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A Global and Hemispherical Analysis of the Lorenz Energetics Based on the Representative Concentration Pathways Used in CMIP5

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So far, only a few studies have evaluated the impact of greenhouse gases emissions on the global and limited area energetics. Furthermore, all of them have concentrated on the increasing of CO₂. As new climate projections are now available from a number of climate models under the MPI-ESR-MR experiment, the present study analyses the global and hemispherical energetics under the increase of greenhouse gas forcings that follow Representative Concentration Pathways (RCP26, RCP45, and RCP85). The results have shown a reduction in the *LEC* intensity as the concentration of greenhouse gases increases, with the RCP85 scenario generating the strongest decrease. For both global and hemispherical domains, zonal kinetic energy is the only energy reservoir which increases in a warmer environment, whereas the conversion between eddy kinetic energy and zonal kinetic energy (C_K) is the only energy flux also experiencing an increase. A quantitative analysis of the inner processes involved in the conversion terms shows important changes in the horizontal and vertical eddy-transport of momentum and sensible heat. In the case of C_K both vertical and horizontal eddy-transport of momentum play an important role in the increase of zonal kinetic energy for the global domain.

1. Introduction

After Lorenz [1] has derived a set of equations to quantify the energy cycle for the whole atmosphere, many studies have applied the technique to quantify and understand the dynamical processes involved in the energetics of the planet (e.g., [2–9]) and those who are considering just a piece of the atmosphere (e.g., [10–19]). In particular, they differ from each other depending upon the purpose of use and the energetics formalism (space domain, time domain, and mixed space-time domain energetics, see [5]). As discussed in Lorenz [2] and Oort [4], although the absolute value produced by each technique differs from each other, the energy fluxes are qualitatively similar. In general, studies of energetics considering closed domain highlight the maintenance of the general circulation, while studies involving open domain stress the dynamics related to the life cycle of individual atmospheric disturbances.

The increasing of greenhouse gas emissions has amplified the greenhouse efficiency effect by trapping more heat in the mid- and lower troposphere and consequently altering the atmospheric circulation pattern [20]. The consequences of this can be felt through the changes in a broad spatial and temporal-scale of disturbances around both hemispheres as observed in the cases of cyclones and anticyclones (e.g., [21–27]), and tropical cyclones (e.g., [28–30]). For instance, based on a transient simulation run from ECHAM5/OM1 model, [27] revealed that there is a significantly increase in the frequency of the most severe storms over the eastern North Atlantic and North Pacific under an increasing of CO₂ relative to the IPCC A1B scenario.

Reference [20] evaluated the atmospheric energetics in the North Hemisphere middle latitude relative to two CO₂ concentration conditions ($1 \times \text{CO}_2$ and $2 \times \text{CO}_2$) from a 10-year-numerical simulation with Canadian Centre for Climate Modelling and Analysis (CCCma) model. The results revealed a reduction in baroclinicity and baroclinic instability

for the winter season in the case of doubled CO_2 as a consequence of the modified temperature structure (decrease in pole to equator and land/ocean lower troposphere temperature gradients). Furthermore, the “rate of working” of the atmosphere, as characterized by the rate of generation of available potential energy and its conversion to kinetic energy and subsequent dissipation, is reduced in 12% relative to $1 \times \text{CO}_2$ simulation. The energy cycle was characterized by a decrease in the available potential energies (A_Z and A_E), with a consequent reduction in the conversion between A_Z to A_E and A_E to K_E . The values of zonal kinetic energy (K_Z) and the conversion between A_E and K_E increased, while K_E values decreased.

Hernández-Deckers and von Storch [31] based on equilibrium and transient simulations with a coupled atmosphere-ocean GCM showed that the intensity of the Lorenz energy cycle, given by the total conversion rate of potential into kinetic energies, is reduced in a atmosphere with doubled CO_2 concentration, corroborating the results of [20]. This reduction is attributed to the decrease in the conversions from potential to kinetic energy of both zonal and eddy modes. Furthermore, they observed an increase (decrease) in the zonal (eddy) kinetic energy reservoir as a response to the increasing of the barotropic (baroclinic) conversion. They found a dual role of the warming pattern in the atmosphere: an increase of A_Z in the upper troposphere followed by a weakening of A_Z in low levels, with the increase in the static stability being the cause of the former. According to Hernández-Deckers and von Storch [32], based on two equilibrium runs ($1 \times \text{CO}_2$ and $2 \times \text{CO}_2$) from the coupled atmosphere-ocean ECHAM5/MPI-OM model, the dual response (strengthening in the upper troposphere and weakening below) concerns mainly the transient eddy terms, with the stationary eddies playing a secondary importance.

As seen in the previous works, the atmospheric energetics are broadly modified by significant changes in their composition, as is the case of CO_2 increasing. Although the direction of the fluxes evolved in the Lorenz energy cycle is not modified in case of warmed climate drove by the increasing of CO_2 , the fluxes present changes, which concerns important dynamical processes (e.g., barotropic and baroclinic activities). In this context, the new set of available data relative to the Representative Concentration Pathways is an excellent opportunity to explore the atmospheric energetics under the increasing of greenhouse gases, land use change, and pollution emissions.

The paper is organized as follows: Data and Methodology are discussed in Section 2, and the main results are presented in Section 3, with a discussion of time series of energy and conversion terms and volume-integrated energy components. A follow-up discussion is presented in Section 4, commenting on new insights and perspectives brought by the results.

2. Data and Methodology

In this study, we use a set of four experiments originating from the new Max Planck Institute Earth System Model

(MPI-ESM) used in the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project phase 5 (CMIP5). The MPI-ESM consists of the atmosphere model ECHAM6 [34], including a land vegetation module and the ocean model MPIOM [35]. The MPI-ESR-MR model has a spatial resolution equivalent to $1.875^\circ \times 1.875^\circ$ on a Gaussian grid, as the model runs with a horizontal resolution of 63 waves triangular spectral truncated and 95 levels in the vertical (T63L95), see [36]. The ocean component of the MPI-ESM, MPIOM, is a free-surface ocean general circulation model formulated on an Arakawa-C grid in the horizontal and a z-grid in the vertical. The MPIOM horizontal resolution translates into a grid ranging from 15 km around Greenland to 185 km near the equator, for more details see [37]. Within the set of runs designed from CMIP5, we have considered three RCPs [38, 39]: (1) one mitigation scenario leading to a very low radiative forcing level of 2.6 W/m^2 RCP26 [40], (2) one medium stabilization scenario RCP45 [41], and (3) one representative of a very high emission scenario RCP85 [42]. A historical experiment, representing the control experiment (CTRL), is used here for comparison purposes. The historical experiment covers much of the industrial period from the mid-19th century to near present (1880–2005); however, we used here the period from 1979 to 1999 as the base period. The RCPs experiments continue from the historical run until 2100. The RCPs are characterized in terms of land use cover, greenhouse gas (CO_2 , CH_4 , and N_2O), and air polluting scenario projections (e.g., SO_2 and NO_x) [43]. To analyze the impact of the different rate of greenhouse gas emissions on the global and hemispherical LEC, mean daily atmospheric data of zonal and meridional components of the horizontal wind vector (u and v), air temperature (T), vertical component of velocity in pressure coordinates ($\omega = dp/dt$), and geopotential height (z) are used. The atmospheric variables were integrated from the lowest model level, considered to be at the surface (1000 hPa) up to 1 hPa. The impacts are quantified in terms of anomaly produced in the comparison between the RCPs and the control experiments. The period of analysis covers two specific ranges: 1979–1999 and 2079–2099, hereafter called Late 20th century (L20C) and Late 21st century (L21C), respectively.

