

# Observations and Comparisons of Cloud Microphysical Properties in Spring and Summertime Arctic Stratocumulus during the ACCACIA campaign.

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## Abstract

12 Measurements from four case studies in spring and summer-time Arctic stratocumulus clouds  
13 during the Aerosol-Cloud Coupling And Climate Interactions in the Arctic (ACCACIA)  
14 campaign are presented. We compare microphysics observations between cases and with  
15 previous measurements made in the Arctic and Antarctic. During ACCACIA, stratocumulus  
16 clouds were observed to consist of liquid at cloud tops, often at distinct temperature  
17 inversions. The cloud top regions precipitated low concentrations of ice into the cloud below.  
18 During the spring cases median ice number concentrations ( $\sim 0.5 \text{ L}^{-1}$ ) were found to be lower  
19 by about a factor of 5 than observations from the summer campaign ( $\sim 3 \text{ L}^{-1}$ ). Cloud layers in  
20 the summer spanned a warmer temperature regime than in the spring and enhancement of ice  
21 concentrations in these cases was found to be due to secondary ice production through the  
22 Hallett-Mossop (H-M) process. Aerosol concentrations during spring ranged from  $\sim 300$ - $400$   
23  $\text{cm}^{-3}$  in one case to lower values of  $\sim 50$ - $100 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  in the other. The concentration of aerosol

24 with sizes,  $D_p > 0.5 \mu\text{m}$ , was used in a primary ice nucleus (IN) prediction scheme, DeMott et  
25 al. (2010). Predicted IN values varied depending on aerosol measurement periods, but were  
26 generally greater than maximum observed median values of ice crystal concentrations in the  
27 spring cases, and less than the observed ice concentrations in the summer due to the influence  
28 of secondary ice production. Comparison with recent cloud observations in the Antarctic  
29 summer (Grosvenor et al., 2012), reveals lower ice concentrations in Antarctic clouds in  
30 comparable seasons. An enhancement of ice crystal number concentrations (when compared  
31 with predicted IN numbers) was also found in Antarctic stratocumulus clouds spanning the  
32 Hallett-Mossop (H-M) temperature zone, but concentrations were about an order of  
33 magnitude lower than those observed in the Arctic summer cases, but were similar to the  
34 peak values observed in the colder Arctic spring cases, where the H-M mechanism did not  
35 operate.

## 36 **1.0 Introduction**

37 The Arctic is a region that has experienced rapid climate perturbation in recent decades, with  
38 warming rates there being almost twice the global average over the past 100 years (ACIA,  
39 2005, IPCC 2007). The most striking consequence of this warming has been the decline in  
40 the extent and area of sea ice, especially in the warm season. The lowest sea ice extent and  
41 area on record were both observed on 13 September 2012 (Parkinson and Comiso, 2013) and  
42 despite some uncertainty, ice-free Arctic summers could become a reality by 2030 (Overland  
43 and Wang, 2013). The underlying warming is very likely caused by increasing anthropogenic  
44 greenhouse gases and arctic amplification, which is a well-established feature of global  
45 climate models (see for example IPCC 5th Assessment Report 2014). However, the details of  
46 Arctic climate are complex with interactions between the atmospheric boundary layer, cloud,  
47 overlying sea-ice and water leading to a number of feedback mechanisms. These interactions  
48 are not well understood due to variability in the spatial and temporal extent of feedback

49 mechanisms, and the fact that those that are included in Global Climate Models (GCMs) may  
50 not be accurately parameterised (Callaghan et al., 2011). Clouds play an important role in a  
51 number of proposed feedback processes that may be active in the Arctic (Curry et al., 1996;  
52 Walsh et al., 2002), Arctic clouds are the dominant factor controlling the surface energy  
53 budget, producing a mostly positive forcing throughout the year, apart from a brief cooling  
54 period during the middle of summer (Intrieri et al., 2002a). These clouds affect both the long-  
55 wave (year-round) and short-wave (summer-only) radiation budgets, and influence turbulent  
56 surface exchange. Cloud microphysical influence on cloud radiative properties depends on  
57 the amount of condensed water and the size, phase and habit of the cloud particles (Curry et  
58 al., 1996). These factors are controlled in part by the Cloud Condensation Nuclei (CCN) and  
59 Ice Nuclei (IN) concentrations and properties.

60 The impact of CCN and IN on cloud properties is significant. A number of hypothesis explain  
61 how variation in the availability of CCN and IN may go on to alter microphysical structure.  
62 Firstly the thermodynamic indirect effect describes how an increase in CCN leads to a  
63 reduction in droplet size, inhibiting the development of drizzle needed for rime-splintering,  
64 reducing the efficiency of the process, which may have a significant impact on cloud  
65 glaciation around -5 °C. Secondly the glaciation indirect effect states that an increase in IN  
66 leads to an increase in the number of ice crystals. Finally the riming indirect effect inhibits  
67 ice mass growth as increasing CCN leads to smaller drops with lower collection efficiencies  
68 that reduces the riming rate (Lohmann and Feichter, 2005).

69 In relation to these 3 hypotheses there have been a range of results presented in the literature  
70 in recent years investigating the impact of aerosol on arctic clouds. For example Lance et al.  
71 (2011) presented aircraft data from the arctic mixed phase clouds gathered in the Alaska  
72 region from the Aerosol, Radiation, and Cloud Processes affecting Arctic Climate  
73 (ARCPAC) experiment. They reported that the concentration of ice particles greater than 400

74  $\mu\text{m}$  is correlated with the concentration of droplets larger than 30  $\mu\text{m}$ , providing support for  
75 the riming indirect effect. They found that mixed phase clouds in polluted conditions with a  
76 high aerosol population due to long range transported biomass burning aerosol contained a  
77 narrower droplet size distribution and 1-2 orders of magnitude fewer precipitating ice  
78 particles than clean clouds at the same temperature. Although this finding isn't consistent  
79 with the glaciation indirect it is likely due to the increase in aerosol not providing active IN in  
80 clouds over the temperature range that was investigated.

81 Jackson et al. (2012) presented data from the Indirect and Semi-Direct Aerosol Campaign  
82 (ISDAC) and from the Mixed-Phase Arctic Cloud Experiment. They found no evidence for a  
83 riming indirect effect but did find a correlation between ice crystal number concentration and  
84 above cloud aerosol concentration in this case. This finding, together with sub-adiabatic  
85 liquid water contents suggested that ice nuclei were being entrained from above cloud top in  
86 their studies , which is consistent with the glaciation indirect effect. They also reported lower  
87 ice crystal number concentrations and lower effective radius in more polluted cases compared  
88 to data collected in cleaner single-layer stratocumulus conditions during The Mixed-Phase  
89 Arctic Cloud Experiment (M-PACE)(Verlinde et al., 2007), which is consistent with the  
90 operation of the thermodynamic indirect effect. They concluded that a wider range of arctic  
91 clouds need to be studied to investigate the generality of their results.

92 A paucity of observations in the Arctic means that neither the aerosol processes, nor cloud  
93 properties are well understood or accurately represented within models, with the result that  
94 aerosol and cloud-forcing of Arctic climate is poorly constrained. An important aspect of  
95 modelling arctic clouds is the use of primary IN parameterisations to initiate the ice phase in  
96 these clouds. The measurements made in this study of both aerosol properties and ice number  
97 concentrations allowed us to compare predicted ice nuclei concentrations from the DeMott et

98 al. (2010) IN parameterisation and cloud ice concentrations measured by microphysics  
99 probes.

100 In the Arctic lower troposphere low cloud dominates the variability in Arctic cloud cover  
101 (Curry et al., 1996), with temperature and humidity profiles showing a high frequency of one  
102 or more temperature inversions (Kahl, 1990) below which stratocumulus clouds form. During  
103 the Arctic summer, therefore, these low clouds often consist of multiple layers, with a  
104 number of theories describing their vertical separation (Herman and Goody, 1976; Tsay and  
105 Jayaweera, 1984; McInnes and Curry, 1995a). Such cloud layers have been observed during  
106 different seasons but the relationship between temperature and the formation of ice in them is  
107 not well understood. Jayaweera and Ohtake (1973) observed very little ice above -20 °C, but  
108 Curry et al. (1997) observed ice to be present in clouds at temperatures between -8 °C < T < -  
109 14 °C during the Beaufort Arctic Storms Experiment (BASE). It is possible that the large  
110 variation in temperature at which glaciation is observed is caused by changes in the  
111 concentration and composition of aerosol (Curry, 1995). Recent work, such as in the Arctic  
112 Cloud Experiment (ACE) (Uttal et al., 2002) has improved our knowledge of Arctic mixed-  
113 phase clouds, which dominate in the coldest 9 months of the Arctic year. ACE reported that  
114 clouds were mainly comprised of liquid tops, tended to be very long lived and continually  
115 precipitated ice. The longevity of these clouds might be considered unusual as the formation  
116 of ice leads to loss of water through the Wegener-Bergeron-Findeison process. More recently  
117 the M-PACE investigated the Arctic autumn transition season on the North slope of Alaska,  
118 in the area to the east of Barrow. Again predominantly mixed-phase clouds were observed  
119 with liquid layers present at temperatures as low as -30 °C. Here we present detailed airborne  
120 microphysical and aerosol measurements made in stratocumulus cloud regions in the  
121 European Arctic during the recent Aerosol-Cloud Coupling And Climate Interactions in the  
122 Arctic (ACCACIA) campaigns. We present data from two aircraft during early spring, in

123 March and April 2013, and from a single aircraft during the following Arctic summer, in July  
124 2013.

125 The objectives of this paper are:

- 126 1. To report the microphysics and cloud particle properties of Arctic clouds, and the  
127 properties, number and size distributions of aerosols in the vicinity of these
- 128 2. To identify the origin of the ice phase in these clouds and to compare ice crystal  
129 number concentrations with the parameterisation of primary Ice Nucleus (IN)  
130 concentrations of DeMott et al. (2010).
- 131 3. To compare the cloud physics in spring and summer conditions and to identify any  
132 contributions of secondary ice particle production.
- 133 4. To compare and contrast the mixed phase cloud microphysics of Arctic clouds with  
134 clouds observed in the Antarctic.

135 **2.0 Methodology**

136 The ACCACIA campaigns took place during March-April 2013 and July 2013. They were  
137 conducted in the region between Greenland and Norway mainly in the vicinity of  
138 Svalbard. The overarching theme of the project was to reduce the large uncertainty in the  
139 effects of aerosols and clouds on the Arctic surface energy balance and climate. Key to the  
140 work presented here is an understanding the microphysical properties of Arctic clouds and  
141 their dependence on aerosol properties. To this end the FAAM BAe-146 aircraft performed a  
142 number flights incorporating profiled ascents, descents and constant altitude runs below,  
143 within and above cloud during the spring period. This provided high-resolution  
144 measurements of the vertical structure of the cloud microphysics and the aerosol properties in  
145 and out of cloud regions. The British Antarctic Survey (BAS) Twin Otter aircraft flew during

146 both campaign periods, providing a subset of the BAe-146 measurements. It was the only  
147 aircraft present during the summer period. A total of 9 science flights were conducted during  
148 the spring period with complementary flights from the BAS twin otter and 6 flights by the  
149 BAS twin otter alone during the summer period.

150 Two case studies are selected from both the early spring and summer campaigns. The spring  
151 campaign case studies were selected for having quite different aerosol loadings within the  
152 boundary layer. One was in relatively clean Arctic air with low total aerosol numbers, while  
153 the second had higher aerosol loadings in the boundary layer. Summer flight cases were  
154 selected for being the cases with higher cloud layer temperatures in a range suitable for  
155 secondary ice production through the Hallett-Mossop Process (Hallett and Mossop, 1974) to  
156 take place. This process is known to operate under particular conditions, and so could greatly  
157 enhance ice crystal number concentrations. Temperature profiles in the spring cases revealed  
158 stratocumulus cloud temperatures generally between  $-10^{\circ}\text{C} < T < -20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , outside of the H-  
159 M zone.

160 **2.1 Instrumentation**

161 Instrumentation onboard the Facility for Airborne Atmospheric Measurements (FAAM)  
162 British Aerospace-146 (BAe-146, or 146) aircraft used for making measurements of the cloud  
163 and aerosol microphysics reported in this paper included: the Cloud Imaging Probe models  
164 15 and 100 (CIP-15 and CIP-100, Droplet Measurement Technologies (DMT), Boulder,  
165 USA) (Baumgardner et al., 2001), the Cloud Droplet Probe (CDP-100 Version 2, DMT)  
166 (Lance et al., 2010) and the Two Dimensional-Stereoscopic Probe (2D-S, Stratton Park  
167 Engineering Company Inc. Boulder, USA) (Lawson et al., 2006). The CIP-15 and CIP-100  
168 are optical array shadow probes consisting of 64 element photodiode arrays providing image  
169 resolutions of 15  $\mu\text{m}$  and 100  $\mu\text{m}$  respectively. The 2D-S is a higher resolution optical array

170 shadow probe which consists of a 128 element photodiode array with image resolution of 10  
171  $\mu\text{m}$ . The CDP measures the liquid droplet size distribution over the particle size range  $3 < d_p$   
172  $< 50 \mu\text{m}$ . The intensity of forward scattered laser light in the range  $4-12^\circ$  is collected and  
173 particle diameter calculated from this information using Mie scattering solutions (Lance et  
174 al., 2010).

175 A Cloud Aerosol Spectrometer (CAS, DMT) and a Passive Cavity Aerosol Spectrometer  
176 Probe (PCASP-100X, DMT) were both used to measure aerosol size distributions onboard  
177 the 146. The CAS measures particles in the size range  $0.51 < d_p < 50 \mu\text{m}$  using forward  
178 scattered light from single particles in the  $4-13^\circ$  range and backscattered light in the  $5-13^\circ$   
179 range. Particle size can be determined from both the forward and back-scattered light  
180 intensity using Mie scattering solutions (Baumgardner et al., 2001). The PCASP is another  
181 Optical Particle Counter (OPC) and measures aerosol particles in the size range  $0.1 < d_p < 3$   
182  $\mu\text{m}$ . In this instrument, particles are sized through measurement of the intensity of laser light  
183 scattered within the  $35-120^\circ$  range (Rosenberg et al., 2012). All the above instruments were  
184 mounted externally on the FAAM aircraft. Results from these will be reported elsewhere.  
185 Examples of additional core data measurements that were also used in this paper include  
186 temperature (Rosemount/Goodrich type 102 temperature sensors) and altitude measured by  
187 the GPS-aided Inertial Navigation system (GIN).

