1	Anomalous migrating diurnal tides in the MLT region during El
2	Niño in Northern Winter and their possible mechanism
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17 Abstract

As observed by SABER (Sounding of the Atmosphere using Broadband 18 Emission Radiometry), the migrating diurnal tide (DW1) in the upper mesosphere and 19 20 lower thermosphere (MLT) region decreased by ~10% during El Niño in the Northern 21 Hemisphere (NH) winter (December-January-February) from 2002 to 2020. 22 According to the multiple linear regression (MLR) analysis, the linear effects of El Niño on the tropical MLT DW1 are significantly negative in both SABER 23 observations and SD-WACCM (the Specified-Dynamics version of the Whole 24 25 Atmosphere Community Climate Model) simulations. The DW1 response to El Niño in NH winter is much stronger than annual mean. As suggested by SD-WACCM 26 simulation, Hough mode (1, 1) dominates the DW1 tidal variation in the tropical MLT 27 region. The consistency between the (1, 1) mode in the tropopause region and the 28 29 MLT region and the downward phase progression from 15 to 100 km indicates the direct upward propagation of DW1 from the excitation source in the troposphere. The 30 suppressed DW1 heating rates in the tropical troposphere (average over ~0-16 km and 31 35°S-35°N) during the El Niño events contribute to the decreased DW1 tide. To 32 evaluate the effect of the gravity waves (GW) on the tide, the GW forcing is 33 calculated as the GW drag weighted by the phase relation between DW1 GW drag 34 35 and DW1 tidal wind. The negative GW forcing in the tropical upper mesosphere would significantly suppress the MLT DW1 tide during El Niño winter. This tidal-GW 36 37 interaction in the MLT region could be a dominant mechanism for DW1 response in the MLT to El Niño. During El Niño winter, the increased ratio of the absolute and 38 planetary vorticity (R) suppresses the waveguide and thus the DW1 amplitude in the 39 subtropical mesosphere. However, the effect of waveguide might play a secondary 40 role due to its relatively weak response. 41

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#### 1 Introduction

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43 Atmospheric solar tides are global-scale variations in meteorological variables (e.g., density, wind, and temperature) with subharmonic periods of a solar day. The 44 migrating diurnal tide is dominant in the tropical mesosphere and lower thermosphere 45 46 (MLT) region and is characterized by westward travelling zonal wavenumber 1, hereafter denoted as DW1 (Chapman & Lindzen, 1970). DW1 is primarily excited by 47 48 the absorption of infrared (IR) radiation by water vapour in the troposphere (~0–15 km) (Hagan et al., 2002) and can propagate vertically and reach maximum amplitude 49 50 in the MLT region (Walterscheid., 1981a; McLandress et al., 1996; Liu & Hagan, 1998; Lu et al., 2009; Liu et al., 2010; Yang et al., 2018). Diurnal migrating tides 51 remain a significant focus of scientific research due to a lack of comprehensive 52 53 understanding of their seasonal and interannual variabilities. The tidal variation in the 54 MLT region depends on variations in the wave sources, such as the solar heating absorption in the lower atmosphere (Chapman & Lindzen, 1970), and the tidal wave 55 propagation, which is affected by background wind variation, such as the QBO 56 57 (Forbes and Vincent, 1989; Hagan et al., 1999; McLandress, 2002a; Ramesh et al., 2020; McLandress, 2002b; Mayr and Mengel, 2005). In addition to tidal sources and 58 propagation, tidal variability is also affected by the modulation of interactions with 59 60 gravity waves (GW) (Liu and Hagan, 1998; Li et al., 2009).

61 As the dominant interannual variation in the tropical troposphere (Yulaeva and 62 Wallace, 1994), the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO), which is characterized by anomalous sea surface temperature in the eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean, can cause 63 global-scale perturbations in atmospheric temperature, rainfall, and cloudiness and 64 potentially modulate tidal heating sources in the troposphere (Lieberman et al., 2007). 65 Previous studies have documented that ENSO can influence the troposphere (Yulaeva 66 67 and Wallace, 1994; Calvo-Fernandez et al., 2004) and the stratosphere and mesosphere (Sassi et al., 2004; Randel et al., 2009; Li et al., 2013 and 2016). As 68 ENSO events tend to reach their maximum in the Northern Hemisphere (NH) winter, 69 70 they could potentially significantly impact the MLT tide.

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71 According to meridional wind observations from the meteor radar at Jakarta (6.4°S, 106.7°E) and medium-frequency (MF) radar at Tirunelveli (8.7°N, 77.8°E), 72 73 the tropical diurnal tidal amplitudes in the meridional winds were suppressed during the El Niño winters of 1994/1995 and 1997/1998 (Gurubaran et al., 2005). However, 74 Lieberman et al. (2007) documented a dramatic enhancement of the equatorial diurnal 75 tide during 1997 based on MF radar observations at Kauai, Hawaii (22°N, 154°W), 76 which may be connected to more substantial solar heating absorbed by water vapour 77 78 during the strong El Niño event of 1997-1998. Notably, the positive diurnal tidal 79 amplitude anomaly became much weaker during the wintertime of 1997/1998 when 80 El Niño reached its maximum. In addition, the diurnal tidal amplitudes were 81 suppressed rather than enhanced during the winters of another 3 El Niño events (1991/1992, 1994/1995, and 2002/2003). Based on the observation from 82 删除[author]: From July to October of 83 ground-based radars and the Thermosphere Ionosphere Mesosphere Energetics and 删除[author]: strong El Niño of 2015, the equatorial DW1 in the MLT was dramatically enhanced, as observed by 84 Dynamics (TIMED)/SABER satellite, Vitharana et al. (2021) documented that the DW1 response to El Niño is negative from 2003-2016 considering all the months. 删除[author]: satellite ( 85 86 However, the response of DW1 to ENSO is different or even opposite in different seasons as suggested by previous studies (e.g. Liberman et al. 2007; Zhou et al., 2018; 87 Kogure et al., 2021). For instance, Lieberman et al. (2007) reported that a dramatic 88 删除[author]: Similar enhancement of the equatorial diurnal tide during 1997 autumn based on MF radar. 89 90 <u>From July to October of the strong El Niño of 2015, the equatorial DW1 in the MLT</u> 删除[author]: Niño was also dramatically enhanced in SABER (Zhou et al., 2018; Kogure et al., 2021). 91 删除[author]: 1997-1998 (Lieberman et al., 2007) 92 Thus, calculating the regression by binning the data among different months together 删除[author]: positive anomaly of 93 may underestimate the actual response of MLT DW1 tide during the particular season. 删除[author]: diurnal tide amplitude 94 Since ENSO reaches its peak in winter, more pronounced effect in the upper 删除[author]: became much weaker atmosphere are expected during that time. Thus, we focus on the linear response of 95 删除[author]: ) or even negative ( 96 DW1 to ENSO during the winter in this study. 删除[author]: 97 Utilizing the Whole Atmosphere Community Climate Model (WACCM) version

