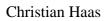


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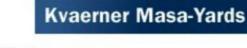




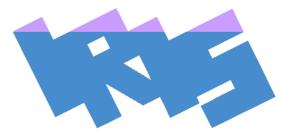
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Abstract

This field report summarises flights and measurements carried out during the first IRIS airborne EM campaign in the Baltic between February 17 and 23, 2003. It also presents general ice conditions encountered during the flights and corresponding ice charts. Data analysis results will be presented in additional, later reports.

1. Introduction

The main objective of the IRIS project is the quantitative derivation of the amount of ridges from satellite imagery and their prediction by means of numerical models. The information is needed to further improve ice information for shipping, as. e.g. provided by national ice services.

In the Baltic the estimates of the amount of ridged ice are so far based on surface observations or surface profiles. However, the uncertainty in these estimates is large and thus no reliable statistics on the equivalent thickness of ridged ice volume yet exists. The proper parameterisation of models that seek to determine the ridged ice volume and ridge keel statistics from sail statistics requires joint profiles of the ice surface and ice draft. Such profiles can be obtained with ice thickness sensors based on electromagnetic (EM) induction.

From the surface profile obtained from the laser measurement the usual ridge parameters like ridge density and ridge height, together with their associated distribution can be determined. The joint thickness and surface profile data allows then the linking of the usual ridge parameters to the volume of ridged ice and to the keel parameters. The EM measurement gives also the level ice thickness between the ridges, and if the measured ridge field is recently created, the relationship of ridge ice block thickness (parent ice thickness) to the ridge statistics can be studied. This relationship is important for the parameterisation of ridging resolving dynamic ice models and for the estimation of ridging from SAR images.

Accordingly, there is a large work package (WP 2: Baltic field studies) for the acquisition of in-situ ice thickness and surface roughness data which can be used for the development of remote sensing algorithms and model parameterisations. The main goals are to collect sufficient amounts of unbiased data and to determine ridge height and ice thickness distributions along extended, representative profiles. To achieve these goals, an operational, helicopterborne EM ice thickness sensor designed for surveying Arctic ice tickness has to be calibrated for Baltic brackish water conditions. This report summarises the measurements performed in February 2003 and presents the plan for further data analysis.

2. Sensors and measurements

2.1 EM bird

Electromagnetic (EM) induction sounding can generally be used to determine the distance to the interface of two layers with different electrical conductivities. The sea ice application is based on the fact the sea water is a conductive medium while sea ice is non-conductive. Thus the distance from the sensor to the ice/water interface, which is coincident with the ice underside, can be determined. The distance between the

sensor and the ice surface is measured by a laser distance meter. From the difference of both distances ice thickness is obtained.

Alfred Wegener Institutes (AWI) thickness sensor is a towed bird (EM bird) suspended with a 20 m long below a helicopter (Fig. 1). It uses two operating frequencies of 3.6 and 112 kHz. The length of the bird is 3.4 m and weight 120 kg. The bird is flown at an altitude of 10 to 20 m above the ice surface. The laser altimeter readings are directly displayed to the pilot for real-time altitude control of the bird. The bird requires a power supply of 28 VDC and 16 A (450 W) to be delivered from the helicopter. The power supply and the load hook are the only interfaces with the helicopter, so that the bird is quite platform independent. Data are radio-transmitted to a small notebook operated on the knees of one passenger in the helicopter. Data acquisition is performed at a sampling rate of 10 Hz, corresponding to a point spacing of 3 to 4 m with flight speeds of 60 to 80 knots.



Figure 1: EM bird in operation.

2.2 Laser altimeter

The Riegl LD90-3100HS laser distance meter inside the EM bird is not only used as a supplementary instrument for the computation of ice thickness, but also as a standalone laser profiler for measurements of ridge sail distributions and surface roughness. Its measurements enable to relate ridge profiles to overall thickness profiles.

The infrared laser operates at a wavelength of 905 nm with a ray divergence of 2 mrad. It has a range of up to 150 m with an accuracy of 0.002 m. To obtain a higher spatial sampling than with the thickness measurements, the laser is operated at a sampling rate of 100 Hz, corresponding to a point spacing 0f 0.3 to 0.4 m.

2.3 GPS

A standard GPS is included in the EM bird for recording the flight track with high accuracy. This enables later comparison of the data with data from other sources, e.g. satellite imagery.

2.4 Video camera

A downward looking digital video camera inside a metal housing was mounted directly to the helicopter (Fig. 2). The video was used to enable detailed investigations of the behaviour of the EM signal over different ice types and to judge the spatial resolution of the EM measurements. It was also used to document overall ice conditions with high flying altitudes.



Figure 2: Downward looking video camera.

2.5 Aerial photography

With conventional analogue and digital cameras still photographs were taken to document overall ice conditions and whenever there were peculiar ice features or situations. All photographs were documented with a GPS position to be able to specify their exact location when questions regarding interpretation of thickness data or satellite images should occur. The locations of all photographs taken are indicated as circles on the maps for every days flight track in Section 3.2.

3. The campaign

3.1. General

The 2003 helicopter ice thickness profiling campaign took between February 17 and 23. Flight tracks are shown in Figure 3 and are summarised in Table 1. In total, 12 flights with a total length of 1267 km have been performed. They lasted between 0.8 and 1.5 hours, corresponding to profile lengths of 73 to 141 km. As both the Gulf of Finland and the Gulf of Bothnia were well covered with ice (Fig. 4), we decided to survey both regions. Therefore, we moved from Helsinki northwards up to Raahe, and obtained an almost continuous coverage of the Finnish coast (Fig. 3). While two cross sections between Finland and Estonia could be achieved on February 23, helicopter range proved not to be sufficient to profile complete sections between the Finnish and Swedish coast.

The large number of flights was only possible due to favourable weather conditions. However, this also meant that there were no strong storms in the meantime. Therefore, there was probably not much change of the ice thickness distribution in the Gulf of Finland over the one-week period. To show such a change was the original idea behind the repeat flights from Helsinki on February 17 and 23. Section 3.2 and the Appendix describes in detail every days flights and the main ice conditions observed.

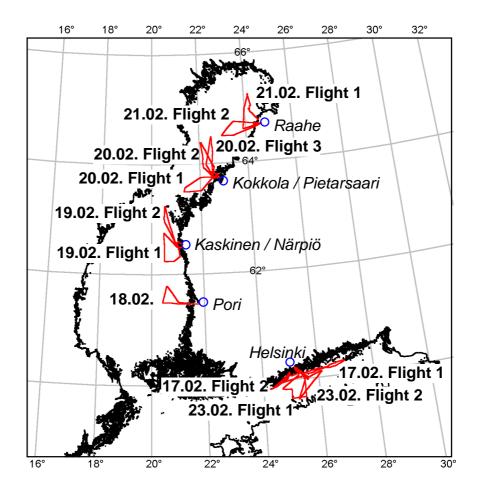


Figure 3: Map of all EM bird flight tracks during the 2003 ice thickness campaign between Febraury 17 and 23.

| Table 1: Summary of all flights showing total | flight duration and length of thickness profile |
|---|---|
| obtained (flying altitude lower than 25 m). | |

| Date | Base | Flight No. | Duration, h | Profile length, km |
|-----------|----------|------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 17.2.2003 | Helsinki | 1 | 1.5 | 140 |
| | | 2 | 1.3 | 135 |
| 18.2.2003 | Pori | 1 | 0.8 | 81 |
| 19.2.2003 | Närpiö | 1 | 1.2 | 95 |
| | _ | 2 | 1.3 | 141 |
| 20.2.2003 | Kokkola | 1 | 1.2 | 73 |
| | | 2 | 1.2 | 100 |
| | | 3 | 1.3 | 116 |
| 21.2.2003 | Raahe | 1 | 1.3 | 83 |
| | | 2 | 1.4 | 95 |
| 23.2.2003 | Helsinki | 1 | 1.2 | 77 |
| | | 2 | 1.3 | 131 |
| Total | | | 15.0 | 1267 |

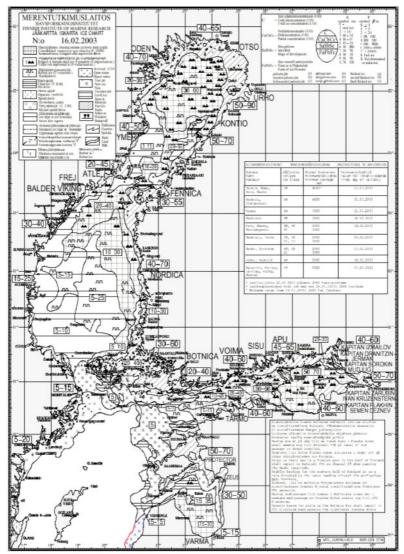


Figure 4: Ice situation on February 16, i.e. one day before the first flight. Map courtesy of FIMR.

