

COPS and TRACKS

Mission Overview

Short version

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COPS and TRACKS: Overview and General Aspects

Associated to the COPS field experiment is the TRACKS (Transport and Chemical Conversion in Convective Systems) campaign. For aircraft deployment in COPS and TRACKS five mission scenarios were defined:

Scenario “Forced Convection” (COPS)

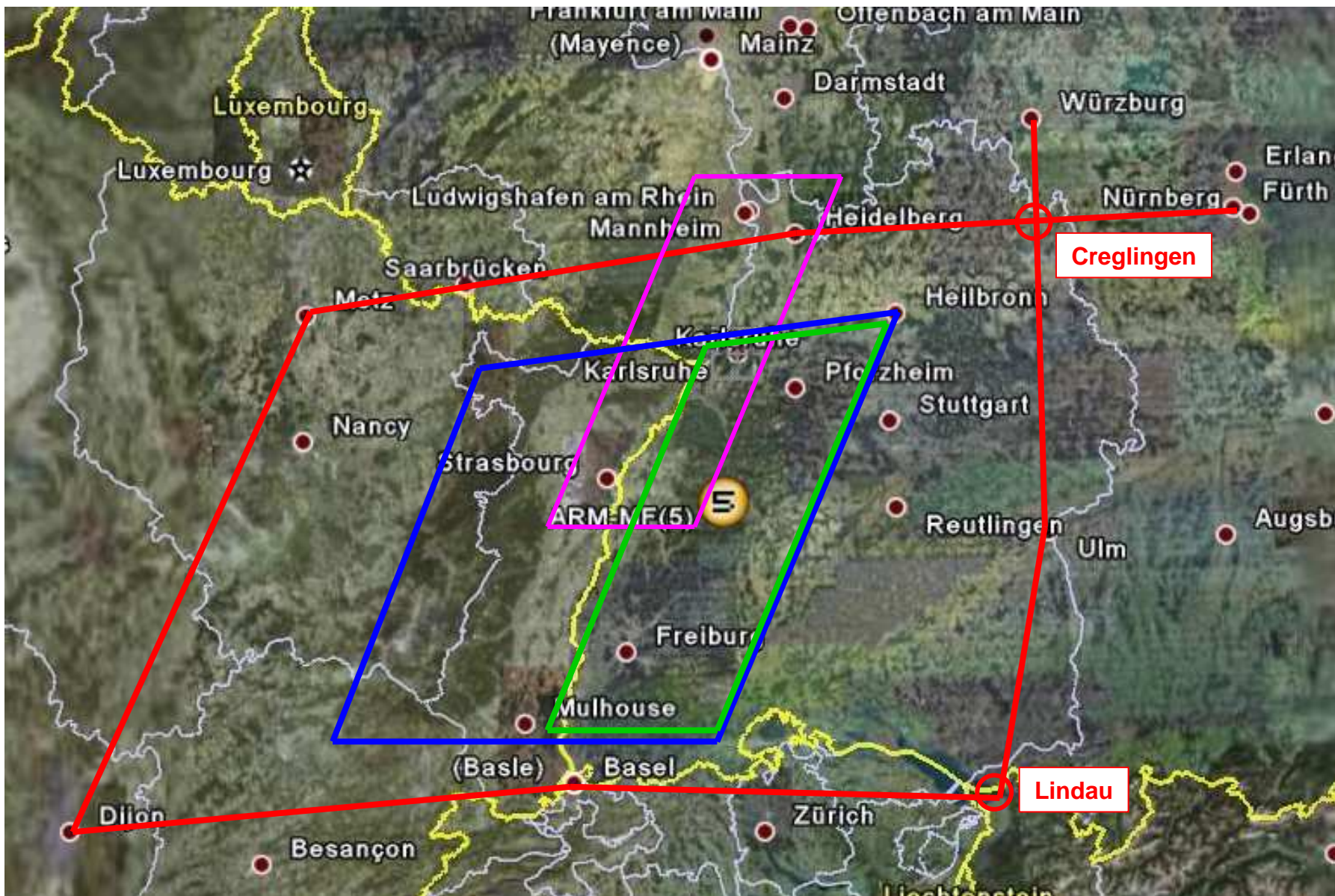
Scenario “High Pressure Convection” (COPS, TRACKS)

