



## Part 2

# Aircraft-based Observations

NSF C-130  
CIRPAS Twin Otter  
FAAM BAe146 UK  
NEC Dornier 2028

# NSF C-130 Platform Report

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## MISSIONS

### (a) 20°S Cross-Sections [4 full missions+5 partial missions]

- to characterize structure of MBL, aerosols, clouds along the 20°S parallel from 72-85°W
- collaborative (RHB, BAe-146, Do-228, G-1)

### (b) POC Drift missions [5 missions including 1 POC Lagrangian with BAe-146]

- investigate structure of boundary between closed and open cellular stratocumulus

### (c) Pollution Surveys [2 missions total]

- coast-parallel surveys to 30°S to study how pollutants are transported into the MBL

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## INSTRUMENTS

### RAF instruments:

Microphysics, Turbulence, Thermodynamics suite, Radiation

### Special Remote sensing:

Wyoming Cloud Radar (zenith+nadir+slant), Cloud Lidar (zenith), Microwave radiometer (GVR, 183 GHz, zenith)

### Special Chemistry/aerosols/clouds:

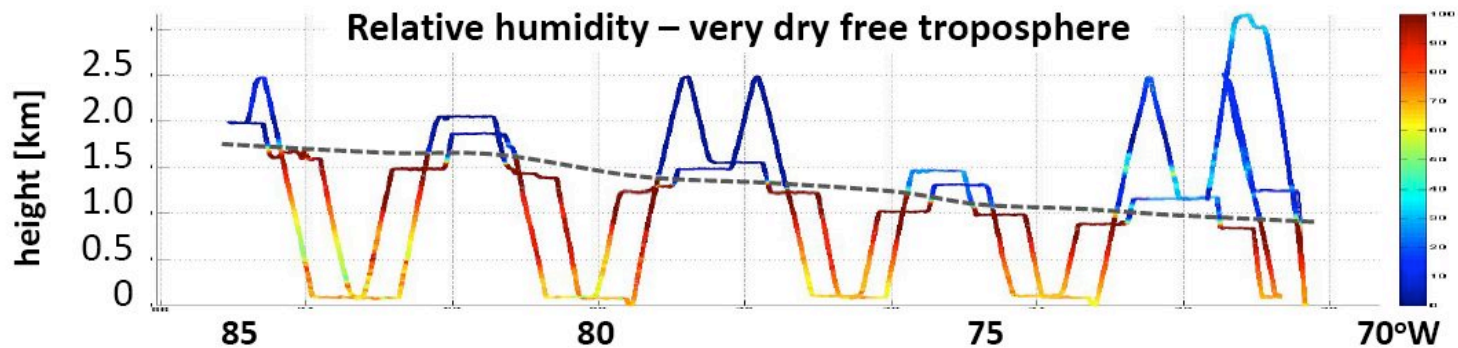
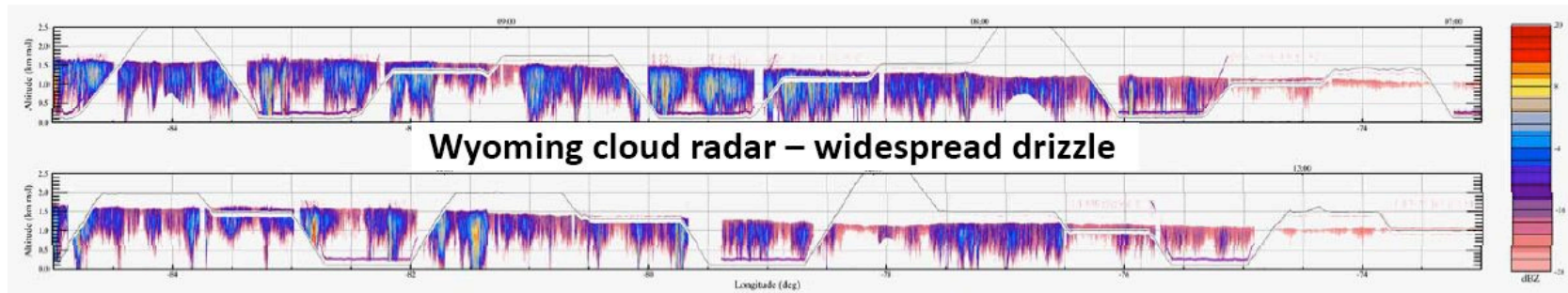
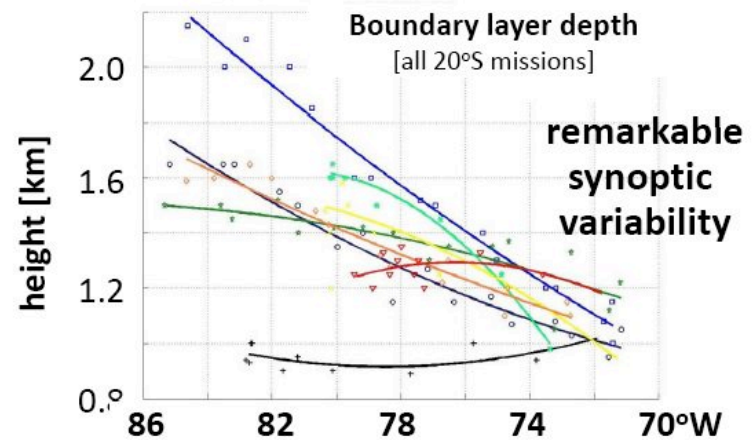
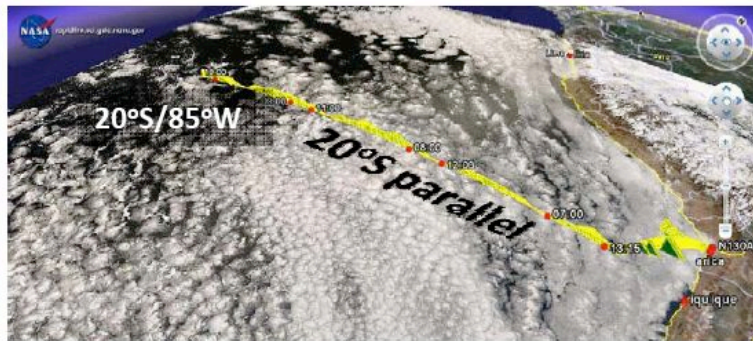
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# NSF C-130 Payload



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# 20°S Missions



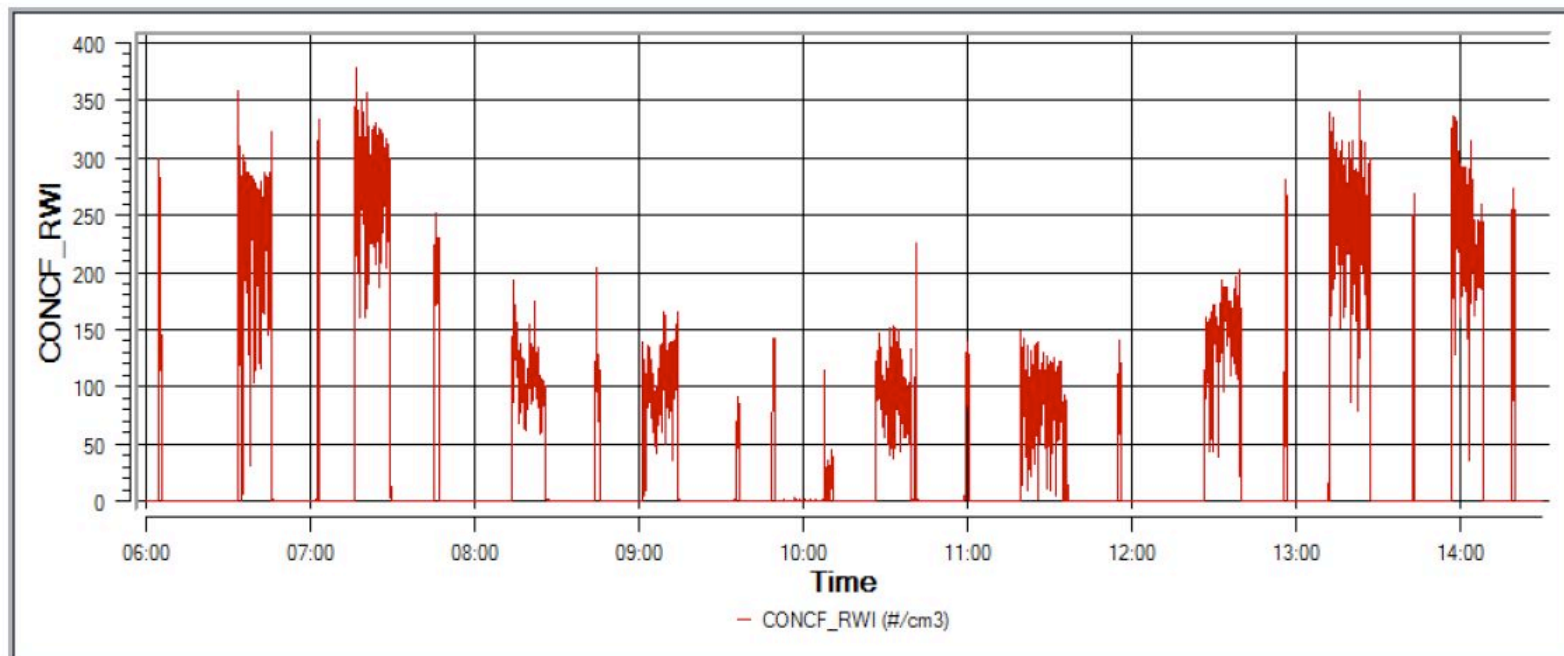
# RF03 Cloud droplet number concentration

