

A photograph showing the wing of an airplane in flight, viewed from the passenger's perspective. The wing is dark blue and extends from the top right towards the center. The background is a dramatic sunset sky with a gradient from bright yellow at the horizon to a pale blue at the top. Below the horizon, a vast expanse of white clouds is visible, illuminated by the low sun. The overall scene is serene and captures a moment of high-altitude travel.

Höghöjdseffekter - Vad är det och hur undviker vi dem?

Agenda

Välkommen

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Vad är höghöjdseffekter?

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Klimatanpassad ruttoptimering i Skandinavien

Jana Moldanova IVL

Praktiska försök av klimatanpassad ruttoptimering

Marc Shapiro Breakthrough Energy

Implementering i praktiken

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Publikfrågor & paneldiskussion

Take aways

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CONTRAIL FORMATION AND AVOIDANCE

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Overview



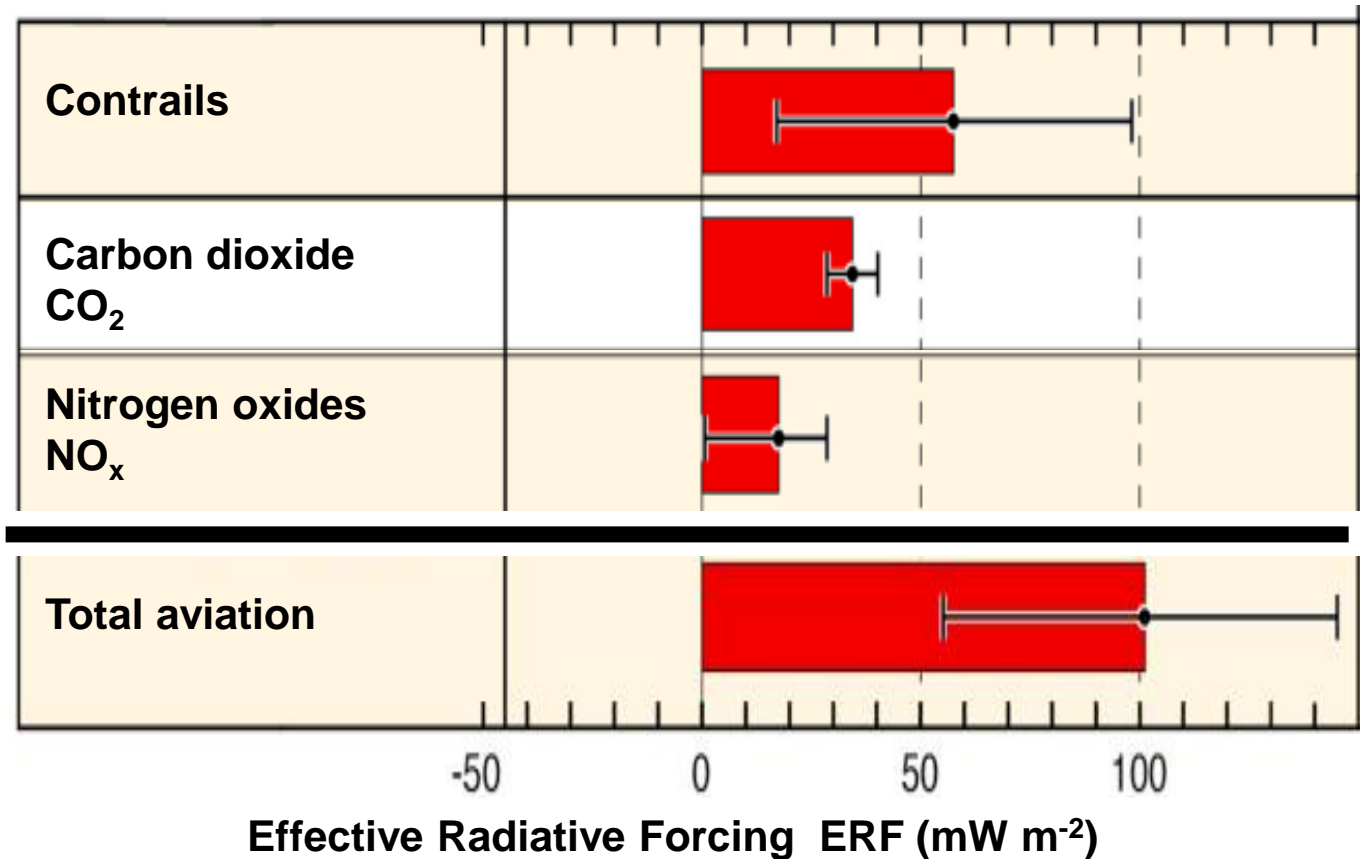
1. Climate Impact of CO₂ and Non-CO₂ Effects
2. How Aviation can reduce its climate impact
3. Contrail Formation: well understood and predictable
4. Contrails are observed globally in main traffic domains
5. State of the art in contrail mitigation (German Projects)

Climate Impact of CO₂ and Non-CO₂ Effects



CO₂: Main man-made greenhouse gas.
Here sum from historic air traffic 1950 to 2018.

NO_x: Enhancing ozone (O₃) and reducing methane (CH₄) greenhouse gases



Contrails about 2 x CO₂

Best estimate for 2018; published by Lee et al., 2021 (with Burkhardt and Sausen, DLR)
Recent studies (with exceptions) confirm main results with smaller uncertainties

Contrail Formation well understood

- Contrail ice particles form when engine exhaust mixes with cold ambient air
- Soot number determines the number of ice particles formed
- Contrails persist for flight in ice supersaturated regions (“ISSR”)

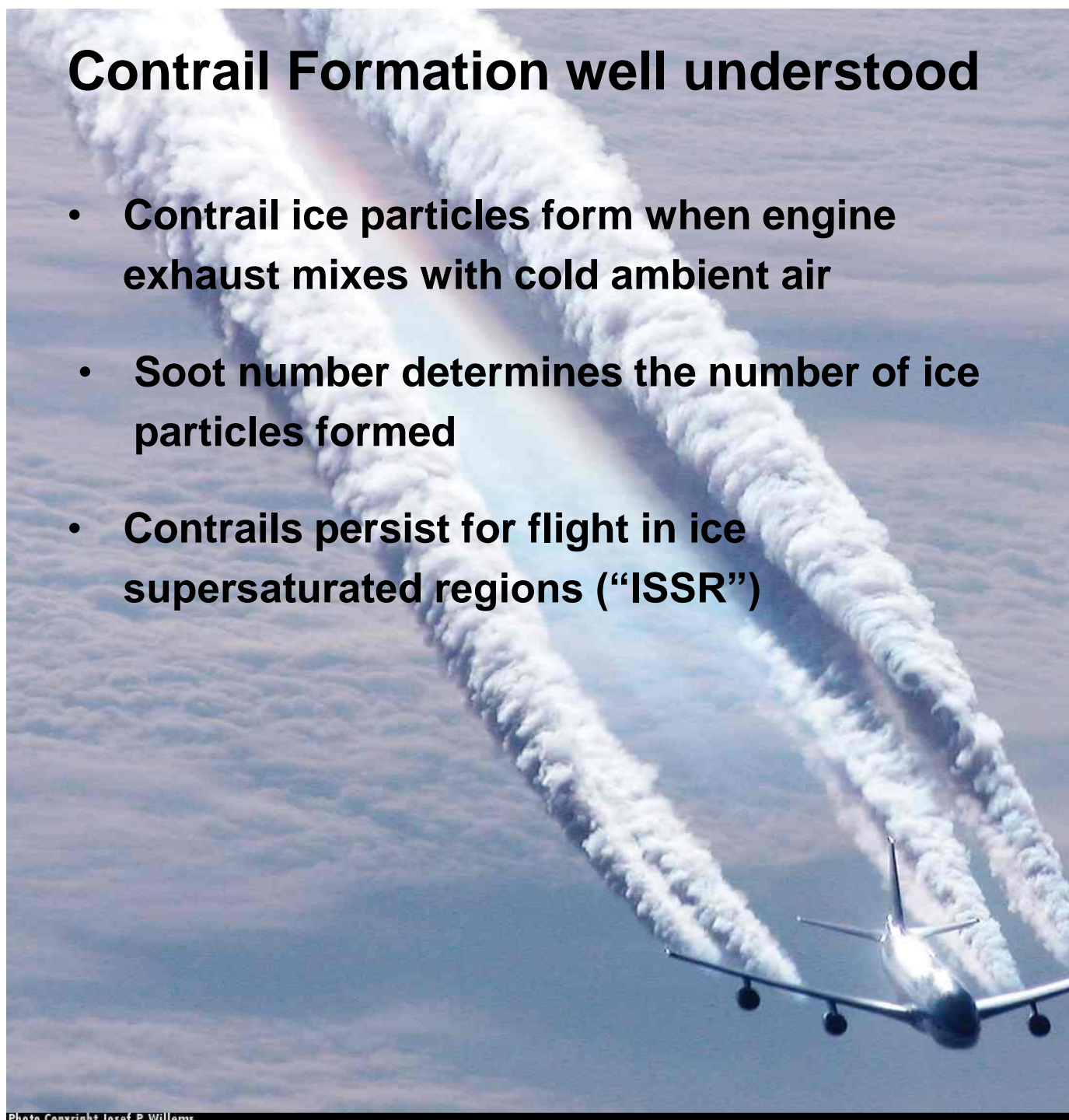
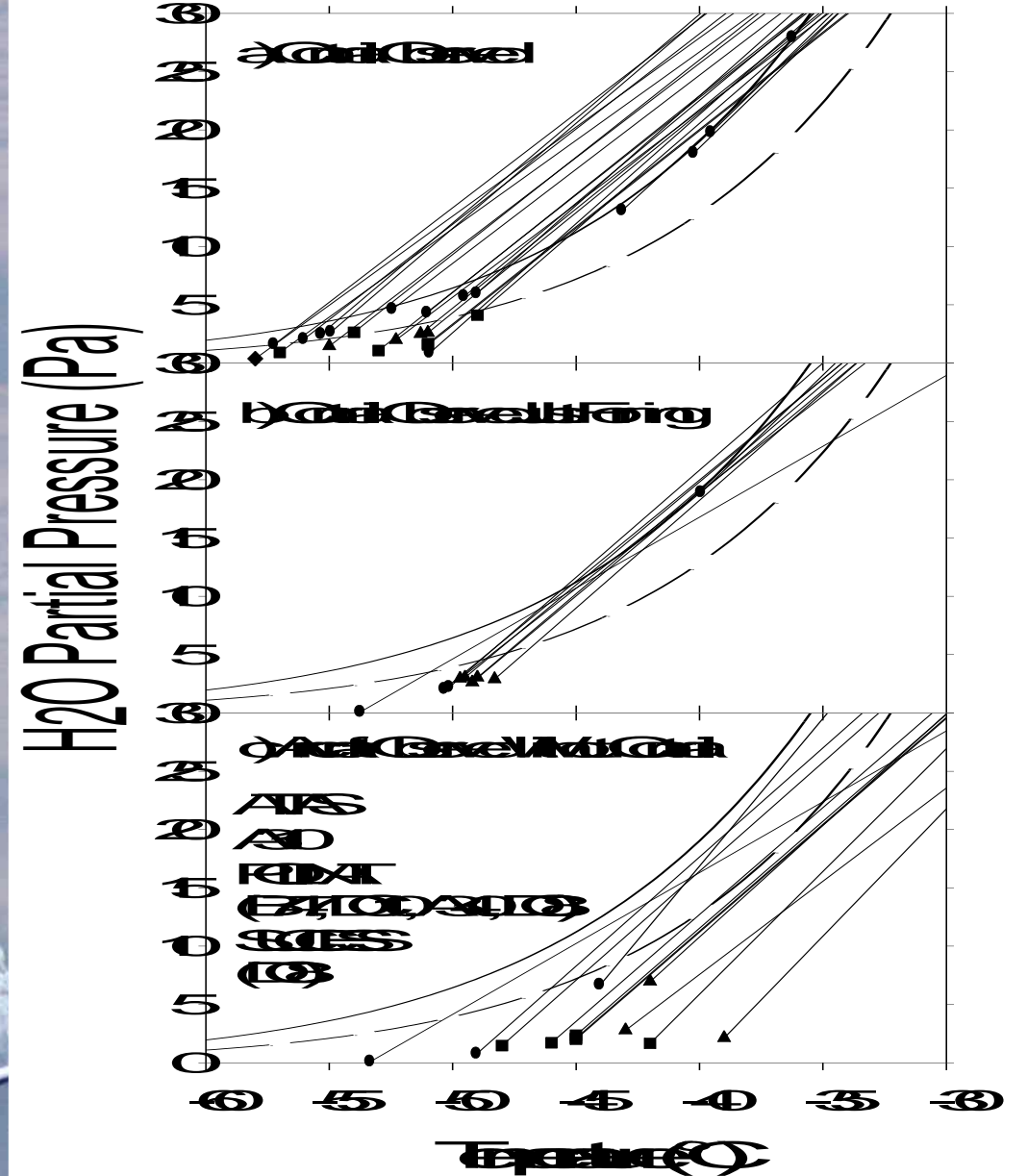


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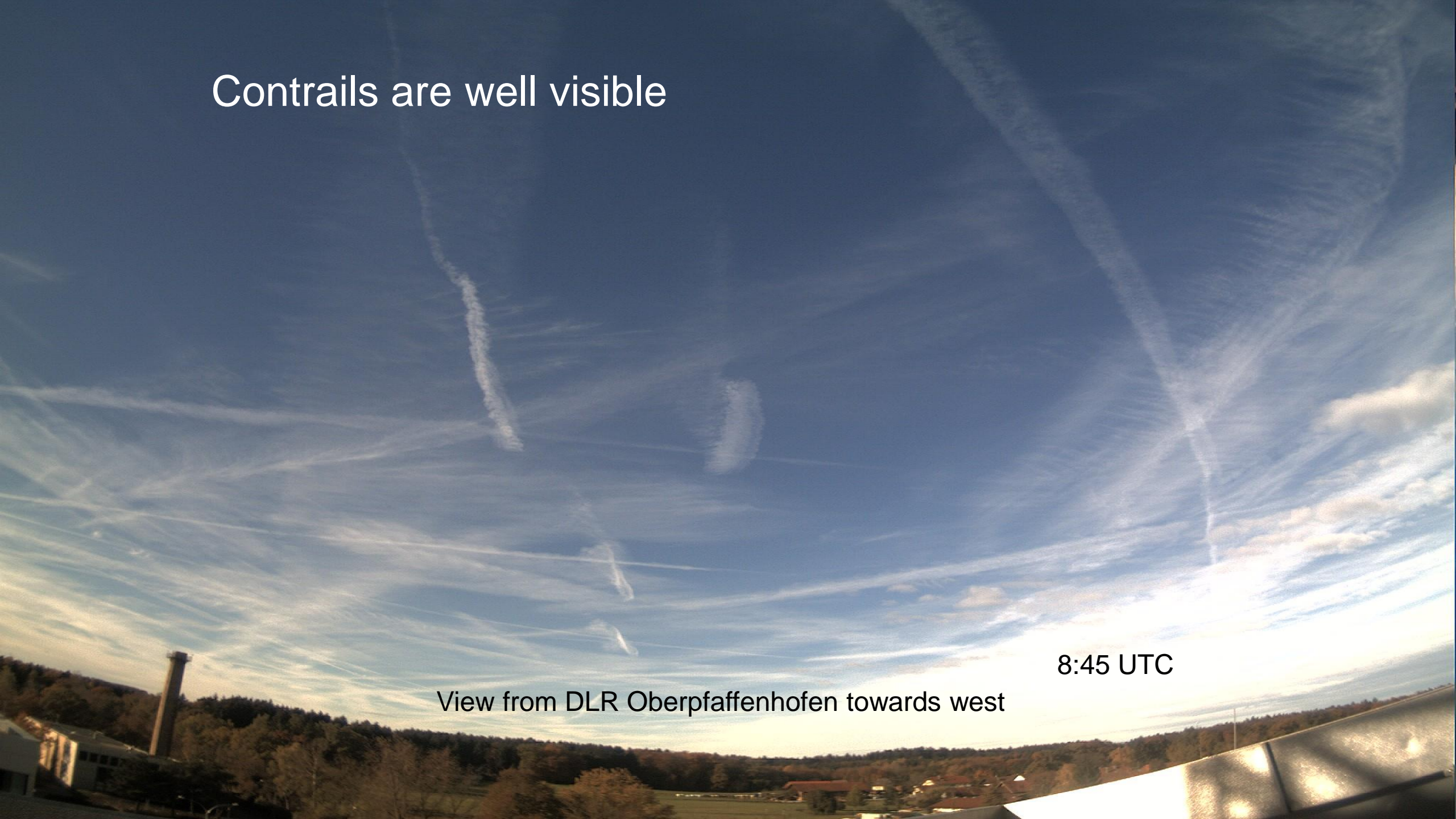
- From DLR Falcon measurements behind aircraft at cruise



Contrails are well visible

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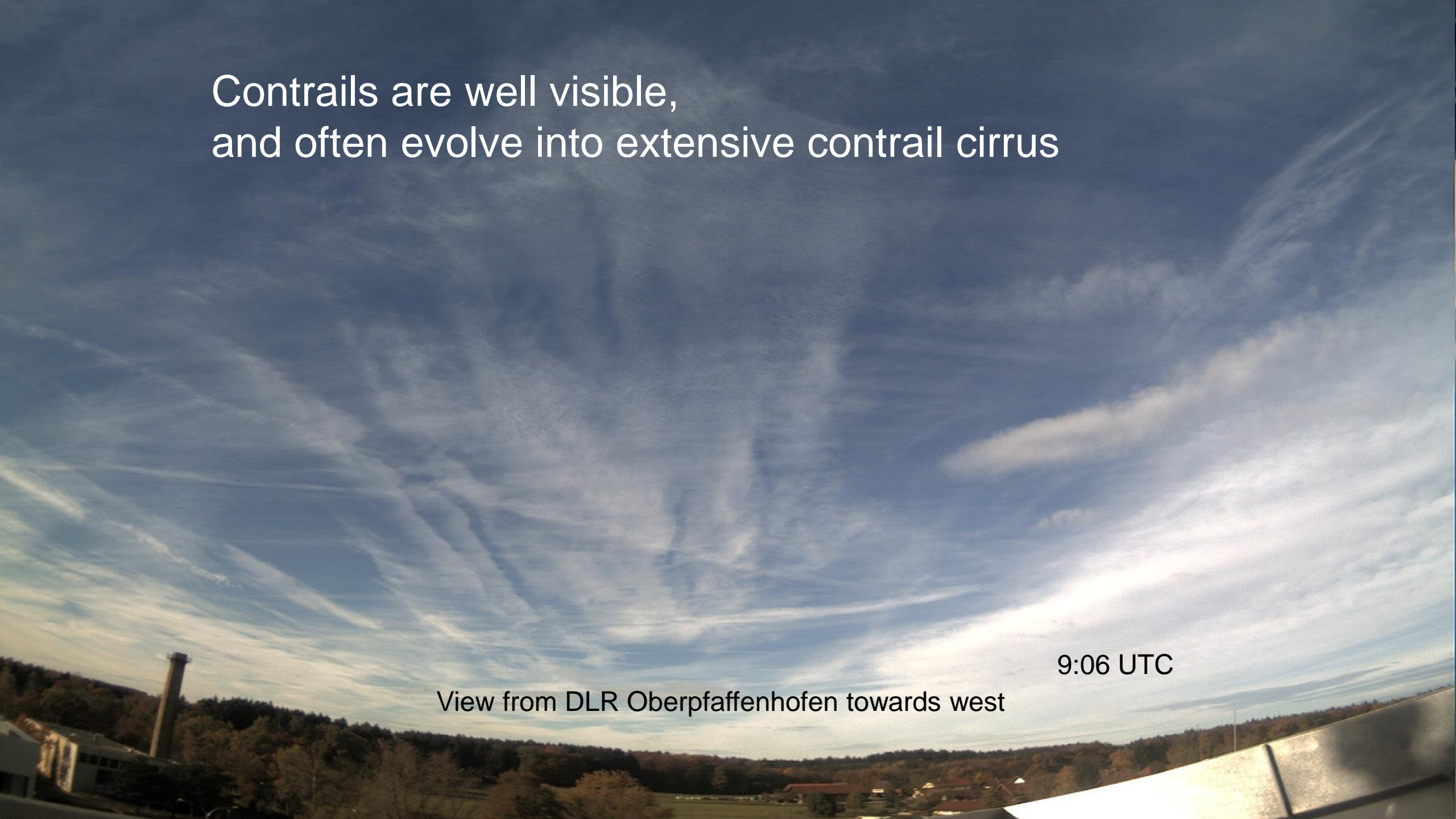
View from DLR Oberpfaffenhofen towards west



