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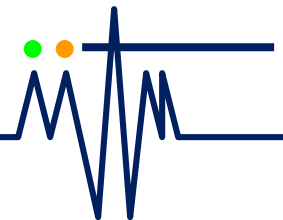
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CAIPEEX

Cloud Aerosol Interaction and Precipitation Enhancement Experiment

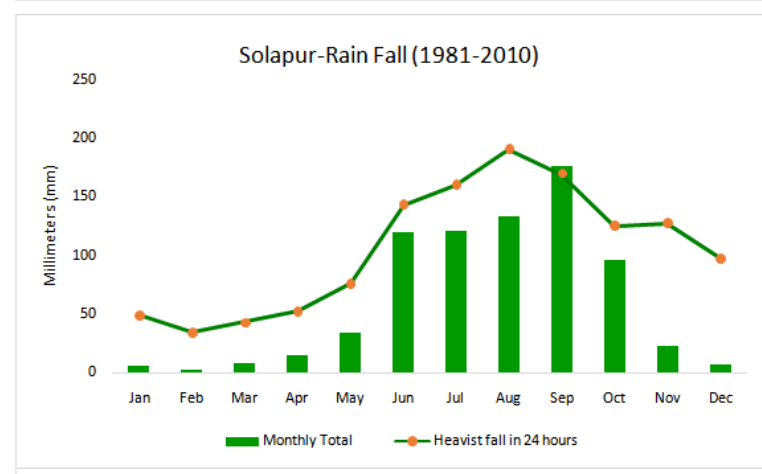
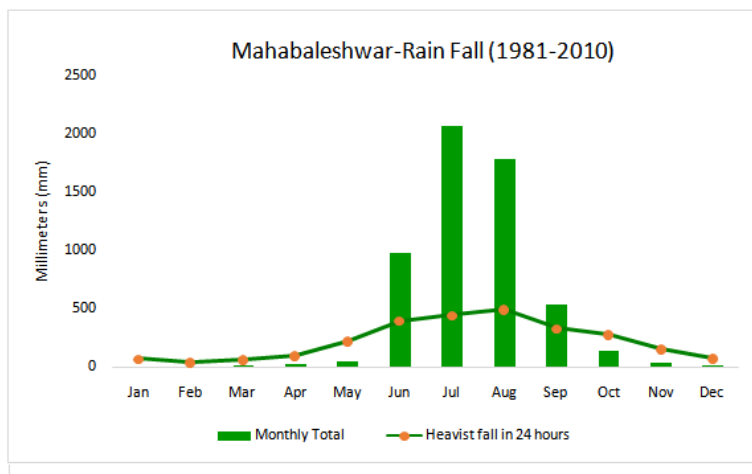
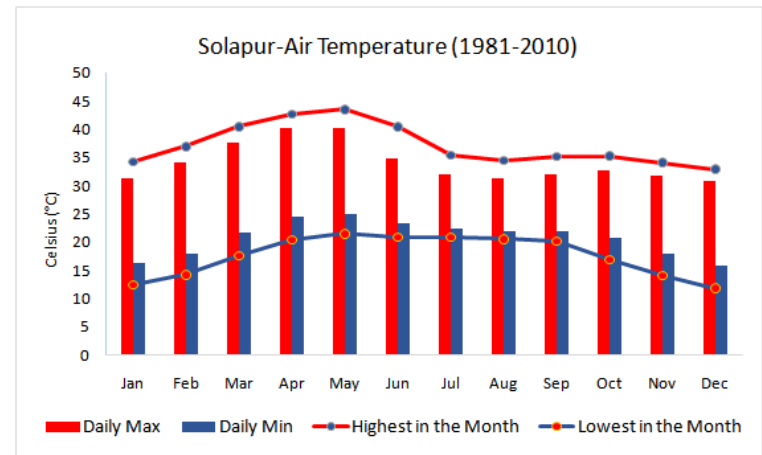
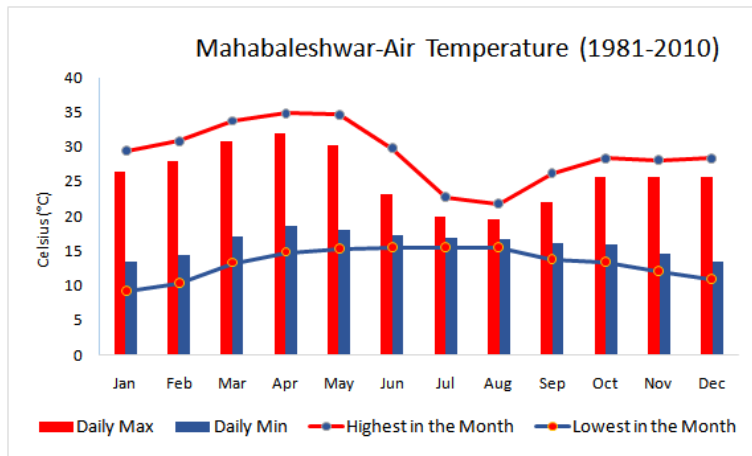


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Long term rainfall over WG and rain shadow region



Source: IMD

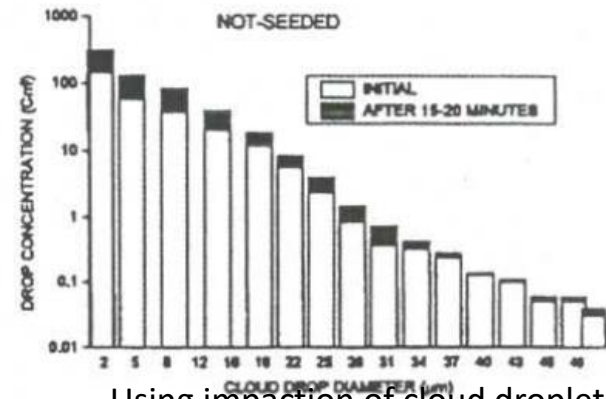
11 year seeding experiment India

11-YEAR WARM CLOUD SEEDING EXPERIMENT IN MAHARASHTRA STATE, INDIA

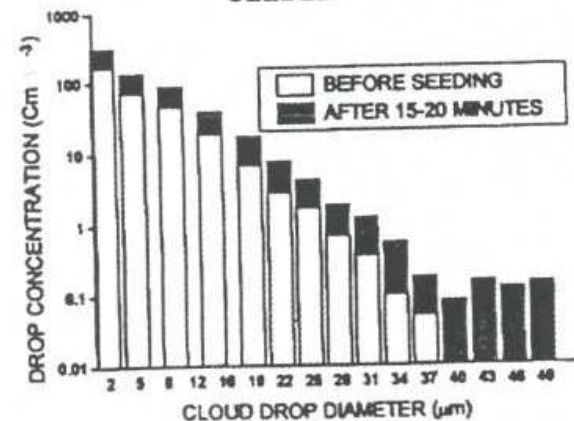
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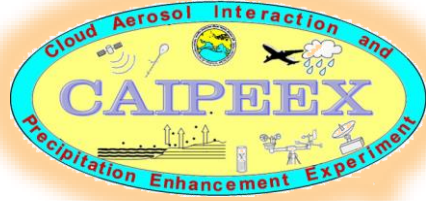
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- 100 km inland from west coast
 - June-Sept 1973-74, 1976, 1979-86
- Area randomization two (1600 km² target areas (north and south) separated by a buffer area, the size of each area being 1600 km²
- Salt seeding (Stcu and Cu) to 200-300m above cloud base observations
 - Salt seeding (0-30 kg in 3 km flight track)
 - Results depended on cloud thickness, LWC
 - Certain conditions produced increase in rainfall of 24 % at 4% level (1 km depth and LWC >0.5 gm⁻³)
 - Hygroscopic particle seeding accelerated collision coalescence
 - 24-h rainfall measured by 90 rain gauges



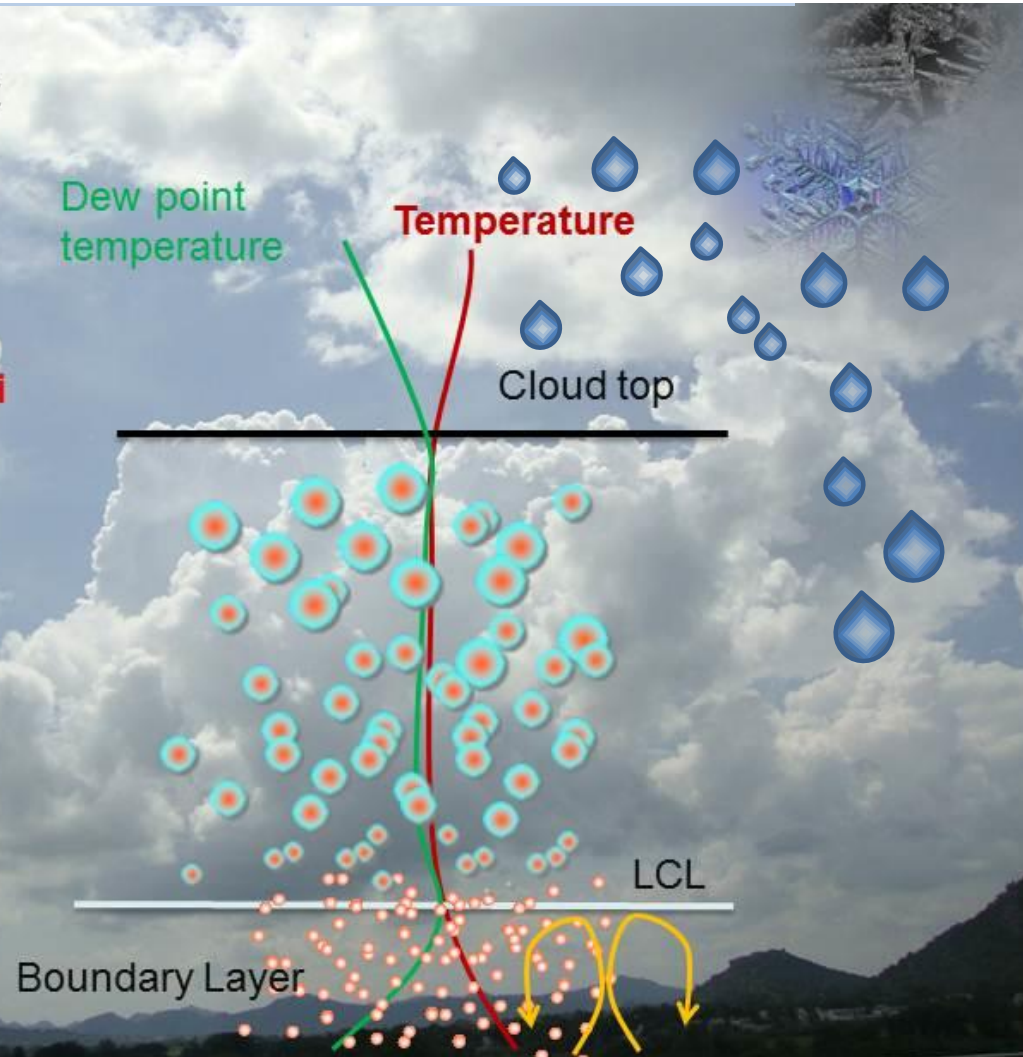
Using impaction of cloud droplets on the slides coated with MgO or soot



