

# An Overview of the INTEX-A/ICARTT Experiment

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**GOAL: To understand the transport, transformation, & impacts of gases & aerosols on air quality & climate on intercontinental scales**

- **INTEX-A: Summer 2004**
  - large biosphere emissions
  - active photochemistry
  - max terrestrial carbon uptake
- **INTEX-B: Spring 2006**
  - maximum Asian inflow to NA
  - seasonal contrast

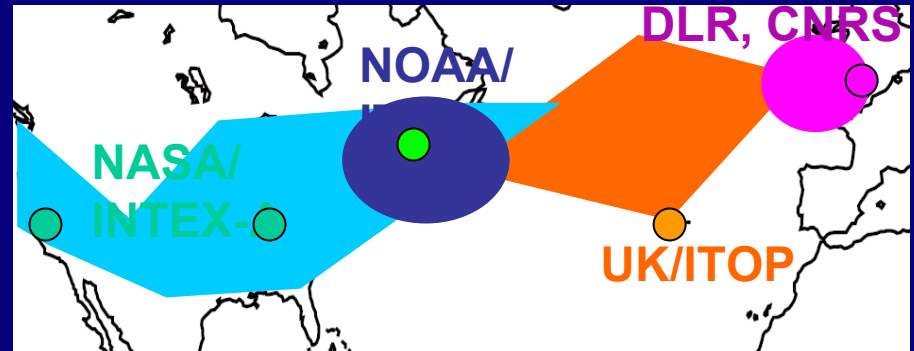
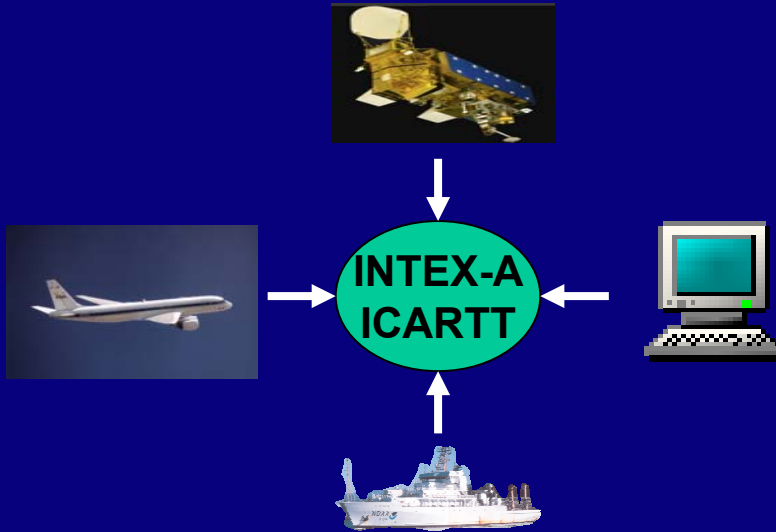


Intercontinental Chemical Transport Experiment North America  
International Consortium for Atmospheric Research on Transport and Transformation

## **INTEX-A - Science Objectives**

- **Quantify North American outflow of environmentally important gases/aerosols & relate to sources & sinks**
- **Characterize & understand transatlantic transport of North American pollution & its chemical evolution**
- **Characterize sources of pollution over NA**
- **Characterize direct/indirect effects of aerosols over northeastern NA & western North Atlantic**
- **Validate satellite observations of tropospheric composition & relate to airborne & surface data**

