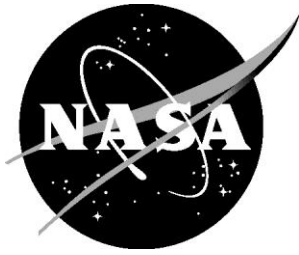


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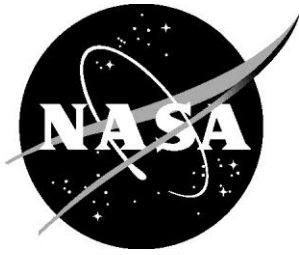
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ABSTRACT

This document presents a summary of the airborne weather radar observations made during joint EU/US flight campaigns to study High Altitude Ice Crystal (HAIC) atmospheric conditions. These flight campaigns were conducted near Darwin, Australia and Cayenne, French Guiana in 2014 and 2015, respectively. A variety of analyses were conducted resulting in statistical descriptions of the radar reflectivities of HAIC encountered during storm penetrations. These results are presented along with a set of visualization tools that aided flight operations and post-flight assessments. A summary of HAIC radar reflectivities observed during these flight campaigns corroborates reports by commercial pilots during HAIC encounters.

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FOREWORD

This paper was originally written in 2014, after the Darwin HAIC Flight Campaign, and then updated in 2015 after the Cayenne HAIC Flight Campaign. However, its release was delayed to allow restricted use of these results by the HAIC project and the flight campaign's funding organizations. While the results contained herein are now well accepted by researchers, this report is being released now as background information and documentation of the historical development of this technology.

1 Background

For the past few years, some commercial transport flights have experienced engine events after flying in glaciated clouds. Industry researchers [Mason et al] have suggested these engine events were due to ingestion of high concentrations of small ice crystals, which produced a range of engine issues – ranging from loss of thrust to engine unstarts, and includes events that have produced significant engine damage. Pilot reports describe these encounters during cruise as flight into white-out conditions with extremely fine ice crystals impacting and flowing across the windscreen – producing a sound like sand impacting the windscreen. In some instances an electrification of the aircraft including generation of St. Elmo’s fire has been observed along with a noticeable increase in cockpit humidity and the smell of ozone has been reported.

Pilots typically rely upon their weather radar to detect the presence of hydrometeors (eg, rain, sleet, hail, etc). So it was expected that increasing levels of ice particle concentrations would be visible on the weather radar display as increasing reflectivities. However, pilots consistently described these encounters as not showing any increases in radar reflectivities ahead of the aircraft. Compounding this reflectivity issue, pilots reported little to no reflectivities ahead of the aircraft both before and during engine events. This last HAIC attribute is the primary reason for: the radar observations made during the flight campaigns, the resulting radar analyses conducted thereafter, and the development of this report.

Given the threat this atmospheric condition poses to commercial aviation and the lack of detection/awareness provided by the current generation of radars, the FAA, aircraft manufacturers, and engine manufacturers recommended a series of flight campaigns to investigate this flight condition, assess if it requires a new/increased ice ingestion certification standard for modern jet engines, and develop mitigation techniques/technologies to enable continued safe flight operations in and around these environments. In response to this international call for action, aviation icing experts from the FAA, NASA, ECCC, Boeing, Airbus, and academia formed the HAIC / High Ice Water Content (HIWC) Science Team to provide structure and guidance for these investigations, provide a forum for sharing results, as well as develop plans for the recommended flight campaigns.

Initially NASA and the FAA were going to conduct a flight campaign in 2012 but were unable to get modifications to an aircraft in a satisfactory manner; however, through their participation in the HAIC/HIWC Science Team, the FAA/NASA team was able to learn of EU/Airbus plans for a HAIC flight campaign to be performed in 2014 utilizing the SAFIRE-operated Falcon 20 research aircraft. The FAA and NASA researchers travelled to Toulouse, France to investigate this opportunity and were pleased to be added to the HAIC Research Team and included in their flight campaigns.

The primary objective of the EU/Airbus flight campaigns was to characterize the HAIC atmospheric condition including measurement of Particle Size Distributions (PSD) and Ice Water Content (IWC) within the regions of HAIC and profiling of the surrounding cloud/atmosphere. In order to perform these investigations, a Dassault Falcon 20 aircraft was modified to carry a Nevzorov probe (measures IWC, Liquid Water Content (LWC), and Total Water Content (TWC)), the NASA Iso-Kinetic Probe (IKP, which measures IWC), a W-band cloud profiling radar, and several ice crystal detectors – along with their associated control and recording subsystems. NASA and Honeywell offered a new X-band weather radar but SAFIRE was unable to install a new radar due to time and certification constraints; however, a recorder was able to be added by SAFIRE to capture the existing radar’s display.

As a secondary objective, radar reflectivities of HAIC conditions were measured by the pilot’s weather radar and recorded for post-flight assessment and analyses by the NASA research team. The radar analyses performed included: distributions of radar reflectivity factor (RRF) inside HAIC conditions as well as the surrounding area, assessment of the pilot’s need for variable gain and tilt, and an assessment of the

correlation between IWC and RRF. In addition to these analyses, various data visualization tools were developed and provided to flight team members/organizations for their own analyses and review of the flight conditions. Results of these analyses and observations made with the visualization tools are the basis for (and the balance of) this report.

2 Flight Campaigns

The record of commercial HAIC incidents were predominately over the oceans and during convective seasons so flight campaigns were planned around these conditions and near locations that had good meteorological installations and support. Darwin, Australia was selected for multiple reasons, including: the number of HAIC incidents near this region, the ability to operate relatively free of commercial traffic, the Australian Bureau of Meteorology's excellent radar network, and their interest in HAIC research. Cayenne, French Guiana was selected based upon: the preponderance of convective weather, reduced operational costs, very few traffic conflicts, and good meteorological support due to the proximity of the European Space Agency's launch site.

2.1 Hardware

The Falcon 20 research aircraft has a Honeywell Primus 660 (see Figure 1) weather radar installed to support flight operations. The radar consists of a transceiver, pedestal, and antenna located under the nose-mounted radome (see Figure 2); plus a control unit and indicator in the cockpit. Digital data from the radar display bus was captured using an ARINC 708/453 recorder. Measured RRF is encoded into 5 color bands according to the following table (expressed in dBZ):

53	≤	magenta	
40	≤	red	< 53
33	≤	yellow	< 40
23	≤	green	< 33
		black	< 23

The Primus 660 also has a variable gain control knob that allows +3 dB to -15 dB of processing gain. This knob can also be set to CAL (i.e., calibrated) which produces no additional gain (0 dB) and activates a ground clutter filter to aid SNR and weather detection.

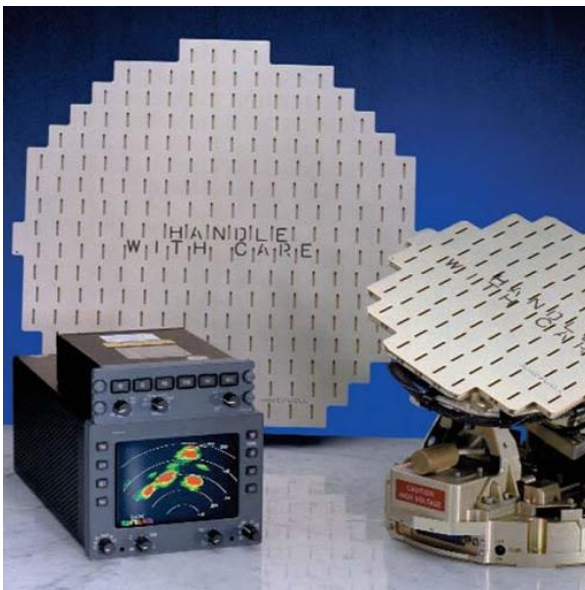


Figure 1: Primus 660 Hardware

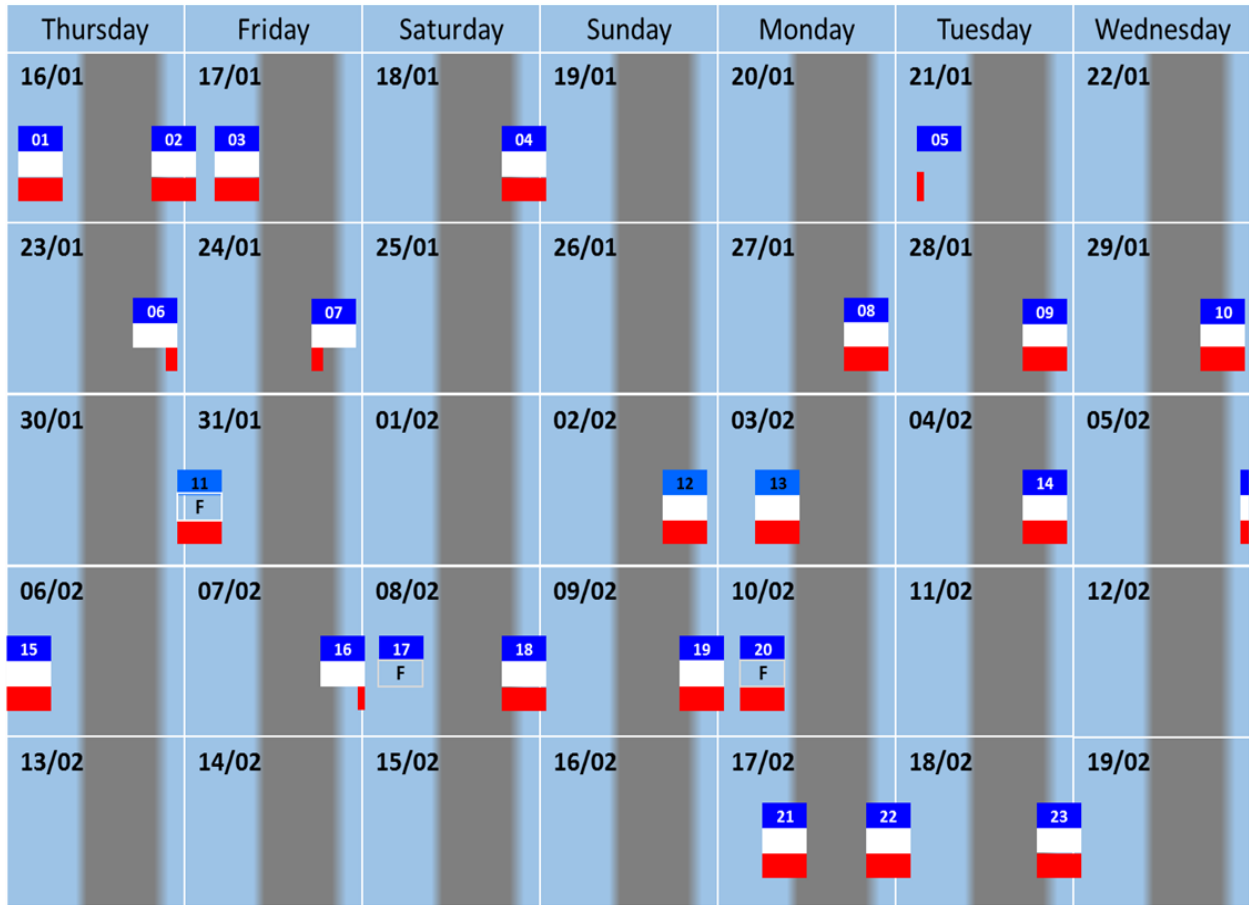


Figure 2: Falcon aircraft with radar antenna

2.2 Deployments

Radar data was collected from two flight campaigns: the first was conducted in January and February of 2014 and based out of Darwin, Australia; the second was conducted in May of 2015 and based out of Cayenne, French Guiana. As shown in Figure 3, each flight is depicted by a French flag on the date and times they occurred. The number at the top of each flag symbol denotes the flight number. There were three types of data recorded during each flight: aircraft state, IKP (IWC data), and radar display files. A list of all the files and the start/stop times for each file type is identified in Appendix A. Recordings of each of these data sources is indicated by the bars on the flag symbol – aircraft state is blue, IKP is white, and radar is red. An “F” on the flag symbol indicates a ferry flight – typically conducted without recording research data. Each data type/file has GPS time recorded along with the measurements; during analyses the data from each source was synchronized using this recorded GPS time.

In summary, there were 23 flights (including 3 ferry flights) conducted in just 20 flight days – over a 5 week flight window, and near Darwin in 2014; similarly, there were 17 flights conducted in just 14 flight days and over a short 20 day flight window near Cayenne in 2015. The flights were generally conducted either just after dawn or just before dusk – the local diurnal cycle is shown on a UTC-based calendar in Figure 3 – with the local daytime shown as light blue and local nighttime shown as gray.



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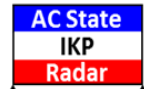
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UTC Dates/Time but Local Diurnal Light Cycle



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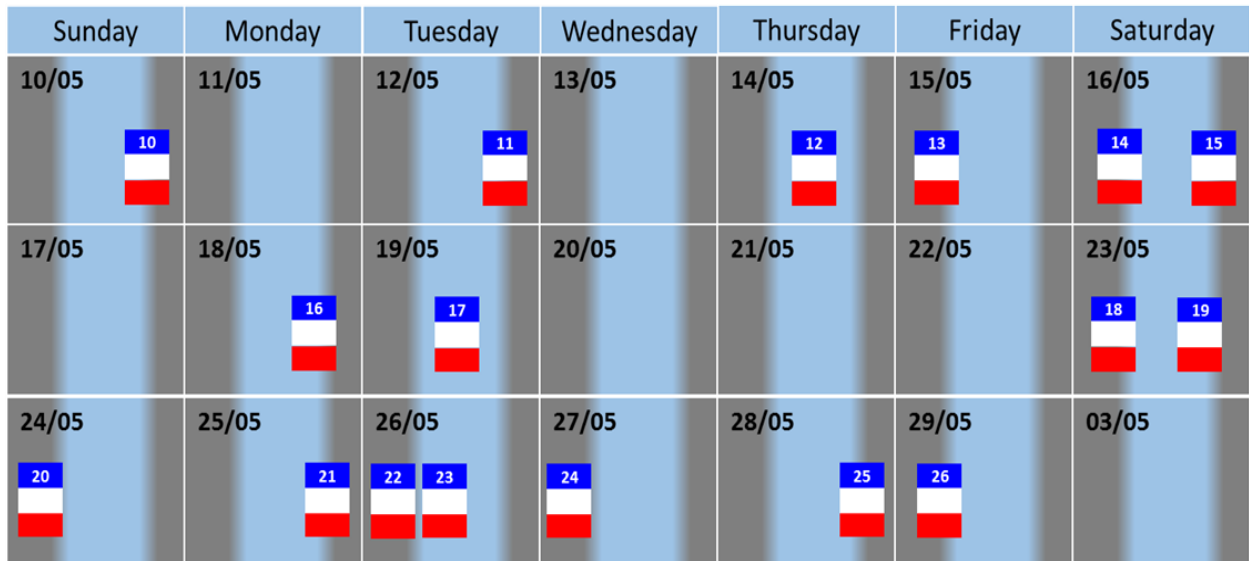


Figure 3: 2014 and 2015 HAIC Flight Campaigns

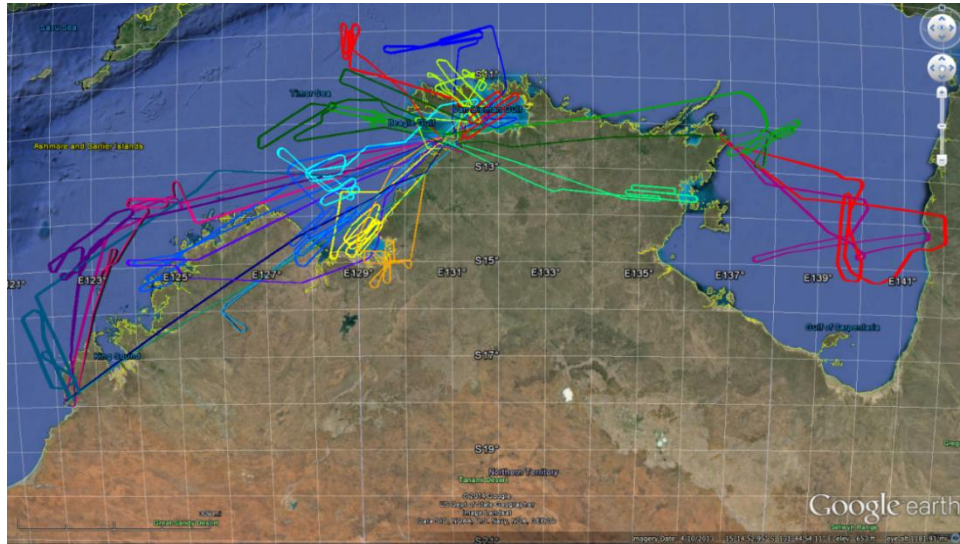


Figure 4 Summary of Flight tracks for 2014 HAIC Flight Campaign near Darwin, Australia

2.3 Flights

Figure 4 shows the flight tracks flown during the 2014 HAIC Flight Campaign. Based in Darwin, Australia, these flights were conducted primarily off-shore either down the western coast of Australia (towards Broome) or along the northern coast (towards Gove and into the Gulf of Carpentaria). These areas were favored as they had radar coverage from Australian Bureau of Meteorology radars. Figure 5 shows the flight tracks flown during the 2015 HAIC Flight Campaign. Based in Cayenne, French Guiana, these flights focused on oceanic storms but also looked at continental storms forming over the South American continent. Operations over French Guiana and Suriname were extremely limited but offered the first look at HAIC produced from continental storms. Flight tracks were dictated by existing weather conditions and the sampling strategies [Strapp et al] to assess the 99th percentile ice exposure level.



Figure 5: Summary of Flight tracks for 2015 HAIC Flight Campaign near Cayenne, French Guiana

2.4 Event Definitions

In order to easily reference specific dates and times and to specify areas of interest during a flight, a numbered list of “events” was developed for Darwin and Cayenne (see Appendix B). Ice particle concentration (i.e., IWC - measured in grams per cubic meter of air) is widely accepted as the best metric to express the severity of this aviation threat; however, at the time of writing this report, there is no accepted threshold for differentiating hazardous from non-hazardous levels of IWC. Consequently, a threshold value (i.e., IWC level) of 1 g/m^3 was selected to enable “events” to be extracted from the flight records.

The process above occasionally creates a series of smaller “events” often adjacent to each other – only separated by a momentary decrease in an IWC measurement; consequently, a process was developed to regroup these “events” into a single (i.e., continuous) “event”. An analysis was performed to assess how large a time gap should be used to re-associate these fractured “events”. Figure 6 shows the effect of this process on regrouping these “events”. The “knee” of the curve (at 5 seconds) was chosen as the maximum allowable time gap; using this value of 5 seconds, the final listing of “events” was produced. The resulting list of 647 “events” for Darwin and 605 “events” for Cayenne are listed in Appendix B, are used in these analyses, and are referenced by these “event” numbers in the balance of this document.

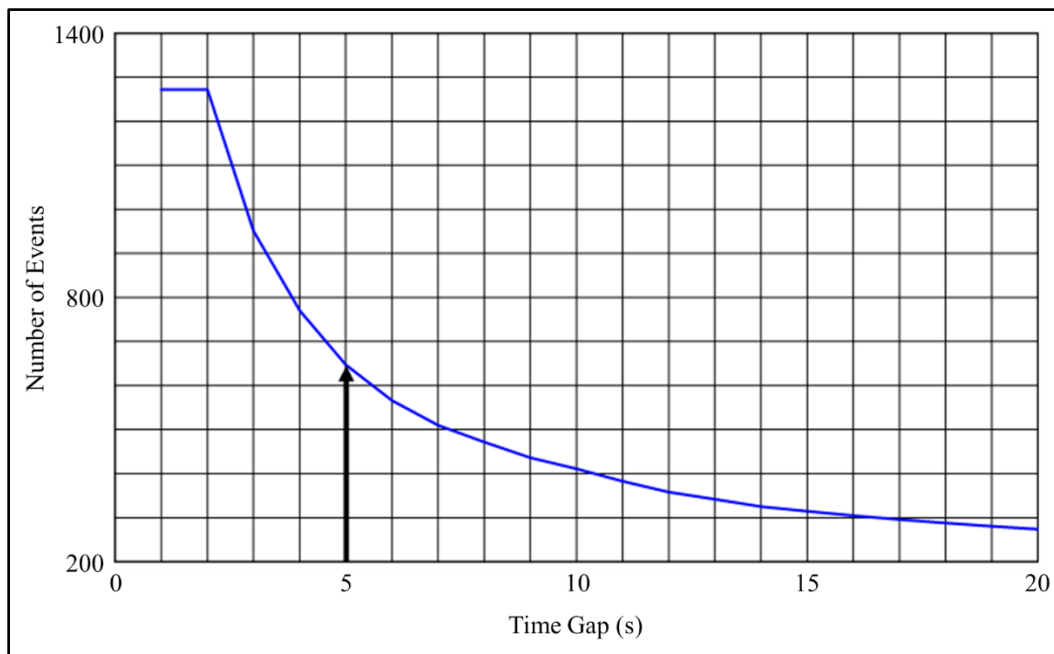


Figure 6: Assessing the Maximum Allowable Time Gap

3 Analysis Tools

Several analysis capabilities were developed and used to support the flight test campaign and analyze the resulting data. Two tools were developed to aid in visualizing the data and synchronizing/correlating multiple data types. The visualization tool provides the capability to graphically display recorded radar data. The geo-reference tool provides the capability to graphically display data from various sources in a geospatial representation.

3.1 Visualization Tool

A visualization tool was developed to read the recorded radar data files and display the ARINC 708 data in a Plan Position Indicator (PPI) format similar to a cockpit display. Radar reflectivity is shown according to the recorded color values with the Primus 660 color scale provided for reference. This application was delivered for use during flight operations to help with quick-look post-flight analysis and follow-on sortie planning. It was also useful for detailed post-flight analysis. Figure 7 below shows a snapshot of the visualization tool along with annotations (in blue) of the various radar/aircraft settings and parameters – these include:

Radar Parameters	Display Parameters	Aircraft Parameters
Azimuth angle	Date	Latitude
Tilt (Elevation) angle	Time	Longitude
Range setting	Display range	Altitude
Gain setting	Range ring spacing	Airspeed
		Heading

This visualization tool provided radar data playback capability including: continuous play, pause/restart, and/or single-frame advance. Fast-forward and re-wind options are also available to reach a desired time within the data set. Processing progress was indicated by a bar graphic at the bottom left of the display (showing percentage complete) for file-level progress and a beam indicator that moves across the top of the display to show beam location during the scan. Use of these indicators allows large-scale and fine-scale control over the data displayed for analyses. Additionally, a zoom capability was available to change the display range to focus on small areas.

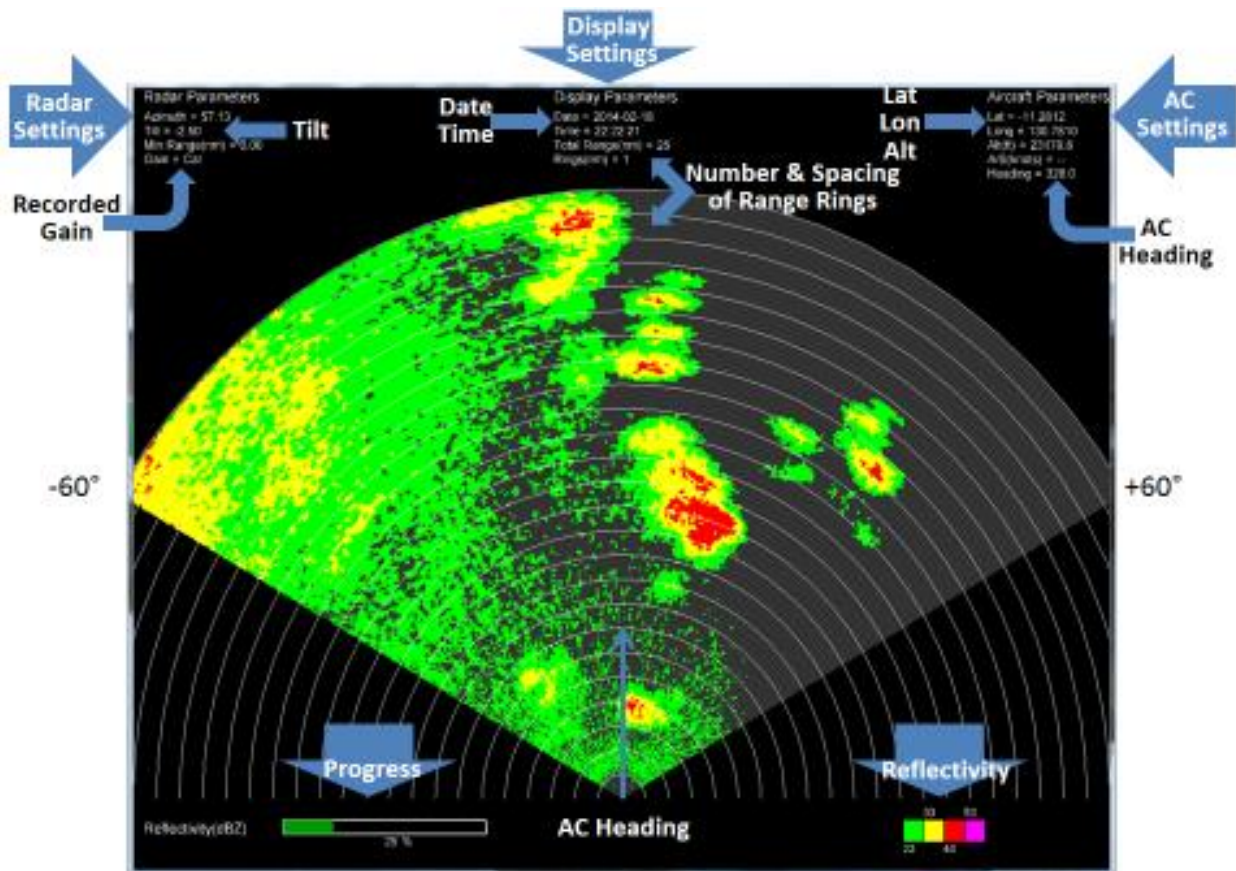


Figure 7: Weather Radar Viewer Application (708 Display)

Besides replicating an ARINC 708 display, the application provides the option to account for aircraft motion when aircraft state information is available. When enabled, the reflectivity display translates and rotates according to changes in the aircraft position and heading. Any portion of the display outside of the radar's current field of regard (i.e. beyond the azimuth scan limits) is allowed to "coast" without further updates.

An option to save screenshots is also provided. When enabled, a bitmap file is created for the entire window at the end of each sweep. The bitmap files will have the same filename as the radar data file for the same sweep with a different extension. This capability has been used to generate videos of the radar data and is the source of PPI images in this report.

Because the radar only depicts weather in front of the aircraft, it is sometimes desirable to recall what was previously shown for the current aircraft position. This is helpful for correlating in situ observations with radar measurements made prior to arriving at the current location. This visualization application provides for separate window that maintains a static snapshot of the reflectivity display, while the aircraft continues to traverse this stationary view and the primary display is updated in its window. The current aircraft position is indicated by an icon that moves relative to the stationary radar display. The current radar field of regard is drawn which indicates the current aircraft heading, radar scan limits, and radar range setting. Figure 8 below shows an example of the stationary window with a window of the current position. The window of the current position is outlined in blue with a center line showing the heading of the aircraft. The stationary window in Figure 8 had a range of 25 nm and the current window range was 10 nm.

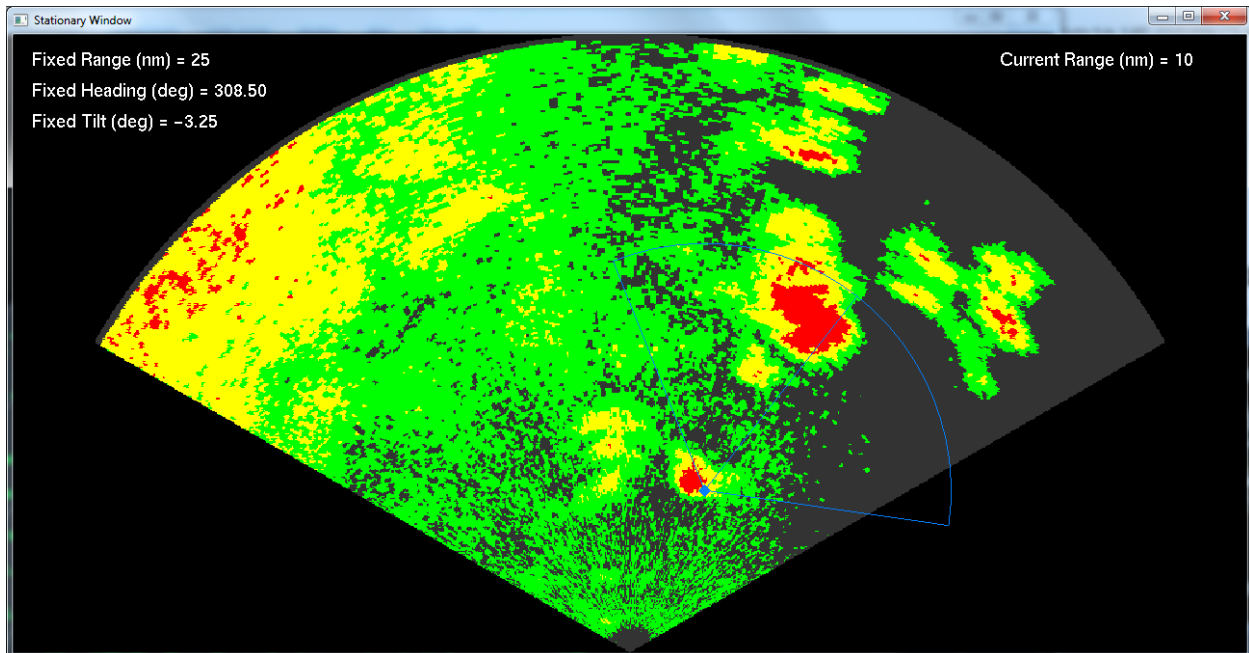


Figure 8: Weather Radar Viewer Stationary Window

3.2 Geo-Referenced Tool

Visualization of flight data in a geospatial reference frame is useful for situational awareness and correlating measurements from multiple sensors (both remote and in situ sensing systems). However, development of this new capability can be costly and very time consuming; alternatively, Google® Earth can be utilized as the graphics engine to allow limited resources to be focused on analysis rather than visualization tools. Additionally, Google® Earth is freely available and widely used, so data may be shared with many

stakeholders without the need for training or reformatting data. It provides a feature-rich Graphical User Interface (GUI) and abundant documentation/tutorials. An active user and developer communities means that it is well supported and continues to improve. Google® Earth provides the capability to import external data via the Keyhole Markup Language (KML). Therefore, custom development was simplified to merely formatting the relevant data to conform to the KML standard. By reusing capabilities provided by the visualization tool, an automatic process was created to generate KML files from recorded flight data.

The KML generated files enable the graphical display of the 4-D aircraft flight path (position and time) as well as the display of key aircraft and radar parameters in a text-based pop-up box in Google® Earth. Radar display imagery, (i.e, color-coded reflectivity) can also be conformally rendered on the display. IWC data from the NASA-developed IKP can be displayed as a color-coded 3-D track. Figure 9 below shows an example of a Google® Earth display with radar imagery overlay, IKP color-coded 3-D track, and a text-based pop-up box displaying various parameters. In addition, the figure below shows how to use the animation controls of Google® Earth to move through the flight.

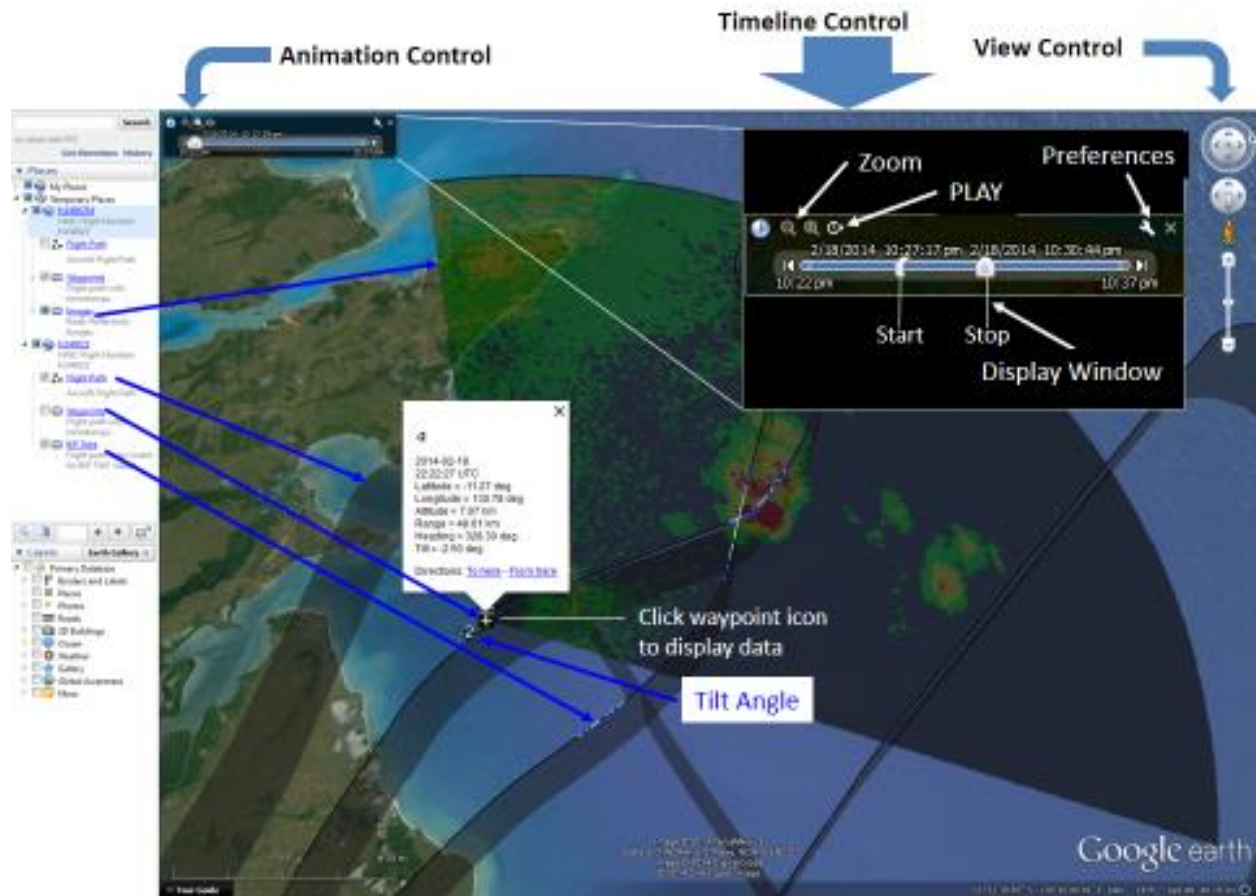


Figure 9: Visualizing aircraft, radar, and IKP data in Google® Earth

When using Google® Earth for analysis, a 3-D control feature allows for setting the observer point of view, including zoom, pan, and rotation. For data that includes a time dimension, the timeline controls may be used to animate the imagery and/or limit the time window to display only a subset of the data.

3.2.1 Representing the Iso-Kinetic Probe (IKP) data

NASA working with ECCC and Science Engineering Associates (SEA) developed an Iso-Kinetic Probe (IKP) to measure Ice Water Content (IWC) at higher concentrations than commercially available probes. The IKP instrument was used as truth data for these analyses even though the IKP and radar measure vastly different volumes of air. For these analyses and data visualizations, IKP data was quantized and color-coded into four bands:

White	$3 \leq \text{IWC}(\text{g}/\text{m}^3)$
Cyan	$2 \leq \text{IWC}(\text{g}/\text{m}^3) < 3$
Blue	$1 \leq \text{IWC}(\text{g}/\text{m}^3) < 2$
Black	$\text{IWC}(\text{g}/\text{m}^3) < 1$

This set of colors was used on the path displayed in Google® Earth. The 3 bands of IKP data above $1 \text{ g}/\text{m}^3$ were used to create the statistics described in these analyses.

Simultaneously displaying radar imagery with IKP data allowed for a visualization of spatial correlation between remote and in situ measurements and helped support insights into the observed conditions.

Figure 10 is an example of the geo-referenced tool, showing a portion of a flight over the Timor Sea, north of Melville Island, on 18 February 2014 around 10:22 UTC; the image shows the aircraft overflight of two cells with high reflectivity as measured by the radar. This image depicts IKP measurements (i.e., IWC) along the entire flight path (past, present, and future) along with the current radar measurements.

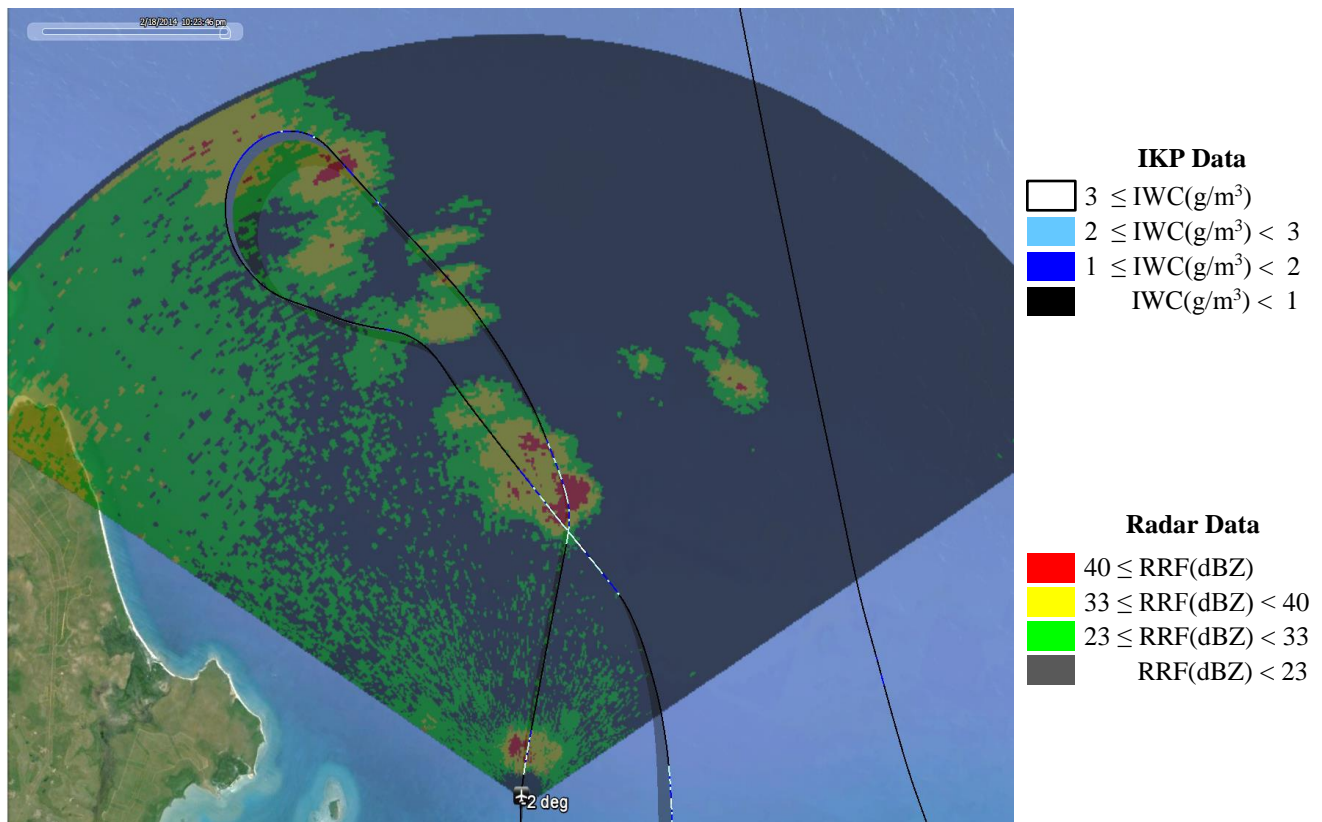


Figure 10 Spatial Correlation of IKP and Radar Reflectivity

4 Analysis

A variety of analyses were conducted, both during the flight campaign (supporting flight operations) and post-flight to assess HAIC radar properties. Specific objectives were to evaluate: use of the radar's variable gain, use of antenna tilt, flight-level IWC compared with lower-altitude RRF, and HAIC RRF statistical results. Additionally, a visual analysis was performed using the geo-referenced tool to correlate the radar reflectivities with the IKP data. This visual analysis looked for three of the four correlation outcomes in detecting HAIC conditions.

4.1 Use of Radar's Variable Gain

The Primus 660 has a variable gain controlled by a knob that allows for +3dB to -15dB gain. There is also a CAL setting that sets the gain to 0dB (i.e., no adjustment to the measured echo strength) and engages a ground-clutter filter. Pilots were requested to minimize their use of this gain as it corrupts the recorded RRF data. While both the radar display data and variable gain setting are recorded, compensation/correction for this variable gain cannot be accurately removed from the recorded data/imagery.

Note: Variable gain cannot be removed perfectly since it is applied in the radar to the measured-RRF (i.e., a floating point measurement); however, compensation is applied to recorded-RRF which is quantized into approximately 10 dBZ bands. Since some measured-RRF values are near the border between colors, application of a small amount of gain can produce a quantum (i.e., color) change in the recorded-RRF; however, this sub-quantum information is lost during quantization and cannot be recovered for use in a compensation process. During post-flight processing a value must be assumed for each recorded color, the RRF value at the middle of the color band is assumed for the purposes of analyses and compensation for variable gain adjustment. Thus the application of any variable gain less than half the width of the quantum level (e.g., $10\text{dB} / 2 = 5\text{dB}$) will not produce any change in the resulting image – unlike the actual radar.

4.1.1 Minimum Gain

Figure 11 shows three PPI displays, produced from data collected on February 18, 2014 and exemplifies the difficulty compensating for variable gain. The top image was captured with the radar variable gain in CAL setting – this represents the most accurate portrayal of the atmospheric RRF measured by this radar. The lower left image shows the same scene a few seconds later, after the pilot had adjusted the variable gain to its minimum setting (i.e., maximum attenuation) of -15dB. While pilots may perform this gain adjustment to see storm structure within a single RRF band (i.e., color), this adjustment cannot easily be removed from the recorded data. The image at the lower right, shows what happens if 15dB is added back to the recorded values.

The reason for this distorted view is due to the loss of the sub-quantized values – recall only the color of the RRF was recorded so all greens are the same value, as are all yellows a single value. In order to compensate for variable gain, this analysis assumes the RRF value at the middle of the quantized band and 5 dB above the maximum yellow RRF for the red level. The gray RRF is assumed to be below measurement threshold and is unaffected by this compensation.

Since minimum gain (i.e., maximum attenuation) could not accurately be compensated, pilots were requested to minimize their use of this gain setting. For the most part, the pilots complied with this request and only used this setting briefly and sparingly; in these instances, they shifted the variable gain back to CAL after a few seconds (sweeps) to preserve data fidelity.

