

Committee Meeting

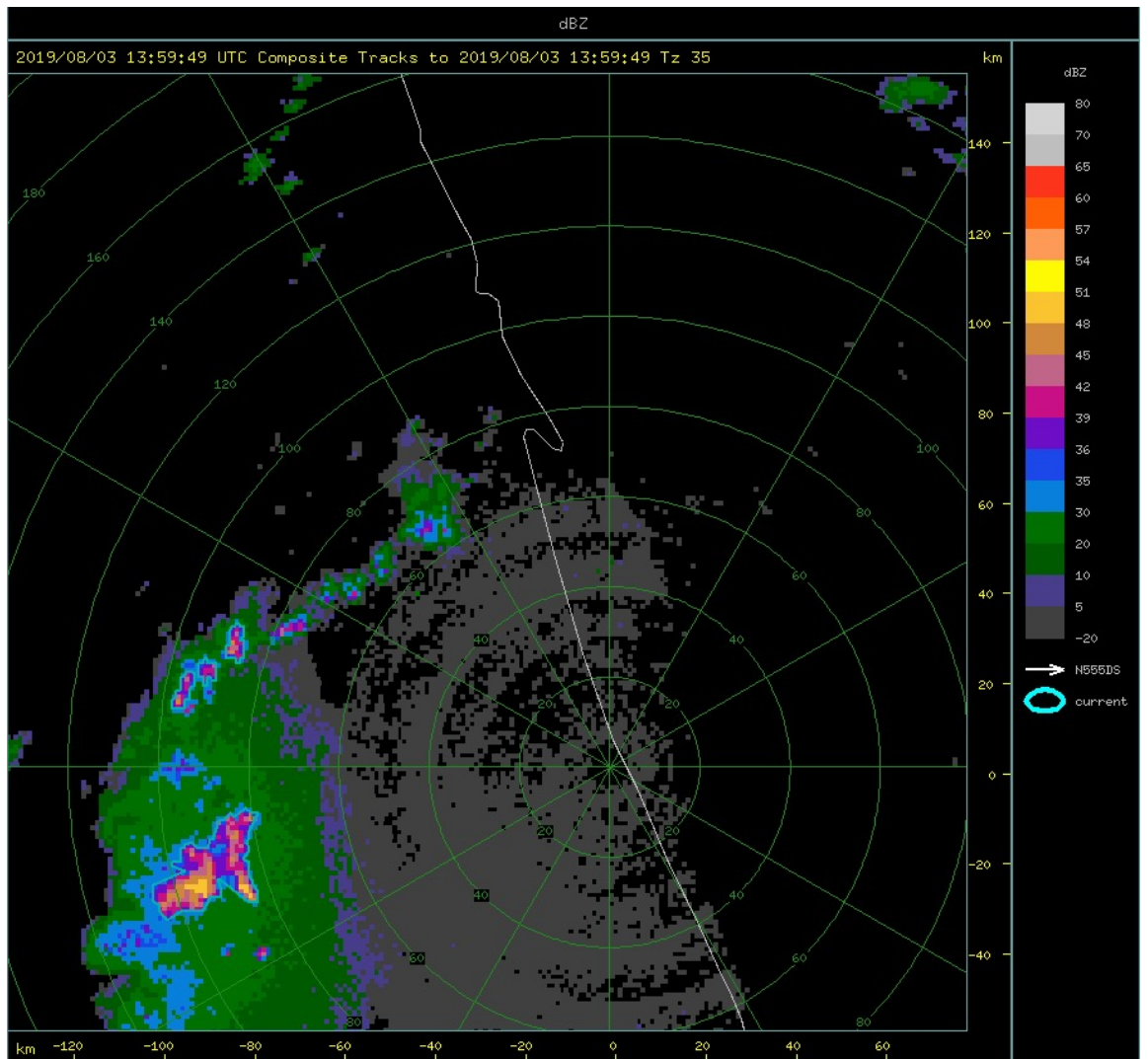
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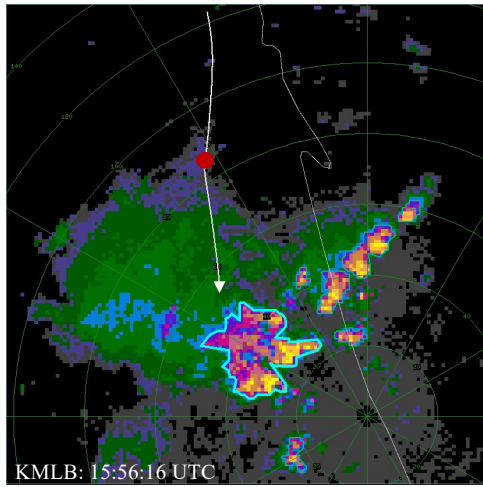
Updates

- Participated in the 2022 IMPACTS field campaign
- Current writing and preparing for defense (this summer)

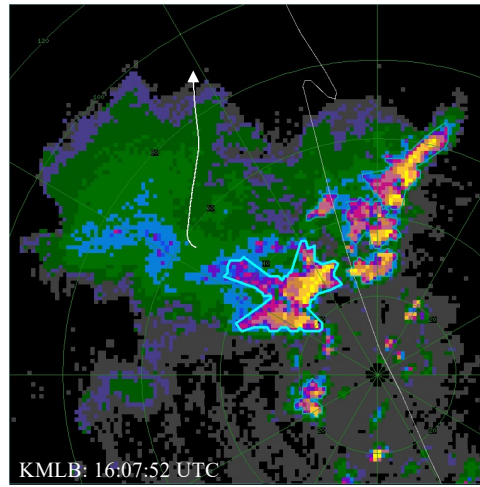
Latest data and Results



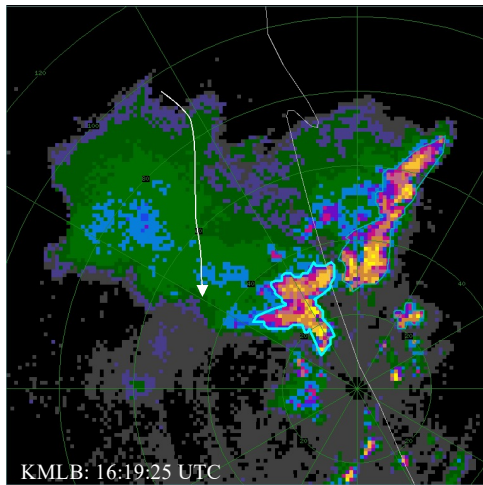
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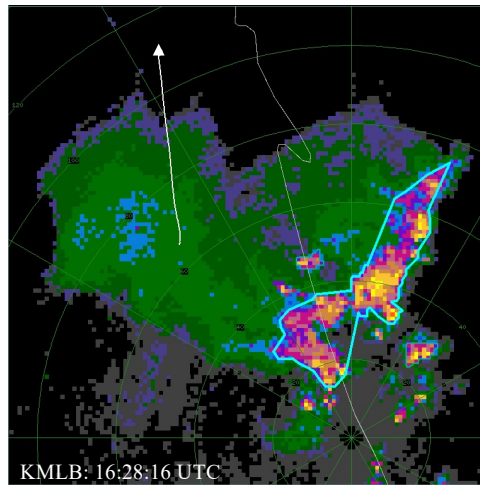
(b) – FL2: 16:02:00 - 16:07:00 UTC



(c) – FL3: 16:09:00 - 16:17:00 UTC



(d) – FL4: 16:21:30 - 16:27:00 UTC

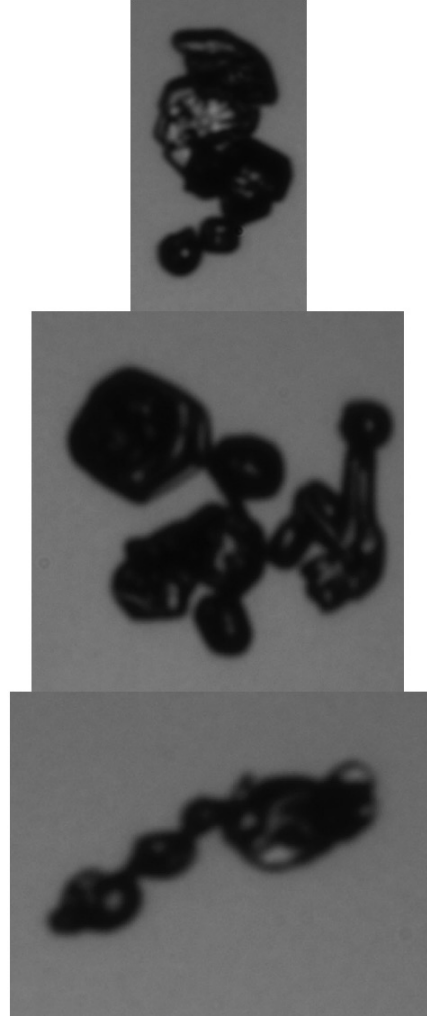


Omit FL5

Confidence = 1



Confidence = 2



Confidence = 3



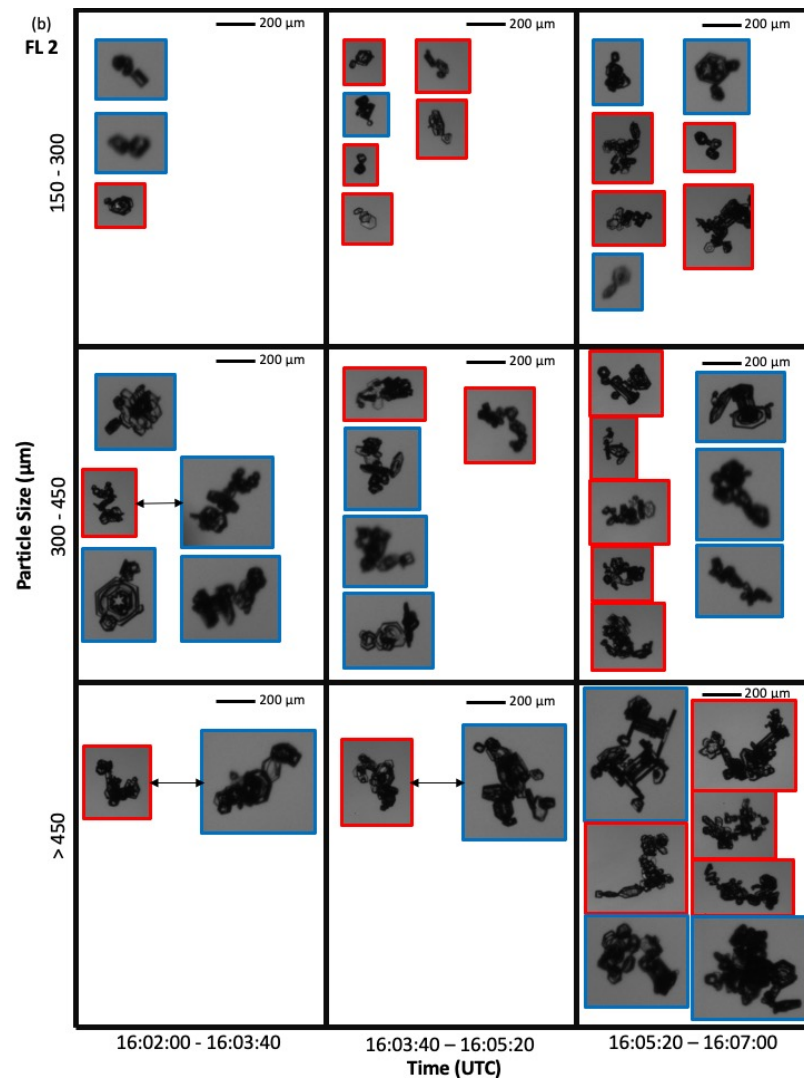
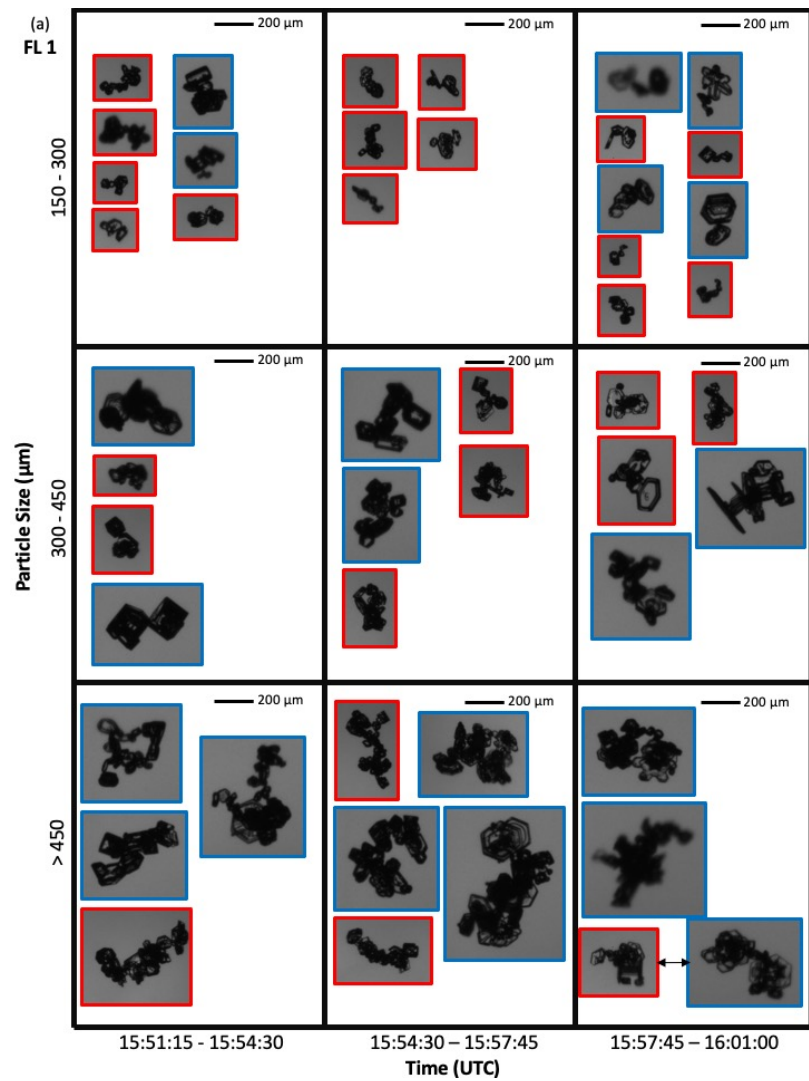
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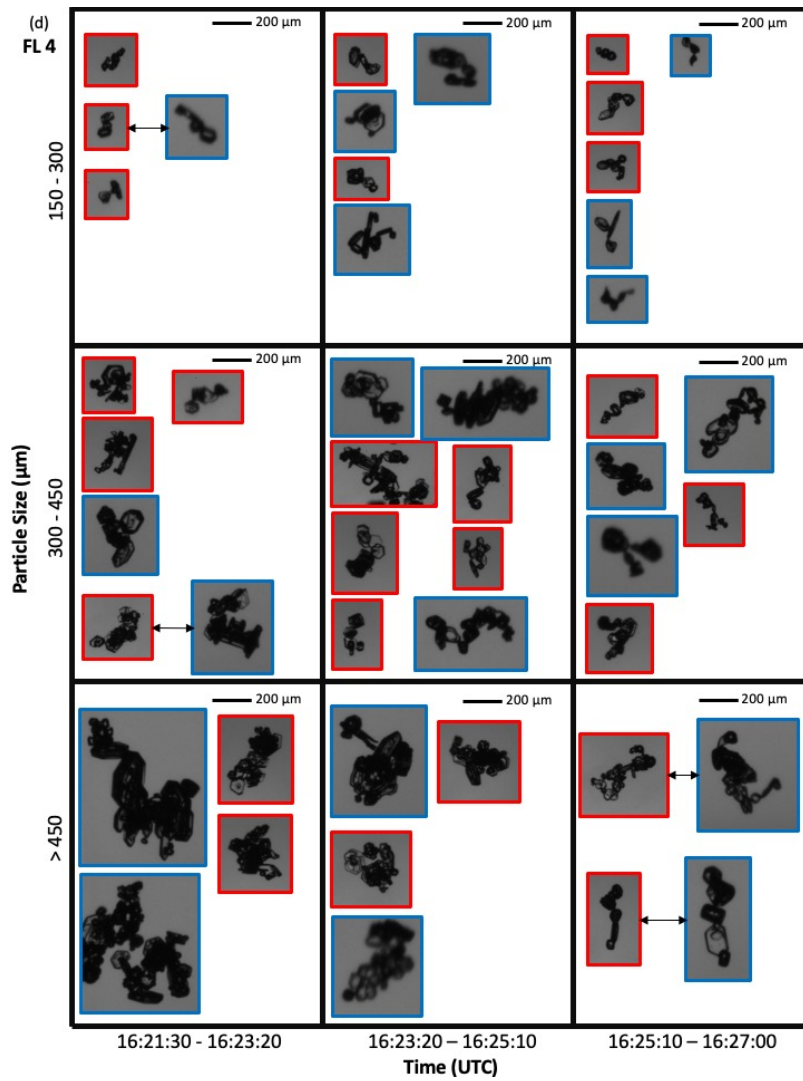
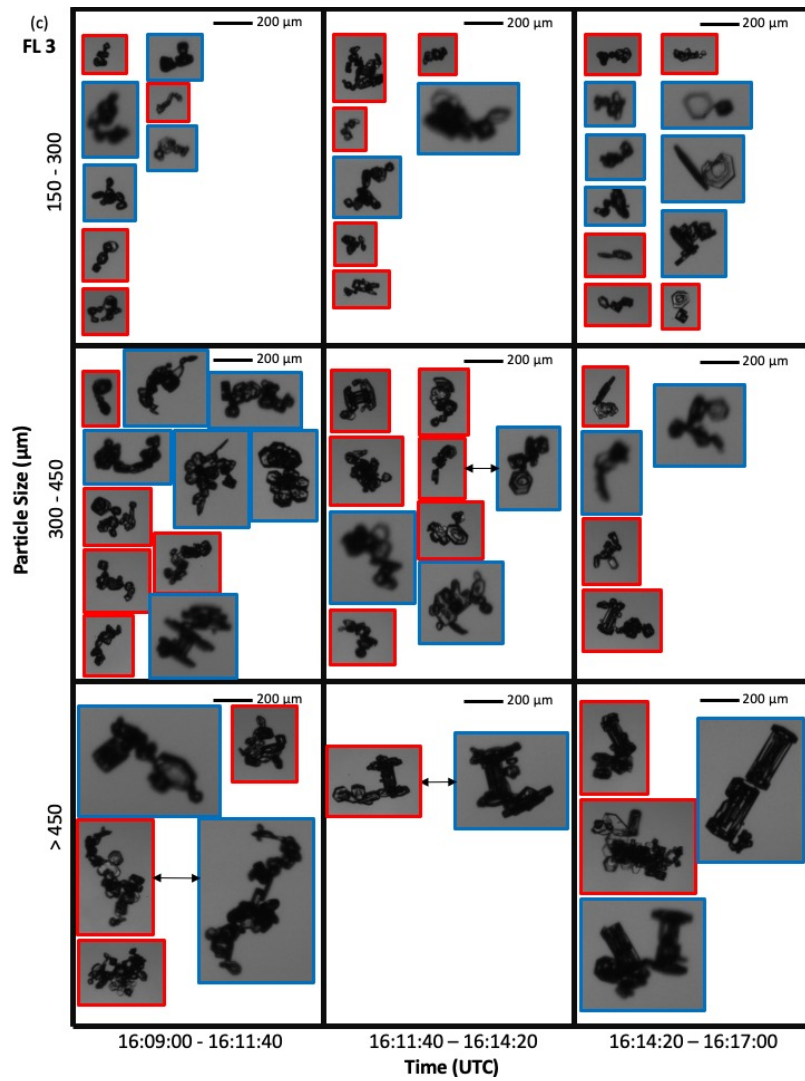
Chain aggregates were **defined** by:

