

# CAPE2015 Field Project

**Citation Research Aircraft**  
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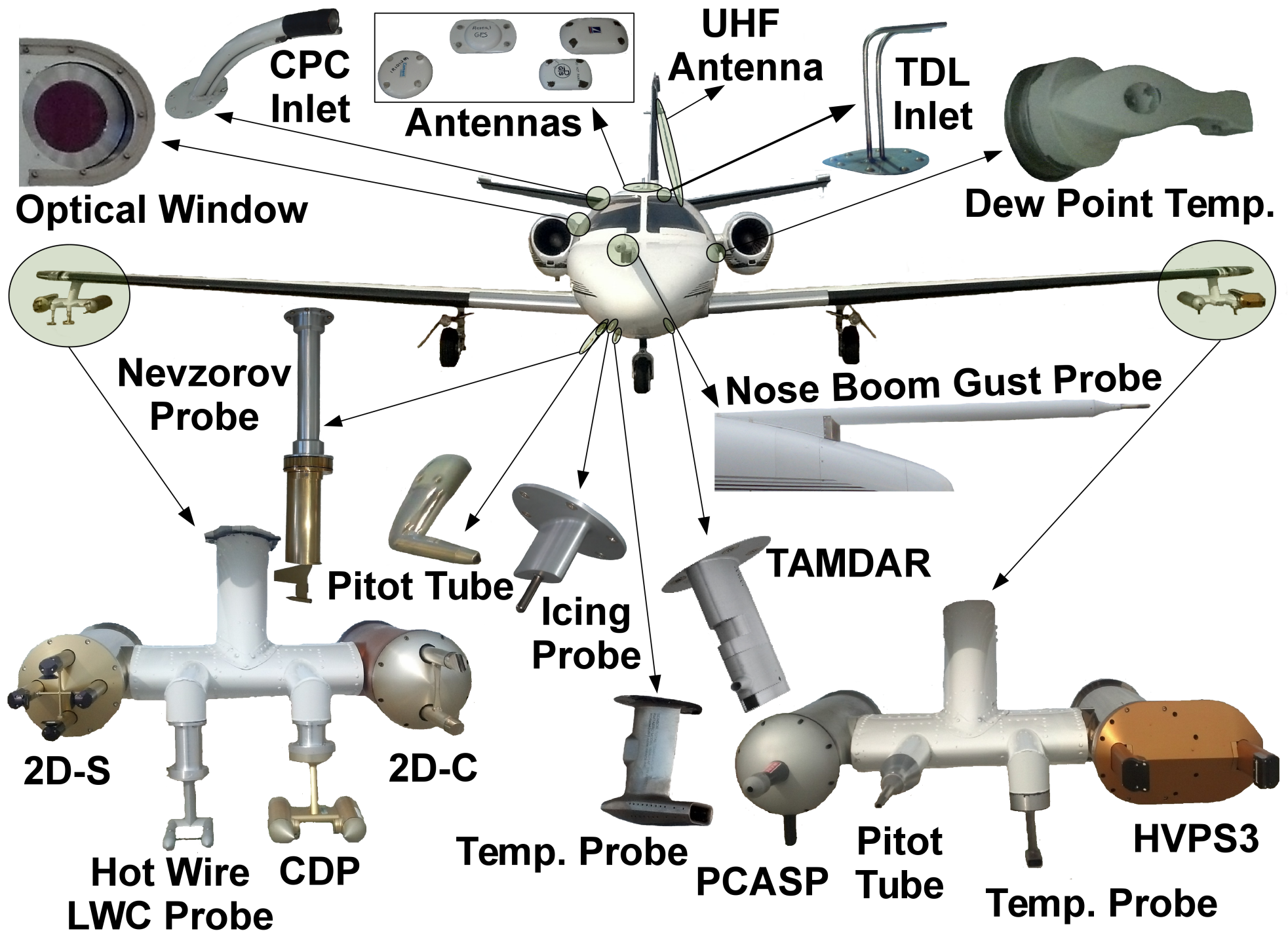
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# Objectives

Obtain microphysical measurement concurrent with observation of the MCR Doppler radar to enable evaluation of microphysical properties of cirrus clouds.