188 Instrumentation on board the Twin Otter Meteorological Airborne Science Instrumentation  
189 (MASIN) aircraft, relevant to measurements reported in this paper included: A CDP-100 for  
190 drop size distributions; a 2D-S (summer only), both similar to those on the FAAM aircraft; a  
191 CIP-25 (as on FAAM except consisting of a 64 element photodiode array providing an image  
192 resolution of  $25 \mu\text{m}$ ) and core data including temperature measured by Goodrich Rosemount  
193 Probes (models; 102E4AL and 102AU1AG for non-deiced, and a de-iced temperatures

194 respectively, similar to those used on the FAAM aircraft) and altitude derived from the  
195 aircraft avionics (Litef AHRS) system.

196 **2.2 Data Analysis**

197 During each science flight measurements of aerosol and cloud microphysical properties were  
198 made. The techniques used to interpret these data are described below.

199 **Cloud Micophysics Measurements**

200 In the paper, 1Hz data from all cloud and aerosol instruments have been further averaged  
201 over 10 second periods for presentation. Measurements from the 2D-S probe have been  
202 presented in preference to other 2D probe data due this probes significantly faster response  
203 time (by > a factor of 10), and greater resolution. When comparing CIP-15 and 2D-S size  
204 distributions we found good agreement over their respective size ranges. During the spring  
205 cases it was possible to combine 2D-S data with measurements from the CIP-100 to extend  
206 the cloud particle size range. Analysis of imagery from these Optical Array Probes (OAPs)  
207 was used to calculate number concentrations and discriminate particle phase. Identification of  
208 irregular particles, assumed to be ice, was achieved through examination of each particles  
209 circularity (Crosier et al., 2011). Ice Water Contents (IWCs) were determined using the  
210 Brown and Francis (1995) mass dimensional relationship. This mass dimensional relationship  
211 is widely used in the literature for mixed phase cloud (e.g. Crosier et al. 2011). Baker and  
212 Lawson (2006) found discrepancies between their treatments of data using habit recognition  
213 and the Brown and Francis scheme. In our case studies where the IWC is high most of the  
214 mass is dominated by small ice crystals, in which good agreement is found between the  
215 Brown and Francis and Baker and Lawson.

216 All cloud microphysics probes were fitted with “anti-shatter” tips (Korolev et al.,  
217 2011;Korolev et al. 2013) to mitigate particle shattering on the probe . However, even with  
218 these modifications shattering artifacts may still be present, particularly under some cloud  
219 conditions and these need to be corrected for (Field et al. 2006). To minimise such artifacts,  
220 Inter-Arrival Time (IAT) histograms were analysed in an attempt to identify and remove  
221 these additional particles, i.e. by removing particles with very short IATs that are indicative  
222 of shattered ice crystals. Crosier et al. (2013) reported that careful analysis of IAT histograms  
223 for different cloud microphysical conditions is needed to determine the most appropriate IAT  
224 threshold for best case elimination of such artifacts. For example, in regions of naturally high  
225 ice crystal number concentrations, such as in the H-M secondary ice production temperature  
226 zone, the minimum IAT threshold may need to be reduced more than is usual so as not to  
227 exclude too many naturally generated ice crystals with short IATs. In this study, we found a  
228 minimum IAT threshold of  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  s and  $2 \times 10^{-5}$  s for the 2D-S and CIP-15 instruments  
229 respectively, to be appropriate IAT values for the majority of cloud region data presented.

230 It was found that the CIP probes and 2D-S ice crystal number concentrations differed by less  
231 than 20% over their common size range. In this paper we present the data from the 2D-S due  
232 to its larger size range, higher resolution and faster response time.

#### 233 **2.4. Aerosol Measurements**

234 We did not directly measure IN concentrations during each flight, however information in  
235 each case study, about aerosol concentration and size was used to calculate the predicted  
236 primary ice nuclei (IN) concentrations from the DeMott et al. (2010, hereafter *D10*)  
237 parameterisation of primary ice nuclei numbers, which is dependent on the number  
238 concentration of aerosol particles with diameters  $> 0.5 \mu\text{m}$ . Combined measurements of the  
239 aerosol concentration using the PCASP and CAS (for spring), and CAS (for summer), were

240 used from cloud free regions selected by applying maximum Relative Humidity (RH)  
241 thresholds. This was done to reduce the contribution of any haze aerosol particles less than  
242 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  in size growing into the size range at higher humidities and being incorrectly  
243 included. The FAAM CAS instrument has a lower size threshold of 0.51  $\mu\text{m}$ . *D10* notes that  
244 the maximum possible aerosol size that could be measured and included in their *D10*  
245 parameterization was 1.6  $\mu\text{m}$ . However, due to the size bins utilised by the CAS instrument  
246 this upper threshold had to be relaxed to 2  $\mu\text{m}$ , although the extra contribution to the aerosol  
247 concentrations used in the calculations is likely to be small. Measurements from the higher  
248 resolution PCASP were selected from the size range 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  to 1.6  $\mu\text{m}$ , in keeping with the  
249 *D10* scheme. The *D10* predicted IN concentrations were then compared directly as a function  
250 of temperature with the observed ice crystal concentrations. The minimum observed median  
251 temperature was input to *D10* and predicted IN numbers compared with the maximum  
252 observed median ice crystal number concentrations (Fig. 11) for the clouds during each of the  
253 4 cases. The results are shown in Table 2.

254 The results of this comparison from all 4 cases can be compared with previous observations  
255 of Arctic clouds and with recent aircraft measurements of clouds over the Antarctic Peninsula  
256 in the summer (Grosvenor et al., 2012).

### 257 **3.0 Spring Case 1 - Friday 22 March 2013 (FAAM flight B761)**

258 The FAAM aircraft flew from Kiruna, Sweden (67.85°N, 20.21°E) to Svalbard, Norway  
259 landing at Longyearbyen, (78.22°N, 15.65°E) to refuel. After take-off at ~ 1145 UTC a ~ 2  
260 hour science flight was undertaken to the south east of Svalbard (Fig. 1) before returning to  
261 Kiruna. The objective was to investigate stratocumulus cloud in this area, moving from N to  
262 S in the target area. The flight focused on a series of profiled descents and ascents to enable  
263 measurements to be made of the cloud layer from below cloud base to above cloud top and

264 into the inversion layer above. During the flight there were 3 significant penetrations through  
265 the inversion at cloud top and in each case there was a marked temperature increase of  $\sim 5$   $^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  
266 Microphysical time series data for this case are presented, with the relevant runs highlighted  
267 in Figure 2. A description of one cloud profile is given here, with further profiles described in  
268 the supplement.

269 Boundary layer aerosol number concentrations (from the PCASP) were found to be relatively  
270 low at  $\sim 50\text{-}100 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . A blocking high pressure system East of Greenland was present, with a  
271 trough over eastern Scandinavia. The area of operation was situated on the north eastern side  
272 of the anticyclone with widespread low cloud observed south and east of Svalbard (Fig. 1),  
273 with winds from the north advecting from over the sea-ice towards open sea. Earlier  
274 dropsonde measurements (on the transit into Longyearbyen prior to refuelling) showed  
275 surface winds of  $\sim 3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  increasing to  $15 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  at 500 mb. The cloud layers during this  
276 flight were found to contain generally uniform liquid water content profiles, which were  
277 found to be approximately adiabatic. The clouds were situated over the temperature range  $-15$   
278  $^{\circ}\text{C} < T < -20$   $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Generally low concentrations of ice, often in isolated pockets, were  
279 observed in these clouds.

### 280 **3.1 Profiled Descent A1**

281 During profile A1 the aircraft (now travelling north) descended from the inversion layer.  
282 Cloud top was encountered at 1650 m ( $T = -18.6$   $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). The highest values of  $N_{ice}$  were  
283 observed in the cloud top region, at  $\sim 4 \text{ L}^{-1}$ . Particles here consisted of small irregular ice  
284 particles (mean size  $\sim 360 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ) that showed evidence of riming, together with small droplets.  
285 LWC at cloud top increased to  $0.3 \text{ g m}^{-3}$  with  $N_{drop} \sim 55 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  (mean diameter  $\sim 17 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ). As the  
286 aircraft descended ( $\sim 250$  m below cloud top)  $N_{ice}$  decreased to  $\sim 1 \text{ L}^{-1}$ , while mean ice  
287 particle size increased to  $\sim 395 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ .  $N_{drop}$  increased to  $\sim 70 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , while mean size decreased

288 slightly ( $\sim 16 \mu\text{m}$ ), while LWCs generally decreased somewhat to  $\sim 0.2 \text{ g m}^{-3}$ . In spring cases  
289 this pattern of steadily reducing LWC with an increase in droplet number towards cloud base  
290 was frequently observed (Fig. 10). As the aircraft descended to an altitude of  $\sim 1150 \text{ m}$ ,  $N_{ice}$   
291 increased by approximately a factor of 2 (to  $\sim 2 \text{ L}^{-1}$ ). At around 1315 UTC a number of rapid  
292 transitions from liquid to predominantly glaciated conditions were observed in the mid cloud  
293 region at 730 m and  $T = -12 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . 2D-S imagery (Fig 3c.) highlights these changes taking place  
294 as small droplets are quickly replaced by small irregular ice crystals and eventually larger  
295 snow particles (mean diameter  $\sim 610 \mu\text{m}$ ) that consisted of heavily rimed ice crystals and  
296 aggregates, some of which can be identified as exhibiting a dendritic habit. Three further  
297 swift phase transitions were observed as the aircraft approached cloud base. LWC in the  
298 liquid dominated regions was between  $\sim 0.15$  and  $0.25 \text{ g m}^{-3}$  while  $N_{drop}$  peaked at  $\sim 130 \text{ cm}^{-3}$   
299. During the ice phase sections of the transition cycle, mean particle sizes were  $\sim 615 \mu\text{m}$  and  
300  $N_{ice}$  was a few per litre. The contribution of these glaciated cloud regions to the IWC was  
301 considerable, with values around  $0.1 \text{ g m}^{-3}$  recorded. These transitions ended as the aircraft  
302 descended below cloud base ( $T = -12 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) at 700 m asl, and precipitating snow was observed  
303 (mean size  $\sim 710 \mu\text{m}$ ). Measurements of the ice phase during spring cases often showed  
304 increasing ice crystal size towards cloud base, with the largest ice particles measured in  
305 precipitation from the cloud layers above.

306 **4.0 Spring Case 2 – Wednesday 3 April 2013 (FAAM flight B768)**

307 The FAAM aircraft departed Longyearbyen at around 11 UTC and conducted measurements  
308 to the NW of Svalbard to investigate low-level clouds over the sea ice (moving from NW to  
309 SE in the target area - Fig 1). A low pressure (1004 mb) region was centred south of Svalbard  
310 with an associated band of cloud and precipitation. To the NW of Svalbard, within the  
311 measurement area, surface winds were E-NE and  $< 10 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . Measurements revealed an  
312 airmass containing significantly more aerosol than in Spring case 1, with PCASP

313 concentrations typically  $\sim 300\text{-}400 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  in the boundary layer. During the flight the aircraft  
314 made two distinct saw tooth profiles through the cloud layer and into the inversion above  
315 cloud top where temperatures in each instance increased by  $\sim 2^\circ\text{C}$ . Figure 4 shows time series  
316 of the microphysical measurements made during this science flight. Further profile  
317 descriptions can be found in the supplementary material. Despite the contrast in aerosol  
318 loadings when compared with the first spring case, where aerosol concentrations were much  
319 lower, the cloud layers were similar with generally uniform structure and low concentrations  
320 of primary ice. Despite the cloud layers being situated in slightly higher temperatures ( $-12^\circ\text{C}$   
321  $< T < -16^\circ\text{C}$ ) the concentrations of ice was similar to spring case 1.

322 **4.1 Profiled Descent B1**

323 Flying NW, the aircraft performed a profiled descent from the inversion layer ( $T = -16.5^\circ\text{C}$ )  
324 into cloud top,  $\sim 1550 \text{ m asl}$ , where the measured temperature was  $-17^\circ\text{C}$ . LWCs rose to  $\sim$   
325  $0.9 \text{ g m}^{-3}$  and  $N_{drop}$  (mean diameter  $\sim 15 \mu\text{m}$ ) peaked at  $\sim 320 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . The highest values of  $N_{ice}$   
326 never exceeded  $0.5 \text{ L}^{-1}$  in this cloud top region and imagery from the 2D-S probe revealed  
327 many small droplets with isolated small (mean size  $\sim 223 \mu\text{m}$ ) irregular ice crystals (Fig 5a).  
328 After descending through this brief cloud top region  $N_{ice}$  increased to  $\sim 0.5 \text{ L}^{-1}$ . As the aircraft  
329 descended over the next 500 m mean droplet concentrations gradually increased from  $300$   
330  $\text{cm}^{-3}$  to  $370 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  with mean diameters decreasing slightly to  $12.5 \mu\text{m}$ . LWCs fell from  $0.7 \text{ g}$   
331  $\text{m}^{-3}$  to  $0.2 \text{ g m}^{-3}$  over the same period, a pattern consistent with spring case 1..  $N_{ice}$  values  
332 remained fairly constant and IWCs were  $< 0.02 \text{ g m}^{-3}$ . 2D-S imagery showed ice crystals  
333 (mean diameter  $295 \mu\text{m}$ ) to be mainly dendritic in nature. During the last 160 m depth of the  
334 cloud before cloud base,  $N_{ice}$  remained similar to the mid-cloud region. However,  
335 concentrations of liquid droplets measured by the CDP showed greater variability. Peaks in  
336 number concentrations reached as high as  $430 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , with rapid changes down to as low as  
337  $110 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .

338 The aircraft passed cloud base at 700 m asl encountering low concentrations ( $< 0.5 \text{ L}^{-1}$ ) of  
339 precipitating snow. Interestingly, as the aircraft continued its descent (to 50 m asl) a  
340 significant increase in  $N_{ice}$  was observed ( $T = -9^\circ\text{C}$ ), with 10 second mean values of  $2 \text{ L}^{-1}$ .  
341 Images from the 2D-S revealed (fig. 5d) snow precipitation co-existing with small columnar  
342 ice crystals. CDP LWC was very low,  $< 0.01 \text{ g m}^{-3}$ , however examination of the 2D-S  
343 imagery showed the presence of spherical drizzle droplets, larger than the maximum  
344 detectable size of the CDP. Size distribution data from the 2D-S in this region revealed an  
345 additional mode dominated by these smaller columnar ice crystals, typically  $80 \mu\text{m}$  in size.  
346 As the aircraft ascended again, these higher concentrations of ice crystals diminished.

347 **5.0 Summer Case 1 – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2013 (Flight number M191)**

348 The BAS Twin Otter aircraft departed Longyearbyen airport at  $\sim 07$  UTC to conduct a  $\sim 2\text{hr}$   
349 science flight to the North of Svalbard (Fig. 1). Examination of surface pressure charts  
350 showed a slack low pressure around Svalbard, with an occluded front to the East. Extensive  
351 low cloud was present in the area with light winds  $< 5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  from the North. The objectives of  
352 the flight were to measure aerosol concentrations and composition in the vicinity of cloud,  
353 together with the microphysical properties of the clouds by undertaking a combination of  
354 profiles and straight and level runs through stratocumulus cloud layers to capture the  
355 microphysical structure. Time series of data collected during this flight are presented in figure  
356 6. Profile C2 is described below, with details of the measurements made during C1 found in  
357 the supplement. Cloud layers during this case were found to be situated in the H-M  
358 temperature zone with greater variability in microphysical structure when compared with the  
359 spring cases. At cloud top ice concentrations were found to be similar to the spring cases.  
360 However at times in the body of the cloud secondary ice production would cause significant  
361 areas of glaciated cloud, which appeared to lead to greater variability in the liquid water  
362 profile of the clouds when compared to the colder layers observed in the spring.

363 **5.1 Profile C2**

364 The aircraft performed a sawtooth profile, descending from cloud top at  $\sim$  3300 m down to a  
365 minimum altitude of  $\sim$  2300 m followed by a profiled ascent to complete the sawtooth .

366 During the descent into cloud top ( $T = -9^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) LWCs rose sharply to peak values of  $0.3 \text{ g m}^{-3}$   
367 and  $N_{drop}$  (mean diameter  $19 \mu\text{m}$ ) increased to  $155 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .  $N_{ice}$  in the cloud top regions peaked  
368 at  $1 \text{ L}^{-1}$ . With decreasing altitude, LWC declined gradually to values close to  $0.01 \text{ g m}^{-3}$ . As  
369 the temperature increased to above  $-8^{\circ}\text{C}$ , ice crystal number concentrations (mean diameter  
370  $210 \mu\text{m}$ ) increased to  $5 \text{ L}^{-1}$ , with peaks to  $\sim 12 \text{ L}^{-1}$ . 2D-S imagery revealed the presence of  
371 small columnar ice crystals together with small liquid droplets (CDP mean diameter  $8.5 \mu\text{m}$ )  
372 and some irregular ice particles. Low concentrations of ice at cloud top was consistent in both  
373 summer cases, with periods of enhanced concentrations due to rime-splintering lower down  
374 in the clouds.

375 At 2880 m ( $T = -6.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) the cloud dissipated until the next cloud layer was encountered 200  
376 m below ( $T = -5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). In this region CDP LWC and  $N_{drop}$  were more variable than in the cloud  
377 layer above. Generally LWCs were  $< 0.1 \text{ g m}^{-3}$  with peaks in  $N_{drop}$  to  $\sim 155 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and  
378 transitions between liquid cloud and predominantly glaciated cloud were observed. During  
379 glaciated periods 2D-S imagery showed many columnar ice crystals, typical of the growth  
380 regime at this temperature ( $\sim -5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and consistent with the enhancement of  $N_{ice}$  through the  
381 H-M process. Greater variation in microphysical structure, with broken cloud layers and  
382 transitions between liquid and glaciated phases were evident in the summer cases, which was  
383 in contrast to the uniform spring cloud layers.

384 **6.0 Summer Case 2 – Wednesday 19 July 2013 (M192)**

385 The BAS aircraft departed Longyearbyen at  $\sim$  09 UTC intending to investigate cloud  
386 microphysics and aerosol properties to the north of Svalbard (Fig. 1). On arrival in the

387 observation area the forecasted cloud was not present so the flight was diverted to the south  
388 east of Svalbard to meet an approaching cloud system. Surface pressure charts showed a low  
389 pressure system over Scandinavia (central pressure 1002 mb), with a warm front south east of  
390 Svalbard that was moving north west. Surface winds in this area were  $\sim 13 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  from the  
391 north east. In-situ cloud microphysics measurements were made for approximately 1.5 hours  
392 in total. To meet the objectives of the flight straight and level runs and saw tooth profiles  
393 were performed through the cloud layers. Microphysics time series data from the flight are  
394 shown in figure 8. Profile D2 is described below, with additional profile D1 discussed in The  
395 supplementary material. This second summer case was again found to have different  
396 microphysical characteristics when compared with spring cases. Higher ice number  
397 concentrations and the domination of the ice phase by secondary ice formation caused much  
398 greater variability in the structure of the clouds observed.

399 **6.1 Profile D2**

400 During period D2, the aircraft performed a number of straight and level runs combined with  
401 sawtooth profiles to capture the microphysical structure of the cloud layers present. At 3100  
402 m the aircraft flew a straight and level run below cloud base and encountered a region of  
403 snow precipitation at temperatures between  $-2 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-3 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  $N_{ice}$  peaked at  $5 \text{ L}^{-1}$  giving  
404 peaks in calculated IWCs of  $\sim 0.1 \text{ g m}^{-3}$ . Probe imagery showed ice crystals (mean diameter  
405  $410 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ) dominated by irregular particles, with some evidence of plate like and dendritic  
406 structures. Observation of snow precipitation below some cloud layers is a common  
407 observation in both spring and summer cases

408 During a profiled ascent up to 3400 m (to begin an extended SLR) the aircraft penetrated  
409 cloud base at 3300 m ( $T = -4 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). LWCs rose to  $\sim 0.1 \text{ g m}^{-3}$  with  $N_{drop}$  generally observed to  
410 be between 10 and  $50 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  (mean diameter  $12 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ).  $N_{ice}$  in this region was between 0 and  $1 \text{ L}^{-1}$

411 <sup>1</sup> and crystals consisted of irregular ice particles, columnar ice and small liquid droplets. The  
412 mean diameter of the ice particles in this region was 470  $\mu\text{m}$ . Continuing at 3400 m altitude,  
413 the aircraft encountered a break in the cloud layer that lasted for around 1 minute ( $\sim 6$  km),  
414 before a subsequent cloud layer was observed that had similar LWCs to the previous cloud  
415 layer ( $\sim 0.1 \text{ g m}^{-3}$ ) but with generally lower droplet concentrations (of mean diameter 17.5  
416  $\mu\text{m}$ ); with mean  $N_{drop}$  values of  $15\text{-}30 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .  $N_{ice}$  values in this region were lower than before  
417 ( $< 0.5 \text{ L}^{-1}$ ). The sampling of this cloudy region was brief before another gap in cloud was  
418 observed that lasted  $\sim 2$  minutes. The end of this second clear region was defined by a sudden  
419 transition to columnar ice and small irregular particles (mean diameter 410  $\mu\text{m}$ ) in  
420 concentrations up to a peak of  $4 \text{ L}^{-1}$ . This region was mostly glaciated with  $\text{LWC} < 0.01 \text{ g m}^{-3}$   
421 <sup>3</sup>. During this SLR there were very swift transitions observed between predominantly  
422 glaciated regions containing ice crystals of a columnar nature, and then mainly liquid regions  
423 consisting of low concentrations ( $< 30 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ) of small liquid droplets (mean diameter 14  $\mu\text{m}$ )  
424 and LWCs ( $\sim 0.01 \text{ g m}^{-3}$ ) (Fig 9c-d). This predominantly glaciated period ended when the  
425 aircraft performed a profiled ascent and  $N_{ice}$  decreased to  $< 0.5 \text{ L}^{-1}$  while LWCs increased to a  
426 peak of  $0.3 \text{ g m}^{-3}$  and  $N_{drop}$  rose to a maximum of  $\sim 120 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  (mean diameter 14  $\mu\text{m}$ ). The  
427 aircraft penetrated cloud top at 3,700 m ( $T = -4.5 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). During subsequent passes through the  
428 H-M zone during period D2 further peaks in ice concentrations upto  $20 \text{ L}^{-1}$ , attributed to  
429 rime-splintering, were observed.

## 430 **7.0 Primary IN Parameterization Comparison**

431 Ice number concentrations as a function of altitude for science flight periods have been  
432 presented and here these observations are compared to calculations of the primary IN  
433 concentrations predicted using the D10 scheme, using aerosol concentrations (diameter  $> 0.5$   
434  $\mu\text{m}$ ) that were measured on each flight as input. DeMott et al. (2010) analysed datasets of IN  
435 concentrations over a 14-year period from a number of different locations and found that

436 these could be related to temperature and the number of aerosol  $> 0.5 \mu\text{m}$ . The  
437 parameterisation provided an improved fit to the datasets and predicted 62% of the  
438 observations to within a factor of 2. Table 2 shows mean aerosol concentrations for  
439 measurement periods during each case, the input temperature to *D10*, the maximum median  
440 ice concentration used for comparison and the predicted IN concentration based on both the  
441 PCASP and CAS aerosol measurements (where available). During the spring measurement  
442 campaign it was possible to compare the CAS and PCASP probe data sets. Despite some  
443 variation in concentrations reported between the two instruments, *D10* predicted IN values  
444 were found to be fairly insensitive to these differences. Grosvenor et al. (2012) highlighted  
445 that changes of about a factor of 4 produced a very limited change in the IN concentrations  
446 predicted by the scheme.

447 In spring case 1 the maximum median ice value reached  $0.61 \text{ L}^{-1}$  so predicted IN values were  
448 generally higher (between a factor of 2 and 4) than this median ice concentration observation.  
449 However peaks in ice concentrations of up to  $\sim 10 \text{ L}^{-1}$ , were also observed (Fig. 2) so on  
450 these occasions *D10* significantly under predicts observed ice number concentrations when  
451 compared to these peak values. During spring case 2, maximum median ice concentration  
452 values were similar to spring case 1. Secondary ice production was observed close to the sea  
453 surface in this case so these higher median concentrations have been disregarded for the  
454 purposes of the *D10* primary IN comparison. Aerosol measurements from the CAS were  
455 lower than from the PCASP but predicted IN values were in good agreement (less than a  
456 factor of 2) with the observed maximum median concentration. The peak concentrations  
457 observed during the flight were  $\sim 5 \text{ L}^{-1}$  (fig. 4) and as in the first spring case *D10* under  
458 predicted these peak concentrations by about a factor of 10.

459 During summer case 1 the minimum cloud temperatures were higher ( $T = -10^\circ\text{C}$ ) than in the  
460 spring cases. Maximum median ice concentrations observed were also higher ( $3.35 \text{ L}^{-1}$ ). The

461 origin of these enhanced concentrations is attributed to SIP, making a direct comparison with  
462 the *D10* primary IN scheme difficult. Predicted IN concentrations from *D10* were found to  
463 underestimate the maximum median ice concentrations observed in this summer case (due to  
464 secondary ice production), but were in agreement with the concentrations observed near  
465 cloud top, where the ice phase is likely to represent primary heterogeneous ice nucleation.  
466 Observed ice concentrations in summer case 2 were also higher than in the previous spring  
467 cases and similar to the first summer case. The second case had higher minimum cloud  
468 temperatures than in the first summer case ( $T = -4.3$  °C). Due to effect of SIP at this  
469 temperature, it was not possible to compare *D10* with the concentrations of ice observed in  
470 these clouds.

471 **8.0 Discussion**

472 Summaries of typical profiles during each case have been presented, with microphysics data  
473 encompassing all cloud penetrations during the science flights presented as a function of  
474 altitude shown in figures 10, 11 and 12. Figure 10 shows the cloud liquid droplet parameters,  
475 figure 11 the ice crystal concentration statistics and figure 12 the ice mass and diameter  
476 parameters. In each case (a) is spring case 1, (b) spring case 2, (c) summer case 1 and (d)  
477 summer case 2. The yellow lines on the ice plots (Fig. 8) show the approximate location of  
478 cloud top and cloud base altitudes deduced from liquid water content measurements  
479 exceeding  $0.01$  g m<sup>-3</sup> from the CDP. It is notable that droplet concentrations (Fig. 10) are  
480 much higher in the second spring case than in the first spring case (max median values  $\sim 60$   
481 and  $\sim 400$  cm<sup>-3</sup> for spring case 1 and 2 respectively) and this is attributed to differences in  
482 aerosol concentrations.  $N_{\text{drop}}$  are similar in the two summer cases (max median values 100 -  
483 150 cm<sup>-3</sup>) and lie between the two spring cases. The different aerosol loadings in spring case  
484 1 and 2 may have led to the riming indirect effect playing a role in controlling the ice phase.  
485 Case 2 had higher aerosol loadings and increased CCN availability, with smaller droplet sizes

486 (Fig. 10). In this case IWC values were also much lower than in the Case 1 and it is possible  
487 that reduced riming efficiency of the smaller droplets contributed to reduced ice mass growth  
488 through riming.