## Transition from Polluted to Clean Clouds and Back

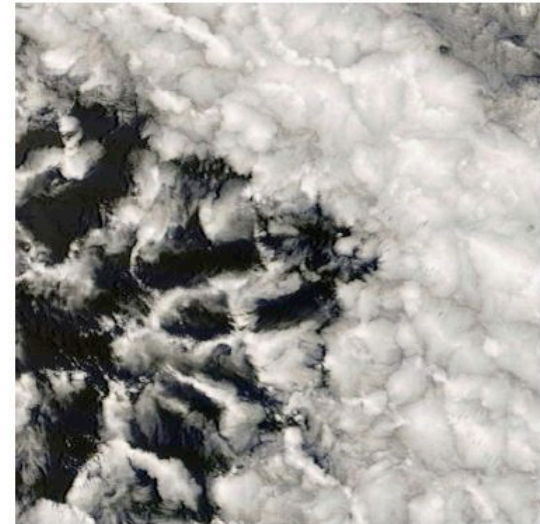
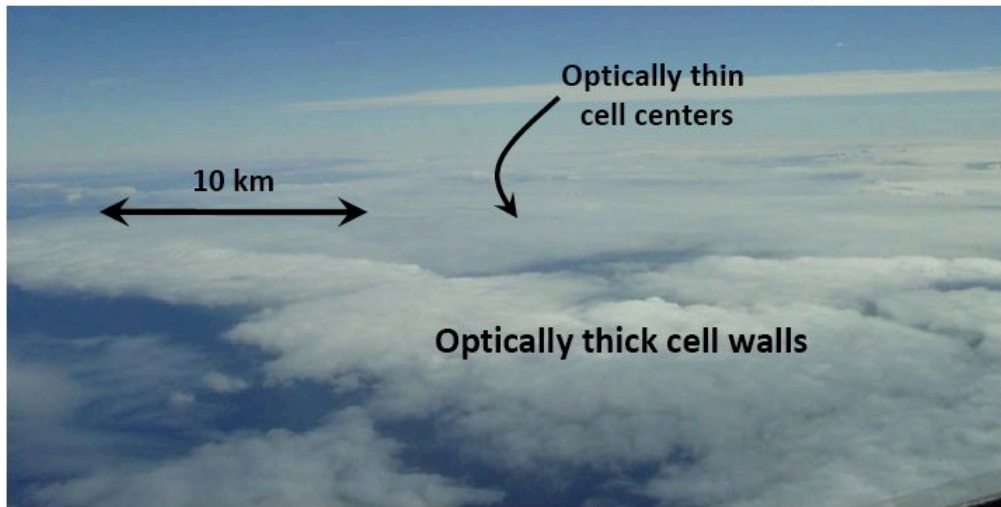
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85°W

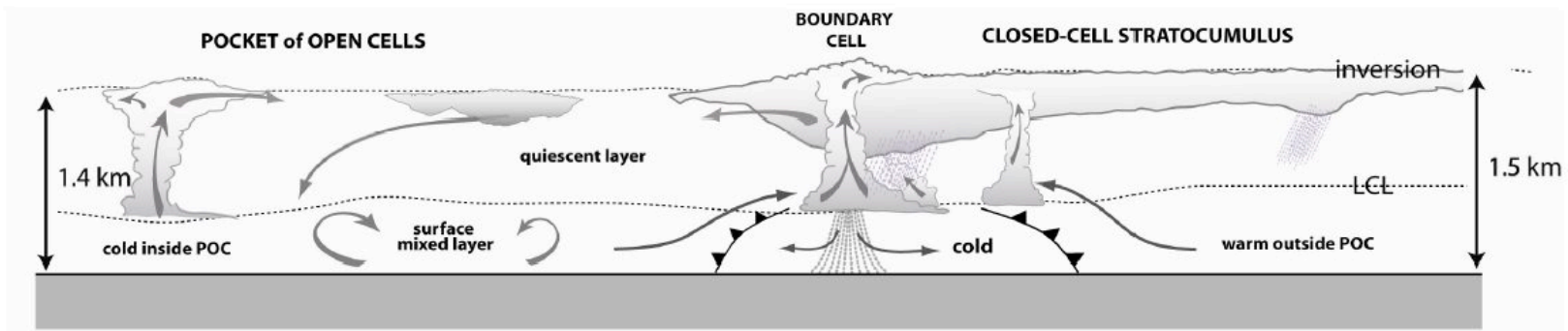
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# POC Missions

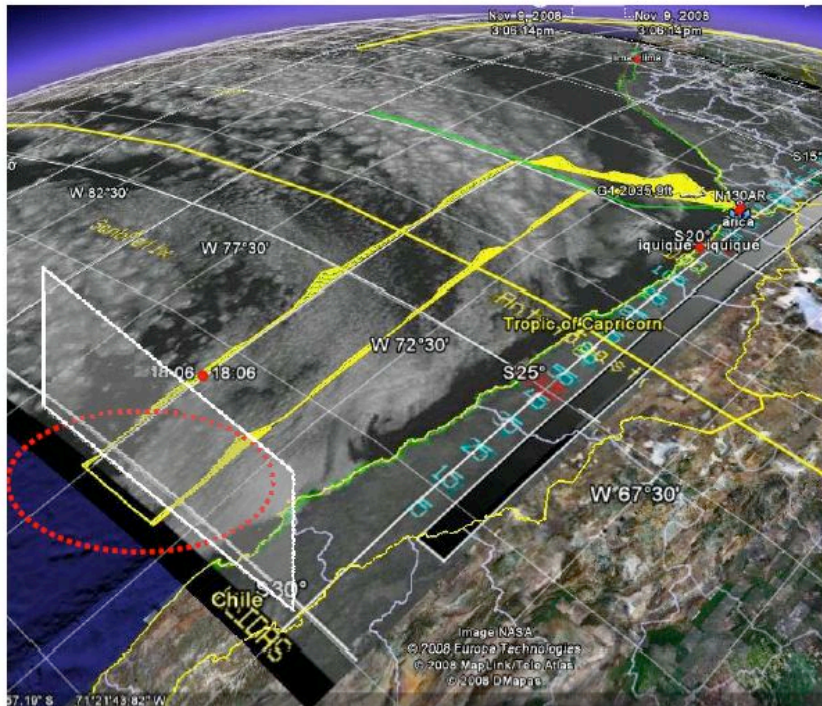


- Lowest CN concentration ever measured
- Remarkable contrasts in microphysics and cloud dynamics across POC boundary [aerosols, drizzle, cloud structure and morphology, CO and O<sub>3</sub>]
- Ultraclean clouds in optically-thin cloud centers
- Quasi-linear boundary cells with copious drizzle scavenge aerosols