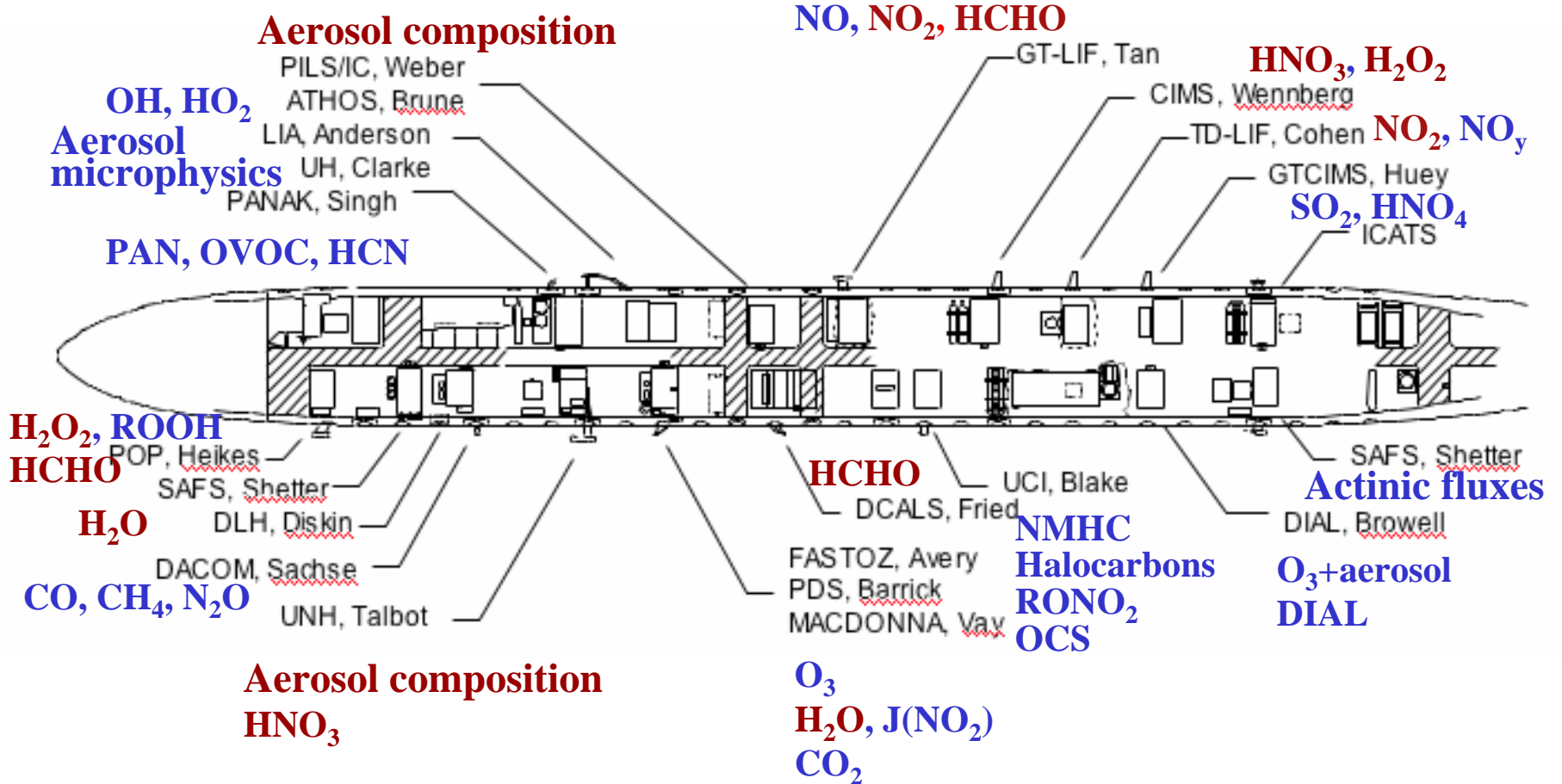
# INTEX-A/ICARTT Plan & Coordination



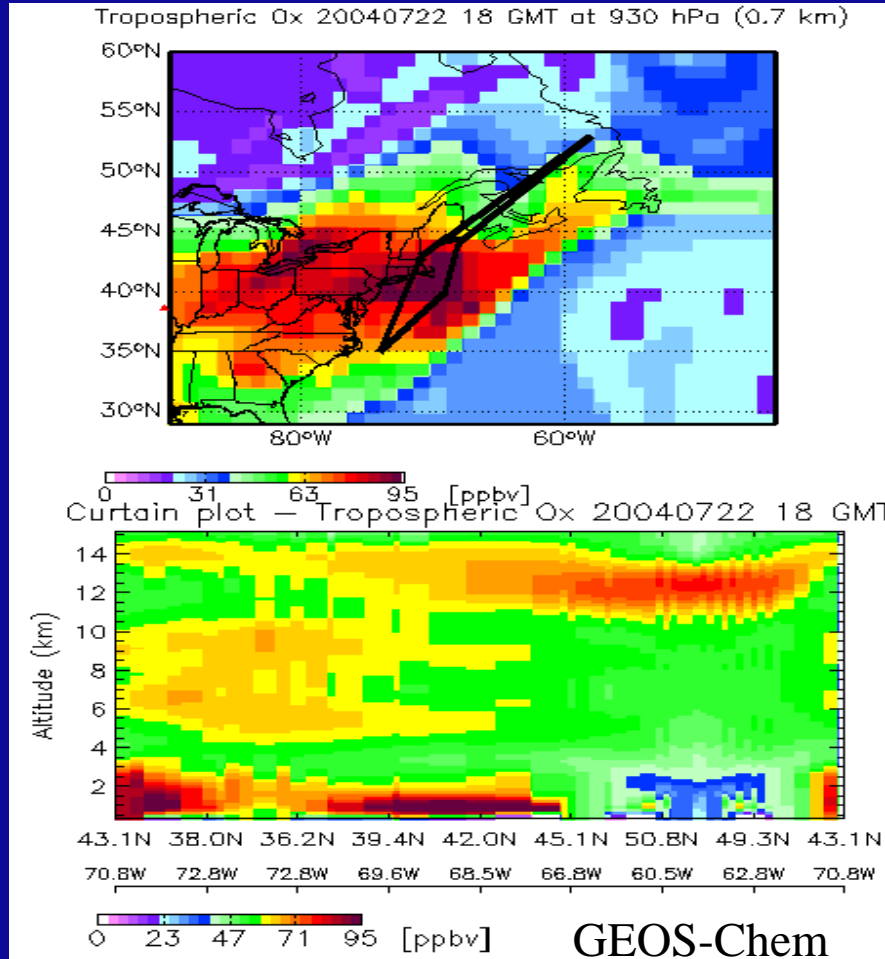
US, Canada, UK, France, Germany

- **Outflow of gases/aerosols**
- **Source characterization**
- **Chemical evolution**
- **Carbon cycle**
- **Direct/indirect effects of aerosols**
- **Satellite validation**
- **Inter-comparisons**
- **Coordinated Science flights**
- **Sharing of forecasts & data**
- **Joint publications**

# DC-8 Payload



# Forecast Products



**MET data/Trajectories**  
(FSU)

**Convective influences**  
(GSFC/ARC)

**AIRS CO** (UMD)

**MOPITT CO** (NCAR)

**MODIS Aerosol**  
(UMD/Langley)

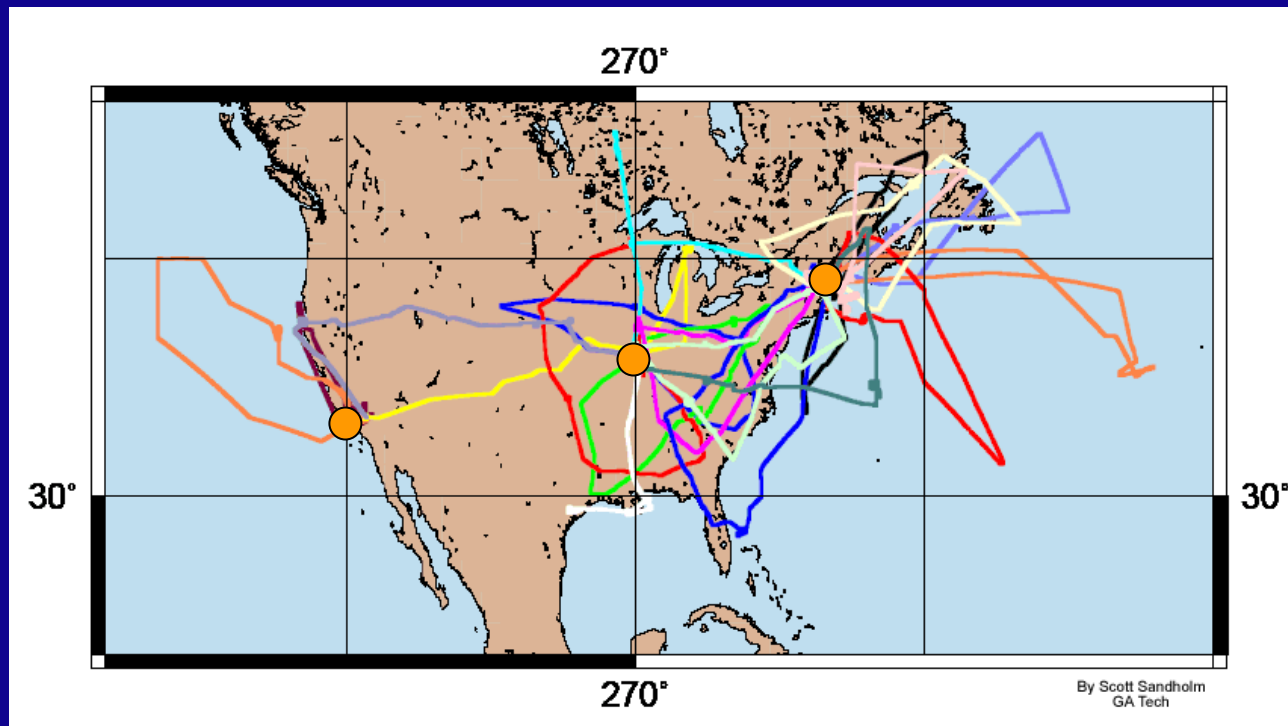
**GEOS-Chem** (Harvard)

**MOZART** (NCAR)

**RAQMS** (Langley)

**STEM/CFORS** (U. Iowa)

# INTEX-A DC-8 Flight Tracks (Missions 2-20; June 29 - August 14, 2004)



**170 DC-8  
flight hrs  
(20 flights)**

**EAB- 2 T  
EAB- 1 S  
MA- 4 S  
P- 9 S  
TR- 4 S**

# DC-8 Coordinated Activities

Flight No .	200 4 Date	Base	DC-8	Terra	Aqua	Envisa t	P-3	J-31	BAe - 146	King Air	Other*
3	7/1	Dryde n	X		X						
4	7/6	Transit	X								
5	7/8	MidAme rica	X	X							
6	7/1 0	MidAme rica	X		X	X					
7	7/1 2	MidAme rica	X		X	X					
8	7/1 5	Transit	X	X	X					X	
9	7/1 8	Pe ase	X		X	X					X
10	7/2 0	Pe ase	X		X			X			
11	7/2 2	Pe ase	X	X			X	X			X
12	7/2 5	Pe ase	X	X	X						
13	7/2 8	Pe ase	X						X		
14	7/3 1	Pe ase	X	X	X	X	X				
15	8/2	Pe ase	X	X	X			X			X
16	8/6	Pe ase	X	X							X
17	8/7	Pe ase	X	X			X	X			X
18	8/1 1	Transit	X	X	X						
19	8/1 3	MidAme rica	X	X	X						
20	8/1 4	Dryde n	X		X						

