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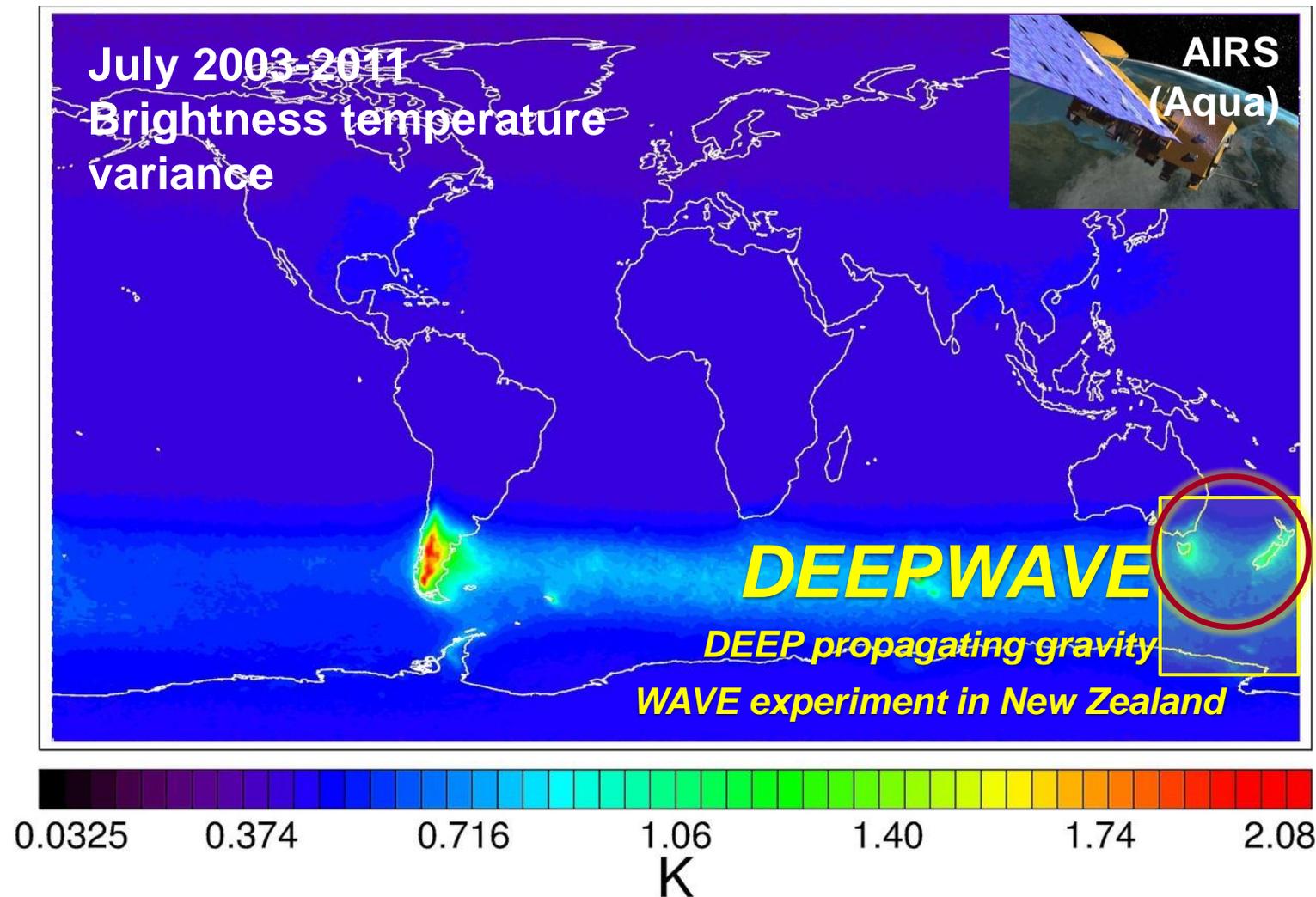
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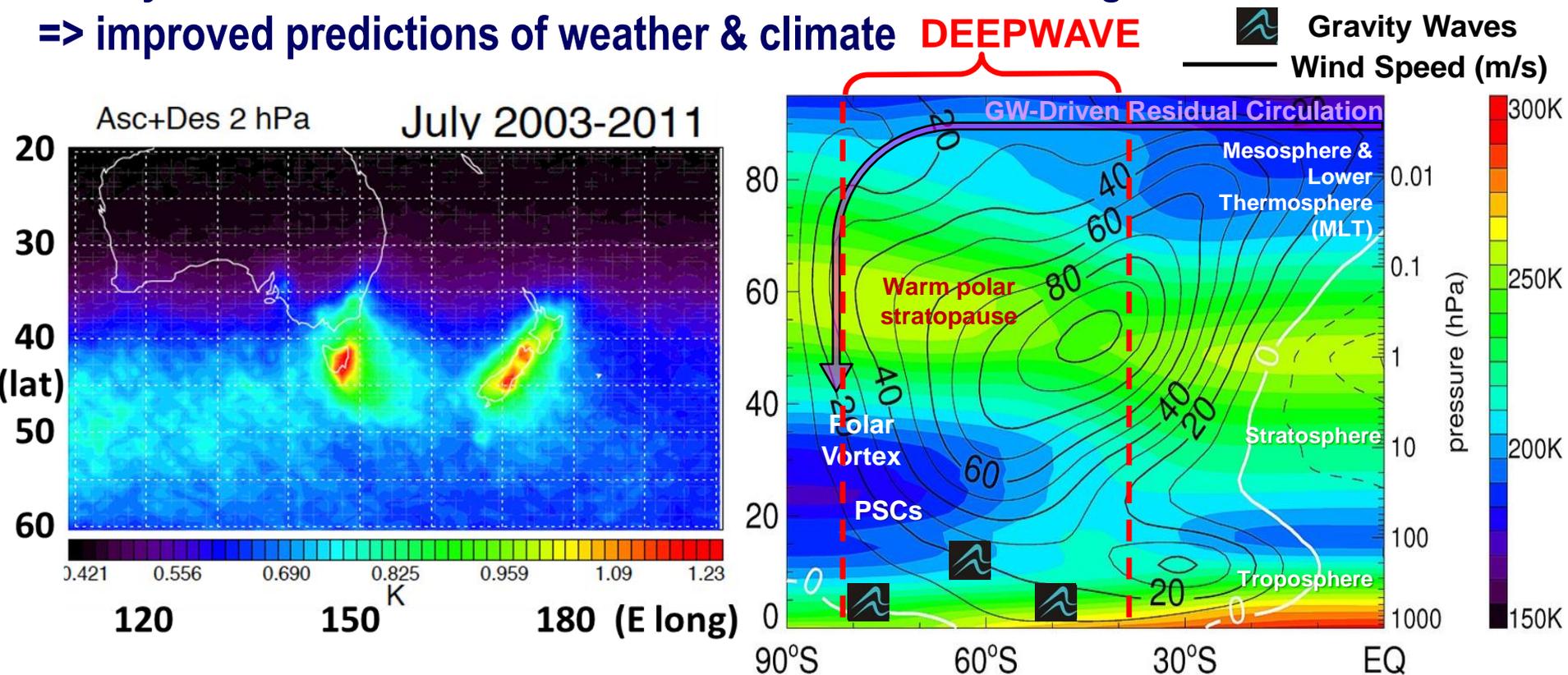
# Global Gravity-Wave “Hot Spots” in the Upper Stratosphere (3 hPa)



- New Zealand is an ideal natural laboratory to study deep propagating GWs and logistically easier than the Andes.

