

# SLD Instrumentation in IWTs – Investigation Overview

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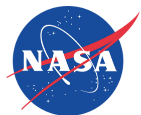
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6	SEA Ice Crystal Detector (ICD) in SLD at NASA IRT	L. Lilie

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# Nomenclature

## National Agencies

- CIRA = Centro Italiano Ricerche Aerospaziali SCpA (IT)
- ECCC = Environment and Climate Change Canada (CA)
- FAA = Federal Aviation Administration (US)
- NASA = National Aeronautics and Space Administration (US)
- NRCC = National Research Council Canada (CA)

## Facilities

- AIWT = Altitude Icing Wind Tunnel (NRCC)
- IRT = Icing Research Tunnel (NASA)
- IWT = Icing Wind Tunnel (CIRA)

## Cloud

- LWC = Liquid Water Content ( $\text{g/m}^3$ )
- MVD = Median Volumetric Diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )
- PSD = Particle Size Distribution
- SLD = Supercooled Large Drop

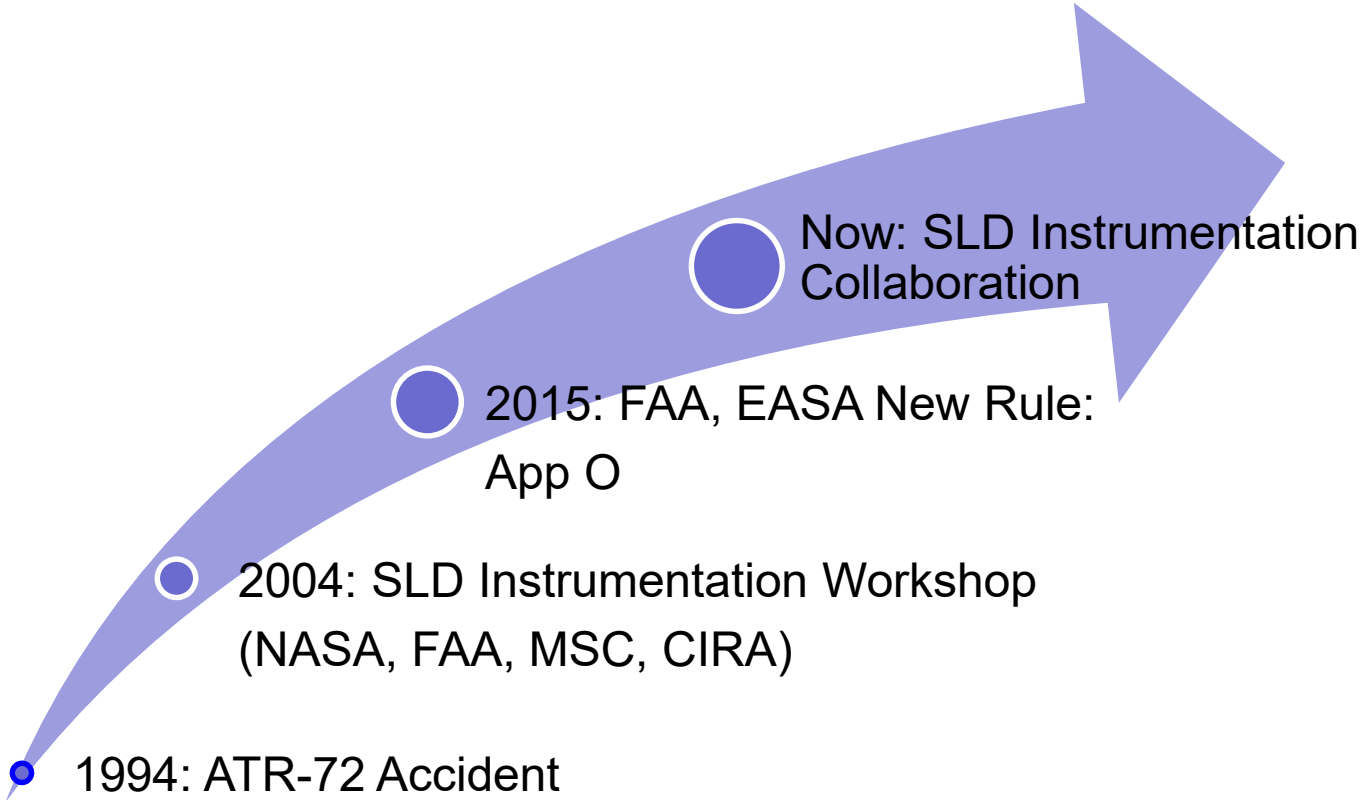
## Probes – Water Content

- ICD = Ice Crystal Detector (SEA)
- IKP = Iso-Kinetic Probe (SEA/NRCC)
- MW = Multi-Wire, or Multi-Element (SEA)

## Probes – Sizing

- 2D-S = Two Dimensional Stereo (SPEC)
- ADA = Airborne Droplet Analyser (Aerometrics)
- CDP = Cloud Droplet Probe (DMT)
- HSI = High Speed Imaging (Artium)
- OAP = Optical Array Probe (PMS)
- PDI = Phase Doppler Interferometer (Artium)

