



StratoClim

Stratospheric and upper tropospheric processes for better climate predictions



Deep convective influence on the UTLS composition in the Asian Monsoon Anticyclone region:

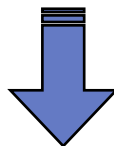
2017 StratoClim campaign results

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StratoClim Overall science objective: More reliable **projections of climate change** and **stratospheric ozone** through a better understanding (and improved representation) of Upper Troposphere and Lower Stratosphere (UTLS) processes.



Focus on
Asian Summer Monsoon Anticyclone

Dominant circulation
feature
of NH summer UTLS

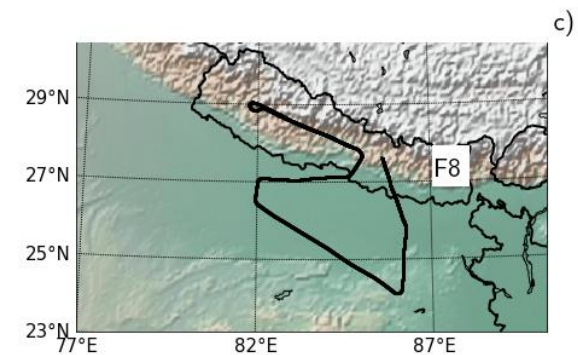
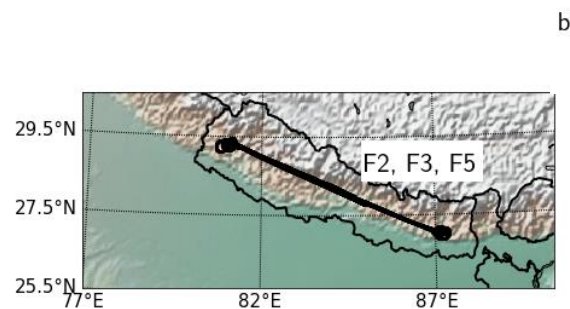
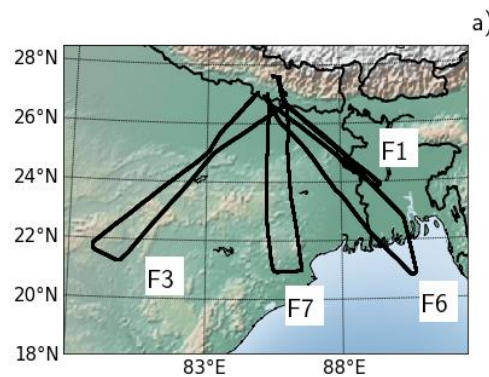
Forced by deep
convection over
India and Bay of Bengal



High-Altitude Aircraft Field Campaign and Balloonsonde measurements



Identification of convective influence, (with sources, age and intensity) on the air masses sampled during the 8 StratoClim flights (July-August 2017)



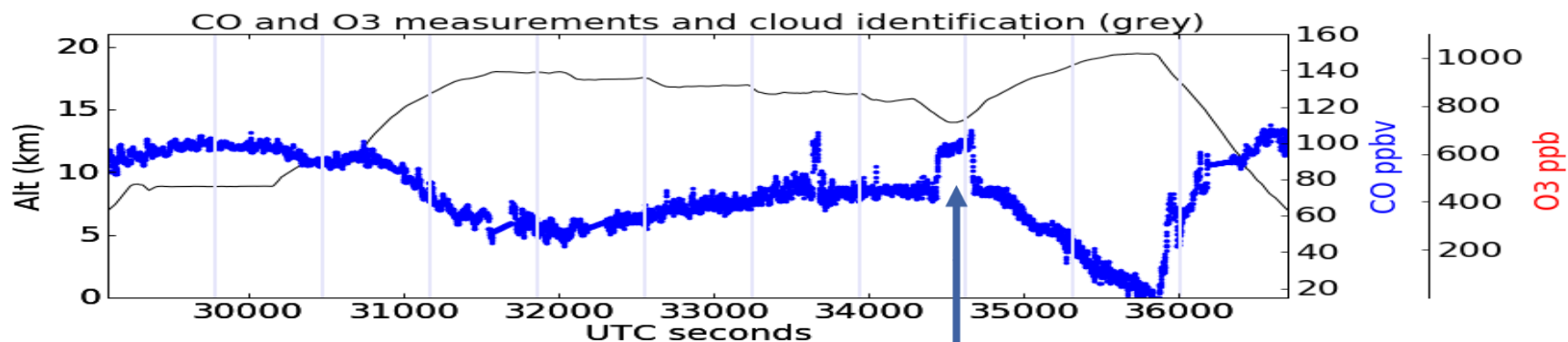
Approach:

Carbon Monoxide (CO from COLD) used as a tracer for anthropogenic pollution.



Lagrangian transport of air masses:

TRACZILLA on ECMWF reanalysis + convection by satellites
(geostationary IR and VIS)