3.1.1 Flying procedure

The flight tracks were designed in order to represent the prevailing ice conditions, and to perpendicularly cross boundaries of eventually different ice regimes. Plans were made every morning based on recent ice charts which had been ordered by fax from the Finnish Ice Service at FIMR (e.g. Fig. 4).

Between the airfields and the sea flying altitudes between 100 and 200 m have been chosen. The bird was already switched on to allow for warm-up of the analogue electronic components. For thickness sounding, the bird had to be flown at altitudes between 12 and 15 m above the ice surface. Operation speed was 80 knots. However, because the EM signal is subject to electronic drift, the bird was lifted to altitudes greater than 60 m every 10 to 15 minutes to monitor the EM signal without any presence of electrical conductors like the sea (Fig. 5). During the high altitude sections, signal nulling and internal calibration was performed to compensate and correct for the drift. This procedure resulted in interruptions of the thickness profiles for 3 to 5 minutes. In most cases, the video camera was switched on only during ascents to and descents from the high altitude sections.

During the flights, geo-referenced event markers were edited into the files to demarcate special features and to document general ice conditions along the flight tracks. The locations of event markers are indicated as crosses on the maps for every days flight track in Section 3.2 and the Appendix. Notes on every event are only available as hand-written paper copy.

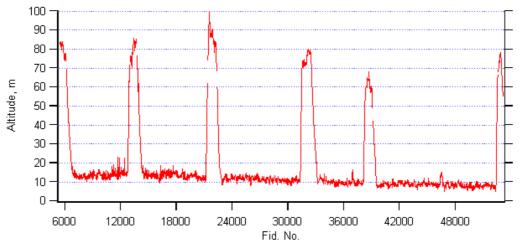


Figure 5: Typical GPS altitude pattern of 192 km long EM flight with actual thickness profiling performed during low altitude sections. Example from second flight on February 23. Fiducial numbers are in 0.1 s, i.e. 6000 Fids correspond to 10 minutes flying time.

3.1.2 Logistics

The flight plan required to operate from different airfields along the Finnish coast. Currently, the bird cannot be landed without ground-assistance. Therefore, it was not possible to fly it from one base to the next, but it had always to be returned to the starting point. Therefore, all equipment had to be transported from one base to the next every evening after the flights. For transport of the scientific equipment a van with a 4 m long loading platform was rented, which was just big enough to host all required equipment (Fig. 6). The science team consisted of three people (M. Lensu, W. Dierking, C. Haas).

For all flights, a MD-500 helicopter was chartered from Helitour Oy, Helsinki. Operation of the flights required a pilot and a technician. The technician was responsible on the ground for take-off and landing of the bird, which was directly landed into a specially built trolley. He also had to drive the refueling truck which was required on some bases (Fig. 6). Between bases, science and helicopter teams operated independently and met just in the morning at the respective airfield.



Figure 6: Photograph of the ground logistics, consisting of (from left to right): EM bird on trolley, MD-500 helicopter, refueling truck, and scientist equipment van.

3.2 Daily flight maps and ice conditions

In the appendix all daily flight tracks and ice conditions observed are presented. Two maps are shown for every flight. The first map shows the flight track superimposed on the daily ice chart provided by FIMR. The second map includes information on the flight altitude (colour coded) and on the locations of event markers (crosses) and photographs (circles). Ice thickness measurements are only available for altitudes between 10 and 20 m (see Sect. 3.1.1).

The information is completed by two photographs representing general ice conditions, as well as a table summarising ice conditions at all locations where photographs have been taken.

4. Data analysis plan

During in-flight data acquisition only the laser heights and relative secondary EM field strengths (in ppm) are displayed in the operators notebook and recorded (Fig. 7). This allows to judge the data quality and noise content in real time already during the flight. Generally, there was a clear signal from ridges and level ice during all flights, even at the low water salinities in the Bay of Bothnia. Unfortunately, due to strong winds on the flights from Raahe there was much noise in the data, which might allow accurate thickness retrieval only after low-pass filtering, thus removing some of the lateral resolution.

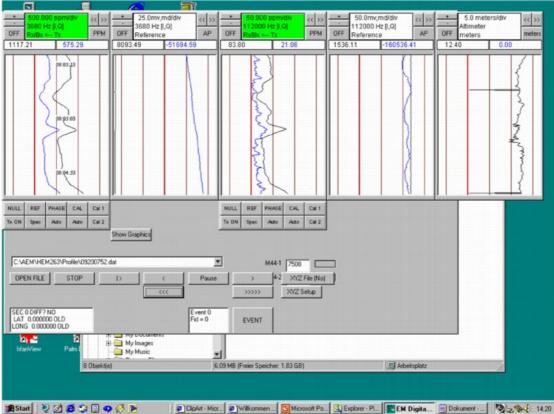


Figure 7: Screen shot of data acquisition software display, allowing real time control of all transmit and receive channels of EM field strengths and laser distances for quality control. The example shows a profile across a pressure ridge.

However, thickness retrieval from the EM field data is involved. Thickness profiles will only be available in late fall 2003. On the one hand, we have to develop geophysical inversion procedures which involve imagery and real components of the EM field at both frequencies. This work is under development. On the other hand, thicknesses have to be retrieved manually from each channel using interactive software. Much of this work is still under development and has to be optimised before routine procedures can be used. The main steps involved are presented below for a flight over the Gulf of Finland on February 23.

4.1 Drift compensation

As mentioned above, EM signals are subject to temporal drift due to electronic drift of the analogue electronic components, mainly heating of the coils. The drift can be monitored during high altitude sections, when there should be no signal in the absence of any conductor around the system. The deviation from null between two ascents is the drift, which has to be linearly interpolated and removed from all other samples in between. The procedure is illustrated in Figure 8. Here, drift amounted to 30 ppm which is relatively low because the profile has been obtained after 0.5 hours of operation, when all electronic components had almost achieved their equilibrium temperature.

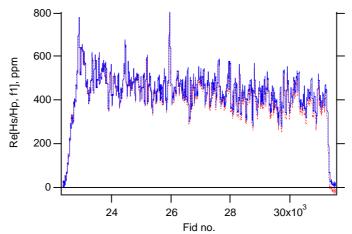


Figure 8: Typical profile of inphase component of f_1 (3.6 kHz) showing original (red, stippled) and drift-corrected trace (blue, solid). February 23, 2^{nd} flight, file 200302231204*.

4.2 Calibration

An essential issue in EM sounding is calibration to be able to convert the measured voltages into EM field strength. Normally, absolute calibration is required to invert underground conductivities from the EM signals. This will also be necessary for the development of our geophysical inversion procedures.

