

Multi-scale shear impacts during the genesis of Hagupit (2008)



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Introduction

What makes pre-depression Hagupit (2008) an interesting case study?

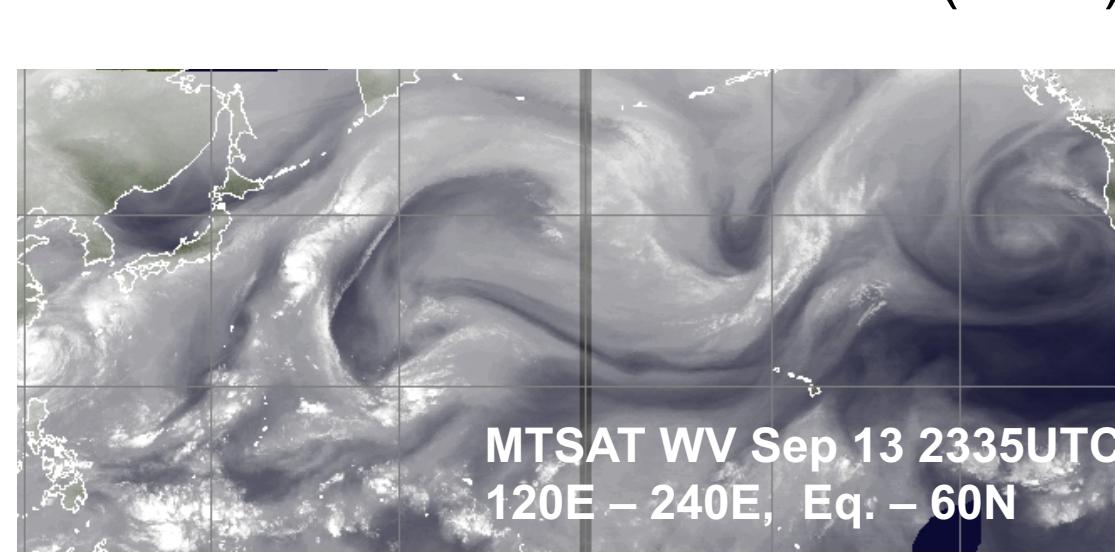
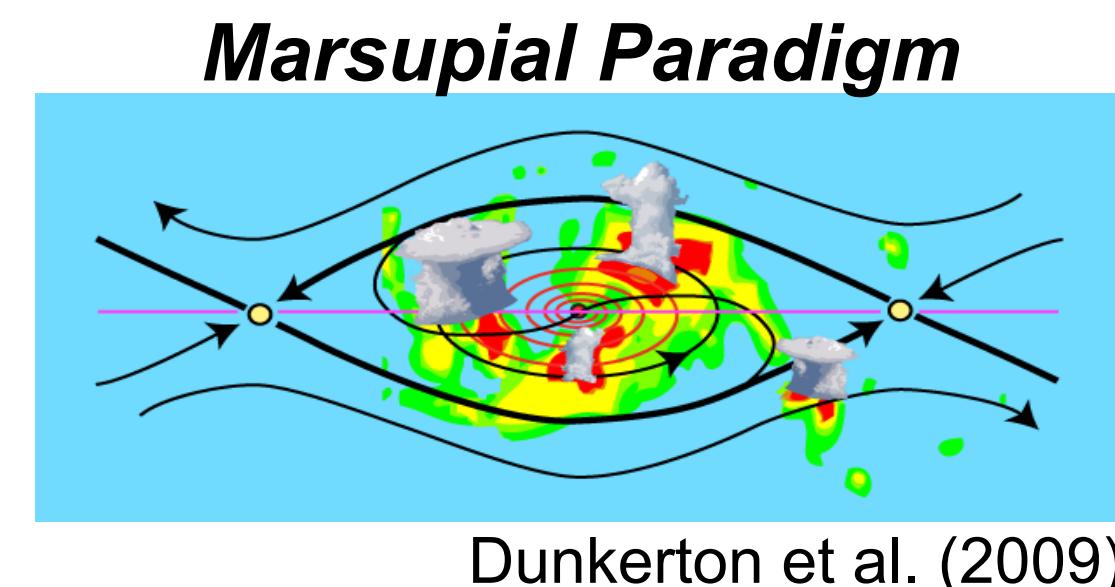
- Marsupial Pouch appeared around Sep 7th, ~10 days prior to its TD designation (JTWC)
- Development was delayed due to interactions with upper-level trough (Sep 13th – 14th)
- Organized deep moist convection observed with high spatial and temporal resolution by ELDORA radar and dropsondes during the period of shear impacts (T-PARC/TCS-08 campaign) (Bell and Montgomery 2010)
- After all, Hagupit survived through the high-shear environment and eventually formed into Typhoon

Here we show complex shear impacts on TC genesis, analyzing multi-scale interactions

- From synoptic scale wave surrounding pre-depression Hagupit, to meso- γ scale convective cells in the pouch
- Where both vertical wind shear (upper-level vs. low-level) and horizontal shear were present

