

# Supporting Information for Microburst Scale Size Distribution Derived with AeroCube-6

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## Introduction

**Text S1: Analytic Derivation of  $\bar{F}(s)$**  Here we derive the integral form of the  $\bar{F}(s)$  under the assumptions that microbursts are circular with radius  $r$  and have a uniform spatial density of microbursts around AC6. Assuming the microburst viewing area of each AC6 unit in Fig. 5a-c and  $A(r, s)$  given in Eq. 4 in the

$$A(r, s) = 2r^2 \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{s}{2r} \right) - \frac{s}{2} \sqrt{4r^2 - s^2}. \quad (1)$$

**Quarantine this section** Now we develop the analytic  $\bar{F}(s)$  given  $p(r)$ . For now we assume a one-sized  $p(r)$  i.e., a delta function in  $r$ . Then the ratio of the circle intersection

areas at two distinct AC6 separations  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  is the ratio of the number of microbursts observed at those two separations

$$\frac{n_1}{n_2} = \frac{A(r, s_1)}{A(r, s_2)}. \quad (2)$$

Similar to the MC model **Move derivation to SI**

Then the analytic  $\bar{F}(s)$  represents how quickly the fraction of microbursts observed by AC6 decreases as a function of  $s$ .

Furthermore the hypothesized  $p(r)$  is the relative occurrence of microbursts at various  $r$  and is effectively a weighting factor on  $A(r, s)$  which must be integrated out (marginalized) since AC6 is observing the cumulative effect of microbursts of all  $r$ . Lastly, a cumulative integral over a dummy variable  $s'$  is applied to the normalized areas to calculate  $\bar{F}(s)$ . With these considerations the analytic  $\bar{F}(s)$  is given by

$$\bar{F}(s, \theta) = \frac{\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty A(r, s') p(r, \theta) dr ds'}{\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty A(r, s') p(r, \theta) dr ds'} \quad (3)$$

where as in the Monte Carlo model the denominator normalizes  $\bar{F}(s)$  to unity. **End of quarantine**

**Mention rain bucket analogy**

**Text S2: Comparison of microburst to whistler mode chorus  $\bar{F}(s)$**