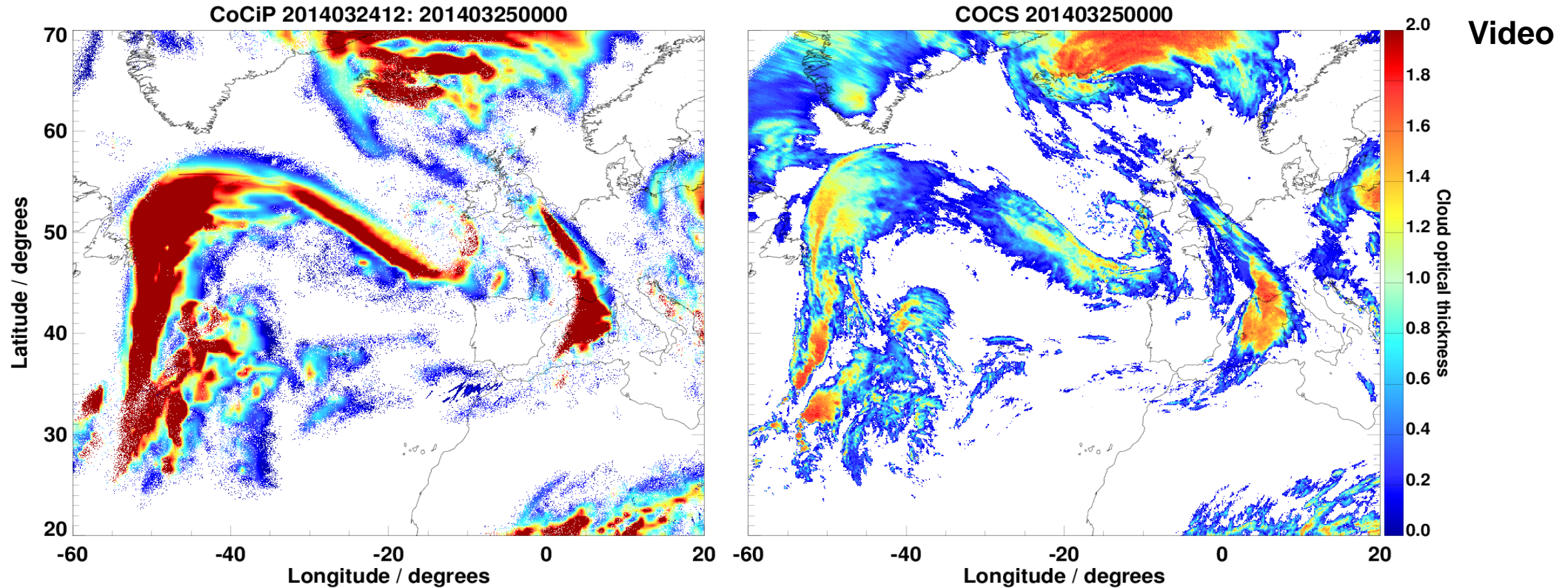
Contrails are well visible,
and often evolve into extensive contrail cirrus

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View from DLR Oberpfaffenhofen towards west



The optical depth of contrail cirrus can be predicted with CoCiP using NWP data and can be observed every 15 min with satellites (Meteosat)

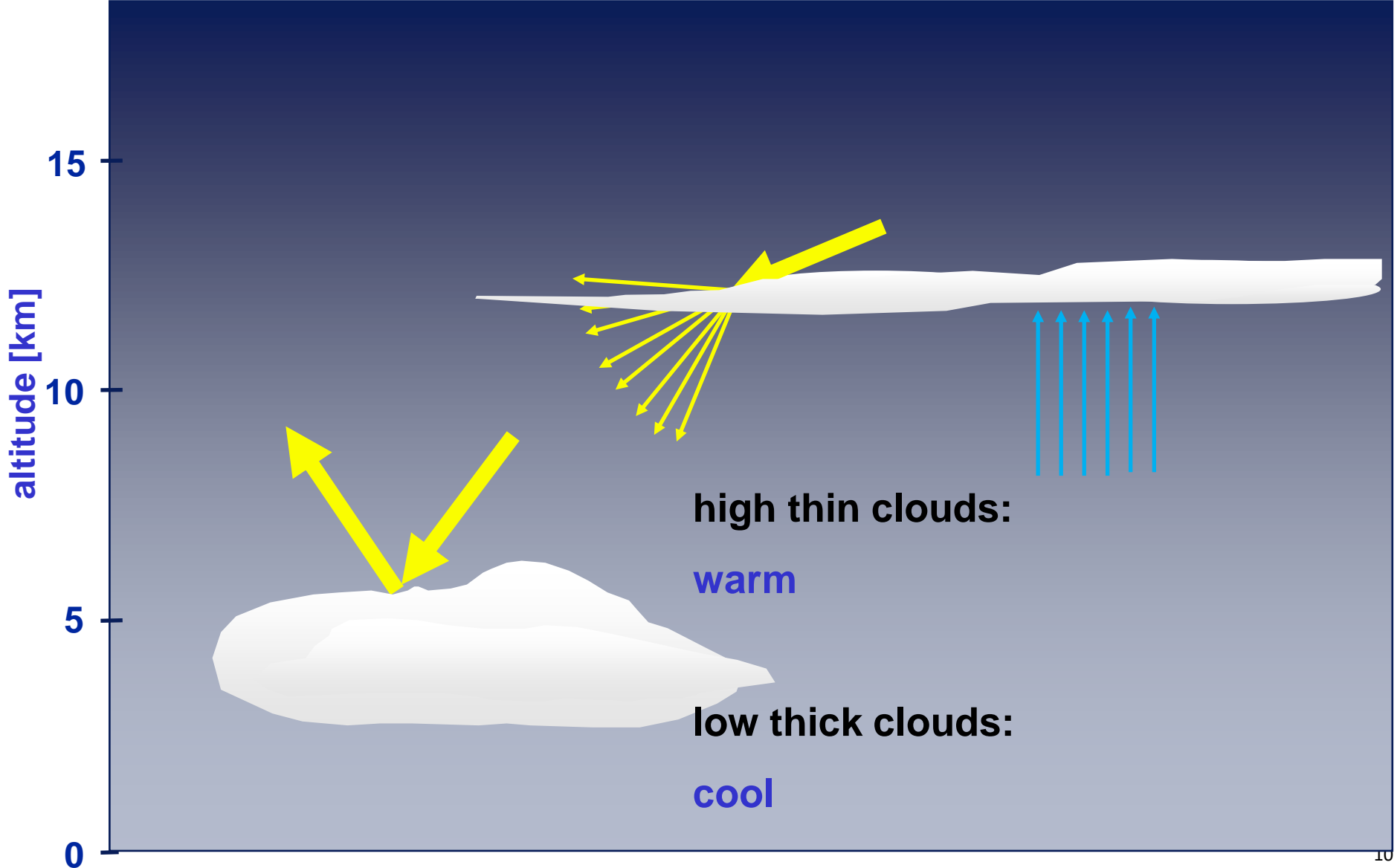


9 Optical depth of contrail cirrus computed with CoCiP/ECMWF

(Graf and Schumann, 2015;
Voigt, Schumann et al., 2017)

The optical depth of thin cirrus can be derived from METEOSAT SEVIRI IR satellite observation data (L. Bugliaro, 2015)

Climate impact of clouds



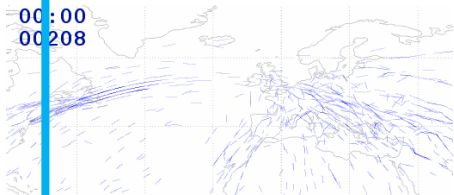
Contrail formation and climate forcing can be predicted for all flight routes for given weather forecasts

Input:

Aircraft technical and performance data



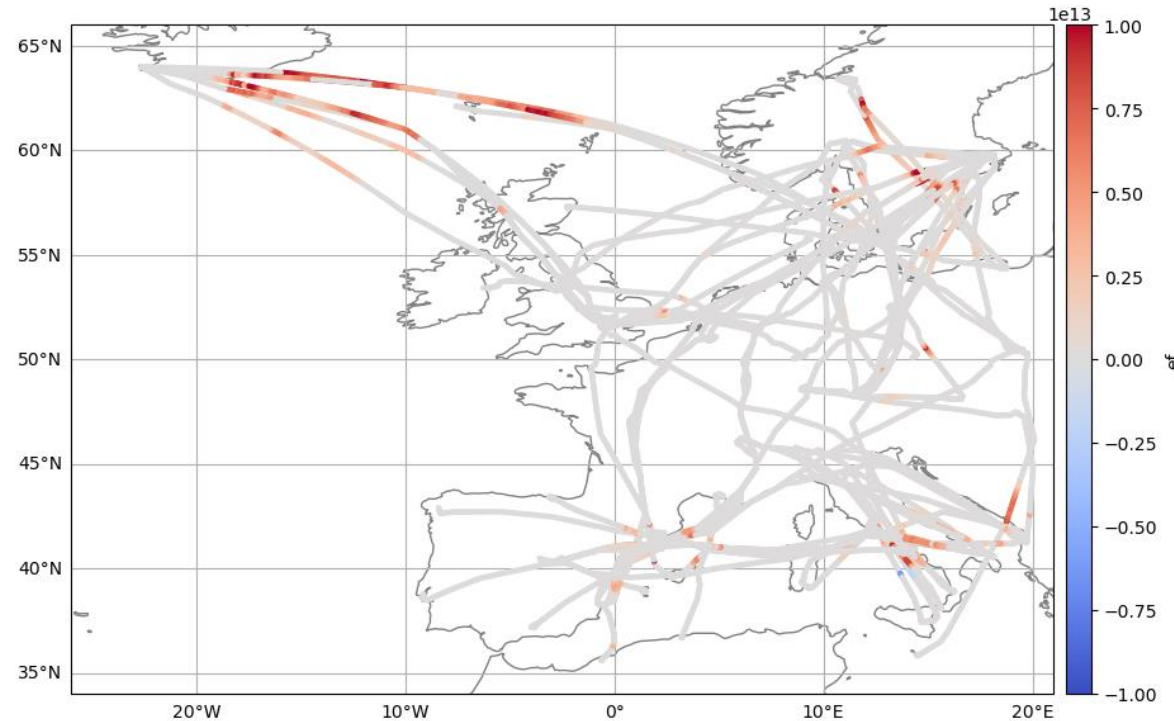
Flight trajectories



Meteorology from numerical weather predictions



CoCiP: Contrail Cirrus Prediction Model



$$EF = \int_{lifetime} RF_{nets}(t', s) W(t', s) dt'$$

Output:

Information on formation of persistent contrails

Advection position and total lifetime of contrails

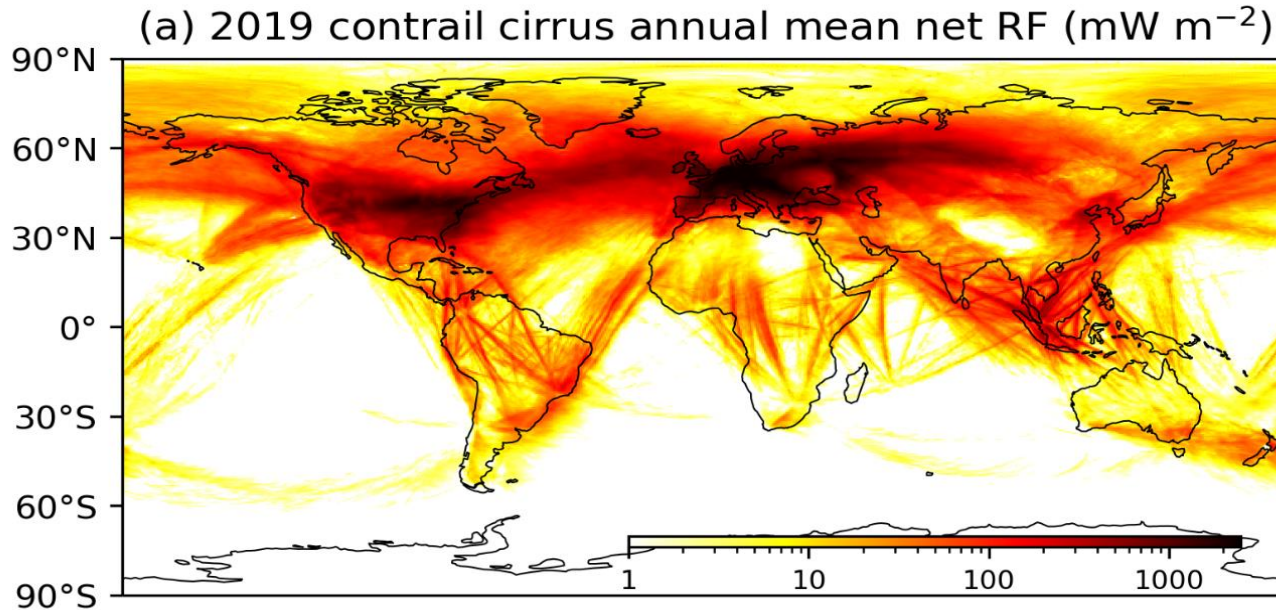
Microphysical properties (e.g., effective radius, ice particle number concentration)

Macrophysical properties (e.g., height, shape)

Instantaneous radiative forcing

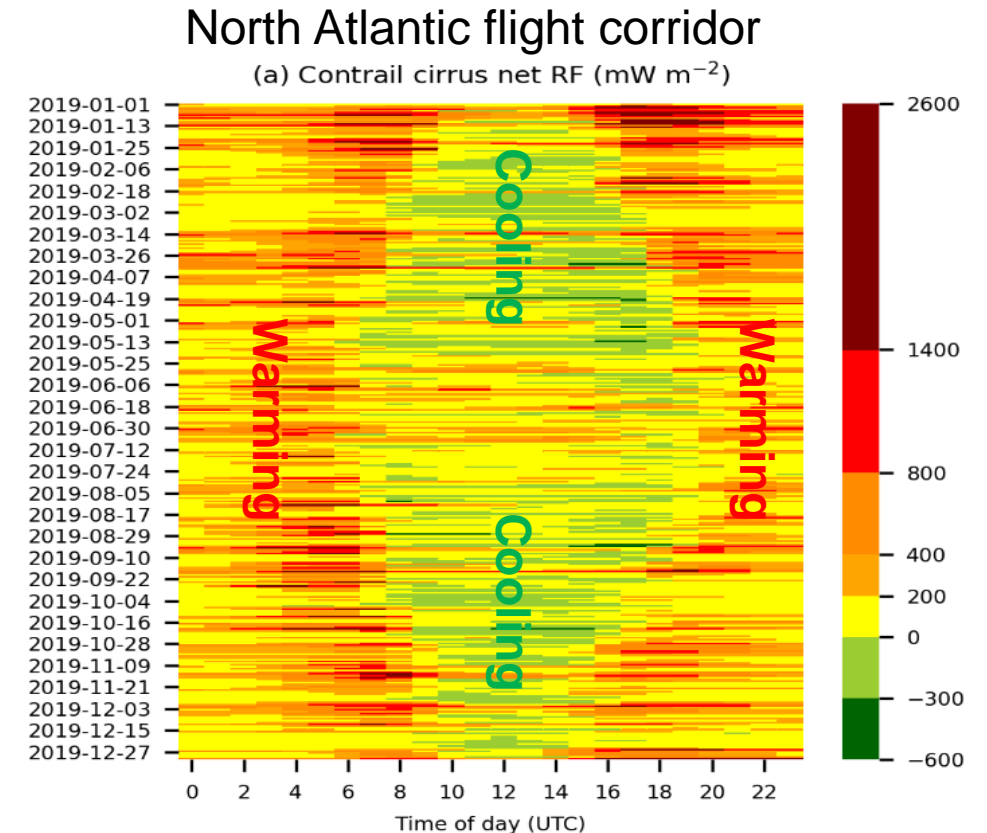
Total energy input into the atmosphere (energy forcing)

Can be applied globally. Shows maximum effects at Northern Mid-Latitudes



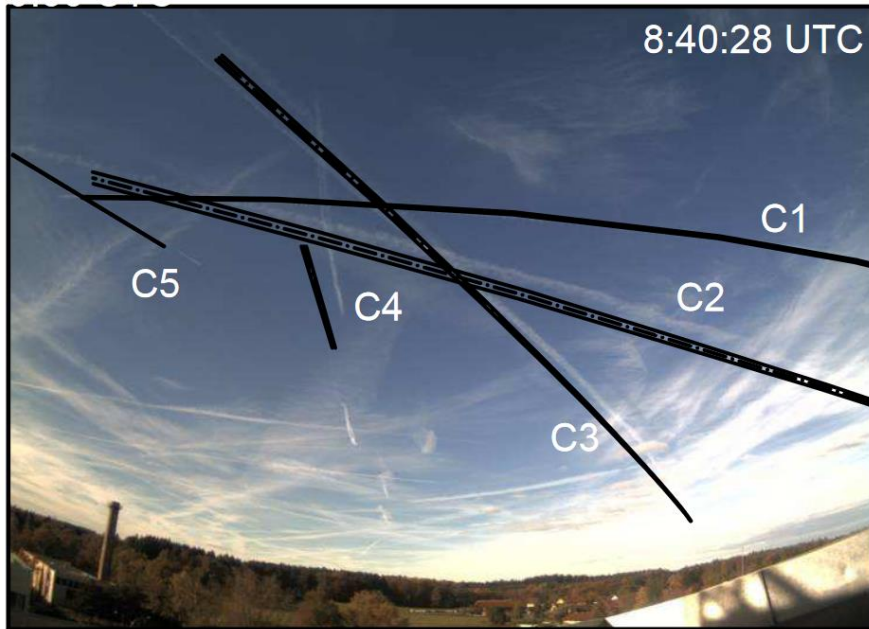
Top: global map of RF -> contrail warming everywhere

Right: versus time of day and year
maximum warming during night and in winter



CoCip has been validated by comparison to many observations

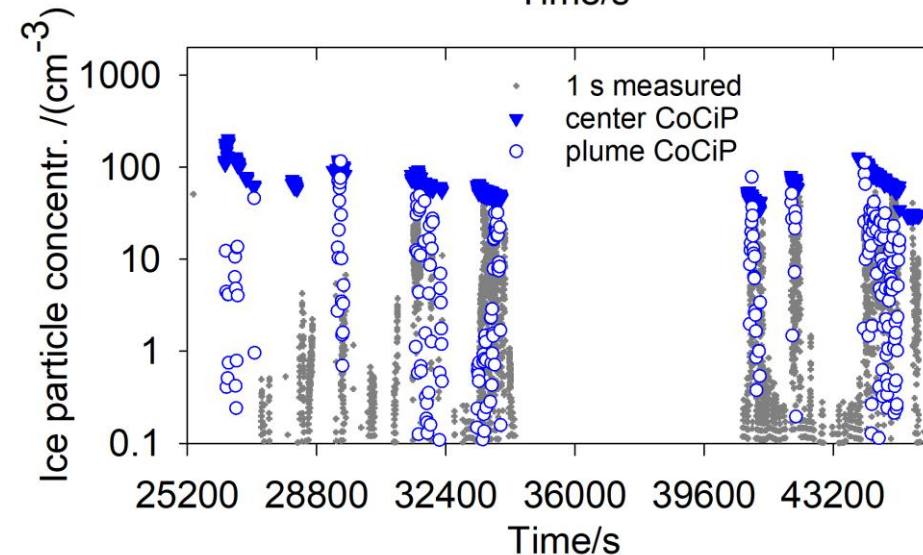
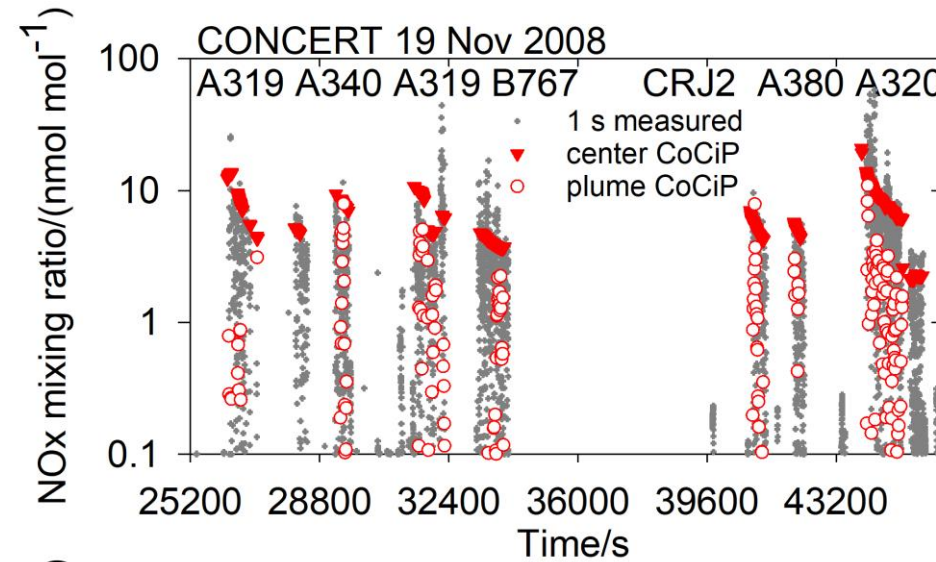
With ground-cameras:



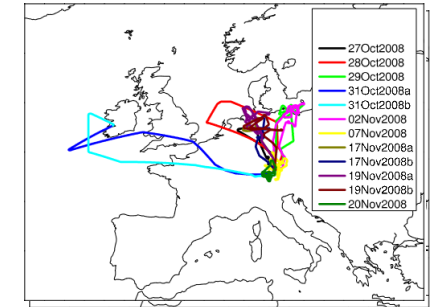
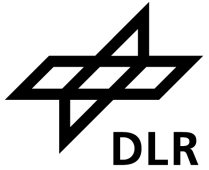
→ general agreement of contrail positions and approximate dynamics

(Schumann, Hempel et al., AMT, 2013)

With DLR Falcon airborne in situ measurements:



