

Overview of 10-year **S**ounding **W**ater vapor, **O**zone, and **P**article campaign  
(**SWOP**) during the Asian summer monsoon (2009~2018)



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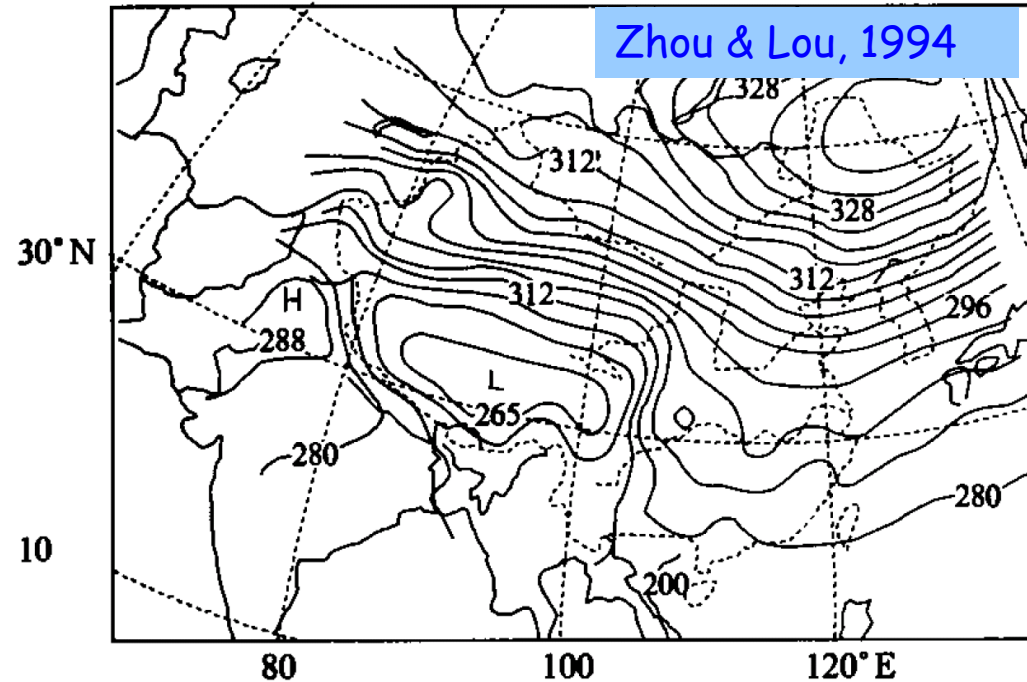
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# From Tibetan Plateau - Early history

- TP ~ a long-lasting topic for atmospheric research (Yeh, 1949, 1950; Yin, 1949; Bolin, 1950). -dynamics
- TOMS data show a summertime total ozone valley (Zhou & Luo, 1994) -chemistry

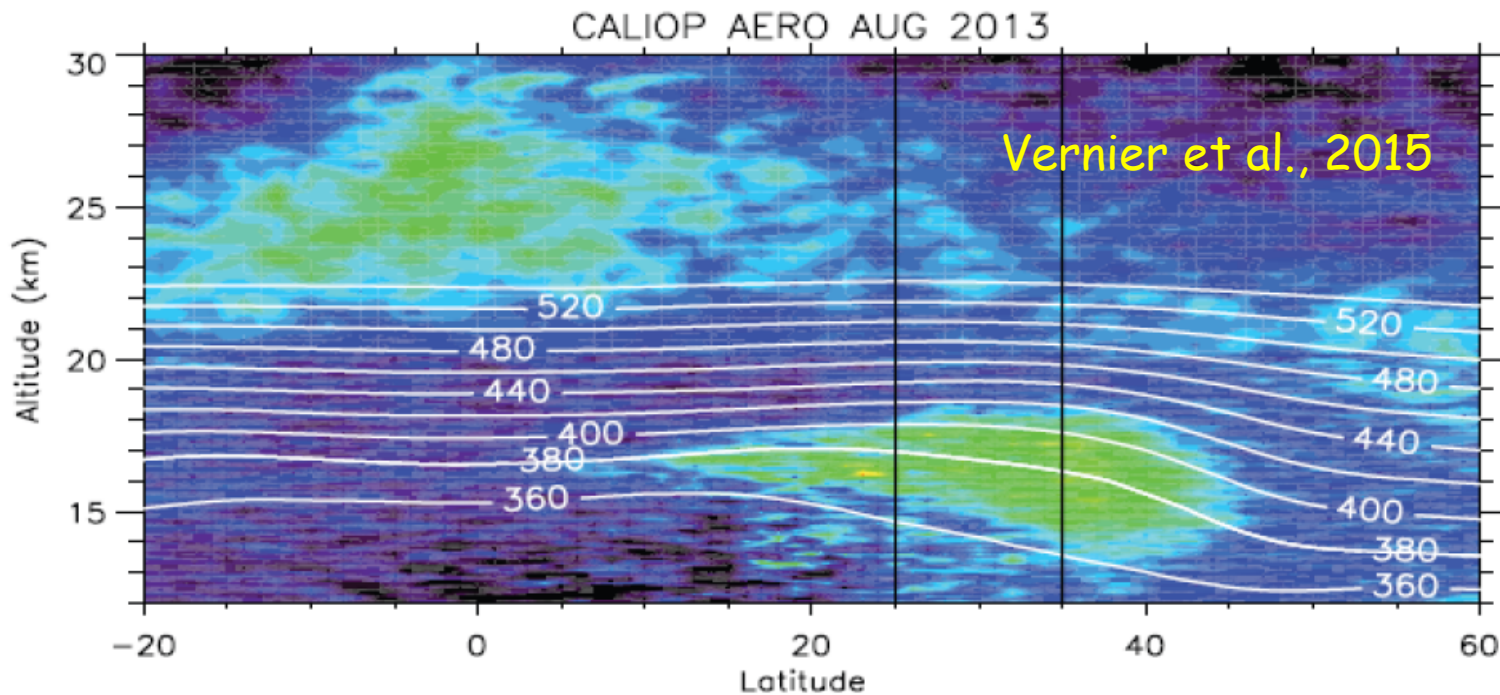


- **Hypothesis:** BL pollutants converge to TP, then transport to UTLS by ASM updraft, which is induced by the huge elevated heat source (Zhou et al., 1995).
- **Mechanisms:** dynamics, chemistry

# Recent progresses

## ● ASM anticyclone - its significance

- Enhanced center of tropospheric tracers ( $\text{CO}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{HCN}$ ) (e.g. Rosenlof et al., 1997; Filipiak et al., 2005; Li et al., 2005; Fu et al., 2006; Park et al., 2007, Randel et al., 2010)
- Low center of stratospheric tracers ( $\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{HCl}$ ) (Gettelman et al., 2004)
- Largest center of cirrus fraction (Pan & Munchak, 2011)
- Enhanced center of aerosol (Vernier et al., 2011)