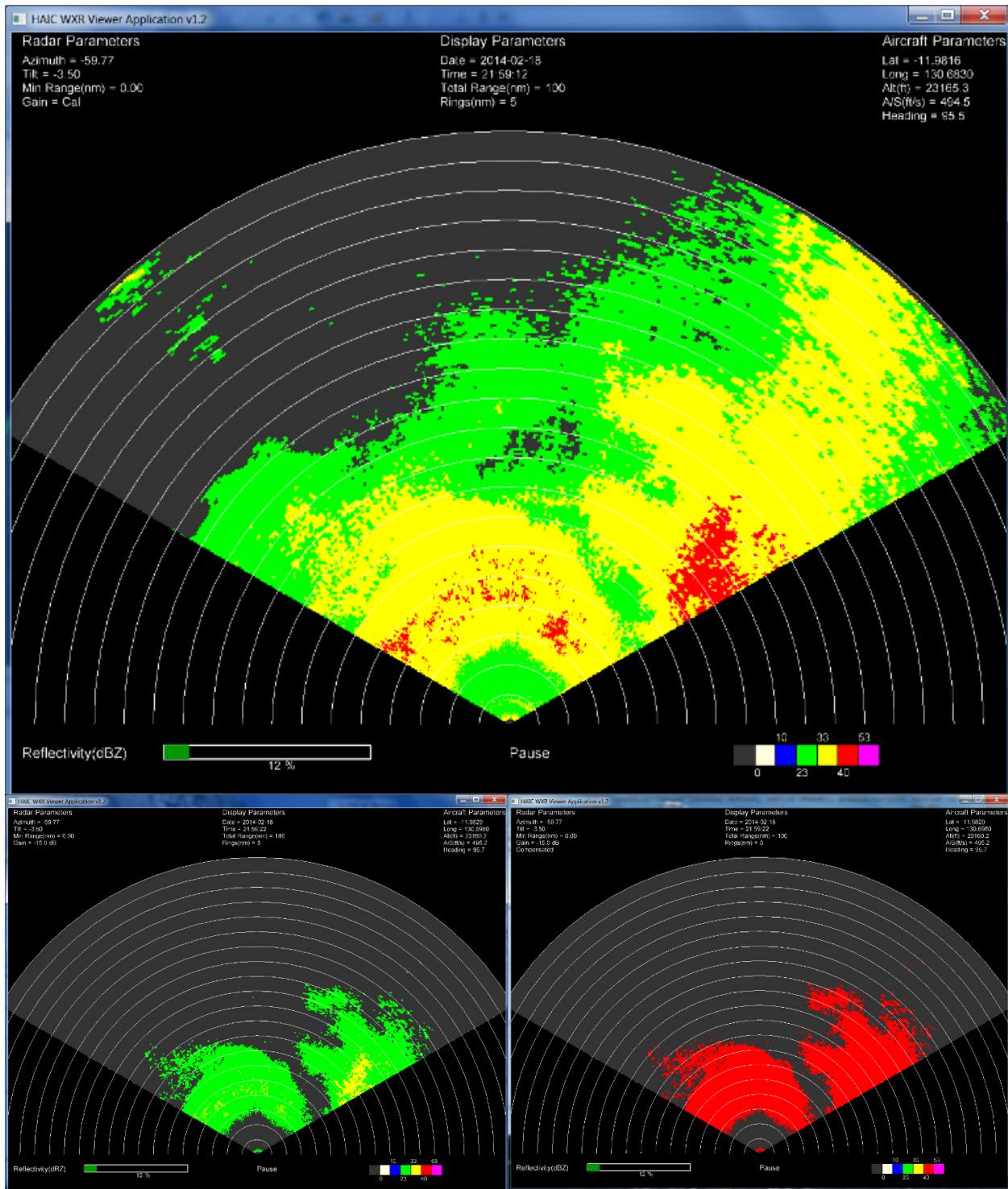


Figure 11: Comparison of Minimum Gain

4.1.2 Maximum Gain

The radar's variable gain can also be set to the other extreme – maximum gain, this is done to enhance low reflectivity regions and see below the minimum RRF level and/or see storm structure within a single RRF band. The maximum gain setting only provided 3dB of additional gain, which is less than half of any

quantized RRF band (i.e., color); therefore, compensation for this added gain will not result in any changes to recorded-RRF values (i.e., colors). Whereas the actual radar produces this amplification and results in a slightly increased RRF level on the display. An example of using maximum gain is shown in Figure 12 which was recorded on 02 February 2014. The left image was captured with the CAL variable gain setting and represents the most accurate portrayal of atmospheric RRF. The right image was recorded a few seconds later when the variable gain had been increased to maximum gain (+3dB). A comparison of the two images shows the additional gain (right image) produces slightly higher RRF levels throughout the scene. The compensated image (not shown) looks identical to the right image and thus does not restore the reflectivities to those shown in the left image. Consequently, pilots were requested to limit their use of variable gain to prevent corrupting the RRF data, analyses, and statistical results.

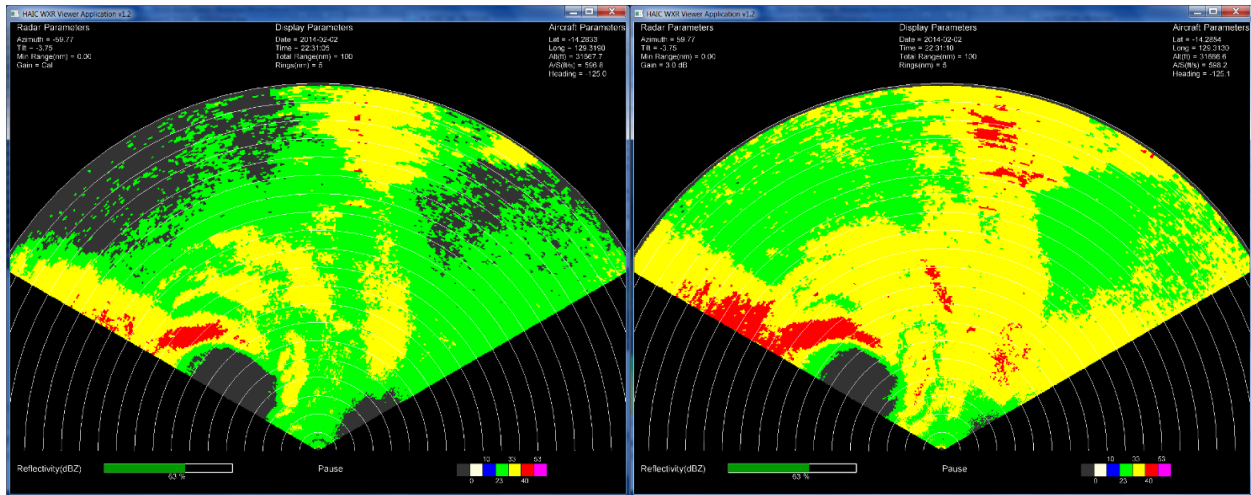


Figure 12 Comparison of CAL setting and Maximum Gain

4.2 Use of Antenna Tilt

Weather radars include an antenna and pedestal underneath the nose-mounted radome (e.g., Figure 2) and are used to scan the skies to provide situational awareness of the weather, up to hundreds of miles in front of the aircraft. Due to the limited antenna size and the operational range of airborne weather radars, echoes from the ground (i.e., clutter) often infiltrate weather returns. Pilots often use antenna tilt to discriminate ground clutter from atmospheric conditions in order to see weather descending from above or rising up from below that can affect the aircraft at its flight level.

Figure 13 shows PPI images from the 18 January 2014 flight, using the 708 visualization tool. The left image shows evidence of ground clutter contamination in the further half of range bins, from directly ahead to the right-side of the scan. Conversely, the right image shows the same scene with the antenna tilt elevated a few degrees compared to the antenna tilt used in the left image. The right image shows ground clutter is less prevalent and weather returns are more clearly evident.

The side by side images (see Figure 13) can also be shown in a conformal manner using the geo-referenced tool, described in Section 3.2 above, as shown in Figure 14. This conformal rendering shows the alignment of terrain/coastlines with RRF “features” and thereby provides confirmation that these high reflectivities come from ground clutter sources and not from weather. Aiding the interpretation of RRF imagery is the primary benefit offered by the geo-reference tool.

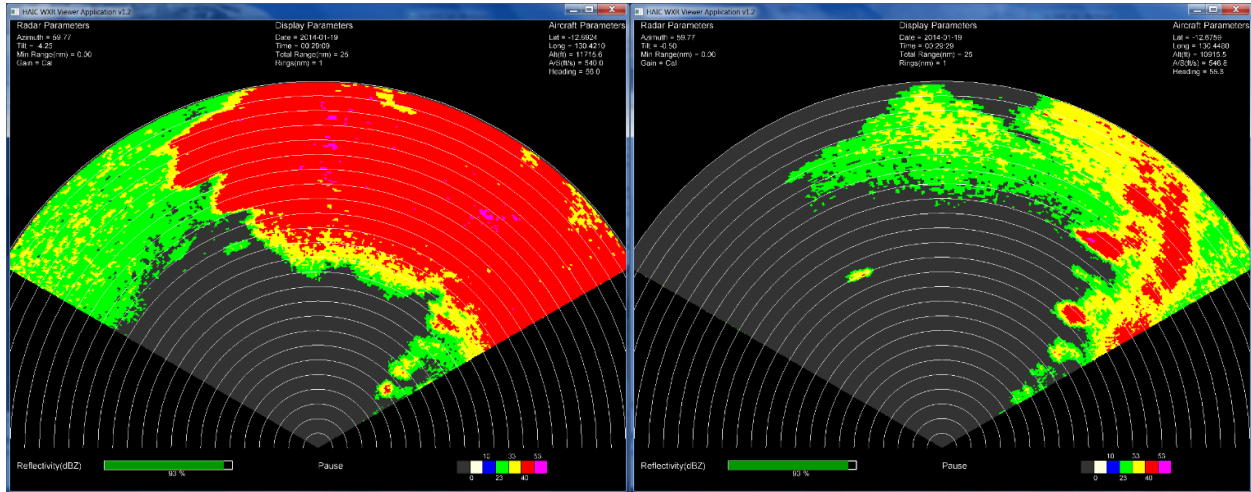


Figure 13: Ground Clutter Mitigation through Antenna Tilt Management

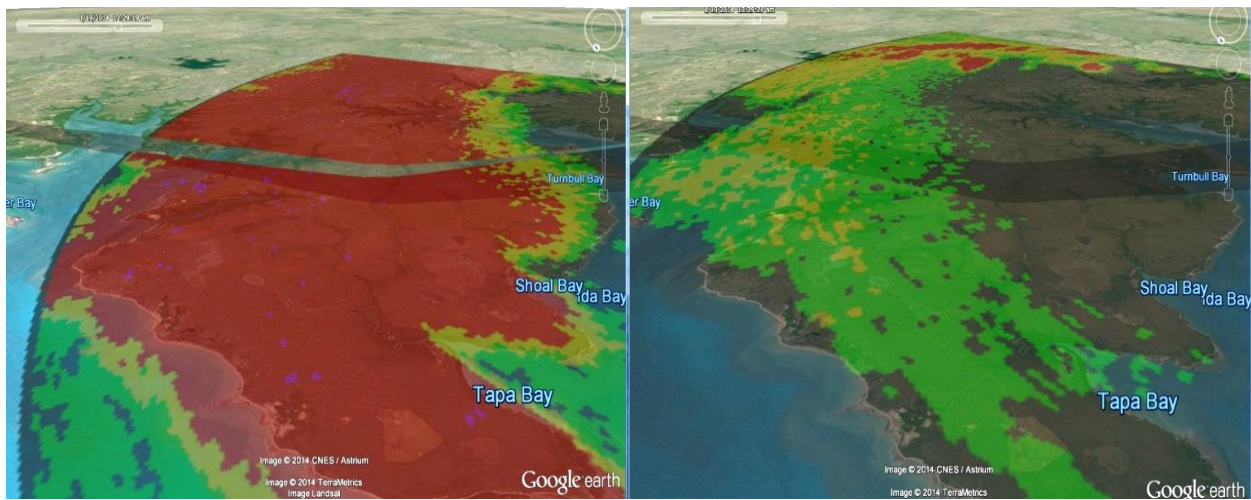


Figure 14: Confirming Ground Clutter RRF Sources Using the Geo-Reference Tool

4.3 Using Antenna Tilt to Detect HAIC Conditions

A common practice during the flight campaigns was to use the radar antenna tilt to search for possible HAIC conditions; this was achieved by tilting the antenna downward while approaching a cell to locate areas of high reflectivity below the flight level. It is believed that convection must be present in order for HAIC conditions to form, so pilots were instructed to look for high reflectivity regions below their flight altitude as an indication of potential HAIC locations. An analysis was performed using the geo-reference tool to correlate IKP measurements of IWC with locations of high radar reflectivity.

The correlation of IWC at flight level with radar reflectivity below flight level produces four possible outcomes (see Figure 15). When high radar reflectivity below flight level corresponds to high IWC at flight level, the RRF provides an indication of possible HAIC conditions (true positive) – this was the condition sought during the flight campaign. The opposite situation – when low radar reflectivity corresponds with low IWC – is not very interesting and indicates clear air conditions (true negative). Conversely, there are false indications to each of these conditions. High radar reflectivity below flight level, when IWC at flight level is low, provides an indication of HAIC conditions when none exist (false positive). Worse is when

low radar reflectivity below flight level corresponds with high IWC at flight level resulting in a missed indication of HAIC conditions (false negative).

		Radar Reflectivity Below Flight Level	
		LOW	HIGH
IKP IWC At Flight Level	LOW	True Negative (clear air)	False Positive (false indicator)
	HIGH	False Negative (miss detection)	True Positive (possible HAIC)

Figure 15: Possibility Matrix using Radar Reflectivity as an Indicator of HAIC Conditions

An analysis was performed to assess the spatial correlations between regions of high radar reflectivity below flight level and regions of HAIC at flight level. The balance of this section shows an example of False Positive, False Negative, and True Positive results observed during this analysis.

An example of a **true positive** indication was observed on 17 February 2014 around midnight UTC. During this encounter, the Falcon 20 aircraft (operating at 36,200 feet) overflew a cell with **high** radar reflectivity located about 100 nautical miles west of the Tiwi Islands over the Timor Sea. Figure 16 shows the radar measurements collected approximately 50Nm from the red reflectivities near Event 618 and with a -3° antenna tilt angle, so the regions of red RRF are about 14,000 feet below flight level.

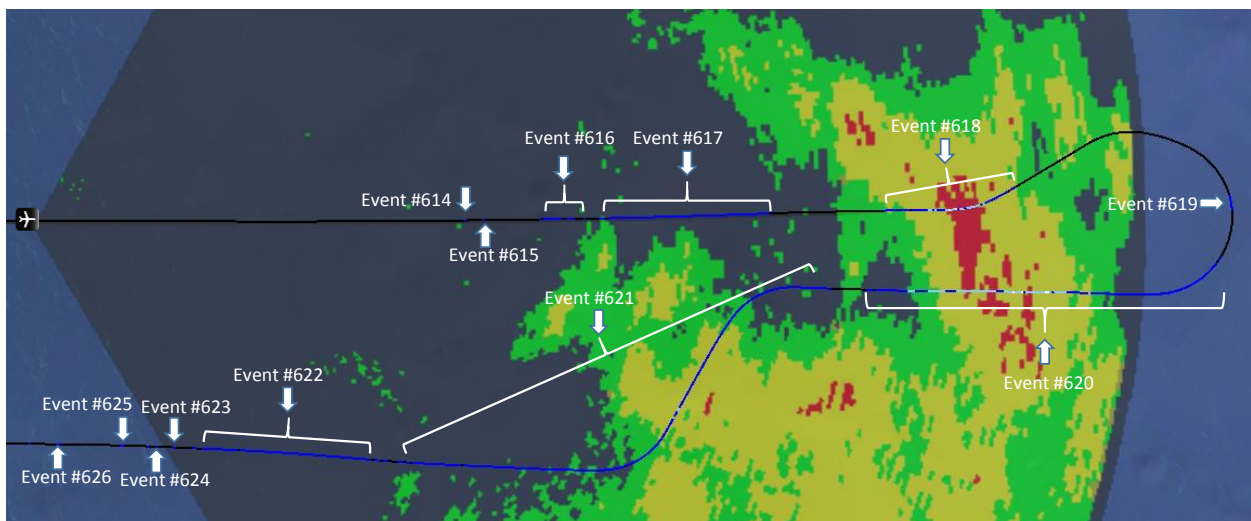


Figure 16: Radar Reflectivity and IKP Data Approaching Event #618

The antenna tilt angle was not adjusted as the aircraft approached Event 618, so the altitude of the observed radar measurements approached flight level (see Figure 17). These flight-level reflectivities were mostly low to moderate levels (i.e., green and yellow). Despite these lower flight-level reflectivities, the IKP measured significant levels of IWC with a peak at 3.4 g/m^3 . This is an example of a **true positive** indication of possible higher reflectivities below HAIC conditions.



Figure 17: Radar Reflectivity and IKP Data Near Event 618

An example of a **false positive** indication was observed on 17 January 2014 around 03:33 UTC. During this encounter, the Falcon 20 aircraft (operating at 33,000 feet) overflowed a cell with **high** radar reflectivity located about 200 nautical miles north of King Sound over the Indian Ocean. Figure 18 shows the radar measurements collected a little more than 20Nm from the red reflectivities near Event 012 and with a -7° antenna tilt angle, so the regions of red RRF are about 15,800 feet below flight level.

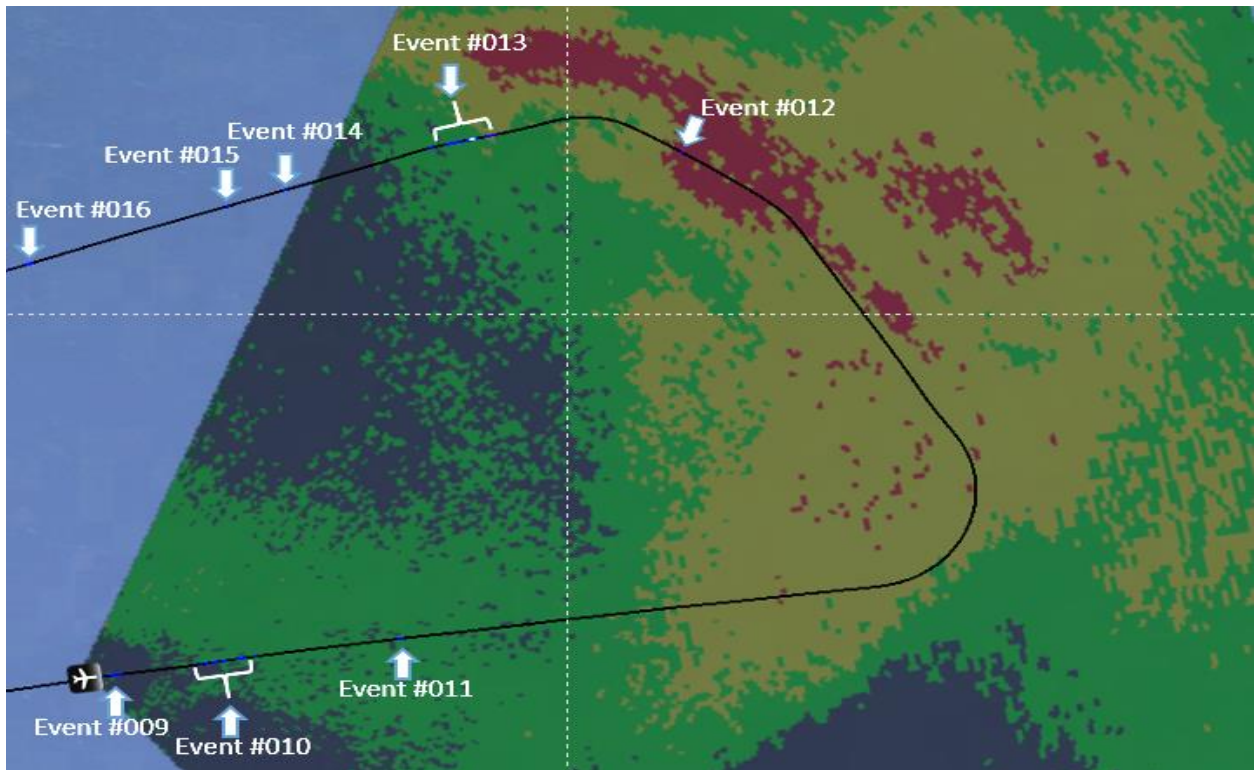


Figure 18: Radar Reflectivity and IKP Data Prior to Event 012

The antenna tilt angle was decreased (i.e., closer to 0° tilt) as the aircraft approached Event 012, so the altitude of the observed radar measurements changed to be near flight level (see Figure 19). These flight-level reflectivities were near their lowest levels (i.e., black and speckled green). Despite the high reflectivities measured below Event 012, the IKP measurements were mostly below 1 g/m³ with a small, momentary peak of 1.6 g/m³. This is an example of a **false positive** indication with higher reflectivities below a region without HAIC conditions.

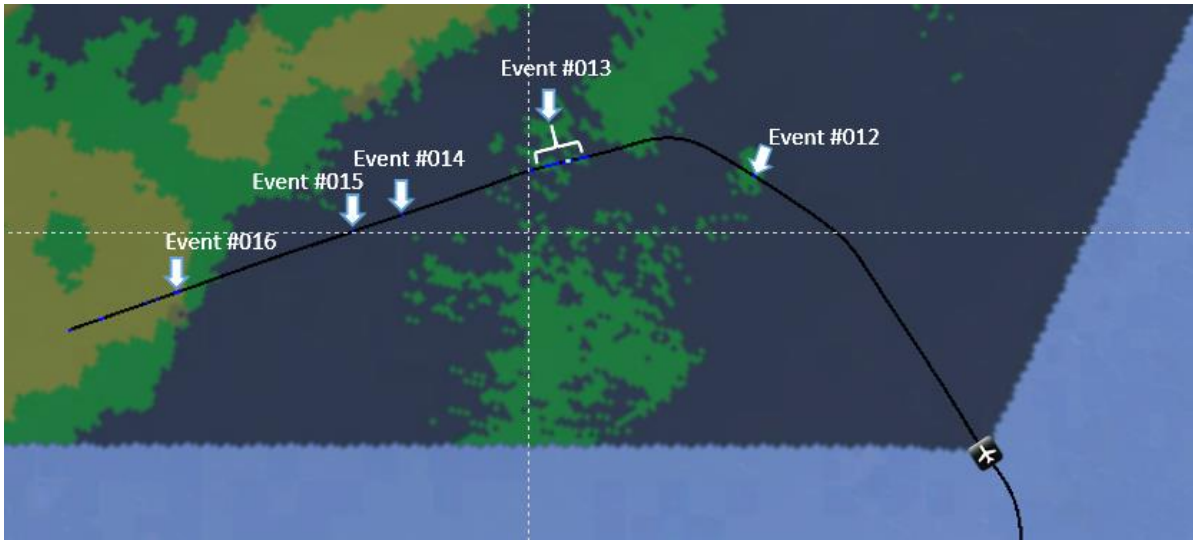


Figure 19: Radar Reflectivity and IKP Data Prior to Event 012

An example of a **false negative** indication was observed on 23 January 2014 around 10:49 UTC. During this encounter, the Falcon 20 aircraft (operating at 33,000 feet) overflew a cell with **low** radar reflectivity located over the Joseph Bonaparte Gulf. Figure 20 shows the radar measurements collected a little more than 13Nm from the beginning of Event 116 and with a -3° antenna tilt angle, so the regions of green RRF that cover Event 116 range from about 5,000 to 12,000 feet below flight level.

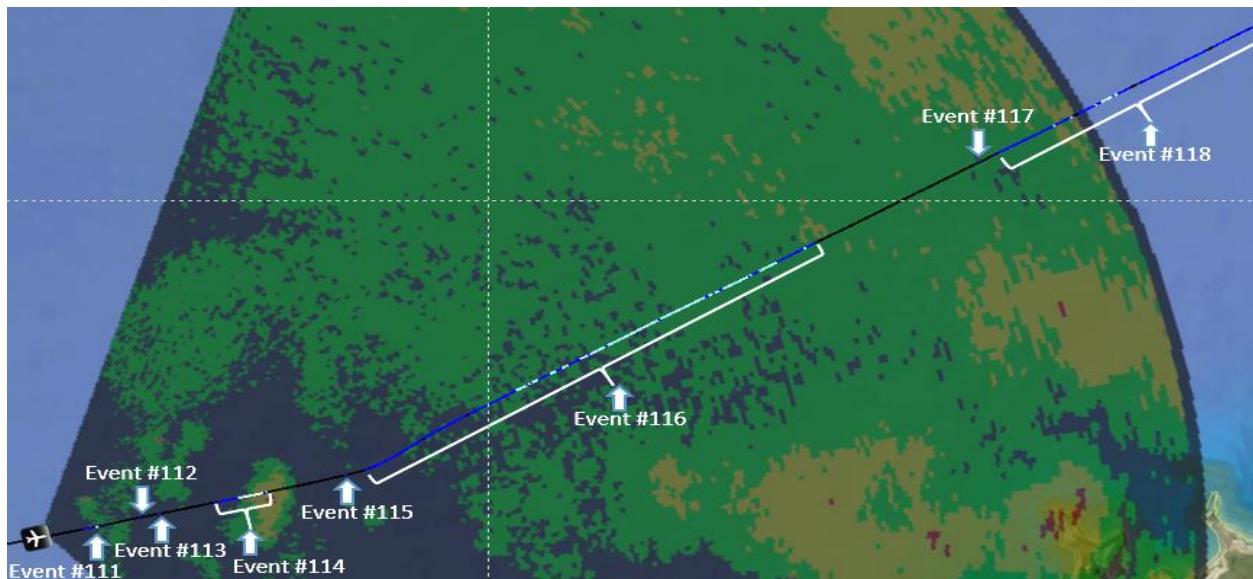


Figure 20: Radar Reflectivity and IKP Data Approaching Event 116

The antenna tilt angle was decreased (i.e., closer to 0° tilt) as the aircraft approached Event 116, so the altitude of the observed radar measurements changed to be near flight level (see Figure 21). These flight-level reflectivities were near their lowest levels (i.e., black and speckled green). Despite the low reflectivities measured prior to and during the encounter with Event 116, the IKP peak measurements were relatively high, around 2.4 to 2.7 g/m³. This is an example of a **false negative** indication with low reflectivities below a region with HAIC conditions.

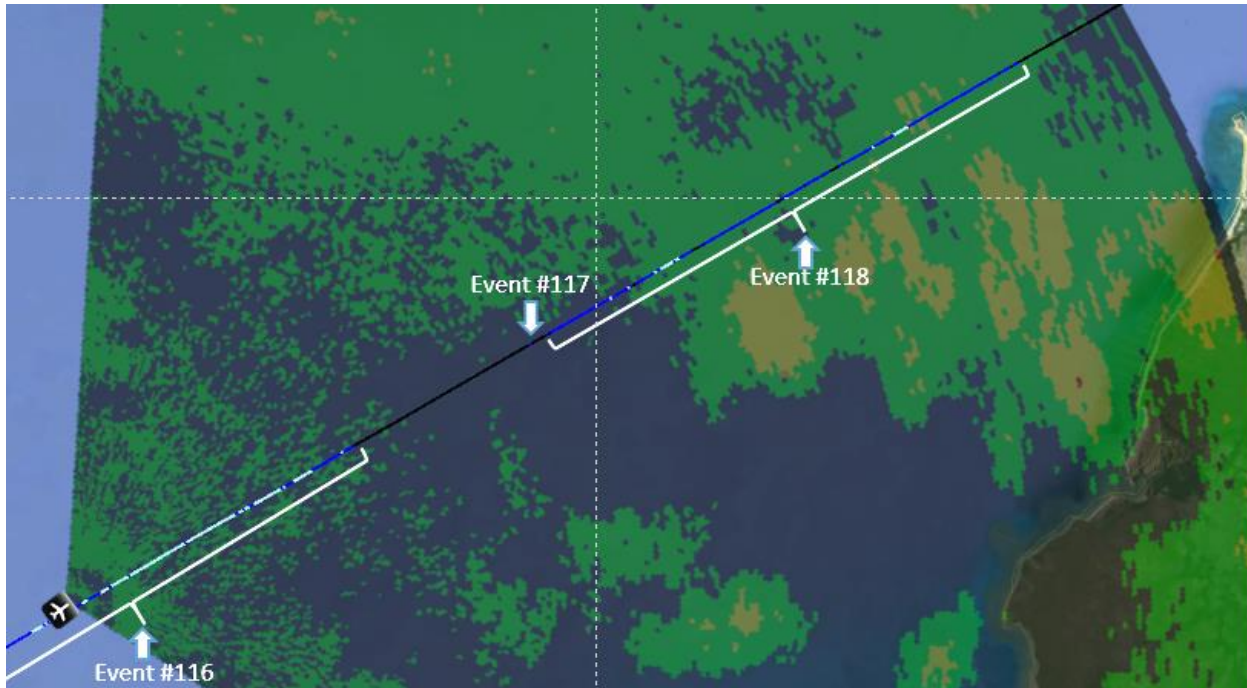


Figure 21: Radar Reflectivity and IKP Data Near Event 116

These three examples show that there is no consistent correlation between high radar reflectivity below flight level and high IWC at flight level. There are instances when high radar reflectivity are present below HAIC conditions. There are also instances when low IWC levels are present at flight level despite high radar reflectivity measurements below flight level (false positive). Conversely, there are instances when high IWC levels are present at flight level despite low radar reflectivity measurements below flight level (false negative). These inconsistencies produce significant challenges to remote detection (both direct and indirect) of HAIC conditions.

4.4 Statistical Analysis

Commercial pilots have consistently reported low radar reflectivities associated with HAIC encounters. While this seems counter-intuitive and inconsistent with accepted radar theory, it's also difficult to understand how so many pilots would report the same observations. So one of the primary radar analysis objectives was to characterize the RRF observed during these encounters.

4.4.1 Gathering the Data for Statistics

Several numerical analyses were performed to characterize radar reflectivities and develop statistical descriptions of these reflectivities for each separate IWC band: 1–2 g/m³, 2–3 g/m³, and >3 g/m³. Compensating for variable gain added another challenge to these analyses. Lastly, the results reported herein were restricted to RRF values within 500 feet of flight level and the aircraft's Static Air Temperature

(SAT) was $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ or colder – to remove any biases that mixed phase precipitation could produce.

As previously mentioned, only the radar display bus was recorded (i.e., ARINC 708 color values). This recording attribute means each, individual RRF value could represent any of the RRF values within the band of reflectivities encoded into this single color. In order to account for this ambiguity in histogram generation, each individual RRF sample added to the entire band of RRF values for that color and was adjusted for variable gain offset. These data were used to generate histograms that estimate the Probability Density Function (PDF) of radar reflectivities for each separate IWC band.

Measured HAIC conditions were correlated with measured radar reflectivities. In order to compare and correlate IWC measurements with radar RRF measurements, an association of the data in these two recordings was needed. A technique [Strickland et al] was developed that identified which radar bins (within a scan) were coincident with future aircraft positions (i.e., where IKP measurement were located). This process relies upon an accurate, common time reference; the GPS time signal was utilized for this purpose. Using this process, radar measurements were paired with IKP measurements and could be treated as a linked pair of values throughout these analyses. Because the antenna beam width intersects the position of a single IKP value during multiple radar measurements, multiple reflectivities are associated (i.e., paired) with a single IWC value – all of these measurement pairs were used in the generation of these statistics.

RRF data, coincident with the aircraft track and within one beam width, were binned into time windows of: 10, 30, and 60 seconds in front of the aircraft. Figure 22 shows these time windows along the flight track and with a width equivalent to the antenna beam width. This time criteria had two benefits: one, to enable comparisons of different PDFs for multiple time periods in front of the aircraft (i.e., allows assessment of HAIC RRF versus range properties); and two, to eliminate associating RRF data with IWC data from crossing tracks too far into the future. An example of a future crossing track is shown in Figure 22 where a portion of the future aircraft track crosses the current aircraft track from left to right, as viewed by a pilot at the current aircraft position – thus the use of a time window prevented RRF data from the current scan from being associated with IWC measurements from too far into the future (e.g., 10min).

Note: The longer time windows include the data from shorter time windows.

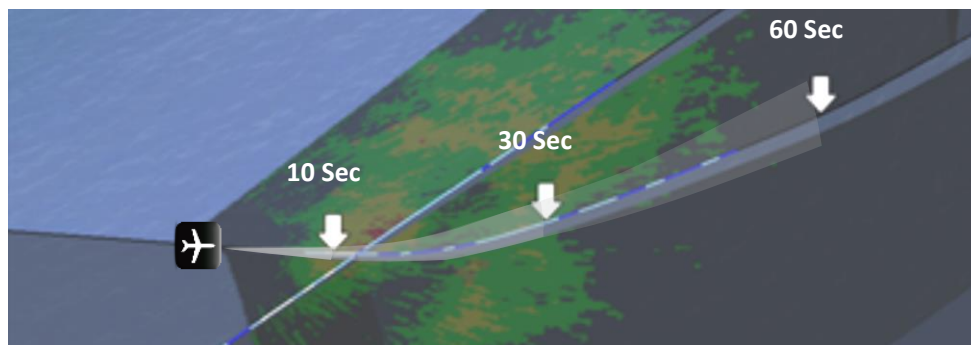


Figure 22: Employing Time Criteria for Collecting Statistical Data

4.4.2 RRF Statistical Descriptions

Figure 23 and Figure 24 show examples of statistical descriptions of the radar reflectivities observed during HAIC encounters in Darwin and Cayenne, respectively. The top left chart shows a summary of the flight track for each day, color-coded by the IWC measurements. The three other charts show RRF histograms generated for that day, segregated by IWC and for the three time windows (i.e., range regimes) as described previously. Basic statistical measures (e.g., sample size, mean RRF, and RRF standard deviation) are

provided for each histogram. These histograms have been normalized so the area under the curve equals 1 (i.e., 100%); thus these graphs represent an estimate of the RRF PDF for these conditions. Graphs of HAIC RRF PDF estimates are plotted on top of the radar reflectivity color bands used by this radar. The statistical description of HAIC radar reflectivities with the lowest concentrations of ice particles (i.e., 1-2 g/m³) is shown in blue (lines and data); the middle band of ice particle concentrations (i.e., 2-3 g/m³) is shown in cyan; and the highest concentrations (i.e., >3 g/m³) is shown in white. A complete set of daily statistical results are provided in Appendix C.

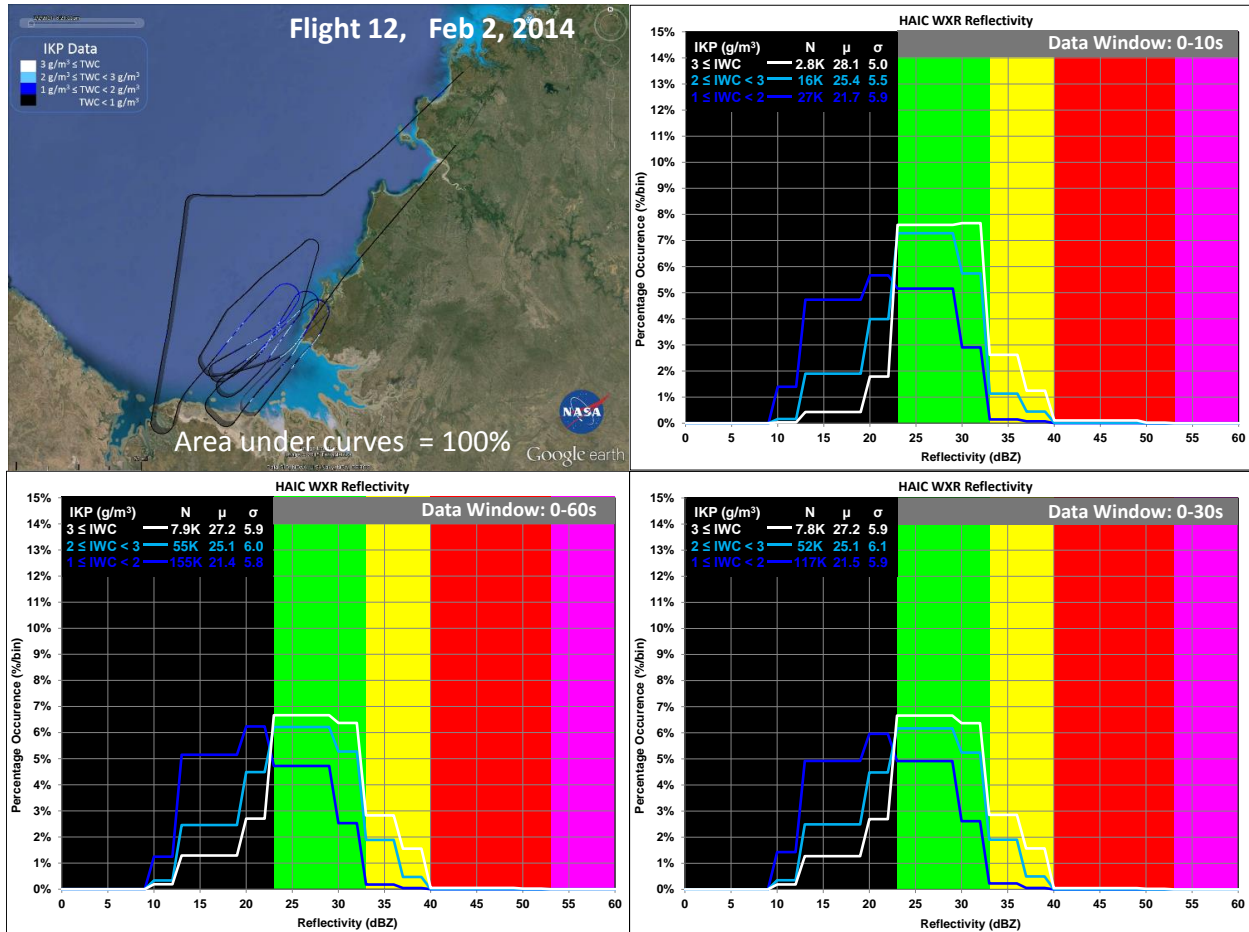


Figure 23: HAIC RRF PDF Observed on 02 February 2014 (Darwin, Australia)

The histograms in Figure 23 were created for a series of storm transits over the Timor Sea (just south and west of Darwin) on 02 February 2014. This set of race track transits provided multiple passes greater than 50Nm and short revisit times allowing observation of the evolution of the HAIC condition and in accordance with data collection strategy.

The first (and most important) observation was that the mode of these PDF are centered in the black or green bands of radar reflectivities (i.e., around 22 dBZ for the lower IWC concentrations and around 25-28 dBZ for the middle and high concentrations) – consistent with pilot reports of HAIC encounters. Also notable was the consistency of PDF across the different IWC bands; for small to moderate sample sizes, the mean RRF only varied a few decibels and even more surprising the standard deviation changed only a few decibels across the three IWC bands. Lastly, there was little variation across the three time windows, suggesting the observed HAIC condition was not a shallow/thin layer for this set of cells. The

“blocky” nature of these PDF are produced by the quantization of the RRF measurements into colors and the pilot’s use of variable gain.

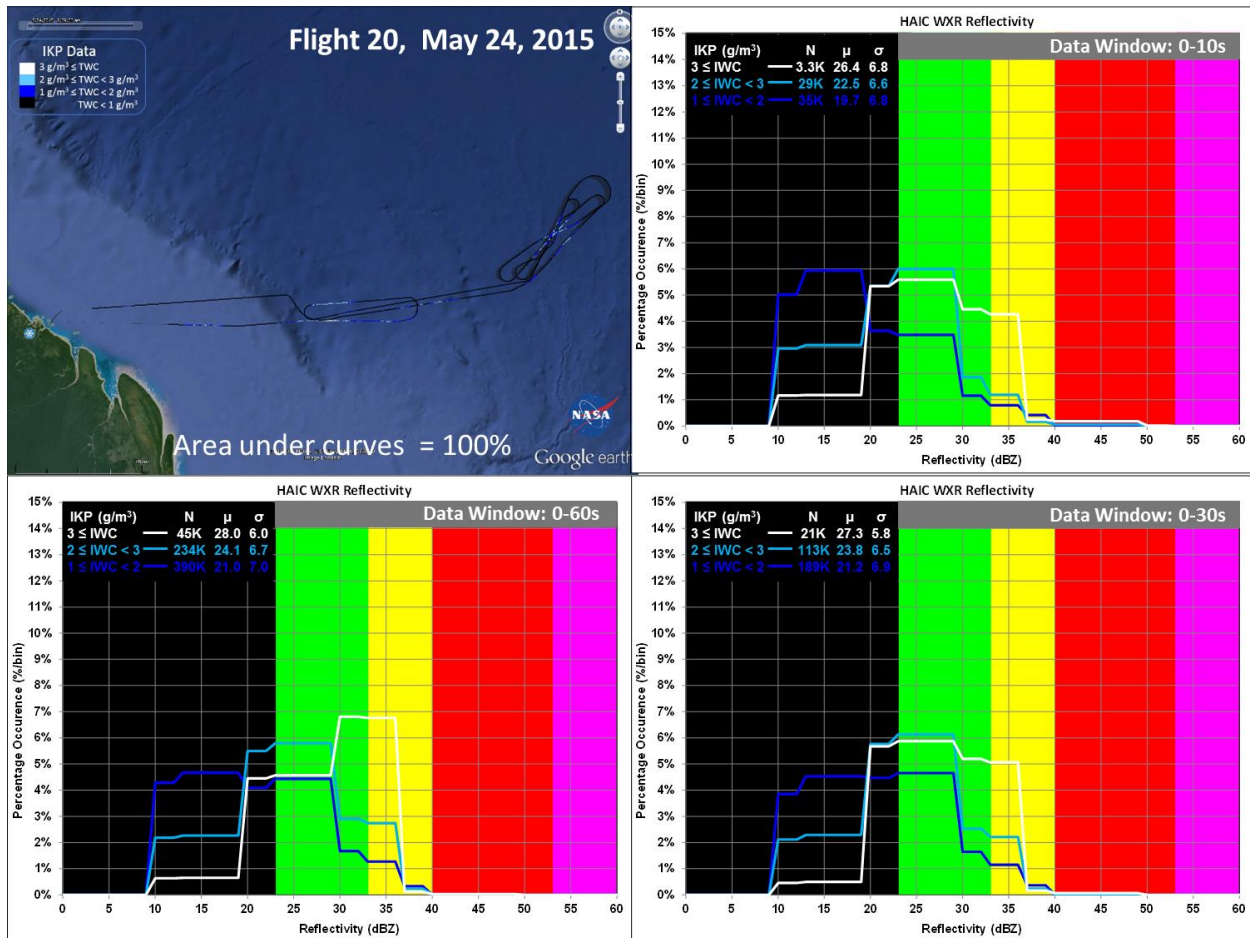


Figure 24: HAIC RRF PDF Observed on 24 May 2015 (Cayenne, French Guiana)

The histograms in Figure 24 were created for a series of storm transits over the Atlantic Ocean (just north and east of Cayenne) on 24 May 2015. This set of race track transits provided multiple passes greater than 50Nm and short revisit times allowing observation of the evolution of the HAIC condition and in accordance with data collection strategy.

These histograms show consistent reflectivity results with pilot reports and the results from Darwin a year earlier; namely, that the mean RRF for HAIC conditions is generally around 23 dBZ for low to moderate IWC and a slightly higher mean RRF around 28 dBZ for the highest IWC levels. The standard deviations for these PDF were remarkably similar to those observed in Darwin as well. The only notable difference was the slightly greater occurrence of higher RRF levels for the greater than 3 g/m³ PDF – most noticeable in the 60s data window. This implies higher reflectivities are present at longer ranges, which suggests that there was likely higher RRF levels below flight level (where the measurement was made). As demonstrated by the results for this day and in general, Cayenne flights had more occurrences of IWC values above 3 g/m³ than those typical for Darwin; further evidence of this and other statistical properties can be observed in the daily histograms for the Cayenne flight campaign provided in Appendix C.

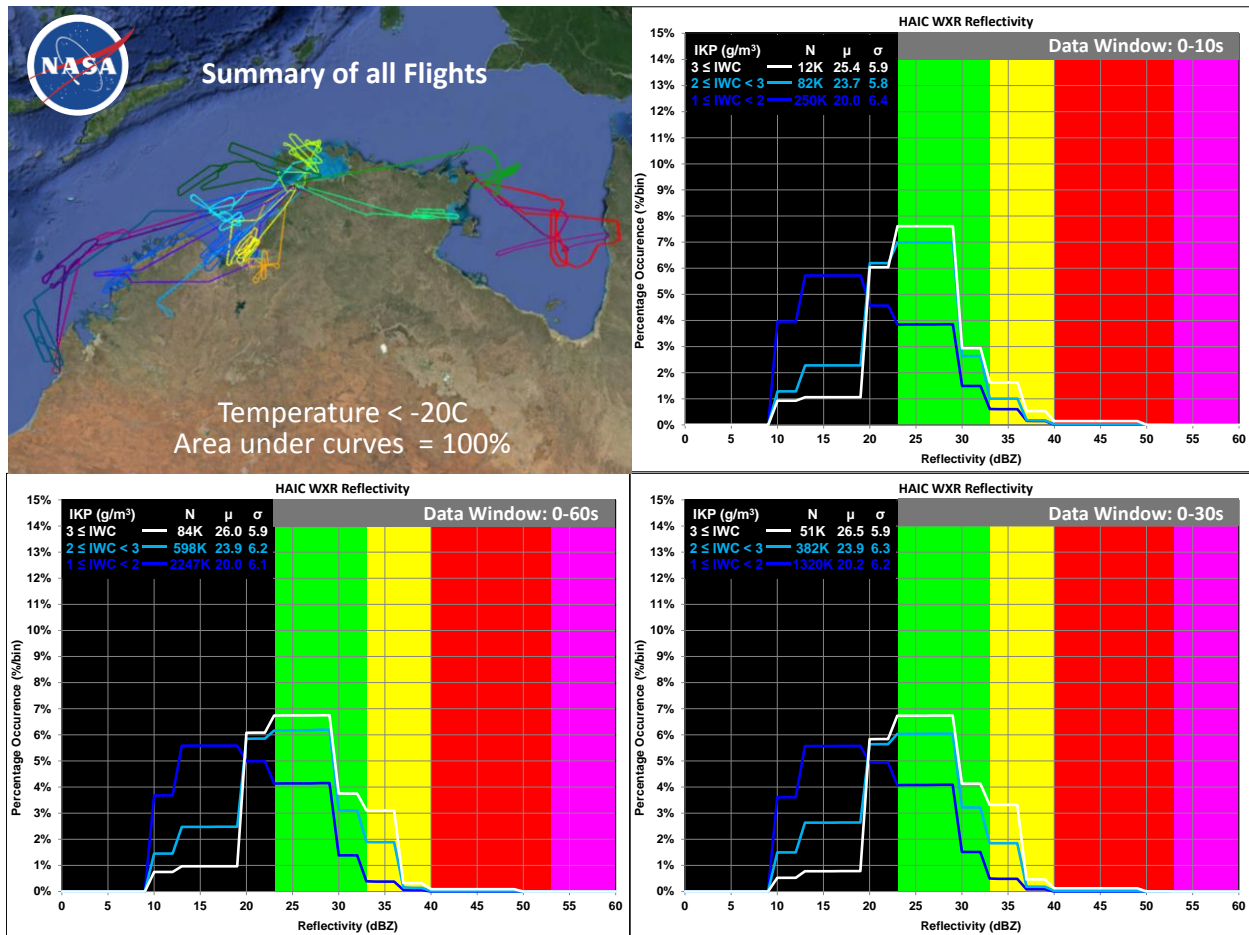


Figure 25: HAIC RRF PDF Summary for Darwin Flight Campaign

Figure 25 shows a summary set of RRF PDF for all Darwin flights. The Summary histograms are similar to the daily RRF results except that, the Summary PDF for: the lowest IWC band (blue lines) are biased toward the black reflectivities (for all distances); the middle IWC band (cyan lines) moved toward the green reflectivities; and the highest IWC band (white lines) moved toward the green reflectivities with a few yellow reflectivities. While the Darwin Summary PDF/statistics vary slightly from the daily results, it is interesting that there are almost no differences between the PDF across the different time windows (i.e., detection ranges). The means of the Summary RRF PDF increased by about 6 dBZ as IWC tripled from 1 to 3 g/m^3 ; however, this is expected and consistent with a 3x change in the amount of scatterers which should produce ~ 5 dB change in the signal.

