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**A Model for Calculating Acoustic Gravity  
Wave Energy and Momentum Flux in the  
Mesosphere from OH Airglow**

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**"A model for calculating Acoustic Gravity Wave energy and momentum flux in the mesosphere from OH airglow"**

Swenson, G. and A.Z. Liu, GRL, 25, 477, 1998.  
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\* Vertical flux of horizontal momentum,  $F_M \propto \frac{\lambda_z}{\lambda_x} \left\langle \left( \frac{T'}{\bar{T}} \right)^2 \right\rangle$

\* OH Airglow, Dynamic Response to AGWs

$$\frac{\rho'}{\rho} = -\frac{T'}{T}, \quad \left| \frac{\Gamma/I}{\rho'/\rho} \right| \sim 3 \Rightarrow \text{CF (for large } \lambda_z)$$

[Swenson and Gardner, JGR-Atmospheres, 103, 6271, 1998]

\* Starfire 95' Data- 5 nights (2/2, 2/3, 4/1, 4/2, 4/4, 1995)

-161 Waves, Intrinsic Parameters

$$\lambda_x = 28.8 \text{ km}$$

$$C_o = 33.4 \text{ m/s}, \quad C_I = 61.4 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\tau_I = 7.8 \text{ minutes}$$

$$\lambda_z = 26.6 \text{ km}$$

$$I'/I = 3.8\%$$

$$|F_M| = 21.9 \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-2}$$
$$F_{M.ZONAL} = -5.3 \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-2}, \quad F_{M.MERIDIONAL} = 6.1 \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-2}$$

[Swenson, Haque, Yang and Gardner, JGR, Submitted, 1998]

\* Summary and 'Where do we go from here?'

$$\rho'/\rho \approx \varepsilon \underline{e^{\beta(z - z_{OH})}} \cos [\omega t - kx + m(z - z_{OH})]$$

where,

$\rho'$  is the change to  $\rho$ , the undisturbed mass density,

$\varepsilon$  is the wave amplitude at altitude  $z_{OH}$  (88 km),

$1/\beta$  is the amplitude growth length (=  $2H$  for undamped waves),

$\omega$  is the intrinsic frequency,

$m = 2\pi/\lambda_z$  is the vertical wave number,

$k = 2\pi/\lambda_x$  is the horizontal wave number,

$\lambda_z$  is the vertical wavelength, and

$\lambda_x$  is the horizontal wavelength.

$$\mathbf{F}_E = \frac{-\rho_0 \lambda_z^2}{\lambda_x \tau_{BV}} \frac{g^2}{N^2} \left\langle \left( \frac{T'}{\bar{T}} \right)^2 \right\rangle \quad (1)$$

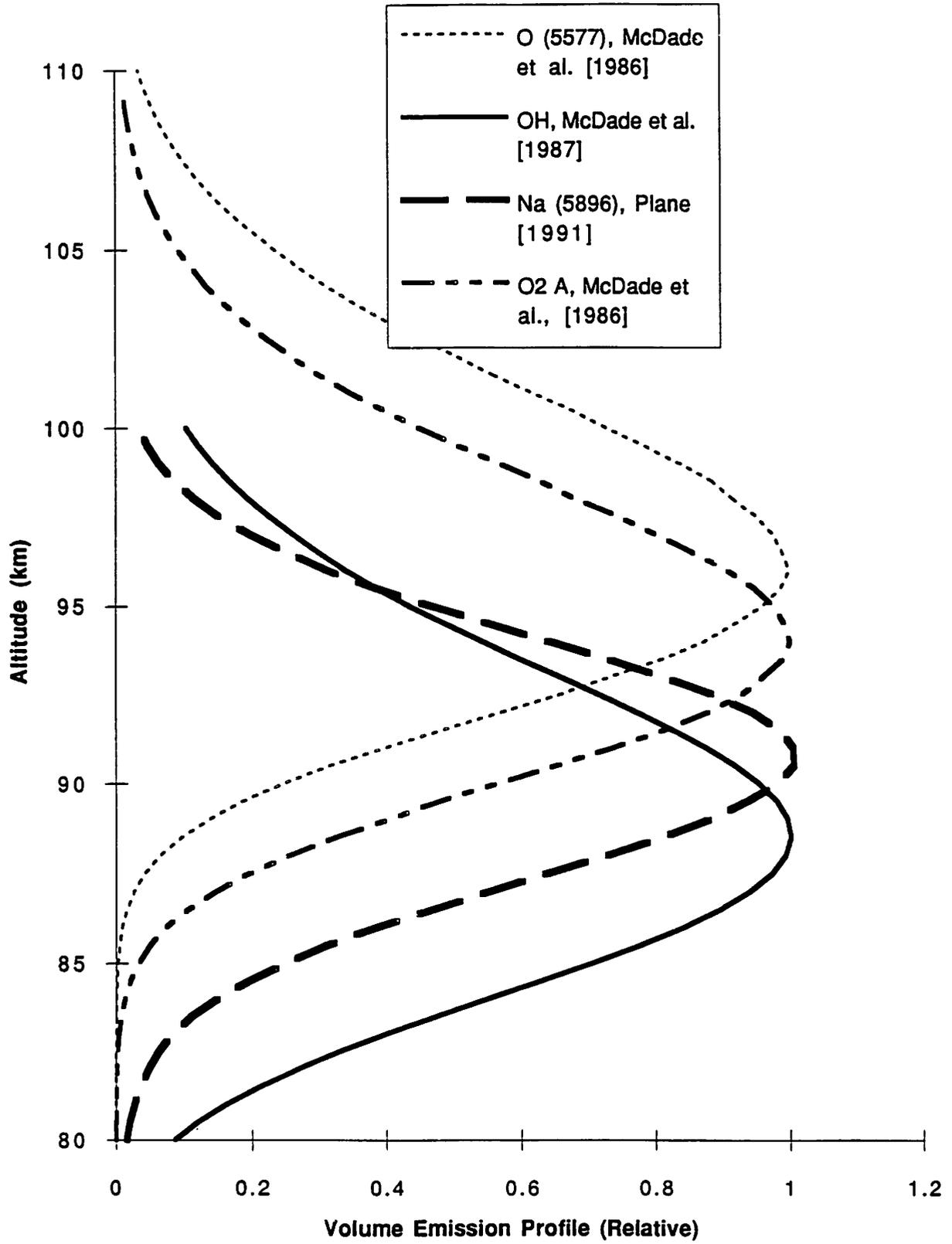
$$\mathbf{F}_M = \frac{\lambda_z}{\lambda_x} \frac{g^2}{N^2} \left\langle \left( \frac{T'}{\bar{T}} \right)^2 \right\rangle \quad (2)$$

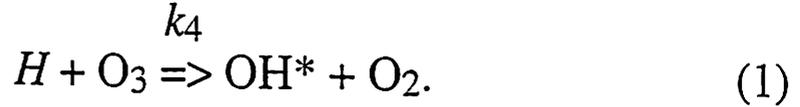
substitute  $\frac{T'}{\bar{T}} = \frac{I'_{OH}}{I_{OH}} \cdot \frac{1}{CF}$  (3)

$$\mathbf{F}_{E,87km} = \frac{2.3 \cdot 10^{-3} \lambda_z^2}{\lambda_x \cdot CF^2} \frac{(I'_{OH})^2}{(I_{OH})^2} \quad (\text{W m}^{-2}) \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{M,87km} = \frac{6 \cdot 10^4 \lambda_z}{CF^2 \lambda_x} \frac{(I'_{OH})^2}{(I_{OH})^2} \quad (\text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-2}) \quad (5)$$

$$CF(\lambda_z) = 3.5 - (3.5 - .01) \cdot e^{-.0055 \cdot (\lambda_z(\text{km}) - 6)^2} \quad (6)$$





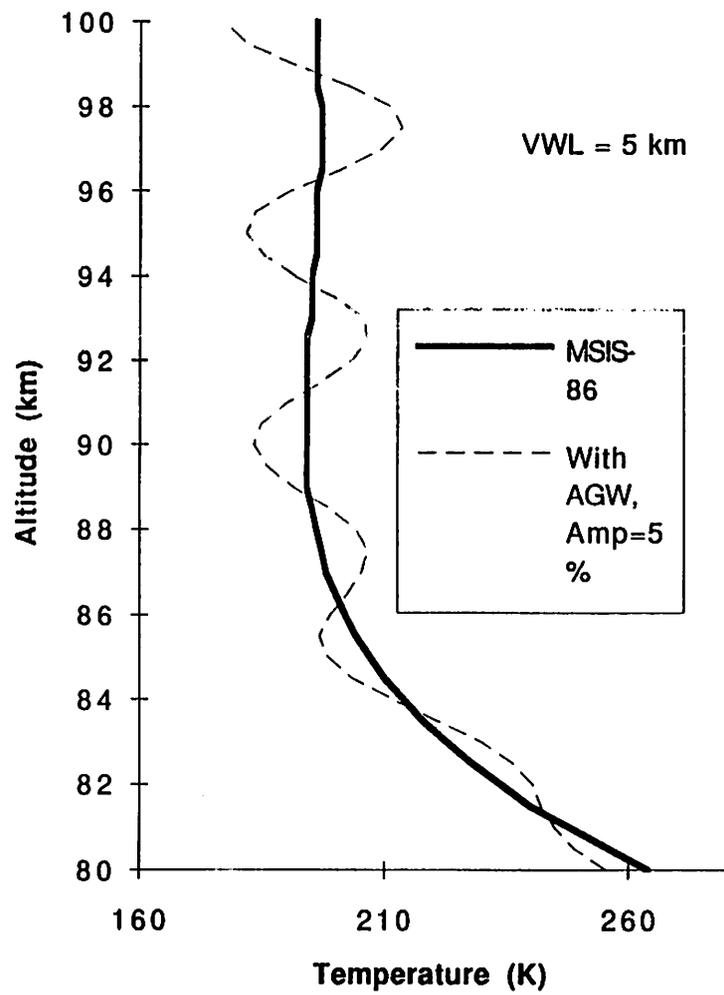
$$V(8,3) = \frac{K_1 [O] [O_2]^2 (200/T)^{2.5}}{(1 + 7.7 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^3 [O_2])} \quad (2)$$

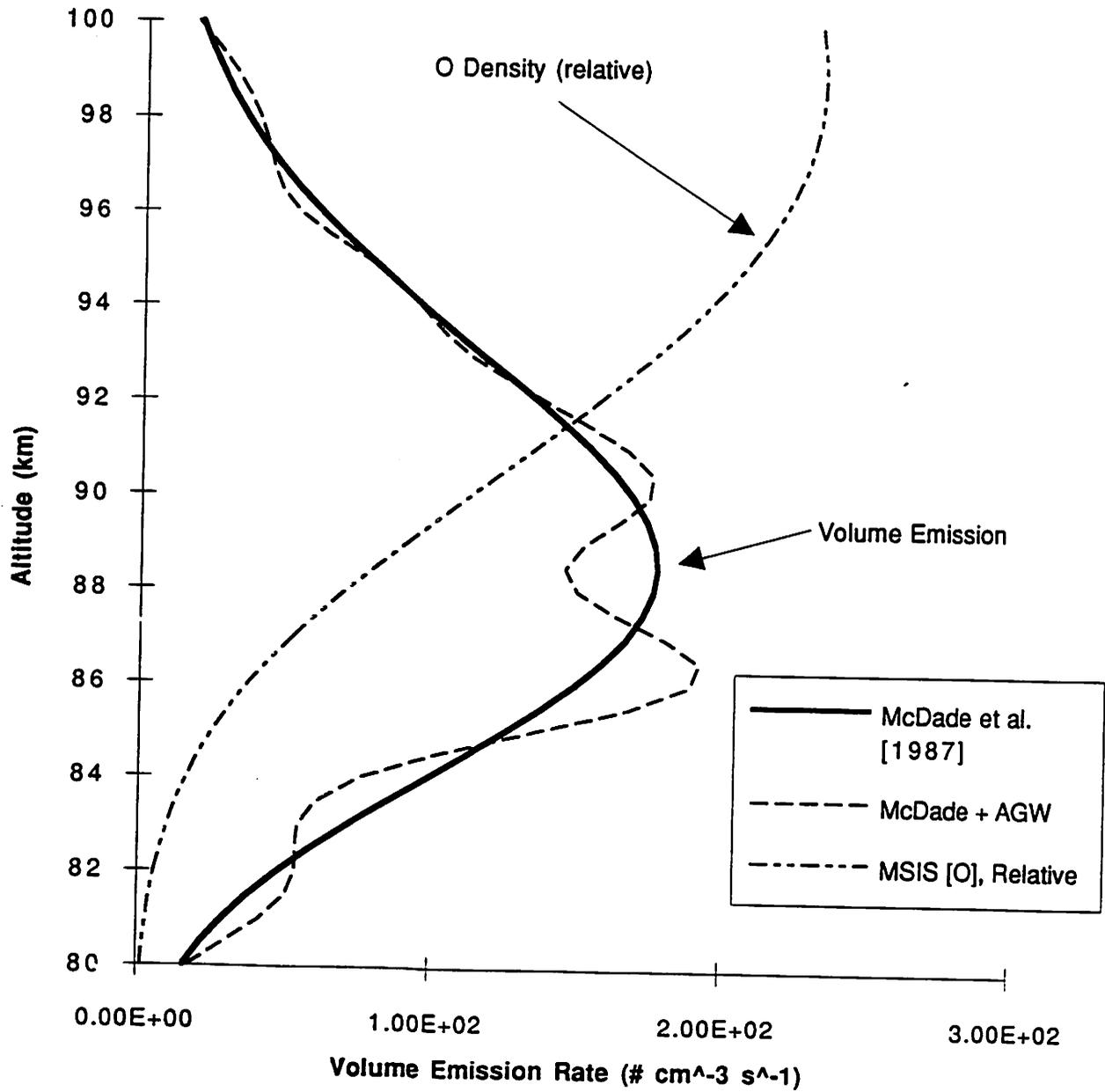
$$\rho'/\rho \approx \varepsilon e^{\beta(z - z_{OH})} \cos [\omega t - kx + m(z - z_{OH})] \quad (3)$$