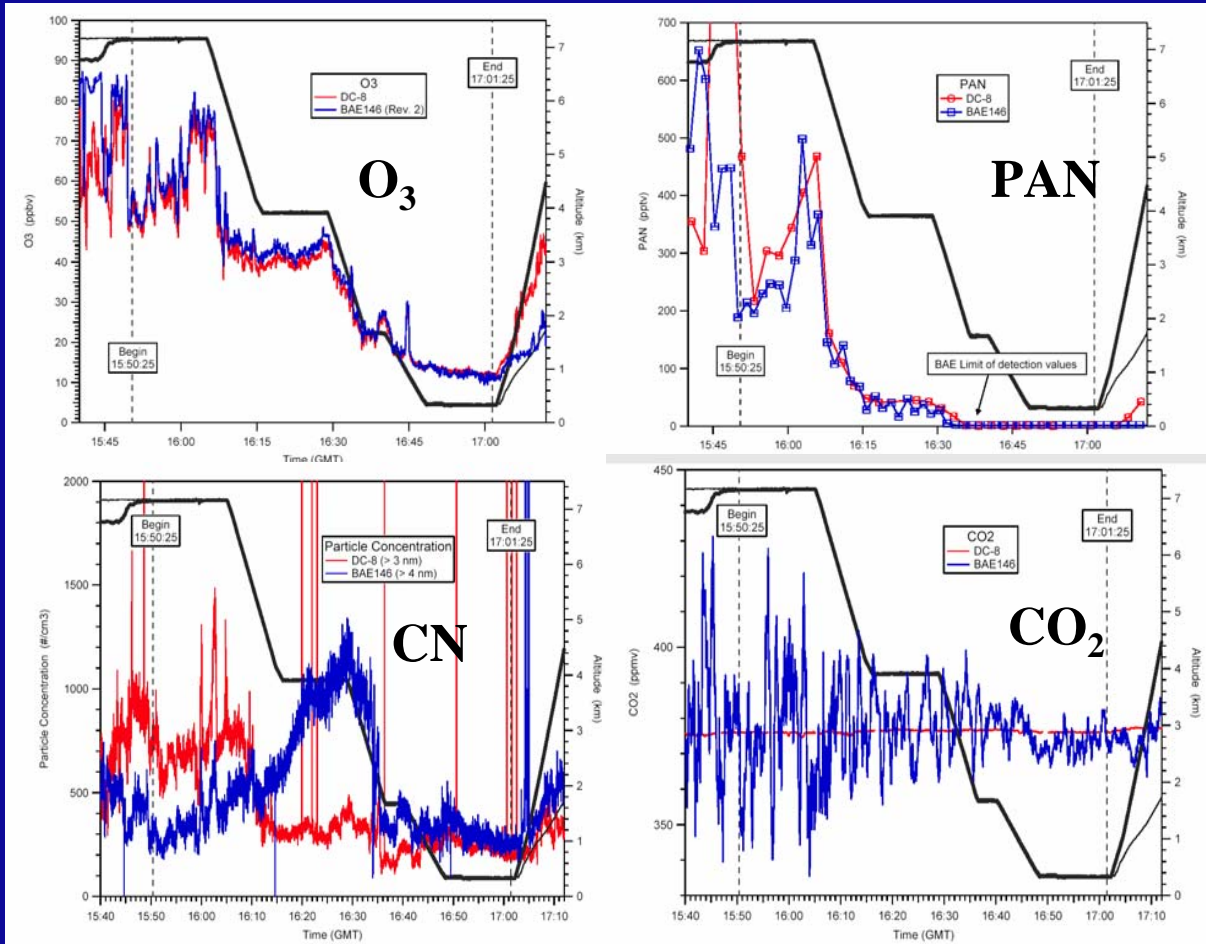
\* Ron Brown, A eronet, Lida rs, ground s tations, Prote us

# Targeted INTEX-A Science Objectives

	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Large-scale characterization of the troposphere across N. America		X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Characterization of continental boundary layer chemistry and venting			X	X	X		X	X		X			X	X		X	X	
Large-scale continental outflow characterization							X		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	
Chemical aging over the N. Atlantic												X	X					
Convective venting to the upper troposphere		X	X	X	X					X			X					
Transpacific transport of Asian pollution plumes	X					X		X					X					X
Intercomparison with other platforms						X		X	X		X	X	X		X			
Satellite validation	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Quasi-Lagrangian Sampling (IGAC)						X	X	X	X	X	X	X						



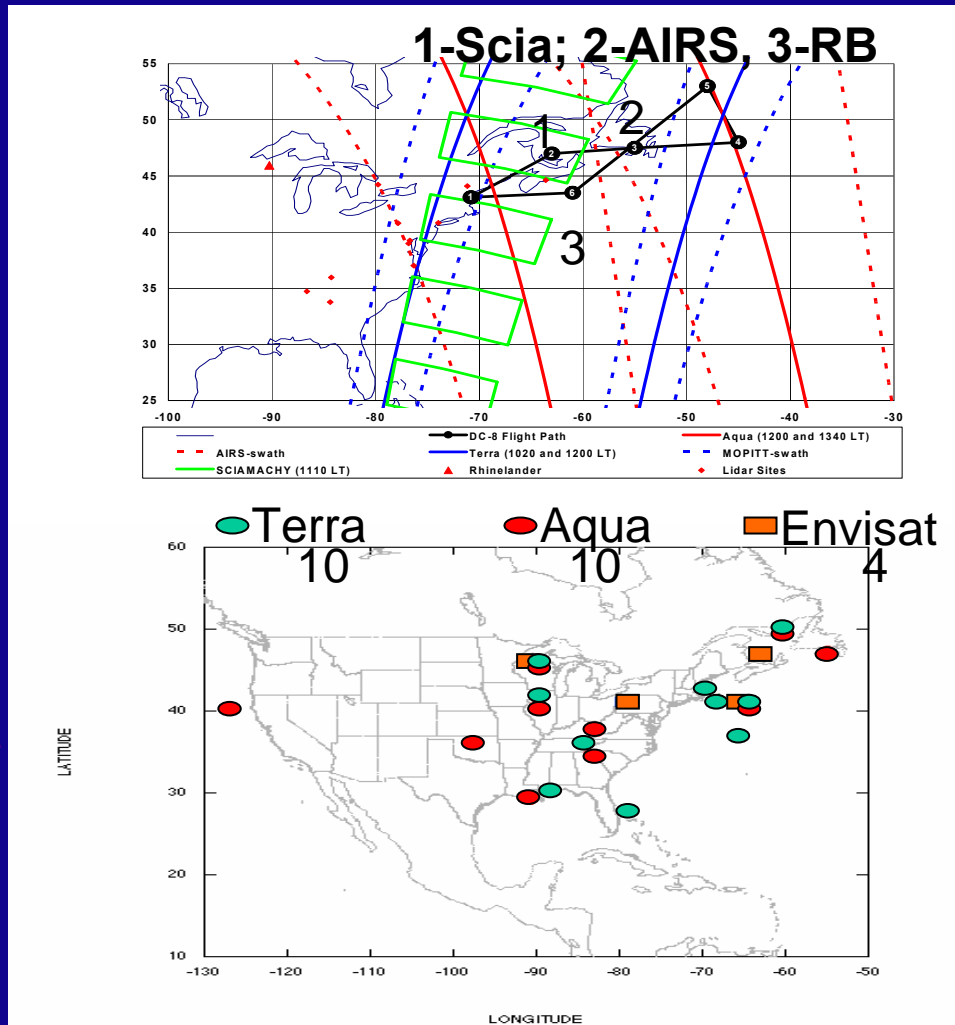
# DC-8 Intercomparisons



- 3 P-3
- 1 BAe146
- Ship
- Surface sites

# INTEX-A DC-8 Satellite Validations (Terra, Aqua, Envisat)

CO  
HCHO  
NO<sub>2</sub>  
SO<sub>2</sub>  
H<sub>2</sub>O  
HCN  
O<sub>3</sub>  
Aerosol  
Organics