489 During the spring cases the mixed phase cloud layers were found to be approximately  
490 adiabatic and exhibited generally uniform increases in LWC and droplet diameter (Fig. 10) to  
491 liquid cloud tops that were observed to precipitate ice. At and above cloud top, well-defined  
492 temperature inversions were present and dew points revealed a marked dry layer just above  
493 cloud top. It was observed that cloud penetrated into the inversion layer, rather than being  
494 capped below it. On average the cloud top was seen to extend  $\sim$  30 m into the inversion layer  
495 over which range the mean temperature increase was  $\sim$  1.6°C.

496 The ice phase is very likely to have been initiated through primary heterogeneous ice  
497 nucleation in the temperature range spanned by these clouds (approximately  $-10$  °C  $>$  T  $>$   $-20$   
498 °C). Generally low concentrations of ice crystals were observed (max median value  $0.61$  L $^{-1}$ )  
499 (Table. 2), but with peaks up to  $\sim 5$ - $10$  L $^{-1}$  in both spring cases (Fig. 11). Cloud top regions  
500 consisted of small liquid droplets (median diameter  $\sim 15$  and  $25$   $\mu$ m for spring cases 1 and 2  
501 respectively) (Fig. 10a-b), together with small irregular ice crystals (Fig 3a and Fig 5a). In  
502 both of these cases, ice crystal diameter increased to maximum values of  $530$   $\mu$ m and  $660$   $\mu$ m  
503 respectively (Fig. 12a-b). The variability in ice crystal diameter (fig. 12a-b) shows periods  
504 where maximum ice crystal diameters increased to  $\sim 2$  mm. These crystals were often  
505 comprised of a mixture of large rimed irregular particles (Fig. 3 and 5) and dendritic snow  
506 crystals. Median IWC values in the spring cases reached  $\sim 0.01$  g m $^{-3}$  (Fig. 12a-b), with peak  
507 values during case 1 up to  $\sim 0.3$  g m $^{-3}$  compared with  $0.1$  g m $^{-3}$  in case 2. The highest Median  
508 LWCs (Fig. 10) were observed at cloud top during spring cases, peaking at  $0.3$  and  $0.5$  g m $^{-3}$   
509 during cases 1 and 2 respectively. While these clouds were seen to be fairly uniform, time

510 series data (Fig. 2 and 4) show some of the variability in the microphysics that was observed  
511 during the science flight.

512 During the summer cases, the cloud layers spanned a higher temperature range ( $-10^{\circ}\text{C} < T < 0^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and well-defined temperature inversions at cloud top were less evident. There was a  
513 much greater tendency towards there being multiple cloud layers that were shallower and less  
514 well coupled. During summer case 2 a significant temperature inversion was observed (Fig.  
515 10d) in the cloud base region, which suggested a de-coupling of the boundary layer and the  
516 cloud system above. Liquid cloud top regions with few (generally  $< 1 \text{ L}^{-1}$ ) ice crystals,  
517 formed through heterogeneous ice nucleation at these temperatures, were observed in both  
518 cases (Fig. 11c-d). LWCs in summer case 1 were lower than the spring cases (median values  
519  $< \sim 0.1 \text{ g m}^{-3}$ ) and similar in shape to the uniform profiles seen in the spring cases. The  
520 second summer case had higher median LWCs (up to  $0.35 \text{ g m}^{-3}$ ) and showed much more  
521 variability with a number of increases and decreases in median LWC values with altitude  
522 (Fig. 10d).

524 Median cloud top ice concentrations in summer case 1 were similar to the spring cases ( $\sim 0.2 \text{ L}^{-1}$ ) (fig. 11d), however maximum median values lower down in the cloud reached  $3.35 \text{ L}^{-1}$   
525 (Table 2), about a factor of 14 higher than in the spring cases. Peaks in ice number  
526 concentrations around the  $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$  level reached between  $30\text{-}40 \text{ L}^{-1}$ . During the summer, the  
527 clouds spanned the temperature range  $-3$  to  $-8^{\circ}\text{C}$ , where a well-known mechanism of  
528 secondary ice production operates through splintering during riming; the Hallet-Mossopp  
529 process (H-M). The observations in this case, of liquid water together with ice particles at  
530 temperatures around  $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$ , are consistent with this process being active and enhancing ice  
531 number concentrations (Fig 7 and 9). Time series (Fig. 6 and 8) showed more variation than  
532 in the spring cases. Distinct liquid cloud tops were still evident, but at lower altitudes  
533 significant variations in LWCs, droplet number concentrations and ice number concentrations

535 were seen together with gap regions where little or no cloud was present. On a number of  
536 occasions predominantly liquid conditions were swiftly replaced by regions of high  
537 concentrations of columnar ice crystals. Some of these transitions took place over  $\sim 1$  second  
538 or horizontal distance of the order 60 m. These rapid fluctuations were attributed to the  
539 contributions from the H-M process. The process of glaciation through secondary  
540 enhancement of ice number concentrations is likely to have caused some of this increased  
541 variability in cloud properties too, with liquid droplets quickly being removed through  
542 depletion of liquid water by the ice phase. The cloud layers during summer case 2 spanned a  
543 higher temperature range than summer case 1. Cloud tops were around  $-4$   $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and median ice  
544 number concentrations reached maximum values of  $2.5 \text{ L}^{-1}$ , about an order of magnitude  
545 higher than in the spring cases. Time series (Fig. 8) and percentile plots (Fig. 11d) showed  
546 peaks in ice number concentrations to  $\sim 25 \text{ L}^{-1}$  and in these regions probe imagery revealed  
547 distinctive columnar ice crystals likely to have grown from splinters produced via H-M, into  
548 habits typical of growth at these temperatures around  $-4$   $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . In addition, the formation of  
549 high ice concentrations may have led to the dissipation of some liquid cloud regions below  
550 cloud top due to consumption of the liquid phase by ice crystals growing by vapour diffusion  
551 (i.e. ice crystal growth via the Bergeron-Findeisen (B-F) process (Bergeron, 1935). This is  
552 consistent with the observed summer clouds being more broken than the clouds observed  
553 during spring. However, as discussed in the introduction, it is also recognised that cloud-  
554 radiation interactions may lead to the separation of cloud layers during the Arctic summer.

555 Comparison of the observed  $N_{\text{ice}}$  with the *D10* parameterization of primary ice nuclei  
556 numbers revealed that during the spring case 1, maximum median  $N_{\text{ice}}$  was lower than the  
557 primary IN concentrations predicted by *D10*, but similar in spring case 2. Peaks in  $N_{\text{ice}}$  were  
558 much higher than the *D10* IN predictions, by an amount depending on the aerosol  
559 measurement period used as input to *D10* (Table 2). Our observations show deviation in the

560 ice concentrations as high as an order of magnitude compared with the *D10* IN prediction.  
561 The variation in ice number concentrations observed in the spring cases could be explained  
562 by the variability in observed IN values presented in the DeMott et al. (2010) paper.  
  
563 In the summer cases the enhancement of  $N_{\text{ice}}$  through the H-M process made a realistic  
564 comparison difficult. Despite this difficulty, the first summer case had cloud top temperatures  
565 that were just outside the H-M temperature zone (-10 °C) and median  $N_{\text{ice}}$  in this region was ~  
566 0.2 L<sup>-1</sup>, which is within a factor of 2 of values predicted by *D10* (Table 2). At lower altitudes  
567 the increase in cloud temperatures allowed rime-splintering to enhance concentrations to  
568 above what would be expected via primary heterogeneous ice nucleation. In the second  
569 summer case cloud top temperatures were higher (-4 °C), and enhancement of the ice crystal  
570 number concentrations through SIP prevented observations of any first ice by primary  
571 nucleation being made. Ice crystal number concentrations were thus enhanced to values  
572 above what was predicted by *D10* throughout the depth of the cloud.  
  
573 The microphysical structure of the spring and summer stratocumulus layers was found to be  
574 consistent with previous observations of arctic clouds. We observed generally low droplet  
575 number concentrations that were enhanced during incursions of higher aerosol loadings,  
576 similar to findings by Verlinde et al. (2007). During spring cases, LWCs and liquid droplet  
577 size increased uniformly to cloud top, however during summer months the vertical structure  
578 of cloud layers was more variable (e.g. Hobbs and Rangno, 1998). During spring cases in  
579 particular, liquid cloud tops at distinct temperature inversions continually precipitated low  
580 concentrations of ice into the cloud below, which has been observed previously in the Arctic.  
581 Rogers et al. (2001) made airborne measurements of IN in thin, low-level arctic clouds in the  
582 same temperature range as our spring cases. They found evidence for a few IN in these  
583 clouds with concentrations of ice that were similar to the observations presented here.

584 During the Arctic summer, Hobbs and Rangno (1998) observed generally higher ice  
585 concentrations with columnar and needle ice crystals in concentrations of 'tens per litre'  
586 where stratocumulus cloud top temperatures were between -4°C and -9°C. Rangno and Hobbs  
587 (2001) found that high ice particle concentrations were common during late spring and  
588 summer in the Arctic. Despite the presence of some columnar ice, many of the crystals were  
589 irregular in shape, and it was suggested that shattering of freezing drops  $> 50 \mu\text{m}$  or the  
590 fragmentation of fragile ice may have contributed to the high concentrations. Although we  
591 have not performed habit classification analysis on our dataset the images suggest that the ice  
592 phase in summer cases was dominated by columnar ice, with evidence of a small number of  
593 irregular ice particles. Previous laboratory studies found that larger droplets were necessary  
594 to initiate rime-splintering (Mossop, 1985) and Hobbs and Rangno confirm that in the cases  
595 they studied a threshold droplet size of 28  $\mu\text{m}$  was required, below which secondary ice  
596 production did not take place. In the limited summer cases we had in the appropriate  
597 temperature range secondary ice production took place in the presence of concentrations of  
598 liquid droplets over this threshold size.

599 The summer cases we observed contained median values of  $N_{\text{ice}}$  that were 4-6 times greater  
600 than we observed in the spring cases. In both summer cases where the H-M process was  
601 active droplet sizes were similar, and we didn't find any evidence for a thermodynamic  
602 indirect effect leading to differences in the efficiency of secondary ice production in summer  
603 cases. Changes in aerosol concentrations and composition have been suggested as a possible  
604 factor in explaining previous observations of the glaciation of arctic clouds at different  
605 temperatures (Curry et al., 1996). During spring case 2 higher concentrations of aerosol were  
606 observed when compared to spring case 1. Droplet number concentrations were also much  
607 higher in spring case 2, generally  $300\text{-}400 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  in comparison to spring case 1 where  
608 concentrations were generally  $\sim 50\text{-}100 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . Despite this, no significant difference was

609 observed in the ice number concentrations. However, it should be noted that despite the  
610 higher total concentrations, the population of aerosol  $> 0.5 \mu\text{m}$  was not significantly enriched  
611 in spring case 2 compared to the spring case 1.  $D10$  has a dependency only on this portion of  
612 the aerosol size distribution, so may explain the similar primary ice number concentrations  
613 for both spring case studies. Although we didn't make any direct measurements of IN, in both  
614 Arctic spring cases and Antarctic cases primary heterogeneous ice nucleation was identified  
615 as the dominant source of ice. It's very likely that the higher concentrations of ice in the  
616 Arctic cases when compared to the Antarctic were therefore due to increasing IN availability,  
617 which is consistent with the glaciation indirect effect.

618 Grosvenor et al. (2012) studied stratocumulus clouds in the Antarctic over the Larsen C ice  
619 shelf. These observations contained periods where temperatures were comparable to those in  
620 the spring cases studied here. The lower layers of Antarctic cloud were also reported to  
621 contain higher concentrations of ice produced via the H-M process, similar to the summer  
622 cases that we have discussed. A summary of some of the measurements reported from the  
623 Antarctic in Grosvenor et al. (2012) can be found in Table 3. Measurements of cloud regions  
624 outside the H-M temperature zone revealed very low ice number concentrations, with  
625 maximum values about 2 orders of magnitude lower than those observed in the spring cases  
626 reported here. Aerosol concentrations from a CAS probe (similar to the one deployed in this  
627 study) reported generally lower concentrations of aerosol particles  $D_p > 0.5 \mu\text{m}$ . The  $D10$  IN  
628 predictions in the Antarctic were reported to compare better with maximum, rather than mean  
629 ice values. A similar result was found in this study where predicted primary IN values were  
630 greater than observed median values. However, when comparing with peak ice concentration  
631 values the scheme significantly under-predicted these. Grosvenor et al. (2012) discussed the  
632 possibility that due to the  $D10$  parameterisation being based on mean IN concentrations from  
633 many samples, the finding that IN predictions compared well with the maximum values

634 rather than mean values may suggest the scheme was over predicting IN concentrations  
635 generally in the Antarctic (for these particular cases at least). In the H-M layer in the  
636 Antarctic over Larsen C, ice crystal number concentrations were found to be higher than  
637 those observed in colder temperature regimes (not spanning the H-M temperature range), in  
638 keeping with the findings from the Arctic presented this paper. However the concentrations  
639 produced by the H-M process in the Antarctic were generally only a few per litre,  
640 approximately an order of magnitude lower than those observed during the summer cases in  
641 the Arctic.

## 642 **9.0 Conclusions**

643 Detailed microphysics measurements made in Arctic stratocumulus cloud layers during the  
644 early spring and summer, have been presented.

