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10-day Backward Trajectories--Trajectories start at 1-minute intervals throughout the duration of each DC-8 flight. Available products include trajectories calculated from exact flight positions, as well as trajectories arriving at constant pressure levels (300, 500, 700 and 850 hPa) along the flight path.

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Data and Procedures--Trajectories were calculated using a kinematic model, i.e., employing the u, v, and w wind components from the GFS analyses (the National Weather Service's Global Forecast System). A cubic spline procedure was used to vertically interpolate the gridded data from the 26 initial levels to 191 constant pressure levels at 5-hPa intervals between 1000 and 50 hPa. Linear interpolation provides values within these 5-hPa intervals and at the parcel's precise horizontal locations. Linear interpolation also is used to temporally interpolate at 1-min time steps. Additional details about the trajectory model, along with a comparison between kinematic and isentropic trajectories, are given in *Fuelberg et al. [J. Geophys. Res., 101, 23927-23939 1996]*.

GOES Imagery--provided by Tropospheric Chemistry Integrated Data Center at NASA Langley Research Center.

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Forward Trajectories from Lightning--We collected in real time data from the National Lightning Detection Network (NLDN) that were provided by NASA-MSFC. We binned the data over 6 hourly intervals at 1.0 by 1.0 degree horizontal resolution. Forward trajectories were calculated from the lightning locations at 300 and 400 hPa to arrive at a common time (the approximate mid time of each flight). Available products include spatial maps that reveal the locations of the gridded lightning strikes (the origins of the forward trajectories). Also, spatial maps show the location of the lightning signature downstream at the mid time of the flight.

Boundary Layer Exposure Product--We developed a scheme to identify locations and altitudes whose air was previously in the boundary layer, where that boundary layer exposure occurred, the duration of time in the boundary layer, the length of time since exiting the boundary layer, and the amount of CO emissions encountered within the boundary layer. This scheme is based on the grid of backward trajectories described above. Available products include freshness (hours since air exited the boundary layer), duration (hours spent within boundary layer), emissions (moles cm⁻²), and backward trajectories from the grid to the location of the boundary layer encounter.

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Leg 1

ARRIVAL LEVEL

Flight Track

DURATION

10 days

MAKE PLOT

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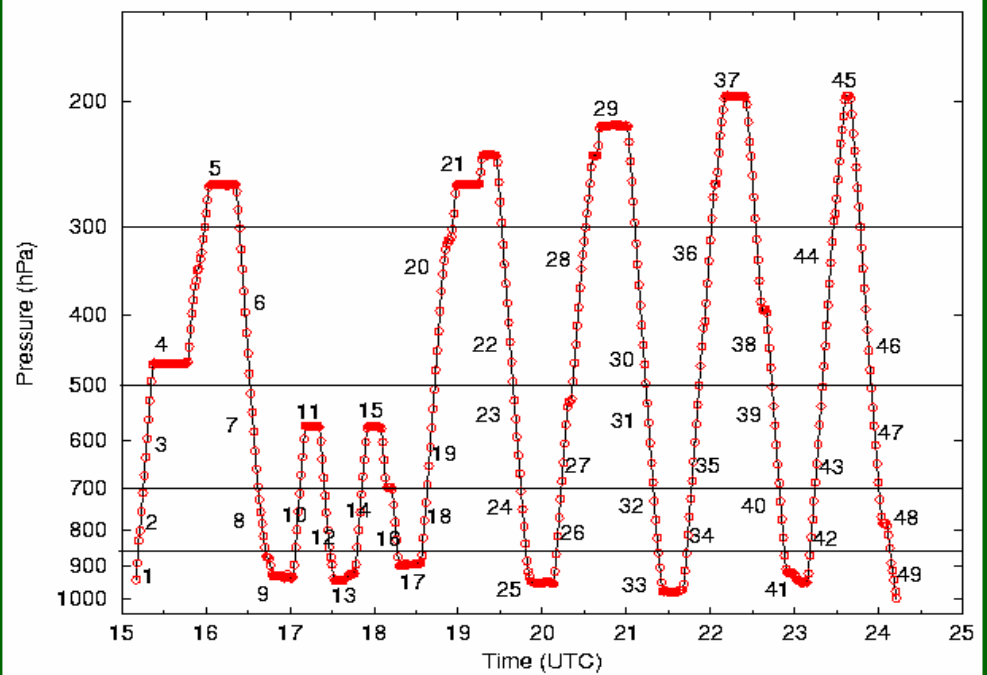
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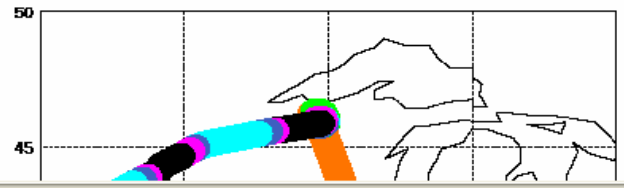
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Leg 1

ARRIVAL LEVEL

Flight Track

DURATION

10 days

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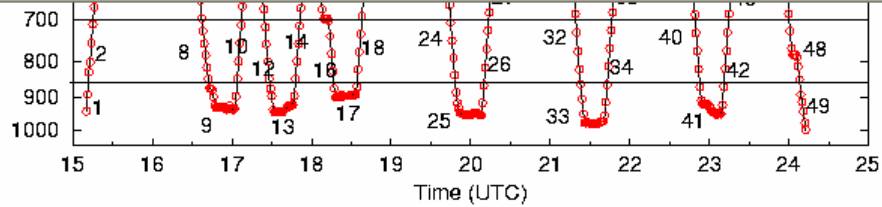
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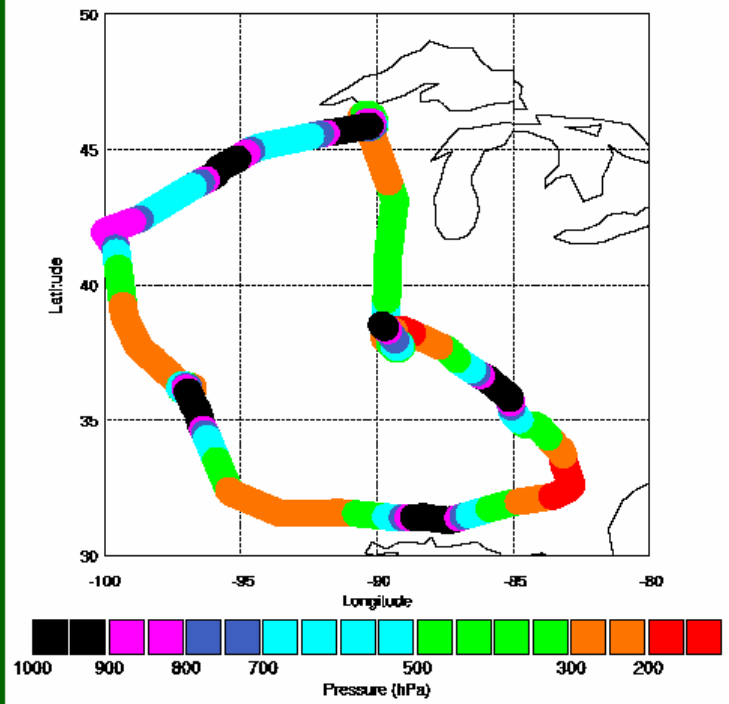
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Leg 1

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Flight Track

DURATION

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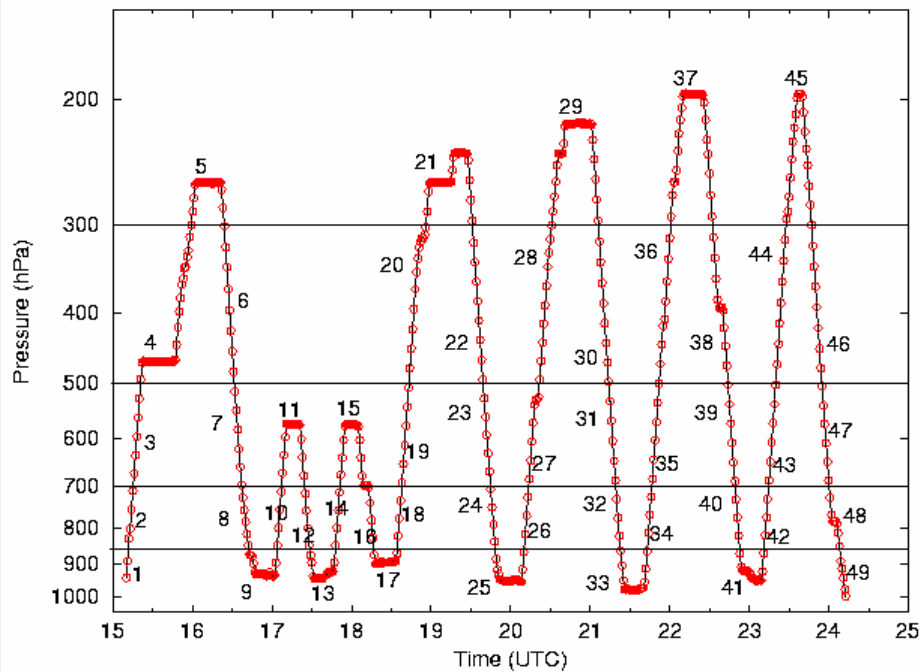
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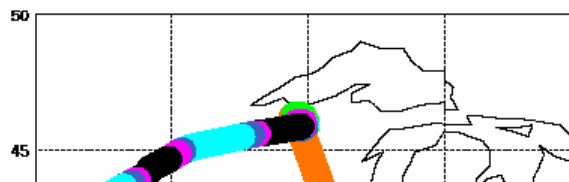
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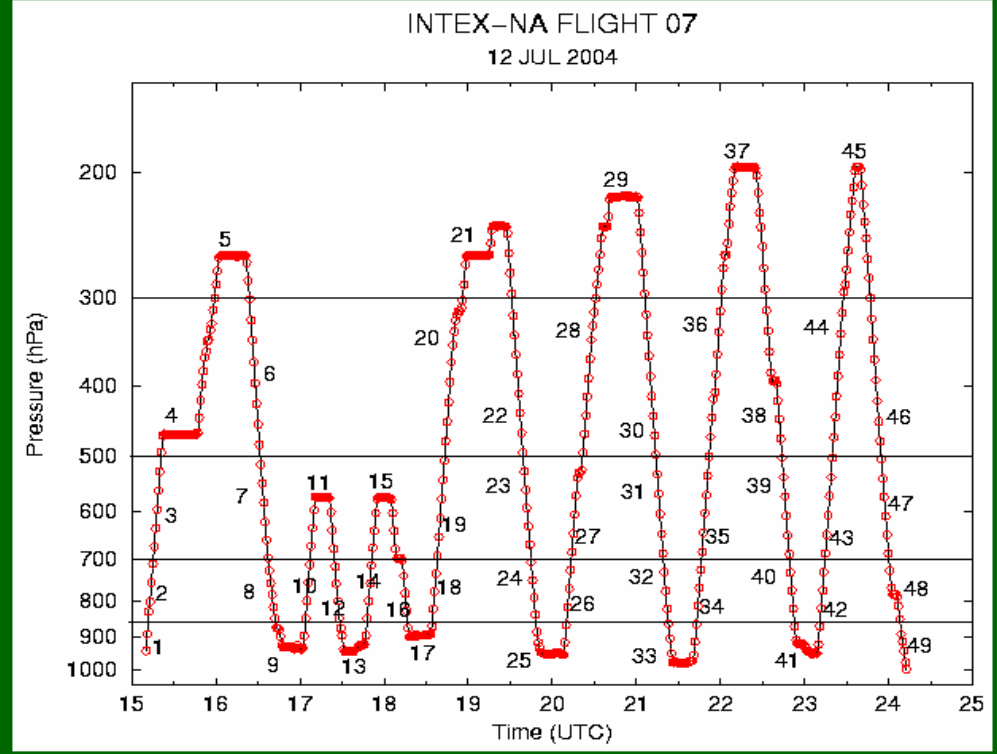
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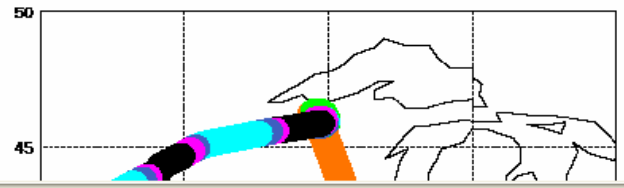
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FLIGHT LEG

Leg 5

ARRIVAL LEVEL

Flight Track

DURATION

10 days

10 days

7 days

5 days

3 days

2 days

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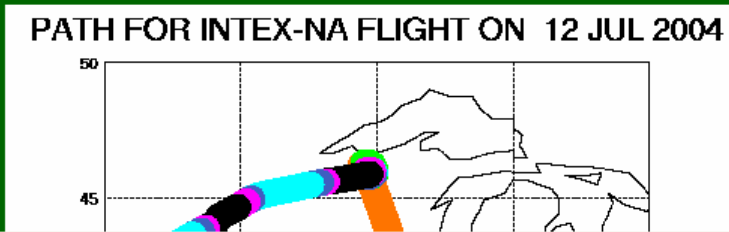
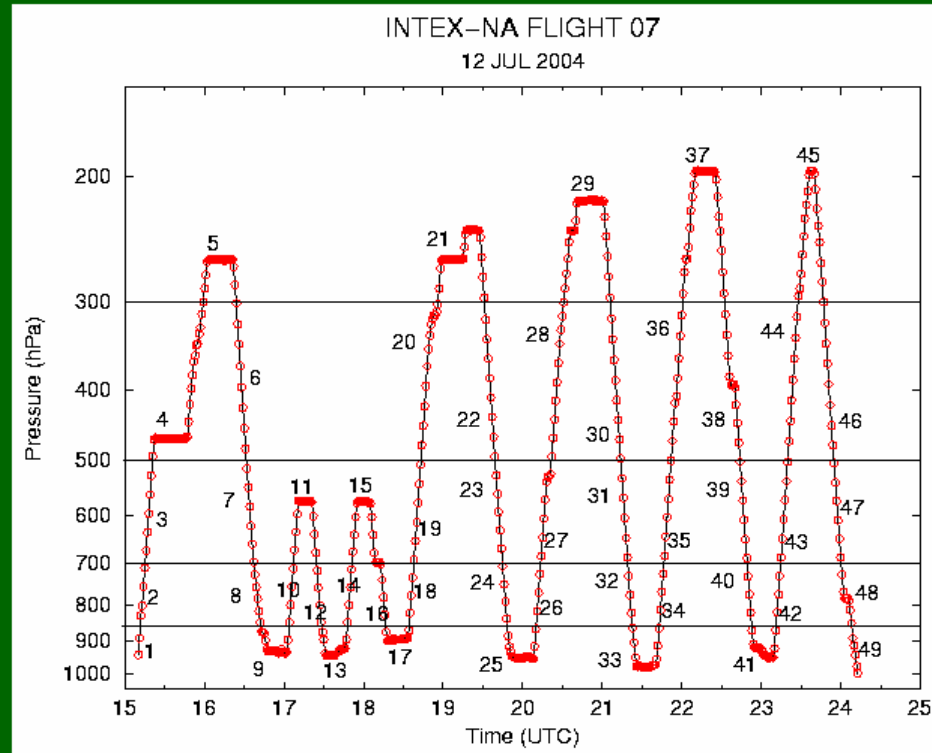
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FLIGHT LEG