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along the flight

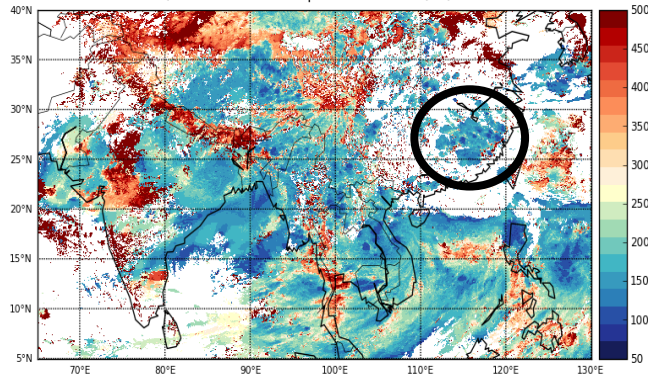
Flight position



1-month long
back-trajectory

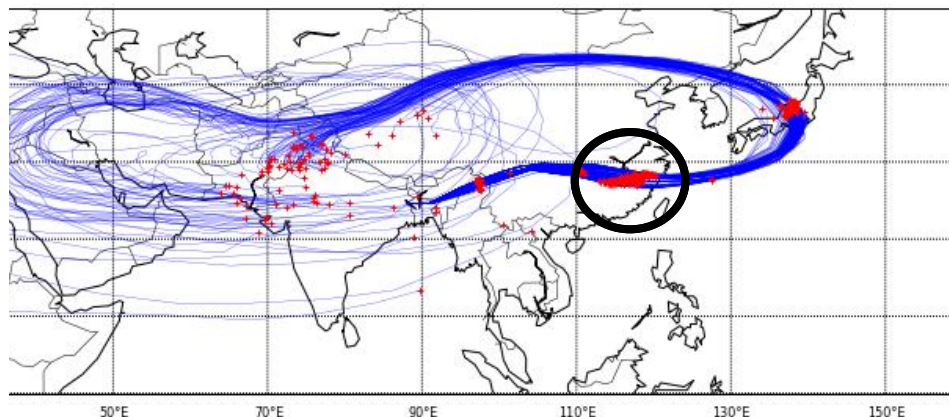
SAF-NWC Cloud Top Pressure

MSG1/Himawari - Cloud Top Pressure - 2017/07/25 09H00



MSG1

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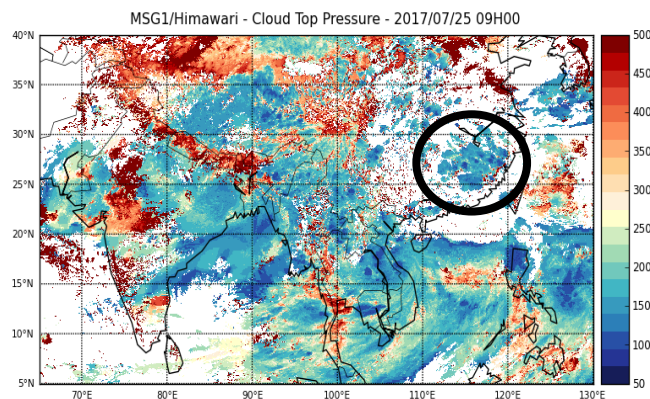
$t_1 - t_0$: Age of the air mass

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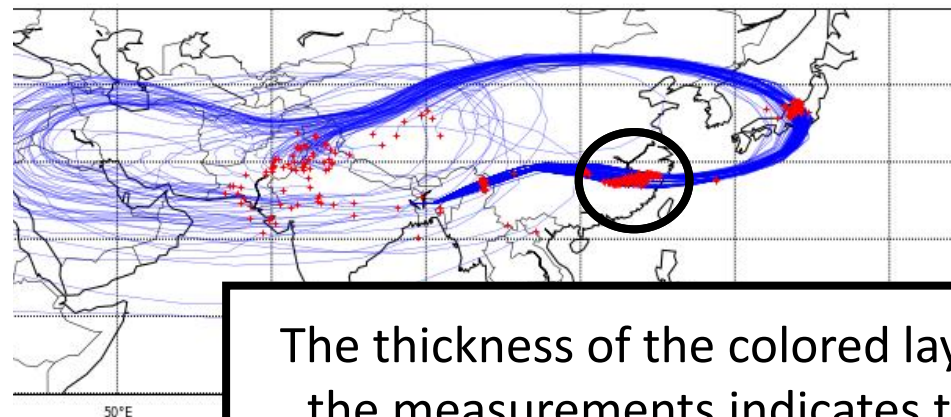
Individuation
of the
convective
clouds
from **SAF-NWC**

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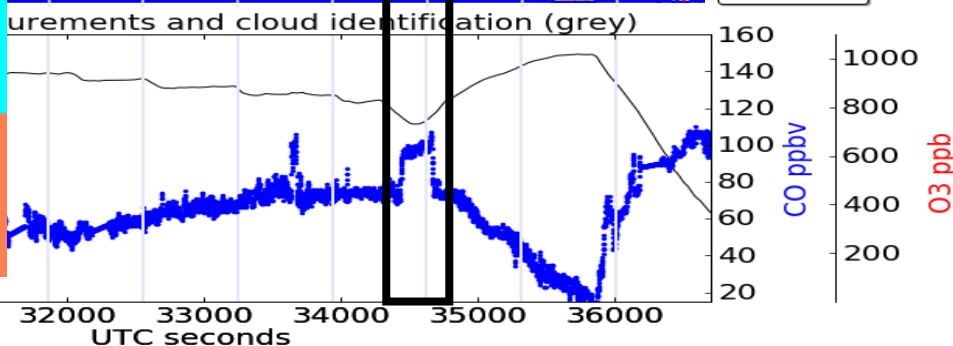
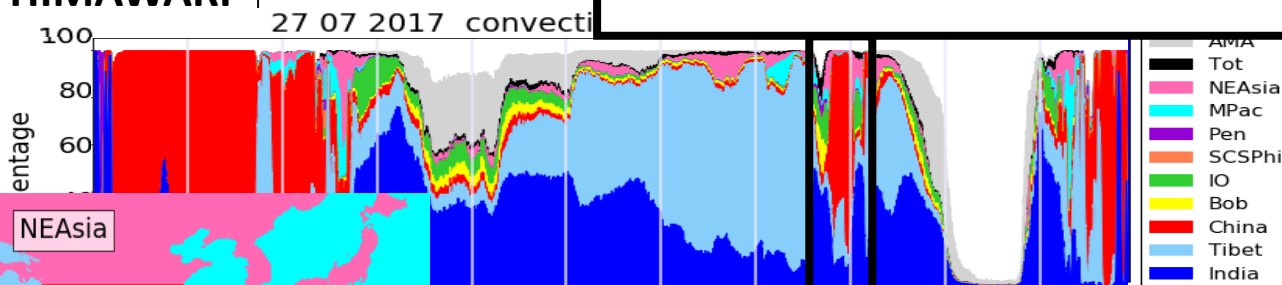


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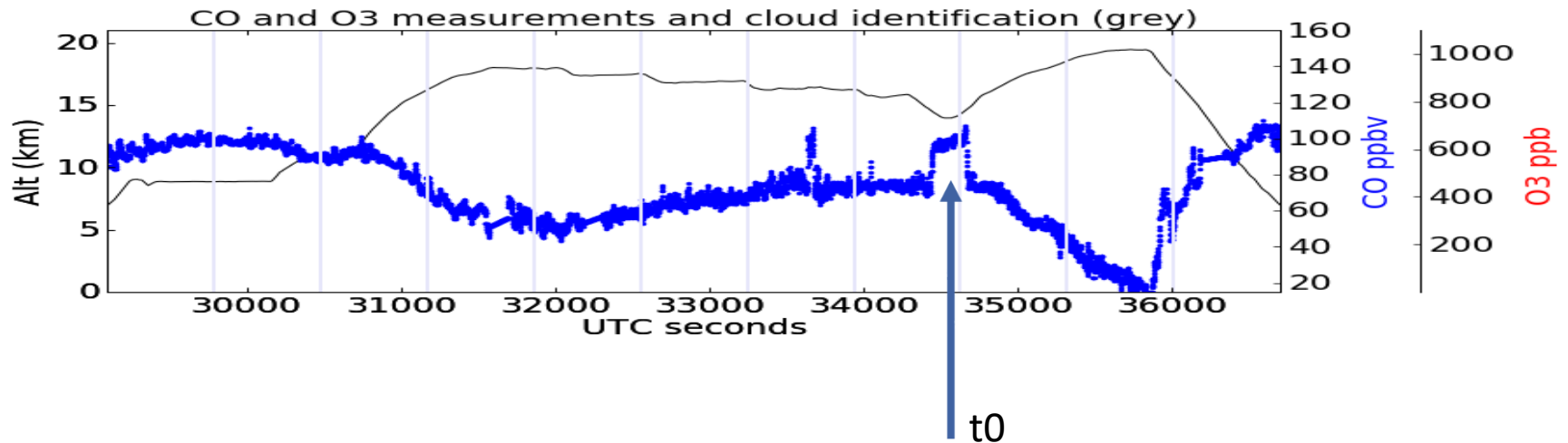