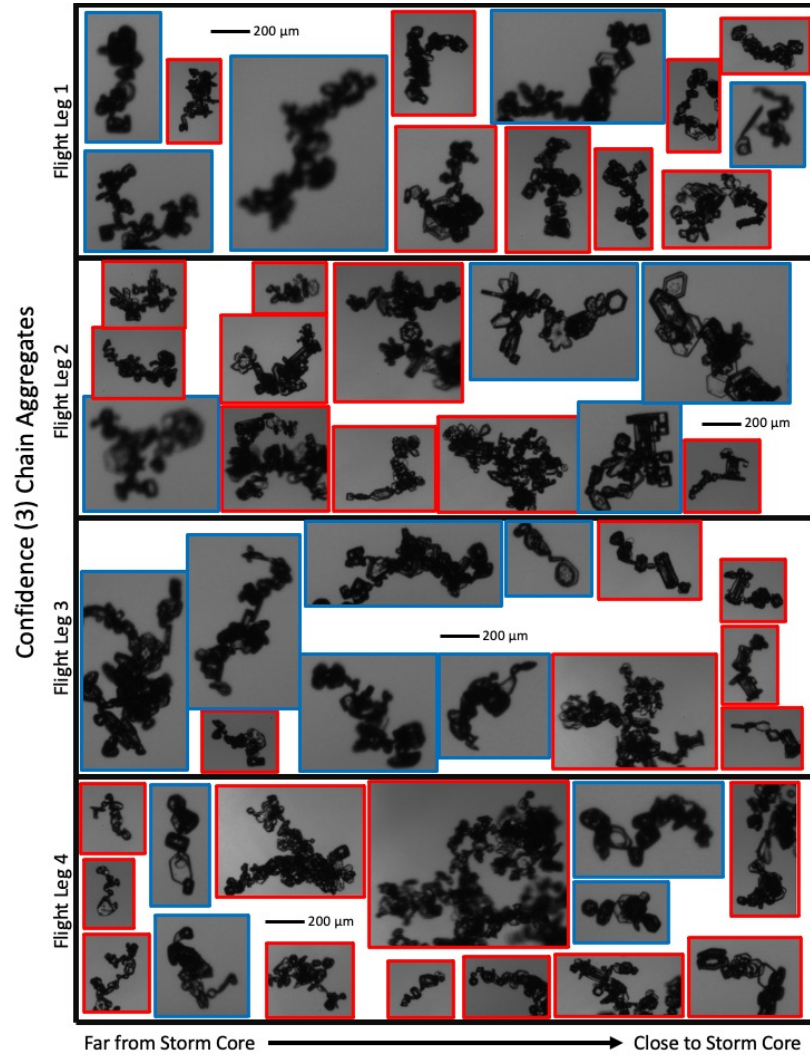
- 3 or more discernable particles oriented in a quasi-linear fashion and/or...
- Particles joined together by small joints and/or...
- Links of particles that are unusually elongated

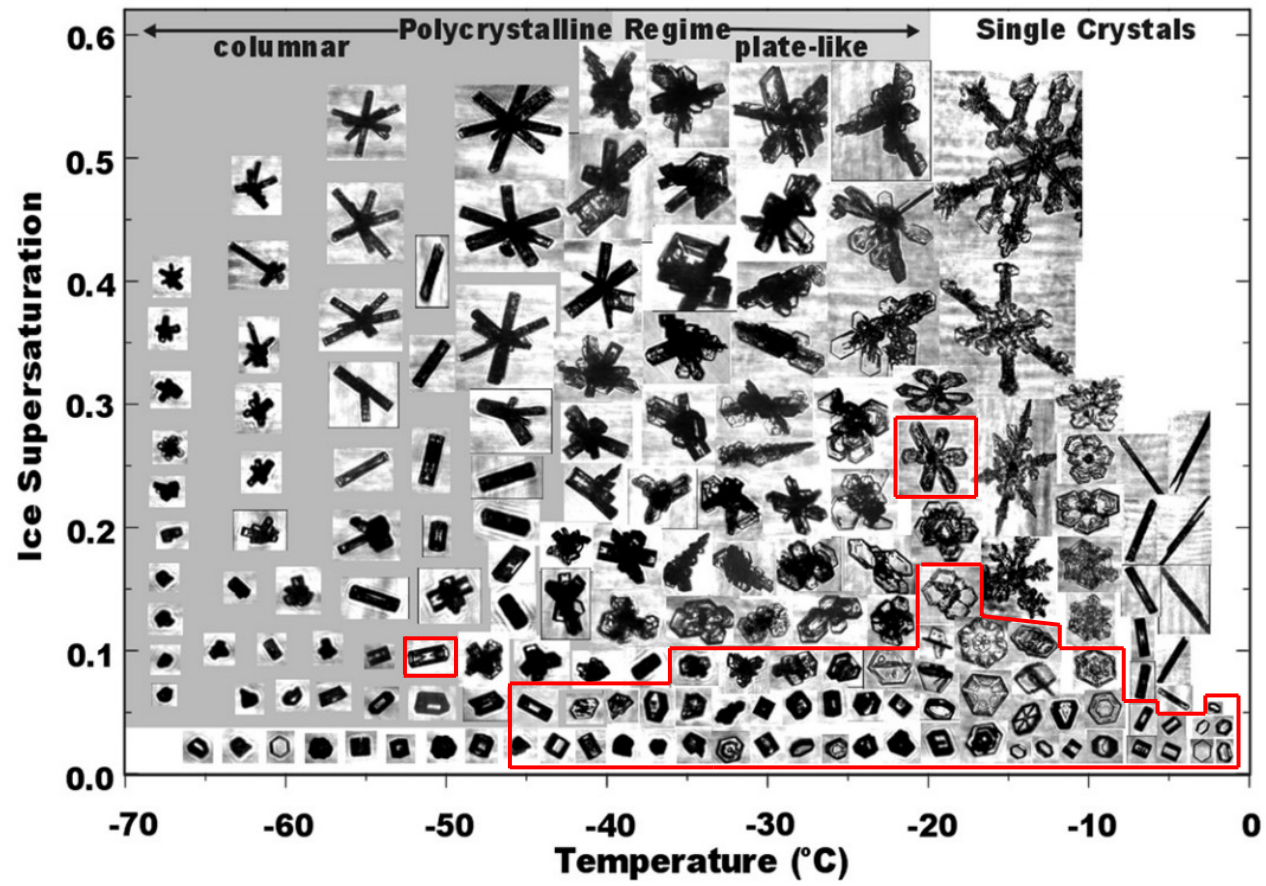
Confidence was determined by the classifier:

1. Lowest Confidence (1): One of the three definitions observed.
2. Moderate Confidence (2): Two of the three definitions observed.
3. Highest Confidence (3): All three definitions observed.





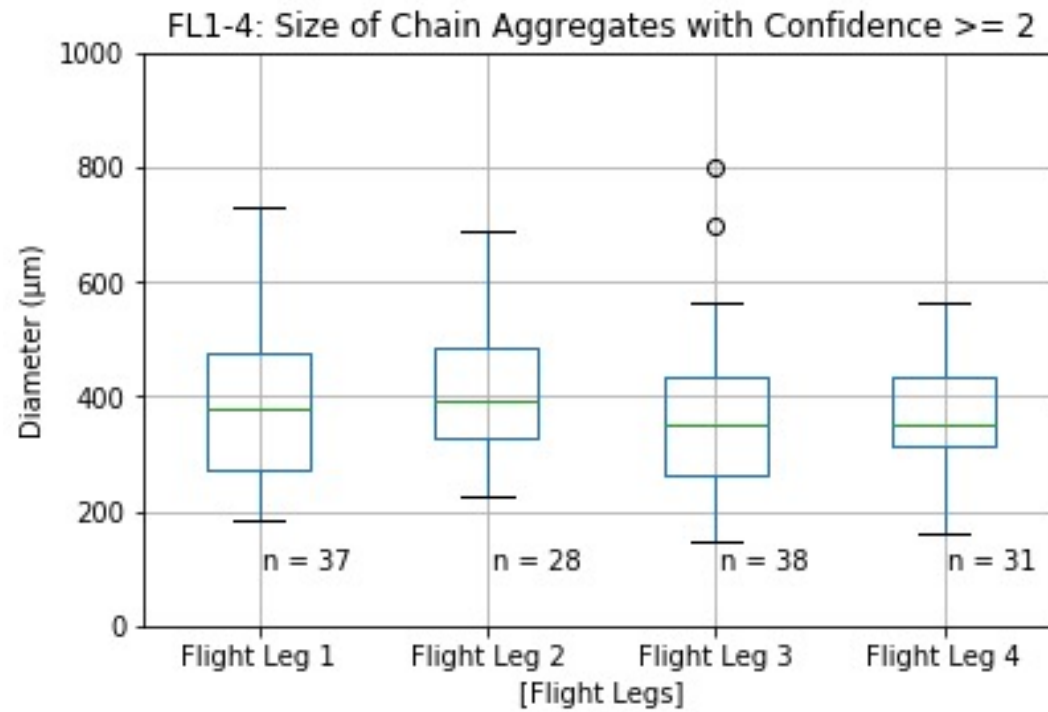




<i>Flight Legs</i>	Total # of Chains	Total # of Images	Confidence = 1	Confidence = 2	Confidence = 3
<i>Flight Leg 1 (FL1)</i>	218	1,507	69	80	69
	14.5 ± 38.1%		4.6 ± 56.1%	5.3 ± 60.1%	4.6 ± 56.1%
<i>Flight Leg 2 (FL2)</i>	118	917	39	48	31
	12.9 ± 34.0%		4.3 ± 56.9%	5.2 ± 63.3%	3.4 ± 51.4%
<i>Flight Leg 3 (FL3)</i>	191	1,375	64	89	38
	13.9 ± 37.2%		4.7 ± 58.0%	6.5 ± 68.1%	2.8 ± 44.9%
<i>Flight Leg 4 (FL4)</i>	141	855	33	67	41
	16.5 ± 40.8%		4.0 ± 47.9%	7.7 ± 69.0%	4.8 ± 53.8%
TOTAL	668	4,654	205	284	179
	<u>14.4 ± 37.8%</u>		<u>4.4 ± 55.4%</u>	<u>6.1 ± 65.5%</u>	<u>3.8 ± 51.9%</u>

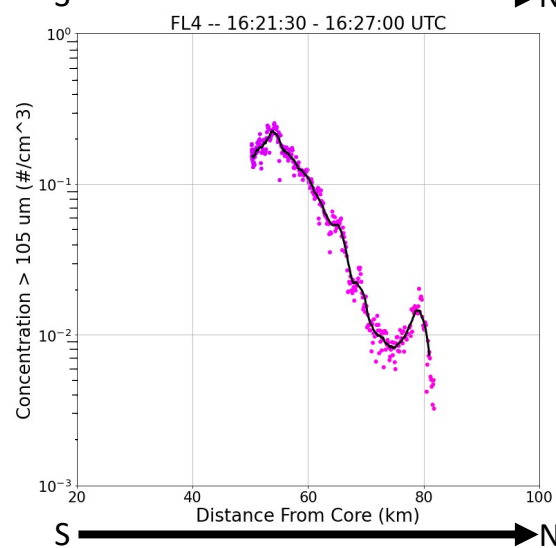
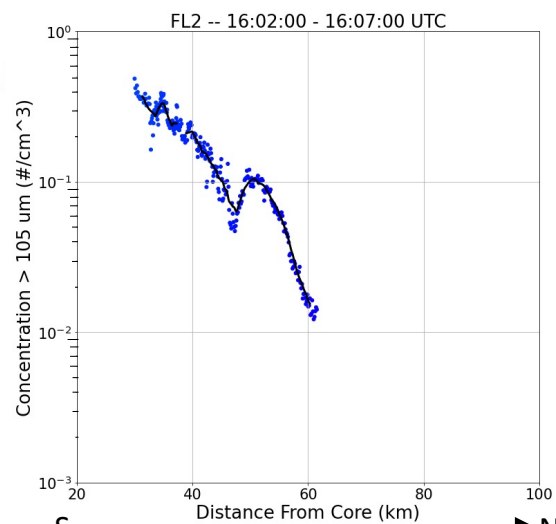
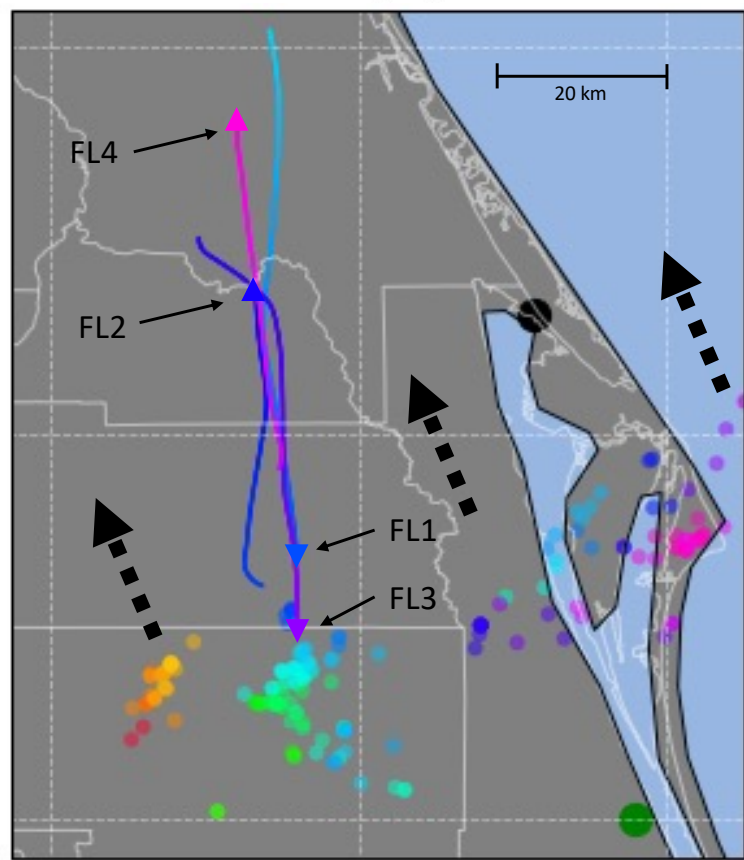
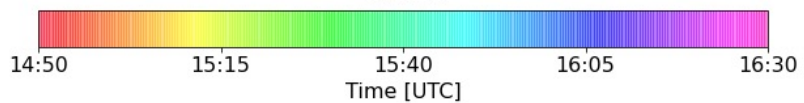
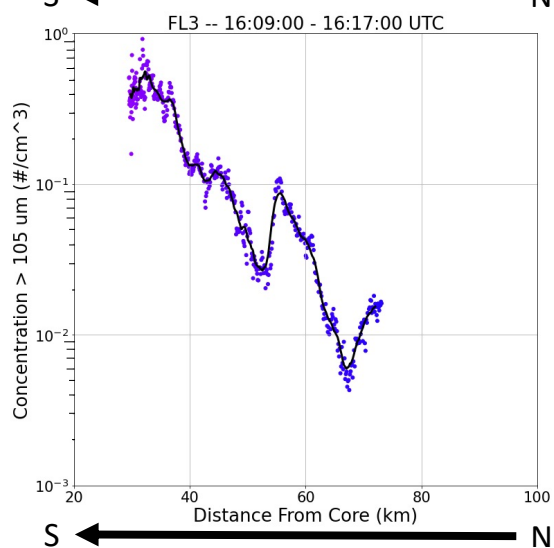
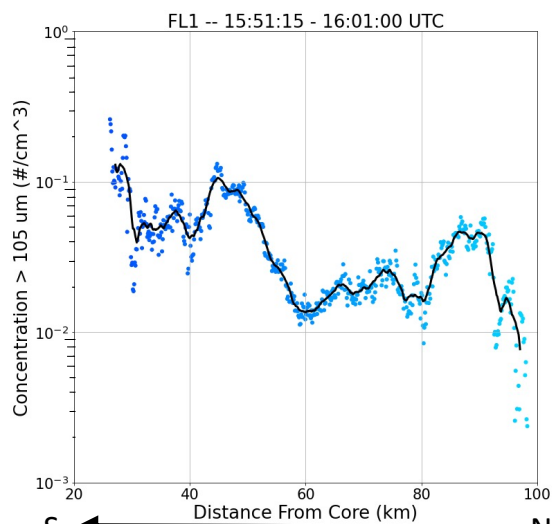
<i>Flight Legs</i>	# of Chains Found 100 - 70 km From Storm Core	# of Images Taken 100 - 70 km From Storm Core	# of Chains Found 70 - 40 km From Storm Core	# of Images Taken 70 - 40 km From Storm Core	# of Chains Found 40 - 10 km From Storm Core	# of Images Taken 40 - 10 km From Storm Core
FL1	58	510	124	631	36	366
	11.4 ± 33.6%		19.7 ± 44.2%		9.8 ± 17.3%	
FL2	N/A	N/A	78	520	40	397
	N/A		15.0 ± 38.6%		10.1 ± 31.7%	
FL3	18	55	121	800	52	520
	32.7 ± 56.8%		15.1 ± 38.9%		10.0 ± 31.6%	
FL4	44	178	97	677	N/A	N/A
	24.7 ± 49.6%		14.3 ± 37.7%		N/A	
Total	120	743	420	2628	128	1283
	<u>16.2 ± 40.3%</u>		<u>16.0 ± 40.0%</u>		<u>10.0 ± 31.6%</u>	

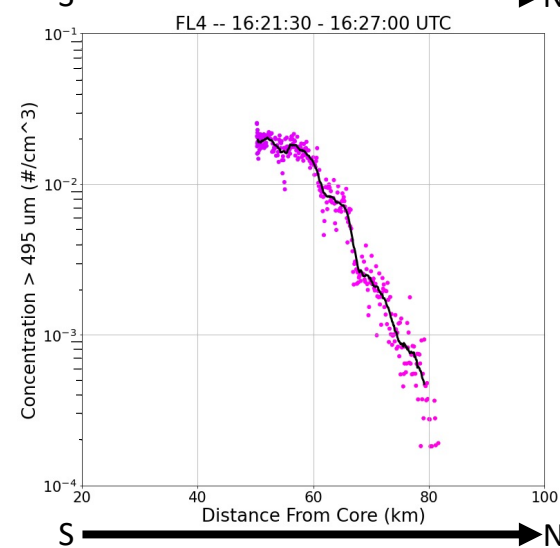
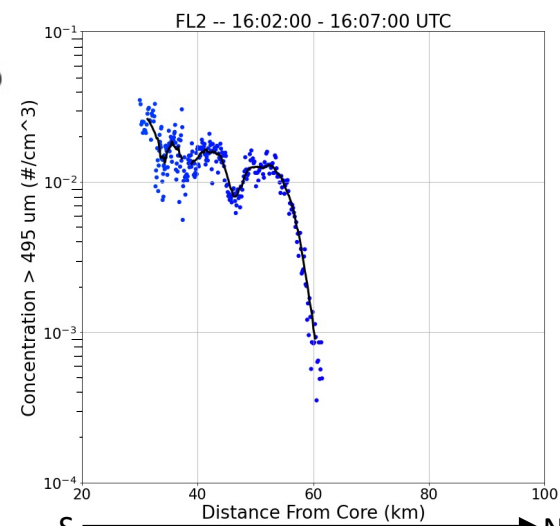
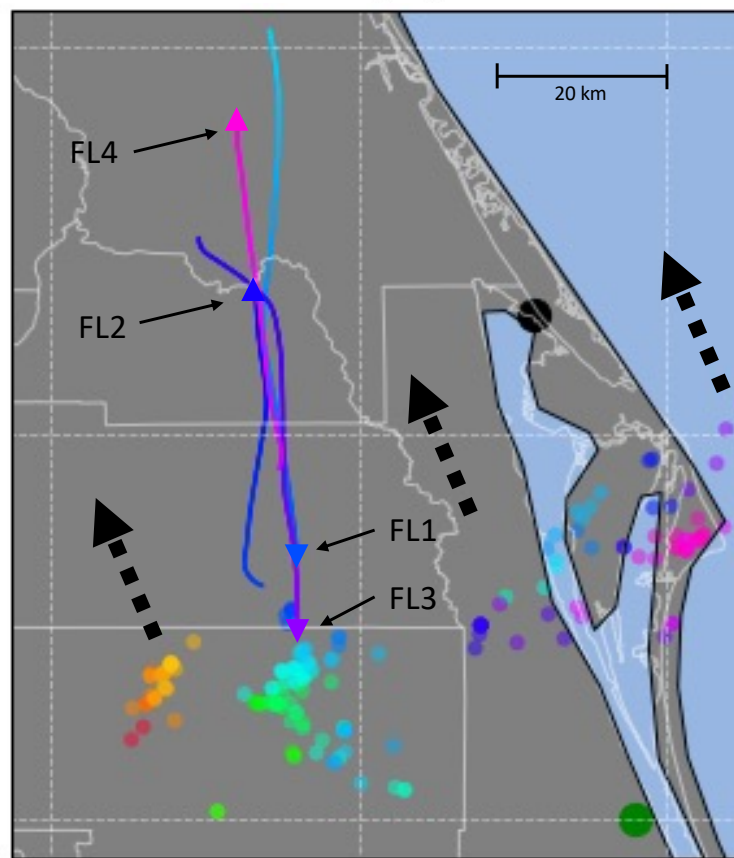
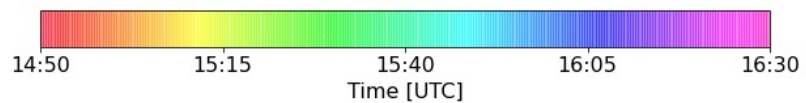
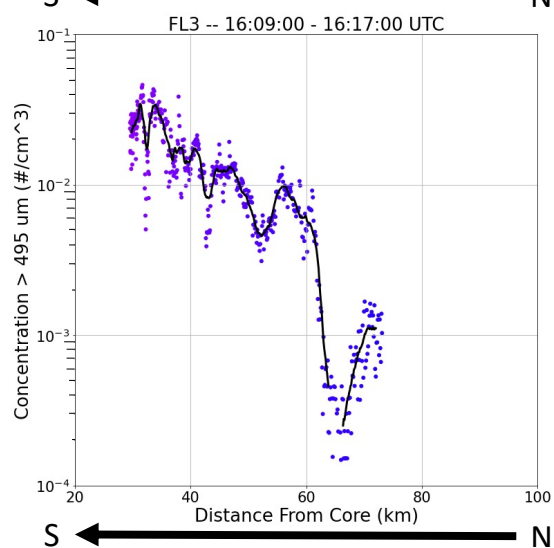
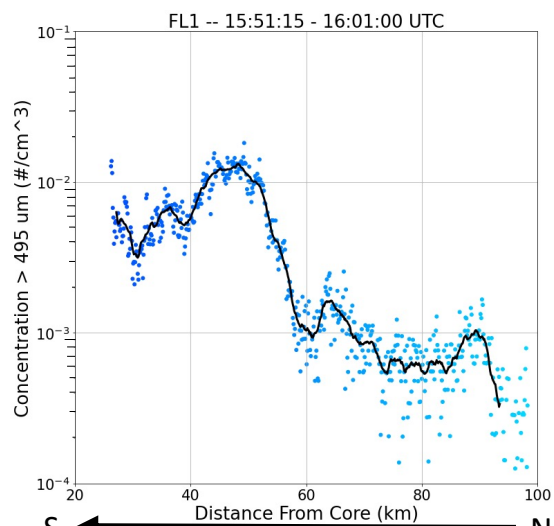
Using 'all in' PHIPS images

