

# Characterization of cirrus clouds in the arctic depending on ambient conditions

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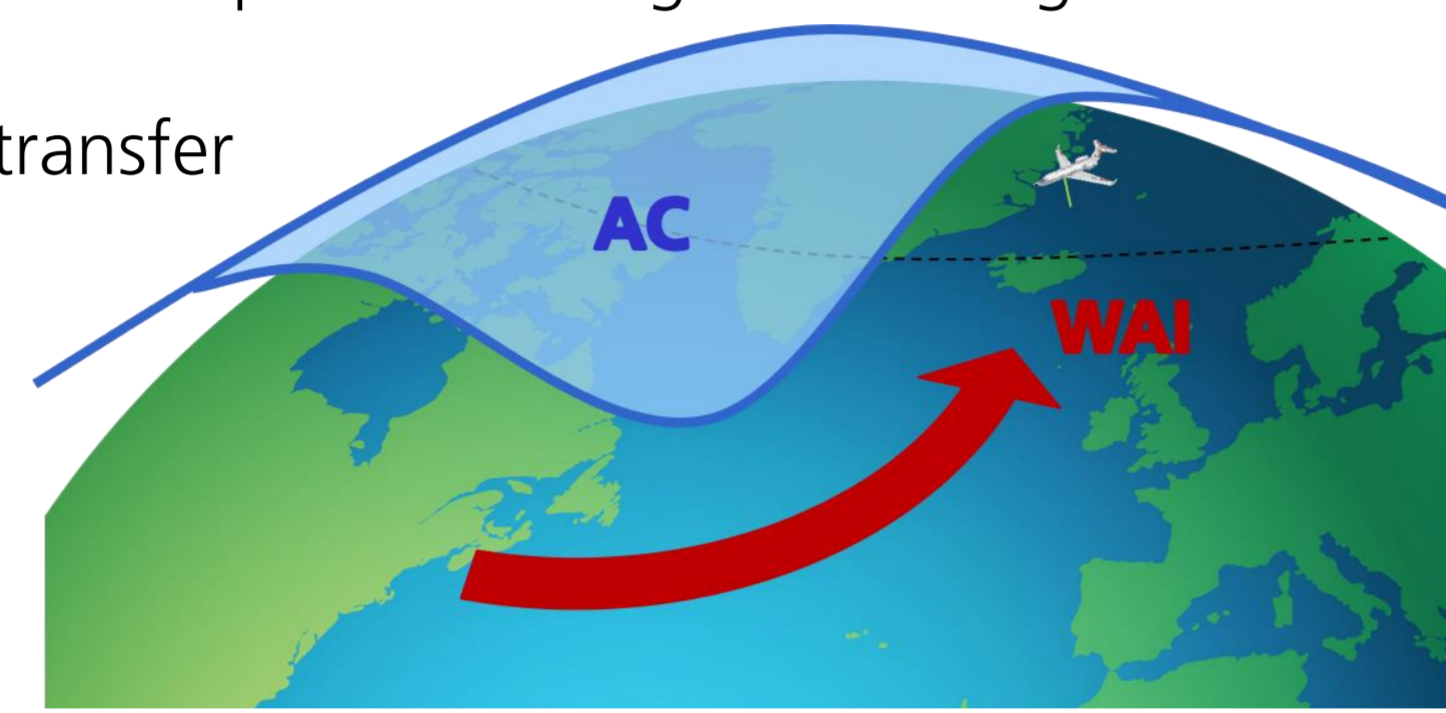