# Why are Deep Propagating Gravity Waves Important?

- GWs account for main vertical energy & momentum transport at all levels
  - The important GWs are not resolved by satellite measurements or GCMs
  - GCM parameterizations of GWs are known to be seriously deficient
  - Better GW parameterizations require improved understanding of complex GW dynamics via coordinated measurements & modeling
- => improved predictions of weather & climate

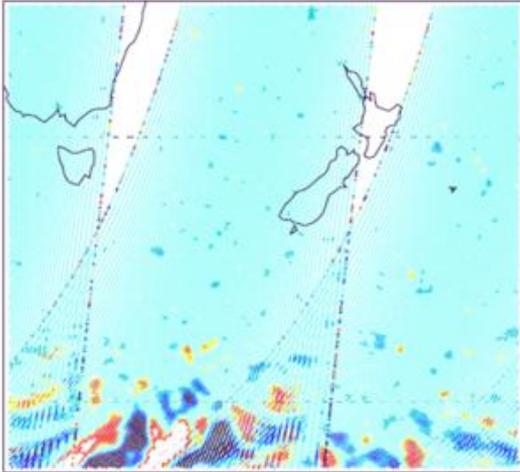


# Why the New Zealand & Southern Oceans?

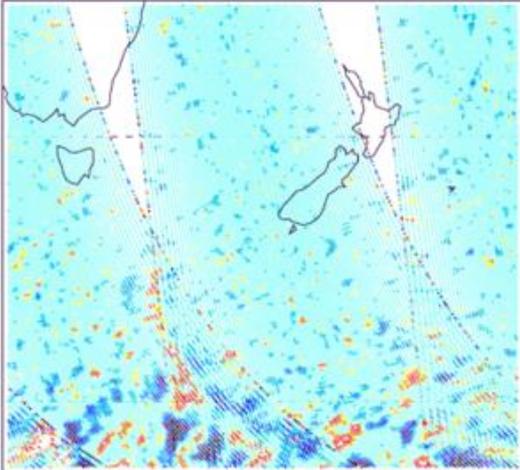
## Rich Prevalent Large-Amplitude GW Structures

### Non-Orographic Sources

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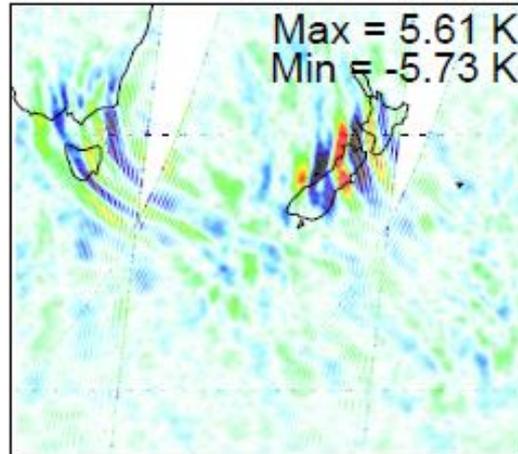


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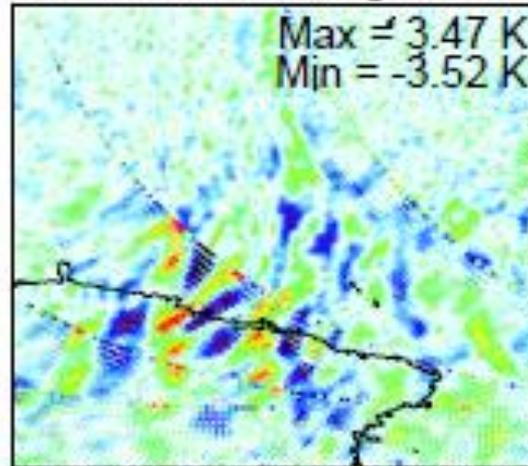


### Orographic Sources

2011.07.09 Descending 2.5 hPa

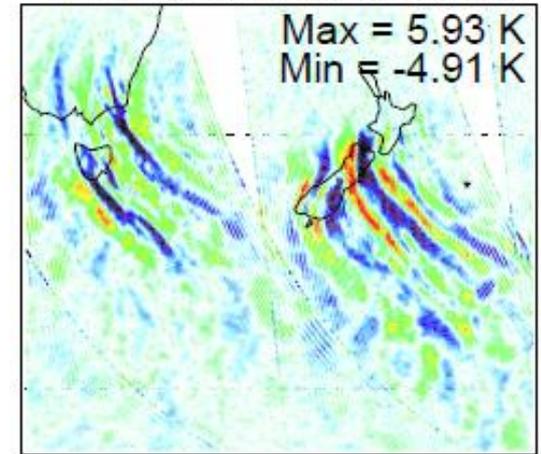


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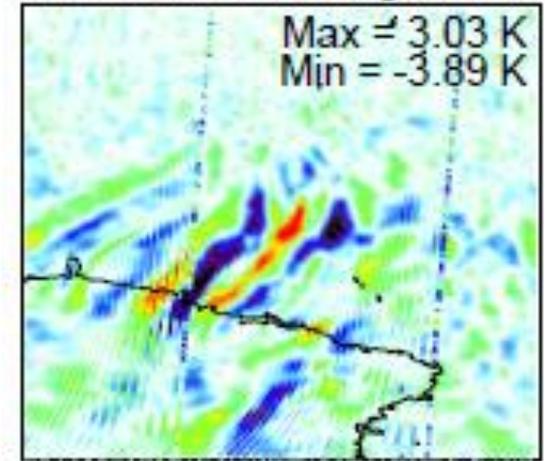