# 2015 Aircraft Instrumentation



# Flight Paths: CAPE2015

**July 29**

**July 30**

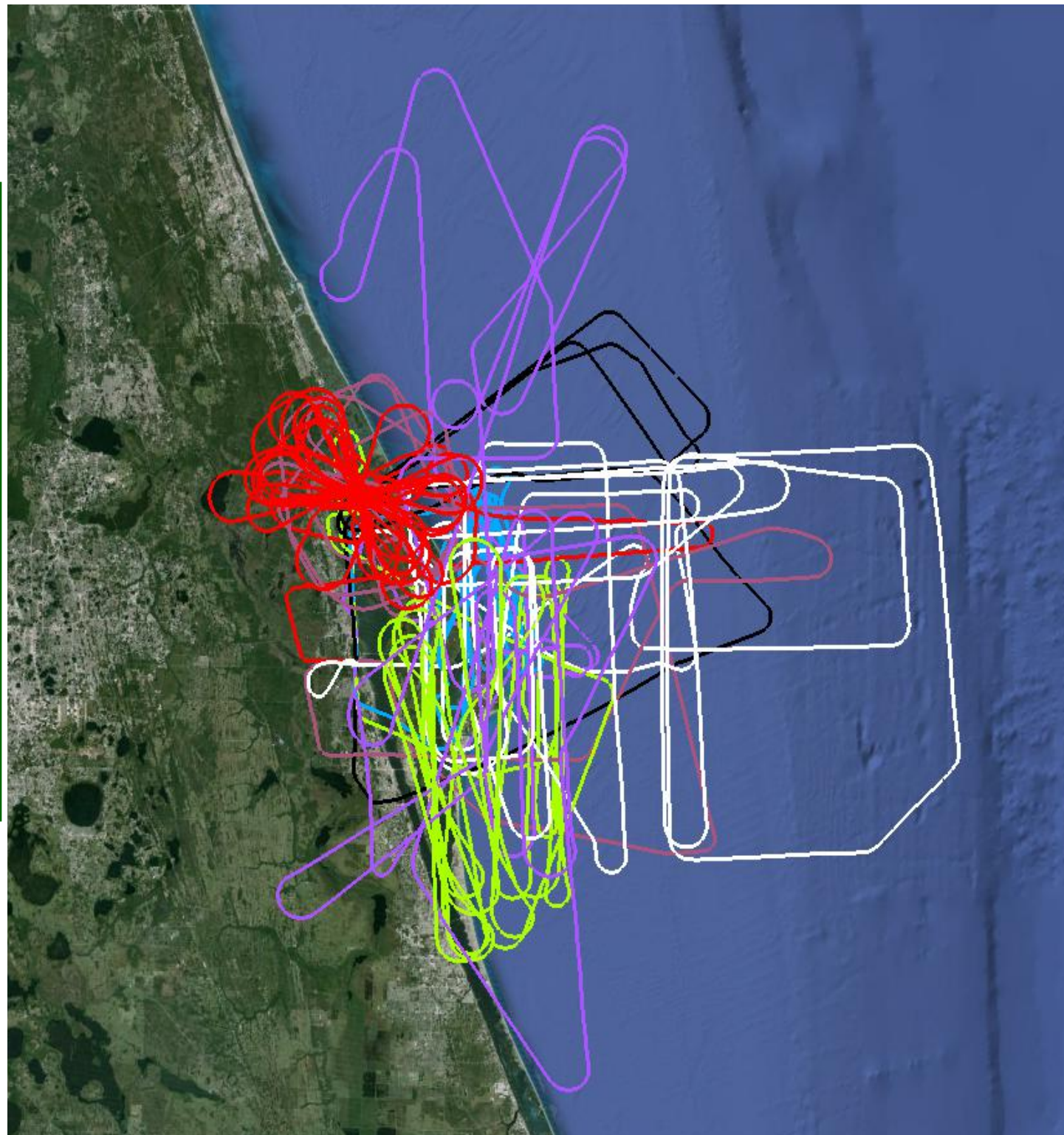
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**August 1-a**