$$m^2 = \frac{(N^2 - \omega^2)}{(\omega^2 - f^2)} k^2 \quad (4)$$

$$\Delta V(8,3) \approx \quad (5)$$

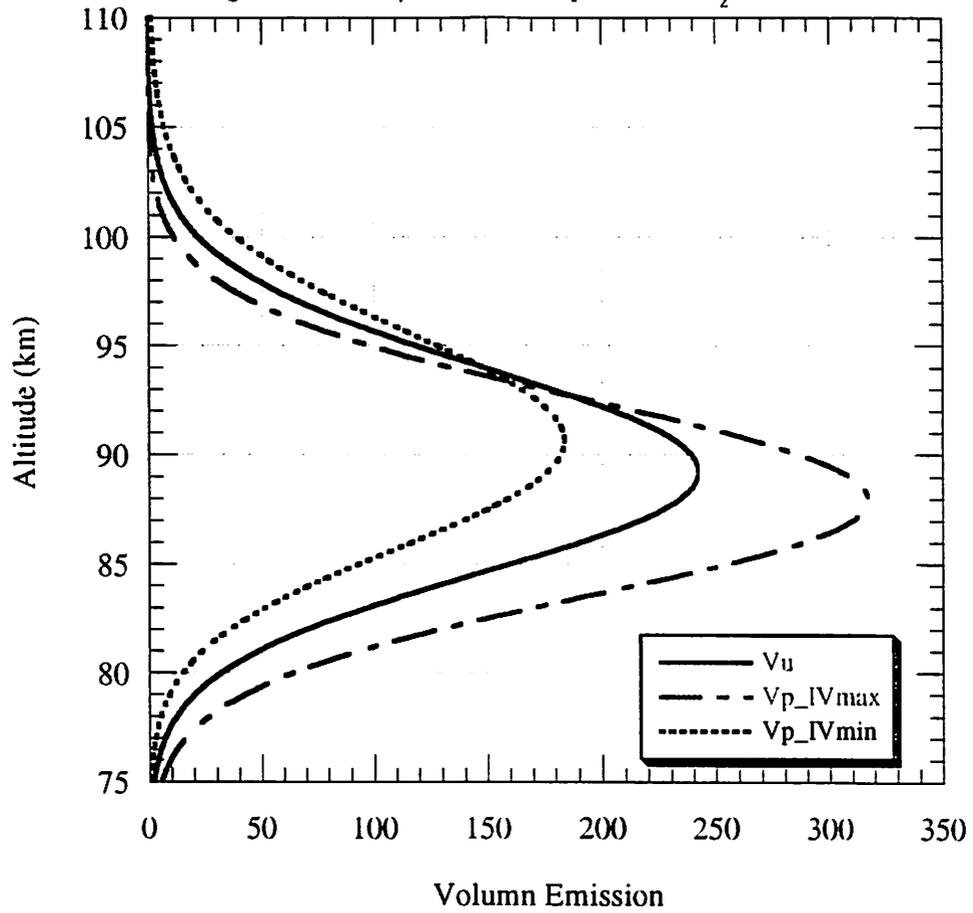
$$\left( \frac{\Delta[O]}{[O]} + \frac{(2 + 7.7 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^3 [O_2])}{(1 + 7.7 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^3 [O_2])} \frac{\Delta[O_2]}{[O_2]} - 2.5 \frac{\Delta T}{T} \right) V(8,3)$$



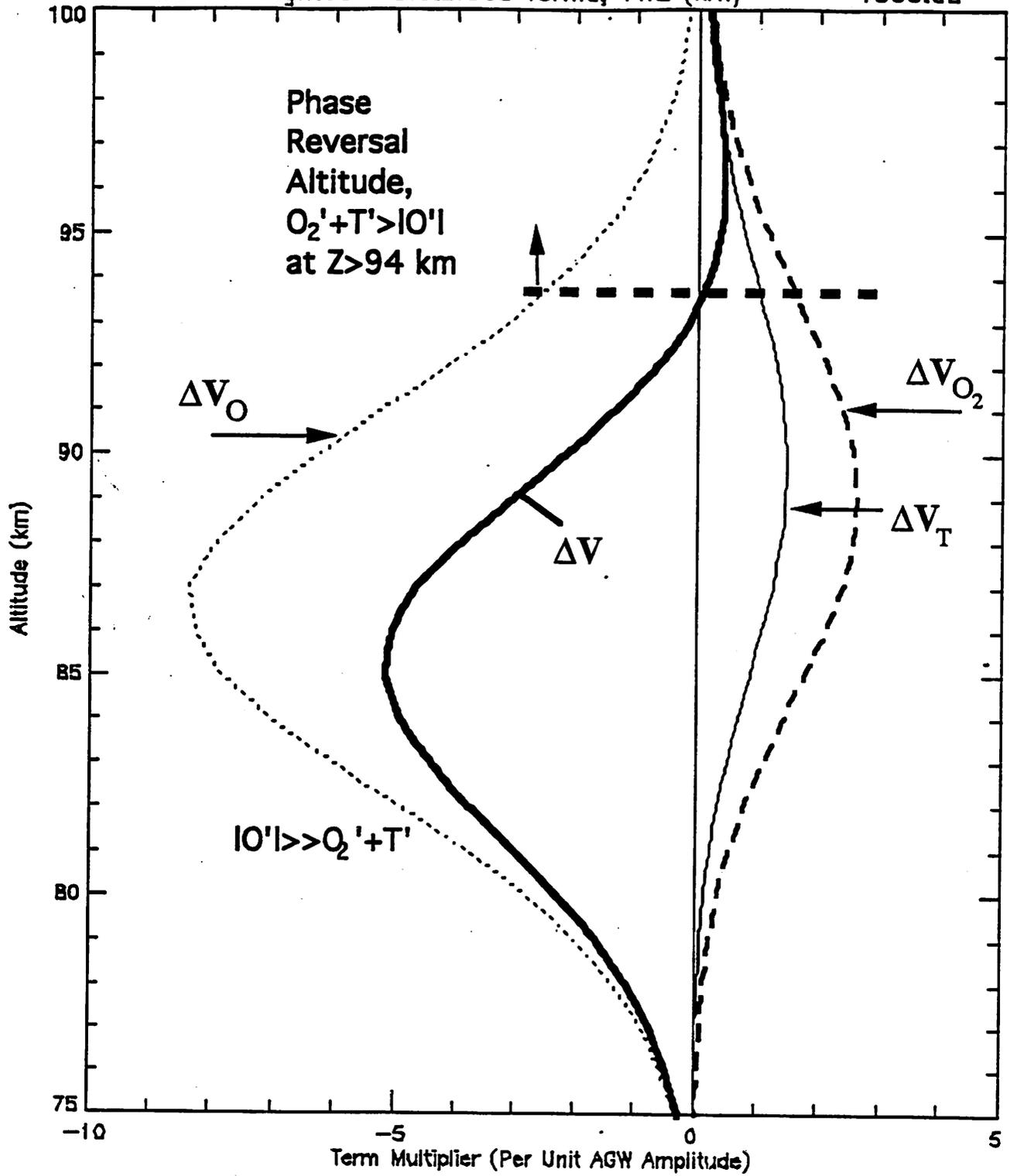


### OH Layer V profiles IV

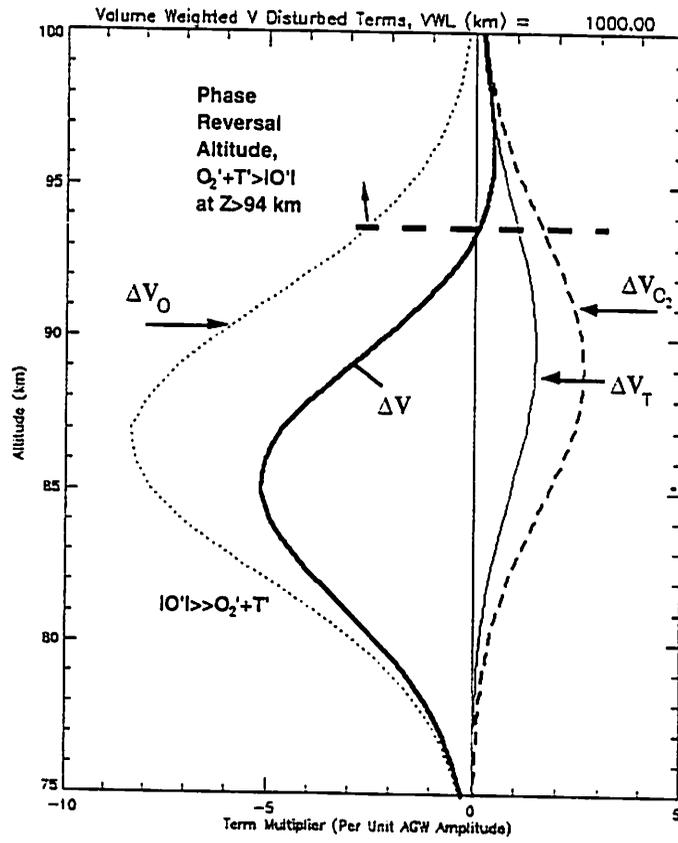
$g=9.8$ ,  $H=6\text{km}$ ,  $\beta=1/2H$ ,  $\varepsilon=0.1$ ,  $\text{prd}=60\text{min}$ ,  $\lambda_z=1000\text{km}$



Volume Weighted V Disturbed Terms, VWL (km) = 1000.00



(a)



(b)

