

## **NAWDEX 2016 - Planning summary**

**There are no flights planned today. This is a down day for the Falcon crew. The next missions are planned for Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October (HALO) and under consideration for Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October (French and German Falcon and HALO).**

### **Today's schedule:**

- Weather discussion with a short introduction the French team, a short Quicklook session of the Monday and Tuesday mission at 16:00 UTC
- There will be a midterm party at 19:30 UTC. Please bring some finger food! Beverages are provided.

### **Report HALO mission on Tuesday (27 September):**

- Everything worked out as planned
- one additional sonde was dropped (in total: 20)
- inflow region with strong dust layer and high moisture signals could be sampled

### **Report from coordinated Falcon - FAAM BAE146 mission on Tuesday (27 September):**

- some coordination issues appeared but could be solved
- successful coordinated N-S directed flight leg
- FAAM BAE146 dropped 23 sondes

### **Report of Falcon calibration flight on Wednesday (28 September):**

- calibration flight above Vatnajökull glacier was successful

### **Report of Radiosonde IOP:**

- 5 Radiosondes were launched
- observations up to 42km altitude

### **Status of the aircraft:**

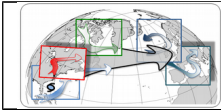
- Falcon: OK. A brake had to be replaced before Wednesday's flight
- HALO: OK. One position light will be replaced tomorrow

### **Status of instruments:**

- All OK.

### **IOP6 on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October:**

- Evolving cyclone is located south of Iceland and is moving towards Iceland while intensifying
- targets of the measurements are the temperature structure in the strong PV anomaly in the



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centre, the moisture structure at tropopause level and the high wind speeds near the tropopause fault

- Take off is planned for 8:30 UTC
- Satellite overpass at 15:01 UTC
- Who were the responsible persons:
  - Scientific Manager: George Craig
  - Chief Forecaster: Julian Quinting
  - Instrument Manager: Manuel Gutleben
  - Coordinator Ground-Based Observations: Jacob Maddison
  - Mission Scientists: Andreas Schäfler (HALO), Pila Bossman and Florian Baur (Ground Support)
- **Discussion**
  - No major problems were noted with the flight plan which will remain at high levels in Gander and Shanwick airspace.
  - The vertical resolution of both the cloud radar and water vapor lidar are sufficient to resolve sub-kilometre structures near the tropopause.
  - Look for ships located near cyclone where additional radiosondes could be launched.

**Further announcements:**

- Another mission (IOP7) will be proposed for Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> October)
  - Coordinated mission with HALO, Falcon (French and German)
  - Further planning and discussion at the synoptic meeting at 16:00UTC and presentation of the draft tomorrow in the general meeting (11 UTC)