The simplest representation of the Lorenz energetics is the two-component energy cycle (Figure 1(a)), see [33].

Consider

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} = -C(A, K) + G, \quad (1a)$$

$$\frac{\partial K}{\partial t} = C(A, K) - D, \quad (1b)$$

where A is the amount of available potential energy, G its generation rate, C is the energy conversion between A and kinetic energy K , and D is the dissipation rate of K . When $C(A, K)$ is positive, K increases at the expense of A , and vice versa.

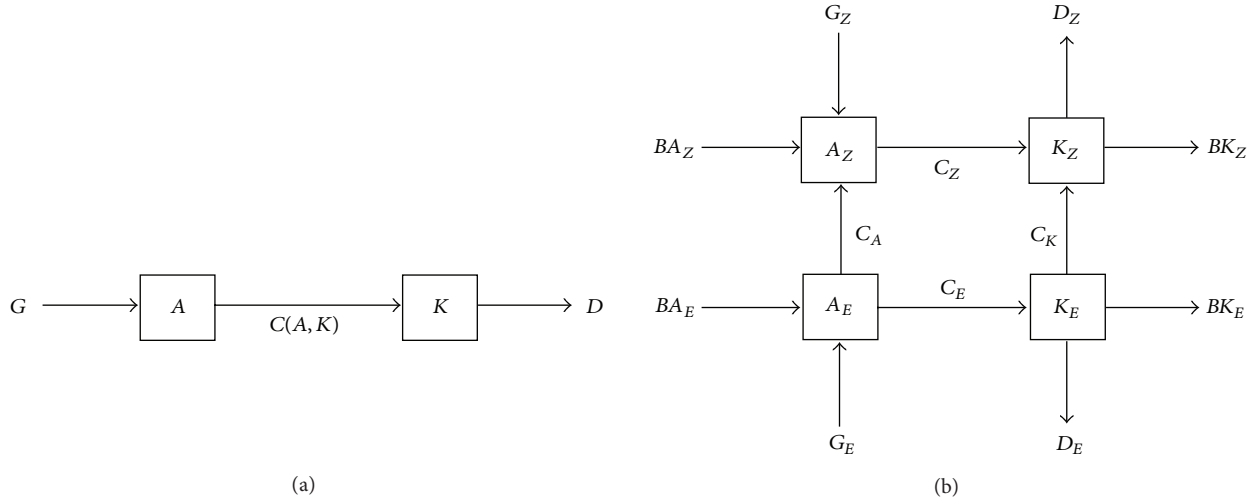


FIGURE 1: Lorenz energy cycle representation for (a) two-component energy cycle in which available potential energy denoted by the letter A is generated (G), converted (C) to kinetic energy (K), and subsequently dissipated (D). (b) Four-component energy cycle with A and K decomposed into mean and eddy parts. Adapted from [33].

The four-component energy cycle is characterized by the subdivision of A and K into their zonal and eddy components and the set of equations can be written as

$$\frac{\partial A_Z}{\partial t} = -C_Z - C_A + G_Z, \quad (2a)$$

$$\frac{\partial A_E}{\partial t} = C_A - C_E + G_E, \quad (2b)$$

$$\frac{\partial K_Z}{\partial t} = C_K + C_Z - D_Z, \quad (2c)$$

$$\frac{\partial K_E}{\partial t} = C_E - C_K - D_E. \quad (2d)$$

In the four-component energy cycle the potential energy is portioned into zonal available potential energy (A_Z) and eddy available potential energy (A_E). The kinetic energy can be treated similarly as potential energy; that is, the kinetic energy of the flow can be separated into its zonal (K_Z) and eddy (K_E) parts. In the energy cycle of Lorenz, A_Z and A_E are produced by generation processes named G_Z and G_E , while reservoirs of energy are connected by conversion terms C_Z , C_A , C_E , and C_K (resp, the conversion from A_Z to K_Z , A_Z to A_E , A_E to K_E , and K_E to K_Z). The C_Z term involves transport of sensible heat by meridional circulation affecting A_Z and K_Z by altering the variance of zonally averaged temperature and wind. It depends upon the covariance between zonal means of vertical velocity and temperature, and it reflects the growth of K_Z at the expense of A_Z when there is warm air rising and cold air sinking in the same latitude. The C_A involves horizontal and vertical eddy-transport of sensible heat. This term affects A_Z and A_E by altering the variance of temperature and depends upon the transport of sensible heat along the gradients of zonal averaged temperature. The C_E term involves vertical eddy-transport of sensible heat, whose values by unit area are independent of latitude. It affects A_E

and K_E by altering the variance of temperature and wind within latitude circles, and its absolute value indicates to what extent an environment is baroclinic. The term C_K involves horizontal and vertical eddy-transport of momentum, and it depends upon the transport of angular momentum along the gradients of angular velocity. The absolute value of C_K indicates to what extent an environment is barotropic or supports atmospheric disturbances to intensify via barotropic conversion.

For the case of open domains the four-components energy cycle (Figure 1(b)) must include the boundary and work done processes.

