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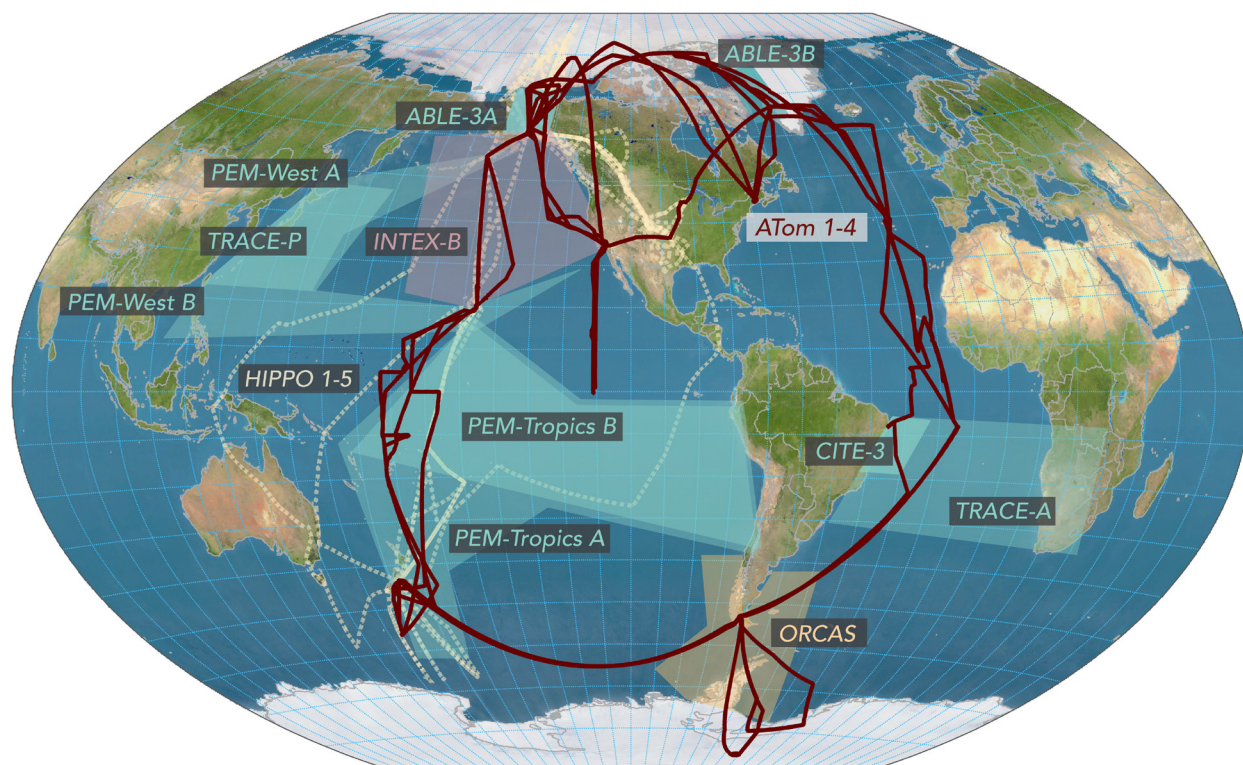


Fig. ES¹. Map of the ATom flight tracks in relation to flights conducted in previous relevant airborne campaigns. The missions shown in aqua are part of the NASA Global Tropospheric Experiment (GTE) series.

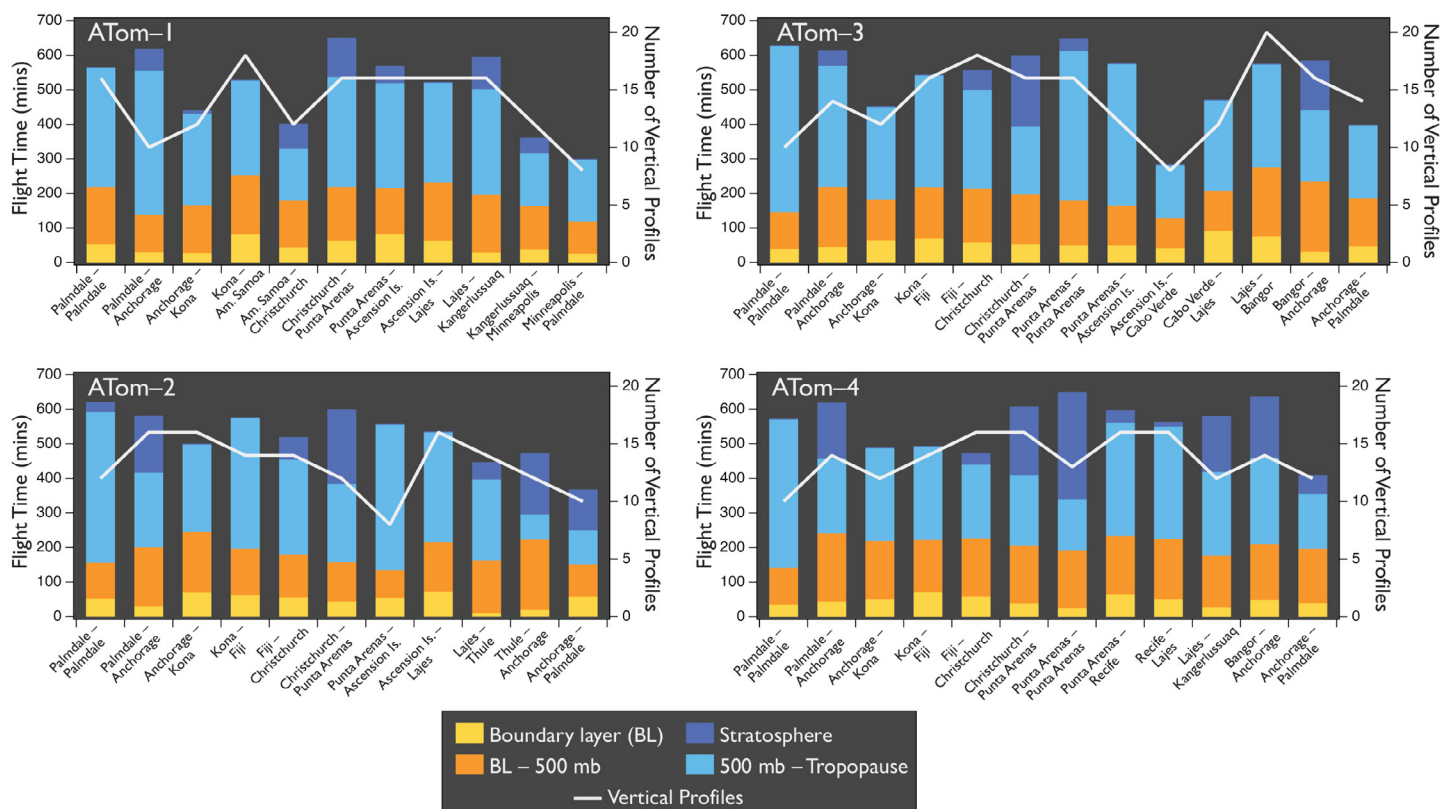


Fig. ES². Cumulative flight time for each research flight, subdivided by time spent within the boundary layer, boundary layer to 500-mb pressure altitude, 500 mb to the tropopause, and the stratosphere. The white trace indicates the total number of vertical profiles performed for each research flight.