→ agreement within the scatter of the in situ data



19 November 2008 (CONCERT)



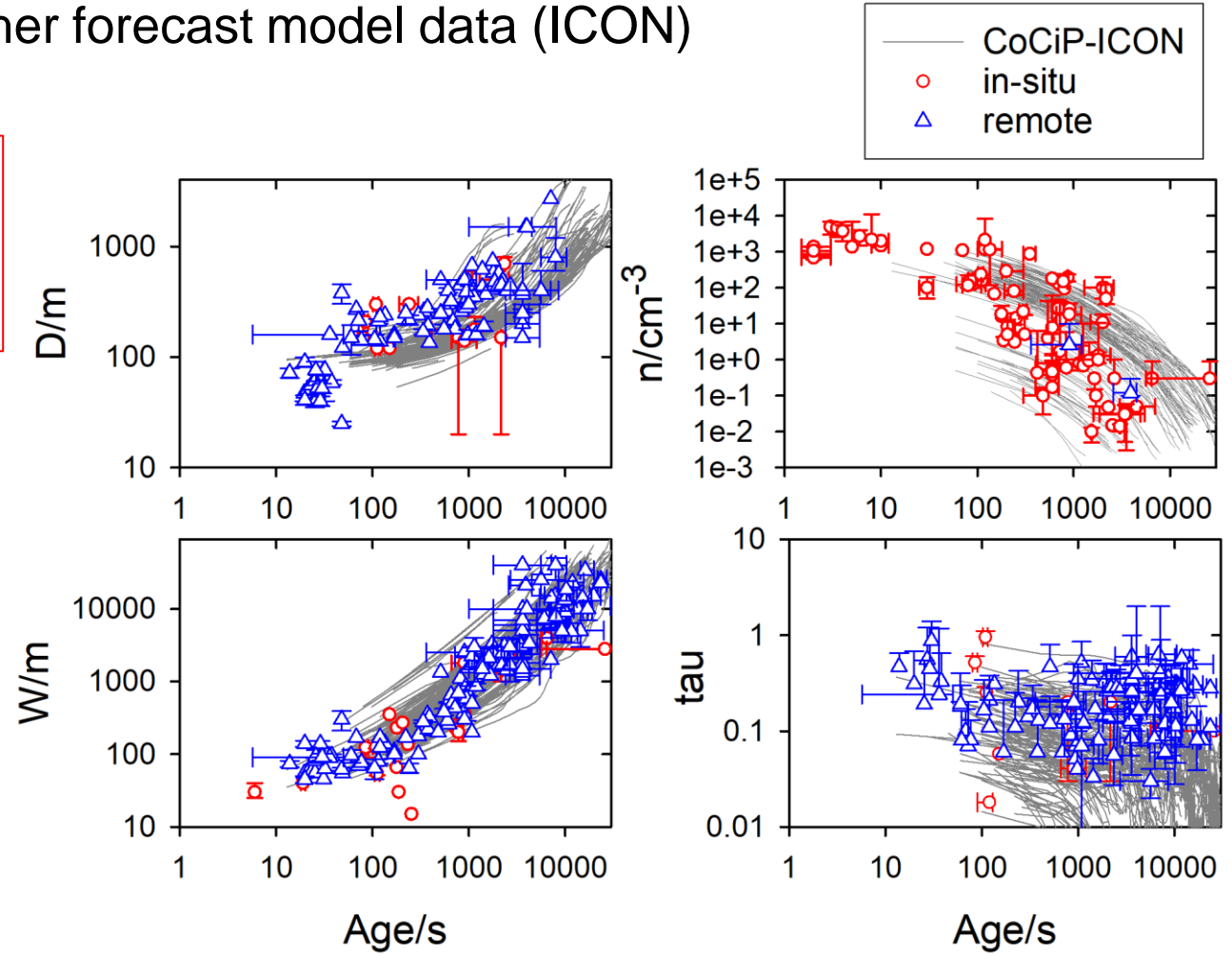
(Voigt et al., 2010; see also: Jeßberger et al., 2013)

Validation of CoCiP-ICON details with measurements

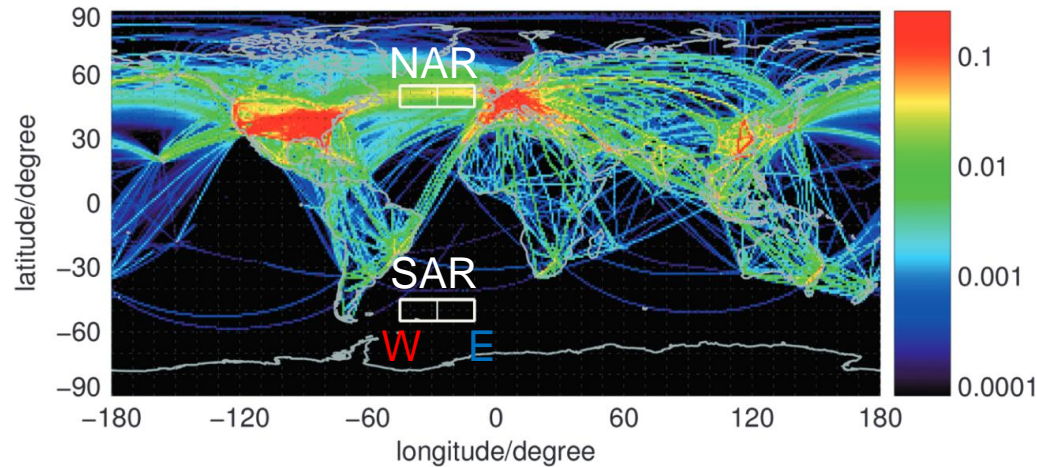


Micro- and macrophysics in CoCiP was validated with **~230 remote sensing (blue)** and **in situ** measurements (red) with climate model data in 2017, and now also with recent DWD Weather forecast model data (ICON)

CoCiP using DWD
ICON weather data
with new 2-moment
ice scheme



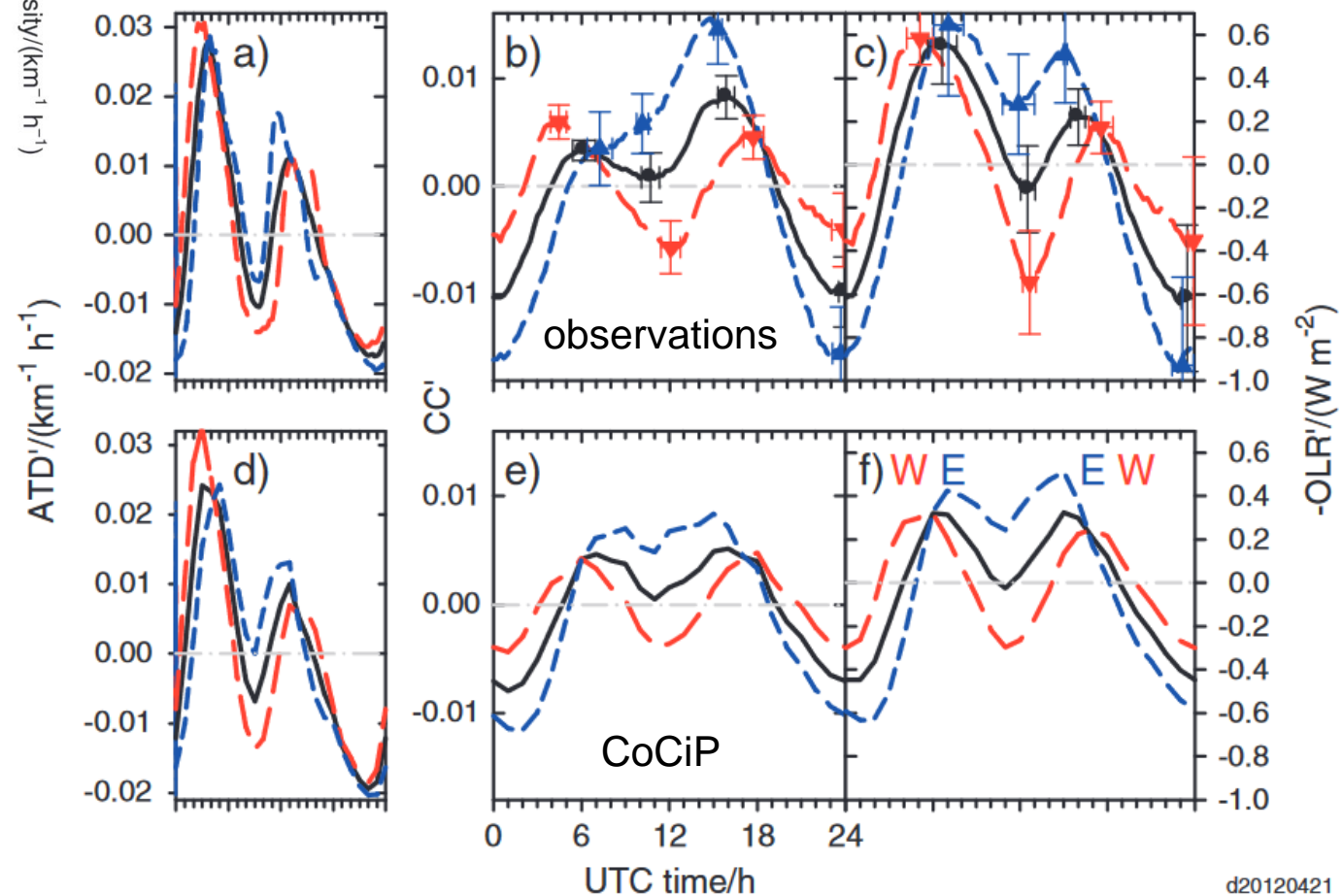
Validation of CoCiP with 8 years of Meteosat Satellite data



Diurnal cycle differences between NAR and SAR in west (W) and east (E) halves for 8 years of MSG/SEVIRI observations

Results:

- Good agreement with respect to aviation-induced double wave and W-E variability (correlation larger than 0.9)
- Maximum OLR underestimated by 35 to 45% (e.g., NAR-W)
- Maximum cirrus cover underestimated by nearly 50% (e.g., NAR-E)



How can aviation reduce its climate impact?



- Lower fuel consumption, soot emissions and NO_x emissions
- In the short term: avoid flying in contrail forming domains; in particular predict and avoid warming contrails
- In the long term: in addition, use alternative fuels with less CO₂ and less soot emissions (“sustainable aviation fuels”, SAF, ultimately hydrogen)

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Hamburg - 25.09.2023

3. NATIONALE LUFTFAHRTKONFERENZ

25. September 2023, Hamburg

mit Bundeskanzler **Olaf Scholz**
Bundesminister **Volker Wissing**
Bundesminister **Robert Habeck**

Arbeitskreis Klimaneutrale Luftfahrt, AKKL

<https://bmdv.bund.de/SharedDocs/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2023/096-wissing-co2-neutrales-fliegen.html>

German Working Group “Arbeitskreis AKKL”



German government with core ministries is highly active in contrail avoidance demonstration.

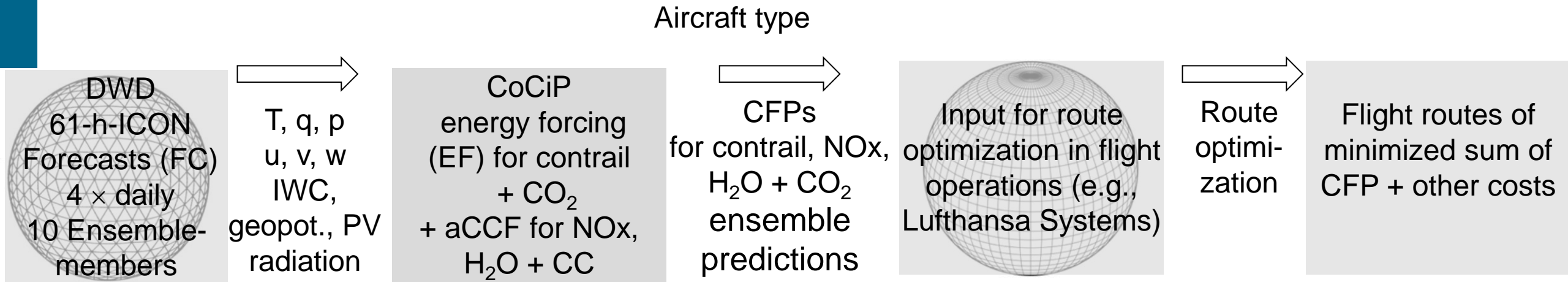
My colleagues will speak about similar programs in Sweden and US.

This is a global problem where we need global cooperation

AKKL: Perform a 100 flight test program for climate optimized flight routing

DWD + DLR provide forecast and evaluate results

Ready to be used: Contrail forcing parameter (CFP) forecasts for global traffic with ICON + CoCiP at German Weather Service (DWD)



Example for now, below:

Forecast for Wednesday, 14 February 2024, 12 UTC
with 6, 12, **18, 24, 36, 42, 48** h forecast times)

mean CFP (EF)

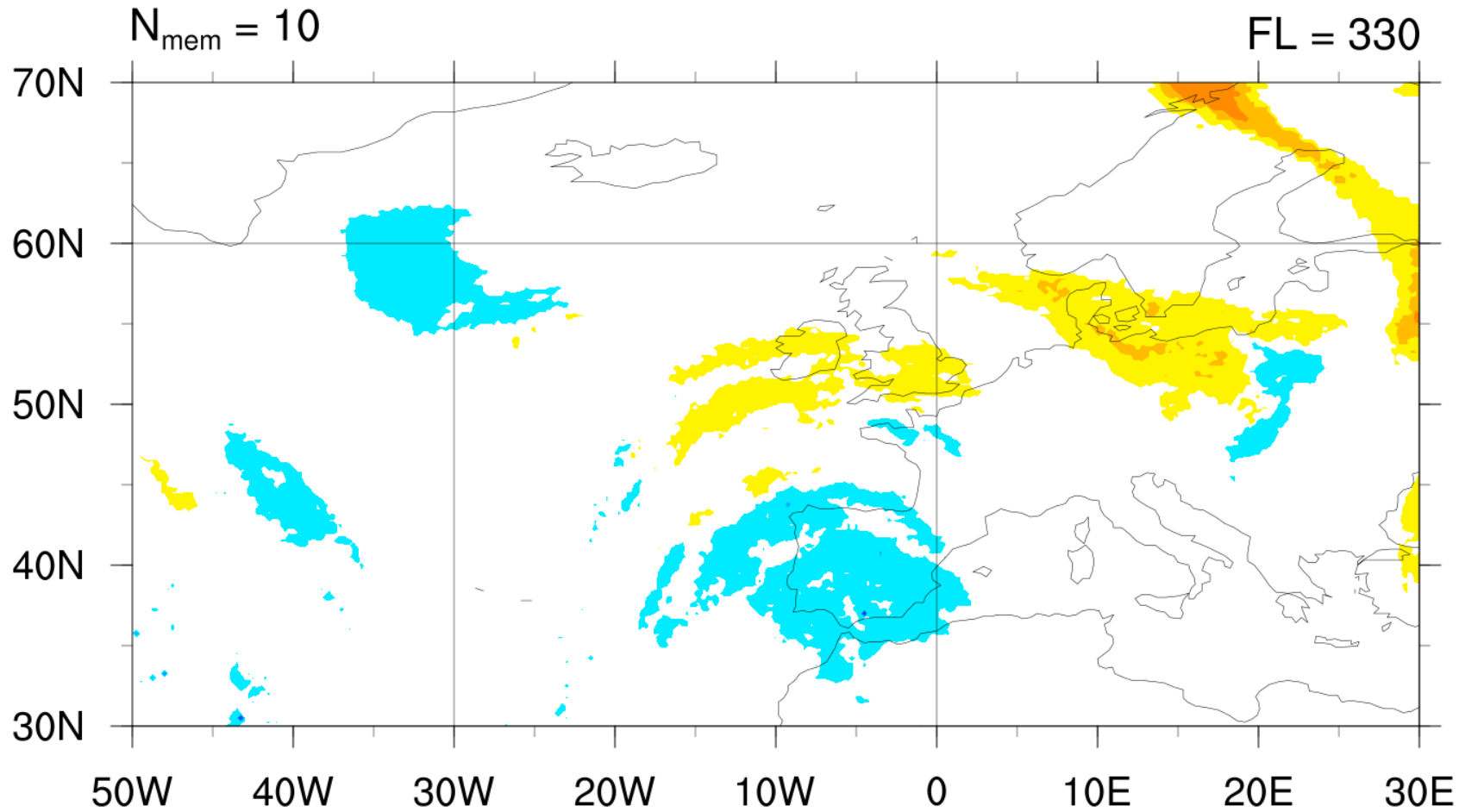
or Probability of $CFP > CFP^*$

from 10 ICON Ensembles

now, 12 UTC
14 Febr 2014

+18 h

ICON (gscp3) CoCiP, 20240213, 18 UTC + 18 h



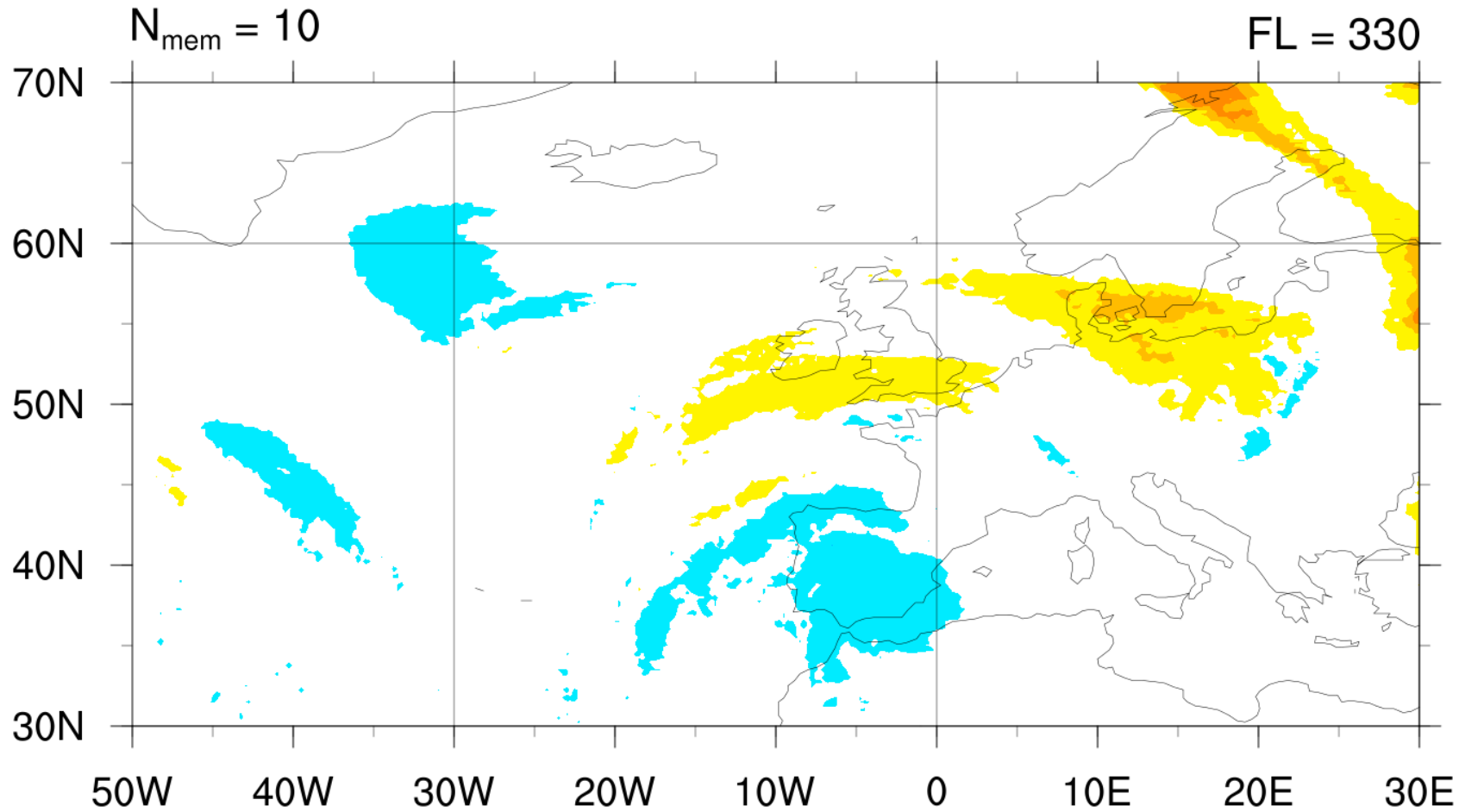
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Mean EF over all EPS members in pK/kg

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+24 h

ICON (gscp3) CoCiP, 20240213, 12 UTC + 24 h



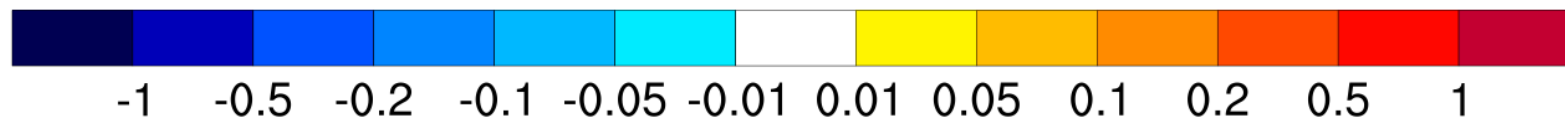
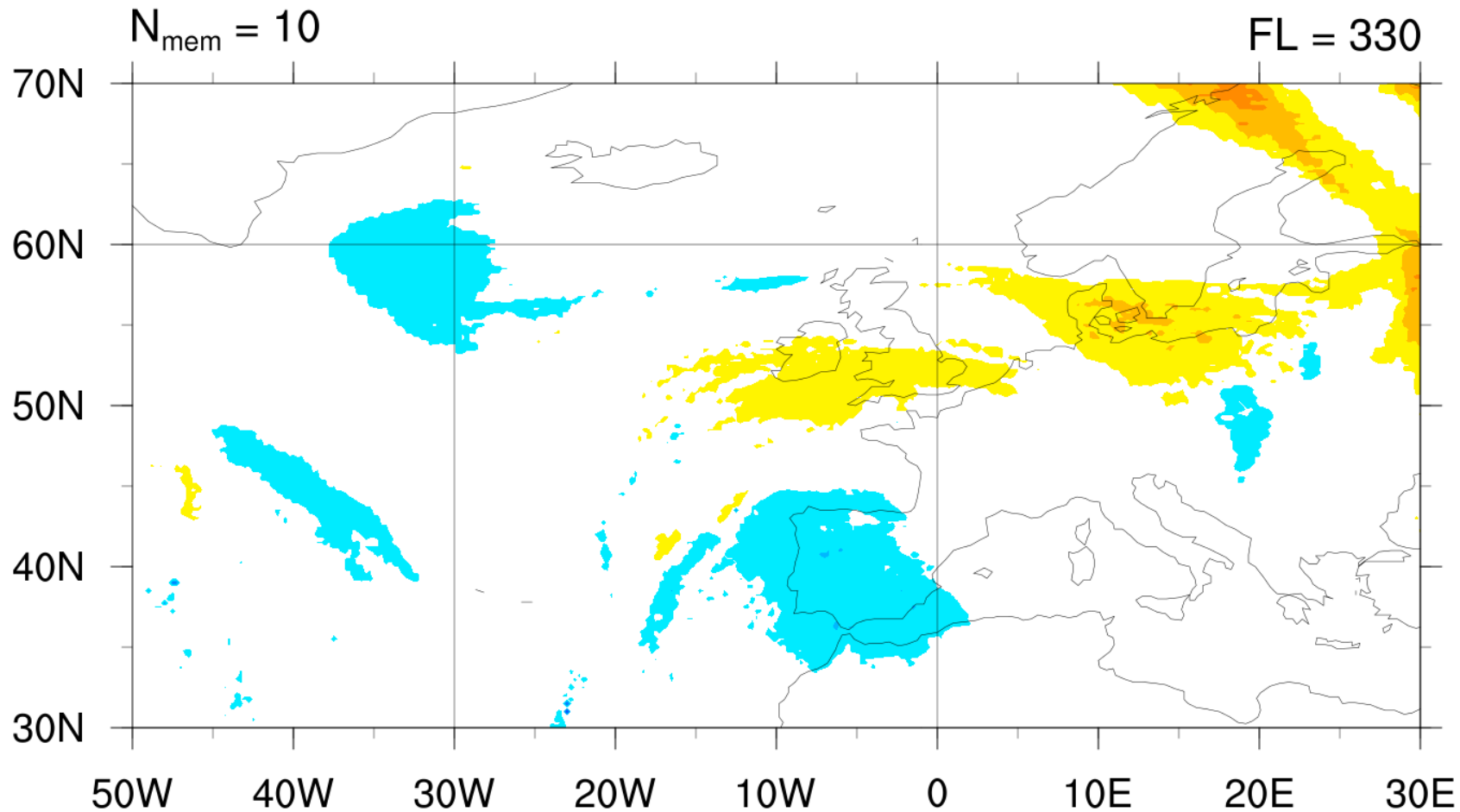
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Mean EF over all EPS members in pK/kg