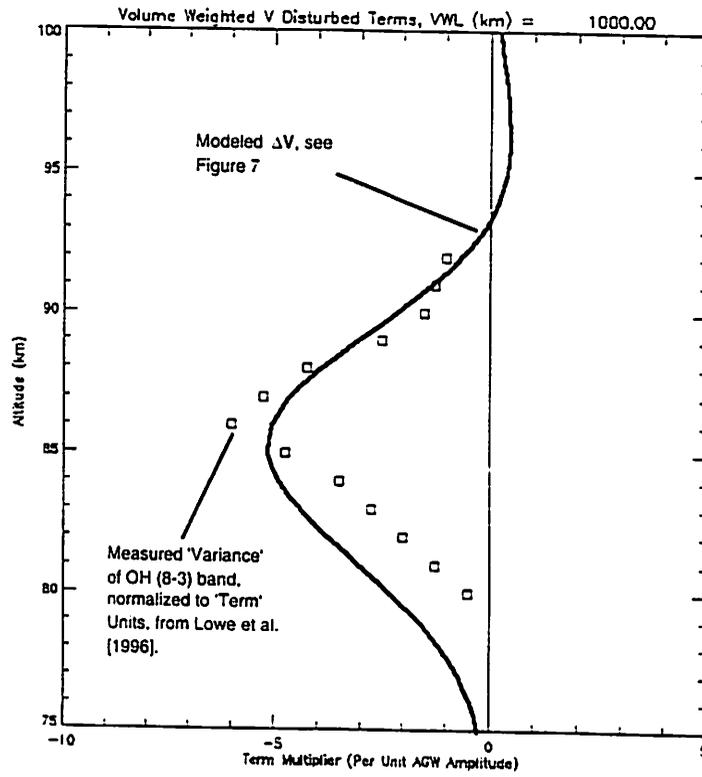
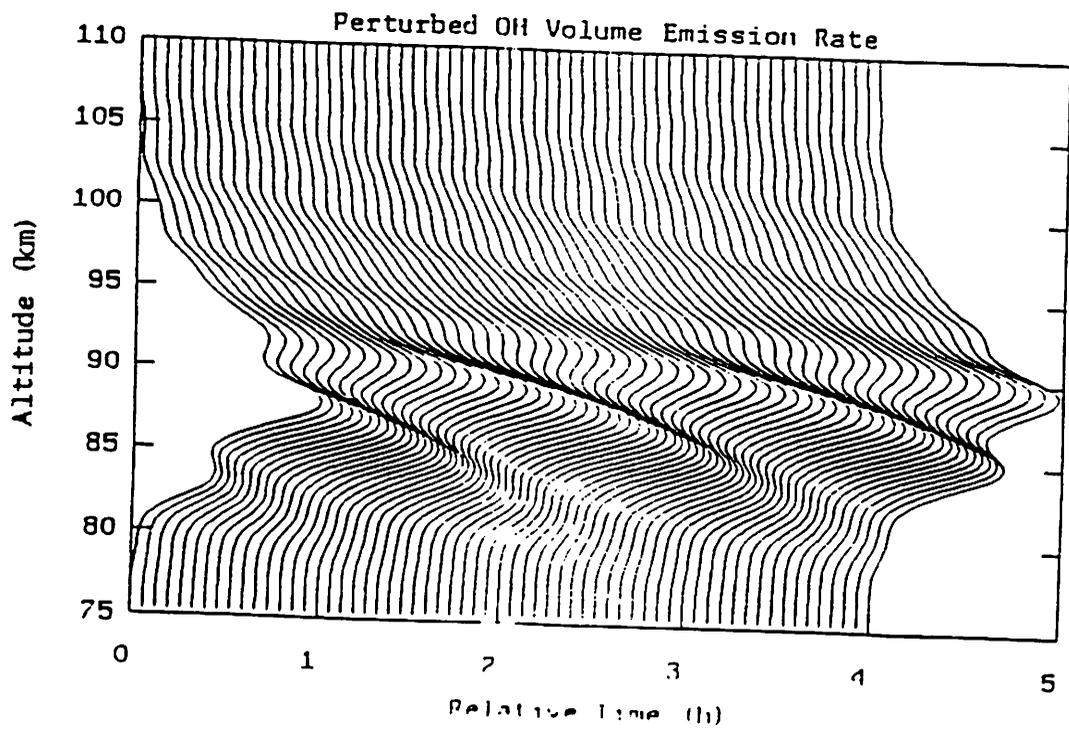
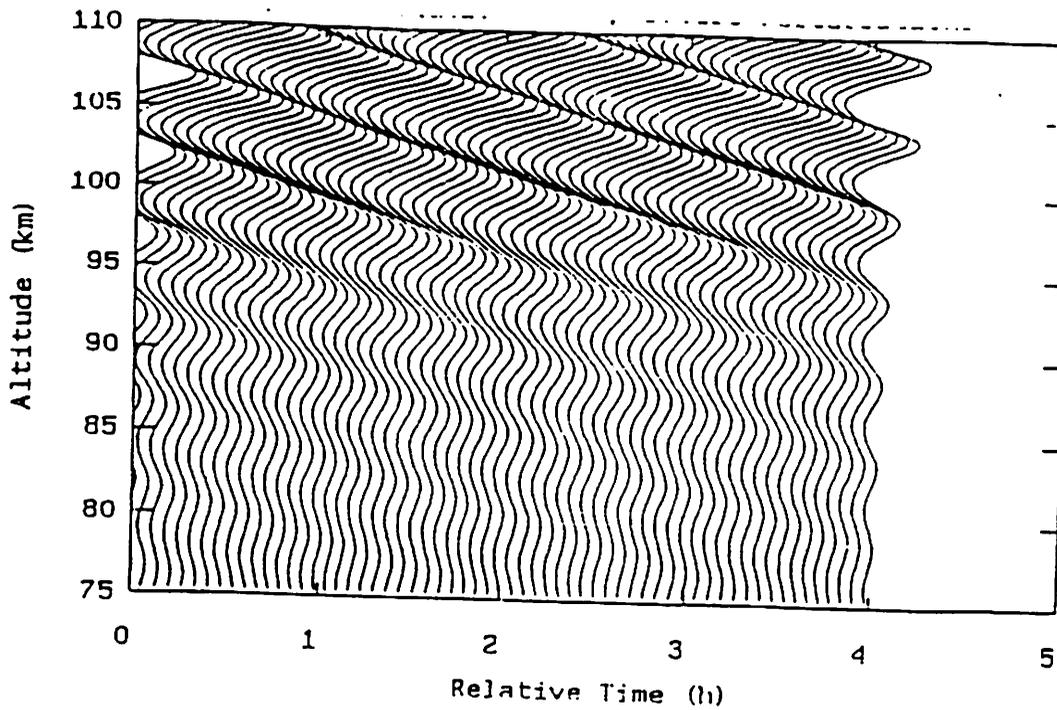
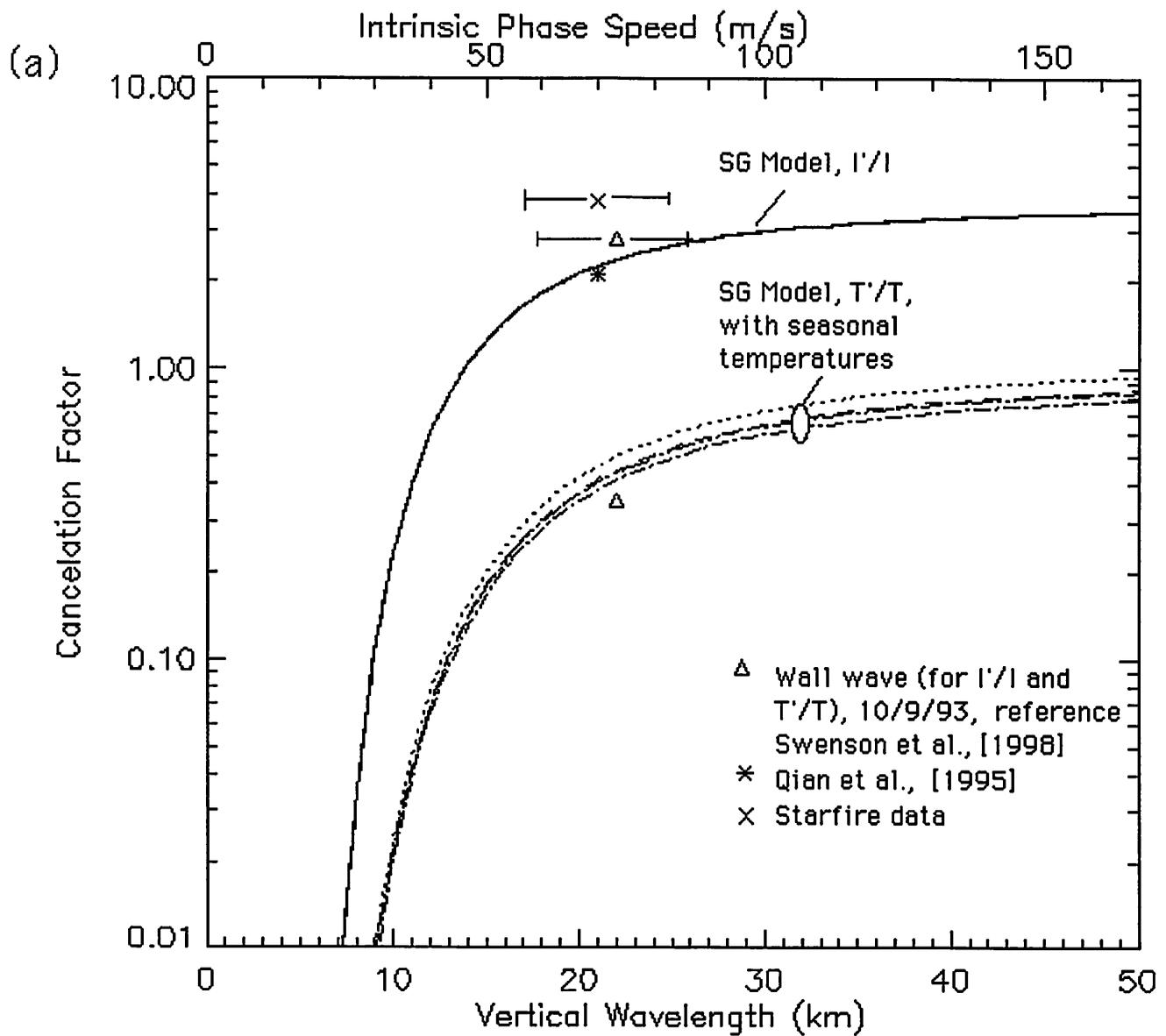
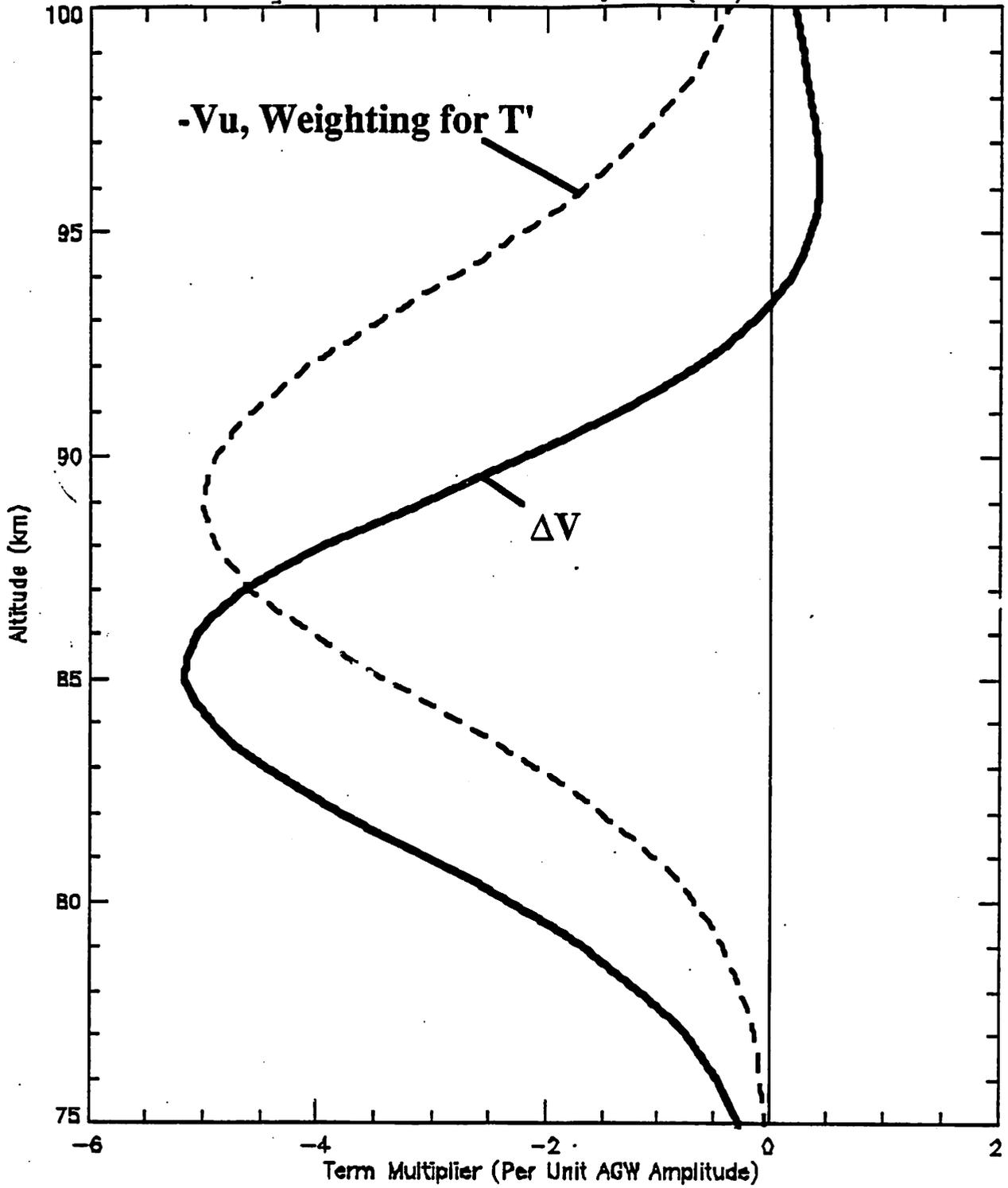