Results

Synoptic Scale



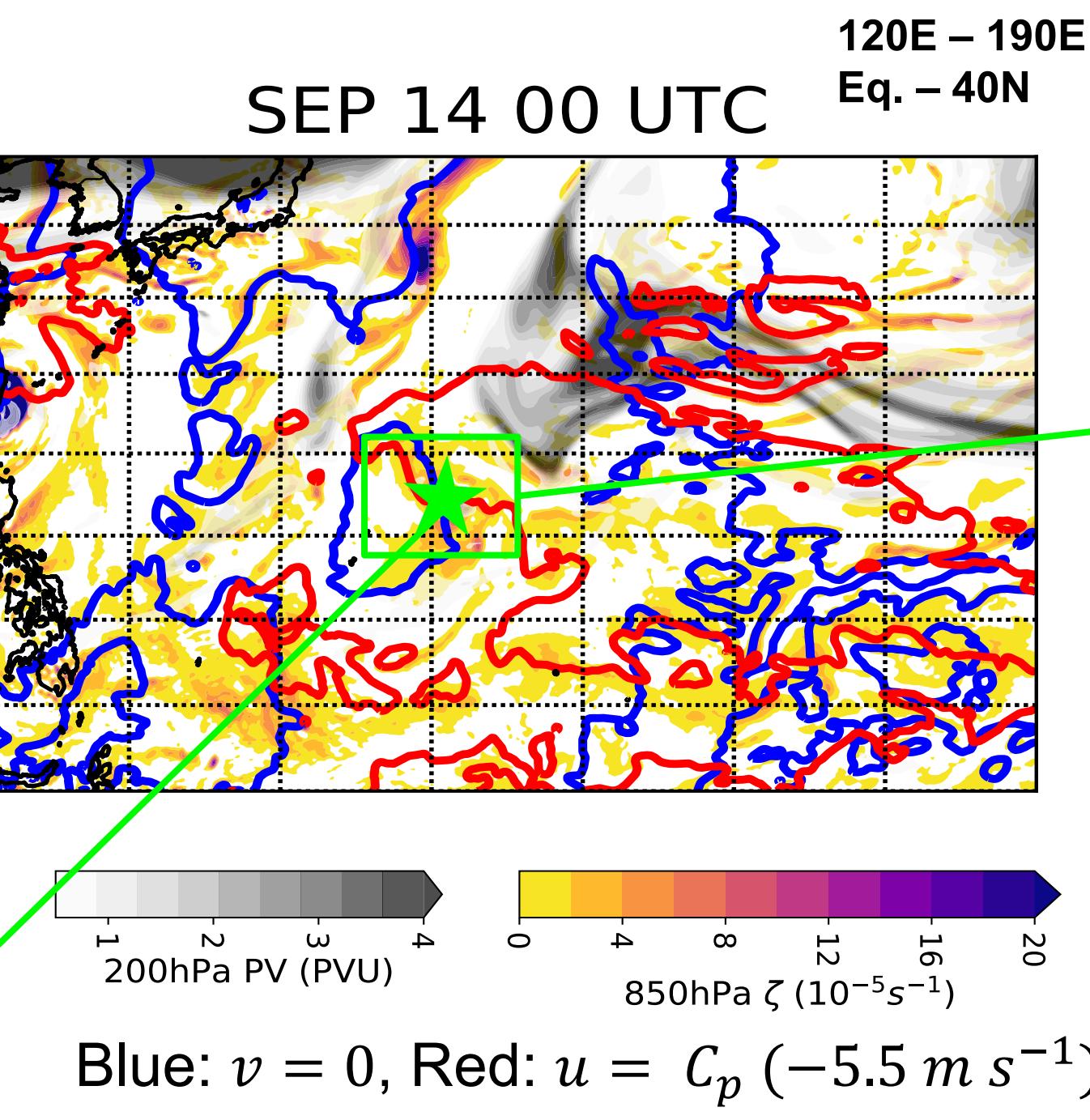
Tracking the sweet spot (center of the Marsupial Wave Pouch)