## DC-8/J-31/RB:

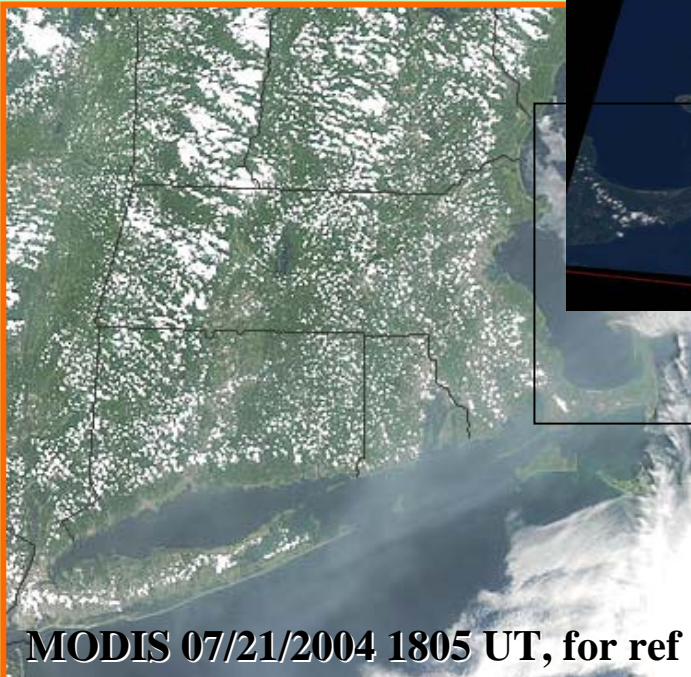
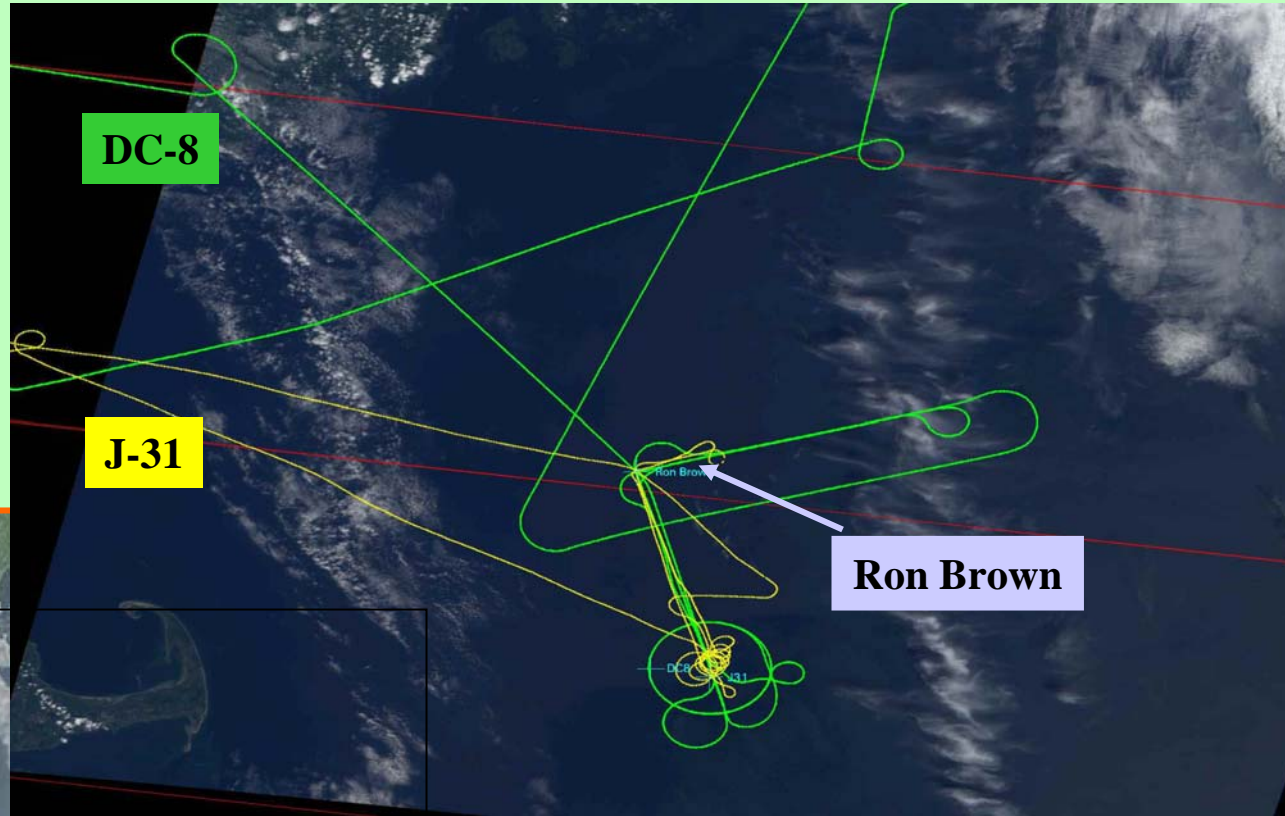
- MOPITT
- MISR
- AIRS
- SCIAMACHY