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+30 h

ICON (gscp3) CoCiP, 20240213, 06 UTC + 30 h

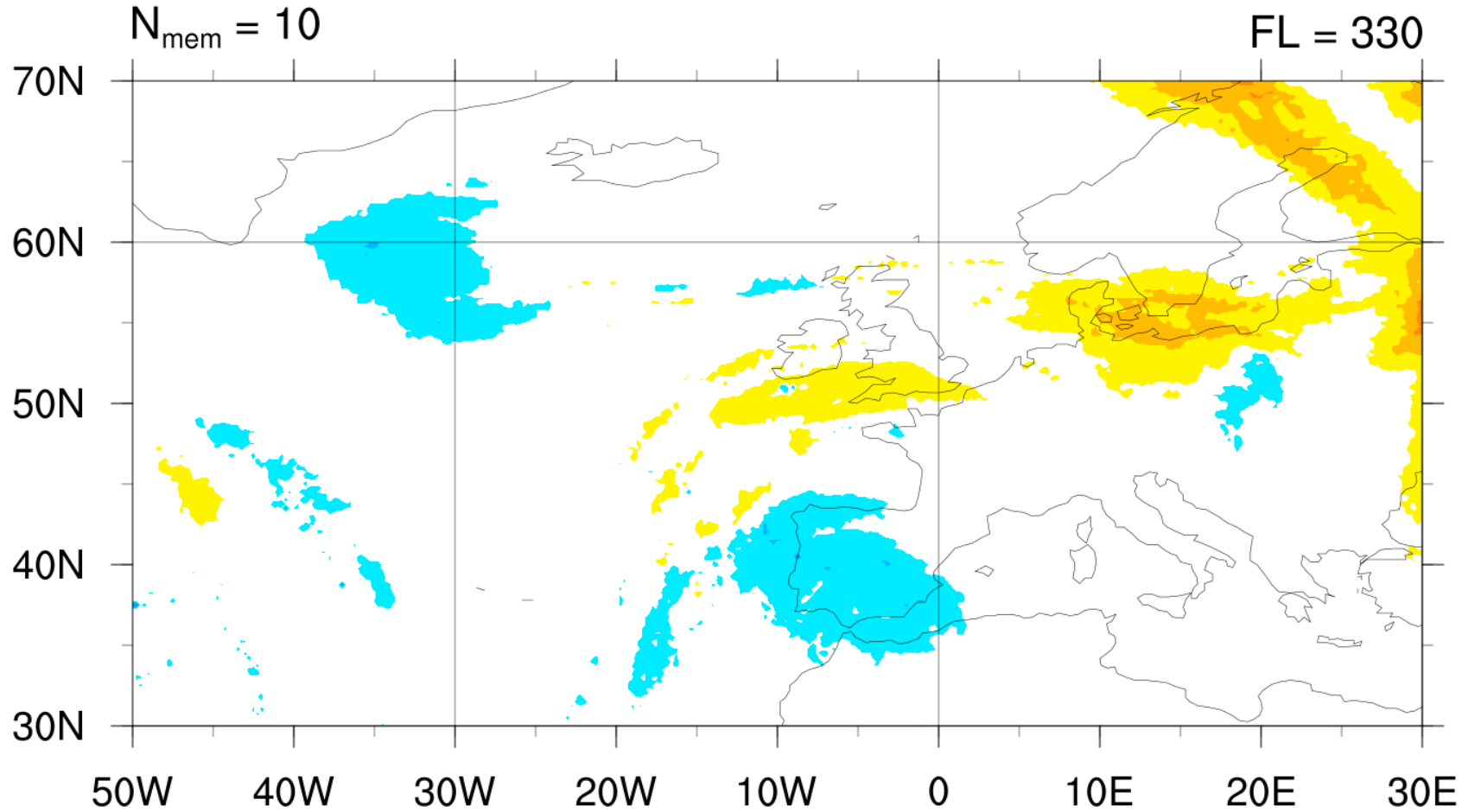


Mean EF over all EPS members in pK/kg

now, 12 UTC
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+36 h

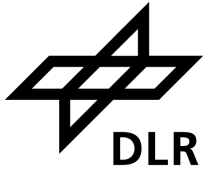
ICON (gscp3) CoCiP, 20240213, 00 UTC + 36 h



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Mean EF over all EPS members in pK/kg

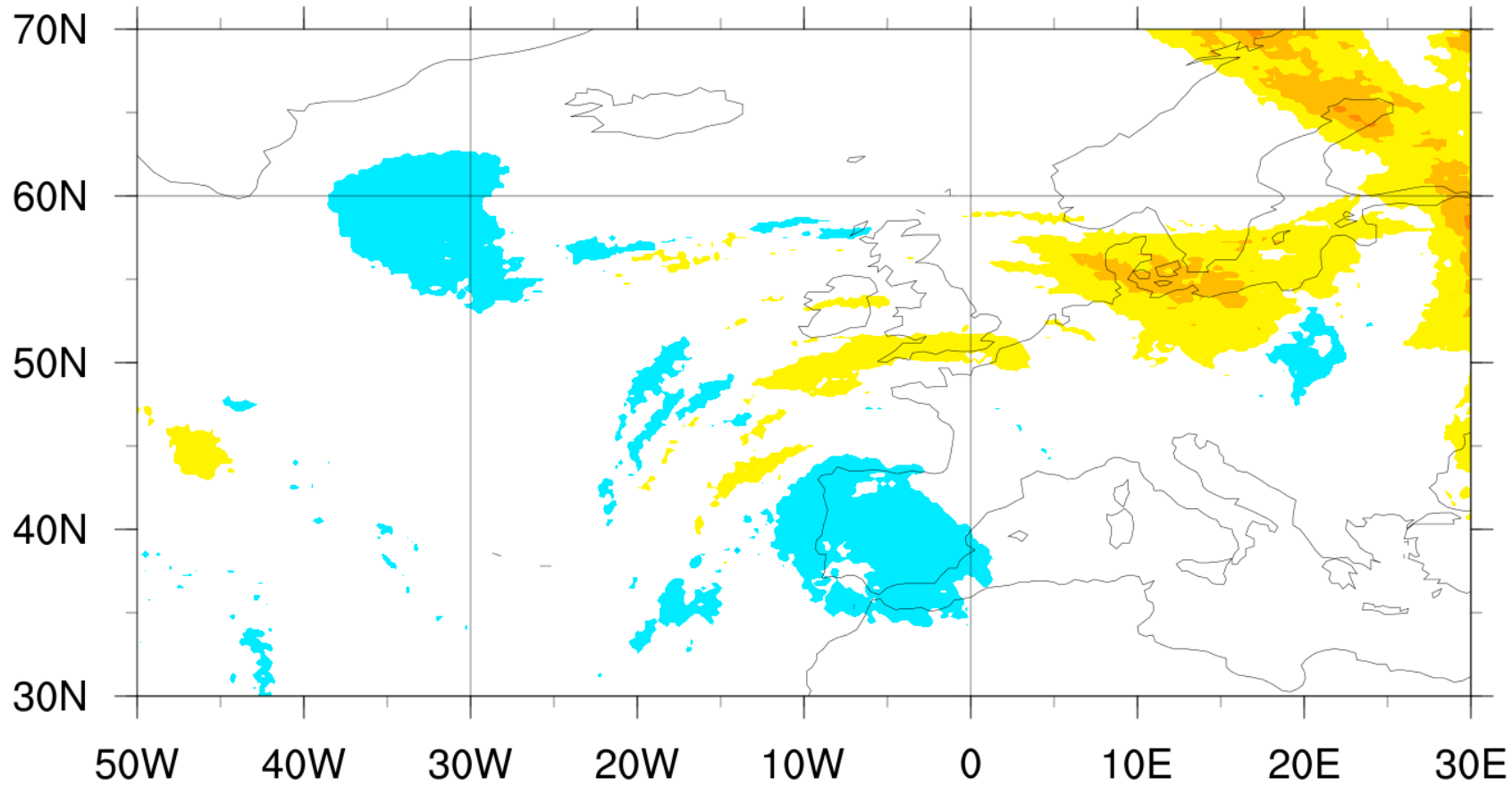
ICON (gscp3) CoCiP, 20240212, 18 UTC + 42 h



$N_{\text{mem}} = 10$

FL = 330

+42 h

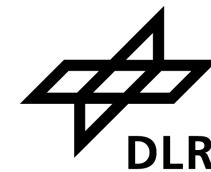


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Mean EF over all EPS members in pK/kg

now, 12 UTC
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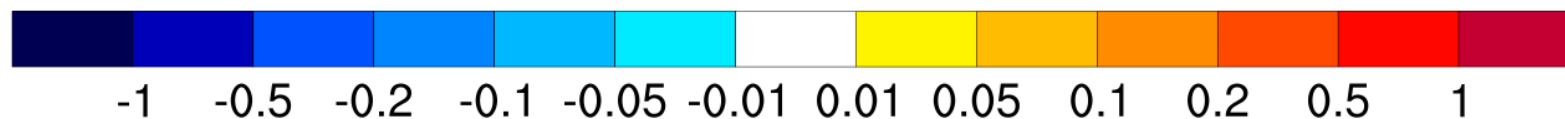
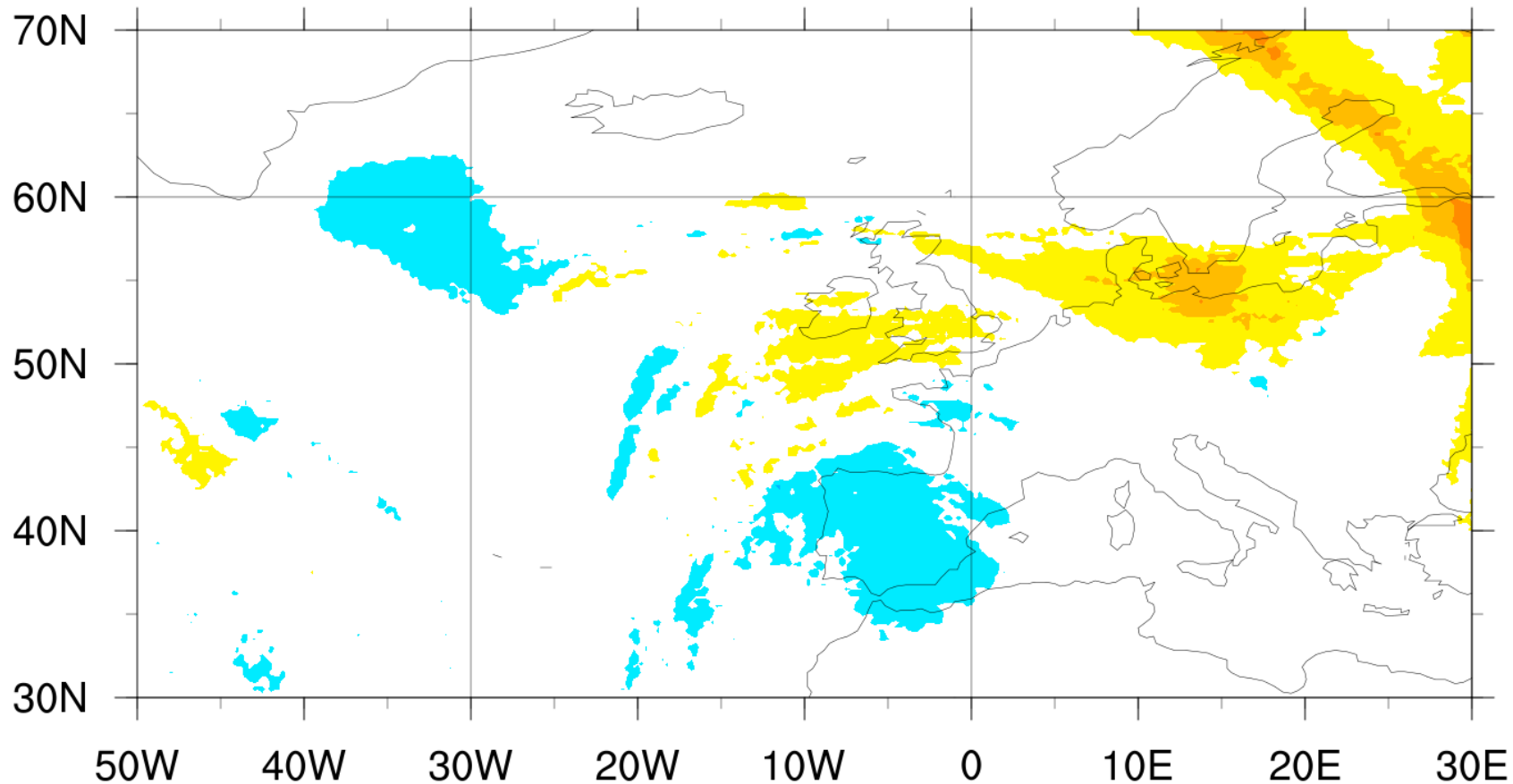
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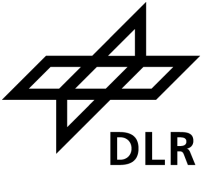
FL = 330

+48 h



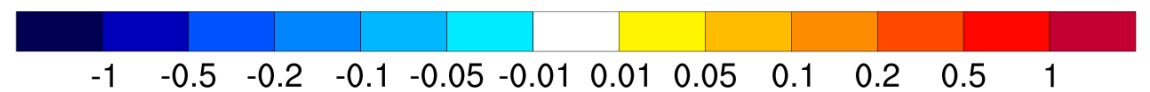
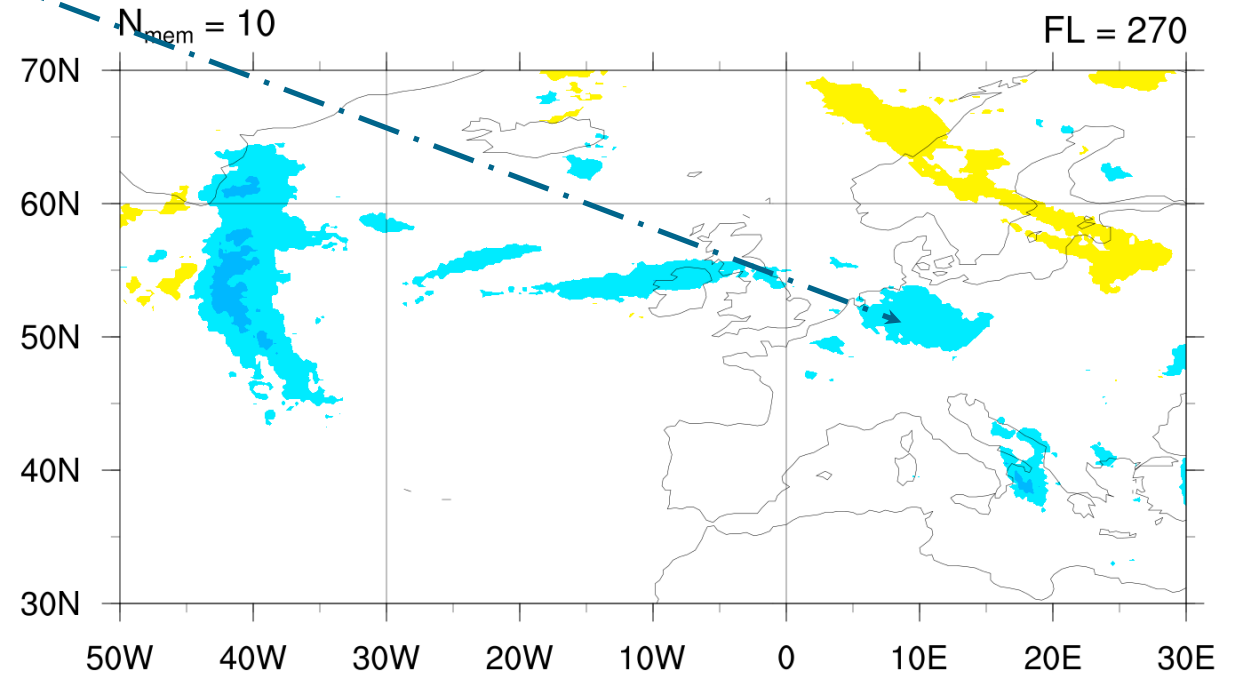
Mean EF over all EPS members in pK/kg

Yesterday (12 UTC 13 February) Cooling contrails predicted by CoCiP-ICON and observed



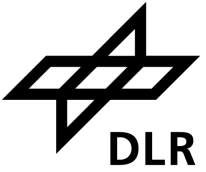
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on flight
Düsseldorf to Stockholm
10 min after departure
at FL 210(?)

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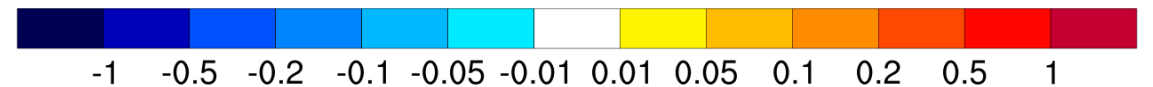
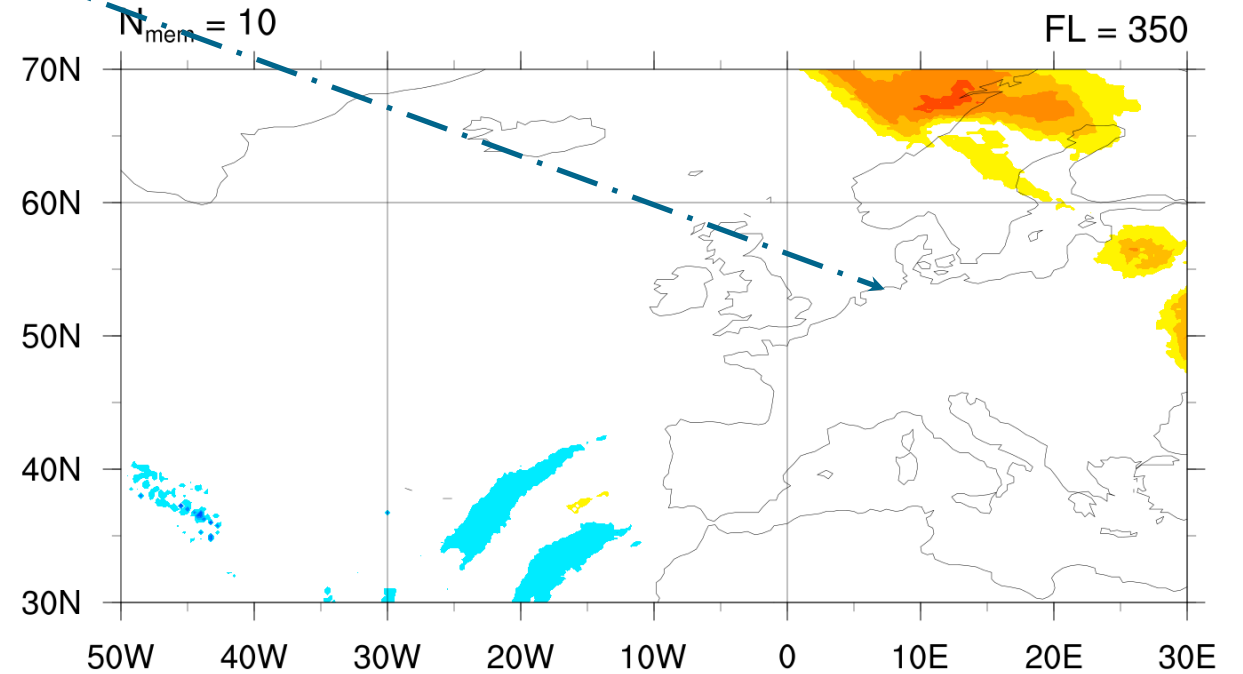


Mean EF over all EPS members in pK/kg

Yesterday (12 UTC 13 February) Zero contrails predicted by CoCiP-ICON and observed



ICON (gscp3) CoCiP, 20240213, 06 UTC + 6 h



Mean EF over all EPS members in pK/kg

12:20 UTC 12 February 2024
photo by Hartwig Hagen
on flight
Düsseldorf to Stockholm
at FL 350(?)