However, the case of sea ice thickness measurements is comparatively simple, as normally the data contain some open water sections even in winter. As ice thickness is well known to be zero over open water, these sections provide some independent means for calibrating the data. Because the helicopters altitude is quite variable during a flight, open water sections are crossed at different heights and provide thus information on the relation between EM signal and bird distance to the water surface. This is illustrated in Figure 9. Open water sections are characterised by a maximum EM signal strength for a given bird height and are therefore easily identifiable. Some open water points can then be picked from a scatter plot of EM signal versus laser height, and can be used as sampling points for an exponential fit. The fit provides a transformation equation to convert the EM signal into a distance to the water surface.

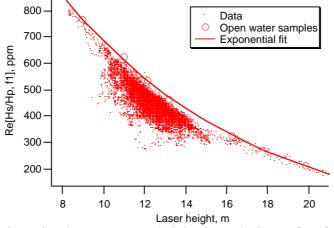


Figure 9: F₁ Inphase signal versus system height above the ice surface for the example from Figure 8. The exponential fit is performed only for open water samplong points.

4.3 Thickness computation

Figure 10a presents profiles of electromagnetically derived bird distance to the water surface computed as explained in 4.2, and the coincident laser height above the ice

surface. For better clarity, only a short section of the profile in Figure 8 is shown. Ice thickness is the difference between both curves (Fig. 10b). Figure 11 shows the corresponding thickness distribution. Mean ice thickness along the profile was 1.36 m with a typical thickness of 1.1 m.

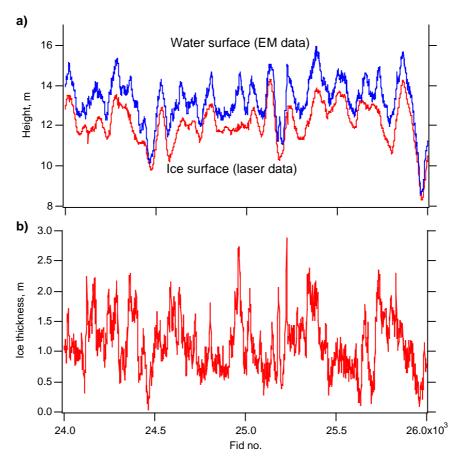


Figure 10: Profiles of bird height above the water (blue) and ice (red) surface (a) and ice thickness (b) derived by subtracting both curves in a). Section from the profile shown in Figure 8.

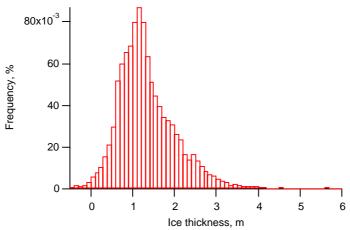


Figure 11: Thickness distribution of the profile shown in Figures 8 and 10.

4.3 Retrieval of ridge distributions

Ridge sail and keel distributions will be retrieved from both the laser data alone and the ice thickness profiles. With the laser profiles, helicopter motion inherent in the data will first be removed following standard procedures (high pass filtering, picking of minimum sampling points, and reconstruction, low pass filtering, and subtraction of helicopter motion). Both the location of ridge sails and keels along the profiles as well as the derived height, spacing, and cluster distributions will be delivered for subsequent parameterisation in models and for comparison with remote sensing (SAR) data.

5. Experiences and conclusions

Although we could not achieve as much work as originally planned (see IRIS Report No. 1: Field experiment plan: Airborne EM measurements of Baltic ice thickness in February 2003; Part of Deliverable No. 1), the 2003 airborne campaign has to be considered as extraordinarily successful. This was due to favourable weather conditions, professional helicopter service, and good performance of the EM bird over low salinity Baltic Sea ice. Although the latter will become clear only after complete data analysis, sufficient data quality could be judged already during the flights from low noise (4 ppm) and clear ice signals at the edges of ice floes and over ridges. Anyway, we could improve the signal-to-noise ratio by just flying lower (between 10 and 15 m) which did not pose a problem for the helicopter pilot.

Nevertheless, survey flights and transfer shipping of the equipment consumed quite some time, so that no extra flights could be performed for calibration purposes or other ice work. This has to be taken into account for future campaigns.

Around Pori, all EM measurements were seriously disturbed by radio transmissions from Pori radio station. There was extremely strong noise both on the transmitter as well as on the receiver side, which was even saturated.

Our flights provided a great opportunity to validate qualitatively the official FIMR ice charts. The charts proofed to be very accurate and represented all ice regimes very well. However, the representation of ridges was very poor, emphasising the importance of the campaign in putting forward the goals of the IRIS project.

Data processing and analysis has commenced and will be completed in late fall 2003.

6. Acknowledgements

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APPENDIX I

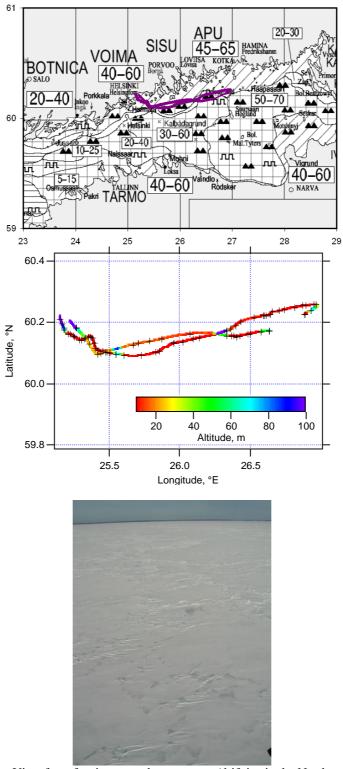
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The tables list every days photographs and prevailing ice types and conditions.

February 17, Flight 1

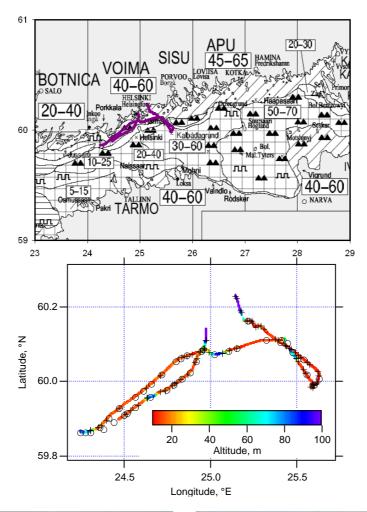
Flight from Helsinki along the fast ice/ drift ice boundary towards East.



View from fast ice towards open water/drift ice in the North.

February 17, Flight 2

Flight from Helsinki towards West, and to an extended polynja in the Southeast.





