

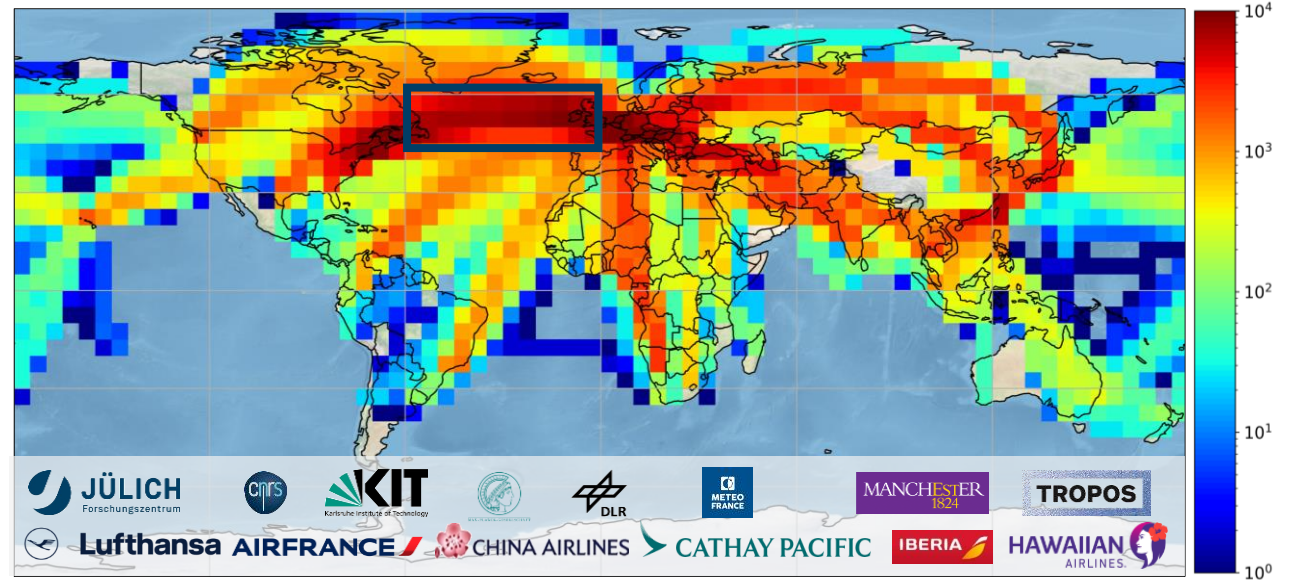
# Relative Humidity distribution in the extratropical UT and LMS

## Long-term evolution derived from in-situ observations of IAGOS and MOZAIC

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# Atmospheric Composition Dataset from Instrumented Passenger Aircraft