Figure 26 shows a summary set of RRF PDF for all Cayenne flights; as can be seen from the flight tracks, the Cayenne flights consists of transits from both oceanic and continental storms. These two sources of convection appear to produce significantly different RRF PDF. Interesting, some Cayenne flights produced bi-modal RRF PDF that appears to be caused by thin HAIC layers at flight level with another RRF layer below. Additionally, Cayenne produced near 3.5 times as many measurement pairs (IWC, RRF) as observed in Darwin with a significantly larger population of higher reflectivities (i.e., yellow) than observed/flown-through in Darwin. While the Cayenne Summary PDF/statistics do vary from the daily results, it is interesting that there are almost no differences between the PDF across the different time windows (i.e., detection ranges).

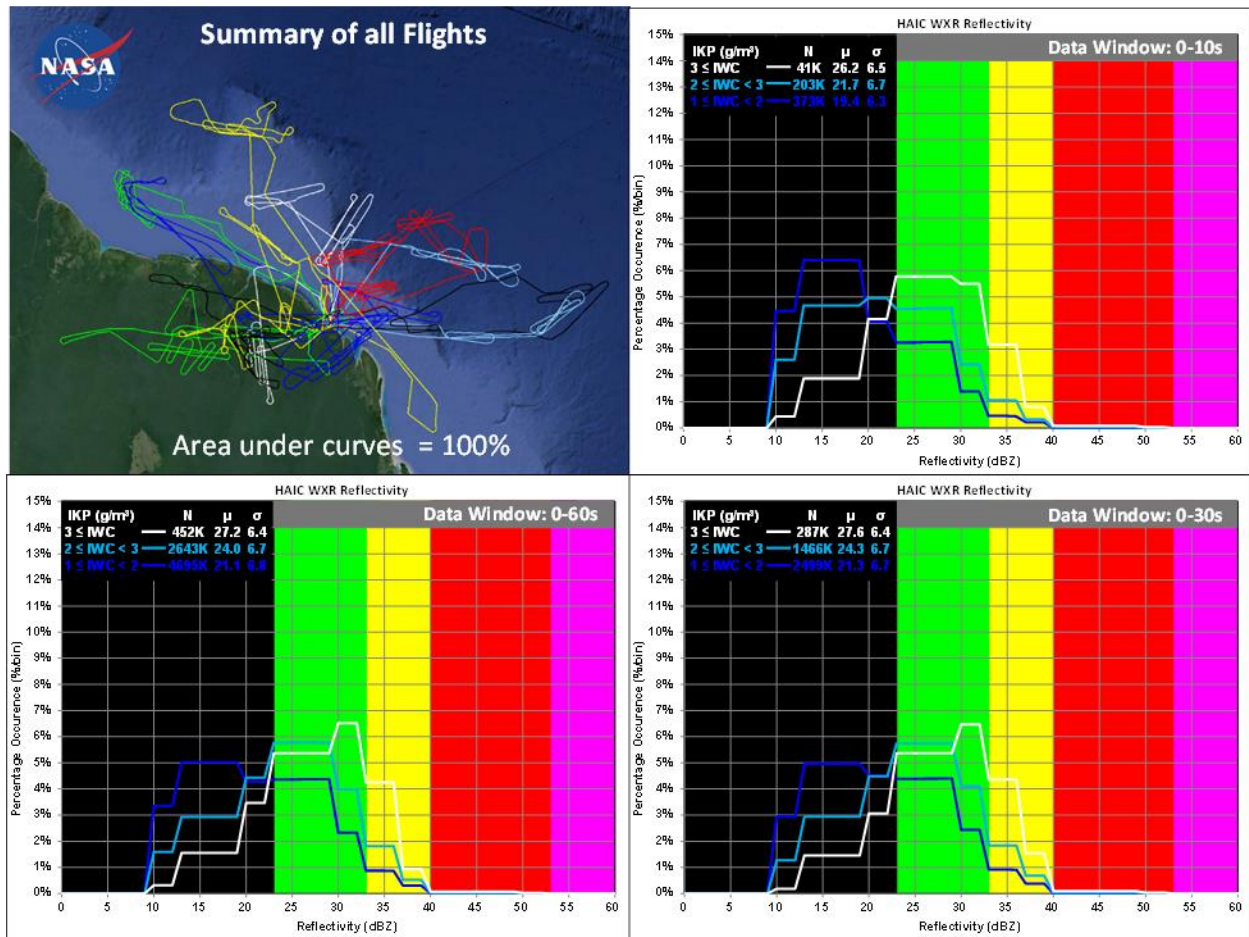


Figure 26: HAIC RRF PDF Summary for Cayenne Flight Campaign

The means of the Summary RRF PDF increased by about 6 dBZ as IWC tripled from 1 to 3 g/m^3 . This is expected and consistent with a 3x change in the amount of scatterers which should produce ~ 5 dB change in the signal; this result suggests a correlation between RRF and IWC. It might be noted from these PDF, for a given RRF value, the probability of that RRF being produced by any of the three IWC bands is nearly equal; this contradicts the correlation result suggested above. These contradictory results are reconciled by noting that an increase in IWC (at a given location) will produce an increase in RRF, but two RRF values observed at different location does not imply the higher RRF location has a higher IWC. This is due to the fact that RRF is based upon the combination of all the scatterer sizes raised to the 6th power [Doviak et al]; whereas, IWC is the combination of all the droplet/particle sizes raised to the 3rd power. So increases in the population of small particle sizes will have a greater effect on IWC than RRF; and conversely, an increase in the population of larger particles will have a greater effect on RRF than IWC.

As was noted above, there are some differences between the two campaign summaries but the similarities are the dominant observations. Overall these reflectivity statistics show that the majority of the HAIC events occurred in the black and green reflectivities. The two campaigns show consistent reflectivity statistics for the HAIC icing conditions flown in either Australia or French Guiana. The increased number of samples of yellow reflectivity, for Cayenne, gives the appearance that the RRF PDF is different than that for Darwin; however, the statistics confirm there are no significant differences. The radar PDF/statistics do not vary greatly with distance, which implies most of the radar measurements were collected under filled beam conditions (i.e., ideal for analyses).

The fact that the standard deviation only varies by 1 dBZ across the IWC bands (for Darwin) and less than 0.5 dBZ (for Cayenne) implies the RRF PDF are insensitive to IWC (i.e., RRF variance is consistent across IWC levels). The standard deviation is also constant across the three time windows, which can only be produced by maintaining filled beam conditions (i.e., the HAIC was in thick layers and/or the radar was not at the top of the glaciated cloud). Lastly, the pilots' used variable gain occasionally in Darwin but seldom during the Cayenne fights; compensation for their use of this gain did produce a few anomalous samples of red RRF. However, this occurred so seldom that it did not adversely affect the PDF nor the statistics.

Comparing Darwin and Cayenne statistics (everything remaining constant except for the flight location) the largest difference in means is ~2 dBZ and the largest standard deviation difference is <1 dBZ. These are extremely small differences for datasets collected from numerous storms, thousands of miles and 15 months apart. This suggests the dataset and the analysis results provide consistent properties about the HAIC atmospheric condition. As a consequence of these common and self-consistent results, there is higher confidence in these results and removes many uncertainties that varied results produce.

4.4.3 Correlation of RRF & IWC

The histograms in Figure 24, especially those for the 60 second window, suggest that IWC increases as RRF increases – this is not universal. In a separate analysis, IWC was compared to RRF by presenting these associated pairs across time. In Figure 26, the blue line indicates the measured IWC and the dots indicate the measured RRF color.

It might be noted that RRF values (i.e., colors) did typically progress from black to green to yellow to red as IWC increased; but that property was only consistent for single events (i.e., localized). Looking at any specific IWC level, there are examples of every RRF value (except for black RRF at the highest IWC levels). This property is observed in all the daily correlation line plots (see Appendix C); therefore, IWC does not have a simple functional relationship with measured RRF.

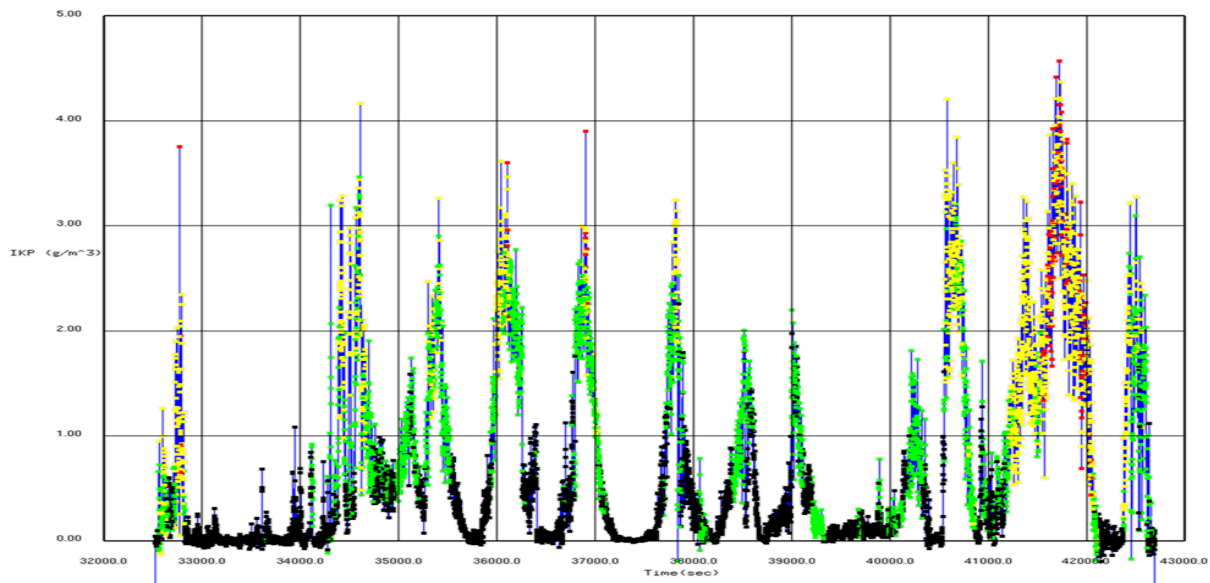


Figure 27: Time versus IKP and Reflectivity for Flight 20 on May 24, 2015

While only a few daily samples have been used to show the variety of results in this analyses section, these examples are representative of the entirety of daily results. All the Darwin and Cayenne results can be observed along with the histograms for each day in Appendix C.

5 Conclusions and Future Work

A multi-national, joint industry-government-academia, research consortium conducted a series of flight campaigns to investigate High Altitude Ice Crystal (HAIC) characteristics. These flights occurred in January and February of 2014 based out of Darwin, Australia and May of 2015 based out of Cayenne, French Guiana. These two flight campaigns produced over 145 hours of flight data through numerous HAIC events/conditions. Multiple types of data were collected including: aircraft state, particle size distributions, ice water and total water concentrations, and two types of radar data (a W-band cloud profiling radar and the pilot's X-band weather radar). Unfortunately, only the display bus could be recorded from the pilot's X-band weather radar; however, a great deal of information was confirmed and provided by this limited data source.

After analyzing the recorded data from the pilot's weather radar a number of observations/conclusions can be drawn. One of the more important observations drawn from the comparison of Darwin and Cayenne data was the similarity of the Probability Density Functions (PDF) for Radar Reflectivity Factor (RRF). Given the enormous spatial and time differences between these flight campaigns could produce significant differences in HAIC RRF PDF; however, the highly similar PDF and statistics provided confidence in the data collection and analysis processes/results. Access to these datasets can be requested through the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) at their website:

2014 HAIC Flight Campaign (Darwin, Australia) <https://data.eol.ucar.edu/project/HAIC-HIWC>

and

2015 HAIC Flight Campaign (Cayenne, French Guiana) <https://data.eol.ucar.edu/dataset/486.031>.

One of the most important conclusions was confirmation that HAIC conditions can often occur within cruise level (colder than -20°C) regions of low RRF – consistent with the report by commercial pilots. Higher IWC bands are also produced within regions with higher reflectivities, but not at a significantly higher rate (i.e., frequency of occurrence). Thus, a specific RRF measurement has nearly the same probability of being produced by low, medium, or high IWC conditions. From which it can be concluded - RRF does not have simple functional relationship with IWC. Additionally, the analysis showed flight-level HAIC radar reflectivities are most often green or black; radar reflectivities below flight-level are often yellow or red – however, there are many examples of black and green reflectivities below flight-level too. Consequently, overflight of high reflectivity regions does not always encounter HAIC conditions.

Note: These results may have a little bias due to the fact that flight operations were conducted in accordance with commercial pilot operations (i.e., restricted from flight through RED). There was some amount of the flights that went into the yellow reflectivities but none that intentionally went into/through RED so these operations would minimize any statistical influence by high RRF regions. However, commercial pilots avoid these areas inherently so there should be no need to recommend they avoid them for HAIC purposes and the aviation hazard is therefore constrained to providing a reason to avoid areas that look benign.

Another conclusion (that was surprising) was HAIC radar reflectivity did not vary greatly with distance; this implies most radar measurements were made with a nearly filled beam. This condition produces more consistent measurements and analysis results. It also suggests HAIC conditions may often occur in thick layers, reducing the number of conditions needed in detection algorithms.

Lastly, use of the radar display bus (i.e., colors instead of actual RRF values) worked pretty well (much better than expected). The pilots' minimized their use of variable gain, which improved the consistency of these results. However, as each RRF color represented about 10dBZ of variability, this loss of precision produces uncertainties in all RRF results and conclusions that would not exist if RRF values had been recorded. Future flight campaigns are being planned that will provide recording of the fundamental radar

measurement of In-phase and Quadrature (I/Q) voltages, which should improve these results and allow additional analyses to be performed. These fundamental radar measurements will be correlated with other scientific data including drop size distributions collected by probes, satellite imagery, and other remote sensing instruments. Once the flight data is acquired, an analysis can be performed to define and assess HAIC detection possibilities with current weather radars or define the changes to this technology that would be required to perform HAIC detection.

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Appendix A: Table of data files from HAIC Flight Campaign data for 2014 in Darwin, Australia. The times in red are an indication of missing data (due to either a late start or an early shutdown); the flights/times in gray were ferry flights.

Flight Number	Date	Radar Data (UTC)		AC State Data (UTC)		IKP (UTC)	
		Start	Stop	Start	Stop	Start	Stop
fs140001	1/16/2014	2:10	5:09	1:22	5:24	1:22	5:11
fs140002	1/16/2014	21:25	0:10	21:03	0:30	21:03	0:24
fs140003	1/17/2014	2:30	4:50	2:07	5:15	1:59	5:10
fs140004	1/18/2014	21:51	0:40	21:18	0:50	21:34	0:46
fs140005	1/21/2014	4:34	5:39	4:12	7:25		
fs140006	1/23/2014	22:09	23:19	19:34	23:25	19:36	23:20
fs140007	1/24/2014	20:08	21:24	19:38	22:40	20:10	22:36
fs140008	1/27/2014	20:43	23:14	20:03	23:16	20:16	23:14
fs140009	1/28/2014	21:08	23:38	20:46	23:49	20:55	23:44
fs140010	1/29/2014	20:06	23:07	19:34	23:22	19:27	23:22
fs140011	1/30/2014	1:13	2:16	0:45	2:26	0:52	2:23
fs140012	2/2/2014	20:35	23:39	19:49	23:50	20:24	23:46
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Table of data files from HAIC Flight Campaign data for 2015 in Cayenne, French Guiana.

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fs150011	5/12/2015	19:54	22:15	19:37	22:34	20:28	22:06
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fs150013	5/15/2015	8:35	12:06	8:09	12:14	8:56	11:36
fs150014	5/16/2015	8:08	11:50	8:01	12:01	8:37	11:33
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Appendix B: Table of IWC events for 2014 HAIC Flight Campaign in Darwin, Australia. There were 647 events encountered over 19 flight days. The table is organized by date and by time.

Event #	Time (sec)		Event #	Time (sec)		Event #	Time (sec)		Event #	Time (sec)	
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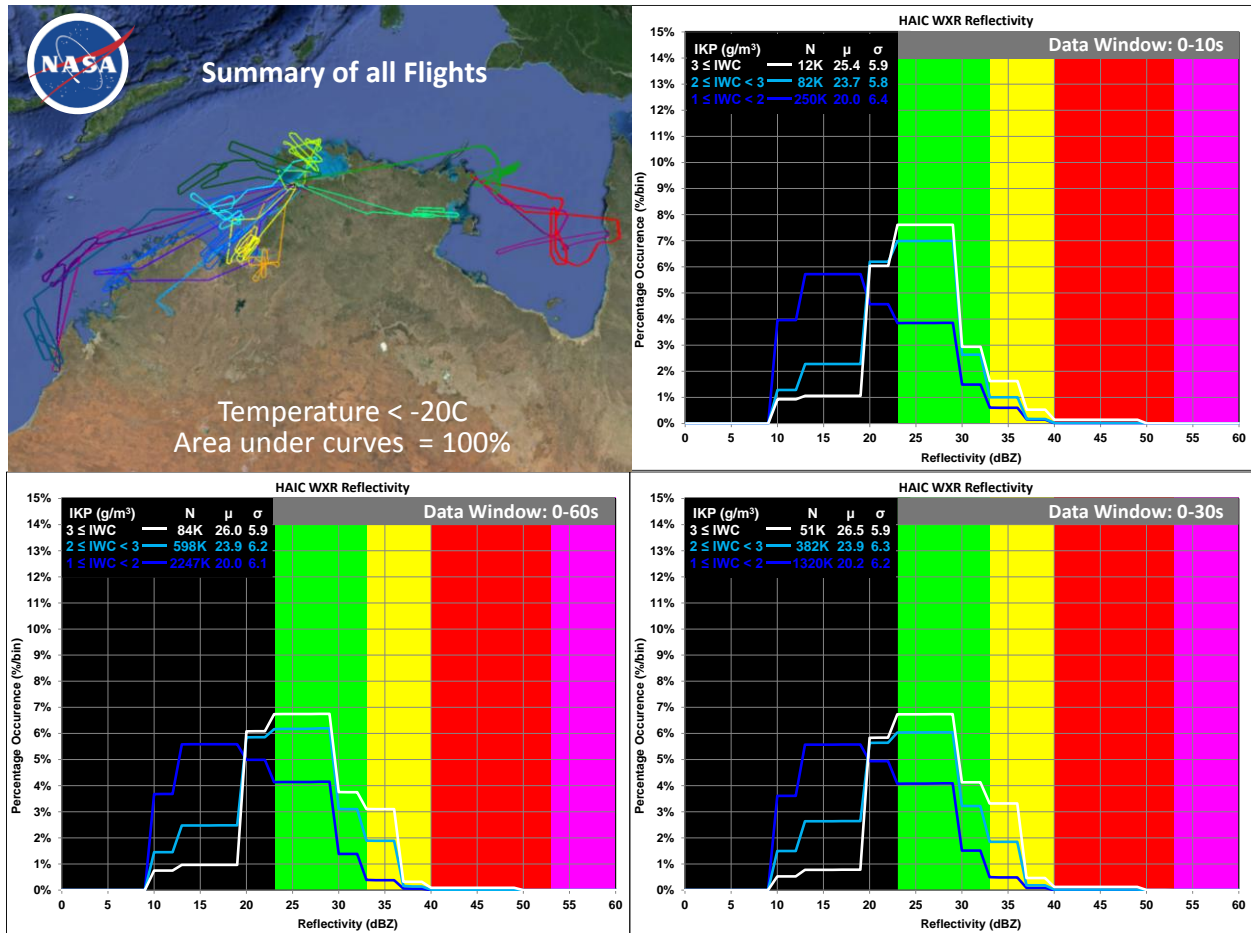
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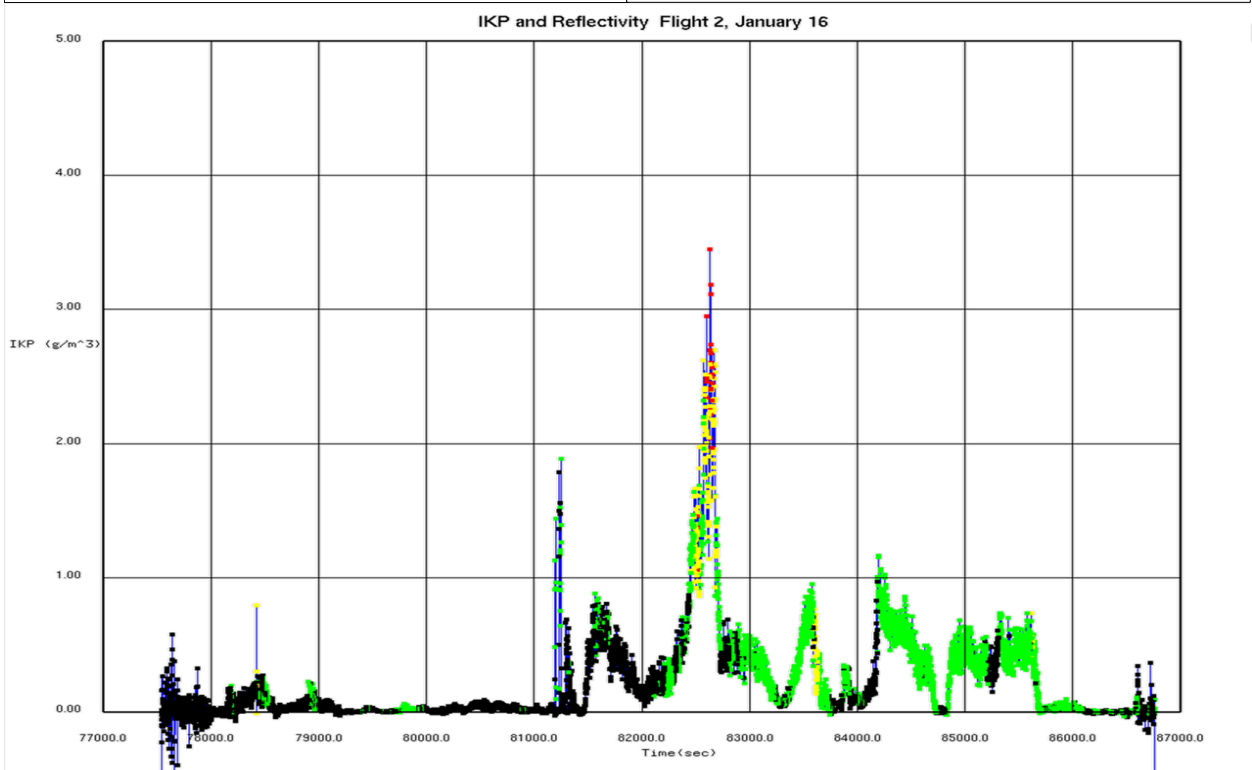
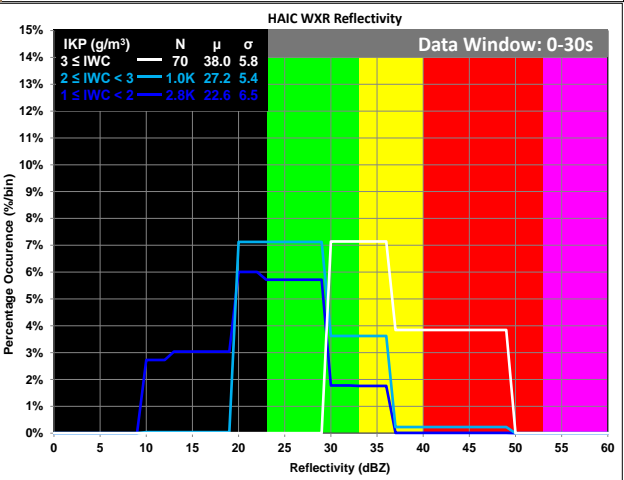
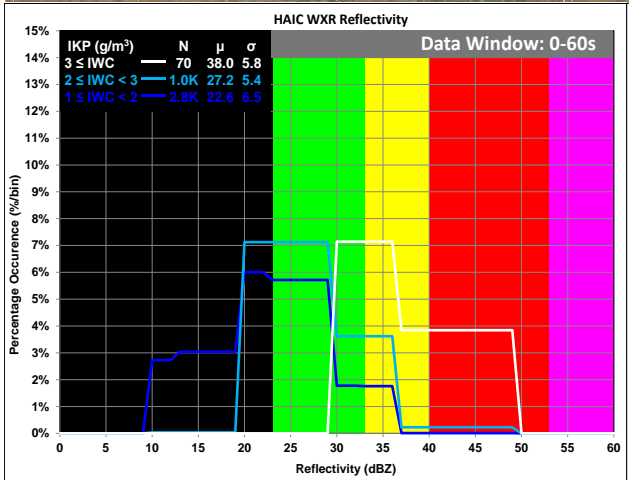
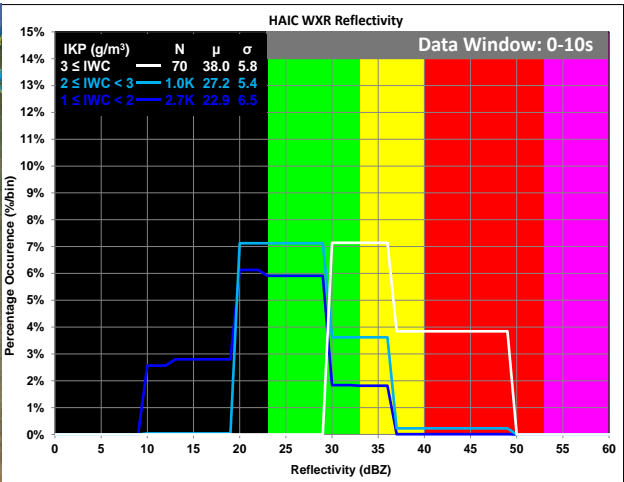
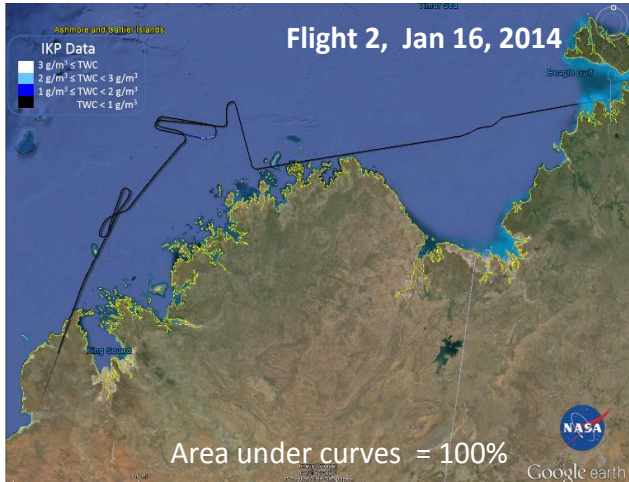
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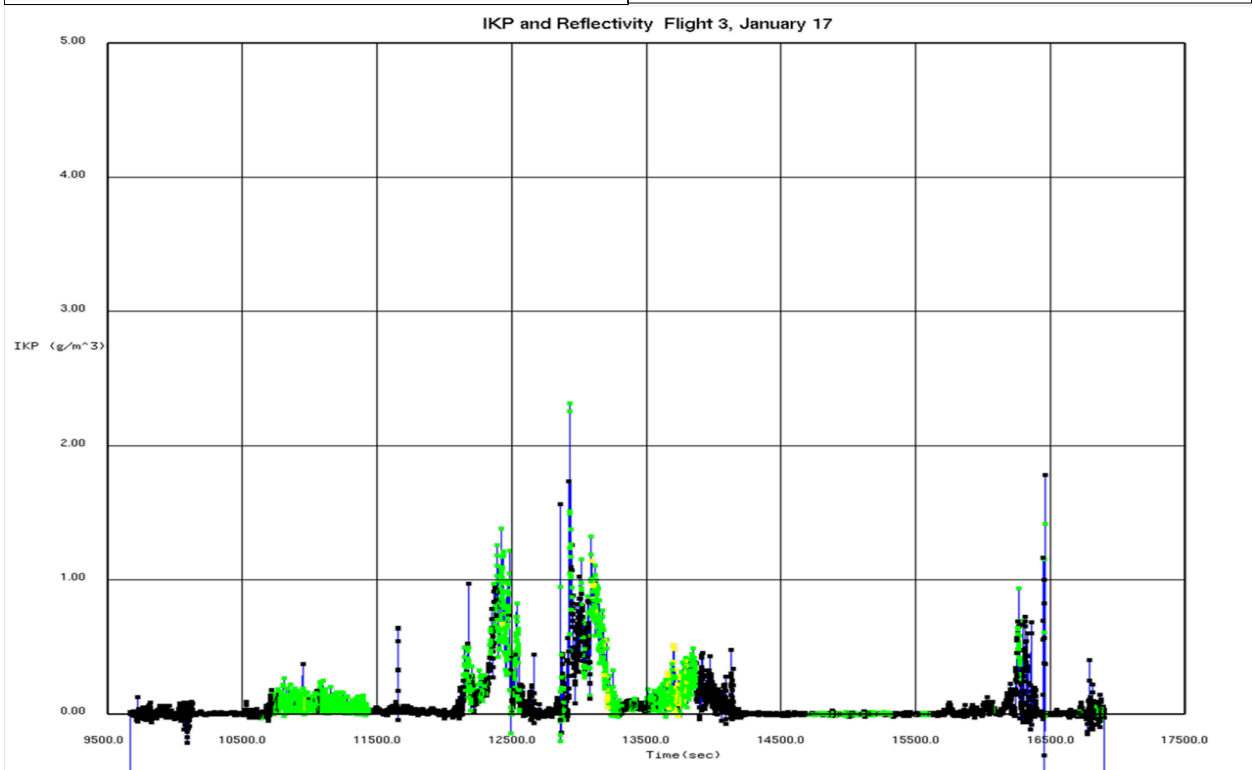
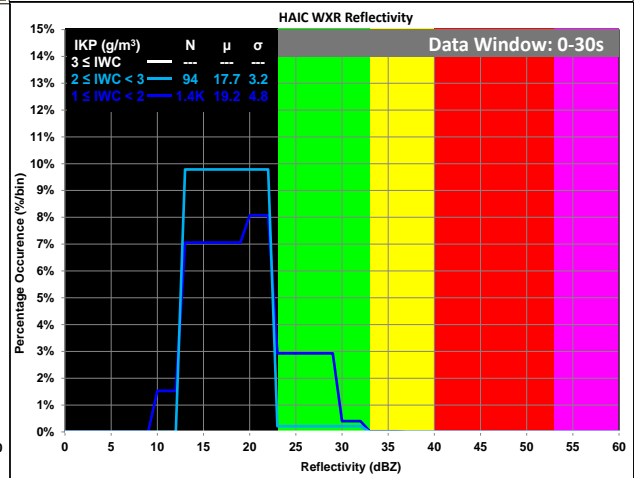
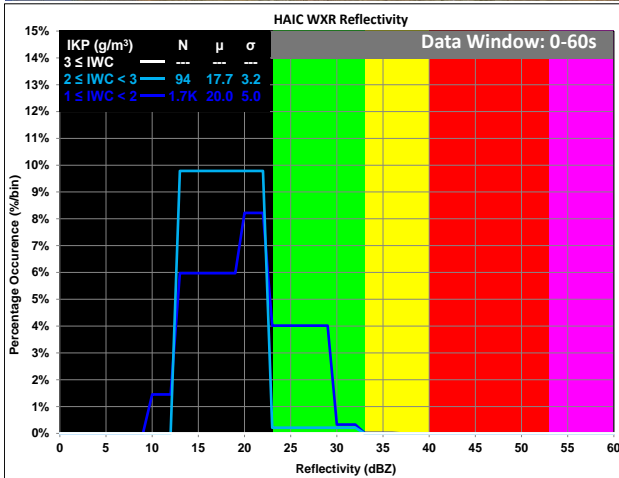
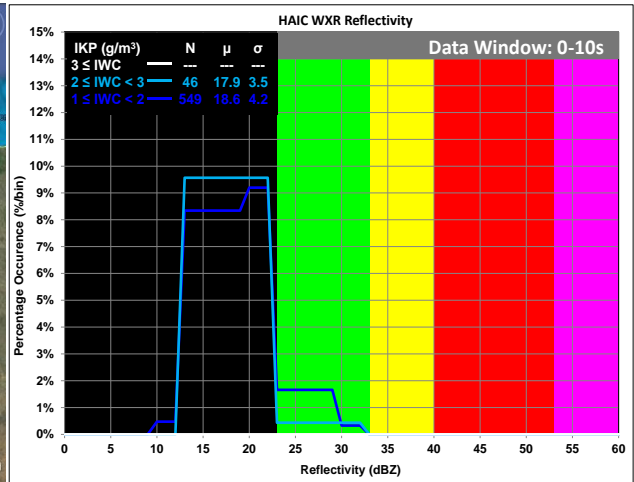
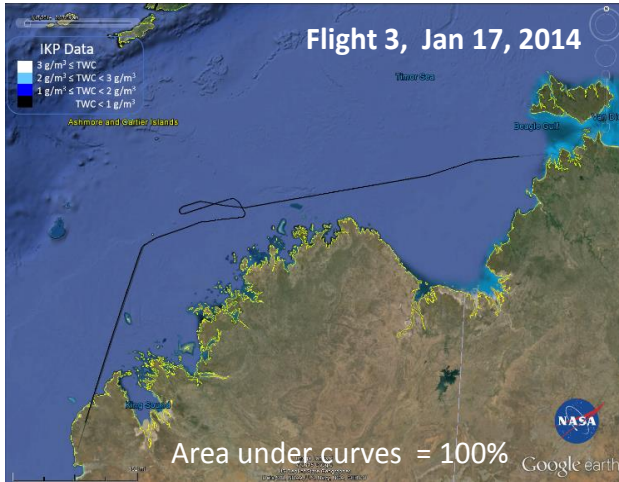
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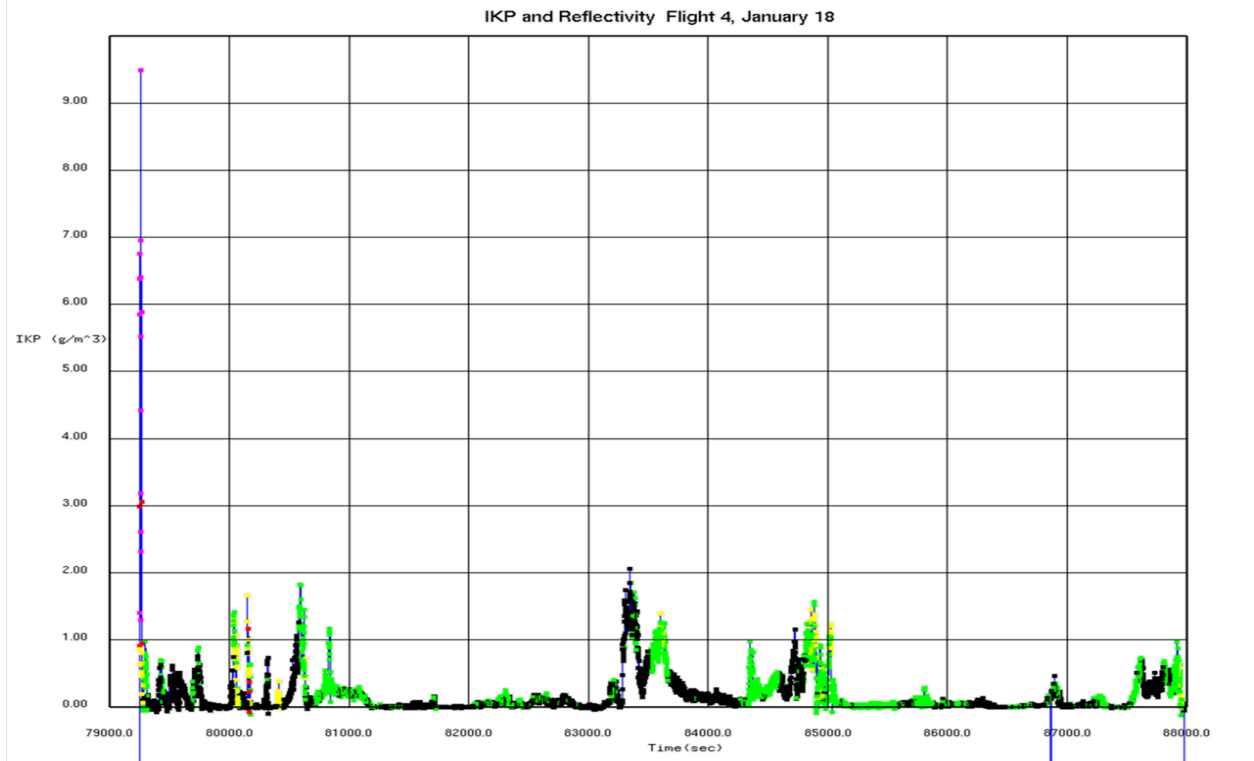
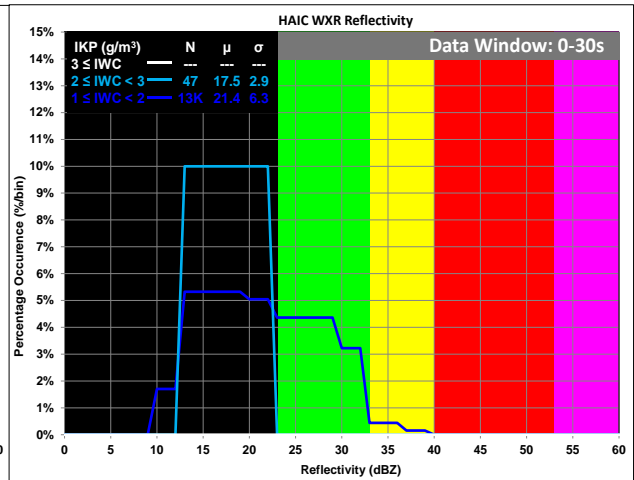
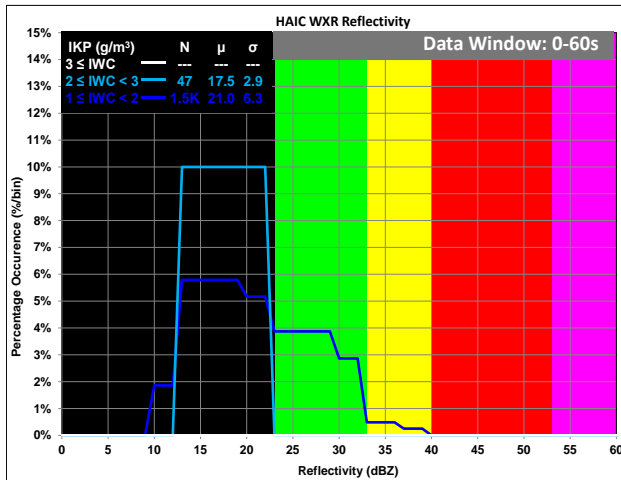
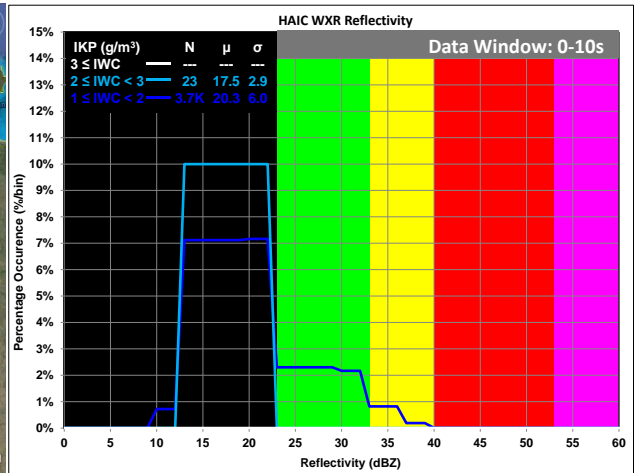
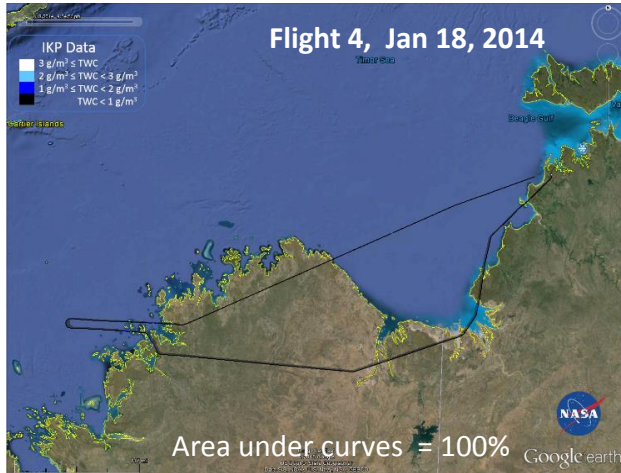
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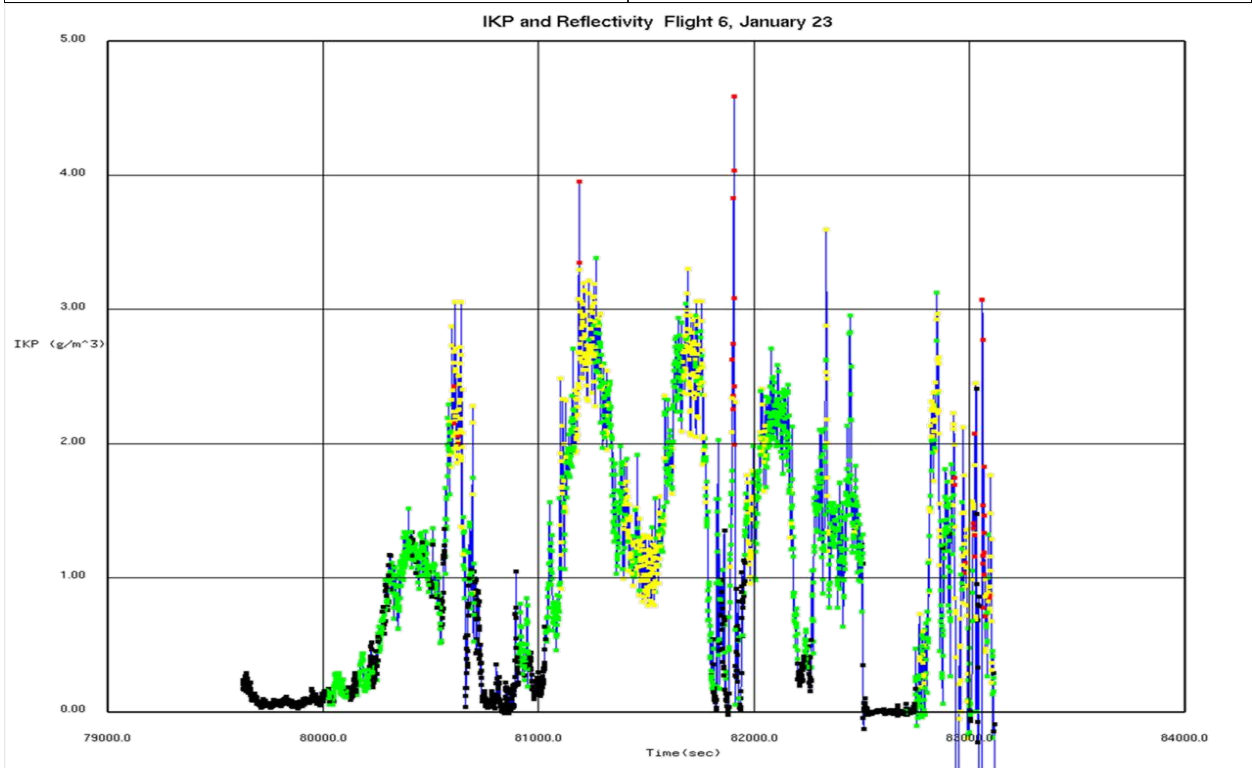
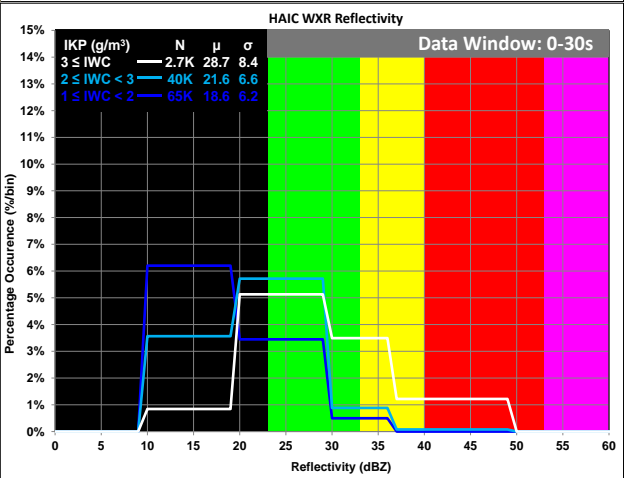
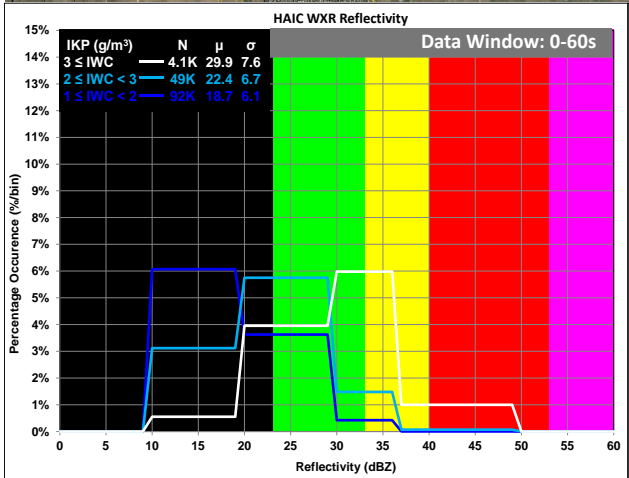
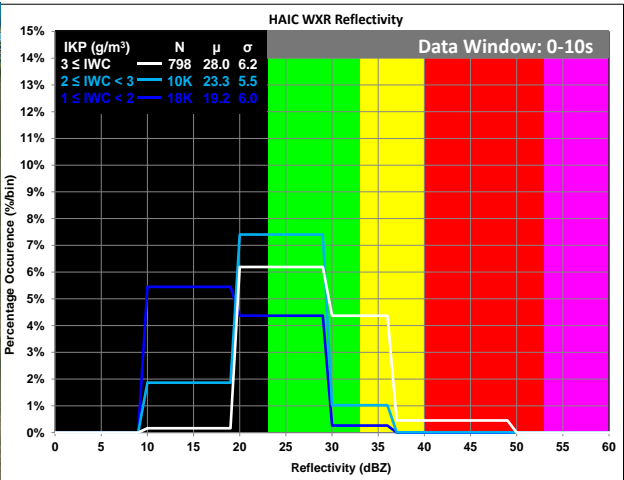
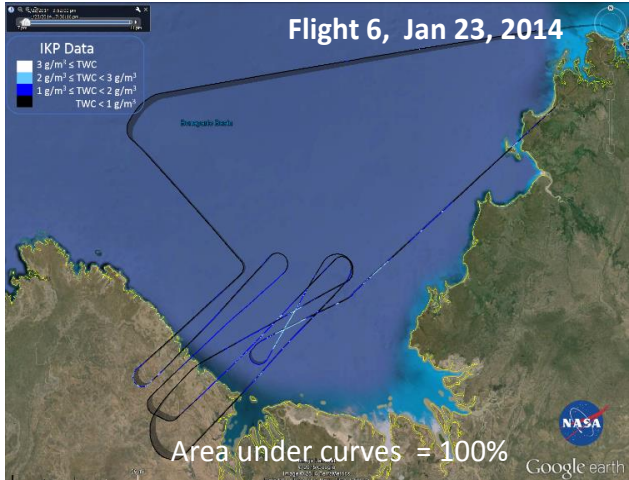
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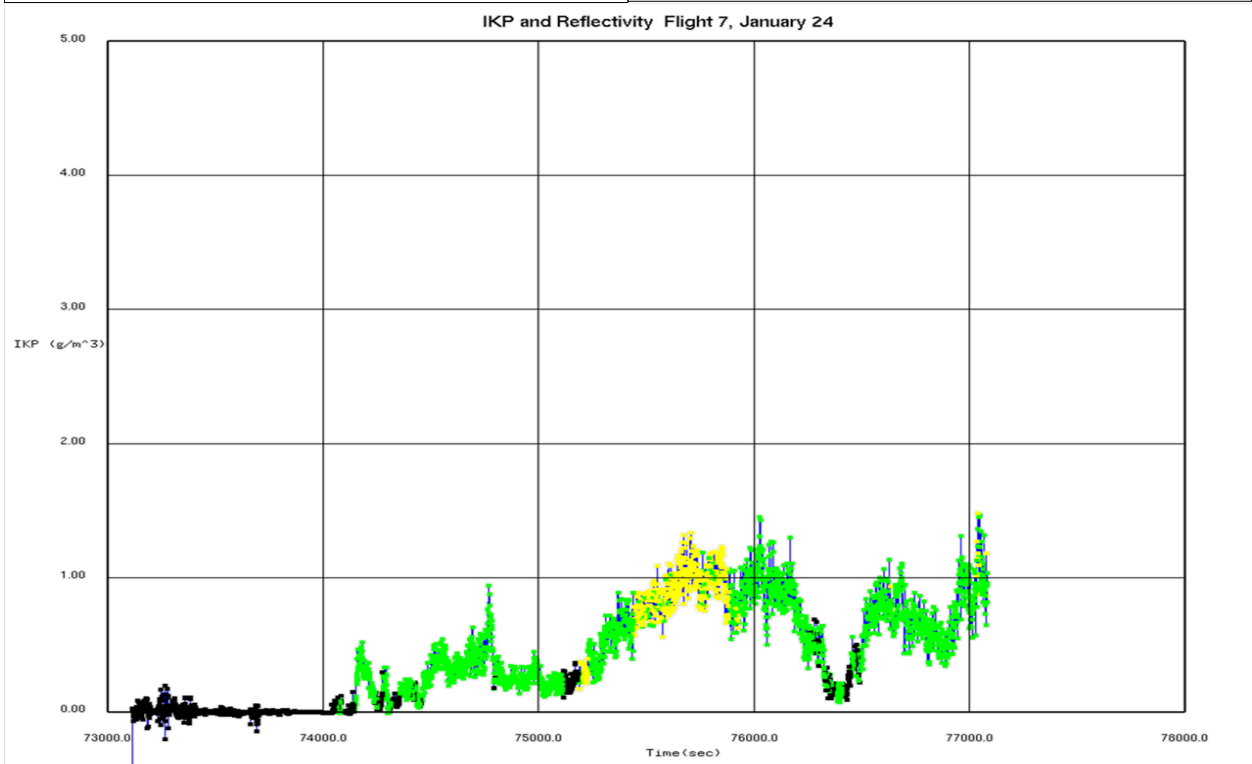
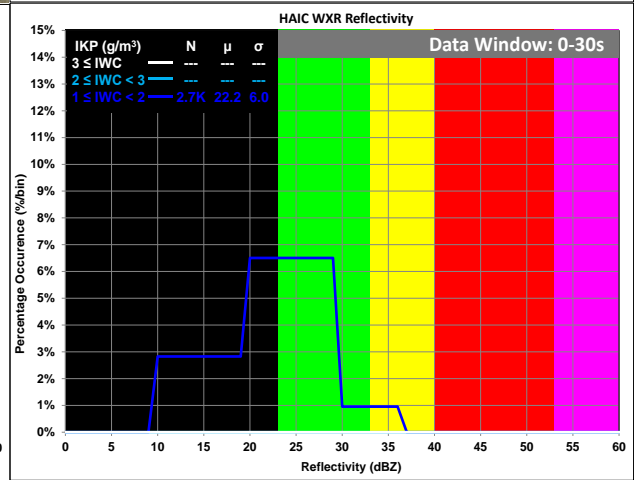
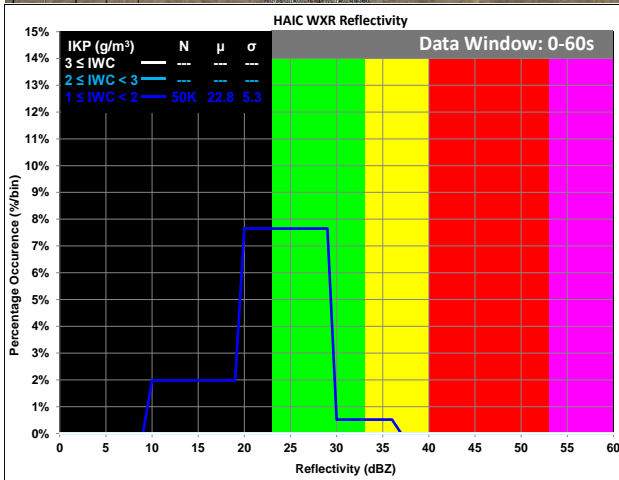
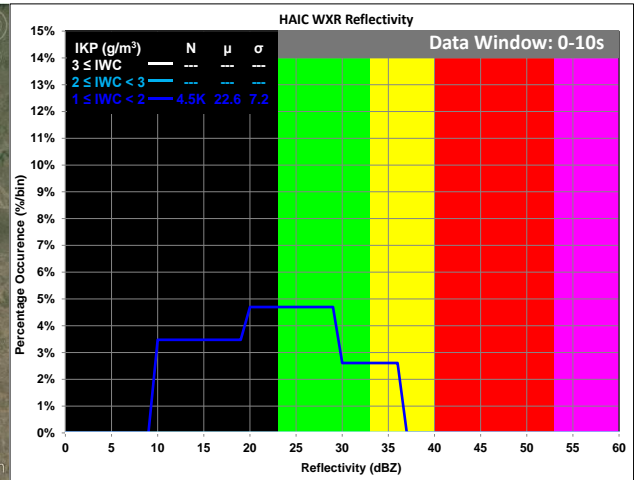
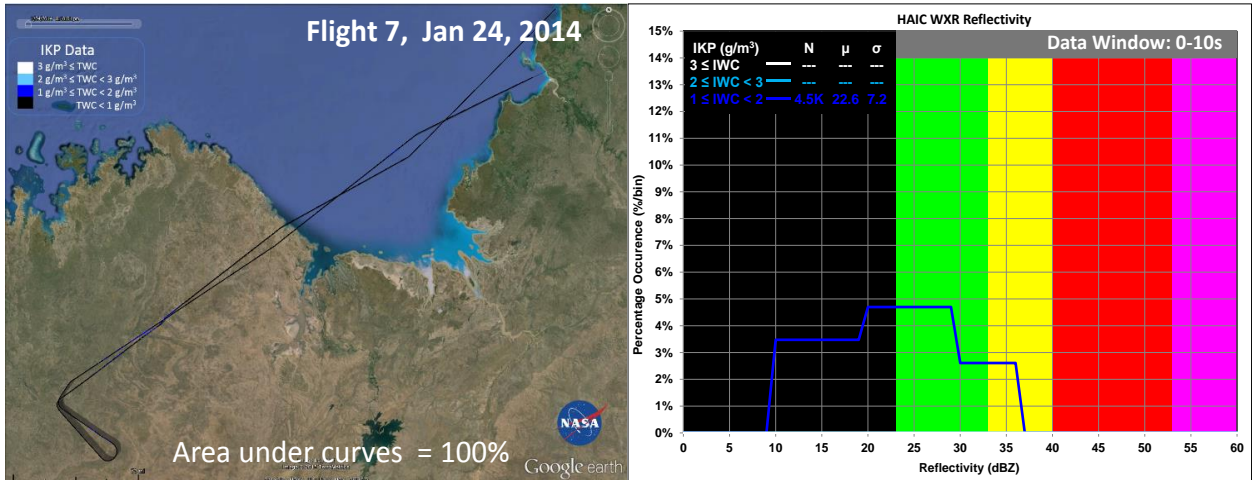