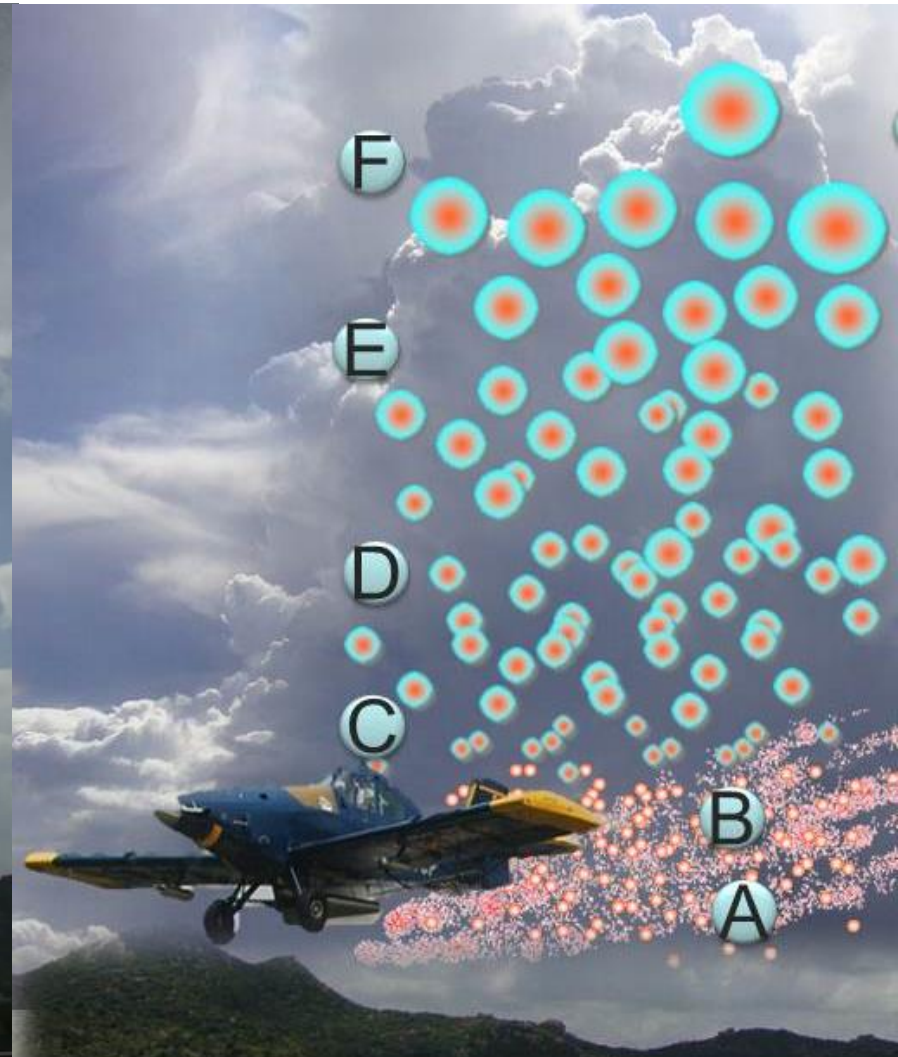


objectives

Aerosol-Cloud-Precipitation interaction



Hygroscopic cloud seeding



Cloud Aerosol Interaction and Precipitation Enhancement Experiment (CAIPEEX)

Research aircraft
Phase I May-September 2009

Seeder aircraft (single engine), also instrumented
Salt and pyrotechnic flares were used
Phase II (2010, 2011)

Research aircraft (2 propeller engine)
Phase II August-October 2010
September-November 2011

- Collected **670 hours** of flight data on aerosol and cloud droplet size distributions and other environmental parameters

Major achievement:

CAIPEEX has finished **820 hours** of research flights and **two integrated ground campaigns (2009-2015)**

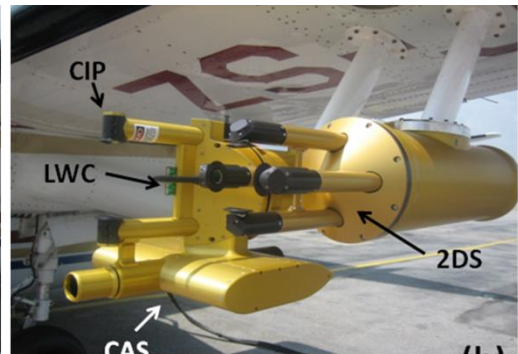
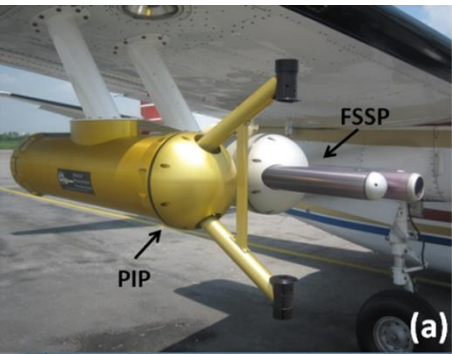
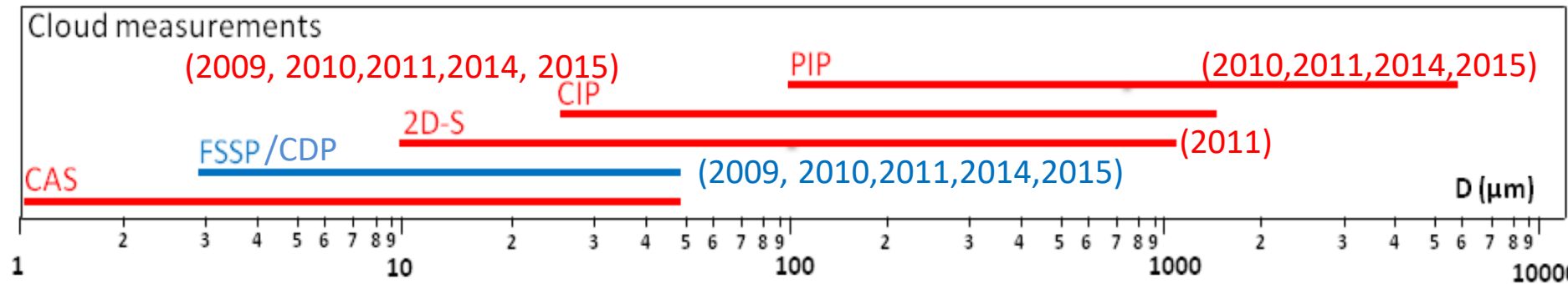
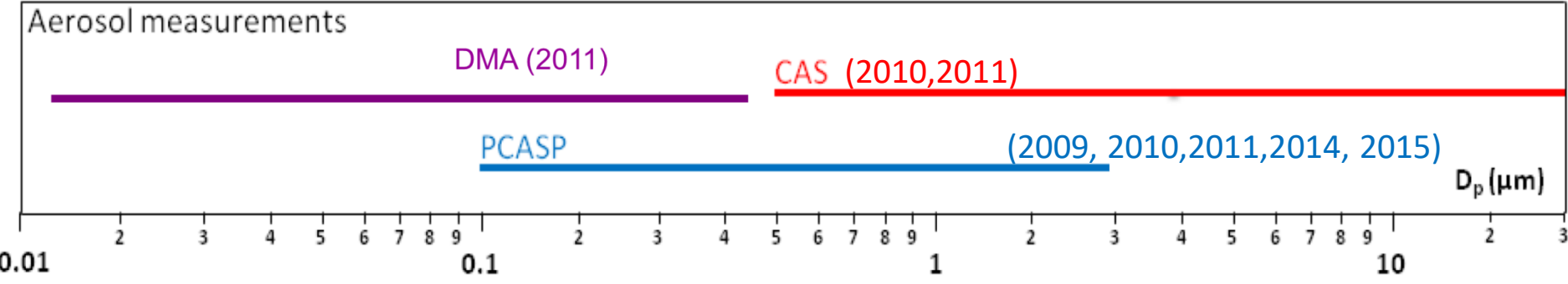
Phase III (2014-15)