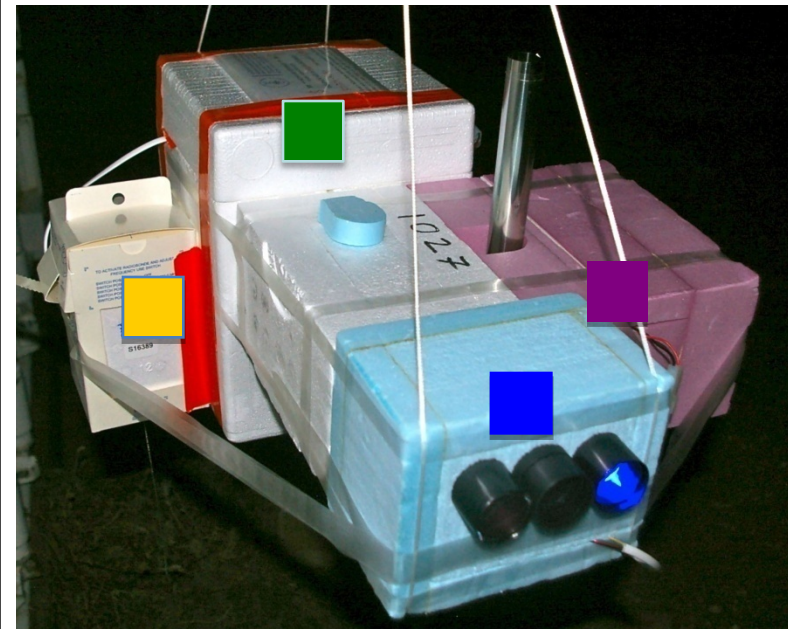
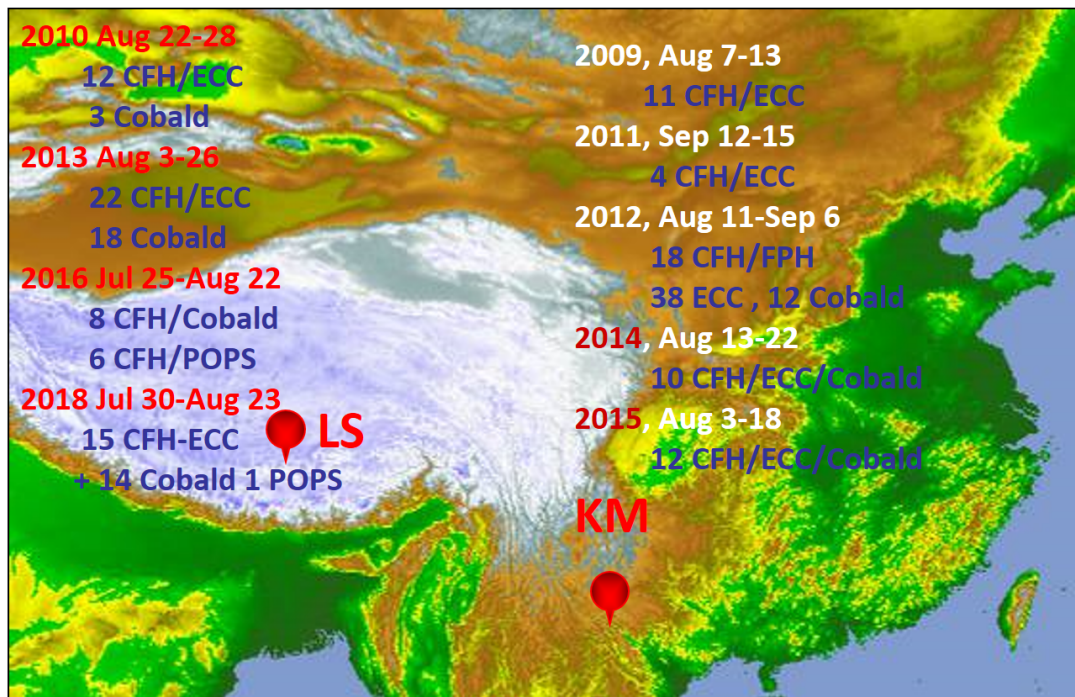
# Importance of in situ observations

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- ✓ Previous observation is largely based on satellite retrievals. Satellite data and models often do not provide sufficiently resolved details for describing the transport process. Satellite product lacks of validation over the ASM region.
- ✓ In situ measurements inside the anticyclone are scarce. We report the first in situ measurements of water vapor, ozone, and particles within the ASM anticyclone. Balloon-borne instruments were launched from Kunming and Lhasa over the Tibetan plateau during 2009-2018 summers.
- ✓ These observations will be significant for quantifying the moisture and pollutant transport associated with the ASM, for identifying the transport pathway, and for understanding microphysical and chemical process in the UTLS.

# Balloon-borne sondes

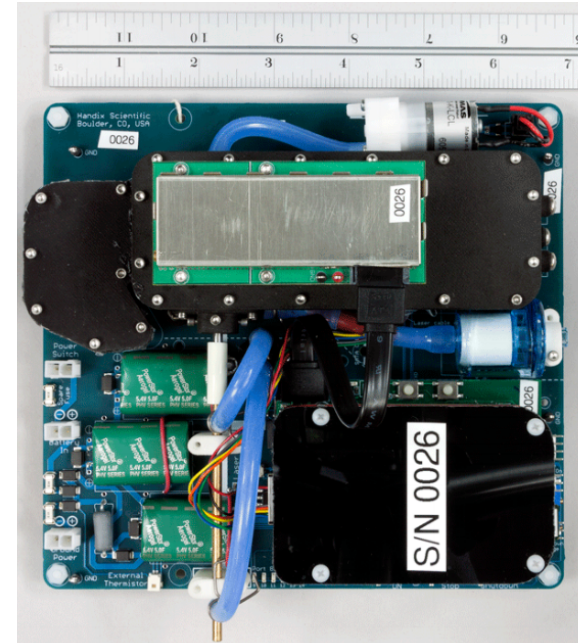
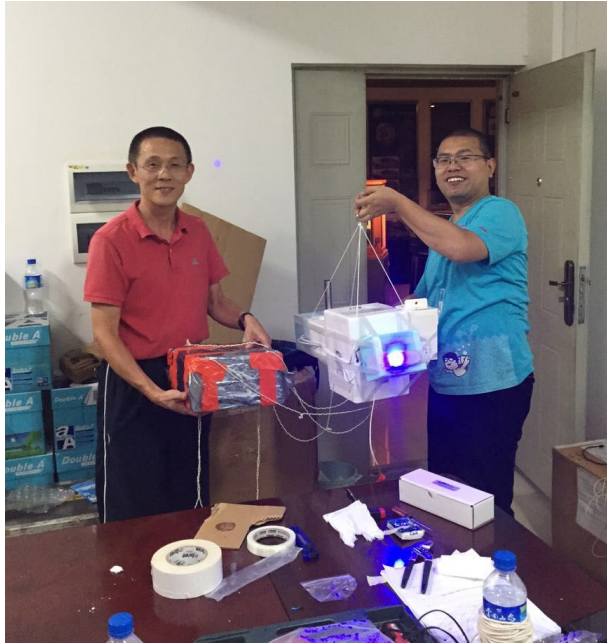
- Compact Optical Backscatter Aerosol Detector (COBALD - ETH)
- Cryogenic Frost-point Hygrometer (CFH - Vömel)
- Electrochemical Concentration Cell (ECC) Ozonesonde
- Radiosonde: P, T, U, winds (u,v) (iMet)



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# POPS since 2015



Measure profiles of aerosol size spectrum: 140~3000nm

Ru-shan Gao (ESRL/NOAA, Handix)