## Profiles:

- to 11 km
- cloud free
- 15 mi spiral
- 1 hr window

# INTEX-A MISR Stacked L's Maneuver in Co-ordination with NASA DC-8, J31 and Ron Brown (08/07/2004)

MISR Image with  
flight track L's  
Superimposed  
over Ron Brown  
Location

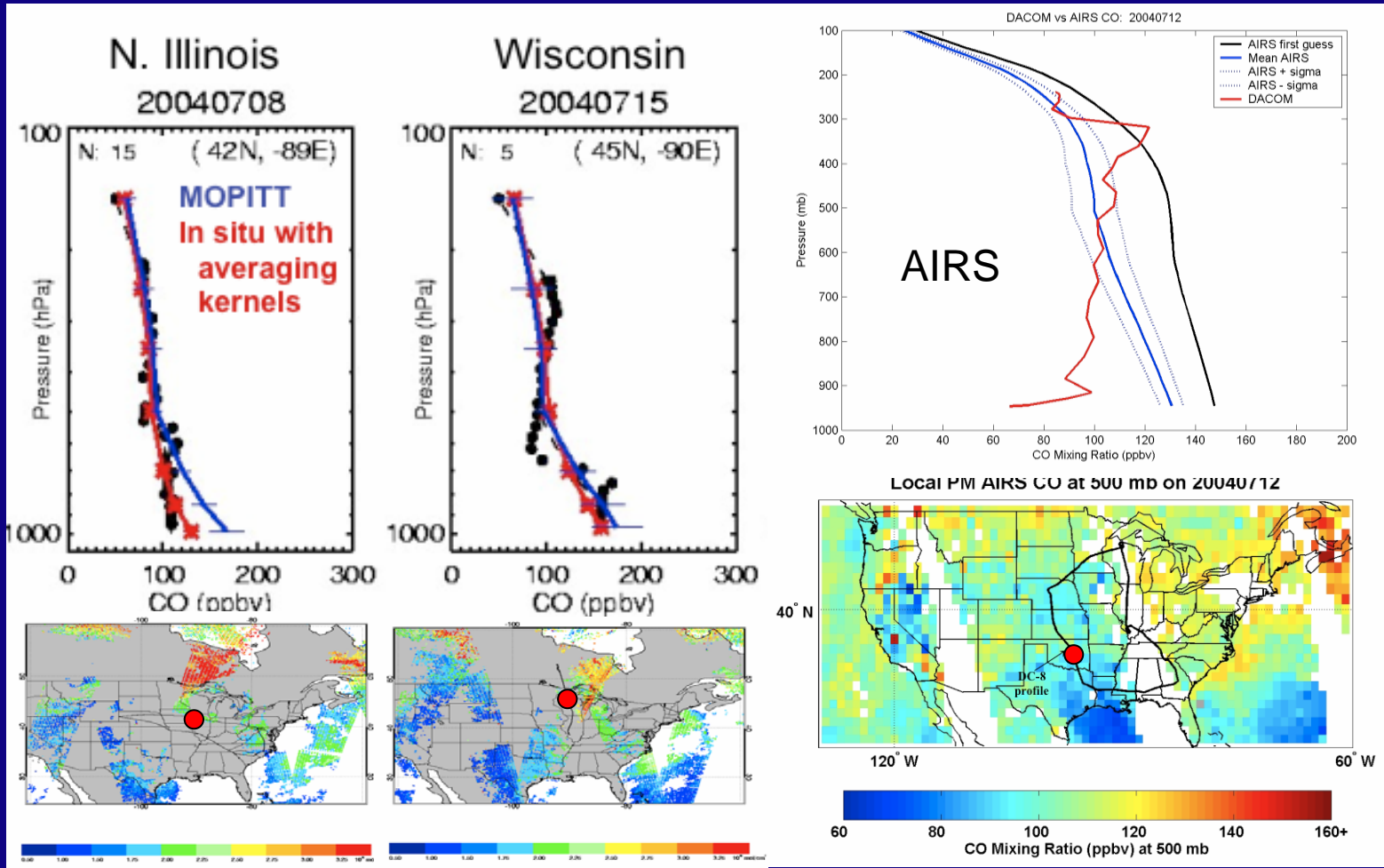


Imaged Region

- Aerosol variability along- & across-wind directions.
- Closure tests with *in-situ* aerosol observations

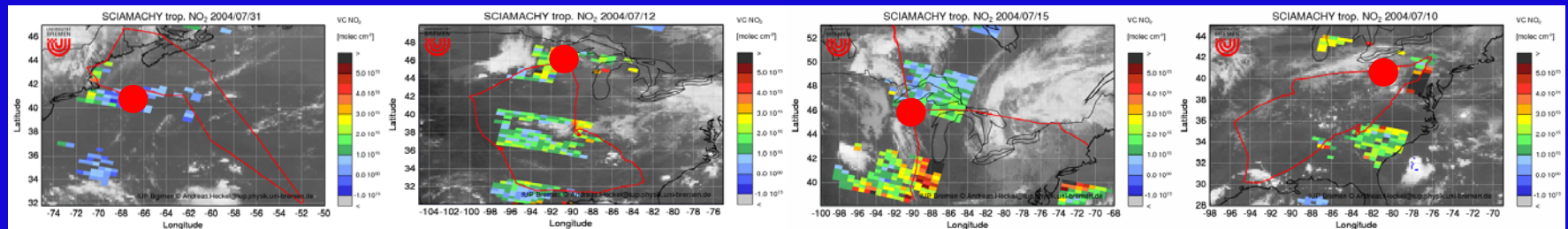
R. Kahn/ A. Clarke/ P. Russell/T. Bates et al

# DC-8/MOPITT, AIRS Trop CO



# DC-8/SCIAMACHY Trop Column NO<sub>2</sub>

	Atlantic	Rhineland I	Rhineland II	Pittsburgh	
DC8	$6.2 \cdot 10^{14}$	$8.3 \cdot 10^{14}$	$5.6 \cdot 10^{14}$	$2.4 \cdot 10^{15}$	molec/cm <sup>2</sup>
SCIA	$7.0 \cdot 10^{14}$	$1.8 \cdot 10^{15}$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{15}$	$3.1 \cdot 10^{15}$	molec/cm <sup>2</sup>



7/31

7/12

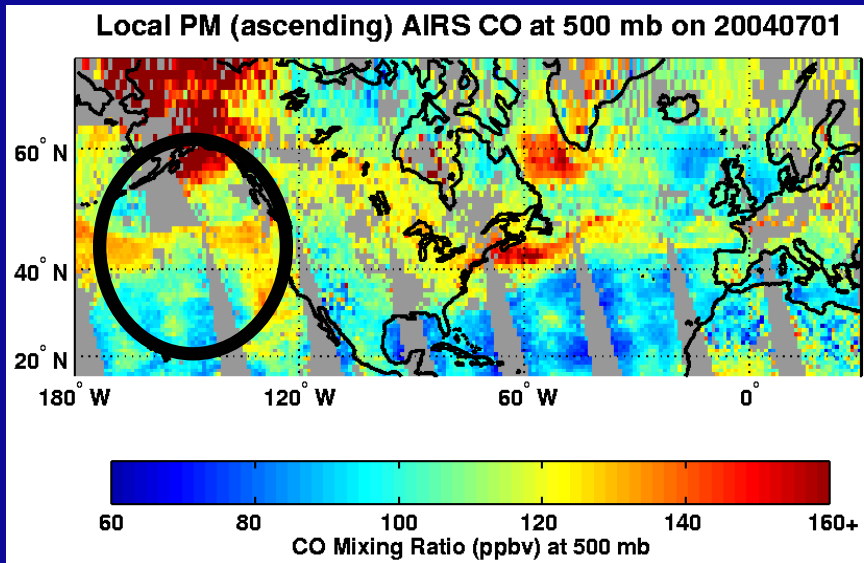
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- Stratospheric correction
- Climatological airmass factors from MOZART
- Cloud screening but no cloud correction