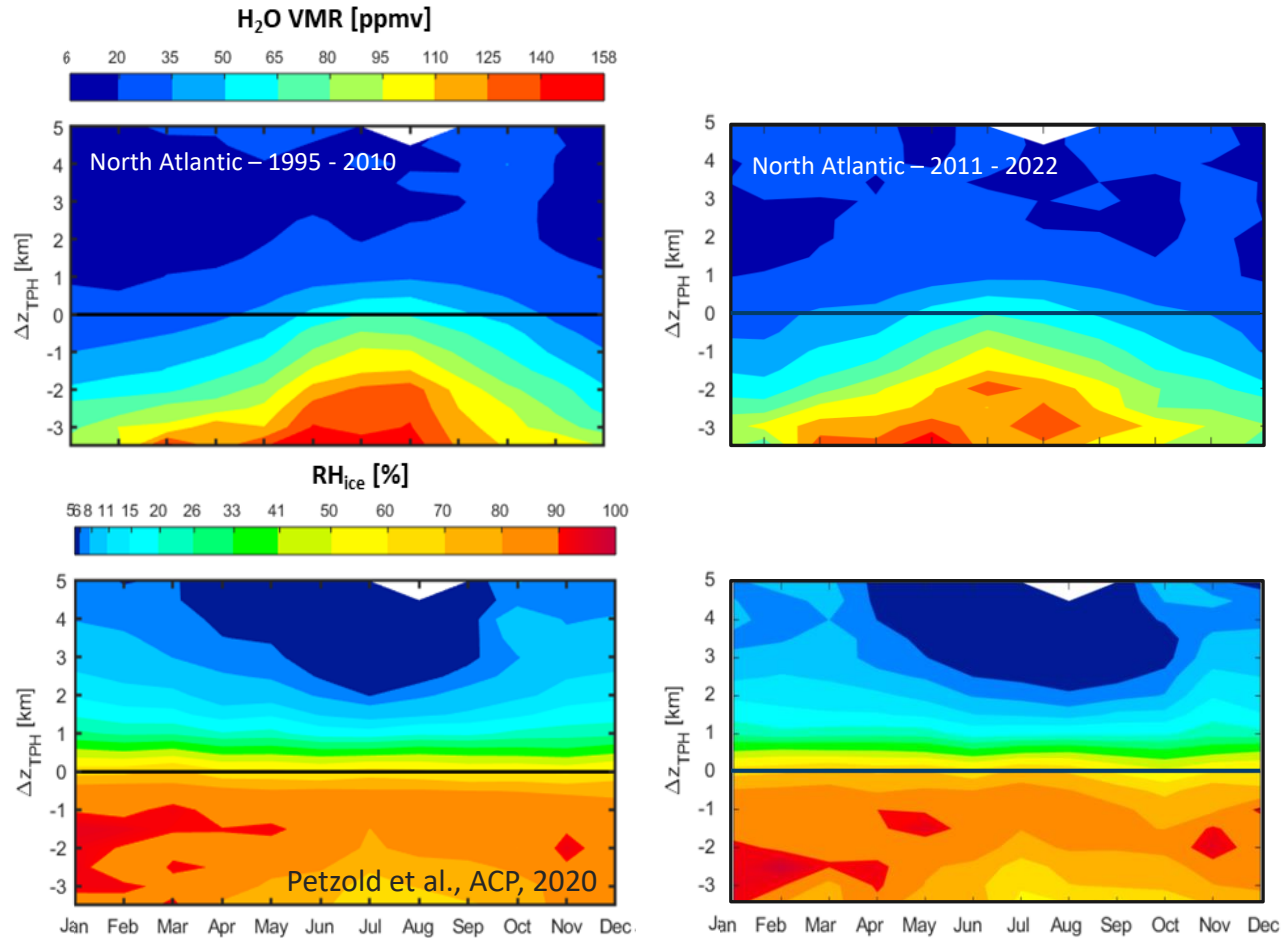


- ✈ European Research Infrastructure since 2014 (MOZAIC: 1994-2014 / CARIBIC 2004-2014)
- ✈ Regular in-situ monitoring of essential climate variables  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{RH}_{\text{ice}}$ ,  $\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{CO}$ ,  $\text{NO}_x$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$ , aerosols, clouds
- ✈ 8 long-haul aircraft + 1 Flying Laboratory
- ✈ Open data policy; visit [www.iagos.org](http://www.iagos.org)

$\text{H}_2\text{O}$  /  $\text{RH}_{\text{ice}}$  data record spans 25 years.

Data analysis focusing on the North Atlantic.

# Seasonal Variation of $RH_{ice}$ Across the North Atlantic Tropopause



⇒ H<sub>2</sub>O VMR:  
Clearly visible moistening  
of the LMS in summer.

⇒ RH<sub>ice</sub>:  
Uppermost troposphere  
close to ice saturation.

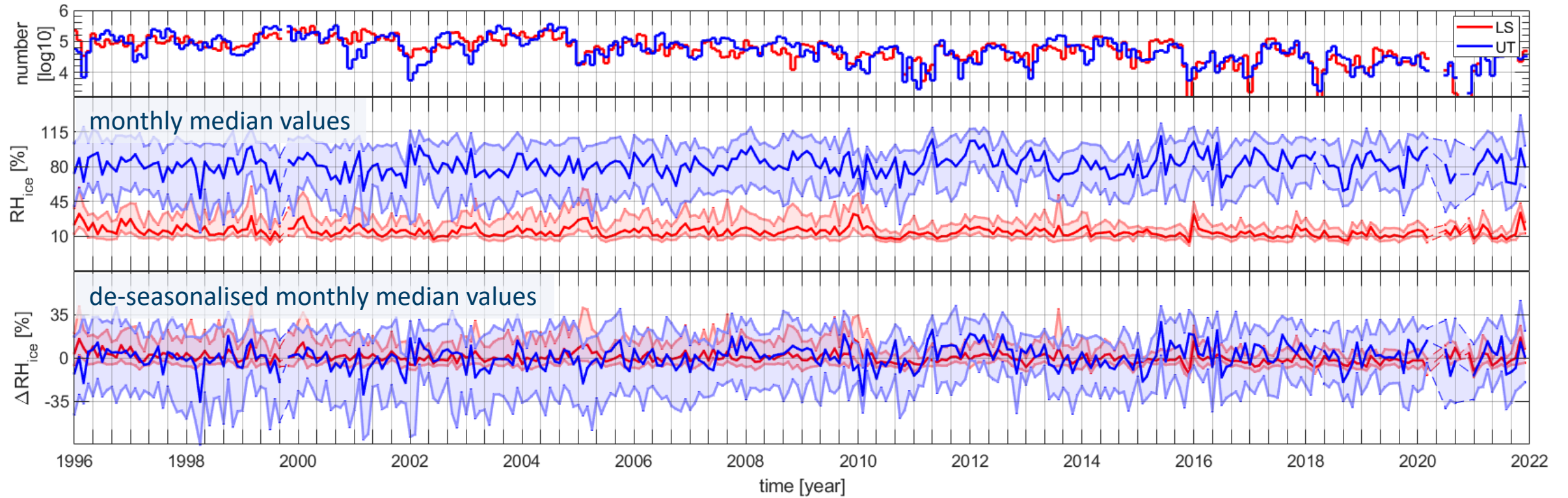
see also EGU9841  
Konjari et al., next talk

Averaged annual cycles of  $RH_{ice}$  for latitudes 40 °N to 60 °N  
Distribution relative to the WMO thermal tropopause height  $z_{TPH}$ .





# Long-Term Evolution of $RH_{ice}$ Across the North Atlantic Tropopause



- ✈ Median  $RH_{ice}$  of UT  $\geq 80\%$ .
- ✈ No long-term change in  $\Delta RH_{ice}$  observed for UT and LMS over 25 years.
- ✈ In-depth trend analyses are subject of ongoing work.