The thickness of the colored layer along the measurements indicates the % of contribution from each region



Trajectories Settings

diabatic-Kinematic trajectories with TRACZILLA (Pisso & Legras, 2008)



Flight position



ERA5 : $0.25^\circ \times 0.25^\circ$, 137 levels, 1-hourly
in the [10W-160E, 0-50N] domain

ERA-Interim : $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$, 67 levels, 3-hourly
in the global domain

Are there any remarkable difference
between these settings?

A proxy for convective CO anomalies to evaluate the model

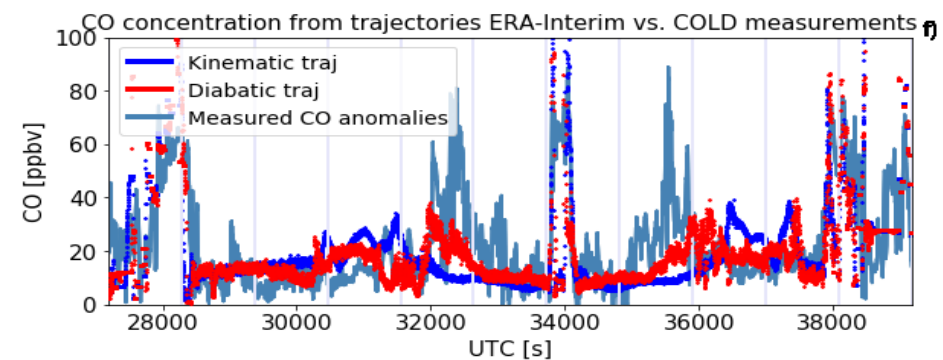
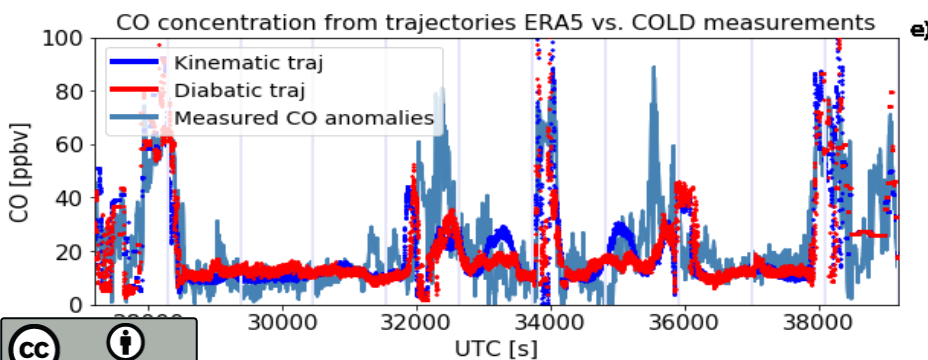
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Let's compare measured and simulated CO ANOMALIES
(coupling transport with CO emissions from MICS database)

Worst

All Flights			
Correlation	RMSE	Mean Bias	
51,2	13,0	4,3	Era-Interim Kinematic
52,6	16,363	4,2	Era-Interim Diabatic
58,8	11,0	3,7	Era5 Kinematic
60,9	10,6	3,7	Era5 Diabatic

