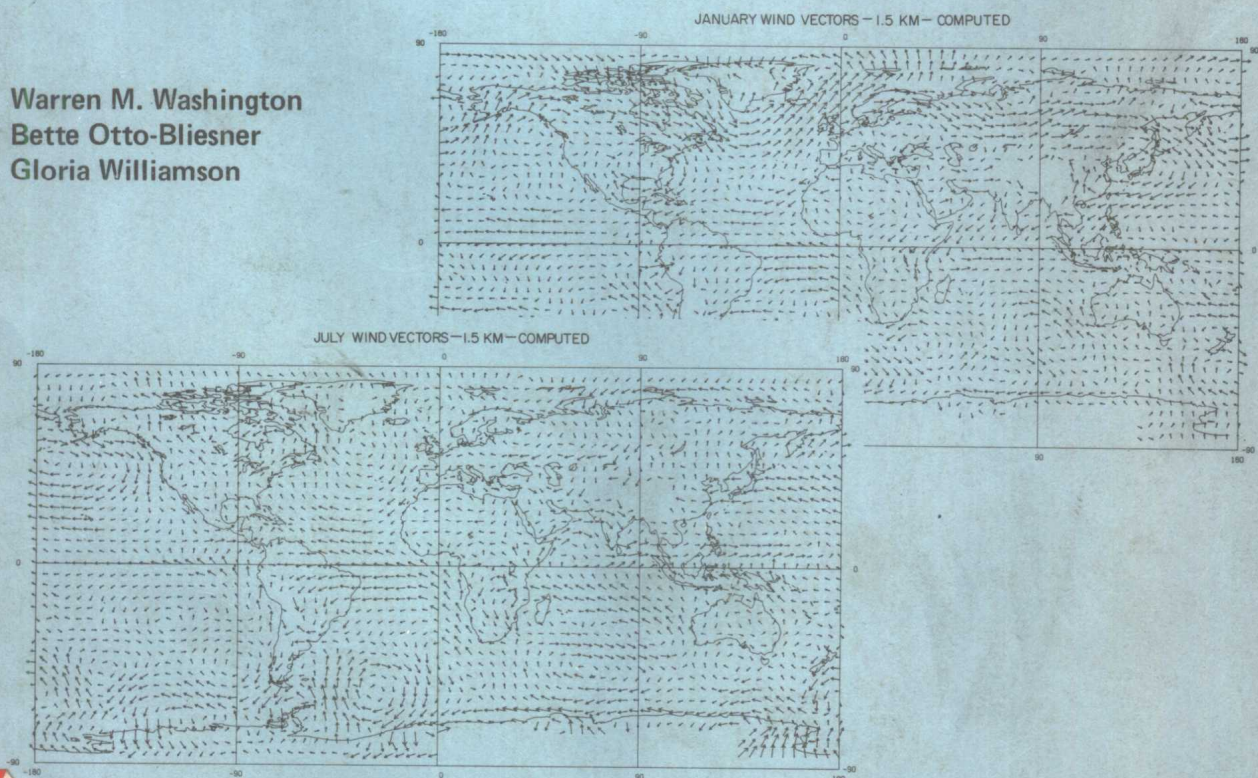


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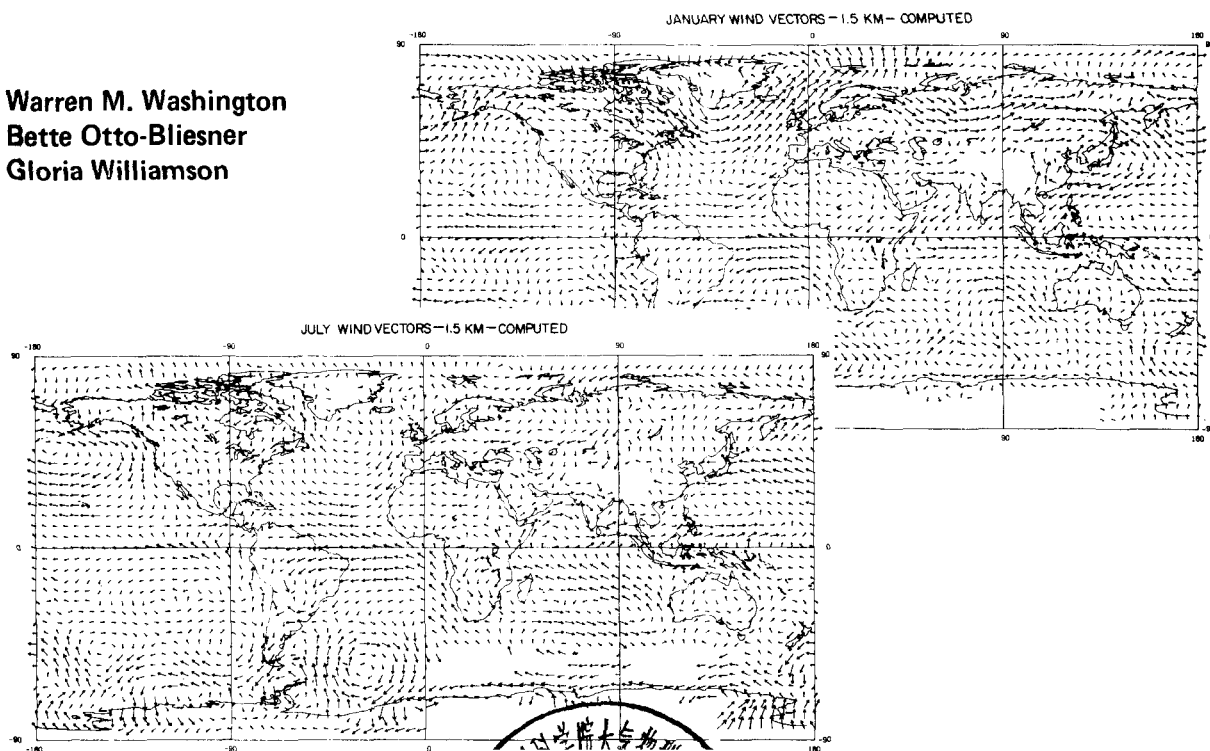
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PREFACE

For the reader's convenience in examining the figures along with the text, we have divided this technical note into Volume 1--Text and Volume 2--Figures. The purpose of this technical note is to document the capability of the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), 2.5° latitude-longitude, second-generation, 6-layer General Circulation Model (GCM) to simulate a typical January or July. This version is a modification of an NCAR model for which results of similar simulations were published earlier. The new diagnostics are storm tracks for both mountain and no-mountain experiments, soil moisture, snow cover, and energy balance at the earth's surface and model top. To clarify the cause of a deficiency in the temperature distribution, we include results of additional experiments.