Consider

$$\frac{\partial A_Z}{\partial t} = -C_Z - C_A + BA_Z + G_Z, \quad (3a)$$

$$\frac{\partial A_E}{\partial t} = C_A - C_E + BA_E + G_E, \quad (3b)$$

$$\frac{\partial K_Z}{\partial t} = C_K + C_Z + BK_Z + B\Phi Z - D_Z, \quad (3c)$$

$$\frac{\partial K_E}{\partial t} = C_E - C_K + BK_E + B\Phi E - D_E. \quad (3d)$$

BA_Z , BA_E , BK_Z , and BK_E terms, respectively, represent fluxes of A_Z , A_E , K_Z , and K_E from the lateral and vertical boundaries. $B\Phi Z$ and $B\Phi E$ terms denote the dynamical mechanisms in which they produce or destroy kinetic energy. As described by [44], this is due to the fact that $B\Phi Z$, $B\Phi E$, C_Z , and C_E derivatives involve a single term in the form $V \cdot \nabla \Phi$ which represents the appearance of kinetic energy via a cross-isobaric flow towards low pressure. The destruction of kinetic energy occurs when there is cross-isobaric flow towards the high pressure. However, here $B\Phi Z$ and $B\Phi E$ are added to the dissipation term.

The last two terms in (3c) and (3d) can be determined in form of residuals, with the incorporation of calculation errors ϵK_Z and ϵK_E in the following form:

$$RK_Z = B\Phi Z - D_Z + \epsilon K_Z, \quad (4a)$$

$$RK_E = B\Phi E - D_E + \epsilon K_E. \quad (4b)$$

In similar form, the intrinsic errors resulting from the numerical estimations for the other terms in (3a) and (3b) are also included in the estimation of the generation terms:

$$RG_Z = G_Z + \epsilon A_Z, \quad (5a)$$

$$RG_E = G_E + \epsilon A_E. \quad (5b)$$

Detailed mathematical expressions for all components of the energy budget, as described by (3a) and (3d) are presented in the appendix.

Here the Lorenz diagram considers that the conversion terms are always positive, with the arrows indicating the direction of the fluxes. The rates of generation of available potential energy and dissipation of kinetic energy are obtained as residuals by considering that in the long run the gain or loss of potential and kinetic energy is negligible. The four-component energy cycle is used in this study for both global and hemispherical energetics. However, in the first case the boundary fluxes are not included.

3. Results

3.1. Time Series of Energy and Conversion Terms. The climatological annual cycles of generation, available potential energy and kinetic energy, with their zonal and eddy components, for the control and RCPs experiments for the whole globe are illustrated in Figure 2. The error bars, indicating the 95% confidence level about the mean, are included in this panel to show the interannual variation experienced by the energy terms. The values of G_Z are maximized in May and September followed by two minimum during June and January (Figure 2(a)). The results show diminishing of G_Z as greenhouse gases concentration increases. An opposite behavior is observed for G_E (Figure 2(b)). In this case G_E presents high negative values in the control experiment and declines to minimum negative values for RCP85 experiment. The implications of the fall of G_Z and G_E (negatively) as the concentration of greenhouse gases increases are that less A_Z and A_E are created by diabatic processes and consequently affecting the release of K_Z and K_E in the atmosphere by the conversion terms. The decrease in the generation of available potential energy occurs due to the fact that in a warmed planet the horizontal temperature gradient is reduced, as can be seen from Figure 1 of [20] and Figure 2 of [31].

According to Figure 2(c) the zonal available potential energy is characterized by a well-defined seasonal variation in the case of RCP26 and RCP45, while in the RCP85 experiment the seasonal variations is less visible. The impact of increasing in greenhouse gases is stronger in the RCP45

and RCP85 when compared with the control experiment. The bars of control and RCP26 experiments overlap each other in the major part of the year suggesting a weak impact in comparison with other RCPs. A similar pattern is observed for the eddy available potential energy (Figure 2(d)), in which RCP45 and RCP85 experiments produce the strongest impact. The reduction of the seasonal variations as the concentration of greenhouse gases increases is clear. The results still show that there is decrease of the available potential energies (A_Z and A_E) due to the drop of the generation terms. As can be seen, the strongest (weakest) weakening in the available potential energy, for both zonal and eddy parts, occurs preferentially in the high (low) range emission experiments. The decreasing in A_E as the concentration of greenhouse gases increases is because less A_E is destructed or converted into G_E . The destruction of G_E occurs when colder air is advected to warmer regions and warmer air is advected to colder regions in the same latitude, a process that alters the variance (correlation) of diabatic heat and the temperature field. A brief discussion about the role of this term in produced available potential energy is found in Lorenz [2]; however, a more thorough discussion about this term is limited by the absence of diabatic heating/cooling data from the global circulation models. Figures 2(e) and 2(f) show the values of kinetic energies (K_Z and K_E) as function of the RCPs and CTRL experiments. The annual cycle of K_Z is characterized by a well-defined seasonal variation, with highest (lowest) values from July to September (April to June). One can see that K_Z clearly increases, while K_E remains approximately unchanged around the year as the concentration of greenhouse gases increases. The increase of K_Z occurs in the RCP85 forcing scenario, with minor and almost equally changes in RCP45 and RCP26. As the generation (or destruction) of K_Z depends upon the joint effect of the transport of angular momentum along the gradients of angular velocity (C_K), transport of sensible heat by meridional circulation (C_Z) and the dissipation of kinetic energy by friction, represented by D_Z (2c), and an evaluation of the conversion terms are necessary.

The global climatological annual cycles of the vertically-integrated conversion and dissipation terms for the control and RCPs experiments are presented in Figure 3. It can be seen that C_A and C_K conversions are significantly altered, between the months of June and August, in the RCPs scenarios forcing (Figures 3(b) and 3(d)), with the strongest changes occurring in the RCP85. The results show a decrease in the transfer of energy from A_Z to A_E as the concentration of greenhouse gases increases, probably because of the reduction of the eddy-transport of sensible heating. This is expected in a warmed environment with less horizontal contrast of temperature. Reference [31] showed that in a warmed planet with doubled CO_2 concentration, the meridional temperature gradient decreases due to the anomalous heating in the tropical and polar regions. The changes in C_Z and C_E are modest and not statistically significant (Figures 3(a) and 3(c)), suggesting a weak relation to the increasing of greenhouse gases concentration. The term C_K , which acts around the year as a source of energy for the reservoir of K_Z , shows different result. It indicates

