

Applications of the TC motion concepts II

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Outline

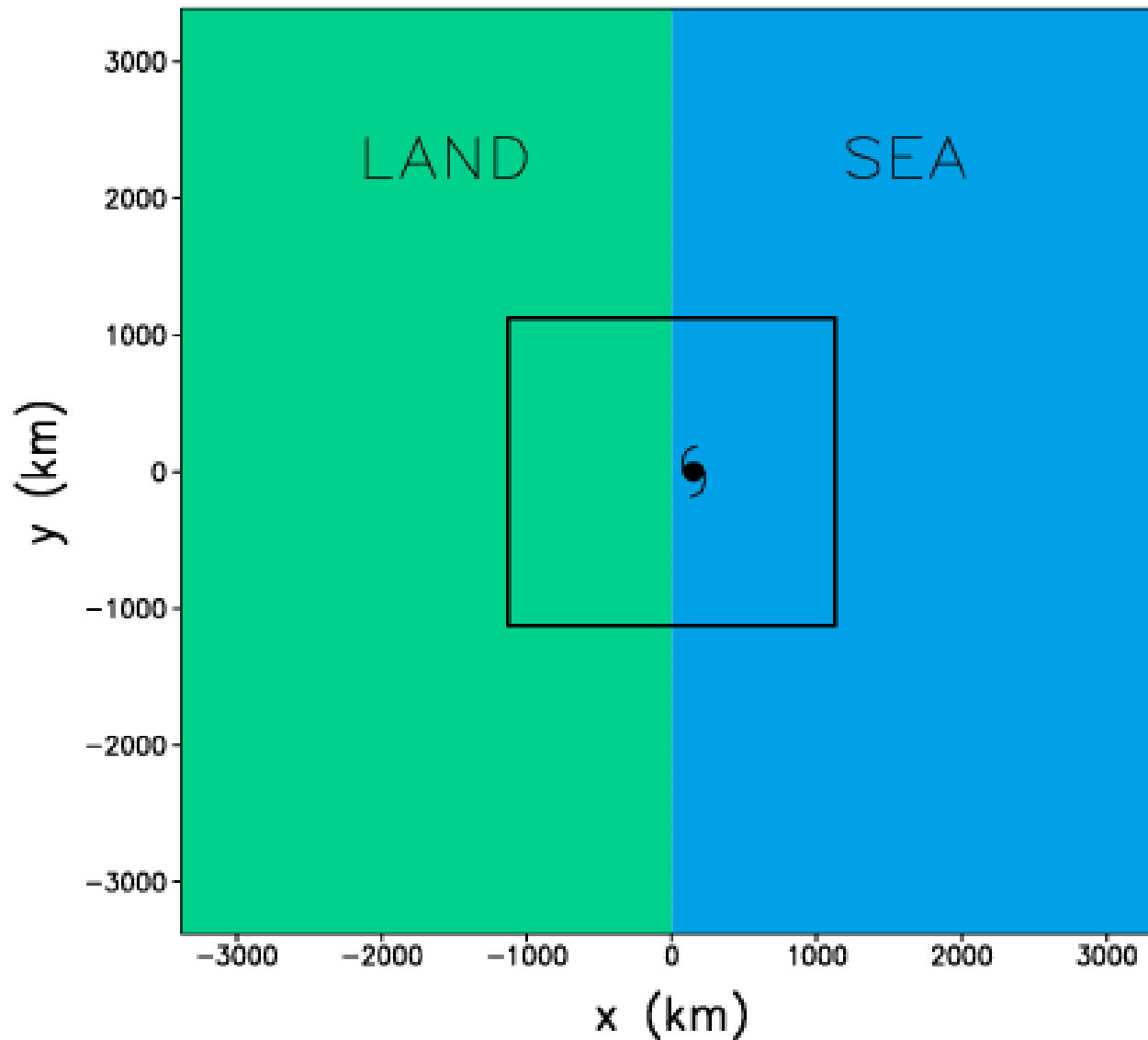
- Effects of differential surface roughness
 - ❑ Flat terrain on an f plane
 - ❑ Flat terrain on a beta plane
 - ❑ Flat terrain with varying roughness on an f plane
- Effect of topography

Effect of differential surface roughness

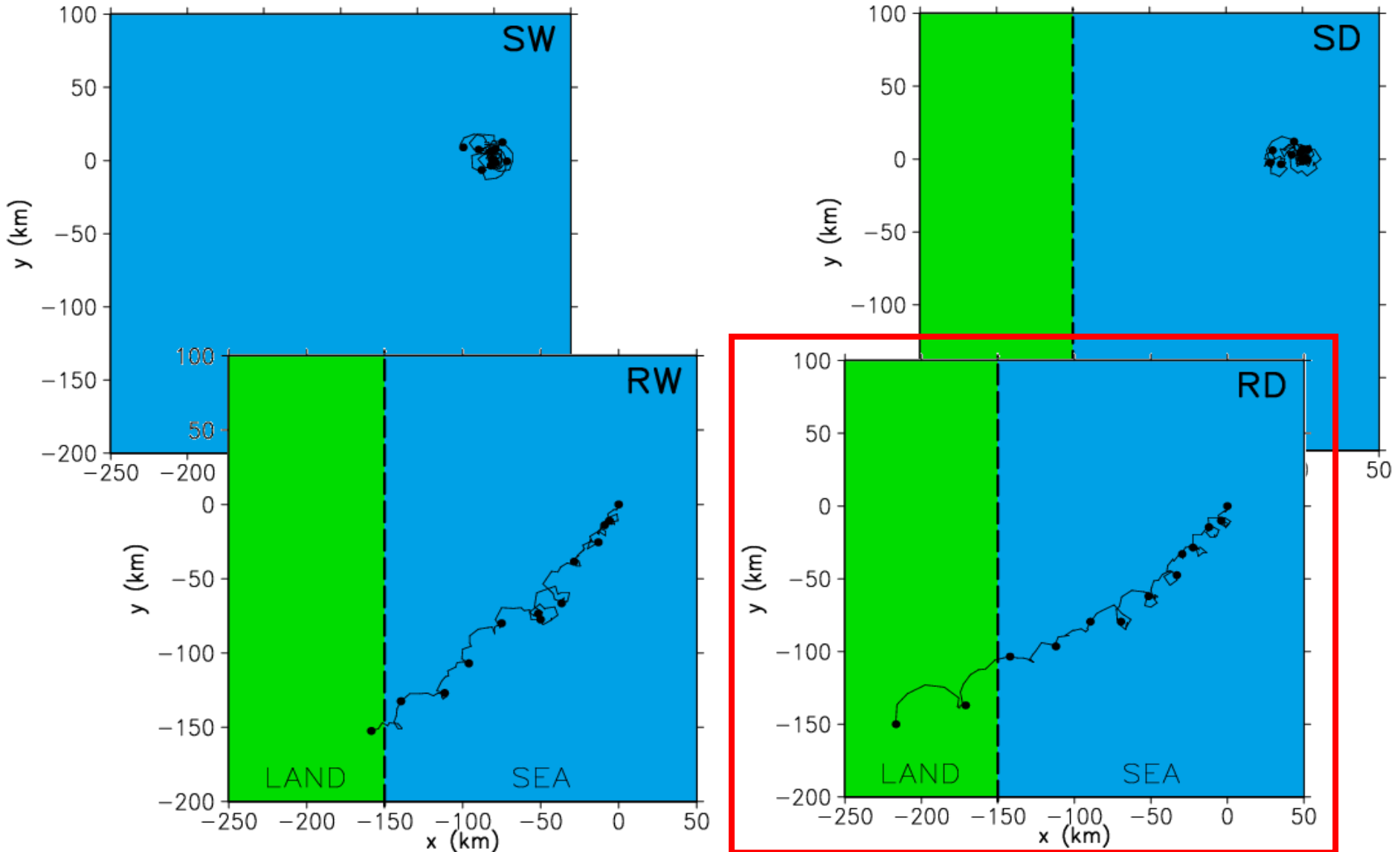


Flat Terrain *f* plane

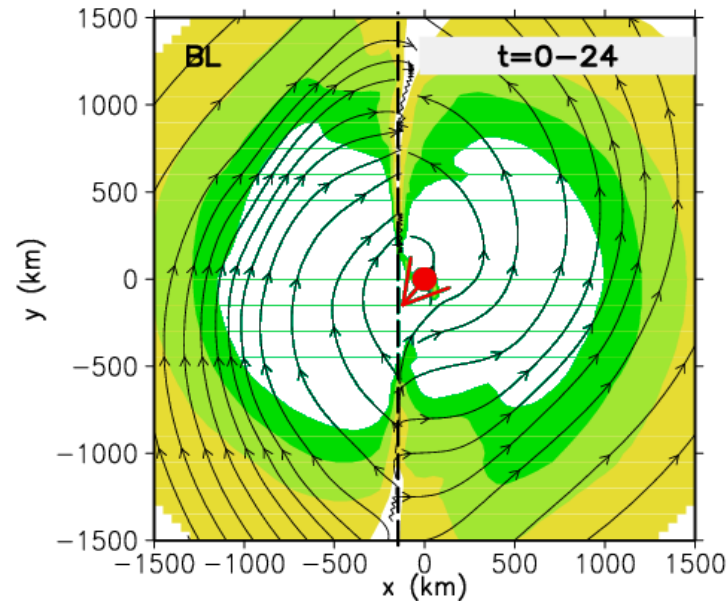
f plane experiments



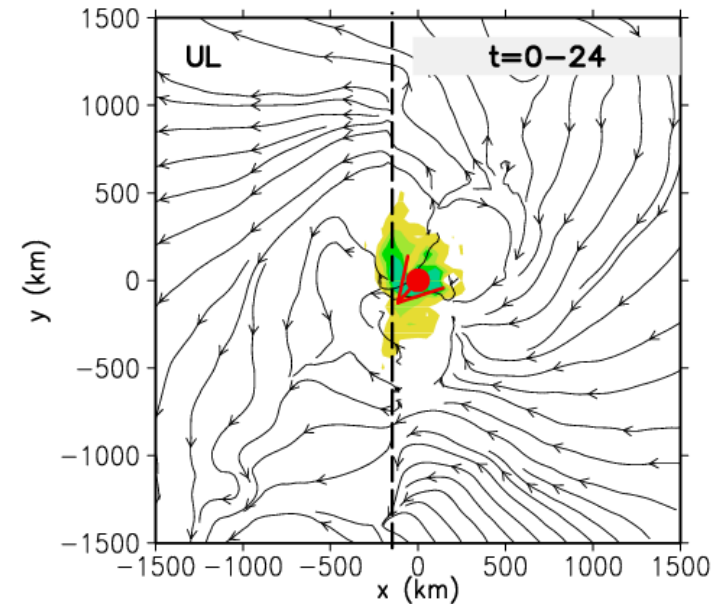
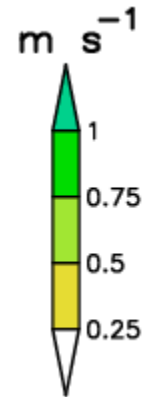
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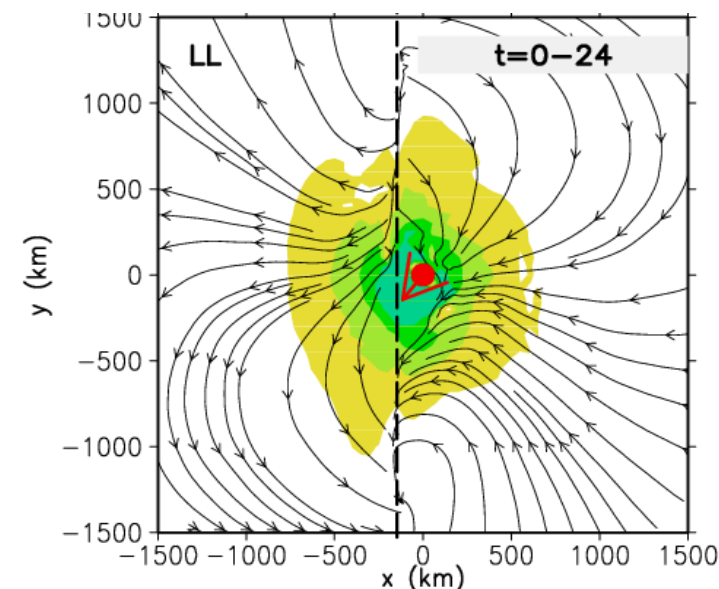
Asymmetric flow (rough-dry land, DAY 1)



boundary layer
($0.9 < \sigma < 1.0$)



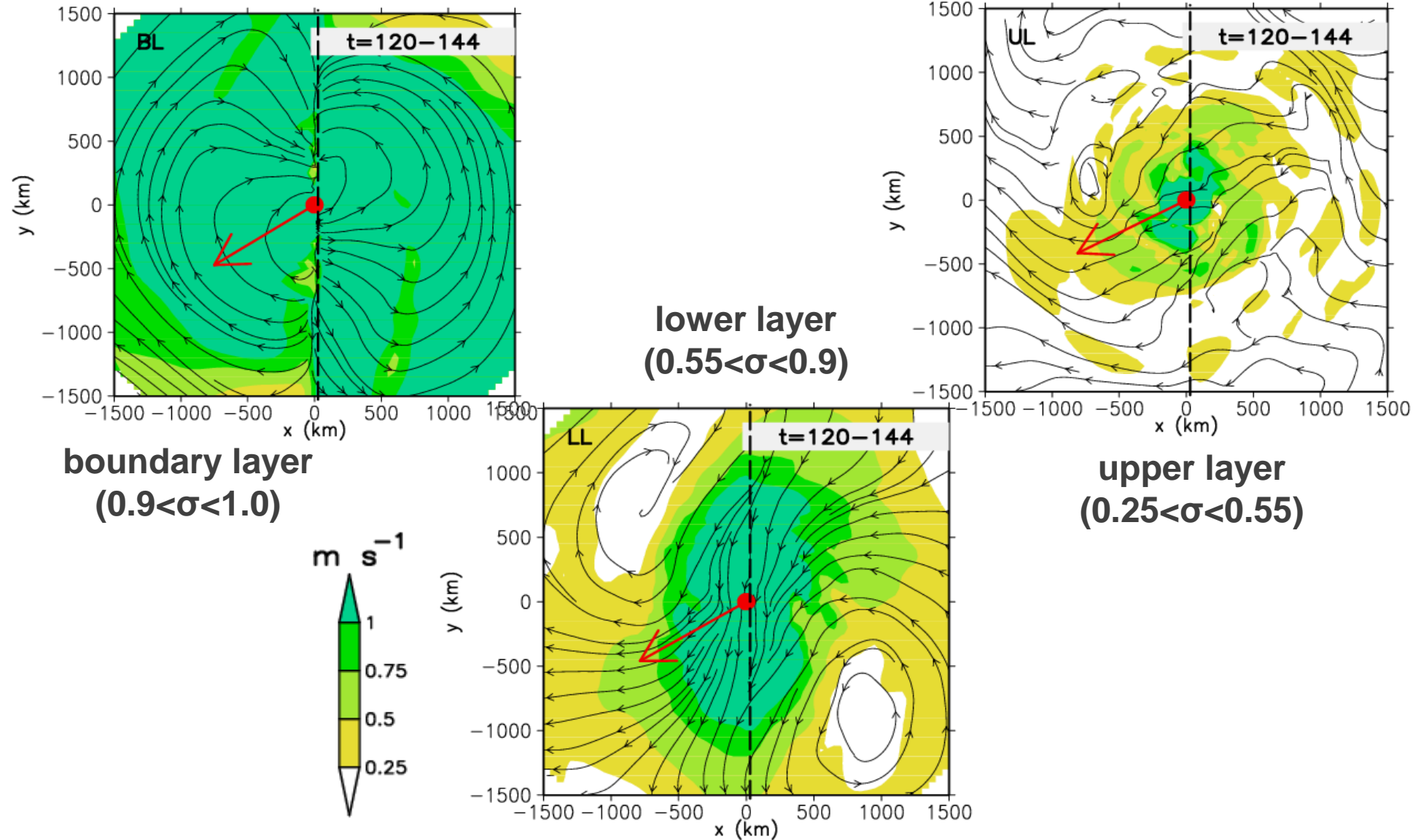
upper layer (UL)
($0.25 < \sigma < 0.55$)



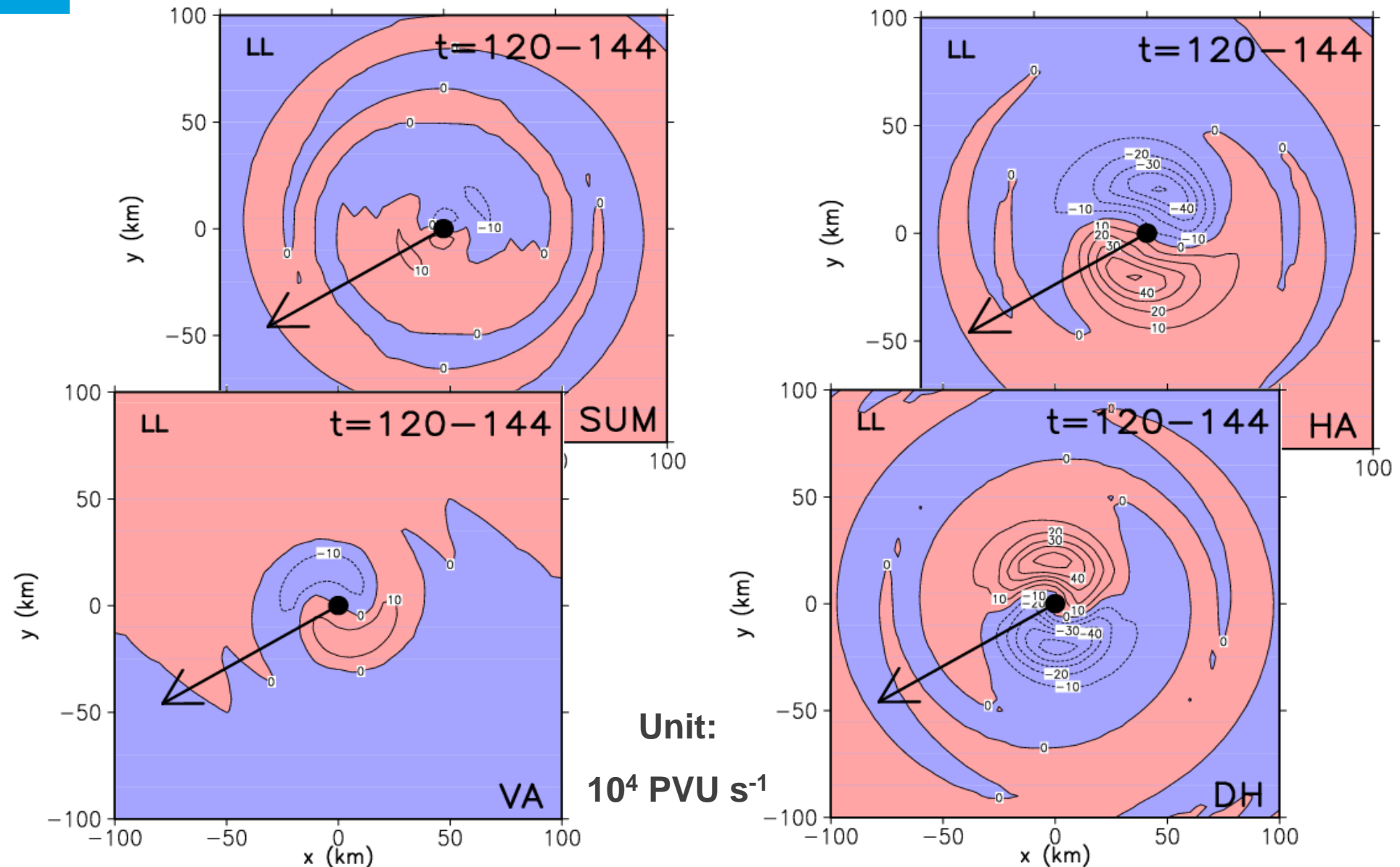
lower layer (LL)
($0.55 < \sigma < 0.9$)

- Reverse of convergence/divergence in LL along coast
- Small magnitude in UL

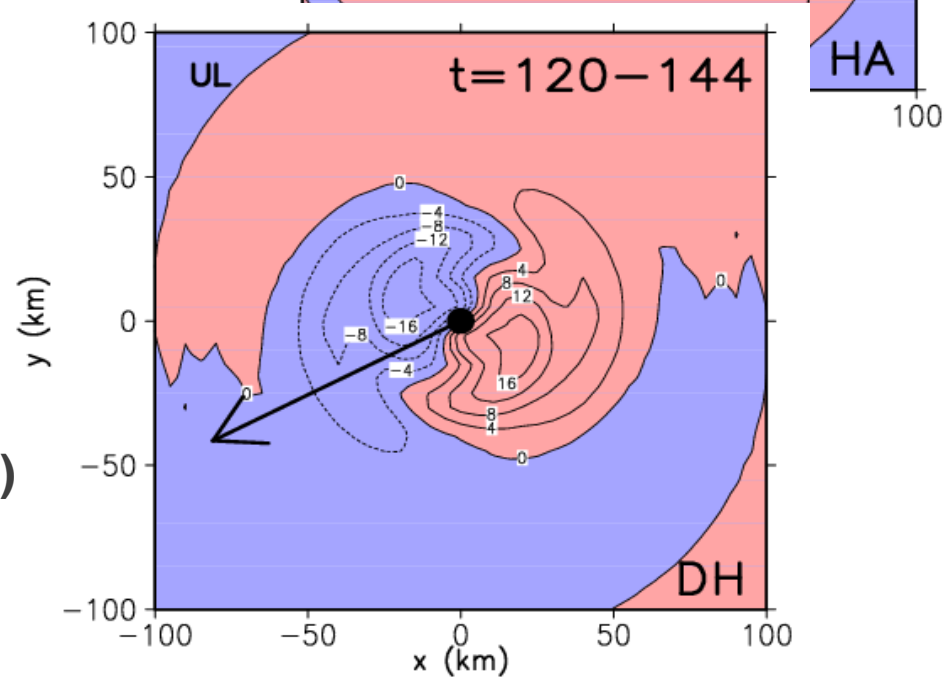
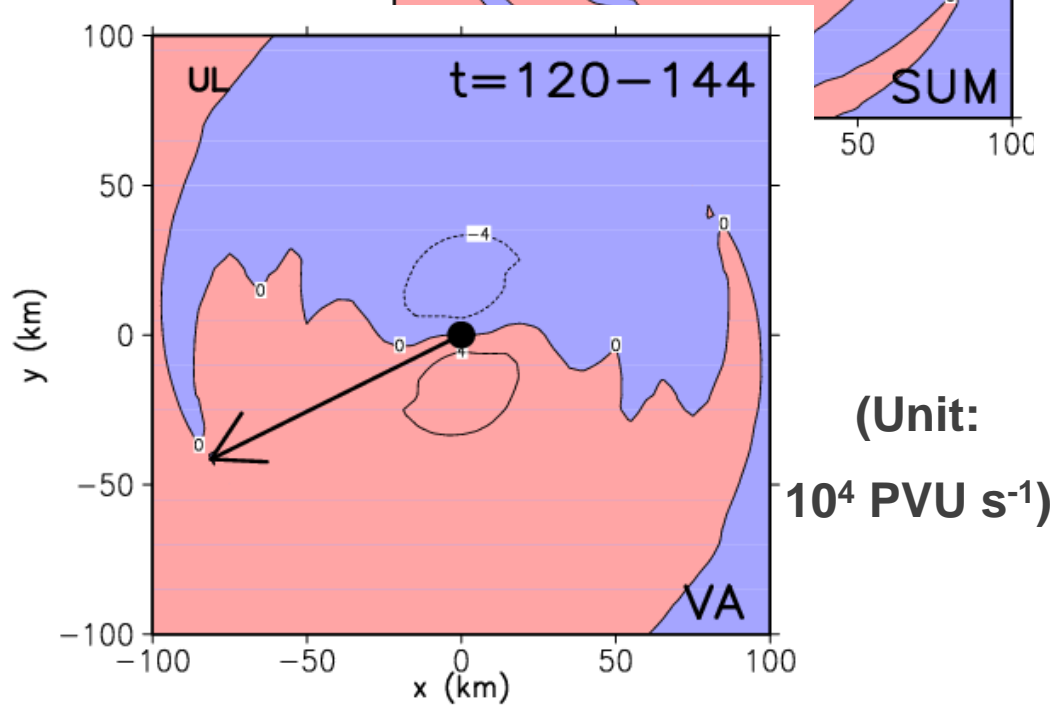
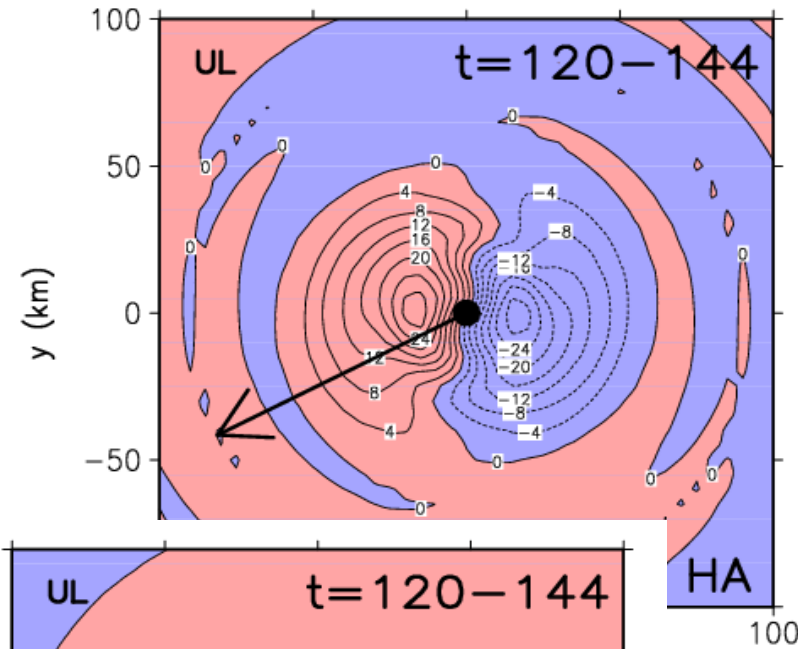
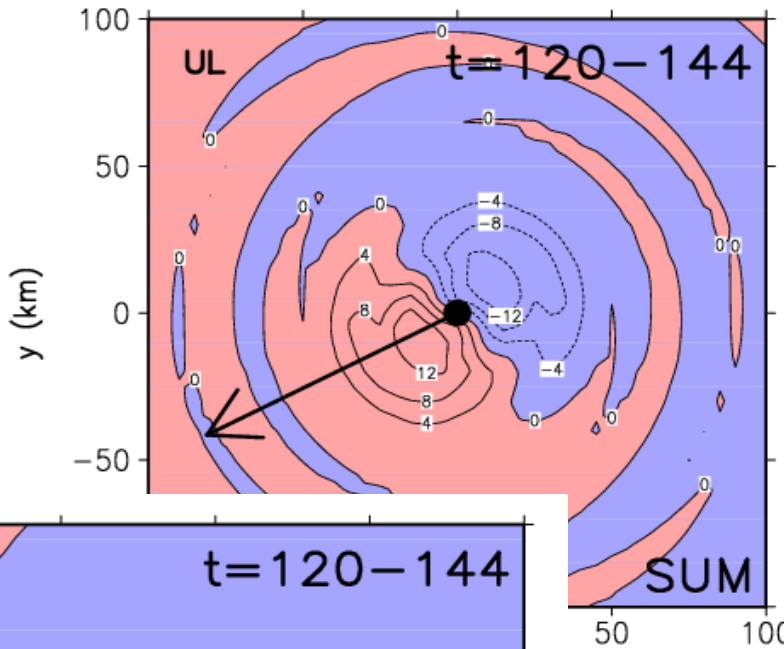
Asymmetric flow RD experiment Day 6



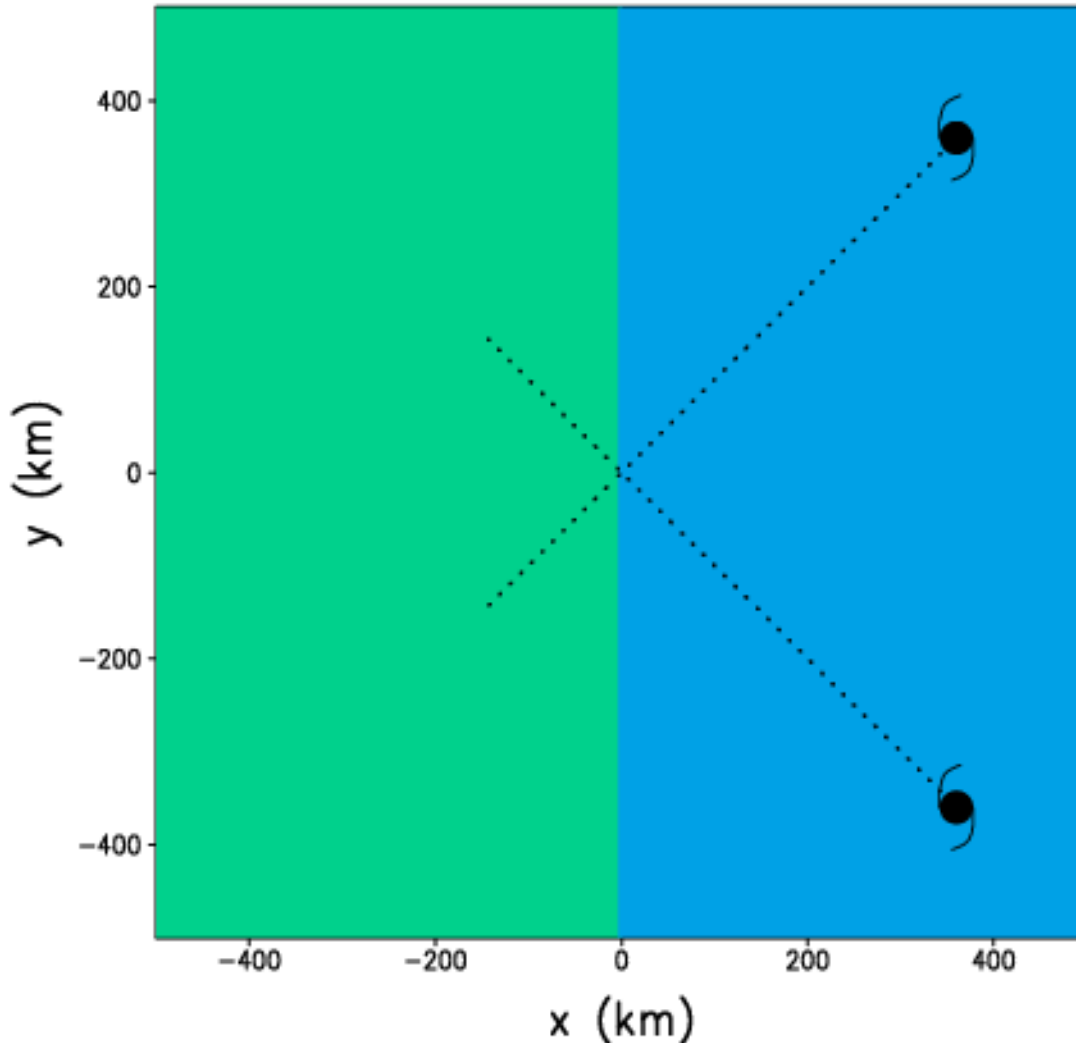
PV budget at LL (RD experiment Day 6)



