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Thank you for your comment. There indeed is a strong connection between the Brewer-Dobson circulation and STE on large scales (ascent in the tropics, descent in the extratropics and thus predominantly TST in the tropics and STT in the extratropics). A good description of this connection can be found in Holton et al. 'Stratosphere-troposphere exchange' (1995) DOI: 10.1029/95RG02097

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