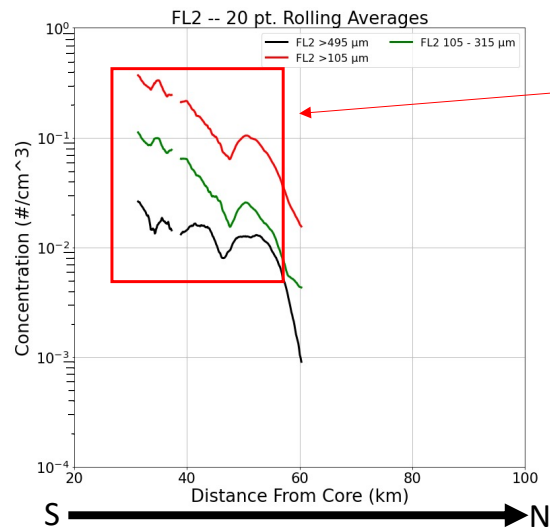
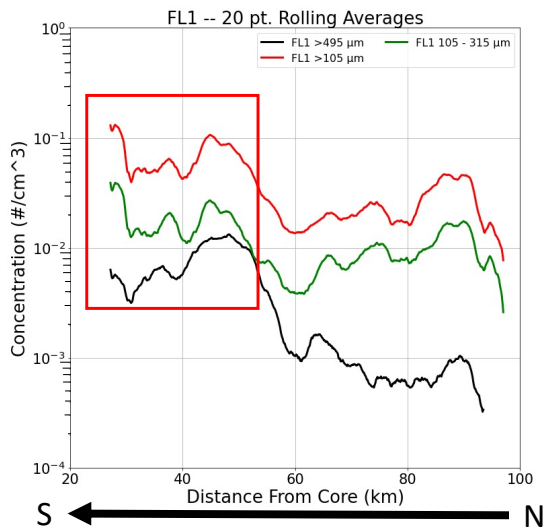


20190803_1424 Flight Legs	# of PHIPS Particles > 495 um	# of PHIPS Chains > 495 um	$\frac{\# \text{ of PHIPS Chains } > 495 \text{ um}}{\# \text{ of PHIPS Particles } > 495 \text{ um}}$	Avg. Confidence of PHIPS chains > 495 um
<u>Flight Leg 1</u>	7	7	100%	2.71
<u>Flight Leg 2</u>	11	8	73%	2.38
<u>Flight Leg 3</u>	8	7	88%	2
<u>Flight Leg 4</u>	10	8	80%	1.88
TOTAL	36	30	83%	2.2425

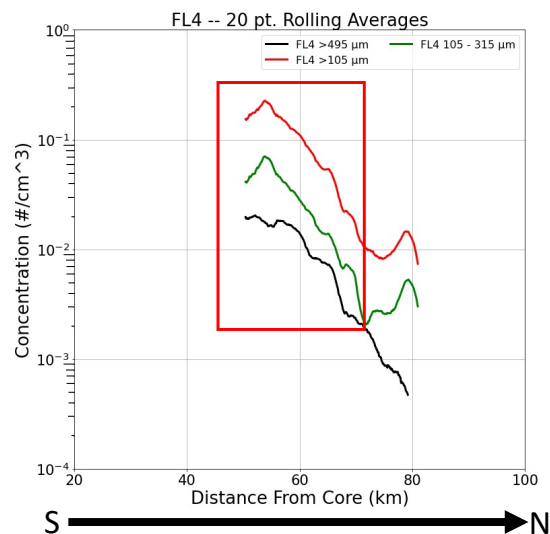
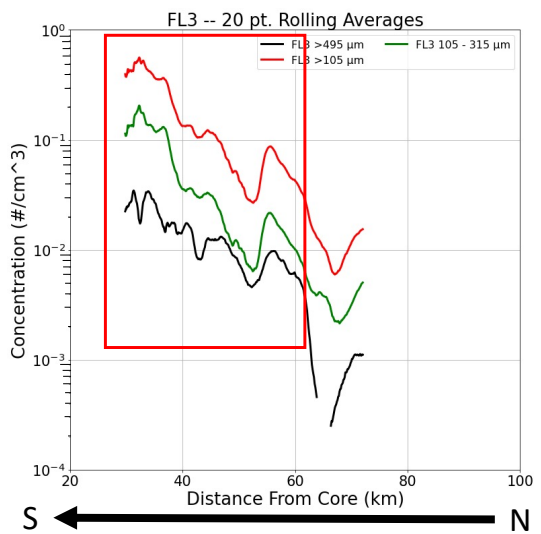
- A high percentage (83%) of the PHIPS images that contained particles > 495 micro-meters were chain aggregates (with moderate-to-high confidence).
- Thus, we can look at the CIP data (which has a higher sampling volume than the PHIPS) and pull the concentration of particles > 495 micro-meters.
- **Chain aggregates = CIP particle concentrations > 495 um; non-chain aggregates = CIP particle concentrations between 105 – 315 um; Particle buffer zone = CIP particle concentrations between 315 – 495 um.**



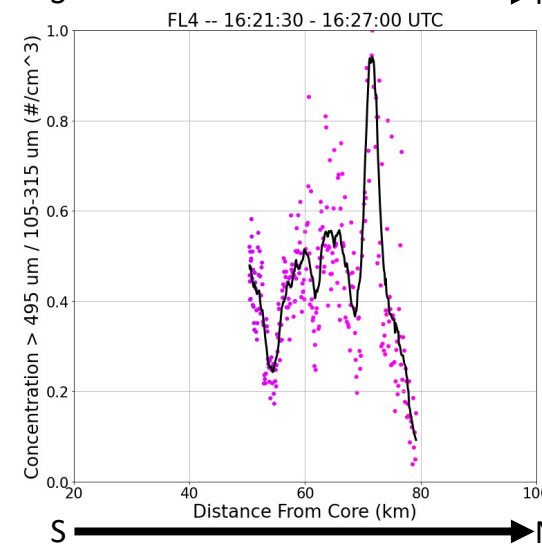
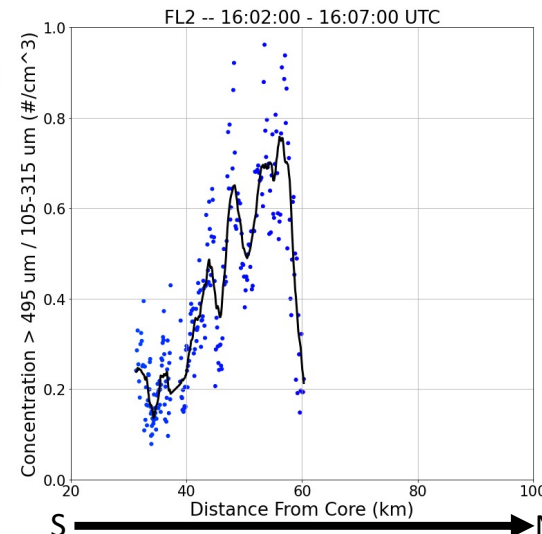
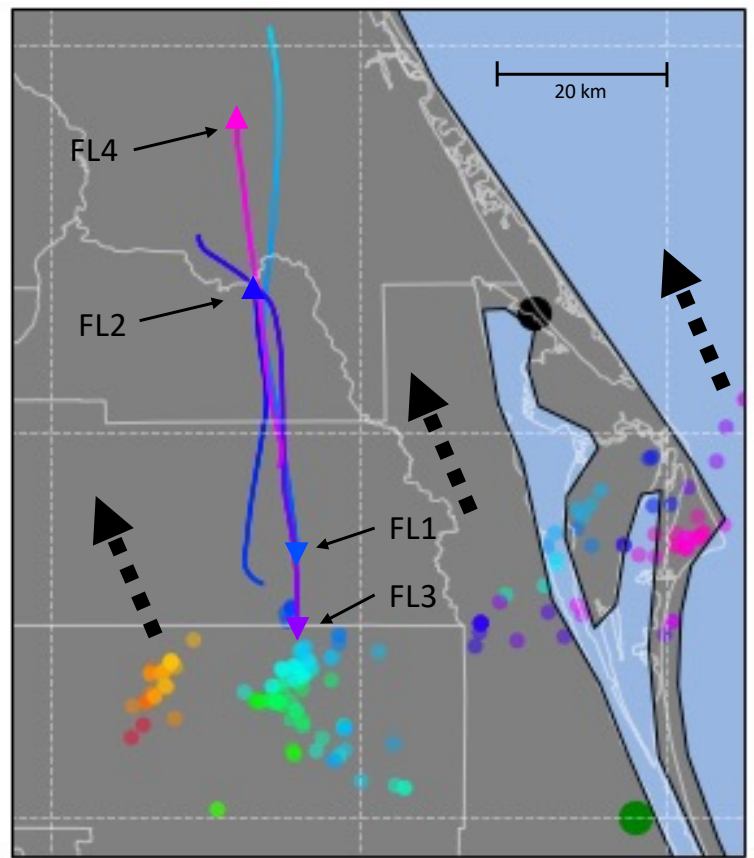
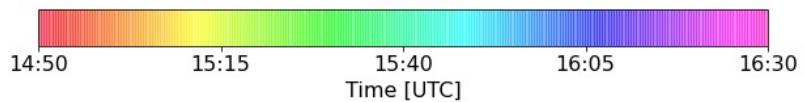
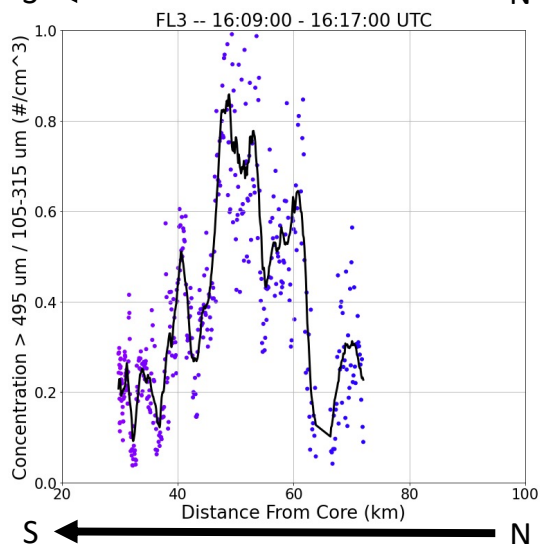
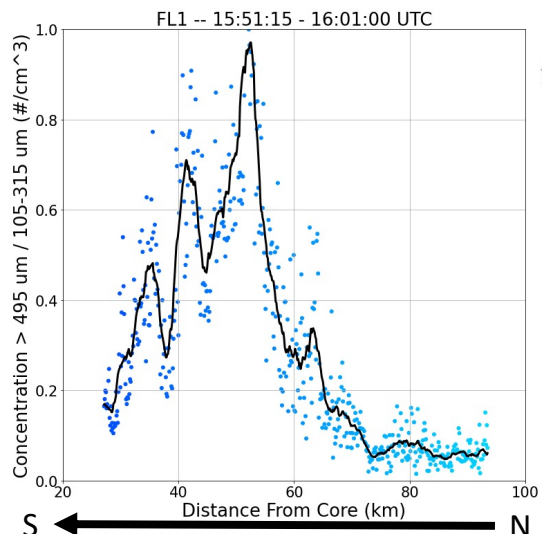


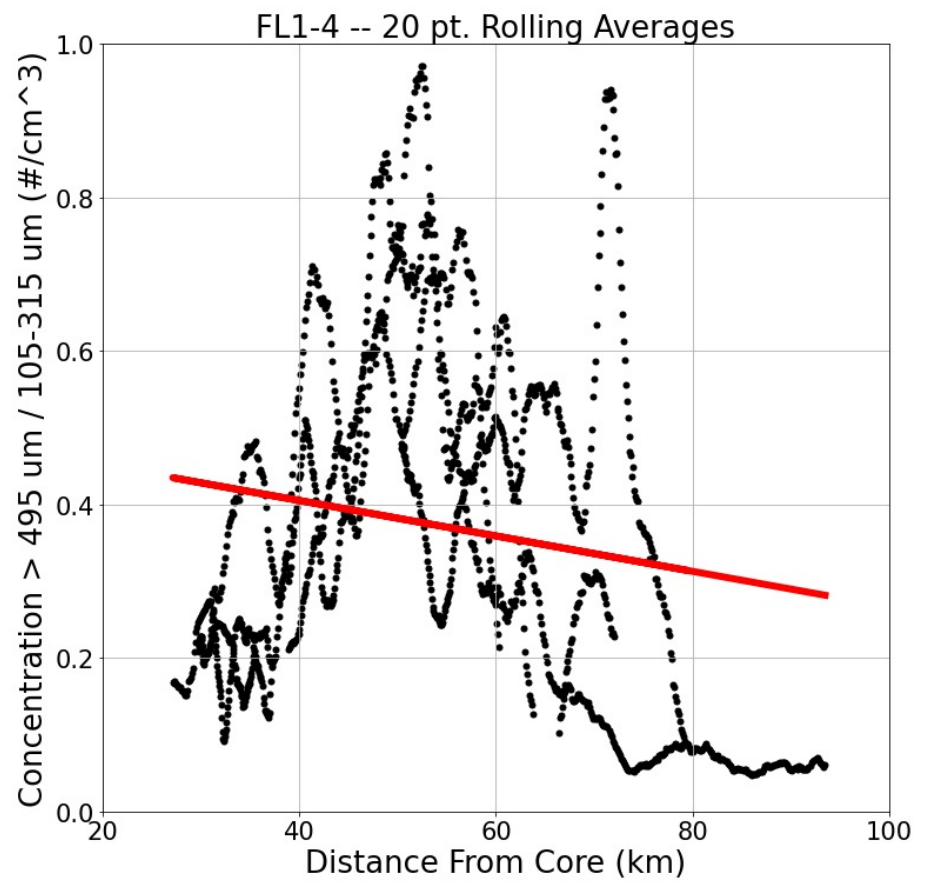
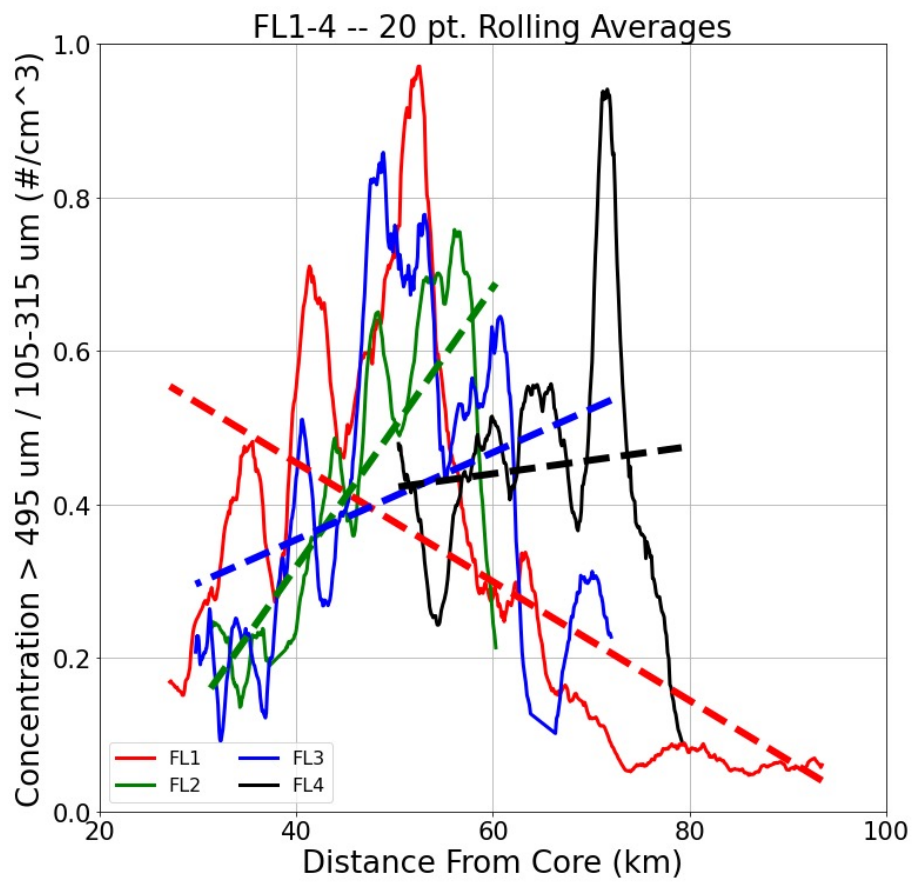


Convergence between the non-chain and chain Aggregate concentration (heading away from storm core)



Direction of Flight
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Summary/Discussion

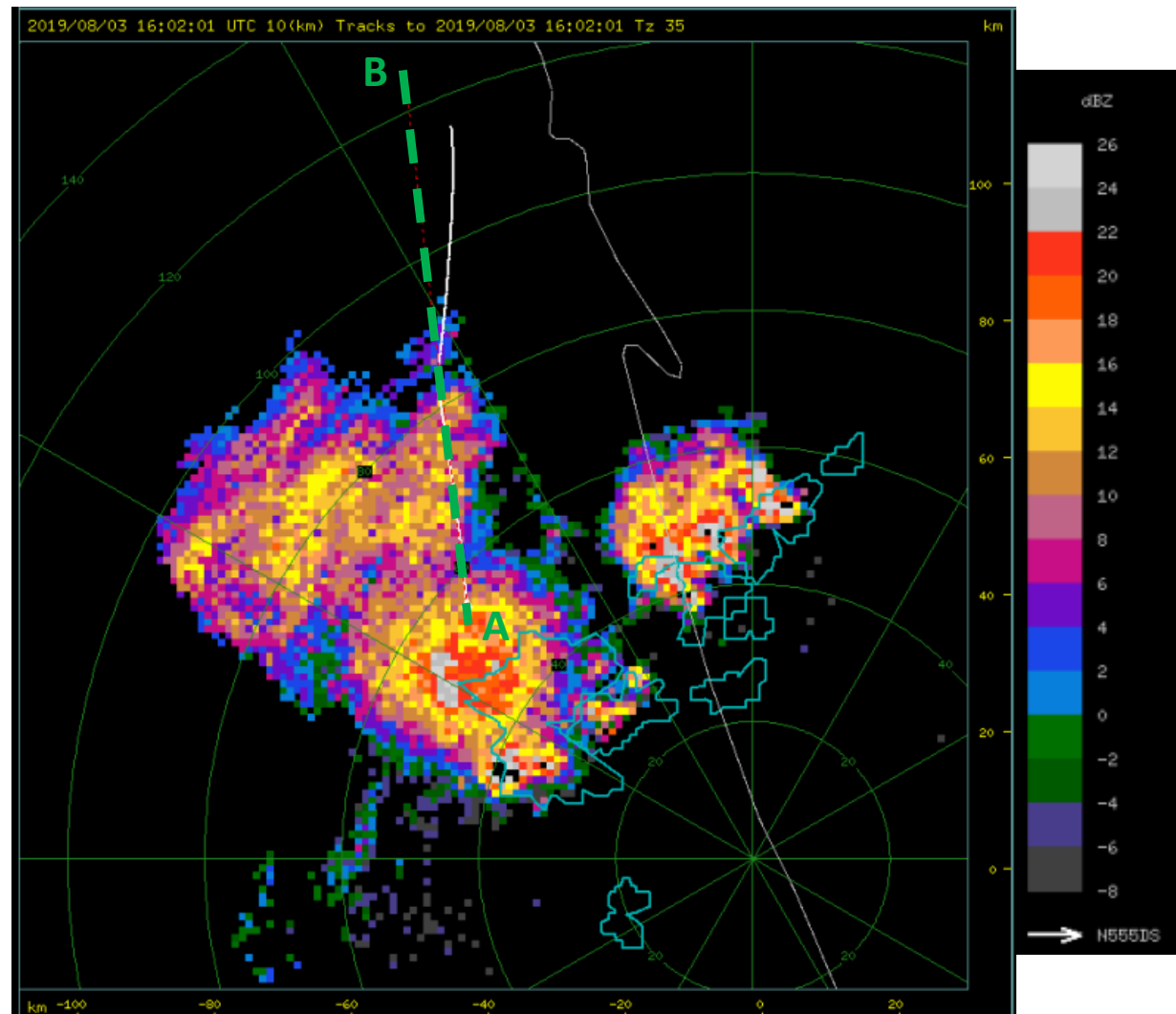
- While the general trend for chain and non-chain aggregate concentrations decrease with distance from core, when taking the ratio of the two parameters, there is an increase in the ratio heading away from the core (to a certain distance – varies per flight leg).
- Also, the peaks in the ratio are never when the aircraft was closest to the core.
- Periodicities in the data are observed.
- Meaning, when the ratio value increases, either:
 - (1) There is a net increase in chains relative to the non-chains and/or ...
 - (2) More of the non-chains are falling out, sublimating, and/or climbing within the cirrus anvil away from where the aircraft was sampling from and/or ...
 - (3) The smaller particles are taking part in the chain aggregation process allowing for less smaller particles and more larger particles.
- Or are the fluctuations in the particle sizes the product of storm convective growth and decay?

