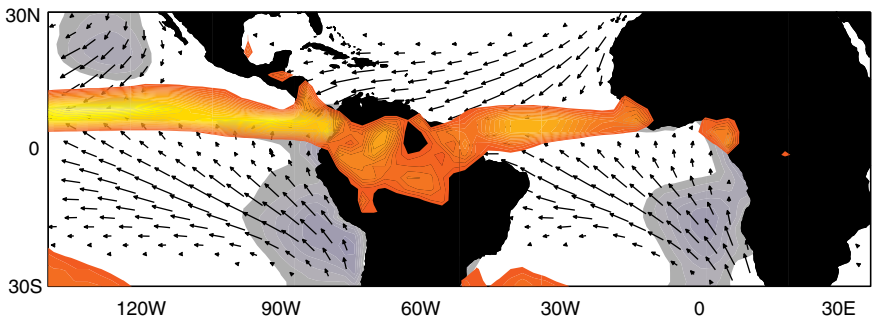

Figure 2. Climatological annual mean conditions over the Pan American region. Vectors denote surface winds, orange-yellow shading denotes precipitation, and gray-blue shading denotes stratus cloud decks. Over both the Atlantic and Pacific, the ITCZ is located well to the north of the equator, and southeasterly trades extend across the equator. The stratus cloud decks are more extensive in the Southern Hemisphere.