Figure 7





Volume Weighted V Disturbed Terms, VWL (km) = 1000.00



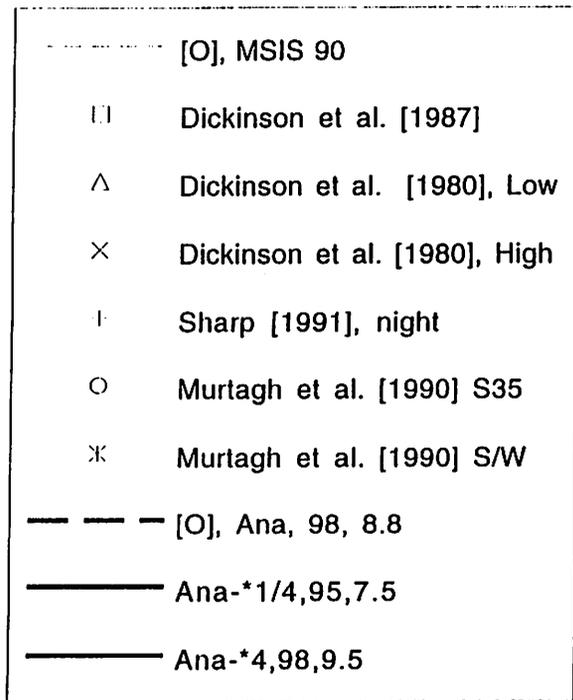
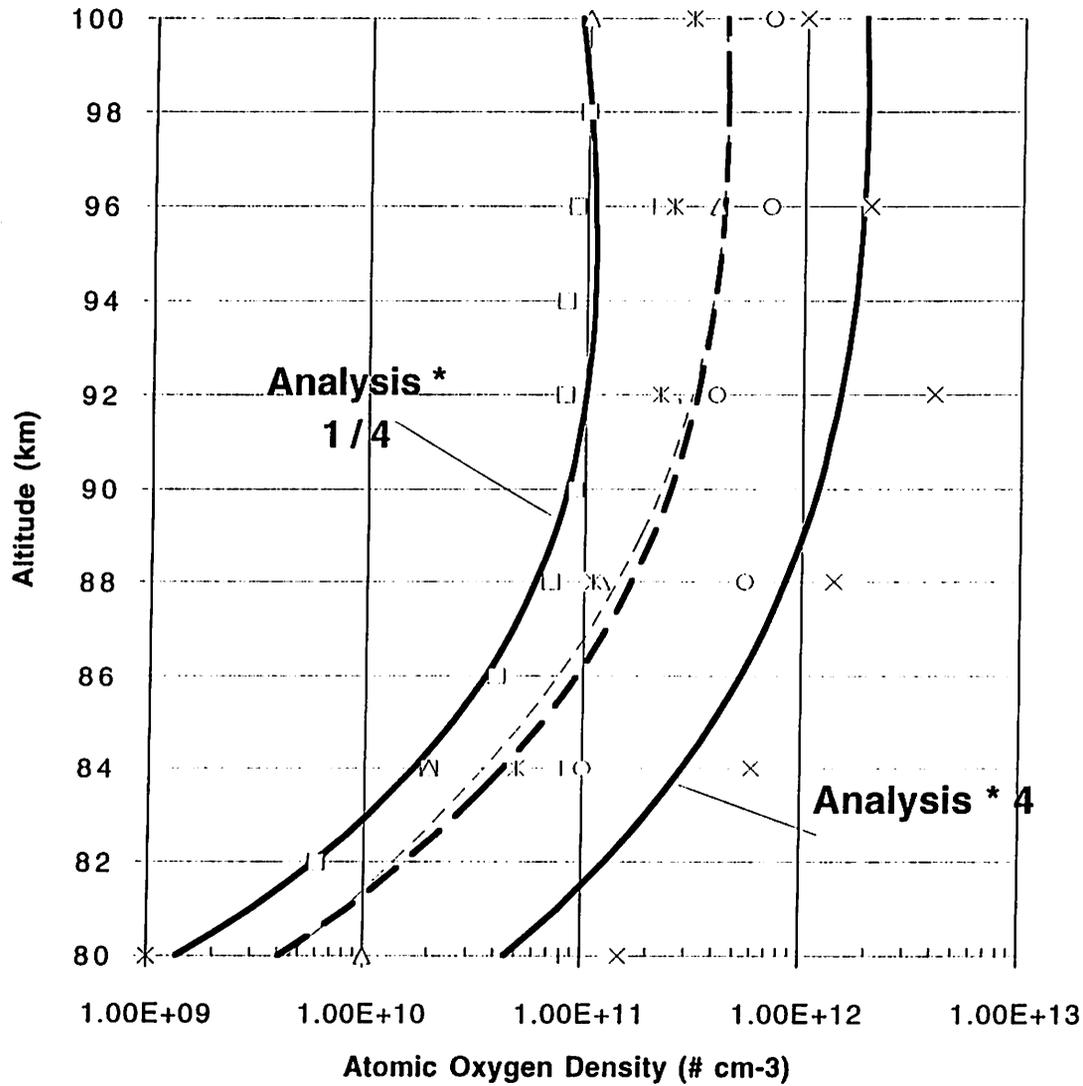
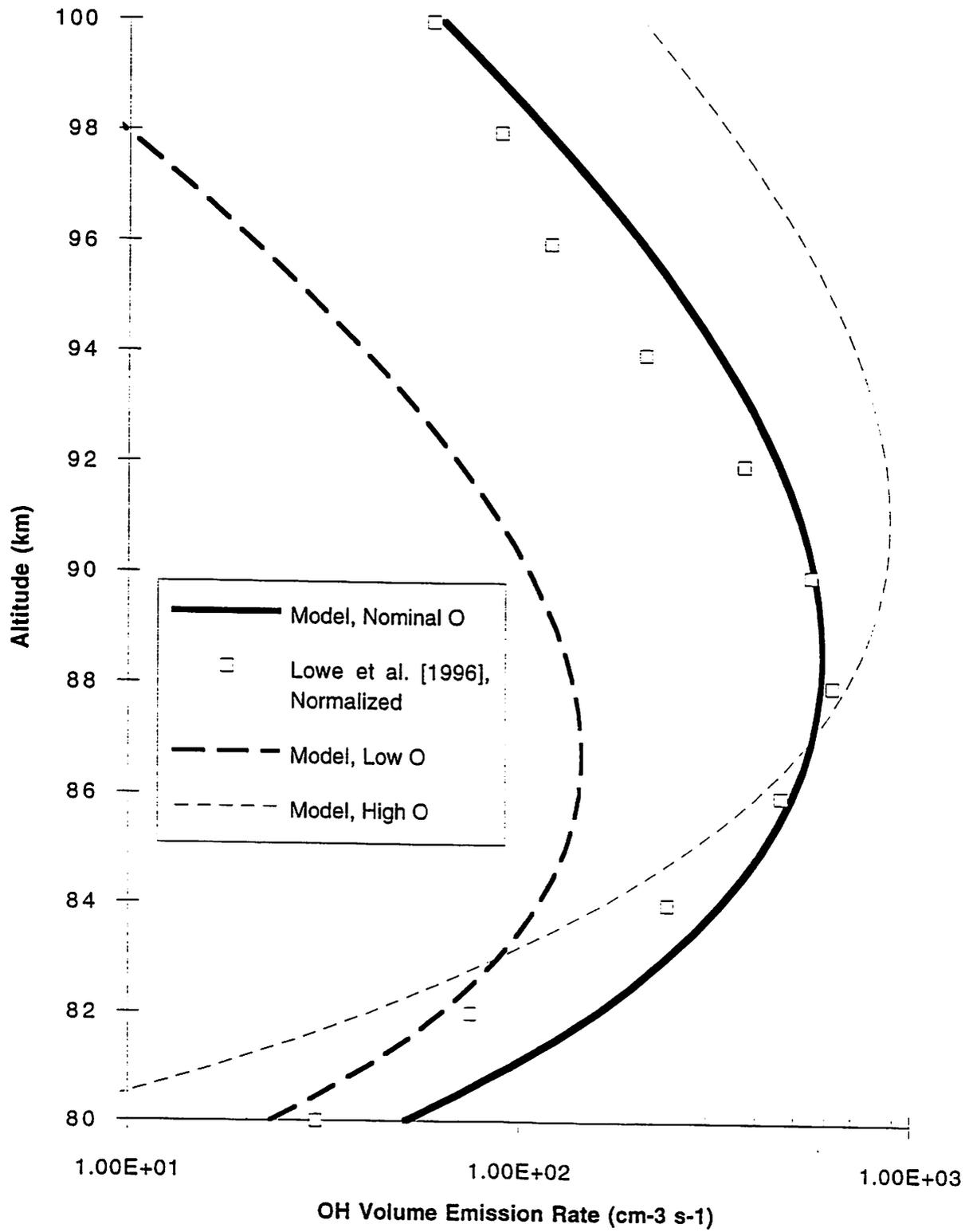
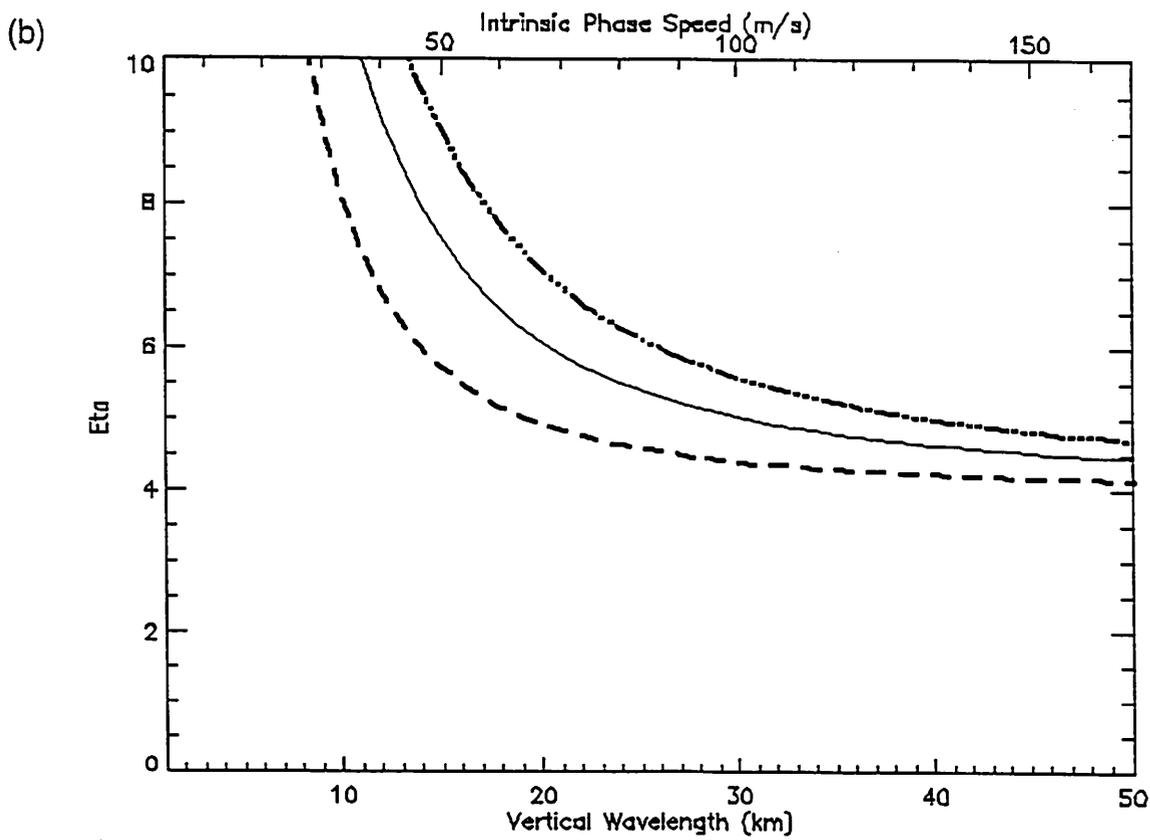
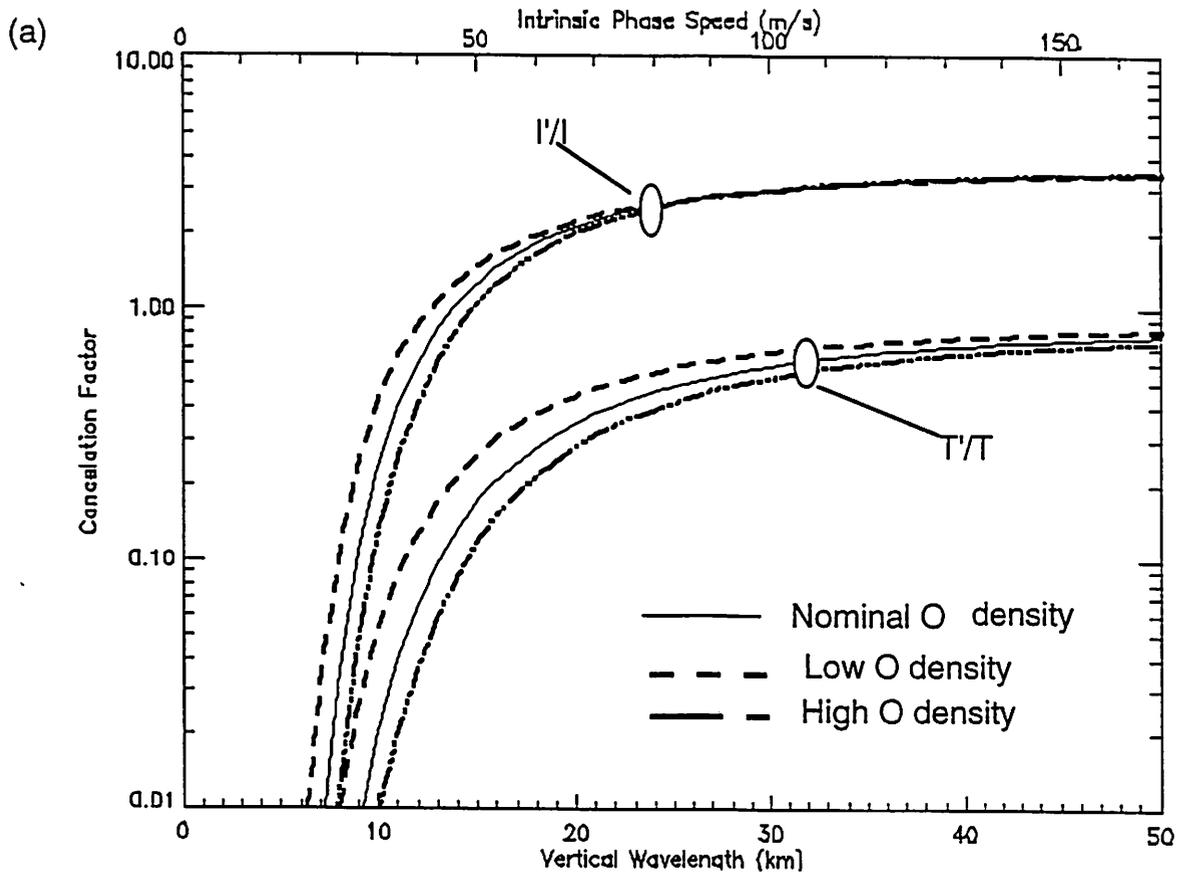


