

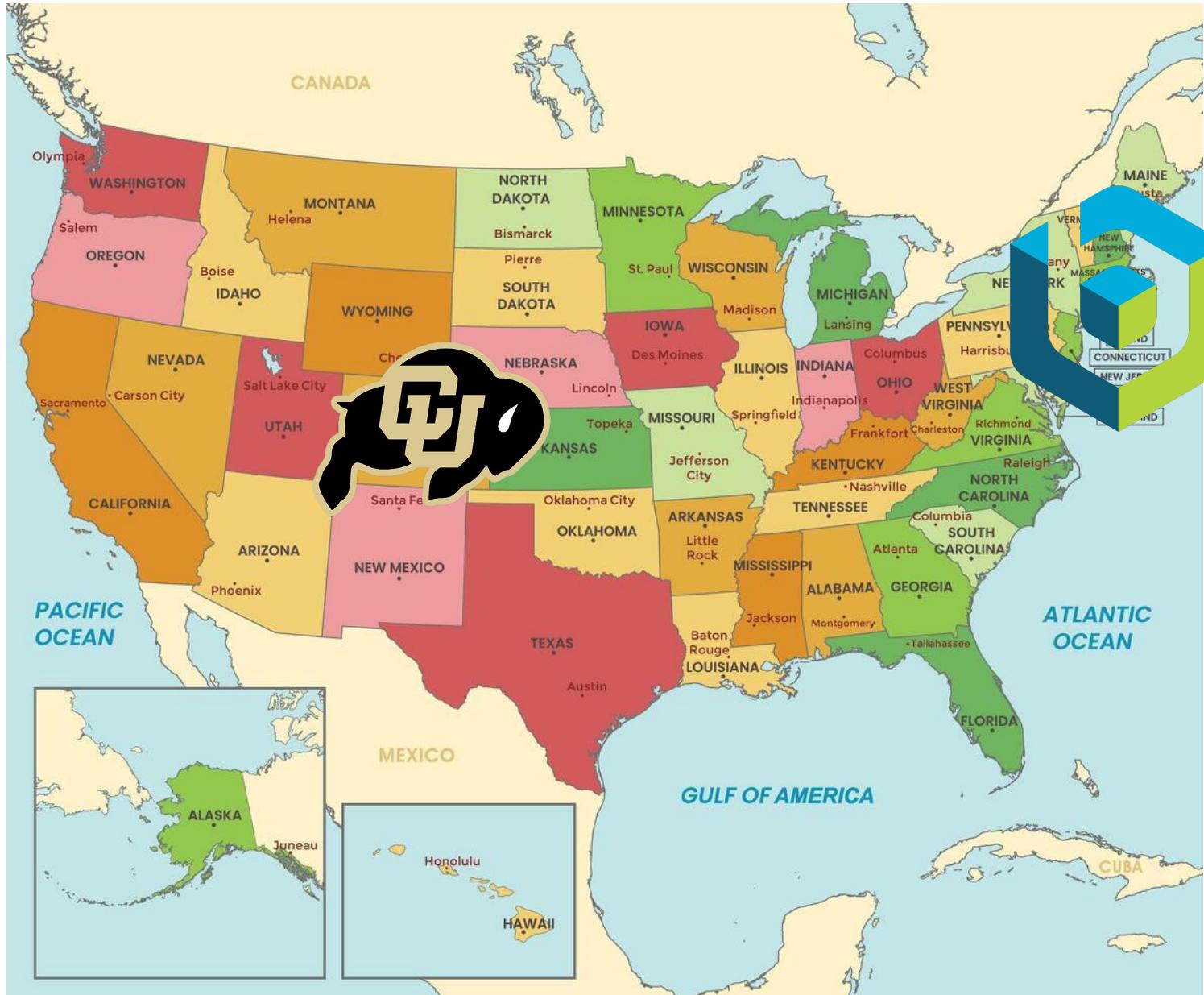
# Introduction to Recent University of Colorado Boulder sUAS Activities



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# Recent Transition



## Current Position:

*Chair*

Environmental and Climate Sciences  
Department  
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## Previous Position(s):

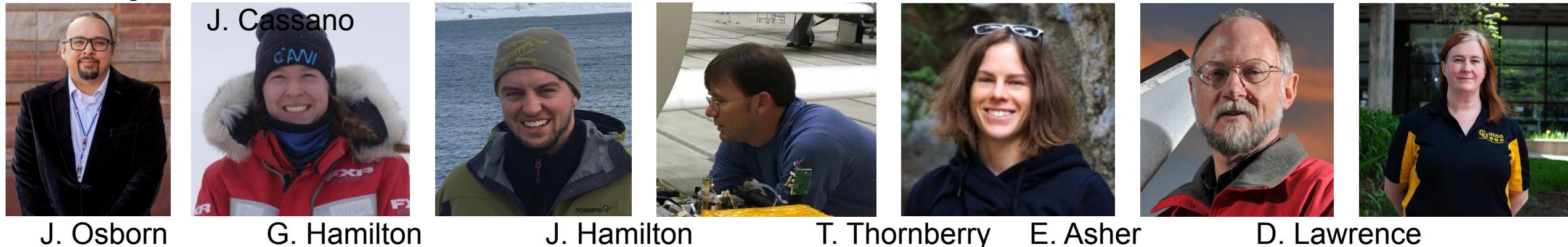
*Senior Research Scientist*  
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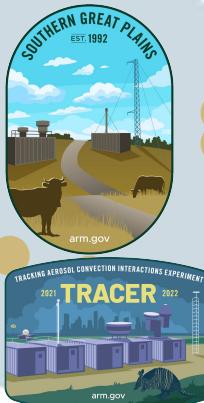
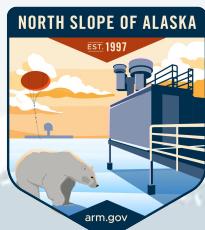
# Boulder sUAS Community of Practice