Compact drift ice at the fast ice / drift ice boundary

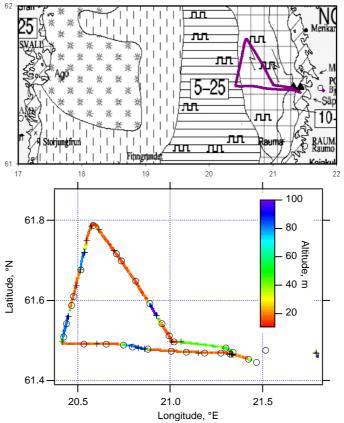


Dark nilas on polynja adjacent to fast ice in backgrond

| | | 5 local; Film 2, mo Löytömäki) | | pilot Rene Koivisto + Mikko Lensu; 14-37: Gulf of |
|----------|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|---|
| # | Position N | Position E | Altitude [m] | Remark |
| 001 | 60°05.155 | 24°57.635 | 103 | photo 14 |
| 002 | 60°03.083 | 24°54.940 | 43 | photo 15, fragmented fast ice |
| 003 | 60°01.394 | 24°52.952 | 39 | photo 16 |
| 004 | 60°00.328 | 24°50.161 | 43 | no photo, open water to the left, heading 280° |
| 005 | 59°59.404 | 24°47.324 | 43 | photo 17 |
| 006 | 59°58.658 | 24°44.937 | 76 | photo 18 |
| 007 | 59°57.404 | 24°39.077 | 76 | photo 19, open water to the left, heading 280° |
| 008 | 59°55.787 | 24°33.924 | 41 | no photo, thin ice |
| 009 | 59°54.817 | 24°31.062 | 40 | photo 20 |
| 010 | 59°54.467 | 24°30.128 | 40 | photo 21 |
| 011 | 59°53.360 | 24°26.453 | 44 | photo 22, to the left in 2 km distance open water |
| 012 | 59°52.285 | 24°22.775 | 45 | this way point shortly after flying along ice edge |
| 013 | 59°51.715 | 24°18.409 | 44 | photo 23 |
| 014 | 59°51.731 | 24°14.893 | 44 | photo 24 |
| 015 | 59°51.778 | 24°16.520 | 90 | new heading 50°, open water to the right |
| 016 | 59°52.628 | 24°21.597 | 38 | photo 25 |
| 017 | 59°54.098 | 24°24.563 | 35 | photo 26 |
| 018 | 59°55.591 | 24°28.347 | 32 | photo 27 |
| 019 | 59°57.460 | 24°33.776 | 33 | no photo, small and large ice fragments |
| 020 | 59°58.131 | 24°35692 | 34 | no photo, smooth level |
| 021 | 59°58.510 | 24°36.724 | 34 | photo 28 |
| 022 | 59°59.504 | 24°39.363 | 37 | larger patches of smooth ice, weak ridging, no sun |
| 023 | 60°01.087 | 24°43.177 | 30 | smooth thin ice, open water to the right in 2-3 km |
| 024 | 60°03.156 | 24°48.005 | 36 | large pieces of broken grey ice, snow covered |
| 025 | 60°03.697 | 24°49.721 | 37 | smooth ice |
| 026 | 60°04.067 | 24°51.923 | 35 | smooth dark grey ice |
| 027 | 60°04.799 | 24°56.983 | 62 | photo 29: open water with ice floe belt |
| 028 | 60°04.283 | 25°01.396 | 109 | photo 30: ice edge |
| 029 | 60°04.833 | 25°06.464 | 73 | photo 31-34 fragmented ice |
| 030 | 60°05.301 | 25°09.219 | 44 | photo 35 |
| 031 | 60°06.608 | 25°19.460 | 34 | fragmented ice with ridges, ice edge in 2-3km dist. |
| 032 | 60°06.662 | 25°24.735 | 33 | photos 36-37 |
| 033 | 60°06.102 | 25°26.787 | 130 | thin rafted ice, first signs of ridging |
| 034 | 60°04.627 | 25°28.471 | 105 | open water |
| 035 | 60°01.020 | 25°33.604 | 39 | open water, then lots of broken ice fragments |
| 036 | 59°59.344 | 25°35.938 | 41 | digital camera: ridged ice |
| 037 | 60°00.361 | 25°37.663 | 34 | open water with pieces of broken ice (digital photo) |
| 038 | 60°03.544 | 25°32.409 | 33 | thin ice with rafting and ridging, ice fragments: Film 3, |
| | | 0500 (10 1 | | photos 00, 0, 1-2 |
| 039 | 60°06.271 | 25°24.194 | 32 | light house again, see photo 37, film 2 |
| 040 | 60°09.683 | 25°13.107 | 36 | Photo 3: shiptrack |
| | -5: approachir | | | |
| Disasser | nbling, packin | g until ca 17:30 |) local; driving | to Pori, arrival ca. 22:00 |

February 18, Flight 1

Flight from Pori into Sea of Bothnia covered by dark and light nilas. Bad noise induced by Pori radio station.





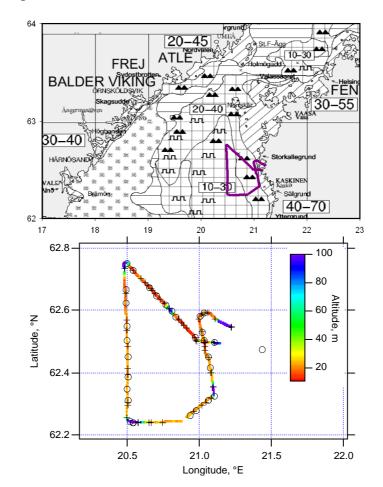
Mixed rafted dark and light nilas



Broken grey ice pieces embedded in nilas

| 18/02/03 | 3; film 3, photos | s 6-8 Pori airfie | ld | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|---|--|--|
| flight 3 f | rom Pori, 11:00 |)-11:25 local, j | ohoto 9: fast ic | e, return to base, bird: interference with local | | |
| | ter (radio anter | | | | | |
| Flight 4, 13:15-14:45, film 3, photo 10: flying towards coast | | | | | | |
| # | Position N | Position E | Altitude [m] | Remark | | |
| 041 | 61°28.561 | 21°30.971 | 129 | photo 9 | | |
| 042 | 61°26.758 | 21°27.792 | 107 | photo 11 | | |
| 043 | 61°27.212 | 21°25.138 | 50 | photo 12 | | |
| 044 | 61°27.949 | 21°19.297 | 28 | photo 13: transition fast ice -> pack ice | | |
| 045 | 61°28.103 | 21°16.366 | 27 | photo 14 | | |
| 046 | 61°28.139 | 21°11.204 | 30 | photos 15-18 | | |
| 047 | 61°28.241 | 21°05.036 | 28 | no photo, same situation, later broken ice fragments: photo 19 | | |
| 048 | 61°28.400 | 21°00.344 | 28 | photo 20, later photos 21-23 | | |
| 049 | 61°28.642 | 20°52.721 | 61 | photos 24-26 | | |
| 050 | 61°29.083 | 20°47.773 | 102 | no photo, same situation | | |
| 051 | 61°29.305 | 20°44.872 | 75 | same situation, later dollar pancakes: photo 27 | | |
| 052 | 61°29.503 | 20°39.269 | 31 | photo 28: dollar pancakes in waves | | |
| 053 | 61°29.421 | 20°31.960 | 30 | photo 29: nilas + grey ice; later photo 30: nilas with rafting, frost flowers ? snow drift ? | | |
| 054 | 61°30.546 | 20°25.425 | 39 | photo 31 | | |
| 055 | 61°32.508 | 20°26.443 | 80 | no photo, same situation | | |
| 056 | 61°35.232 | 20°27.892 | 41 | photo 32: pancakes frozen together | | |
| 057 | 61°36.582 | 20°28.658 | 42 | photo 33 | | |
| 058 | 61°40.553 | 20°30.918 | 31 | photo 34 | | |
| 059 | 61°47.302 | 20°34.972 | 25 | photo 35: broken pancake cover in dark, rafted nilas; photo 36; changing film, photos 00+0 | | |
| 060 | 61°43.011 | 20°42.418 | 31 | photos 1+2, film 4 | | |
| 061 | 61°41.918 | 20°44.117 | 31 | pancake field, perhaps with ice slick between cakes | | |
| 062 | 61°38.932 | 20°48.623 | 33 | photos 3+4 | | |
| 063 | 61°35.523 | 20°53.378 | 89 | photo 5 | | |
| 064 | 61°32.520 | 20°57.115 | 56 | same situation: ridging and rafting | | |
| 065 | 61°30.647 | 20°59.692 | 37 | Larger pieces of ice frozen together | | |
| 066 | 61°29.798 | 21°01.207 | 33 | photos 6-9 | | |
| 067 | 61°28.804 | 21°18.178 | 61 | rafting + ridging, transition to fast ice | | |
| 068 | 61°28.229 | 21°20.366 | 67 | fast ice | | |
| Photos | 10+11 Pori airfi | eld, fueling. De | eparture 16:00 | , arrival Kaskinen (Kaskö) 18:00 | | |

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Flight from Närpiö towards West, from deformed white ice into rafted nilas.