Cross section of $v = 0$ & $u = C_p$

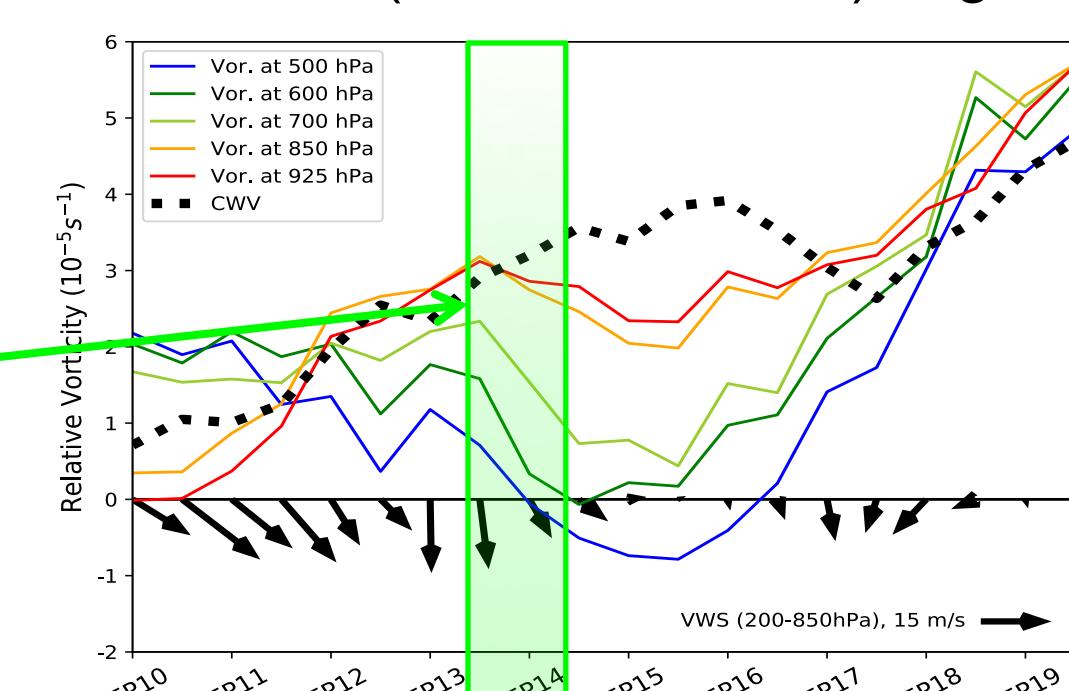
Trough from PV intrusion

Dry northerly air with anomalously high PV at 200hPa

Blue: $v = 0$, Red: $u = C_p$ (-5.5 m s^{-1})



Data: ECMWF YOTC, 6°x6° BOX (~300km Radius) avg.

