

# Chasing marine convective clouds in subtropics: the EUREC4A/ATOMIC research campaign



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Over 100 research institutions involved,  
more than 1200 researchers and staff  
participating in situ.

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British Antarctic Survey, BAS (<https://www.bas.ac.uk>)

Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology, Bridgetown, Barbados (<http://www.cimh.edu.bb>)

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CNES (French Space Agency, [www.cnes.fr](http://www.cnes.fr))

Delft University of Technology (TU Delft, <https://www.tudelft.nl/en/ceg/about-faculty/departments/geoscience-remote-sensing>)

Deutsche Luft- und Raumfahrt Flight Experiments (DLR-FX, <http://www.dlr.de/fb>)

Deutsche Luft- und Raumfahrt Institut für Physik der Atmosphäre (DLR-IPA, <http://www.dlr.de/ipa>)

École Normale Supérieure, (ENS <http://www.ens.fr/departements-sciences/geosciences.html>)

ETH Zürich (<http://www.iac.ethz.ch/>)

European Centre for Medium Range Forecasts (ECMWF, <http://www.ecmwf.int>)

GEOMAR, Helmholtz Zentrum für Ozeanforschung Kiel, Kiel, ([www.geomar.de/en](http://www.geomar.de/en))

Geoscience and Remote Sensing, Delft University of Technology (<http://www.citg.tudelft.nl/en/about-faculty/departments/geoscience-and-remote-sensing/>)

Hans Ertel Center for Weather Research, Deutscher Wetterdienst (<https://www.hans-ertel-zentrum.de/en/index.html>)

Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht, Centre for Material and Coastal Research (<https://www.hzg.de/index.php.en>)

IFREMER, French National Institute for Ocean Science (<https://www.ifremer.fr/en>)

Laboratoire Atmosphères, Milieux, Observations Spatiales (LATMOS/IPSL, <https://www.latmos.ipsl.fr/index.php/en/>)

Laboratoire d'Aérodynamique (LA, [aero.obs-mip.fr](http://aero.obs-mip.fr))

Laboratoire de Météorologie Dynamique (LMD/IPSL, UPMC, Paris, <http://www.lmd.jussieu.fr>)

Laboratoire de Météorologie Physique (LAMP, Clermont-Ferrand, <http://wwwobs.univ-bpclermont.fr/atmos/>)

Laboratoire d'Océanographie et du Climat, Paris (LOCEAN [www.locean-ipsl.upmc.fr/index.php?lang=en](http://www.locean-ipsl.upmc.fr/index.php?lang=en))

Laboratoire des Sciences du Climat et de l'Environnement (LSCE, [https://www.lsce.ipsl.fr/en/index.php](http://www.lsce.ipsl.fr/en/index.php))

Laboratory of Atmospheric Optics (LOA, Lille, <https://www-loa.univ-lille1.fr>)

Leibniz Institute for Tropospheric Research (TROPOS [www.tropos.de](http://www.tropos.de))

Leipziger Institut für Meteorologie, Universität Leipzig (<http://meteo.physgeo.uni-leipzig.de/de/index.php>)

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University of Bergen (<https://uib.no/en>)

University of East Anglia (UEA), Centre for Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, Norwich, UK (<https://www.uea.ac.uk/environmental-sciences/coas-people>)

University of Hamburg, Meteorological Institute (<https://www.mi.uni-hamburg.de/en.html>)

University of Hohenheim, Institute of Physics and Meteorology (<https://physik-meteorologie.uni-hohenheim.de>)

University of Leeds, Institute for Climate and Atmospheric Science, ICAS (<https://environment.leeds.ac.uk/institute-climate-atmospheric-science>)

University of Manchester, Centre for Atmospheric Science (CAS), Department of Environmental Sciences (<http://www.cas.manchester.ac.uk>)

**University of Warsaw, Institute of Geophysics (<https://www.igf.fuw.edu.pl/en>)**

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It involves scientists from PSL, NOAA's Chemical Sciences Laboratory, Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory, Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory, University of Colorado (CIRES and IRISS), University of Washington, several other U.S. universities, Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology, pilots and crew from the NOAA Office of Marine and Aviation Operations.

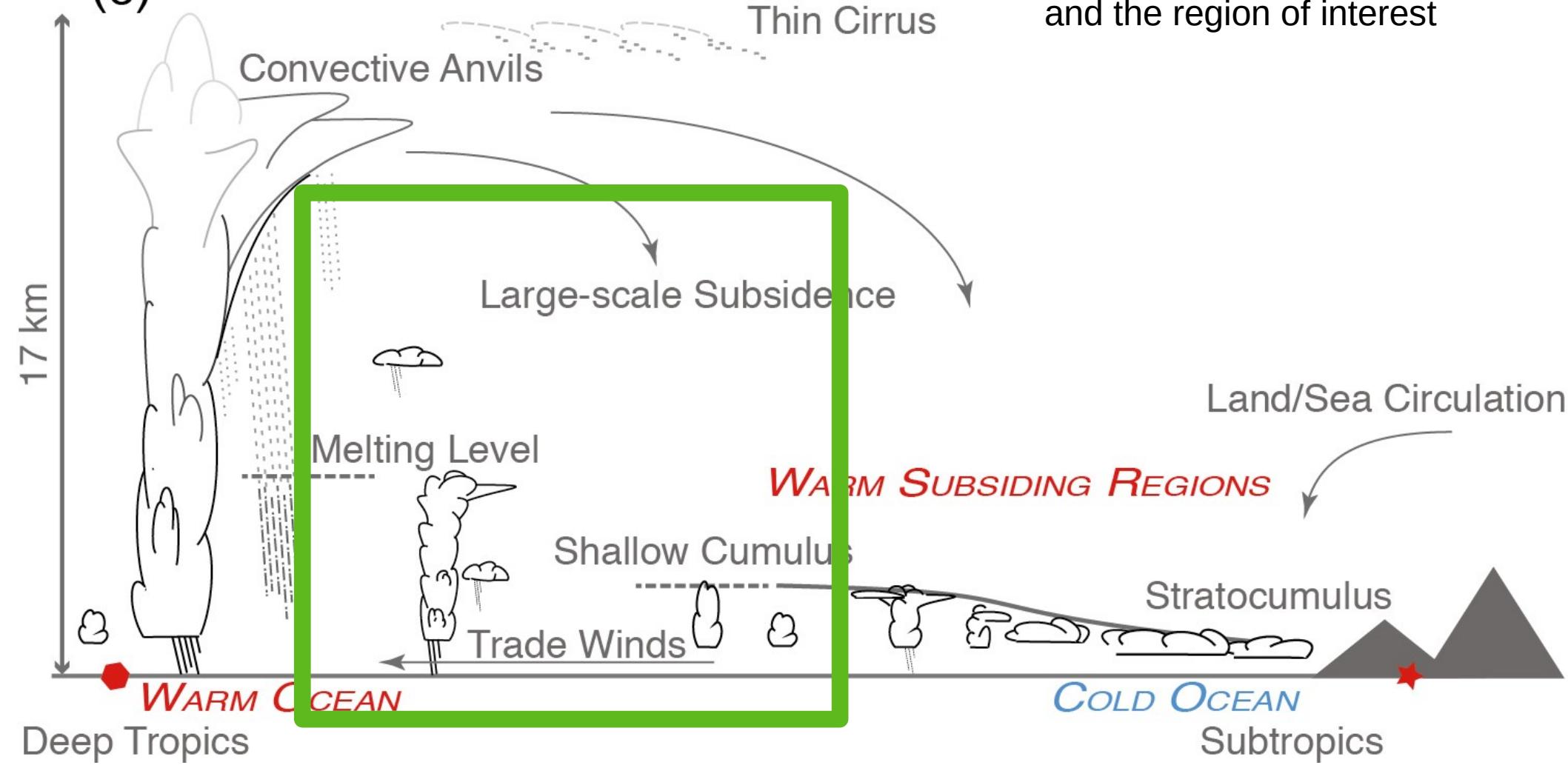


Campaign focused  
on mutual  
interactions  
(feedbacks)  
between warm  
convective clouds in  
subtropics and  
ocean top layers.



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Hadley cell  
and the region of interest



High resolution temperature measurements: investigations of ocean-atmosphere turbulent exchange in the course of EUREC4A-ATOMIC campaign.  
Narodowe Centrum Nauki, HARMONIA,