Leg 5

ARRIVAL LEVEL

Flight Track

DURATION

7 days

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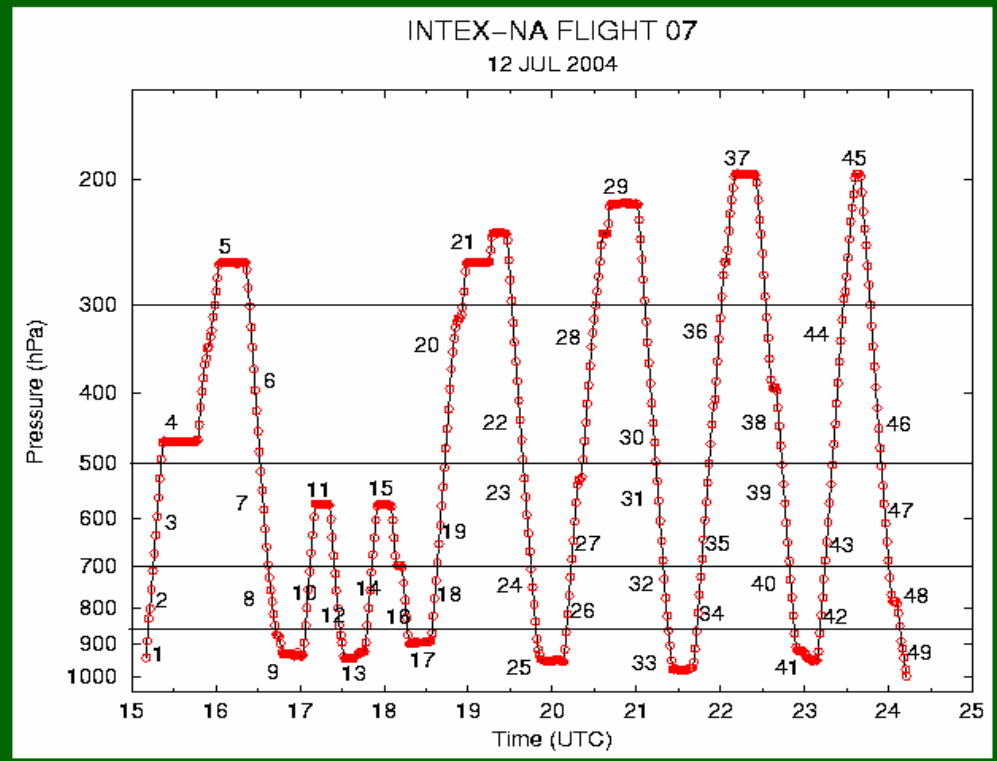
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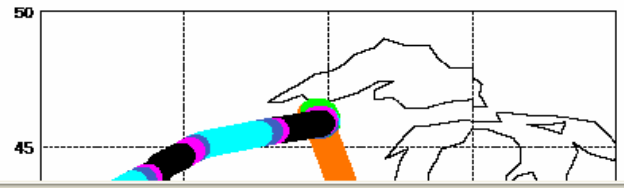
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FLIGHT LEG

Leg 5

ARRIVAL LEVEL

Flight Track

DURATION

7 days

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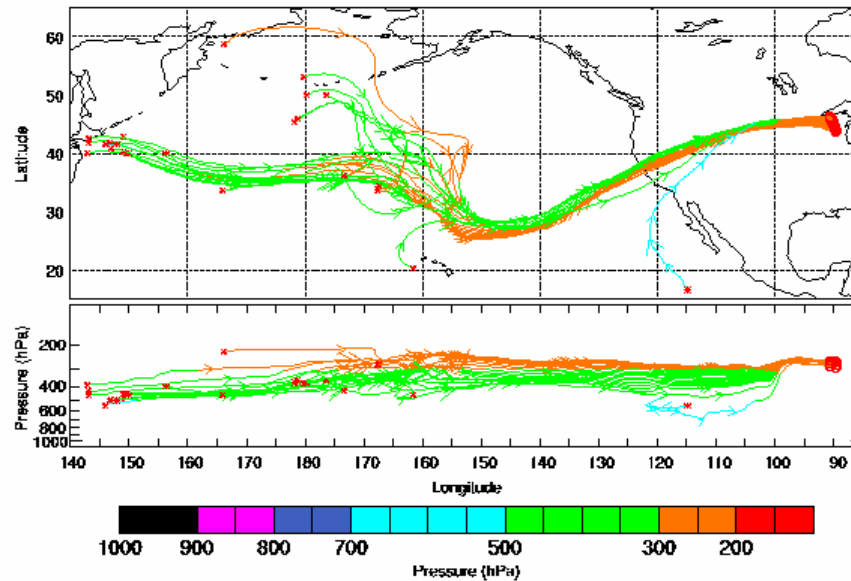
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07 DAYS BACK FROM FLIGHT ON 12 JUL 2004
INITIATED AT FLIGHT LEVEL FOR FLIGHT LEG 5



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FLIGHT LEG

Leg 6

ARRIVAL LEVEL

Flight Track

DURATION

7 days

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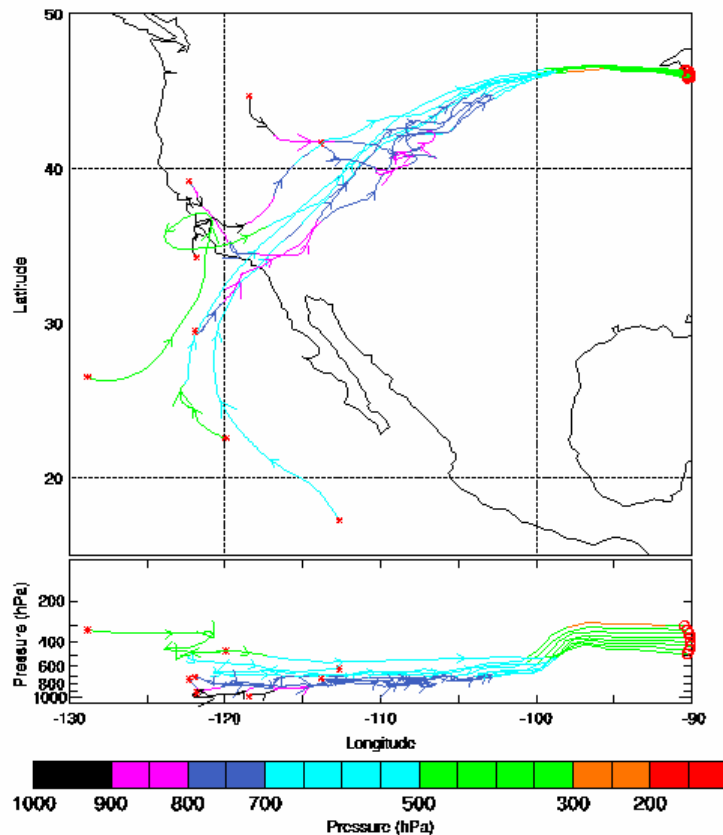
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07 DAYS BACK FROM FLIGHT ON 12 JUL 2004
INITIATED AT FLIGHT LEVEL FOR FLIGHT LEG 6



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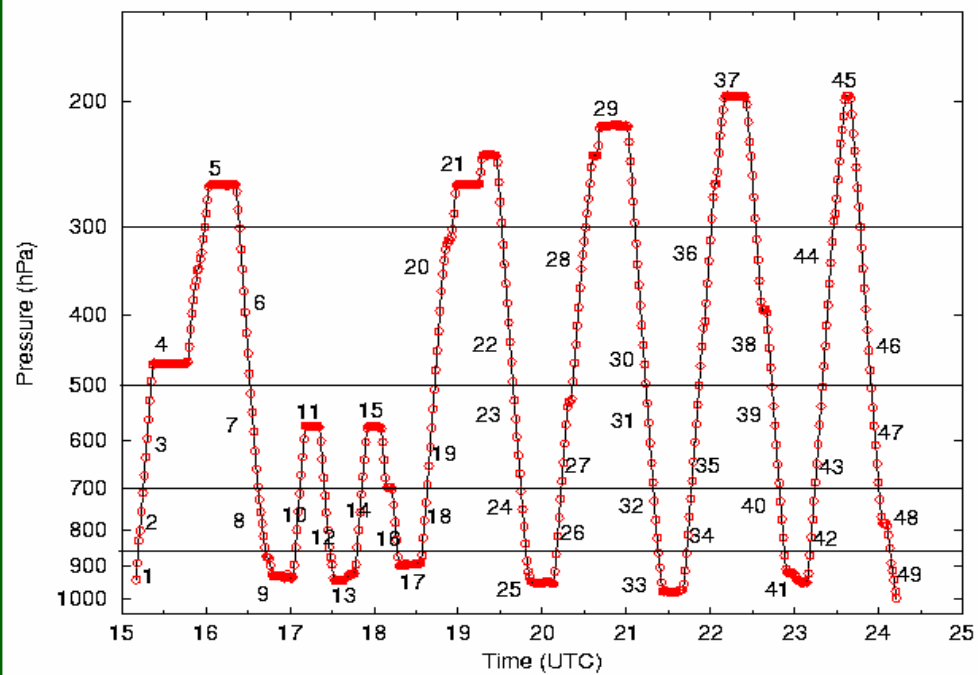
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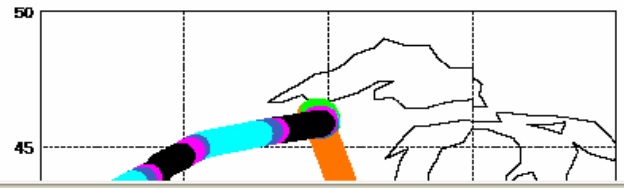
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FLIGHT LEG

Leg 6

ARRIVAL LEVEL

Flight Track

Flight Track

300 hPa

500 hPa

700 hPa

850 hPa

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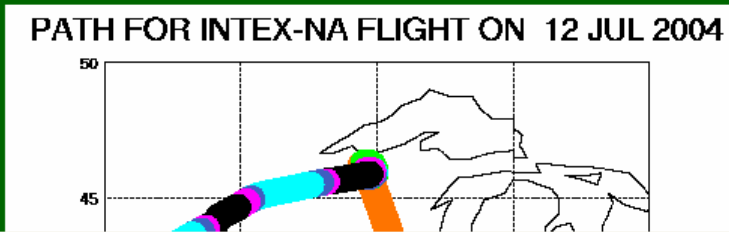
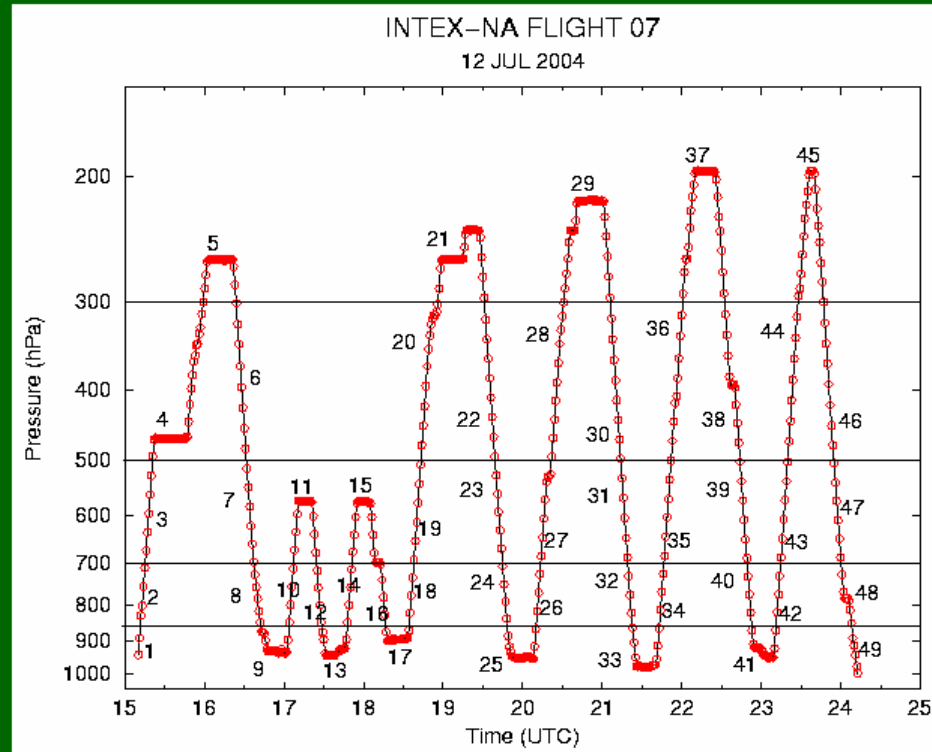
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FLIGHT LEG

Leg 15

ARRIVAL LEVEL

300 hPa

DURATION

7 days

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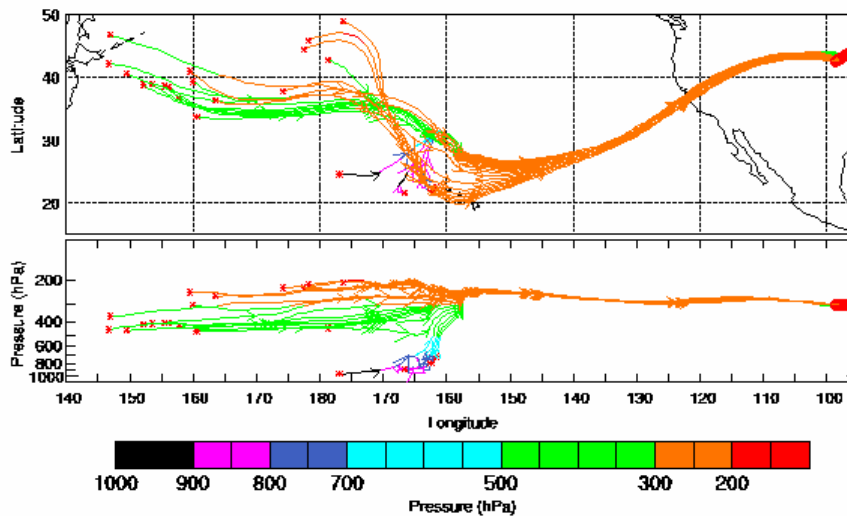
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07 DAYS BACK FROM FLIGHT ON 12 JUL 2004
INITIATED AT 300 hPa ORIGIN FOR FLIGHT LEG 15



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FLIGHT LEG

Leg 15

ARRIVAL LEVEL

300 hPa

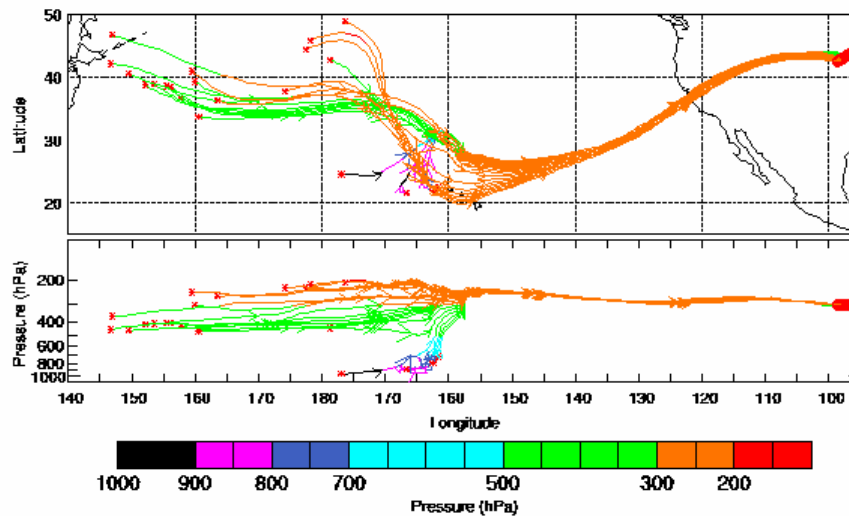
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07 DAYS BACK FROM FLIGHT ON 12 JUL 2004
INITIATED AT 300 hPa ORIGIN FOR FLIGHT LEG 15



