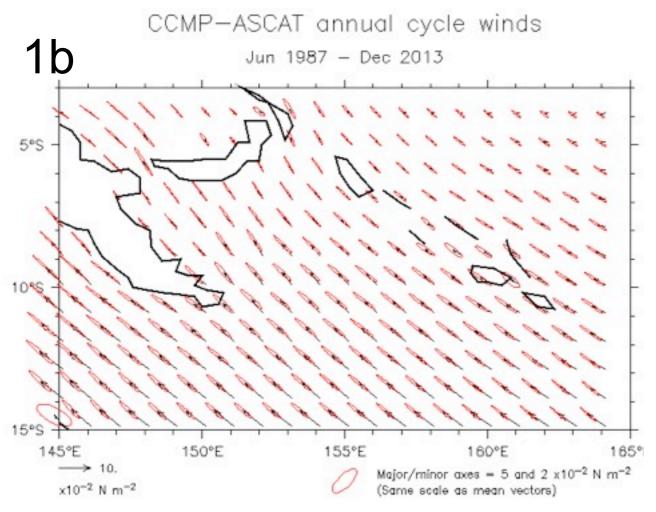
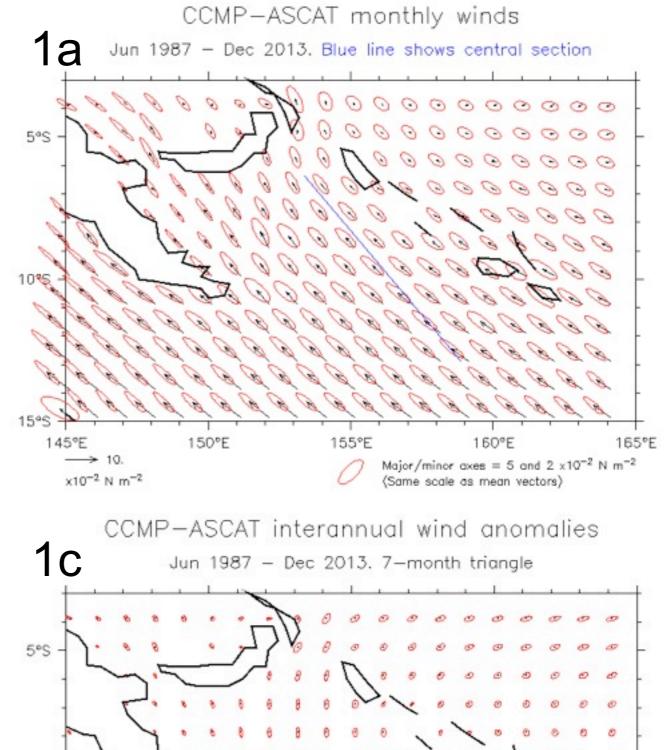
## Solomon Sea wind variance

Merged CCMP (Jun 1987-Jun 2011)+ ASCAT (Apr 2009-Dec 2013) winds

Total (a) includes mean vectors. All panels on same scale.

"Interannual" is defined as: Monthly values minus the average annual cycle, filtered with a 7-month triangle





155°E

160°E

(Same scale as mean vectors)

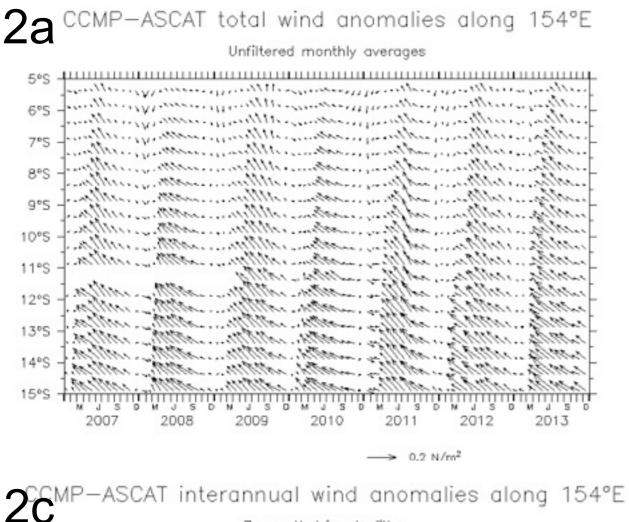
Major/minor axes = 5 and 2  $\times 10^{-2}$  N m<sup>-2</sup>