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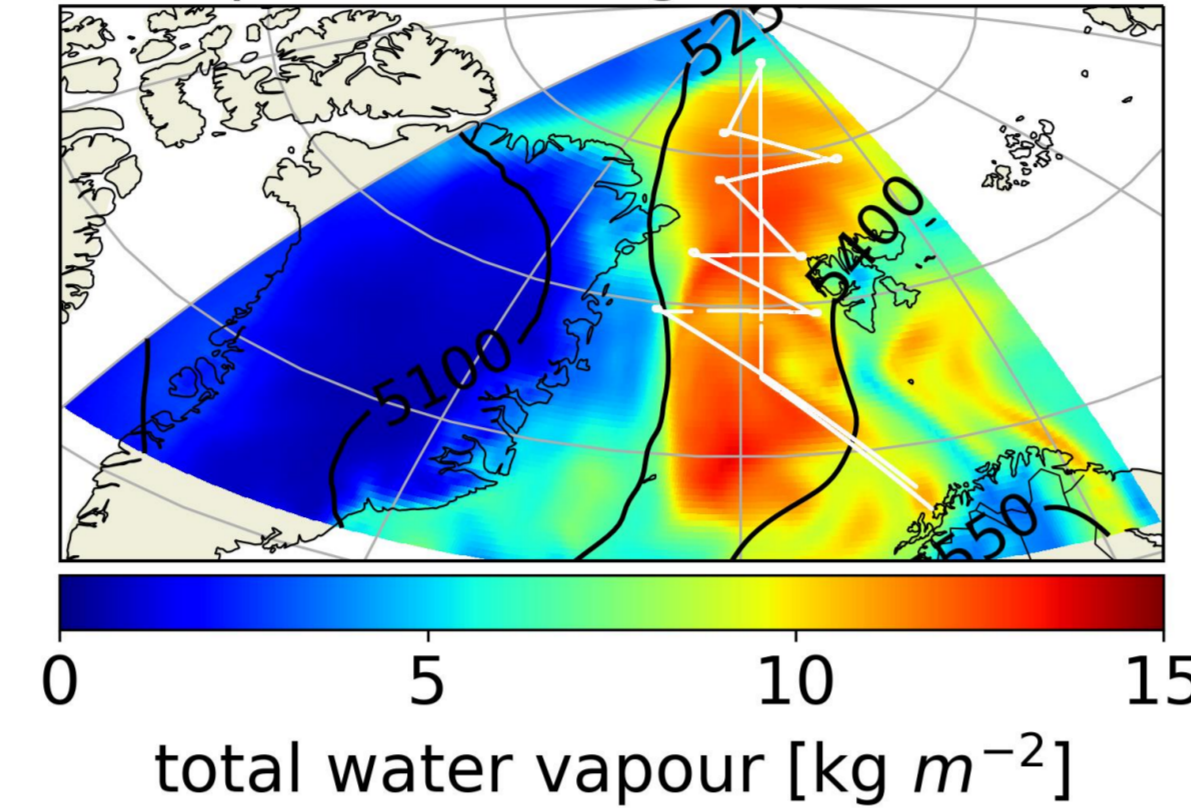
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## Motivation

