

Mountain waves 1986

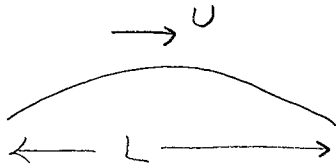
see Chap. 20 by Dale Durran 472-492 ; 1990

ed. P. Ray Mesoscale Meteorology & Forecasting

Mountain waves & downslope winds.

Atmos. Processes over Complex Terrain RAS
W. Blumen, ed. 57-82

role of mountain width:



if $\frac{L}{U} > \frac{1}{f}$, rotational effects imp. → large displacements

if $\frac{L}{U} < \frac{1}{f} \Rightarrow L < \frac{U}{f} = \frac{10 \text{ ms}^{-1}}{10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}} = 10^5 \text{ m} = 100 \text{ km}$

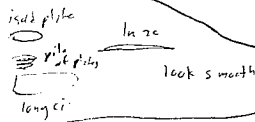
horiz. perturbations disappear,

waves in vertical dominate

gravity waves → mountain waves

or lee waves

show → wave cloud photos (diff. types)



large-amplitude waves → strong downslope winds . CAT



idealized, simple case

linear waves forced by sinusoidal mt. ridges

small-amplitude

2-D

$R_0 \gg 1 \quad \left(\frac{U}{fL} \gg 1 \Rightarrow \frac{U}{f} \gg L \Rightarrow L \ll \frac{U}{f} \right)$

Boussinesq, $f=0$

no friction

comb. of our earlier analysis of grav. waves & our earlier analysis of mixed-layer dynamics

steady state

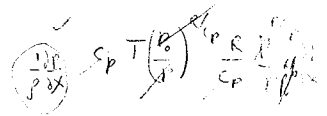
$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} = -c_p \theta \frac{\partial \pi}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial W}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial W}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial W}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial W}{\partial z} = -c_p \theta \frac{\partial \pi}{\partial z} - g \\ \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial B}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial B}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial B}{\partial z} = 0 \end{cases}$$

where $\pi = \left(\frac{P}{P_0} \right)^{R/c_p}$

(actually, haven't defined B yet!) B is linearized form of θ

$U \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} + w \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} = 0$

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



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Whenever the Boussinesq eqns appear, do not start with ^{adiabatic form of} + thermo eqn. $\Rightarrow \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = 0$; it requires linearizing $B!$

start with + thermo. eqn.

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} + V \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} + W \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$U = \bar{U} + U'(x, y, z, t)$$

$$W = W'(x, y, z, t) \quad \bar{W} = 0$$

$$\theta = \bar{\theta}(z) + \theta'(x, y, z, t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial t} + \bar{U} \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial x} + U' \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial x} + \bar{U} \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial x} + U' \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial x} + \\ V \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial y} + V' \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial y} + \bar{V} \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial y} + V' \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial y} + \\ W' \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial z} + W' \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial z} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

now, $B = g \frac{\theta'}{\bar{\theta}}$ appears in linearized ^w eqn of motion

$$\text{so } \times \frac{g}{\bar{\theta}} \rightarrow \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} + \bar{U} \frac{\partial B}{\partial x} + \bar{V} \frac{\partial B}{\partial y} + W' \underbrace{\left[\frac{g}{\bar{\theta}} \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial z} \right]}_{N^2} = 0$$

linearize abt basic state not const or 0 as before

$$\begin{aligned}
 U &= \bar{U}(z) + U'(x, z) \\
 W &= W'(x, z) \quad (\bar{W} = 0) \\
 \pi &= \bar{\pi}(z) + \pi'(x, z)
 \end{aligned}$$

hydrostatic mean state

$$c_p \frac{\partial \bar{\pi}}{\partial z} = -\frac{g}{\bar{\theta}}$$

$$\theta = \bar{\theta}(z) + \theta'(x, z)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{U} \frac{\partial \bar{U}}{\partial x} + \bar{U} \frac{\partial U'}{\partial x} + U' \frac{\partial \bar{U}}{\partial x} + U' \frac{\partial U'}{\partial x} + w' \frac{\partial \bar{U}}{\partial z} + w' \frac{\partial U'}{\partial z} &= -c_p \bar{\theta} \frac{\partial \pi'}{\partial x} \\
 &\quad - c_p \theta' \frac{\partial \pi'}{\partial x} \\
 \bar{U} \frac{\partial W'}{\partial x} + U' \frac{\partial W'}{\partial x} + W' \frac{\partial W'}{\partial z} &= -c_p \bar{\theta} \frac{\partial \pi'}{\partial z} - c_p \theta' \frac{\partial \pi'}{\partial z} - c_p \bar{\theta} \frac{\partial \pi'}{\partial z} - c_p \theta' \frac{\partial \pi'}{\partial z} \\
 &\quad - \frac{g}{\bar{\theta}} \quad \quad \quad - \frac{g}{\bar{\theta}} c_p \\
 &\quad \quad \quad + c_p \frac{\theta'}{\bar{\theta}} g = B
 \end{aligned}$$

~~$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{U} \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial x} + \bar{U} \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial x} + U' \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial x} + W' \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial z} + W' \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial z} &= 0 \\
 \bar{U} \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial x} + \frac{W'}{\bar{\theta}} \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial z} + W' \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial z} &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$~~

~~$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{U} \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial x} + U' \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial x} + W' \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial z} &= 0 \\
 \frac{g}{\bar{\theta}} \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial z} &= \frac{\theta'}{\bar{\theta}} g \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial z} \\
 \frac{\partial \bar{U}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial U'}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial W'}{\partial z} &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$~~

~~$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial t} + \bar{U} \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial x} + U' \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial x} + W' \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial z} &= 0 \\
 \bar{U} \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial x} + \bar{U} \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial x} + W' \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial z} &= 0 \\
 \bar{U} \frac{g}{\bar{\theta}} \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial x} + W' \frac{g}{\bar{\theta}} \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial z} &= 0 \\
 \bar{U} \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial x} + W' N^2 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$~~

$\bar{\theta} = \theta_0$

let $P = c_p \bar{\theta} \pi \equiv c_p \theta_0 \pi$

so,

$$\begin{cases}
 \bar{U} \frac{\partial U'}{\partial x} + W' \frac{\partial \bar{U}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial P'}{\partial x} = 0 \\
 \bar{U} \frac{\partial W'}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial P'}{\partial z} = B \\
 \bar{U} \frac{\partial B}{\partial x} + N^2 W' = 0 \\
 \frac{\partial U'}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial W'}{\partial z} = 0
 \end{cases}$$

4 eqns, U', W', P', B

solve for W'

eliminate P'

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\partial \bar{U}}{\partial z} \frac{\partial u'}{\partial x} + \bar{U} \frac{\partial^2 u'}{\partial x \partial z} + \frac{\partial w'}{\partial z} \frac{\partial \bar{U}}{\partial z} + w' \frac{d^2 \bar{U}}{dz^2} + \frac{d^2 P'}{dz^2 dx} \right) = 0$$

$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ x-equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial \bar{U}}{\partial z} \frac{\partial w'}{\partial x} + \bar{U} \frac{d^2 w'}{dx^2} + \frac{d^2 P'}{dx dz} \right) = \frac{\partial B}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{U}}{\partial z} \frac{\partial u'}{\partial x} + \bar{U} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial u'}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial w'}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial w'}{\partial z} \frac{\partial \bar{U}}{\partial z} + w' \frac{d^2 \bar{U}}{dz^2} = - \frac{\partial B}{\partial x}$$

elim. B

+ thermo eqn.

$$\frac{N^2 w'}{\bar{U}} = - \frac{\partial B}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{U}}{\partial z} \frac{\partial u'}{\partial x} + \bar{U} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial u'}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial w'}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial w'}{\partial z} \frac{\partial \bar{U}}{\partial z} + w' \frac{d^2 \bar{U}}{dz^2} - \frac{N^2 w'}{\bar{U}} = 0$$

elim. u'

cont. eqn. $\frac{\partial u'}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial w'}{\partial z} = 0$

cont.

$$\bar{U} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(- \frac{\partial w'}{\partial z} \right) - \bar{U} \frac{d^2 w'}{dx^2} + w' \frac{d^2 \bar{U}}{dz^2} - \frac{N^2 w'}{\bar{U}} = 0$$

x(H)

$$\bar{U} \frac{d^2 w'}{dz^2} + \bar{U} \frac{d^2 w'}{dx^2} + \left(\frac{N^2}{\bar{U}} - \frac{d^2 \bar{U}}{dz^2} \right) w' = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 w'}{dz^2} + \frac{d^2 w'}{dx^2} + \ell^2 w' = 0, \quad \ell^2 = \frac{N^2}{\bar{U}^2} - \frac{1}{\bar{U}} \frac{d^2 \bar{U}}{dz^2}$$

Scorer parameter

define terrain height $h(x) = h_0 \cos kx$

(above ref. level, e.g. sea level)

amplitude of mtrs.

simplify:

$N^2 \bar{U}$ const. (typical $\frac{d^2 \bar{U}}{dz^2} \ll \frac{N^2}{\bar{U}}$)

$q = q(x, t)$

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} = \frac{dz}{dx} \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{\partial q}{\partial z}$$

kinematic b.c. at ground: $w[x, h(x)] = (\bar{U} + u') \frac{dh}{dx}$

so $w(x, 0) \approx \bar{U} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = -\bar{U} h_0 k \sin kx$

solns.

separable

$$W'(x, z) = \hat{W}_1(z) \cos kx + \hat{W}_2(z) \sin kx$$

2nd derivs \Rightarrow sinusoidal (+ phase)
 \Leftarrow sin + cos for phase shift

plug into eqn.

$$\frac{\partial W'}{\partial z} = \frac{d\hat{W}_1}{dz} \cos kx + \frac{d\hat{W}_2}{dz} \sin kx$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 W'}{\partial z^2} = \frac{d^2\hat{W}_1}{dz^2} \cos kx + \frac{d^2\hat{W}_2}{dz^2} \sin kx$$

$$\frac{\partial W'}{\partial x} = -\hat{W}_1 k \sin kx + \hat{W}_2 k \cos kx$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 W'}{\partial x^2} = -\hat{W}_1 k^2 \cos kx - \hat{W}_2 k^2 \sin kx = -k^2 W'$$

not needed!