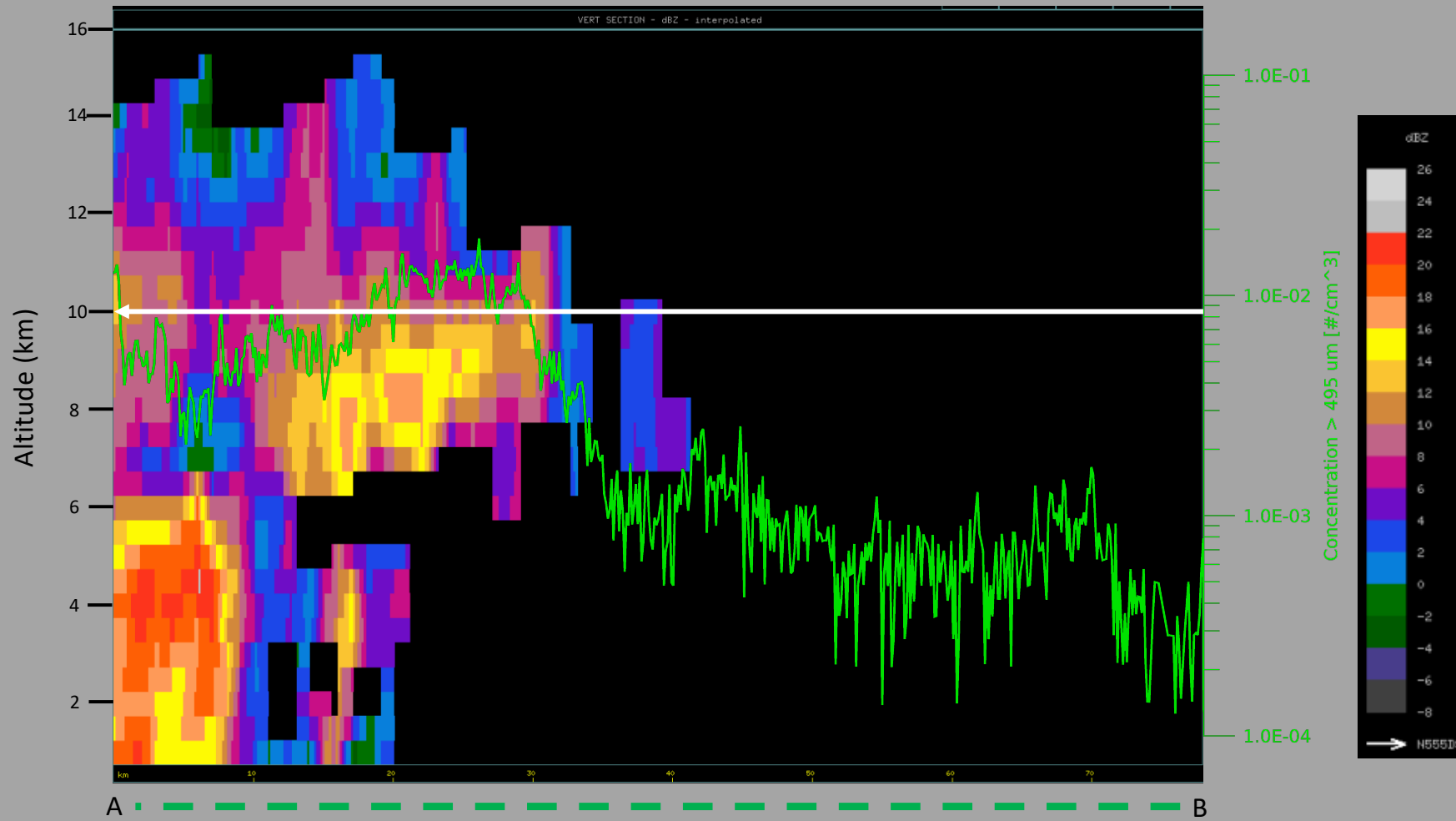
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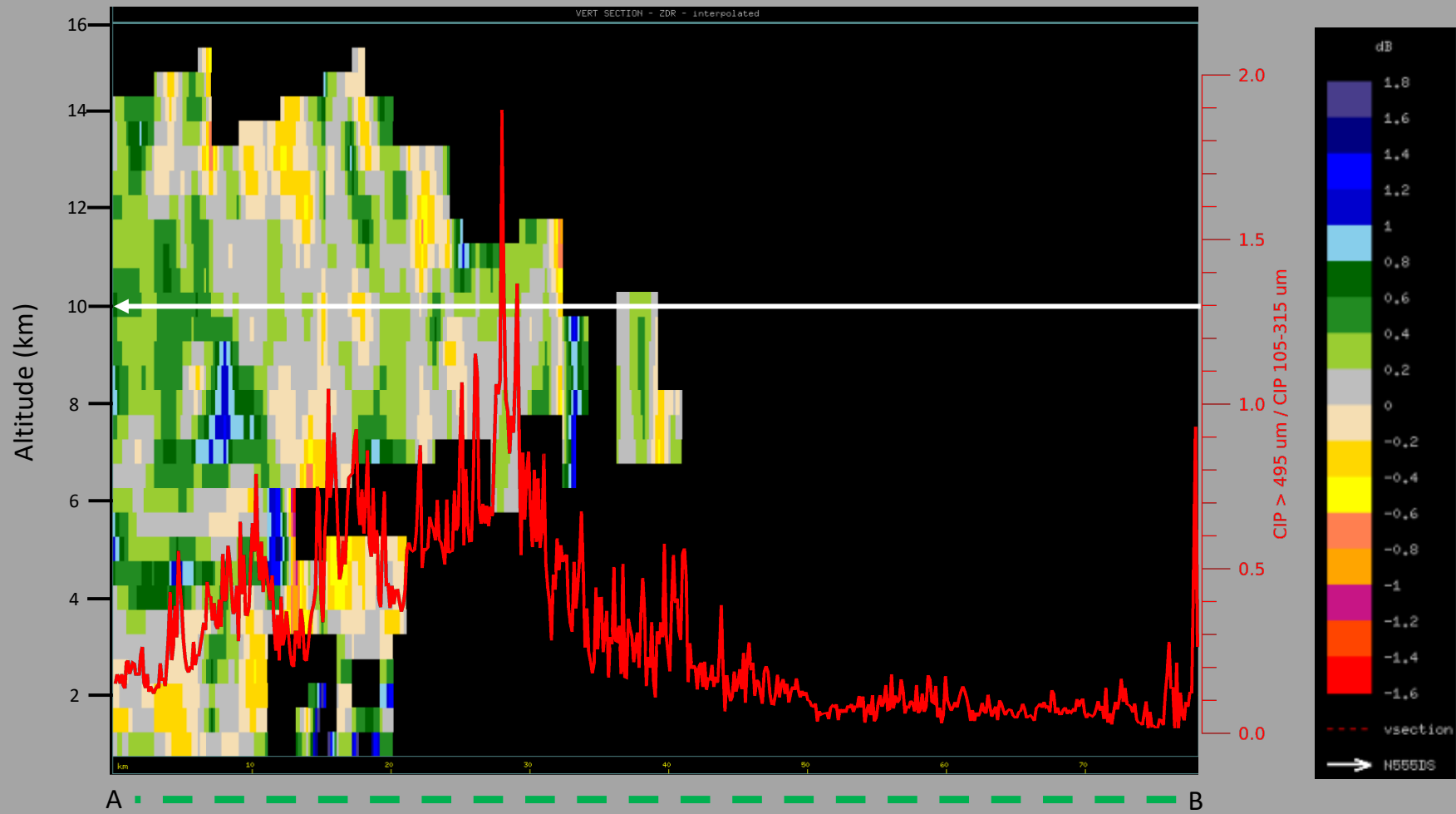
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KMLB Vol Scan: 16:02:01