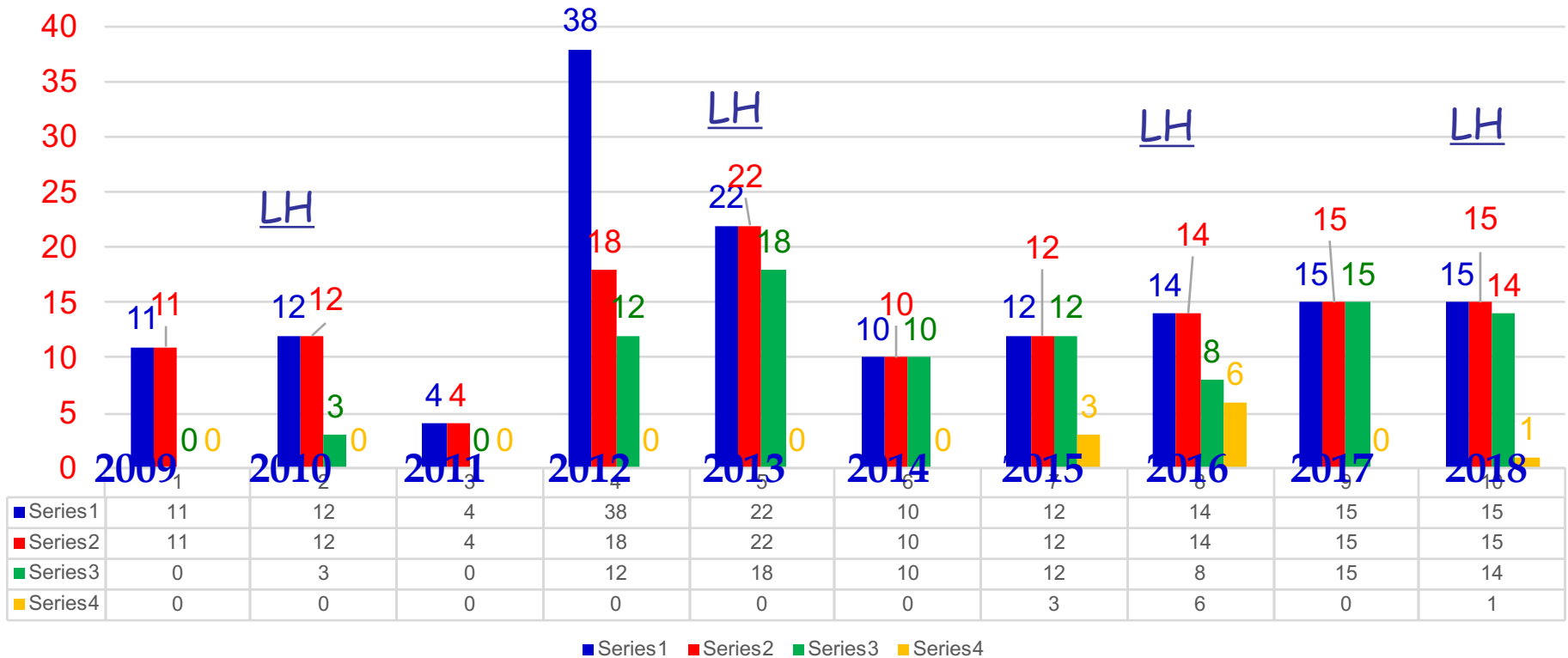
# Sounding numbers

ECC

CFH

COBALD

POPS



Kunming total: 90 ECC, 70 CFH, 49 COBALD, 3 POPS

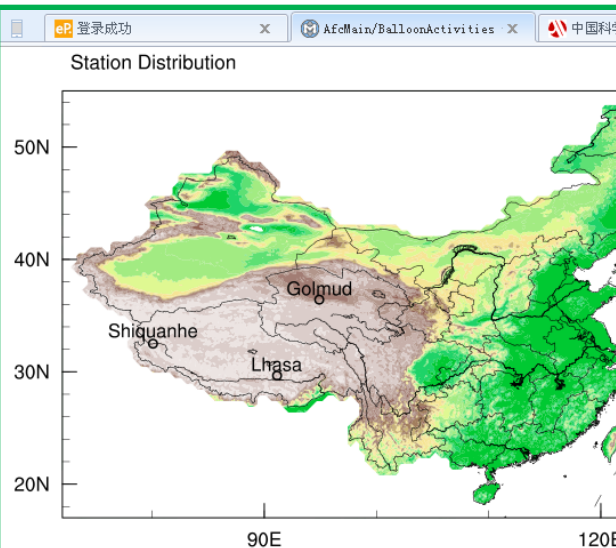
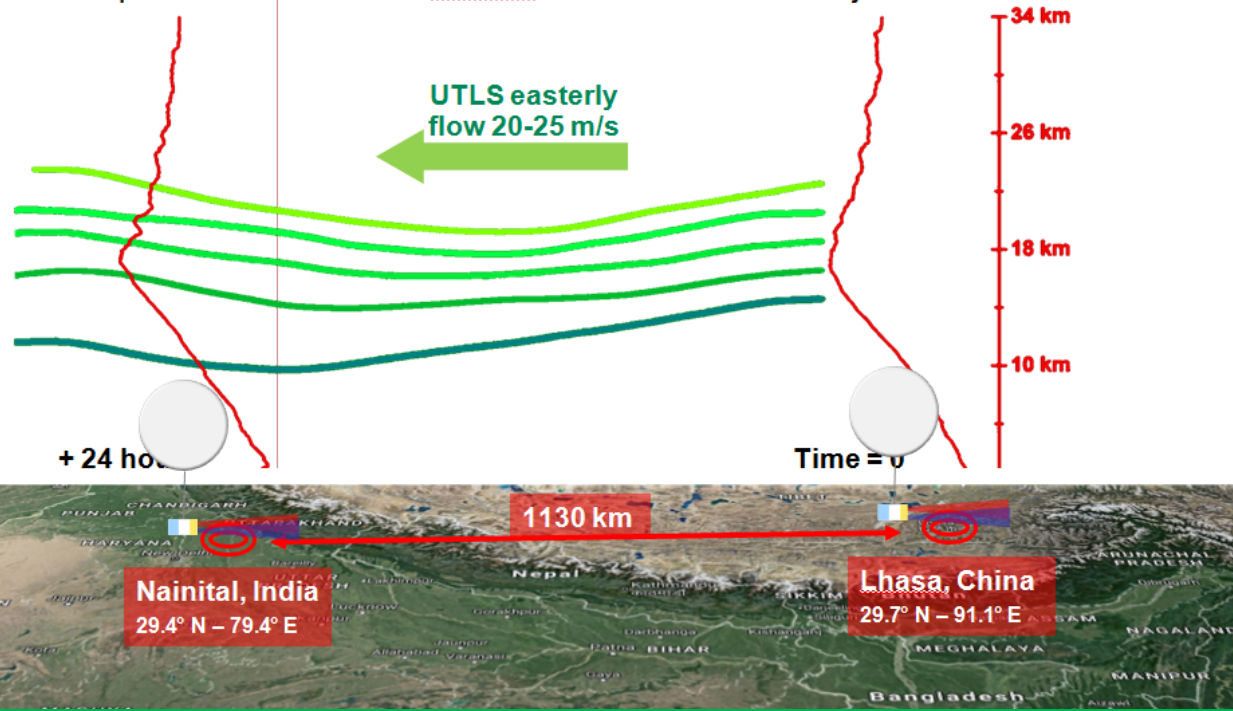
Lhasa total: 63 ECC, 63 CFH, 43 COBALD, 7 POPS

# Collaboration with StratoClim

## Match sounding in 2016-2017 summers

### Match measurements Lhasa-Nainital

1. Balloon is launched in Lhasa
2. Forward trajectories initialized from balloon trajectory on ECMWF forecast
3. Optimize launch time in Nainital for best match with trajectories



#### Balloon measurements 2016 from China

Balloon measurement 2016 every other day from Lhasa, Shiquanhe, Golmud

Lhasa (29.66° N, 91.14° E, 3650 m): ECC (O3) / CFH (H2O) / COBALD (Aerosol)

