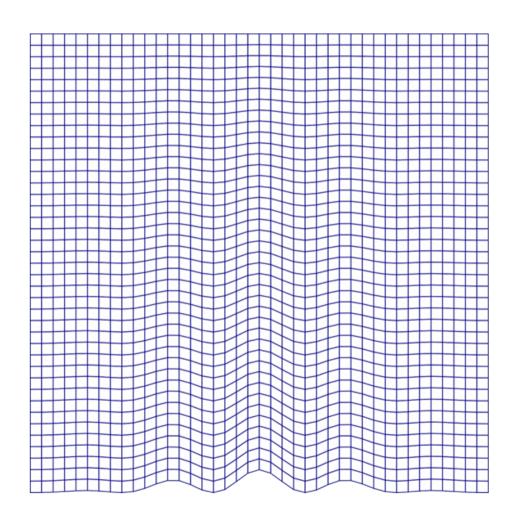
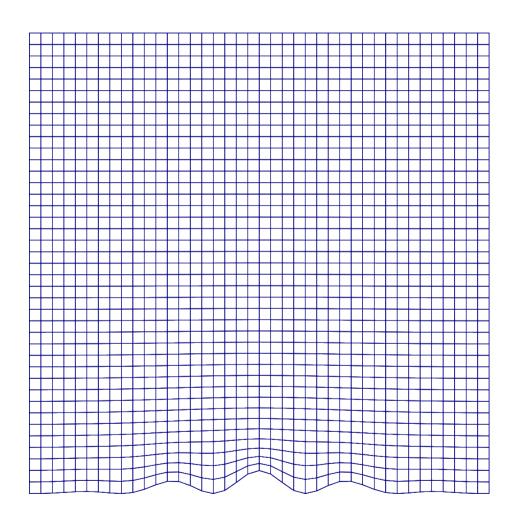
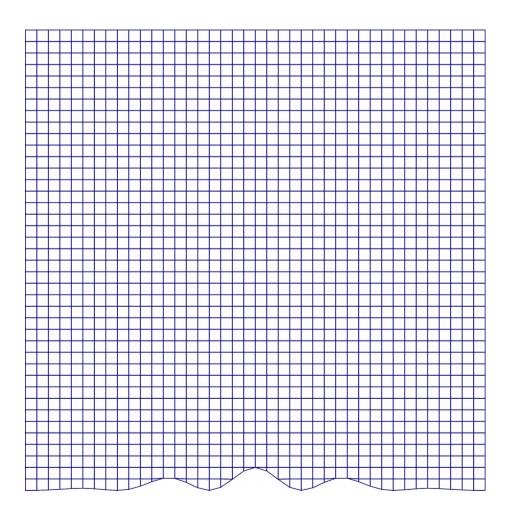
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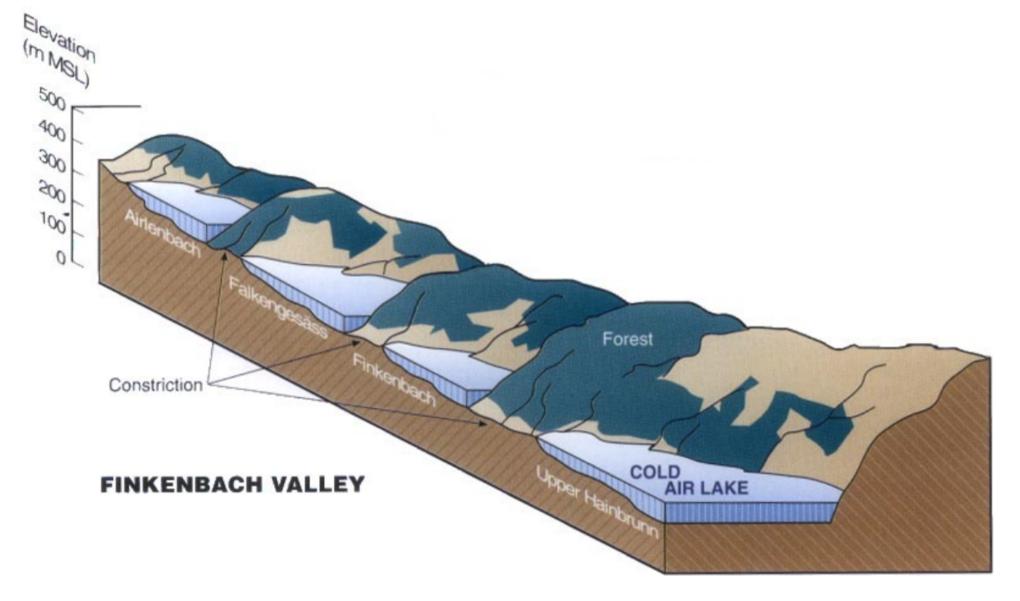
Smooth Level Vertical (SLEVE)



