

The formation, character and changing nature of mesoscale convective systems

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Abstract | Mesoscale convective systems (MCSs) describe organized groupings of thunderstorms in the tropics and mid-latitudes that span thousands of square kilometres. While recognized for over a century, the advent of satellite and radar observations, as well as atmospheric-model simulations, has brought about their increased understanding. In this Review, we synthesize current knowledge on MCS formation, climatological characteristics, hazardous weather, predictive capacity and projected changes with anthropogenic warming. Driven by typical deep moist convective processes (moisture, lift and instability) and vertical wind shear, MCS formation occurs preferentially in locations where these ingredients are present and can be maintained by large-scale ascent and the cold pools that they produce. MCSs also generate hazardous weather, including extreme rainfall, flooding, derechos and, sometimes, tornadoes and hail, all of which have substantial economic and societal impacts. Given that MCSs also produce a large fraction of warm-season rainfall, there is critical need for both short-term forecasts and long-term projections, presently challenged by inadequate model resolution. Yet, with continually improving modelling capabilities, as well as greater theoretical basis, it is suggested that MCSs might increase in frequency and intensity under a warming climate. Further modelling progress, in turn, offers improved understanding of MCS characteristics, from their life cycle through to impacts.

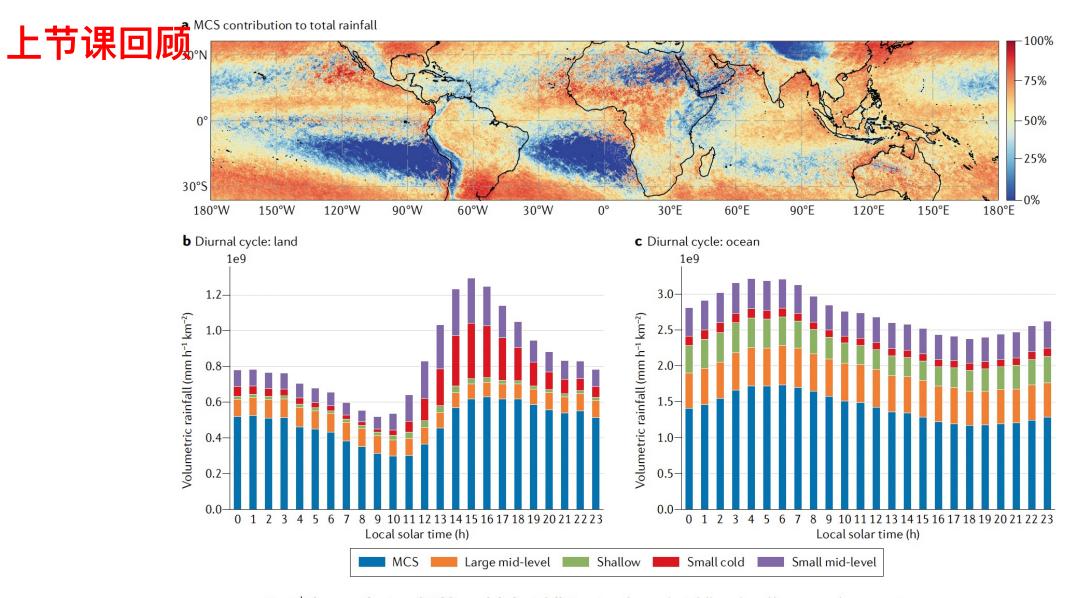


Fig. 2 | **The contribution of MCSs to global rainfall.** Fraction of annual rainfall produced by mesoscale convective systems (MCSs) based on observations from the Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission (TRMM) satellite between December 1997 and September 2014 (panel **a**). Diurnal cycle of TRMM volumetric rainfall over the land (panel **b**) and ocean (panel **c**) between 36°N/S. In many parts of the global tropics, subtropics and mid-latitudes, MCSs produce a large fraction of the annual precipitation. MCSs over land have a strong diurnal cycle, with rain maximized in the afternoon and evening, and minimized in the morning; MCSs over ocean have a less pronounced diurnal cycle. Panel **a** adapted with permission from REF.⁶, © American Meteorological Society. Panels **b** and **c** adapted with permission from REF.⁵⁰, © American Meteorological Society.

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Key Points:

- Develop an algorithm to track mesoscale convective systems globally using satellite infrared brightness temperature and precipitation data
- Satellite-based tracking reproduces mesoscale convective system statistics derived from tracking using ground based radar network data.

A Global High-Resolution Mesoscale Convective System Database Using Satellite-Derived Cloud Tops, Surface Precipitation, and Tracking

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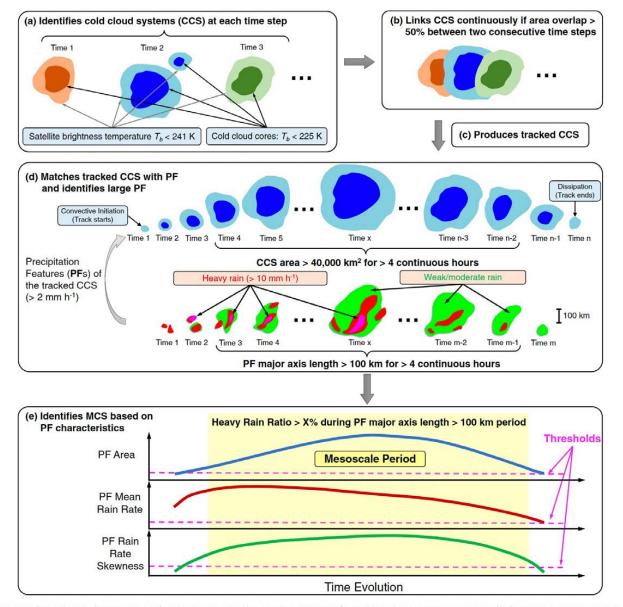


Figure 1. Schematic flowchart of MCS identification using collocated satellite infrared brightness temperature (T_b) and precipitation observations in this study. (a) Identification of cold cloud system (CCS) based on T_b signatures, (b) tracking of CCS between two consecutive times, (c) linking all consecutive times to produce tracks, (d) matches tracked CCS with associated precipitation feature (PF), and (e) identification of MCS based on PF characteristics. The yellow shading in (e) denotes the mesoscale period as defined by CCS > 40,000 km², with a PF major axis length larger than 100 km for longer than four continuous hours. During this period, the PF area, mean rain rate, and rain rate skewness must exceed the thresholds denoted by the magenta dash lines, and the heavy rain volume ratio during this period must be larger than X% (a function of lifetime, see Figure 3) to qualify as an MCS. See text for more details. MCS, Mesoscale convective system.

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Key Points:

- Mesoscale convective systems
 (MCSs) have become more frequent
 and intense in the East Asian rainband
 over the past two decades
- The significant increase of MCS precipitation accounted for three quarters of the total rainfall increase during 2000–2021
- The increase of atmospheric total column water vapor, mainly driven by anthropogenic forcing, leads to more favorable environments for MCSs

Intensification of Mesoscale Convective Systems in the East Asian Rainband Over the Past Two Decades

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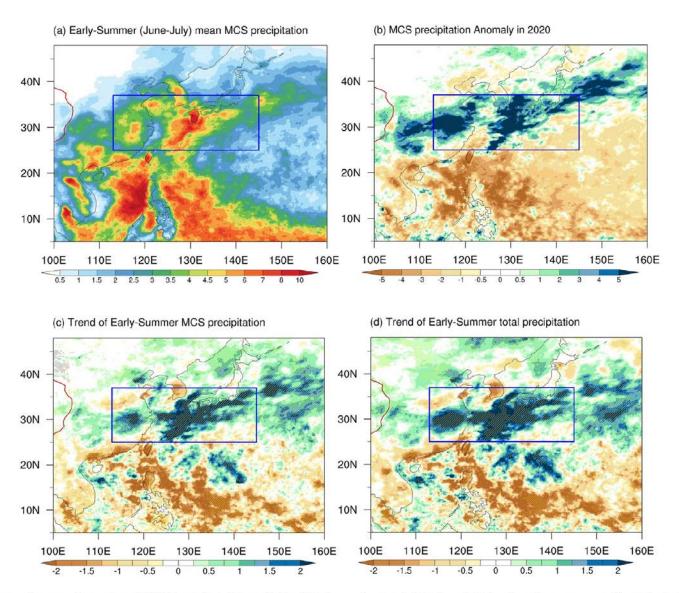


Figure 1. Mesoscale convective systems (MCSs) contributed the majority of the increasing trend of total precipitation in early summer over East Asia during the past two decades (from 2000 to 2021). (a) Early-summer MCS precipitation climatology (unit: mm day⁻¹). (b) Early-summer MCS precipitation anomalies in 2020 (unit: mm day⁻¹). (c) The MCS precipitation trend during the past two decades (unit: mm day⁻¹ decade⁻¹). (d) The same as (c), but for the total precipitation trend. Grid points with a statistical significance exceeding the 95% confidence level (with a two-tailed Student's *t*-test) are marked by yellow diagonal lines. The red contour indicates the Tibetan Plateau (the topography exceeds 2,700 m). The blue boxes indicate the target domain (the East Asian rainband), where the statistical analyses have been performed.