# Supplementary Material

# The IAGOS Workflow



IAGOS data products



Research Institutions

calibration data



metadata

IAGOS Data Centre  
hosted by AERIS  
in Toulouse, France

near real time



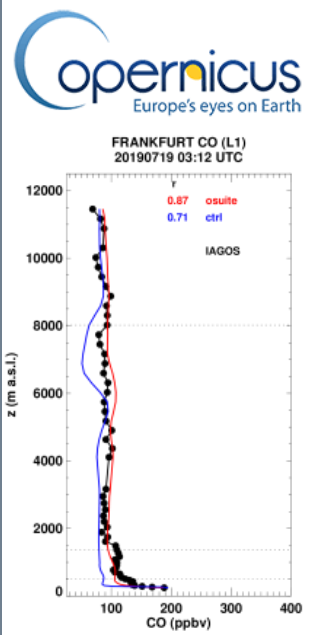
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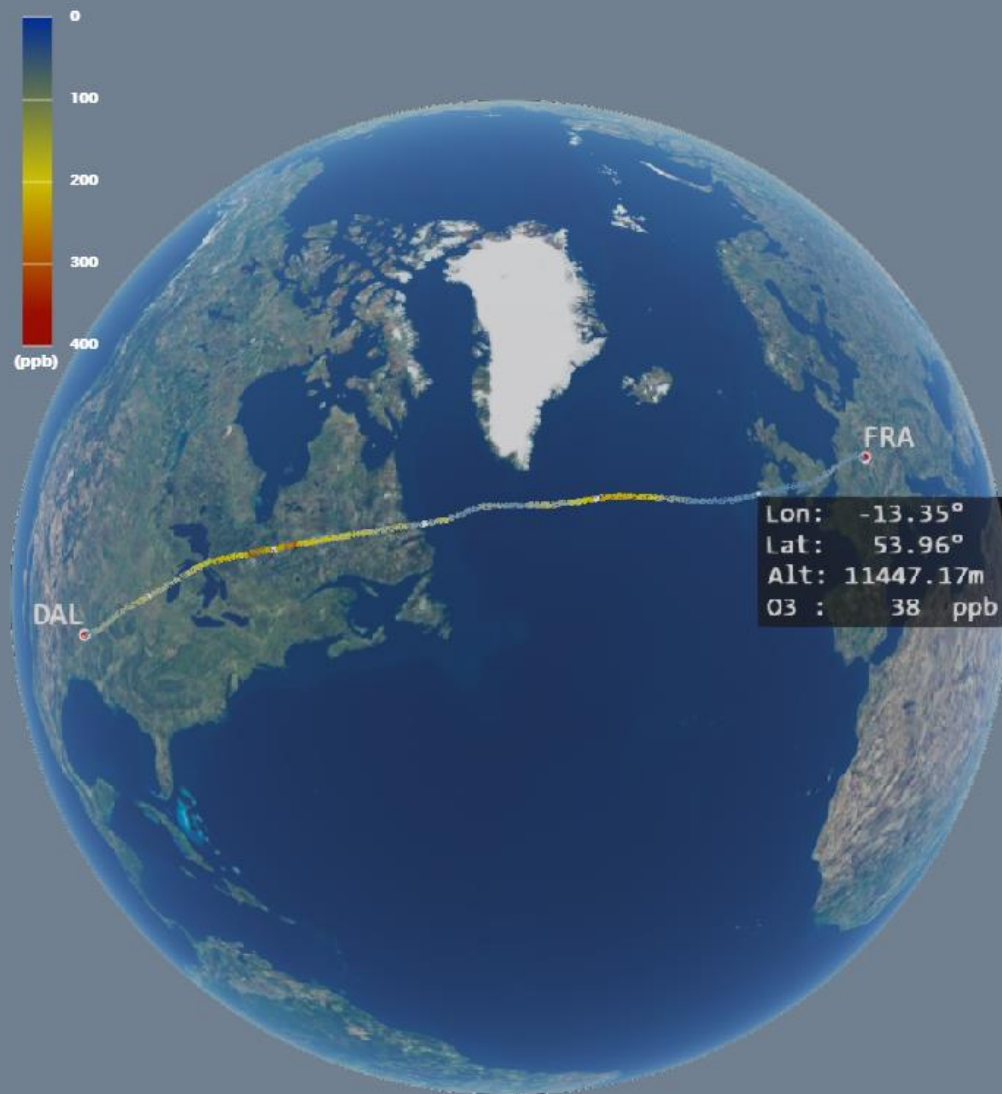
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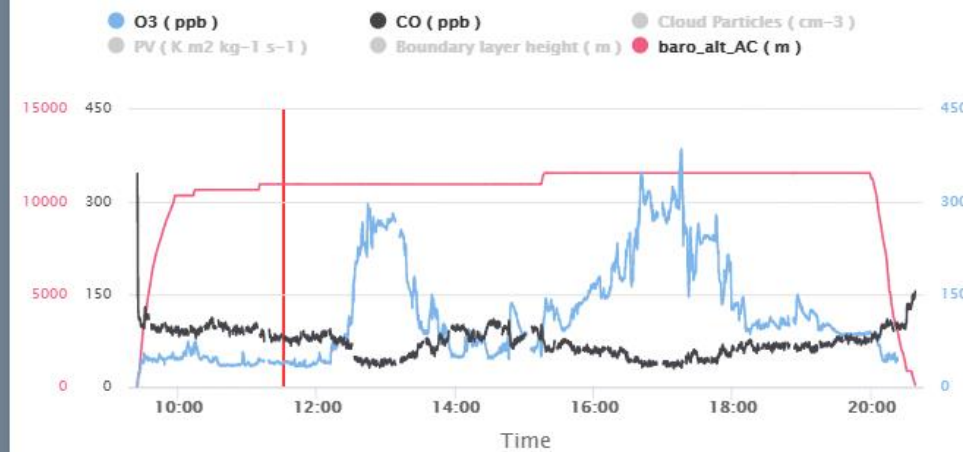