PV budget at UL (RD experiment Day 6)

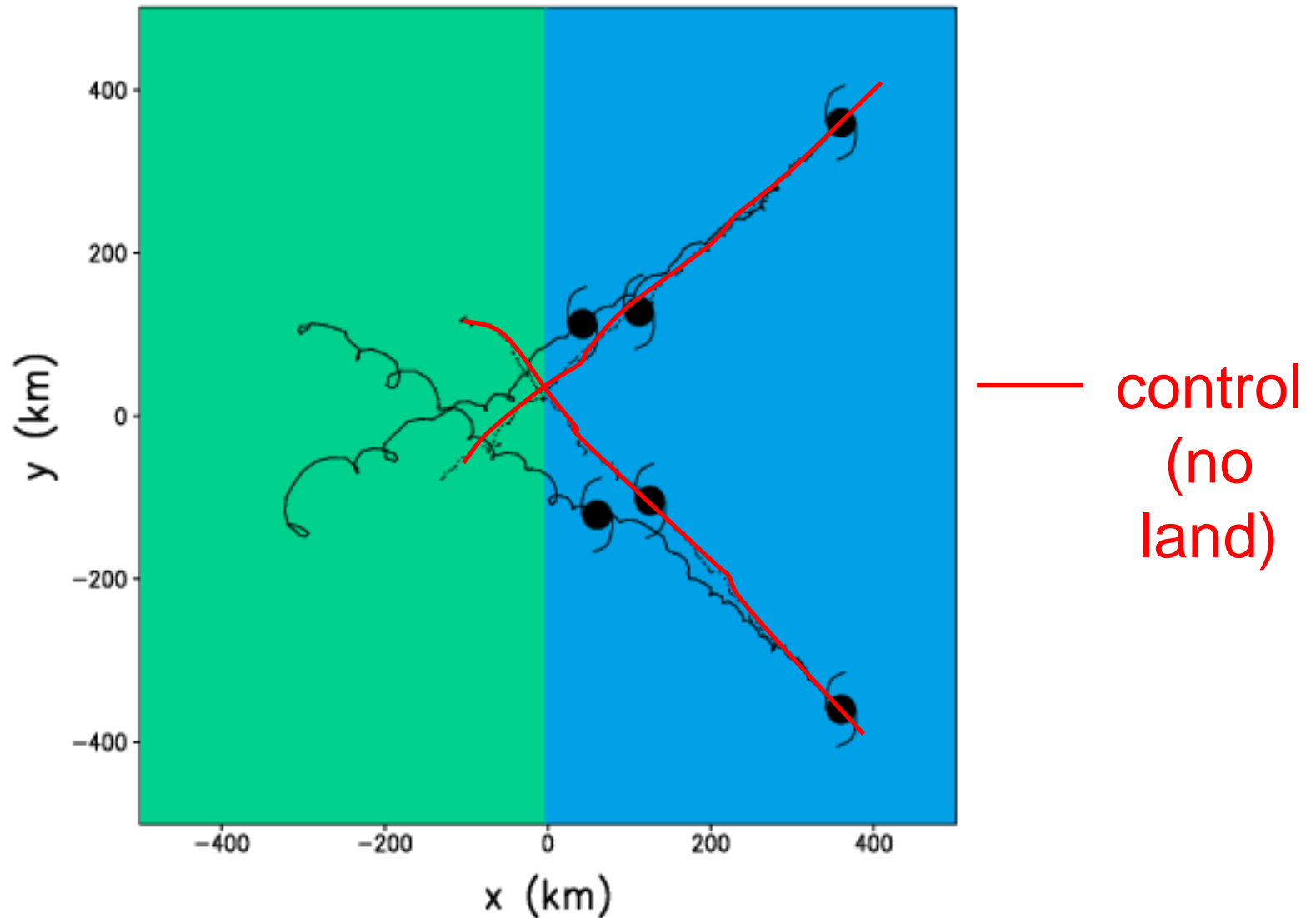


Additional Experiments



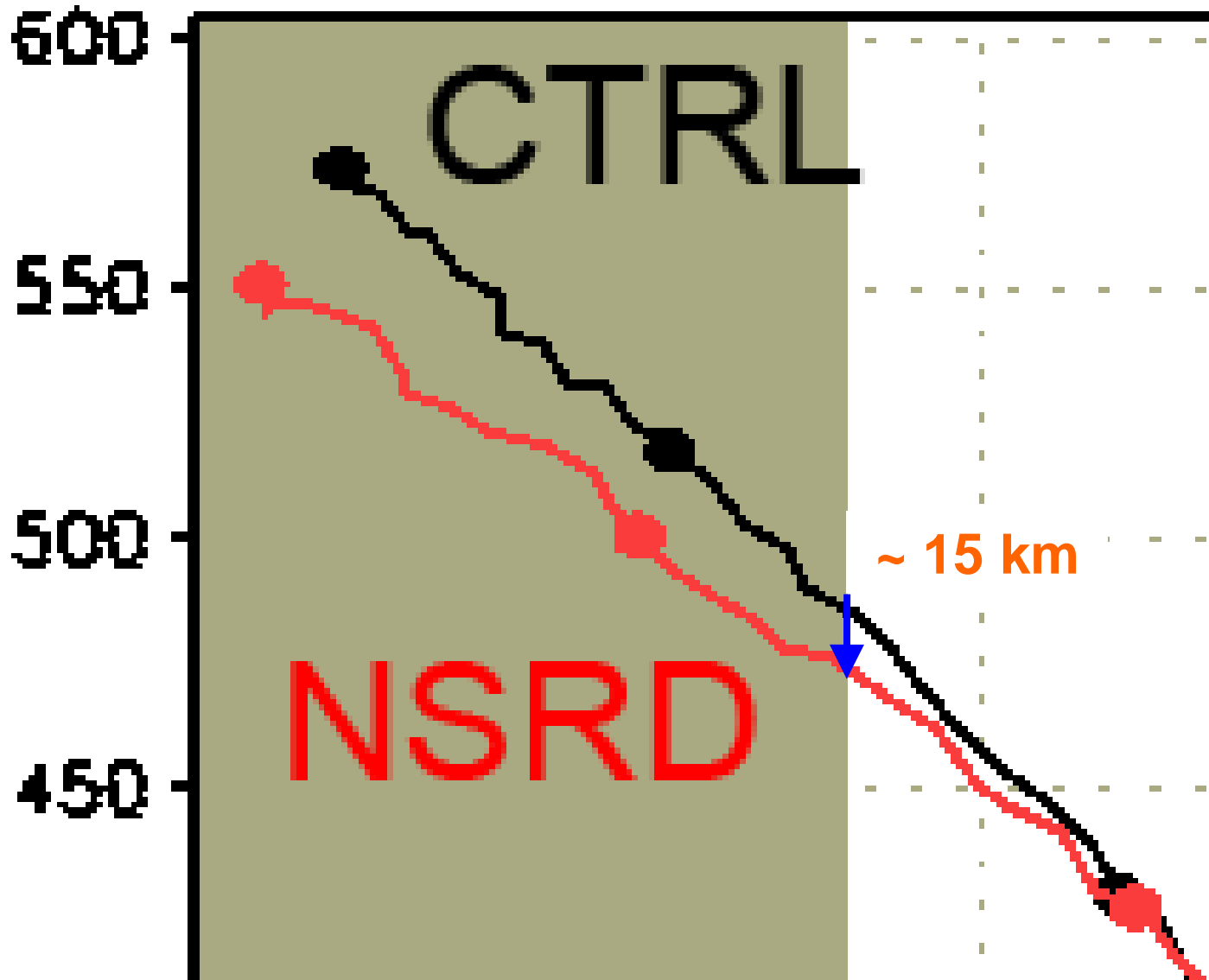
- TCs in 5 km/h NE or SE background flow
- 360 km from coast
- Landfall near origin at $t=102$ h if no land.

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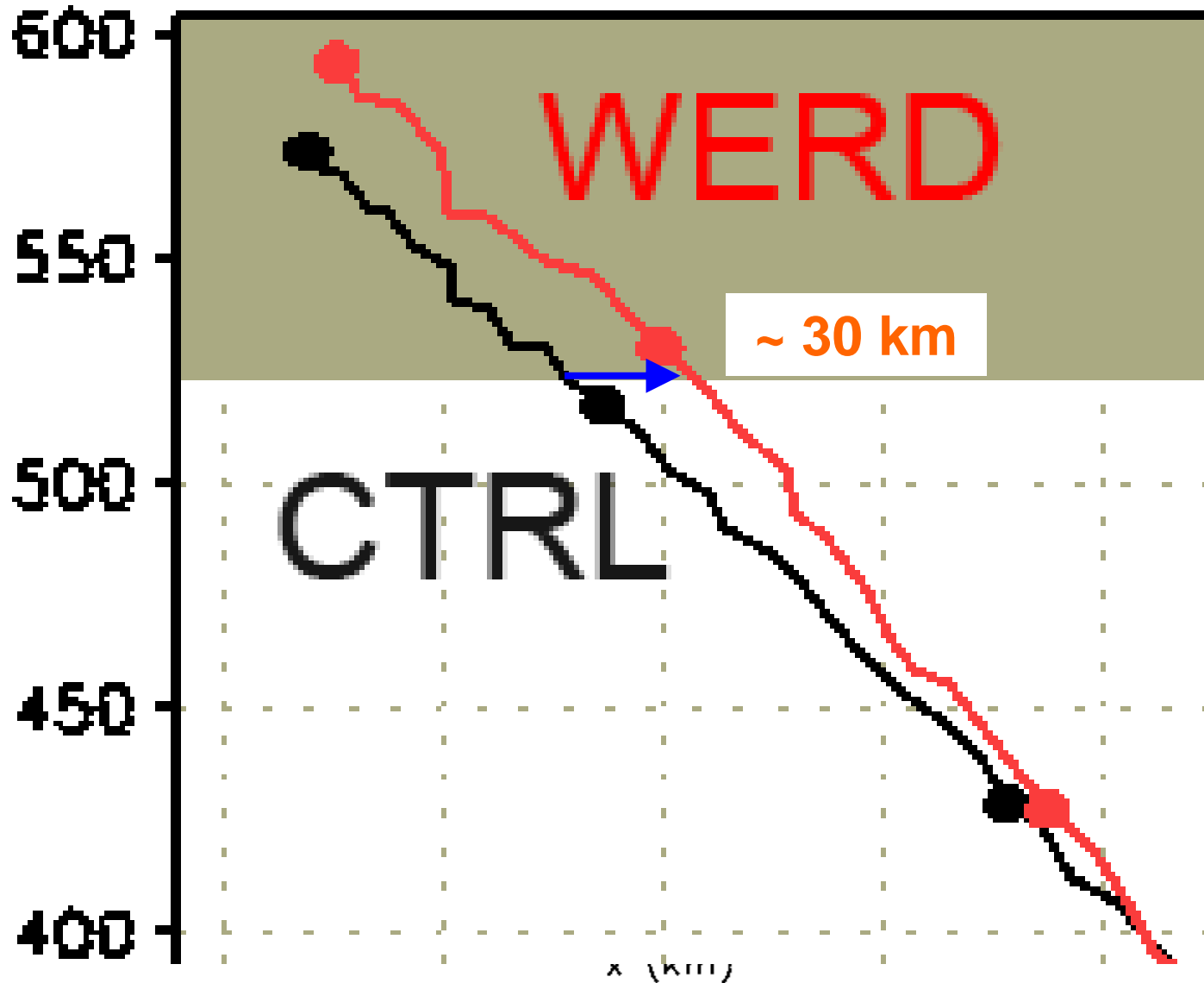


Flat Terrain β plane

β plane experiments NS-oriented coastline



β plane experiments EW-oriented coastline



Land-induced flow

Hypothesis :

TC circulation = Symmetric flow + Asymmetric flow

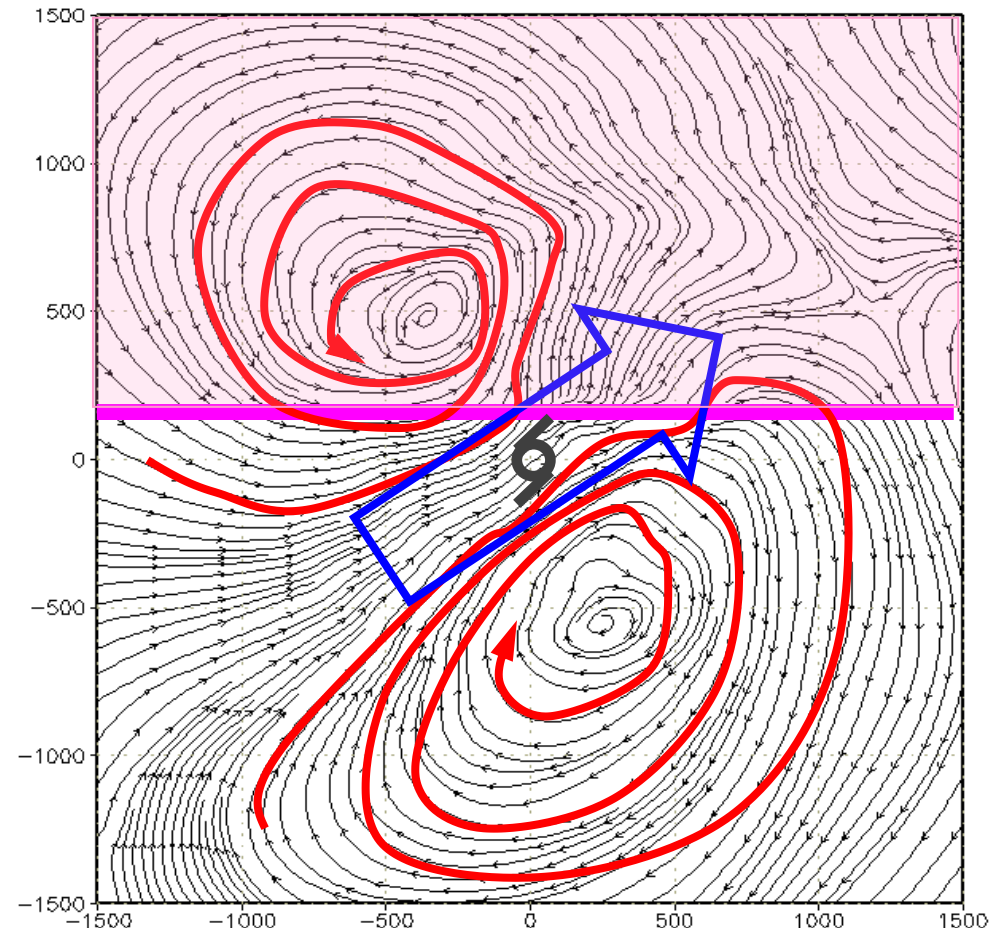
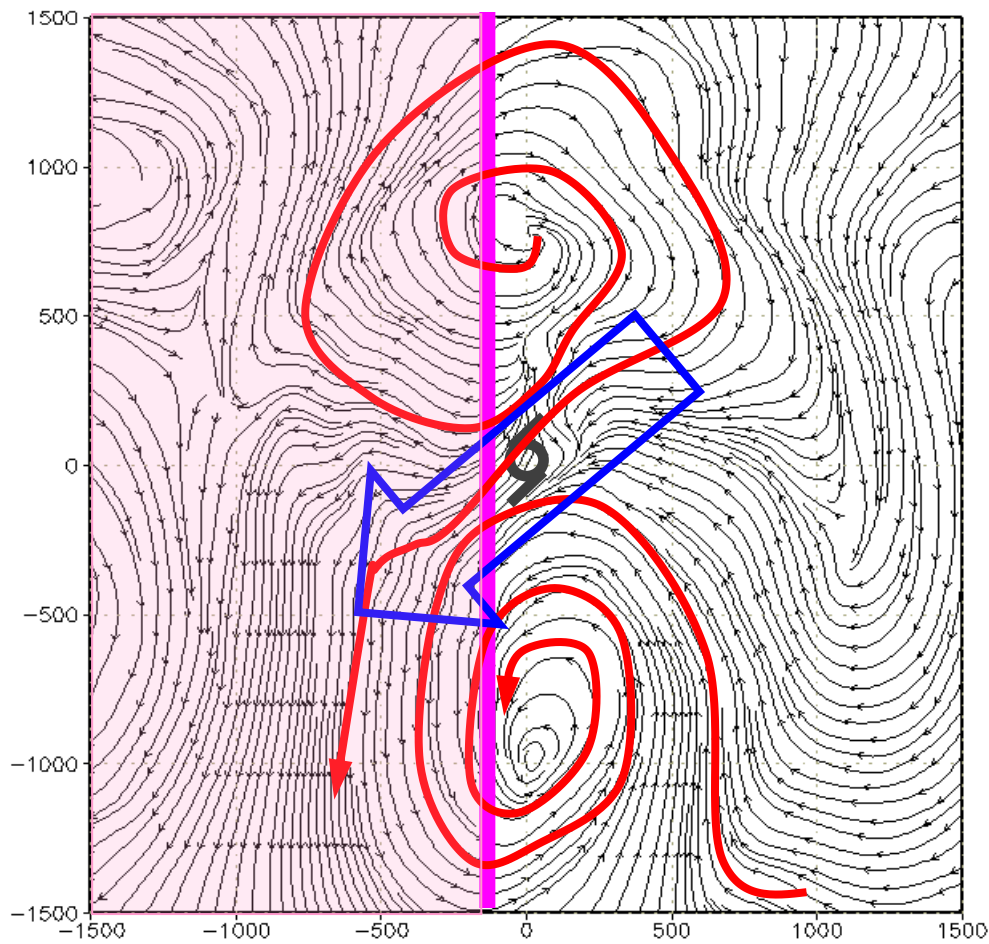
Asymmetric flow = Beta gyres + Land-Induced Flow

Not present in the CTRL

Land-induced Flow = Asymmetric flow – Beta gyres
 = (Asymmetric flow)_{Landfall} –
 (Asymmetric flow)_{CTRL}

LL Asymmetric flow ($0.9 \geq \eta \geq 0.55$) $t = 36 - 48$ h

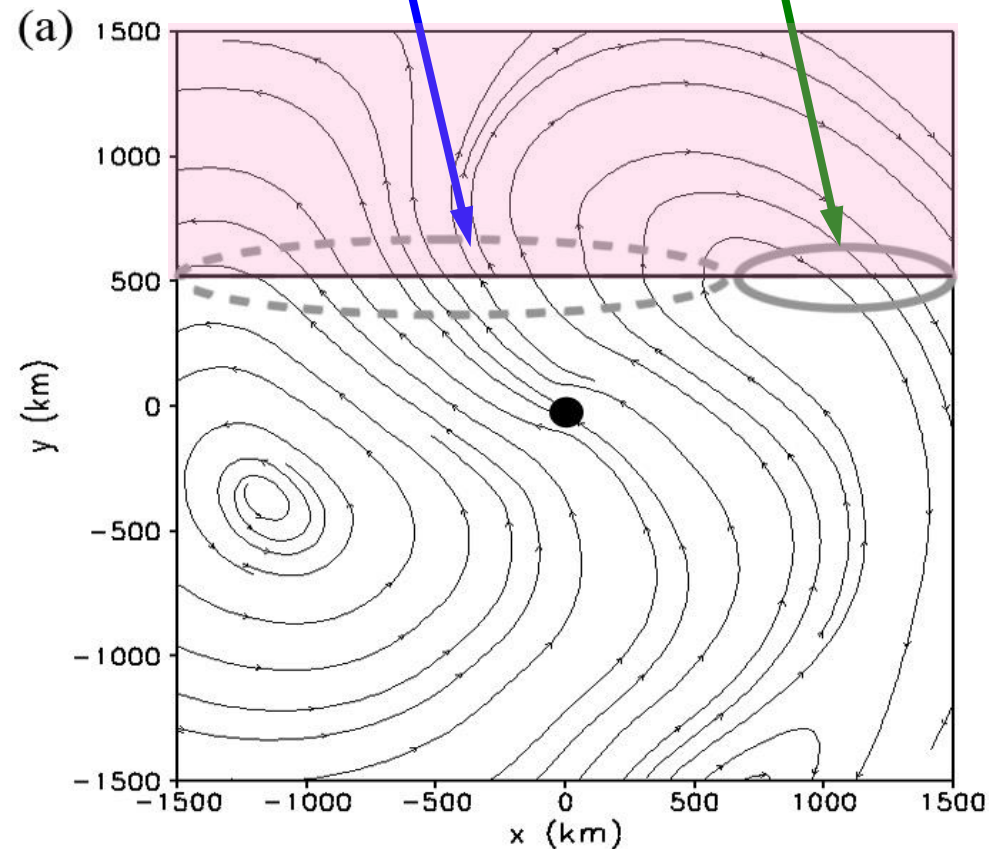
Rough and dry land



Changes in the location of onshore vs. offshore flow

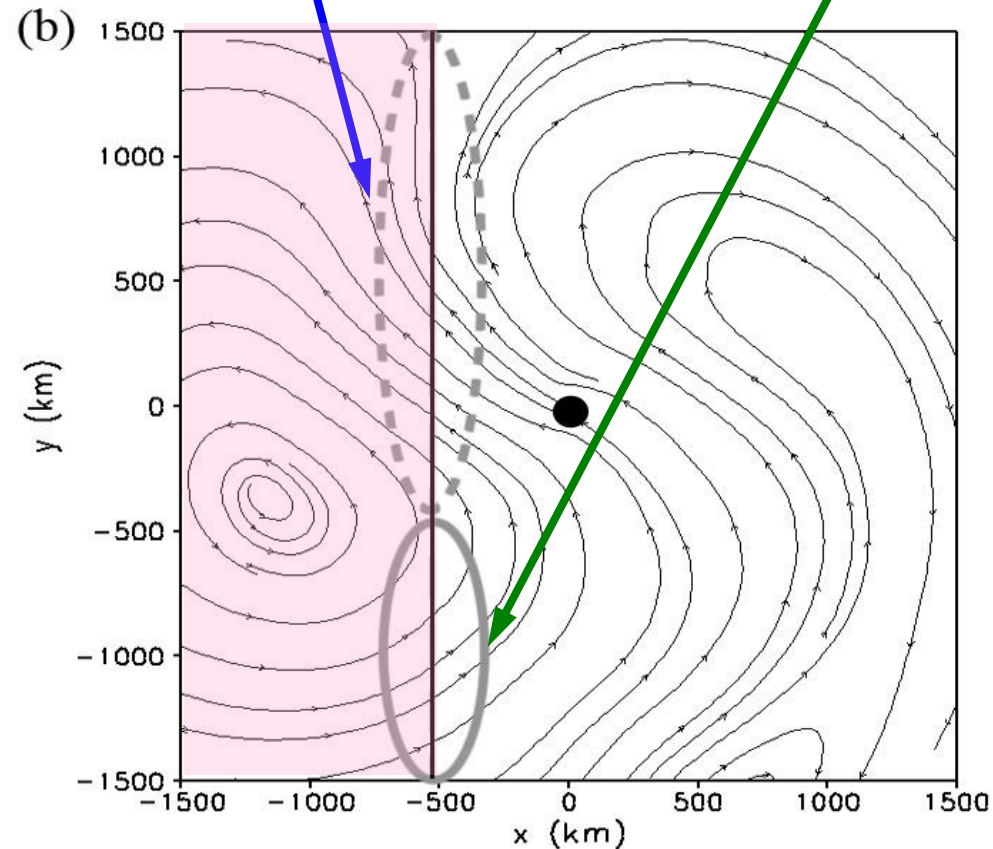
onshore flow

offshore flow



onshore flow

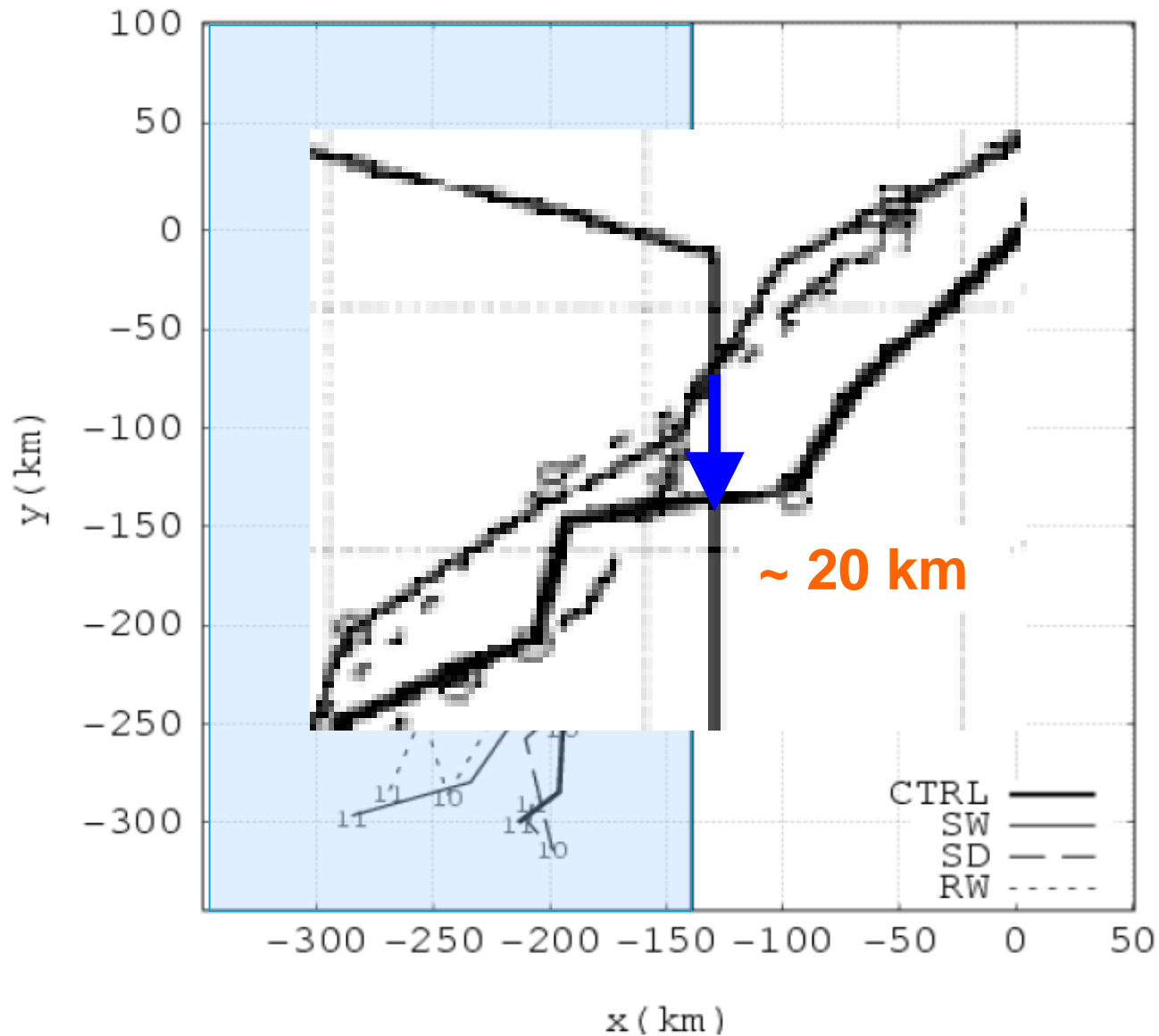
offshore flow



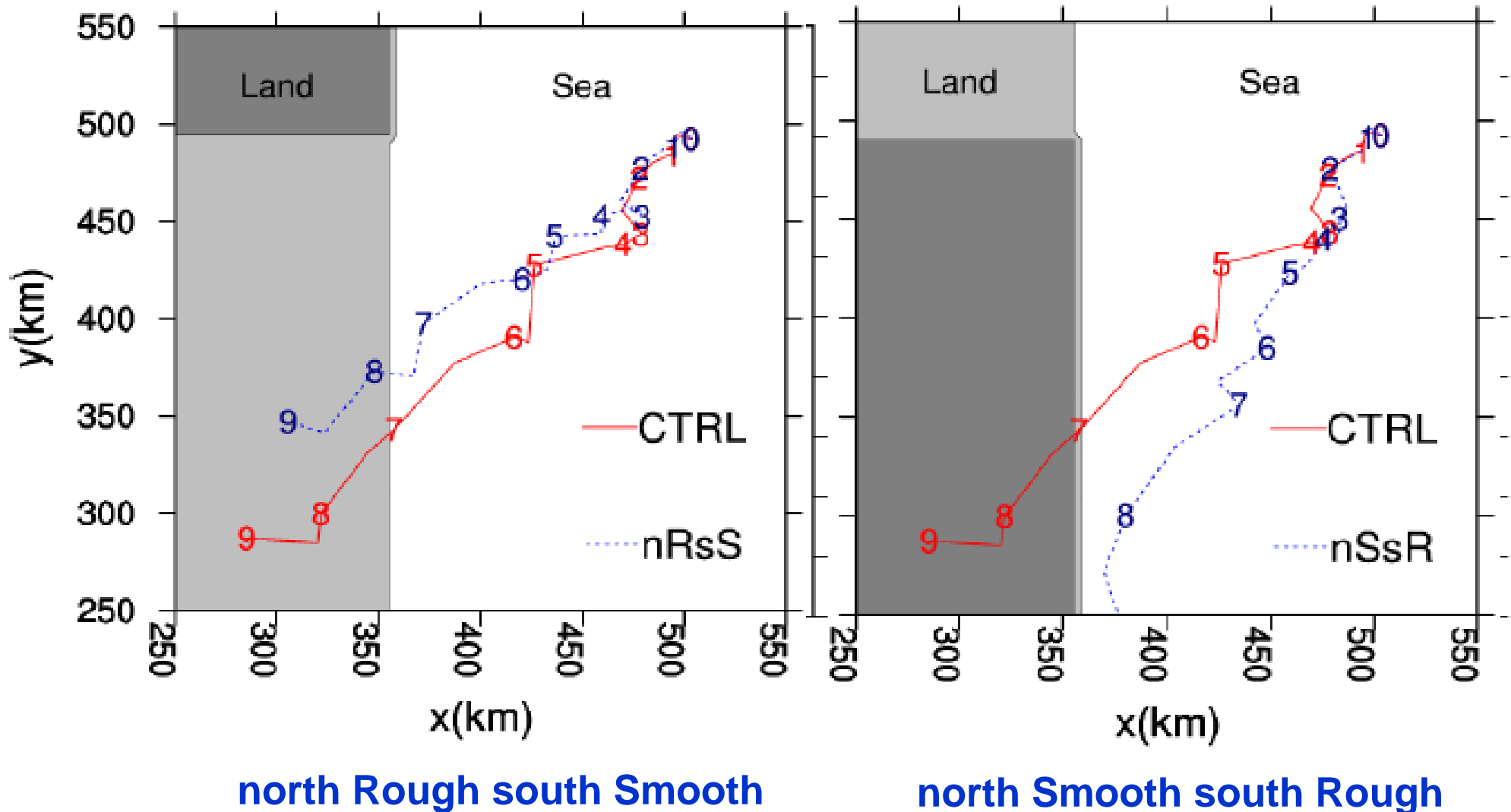


Flat Terrain
f plane
Varying Friction

Track – f plane experiments River Delta



f plane experiments Differential roughness




Summary on track changes due to friction

- An inherent vortex motion in the presence of a discontinuity in surface friction.
- Such motion is caused by two main processes:
 - the development of a “ventilation flow” associated with a vortex pair through the generation of relative vorticity from the divergent term in the vorticity equation
 - diabatic heating due to differential convergence

