



# DC3: DLR Falcon contribution

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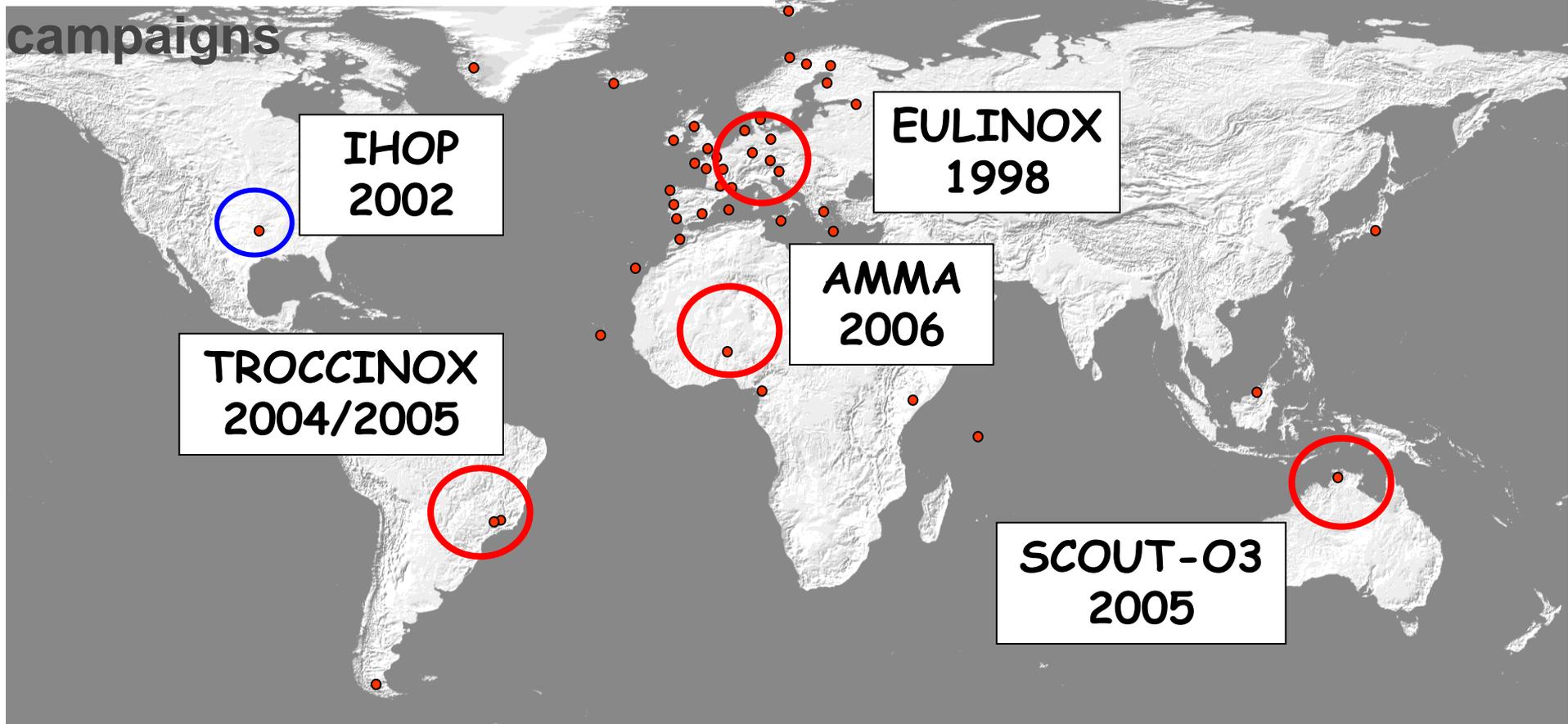
# DLR Flight Facility Oberpfaffenhofen (Germany)

Falcon flight duration: 3-4 h  
Max. altitude: 13 km (FL 390)



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# Selection of Falcon campaigns



ACSYS, ACSYS II, ADM I + II, AERO-CONTRAIL1-2, AEROIMPACT, AFO 2000, Airbus – Toulouse, **AMMA**, ANASTASIA, APE THESEO, ASTAR, A-TOAST, AWIATOR, ASUR, BASIS, CAATER, CAMEL, CIRRUS, CIRRUS 94, CLARE, CLEOPATRA, CONTRACE, CONTRAIL 1-10, CONTRAILS, DRAMAC, EFEDA, ELITE, ESCOMPTE, EUCREX, EUCREX 2, **EULINOX**, EUPLEX, EuroSOLVE, Flugzeug Immission, FRAMZY, FETCH, HIMSPEC 1+2, H2O, HRSC / MARS 96, **IHOP**, INCA 1 + 2, ITOP, KORRIDOR, LACE, LOFZY, Luftverkehr und Umwelt, MAP, METEOSAT, METEX, MINOS, PAZI, PAUR 96, POLECAT96+97, POLARCAT, POLINAT95+97, POLSTAR, POLSTAR 2, SAMUM I + II, Schadstoffe in der Luftfahrt, **SCOUT-03**, SESAME 1-3, SHIPS, SHIVA, STAAARTE 98, STAAARTE, STAIRSS, SULFUR 1-6, SUMAS, THOMAS, THORPEX-IPY, T-PARC, **TROCCINOX 1**

"Challenge to be at the right place at the right time"