Shiquanhe (32.5° N, 80.08° E, 4279 m): ECC (O3) / CFH (H2O) / COBALD (Aerosol)

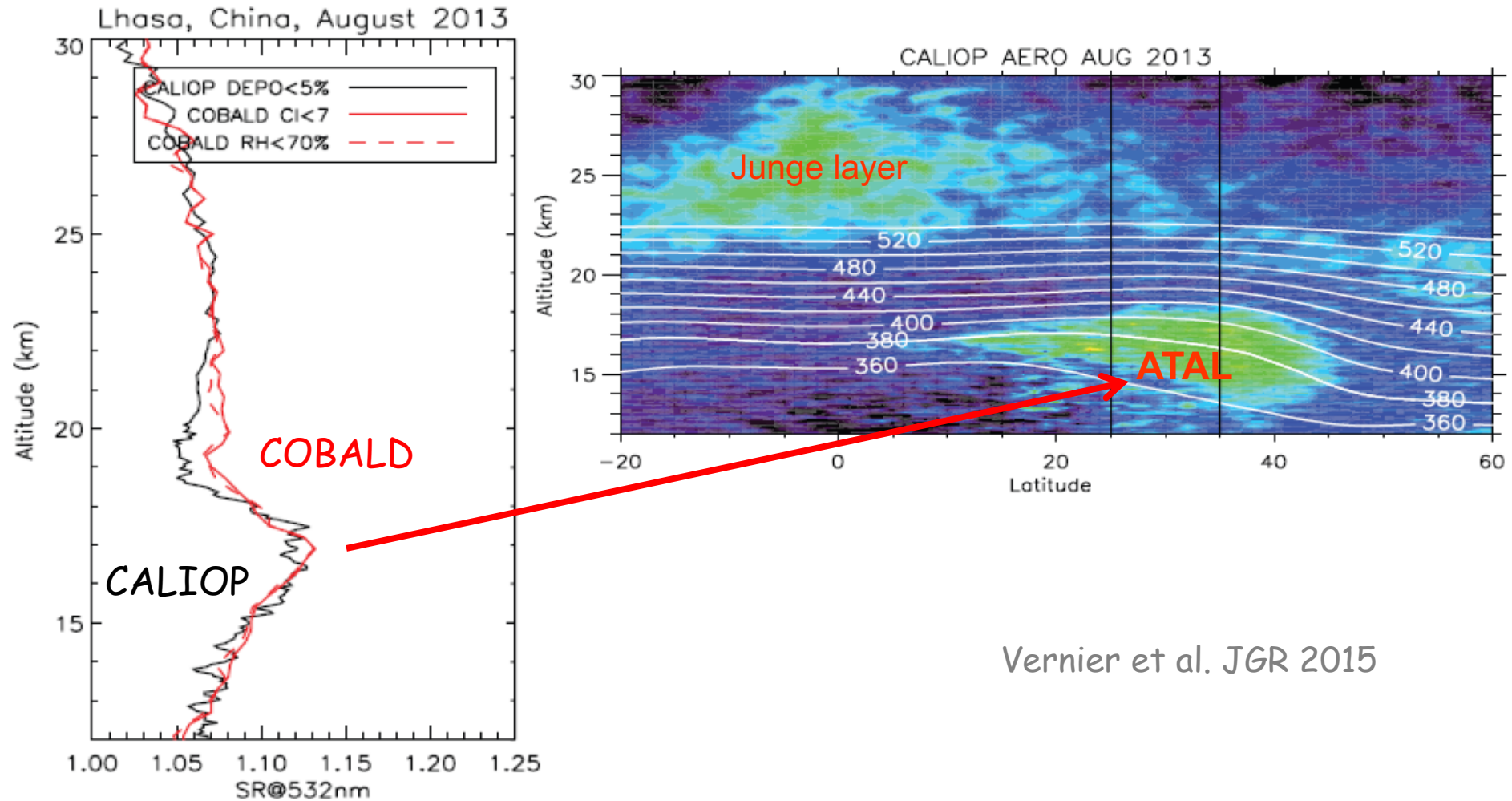
Golmud (36.42° N, 94.9° E, 2809 m): ECC (O3)

From Peter et al., 2017



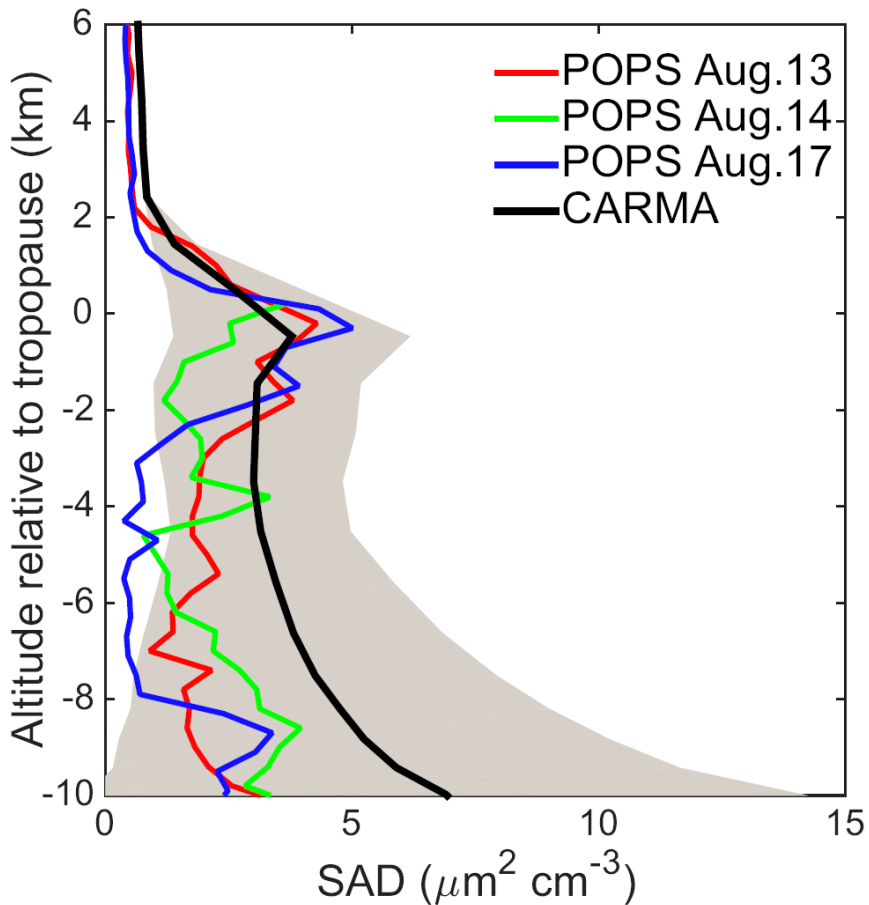
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## 1. COBALD data confirmed the ATAL finding from CALIOP