150 hours of research flights

Varanasi, Mahabaleswar, Arabian Sea, Kohlapur, Solapur



Aircraft instruments for aerosol and cloud microphysics



website: <http://www.tropmet.res.in/~caipeex/>



On the wings



AIMMS

LWC

CDP

On the wings

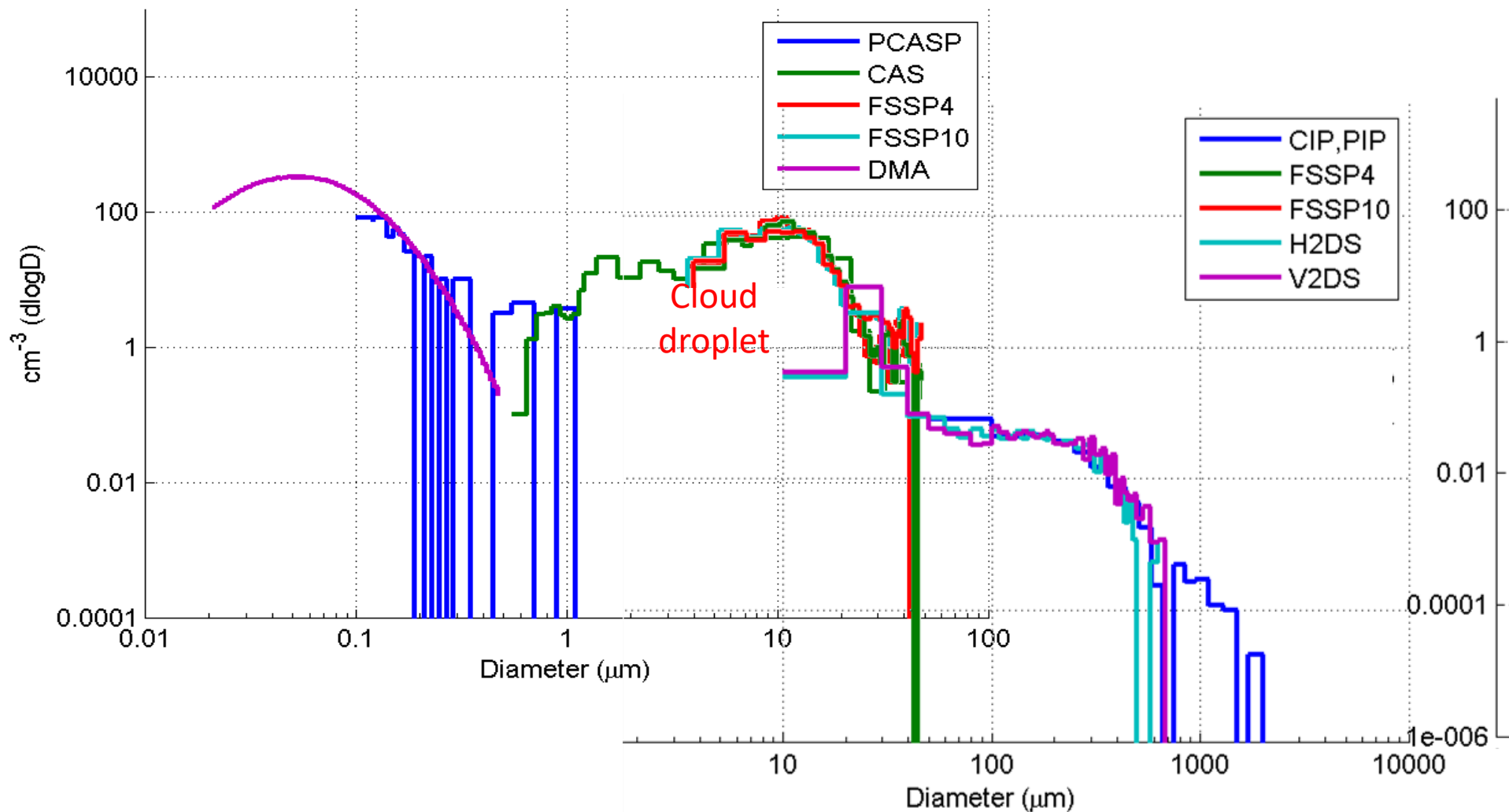


PCASP

PIP



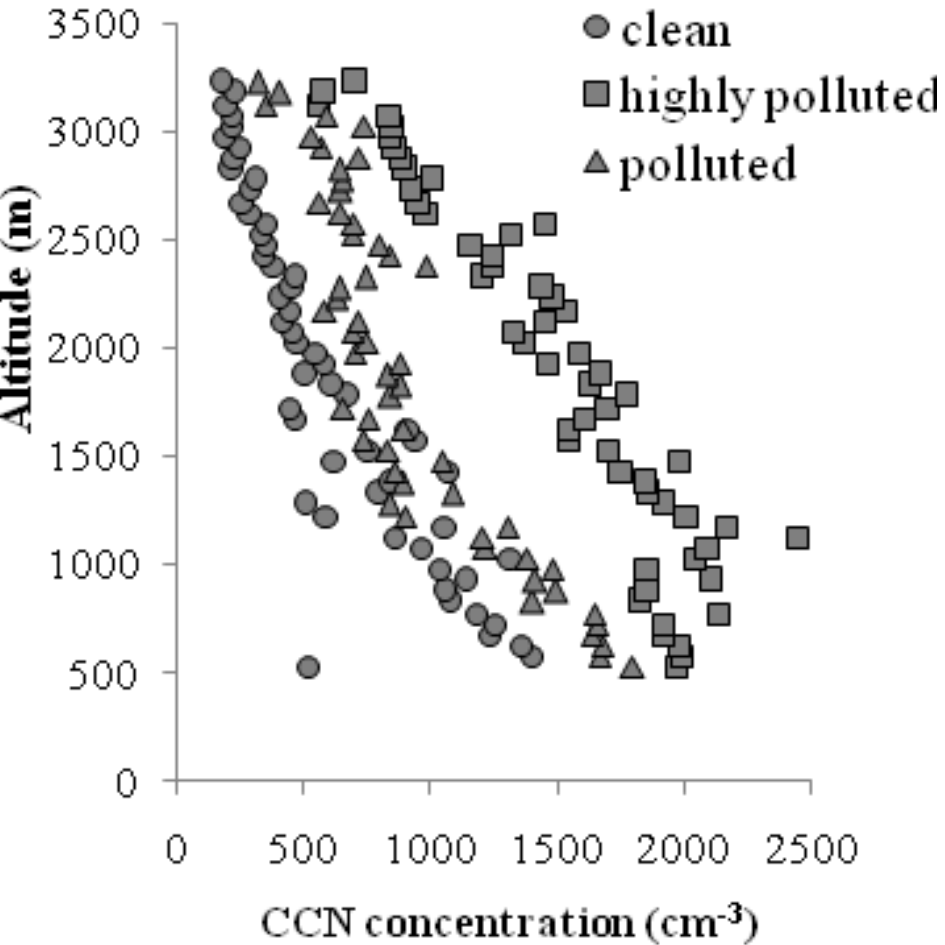
Particle/droplet size distribution from different probes



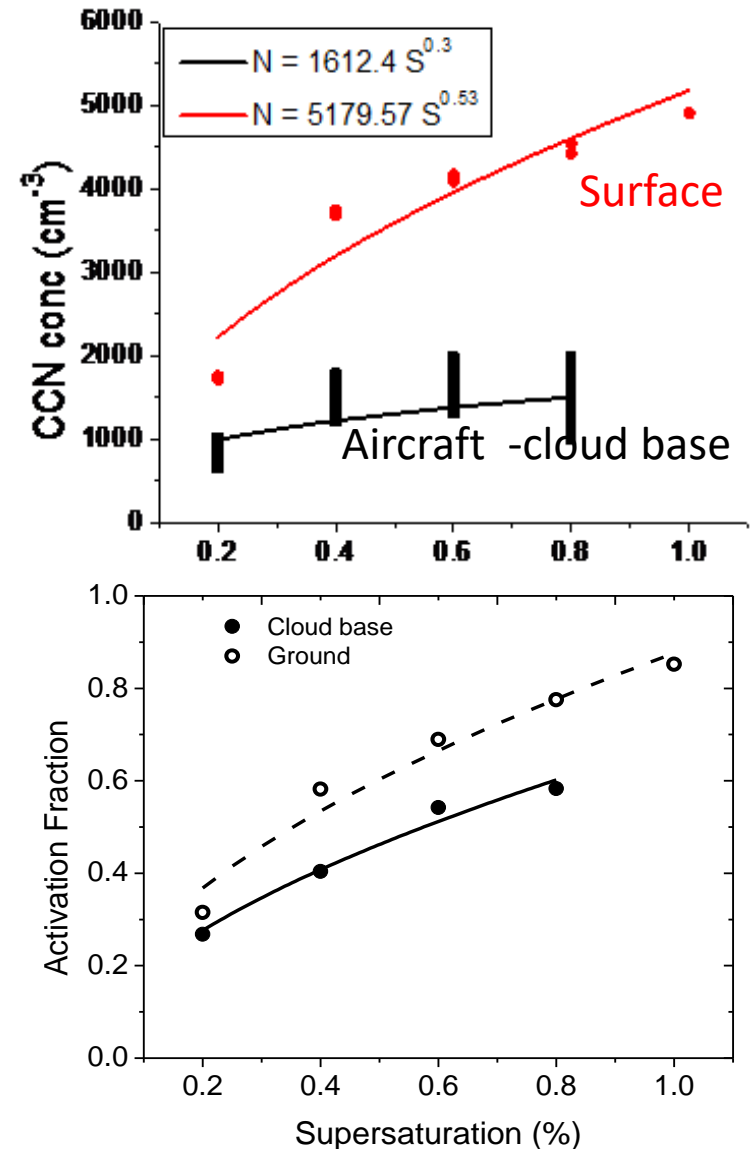
CAIPEEX Background CCN

CCN airborne and ground based observations

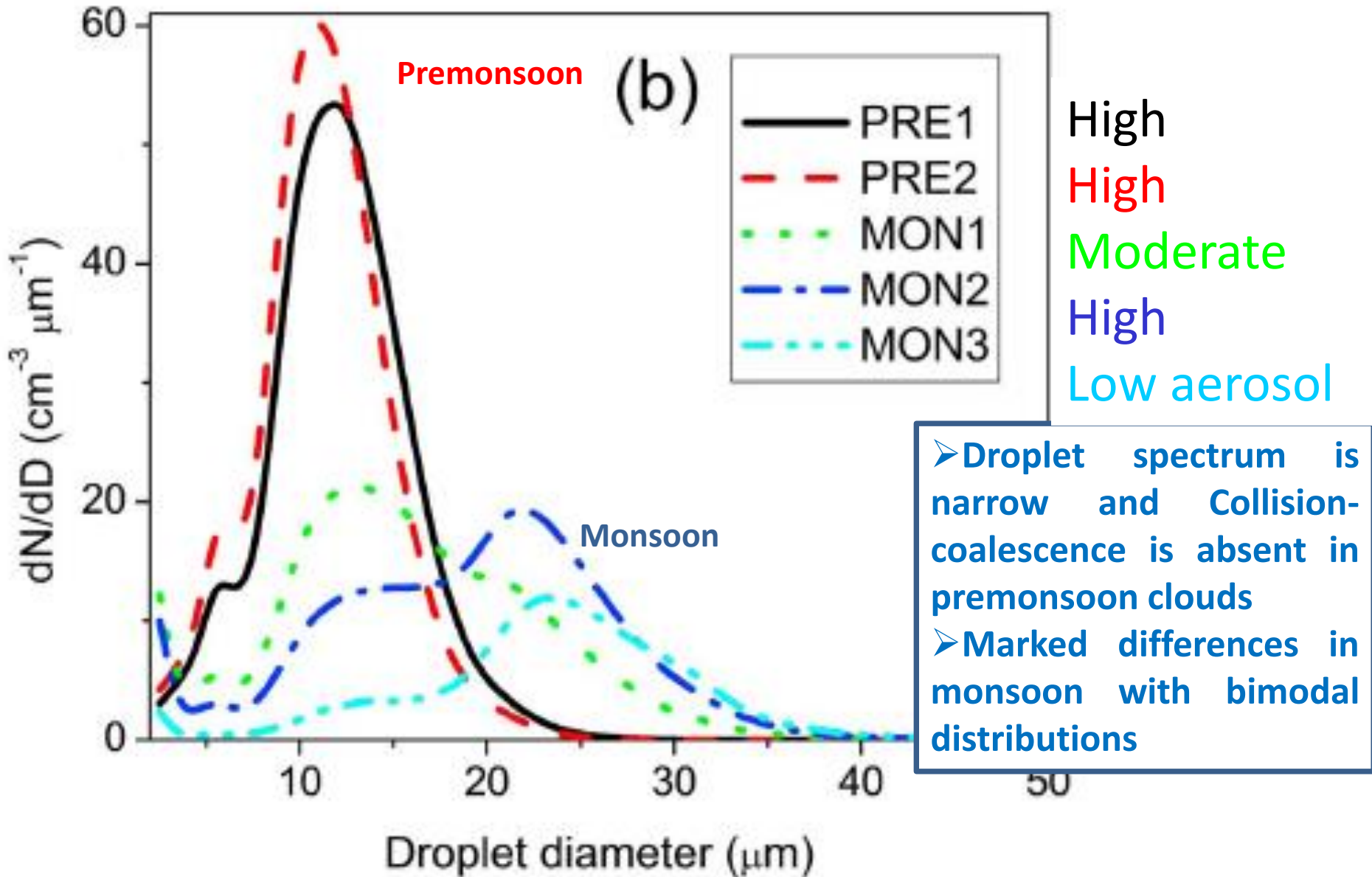
Vertical profile of CCN



CCN activation spectra

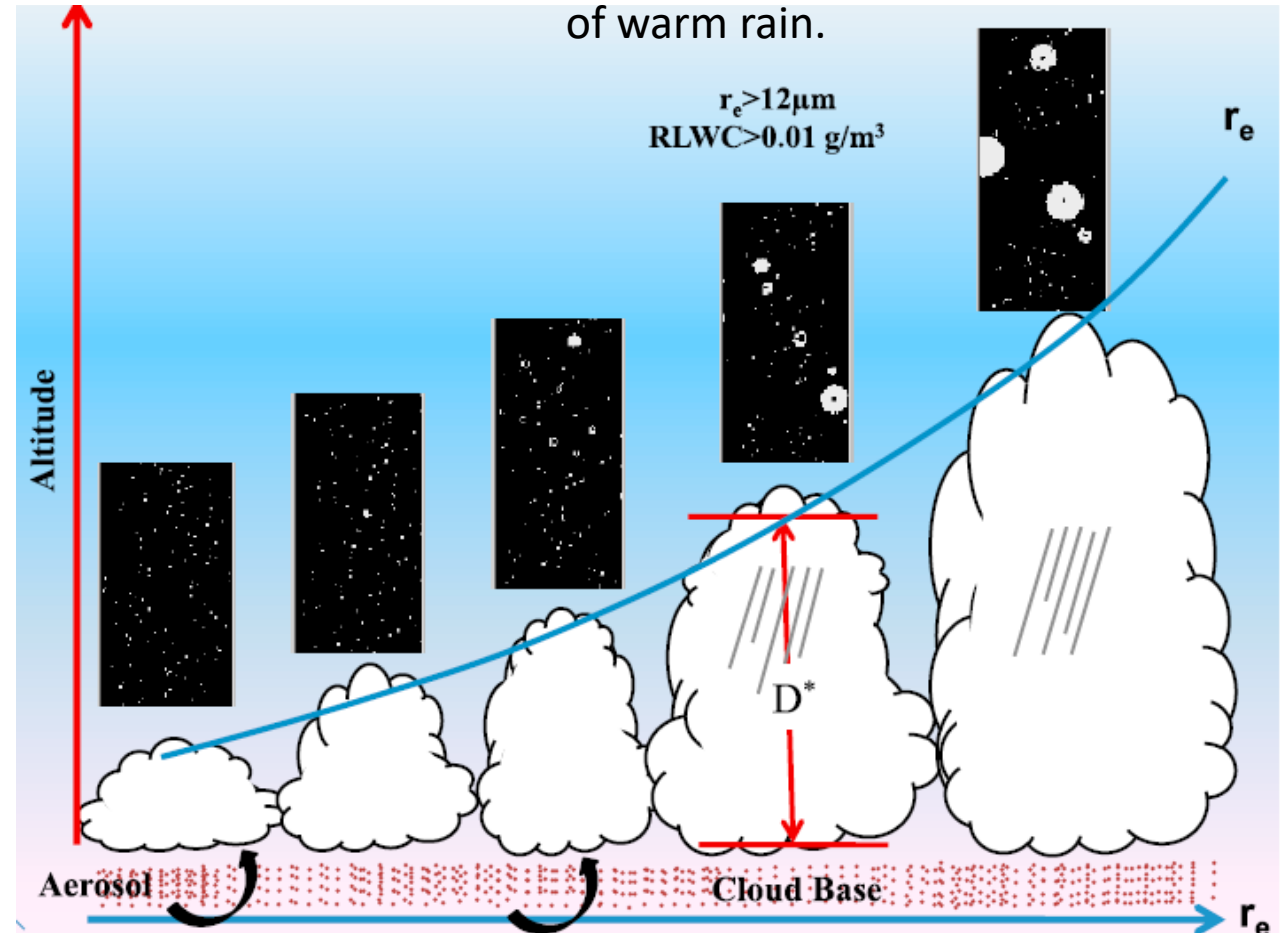


Droplet size distribution in the PREmonsoon and MONsoon clouds



Aerosol control on depth of warm rain

Schematic diagram of aerosol's influence on depth for onset of warm rain.



