



Radiative budget in the lower tropical stratosphere from the combination of balloonborne lidar and radiometric measurements

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BeCOOL : Balloonborne Cirrus and convective overshoot Lidar

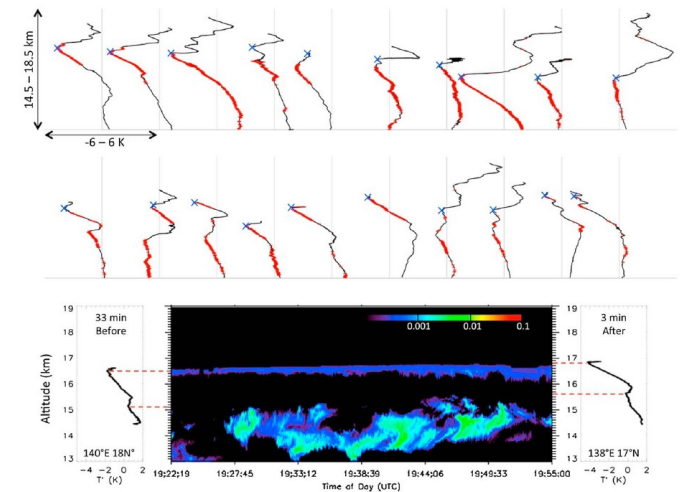
Scientific issues to be addressed with BeCOOL measurements

Life cycle of cirrus clouds and their modulation by atmospheric waves

Detection of thin clouds and satellite validation

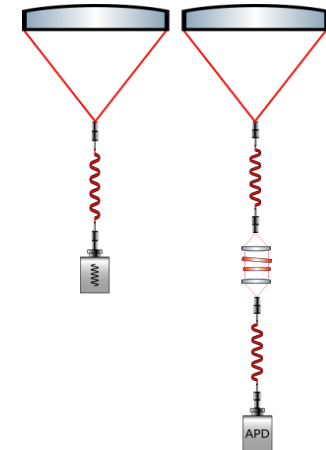
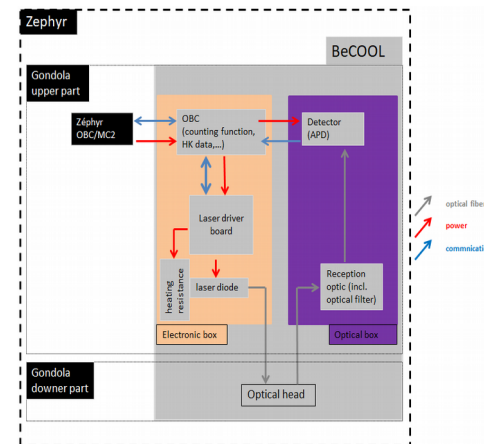
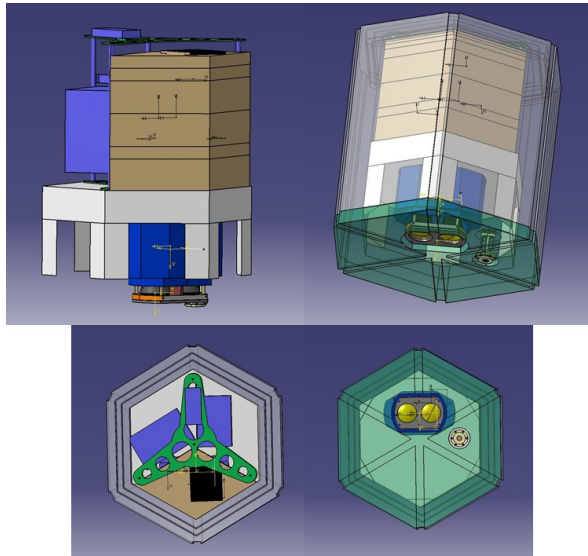
Stratospheric variability induced by volcanic and biomass burning plumes

Heating rates and radiative forcing by cirrus, convective overshoot and water vapor anomalies



Kim et al. GRL 2016

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Repetition rate/impulsion length	4.8 kHz / 150 ns
Wavelength/FWHM	~802 nm / ~0.3 nm
Impulse energy	10 μJ
Lens diameter (emission/reception)	70 mm
FOV	~ 660 μrad
Filter FWHM	0.6 nm
Optical transmission (receiver)	15-20 %

