

# Compressible f-Plane Solutions to Local Body Forces and Heatings; Part I: Initial Value and Forced/Heated Solutions

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## Abstract

1 We determine the analytic, linear, f-plane, compressible solutions that arise in re-  
2 sponse to local, 3D, horizontal and vertical body forces and heatings in an isothermal,  
3 non-dissipative atmosphere. These body forces and heatings turn on and off smoothly  
4 over a finite interval in time,  $\chi$ , with  $n$  oscillations occurring during this time. The  
5 solutions include mean flow, gravity waves (GWs), and acoustic waves (AWs). We find  
6 that the compressible solutions are different from the Boussinesq solutions for GWs with  
7  $\lambda_z \gtrsim 2\pi\mathcal{H}$ . In the lower atmosphere, this is  $\lambda_z \gtrsim 50$  km. As with the Boussinesq solu-  
8 tions, the compressible solutions also contain a cut-off factor which significantly reduces  
9 the amplitudes of GWs and AWs with frequencies  $\omega$  less than  $\hat{a}$  by  $(2\pi)^{-1}\hat{a}^3/\omega^3$ , where  
10  $\hat{a} = 2\pi n/\chi$ . We also derive the compressible f-plane polarization relations for GWs and  
11 AWs. We then show that the phase relationships between the horizontal and vertical  
12 velocity, density, and temperature perturbations changes significantly when  $|\lambda_z \gtrsim 2\pi\mathcal{H}|$ .

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## 13 1. Introduction

14 GWs excited by wind flow over mountains and deep convection can excite GWs. Some  
15 of these “primary” GWs can propagate to the mesosphere, where they break. This sat-  
16 uration process creates horizontal body forces, which close the jets near the mesopause  
17 that exist if the atmosphere were in thermal equilibrium (see Fritts and Alexander, 2003  
18 (hereafter FA03), and references therein). They also create a mean wind in the direction  
19 of GW propagation. This cools the summer mesopause because of an induced residual  
20 circulation (Nastrom et al., 1982; Holton, 1982, 1983; Dunkerton, 1982; Garcia, 1987).  
21 These body forces also radiate “secondary” GWs (Dickinson, 1969; Blumen, 1972; Wal-  
22 terscheid and Boucher, 1984; Zhu and Holton, 1987; Fritts and Luo, 1992; Luo and Fritts,  
23 1993; Medvedev and Gavrilov, 1995). They are dubbed “secondary” because they arise  
24 in response to the breaking of “primary” waves.

25 Local, interval body forces and heatings describe the effects of outside processes on  
26 a local fluid. Here “local” describes a localized region in space, and “interval” describes  
27 a finite duration in time. These forcings/heatings can describe many of the effects of  
28 wave breaking, wave dissipation, convective overshoot, auroral heating, and geostrophic  
29 adjustment, to name a few. These forcings/heatings excite GWs and AWs, and may  
30 create mean flows. Both the temporal and spatial characteristics of the forcings/heatings  
31 determine the wave responses (Vadas and Fritts, 2001, hereafter VF01; Vadas *et al.*,  
32 2003).

33 Although solutions have been derived for localized, interval heatings and body forc-  
34 ings (VF01), these are only applicable in the Boussinesq approximation (i.e.,  $\lambda_z \ll 4\pi\mathcal{H}$ ).  
35 However, compressible effects are expected to be important 1) for forcings/heatings  
36 deeper than the density scale height  $\mathcal{H}$ , and 2) for GWs with  $\lambda_z \gtrsim \pi\mathcal{H}$ . These lat-  
37 ter GWs penetrate deeply into the thermosphere (Vadas, 2007; Fritts and Vadas, 2008),

38 create large mean winds upon dissipating there (Vadas and Liu, 2009, hereafter VL09),  
 39 and may seed plasma instabilities (Kelley, 1989; Takahashi *et al.*, 2009; Makela,*et al.*,  
 40 2010). AWs also play a role in the variability of the thermosphere (Lastovicka, 2006).  
 41 Therefore, it is important to derive the analogous compressible solutions.

42 This paper is the first paper in a 2-paper series. The purpose of this paper is to  
 43 derive the f-plane, compressible solutions to local interval body forcings/heatings. In  
 44 doing so, we will generalize the VF01 solutions to include compressibility in full. We  
 45 organize this paper as follows. Sec. 2 describes the f-plane, compressible fluid equations  
 46 and solution methods. Sec. 3 derives the initial value solutions. The body forcing and  
 47 heating solutions are derived in Sec. 4. Sec. 5 compares the compressible and Boussinesq  
 48 solutions when  $f = 0$ . In Sec. 6, we calculate the exact, compressible, f-plane polarization  
 49 relations for GWs and AWs. We then examine the phase relationships between the GW  
 50 components when  $\lambda_z \gtrsim 2\pi\mathcal{H}$ . Sec. 7 contains our conclusions. Appendices A and B  
 51 contain special case solutions to the forced/heated equations.

## 52 **2. Compressible Solutions to Body Forces and Heatings**

### 53 *1. Linear, Compressible, f-plane Fluid Equations*

54 We consider a 3D, local, interval body forcing/heating in our atmosphere which turns  
 55 on and off smoothly over a finite interval in time. (For example, the interval could be  
 56 10 min or 6 hours, and the region could be  $20^2 \times 10 \text{ km}^3$  or  $500^2 \times 5 \text{ km}^3$  for convective  
 57 overshoot or geostrophic adjustment, respectively.) This is a generalization of impulsive  
 58 forcings/heatings, which turn on and off instantaneously in time. We assume that the  
 59 fluid is inviscid. The compressible momentum, mass and energy conservation equations  
 60 which describe this fluid are

$$\frac{D\mathbf{v}}{Dt} + \frac{1}{\rho}\nabla p - \mathbf{g} + 2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})\mathcal{F}(t) \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} + \rho\nabla\cdot\mathbf{v} = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{DT}{Dt} + (\gamma - 1)T\nabla\cdot\mathbf{v} = J(\mathbf{x})\mathcal{F}(t), \quad (3)$$

61 where

$$\frac{D}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v}\cdot\nabla), \quad (4)$$

62  $\mathbf{v} = (u, v, w)$  is the velocity vector in geographic coordinates,  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  are the zonal,  
63 meridional, and vertical velocities, respectively,  $T$  is the temperature,  $\rho$  is the density,  
64  $p$  is the pressure,  $\Omega$  is the Earth's rotation vector,  $\mathbf{g}$  is the Earth's gravitational force,  
65  $p = r\rho T$  is the ideal gas law,  $r = 8308/X_{\text{MW}} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1}$ ,  $X_{\text{MW}}$  is the mean molecular  
66 weight of the particle in the gas,  $\gamma - 1 = r/C_v$ , and  $C_v$  is the mean specific heat at constant  
67 volume. The body forcings/heatings have time dependence  $\mathcal{F}(t)$ , and occur only during  
68 the finite interval in time,  $\chi$ .  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $d\mathcal{F}/dt$  must be continuous, analytic functions. The  
69 spatial portion of the 3D body force is  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = F_x(\mathbf{x})\hat{i} + F_y(\mathbf{x})\hat{j} + F_z(\mathbf{x})\hat{k}$ , where  $\hat{i}$ ,  $\hat{j}$  and  
70  $\hat{k}$  are the zonal, meridional, and vertical unit vectors, respectively. The spatial portion  
71 of the heating is  $J(\mathbf{x})$ . These spatial distributions can be any arbitrary functions of  
72  $(x, y, z)$  (although they and their spatial derivatives must be continuous functions). The  
73 body forcings and heatings,  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})\mathcal{F}(t)$  and  $J(\mathbf{x})\mathcal{F}(t)$ , respectively, are hereafter called  
74 "sources", since they excite GWs and AWs, and create mean responses.

75 Using the ideal gas law, we express the energy equation, Eq. (3), in terms of pressure:

$$\frac{Dp}{Dt} + \gamma p\nabla\cdot\mathbf{v} = \frac{p}{T}J(\mathbf{x})\mathcal{F}(t). \quad (5)$$

76 We can also express this in terms of the potential temperature, which is defined as

$$\theta = T(p_s/p)^{(\gamma-1)/\gamma}, \quad (6)$$

78 where  $p_s$  is standard pressure. Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{\theta} \frac{D\theta}{Dt} = \frac{1}{T} \frac{DT}{Dt} - \left( \frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma} \right) \frac{1}{p} \frac{Dp}{Dt}. \quad (7)$$

80 Plugging in Eqs. (3) and (5), the  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}$  terms cancel, yielding

$$81 \quad \frac{1}{\theta} \frac{D\theta}{Dt} = \frac{1}{\gamma T} J(\mathbf{x}) \mathcal{F}(t). \quad (8)$$

82 Therefore, our conservation of energy equation (Eq. (3), (5), or (8)), expresses the well-  
 83 known result that the potential temperature is conserved along the Lagrangian path of  
 84 a fluid particle in a non-dissipative fluid if the external heat added is zero (e.g., Holton,  
 85 1992). We note that our compressible equation set, Eqs. (1)-(3), agrees with the com-  
 86 pressible equations used in FA03 (Eqs.(1)-(5) in that work).

87 We now expand the fluid variables as background means plus perturbations:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \bar{U} + u', & v &= \bar{V} + v', & w &= w', \\ \rho &= \bar{\rho} + \rho', & T &= \bar{T} + T', & p &= \bar{p} + p', \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

88 where the overlines denote background mean values (which are constant in  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $t$ ),  
 89 and the primes denote perturbations. Thus the mean background wind is  $\bar{U}\hat{i} + \bar{V}\hat{j}$ . We  
 90 neglect the Earth's curvature; this limits horizontal wave scales to  $\lambda_H \lesssim 20000 - 30000$   
 91 km. We also assume that the background fluid is isothermal ( $\bar{T} = \bar{T}_0 = \text{constant}$  in  
 92  $z$ ) and unsheared ( $\bar{U}$  and  $\bar{V}$  constant in  $z$ ) in order to solve this problem analytically.  
 93 Although beyond the scope of this paper, the excited waves can then be ray traced  
 94 through wind shears, non-isothermal, and dissipative atmospheres (e.g., Vadas *et al.*,  
 95 2009a,b; VL09). Our goal here is to provide simple and insightful solutions of the mean,  
 96 GW, and AW responses in an idealized background, but not the propagation and/or  
 97 dissipation of these excited waves.

98 We assume that the fluid obeys the f-plane approximation:  $2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{v}' \simeq f(-v'\hat{i} + u'\hat{j})$ ,  
 99 where  $f = 2\Omega \sin \theta$  and  $\theta$  is latitude. This is a good assumption at mid and high latitudes.  
 100 At  $\theta = 45^\circ$  (mid) and  $\theta = 75^\circ$  (high) latitudes,  $f = 1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $1.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  
 101 respectively. From Eq. (1), the hydrostatic equation (obtained when the perturbation

102 quantities are set to zero) is

$$103 \quad d\bar{p}/dz = -g\bar{\rho}, \quad (10)$$

104 where  $\mathbf{g} = -g\hat{k}$ . Solving Eq. (10),  $\bar{\rho}$  and  $\bar{p}$  decrease exponentially in  $z$  (Hines, 1960):

$$\bar{\rho} = \bar{\rho}_0 e^{-z/\mathcal{H}}, \quad \bar{p} = \bar{p}_0 e^{-z/\mathcal{H}}, \quad (11)$$

105 where  $\mathcal{H} = -\bar{\rho}(d\bar{\rho}/dz)^{-1} = r\bar{T}_0/g$  is the density scale height, and  $\bar{\rho}_0$  and  $\bar{p}_0$  are the  
 106 mean density and pressure at  $z = 0$ , respectively. We assume that the forcing/heating  
 107 amplitudes are small enough that wave-mean flow and wave-wave interactions can be  
 108 neglected. Linearizing Eqs. (1)-(2) and (5), we obtain:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}'}{\partial t'} + \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}} \nabla p' - \frac{\rho'}{\bar{\rho}^2} \nabla \bar{p} + f(-v'\hat{i} + u'\hat{j}) = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})\mathcal{F}(t) \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho'}{\partial t'} + (\mathbf{v}' \cdot \nabla) \bar{\rho} + \bar{\rho} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}' = 0 \quad (13)$$

$$\frac{\partial p'}{\partial t'} + \mathbf{v}' \cdot \nabla \bar{p} + \gamma \bar{p} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}' = \frac{\bar{p}}{\bar{T}} J(\mathbf{x})\mathcal{F}(t), \quad (14)$$

109 where

$$110 \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \bar{U} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \bar{V} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right). \quad (15)$$

111 In order for the coefficients on the left hand sides of Eqs. (12)-(14) to be constant  
 112 with altitude, we define the following variables:

$$\begin{aligned} \xi &= e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} u', & \sigma &= e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} v', & \eta &= e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} w', \\ \phi &= e^{z/2\mathcal{H}} \rho' / \bar{\rho}_0 = e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} \rho' / \bar{\rho}, & \psi &= e^{z/2\mathcal{H}} p' / \bar{p}_0 = e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} p' / \bar{p}, \\ \zeta &= e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} T' / \bar{T}_0. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

113 Because  $u'$ ,  $v'$ ,  $w'$ ,  $\rho' / \bar{\rho}$ ,  $p' / \bar{p}$ , and  $T' / \bar{T}$  increase exponentially with altitude, the GW and  
 114 AW amplitudes increase exponentially with altitude, as is well-known (Hines, 1960). We

115 also scale the forcings and heatings as

$$\begin{aligned} F_{xs} &= e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} F_x, & F_{ys} &= e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} F_y, \\ F_{zs} &= e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} F_z, & J_s &= e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} \mathbf{r}J, \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

116 where the subscript “s” denotes that the forcing/heating is scaled by  $e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}}$  in altitude.

