Mesospheric Small-Scale GWs Characteristics + DEEPWAVE vs GW_LCYCLE 2

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GV Upper Atmosphere Imagers



1 zenith imager (temperature + OH intensity) + 2 side cameras (just OH intensity)



Projection on a Geographical Map



Quantifying the GWs Observed With the Zenith Imager



Quantifying the GWs Observed With the Zenith Imager



Small-Scale GW Power Spectrum



Integration of the power
between the 2 circles
This power corresponds to
the average temperature
perturbation generated by
the GWs

GWs with horizontal wavelength between 10 and 40 km

Small-Scale GW Power Spectrum

Short range of wavelengths, but:

- <10km, probably instabilities
- >40km, difficult to measure because of the small field-ofview (only 80km)
- Still representative of small scale GWs :



Typical horizontal wavelength distributions obtained using all-sky imagers at high (Rothera, Halley) and low (Cachoeira Paulista) latitudes (Nielsen et al., 2009)

Power vs Time - Example: RF16



Ground-Based Data (Courtesy M. Bramberger)



Between 06 and 12 UTC mesospheric gravity wave activity seems to be uncoupled from Stratosphere

Comparison AMTM Power vs Lidar GWPED



Average power



Each square is 2.5° (longitude) x 2° (latitude)

Average power



Average power



Average power



Average power



Average power



Comparison with Stratospheric Measurements

Average power



Each square is 2.5° (longitude) x 2° (latitude)



AIRS GW RMS brightness temperature during July 2003-2011 at 2 hPa (~41 km, courtesy Steve Eckermann)

Small-Scale GW Power Over NZ (1°x1°)



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What's new (1)? Quantifying the GWs Observed With the Side Imagers



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 $10 < \lambda_x < 40 \text{ km}$

Small-Scale GW Power Regional Distribution with 3 Cameras



Small-Scale GW Power Regional Distribution with 3 Cameras





- Using only OH brightness, not temperature
- Similar distribution over a larger region
- Regions with larger power better defined

What's new (2)? GW Direction – Example: RF16



It's also possible to use the spectrum to look at the main direction of propagation by integrating over the 10-40km range and looking at the distribution vs angle.

For RF16, the highest power (red) was just above the mountains and most of the GWs propagated in the East-West direction (since we use only single images, there is a 180° ambiguity and we cannot tell if they were going towards the East or the West with this method). Small-Scale GWs (10<λ_x<40km) Power and Direction for all 25 Flights







Mountains vs Oceans

30°S

40

50°S

60°S



• Strong difference land vs ocean during the same flight



Mountain Flights – Small Power



- Weak GW power
- Direction ~NE

Mountain Flights – Large Power





- Larger GW power
- Direction ~E or ~SE

Evolution Power/Direction RF12



Evolution Power/Direction RF13



Small-Scale GWs Power

- Small-scale GWs (10<λ_x<40km) power and direction (180° ambiguity)
- Nightly evolution
- MW flights vs forcing
- Comparison lands vs oceans: average power and direction different if over land or over ocean
- Comparison with lower altitude measurements? Does it make sense?

The GW-LCYCLE2 Project Within ROMIC Partners: DLR, KIT, FZJ, IAP and international partners



BMBF Research Initiative: ROMIC (Role of the Middle atmosphere In Climate) 2014 -2017

DFG Research Group: MSGwaves (Multiscale Dynamics of Gravity Waves) 2014-2020

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AMTM Locations and Approximate FOVs



ALOMAR, Norway



REELE



FMI, Finland



Mesospheric Mountain Waves Over Kiruna and Sodankylä – Dec 13-14, 2015







Dec 04-05









Mountain Waves Sodankylä







Many MWs in Rayleigh Lidar Data



Differences NZ-Scandinavia



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Same distance to the mountains (100-150km) for Lauder and Kiruna
W-E size: ~150km for S, ~100 km for NZ

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unedin

Differences NZ-Scandinavia



Same distance to the mountains (100-150km) for Lauder and Kiruna
W-E size: ~150km for S, ~100 km for NZ

Mountain top: ~2000m for S, ~3000m for NZ



Effect of Horizontal Wind

Lauder



- Larger winds (max ~90m/s @ ~50km)
- Goes to ~0m/s @ ~95km
- MWs should reach OH layer most of the time (if their amplitude is not too large)

Scandinavia



- Smaller winds (max ~40m/s @ ~40km)
- Second maximum at MLT altitude
- Goes to ~0m/s @ ~60km
- MWs might reach OH layer under the right circumstances