4, Pedatella & Liu (2012 and 2013) suggested that El Niño could enhance the MLT

DW1 tide during winters due to increased tropospheric radiative forcing. In their

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100 simulation, the QBO signal is not included, and the ENSO events are self-generated. 101 As suggested by the WACCM version 6 simulations with self-generated QBO and ENSO, Ramesh et al. (2020) illustrates the linear response of latitude-pressure 102 103 variation of DW1-T to the seven predictors including ENSO in four seasons. They suggest that the response of DW1 to ENSO is significantly positive in the equatorial 104 105 MLT region during the NH winter (Figure 5 in Ramesh et al. 2020). However, Liu et al. (2017) found that DW1 amplitudes are suppressed during the winters of El Niño 106 107 events based on simulations of the ground-to-topside atmosphere-ionosphere for aeronomy (GAIA) model. Since GAIA is nudged with reanalysis data below 30 km, 108 109 ENSO events and variations in the lower atmosphere are more realistic. The 110 discrepancies among the model simulations and uncertainties in the observations 111 require further investigation of the DW1 tide-ENSO connection.

The response of the MLT DW1 tide to ENSO during the winters is revisited in this study based on the DW1 variation extracted from a long-term temperature dataset observed by the Sounding of the Atmosphere using Broadband Emission Radiometry (SABER) onboard the TIMED (Mertens et al., 2001, 2004, Rezac et al. 2015). The "Specified-Dynamics" version of the WACCM simulation is used to study the possible mechanism. The data and methods are described in section 2. Section 3 presents the observational and model results of the DW1 temperature response to ENSO. In section 4, we examine the possible mechanism that modulates the MLT

DW1 tide during ENSO events. Finally, a summary is presented in section 5.

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#### 2 Data and Methods

The SABER onboard the TIMED satellite began its observations in January 2002. Kinetic temperature profiles are retrieved from the CO2 limb emission profiles from the tropopause to the lower thermosphere using a full non-LTE inversion (Mertens et al., 2001, 2004, Rezac et al. 2015). The latitude range of SABER observations is from 53° in one hemisphere to 83° in the other, and the latitude coverage flips to the

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opposite hemisphere approximately every 60 days. Thus, SABER provides nearly

- continuous soundings within 53°S and 53°N. This study used version 2.0 temperature
- data from February 2002 through July 2021 to analyze the DW1 temperature tide in
- the MLT region. The SABER can complete a nearly 24-hr local time observation
- within an ~60-day window, which allows us to extract the diurnal tide explicitly.
- The method described by Xu et al. (2007) is utilized to extract the DW1 tide
- from TIMED/SABER temperature data. Migrating tides can be expressed as

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$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} T(t_{LT}, \lambda) d\lambda = \overline{T}(t_{LT}) + \sum_{n=1}^N T_n^{mtw} \cos(n\omega_0 + \psi_n^{mtw}) + T_{r1}$$
 (1)

- where T is temperature,  $t_{LT}$  is local time,  $\lambda$  is longitude,  $\overline{T}$  is zonal mean
- 137 temperature,  $\sum_{n=1}^{N} T_n^{\text{mtw}} \cos(n\omega_0 + \psi_n^{\text{mtw}})$  is migrating tides, and  $T_{\text{rl}}$  is remnant. To
- extract tidal components, the daily data are first divided into two groups by local time
- 139 corresponding to the ascending and descending phases, and then, each group is
- interpolated into 12 longitude grids, each 30° wide, by fitting with a cubic spline. The
- next step is to calculate the zonal mean for each day to eliminate the nonmigrating
- tides as well as the stationary planetary waves. The bimonthly amplitudes and phase
- information of the migrating tides can be calculated by nonlinear least-squares fitting
- techniques using data within a 60-day sliding window every month (Xu et al., 2007;
- 145 Smith et al., 2012; Gan et al., 2014).
- The WACCM is a fully coupled chemistry-climate model, which is the high-top
- atmosphere component of the Community Earth System Model (CESM) (Garcia et al.,
- 148 2007). In this study, the simulation of the Specified-Dynamics (SD) version of
- WACCM (SD-WACCM), version 4 is adopted to investigate the ENSO-DW1 tide
- relationship. The vertical range of SD-WACCM extends from the surface up to ~140
- km. The simulated diurnal tide in WACCM4 compares favourably with observations
- 152 (Lu et al., 2011; Davis et al., 2013). SD-WACCM is nudged to meteorological fields
- from Modern-Era Retrospective Analysis for Research and Applications (MERRA)
- reanalysis data in the troposphere and stratosphere (from the surface up to 1 hPa) and
- then is freely run in the MLT (above 0.3 hPa) (Kunz et al., 2011). Smith et al. (2017)

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discussed the dynamic constraints in SD-WACCM and their impact on simulation of the mesosphere in detail. The ENSO-related characteristics in the troposphere and stratosphere in SD-WACCM follow those in the reanalysis meteorological fields with relaxation. In this study, the SD-WACCM output includes complete diurnal tidal information for temperature, zonal and meridional wind, and heating processes from 1979 to 2014. The simulation also outputs the diurnal components of parameterized GW drag. We note here that the WACCM version 6 simulation was not used in this study due to its opponent response of MLT DW1 to ENSO comparing to SABER observations.

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The Niño3.4 index (N3.4), which is the sea surface temperature (SST) anomaly averaged over 120°-170°W and 5°S-5°N (available at https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/psd/gcos\_wgsp/Timeseries/Data/Niño34), is used to

The monthly DW1 can be used as a vector with the ratio as the amplitude and the angle as the phase. To evaluate the variations in both the amplitude and phase of the DW1 tide, the monthly DW1 amplitudes are weighted by projecting the monthly mean vectors onto the climatological mean DW1 vector with the phase difference cos

 $(\Delta\phi)$  (the phase difference is  $\Delta\phi{=}\phi-\phi_{clim})$  as follows:

identify El Niño and La Niña events.