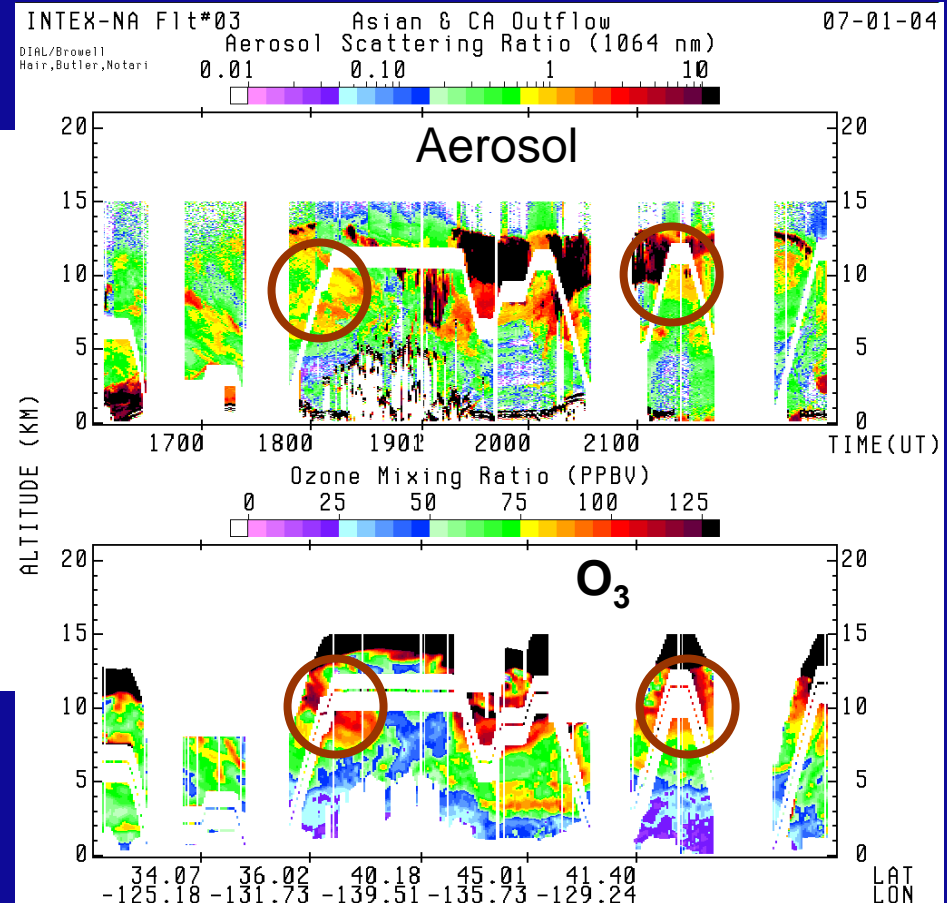
Heckel, Richter, Burrows, Cohen

# Asian Outflow Seen by AIRS & Sampled by the DC-8



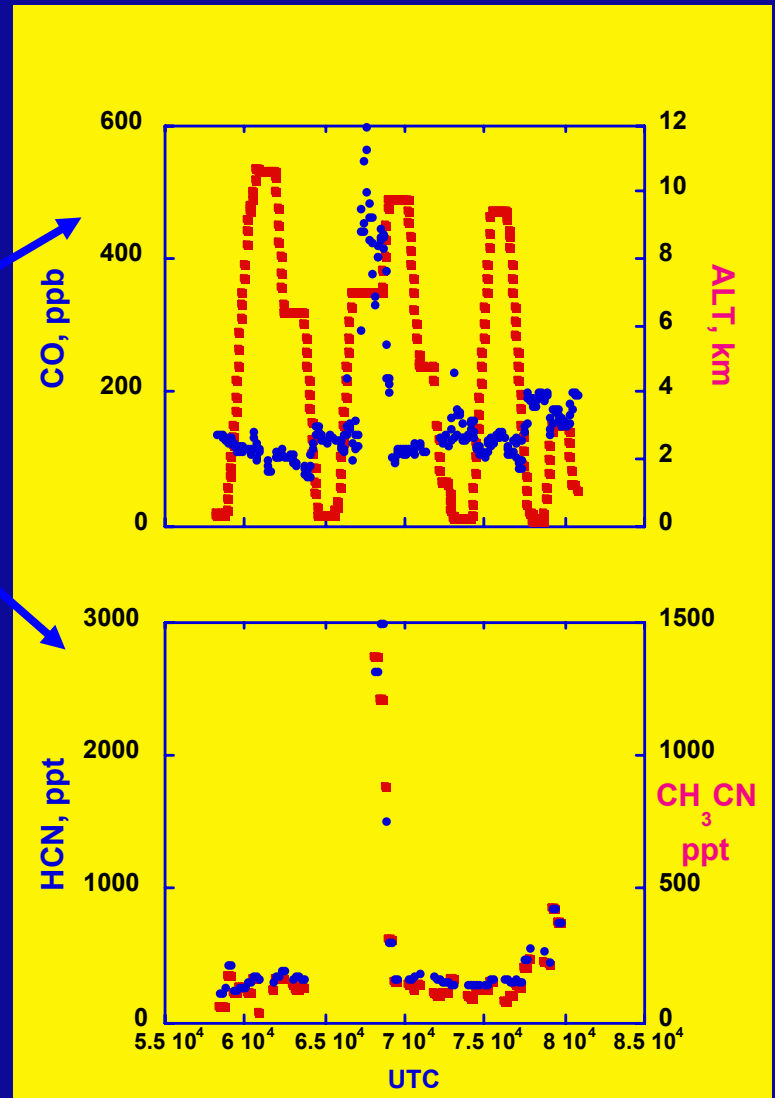
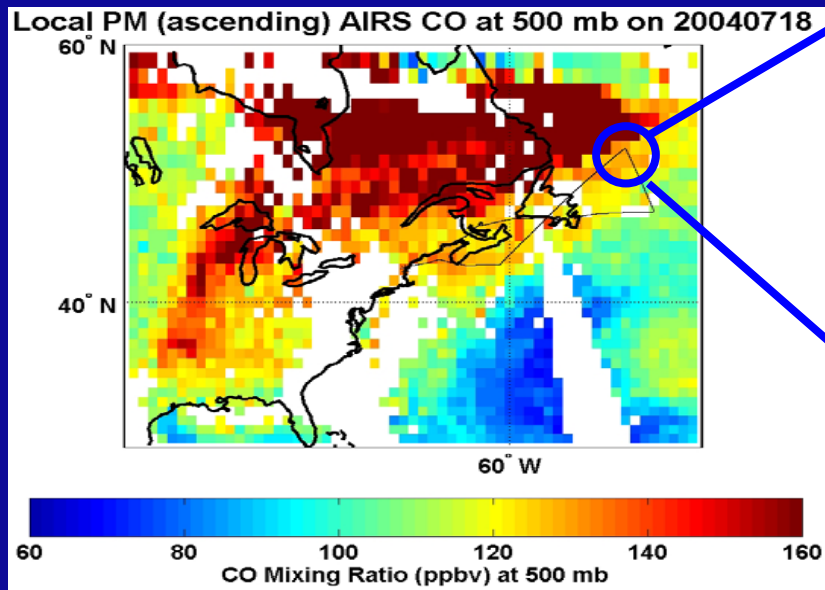
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McMillan