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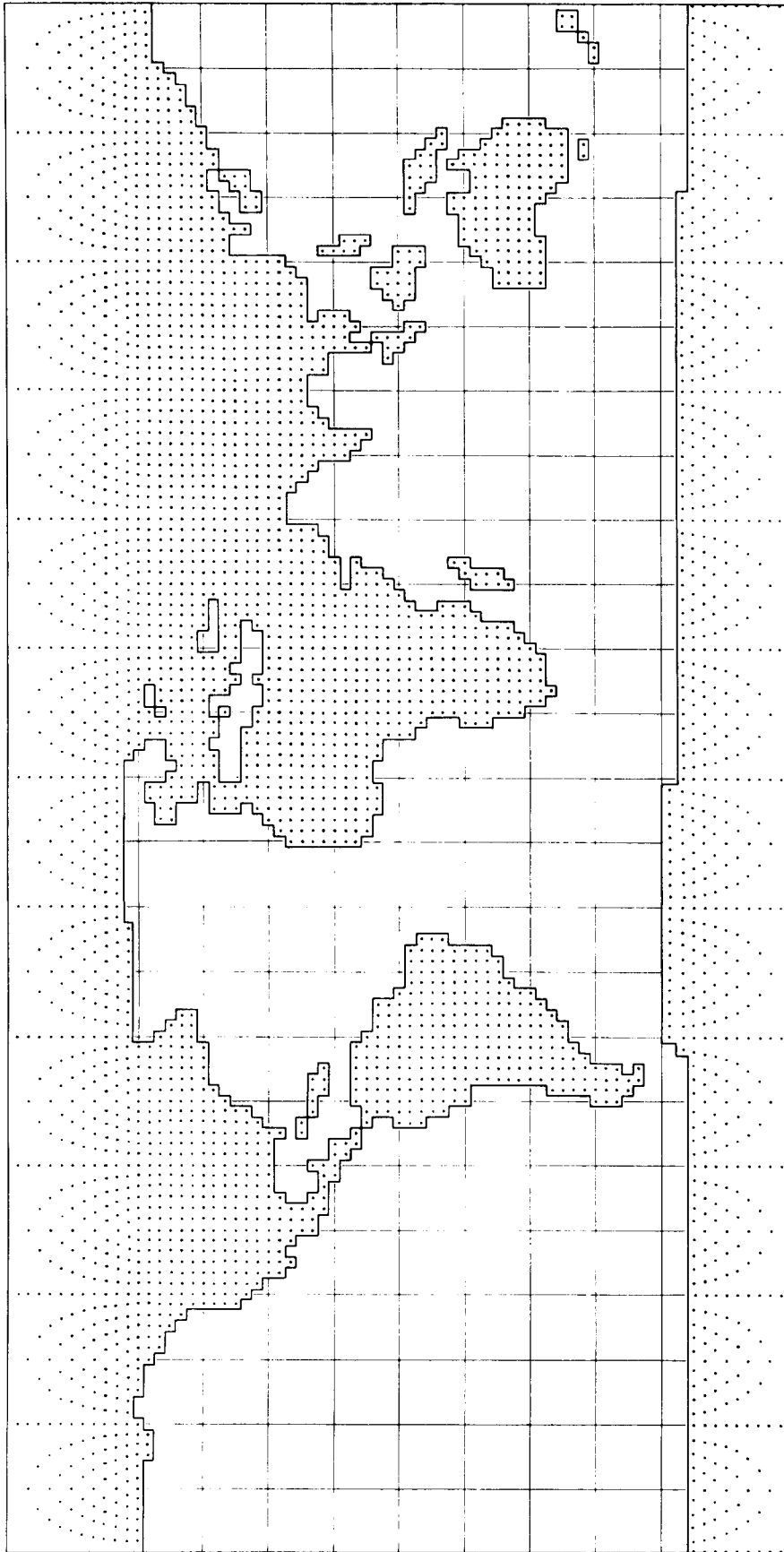


Fig. 2.1 Horizontal grid structure for the 2.5° latitude-longitude version of the NCAR model. Only the non-ocean points are shown to delineate the continental outline. The number of points along a latitude is reduced near the poles.