Conclusions & Outlook



- The aviation climate impact comes from CO₂ and non-CO₂ effects. Both are rising while reduction of forcing is urgent
- Contrail Formation and its Radiative Forcing: well understood and predictable
- Contrails have an immediate and rather larger climate impact, at least regionally and during night
- Contrail climate impact can be predicted by CoCiP and routes can be adapted to minimize the total climate impact
- Only a small fraction of traffic needs to be changed to reduce the climate impact significantly
- Many details of this modeling have been validated against remote sensing, in situ measurements, and other models
- Still uncertainties exist: e.g., precise humidity prediction, warming at the Earth surface relative to upper troposphere, soot re-activation, indirect cloud changes, other climate impact than global mean surface temperature change
- Alternative fuels (SAF) may reduce CO₂ emissions (if produced properly), cause less soot emissions, and hence may reduce not only CO₂ but also contrail climate forcing. Presently, SAF is not yet available sufficiently
- The contrail model (CoCiP) is run quasi operationally for 48 h forecasts, 4 times daily, with 10 ensemble members, using improved ICON model, with 2-moment ice scheme and 13 km resolution at German Weather Service (DWD)
- Persisting uncertainties do not exclude climate impact reduction by route changes, but call for tests and more research

Route optimization – Scandinavian perspective

Jana Moldanová, IVL
with input from Michael Priestley, Jens
Wilhelmsson (IVL), Joakim Langner (SMHI),
Ulrika Ziverts (Novair) and others



IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute

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The presentation is based on results of several projects financed by the Swedish Transport Administration, Swedish Transport Agency and the Energy Authority:

- **Optimisation of flight routes for reduced climate impact (OP-FLYKLIM)**
- **Playing field for bio-jet fuels – High altitude-effects, carbon, climate-efficiency**
- **Emissions from biojet fuel – impacts on environment and climate**

Project partners: SMHI, FOI, Novair, Swedavia, LFV



Is there a potential for flights in Swedish controlled airspace to form persistent contrails?

Frequency of ice-supersaturated layers (ISSL) over Sweden based on data from radiosonds 2006-2010 (Björklund, 2011)

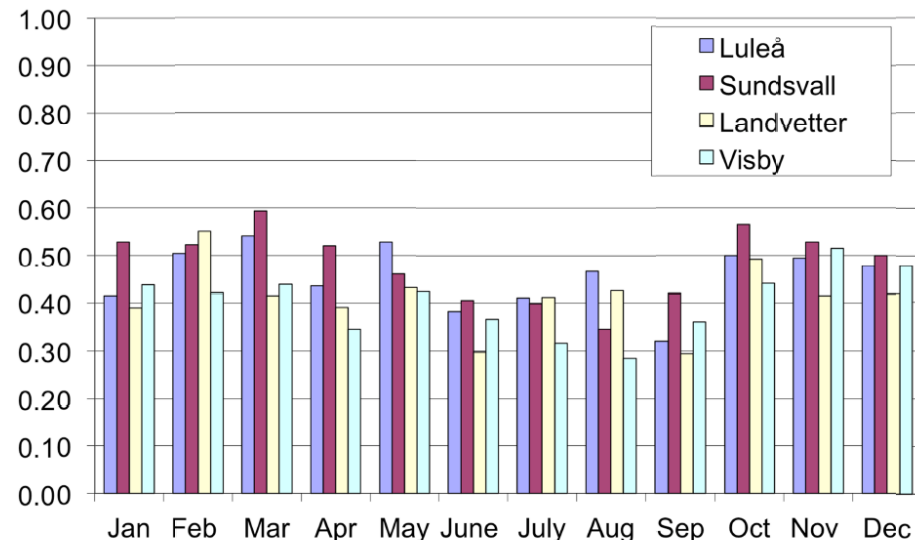


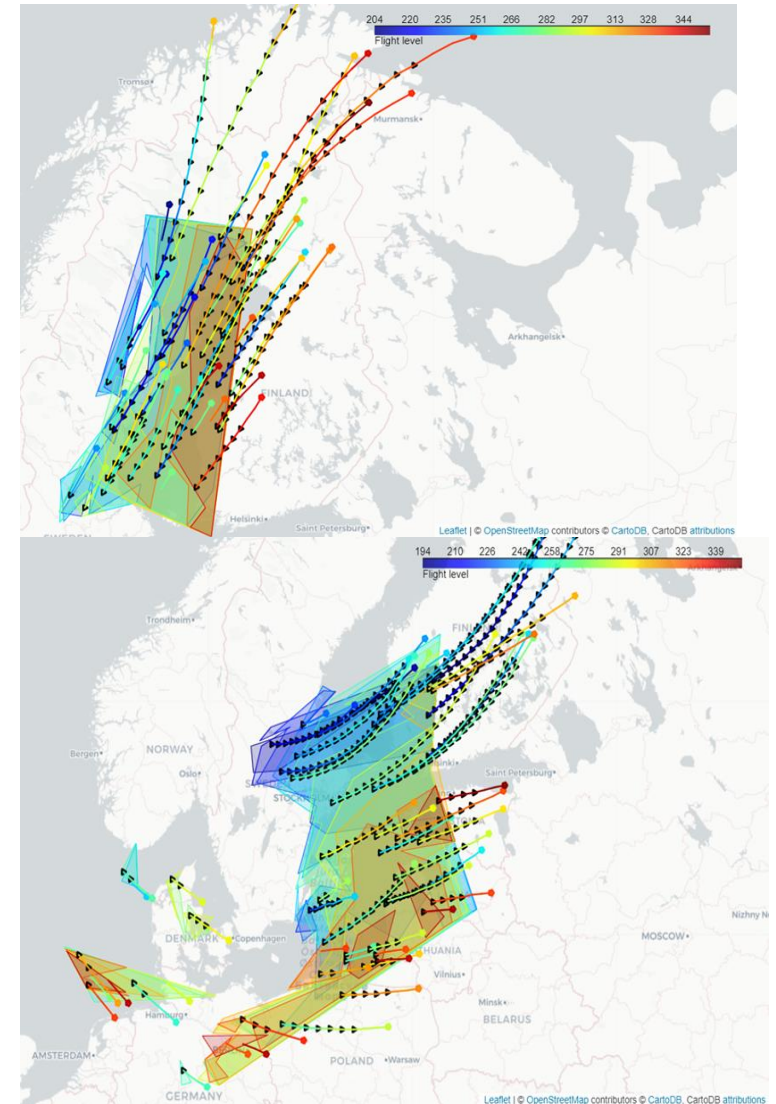
Figure 3 Frequency of occurrence of ISSL 2006-2010 00z soundings for various months

- Available observations and model data for ISSL over Europe and the surrounding area are consistent and indicate a frequency of ice supersaturated layers of about 50% over Scandinavia
- When the simultaneous presence of clouds is taken into account, the frequency decreases to about 40%

Practical test of route optimization for avoidance of climate impact from contrails

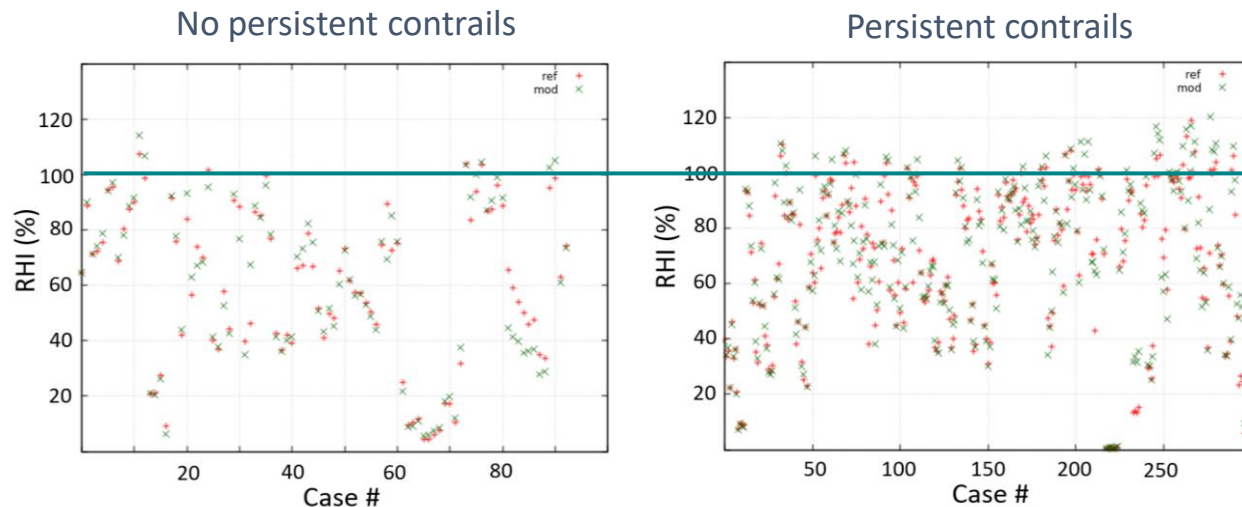
Development of methodology for calculating the climate impact from contrails

- Areas in the airspace that are ice-supersaturated (ISSL) are identified based on meteorological forecast data of the Scandinavian met-offices (Harmonie-Arome meteorology)
- The energy forcing of any contrails (radiative forcing during its lifetime) that would form there is calculated with methodology of the CoCiP model
- The identified ISSL polygons are classified according to their energy forcing potential
- Total energy forcing of contrails formed during a flight is calculated from the route plan of the flight and energy forcing in ice supersaturated areas through which the route passes



Are the predictions of ISSL based on meteorological model correct?

- Ground-based observations test of contrails performed by SMHI observers during the pandemic (low flight frequency) – 267 observations of contrails/no contrails during the period May-August 2020
- The forecast of RHI is higher when persistent contrails are observed, average 73-75% compared to 52% when no persistent contrails
- The fraction of cases with forecast RHI above 100% is quite low, 8-18%, for observations of persistent contrails



+ + Forecasts of ice supersaturation (RHI) calculated with AROME forecast model for observations

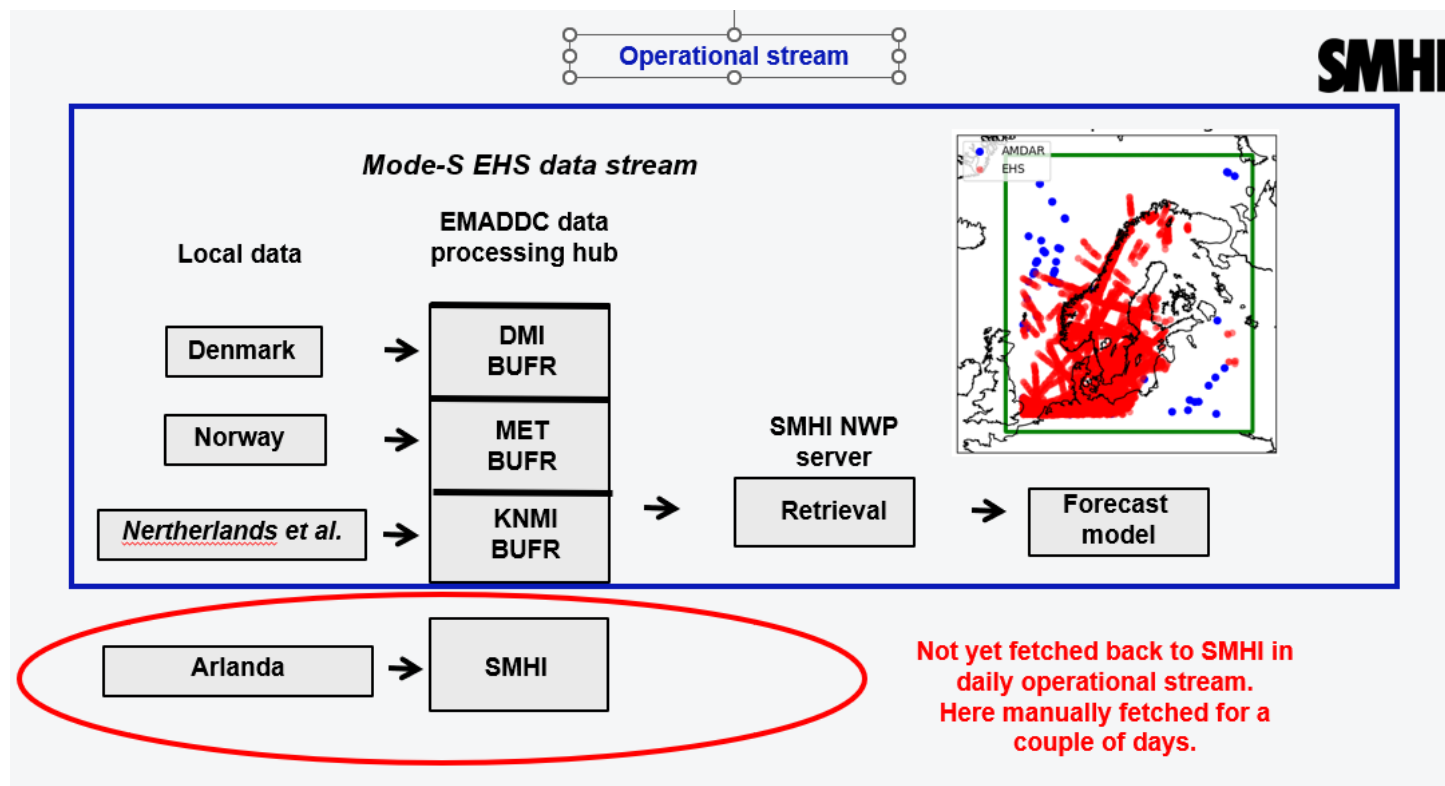
RHI (%)	No contrail cases (%)	Contrail cases (%)
>100	3	18
>90	14	38
>80	28	54
>70	38	65
Mean RHI (%)	52	75
Total # cases	143	370

Statistics of forecast ice supersaturation, RHI, with the AROME forecast model

Quality of meteorological forecast essential for route planning and climate optimization

Data from air traffic control systems can be used to improve the meteorological forecast

Data sent by the aircraft include information about winds and temperature



The route planning

- Optimization of route plan for lowest cost – combination of fuel consumption, time cost and overflight charges
- Based on actual meteorological situation/forecast, calculating the aircraft weight, fuel consumption during the trip and costs

NOVAIR COMPUTER FLIGHT PLAN

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 08APR20 F/O:

AVG WC : +9 TEMP TOC: -63 MET: 080006 080009 ACT SOB: _____

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 COST INDEX : CI000

DEP : ESSA ARN ELEV ft STD : 06:00 STA : 07:16
 DEST : ESNQ KRN 1509 CTOT :
 ALT 1 : ENDU BDU 253

EN-ROUTE ALT :
 TAKE-OFF ALT : ON BLOCK: _____ LAND : _____

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 +/-10 NM ROUTE CHANGE +/- 60 KG
 +/-50 NM ROUTE CHANGE +/- 300 KG

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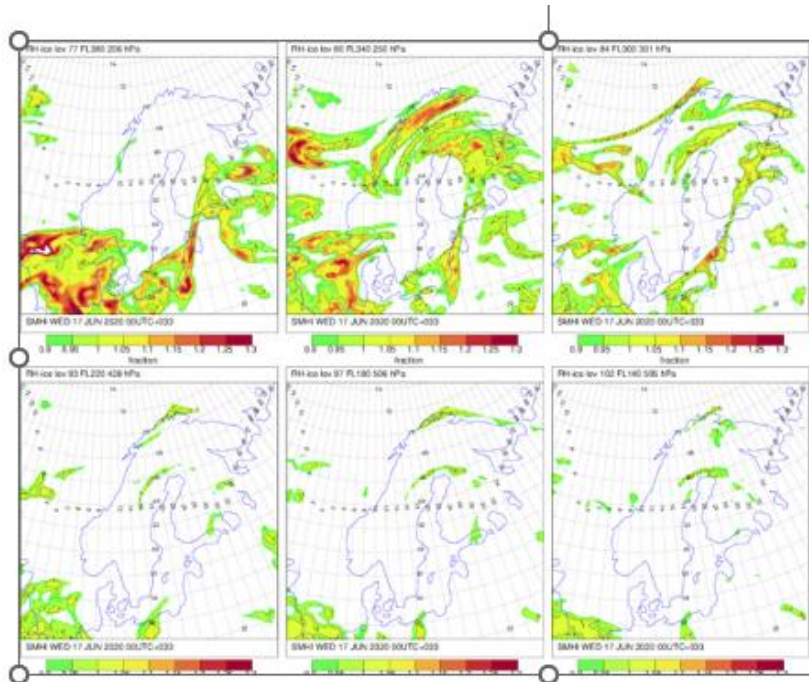
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Contrail avoidance test spring 2020 using route planning system of Novair

1st test of manual optimization of hypothetical 2 daily flights Arlanda - Kiruna avoidance of all ISSL with potential to form persistent contrails on route. Tested aircraft was Airbus A321neo

On 42 out of 60 tested occasions (60%) regions with potential to form persistent contrails were forecast along the route. Vertical, horizontal or a combination of both deviations suggested to avoid the regions. The average increase in fuel consumption was 6.5%.



Forecast of relative humidity with respect to ice (fraction) over northern Europe for different flight/pressure levels used for route optimization.

Ice deviation route for Arlanda – Kiruna
2020-06-18 08:00 UTC

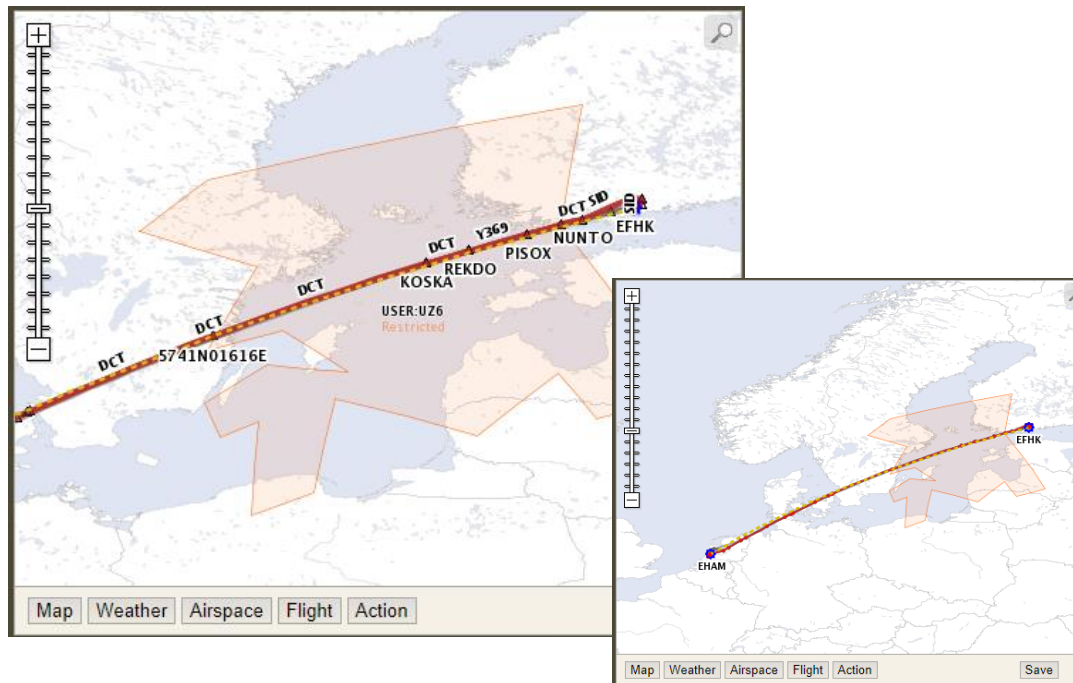
- RESNA -
- OSK –
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Example of ice deviation route for ARN-KRN (left). The waypoints RESNA (south) and VAGAS (north) are the first and last waypoints after leaving ARN and approaching KRN respectively. In between lies four waypoints for the nominal route (right)

Contrail avoidance test spring 2022 – calculation of energy forcing

- 2nd test of optimization of hypothetical daily flights Arlanda - Kiruna and Helsinki – Amsterdam. Optimization is based on avoidance of areas that fulfil Schmidt-Appleman criterion, are supersaturated with respect to ice, and energy forcing of the potential contrail is positive.
- The route planning tool used for optimisation, the ISSL regions with positive forcing defined as restricted
- Energy forcing of the flight routes calculated

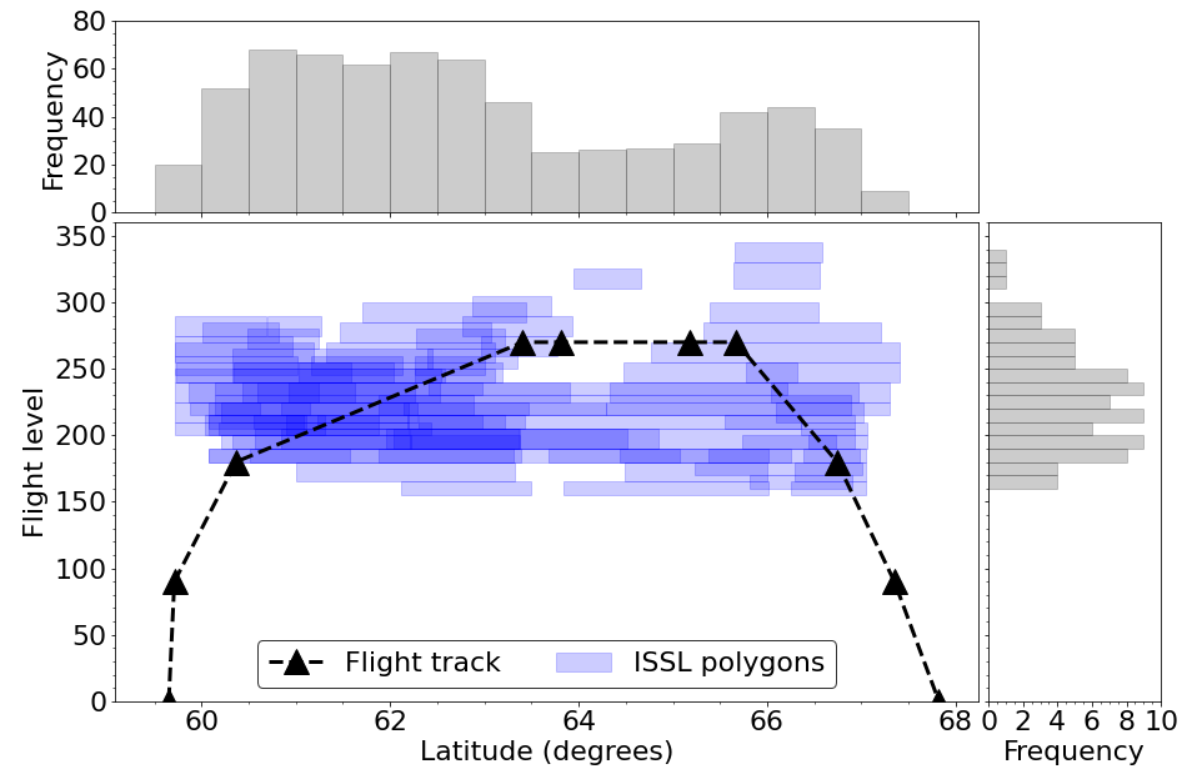


	Flight distance (km)	Cruising FL (100 feet)	Fuel consumed (kg)	Additional fuel	
				(kg)	(%)
Nominal route HEL-AMS	879	360	5 186		
FL 340	879	340	5 212	26	0.5%
FL 320	879	320	5 232	46	0.9%
FL 300	879	300	5 261	75	1.4%
FL 280	879	280	5 322	136	2.6%
FL 260	879	260	5 409	223	4.3%