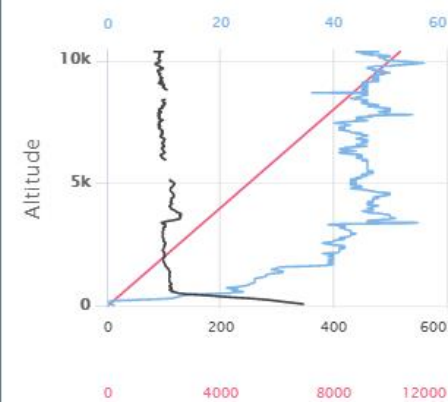


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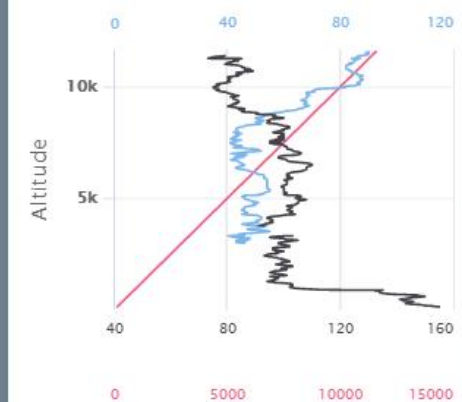
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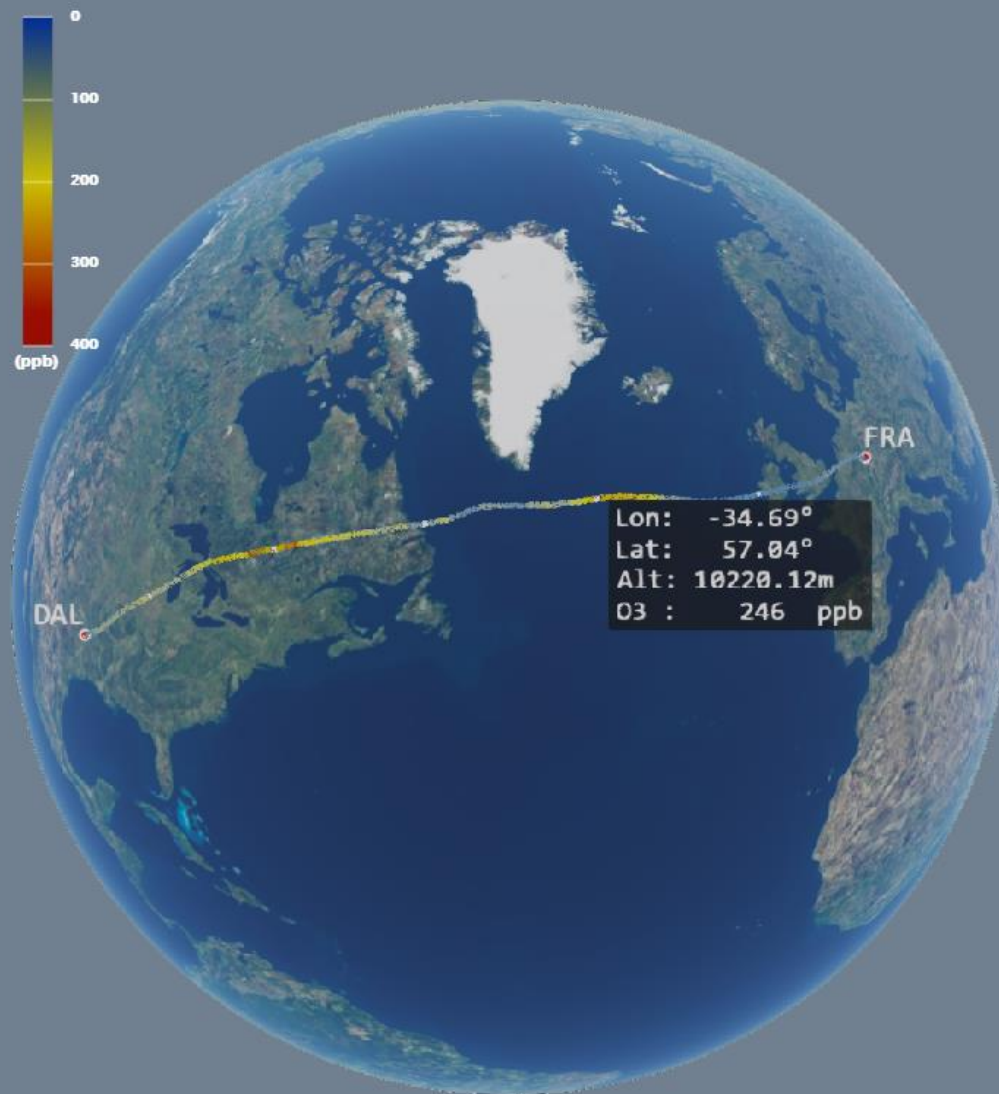
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## Descent profile