Scenario “Targeted Observations” (COPS)

Scenario „Stratus – Cloud Physics“ (COPS)
funded by EUFAR (2 proposals)

Scenario “City Plume” (TRACKS)

Area under Investigation: **COPS area** with sub areas **blue** and **green**
TRACKS areas **green** and **pink**



Coordinates of **COPS area** with sub-areas **blue** and **green**
and
Coordinates of TRACKS areas **green** and **pink**

| Area | NW (N) | NE | SE (S) | SW |
|--------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| RED | 6.1622 E, 49.1143 N Metz (8.6842 E, 49.4140 N Heidelberg) | 10.0327 E, 49.4772 N Creglingen | 9.6721 E, 47.5532 N Lindau (7.5795 E 47.5553 N Basel) | Dijon |
| BLUE | 7.0206 E, 48.8433 N Fenetrange | 9.2248 E, 49.1523 N Heilbronn | 8.2709 E, 47.6383 N Tiengen | 6.4996 E 47.6847 N Lure |
| GREEN | 8.2273 E, 49.0005 N Karlsruhe | 9.2248 E, 49.1523 N Heilbronn | 8.2709 E, 47.6383 N Tiengen | 7.5092 E 47.6624 N Efringen- Kirchen |
| PINK | 8.1769 E, 49.5700 N Grünstadt | 8.9476 E, 49.5678 N Beerfelden | 8.1667 E, 48.4329 N Bad Peterstal | 7.4662 E, 48.4162 N Barr |

Overview of COPS and TRACKS Airborne Platforms

(all mission scenarios)

| Ac-No. | Aircraft and location | Principal Investigator | Range km | Height km | Operation times, flight hours | Endurance h Speed m/s | Key instruments except standard met. | Project |
|--------|---|---|-------------|-------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 1 | Learjet 35A, Hohn | Horst Fischer, Mark Lawrence hofi@mpch-mainz.mpg.de , lawrence@mpch-mainz.mpg.de | | up to 13 (FL 400) | 16.- 28.07. 4 flights | 3,5 (4 h prep. time) tbd | Photochemistry | TRACKS |
| 2 | G - Falcon, Oberpfaffenhofen | Gerhard Ehret, Christoph Kiemle Gerhard.Ehret@dlr.de Christoph.Kiemle@dlr.de | 2100 - 3700 | 4 -12 | 28.06.-05.08. 45 h | 4 -5 120 | WV DIAL, Doppler lidar, dropsondes | COPS |
| 3 | F- Falcon, Baden-Airpark | Cyrille Flamant Cyrille.Flamant@aero.jussieu.fr | 2000 | 5 - 6 | 10.07.-02.08. 35 h + 9 h | 4 200 | WV DIAL, dropsondes | COPS (partly EUFAR) |
| 4 | BAE 146, Baden-Airpark | Stephen Mobbs Stephen@env.leeds.ac.uk | | up to 8 | June-August 80 h | tbd 100 | Aerosol, cloud micro-physics, trace gases | COPS TRACKS |
| 5 | DO-128, Baden-Airpark | Ulrich Corsmeier Ulrich.Corsmeier@imk.fzk.de | 800 | up to 7 | 11.06.-31.07. 125 h | 3.5 65 | Tracer, fluxes, radiation | COPS TRACKS |
| 6 | Dimona HK-36, Baden-Airpark | Bruno Neiningger, Heiner Geiß, Jan Schween bruno.neiningger@metair.ch h.geiss@fz-juelich.de | 800 | up to 4 | 16.- 31.07. (4 days) +10 h | 4 – 5 40 | Photochemistry tracer, wind, turbulence | TRACKS COPS (EUFAR) |
| 7 | FZJ Zeppelin NT, Friedrichshafen, Baden-Airpark | Frank Holland, A. Hofzumahaus F.Holland@fz-juelich.de A.Hofzumahaus@fz-juelich.de | 550 | 0.02 – 1.0 | 16.- 31.07. tbd | 10 0-25 | Photochemistry | TRACKS |
| 8 | UL Enduro, Baden-Airpark | Wolfgang Junkermann Wolfgang.Junkermann@imk.fzk.de | 500 | 0.02 - 4.5 | 15.- 30.06. 19.- 28.07. ~ 4-5h /day | 6 25 | Radiation, aerosol, turbulence | COPS TRACKS |
| 9 | Partenavia P68 Baden-Airpark | Christine Brandau C.Brandau@irctr.tudelft.nl | 800 | up to 4 | July/Aug. 10 h | 4 65 | Aerosol, cloud micro-physics | COPS (EUFAR) |
| 10 | ATR 42 Baden-Airpark | Yann Dufournet Y.Dufournet@irctr.tudelft.nl | | | 18.- 29.07. 10 h | | | COPS (EUFAR) |