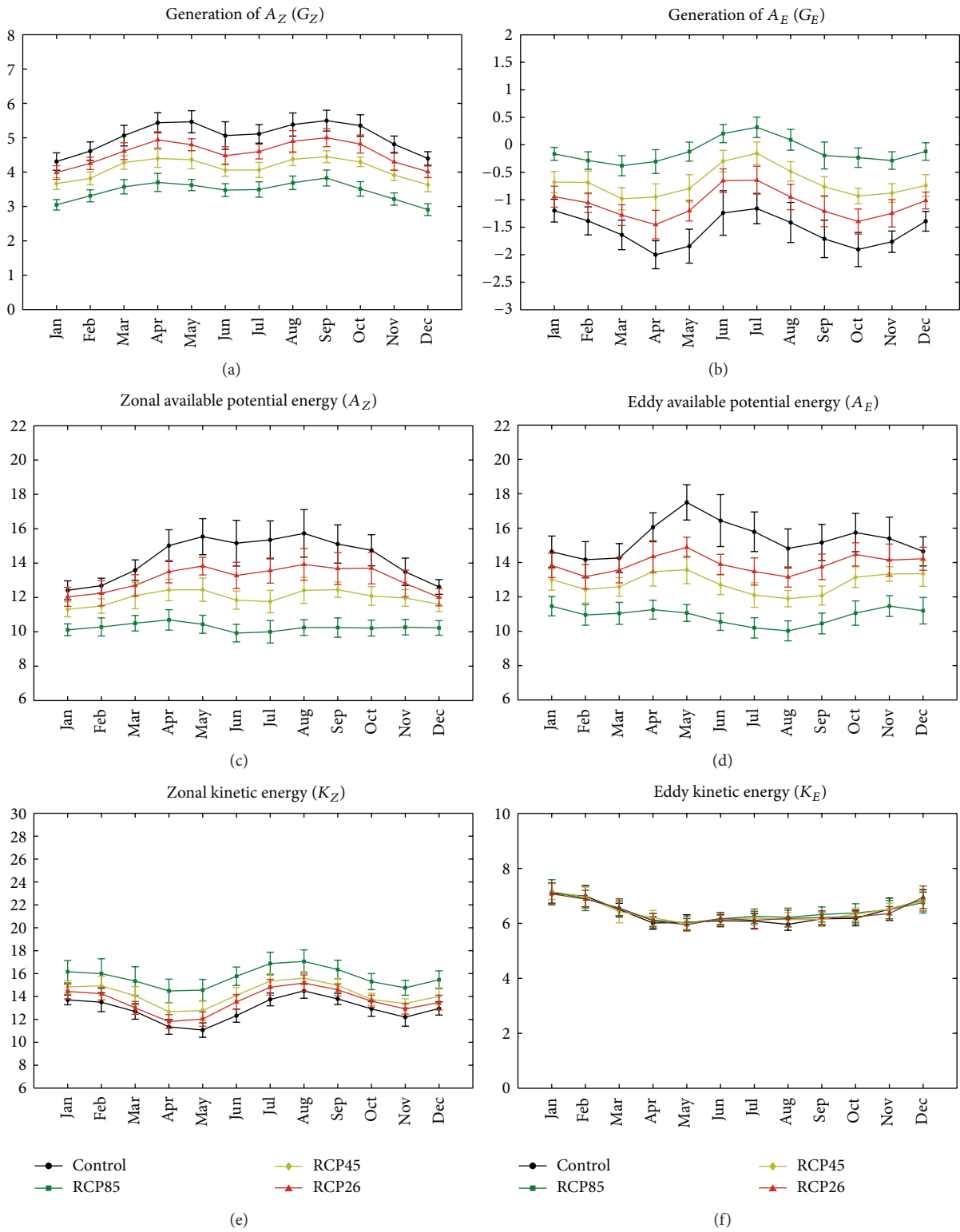


FIGURE 2: Climatology of the generation terms G_Z (a) and G_E (b), and the energy terms A_Z (c), A_E (d), K_Z (e), and K_E (f) for a global domain integrated between 1000 and 1 hPa for RCP85, RCP45, RCP26, and control experiments. Error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals about the mean. Units are 10^3 J/m^2 for reservoirs and W/m^2 for generation terms.