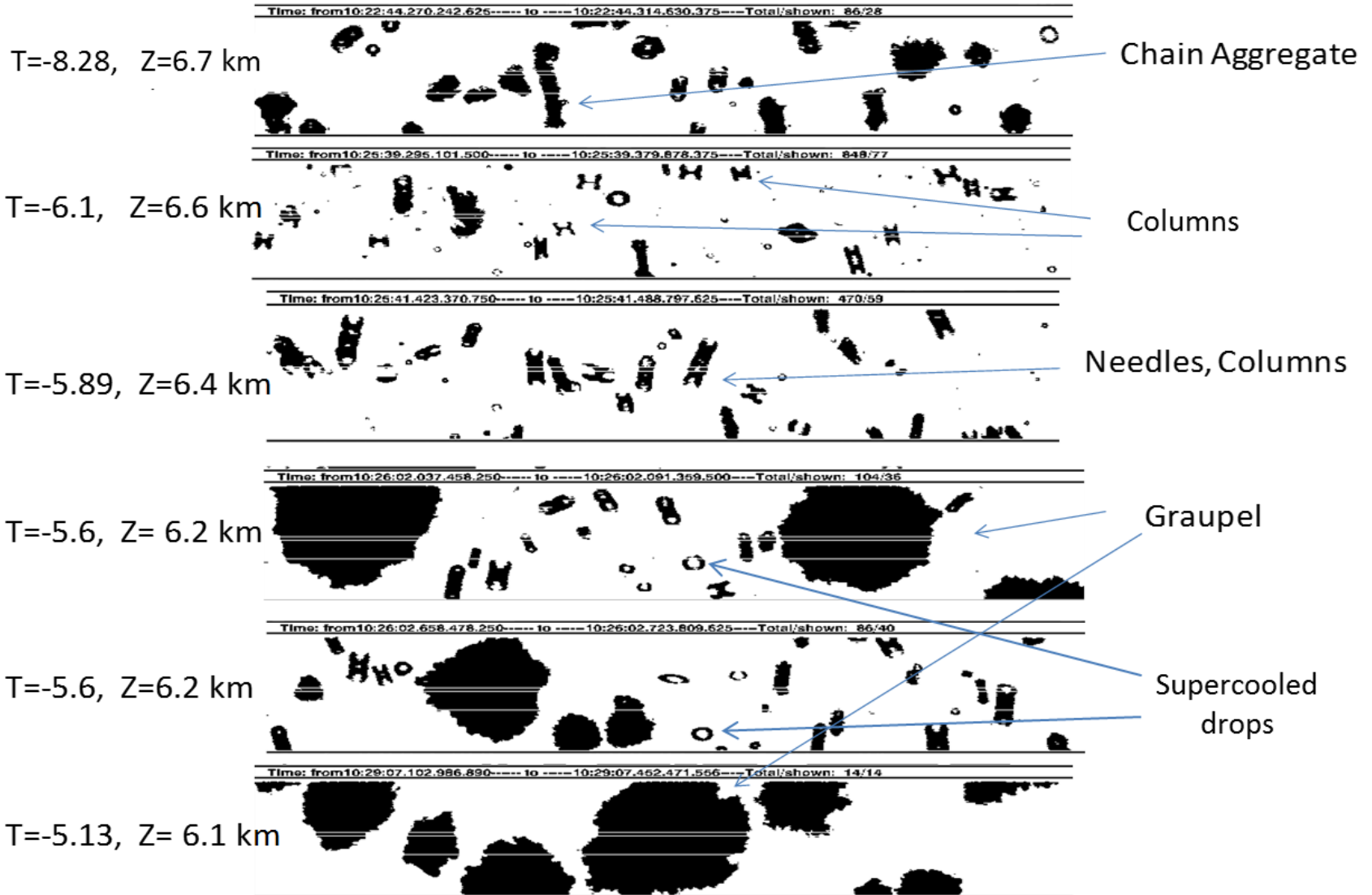
The hydrometeor images are from Cloud Image Probe; rain starts when effective radius of cloud > 12 micron and rain $\text{LWC} > 0.01 \text{ g/m}^3$. D^* is the distance from the cloud base.

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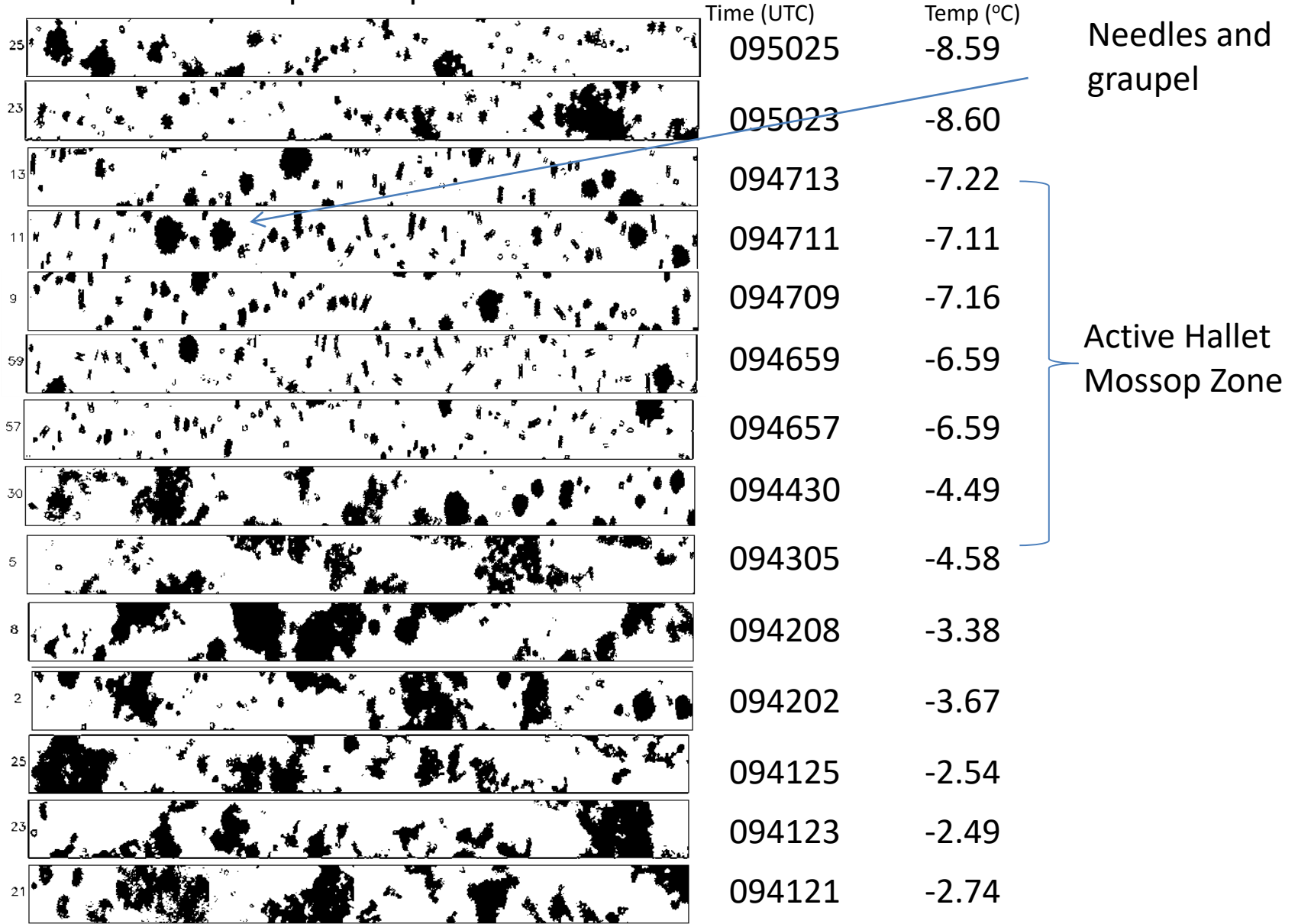


