IFFEXO Ice Fog Field Experiment

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IFFExO Objective

To better understand and predict the formation, evolution and decay of Arctic Ice Fog (Vis<1 km)

- The IFFExO Pilot Study was completed successfully at the SGP site (slide#3) and preparations were underway for the IFFExO campaign at AMF3 during March 22 to April 5, 2020 but now will be performed for first 2 weeks of Nov 2020).
- Project location: Oliktok Point, AK, ARM site
- Platforms: TBS, AMF3, GONDOLA (Microphysics)
- IF occurs due to presence of tiny ice crystals (size<200 μ m) in the lower atmosphere.
- IF occurs at subfreezing temperatures (less than -10º)
- IF occurs directly by deposition of onto ice nuclei or freezing of supercooled small droplets (Gultepe et al. 2014, 2020; Kim et al. 2014).

TBS based IF microphysics and IN physical and chemical characteristics



- 2. VIPS, Video Particle **Imaging** Spectrometer
- 3. Aerosol spectra with POPS, printed optical particle spectrometer
- 4. 3D wind an ultrasonic anemometer
- 5. Aerosol impactor system
- Met parameters

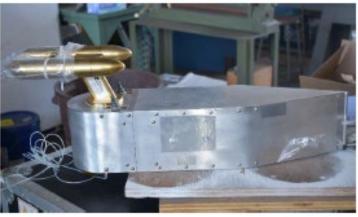


Figure 4a: The Gondola platform of the University of Fig 4b: Gondola suspended on a base plate Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT).



attached to the tethered balloon system (TBS).



Fig. 4c: Instruments along the tether line



Fig 4c: Overall TBS-Instrument deployment.

3.3 IFFExO Field Campaign

ARM Doppler lidar at Oliktok Point

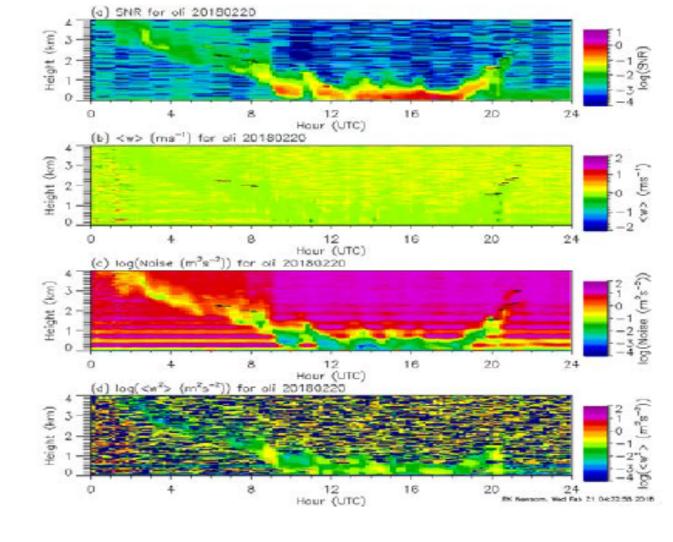
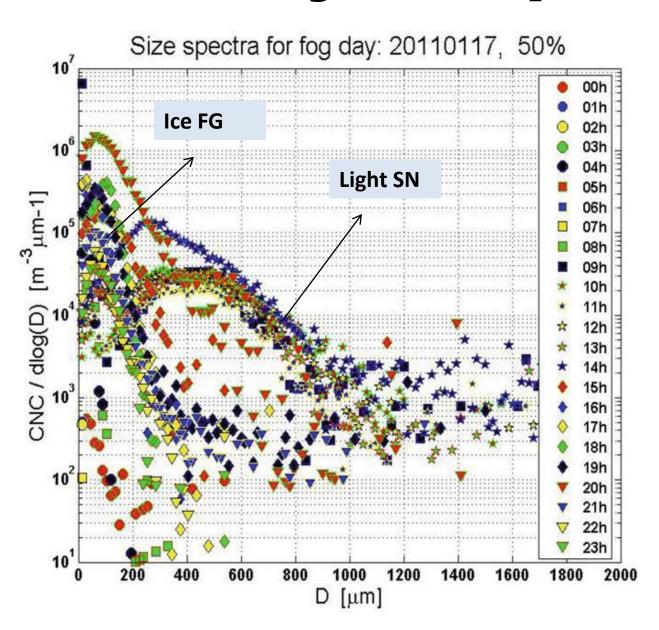


Figure 5: Doppler lidar time-height cross-sections of (a) Signal to noise ratio, (b) 1Hz vertical velocity, (c) 10-min vertical velocity error variance (noise), (d) 10-min vertical velocity variance (without noise correction) on 02-20-2018 at AMF3. Courtesy: Dr. Rob Newsom and Dr. Raghu Krishnamurthy (PNNL Lidar Mentors)

GCIP IF Crystal Spectra



Expected Accomplishments

- Improve ice fog microphysics parameterizations
- Develop relationships between IF Ni versus IN & thermodynamics and dynamics parameters that can improve ice fog extinction (&Vis) prediction for NWPs
- Evaluate new instruments platforms for BL processes and responses to IF
- Improve IF monitoring and prediction using LES&NWP as well as regional climate models
- Evaluate remote sensing retrievals for IF microphysical characteristics