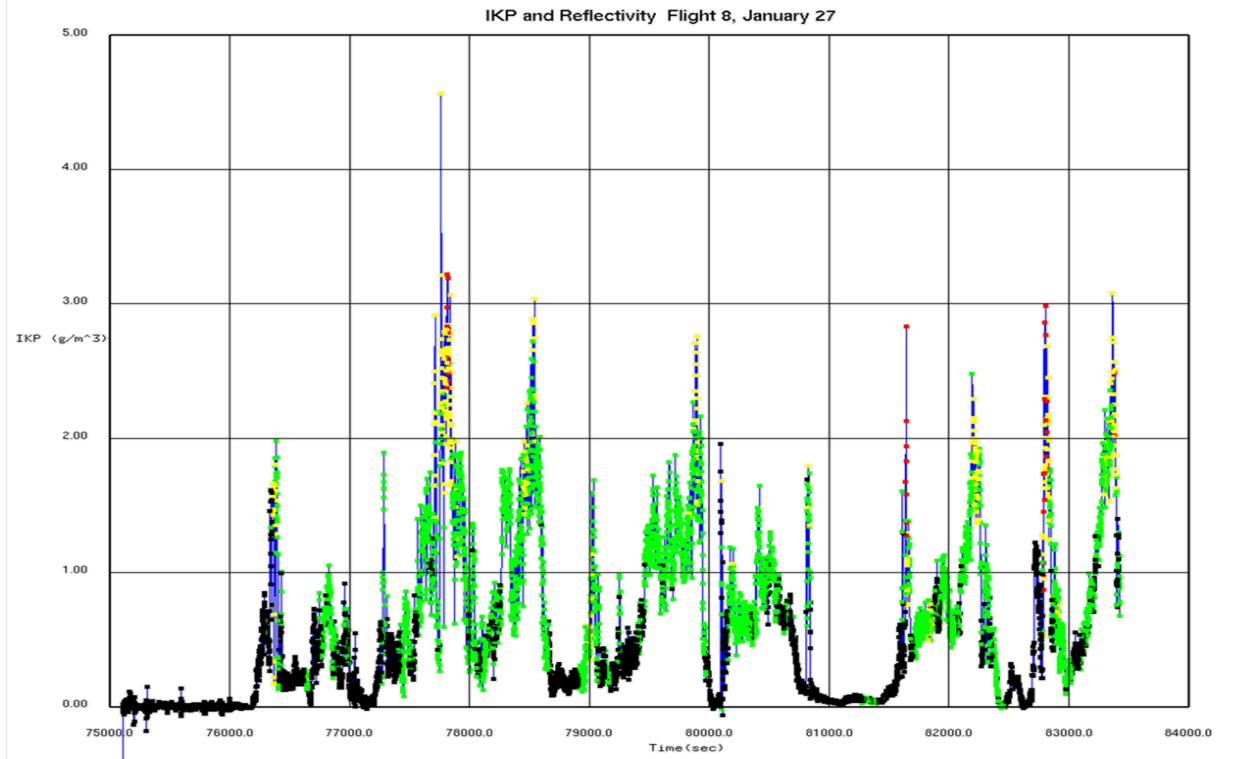
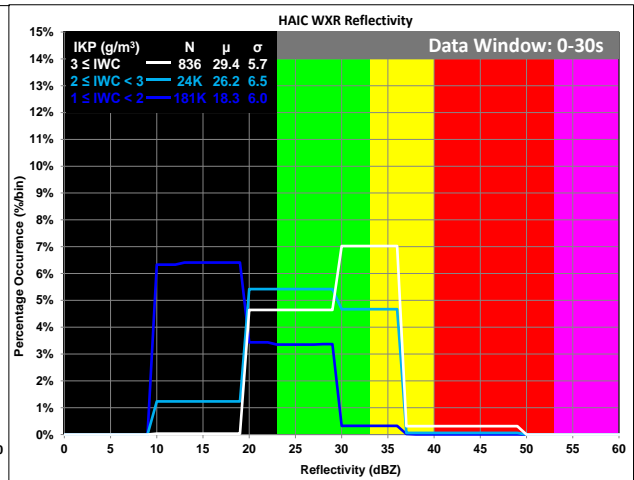
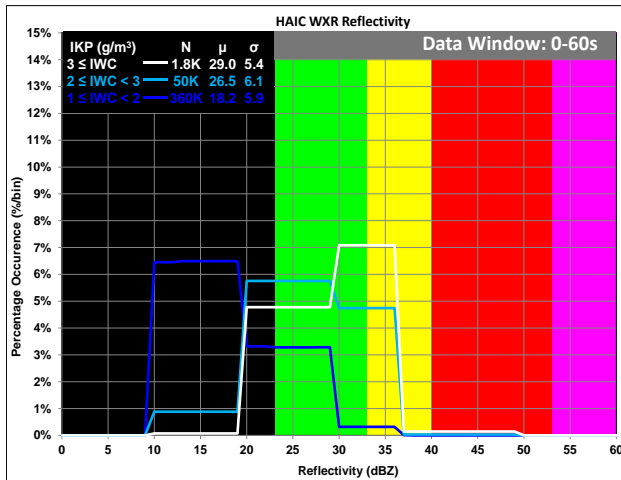
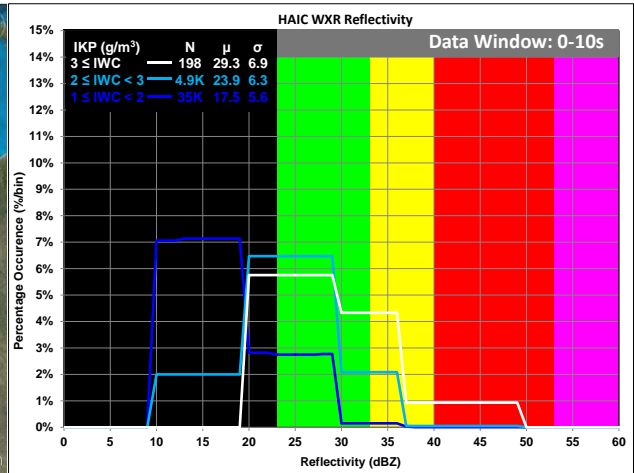
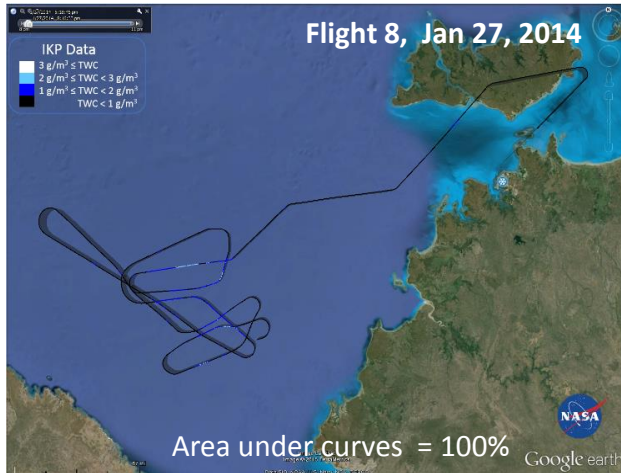


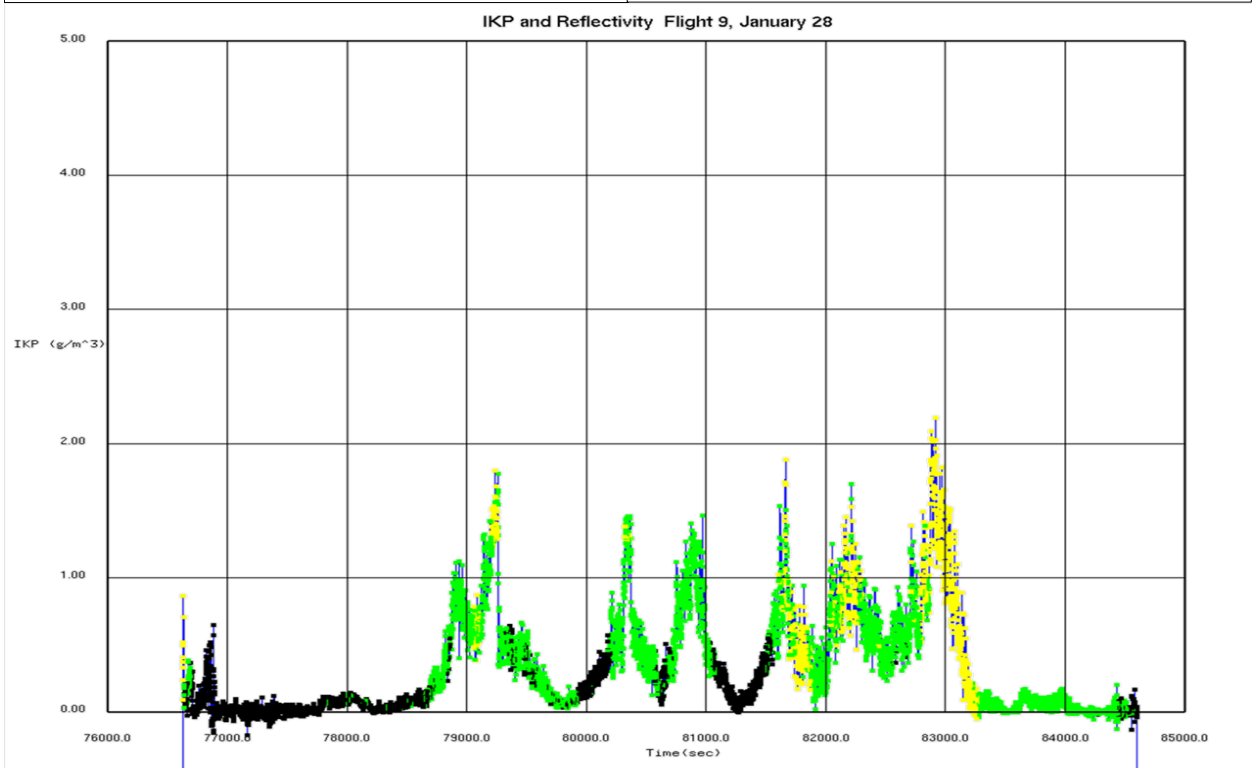
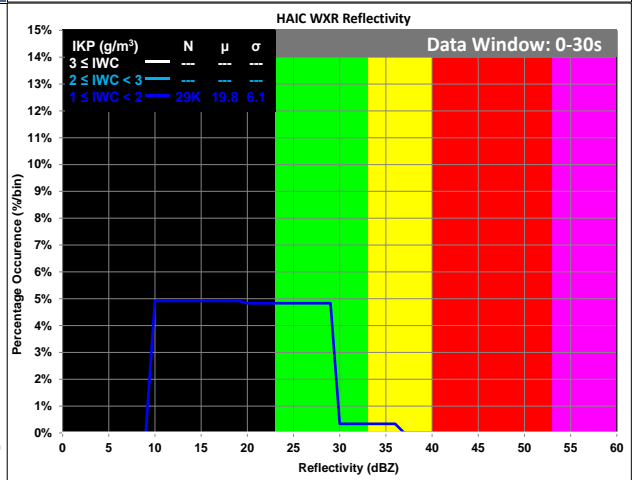
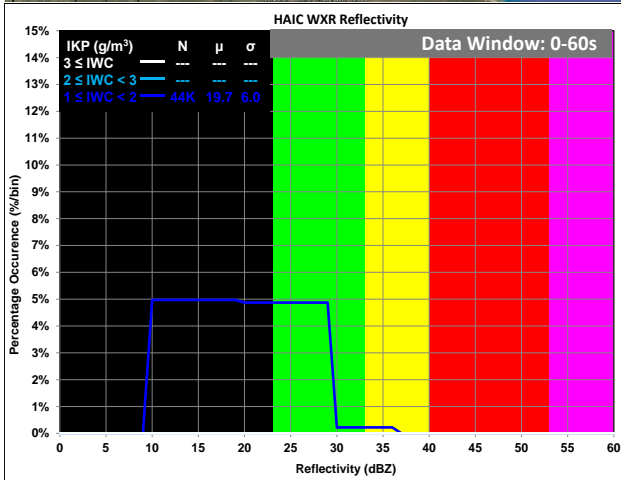
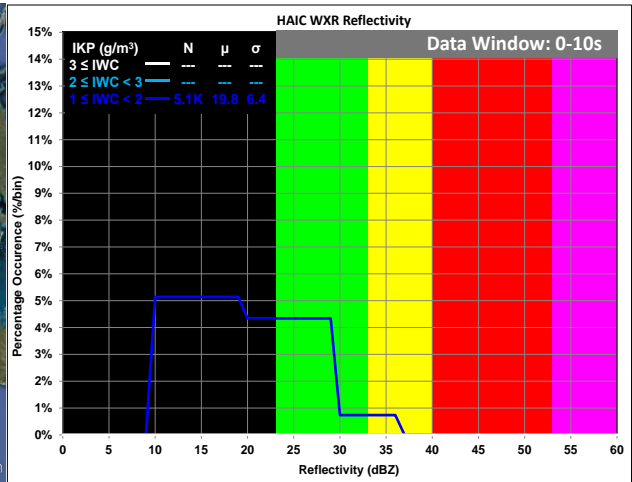
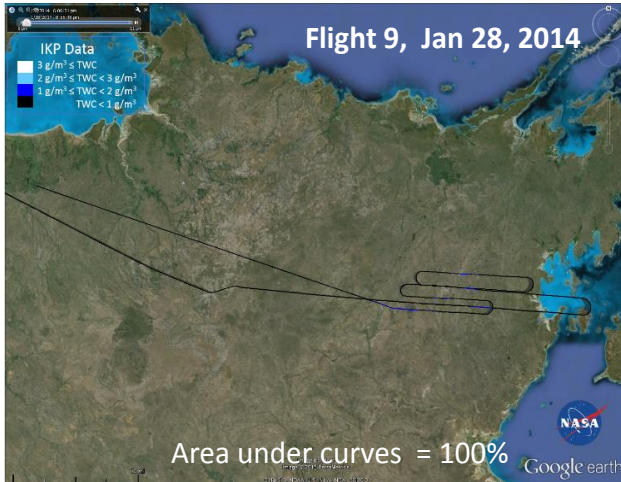


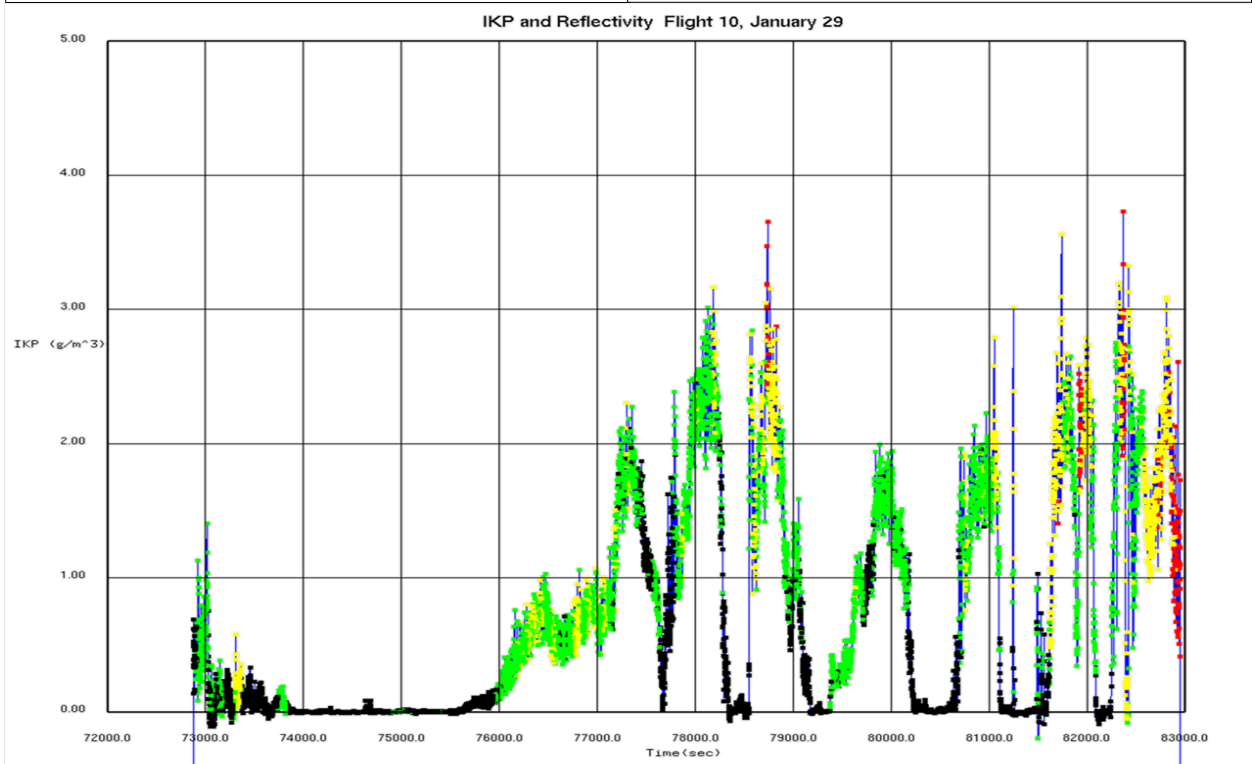
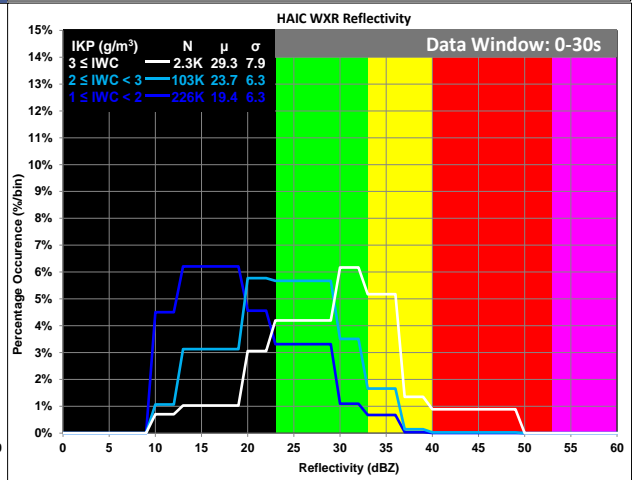
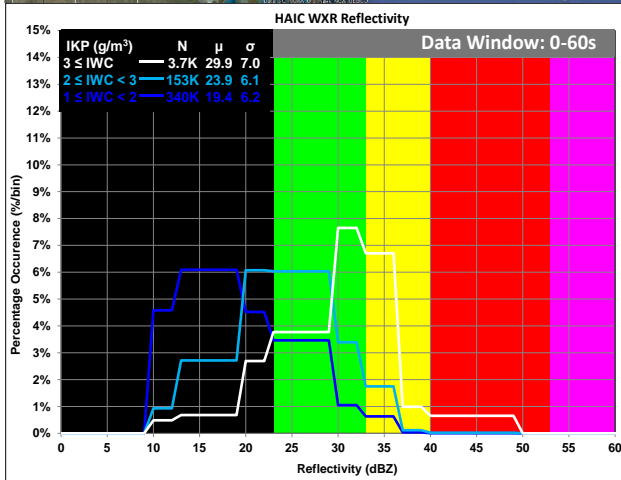
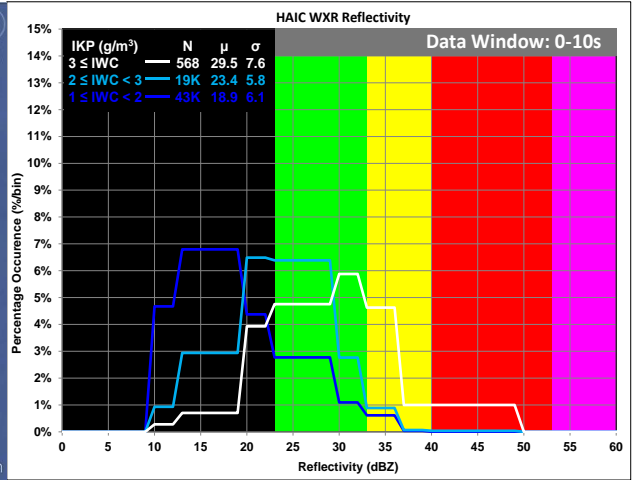
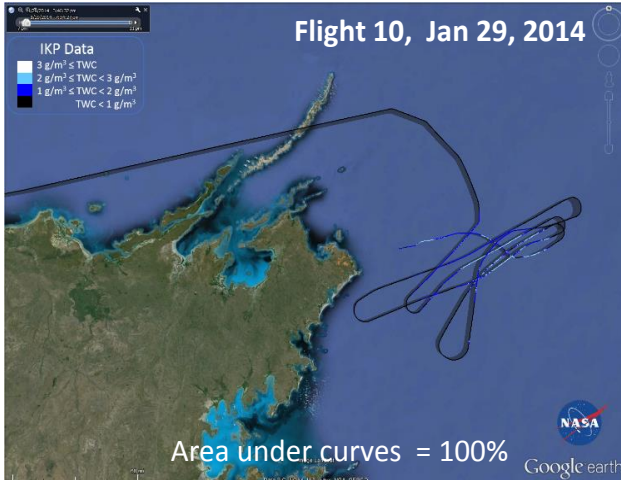


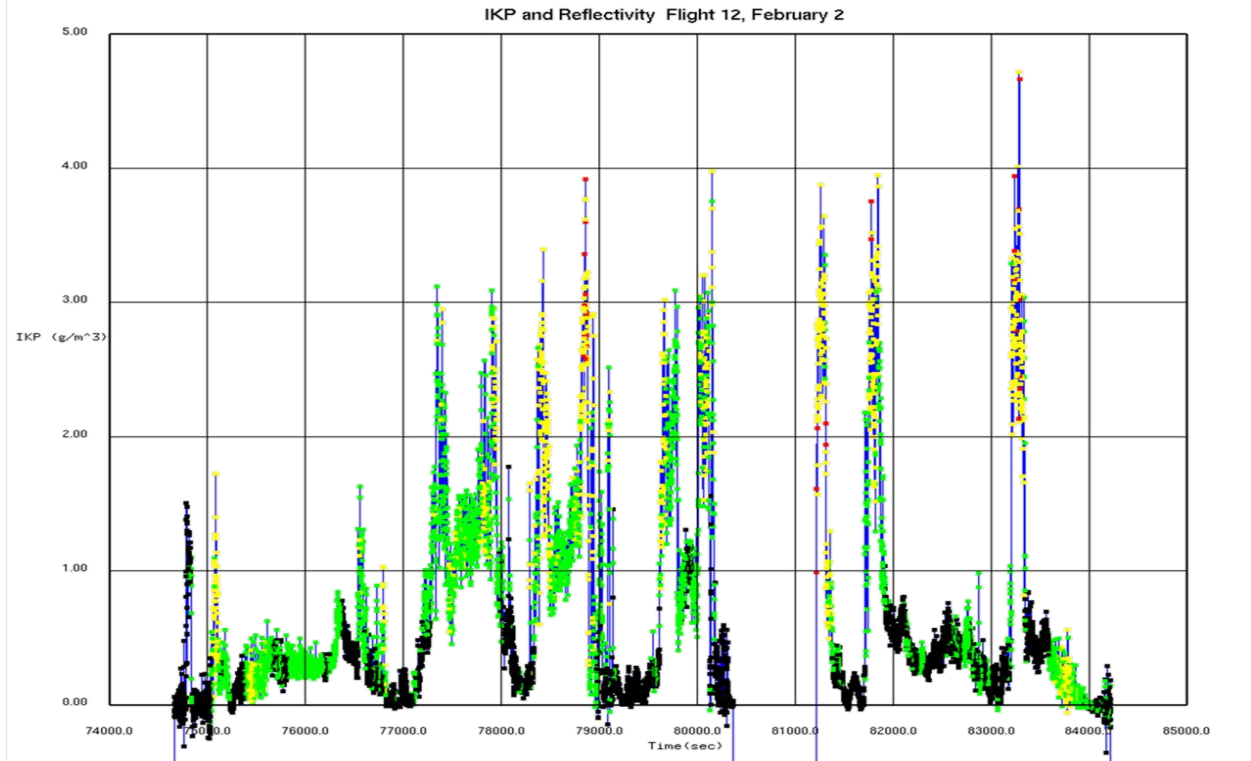
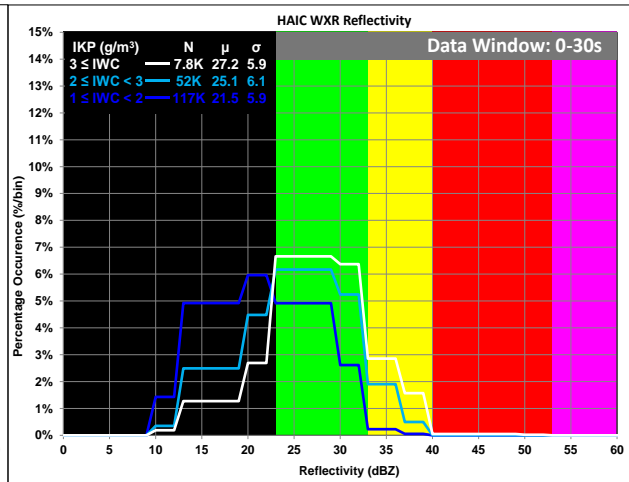
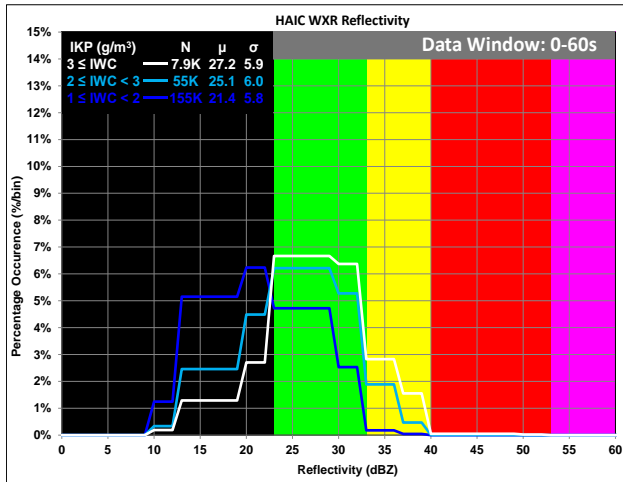
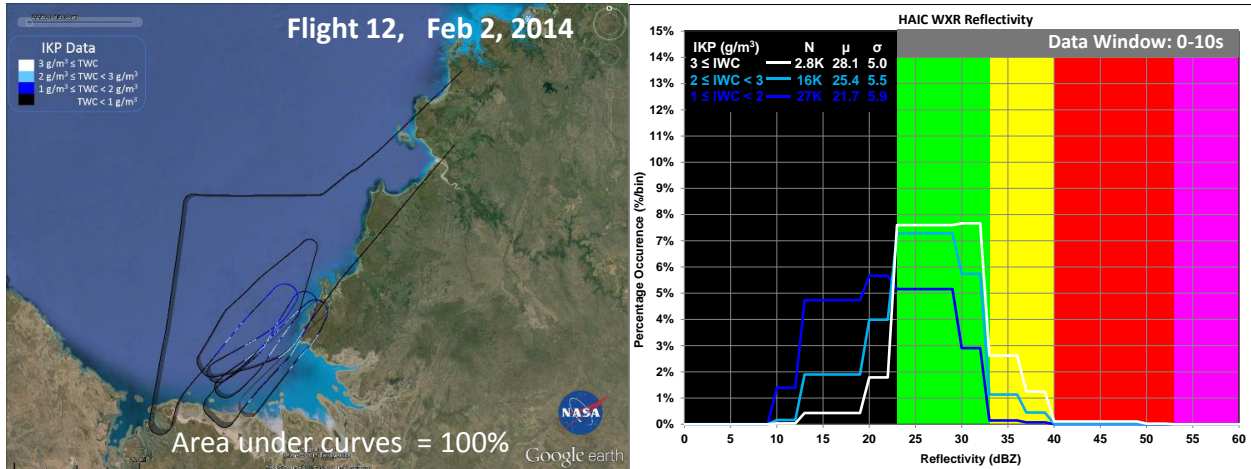


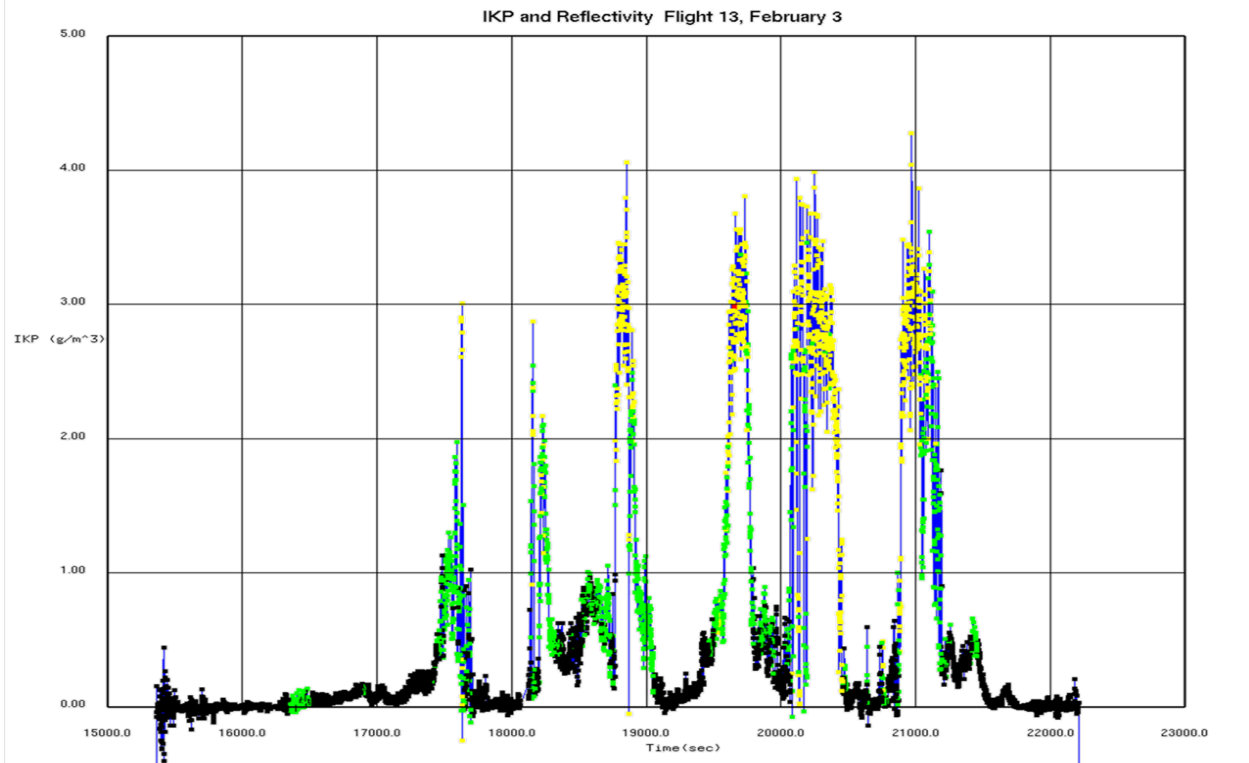
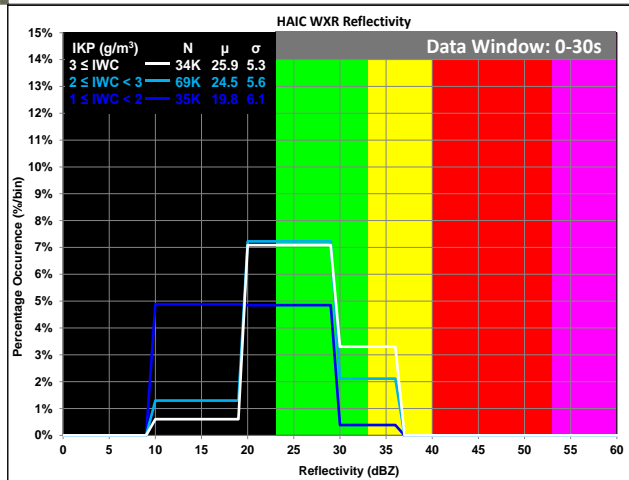
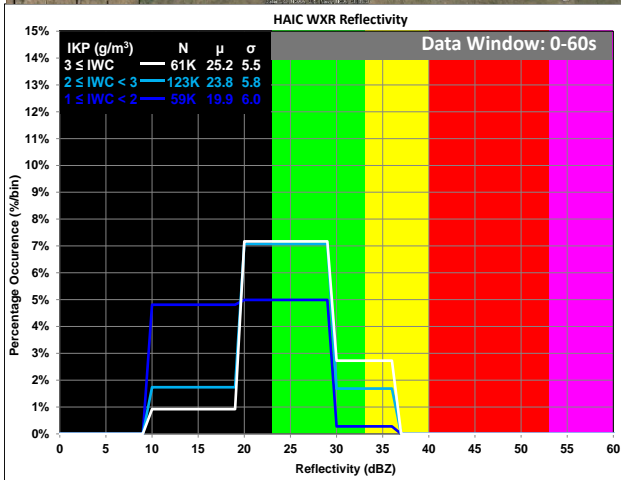
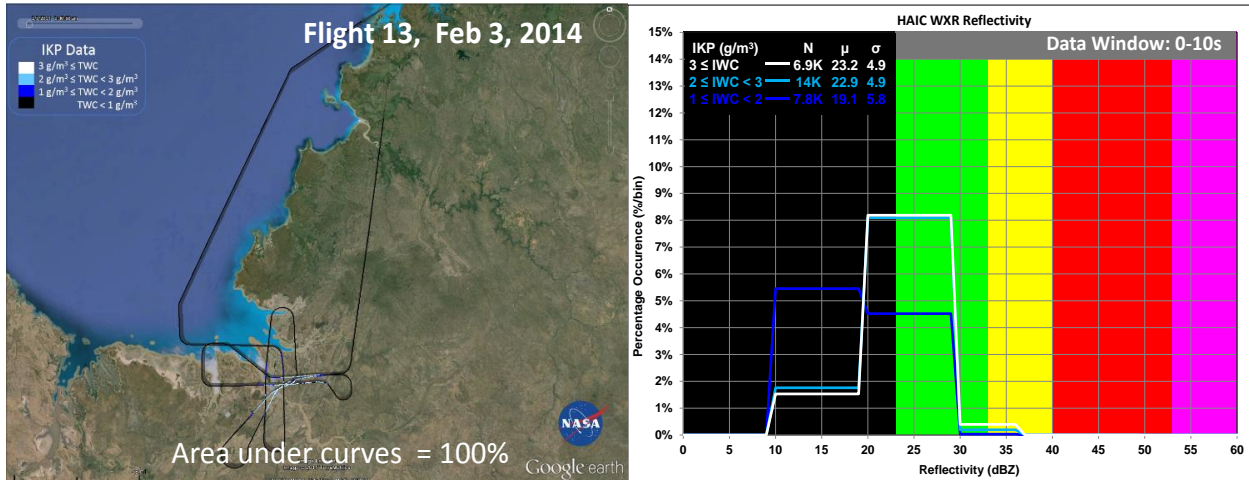


