#### The Impact of the Summer Asian Monsoon on UTLS aerosols: Satellite Observations and Balloon Measurements

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# Summer Asian Monsoon influence on UTLS aerosols: The Asian Tropopause Aerosol Layer





Scattering Ratio : SR optically equivalent to an aerosol mixing ratio



CALIPSO

#### Transport pathways and the ATAL:

- 1. Deep convection from the ASM connects boundary layer pollution to the UTLS (Park et a., 2009, Randel et al., 2010)
- 2. The monsoonal outflow transport through tropical easterlies southern branch of the Asian anticyclone
- 3. Air in the tropical upper troposphere/southern edge of the Asian anticyclone can be uplifted into the lower stratosphere via diabatic ascent (Garny and Randel 2016)

## ATAL's transport into the Stratosphere



#### Global Influence of the ATAL



#### ATAL's trends since the late 90's





- Selected region where cloud influence is minimal
- Trend analysis suggests increase AOD by factor 2-3
- RF between -0.09 to -0.11 W/m2 (assuming sulfate/organics) ; 1/3 of CO2 -RF forcing over same period
- Future work is to combine SAGE III/ISS



King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), Thuwal, Saudi Arabia Jul-Aug 2015-2016



National Atmospheric Research Laboratory (NARL), Gadanki, India Jul-Aug 2014-2015-2016-2017-2018

### BATAL campaigns 2014-2018

Balloon Trajectories: Ascent/Descent (2015)



Vernier et al., 2018, BAMS

#### **BATAL numbers**

- 4-year project 2014-2018
- 4 Launch locations (3 India, 1 Saudi Arabia)
  - 12 Institutes Involved
    - 6 Countries
  - ~ 90 Balloon Flights since 2014



Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, India Jul-Aug 2015-2016



Tata Institute for Fundamental Research Balloon facility (TiFR) Jul-Aug 2015-2017-2018

### Payloads to cover aerosol and cloud size spectrum



#### Balloon launch from the TiFR, Hyderabad



#### CALIPSO Validation with COBALD





Maximum SR coincides with peak in OPC number concentration for r > 0.09 μm at the cold point tropopause
Heated (180°C) and unheated inlets on OPC instruments indicate >90% small, volatile particles
Microphysical modelling tests with M7. ~17 km Nucleation/Growth of aerosols within 1.5 days.



#### Ionic composition of the ATAL



#### Future of BATAL....2021 and beyond ?





- Since 2017 BATAL project is under the umbrella agreement between ISRO and NASA
- Future campaigns involving aircraft measurements under discussion
- Connecting boundary layer measurements and the UTLS with balloon and aircraft measurements in a key location in Asia.

#### **Conclusions**

- Summer Asian Monsoon is a significant source of UTLS aerosols in absence of volcanoes: the ATAL
- ATAL's AOD represents ~ 30% of the total SAOD in the NH
- Optical, Physical and Chemical properties of the ATAL have been investigated since 2014 during the BATAL campaigns
- ATAL composed of volatile aerosols that could be consistent with new particle formation with large contribution of nitrate
- BATAL 202X: combined Balloon/Aircraft campaign between NASA/ISRO under discussion

#### Extra

#### Global Impact of the ATAL

JUL-AUG 2006-2018 15-18km







# Impacts of the ATAL on stratospheric aerosol surface area density



Yu et al., 2018, PNAS

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#### Ascension of the ATAL into the Stratosphere



#### Ionic composition of the ATAL



- Aerosols collected using balloon-borne impactors near the tropopause were analyzed through lon Chromatography
- Two balloon experiments in 2017 (ZF2/ZF3) reveals the dominant presence of nitrate/nitrite containing particles with sulfate concentration less than 10 ng/m3 consistent with GEOS-Chem simulations.



#### Origin of the ATAL: GEOS-Chem Model Analysis





- GEOS-Chem (CTM), Aug. 2013
- Aerosols: SO4, NIT, NH4, BC, OC, Sea Salt, Dust
- Treatment of SO<sub>2</sub> scavenging in convective updrafts improved using Henry's law (Fairlie et al., 2019, in prep.)
- Shape and magnitude of ATAL agree well with CALIPSO

Source attribution study - Neely et al. (2013) concluded that anthrop. emissions in India+China contribute only ~30% of sulfate aerosol in ATAL

 Our GEOS-Chem analysis shows that Indian+China emissions contribute ~60 % of sulfate