### Waves Downstream from Orography

2011.07.13 Ascending 2.5 hPa



2011.07.23 Descending 2.5 hPa

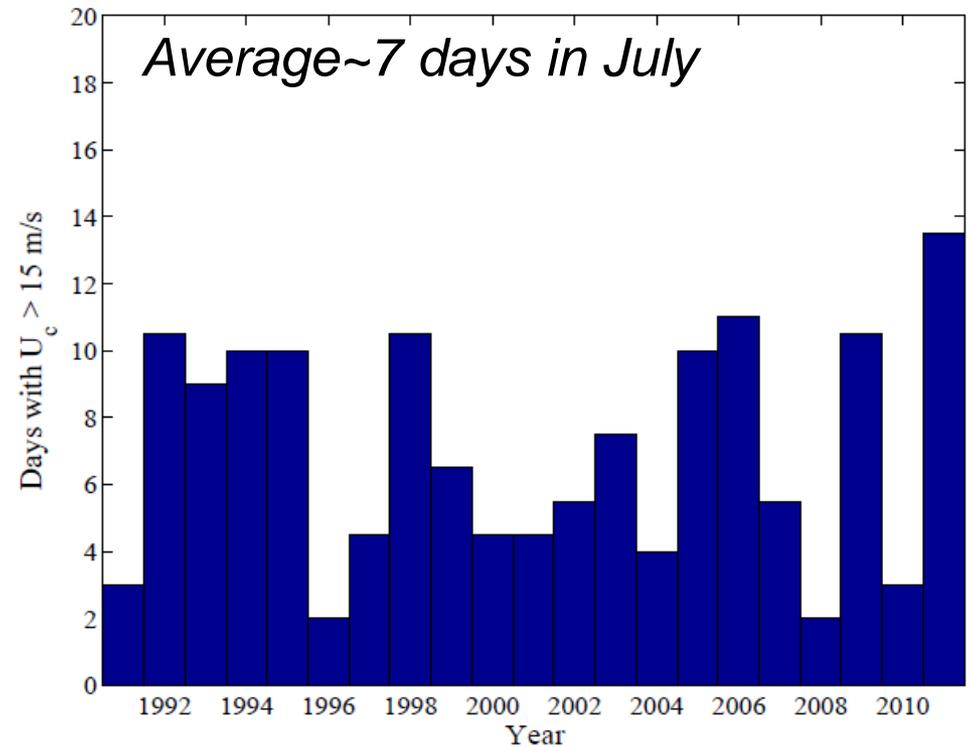
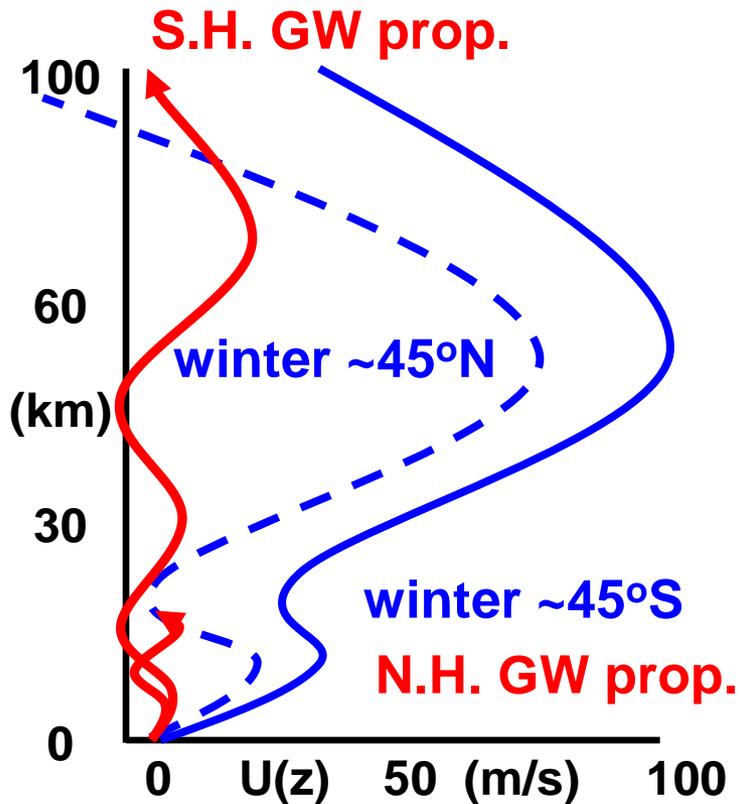


# Deep GW Propagation over New Zealand

## What Factors Enable GWs to Achieve Large Amplitudes in the Southern Hemisphere Stratosphere and Above?

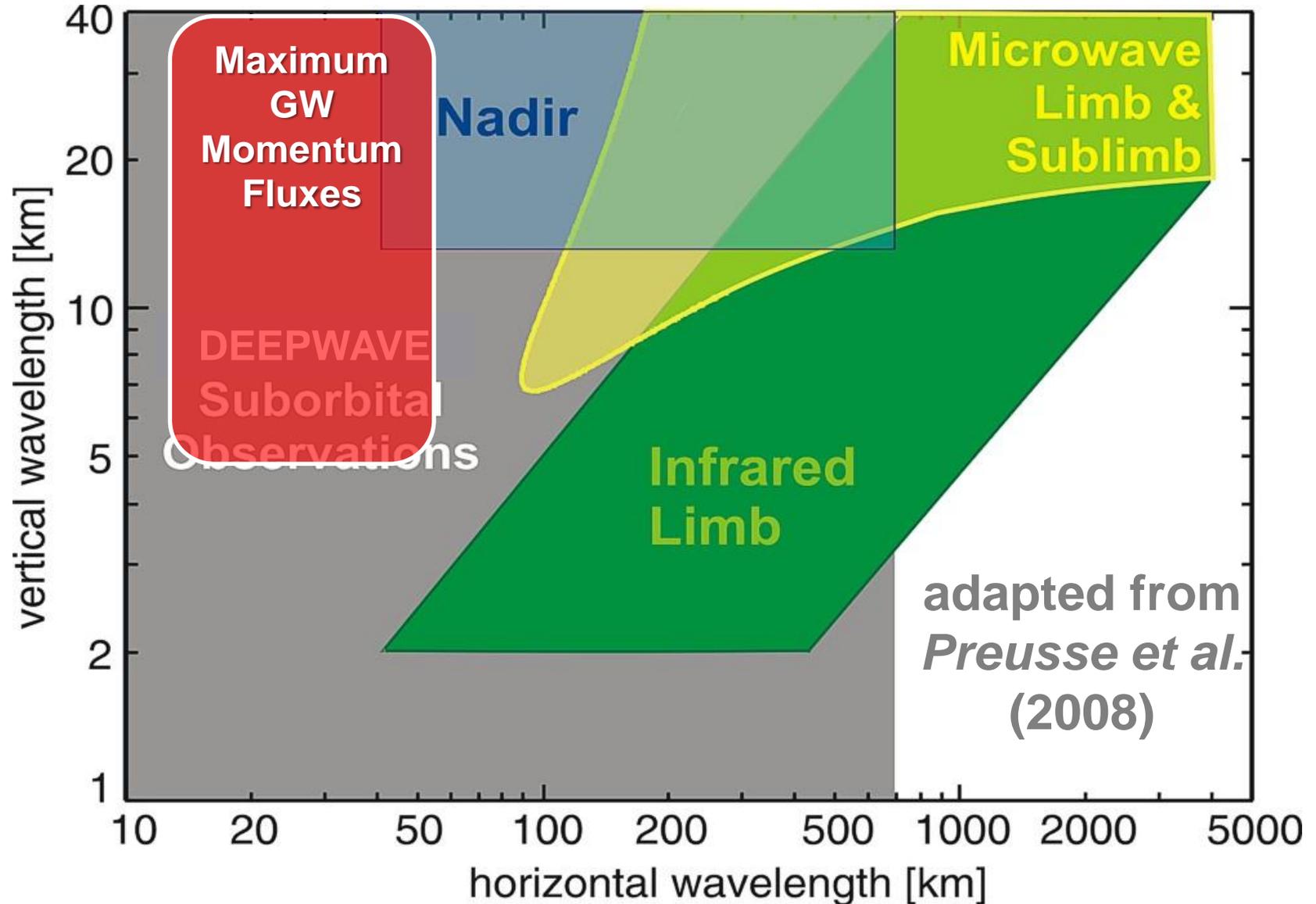
Zonal winds differ from Northern Hemisphere to S. Hemisphere

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ERA Reanalysis (July 1991-2011)



- Mountain wave propagation to high altitudes is common in S. Hemisphere.
- New Zealand is a prominent GW source.