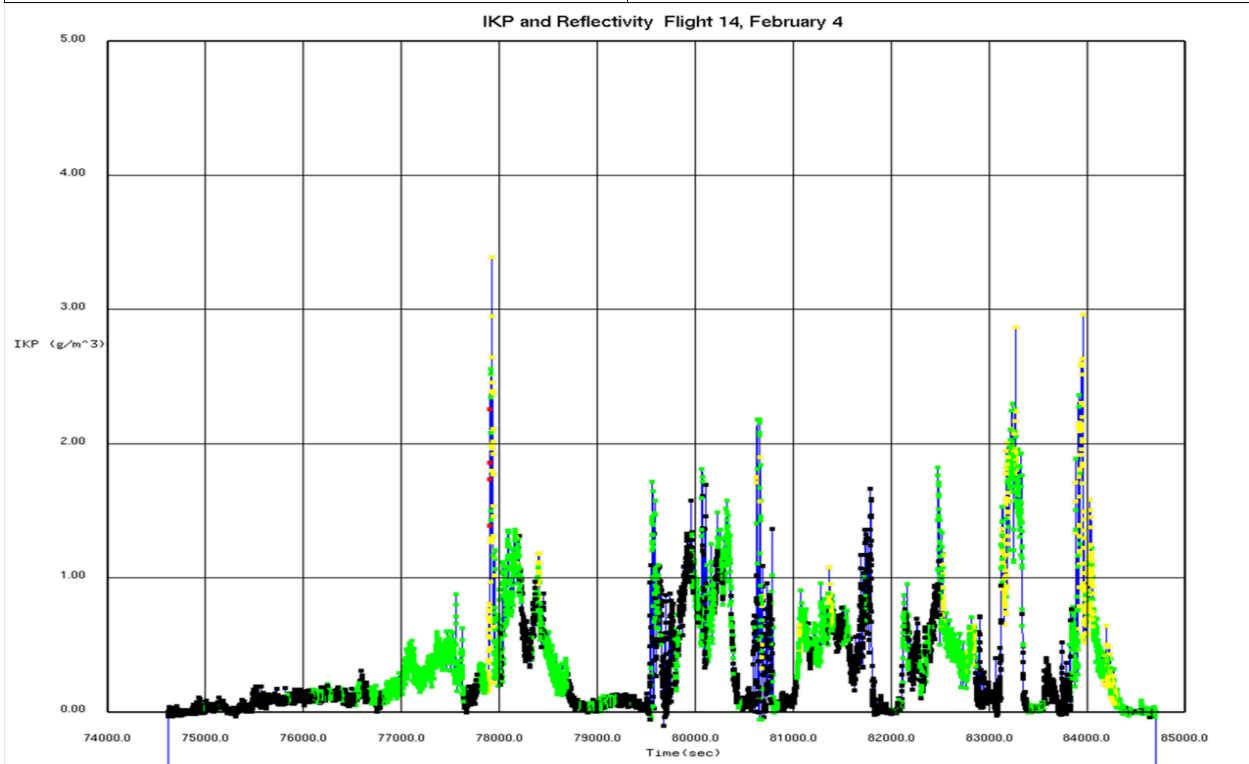
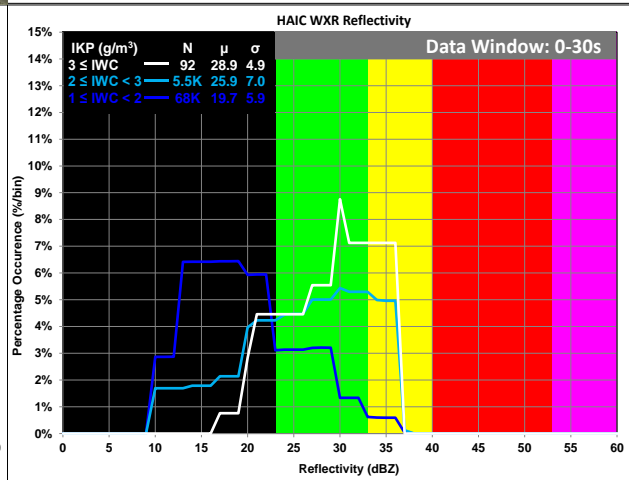
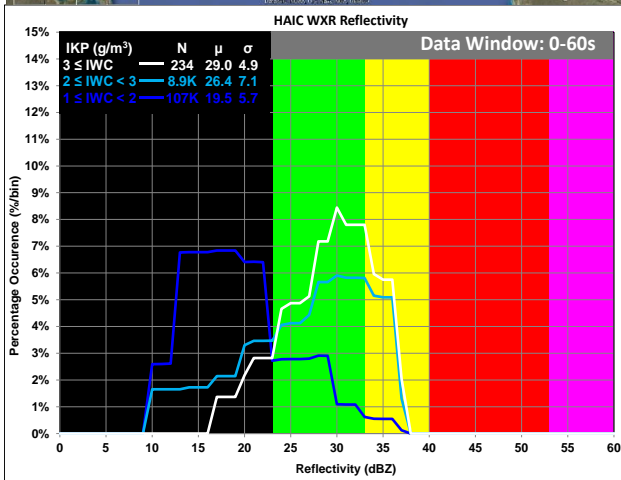
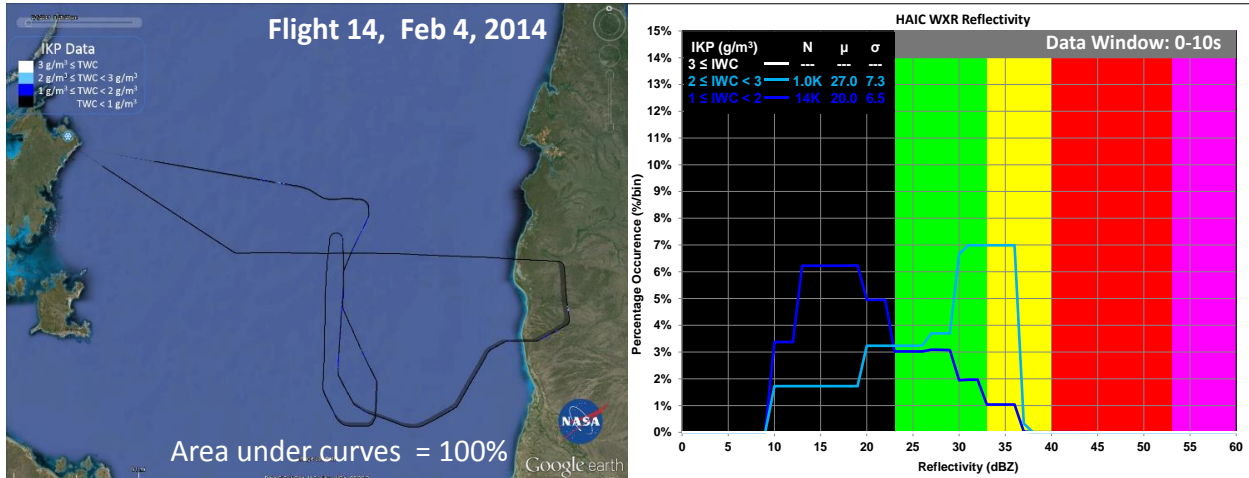


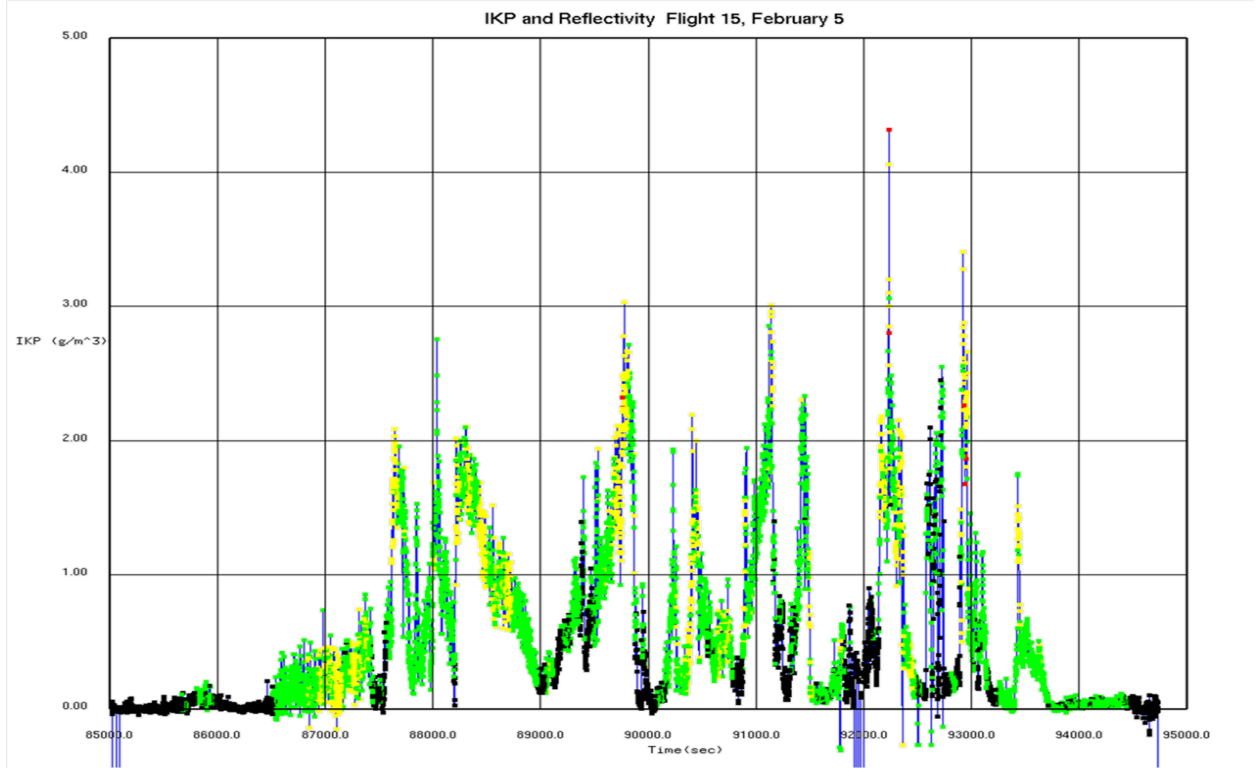
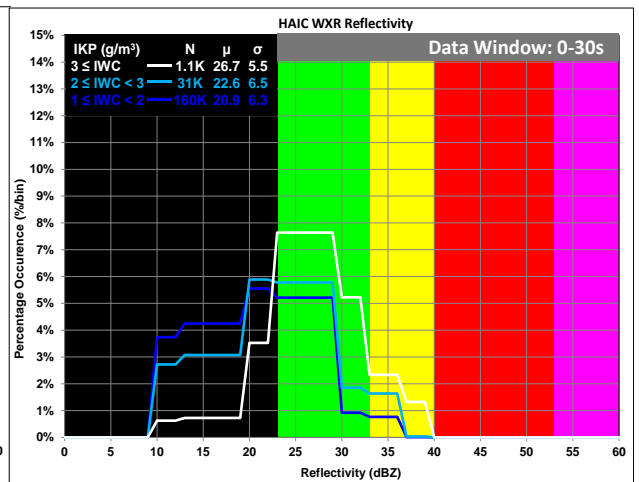
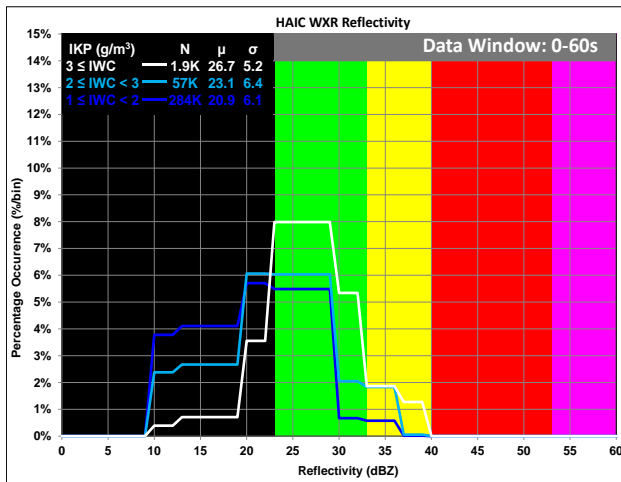
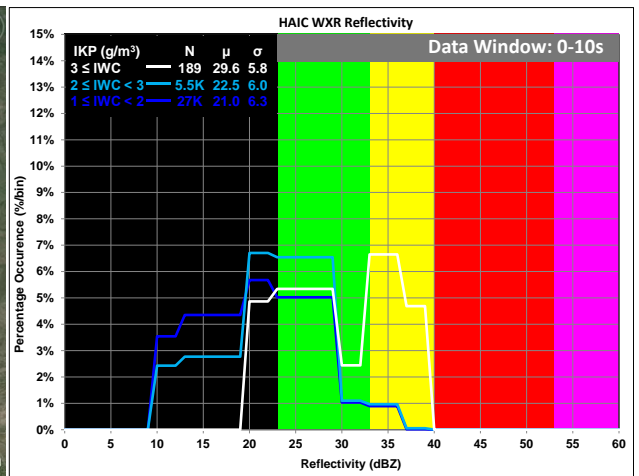
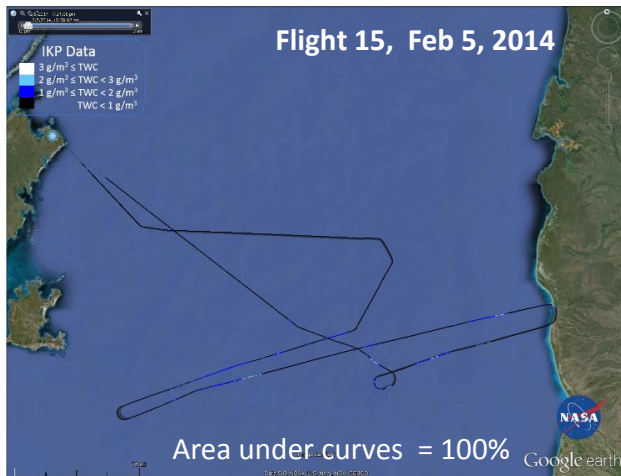


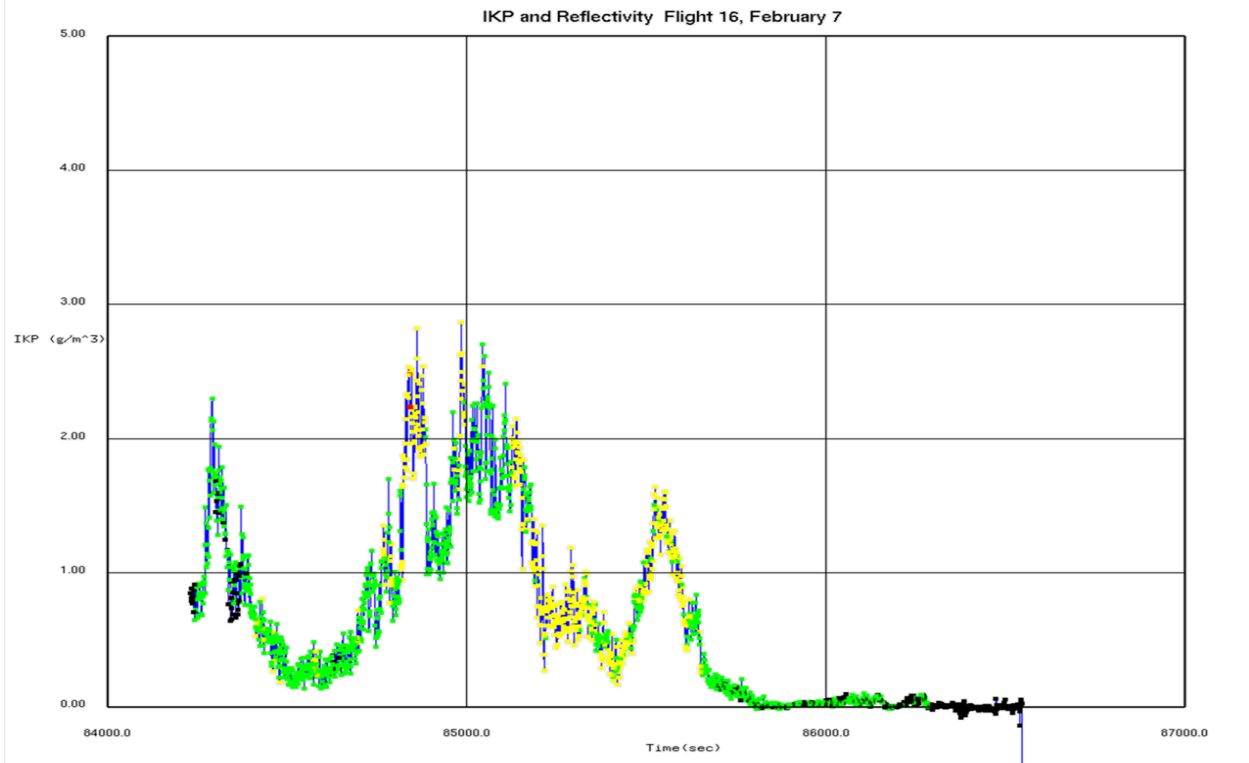
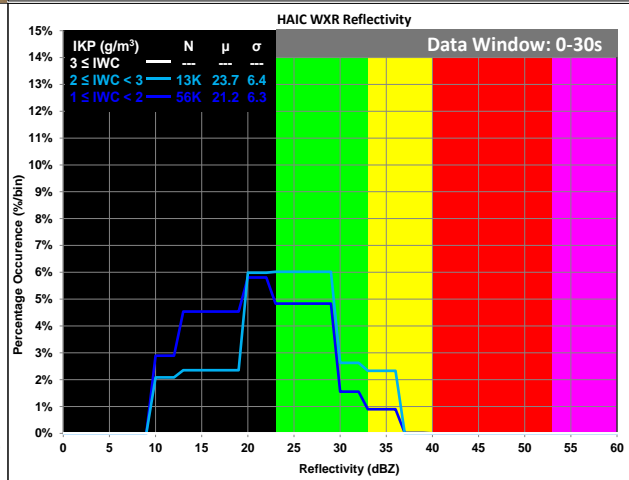
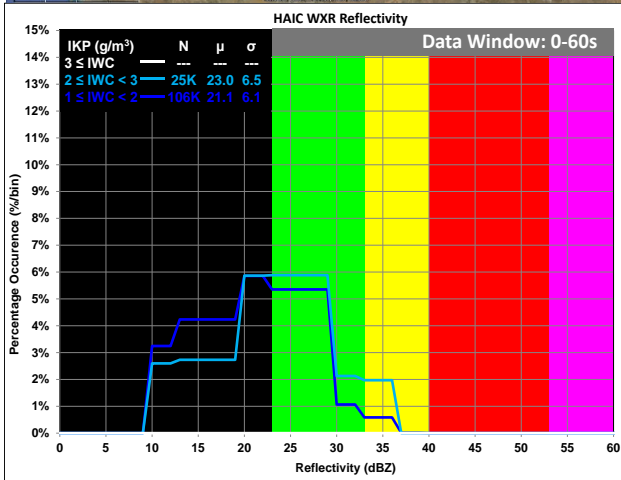
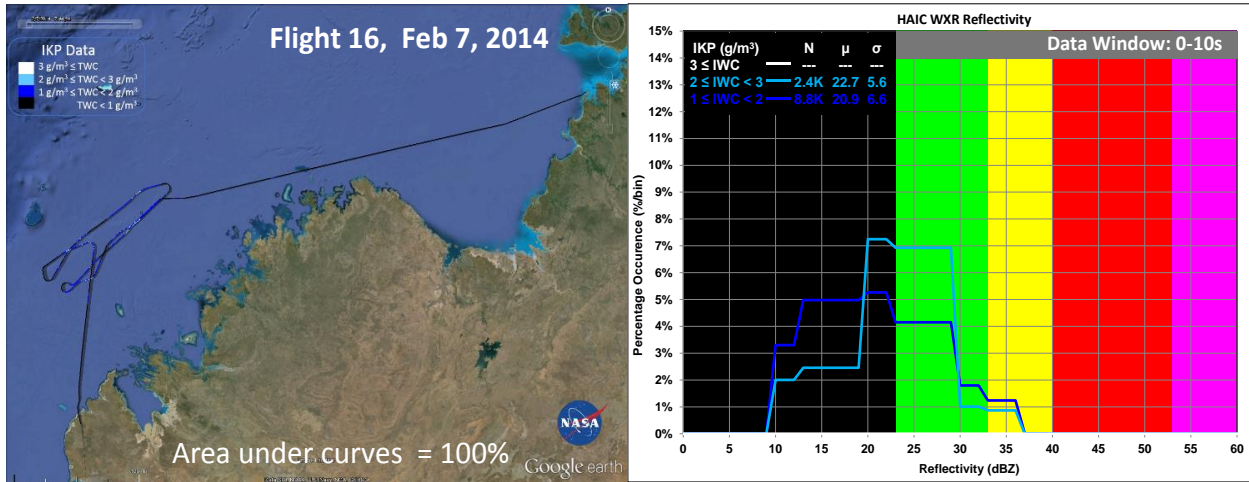


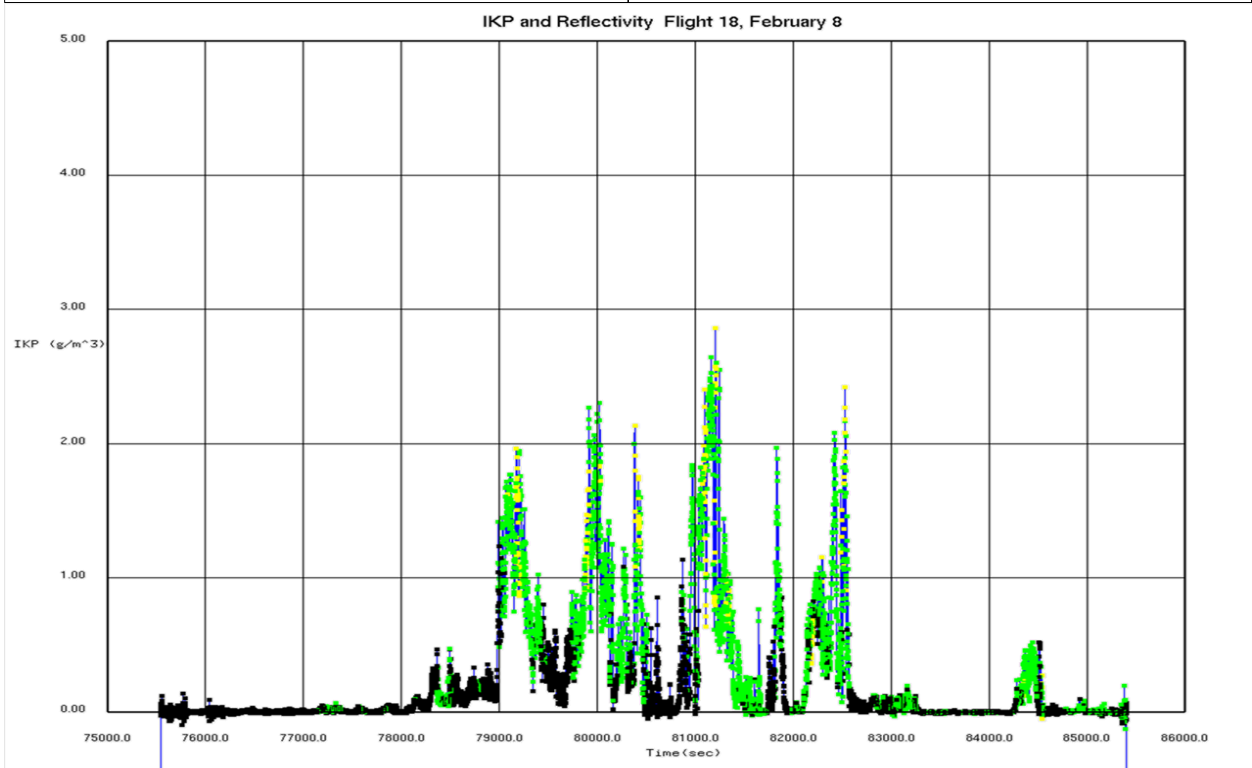
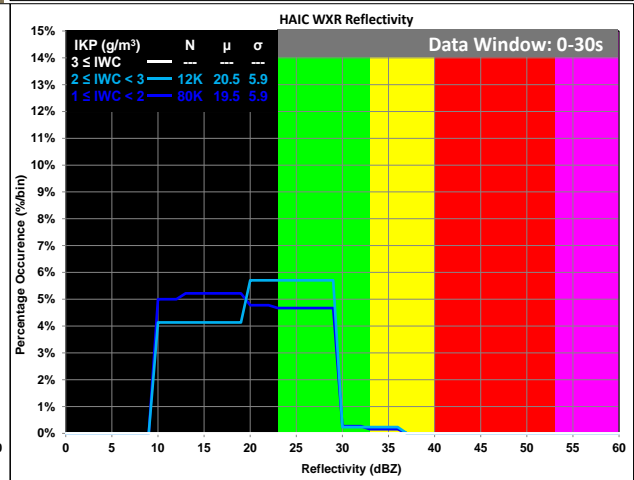
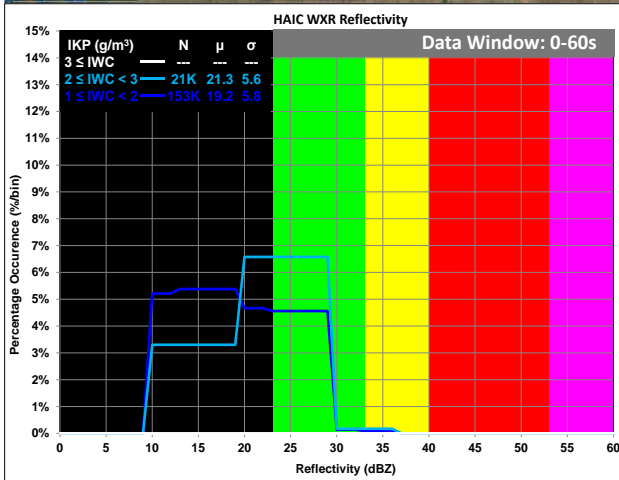
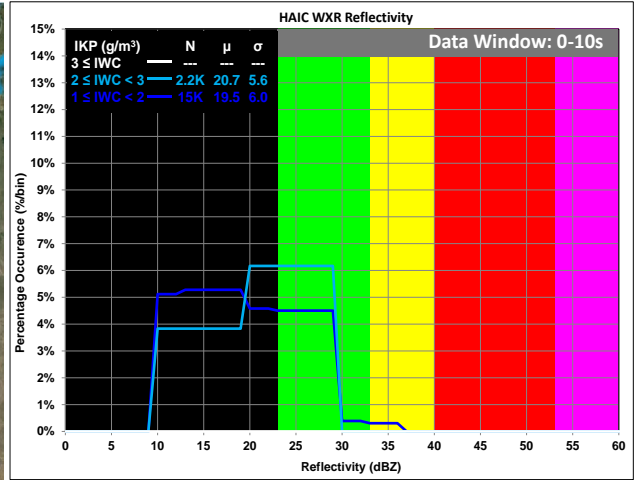
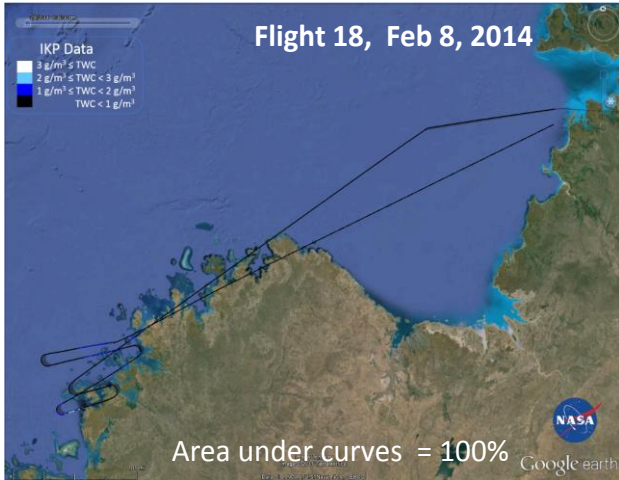


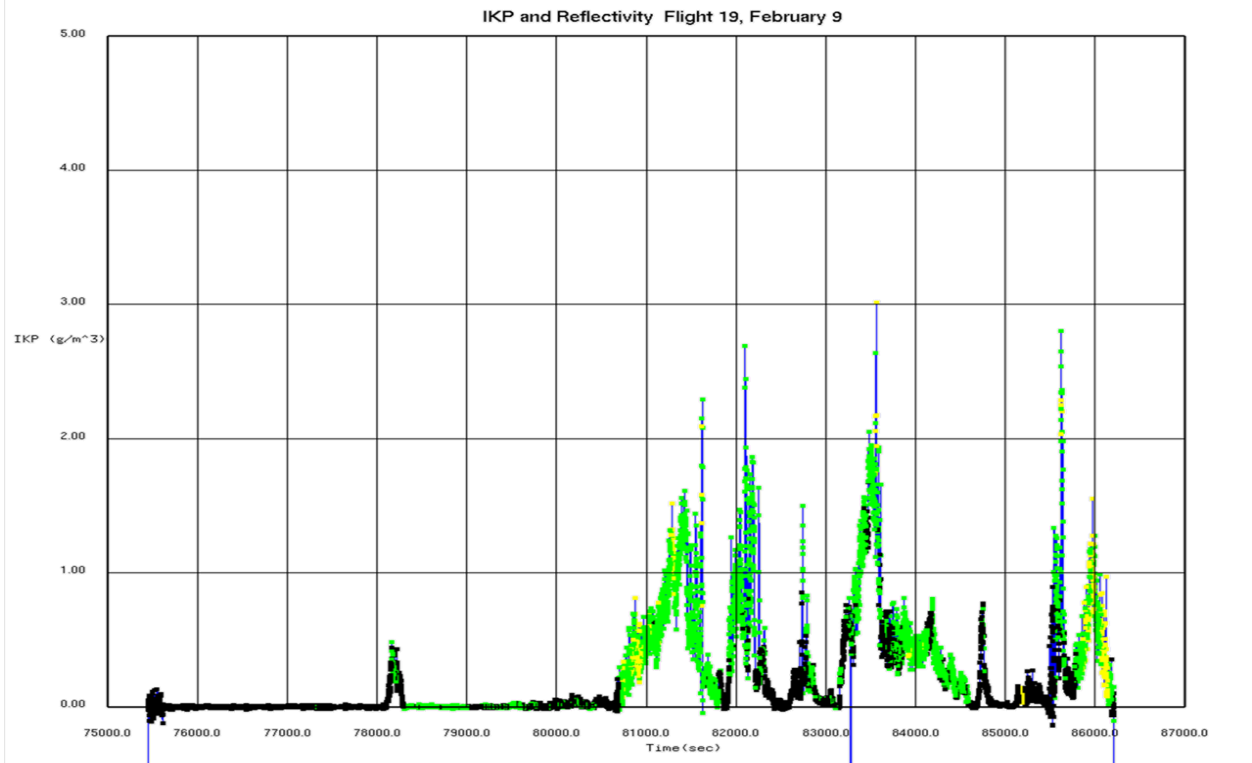
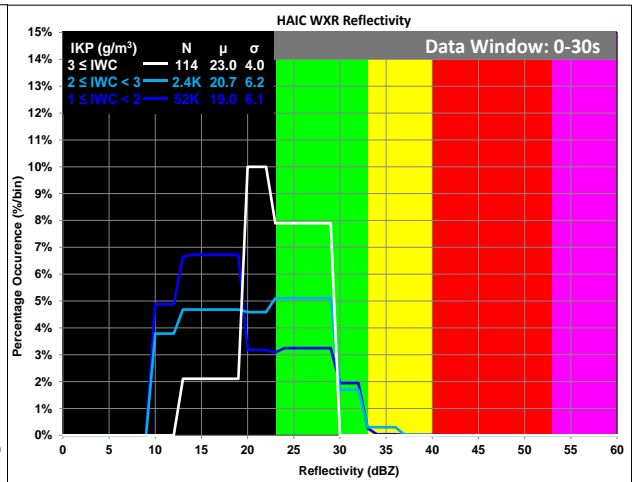
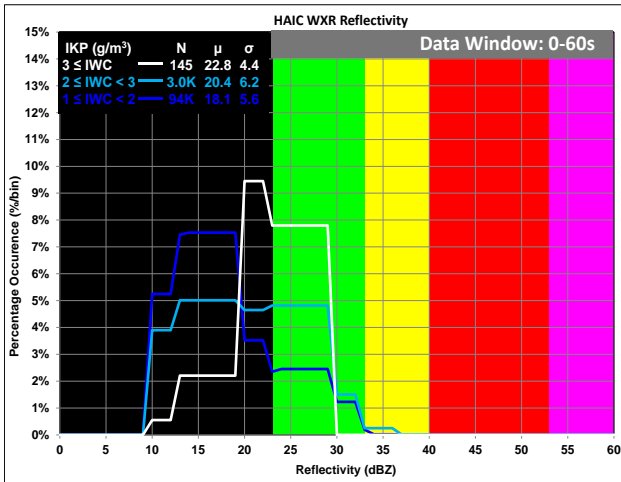
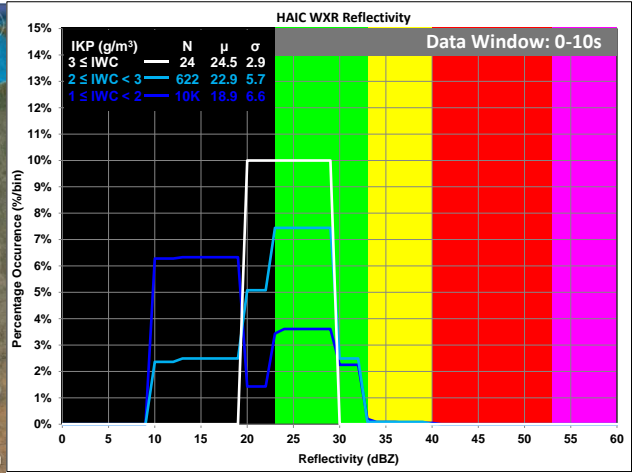
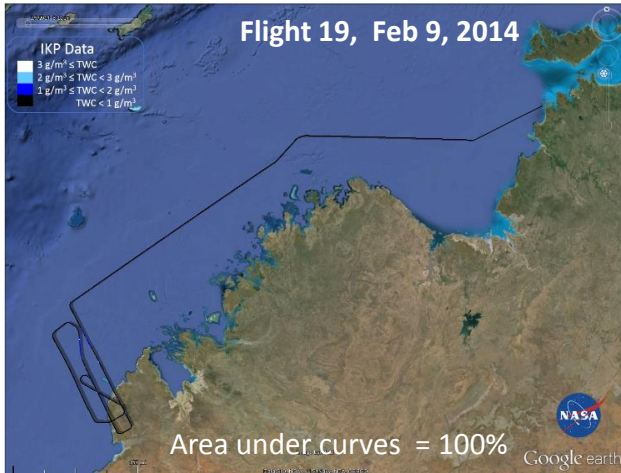


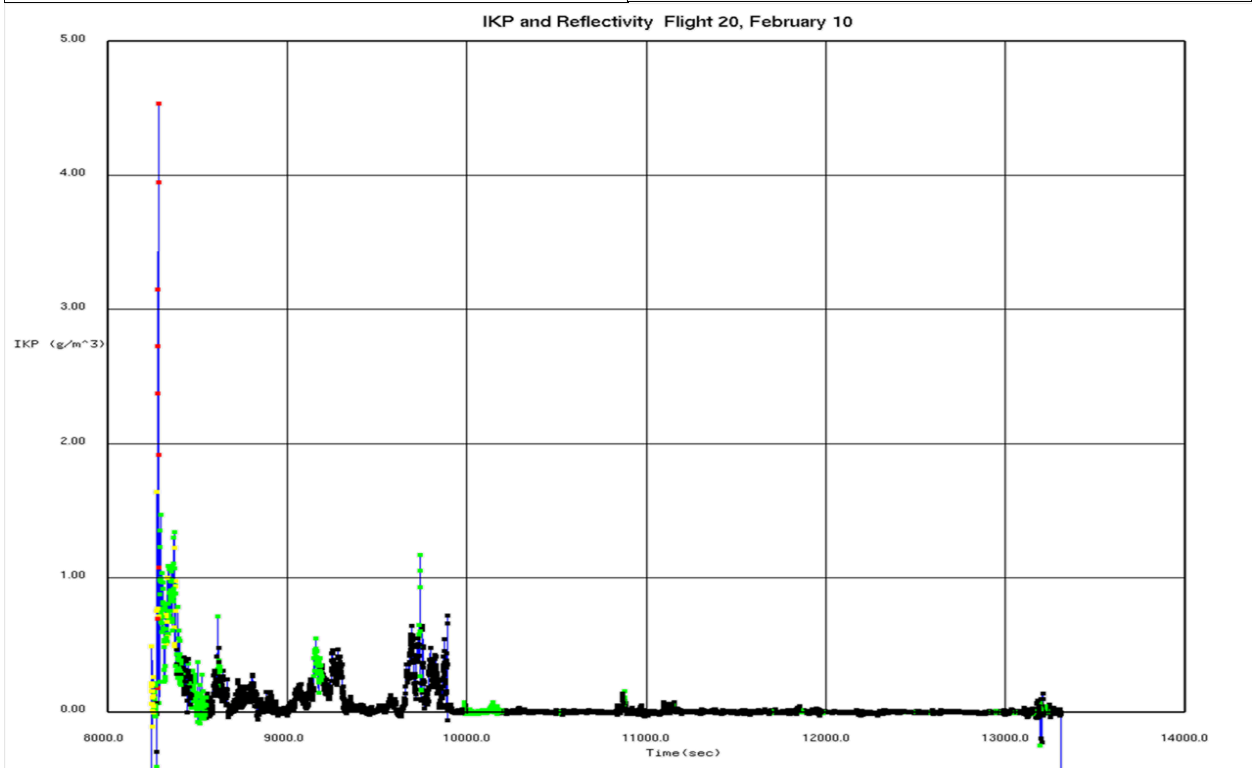
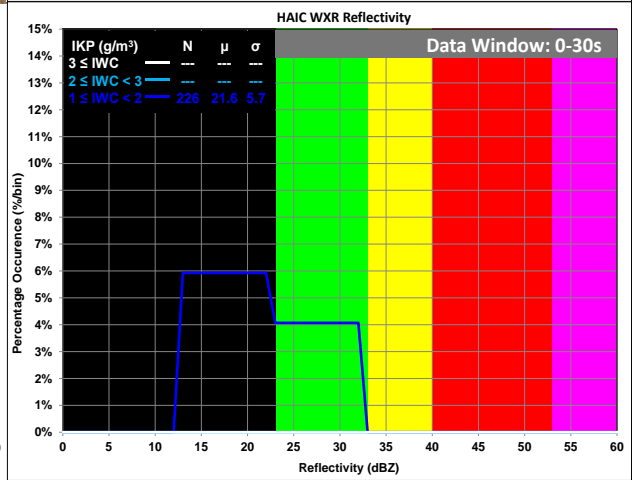
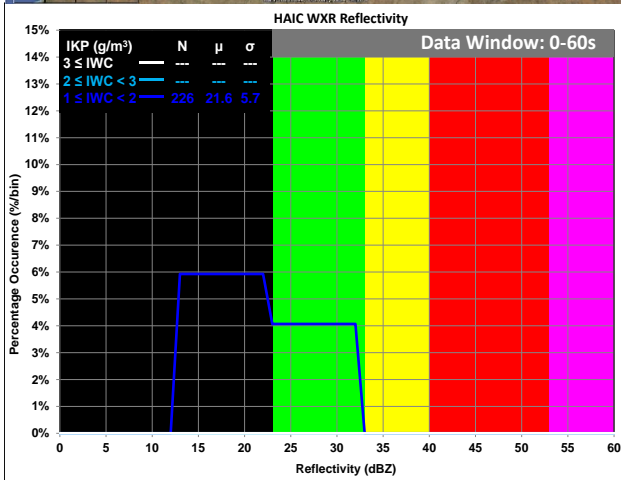
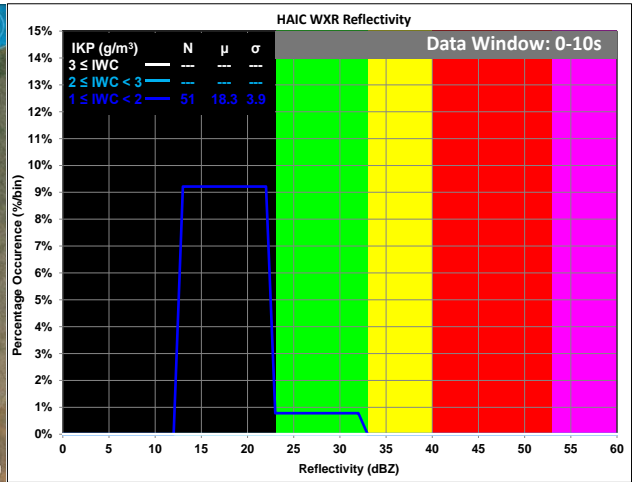
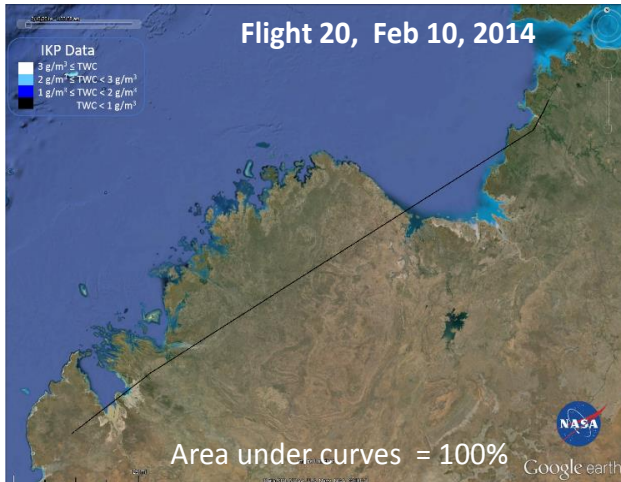