Clear evidence of large graupel and ice multiplication process

Strip width=1.28 mm

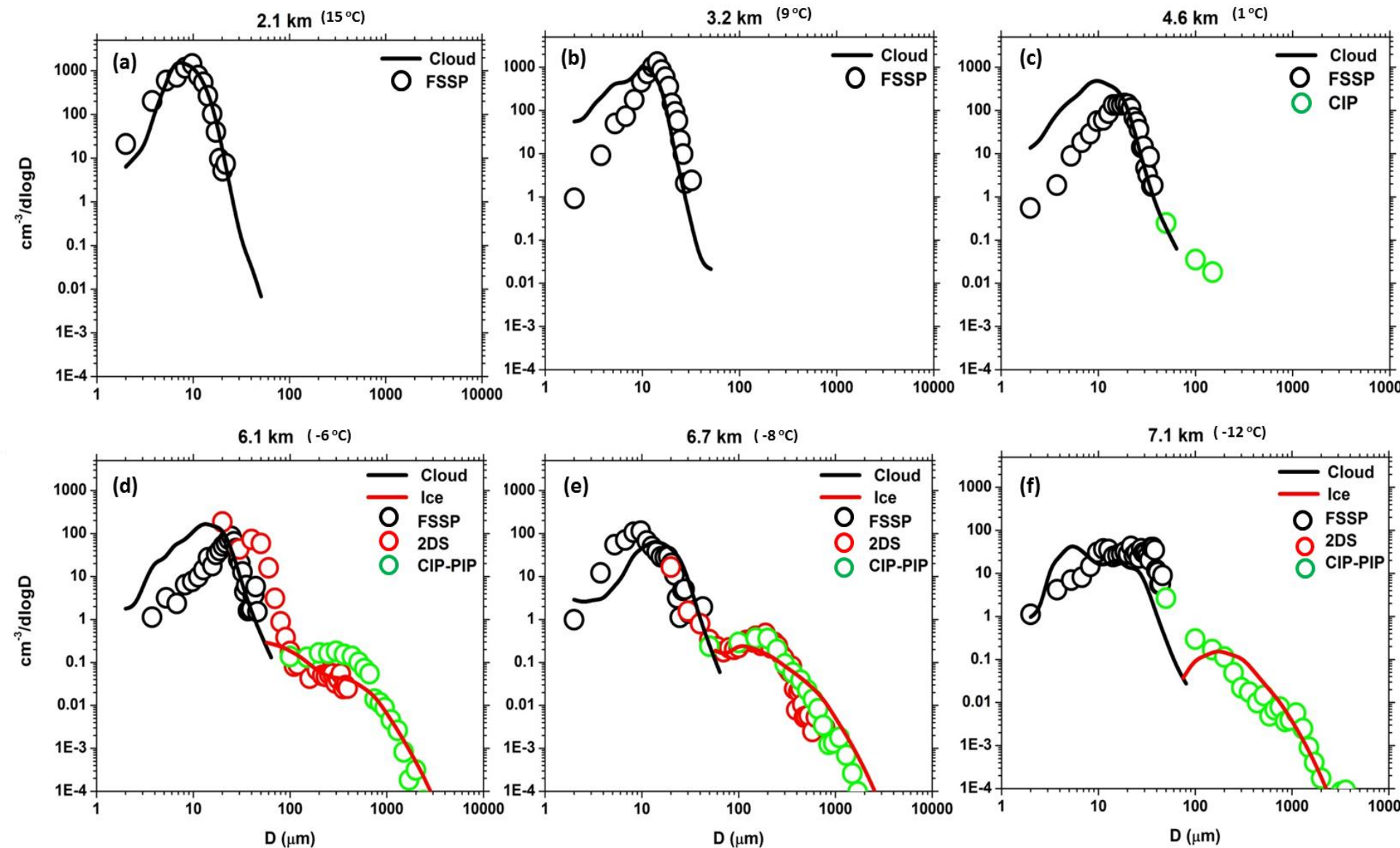


Width of strip=1600 μm



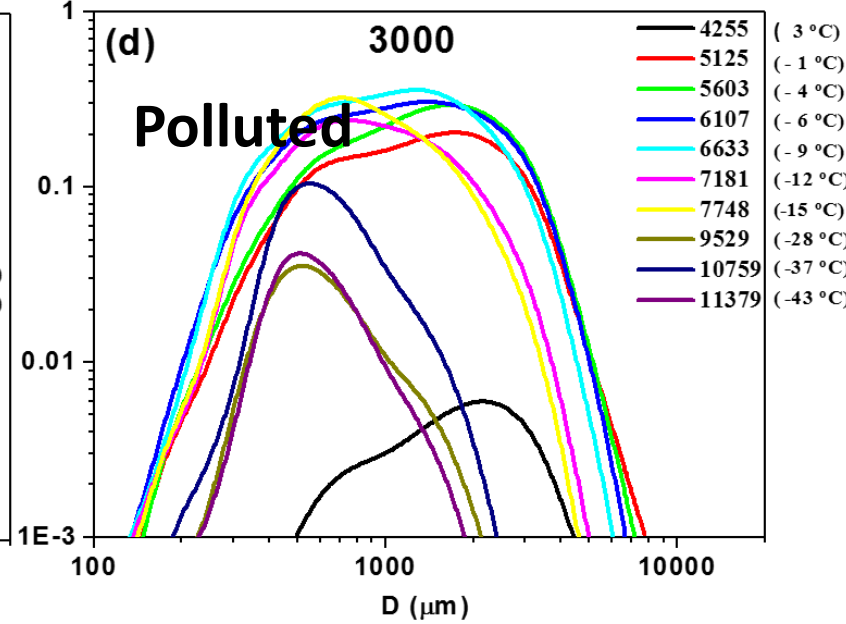
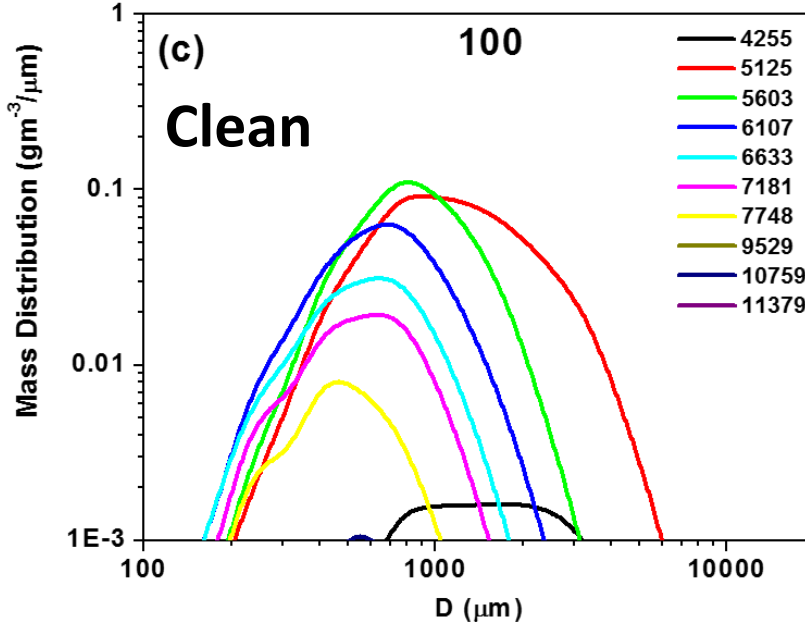
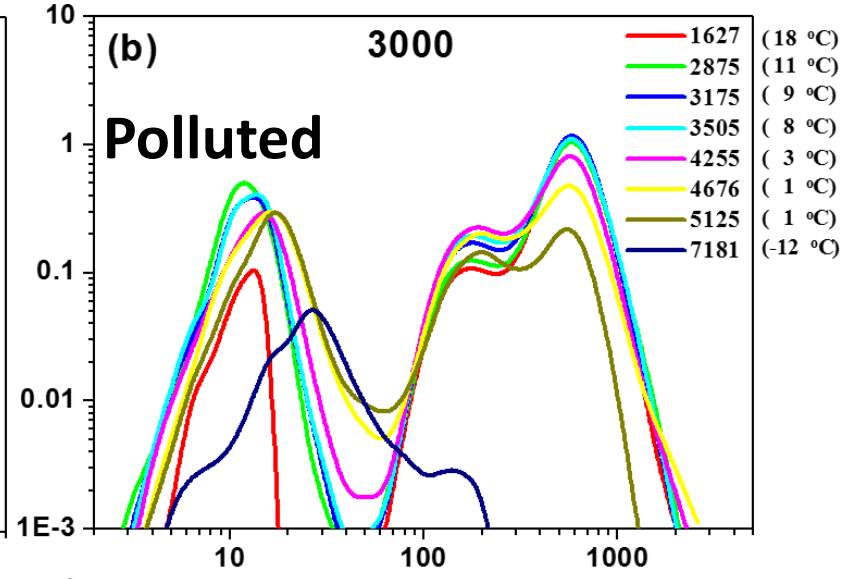
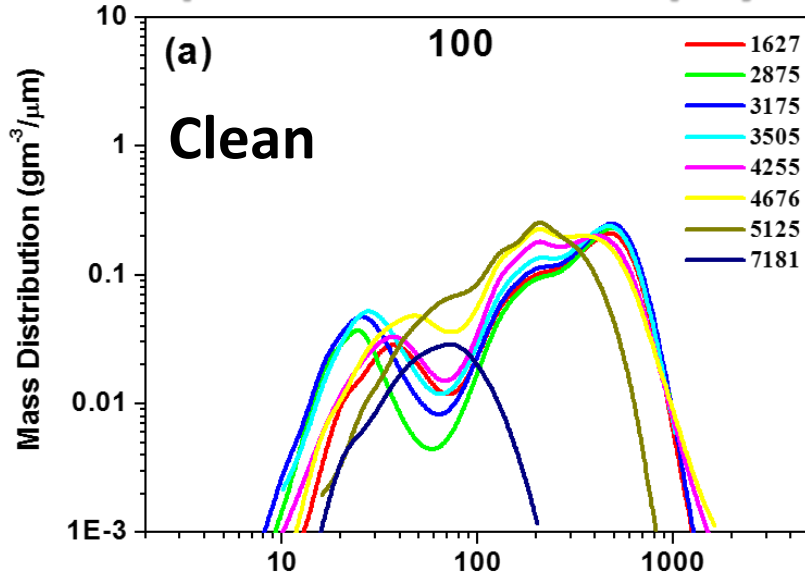
Seeding in numerical simulations and evaluations

Comparing particle size distribution from bin microphysics simulation and CAIPEEX observations at different altitudes



[Gayatri et al., under revision, JAS]

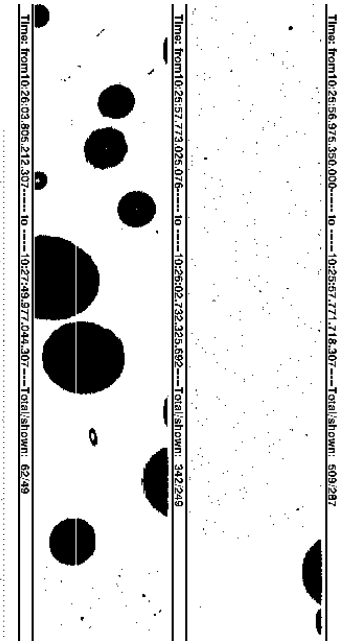
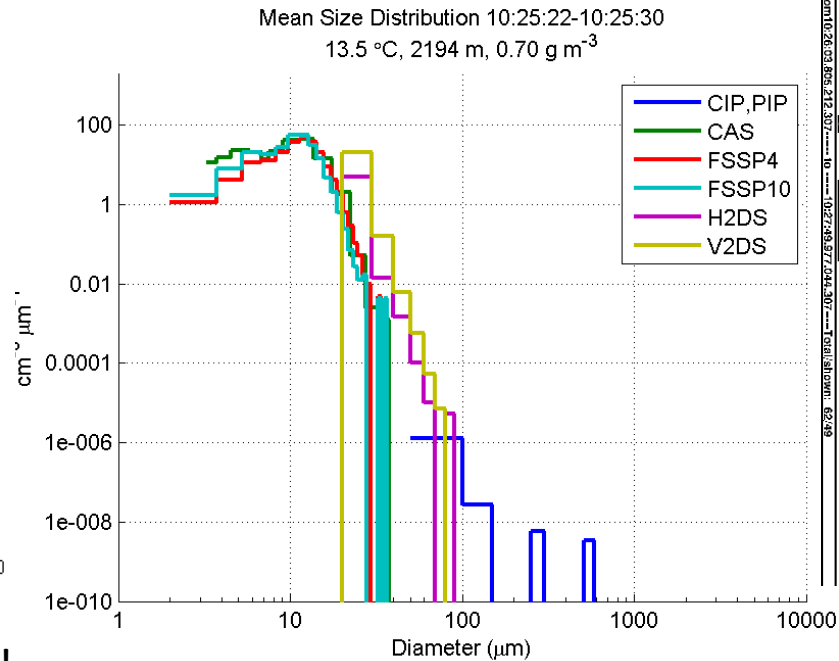
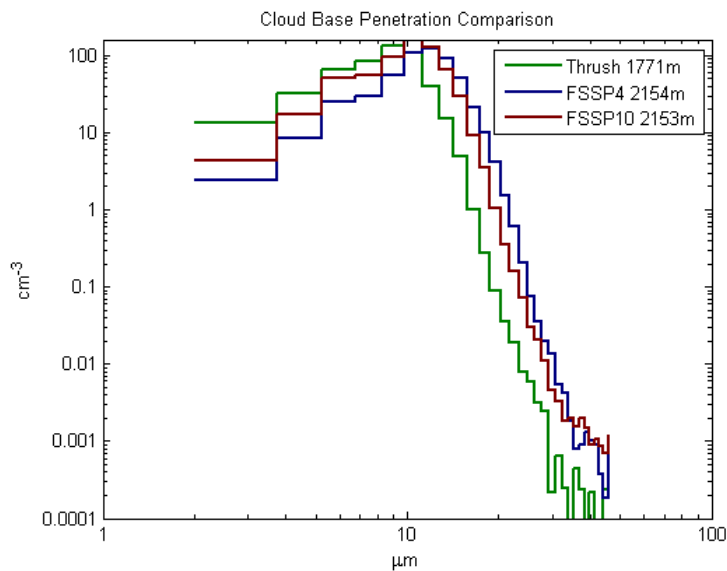
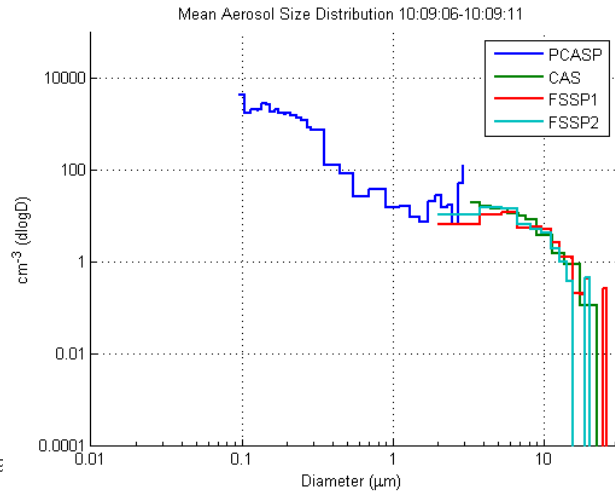
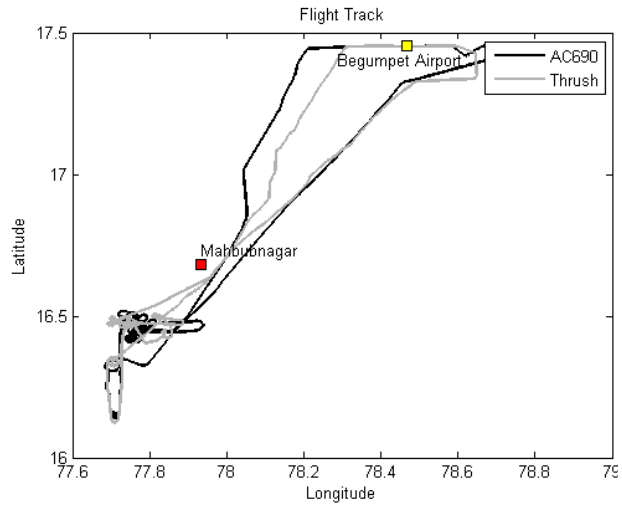
Comparison of liquid, graupel particle size distribution from clean and polluted bin microphysics simulation at different altitudes