(b) Daily MCS precipitation in Early-Summer 上节课回顾 31st July (a) Time series of MCS and Total precipitation (2000-2021) 12 ----Trend of Total precip (1.16 mm d⁻¹ decade⁻¹ **) 20th July ----Trend of MCS precip (0.87 mm d^{-1} decade $^{-1}$ **) 10 Total precip in Early-Summer 10th July MCS precip in Early-Summer 8 1st July 6 20th June 2 10th June 1st June 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 Year

Figure 2. Time series and linear trends of MCS and total precipitation, and daily mean MCS precipitation within each early-summer season over the East Asian rainband. (a) Time series of early-summer MCS (blue) and total (black) precipitation (unit: mm day⁻¹), and linear trends of MCS (blue dashed line) and total precipitation (black dashed line; both statistically significant at 99% with two-tailed Student's *t*-tests) of early summer (unit: mm day⁻¹ decade⁻¹). Here the gray/blue shadings represent the ± 0.5 standard deviations of the daily total/MCS precipitation in each early-summer. (b) Daily mean MCS precipitation (unit: mm day⁻¹) within each early-summer season during the past two decades (2000–2021).

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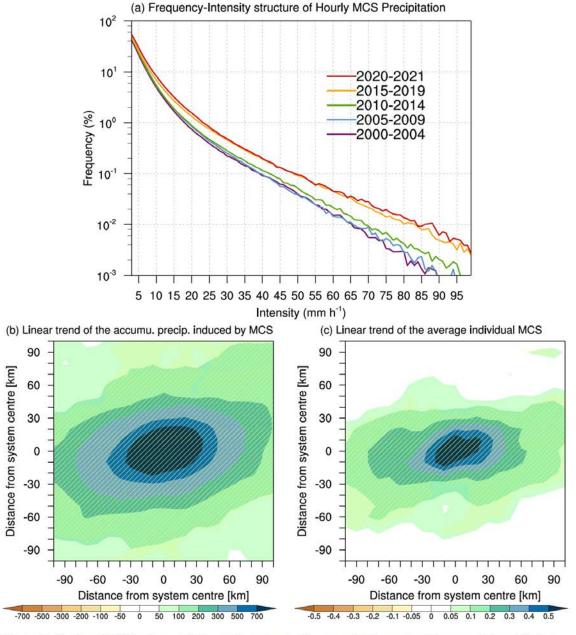
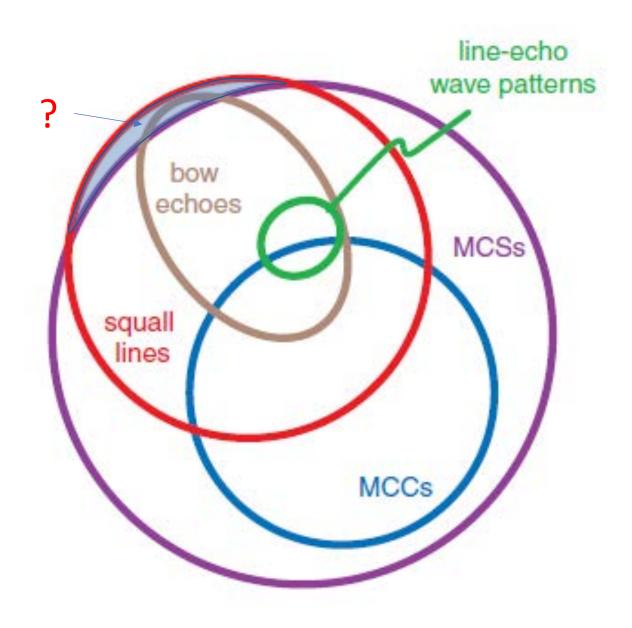
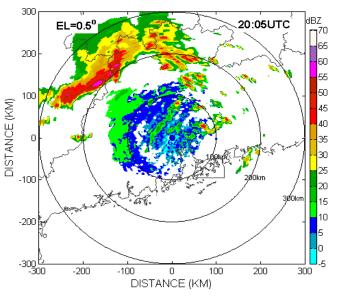


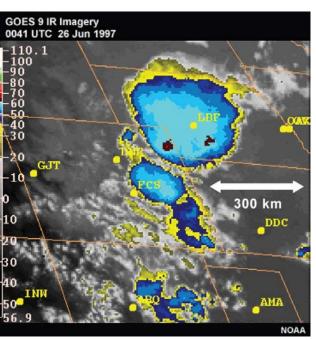
Figure 3. Probability density function of MCS hourly precipitation, and linear trends of the accumulated amount and the composited precipitation averages according to the location of the MCS precipitation center. (a) Frequency-Intensity structure of MCS hourly precipitation over the East Asian rainband. Linear trends of the (b) composited accumulated rainfall amount (unit: mm decade⁻¹) produced by all MCS and (c) hourly precipitation averages of each individual MCS (unit: mm h⁻¹ decade⁻¹) in each early-summer season from 2000 to 2021. Grid points with a statistical significance exceeding the 95% confidence level are marked by yellow diagonal lines, with two-tailed Student's *t*-tests.



Relationships among Sub-classifications of MCSs







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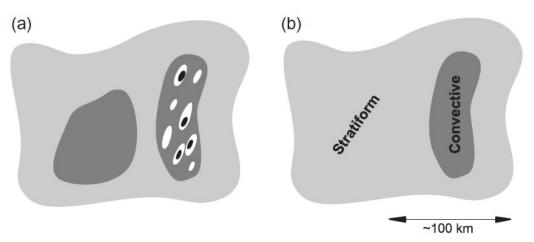


FIGURE 9.4 (a) Idealization of a horizontal map of radar reflectivity in an MCS. (b) Reflectivity divided into convective and stratiform regions. *From Houze (1997). Republished with permission of the American Meteorological Society.*

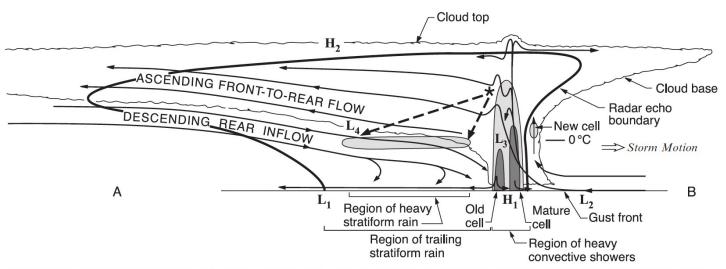


FIGURE 9.15 Conceptual model of the kinematic, microphysical, and radar-echo structure of a convective line with trailing stratiform precipitation viewed in a vertical cross section oriented perpendicular to the convective line (and generally parallel to its motion), as shown by the line AB in Figure 9.8. Intermediate and strong radar reflectivity is indicated by medium and dark shading. From Houze et al. (1989). Republished with permission of the American Meteorological Society.

The vorticity in the x-z plane ξ is governed by (2.01), which we write here as

$$\frac{\mathrm{D}\xi}{\mathrm{D}t} + g \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\theta^*}{\hat{\theta}} \right) = 0 \tag{9.3}$$

We may define a

$$(u, w) = (\psi_z, -\psi_x)$$
 (9.4)

Then the vorticity, $\xi \equiv u_z - w_x$

[see (2.56)], becomes

$$\xi = \psi_{zz} + \psi_{xx} \tag{9.5}$$

Substituting (9.4) and (9.5) into (9.3) and applying the steady state assumption, we obtain

$$\psi_{z}\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\psi_{zz}+\psi_{xx})-\psi_{x}\frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\psi_{zz}+\psi_{xx})+g\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(\frac{\theta^{*}}{\hat{\theta}}\right)=0$$
(9.6)

$$\xi = rac{\partial u}{\partial z} - rac{\partial w}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{B}{g} \approx \frac{\theta'}{\overline{\theta}} + 0.61 q_{\text{v}}' - \frac{c_{\text{v}}}{c_{\text{p}}} \frac{p'}{\overline{p}} - q_{\text{h}}$$

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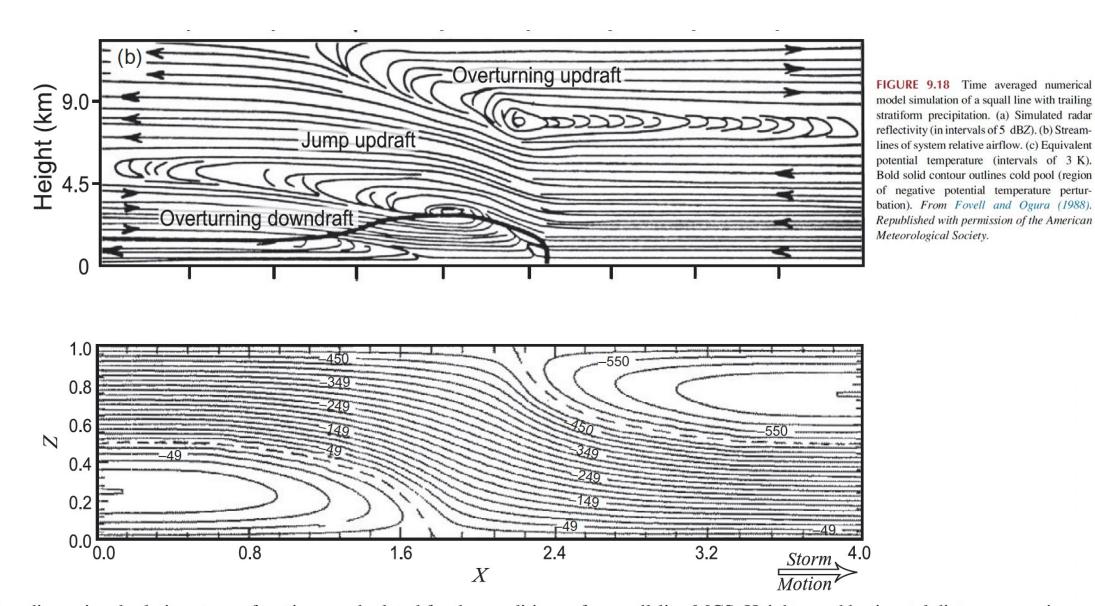


FIGURE 9.19 Two-dimensional relative stream function ψ calculated for the conditions of a squall-line MCS. Height z and horizontal distance x are in arbitrary units. From Moncrieff (1992). Republished with permission of the Royal Meteorological Society.