Fig XX, OH extreme, from O

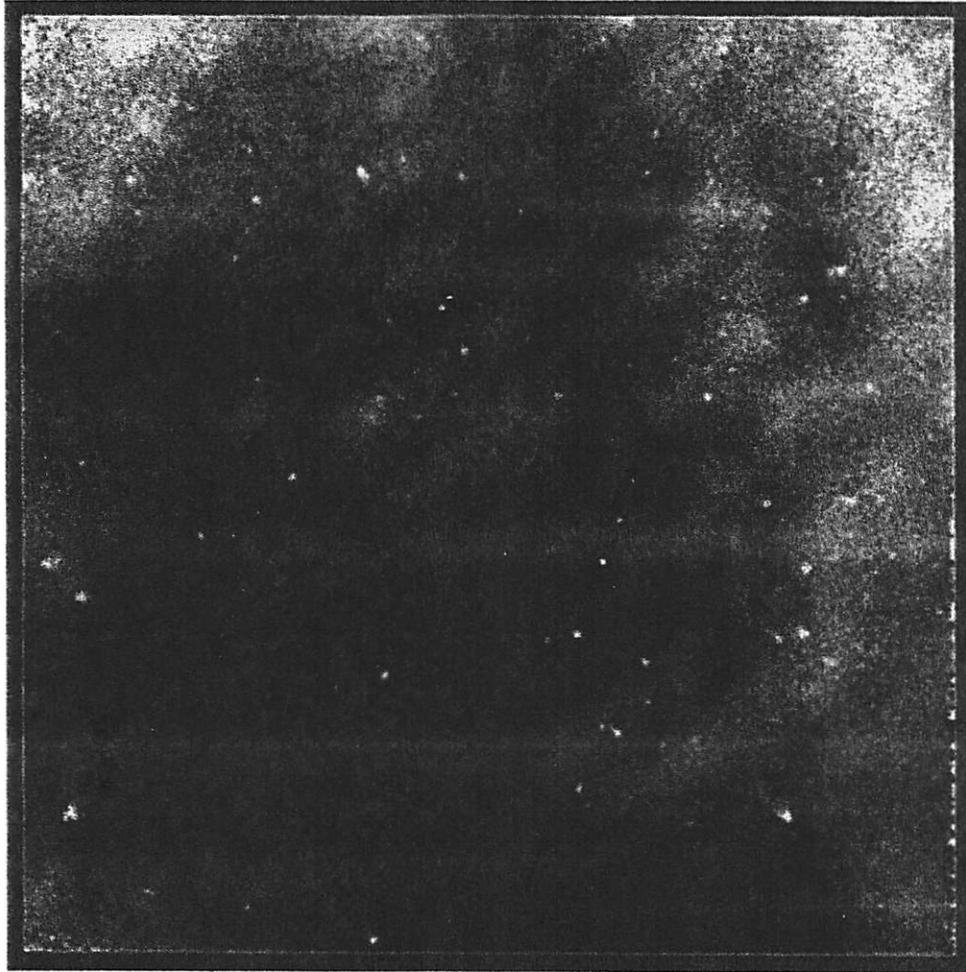




$$F_M = \frac{\lambda_z}{\lambda_x} \frac{g^2}{N^2} \left\langle \left( \frac{T'}{\bar{T}} \right)^2 \right\rangle \tag{1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho' / \rho &= -T' / \bar{T} \\ &= \varepsilon \cdot e^{\beta(z-z_{OH})} \cdot \cos(\omega t - kx + m(z - z_{OH})) \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

IR (1.5 Micron) OH Image, Nicmos Array  
U of Illinois and U C Berkeley, (Astronomy)



UCSD Telescope; March, 1998  
S/N ~ 200, IT=60 S

'GALL Campaign  
STARFIRE

N

02/02/95  
08:05:01 UT

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100 km

T = 11 min  
C (obs) = 35 m/s

Geographic Projection

**Table for Horizontal Wavelength  $\lambda_x$**

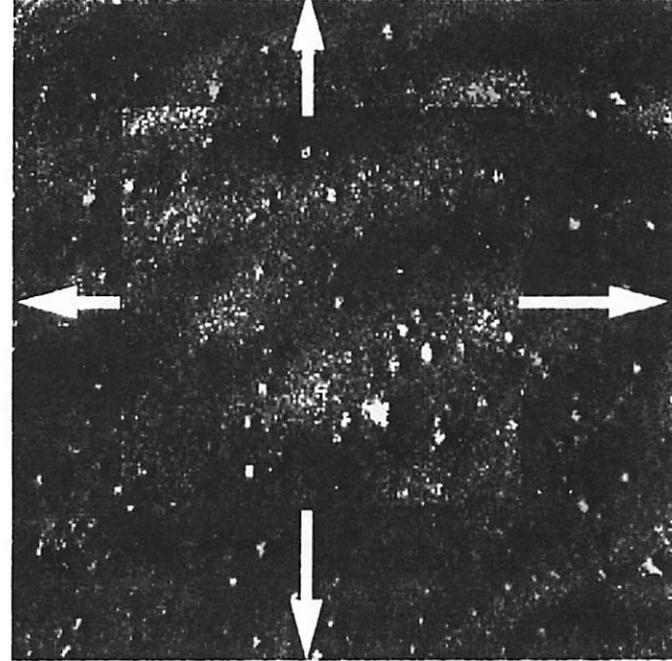
Date	Horizontal Wavelength (km)		
	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error
02/02/95	37.3	13.9	2.5
02/03/95	36.4	11.2	1.2
04/01/95	22.7	4.1	0.7
04/02/95	22.3	9.4	2.1
04/04/95	24.6	13.7	2.1
Overall Mean	28.8	13.0	1.0



- 150x150 pixel frame(Frame<sub>1</sub>) taken at time T<sub>0</sub> + t



- 250x250 pixel frame(Frame<sub>2</sub>) taken at time T<sub>0</sub>



Finding the best match on the basis of root-mean square value, equivalent to correlation function in our case, between the two frames, i.e. Frame<sub>1</sub> and Frame<sub>2</sub>.

$$\text{RootMeanSquare} = \sqrt{\left[ \frac{1}{N_1 N_2} \sum (I_1 - I_2)^2 \right]}$$

where N<sub>1</sub> = Number of pixels in Frame<sub>1</sub>.

N<sub>2</sub> = Number of pixels in Frame<sub>2</sub>.

I<sub>1</sub>, I<sub>2</sub> = Intensity values of each pixel

Na Wind/Temperature Lidar Observations  
Starfire Optical Range, NM (3 Feb 95)

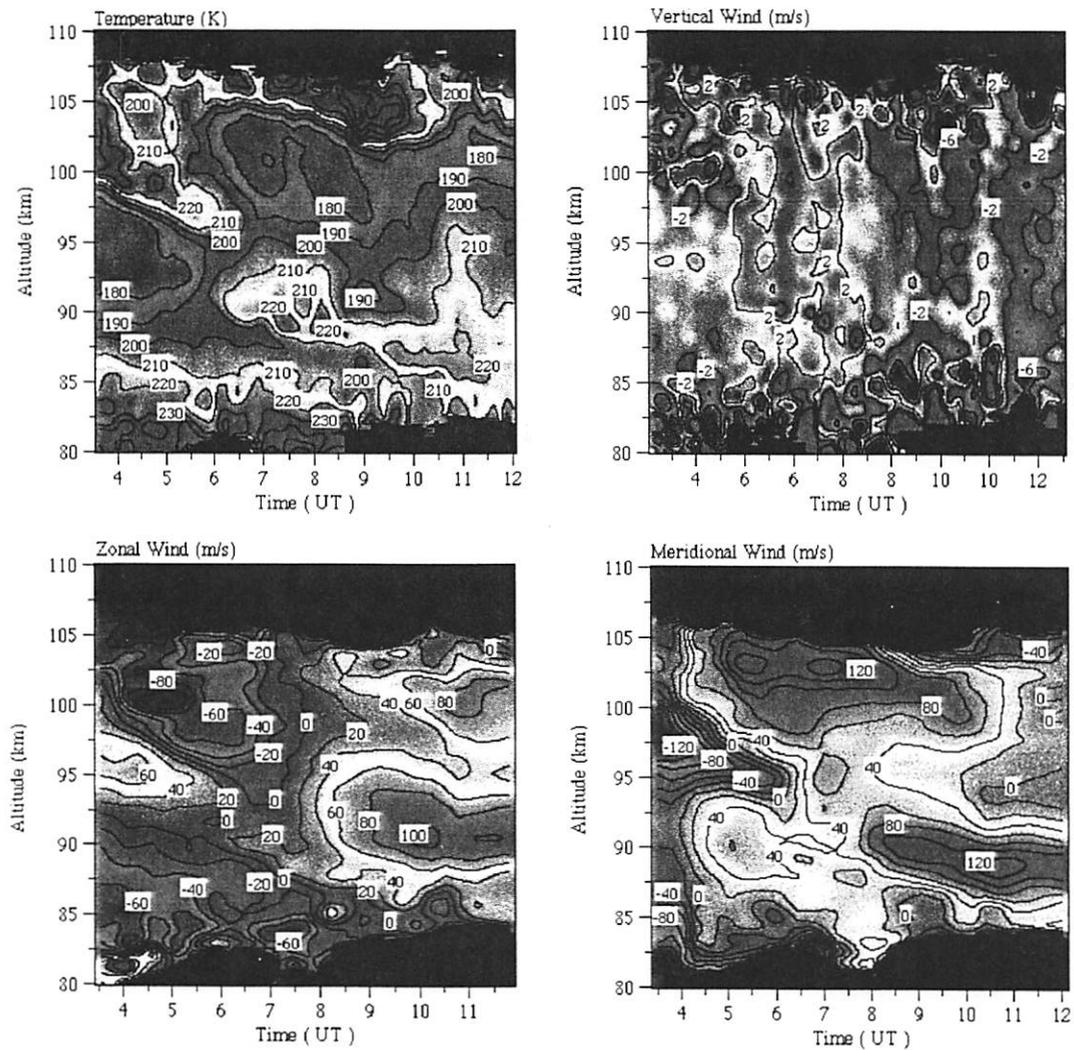
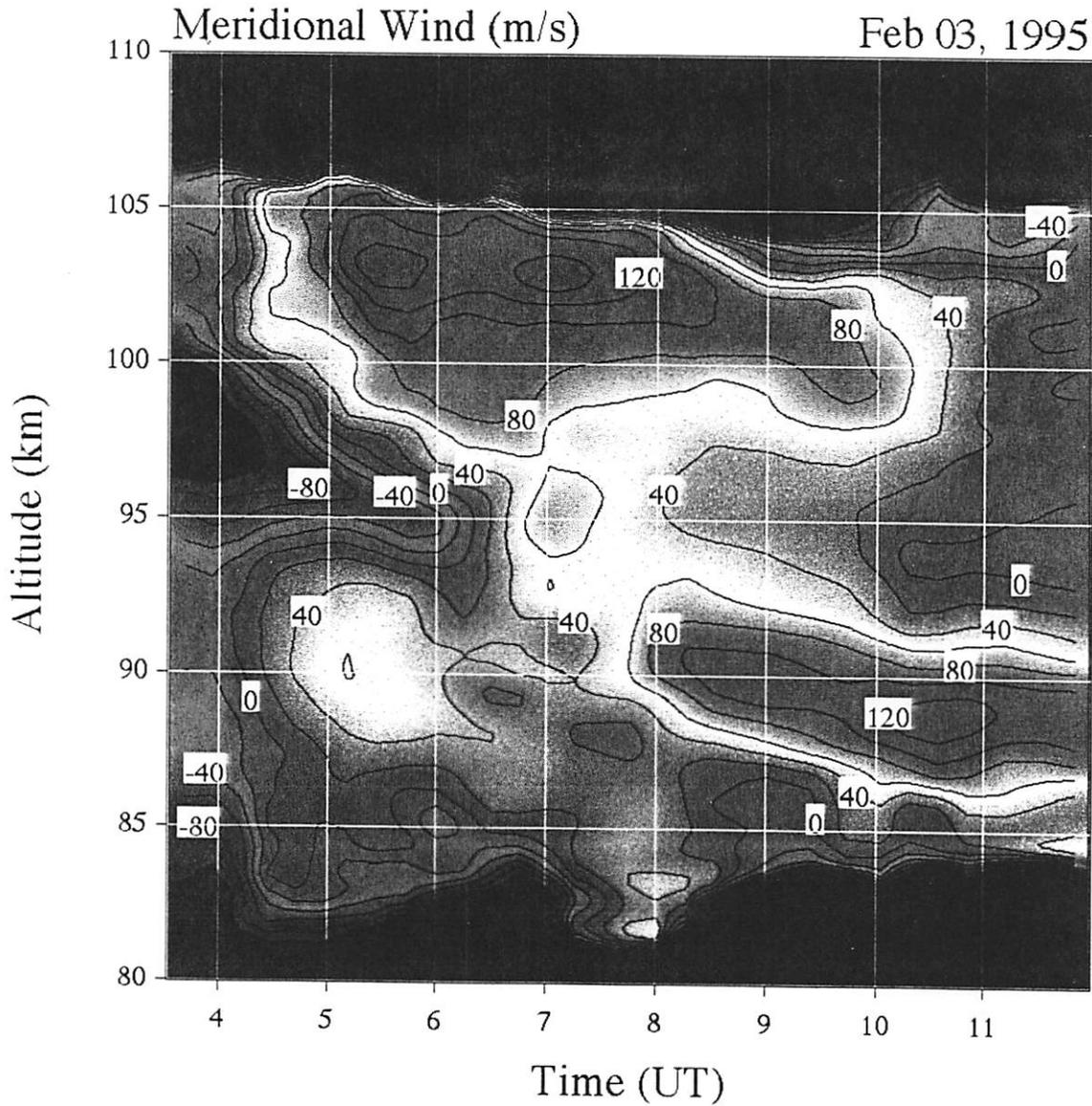


Figure 1

# Na Wind/Temperature Lidar Observations Starfire Optical Range, NM

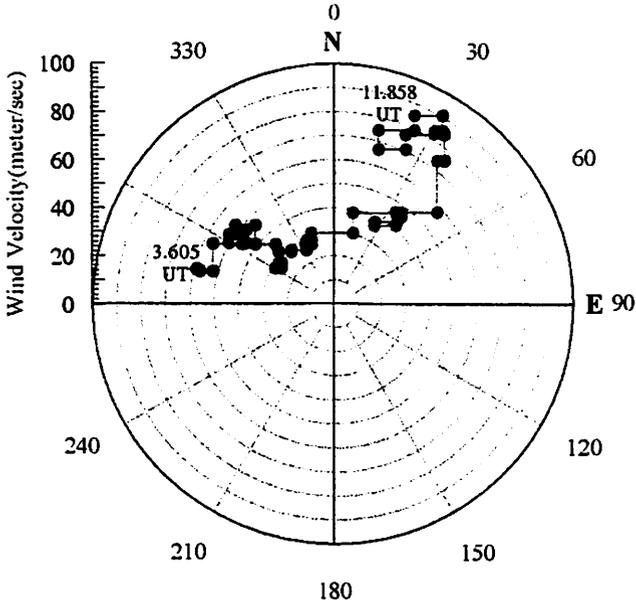


## Table for Brunt-Vaisala Periods

Date	Brunt-Vaisala Period (minute)
02/02/95	6.2
02/03/95	5.7
04/01/95	4.7
04/02/95	4.6
04/04/95	4.3
<b>Mean</b>	5.1

