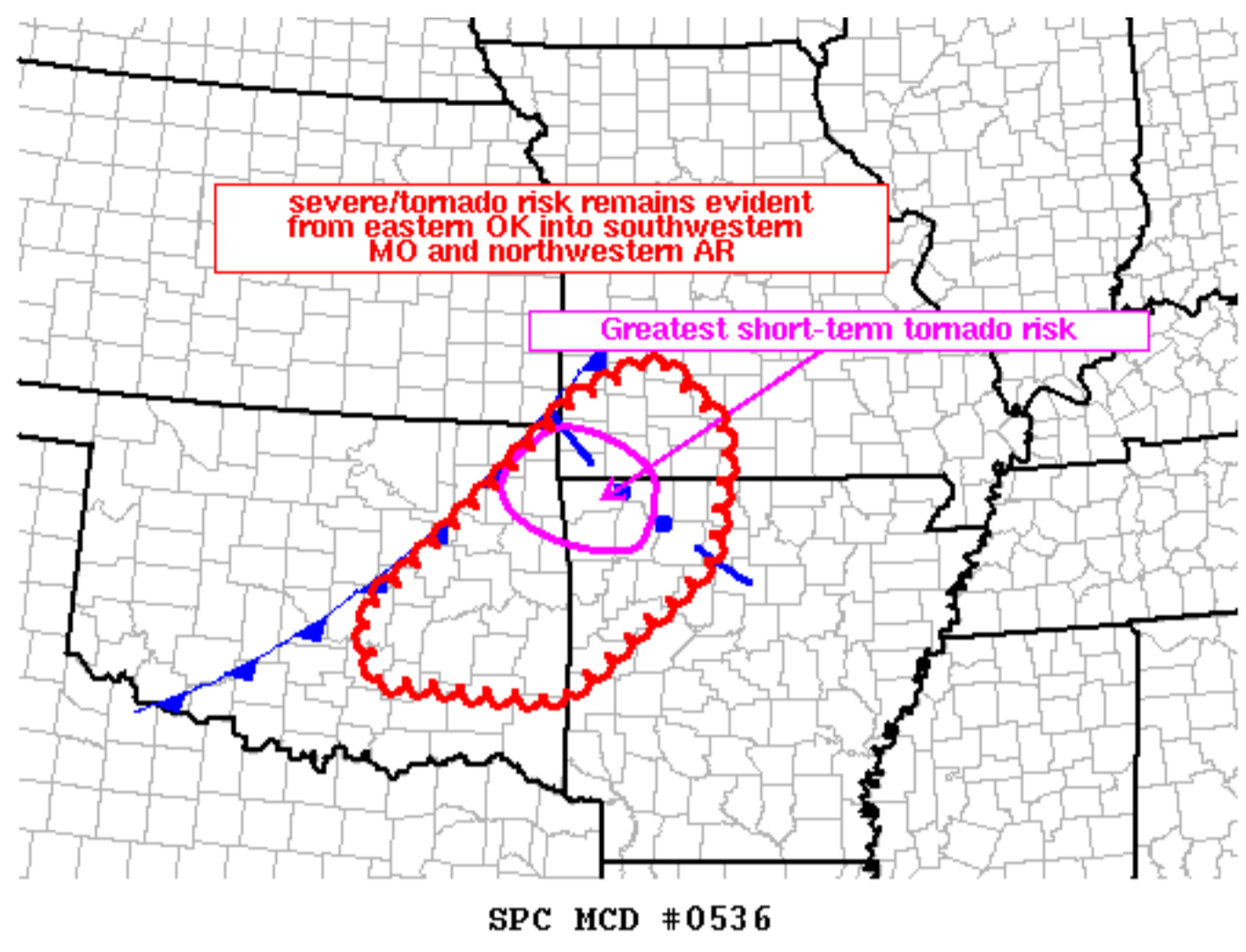


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Mesoscale Discussion 0536  
NWS Storm Prediction Center Norman OK  
0642 PM CDT Mon May 04 2020

Areas affected...eastern Oklahoma...southwestern Missouri...and  
northwestern Arkansas

Concerning...Tornado Watch 163...

Valid 042342Z - 050145Z

The severe weather threat for Tornado Watch 163 continues.

SUMMARY...Severe/tornado risk remains evident across Tornado Watch  
163, with greatest short-term tornado potential indicated within a  
small corridor near the OK/MO/AR border intersection.

DISCUSSION...Latest radar loop indicates a broken band of supercell  
storms ongoing near the advancing surface cold front, from  
southwestern Missouri to south-central Oklahoma. The airmass ahead  
of this band remains moderately unstable, with mid 60s dewpoints  
beneath very steep lapse rates aloft yielding 3000 to 4000 J/kg  
mixed-layer CAPE.

While deep-layer shear -- owing to veering/increasing flow with  
height -- is favorable for strongly rotating updrafts given the  
thermodynamic environment, low-level shear remains somewhat weak in  
most areas. As such, the main risk remains very large hail, and  
locally damaging RFD outflow winds.

However, a locally enhanced area for tornado potential over the next  
1-2 hours appears to exist across far northeastern OK, far  
southwestern MO, and into northwestern AR. Here, a  
northwest-to-southeast outflow boundary is evident, and it appears  
that a supercell now moving southeastward into McDonald County  
Missouri may move along this boundary -- and the associated zone of  
enhanced vorticity. If this occurs, this storm -- or another cell  
or two just to the southwest -- may pose locally greater tornado  
potential within the narrow corridor in the vicinity of the  
boundary.

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