Project type: Research project

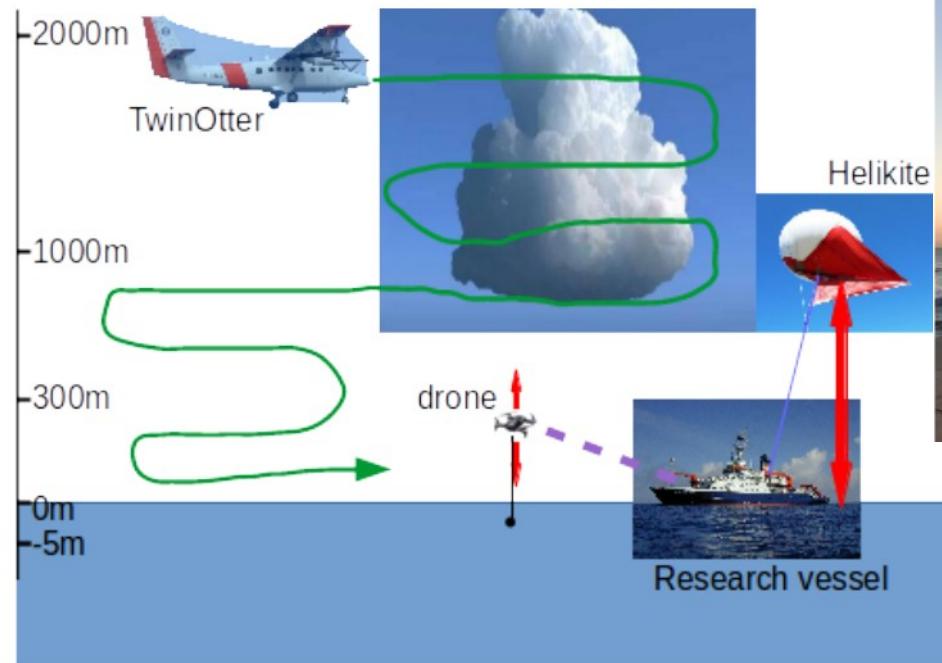
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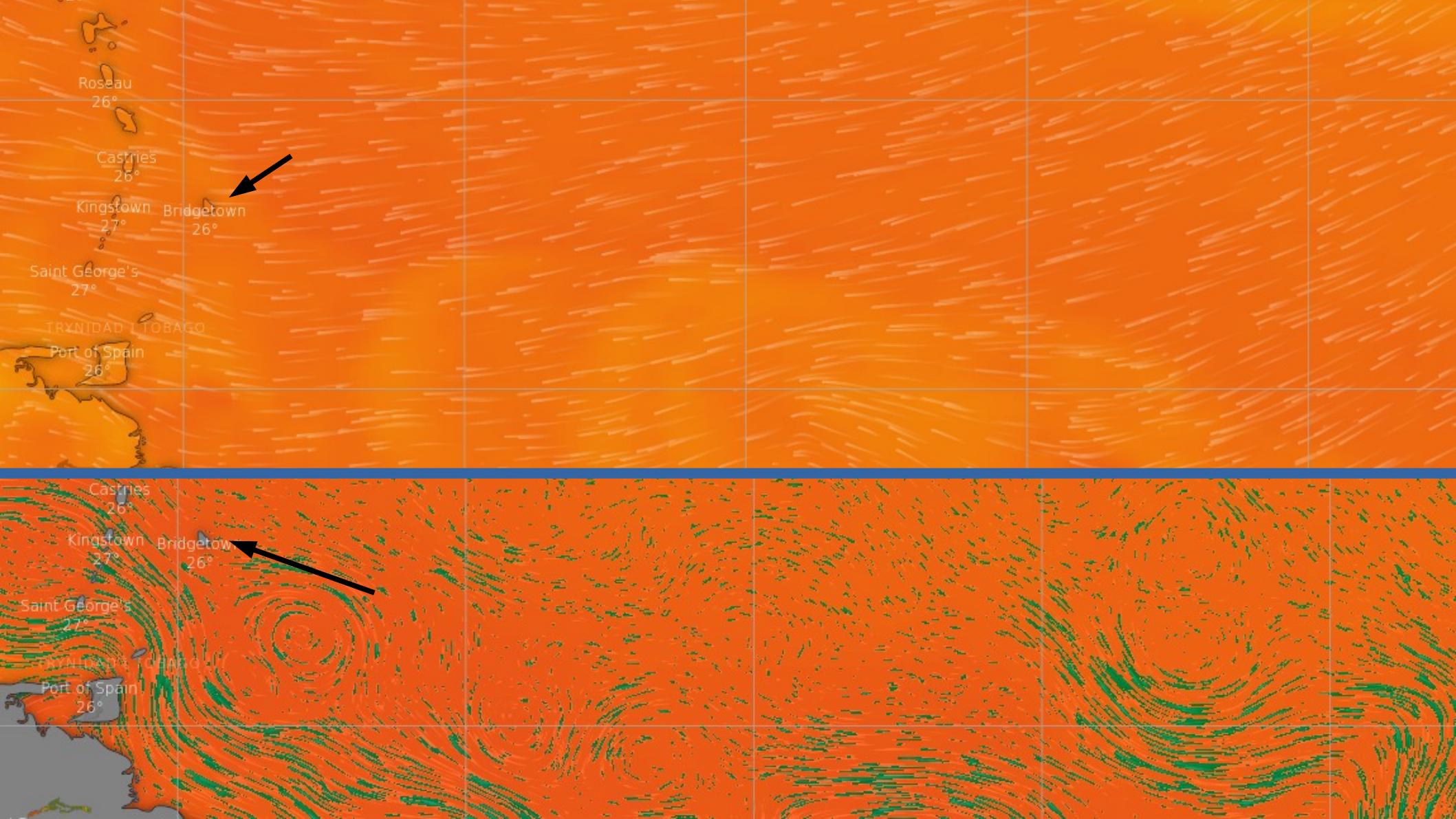
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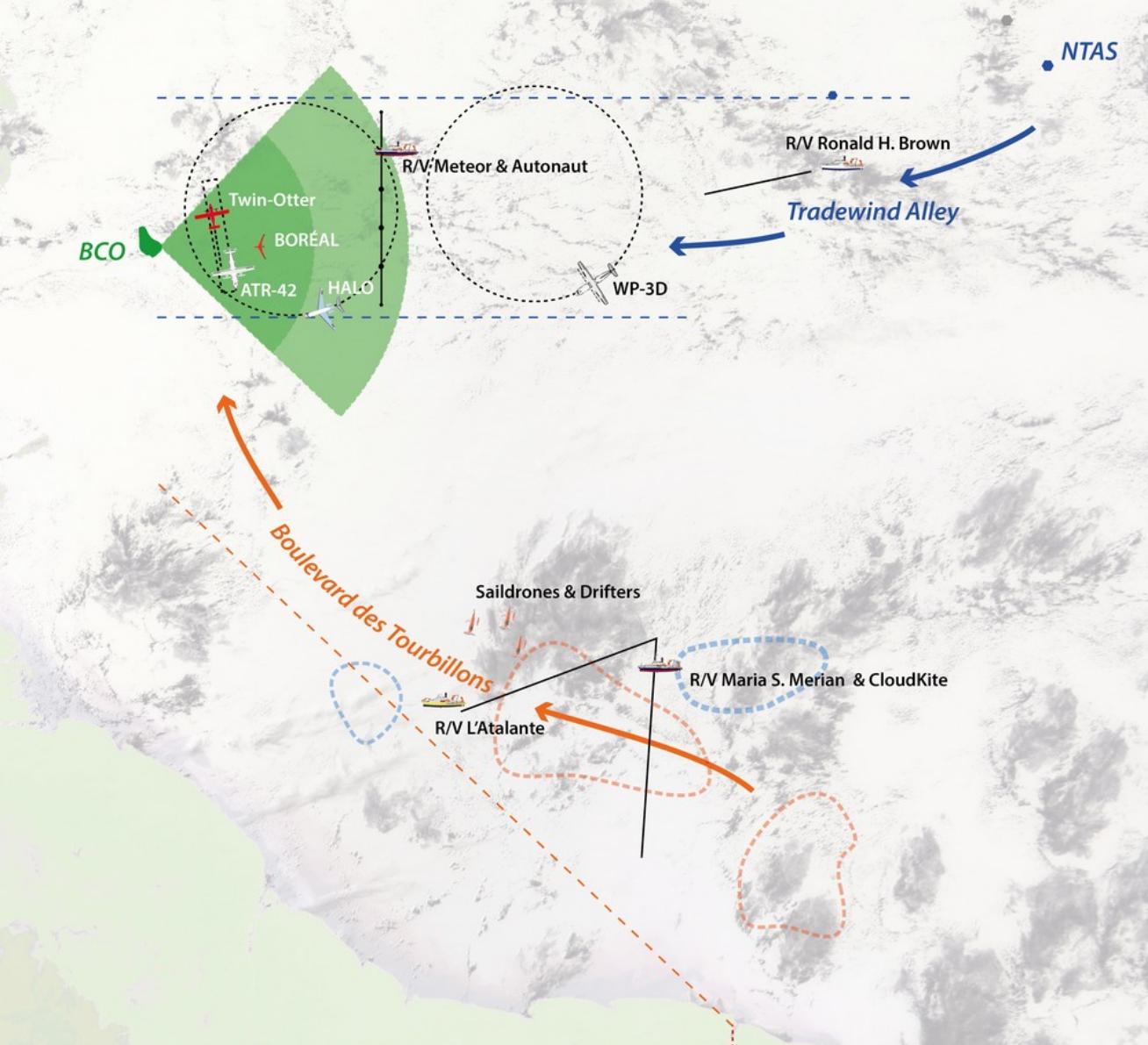
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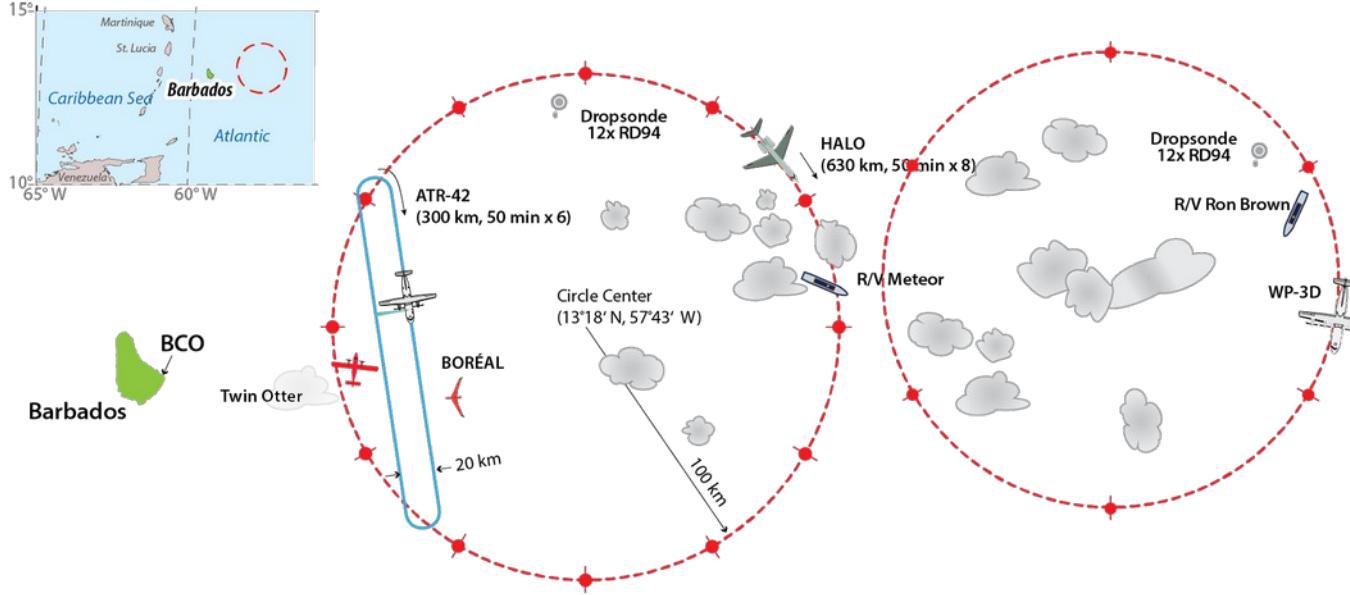
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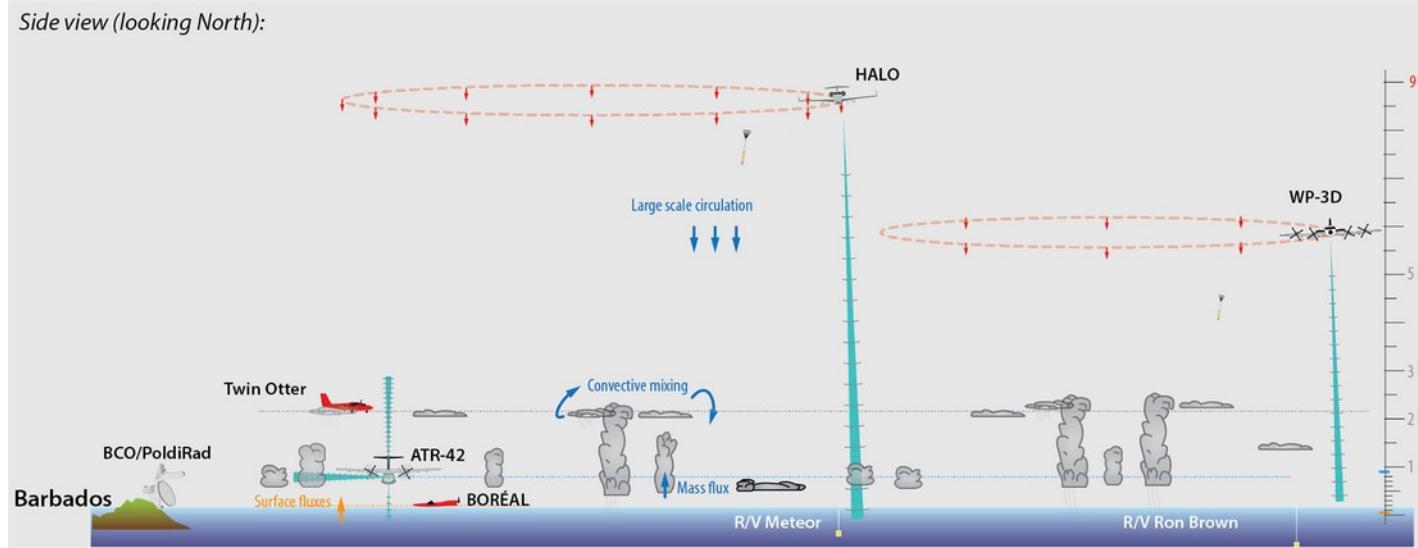