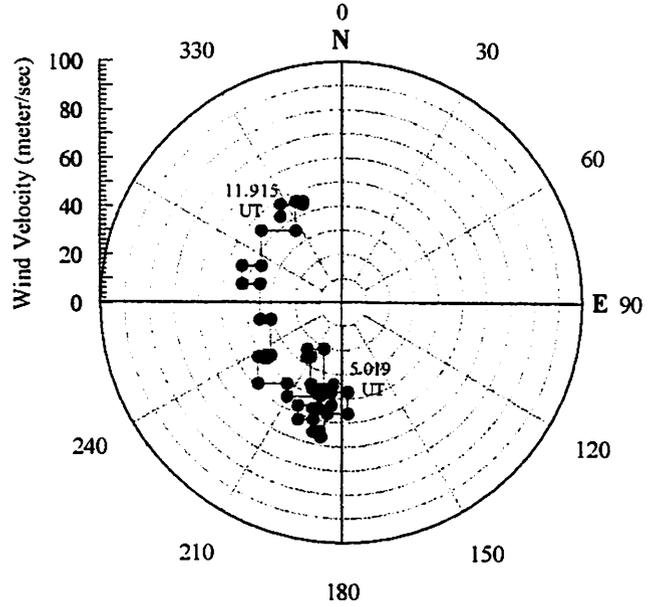
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Polar Plot of Wind Vectors on 02/03/95



(a)

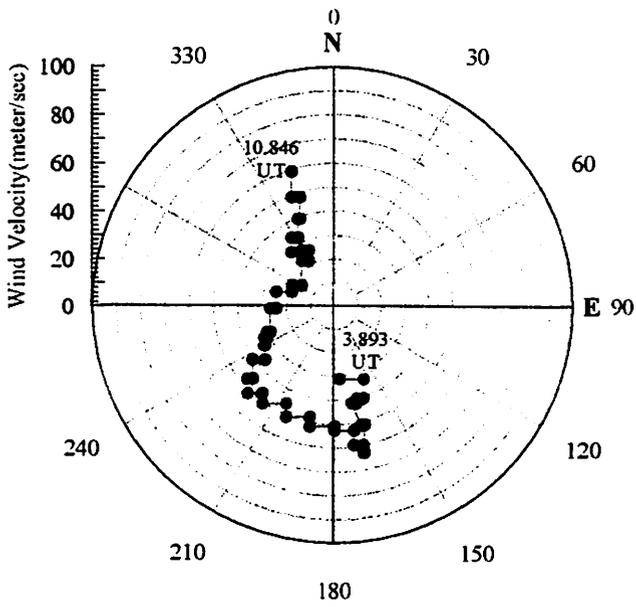
Polar Plot of Wind Vectors on 04/01/95



(b)

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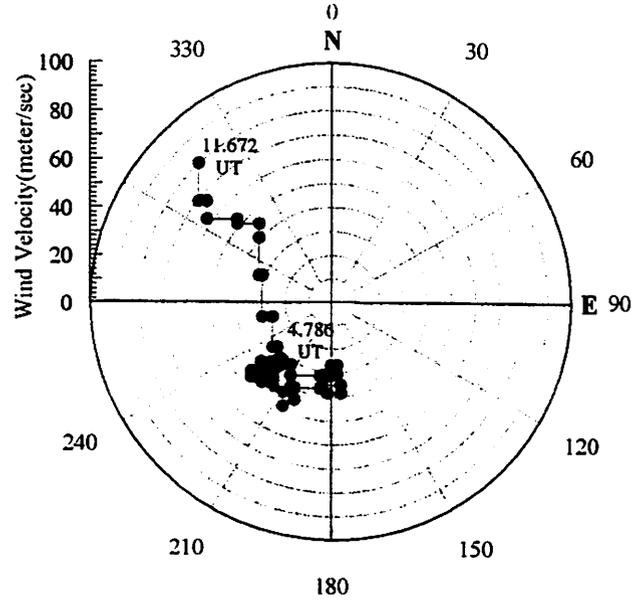
Polar Plot of Wind Vectors on 04/02/95



(c)

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Polar Plot of Wind Vectors on 04/04/95

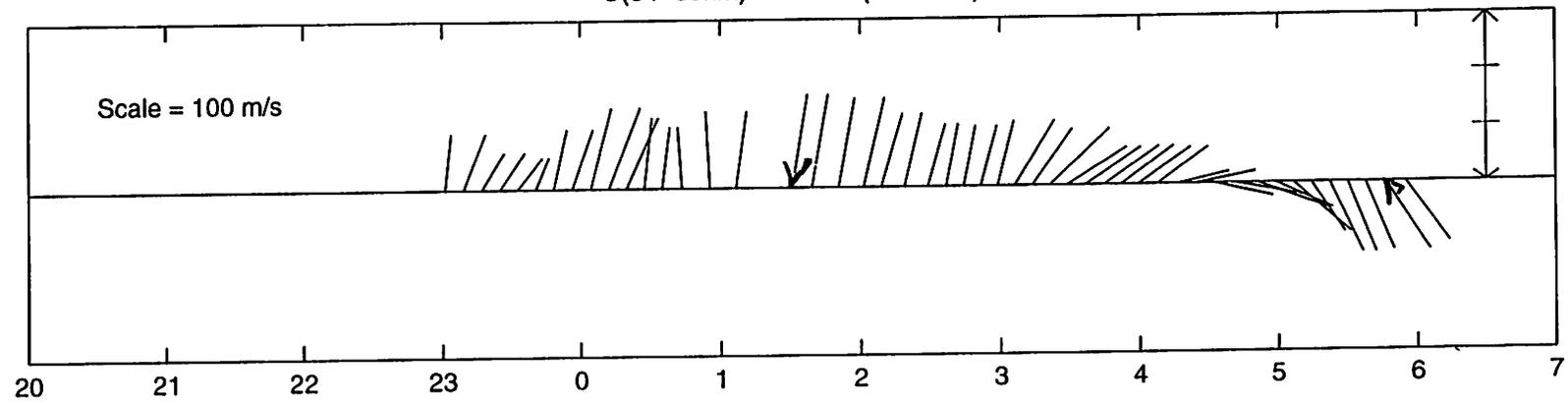


(d)

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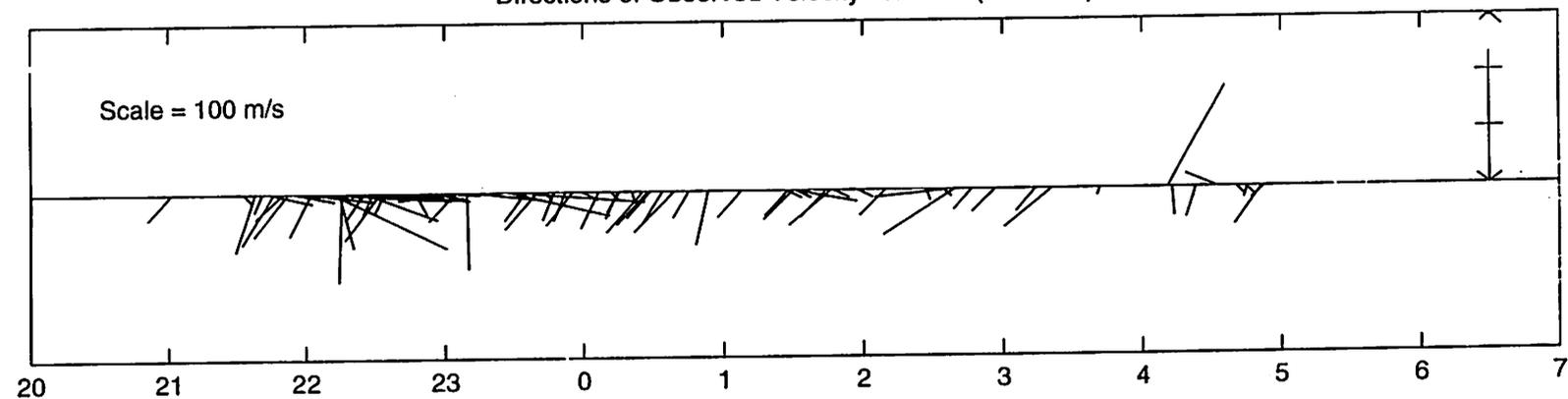
U(84-89km) vs. Time (04/01/95)

U



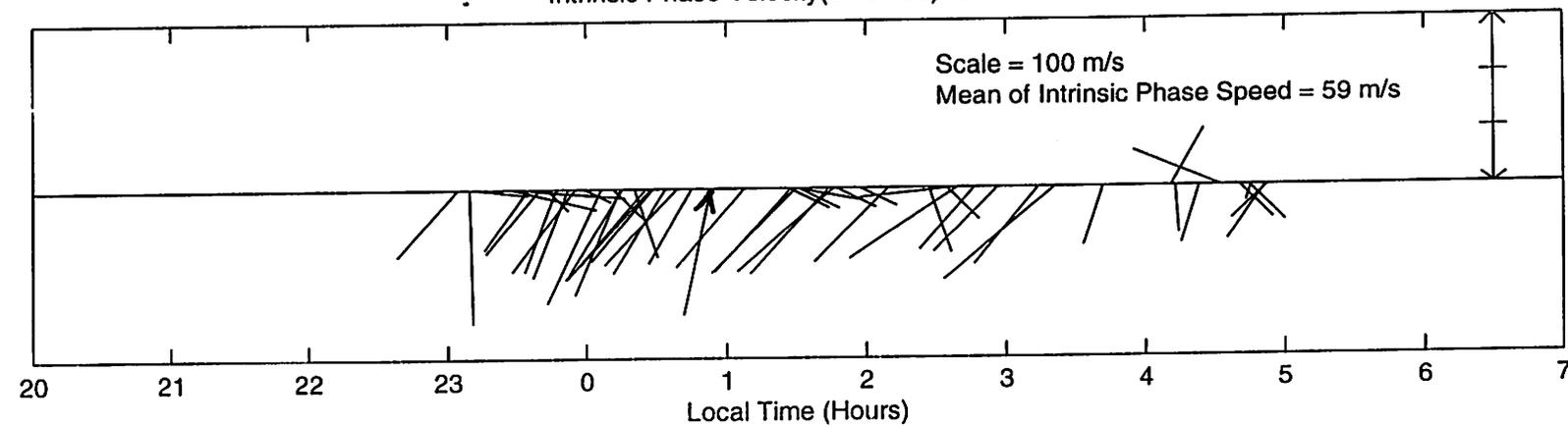
Directions of Observed Velocity vs. Time (04/01/95)

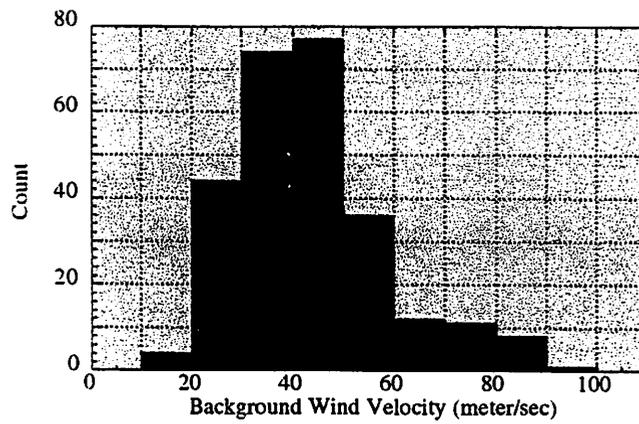
C<sub>o</sub>



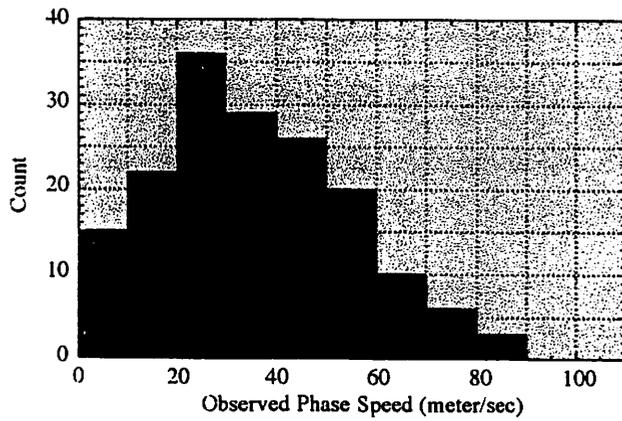
Intrinsic Phase Velocity(04/01/95) vs. Time