Salt seeding example from CAIPEEX

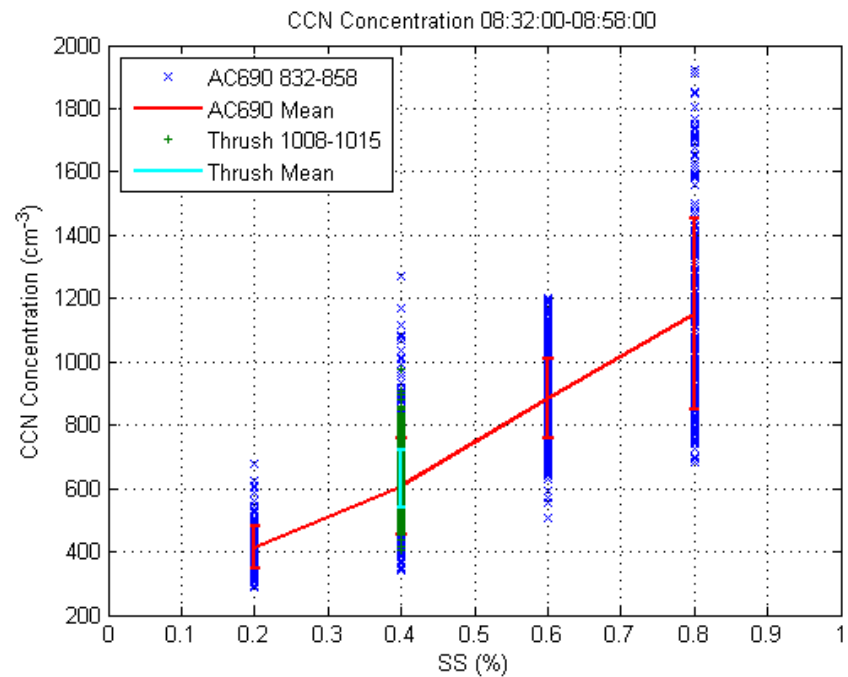
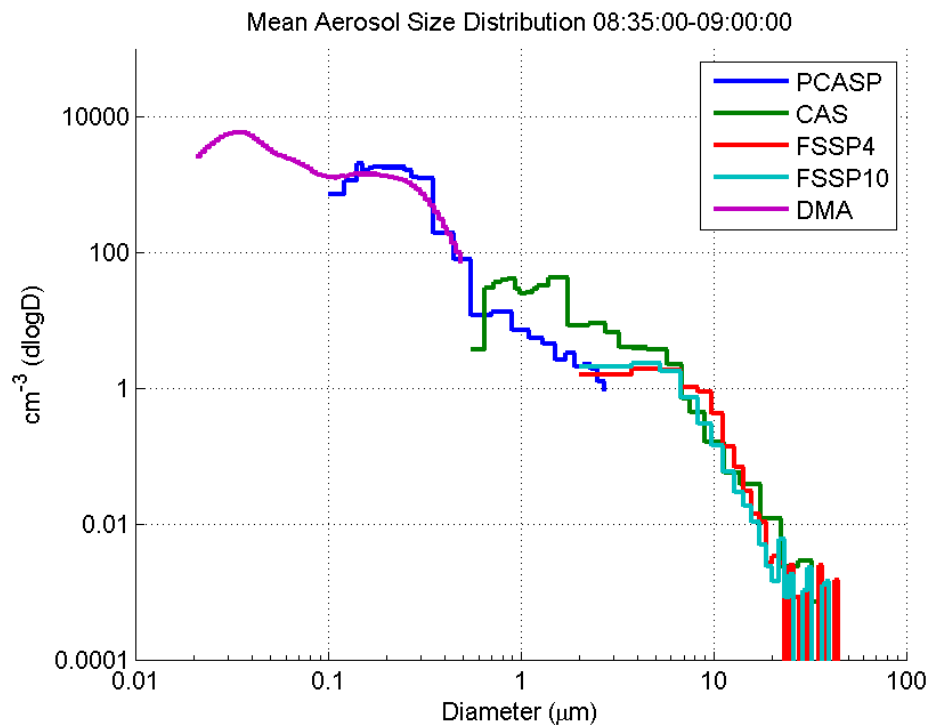
Cloud base ~4800 ft

Dissipating base of seeded target (10:47)

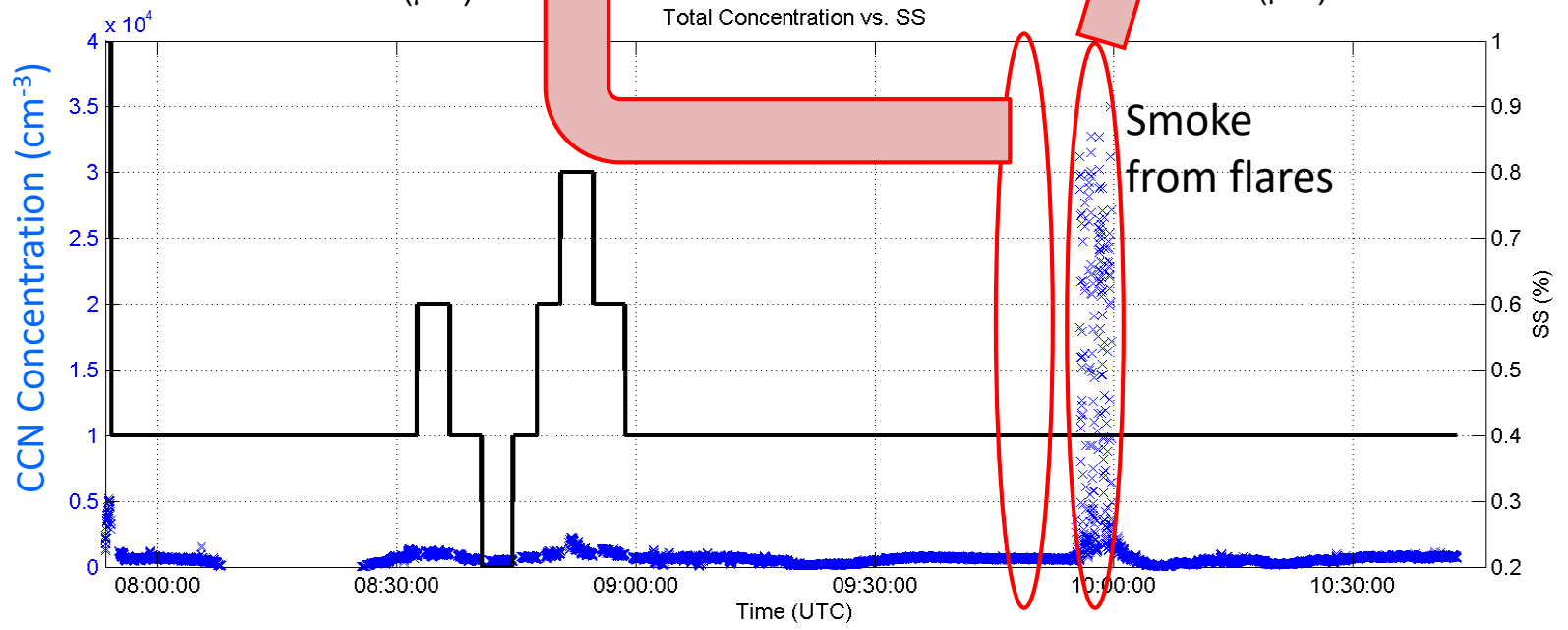
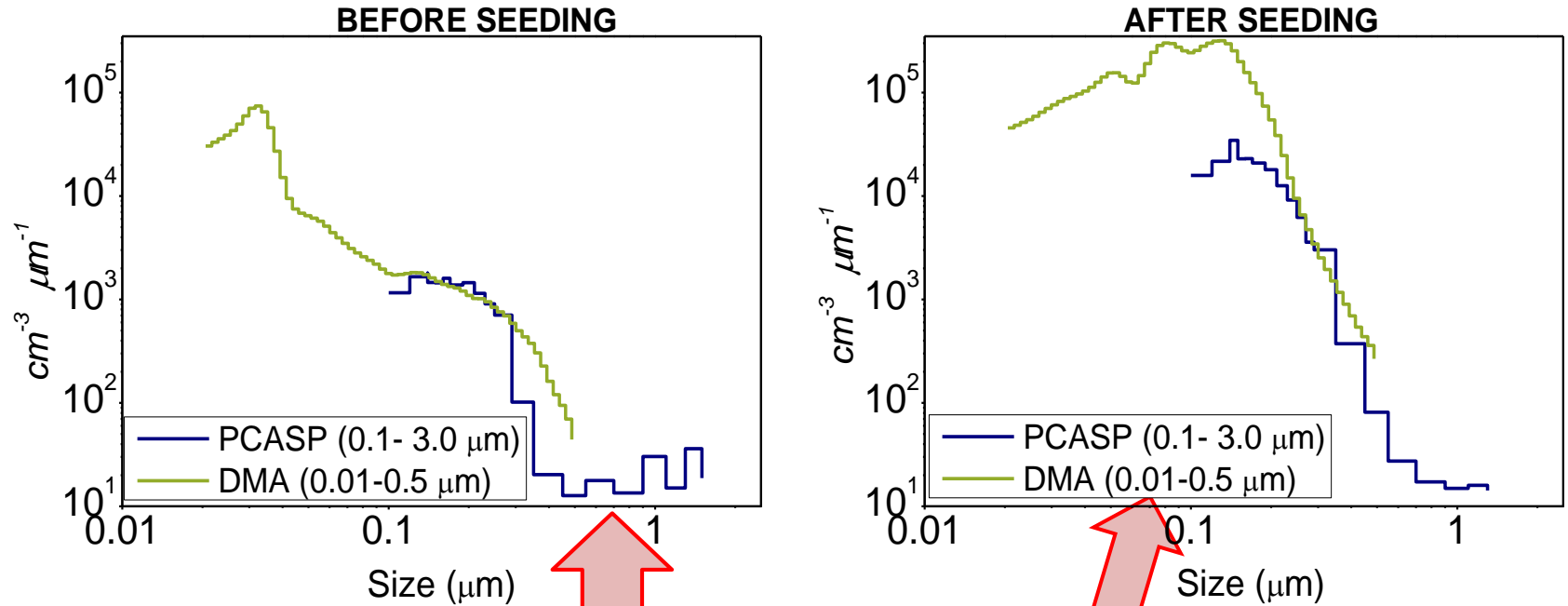


Salt seeding at base was ineffective !!