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FLIGHT LEG

Leg 1

ARRIVAL LEVEL

Flight Track

DURATION

10 days

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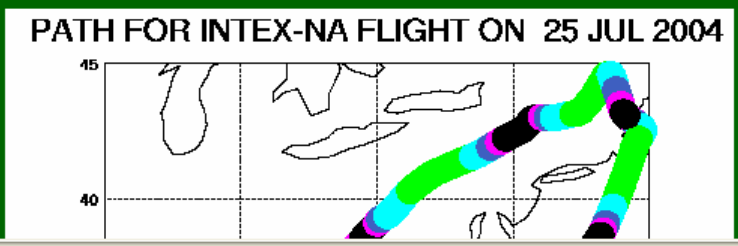
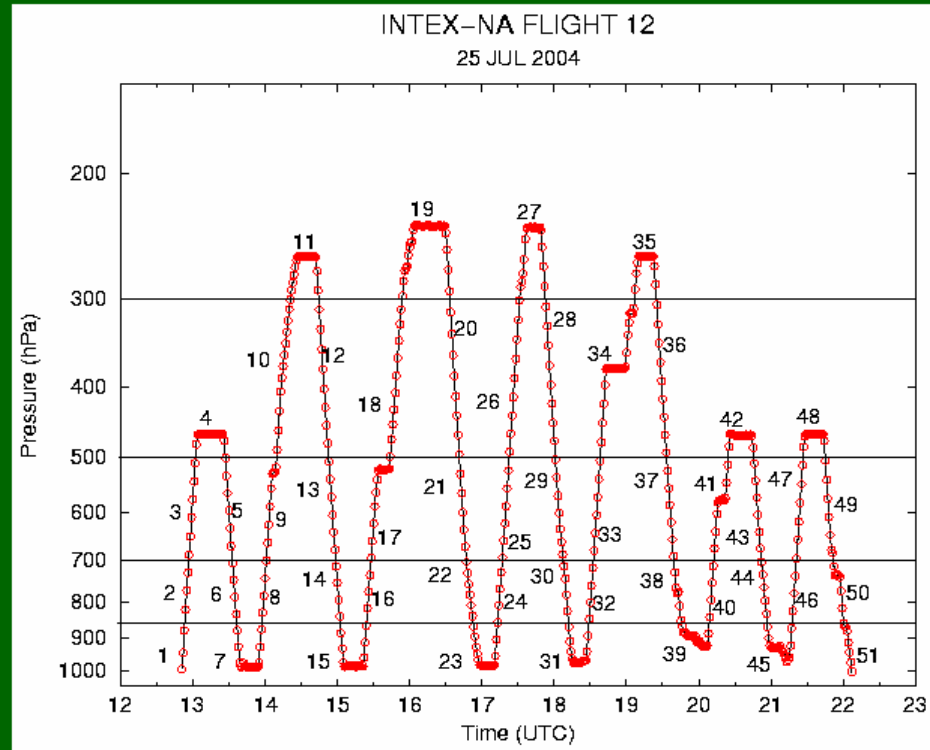
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Leg 1

ARRIVAL LEVEL

Flight Track

DURATION

10 days

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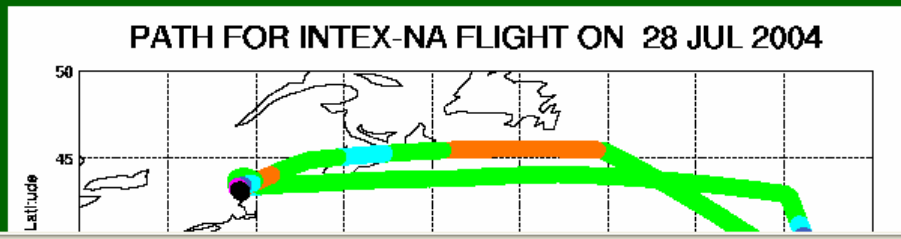
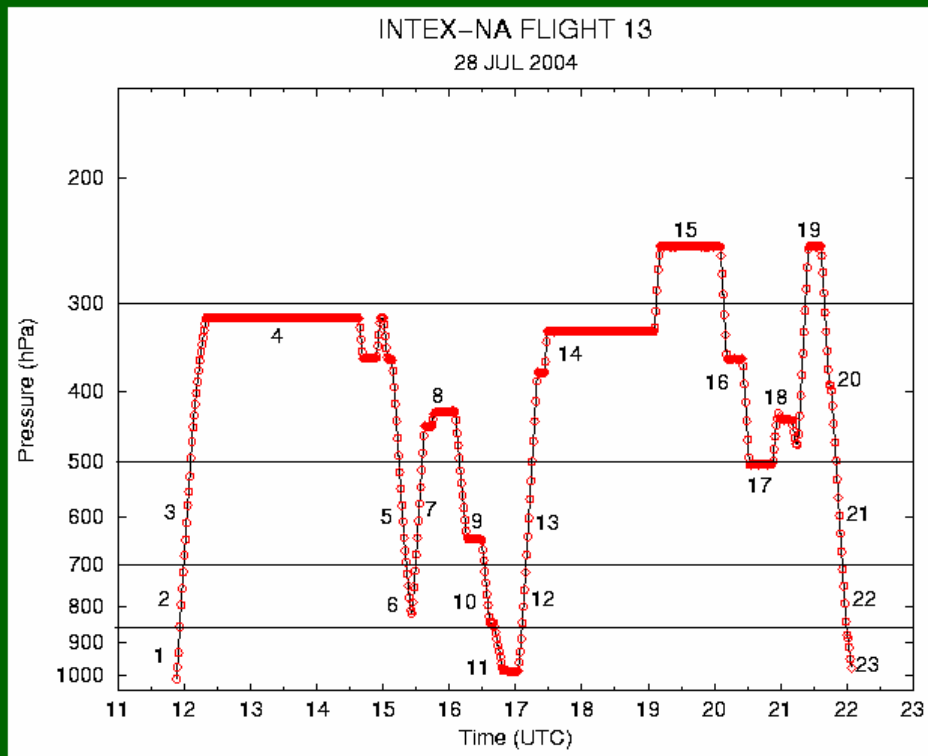
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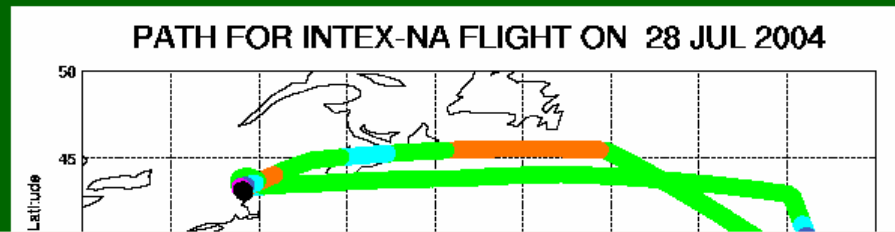
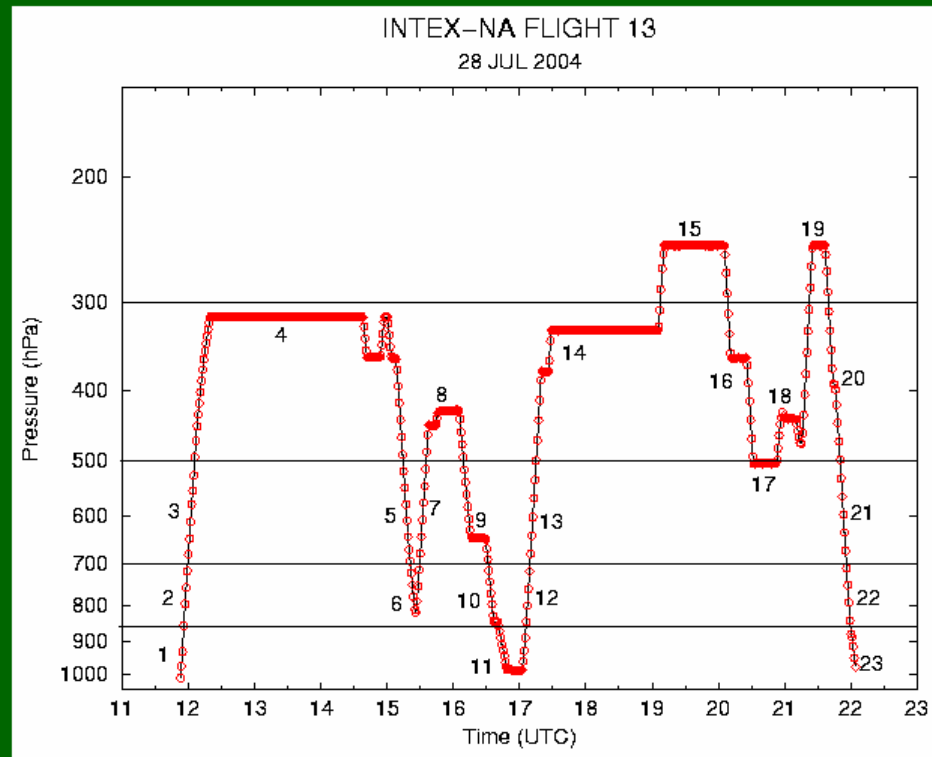
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Leg 11

ARRIVAL LEVEL

Flight Track

DURATION

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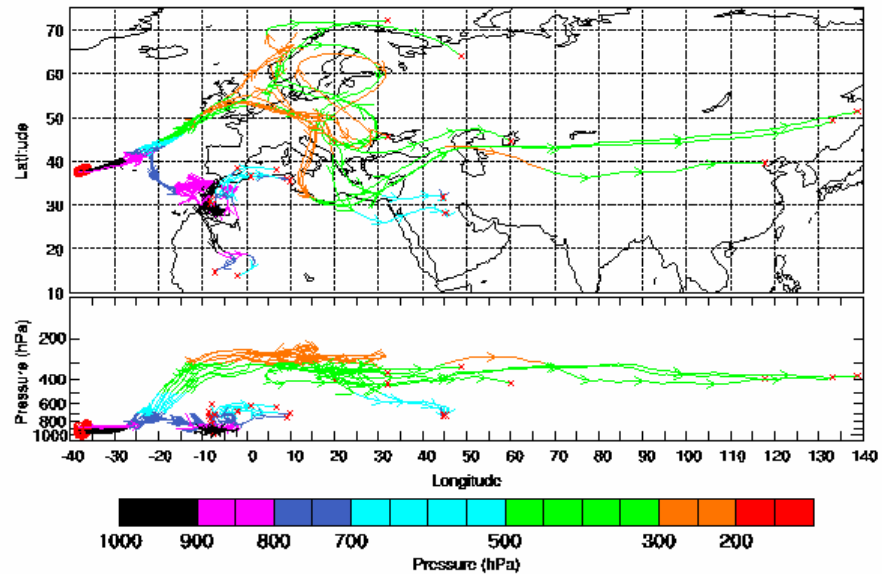
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Lightning NOx

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Goals

- Explore the connection of observed NO_x to convective influence as indicated by flash data, expanding upon the 'lightning tracing' concept from SONEX by Jeker et al., 2000
- Use INTEX data to estimate post-convective vertical profiles of Lightning generated NO_x, along the lines of Pickering et al., 1998

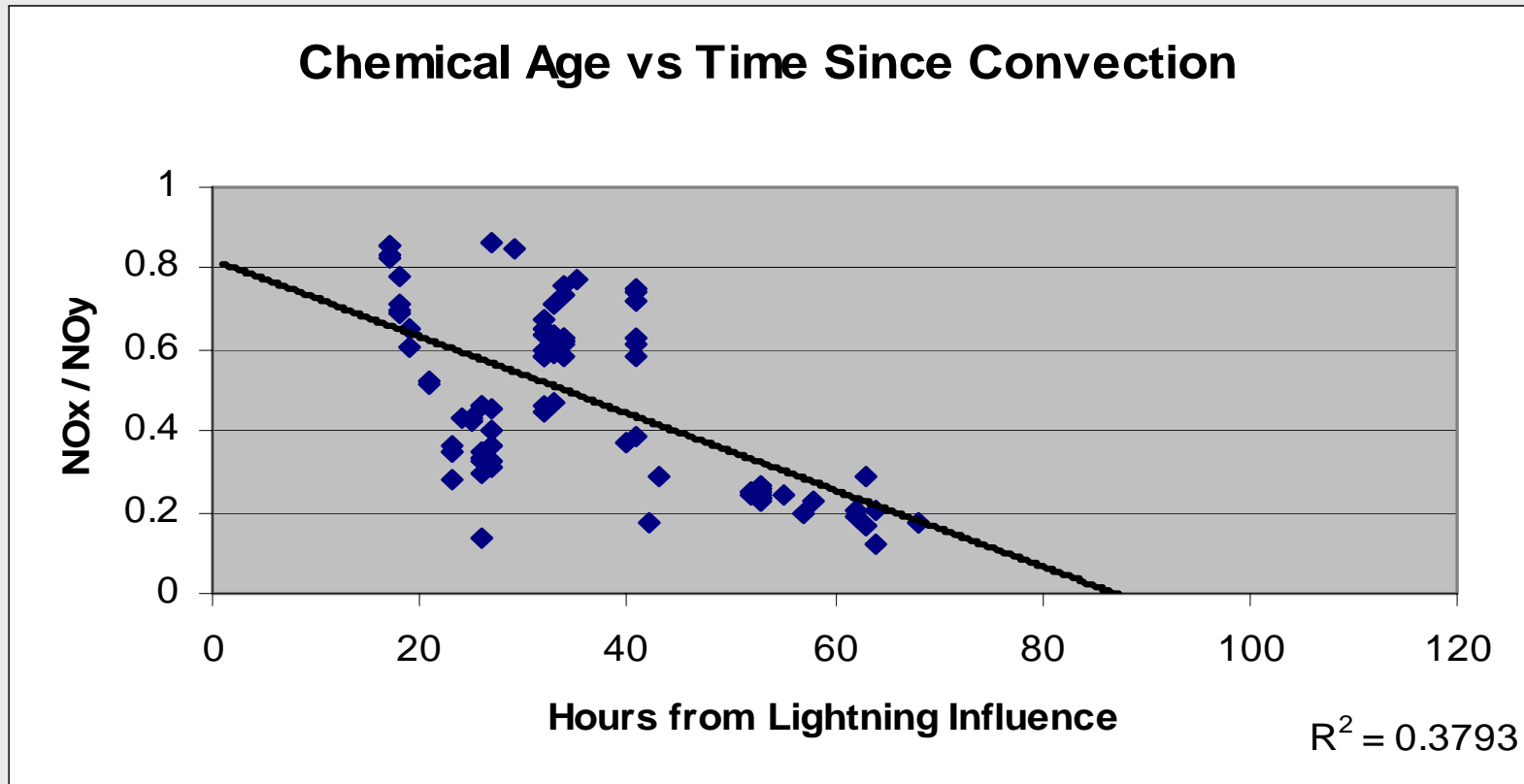
Points to Consider

- Distinguishing BL venting from Lightning influence
- Thresholds for assessing Lightning influence (spatial, temporal, intensity)
- Cumulative influence vs most recent convection
- Comparison between this and other methods of assessing convective influence
- Compare observed NO_x to estimated NO production from flash data

