

# Supporting Information for Topography dominates the hemispheric asymmetry of Stratospheric Sudden Warmings

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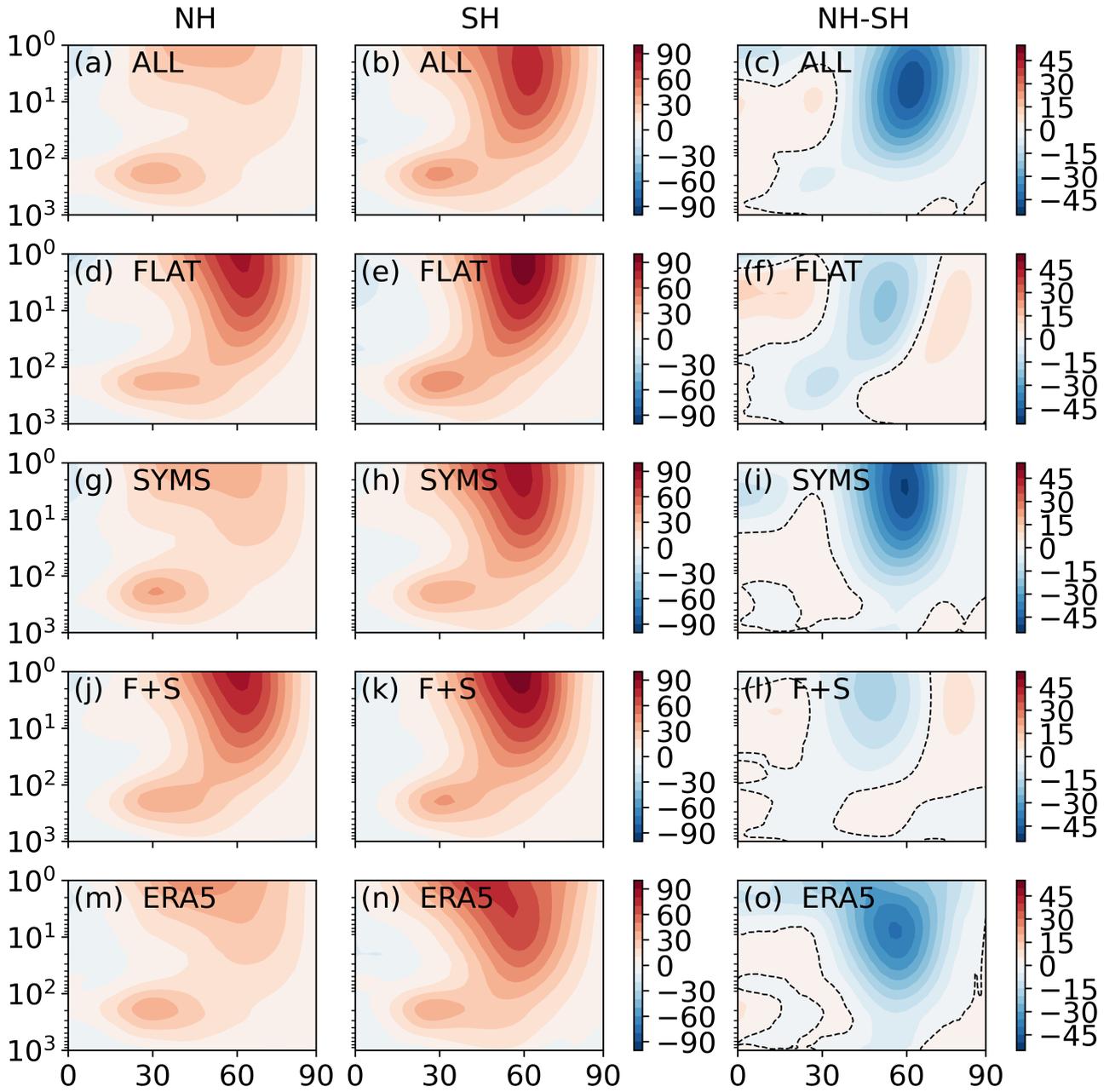
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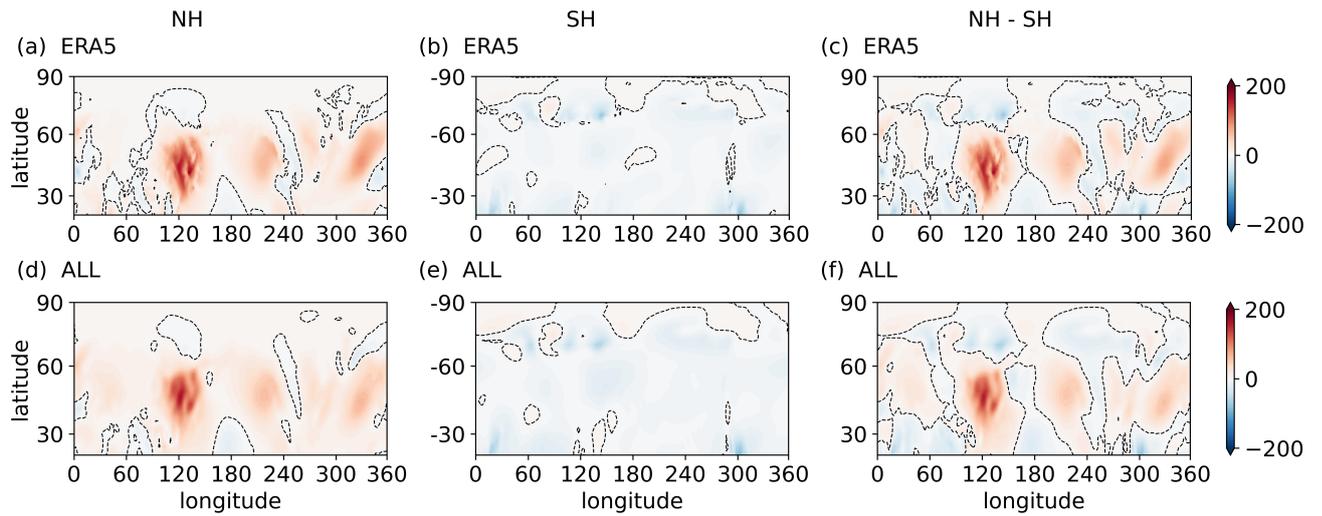