117 We expand  $\xi$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $\psi$ ,  $\zeta$ ,  $F_{xs}$ ,  $F_{ys}$ ,  $F_{zs}$ , and  $J_s$  in a Fourier series, e.g.,

$$118 \quad \xi(x, y, z, t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i(kx+ly+mz)} \tilde{\xi}(k, l, m, t) dk dl dm, \quad (18)$$

119 where “ $\sim$ ” denotes the Fourier transform of the variable,  $\mathbf{k} = (k, l, m)$  is the wavenumber

120 vector, and  $k$ ,  $l$ , and  $m$  are the zonal, meridional, and vertical wavenumber components,

121 respectively. Eqs. (12)-(14) become

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\xi}}{\partial t''} - ik\tilde{\psi} - f\tilde{\sigma} = \widetilde{F_{xs}}\mathcal{F}(t) \quad (19)$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\sigma}}{\partial t''} - il\tilde{\psi} + f\tilde{\xi} = \widetilde{F_{ys}}\mathcal{F}(t) \quad (20)$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\eta}}{\partial t''} - im_s\tilde{\psi} + g\tilde{\phi} = \widetilde{F_{zs}}\mathcal{F}(t) \quad (21)$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}}{\partial t''} - i(k\tilde{\xi} + l\tilde{\sigma} + m_s\tilde{\eta}) = 0 \quad (22)$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\psi}}{\partial t''} + \delta\tilde{\eta} - ic_s^2(k\tilde{\xi} + l\tilde{\sigma}) = \widetilde{J_s}\mathcal{F}(t), \quad (23)$$

122 where the sound speed is  $c_s$ ,

$$c_s^2 = \gamma g\mathcal{H} = \gamma r\bar{T}_0, \quad (24)$$

$$\delta = g(\gamma - 1) - ic_s^2 m_s, \quad (25)$$

$$m_s = m - i/2\mathcal{H}, \quad (26)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t''} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - i(k\bar{U} + l\bar{V}). \quad (27)$$

123 The linearized ideal gas law is  $p'/\bar{p} = \rho'/\bar{\rho} + T'/\bar{T}$ . The scaled temperature perturbation

124 is then

$$125 \quad \tilde{\zeta} = \frac{\gamma}{c_s^2} \tilde{\psi} - \tilde{\phi}. \quad (28)$$

126 Table 1 shows some important symbols used in this paper.

127 *2. Solution methods*

128 We take the Laplace transform of Eqs. (19)-(23). For example, the Laplace transform  
 129 of  $\tilde{\psi}$ , denoted  $\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{\psi}}$ , is the integral (Abramowitz and Stegun, 1972)

$$130 \quad \mathcal{L}_{\tilde{\psi}} = \mathcal{L}(\tilde{\psi}) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-s_r t} \tilde{\psi} dt. \quad (29)$$

131 Therefore,

$$132 \quad \mathcal{L}(\tilde{\psi}_t) = s_r \mathcal{L}(\tilde{\psi}) - \tilde{\psi}(0), \quad (30)$$

133 where  $\tilde{\psi}(0)$  is the value of  $\tilde{\psi}$  at  $t = 0$ . We define

$$134 \quad s = s_r - i(k\bar{U} + l\bar{V}). \quad (31)$$

135 The Laplace transform of the scaled pressure perturbation is then found to be

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\tilde{\psi}} = & \frac{1}{s(s^2 - s_1^2)(s^2 - s_2^2)} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & [(s^2 + im_s g)(s^2 + f^2)\tilde{\psi}(0) \\ & - \delta(s^2 + f^2)(s\tilde{\eta}(0) - g\tilde{\phi}(0)) + ic_s^2(\alpha s + \beta f)(s^2 + N_B^2)] \\ & + [ic_s^2(sA_F + fB_F)(s^2 + N_B^2) - \delta s(s^2 + f^2)\widetilde{F_{zs}} \\ & + (s^2 + im_s g)(s^2 + f^2)\widetilde{J_s}] \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{F}} \end{aligned} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

136 Here, the Laplace transform of  $\mathcal{F}(t)$  is  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{F}}$ , the buoyancy frequency is  $N_B$ , and

$$N_B^2 = (\gamma - 1)g^2/c_s^2 \quad (33)$$

$$\alpha = k\tilde{\xi}(0) + l\tilde{\sigma}(0) \quad (34)$$

$$\beta = k\tilde{\sigma}(0) - l\tilde{\xi}(0) \quad (35)$$

$$A_F = k\widetilde{F_{xs}} + l\widetilde{F_{ys}} \quad (36)$$

$$B_F = k\widetilde{F_{ys}} - l\widetilde{F_{xs}}. \quad (37)$$

137 Additionally, Eq. (32) contains  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ , which are the 2 roots of the expression that  
 138 result when deriving Eq. (32):

$$s^4 + [f^2 + c_s^2(\mathbf{k}^2 + 1/4\mathcal{H}^2)]s^2 + c_s^2[k_H^2 N_B^2 + f^2(m^2 + 1/4\mathcal{H}^2)] = 0. \quad (38)$$

139 Here,  $\mathbf{k}^2 = k^2 + l^2 + m^2$  and  $k_H^2 = k^2 + l^2$ . Defining

$$a = -(s_1^2 + s_2^2) = [f^2 + c_s^2(\mathbf{k}^2 + 1/4\mathcal{H}^2)], \quad (39)$$

$$b = s_1^2 s_2^2 = c_s^2[k_H^2 N_B^2 + f^2(m^2 + 1/4\mathcal{H}^2)], \quad (40)$$

140 the 2 roots of Eq. (38) (corresponding to the GW and AW, respectively) are

$$s_1^2 = -\omega_1^2 = -\frac{a}{2} \left[ 1 - \sqrt{1 - 4b/a^2} \right], \quad (41)$$

$$s_2^2 = -\omega_2^2 = -\frac{a}{2} \left[ 1 + \sqrt{1 - 4b/a^2} \right]. \quad (42)$$

141 The intrinsic and ground-based wave frequencies are therefore  $\omega_{Ir} = -is$  and  $\omega_r = -is_r$ ,  
 142 respectively. Using these definitions, Eq. (31) becomes

$$143 \quad \omega_{Ir} = \omega_r - (k\bar{U} + l\bar{V}). \quad (43)$$

144 This is the familiar expression for the Doppler shifting of a wave's frequency in a mean  
 145 wind. The intrinsic GW frequency is  $\omega_{\text{GW}} = \omega_1 = -is_1$ , while the intrinsic AW frequency  
 146 is  $\omega_{\text{AW}} = \omega_2 = -is_2$ . Eq. (38) then becomes the well-known, non-dissipative, acoustic-  
 147 gravity wave dispersion relation first derived by Hines (1960) (see also Eq.(22) in FA03).

$$148 \quad \omega_{Ir}^4 - [f^2 + c_s^2(\mathbf{k}^2 + 1/4\mathcal{H}^2)]\omega_{Ir}^2 + c_s^2[k_H^2 N_B^2 + f^2(m^2 + 1/4\mathcal{H}^2)] = 0. \quad (44)$$

149 For a GW which propagates much more slowly than the sound speed ( $\omega_{\text{GW}}/\sqrt{\mathbf{k}^2 + 1/4\mathcal{H}^2} \ll$   
 150  $c_s$ ), the usual f-plane anelastic GW dispersion relation is obtained from Eq. (41) for  
 151  $4b/a^2 \ll 1$ :  $s_1^2 \simeq -b/a$ , or

$$152 \quad \omega_{\text{GW}}^2 = \frac{k_H^2 N_B^2 + f^2(m^2 + 1/4\mathcal{H}^2)}{\mathbf{k}^2 + 1/4\mathcal{H}^2}. \quad (45)$$

153 The acoustic cut-off frequency is obtained from Eqs. (39) and (42) for  $f = \mathbf{k}^2 = 0$  and  
 154  $4b/a^2 \ll 1$ :  $\omega_a = \sqrt{a} = c_s/2\mathcal{H}$ . Since  $c_s^2 = \gamma g\mathcal{H}$ ,  $\omega_a = \gamma g/2c_s = (\gamma/2\sqrt{\gamma-1})N_B$ . For  
 155  $\gamma = 1.4$  and  $N_B = 0.02$  rad/s (buoyancy period of  $\tau_b = 2\pi/N_B = 5.2$  min), the acoustic  
 156 cut-off period is  $2\pi/\omega_a = 4.7$  min.

157 The terms in the first square bracket in Eq. (32) incorporate only the initial conditions,  
 158 while the terms in the second square bracket incorporate only the interval body forcings  
 159 and heatings. The compressible f-plane polarization relations are given in Sec. 6.

### 160 3. Wave and Mean Responses to Initial Conditions

161 We now derive the initial value solutions. We set  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{F}} = 0$ , and take the inverse Laplace  
 162 transform of Eq. (32). Here, we use the fact that the inverse transform of  $\mathcal{L}(\tilde{\psi})$  is

$$163 \quad \tilde{\psi}(t) = \int_0^\infty e^{s_r t} \mathcal{L}(\tilde{\psi}) ds_r = e^{i(k\bar{U}+l\bar{V})t} \int_0^\infty e^{st} \mathcal{L}(\tilde{\psi}) ds, \quad (46)$$

164 where we have used Eq. (31), since  $ds_r = ds$ . We then solve Eqs.(19)-(23) with  $\mathcal{F} = 0$ .