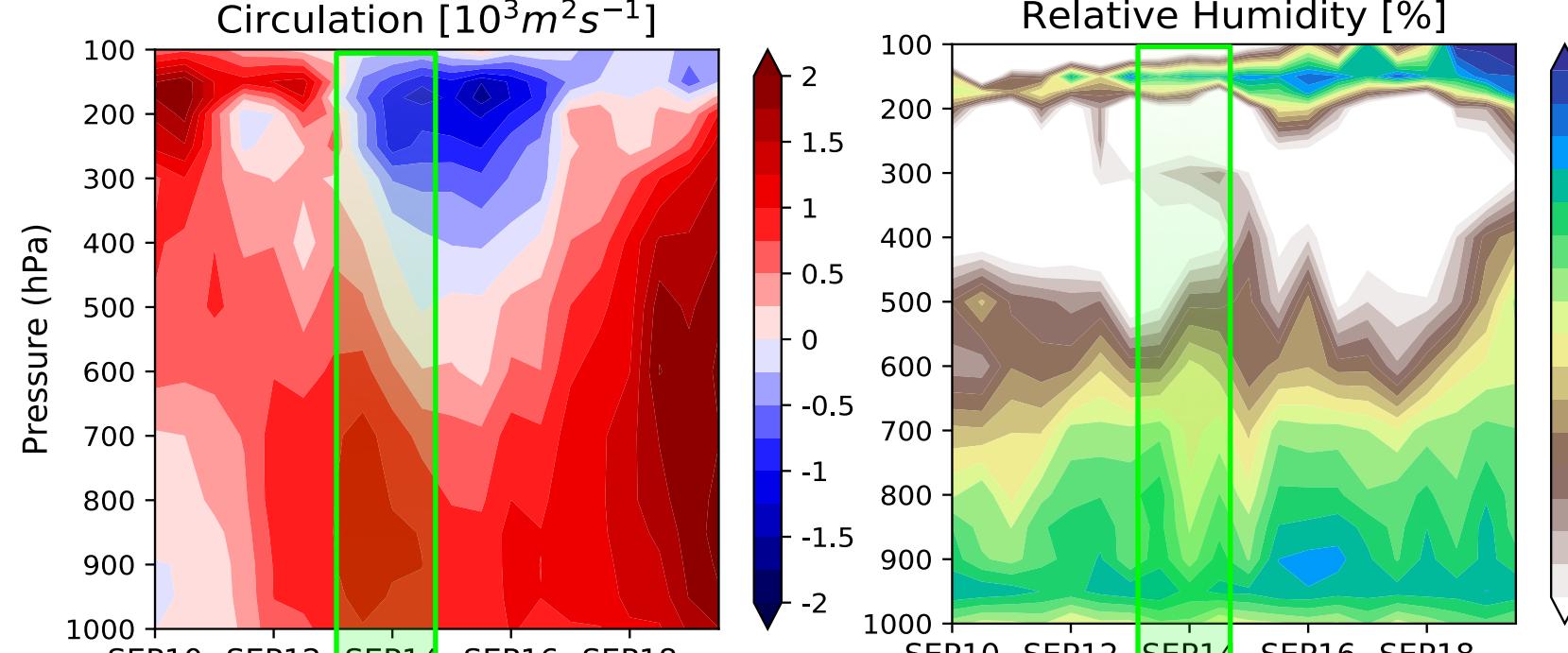


Impacts of strong northerly shear from the trough on the system

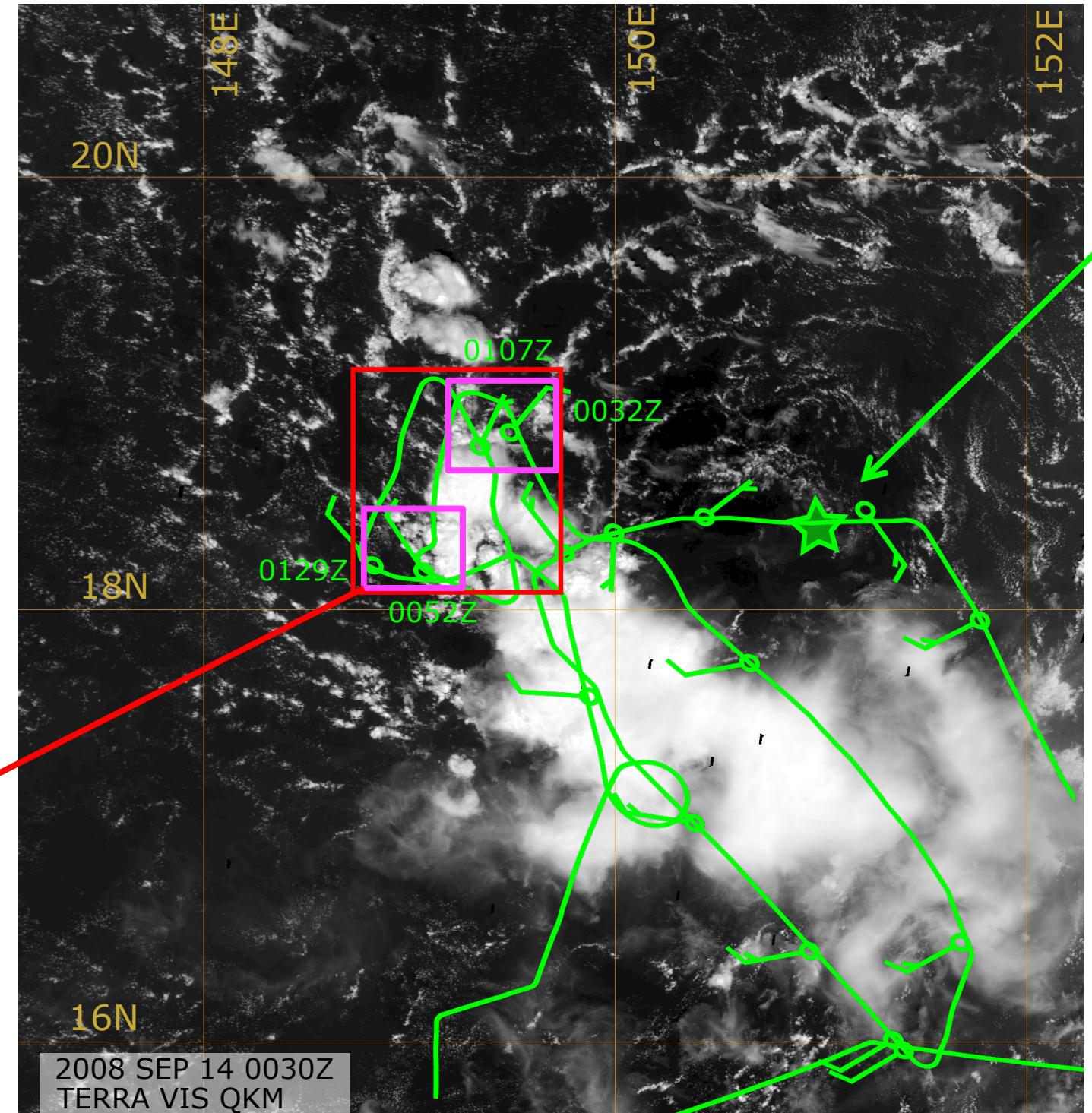
- Mid-level circulation decreased, Low-level circulation persisted
- RH at low-level shows dry-air intrusion, but CWV kept increasing (overall convection was still saturating the column)