Availability of COPS Airborne Platforms

(all mission scenarios; colour code: area of operation)

| | August 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Platform | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| Learjet | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| G-Falcon | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| F-Falcon | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BAE-146 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DO 128 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dimona | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zeppelin | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Enduro | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Partenavia | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ATR42 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

In the following slides, each of the 5 COPS and TRACKS mission scenarios is explained in detail with maps, lists of participating aircraft and timelines.

Scenario “Forced Convection”

Areas and Layers of Operation of Airborne Platforms

| Aircraft No. | Aircraft | Area | Flight level (Flight layer) | IFR/VFR Operation |
|--------------|-------------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Learjet | GREEN | ~ FL 370 | IFR |
| 2 | G-Falcon (D-CMET) | RED | FL 330 | IFR |
| 3 | F-Falcon | RED | FL 150 | IFR |
| 4 | BAE 146 | RED | < FL 100 FL 100/240 | VFR IFR |
| 5 | DO-128 (D-IBUF) | BLUE | < FL 100 FL 240 | VFR IFR |
| 6 | Dimona | GREEN | < FL 100 | VFR |
| 7 | Zeppelin NT | GREEN | < FL 100 | VFR |
| 8 | UL Enduro | GREEN | < FL 100 | VFR |
| 9 | Partenavia P68 | No participation in “Forced Convection” | | |
| 10 | ATR42 | No participation in “Forced Convection” | | |

Mission Scenario “Forced Convection”

*: VFR

Blue Sky --- > Shallow Convection -- > Deep Convection-- > Dis. Convection

forced, non frontal/frontal

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Learjet -----4 BOX pattern, tropopause -----4 BOX pattern, outflow anvil-----
-----FL 370, low appr. EDSB ----- FL 370, low appr. EDSB -----

G-Falcon -----MAP pattern (2 MAPs) -----→MAP pattern CuCong, Cb -----
-----FL 330 -----→FL 330 -----

F-Falcon -----MAP pattern (1 MAP) -----→MAP pattern CuCong, Cb-----
-----FL 160 -----→FL160 (Area A, B deactivated) -----

(*)BAE 146-----LONG-LEGS, V-legs-----→PENETRATION Cb-----
-----VFR < FL 100-----→FL 200/240 -----

(*)DO 128-----PreCon pattern----SupDe pattern (3x)-----DROP pattern (DeDe)-----
-----low PBL (VFR)-----low, mid PBL, BL-Inv ---up to FL 200/240, **DROPS Area A,** -----

*Zeppelin--Valley pattern (Rhine-Kinzig-Murg-Nagold)-----Valley pattern (R-K-M-N)--→CuCong---
---lowest level, VFR-----lowest level, VFR-----→on request-

*Dimona-----MAP (2 MAPs) or Valley-----MAP (2 MAPs) or Valley-----
-----lowest level PBL (VFR)-----lowest level PBL (VFR)-----

*Enduro-----Triangle or Cross-Sec., profiles -----Triangle or Cross-Sec., profiles -----
-----low PBL, FL100 (VFR)-----low PBL, FL100 (VFR)-----

Mission scenario “Forced Convection”

Missions above FL100:

Learjet

German Falcon

French-Falcon

BAe 146

Do 128



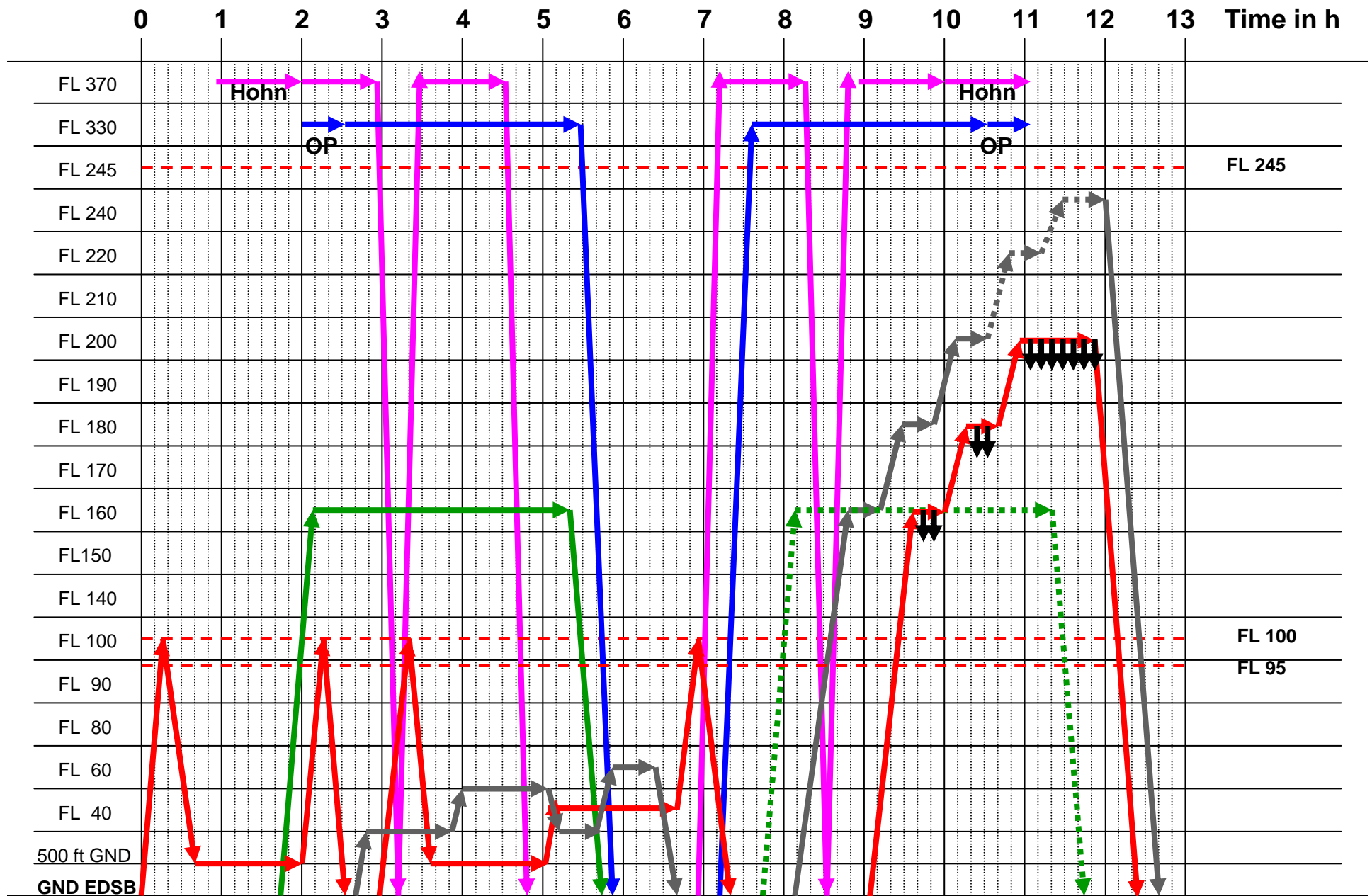
Dropsonde release over German territory

Remarks:

1. **F-Falcon dashed mission: only if drop sonde areas A and B are deactivated**
2. BAE 146 climbing to FL 240 on request and approval
3. **DO 128 climbing and dropping on FL 240 on request and approval**
4. Upper boundary for VFR flights: FL 100 in Germany, FL 95 in France

e.g. 8 local

Mission Scenario: Forced Convection



Scenario “High Pressure Convection”