Energy forcing of flights February, Mars, April 2022

- Calculation based on Harmoni-Arome forecast data using Novair's route planning system without optimization for winds
- Energy forcing of persistent contrails is calculated for each flight during the period

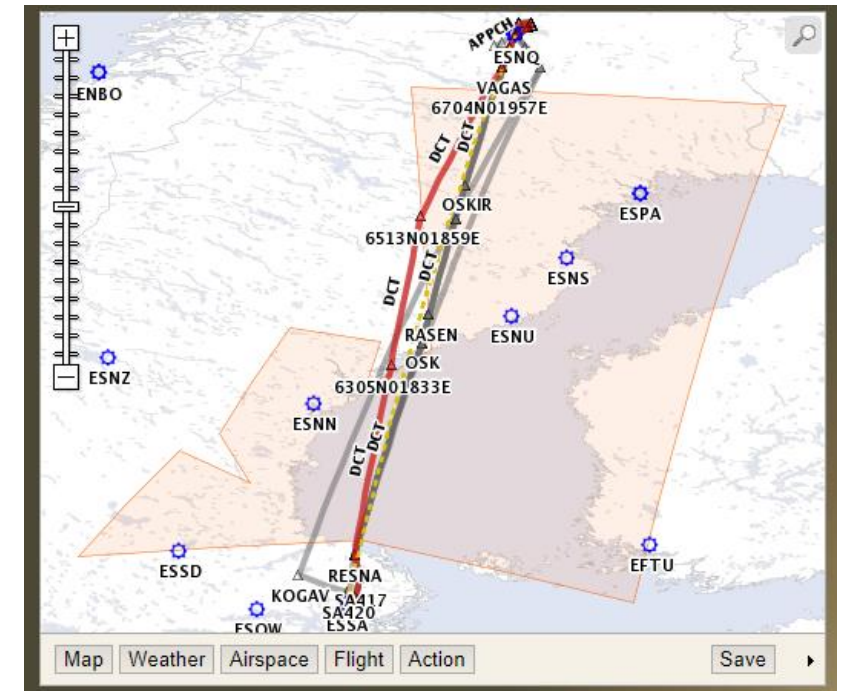
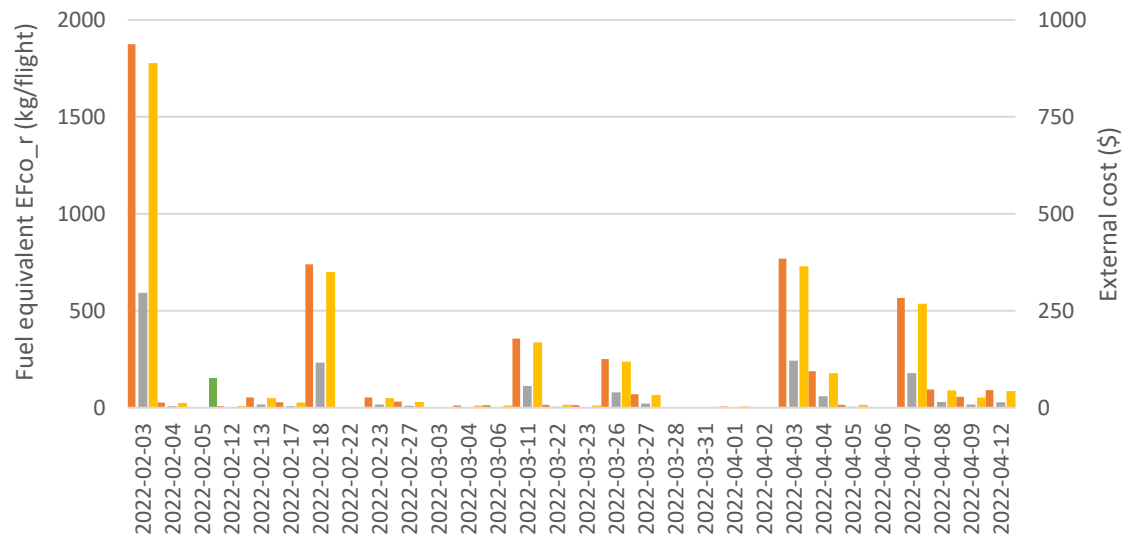
Flight track for the ARN-KRN route (black triangles are waypoints) including representations of all ISSL polygons (n=741) from the months February, March, and April 2022.



Energy forcing (EF) of flights February, Mars, April 2022

- EF calculated for nominal routes for all flights between Arlanda and Kiruna and Helsinki - Amsterdam (accumulated over lengths of intercepts of the route with the ISSL polygons)
- Expressed as equivalent fuel-CO₂ EF on 20-year time horizon (GWP₂₀) and external cost of CO₂-equivalent (we used a unit cost of CO₂-equivalent emission of 50-150 \$/t CO₂ (TWG US Government 2021))

EF of flights Arlanda – Kiruna, fuel consumed on nominal route 3140 kg



Conclusions and future outlook

- Over Scandinavia, ISSLs are quite frequent, potential for climate forcing from persistent contrails exists.
- Forecast models tend to underestimate ice supersaturation. Data from air traffic control systems (data sent from the aircrafts) can be utilized to improve the meteorological forecasts used in the route planning
- Methodology for operational route optimization for reduced climate impact has been tested with the route planning tool by Novair. To be able to use the tool's optimization function directly, one would need to include ISSL areas with a certain climate or monetary cost into the route planning tool. This would be possible in cooperation with providers of route planning tools and/or with air traffic control services (LFV).
- Incentive for the aviation companies to optimize the routes for minimal climate impact can be:
 - Including the EF from contrails into future ETS, or
 - Setting price on flying through the ISSL regions proportional to their EF by the traffic control services



Thank you for your attention!



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Contrail Avoidance in Practice

Implementation & Trials

February 14, 2024

Breakthrough Energy

Accelerating climate progress across:

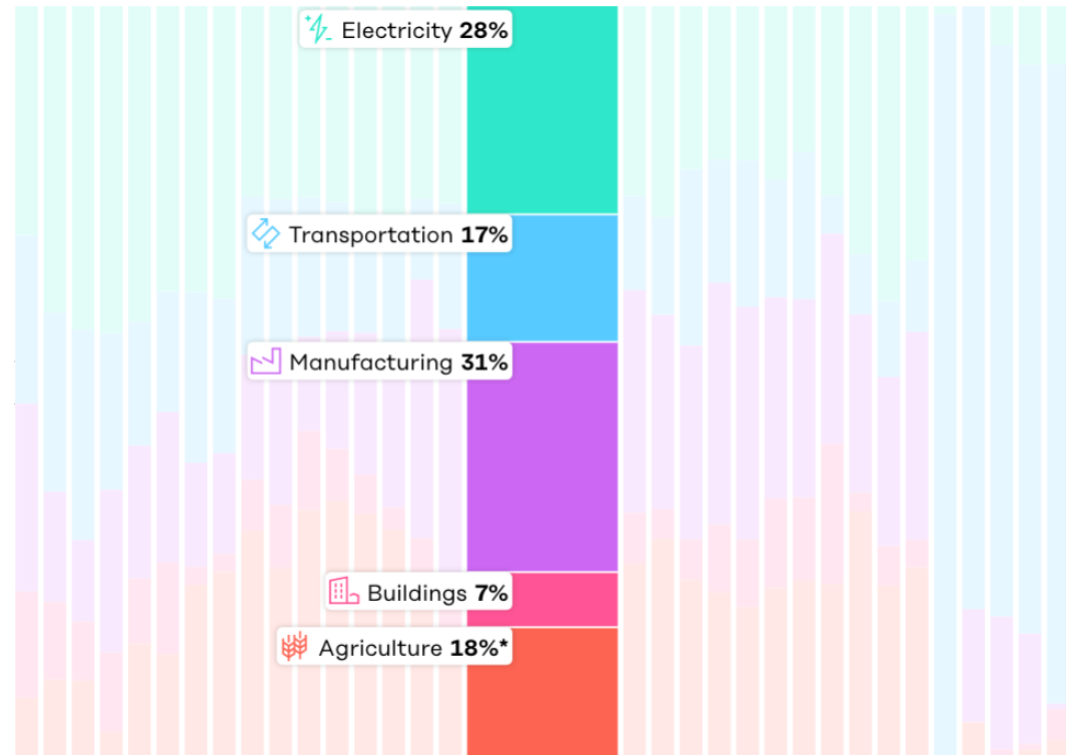
- **Technology.** Climate technologies our world will need to meaningfully reduce emissions.
- **Markets.** Bring together public and private sectors to accelerate market formation, spur further innovation, and reduce Green Premiums.
- **Policy.** Advocate public policies that will give new technologies a chance in the marketplace, incentivize investment, and drive down clean technology costs.



BE Contrails established in 2021 to support contrail research and transition

Emissions

Global ▾



Overview

Navigational contrail avoidance

Integration into flight planning and management

Implementation in flight planning and airline trials

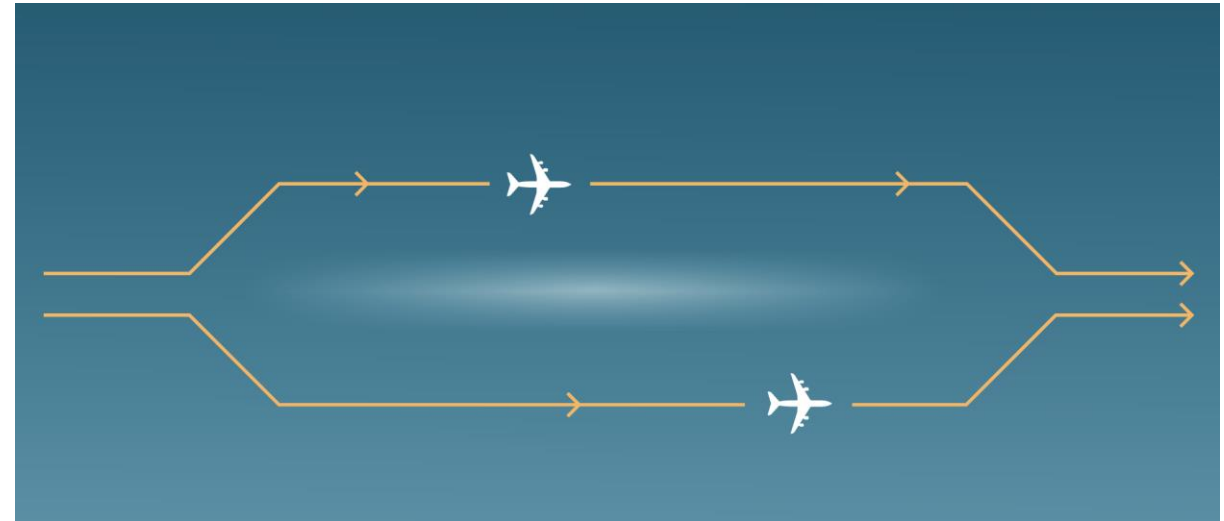
Real-world applications for trial and evaluation

Navigational contrail avoidance

Re-routing to avoid contrail forming regions at key times

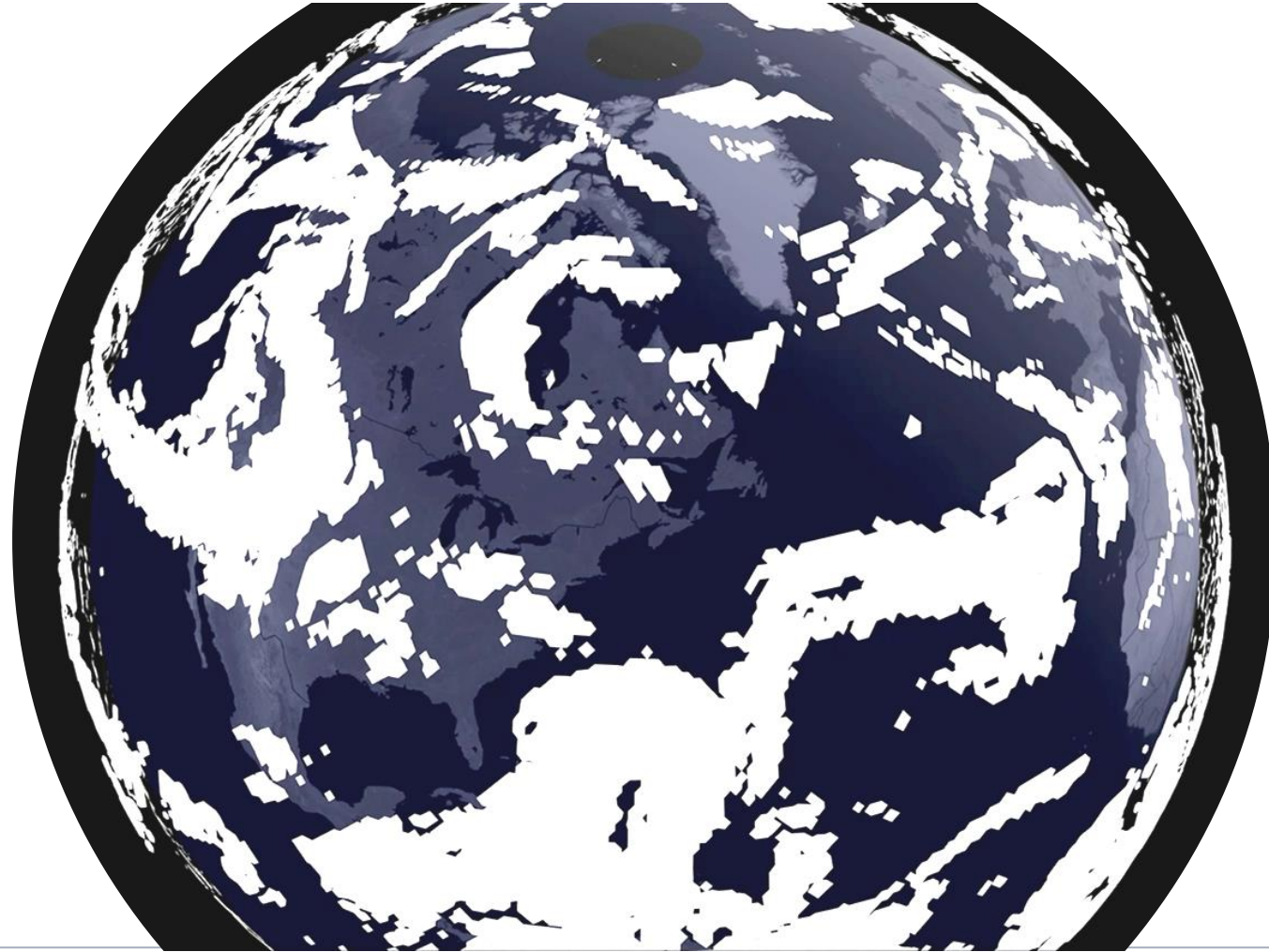
High level approach

1. Understand where contrail-cirrus will likely form
2. Characterize their expected climate effects
3. Integrate into flight planning and execution



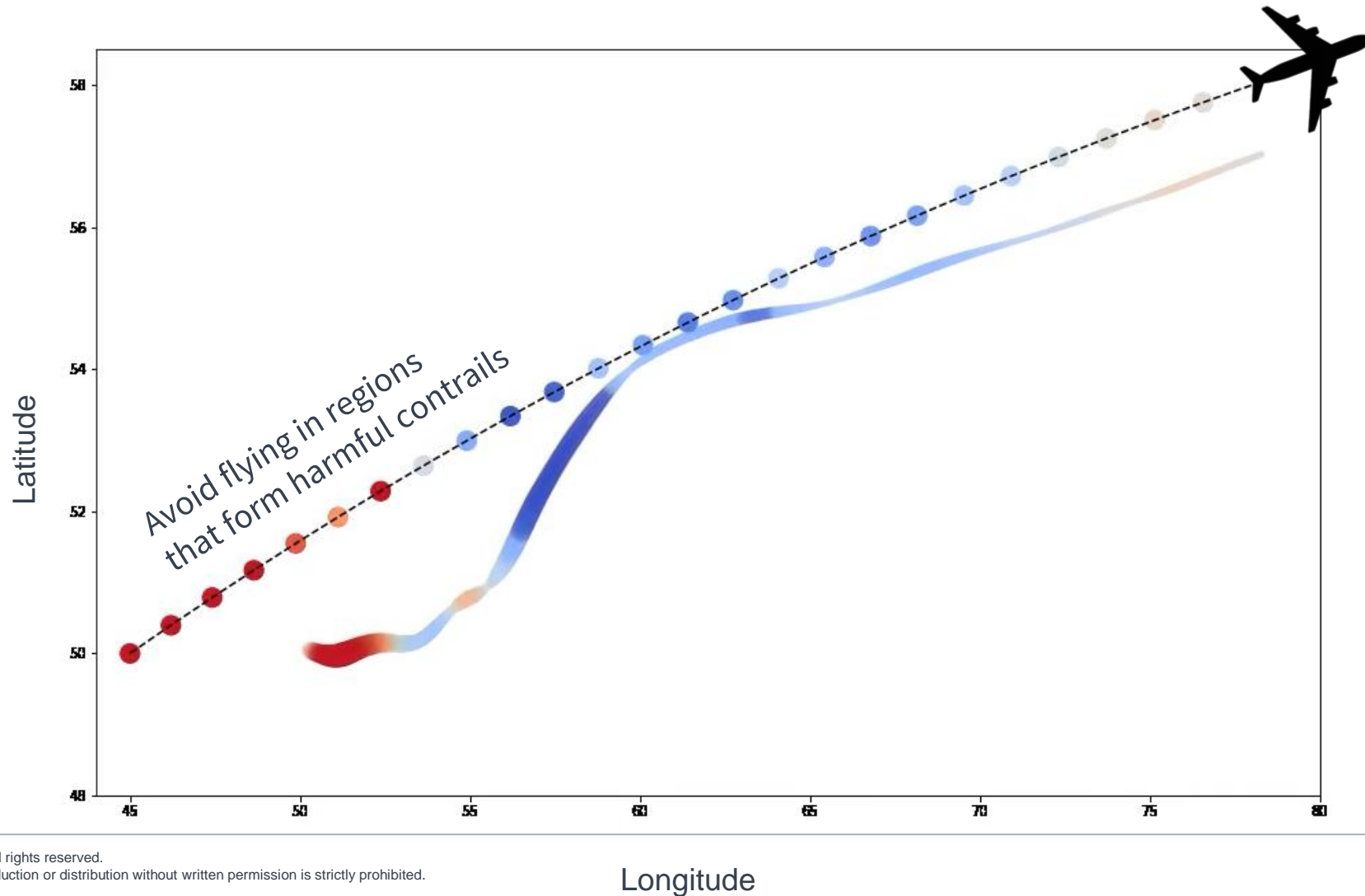
Contrails form in cold, humid regions of the atmosphere

Categorical avoidance would be effective, but completely avoiding persistent contrails regions is impractical