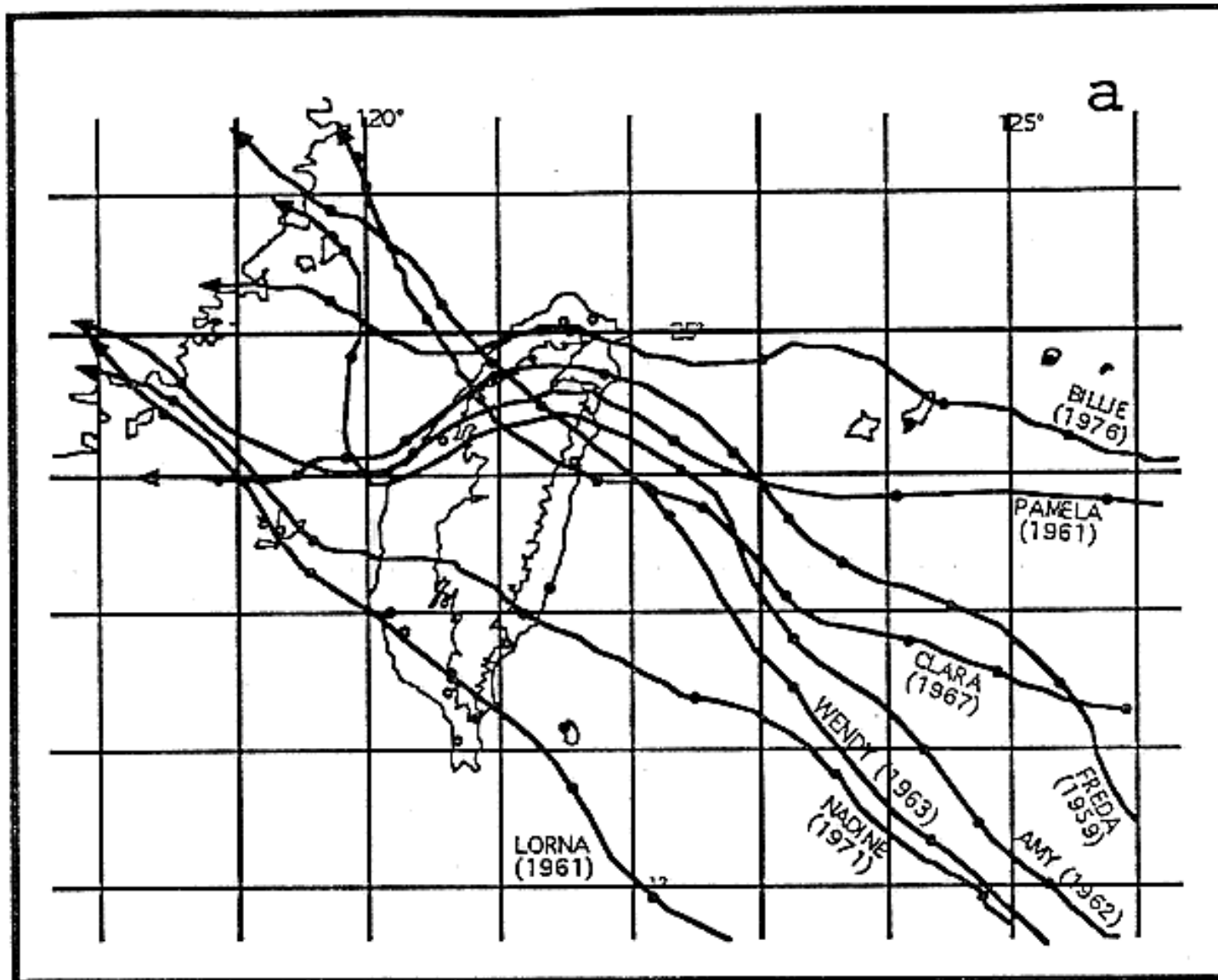
Summary on track changes due to friction

- Such an inherent motion modifies the beta effect so that different coastline orientation will cause the TC track to deviate differently.
- Differential friction over land will also cause track deviations towards rougher land

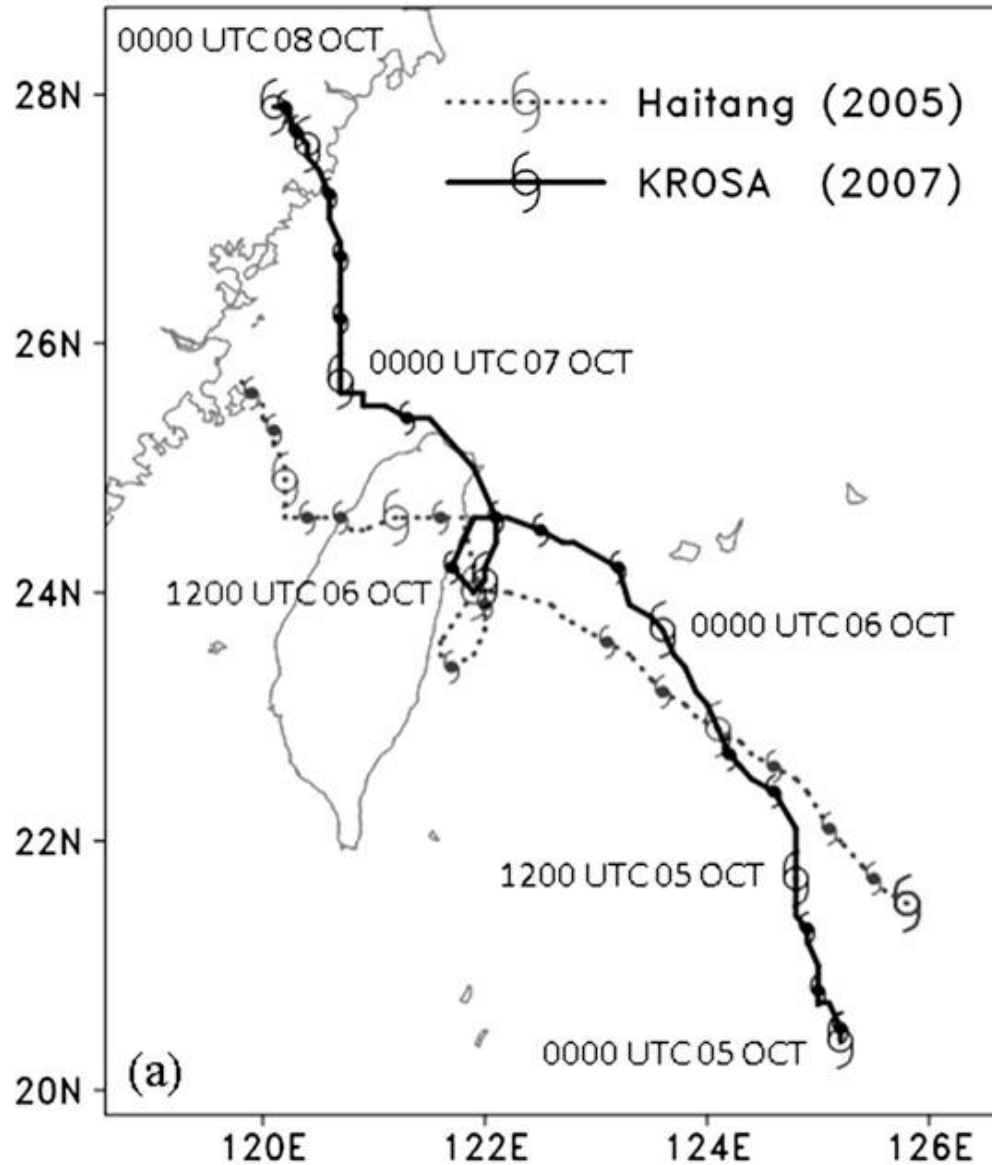


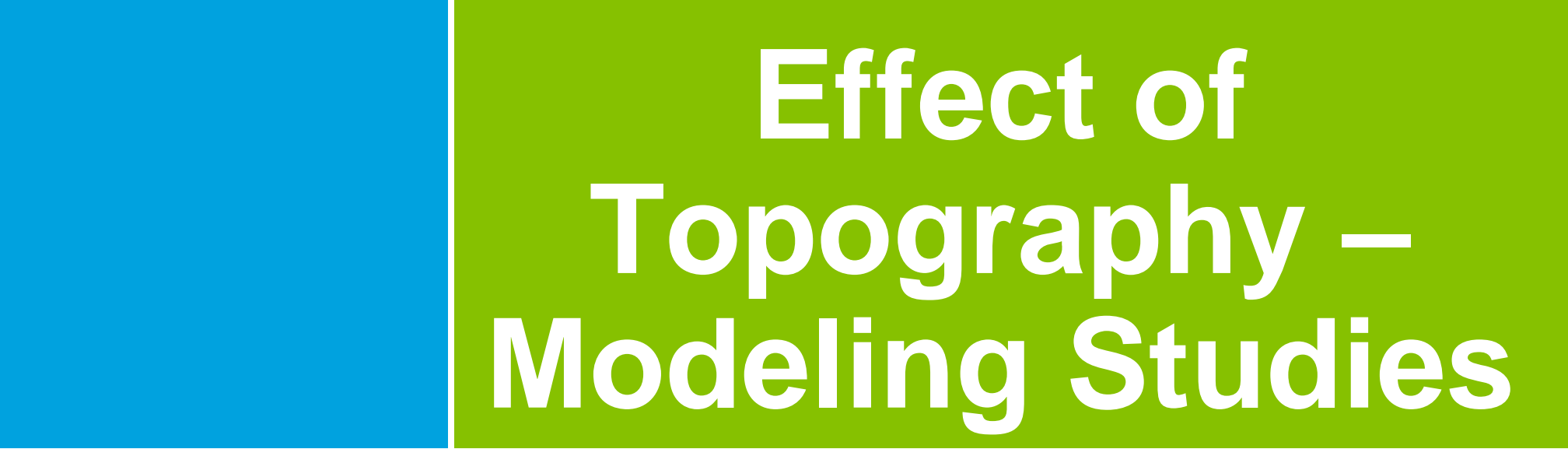
Effect of Topography - Observations

Effect of topography – Taiwan



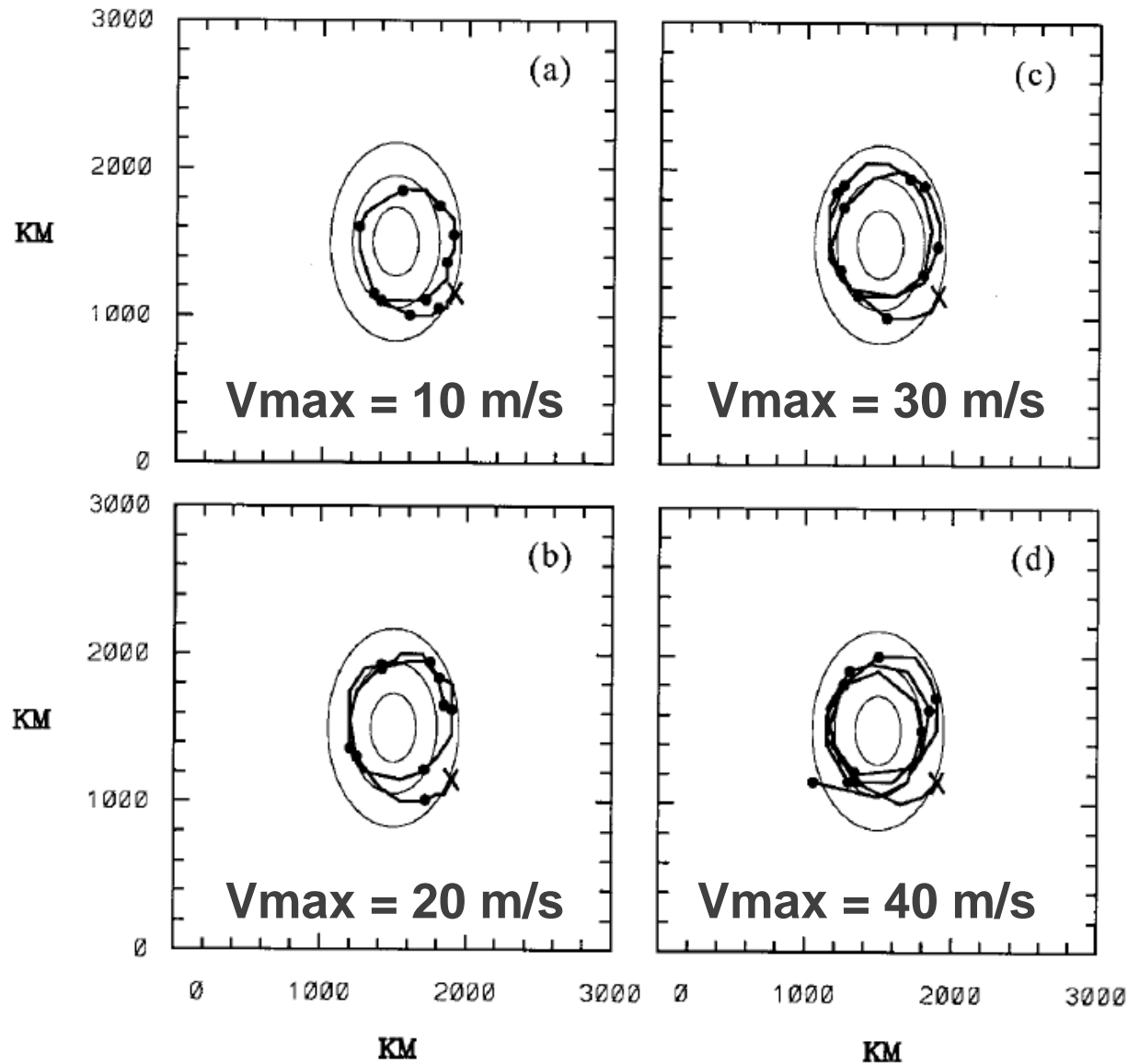
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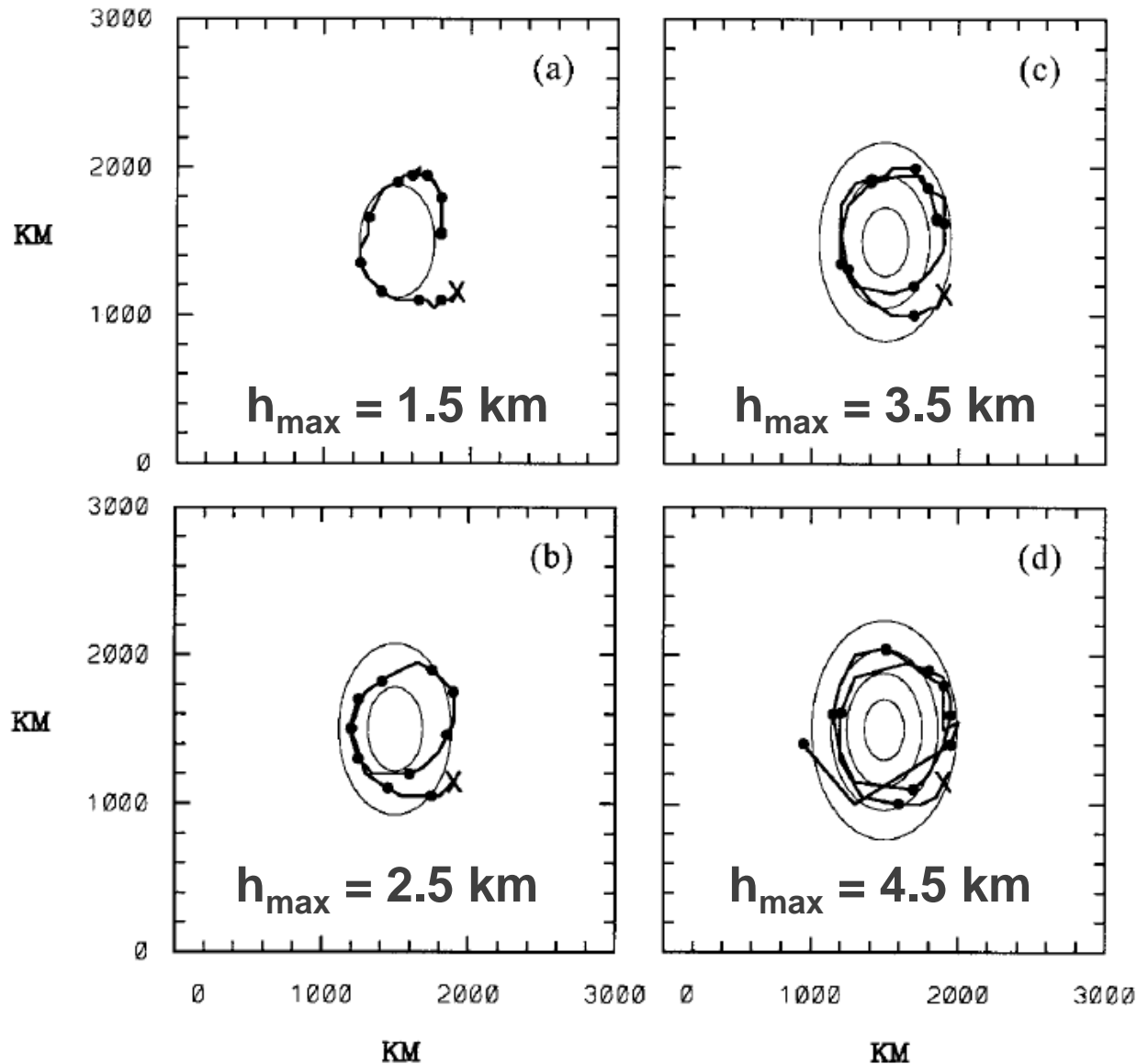


Effect of Topography – Modeling Studies

Effect of topography – barotropic vortex



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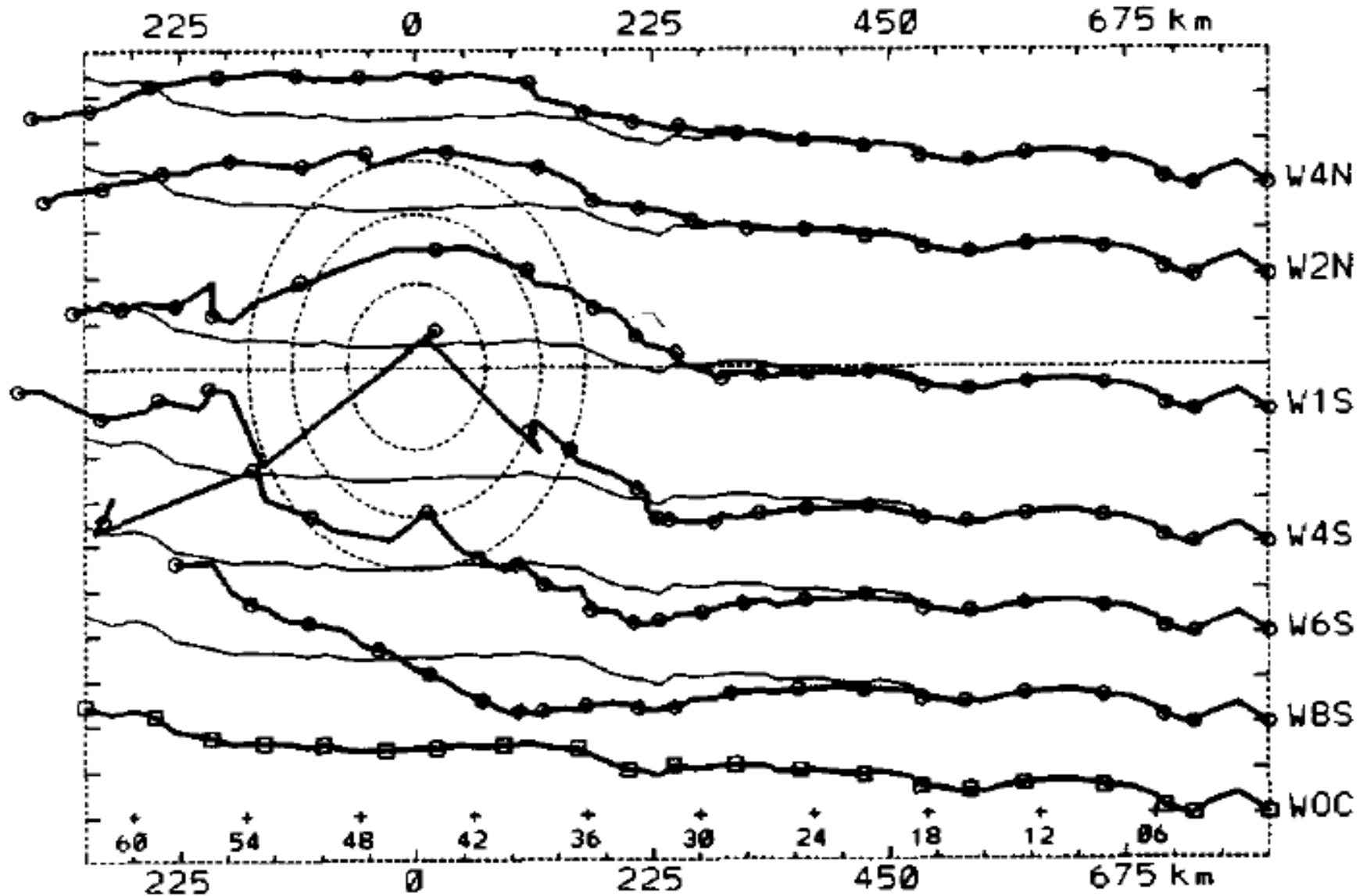
Effect of topography – barotropic vortex

The reason for this clockwise rotation is because the mountain changes the equivalent depth of the fluid H and hence changes the equivalent rotation of the earth f , causing the fluid to behave like on a beta plane. This is therefore known as the **topographic beta effect**. The motion of the vortex is to conserve potential vorticity.

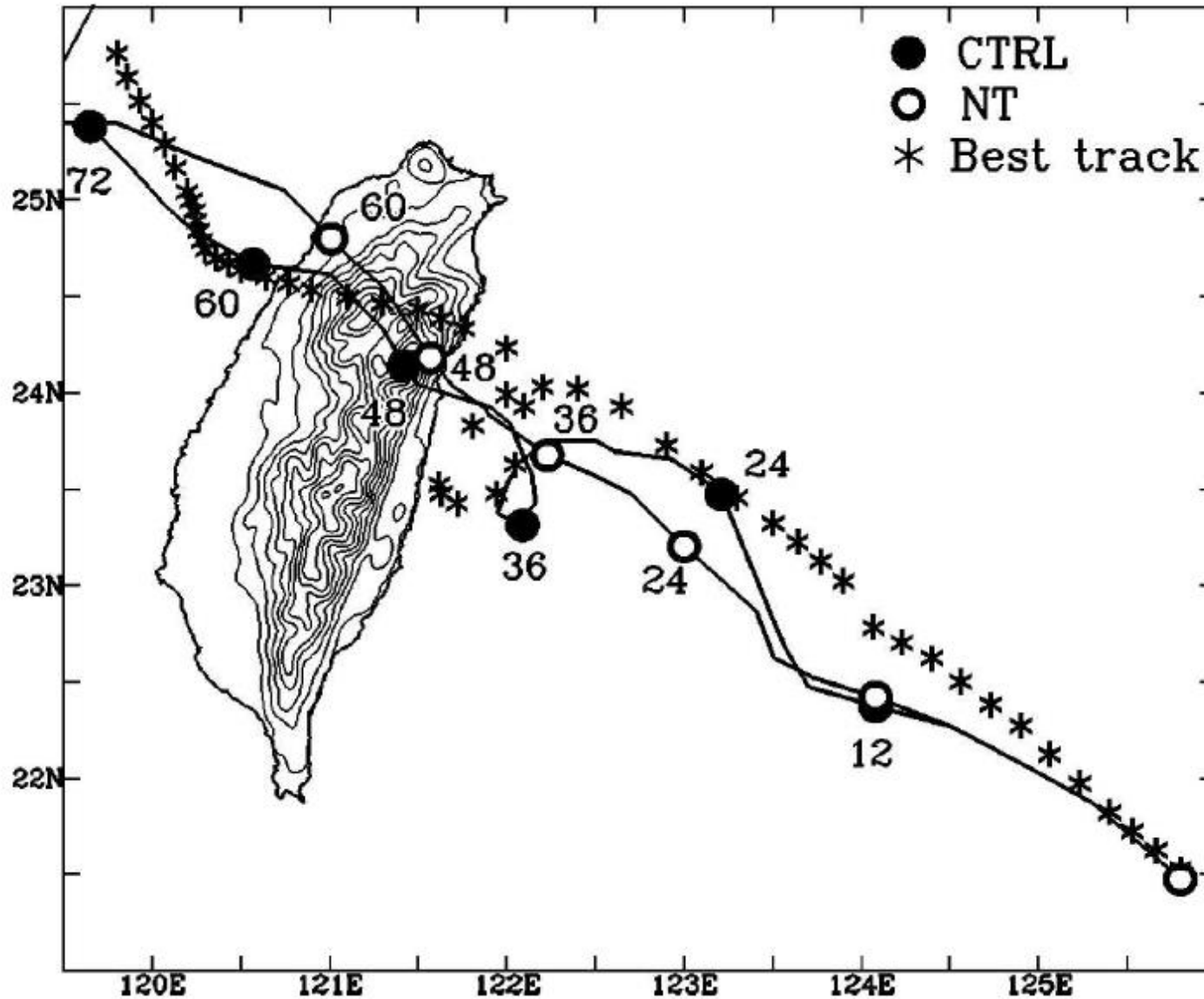
$$\beta_e = \frac{f}{H} \frac{h_{\max}}{a_0}$$

where h_{\max} is the maximum height and a_0 a scale parameter of the width of the mountain

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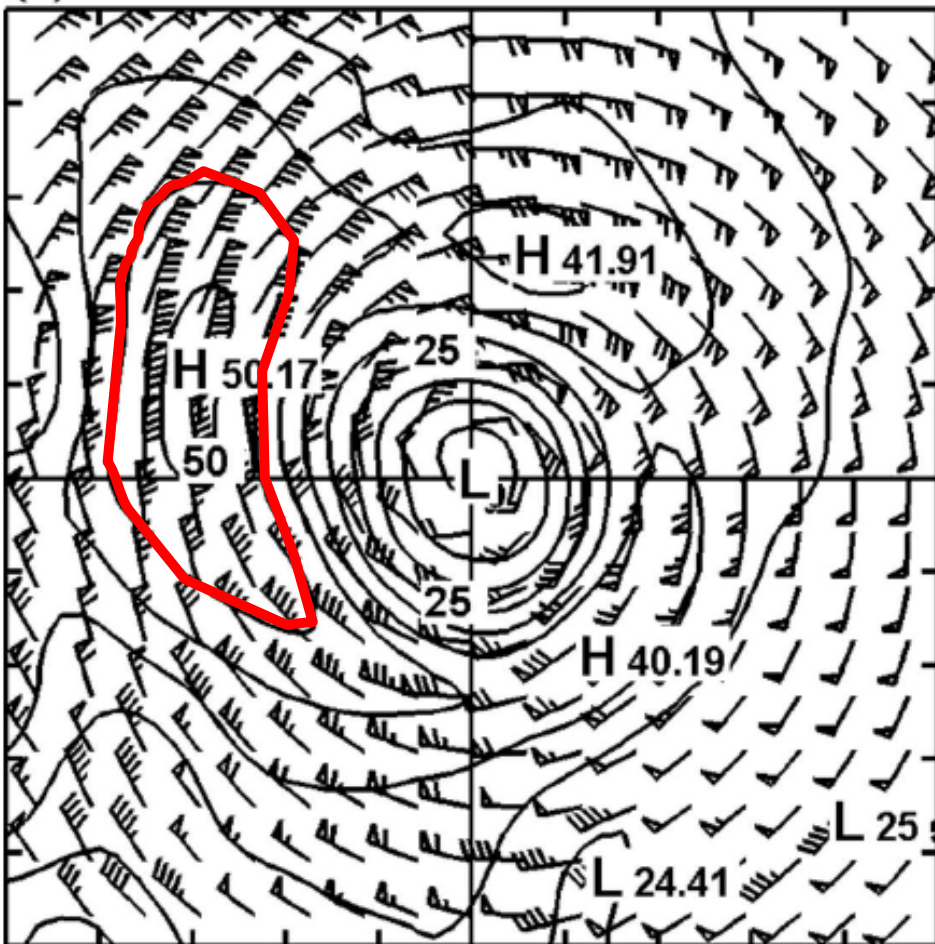