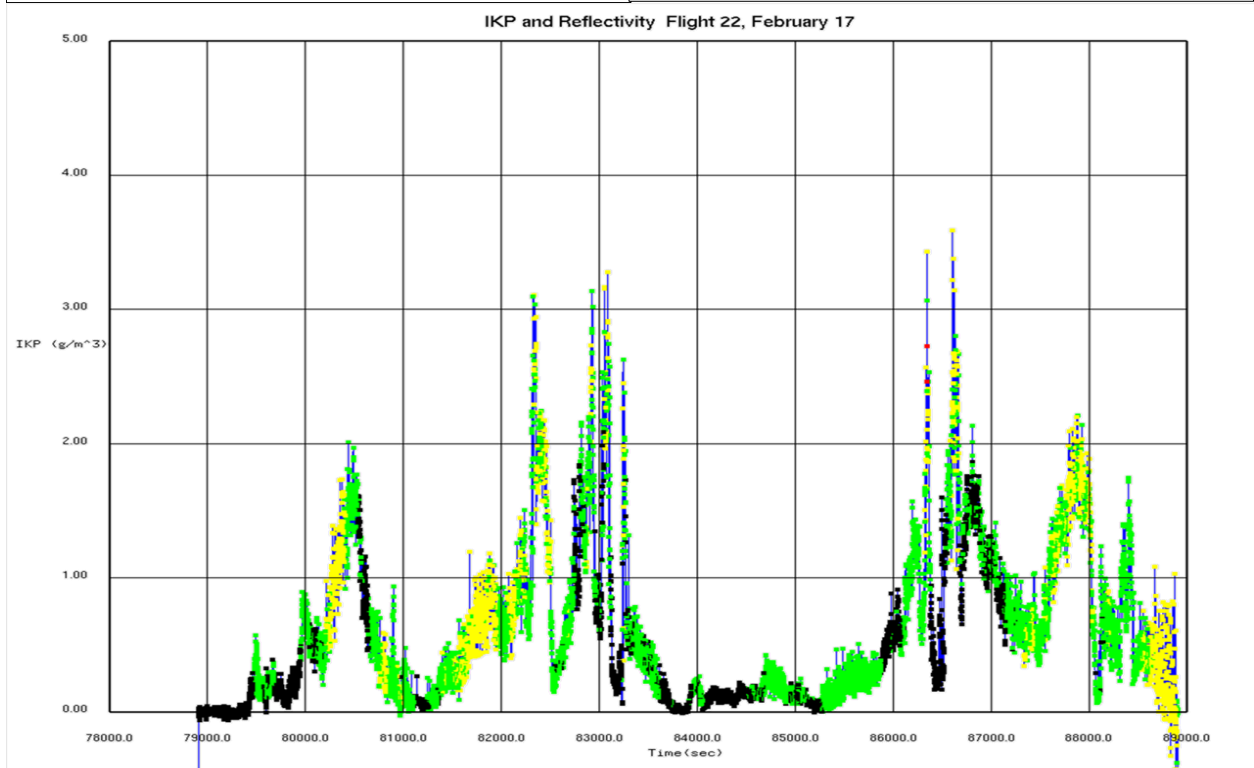
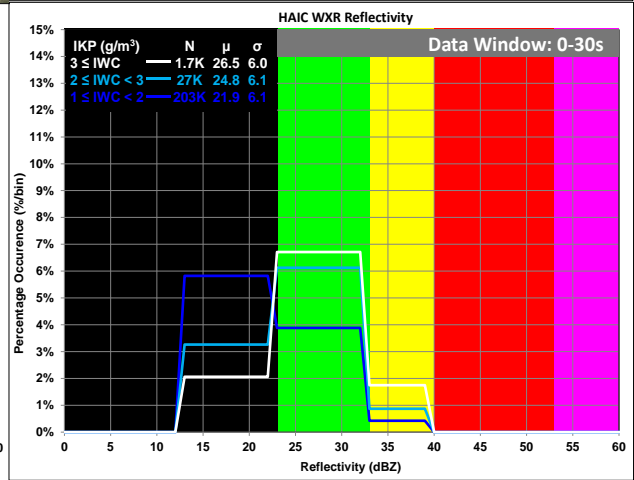
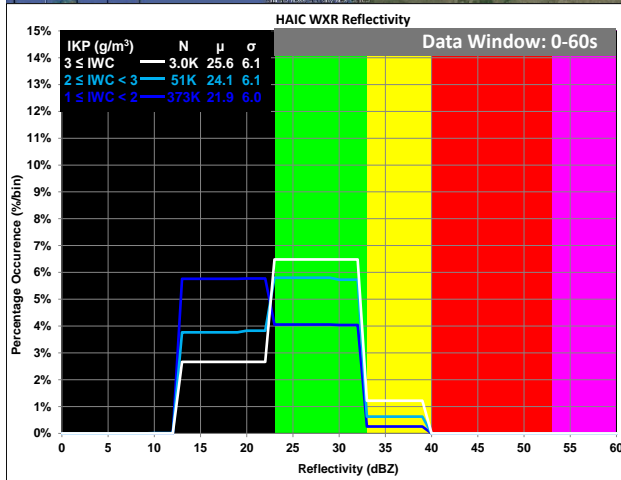
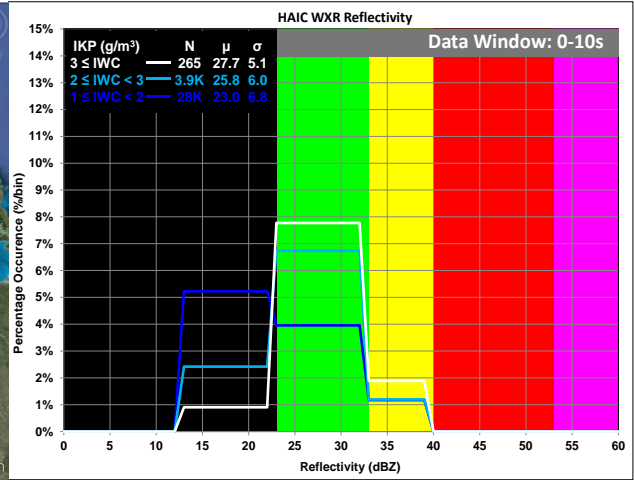
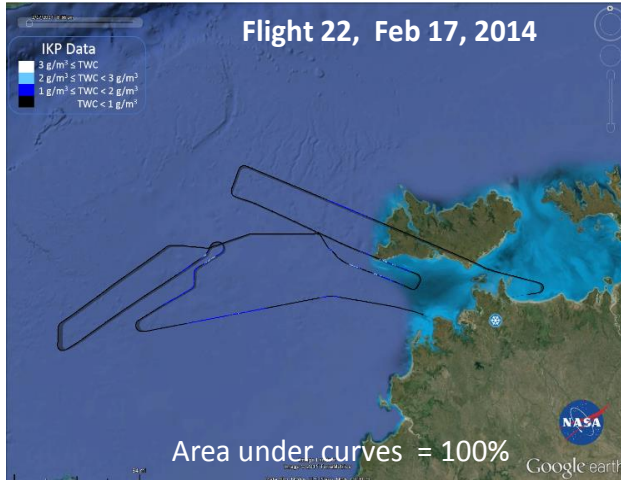


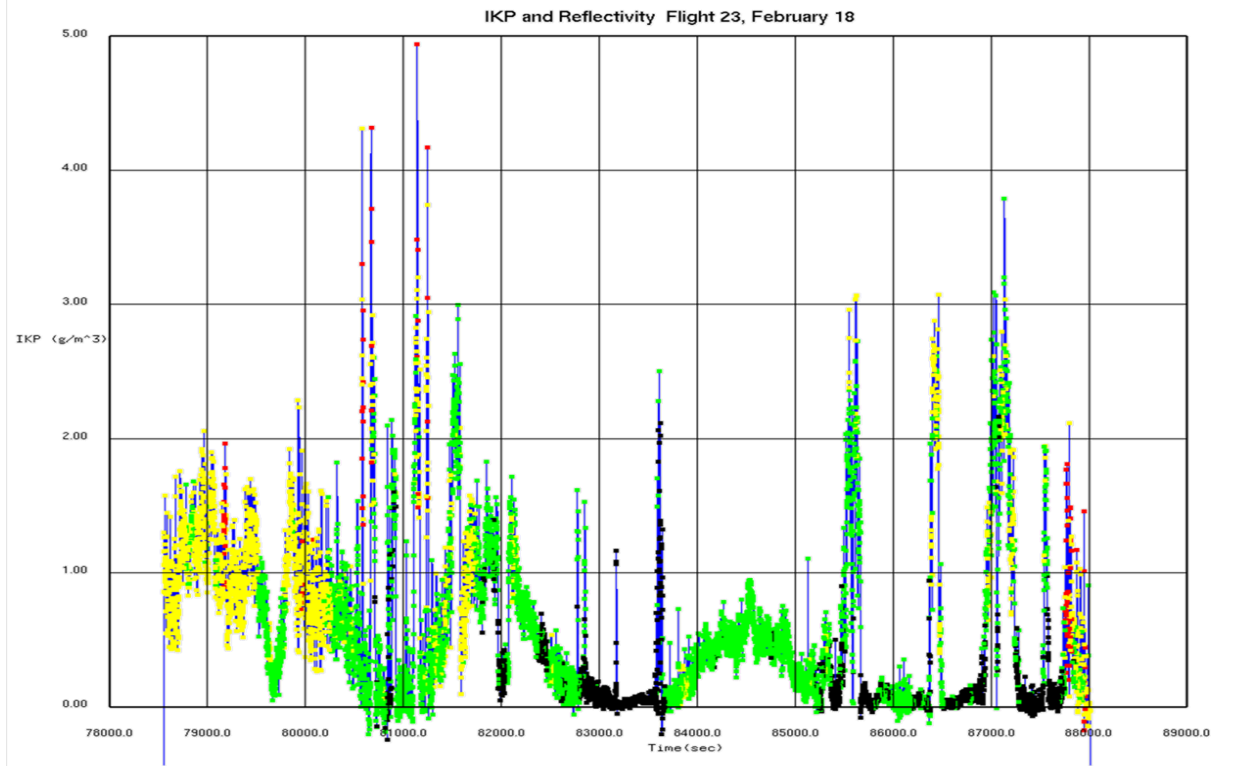
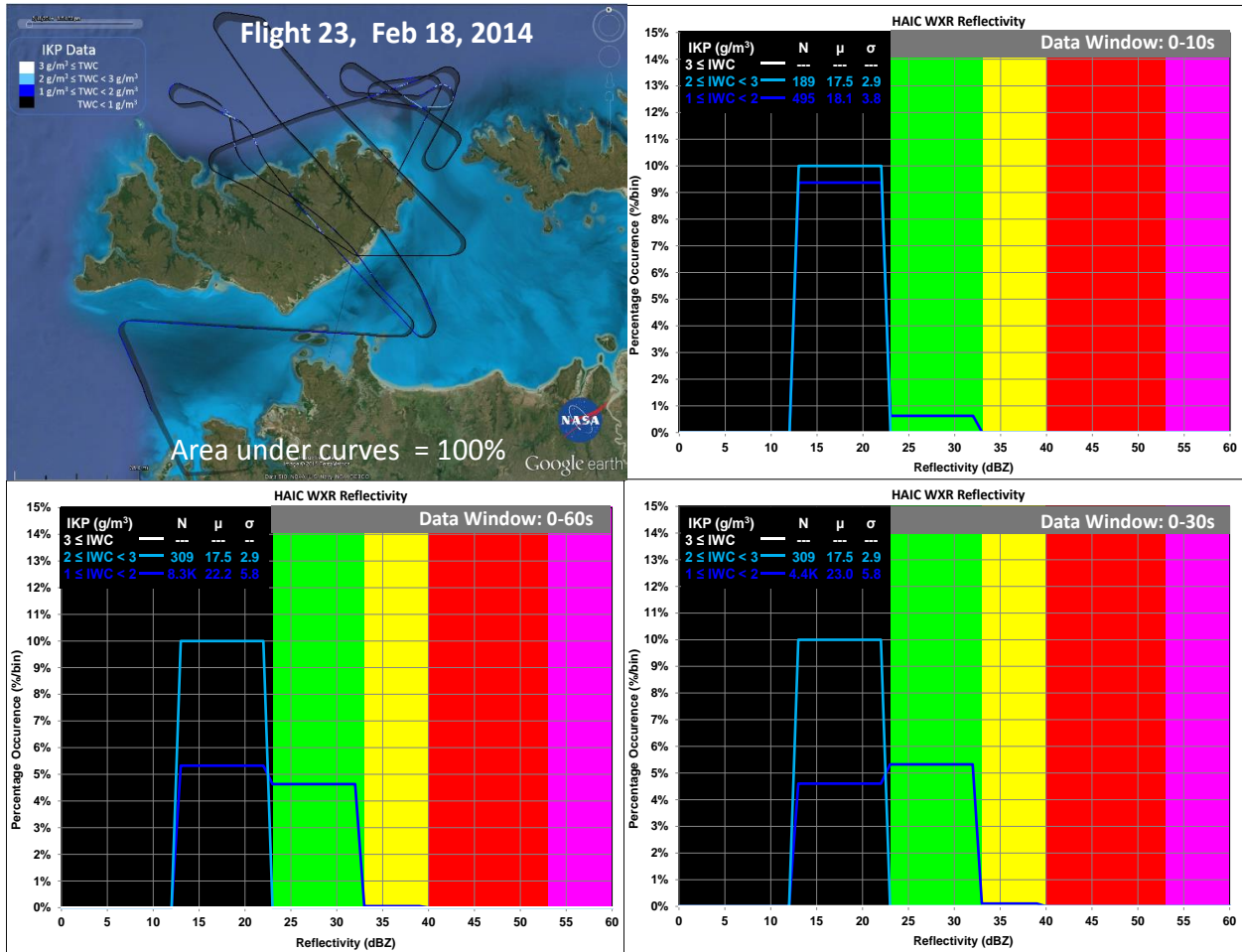




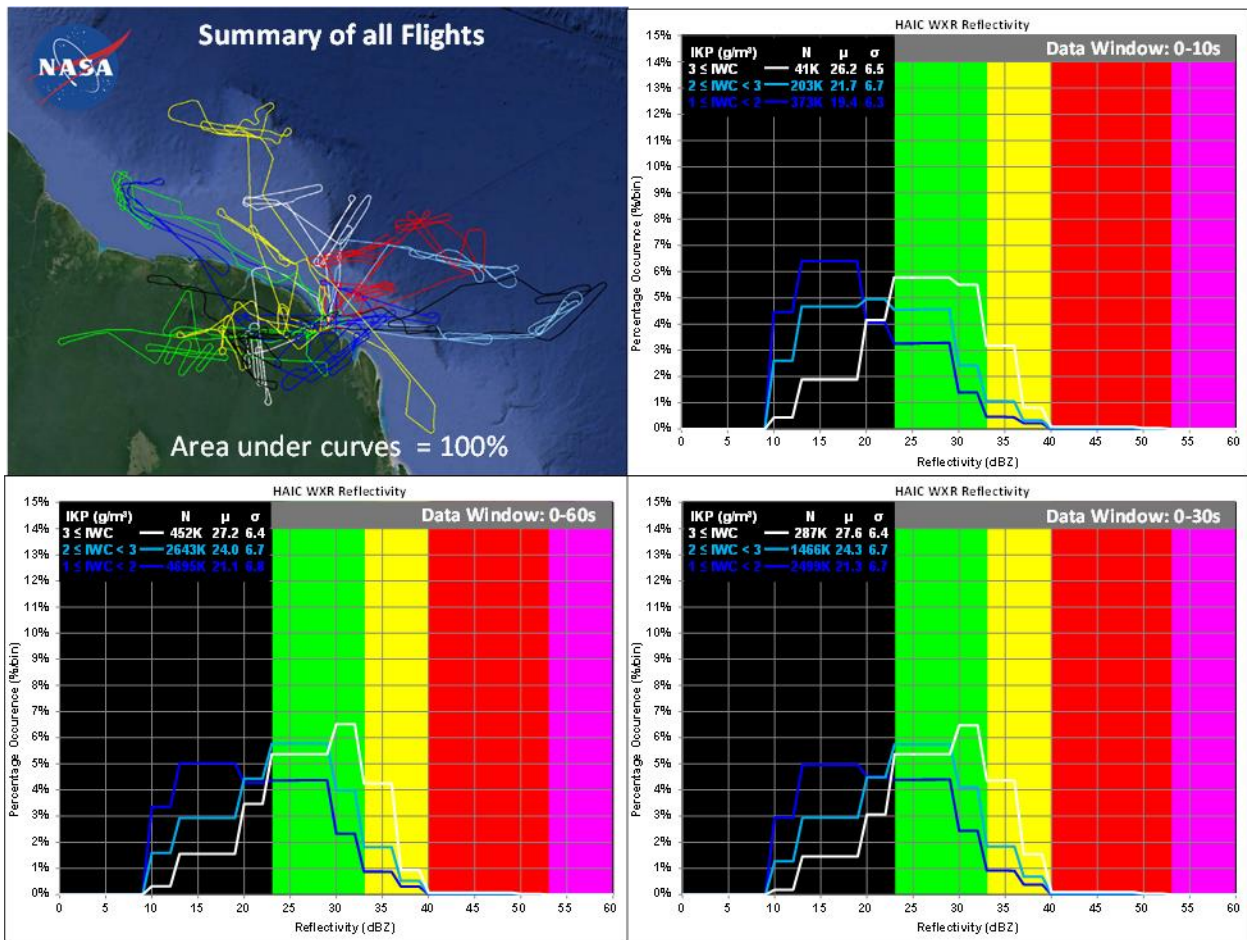


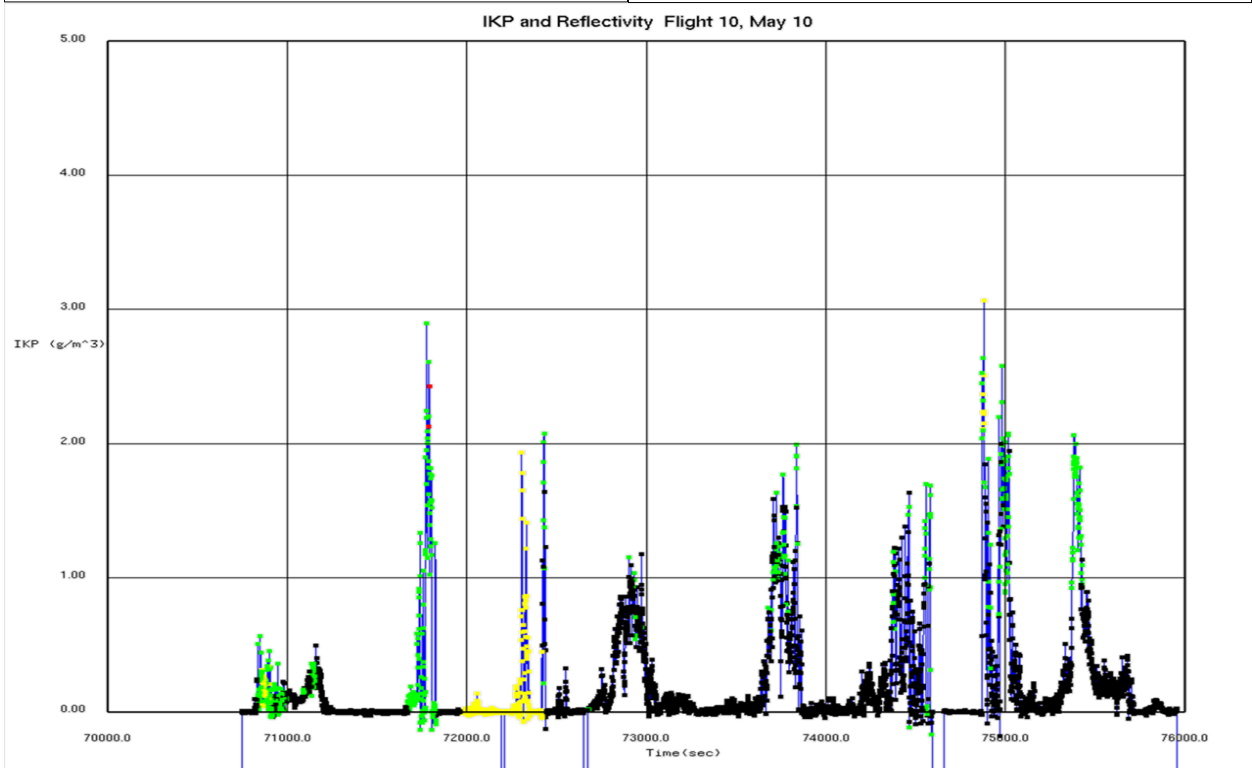
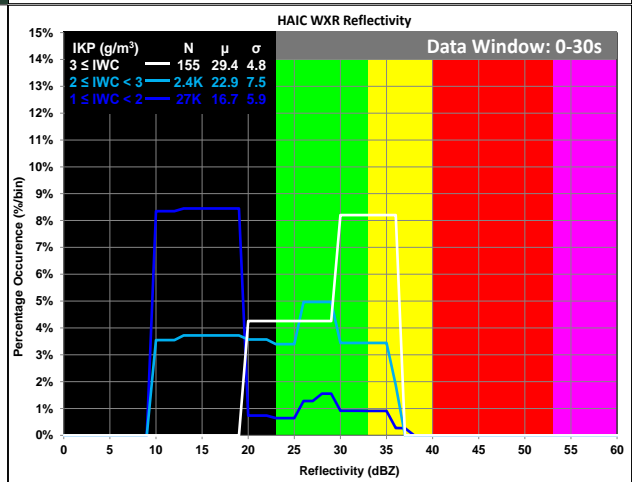
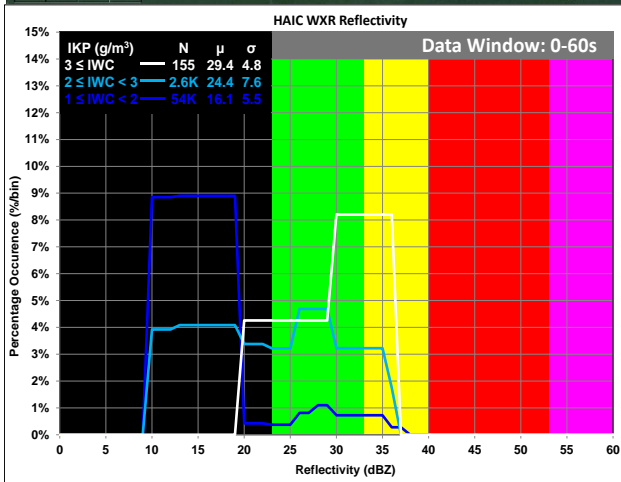
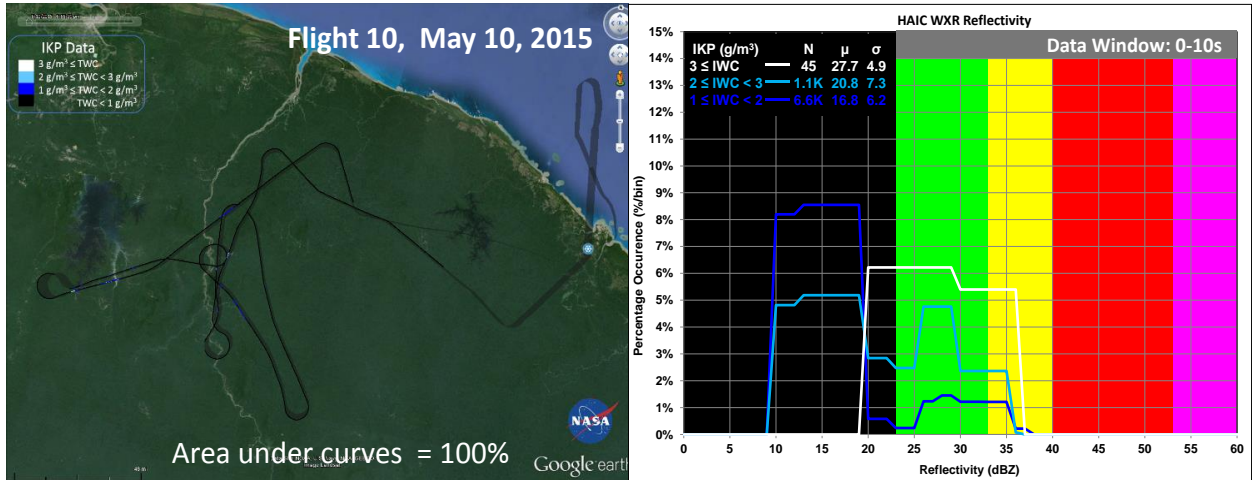


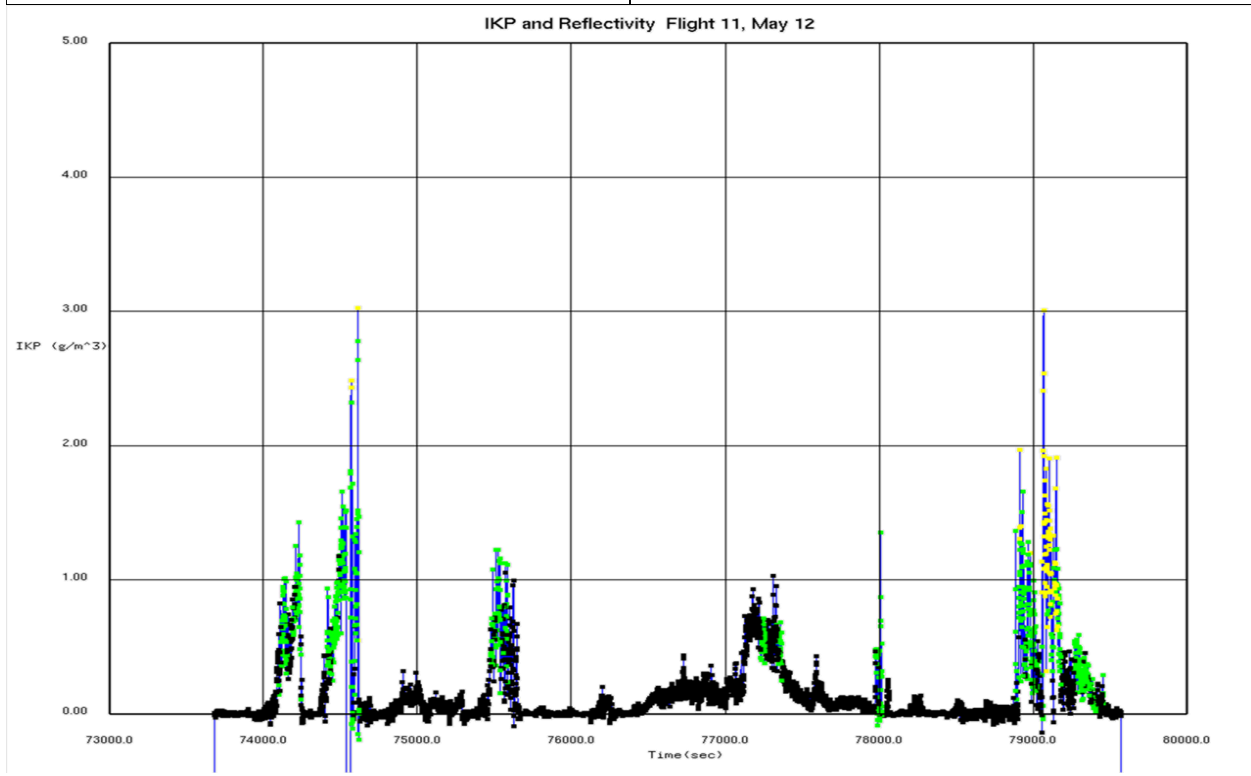
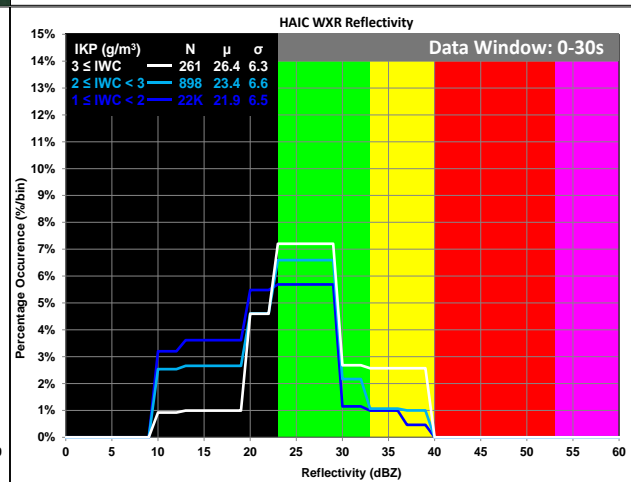
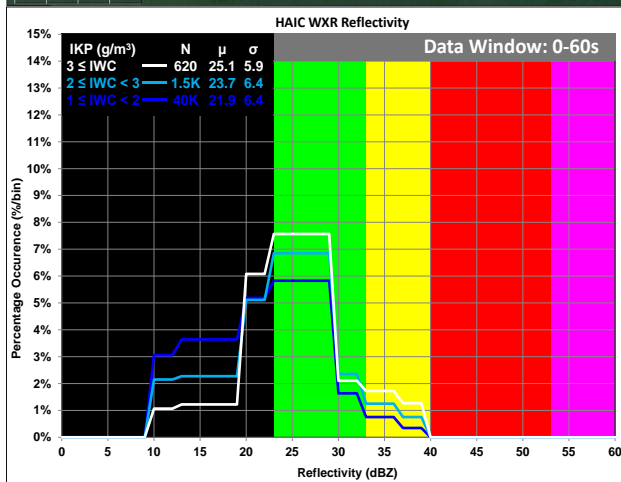
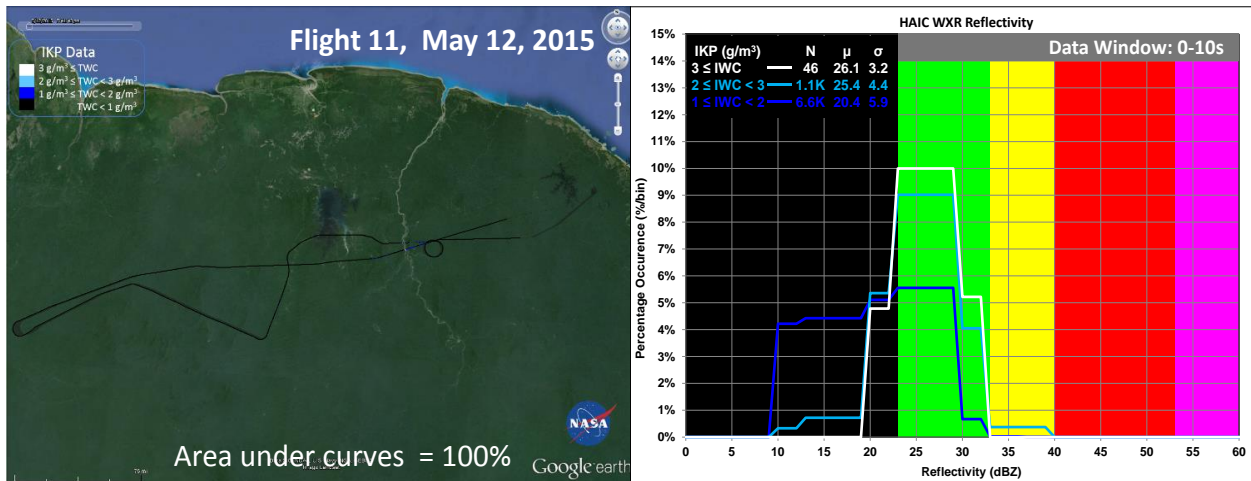


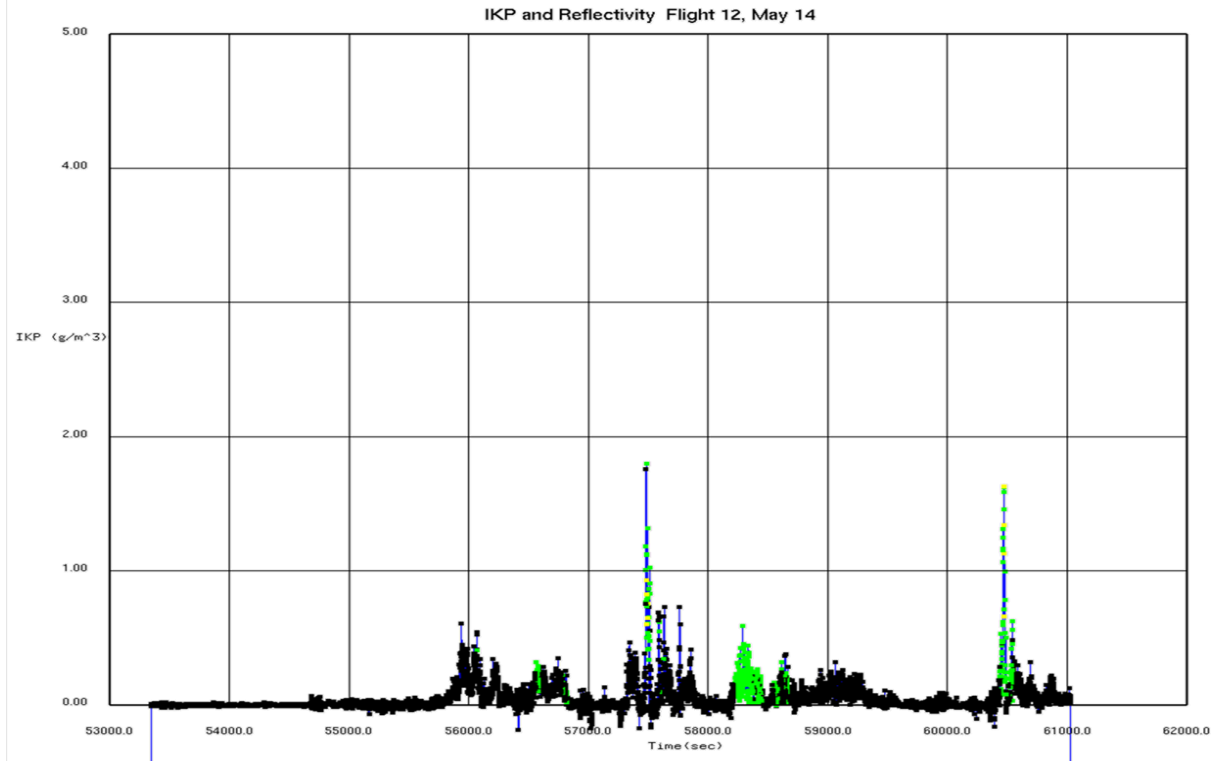
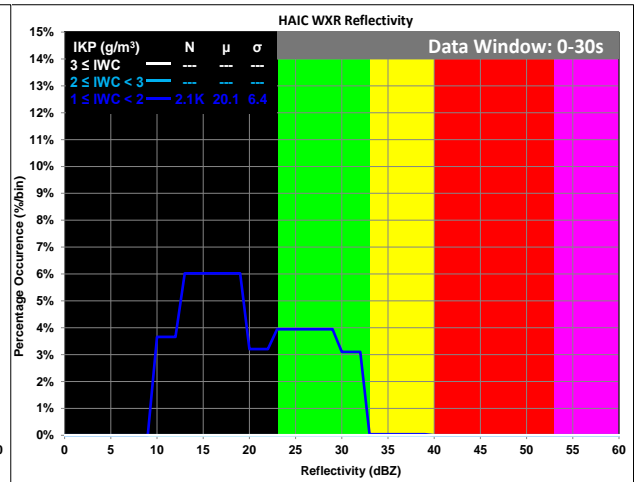
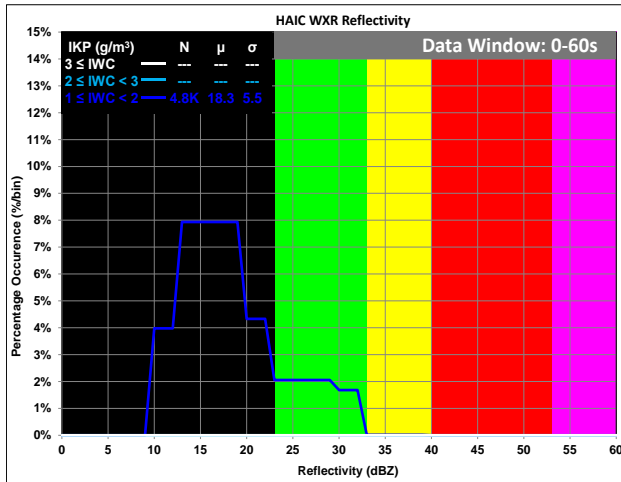
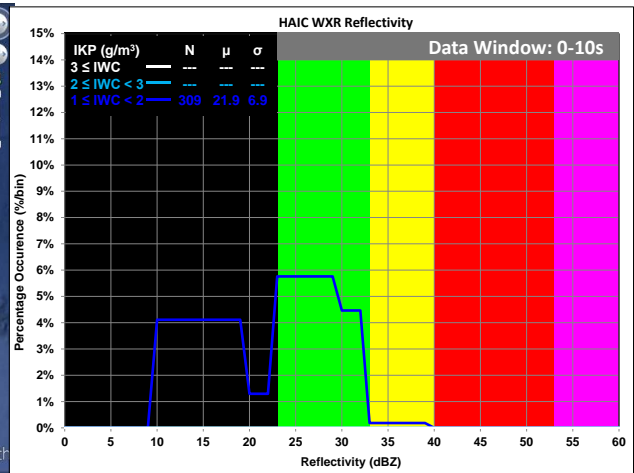
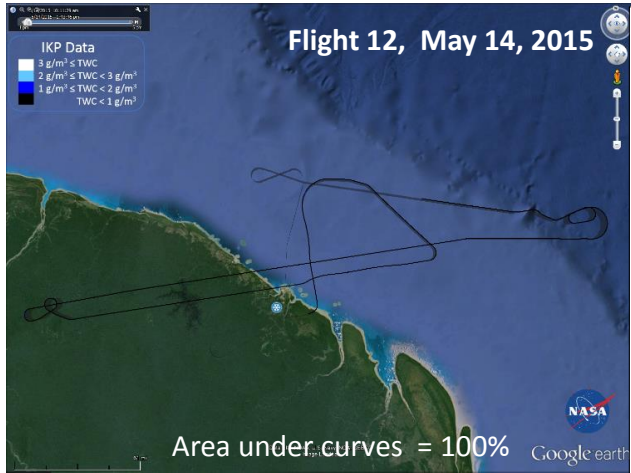


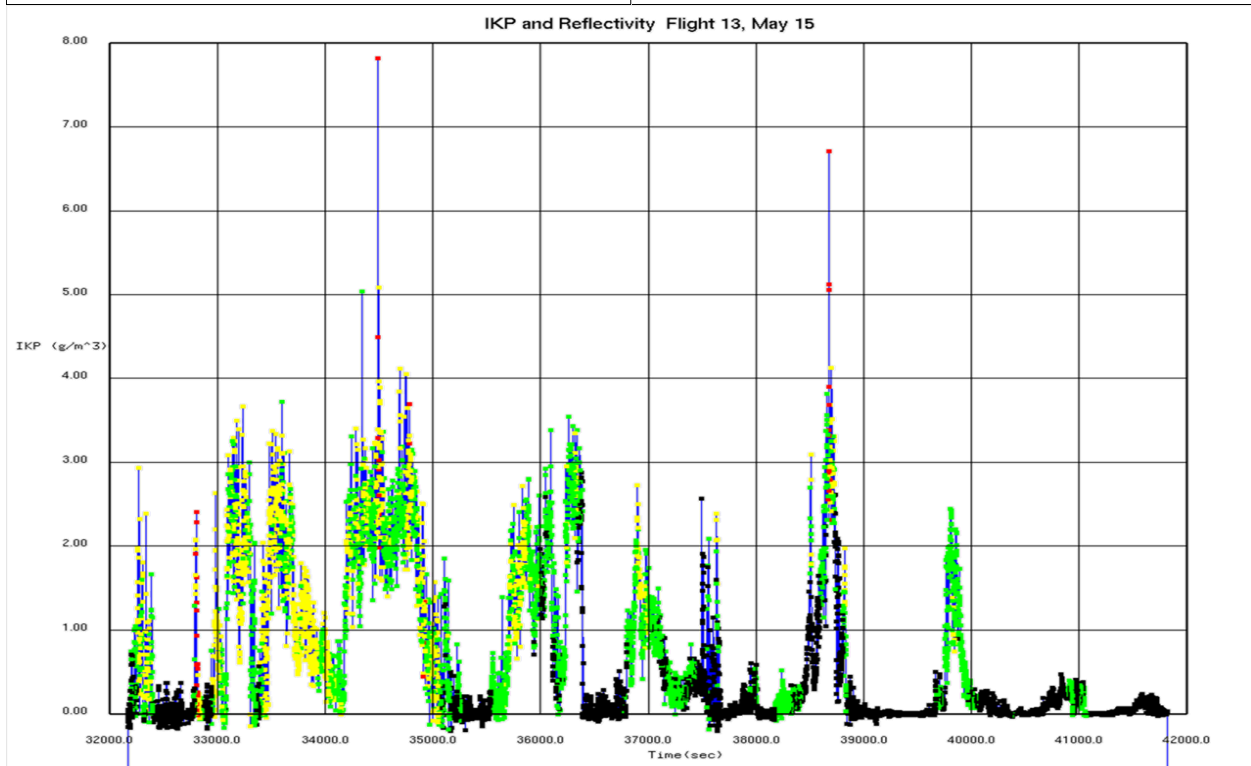
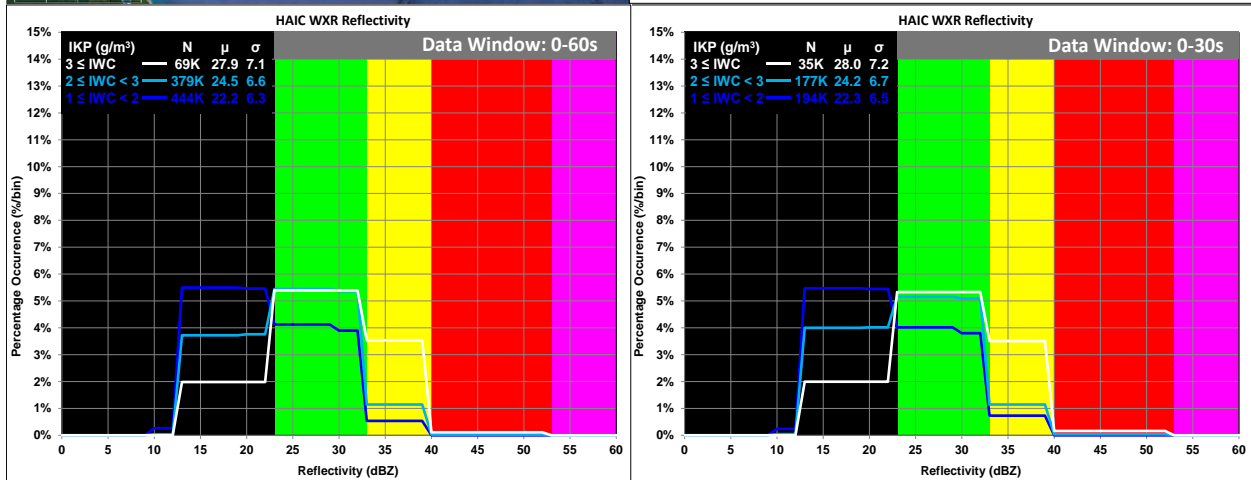
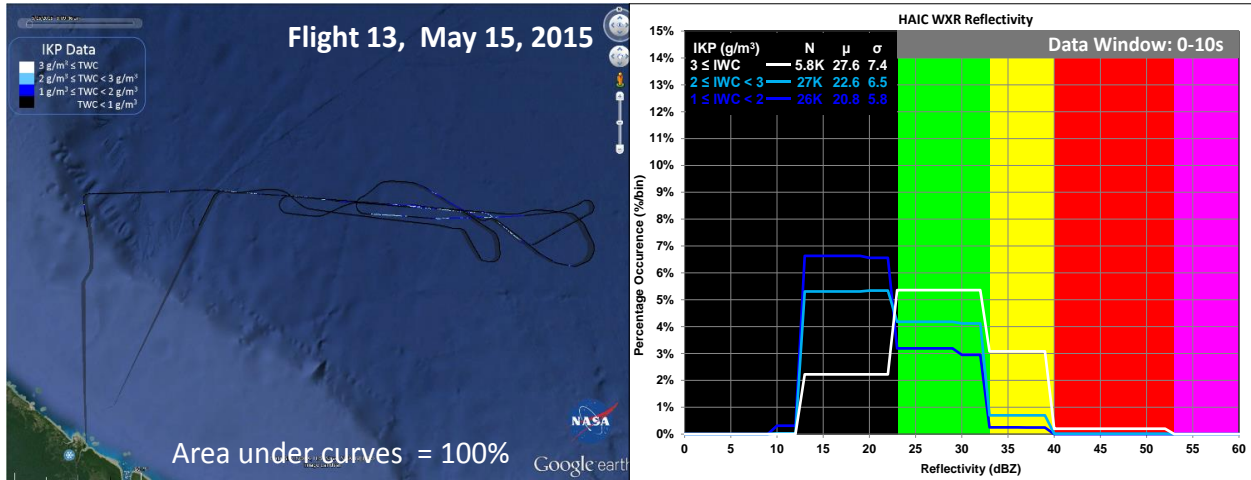
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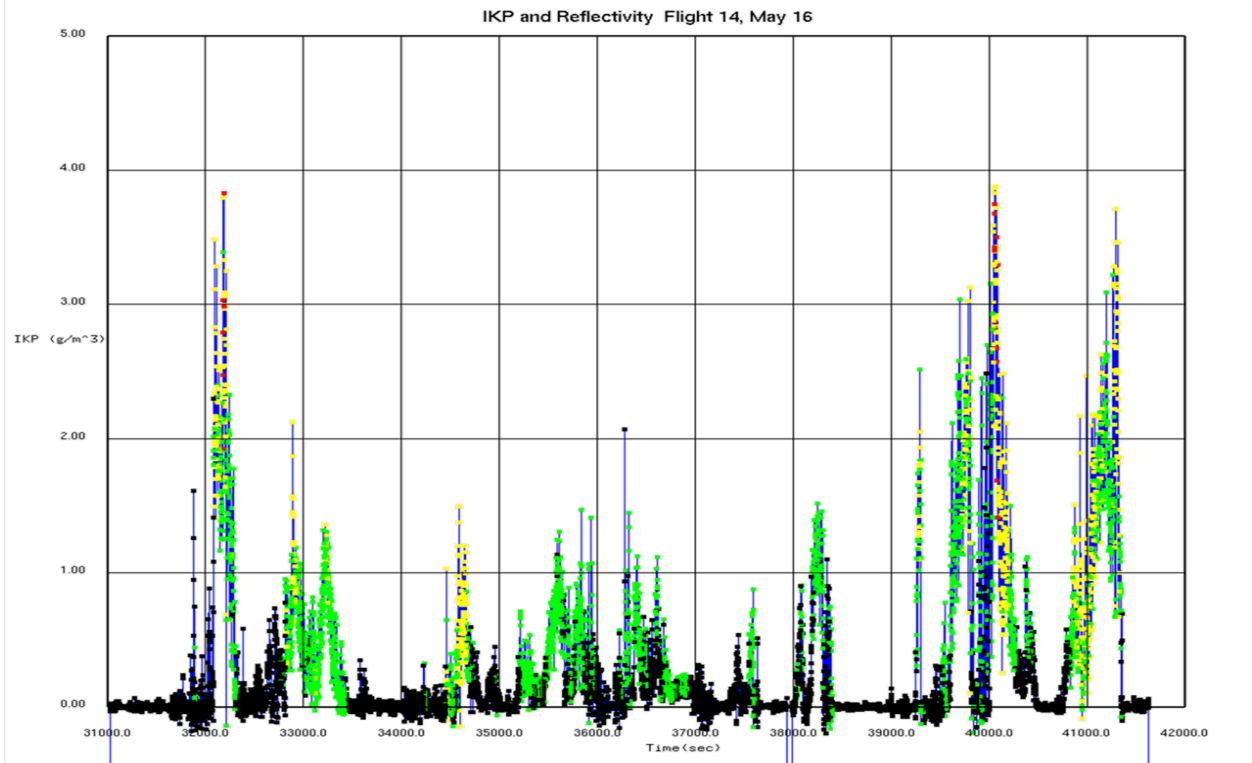
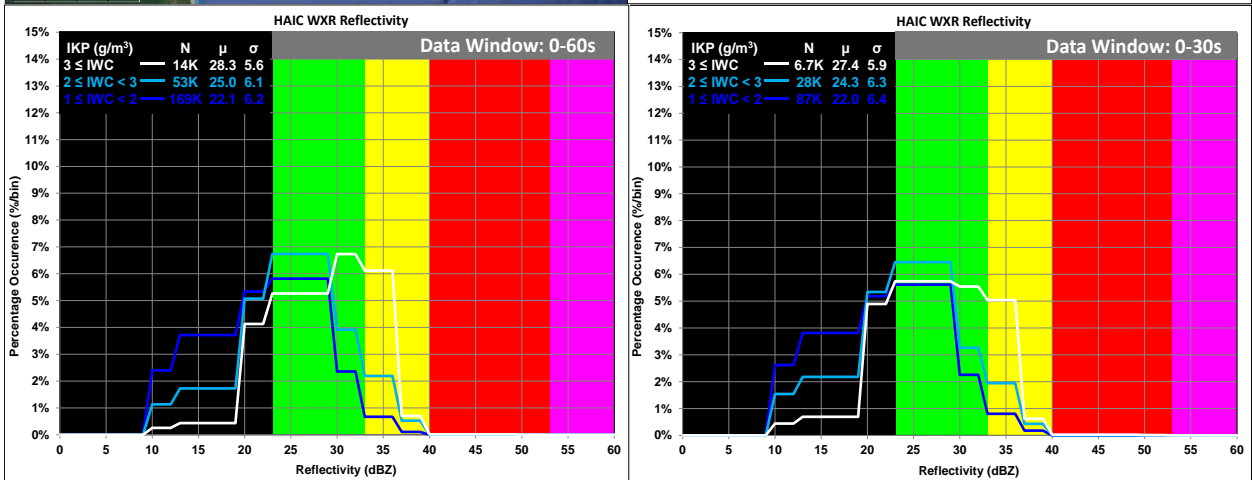
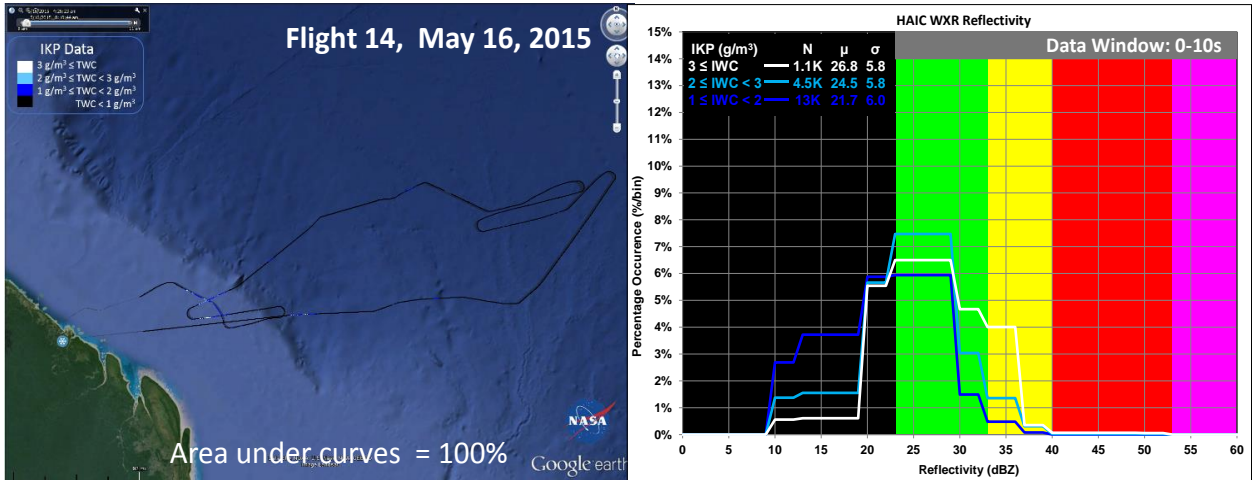