# Which Gravity Waves are Visible and Invisible to Different Satellite Remote Sensors?



# Some DeepWave Science Questions

- **What Causes Gravity Wave(GW) “Hotspots”?**
- **What sources/processes control stratospheric GW activity?**
- **What is the predictability of deep propagating GWs?**
- **What factors enable GWs to achieve large amplitudes and scales?**
- **What Accounts for the large GW variance and momentum flux modulations at high Southern Latitudes?**
- **Which GWs are Visible and Invisible to Different Satellite Remote Sensors?**
- **How can GW parameterizations be improved for climate models?**

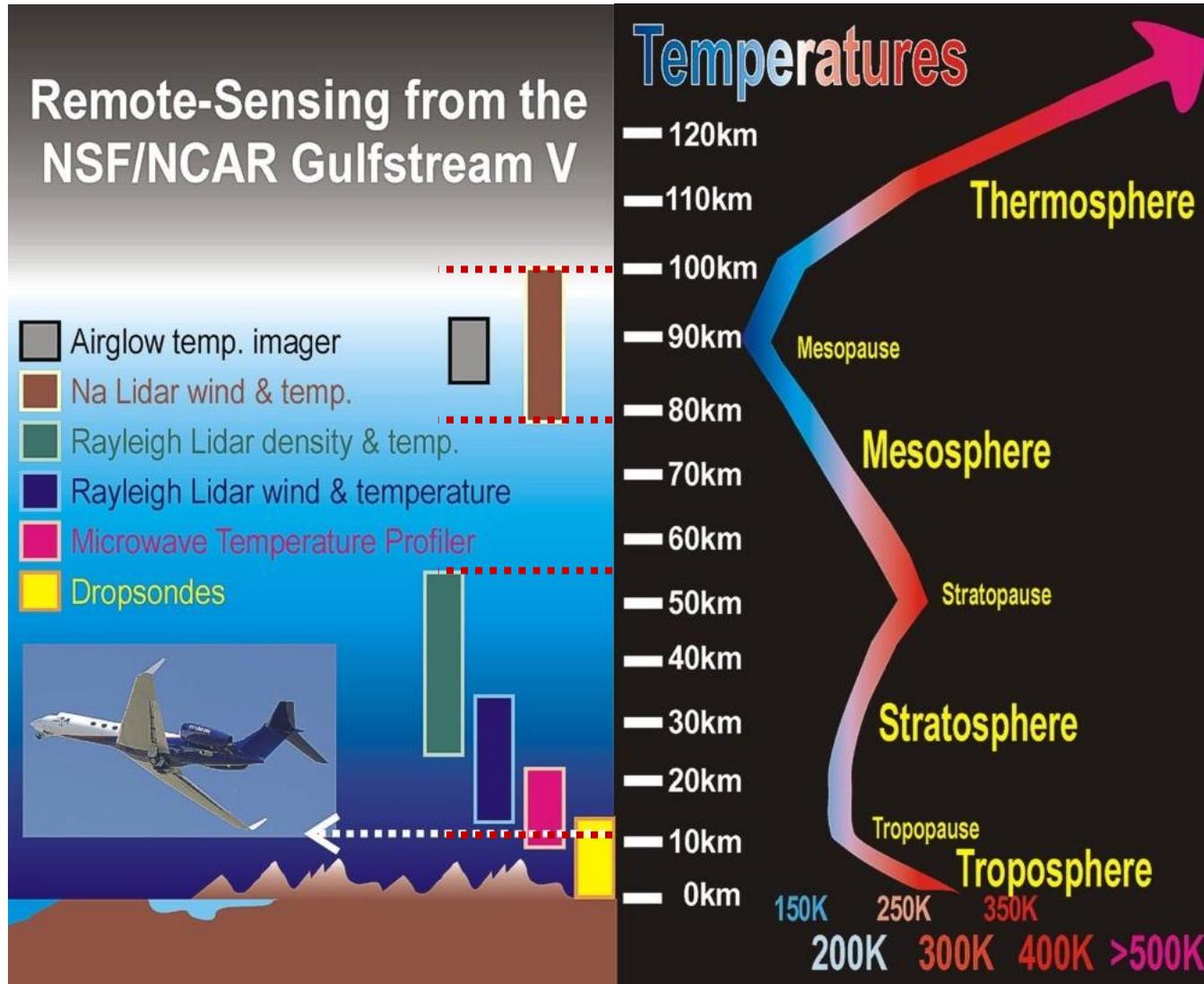
# DEEPWAVE-NZ

- Location: New Zealand and the Southern Ocean
- Timing: June 15 to July 31, 2014
- Platforms and Instruments
  - NSF/NCAR Gulfstream V
    - Flight level data
    - Dropsondes
    - Uplooking Na Lidar, Rayleigh Lidar, Advanced Mesospheric Temperature Mapper
  - NCAR/EOL Integrated Sounding System (ISS)
  - Orbiting satellites (e.g. AIRS, CrIS, SSMIS)



# DeepWave Field Campaign

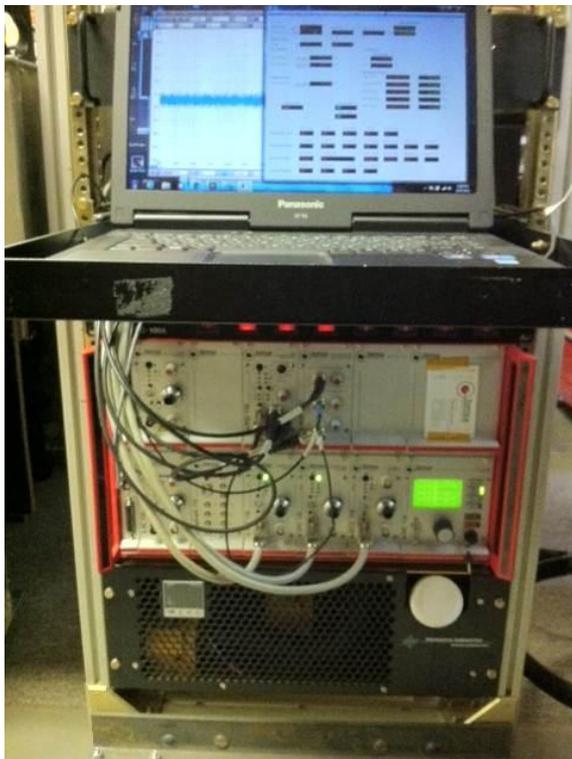
Austral Winter 2014



# New NCAR Gulfwing V Lidars for Measurements in the Stratosphere and Mesosphere (~15-100 km)

Dave Fritts and Biff Williams, GATS Inc.

