

YMC-NCAR Aircraft Mission Objectives

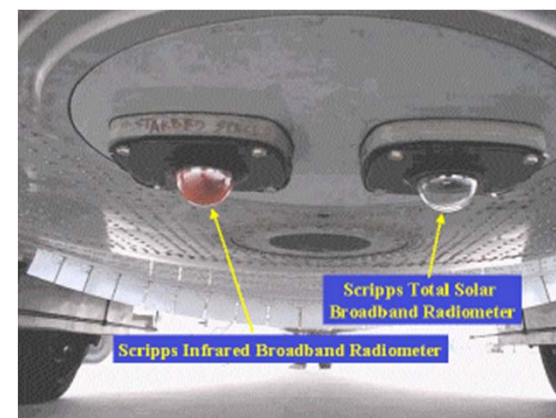
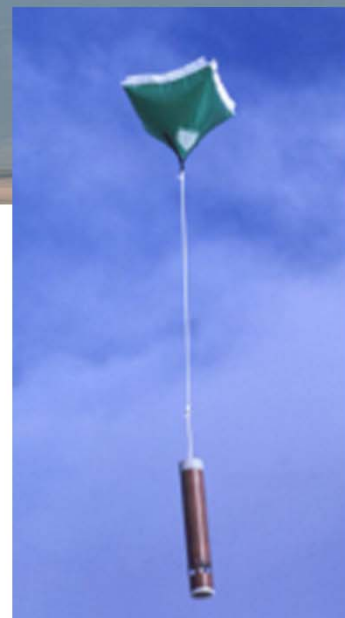
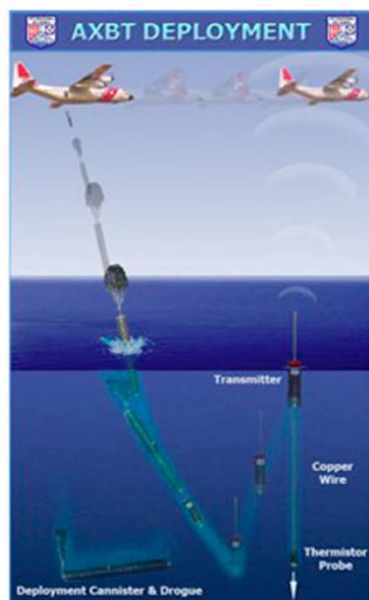
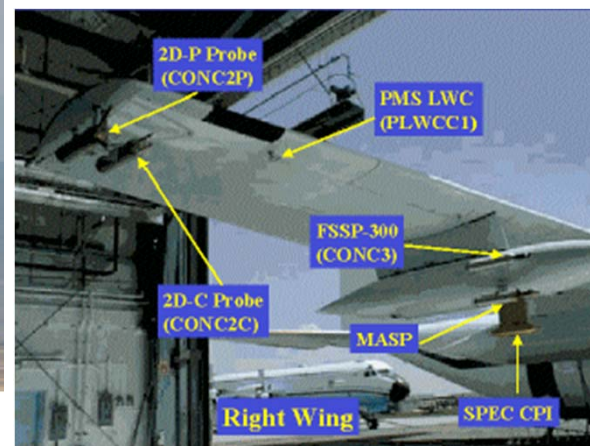
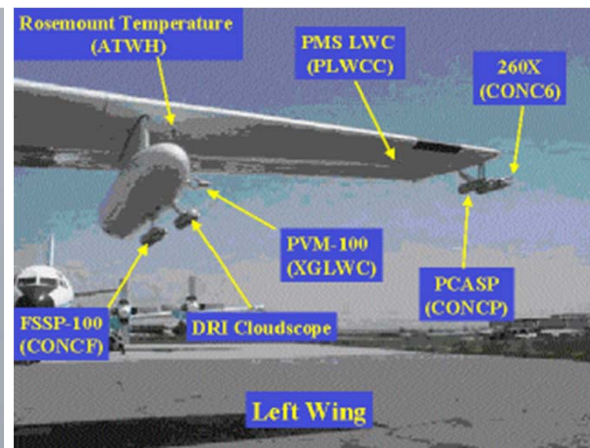
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- To characterize deep convective processes and better understand the complex feedback processes among land-sea surface forcing, cloud microphysics-dynamics-thermodynamics, and environmental conditions
- To extend point measurements on islands and ships to a broader region and provide a large-scale context over MC
- To obtain a suite of observations suitable for coupled model evaluation (and explore coupled model data assimilation).