C<sub>I</sub>

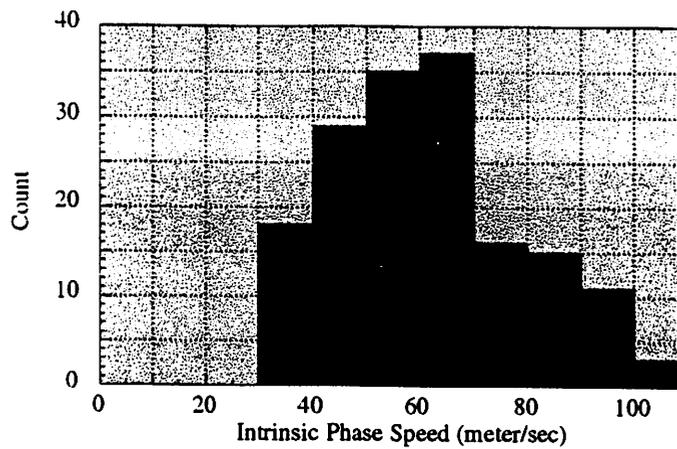




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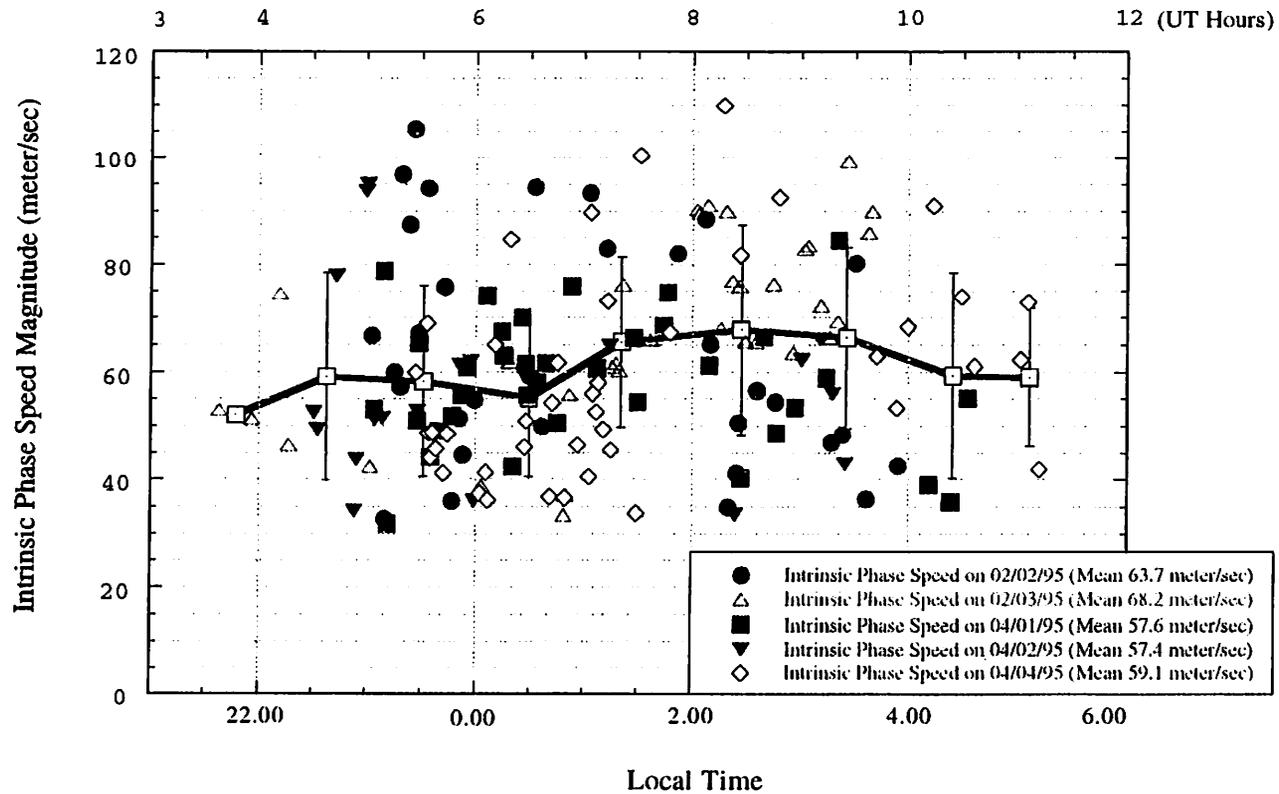


C<sub>0</sub>



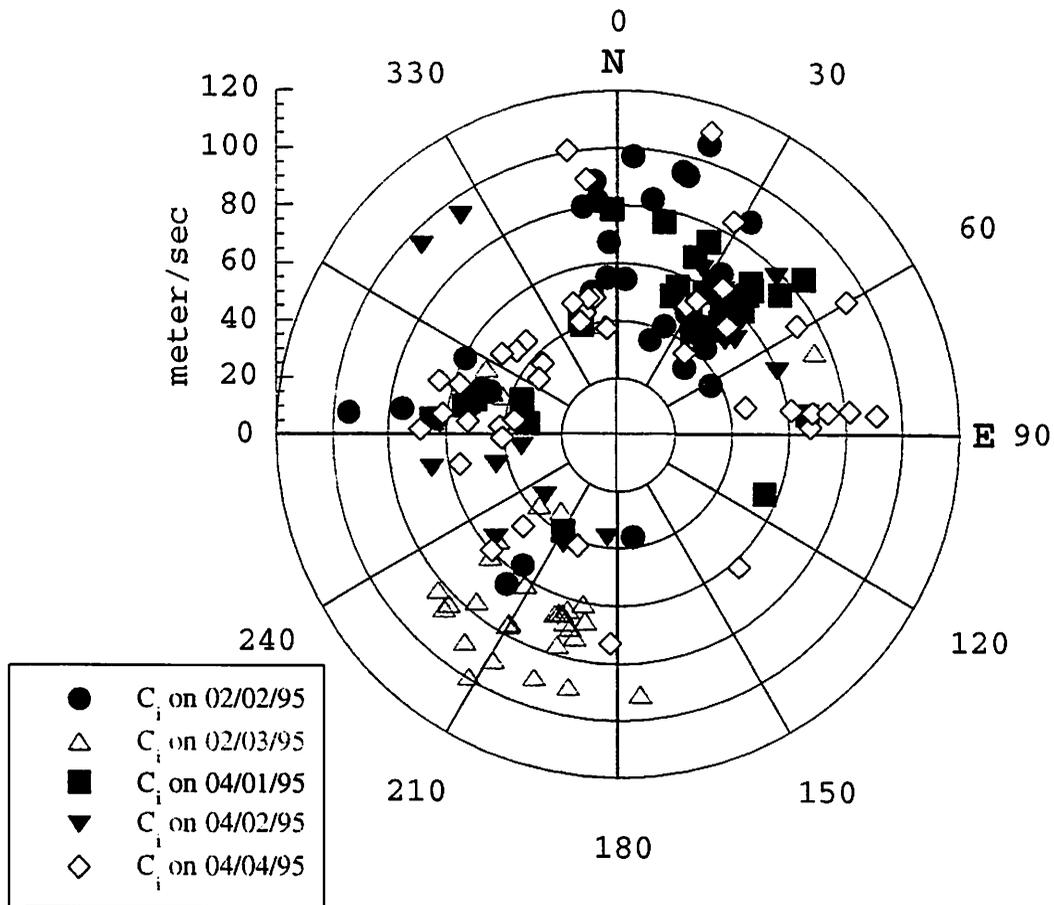
C<sub>I</sub>

Intrinsic phase speed on all the five nights (02/02/95, 02/03/95, 04/01/95, 04/02/95, 04/04/95) as a function of time. The hourly mean of the five nights is shown as a bold line.



**Table of Intrinsic Phase Speed  $C_i$** 

Date	Intrinsic Phase Speed (m/sec)		
	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error
02/02/95	63.7	21.1	3.7
02/03/95	68.2	17.0	2.9
04/01/95	57.6	12.5	2.1
04/02/95	57.4	17.0	3.8
04/04/95	59.1	18.8	2.9
Overall Mean	61.4	17.8	1.4



Intrinsic phase speed ( $C_i$ ) on all the five night:  
 (02/02/95, 02/03/95, 04/01/95, 04/02/95,  
 04/04/95) in a polar plot. The Y-Axis is  
 represented as meter/sec and indicates  
 the magnitude of  $C_i$ .

The frequency and wave numbers are related through the dispersion relation

$$m^2 = \frac{(N^2 - \omega^2)}{(\omega^2 - f^2)} k^2 \quad (1)$$

N - buoyancy frequency  
f- inertial frequency .

For Albuquerque imager data,  $N > \omega \gg f$ , or  $\tau_{B-V} < \tau_I \ll \tau_f$

$$m^2 = \frac{(N^2 - \omega^2)}{(\omega^2)} k^2 = \left( \frac{N^2}{\omega^2} - 1 \right) k^2 \quad (2)$$

Therefore:

$$\lambda_z = \frac{\tau_I C_I}{\sqrt{\frac{(\tau_I)^2}{(\tau_{B-V})^2} - 1}} \quad (3)$$

$\tau_{B-V}$  - Brunt-Vaisala period.

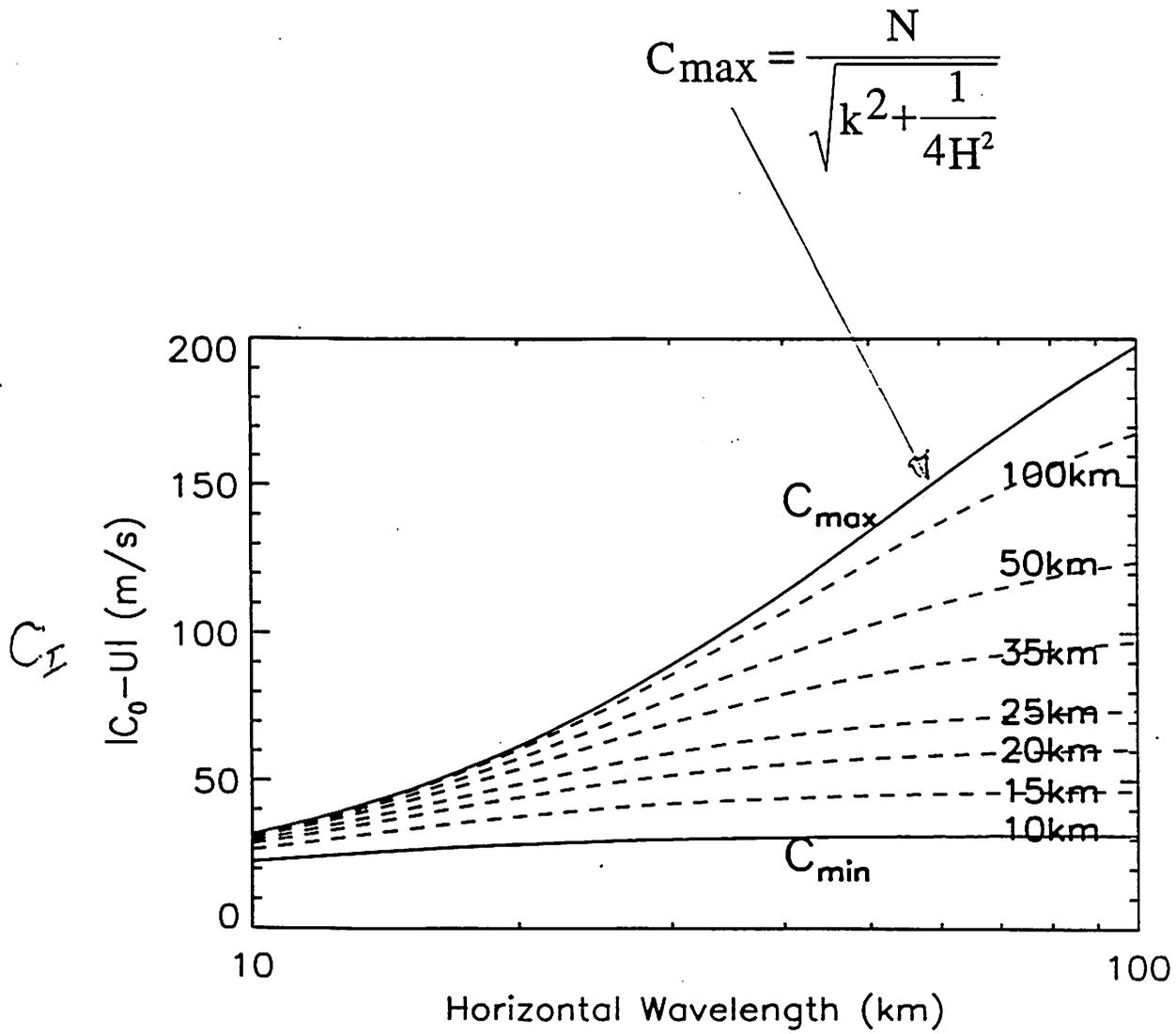
The mean conditions observed here result in

$$\lambda_z \sim 1.3 \tau_{B-V} C_I \quad (4)$$

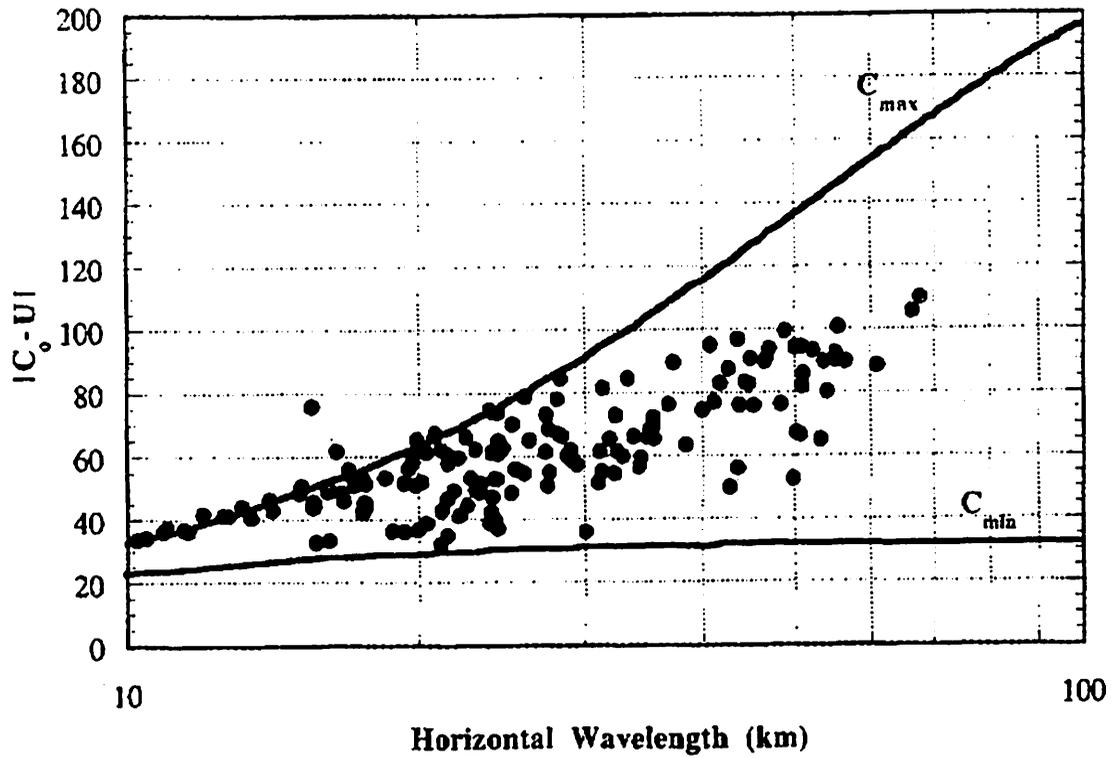
**Table of Vertical Wavelengths  $\lambda_z$**