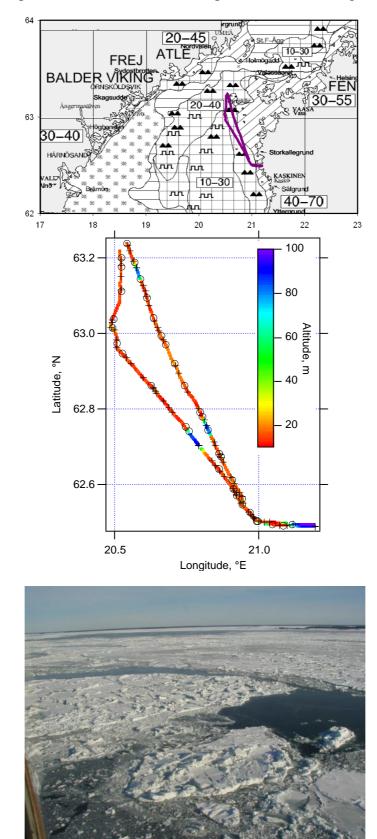
Deformed grey/white ice adjacent to fast ice in the background



Large stretches of rafted light nilas

| 19/02/0 | 3, departure Ka | askinen 8:45. F | Parking lot of | a filling station is used as airfield (film 4, photo 12) |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|---|
| Flight 5 | , start 10:30, er | nd 12:00. Phot | os 13+14 flyir | ng towards coast |
| # | Position N | Position E | Altitude [m] | Remark |
| 069 | 62°28.378 | 21°26.014 | 12 | position filling station |
| 070 | 62°29.715 | 21°06.230 | 103 | photo 15: transition fast ice -> pack ice; later photos |
| | | | | 16+17: broken, snow covered thin ice |
| 071 | 62°30.732 | 20°58.132 | 53 | between WP 70 + 72: photos 18-30 |
| 072 | 62°34.750 | 20°50.266 | 37 | nilas, open water |
| 073 | 62°35.786 | 20°48.232 | 93 | photos 31+32 |
| 074 | 62°36.992 | 20°45.976 | 64 | photo 33 |
| 075 | 62°38.845 | 20°42.280 | 32 | photos 34,35: "milky" ice |
| 076 | 62°40.371 | 20°39.235 | 26 | no photo; 30-40% open water or dark nilas, |
| 077 | 62°43.722 | 20°32.338 | 30 | film # 5: photos 0+1 |
| 078 | 62°45.130 | 20°29.684 | 102 | photos 2-5 |
| 079 | 62°39.989 | 20°29.202 | 44 | photos 6+7 |
| 080 | 62°37.452 | 20°29.350 | 45 | photo 8 |
| 081 | 62°33.032 | 20°29.779 | 49 | photos 9-16 |
| 082 | 62°30.198 | 20°29.947 | 47 | about 10% narrow open leads (no photo) |
| 083 | 62°27.146 | 20°30.028 | 40 | photos 16-23 |
| 084 | 62°23.145 | 20°30.046 | 46 | photo 24 |
| 085 | 62°20.802 | 20°29.984 | 35 | photos 25-27 |
| 086 | 62°18.716 | 20°30.074 | 43 | ice concentration to left side > 90% (no photo) |
| 087 | 62°14.492 | 20°31.090 | 99 | photos 28-30 |
| 088 | 62°14.421 | 20°32.426 | 130 | photo 31 |
| 089 | 62°14.421 | 20°32.426 | 130 | photos 32-37 |
| 090 | 62°15.767 | 20°56.010 | 130 | no photo, more snow (1-2cm), many ridges, |
| | | | | fragmented ice, dark nilas + open water |
| 091 | 62°16.719 | 20°58.431 | 130 | a few ridges getting higher (no photo) |
| 092 | 62°18.733 | 21°03.818 | 42 | larger fragmented ice fields (50% of total area) |
| 093 | 62°19.495 | 21°06.102 | 80 | large smooth ice patch, flying ca 45° relative to the fast ice edge |
| 094 | 62°25.005 | 21°04.613 | 45 | parallel transition fast ice -> pack ice, but still over pack |
| | | | | ice |
| 095 | 62°26.973 | 21°03.697 | 41 | thin ice + open water (large lead: ca 1000m long, 150- |
| | | | | 200m wide) |
| 096 | 62°30.160 | 21°02.054 | 33 | zone of heavy ridging |
| 097 | 62°31.673 | 21°01.256 | 35 | 2 large thin ice floes, many smaller floes |
| 098 | 62°34.843 | 21°00.313 | 51 | 3 digital photos |
| 099 | 62°35.410 | 21°02.100 | 45 | entering into fast ice |

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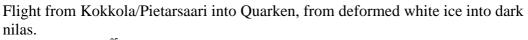


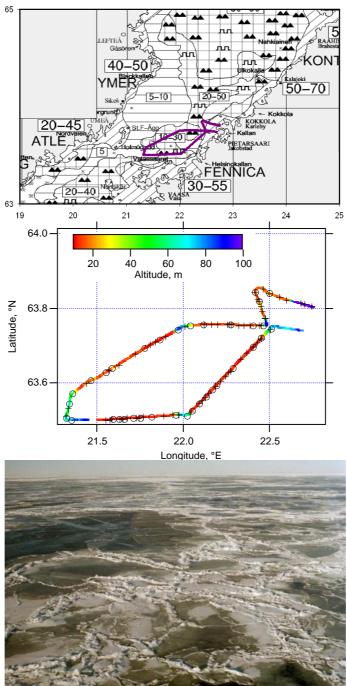
Flight from Närpiö across deformed white ice parallel to fast ice edge.

Broken, heavily deformed white ice floes adjacent to fast ice

| # | Position N | Position E | Altitude [m] | 1+2: helicopter shadow; photos 3+4: Finnish landscape Remark |
|----------|------------|------------|--------------|---|
| # 100 | 62°29.686 | 21°06.959 | | transition fast ice / pack ice, photos 5-8 (ice |
| 100 | 02 29.000 | 21 00.959 | 100 | deformations close to fast ice edge) |
| 101 | 62°30.112 | 20°59.908 | 42 | photo 9 |
| 102 | 62°33.751 | 20°56.716 | 29 | photo 10, a little later ridged ice, then patches of |
| | | | | "milky" ice, photo 11 |
| 103 | 62°36.752 | 20°54.565 | 34 | fragmented ice with rims (such as seen on flight 5) |
| 104 | 62°40.391 | 20°52.148 | 36 | photo 12 |
| 105 | 62°40.994 | 20°51.739 | 36 | photo 13 (there are also open water patches in the area) |
| 106 | 62°44.722 | 20°49.482 | 102 | photos 14+15 |
| 107 | 62°46.698 | 20°48.327 | 46 | photos 16+17 |
| 108 | 62°47.533 | 20°47.870 | 34 | photo 18, then ridged + fragmented ice again; photos 19+20 |
| 109 | 62°51.792 | 20°44.614 | 69 | photo 21 |
| 110 | 62°55.201 | 20°42.463 | 71 | photos 22+23 |
| 111 | 62°58.309 | 20°40.620 | 39 | photo 24 |
| 112 | 62°59.677 | 20°39.588 | 37 | photo 25 |
| 113 | 63°02.557 | 20°38.088 | 39 | ridged and broken ice |
| 114 | 63°05.697 | 20°36.749 | 35 | film 7, photos 0-2 |
| 115 | 63°08.700 | 20°35.399 | 51 | photo 3 |
| 116 | 63°11.283 | 20°34.106 | 32 | photos 4+5 |
| 117 | 63°14.296 | 20°32.581 | 34 | photo 6-9 |
| 118 | 63°12.145 | 20°31.227 | 35 | old ship track ? |
| 119 | 63°10.650 | 20°31.314 | 38 | photo 10 |
| 120 | 63°06.777 | 20°31.247 | 24 | photo 11 |
| 121 | 63°02.386 | 20°29.663 | 34 | area of open water, start |
| 122 | 63°00.841 | 20°29.483 | 48 | area of open water, end |
| 123 | 62°58.433 | 20°30.452 | 32 | photos 12-13 |
| 124 | 62°56.827 | 20°31.538 | 33 | still same situation |
| 125 | 62°51.649 | 20°37.556 | 31 | photo 14 |
| 126 | 62°45.113 | 20°44.696 | 30 | photos 15+16 |
| 127 | 62°44.385 | 20°45.390 | 62 | photos 17+18 |
| 128 | 62°38.459 | 20°51.664 | 31 | same situation |
| 129 | 62°35.228 | 20°54.800 | 38 | large lead (open water + dark nilas) to the right |
| 130 | 62°34.131 | 20°55.564 | 42 | crossing lead |
| 131 | 62°32.738 | 20°56.610 | 36 | along lead edge |
| 132 | 62°31.480 | 20°58.168 | 33 | lead to the left, otherwise rough thin ice |
| 133 | 62°30.195 | 20°59.735 | 34 | photo19 |
| 134 | 62°29.563 | 21°02.772 | 43 | over rough ice, lead behind |
| 135 | 62°29.400 | 21°05.310 | 30 | fast ice edge |