Cut cell



Cold air pools



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How do cold air pools affect the weather?

Air pollution

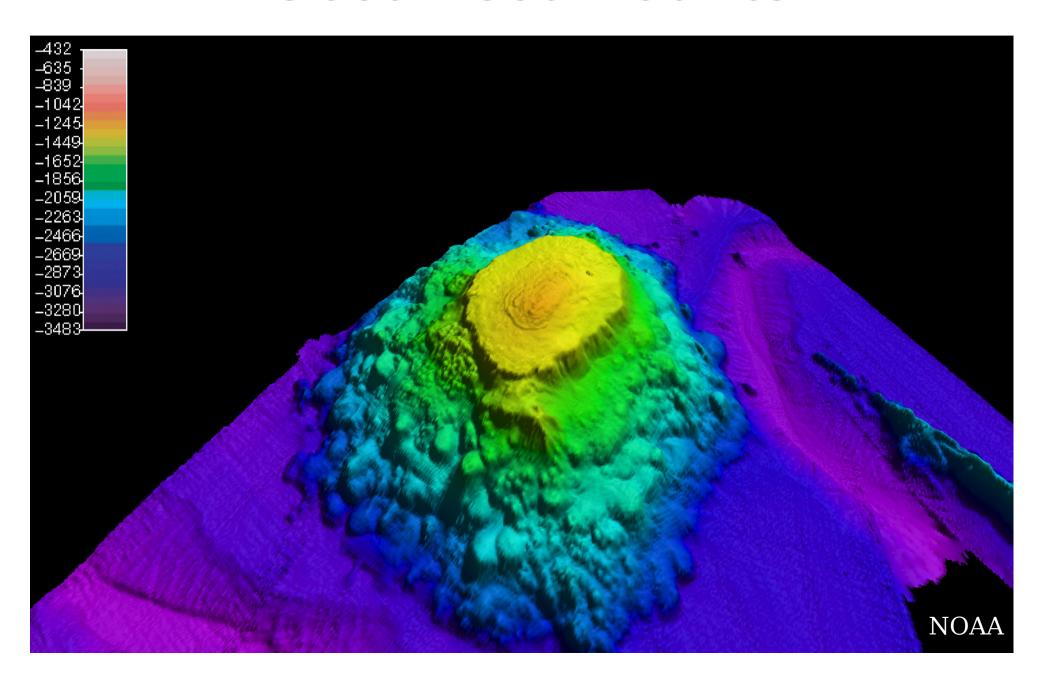


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How do cold air pools affect the weather?

- Fog
- Low stratus cloud
- Frost
- Freezing rain
- Delay ice melt affects hydrology