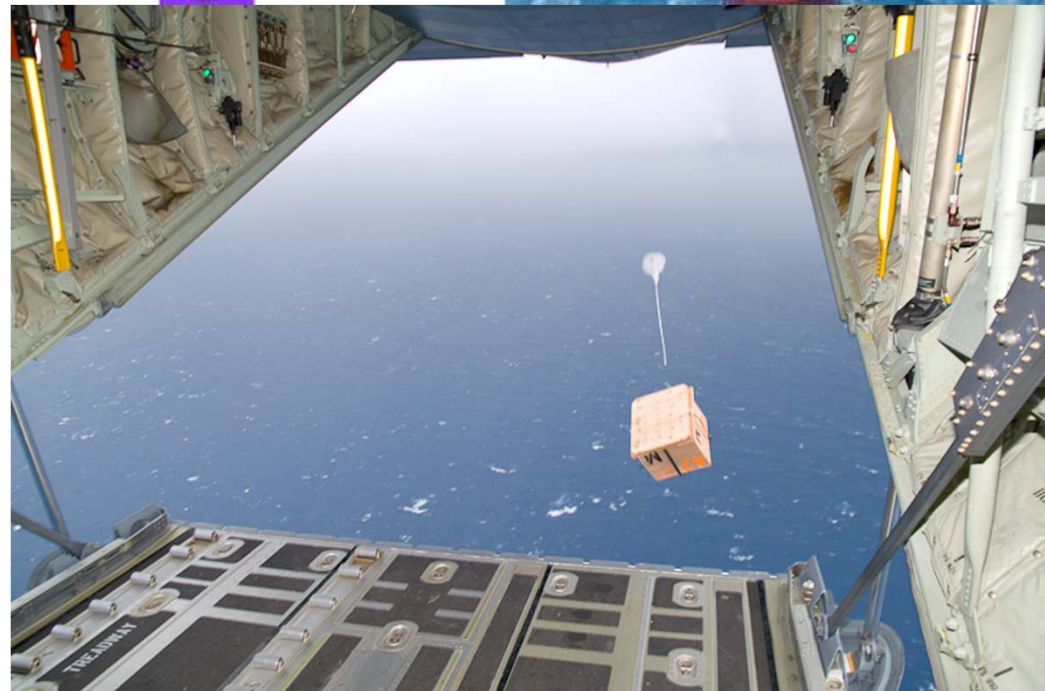
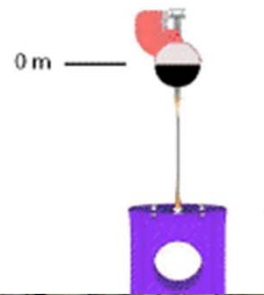
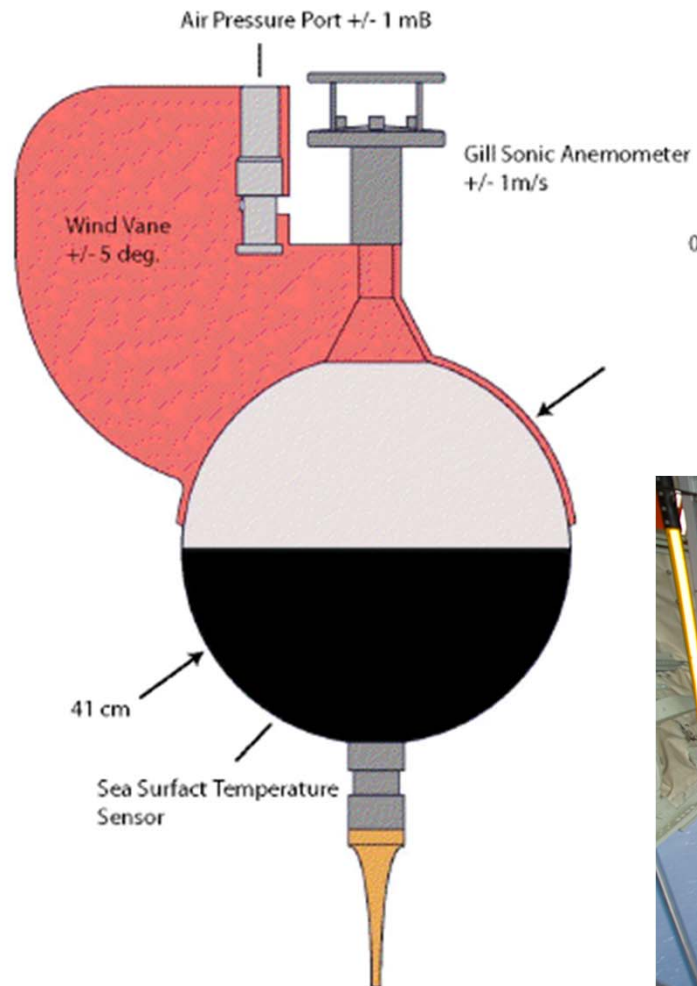
Base and Flight Paths: TBA