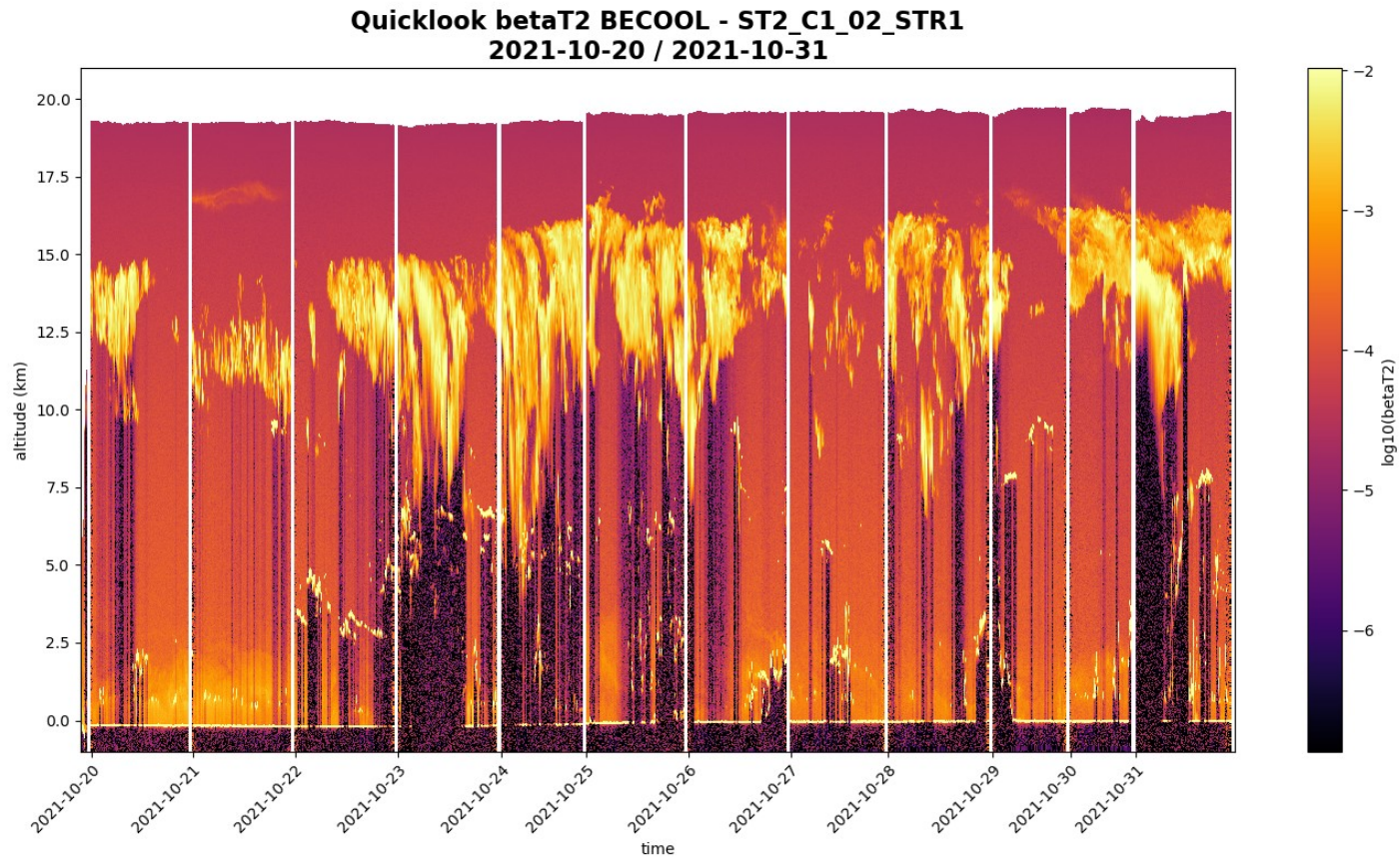
Mass 6.5 kg

Size : one third of the Zephyr gondola

Power supply : 7 W

Environment : optical head alignment optimized for stratospheric temperatures

Data flux 2 Mo per day



Vertical sampling : 15 meters

Horizontal resolution (Balloon drift) : 0.1-1 km

Nighttime observations of Cirrus, Convective clouds and overshoot,
Aerosol layers, Marine boundary layer