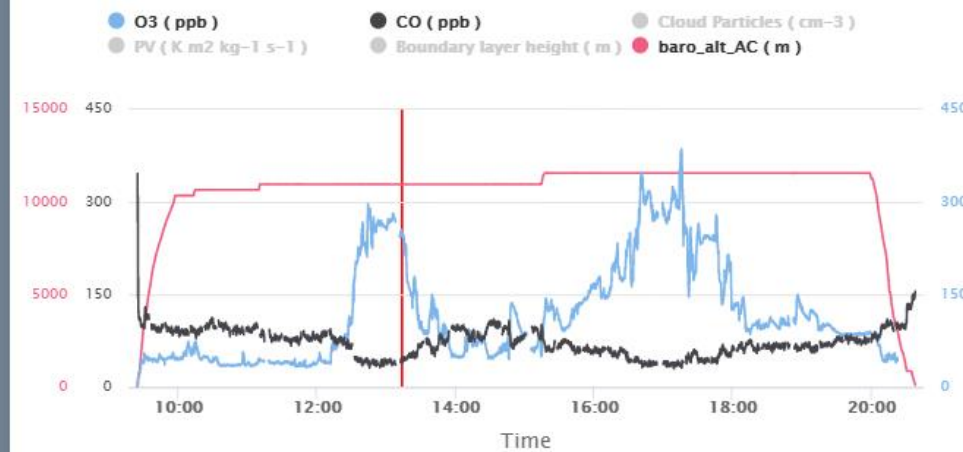




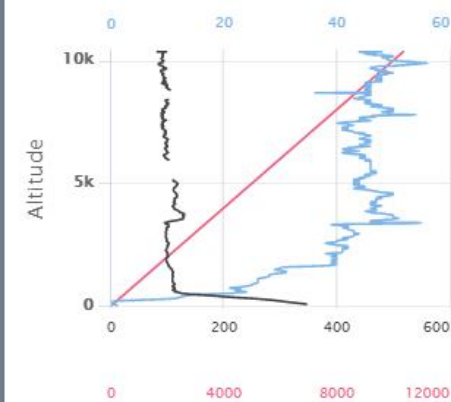


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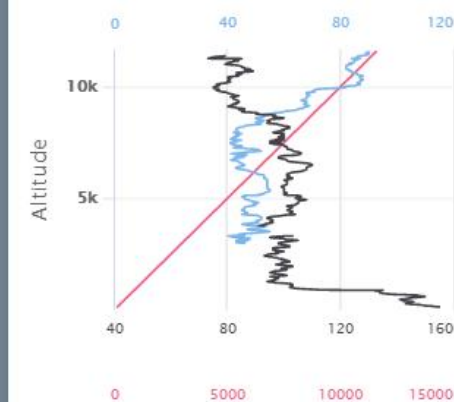
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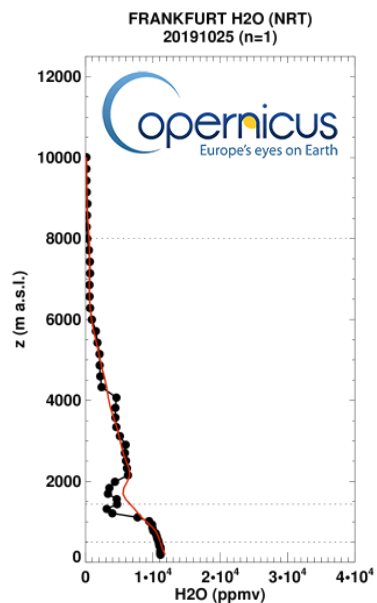


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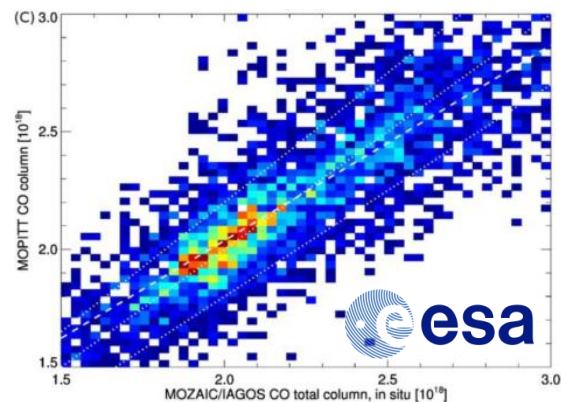


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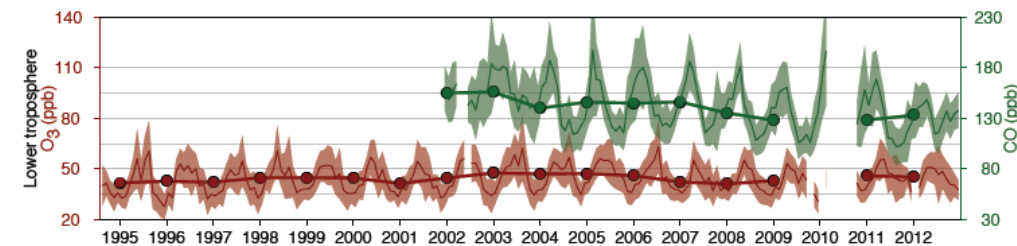