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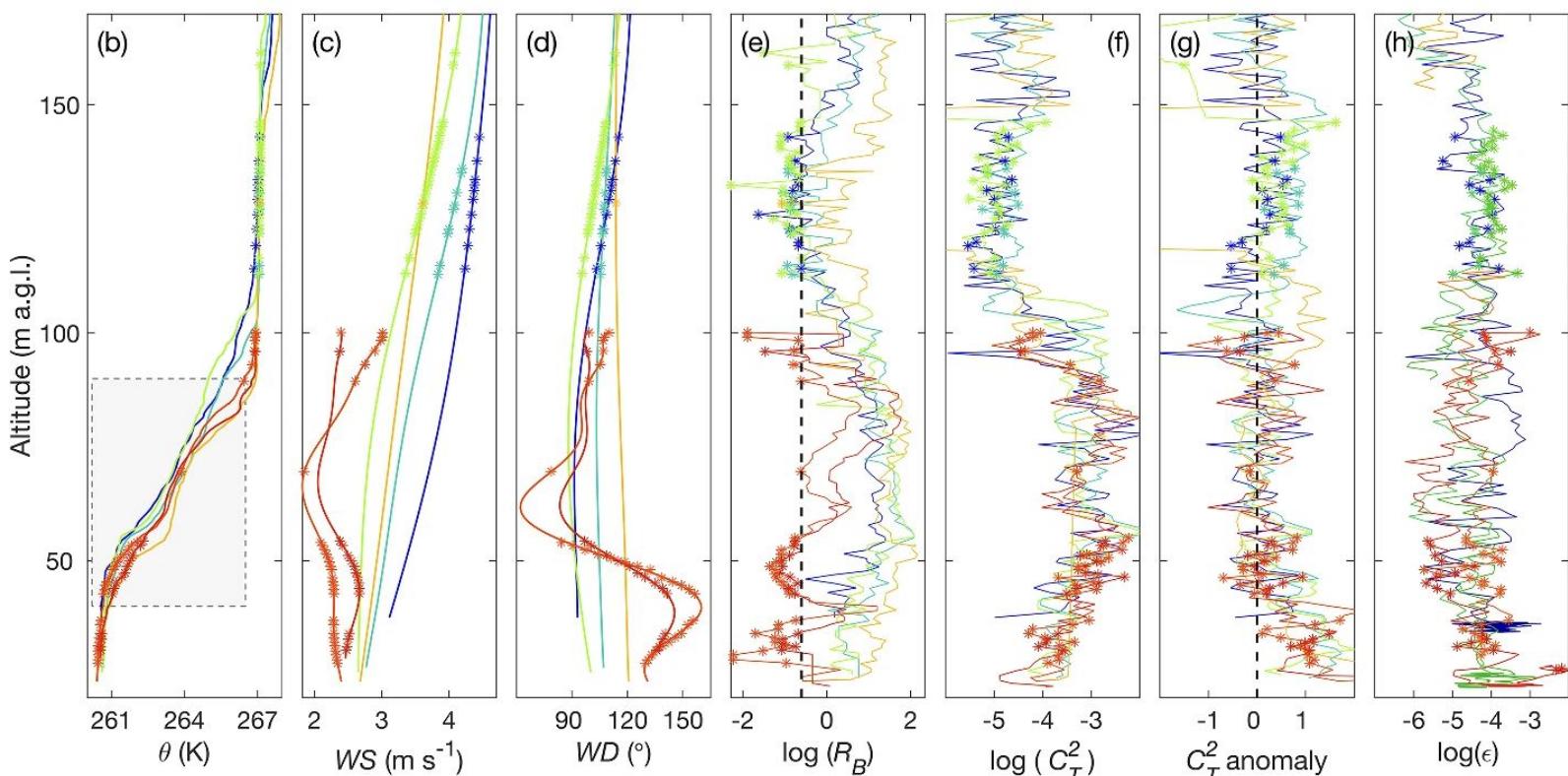
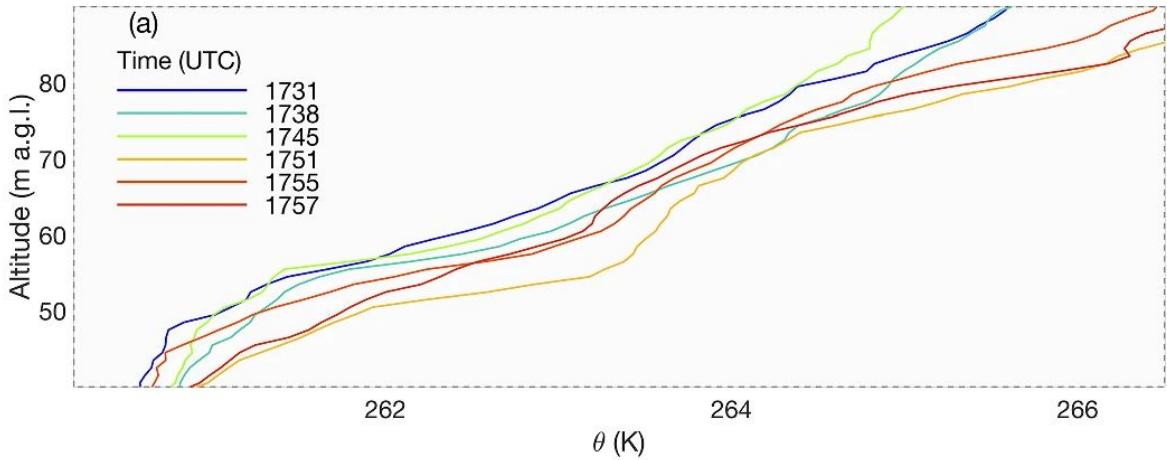
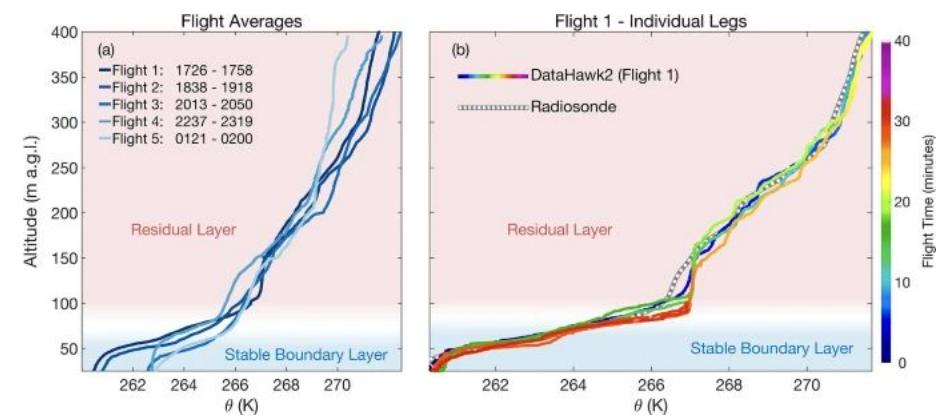
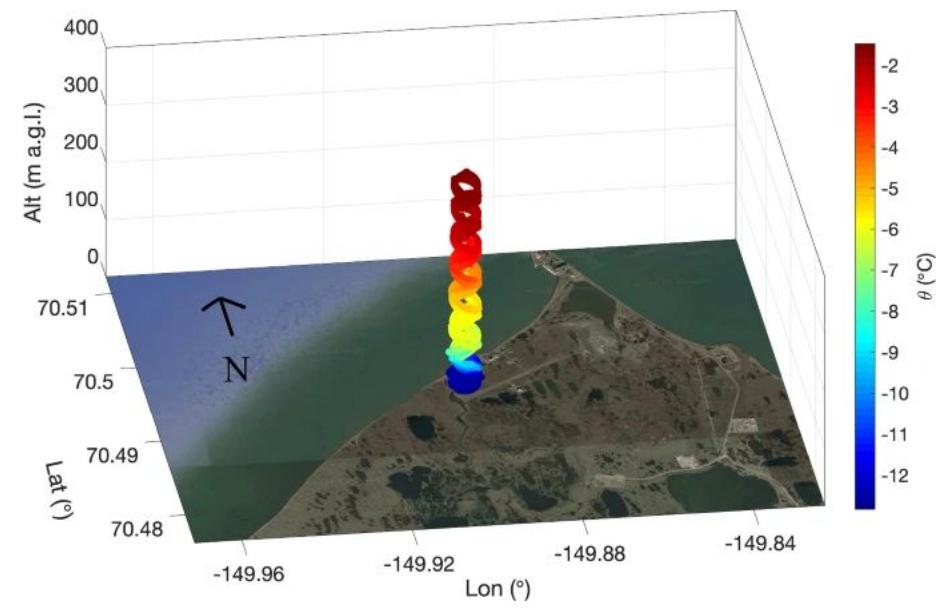