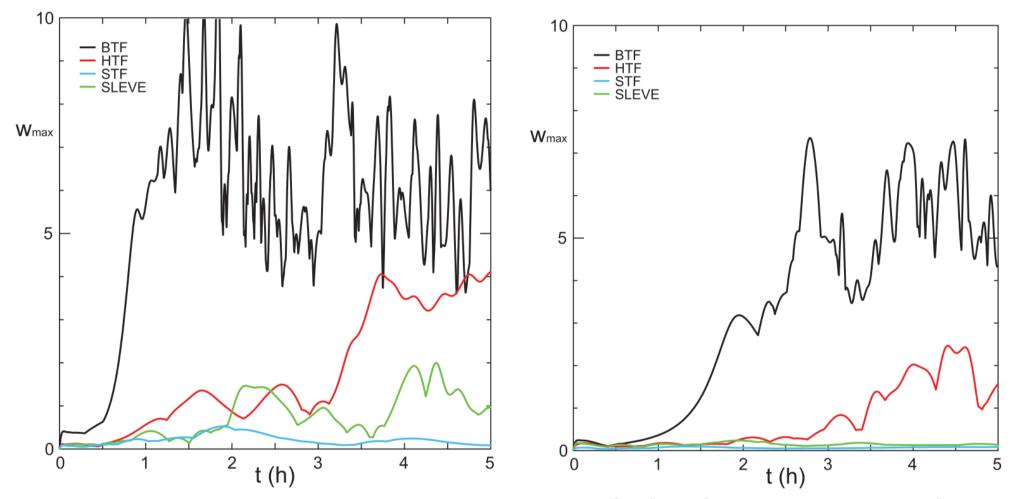
Ocean seamounts



Model results

- Nonhydrostatic model
- Dry dynamical core (no parametrisations)
- Inviscid
- Free-sleep lower boundary