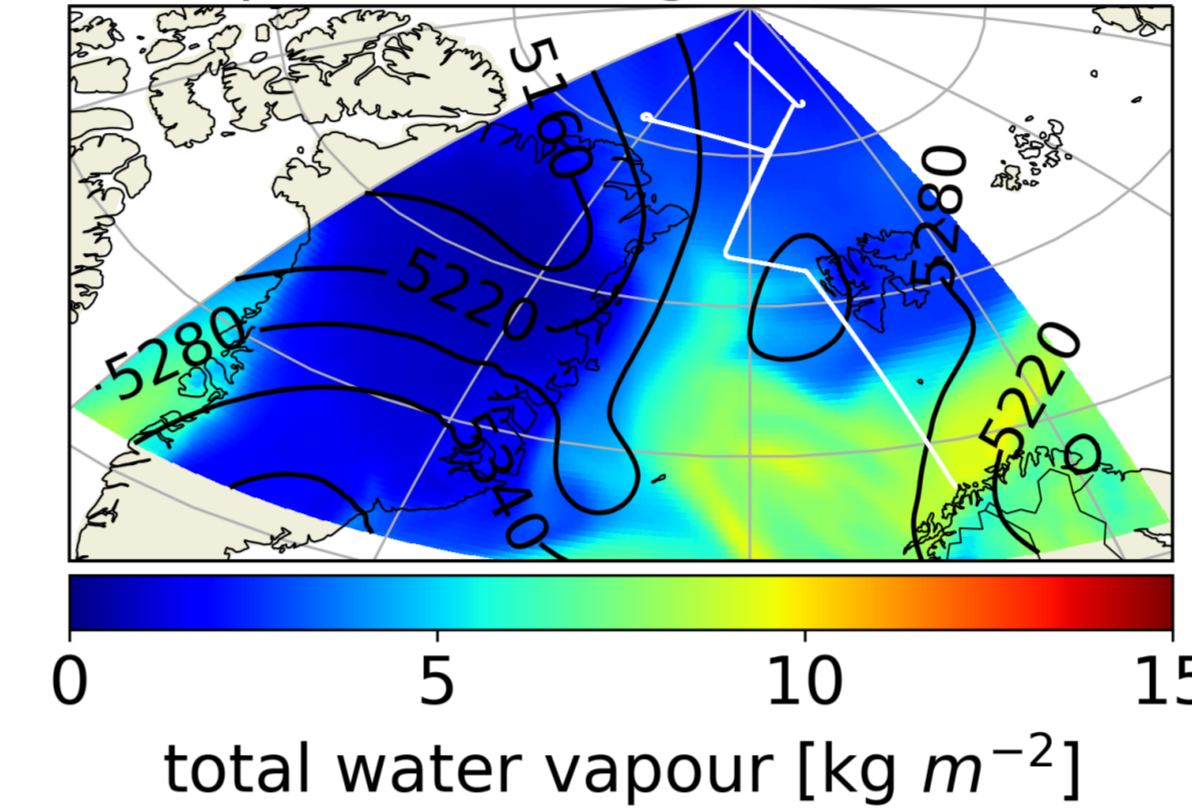
- The arctic is warming with an accelerated rate compared to the global average:
  - Arctic Amplification (AA)** [1]
- Warm Air Intrusions (WAI)** into the arctic transfer sensible heat, water vapor and aerosols contributing to AA [2]
- Two different cirrus types in the arctic:
  - under arctic conditions (**AC cirrus**)
  - under WAI conditions (**WAI cirrus**)