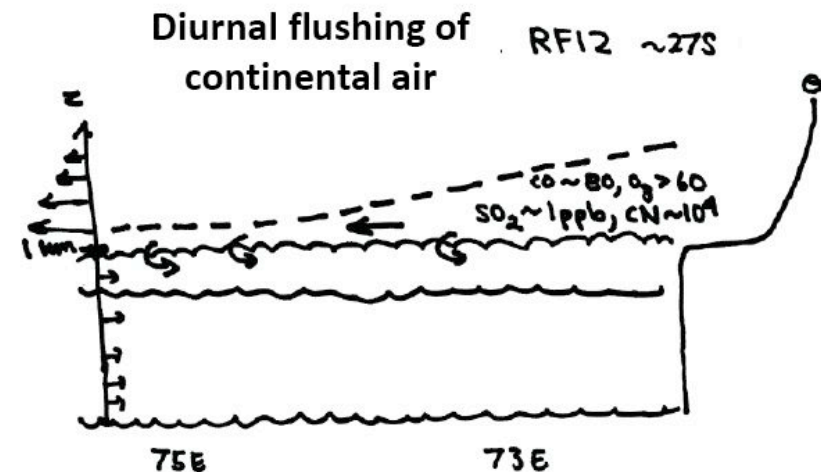
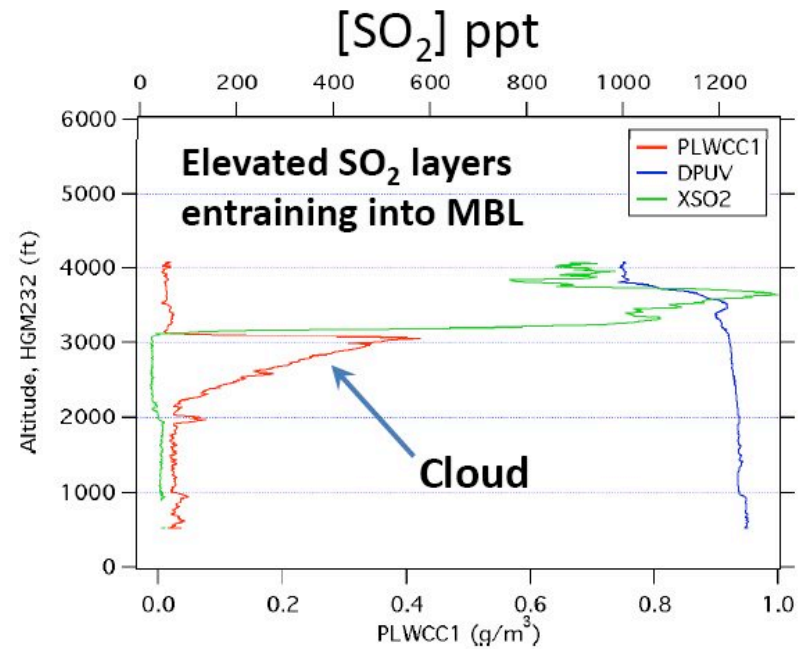


# Pollution survey missions

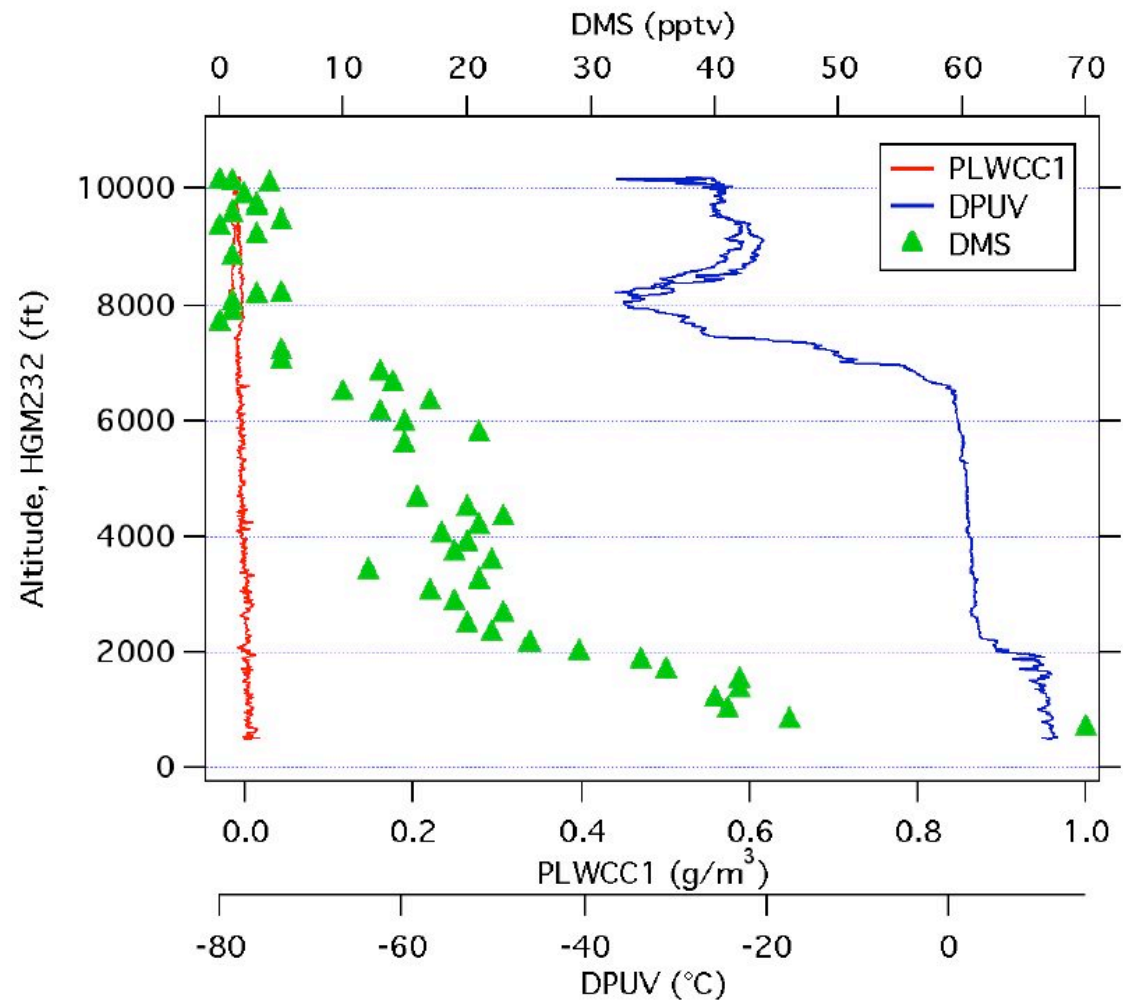
RF12, November 11<sup>th</sup> 2008



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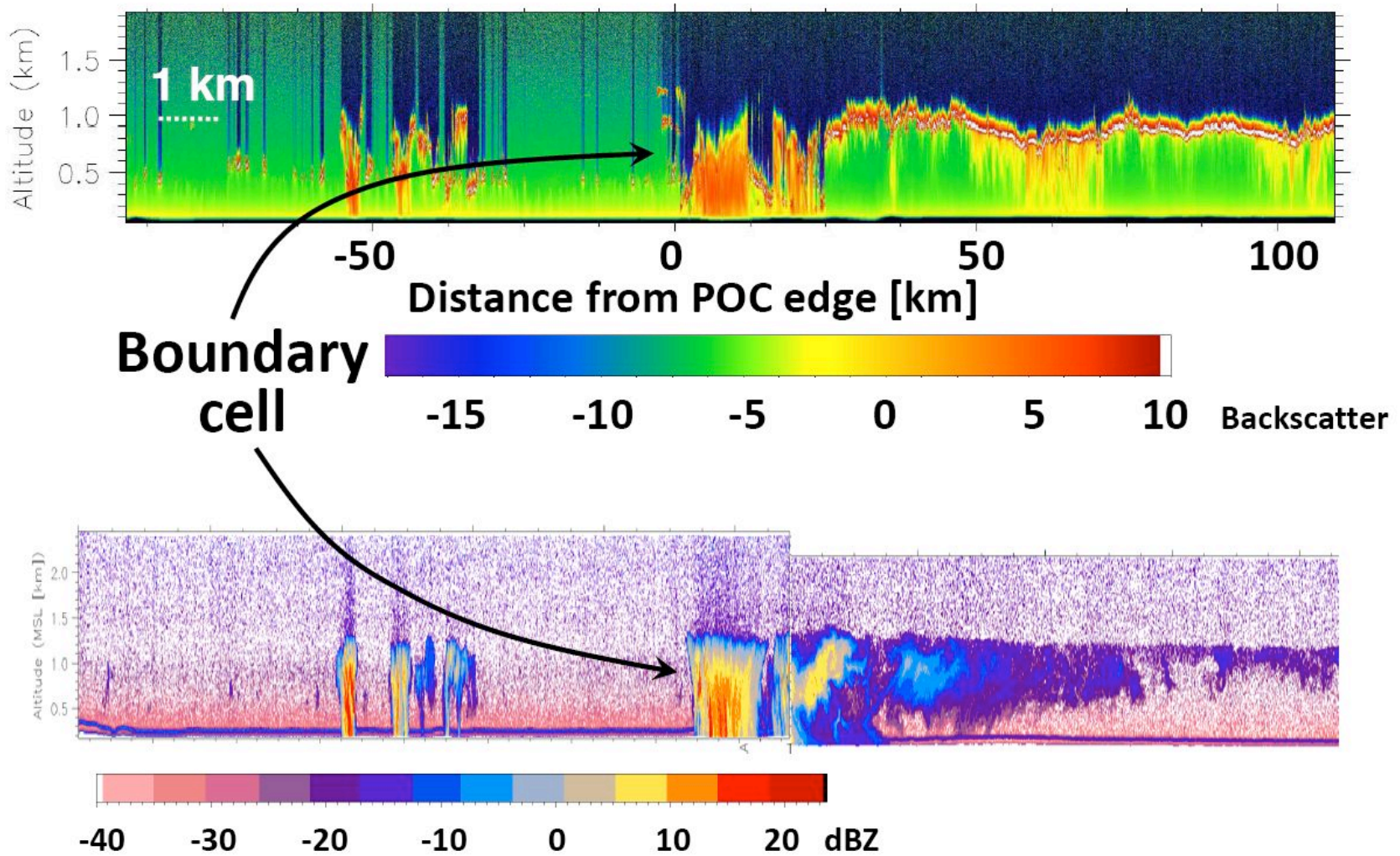