Two new upward-viewing lidars will be employed for Rayleigh and resonance measurements

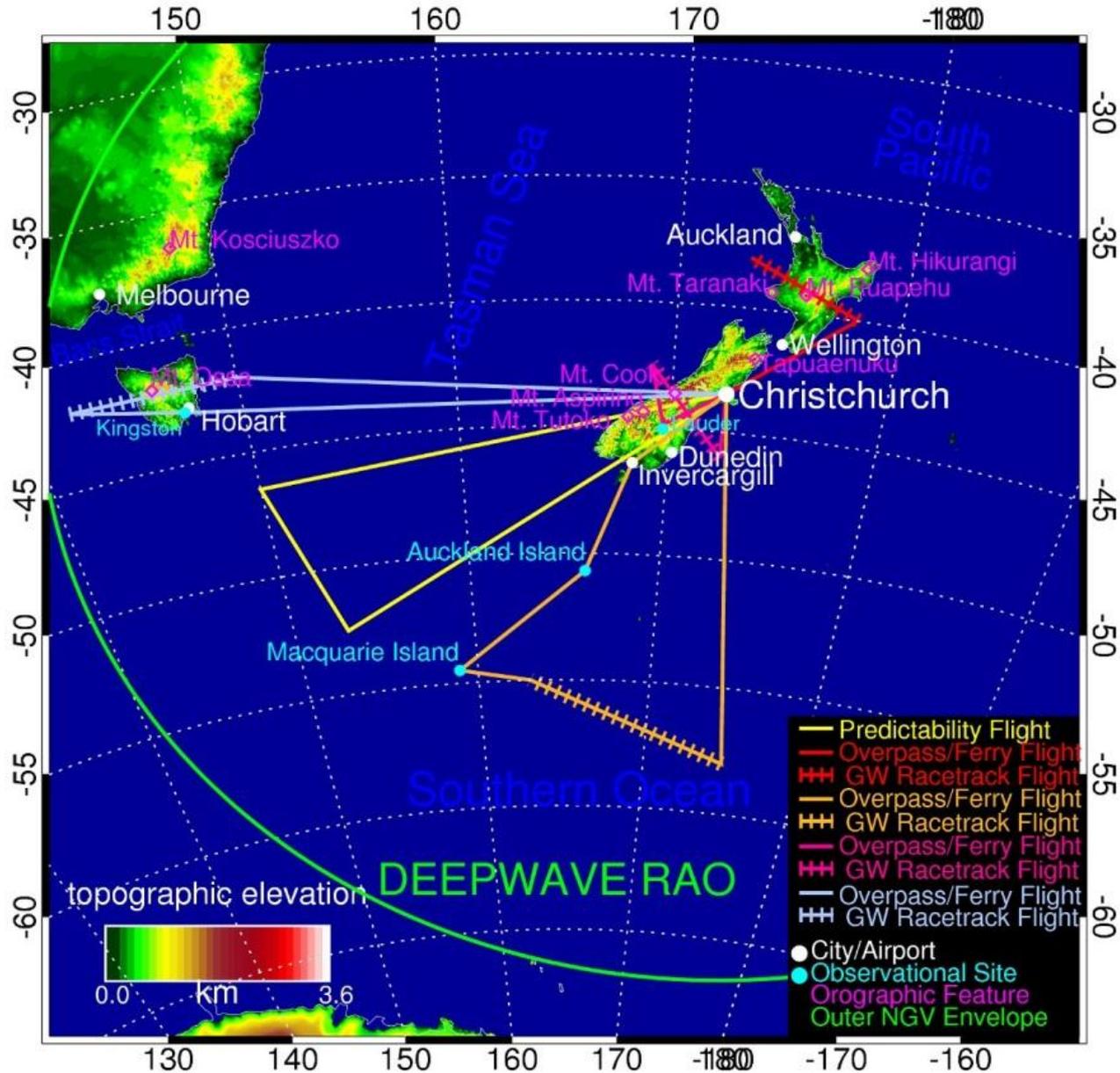


A flight demo of the two lidars is to occur in February 2013



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# DeepWave Summary

## DEEP propagating gravity WAVE experiment

- Comprehensive airborne & ground-based measurement program at one of the most prominent global GW “hotspots” over New Zealand, Tasmania, S. Ocean; Field phase scheduled for June-July 2014.
- First observational campaign that would follow GWs from generation in the troposphere to breakdown in the mesosphere and thermosphere.
- Unique experimental design, measurements, and models
  - NSF/NCAR GV: Flight level instruments, dropsondes, up-looking remote sensing (lidar, airglow systems, Mesospheric Temp. Mapper)
  - Ground based: NCAR ISS, surface, and MLT instruments
  - Models: Mesoscale, GCMs, ensemble, adjoints, linear, DNS
- International and multi-agency interest and support.
  - NSF proposal (EDO submitted), NRL interdisciplinary initiative underway
  - NSF instrument development for G-V is on schedule (test flight in Feb. 2013)
- Open to collaborators who can contribute to DeepWave objectives
  - seeking cost effective collaborators

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# DeepWave Instrumentation

## Proposed NSF/NCAR GV Instrument Suite

Instrument	Parameters	Altitudes	Impact
<i>In situ</i> instruments (gust probe, GPS..)	Winds, temperature, O <sub>3</sub> , aerosol, humidity • 1-5 Hz ( $\Delta x \sim 50-250$ m)	Flight level (5-13 km)	Along-track hires GW & turbulence data
Drosondes	Wind & temperature profiles • $\Delta z \sim 100$ m	Below aircraft (0-13 km)	Flow environment, GW structure below flight
Microwave Temperature Profiler (MTP)	Temperature profiles • $\pm 1-2$ K, $\Delta z \sim 0.7-3$ km, 10-15 s integration ( $\Delta x \sim 2-4$ km)	$\sim 5-20$ km	GW structure above & below NGV
Rayleigh lidar	Temperature profiles • $\pm 2-8$ K, $\Delta z \sim 2$ km, 20s integration ( $\Delta x \sim 5$ km) aerosol (PSC) backscatter • $\Delta z \sim 0.5-1$ km	$T \sim 30-50$ km PSC $\sim 20-30$ km	GW structure GW-induced PSCs
Sodium (Na) resonance lidar	Na densities, temperature • $\pm 1-3$ K, $\Delta z \sim 3-5$ km, 20s int. ( $\Delta x \sim 5$ km) vertical wind • $\pm 1-3$ m/s, $\Delta z \sim 3-5$ km, 20 s int. ( $\Delta x \sim 5$ km)	$\sim 15-30$ km $\sim 84-96$ km	GW structure
Mesospheric Temperature Mapper (MTM)	All sky OH airglow and temperature • $\pm 2$ K, 5s integration ( $\Delta x \sim 1$ km)	$\sim 87$ km	Two-dimensional GW structure, propagation directions

