

# paper draft: supersat

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## 1 Introduction

introductory notes.

## 2 Theory + Simulation

- brief statement of quasi steady state formula
- we see agreement between actual and QSS supersaturation under the conditions (see figs 1 and 2):
  - $T > 273\text{K}$  (we're not including ice in the theory)
  - $w > 2\text{ m/s}$  (reasonably strong updrafts)
  - cloud LWC  $> 1\text{e-}4\text{ g/g}$  (in the convection core)
- \*to discuss\* don't see the same distinction as from CAIPEEX between bulk and edge wrt high supersaturation values (see figs 3 and 4)

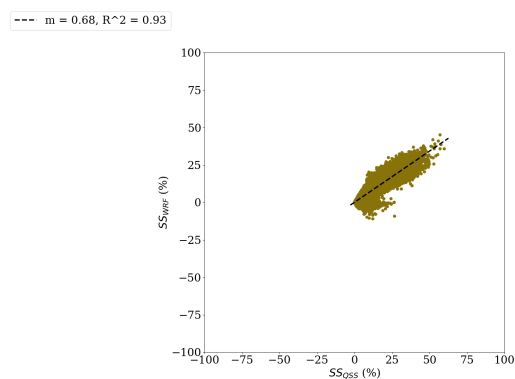


Figure 1: Actual ( $SS_{WRF}$ ) vs predicted ( $SS_{QSS}$ ) supersaturation in unpolluted case.

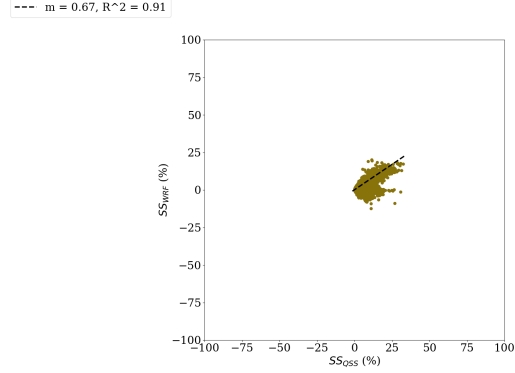


Figure 2: Actual ( $SS_{WRF}$ ) vs predicted ( $SS_{QSS}$ ) supersaturation in polluted case.

### 3 Experimental data

- using criteria from second bullet point of section 2,  $SS_{QSS}$  distribution from HALO data looks like fig 5.
- using criteria from second bullet point of section 2,  $SS_{QSS}$  distribution from CAIPEEX data looks like fig 6.

### 4 TODO / remaining questions

- equivalent of figs 4 / 3 for experimental data
- error analysis for experimental data
- look into commensurate binning in simulation / experiment comparisons?
- analytical justification for why actual and QSS supersaturation is still in linear relation
- how much do HALO and CAIPEEX histograms change taking out rain-drops / ventilation corrections?

This is a reference [1].

### References

- [1] J. Fan, D. Rosenfeld, Y. Zhang, S. E. Giangrande, Z. Li, L. A. T. Machado, S. T. Martin, Y. Yang, J. Wang, P. Artaxo, H. M. J. Barbosa, R. C. Braga, J. M. Comstock, Z. Feng, W. Gao, H. B. Gomes, F. Mei, C. Pöhlker, M. L.

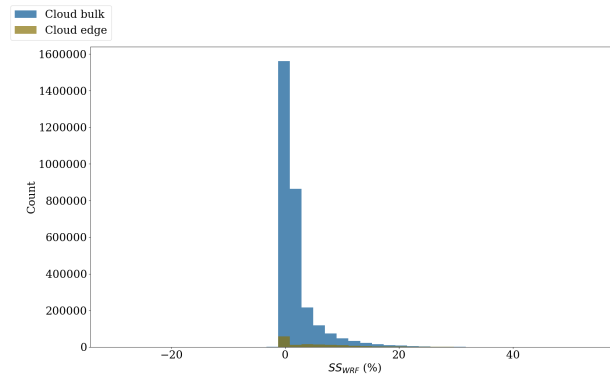


Figure 3: Actual ( $SS_{WRF}$ ) supersaturation distribution in unpolluted case. “Edge” points are lowest 5th percentile LWC of all cloud points in the same altitude slice.

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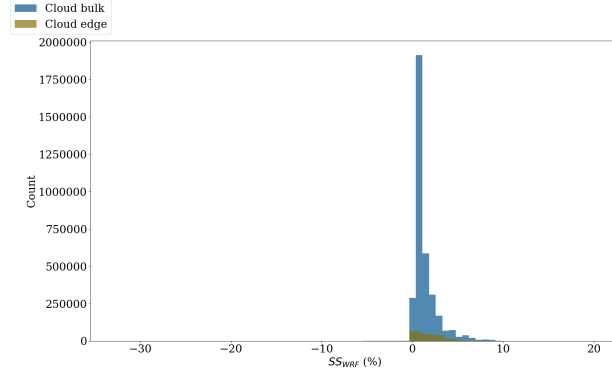


Figure 4: Actual ( $SS_{WRF}$ ) supersaturation distribution in polluted case. “Edge” points are lowest 5th percentile LWC of all cloud points in the same altitude slice.

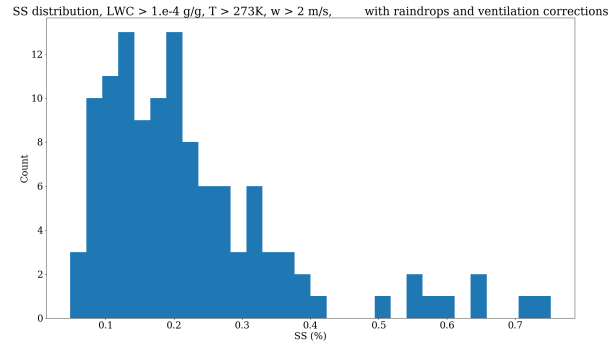


Figure 5: Predicted ( $SS_{QSS}$ ) supersaturation distribution from HALO field campaign (all flight dates). Using filtering criteria outlined in section 2.

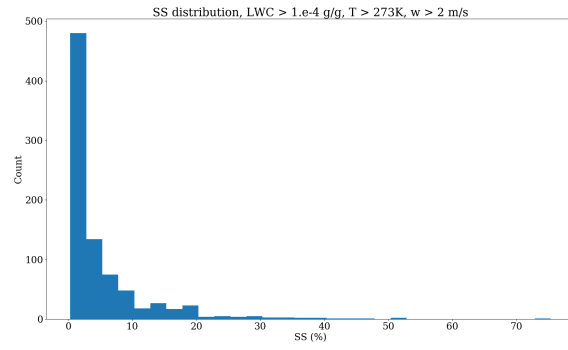


Figure 6: Predicted ( $SS_{QSS}$ ) supersaturation distribution from CAIPEEX field campaign (all flight dates). Using filtering criteria outlined in section 2, but not including rain drops or ventilation corrections due to lack of data.