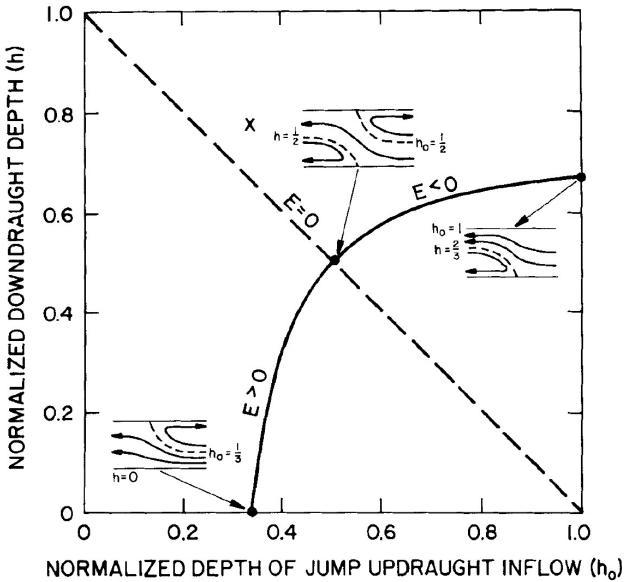


Figure 2. Solutions of the characteric-regime equation showing the variation of the height of the downdraught, h, as a function of the inflow height of the jump, h_0 . Symmetric solutions shown by the broken line and asymmetric solutions by the full line. Inlaid diagrams show flow organization for limiting cases h = 0, $h = \frac{1}{2}$ and $h = \frac{2}{3}$ corresponding to $E = \frac{8}{9}$, 0 and -8, respectively. X marks the sheared inflow solution obtained in section 5(d).

Moncrieff (1992)

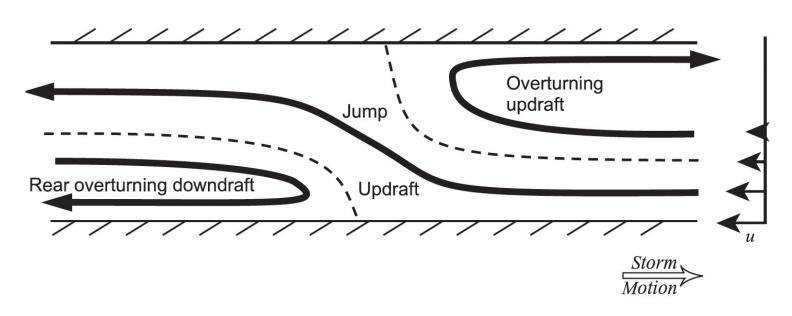


FIGURE 9.20 Schematic diagram of the airflow in a squall-line MCS occurring in an environment with low-level shear, as indicated on the right-hand side. The flow consists of three characteristic branches: the jump updraft, the rear overturning downdraft, and the overturning updraft. Adapted from Moncrieff (1992). Republished with permission of the Royal Meteorological Society.

Consider a steady solution with all variable u only depending on ψ and z $u=u\left(\psi\left(x,z\right),z\right)$

3D momentum equations reads as follows

$$\frac{\mathbf{D}\mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{D}t} = -\frac{1}{\rho_o} \nabla p^* - f\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{v} + B\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{F}$$
 (2.47)

Making Boussinesq assumption ρ_0 =const.

$$wB = rac{D}{Dt} \int_{z_{in}}^{z} B\left(\psi,z'
ight) dz'$$

Taking $\mathbf{v} \cdot (2.47)$, making the Boussinesq assumption, ignoring friction, and using the identity (9.9), we obtain the Bernoulli equation

$$\frac{1}{2}(u^2 + w^2) + \frac{p^*}{\rho_o} - \int_{z_{in}}^{z(t)} g\left(\frac{\theta^*}{\hat{\theta}}\right) dz = \text{constant on streamline}$$

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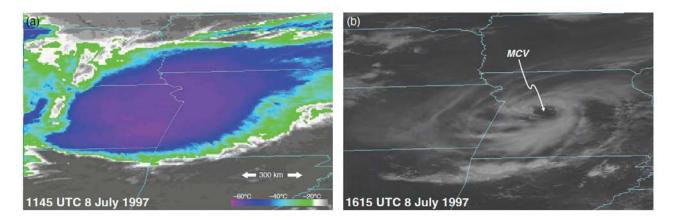
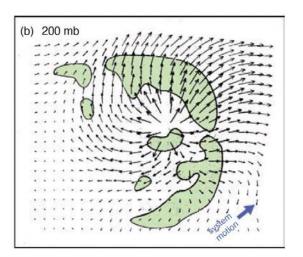


Figure 9.30 (a) Infrared satellite image of a weakening MCC at 1145 UTC 8 July 1997. (b) Visible satellite image of an MCV at 1615 UTC 8 July 1997. The circulation was produced by the MCC in (a).



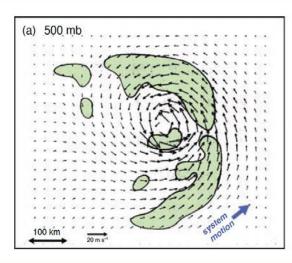
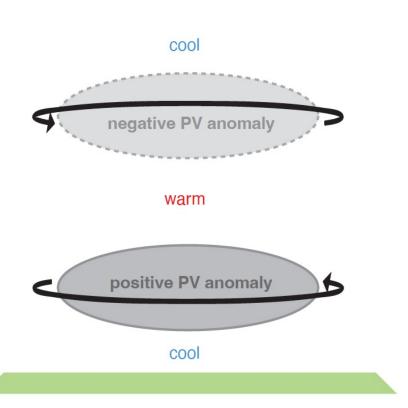


Figure 9.29 Mesoscale model output showing cyclonic vorticity at 500 mb and anticyclonic vorticity at 200 mb in the wake of a midlatitude mesoscale convective complex. Winds are system-relative. Green shading denotes regions of convective precipitation. (Adapted from Chen and Frank [1993].)



Ertel PV theorem

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left| \frac{\boldsymbol{\omega_a}}{\rho} \cdot \nabla \lambda \right| = \frac{\boldsymbol{\omega_a}}{\rho} \cdot \nabla \Psi + \nabla \lambda \cdot \left[\frac{\nabla \rho \times \nabla p}{\rho^3} \right] + \frac{\nabla \lambda}{\rho} \cdot \left| \nabla \times \frac{\boldsymbol{\mathscr{F}}}{\rho} \right|.$$

Geophysical Fluid Dynamics by Pedlosky (1986)

The derivation begins with the hydrostatic primitive equations with minor approximation in the thermodynamic terms

$$d\mathbf{v}/dt + \theta_0 \nabla \mathbf{\pi}' + f \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{F}, \tag{1}$$

$$\theta_0(\partial \pi'/\partial z) - b' = 0, \tag{2}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} + \rho_0^{-1} (\partial \rho_0 w / \partial z) = 0, \tag{3}$$

$$db'/dt + N^2w = gH/\theta_0, \tag{4}$$

$$u=-rac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \qquad v=rac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$$

To the extent that vertical velocities are small, ϕ can be ignored, and the x and y components of vorticity can be approximated as

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$$\zeta_x \approx -\partial^2 \psi / \partial x \partial z, \quad \zeta_y \approx -\partial^2 \psi / \partial y \partial z. \quad (10)$$

The potential vorticity $q = \rho^{-1}(\zeta + f\mathbf{k}) \cdot \nabla \theta$ thus becomes, to this degree of approximation,

$$q = \frac{1}{\rho_0} \left[-\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x \partial z} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y \partial z} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} + (f + \nabla^2 \psi) \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} \right],$$
(11)

Raymond and Jiang (1990)

Any difference from QG theory?

$$\frac{g\rho_0 q'}{\theta_0} = \frac{f}{\theta_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\theta_0^2 \frac{\partial \pi'}{\partial z} \right) + N^2 \nabla^2 \psi$$

$$- \theta_0 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x \partial z} \frac{\partial^2 \pi'}{\partial x \partial z} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y \partial z} \frac{\partial^2 \pi'}{\partial y \partial z} \right). \quad (12)$$

$$\nabla^2 (\theta_0 \pi' - f \psi) = 2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} - 2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x \partial y} \right)^2. \quad (13)$$

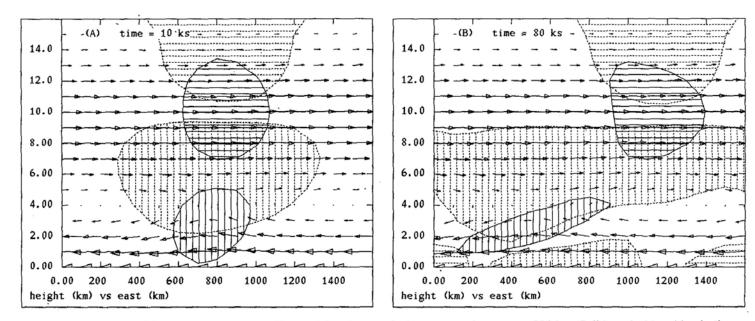


Fig. 5. Potential vorticity, temperature anomalies, and flow in a vertical east-west plane at y = 800 km. Solid vertical hatching indicates where the lower potential vorticity anomaly has $\eta' > 0.1$ pvu. The upper anomaly is indicated by solid horizontal hatching, which indicates regions with $\eta' < -0.3$ pvu. Broken hatching shows potential temperature anomalies greater than ± 0.5 °K with vertical hatching indicating warm regions and horizontal hatching indicating cool regions. Wind vector scale is 0.05 m s⁻¹ km⁻¹. Thus, a wind vector with a horizontal component of 100 km corresponds to 5 m s⁻¹, whereas a vertical component 1 km long corresponds to 5 cm s⁻¹. (a) At time = 10 ks. (b) At time = 80 ks.