# DMS Profiles RF04



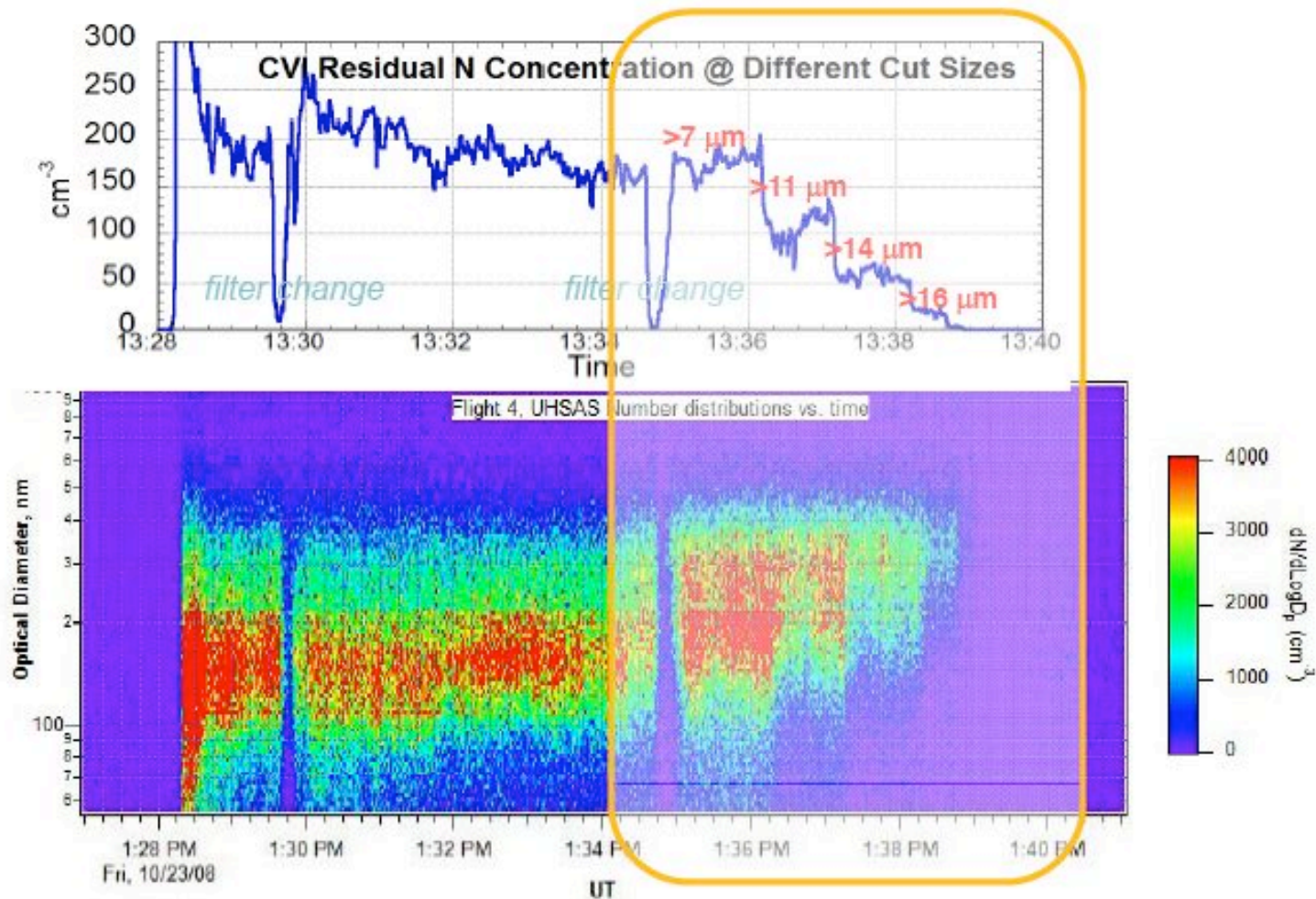


# Wyoming cloud lidar (top) and radar (bottom)



# Which Nuclei form Largest Drops?

Important for understanding droplet activation and drizzle formation



# Measuring microphysical, chemical and optical properties of aerosols aboard the NCAR/NSF C-130 during VOCALS

*Studying size-resolved aerosol cloud interactions and CCN physio-chemistry*

University of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Group for Environments Aerosol Research  
School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology  
A. Clarke, S. Howell, C. McNaughton, S. Freitag, L. Shank and V. Kapustin



*Drizzle in RF07 POC*

### Condensation Nuclei Counters (CNC's)

- Total particle number  $> 0.010 \mu\text{m}$
- Refractory particle number  $> 0.01 \mu\text{m}$
- Total particle number  $> 0.003 \mu\text{m}$

### Differential Mobility Analyzer (long-DMA & tandem-DMA)

- thermally resolved,  $D_p = 0.01 - 0.20 \mu\text{m}$
- $D_p = 0.01 - 0.50 \mu\text{m}$

### Optical Particle Counter (OPC)

- thermally resolved
- $D_p = 0.1 - 10.0 \mu\text{m}$

### Aerodynamic Particle Sizer (APS)

- $D_p = 0.7 - 20.0 \mu\text{m}$

### Aerodyne ToF-AMS – S. Howell & L. Shank

- Volatile aerosol chemistry
- SO<sub>4</sub>, NO<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>4</sub>, Organics

### Black Carbon Mass – S. Freitag

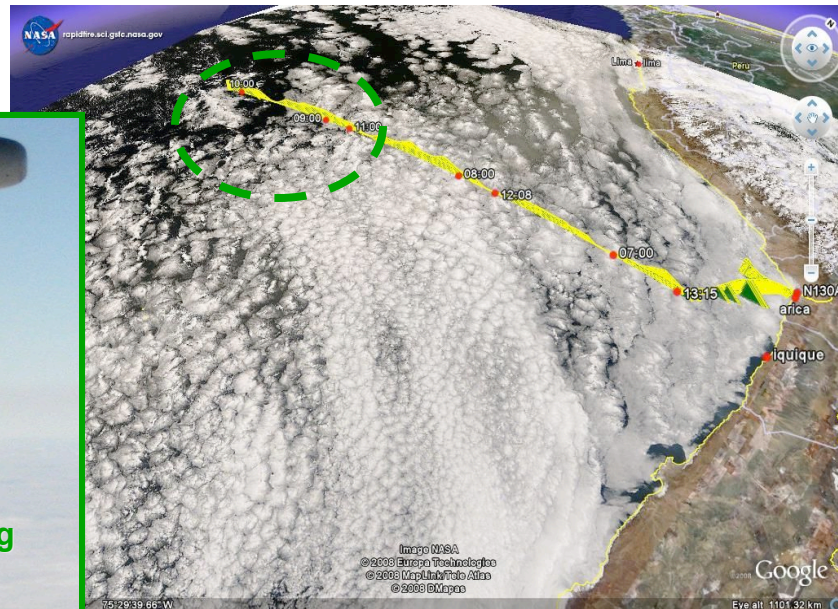
- DMT SP2
- $D_p \sim 0.1 - 0.50 \mu\text{m}$

### Light Scattering & Absorption

- TSI Nephelometer –  $\lambda=450, 550, 700 \text{ nm}$
- 2 RR PSAP's –  $\lambda=470, 530, 670 \text{ nm}$