Time: Nov-Dec 2018

NCAR C-130



Sonic Minimet Drifter



Aircraft Instruments

Flight Level *in situ*

Sensors:

Navigational parameters

Pressure and thermodynamic parameters

Mean winds and turbulence

High-rate T, q, CO₂ perturbations

Radar and Lidar:

C-band Doppler radar

Wyoming Cloud Radar and Cloud Lidar, looking both upwards and downwards.

Expendables:

GPS dropwindsonde atmospheric profiling system

Airborne eXpendable Bathythermographs (AXBT's)

**Cloud Microphysics
and Aerosol:**

- Gas phase measurements (CO, CO₂, CH₄, Fast O₃) for tracking air mass composition changes.

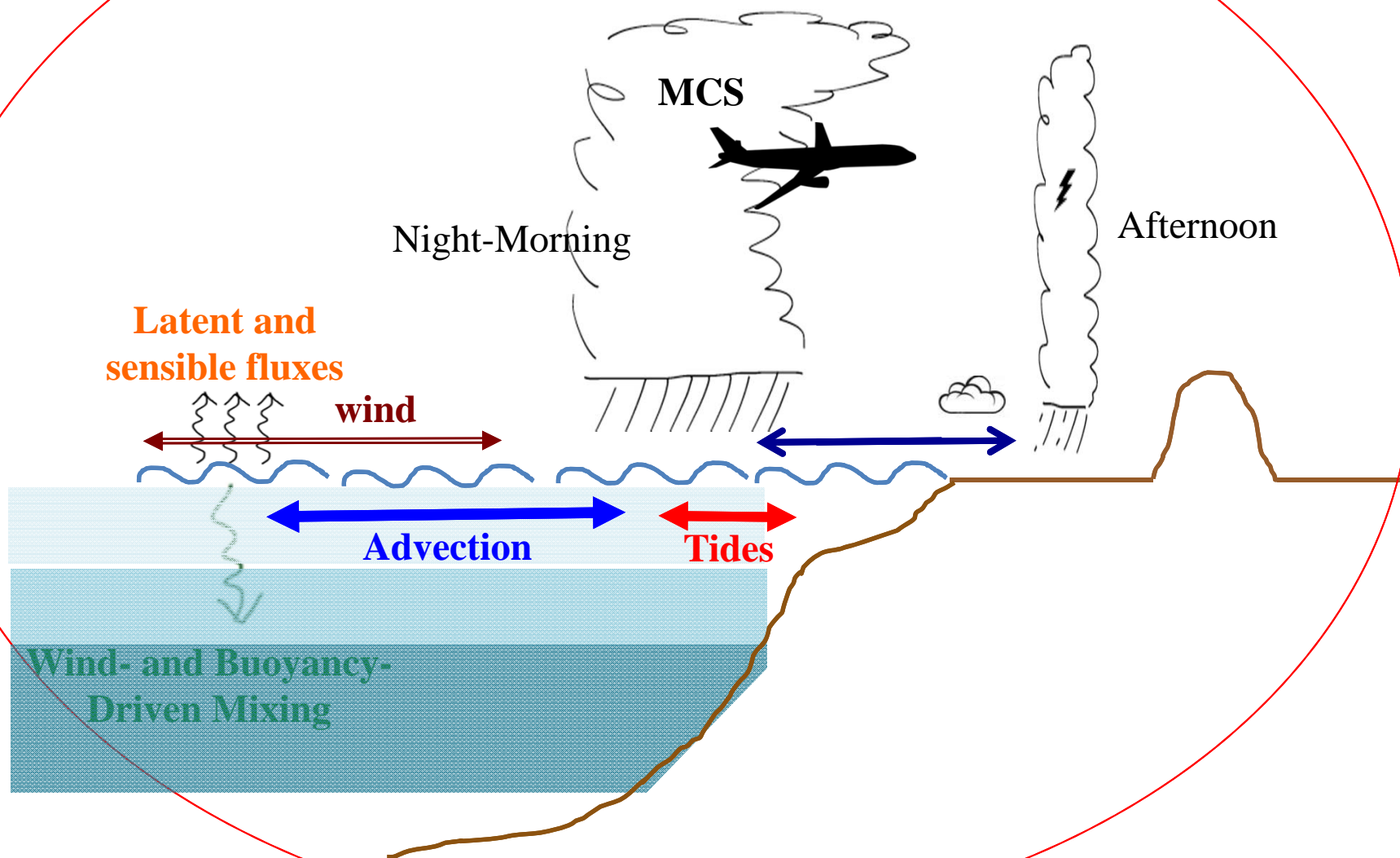
- Basic aerosol size and number concentration measuring instruments (CN counter, PCASP wing-mounted)

