

Mountain Wave Generation and Breaking

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Outline:

1. Introduction to mountain waves
 - a. Equations
 - b. Steady state
 - c. Scorer Parameter and intrinsic frequency
 - d. Phase speed and group velocity
 - e. Momentum and energy flux
 - f. Vertically propagating and trapped waves
 - g. Famous Queney solution
2. Observational techniques (aircraft and satellite methods)
3. Numerical techniques (FFT methods and Doyle intercomparison paper)
4. Control of mountain wave breaking
 - a. Non-dimensional mountain height
 - b. Effect of mountain planform shape on splitting and breaking
 - c. Effect of wind and stability profile
5. Wave breaking and severe downslope winds
 - a. Critical level non-linear resonance
 - b. Self-induced critical level
 - c. Long's Model solution
 - d. Observations of severe downslope winds
6. Wave breaking and PV generation
 - a. PV Banners
 - b. Lee eddies
 - c. Bernoulli, jets and wakes
7. Wave breaking in the stratosphere
 - a. Air density and the bullwhip effect
 - b. Momentum deposition and secondary circulations
 - c. Discovery of downgoing waves
 - d. Models of secondary wave generation
 - e. Future measurement campaigns