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$$Amp_{weighted} = Amp * cos \left(\omega * \left(\phi - \phi_{clim}\right)\right)$$
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where ω (ω=2π/24) is the frequency of the DW1 tide. φ and φ<sub>clim</sub> are the DW1

phase of each month and the climatological mean, respectively. In the remainder of

this study, the weighted DW1 amplitude (and its anomaly) refer to the DW1

amplitude (anomaly) for conciseness. The mean tidal amplitude and phase during NH winter are derived from the averaged tidal vectors for December, January, and

February (DJF) of each year.

To derive the winter interannual variability that may be related to ENSO, we first

calculate the DW1 anomalies by removing the climatological mean seasonal cycle.

183 Then, the winter (DJF) mean of the DW1 anomalies is calculated. Natural forcing, 184 such as the solar cycle (represented by F107), QBO, ENSO, and long-term trends, 185 jointly affect the DW1 tidal amplitude (e.g., Dhadly et al., 2018; Gurubaran et al., 186 2005; Gurubaran & Rajaram, 1999; Hagan et al., 1999; Lieberman et al., 2007; Liu et al., 2017; Pedatella & Liu, 2012; Sridharan, 2019, 2020; Sridharan et al., 2010; 187 188 Vincent et al., 1998; Xu et al., 2009). To isolate the linear forcing of ENSO from the interference of other factors, a multivariate linear regression (MLR) analysis is 189 190 applied on the anomalous time series at each latitude and altitude, the same as that 191 used in Li et al. (2013).

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$$T(t) = C_1 * NI\tilde{N}03.4 + C_2 * QB010 + C_3 * QB030 + C_4 * F107 + C_5 *$$
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194 where T is the DW1-T anomaly, t is time, C1-C5 are regression coefficients, and 195 ε is the residual; QBO10 and QBO30 are two orthogonal QBO time series derived from the zonal wind (m s<sup>-1</sup>) averaged over 5°N to 5°S at 10 and 30 hPa (Wallace et al., 196 1993), respectively. The Niño3.4 index (Niño3.4) is the 3-month running mean of 197 198 SST averaged over 5°N to 5°S, 120°W-170°W; F107 is the solar radio flux at 10.7 cm, 199 which is a proxy for solar activity; and TREND is the long-term linear trend. The linear contribution of each factor during winters is determined by applying MLR to 200 201 DJF anomalies each year. The analysis is carried out for the period of 2002–2020 at each latitude and pressure grid point. The F test (Kissell et al., 2017) was used to 202 evaluate the statistical significance of the regression coefficients. 203

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The Hough function in classic tidal theory (Chapman & Lindzen, 1970), which represents the solution of the Laplace tide equation in the isothermal atmosphere, can set a consistent latitude variation in the amplitude and phase of the tidal perturbation field. The Hough functions of daily variation frequency form a complete orthogonal set and extend from 90°S to 90°N. This method of estimating amplitude and phase is based on fitting the Hough mode to the zonal structure representation and the simple harmonic function (sine and cosine) to the local time-varying representation. The Hough mode is represented as  $\Theta_{s,n}(\theta)$ , or (s, n), where s indicates the zonal wavenumber and index n is positive for gravitational modes (propagating modes) and

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213 negative for rotational modes (trapped modes). The normalized functions satisfy the 214 following relation

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$$\int_{-90^{\circ}}^{90^{\circ}} \Theta_{1,n}(\theta) \bullet \Theta_{1,m}(\theta) \cos(\theta) d\theta = \begin{cases} 1, m = n \\ 0, m \neq n \end{cases}, n, m = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$
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### 3 Results

As presented in Figure 1a, the NH winter (December-January-February, DJF) mean amplitude of DW1 in temperature extracted from TIMED/SABER observation is largest (~12 K) in the equatorial mesopause region during 2002-2013. Although the amplitude is smaller, the distribution of the DW1 T amplitude in SD-WACCM simulation (Figure 1b) is similar to that derived from SABER observation, with the maximum at 90-100 km above the equator. There are some differences between SABER and SD-WACCM: SABER has a weaker peak above the equator at 70-80 km, but this peak cannot be seen in SD-WACCM.

Figures 2a and 2b show the monthly mean DW1 temperature amplitude 删除[author]: 1 anomalies (removing the climatological mean seasonal cycle) averaged over 删除[author]: 1b 10°S-10°N at 100 km derived from SABER observations and SD-WACCM 删除[author]: WACCM simulations between 2002 and 2020, respectively. Among the analyzed period, there 删除[author]: analysed were 4 El Niño events in 2002, 2006, 2009, and 2015, which are indicated with red arrows and defined by the Niño3.4 index in Figure 2c; the 3 La Niña events in 2007, 删除[author]: 1c 2010, and 2020 are indicated with blue arrows. The anomalous DW1 amplitudes are negative during 4 El Niño winters and positive during all 3 La Niña events. The DW1 anomalies reach a positive maximum in July to October during the 2015/2016 strong El Niño event, which agrees with Zhou et al. (2018); however, they become negative 删除[author]: 2020 in winter. In the period when SD-WACCM and SABER overlap (2002-2014), the 删除[author]: WACCM simulated DW1 amplitude anomalies in SD-WACCM are negative during all 3 El 删除[author]: WACCM