### F(RH) at 550 nm

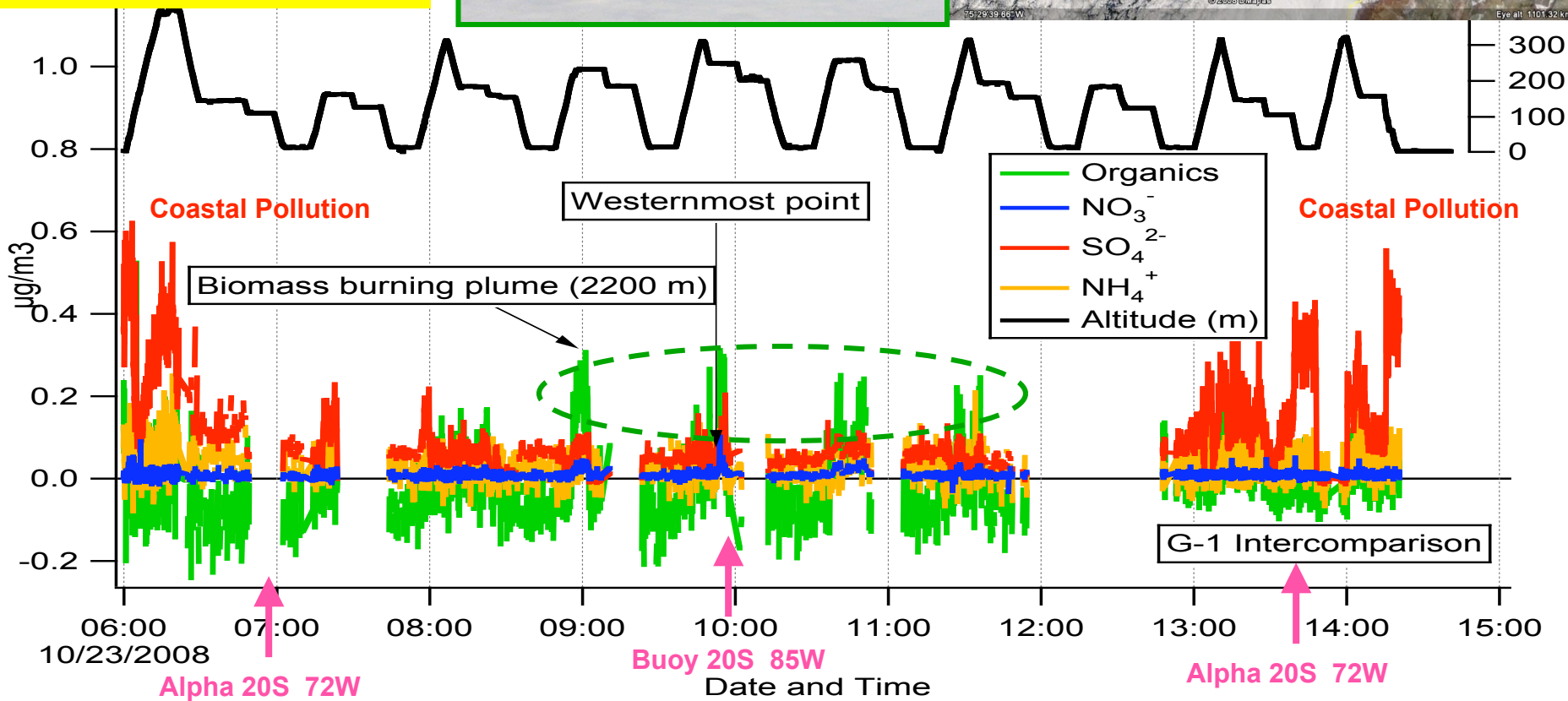
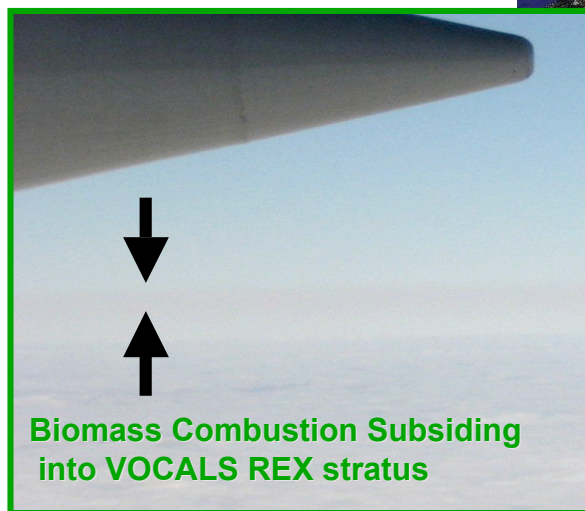
- parallel 1- $\lambda$  Radiance Research Nephelometers
- RH = 80% (+/-5%) and  $< 20\%$



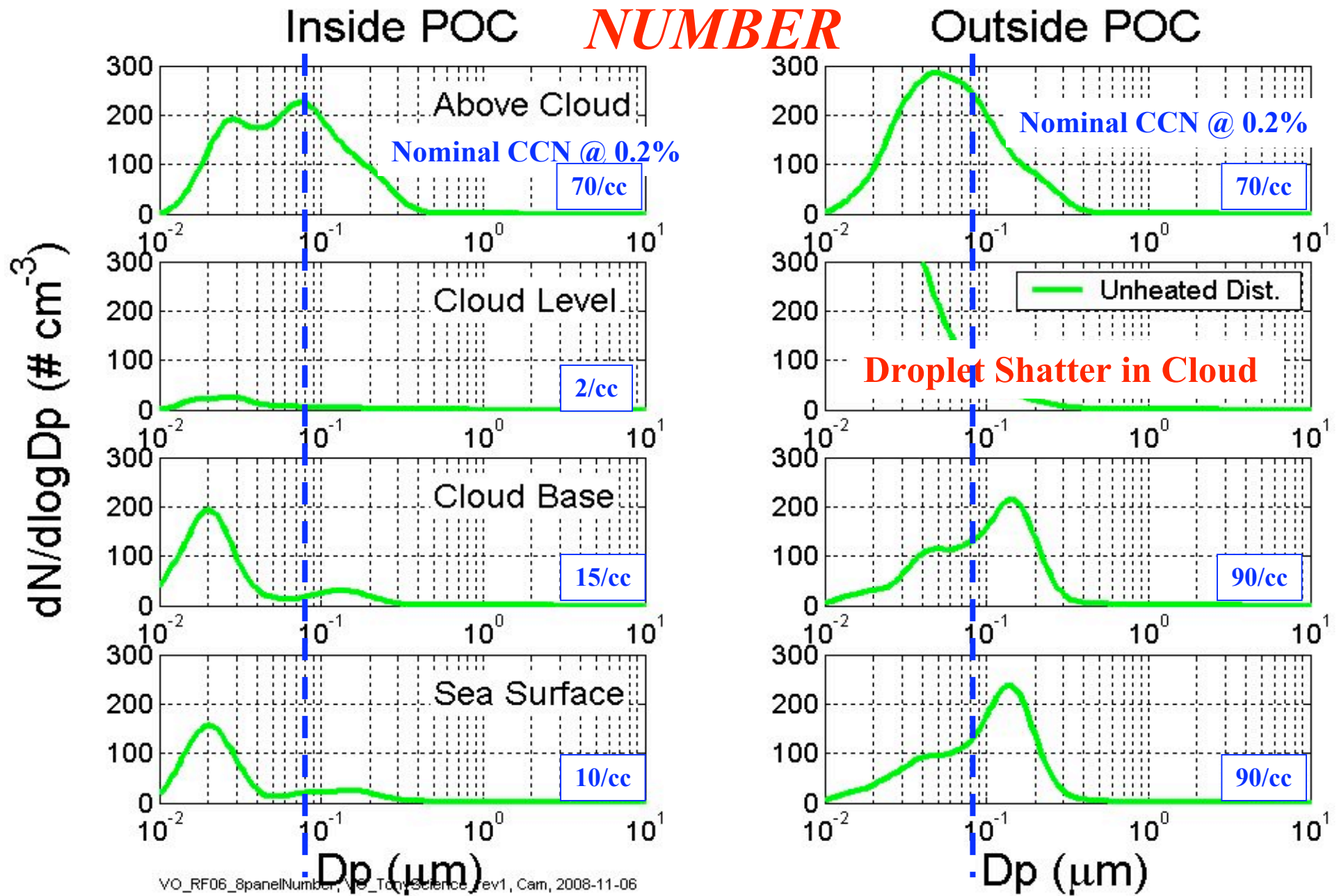
**Aerosol Mass Spectrometry Preliminary Data**

Sulfate mass gradient between coast and buoy consistent with gradient in accumulation mode number and associated cloud droplet concentrations.

