal applications

Adaptative nudging term :

### Adaptativity

- Ingoing signal ( $C_x > 0$ ) : **strong nudging** toward external data using

$$\tau = \tau_{in}$$

- Outgoing signal ( $C_x > 0$ ) : **weak nudging** toward ext. Data

$$\tau = \tau_{out}$$

$$\tau_{out} \approx 180 \text{ days}$$

$$\tau_{in} \approx 1 \text{ days}$$

}  $\tau_{M\_in}, \tau_{M\_out}$  : momentum  
 $\tau_{T\_in}, \tau_{T\_out}$  : tracer

```
# define OBC_M2CHARACT
# undef OBC_M2ORLANSKI
# define OBC_M3ORLANSKI
# define OBC_TORLANSKI
# undef OBC_M2SPECIFIED
# undef OBC_M3SPECIFIED
# undef OBC_TSPECIFIED
```

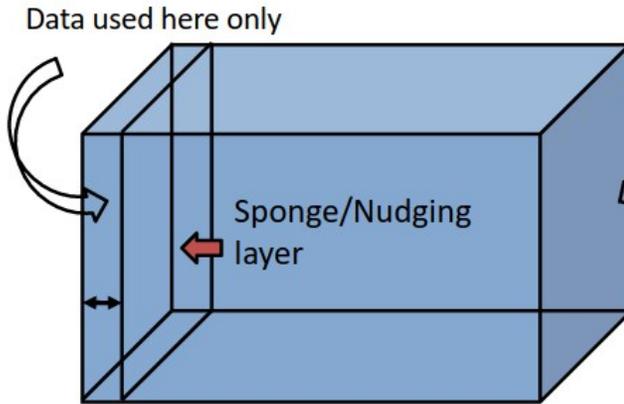
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## 3D Open boundary forcing (Clim or Bry)

### Different ways to impose OBC

**CLIM** : '3D+time' files (x,y,z,t) only used at boundaries point + sponge/nudging layer : large amount of data unused.

**BRY** : '2D+time' file (x,z,t) only used at boundaries point : much less data needed !! but no nudging layer (for the moment)



Data used here only

These type of file 3D (x,y,z) are used for initialization

CLIM or BRY = Datasets+  
Interpolation from croctools

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```
/* Lateral Forcing
# define CLIMATOLOGY
# ifdef CLIMATOLOGY
# define ZCLIMATOLOGY
# define M2CLIMATOLOGY
# define M3CLIMATOLOGY
# define TCLIMATOLOGY

# define ZNUDGING
# define M2NUDGING
# define M3NUDGING
# define TNUDGING
# undef ROBUST_DIAG
# endif

# undef FRC_BRY
# ifdef FRC_BRY
# define Z_FRC_BRY
# define M2_FRC_BRY
# define M3_FRC_BRY
# define T_FRC_BRY
# endif
```

# Forcings: Boundary Conditions

## Initial and lateral oceanic boundary conditions

```
#if defined REGIONAL
/*
!-----
! REGIONAL (realistic) Configurations
!-----
!
!-----
! BASIC OPTIONS
!-----
!
*/
/* Configuration Name */
# define BENGUELA_LR
/* Parallelization */
# undef OPENMP
# undef MPI
# undef MPI_NOLAND
/* I/O server */
# undef XIOS
/* Non-hydrostatic option */
# undef NBQ
/* Nesting */
# undef AGRIF
# undef AGRIF_2WAY
/* OA and OW Coupling via OASIS (MPI) */
# undef OA_COUPLING
# undef OW_COUPLING
/* Wave-current interactions */
# undef MRL_WCI
/* Open Boundary Conditions */
# undef TIDES
# define OBC_EAST
# define OBC_WEST
# define OBC_NORTH
# define OBC_SOUTH
/* Applications */
# undef BIOLOGY
# undef FLOATS
# undef STATIONS
# undef PASSTIVE TRACED
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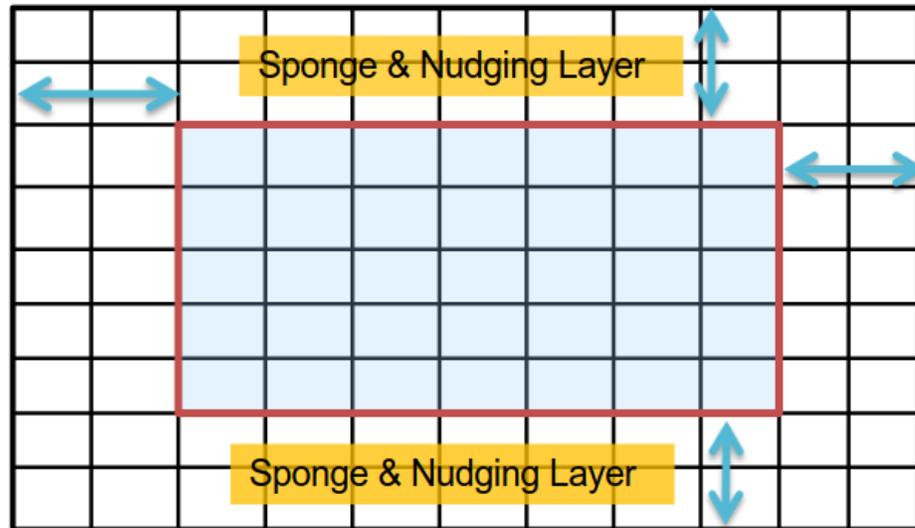
How to activate OBC ?

**Use open boundary conditions**

*If undef then the domain is closed (see e.g. basin) or periodic.*

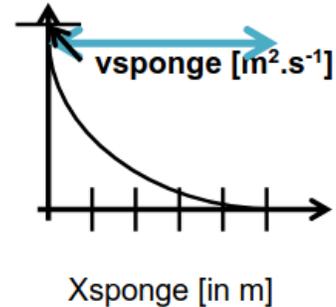
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## Sponge/Nudging Layer

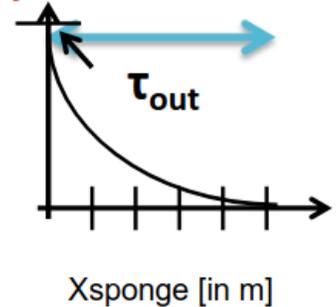


- Sponge : Additional viscosity/diffusivity
- Nudging : Add a **weak nudging**,  $\tau = 0 \rightarrow \tau_{out}$ , toward climatology, if available

**$K^Th$ ,  $K^mh$  profil across sponge layer**



**$\tau_{out}$  profil cross nudging layer**



**Activate areas of enhanced viscosity and diffusivity near lateral open boundaries.**