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- 646 • Two spring and two summer cases were presented. The cloud layers during summer  
647 cases spanned a warmer temperature range ( $\sim 0 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \geq T > -10 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) than in spring  
648 (generally  $\sim -10 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \geq T > -20 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ).
- 649 • Spring case 2 had significantly higher aerosol concentrations ( $\sim 300\text{-}400 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ )  
650 compared to the first spring case ( $\sim 50\text{-}100 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ). Despite this difference, ice number  
651 concentrations were found to be similar in both spring cases, suggesting the source of  
652 the increased aerosol concentrations was not providing additional IN that were  
653 efficient over the temperature range  $-10 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} > T > -20 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- 654 • In the spring cases, cloud layers appeared more uniform with steady increases in  
655 LWC and cloud droplet size to cloud top, where low concentrations ( $< 1 \text{ L}^{-1}$ ) of ice  
656 were frequently observed to precipitate through the depth of the cloud layer. The

657 small irregular particles observed at cloud top grew to a median diameter  $\sim 500 \mu\text{m}$  in  
658 both cases with peaks in diameter  $> 1000 \mu\text{m}$  as the crystals descended through the  
659 cloud. 2D-S imagery revealed the dominant growth habit to be dendritic in nature.  
660 The summer cases consisted of multiple cloud layers that were observed to be more  
661 variable than in the spring. However, liquid cloud top regions were still evident and  
662 ice was again observed to precipitate into the cloud layers below.

- 663 • The maximum median ice number concentrations observed within cloud layers during  
664 the summer cases were approximately a factor of 5 (or more) higher than in the spring  
665 cases. This enhancement in the ice number concentrations is attributed to the  
666 contribution of secondary ice production through the H-M process.
- 667 • This finding suggests that low level summer stratocumulus clouds situated in the H-M  
668 temperature zone in the Arctic may contain significantly higher ice number  
669 concentrations than in spring clouds due to the temperature range of the former  
670 spanning the active H-M temperature zone.
- 671 • Predicted values from the DeMott et al. (2010) scheme of primary ice nuclei, using  
672 aerosol measurements obtained during the science flights as input, tended to  
673 overpredict IN concentrations compared to the observed maximum median ice crystal  
674 number concentrations during the spring, but under-predict IN when compared to  
675 peak ice crystal concentrations. This variation can be attributed to uncertainties in the  
676 application of the DeMott scheme. During the summer cases, due to contributions  
677 from secondary ice production, the scheme predicted significantly lower values of ice  
678 particles than those observed.
- 679 • We found some support for the riming indirect effect when comparing our spring  
680 cases. In spring case 2 higher aerosol loadings and smaller droplets were observed and

681 ice water contents were lower than in spring case 1 (where aerosol concentrations  
682 were much lower). It is possible the smaller droplets in case 2 reduced the riming  
683 efficiency leading to lower ice mass values.

684 • Grosvenor et al. (2012) observed lower concentrations of aerosol  $> 0.5 \mu\text{m}$  in the  
685 Antarctic when compared to similar measurements made in the Arctic. They found  
686 that IN predictions using *D10* agreed better with their observed peak ice concentration  
687 values rather than their maximum mean values. They measured approximately an  
688 order of magnitude lower primary ice concentrations in summer Antarctic clouds than  
689 in our spring Arctic cases, but did observe enhancement through SIP in warmer cloud  
690 layers where concentrations increased to a few per litre. These were still about an  
691 order of magnitude less than the enhanced concentrations observed in the Arctic  
692 summer cases presented here, but were similar to the peak values observed in spring  
693 cases over the Arctic (where no SIP was observed).

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Flight	Run Number	Time (UTC)	Altitude (m)	Temperature (°C)
B761	A1	13:13:26-13:16:43	1850 - 50	-19 to -5
	A2	13:04:40-13:10:33	300 - 1850	-8 to -19
	A3	13:23:20-13:33:19	1700-50	-19 to -7
B768	B1	11:45:16 - 11:54:02	1600 - 50	-17 to -9
	B2	11:38:39 - 11:44:59	50 - 1600	-17 to -4
	B3	12:01:30 - 12:19:08	400 - 50	-12 to -9
	B4	12:32:20 - 12:48:14	1300 - 1050	-16 to -14
M191	C1.1	08:53:45 - 09:00:00	~ 2950	~ -7
	C1.2	09:00:00 - 09:06:50	~ 2900	~ -6
	C1.3	09:06:50 - 09:13:35	~ 2750	~ -5
	C1.4	09:13:35 - 09:21:09	2750 - 2250	-4 to -2
	C2	10:14:58 - 10:33:51	3350 -2300	-7 to -3
M192	D1	12:58:58 - 13:06:02	3100 - 3750	-5 to -1
	D2	12:19:10 - 12:48:16	3100 - 3750	-5 to -1

810 **Table 1:** Flight numbers, run numbers, and their associated time intervals, altitude and  
811 temperature range for the four ACCACIA case studies presented.

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Flight	Max Median Ice (L <sup>-1</sup> )	Min Median Temp (C)	Max RH (%)	CAS Aerosol Conc (cm <sup>-3</sup> )	PCASP Aerosol Conc (cm <sup>-3</sup> )	Predicted CAS IN value (L <sup>-1</sup> )	Predicted PCASP IN value (L <sup>-1</sup> )
Case 1a	0.61	-18.7	90.3	0.99 ± 0.25	3.13 ± 1.74	1.02 ± 1.14/0.88	1.80 ± 2.25/1.20
Case 1b	0.61	-18.7	22.16	0.14 ± 0.1	4.94 ± 2.22	0.38 ± 0.50/0.21	2.26 ± 2.72/1.68
Case 1c	0.61	-18.7	85.43	1.48 ± 0.37	4.04 ± 2.25	1.24 ± 1.34/1.08	2.05 ± 2.55/1.37
Case 2a	0.47	-16.2	69.68	1.50 ± 0.30	3.23 ± 1.68	0.76 ± 0.82/0.69	1.05 ± 1.26/0.77
Case 2b	0.47	-16.2	92.60	2.40 ± 0.32	4.96 ± 2.28	0.93 ± 0.98/0.87	1.27 ± 1.49/097
Case 2c	0.47	-16.2	93.86	2.07 ± 6.57	3.07 ± 1.86	0.87 ± 1.61/	1.03 ± 1.26 /0.69
Case 3a	3.35	-10	89.37	0.06 ± 0.07	-	0.06 ± 0.07/	-
Case 3b	3.35	-10	59.66	0.15 ± 0.11	-	0.08 ± 0.09/0.05	-
Case 3c	3.35	-10	89.79	0.33 ± 0.76	-	0.10 ± 0.13/	-
Case 3d	3.35	-10	89.70	0.48 ± 0.21	-	0.11 ± 0.12/0.09	-
Case 4a	2.50	-4.3	79.70	3.73 ± 1.03	-	0.009 ± 0.009/0.009	-
Case 4b	2.50	-4.3	73.46	4.03 ± 0.58	-	0.009 ± 0.009/0.009	-
Case 4c	2.50	-4.3	31.57	0.24 ± 0.14	-	0.007 ± 0.007/0.006	-

814 **Table 2.** Measurements of: aerosol concentrations > 0.5  $\mu$ m from the CAS and PCASP  
815 probes, together with predicted primary IN number using the DeMott et al. (2010) (*D10*)  
816 scheme (with either CAS or PCASP aerosol concentration data as input). Observed minimum  
817 median cloud temperatures were input to *D10*, and IN predictions were compared with  
818 observed maximum median ice concentrations.

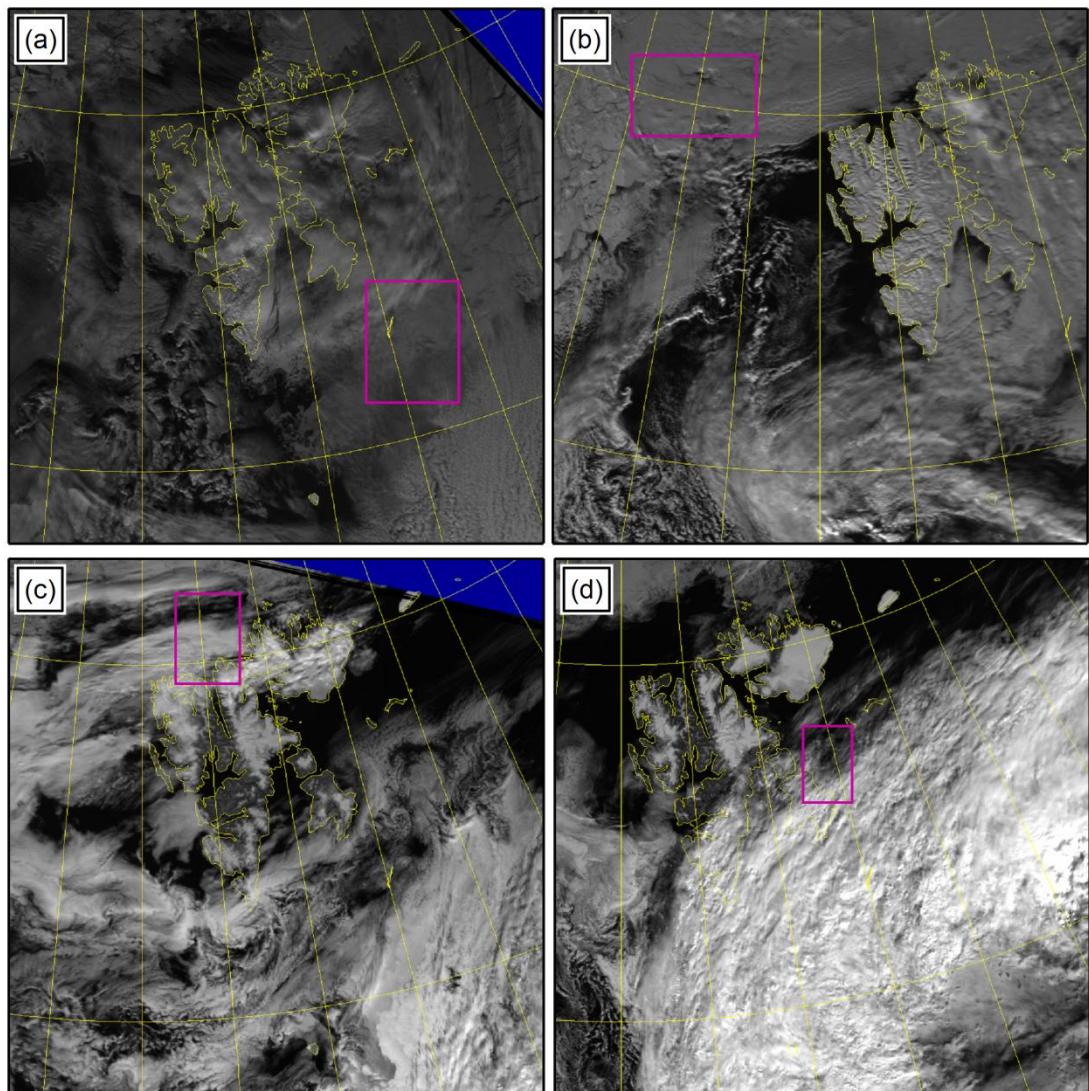
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Flight	Mean Ice Conc (L <sup>-1</sup> )	Max ± std. dev. (60 sec) Ice Conc (L <sup>-1</sup> )	Temp of Max Conc (°C)	Max RH for Aerosol (%)	Observed Aerosol Conc (cm <sup>-3</sup> )	Predicted IN Value (L <sup>-1</sup> )
Cloud Layers Over Larsen C						
99-i4	0.007 ± 0.002	0.017 ± 0.007/0.005	-13.8	50	0.33 ± 0.05	0.25±0.26/0.23
99-i5	0.007 ± 0.001	0.020 ± 0.007/0.004	-16.5	50	0.33 ± 0.05	0.41±0.44/0.39
104-i3	0.008 ± 0.002	0.012 ± 0.005/0.003	-17.7	40	0.15 ± 0.03	0.35±0.38/0.31
104-i4	0.011 ± 0.002	0.032 ± 0.010/0.007	-13.4	60	0.15 ± 0.03	0.17±0.18/0.16
Hallett Mossop Zone Ice						
100-i1	0.52 ± 0.02	1.28 ± 0.06/0.38	-0.7	75	0.42 ± 0.05	1.9×10 <sup>-5</sup>
100-i2	1.14 ± 0.02	3.44 ± 0.11/1.01	-2.3	75	0.42 ± 0.05	9.1×10 <sup>-4</sup>
100-i3	1.47 ± 0.02	6.26 ± 0.15/1.78	-4.3	75	0.42 ± 0.05	0.007
100-i4	0.90 ± 0.02	4.77 ± 0.12/1.28	-5.9	75	0.42 ± 0.05	0.019
100-i5	0.05 ± 0.01	0.06 ± 0.01/0.01	-5.6	75	0.42 ± 0.05	0.016
100-i6	0.040 ± 0.008	0.07 ± 0.01/0.03	-5.2	75	0.42 ± 0.05	0.013
104-i5	0.098 ± 0.007	0.37 ± 0.03/0.12	-2.3	94	0.1 ± 0.05	8.3×10 <sup>-4</sup>
104-i6	0.33 ± 0.01	2.7 ± 0.01/0.63	-2.3	94	0.1 ± 0.05	8.3×10 <sup>-5</sup>

822 **Table 3:** Table reproduced from Grosvenor et al. (2012) reporting observations of ice number  
823 concentrations, aerosol concentrations > 0.5µm and primary IN predictions using the *D10*  
824 parameterisation.