- Standard *in situ* cloud particle probes (*FSSP-100, FSSP-300, SD-C, and 2D-P*)

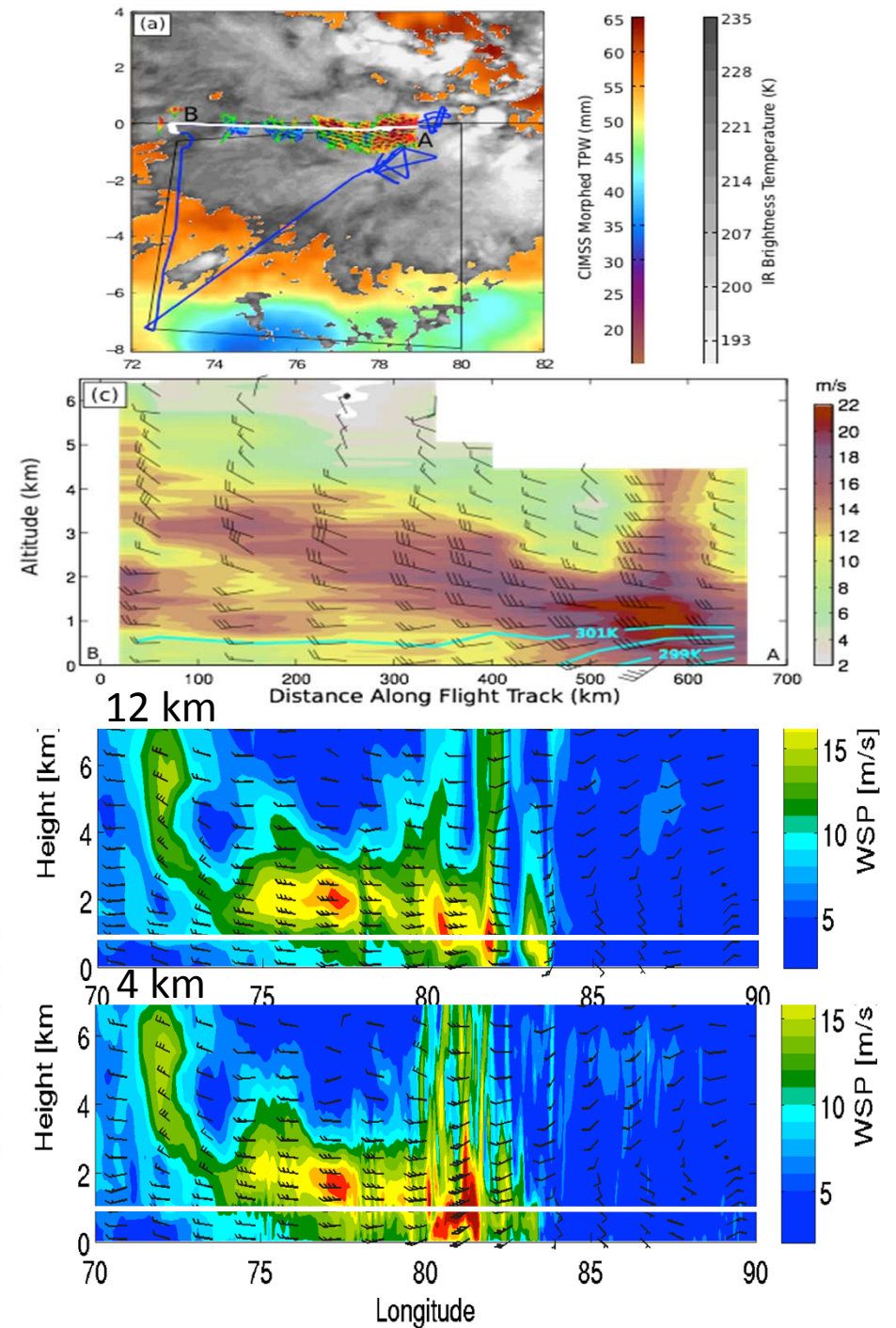
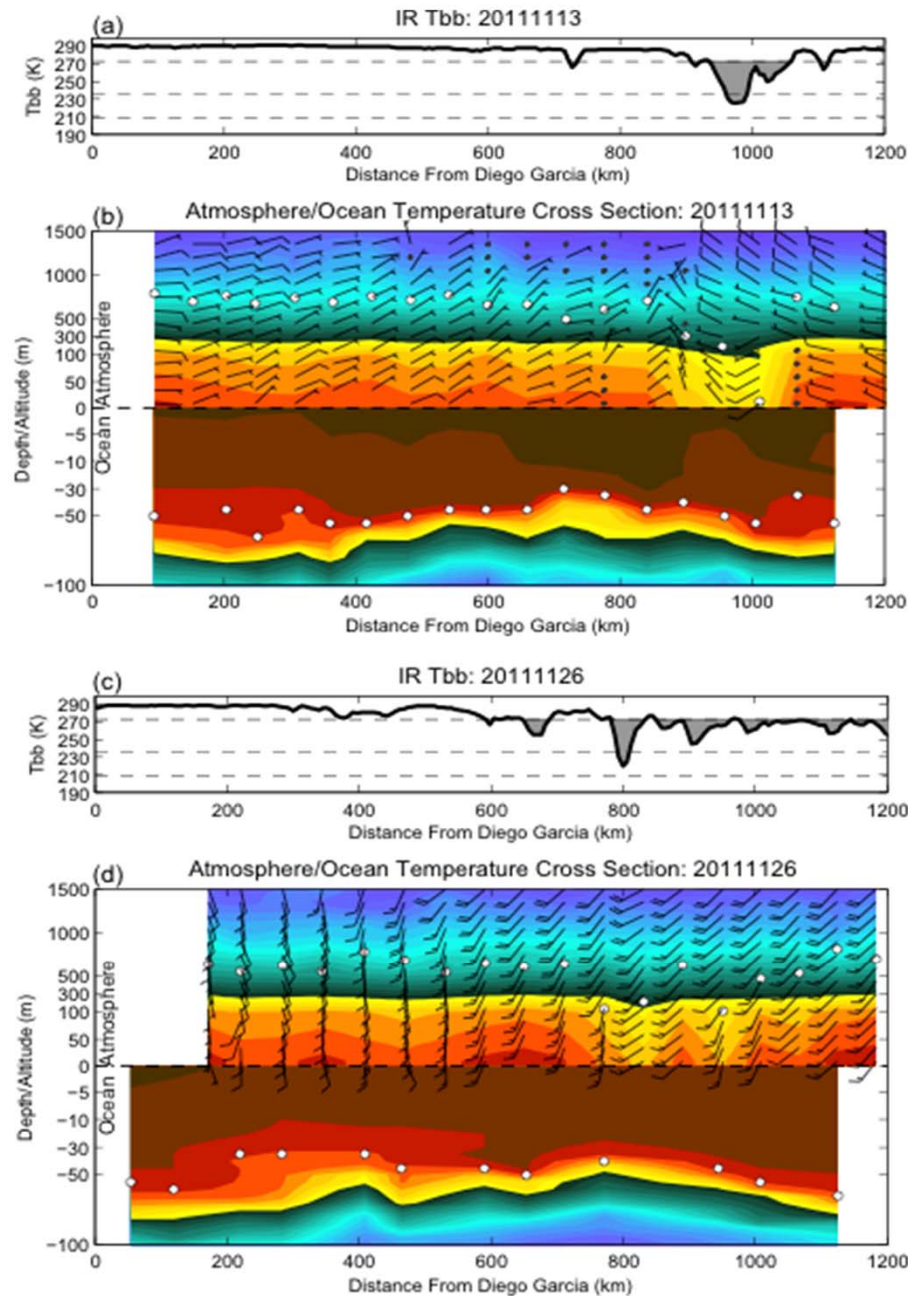
- *In situ* instruments for high-resolution measurements of small ice and other hydrometeors (*SID-2H*) and for high-resolution