Date	Vertical Wavelength (km)		
	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error
02/02/95	32.5	11.8	2.1
02/03/95	30.9	7.0	1.2
04/01/95	23.3	10.6	1.8
04/02/95	25.0	5.0	1.1
04/04/95	22.3	4.8	0.7
Overall Mean	26.6	9.4	0.7

(Alexander,  $\rho c$ )



### Horizontal Wavelength ( $\lambda_h$ ) and $C_i$ From StarFire Campaign



$$F_M = \frac{\lambda_z}{\lambda_x} \frac{g^2}{N^2} \left\langle \left( \frac{T'}{\bar{T}} \right)^2 \right\rangle \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho' / \rho &= -T' / \bar{T} \\ &= \varepsilon \cdot e^{\beta(z-z_{OH})} \cdot \cos(\omega t - kx + m(z - z_{OH})) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

{ where  $\text{var}(\rho'/\rho) = \text{var}(-T'/\bar{T}) = \langle (\varepsilon \cos[\ ])^2 \rangle$   
and for monochromatic waves  $\cong .5 \varepsilon^2$  }

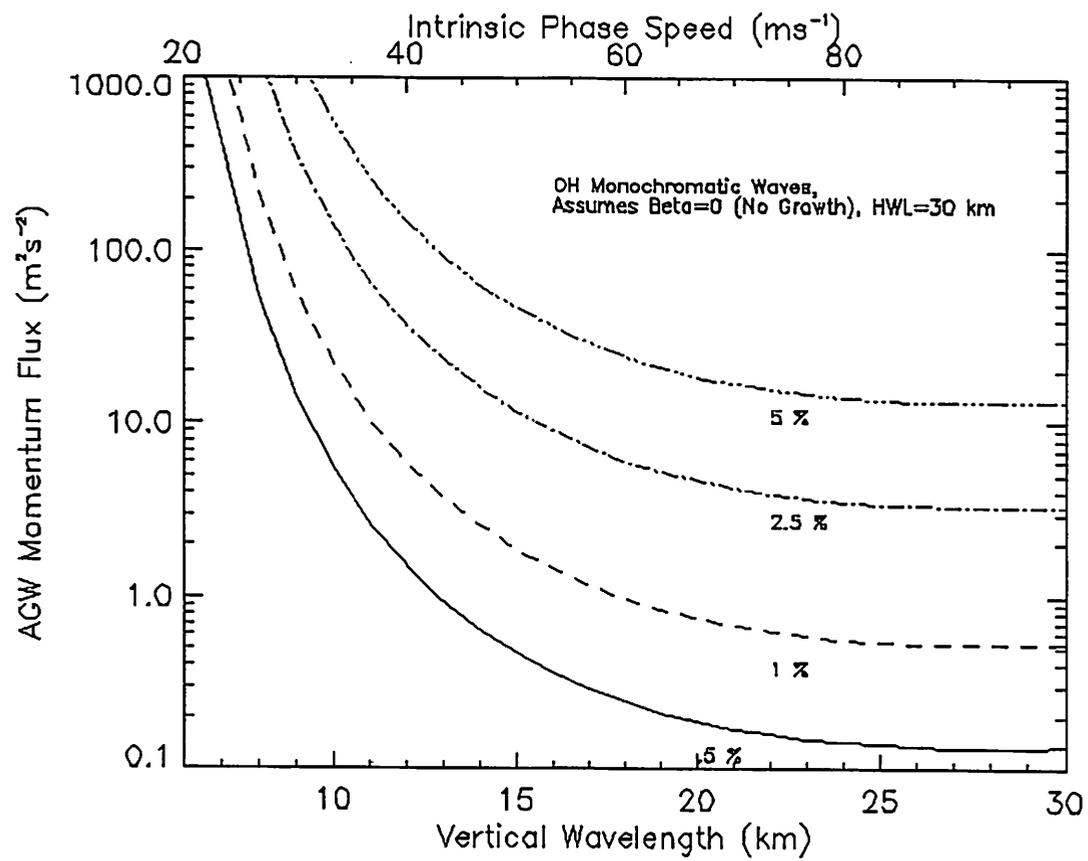
substitute  $\frac{T'}{\bar{T}} = \frac{I'_{OH}}{I_{OH}} \cdot \frac{1}{CF}$  (3)

$$F_{M,87\text{km}} = \frac{6 \cdot 10^4 \lambda_z}{CF^2 \lambda_x} \frac{(I'_{OH})^2}{(I_{OH})^2} \quad (\text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-2}) \quad (4)$$

*Svensson & Liu  
GRL, Feb, 98*

$$CF(\lambda_z) = 3.5(1 - e^{-0.0055 \cdot (\lambda_z(\text{km}) - 6)^2}) \quad (5)$$

(Assumes 'No Growth', i.e.  $\beta=0$ )



**Table of Vertical Fluxes of Horizontal Momentum**

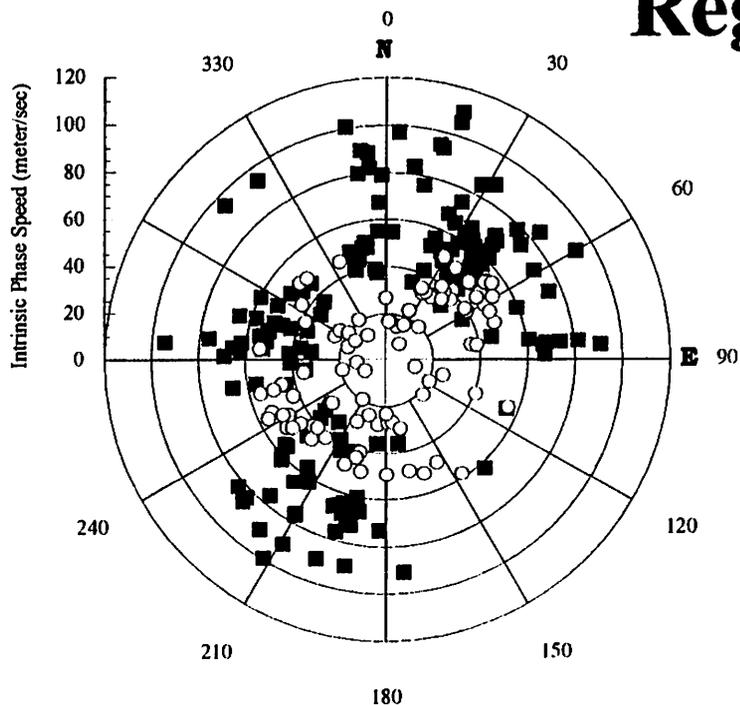
Date	Momentum Flux ( $m^2/s^2$ )	
	Zonal Component	Meridional Component
02/02/95	2.4	7.9
02/03/95	-5.4	-3.0
04/01/95	-10.0	12.7
04/02/95	-3.2	1.3
04/04/95	-8.2	8.6
Mean	-5.3	6.1

Table of Overall Means of Different Parameters

Parameters	Overall Mean
a) Horizontal Wavelength ( $\lambda_x$ )	28.8 km
b) Observed Phase Speed ( $C_o$ )	33.4 m/s
c) Relative Perturbed Airglow Intensity ( $I'/I$ )	3.8%
d) Intrinsic Phase Speed ( $C_i$ )	61.4 m/s
e) Intrinsic Period ( $\tau_i$ )	7.8 minute
f) Brunt-Vaisala Period ( $\tau_B$ )	5.1 minute
g) Vertical Wavelength ( $\lambda_z$ )	26.6 km
h) Vertical Phase Speed ( $C_z$ )	61.5 m/s
i) Momentum Flux ( $F_m$ )	<u>21.9</u> m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup>
j) Zonal Component of $F_m$	-5.3 m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup>
k) Meridional Component of $F_m$	6.1 m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup>

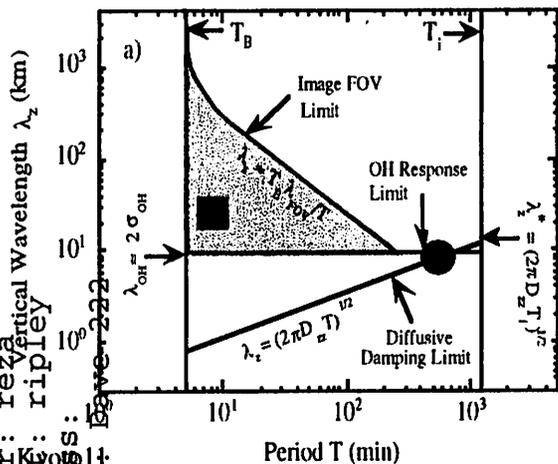
# Imagers & Lidars Observe Different Regions of Wave Spectrum

Intrinsic Phase Speed From CCD Imager  
 Horizontal Phase Speed From Lidar Data

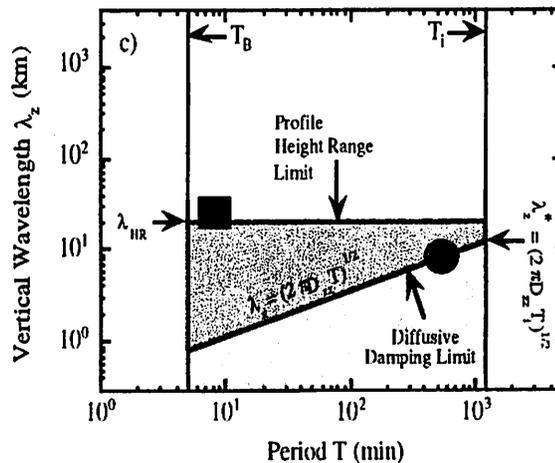


	Imager	Lidar
$C_h$	61.4 m/s	27.7 m/s
$\lambda_z$	26.6 km	9.4 km
$\tau_{in}$	7.8 min	8.8 hr
$C_z$	61.5 m/s	0.49 m/s
$\lambda_h$	28.8 km	1230 km

OH Imager



Lidar / Radar



For lidar waves  
 vertical diffusion vel  
 $mD_{zz} = 0.21 \text{ m/s} < C_z$   
 $D_{zz} = 320 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$   
 $\lambda_z = 9.4 \text{ km}$

## Summary

- \* Vertical flux of AGW **momentum flux**
  - deduce from **intrinsic wave parameters** ( $\lambda_x, \lambda_z$ ) and amplitudes, as implied from  $I'/I$  of OH airglow.
  - deduce **zonal and meridional components** from propagation directions observed in **imager time sequences**.

- \* It is **crucial** to measure all parameters, **including the wind vector** in the volume to establish the intrinsic phase speed (i.e.  $\lambda_z$ ). It is also **crucial** to calculate  $\lambda_z$  using the approximation for the **dispersion relationship** as:

$$m^2 = k^2 \left( \frac{N^2}{\omega^2} - 1 \right)$$

- \* 5 nights of data from Albuquerque, NM (Feb-April, 95), with 161 wave observations from the imager, with mean values for

$$\lambda_h = 28.8 \text{ km}$$

$$C_o = 33.4 \text{ m/s}$$

$$C_I = 61.4 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\tau_I = 7.8 \text{ minutes}$$

$$\lambda_z = 26.6 \text{ km}$$

$$C_z = 61.5 \text{ m/s}$$

$$|F_M| = 21.9 \text{ m/s}$$

$$F_{M.ZONAL} = -5.3 \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-2}, \quad F_{M.MERIDIONAL} = 6.1 \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-2}$$

- \*Planned-2 Year Campaign at Albuquerque

- \* Needs
  - Continued refinement of CF factor  
OH, O<sub>2</sub> Atmospheric, OI 557.7
  - Develop a phase of I'/I to AGW
    - \*AGW Growth with altitude
    - \*Vertical wavelength (here U is unavailable)
  - Develop spectral methods of extracting F<sub>M</sub> from I'/I
    - \*which includes compensation for U
  - Continue evolution of improved data quality
    - \*Background measurements, continuum
    - \*Clouds, Contrails, Stars
  - Develop a climatology of F<sub>M</sub>