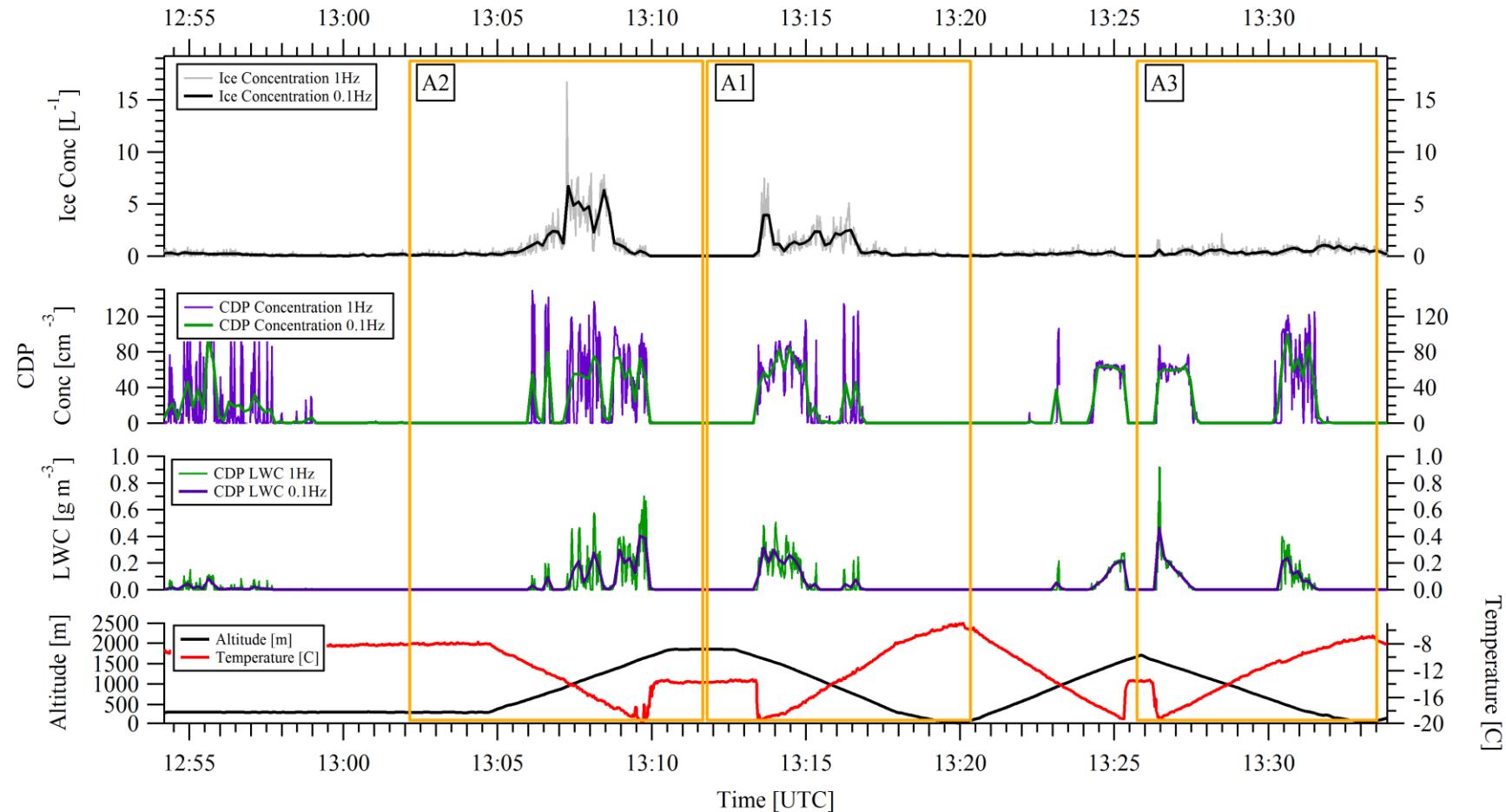


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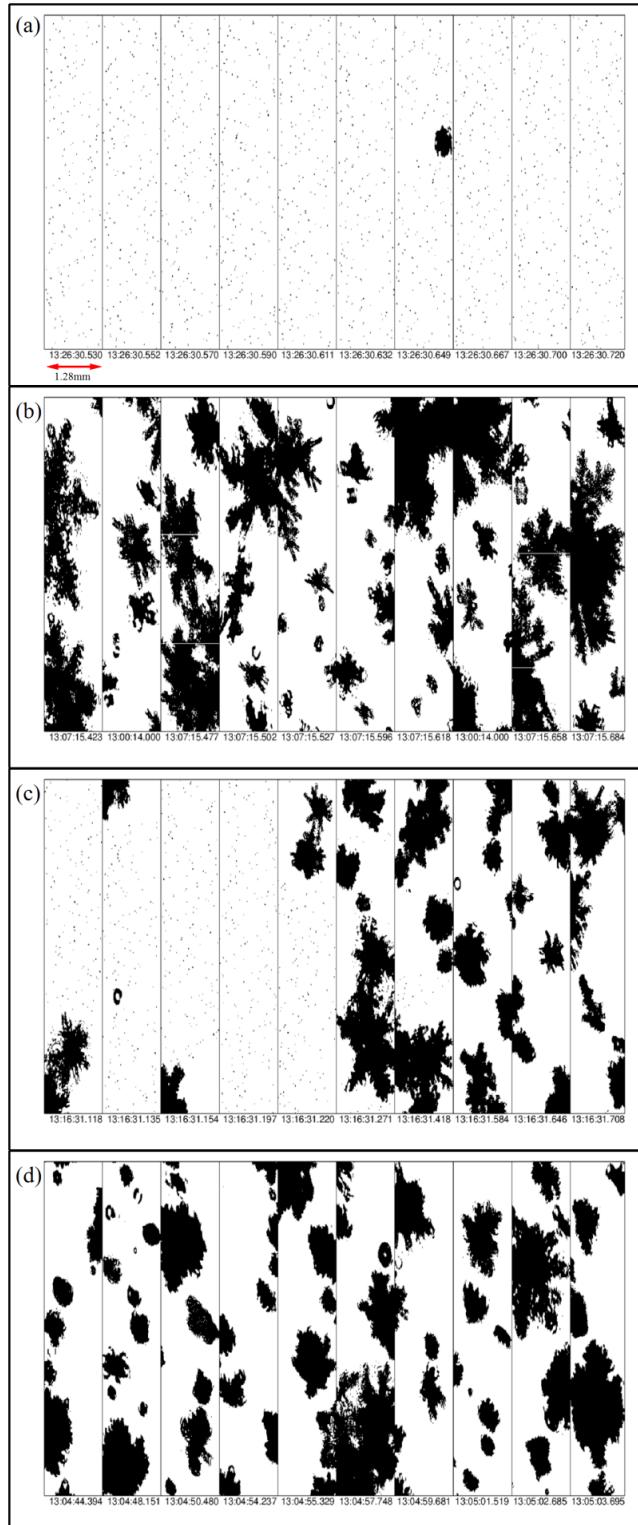
826 **Fig 1:** AVHRR visible satellite imagery for spring case 1 (a), spring case 2 (b), summer case  
827 1 (c) and summer case 2 (d). Science flight area highlighted by purple boxes in each figure.

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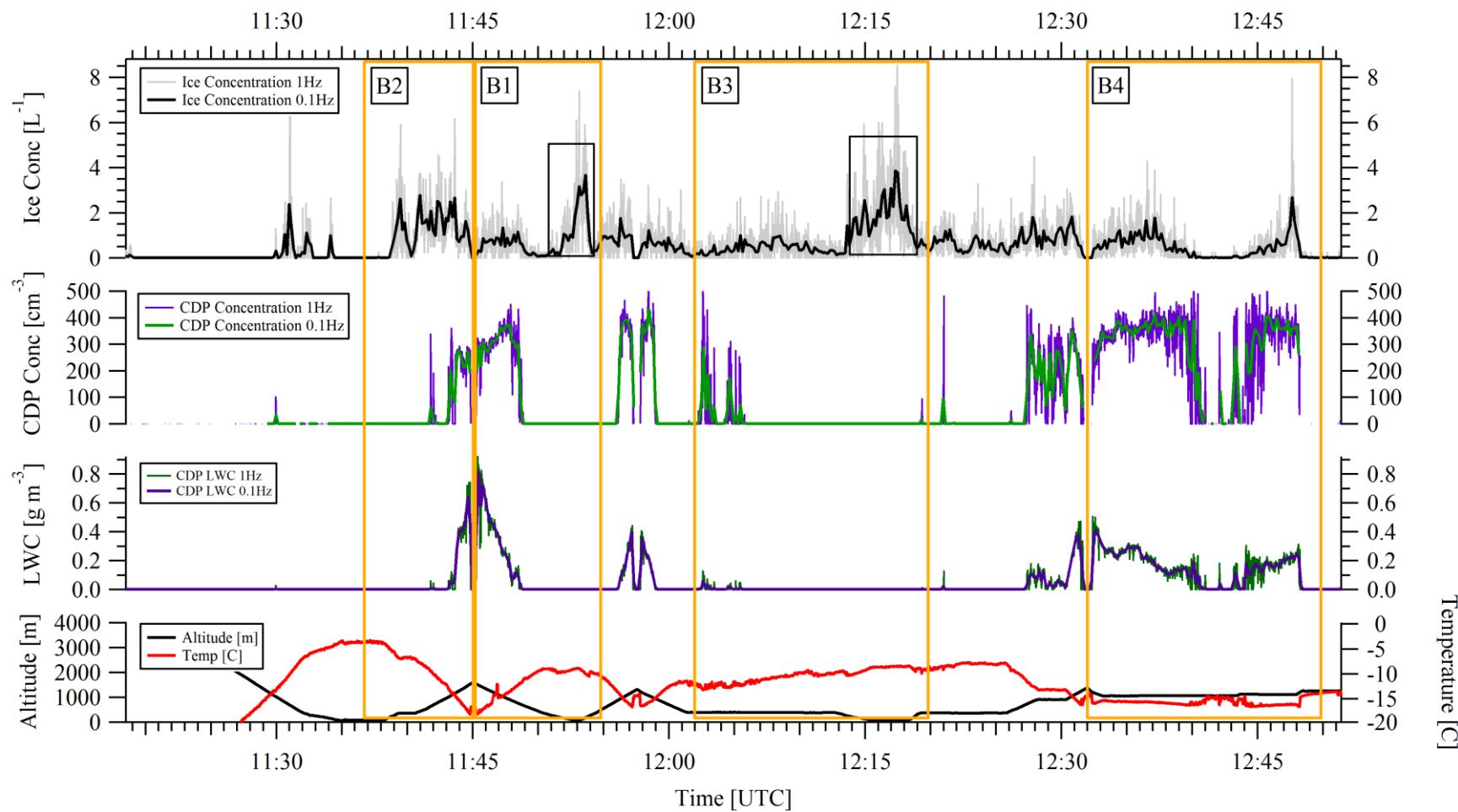
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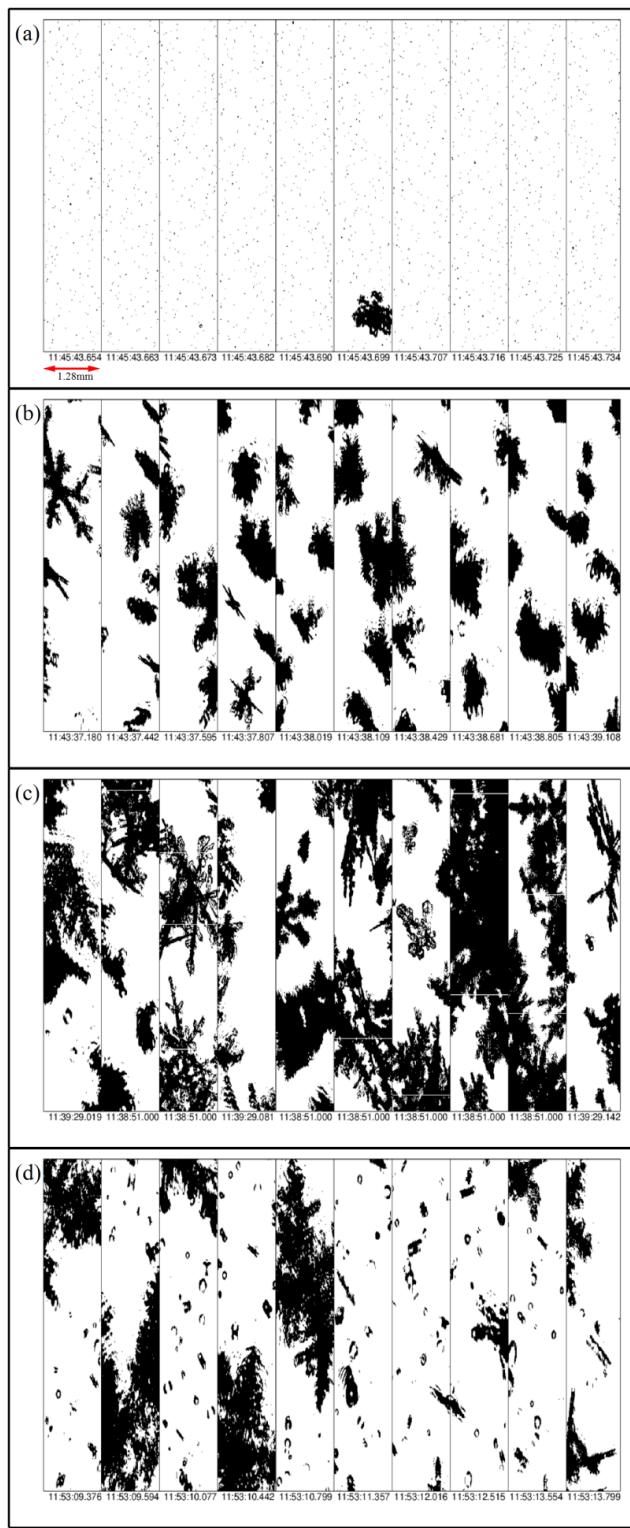
**Fig 2:** Microphysics time series for spring case 1. Data includes temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and altitude (m) (lower panel) together with 1 and 10 second data sets for CDP liquid water content ( $\text{g m}^{-3}$ ) (panel 2 from bottom), CDP cloud particle number concentration ( $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ) (panel 3), and ice water content ( $\text{g m}^{-3}$ ) and ice number concentrations ( $\text{L}^{-1}$ ) (top panel). Profiles A2 and A3 are described in Appendix A