DEEPWAVE vs GW_LCYCLE 2

- Similar geographical situations for Lauder and Kiruna in 2 different hemispheres
- MWs rarely observed over Kiruna, 70% occurrence over Lauder
- Smaller horizontal wind at higher latitude may create critical levels at lower altitude, stopping MWs from reaching the MLT
- Other possibility: the MWs over Kiruna/Sodankylä have a shorter vertical wavelength (≤ 8km), thus cannot be observed with an AMTM (but can be detected by a Rayleigh lidar)

Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850hPa Valid: Fri, 06 Jun 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Fri, 06 Jun 2014, 00 UTC)



DIV (10^-5 s^-1, pos.: red, neg.: blue, Delta=4.) and Z (m) at 1hPa Valid: Fri, 06 Jun 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Fri, 06 Jun 2014, 00 UTC)





Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850hPa Valid: Wed, 11 Jun 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Wed, 11 Jun 2014, 00 UTC)



DIV (10^-5 s^-1, pos.: red, neg.: blue, Delta=4.) and Z (m) at 1hPa Valid: Wed, 11 Jun 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Wed, 11 Jun 2014, 00 UTC)





Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850hPa Valid: Fri, 13 Jun 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Fri, 13 Jun 2014, 00 UTC)



DIV (10^-5 s^-1, pos.: red, neg.: blue, Delta=4.) and Z (m) at 1hPa Valid: Fri, 13 Jun 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Fri, 13 Jun 2014, 00 UTC)





Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850hPa Valid: Sat, 14 Jun 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Sat, 14 Jun 2014, 00 UTC)



DIV (10^-5 s^-1, pos.: red, neg.: blue, Delta=4.) and Z (m) at 1hPa Valid: Sat, 14 Jun 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Sat, 14 Jun 2014, 00 UTC)





Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850 hPa Valid: Mon, 16 Jun 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Mon, 16 Jun 2014, 00 UTC)



DIV (10^-5 s^-1, pos.: red, neg.: blue, Delta=4.) and Z (m) at 1 hPa Valid: Mon, 16 Jun 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Mon, 16 Jun 2014, 00 UTC)





Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850 hPa Valid: Wed, 18 Jun 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Wed, 18 Jun 2014, 00 UTC)



DIV (10^-5 s^-1, pos.: red, neg.: blue, Delta=4.) and Z (m) at 1 hPa Valid: Wed, 18 Jun 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Wed, 18 Jun 2014, 00 UTC)





RF07 Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850 hPa

Valid: Thu, 19 Jun 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Thu, 19 Jun 2014, 00 UTC)



DIV (10^-5 s^-1, pos.: red, neg.: blue, Delta=4.) and Z (m) at 1 hPa Valid: Thu, 19 Jun 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Thu, 19 Jun 2014, 00 UTC)





Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850 hPa Valid: Fri, 20 Jun 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Fri, 20 Jun 2014, 00 UTC)



DIV (10^-5 s^-1, pos.: red, neg.: blue, Delta=4.) and Z (m) at 1 hPa Valid: Fri, 20 Jun 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Fri, 20 Jun 2014, 00 UTC)







Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850 hPa Valid: Tue, 24 Jun 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Tue, 24 Jun 2014, 00 UTC)



50 45

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30 25

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15 10

Horizontal Wind / m/s



160°E

170°E

180°E

150°E



Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850 hPa Valid: Wed, 25 Jun 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Wed, 25 Jun 2014, 00 UTC)

Horizontal Wind / m/s









Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850 hPa Valid: Sat, 28 Jun 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Sat, 28 Jun 2014, 00 UTC)





160°E

150

Horizontal Wind / m/s

170°E

180°E



DIV (10^-5 s^-1, pos.: red, neg.: blue, Delta=4.) and Z (m) at 1 hPa Valid: Sat, 28 Jun 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Sat, 28 Jun 2014, 00 UTC)

Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850 hPa Valid: Sun, 29 Jun 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Sun, 29 Jun 2014, 00 UTC)



Horizontal Wind / m/s

DIV (10^-5 s^-1, pos.: red, neg.: blue, Delta=4.) and Z (m) at 1 hPa Valid: Sun, 29 Jun 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Sun, 29 Jun 2014, 00 UTC)





Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850 hPa Valid: Mon, 30 Jun 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Mon, 30 Jun 2014, 00 UTC)

