

**SPECTROSCOPY AND ATMOSPHERE:  
PARALLEL ROADS?**



**OF COURSE NOT!**

**→ A LOT OF INTERSECTIONS  
(INTERACTIONS)**

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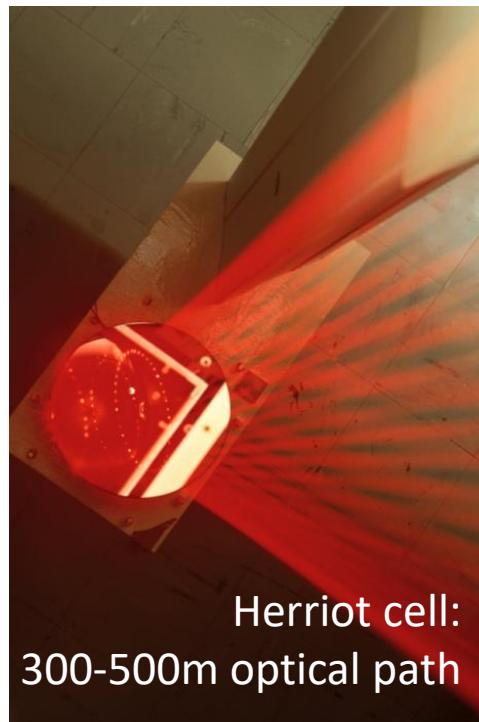
V. Catoire, C. Robert, et al. (>20 persons during 25 years)

→ Flying IR lasers spectrometers: SPIRALE, SPIRIT, SPECIES



## **SPIRALE:**

**S**Pectromètre **I**nfra**R**ouge d'**A**bsorption à 6 diodes **L**asers **E**mbarquées  
under balloon for upper troposphere & stratosphere studies



Herriot cell:  
300-500m optical path



### **Gondola characteristics**

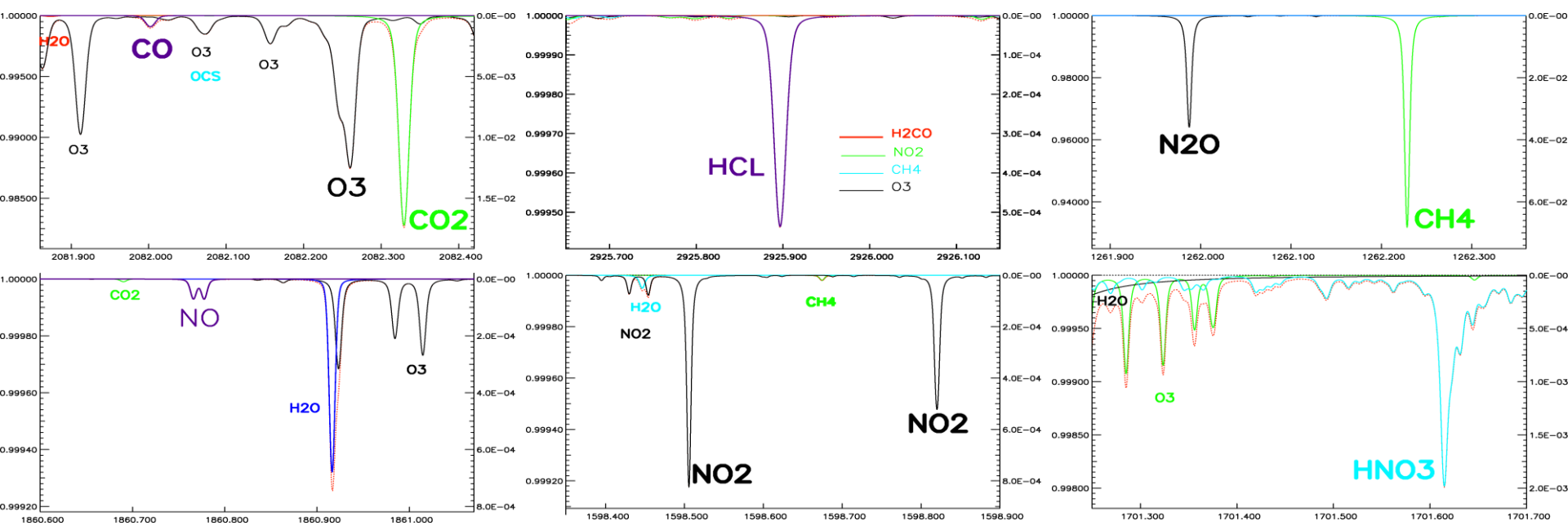
Weight = 500 kg  
Height = 3.6 m (+ 3.5 m)  
Horizontal width = 2.5 m

Balloon :  $V = 150\,000\text{ m}^3$   
diameter  $\sim 70\text{ m}$   
aerostat total length  $\sim 100\text{ m}$