Best

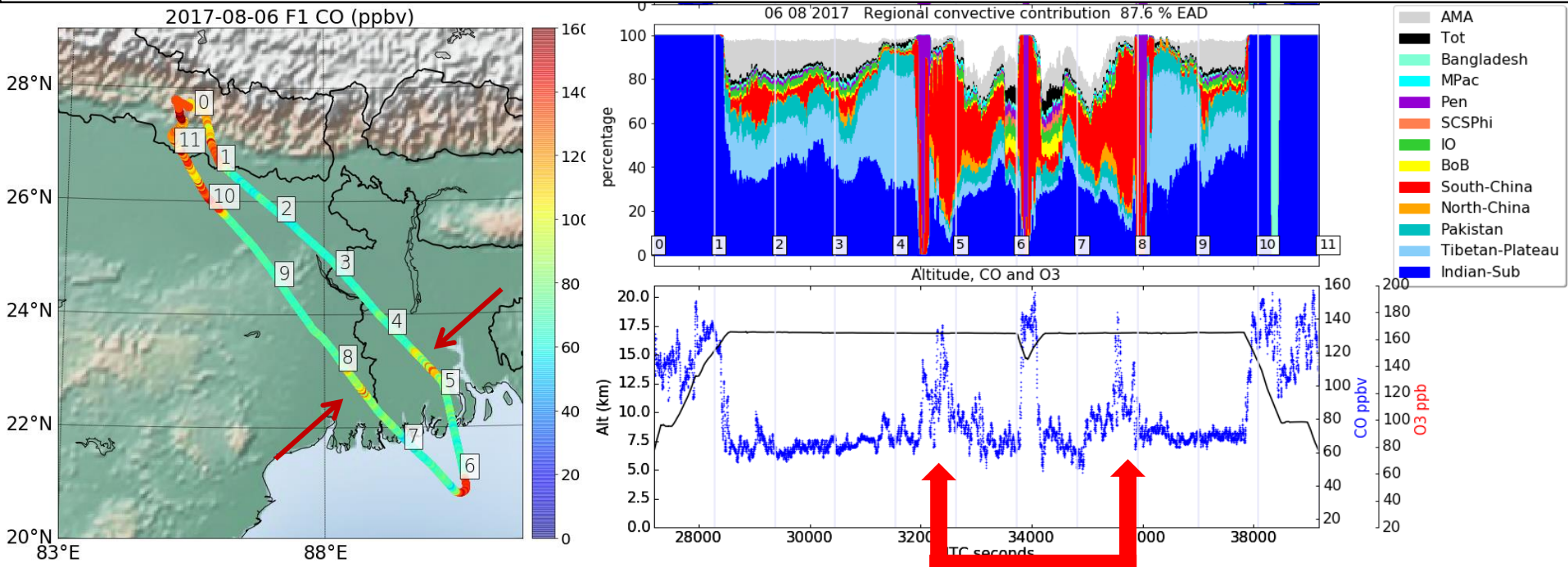




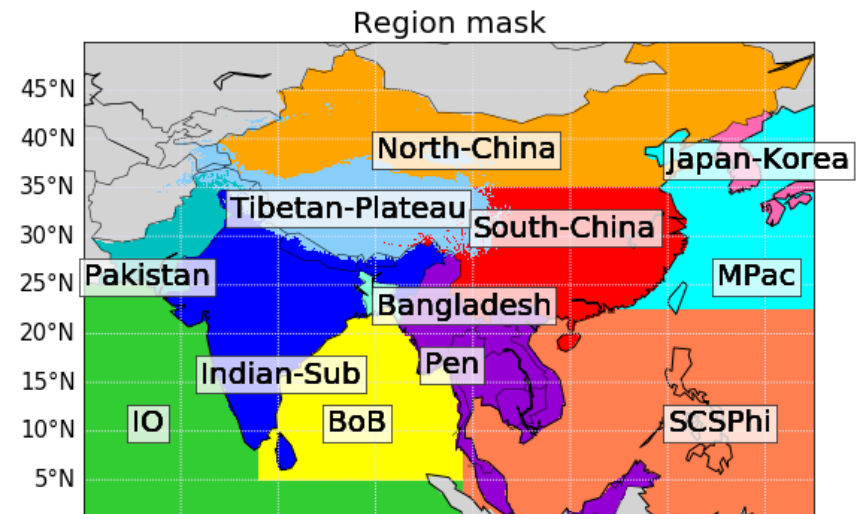
Two special cases:

- Polluted convective outflow
- Overshoots + Maritime convection

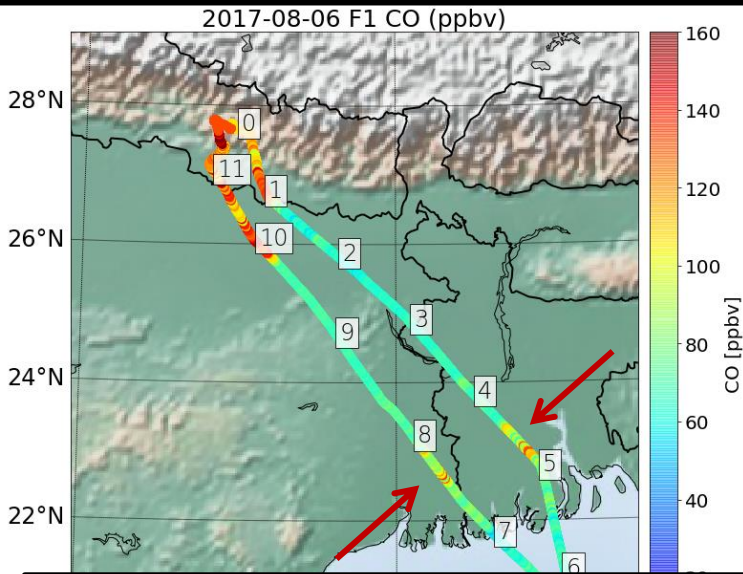
Deep Convective transport of anthropogenic pollution: F6 06/08/2017



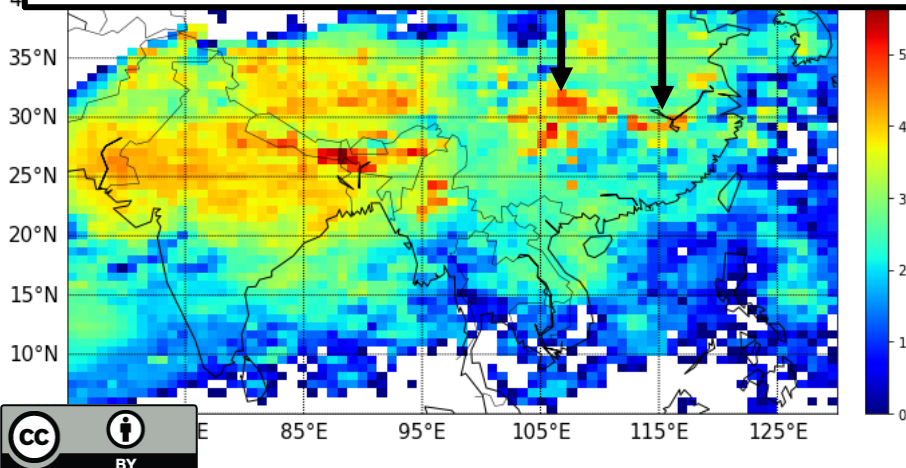
Polluted South
Chinese air
at around 17 km!



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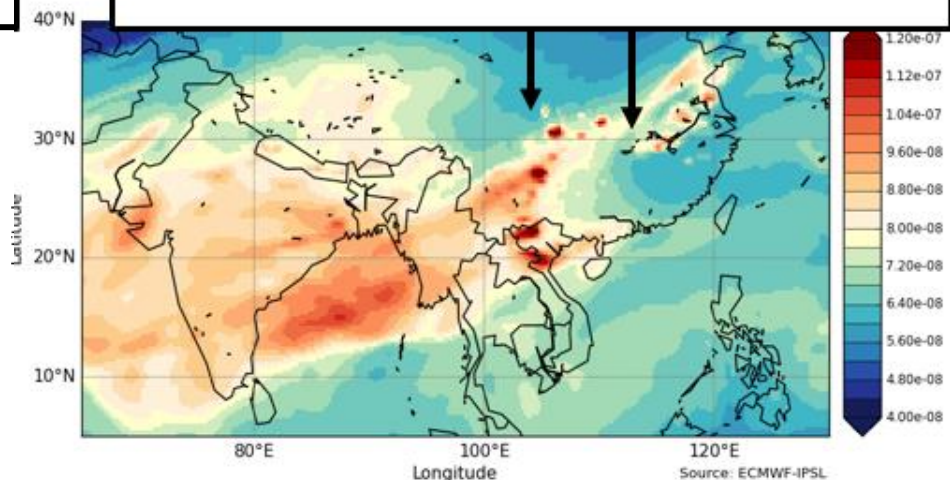
South-China sources from backtrajectories, associated with the measured anomalies of CO