$$l^2 W' = l^2 \hat{W}_1 \cos kx + l^2 \hat{W}_2 \sin kx$$

so,

$$\frac{d^2\hat{W}_1}{dz^2} \cos kx + \frac{d^2\hat{W}_2}{dz^2} \sin kx$$

$$- \hat{W}_1 k^2 \cos kx - \hat{W}_2 k^2 \sin kx$$

$$+ l^2 \hat{W}_1 \cos kx + l^2 \hat{W}_2 \sin kx = 0$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \frac{d^2\hat{W}_1}{dz^2} + (l^2 - k^2)\hat{W}_1 &= 0 \\ \frac{d^2\hat{W}_2}{dz^2} + (l^2 - k^2)\hat{W}_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$l^2 \equiv \frac{N^2}{U^2} = \text{const.}$$

$$k^2 = \text{const}$$

$$\Rightarrow l^2 - k^2 \equiv m^2 \text{ const}$$

$$\text{so, } \hat{W}_1 \sim e^{imz} \text{ etc. } (\hat{W}_2)$$

$$= \begin{cases} A_1 e^{\mu z} + B_1 e^{-\mu z} \\ A_1' \cos m z + B_1' \sin m z \end{cases}$$

$$\mu^2 = -m^2$$

$$m^2 < 0 \Rightarrow l^2 - k^2 < 0 \Rightarrow l^2 < k^2 \Rightarrow k > l$$

$$m^2 > 0 \Rightarrow k < l$$

etc.

\Rightarrow Vertical structure of wave ($\sim e^{\pm \mu z}$ or sinusoidal) $\sim l, k$ relative to each other

Scatter parameter

horiz. wavenumber

When $k > \ell$

b.c. - W' doesn't blow up at $z \rightarrow \infty$

$\Rightarrow A_1 = 0$
 $A_2 = 0$ for ω_2

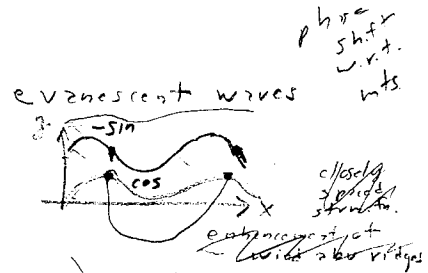
kinematical wave b.c.

at $z=0$, $B_1 \cos kx + B_2 \sin kx = -\bar{U} h_0 k \sin kx$

$\Rightarrow B_1 = 0$

$B_2 = -\bar{U} h_0 k$

so, $W'(x, z) = -\bar{U} h_0 k e^{-\mu z} \sin kx$



$k < \ell$

is gen'l

$W(x, z) = (A_1' \cos mz + B_1' \sin mz) \cos kx + (A_2' \cos mz + B_2' \sin mz) \sin kx$

$= A_1' \cos mz \cos kx + B_1' \sin mz \cos kx + A_2' \cos mz \sin kx + B_2' \sin mz \sin kx$

can be written using trig. identities

$= C_1 \sin(kx + mz) + C_2 \sin(kx - mz) + C_3 \cos(kx + mz) + C_4 \cos(kx - mz)$

side

check:

$C_1 [\sin kx \cos mz + \cos kx \sin mz]$

$C_2 [\sin kx \cos mz - \cos kx \sin mz]$

$C_3 [\cos kx \cos mz - \sin kx \sin mz]$

$C_4 [\cos kx \cos mz + \sin kx \sin mz]$

$C_1 + C_2 = A_2'$

$C_1 - C_2 = B_1'$

$C_3 + C_4 = A_1'$

$C_4 - C_3 = B_2'$

b.c. - $W'(x, 0) = -\bar{U} h_0 k \sin kx$

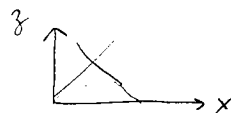
$C_3 + C_4 \equiv A_1' = 0$ (cos kx dependence)

$C_1 + C_2 \equiv A_2' = -\bar{U} h_0 k$

now, must use upper b.c.'s

not obvious!

lines of constant phase = $kx \pm mz$



$C_1 \& C_3$ $kx + mz$ lines tilt $\phi_1 = kx + mz, z = \frac{\phi_1}{m} - \frac{k}{m}x$

$C_2 \& C_4$ $kx - mz$ lines tilt $\phi_2 = kx - mz, z = -\frac{\phi_2}{m} + \frac{k}{m}x$

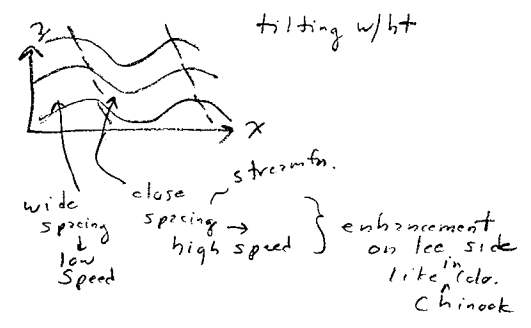
can be shown

upstream tilting waves transport energy upwind & momentum downward
 downstream " " " " " downstream * " " upward

mins. no energy source \Rightarrow select upstream tilting soln.

$C_2, C_4 = 0$ $w \sim \sin kx$
 $\Rightarrow C_3 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow C_1 = A_2' = -\bar{U} h_0 k$

$w'(x, z) = -\bar{U} h_0 k \sin(kx + mz)$



an alternative argument: for selecting upstream tilting

$\bar{U} \frac{\partial u'}{\partial x} + w' \frac{d\bar{U}}{dz} + \frac{\partial p'}{\partial x} = 0$ (x-eqn.)
 cont. $\frac{\partial u'}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial w'}{\partial z} = 0$

$\bar{U} \left(-\frac{\partial w'}{\partial z} \right) + \frac{\partial p'}{\partial x} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{\partial p'}{\partial x} = \bar{U} \frac{\partial w'}{\partial z}$

plug in w'

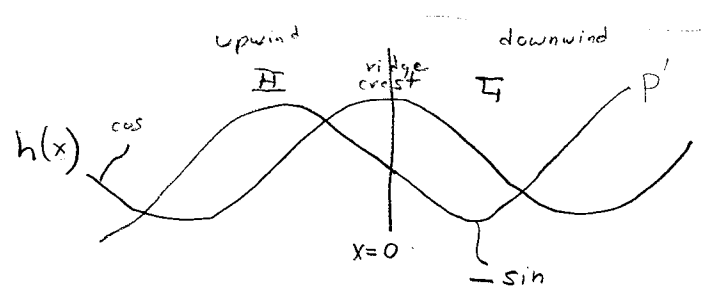
$\frac{\partial p'}{\partial x} = -\bar{U}^2 h_0 k m \cos(kx + mz)$

$\Rightarrow P' = -\bar{U}^2 h_0 m \sin(kx + mz)$ for upstream tilting

(for downstream tilting $P' \sim \bar{U}^2 h_0 m \sin(kx - mz)$)

recall, $h(x) = h_0 \cos kx$

\Rightarrow phase shift $+90^\circ$ between P' ($\sim \sin kx$) & h ($\sim \cos kx$)



see numerical models!
 lee side

force in direction of mean flow on topography \Rightarrow terrain exerts equal & opposite force to decelerate flow, which makes sense

if waves tilted downstream w/h t, $P' > 0$ would accel flow in direction it's going!
 terrain not good!

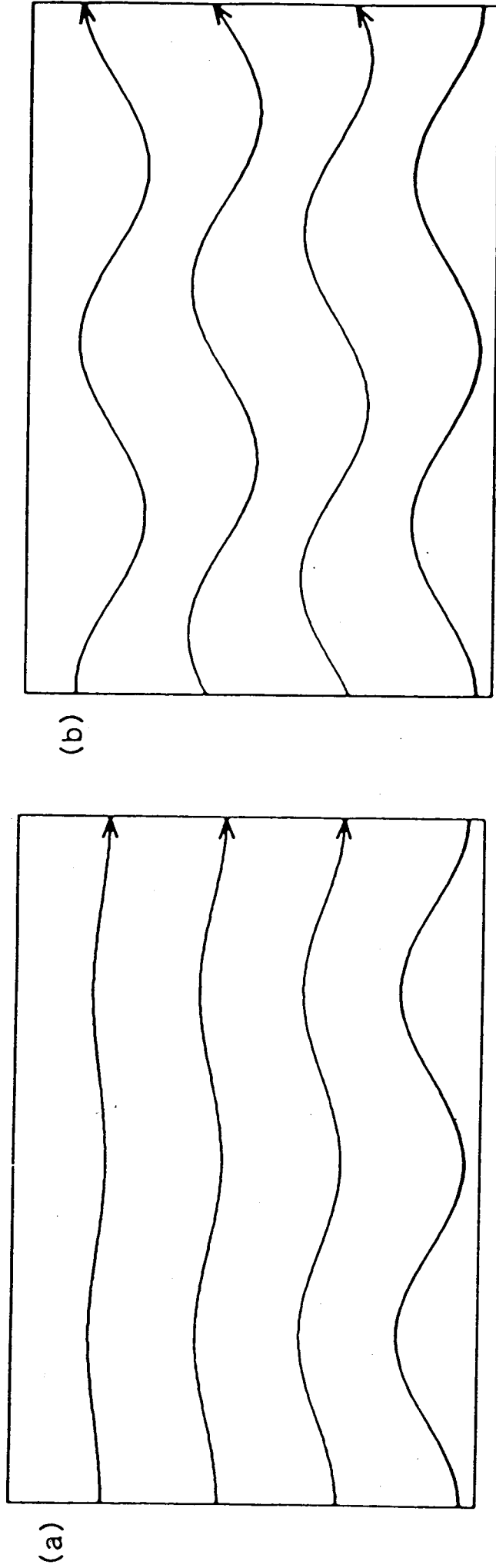


Figure 20.1. Streamlines in the steady airflow over an infinite series of sinusoidal ridges when (a) the wavenumber of the topography exceeds the Scorer parameter (narrow ridges) or (b) the wavenumber of the topography is less than the Scorer parameter (wide ridges).