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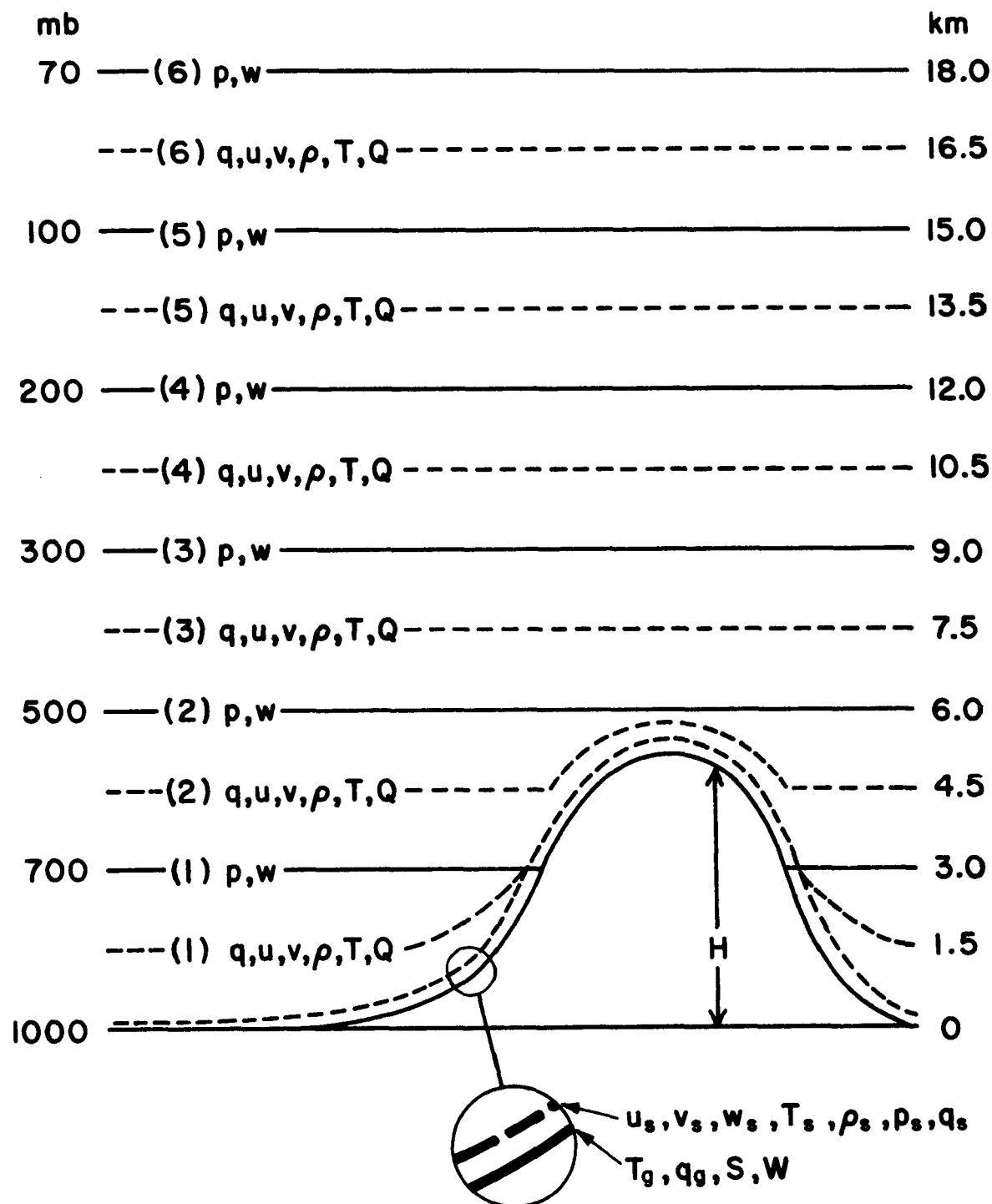


Fig. 2.2 Vertical grid structure for the 6-layer tropospheric model. The boundary-layer enlargement at the bottom shows the placement of surface and boundary-layer variables.