165 The compressible initial value solutions (denoted by the subscripts ‘‘IV’’) are then

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\xi}_{IV}(t) = & e^{i(k\bar{U}+l\bar{V})t} \left[ \frac{i}{f^2 - \omega_1^2} \left\{ \left( \frac{lfE}{\omega_1} - k\omega_1 F \right) \sin \omega_1 t + (kE + lfF) \cos \omega_1 t \right\} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{i}{f^2 - \omega_2^2} \left\{ \left( \frac{lfG}{\omega_2} - k\omega_2 H \right) \sin \omega_2 t + (kG + lfH) \cos \omega_2 t \right\} + \frac{iI}{f} \right] \quad (47) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\sigma}_{IV}(t) = & e^{i(k\bar{U}+l\bar{V})t} \left[ \frac{i}{f^2 - \omega_1^2} \left\{ - \left( \frac{kfE}{\omega_1} + l\omega_1 F \right) \sin \omega_1 t + (lE - kfF) \cos \omega_1 t \right\} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{i}{f^2 - \omega_2^2} \left\{ - \left( \frac{kfG}{\omega_2} + l\omega_2 H \right) \sin \omega_2 t + (lG - kfH) \cos \omega_2 t \right\} - \frac{iK}{f} \right] \quad (48) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\eta}_{IV}(t) = & e^{i(k\bar{U}+l\bar{V})t} \left( im_s - \frac{1}{\gamma\mathcal{H}} \right) \left\{ \frac{1}{N_B^2 - \omega_1^2} (E \cos \omega_1 t - F\omega_1 \sin \omega_1 t) \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{N_B^2 - \omega_2^2} (G \cos \omega_2 t - H\omega_2 \sin \omega_2 t) \right\} \quad (49) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\phi}_{IV}(t) = & e^{i(k\bar{U}+l\bar{V})t} \left[ \frac{(-\omega_1^2 + im_s(\gamma-1)g)}{c_s^2(N_B^2 - \omega_1^2)} \left( \frac{E}{\omega_1} \sin \omega_1 t + F \cos \omega_1 t \right) \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{(-\omega_2^2 + im_s(\gamma-1)g)}{c_s^2(N_B^2 - \omega_2^2)} \left( \frac{G}{\omega_2} \sin \omega_2 t + H \cos \omega_2 t \right) + \frac{im_s}{g} I \right] \quad (50) \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{\psi}_{IV}(t) = e^{i(k\bar{U}+l\bar{V})t} \left[ \frac{E}{\omega_1} \sin \omega_1 t + F \cos \omega_1 t + \frac{G}{\omega_2} \sin \omega_2 t + H \cos \omega_2 t + I \right], \quad (51)$$

166 where

$$\epsilon = im_s g \tilde{\psi}(0) + g \tilde{\phi}(0) \delta \quad (52)$$

$$E = \frac{1}{s_2^2 - s_1^2} \left[ \delta(s_1^2 + f^2) \tilde{\eta}(0) - ic_s^2 \alpha(s_1^2 + N_B^2) \right] \quad (53)$$

$$F = -\frac{1}{s_1^2(s_2^2 - s_1^2)} \left[ (\tilde{\psi}(0)s_1^2 + \epsilon)(s_1^2 + f^2) + ic_s^2 \beta f(s_1^2 + N_B^2) \right] \quad (54)$$

$$G = \frac{1}{s_2^2 - s_1^2} \left[ -\delta(s_2^2 + f^2) \tilde{\eta}(0) + ic_s^2 \alpha(s_2^2 + N_B^2) \right] \quad (55)$$

$$H = \frac{1}{s_2^2(s_2^2 - s_1^2)} \left[ (\tilde{\psi}(0)s_2^2 + \epsilon)(s_2^2 + f^2) + ic_s^2 \beta f(s_2^2 + N_B^2) \right] \quad (56)$$

$$I = \frac{f}{s_1^2 s_2^2} (f\epsilon + ic_s^2 \beta N_B^2). \quad (57)$$

167 Special case solutions are given in Appendix A. Note that the GW and AW solutions  
 168 are separate and distinct; the GW terms are proportional to  $\sin \omega_1 t$  and  $\cos \omega_1 t$ , while  
 169 the AW terms are proportional to  $\sin \omega_2 t$  and  $\cos \omega_2 t$ . We compare our solutions in the  
 170 Boussinesq limit (i.e.,  $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \infty$  and  $c_s^2 \rightarrow \infty$ ) with the Boussinesq initial value solutions  
 171 derived in VF01. First, we convert the density to potential temperature  $\theta$ . Combining  
 172 Eq. (6) with the ideal gas law and linearizing, we get

$$\frac{\rho'}{\bar{\rho}} = \frac{1}{c_s^2} \frac{p'}{\bar{p}} - \frac{\theta'}{\bar{\theta}}. \quad (58)$$

174 Neglecting the pressure perturbation in the Boussinesq approximation (since it is pro-  
 175 portional to  $1/c_s^2$ ), we find that

$$\theta'/\bar{\theta} \simeq -\rho'/\bar{\rho}. \quad (59)$$

177 It is then easy to show that Eqs. (47)-(51) reduce to Eqs. (B.1)-(B.5) in VF01.

#### 178 4. Wave and mean responses to interval forcings/heatings

179 The function  $\mathcal{F}(t)$  is the temporal portion of the forcing/heating, which turns on and  
 180 off smoothly for a finite interval in time in order to represent the temporal evolution

181 of realistic body forcings/heatings. In order to take the inverse Laplace transform of  
 182 Eq. (32),  $\mathcal{F}(t)$  must be a reasonably simple analytic function. Here, we choose  $\mathcal{F}$  to be  
 183 the same function as in VF01:

$$\mathcal{F}(t) = \frac{1}{\chi} \begin{cases} (1 - \cos \hat{a}t) & \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq \chi \\ 0 & \text{for } t \leq 0 \text{ and } t \geq \chi. \end{cases} \quad (60)$$

184 The interval forcing/heating lasts from  $t = 0$  to  $\chi$ , and has a frequency,  $\hat{a}$ , of

$$185 \quad \hat{a} \equiv 2\pi n/\chi. \quad (61)$$

186 The number of cycles within the total duration  $\chi$  is  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , a positive integer. If  
 187  $n = 1$ , then only a single forcing/heating occurs over  $\chi$ . An impulsive forcing is a special  
 188 case of this more general forcing, and is obtained by setting  $n = 1$  and  $\chi \rightarrow 0$ . The  
 189 Laplace transform of Eq. (60) is

$$190 \quad \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{F}} = \frac{1}{\chi} (1 - e^{-s_r \chi}) \frac{\hat{a}^2}{s_r (s_r^2 + \hat{a}^2)}. \quad (62)$$

191 For simplicity, we set the background mean winds to zero here. Then  $s = s_r$  from Eq. (31).  
 192 We plug Eq. (62) into Eq. (32), and set all terms in the first square bracket equal to zero  
 193 (i.e.,  $\tilde{\xi}(0) = \tilde{\sigma}(0) = \tilde{\eta}(0) = \tilde{\phi}(0) = \tilde{\psi}(0) = 0$ ). We then take the inverse Laplace  
 194 transform of Eq. (32) to determine  $\tilde{\psi}$ . Finally, we solve Eqs.(19)-(23) to determine the  
 195 other variables. The forced/heated solutions (denoted by the subscripts ‘‘FH’’) during  
 196 the forcing/heating (i.e., when  $0 \leq t \leq \chi$ ) are

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\xi}_{FH}(t) &= \frac{1}{\chi} \left[ i\hat{a}^2 l \frac{K}{f} t + \frac{(\cos \hat{a}t - 1)}{f^2 - \hat{a}^2} \left\{ i\hat{a}^2 (kM + lfN) - f\widetilde{F}_{ys} \right\} \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{\hat{a} \sin \hat{a}t}{f^2 - \hat{a}^2} \left\{ i(-k\hat{a}^2 N + lfM) + \widetilde{F}_{xs} \right\} \\ &\quad + i\hat{a}^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{f^2 - \omega_1^2} \left[ (kO + lfP)(\cos \omega_1 t - 1) + (-k\omega_1 P + \frac{lfO}{\omega_1}) \sin \omega_1 t \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{f^2 - \omega_2^2} \left[ (kQ + lfR)(\cos \omega_2 t - 1) + (-k\omega_2 R + \frac{lfQ}{\omega_2}) \sin \omega_2 t \right] \right\} \Bigg] \quad (63) \\ \tilde{\sigma}_{FH}(t) &= \frac{1}{\chi} \left[ -i\hat{a}^2 k \frac{K}{f} t + \frac{(\cos \hat{a}t - 1)}{f^2 - \hat{a}^2} \left\{ i\hat{a}^2 (lM - kfN) + f\widetilde{F}_{xs} \right\} \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{\hat{a} \sin \hat{a} t}{f^2 - \hat{a}^2} \left\{ -i(l\hat{a}^2 N + kfM) + \widetilde{F}_{ys} \right\} \\
& + i\hat{a}^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{f^2 - \omega_1^2} \left[ (lO - kfP)(\cos \omega_1 t - 1) - (l\omega_1 P + \frac{kfO}{\omega_1}) \sin \omega_1 t \right] \right. \\
& \left. + \frac{1}{f^2 - \omega_2^2} \left[ (lQ - kfR)(\cos \omega_2 t - 1) - (l\omega_2 R + \frac{kfQ}{\omega_2}) \sin \omega_2 t \right] \right\} \quad (64)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\eta}_{FH}(t) = & \frac{1}{\chi\gamma\mathcal{H}} \left[ \frac{1}{N_B^2 - \hat{a}^2} \left\{ [\hat{a}^2(i\gamma\mathcal{H}m_s - 1)M - \widetilde{J}_s] (\cos \hat{a}t - 1) \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \hat{a} \left[ -\hat{a}^2(i\gamma\mathcal{H}m_s - 1)N + \gamma\mathcal{H}\widetilde{F}_{zs} \right] \sin \hat{a}t \right\} \right. \\
& \left. + \hat{a}^2(i\gamma\mathcal{H}m_s - 1) \left\{ \frac{1}{N_B^2 - \omega_1^2} [O(\cos \omega_1 t - 1) - P\omega_1 \sin \omega_1 t] \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \frac{1}{N_B^2 - \omega_2^2} [Q(\cos \omega_2 t - 1) - R\omega_2 \sin \omega_2 t] \right\} \right] \quad (65)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\phi}_{FH}(t) = & \frac{1}{\chi c_s^2} \left[ \frac{im_s g(\gamma - 1)\hat{a}^2}{N_B^2} Kt - \frac{\hat{a} \sin \hat{a} t}{N_B^2 - \hat{a}^2} \left\{ M(\hat{a}^2 - im_s g(\gamma - 1)) + \widetilde{J}_s \right\} \right. \\
& - \frac{(\cos \hat{a}t - 1)}{N_B^2 - \hat{a}^2} \left\{ \hat{a}^2 N(\hat{a}^2 - im_s g(\gamma - 1)) + g(\gamma - 1)\widetilde{F}_{zs} \right\} \\
& + \hat{a}^2 \left\{ \left( \frac{im_s g(\gamma - 1) - \omega_1^2}{N_B^2 - \omega_1^2} \right) \left[ \frac{O}{\omega_1} \sin \omega_1 t + P(\cos \omega_1 t - 1) \right] \right. \\
& \left. + \left( \frac{im_s g(\gamma - 1) - \omega_2^2}{N_B^2 - \omega_2^2} \right) \left[ \frac{Q}{\omega_2} \sin \omega_2 t + R(\cos \omega_2 t - 1) \right] \right\} \quad (66)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\psi}_{FH}(t) = & \frac{\hat{a}^2}{\chi} \left[ Kt + \frac{M}{\hat{a}} \sin \hat{a}t + N(\cos \hat{a}t - 1) + \frac{O}{\omega_1} \sin \omega_1 t + P(\cos \omega_1 t - 1) \right. \\
& \left. + \frac{Q}{\omega_2} \sin \omega_2 t + R(\cos \omega_2 t - 1) \right]. \quad (67)
\end{aligned}$$

197 The forced/heated solutions after the forcing/heating is finished (i.e., when  $t \geq \chi$ ) are

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\xi}_{FH}(t) = & \frac{i\hat{a}^2}{\chi} \left[ l\chi \frac{K}{f} + \frac{1}{f^2 - \omega_1^2} \left\{ (kO + lfP)\mathcal{C}(\omega_1) + (-k\omega_1 P + \frac{lfO}{\omega_1})\mathcal{S}(\omega_1) \right\} \right. \\
& \left. + \frac{1}{f^2 - \omega_2^2} \left\{ (kQ + lfR)\mathcal{C}(\omega_2) + (-k\omega_2 R + \frac{lfQ}{\omega_2})\mathcal{S}(\omega_2) \right\} \right] \quad (68)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\sigma}_{FH}(t) = & \frac{i\hat{a}^2}{\chi} \left[ -k\chi \frac{K}{f} + \frac{1}{f^2 - \omega_1^2} \left\{ (lO - kfP)\mathcal{C}(\omega_1) - (l\omega_1 P + \frac{kfO}{\omega_1})\mathcal{S}(\omega_1) \right\} \right. \\
& \left. + \frac{1}{f^2 - \omega_2^2} \left\{ (lQ - kfR)\mathcal{C}(\omega_2) - (l\omega_2 R + \frac{kfQ}{\omega_2})\mathcal{S}(\omega_2) \right\} \right] \quad (69)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{\eta}_{FH}(t) = \frac{\hat{a}^2(i\gamma\mathcal{H}m_s - 1)}{\chi\gamma\mathcal{H}} \left[ \frac{1}{N_B^2 - \omega_1^2} [O\mathcal{C}(\omega_1) - P\omega_1\mathcal{S}(\omega_1)] \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{N_B^2 - \omega_2^2} [QC(\omega_2) - R\omega_2\mathcal{S}(\omega_2)] \quad (70)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\phi}_{FH}(t) = & \frac{1}{\chi c_s^2} \left[ \frac{im_s g(\gamma - 1)\hat{a}^2}{N_B^2} K\chi + \hat{a}^2 \left\{ \left( \frac{im_s g(\gamma - 1) - \omega_1^2}{N_B^2 - \omega_1^2} \right) \left[ \frac{O}{\omega_1} \mathcal{S}(\omega_1) + PC(\omega_1) \right] \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \left( \frac{im_s g(\gamma - 1) - \omega_2^2}{N_B^2 - \omega_2^2} \right) \left[ \frac{Q}{\omega_2} \mathcal{S}(\omega_2) + RC(\omega_2) \right] \right\} \right] \quad (71) \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{\psi}_{FH}(t) = \frac{\hat{a}^2}{\chi} \left[ K\chi + \frac{O}{\omega_1} \mathcal{S}(\omega_1) + PC(\omega_1) + \frac{Q}{\omega_2} \mathcal{S}(\omega_2) + RC(\omega_2) \right]. \quad (72)$$