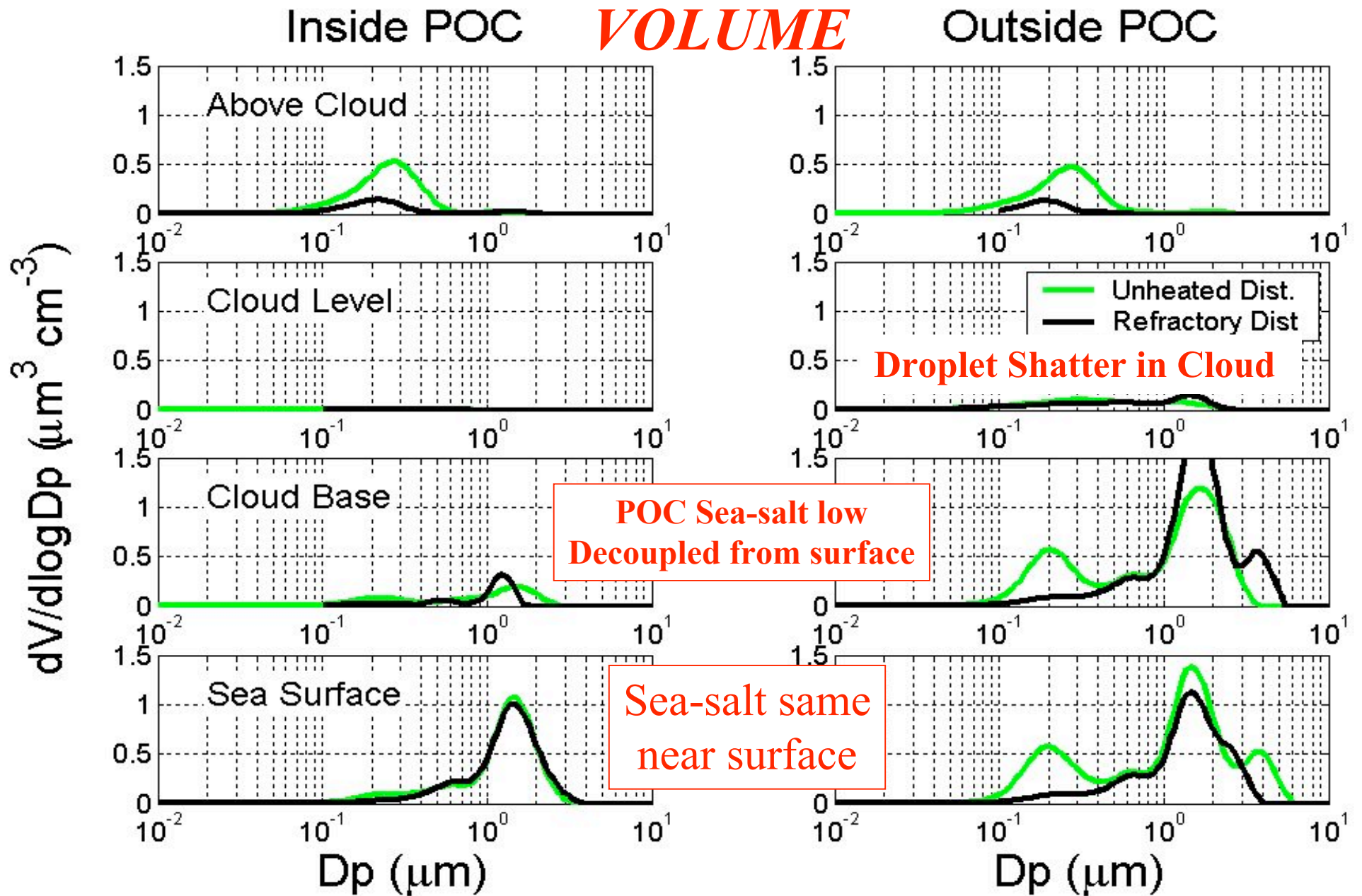
Enhanced organics (green) suggest biomass burning aloft.







**Comparisons of aerosol NUMBER distributions and estimated CN inside POC (left) and outside of POC under cloud (right) for four indicated altitudes.**

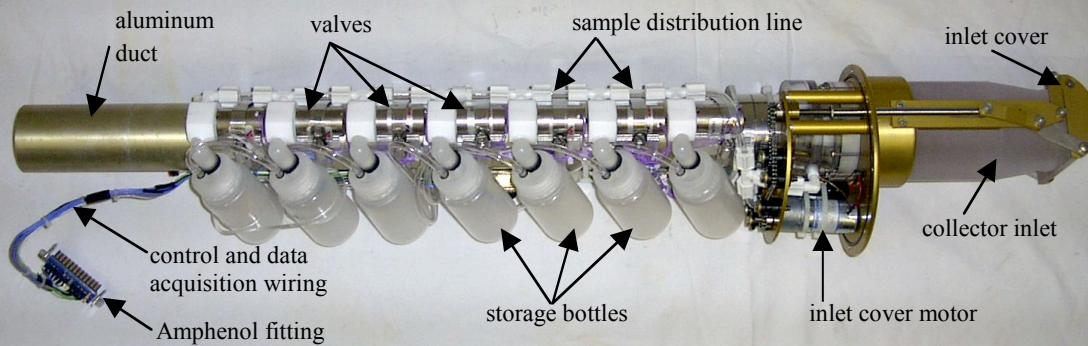
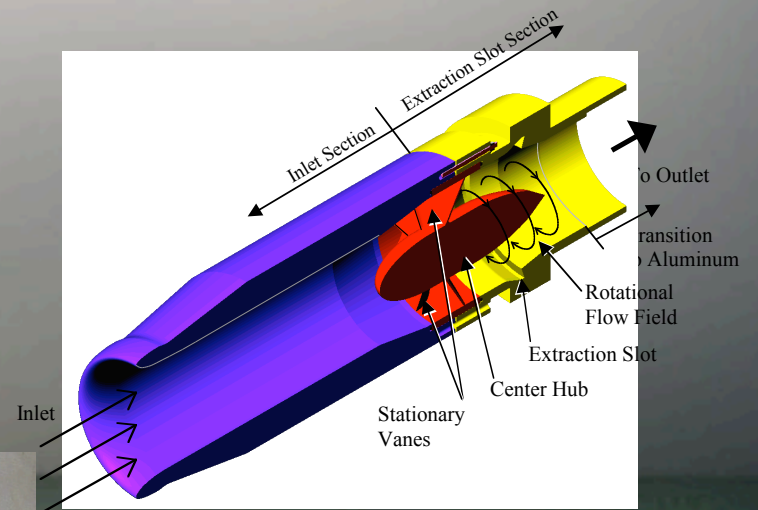


Comparisons of aerosol *VOLUME* distributions (Heated and unheated) inside POC (left) and outside of POC under cloud (right) for four indicated altitudes.

# VOCALS-Rex cloud chemistry measurements

Taehyoung Lee, Katherine Beem, and Jeffrey Collett  
Atmospheric Science Department  
Colorado State University

NCAR/CSU Airborne cloudwater collector



30 m/s inlet flow (based on 115 m/s aircraft speed)



# Summary of CSU cloudwater samples

## Cloudwater sample by species aliquot

Aliquot	pH	Ions	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	S(IV)	Metal	Organic acid	HCHO	TOC
Sample #	63	72	58	54	48	41	31	20
Duplicate sample#		6	3	3	3	3	3	