Existing Facility Instruments

New Facility Instruments being developed for DEEPWAVE

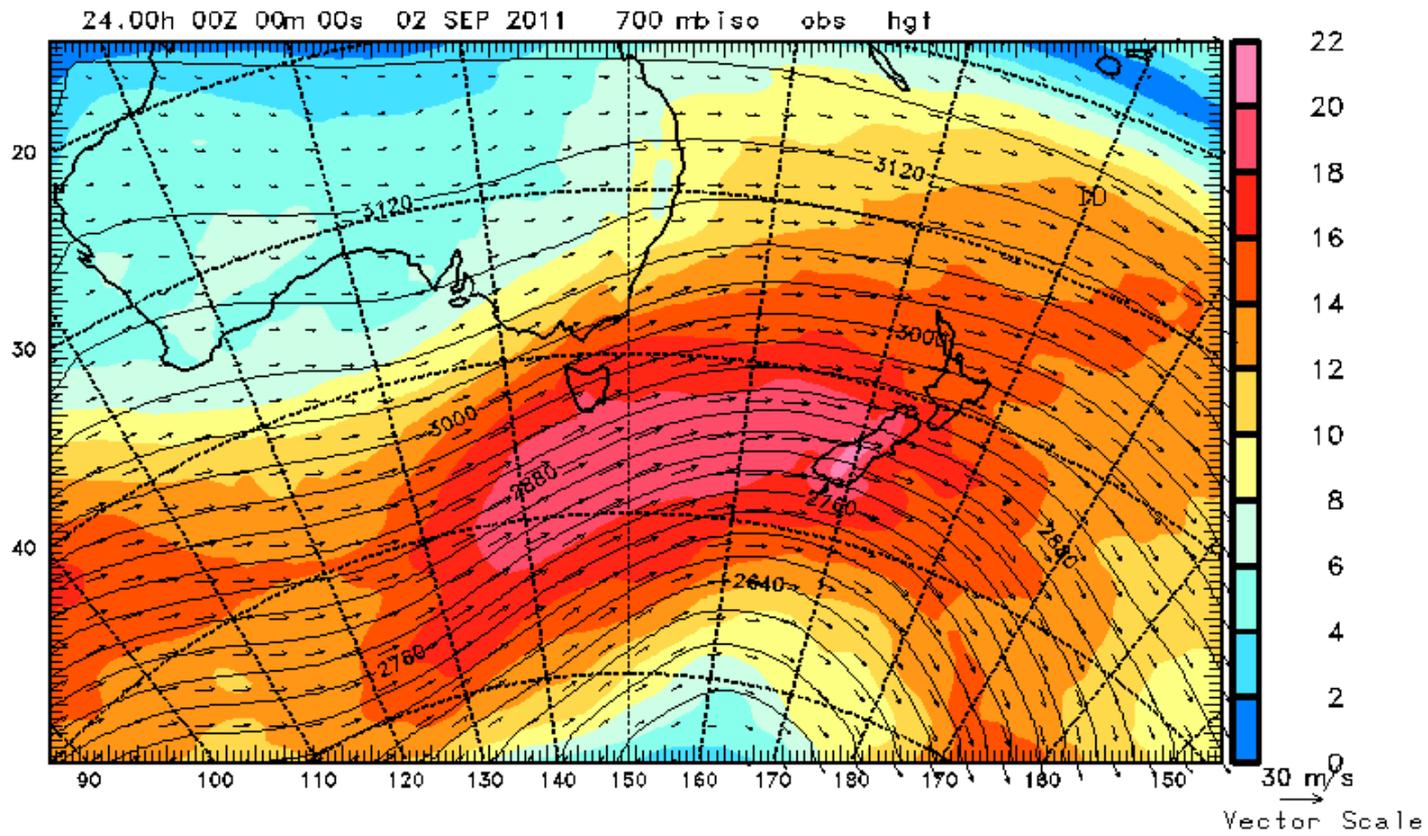
## **UV Rayleigh lidar characteristics**

- tripled Nd:YLF laser**
- 4.6 W at 351 nm, 1 kHz pulse repetition rate**
- eye safe after expansion to 20 mm prior to AC exit,  
invisible, no distraction to pilots**
- FAA has approved this laser for the February 2013 flight test**

## **Na resonance lidar characteristics**

- narrowband Toptical DL seed laser, Raman fiber amplifier**
- 14 W CW at 589 nm**
- amplitude modulation for “pulsed” operations**
- CW scanning over  $\sim 1.5^\circ$  with 32-channel detector for  
effective 32-beam “pulsed” operations**
- not eye safe, but can be turned off guided by onboard Traffic Collision  
Avoidance System: TCAS 2000 (ACAS II/Change7); also anticipate  
operations only at altitudes  $> 40,000$  ft**