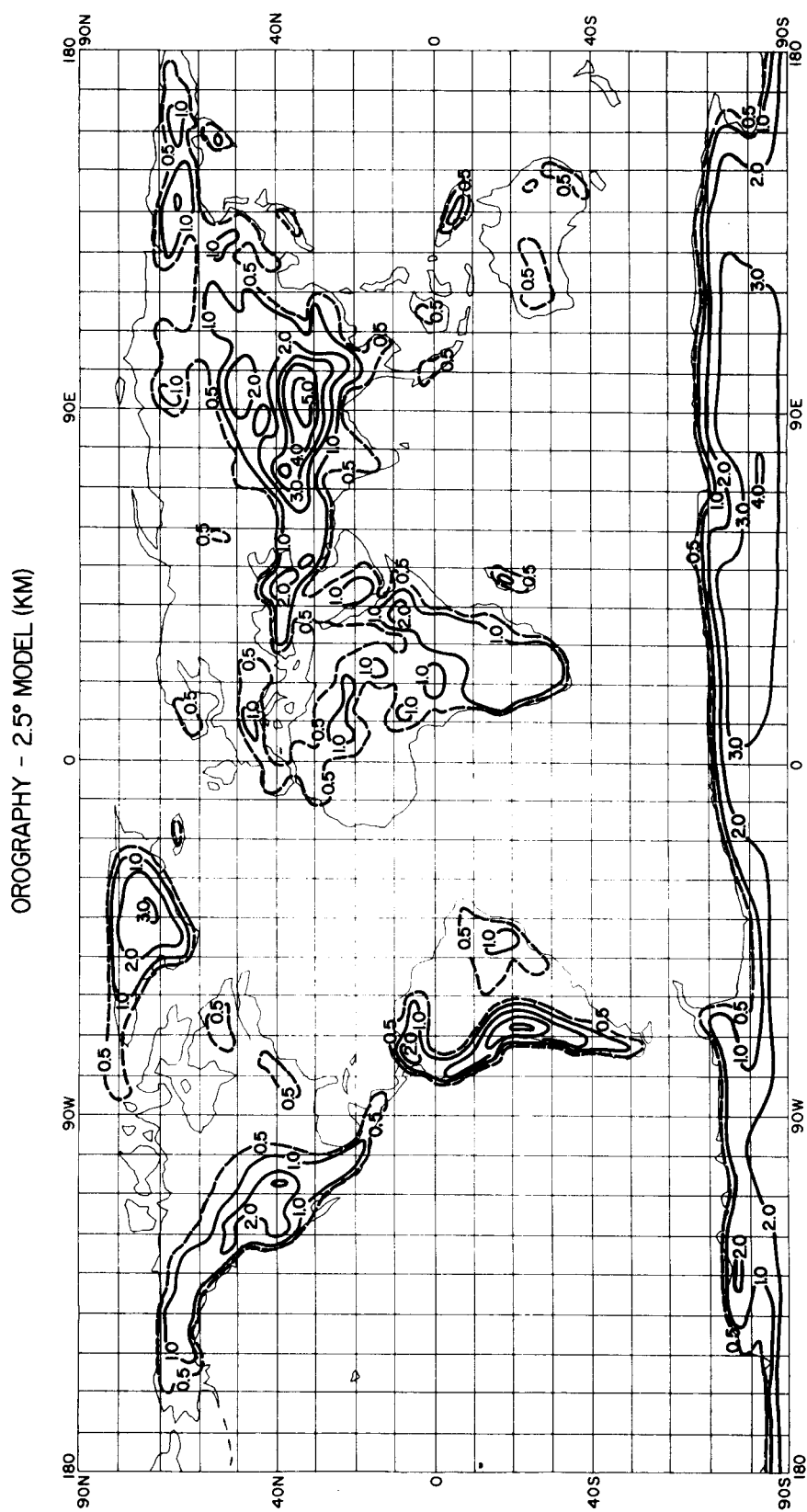


Fig. 2.3 Orography with contour intervals of 1 km.

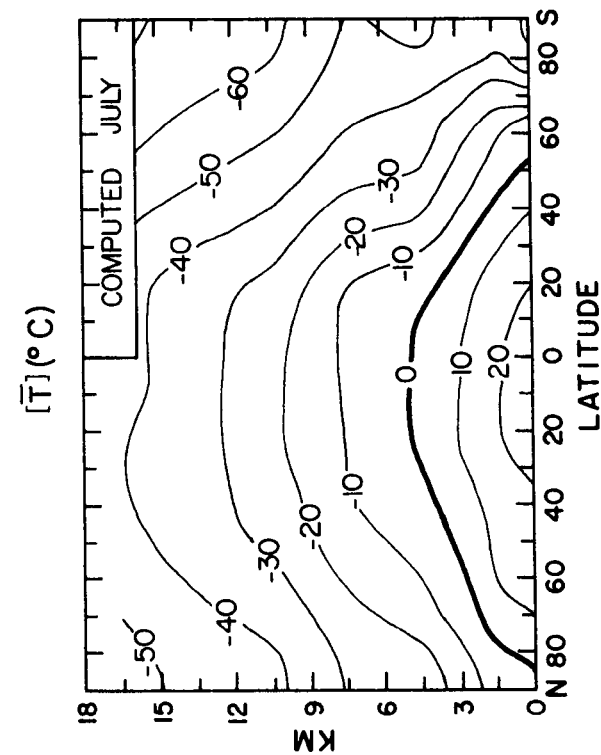
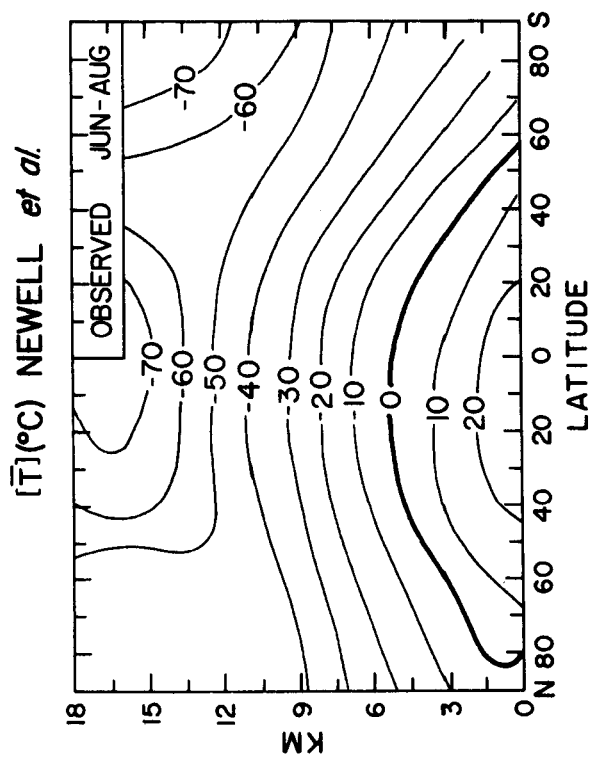
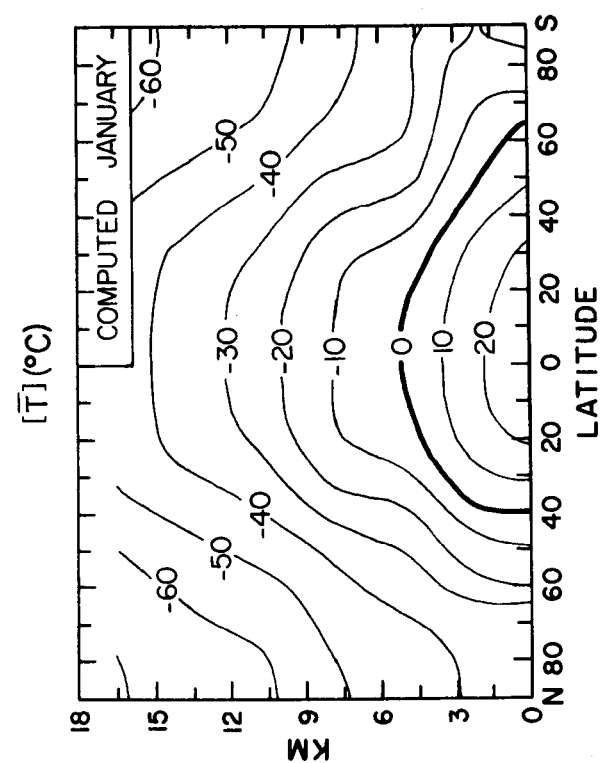
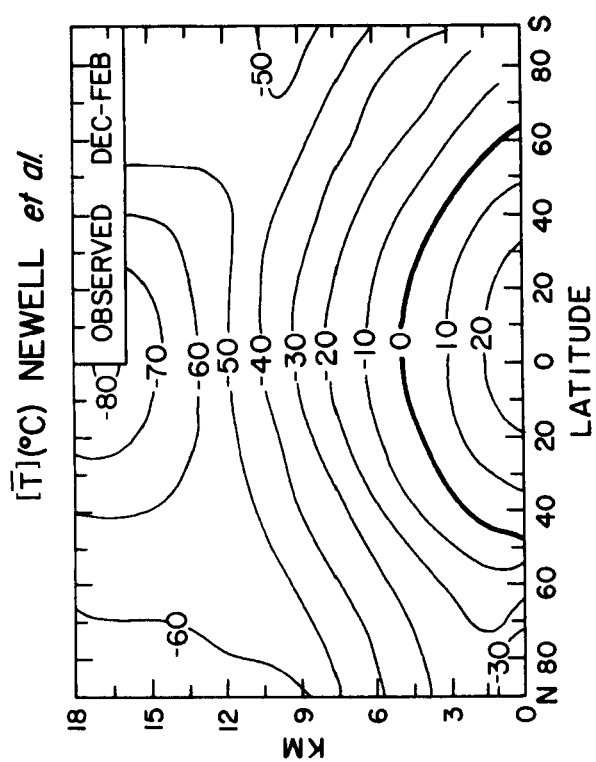