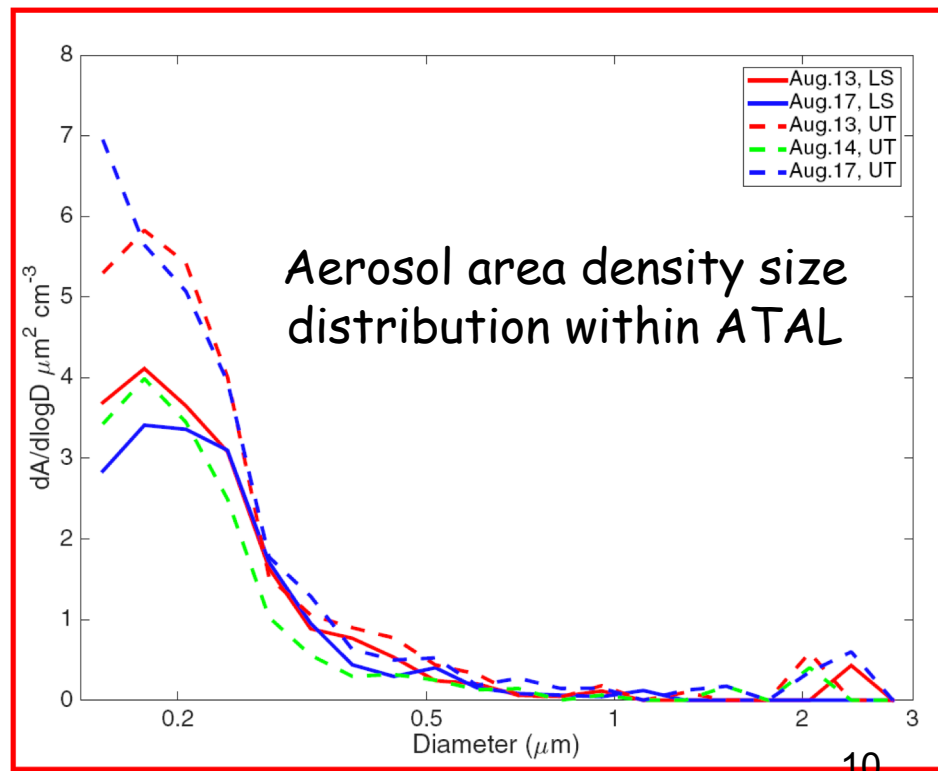


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## 2. POPSs measured aerosol size distribution profile in the ATAL



1. Enhanced @ 14-19km
2. Extend 2km above CPT
3. Interstitial aerosol (in cirrus)

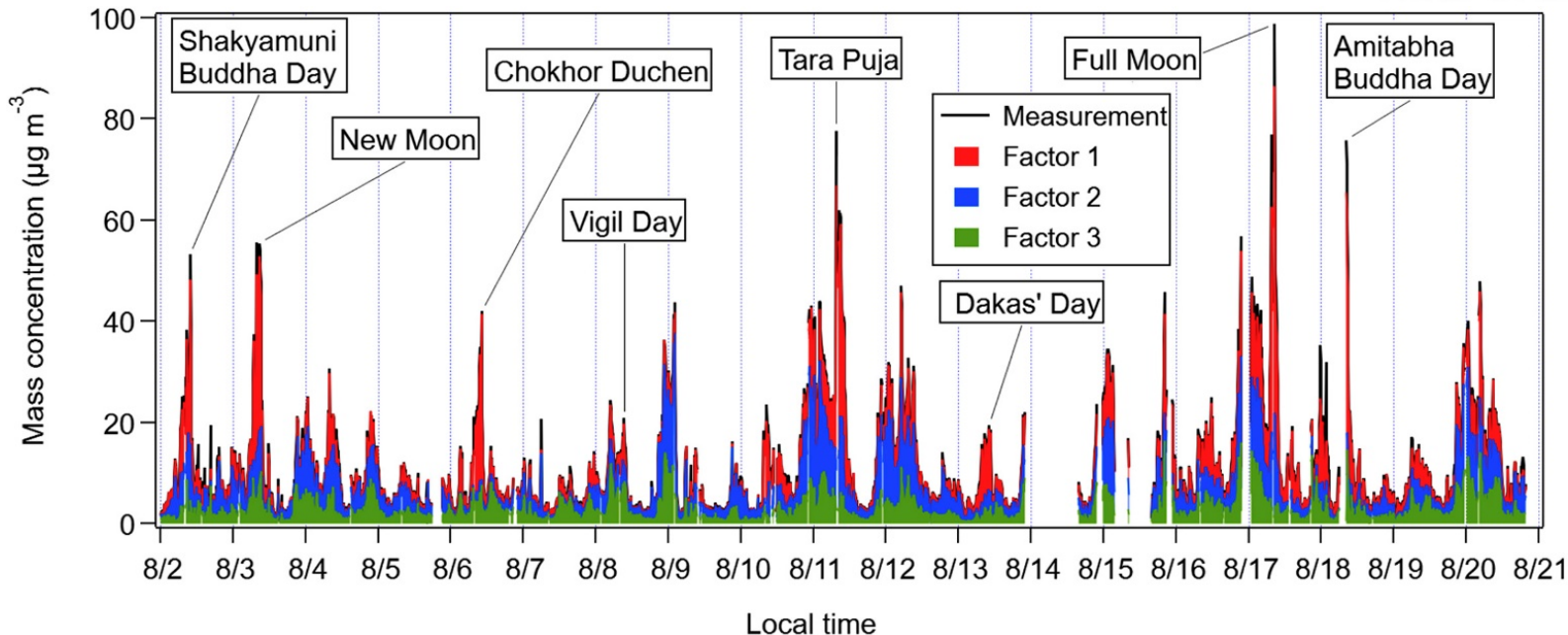
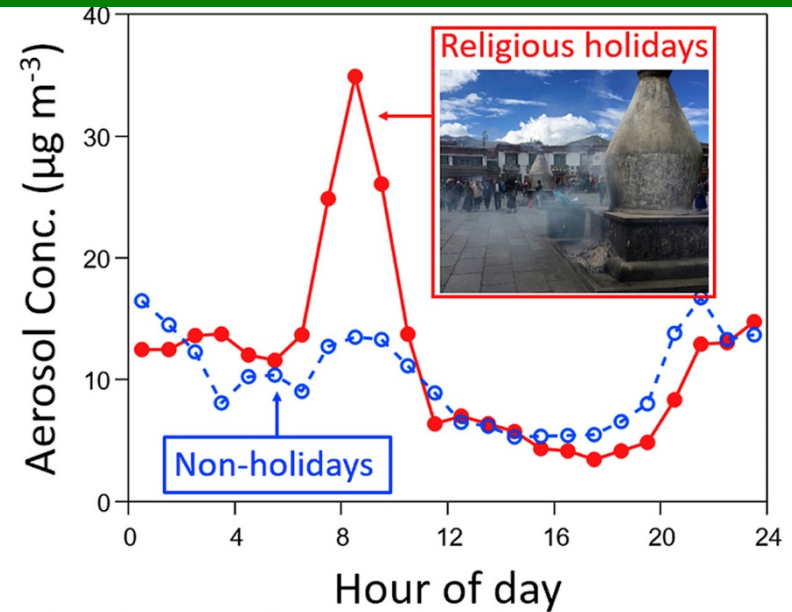


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## 3. Boundary layer aerosols in summertime Lhasa