# 700-mb Wind Speed, Geopotential Height 24-h Forecasts June-July 2010-2011 NZ Mountain Crest Speeds > 15 m/s



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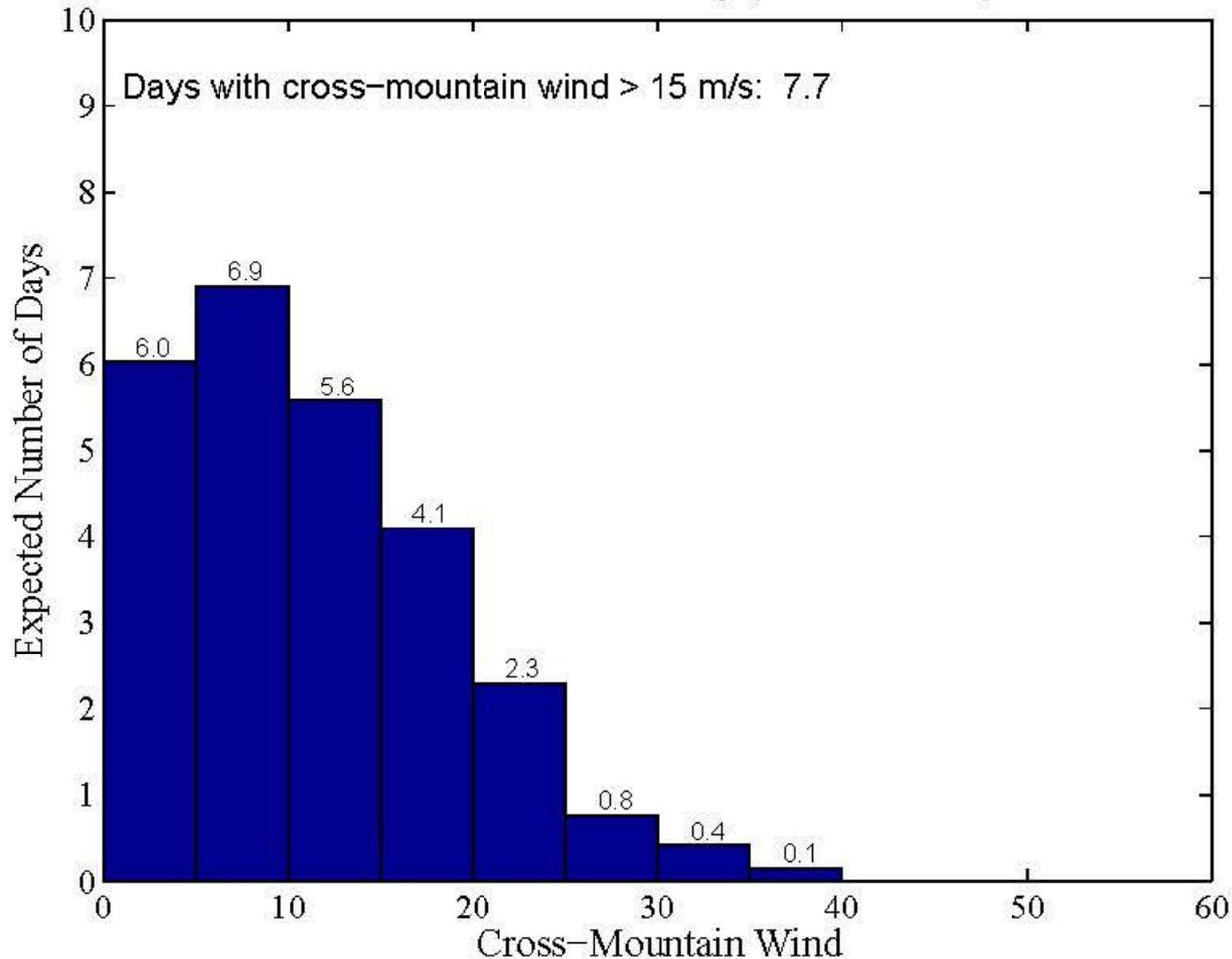
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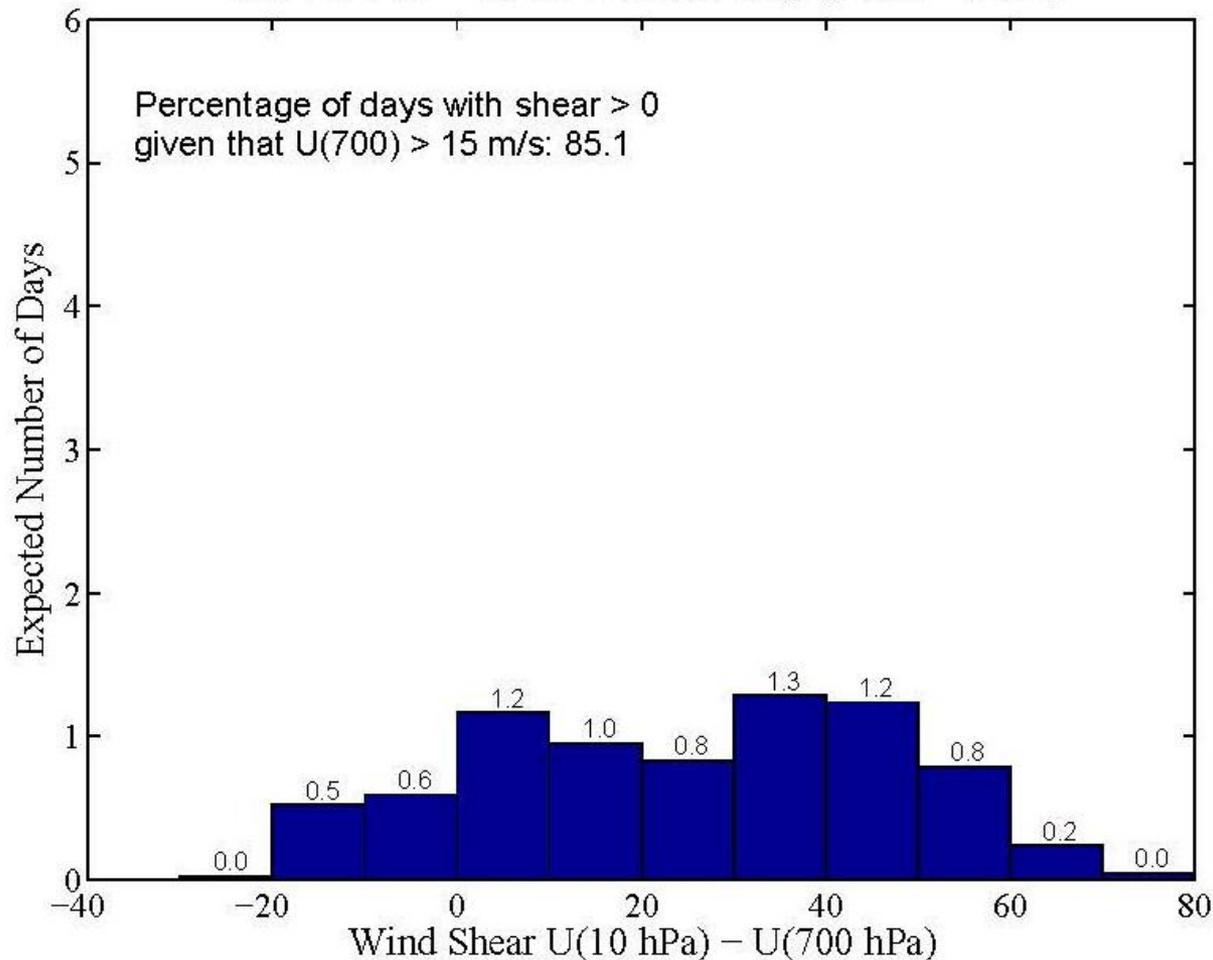


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Wind Shear (700-10 mb)  $> 0$   
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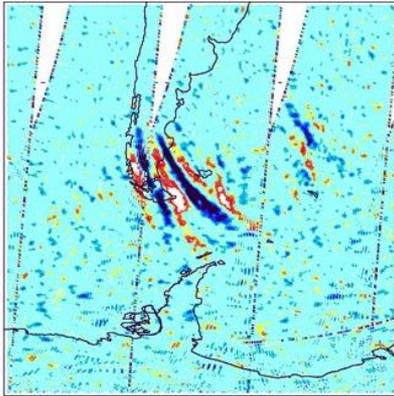
YMHB : 700 – 10 hPa shear: July (1991 – 2011)