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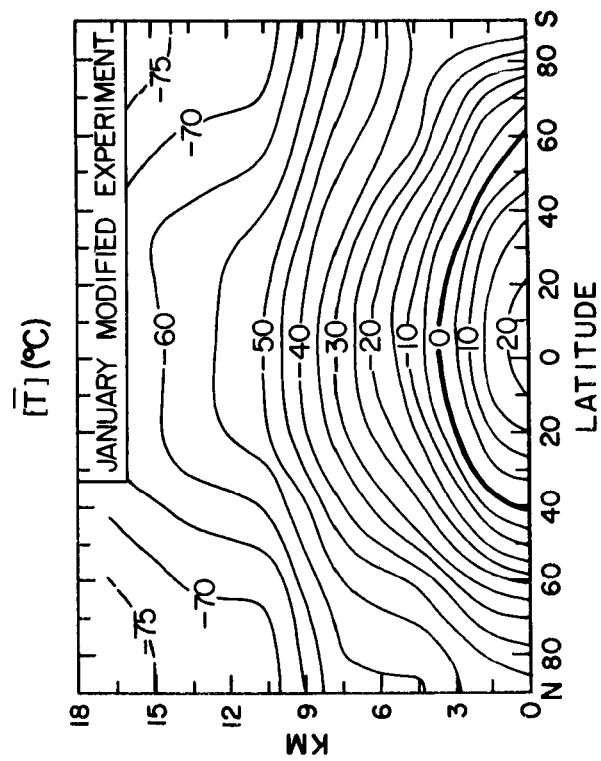


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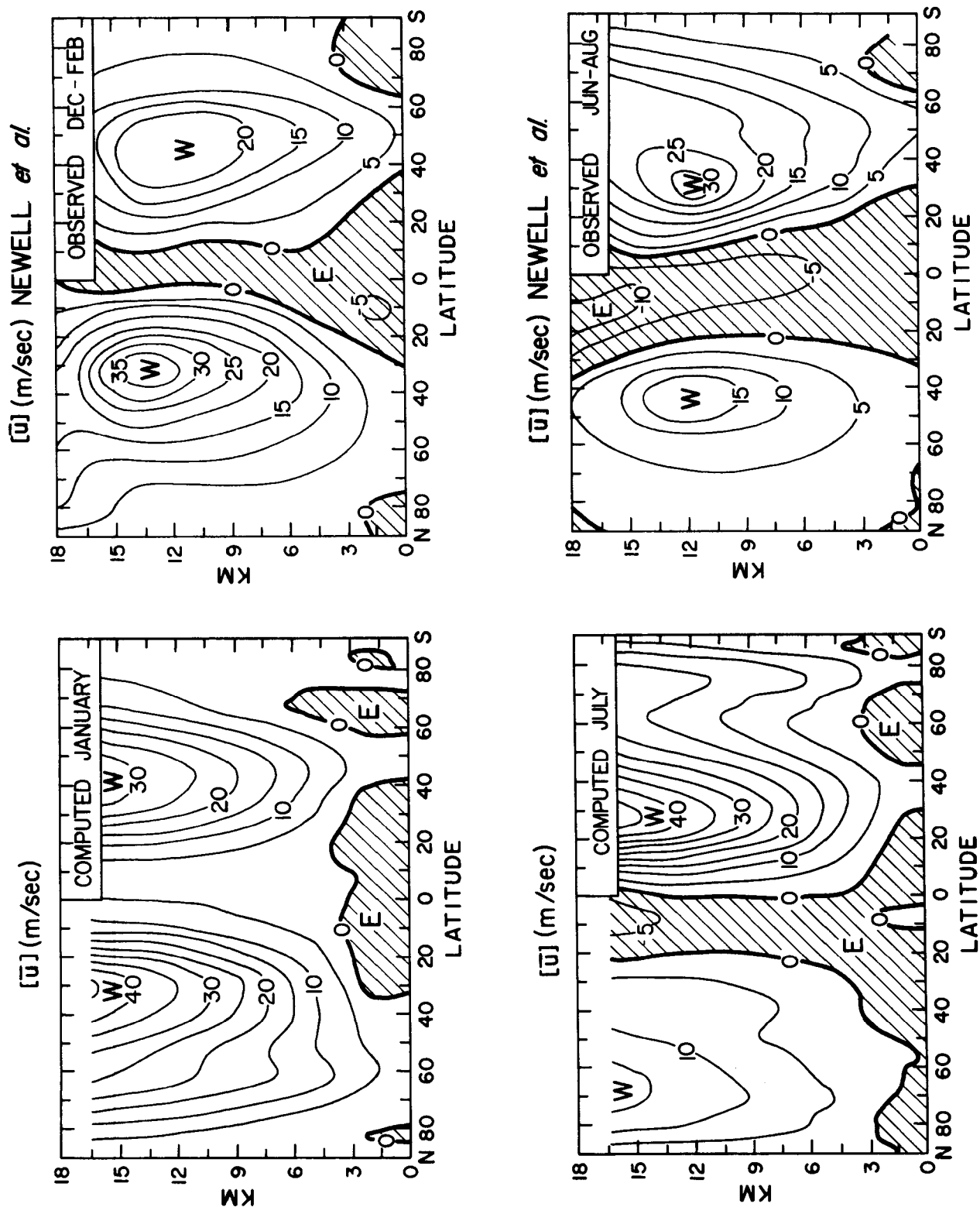