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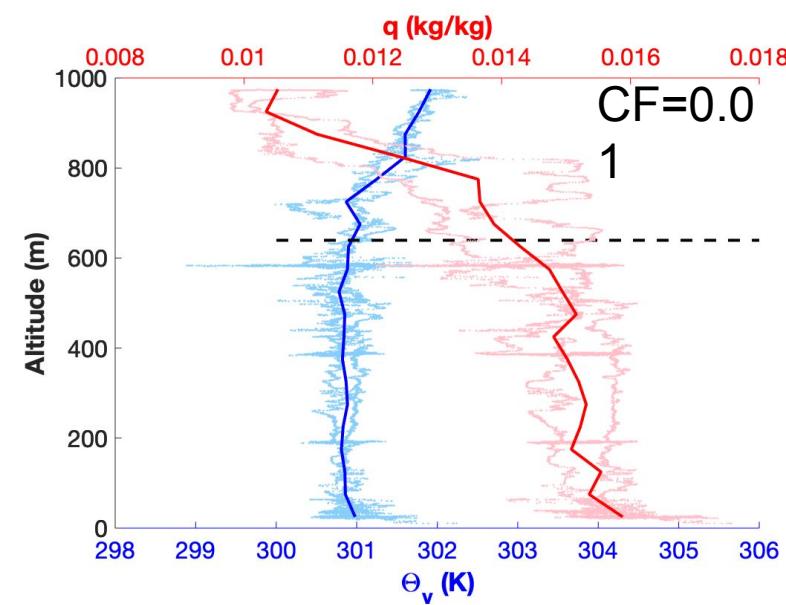
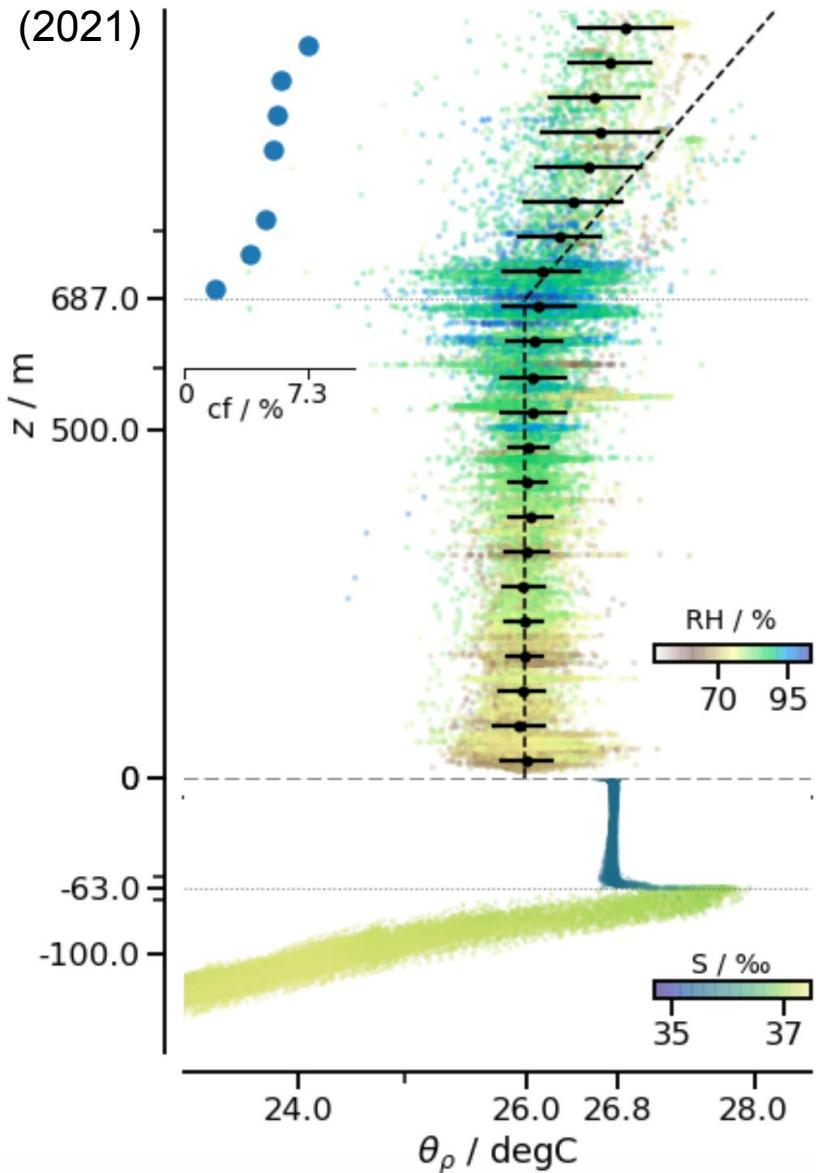
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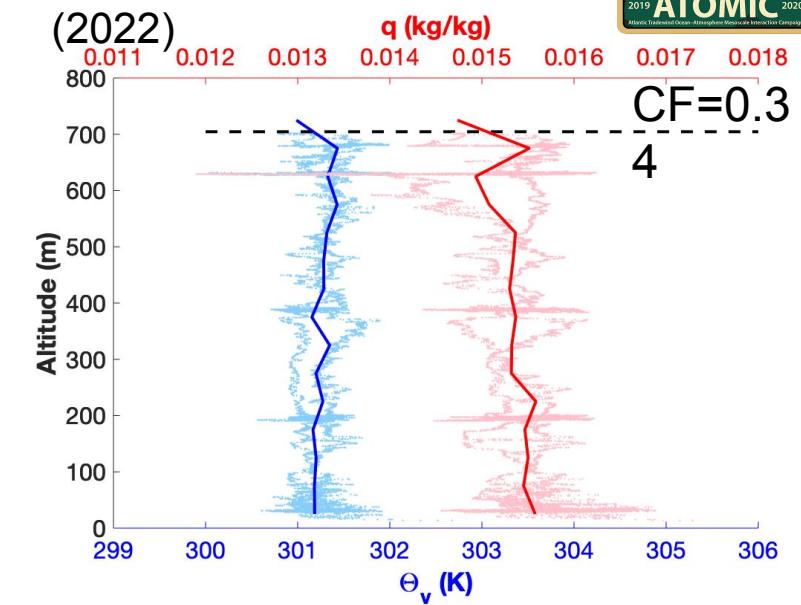