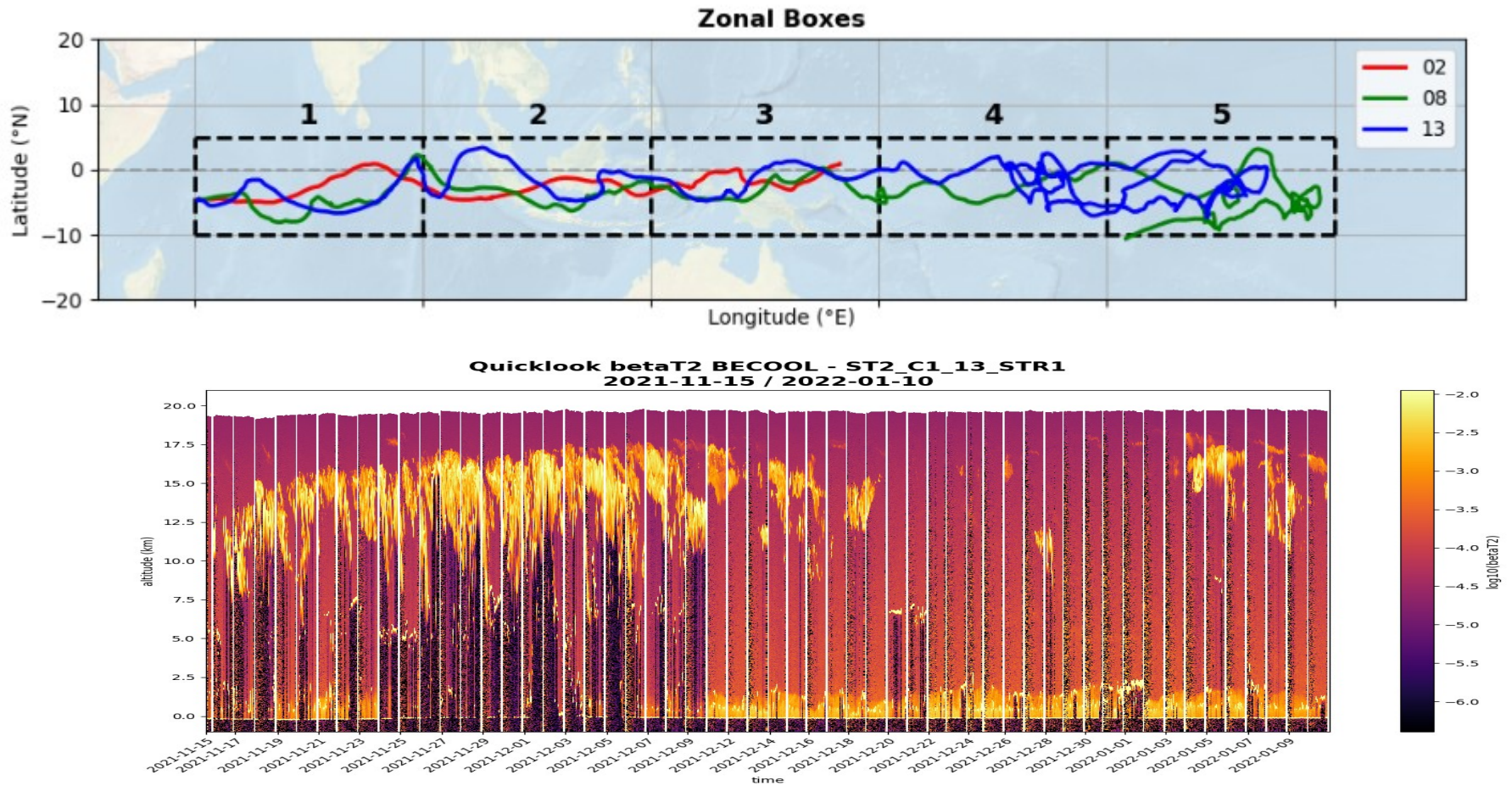
Geometrical characterization : altitude, thickness