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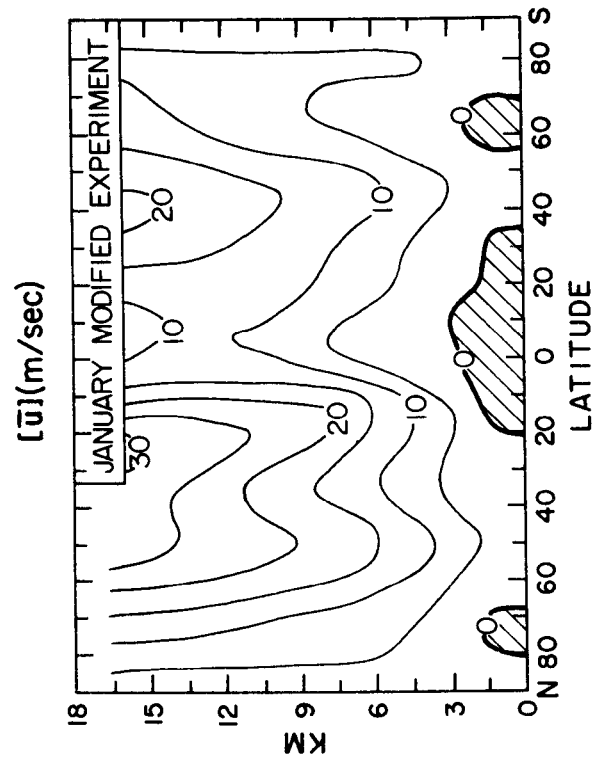


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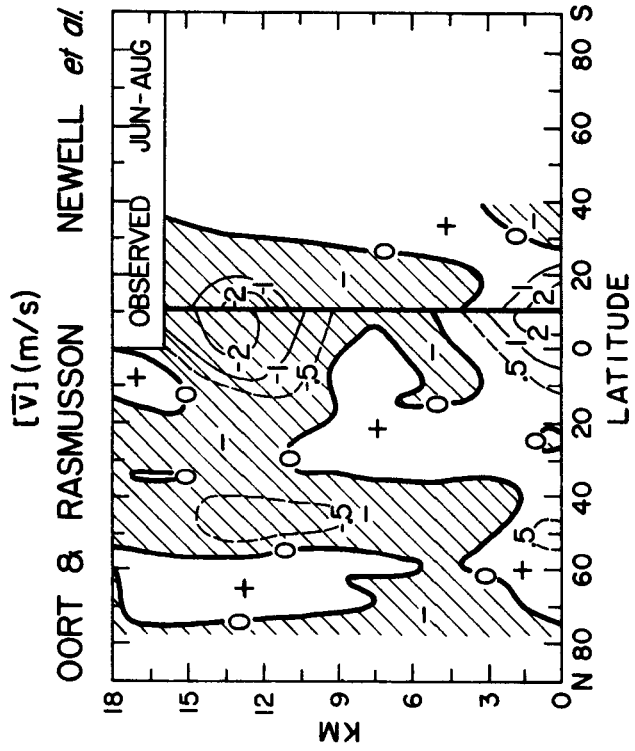
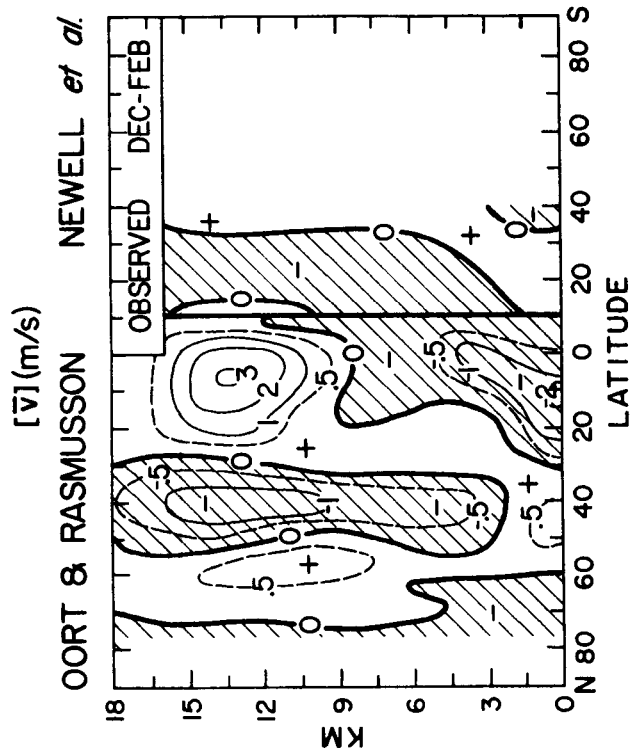