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## Introduction

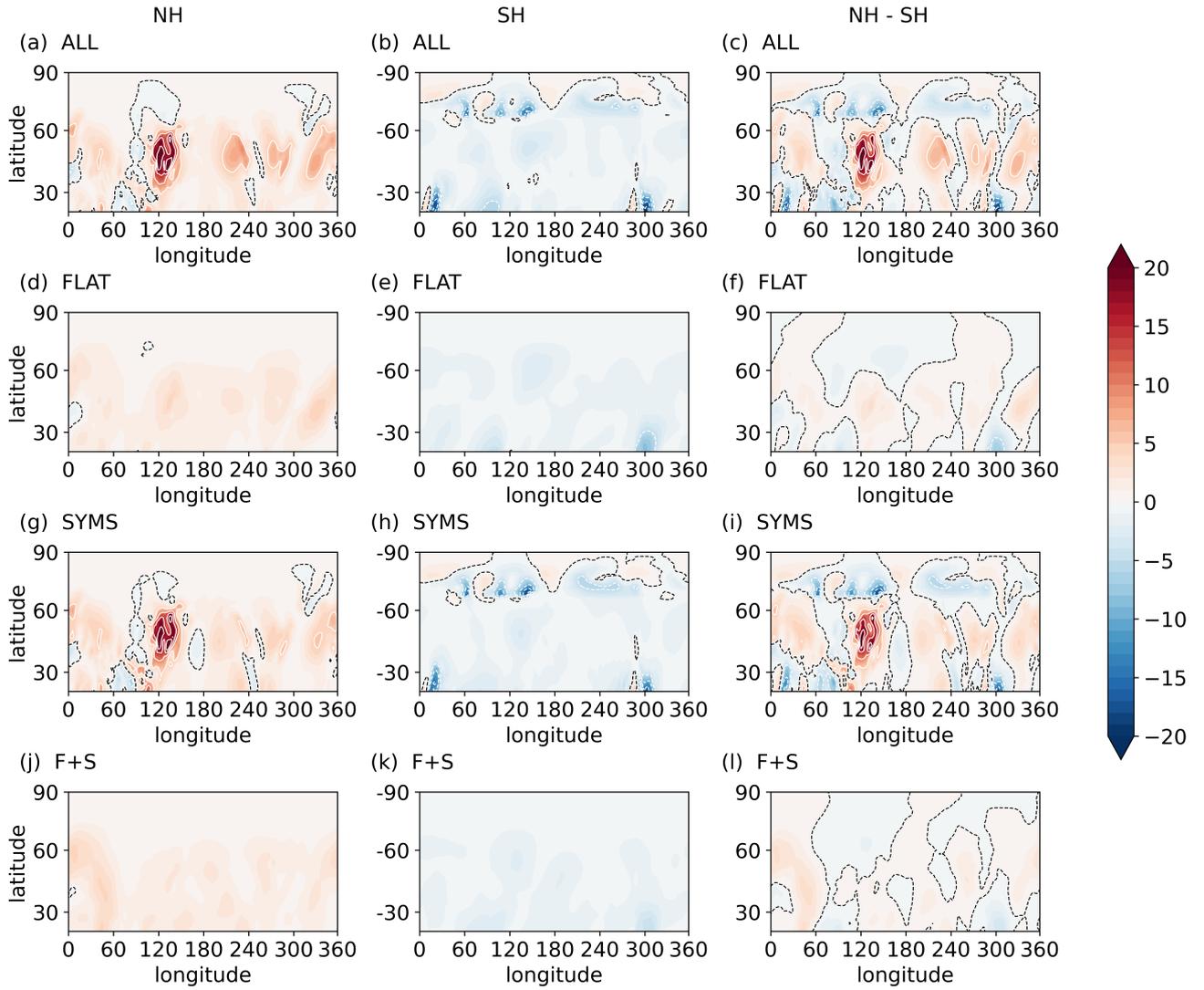
In the Supporting Information, we show details of the simulations which are not shown in the main manuscript.



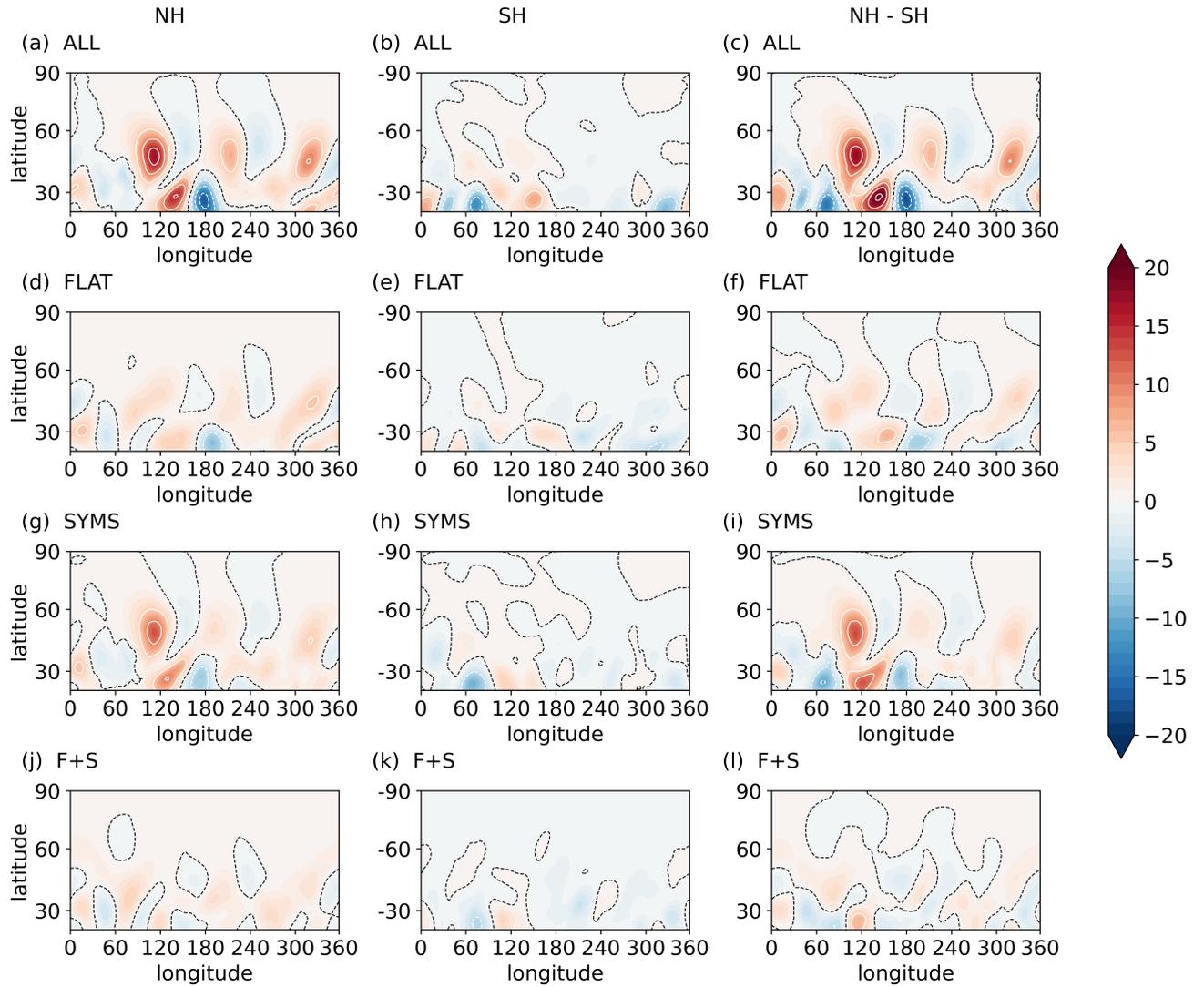
**Figure S1.** Zonal mean zonal wind ( $\bar{u}$ ,  $\text{m s}^{-1}$ ) in NH (left column), SH (middle column), and the difference between NH and SH (right column) in SSW related season (NH: Nov-Mar, SH: May-Sep) in the climate model forced with observationally derived climatological surface energy fluxes for (a)-(c) climatology (ALL), (d)-(f) flattened topography (FLAT), (g)-(i) symmetrized surface energy fluxes (SYMS), (j)-(l) flattened topography and symmetrized surface energy fluxes (F+S) simulations, and (m)-(o) ERA5 reanalysis.