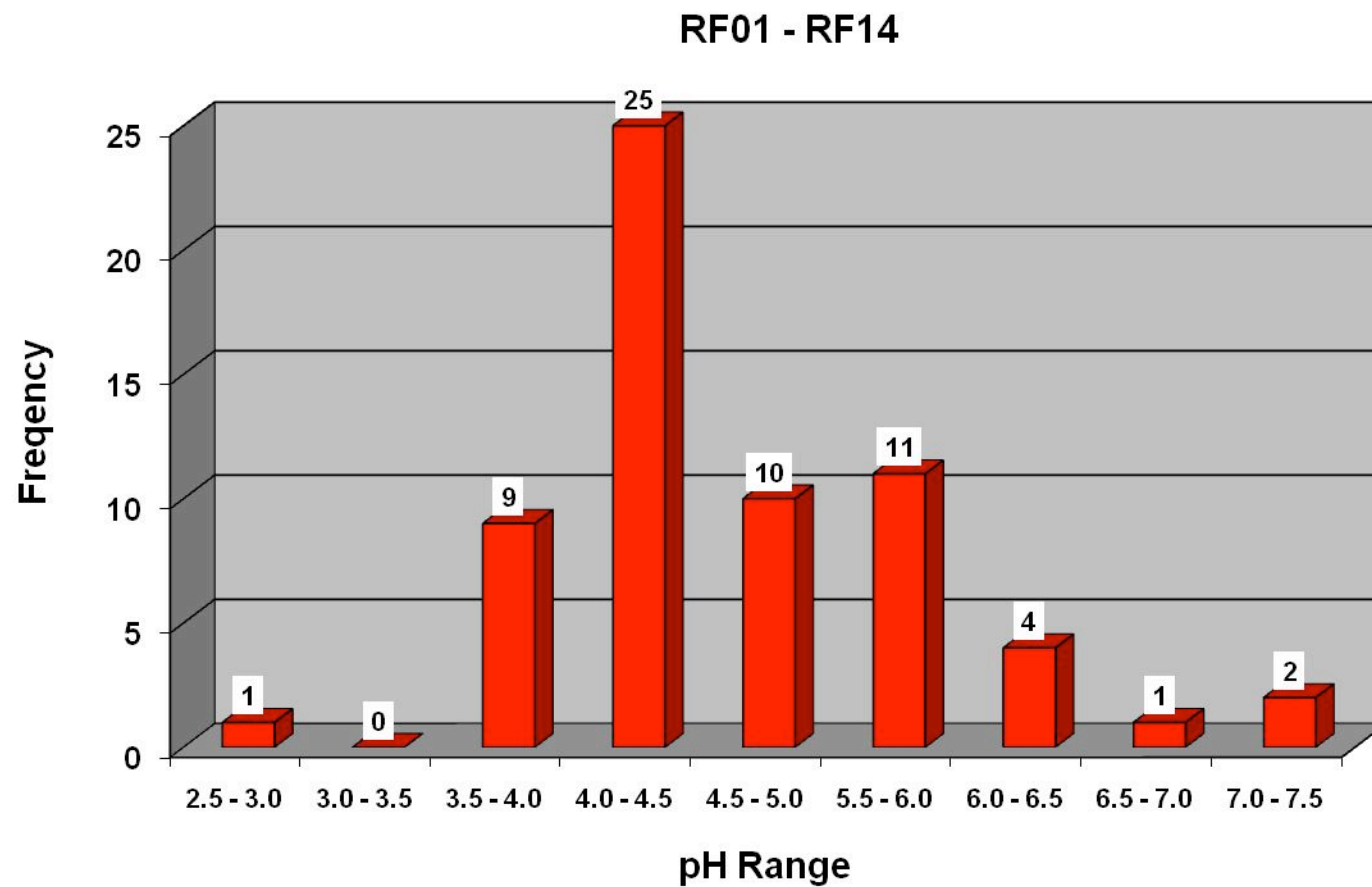
Note : The collected cloud water samples are immediately analyzed for pH on-site and derivatized to preserve unstable species

## Cloudwater sample by mission types

	Cross Section	POC	Non-POC	Mixed POC*	Sawtooth	Comparison
Sample #	48	6	5	2	3	Ron H. Brown (3) G1 (1) BAe 146 (2)

\* : Mixture of POC and Non-POC regions

# pH measurements of cloudwater



# The Team

- C-130 Ground and Air Crew
- NCAR Research Aviation Facility
- C-130 PIs and Instrument operators
- Mission scientists
- Operations center
- Field catalog support

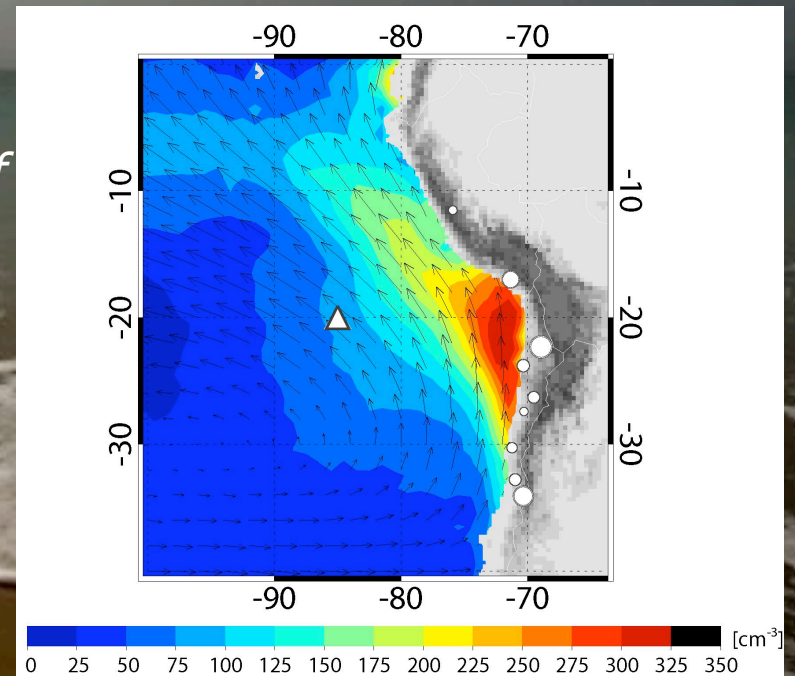


# VOCALS CIRPAS Twin Otter Scientific Objectives



*VOCALS--Hypothesis 1a: Variability in the physicochemical properties of aerosols has a measurable impact upon the formation of drizzle in stratocumulus clouds:*

- Aerosol-Cloud-Drizzle Interactions
  - Process Studies
  - Gradients and Variability in Clouds and Aerosols
- Coastal Processes
  - Diurnal Cycle
  - Stagnation Effects



# Twin Otter Instrumentation



Li-COR H<sub>2</sub>O/CO<sub>2</sub> Analyzer  
Closed path, (inside nose)

2 Rosemount total  
temperature probes

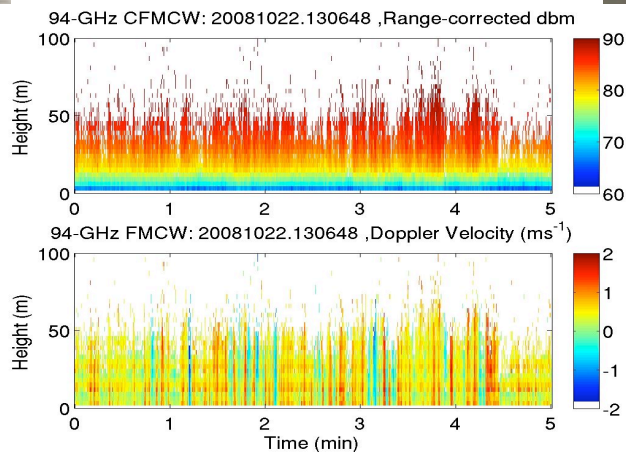


Air intake for LI-COR

Krypton fast Humidity

Research Pitot

5-port radome  
wind system



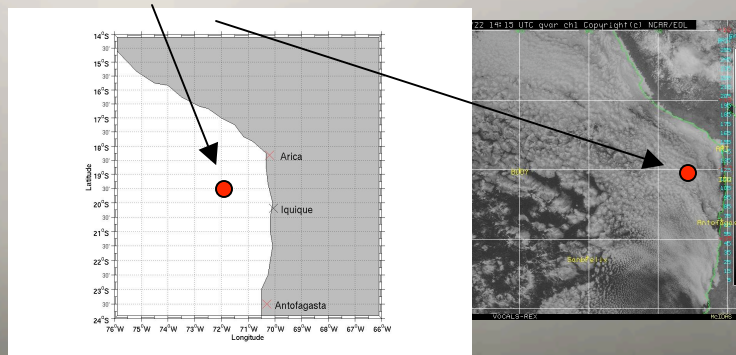
Instrument	Observations/Purpose
Standard met	Winds, temp, dewpoint, cloud liquid water, sfc temp
Turbulence Probes	High speed wind, temp, and moisture (Djamel Khelif)
94 GHz Doppler FMCW radar	Cloud properties; in-cloud turbulence
CPCs	Ultrafine aerosols
PCASP	Aerosols 0.1-3 $\mu$ m
FSSP	Clouds 2-40 $\mu$ m
CIP	Drizzle 25-1500 $\mu$ m
CCN-200	CCN (fast-2-point; slow-6 points)
Phased Doppler Interferometer (Patrick Chuang)	Cloud-drizzle 2-150 $\mu$ m
Photo-Acoustic Soot Spectrometer	Bulk soot absorption
SP2-Black Carbon; DMT	BC mass and ratio to total particles;