10 km CAPPI





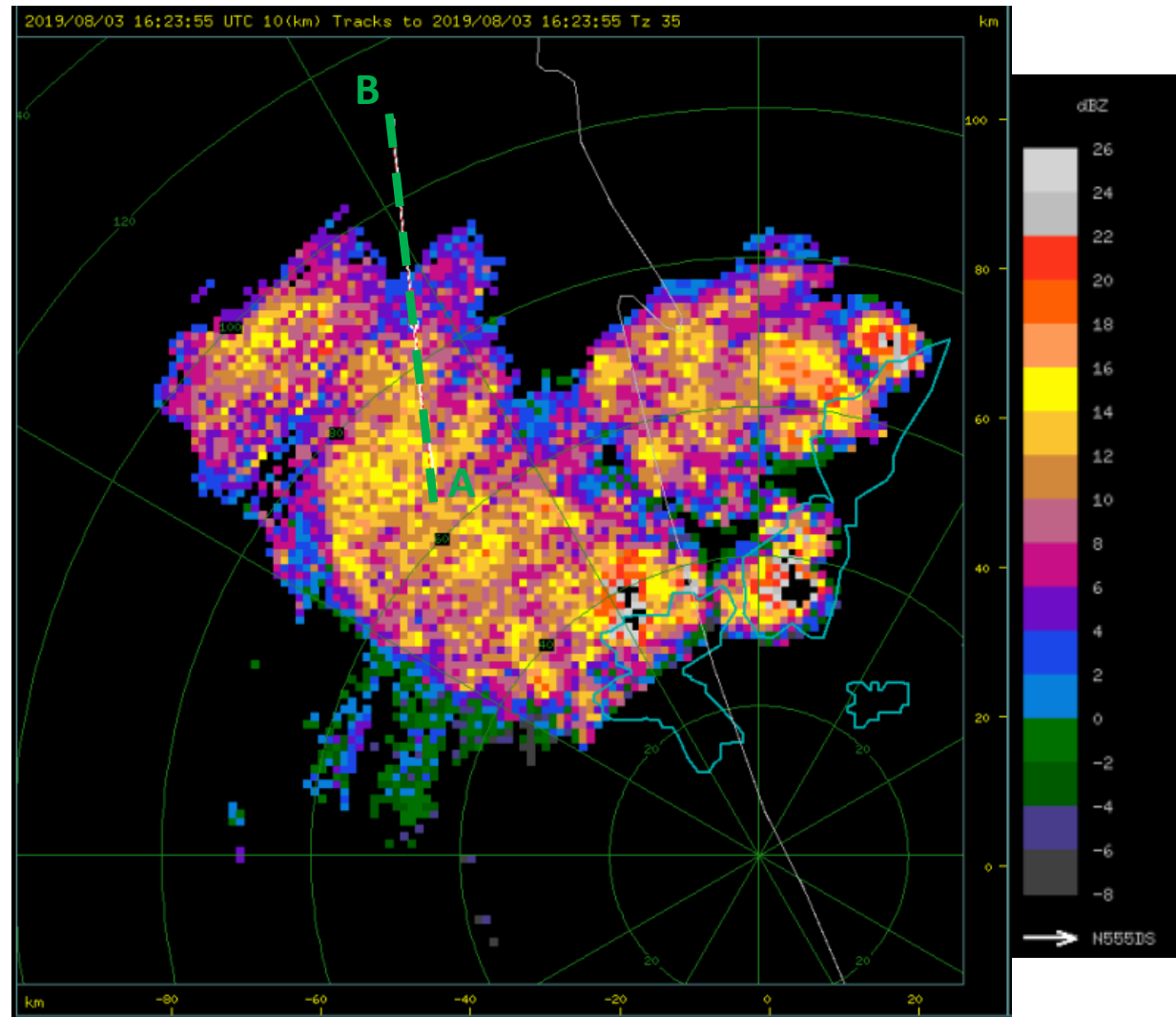


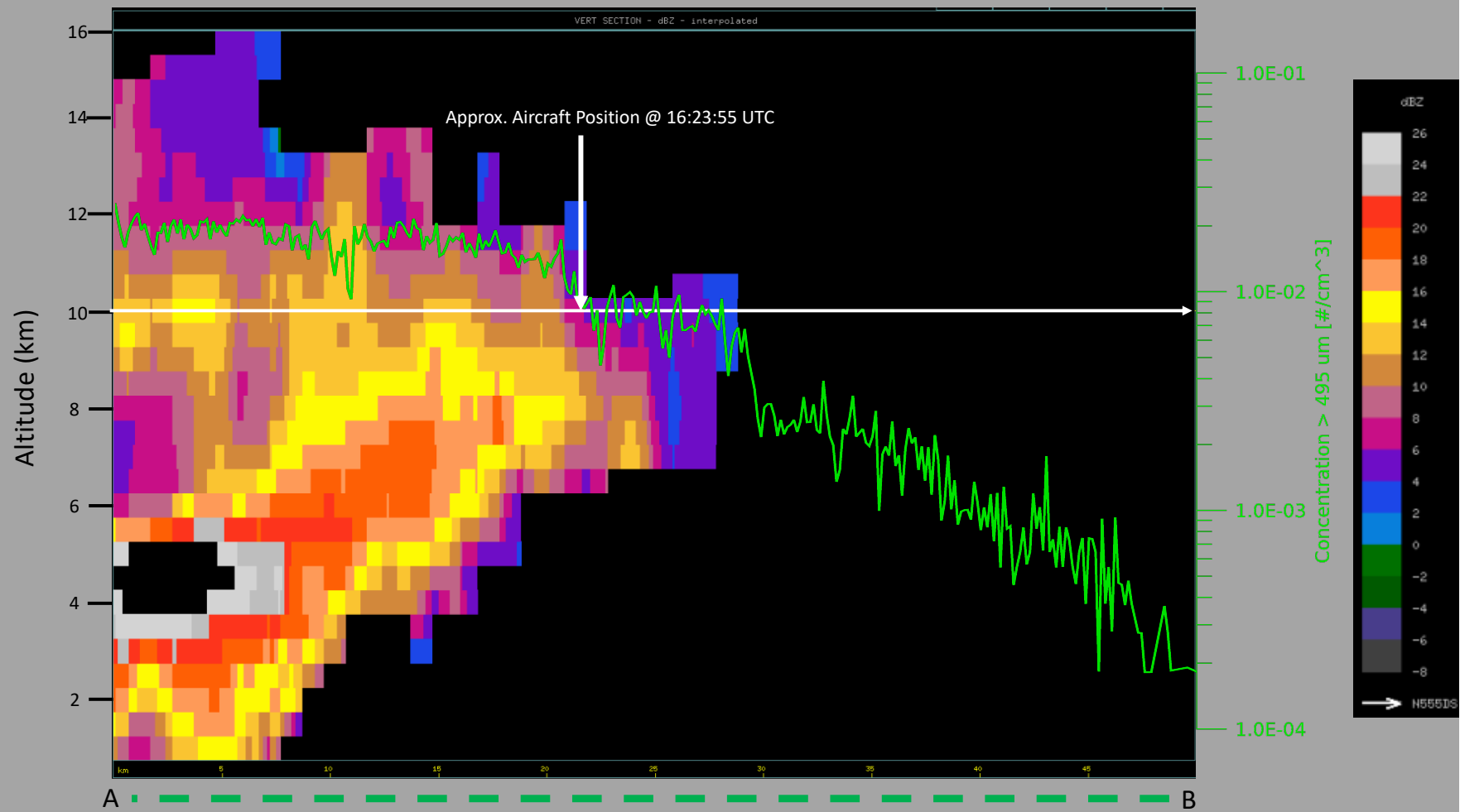
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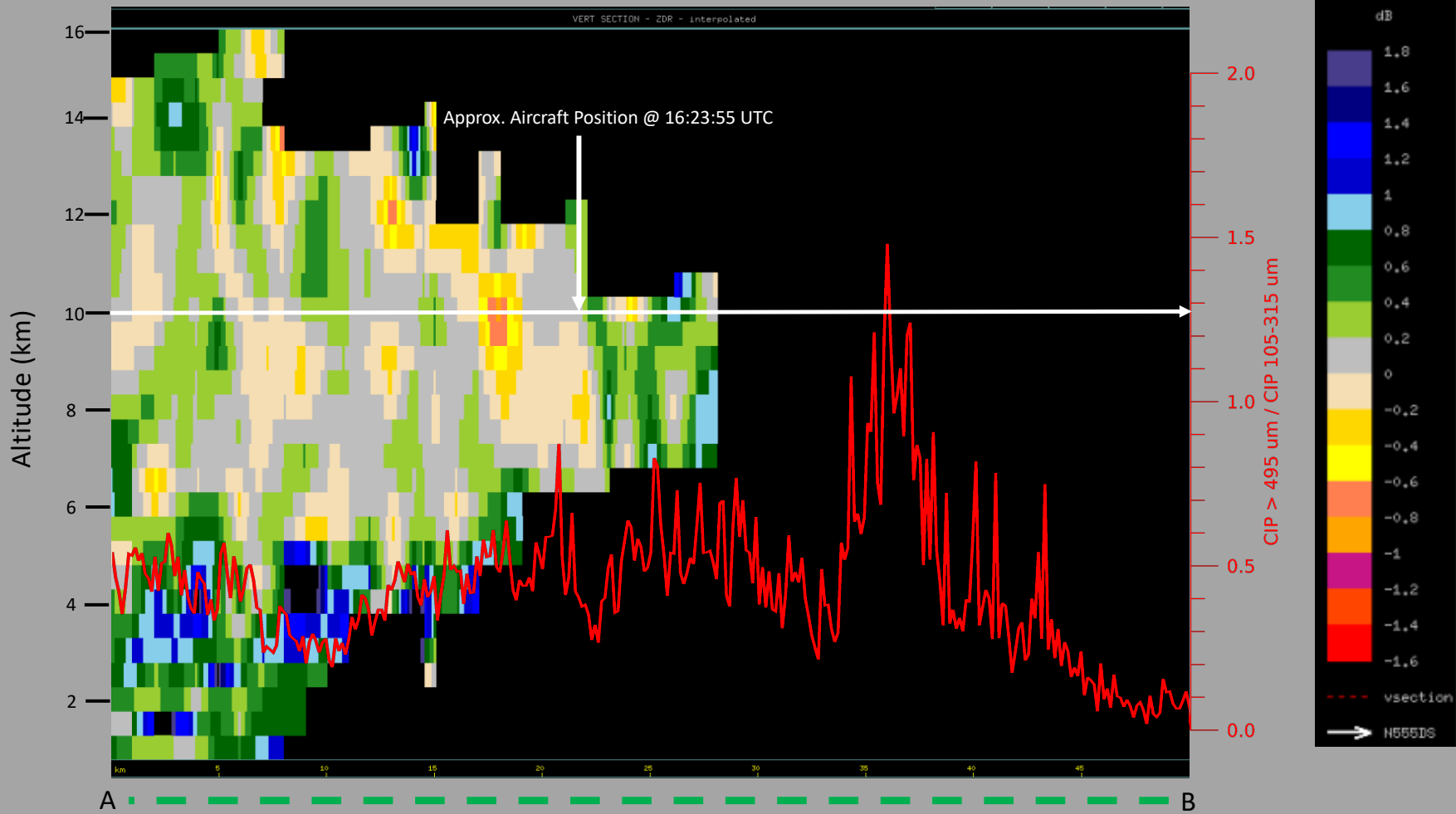
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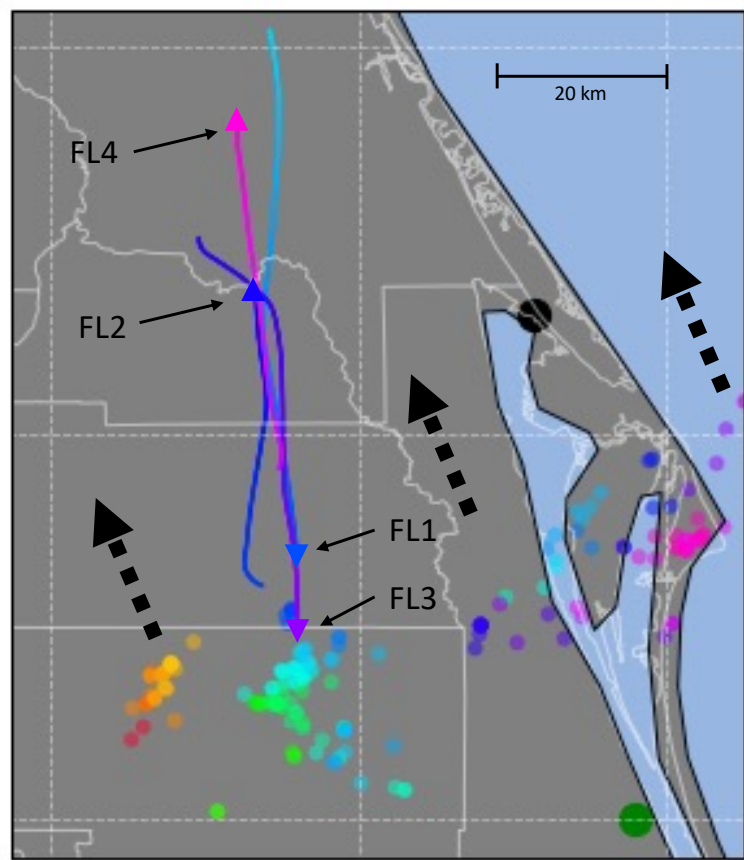
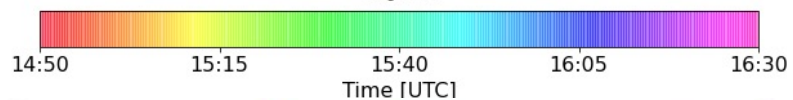
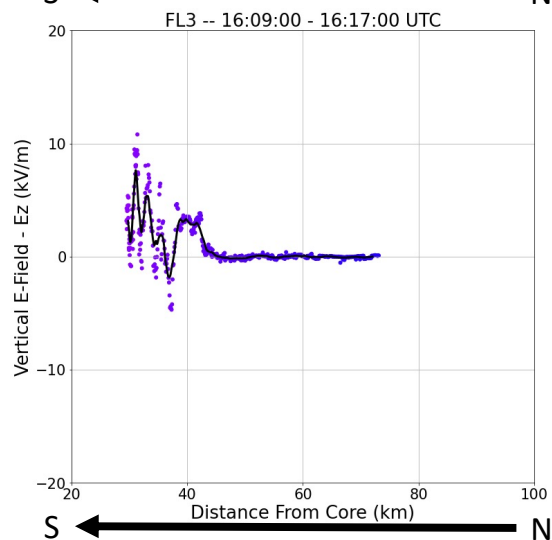
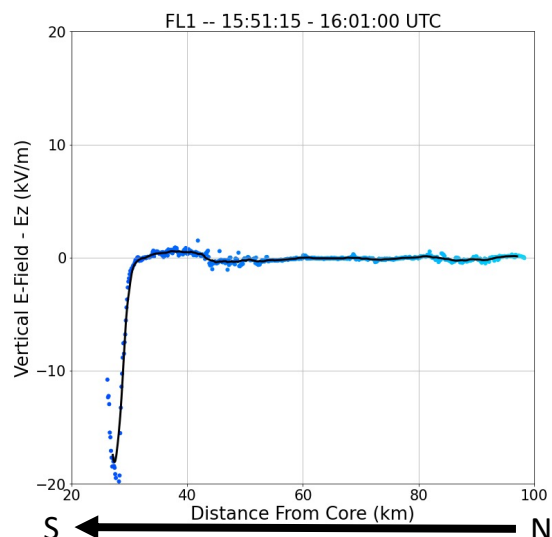
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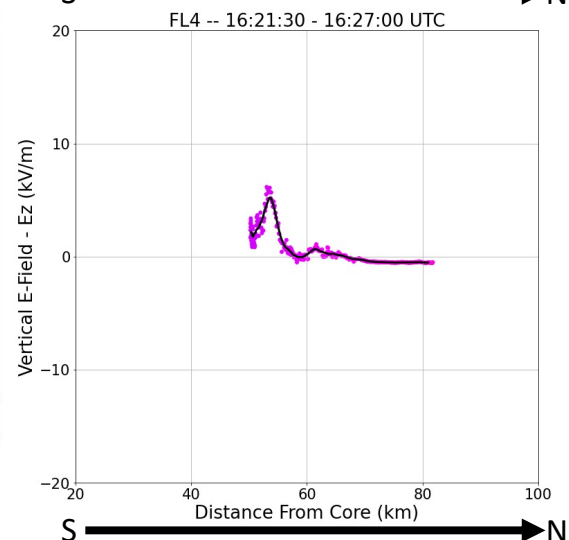
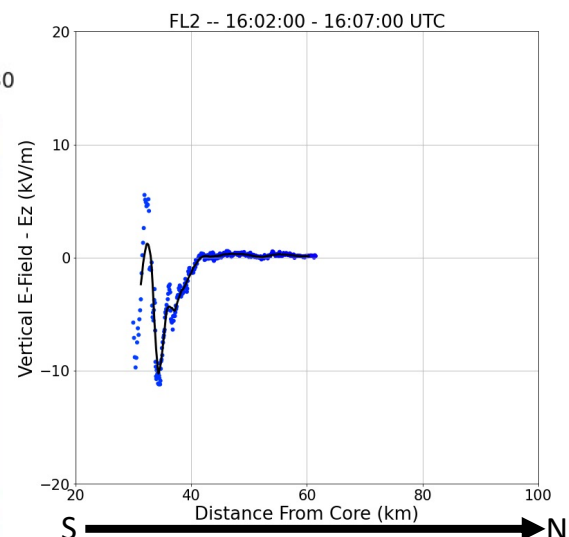




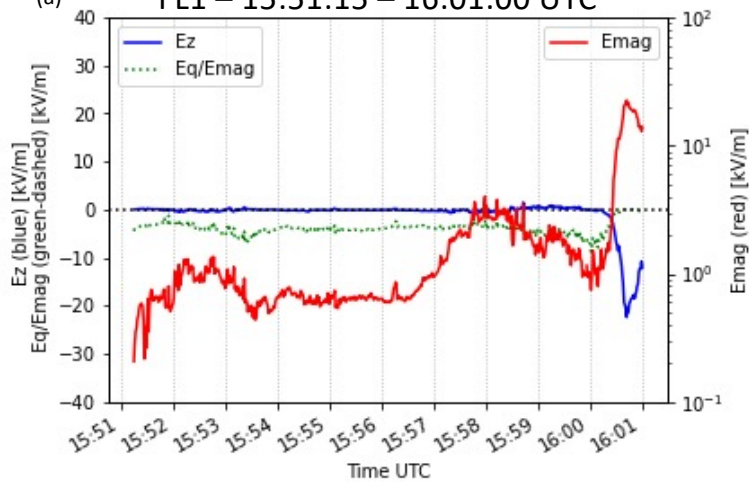
ELECTRIC FIELD DATA & KSCLMA ANALYSIS



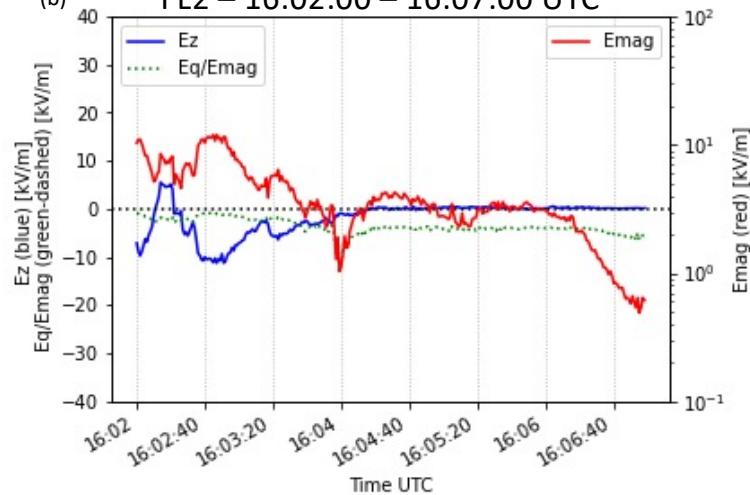
- NLDN CG Strokes
- KMLB
- CPR-HD
- SR-Anvil Wind Direction



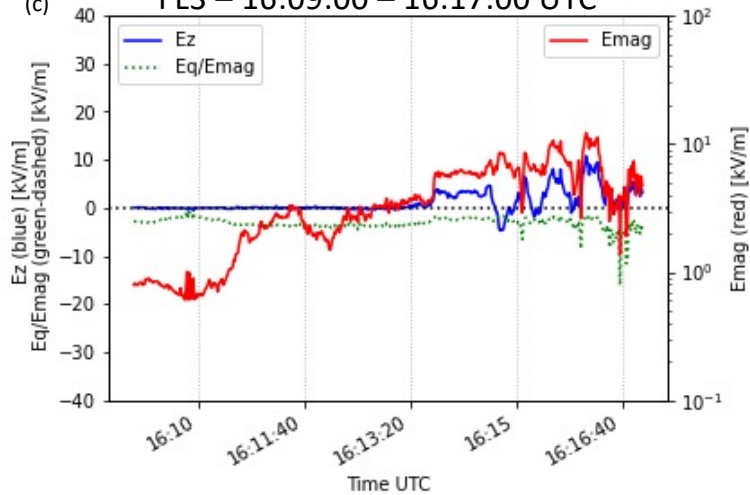
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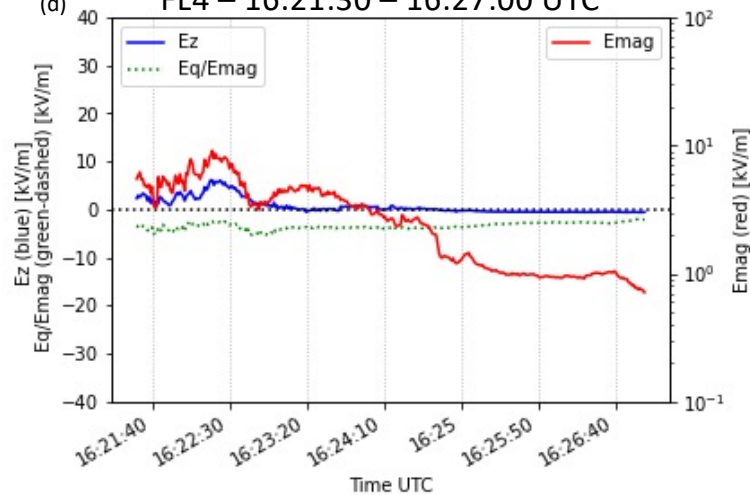
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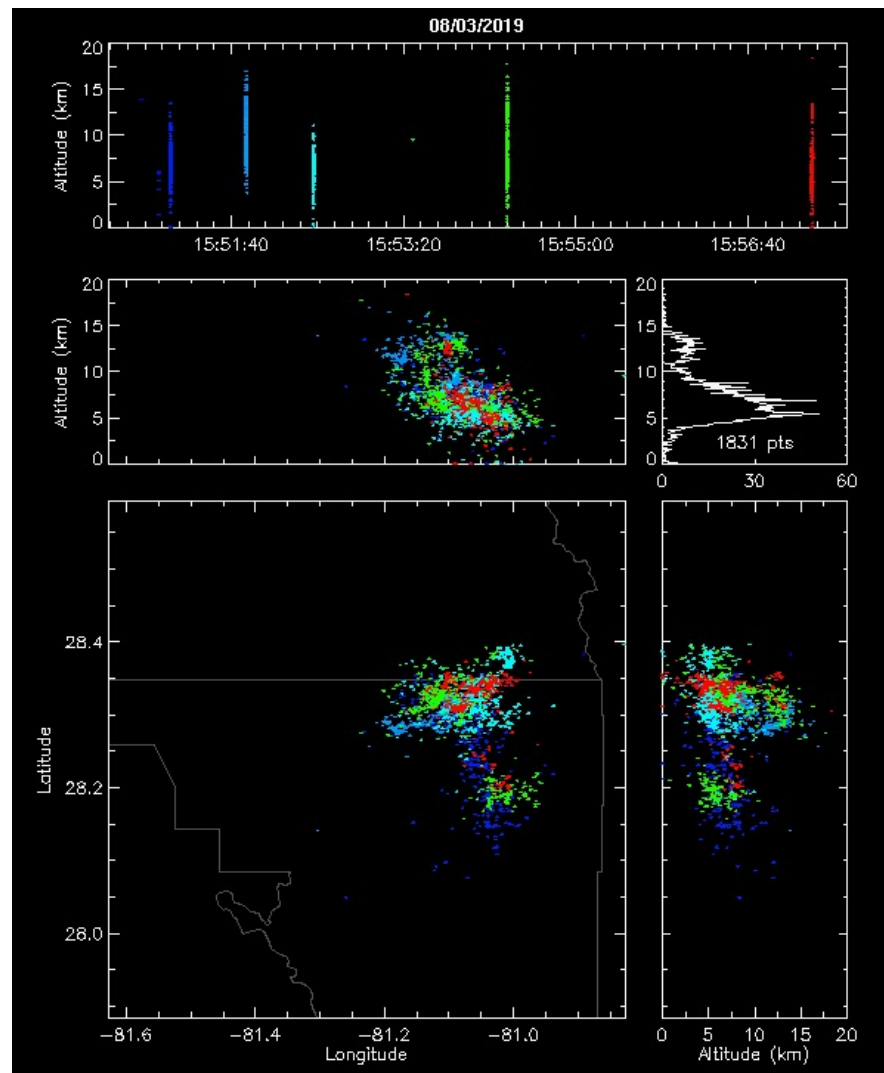
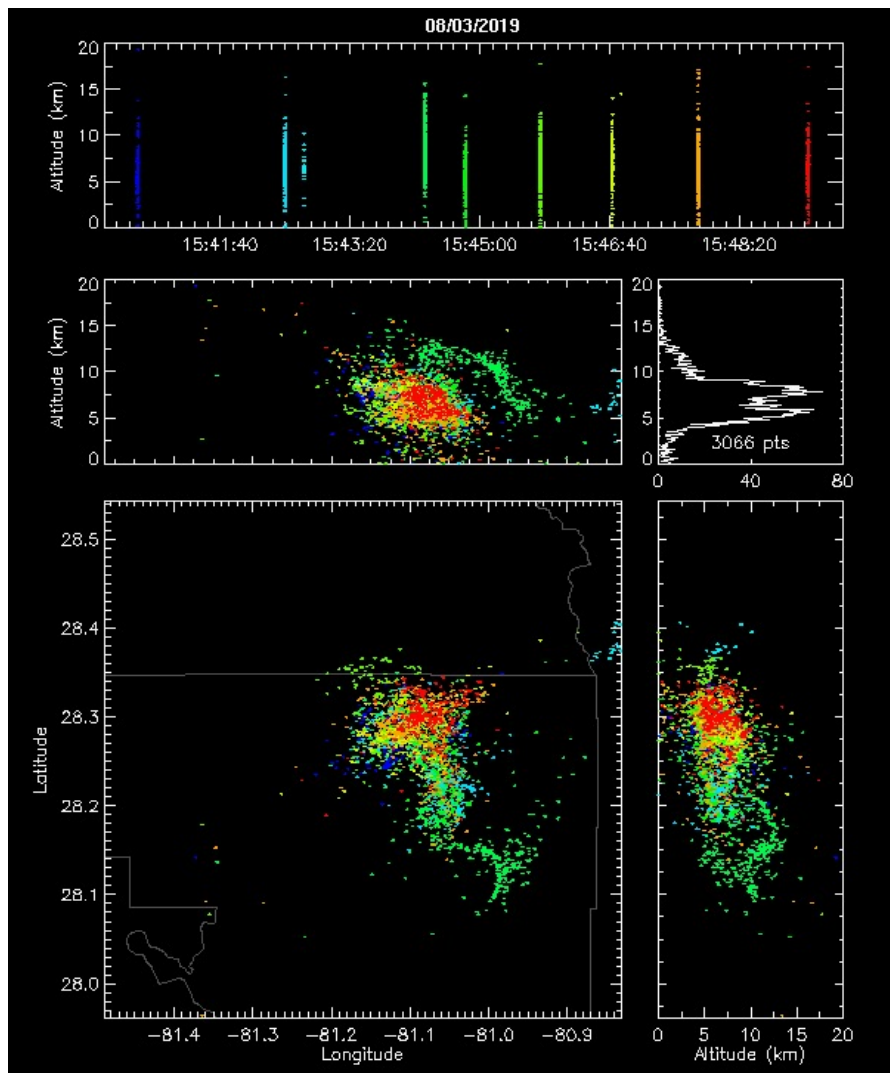
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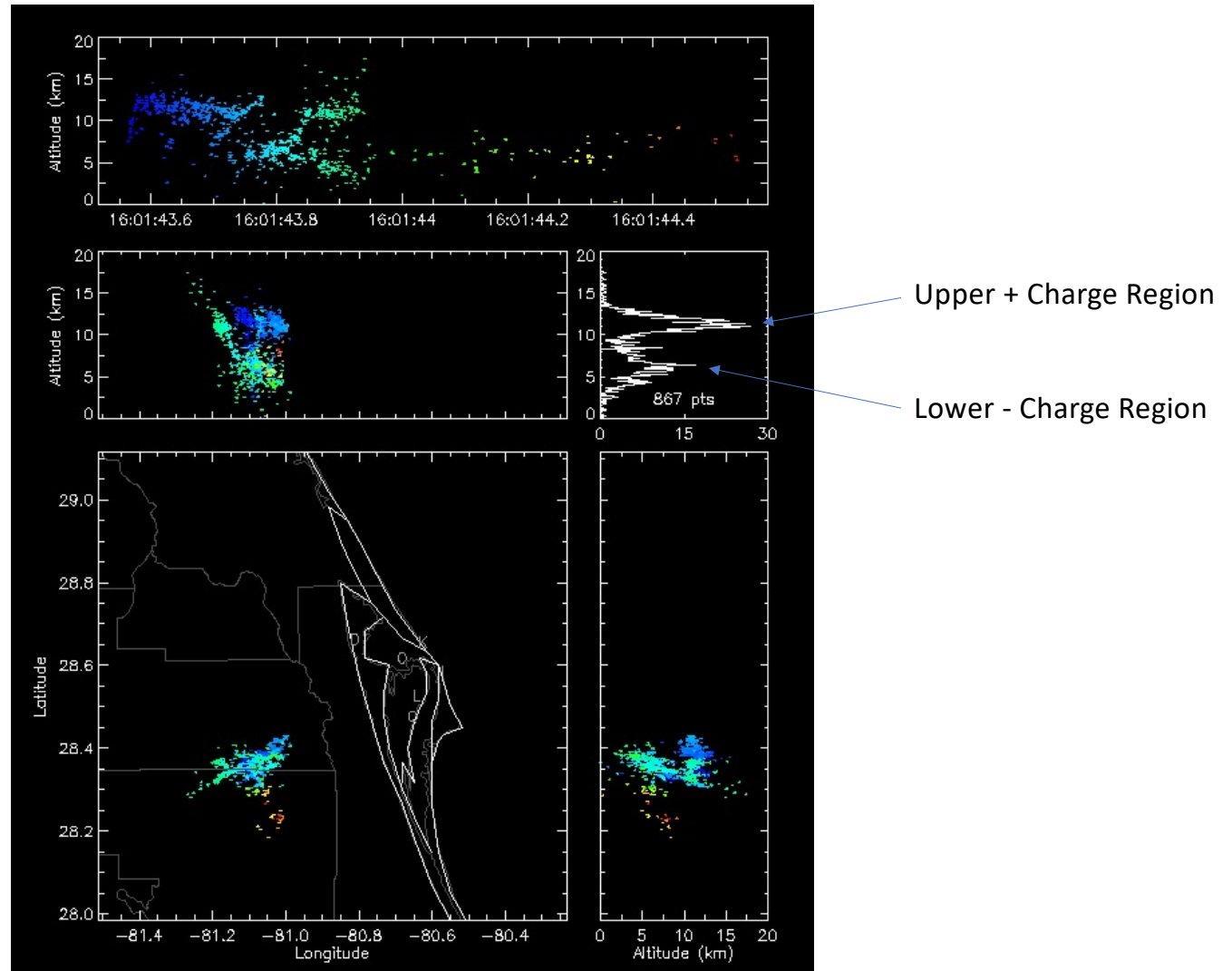


Flight Legs	Time [UTC]	Ex - Range [kV/m]	Ex - Mean [kV/m]	Ey - Range [kV/m]	Ey - Mean [kV/m]	Ez - Range [kV/m]	Ez - Mean [kV/m]
FL1	15:51:15 - 16:01:00	[-4.01, 0.17]	-0.89	[-0.16, 8.04]	0.93	[-22.37, 1.50]	-0.87
FL2	16:02:00 - 16:07:00	[-5.63, 1.52]	-1.96	[-4.93, 6.42]	0.78	[-11.22, 5.53]	-1.76
FL3	16:09:00 - 16:17:00	[-6.59, -0.21]	-2.95	[-3.43, 6.67]	1.05	[-4.70, 10.80]	1.15
FL4	16:21:30 - 16:27:00	[-4.86, -0.40]	-2.36	[-5.86, 4.28]	-0.11	[-0.58, 6.15]	0.68



Lightning Strike @ 16:01:43 UTC

NOTE: According to NLDN data
This was the last lightning strike
associated with our storm of
Interest.