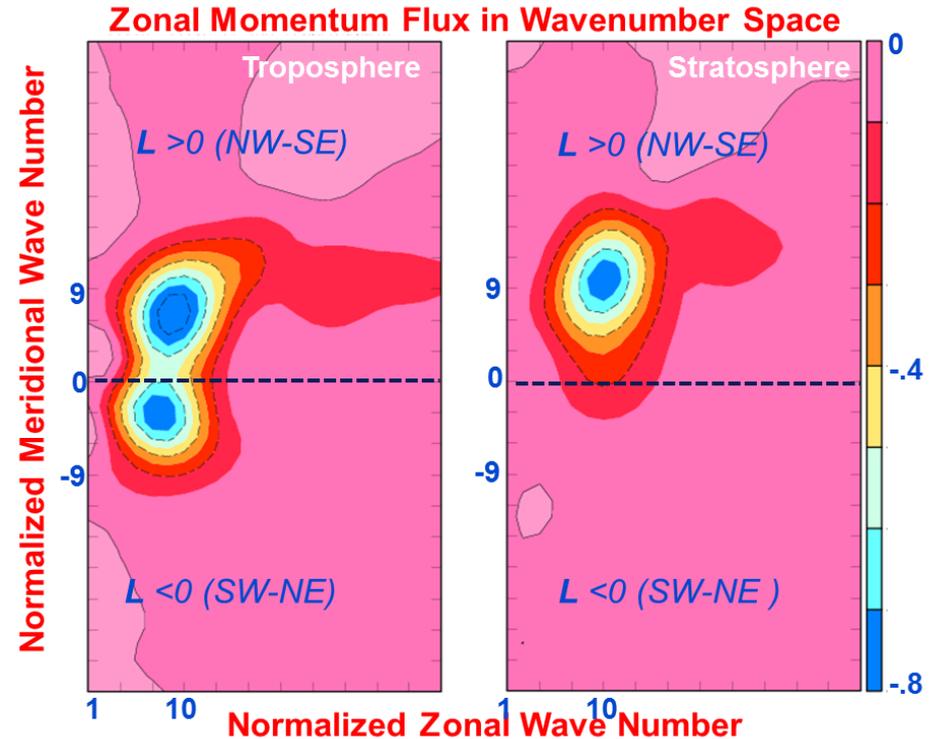
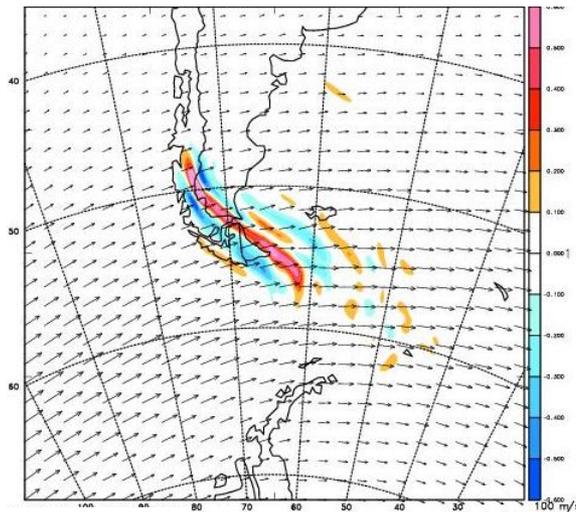
# Gravity Waves in a Sheared Flow

## Gravity-Wave Evolution over S. Andes; 8-9 August 2010

AIRS: 30 hPa



COAMPS: 30 hPa

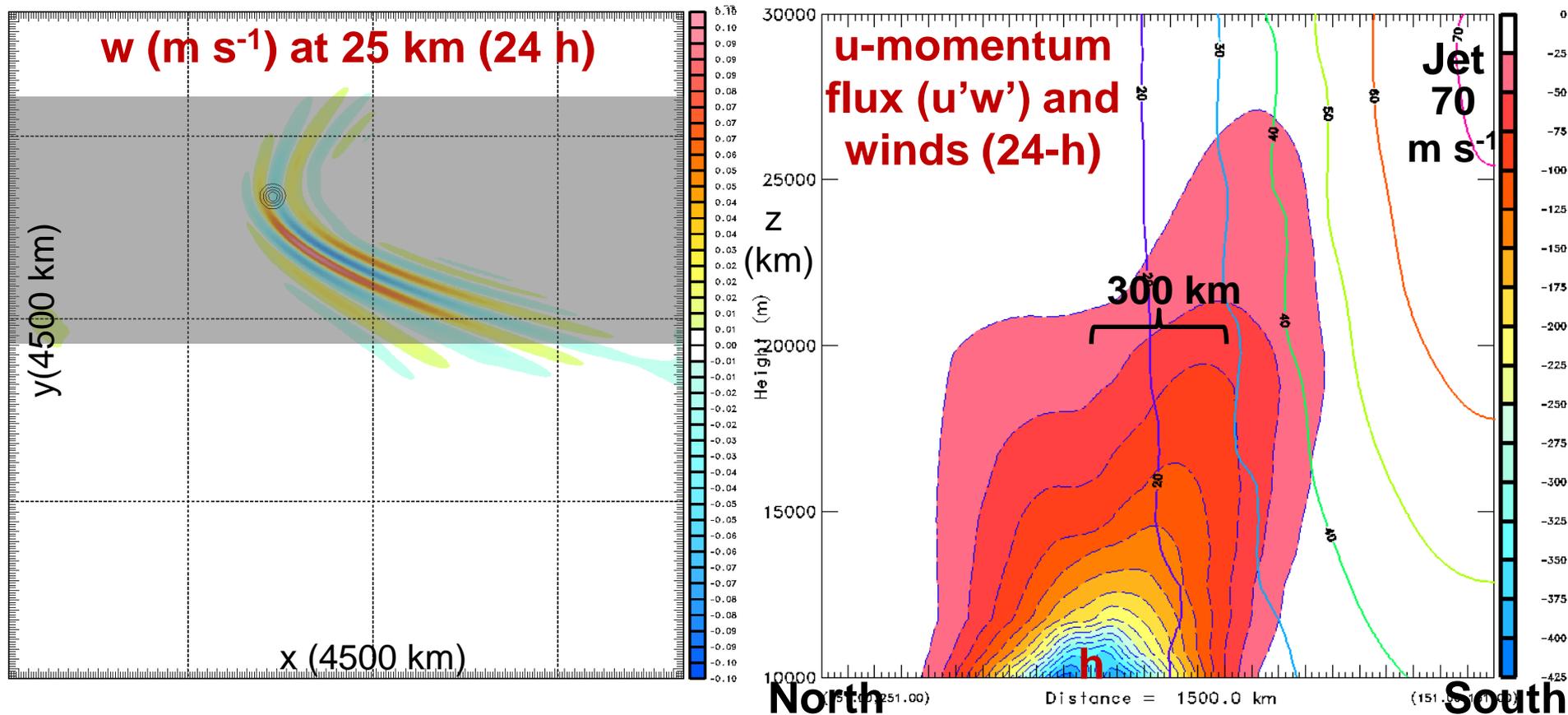


- GWs from S. Andes extend > 2000 km to SE.
- Momentum flux in the troposphere includes:
  - NW-SE branch; propagates into stratosphere
  - SW-NE branch; critical level filtering

*Jiang, Doyle, Reinecke, Eckermann, Smith (JAS 2012, submitted)*

# Gravity Waves in a Sheared Flow

## Idealized Shear Experiments



- Idealized simulations of gravity waves in horizontal shear ( $\Delta x=15$  km)
- Deep jet (similar to SH) is balanced initially, located to south of terrain.
- Flow over Gaussian hill leads to vertically propagating waves that are refracted by the horizontal shear in the stratosphere.
- Zonal momentum flux in the stratosphere shows refraction due to shear.