South China air:

- relatively young (~1.5 days). Quite High convection (level of injection ~16 km and then slower uplift during transport).
- Highest 100 hPa peak of CO during the campaign

CO plume injection at 100hPa forecasted from CAMS





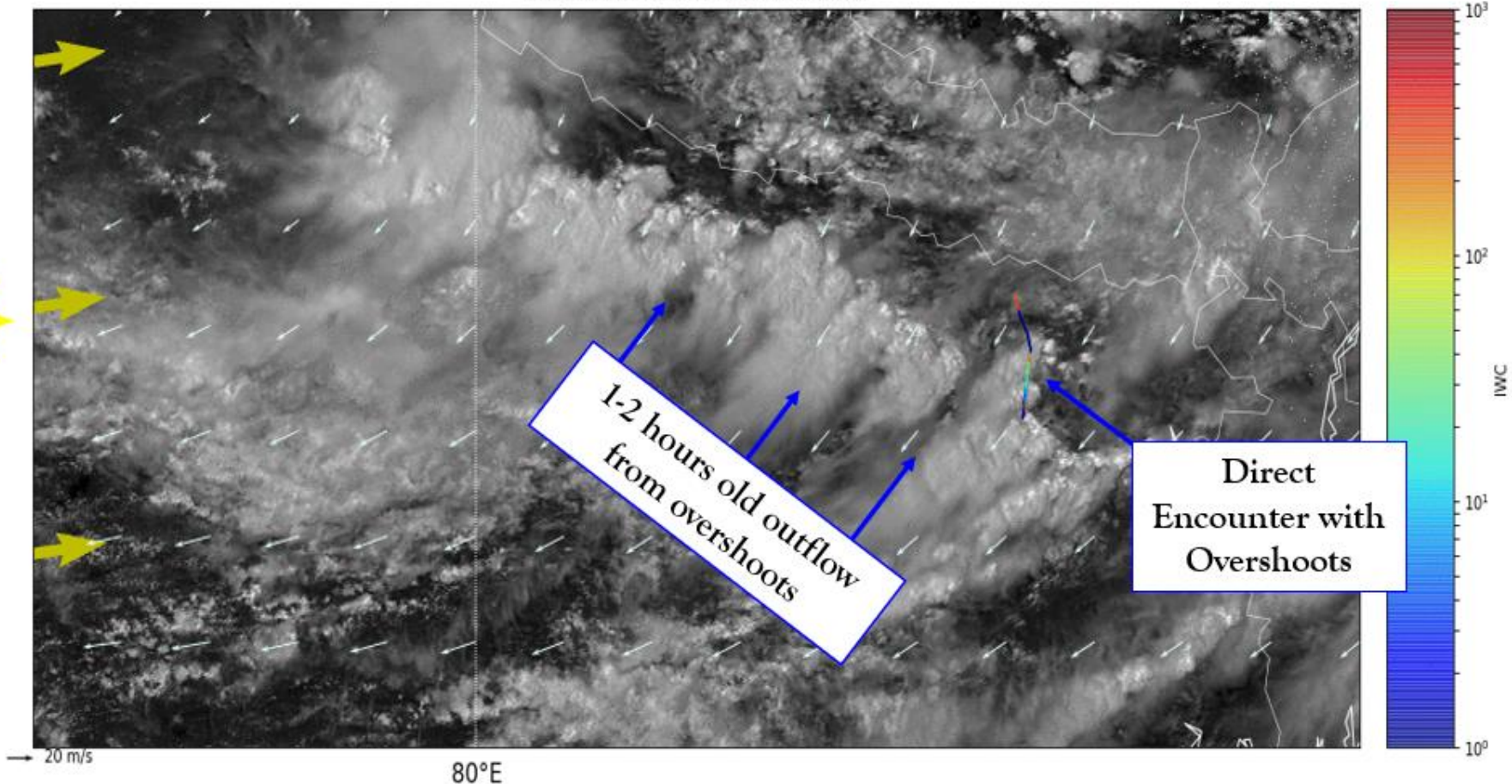
Flight 8 (10 August 2017)