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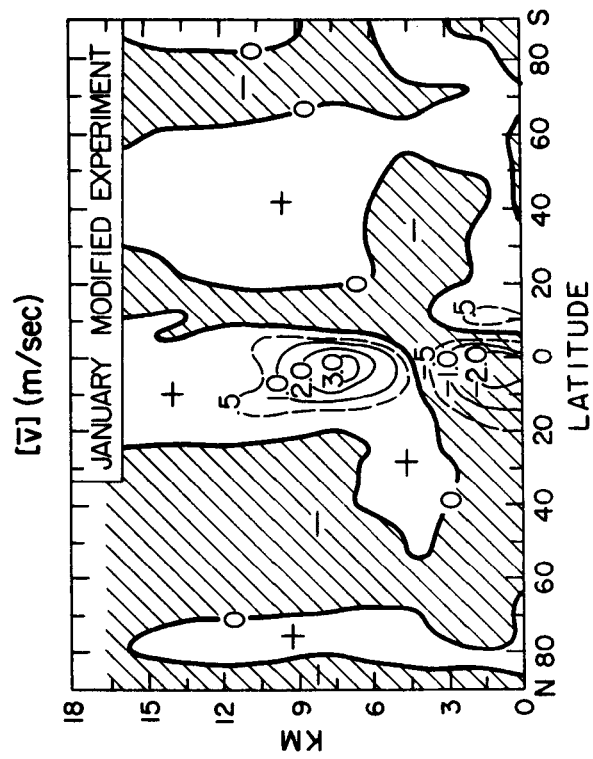


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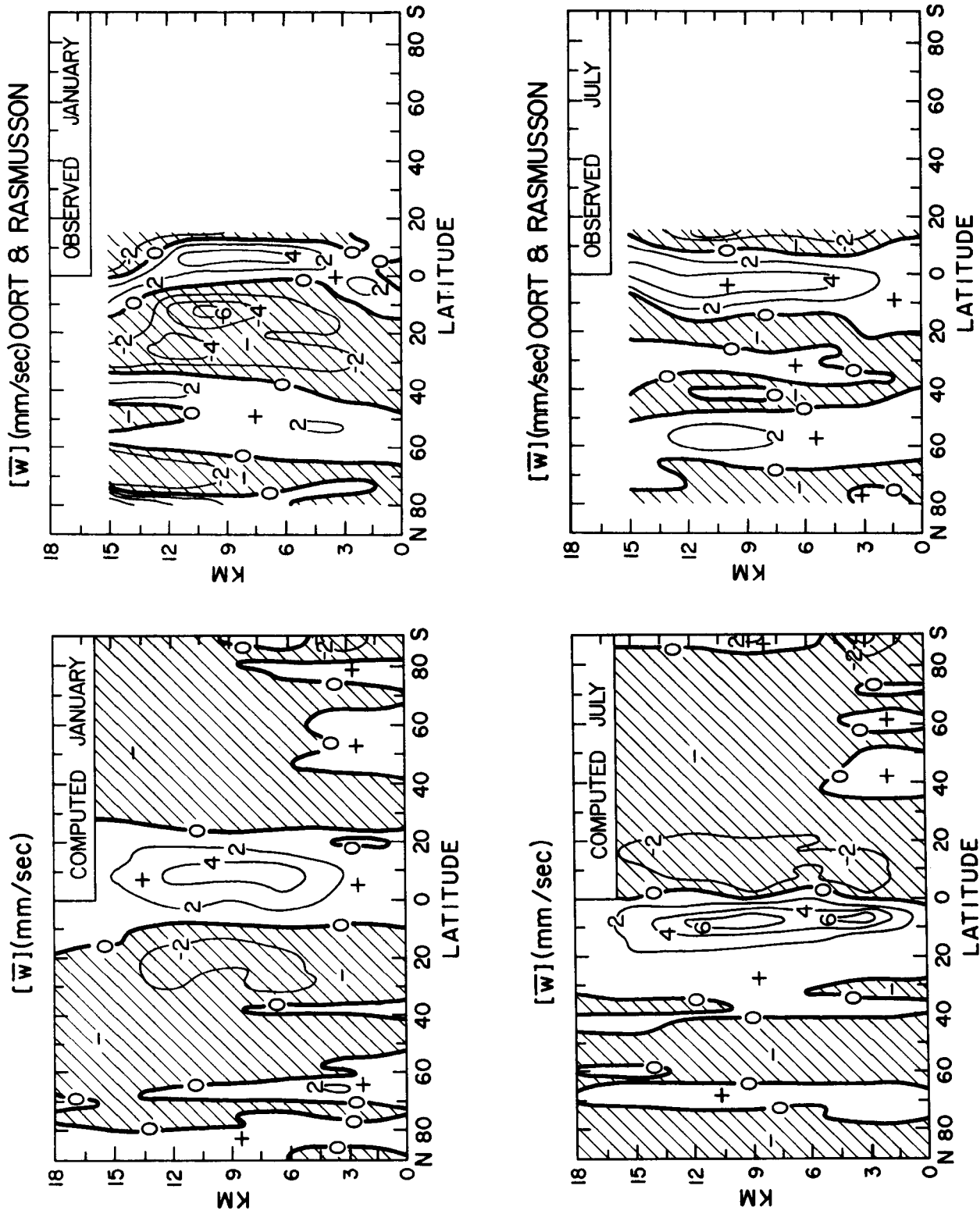


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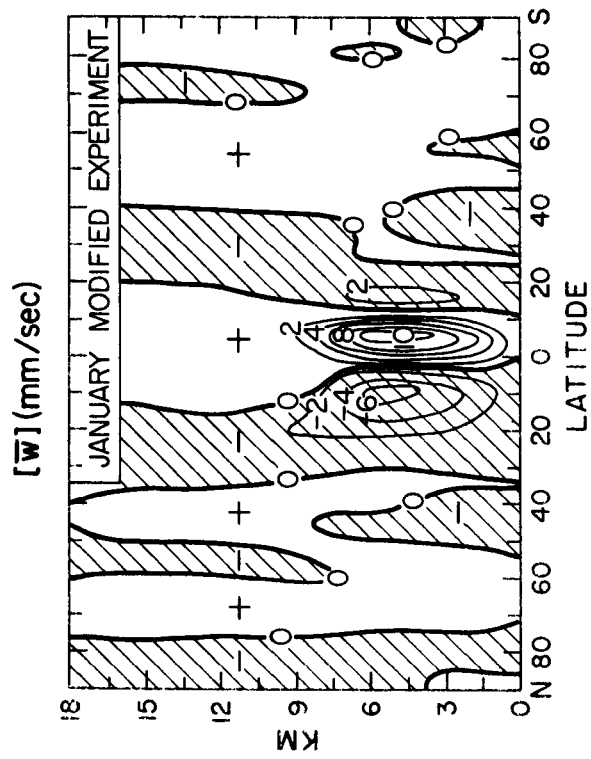