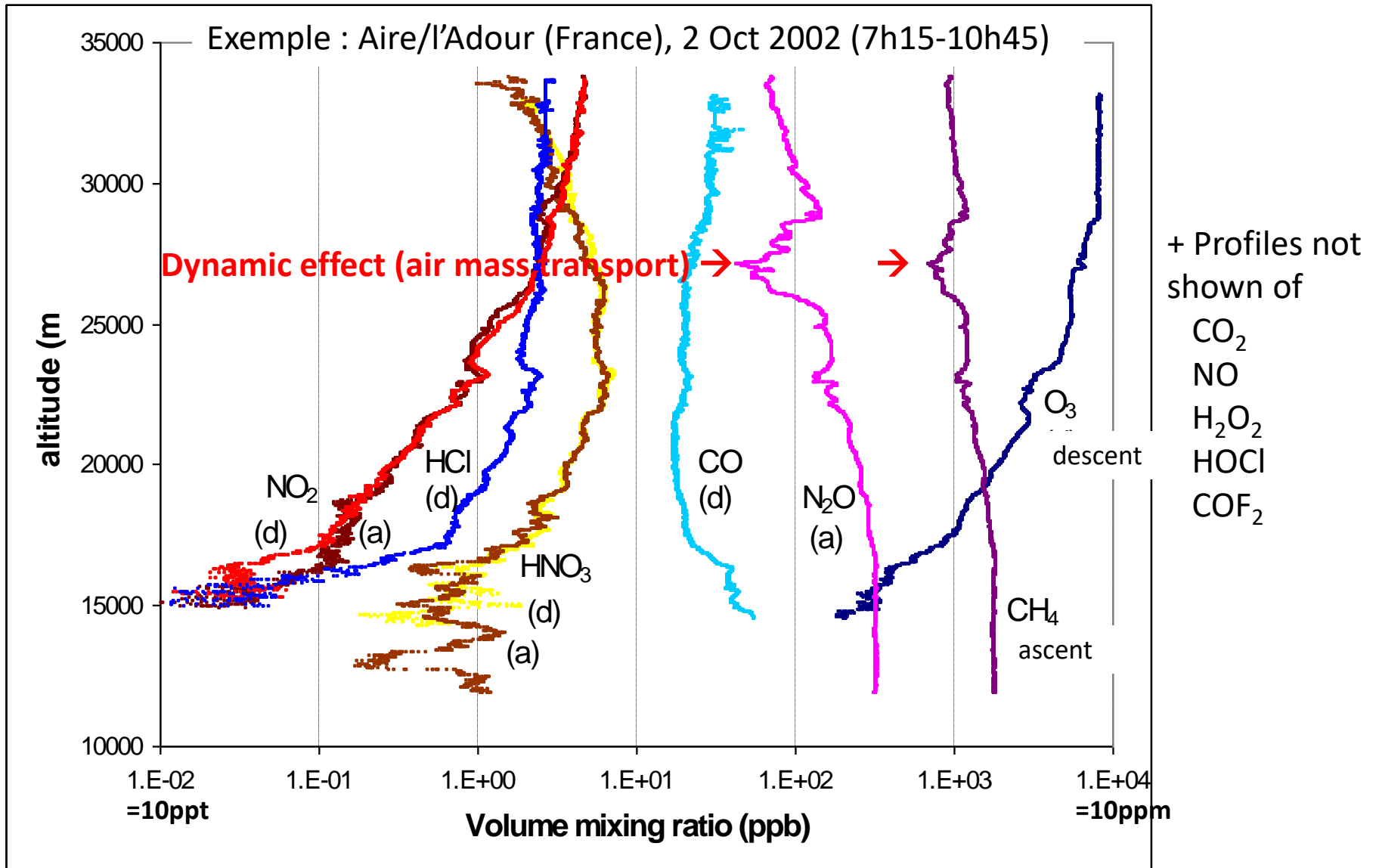
9 scientific flights (2001-2011)  
at different latitudes:  
68°N: Kiruna (Sweden)  
44°N: Aire/l'Adour or Gap (France)  
5°S: Teresina (Brazil)

**Built for satellite validations and ozone layer issue**

6 channels measuring absorption spectra every second : 2 to 5 m vertical resolution  
→ Each laser emits in a micro-domain ( $\sim 0.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) containing absorption lines of the molecules with ultra-high spectral resolution ( $0.0001 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )



# Performances of SPIRALE instrument : vertical profiles



68°N: Kiruna (Sweden)

Launch



Landing





5°S: Teresina (Brazil)