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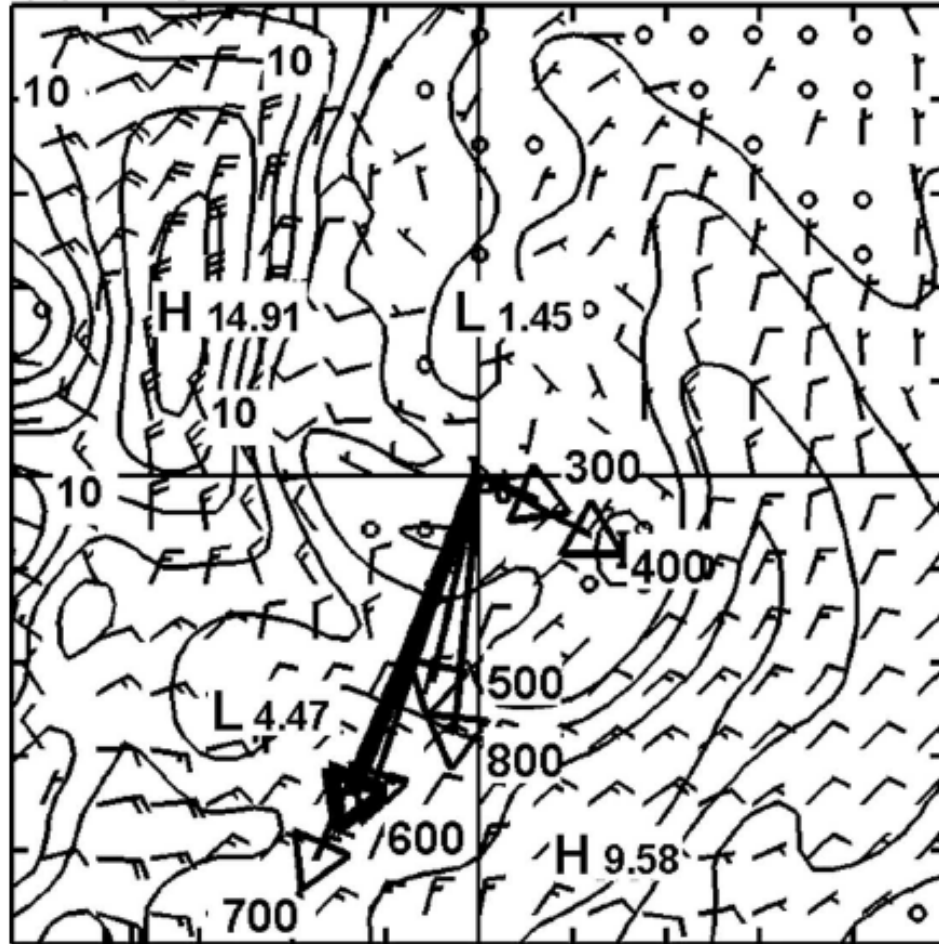


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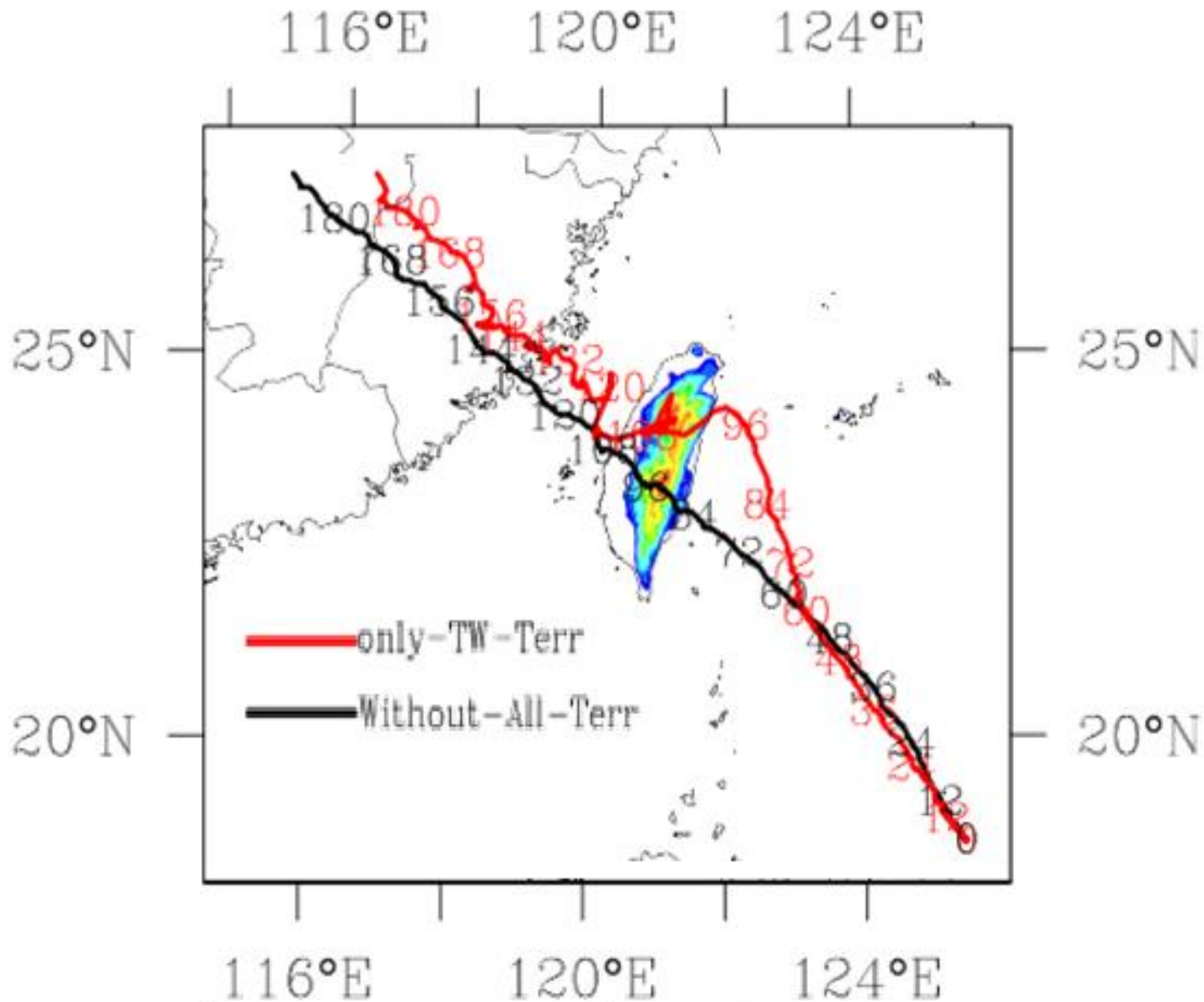
(a) Total winds at 700 hPa CTRL



(b) Asy. winds at 700 hPa CTRL

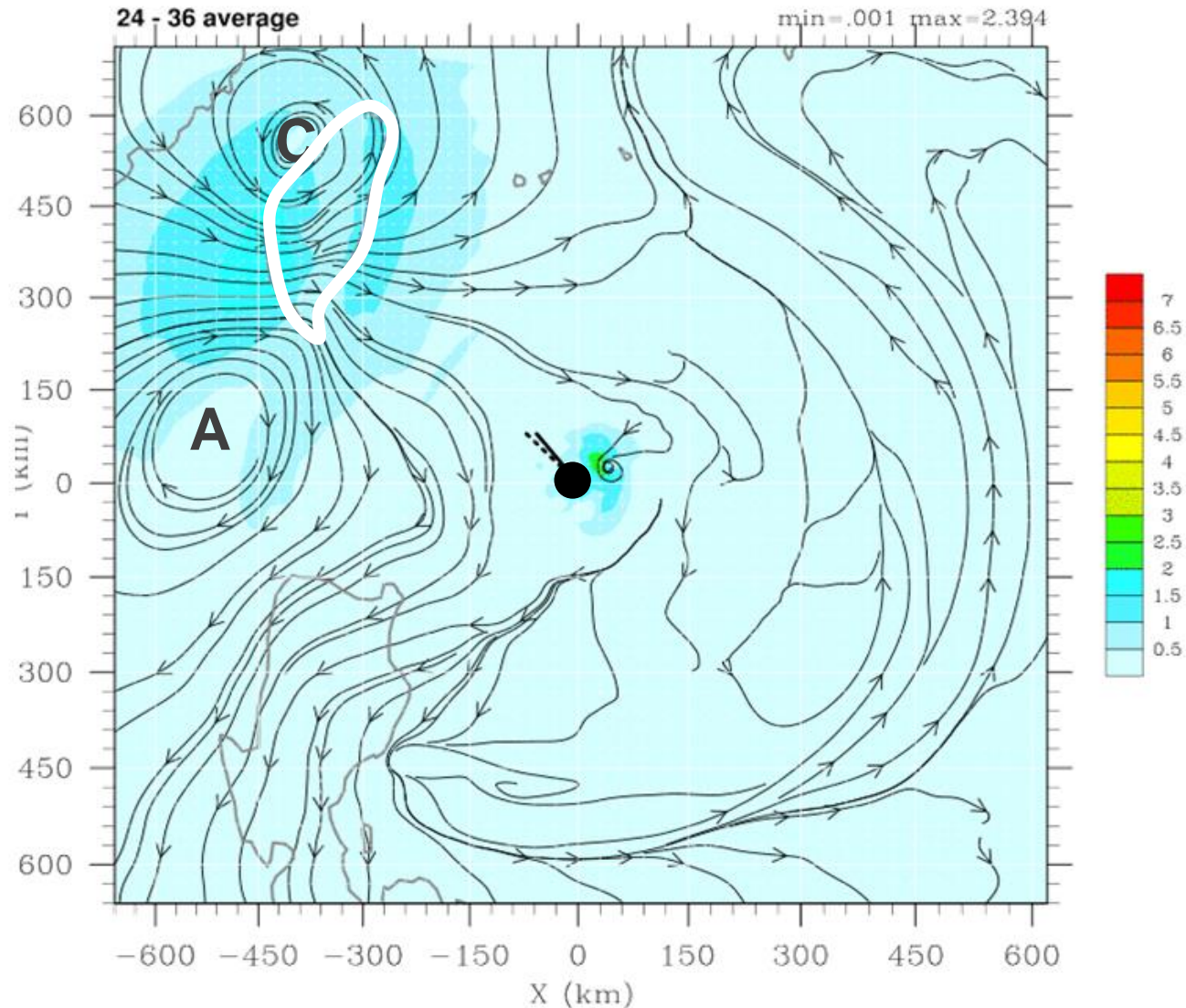


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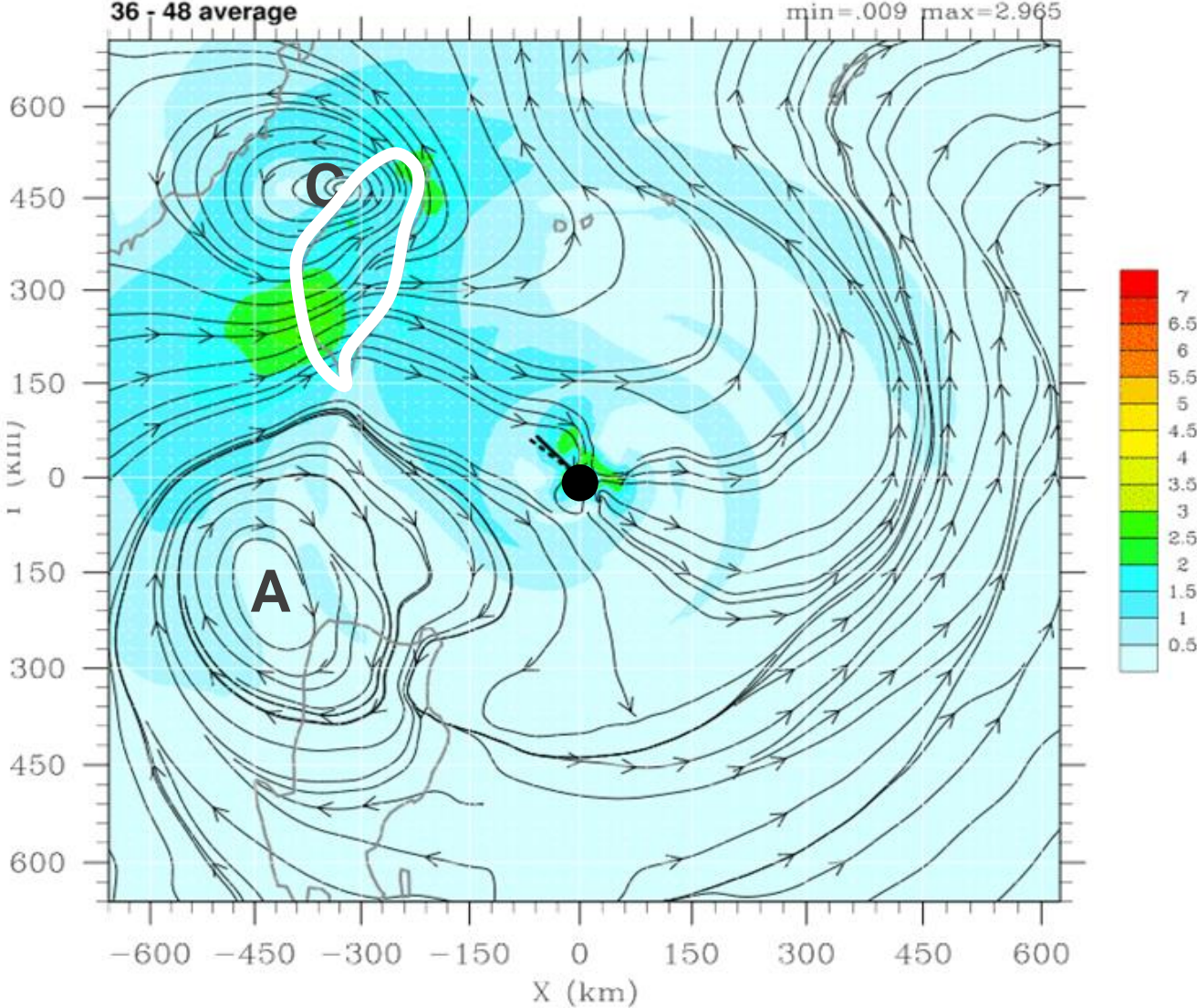
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Asymmetric flow: with Taiwan topography minus without



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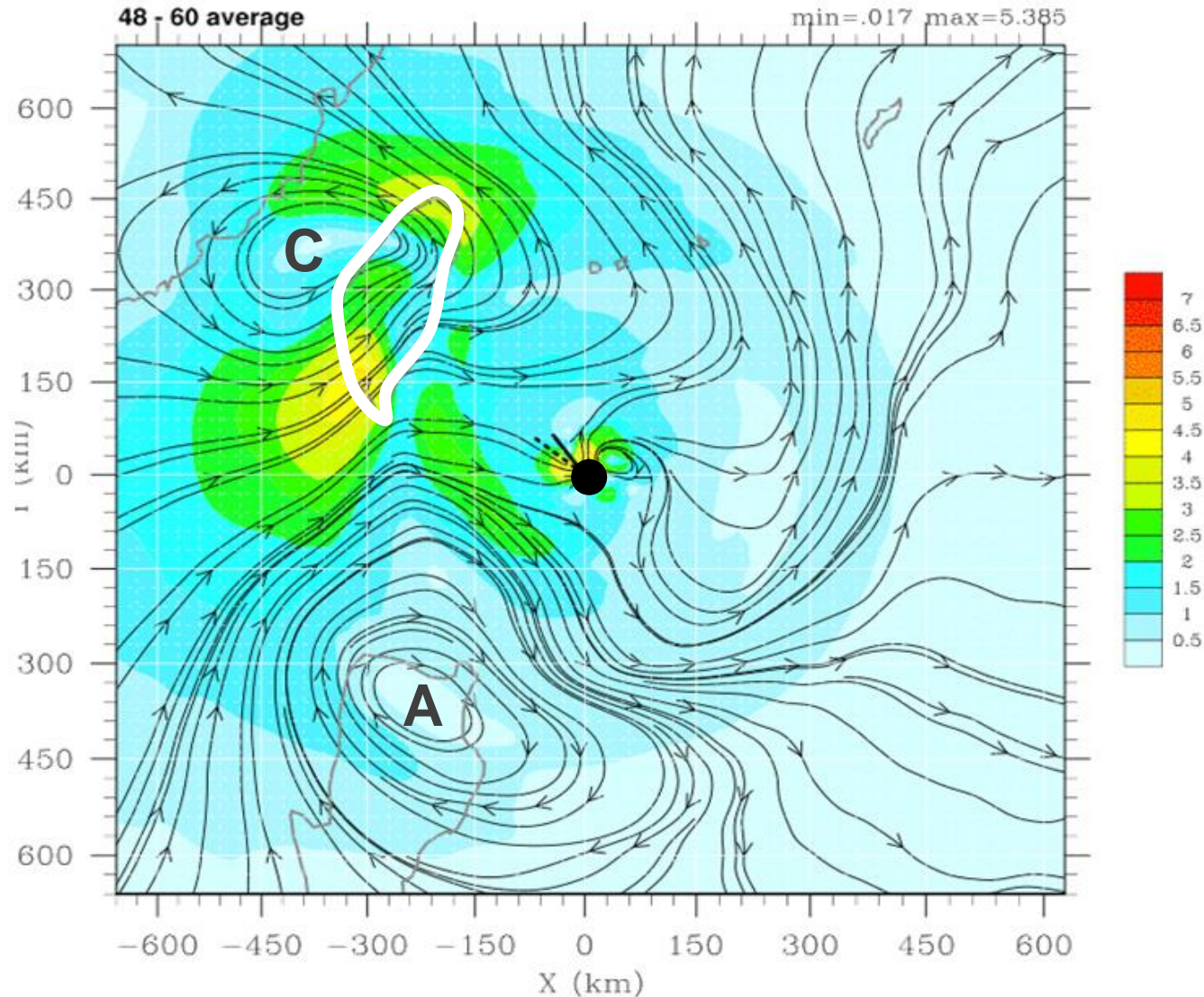
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36-48 h

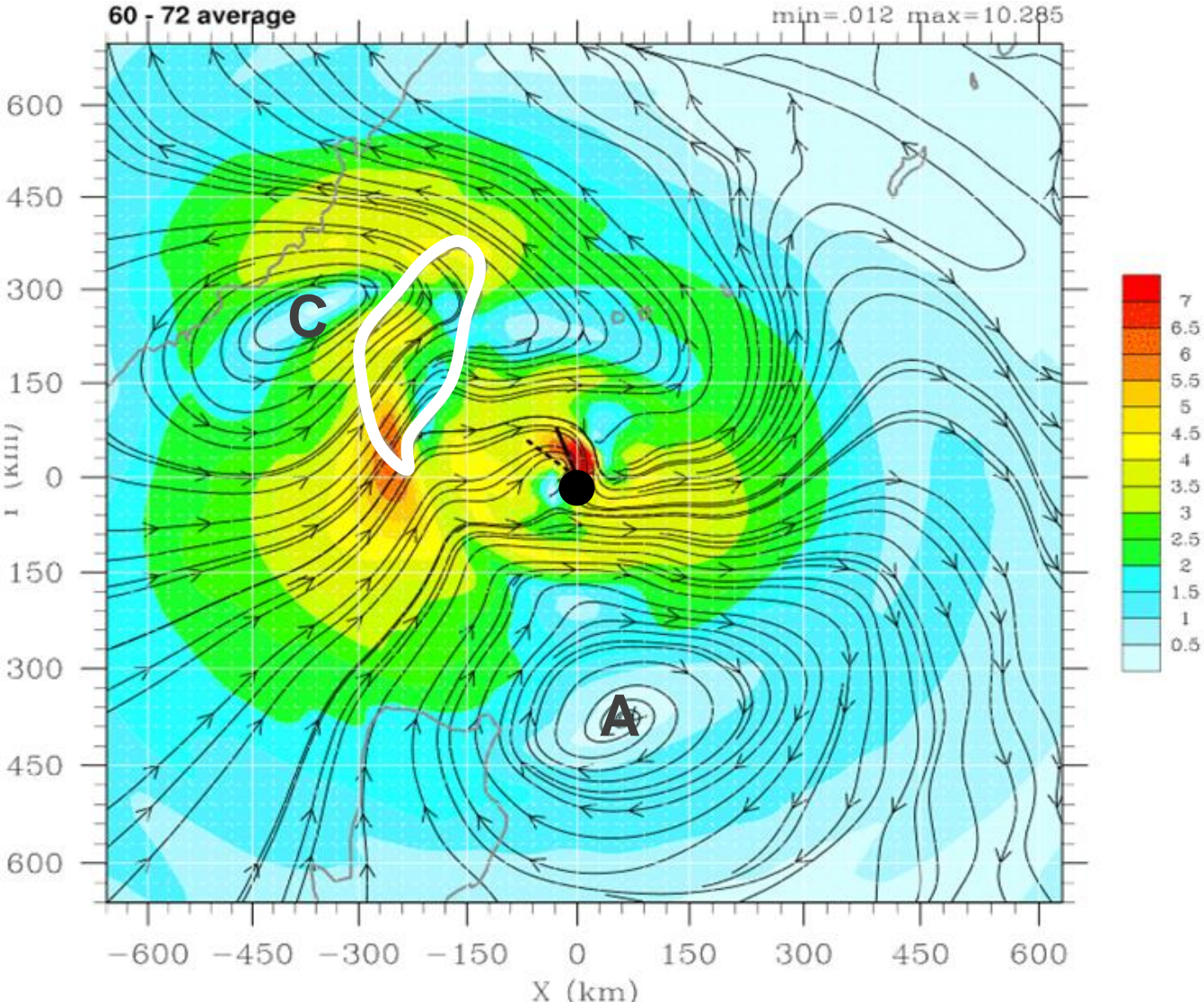
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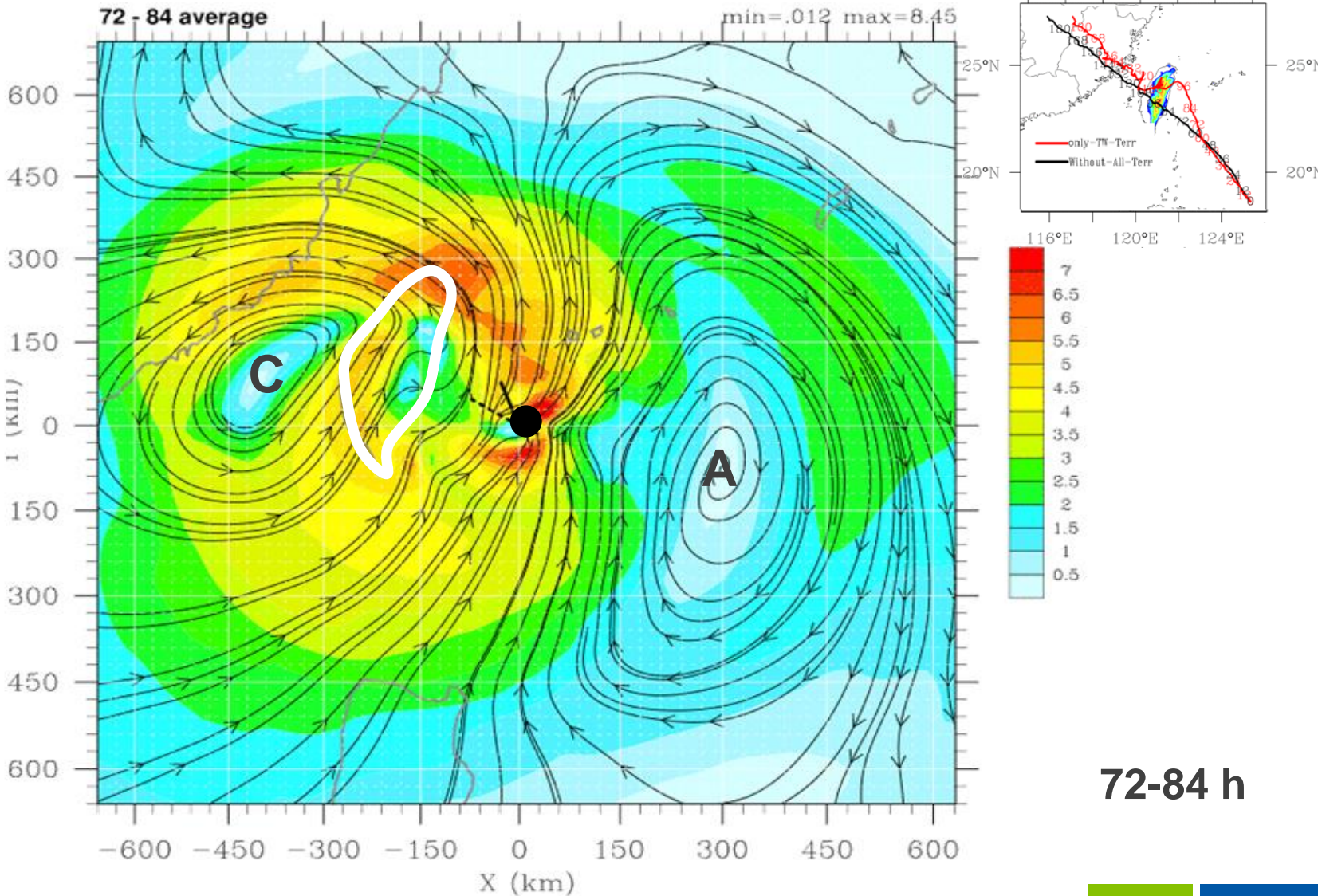
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60-72 h