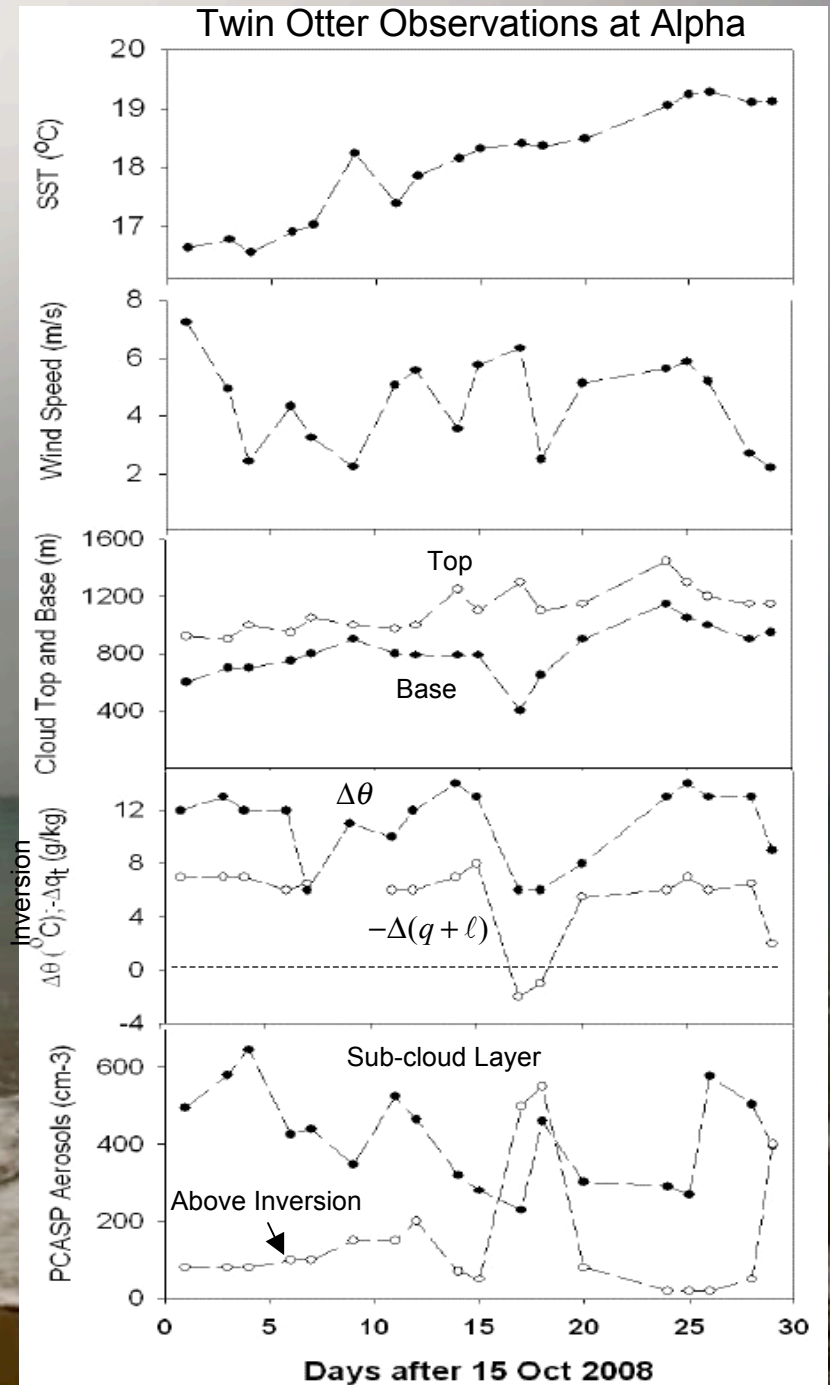
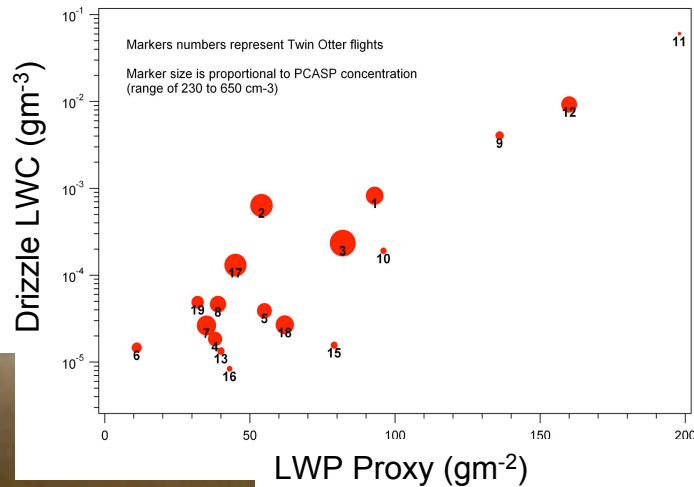
# VOCALS--Twin Otter Research Flights

19 flights (93 flight hours) from 16 Oct to 13 November 2008

Boundary layer, turbulence and microphysical measurements were made at Point Alpha (20°S; 72 °W) for all 19 flights.



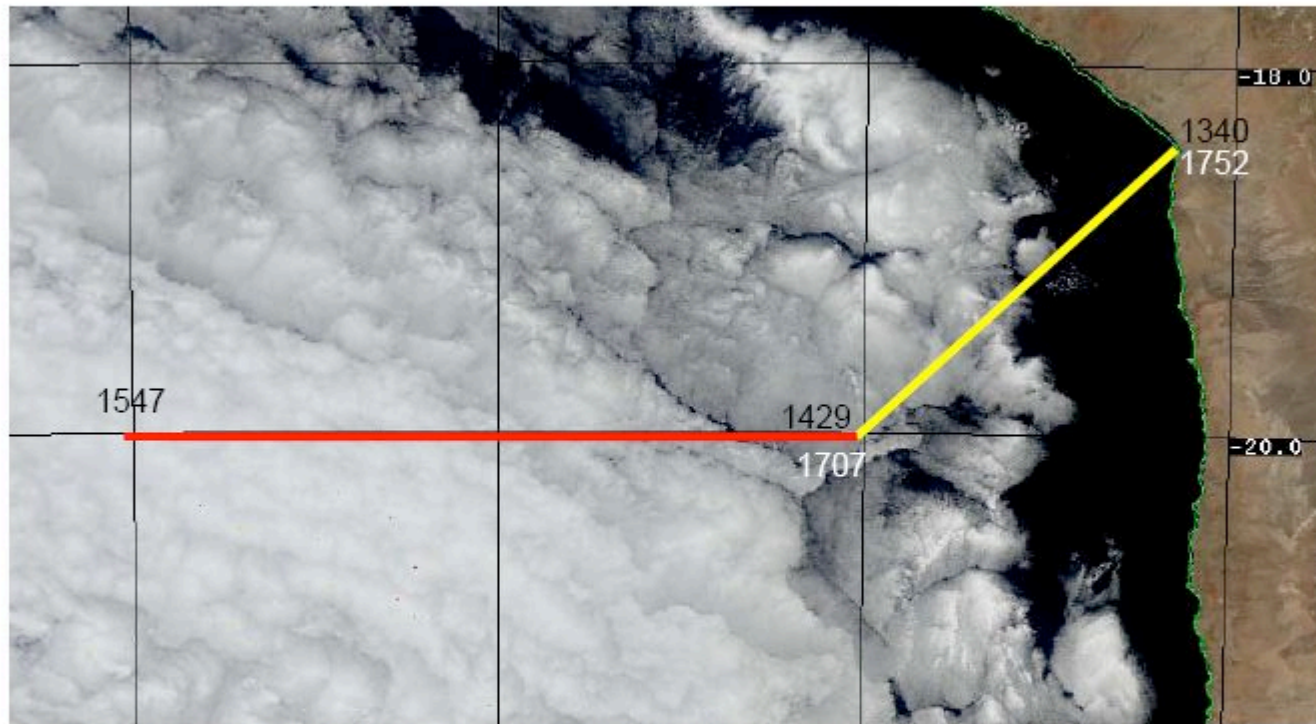
The wide range of aerosol, cloud, and boundary layer conditions observed at site will facilitate both process and modeling studies.



# VOCALS Twin Otter IQQ Science Participants

- **U. Miami**
  - Bruce Albrecht, Shaunna Donaher, Virendra Ghate
- **UC Santa Cruz**
  - Patrick Chuang, Dione Rossiter
- **UC Irvine**
  - Djamel Khelif , Jesus Ruiz-Plancarte
- **UM/NASA Goddard**
  - J. Vanderlei Martins, Roberto Fernandez-Borda, Steven Buczkowski, Eric Wilcox
- **NOAA/ESRL**
  - Graham Feingold
- **CIRPAS**
  - Haf Jonnson

# VOCALS Nov 9 2008 – VA10



Terra MODIS  
overpass at  
1440 UTC

Rendezvous with BAe146  
west of 20S 72W during the  
outbound leg

*Courtesy Harshvaradan, Purdue University*