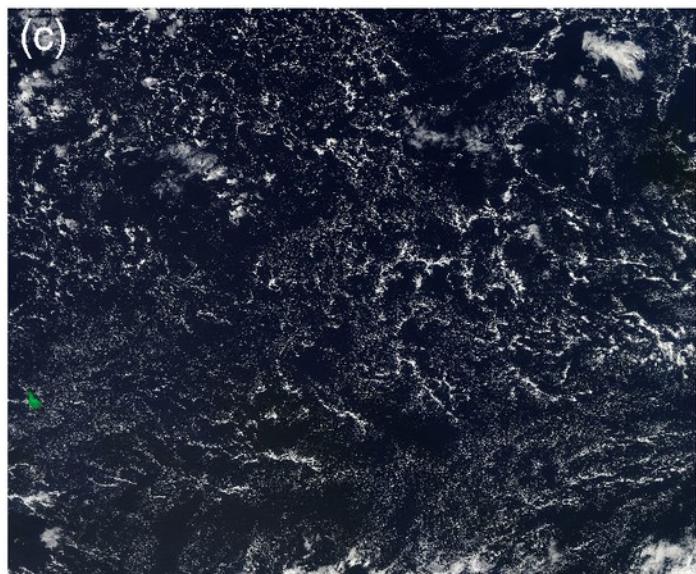
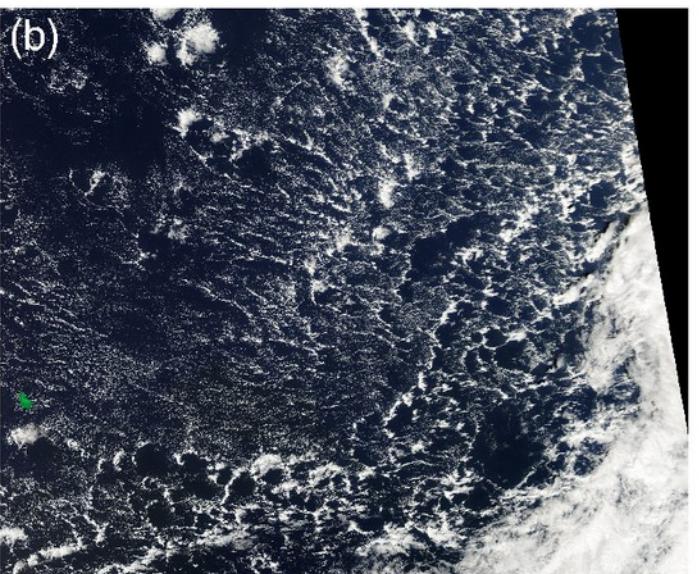
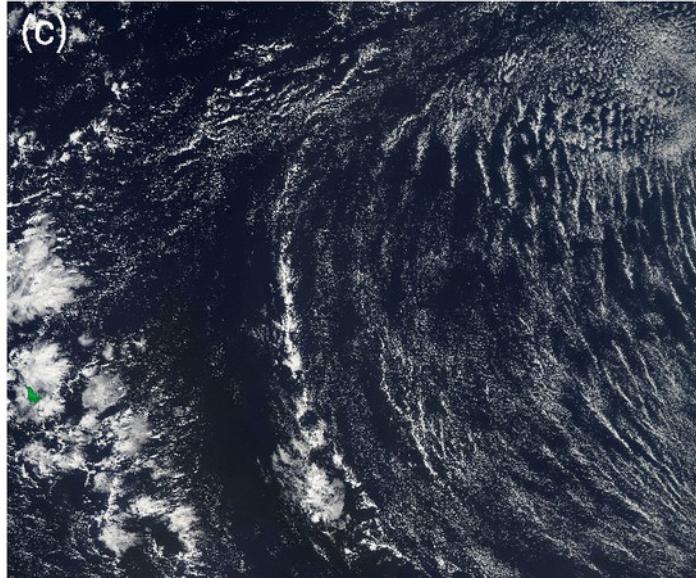
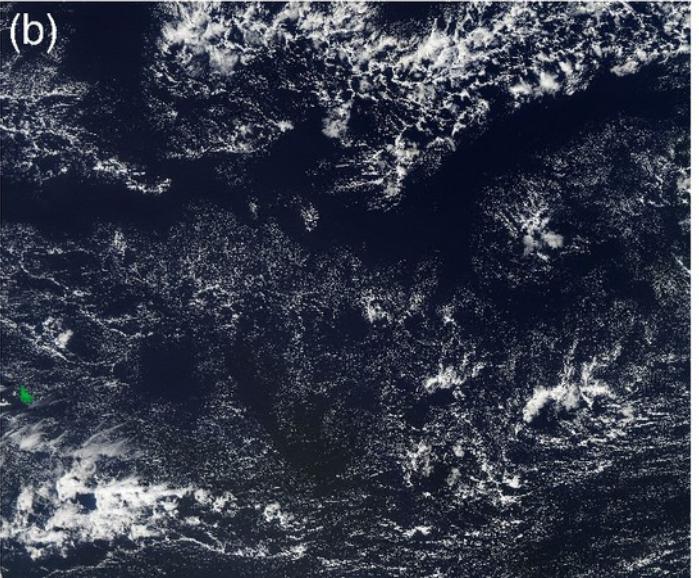
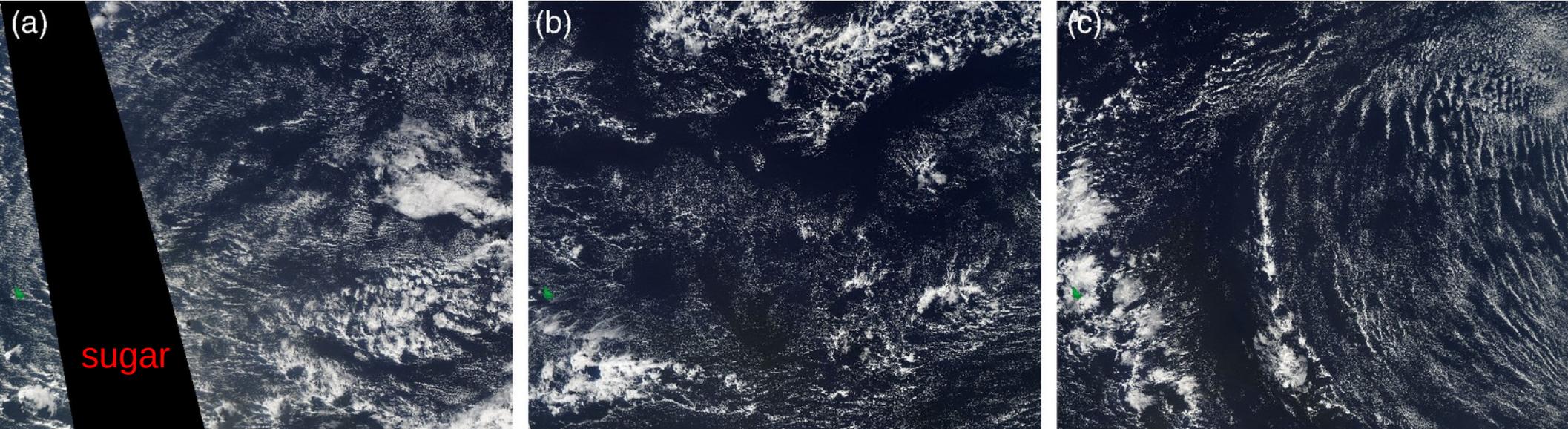
Scheme of the campaign - map

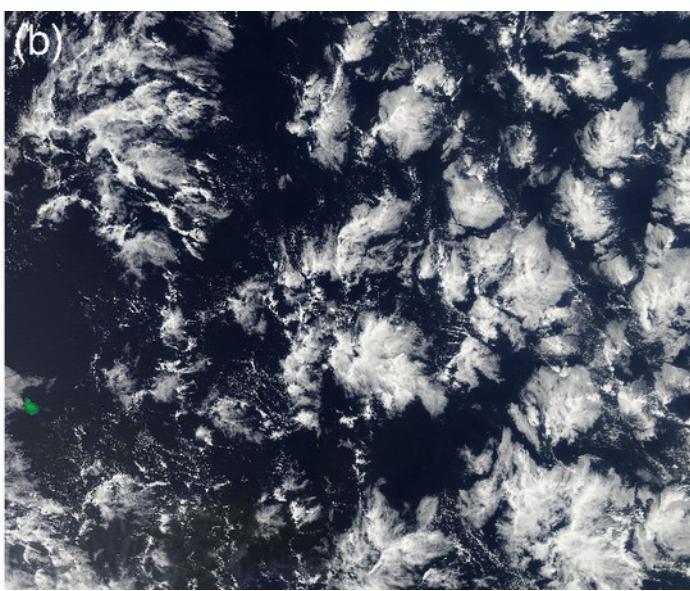
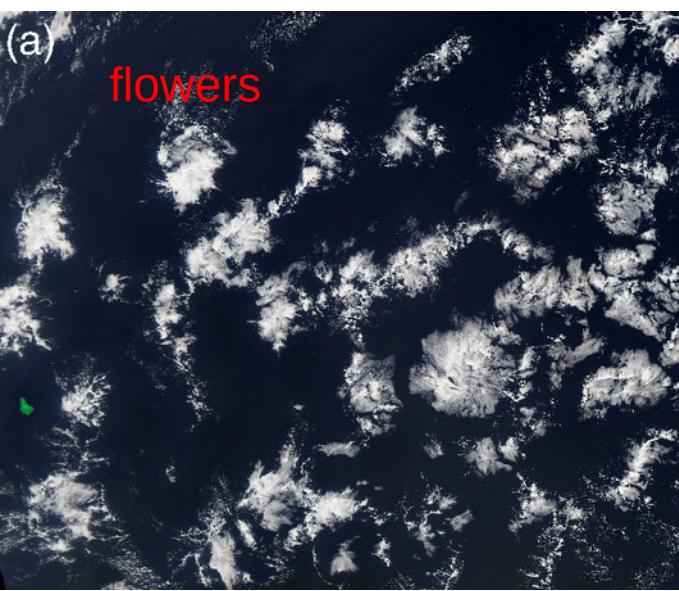
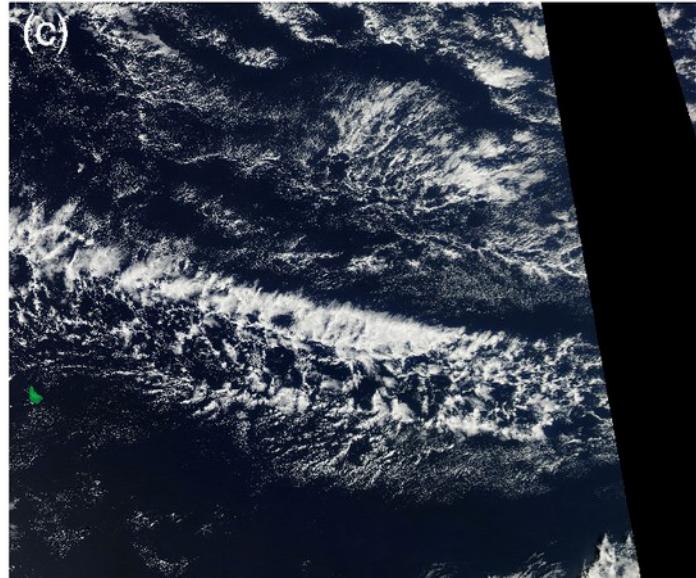
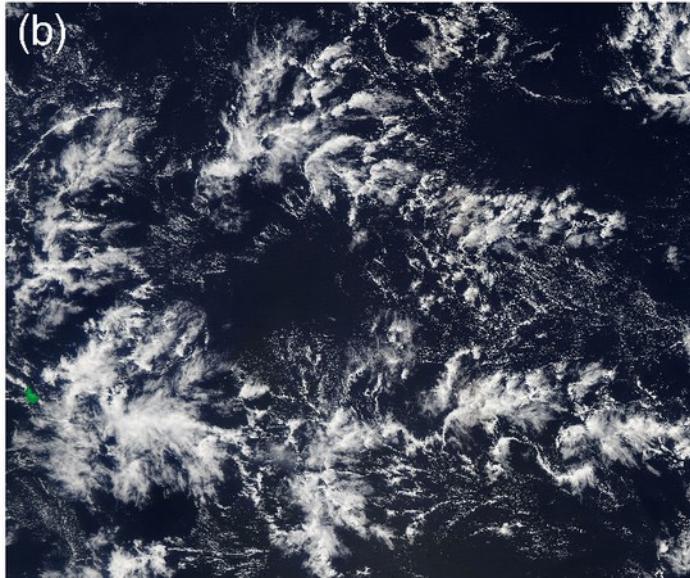
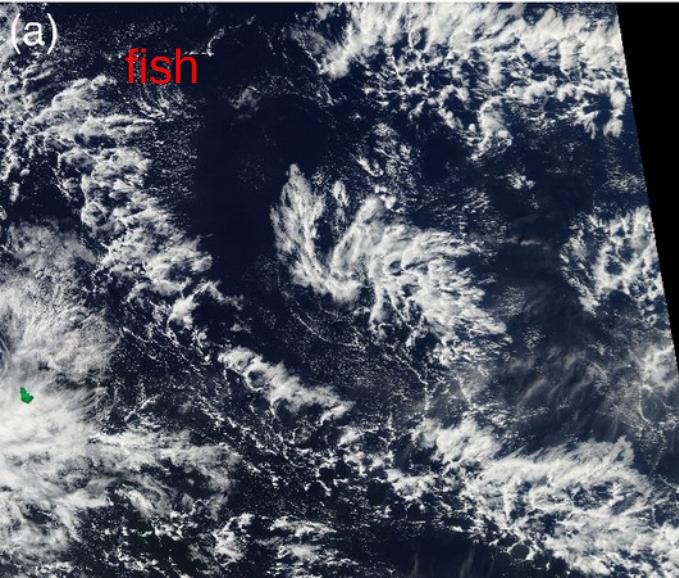


## Scheme of the campaign – details of major atmospheric operations

Side view (looking North):







# Major research platforms



On the Island:  
Barbados Cloud  
Observatory (BCO)  
and  
Ragged Point Observatory