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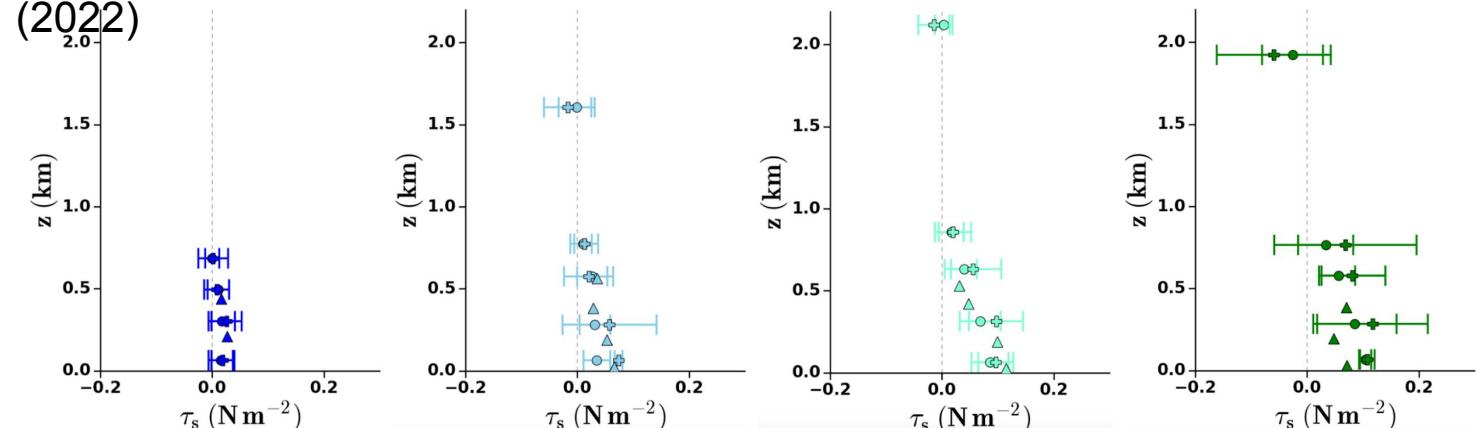
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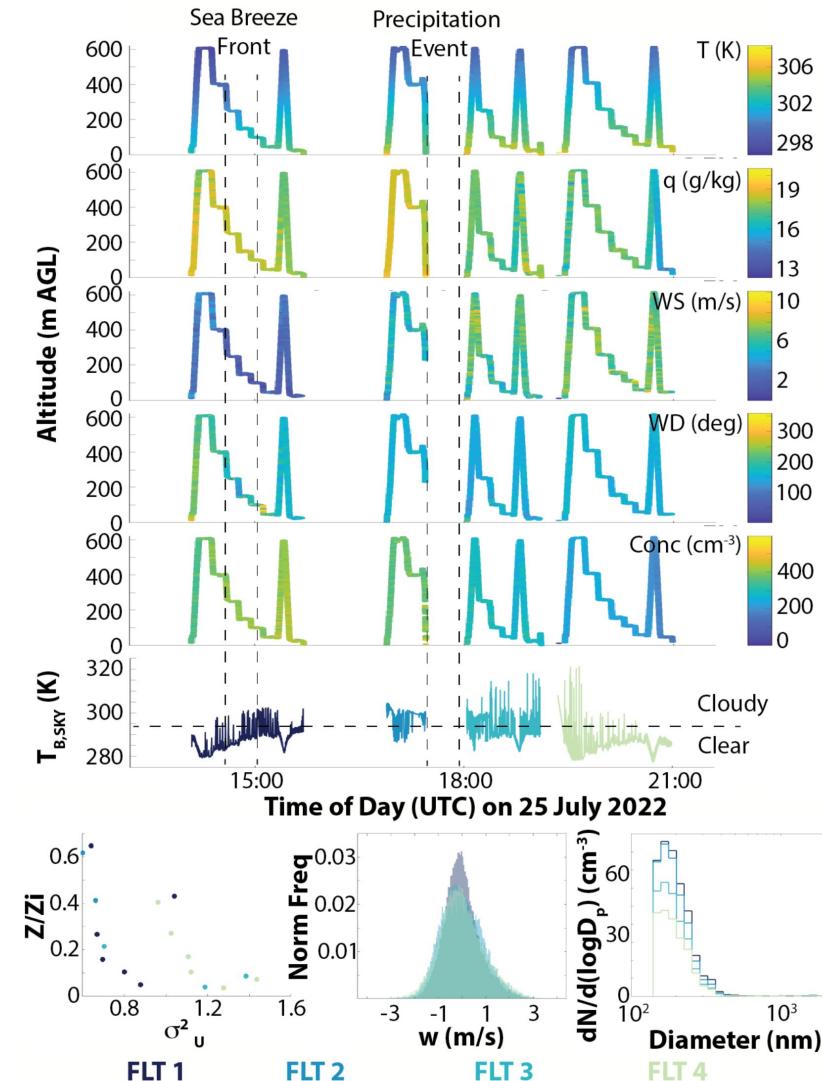
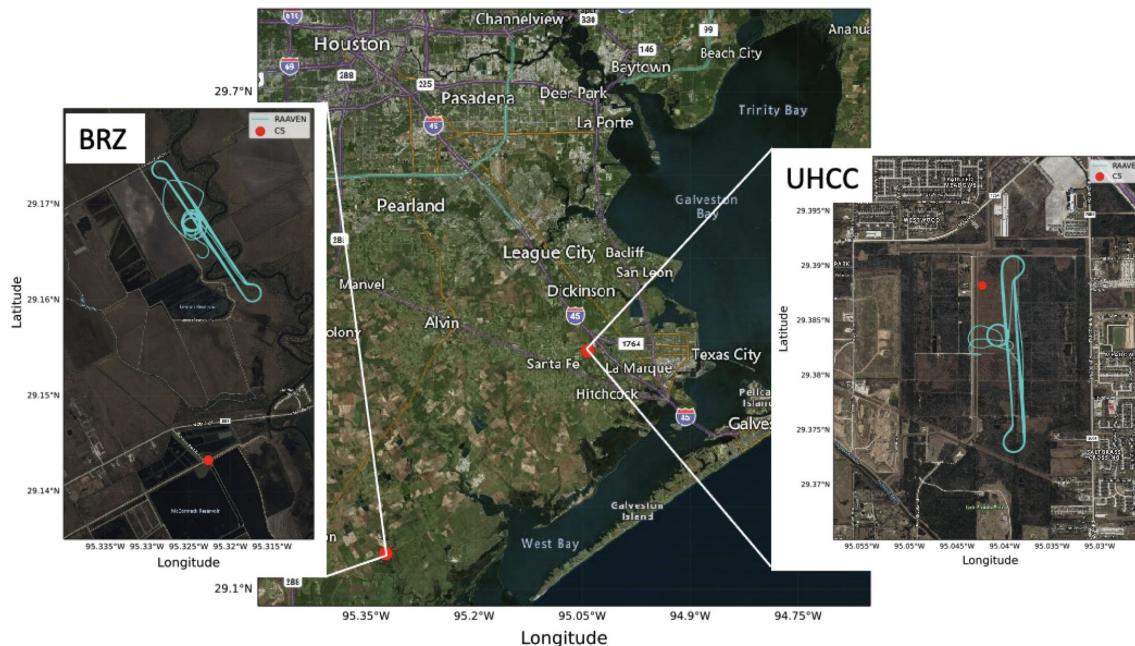
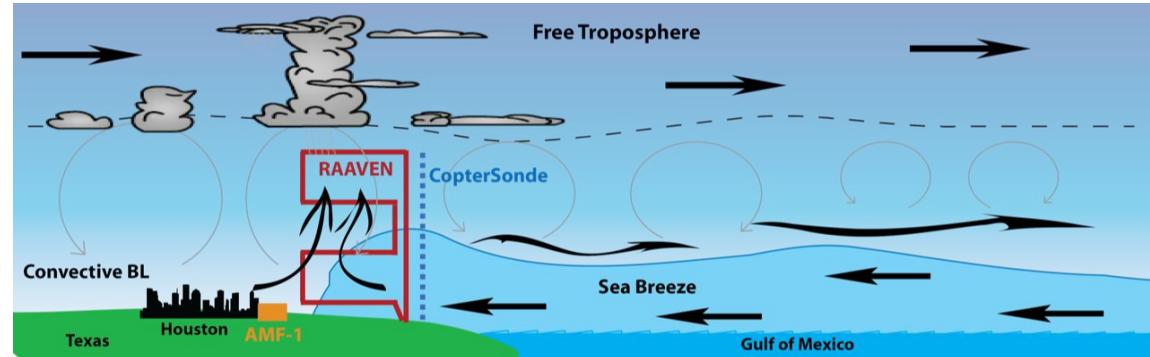
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# Convection in Coastal Environments

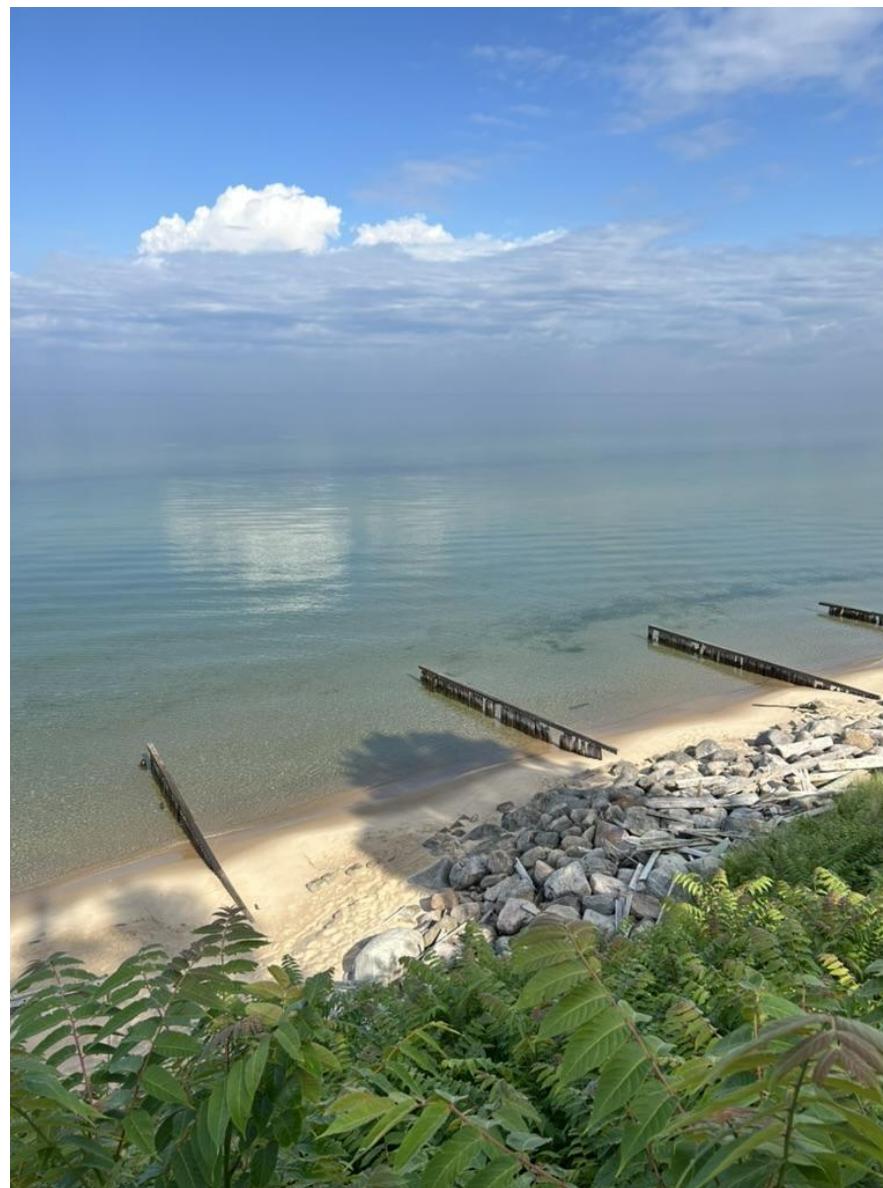
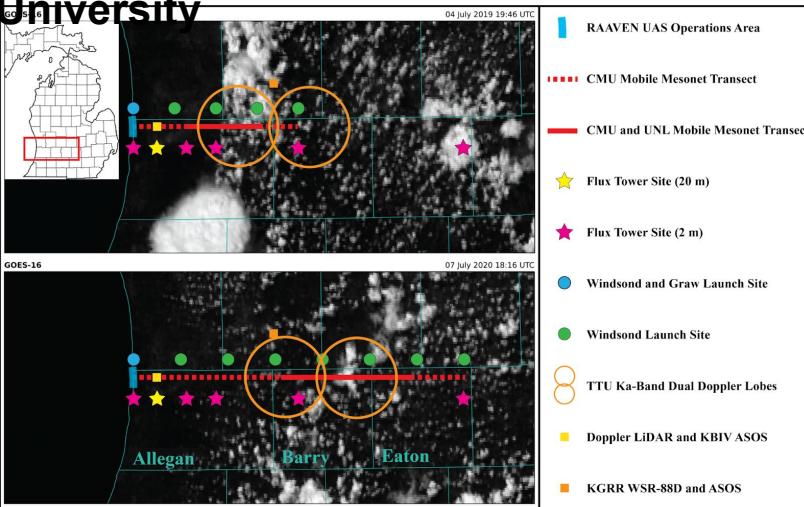