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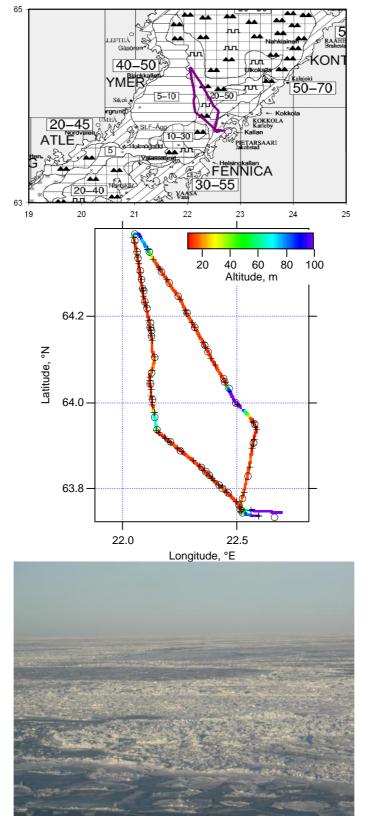


Rafted/deformed light nilas/grey ice in the Quarken

| # | Position N | Position E | Altitude [m] | 12-16 on the way to the coast; photo 17: fast ice Remark |
|-----|------------|------------|--------------|---|
| 136 | 63°44.713 | 22°30.584 | 92 | film # 8, photos 18+19, transition fast ice / pack ice |
| 137 | 63°43.160 | 22°27.296 | 34 | photo 20 |
| 138 | 63°41.714 | 22°24.465 | 19 | photos 21-27 |
| 139 | 63°38.334 | 22°17.365 | 27 | still same situation |
| 140 | 63°35.564 | 22°11.701 | 30 | film # 9, photos 00, 0, 1 |
| 141 | 63°34.846 | 22°10.198 | 31 | photo 2 |
| 142 | 63°33.764 | 22°08.073 | 27 | photo 3 |
| 143 | 63°32.575 | 22°05.569 | 29 | nilas with rafting and ridging |
| 144 | 63°31.427 | 22°03.057 | 29 | patches of pancake covers |
| 145 | 63°30.730 | 22°01.506 | 97 | photos 4-6 |
| 146 | 63°30.774 | 21°57.680 | 55 | pancake fields (ridged, broken), 20% nilas + grey level |
| 147 | 63°30.547 | 21°49.152 | 27 | level ice floes increasing in size, 20-30% areal |
| | | | | coverage; dark nilas 20-30%, rest is pancakes |
| 148 | 63°30.398 | 21°45.009 | 28 | photos 7-10 |
| 149 | 63°30.333 | 21°42.690 | 27 | rougher ice again, pancakes hardly recognizable |
| 150 | 63°30.219 | 21°39.469 | 28 | photo 11 |
| 151 | 63°30.158 | 21°37.844 | 29 | heavy ridging |
| 152 | 63°30.097 | 21°35.512 | 29 | new nilas area, photos 12-27 |
| 153 | 63°29.983 | 21°28.521 | 95 | same situation |
| 154 | 63°30.037 | 21°21.233 | 96 | same situation |
| 155 | 63°30.250 | 21°19.331 | 84 | same situation |
| 156 | 63°32.642 | 21°20.623 | 47 | same situation |
| 157 | 63°34.250 | 21°21.697 | 54 | same situation |
| 158 | 63°36.333 | 21°27.994 | 23 | same situation |
| 159 | 63°37.583 | 21°33.058 | 33 | first pancake fields again |
| 160 | 63°38.246 | 21°35.370 | 42 | about 50-50% nilas and pancake ice |
| 161 | 63°41.522 | 21°46.758 | 44 | nilas, pancakes, and smooth grey level ice, film # 10, |
| | | | | photos 00-7, photo # 8 Mikko |
| 162 | 63°42.905 | 21°52.039 | 32 | photos 9+10 |
| 163 | 63°44.536 | 21°58.276 | 73 | photos 11+12 |
| 164 | 63°45.131 | 22°02.448 | 81 | same situation |
| 165 | 63°45.309 | 22°07.084 | 44 | photos 13-15 |
| 166 | 63°45.277 | 22°16.705 | 33 | photos 16+17 |
| 167 | 63°45.182 | 22°24.325 | 27 | photo 18 |
| 168 | 63°45.137 | 22°27.910 | 36 | photo 19: fast ice |
| 169 | 63°49.088 | 22°26.350 | 34 | photos 20-23 |
| 170 | 63°50.464 | 22°25.144 | 32 | broken ice, with smoother patches imbedded |
| 171 | 63°50.332 | 22°30.062 | 37 | fast ice, photo 24 |

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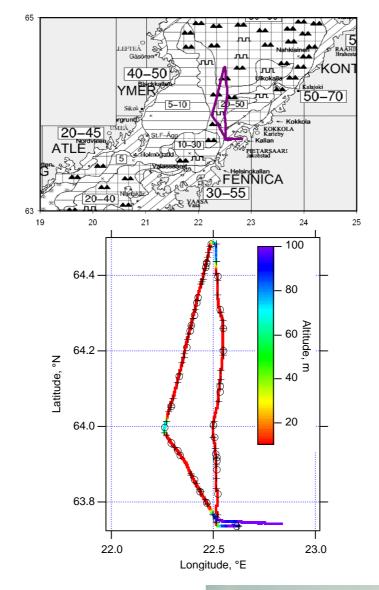
Flight from Kokkola/Pietarsaari along boundary between rafted nilas and deformed white ice.