Niño winters (2002, 2006, and 2009) and positive during 2 La Niña events. The

negative response of the MLT DW1 tide to El Niño in the SD-WACCM simulation 239 删除[author]: WACCM 240 agrees well with that in the SABER observation. In the 35-yr SD-WACCM simulations (1979-2014), the anomalous DW1 241 删除[author]: WACCM 242 amplitudes averaged over 10°S-10°N at 100 km are negative during 7 of 8 El Niño 243 winters (1982, 1986, 1991, 1997, 2002, 2006, and 2009), as shown in Table 1. The 244 MLR coefficients of DW1 to normalized Niño3.4 are significantly negative in both 245 the SABER observation and SD-WACCM simulation, as shown in Figure 3. The 删除[author]: 2 246 amplitude of DW1 in the equatorial region is significantly reduced, however the phase anomaly is not drifted much (less than 1 hour) during El Niño winter. (figure S1, S2). 247 248 The MLT DW1 response to El Niño in winter is five times stronger than the 249 average response in SABER observations derived by Vitharana et al (2021). This is due to the fact that the DW1 enhancement in El Niño autumn (e.g. Liberman et al. 250 2007; Zhou et al., 2018; Kogure et al., 2021) may weaken the negative response to 251 252 ENSO. In the simulations of Ramesh et al. (2020), different seasons also exhibit different responses of DW1 to ENSO. The MLR coefficients of tropical DW1 to 253 254 Niño3.4 in the SABER observation (with a minimum of ~-1 K/index) are twice as strong as those (with a minimum of ~-0.5 K/index) in the SD-WACCM simulation 255 256 since the magnitude of the DW1 tide is underestimated in the WACCM4 simulation 257 (Liu et al., 2010; Lu et al., 2012). The negative response of the MLT DW1-T amplitude to El Niño is consistent with early MF radar/meteor radar observations and 258 259 GAIA model simulations with a nudging process (Gurubaran, 2005 and Liu et al., 2017) but opposite to free-run WACCM simulations (Pedatella & Liu 2012 and 260 2013). 261 The MLR coefficients of the DW1 response to normalized OBO10 and OBO30 262 in the equatorial mesopause region are significantly positive, with a minimum of ~1 263 K/(m\*s<sup>-1</sup>) near 100 km (Figure S3), consistent with previous studies (Ramesh et al. 264 删除[author]: S1  $\frac{2020}{1}$ . The linear effects of the QBO on the MLT DW1 tides are comparable to those 265 删除[author]: 2021 of ENSO (the variances in the DW1 tide explained by ENSO, QBO10, and QBO30 266

are 23%, 20%, and 17%, respectively). The interaction between the QBO and ENSO 267 268 may potentially modulate the ENSO-DW1 tide relationship (Gray, 1984). In this study, 删除[author]: Grey we focused on the linear effect of ENSO on the MLT DW1 tidal variability and the 269 删除[author]: 1988 270 associated mechanism. In SD-WACCM, the linear regression coefficients of DW1 are 271 a negative response to Niño3.4 and a positive response to QBO10 and QBO30, which is consistent with the SABER observation, although the absolute value of the 272 273 coefficients decreases more than that of SABER. The variance percentages of F107 274 are negligible compared with these three variables. In the remainder of this study, only the linear effect of ENSO on the MLT DW1 tide is discussed. 275

#### 4 Possible Mechanisms

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# 4.1 Tidal forcing and propagation

A specific tidal component, such as DW1, can be decomposed into a series of 278 gravity wave-like modes and Rossby wave-like modes based on the Hough functions 279 (Figure \$4) (Auclair-Desrotour et al., 2017; Chapman & Lindzen, 1970; Forbes, 280 1995). In a qualitative sense, the tidal response can be considered a combination of 281 282 GWs restored by stable stratification and inertial Rossby waves due to Coriolis acceleration. The Hough modes of the DW1 tide in the SD-WACCM simulation are 283 284 analysed to examine the mechanism of tropical DW1 tidal variation. As shown in Figure 4a, the anomalies of the DW1 temperature amplitude averaged over 10°S-10°N 285 at 100 km are consistent with its Hough (1,1) component (the correlation coefficient 286 287 between MLT DW1-T anomalies and its Hough (1,1) component is 0.99) during the NH, winter from 1979 to 2013. The DW1-T amplitude anomalies and their Hough (1,1) 288 289 component during El Niño years decrease by 15% compared to the climatological mean amplitude. During winters (DJF) from 1979 to 2013, the average phase of 290 DW1-T over 10°S-10°N shows general downward phase progression with the height 291 292 from the MLT region to the tropopause region (approximately 15 km). This kind of downward phase advance with height implies an upward group velocity for the 293 294 vertically propagating gravity model. By tracking the downward phase progressive 295 line, the altitude of the excitation source is estimated to be below 15 km. The DW1-T phase during El Niño winters corresponds with the climatological mean phase 296 297 structure, implying that ENSO-induced tidal perturbation in the troposphere could directly propagate vertically into the MLT region. The anomalous Hough (1,1) mode 298 299 of the DW1 temperature amplitude at MLT (100 km) is significantly correlated (the 300 correlation coefficient is 0.81) with that at the tropopause region (15 km), indicating 301 the effective propagation of the perturbation in the tropospheric Hough (1,1) into the MLT region. During 7 of 8 El Niño events (1982, 1986, 1991, 1997, 2002, 2006, and 302 2009), the Hough (1,1) mode at 100 km is  $\sim$ 10% smaller than that in the tropopause, 303

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which agrees well with the suppressed Hough (1,1) in the MLT.

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305 As noted earlier, the DW1 tide is primarily excited by the absorption of solar radiation by tropospheric water vapour (Lieberman et al., 2003; Zhang et al., 2010). 306 307 According to the tidal theory (Volland and Hans, 1988), the heating rate of radiation 308 absorbed by water vapour in the entire troposphere is responsible for the excitation of diurnal migrating tides. Next, we examine the perturbation of the DW1 solar heating 309 310 source in the SD-WACCM simulation, which potentially contributes to the negative 删除[author]: WACCM 311 Hough (1,1) tidal anomalies in the tropopause region during El Niño winters. As 312 presented in Figure 5, the anomalous amplitudes of the DW1 heating rate (HR) 删除[author]: 4 313 regressed on the normalized Niño3.4 index are significantly positive (with a 314 maximum of  $\sim 0.4 \text{ mW/m}^3 \text{ per index}$ ) in the upper tropical troposphere (5°S-5°N, 3-12 km) but are significantly negative below 3 km (with a minimum of ~-4 mW/m<sup>3</sup> per 315 316 index). The ENSO-induced changes in the tropospheric DW1 heating forcing may be 317 due to the redistribution of tropospheric convection during El Niño and La Niña 318 winters. During El Niño winters, increased moisture in the upper troposphere due to 319 enhanced tropical precipitation in the central Pacific Ocean (e.g., Hoerling et al., 1997) 320 leads to stronger solar heating absorption by water vapour in the middle and upper equatorial troposphere (5–12 km, 10°S–10°N). On the other hand, heating in the 321 322 lower troposphere significantly decreased due to less solar radiation below the 323 convective cloud. The DW1 HR regressed on Niño3.4 in the NH (5°N-35°N) is 324 characterized by a significantly negative coefficient of 3-8 km (with a maximum of ~-0.3 mW/m<sup>3</sup> per index) associated with significantly positive coefficients below 2 km 325 (with a maximum of  $\sim 3$  mW/m<sup>3</sup> per index). In the Southern Hemisphere (SH), the 326 327 distribution of DW1 HR coefficients consists of negative and positive values at 328 different altitudes and latitudes. 329 Pedatella et al. (2013) adopted the HR in the upper tropical troposphere (5-10 km within ±20°) to estimate the ENSO-induced variation in the DW1 tidal source. Other 330