198 Here, we have defined

$$\mathcal{S}(\omega) \equiv \sin \omega t - \sin \omega(t - \chi) \quad (73)$$

$$\mathcal{C}(\omega) \equiv \cos \omega t - \cos \omega(t - \chi) \quad (74)$$

$$K = \frac{f}{\hat{a}^2 s_1^2 s_2^2} (ic_s^2 B_F N_B^2 + im_s g f \tilde{J}_s) \quad (75)$$

$$(76)$$

$$M = \frac{1}{\hat{a}^2(\hat{a}^2 + s_1^2)(\hat{a}^2 + s_2^2)} (-ic_s^2 f B_F(N_B^2 - \hat{a}^2) + (\hat{a}^2 - f^2)(im_s g - \hat{a}^2)\tilde{J}_s) \quad (77)$$

$$N = \frac{1}{\hat{a}^2(\hat{a}^2 + s_1^2)(\hat{a}^2 + s_2^2)} (-ic_s^2 A_F(N_B^2 - \hat{a}^2) - \delta(\hat{a}^2 - f^2)\widetilde{F_{zs}}) \quad (78)$$

$$O = \frac{1}{s_1^2(s_2^2 - s_1^2)(\hat{a}^2 + s_1^2)} (-ic_s^2 f B_F(N_B^2 + s_1^2) - (im_s g + s_1^2)(f^2 + s_1^2)\tilde{J}_s) \quad (79)$$

$$P = \frac{1}{s_1^2(s_2^2 - s_1^2)(\hat{a}^2 + s_1^2)} (-ic_s^2 A_F(N_B^2 + s_1^2) + \delta(f^2 + s_1^2)\widetilde{F_{zs}}) \quad (80)$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{s_2^2(s_2^2 - s_1^2)(\hat{a}^2 + s_2^2)} (ic_s^2 f B_F(N_B^2 + s_2^2) + (im_s g + s_2^2)(f^2 + s_2^2)\tilde{J}_s) \quad (81)$$

$$R = \frac{1}{s_2^2(s_2^2 - s_1^2)(\hat{a}^2 + s_2^2)} (ic_s^2 A_F(N_B^2 + s_2^2) - \delta(f^2 + s_2^2)\widetilde{F_{zs}}). \quad (82)$$

199 The special case solutions are given in Appendix B. It can be shown that these forced/heated  
 200 solutions equal the impulsive solutions when  $\chi \rightarrow 0$  and  $\bar{U} = \bar{V} = 0$ . As with the initial  
 201 solutions, the GW and AW terms are separate and distinct; the GW terms are propor-  
 202 tional to  $\sin \omega_1 t$  and  $\cos \omega_1 t$ , while the AW terms are proportional to  $\sin \omega_2 t$  and  $\cos \omega_2 t$ .  
 203 Although these solutions are quite complicated, they are easily solvable analytically in  
 204 specific limits (see Sec. 5) and numerically (see Sec. 6-8). Eqs. (63)-(72), (28) and (16)

205 contain the GW and AW spectral solutions in  $(k, l, m)$  space. Taking the inverse Fourier  
 206 transform yields the compressible solutions in real space.

## 207 5. Forced/Heated Compressible Solutions for $f = 0$

208 In this section, we calculate the compressible solutions for  $f = 0$  after the forc-  
 209 ings/heatings are finished. This is applicable for medium and high frequency waves  
 210 (such that the Coriolis force can be neglected). We show that the compressible mean  
 211 and GW solutions equal the Boussinesq mean and GW solutions in the limit that  $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \infty$   
 212 and  $c_s^2 \rightarrow \infty$ , as they should.

### 213 1. Zonal body force

214 The post-forcing ( $t \geq \chi$ ) Boussinesq GW zonal and vertical velocity and potential  
 215 temperature perturbations that arise from a zonal body force with  $f = 0$  are (VF01):

$$\tilde{u}' = \frac{l^2}{k_H^2} \tilde{F}_x + \left\{ \frac{k^2}{k_H^2} \left( 1 - \frac{\omega_1^2}{N_B^2} \right) \frac{\hat{a}^2}{\chi \omega_1 (\hat{a}^2 - \omega_1^2)} \mathcal{S}(\omega_1) \right\} \tilde{F}_x, \quad (83)$$

$$\tilde{w}' = -\frac{km}{k_H^2} \frac{\omega_1^2}{N_B^2} \frac{\hat{a}^2}{\chi \omega_1 (\hat{a}^2 - \omega_1^2)} \tilde{F}_x \mathcal{S}(\omega_1), \quad (84)$$

$$\tilde{\theta}'/\bar{\theta} = -\frac{km\omega_1}{gk_H^2} \frac{\hat{a}^2}{\chi \omega_1 (\hat{a}^2 - \omega_1^2)} \tilde{F}_x \mathcal{C}(\omega_1). \quad (85)$$

216 Note that the zonal velocity perturbation is composed of mean and GW components. The  
 217 post-forcing ( $t \geq \chi$ ) compressible zonal and vertical velocity and density perturbations  
 218 from a zonal body force with  $f = 0$  (from Eqs. (68), (70)-(71), (16)) are

$$\begin{aligned} (e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} \tilde{w}') &= \frac{l^2}{k_H^2} (e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} \tilde{F}_x) + \frac{k^2}{N_B^2 k_H^2} \left[ \frac{1}{1 - \omega_1^2/\omega_2^2} \right] (e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} \tilde{F}_x) \\ &\quad \left\{ (N_B^2 - \omega_1^2) \frac{\hat{a}^2 \mathcal{S}(\omega_1)}{\chi \omega_1 (\hat{a}^2 - \omega_1^2)} - \frac{\omega_1^2}{\omega_2^2} (N_B^2 - \omega_2^2) \frac{\hat{a}^2 \mathcal{S}(\omega_2)}{\chi \omega_2 (\hat{a}^2 - \omega_2^2)} \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (86)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} \tilde{w}') &= \frac{km\omega_1^2}{k_H^2 N_B^2} \left[ \frac{1 + i \left( \frac{2-\gamma}{2\gamma\mathcal{H}m} \right)}{1 - \omega_1^2/\omega_2^2} \right] (e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} \tilde{F}_x) \\ &\quad \left\{ -\frac{\hat{a}^2 \mathcal{S}(\omega_1)}{\chi \omega_1 (\hat{a}^2 - \omega_1^2)} + \frac{\hat{a}^2 \mathcal{S}(\omega_2)}{\chi \omega_2 (\hat{a}^2 - \omega_2^2)} \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (87)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}}\widetilde{\rho}'/\bar{\rho}) &= \frac{km\omega_1^2}{gk_H^2} \left[ \frac{1}{1 - \omega_1^2/\omega_2^2} \right] (e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}}F_x) \frac{\hat{a}^2}{\chi} \\
&\left\{ \frac{\left[ 1 + \frac{i}{\gamma m \mathcal{H}} \left( \frac{\omega_1^2}{N_B^2} - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \right] \mathcal{C}(\omega_1)}{\omega_1^2(\hat{a}^2 - \omega_1^2)} - \frac{\left[ 1 + \frac{i}{\gamma m \mathcal{H}} \left( \frac{\omega_2^2}{N_B^2} - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \right] \mathcal{C}(\omega_2)}{\omega_2^2(\hat{a}^2 - \omega_2^2)} \right\} \quad (88)
\end{aligned}$$

219 Here, each widetilde “  $\sim$  ” encompasses all factors within the parenthesis. Those  
220 terms proportional to  $\mathcal{S}(\omega_1)$  and  $\mathcal{C}(\omega_1)$  are the GW solutions, while those propor-  
221 tional to  $\mathcal{S}(\omega_2)$  and  $\mathcal{C}(\omega_2)$  are the AW solutions. There are several differences between  
222 the compressible and Boussinesq GW solutions. First, the zonal body force and the  
223 GW compressible solutions are multiplied by  $\exp(-z/2\mathcal{H})$  before taking their Fourier  
224 transforms. Therefore, if the depth of the body force is much greater than  $\mathcal{H}$ , the  
225 compressible solutions are expected to differ significantly from the Boussinesq solutions.  
226 Second, the compressible GW solutions include the extra terms in square brackets in  
227 Eqs. (86)-(88). The numerator of the [ ] term in Eq. (87) equals one if  $\mathcal{H}m \gg 1$  (i.e.,  
228 if  $\lambda_z \ll 2\pi\mathcal{H}$ ), and the denominators of the [ ] terms in Eqs. (86)-(88) equal one if  
229  $\omega_1^2/\omega_2^2 \ll 1$ . From Eqs. (41)-(42), this later expression is satisfied if  $4b/a^2 \ll 1$  or  
230  $2N_B/c_s \ll (\mathbf{k}^2 + 1/4\mathcal{H}^2)/k_H$ . Setting  $\omega_1^2 = k_H^2 N_B^2 / (\mathbf{k}^2 + 1/4\mathcal{H}^2)$ , this condition becomes  
231  $c_H \ll c_s/2$ , where the horizontal phase speed is  $c_H = \omega_1/k_H$ .

232 We now compare Eqs. (86)-(88) with Eqs. (83)-(85). We see that the compressible  
233 mean and GW solutions simplify to the Boussinesq solutions for  $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \infty$  and  $c_s^2 \rightarrow \infty$ ,  
234 since  $\omega_1^2/\omega_2^2 \simeq b/a^2 \propto c_s^{-2}$ . Here, we have used the Boussinesq approximation that  
235  $\rho'/\bar{\rho} \simeq -\theta'/\bar{\theta}$  from Eq. (59).

236 Fig. 1 shows contours of  $\omega_1^2/\omega_2^2$  as a function of the horizontal wavelength  $\lambda_H = 2\pi/k_H$   
237 and the vertical wavelength  $\lambda_z = 2\pi/m$ . Here, the buoyancy period is  $\tau_b = 5.2$  min.  
238 We see that  $\omega_1^2/\omega_2^2 \leq 0.25$ , even for very large  $c_H$ . Therefore, there are likely only  
239 small changes in the GW compressible amplitudes due to the factor  $[1 - \omega_1^2/\omega_2^2]$  in the  
240 denominators of Eqs. (86)-(87). The right y axis shows the corresponding values of

241  $m\mathcal{H}$ . For vertical wavelengths of importance in the thermosphere, we see that  $m\mathcal{H}$  is  
 242 of order or smaller than 1. Therefore, we expect the GW velocity perturbations to be  
 243 significantly affected by compressibility for  $\lambda_z \gtrsim \pi\mathcal{H}$  as compared to the Boussinesq  
 244 solutions. This suggests that the compressible amplitudes for GWs with  $\lambda_z \gtrsim 30$  km  
 245 may depart significantly from the Boussinesq amplitudes.