HALO-(AC)3 13/03/2022 Flight: RF03  
Total water vapor and Geopotential height at 500 hPa



HALO-(AC)3 11/04/2022 Flight: RF17  
Total water vapor and Geopotential height at 500 hPa



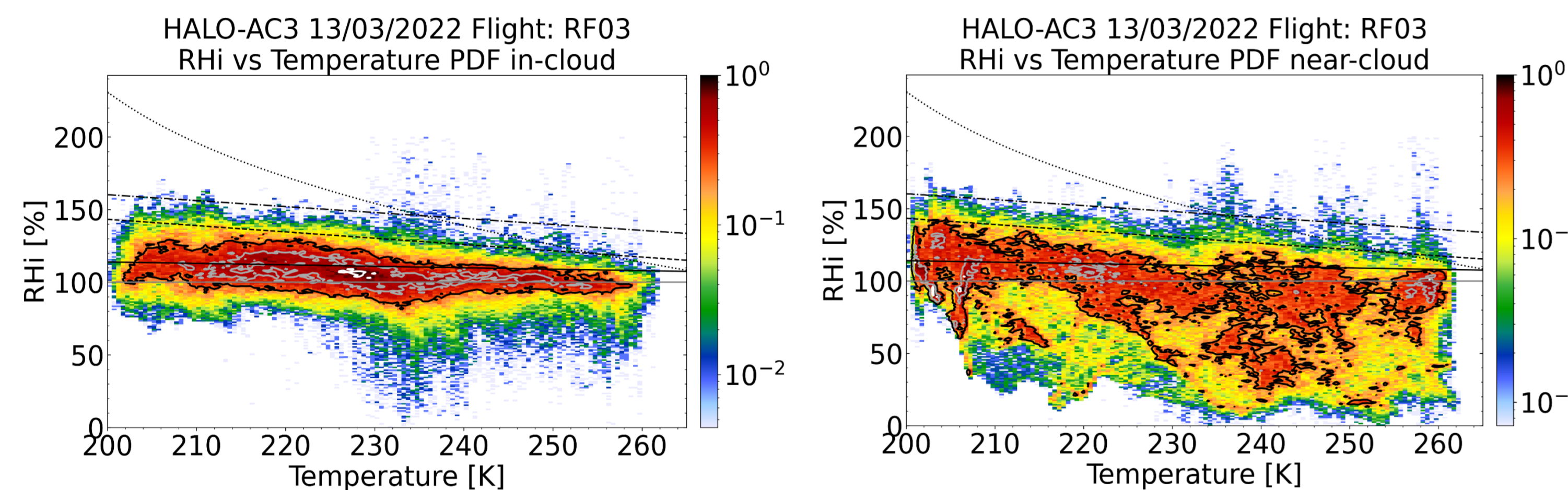
## Data

HALO-(AC)<sup>3</sup>: Remote sensing field campaign in March and April 2022 over the arctic with the German research aircraft HALO [3]

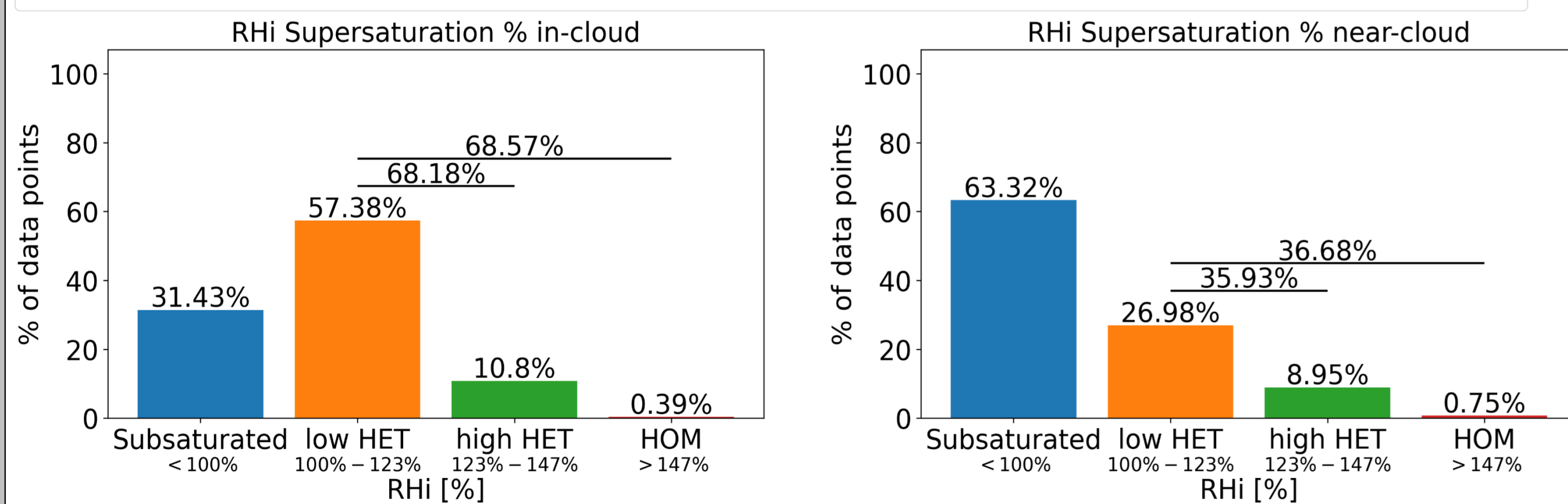
## Tools

- WALEs: HSRL and water vapor DIAL lidar system [4]
- HAMP: Cloud radar at 36 GHz and passive microwave radiometers [5]
- VarCloud: optimal estimate retrieval combining lidar and radar [6]
- LAGRANTO: Lagrangian analysis tool [7]
- CLaMS-Ice: combined Lagrangian model CLaMS with two-moment ice microphysics [8]

## RF03: Conducted during a prevailing Warm Air Intrusion



..... water saturation    - - - HOM nucleation    - - - Coated Soot activation    - - - Mineral Dust activation