Exploring age of LNOx

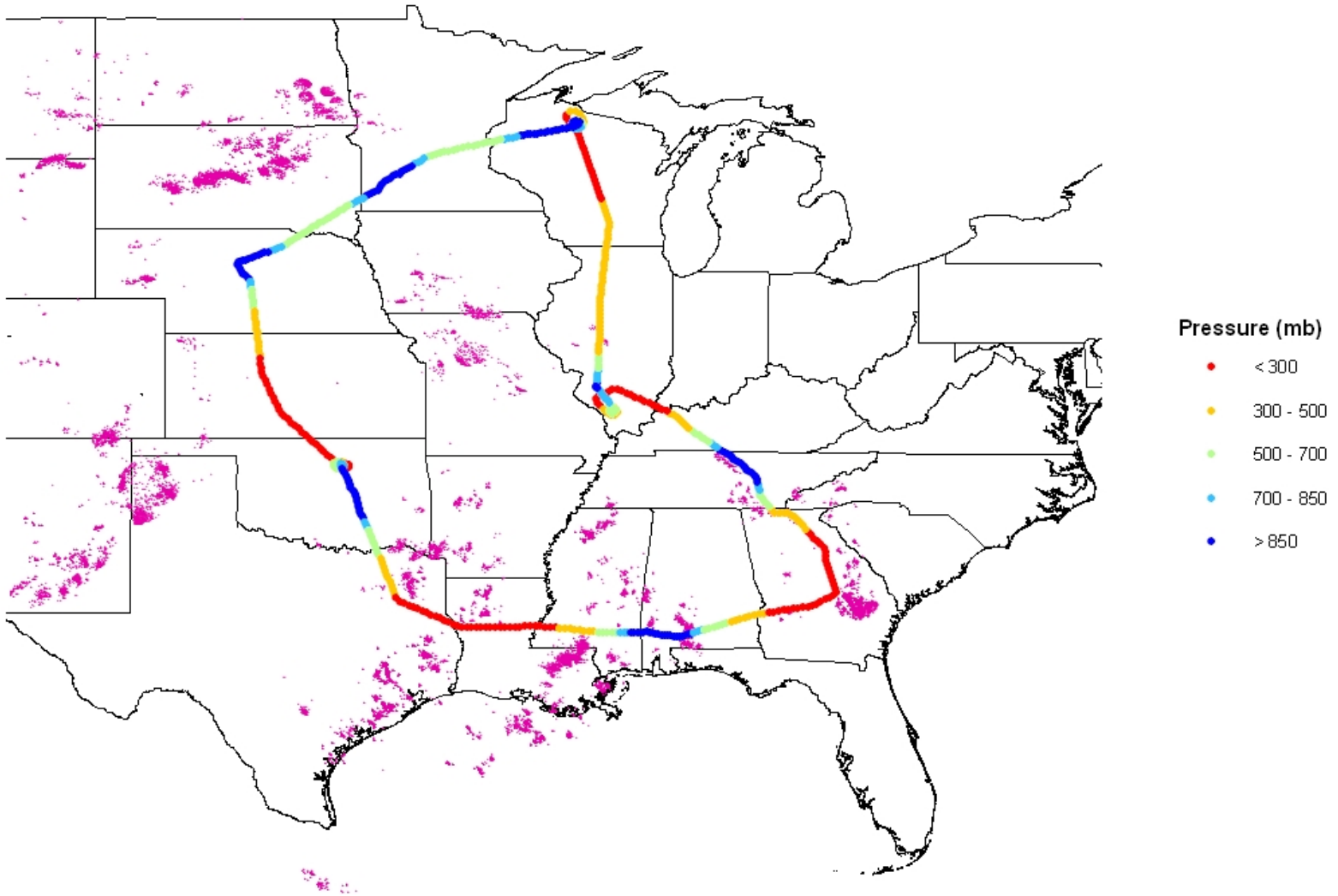
- Flight 12 (0725)
- Counts NLDN flashes within X km of trajectory
($X = 2 \text{ km} * \text{hours back from flight}$)
- Occurring up to 2 hrs before or 0.5 after trajectory
- Ignores trajectories that enter BL
- Stops trajectory 2 hrs after its first encounter with 20 or more flashes

NO_x:NO_y vs Time Since Lightning

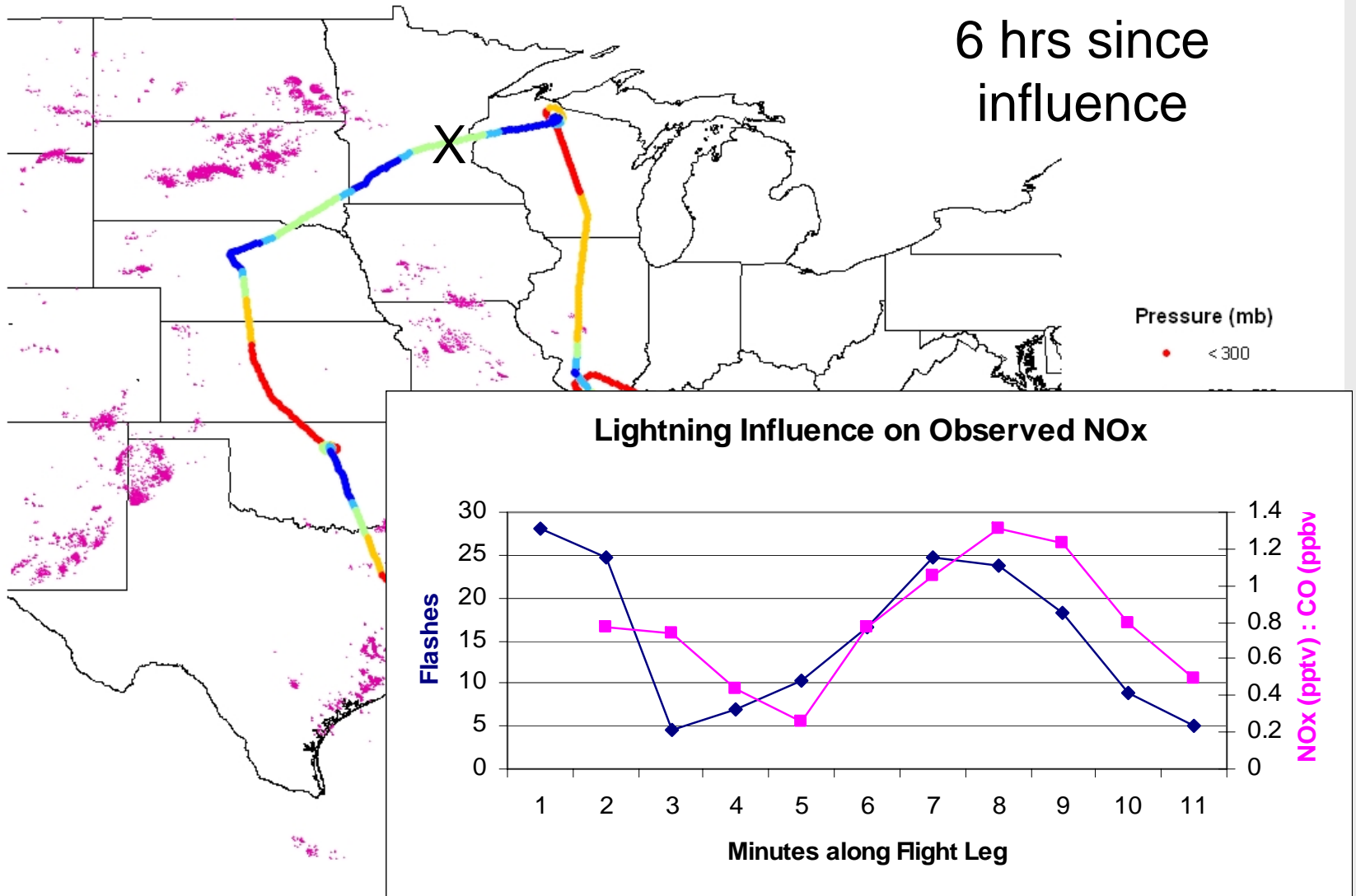


- 3 min running averages (over level flight) used for chemistry and lightning influence

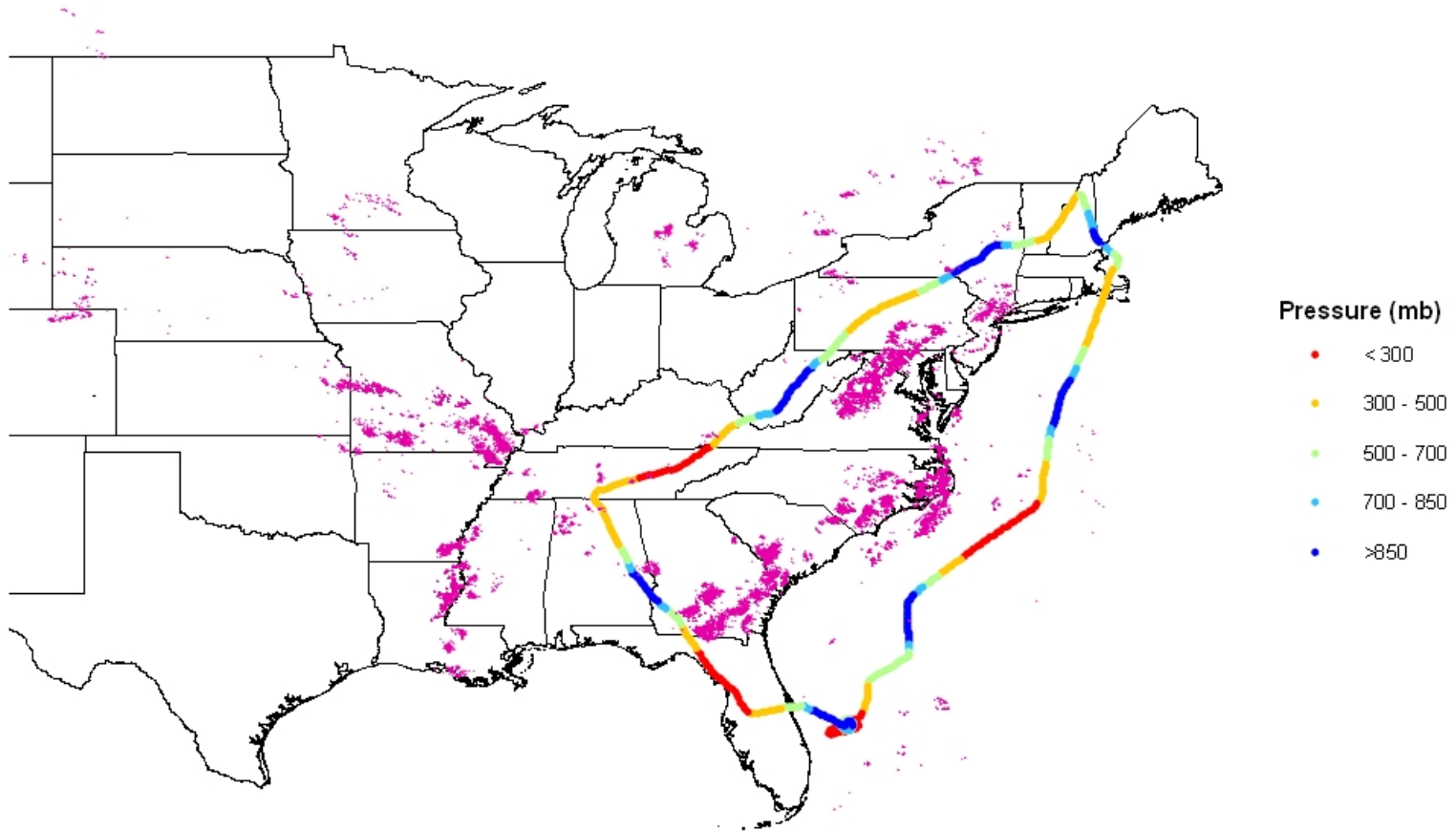
Flight on 0712



Dakota Convection

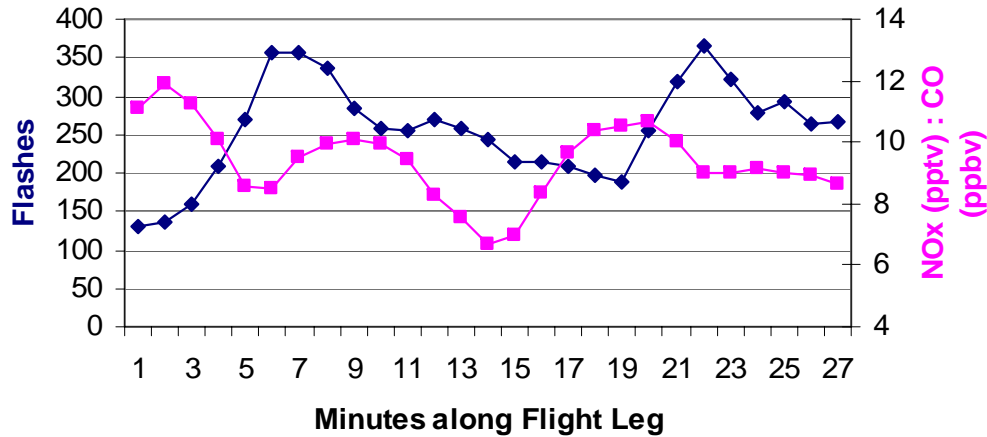


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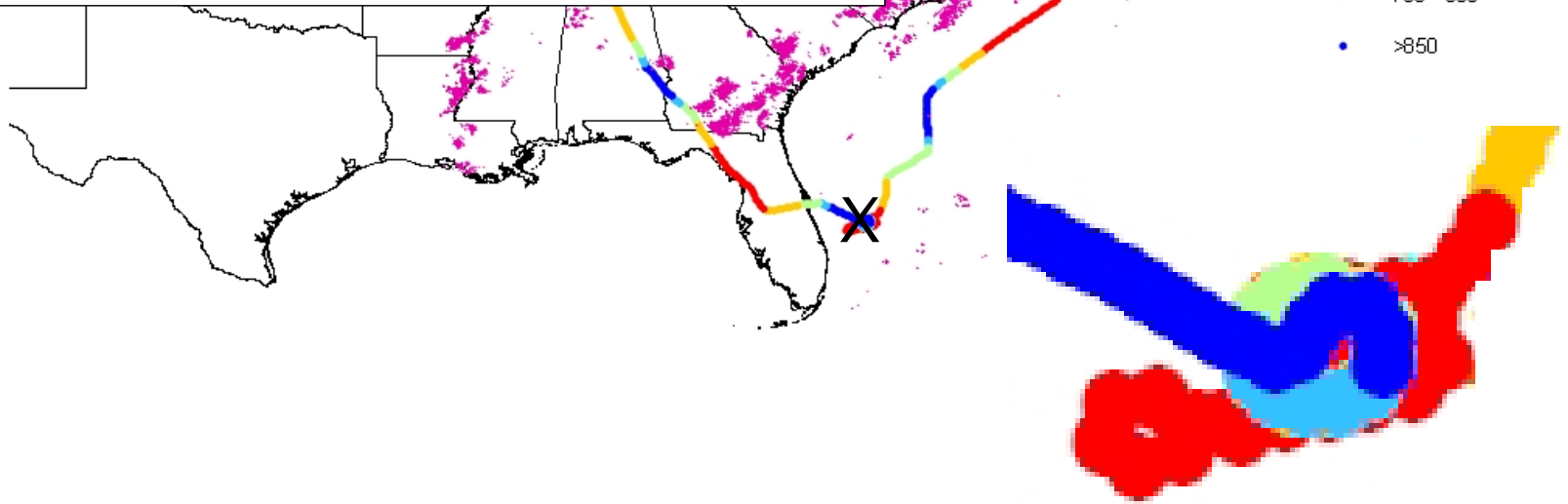


NC Convection

Lightning Influence on Observed NOx



33 hrs since influence



Conclusion

- Explore the connection of observed NO_x to convective influence as indicated by flash data,
- Use INTEX data to estimate post-convective vertical profiles of Lightning generated NO_x