White ice floes interspersed with nilas

| Flight # 8 | : Film 11, pho | tos 1-3 on the | wav | |
|------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|---|
| # | Position N | Position E | Altitude [m] | Remark |
| 172 | 63°45.699 | 22°30.709 | 89 | photos 4+5, transition fast / pack ice |
| 172 | 63°47.367 | 22°27.740 | 58 | nilas and grey ice, with ridging |
| 174 | 63°47.990 | 22°26.349 | 58 | smooth nilas area, > 100 m across |
| 175 | 63°48.453 | 22°25.423 | 58 | floes with rims, brash ice, smooth grey ice floes |
| 176 | 63°49.808 | 22°22.823 | 55 | crossing a ship track |
| 177 | 63°50.285 | 22°21.940 | 55 | crossing dark nilas |
| 178 | 63°50.205 | 22°20.702 | 55 | photos 6-9 |
| 178 | | 22°15.036 | 55 | photos 10,11 |
| | 63°53.349 | | 53 | |
| 180 | 63°54.529 | 22°12.368 | | photo 12 |
| 181 | 63°56.255 | 22°08.903 | 56 | photo 13 |
| 182 | 63°57.903 | 22°08.493 | 62 | photos 14+15 |
| 183 | 64°00.445 | 22°07.663 | 33 | photos 16-20 |
| 184 | 64°02.521 | 22°07.306 | 32 | nilas with small fragments of thicker ice |
| 185 | 64°04.092 | 22°07.516 | 33 | very smooth dark nilas |
| 186 | 64°06.264 | 22°08.303 | 37 | photos 21+22 |
| 187 | 64°09.275 | 22°07.585 | 27 | start flooded grey ice |
| 188 | 64°10.000 | 22°07.364 | 29 | end flooded grey ice |
| 189 | 64°10.453 | 22°07.241 | 31 | dark nilas |
| 190 | 64°11.046 | 22°07.123 | 38 | small pancakes; later photo 23 |
| 191 | 64°13.082 | 22°06.311 | 34 | floes with raised rims, smooth broken ice floes |
| | | | | (flooded) |
| 192 | 64°14.022 | 22°05.846 | 30 | larger patches of smooth grey ice between dark nilas, |
| | | | | thicker grey or grey white floes, flooded |
| 193 | 64°15.570 | 22°05.355 | 30 | pancake field |
| 194 | 64°15.965 | 22°05.233 | 30 | pancakes + flooded floes in varying fractions |
| 195 | 64°17.093 | 22°04.813 | 31 | over smooth dark nilas, narrow open water lead |
| 196 | 64°18.448 | 22°04.437 | 34 | flooded grey ice, partly broken |
| 197 | 64°20.112 | 22°03.980 | 32 | dark, smooth nilas |
| 198 | 64°21.089 | 22°03.677 | 38 | ice fragments, mixed with open water and pancake |
| | | | | patches: photo 23 |
| 199 | 64°22.631 | 22°03.078 | 31 | open water, larger ice fragments, then smooth grey ice: |
| | | | - | photos 24,25 |
| 200 | 64°23.445 | 22°03.220 | 94 | photo 26 |
| 201 | 64°21.047 | 22°06.859 | 90 | nilas with broken, wet grey (grey-white ?) ice |
| 202 | 64°18.220 | 22°10.234 | 36 | broken ice with small fragments between floes, also |
| | | | | pancakes |
| 203 | 64°16.685 | 22°12.159 | 34 | pancake field to the right |
| 204 | 64°14.869 | 22°14.610 | 33 | bands of pancakes with varying roughness, then |
| | | | | broken floes with fragments between them |
| 205 | 64°12.559 | 22°16.832 | 34 | floes with ridging (convergent) or fragments between |
| | | | | them (divergent) |
| 206 | 64°10.532 | 22°18.964 | 38 | very inhomogeneous: nilas, grey ice floes, fragments |
| 207 | 64°07.969 | 22°21.646 | 36 | larger grey ice floes with ice fragments between them |
| 208 | 64°07.123 | 22°22.541 | 35 | grey-white ice with ridges |
| 209 | 64°03.307 | 22°26.572 | 31 | photo 27 |
| 203 | 64°02.968 | 22°26.929 | 31 | same situation |
| 210 | 64°01.923 | 22°27.990 | 93 | photo 28 |
| 212 | 63°59.99 | 22°29.833 | 123 | ship track |
| 212 | 63°57.013 | 22°34.753 | 31 | film # 12, photo 00, later crossing a ship track |
| 213 | 63°54.346 | 22°34.755 | 32 | ridged level (fast ?) ice, photos 0 |
| | | | 32 | |
| 215 | 63°49.791 | 22°33.101 | | photo 1+2 |
| 216 | 63°46.595 | 22°31.641 | 32 | over narrow strip (100 m) of rubble fast ice |
| 217 | 63°45.158 | 22°31.050 | 30 | end of strip |
| 218 | 63°44.566 | 22°31.559 | 34 | ship track in fast ice, photos 3-6 |
| 219 | 63°43.996 | 22°40.183 | 107 | crossing coast line |

February 20, Flight 3



Flight from Kokkola/Pietarsaari into thicker and older ice in the North.



White ice fragments baked into nilas at the westernmost point of the profile

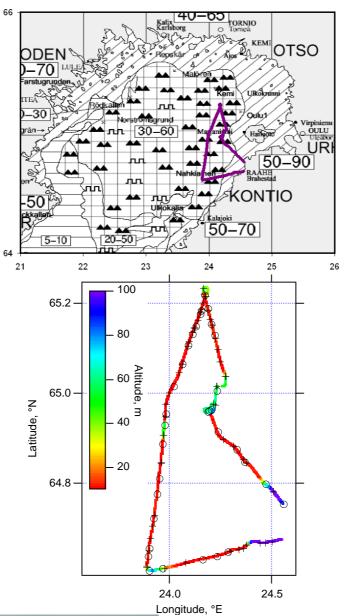


Heavily deformed white ice with snow drifts

| # | Position N | Position E | Altitude [m] | Remark |
|-----|------------|------------|--------------|---|
| 220 | 63°45.135 | 22°30.979 | 113 | fast ice: snow dunes (photos 7-9 on film # 12), |
| - | | | _ | overview photos 10+11 |
| 221 | 63°47.764 | 22°28.117 | 27 | photo 12 |
| 222 | 63°49.635 | 22°26.210 | 25 | floes with raised rims, ridged grey ice |
| 223 | 63°51.460 | 22°24.334 | 23 | broken grey ice, more rafting, less ridging |
| 224 | 63°55.500 | 22°20.231 | 18 | photo 13 |
| 225 | 63°56.110 | 22°19.454 | 18 | same situation |
| 226 | 63°57.403 | 22°17.633 | 17 | same situation |
| 227 | 63°59.807 | 22°15.800 | 87 | photos 14-16, dark nilas at the horizon to the left |
| 228 | 64°03.209 | 22°17.559 | 28 | same situation |
| 229 | 64°08.011 | 22°19.944 | 32 | before setting WP crossing ship racks |
| 230 | 64.12°676 | 22°22.046 | 32 | photo 17 |
| 231 | 64°15.195 | 22°23.220 | 2 | photos 18+19 |
| 232 | 64°16.120 | 22°23.636 | 11 | photos 20+21 |
| 233 | 64°17.691 | 22°24.312 | 17 | crossing ship tracks |
| 234 | 64°19.694 | 22°24.989 | 0 | ridged grey ice, broken floes |
| 235 | 64°20.584 | 22°25.369 | 0 | photo 22, "rough islands" |
| 236 | 64°25.227 | 22°27.626 | 6 | ship track crossing |
| 237 | 64°25.975 | 22°28.000 | 8 | ship track crossing, ridged ice, no "rough islands" |
| 238 | 64°29.009 | 22°29.506 | 0 | photos 23+24 |
| 239 | 64°23.953 | 22°31.142 | 35 | ridged grey + grey-white ice, 10% nilas |
| 240 | 64°18.577 | 22°31.891 | 20 | same situation, wind induced roughness: photo 25 |
| 241 | 64°15.484 | 22°32.829 | 19 | floes with rough surface, ship tracks |
| 242 | 64°12.097 | 22°32.966 | 21 | same situation, many wind induced undulations |
| 243 | 64°06.299 | 22°31.881 | 39 | ship track + narrow lead |
| 244 | 64°05.478 | 22°31.823 | 13 | consolidated pancake cover, later slightly ridged grey |
| | | | | ice |
| 245 | 64°00.113 | 22°29.950 | 35 | same situation |
| 246 | 63°58.292 | 22°30.179 | 37 | larger grey ice floes with rafting and a few small ridges |
| 247 | 63°55.687 | 22°30.814 | 29 | broken grey ice |
| 248 | 63°55.106 | 22°30.854 | 28 | rafted grey ice, ship racks |
| 249 | 63°54.475 | 22°30.926 | 29 | ridging |
| 250 | 63°53.205 | 22°30.972 | 32 | ship track, then fast ice with "dunes", photos 26-28 |
| 251 | 63°49.259 | 22°31.176 | 33 | same |
| 252 | 63°44.203 | 22°36.685 | 117 | same |

February 21, Flight 1

Flight from Raahe into thick deformed, snow covered white ice; Some searching for earlier FMHI surface profiles close to Hailuoto.