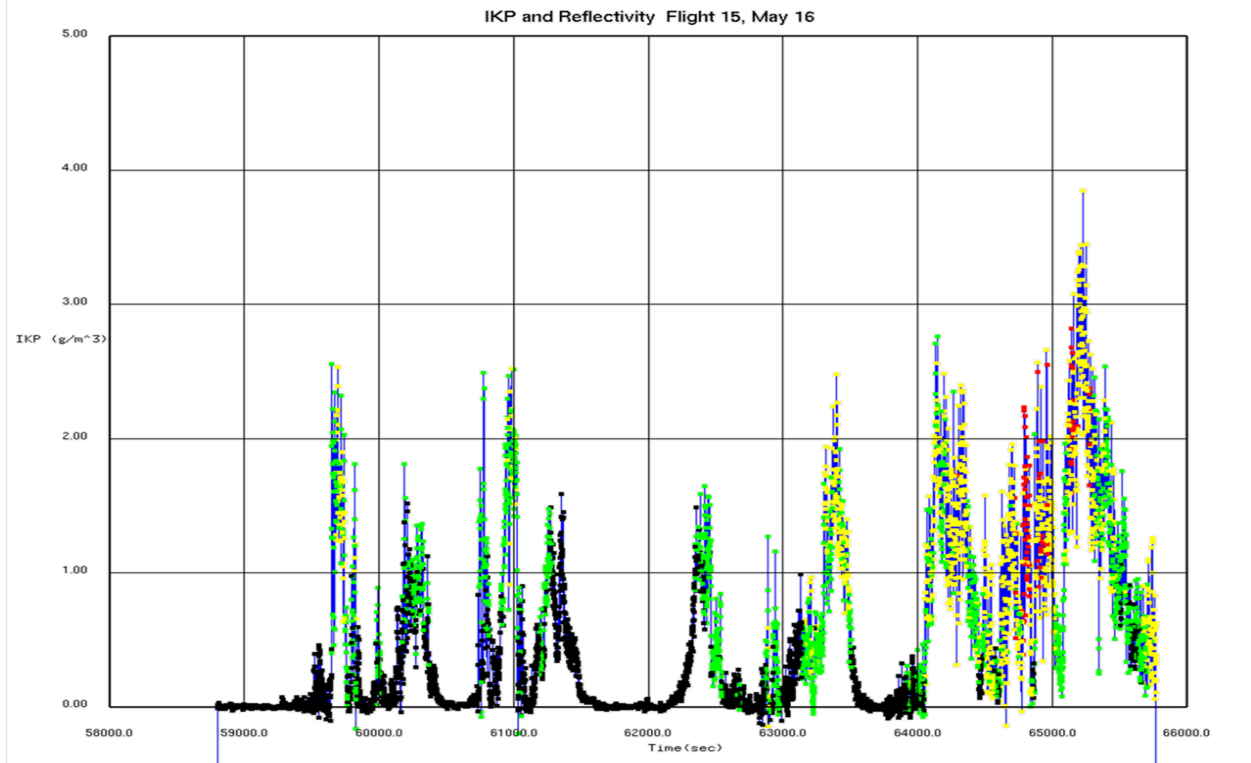
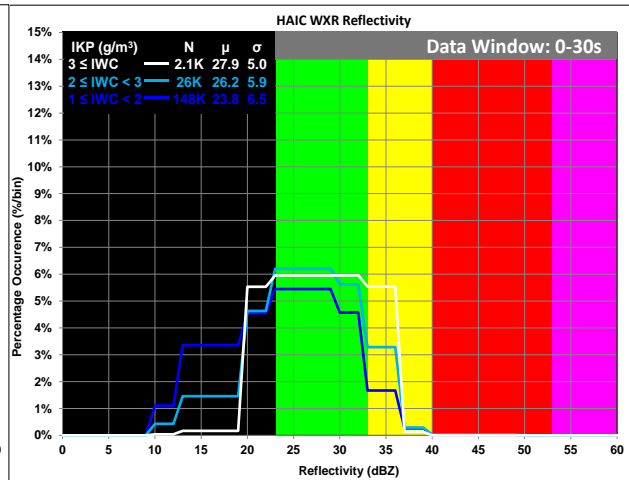
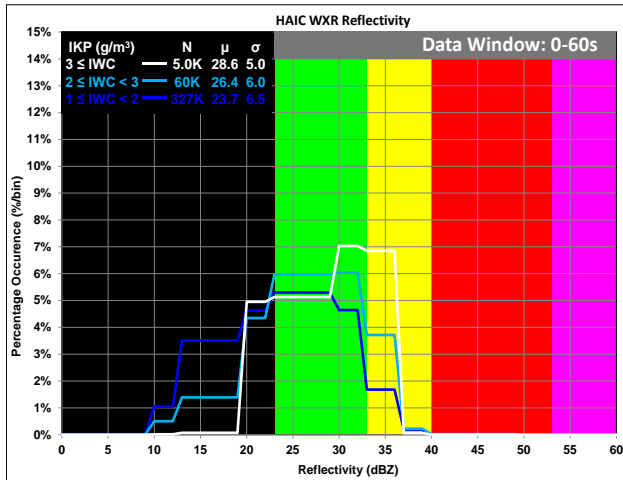
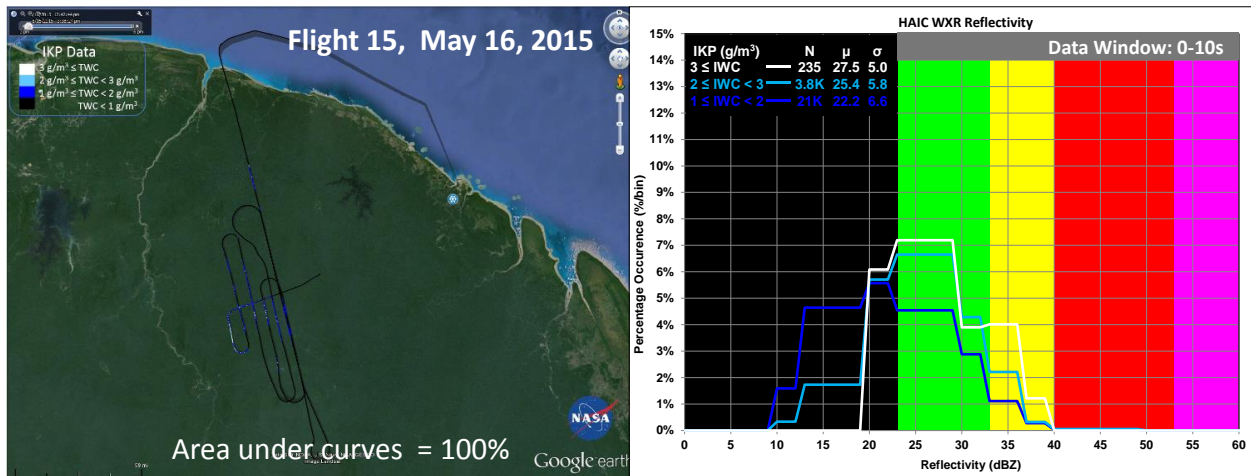


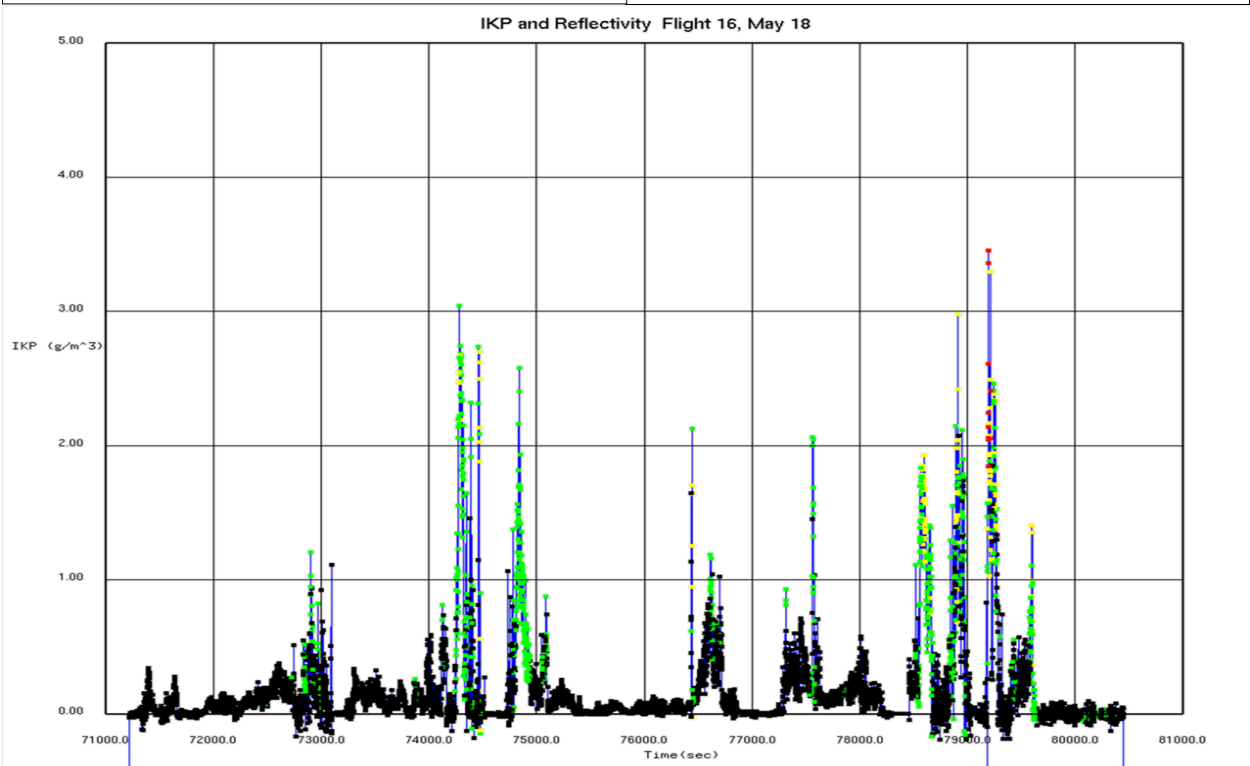
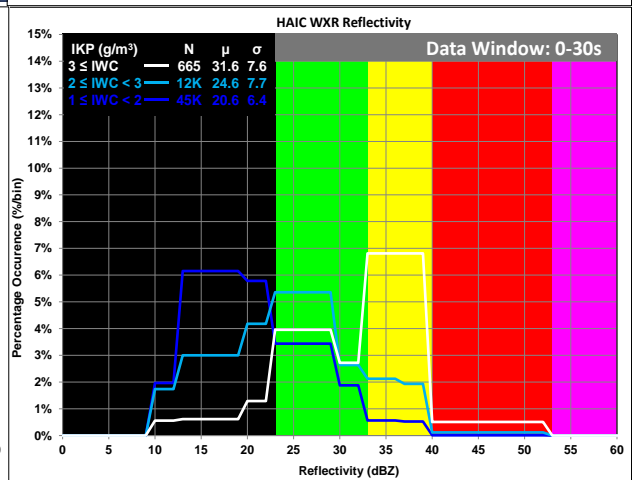
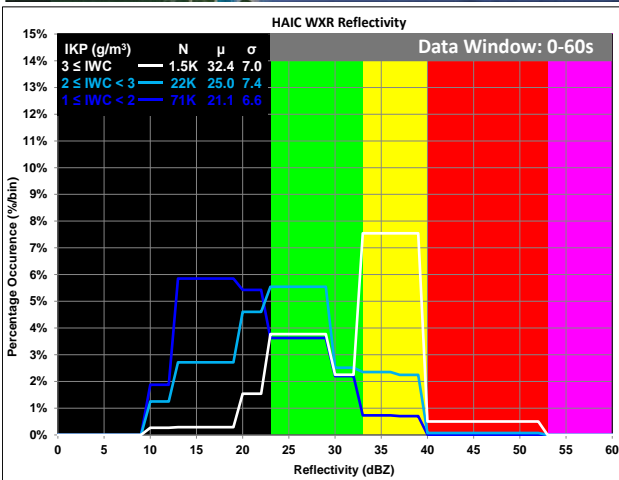
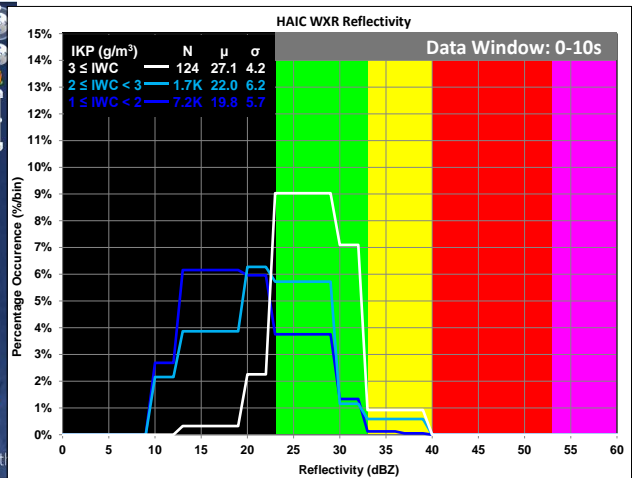
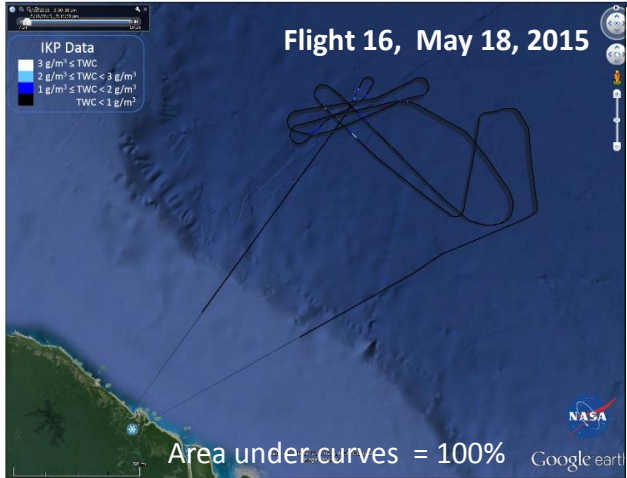


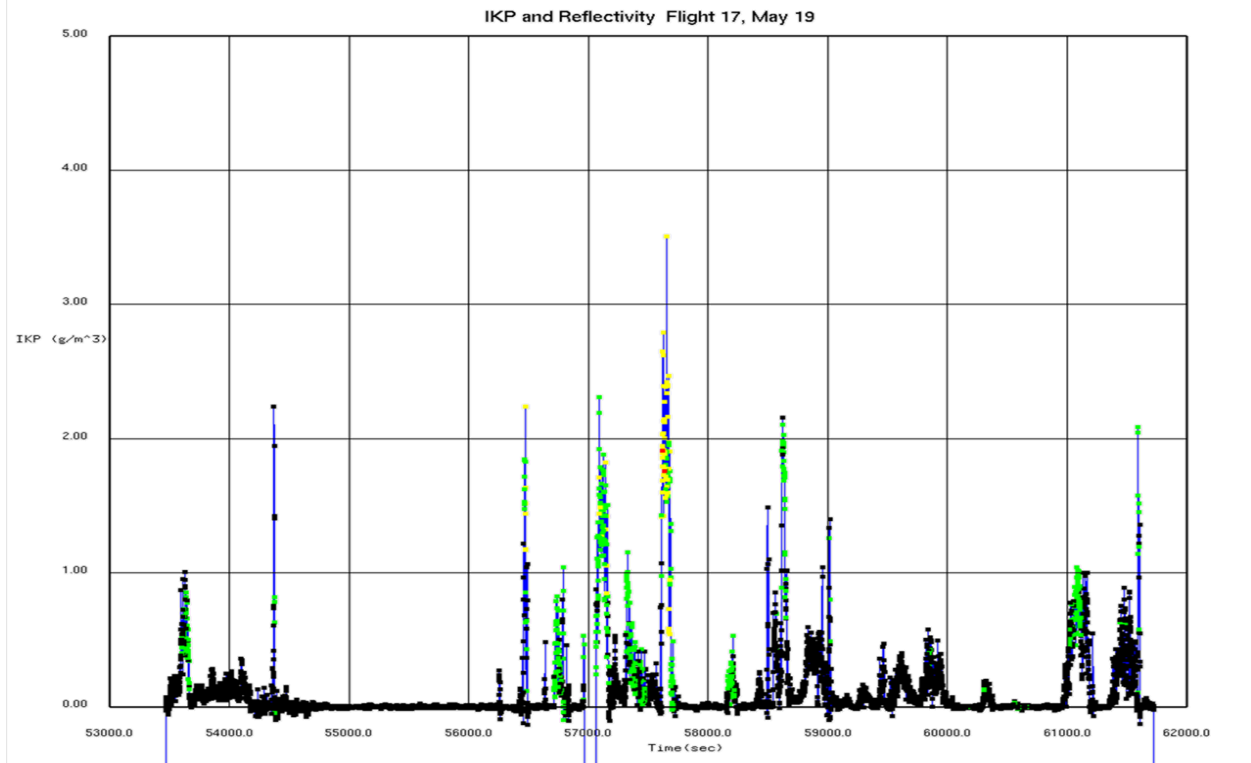
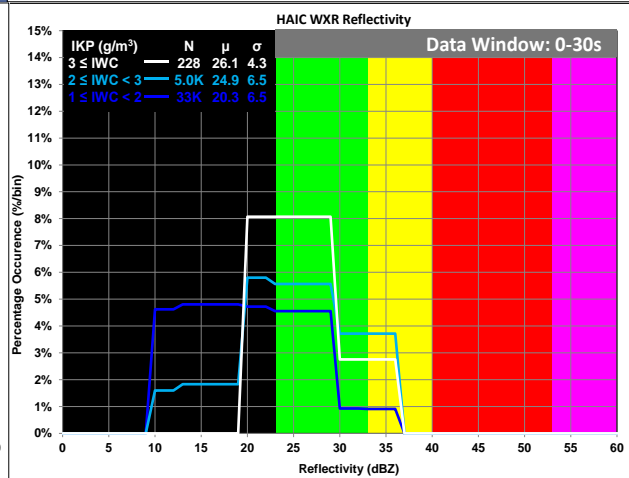
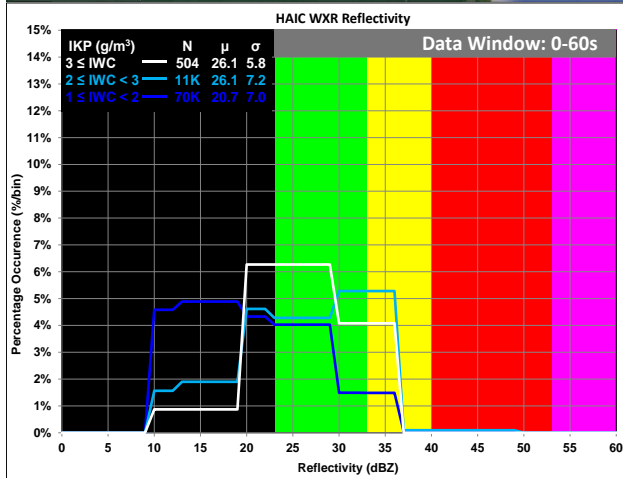
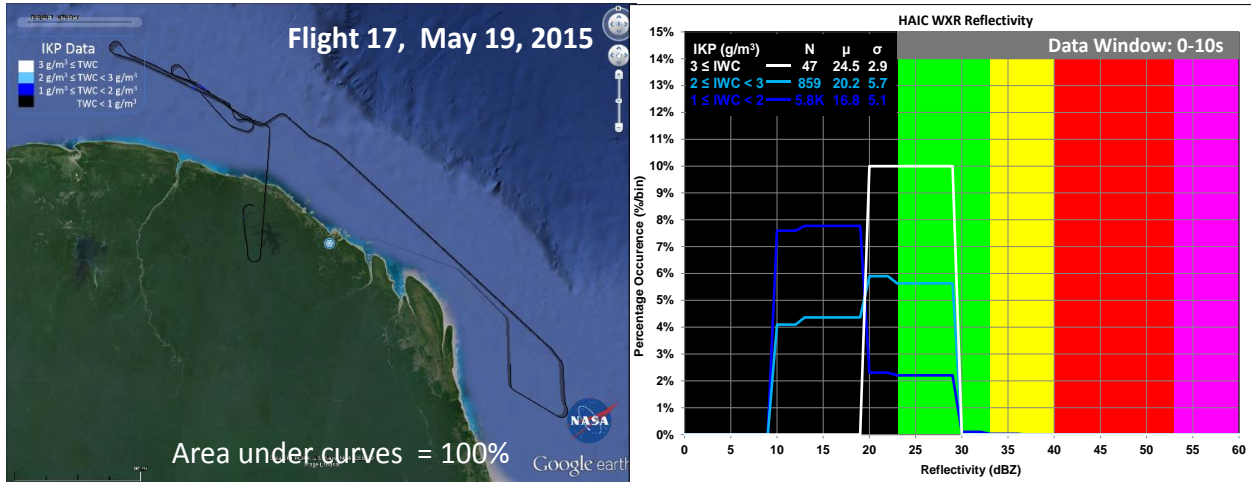


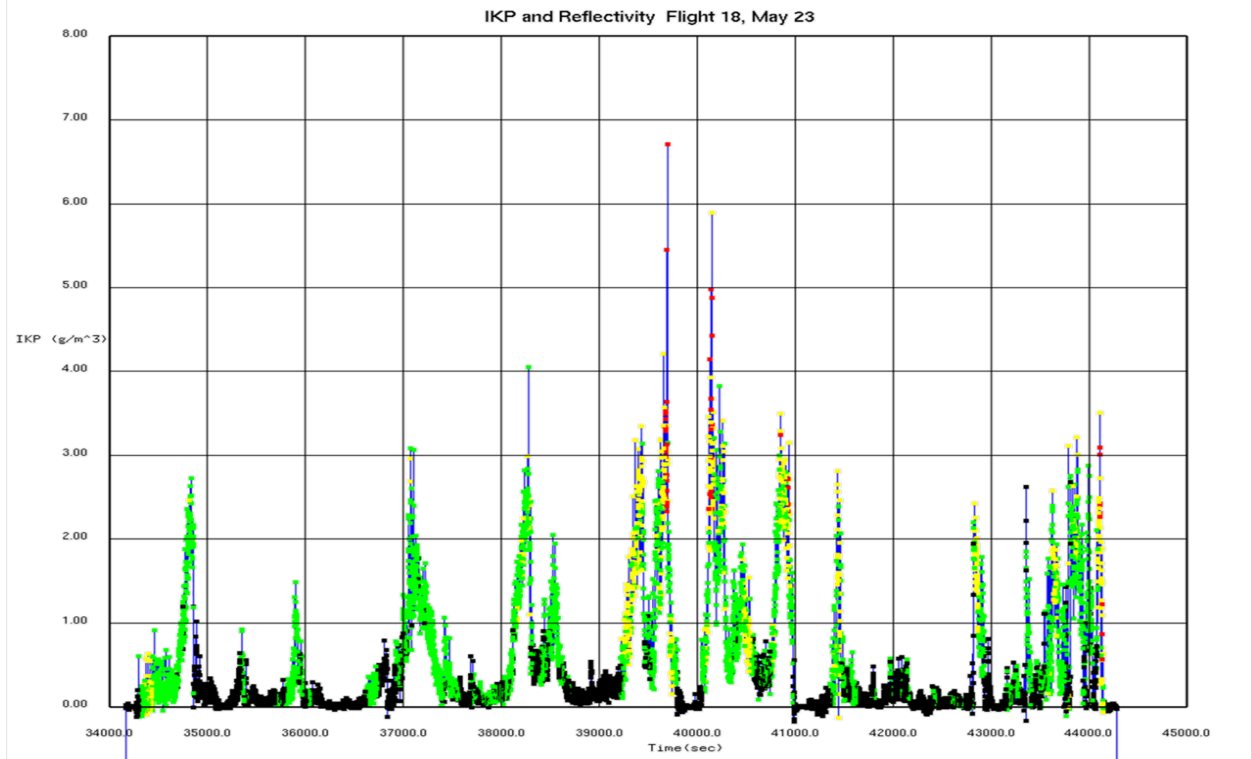
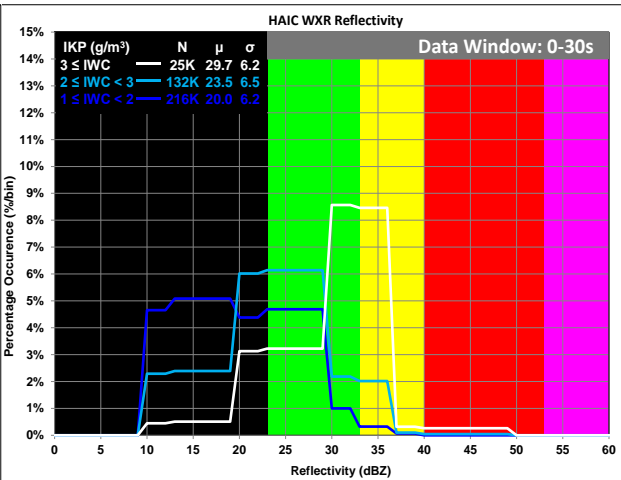
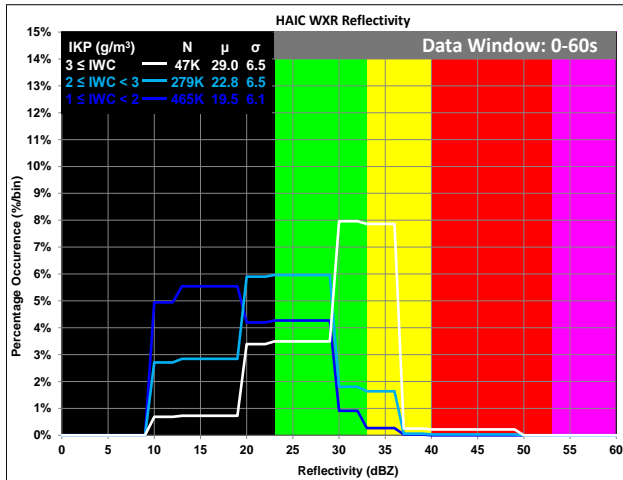
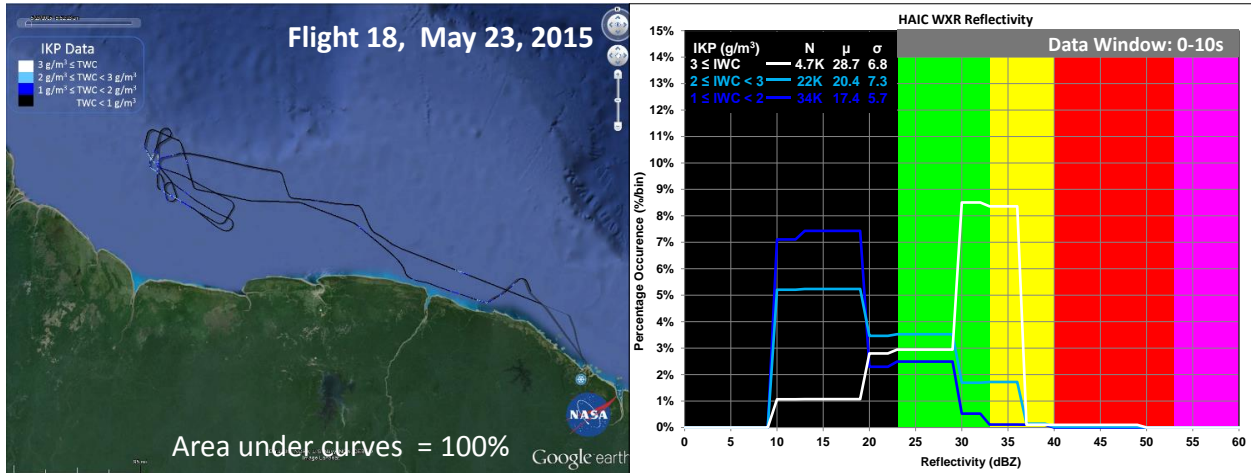


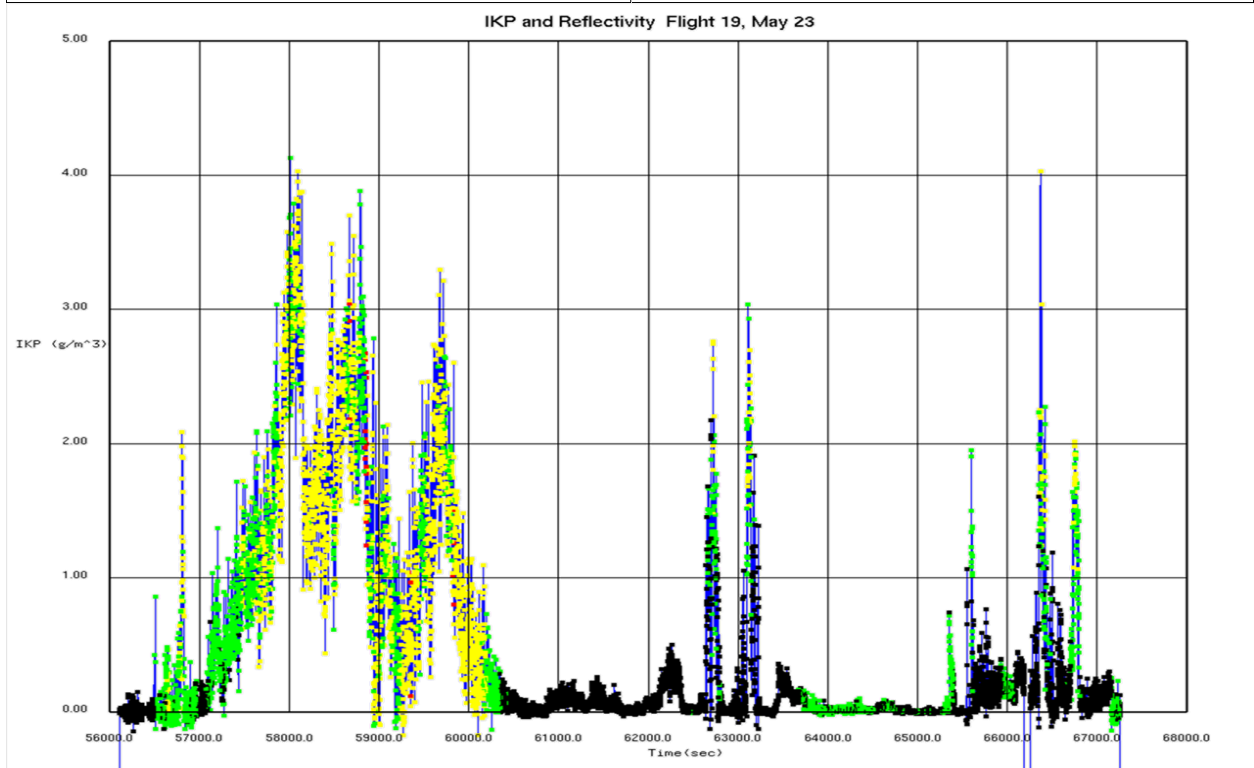
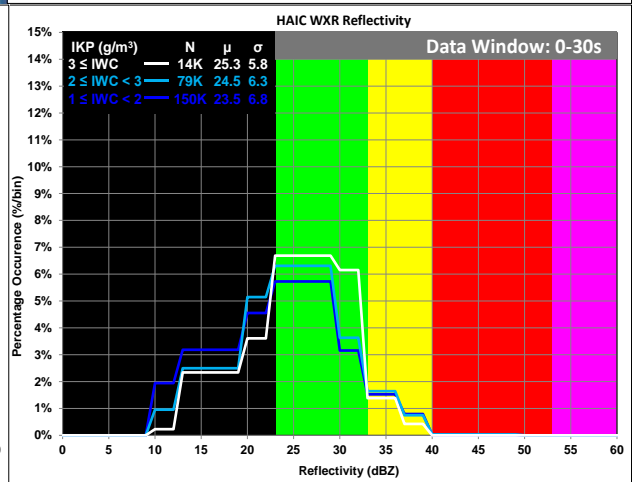
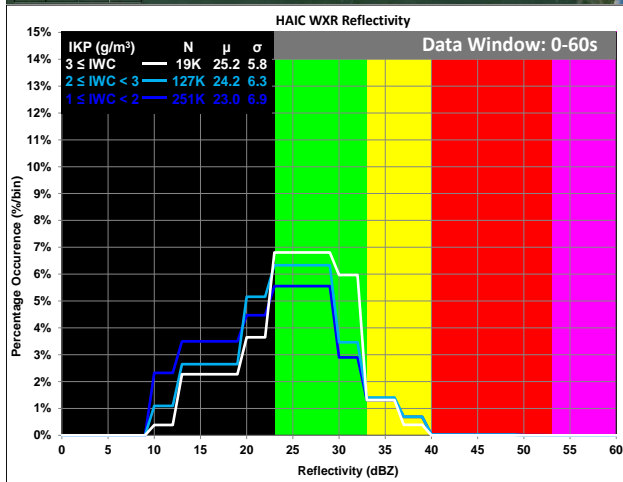
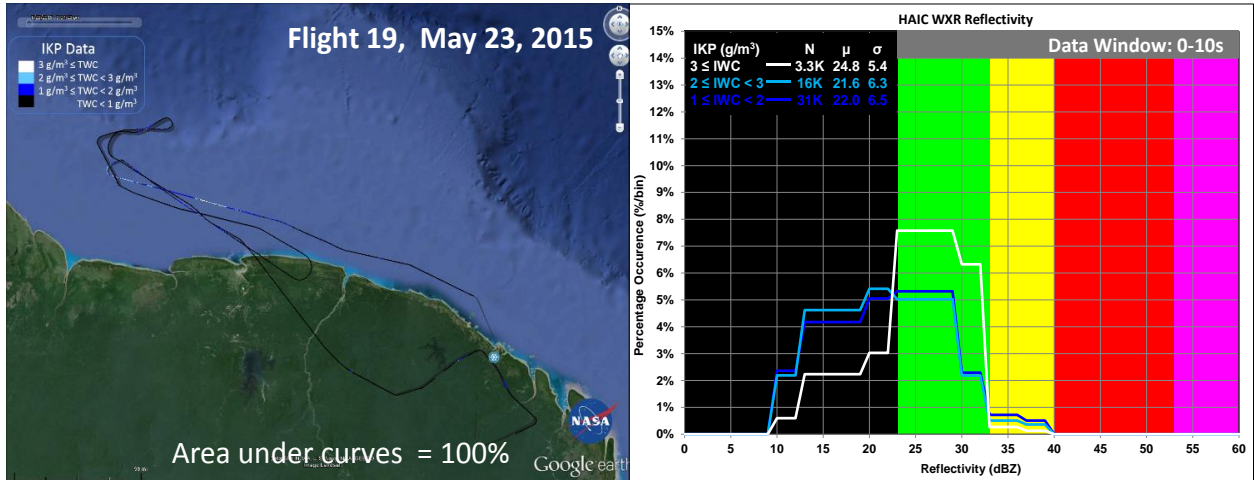


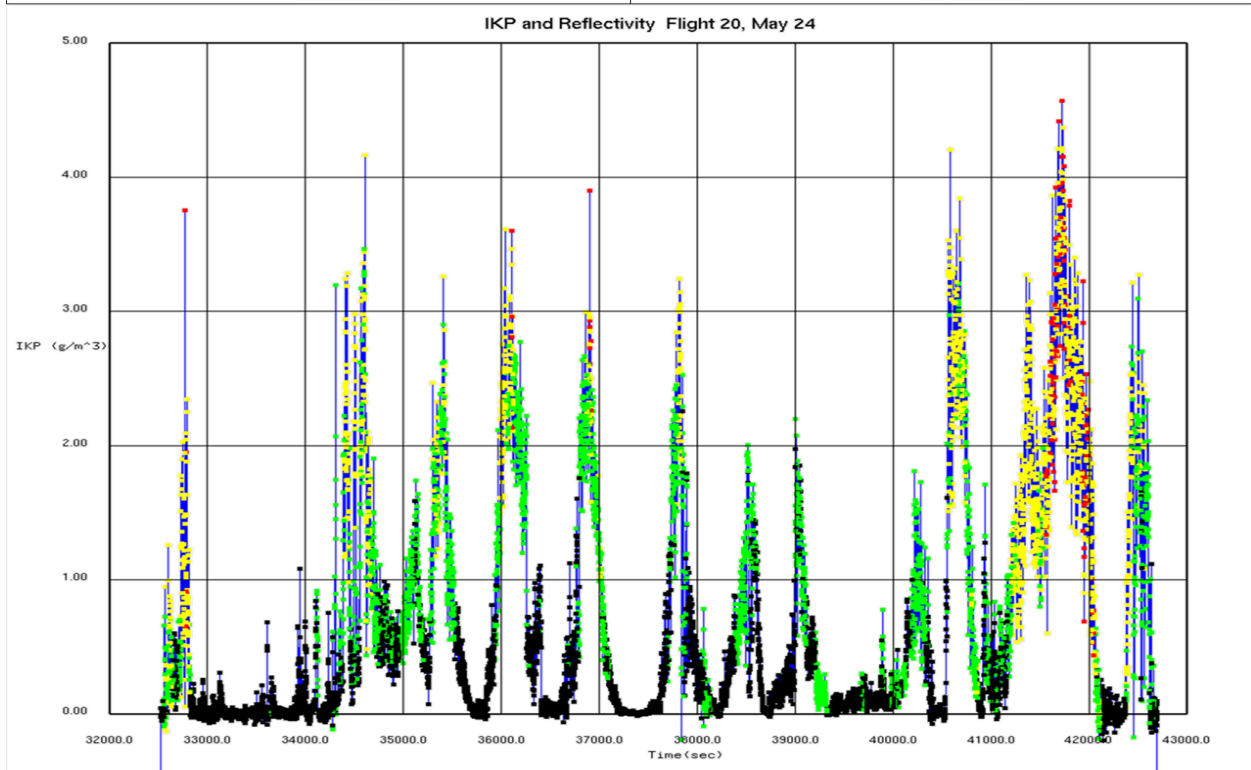
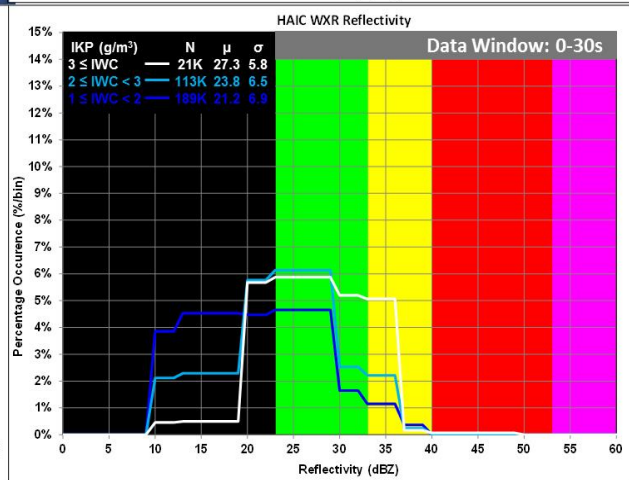
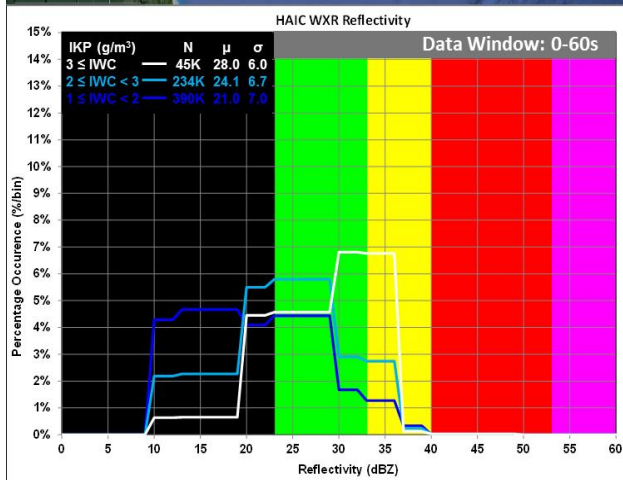
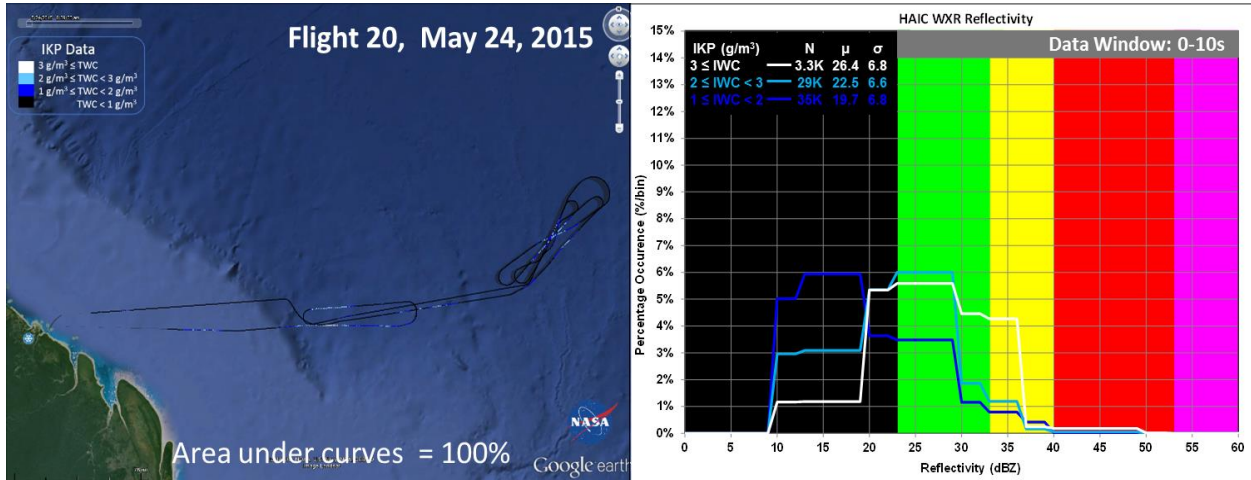


