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# Evaluation of the Performance of a Rosemount Icing Detector During IMPACTS 2020

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# Introduction and Data



#### **Supercooled Water**

- Definition: Water that exists below 0 °C (32 °F)
- Supercooled Liquid Water Content (SLWC) measured in g/m<sup>3</sup>
- Measurements important for Wegener-Bergeron-Findeisen Process, modeling, remote sensing retrievals, particle riming, and aircraft icing



Left: NRC Canada Convair 580 during ICICLE 2019

Right: CPI image of a rimed crystal during UIMPACTS 2020



#### **Other LWC Probes**

- Right: King Liquid Water Sensor (King Probe), 1.5 mm hot wire probe
  - Sensitive to ice, drop size bias with MVD > 40  $\mu$ m
- Left: Cloud Droplet Probe (CDP), forward scattering optical probe
  - Sensitive to ice, coincidence bias, shattering







#### **Rosemount Icing Detector**

• AKA: RICE Probe

- Nickel cylinder 2.54 cm long, 0.635 cm in diameter
- Vibrates at 40 kHz in clear conditions
- Frequency decreases as ice accretes in presence of SLWC
- At 0.5 m of accretion (39.5 kHz), a heater trips and the ice is shed



#### **Rosemount Icing Detector**

- Advantages: Insensitive to ice, no known particle size limits
- Disadvantages: Only detects supercooled water, and is limited by Ludlam Limit

• NOTE: RICE Probe was *not* designed as a SLWC measuring probe, but as an aircraft icing measuring probe





## Ludlam Limit

- Defined as the critical LWC above which the supercooled water will incompletely freeze (the freezing fraction is <1)
- Multiple thermodynamic processes will cause RICE Probe surface temperature to rise above freezing even when the surrounding air is cooler than freezing, inhibiting ice accretion
- Main two processes are adiabatic compression ahead of the probe and the release of heat in the freezing process





# Objectives

- In 2020, Frequency is all we had (right) for a qualitative idea of SLWC
- Goal: derive a quantitative SLWC product
- Once derived, will compare SLWC product to LWC products from CDP and King (orange and blue, left) to explore valid conditions in which RICE



#### **IMPACTS 2020**

- Investigation of Microphysics and Precipitation of Atlantic Coast Threatening Snowstorms
- NASA P-3 Orion for in-situ measurements collocated with the "satellite simulating" NASA ER-2 aircraft.



#### **NASA P-3 Orion**



PHIPS/2DS









Hawkeye

HVPS-3 B/A

## 2020 Flights

- P-3 was involved in 9 flights in 2020
- CDP, King Probe, and RICE Probe all available on flights 2-5



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# Methods and Results Part 1: Supercooled Liquid Water Content



# Derivation



#### **SLWC Overview**

- SLWC Derivation via comparison technique
- From Mazin et al (2001):

$$W_m = \frac{\frac{-dF}{dt} \cdot k}{2R_c lU}$$

- Only unknown on RHS is the k coefficient
- k coefficient must be empirically defined

| Constant<br>/Variable | Description                           | Unit     |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| W <sub>m</sub>        | SLWC                                  | g/m³     |
| -dF/dt                | Negative change in<br>Freq. over time | Hz/s     |
| k                     | Coefficient                           | unitless |
| R <sub>c</sub>        | Cylinder radius                       | m        |
| I                     | Cylinder length                       | m        |
| U                     | True Air Speed                        | m/s      |



#### **SLWC Overview**

- Rearrange Mazin et al (2001):  $k=2R_c lUW_m * - \frac{dt}{dE}$
- For W<sub>m</sub>, LWC values are taken from King Probe or CDP in cases of:
  - strong ice accretion
  - ice-free conditions

sufficiently cold enough to assume
LWC = SLWC





#### **Case Selection**

- Strong ice accretion: when RICE Probe accreted ~0.5 mm of ice to trigger a de-icing heater cycle (when frequency sharply goes from ~39.8 kHz to 40 kHz)
- Consecutive cases joined, time from when heater tripped to probe cooling off was omitted
- Cases through 4 flights: 60



#### **Case Selection**

- Ice-free conditions: particles on 2D-S probe mostly spherical, concentration of particles >100 μm <10<sup>4</sup> m<sup>-3</sup>, mean volume diameter (MVD) <50 μm</li>
- Right: a case that had some ice particles but still within concentration threshold
- Cases through 4 flights: 9



#### **Case Selection**

- Cold enough: At warmer subzero °C temperatures, RICE will incompletely freeze due to the Ludlam Limit
- Based on precedent from Cober et al (2001), -3 °C was chosen as an upper limit for cases
- Cases through 4 flights: 8



#### **SLWC** Derivation

- After some QC, k is empirically derived
- Scatterplots made of the 254 data points of the 8 valid cases, k is the slope of the trendline
- X axis: LHS of Mazin et al (2001)
- Y axis: RHS of Mazin et al (2001) except k  $W_m = \frac{-dF}{dt} \cdot k$



#### **SLWC** Derivation

- King Probe derived  $k = 6.496 \times 10^{-4}$
- CDP derived k = 7.195 x 10<sup>-4</sup>
- CDP chosen, as King Probe was theorized to suffer from a drifting baseline from long in-cloud periods
- Plots from now on will compare CDP and RICE Probe



# Methods and Results Part 2: Environmental and Aircraft Tests



• RICE SLWC vs CDP, no filters



 RICE SLWC vs CDP, 0 °C maximum temperature



• RICE SLWC vs CDP, -3 °C maximum temperature



 RICE SLWC vs CDP, -10 °C maximum temperature



- -3 °C optimal for a maximum temperature threshold
- Warmer, and RICE Probe was undermeasuring (Ludlam Limit)
- Cooler, and the correlation was not improving enough to justify loss of data