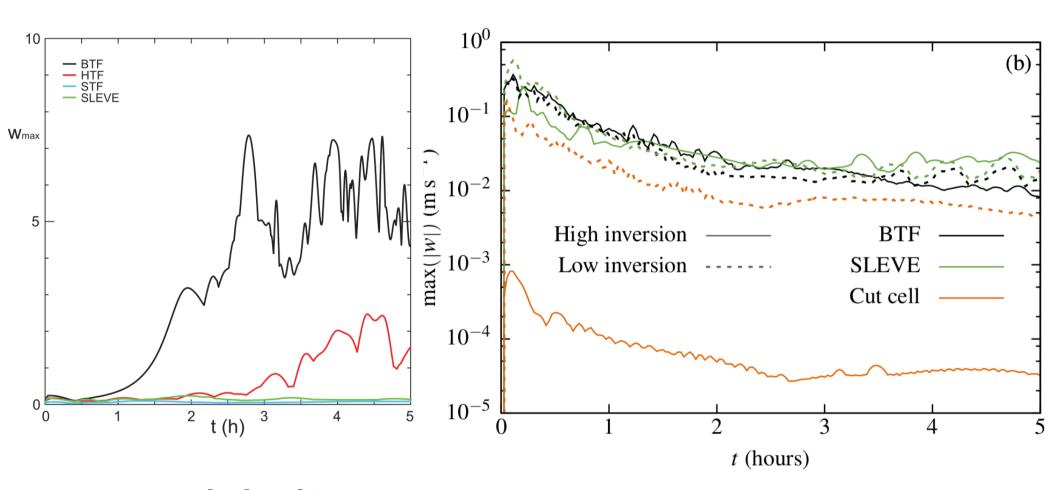
Spurious vertical velocities



 ∇p calculated in transformed coordinates ∇p calculated in Cartesian coordinates

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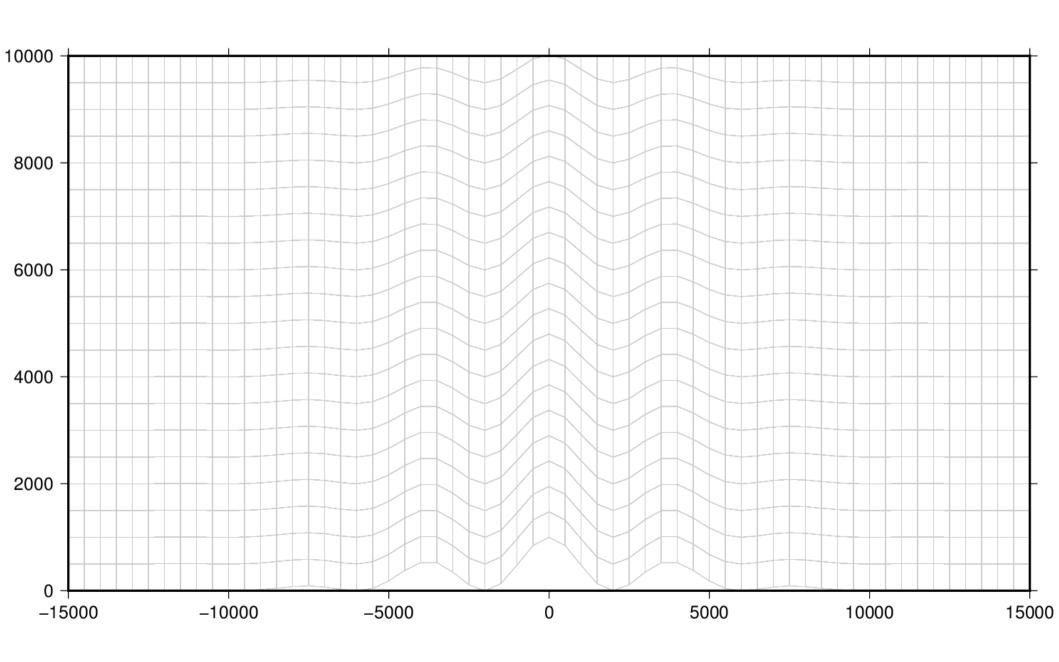
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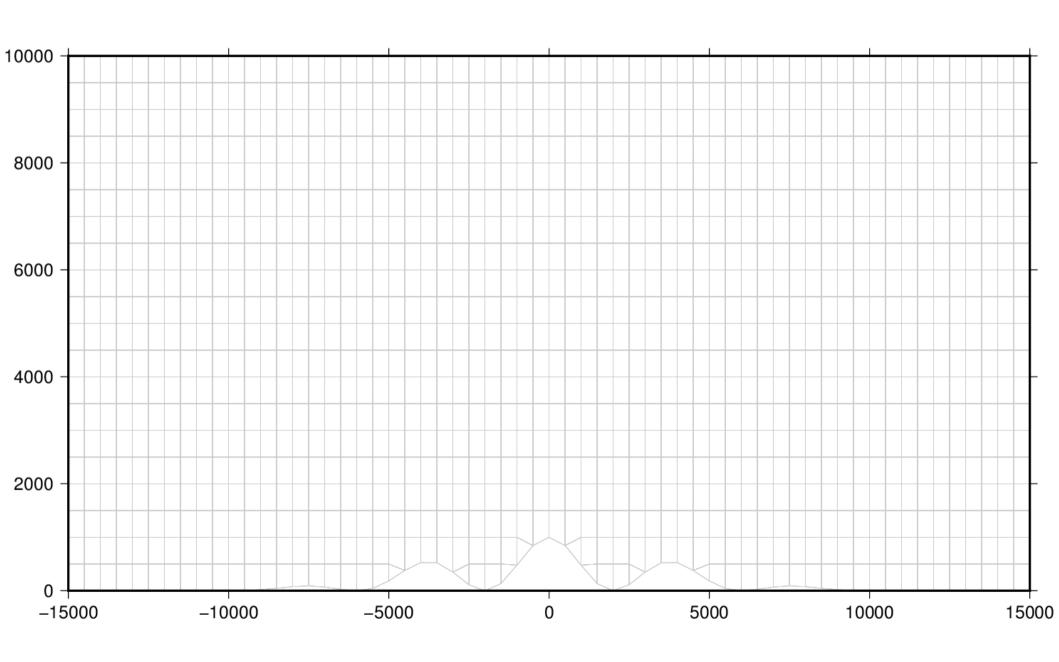
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Curl-free pressure gradient formulation

Spurious circulation (BTF)



Spurious circulation (cut cell)



Conclusions

- Curl-free pressure gradient formulation
 - Accurate
 - Mostly insensitive to distortions
- Cut cells may have slight advantages
- More work required on multidimensional advection scheme
 - find out more at PhD Group, 17th February