# Barbados: radar POLDIRAD

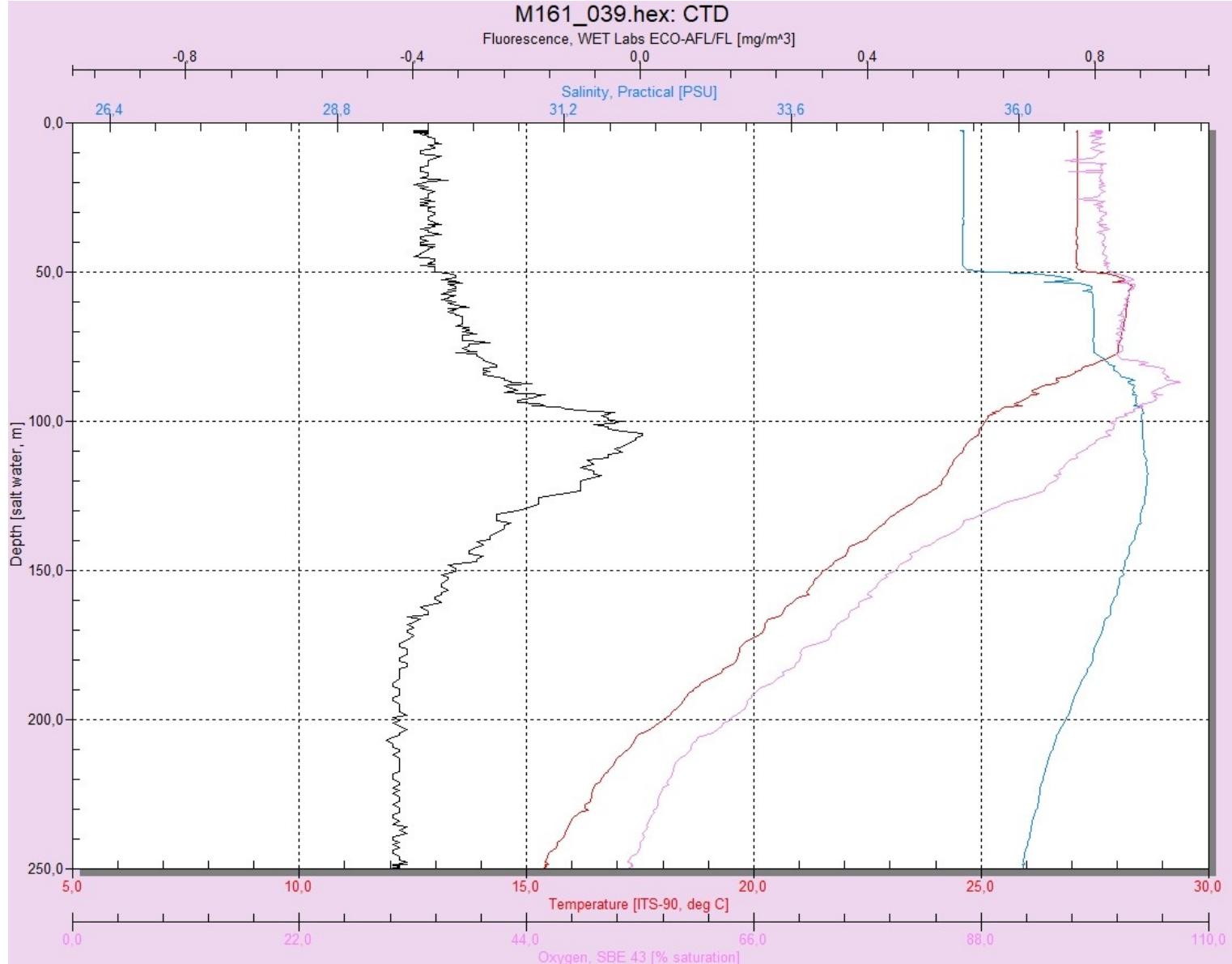




R/V Meteor stopped for a series of multiple measurements: CTD, cloudkite and quadcopter drone.



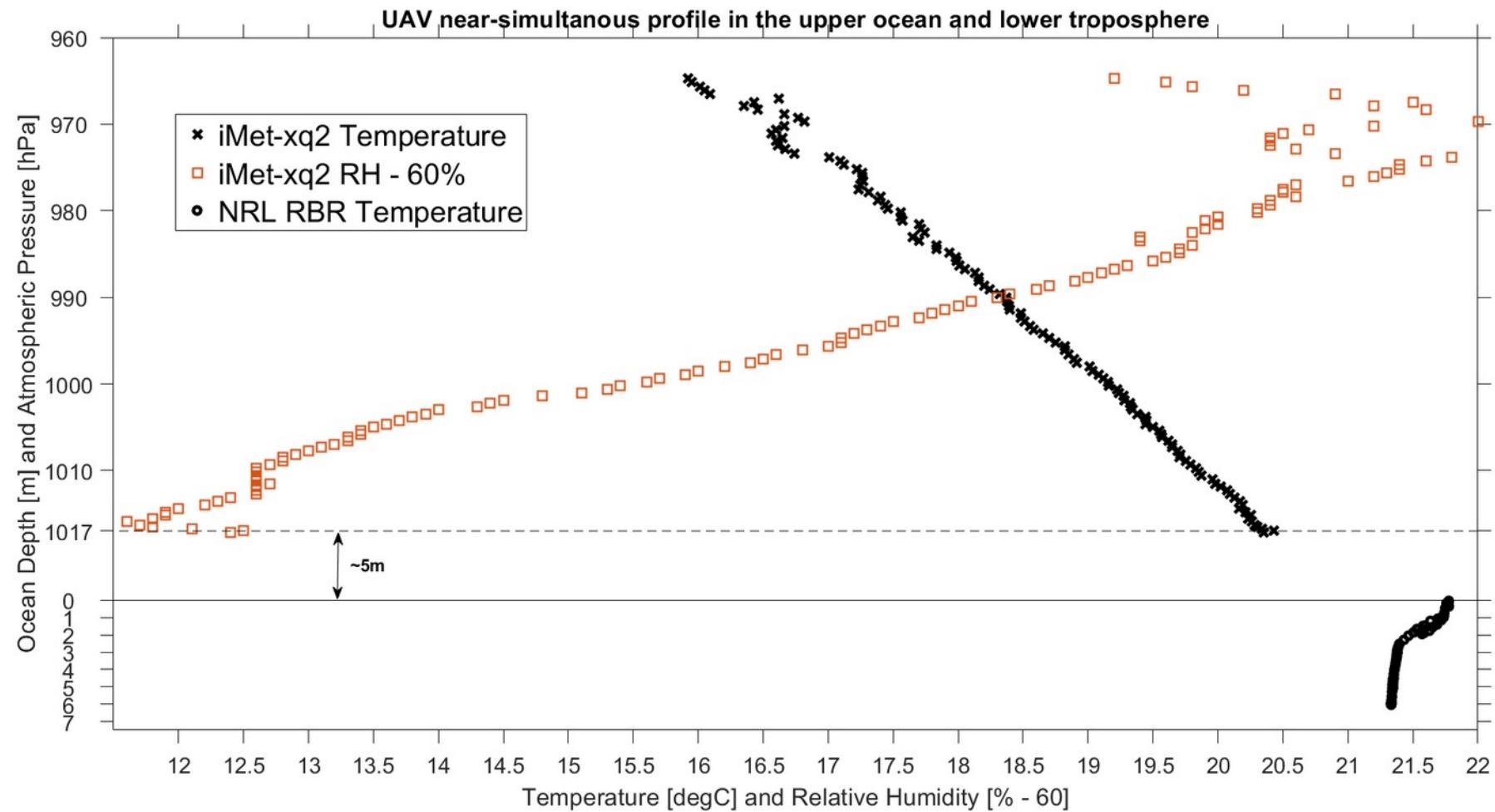




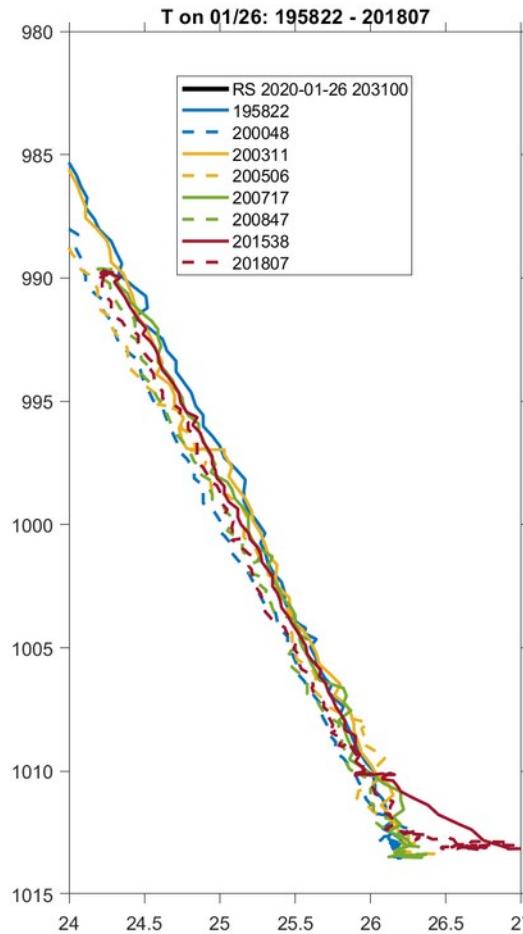
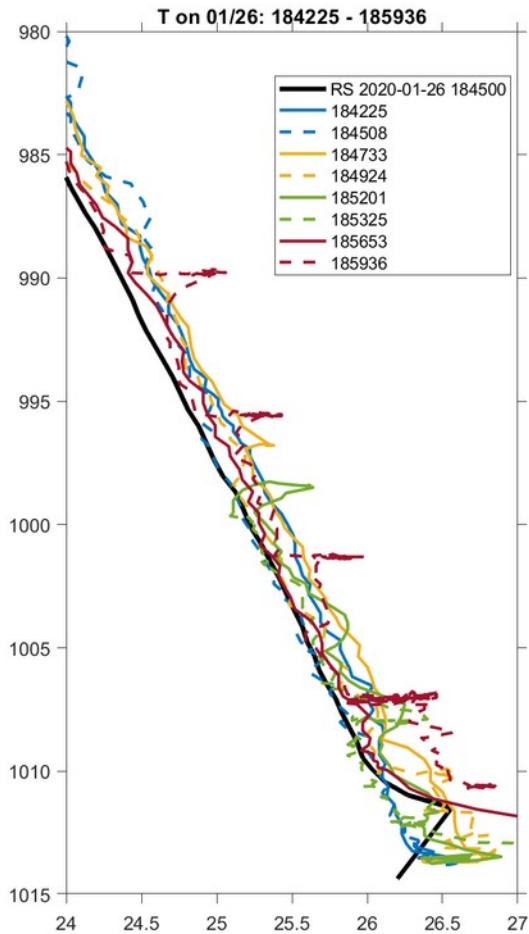
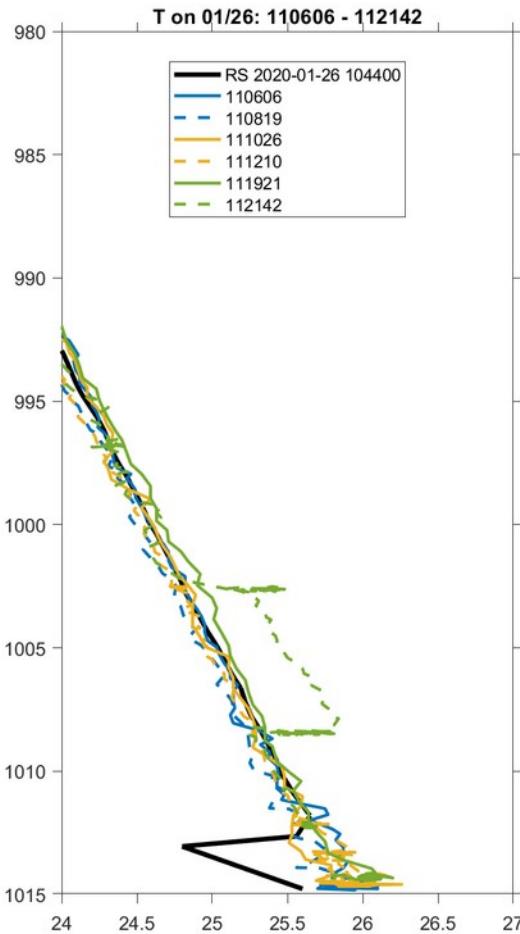


Quadcopter  
drone (left)  
and small  
cloudkite  
(right)  
operating from  
R/V METEOR