Religious burnings may significantly contribute to aerosol mass

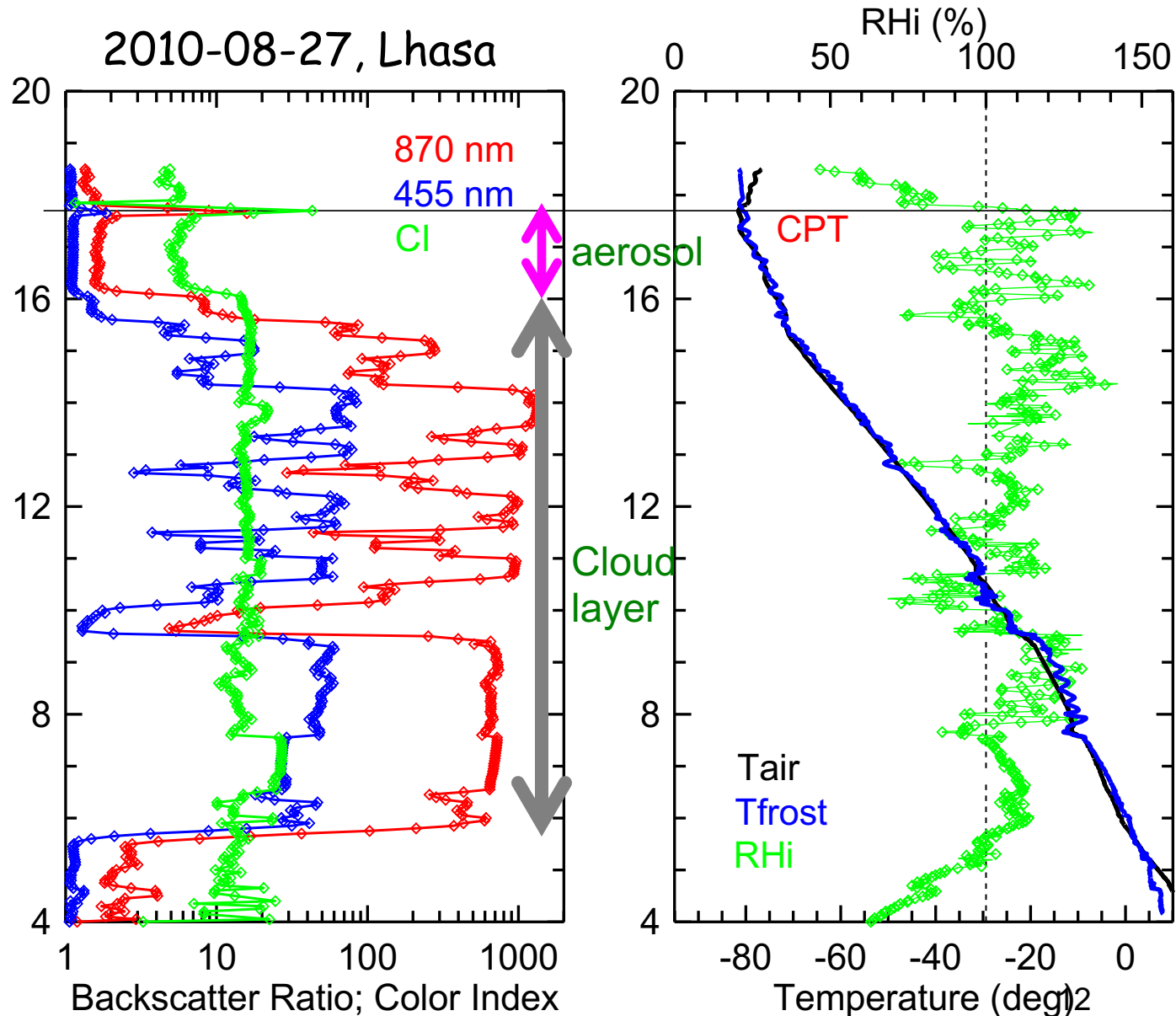
Cui et al. AE, 2018



# Individual cases

## Case 1:

A deep layer of supersaturated air & cloud - thickness 10km

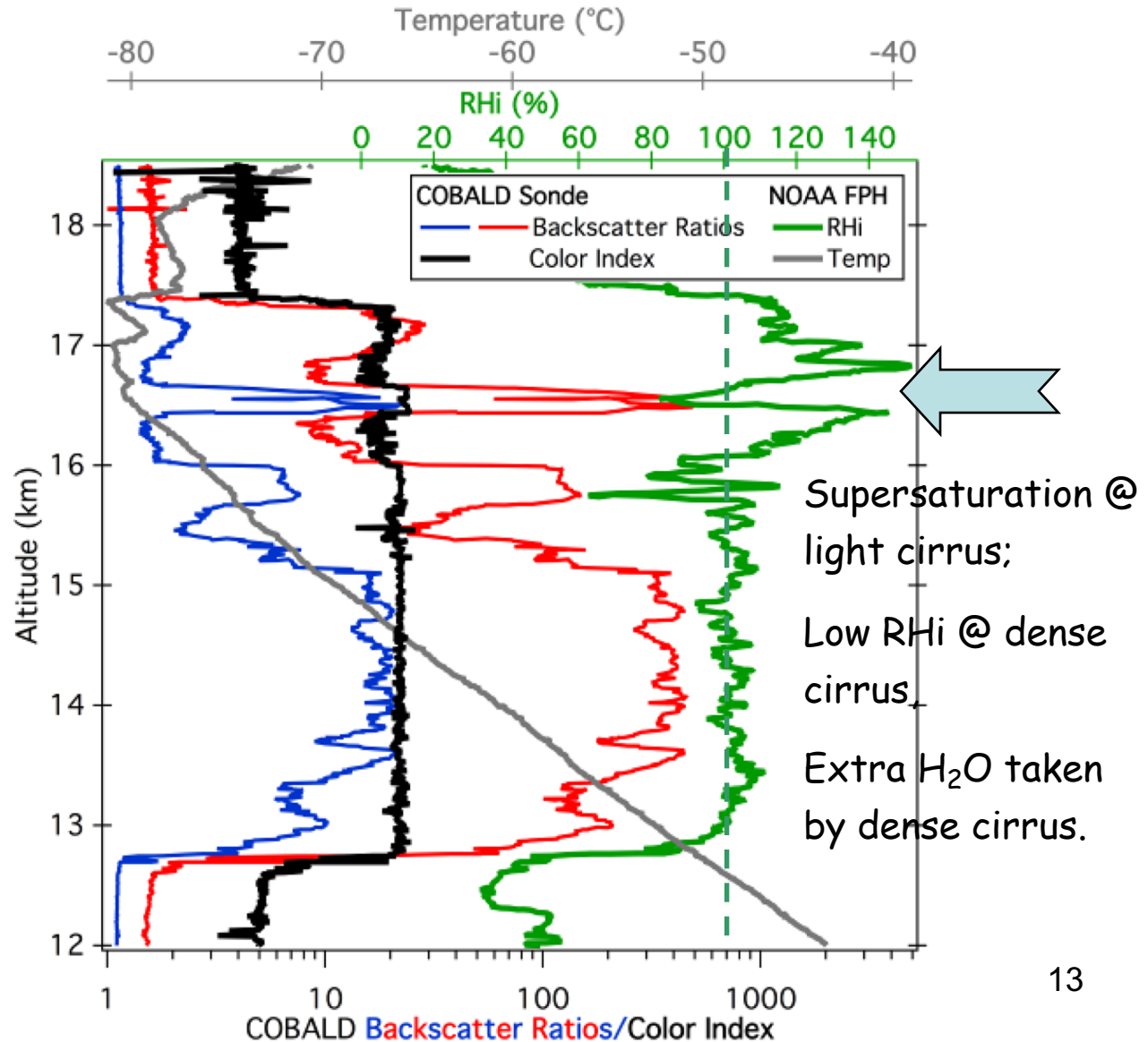


# Individual cases

Kunming,  
20 Aug'12

## Case 2:

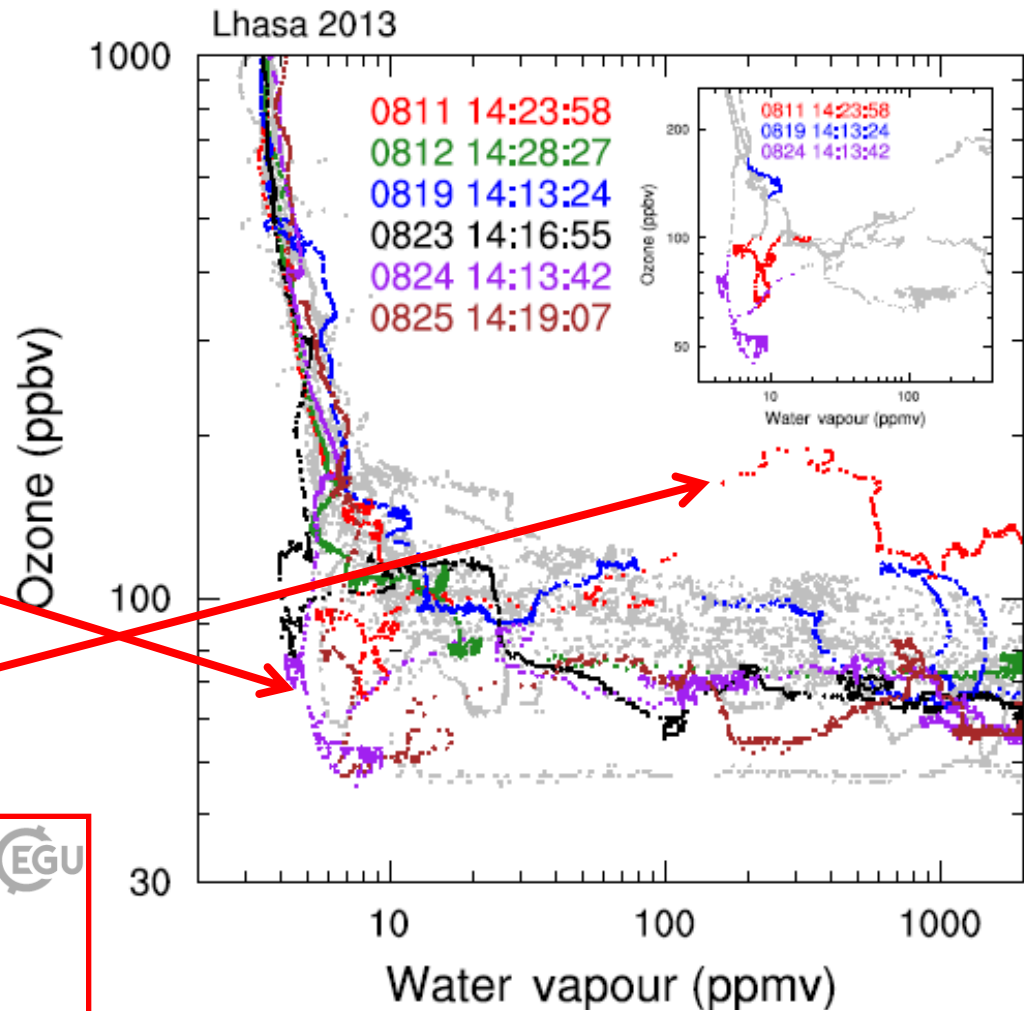
Anti-correlation  
between cirrus layer  