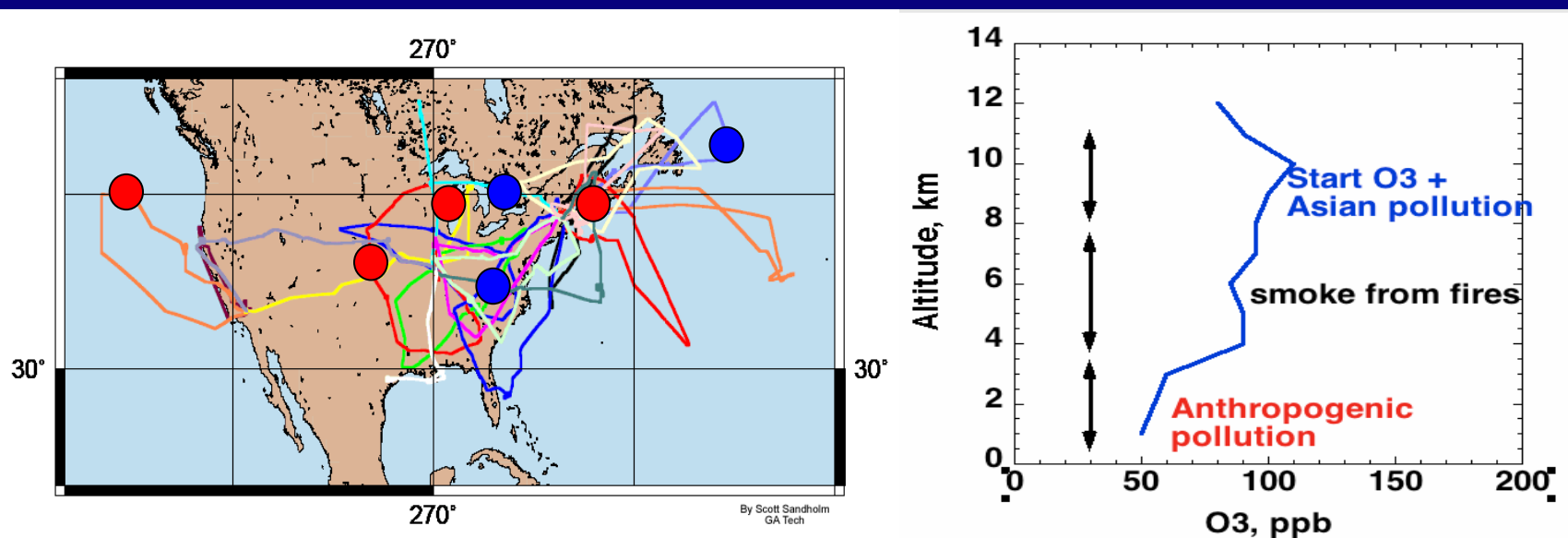


Browell

# Alaskan Fire Influences Over the Atlantic

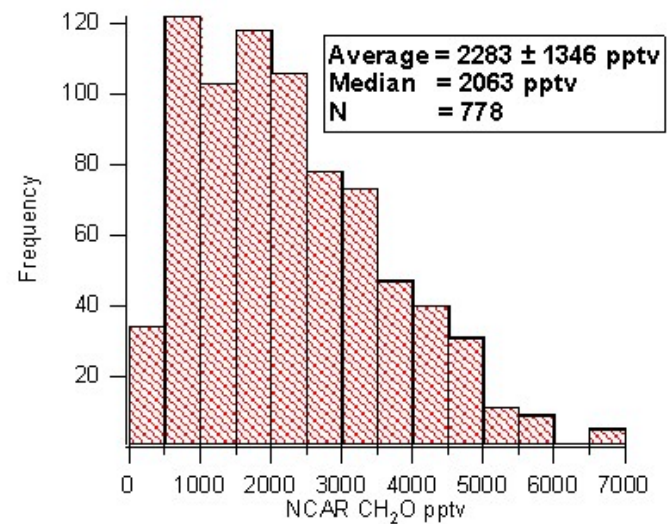
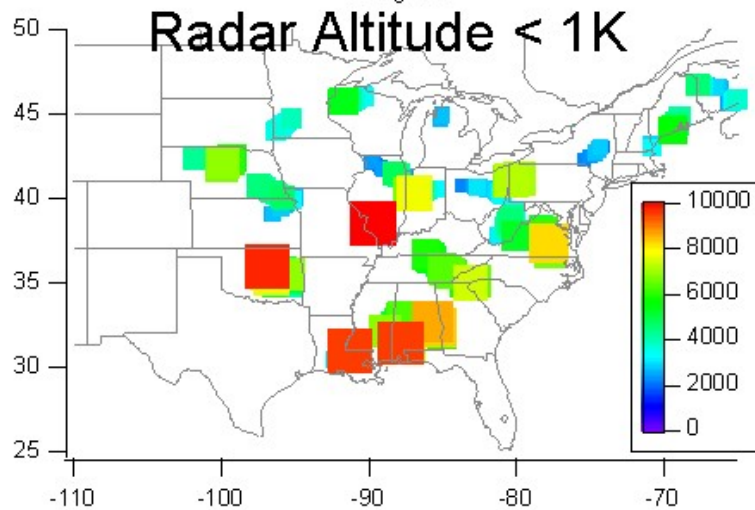
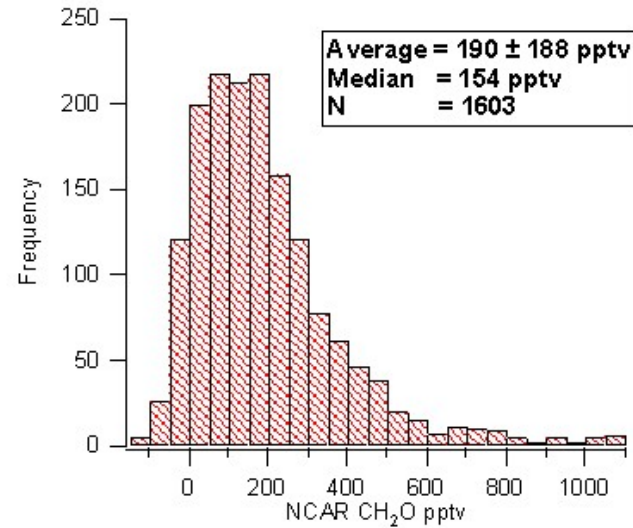
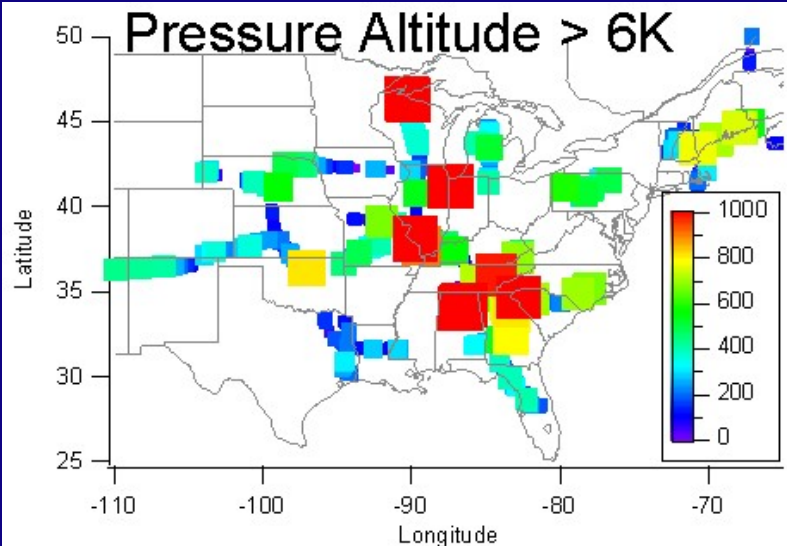