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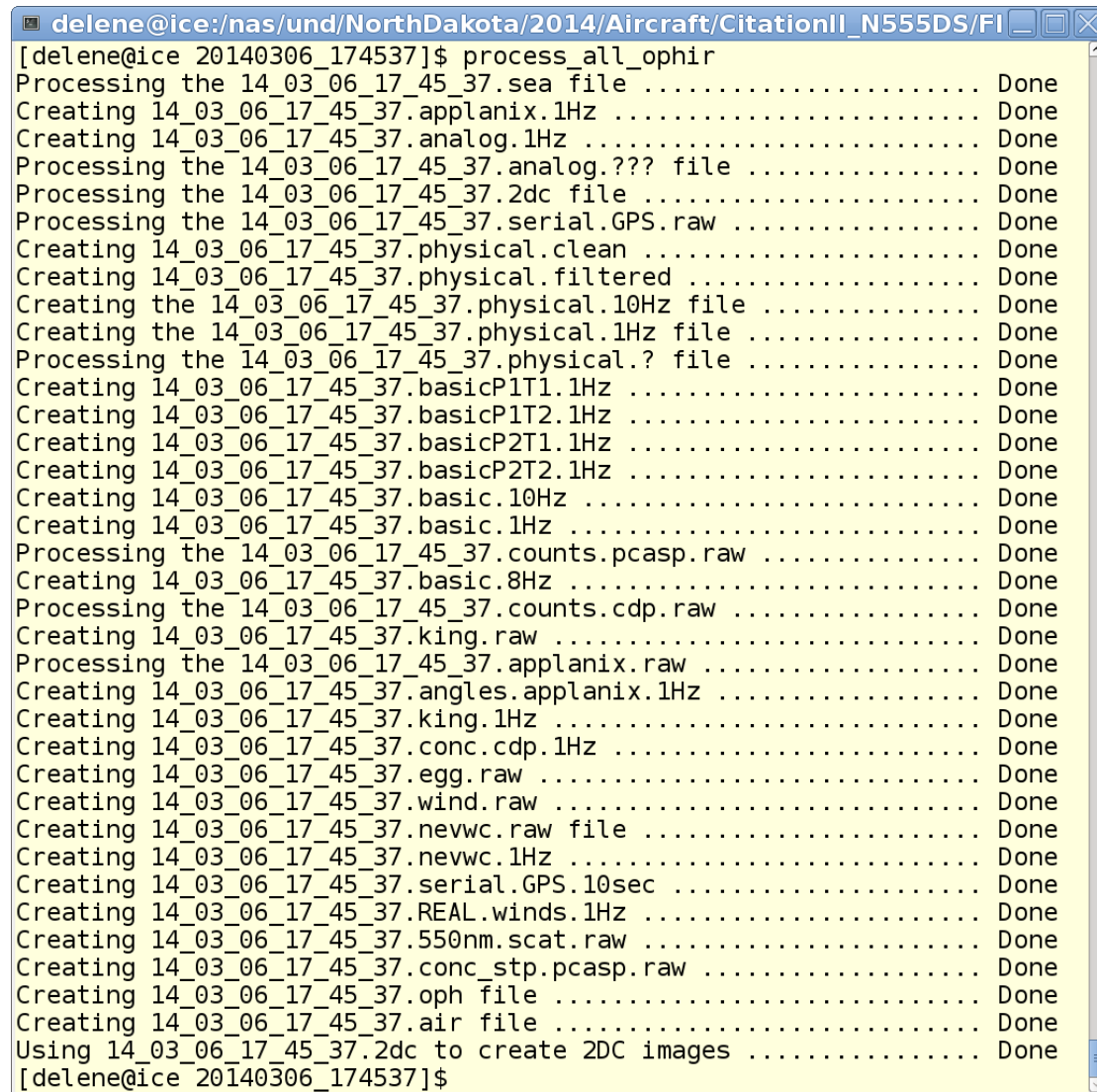
**August 2**

**August 8**



# Data Processing

- Data Quality Control
  - Performance Checks
- Data Missing Values Codes
- Levels of Data Processing
  - Raw Recorded Data
  - Engineering to Physical Units
  - Single Instrument Data Files
  - Combined Instrument Data File
- Data Quality Assurance
  - Scientific Data Review
  - Scripts Search for Unrealistic Values



