#### **ARCPAC Science**

Transits

Front Range

Fairbanks

# **Transit** goals

- 1) All are science flights as far as operating instruments
- 2) To/from Fairbanks is a long flight
  - flight path and altitude for efficiency
  - probably without a fuel stop
- 3) Tampa -> Colorado
  - time for a short science objective
  - organic aerosols in Southeast US
  - ARM site (clear there?)
  - urban area? (Houston?)

# Front Range goals

1) Of most interest:

Ozone Particulate pollution

2) Springtime:

cooler, less sunlight => slower photochemistry

~ no biogenic emissions

together, may be easier to see urban source signatures might see nitrate-dominated aerosol

3) Shakedown of instruments, flight planning, and data processing before Alaska

## Alaska goals

Aerosol, cloud, and radiative

Gas-phase

Air quality

Novel environment

#### Arctic aerosol



- Ground level aerosol peaks Dec. April
- Aerosol aloft peaks in March May

1/04

- Surface observations suggest mostly sulfate, but significant other components even in mid-winter

#### Temperature Profiles in Barrow:



- Strong inversion means surface often decoupled from air aloft.
- Also means that clouds can (and do) have liquid water

## Aerosol, cloud, and radiative goals

Direct radiative effects:

- aerosol size, optical properties including BC
- radiative impact
- implies sampling various altitudes (vertical profiles)

Assess anthropogenic influence:

- aerosol chemistry, correlations with gas phase species
- varied conditions, close connections to models

Understand cloud radiative effects:

- examine cloud structure, origin of precipitation
- scavenging of black carbon
- difficult goal with limited in-cloud capability

## Gas phase

Halogen and ozone depletion chemistry:

- bromine compounds, plus full payload
- bromine is from the <u>surface</u>

How to sample with strong inversion?

Photochemical aging

- low sun, cool temperatures
- relative importance of processes may change

# Arctic air quality

Emissions near Prudhoe Bay

- assess emissions
- chemical impact in this environment

Be aware of local emissions near Barrow

Fairbanks has air quality issues *data on final approach are of interest* 

# General

First deployment of powerful P3 payload in a new environment

=> strong possibility of new science

#### DC8 payload April 1-21 Thule flights first half



#### P3 payload April 1-21



## B200 payload

High Spectral Resolution Lidar

# Convair 580 payload

- Canadian National Research Council Convair aircraft
- Hangar at Fairbanks
- 50 hr/month flights between Deadhorse and Barrow
- Cloud particle size distribution and image
- Total, refractory and cloud-borne aerosol size distribution and singleparticle composition, CCN and IN concentration
- Cloud extinction, aerosol scattering & absorption



# Data policy

- Usual courtesies: Consult investigators *early*, offer coauthorship, ...
- ICARTT data format. Ken Aikin is data manager.
- Password-protected site
- In field: Preliminary data within 24 hours; a few exceptions
- July 1: All preliminary data due
- October 1: "Final" data due

Collaboration with NASA ARCPAC:

• Default is full two-way exchange (share site passwords) *field phase?* 



#### Approximate 2 and 4 hour P3 radii

AMSR sea ice April 15, 2006