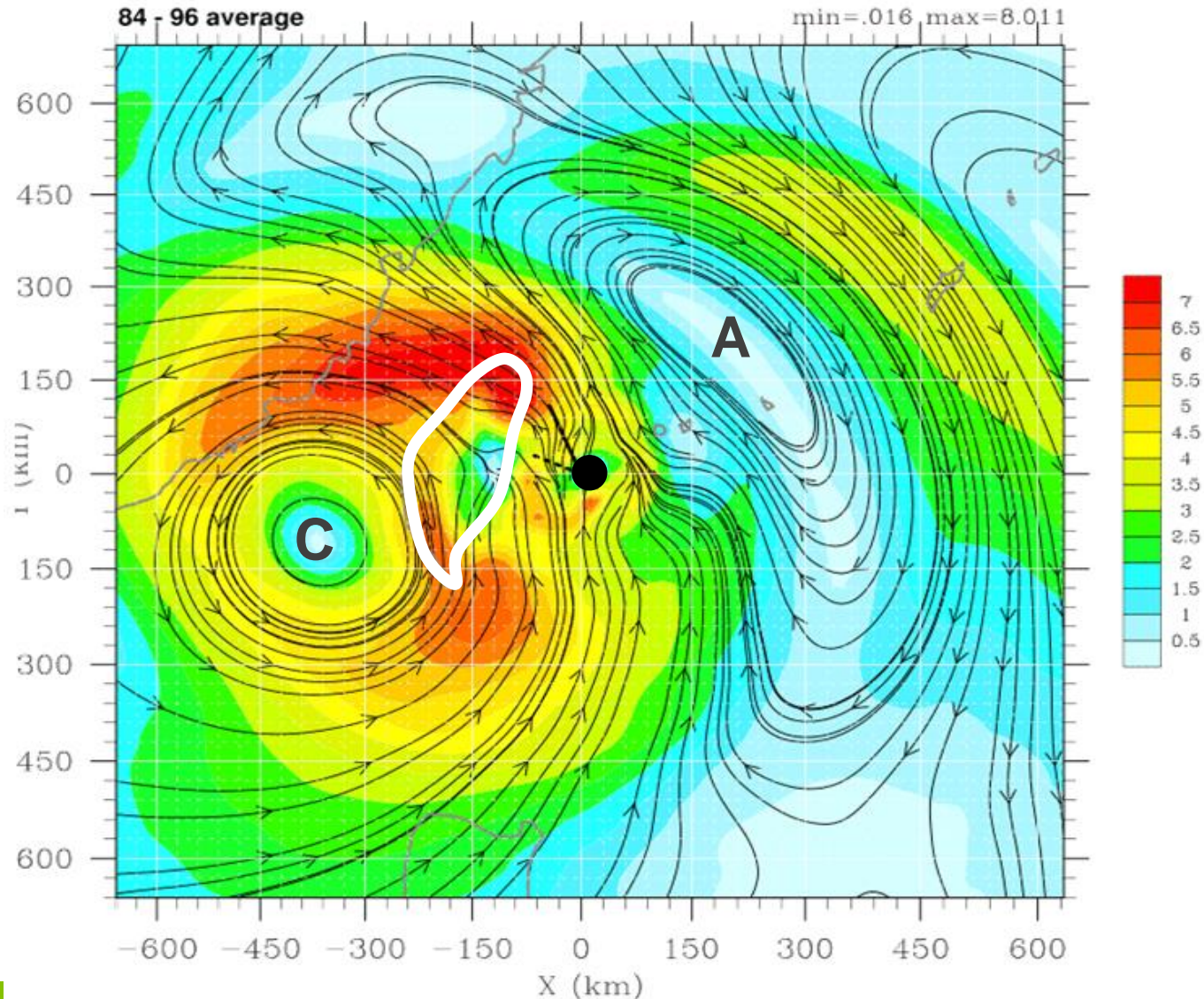
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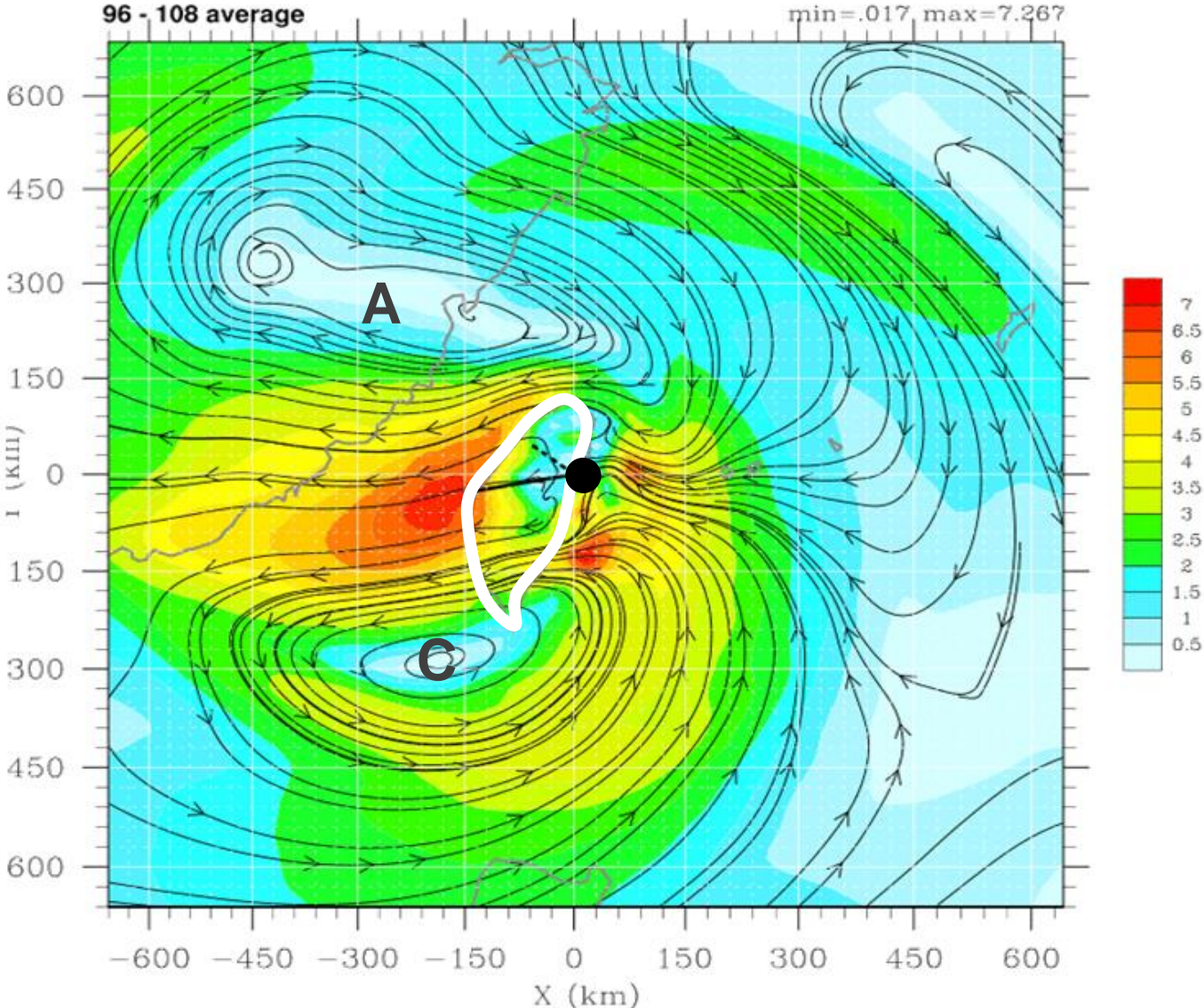
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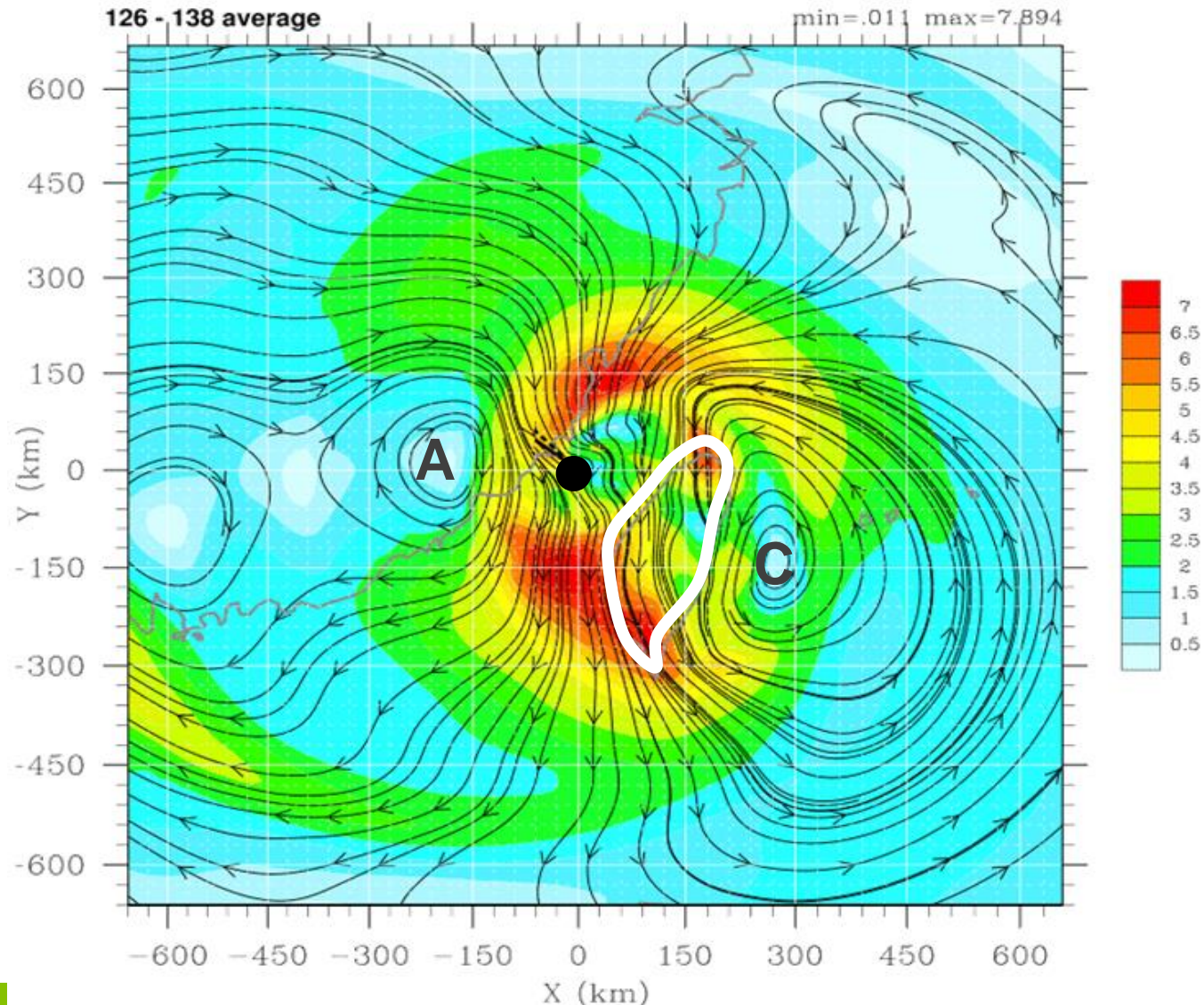
Asymmetric flow: with Taiwan topography minus without



96-108 h

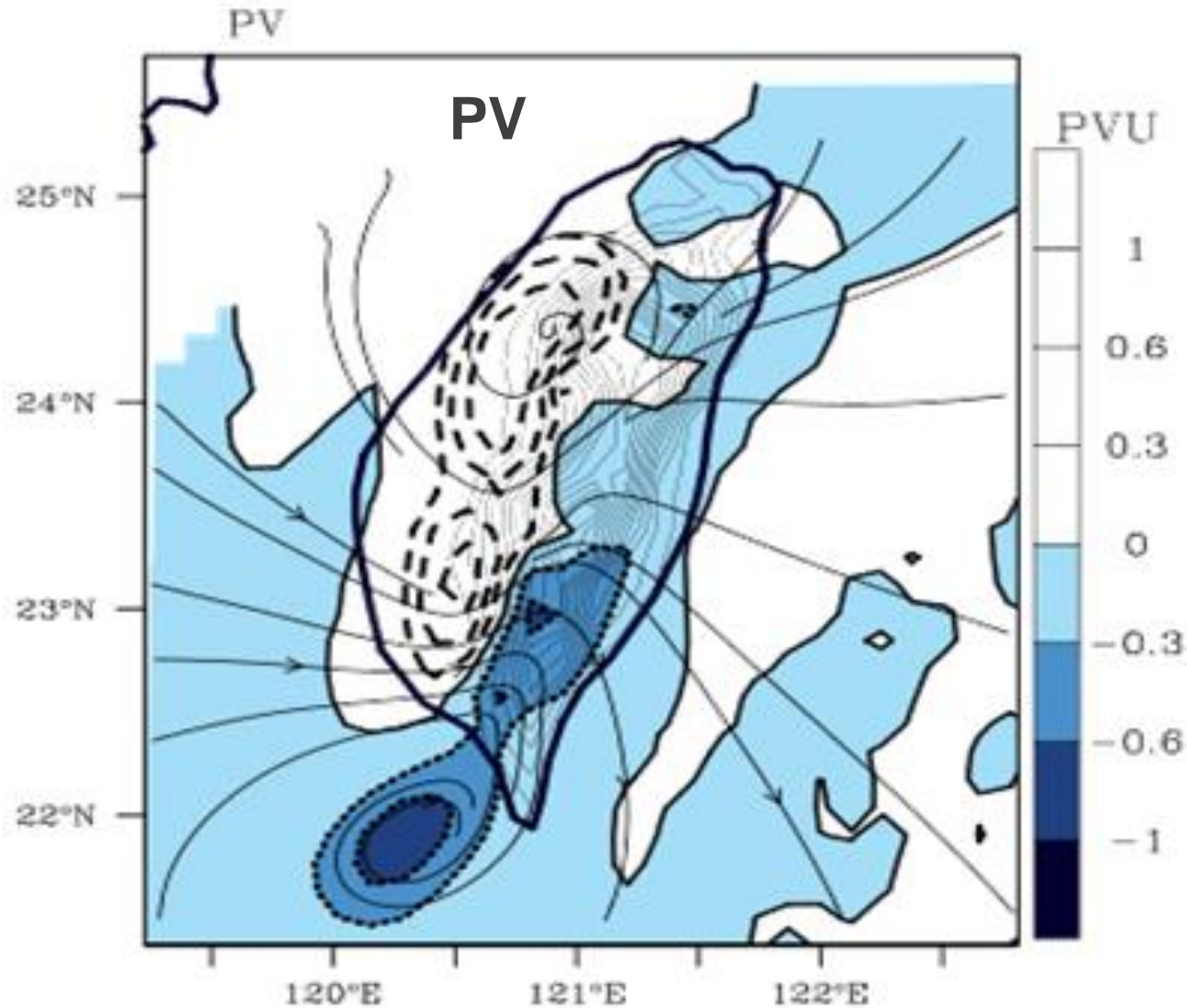
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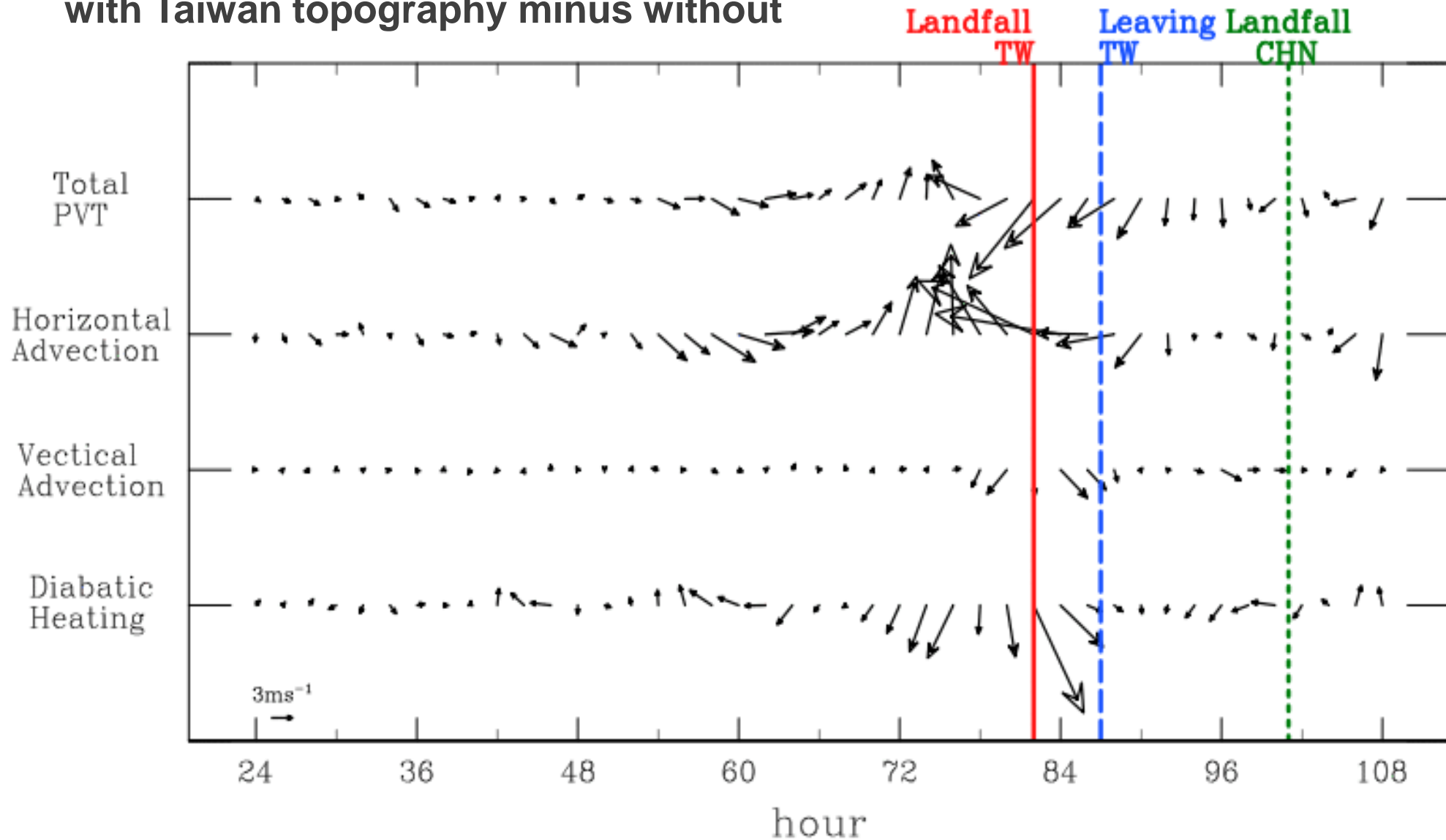
Mechanism for the formation of gyres

with Taiwan topography minus without

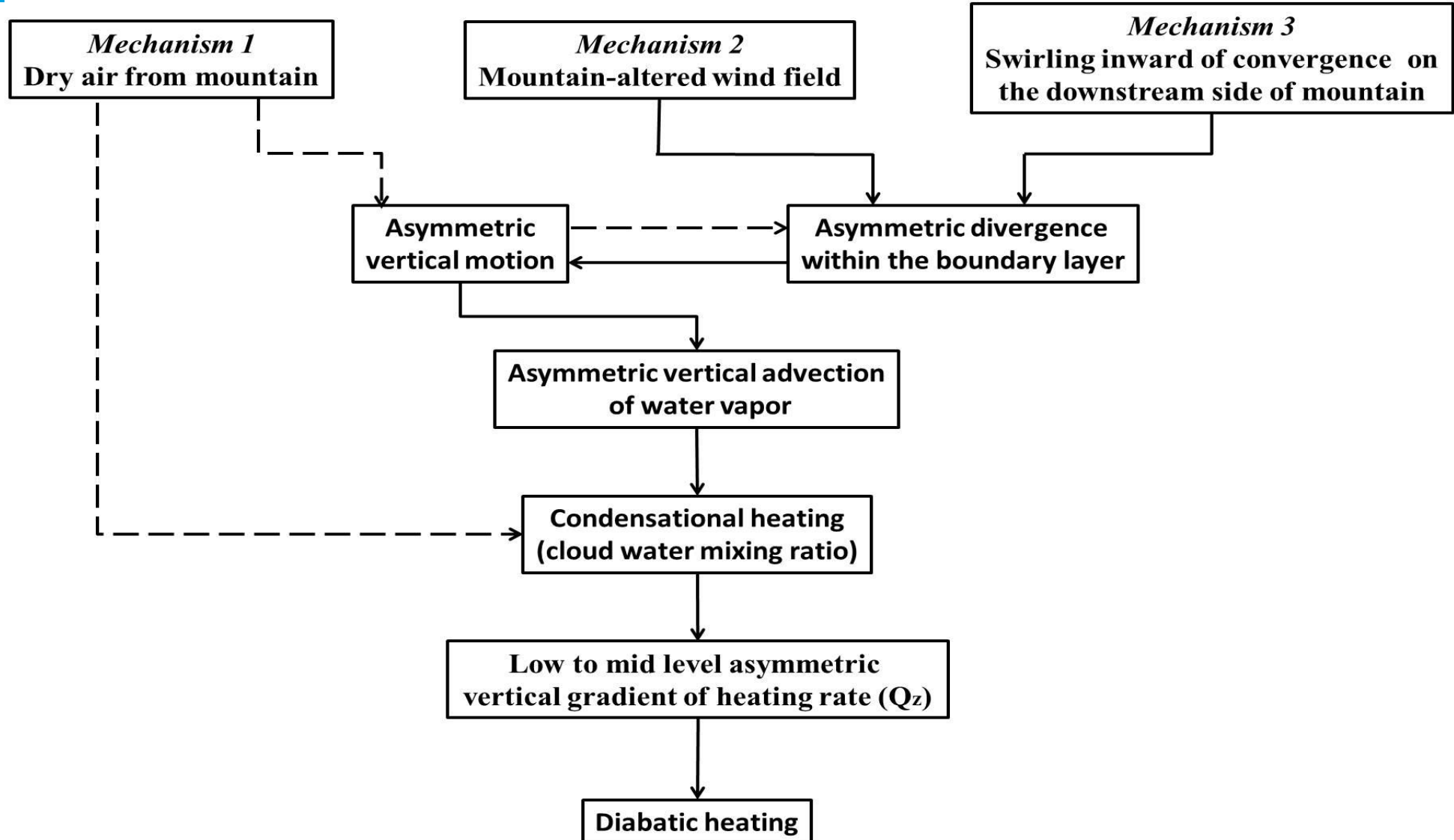


Terms in the PV tendency equation

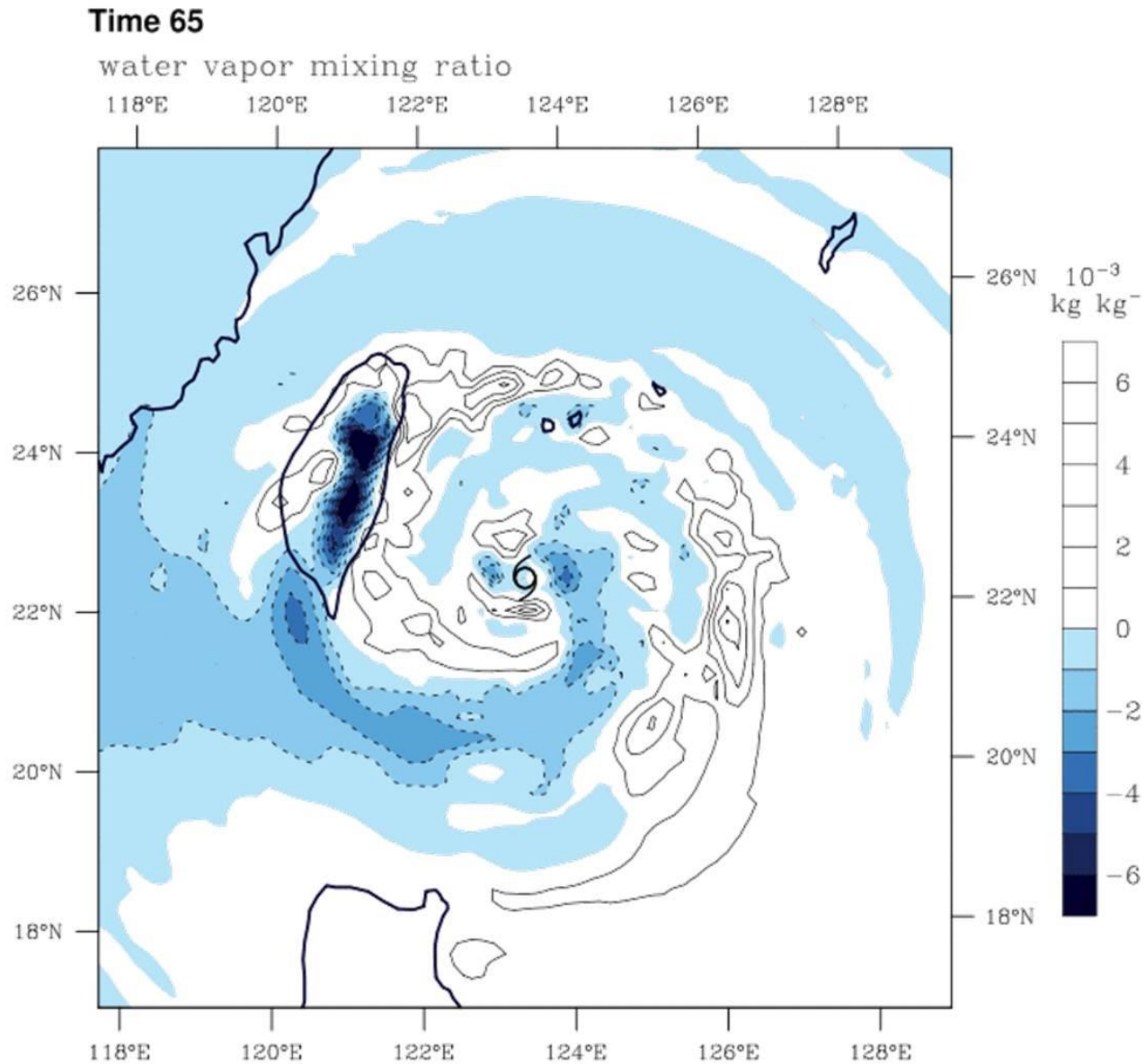
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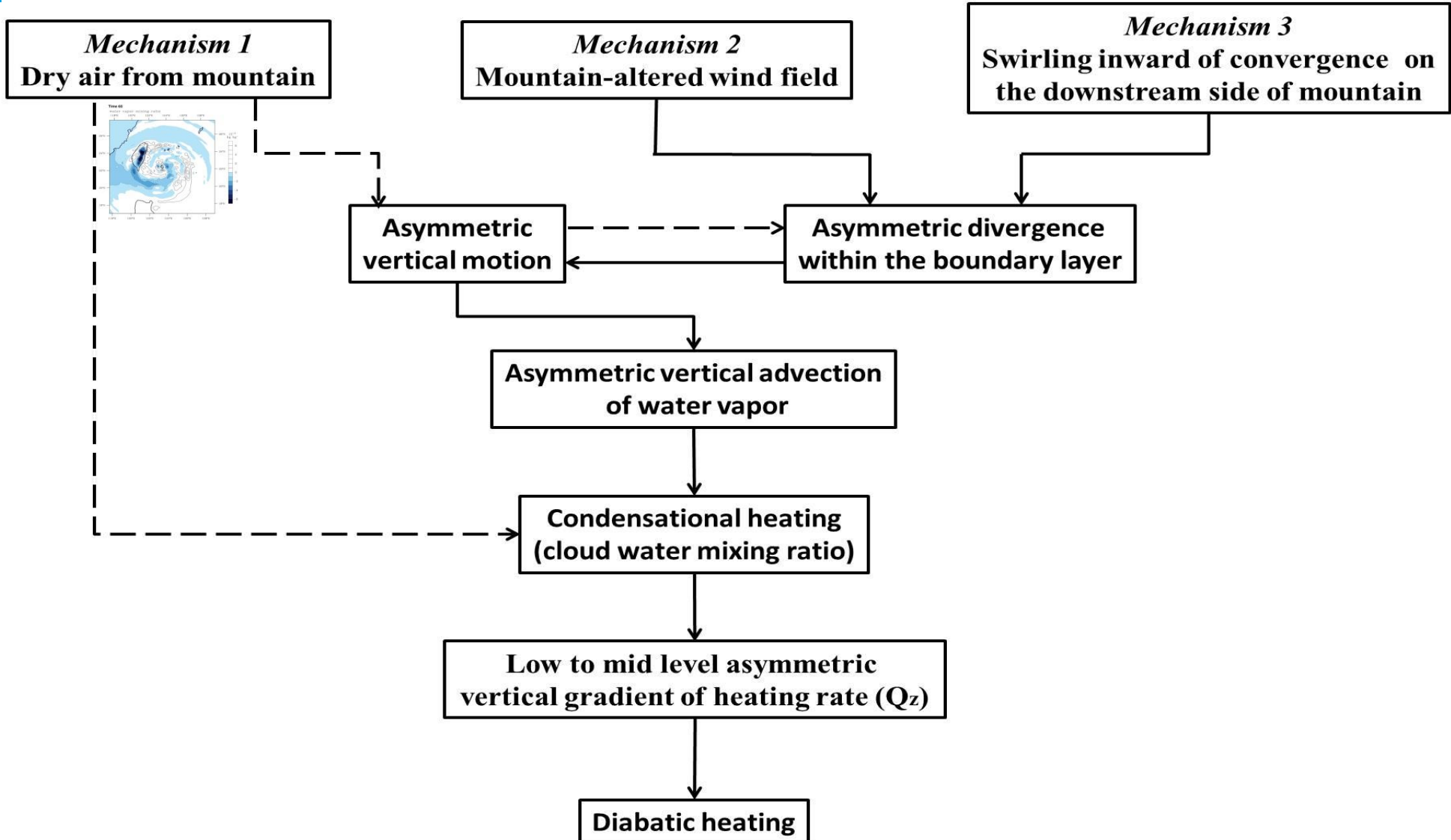
Mechanisms for the establishment of diabatic heating