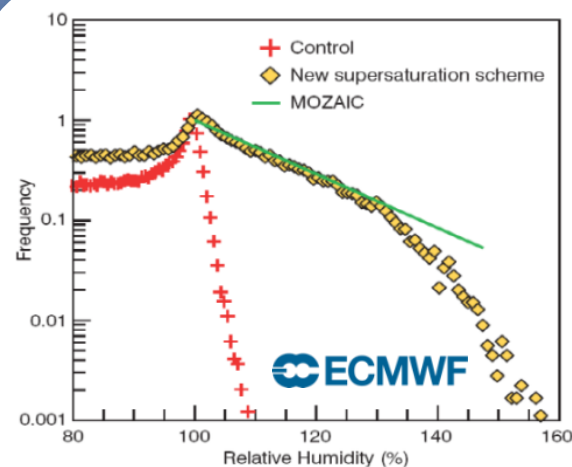
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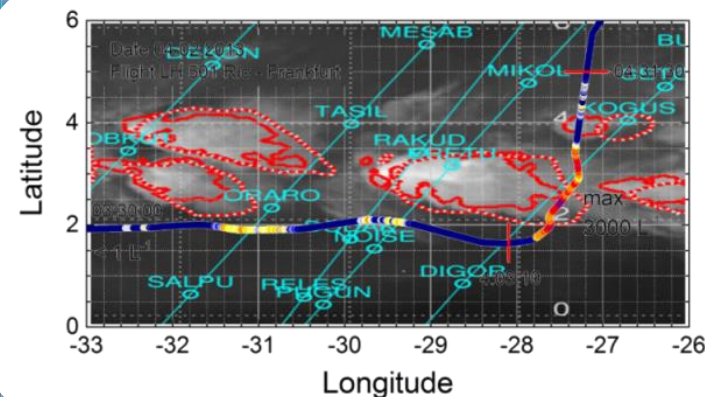
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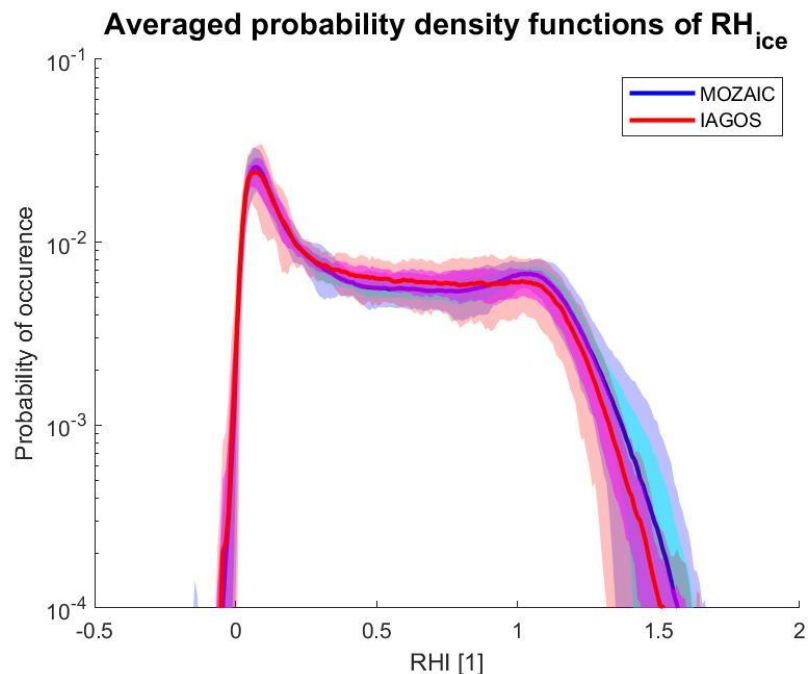
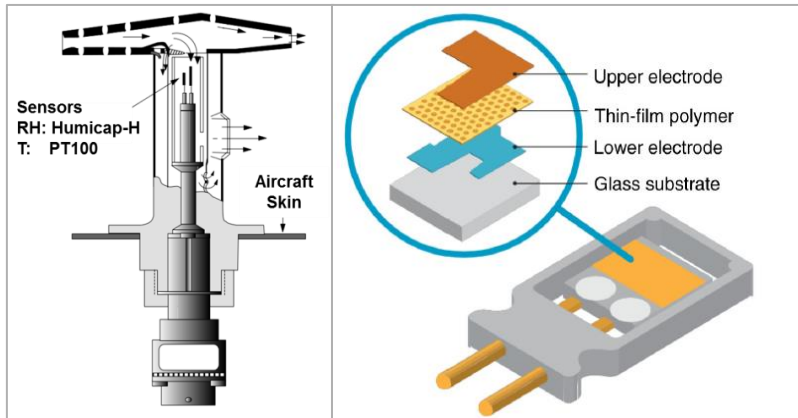
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trends in atmospheric composition change



numerical weather prediction



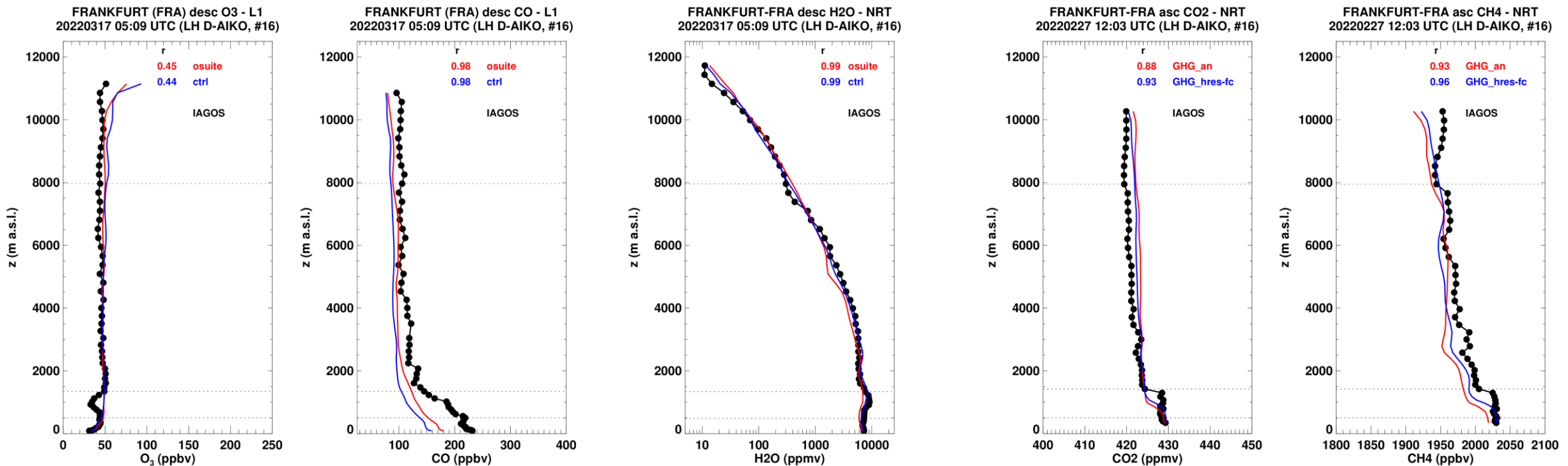
safe  
aircraft  
routing



- ✈ Hydroactive Polymer Film which adsorbes  $H_2O$
- ✈ Capacitance depends on relative humidity (RH);
- ✈ Calibrations traceable to frost point mirror
- ✈ Low maintenance requirements
- ✈ In-flight blind intercomparison:  
5%  $RH_{liquid}$  uncertainty, LOD approx. 10 ppmv
- ✈  $2\sigma$  - variability of observed Ice Supersaturation (ISS)  
at  $10^{-4}$  occurrence probability is max. 155%  $RH_{ice}$
- ✈ Values fit into the range of homogeneous freezing  
thresholds at typical extratropical tropopause conditions  
(Koop et al., 2000 :  $RH_{ice,hom} = 158\%$  at 205 K and 154% at 215 K
- ✈ Change of sensor design of MCH into ICH has no impact  
on measuring capabilities
- ✈ In Flight Calibration (IFC ) accounts for offset drift