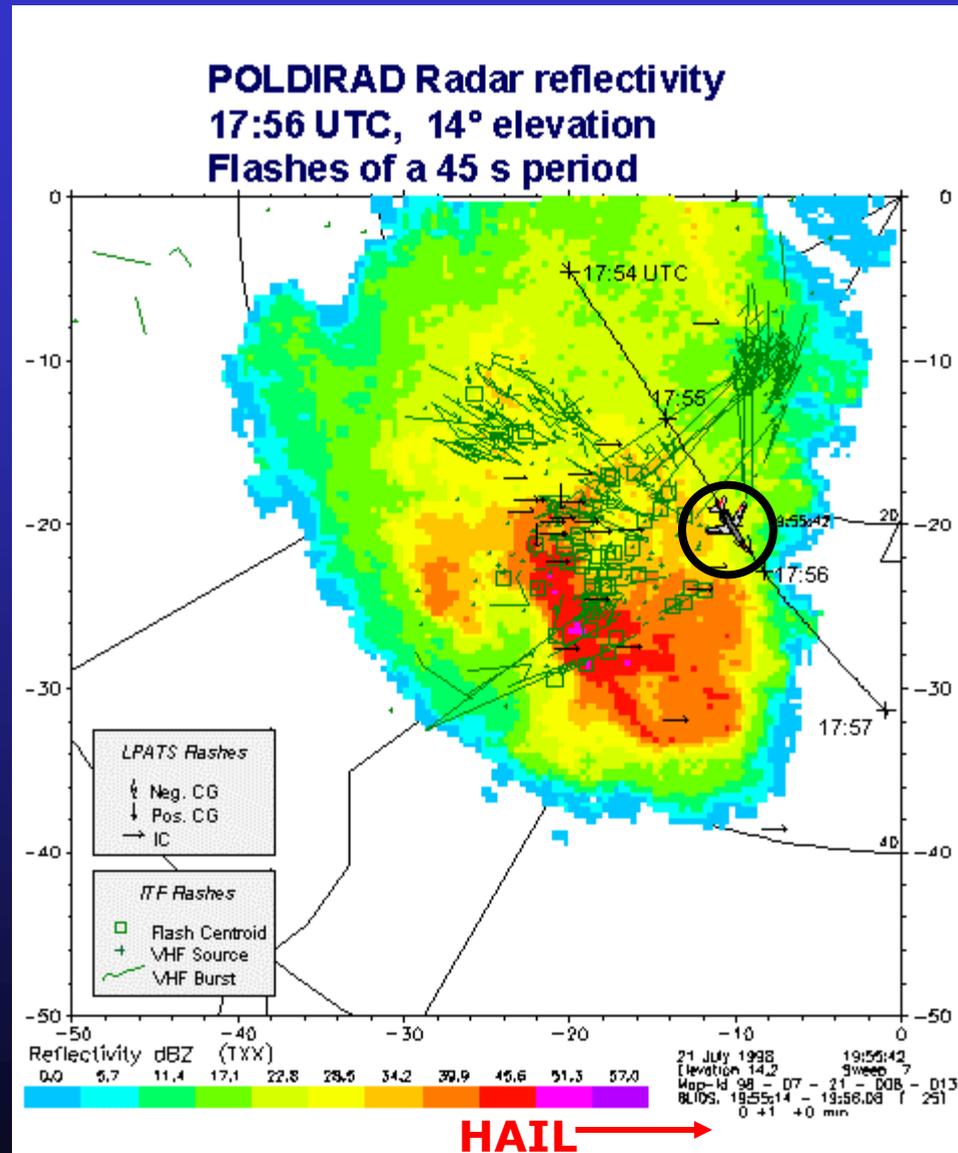


# EULINOX - 21 July 1998

## Supercell close to Munich

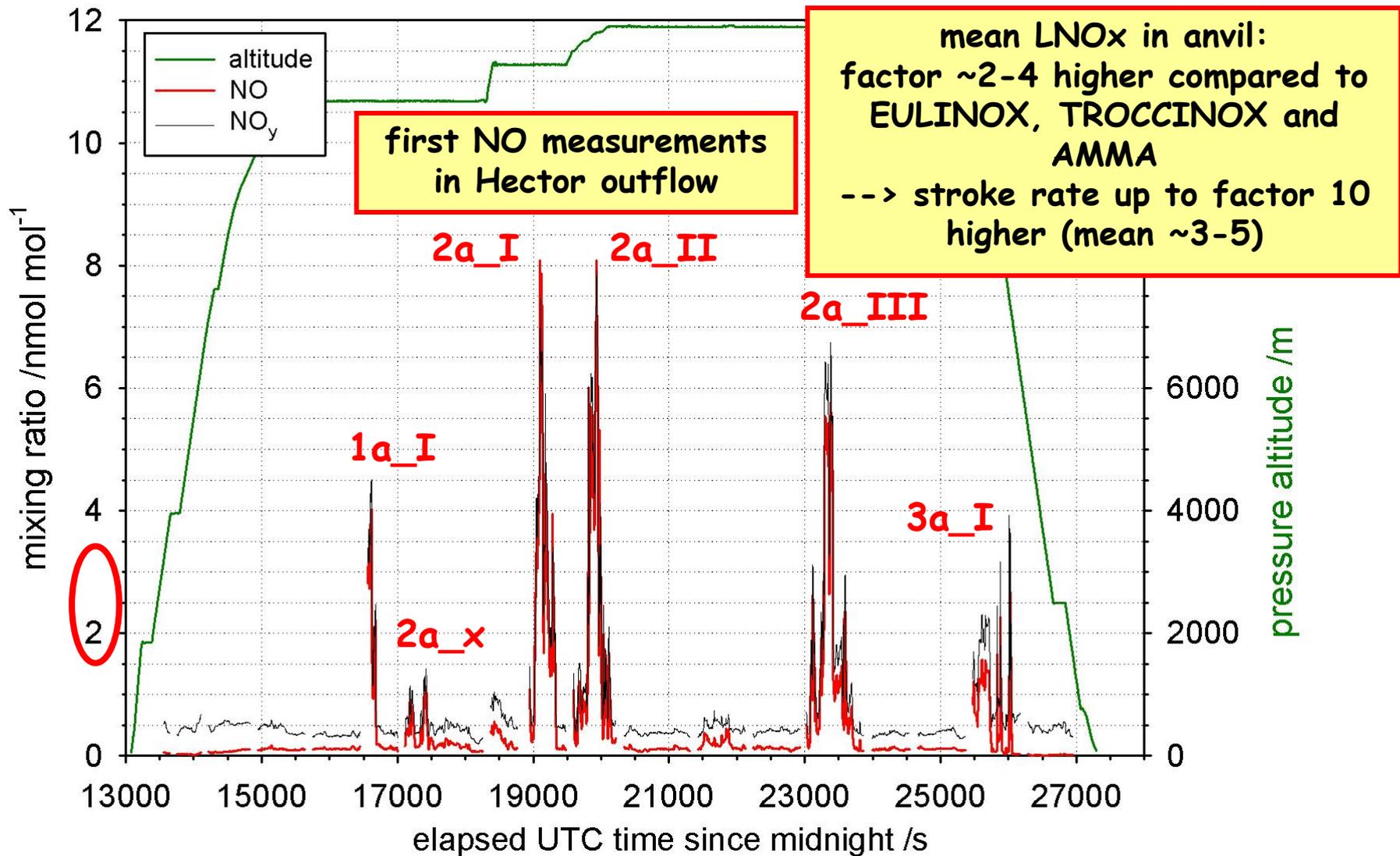


Polarisation  
Doppler Radar  
„POLDIRAD“  
(DLR-  
Oberpfaffenhofen)



(Huntrieser et al., JGR, 2002)