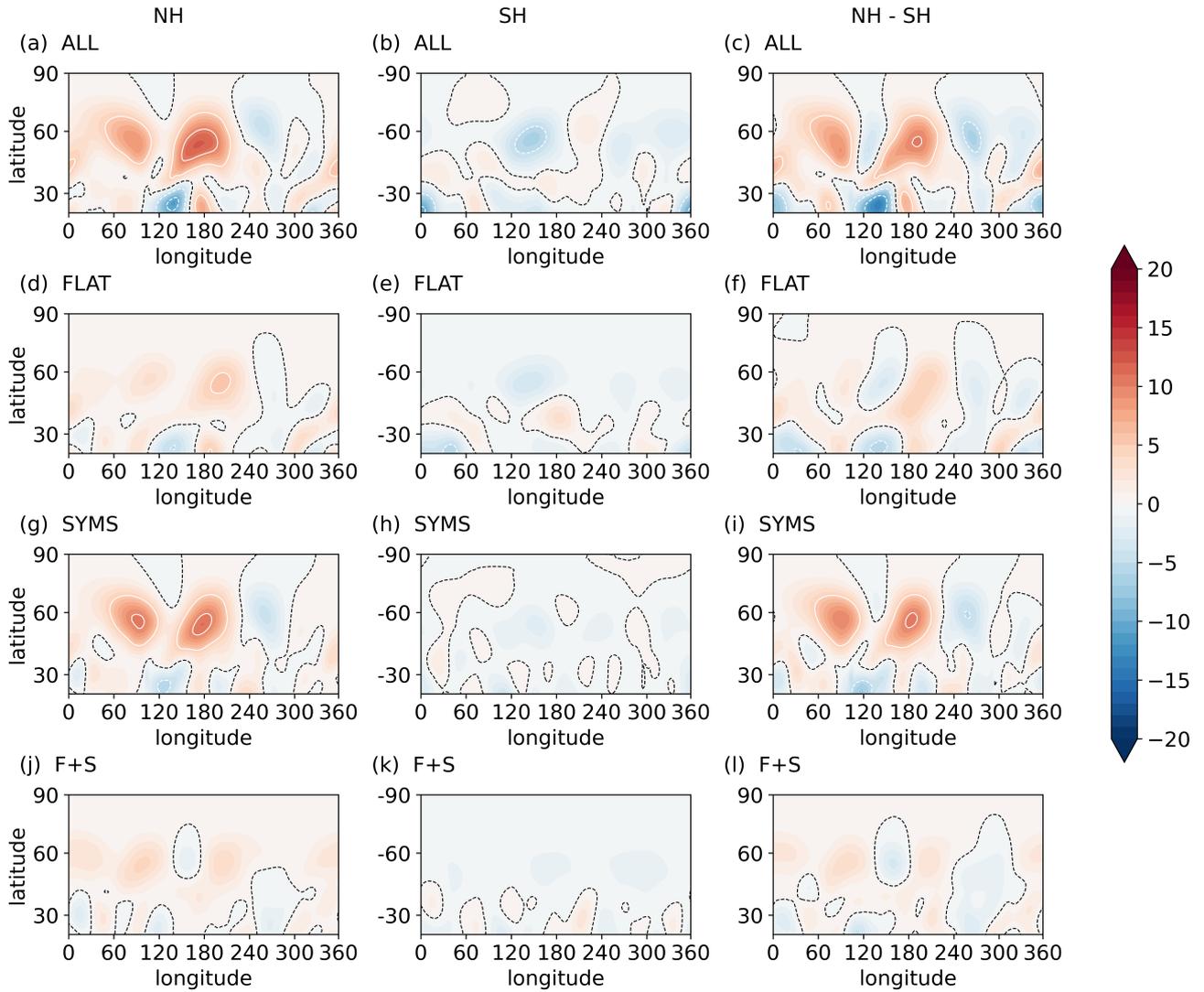
**Figure S2.** Vertically integrated monthly mean eddy heat flux ( $\overline{V^*T^*}$ ,  $\text{Km s}^{-1}$ ) in (first column) Northern Hemisphere and (second column) Southern Hemisphere in SSW related season (NH: Nov-Mar, SH: May-Sep), and (third column) the difference of the absolute value in Northern and Southern Hemisphere in (a)-(c) ERA5 reanalysis and (d)-(e) the climate model forced with observationally derived climatological surface energy fluxes.