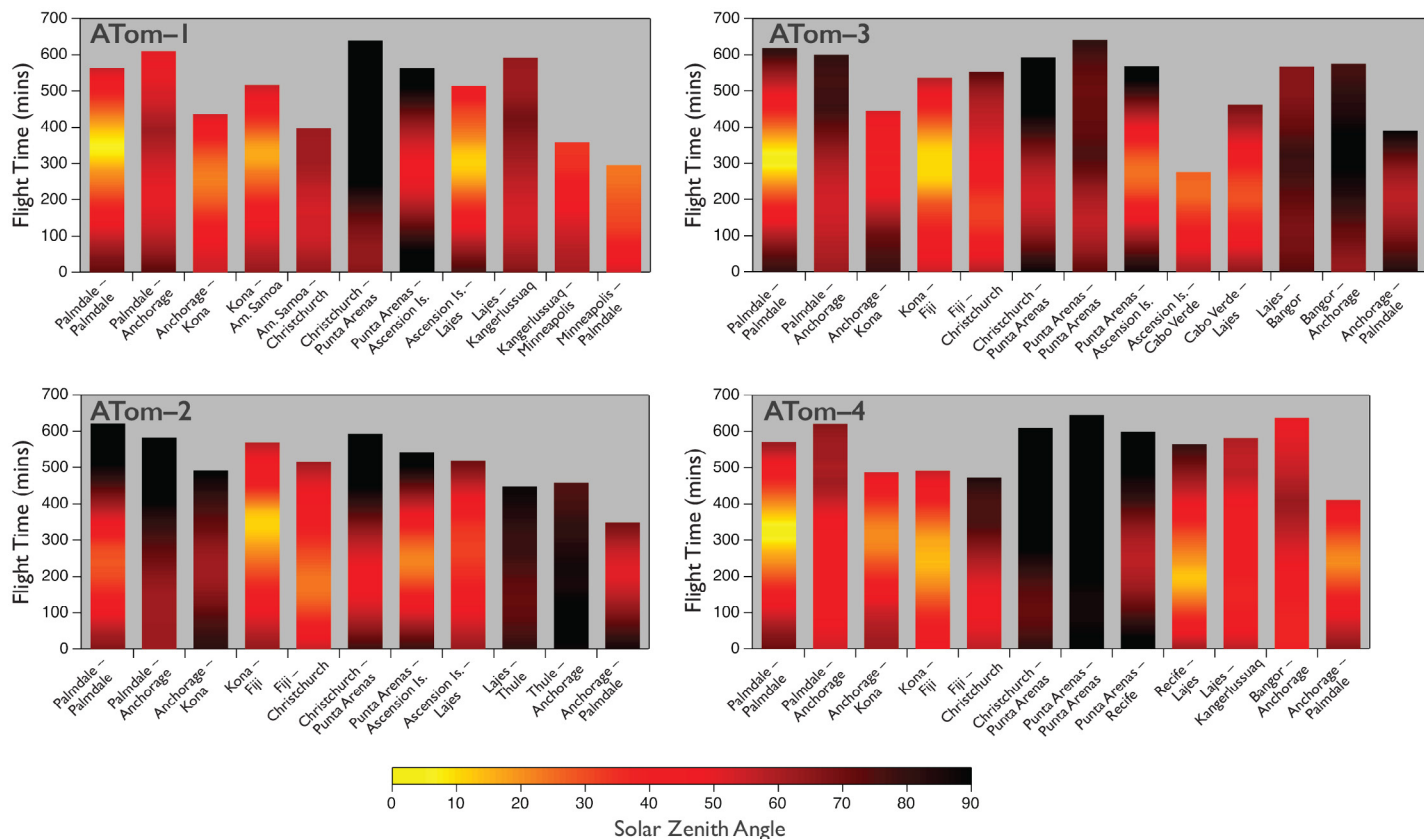


Fig. ES³. Total flight time for each research flight of the four ATom deployments, colored by solar zenith angle. The bars are oriented such that the bottom of the bar (time 0) is the aircraft takeoff time and the top of the bar is the aircraft landing time for each flight.