# SCOUT-O3: 19 November 2005 - Falcon flight





# DC3-Falcon flights:

28 May - 15 June 2012

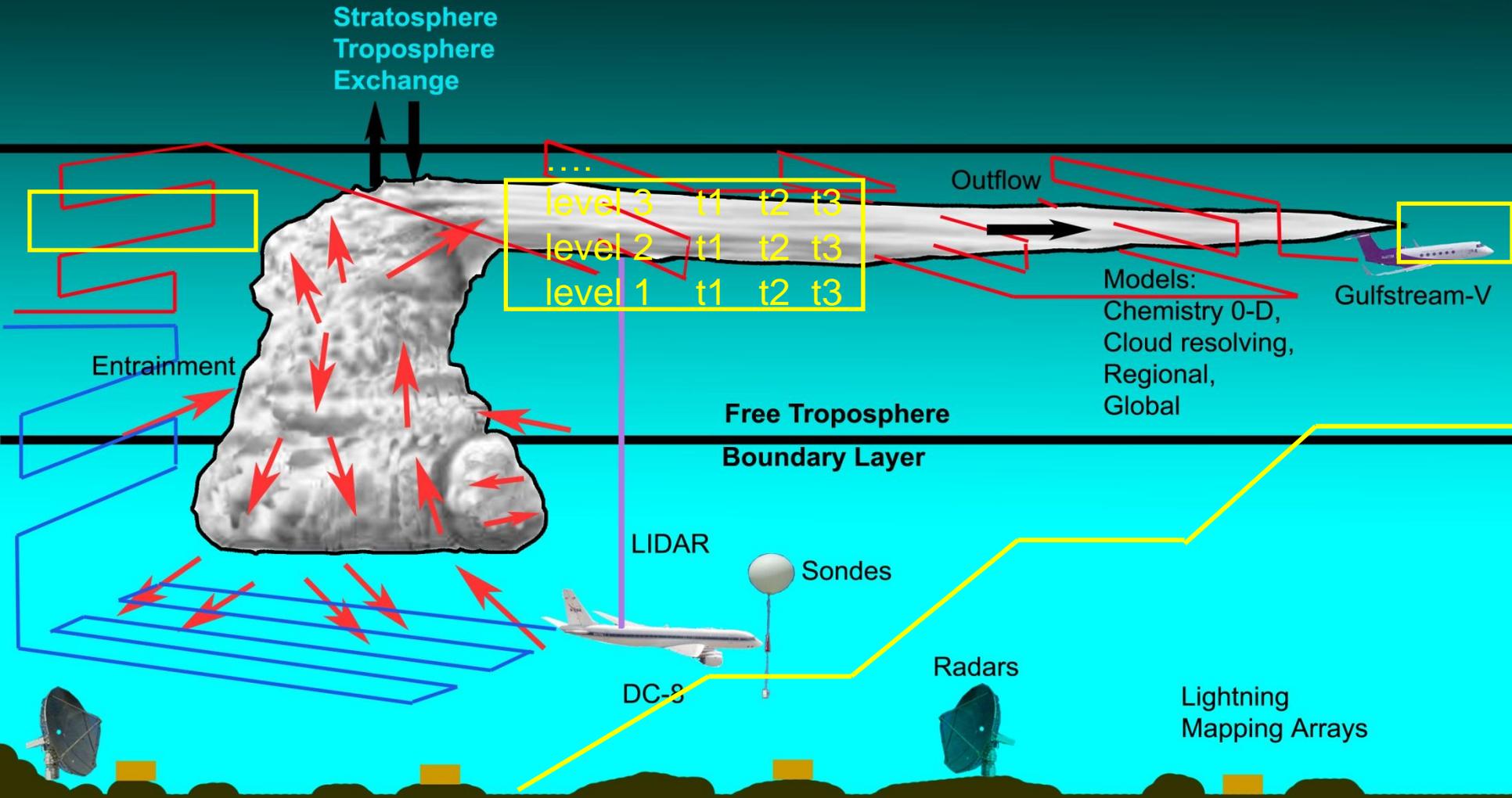
1. individual thunderstorm flights: different days /different areas /different storms compared to the DC8 and GV
2. joint flights with the DC8 and GV:
  - 1-2 intercomparison flights with at least one of the U.S. aircraft (cloud-free, 3 levels, each level ~15 min)
  - at least one joint flight with the DC8 and GV at the same time in a thunderstorm with an extended anvil outflow
  - a few flights time-delayed within the same storm as investigated by DC8 and GV (preferable the Falcon would investigate the outflow when its fresh as first aircraft, since it can fly closest to the convective core)
3. refueling at other airports than Salina might be necessary due to the limited flight duration of the Falcon (approx. 3.5 h)



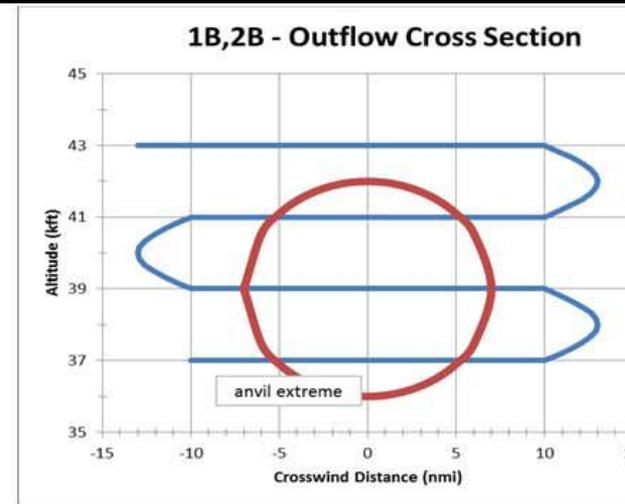
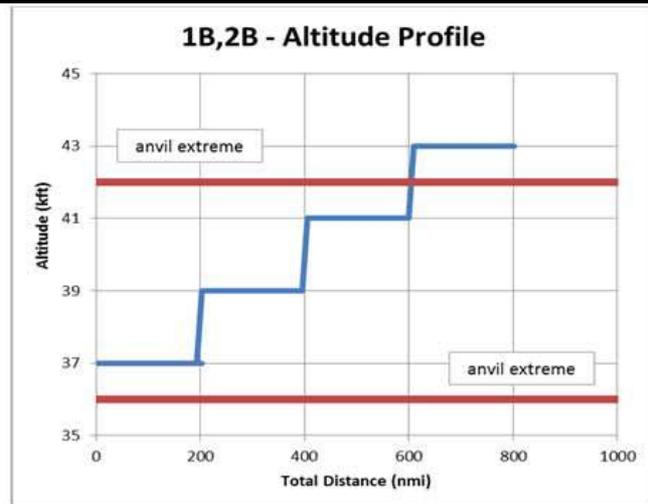
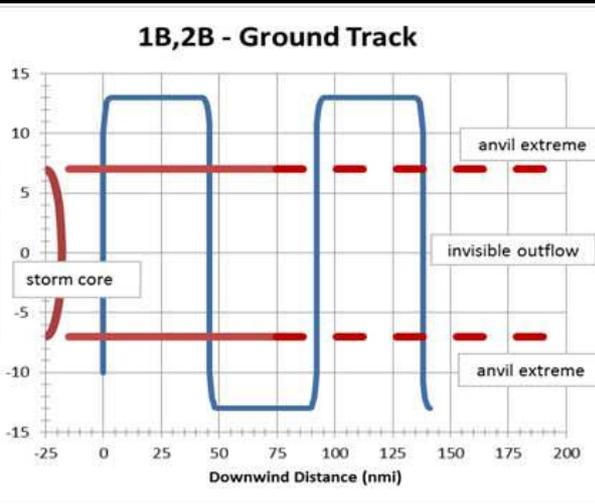
## DC3-Falcon flights: Four main thunderstorm target areas

1. cross the fresh outflow at different levels, start close to the convective core and do several cross sections downwind, then climb to the next higher level for the next cross sections, start again close to the core, approx. FL 300 – FL 390
2. in the cloud-free area outside of the fresh anvil outflow (up- and downwind)
3. in the boundary layer ahead of the thunderstorm (may be combined with the refueling stop, step descent at several levels maintained for some minutes each)
4. in the aged anvil outflow 12-48 h after the thunderstorm activity (e.g. sample released tracer)