Areas and Layers of Operation of Airborne Platforms

| Aircraft No. | Aircraft | Area | Flight level (Flight layer) | IFR/VFR Operation |
|--------------|---------------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Learjet | No participation in “High Pressure Convection” | | |
| 2 | G - Falcon (D-CMET) | RED | FL 170 | IFR |
| 3 | F - Falcon | RED | FL 150 | IFR |
| 4 | BAE 146 | RED | < FL 100, FL 100/240 | VFR IFR |
| 5 | DO-128 (D-IBUF) | BLUE | < FL 100 FL 240 | VFR IFR |
| 6 | Dimona | GREEN | < FL 100 | VFR |
| 7 | Zeppelin NT | GREEN | < FL 100 | VFR |
| 8 | UL Enduro | GREEN | < FL 100 | VFR |
| 9 | Partenavia P68 | No participation in “High Pressure Convection” | | |
| 10 | ATR42 | No participation in “High Pressure Convection” | | |

Mission Scenario A “High Pressure Convection”

*: VFR

Blue Sky --- > Shallow Convection -- > Deep Convection-- > Dis. Convection
non frontal / non forced

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Learjet -----

G-Falcon -----FLUX pattern (up to 3 times) ---→MAP pattern CuCon, Cb-----
-----FL 170 -----→FL 330-----

F-Falcon -----MAP pattern (1) -----→MAP pattern CuCong, Cb-----
-----FL 160-----→FL160 (Area A, B deactivated) -----

(*)BAE 146-----LONG-LEGS, V-Legs---→PENETRATION Cb-----
-----VFR < FL 100-----→FL 200/240 -----

(*)DO 128-----FLUX pattern (2 to 3)-----→DROP pattern (DeDe)-----
-----mid/upper PBL (VFR)-----→up to FL 200/240, DROPS Area A, B -----

*Zeppelin--Valley pattern (Rhine-Kinzig-Murg-Nagold)-----Valley pattern (R-K-M-N)--→CuCong-----
--lowest level, VFR-----lowest level, VFR-----→on request--

*Dimona-----MAP (2 MAPs) or Valley-----MAP (2 MAPs) or Valley-----
-----lowest level PBL (VFR)-----lowest level PBL (VFR)-----

*Enduro-----Triangle/Cross-Section/Slope-----Triangle/Cross-Section/Slope-----
-----low PBL, FL100 (VFR)-----low PBL, FL100 (VFR)-----

Mission Scenario B “High Pressure Convection”

*: VFR

Blue Sky --- > Shallow Convection -- > Deep Convection-- > Dis. Convection
non frontal / non forced

07—08--09---10---11---12---13---14---15---16---17---18---19---20---21---22 local

Learjet -----

G-Falcon -----

F-Falcon -----

(*)BAE 146-----LONG-LEGS, V-Legs-----→PENETRATION Cb-----
-----VFR < FL 100-----→FL 200/240 -----

(*)DO 128-----SS-QC-----CHAFF R/SVs/HL-----SS QC-----
-----VFR < FL 100-----PBL, very low-----VFR < FL 100-----

Alternative

(*)DO 128-----SS-MET-----CHAFF R/SVs/HL-----SS MET-----
-----VFR < FL 100-----PBL, very low-----VFR < FL 100-----

***Zeppelin**--Valley pattern (Rhine-Kinzig-Murg-Nagold)-----Valley pattern (R-K-M-N)--→CuCong-----
---lowest level, VFR-----lowest level, VFR-----→on request-----

***Dimona**-----MAP (2 MAPs) or Valley-----MAP (2 MAPs) or Valley-----
-----lowest level PBL (VFR)-----lowest level PBL (VFR)-----

***Enduro**-----Triangle/Cross-Section/Slope-----Triangle/Cross-Section/Slope-----
-----low PBL, FL100 (VFR)-----low PBL, FL100 (VFR)-----

Mission scenario “High Pressure Convection”

Missions above FL100:

German Falcon

French-Falcon

BAe 146

Do 128



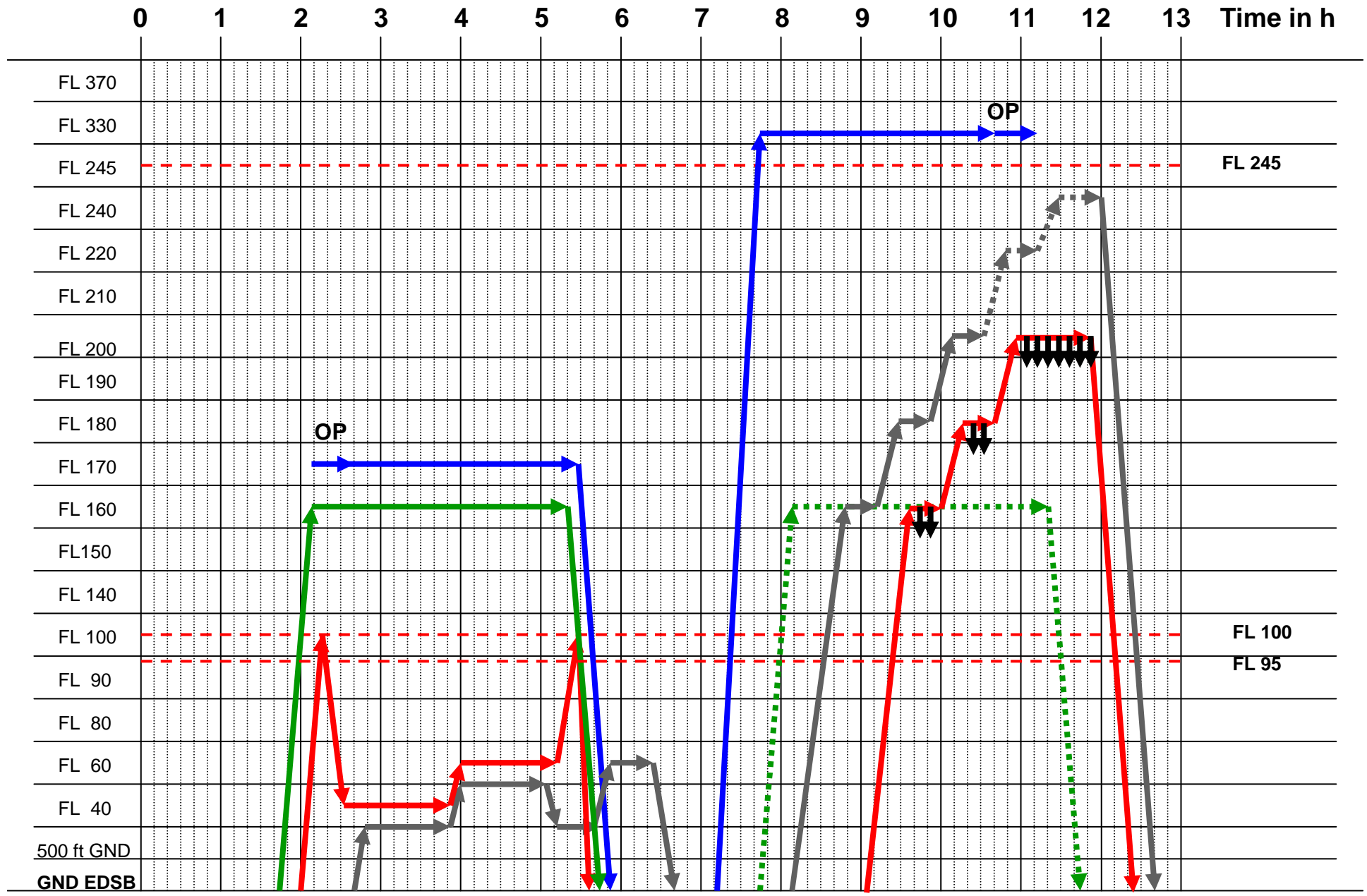
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Remarks:

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3. **DO 128 climbing and dropping on FL 240 on request and approval**
4. Upper boundary for VFR flights: FL 100 in Germany, FL 95 in France

e.g. 8 local

Mission Scenario: High Pressure Convection



Scenario “Targeted Observations”