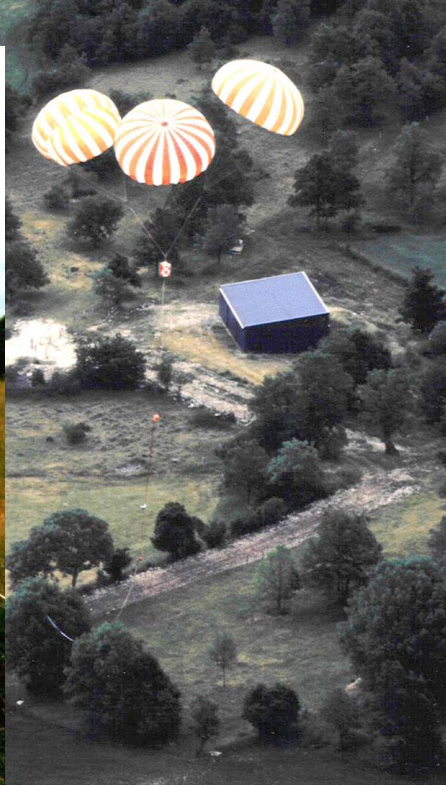




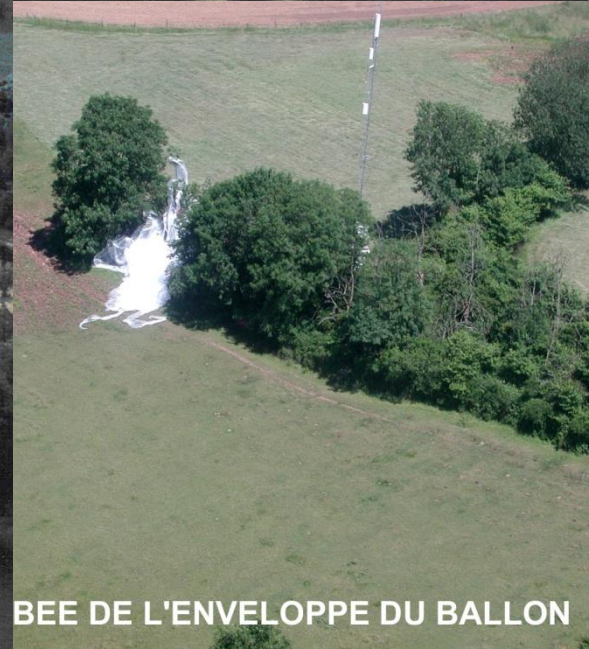
**BALLON EN VOL**



**RECUPERATION**



**SSAGE**

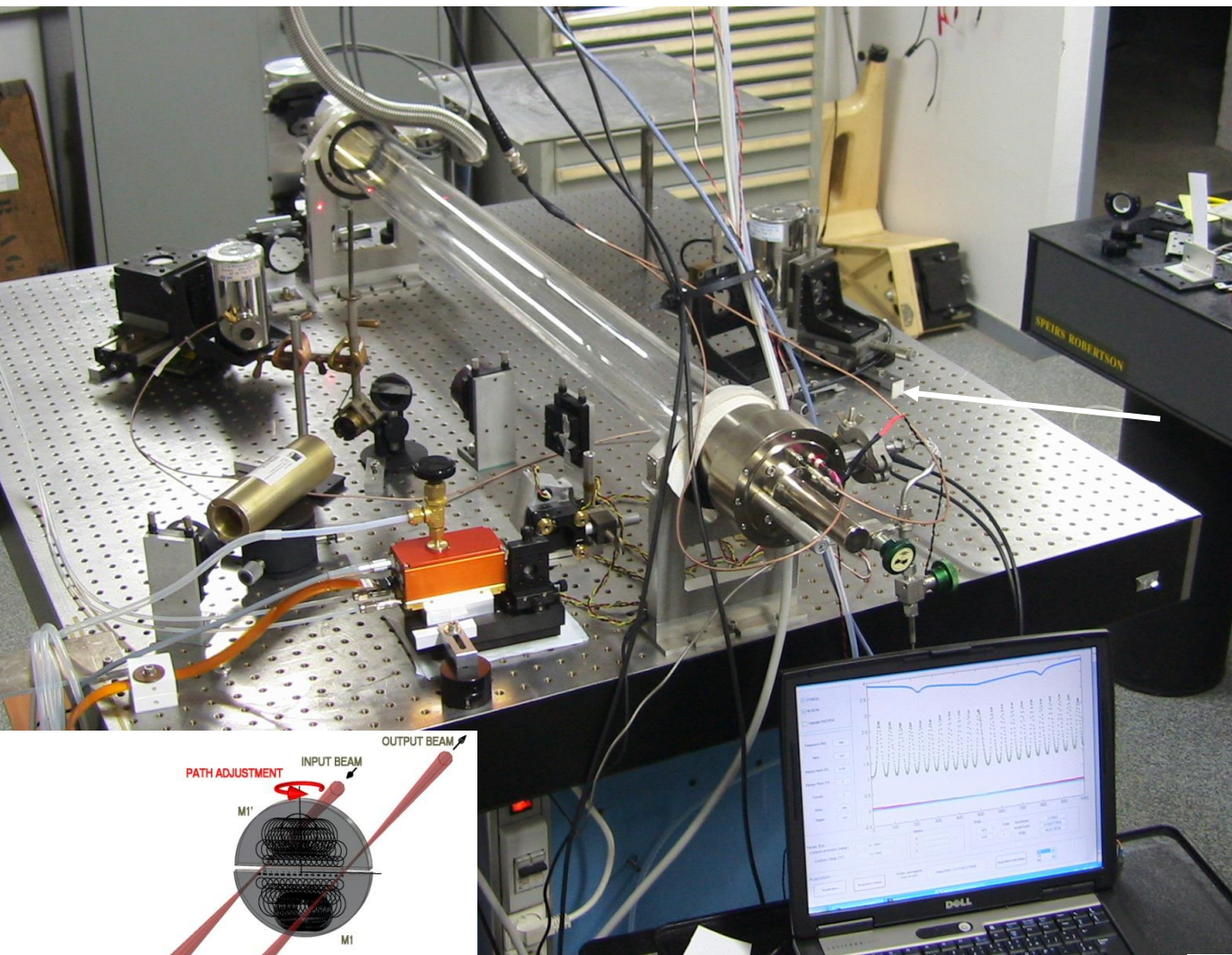


**BEE DE L'ENVELOPPE DU BALLON**

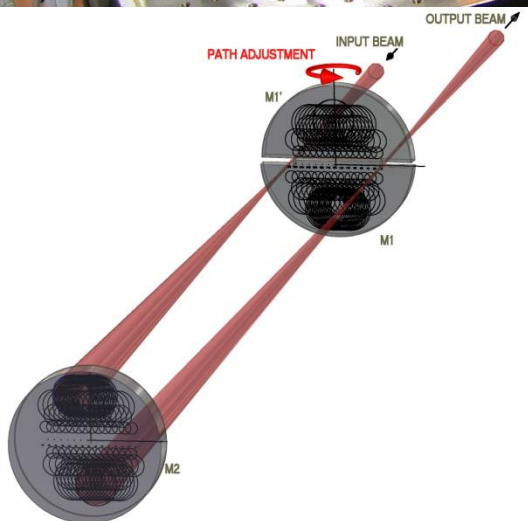
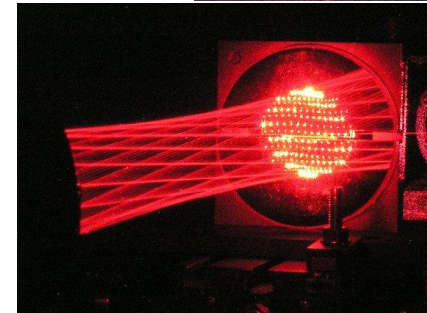
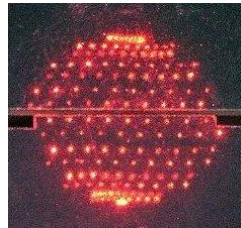




VIDEO: SPIRALE BALLOON LAUNCH, KIRUNA, Aug 7, 2009



Next generation  
→ First: try in  
the lab!



Multi-reflections Robert cell  
(optical path: 151 m)