Summary/Discussion

- The largest sources of electric fields are when the aircraft is in close proximity to the storm core.
- Near the storm core the vertical electric field values are mainly on the order of 10^0 kV/m for each FL.
 - Although, there is a strong E_z signal during the end of FL1 where E_z reached -22.37 kV/m, which is an order of magnitude higher than what is typically observed.
 - The temporal span (electric build-up) of this peak is on the order of seconds, and detection of electric discharges are on the order of micro – seconds, thus it is believed that this peak in electric field is due to the aircraft entering in a ‘high’ electric charge region and not by lightning.
 - Based on the KSCLMA data, is it possible that the upper positive region is the culprit for fluctuations in E_z ?
- The electric field magnitude (E_{mag}) for all flight legs peaked on the order of 10^1 kV/m.
 - Cloud chamber experiments only utilized a horizontal electric field.
- The E_{mag} values are the same order of magnitude to what was used in cloud chamber experiments performed by Saunders and Wahab (1975).
 - However, in the cloud chamber experiments, chain aggregates were only generated while using an electric field greater than or equal to 60 kV/m.
- Is the E-Field threshold smaller than previously tested?
 - Evidence from previous research coupled with these results -> can propose that yes it may?

Conclusion and Comments

- Cloud chamber experiments suggest that chain aggregates are optimally formed when electric fields are > 60 kV/m at temps ~ -8 to -12 C using unrealistic (high) ice crystal concentrations.
 - In typical T-storms, these values would suggest the chains to be formed near the **mix-layer region**
- PHIPS observations show chain aggregates spread out across the anvil region.
 - Particles of different habits
 - **Lack of riming**
- CIP concentration data suggest that in the cirrus anvil:
 - (1) There is a net increase in chains relative to the non-chains and/or ...
 - (2) More of the non-chains are falling out, sublimating, and/or climbing within the cirrus anvil away from where the aircraft was sampling from and/or ...
 - (3) The smaller particles are taking part in the chain aggregation process allowing for less smaller particles and more larger particles.
- The fluctuations in the particle sizes could be the product of storm convective growth and decay.
 - Further radar analysis needed.
- The E_{mag} values are the same order of magnitude to what was used in cloud chamber experiments performed by Saunders and Wahab (1975).
 - Similar values to other field projects where chain aggregates were also observed.
 - E-Field thresholds for chain aggregation in the cirrus anvil may be less than 60 kV/m.

Request

- The scanning capabilities of the S-band NWS radar is extremely limited (especially during the 3 August 2019 flight).
 - Lack of radar data > 100 km away
 - low resolution
 - Not concurrent with aircraft measurements
- The MCR (CPR-HD) thrives where the NWS radars do not.
- With the scanning capabilities of the MCR (CPR-HD), the data will be extremely beneficial when comparing to the in-situ microphysical data.
- The MCR (CPR-HD) data will be used to see if chain aggregation is occurring within the convection – induced, cirrus anvil region.
- Due to FL4 being more oriented to the SR-anvil wind direction and occurring when there is only one CLEAR main source of convection, **it is proposed to obtain the MCR (CPR-HD) data or flight leg 4 [16:21:30 – 16:27:00 UTC] for further radar analysis.**

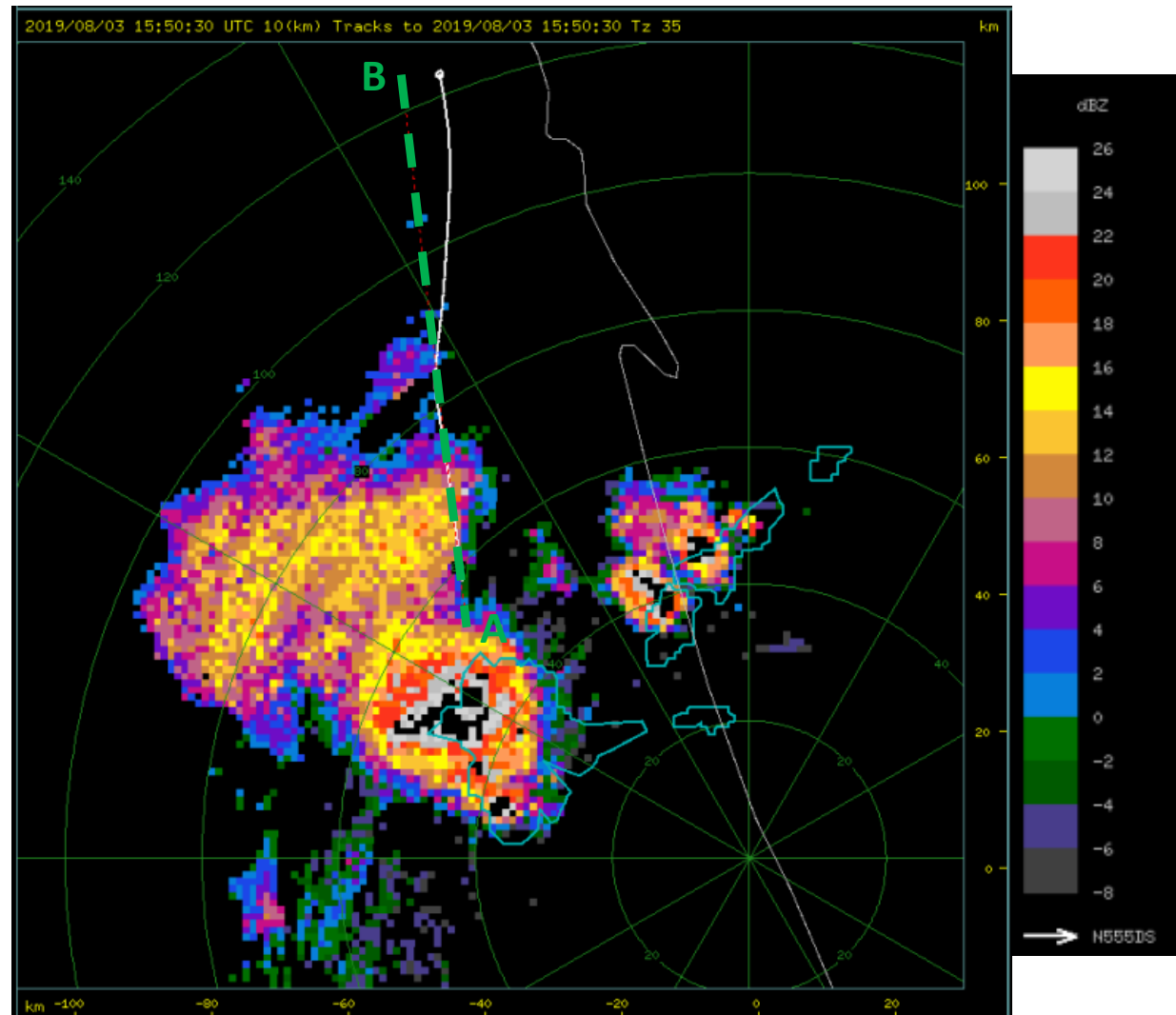
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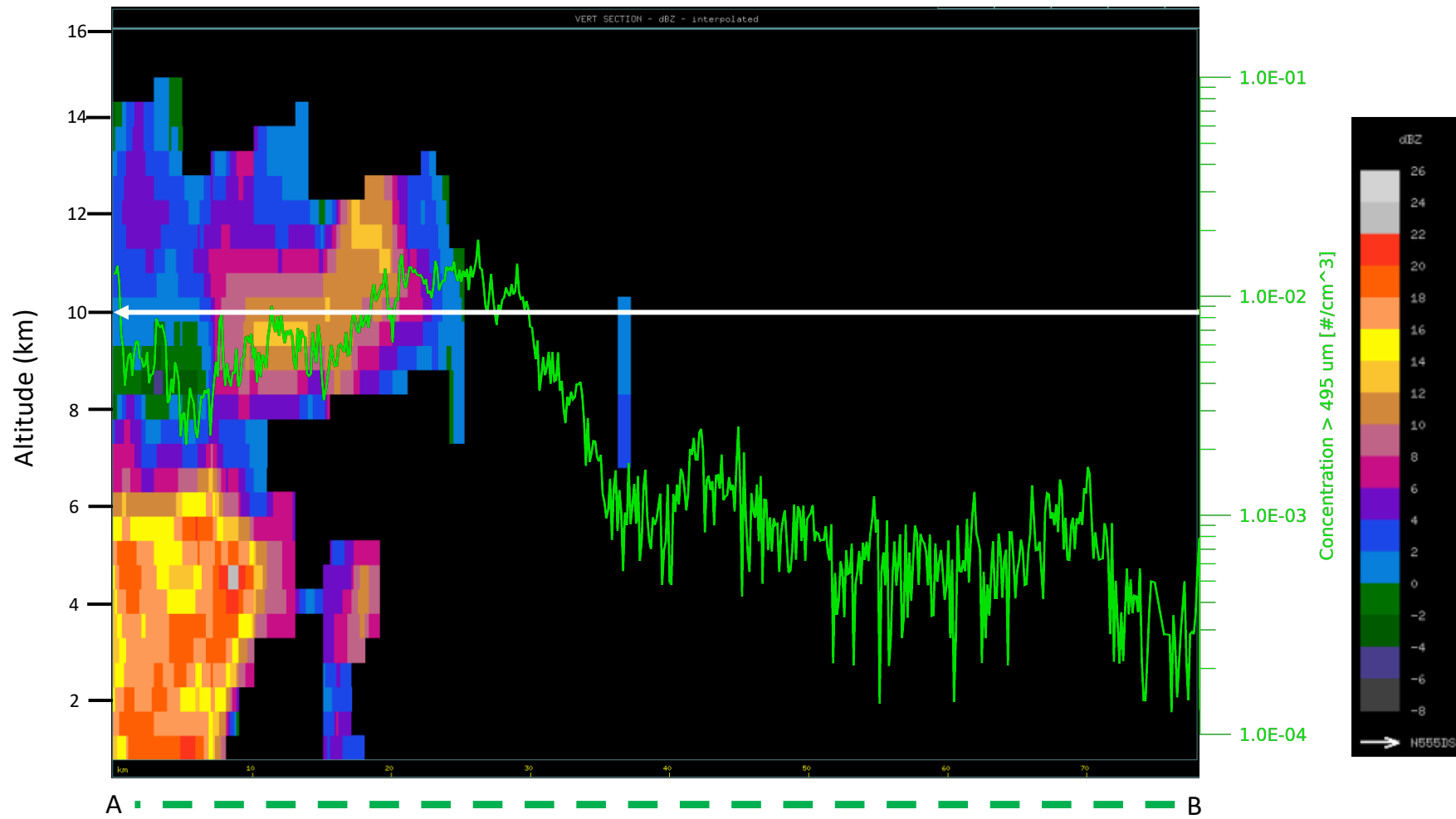
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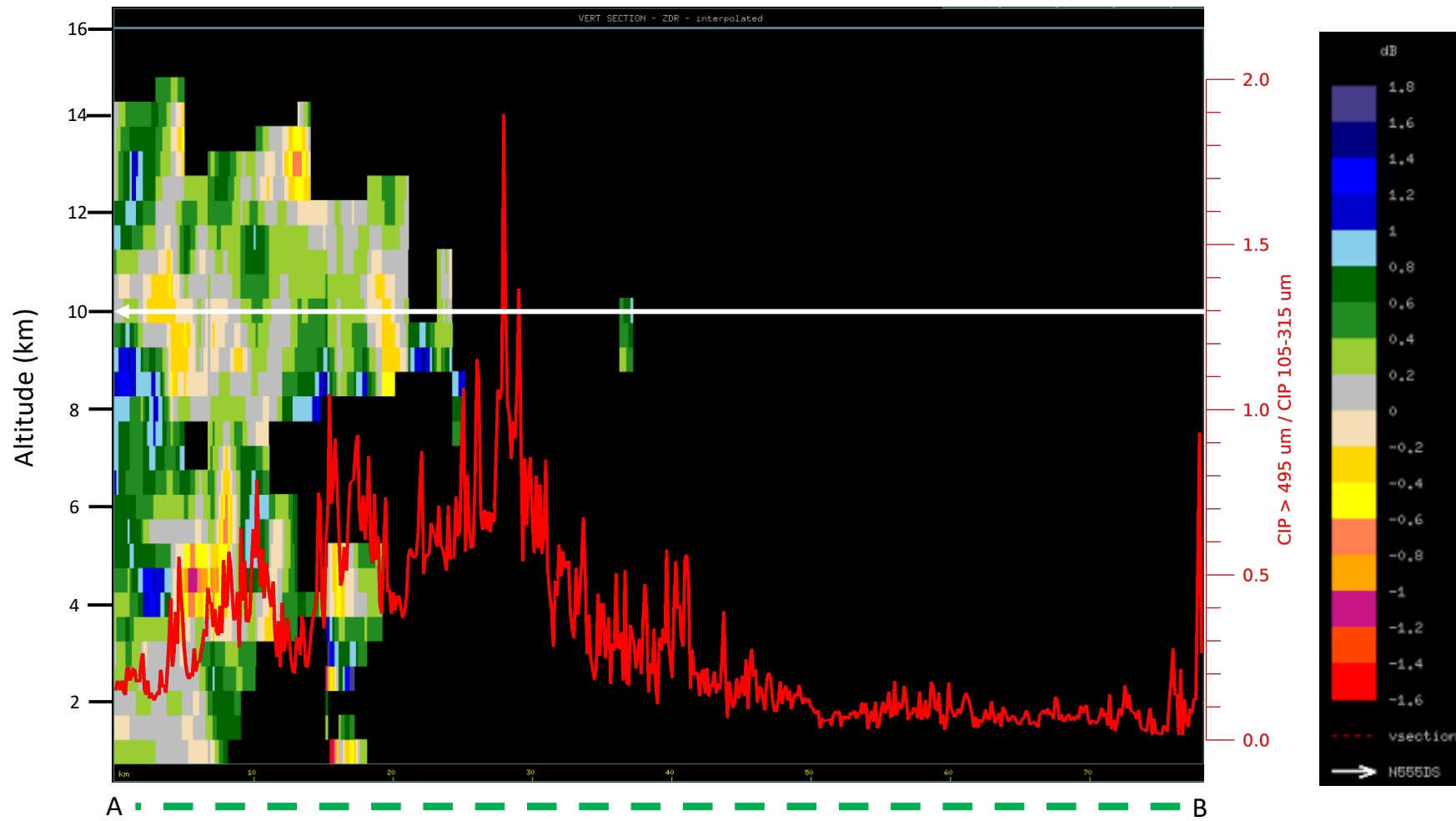
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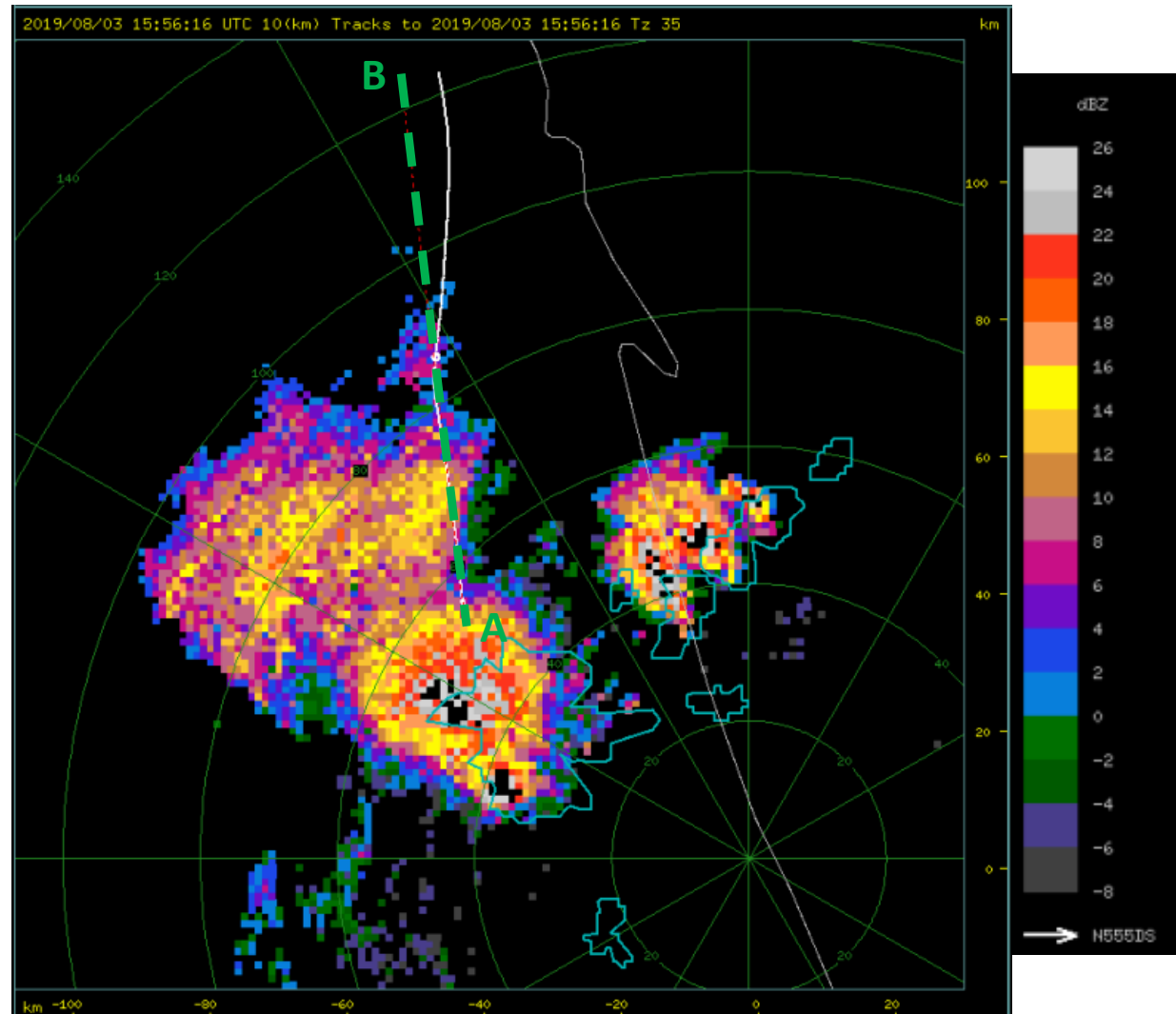