A Comprehensive Investigation of Warm Season Lofting and Transport Episodes

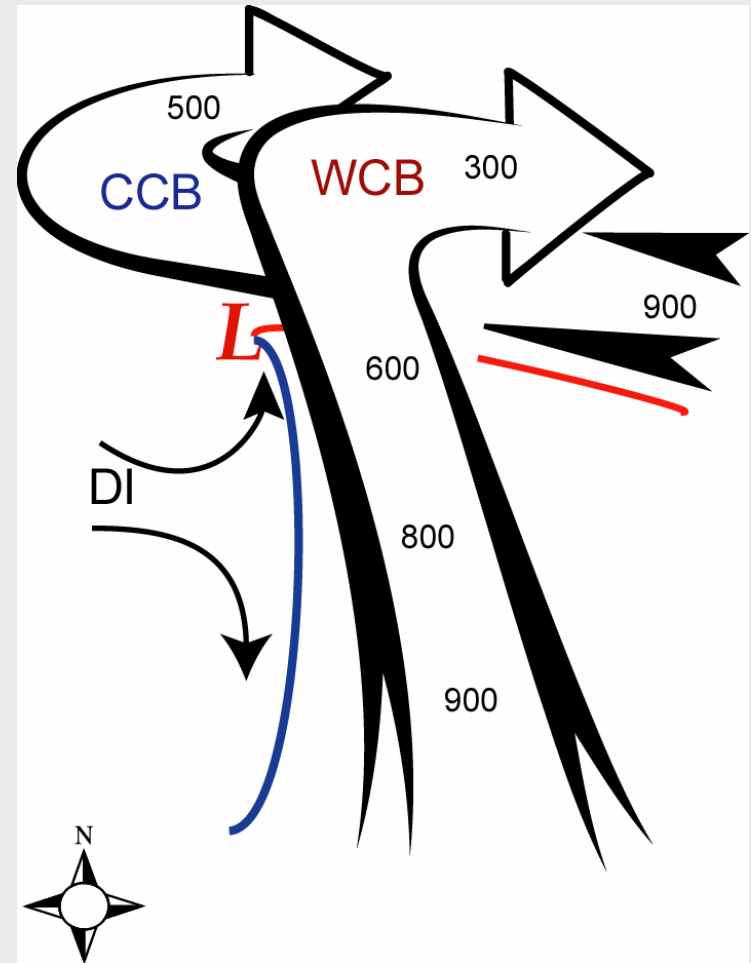
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Warm Conveyor Belts

warm conveyor belt—A narrow stream of air that transports large amounts of heat, moisture, and westerly momentum. (Glossary of Meteorology)

warm conveyor belt—Air which originated far south of the low in the warm sector, ascended toward the north, achieved saturation near or north of the warm front, where it rose more rapidly, and joined the upper-level westerly flow northeast of the low center. (Carlson, T.N., 1980)

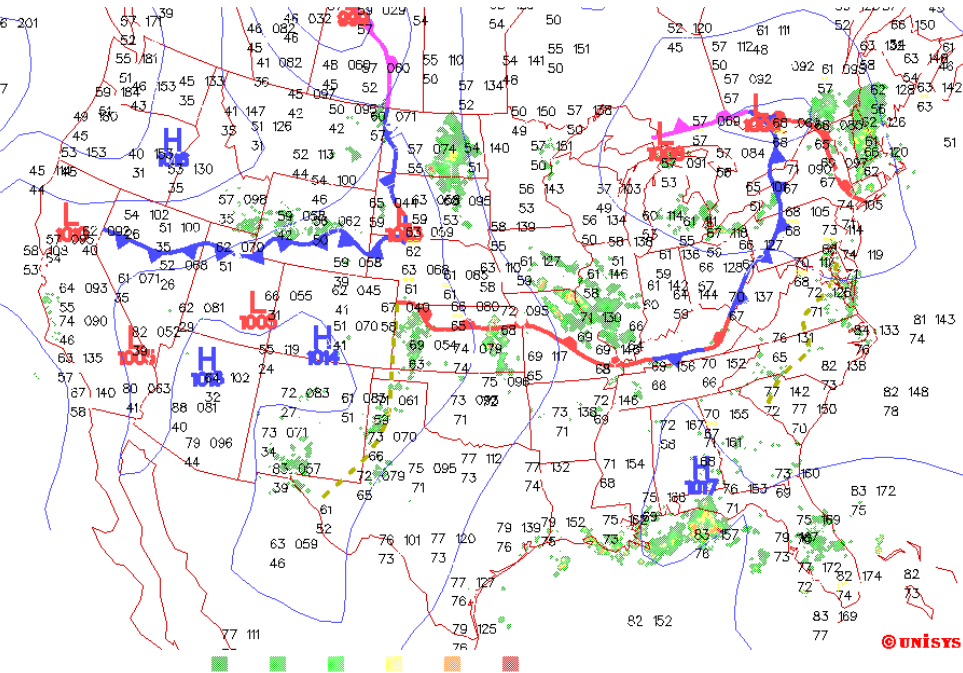


Warm Conveyor Belts

- WCBs and deep convection have been shown to be the primary mechanisms for transporting pollution during the cool season
- Transport during the other half of the year, the warm season, has received much less attention
- WCBs are assumed to be weaker during the warm season; however, they still are probably major transport mechanisms
- Lifting and transport mechanisms documented during INTEX-A will be compared with the classical definition of WCBs
- Examine CO transport and its depiction by AIRS

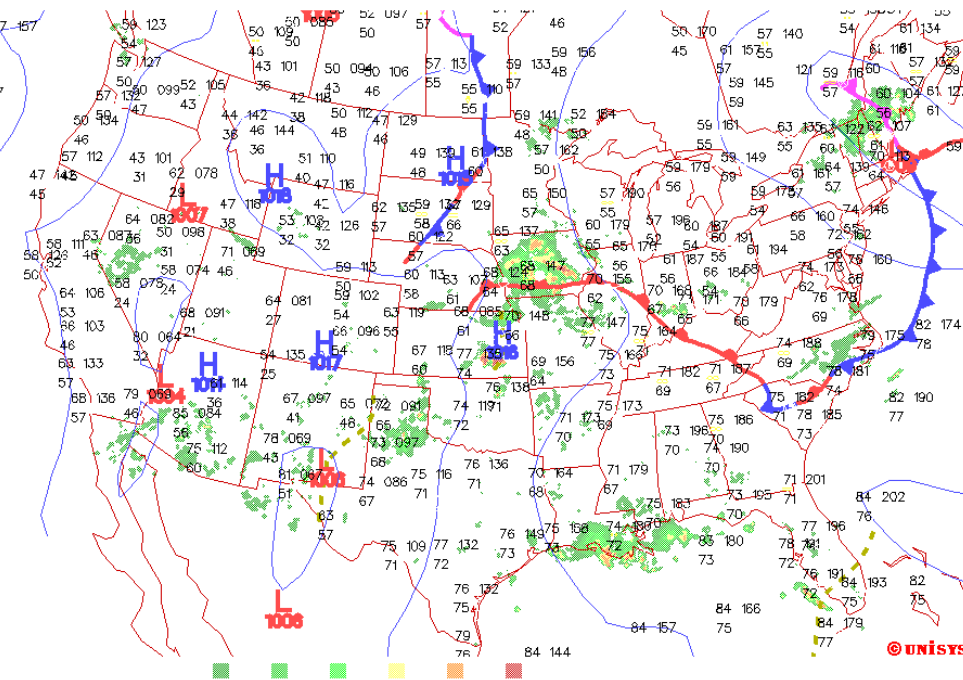
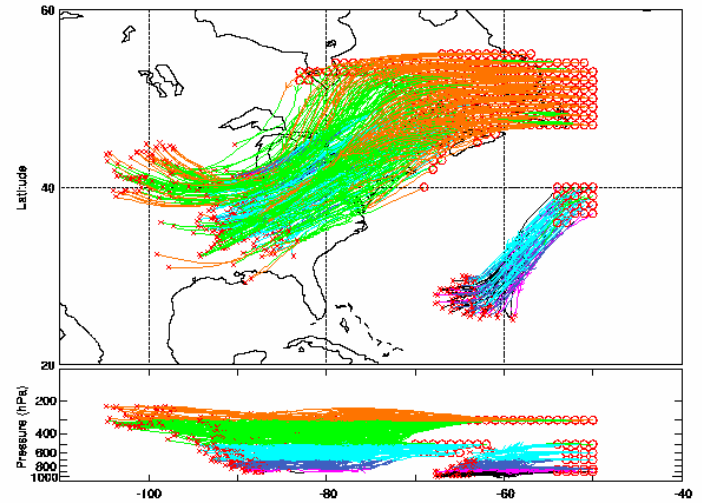
Three Interesting Cases

- July 8-9
- July 18-22
- August 5-8



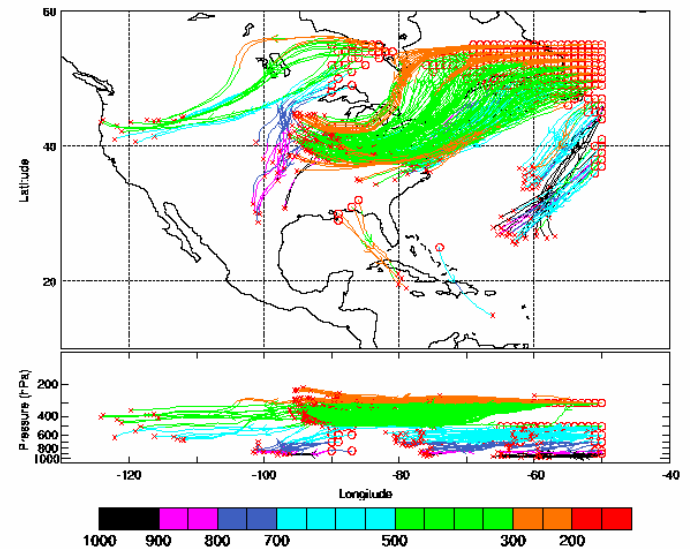
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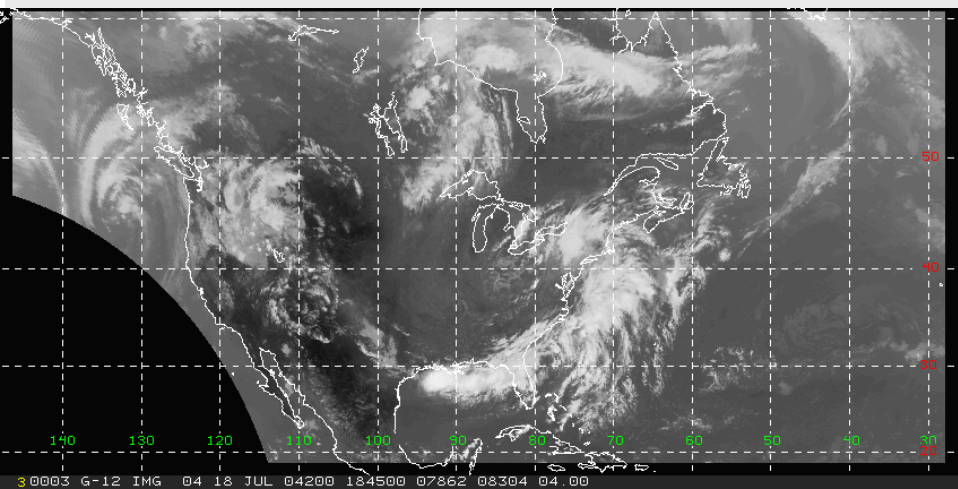
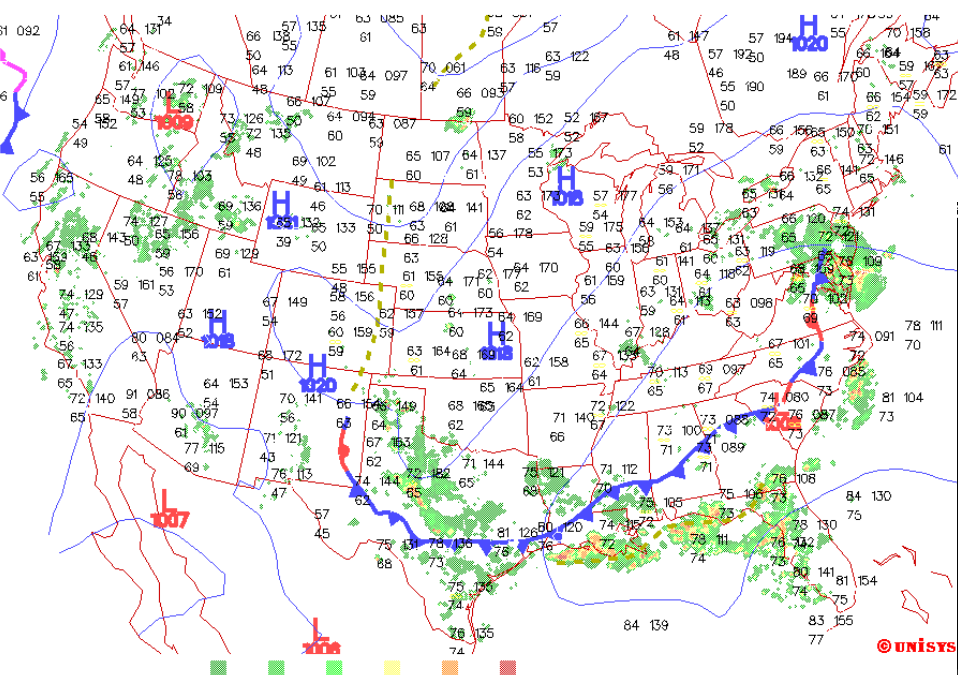