The marsupial pouch was shallow, but it protected the low-level vortex

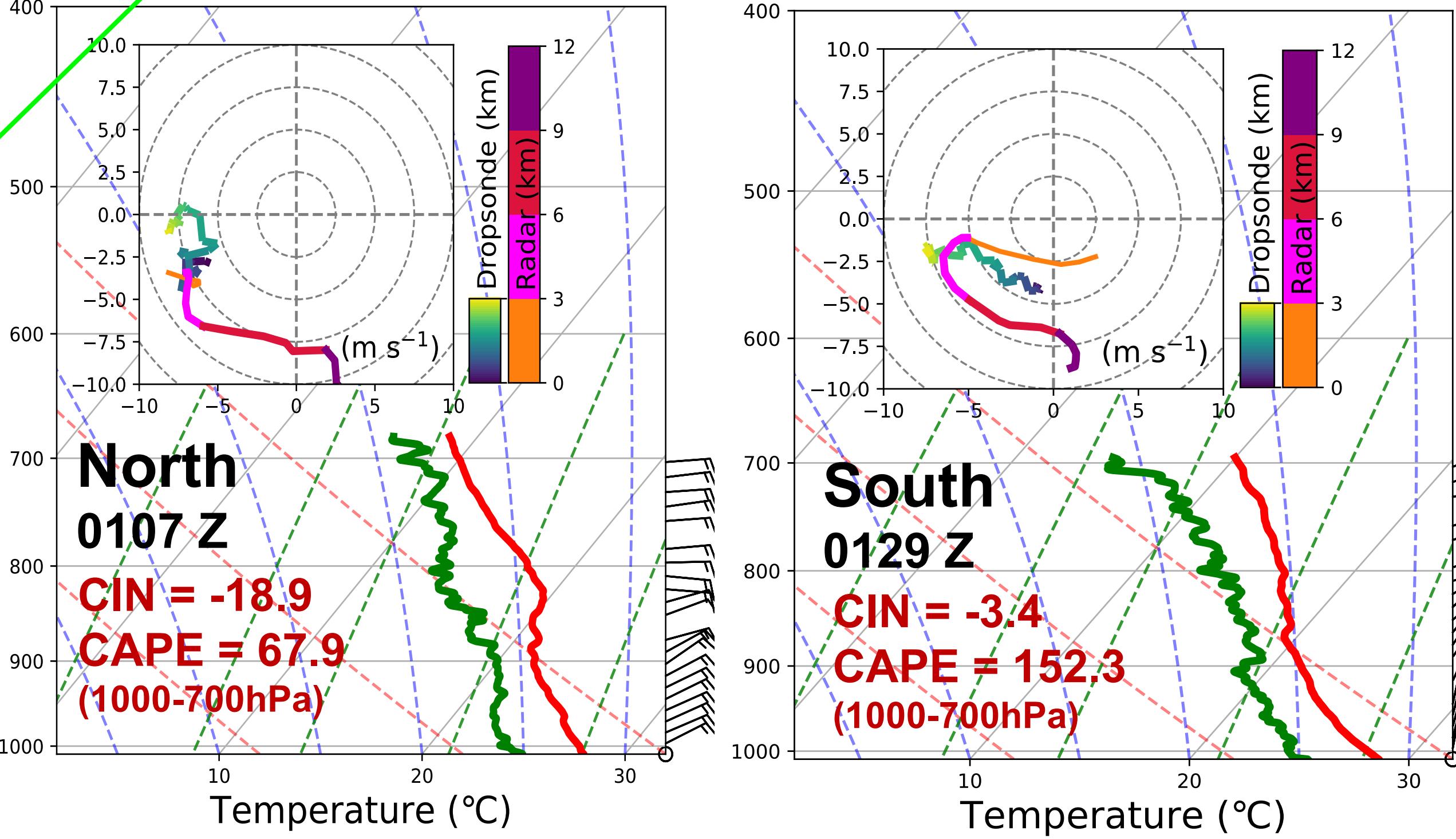
Meso- α scale



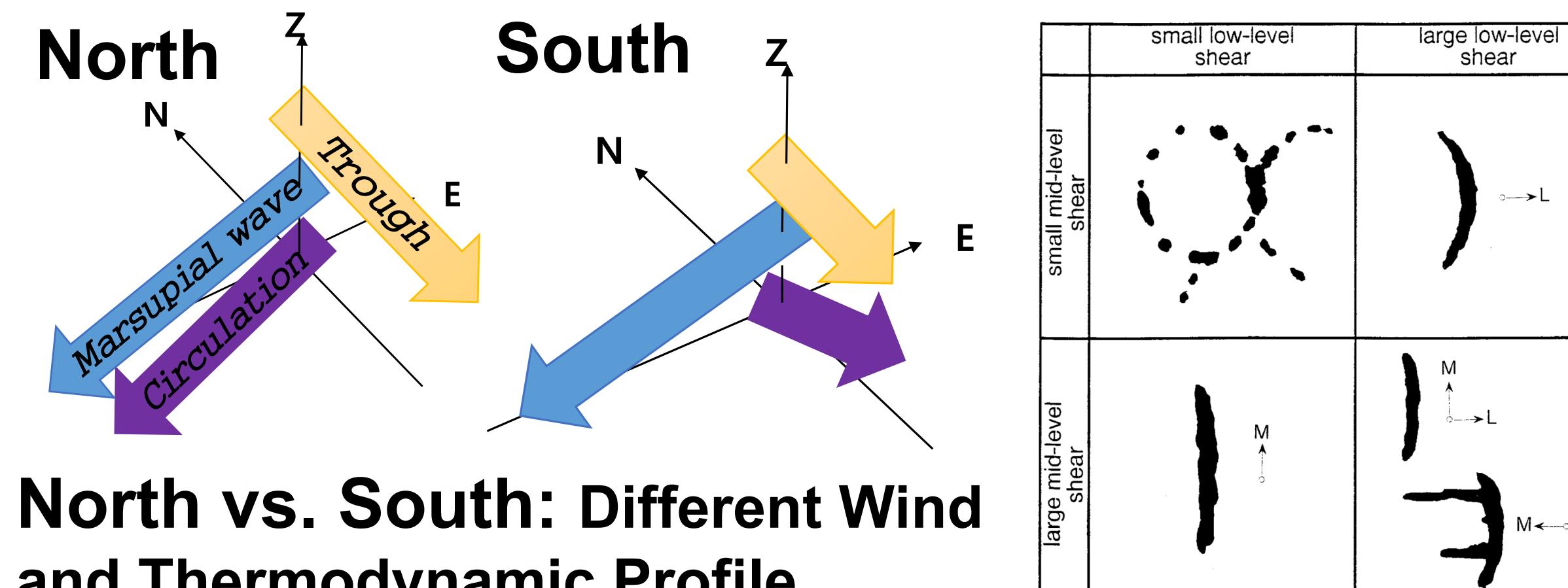