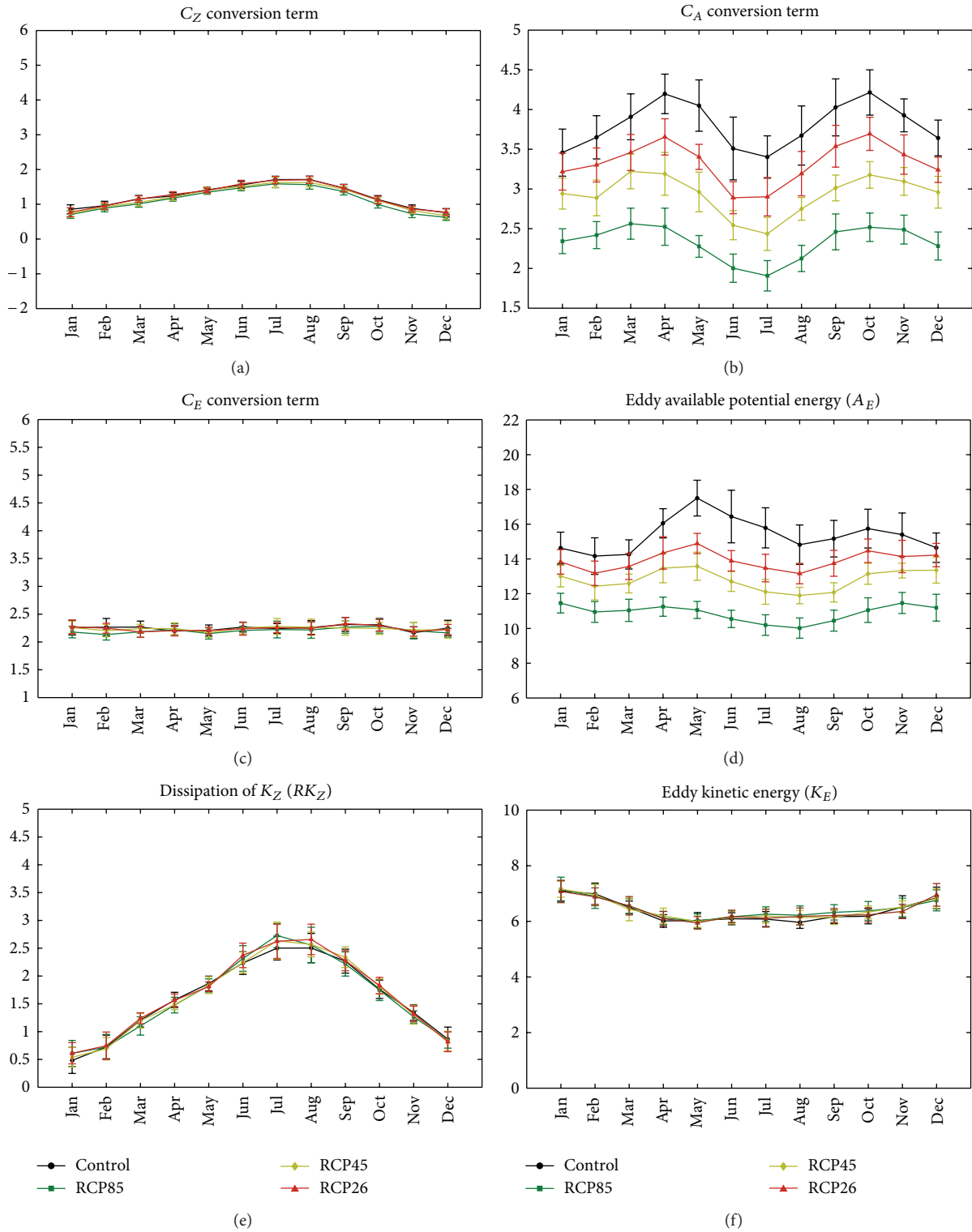


FIGURE 3: Climatology of the conversion terms C_Z (a), C_A (b), C_E (c), and C_K (d) for the whole globe integrated between 1000 and 1hPa for RCP85, RCP45, RCP26, and control experiments. Error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals about the mean. Units are W/m^2 .

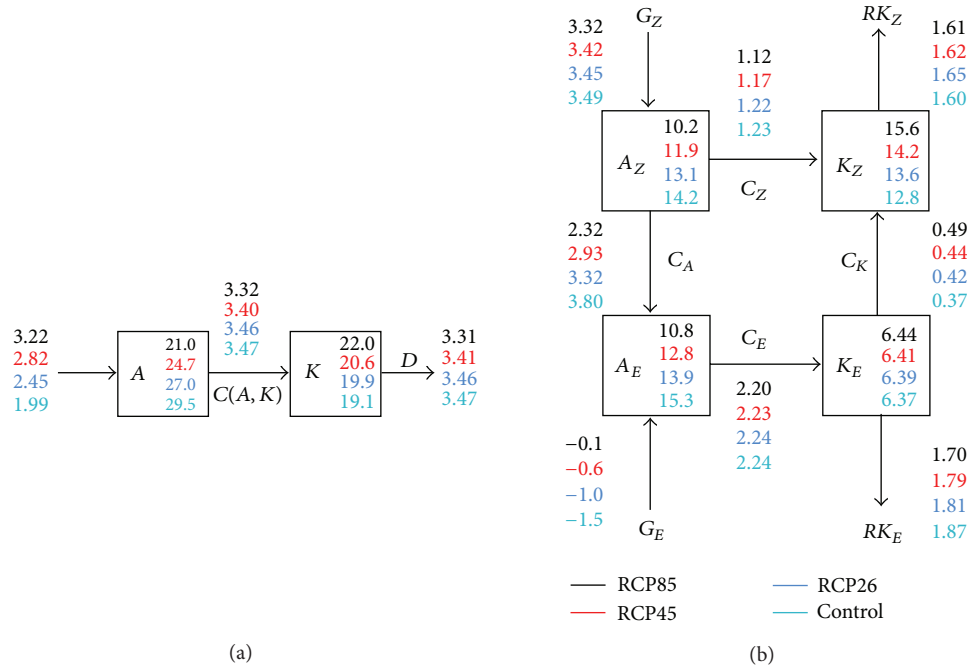


FIGURE 4: Representation of annual mean of spatial domain Lorenz energy cycle for the entire globe in which (a) is representative of a two-component energy cycle and (b) denotes the four-components diagram. Values from up to below in each figure are for RCP85, RCP45, RCP26, and control experiments. Units are 10^5 J/m^2 for reservoirs and W/m^2 for conversion, generation, and dissipation terms. In the two-component energy cycle the value of G is given by the sum of its zonal and eddy part ($G = G_Z + G_E$), $A = A_Z + A_E$, $C(A, K) = C_Z + C_E$, $K = K_Z + K_E$, and $D = RK_Z + RK_E$. Arrows indicate the direction corresponding to positive values; negative values imply opposite flux direction.

that in a warmed climate the conversion from K_E to K_Z increases; that is, there is an increase of eddy-transport of angular momentum along the gradients of angular velocity. Figures 3(e) and 3(f) show an opposite behavior between the dissipation of K_Z and K_E during the course of the year; that is, RK_Z presents the highest values from July to September, when RK_E is minimum. The same relation is observed from November to January. These results show that the zonal mean motions are strongly dissipated by friction processes when they are maximized (Figure 2(e)). The same behavior is observed for the eddy motions.

3.2. Volume-Integrated Energy Components. The mean annual energy cycle (two- and four-component) for the entire globe, southern and northern hemispheres calculated from RCPs and historical experiments are presented, respectively, in Figures 4, 5, and 6. The two-component energy cycle for the global domain (Figure 4(a)) shows an increase in the generation term G as a response to the increasing in greenhouse gases concentration, followed by a decrease in the available potential energy A , conversion term $C(A, K)$ and the dissipation D . However, the total kinetic energy increases. Each of these terms is characterized by the sum of its four-component energy cycle (Figure 4(b)). As can be noted, the increase in G is $\sim 61\%$ (44%, 23%) in the case of RCP85 (RCP45 and RCP26). The others components have the following conditions: decreasing in A of $\sim 28\%$ (16%, 8%), decreasing in $C(A, K)$ of $\sim 4\%$ (2%, 0.2%), increasing in

K of $\sim 15\%$ (7%, 4%), and a decreasing in the dissipation term D of $\sim 4\%$ (1%, 0.2%).

The four-component energy cycle (Figure 4(b)) indicates a general decrease in the values of generation, available potential energy, the conversion terms C_Z , C_A , and C_E , and the dissipation terms as the concentration of greenhouse gases increases. The results show that RCP85 are the experiment with the maximum reduction relative to control experiment. Kinetic energy and the conversion term C_K are quantities that increase as the greenhouse gases concentration rises, as can be confirmed from RCPs forcing scenarios. It can be seen that both available potential energies present similar reduction, $\sim 28\%$ for RCP85 and below 10% in the case of RCP26 experiment. The reservoirs of kinetic energy are increased, in which the zonal part presenting the strongest change, that is, an increasing of 21.8% in K_Z versus a small increase of $\sim 1\%$ in K_E for the RCP85 experiments. This is suggestive of a strengthening of the atmospheric zonal motions. The strength of the baroclinic energy flow, characterized by the conversion from A_Z to A_E (C_A) and A_E to K_E (C_E), is reduced in a condition of warmed climate, as can be seen by the reduction of $\sim 39\%$ in C_A and $\sim 1.8\%$ in C_E for the RCP85 experiments. In the case of RCP45 and RCP26, the reduction is less strong. The barotropic flow, denoted by the transfer of energy between K_E and K_Z (C_K), is increased showing that the zonal flow grows at the expense of the eddy motion. The conversion term C_Z , responsible by the increasing of kinetic energy due to the meridional exchange of mass in the vertical plane, is reduced. These results are attributed to the

less available potential energy that is produced in a warmed planet.