-Fresh Overshoots + Maritime convection

Fresh Deep Convective outflow + Typhoon air: F8 10/08/2017

15-min resolution VIS images from MSG1

2017-08-10 09:15 VIS winds at 100 hPa

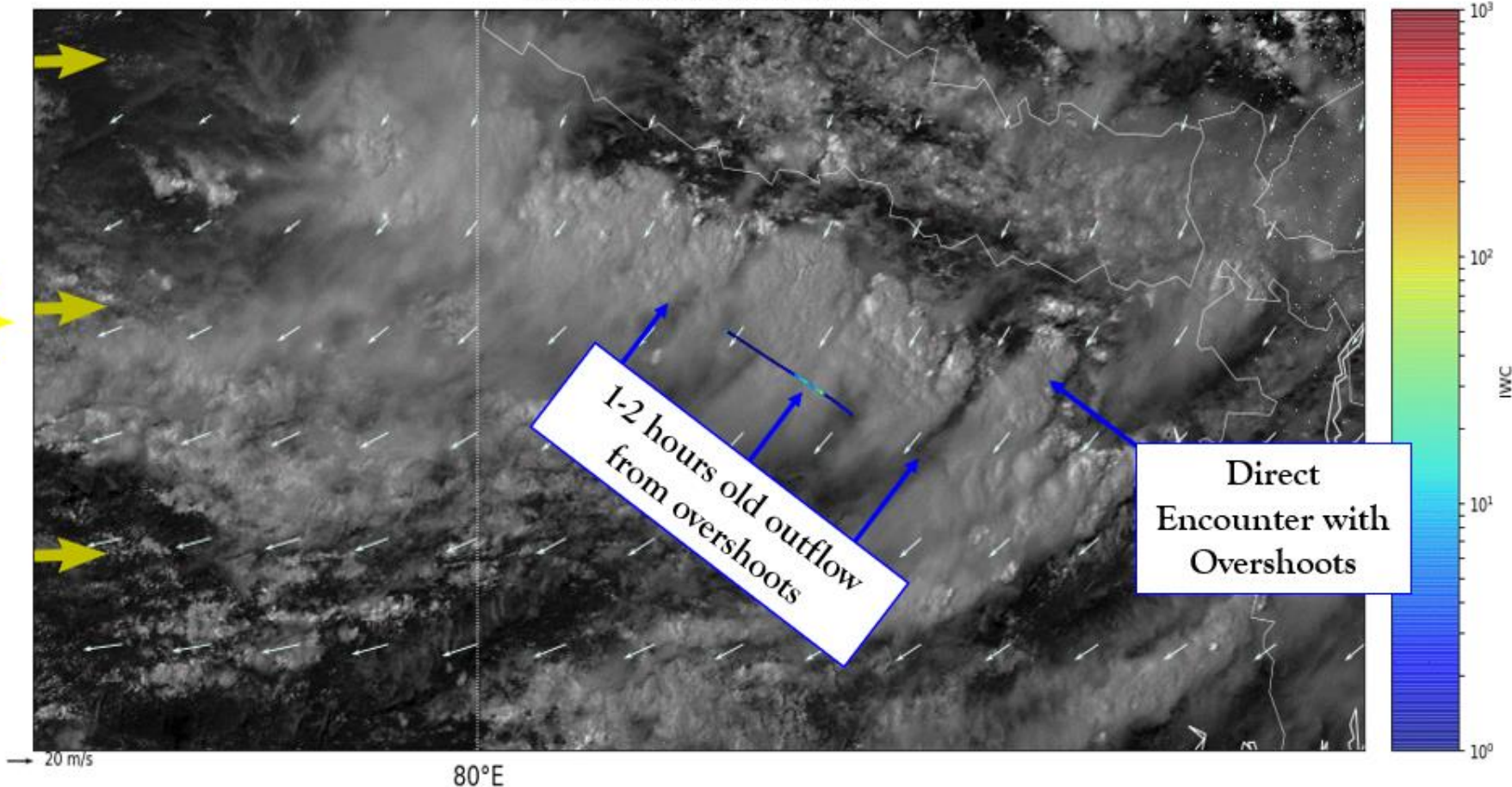


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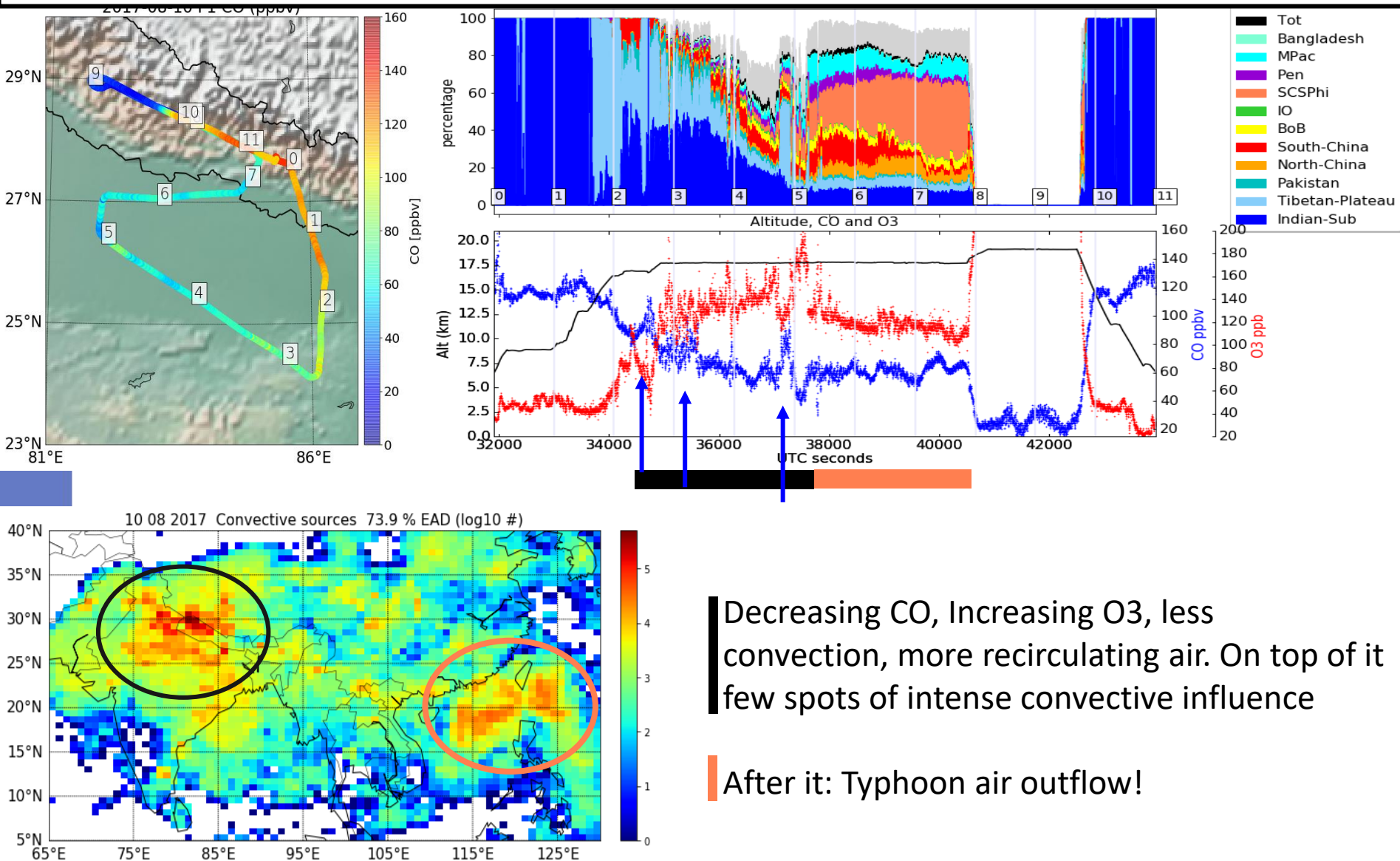
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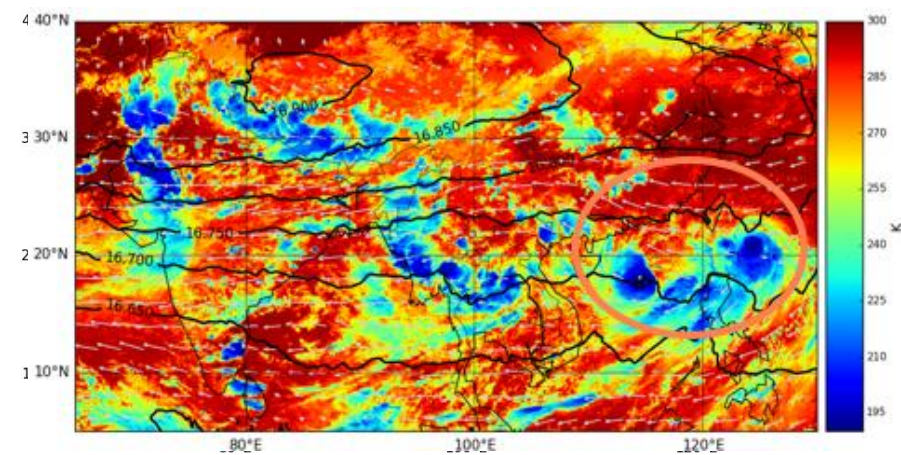
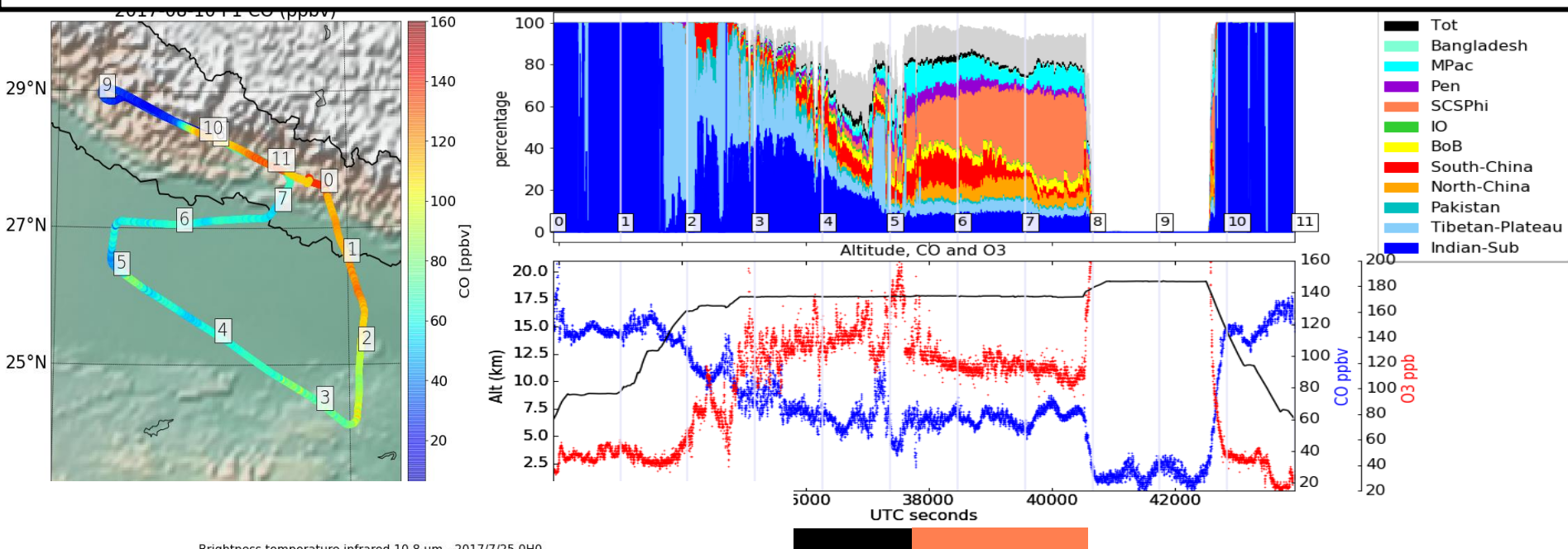