Flight track & Dropson Locations



Skew-T and hodograph



Meso- β scale

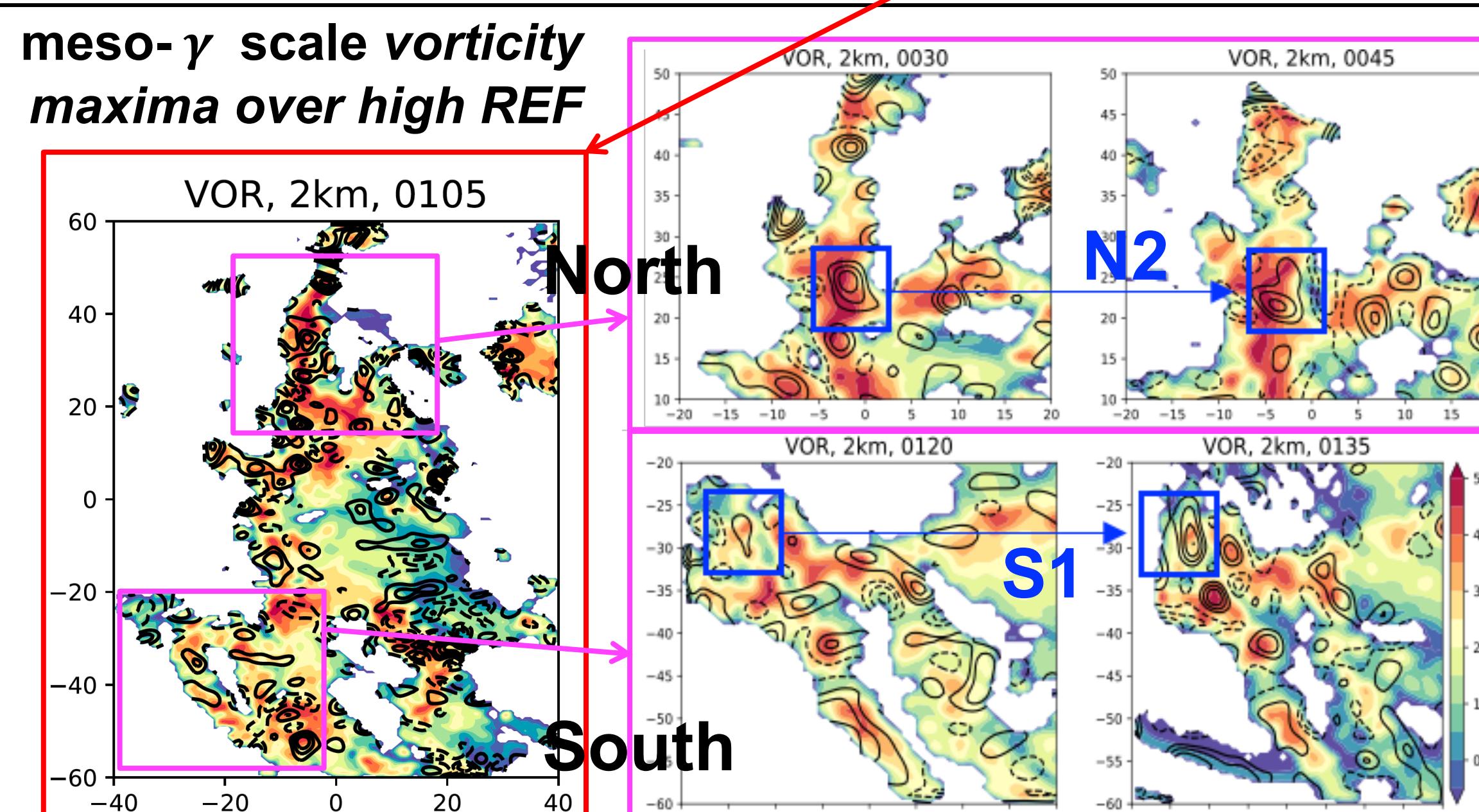
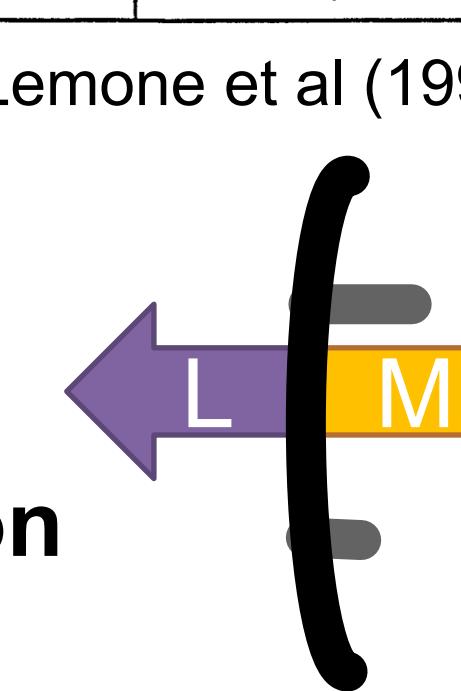
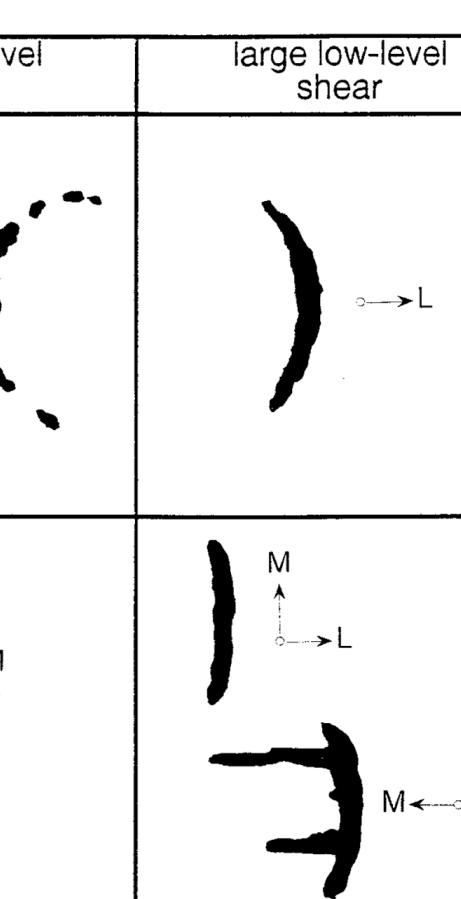