Falcon-20 DLR, München



Falcon-20 SAFIRE (INSU-Météo France)  
Toulouse

## SPIRIT: Spectromètre InfraRouge In situ

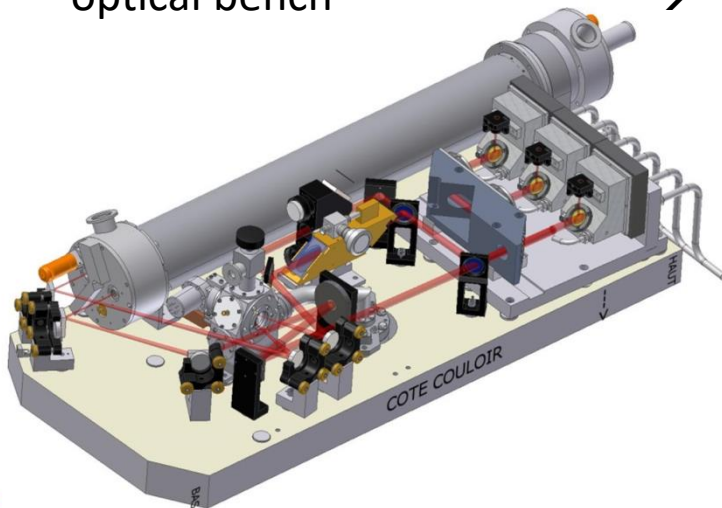
optical bench

→ aircraft certified rack

100 kg

3 QCLs

pathlength:151 m