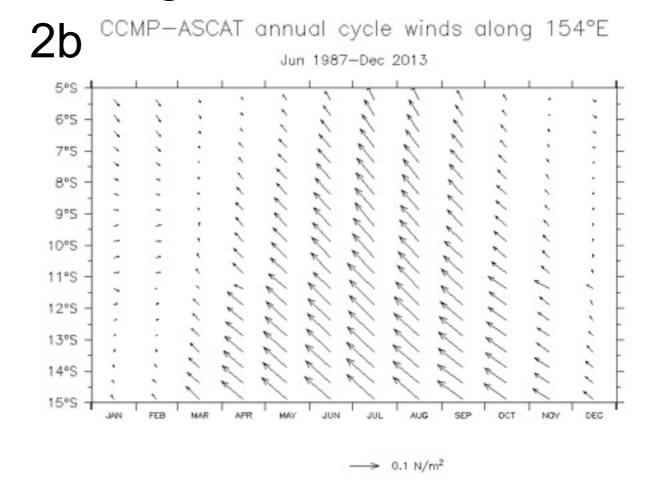
185°E

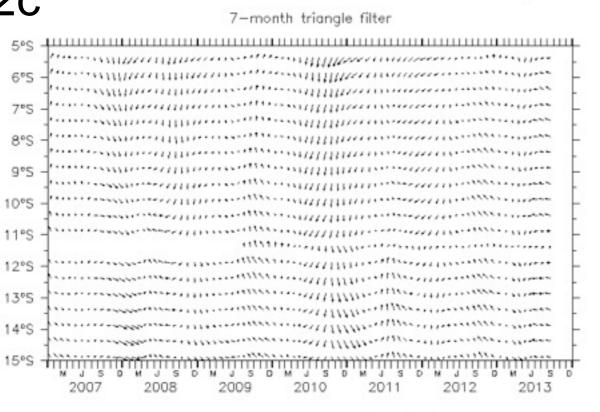
150°E

×10<sup>-2</sup> N m<sup>-2</sup>

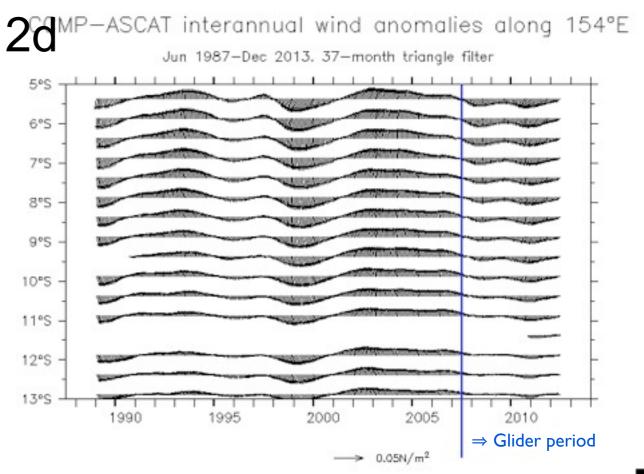
## CCMP-ASCAT winds along 154°E





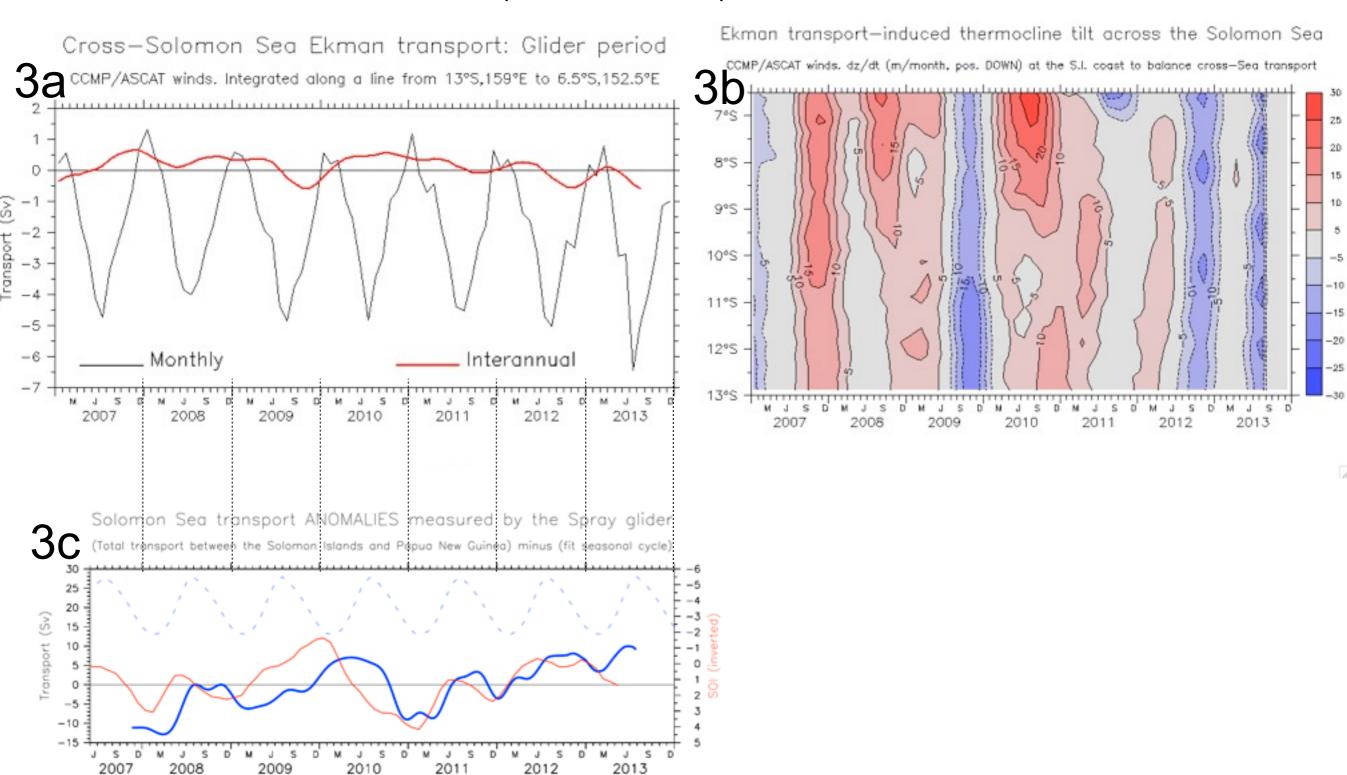


→ 0.1 N/m²



## Ekman transport and consequences

The positive direction for cross-Sea Ekman transport (3a) is taken to the NE. Then values of the implied interface tilt are positive down on the Solomons side.



---- Seasonal cycle

Interannual