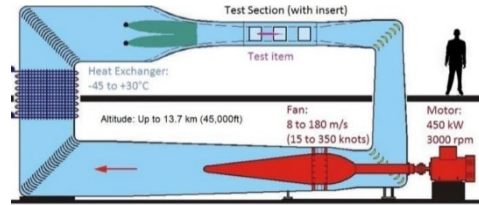
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# Motivation & Goals

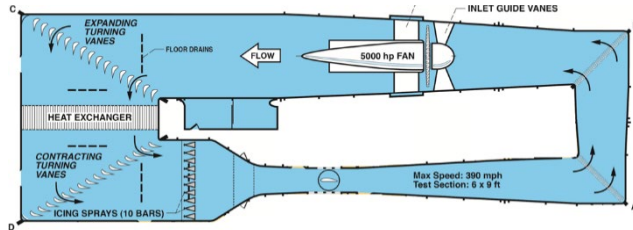
1. Better understand cloud characterization probes and data processing algorithms in SLD conditions.
  - PSD, Particle Size Distribution probes
  - LWC, Liquid Water Content probes
2. Better understand ability to simulate SLD conditions in several facilities.
  - NRCC's AIWT, Altitude Icing Wind Tunnel
  - NASA's IRT, Icing Research Tunnel
  - CIRA's IWT, Icing Wind Tunnel
3. Assess potential for inter-facility bias in SLD simulations due to choice of instrumentation.

# Facility Information



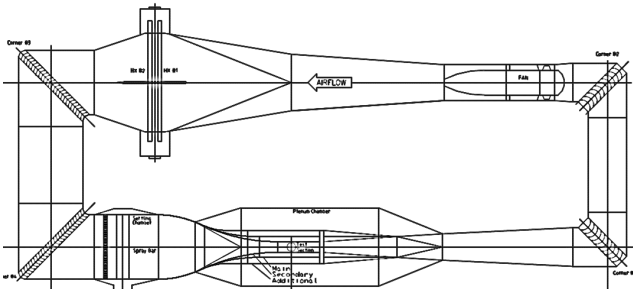
## NRCC's AIWT, Altitude Icing Wind Tunnel

- 0.57 x 0.57 m<sup>2</sup>, 6:1
- PSD: Malvern
- LWC: Rotating Cylinder



## NASA's IRT, Icing Research Tunnel

- 1.83 x 2.74 m<sup>2</sup>, 14:1
- PSD: CDP, OAP-230X, OAP-230Y
- LWC: MW, Icing Blade



## CIRA's IWT, Icing Wind Tunnel

- 2.35 x 2.25 m<sup>2</sup>, 10:1
- PSD: ADAs, OAP-2D-GA2
- LWC: Icing Blade, Robust Probe

# Instrumentation Considerations

## Team selected Probes from **current** and **emerging** technologies.

The Team enlisted support from manufacturers Artium Technologies, Inc. and Science Engineering Associates, Inc. to ensure the best quality data from the newer technologies being evaluated at the tunnels.