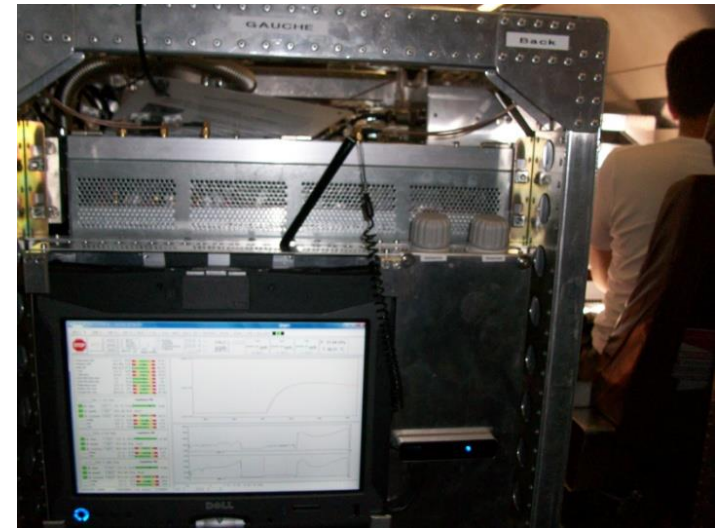
Sampling tube for external air

## FP7-European Project

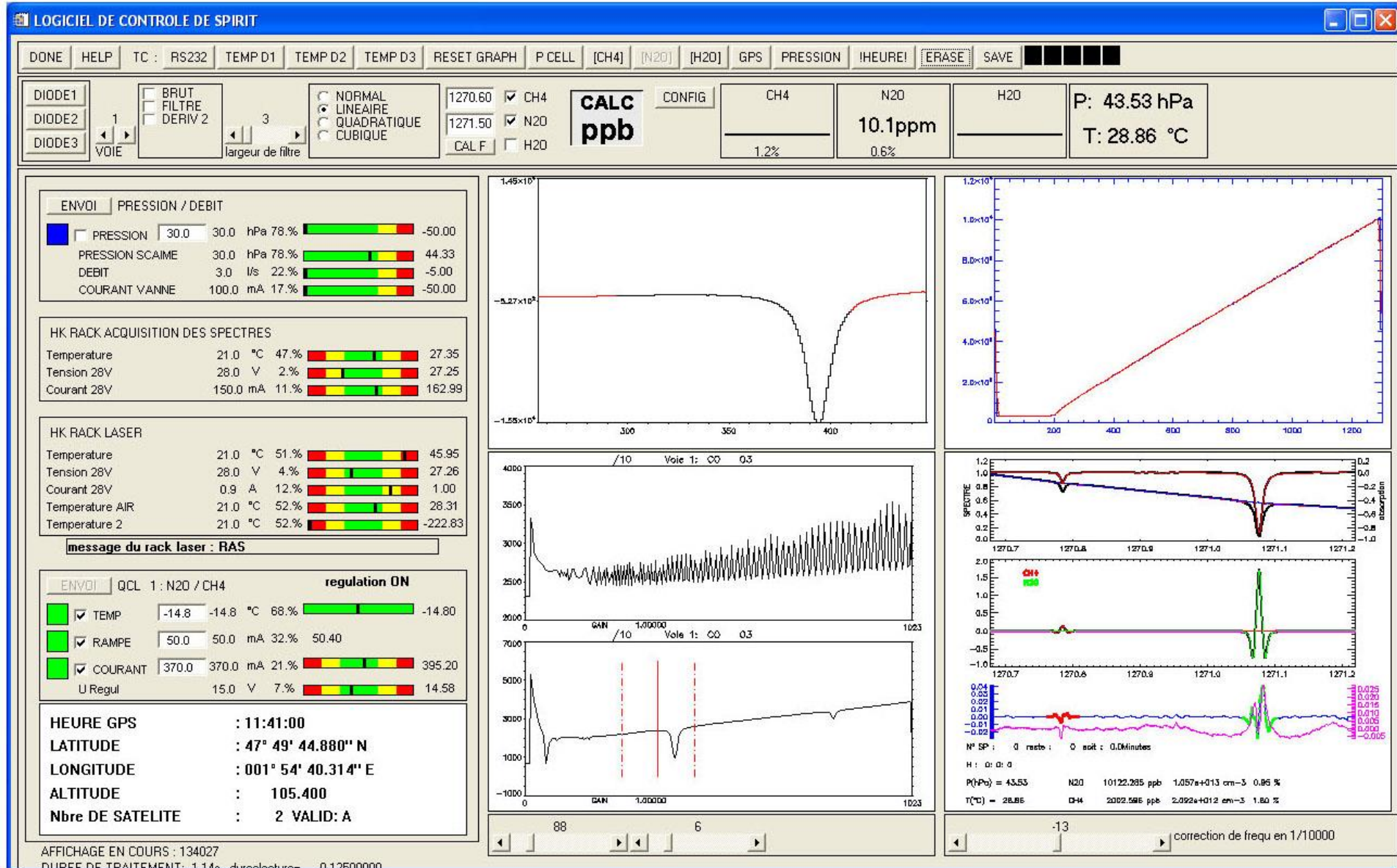


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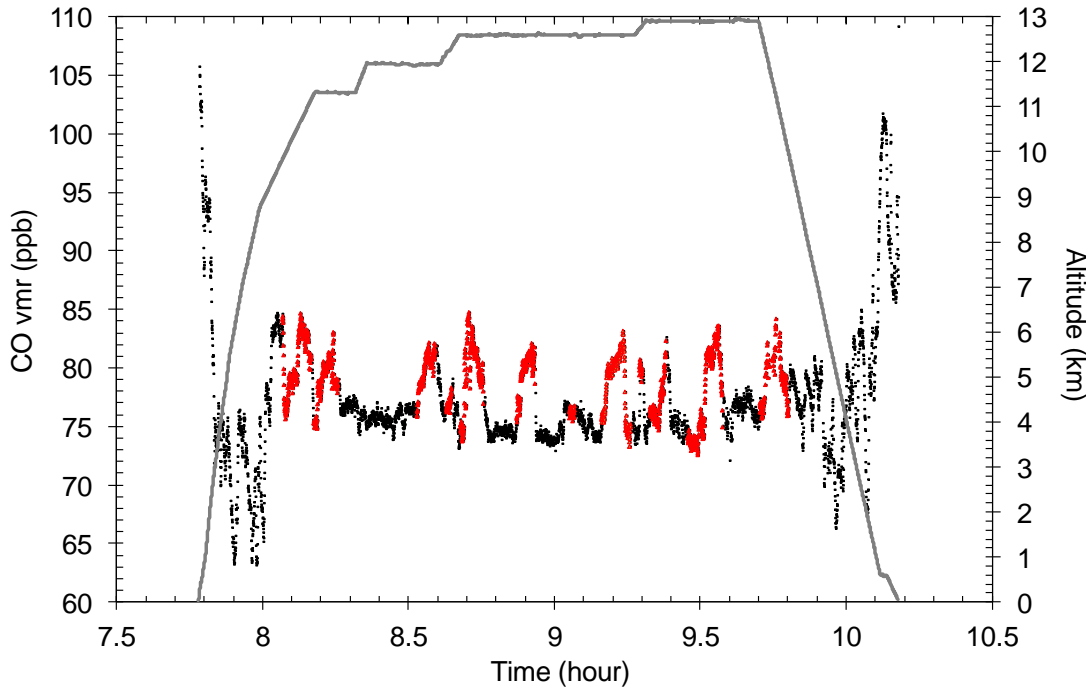
SPIRIT Live Control onboard