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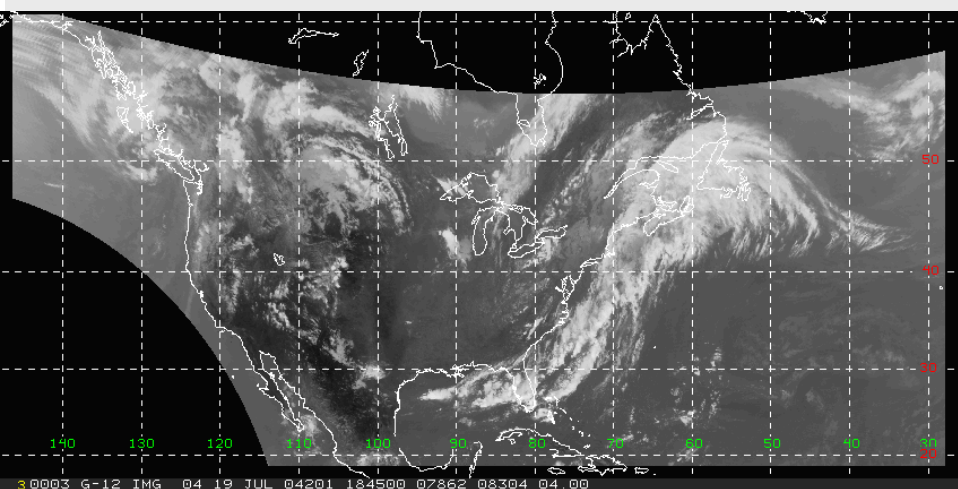
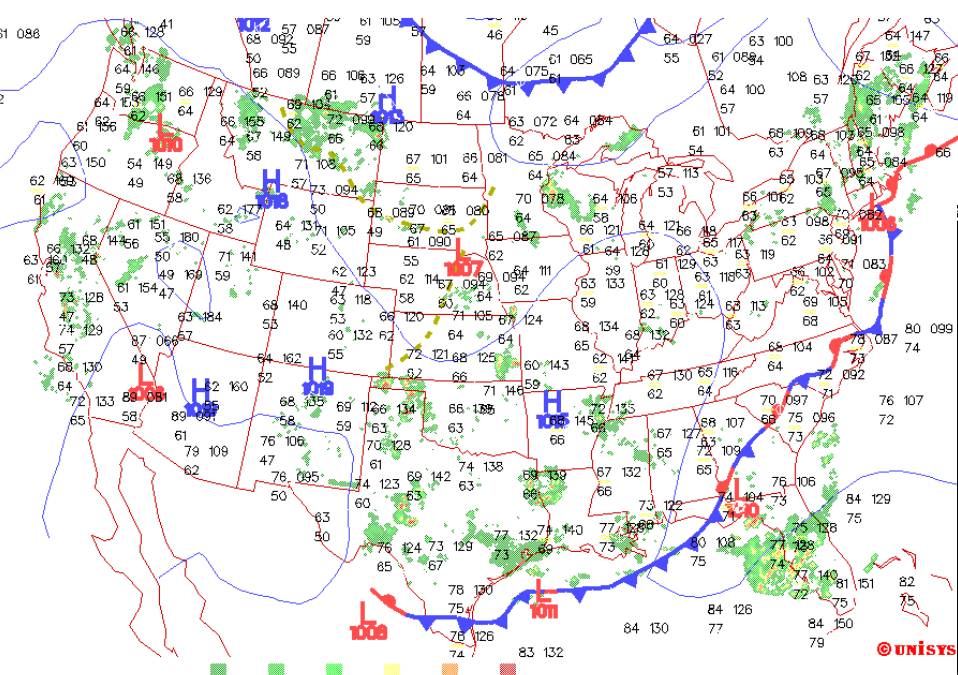
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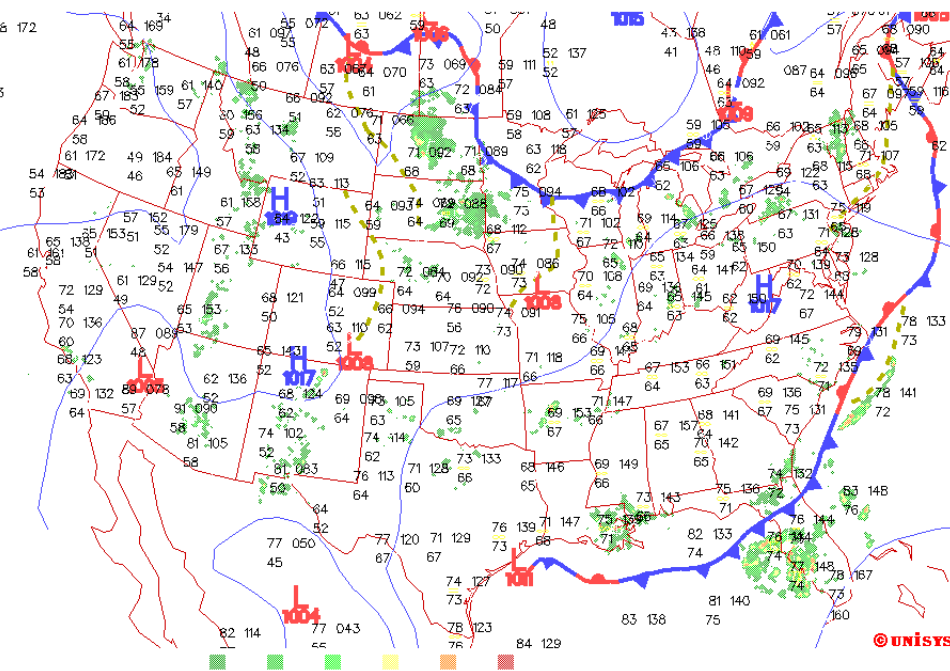


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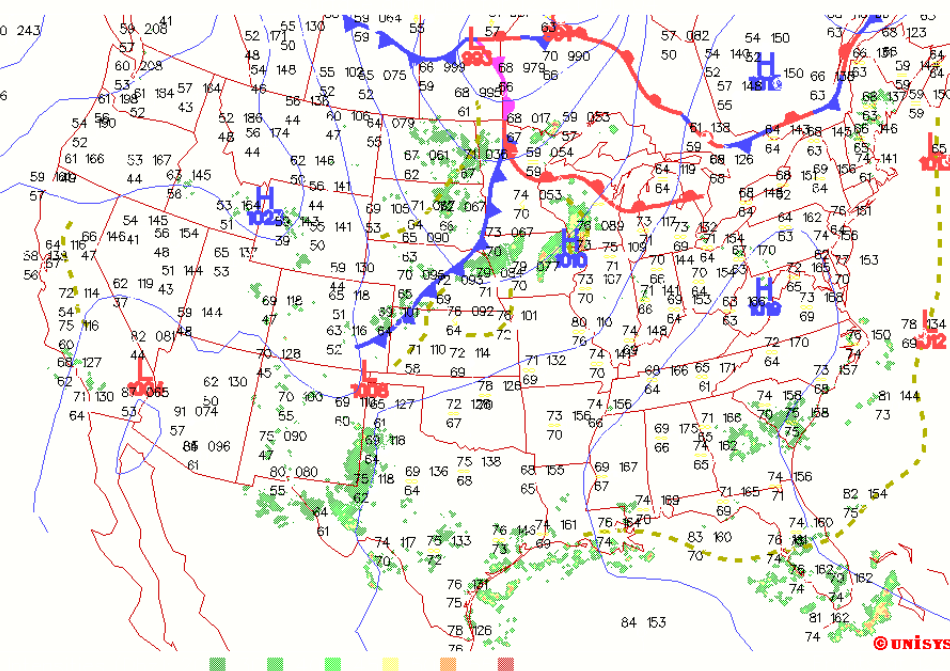
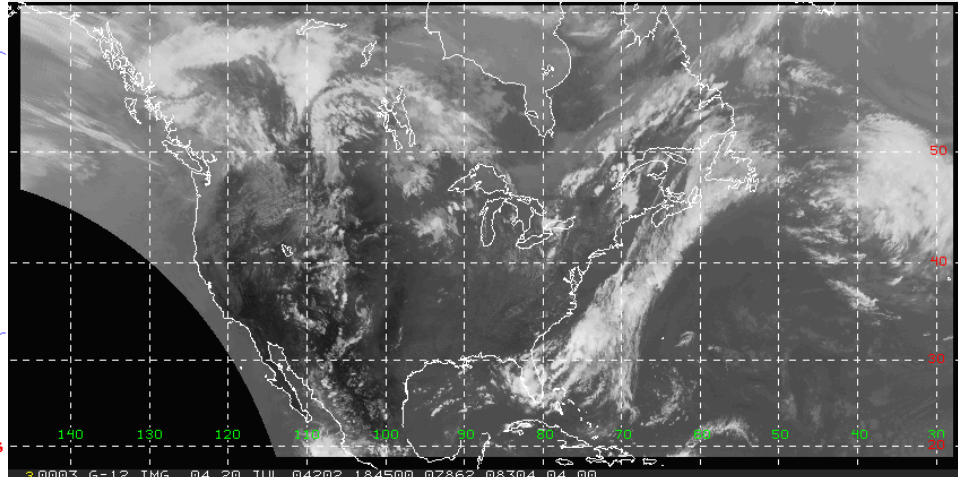


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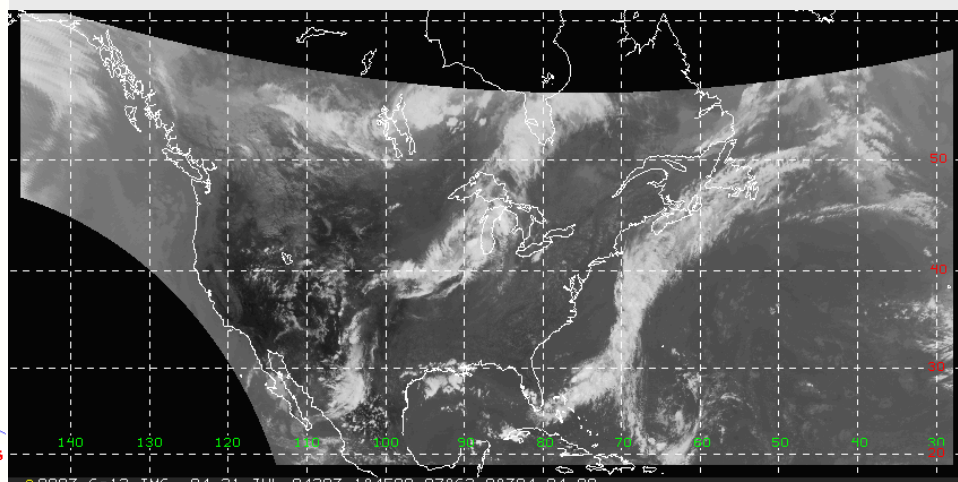




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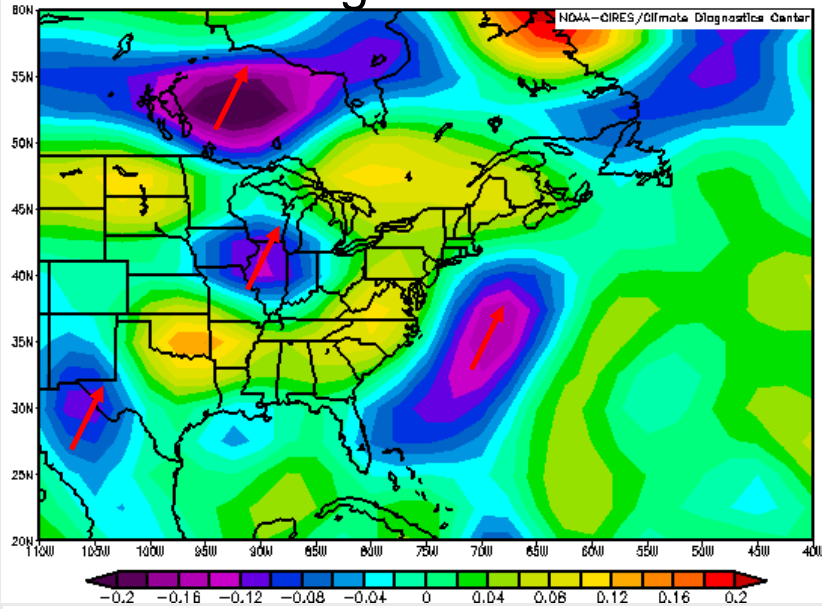


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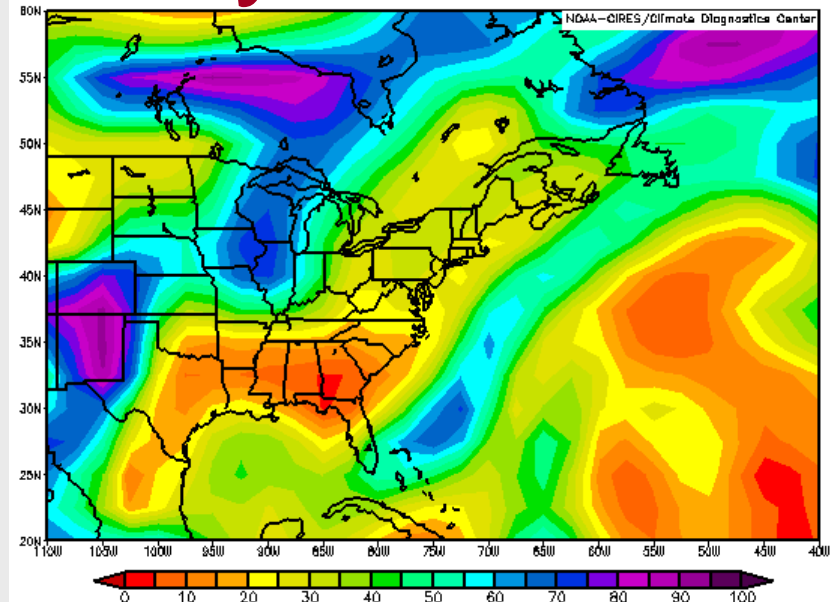


Focus on July 21

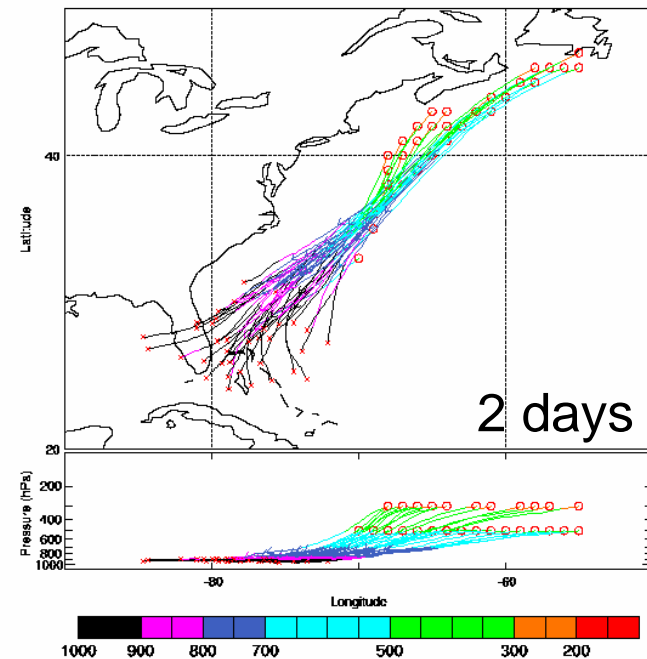
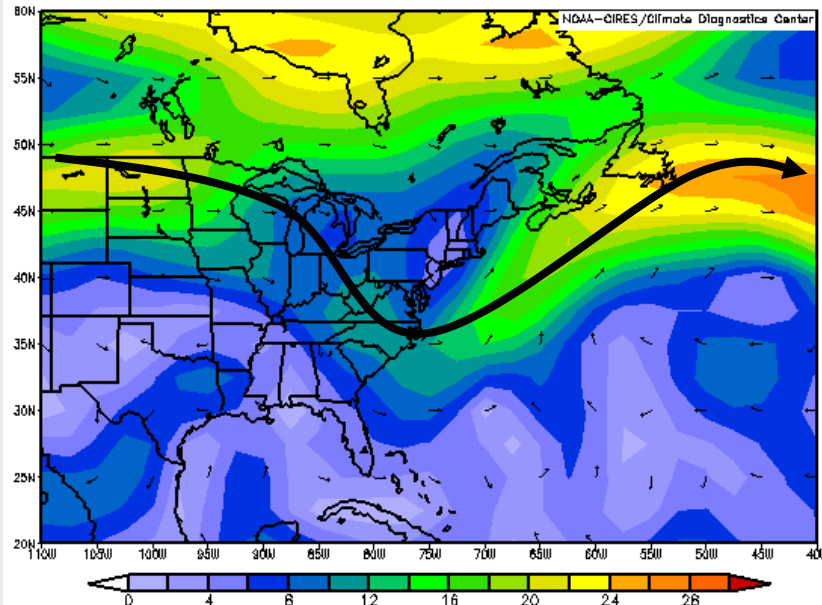
700 hPa Omega