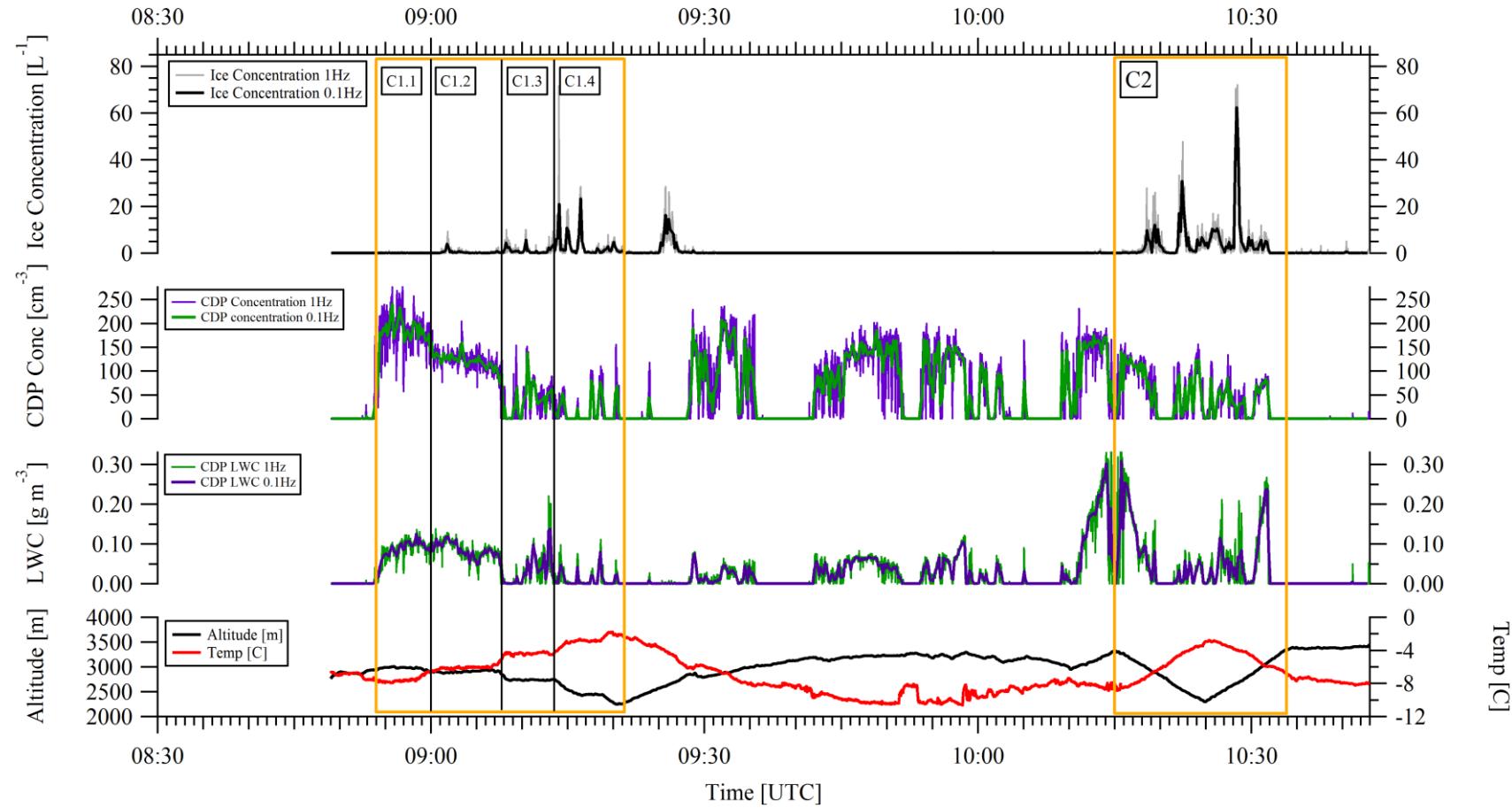
**Fig 3.** Images from the 2D-S cloud probe during spring case 1 from: (a) a cloud top region during A1 ; (b) 500 m below cloud top during A2 ; (c) region of swift transitions between ice and liquid and (d) precipitation region below cloud base .



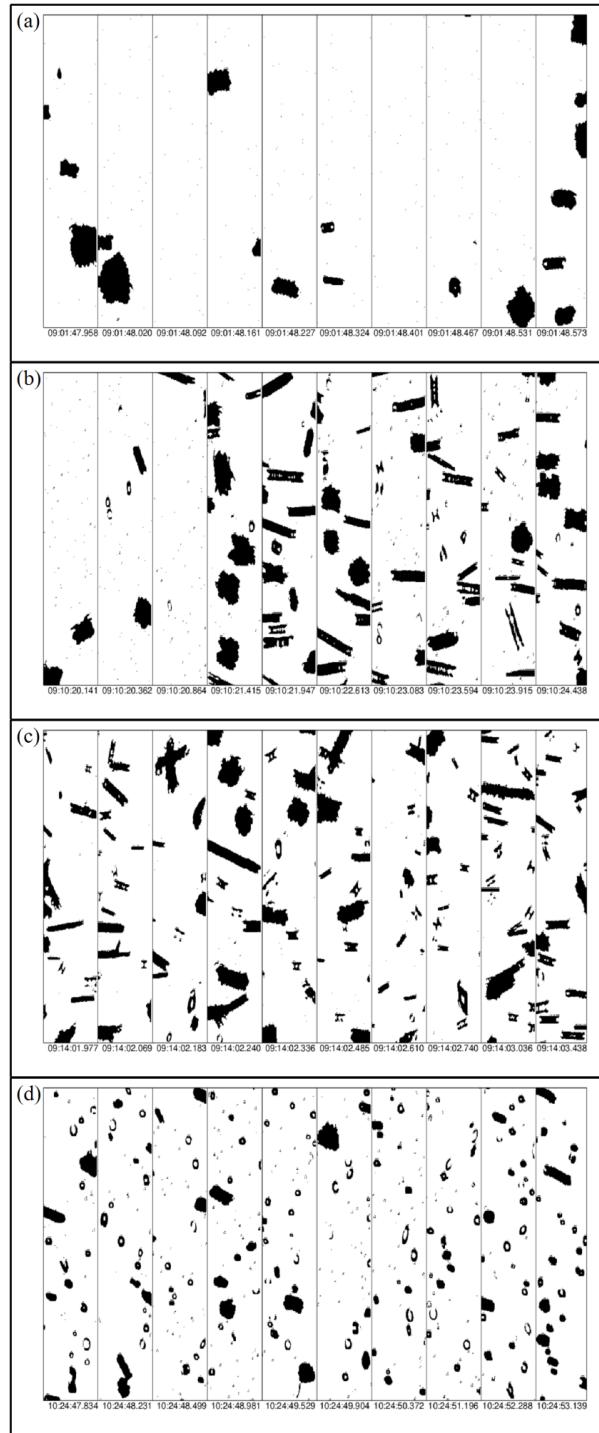
**Fig. 4:** Microphysics time series data for spring case 2. Data includes temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and altitude (m) (lower panel) 1 and 10 second data sets for CDP liquid water content ( $\text{g m}^{-3}$ ) and CDP concentration ( $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ) (middle panels), and ice water content ( $\text{g m}^{-3}$ ) and ice number concentrations ( $\text{L}^{-1}$ ) (top panel). Profiles B2, B3 and B4 are described in Appendix B



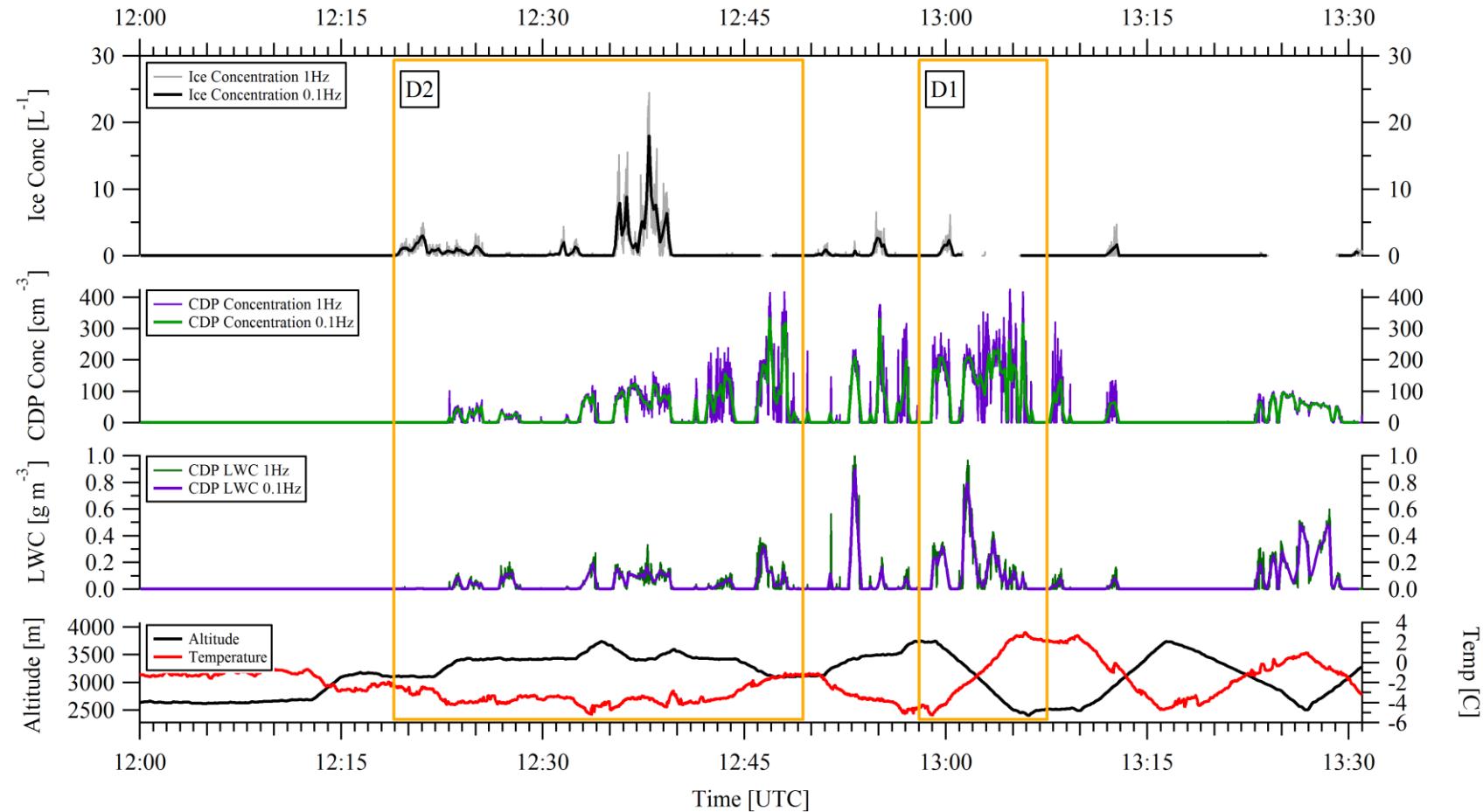
**Fig. 5:** Images from the 2D-S cloud probe from spring case 2 for: (a) cloud top during B1 ; (b) profiled ascent during B2; (c) dendritic ice in the cloud base region during B2 and (d) columnar ice above the sea surface during B2



**Fig. 6** Microphysics time series data for summer case 1. Data includes temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), altitude (m) (lower panel) together with 1 and 10 second data sets for CDP liquid water content ( $\text{g m}^{-3}$ ) (second panel up), CDP concentration ( $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ), ice water content ( $\text{g m}^{-3}$ ) and ice number concentrations ( $\text{L}^{-1}$ ) (top panel). Flight segments C1.1, C1.2, C1.3 and C1.4 are described in Appendix C.

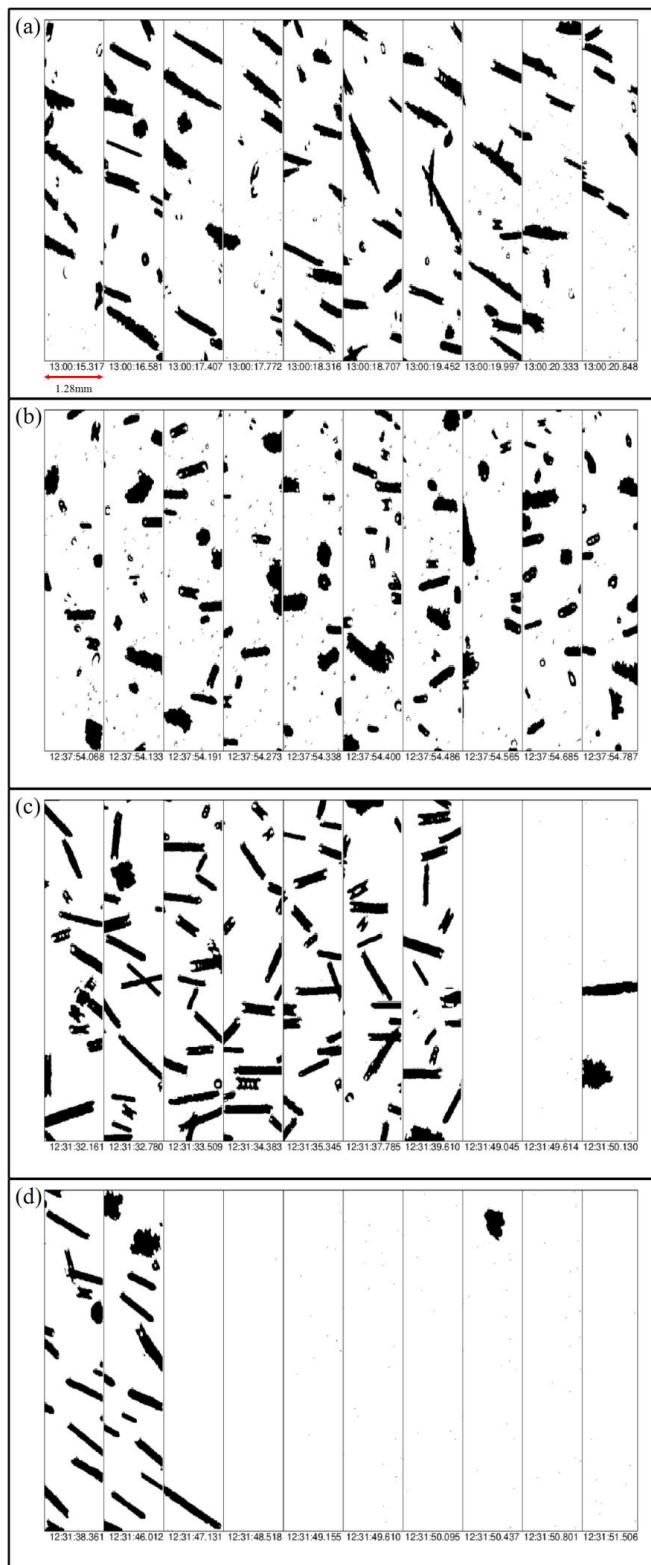


**Fig. 7.** Images from the 2D-S cloud probe from summer case 1 for: (a) small irregular ice during C1.2 ; (b) and (c) secondary ice production during C1.3 and C1.4 respectively, and (d) ice together with drizzle during C2.