# DC3 - Falcon contribution: 28 May - 15 June 2012



# DLR Falcon flight patterns (design: Chris Cantrell)

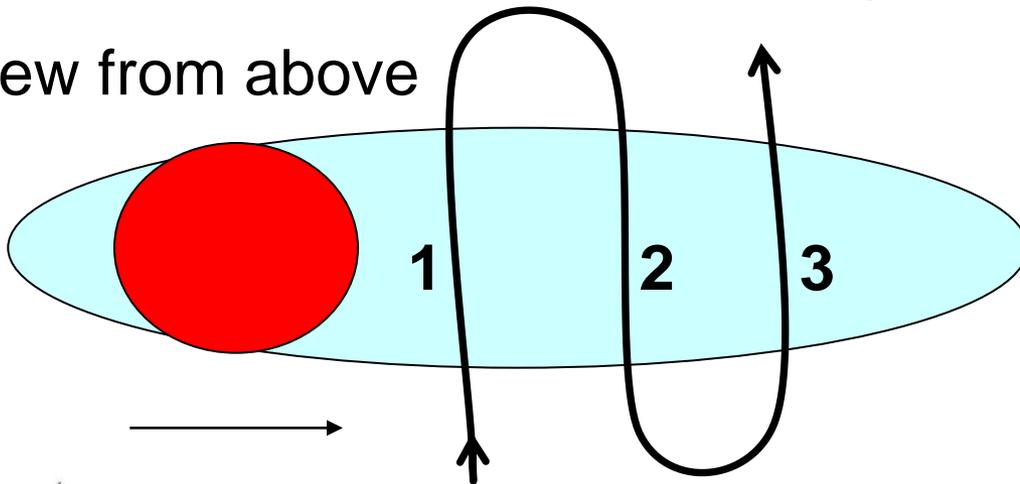


# F2a: Falcon fresh anvil cross-wind constant altitude legs

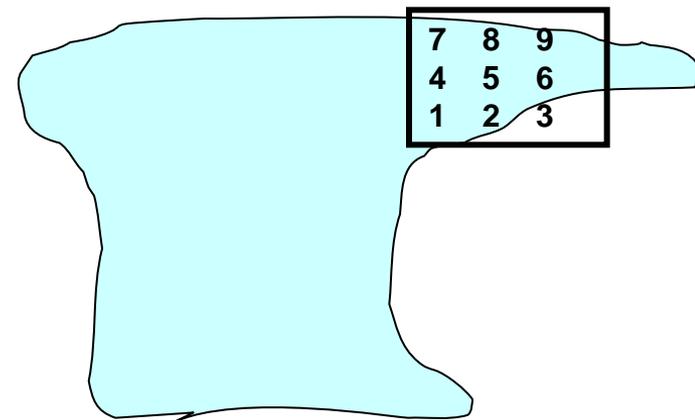
Task: fresh LNO<sub>x</sub>, dilution of fresh outflow, chemical aging

- downwind, as close as possible to the convective core (20-30 dBZ)
- 2-3 constant flight levels between FL ~300-390
- start close to the storm with the lowest level and move downwind
- 2-3 anvil cross-wind legs at constant altitude
- horizontal distance between the legs ~10 to 25 NM
- vertical distance between the legs ~1500-3000 ft

view from above



view from the side

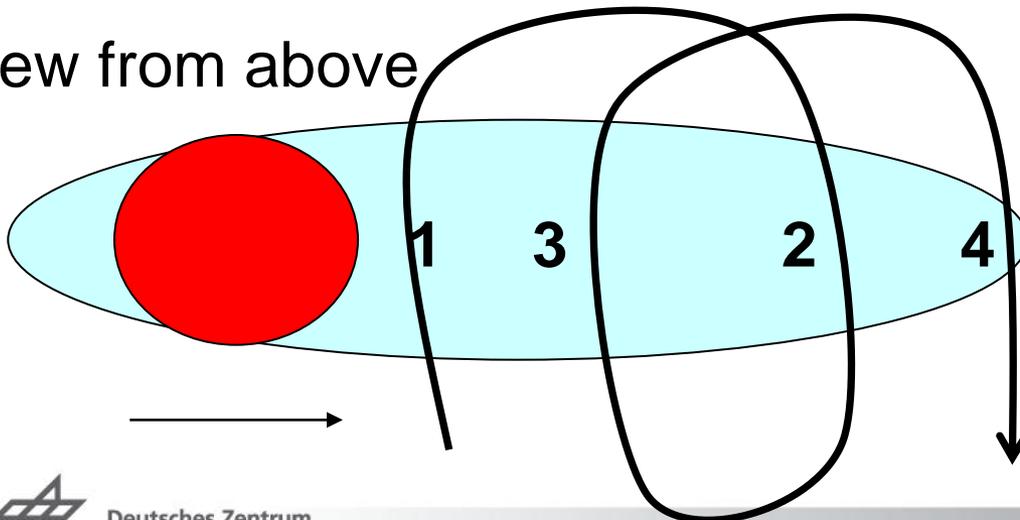


## F2b: Falcon fresh anvil cross-wind constant altitude legs

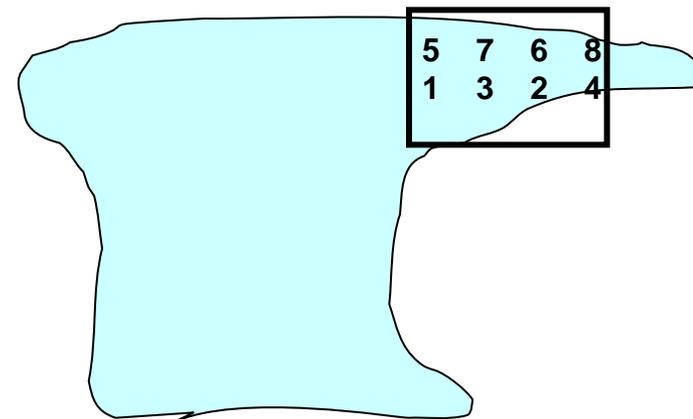
Task: fresh LNO<sub>x</sub>, dilution of fresh outflow, chemical aging, "Lagrangian"

- downwind, as close as possible to the convective core (20-30 dBZ)
- 2 constant flight levels between FL ~300-390
- start close to the storm with the lowest level and move downwind
- 4 anvil cross-wind legs at constant altitude
- horizontal distance between the legs ~10 NM (depending on wind)
- vertical distance between the legs ~1500-3000 ft

view from above



view from the side

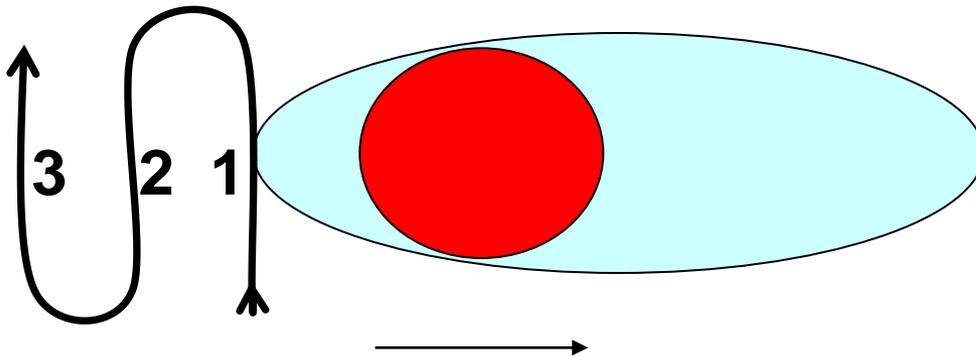


## F3a: Falcon outside anvil cross-wind constant altitude legs

Task: change in trace species composition in slightly aged outflow (cloud-free!)