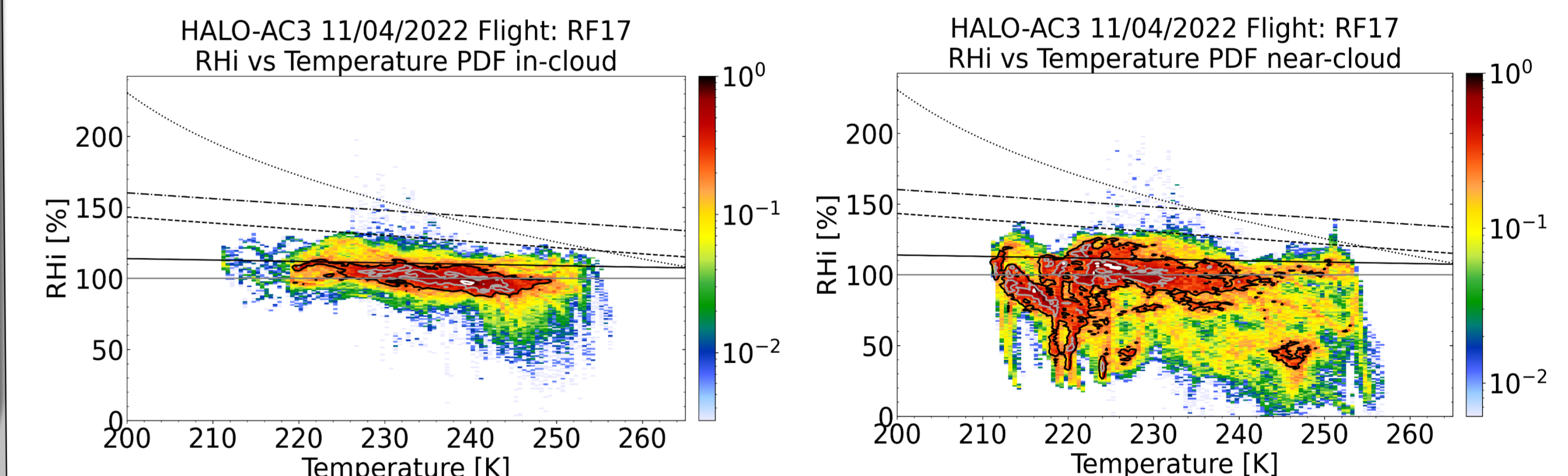
## WAI Case (RF03)

- Geometrically and optically **thicker**
- Rose higher and with **stronger updrafts**
- Frequently with **high supersaturations**
- Formed predominantly **in-situ**
- Higher ice crystal number concentration and smaller ice effective radius: Indicative of **homogeneous nucleation**

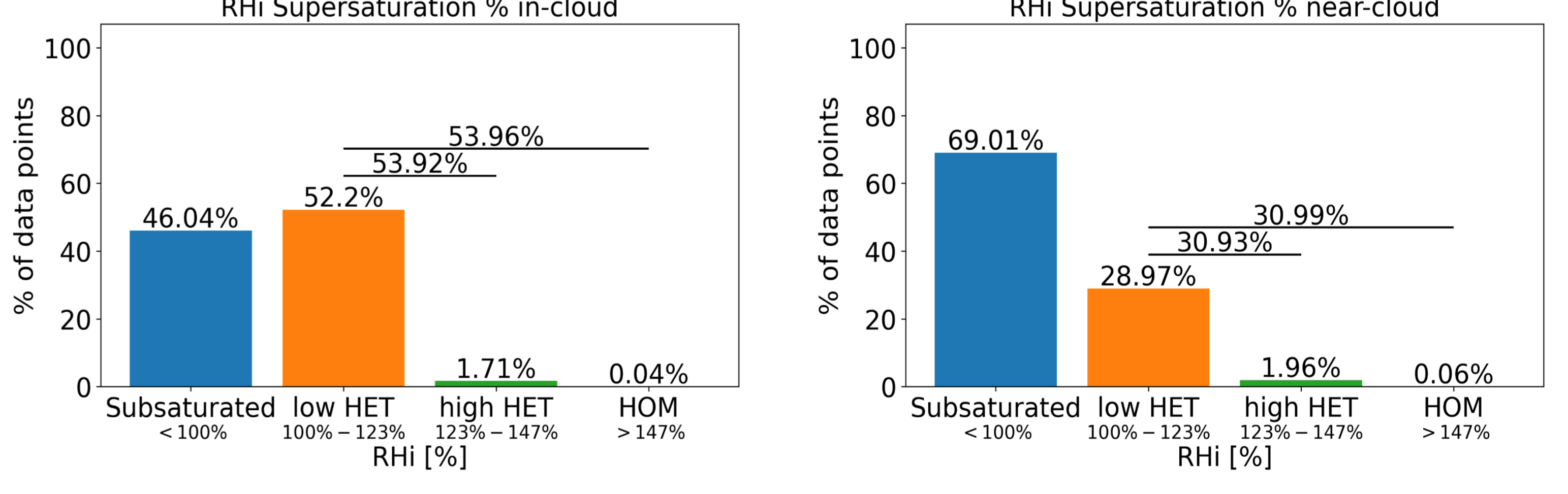
## AC Case (RF17)