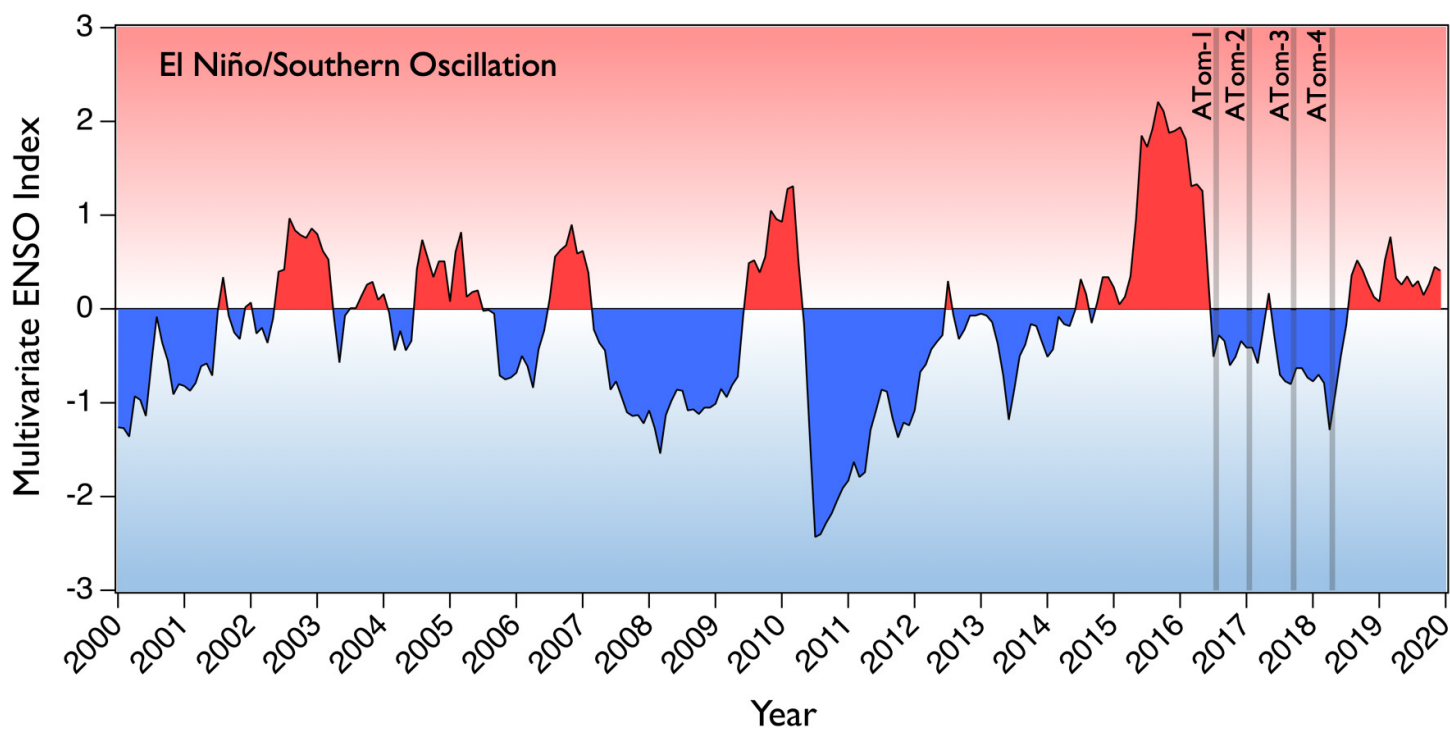


Fig. E54. The 20-yr historical trend of the multivariate El Niño–Southern Oscillation index with the time periods of