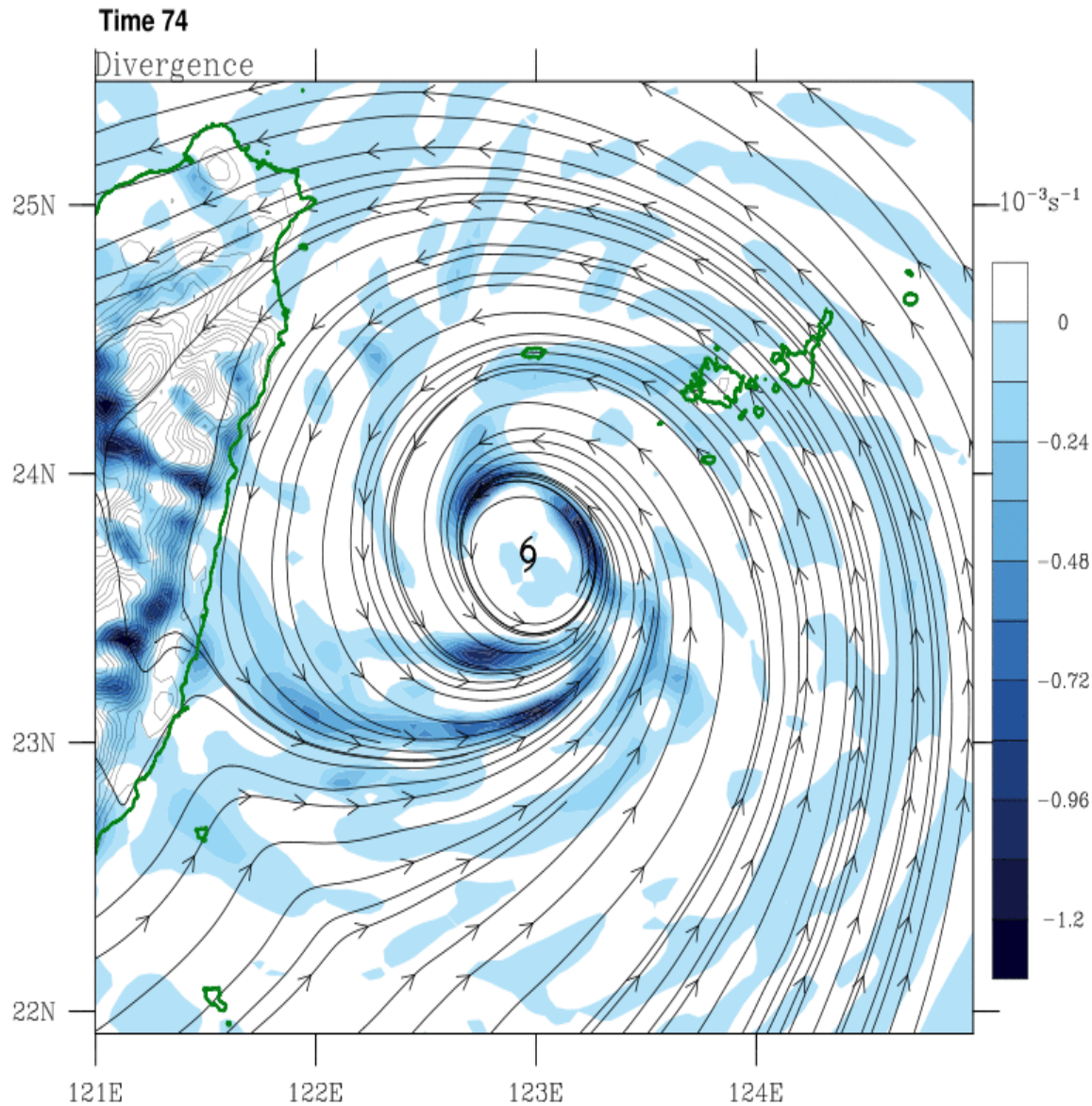
Water Vapour Mixing Ratio



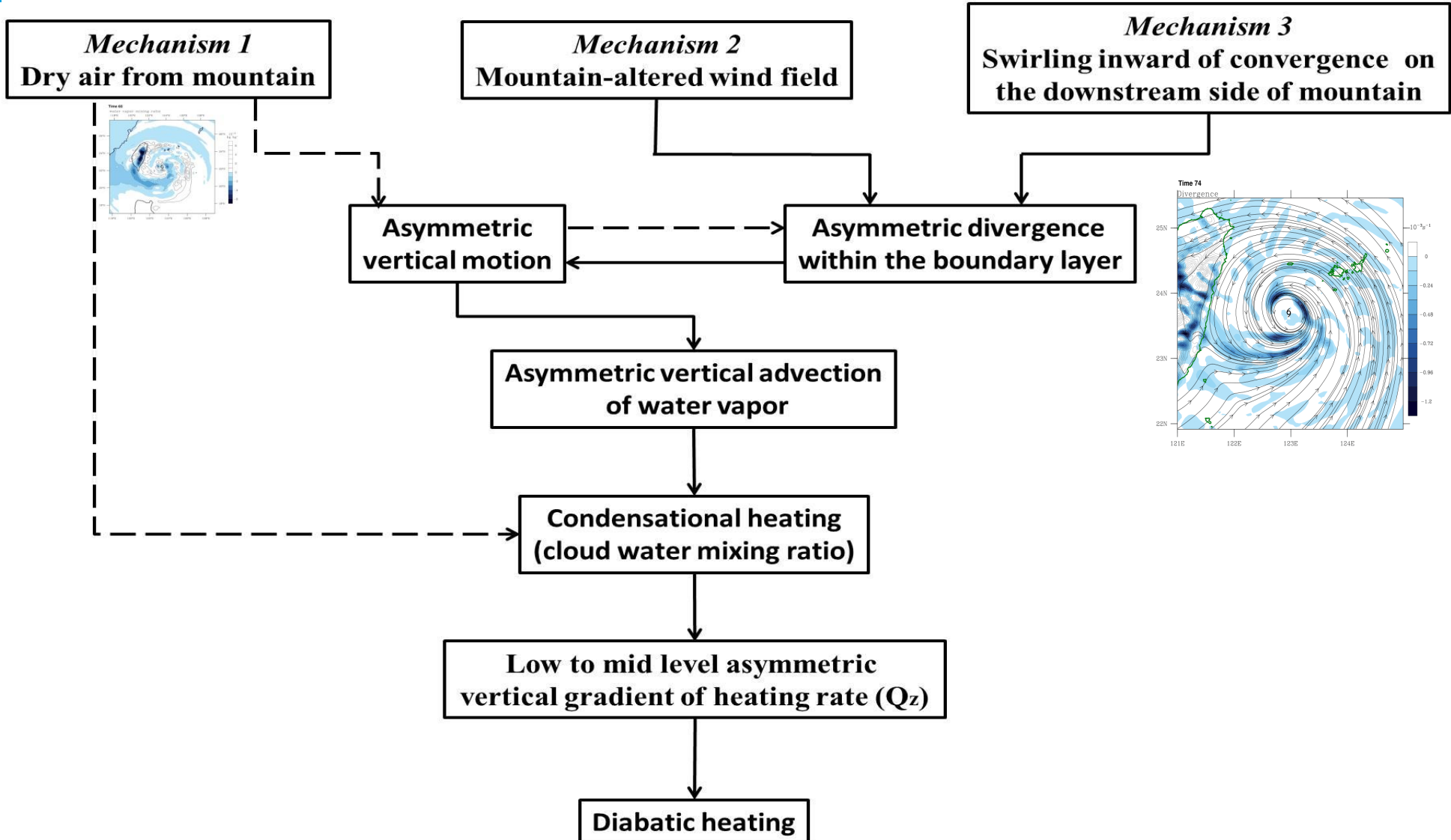
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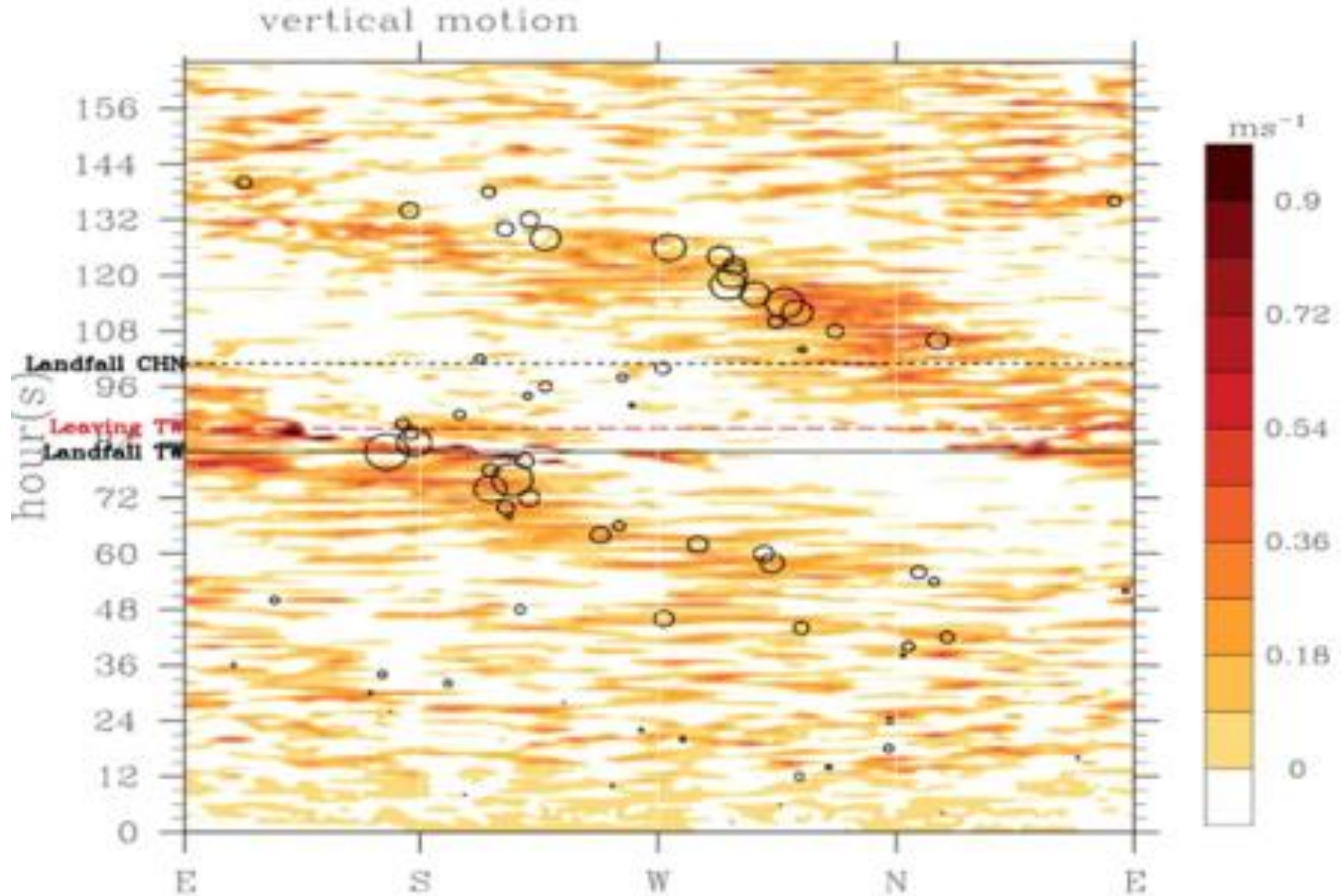
Asymmetric divergence



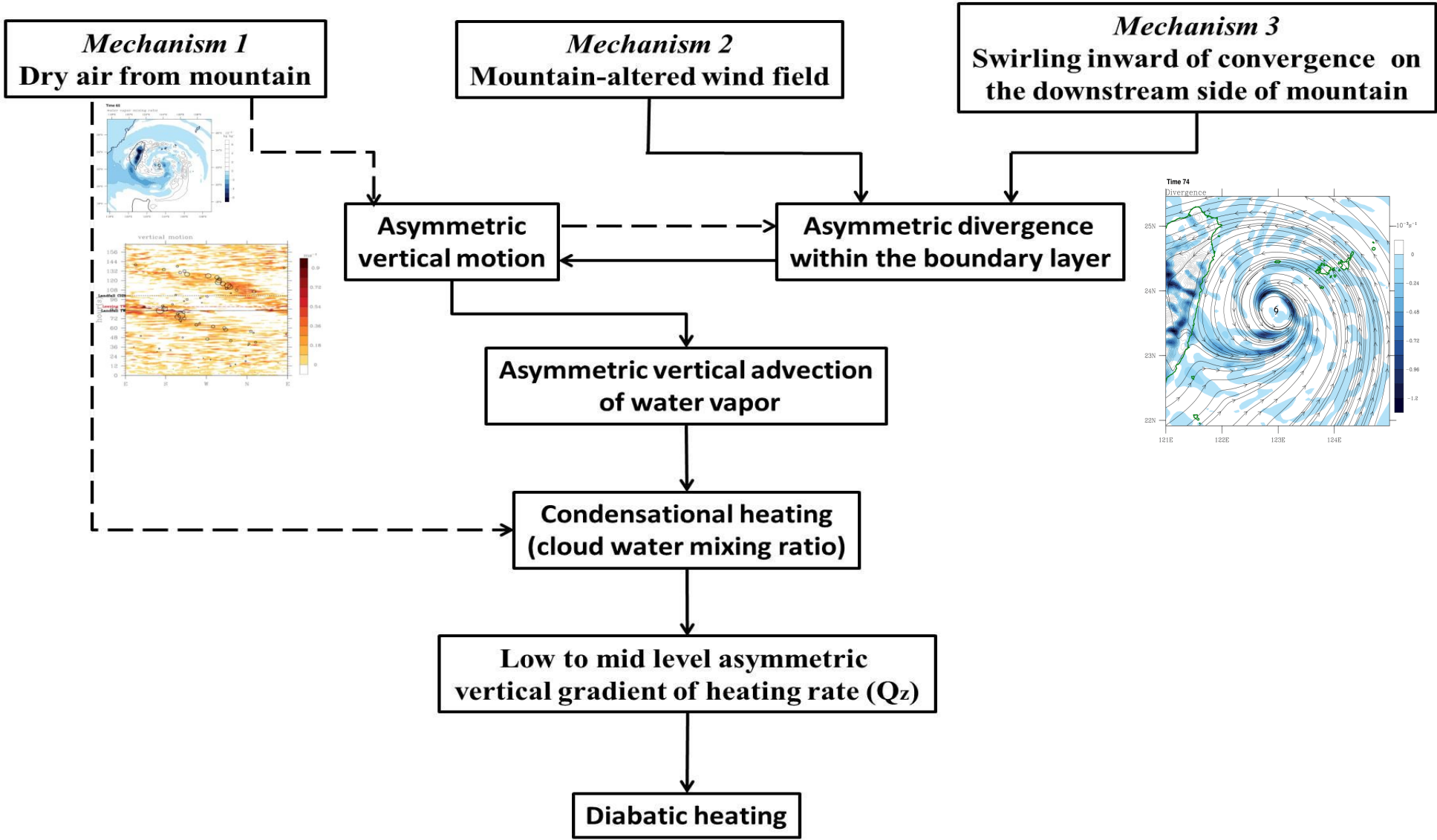
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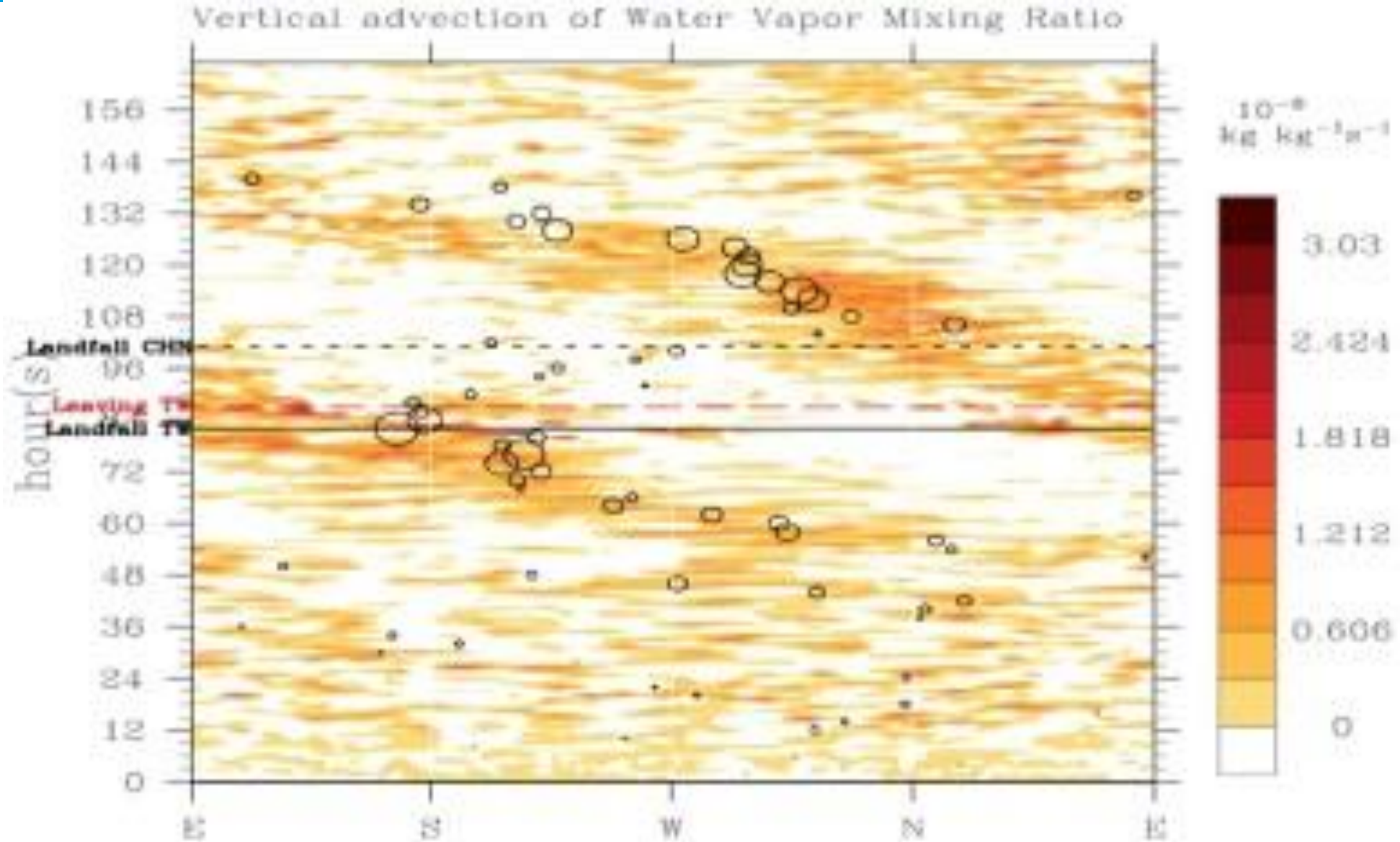
Vertical motion



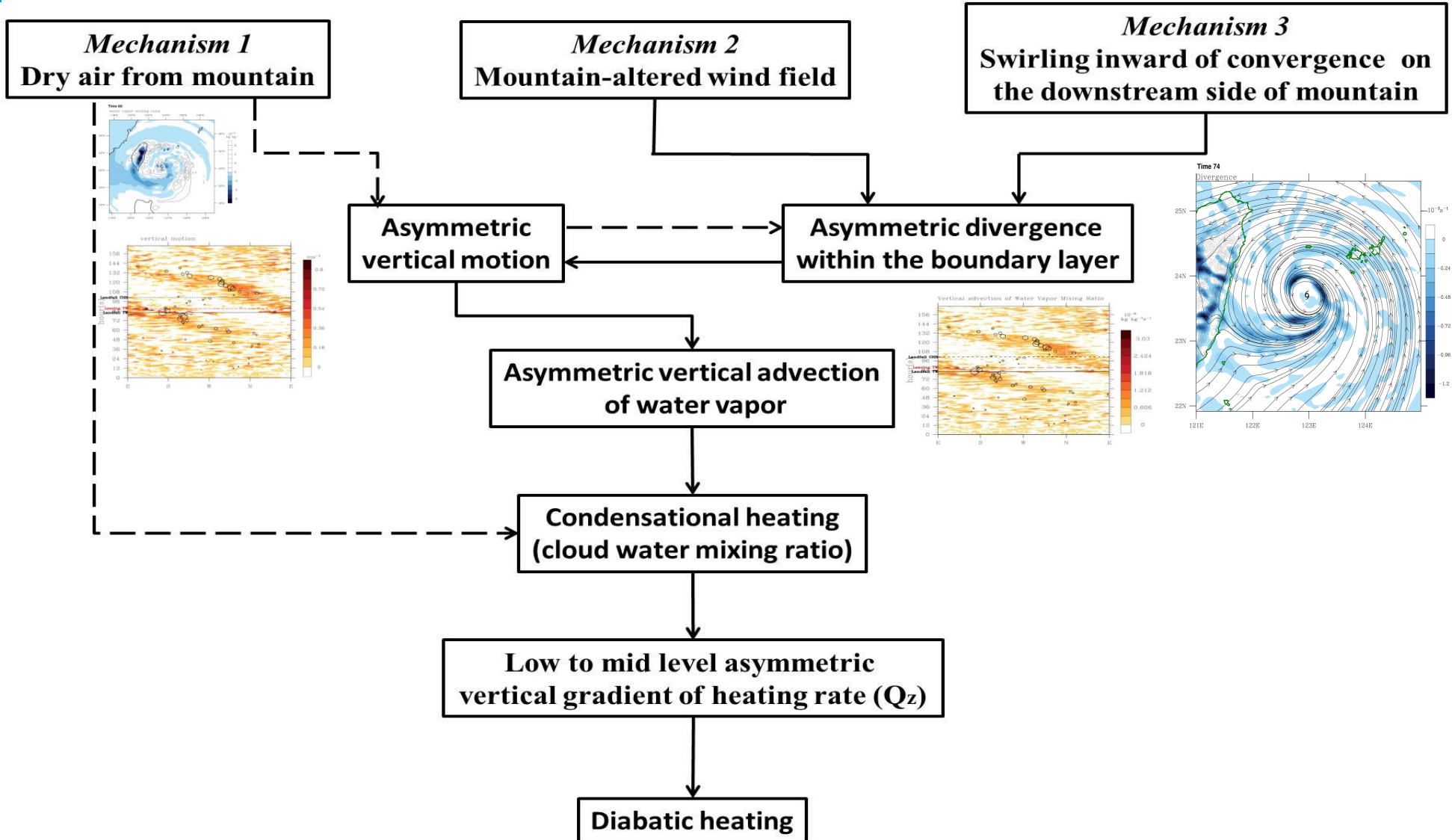
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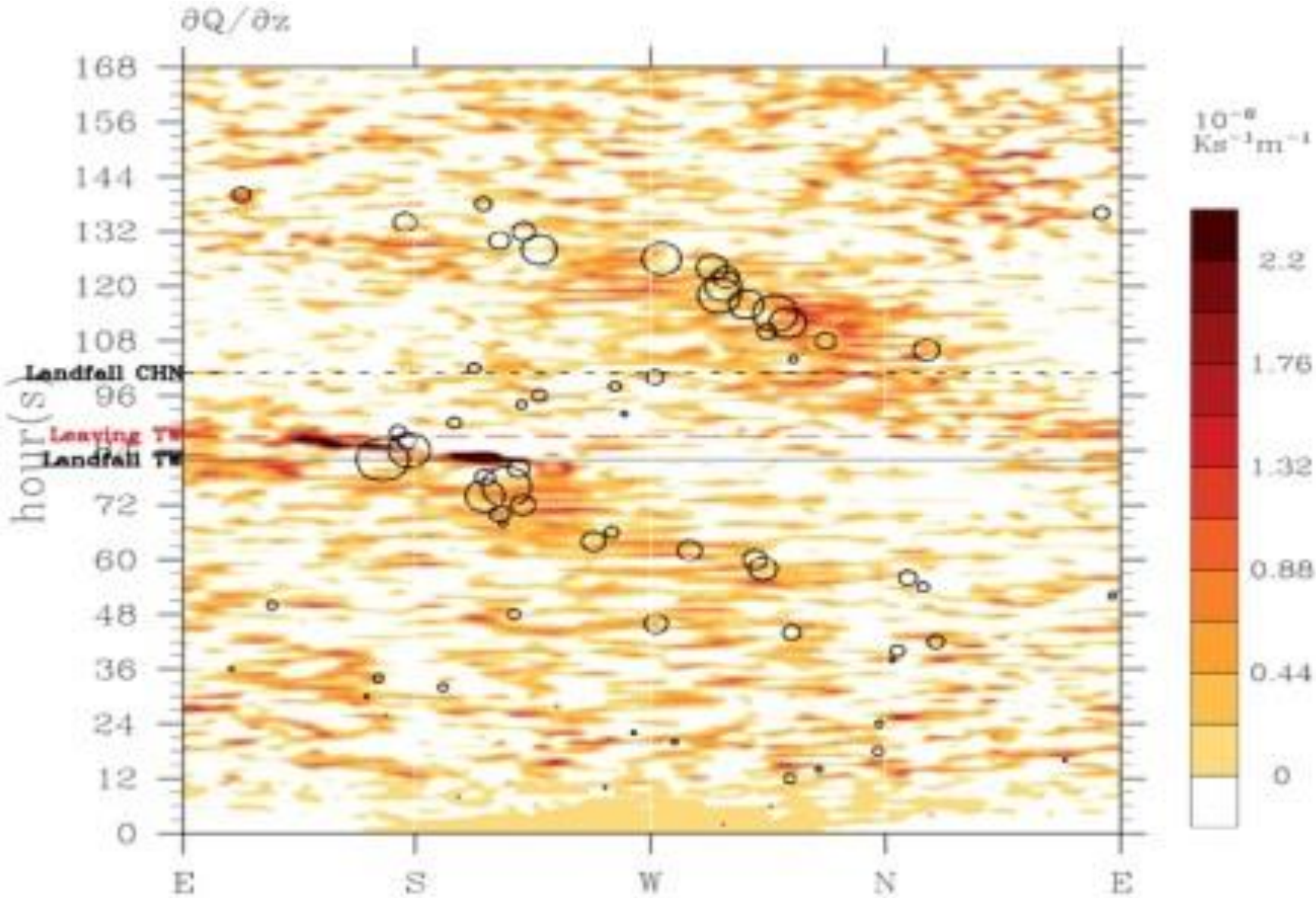
Vertical advection of water vapour



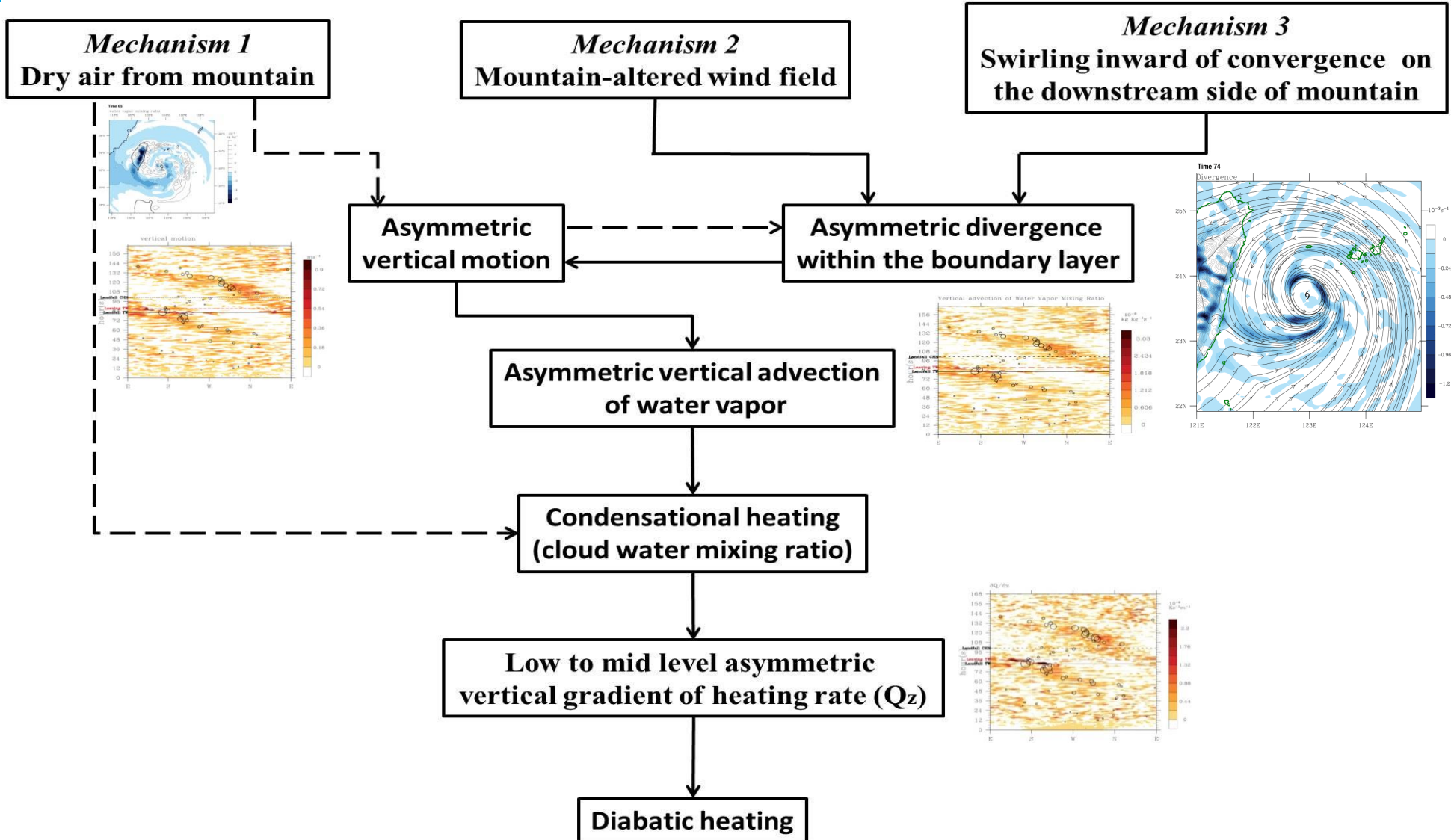
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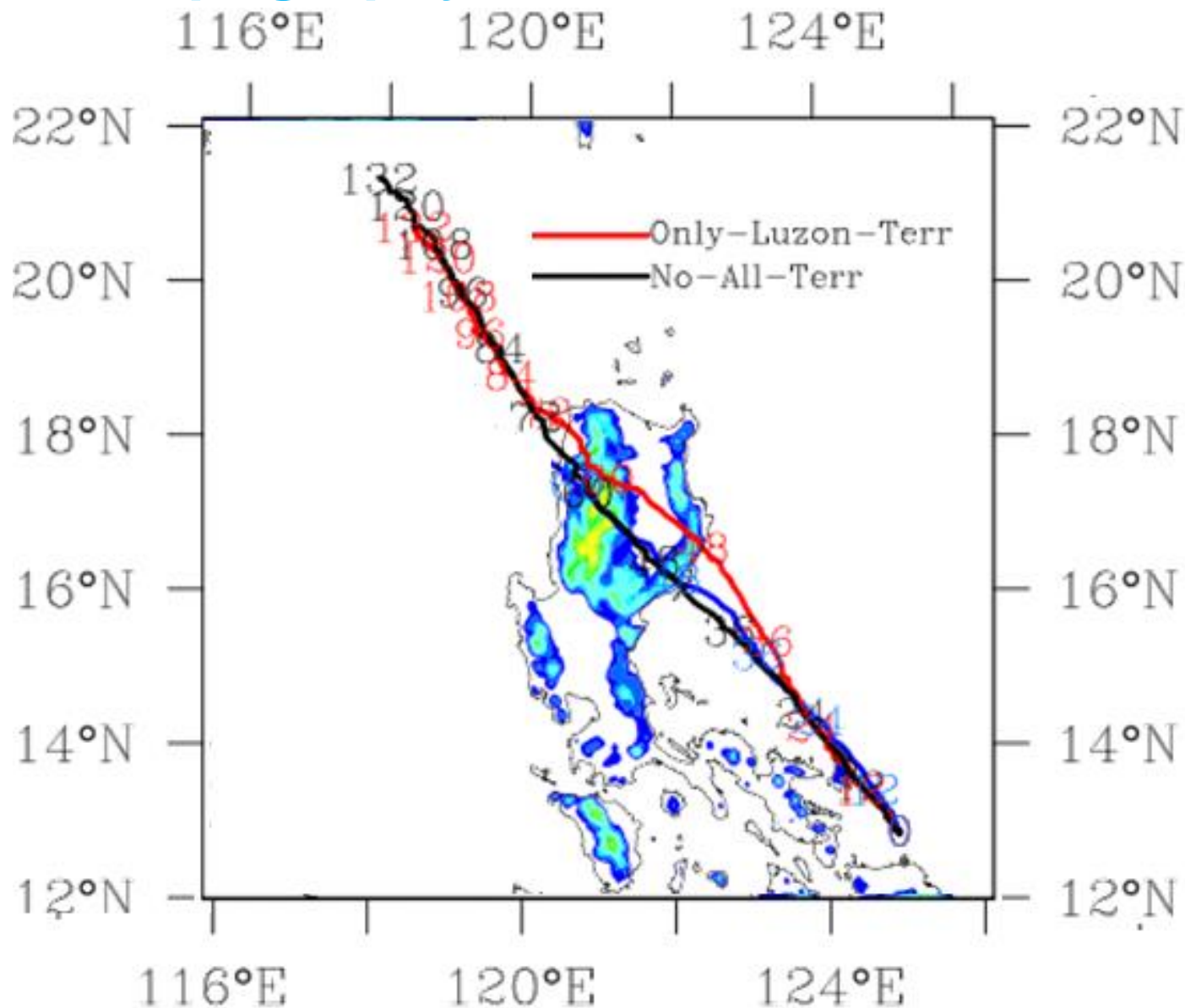
Vertical gradient of heating rate



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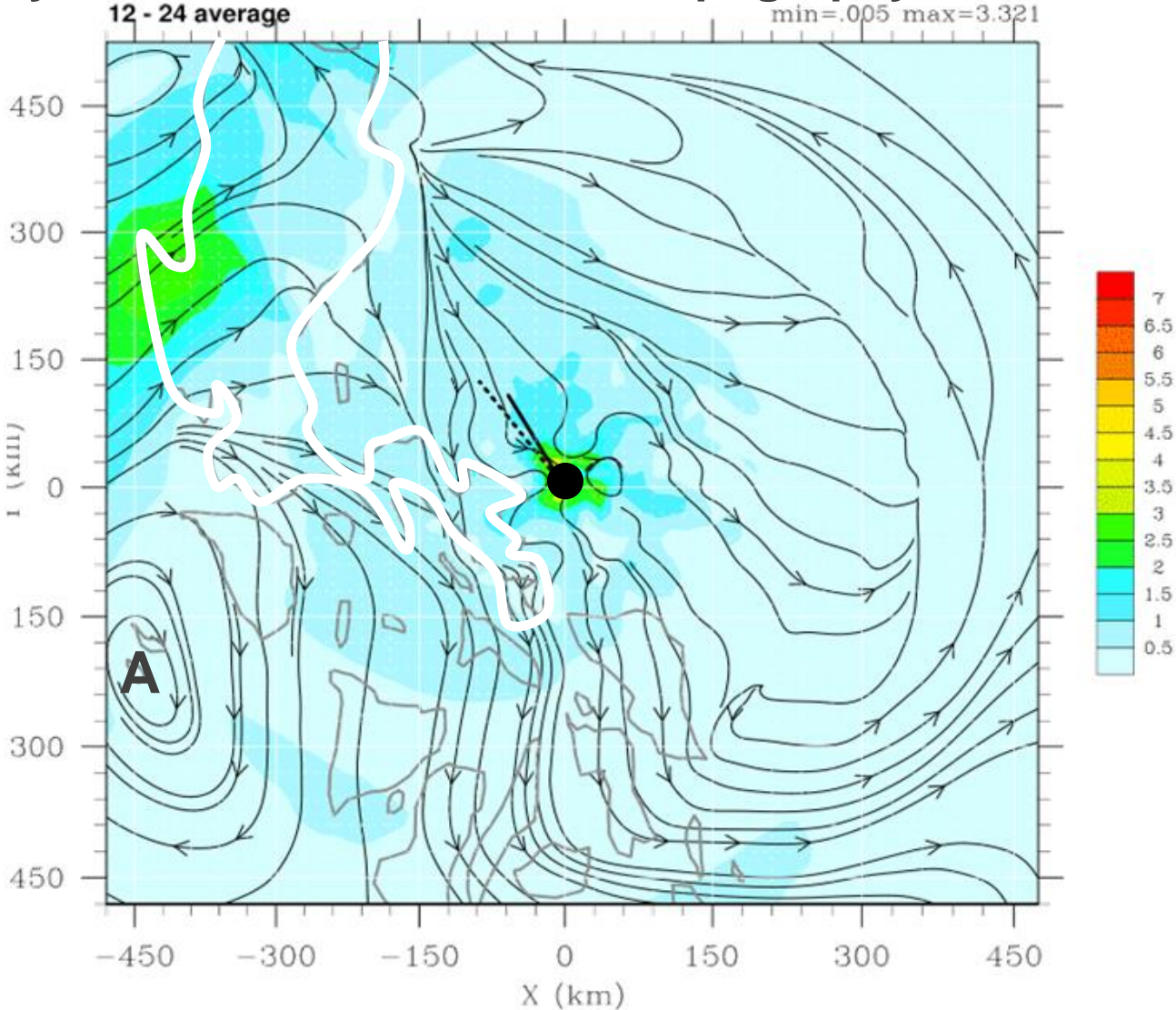


Effect of topography – Luzon



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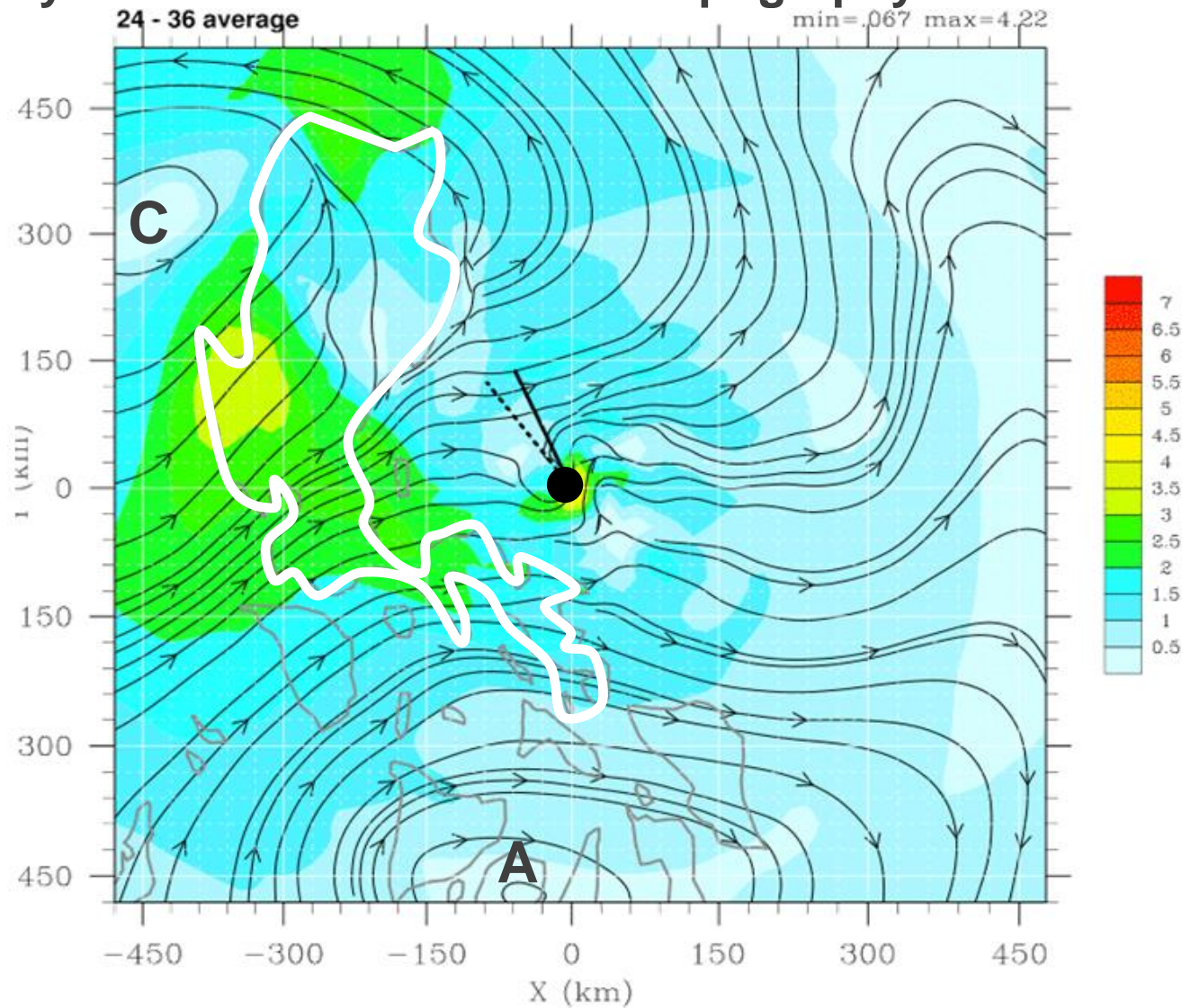
Asymmetric flow: with Luzon topography minus without



12-24 h

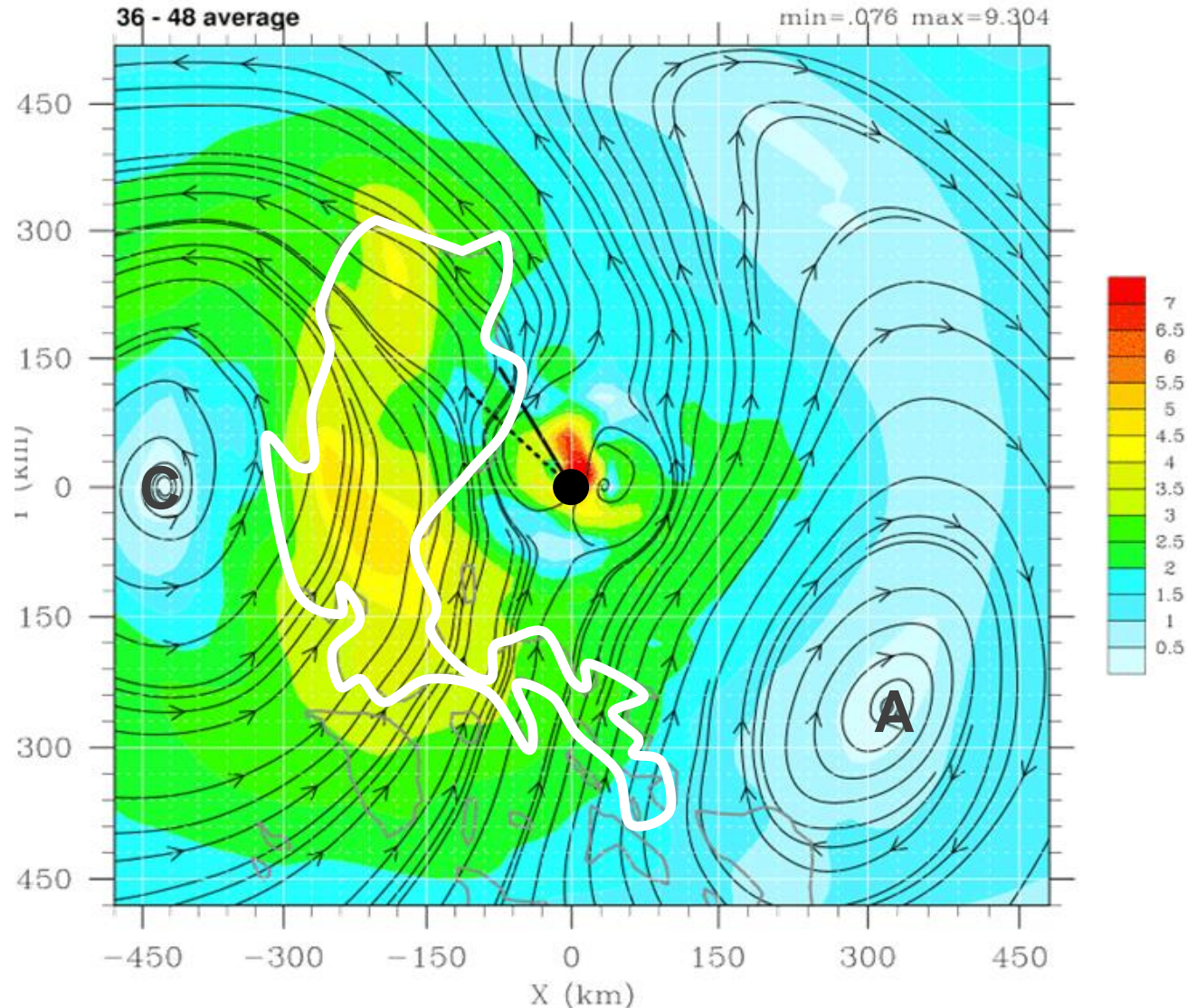
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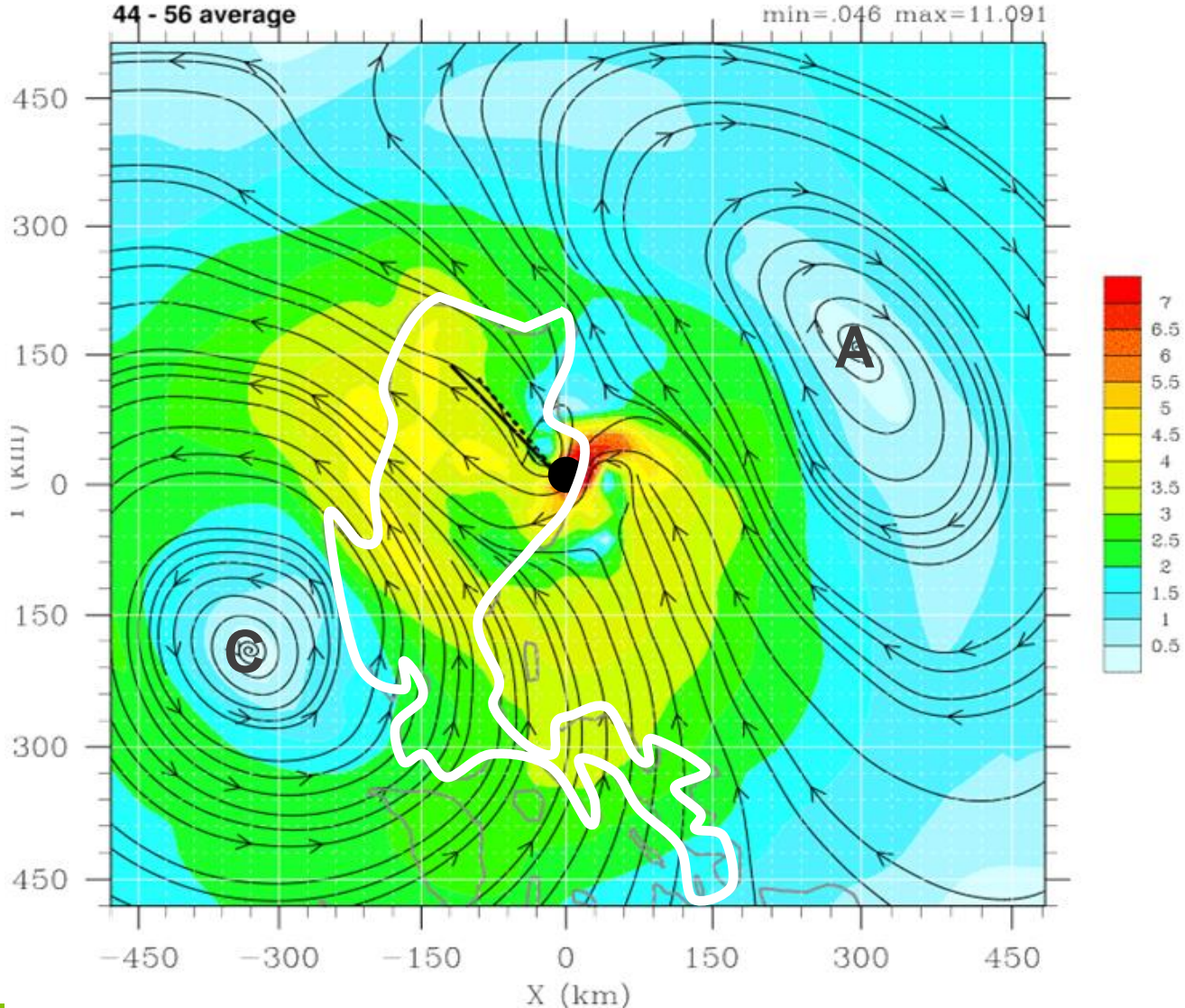
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36-48 h

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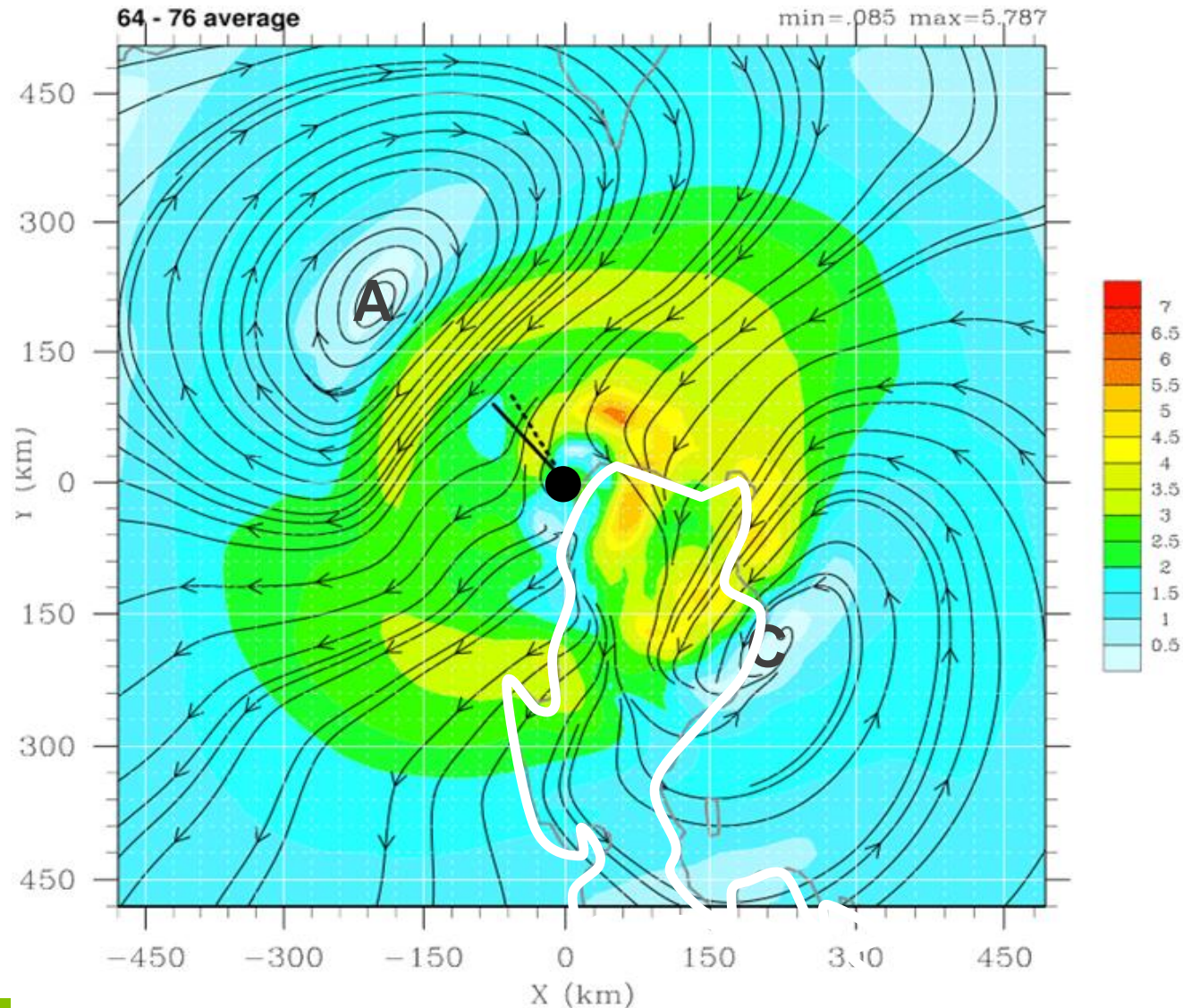
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44-56 h

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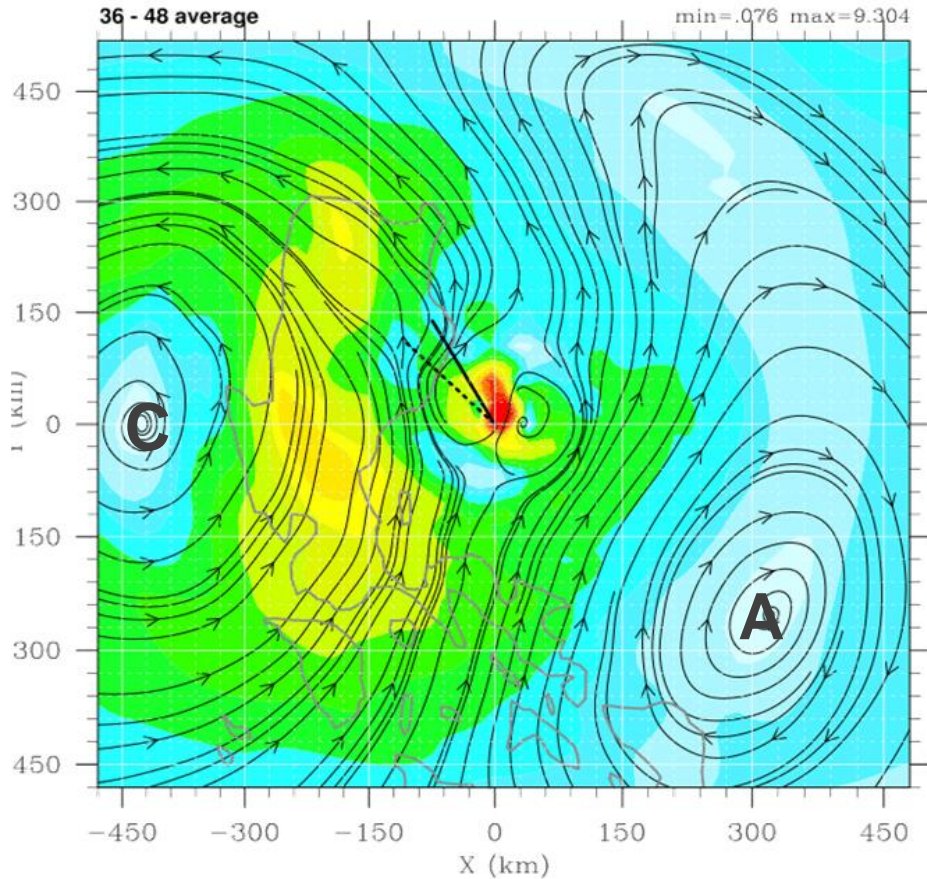
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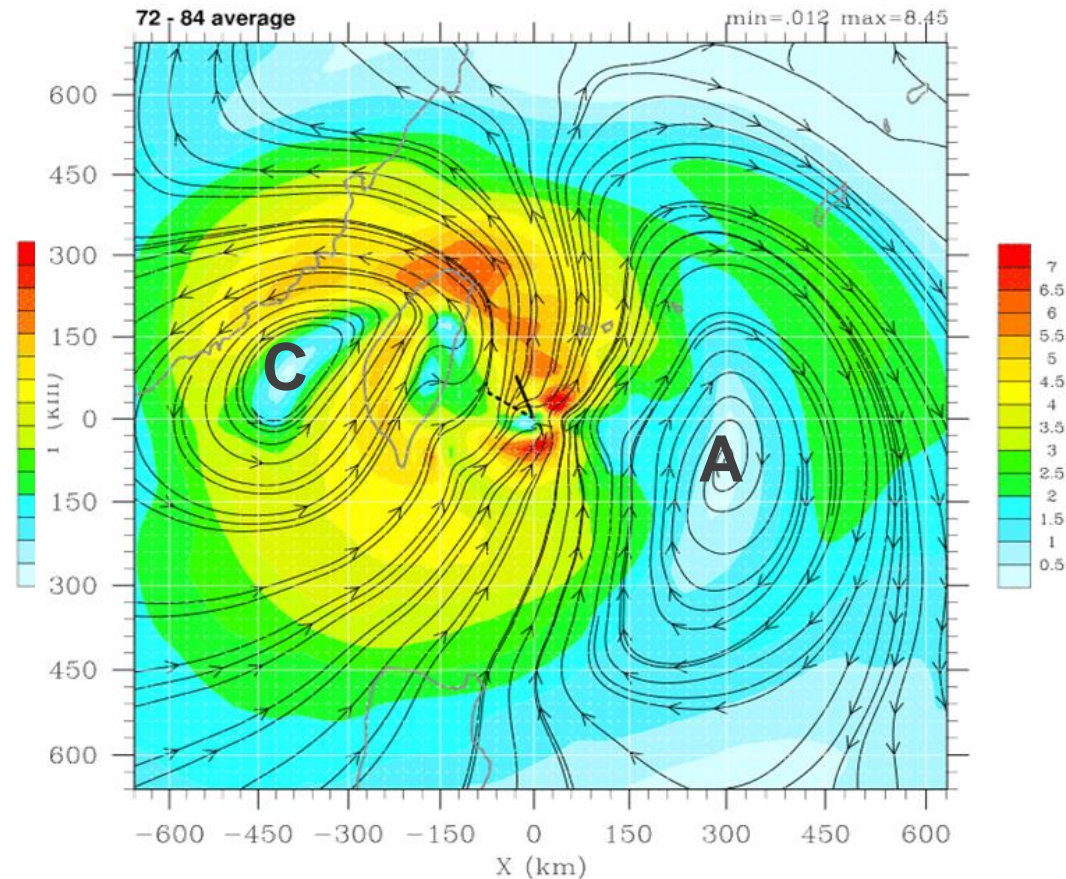
64-76 h

Effect of topography – Generation of gyres

Asymmetric flow: with topography minus without

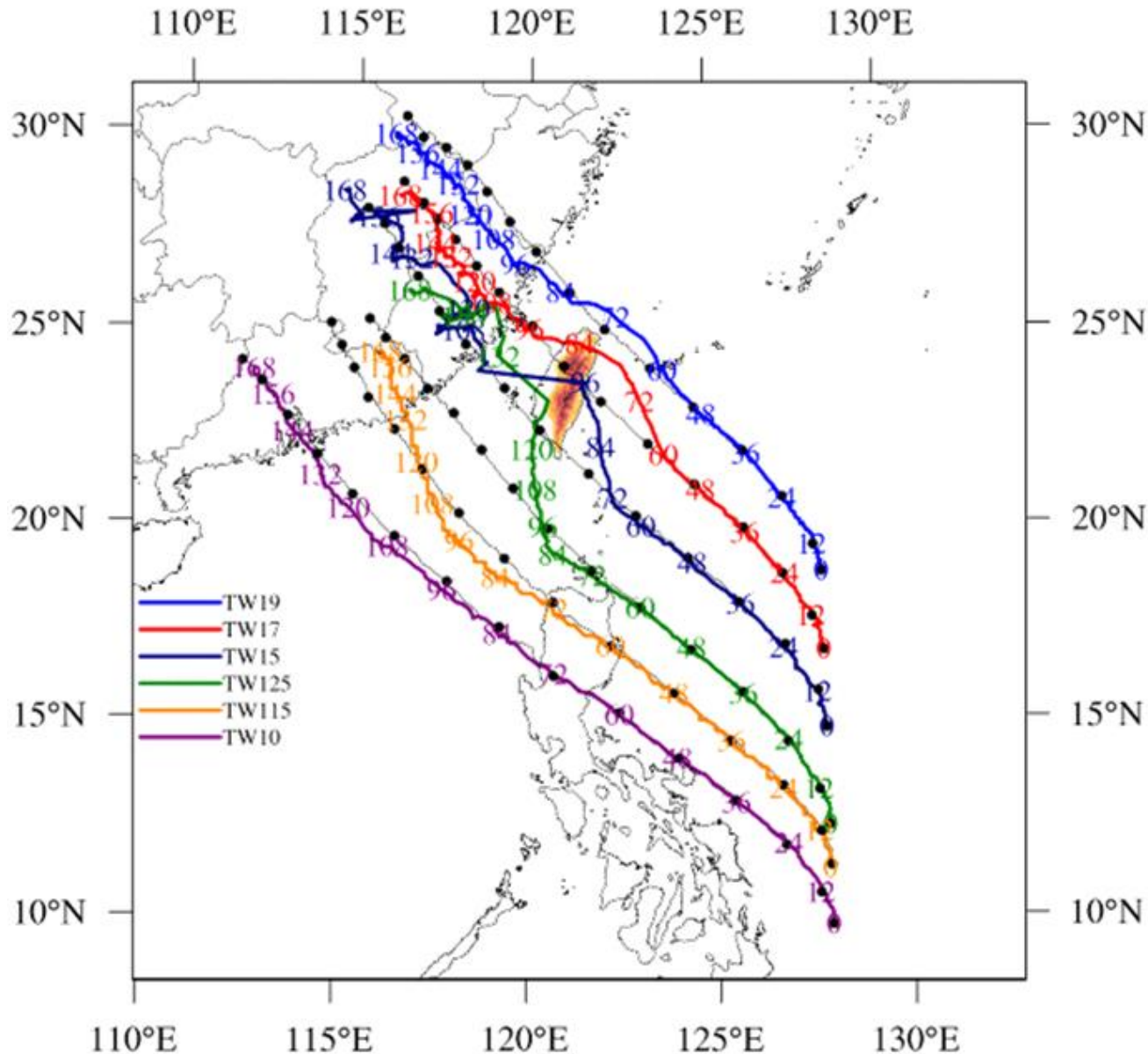


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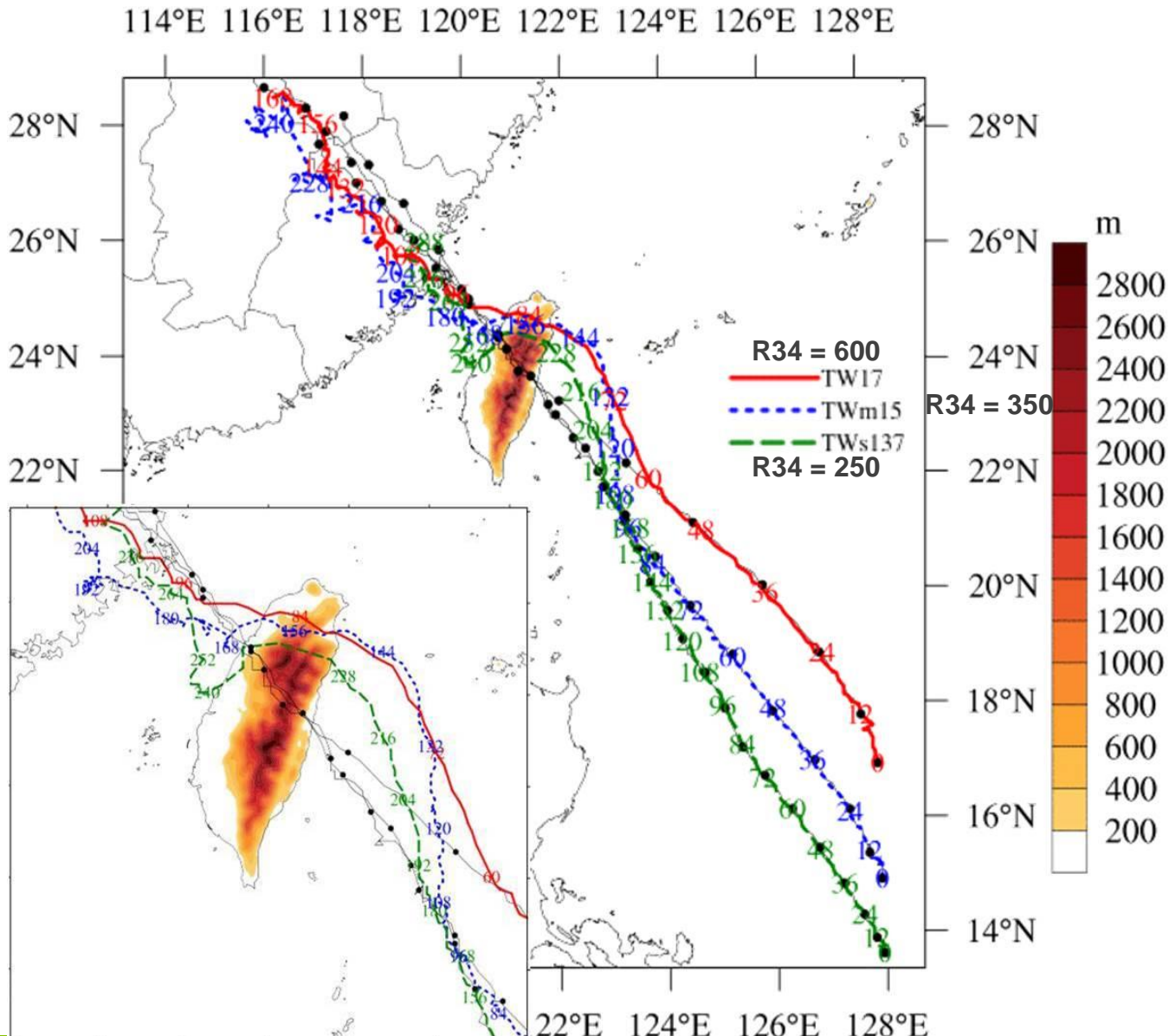