## Statement regarding choice of Common Reference Probes:

- Should not be interpreted that the Team believes these probes provide the “most accurate” measurement.
- Chosen because of good reputation within the community, familiarity with the probes and data processing schemes AND practical reasons – with in Team is ability to transport, operate and analyze their data in a consistent manner.



# Instrumentation (Common)

PSD Probes	Full Name	Range (um)	Manufacturer	Owner (Sponsor)
<b>CDP-2</b>	Cloud Droplet Probe	2 – 50	DMT	ECCC
<b>2D-S</b>	2Dimensional Stereo	10 – 1280 (2560)	SPEC	ECCC
PDI-FPDR-2	Phase Doppler Interferometer	Small: 1 – 130	Artium	Artium (ECCC)
PDI-4D		Large: 7 – 1000	Artium	CIRA
HSI-FPDR	High Speed Imaging	5 – 1500	Artium	ECCC
HSI w/ trigger		5 – 1800	Artium	CIRA

LWC Probes	Full Name	Manufacturer	Owner
<b>MW</b>	Multi-wire	SEA	NASA
IKP-2	Iso-Kinetic Probe	SEA, NRCC	NASA
ICD	Ice Crystal Detector	SEA	SEA (FAA)
NACA-0012	Airfoil		Facility

**Bold** denotes *Common Reference Probes* used for interfacility comparison

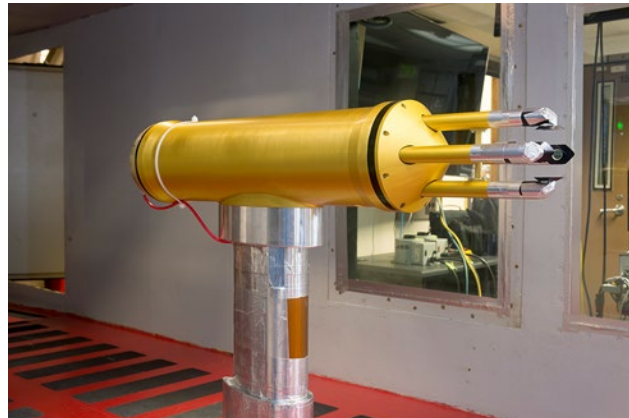
# Instrumentation – Common Reference

## Common Reference Probes

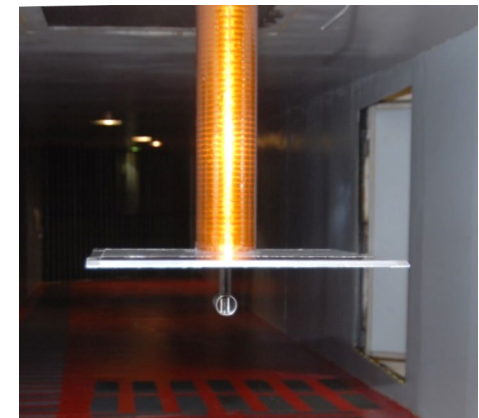
- PSD: CDP-2 + 2D-S w/ common processing algorithm
- LWC: Multi-wire (MW)



CDP-2 (ECCC)  
light intensity



2D-S (ECCC)  
optical array probe



MW (NASA)  
heated elements

# Instrumentation – Additional PSD

PDI-FPDR  
(ECCC-Artium)



HSI-FPDR  
(ECCC)



PDI-4D  
(CIRA)



HSI with trigger  
(CIRA)



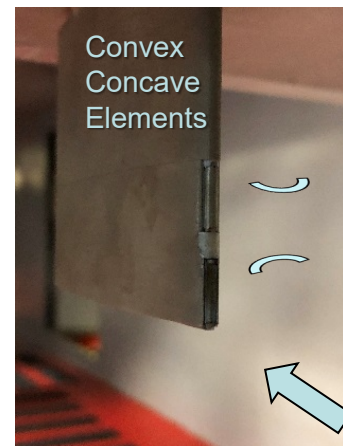
# Instrumentation – Additional LWC



IKP-2 (NASA)  
MW & Background Hum.