the four ATom deployments noted.

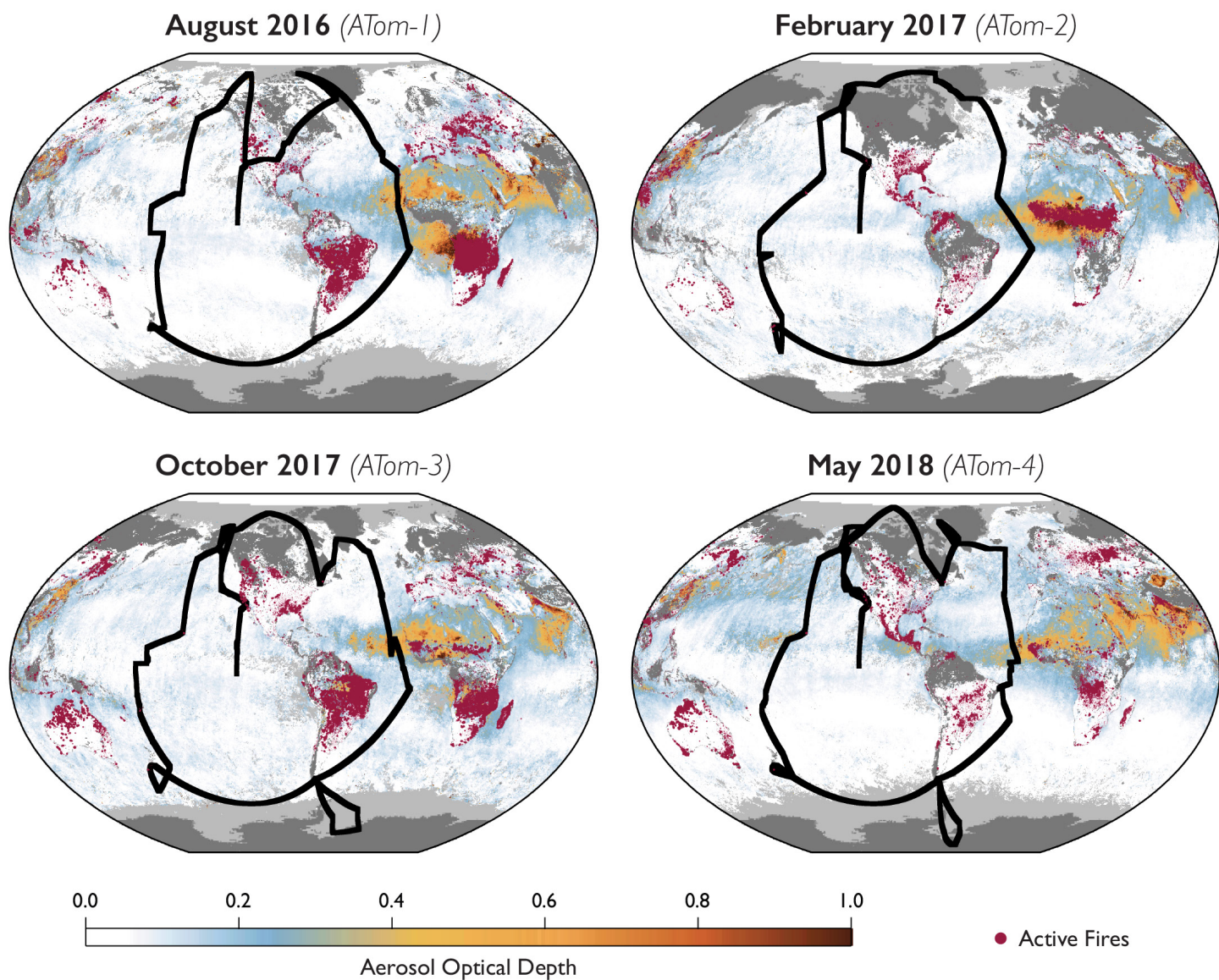
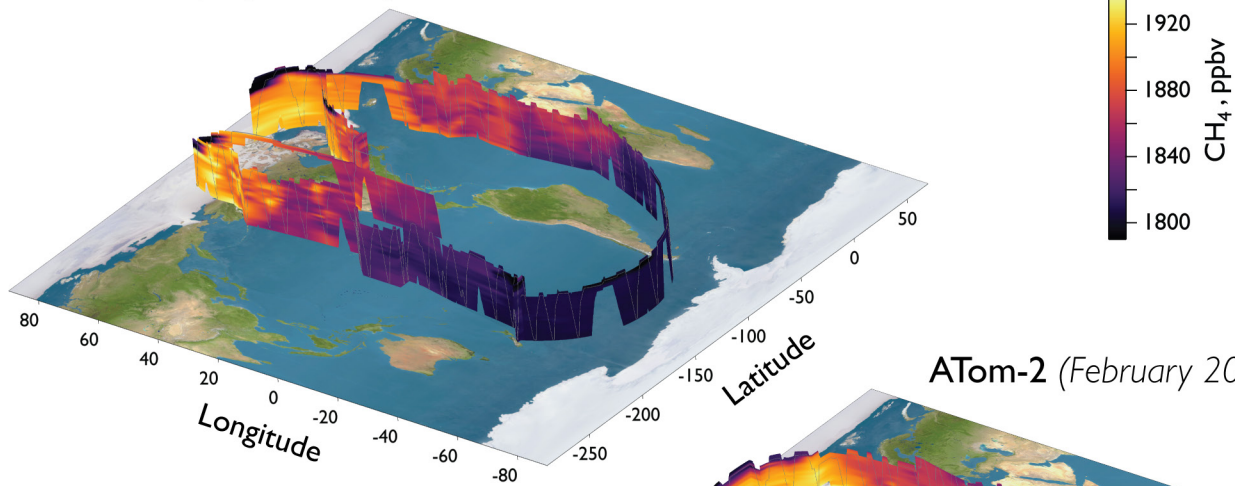
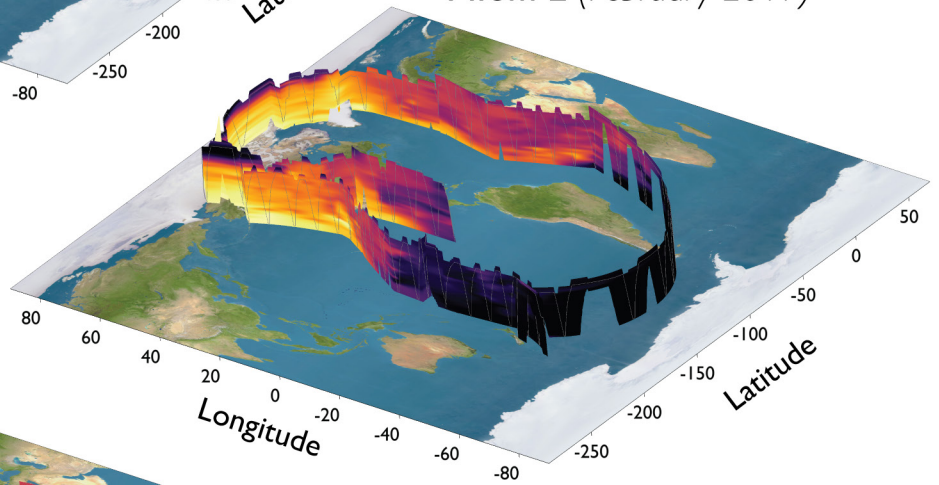