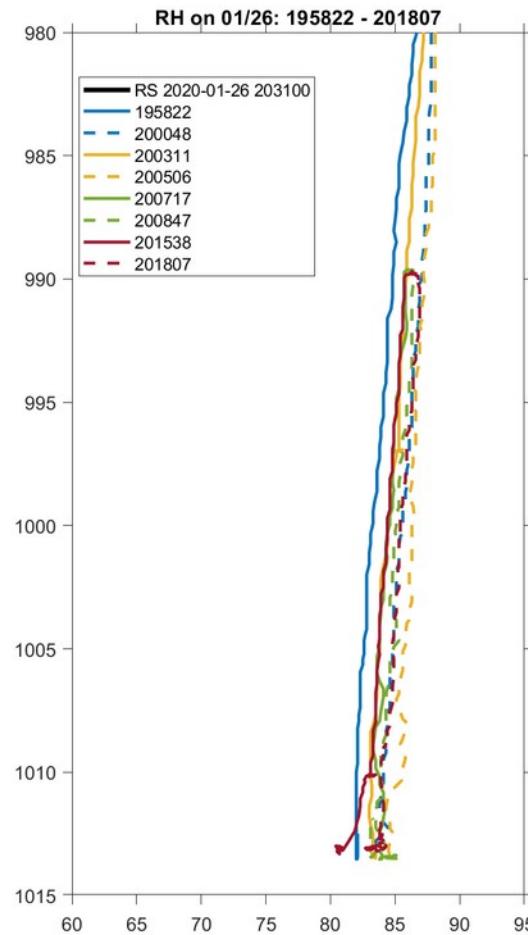
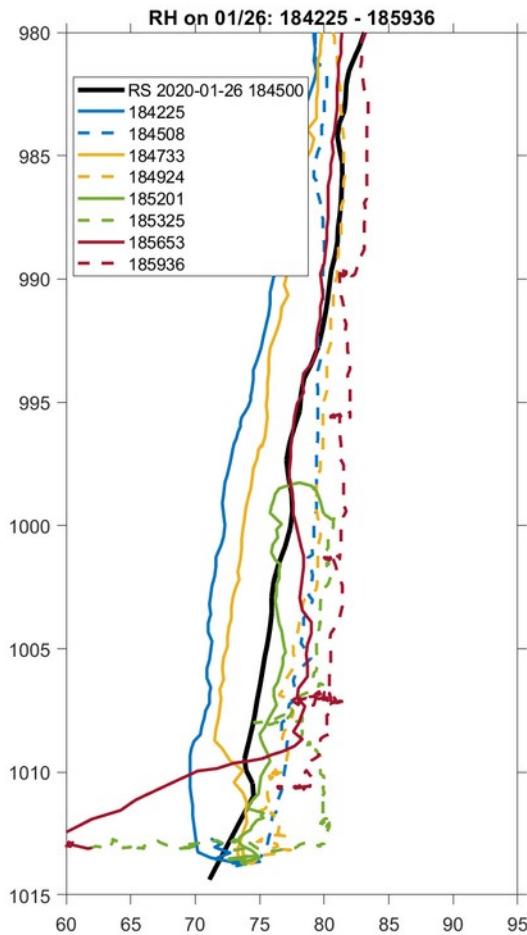
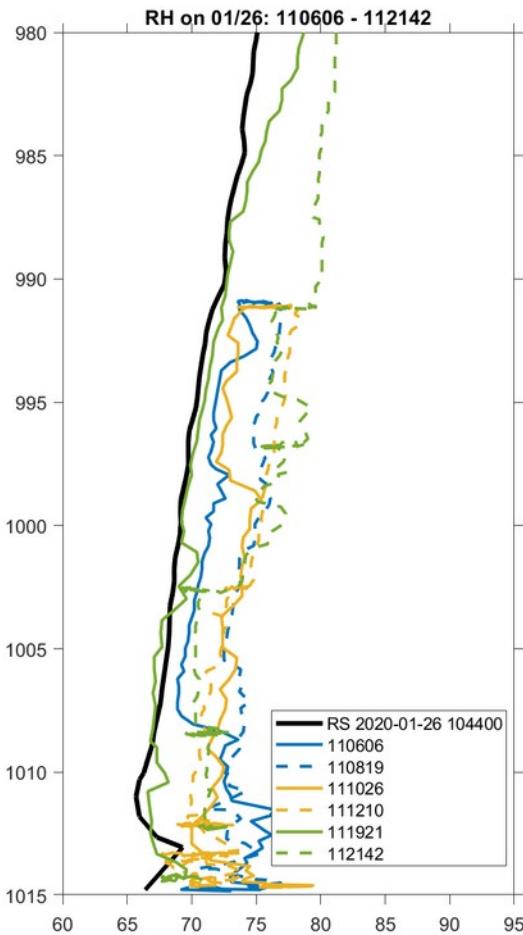




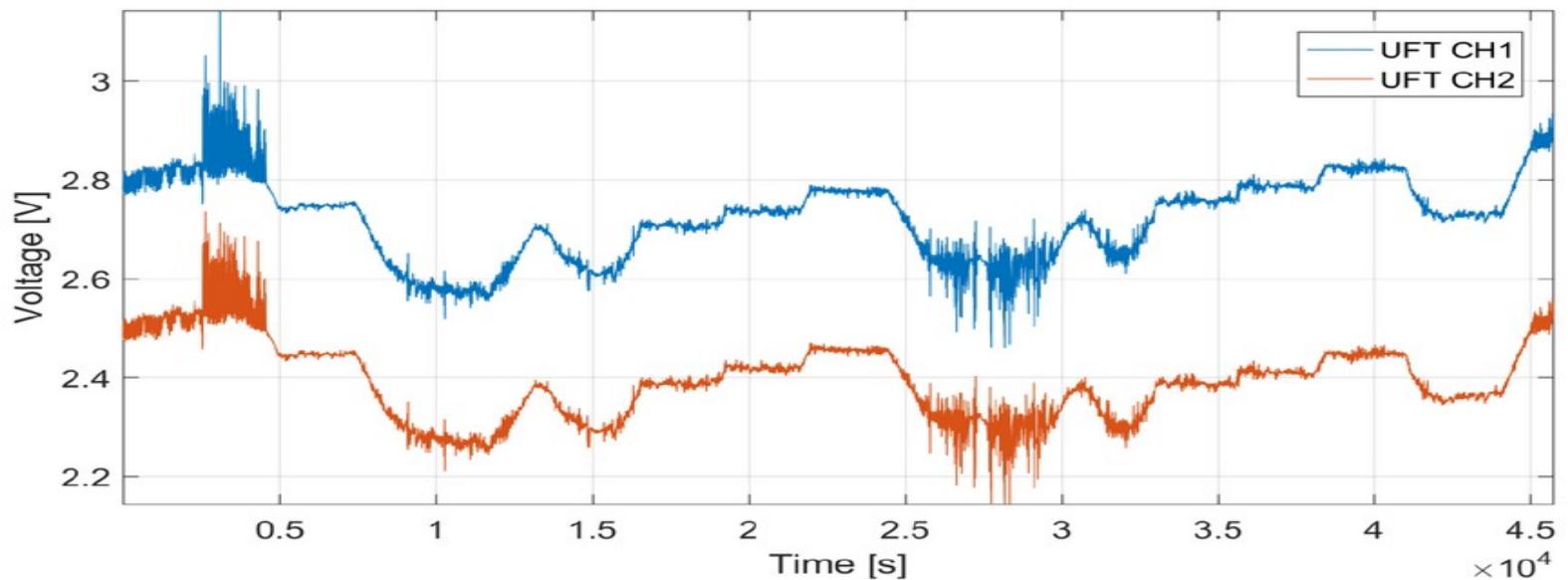
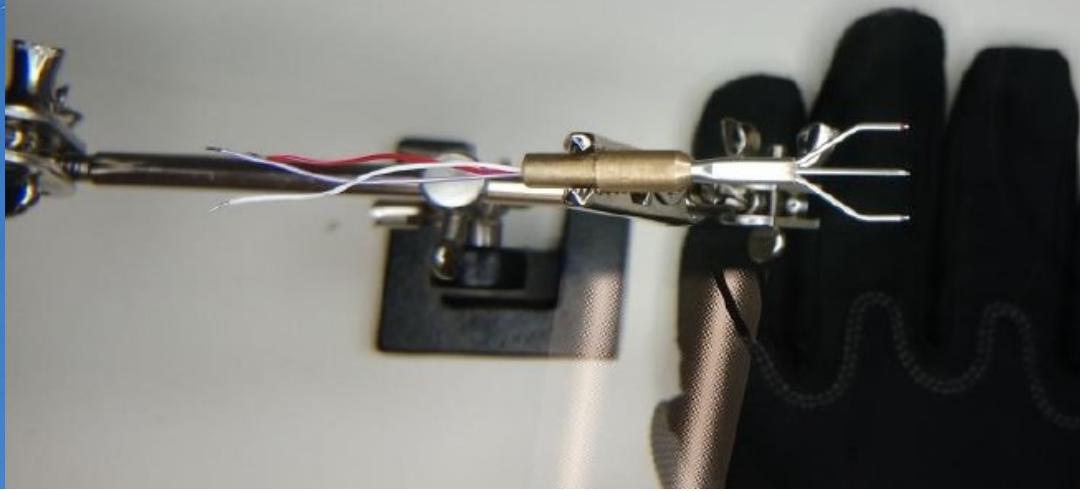
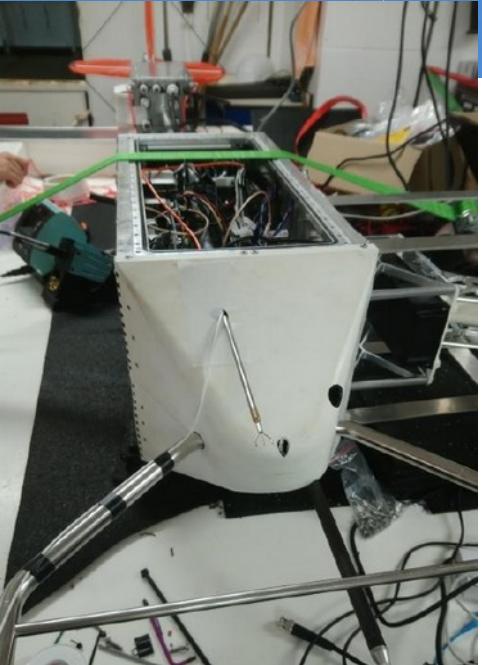
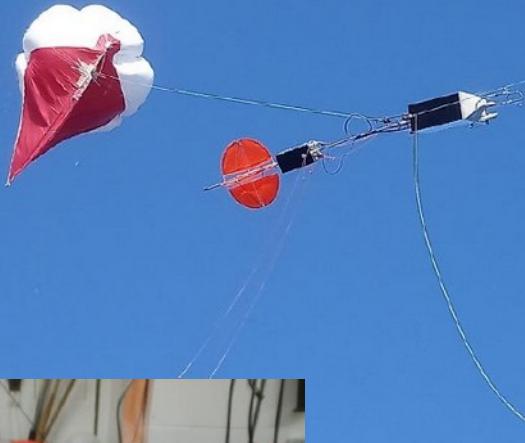
# BL profiling by quadcopter - temperature



# BL profiling by quadcopter – relative humidity



UFT on a small  
cloudkite

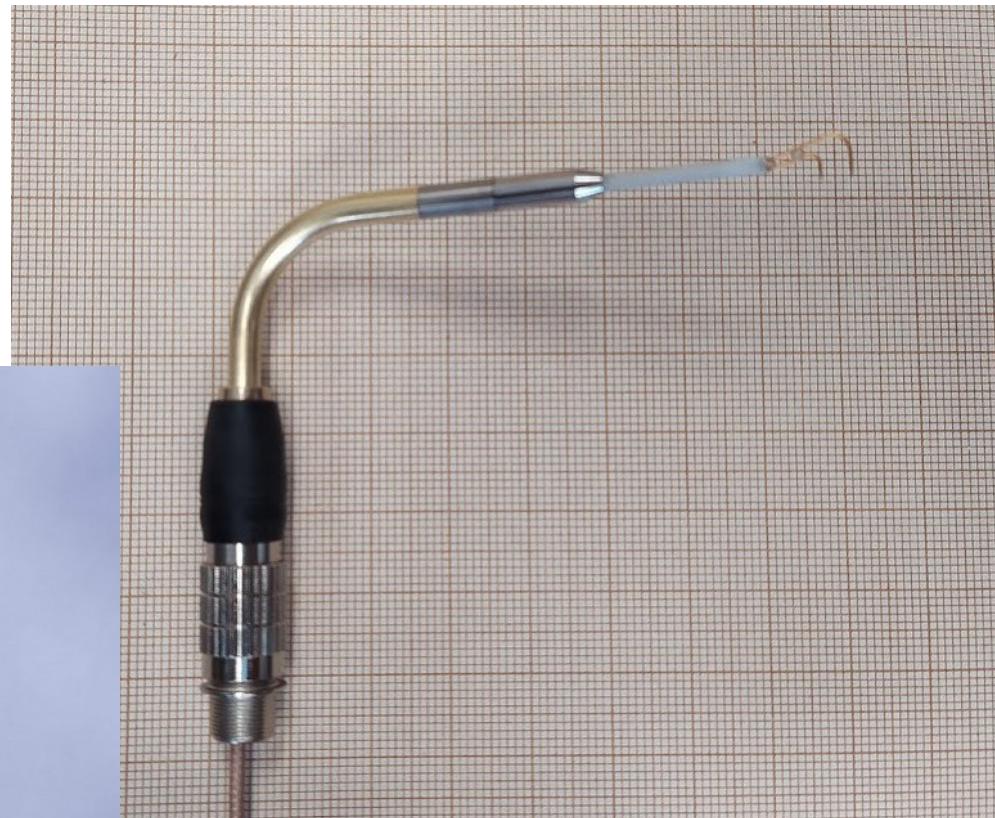
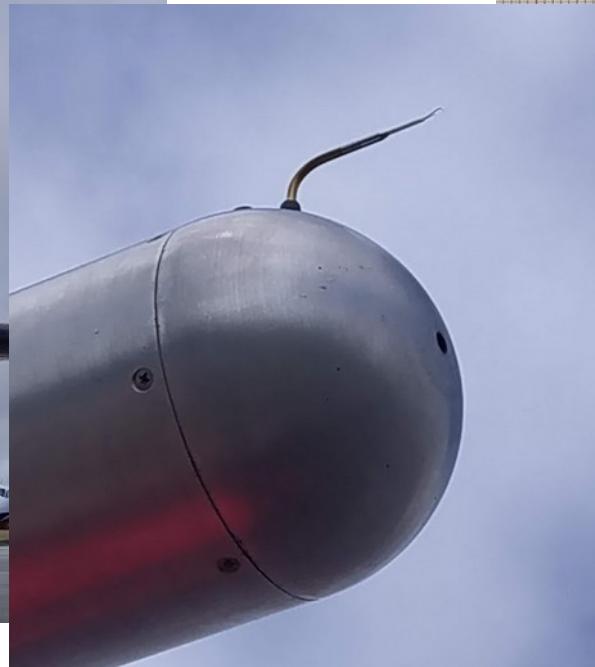




Long range aircraft:  
DLR HALO  
and NOAA P3



French ATR-42 and British Twin Otter –  
preparations at the airport.