Optical characterization : backscatter profile, optical depth

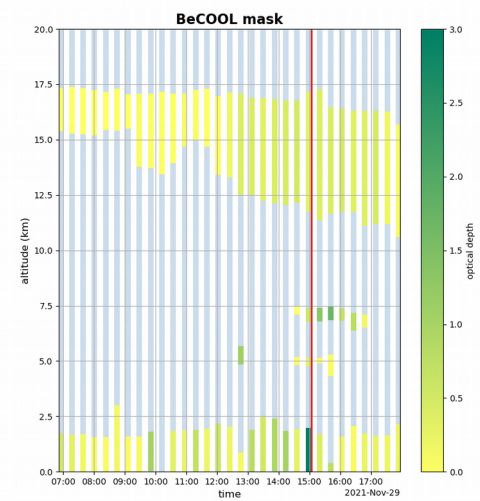
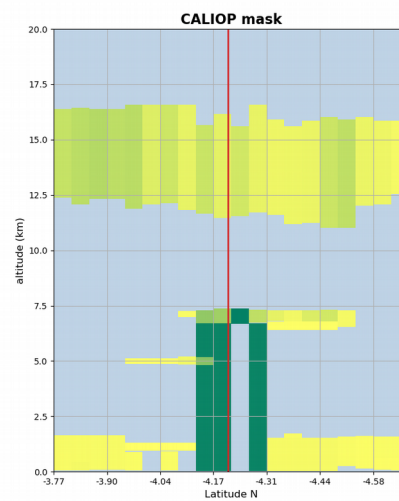
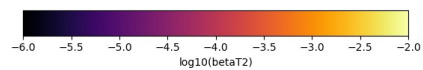
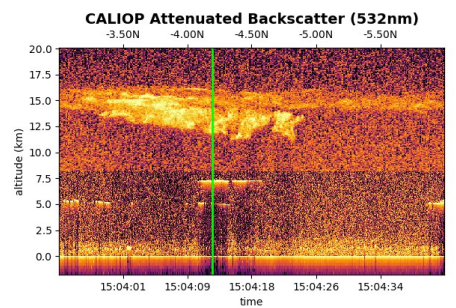
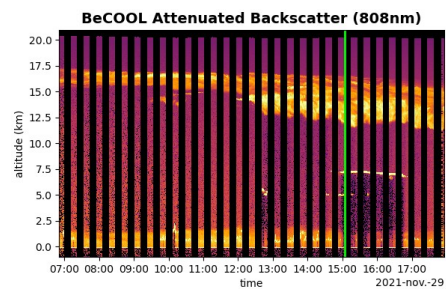
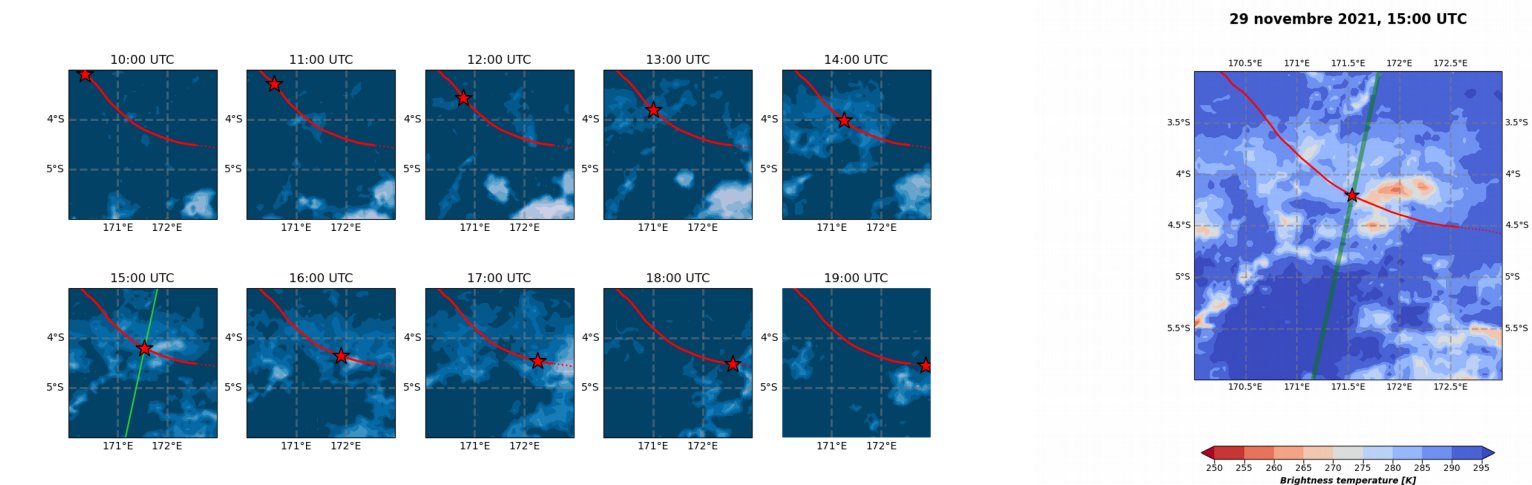
Strateole2 C1 campaign

October 2021- February 2022 (December 2021-January 2022)

40 702 1-minute profiles (679 hours of nighttime measurements)



Comparison with CALIOP (case study)



Modulation of OLR by upper clouds variability

ST2_C1_02_STR1_10min épaisseur optique des nuages et flux IR montant
2021-10-20 - 2021-10-23