Fig. E55. Maps of monthly average aerosol optical depth (AOD) and monthly aggregated fires during the four ATom deployments. AOD and fire location data are based on observations from the MODIS instrument on board NASA's *Terra* satellite. The ATom flight tracks are indicated by the black traces.

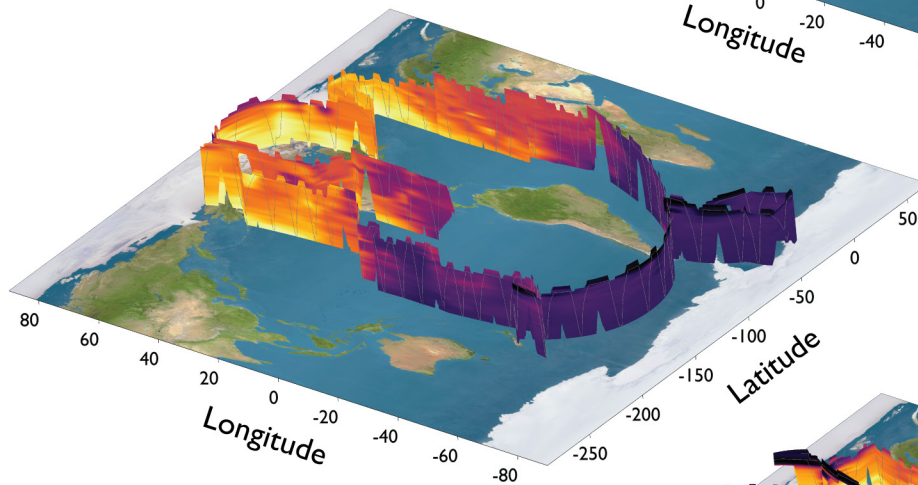
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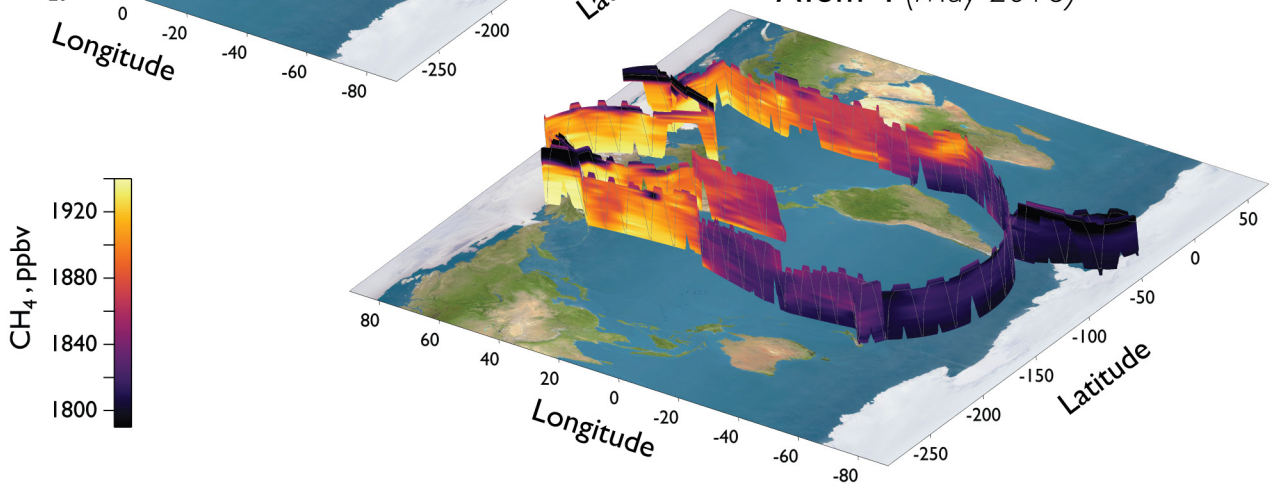
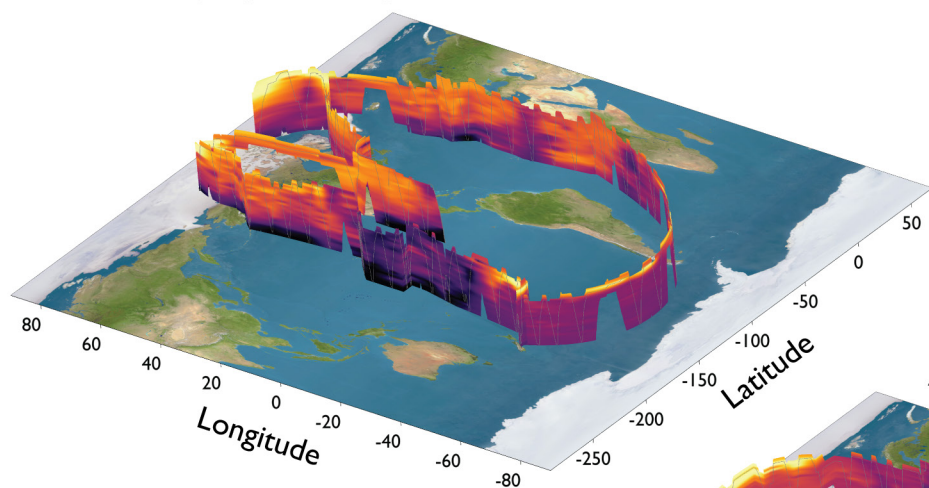
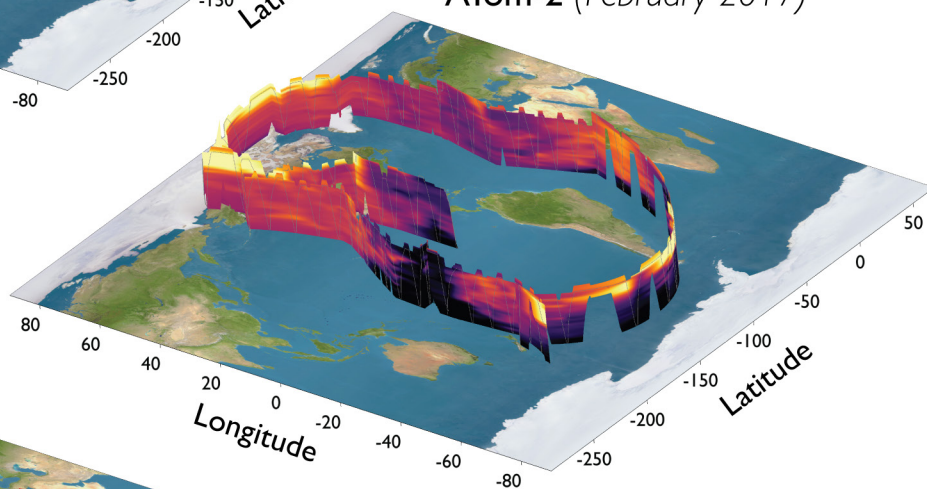


Fig. ES6. Curtain plots showing CH_4 for all four deployments interpolated from measurements collected along the ATom-1, -2, -3, and -4 flight tracks.

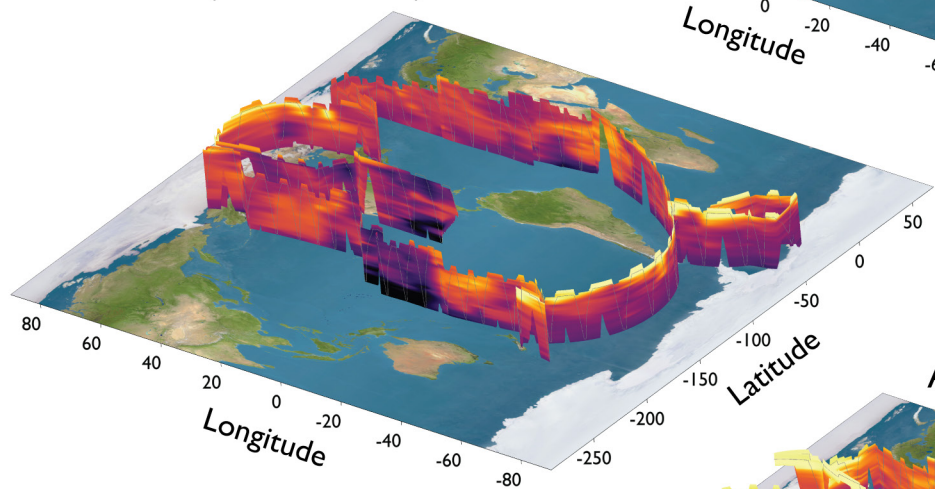
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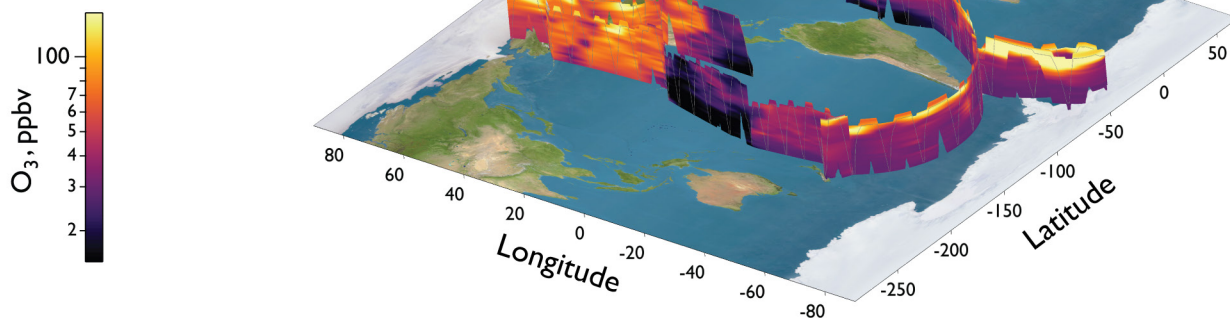


Fig. ES7. Curtain plots showing O₃ for all four deployments interpolated from measurements collected along the ATom-1, -2, -3, and -4 flight tracks. Note that O₃ mixing ratio is shown on a log scale.