North vs. South: Different Wind and Thermodynamic Profile

- Wind for trough, marsupial wave, and low-level circulation
- Both CAPE and CIN favor more convection south (relatively down-shear) than north (up-shear)

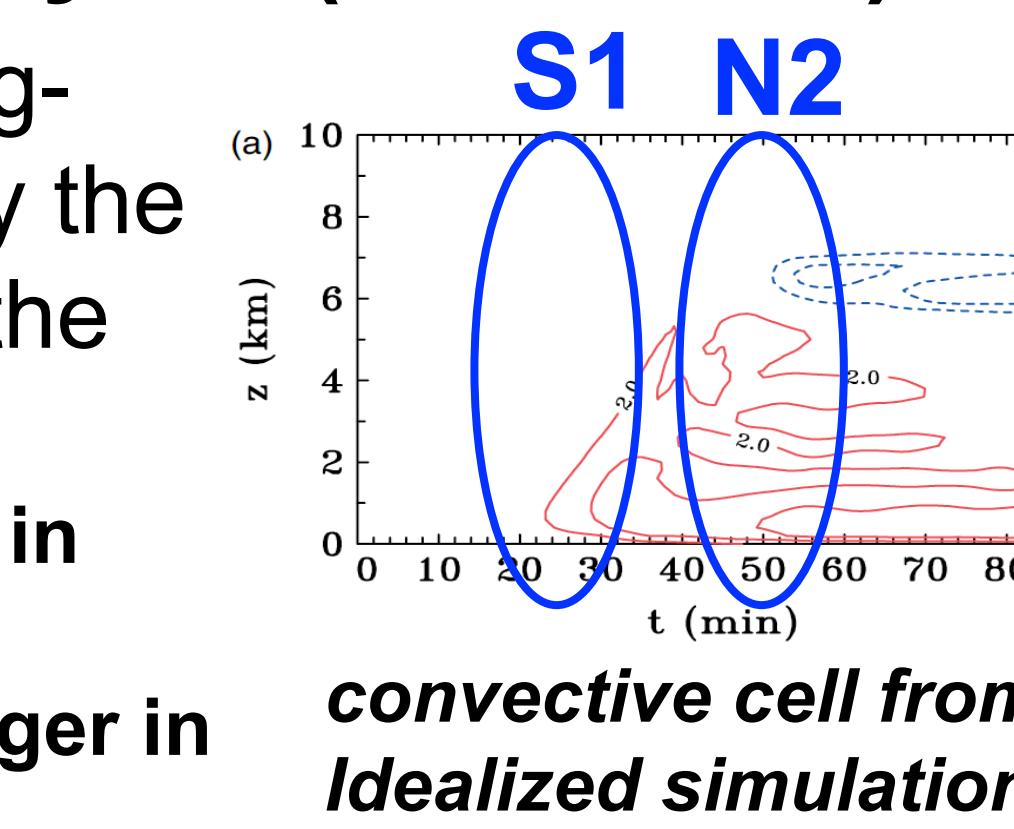
The Role of Shear in Organizing Convection

- Low-level shear: cold-pool dynamics
- Mid-level shear: trailing secondary bands