246 Finally, Eq. (87) shows that the AW and GW vertical velocity amplitudes are com-  
 247 parable when the forcings/heatings are essentially impulsive. Essentially impulsive forc-  
 248 ings/heatings have  $\chi \ll \tau_c$ , where  $\tau_c$  is the characteristic time found by plugging the  
 249 spatial scales of the forcing/heating into the wave dispersion relation (VF01). This is  
 250 because

$$251 \quad \mathcal{S}(\omega) \simeq \omega\chi \cos \omega t, \quad (89)$$

252  $\hat{a}^2 \gg \omega_1^2$ , and  $\hat{a}^2 \gg \omega_2^2$  for impulsive forcings. However, the AW zonal velocity amplitudes  
 253 are reduced by  $\simeq \omega_1^2/N_B^2$  from the GW amplitudes, even for essentially impulsive forcings.  
 254 For forcings with  $n = 1$  and  $\chi \gg 5$  min (typical of horizontal body forces created  
 255 by geostrophic adjustment of the jet stream), the AW zonal and vertical and density  
 256 perturbation amplitudes are further reduced by

$$257 \quad (2\pi)^{-1} \hat{a}^3 / \omega_2^3, \quad (90)$$

258 because  $2\pi/\omega_2$  is smaller than 5 min. The GW amplitudes are only significantly reduced  
 259 for GWs with periods  $\tau_{Ir} < \chi/2$ ; GWs with periods  $> \chi/2$  are still excited with significant  
 260 amplitudes. Therefore, the AW source amplitudes are much smaller than the GW source  
 261 amplitudes for horizontal forcings with  $\chi \gg 5$  min. We explore the GW and AW solutions  
 262 for several important examples in Vadas (2010).

## 263 *2. Vertical body force*

264 The post-forcing ( $t \geq \chi$ ) GW Boussinesq zonal and vertical velocity and potential  
 265 temperature perturbations resulting from a vertical body force with  $f = 0$  are (VF01):

$$\tilde{u}' = -\frac{km}{k_H^2 N_B^2} \frac{\omega_1^2}{\chi \omega_1 (\hat{a}^2 - \omega_1^2)} \hat{a}^2 \tilde{F}_z \mathcal{S}(\omega_1), \quad (91)$$

$$\tilde{w}' = \left(\frac{\omega_1}{N_B}\right)^2 \frac{\hat{a}^2}{\chi \omega_1 (\hat{a}^2 - \omega_1^2)} \tilde{F}_z \mathcal{S}(\omega_1), \quad (92)$$

$$\tilde{\theta}'/\bar{\theta} = \frac{\omega_1}{g} \frac{\hat{a}^2}{\chi \omega_1 (\hat{a}^2 - \omega_1^2)} \tilde{F}_z \mathcal{C}(\omega_1). \quad (93)$$

266 No mean winds are created from vertical body forces. The post-forcing ( $t \geq \chi$ ) com-  
 267 pressible zonal and vertical velocity and density perturbations resulting from a vertical  
 268 body force with  $f = 0$  (from Eqs. (68), (70)-(71), and (16)) are

$$\begin{aligned} (e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} \tilde{u}') &= \frac{km\omega_1^2}{k_H^2 N_B^2} \left[ \frac{1 + i \left( \frac{\gamma-2}{2\gamma\mathcal{H}m} \right)}{1 - \omega_1^2/\omega_2^2} \right] (e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} F_z) \\ &\quad \left\{ -\frac{\hat{a}^2 \mathcal{S}(\omega_1)}{\chi \omega_1 (\hat{a}^2 - \omega_1^2)} + \frac{\hat{a}^2 \mathcal{S}(\omega_2)}{\chi \omega_2 (\hat{a}^2 - \omega_2^2)} \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (94)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} \tilde{w}') &= \frac{m^2 \omega_1^2}{k_H^2 N_B^2} \left[ \frac{1 + \left( \frac{\gamma-2}{2\gamma\mathcal{H}m} \right)^2}{1 - \omega_1^2/\omega_2^2} \right] \frac{\hat{a}^2}{\chi} (e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} F_z) \\ &\quad \left\{ \frac{\omega_1 \mathcal{S}(\omega_1)}{(N_B^2 - \omega_1^2)(\hat{a}^2 - \omega_1^2)} - \frac{\omega_2 \mathcal{S}(\omega_2)}{(N_B^2 - \omega_2^2)(\hat{a}^2 - \omega_2^2)} \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (95)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} \tilde{\rho}'/\bar{\rho}) &= -\frac{m^2 \omega_1^2}{g k_H^2} \left[ \frac{1 + i \left( \frac{\gamma-2}{2\gamma m \mathcal{H}} \right)}{1 - \omega_1^2/\omega_2^2} \right] \frac{\hat{a}^2}{\chi} (e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} F_z) \\ &\quad \left\{ \frac{\left[ 1 + \frac{i}{\gamma m \mathcal{H}} \left( \frac{\omega_1^2}{N_B^2} - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \right] \mathcal{C}(\omega_1)}{(N_B^2 - \omega_1^2)(\hat{a}^2 - \omega_1^2)} - \frac{\left[ 1 + \frac{i}{\gamma m \mathcal{H}} \left( \frac{\omega_2^2}{N_B^2} - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \right] \mathcal{C}(\omega_2)}{(N_B^2 - \omega_2^2)(\hat{a}^2 - \omega_2^2)} \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (96)$$

269 As before, those terms proportional to  $\mathcal{S}(\omega_1)$  and  $\mathcal{C}(\omega_1)$  are the GW solutions, while  
 270 those terms proportional to  $\mathcal{S}(\omega_2)$  and  $\mathcal{C}(\omega_2)$  are the AW solutions. Since

$$271 \frac{m^2 \omega_1^2}{k_H^2 (N_B^2 - \omega_1^2)} \simeq 1 \quad (97)$$

272 and  $\omega_1^2 \ll \omega_2^2$  in the Boussinesq limit, we verify that the compressible solutions equal the  
 273 Boussinesq solutions for  $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \infty$  and  $c_s^2 \rightarrow \infty$ . As with the zonal body force, the vertical

274 body force and GW perturbations are multiplied by  $\exp(-z/2\mathcal{H})$  prior to taking their  
 275 Fourier transforms for the compressible solution. This factor is important for vertical  
 276 body forces much deeper than  $\mathcal{H}$ . Although the  $(1 - \omega_1^2/\omega_2^2)$  factors are not expected  
 277 to significantly affect the compressible GW amplitudes (see Sec. 5a), the factors in the  
 278 numerators of the square brackets in Eqs. (94)-(96) are expected to significantly alter the  
 279 GW compressible amplitudes for  $\lambda_z \gtrsim 30$  km (see Fig. 1).

280 For essentially impulsive forcings (i.e.,  $\chi \ll \tau_c$ ), the GW and AW zonal velocity  
 281 amplitudes are nearly the same. However, the vertical velocity amplitude of the AW  
 282 can be much larger than that of the GW by  $N_B^2/\omega_1^2$ . For forces with  $\chi \gg 5$  min, the  
 283 AW amplitudes are suppressed by  $(2\pi)^{-1}\hat{a}^3/\omega_2^3$  from their impulsive values. Additionally,  
 284 while the amplitude of those GWs with periods  $\tau < \chi/2$  (and  $n = 1$ ) are significantly  
 285 reduced, the amplitudes those GWs with  $\tau > \chi$  equal their impulsive amplitudes. We  
 286 explore the GW and AW solutions for the overshooting of a deep convective plume in  
 287 Vadas (2010).

### 288 3. Heating

289 If we define  $J_B$  to be the Boussinesq external heating (i.e., written as  $J(\mathbf{x})$  on the  
 290 right-hand-side of Eq. (2.4) in VF01), then using Eq. (8),  $J$  on the right-hand-side of  
 291 Eq. (3) is related to  $J_B$  via

$$292 \quad J \simeq \frac{\gamma\mathcal{H}}{r} J_B. \quad (98)$$

293 The post-forcing ( $t \geq \chi$ ) Boussinesq, GW zonal and vertical velocity and potential  
 294 temperature perturbations from a heating are (VF01):

$$\tilde{u}' = \frac{km\omega_1}{k_H^2 N_B^2} \frac{\hat{a}^2}{\chi\omega_1(\hat{a}^2 - \omega_1^2)} \tilde{J}_B \mathcal{C}(\omega_1), \quad (99)$$

$$\tilde{w}' = -\frac{\omega_1}{N_B^2} \frac{\hat{a}^2}{\chi\omega_1(\hat{a}^2 - \omega_1^2)} \tilde{J}_B \mathcal{C}(\omega_1), \quad (100)$$

$$\tilde{\theta}'/\bar{\theta} = \frac{1}{g} \frac{\hat{a}^2}{\chi\omega_1(\hat{a}^2 - \omega_1^2)} \tilde{J}_B \mathcal{S}(\omega_1). \quad (101)$$

295 For the same heating, the post-forcing ( $t \geq \chi$ ) compressible, zonal and vertical veloc-  
 296 ity GW perturbations (from Eqs. (68), (70), and (16)) are

$$(e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}}u') = \frac{km\omega_1^2}{k_H^2 N_B^2} \left[ \frac{1}{1 - \omega_1^2/\omega_2^2} \right] \left( \frac{\mathbf{r}}{\gamma\mathcal{H}} e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} J \right) \frac{\hat{a}^2}{\chi} \left\{ \frac{\left[ 1 + i \left( \frac{\omega_1^2}{gm} - \frac{1}{2m\mathcal{H}} \right) \right] \mathcal{C}(\omega_1)}{\omega_1^2 (\hat{a}^2 - \omega_1^2)} - \frac{\left[ 1 + i \left( \frac{\omega_2^2}{gm} - \frac{1}{2m\mathcal{H}} \right) \right] \mathcal{C}(\omega_2)}{\omega_2^2 (\hat{a}^2 - \omega_2^2)} \right\} \quad (102)$$

$$(e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}}w') = -\frac{m^2\omega_1^2}{k_H^2 N_B^2} \left[ \frac{1 + i \left( \frac{2-\gamma}{2\gamma\mathcal{H}m} \right)}{1 - \omega_1^2/\omega_2^2} \right] \left( \frac{\mathbf{r}}{\gamma\mathcal{H}} e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} J \right) \frac{\hat{a}^2}{\chi} \left\{ \frac{\left[ 1 + i \left( \frac{\omega_1^2}{gm} - \frac{1}{2m\mathcal{H}} \right) \right] \mathcal{C}(\omega_1)}{(N_B^2 - \omega_1^2)(\hat{a}^2 - \omega_1^2)} - \frac{\left[ 1 + i \left( \frac{\omega_2^2}{gm} - \frac{1}{2m\mathcal{H}} \right) \right] \mathcal{C}(\omega_2)}{(N_B^2 - \omega_2^2)(\hat{a}^2 - \omega_2^2)} \right\}, \quad (103)$$

$$(e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}}\rho'/\bar{\rho}) = -\frac{m^2\omega_1^2}{gk_H^2} \left[ \frac{1}{1 - \omega_1^2/\omega_2^2} \right] \frac{(e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}}J) \hat{a}^2}{\gamma\mathcal{H} \chi} \left\{ \frac{\left[ 1 + \frac{i}{m\gamma\mathcal{H}} \left( \frac{\omega_1^2}{N_B^2} - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \right] \left[ 1 + i \left( \frac{\omega_1^2}{gm} - \frac{1}{2m\mathcal{H}} \right) \right] \mathcal{S}(\omega_1)}{\omega_1(N_B^2 - \omega_1^2)(\hat{a}^2 - \omega_1^2)} - \frac{\left[ 1 + \frac{i}{m\gamma\mathcal{H}} \left( \frac{\omega_2^2}{N_B^2} - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \right] \left[ 1 + i \left( \frac{\omega_2^2}{gm} - \frac{1}{2m\mathcal{H}} \right) \right] \mathcal{S}(\omega_2)}{\omega_2(N_B^2 - \omega_2^2)(\hat{a}^2 - \omega_2^2)} \right\}. \quad (104)$$

297 As before, those terms proportional to  $\mathcal{S}(\omega_1)$  and  $\mathcal{C}(\omega_1)$  are the GW solutions, while those  
 298 terms proportional to  $\mathcal{S}(\omega_2)$  and  $\mathcal{C}(\omega_2)$  are the AW solutions. Using Eq. (98) and the  
 299 fact that  $m^2\omega_1^2 = k_H^2(N_B^2 - \omega_1^2)$  in the Boussinesq limit, we verify that the compressible  
 300 solutions equal the Boussinesq solutions for  $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \infty$  and  $c_s^2 \rightarrow \infty$ . The heating and GW  
 301 solutions are again multiplied by  $\exp(-z/2\mathcal{H})$  prior to taking the Fourier transforms  
 302 for the compressible solutions. This suggests that the compressible solutions will differ  
 303 substantially from the Boussinesq solutions for heatings deeper than  $\mathcal{H}$ . Additionally,  
 304 because the numerators of the GW terms in square brackets are proportional to  $1/m\mathcal{H}$ ,  
 305 it is expected that the compressible amplitudes will be different from the Boussinesq  
 306 amplitudes for GWs with  $\lambda_z \gtrsim 30$  km. We explore the GW and AW solutions for a  
 307 simple auroral heating in Vadas (2010).