→ physical reason for difference between $k < l$ (tilted) & $k > l$ (even) waves

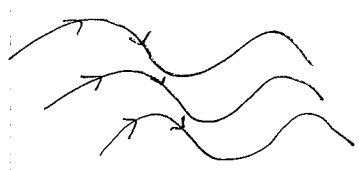
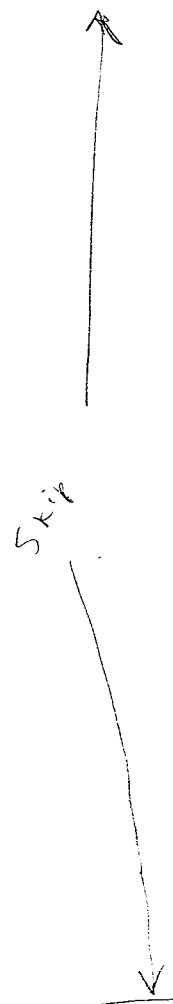
$l^2 = \frac{N^2}{\bar{U}^2}$ if $\frac{d^2\bar{U}}{dz^2}$ small, i.e. if vertical profile of \bar{U} has little curvature

$l = \frac{N}{\bar{U}}$

$k < l \Rightarrow k < \frac{N}{\bar{U}} \Rightarrow \bar{U}k < N$

$(\frac{2\pi}{N} < \frac{Lx}{\bar{U}})$

$\frac{2\pi}{Lx}$ "intrinsic freq. of forcing by terrain"
 ↑ Brunt-Väisälä "freq."
 ↑↑ up-down motion
 period of buoyancy osc.
 time to move scale of orographic forcing



slanted motion
 tilt to match N to "intrinsic freq. forced by ripples over terrain"
 ↑ in vert. prop. gravity waves

if $k > l \Rightarrow \bar{U}k > N$

no slanted motion will work & no buoyancy-driven osc. can occur \Rightarrow buoyancy acts to dampen oscillation

→ more realistic cases (not constant N , not constant \bar{U}) $\frac{N^2}{\bar{U}^2}$ not const.
 not endless series of sinusoidal ridges)

consider first

{ Smith (1979) Adv. in Geophys 21 87-230
 "The influence of mountains on the atmosphere"
 Queney et al. (1960) "The airflow over mountains" WMO Tech. Note 34, 135pp

isolated mtn. → use Fourier transforms

$f(x) \leftrightarrow F(k)$
 $F(\frac{\partial f^n}{\partial x^n}) = (ik)^n F(k)$

so, take eqn. for w' , $\frac{\partial^2 w'}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w'}{\partial x^2} + l^2 w' = 0$
 $f \leftrightarrow F(w)$

Fourier transform eqn:

$$\frac{d^2 W}{dz^2} + (ik)^2 W + l^2 W = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 W}{dz^2} + (l^2 - k^2) W = 0$$

$$s^2 = l^2 - k^2$$

$$1) + s^2() = 0$$

$$e^{-\sqrt{s^2}}$$

get $W(k, z)$ for each k

get inverse transforms W' and add them all up

let (approx) N, \bar{U} be const. (i.e. indep. of z)

$$\Rightarrow l^2 = \frac{N^2}{\bar{U}^2} - \frac{1}{\bar{U}^2} \frac{d^2 \bar{U}}{dz^2} \rightarrow 0 \quad l = \frac{N}{\bar{U}} = \text{const}$$

~~not~~
~~ck~~

so, $W(k, z) = A_1 e^{+\sqrt{l^2 - k^2} z} + A_2 e^{-\sqrt{l^2 - k^2} z}$

use b.c.'s: W doesn't blow up as $z \rightarrow \infty$ complex

$$w'(x, z=0) \approx \bar{U} \frac{dh}{dz}$$

free slip \rightarrow $W(k, 0) = (ik) H_1 \bar{U}$

(k, z) Fourier transform of terrain profile $\sqrt{-1} \sqrt{-a^2} \sqrt{a^2} = c$

$$A_1 = 0$$

$$ik \bar{U} H(k, z) = A_2$$

$$\Rightarrow W(k, z) = ik \bar{U} H(k, z) e^{-\sqrt{l^2 - k^2} z}$$

$$= ik \bar{U} \underbrace{H(k, z)}_{\text{weighting for}}$$

$$e^{\sqrt{a^2} i \sqrt{-a^2}} = c$$

$$e^{-i \sqrt{l^2 - k^2} z} = \cos(\sqrt{\dots}) + i \sin(\dots)$$

$k > 0$

$$= \sqrt{-(k^2 - l^2)} z = -i \sqrt{l^2 - k^2} z$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{l^2 - k^2} z = i$$

$i^2 = -1$

$i \sqrt{l^2 - k^2}$

if mtn. very narrow, dominant weighting? $k > l \Rightarrow$ evanescent waves

$$\frac{2\pi}{L_x} > \frac{N}{\bar{U}} \Rightarrow L_x < \frac{2\pi \bar{U}}{N}$$

distance traveled in buoyancy time scale by flow

if mtn. wide, $k < l \Rightarrow$ vert prop waves

for $h(x) = \frac{h_0 a^2}{a^2 + x^2}$

bell-shaped ridge $\Rightarrow a^{-1}$ characteristic of scales forced by mtn. wavenumbers

a large \Rightarrow broad mtn.
 a small \Rightarrow narrow mtn. $= \frac{h_0}{1 + (\frac{x}{a})^2}$

Witch's or Agassiz profile

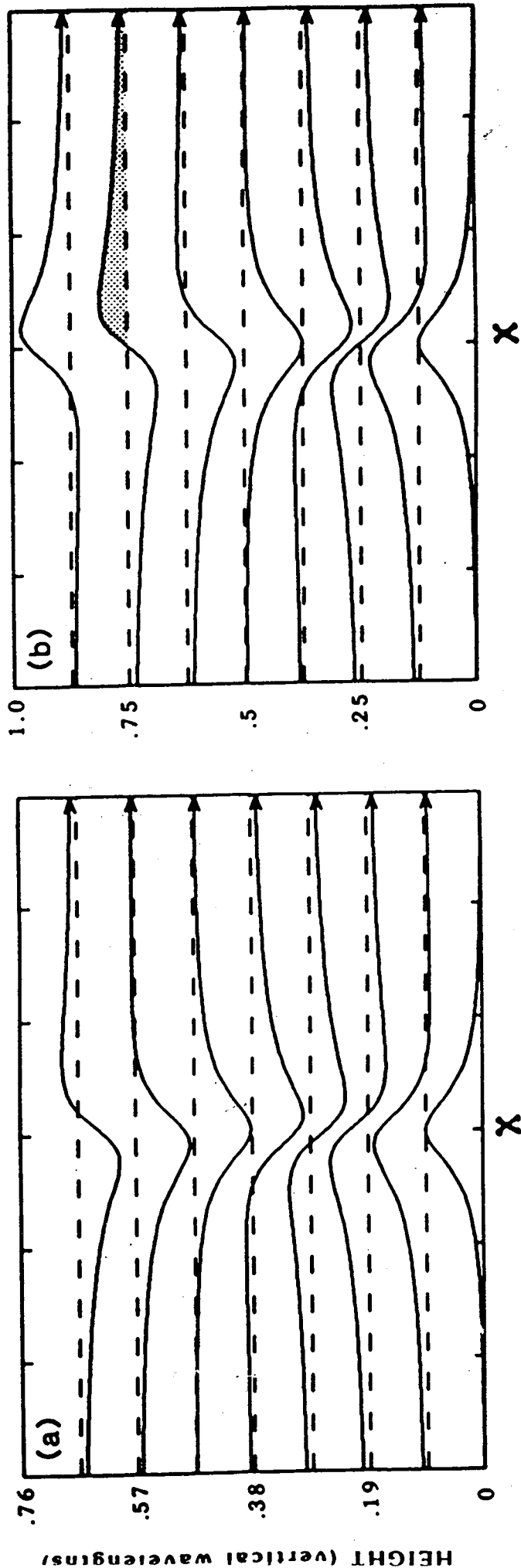


Figure 20.12. Streamlines in the steady airflow over an isolated bell-shaped mountain when the vertical wavelength in (a) exceeds the wavelength in (b) because of a reduction in the stability due to cloudiness over the windward slopes. Probable location of wave-induced cirrus is shaded.

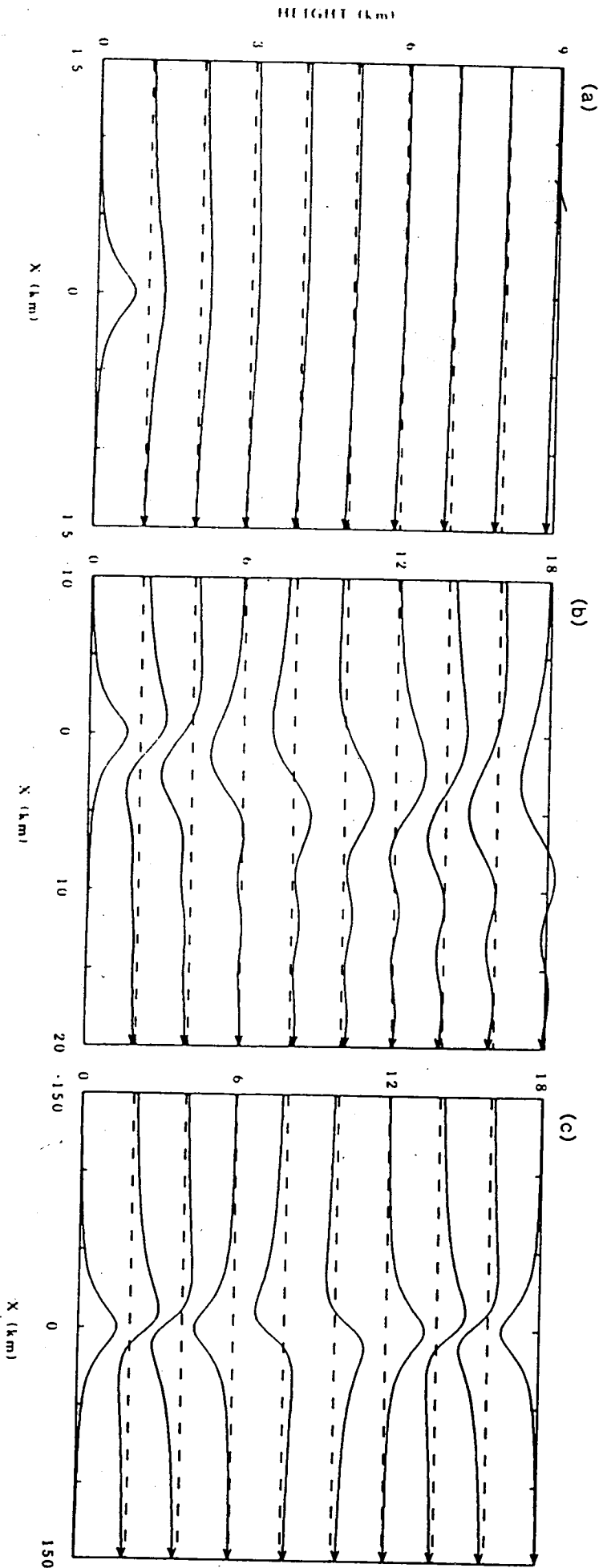


Figure 20.2. Streamlines in the steady airflow over an isolated bell-shaped ridge. (a) $a^{-1} \gg L$, narrow ridge; (b) $a^{-1} = L$, width of the ridge comparable with the Scorer parameter; (c) $a^{-1} \ll L$, wide ridge, but not so wide that rotational effects become significant.