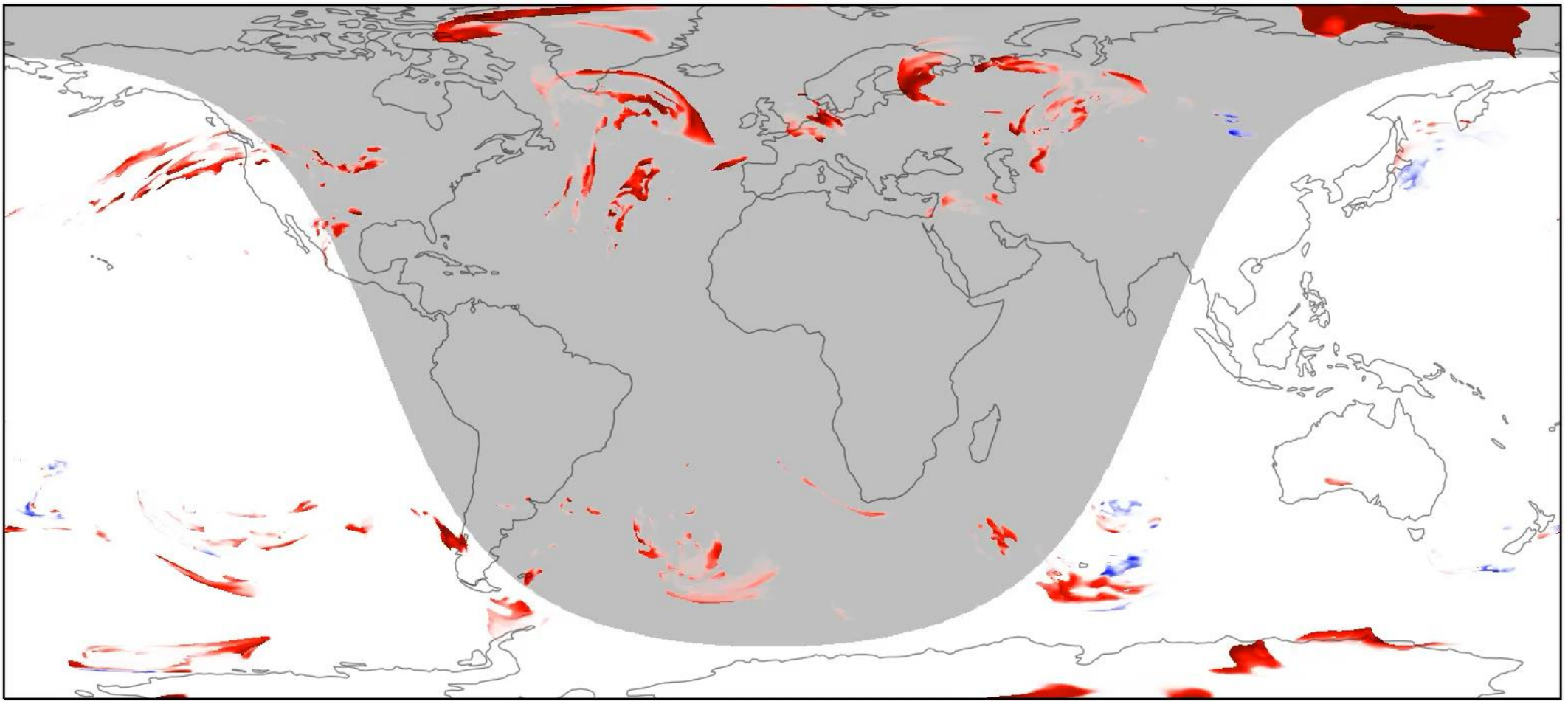
Track contrail evolution to understand climate effects

Avoid harmful regions by understanding downstream contrail forcing



Contrail forecast + nowcast enables trajectory co-optimization

Planning tools ingest and analyze contrail climate-forcing as any other “weather-like” data (e.g. icing, turbulence)



Contrail observations inform forecasts, nowcasts

Satellite and ground-based observations improve model accuracy and feed into contrail forecasts / nowcasts



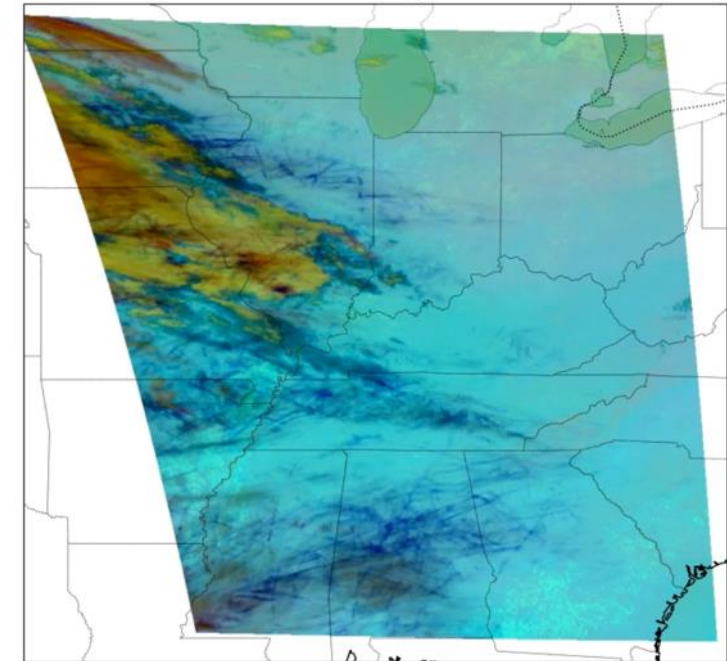
In-situ measurements

Airframe sensors
(IAGOS, WVSS-II)



Ground-based

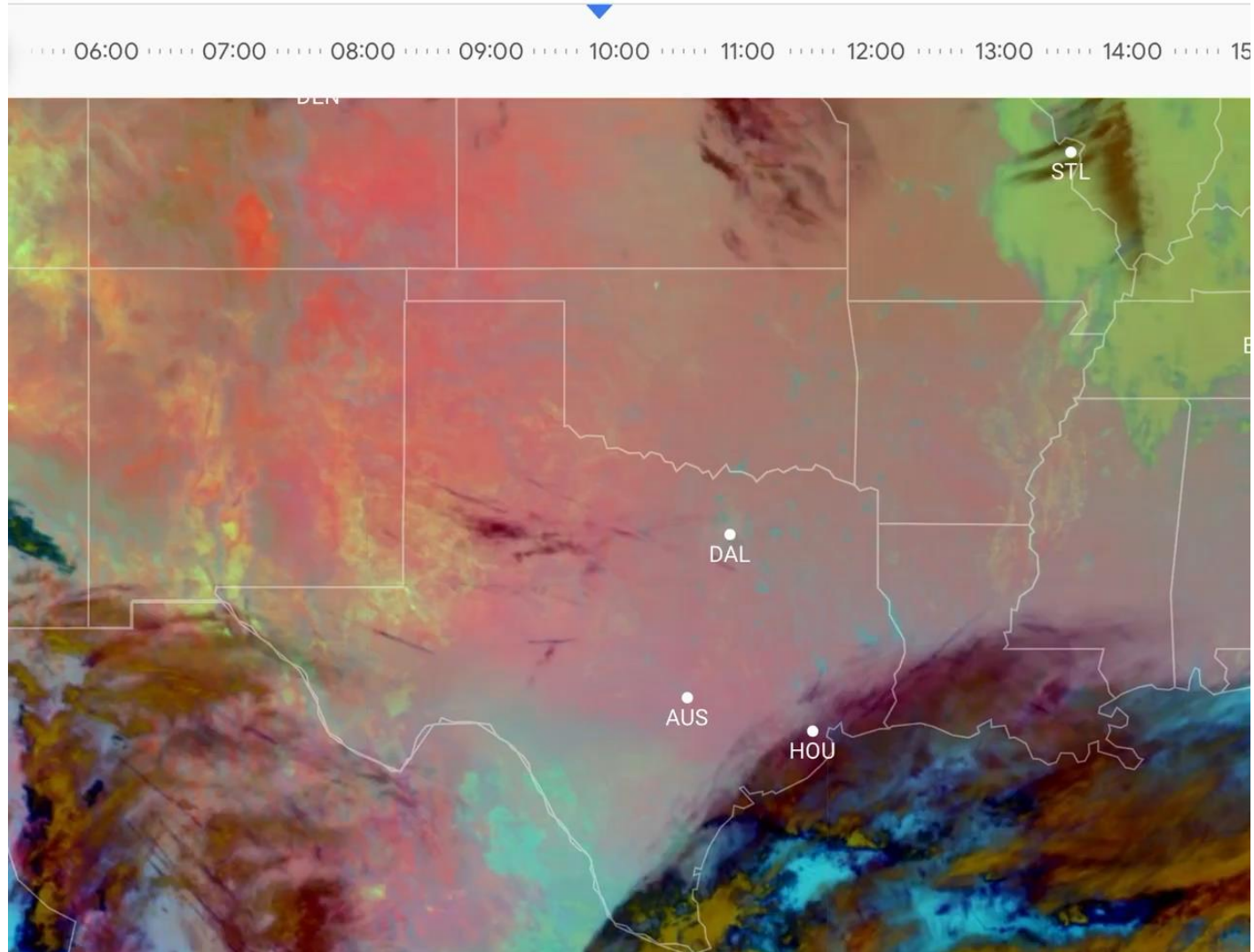
Fixed sky-observing cameras,
LIDAR (MPLNet)



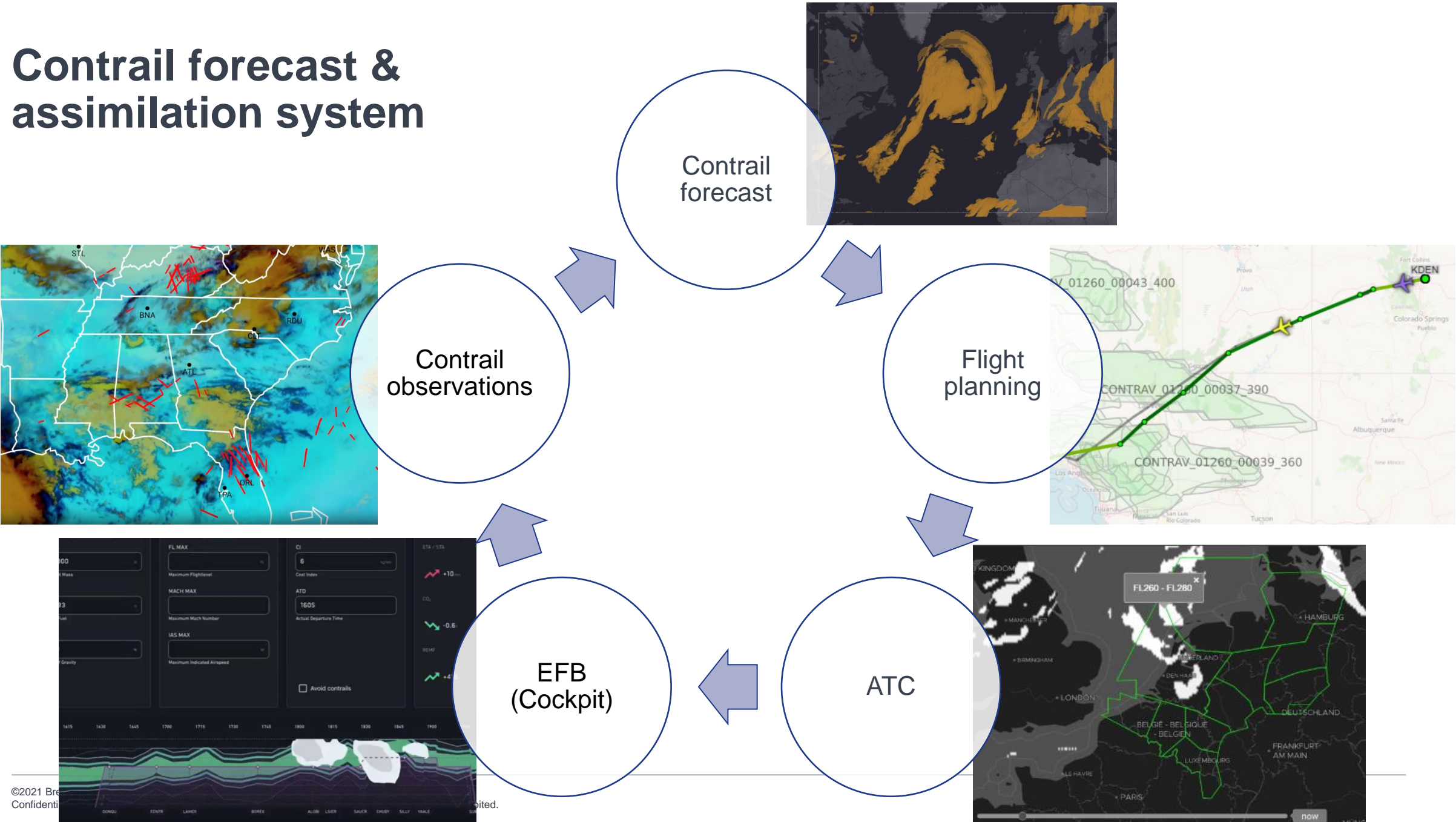
Satellite

Radiometers, LIDAR, Sounders
(GOES, Meteosat, Landsat,
CALIPSO, CLOUDSAT)

Satellites detect contrail outbreaks in real time



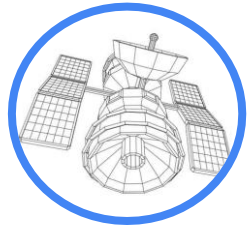
Contrail forecast & assimilation system



2023 AA Feasibility Trial

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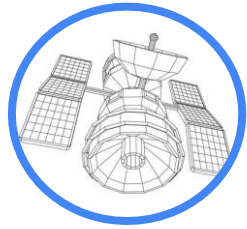


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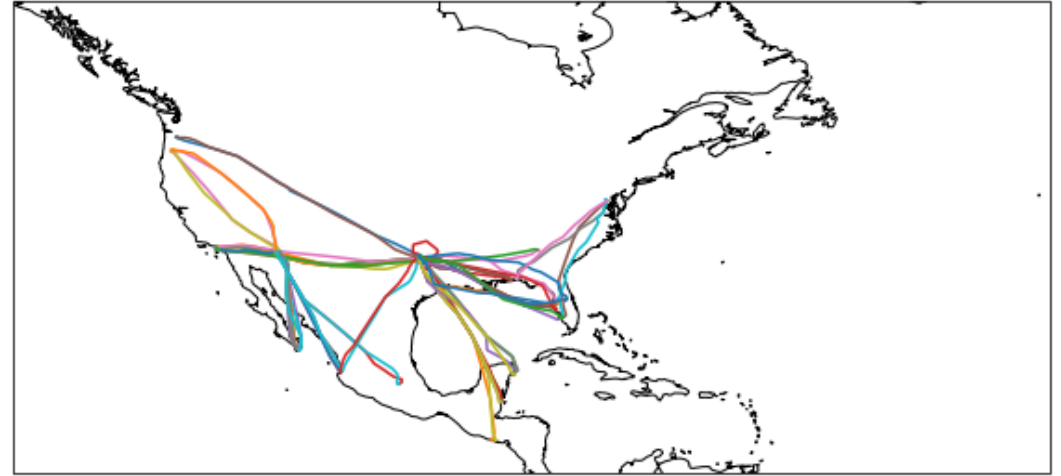
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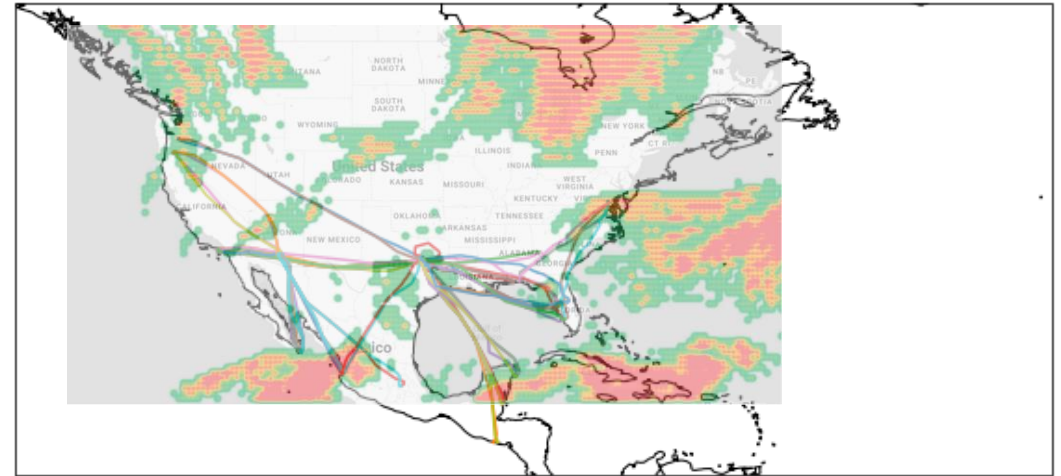
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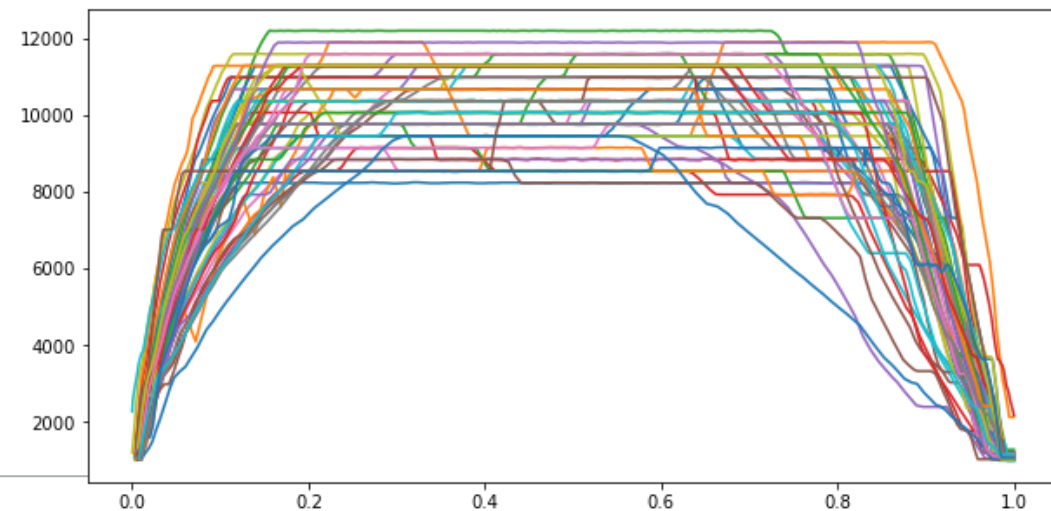
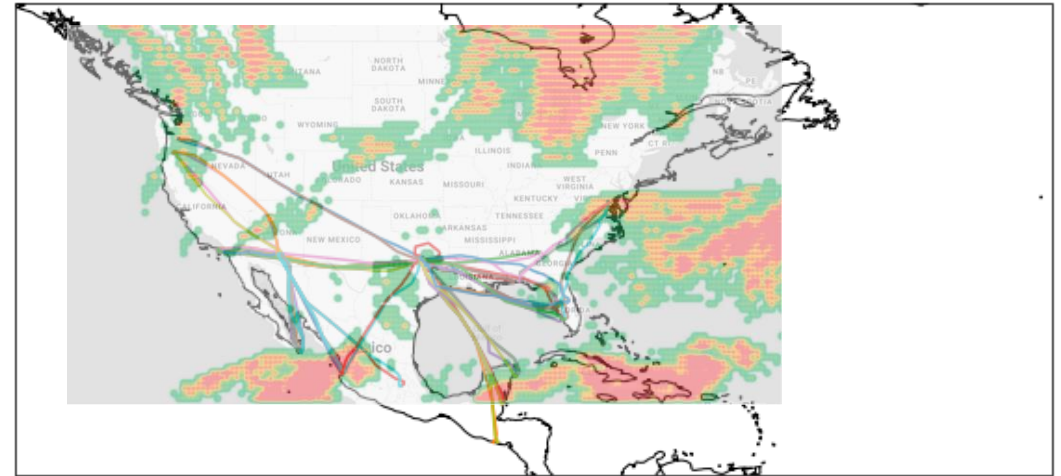
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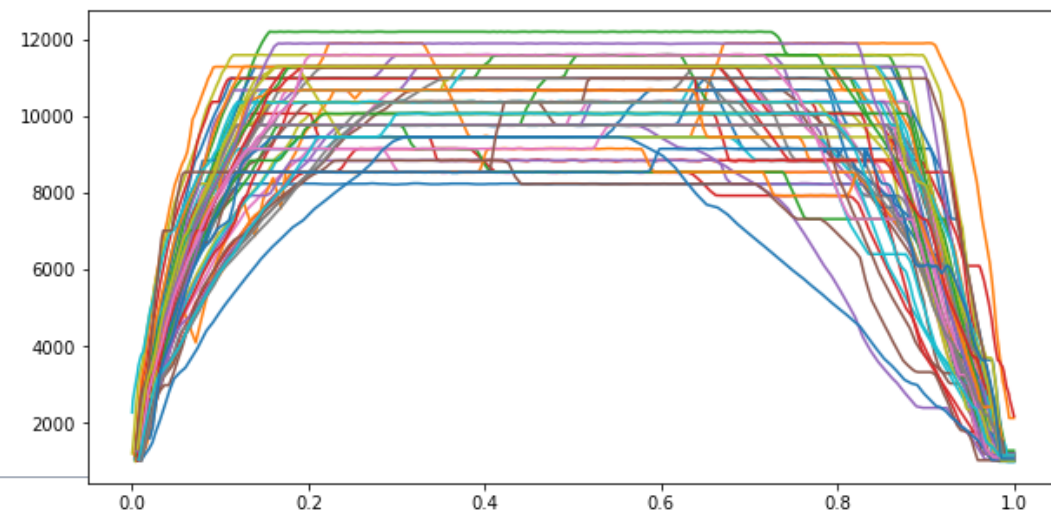
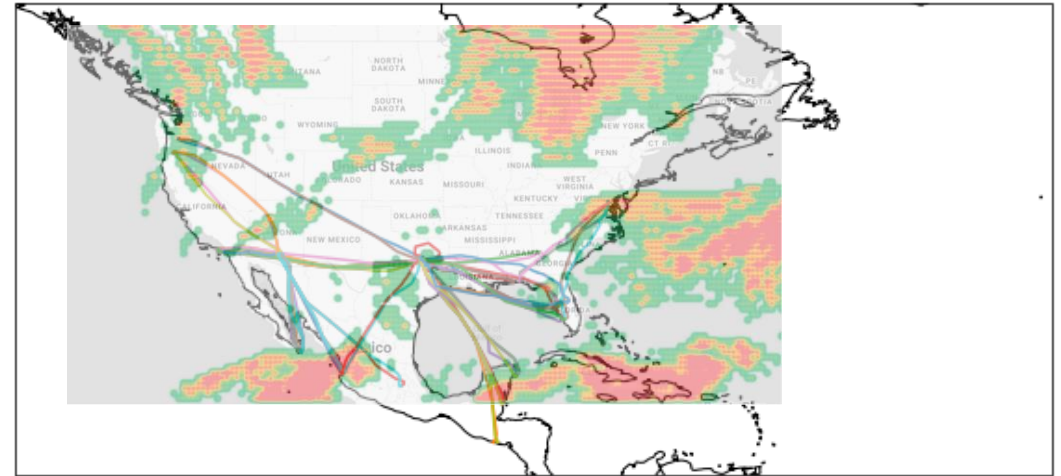
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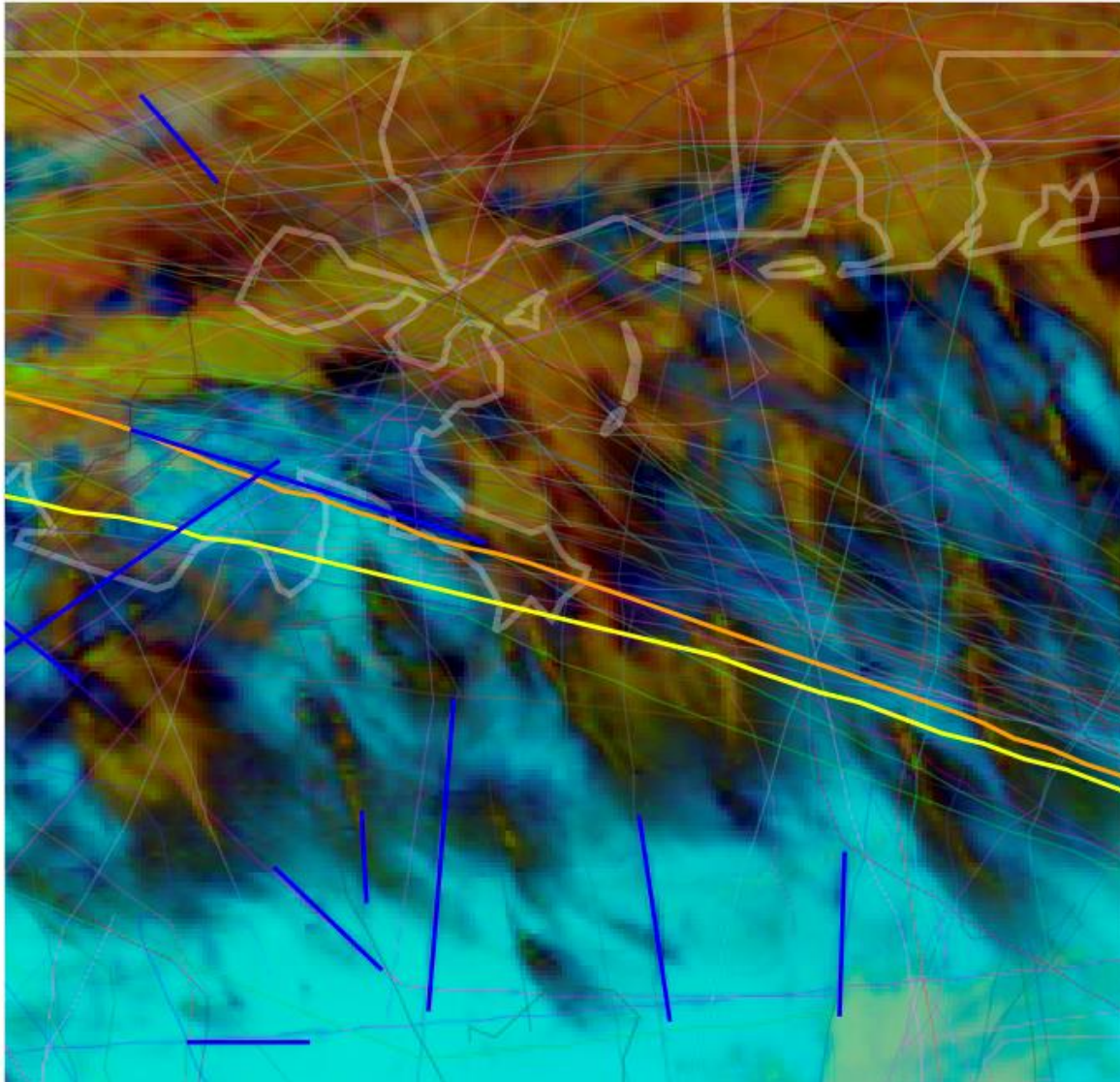
- Manual review of contrail predictions
- PACE-integrated contrail predictions