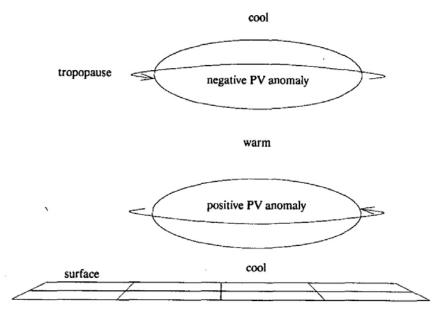


FIG. 1. Postulated structure of potential vorticity anomalies produced by a region of convection and the associated changes in temperature and wind structure. The circulation is cyclonic around the lower, positive anomaly, and anticyclonic around the upper anomaly as shown by the arrows.

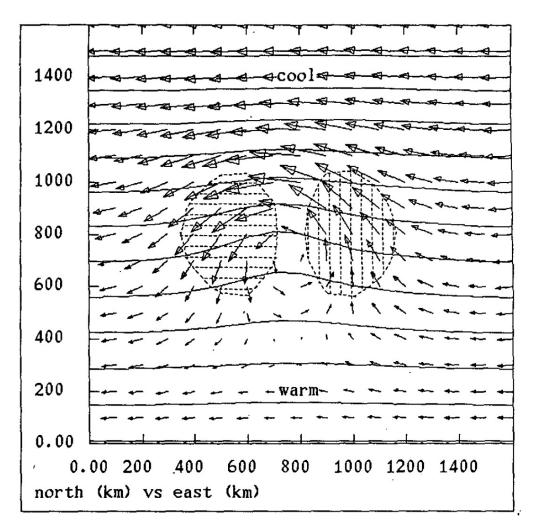


FIG. 6. Flow and potential temperature at z=3 km and t=10 ks. Contours indicate constant values of potential temperature at 1°K intervals, with cooler regions to the north. Vectors show the horizontal flow with a scale of 3 m s⁻¹ per 100 km. Vertical hatching shows updrafts in excess of 0.5 cm s⁻¹, while downdrafts less than -0.5 cm s⁻¹ are indicated by horizontal hatching.

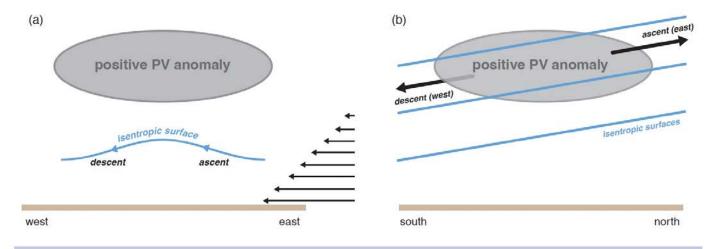
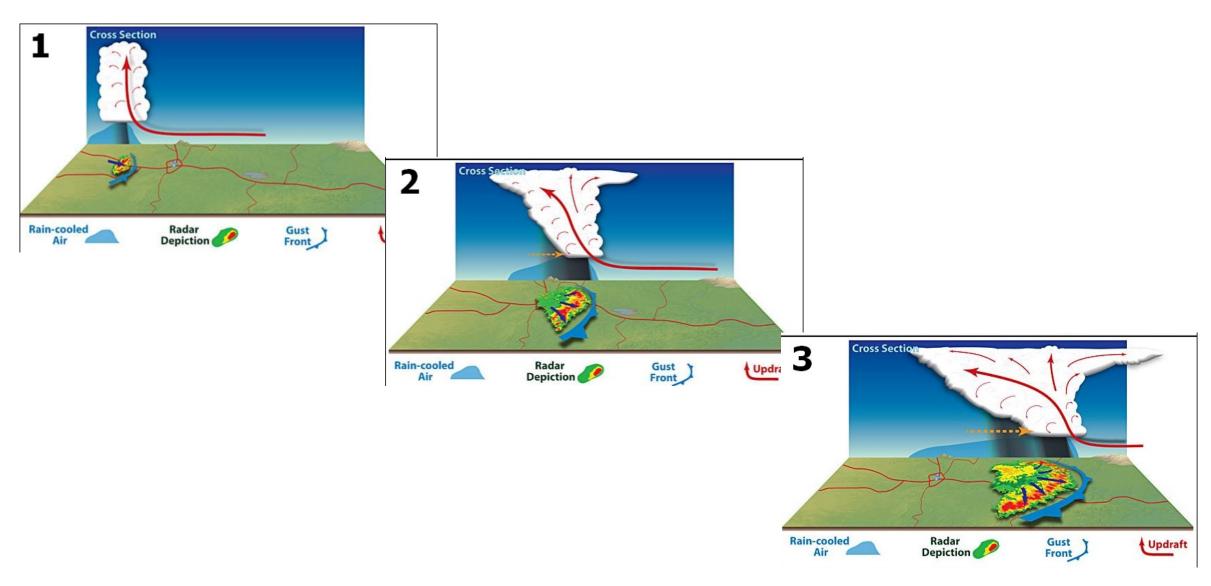


Figure 9.34 Illustrations of the mechanisms by which ascent can occur in the presence of a potential vorticity anomaly in shear. The environmental shear is westerly in the illustration and only shown below the positive potential vorticity anomaly for clarity. (a) In a frame of reference moving with the potential vorticity anomaly, the relative environmental wind causes flow on the perturbation isentropic surface caused by the potential vorticity anomaly, with ascent (descent) upwind (downwind) of the anomaly. (b) The potential vorticity anomaly, as viewed from the east. The tilted isentropic surfaces are associated with the environmental westerly wind shear indicated in (a). The cyclonic circulation around the potential vorticity anomaly causes ascent (descent) in the southerlies (northerlies) east (west) of the anomaly. (Adapted from Raymond and Jiang [1990].)

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The June 2012 North American Derecho: A Testbed for Evaluating Regional and Global Climate Modeling Systems at Cloud-Resolving Scales

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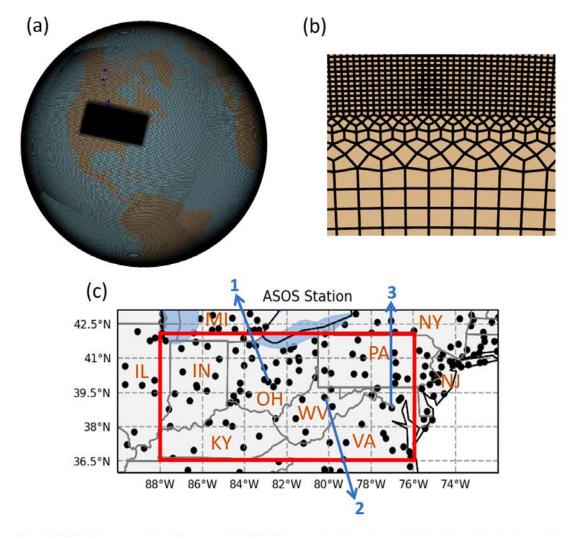


Figure 1. (a) The SCREAM regionally refined model (RRM) grid, shown using a global orthographic projection. (b) The transition region in the RRM grid from LR to HR resolution. (c) Locations of Automated Surface Observation System stations in black circles. The red box shows the analysis region $(76^{\circ}-88^{\circ}W, 36.5^{\circ}-42^{\circ}N)$.

Table 1A Summary of the SCREAM Regionally Refined Model Simulations Conducted and Compared in This Study

Simulation abbreviation	Fine resolution	IC	Initialization time (UTC)	LR/HR configuration	Dynamical core
SCREAM_6.5 km	ne512 (6.5 km)	ERA5+RAP	12:00 29 June 2012	HR	NH
SCREAM_3.25 km	ne1024 (3.25 km)	ERA5+RAP	12:00 29 June 2012	HR	NH
SCREAM_1.625 km	ne2048 (1.625 km)	ERA5+RAP	12:00 29 June 2012	HR	NH
SCREAM_ERA5	ne1024 (3.25 km)	ERA5	12:00 29 June 2012	HR	NH
SCREAM_ERAI	ne1024 (3.25 km)	ERAI	12:00 29 June 2012	HR	NH
SCREAM_06Z	ne1024 (3.25 km)	ERA5+RAP	06:00 29 June 2012	HR	NH
SCREAM_LR	ne1024 (3.25 km)	ERA5+RAP	12:00 29 June 2012	LR	NH
SCREAM_H	ne1024 (3.25 km)	ERA5+RAP	12:00 29 June 2012	HR	Н

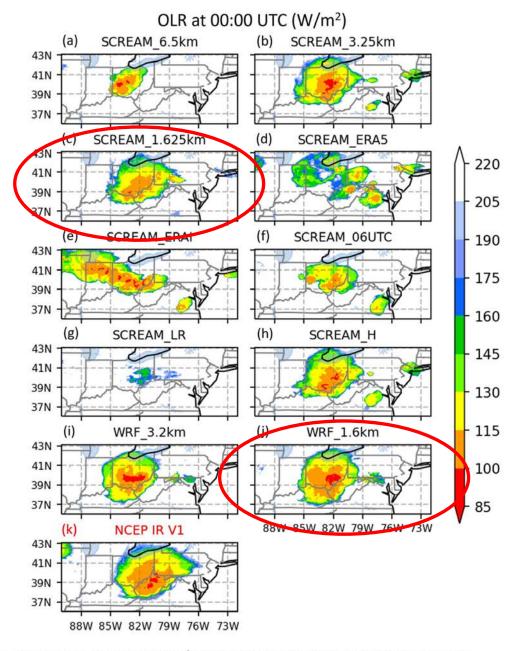


Figure 2. Outgoing longwave radiation (W/m²) at 00:00 UTC 30 June 2012 in (a) SCREAM_6.5 km, (b) SCREAM_3.25 km, (c) SCREAM_1.625 km, (d) SCREAM_ERA5, (e) SCREAM_ERAI, (f) SCREAM_06UTC, (g) SCREAM_LR, (h) SCREAM_H, (i) WRF_3.2 km, (j) WRF_1.6 km, and (k) NCEP IR V1. All datasets are remapped to 0.05° resolution. The panel with red title denotes the reference data set.