SAMURAI was used for synthesizing radar data with 500m resolution

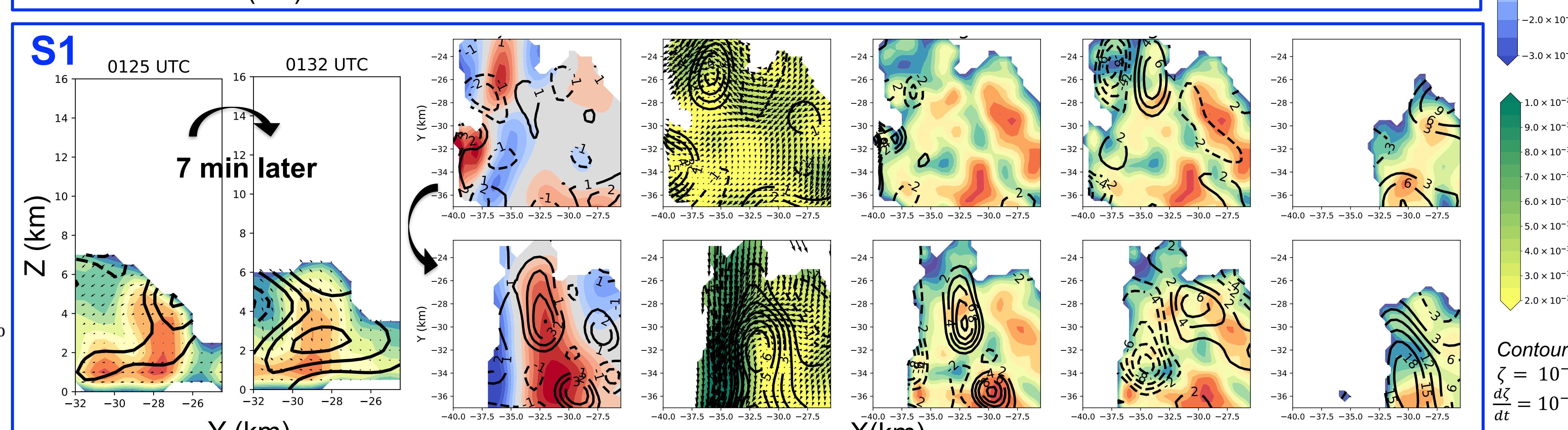
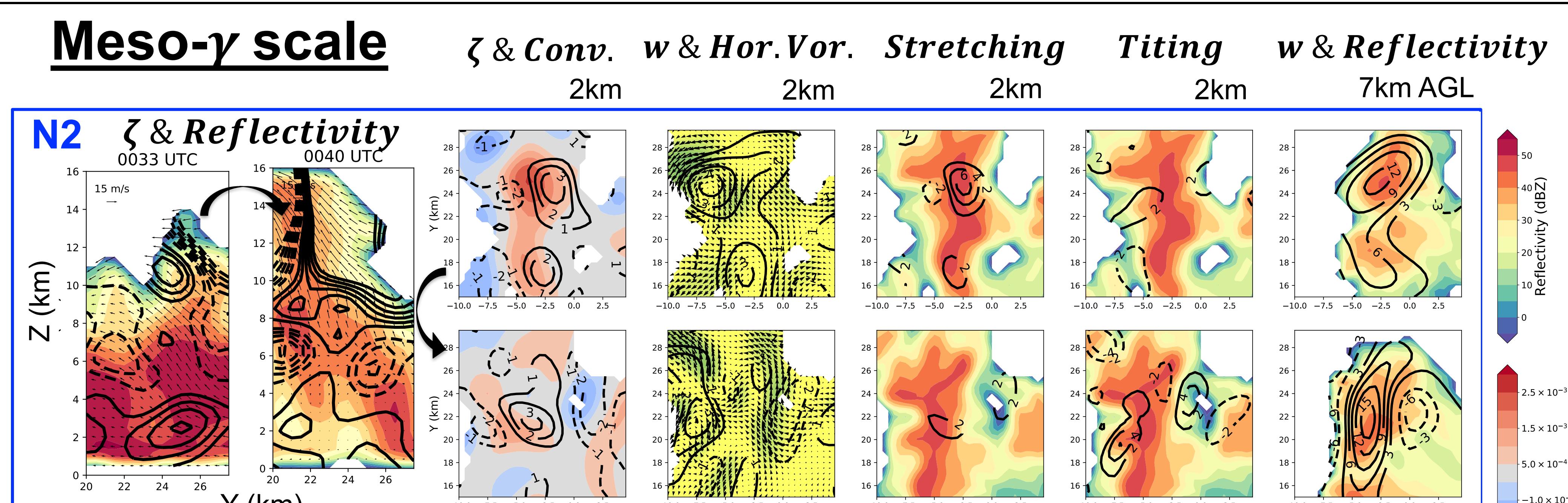
Vorticity Budget Analysis (S1 vs. N2)



Tilting-dominant vs. Stretching-dominant can be explained by the different low-level shear and the evolutional stage

- S1 is young, and N2 is mature in the evolutional stage
- Low-level shear is much stronger in South

Meso- γ scale



Conclusion

- Pre-depression Hagupit survived through interaction with upper level trough
- The marsupial pouch protected low-level circulation and moisture during high shear event, though evident vortex misalignment and dry air intrusion in mid-upper levels
- Multi-scale, complex shear is identified, coming from storm circulation, marsupial wave propagation, and upper-level trough
- Local low-level vertical and horizontal shear impacted the organization of the deep convective cells and its vorticity generation in meso- β and meso- γ scale

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