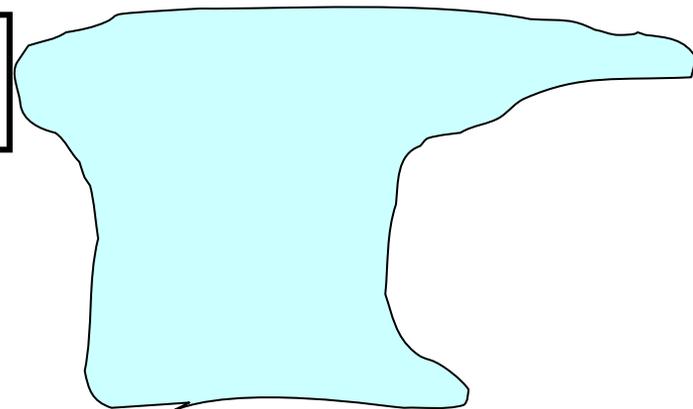
- upwind, as close as possible to the anvil cloud
- 2-3 constant flight levels between FL ~300-390
- start close to the storm with the lowest level and move upwind
- 2-3 anvil cross-wind legs at constant altitude
- horizontal distance between the legs ~10 to 25 NM
- vertical distance between the legs ~1500-3000 ft

view from above



view from the side

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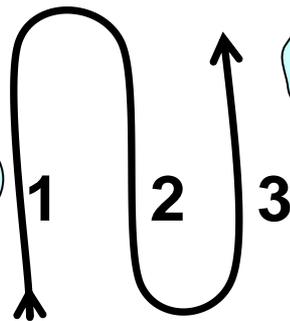
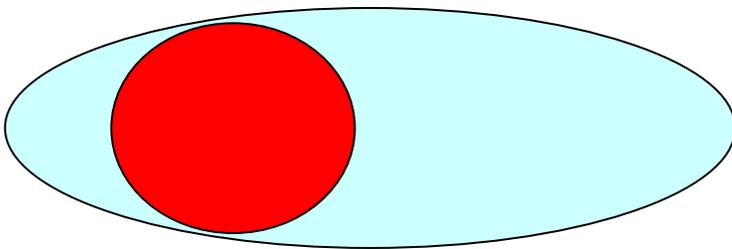


## F3b: Falcon outside anvil cross-wind constant altitude legs

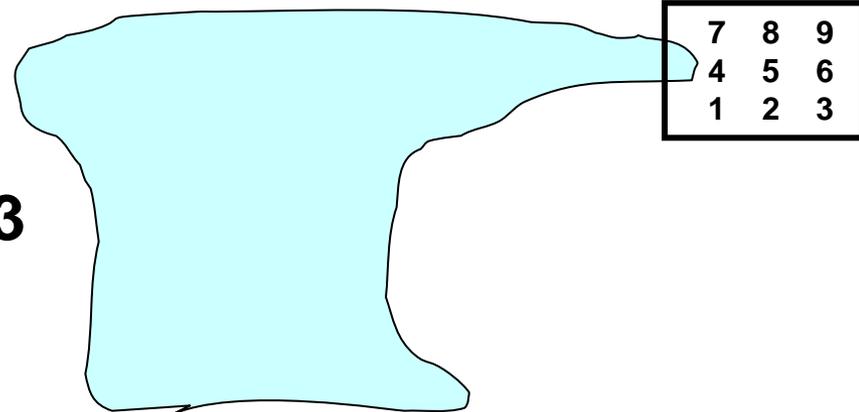
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- downwind, as close as possible to the anvil cloud
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- start close to the storm with the lowest level and move downwind
- 2-3 anvil cross-wind legs at constant altitude
- horizontal distance between the legs ~10 to 25 NM
- vertical distance between the legs ~1500-3000 ft

view from above



view from the side

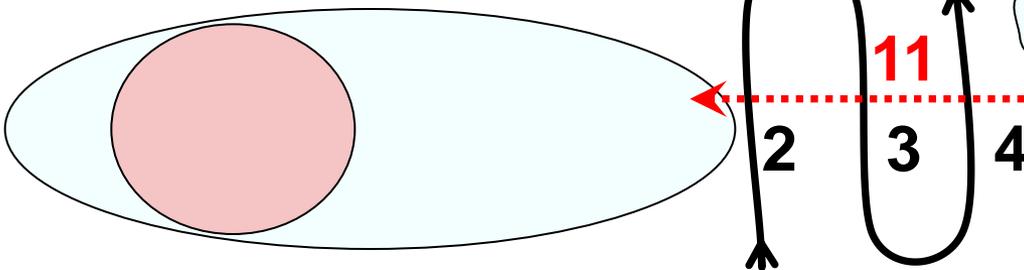


## F4: Falcon outside anvil cross-wind constant altitude legs

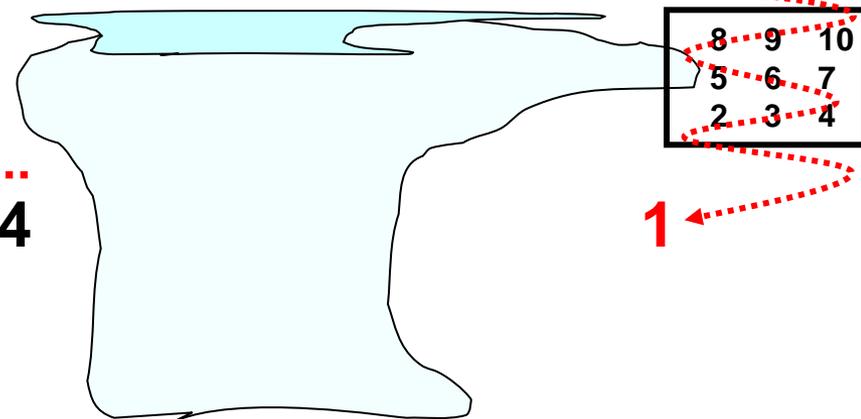
Task: sample released PFC tracer in aged outflow (mainly cloud-free)

- downwind, ~24 h after convection
- start with descending profile through aged outflow region (Nr. 1)
- 2-3 constant flight levels between FL ~300-390
- start closest to the outflow with the lowest level and move downwind
- 2-3 anvil cross-wind legs at constant altitude
- horizontal distance between the legs ~30 NM
- vertical distance between the legs ~500-1500 ft
- finish with axial constant altitude leg moving upwind (Nr. 11)

view from above



view from the side





## Miscellaneous:

- During the Falcon mission flights, sometimes also different flight segments will be combined (e.g. 2a+3b) during one flight, depending on the flight time available (total 3-4 hours per flight).
- The suggested flight segments can be performed by the Falcon alone or be combined with flight segments from the GV and DC8.
- PFC tracer release (from ground/mountain) for later detection with Falcon.

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CAS number 1805-22-7

Perfluoromethylcyclopentane,

Not hazardous according to Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations 2002, data sheet available.