Radiometric SST

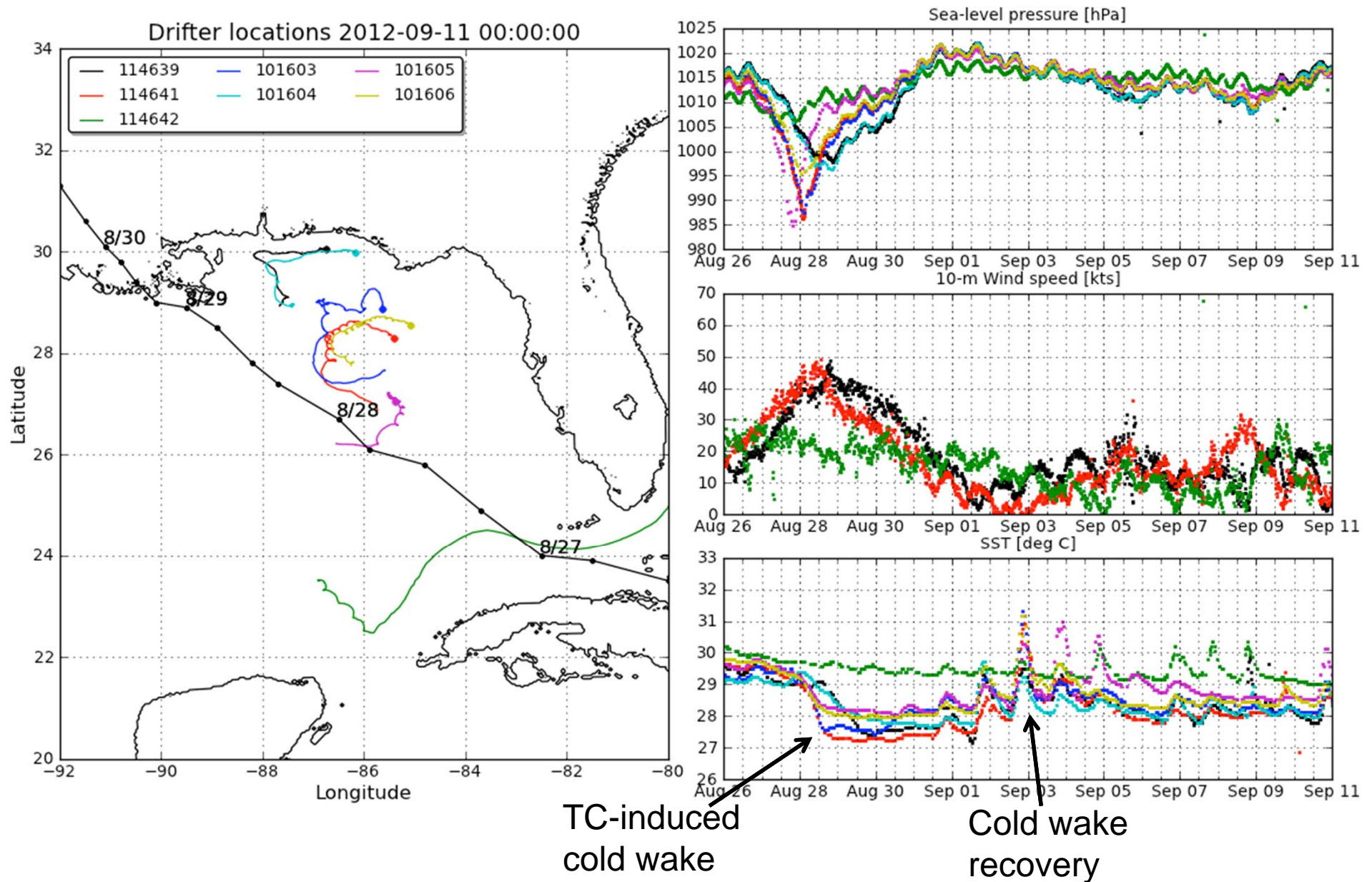
MJO Monsoon



Atmospheric and Upper Ocean Temp Profiles



GLAD MiniMet (3) & SVPB (4) Drifters



MeteoSat7 & MDSat Cloud Clusters (IR < 208 K, hourly, Oct-Dec 2011)