- Lower depolarization ratio**
- Less frequently supersaturated especially for high RHI
- Contains almost **no liquid water**
- Similar amount of **in-situ and liquid-origin**
- Smaller ice crystal number concentration and bigger ice effective radius: **Heterogeneous nucleation** more probable

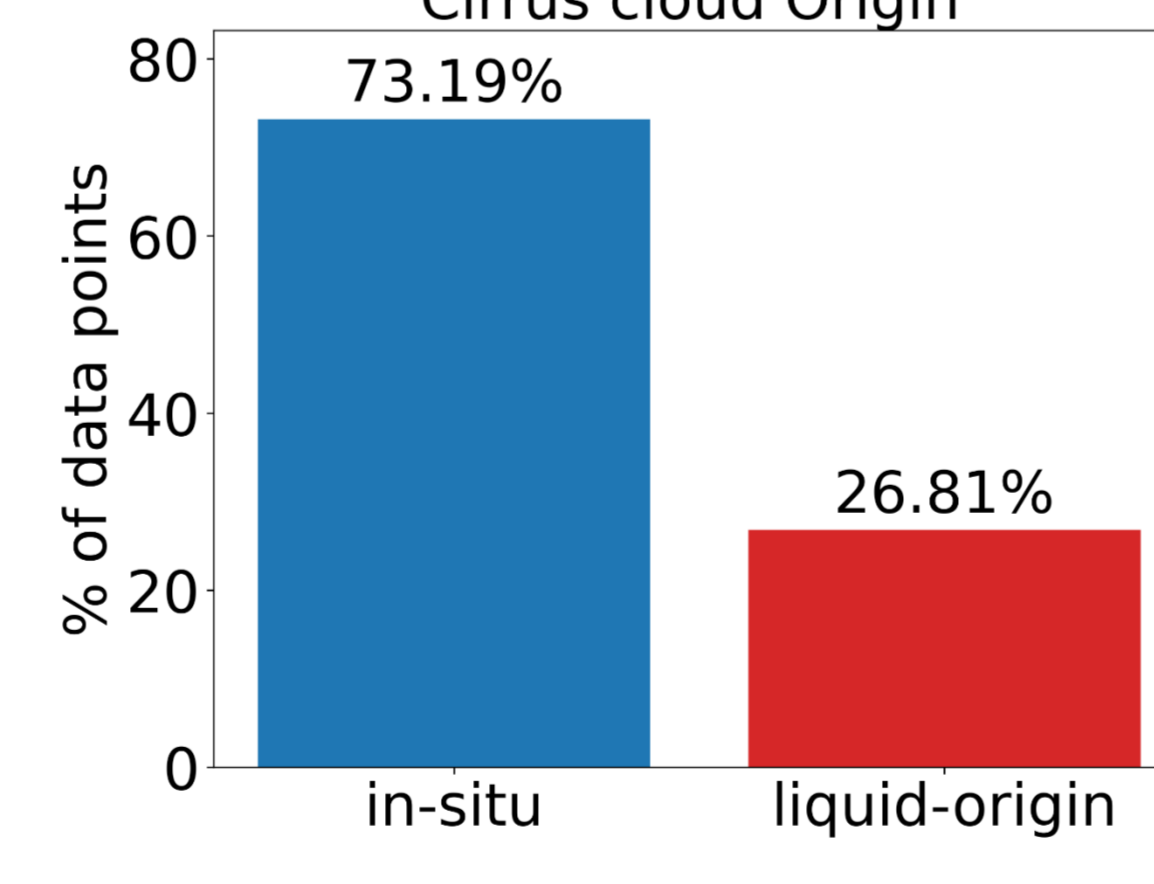
## RF17: Conducted under undisturbed Arctic Conditions