The two-component energy cycle for the *SH* domain displayed in Figure 5(a) shows an increase in the generation term G , followed by a decrease in the available potential energy A , conversion term $C(A, K)$, and the dissipation D . The figure still shows a negative decrease in the flux of $A(B_A)$ and an increase in the flux of $K(B_K)$. Thus, B_A acts as sink of A , and it is less intense for a warmed climate, while B_K acts as a source of K_Z . As can be observed, the increase in G , in the case of *SH* domain, is $\sim 34\%$ (24%, 9%) in the case of RCP85 (RCP45 and RCP26). The total available potential energy decreases by $\sim 27\%$ (16%, 8%), followed by a negative decrease of $\sim 5\%$ (3%, 3%) in the B_A . The decrease in $C(A, K)$ is $\sim 9\%$ (5%, 3%), with an increasing in K of $\sim 17\%$ (8%, 5%), an increase of $\sim 66\%$ (25%, 8%) in the B_K and a decrease in the dissipation term D of $\sim 9\%$ (5%, 3%).

The four-component energy cycle displayed in Figure 5(b) indicates a general decrease in the values of generation, available potential energy, the conversion terms C_Z , C_A , and C_E , and the dissipation terms as the concentration of greenhouse gases increases. Kinetic energy and the conversion term C_K are quantities that increase as the greenhouse gases concentration rises, as can be confirmed from RCPs forcing scenarios. In the four-component energy cycle it can be seen that the negative reduction in the boundary terms associated to the available energies is due mainly to the BA_Z , as the reduction in BA_E is one order magnitude small. The increase in the kinetic energy boundary terms is particularly due to the BK_Z term. The energy reservoirs of available energies and kinetic energies, respectively, decrease and increase. For the RCP85 experiment the increase of K_E is small ($\sim 1\%$) when compared with increases in K_Z ($\sim 24\%$). Both decrease and increase values in the energy reservoirs are more significant in the case of highest greenhouse gases emissions. The baroclinic flow, characterized by positive values of C_A and C_E , decreases as the planet warms, followed by an increase in the barotropic component, and a reduction in the C_Z values. These patterns are similar to the global domain.

Figure 6(a) shows the two-component energy cycle for the *NH* domain. The results show an increase in the generation term G , a decrease in the available potential energy A , a decrease in B_A , a decrease in the conversion term $C(A, K)$, an increase in K , a negative increase in B_K , and a decrease in the dissipation term D . In the *NH* case, B_A acts as source of A , and it is less intense for a warmed climate, while B_K acts as a sinking of K_Z , and it is more intense for a warmed climate. As can be seen, the increase in G , in the case of *NH* domain, is $\sim 172\%$ (108%, 70%) in the case of RCP85 (RCP45 and RCP26). The total available potential energy has a decreasing of $\sim 33\%$ (20%, 13%), followed by a decrease of $\sim 31\%$ (17%, 10%) in the B_A . The decrease in the values of $C(A, K)$ is $\sim 10\%$ (6%, 1%), with an increasing in K of $\sim 11\%$ (6%, 2%), a negative increase of $\sim 64\%$ (42%, 28%) in the B_K , and a decrease in the dissipation term D of $\sim 10\%$ (3%, increase of 1%).

In the four-component energy cycle for the *NH* (Figure 6(b)), observed is a pattern similar to the global and *SH* domain, that is, reduction in the values of available

potential energies, followed by a respective small and a significant increase in K_E and K_Z , reduction in the generation terms, reduction in the baroclinic flux, increase in C_K , and reduction in the dissipation terms. The results also show a reduction in the boundary terms associated to the available energies is mainly due to the BA_Z , as the reduction in BA_E is inexistent. The negative increase in the kinetic energy boundary terms is particularly strong in both terms.

As can be seen, the reductions and increases in the energetics still depend on the domain evaluated. For example, in the case of RCP85 projection the increase of K_Z for the global domain is $\sim 21.8\%$ relative to the control experiment, while K_Z in the *SH* and *NH* increases about 24.6% and 18.0%, respectively. The same pattern of increase in K_Z (and the remaining reservoirs) is followed by the others RCPs projection, though with less intensity.

For all analyzed domains the intensity of the *LEC*, measured by the conversion between potential and kinetic energy in both zonal and eddy modes, is reduced in a planet with more greenhouse gases, as noted from the values produced by the RCPs experiments. The largest reductions occur for the *NH* (10.35%), when compared with global (4.68%) and *SH* (9.57%) domains. The strongest increase is seen to occur in the total kinetic energy for the *SH* ($\sim 17\%$), followed by an increase of 41.02% in C_K . This result indicates that the increase in K_Z is related to the increase in C_K , as K_E acts as a source of K_Z . However, another form to attribute the increase of K_Z due to C_K is to quantify what dynamic process was the most important to the increase of K_Z . This can be achieved by evaluating or quantifying the terms involved in the calculation of C_K , see equation in the appendix. The first three terms of C_K are related to the horizontal transport of momentum, while the last two terms deal with the vertical transport of momentum. The quantification of their changes for the RCPs experiments can bring us important characteristics about the atmospheric behavior in a climate change perspective.

For the *SH* (*NH*, Global) domain, the increase in C_K , in the RCP85, is related to an increase of 47.8% (5.2%, 38.3%) in the horizontal eddy-transport of momentum and an increase of 23.9% (24.6%, 21.0%) in the vertical eddy-transport of momentum relative to control experiment. For the experiments RCP26 and RCP45 the increase in the horizontal (vertical) eddy-transport of the *SH* is 22.8% (8.4%) and 29.7% (10.1%), respectively, showing that in the *SH* the increase in greenhouse gases produces an increase in both horizontal and eddy transport of momentum, with the former being more strong. In the case of the global domain, for RCP26 and RCP45, the increase of horizontal (vertical) eddy-transport of momentum is 18.7% (6.1%) and 25.0% (9.6%), respectively, and for the *NH* domain, it corresponds to -1.5% (2.1%) and 2.2% (9.5%), respectively.

