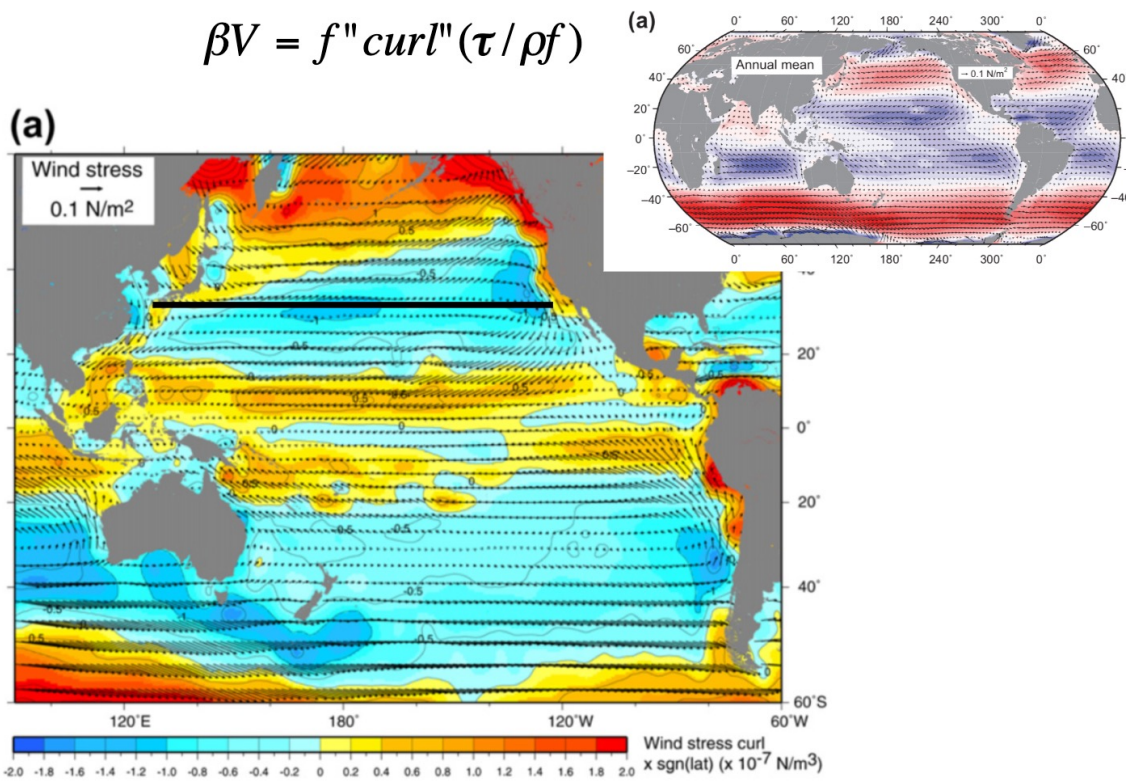
Data: Ekman upwelling/downwelling

$$\beta V = f\,"curl"(\tau/\rho f)$$



Blue regions: Ekman pumping -> equatorward Sverdrup transport

Yellow-red regions: Ekman suction -> poleward Sverdrup transport

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Sverdrup Transport (theoretical)