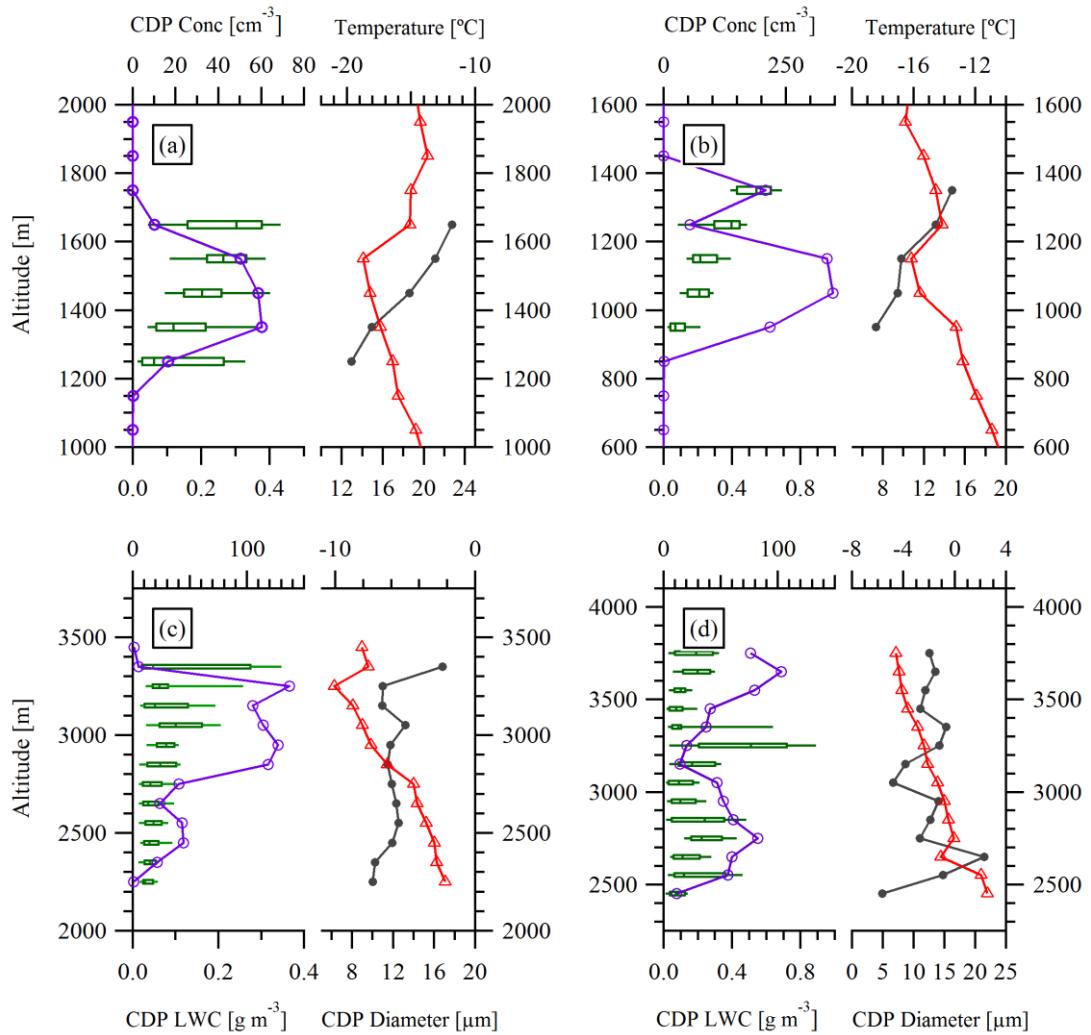


**Fig. 8:** Microphysics time series data for summer case 2. Data includes temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), altitude (m) (lower panel) together with 1 and 10 second data sets for CDP liquid water content ( $\text{g m}^{-3}$ ), CDP concentration ( $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ) (middle panels), ice water content ( $\text{g m}^{-3}$ ) and ice number concentrations ( $\text{L}^{-1}$ ) (top panels).

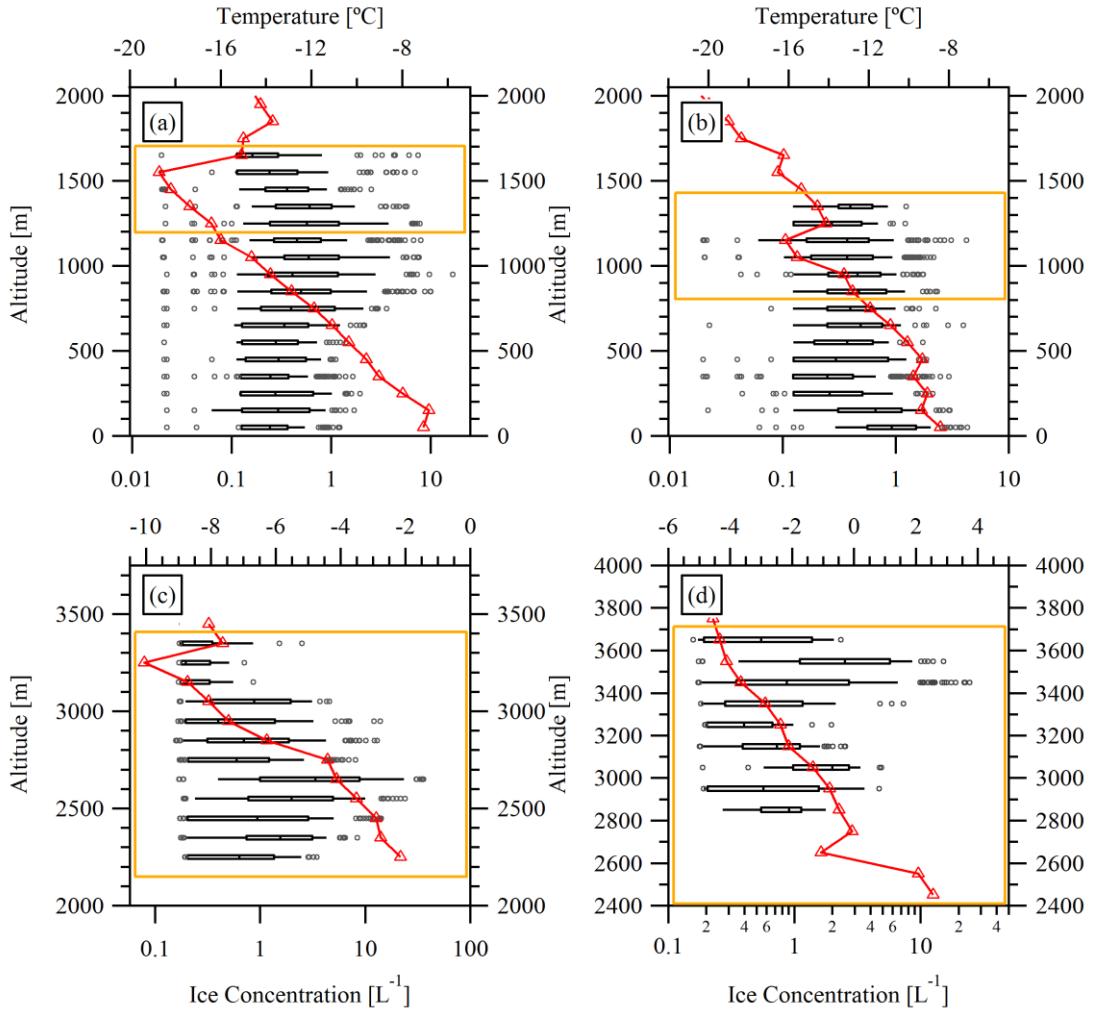
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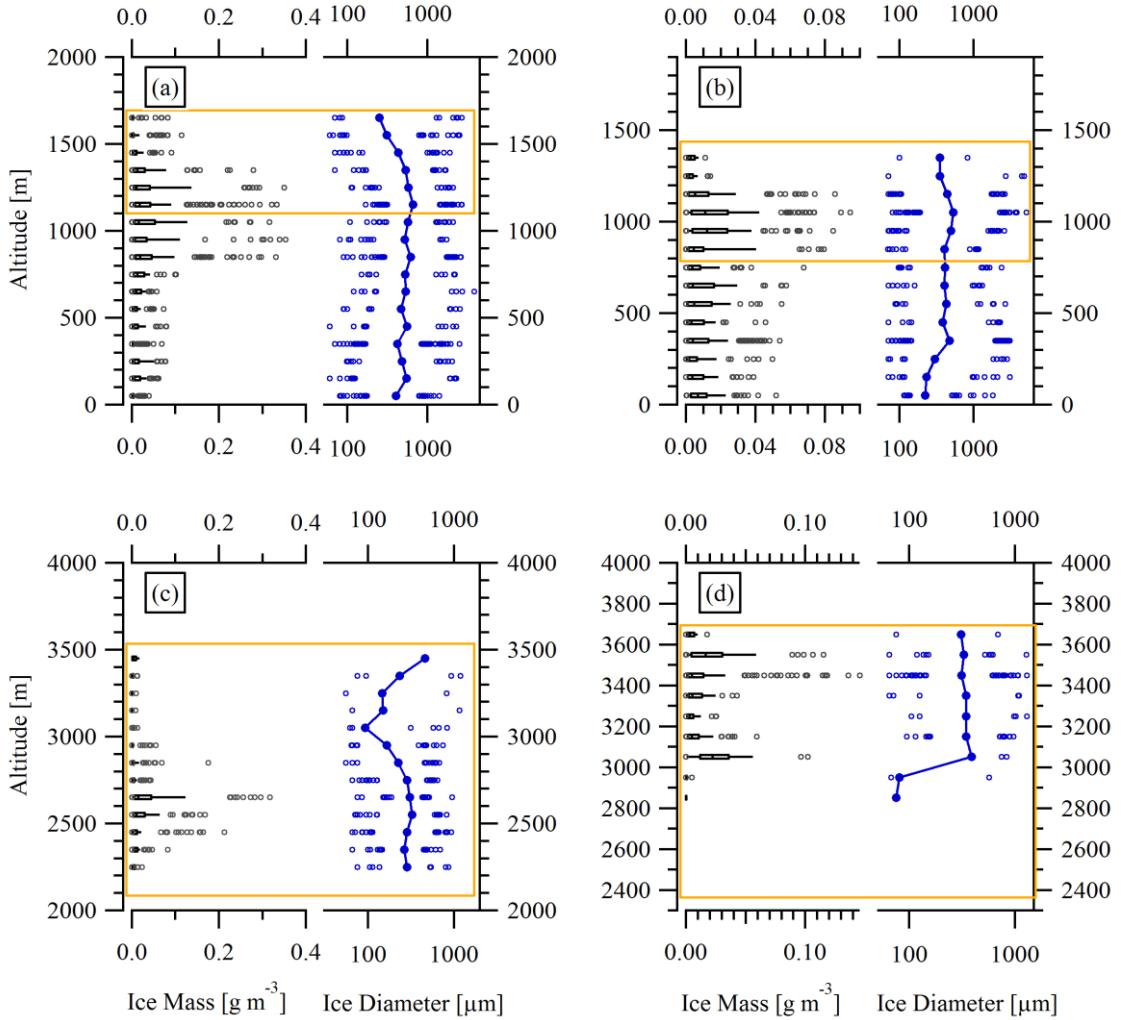
**Fig. 9:** 2D-S cloud probe imagery for summer case 2 showing: (a) columnar ice during D1 ; (b) images of columns together with liquid during D2 and swift transitions between (c) glaciated and (d) liquid phases during D2.



**Fig. 10:** Percentile plots (50th, 25th, 75th percentiles, whiskers to 10 and 90%) as a function of altitude for LWC from CDP (green), and median droplet number concentration (purple), median droplet diameter (grey) and median temperature (red). Data are averaged over 100 m deep layers. Figs. (a - d) are for Spring Case 1, Spring Case 2, Summer Case 1 and Summer Case 2 respectively.



**Fig. 11:** Box and whisker plots with 50th, 25th, 75th percentiles, whiskers to 10 and 90% and outliers between 95 and 100% as a function of altitude for ice number concentrations (black) and median temperature (red) (Figs. (a-d) and altitude averages as in Fig. 10 above). The box in yellow provides an indication of the full extent of cloud layers investigated. Figs. (a - d) are for Spring Case 1, Spring Case 2, Summer Case 1 and Summer Case 2 respectively.



**Fig. 12:** Box and whisker plots with 50th, 25th, 75th percentiles, whiskers to 10 and 90% and outliers between 95 and 100% as a function of altitude for ice mass (black) and median ice crystal diameter with outliers between 95 and 100% (blue). (Figs. (a-d) and altitude averages as in Fig. 10 above). The box in yellow provides an indication of the full extent of cloud layers investigated. Figs. (a - d) are for Spring Case 1, Spring Case 2, Summer Case 1 and Summer Case 2 respectively.