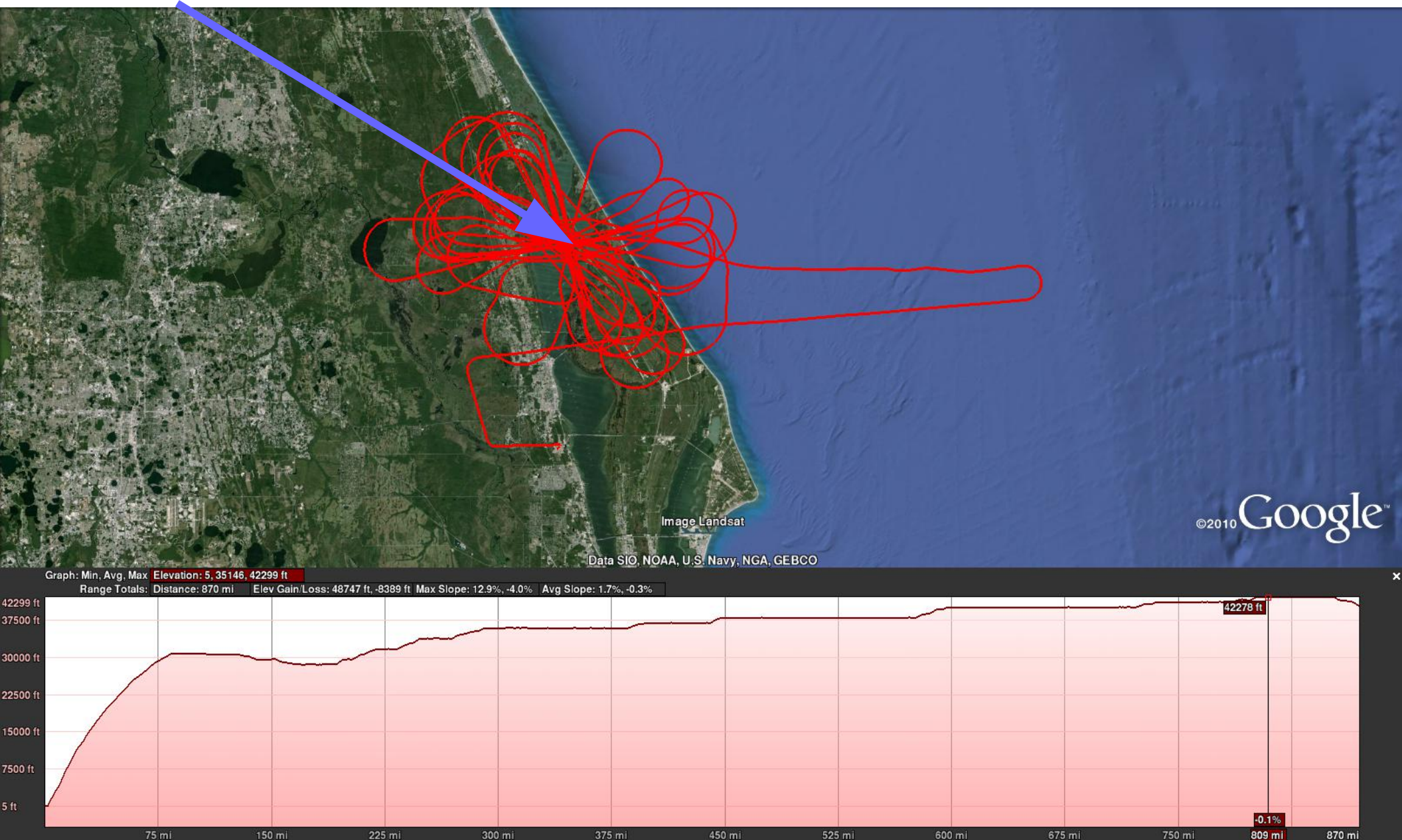
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# Comments on Scientific Data Set

- Quick visualization of data is very important.
  - Create a preliminary version of the data using automated processing scripts.
  - Create a final data set after the project is over by applying manual edits to the “raw” data files which replace “bad” data with missing value codes.
- Archive the raw data and any editing files.
- Work with ASCII data as much as possible.
  - Compress ASCII files to reduce storage space.
- Use a standard data format, which includes Meta data.
- Create science file for analysis (\*.cap)