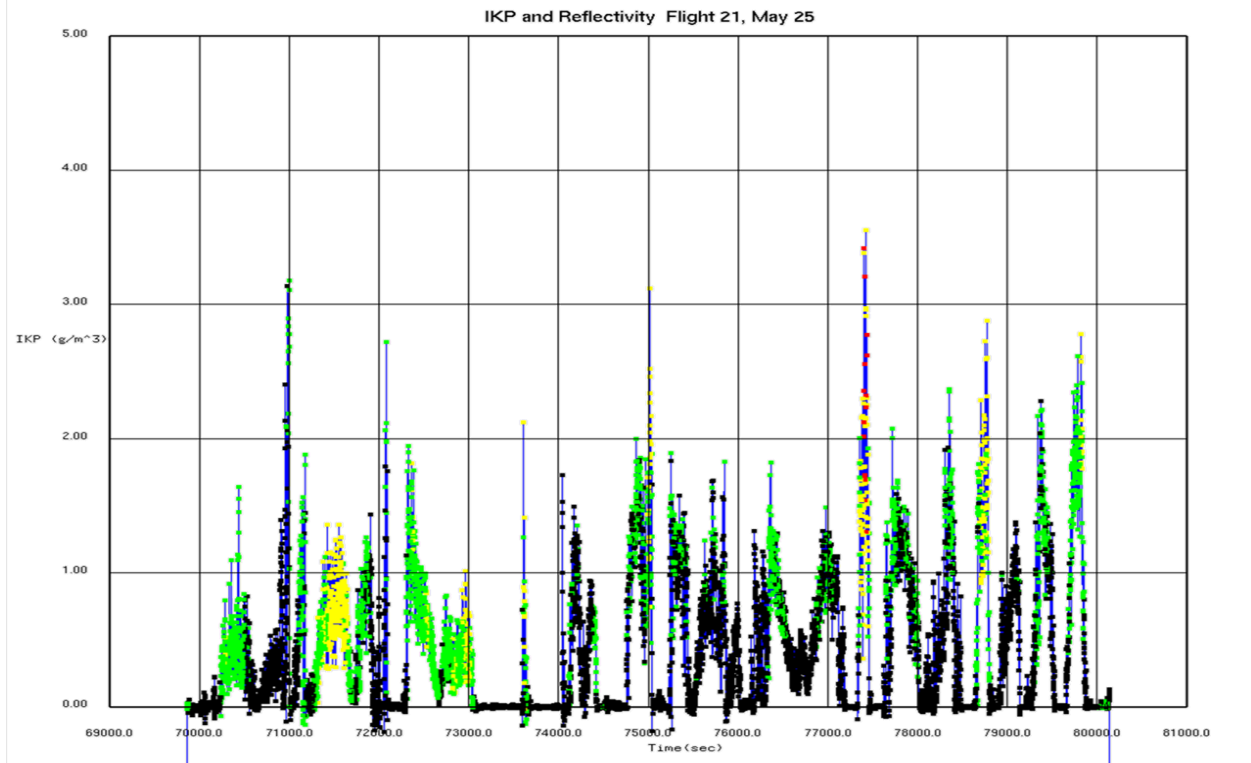
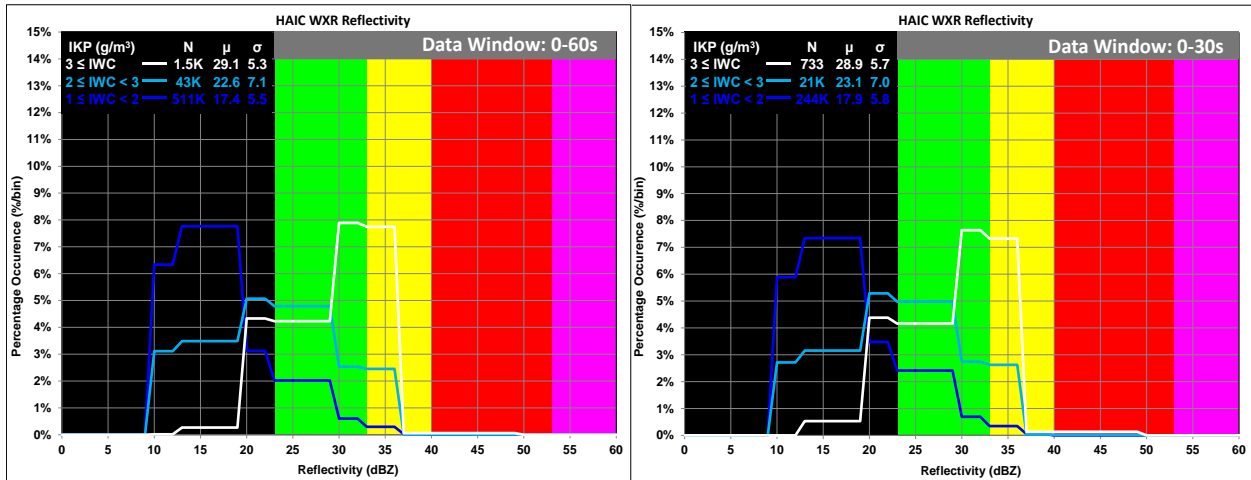
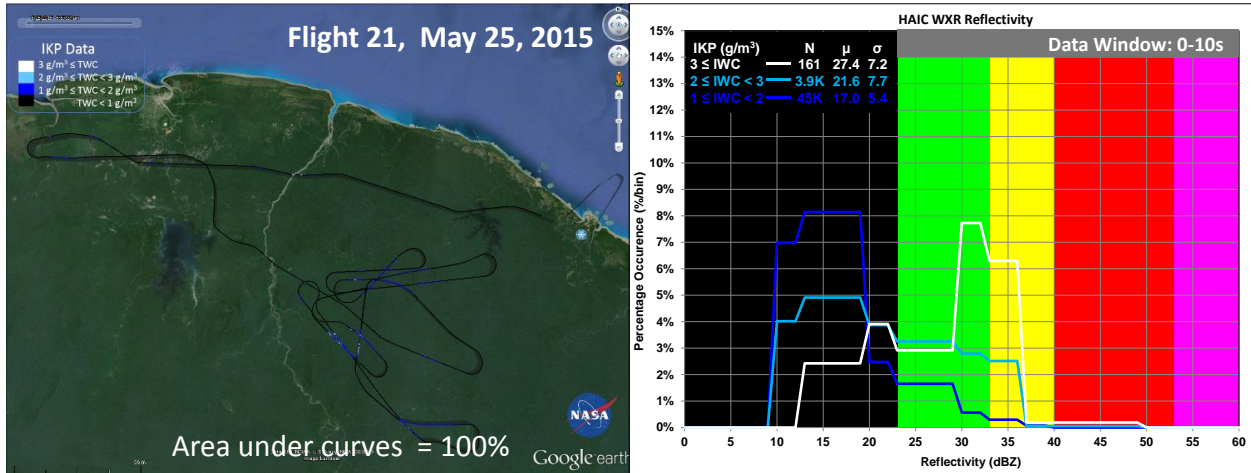


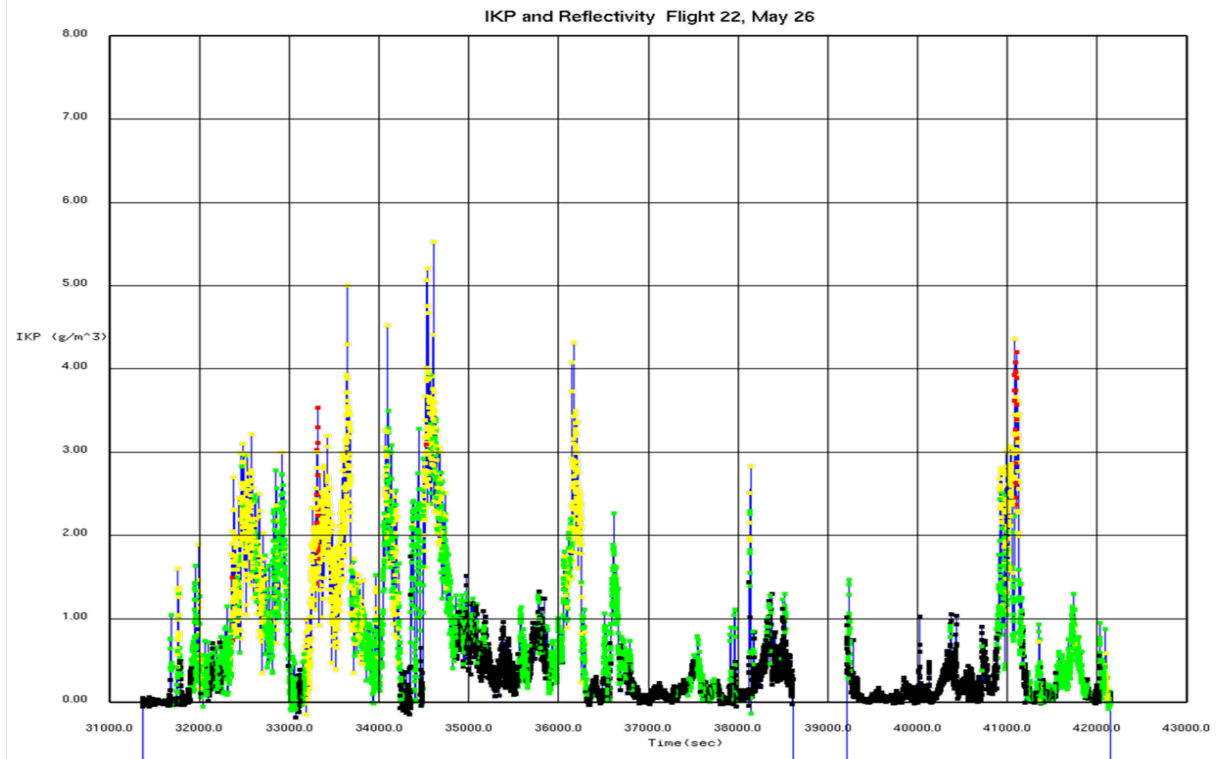
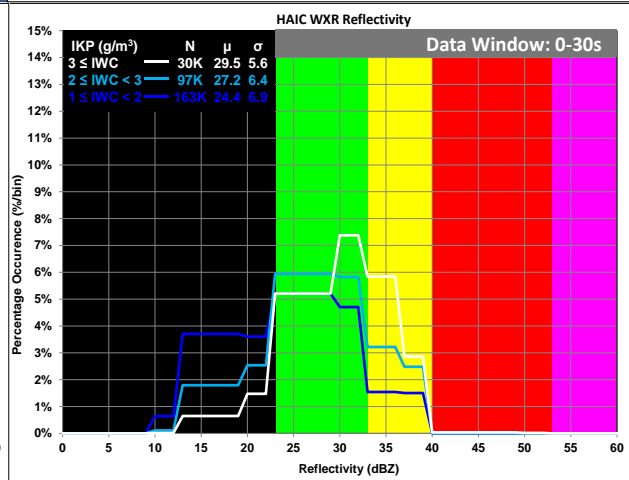
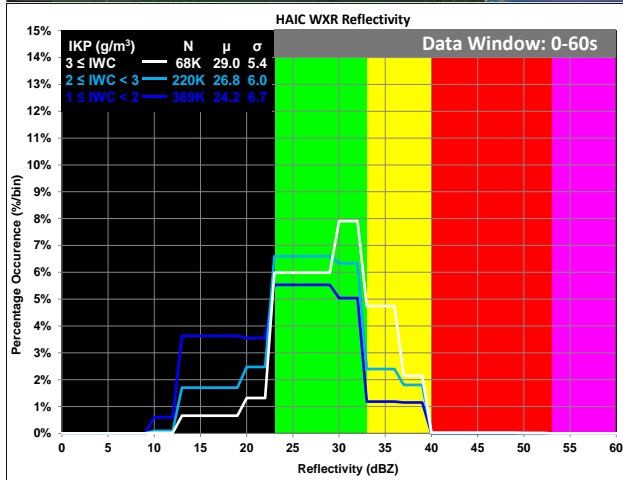
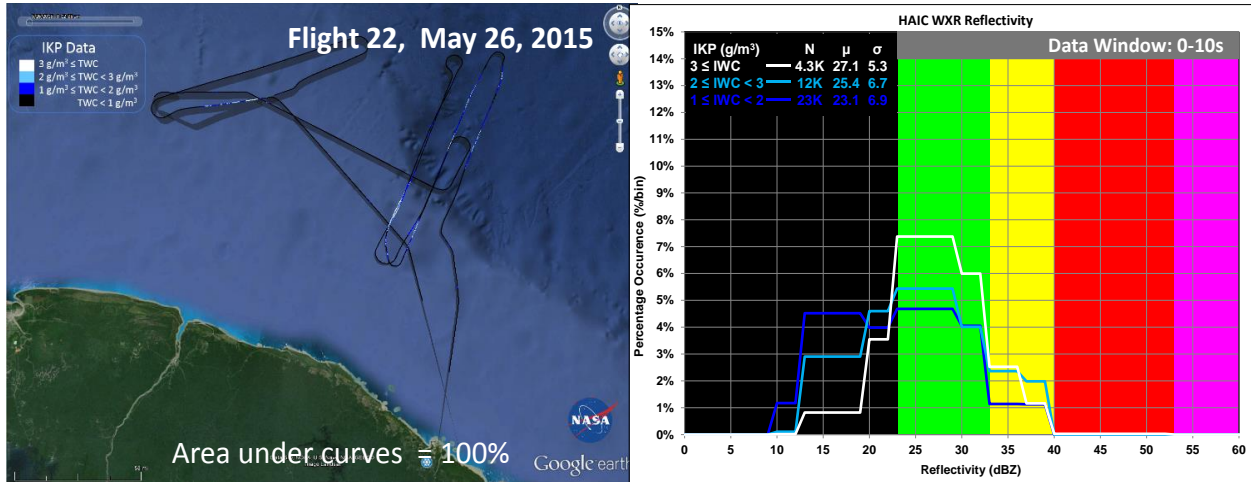


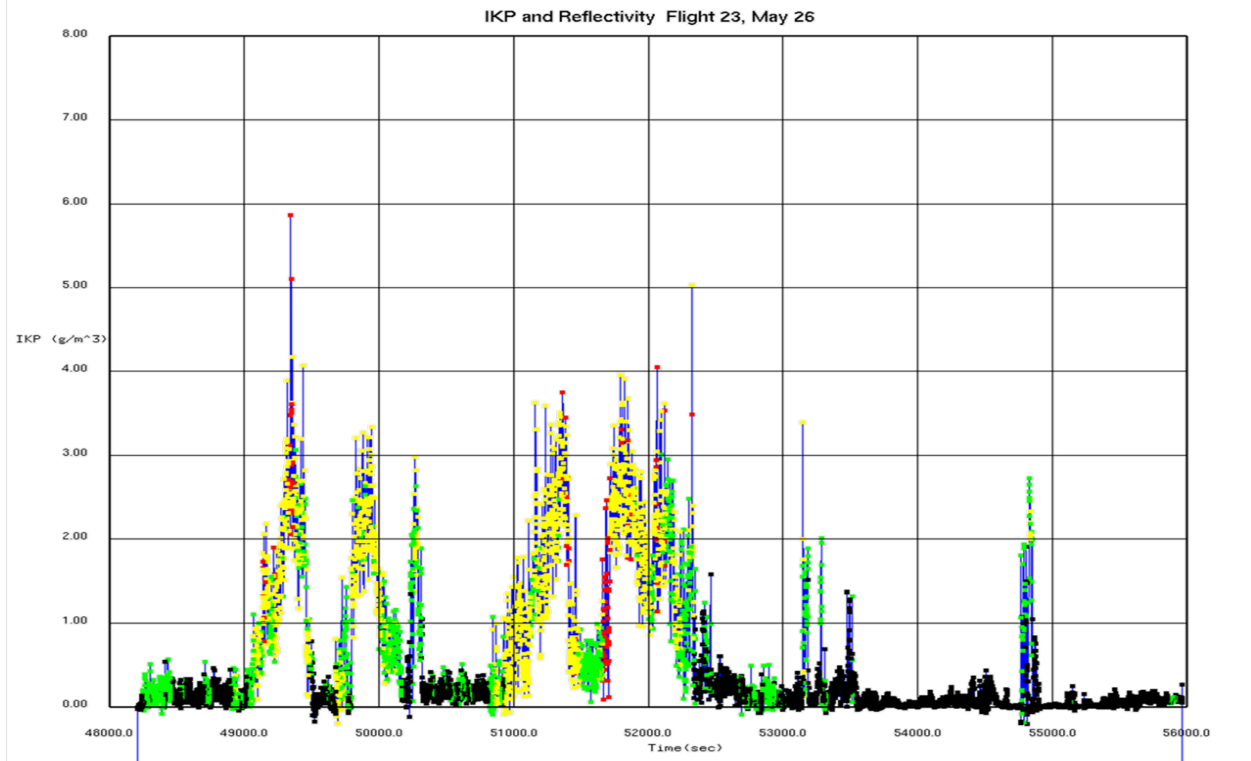
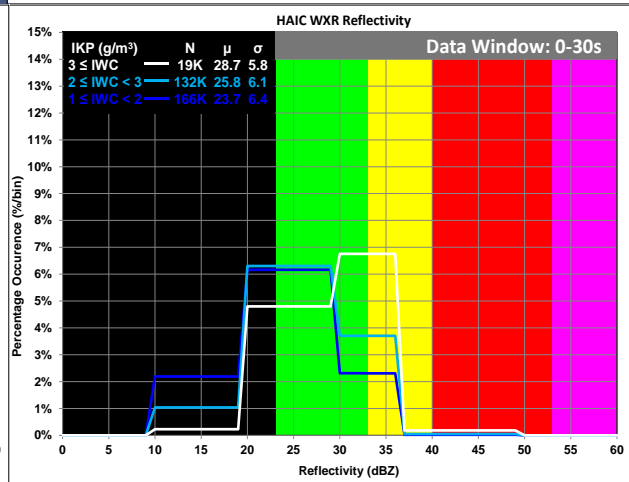
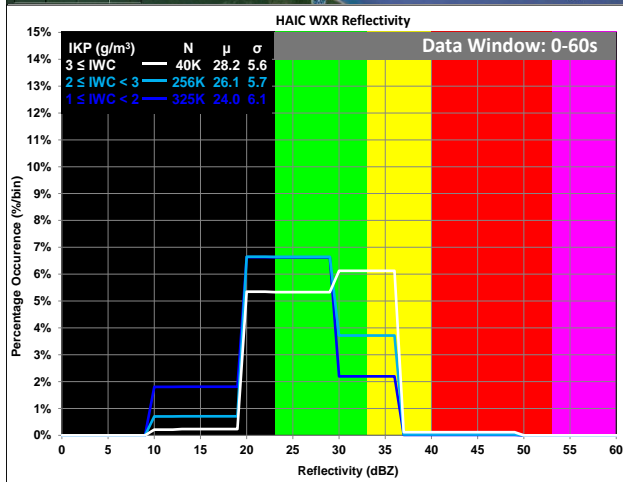
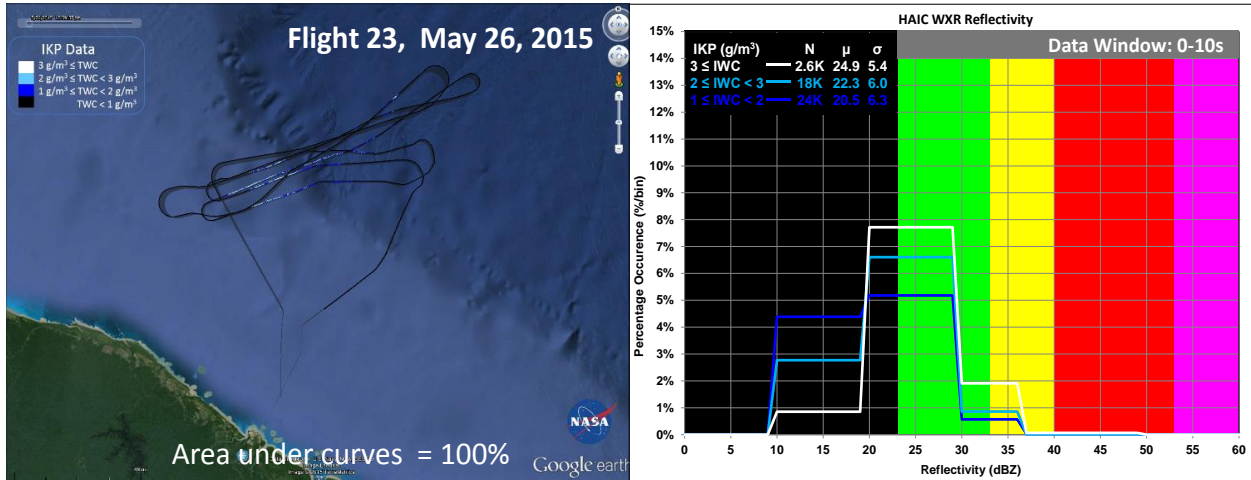


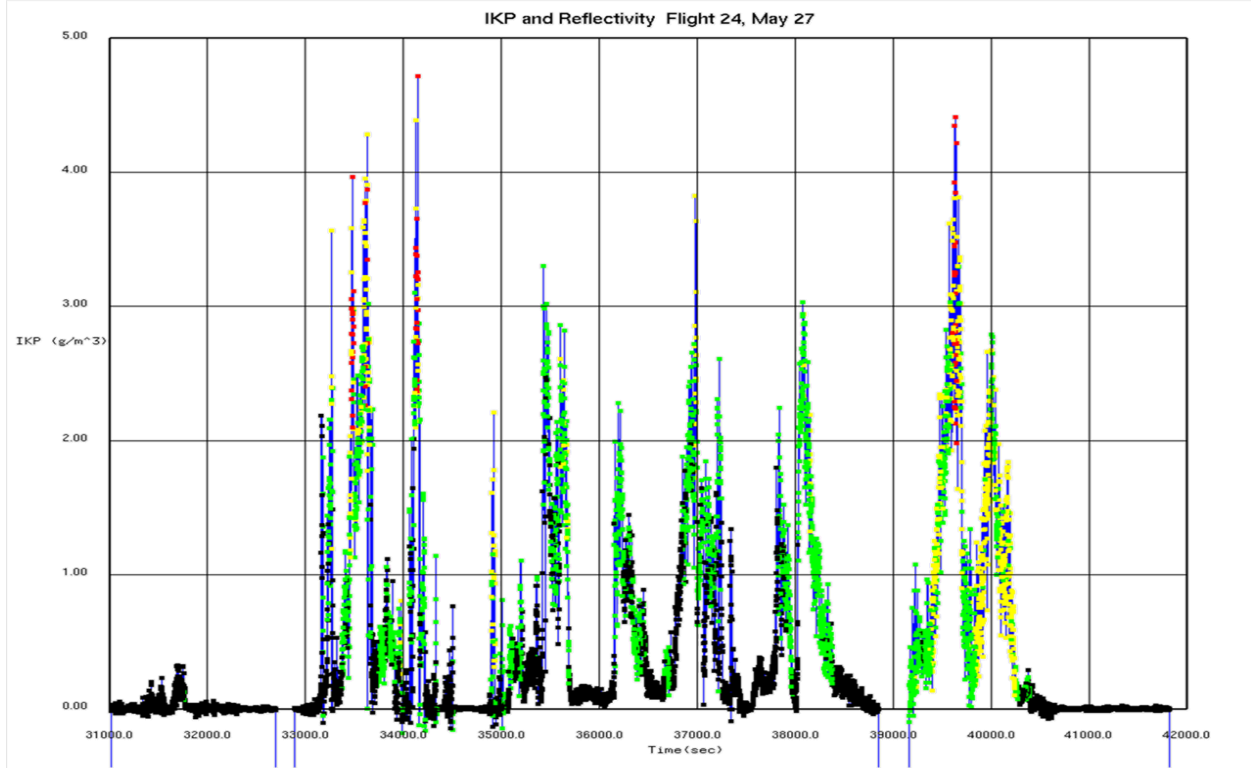
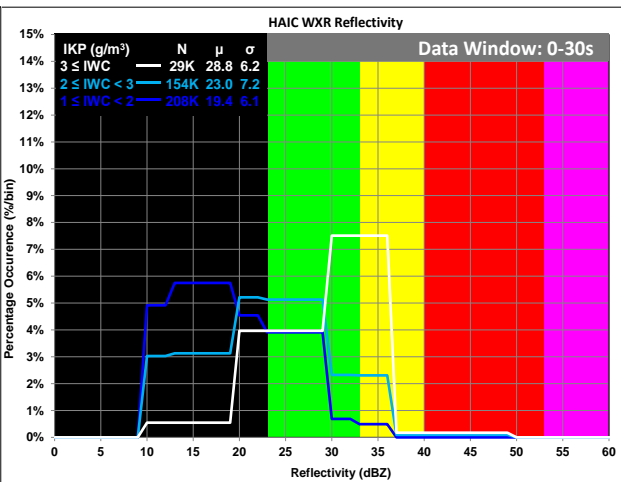
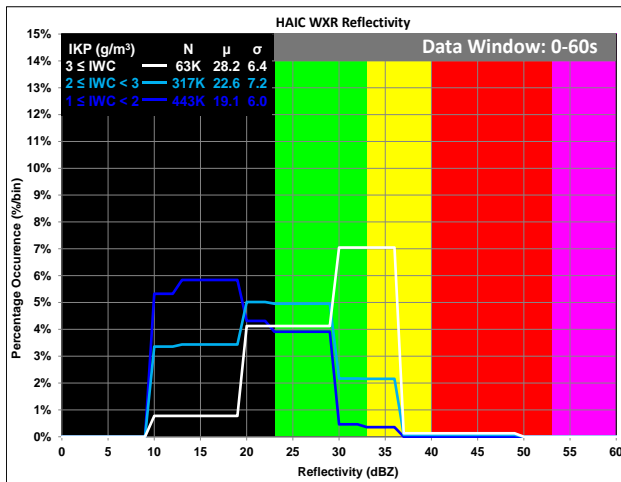
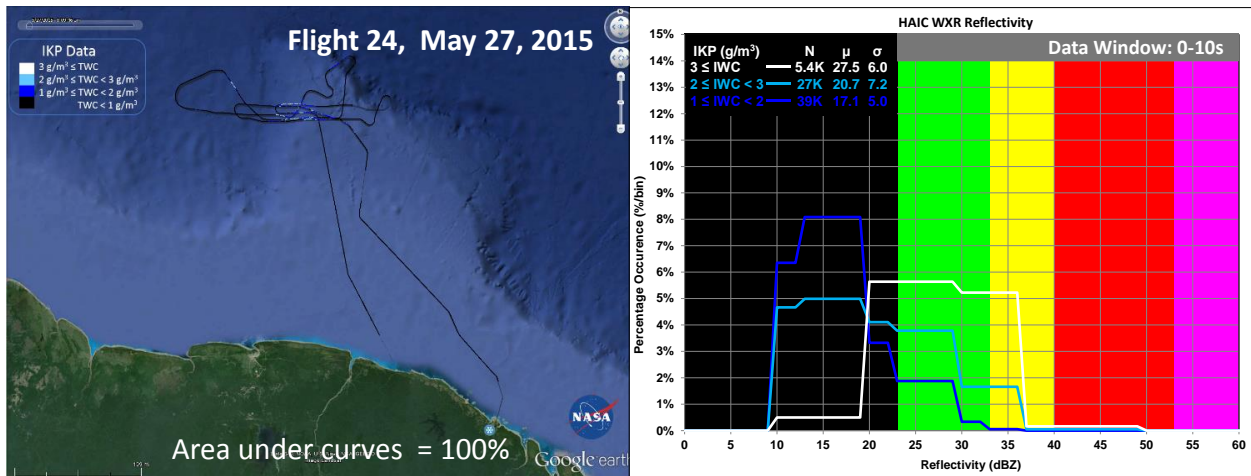


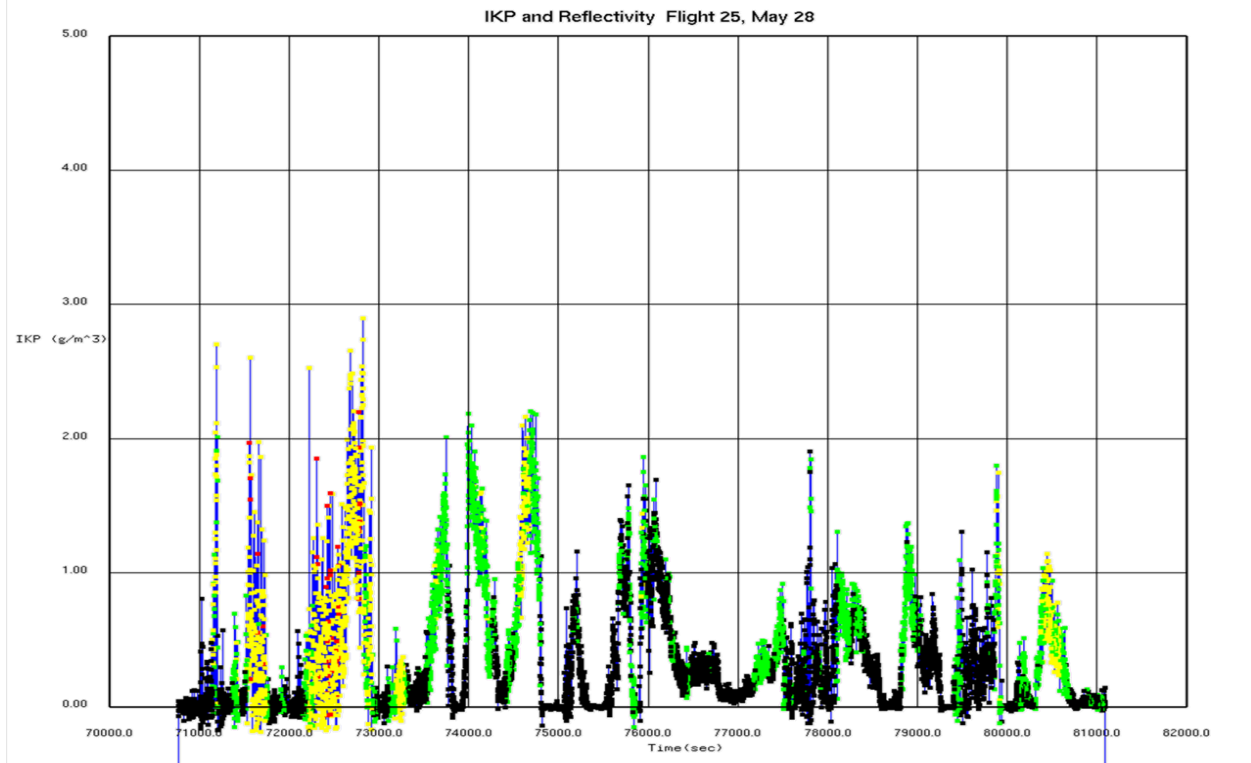
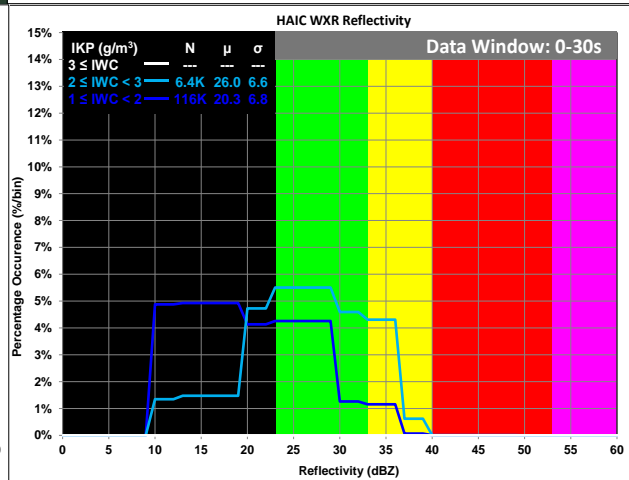
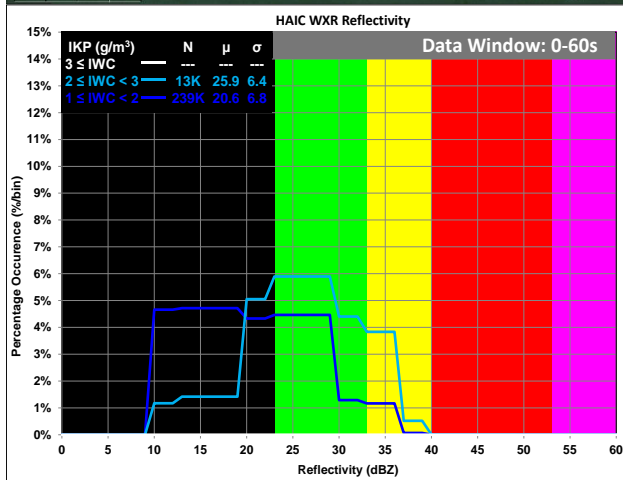
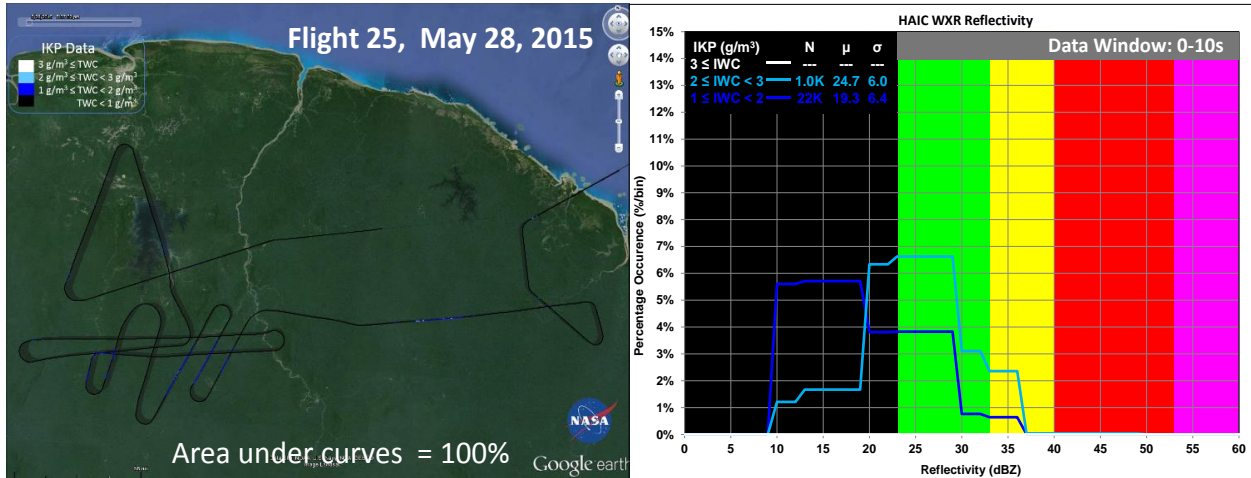


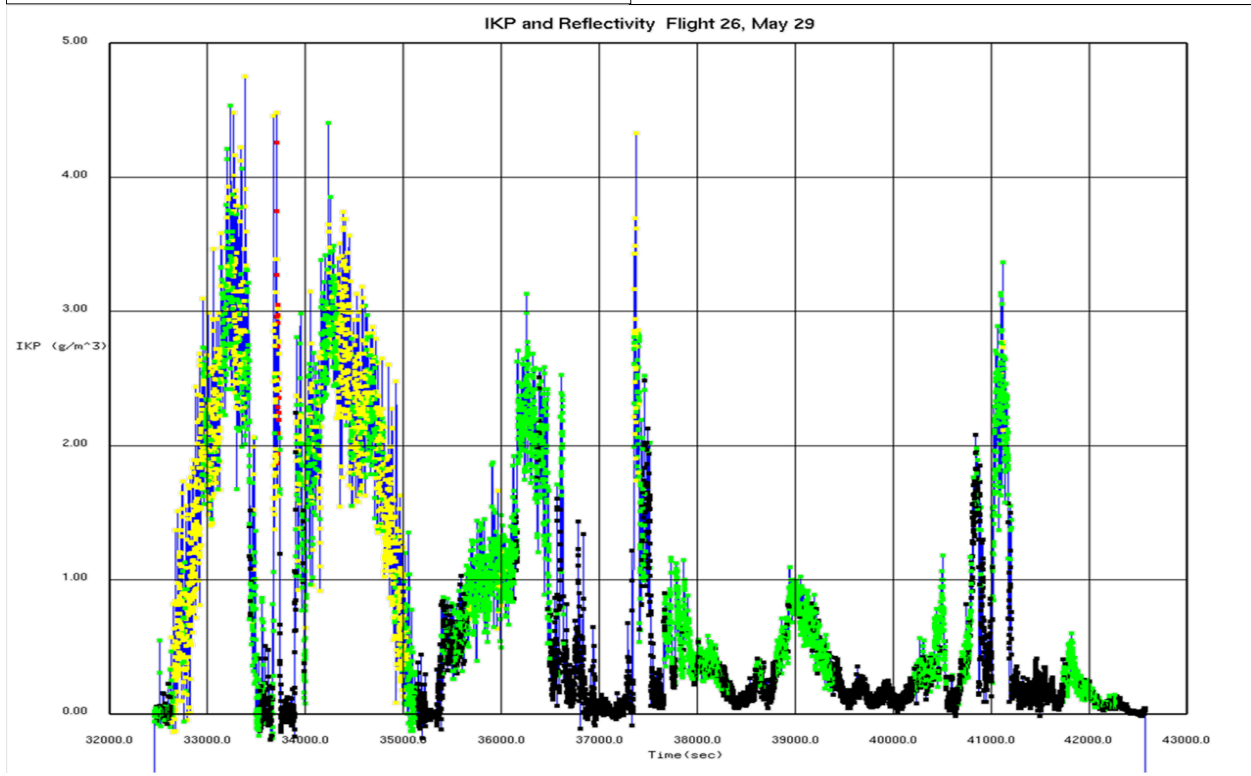
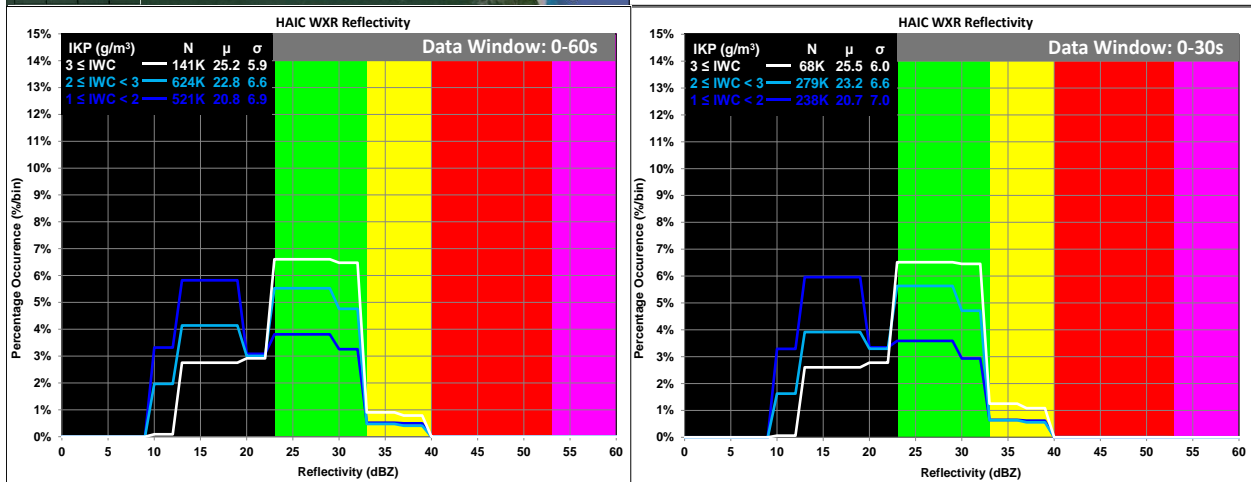
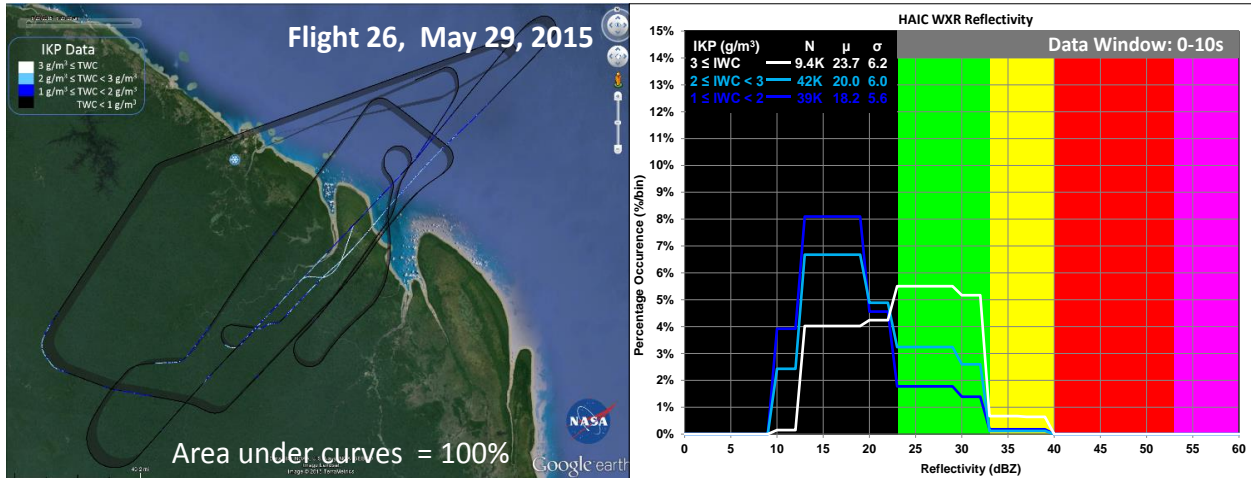












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