Tunnel IKP (NRCC)



ICD (NASA)

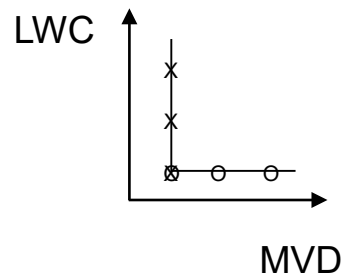
# Common Test Matrix – Target

Derived from overlap region from each Facility's stated capabilities.

- Primary test points: LWC sweep for LWC probes & MVD Sweep for PSD probes
- Airspeed at 80 m/s or 150 kts (77.2 m/s)

Conditions set in each facility per native calibration with native probes

<b>LWC Sweep (x)</b>			<b>MVD Sweep (o)</b>	
<b>LWC (g/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>MVD (um)</b>		<b>LWC (g/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>MVD (um)</b>
0.5	20		0.5	20
1.0	20		0.5	50
1.5	20		0.5	100
2.0	20		0.5	150
2.5	20		0.5	200
3.0	20		0.5	250



# Test Matrix – Actual

- NRCC met targets via native cal curves
- NASA & CIRA selected calibrated points
  - Allowing non-sweep parameter to vary
- Two facilities added bimodal and
- Two facilities added higher speed LWC sweeps.
- NASA added LWC sweep at MVD =140 um.

*Note: CIRA recently installed new SLD nozzles, and conducted a full cal. In June 2021, prior to their SLD Instrumentation test.*

NRC				NASA				CIRA			
Test point	VTAS (m/s)	LWC (g/m3)	MVD (µm)	Test point	VTAS (m/s)	LWC (g/m3)	MVD (µm)	Test point	VTAS (m/s)	LWC (g/m3)	MVD (µm)
<b>AIWT LWC Sweep</b>				<b>IRT LWC sweep</b>				<b>IWT LWC sweep</b>			
AIWT-2	80	0.35	20	IRT-1	77.2	0.42	14.5	IWT-1	80	0.35	20
AIWT-3	80	0.5	20	IRT-1a	77.2	0.47	19.8				
AIWT-4	80	0.9	20					IWT-2	80	0.89	23
AIWT-5	80	1.0	20	IRT-2a	77.2	0.97	22.2				
AIWT-6	80	1.4	20					IWT-3	80	1.4	20
AIWT-7	80	1.5	20	IRT-3	77.2	1.57	20.0				
AIWT-8	80	2.0	20	IRT-4a	77.2	1.98	19.7	IWT-4	80	2.0	20
AIWT-9	80	2.5	20	IRT-5	77.2	2.64	22.8	IWT-5	80	2.5	20
AIWT-10	80	3.0	20	IRT-6b	77.2	3.02	20.3	IWT-6	80	3.0	20
<b>AIWT MVD Sweep</b>				<b>IRT MVD Sweep</b>				<b>IWT MVD sweep</b>			
AIWT-21	80	0.5	15	IRT-21c	77.2	0.42	14.9	IWT-21	80	0.40	15
AIWT-23	80	0.5	28	IRT-22	77.2	0.57	30	IWT-22	80	0.65	25
AIWT-24	80	0.5	40					IWT-23	80	0.65	40
AIWT-25	80	0.5	45	IRT-23	77.2	0.50	46				
AIWT-26	80	0.5	60	IRT-24	77.2	0.54	60	IWT-24	80	0.68	60
AIWT-27	80	0.5	76	IRT-25	77.2	0.51	108	IWT-25	80	0.89	90
AIWT-28	80	0.5	116	IRT-26a	77.2	0.45	142	IWT-26	80	0.83	145
AIWT-29	80	0.5	178	IRT-26	77.2	0.60	169	IWT-27	80	0.89	160
AIWT-30	80	0.5	199	IRT-27	77.2	0.71	208				
AIWT-31	80	0.5	227	IRT-28	77.2	0.91	275				
AIWT-32	80	0.5	262	IRT-29	77.2	1.36	460	IWT-28	80	higher	300
<b>AIWT BiModal</b>				<b>IRT BiModal</b>							
AIWT-51	80	0.5	< 40	IRT-51	77.2	2.00	< 40				
AIWT-52	80	0.5	> 40								
				<b>LWC sweep, 129 m/s</b>				<b>IWT LWC sweep, 140 m/s</b>			
				IRT-11	128.6	0.61	20.0	IWT-11	140	0.44	25
				IRT-12	128.6	1.17	19.7	IWT-12	140	1.38	20
				IRT-13	128.6	2.00	25.6	IWT-13	140	2.00	20
				<b>LWC sweep, MVD = 140 um</b>							
				IRT-81	77.2	0.45	142				
				IRT-82	77.2	0.56	140				
				IRT-83	77.2	0.62	138				
				IRT-84	77.2	0.75	138				
				IRT-85	77.2	0.87	139				