# Command-Control software for SPIRIT



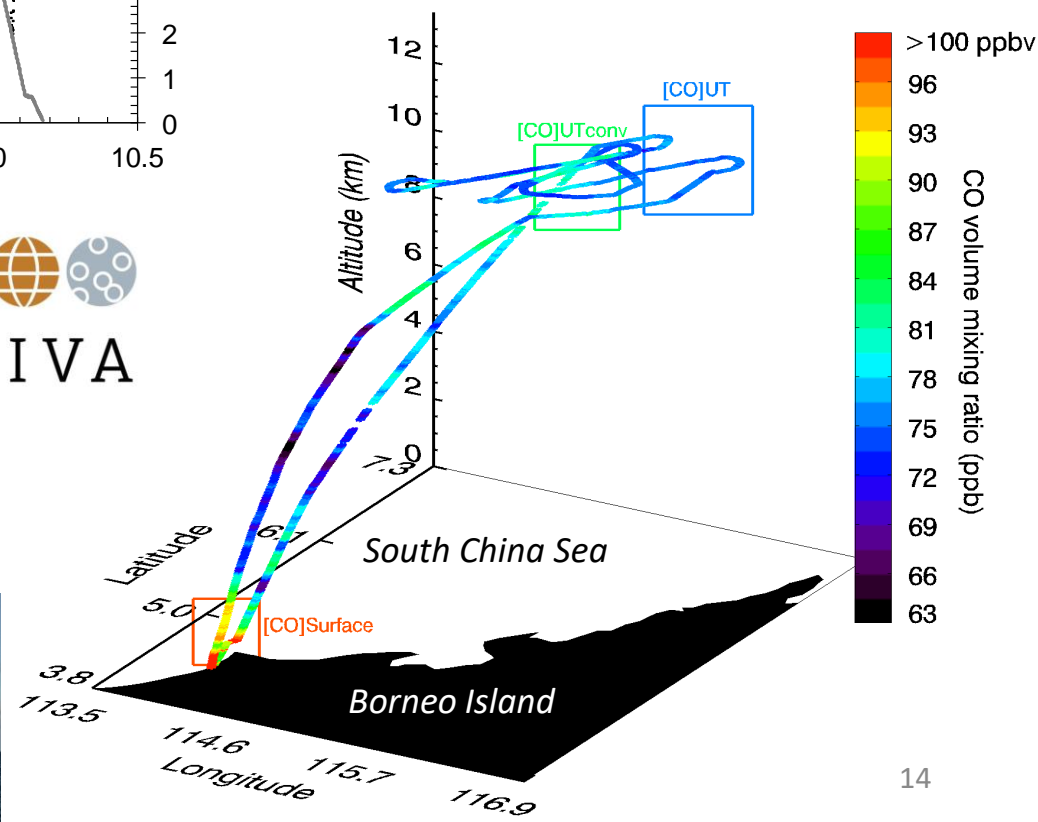
# 19 November 2011 - SPIRIT



**SPIRIT:**

- CO out of convective cloud
- ▲ CO in the convective cloud
- ▲ Altitude

## SPIRIT 3D CO



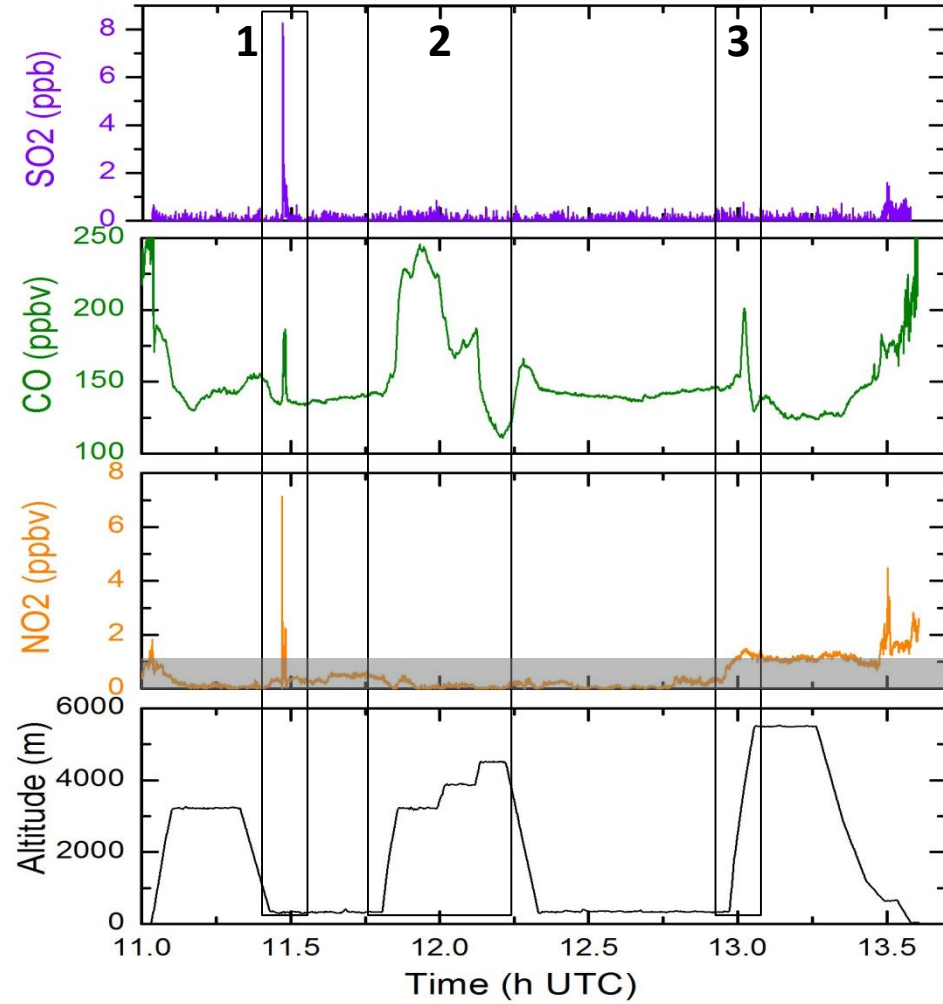
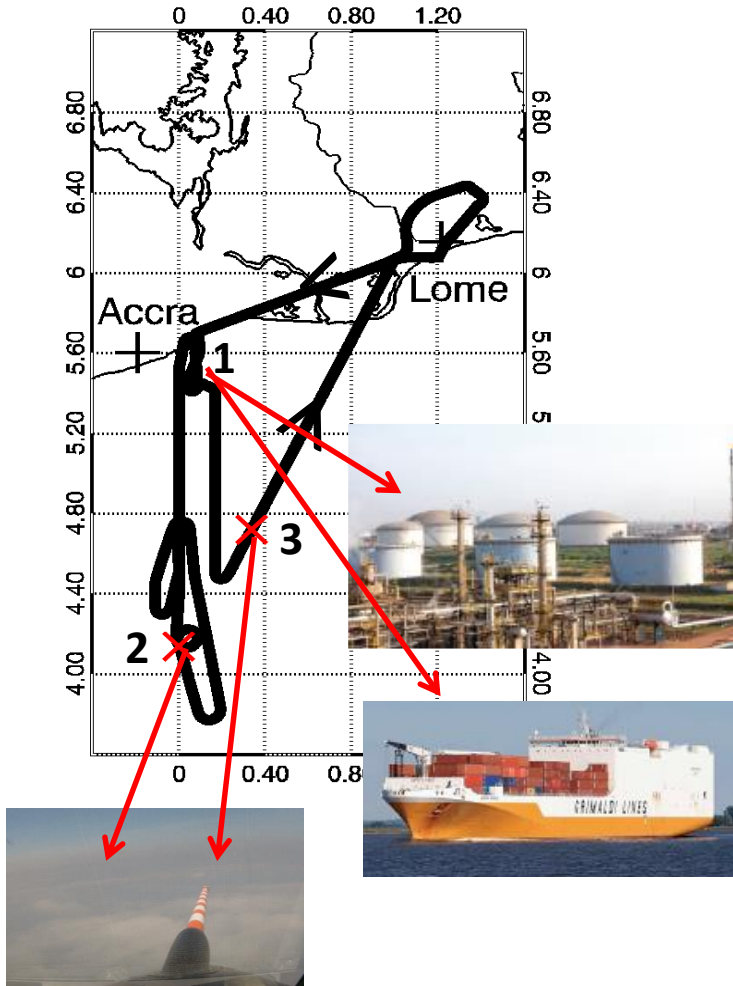
$$f = \frac{[CO]_{UT_{CONV}} - [CO]_{UT}}{[CO]_{surface} - [CO]_{UT}}$$