studies suggested the HR in both the upper and lower troposphere (e.g., altitude range

between 900-200 hPa, 1-12 km in Lieberman et al., 2003, and 1000-100 hPa, 0-16 km 332 in Zhang et al., 2010). As suggested by Table 2, the mass-weighted HR averaged over 333 the entire tropical troposphere (0-16 km, 35°N-35°S), which negatively responds to 334 ENSO, is significantly correlated (the correlation coefficient is 0.45) with the DW1 335 tide in the tropical tropopause region. Although the linear regression coefficient in HR 336 is positive at 5-10km over the equator (5°N-5°S), the coefficients at 5-30°N(S) are 337 338 negative (Figure 5), which is opposite of the equator (5°N-5°S). The HR averaged over 5-10 km, 20°N-20°S (the same as in Pedatella et al., 2013) regressed on Niño3.4 339 is also negative, although it is not significantly correlated with the DW1 tidal 340 variation in the tropopause. The decreased DW1 heating source in the troposphere 341 342 during El Niño is a primary cause of the suppressed DW1 tide in the tropopause 343 region winters, which propagates vertically and affects the DW1 tidal variation in the 344 MLT region.

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## 4.2 Effect of background wind

The zonal wind in the middle atmosphere can modulate tide propagation from the troposphere to the MLT (Forbes and Vincent, 1989). As Mclandress (2002b) described, the perturbation latitudinal shear in the zonal mean zonal wind (zonal mean vorticity) can affect DW1 propagation into the MLT region by causing departures from classical tidal dynamics. The zonal mean vorticity  $\zeta$  and Coriolis parameter f are given by the following equation:

$$\overline{\zeta} = \frac{-1}{a\cos\theta} * \frac{\partial(\overline{u}\cos\theta)}{\partial\theta}$$
 (5)

$$f = 2\Omega \sin\theta \tag{6}$$

$$R = (\overline{\zeta} + f)/f \tag{7}$$

where a,  $\overline{u}$  and  $\theta$  correspond to the Earth radius, zonal mean zonal wind and latitude, respectively, and  $\Omega$  is the Earth's rotation rate.

The ratio of the absolute and planetary vorticity R is equivalent to changing the planet rotation rate. In classical theory, the vertically propagating DW1 is restricted near the equator due to the planet's rapid rotation. Therefore, a faster rotation rate (positive R anomalies) will suppress the latitudinal band (i.e., waveguide) where DW1 can propagate vertically. On the other hand, the slower rotation rate (negative R anomalies) favors the vertical propagation and is thus able to enhance the amplitude of DW1 at the low latitudes (Mclandress. 2002b). When the ratio of the absolute and planetary vorticity R-value at a certain height becomes larger, the upward propagation of tide is suppressed, which lead to weaker tides above there.

The MLR coefficient of R on Niño3.4 is illustrated in Figure 6. Below 60 km, the ratio R exhibits negative and positive responses to ENSO depending on different altitudes in the northern and southern subtropics. The R response to ENSO is positive at 60-100 km in the northern subtropics, and 65-100 km in the southern subtropics is positive. The green thick solid line represents the mean value of the equatorial R (15-30°N and 15-30°S), and it can be seen that the mean R value response to ENSO is significantly positive at 60-90 km. The increased ratio R in the mesosphere results in suppressed latitudinal band, which prevents the upward propagation of the DW1 tide during El Niño winters. The correlation coefficient between the R value and DW1 during the winter of 1979-2014 is -0.33 (significant at 95% level) in the SH, and is -0.37 (significant at 95% level) in the NH the correlation coefficient, both of which are significantly correlated. The significantly negative correlation between R and DW1 tide implies that the R plays a role in modulation the upward propagating of DW1 when no ENSO event occurs. The variation of R and DW1 should not be attributed to the impacts of ENSO separately.

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## 4.3 Effect of gravity wave forcing

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380 In addition to tidal sources and tidal propagation, MLT tidal variability is also affected by interactions with GWs (Liu and Hagan, 1998; Li et al., 2009). GWs are 381 382 the main driving force of MLT dynamic activity, which has an essential influence on 383 tidal amplitude and phase (Walterscheid, 1981b; Lu et al., 2012; Liu et al., 2013). The effect of the GW forcing on tides is not fully understood due to the limited 384 385 observation and lack of high-resolution model simulations that can fully resolve both 386 tides and GWs. In WACCM, the GWs are parameterized, and their tropical sources 387 are interactive and mainly triggered by convection in the tropics (Beres et al., 2005). 388 The GW in the tropics is primarily induced by the convection, while the GW in the 389 middle to high latitudes is mainly generated by the frontal systems (Figure S5, S6). 390 Due to this source of interaction, the GW drag will likely be modulated by ENSO as 391 the location and size of the ENSO-related convection change. The GW drag far away 392 from the tropospheric source has a strong response to the wind. As mentioned above, 393 we can determine the variation in the resistance of the convection-generated GW in 394 the WACCM. We mainly focus on the latitudinal component of parameterized 395 resistance because it is usually much larger than the meridional component (Yang et al. 2018). 396

In the NH winter, the amplitude of the DW1 zonal GW drag caused by

convection has obvious hemispheric asymmetry: the magnitude is much smaller in the

NH than in the SH (Figure 7a). The zonal wind DW1 tidal can be written as  $U' = A*\cos(\omega*(t-\varphi)-s\lambda)$ , where A and  $\varphi$  are the amplitude and phase of DW1

tide,  $\omega$  ( $\omega = 2\pi/24$ ) is DW1 frequency,  $\lambda$  is longitude and s ( $s = 2\pi/360$ ) is

zonal wave number of DW1. The time tendency of zonal wind can be written as:  $\frac{\partial U'}{\partial t} = \omega*A*\cos(\omega*(t-\varphi) + \frac{\pi}{2} - s\lambda) = \omega*A*\cos(\omega*(t-(\varphi-6)) - s\lambda);$  (8)