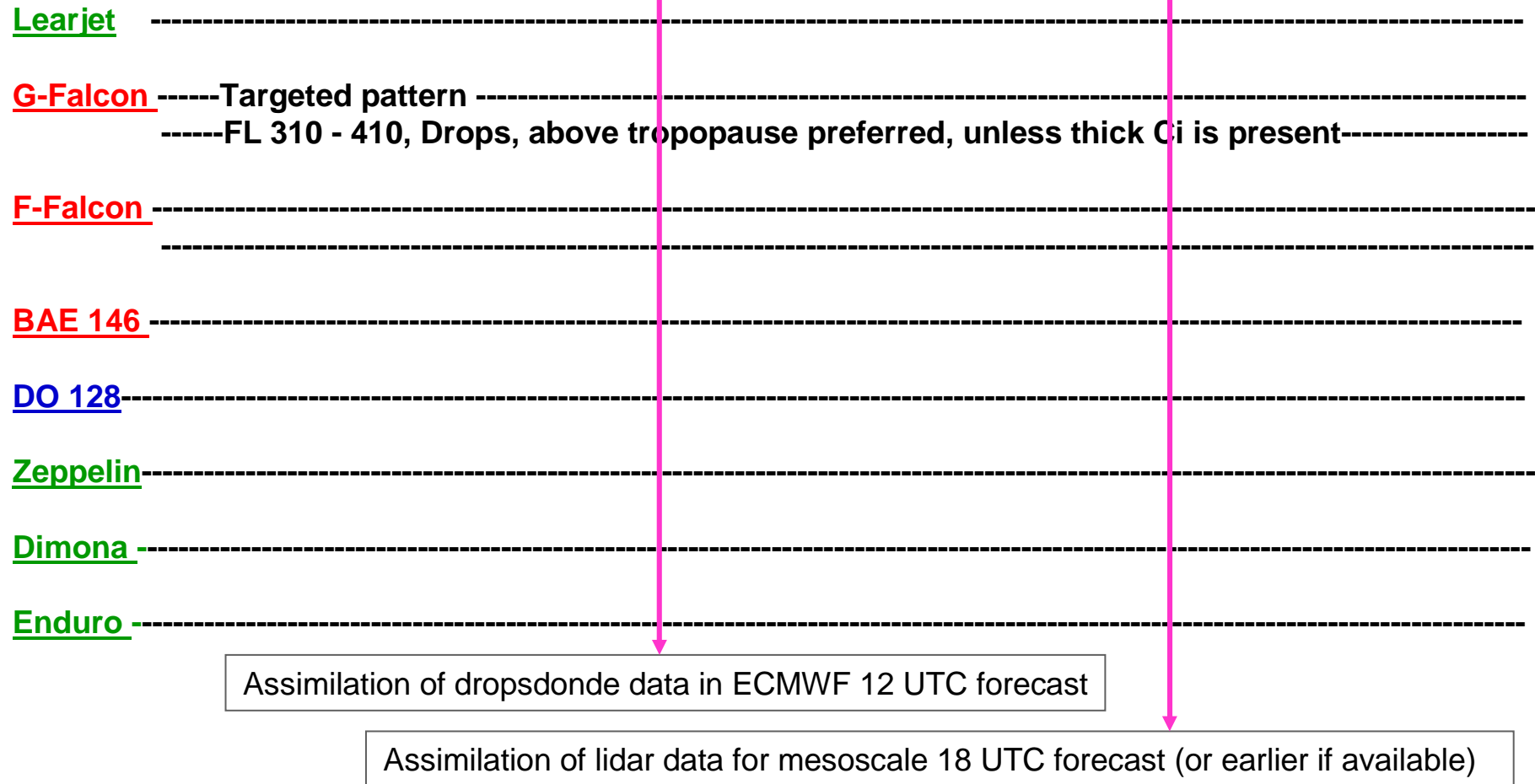
Areas and Layers of Operation of Airborne Platforms

| Aircraft No. | Aircraft | Area | Flight level (Flight layer) | IFR/VFR Operation |
|--------------|----------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Learjet | No participation in “Targeted Observations” | | |
| 2 | DLR Falcon | western Europe | FL 310 - 410 | IFR |
| 3 | SAFIRE Falcon | No participation in “Targeted Observations” | | |
| 4 | BAE 146 | No participation in “Targeted Observations” | | |
| 5 | DO-128 | No participation in “Targeted Observations” | | |
| 6 | Dimona | No participation in “Targeted Observations” | | |
| 7 | Zeppelin NT | No participation in “Targeted Observations” | | |
| 8 | UL Enduro | No participation in “Targeted Observations” | | |
| 9 | Partenavia P68 | No participation in “Targeted Observations” | | |
| 10 | ATR42 | No participation in “Targeted Observations” | | |