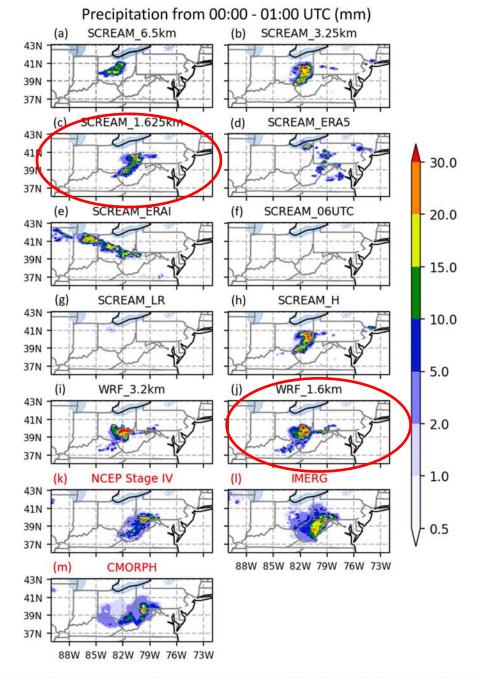
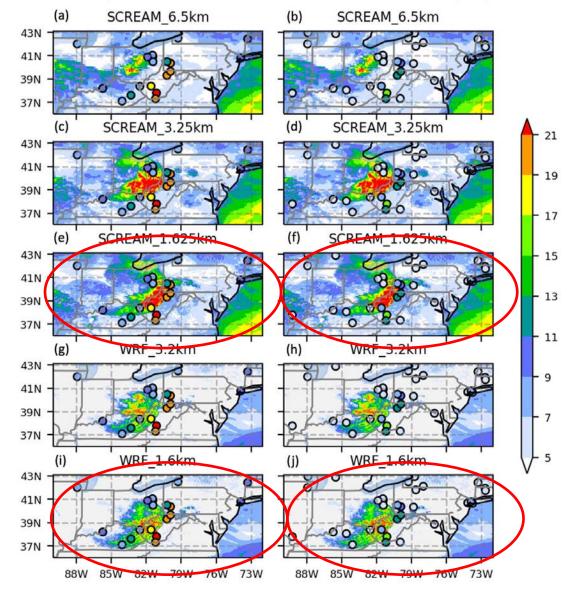


Figure 4. Same as Figure 2 but for accumulated precipitation (mm) from 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 30 June 2012. Panels (k-m) show NCEP Stage IV, IMERG, and CMORPH precipitation, respectively. All datasets are remapped to 0.1°.

Wind speed maximum between 00:00 and 01:00 UTC (m/s)



Wind speed maximum (m/s)

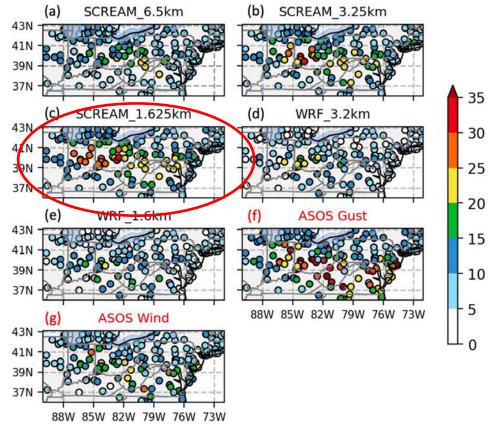


Figure 12. Wind speed maximum (m/s) between 18:00 UTC 29 June and 06:00 UTC 30 June 2012 in (a) SCREAM_6.5 km, (b) SCREAM_3.25 km, (c) SCREAM_1.625 km, (d) WRF_3.2 km, (e) WRF_1.6 km, (f) Automated Surface Observation System (ASOS) gust, and (g) ASOS wind. Only ASOS sites with gust reports during the period are displayed. Panels (a–e) show results at the closest gird points to the ASOS locations.

Figure 5. Wind speed maximum (m/s; shaded) between 00:00 and 01:00 UTC 30 June 2012 in (a, b) SCREAM_6.5 km, (c, d) SCREAM_3.25 km, (e, f) SCREAM_1.625 km, (g, h) WRF_3.2 km, and (i, j) WRF_1.6 km. The dot markers represent the Automated Surface Observation System (ASOS) gust wind speed maximum (m/s) in the left panels and wind speed maximum (m/s) in the right panels. The ASOS stations with wind speed maximum lower than 5 m/s are not shown in the right panels. All simulation results are displayed at raw grids.

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Challenges in Numerical Weather Prediction of the 10 August 2020 Midwestern Derecho: Examples from the FV3-LAM

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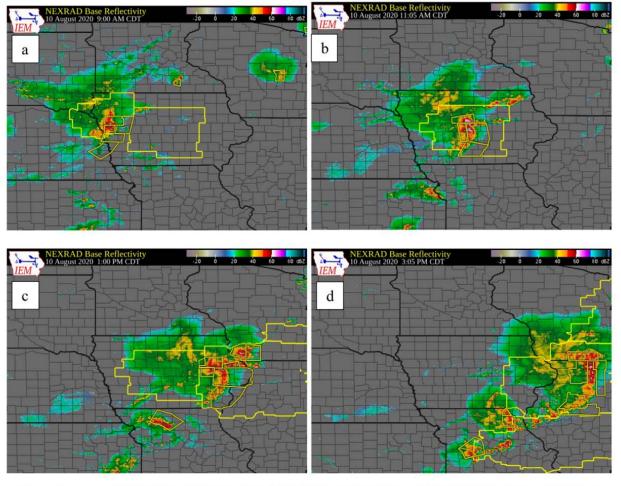


FIG. 1. Composite NEXRAD reflectivity at (a) 1400, (b) 1600, (c) 1800, and (d) 2000 UTC 10 Aug 2020. Severe thunderstorm warnings are overlaid with thin yellow lines. Severe thunderstorm watches are indicated with thicker yellow lines. The images are from the Iowa Environmental Mesonet.



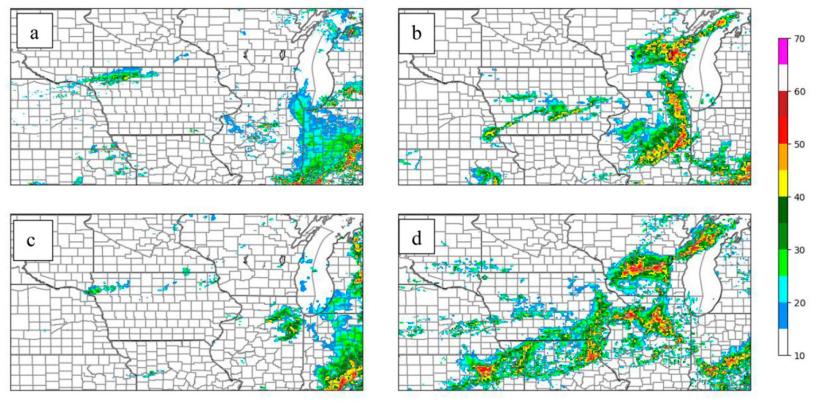


FIG. 4. Simulated composite reflectivity valid at 1800 UTC 10 Aug 2020 from four HREF members initialized at 0000 UTC 10 Aug 2020, with (a) 3-km North American Model Nest (Rogers et al. 2017), (b) High Resolution Window Advanced Research version of the Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) Model (Skamarock et al. 2008), (c) CONUS Member 2 (formerly known as the National Severe Storms Laboratory WRF; Kain et al. 2010), and (d) High Resolution Window NMMB (Janjić and Gall 2012).

The limited Area Model (LAM) version of the Finite-Volume-Cubed-Sphere atmospheric dynamical core (FV3-LAM)



Three unusual behaviors!