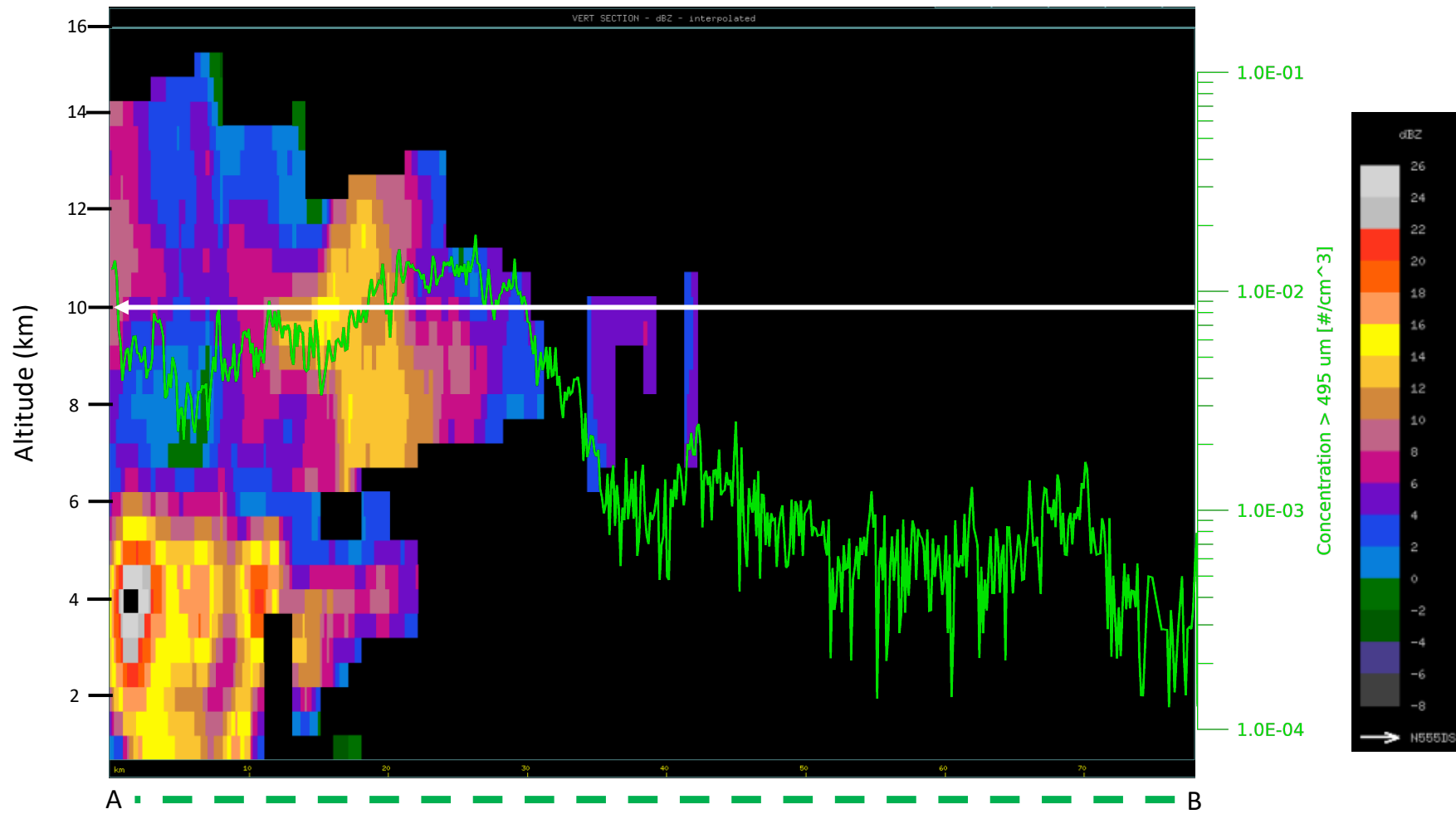
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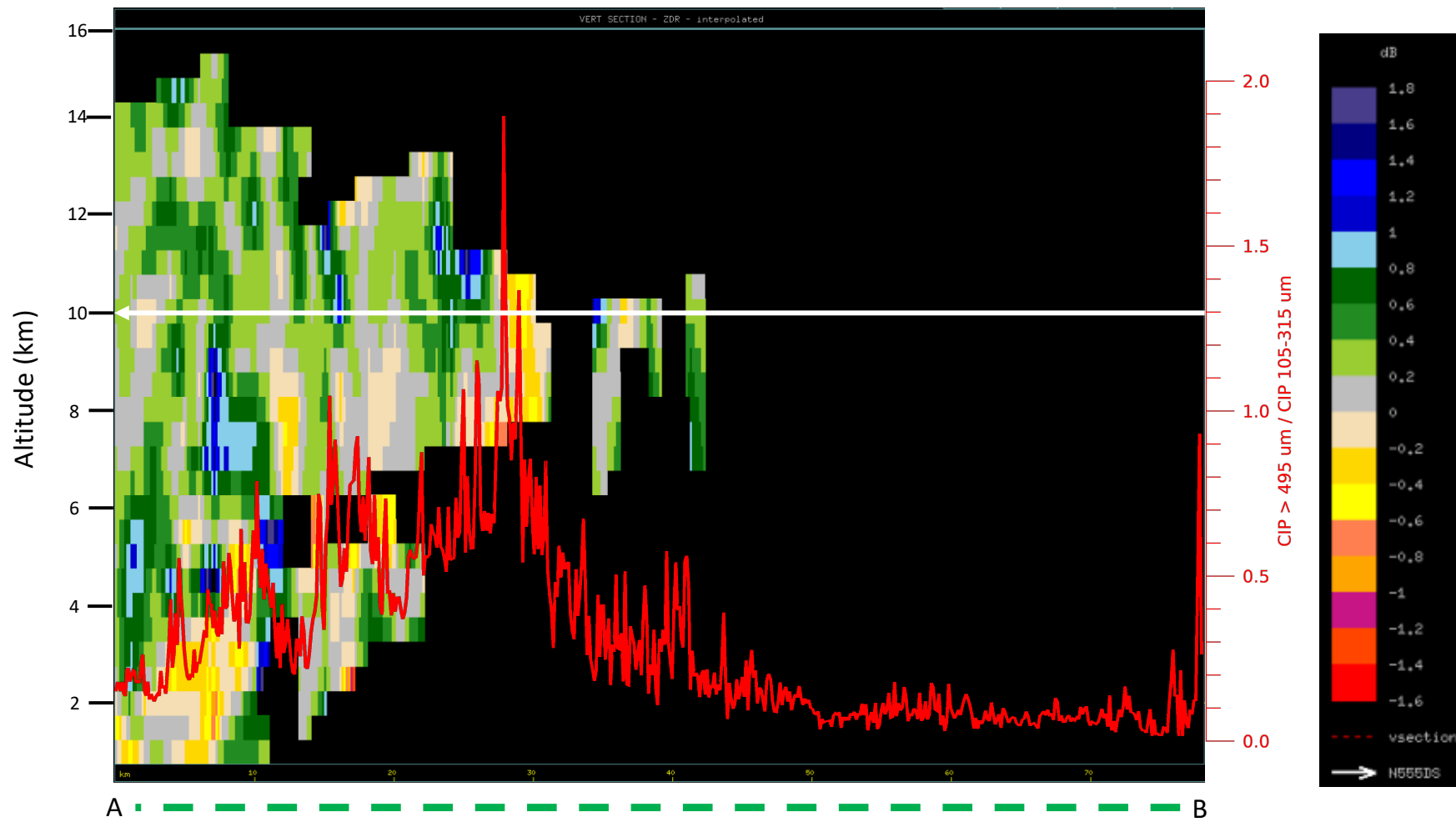
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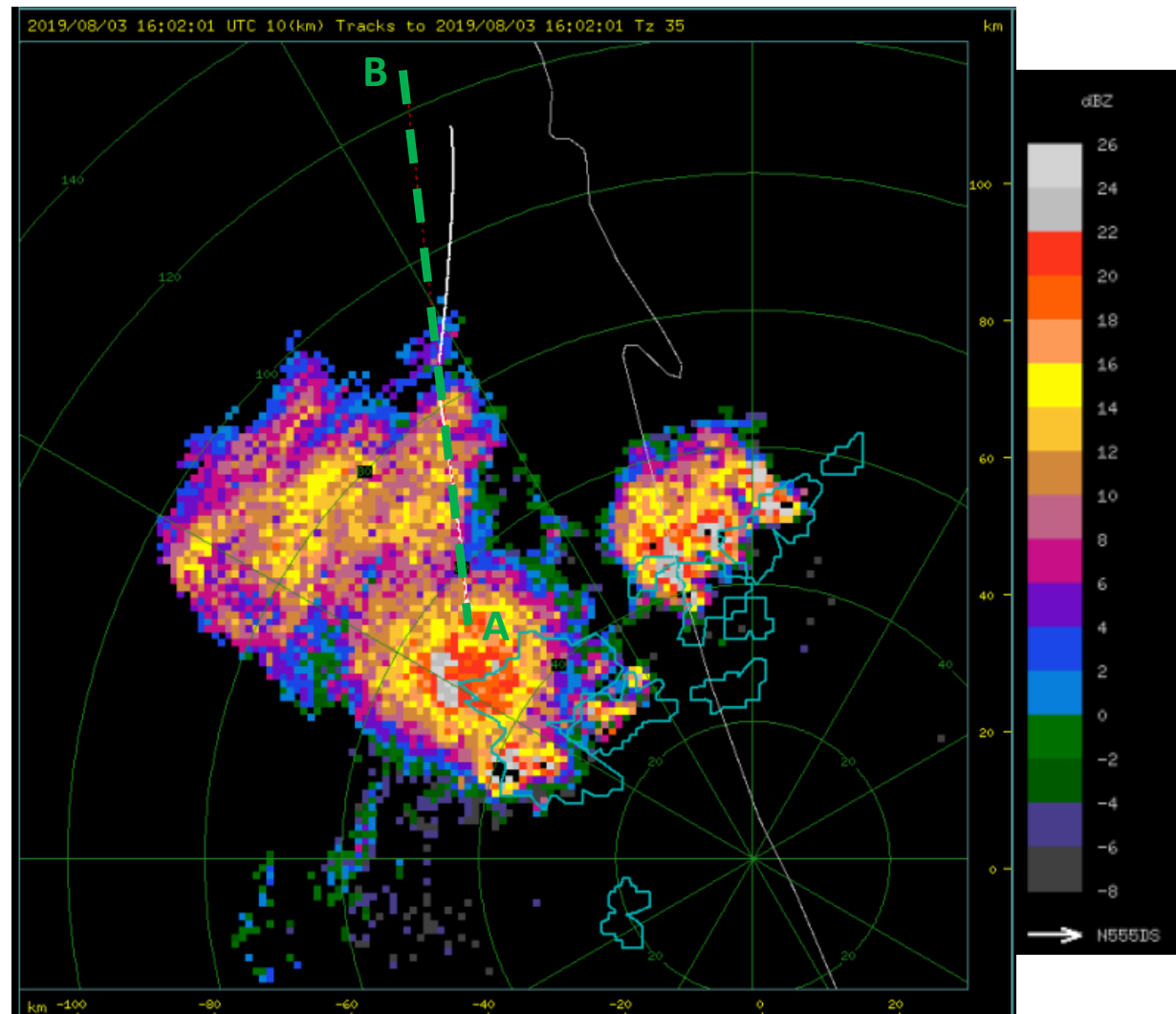


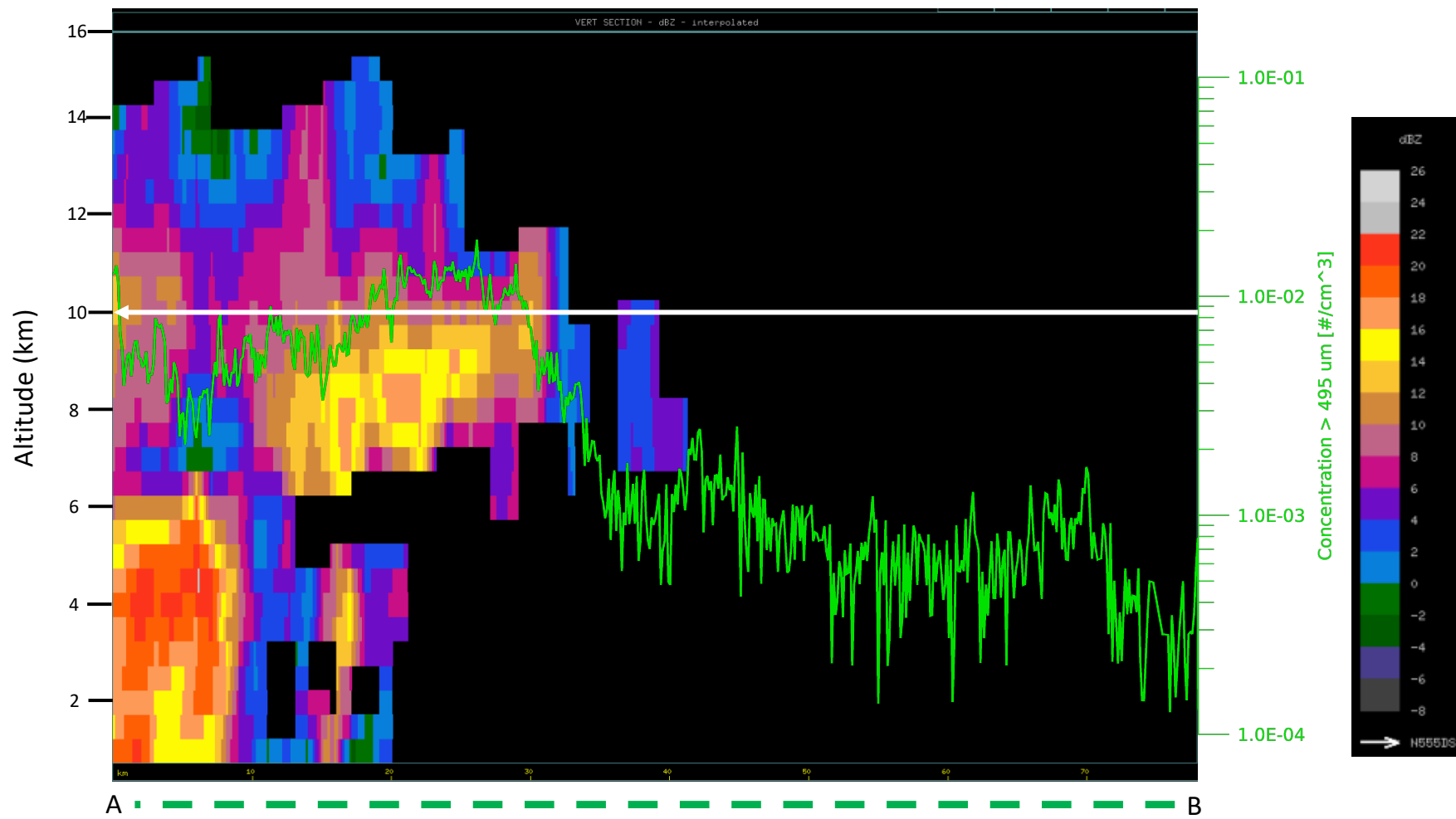
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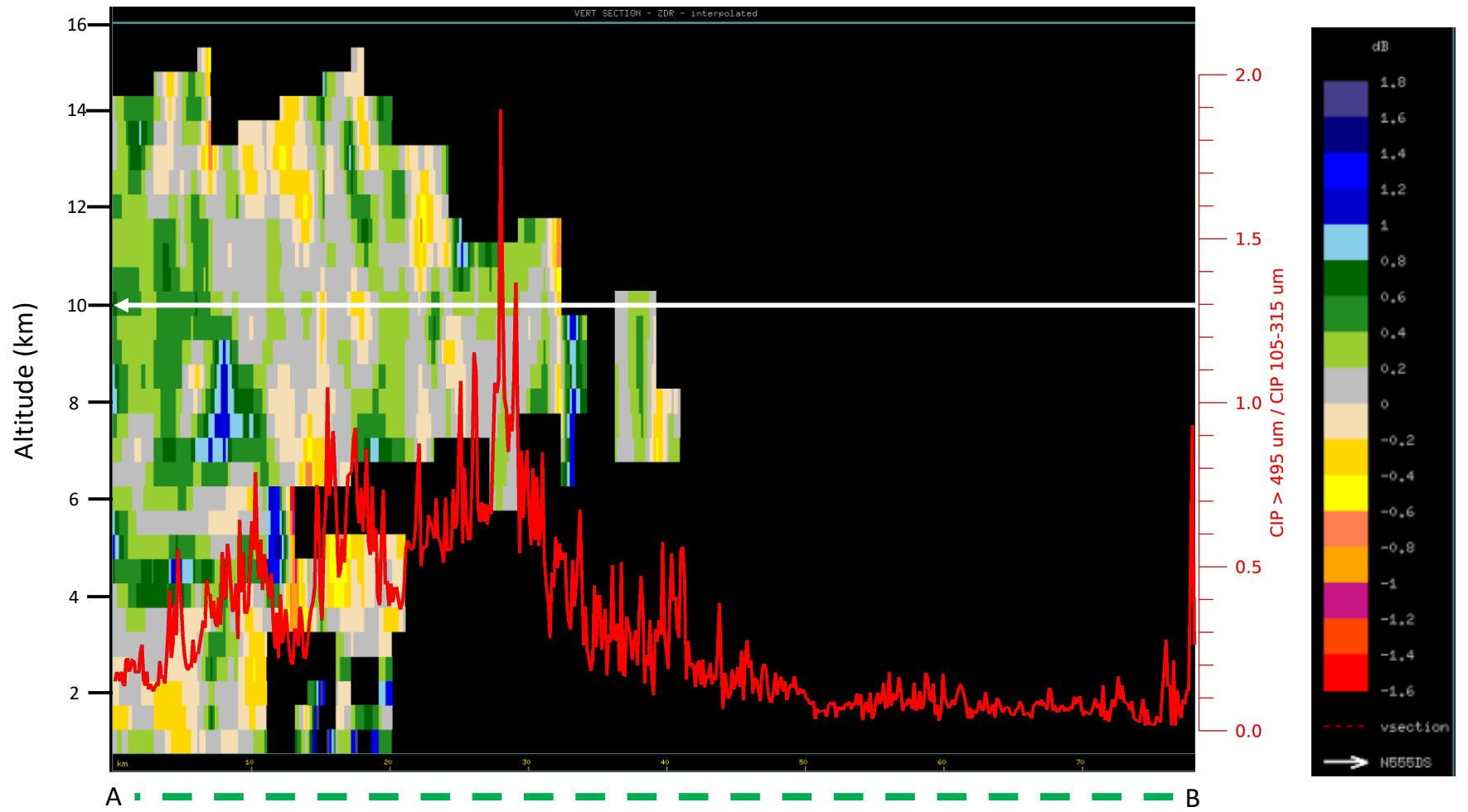
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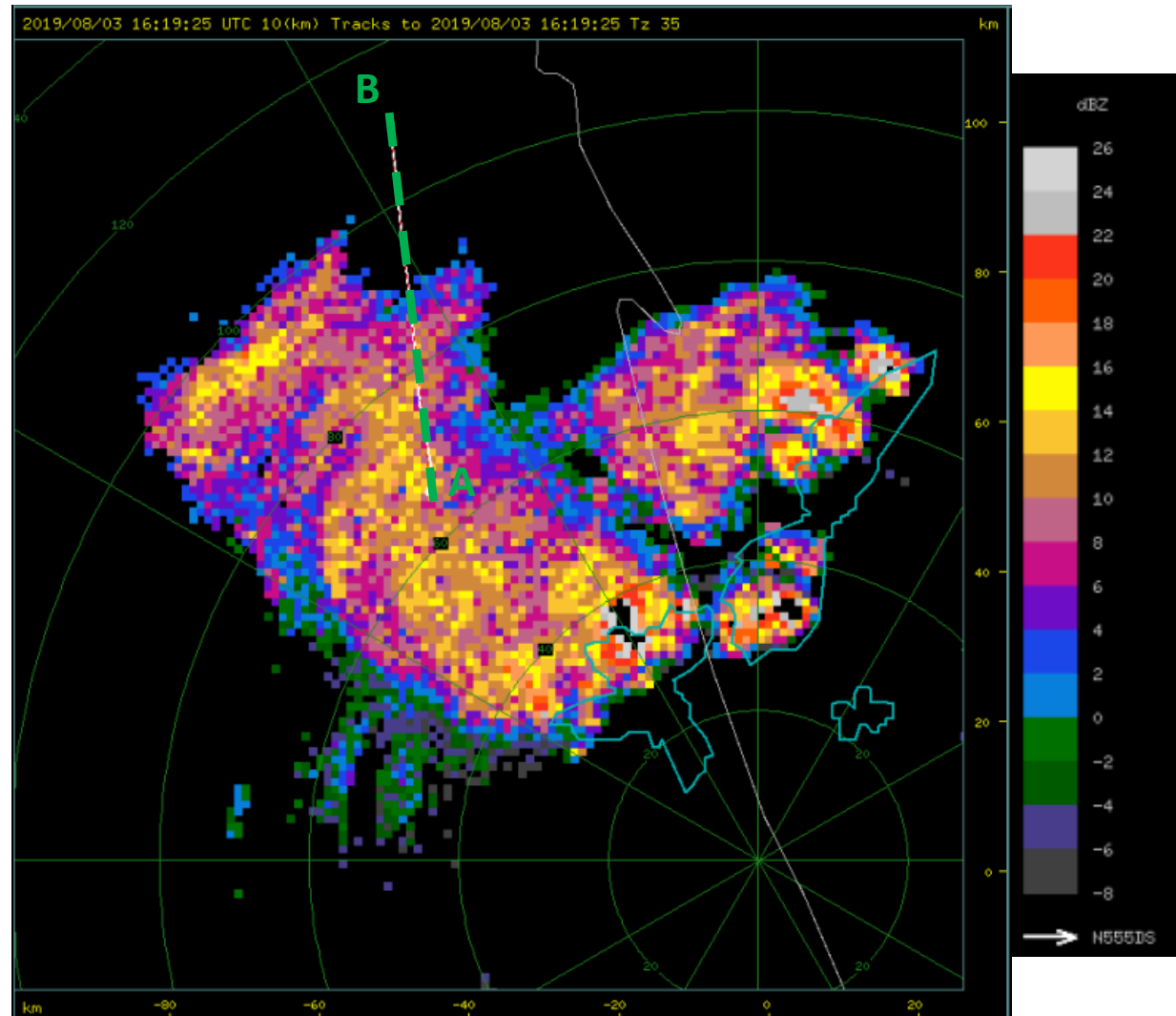