500 hPa RH



500 hPa Winds



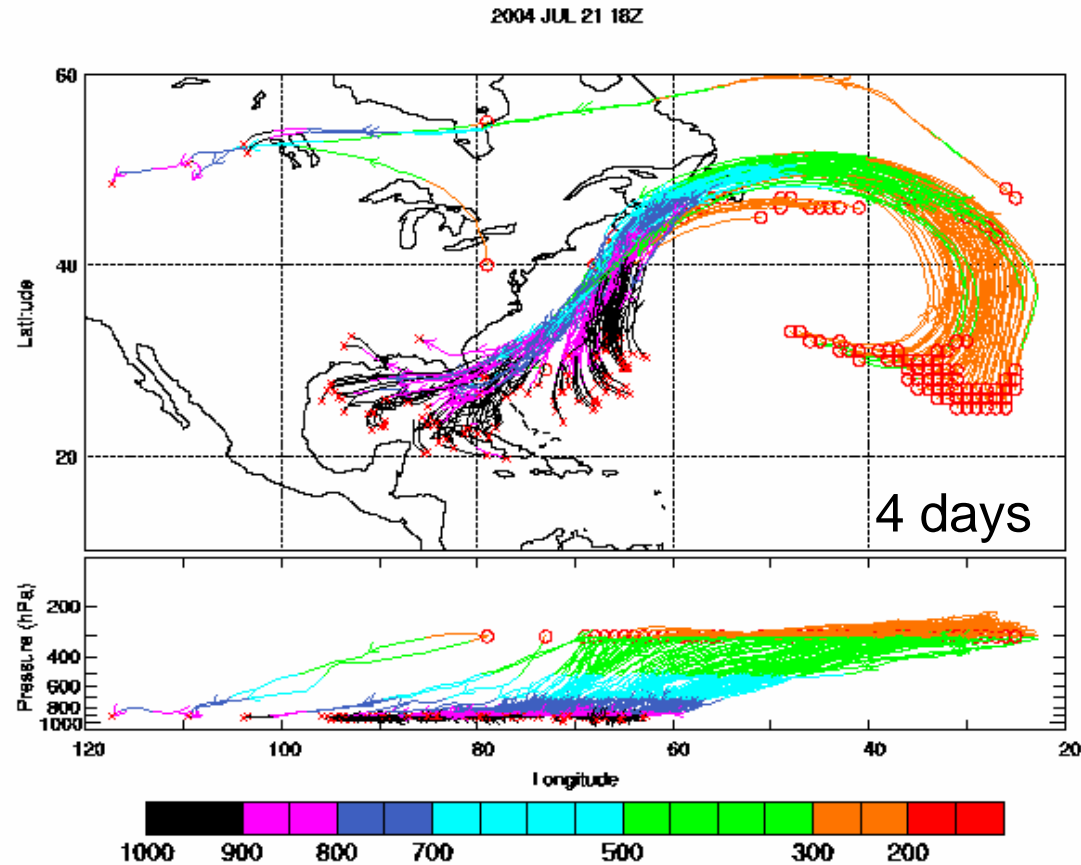
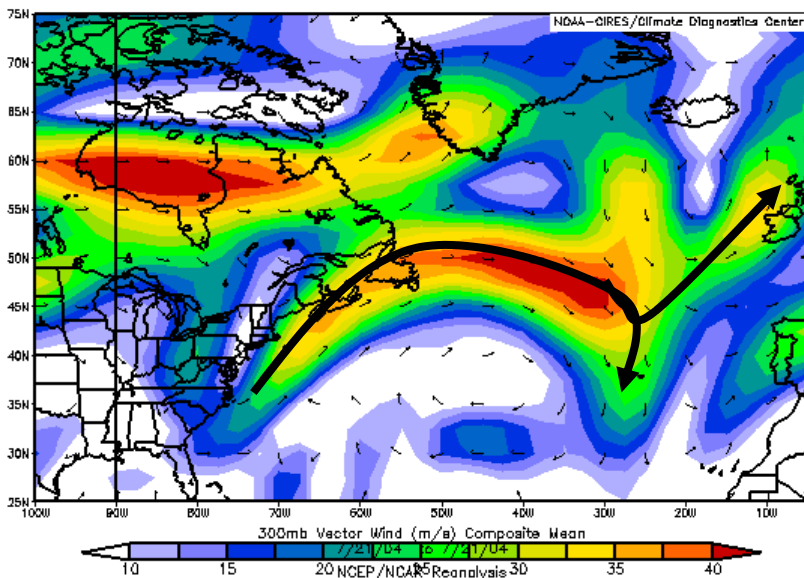
Focus on July 21

- Meets preliminary WCB criteria
- Will this WCB transport boundary layer air to Europe?

Focus on July 21

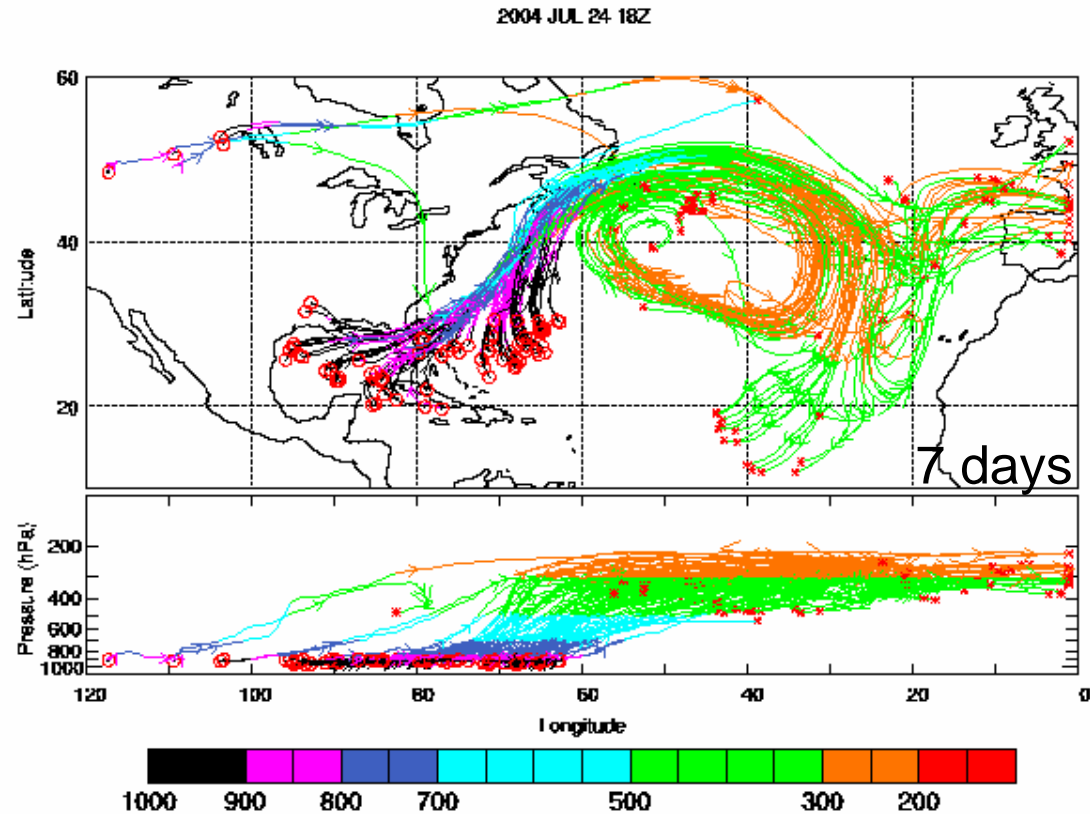
- Not exactly!

300 hPa Winds

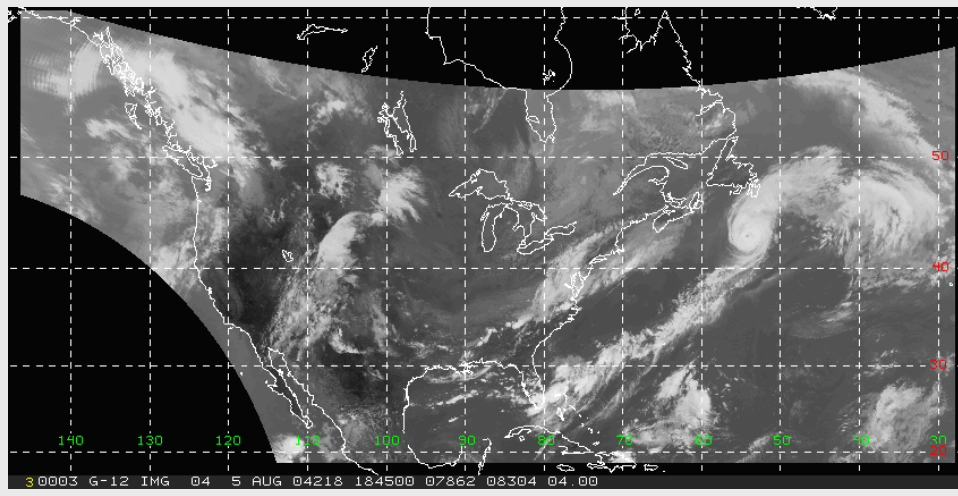
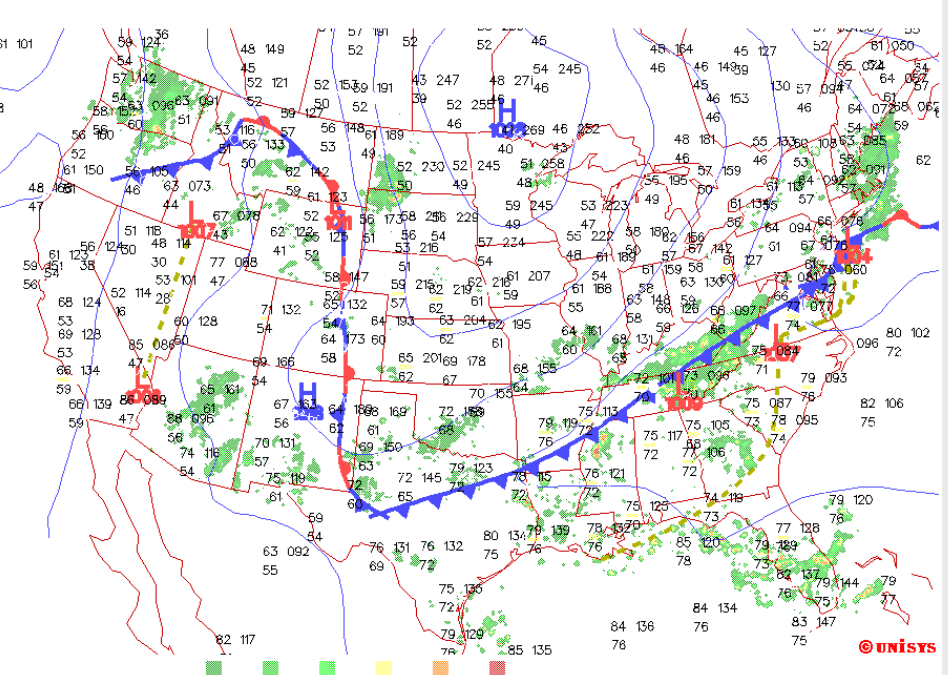


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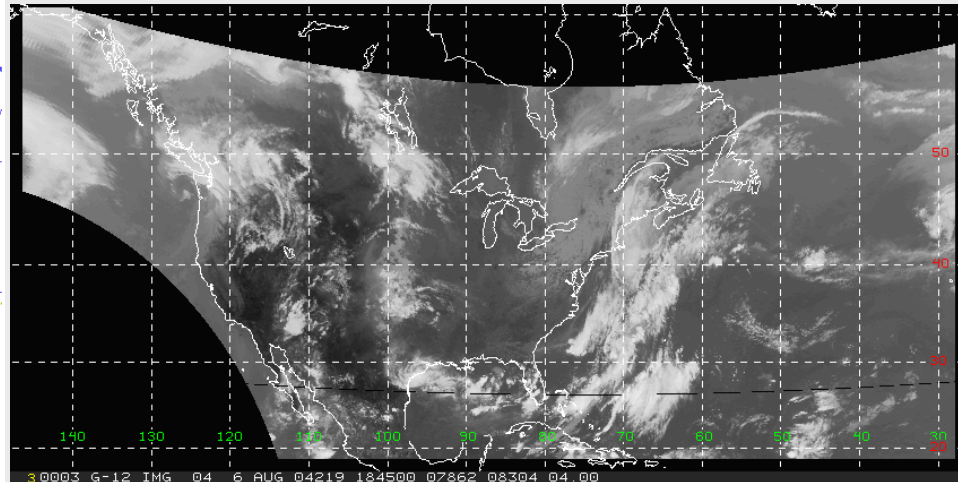
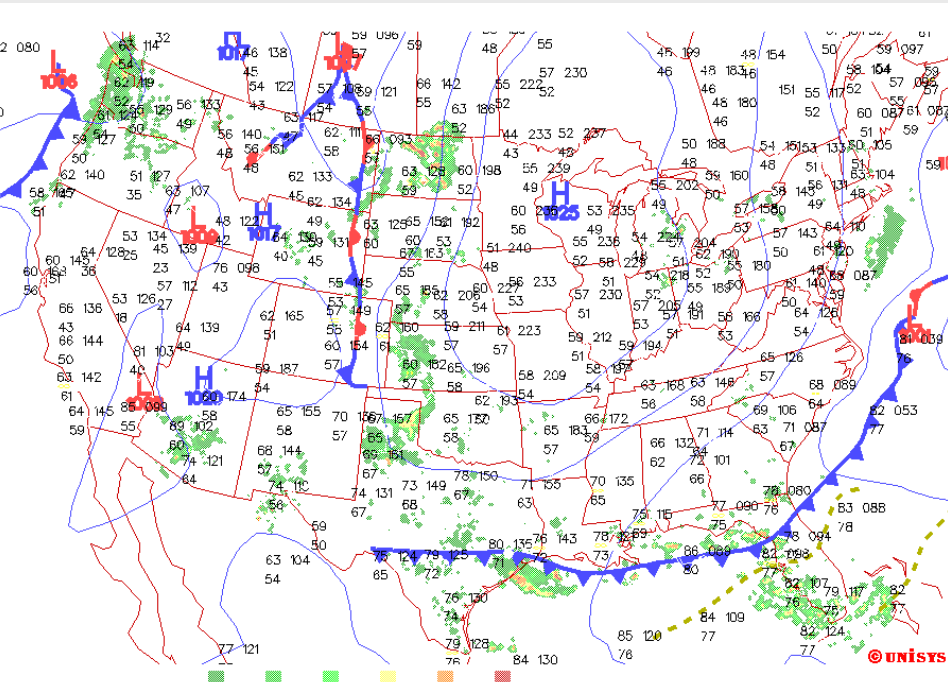
But, eventually!
3 days later