$$\beta V = f\,"curl"(\tau/\rho f)$$

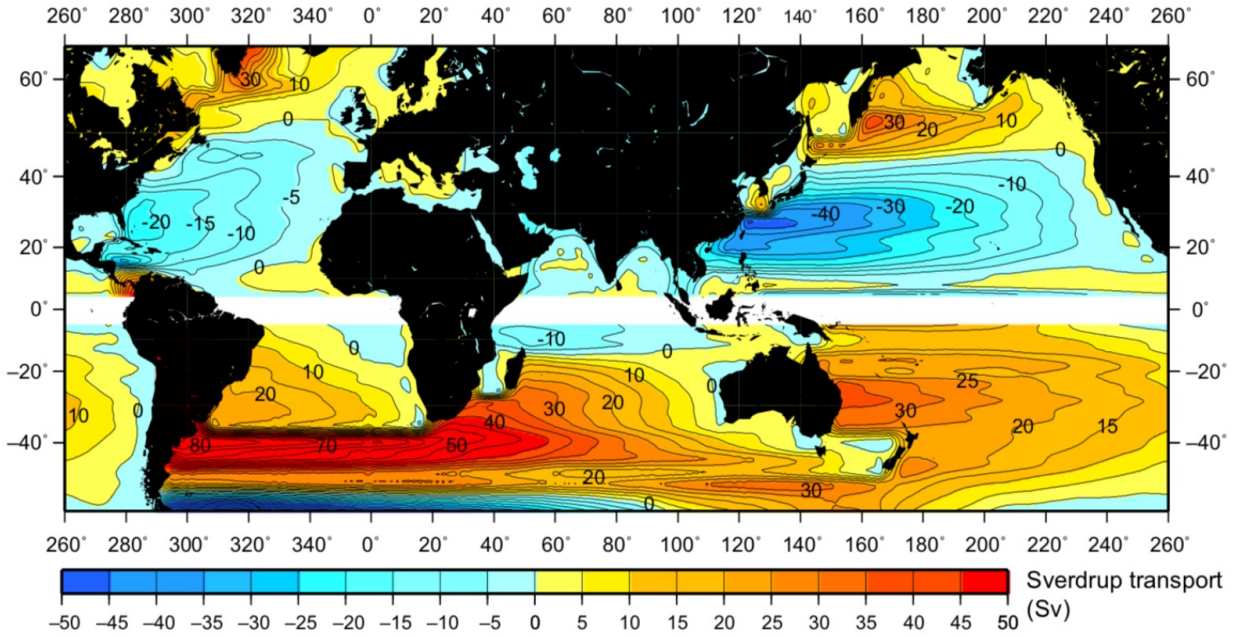

FIGURE 5.17 Sverdrup transport (Sv), where negative is clockwise and positive is counterclockwise circulation. Wind stress data are from the NCEP reanalysis 1968–1996 (Kalnay et al., 1996). The wind stress and wind stress curl used in this Sverdrup transport calculation are shown in the online supplement, Figure S5.10.

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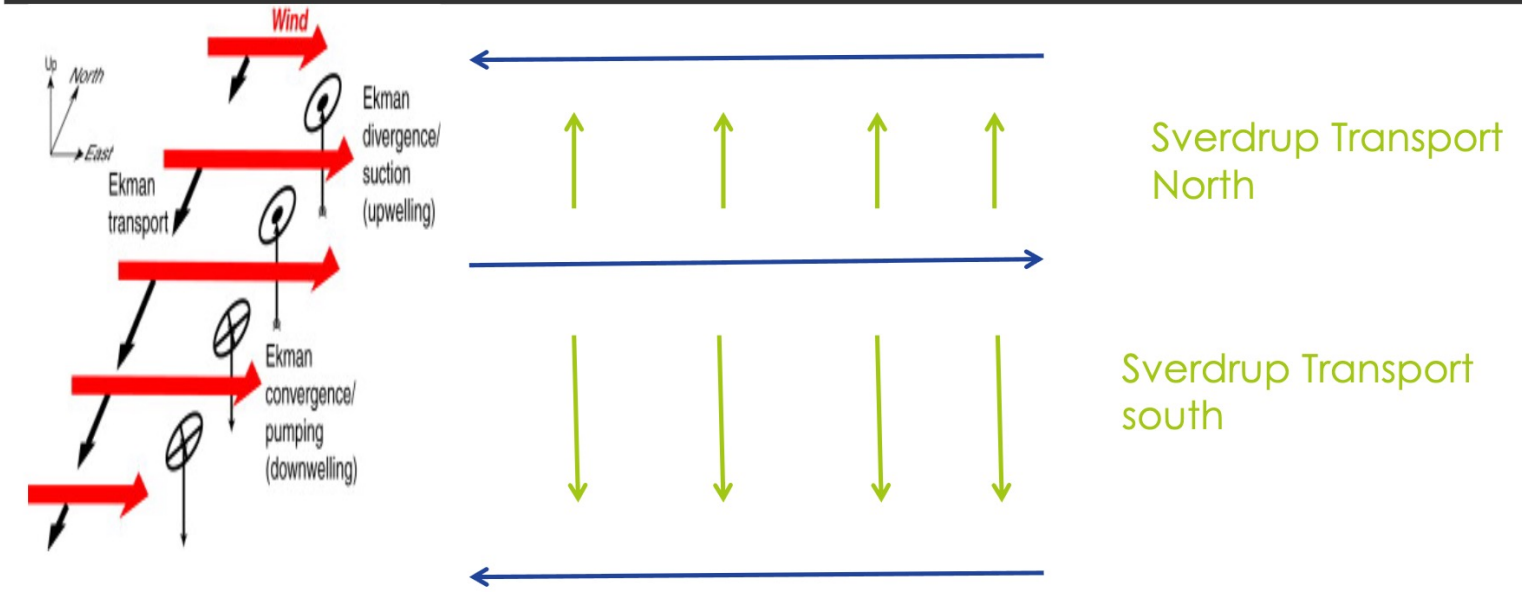
Sverdrup Transport



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Why does the southward flow connect to the western boundary and not to the eastern boundary???

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