Neis et al., Atmos. Meas. Tech. 2015; Neis et al., TellusB, 2015; Smit et al., JAOT, 2008;  
Smit et al., ACP 2014 ; Petzold et al., ACP, 2020

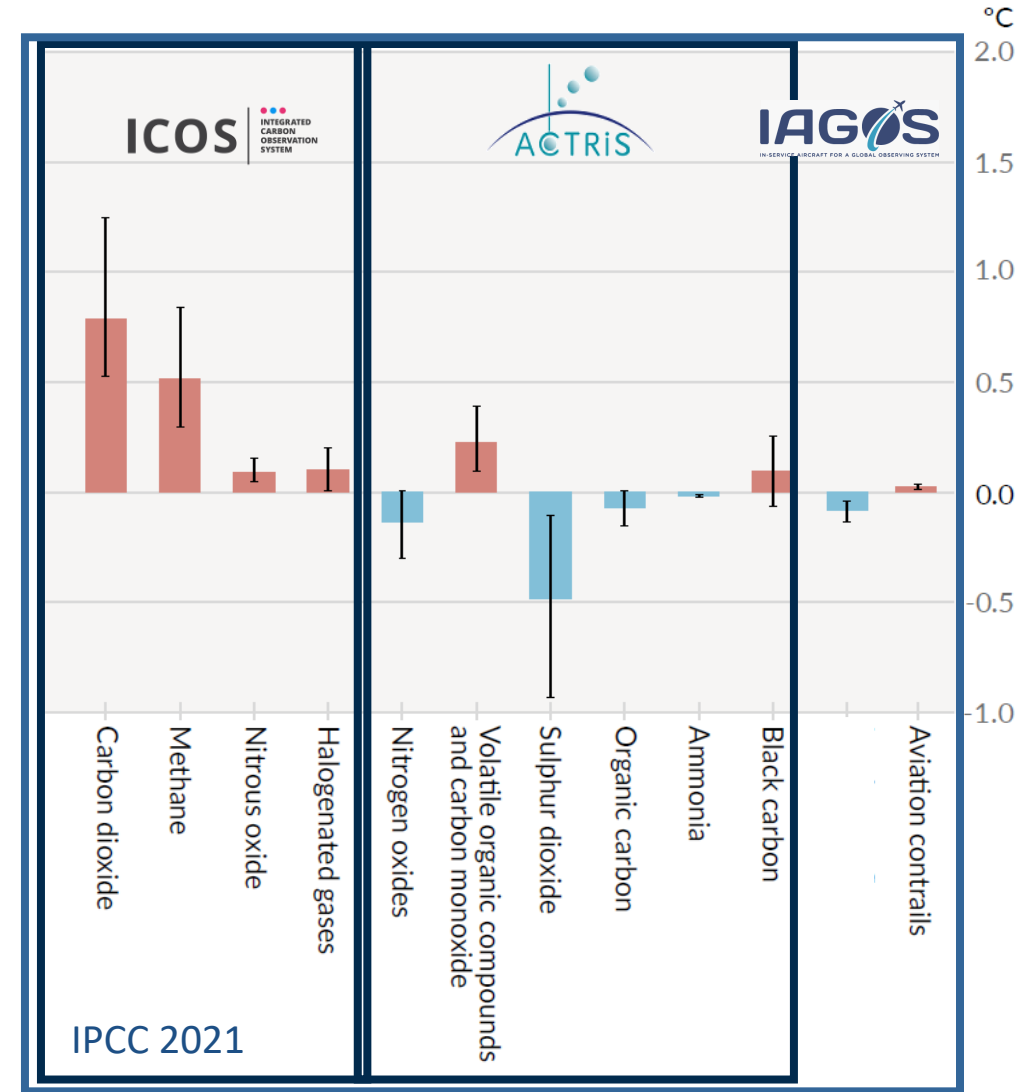
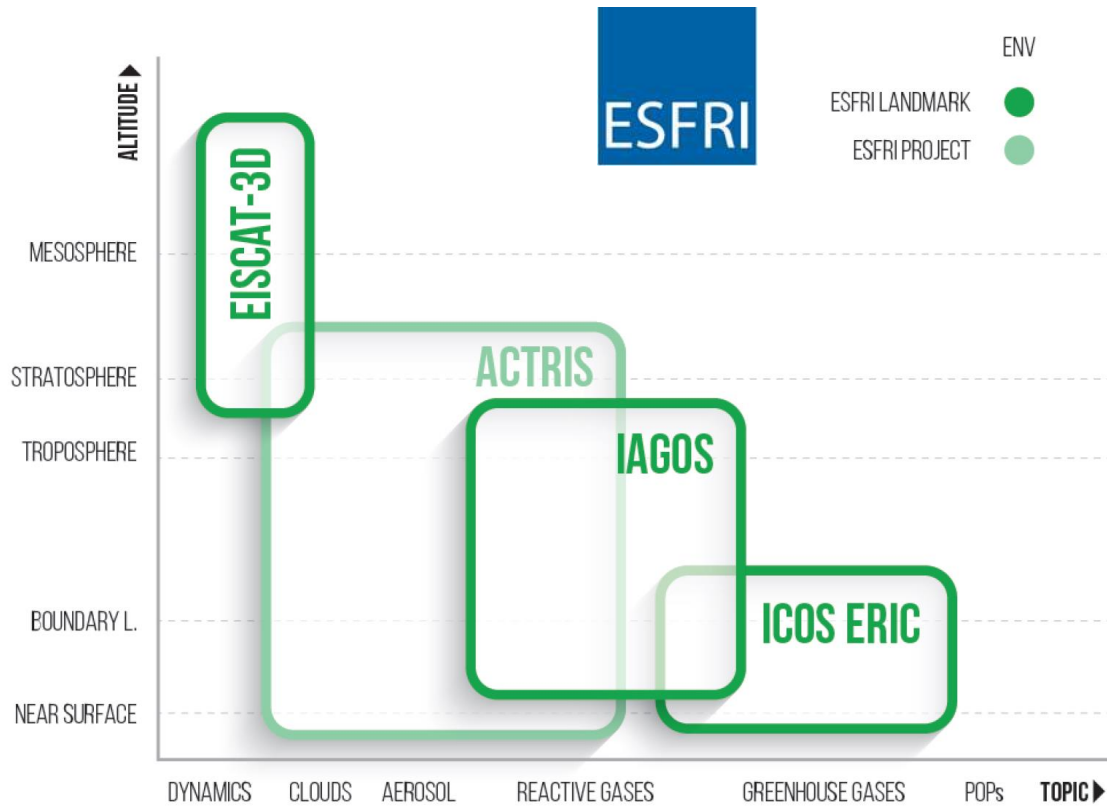
## IAGOS Near Real-Time Data Stream to COPERNICUS Atmosphere Monitoring Service