The phase of the DW1 tide time trend leads the tide itself by 6 hours. To evaluate the

effect of GW forcing on the DW1 tide during DJF, the GW forcing can be calculated

as:  $GW_{\text{forcing}} = GW_{\text{drag}} * \cos(\omega * (\varphi_{GW} - (\varphi_U - 6)));$  (9)

Where  $GW_{\text{drag}}$  is GW drag, and  $GW_{\text{GW}}$  are the phase of DW1-GW and

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The convection-generated DW1 GW forcing on the DW1 tide is positive in the southern subtropical upper mesosphere and negative below this tide (60–80 km) during the NH winter (Figure 7b). In the NH, the DW1 GW forcing of the DW1 tide is positive in the subtropical mesosphere (15-35°N, 80-100 km) and negative in the tropical mesosphere (0-10°N, 80-100 km), indicating that convection-generated GW forcing will dampen the tides in the tropical MLT and enhance the tides in the NH and SH subtropical regions (Figure 7b). As shown in Figure 8a, the correlation between DW1 U and GW drag from 1979 to 2014 winter (DJF) is only significant in the mesopause region of southern subtropical and equator. The correlation between DW1 U and GW forcing from 1979 to 2014 winter (DJF) is larger than 0.7 in the tropical and subtropical MLT (Figure 8b) and the grey areas indicates statistical significance below 95% level using Student's t test, which means GW forcing is clearly modulate the tide, especially in the Southern subtropics. The linear regression coefficient of Niño3.4 in the GW forcing is significantly negative in the tropical MLT region (Figure 9, 80-100 km), suggesting that the decreased GW forcing would lead to a weaker DW1 U amplitude during El Niño winters.

Although parameterized GWs are excited by convection, it is difficult to find a direct cause and effect relationship between ENSO-related tropospheric changes and the GW-induced tidal forcing in the mesosphere. The GW forcing in the MLT not only depends on the generation of waves in the troposphere but also on zonal wind filtering when they propagate upward from the troposphere to the upper mesosphere.

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$$GW_{\text{forcing}} = GW_{drag} * \cos(\omega * (\varphi_{GW} - (\varphi_U - 6)));$$

where  $GW_{drag}$  is the GW drag,  $\varphi_{GW}$  and  $\varphi_{U}$  are the phases of DW1-GW and DW1-U, and  $\omega$  ( $\omega=2\pi/24$ ) is the DW1 frequency.

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430 However, our study suggests that the ENSO modulation of tidal amplitude can come not only from the disturbance in tropospheric tidal sources and tidal propagation 431 432 modulated by zonal wind but also from the disturbance of the GW-tidal interaction in 433 the upper mesosphere. 434 5 Discussion and Summary 435 The response of the MLT DW1 tide to ENSO is investigated during the northern 436 删除[author]: ENSO effects on the 437 winter when ENSO reach its peak, by using satellite observations of temperature 删除[author]: in the MLT region are 438 profiles and the SD-WACCM simulation. The DW1 amplitude of temperature 删除[author]: both observed by the SABER tends to decrease during the NH winter of 4 El Niño events 439 删除[author]: The from 2002 to 2020 when El Niño reaches its peak and increase during 3 La Niña 440 删除[author]: component events. In SD-WACCM simulations, the DW1 amplitude is suppressed during 7 of 8 441 删除[author]: DW1-T variation 442 El Niño winter (DJF) events from 1979 to 2014. 删除[author]: propagating vertically from 15 km 443 Possible mechanisms have been proposed to explain the DW1 response to ENSO: 删除[author]: 100 (1) the source of tidal excitation in the lower atmosphere and its upward propagation, 444 删除[author]: HR of (2) the impact from background wind variation on the tidal propagation, and (3) 445 删除[author]: whole interaction between gravity waves and tides. As the Hough (1,1) mode dominates the 446 删除[author]:, 447 diurnal migrating tidal temperature in the MLT region, its negative response to ENSO 删除[author]: decreased 448 corresponds well with the counterpart at the tropopause. By tracking the downward 删除[author]: Niño peaks, corresponding phase progressive line, the altitude of the excitation source is estimated to be below 449 删除[author]: troposphere 450 15 km. The decreased heating rate in the tropical troposphere (35°S-35°N, 0-16 km) 删除[author]: ENSO modulates DW1 propagation by 451 during El Niño peaks contribute to the suppressed DW1 tidal amplitude in the tropical affecting 452 tropopause. 删除[author]: wind field in 删除[author]: middle atmosphere. The As the background variation could modulate the upward propagation of the tide 453 删除[author]: and (Forbes and Vincent, 1989; McLandress, 2002a, 2002b), the ratio of the absolute and 454

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significantly positive anomalous at 60-90 km, leading to the narrower waveguide and

planetary vorticity R response to ENSO is investigated. The R response to ENSO is

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resulting in weaker DW1 amplitude above. However, the regression coefficient of R 457 删除[author]: subtropical mesosphere 458 on the ENSO index is relatively small compared to the mean value of R, which imply 删除[author]: suppresses 459 that the impact of R on tidal propagation may play a secondary role in the 460 ENSO-DW1 connection. 删除[author]: waveguide 461 In addition to tidal sources and tidal propagation, MLT tidal variability is also dramatically affected by interactions with GWs (Liu and Hagan, 1998; Li et al., 2009) 462 删除[author]: thus 463 GW forcing considering both the DW1 tidal GWs drag and the phase difference with 删除[author]: amplitude during El Niño winter. In addition 464 the DW1 tide, is calculated to evaluate the effect of the GW variation on the tide during ENSO winters. The GW forcing response to Niño3.4 is significantly negative 465 466 in the tropical upper mesosphere, which suggests the GW response to ENSO tends to 删除[author]: suppressing 467 dampen the MLT DW1 tide during El Niño winter. This tidal-GW interaction could significantly modulate the tidal amplitude as revealed by early lidar observations (Li 468 469 et al., 2009; Baumgarten et al., 2018). This could be most important mechanism of DW1 response in the MLT region to ENSO. However, quantitative evaluation of this 470 interaction is out of scope of this paper and needs far more sophistic model with 471 472 extreme high resolution to self-generate convective GWs. 473 The weak negative DW1 response to ENSO over the equator may be related to 474 the dissipation or damping of the tide near 95 km. The shorter vertical wavelength would increase the Rayleigh friction coefficient proportional (Forbes et al., 1989), 475 which result in enhancement of the tide dissipation. As presented in Table S1, the 476 vertical wavelength of DW1 near 95 km is increased (but decreased at around 90 and 477 478 100 km), which would suppress the Rayleigh friction coefficient and lead to less tidal 479 dissipation. Therefore, the less tidal dissipation in this area could result in a relatively weak negative or even positive response to ENSO near 95 km. The interaction of 480 481 gravity waves and tides may also play a role in modulating the tidal amplitude at 482 different altitudes. However, the SD-WACCM simulation failed to perform a similar tidal response near 95 km as SABER observations. Further investigation with more 483