## 308 6. f-Plane Polarization Relations

309 In this section, we derive the compressible f-plane polarization relations for GWs and  
 310 AWs. We show how these reduce to the Boussinesq polarization relations. We then  
 311 examine the phase relationships between the GW perturbation velocities, temperatures,  
 312 and densities for varying  $\lambda_z/4\pi\mathcal{H}$ .

### 313 1. Compressible polarization relations

314 We derive the exact, non-dissipative, compressible f-plane polarization relations via  
 315 assuming GW and AW plane wave solutions of the form

$$316 \quad \xi(x, y, z, t) = e^{i(\omega_r t - kx - ly - mz)} \tilde{\xi}(k, l, m). \quad (105)$$

317 This follows the same form as Eq. (18). We define the ‘‘hatted’’ quantities as:

$$\hat{u} = (e^{-z/2\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}} u') = \tilde{\xi}, \quad \hat{v} = (e^{-z/2\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}} v') = \tilde{\sigma}, \quad (106)$$

$$\hat{w} = (e^{-z/2\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}} w') = \tilde{\eta}, \quad \hat{\rho} = (e^{-z/2\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}} \rho'/\bar{\rho}) = \tilde{\phi}, \quad (107)$$

$$\hat{p} = (e^{-z/2\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}} p'/\bar{p}) = \tilde{\psi}, \quad \hat{T} = (e^{-z/2\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}} T'/\bar{T}) = \tilde{\zeta}, \quad (108)$$

318 where the widetilde ‘‘  $\sim$  ’’ encompasses all factors within each parenthesis. Using  
 319 Eqs.(19)-(23) and (16), we obtain the compressible polarization relations:

$$\hat{u} = \frac{ik\omega_{I_r} + fl}{il\omega_{I_r} - fk} \hat{v}, \quad (109)$$

$$\hat{p} = \frac{i(\omega_{I_r}^2 - f^2)}{ik\omega_{I_r} + fl} \hat{u} = \frac{i(\omega_{I_r}^2 - f^2)}{il\omega_{I_r} - fk} \hat{v}, \quad (110)$$

$$\hat{w} = \frac{-\omega_{I_r}}{(N_B^2 - \omega_{I_r}^2)} \left( m - \frac{i}{2\mathcal{H}} + \frac{i}{\gamma\mathcal{H}} \right) \hat{p}, \quad (111)$$

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{[i(m - \frac{i}{2\mathcal{H}})N_B^2 - \frac{\omega_{I_r}^2}{\gamma\mathcal{H}}]}{g(N_B^2 - \omega_{I_r}^2)} \hat{p}, \quad (112)$$

$$\hat{T} = \frac{-N_B^2(im - \frac{1}{2\mathcal{H}}) + \frac{\omega_{I_r}^2}{\gamma\mathcal{H}}(1 - \gamma)}{g(N_B^2 - \omega_{I_r}^2)} \hat{p}, \quad (113)$$

$$\hat{w} = \frac{-\omega_{I_r}(m - \frac{i}{2\mathcal{H}} + \frac{i}{\gamma\mathcal{H}})(\omega_{I_r}^2 - f^2)(k\omega_{I_r} + ifl)}{(N_B^2 - \omega_{I_r}^2)(k^2\omega_{I_r}^2 + f^2l^2)} \hat{u}, \quad (114)$$

$$\hat{w} = \frac{-\omega_{I_r}(m - \frac{i}{2\mathcal{H}} + \frac{i}{\gamma\mathcal{H}})(\omega_{I_r}^2 - f^2)(l\omega_{I_r} - ifk)}{(N_B^2 - \omega_{I_r}^2)(l^2\omega_{I_r}^2 + f^2k^2)} \hat{v}, \quad (115)$$

$$\hat{w} = \frac{-g\omega_{I_r}(m - \frac{i}{2\mathcal{H}} + \frac{i}{\gamma\mathcal{H}})}{i(m - \frac{i}{2\mathcal{H}})N_B^2 - \frac{\omega_{I_r}^2}{\gamma\mathcal{H}}} \hat{\rho}, \quad (116)$$

$$\hat{T} = \frac{N_B^2(im - \frac{1}{2\mathcal{H}}) - \frac{\omega_{I_r}^2}{\gamma\mathcal{H}}(1 - \gamma)}{g\omega_{I_r}(m - \frac{i}{2\mathcal{H}} + \frac{i}{\gamma\mathcal{H}})} \hat{w}. \quad (117)$$

320 Note that if the GWs and AWs are assumed to have the oscillatory form  $e^{i(-\omega_r t + kx + ly + mz)}$   
 321 instead, then one must replace  $i$  by  $-i$  in Eqs. (109)-(117) to obtain the corresponding  
 322 compressible polarization relations. In the limit that  $f = 0$ , it is easy to show that  
 323 Eqs. (114), (116), and (117) agree with the compressible, dissipative polarization relations  
 324 derived in Vadas and Fritts (2005) (Eqs. (B1)-(B3) in that paper) in the limit that  $\nu = 0$   
 325 (and for  $i \rightarrow -i$ ). Note also that Eq. (110) agrees with Eq. (27) in FA03. However,  
 326 Eq. (111) differs significantly from Eq. (28) in FA03; we conclude that Eq. (28) in FA03  
 327 has a sign error and neglects a term proportional to  $1/\mathcal{H}$ .

## 328 2. Boussinesq polarization relations

329 For GWs with  $\lambda_z \ll 4\pi\mathcal{H}$  (or  $\lambda_z \lesssim 30$  km in the lower atmosphere), Eqs. (109)-(110)  
 330 are exactly the same. However, the rest of the compressible polarization relations reduce  
 331 to the following Boussinesq polarization relations:

$$\hat{w} = \frac{-\omega_{I_r}m}{(N_B^2 - \omega_{I_r}^2)} \hat{p}, \quad (118)$$

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{imN_B^2}{g(N_B^2 - \omega_{I_r}^2)} \hat{p}, \quad (119)$$

$$\hat{T} = \frac{-imN_B^2}{g(N_B^2 - \omega_{I_r}^2)} \hat{p}, \quad (120)$$

$$\hat{w} = \frac{-\omega_{I_r}m(\omega_{I_r}^2 - f^2)(k\omega_{I_r} + ifl)}{(N_B^2 - \omega_{I_r}^2)(k^2\omega_{I_r}^2 + f^2l^2)} \hat{u}, \quad (121)$$

$$\hat{w} = \frac{-\omega_{I_r}m(\omega_{I_r}^2 - f^2)(l\omega_{I_r} - ifk)}{(N_B^2 - \omega_{I_r}^2)(l^2\omega_{I_r}^2 + f^2k^2)} \hat{v}, \quad (122)$$

$$\hat{w} = \frac{ig\omega_{I_r}}{N_B^2} \hat{\rho}, \quad (123)$$

$$\hat{T} = \frac{iN_B^2}{g\omega_{Ir}} \hat{w}. \quad (124)$$

332 If the GWs have the oscillatory form  $e^{i(-\omega_r t + kx + ly + mz)}$  instead, one must replace  $i$  by  $-i$   
 333 in Eqs. (118)-(124) to obtain the corresponding polarization relations.

### 334 3. Phase relationships in the thermosphere for high-frequency GWs

335 We now examine the phase relationships of high-frequency GWs in the lower atmo-  
 336 sphere. We therefore can assume that  $f = 0$ . From Eq. (109),  $\hat{u}$  and  $\hat{v}$  are always 0  
 337 or 180 degrees out of phase, regardless of  $\lambda_z/4\pi\mathcal{H}$ . This is not the case for the vertical  
 338 velocity perturbation. For  $\lambda_z \ll 4\pi\mathcal{H}$  and  $f = 0$ , Eq. (121) becomes

$$339 \quad \hat{w} = \frac{-m}{k} \frac{\omega_{Ir}^2}{(N_B^2 - \omega_{Ir}^2)} \hat{u} \xrightarrow{l=0, m^2 \gg k^2} \frac{-k}{m} \hat{u}. \quad (125)$$

340 The arrow denotes the familiar solution for eastward-propagating GWs ( $l = 0$ ) with  
 341  $m^2 \gg k^2$ . In this case, if the GW is propagating upward (i.e.,  $m < 0$ ), then  $\hat{w}$  is 0  
 342 (180) degrees out of phase with  $\hat{u}$  if the GW is propagating eastward (westward). This is  
 343 the familiar Boussinesq relationship. However, if  $\lambda_z \gtrsim 4\pi\mathcal{H}$ , the phase relationship from  
 344 Eq. (114) is

$$345 \quad \hat{w} = \frac{-m}{k} \left( 1 + \frac{i(2 - \gamma)}{2m\gamma\mathcal{H}} \right) \frac{\omega_{Ir}^2}{(N_B^2 - \omega_{Ir}^2)} \hat{u}. \quad (126)$$

346 Since  $i = \exp(i\pi/2)$ ,  $\hat{w}$  has a different phase relationship with  $\hat{u}$  when  $|\lambda_z/4\pi\mathcal{H}| \gtrsim 1$ .  
 347 Figure 2a shows these solutions for upward and eastward-propagating GWs in the lower  
 348 atmosphere with  $\lambda_x = 300$  km and for  $\lambda_z/4\pi\mathcal{H} = -.11, -1.1, \text{ and } -3.4$ . Here, we choose  
 349  $\mathcal{H} = 7$  km and  $\gamma = 1.4$ , characteristic of the lower atmosphere. Additionally,  $f = 0$ ,  
 350  $y = z = t = 0$ , and the magnitude of  $\hat{u}$  is chosen to be 15 m/s for all GWs. Here, we plot  
 351 all  $\hat{w}$  curves normalized to 25 m/s in order to better see their phase shifts with respect  
 352 to  $\hat{u}$ . As expected,  $\hat{w}$  is nearly exactly in phase with  $\hat{u}$  for the GW with  $\lambda_z/4\pi\mathcal{H} = -.11$ ,  
 353 in good agreement with the Boussinesq solution. However, as  $|\lambda_z/4\pi\mathcal{H}|$  increases to be  
 354 larger than one,  $\hat{w}$  becomes significantly phase-shifted from  $\hat{u}$ . Note that although the

355  $\hat{w}$  curves are phase-shifted, these phase shifts preserve the sinusoidal properties of  $\hat{w}$ .  
 356 Figure 2b shows  $\hat{u}$  and  $11\hat{w}$  for the GW with  $|\lambda_z| = 300$  km. For this GW,  $\hat{w}$  lags  $\hat{u}$  (in  
 357  $x$ ) by  $-55^\circ$ . Because  $\mathcal{H}$  is at least  $\sim 3$  times larger in the thermosphere, significant phase  
 358 shifts will occur for GWs in the thermosphere for correspondingly larger values of  $\lambda_z$ .

359 In the Boussinesq approximation, the temperature and density perturbations are  
 360  $\pm 90^\circ$  out of phase with the horizontal velocity perturbations (see Eqs. (121), (123), and  
 361 (124)). However, this is not true for GWs with very large  $\lambda_z$  (see Eqs. (114), (116), and  
 362 (117)). Fig. 3a shows the temperature perturbations for varying  $\lambda_z/4\pi\mathcal{H}$  for the same  
 363 atmospheric conditions as in Fig. 2. While the magnitude of  $\hat{T}$  does not vary significantly,  
 364 its phase changes substantially with  $\lambda_z/4\pi\mathcal{H}$ . Although  $\hat{T}$  leads  $\hat{u}$  (in  $x$ ) by  $90^\circ$  for small  
 365  $|\lambda_z|$ , the phase of  $\hat{T}$  decreases significantly as  $|\lambda_z|$  increases. For  $\lambda_z = -300$  km,  $\hat{T}$  leads  
 366  $\hat{u}$  by only  $\sim 15 - 20^\circ$ .