[http://www.iagos-data.fr/cams/nrt\\_profiles.php](http://www.iagos-data.fr/cams/nrt_profiles.php)



## ESFRI Roadmap 2016 - Atmosphere



## IAGOS

In-service Aircraft  
for a Global  
Observing System

## DIGIT



### Open data resources and management for atmospheric composition observations

Near real time data on atmospheric chemical species to weather and research services.

## ENE



### Global observations of atmospheric composition for energy supply and consumption

Key atmospheric parameters and environmental assessments related to different energy production forms.

## H&F



### Global observations of atmospheric composition for health and food

Measurements of air quality parameters and impact on health.

## PSE



### New technologies and approaches for atmospheric composition observations

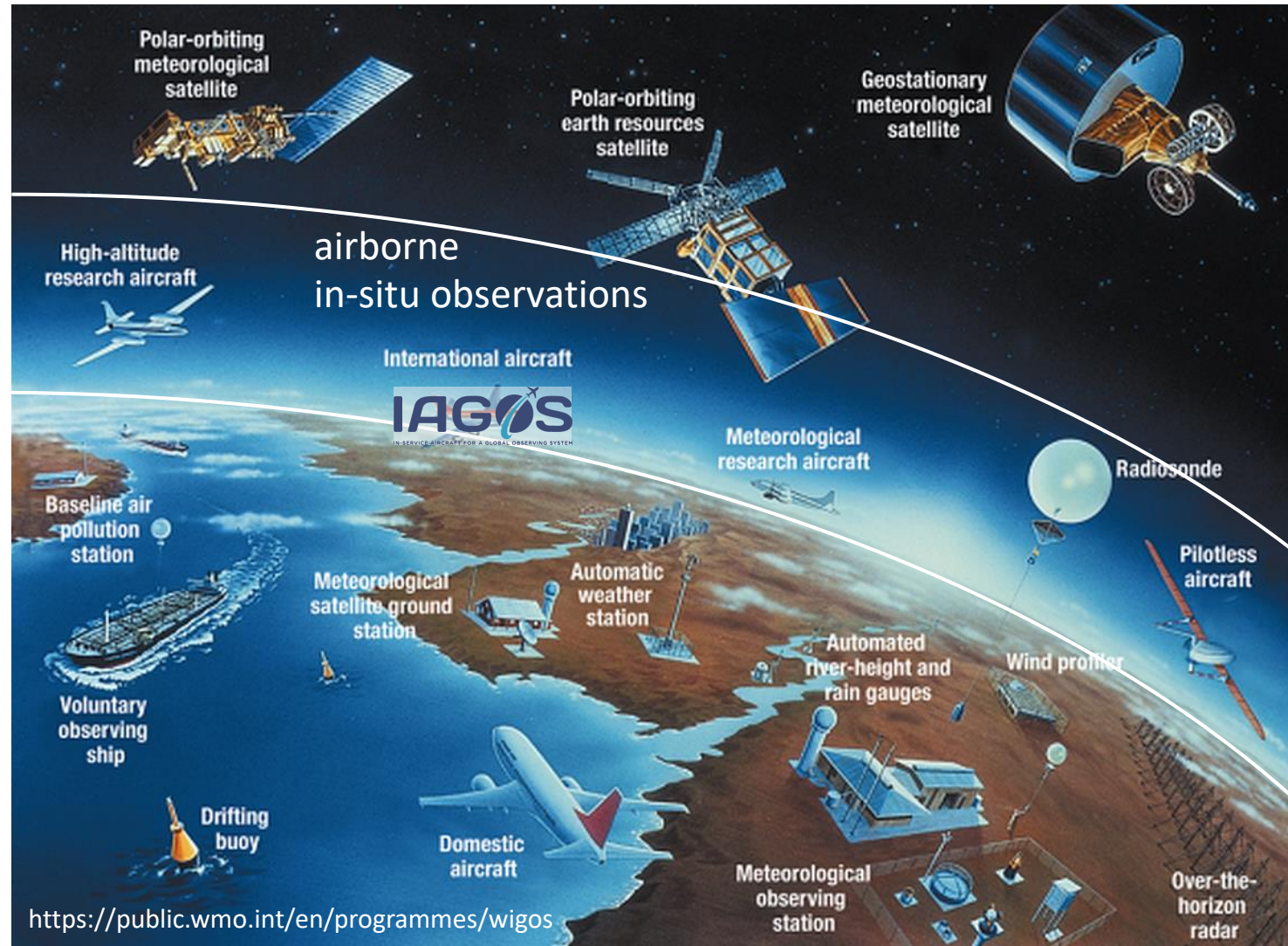
Development of instrument and technologies.

## SCI



### Social and cultural aspects of atmospheric composition observations

Key atmospheric observations, climate change and impact on human well-being.







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