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Decreasing CO, Increasing O3, less convection, more recirculating air. On top of it few spots of intense convective influence

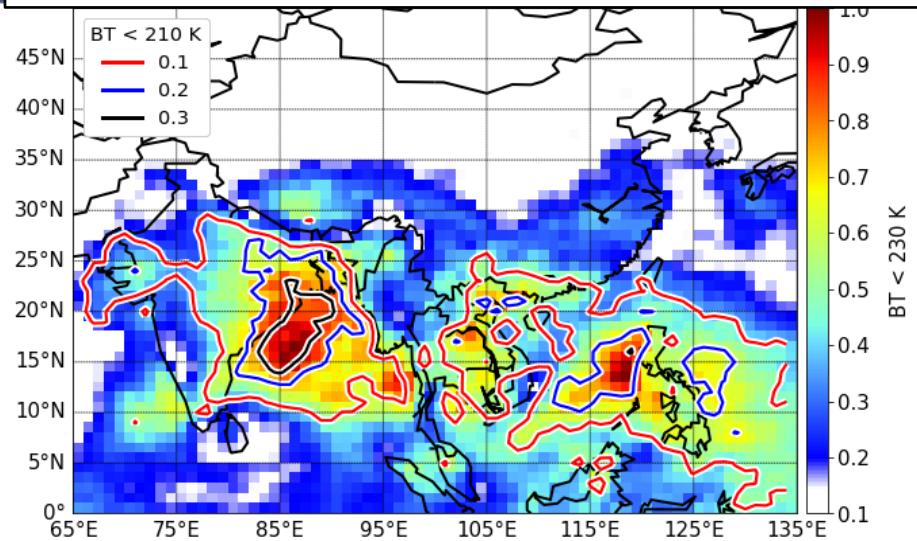
Nesat typhoon (25/07/2017 – 30/07/2017)

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Convective Activity: overall campaign vs. 2017 JJA season