- 484 <u>detailed GW from observation or the improved GW parameterization scheme and</u>
- 485 <u>higher vertical resolution in model simulation are need.</u>

# Data availability

SABER dataset are available at http://saber.gats-inc.com/data.php, ECMWF dataset used here are obtained at http://apps.ecmwf.int/datasets/data.

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**Table 1.** The list of ENSO years with corresponding Niño3.4 indices and anomaly DW1 temperature amplitudes of the SD-WACCM simulations averaged over 10°S-10°N at 100 km.

El Niño events	Niño3.4 index	SD-WACCM anomalous DW1
		T AMP (K)
1982-1983	2.14	-0.22
1986-1987	1.11	-2.90
1991-1992	1.69	-1.56
1994-1995	1.22	1.56
1997-1998	2.33	-1.87
2002-2003	1.37	-0.55
2006-2007	1.09	-1.30
2009-2010	1.43	-1.82
AVG	1.54	-0.96

**Table 2**. The correlation coefficient between the DW1 T amplitude at 15 km and the mass-weighted HR in different areas during the winters of 1979-2014. The bold numbers indicate that the correlation coefficients are significant at the 95% level. The MLR coefficient on the normalized Niño3.4 index (10<sup>-3</sup> mw m<sup>-3</sup> index<sup>-1</sup>) is also exhibited.

Altitude and latitude	0-16 km,	0-12 km,	5-10 km,	5-10 km,20°
ranges	35°N-35°S)	35°N-35°S)	35°N-35°S)	N-20°S)
Correlation coefficient	0.45	0.36	0.32	0.32
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758	winter (DJF, Dec-Jan-Feb). (b) the same as (a), but for SD-WACCM.	
759	Figure 2. (a) The residual DW1 temperature amplitude of SABER observations averaged over	
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761	index. Dashed lines represent ENSO events. The red and blue arrows denote the El Niño and La	
762	Niña events, respectively.	
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772	horizontal line indicates the standard deviation of the DW1-T phase. The red line is the same but	
773	for El Niño winter. (c) The blue line is the same as in (a), and the black line is the same but for 15	
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Figure 9. The linear regression coefficient of normalized Niño3.4 in the GW forcing on the amplitude of DW1-U during 1979-2013 winters (DJF). Red represents a positive response, and blue represents a negative response; the grey regions denote confidence levels below 95%.

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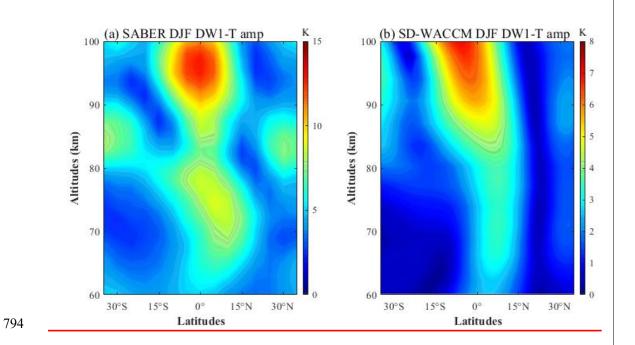


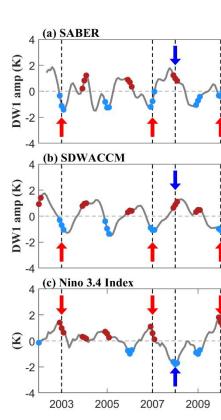
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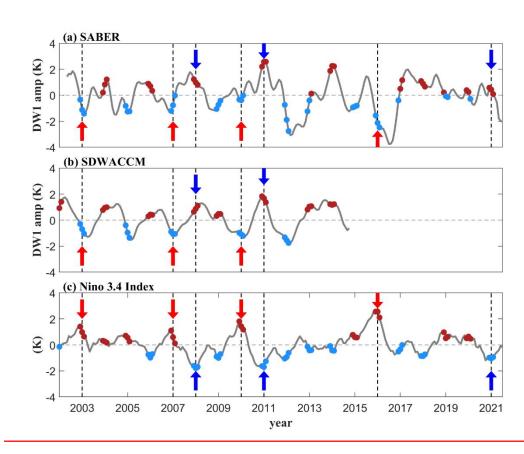
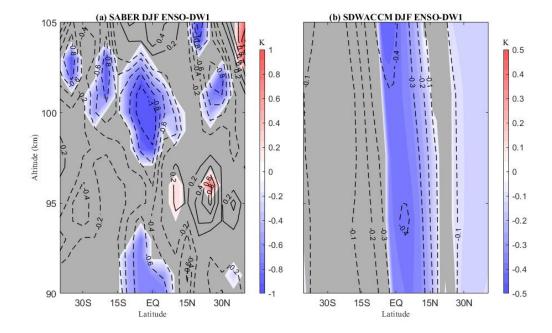