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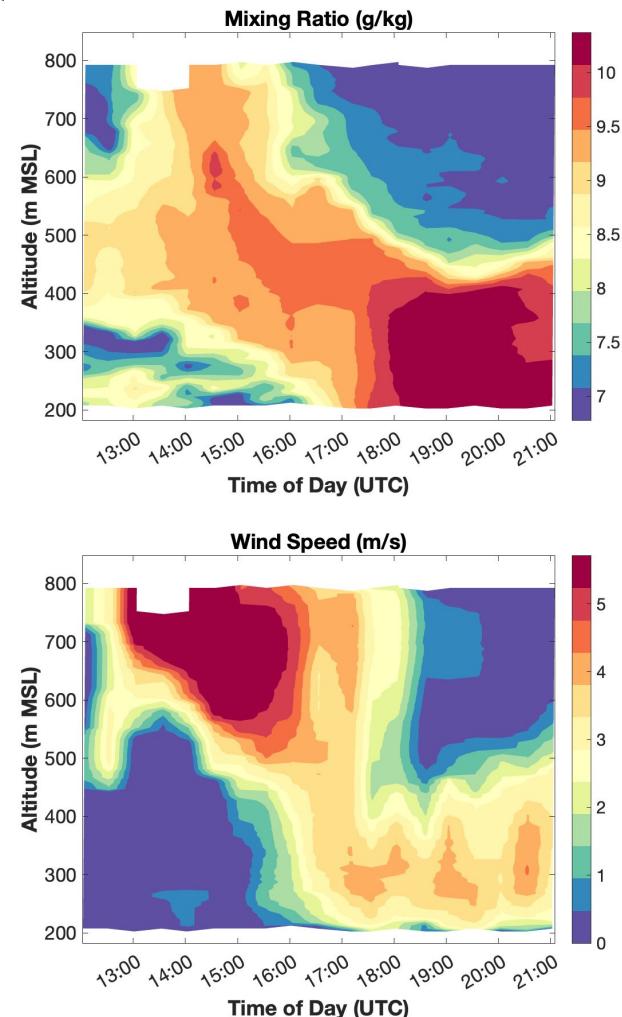
## Maritime to Inland Transitions Towards ENvironments for Convection

Summer 2024 field deployment to Holland, MI area.

- Targets development of understanding of **convective initiation** over the lower peninsula of Michigan.
- RAAVEN to study **marine layer in near-coastal environment** and **evolution of lower atmospheric structure** as marine layer advects over land surface.
- Collaboration with **Central Michigan University, University of Nebraska, University of Illinois, and Texas Tech University**

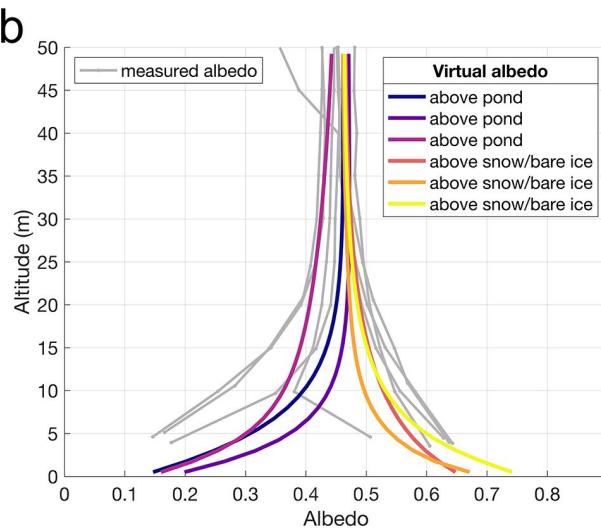
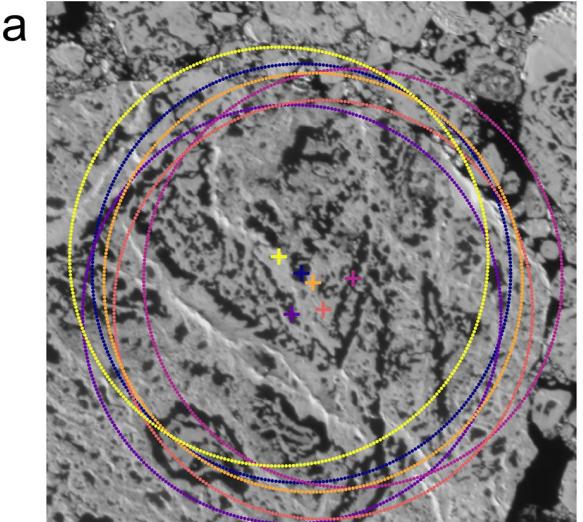
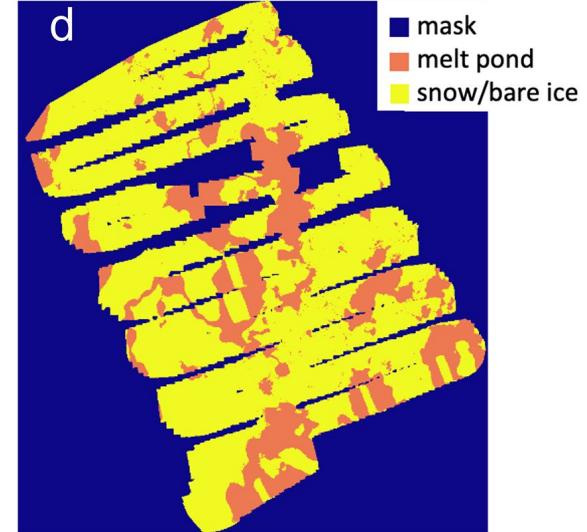
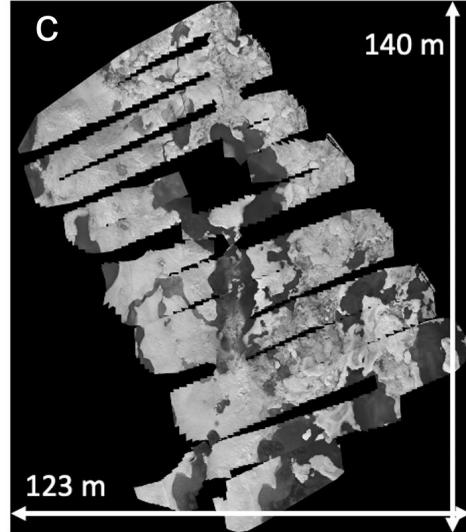
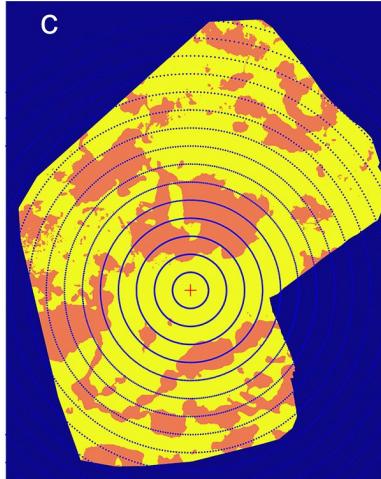
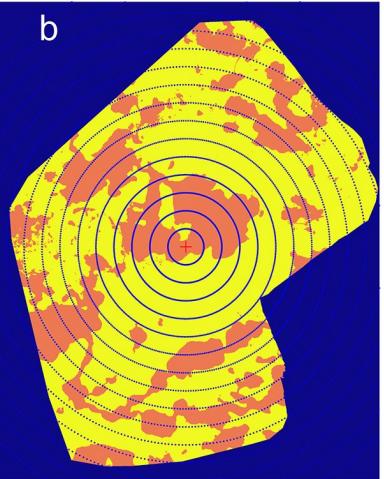
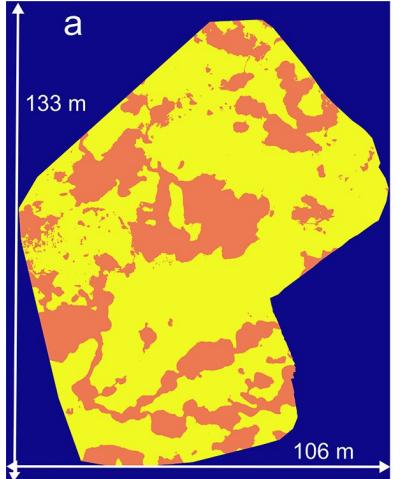
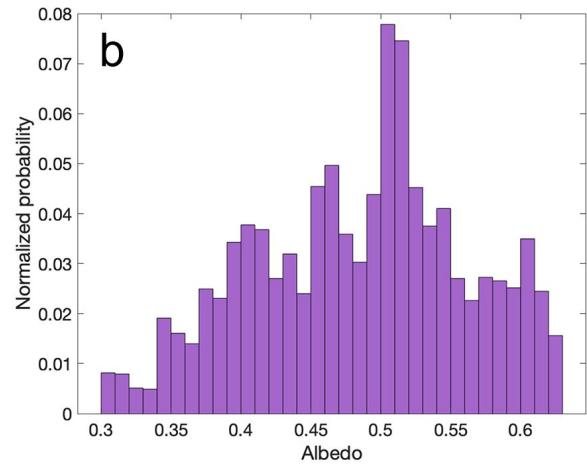
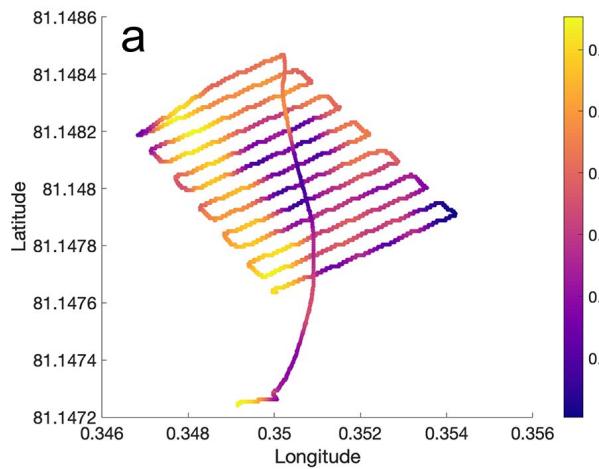