⇒ ~30% of upper tropospheric air comes from polluted surface



# 07/07/16 : Tanker/Oil Refinery and Biomass Burning emissions in West Africa



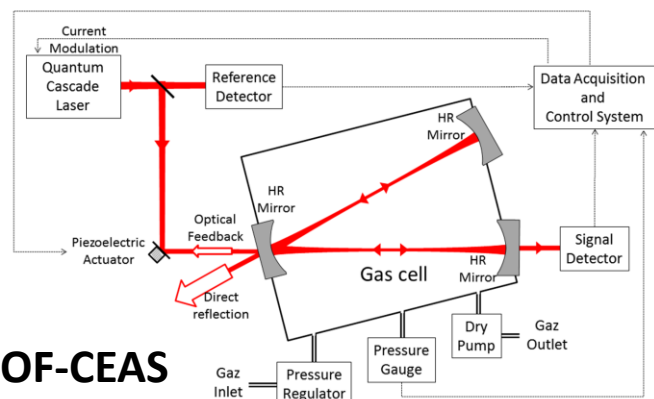
# Next Generation → under development: SPECIES: SPECTromètre Infrarouge à lasErs in Situ



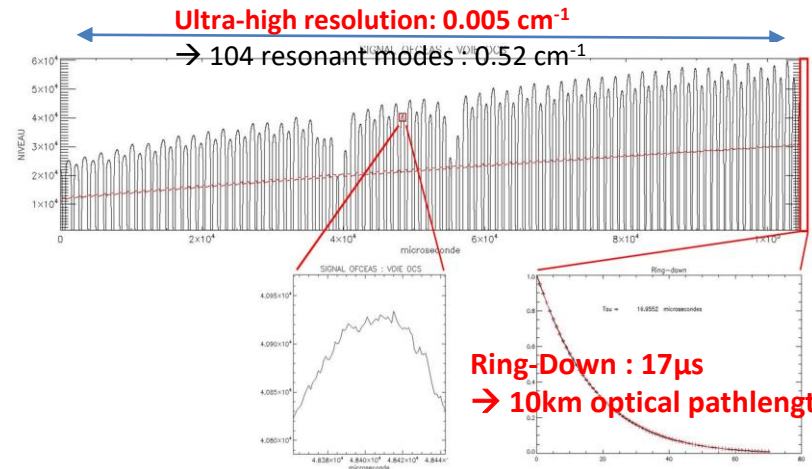
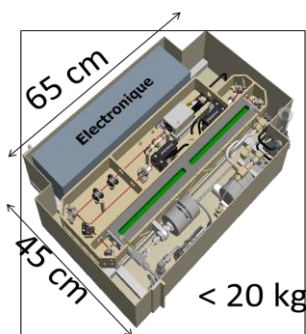
PIVOTS