# Test Procedure

1. Each facility set conditions according to their native calibration.
2. Probes acquired data according to established practices
  - a. ECCC operated the CDP-2 and 2D-S and analyzed data according to their algorithms
  - b. NASA operated the MW and analyzed data according to their algorithm
    - i. except using native MVD (instead of PSD) to determine the MW concave element collision efficiency

# Accomplishments to Date; Future Work

- NRCC completed 15 days testing, 2017-18
- NASA completed 15 days testing, 2017-18
- ECCC completed analysis on CDP-2 and 2D-S data
- NASA completed analysis on MW data
  
- Difficulties with PSD results will lead to more testing (5-d at NRCC and 5-d at NASA) and investigating additional data analysis tools.
- Begin CIRA tests in Spring 2022



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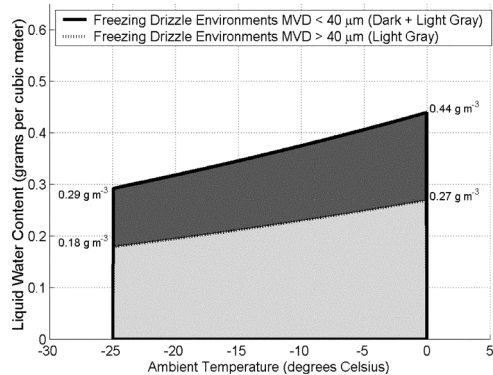
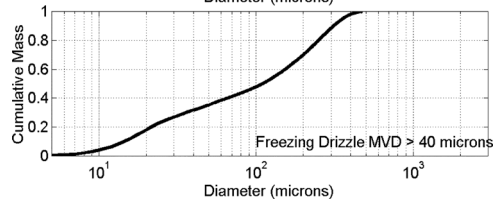
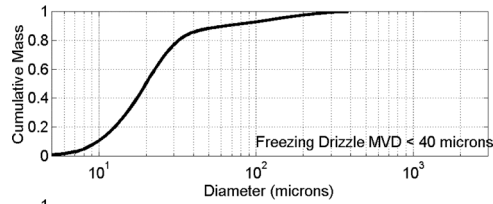


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# FAA & EASA Appendix O (SLD)

Freezing Drizzle  
( $d_{max} < 500 \mu m$ )



Freezing Rain  
( $d_{max} > 500 \mu m$ )