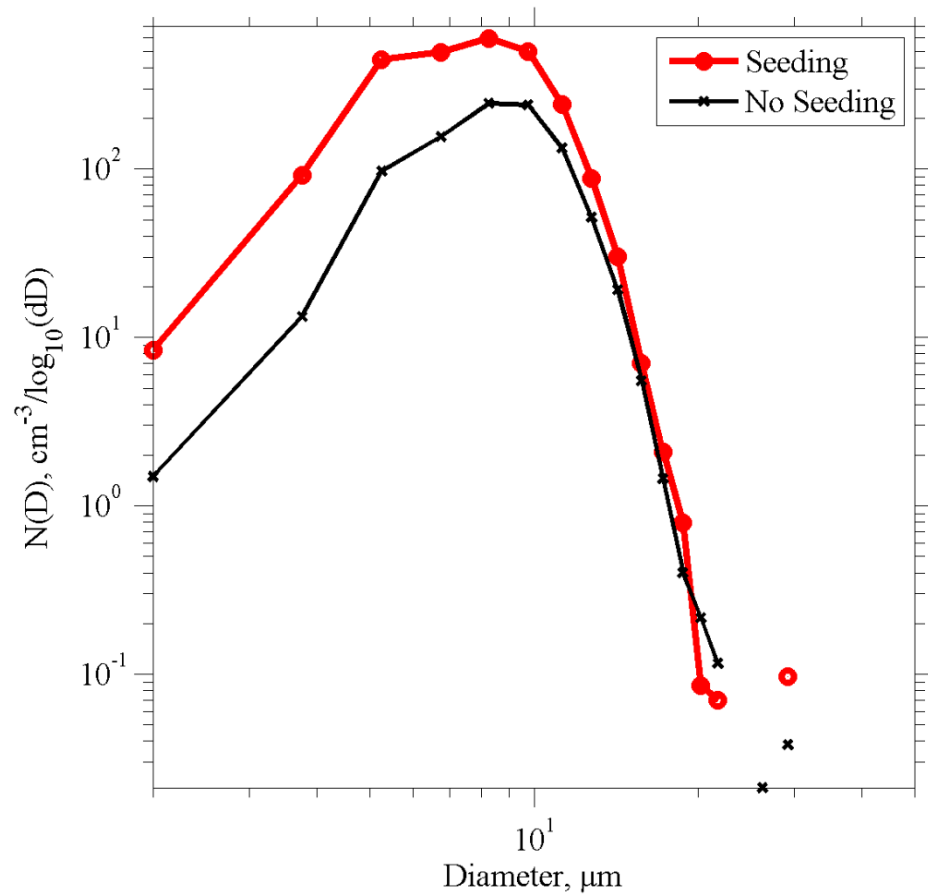
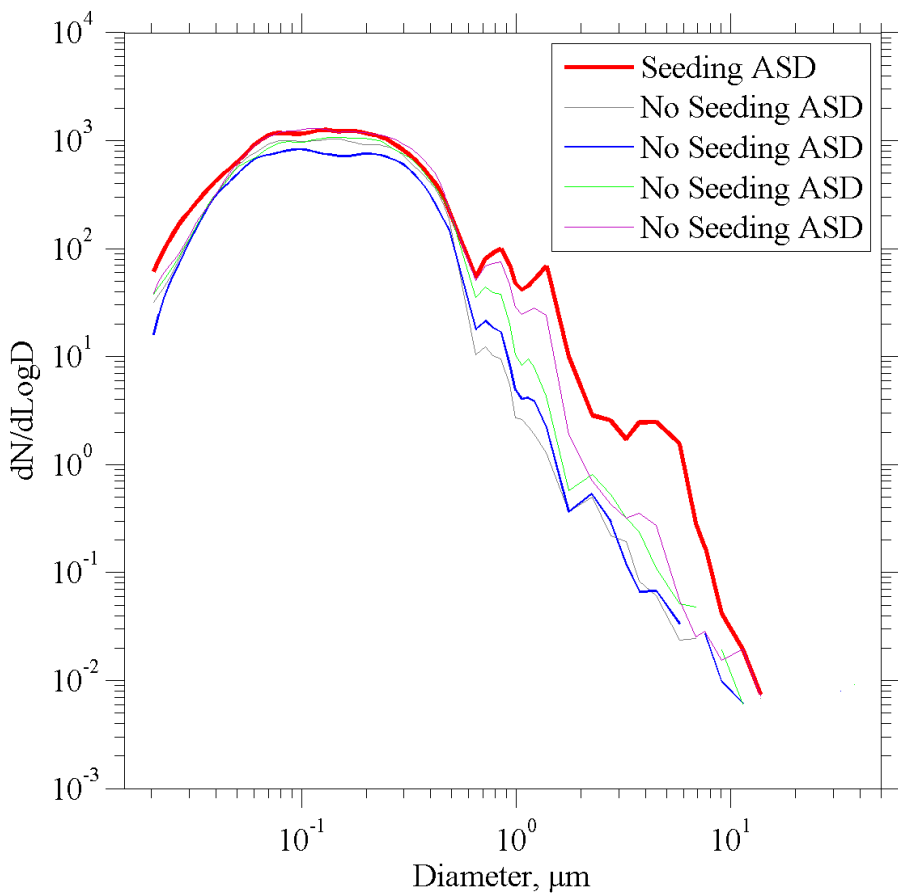
Background Aerosol PSD and CCN spectra during seeding material (flare) characterization



Seeding material characterization



Joint PSD with DMA and PCASP seeding and no-seeding times and associated cloud droplet spectra from FSSP



Components of Scientific survey and evaluation

Natural variability of aerosol, CCN (Size, chemistry and mixing states)
Seeding material characterization

Thermodynamics and dynamics

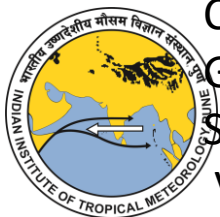
Cloud microphysical processes and rain formation mechanism

CS-ACP

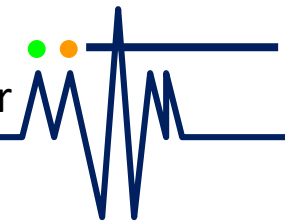
Statistical and Physical evaluation

Social economic Services

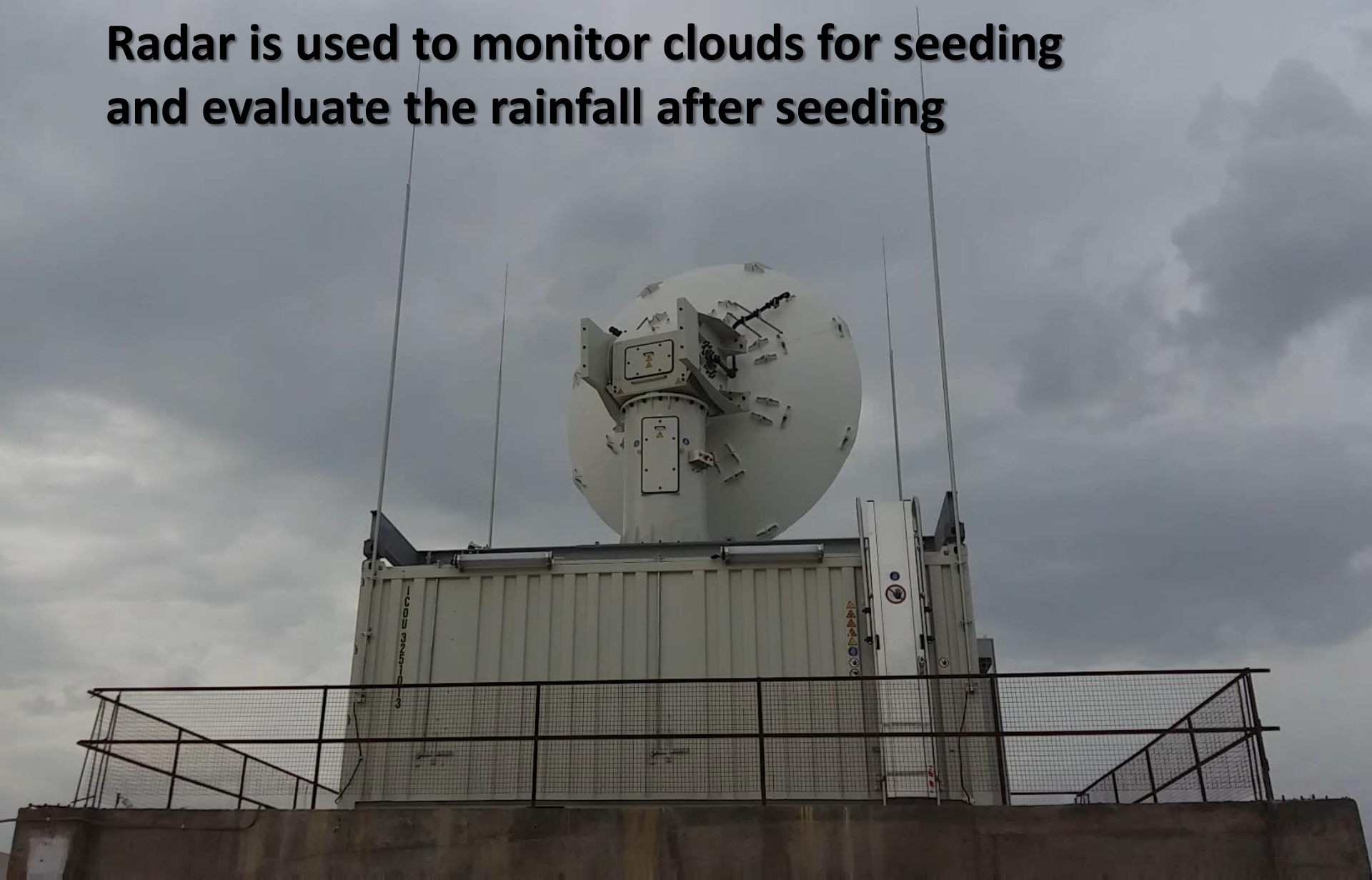
Cloud seeding science Experiment 2018-19