Example of avoidance using the EFB



Satellite-based verification of contrail formation



Geographic Features

Boundaries

Other flights

— other flights

AAL189

— advected flight path

AAL189

— original flight path

Contrails

— contrails

Results

35 turns, of which 22 included in analysis (44 flight segments)

	No detectable contrail created	Detectable contrail created	Contrail length [km]	Total flight length [km]
Control	11	11	726	36802
Experiment	18	4	321	35729

64% fewer contrails observed

54% reduction in contrail length

Average of **2% more fuel per adjusted flight** (without using an optimizer)

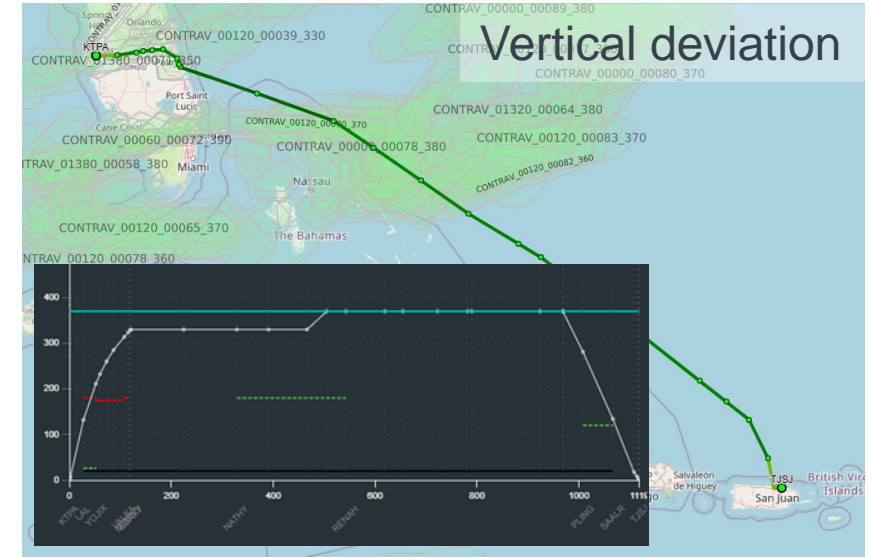
Quantify cost in flight planning systems

Flightkeys ingests forecast (or hindcast) from API

Simulate 4 weeks of real airline operations (June 2023, Jan 2024)

Shows minimal added cost, no conflicts with ATM constraints or compulsory routes

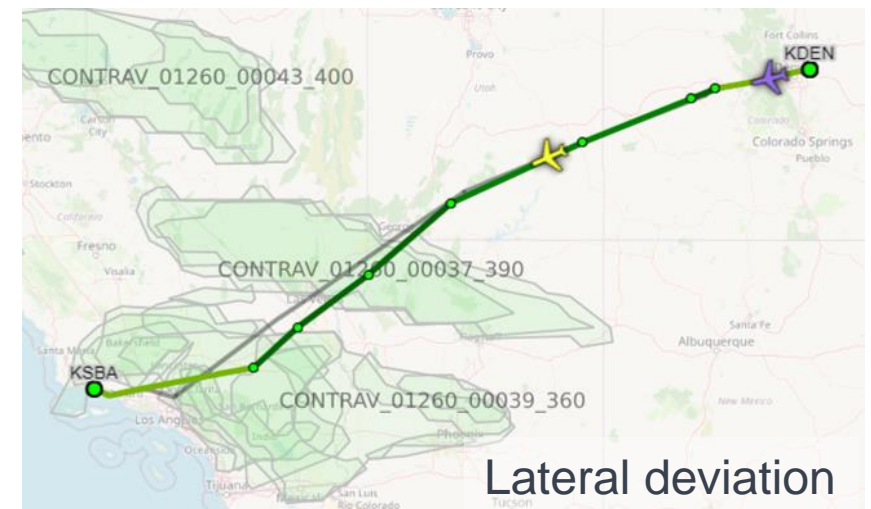
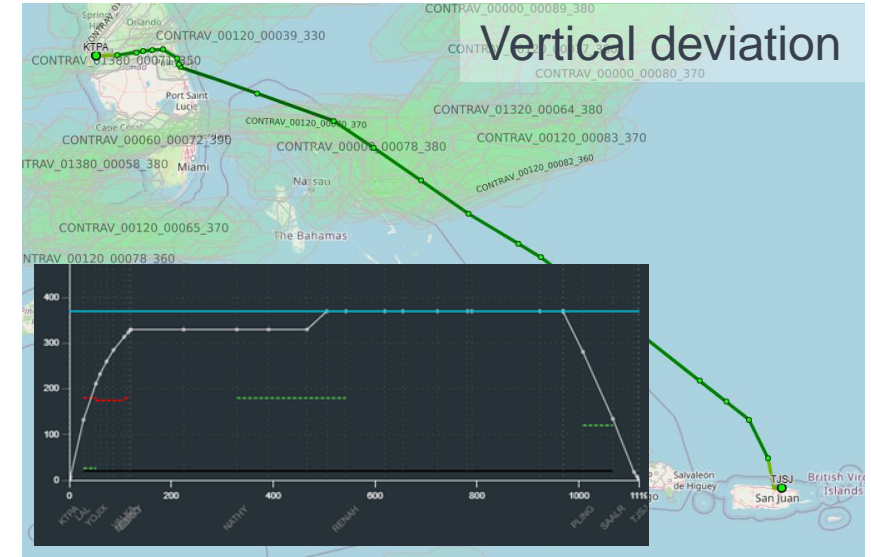
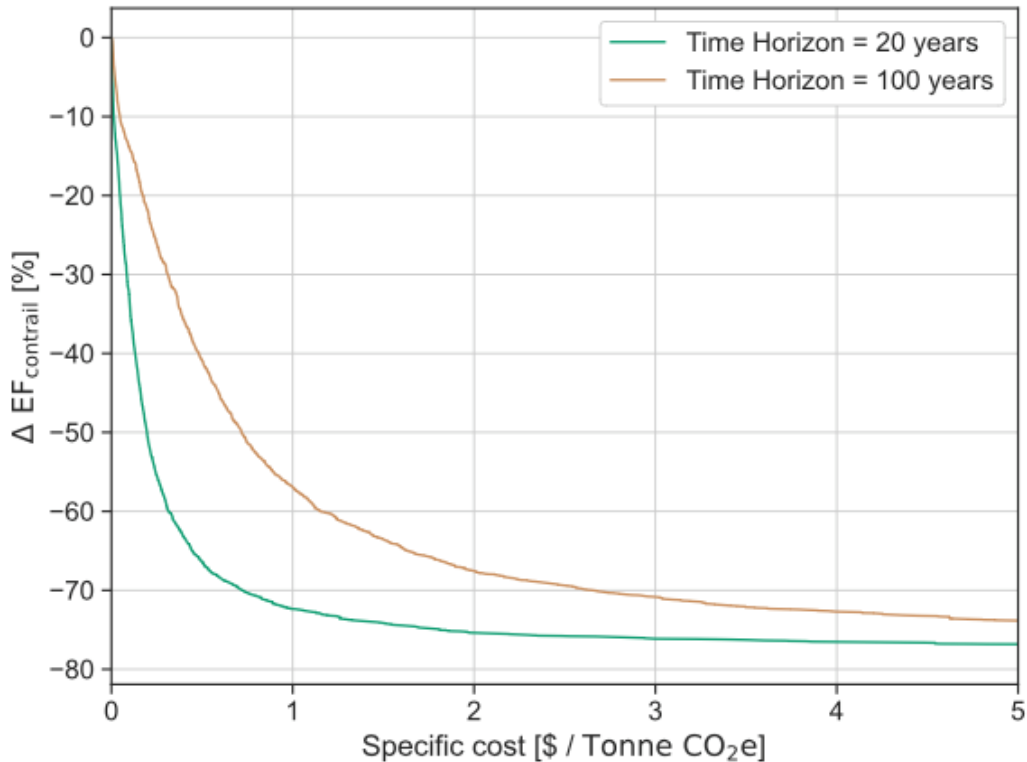
American Airlines	
Total flights	84,839
High impact flights	2,438 (2.87%)
Fuel (kg)	+0.05%
Time (min)	-0.00%
Cost (\$)	+0.03%
Energy Forcing (MJ)	-65.6%
USD/TCO _{2e,20}	\$0.65



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Next: Automate interventions in simulation and trials

Ascent/Descent vs Cruise

- Trial was small, only ascent/descent
- Ascent/descent allows larger altitude changes than mid-flight
- Need to explore feasibility of cruise altitude adjustments

Dispatcher Approach

- Integration into flight planning systems
- We need more simulations

ATC Approach

- Expand on EUROCONTROL (MUAC) trial design

Scandinavian Advantage

Lower density of air traffic

- Contrail interventions more easily identifiable in observations

Satellite observation (MTG-03)

- Operational in early 2024

Centralized air traffic management

- Few air traffic controllers and air navigation service providers to coordinate

Opportunity

Coordinate centralized contrail avoidance trial in an isolated airspace



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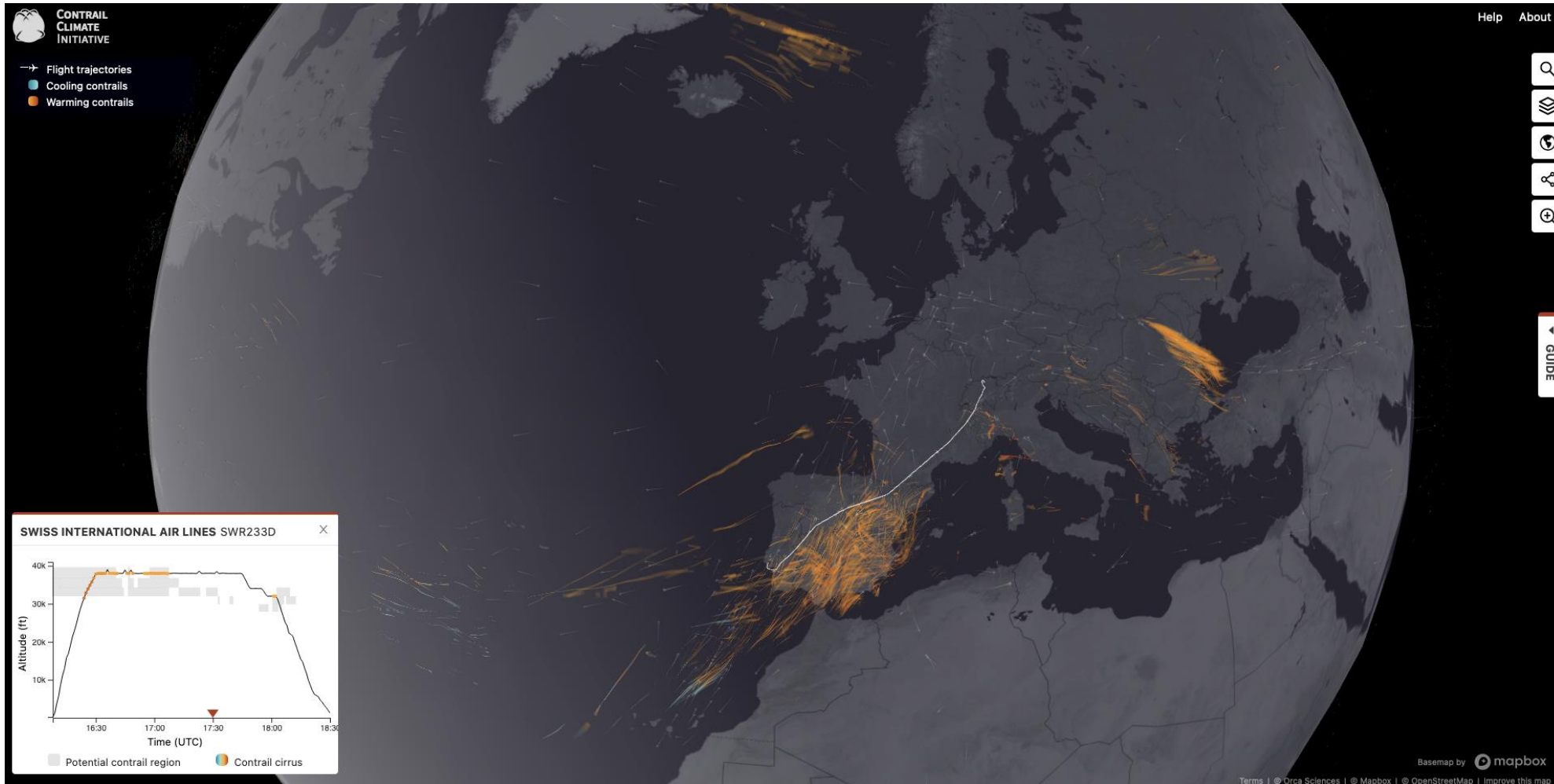
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Visualize global contrails on interactive map

<https://map.contrails.org>




Transition research into industry action

Enable, verify, and accredit contrail aware aviation operations



Science About Contrail Map FAQs



We can drastically cut aviation's climate impact.

Contrails cause 1 – 2% of global warming. We can eliminate most of that at **near-zero** cost.

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"Wait" or "Act Now"?

How to react to the current status of contrail research

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Wissen für Morgen



Lots of information? Confused?

Ice-Supersaturation

Energy Forcing

ECHAM Climate model

Metric

SAF

Effective Radiative Forcing

Optical Depth

warming/cooling Contrail

Big Hits

Contrail Climate Model

CO2 versus Non-CO2

aCCF

ambient Shear

Soot

CoCiP

Surface Albedo

Flux Change



Quoting Hamilton*:



“I don’t pretend to have the answer,
but the question is real”

From the “Hamilton” musical by Lin-Manuel Miranda, 3rd Cabinet Battle



What about the uncertainties?

Living with the unknown:

Go for the 20% risk!



What do we need?



The airlines



The formula



Solution-oriented thinking



Airline Involvement is crucial for success

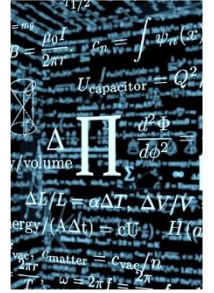


We need to find the proper way to “motivate” airlines.

We have to address this now-finding solutions will take time.



To take action we need a science based decision formula



- uncertainties shall not prevent actions
- use existing data even with large error margins
- provide clear criteria to airlines, based on decision theory



Whereever there is a challenge, we need to look for solutions

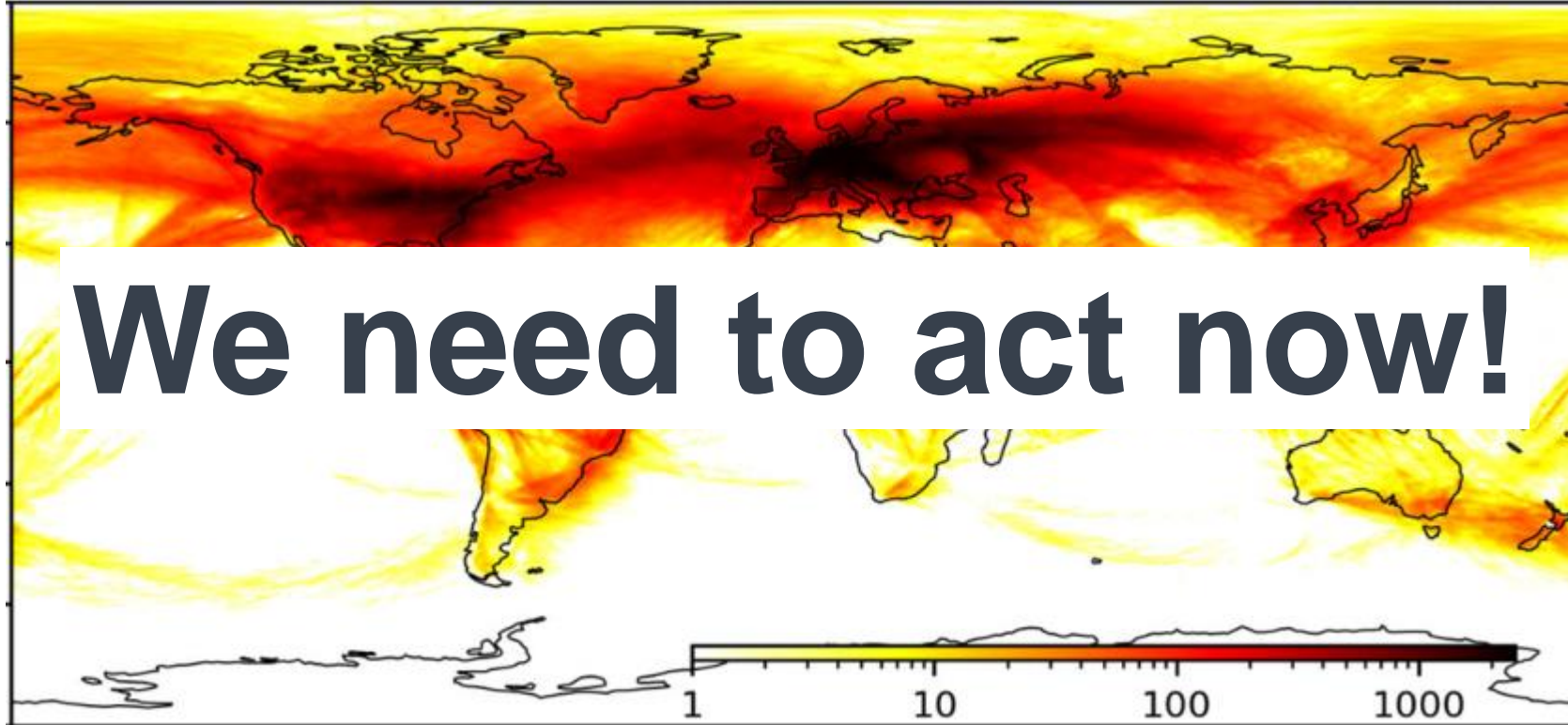


- There are many things to consider
- We should not stop to wait for "perfect" or "total" mitigation

Don't ask "*is it possible?*" - ask "*how can we start?*"



We can't wait



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Backup slides

Conrail Mitigation: current Highlights

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN INSTITUTE: “ROADMAP
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EU-ETS MONITORING, REPORTING,
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