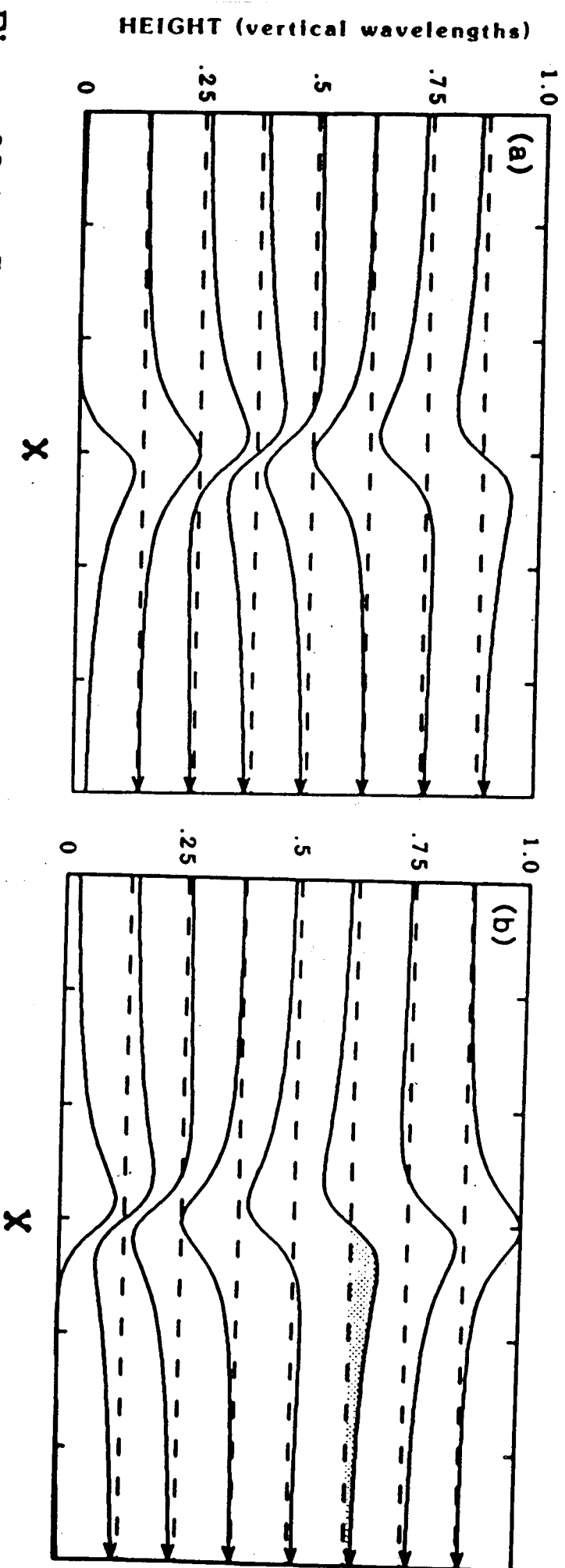
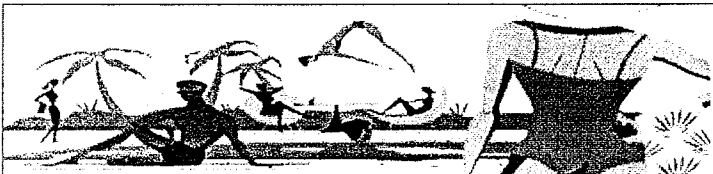
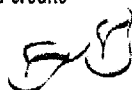


Figure 20.11. Streamlines in the steady airflow over an isolated asymmetric ridge with (a) a steep windward slope; (b) a steep leeward slope. Probable location of wave-induced cirrus is shaded.



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Maria Agnesi

(**May 16, 1718 - January 9, 1799**)

mathematician, philosopher, philanthropist

Maria Gaetana Agnesi, Maria Gaëtana Agnesi

- wrote first mathematics book by a woman that still survives
- first woman appointed as a mathematics professor at a university

Maria Agnesi's father was Pietro Agnesi, a wealthy nobleman and a professor of mathematics at the University of Bologna. It was normal in that time for the daughters of noble families to be taught in convents, and to receive instruction in religion, household management and dressmaking. A few Italian families educated daughters in more academic subjects; a few attended lectures at the university or even lectured there.

Pietro Agnesi recognized the talents and intelligence of his daughter Maria. Treated as a child prodigy, she was given tutors to learn five languages (Greek, Hebrew, Latin, French and Spanish) and also philosophy and science.

The father invited groups of his colleagues to gatherings at their home, and had Maria Agnesi present speeches to the assembled men. By age 13, Maria could debate in the language of the French and Spanish guests, or she could debate in Latin, the language of the educated. She didn't like this performing, but she could not persuade her father to let her out of the task until she was twenty years old.

In that year, 1738, Maria Agnesi assembled almost 200 of the speeches she had presented to her father's gatherings, and published them in Latin as *Propositiones philosophicae* -- in English, *Philosophical Propositions*. But the topics went beyond philosophy as we think of the topic today, and included scientific topics like celestial mechanics, Isaac Newton's gravitation theory, and elasticity.

Pietro Agnesi married twice more after Maria's mother died, so that Maria Agnesi ended up the eldest of 21 children. In addition to her performances and lessons, her responsibility was to teach her siblings. This task kept her from her own goal of entering a convent.

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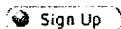
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Also in 1783, wanting to do the best job of communicating up-to-date mathematics to her younger brothers, Maria Agnesi began to write a mathematics textbook, which absorbed her for ten years.

The *Instituzioni Analitiche* was published in 1748 in two volumes, over one thousand pages. The first volume covered arithmetic, algebra, trigonometry, analytic geometry and calculus. The second volume covered infinite series and differential equations. No one before had published a text on calculus that included the methods of calculus of both Isaac Newton and Gottfried Leibnitz.

Maria Agnesi brought together ideas from many contemporary mathematical thinkers -- made easier by her ability to read in many languages -- and integrated many of the ideas in a novel way that impressed the mathematicians and other scholars of her day.

As recognition of her achievement, in 1750 she was appointed to the chair of mathematics and natural philosophy at the University of Bologna by an act of Pope Benedict XIV. She was also recognized by the Hapsburg Empress Maria Theresa of Austria.

Did Maria Agnesi ever accept the Pope's appointment? Was it a real appointment or an honorary one? So far, the historical record does not answer those questions.

Maria Agnesi's name lives on in the name that English mathematician John Colson gave to a mathematical problem -- finding the equation for a certain bell-shaped curve. Colson confused the word in Italian for "curve" for a somewhat similar word for "witch," and so today this problem and equation still carries the name "witch of Agnesi."

Maria Agnesi's father was seriously ill by 1750 and died in 1752. His death released Maria from her responsibility to educate her siblings, and she used her wealth and her time to help those less fortunate. She established in 1759 a home for the poor. In 1771 she headed up a home for the poor and ill. By 1783 she was made director of a home for the elderly, where she lived among those she served. She had given away everything she owned by the time she died in 1799, and Maria Agnesi was buried in a pauper's grave.

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$a^{-1} \gg l$ a small \Rightarrow narrow mts

see Fig. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{pattern symm. wrt. ridge crest} \\ \text{decay w/bt} \end{array} \right.$

$a^{-1} \ll l$ a large \Rightarrow broad mts.

see Fig. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{waves prop vertically} \\ \text{tilt upstream} \end{array} \right.$

Skip

$$W(k, z) = ik \bar{U} H(k, z) e^{i l z}$$

$k \ll l$
hydrostatic limit $\rightarrow W(k, z) \rightarrow 0$

$$\frac{2\pi}{L_x} \ll l$$

$$L_x \gg \frac{2\pi}{l}$$

no terms in pert. eq. in z

i.e. $\begin{cases} \bar{U} \frac{dw'}{dx} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial p'}{\partial y} = 0 \\ B = 0 \end{cases}$

$a^{-1} = l$ (vert prop. nonhydrostatic waves
 $k \ll l$)

now, add structure to $l^2 (\bar{U}(z), N(z))$

trapped waves (resonant lee waves) not some "duct"
lower trap on lee side
show Fig

Scorer (1949) l^2 decreases w/bt

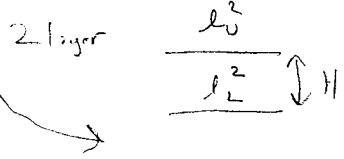
no deriv. here!