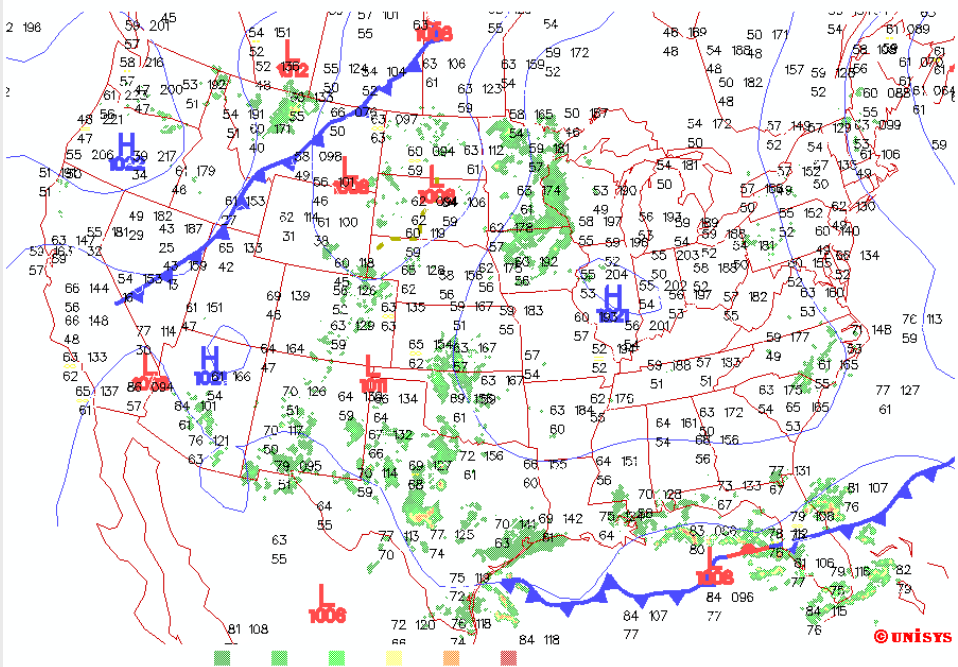


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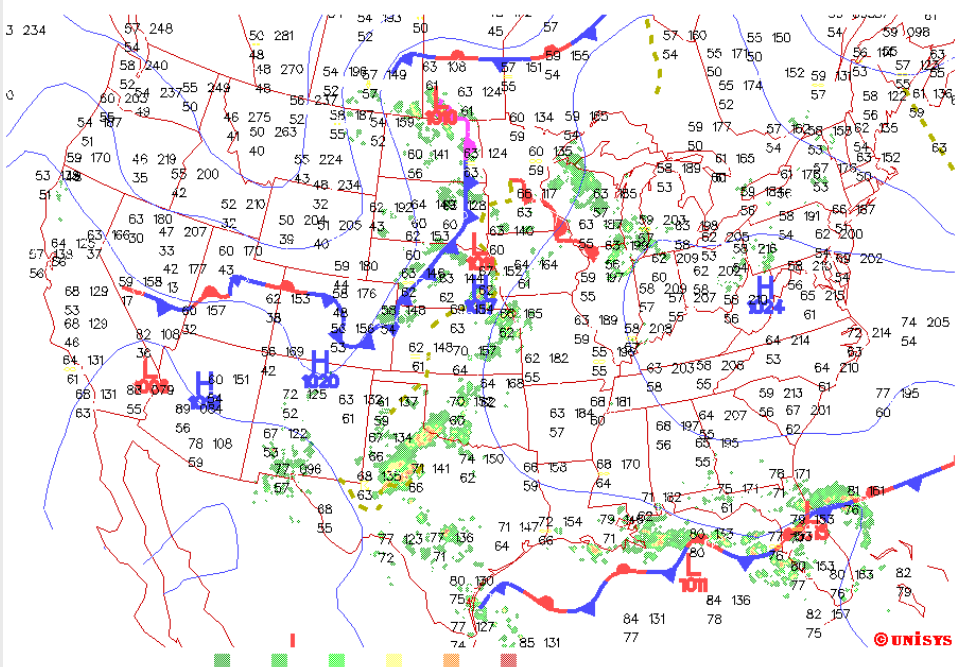
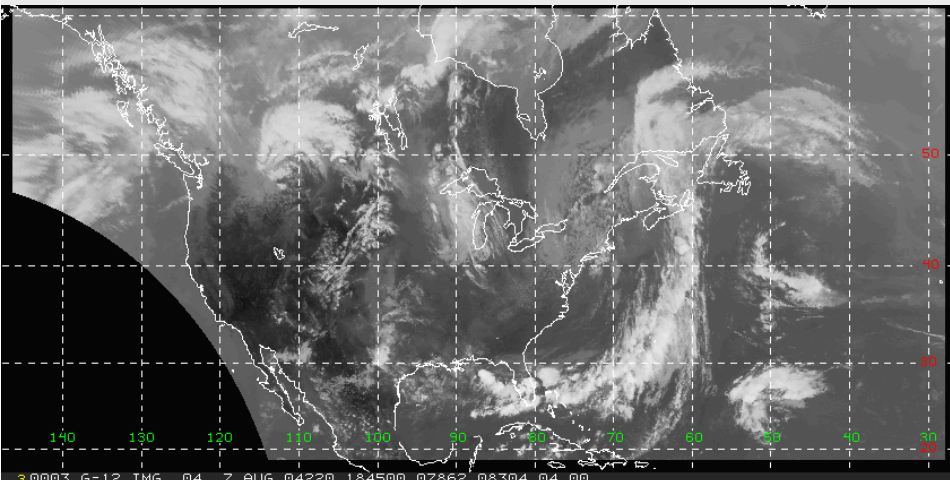


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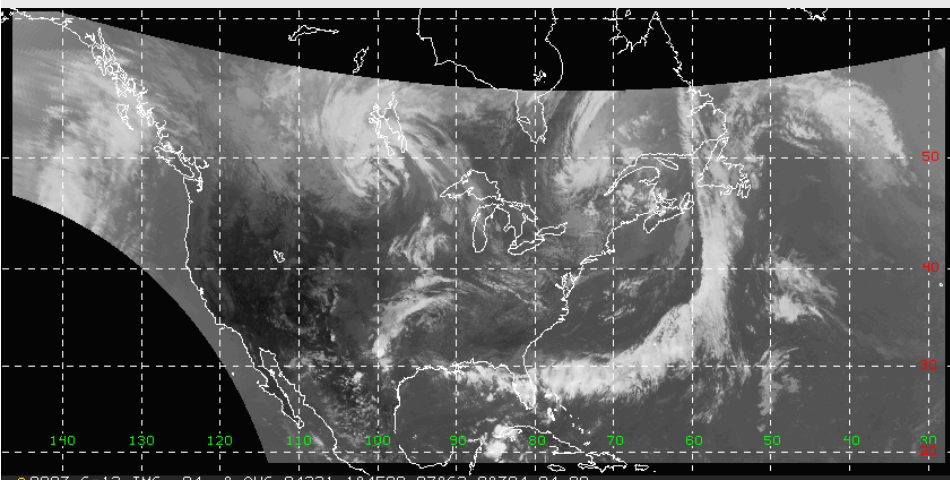




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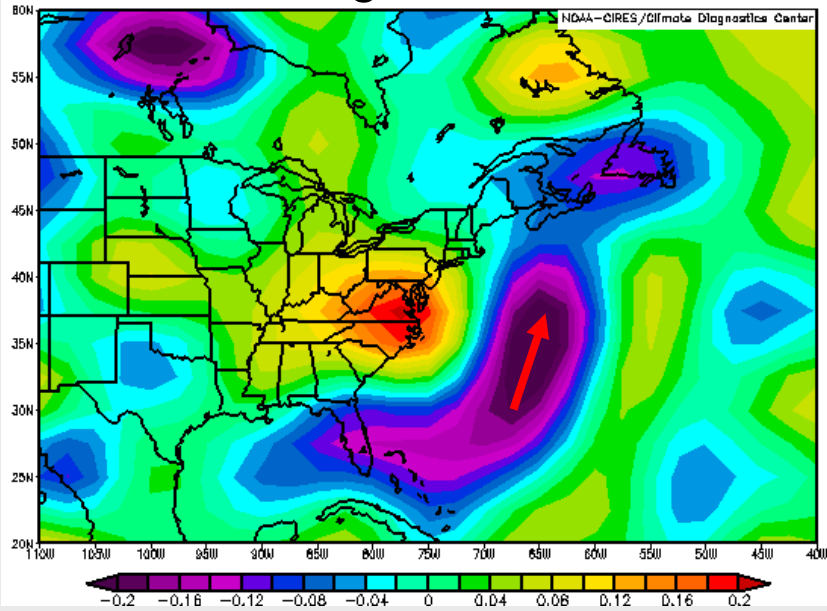


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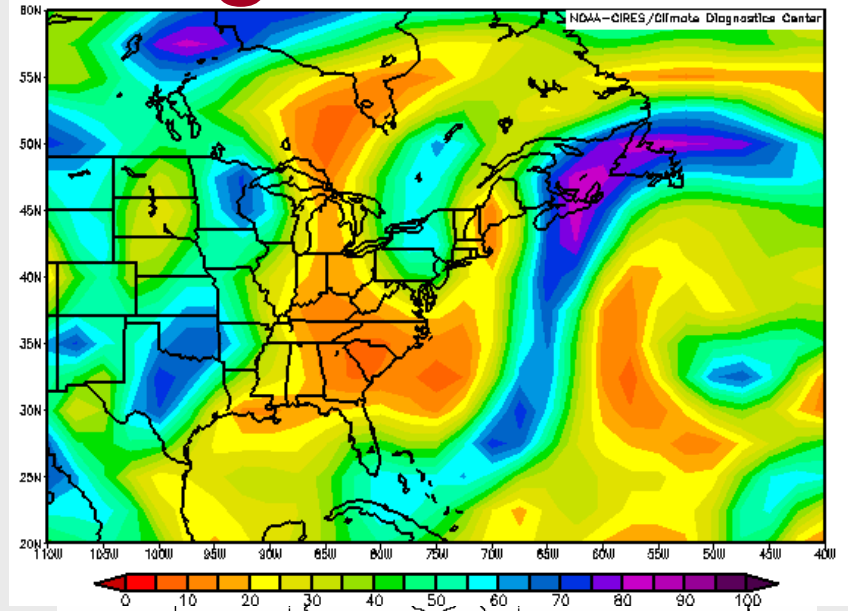


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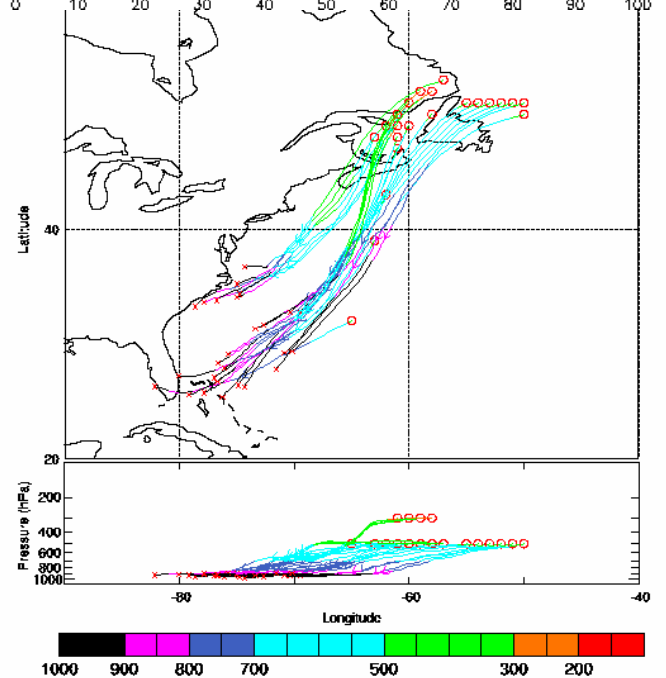
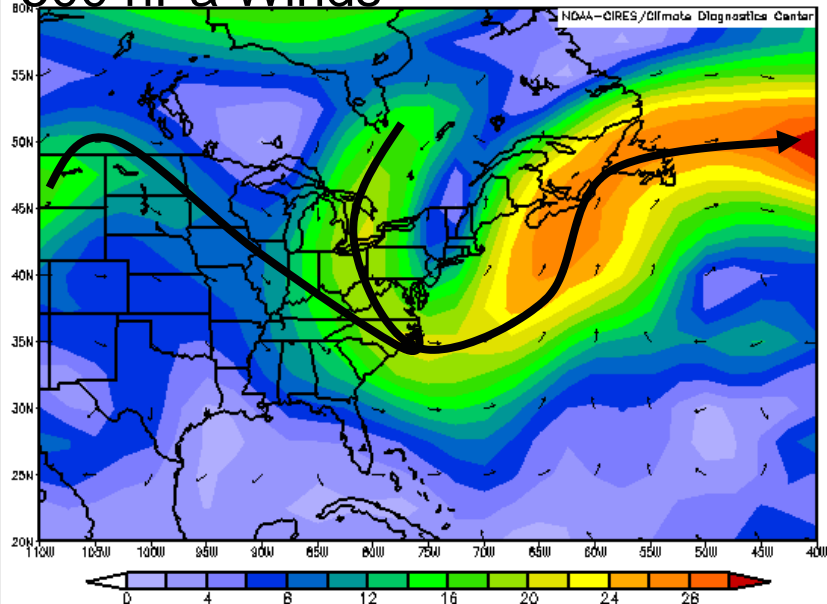
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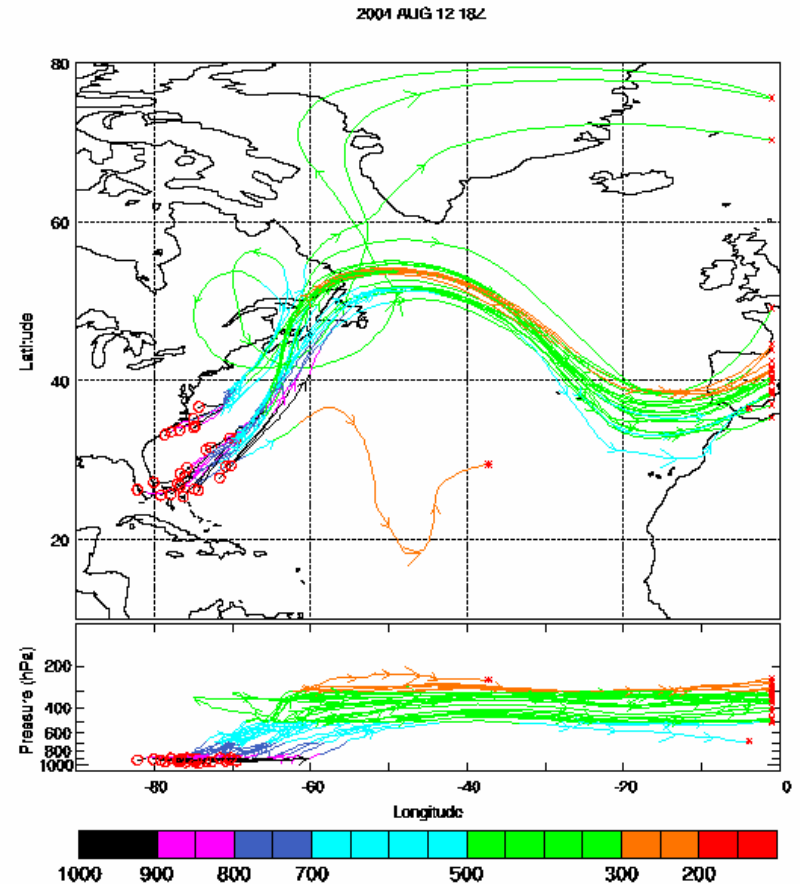
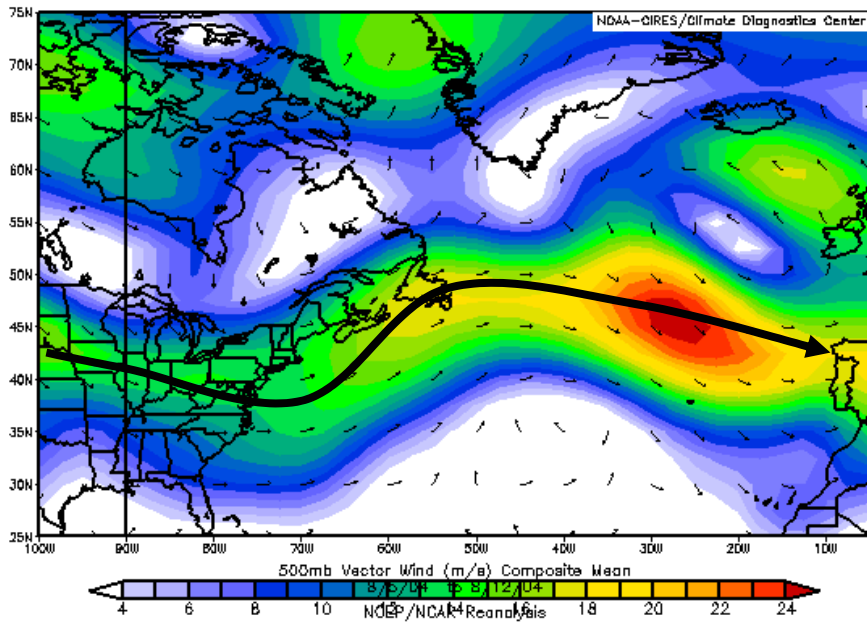
500 hPa Winds



Focus on Aug 7

Boundary layer air transported in a direct path to Europe

500 hPa Winds



Concluding Thoughts

- Wave cyclones fairly common throughout INTEX period.
- No cyclones deeper than 1000 hPa. Classical definition based on much stronger lows.
- Initial analyses identify some airstreams resembling WCBs.
- Some southerly flows not WCBs.
- Look forward to collaborating with AIRS and STEM to more fully understand CO transport and its depiction by AIRS.