

Equations of motion

(Coriolis, centrifugal, pressure gradient, gravitational, and viscous forces)

- Equation that describes time changes in momentum *in a fixed frame of reference*

$$\frac{D_a \vec{U}_a}{Dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \cdot p - \vec{g}^* + \vec{F}_r$$

- We want it to describe atmospheric motion *relative to the Earth*

$$\frac{D\vec{U}}{Dt} + 2\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{U} - \Omega^2 \vec{R} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \cdot p - \vec{g}^* + \vec{F}_r$$

- Rearrange (*the centrifugal force + true gravitational force = apparent gravitational force)

$$\frac{D\vec{U}}{Dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \cdot p - \vec{g}^* + \Omega^2 \vec{R} - 2\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{U} + \vec{F}_r$$

- Equations of motion we will use

$$\frac{D\vec{U}}{Dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \cdot p - \vec{g} - 2\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{U} + \vec{F}_r$$

Equations of motion – in the component form
 (Coriolis, pressure gradient, gravitational, and viscous forces)

- Zonal

$$\frac{Du}{Dt} - \frac{uv \tan \phi}{a} + \frac{uw}{a} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + 2\Omega v \sin \phi - 2\Omega w \cos \phi + v \nabla^2 u$$

$$\frac{Du}{Dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + 2\Omega v \sin \phi$$

- Meridional

$$\frac{Dv}{Dt} - \frac{u^2 \tan \phi}{a} + \frac{vw}{a} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} - 2\Omega u \sin \phi + v \nabla^2 v$$

$$\frac{Dv}{Dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} - 2\Omega u \sin \phi$$

- Vertical

$$\frac{Dw}{Dt} - \frac{u^2 + v^2}{a} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - g - 2\Omega u \sin \phi + v \nabla^2 w$$

$$0 = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - g$$