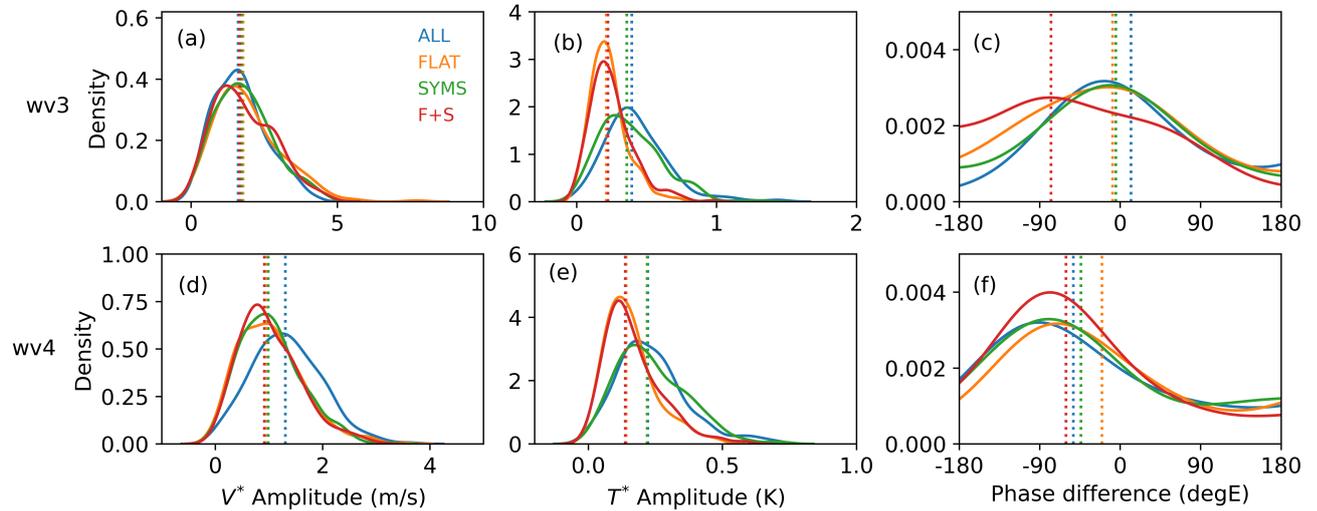
**Figure S3.** Monthly mean eddy heat flux ( $\overline{V^*T^*}$ ,  $\text{Km s}^{-1}$ ) at 850 hPa in (left column) Northern Hemisphere, (middle column) Southern Hemisphere in SSW related season (NH: Nov-Mar, SH: May-Sep) and (right column) the difference of Northern and Southern Hemisphere in the climate model forced with observationally derived climatological surface energy fluxes for (a)-(c) climatology (ALL), (d)-(f) flattened topography (FLAT), (g)-(i) symmetrized surface energy fluxes (SYMS), and (j)-(l) flattened topography and symmetrized surface energy fluxes (F+S) simulations.



**Figure S4.** As in Figure S3, but for monthly mean eddy heat flux ( $\overline{V^*T^*}$ ,  $\text{Km s}^{-1}$ ) at 300 hPa.



**Figure S5.** As in Figure S3, but for monthly mean eddy heat flux ( $\overline{V^*T^*}$ ,  $\text{Km s}^{-1}$ ) at 100 hPa.



**Figure S6.** Probability distribution of the three parameters of monthly mean eddy meridional wind ( $V^*$ ,  $\text{m s}^{-1}$ ) (first and third row) and monthly mean eddy temperature ( $T^*$ , K) (second and fourth row) (a)-(f) wave-3 and (g)-(l) wave-4 component at  $60^\circ\text{N}$  and 100 hPa in SSW related season (Northern Hemisphere: Nov-Mar): the wave amplitudes (the first column), the wave phase (the second column), and the wave tilt (phase at 125 hPa minus phase at 70 hPa) (the third column) for (a)-(c) climatology (ALL), (d)-(f) flattened topography (FLAT), (g)-(i) symmetrized surface energy fluxes (SYMS), and (j)-(l) flattened topography and symmetrized surface energy fluxes (F+S) simulations.