• RICE SLWC vs CDP, -3 °C maximum temperature, all pitch angles



 RICE SLWC vs CDP, -3 °C maximum temperature, upward pitch angles (2° and above)



 RICE SLWC vs CDP, -3 °C maximum temperature, downward pitch angles (-2° and below)



 RICE SLWC vs CDP, -3 °C maximum temperature, level pitch (±2°)



• RICE SLWC vs CDP, -3 °C maximum temperature, pitch 3° and above



 RICE SLWC vs CDP, -3 °C maximum temperature, pitch 3° and below





 RICE SLWC vs CDP, -3 °C maximum temperature, pitch 3° and below, all roll angles



 RICE SLWC vs CDP, -3 °C maximum temperature, pitch 3° and below, left roll angles (2° and above)



 RICE SLWC vs CDP, -3 °C maximum temperature, pitch 3° and below, right roll angles (-2° and below)



 RICE SLWC vs CDP, -3 °C maximum temperature, pitch 3° and above, level roll angles (±2°)



- Air speed relative to the airmass, or air speed corrected for pressure
- Ludlam limit is linked to TAS
  - Higher TAS = higher volume of supercooled water at a given time
    - Higher volume of water = more heat released in phase transition
  - Higher TAS = adiabatic compression is higher, thus more heat added
- Therefore, when near the temperature threshold, slower TAS should be more effective





 RICE SLWC vs CDP, pitch 3° and below, no TAS limit,
-5 °C < T < -3 °C</li>



 RICE SLWC vs CDP, pitch 3° and below, TAS < 150 m/s, -5 °C < T < -3 °C</li>



 RICE SLWC vs CDP, pitch 3° and below, no TAS limit,
-3 °C < T < -2 °C</li>



- The mean diameter weighted by volume
- Increases the contribution of larger particles in the mean diameter calculation
- MVD and Total Concentration calculated for particles under 200 μm to reduce the influence of ice





 RICE SLWC vs CDP, -3 °C maximum temperature, pitch 3° and below, no MVD threshold



 RICE SLWC vs CDP, -3 °C maximum temperature, pitch 3° and below,
50 μm < MVD < 200 μm</li>



- RICE SLWC vs CDP, -3 °C maximum temperature, pitch 3° and below,
  - 150 μm < MVD < 200 μm



 RICE SLWC vs CDP, -3 °C maximum temperature, pitch 3° and below, MVD below 50 μm



 RICE SLWC vs CDP, -3 °C maximum temperature, pitch 3° and below, no concentration limits



 RICE SLWC vs CDP, -3 °C maximum temperature, pitch 3° and below, concentration less than 10<sup>8</sup>/m<sup>3</sup>



 RICE SLWC vs CDP, -3 °C maximum temperature, pitch 3° and below, concentration less than 2x10<sup>7</sup>/m<sup>3</sup>



 RICE SLWC vs CDP, -3 °C maximum temperature, pitch 3° and below, concentration greater than 10<sup>8</sup>/m<sup>3</sup>



# **Minimum Detection Threshold**

- Goal: What is the lowest possible and reasonable value for W<sub>m</sub> from Mazin et al (2001) equation (right)?  $W_m = \frac{\frac{-dF}{dt} \cdot k}{2R_c lU}$
- $W_m(max) = 0.007 \text{ g/m}^3$
- $W_m(avg) = 0.021 g/m^3$

| Constant/<br>Variable | Description                           | Unit     | Value                    |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| W <sub>m</sub>        | LWC                                   | g/m³     | ?                        |
| -dF/dt                | Negative change in Freq.<br>over time | Hz/s     | -1/3                     |
| k                     | Coefficient                           | unitless | 7.195 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> |
| R <sub>c</sub>        | Cylinder radius                       | m        | 0.00317                  |
| 1                     | Cylinder length                       | m        | 0.0254                   |
| U                     | True Air Speed                        | m/s      | Max: 208.5<br>Avg: 139.2 |

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#### Summary and Conclusions



# **Discussion/Importance**

• Even if use is limited to certain environment conditions, every measurement can add value

- Redundancy is vital to field campaigns, such as IMPACTS
- Use of this k value may not be valid for other RICE's
  - But the derivation process is valid!
- For other airplanes that mount the RICE, this analysis is valid with some caveats
  - Different mount = different pitch/roll analysis
  - Different TAS could make TAS effect and temperature threshold different

# Summary of Conclusions

- Temperature: -3 °C maximum temperature
- Pitch Angle: 3° maximum, no minimum
- Roll Angle: No limits necessary
- TAS: No limits, but slower air speeds improve quality near -3 °C
- MVD: No limits, need data in SLD environments
- Concentration: No limits, need more data in concentration >  $10^8/m^3$

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 Minimum Detection: TAS dependent, average is around 0.02 g/m<sup>3</sup>, could be as low as 0.007 g/m<sup>3</sup>



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#### **Questions**?



#### **Supplemental: Ludlam Thermodynamics**

- Mazin et al (2001) lists 6 mechanisms:
  - 1) Adiabatic heating due to compression
  - 2) Cooling due to ice sublimation
  - 3) Cooling from supercooled water warming to 0 °C to freeze
  - 4) Heating from water freezing

- 5) Heating due to ice cooling from 0 °C to the original temperature
- 6) Heating due to the collision of particles
- 1 and 3-5 discussed earlier, 2 is very situational, 6 is neglected

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#### Supplemental: High Concentration, Low (S)LWC

- If the number of water particles is so high, why is LWC so low? More water particles =/= more water?
- Environments with extremely high concentration are dominated by small particles