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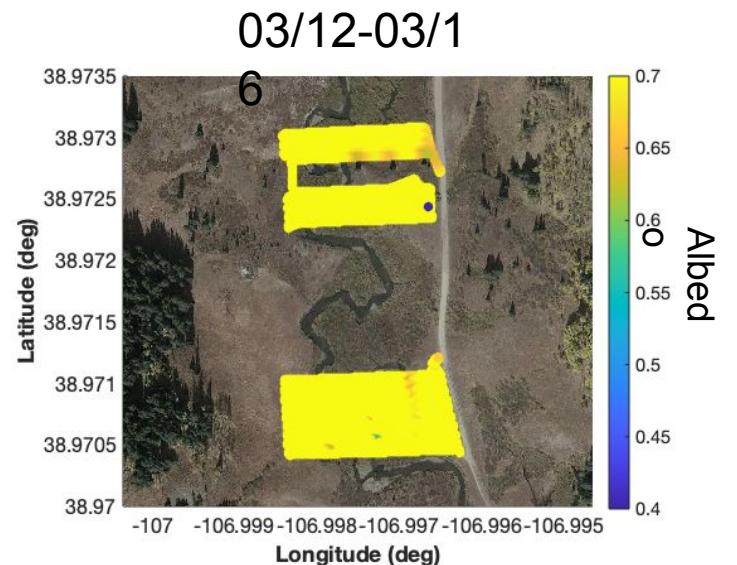


**Half-hourly** (or greater) profiles of the lower atmosphere over Lake Michigan

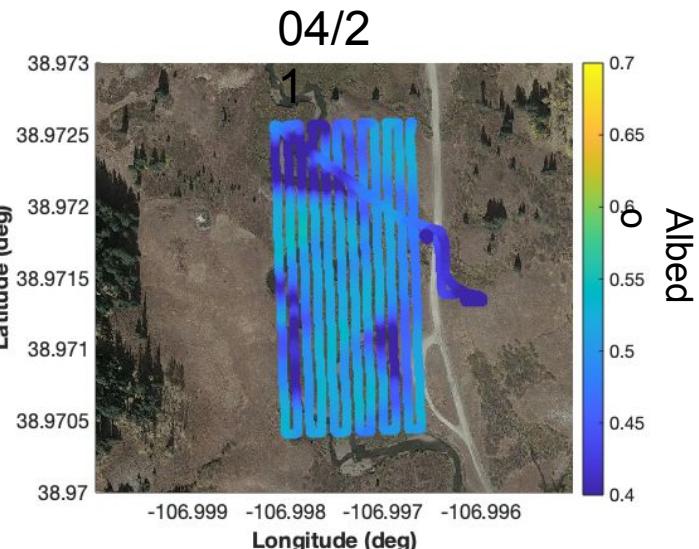
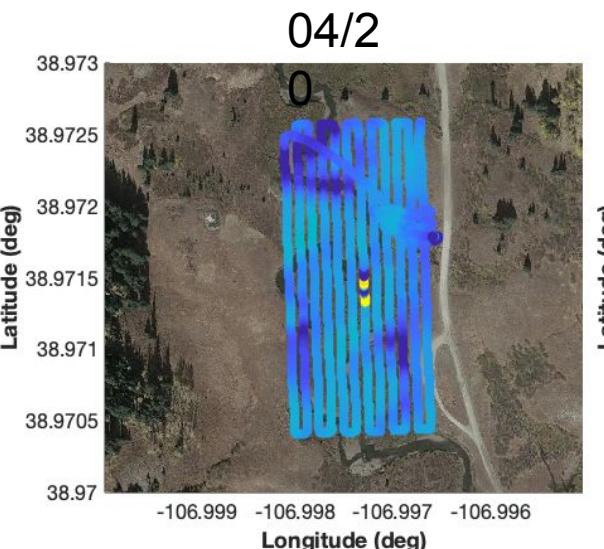
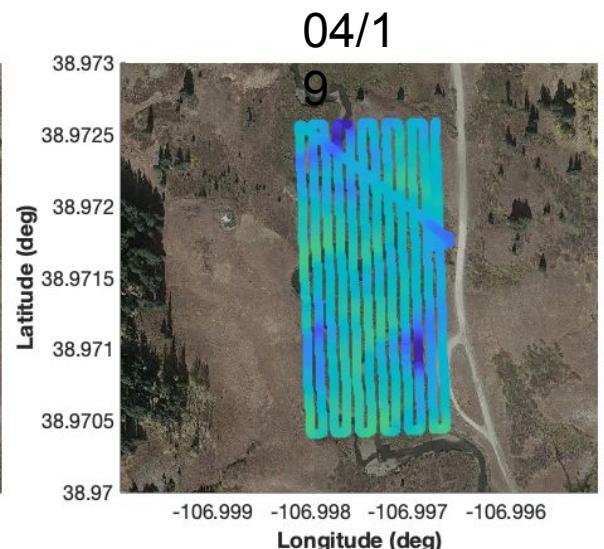
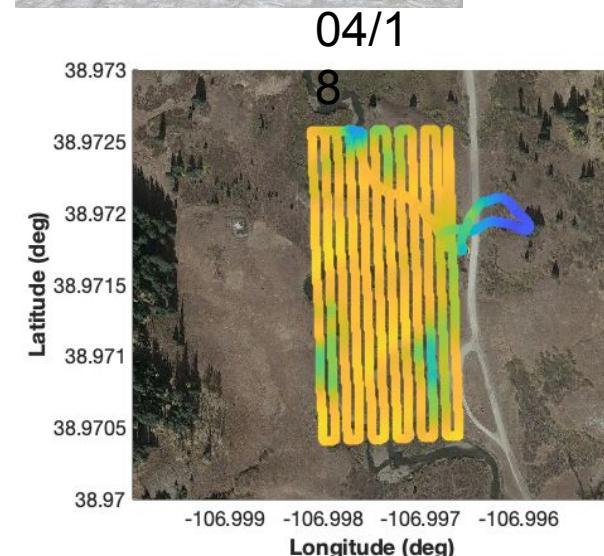
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- April 2022
- Dust-in-snow related darkening of the surface
- Melt also enhanced snow wetness and grain aging, resulting in further albedo decreases
- March flights showed albedos in this area of around **0.8**, while the April albedos decreased from around **0.65** to **0.45** over the course of four days.
- Additionally, the river began to open up, resulting in even lower albedos values (**<0.4**).