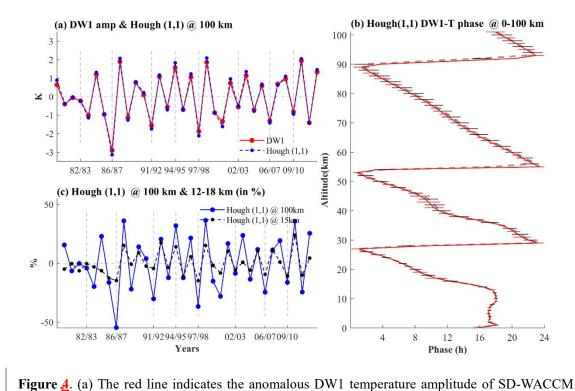
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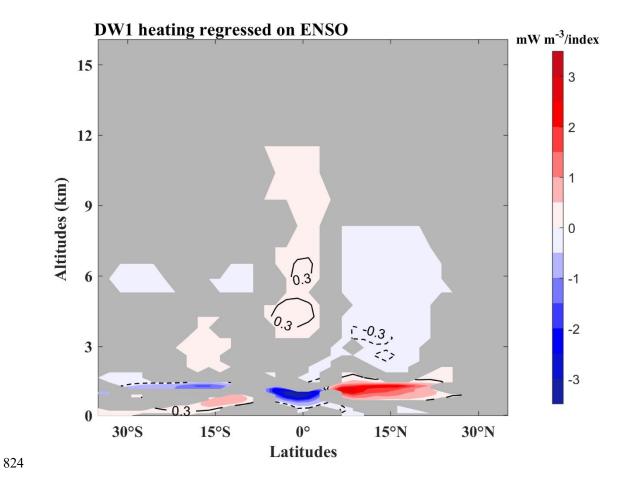


Figure 5. The linear regression coefficient of normalized Niño3.4 in SD-WACCM heating amplitude (mW/m³ per index) during 1979-2013 winters (DJF). Red represents a positive response, and blue represents a negative response; the grey regions denote confidence levels below 95% according to the F test.

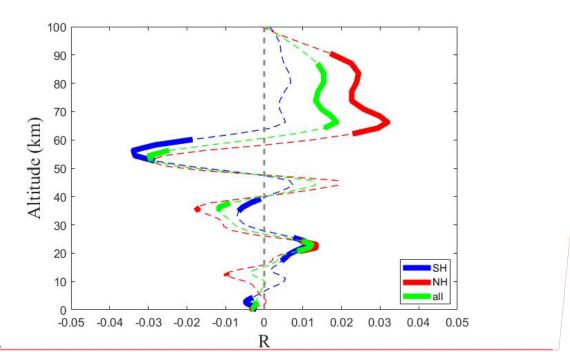


Figure 6. The linear regression coefficient of normalized Niño3.4 in δR (the anomaly of the ratio of the absolute and planetary vorticity). The thin, dashed red, blue and green lines denote the averages of the Northern Hemisphere (from 15°N to 30°N). Southern Hemisphere (from 15°S to 30°S) and the whole (15-30°N and 15-30°S), respectively. The thick, solid lines denote confidence levels below 95% for the F test.

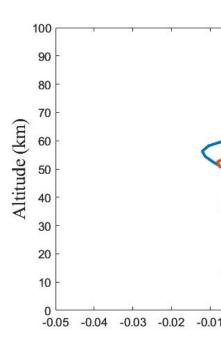
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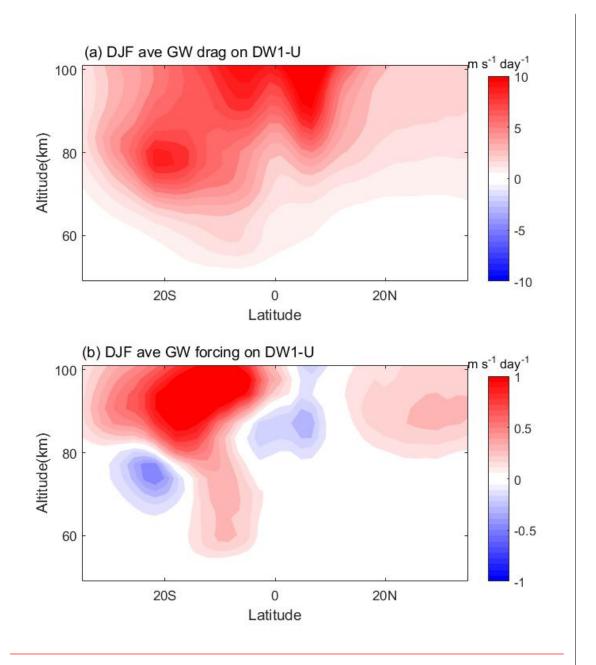


Figure 7. (a) Gravity Wave (GW) drag due to convection on the amplitude of DW1 tidal U during the winter (DJF). (b) The same as (a), but for GW forcing.

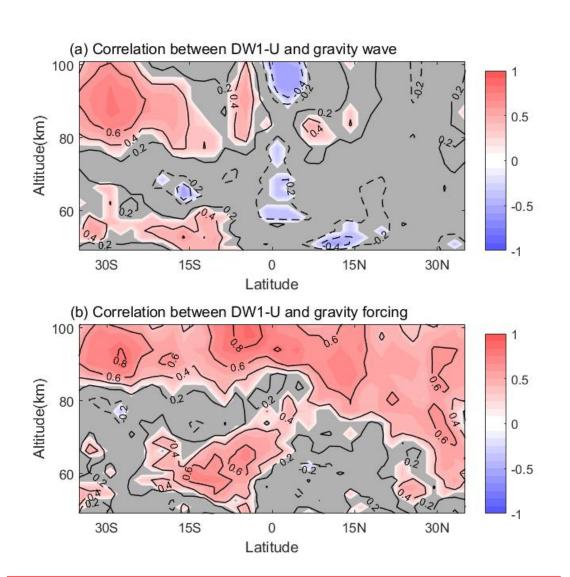


Figure 8. Correlation (a) between DW1 U and GW drag, (b) between DW1 U and GW forcing from 1979 to 2014 winter (DJF).

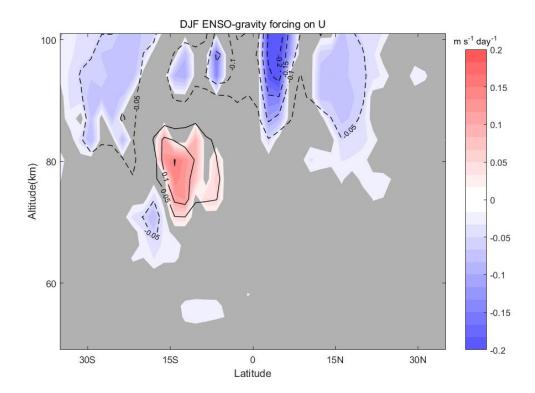


Figure 2. The linear regression coefficient of normalized Niño3.4 in the GW forcing on the 删除[author]: 6 amplitude of DW1-U during 1979-2013 winters (DJF). Red represents a positive response, and blue represents a negative response; the grey regions denote confidence levels below 95%.