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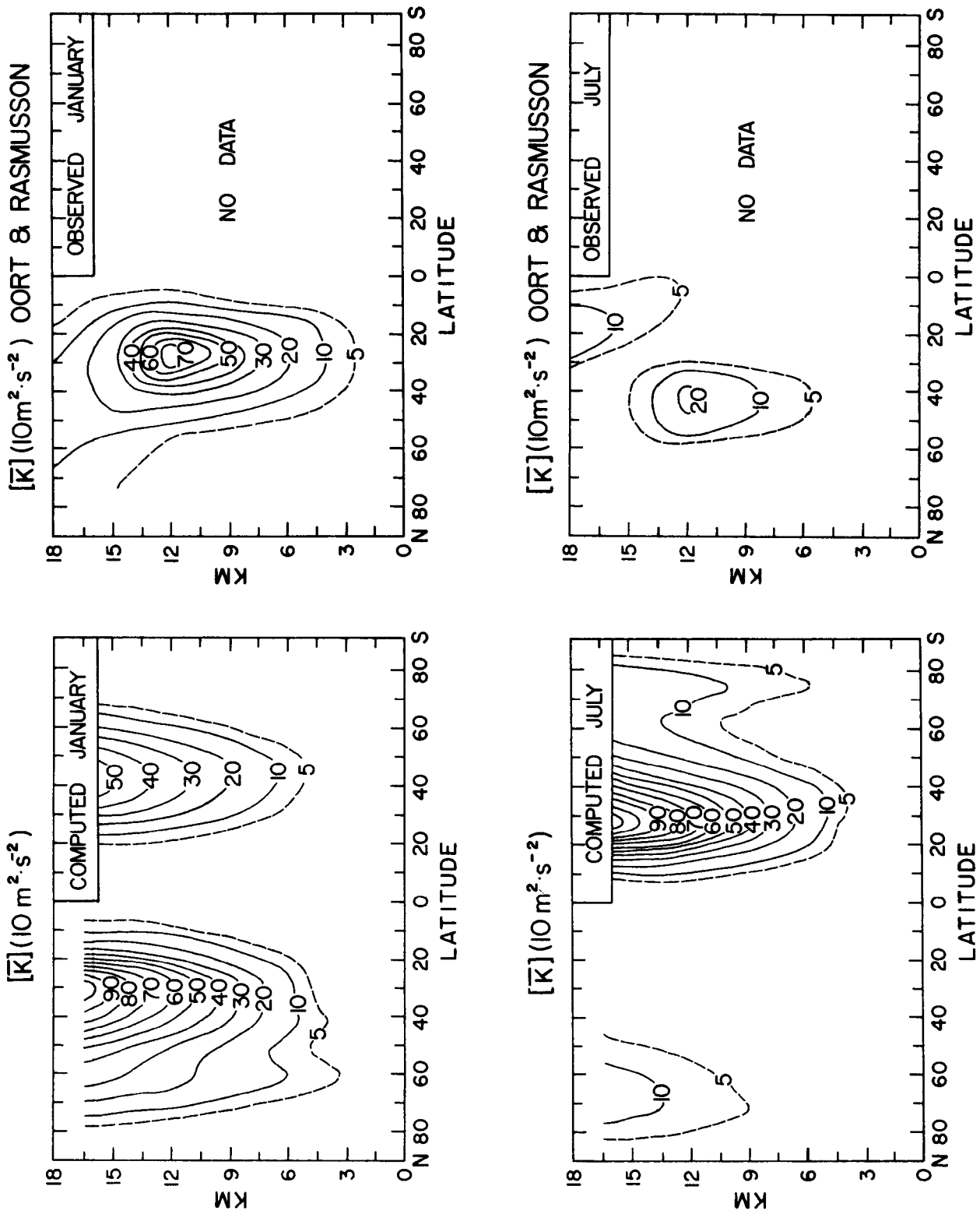


Fig. 3.5a January and July zonal kinetic energy.

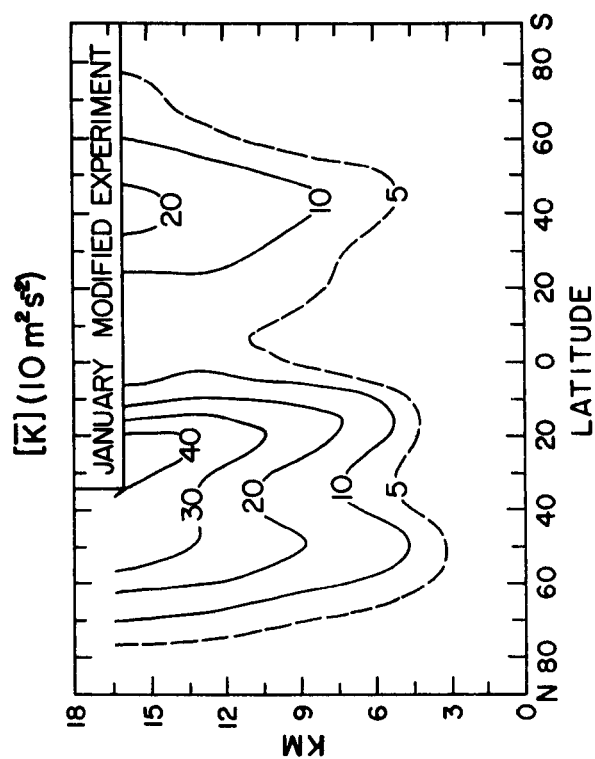


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