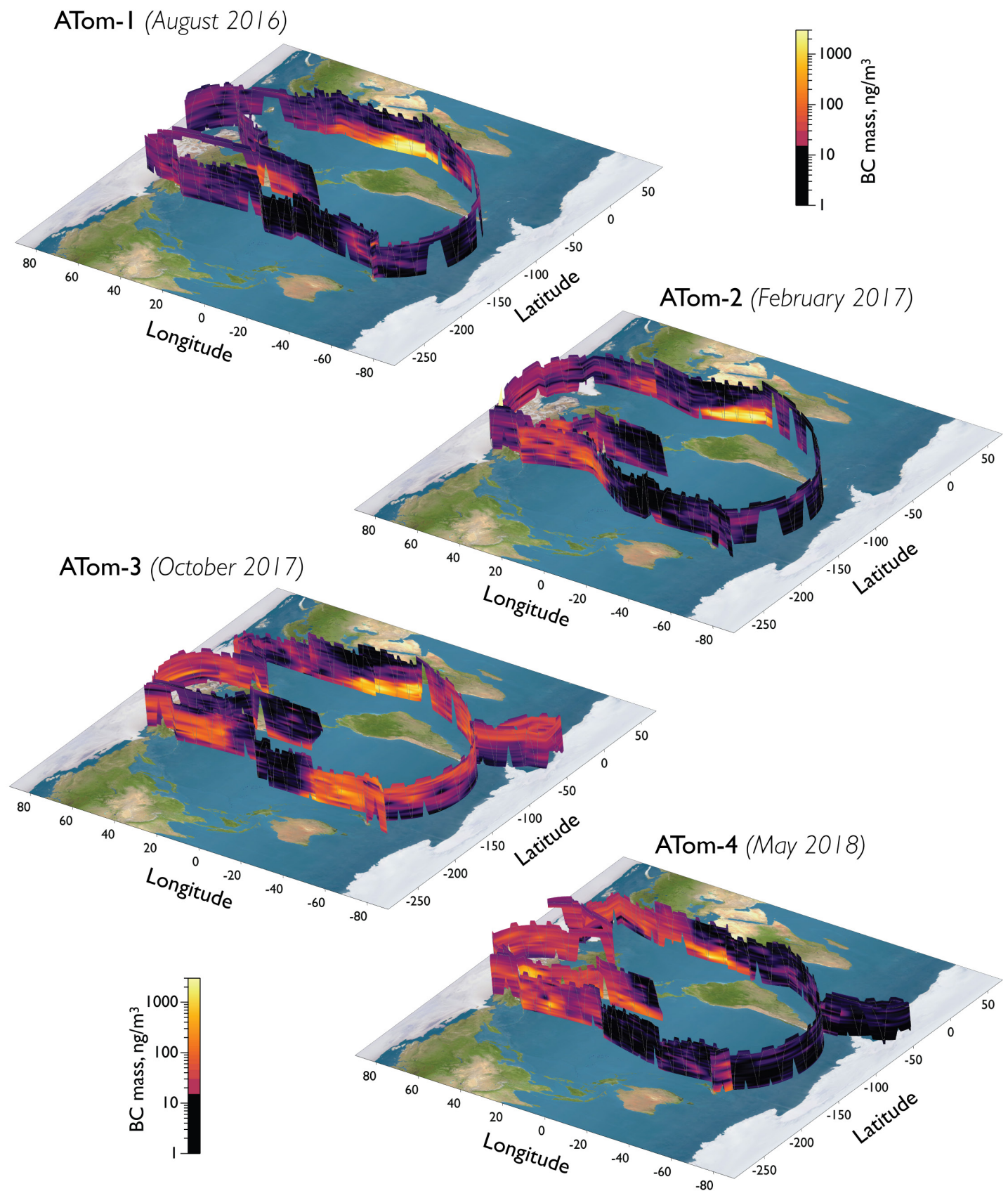


Fig. ES8. Curtain plots showing BC for all four deployments interpolated from measurements collected along the ATom-1, -2, -3, and -4 flight tracks. Note that BC mass is shown on a log scale.

Table ES1. Summary of previous airborne missions relevant to AToM.

Expedition	Date	Location	Platform
CITE-1B	Nov 1983	Hawaii	NASA DC-8
ABLE-3A	Jul 1988	Alaska	NASA DC-8
CITE-3	Aug 1989	Atlantic, Virginia, and Brazil	NASA DC-8
ABLE-3B	Jul 1990	Canada	NASA DC-8
PEM-West A	Oct 1991	Western Pacific	NASA DC-8
TRACE-A	Sep 1992	Brazil, South Atlantic, southwestern Africa	NASA DC-8
PEM-West B	Feb 1994	Western Pacific	NASA DC-8
PEM-Tropics A	Aug 1996	Tropical Pacific	NASA DC-8
PEM-Tropics B	Mar 1999	Tropical Pacific	NASA DC-8
TRACE-P	Feb 2001	Western Pacific	NASA DC-8
INTEX-B/Part II	Apr 2006	Central Pacific	NASA DC-8
HIPPO 1	Jan 2009	Pole-to-pole Pacific basin	NCAR/NSF GV
HIPPO 2	Nov 2009	Pole-to-pole Pacific basin	NCAR/NSF GV
HIPPO 3	Mar–Apr 2010	Pole-to-pole Pacific basin	NCAR/NSF GV
HIPPO 4	Jun–Jul 2011	Pole-to-pole Pacific basin	NCAR/NSF GV
HIPPO 5	Aug–Sep 2011	Pole-to-pole Pacific basin	NCAR/NSF GV
ORCAS	Jan–Feb 2016	Southern Ocean, Drake Passage	NCAR/NSF GV

Table ES2. Individual flight details for the ATom research flights. Dates are shown in MM/DD/YY format; times are shown in HH:MM format.