Horizontal Wind / m/s

RF13







RF14 Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850 hPa

Valid: Tue, 01 Jul 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Tue, 01 Jul 2014, 00 UTC)



Horizontal Wind / m/s

DIV (10^-5 s^-1, pos.: red, neg.: blue, Delta=4.) and Z (m) at 1 hPa Valid: Tue, 01 Jul 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Tue, 01 Jul 2014, 00 UTC)





RF16 Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850 hPa

Valid: Fri, 04 Jul 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Fri, 04 Jul 2014, 00 UTC)



Horizontal Wind / m/s

DIV (10^-5 s^-1, pos.: red, neg.: blue, Delta=4.) and Z (m) at 1 hPa Valid: Fri, 04 Jul 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Fri, 04 Jul 2014, 00 UTC)





Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850 hPa Valid: Sat, 05 Jul 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Sat, 05 Jul 2014, 00 UTC)



Horizontal Wind / m/s

DIV (10^-5 s^-1, pos.: red, neg.: blue, Delta=4.) and Z (m) at 1 hPa Valid: Sat, 05 Jul 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Sat, 05 Jul 2014, 00 UTC)









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Horizontal Wind / m/s



160°E

170°E

180°E

150°E

DIV (10^-5 s^-1, pos.: red, neg.: blue, Delta=4.) and Z (m) at 1 hPa Valid: Mon, 07 Jul 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Mon, 07 Jul 2014, 00 UTC)



Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850 hPa Valid: Tue, 08 Jul 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Tue, 08 Jul 2014, 00 UTC)



50 45

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30 25 20

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Horizontal Wind / m/s

DIV (10^-5 s^-1, pos.: red, neg.: blue, Delta=4.) and Z (m) at 1 hPa Valid: Tue, 08 Jul 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Tue, 08 Jul 2014, 00 UTC)





Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850 hPa Valid: Thu, 10 Jul 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Thu, 10 Jul 2014, 00 UTC)

RF20



Horizontal Wind / m/s

DIV (10^-5 s^-1, pos.: red, neg.: blue, Delta=4.) and Z (m) at 1 hPa Valid: Thu, 10 Jul 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Thu, 10 Jul 2014, 00 UTC)





Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850 hPa

Valid: Fri, 11 Jul 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Fri, 11 Jul 2014, 00 UTC)

Horizontal Wind / m/s

DIV (10^-5 s^-1, pos.: red, neg.: blue, Delta=4.) and Z (m) at 1 hPa Valid: Fri, 11 Jul 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Fri, 11 Jul 2014, 00 UTC)





Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850 hPa Valid: Sun, 13 Jul 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Sun, 13 Jul 2014, 00 UTC)



DIV (10^-5 s^-1, pos.: red, neg.: blue, Delta=4.) and Z (m) at 1 hPa Valid: Sun, 13 Jul 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Sun, 13 Jul 2014, 00 UTC)





Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850 hPa Valid: Mon, 14 Jul 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Mon, 14 Jul 2014, 00 UTC)



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Horizontal Wind / m/s

DIV (10^-5 s^-1, pos.: red, neg.: blue, Delta=4.) and Z (m) at 1 hPa Valid: Mon, 14 Jul 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Mon, 14 Jul 2014, 00 UTC)




RF24 Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850 hPa

Valid: Tue, 15 Jul 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Tue, 15 Jul 2014, 00 UTC)



Horizontal Wind / m/s

DIV (10^-5 s^-1, pos.: red, neg.: blue, Delta=4.) and Z (m) at 1 hPa Valid: Tue, 15 Jul 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Tue, 15 Jul 2014, 00 UTC)





RF25 Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850 hPa

Valid: Fri, 18 Jul 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Fri, 18 Jul 2014, 00 UTC)



Horizontal Wind / m/s

DIV (10^-5 s^-1, pos.: red, neg.: blue, Delta=4.) and Z (m) at 1 hPa Valid: Fri, 18 Jul 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Fri, 18 Jul 2014, 00 UTC)





RF26

Geopotential Height (m) & Horizontal Wind (m/s) at 850 hPa Valid: Sun, 20 Jul 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Sun, 20 Jul 2014, 00 UTC)



Horizontal Wind / m/s

DIV (10^-5 s^-1, pos.: red, neg.: blue, Delta=4.) and Z (m) at 1 hPa Valid: Sun, 20 Jul 2014, 06 UTC (step 006 h from Sun, 20 Jul 2014, 00 UTC)