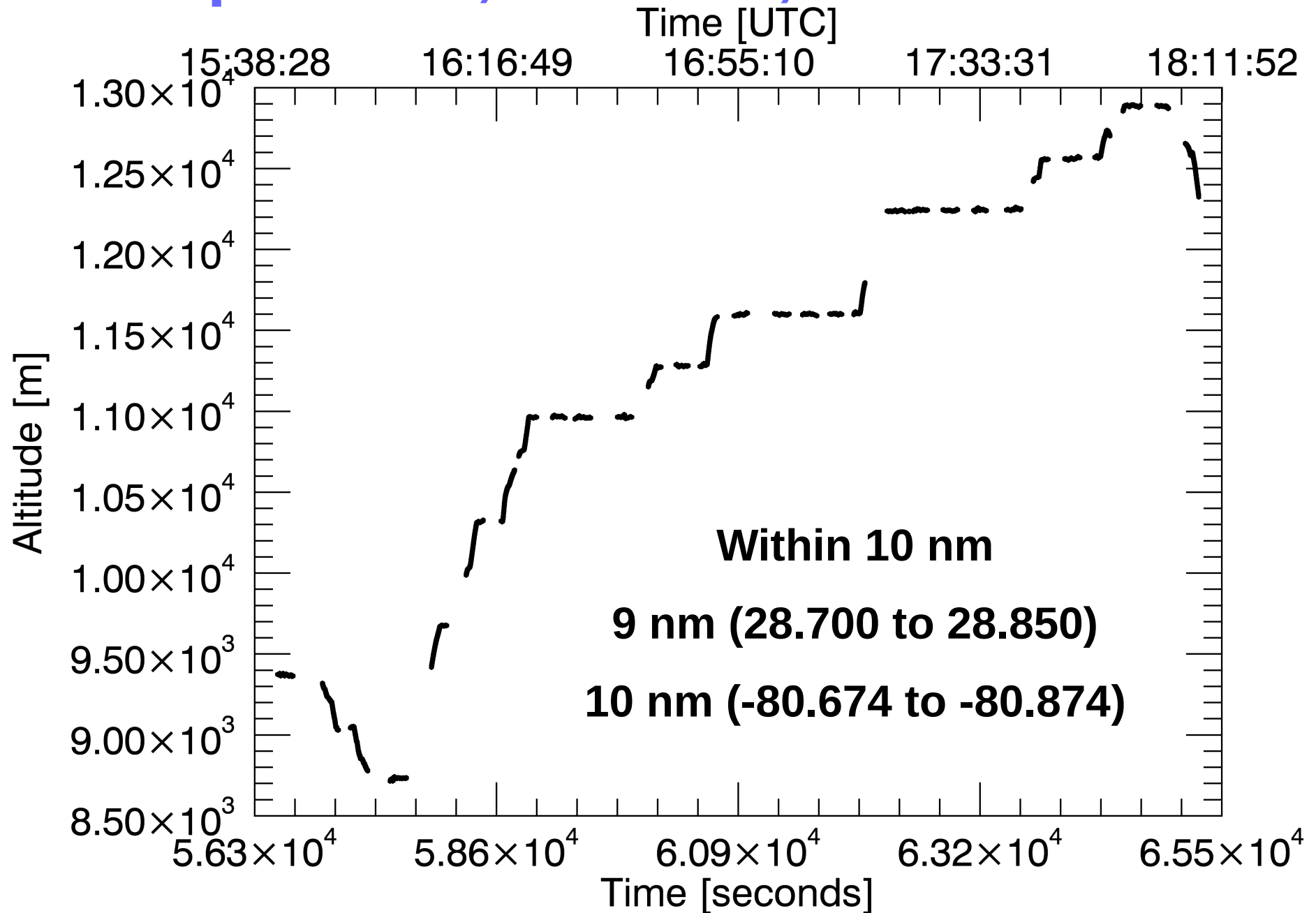
# August 8, 2015 Flight Path

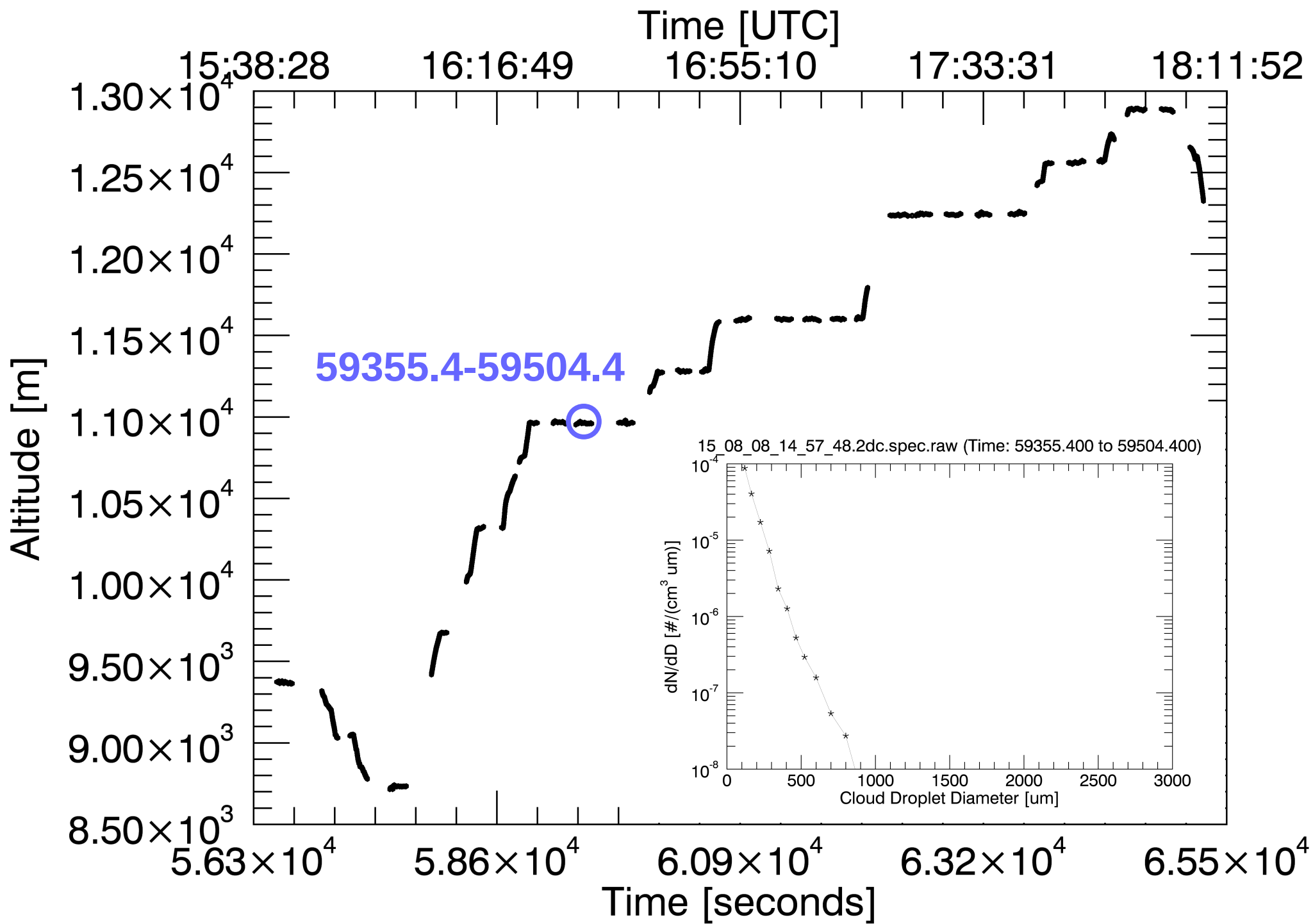
MCR at 28.7550265 N and -80.7743669 W



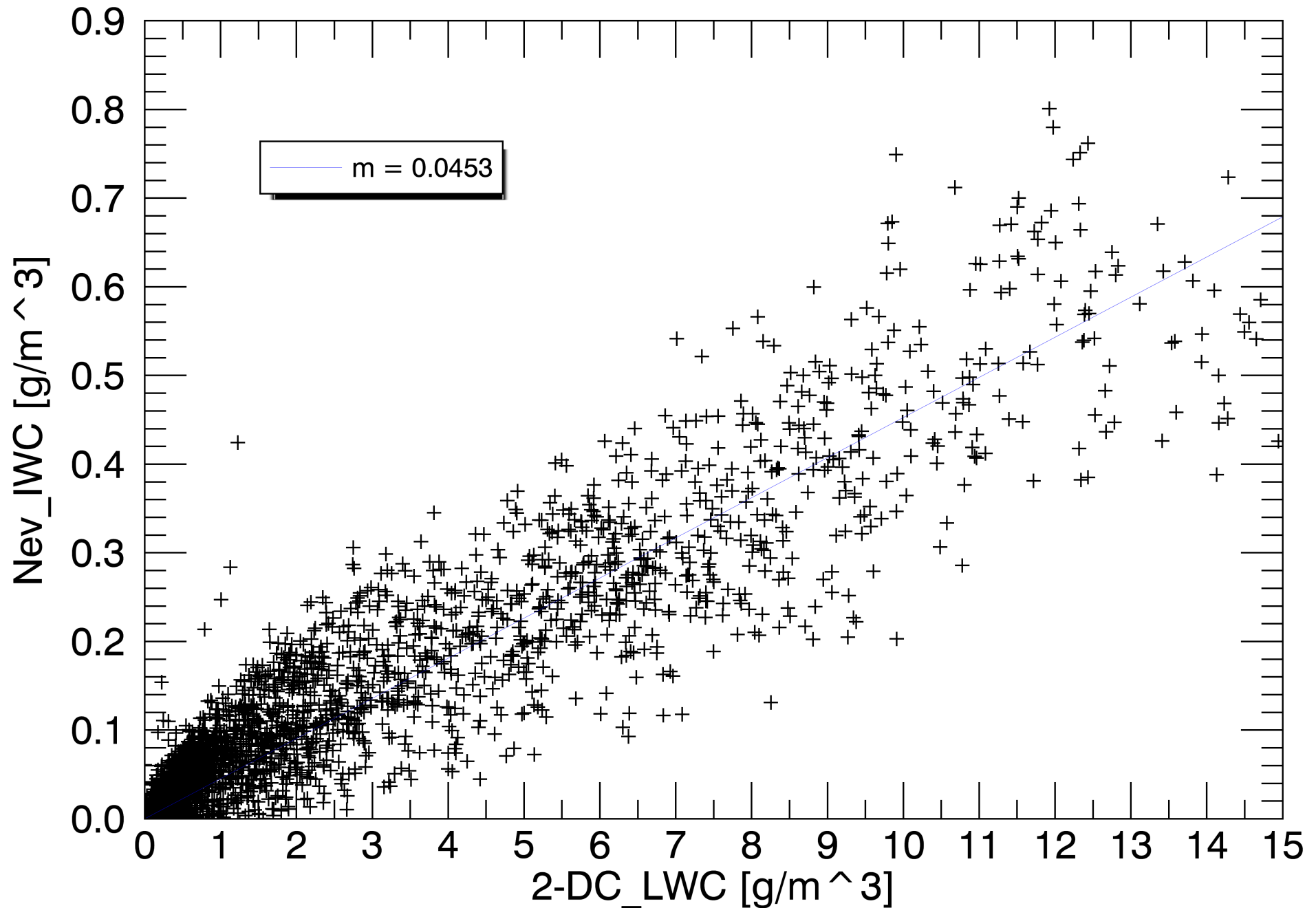
# **\*cap Science File**

## **Temperature, Position, Water Content**





# Comparison of Instruments



# Conclusions

- Data set has been processed and quality assured.
- Analysis of data has stated.

# Project Team



# Future Work – UND Team

- Reflectivity Microphysics/Radar Comparison
  - Nicholas Gapp, Senior Undergrad, UND
- Sounding Comparison
  - Blake Sorenson, sophomore Undergrad, UND
- All Sky Camera Analysis
  - Sylke Boyd, Professor University of Minnesota - Morris