367 Fig. 3b shows the variation of  $\rho'/\bar{\rho}$  as a function of  $\lambda_z/4\pi\mathcal{H}$ . Although the magnitude  
 368 of  $\hat{\rho}$  does not vary substantially, the phase depends significantly on  $\lambda_z/4\pi\mathcal{H}$ . While  $\hat{\rho}$  lags  
 369  $\hat{u}$  (in  $x$ ) by  $90^\circ$  for small  $|\lambda_z|$ , the phase of  $\hat{\rho}$  increases significantly as  $|\lambda_z|$  increases. For  
 370  $\lambda_z = -300$  km,  $\hat{\rho}$  lags  $\hat{u}$  by only  $\sim 15 - 20^\circ$ . Fig. 3c and d shows  $\hat{T}$  and  $\hat{\rho}$  for  $\lambda_z = -10$   
 371 and  $-300$  km, respectively. As expected from the Boussinesq relations,  $\hat{T}$  and  $\hat{\rho}$  are  $180^\circ$   
 372 out of phase when  $|\lambda_z/4\pi\mathcal{H}| \ll 1$ . However, for  $\lambda_z = -300$  km,  $\hat{T}$  and  $\hat{\rho}$  are nearly in  
 373 phase ( $\hat{\rho}$  lags  $\hat{T}$  by only  $\sim 40^\circ$ ).

## 374 7. Conclusions

375 In this paper, we derived the compressible f-plane solutions to linear horizontal and  
 376 vertical body forcings and heatings. The solutions consist of mean, GW, and AW  
 377 responses. We showed that the compressible amplitudes for those excited GWs with  
 378  $\lambda_z \lesssim 2\pi\mathcal{H}$  are nearly identical to the Boussinesq amplitudes. However, for GWs with  
 379  $\lambda_z \gtrsim 2\pi\mathcal{H}$ , the solutions are expected to differ substantially. In the lower atmosphere,

380 the compressible solutions are necessary for GWs with  $\lambda_z \gtrsim 50$ .

381 As with the Boussinesq solutions, there is a significant cut-off factor. For forcing  
382 frequencies of  $\hat{a}$ , the amplitudes of the AWs and GWs are with frequencies larger than  
383  $2\hat{a}$  are severely damped by  $(2\pi)^{-1}\hat{a}^3/\omega^3$  from their impulsive values. However, the am-  
384 plitudes of the AWs and GWs with frequencies smaller than  $\hat{a}/2$  are not significantly  
385 changed from their impulsive values.

386 We found that the AW amplitudes are similar to the GW amplitudes for nearly  
387 impulsive forcing durations. However, because AWs have frequencies smaller than  $\sim 5$   
388 min, forcings/heatings with durations  $\chi \gg 5$  min (and  $n = 1$ ) excite AWs with very  
389 small amplitudes.

390 We also derived the exact, non-dissipative, compressible f-plane polarization relations  
391 for GWs and AWs. We found that the phase relationships between  $u'$ ,  $v'$ ,  $w'$ ,  $T'/\bar{T}$ , and  
392  $\rho'/\bar{\rho}$  are far more complicated than the Boussinesq relationships for waves with  $\lambda_z \gtrsim \pi\mathcal{H}$ .  
393 For example, for an eastward, upward-propagating GW with  $\lambda_x = 300$  km and very large  
394  $\lambda_z$ ,  $u'$  and  $w'$  are  $55^\circ$  out of phase (instead of being  $0^\circ$  out of phase in the Boussinesq  
395 approximation), and  $T'/\bar{T}$  and  $\rho'/\bar{\rho}$  are only  $50^\circ$  out of phase (instead of being  $180^\circ$  out  
396 of phase in the Boussinesq approximation).

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## APPENDIX A

### Special Case of the Initial Condition Solutions

400 When  $k = l = k_H = 0$ , then  $\omega_1 = f$  from Eq. (41). This causes the denominators  
 401 of the GW terms in Eqs. (47) and (48) to equal zero. Therefore, we calculate  $\tilde{\xi}_{IV}(t)$   
 402 and  $\tilde{\sigma}_{IV}(t)$  directly from Eqs. (19)-(20) in this special case, since the horizontal velocity  
 403 perturbations decouple from the pressure, vertical velocity, and density perturbations:

$$\tilde{\xi}_{IV}(t) = \tilde{\sigma}(0) \sin ft + \tilde{\xi}(0) \cos ft, \quad (\text{A.1})$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{IV}(t) = -\tilde{\xi}(0) \sin ft + \tilde{\sigma}(0) \cos ft. \quad (\text{A.2})$$

404 When  $k = l = k_H = 0$  and  $f = 0$ , then  $\omega_1 = 0$ . This causes the denominators of  $F$   
 405 and  $I$  to equal zero (see Eqs. (54) and (57)). Instead, the solutions in this special case  
 406 are

$$\tilde{\eta}_{IV}(t) = \frac{im_s - 1/(\gamma\mathcal{H})}{N_B^2 - \omega_2^2} (G' \cos \omega_2 t - H' \omega_2 \sin \omega_2 t) \quad (\text{A.3})$$

$$\tilde{\phi}_{IV}(t) = \frac{-\omega_2^2 + im_s(\gamma - 1)g}{c_s^2(N_B^2 - \omega_2^2)} \left( \frac{G'}{\omega_2} \sin \omega_2 t + H' \cos \omega_2 t \right) + \frac{im_s}{g} I' \quad (\text{A.4})$$

$$\tilde{\psi}_{IV}(t) = \left( \frac{G'}{\omega_2} \sin \omega_2 t + H' \cos \omega_2 t \right) + I', \quad (\text{A.5})$$

407 where

$$G' = -\delta\tilde{\eta}(0), \quad H' = \tilde{\psi}(0) + \epsilon/s_2^2, \quad I' = -\epsilon/s_2^2. \quad (\text{A.6})$$

## APPENDIX B

### Special Case of the Forced/Heated Solutions

408 When  $k = l = k_H = 0$ , then  $\omega_1 = f$  from Eq. (41). This causes the denominators  
 409 of Eqs. (63)-(64) and Eqs. (68)-(69) to equal zero. Therefore, we must calculate  $\tilde{\xi}_{FH}(t)$   
 410 and  $\tilde{\sigma}_{FH}(t)$  directly from Eqs. (19)-(20) in this special case, since the horizontal velocity  
 411 perturbations decouple from the pressure, vertical velocity, and density perturbations.

412 During the forcing (i.e., when  $t \leq \chi$ ), the solutions are

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\xi}_{FH}(t) = & \frac{\hat{a}^2}{\chi(\hat{a}^2 - f^2)} \left[ \widetilde{F_{xs}} \left\{ \frac{\sin ft}{f} - \frac{\sin \hat{a}t}{\hat{a}} \right\} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{\widetilde{F_{ys}}}{f\hat{a}^2} \left\{ \hat{a}^2(1 - \cos ft) + f^2(\cos \hat{a}t - 1) \right\} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.1})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\sigma}_{FH}(t) = & \frac{\hat{a}^2}{\chi(\hat{a}^2 - f^2)} \left[ \frac{\widetilde{F_{xs}}}{f\hat{a}^2} \left\{ \hat{a}^2(\cos ft - 1) - f^2(\cos \hat{a}t - 1) \right\} \right. \\ & \left. + \widetilde{F_{ys}} \left\{ \frac{\sin ft}{f} - \frac{\sin \hat{a}t}{\hat{a}} \right\} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.2})$$

413 After the forcing (i.e., when  $t \geq \chi$ ), the solutions are

$$\tilde{\xi}_{FH}(t) = \frac{\hat{a}^2}{\chi f(\hat{a}^2 - f^2)} \left[ \widetilde{F_{xs}} \mathcal{S}(f) - \widetilde{F_{ys}} \mathcal{C}(f) \right] \quad (\text{B.3})$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{FH}(t) = \frac{\hat{a}^2}{\chi f(\hat{a}^2 - f^2)} \left[ \widetilde{F_{xs}} \mathcal{C}(f) + \widetilde{F_{ys}} \mathcal{S}(f) \right]. \quad (\text{B.4})$$

414 If  $k = l = k_H = 0$  and  $f = 0$ , then the denominators of Eqs. (B.1)-(B.4) equal zero. For  
 415 this special case, the horizontal velocity solutions are simple. During the forcing (i.e.,  
 416 when  $t \leq \chi$ ), the solutions are

$$\tilde{\xi}_{FH}(t) = \frac{\widetilde{F_{xs}}}{\chi} \left[ t - \frac{\sin \hat{a}t}{\hat{a}} \right] \quad (\text{B.5})$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{FH}(t) = \frac{\widetilde{F_{ys}}}{\chi} \left[ t - \frac{\sin \hat{a}t}{\hat{a}} \right]. \quad (\text{B.6})$$

417 After the forcing (i.e., when  $t \geq \chi$ ), the solutions are

$$\tilde{\xi}_{FH}(t) = \widetilde{F_{xs}} \quad (\text{B.7})$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{FH}(t) = \widetilde{F_{ys}}. \quad (\text{B.8})$$

418 When  $k = l = k_H = 0$  and  $f = 0$ , then  $s_1 = 0$ . This causes  $K$ ,  $O$ , and  $P$  to be  $\infty$  from  
 419 Eqs. (75), (79), and (80). In this case,  $\tilde{\eta}_{FH}(t)$ ,  $\tilde{\phi}_{FH}(t)$  and  $\tilde{\psi}_{FH}(t)$  are given by Eqs. (65)-  
 420 (67) during the forcing/heating, and by Eqs. (70)-(72) after the forcing/heating, but with  
 421 the following replacements:  $K \rightarrow K'$ ,  $M \rightarrow M'$ ,  $N \rightarrow N'$ ,  $O \rightarrow O'$ ,  $P \rightarrow P'$ ,  $Q \rightarrow Q'$ ,

422 and  $R \rightarrow R'$ , where

$$K' = -\frac{im_s g \widetilde{J}_s}{\hat{a}^2 s_2^2}, \quad M' = \frac{(im_s g - \hat{a}^2) \widetilde{J}_s}{\hat{a}^2 (\hat{a}^2 + s_2^2)} \quad (\text{B.9})$$

$$N' = -\frac{\delta \widetilde{F}_{zs}}{\hat{a}^2 (\hat{a}^2 + s_2^2)}, \quad O' = 0, \quad P' = 0 \quad (\text{B.10})$$

$$Q' = \frac{(im_s g + s_2^2) \widetilde{J}_s}{s_2^2 (\hat{a}^2 + s_2^2)}, \quad R' = -\frac{\delta \widetilde{F}_{zs}}{s_2^2 (\hat{a}^2 + s_2^2)}. \quad (\text{B.11})$$

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### Figure Captions

485 Figure 1: Contour plot showing  $\omega_1^2/\omega_2^2$  (solid lines) as a function of  $\lambda_H$  and  $\lambda_z$  for  $N_B =$   
486  $0.02 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $\gamma = 1.4$ ,  $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ ,  $c_s = 310 \text{ m/s}$  and  $\mathcal{H} = 7 \text{ km}$ . The right hand y axis  
487 shows the corresponding values of  $m\mathcal{H}$ . Dashed lines show  $c_H/c_s$  in intervals of 50 m/s.  
488 Figure 2: a): Thin solid line shows  $u'$  for all GWs. Solid, dash, and dash-dot lines show  
489  $25w'/\max(w')$  for the GWs with  $\lambda_z = -10, -100, \text{ and } -300 \text{ km}$ , respectively. Here,  $w'$  is  
490 calculated from Eq. (114),  $\max(w')$  is the maximum of  $|w'|$ , and  $\max(w')$  is 0.49, 2.5, and  
491 2.2 m/s, respectively. The dotted line shows  $25w'/\max(w')$  for the Boussinesq solution  
492 given by Eq. (121), with  $\max(w') = 0.49 \text{ m/s}$ . b): Thin solid line shows  $u'$  and dash-dot  
493 line shows  $25w'/\max(w')$  for the GW with  $\lambda_z = -300 \text{ km}$ . The dotted line shows a pure  
494 cosine curve,  $26 \cos(\Phi - kx)$ , with  $\Phi = -55^\circ$ .

