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Fig. 1.7. Cloud-to-ground lightning detected by the National Lightning Detection Network (NLDN) (number of strikes per 40 km by 40 km grid square per 3 h): (a) 0000–0300 UTC 10 Nov, (c) 1200–1500 UTC 10 Nov, and (e) 0000–0300 UTC 11 Nov 1998. Soundings are shown highlighting the 10° and 20°C isotherms (thick dashed diagonal lines), wind (one pennant, full barb, and half barb denote 25, 5, and 2.5 m s^{-1} , respectively), and the path of the most-unstable parcel (thick solid gray line): (b) 0000 UTC 10 Nov at Norman, OK; (d) 1200 UTC 10 Nov at Wilmington, OH; and (f) 0000 UTC 11 Nov at Pittsburgh, PA [from van den Broeke et al. (2005)].

Fig. 1.8. Idealized schematic of the 4 Feb 1984 strong wind episode in the Northern Plains. Surface features are moving southeast. Thick dashed lines are isallobars with pressure rise–fall centers marked by +/- signs. Tubular arrows depict relative flow originating at low and high levels. The X represents a midlevel vorticity maximum. Surface anticyclones have an isentropic surface to represent the domelike structure of the air masses. Scalloped lines show associated clouds [from Kapela et al. (1995)].

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Fig. 4.1 The conceptual models depicting the mechanisms responsible for the production of high surface winds for the (a) 17 February 2006 and (b) 15–16 April 2007 events. For both, MSLP is indicated by the solid black contours, potential instability is shaded in orange, 12-h centered mean sea level pressure change [hPa (12 h)^{-1} , dashed; increasing indicated in red, decreasing indicated in blue], regions of warm advection (WAA) and cold advection (CAA) are indicated by the blue and red shaded regions, respectively, and the location of the dry-air intrusion is indicated by the (a) gray shading and (b) gray arrow. The stars denote the locations where high winds occurred. The red and blue arrows represent streamlines at the surface and at 900 hPa, respectively. Frontogenesis is indicated as frontal forcing along the cold front in (a) and is indicated by the purple shading in (b).