Radiation

$\text{NO}_{(y)}$

CO

$\text{O}_3$

$\text{CO}_2$

$\text{CH}_4$

Falcon instrumentation for DC3

$\text{SO}_2$

PAN

$\text{HNO}_3$

PFC-  
Tracer

Aerosol

UT composition and chemistry:  
 $\text{NO}_x$  and  $\text{O}_3$  budget

LINET

Different storm types/ BL conditions

conv. 0 - 12 hours

conv. 12 - 48 hours



# DC3 Aircraft Payloads\_HH.pdf

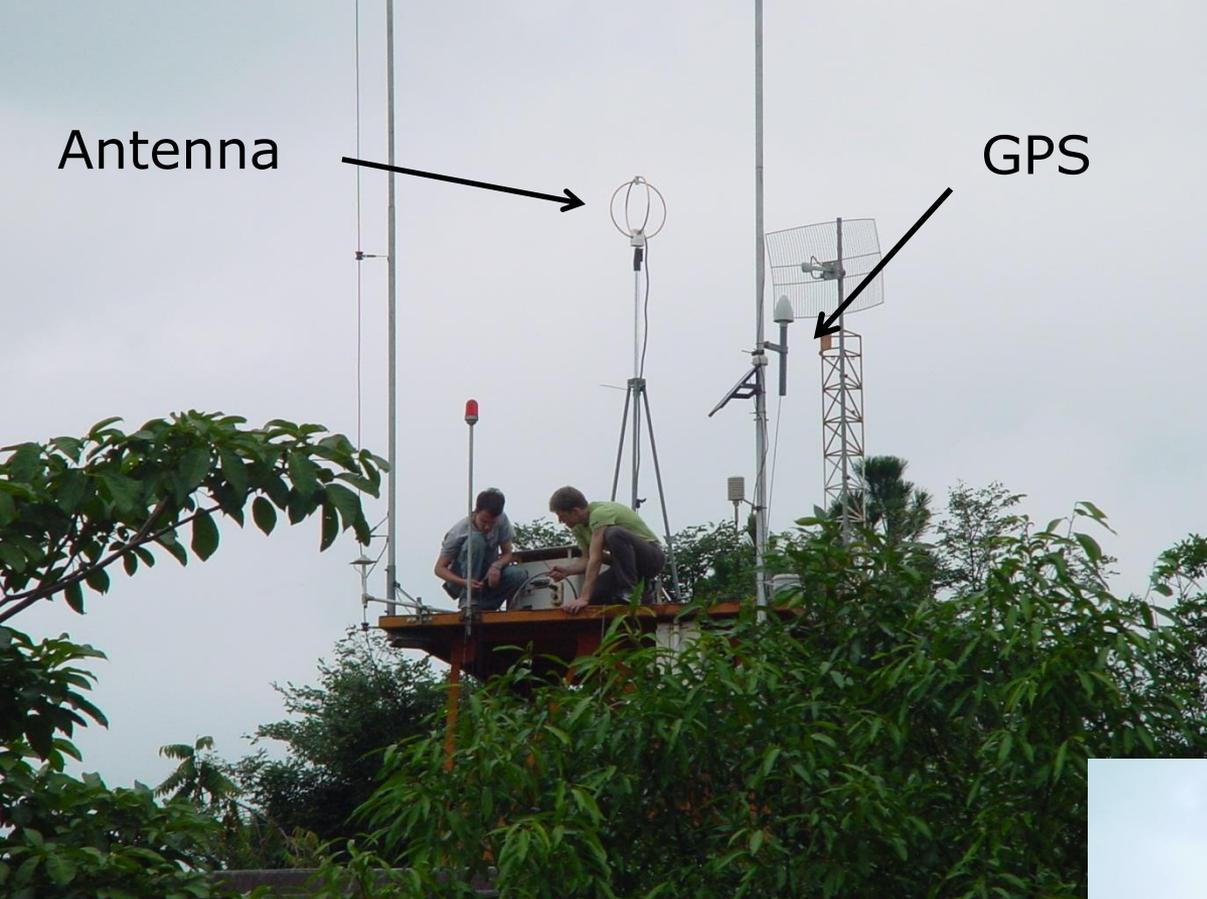




**Thank you for your attention!**  
**The DLR-Falcon team look forward to join DC3!**

Antenna

GPS



**LINET**  
3-D Lightning Detection System  
of DLR/LMU:



"Challenge to be at the right place at the right time"



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Knowledge for Tomorrow





# Falcon 20-E5, D-CMET

- fully IFR-equipped
- RVSM approved
- max. range: 2000 NM
- max. payload (with max. fuel): 1.1 t
- max. speed (TAS): 917 km/h / 495 NM/h / 0.865 Mach
- min. clean speed (TAS): 296 km/h / 160 KIAS)
- max. altitude (ISA): 45000 ft

## configuration for DC3:

2 (?) PMS sondes under each wing

max. flight time for measurement flights: approx. 3.5 hrs

No laser.

No dropsondes (so far, final decision expected until end of February)

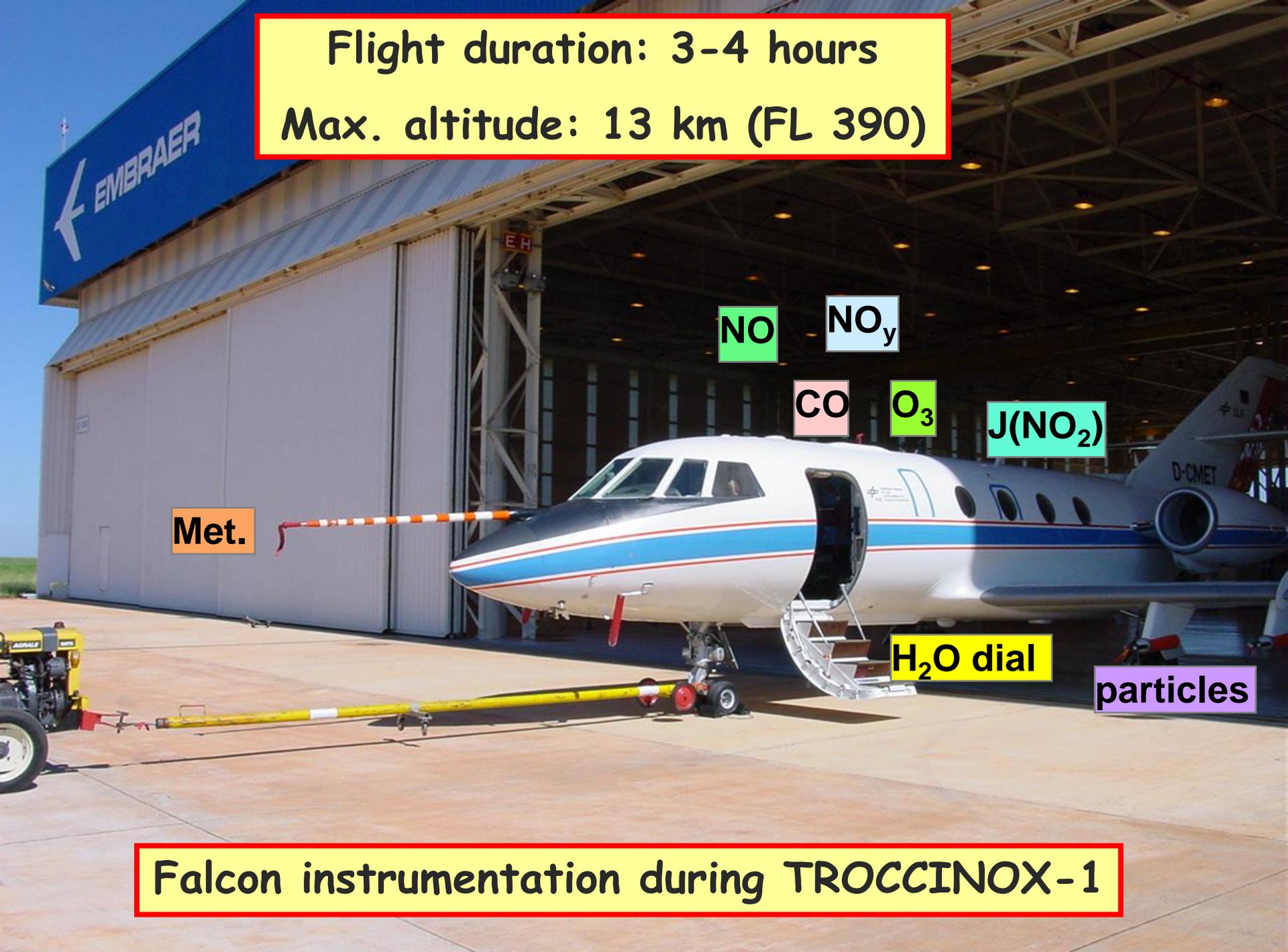


## -DC3 – May/June 2012 – Falcon contribution

tentative schedule (+/- some days, details to be discussed):

7 - 21 May:	aircraft installation, ground and flight test
22 - 24 May:	transfer flights EDMO (D) – Salina (KS)
<b><u>28 May – 15 June:</u></b>	<b>DC3 measurement flights</b>
<b>17 – 20 June:</b>	transfer flights Salina (KS) – EDMO (D)

Flight duration: 3-4 hours  
Max. altitude: 13 km (FL 390)



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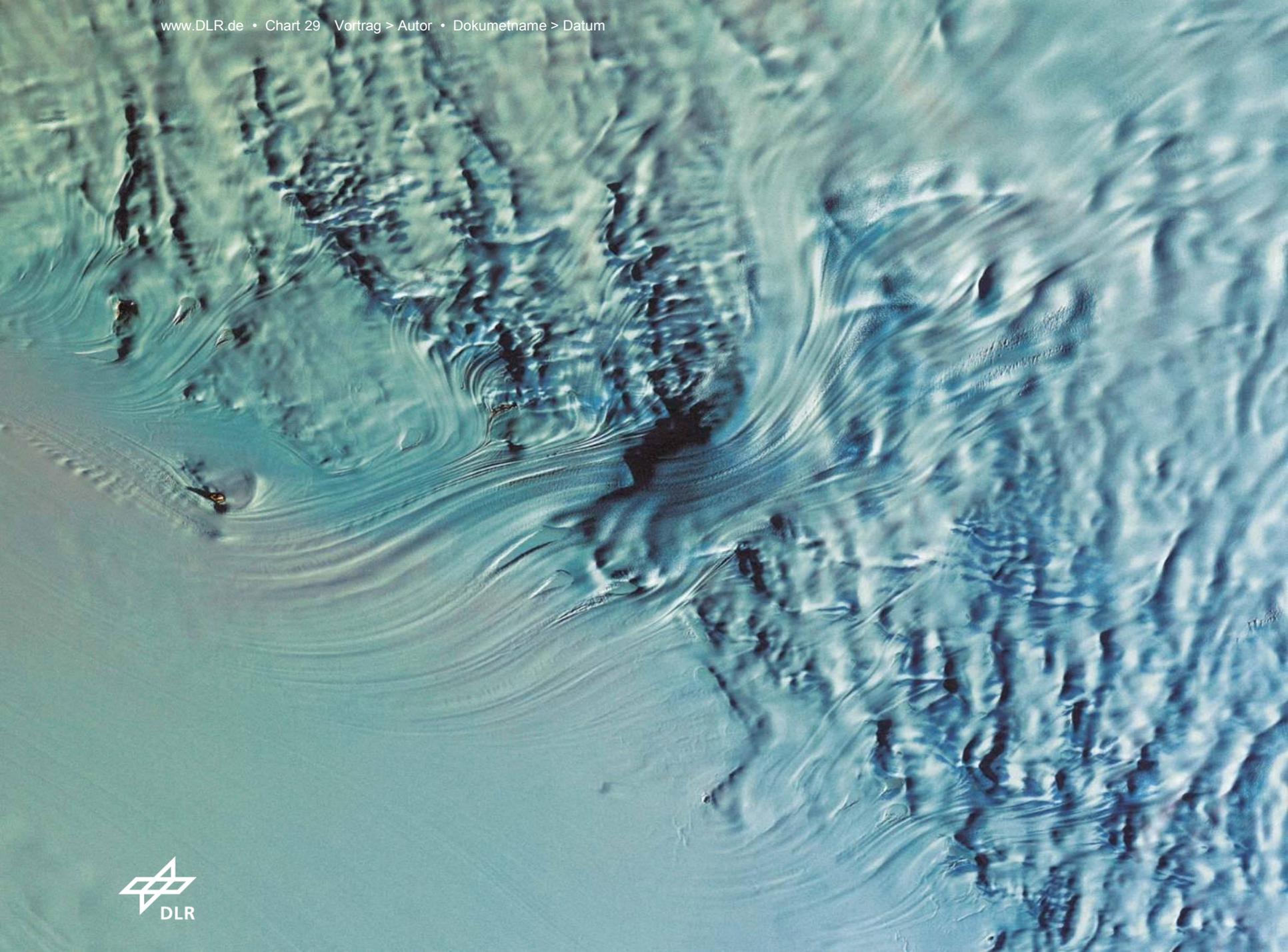
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particles

Falcon instrumentation during TROCCINOX-1



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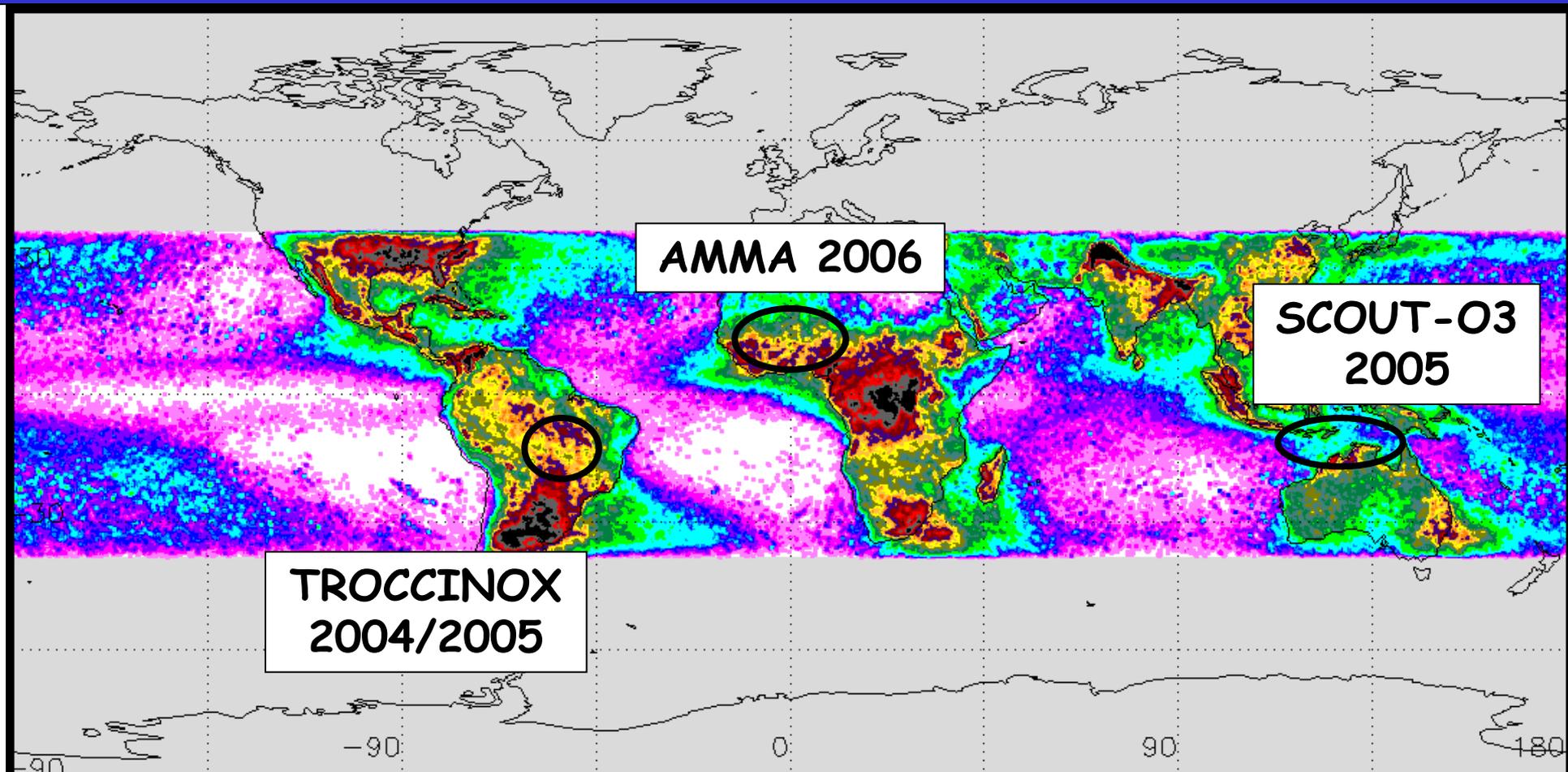
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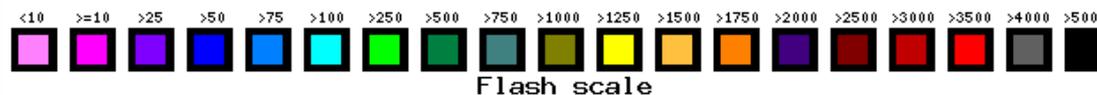


# Global lightning distribution observed by LIS

Lightning Imaging Sensor



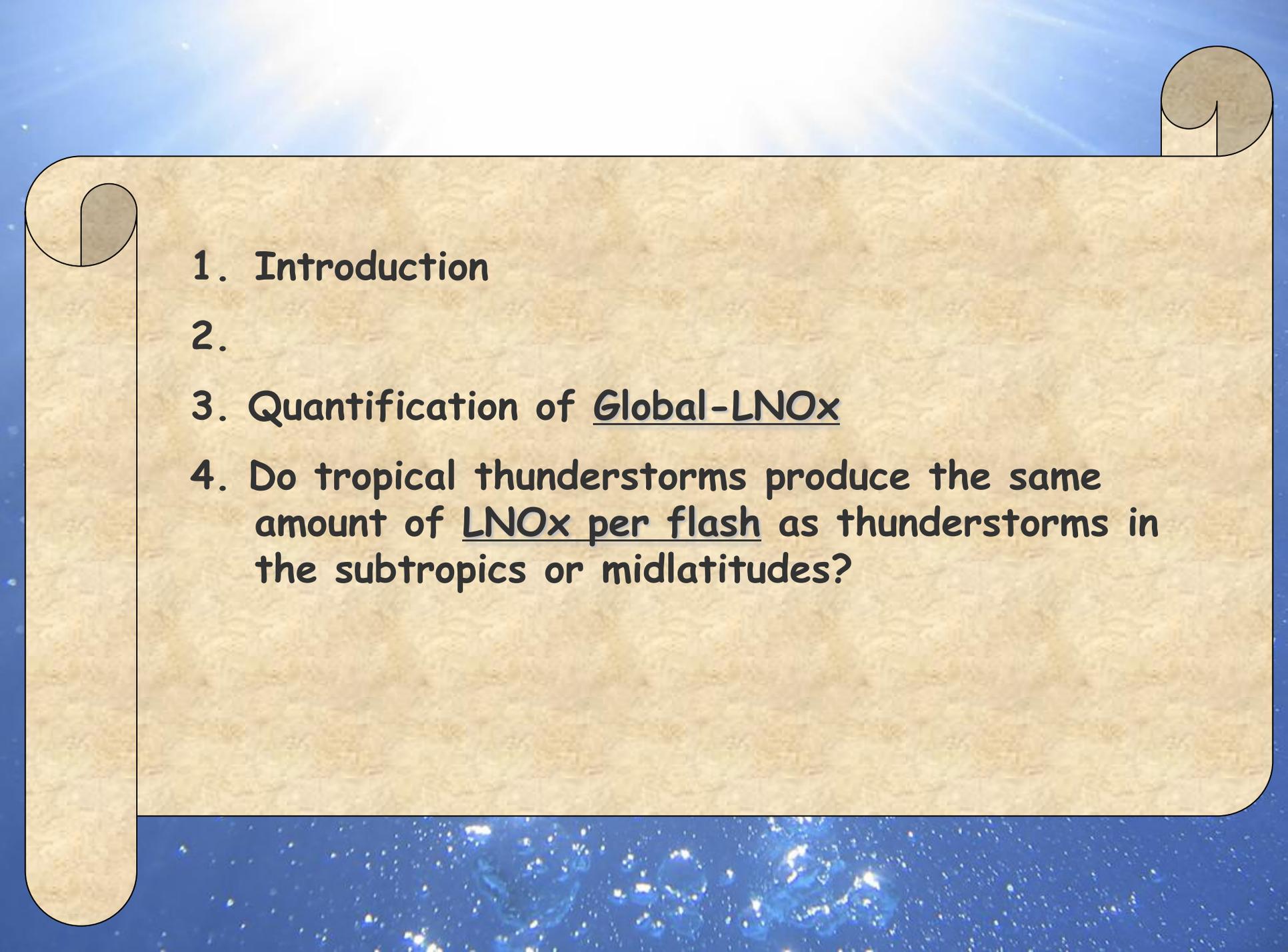
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Flashes 12435841  
Groups 146500597  
Events 691198532



Flash scale

January 1998 - July 2007





1. Introduction

2.

3. Quantification of Global-LNO<sub>x</sub>

4. Do tropical thunderstorms produce the same amount of LNO<sub>x</sub> per flash as thunderstorms in the subtropics or midlatitudes?

## DC3 – May/June 2012 – questions

- minimum vertical and lateral separation between Falcon and the other aircraft during joint flights
- is it sufficient to send **FAA** a 3-dimensional box of expected flight area the day before the flight and final flight plan the day of the flight?
- TSA waivers:
  - one for the transfer EDMO – Salina ?
  - one for the transfer Salina – EDMO ?
  - one for all measurement flights ?
- tracer release from ground/building or small aircraft permitted?



## DC3 – May/June 2012 – questions

- tracer release from ground/building or small aircraft permitted?
- Suitable aircraft available for rent (including crew), for example spraying aircraft or aircraft used for hail **suppression**?