495 Figure 3: Phase relationship between  $u'$ ,  $T'/\bar{T}$ , and  $\rho'/\bar{\rho}$  for the same GWs from Fig. 2. a):  
 496 Thin solid line shows  $u'$  for all GWs. Solid, dash, and dash-dot lines shows  $800T'/\bar{T}$  for  
 497 the GWs with  $\lambda_z = -10$ ,  $-100$ , and  $-300$  km, respectively. Here,  $T'/\bar{T}$  is calculated from  
 498 Eq. (114) and (117). The dotted line shows the Boussinesq solution given by Eqs. (121)  
 499 and (124). b): Same as in a), but the solid, dash, and dash-dot lines shows  $800\rho'/\bar{\rho}$  using  
 500 Eqs. (114) and (116). The dotted line shows the Boussinesq solution given by Eqs. (121)  
 501 and (123). c):  $100T'/\bar{T}$  (%) (solid line) and  $100\rho'/\bar{\rho}$  (%) (dashed line) for the GW with  
 502  $\lambda_z = -10$  km. d): Same as c), but for the GW with  $\lambda_z = -300$  km.

Table 1: Symbols and notation

$F_x(\mathbf{x}), F_y(\mathbf{x}), F_z(\mathbf{x})$	body force in $x$ , $y$ , and $z$ directions
$J$	heating
$\mathcal{F}(t)$	temporal evolution of forcing/heating
$\chi$	total forcing/heating duration
$\hat{a} = 2\pi n/\chi$	frequency of forcing/heating
$n$	number of cycles in forcing/heating
$p = r\rho T$	ideal gas law
$(\xi, \sigma, \eta) = e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}}(u', v', w')$	scaled velocity perturbation
$\phi = e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}}\rho'/\bar{\rho}$	scaled density perturbation
$\psi = e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}}p'/\bar{p}$	scaled pressure perturbation
$\zeta = e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}}T'/\bar{T}_0$	scaled temperature perturbation
$(F_{xs}, F_{ys}, F_{zs}) = e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}}(F_x, F_y, F_z)$	scaled body force
$J_s = e^{-z/2\mathcal{H}} rJ$	scaled heating
$c_s = \sqrt{\gamma g \mathcal{H}} = \sqrt{\gamma r \bar{T}_0}$	sound speed
$N_B = \sqrt{\gamma - 1}g/c_s$	buoyancy frequency
$(k, l, m)$	wavenumber vector
$\omega_{Ir}, \omega_r$	intrinsic and observed wave frequencies
$s = i\omega_{Ir}, s_r = i\omega_r$	Laplace transform variables
$\omega_1 = \omega_{GW}$	intrinsic GW frequency
$\omega_2 = \omega_{AW}$	intrinsic AW frequency
subscripts “IV”, “FH”	Initial value and Forced/heated solutions
$\mathcal{S} = \sin \omega t + \sin \omega(\sigma - t)$	$\mathcal{C} = \cos \omega t - \cos \omega(\sigma - t)$

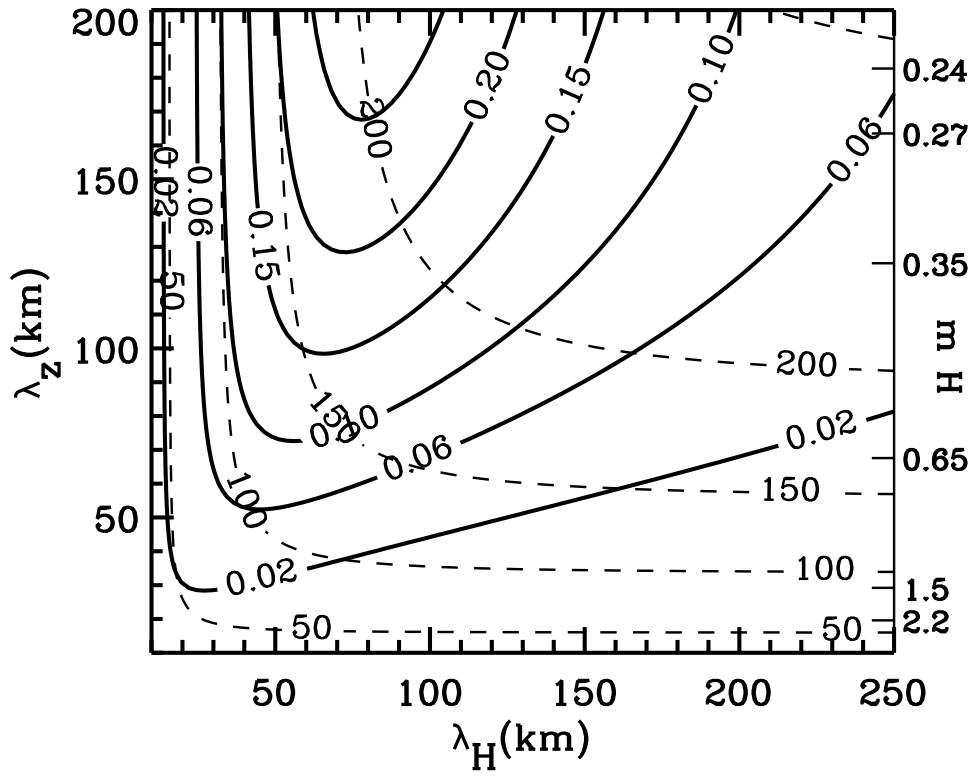


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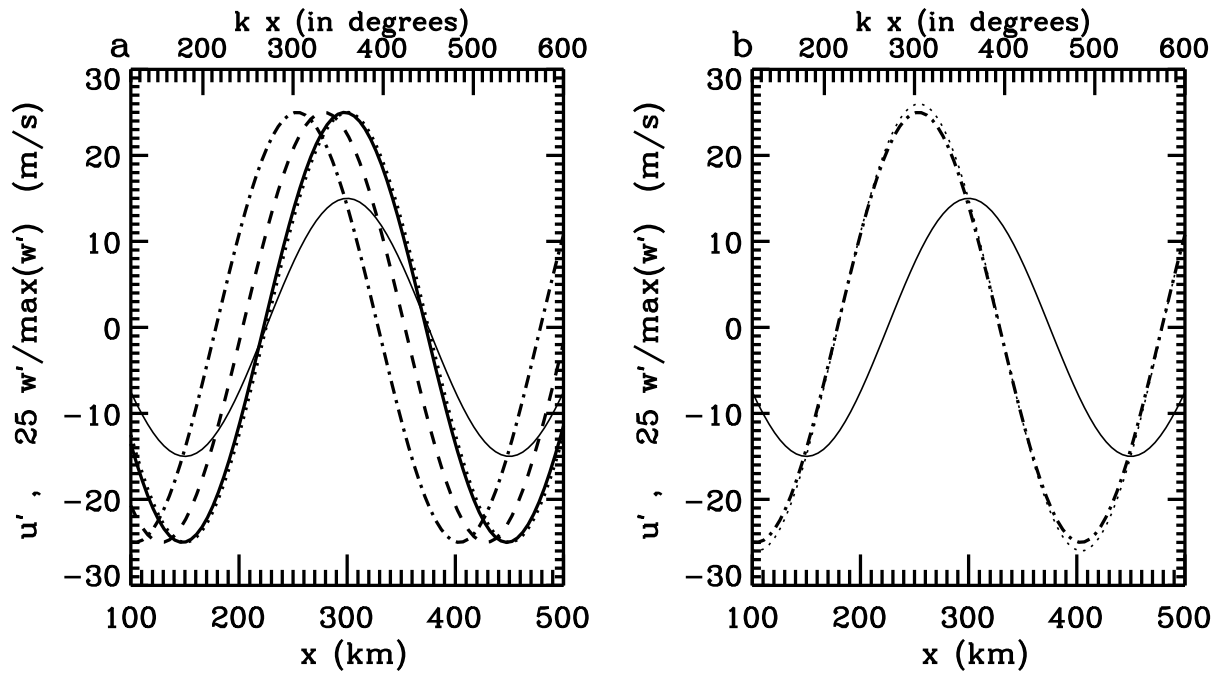


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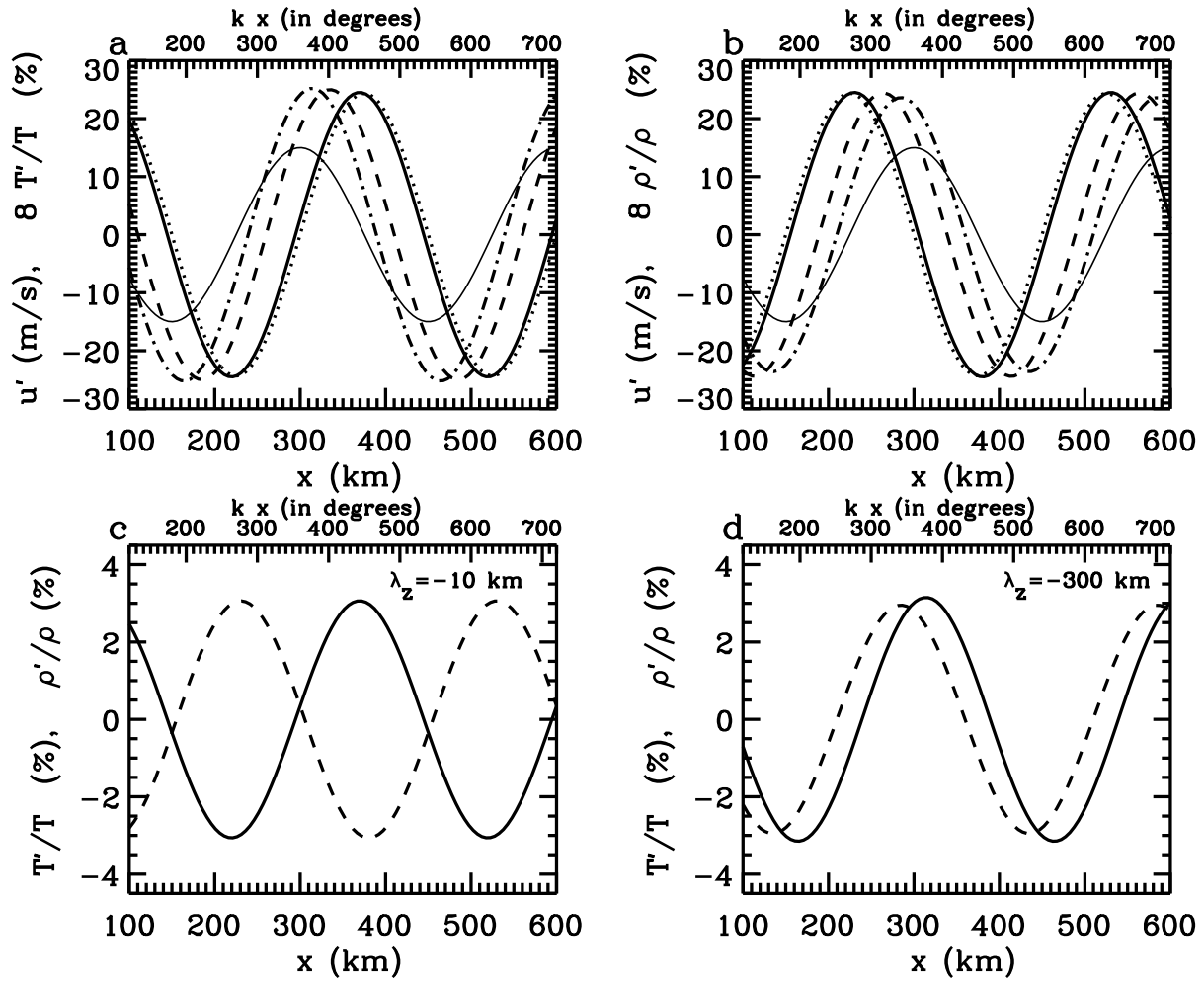


Figure 3: