

This animation shows the meridional projections of Sample 8 air parcels migrating backward in time driven by three-dimensional wind of ERA-Interim, ACTM-NUDG, and ACTM-FREE meteorological fields. It runs for one year since the initialization on 27 February 2015. The black contours represent the residual stream function at $\pm(0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8, 15, 30, 50) \text{ kg m}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$; solid and dashed contours are positive and negative values, respectively. The air parcels and the contours of zonal mean potential temperature are colour-coded. The thick red lines are the zonal mean potential vorticity ($2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ K kg}^{-1}$ (PVU) in solid and 4 PVU in dashed lines) as proxies of the extratropical tropopause drawn outside of 15° latitude.

Adobe Acrobat Reader may be needed to view the animation.