Flight No.	Location	Takeoff date and time (UTC)	Landing date and time (UTC)	Distance (km)	Cumulative distance (km)	Latitude range	Longitude range	Altitude range (km)	No. of profiles
ATom-1									
1	Palmdale–equator–Palmdale	07/29/16 14:33	07/29/16 23:56	6,912	6,912	4.96° to 34.71°	–120.73° to –117.86°	0.168–12.7	16
2	Palmdale–Anchorage	08/01/16 14:29	08/02/16 00:39	7,498	14,410	34.63° to 79.25°	–150.43° to –118.11°	0.0771–11.5	10
3	Anchorage–Kona	08/03/16 19:00	08/04/16 02:17	5,057	19,467	19.74° to 61.29°	–162.89° to –150.01°	0.166–13.2	12
4	Kona–Pago Pago	08/06/16 17:57	08/07/16 02:34	6,309	25,776	–14.44° to 19.73°	–174.08° to –156.05°	0.171–12.0	18
5	Pago Pago–Christchurch	08/08/16 19:34	08/09/16 02:11	4,781	30,557	–45.47° to –14.32°	–190.40° to –170.65°	0.159–11.6	12
6	Christchurch–Punta Arenas	08/12/16 22:15	08/13/16 08:54	7,807	38,364	–65.33° to –43.50°	–187.64° to –70.86°	0.170–11.7	16
7	Punta Arenas–Ascension Island	08/15/16 10:28	08/15/16 19:51	7,213	45,577	–53.08° to –7.77°	–70.98° to –14.39°	0.169–12.6	16
8	Ascension Island–Lajes	08/17/16 08:04	08/17/16 16:36	6,123	51,700	–8.07° to 39.73°	–27.34° to –14.34°	0.171–12.9	16
9	Lajes–Kangerlussuaq	08/20/16 09:03	08/20/16 18:54	7,202	58,902	38.71° to 80.01°	–86.66° to –26.40°	0.166–12.1	16
10	Kangerlussuaq–Minneapolis	08/22/16 12:53	08/22/16 18:51	3,869	62,771	44.88° to 67.00°	–93.47° to –50.76°	0.316–11.9	12
11	Minneapolis–Palmdale	08/23/16 15:05	08/23/16 20:00	3,116	65,887	34.63° to 44.87°	–118.10° to –93.12°	0.389–12.8	8
ATom-2									
1	Palmdale–equator–Palmdale	01/26/17 17:11	01/27/17 3:32	7,827	73,714	0.91° to 34.70°	–121.75° to –118.01°	0.156–12.9	12
2	Palmdale–Anchorage	01/29/17 17:39	01/30/17 03:21	6,869	80,583	34.63° to 71.29°	–157.41° to –118.11°	0.0456–11.3	16
3	Anchorage–Kona	02/01/17 20:09	02/02/17 04:20	5,928	86,511	19.53° to 61.26°	–162.86° to –146.34°	0.0460–10.6	16
4	Kona–Nadi	02/03/17 18:59	02/04/17 04:27	7,074	93,585	–17.96° to 19.73°	–182.81° to –156.05°	0.152–12.0	14
5	Nadi–Christchurch	02/05/17 20:32	02/06/17 05:07	6,250	99,835	–56.06° to –17.77°	–195.42° to –179.17°	0.147–12.3	14
6	Christchurch–Punta Arenas	02/10/17 18:54	02/11/17 04:46	7,854	107,689	–65.28° to –43.50°	–187.56° to –70.51°	0.165–12.0	12
7	Punta Arenas–Ascension Island	02/13/17 11:01	02/13/17 20:01	7,208	114,897	–53.00° to –7.76°	–70.97° to –14.40°	0.167–12.6	8
8	Ascension Island–Lajes	02/15/17 08:51	02/15/17 17:29	6,365	121,262	–8.06° to 39.21°	–35.44° to –14.33°	0.164–11.9	16
9	Lajes–Thule	02/18/17 09:25	02/18/17 16:52	5,202	126,464	38.78° to 76.53°	–69.77° to –26.38°	0.173–9.60	14
10	Thule–Anchorage	02/19/17 16:25	02/20/17 00:02	4,654	131,118	61.17° to 80.52°	–157.44° to –68.78°	0.0571–10.7	12
11	Anchorage–Palmdale	02/21/17 18:01	02/21/17 23:48	4,629	135,747	34.63° to 61.17°	–150.09° to –117.75°	0.175–12.0	10
ATom-3									
1	Palmdale–equator–Palmdale	09/28/17 14:36	09/29/17 00:53	8,166	143,913	–0.39° to 34.71°	–121.64° to –117.73°	0.173–12.8	10
2	Palmdale–Anchorage	10/01/17 16:06	10/02/17 02:05	6,942	150,855	34.60° to 72.73°	–157.18° to –118.09°	0.0429–12.0	14
3	Anchorage–Kona	10/04/17 17:59	10/05/17 01:23	5,293	156,148	19.74° to 61.27°	–162.85° to –150.02°	0.0737–12.6	12
4	Kona–Nadi	10/06/17 18:56	10/07/17 03:51	6,683	162,831	–17.92° to 19.73°	–183.00° to –156.05°	0.171–12.6	16

Table ES2. Continued.