$$l^2 = \frac{N^2}{\bar{U}^2} - \frac{1}{\bar{U}} \frac{d\bar{U}}{dz^2}$$

\Rightarrow N decreases with height
or
 \bar{U} increases with ht
or

$\frac{d^2 \bar{U}}{dz^2}$ (curvature) increases w/bt

$$\frac{5^{-2}}{m^2 s^2} \quad \frac{1}{45^{-1} m^2}$$



Wavenumber of trapped waves:
Resonance condition

$$\sqrt{l_L^2 - k^2} \cot[\sqrt{l_L^2 - k^2} H] = \sqrt{k^2 - l_U^2} \Rightarrow l_L^2 - l_U^2 > \frac{\pi^2}{4H^2}$$

for solns to exist

could be multiple solns.
longest wavelength usually dominates

$$l_L > k > l_U$$

i.e. in lower layer $k < l_L$ prop. (but no tilt!)
in upper layer $k > l_U$ evanescent } reflected downward

possible wave motions

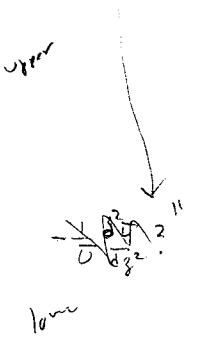
{ vertically propagating
evanescent
resonant & trapped } depends on $\bar{U}(z), N(z)$

shape of terrain \rightarrow strength of forcing at each wavelength

$$\text{usually } 0.008 < N < 0.02 \text{ s}^{-1} \\ 10 < \bar{U} < 40 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

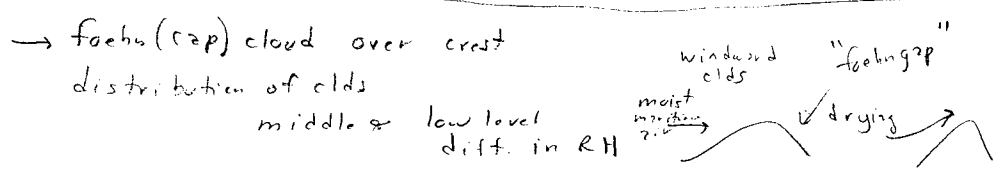
$$l^2 = \frac{N^2}{\bar{U}^2} - \frac{1}{\bar{U}^2} \frac{d^2 \bar{U}}{dz^2}$$

max $l \rightarrow k > \frac{N_{max}}{U_{min}} = \frac{0.02 \text{ s}^{-1}}{10 \text{ m s}^{-1}} = 2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^{-1} \Rightarrow \frac{2\pi}{L_x} = 2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^{-1}$
 $L_x = \frac{2\pi}{2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^{-1}} \sim 3 \text{ km}$
i.e. $L_x \lesssim 3 \text{ km}$
 \rightarrow evanescent



min $l \rightarrow k < \frac{N_{min}}{U_{max}} = \frac{0.008 \text{ s}^{-1}}{40 \text{ m s}^{-1}} = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^{-1} \Rightarrow L_x \gtrsim \frac{2\pi}{2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^{-1}} \sim 30 \text{ km}$
 \rightarrow propagate vertically
only one crest
long wavelength (could also be forcing is for long waves)
 $L_x \sim 5 \rightarrow 25 \text{ km}$
trapped waves \rightarrow can prop. even when l^2 small

multiple crests downstream
in fr strong winds at ridge-top level
 $\frac{d\bar{U}}{dz} \gg 0$, strong N^2 in lower trap



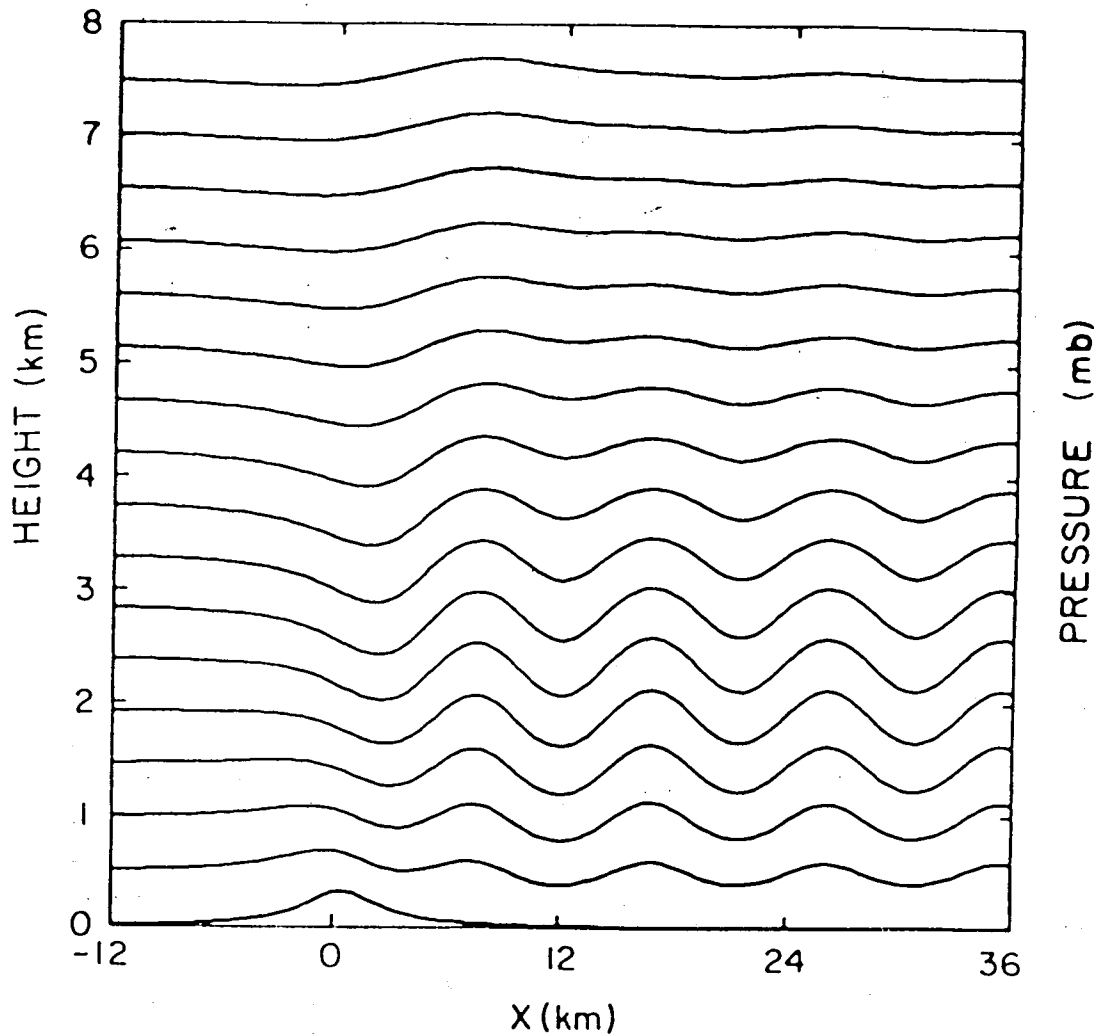
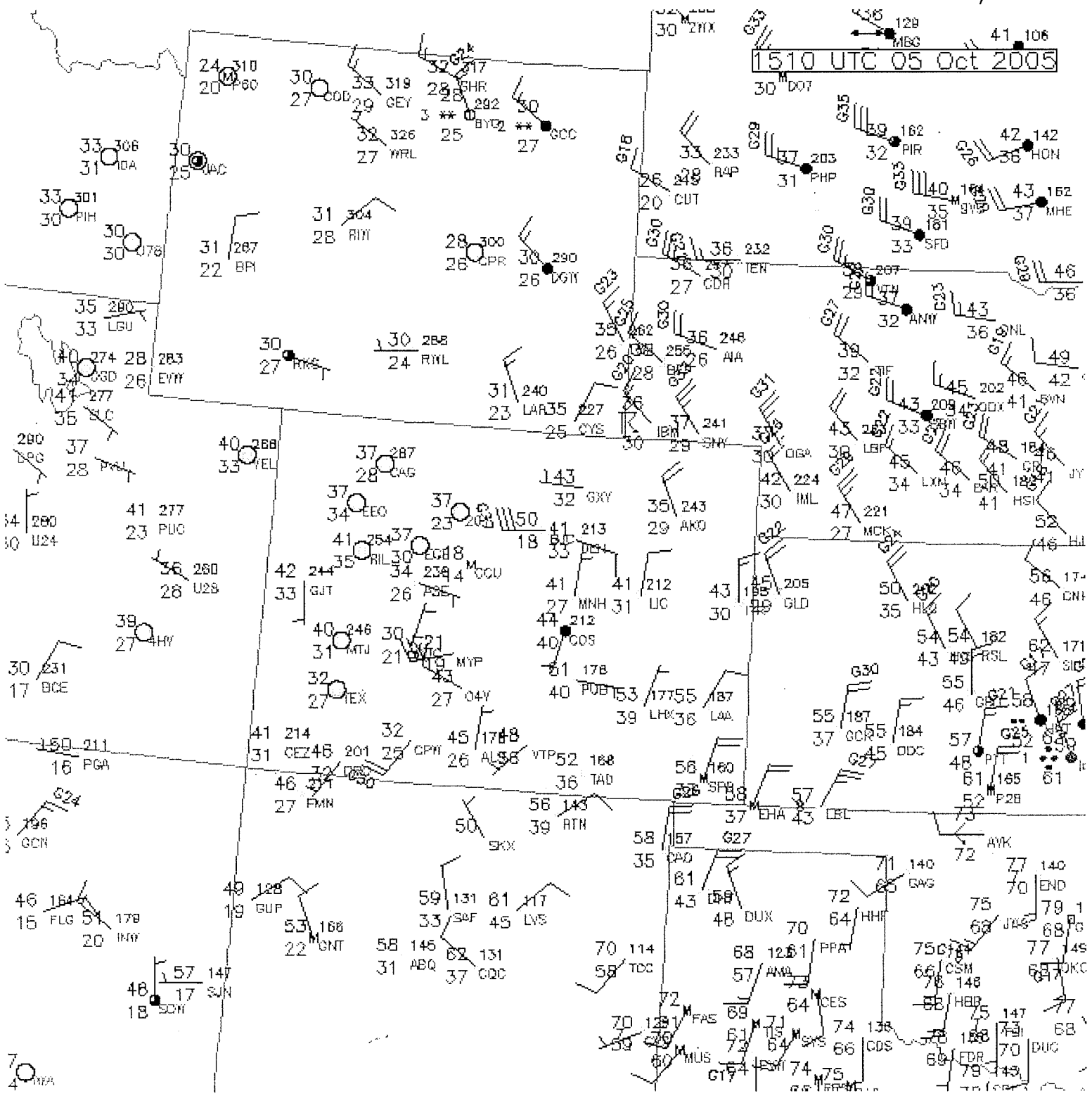