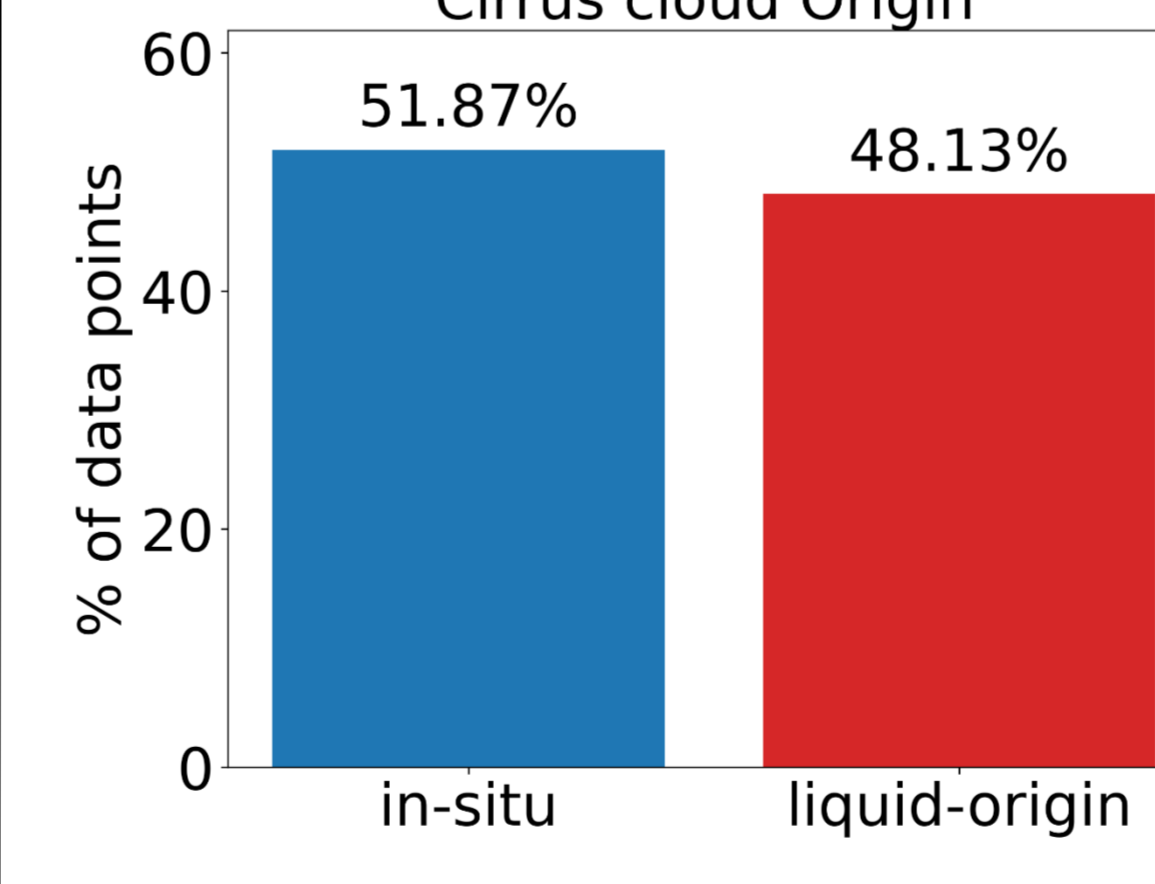
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Cirrus cloud Origin



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