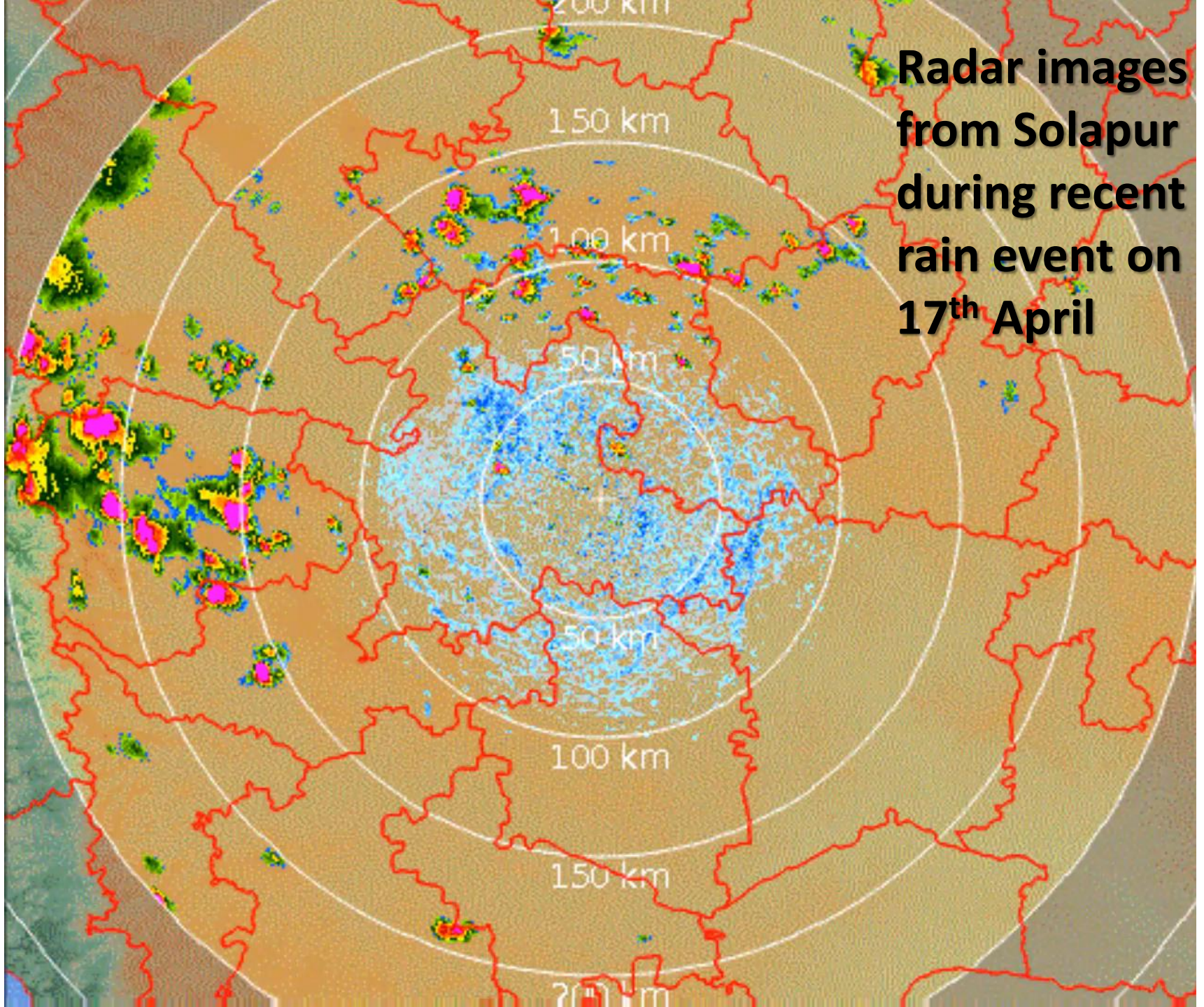
C-band polarimetric radar, Raingauge network
Ground station with radiometer, wind profiler, MRR, disdrometer
SMPS, CCNC, Aerosol and gas Chemistry, Aethalometer,
Videodistrometer. 50 m meteorological flux tower , radiosonde

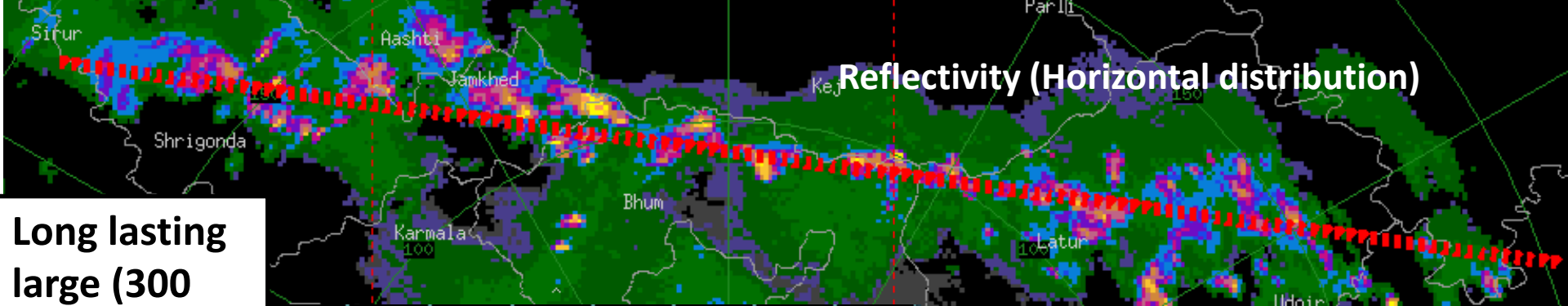


Radar is used to monitor clouds for seeding and evaluate the rainfall after seeding

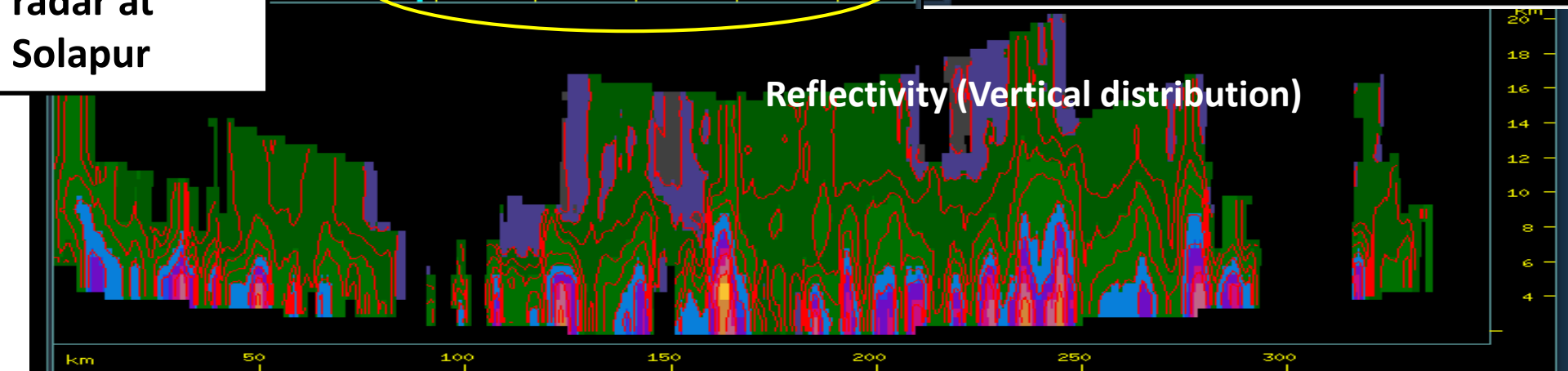
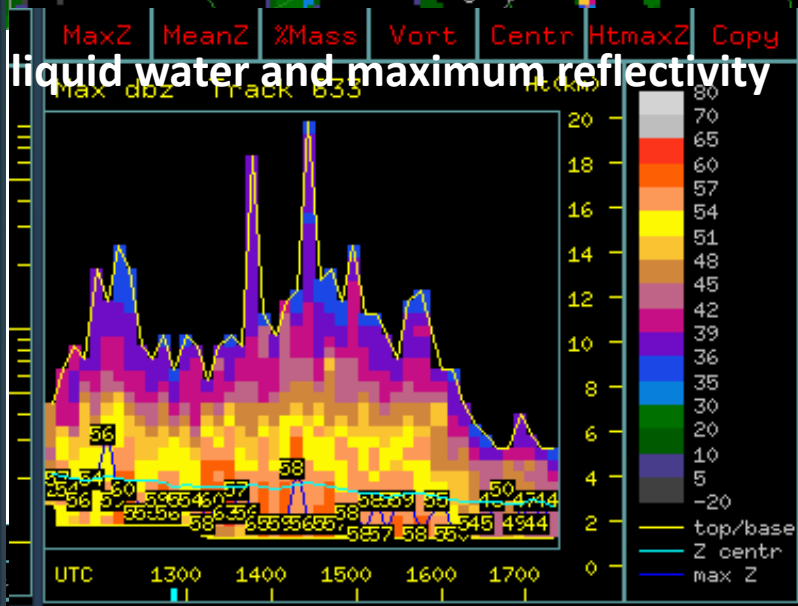
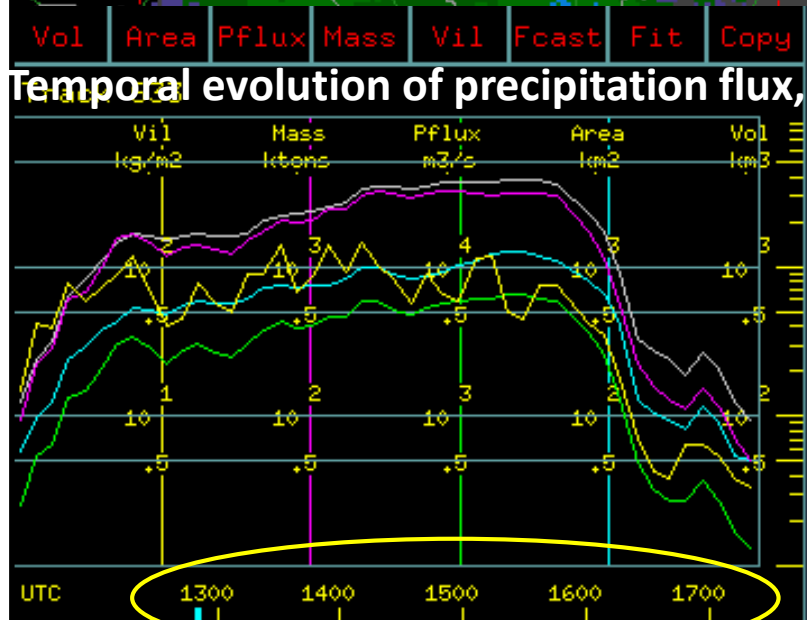


**Radar images
from Solapur
during recent
rain event on
17th April**





Long lasting large (300 km) long convection organization: a typical feature Over the study region as observed with C-band radar at Solapur

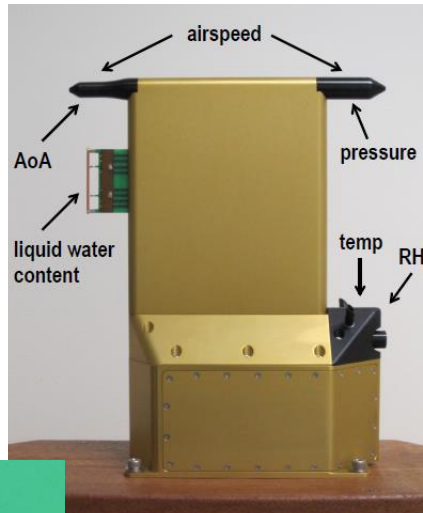


Targeting clouds effectively

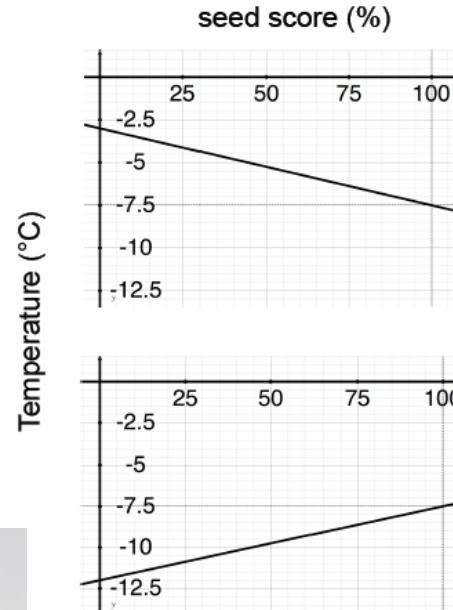
- Aircraft targeting same size cloud
- Same thermodynamic conditions
- Reduce human bias in selection

Cloud water inertial probe

- Cloud liquid water content
- Temperature
- Pressure
- Relative humidity
- Air speed
- Vertical velocity

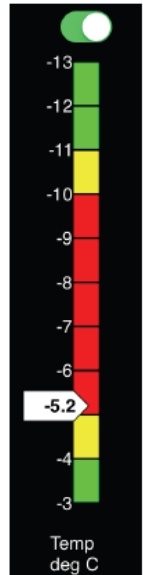


Aerosol Counting, Composition, Extinction, and Sizing System (ACCESS)



Range -3 to -7.5°C
Temp seed score = $(-temp - 3)/0.045$

Range -7.5 to -12°C
Temp seed score = $(-temp + 12)/0.045$



Pilot decision making tool for the targeting the cloud (on ipad)



Increases collision and coalescence of drops to rain drop

Rainfall within 10 min

Radiosonde

Dew point

Temperature

TITAN

Seeder aircraft with flares
1-5 micrometer hygroscopic
particles released in cloud
updrafts at the cloud base

Telemetry

C-band radar

Rain gauge network

Ground campaign