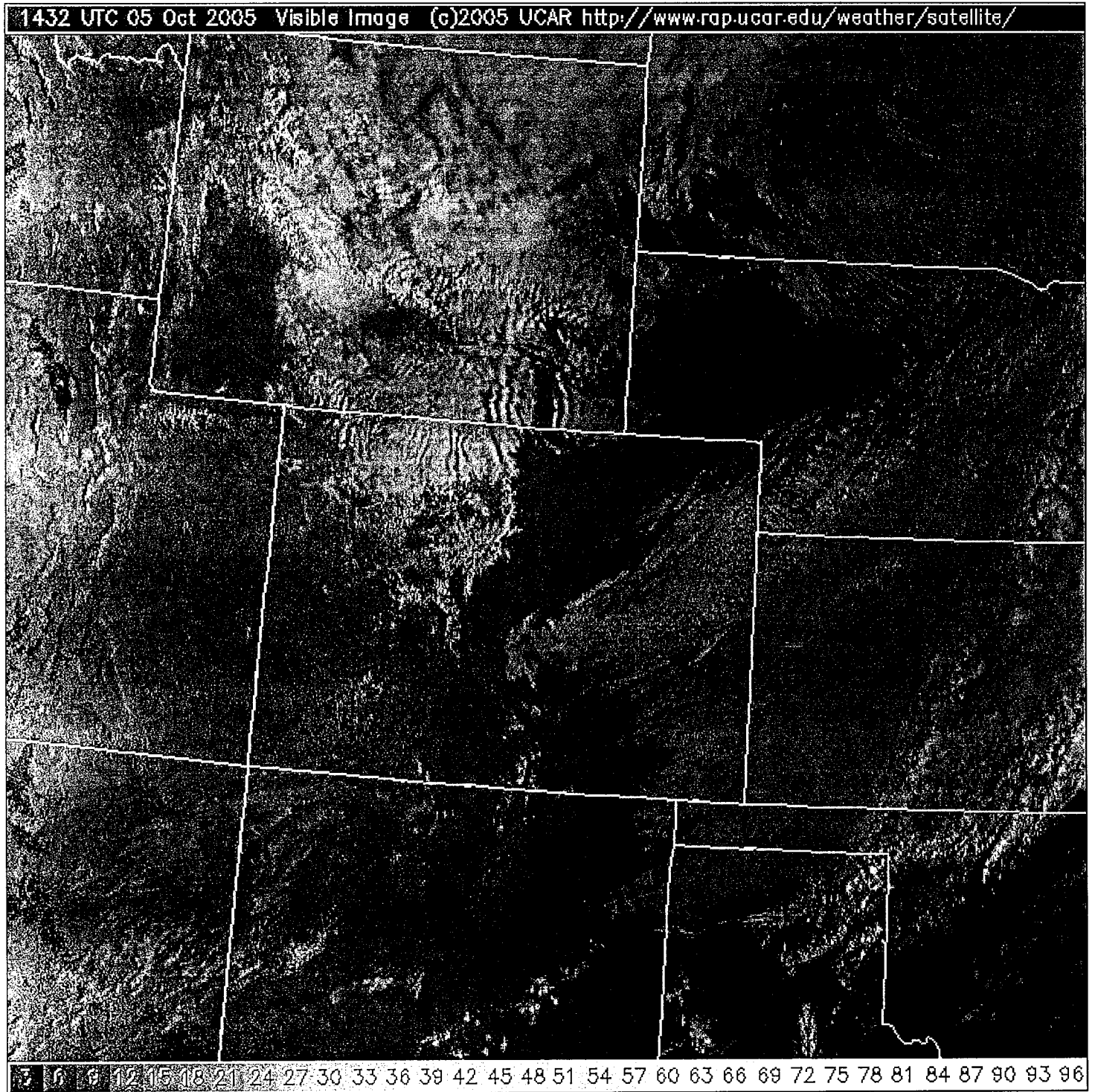
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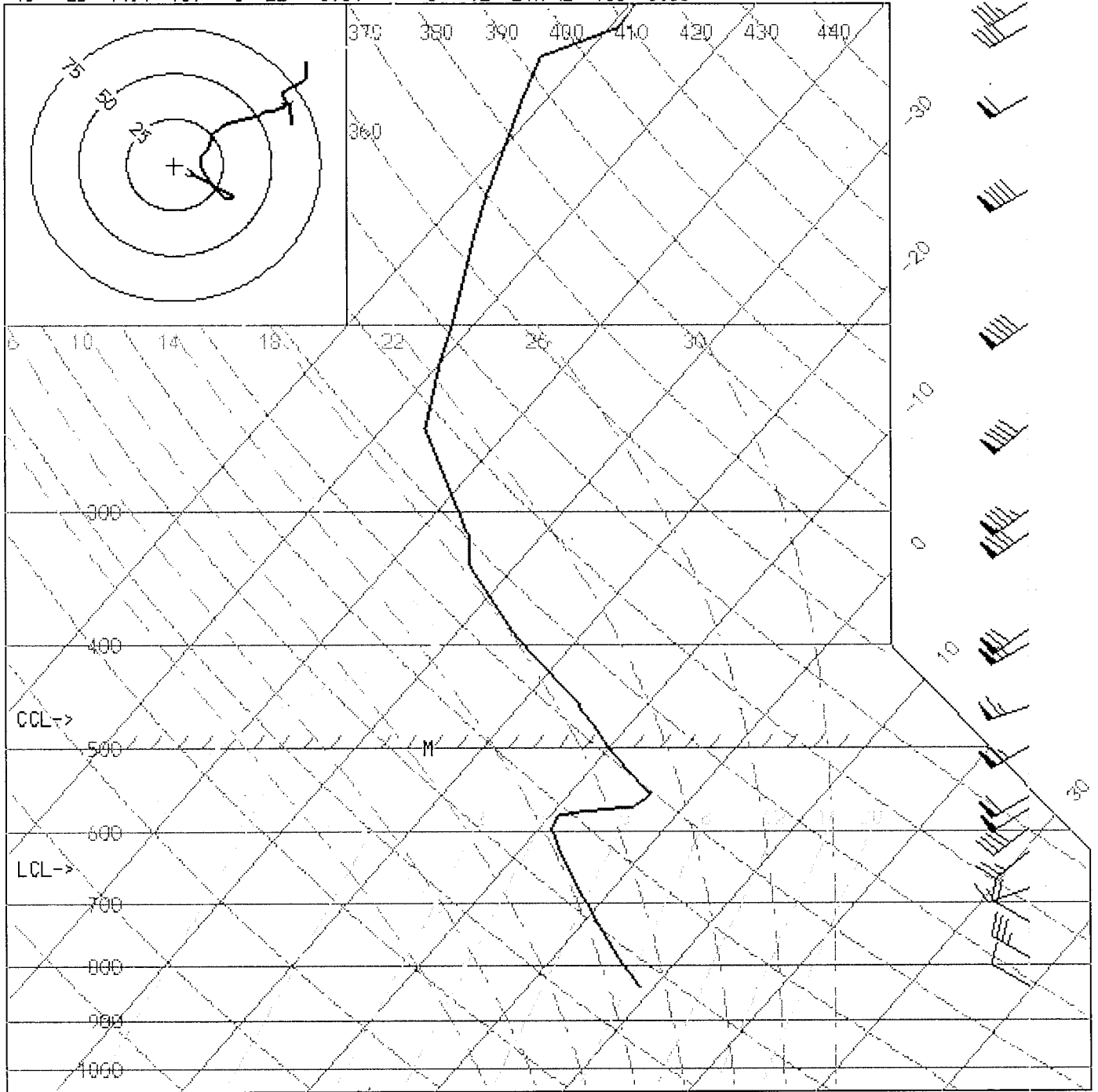