## → Principle & mechanical design



**OF-CEAS**



- Modular design : 3 to 4 racks (19") : resonant optical cavities
- Each module can measure 1 to 2 gaseous species every 2 seconds



# SPECIES: SPECtromètre Infrarouge à lasErs in Situ

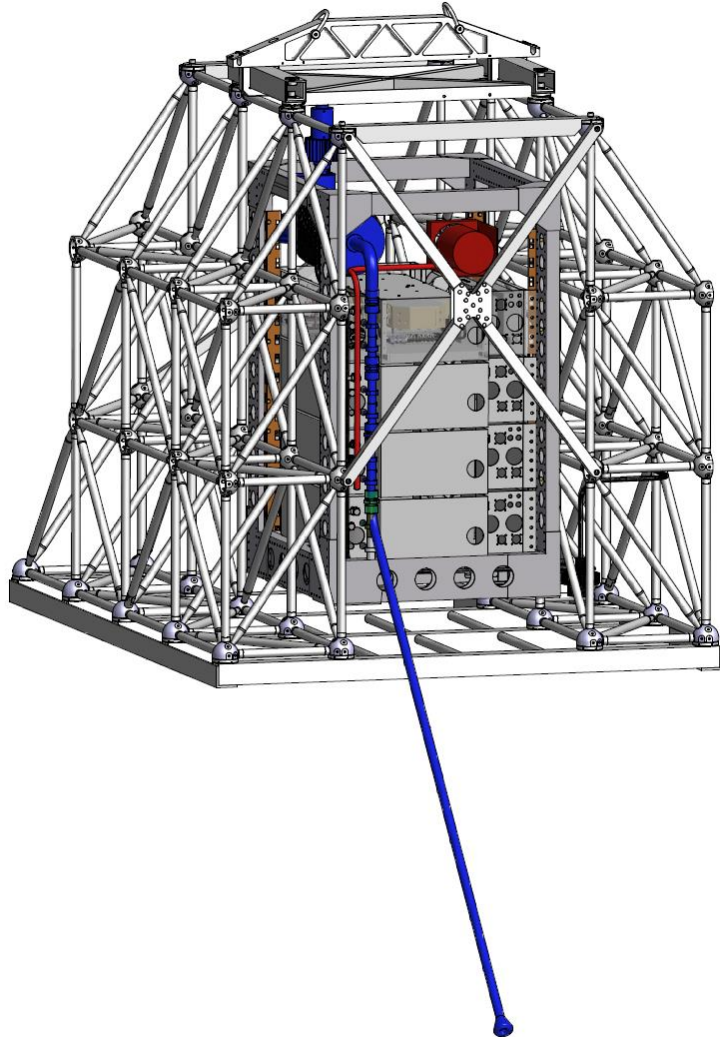
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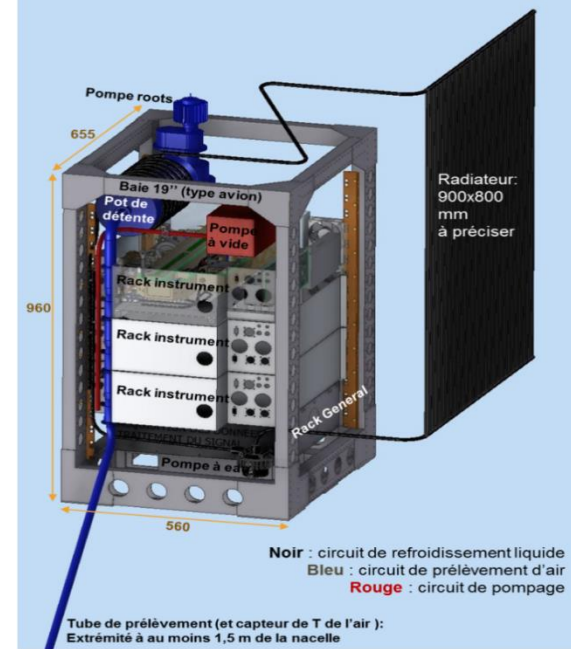
**Aircraft & Balloon  
Measurements from surface  
to upper stratosphere**

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SPECIES BALLON



AIRCRAFT RACK + Cooling for balloon



4 Racks	wavelength (μm)
CH <sub>4</sub> , CO	2,325
CH <sub>4</sub> , HCHO	3,418
NO, CO <sub>2</sub>	5,262
N <sub>2</sub> O, <sup>13</sup> CO <sub>2</sub>	2.863

ANTICIPATING: can a molecule we are interesting in be detected, from the surface (boundary layer) to the upper stratosphere? → Using the home-made software 'Base2020.exe', with the database HITRAN2020 and a standard atmosphere (1976: less polluted than now)

Unzip the folder « base\_2020\_executable\_specatmos »

Click on the directory "programme" and then on "base2020.exe" , click to continue

Choose the icones on the left "HITRAN2020", "raies moléculaires" : "toutes" or a particular molecule and the "Interval spectral"

Click on the icone "recherche" in the upper left, then choose in the left "altitude", "chemin optique", "pression de mesure"

Click on "spectres" (jour or nuit) in the upper part, then on "zoom" in the lower left part and a new window appears on which you can use your mouse to click right or left

$c = \lambda \nu = \nu / \tilde{\nu}$   
 wavenumber  $\sigma = \tilde{\nu}$   
 $\nu = c \tilde{\nu}$