and supersaturation



# Individual cases

## Case 3:

- Typhoon transport
- Stratospheric intrusion



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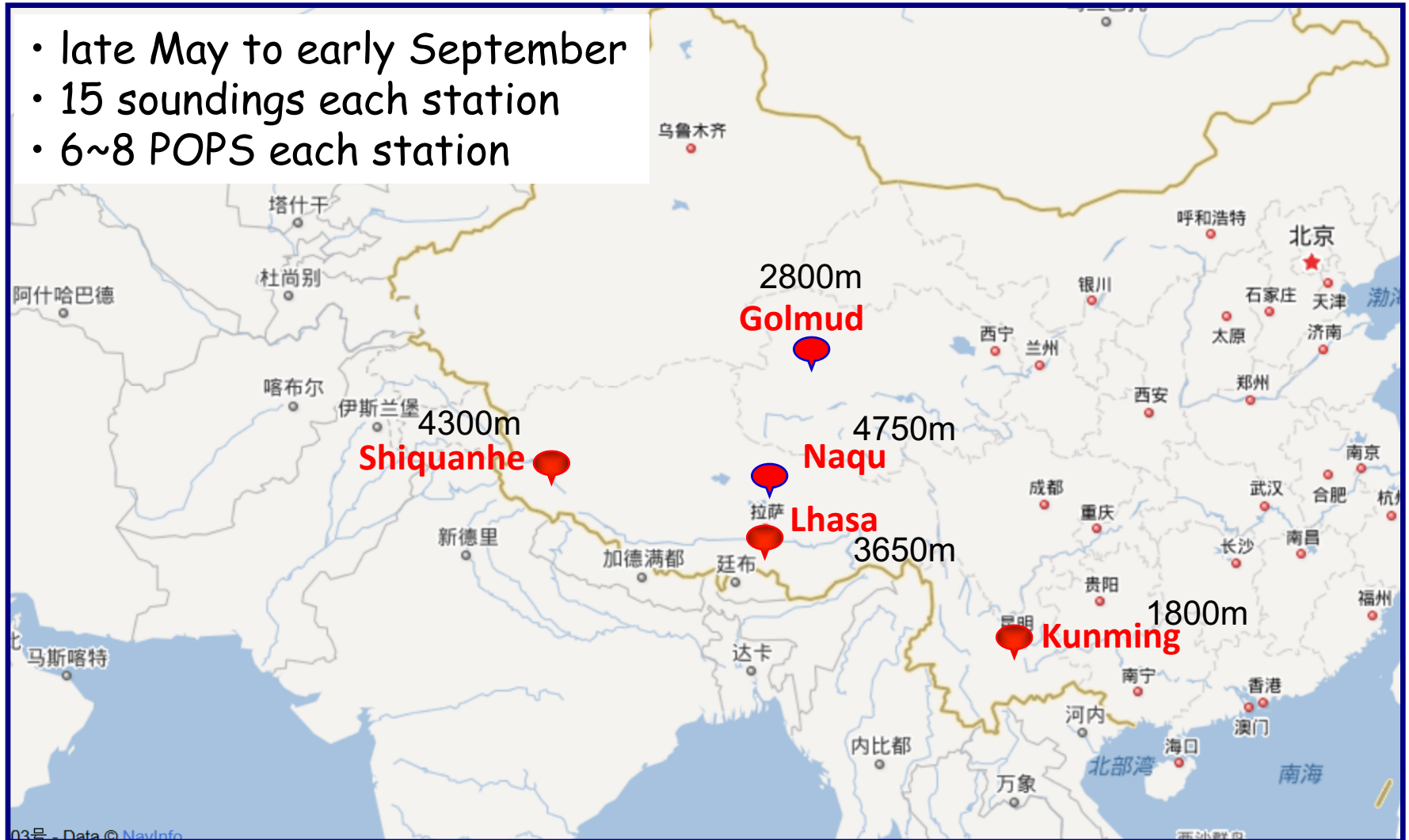
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# SWOP plan for 2020 collaborated with ACCLIP

- late May to early September
- 15 soundings each station
- 6~8 POPS each station