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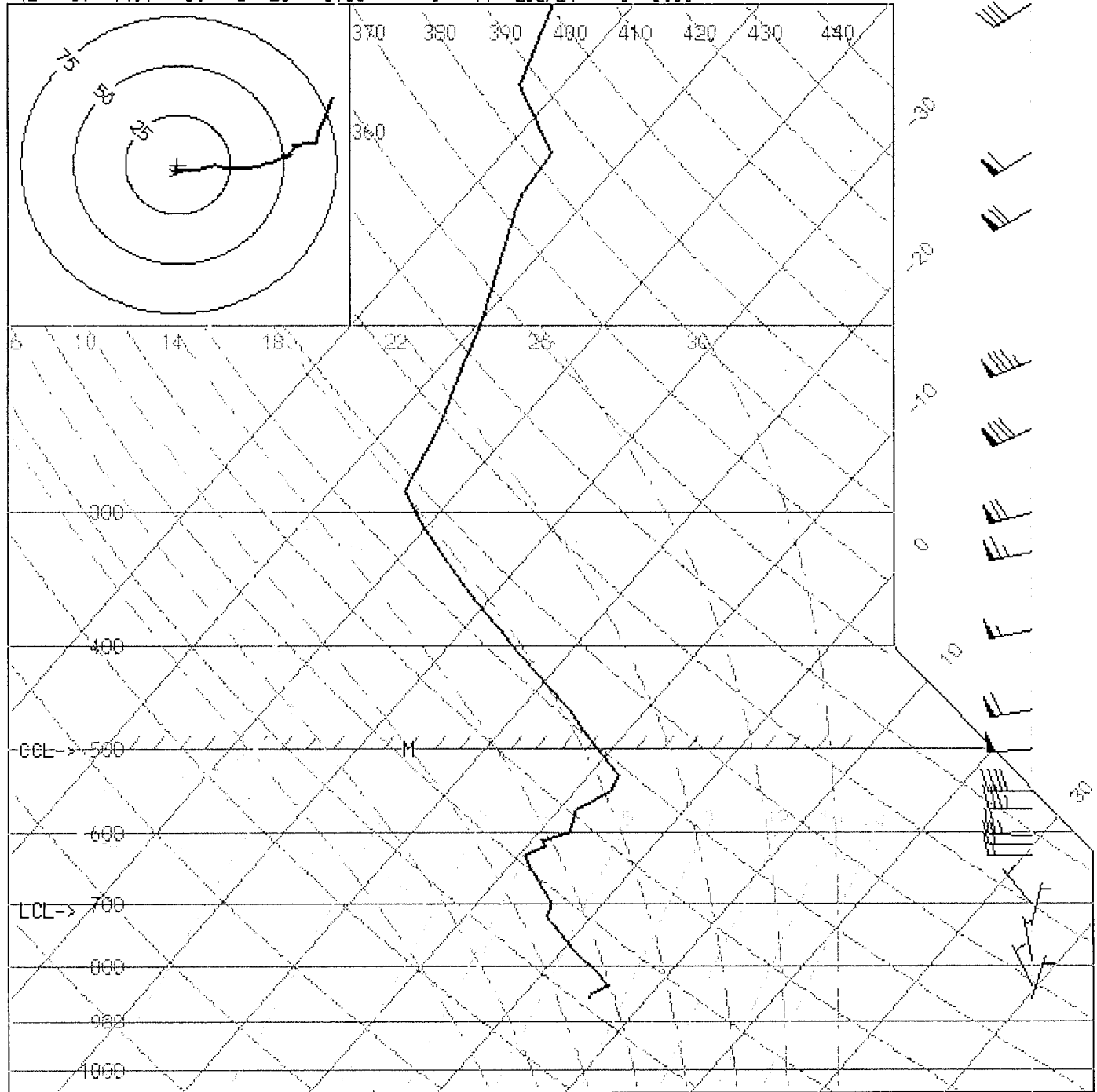
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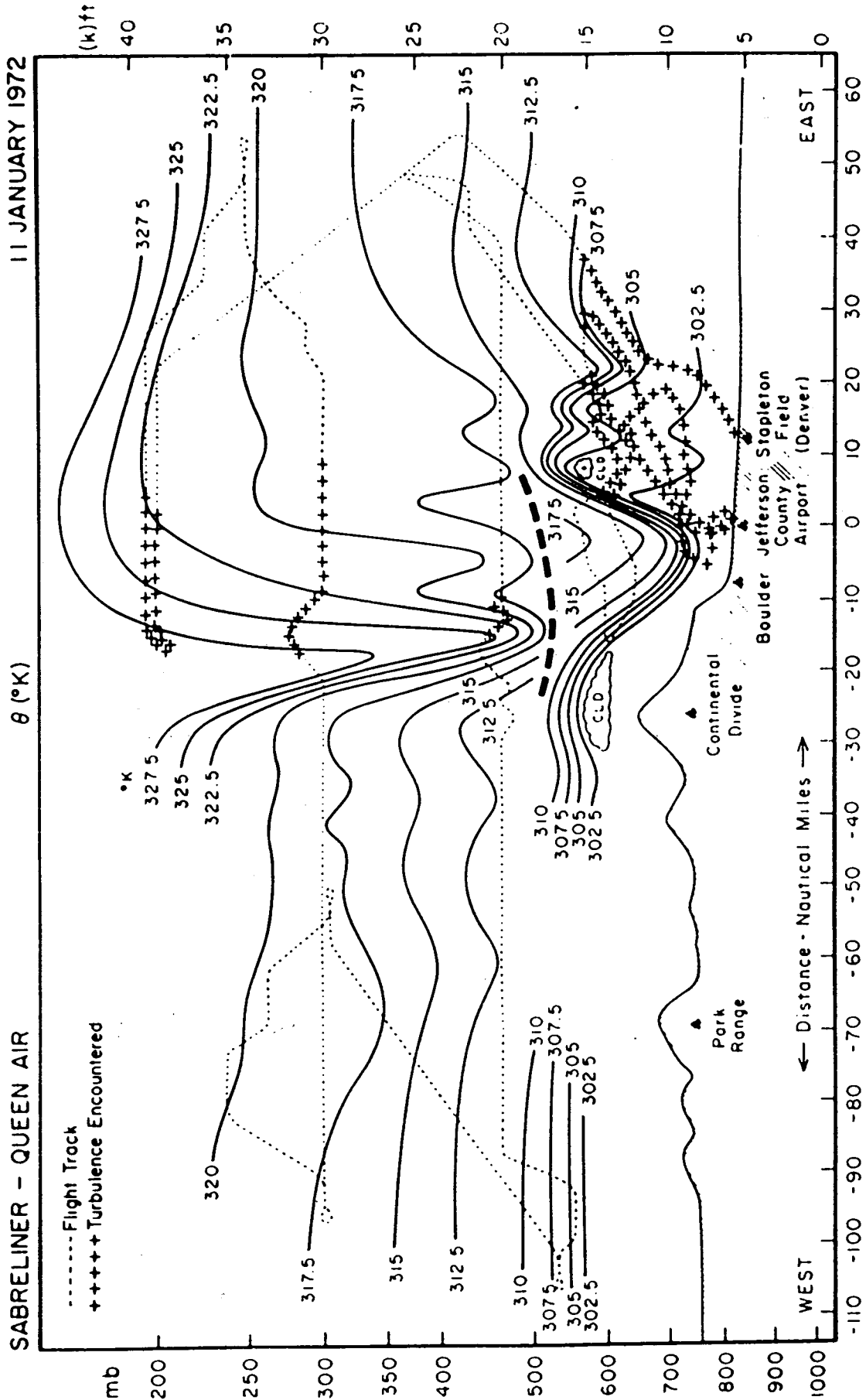


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BOOMER SOONER!

*Shawed w/ suns
 clouds - photos
 + sat images
 tried to relate to
 Howie*

↑
↓
skis

high-level clds.
difference in terrain profiles and/or moisture effects

Show Figs { steep windward, shallow lee }
 { shallow windward, steep lee }

show figs drop cloudiness -
local stability reduced in solid air

see Mercer et al. 2008 w/07

downslope wind storms (high large-amplitude mtn waves)

linear theory - low-amplitude waves ⇒ need nonlinear theory

Show Lilly & Zippin figs.

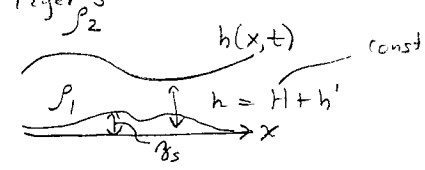
theories

1. hydraulic jump
Long 1953

nonlinear
(?) unrealistic upward boundary - vertically propagating waves not properly represented

first: linear theory

2 layers ρ_2



see Holton

→ recall earlier analyses of Kelvin waves

no f no fric.
U-eq. of motion

steady $\frac{d}{dt} = 0$ lower layer syn forcing

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + V \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} + W \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = -g \frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho_1} \frac{\partial h'}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{\rho_1} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right)_{z=H+h'}$$

$U = \bar{U} + U'$ $\bar{W} = 0$

const

$$\bar{U} \frac{\partial U'}{\partial x} + g \frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho_1} \frac{\partial h'}{\partial x} = 0$$

bracketed
What about $\frac{\partial U'}{\partial x}$?

$\frac{\partial U'}{\partial x}$ independent of z ?

What about $\frac{\partial U'}{\partial y}$?

cont.

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial W}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$\int_{z_s}^h \frac{\partial W}{\partial z} dz = - \int_{z_s}^h \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} dz$$

$U \frac{\partial z_s}{\partial x}$

$$w(h) - w(z_s) = - \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} (h - z_s)$$

but $w(h) = \frac{Dh}{Dt} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}$ \Rightarrow $U \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + h \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} - z_s \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - U \frac{\partial z_s}{\partial x} = 0$

non-linearize

$$U \frac{dh'}{\partial x} + h' \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + H \frac{\partial U'}{\partial x} - U \frac{\partial \rho_s}{\partial x} = 0$$

small compl. mths!

$$-\rho_s \frac{\partial U'}{\partial x} - U' \frac{\partial \rho_s}{\partial x}$$

$$\boxed{U \frac{\partial (h' - \rho_s)}{\partial x} + H \frac{\partial U'}{\partial x} = 0}$$

$$\frac{\partial U'}{\partial x} = -\frac{U}{H} \frac{\partial (h' - \rho_s)}{\partial x}$$

plug into continuity equation

$$U \left(-\frac{U}{H} \frac{\partial (h' - \rho_s)}{\partial x} \right) + g \frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho_i} \frac{\partial h'}{\partial x} = 0$$

XH

$$\frac{\partial h'}{\partial x} \frac{g \Delta \rho H}{\rho_i} - U^2 \frac{\partial h'}{\partial x} = -U^2 \frac{\partial \rho_s}{\partial x}$$

C shallow-water wave speed

$$\frac{\partial h'}{\partial x} (c^2 - U^2) = -U^2 \frac{\partial \rho_s}{\partial x} \quad \text{integrate w.r.t. } x$$

$$\boxed{h' = -\frac{U^2}{c^2 - U^2} \rho_s = -\frac{\rho_s U^2 / c^2}{1 - U^2 / c^2}}$$

$$\frac{\partial U'}{\partial x} = -\frac{U}{H} \frac{\partial h'}{\partial x} + \frac{U}{H} \frac{\partial \rho_s}{\partial x}$$

plug in h'

$$= -\frac{U}{H} \left(\frac{-U^2 \partial \rho_s}{c^2 - U^2} \right) + \frac{U}{H} \frac{\partial \rho_s}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \rho_s}{\partial x} \frac{U}{H} \left(\frac{U^2}{c^2 - U^2} + 1 \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial \rho_s}{\partial x} \frac{U}{H} \left(\frac{U^2 + c^2 - U^2}{c^2 - U^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial \rho_s}{\partial x} \frac{U}{H} \left(\frac{c^2}{c^2 - U^2} \right)$$

integrate w.r.t. x

$$\boxed{U' = \frac{\rho_s}{H} \frac{U}{1 - U^2/c^2}}$$

$$Fr = \frac{U^2}{c^2} = \frac{g \Delta \rho H}{N}$$

for $Fr < 1$, $U < c$ subcritical flow $h' < 0$, $U' > 0$

$Fr > 1$, $U > c$ supercritical flow $h' > 0$, $U' < 0$

flow is too fast

⇒ gravity waves cannot play role in establishing steady-state adj. bet h' & U'

lose KE to PE / gain KE from PE

when $Fr \rightarrow 1$, $h' \propto U' \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow$ linear soln not valid

steady-state
consider nonlinear eqns.

U -eqn. not linearized

$$U \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + g \left(\frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho_1} \right) \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = 0$$

let $\Delta \rho = \rho_1$ for mathematical simplicity

$\Delta \rho = \rho_1 - \rho_2$
small
ps air
above water

cont non-linear eqn \rightarrow

$$U \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + (h - \beta_s) \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - U \frac{\partial \beta_s}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$U \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + h \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - \beta_s \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - U \frac{\partial \beta_s}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} [U(h - \beta_s)] = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{2} U^2 \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (gh) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} U^2 + gh = \text{const.}$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} h \text{ decr. if } U \text{ incr.} \\ U \text{ incr. if } h \text{ decr.} \end{array} \right.$

$$U(h - \beta_s) = \text{const.}$$

$\times U \rightarrow U^2 \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + U g \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = 0$

cont. eq. $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} [U(h - \beta_s)] = 0 = U \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + h \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - U \frac{\partial \beta_s}{\partial x} - \beta_s \frac{\partial U}{\partial x}$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = -\frac{h}{U} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \beta_s}{\partial x} + \frac{\beta_s}{U} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x}$$

subst. $\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}$ into eqn. above

so $U^2 \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + U g \left(-\frac{h}{U} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \beta_s}{\partial x} + \frac{\beta_s}{U} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \right) = 0$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \left(U^2 - \underbrace{gh + g\beta_s}_{g(\beta_s - h)} \right) = -U g \frac{\partial \beta_s}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \left[U^2 - g(h - \beta_s) \right] = -U g \frac{\partial \beta_s}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \left[\frac{g(h - \beta_s)}{c^2} - \frac{U^2}{c^2} \right] = \frac{U g}{c^2} \frac{\partial \beta_s}{\partial x}$$

\uparrow Fr

$c^2 \equiv g(h - \beta_s)$
"local" thickness of fluid

(re member $\frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho} = 1$ here!)

like $c^2 = gH$, but acct for topography

$$(1 - Fr) \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = \frac{U g}{c^2} \frac{\partial \beta_s}{\partial x}$$

on upslope side of ridge, $\frac{d\eta_s}{dx} > 0$

if $Fr < 1 \Rightarrow \frac{dU}{dx} > 0$

subcritical on windward side \rightarrow
flow will accelerate

if $Fr > 1 \Rightarrow \frac{dU}{dx} < 0$

supercritical flow on windward side \rightarrow
flow will decelerate

consider $Fr < 1$ on windward side

$$U \begin{array}{l} \text{increases up mtn.} \\ C = \sqrt{g(h - \eta_s)} \text{ up mtn.} \end{array} \Rightarrow Fr = \frac{U^2}{C^2} \text{ increases}$$

↑
decreases

if $Fr = 1$ at crest, then since $\frac{dU}{dx} = \frac{Ug \frac{d\eta_s}{dx}}{1 - Fr^2} \rightarrow v_y \text{ large} \Rightarrow$
 U becomes v_y large

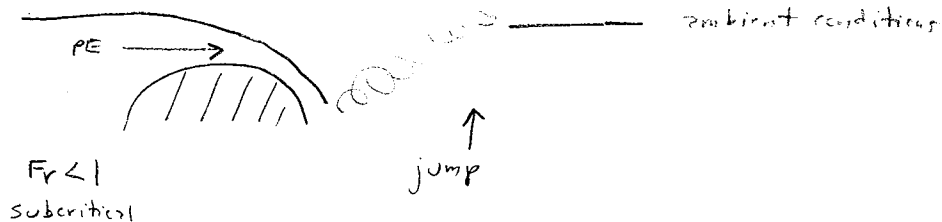
$\Rightarrow Fr > 1$ becomes supercritical &

continues to accelerate on lee. side

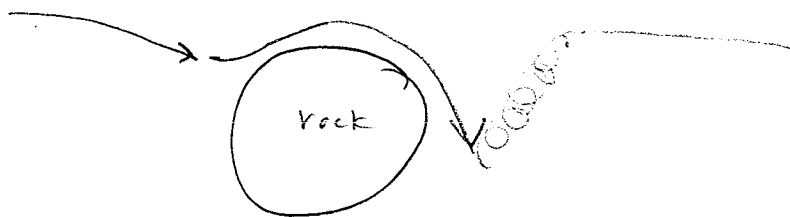
in a turbulent "hydraulic jump"

PE \rightarrow KE whole way!

$\frac{d\eta_s}{dx} < 0$
 $\frac{dU}{dx} < 0$
 $1 - Fr < 0$



like rock in stream



Reed Timmer

What happens if $Fr > 1$ well before mt. crest?

$$\frac{dD}{dx} = \frac{U_g}{c^2} \frac{d\eta_s}{dx} \quad \swarrow \text{so}$$

< 0 but then

$$\frac{1}{1 - Fr}$$

Fr will decrease.

$$< 0$$

blocking?

When $F_r \rightarrow 1$, $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \ll 0$

if F_r becomes < 1 before air reaches ridge

then $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$ becomes > 0 \Rightarrow wind increases downstream

if $F_r < 1$ at ridge, then on lee side

$$v < 0, \frac{\partial z_s}{\partial y} > 0$$

$$1 - F_r > 0$$

$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} < 0 \Rightarrow$ wind decreases downstream

if $F_r > 1$ at ridge, then on lee side

$$v < 0, \frac{\partial z_s}{\partial y} > 0$$

$$1 - F_r < 0$$

$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} > 0 \Rightarrow$ wind increases downstream
psbl windstorm!

2. Reflection of upward-propagating waves

Klemp & Lilly (1975)

linear waves

multilayer atm. — $N^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$ const in each layer

include ^{even} smallest values of k

if $\frac{\partial k^2}{\partial z} \neq 0$, part of energy reflected downward

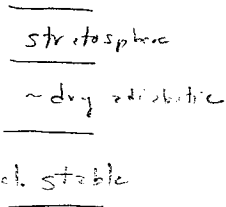
Superpose upward & downward moving waves

in 3-layer atm. over sinusoidal topography

optimum superposition

each of lower layers $1/4$ wave deep

if upper \equiv stratosphere



model linear : extrapolate results to nonlinear regime?

3. Self-induced critical layer

Clark & Peltier

nonlinear, nonhydrostatic model

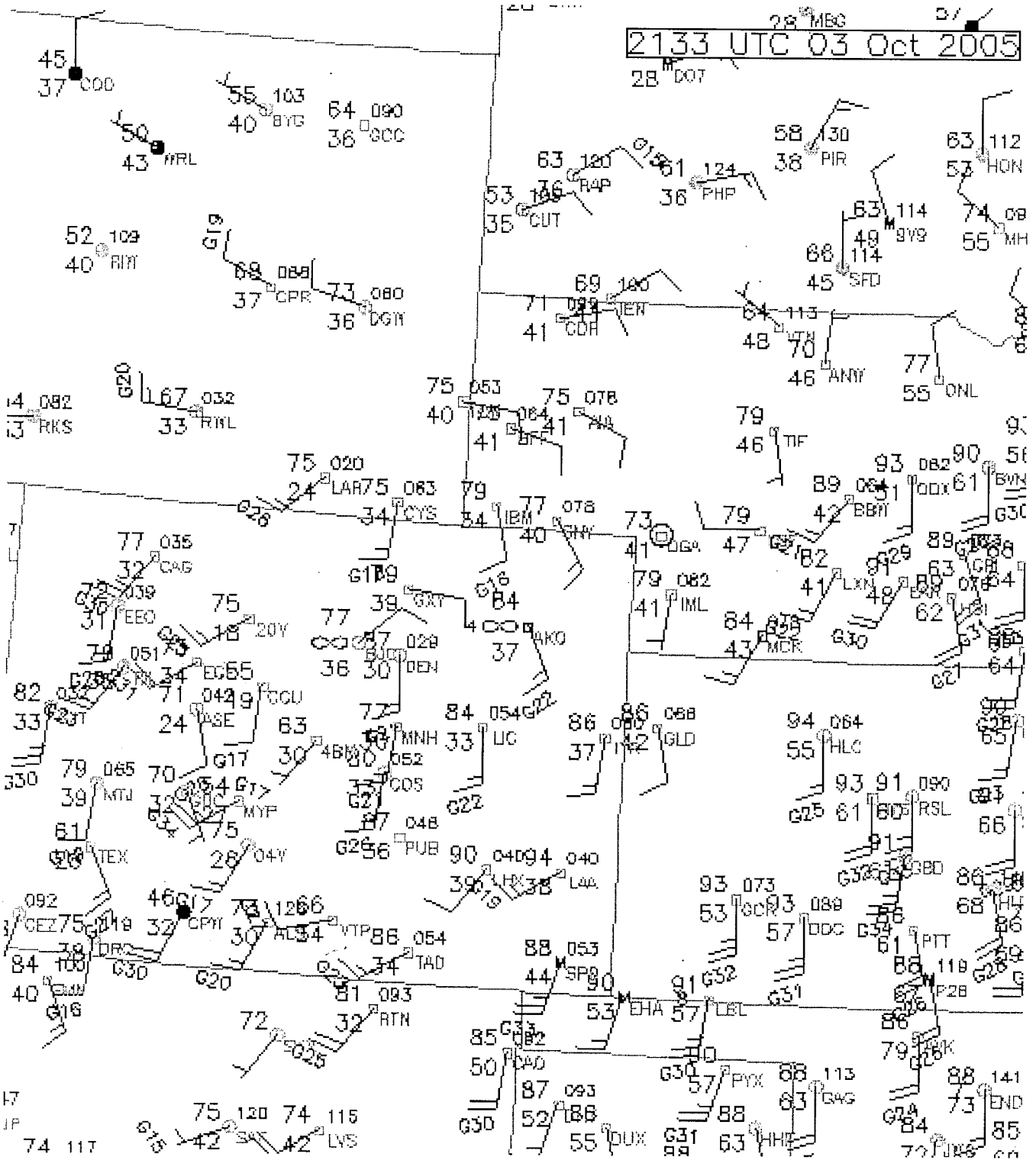
wave breaks \rightarrow strong mixing

local reversal of horiz. wind

upward propagating waves trapped below layer \rightarrow self-induced critical layer

large amplitude

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