5	Nadi–Christchurch	10/08/17 20:01	10/09/17 5:13	6,529	169,360	–55.94° to –17.77°	–194.93° to –175.19°	0.154–12.2	18
6	Christchurch–Punta Arenas	10/11/17 17:57	10/12/17 03:50	7,862	177,222	–65.28° to –43.50°	–187.55° to –70.36°	0.168–11.7	16
7	Punta Arenas–Antarc- tica–Punta Arenas	10/14/17 11:35	10/14/17 22:15	7,771	184,993	–80.12° to –52.96°	–70.97° to –19.64°	0.165–12.0	16
8	Punta Arenas–Ascension Island	10/17/17 09:57	10/17/17 19:25	7,421	192,414	–53.00° to –7.75°	–70.94° to –14.38°	0.173–13.2	12
9	Ascension Island–Cabo Verde	10/19/17 08:36	10/19/17 13:10	3,146	195,560	–8.037° to 16.732°	–22.95° to –14.37°	0.171–12.9	8
10	Cabo Verde–Lajes	10/20/17 09:18	10/20/17 16:59	5,252	200,812	9.14° to 39.19°	–27.73° to –22.94°	0.165–12.4	12
11	Lajes–Bangor	10/23/17 09:33	10/23/17 18:59	6,729	207,541	38.57° to 67.01°	–68.96° to –26.82°	0.155–12.6	20
12	Bangor–Anchorage	10/25/17 14:02	10/25/17 23:36	7,011	214,552	44.67° to 79.99°	–151.02° to –67.74°	0.0687–12.3	16
13	Anchorage–Palmdale	10/27/17 18:24	10/28/17 00:53	4,356	218,908	34.58° to 61.18°	–150.13° to –118.09°	0.168–12.5	14
ATom-4									
1	Palmdale–equator–Palm- dale	04/24/18 14:45	04/25/18 00:15	7,321	226,229	3.53° to 34.72°	–121.75° to –117.67°	0.166–12.4	10
2	Palmdale–Anchorage	04/27/18 16:03	04/28/18 02:23	7,254	233,483	34.61° to 72.64°	–157.36° to –117.94°	0.0444–11.4	14
3	Anchorage–Kona	04/29/18 17:55	04/30/18 02:02	5,417	238,900	19.53° to 61.17°	–162.87° to –150.00°	0.0707–11.8	12
4	Kona–Nadi	05/01/18 18:55	05/02/18 03:06	5,572	244,472	–17.95° to 19.73°	–182.79° to –156.05°	0.165–12.4	14
5	Nadi–Christchurch	05/03/18 20:58	05/04/18 04:51	5,035	249,507	–49.98° to –17.77°	–190.51° to –177.64°	0.163–12.0	16
6	Christchurch–Punta Arenas	05/06/18 20:21	05/07/18 06:29	7,816	257,323	–65.27° to –43.42°	–187.45° to –70.61°	0.171–11.9	16
7	Punta Arenas–Antarc- tica–Punta Arenas	05/09/18 11:53	05/09/18 22:37	7,947	265,270	–86.18° to –53.00°	–70.94° to –40.05°	0.172–11.6	13
8	Punta Arenas–Recife	05/12/18 11:28	05/12/18 21:26	7,237	272,507	–53.00° to –6.90°	–70.96° to –26.49°	0.160–12.2	16
9	Recife–Lajes	05/14/18 10:28	05/14/18 19:52	6,625	279,132	–8.20° to 38.96°	–34.92° to –23.16°	0.171–12.8	16
10	Lajes–Kangerlussuaq	05/17/18 09:28	05/17/18 19:09	7,323	286,455	38.77° to 75.94°	–66.94° to –14.43°	0.159–11.2	12
	Kangerlussuaq–Bangor <i>ferry flight</i>	05/18/18 12:21	05/18/18 15:32						
11	Bangor–Anchorage	5/19/18 14:02	5/20/18 00:39	7,441	293,896	44.77° to 82.94°	–150.23° to –68.53°	0.165–12.1	14
12	Anchorage–Palmdale	05/21/18 16:47	05/21/18 23:37	7,209	301,105	34.63° to 61.26°	–150.31° to –117.95°	0.176–12.3	12

Table ES3. Total flight time of the individual research flights and the percentage of each flight spent within the four altitude layers noted in Fig. ES4: marine boundary layer (MBL), MBL to 500-mb pressure altitude, 500 mb to the tropopause, and stratosphere.

Flight No.	Location	Flight time (min)	Time MBL (%)	Time MBL–500 mb (%)	Time 500 mb–tropopause (%)	Time stratosphere (%)
ATom-1						
1	Palmdale–equator–Palmdale	563	9.4	29.5	61.1	0.0
2	Palmdale–Anchorage	618	4.7	17.6	67.5	10.4
3	Anchorage–Kona	441	6.1	31.5	59.9	2.5
4	Kona–American Samoa	526	15.4	32.7	51.9	0.0
5	American Samoa–Christchurch	402	10.7	33.8	37.3	18.2
6	Christchurch–Punta Arenas	651	9.5	24.1	48.8	17.5
7	Punta Arenas–Ascension Island	570	14.4	23.5	53.2	8.9
8	Ascension Island–Lajes	520	11.9	32.7	55.4	0.0
9	Lajes–Kangerlussuaq	596	4.7	28.2	51.3	15.8
10	Kangerlussuaq–Minneapolis	361	10.5	34.6	42.7	12.2
11	Minneapolis–Palmdale	298	8.4	31.5	60.1	0.0
ATom-2						
1	Palmdale–equator–Palmdale	631	8.2	16.5	69.3	4.4
2	Palmdale–Anchorage	594	5.1	28.8	36.4	27.8
3	Anchorage–Kona	498	14.1	35.3	50.6	0.0
4	Kona–Fiji	574	11.0	23.3	65.7	0.0
5	Fiji–Christchurch	520	10.6	24.0	52.7	12.7
6	Christchurch–Punta Arenas	600	7.3	18.8	37.8	36.0
7	Punta Arenas–Ascension Island	555	9.7	14.6	75.7	0.0
8	Ascension Island–Lajes	533	13.5	27.0	59.5	0.0
9	Lajes–Thule	459	2.2	33.3	51.0	10.9
10	Thule–Anchorage	473	4.2	42.9	15.4	37.4
11	Anchorage–Palmdale	368	15.5	25.5	26.9	32.1
ATom-3						
1	Palmdale–equator–Palmdale	626	6.2	16.9	76.8	0.0
2	Palmdale–Anchorage	615	7.2	28.5	57.1	7.3
3	Anchorage–Kona	450	14.0	26.7	59.3	0.0
4	Kona–Fiji	541	12.9	27.4	59.7	0.0
5	Fiji–Christchurch	557	10.4	28.0	51.3	10.2
6	Christchurch–Punta Arenas	600	8.8	24.2	32.5	34.5
7	Punta Arenas–Antarctica–Punta Arenas	649	7.7	19.9	66.9	5.5
8	Punta Arenas–Ascension Island	576	8.7	20.0	71.0	0.3
9	Ascension Island–Cabo Verde	282	14.5	30.9	54.6	0.0
10	Cabo Verde–Lajes	469	19.4	24.7	55.9	0.0
11	Lajes–Bangor	573	13.1	34.9	52.0	0.0
12	Bangor–Anchorage	585	5.1	35.0	35.2	24.6
13	Anchorage–Palmdale	396	11.6	35.4	53.0	0.0
ATom-4						
1	Palmdale–equator–Palmdale	570	6.1	18.6	75.3	0.0
2	Palmdale–Anchorage	620	6.9	31.9	34.8	26.3
3	Anchorage–Kona	487	10.5	34.5	55.0	0.0
4	Kona–Fiji	491	14.5	30.8	54.8	0.0
5	Fiji–Christchurch	473	12.3	35.7	45.0	7.0
6	Christchurch–Punta Arenas	608	6.3	27.5	33.7	32.6
7	Punta Arenas–Antarctica–Punta Arenas	644	3.7	26.1	22.8	48.3
8	Punta Arenas–Recife	598	10.9	28.3	54.8	6.0
9	Recife–Lajes	564	9.0	30.	57.6	2.5
10	Lajes–Kangerlussuaq	581	4.8	25.6	41.7	27.9
11	Bangor–Anchorage	637	7.7	25.4	39.1	27.8
12	Anchorage–Palmdale	410	9.	38.5	38.5	13.4

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