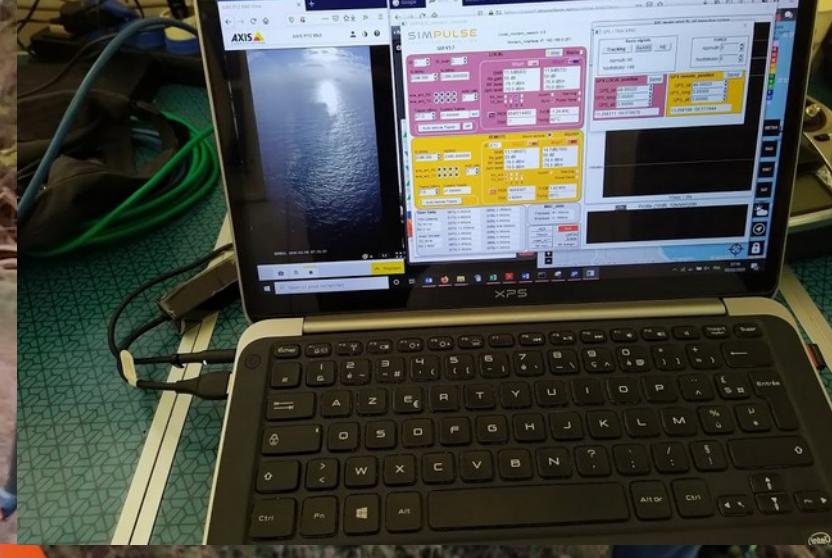


A special version of the UFT mounted on the turbulence probe of BAS Twin Otter

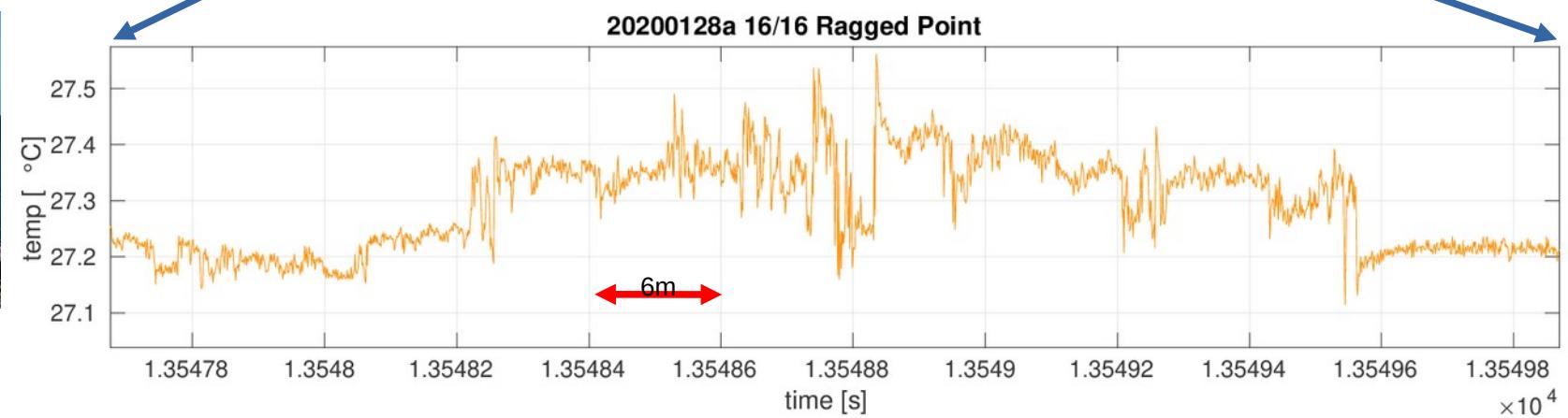
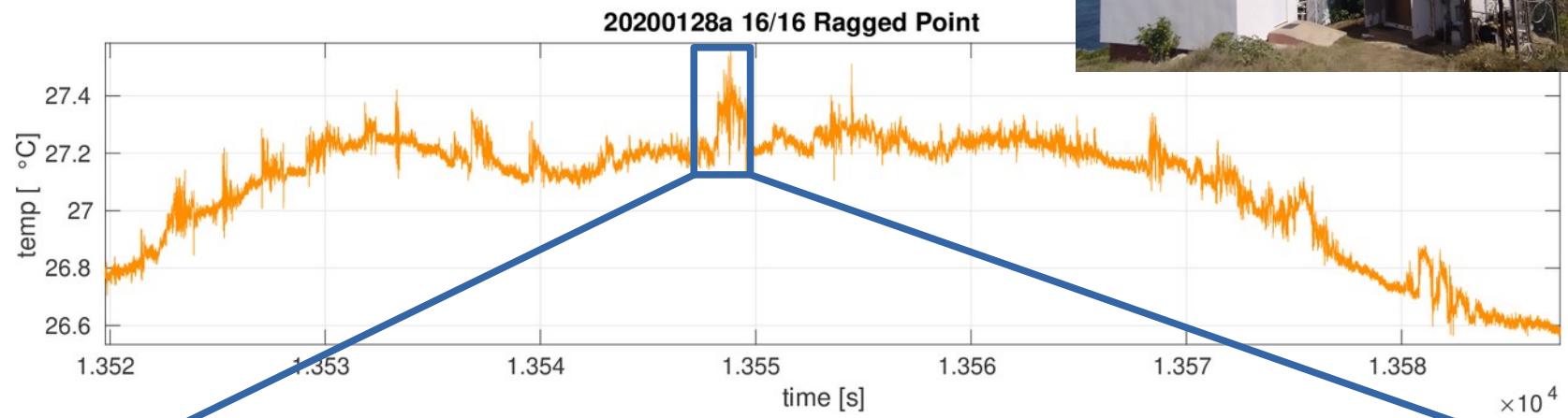
# Mounting of the UFT on BAS Twin Otter