Mission Scenario "Targeted Observations"
with forced convection predicted on next day

Blue Sky --- > Shallow Convection -- > Deep Convection-- > Dis. Convection

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! Mission Scenario "Forced Convection" following on next day !

Scenario “Stratus- Cloud Physics”

Areas and Layers of Operation of Airborne Platforms

| Aircraft No. | Aircraft | Area | Flight level (Flight layer) | IFR/VFR Operation |
|--------------|-------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Learjet | No participation in “Stratus – Cloud Physics” | | |
| 2 | G - Falcon | No participation in “Stratus – Cloud Physics” | | |
| 3 | F - Falcon | No participation in “Stratus – Cloud Physics” | | |
| 4 | BAE 146 | No participation in “Stratus – Cloud Physics” | | |
| 5 | DO-128 | No participation in “Stratus – Cloud Physics” | | |
| 6 | Dimona | No participation in “Stratus – Cloud Physics” | | |
| 7 | Zeppelin NT | No participation in “Stratus – Cloud Physics” | | |
| 8 | UL Enduro | No participation in “Stratus – Cloud Physics” | | |
| 9 | Partenavia | green | up to FL 120 | IFR/VFR |
| 10 | ATR42 | blue | up to FL 200 | IFR/VFR |

Mission Scenario “Stratus- Cloud Physics”

-----stratus-----stratus-----stratus-----stratus-----

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Learjet -----

G-Falcon -----

F-Falcon -----

BAE 146 -----

DO 128 -----

Zeppelin -----

Dimona -----

Enduro -----

Partenavia -----slant profiles above Murg valley and AMF-----
-----up to FL 120, below and within stratus -----

ATR42 -----slant profiles above SS: V-R-H-AMF and Polirad (triangle)-----
-----up to FL 200, below and within Ac, As, Ns clouds-----

Scenario “City Plume - Lagrange”

Areas and Layers of Operation of Airborne Platforms

| Aircraft No. | Aircraft | Area | Flight level (Flight layer) | IFR/VFR Operation |
|--------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Learjet | No participation in “City Plume - Lagrange” | | |
| 2 | G - Falcon (D-CMET) | No participation in “City Plume - Lagrange” | | |
| 3 | F - Falcon | No participation in “City Plume - Lagrange” | | |
| 4 | BAE 146 | No participation in “City Plume - Lagrange ” | | |
| 5 | DO-128 (D-IBUF) | pink | < FL 100 | VFR |
| 6 | Dimona | pink | < FL 100 | VFR |
| 7 | Zeppelin NT | Pink | < FL 100 | VFR |
| 8 | UL Enduro | No participation in “City Plume - Lagrange ” | | |
| 9 | Partenavia P68 | No participation in “City Plume - Lagrange ” | | |
| 10 | ATR42 | No participation in “City Plume - Lagrange ” | | |

Mission Scenario “City Plume - Lagrange”

*: VFR

-----Blue Sky -----> Shallow Convection ----- >Dis. Convection-----

07—08--09---10---11---12---13---14---15---16---17---18---19---20---21---22 local

Learjet -----

G-Falcon -----

F-Falcon -----

(*)BAE 146-----

(*)DO 128-----Lee Cross Sections (6)----- Lee Cross Sections (6)-----
-----FL 1000 ft, 3000 ft agl-----FL 1000 ft, 3000 ft agl-----

*Zeppelin-----Lee Zick-Zack pattern—(long time) -----
-----FL 1000 ft agl, up to 7 hours duration -----

*Dimona-----Lee Cross Sections (3)-----
-----FL 1000 ft, 2000 ft agl -----

*Enduro -----

Partenavia P68-----

ATR42-----