Calculations of changes for individual terms of C_A indicate that the reduction in this component of the baroclinic conversion is due both horizontal and vertical eddy-transport of sensible heat. For the RCP85 experiment (RCP45 and RCP26) in the global domain, the reduction in the horizontal eddy-transport of sensible heat is 38.7% (22.9% and 12.4%), while for the vertical eddy-transport of sensible heat, the

change is of 77.7% (55.5% and 33.3%). For the *SH* and *NH* the reduction in the horizontal eddy-transport of sensible heat is of 35.1% (20.7% and 36.4%) and 39.2% (24.0% and 14.9%), respectively, for the RCP85 (RCP45 and RCP26). The reduction in the vertical eddy-transport of sensible heat for the *SH* and *NH* is 22.2% (33.3% and 55.5%) and 70% (52% and 38%), respectively, for the RCP85 (RCP45 and RCP26). The reduction in the values of C_E term is below 3% relatively to the control experiment for all RCPs.

4. Concluding Remarks

In this work a global and hemispherical energetic study, using the traditional Lorenz two- and four-component energy cycle, is carried out to access the impact of the radiative forcing relative to the greenhouse gases emission on the global and hemispherical *LEC*. The energetic analysis is based on the RCP85, RCP45, and RCP26 forcing experiments and a control simulation from the MPI-ESM-MR ocean-atmosphere coupled model. The results show a decrease in most of the energy terms from the Lorenz energetics for the global domain, with few exceptions, suggesting a weakness of the *LEC* in the L21C period, as previous works have shown. However, here we have presented the changes in the Lorenz energetics related to the new RCPs scenarios, which are the results of the increase in greenhouse gases. In the previous literature, the energetics are quantified and evaluated under a condition of CO_2 increasing only. In this context, we have evaluated and found that the increase in the barotropic component of the energy cycle, which is the main term responsible to the increase in the zonal component of the kinetic energy, is related to the increase in the horizontal transport of momentum, with a less increase in the vertical component. The reduction of the values in the energy cycle is evident and dependent of the *RCP* experiment, with the strongest reduction occurring in the highest radiative forcing experiment, RCP85. The results also show an increase in C_K , K_Z , and K_E components of the *LEC*. Similar reduction in the intensity of the *LEC* is observed for the *SH* and *NH*, with RCP85 emission scenario influencing the most intense decrease in the energy terms. In Particular, for this scenario the energetic projection for the *SH* indicates an increase in K_Z of 24.6%, which is higher than the global (21.8%) and *NH* (18.0%) domains. The anomalous increase of K_Z in the *SH* (*NH* and Globe) for the L21C period is attributed to an increase of 47.8% (5.2%, 38.3%) and 23.9% (21.0%, 24.6%), respectively, in the horizontal and vertical eddy-transport of momentum in RCP85. The increase in these transports are less intense for RCP45 and RCP26 mitigated scenarios. The reduction in the horizontal eddy-transport of sensible heat generates a decrease in the conversion between A_Z and A_E , in the RCPs scenarios. These results contribute to the findings of [20, 31] who have shown that C_K increases in a warmed climate; however, our results indicates that the increase in C_K is mainly due the increase in the horizontal components of the momentum transport. The way and reason the increase of greenhouse gases emissions impact the transport of momentum and heat will be addressed in another work.

Although the results presented here are only based on one CMIP5 model and they do not probably represent a unique picture of the future behavior of energy cycle, they suggest important changes in the energetics of the atmosphere under a warmed climate, which can motivate further investigation on the atmosphere global circulation.

Appendix

Lorenz Energetics

Equations of Lorenz in spatial domain.

Mathematical expression of components in the energy balance (3a)–(3d).

The zonal mean of a variable X between longitudes λ_1 and λ_2 is given by

$$[X]_\lambda = \frac{1}{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1} \int_{p_1}^{p_2} X d\lambda. \quad (\text{A.1})$$

The eddy component of this variable is

$$(X)_\lambda = X - [X]_\lambda. \quad (\text{A.2})$$

The mean of X over an area bounded by longitudes λ_1 and λ_2 and latitudes ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 is

$$[X]_{\lambda\phi} = \frac{1}{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1} \frac{1}{\sin \phi_2 - \sin \phi_1} \int_{\phi_1}^{\phi_2} \int_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} X \cos \phi d\lambda d\phi. \quad (\text{A.3})$$

Define the quantity as

$$([X]_\lambda)_\phi = [X]_\lambda - [X]_{\lambda\phi}. \quad (\text{A.4})$$

The four energy forms in the SDLEC are

$$\begin{aligned} A_Z &= \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \frac{[(T)_\lambda]_{\lambda\phi}^2}{2[\sigma]_{\lambda\phi}} dp, \\ A_E &= \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \frac{[(T)_\lambda]_{\lambda\phi}^2}{2[\sigma]_{\lambda\phi}} dp, \\ K_Z &= \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \frac{[u]_\lambda^2 + [v]_\lambda^2}{2g} dp, \\ K_E &= \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \frac{[(u)_\lambda]_{\lambda\phi}^2 + [(v)_\lambda]_{\lambda\phi}^2}{2g} dp, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.5})$$

where p_1 and p_2 are, respectively, the upper and lower pressure boundaries, T is the temperature, g the magnitude of the acceleration of gravity, u and v are the eastward and

northward components of the wind, respectively, and σ is the static stability parameter which is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
[\sigma]_{\lambda\phi} &= \left[\frac{gT}{c_p} - \frac{gp}{R} \frac{\partial T}{\partial p} \right]_{\lambda\phi}, \\
C_Z &= \int_{p_1}^{p_2} -\left[([\omega]_{\lambda})_{\phi} ([T]_{\lambda})_{\phi} \right]_{\lambda\phi} \frac{R}{gp} dp, \\
C_E &= \int_{p_1}^{p_2} -\left[(\omega)_{\lambda} (T)_{\lambda} \right]_{\lambda\phi} \frac{R}{gp} dp, \\
C_A &= \int_{p_1}^{p_2} -\left(\left[\frac{(\nu)_{\lambda} (T)_{\lambda}}{2[\sigma]_{\lambda\phi} r} \frac{\partial ([T]_{\lambda})}{\partial \phi} \right]_{\lambda\phi} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left[\frac{(\omega)_{\lambda} (T)_{\lambda}}{p^{R/c_p}} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. \times \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left(\frac{([T]_{\lambda})_{\phi} p^{R/c_p}}{[\sigma]_{\lambda\phi}} \right) \right]_{\lambda\phi} \right) dp, \\
C_K &= \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \frac{1}{g} \left[(\nu)_{\lambda} (u)_{\lambda} \frac{\cos \phi}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(\frac{[u]_{\lambda}}{\cos \phi} \right) \right]_{\lambda\phi} dp \\
&\quad + \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \frac{1}{g} \left[\frac{(\nu)_{\lambda}^2}{r} \frac{\partial [v]_{\lambda}}{\partial \phi} \right]_{\lambda\phi} dp \\
&\quad + \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \frac{1}{g} \left[[v]_{\lambda} (u)_{\lambda}^2 \frac{\tan \phi}{r} \right]_{\lambda\phi} dp \\
&\quad - \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \frac{1}{g} \left[(\omega)_{\lambda} (u)_{\lambda} \frac{\partial [u]_{\lambda}}{\partial p} \right]_{\lambda\phi} dp \\
&\quad + \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \frac{1}{g} \left[(\omega)_{\lambda} (v)_{\lambda} \frac{\partial [v]_{\lambda}}{\partial p} \right]_{\lambda\phi} dp,
\end{aligned} \tag{A.6}$$

where r denotes the mean radius of the Earth.