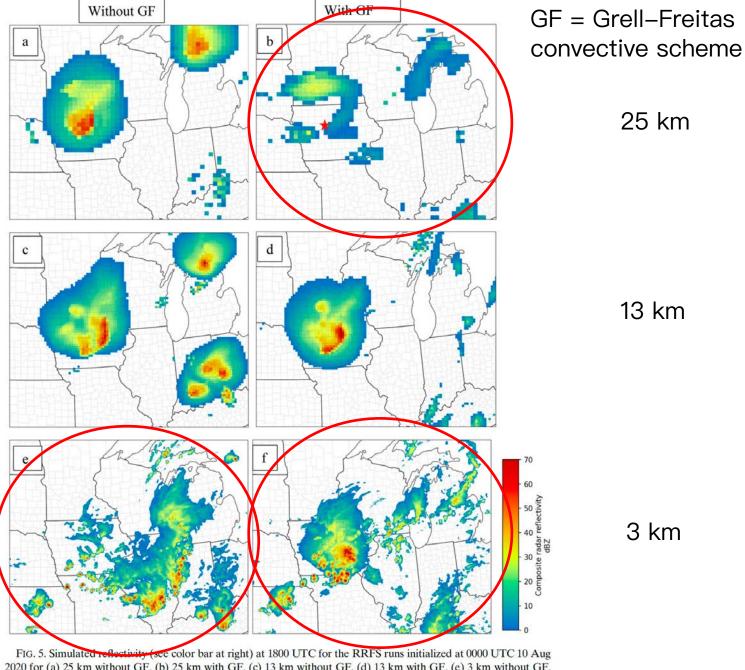


FIG. 5. Simulated reflectivity (see color bar at right) at 1800 UTC for the RRFS runs initialized at 0000 UTC 10 Aug 2020 for (a) 25 km without GF, (b) 25 km with GF, (c) 13 km without GF, (d) 13 km with GF, (e) 3 km without GF, and (f) 3 km with GF. The observed radar valid at this time can be found in Fig. 1b. The red star in (b) shows where the sounding is taken from in Fig. 9.

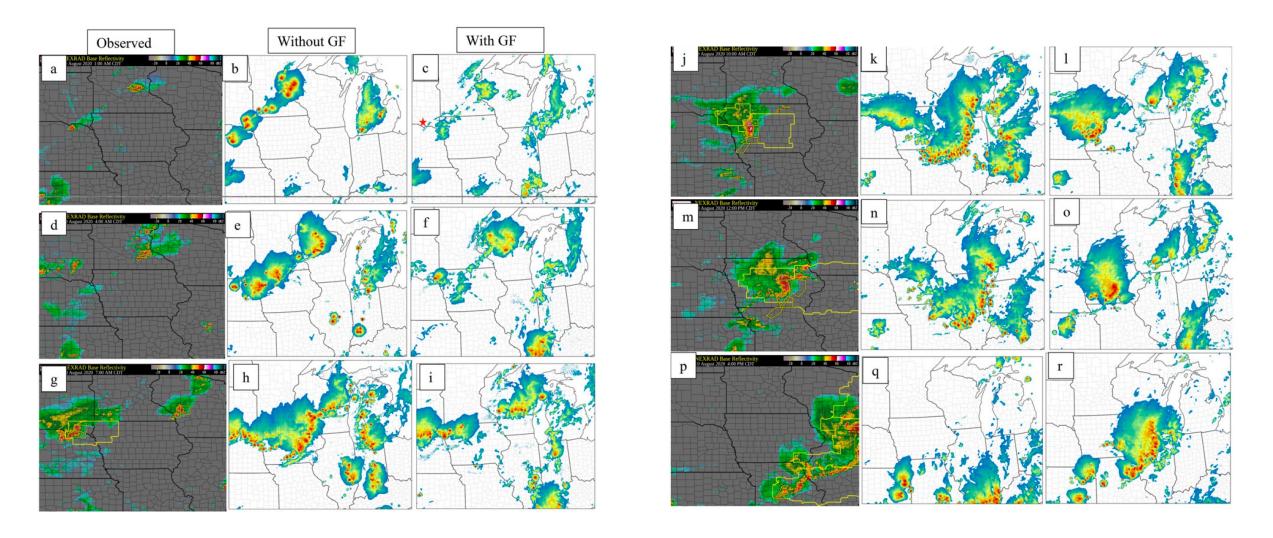
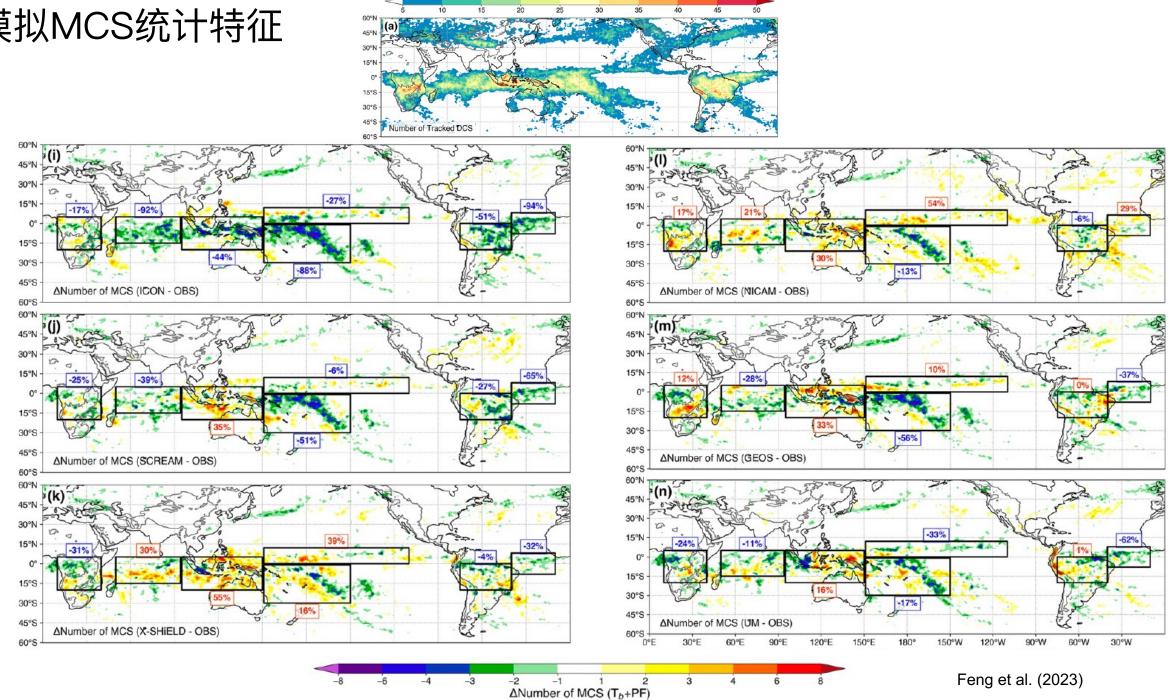


FIG. 10. (left) Observed reflectivity, and simulated reflectivity from (center) the 3-km RRFS run without the GF scheme and (right) the RRFS run with the GF scheme at (a)–(c) 0600, (d)–(f) 0900, (g)–(i) 1200, (j)–(l) 1500, (m)–(o) 1700, and (p)–(r) 2100 UTC. The red star in (c) indicates where the sounding used in Fig. 13 is taken.

模拟MCS统计特征



Number of DCS (OBS)

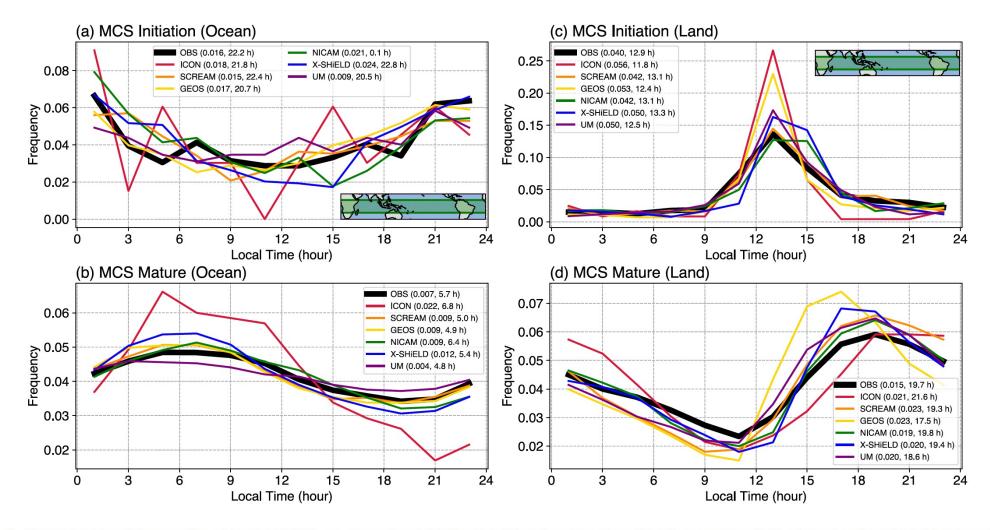


Figure 2. Diurnal cycle of frequencies of tropical MCSs at convection initiation (a),(c) and mature stage (b),(d) over ocean (left column) and land (right column). The amplitude and phase of the diurnal cycles are provided in the legend. Amplitude and phase are calculated using the first harmonic of the Fourier transform applied to the diurnal cycle frequency signal (Wallace, 1975). Area of the tropics included in the anlysis is shown as the green box in the inset (20°S–10°N). An MCS with more than 80% of average PF area fraction over land (ocean) during the first 3 hr of MCS convection initiation is considered a land (ocean) MCS. MCS tracks that start as a split are excluded in this analysis.