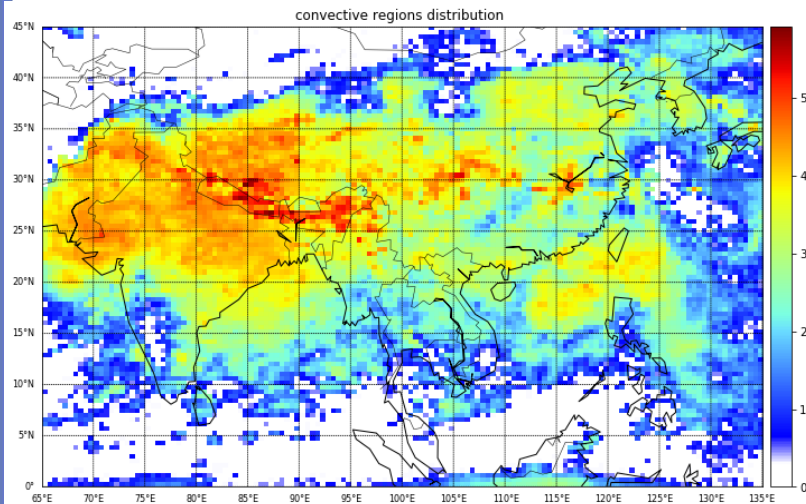
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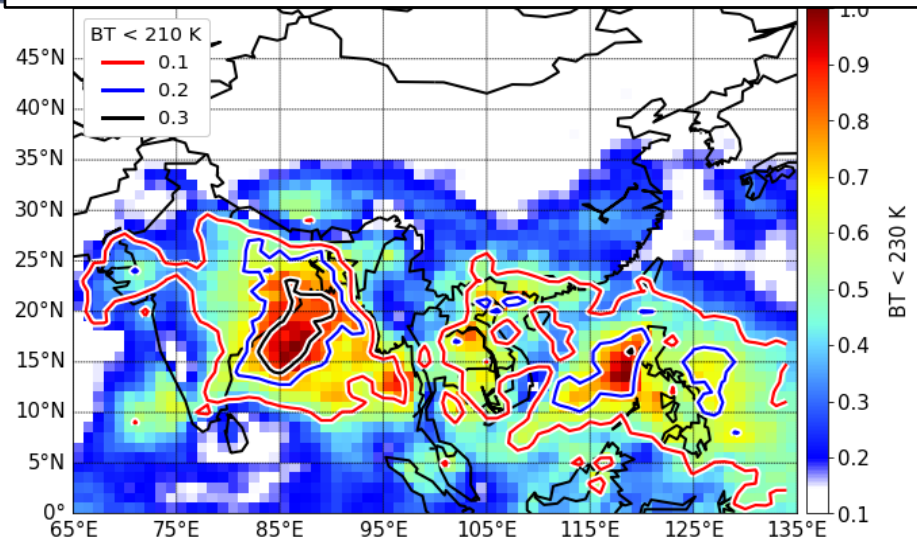
Convection (BT<230K in color)
«Deeper» convection(BT<210K in contours)

Total Convective sources SAMPLED during the whole campaign (trajectories)



Sampled convection mainly from Tibetan Plateau, North India and Central China

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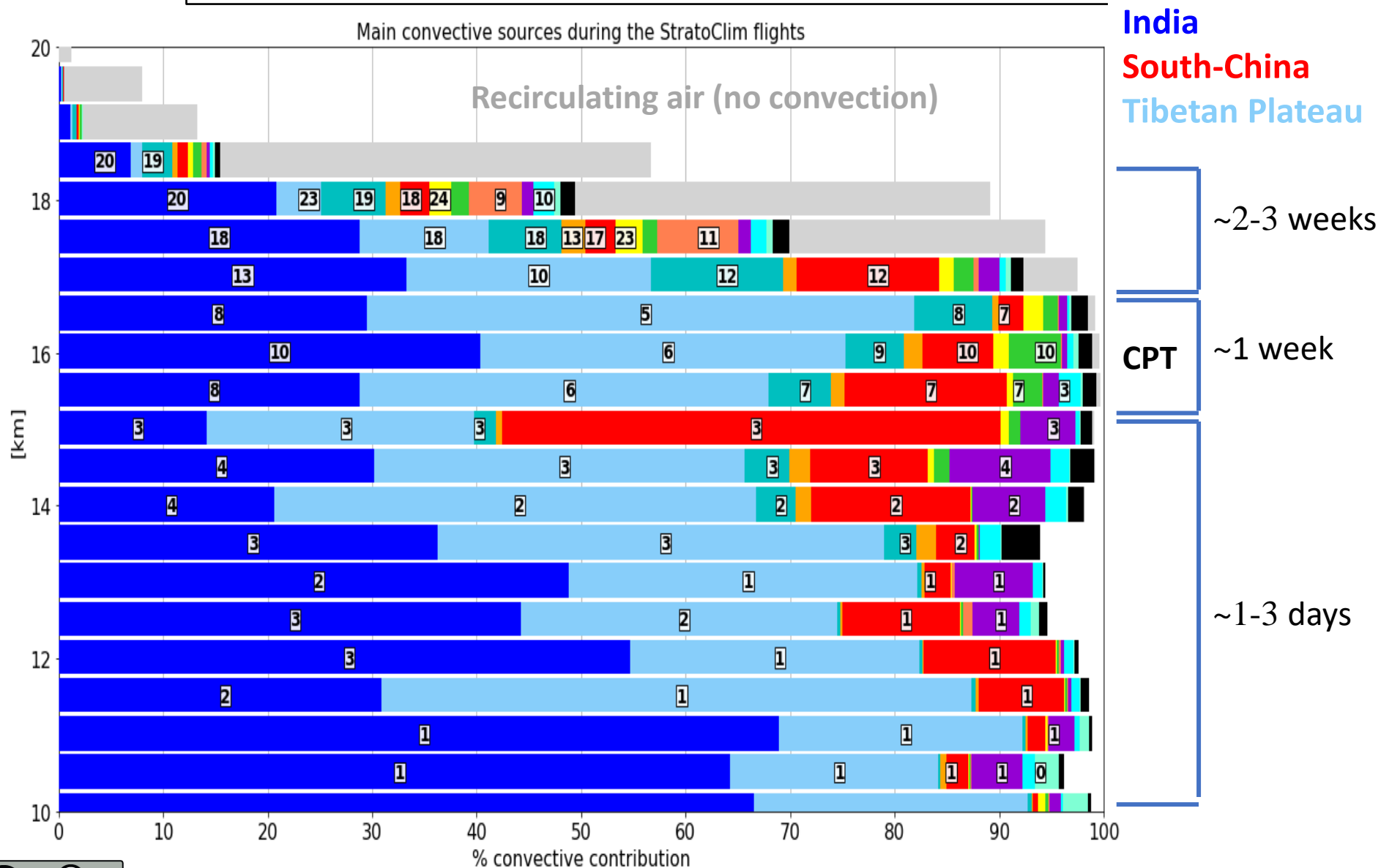


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Age and impact of deep convection along the Vertical



Summary and conclusions

- Trajectory + convective activity from satellite: better fit with in situ measurements when using **ERA 5 Diabatic** winds.
- Very young convective air (age <1 hour to few hours) and young convective air (~1-2 days) associated to intense overshoot cases or recent outflow (injection above 16 km) , observed over the southern Himalayan foothills and the South China region (especially Sichuan basin and Eastern center China).

Other dominant source is the Indian-Subcontinent, sampled in recirculating air with longer time of transport (~2 weeks) and associated to lower CO values.

- Convective events over these source regions are *not the dominant ones* in the AMA domain for 2017 JJA. In addition, the sampling happened in a overall *weaker convective phase*.

Even under such conditions, in-situ measurements demonstrated an intense signature in the UTLS composition effect associated to these events.

- Higher influence of convective outflow around 16-17 km with time of transport of around 1 week. Above, convective contribution radically decreases and the age of transport reaches times of the order of 20 days or more.



Thanks for your attention!