The generation of *APE* terms and kinetic energy dissipation terms are

$$\begin{aligned}
G_Z &= \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \frac{\left[([q]_{\lambda})_{\phi} ([T]_{\lambda})_{\phi} \right]_{\lambda\phi}}{c_p [\sigma]_{\lambda\phi}} dp, \\
G_E &= \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \frac{[(q)_{\lambda} [T]_{\lambda}]_{\lambda\phi}}{c_p [\sigma]_{\lambda\phi}} dp,
\end{aligned} \tag{A.7}$$

where q denotes the diabatic processes associated with the generation of *APE*.

The energy transport integrals are

$$\begin{aligned}
BA_Z &= c_1 \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \int_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} \frac{1}{2[\sigma]_{\lambda\phi}} \\
&\quad \times \left(2([T]_{\lambda})_{\phi} (T)_{\lambda} u + ([T]_{\lambda})_{\phi}^2 u \right)_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} d\phi dp \\
&\quad + c_2 \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \frac{1}{2[\sigma]_{\lambda\phi}} \\
&\quad \times \left(2[(\nu)_{\lambda} (T)_{\lambda}]_{\lambda} ([T]_{\lambda})_{\phi} \cos \phi \right. \\
&\quad \left. + ([T]_{\lambda})_{\phi}^2 [v]_{\lambda} \cos \phi \right)_{\phi_1}^{\phi_2} dp \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2[\sigma]_{\lambda\phi}} \left([2(\omega)_{\lambda} (T)_{\lambda}]_{\lambda} ([T]_{\lambda})_{\phi} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + [(\omega)_{\lambda} ([T]_{\lambda})_{\phi}^2]_{\lambda\phi} \right)_{p_1}^{p_2}, \\
BA_E &= c_1 \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \int_{\phi_1}^{\phi_2} \frac{1}{2[\sigma]_{\lambda\phi}} [u(T)_{\lambda}^2]_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} d\phi dp \\
&\quad + c_2 \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \frac{1}{2[\sigma]_{\lambda\phi}} \left([(T)_{\lambda}^2]_{\lambda} \cos \phi \right)_{\phi_1}^{\phi_2} dp \\
&\quad - \left(\frac{[(\omega(T)_{\lambda}^2)]_{\lambda\phi}}{2[\sigma]_{\lambda\sigma}} \right)_{p_1}^{p_2}, \\
BK_Z &= c_1 \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \int_{\phi_1}^{\phi_2} \frac{1}{2g} \left(u [u^2 + v^2 - (u)_{\lambda}^2 - (v)_{\lambda}^2] \right)_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} d\phi dp \\
&\quad + c_2 \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \frac{1}{2g} \left([v \cos \phi [u^2 + v^2 - (u)_{\lambda}^2]]_{\lambda} \right)_{\phi_1}^{\phi_2} dp \\
&\quad - \left(\frac{1}{2g} [w [u^2 + v^2 - (u)_{\lambda}^2 - (v)_{\lambda}^2]]_{\lambda\phi} \right)_{p_1}^{p_2}, \\
BK_E &= c_1 \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \int_{\phi_1}^{\phi_2} \frac{1}{2g} \left(u [(u)_{\lambda}^2 + (v)_{\lambda}^2] \right)_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} d\phi dp \\
&\quad + c_2 \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \frac{1}{2g} \left([v \cos \phi [(u)_{\lambda}^2 + (v)_{\lambda}^2]]_{\lambda} \right)_{\phi_1}^{\phi_2} dp \\
&\quad - \left(\frac{1}{2g} [w [(u)_{\lambda}^2 + (v)_{\lambda}^2]]_{\lambda\phi} \right)_{p_1}^{p_2},
\end{aligned} \tag{A.8}$$

where $c_1 = -[r(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)(\sin \phi_2 - \phi_1)]^{-1}$ and $c_2 = -[r(\sin \phi_2 - \phi_1)]^{-1}$.

Finally the integrals for $B\Phi Z$ and $B\Phi E$ are

$$\begin{aligned}
 B\Phi Z &= c_1 \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \int_{\phi_1}^{\phi_2} \frac{1}{g} ([v]_{\lambda} ([\Phi]_{\lambda})_{\phi})_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} d\phi dp \\
 &+ c_2 \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \frac{1}{g} (\cos \phi [v]_{\lambda} ([\Phi]_{\lambda})_{\phi})_{\phi_1}^{\phi_2} dp \\
 &- \frac{1}{g} \left(([[\omega]_{\lambda}]_{\phi} ([\Phi]_{\lambda})_{\phi})_{\lambda\phi} \right)_{p_1}^{p_2}, \\
 B\Phi E &= c_1 \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \int_{\phi_1}^{\phi_2} \frac{1}{g} ((u)_{\lambda} (\Phi)_{\lambda})_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} d\phi dp \\
 &+ c_2 \int_{p_1}^{p_2} \frac{1}{g} ([v]_{\lambda} (\Phi)_{\lambda}) \cos \phi_{\phi_1}^{\phi_2} dp \\
 &- \frac{1}{g} \left(([[\omega]_{\lambda} (\Phi)_{\lambda}]_{\lambda\phi})_{p_1} \right)^{p_2},
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.9}$$

where $\Phi (= gz)$ is the geopotential.

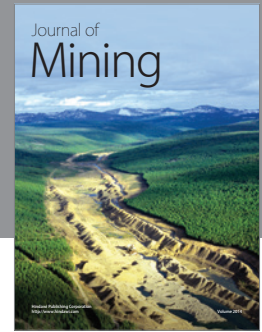
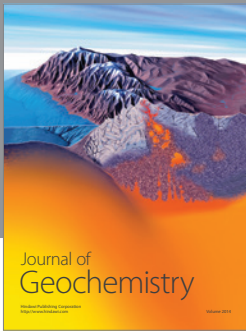
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