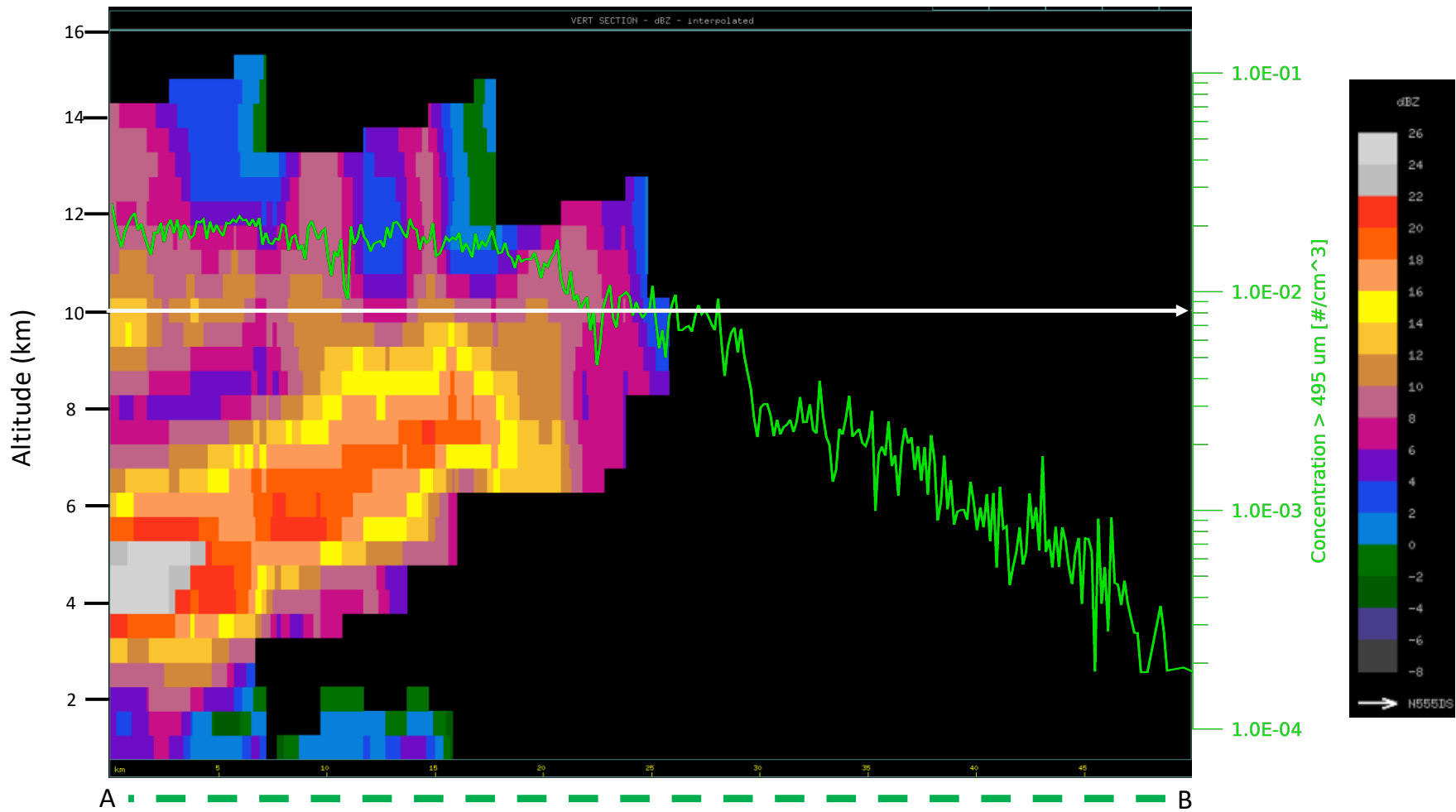
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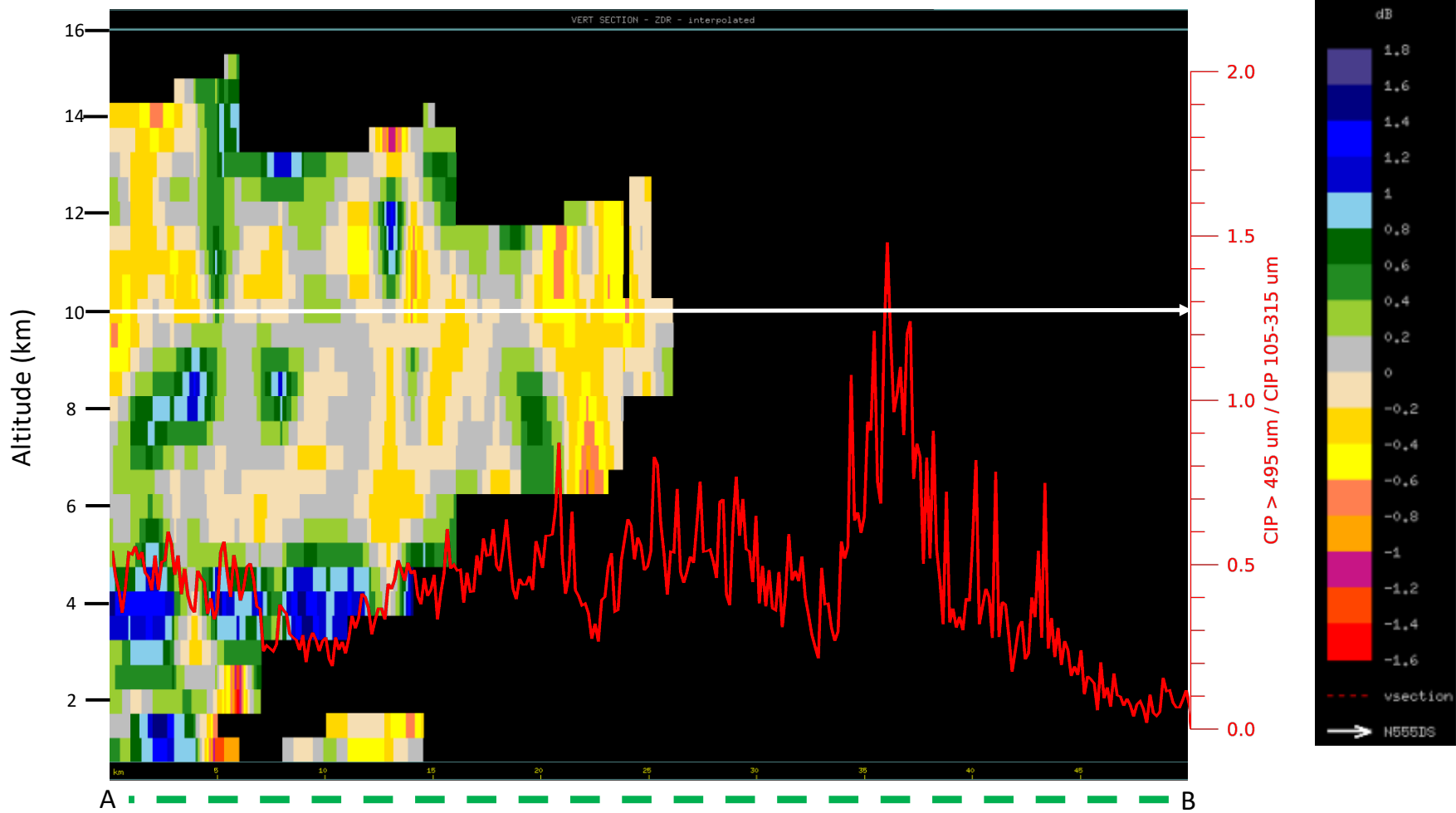
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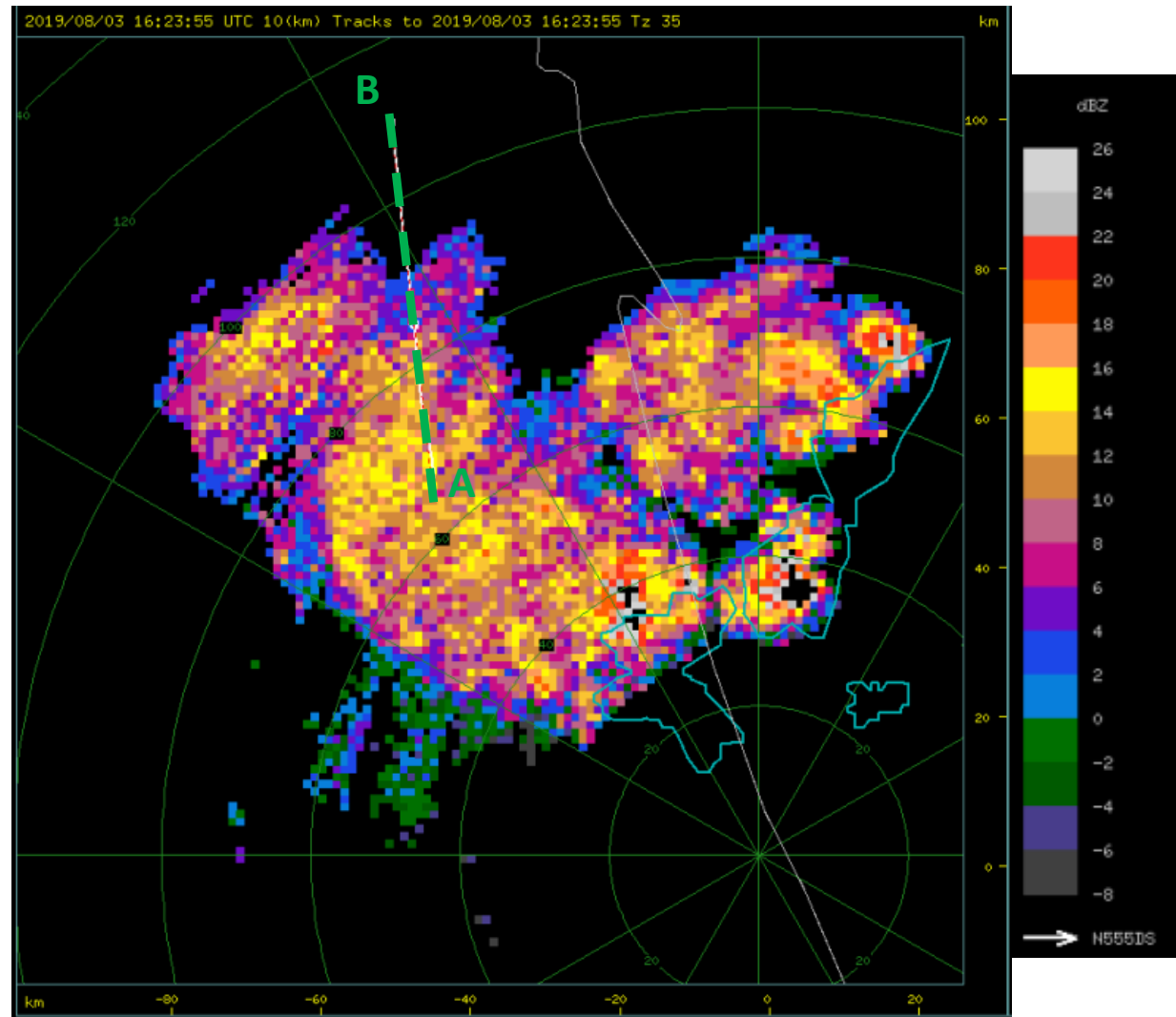


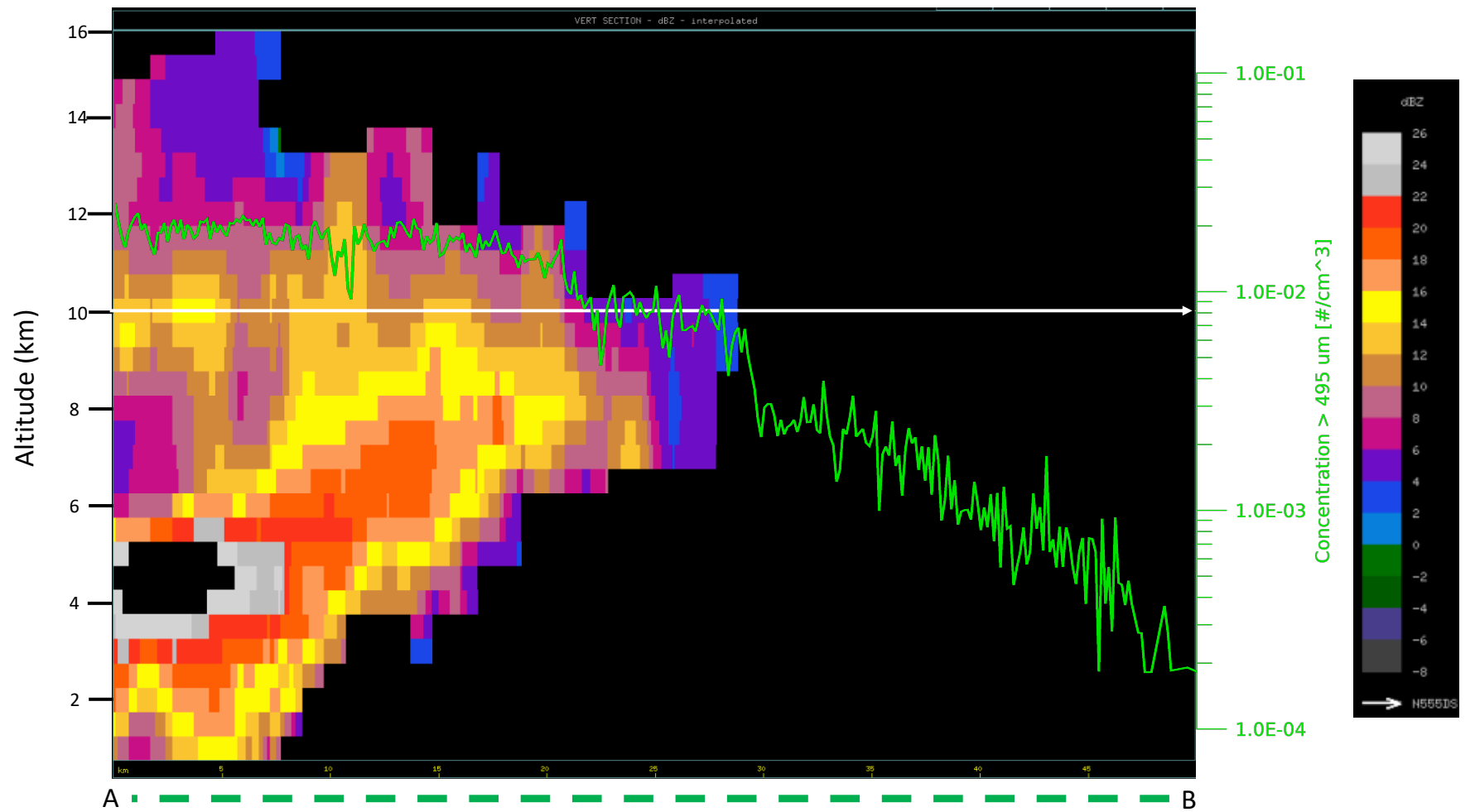
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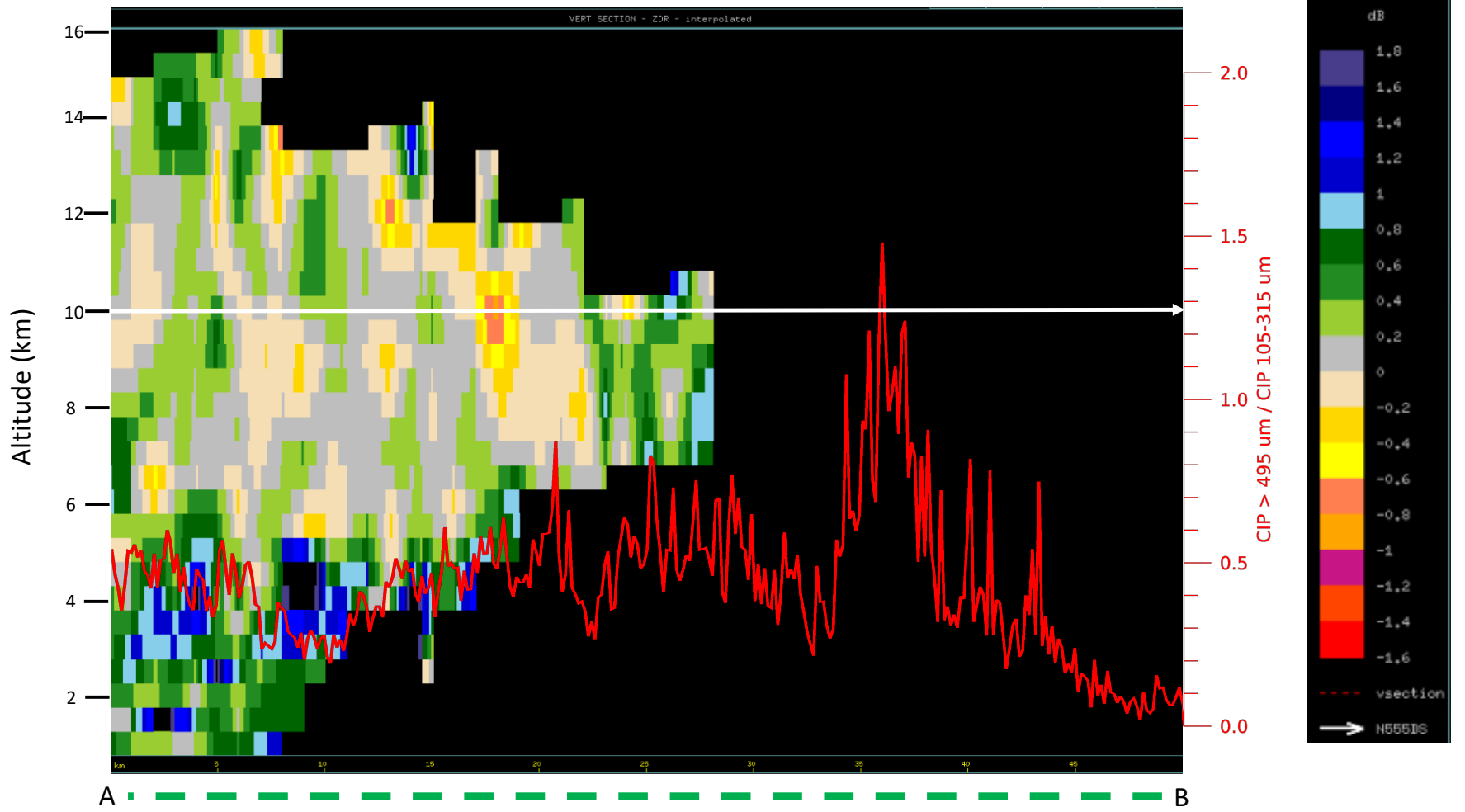
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Flight Leg 4 (FL4)

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