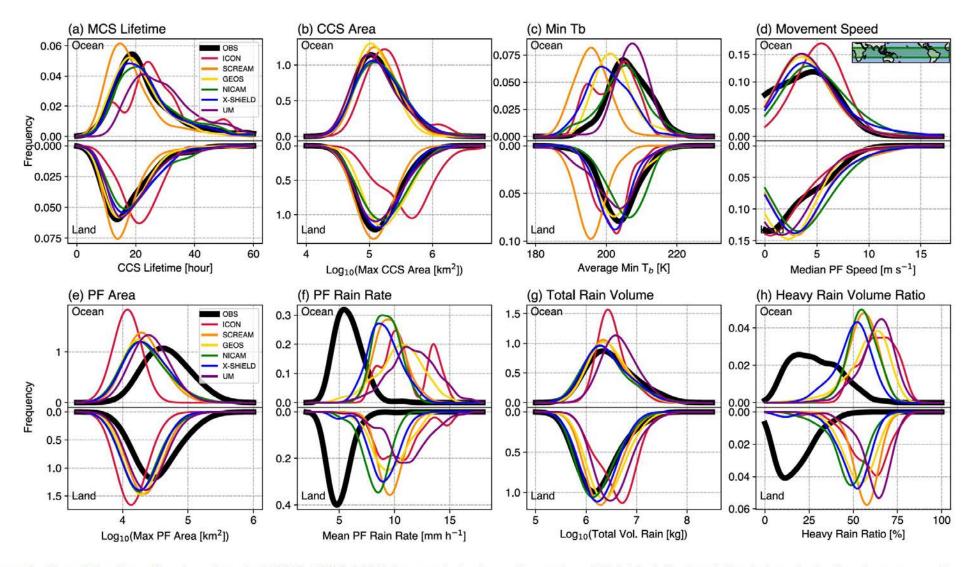
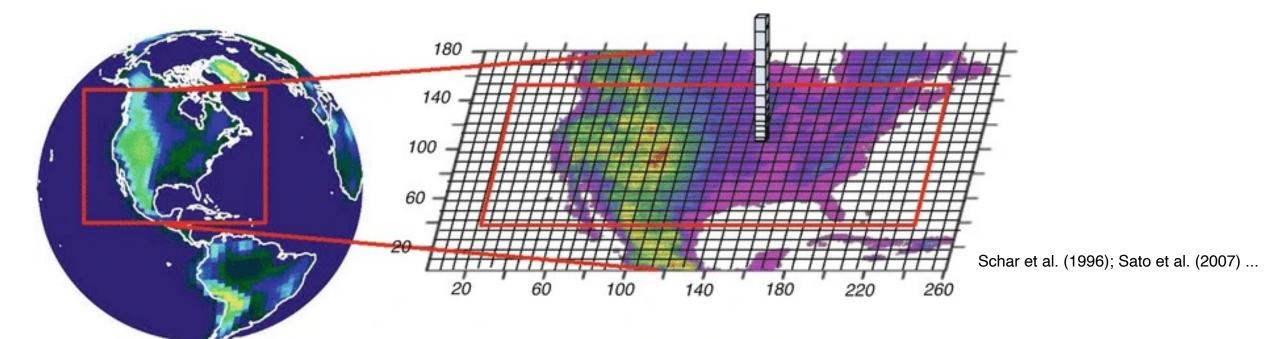


Figure 3. Kernel density estimation of tropical $(20^{\circ}\text{S}-10^{\circ}\text{N})$ MCS characteristics from observations (thick black line) and simulations (color lines) over ocean (top half in each panel) and over land (bottom half in each panel). (a) MCS lifetime (defined by CCS), (b) maximum CCS area, (c) lifetime-average minimum T_b , (d) median PF movement speed, (e) maximum PF area, (f) mean PF rain rate, (g) lifetime-total rain volume, and (h) heavy rain (rain rate >10 mm hr⁻¹) volume ratio (heavy rain volume/total rain volume). All parameters are calculated over the lifetime and within the CCS mask of each MCS.

Pseudo-global warming (PGW) approach



change signal for the RCP8.5 scenario. As described in Liu et al. (2016), the WRF input for the PGW simulation is as follows:

WRF_{INPUT} = ERA – Interim +
$$\Delta$$
CMIP5_{RCP8.5} (1) where Δ CMIP5_{RCP8.5} is the 95-year CMIP5 multi-model ensemble-mean monthly change under the RCP8.5 scenario:

$$\Delta \text{CMIP5}_{\text{RCP8.5}} = \text{CMIP5}_{2071-2100} - \text{CMIP5}_{1976-2005}$$
 (2)

The perturbed fields that were used to generate the WRF input for the PGW simulation include horizontal wind, geopotential, temperature, specific humidity, sea surface temperature, soil temperature, sea level pressure, and sea ice. Across the CONUS domain, temperature changes in

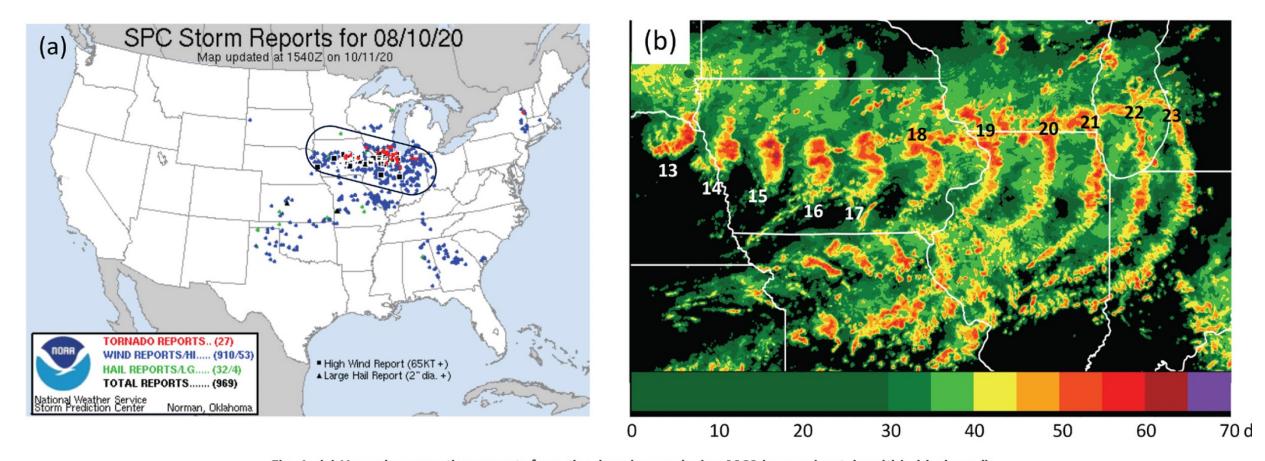


Fig. 1. (a) Hazardous weather reports from the derecho-producing MCS (approximately within black oval) on 10 Aug 2020; reports from other storms that occurred afterward in Missouri area also shown. Blue triangles denote wind reports greater than 50 kt or wind damage; black squares denote significant severe wind reports (>65 kt). (b) Hourly composite radar reflectivity montage of the 10 Aug 2020 derecho-producing MCS from 1300 to 2300 UTC; data from GridRad version 4.2 hourly archive DOI: 10.5065/Y463-4B15.

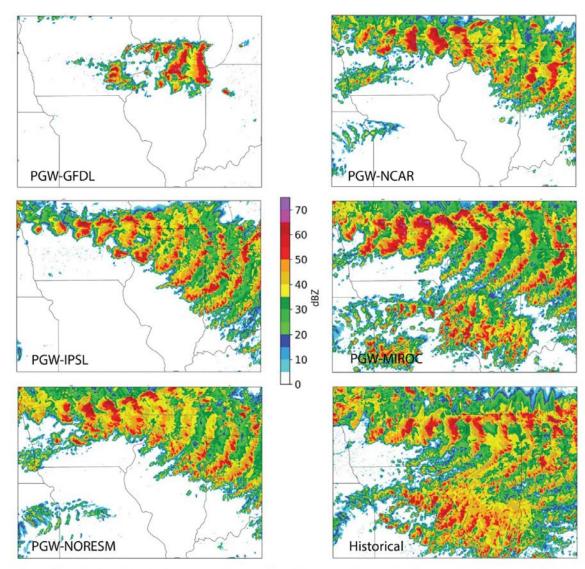


Fig. 8. Hourly simulated column-maximum reflectivity over the nested domain for (bottom right) the historical simulation and all PGW simulations as labeled for the duration of the simulations.

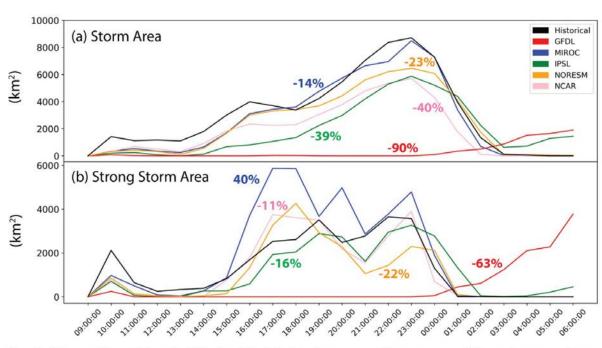
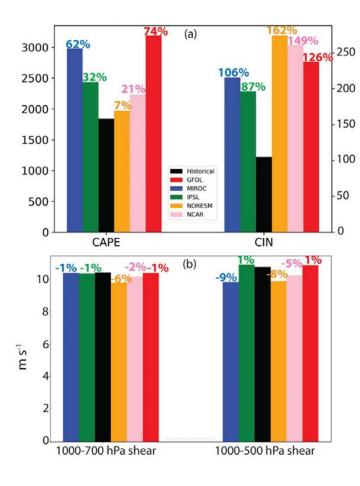


Fig. 9. Time series of hourly (a) simulated total storm area (area over which column-maximum reflectivity exceeded 20 dBZ), and (b) intense storm area (area over which column-maximum reflectivity exceeded 50 dBZ), north of 40°N. HIST simulation shown as black line; PGW simulations shown in other colors. Percentages are time averages relative to HIST, color-coded according to the PGW simulation. All times are in UTC.