Taiwan

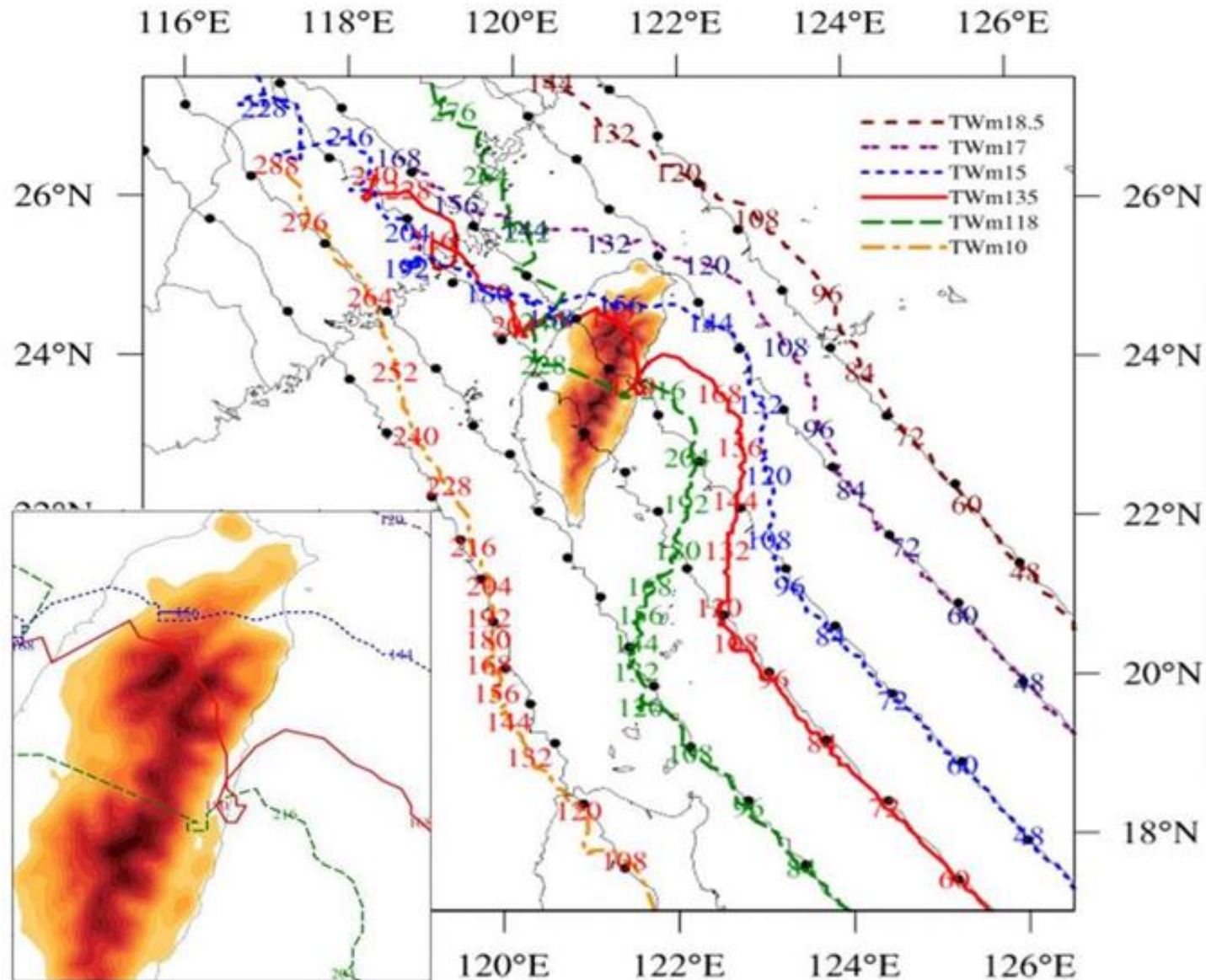
Variation with initial latitude



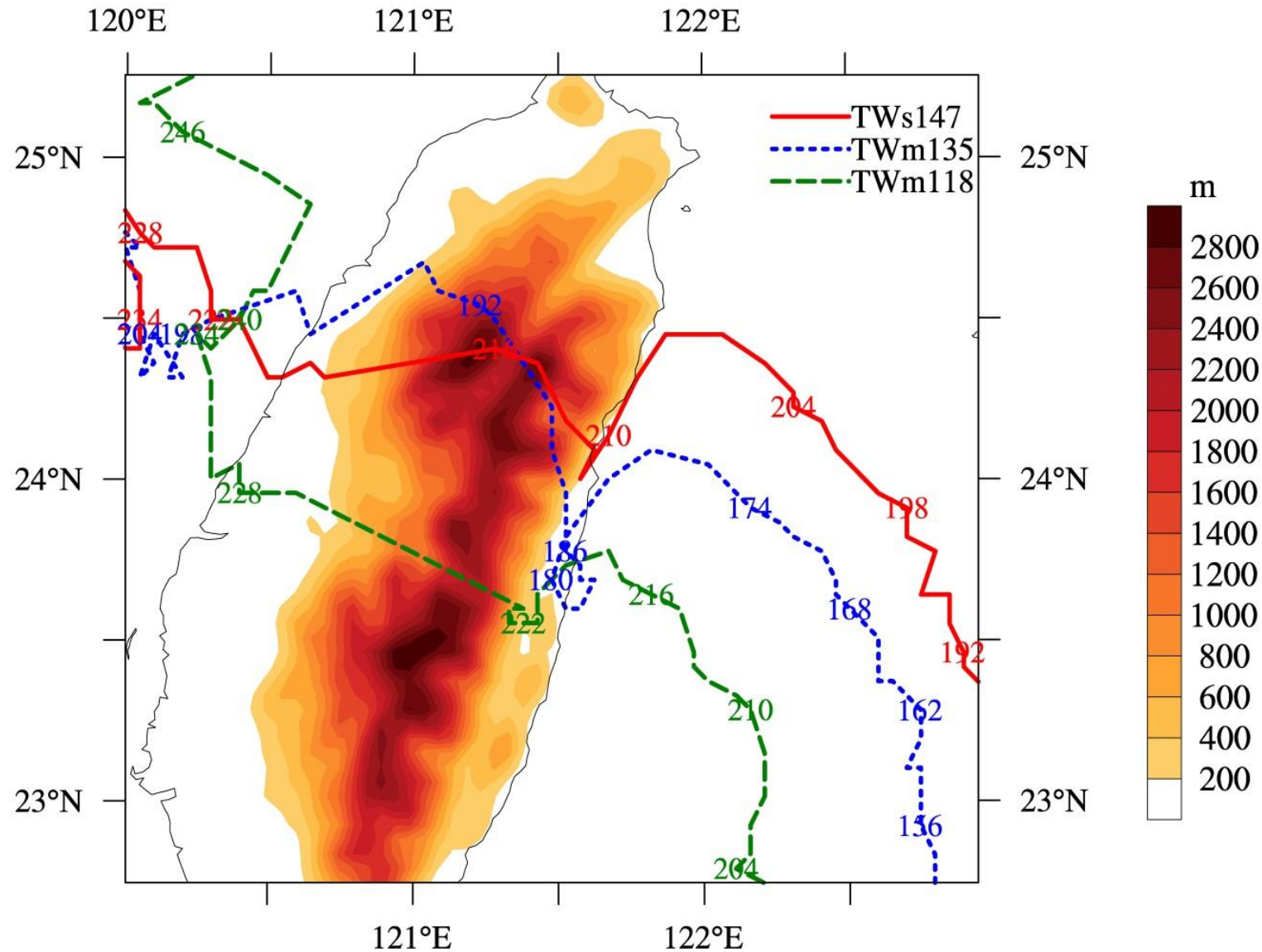
Effect of size



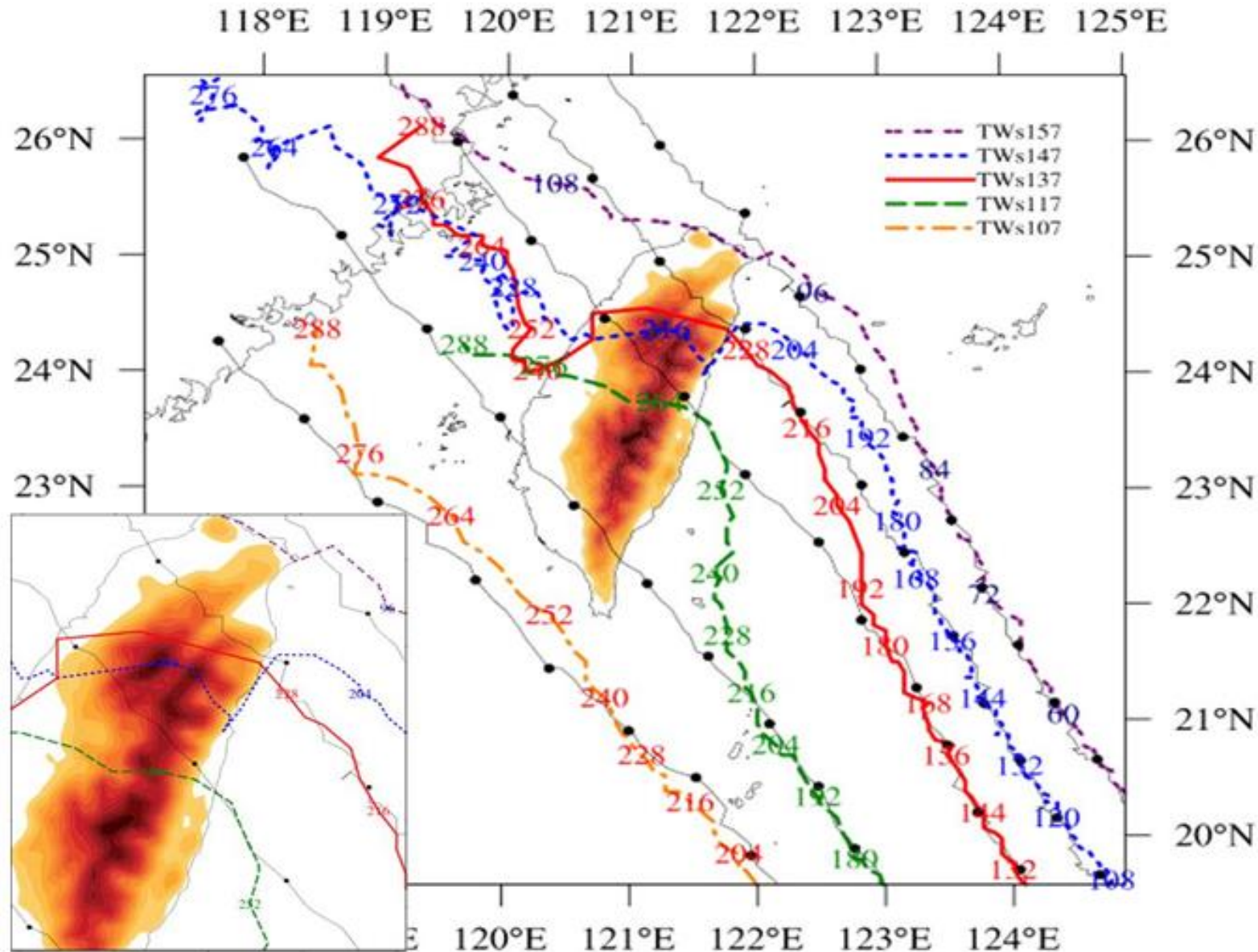
Effect of size/lat – medium TCs



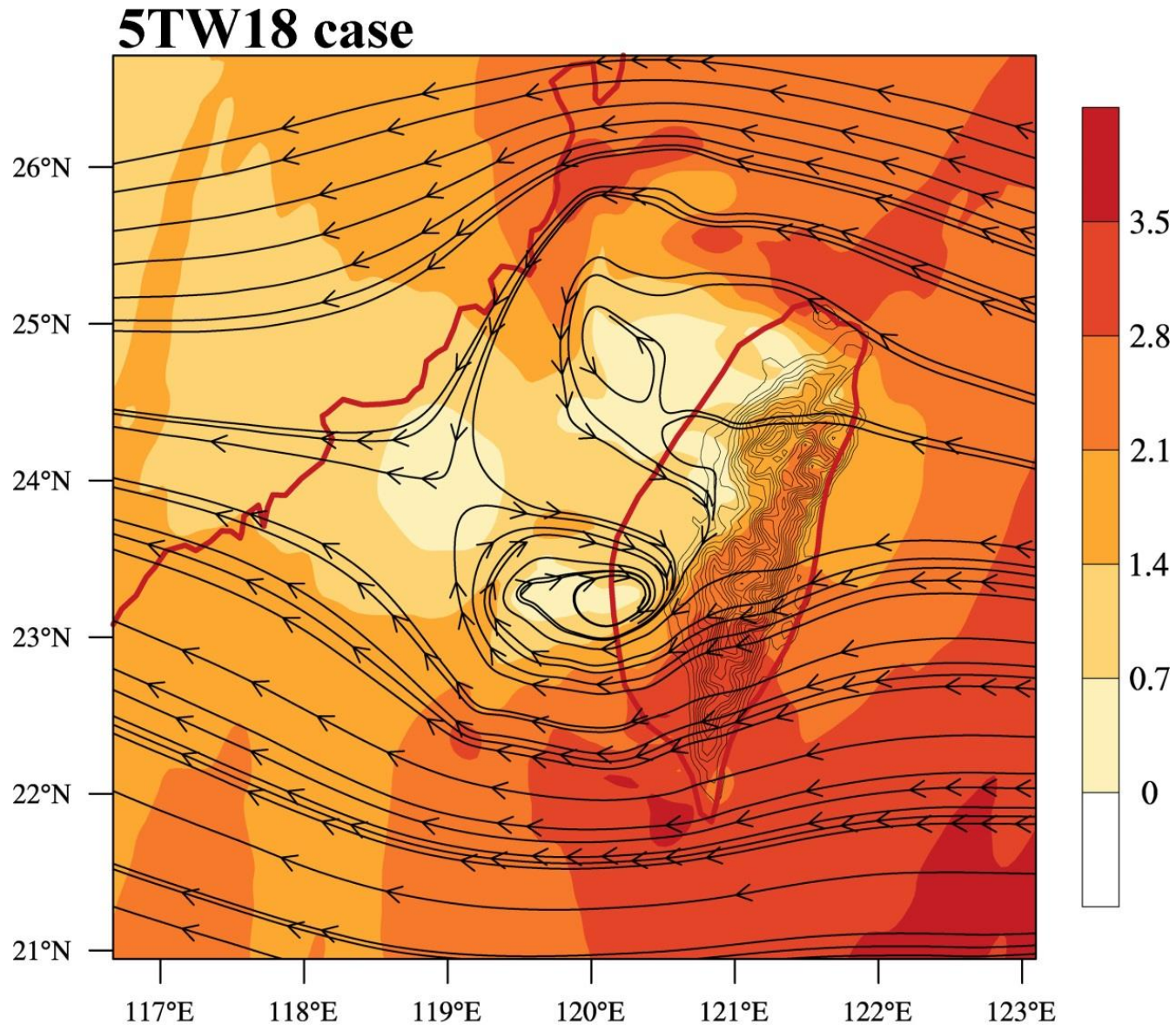
Effect of size/lat – medium TCs



Effect of size/lat – small TCs

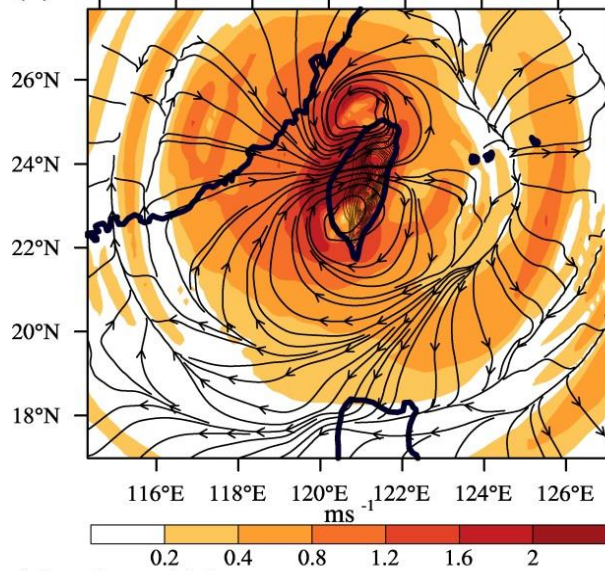


Effect of steering flow

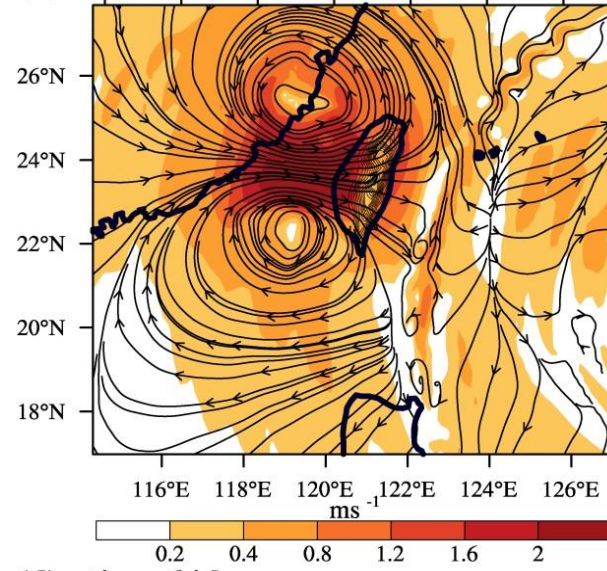


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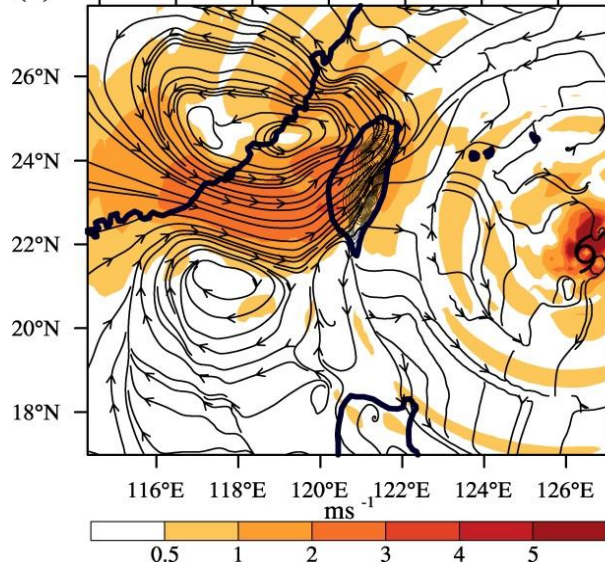
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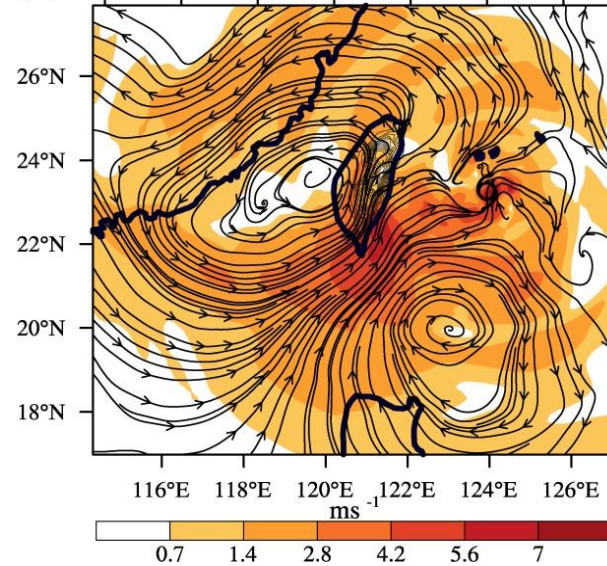
(b) time 24 h



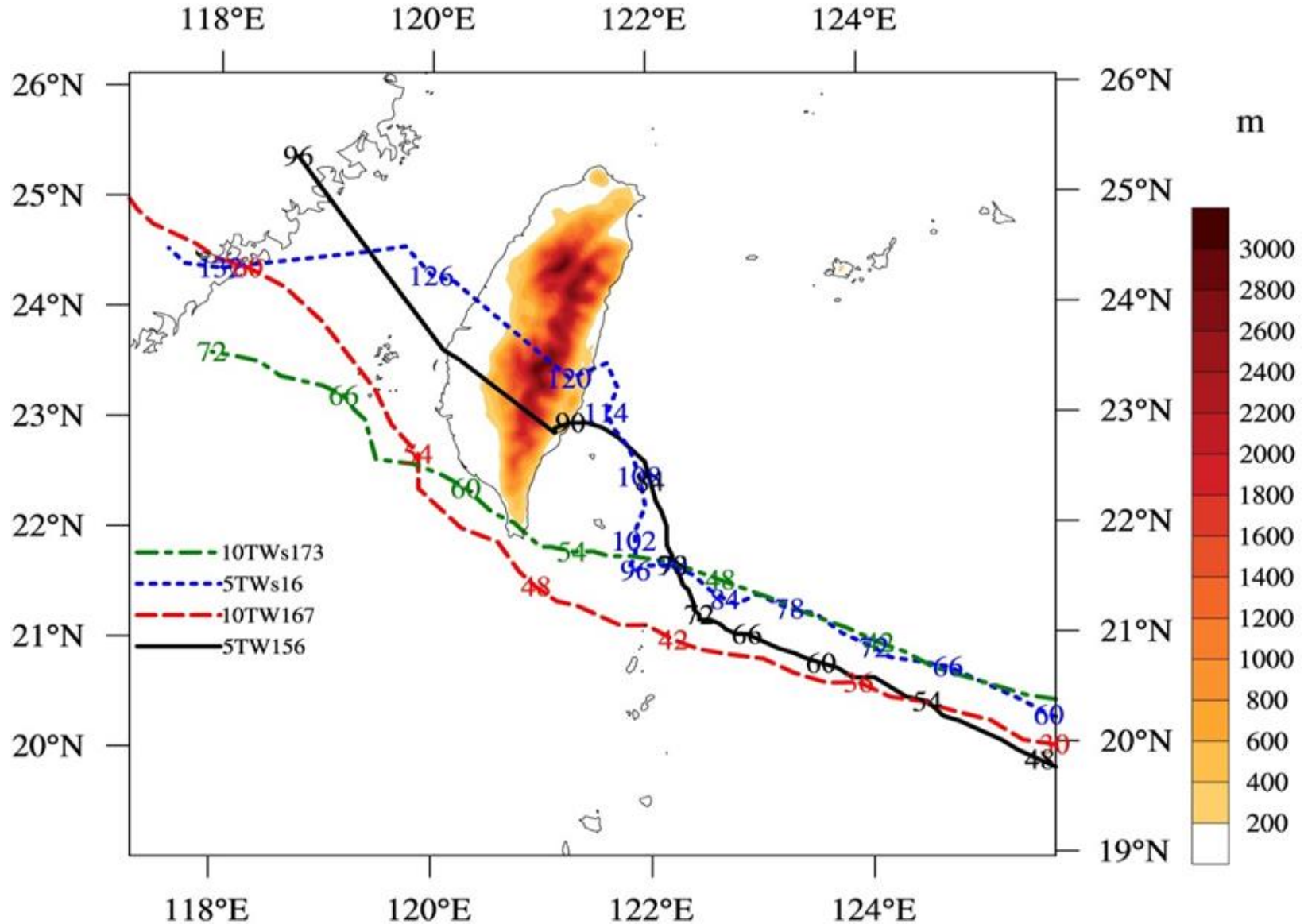
(c) time 44 h



(d) time 64 h

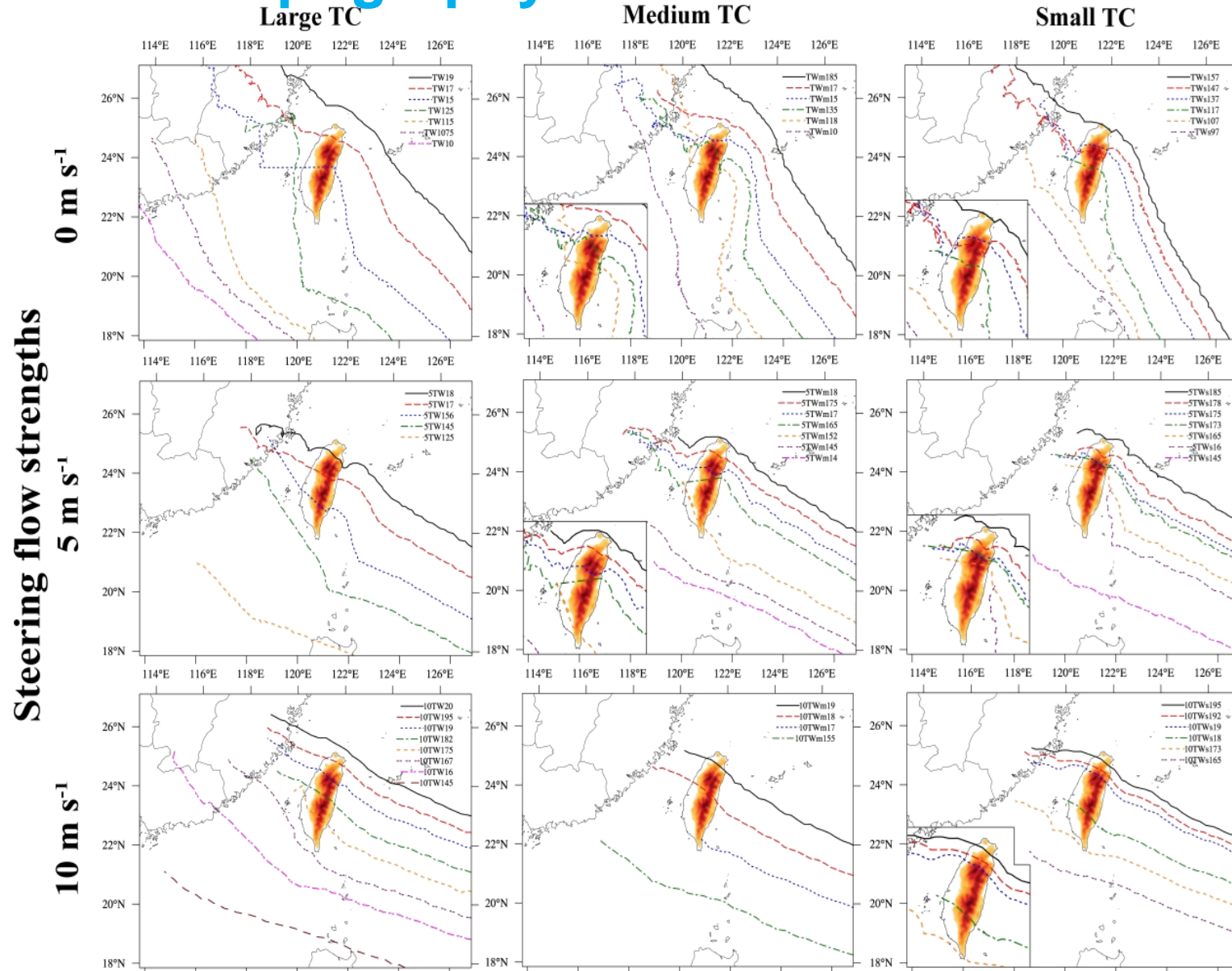


Effect of steering flow



Effect of topography

TC sizes



Summary

- An inherent vortex motion in the presence of a discontinuity in surface friction.
- The movement of a tropical cyclone would therefore be modified by such an inherent motion, which depends on the strength of the discontinuity.
- Modification of the flow of the tropical cyclone over topography can cause the cyclone to change its direction, the extent of which depends on the height of the topography, the relative location of the cyclone to the topography, cyclone size and background flow.