# Asian Influences, Fires, & Vertical Structure





# CH<sub>2</sub>O Distributions & Convection



# Carbon Cycle in INTEX-A

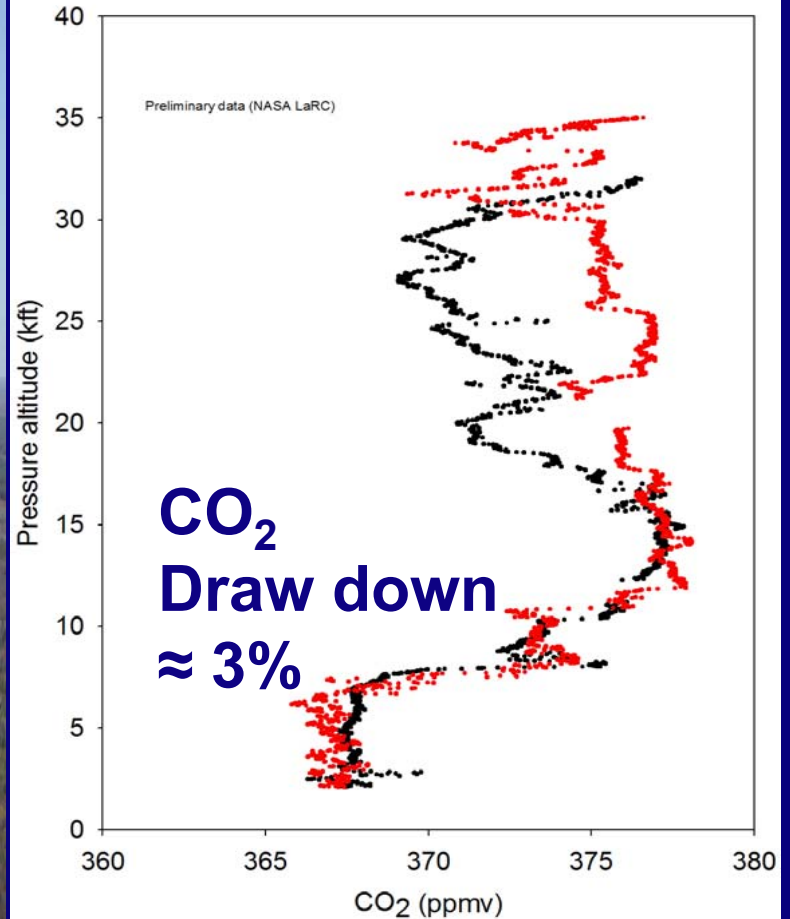
**Park Falls, WI [46N, 90W]**

**NASA DC-8 spiral 0.5-33 Kft**

**NSF King Air 0.5-25 Kft**

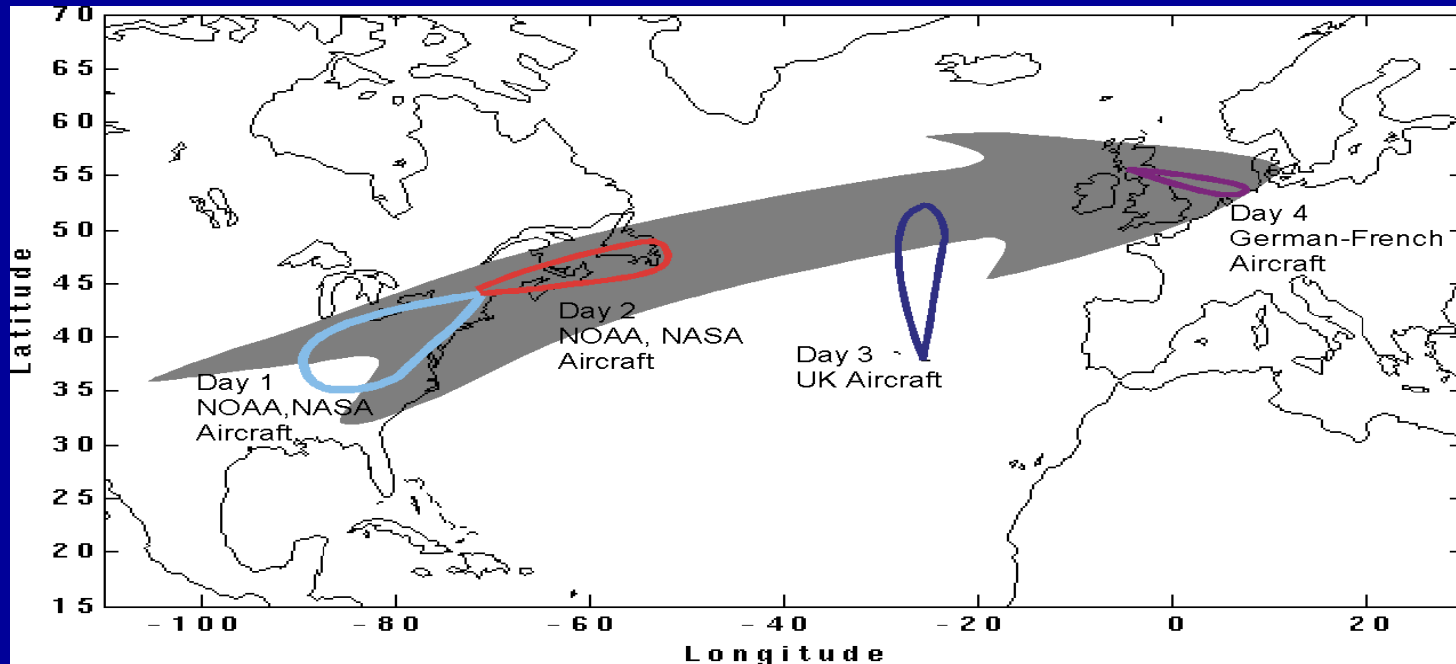
**440 m Tower**

**FTS-CO<sub>2</sub> column**



# Quasi-Lagrangian Experiments Over the Atlantic

A central goal of US-EU coordination



- 7 potentially successful cases identified
- Best matches on 4 (7/18, 7/20, 7/25, 7/28)

## Some Questions?

- **How do the in-situ measurements from different instruments & platforms intercompare? How do we synthesize and relate data from multiple platforms?**
- **How do models in forecast and analysis modes intercompare with each other and with observations?**
- **How useful were the satellite validation flights? Have we contributed to further improvements in retrievals?**
- **How usefully can the satellite data be integrated with the aircraft & surface data to extend coverage?**
- **Can we uniquely identify Asian influences?**
- **How successful were the quasi-lagrangian experiments and what did we learn from them?**

## Some Questions? (cont.)

- Can we use INTEX-A data (& models) to further constrain estimates of anthropogenic & biogenic emissions particularly for VOC, OVOC, SO<sub>2</sub>, CO, NO<sub>x</sub>, & aerosols?
- What do Alaskan fires tell us about dynamical processes and can we infer BB burning emissions from INTEX-A observations?
- What are the factors controlling the outflow of pollution (especially NO<sub>x</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>, and aerosol) to the Atlantic?
- What are the sources and properties of aerosols & how do they evolve over the Atlantic? Is SO<sub>2</sub> the main precursor? Is there direct evidence for the predicted Saharan dust?
- What have we learnt about direct and indirect effects of aerosol on radiative forcing?

## Some Questions? (cont.)

- Are the observed  $\text{HO}_x$  and precursor (peroxides and  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ) concentrations consistent with current understanding?
- How does deep convection affect the supply of  $\text{HO}_x$  and  $\text{NO}_x$  to the upper troposphere? What is the effect of carbonyls on the  $\text{HO}_x$  and  $\text{NO}_x$  budgets?
- Is there evidence for OVOC loss by heterogeneous processes?
- Can we explain the observed drawdown of  $\text{CO}_2$  over the continent?
- Are the new observations of  $\text{HNO}_4$  consistent with our present understanding?

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