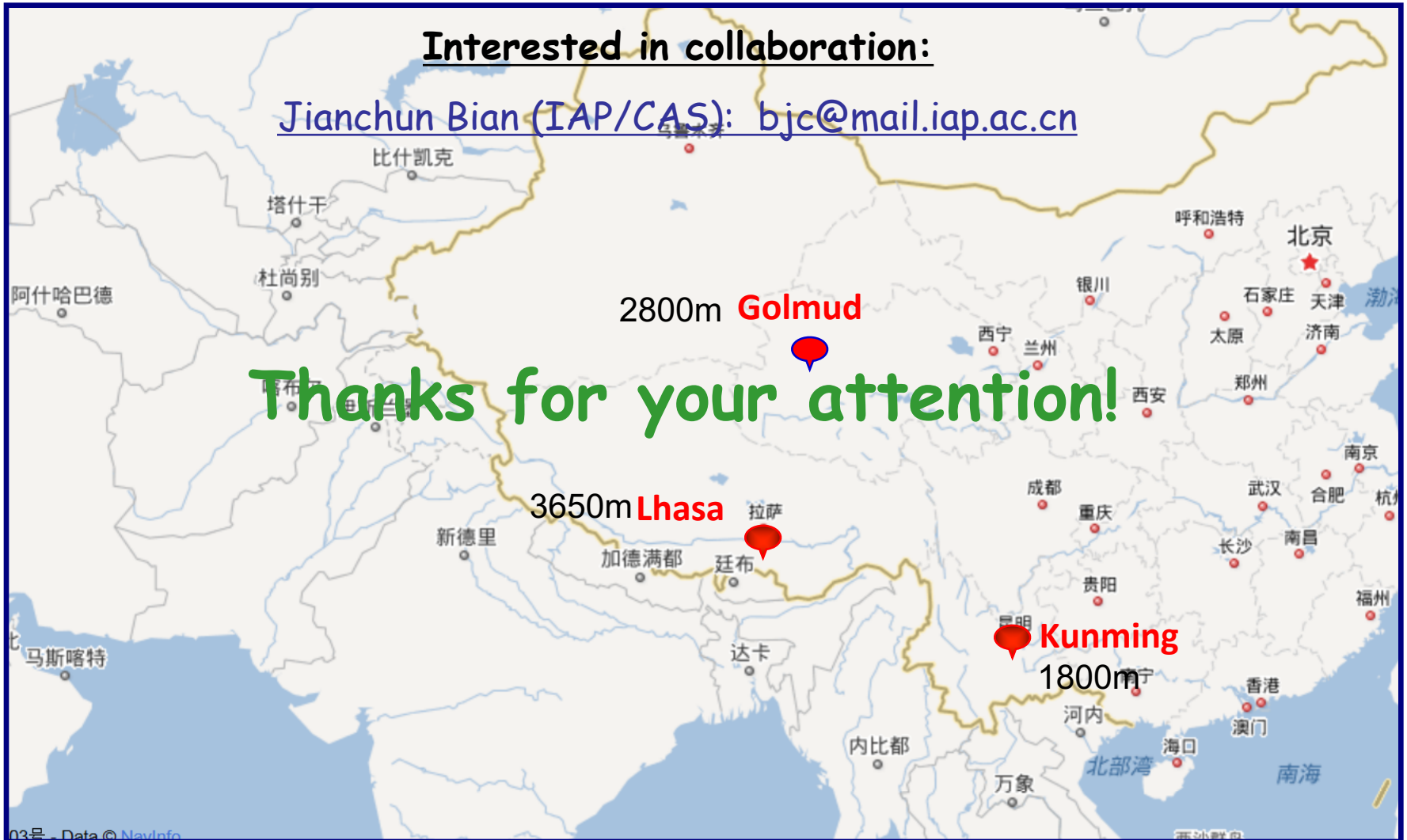
 ECC, CFH, Cobald, POPS



# SWOP plan for 2019-2023

Interested in collaboration:

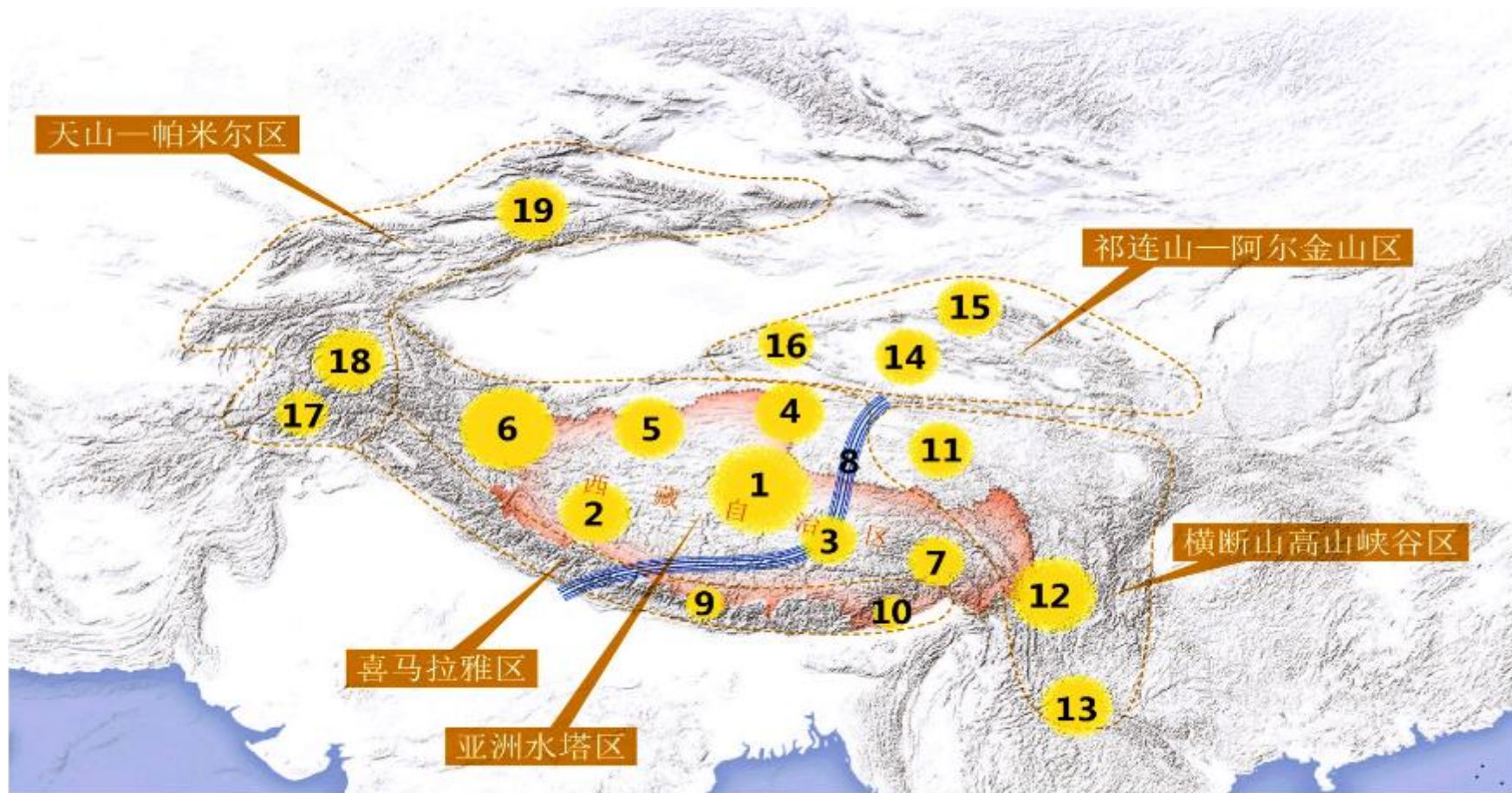
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- Lhasa (2019, 2022), Golmud (2020), Kunming (2021, 2023)
- 16 soundings each year, once monthly + 4 times in summer

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