UFT on BOREAL drone

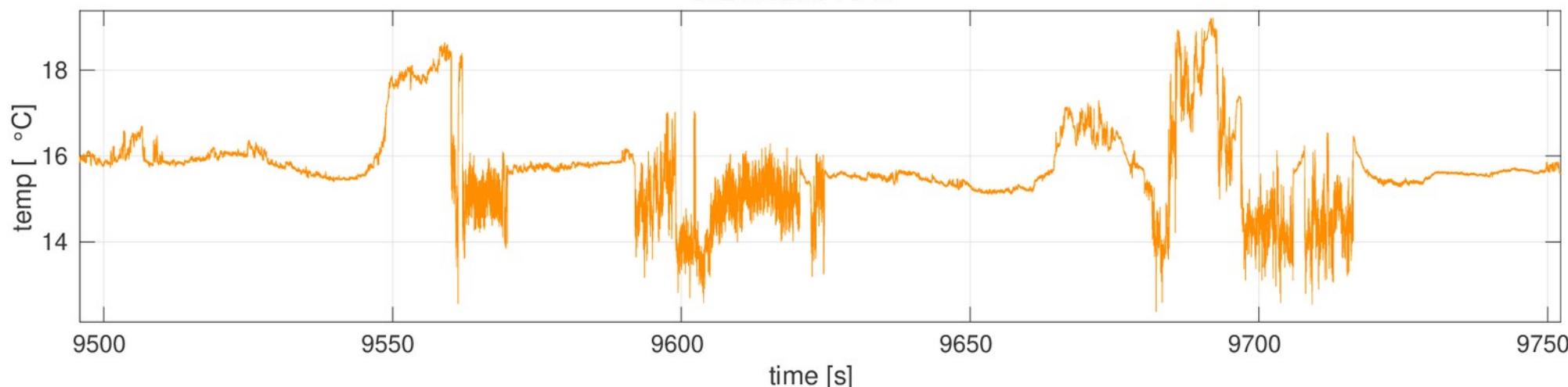


# UFT-2, BAS Twin Otter, 30 m above the sea next to Ragged Point / BCO observatories

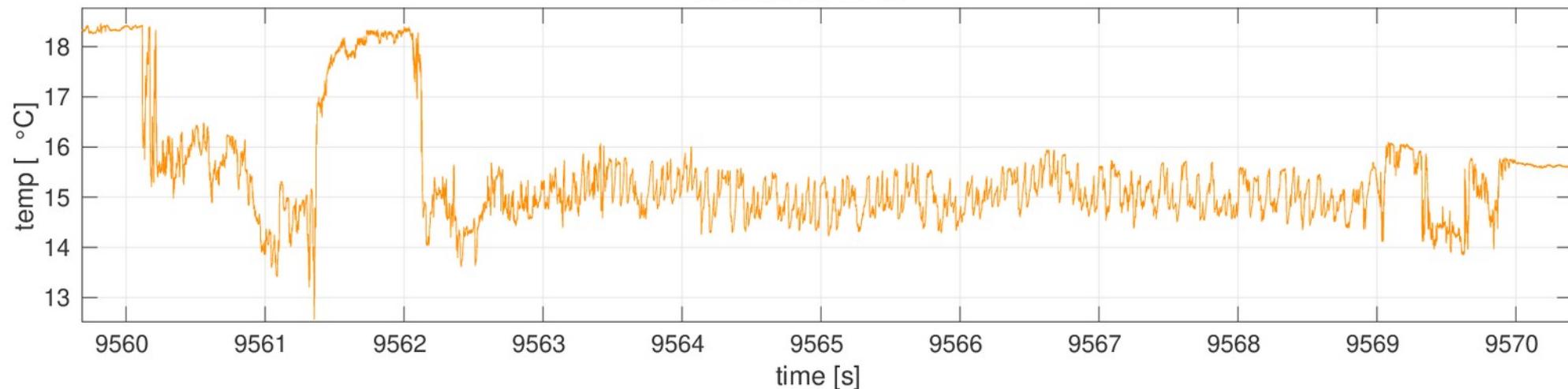


# UFT-2, BAS Twin Otter, penetration of successive clouds (upper panel) and blow-up (lower panel)

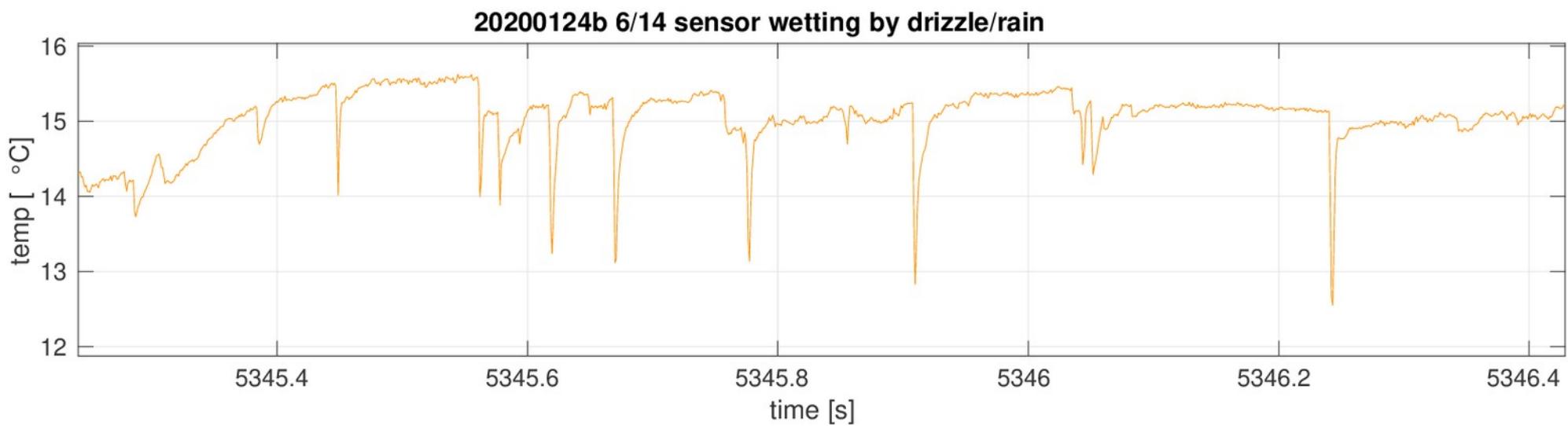
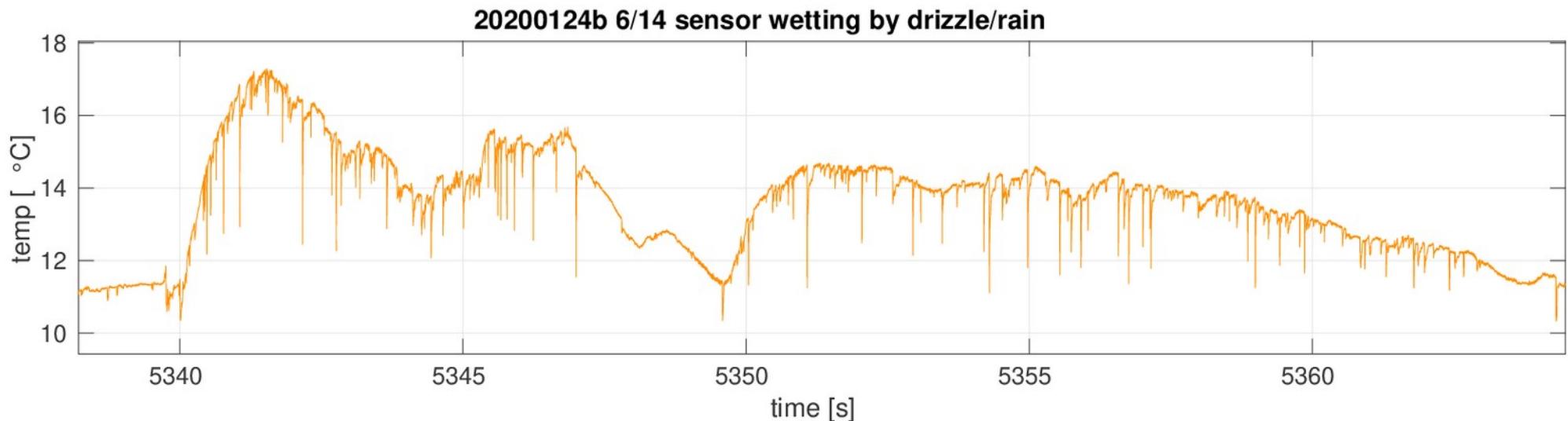
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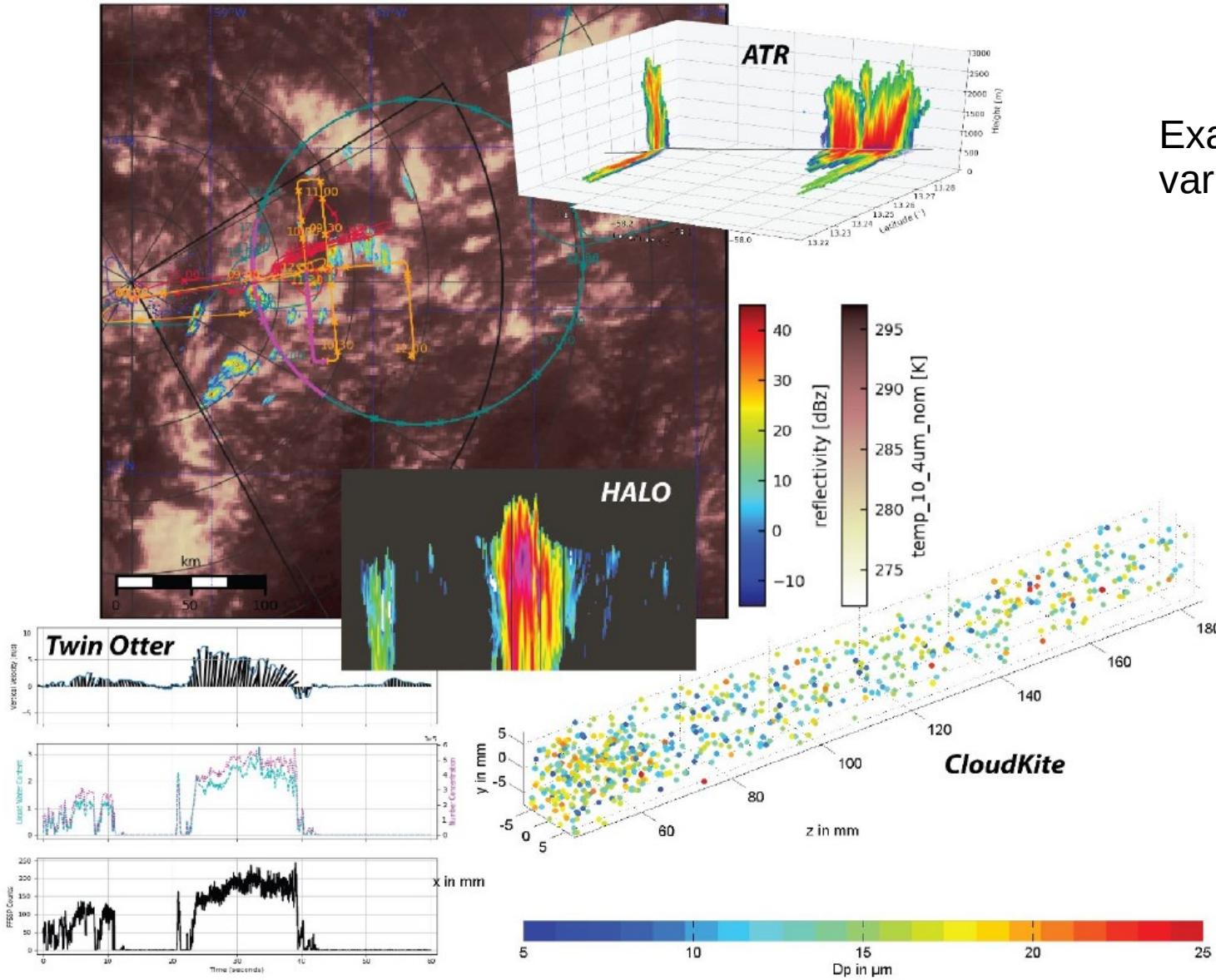
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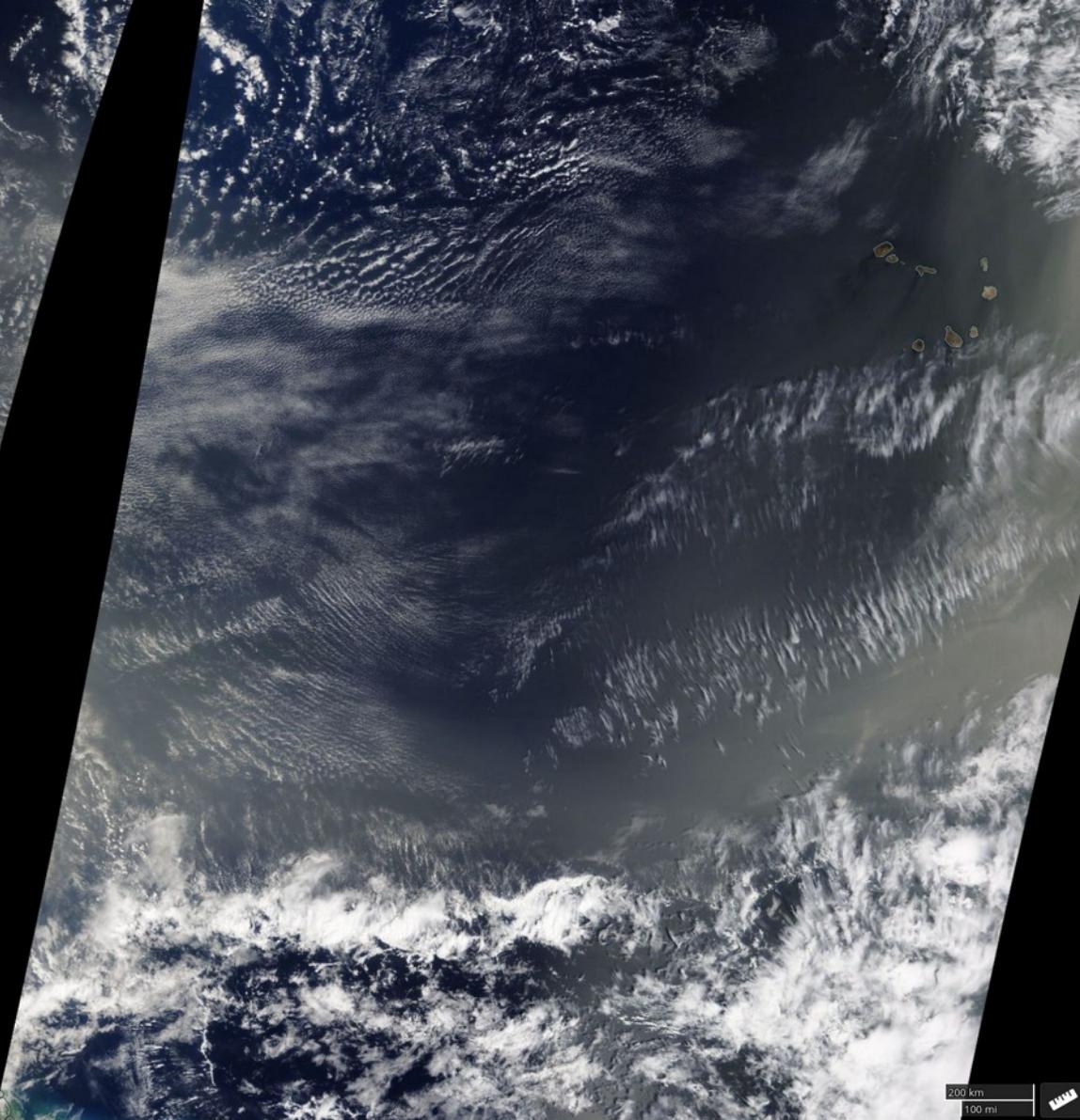
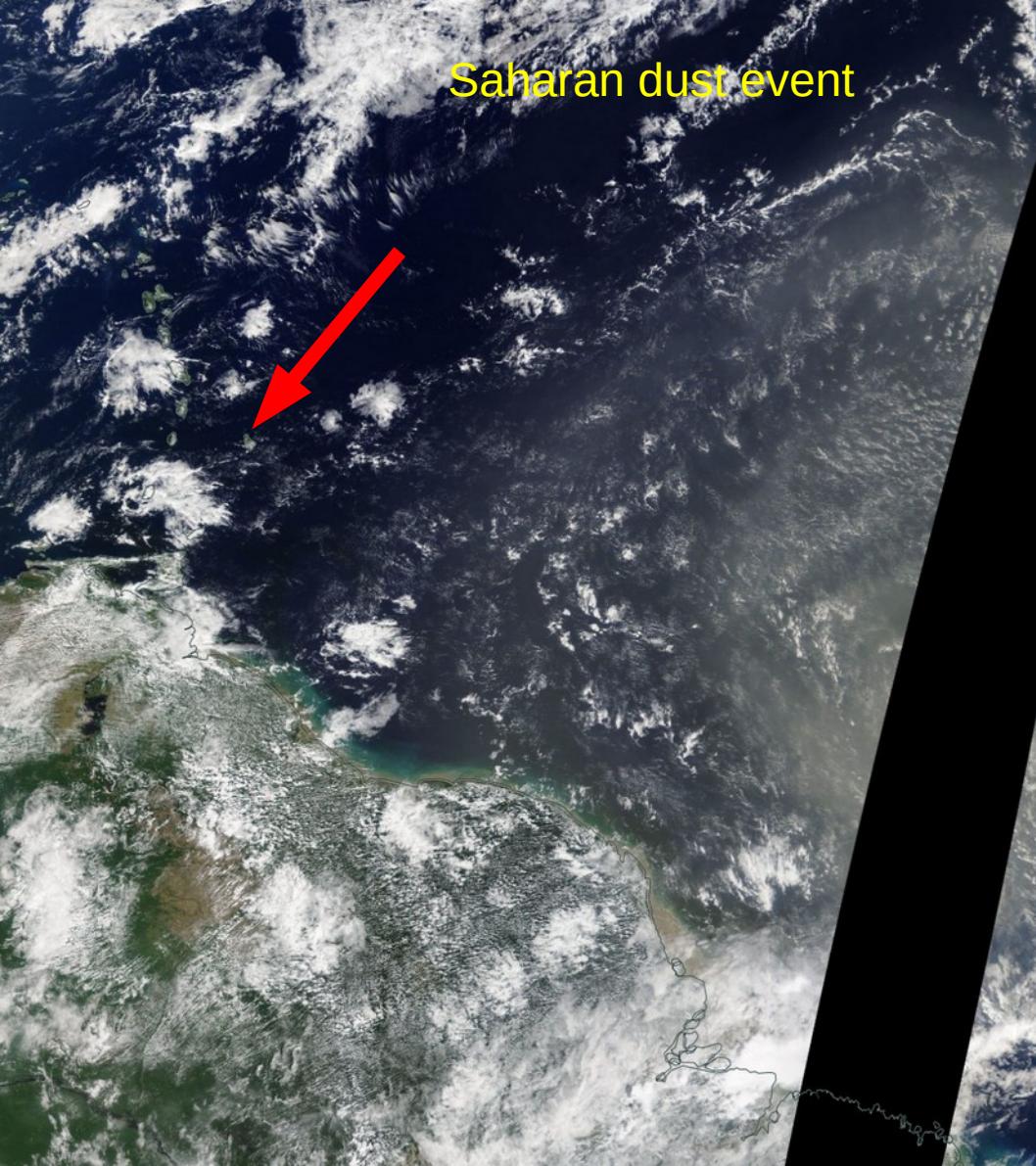
# UFT-2, BAS Twin Otter, in clouds