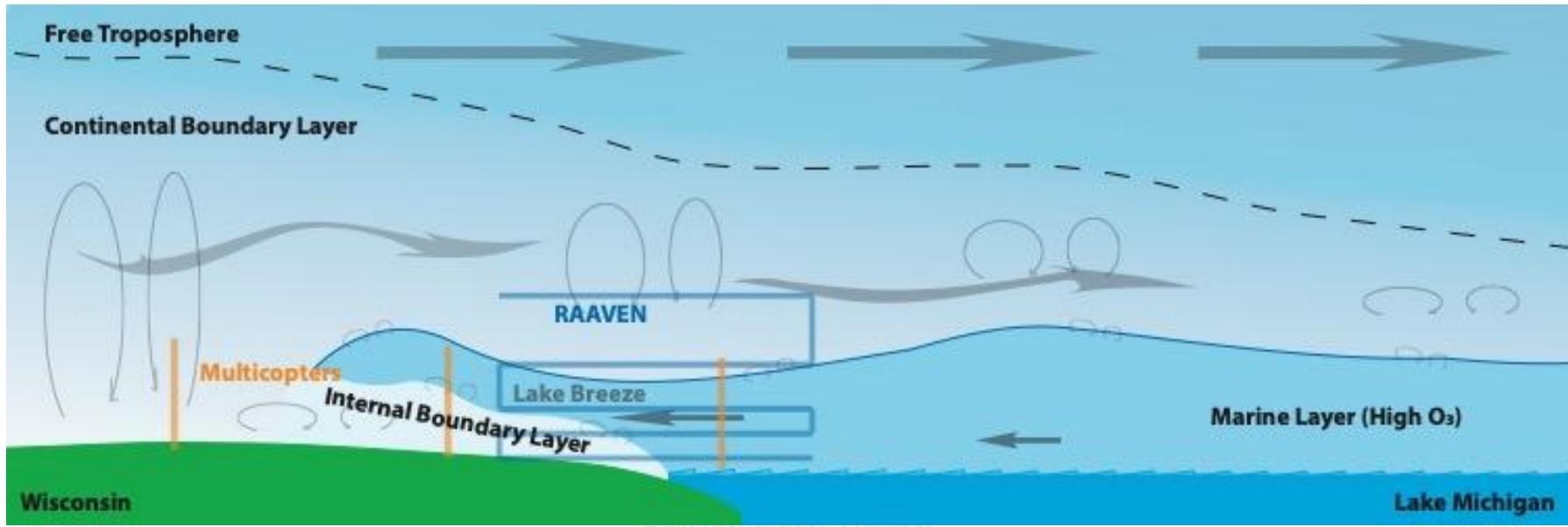
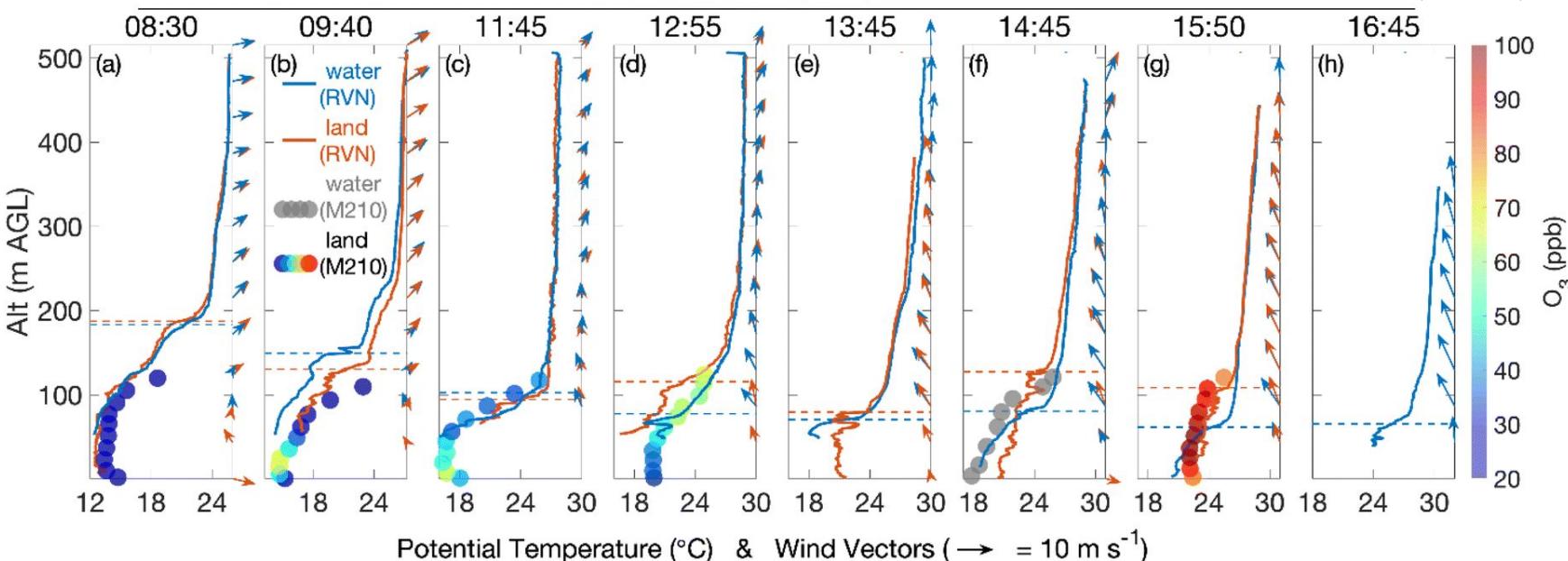
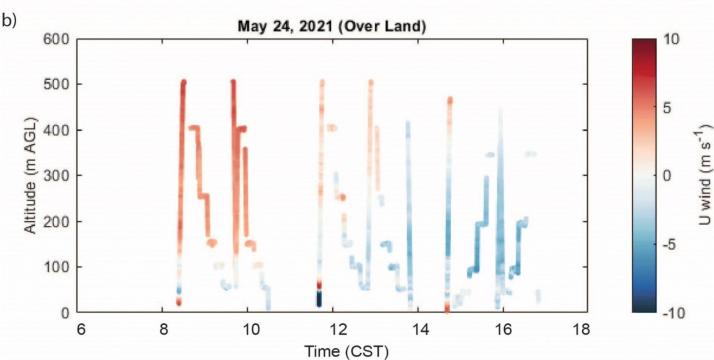
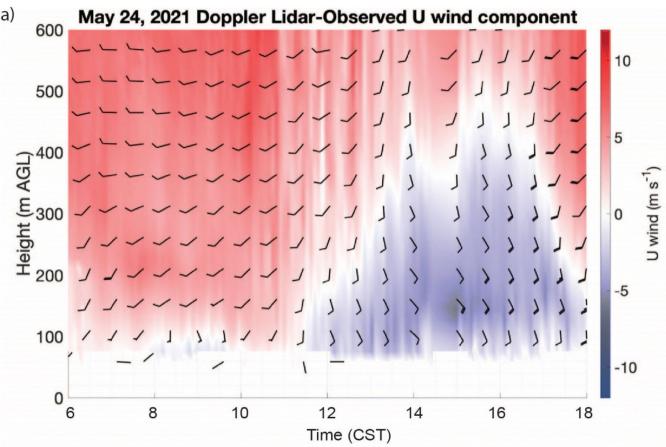