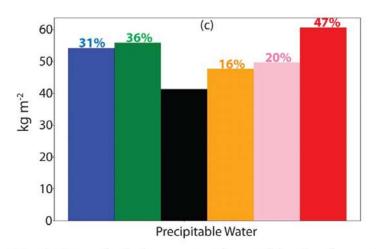


Fig. 6. Meteorological parameters characterizing the changes in potential convective environments averaged over the nested domain of the simulations, evaluated at 1200 UTC over any column having less than a simulated 20 dBZ echo: (a) most unstable CAPE and CIN; (b) lower-tropospheric and low-to-midtropospheric vertical wind shear; (c) precipitable water. Percentages represent changes in PGW relative to HIST.

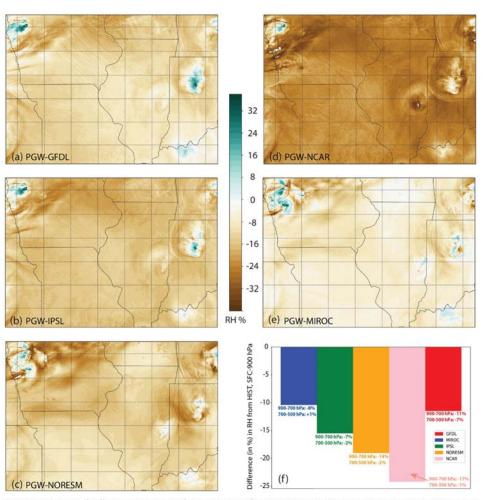


Fig. 7. (a)–(e) Maps of differences in percent of the average surface-to-900-hPa relative humidity in the PGW environments relative to HIST, at 1200 UTC. White/green areas in the plots, including in northwestern lowa and several areas in the eastern third of the domain, are not valid due to convection being present at those locations at 1200 UTC. (f) Average difference in percent of the surface-to-900-hPa relative humidity from the HIST environment, over the inner domain at 1200 UTC. Labels correspond to same quantities but evaluated over the 900–700 hPa layer or 700–500 hPa layer.

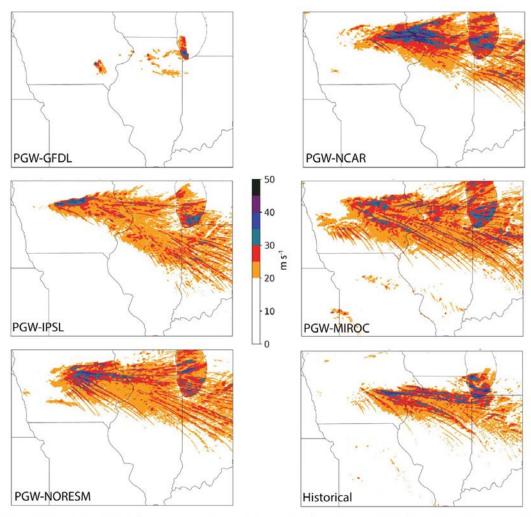


Fig. 10. As in Fig. 8, but for corresponding wind swaths of maximum winds 10 m above the ground and 20 m s⁻¹ and greater, output by the model at 15-min intervals over the duration of the simulations.

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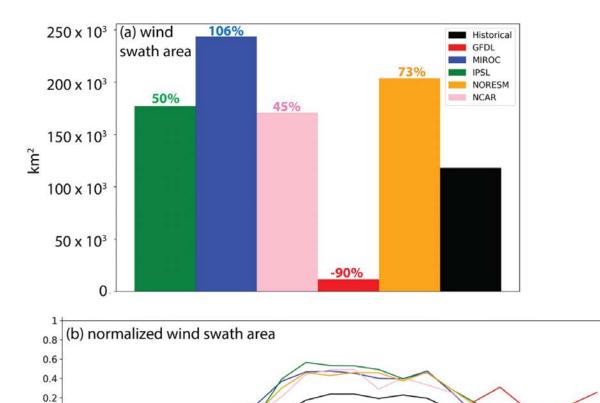


Fig. 11. (a) Total wind swath area, with percentage change relative to HIST simulation shown by the corresponding colors; (b) hourly time series (UTC) of ratio of total area of maximum near-surface wind speeds exceeding 20 m s⁻¹ to the total storm area from Fig. 9a, with line colors corresponding to legend in (a). All quantities calculated north of 40°N.

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Contradicted results from the other study

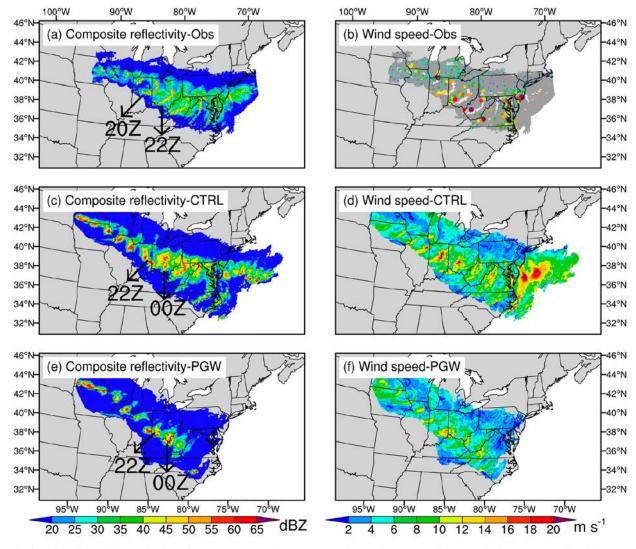


Figure 5. Spatial evolutions of the derecho (a, c, e) radar signatures and (b, d, f) surface wind speeds every other hour for (a, b) observations, (c, d) the CTRL simulations (ensemble mean), and (e, f) the PGW simulations (ensemble mean). We use composite reflectivities to represent radar signatures, some of which are labeled with the corresponding timing of occurrence in (a), (c), and (e). 20Z and 22Z refer to 20:00 and 22:00 on June 29, while 00Z indicates 0:00 on June 30. The dark gray shading in (b) denotes the observed derecho CCS coverage during the selected hours, the same as the blue shading in (a), similar to (c)—(f). The misty rose shading in (b) corresponds to composite reflectivities \geq 40 dBZ. The point sizes in (b) are proportional to the wind speed magnitudes. Instantaneous winds are plotted in (d) and (f), but (b) displays $wind_{hourly_max}$. This figure does not show all details of the radar signatures and wind features due to the data selection every other hour and potential data overlapping.

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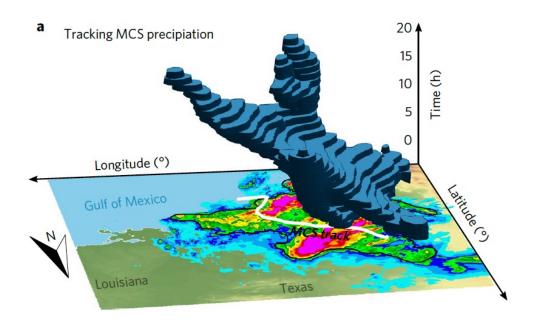
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Increased rainfall volume from future convective storms in the US

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Fig. 1 | Schematic of Lagrangian tracking of MCS precipitation and future changes in MCSs. **a**, MCS hourly precipitation accumulations above 5 mm h⁻¹ are identified and tracked over space and time (time corresponds to the vertical axis). **b**, Characteristics such as storm motion, rain rates or cloud top heights are identified for MCSs in the current and future climate. Highest increases are found for MCS precipitation volumes, which is positively related to increasing rain rates and rain areas and negatively to changes in storm motion (**b**).



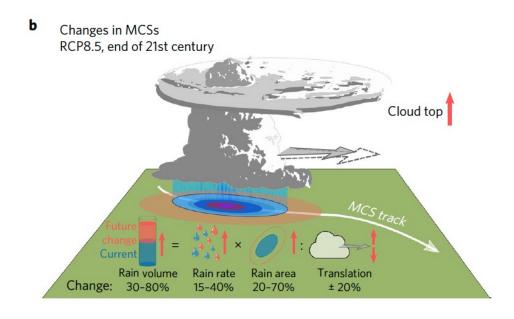


Table 1 | Summary of changes in MCS properties with warming

Variable	Sign of change	Confidence ^a	Refs			
MCS characteristics and hazards						
Rainfall (rate and volume)	Increase	High	16–18,119,165, 171,172,185			
Severe winds	Uncertain ^b	_	177			
Speed of motion	Increase	Low	16			
Organization	Uncertain ^b	_	16,17,119,173			
Size	Increase	Medium	16,17,119,185			
Frequency	Increase	Low	16,165,173			
MCS environments						
Atmospheric moisture	Increase	High	14,15,177–181			
Atmospheric instability	Increase	High	14,15,177–181			
Convective inhibition	Increase	Medium	14,181			
Vertical wind shear	Uncertain ^b		15,176,178			
Frequency of environments supportive of MCSs	Increase	Low	15,17,165, 178,181			

MCS, mesoscale convective system. ^aConfidence refers to the convergence of evidence based on different data sources and lines of inquiry. Confidence is rated as high for results that have been consistently found across numerous studies with both theoretical and modelling support.

^bUncertainty arises owing to inadequate investigation and, as such, there is no estimate of confidence. For MCS organization, there is confidence that changes will occur, but there is uncertainty in what those changes will be, including the sign.

Schumacher and Rasmussen (2020)