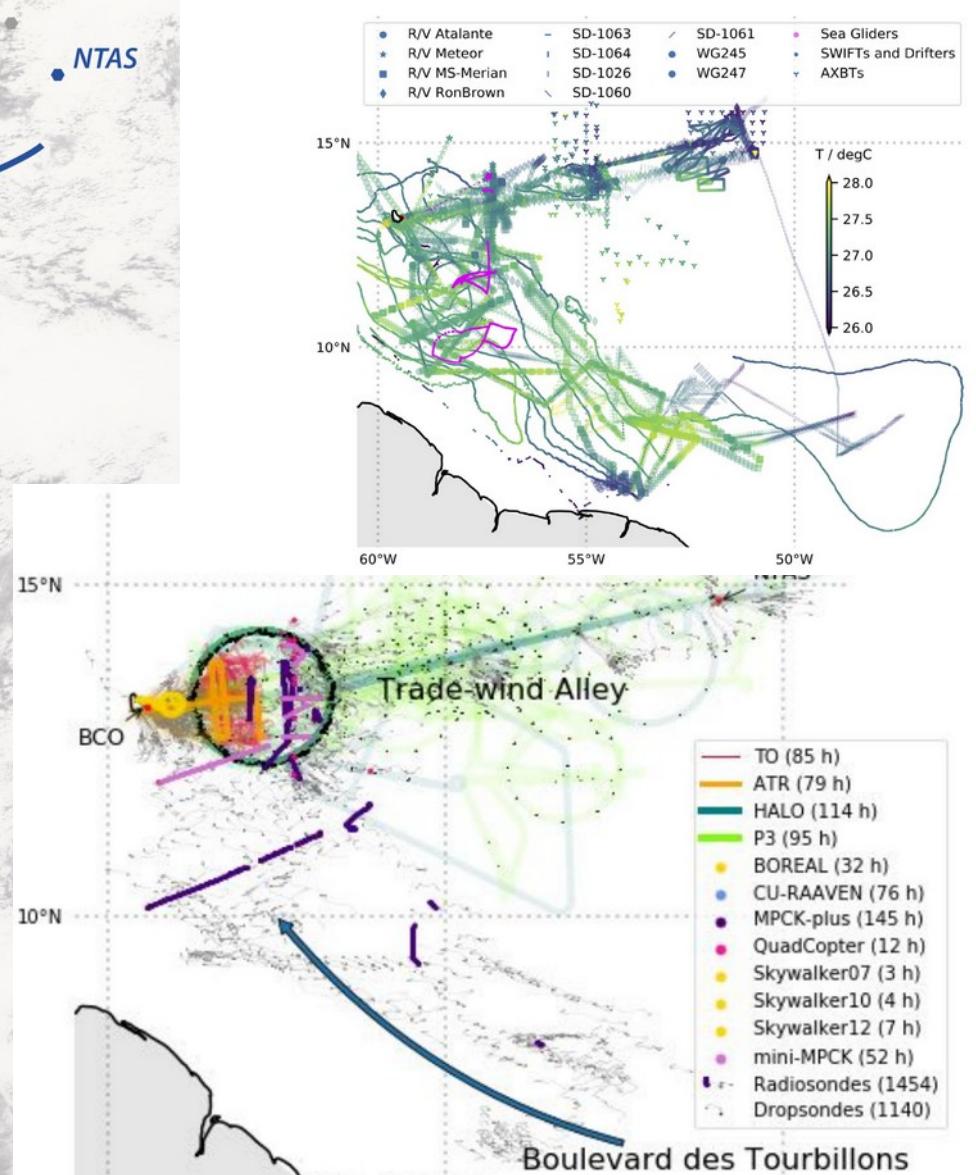
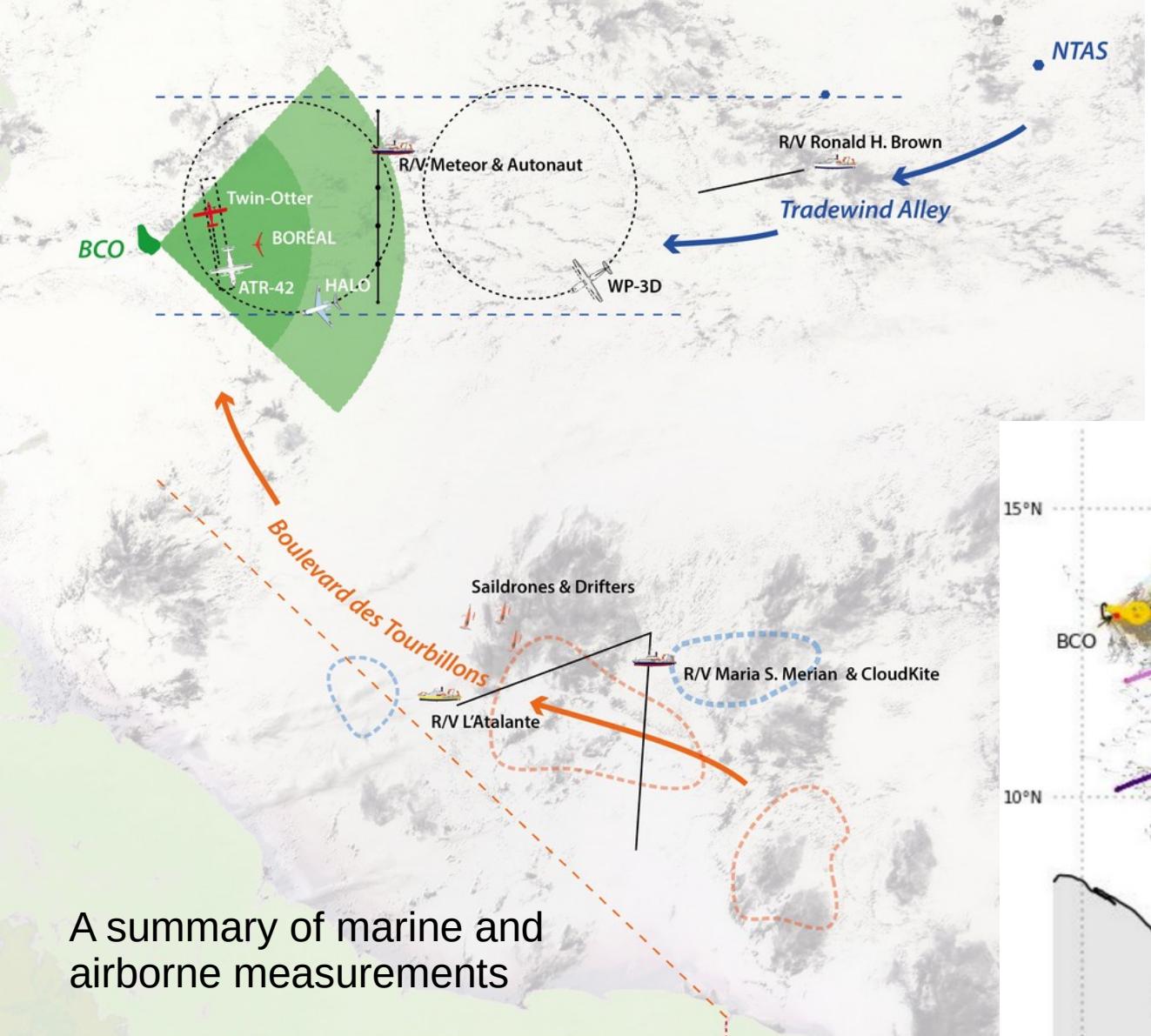


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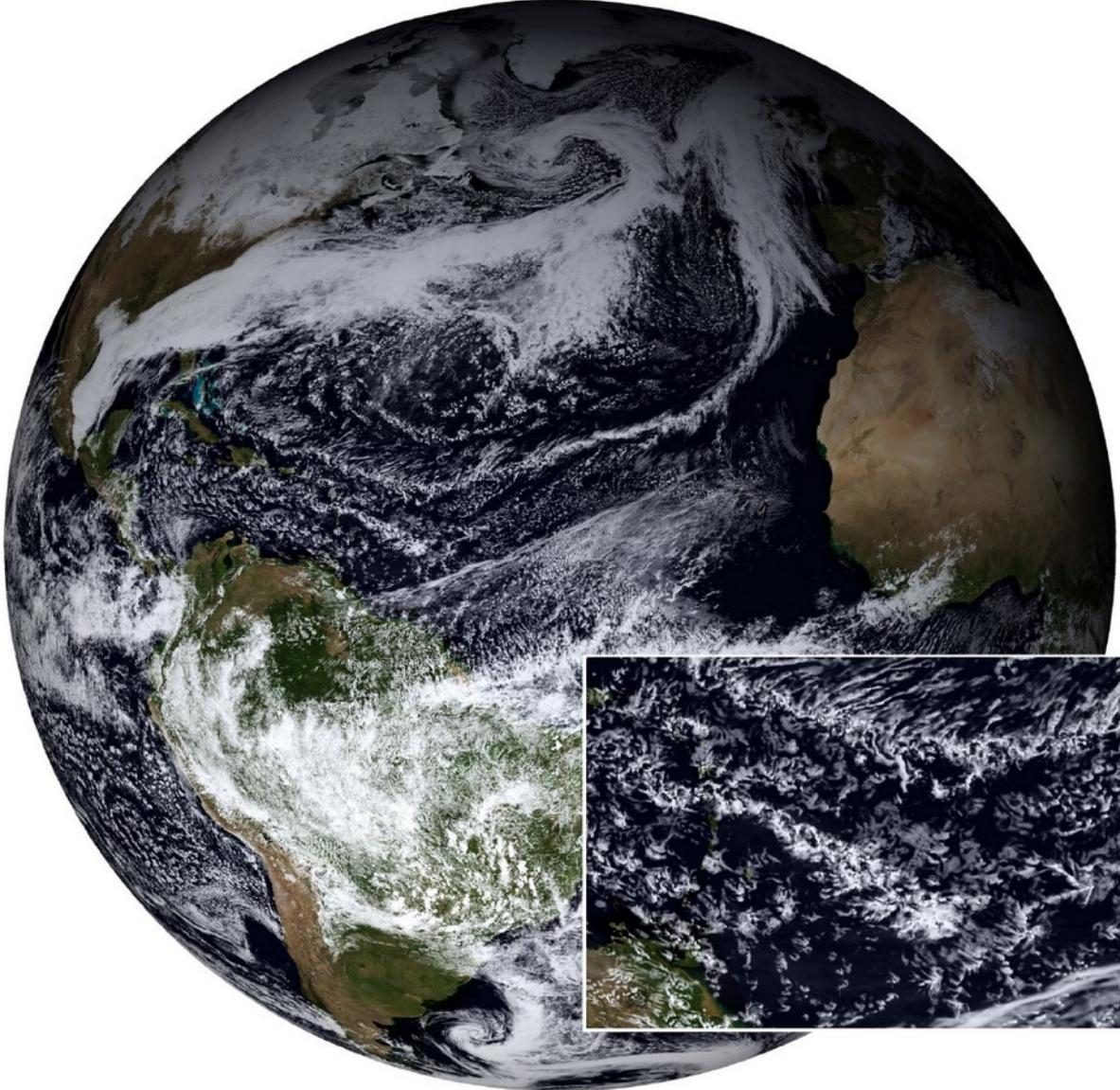


Saharan dust event





Associated numerical  
simulation,  
global 2.5km resolution,  
initialized, January, 20,  
snapshot February, 2.



From an overview paper (in preparation):

„At this time we can report that the execution of EUREC4 A was successful. All of the measurements we set out to make have been made. In retrospect, with the worldwide spread of the COVID-19 Pandemic shortly after field operations concluded, this ends up being a stroke of even greater fortune.

For some key measurements, such as those of the mean mesoscale vertical motion field, preliminary analyses suggest that they have the desired information content. The analysis of other measurements, such as those that aim to quantify clouds, is more delicate and ongoing.

Together we anticipate that at the conclusion of this analysis we will have learned a great deal more about the ways of clouds, how they couple to circulation systems on different scales, how they influence and are influenced by the upper ocean and the extent to which they are susceptible to perturbations in the aerosol environment. A better quantification of these sensitivities will help us understand to what extent a warmer world will express the majesty of clouds less markedly.”

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