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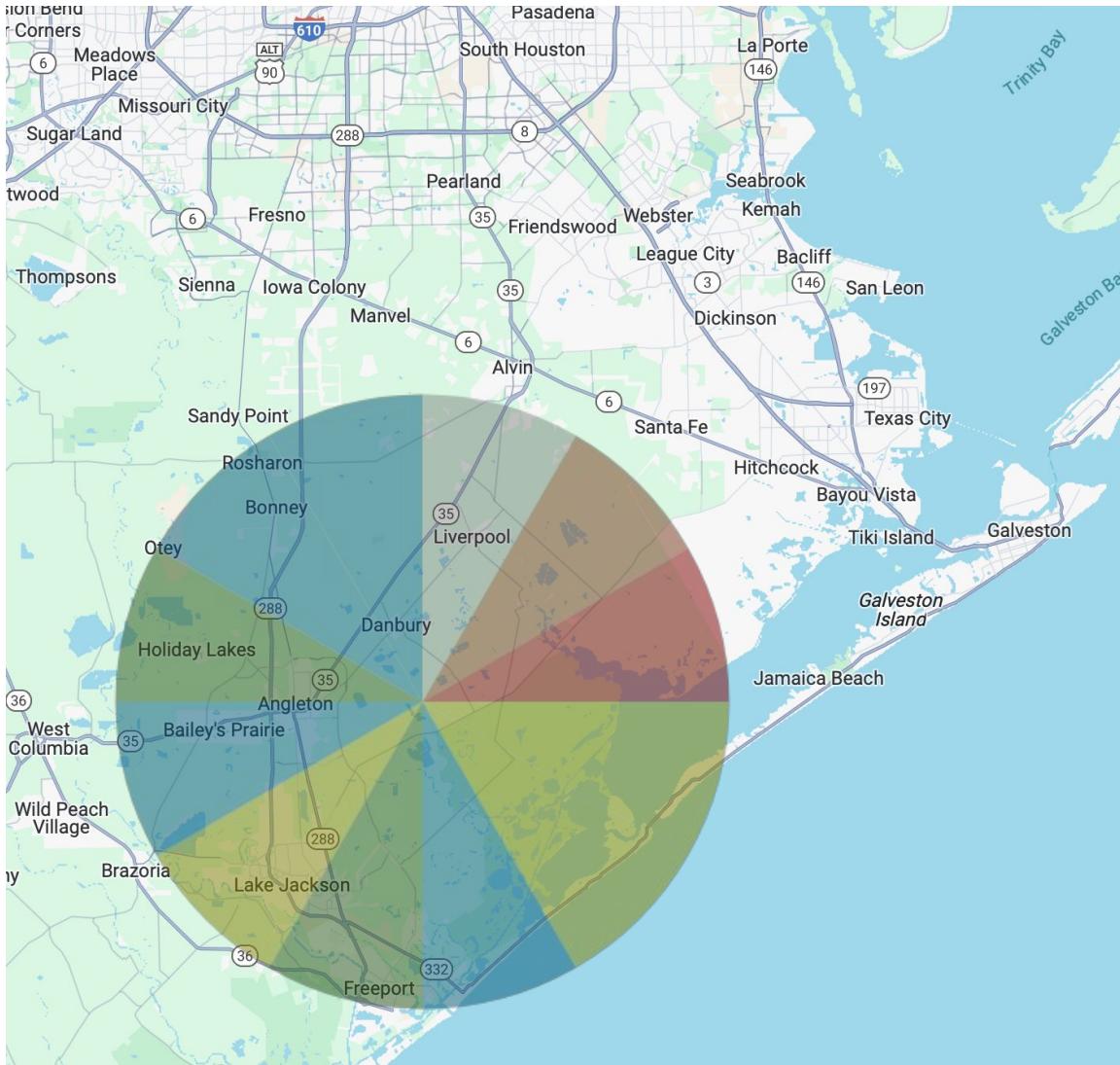
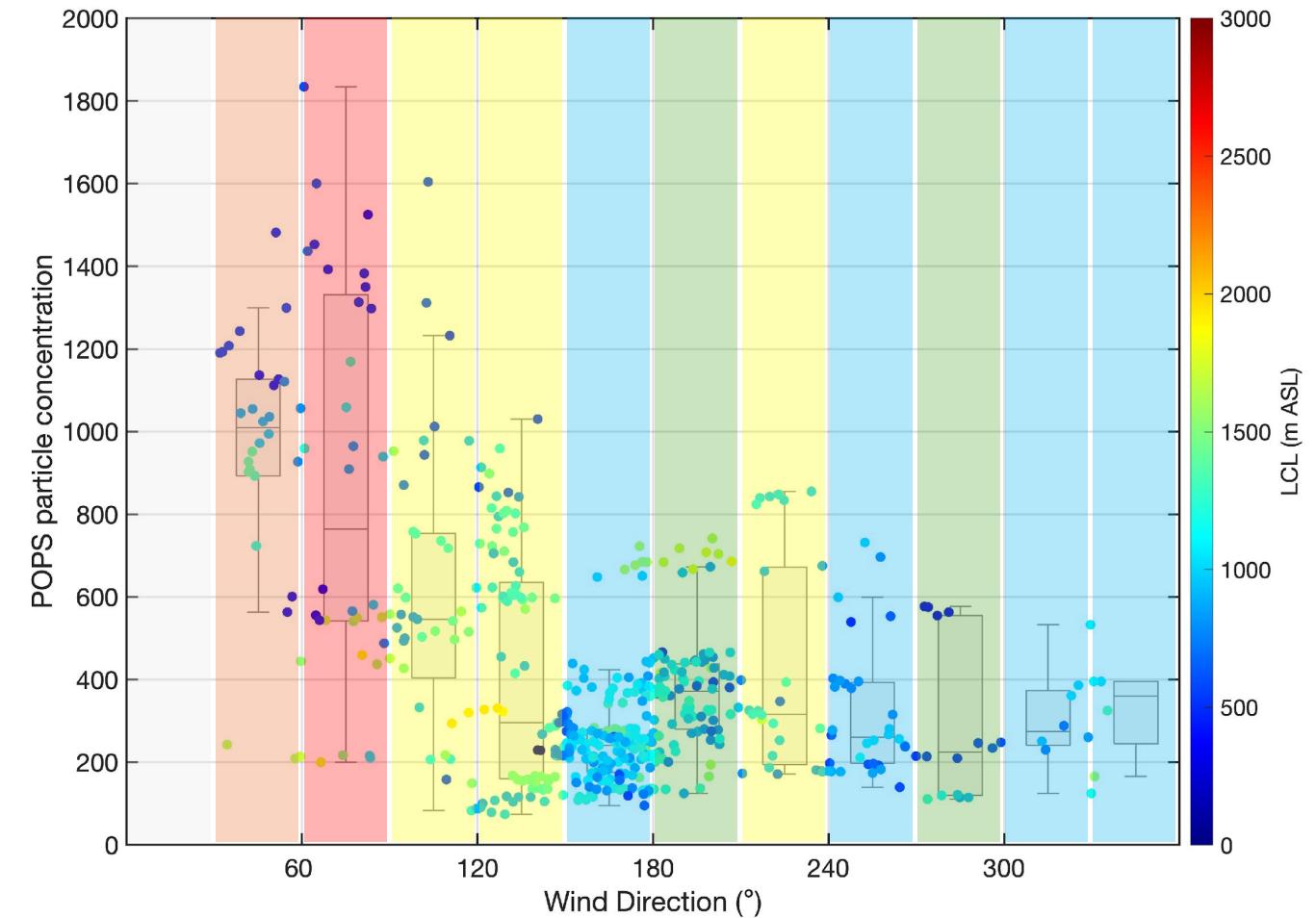
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