Thick, deformed snow covered ice

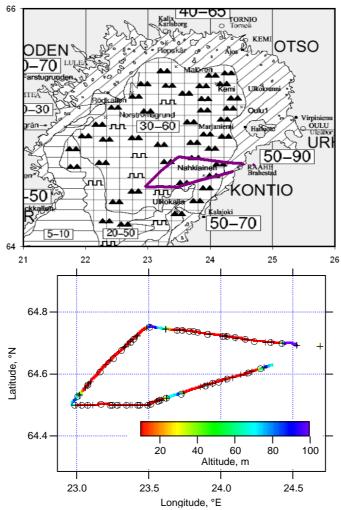


Ship channel at approaches to Raahe

| 21/02/03 | airfield north | of Raahe arriv | al 9.20. positio | on 64°41.256N 24°41.659E, Flight 10, 10:30-12:15 |
|----------|----------------|------------------|------------------|---|
| | | 0-4 on the airfi | | Shor 11.2001 21 11.0002, 1 light 10, 10.00 12.10 |
| # | Position N | Position E | Altitude [m] | Remark |
| 253 | 64°45.226 | 24°33.721 | 107 | fast ice |
| 254 | 64°47.920 | 24°28.425 | 87 | photos 5+6 |
| 255 | 64°50.923 | 24°22.432 | 31 | photos 7+8, transition fast – pack ice |
| 256 | 64°52.480 | 24°19.950 | 26 | photos 9-12 taken between WP 255 and 257 |
| 257 | 64°54.823 | 24°14.363 | 23 | photo 13, wind-induced roughness |
| 258 | 64°57.744 | 24°11.913 | 51 | photos 14-17 |
| 259 | 64°57.862 | 24°12.588 | 30 | searching for "validation profile" |
| 260 | 64°57.460 | 24°11.406 | 36 | photos 20+21: "rough islands" |
| 261 | 65°00.348 | 24°14.131 | 37 | photos 22+23 |
| 262 | 65°07.676 | 24°13.459 | 33 | photo 24, narrow lead, nilas, grey-white ice under snow |
| 263 | 65°09.224 | 24°12.622 | 21 | photos 25+26, ship tracks |
| 264 | 65°11.323 | 24°11.523 | 17 | photo 27, ship tracks |
| 265 | 65°13.109 | 24°10.471 | 14 | photo 28, large smooth floes 50-100m with ridges |
| | | | | between wind-induced roughness |
| 266 | 65°10.994 | 24°09.568 | 49 | more ridged ice, starting film # 14 |
| 267 | 65°10.525 | 24°09.191 | 33 | large smooth floes (scale 1 km), photos 0+1 |
| 268 | 65°08.945 | 24°07.811 | 26 | photo 2 to the right: belt of grey ice with heavy ridging |
| 269 | 65°07.897 | 24°06.949 | 23 | photo 3: ship track |
| 270 | 65°06.396 | 24°05.666 | 23 | photos 4-12 |
| 271 | 65°03.915 | 24°03.929 | 23 | photos 13-15 |
| 272 | 65°00.963 | 24°01.346 | 24 | photos 16+17 |
| 273 | 64°57.286 | 23°59.077 | 25 | photos 18-20 |
| 274 | 64°55.787 | 23°58.851 | 75 | photos 21-23, ridges with flooding; photo 24 |
| 275 | 64°53.219 | 23°58.254 | 36 | photo 25 |
| 276 | 64°48.617 | 23.57.168 | 34 | photo 26 |
| 277 | 64°46.599 | 23°56.614 | 23 | entering a very rough zone; photo 27: ridge flooding |
| 278 | 64°43.339 | 23°55.654 | 22 | film # 15, starting with Mikko's hat |
| 279 | 64°39.332 | 23°54.177 | 27 | photos 1+2 |
| 280 | 64°38.312 | 23°53.986 | 29 | photo 3 |
| 281 | 64°36.418 | 23°54.223 | 64 | photos 4+5 |
| 282 | 64°36.611 | 23°58.135 | 32 | photos 6+7 |
| 283 | 64°37.898 | 24°09.917 | 23 | photos 8+9 (transition to fast ice) |
| 284 | 64°38.318 | 24°14.074 | 26 | reaching the fast ice |
| 285 | 64°38.842 | 24°17.558 | 23 | crossing ship track to harbour |
| 286 | 64°39.794 | 24°23.086 | 22 | harbour area, photos 10+11 |

February 21, Flight 2

Flight from Raahe towards west, into more broke ice fields with refrozen leads in between.





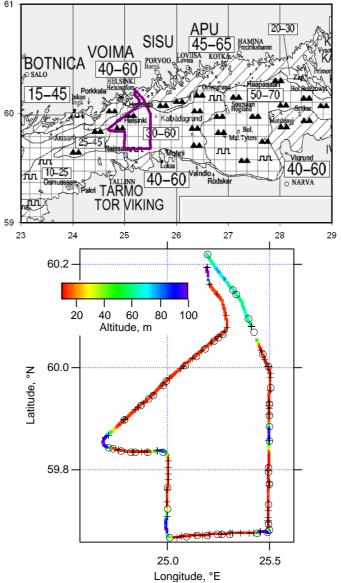
Grounded ridges at fast ice / drift ice boundary



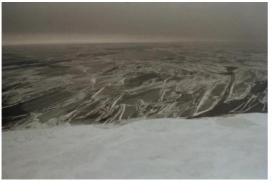
Old floes interrupted by refrozen leads

| Photos 1 | 12-14, break; F | light 11: 13:55 | -15:45, still filn | n # 15 |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|---|
| # | Position N | Position E | Altitude [m] | Remark |
| 287 | 64°38.278 | 24°26.467 | 105 | photo 15 |
| 288 | 64°36.912 | 24°16.635 | 68 | first single ridges on fast ice |
| 289 | 64°36.107 | 24°11.486 | 24 | photo 16: huge ridge; after this level ice with a rougher |
| | | | | surface, ridged, snow covered, single spots of grey ice |
| 290 | 64°34.953 | 24°02.729 | 23 | ridged ice |
| 291 | 64°34.505 | 23°59.182 | 25 | smooth level with wind-induced roughness |
| 292 | 64°34.177 | 23°56.830 | 26 | smooth grey ice with rough "islands", later ridged ice |
| 293 | 64°33.703 | 23°53.527 | 25 | photo 17 |
| 294 | 64°32.125 | 23°43.356 | 87 | photos 18+19 (high altitude), photo 20: wind features |
| 295 | 64°31.249 | 23°37.245 | 73 | distinct ridge |
| 296 | 64°30.885 | 23°34.821 | 28 | next distinct ridge belt |
| 297 | 64°30.745 | 23°33.851 | 26 | next distinct ridge belt, then grey ice: photo 21 |
| 298 | 64°30.211 | 23°30.883 | 28 | ridged grey ice |
| 299 | 64°29.958 | 23°29.747 | 31 | same |
| 300 | 64°30.024 | 23°26.246 | 33 | photos 22+23 |
| 301 | 64°29.995 | 23°25.198 | 31 | enter snow covered zone, very mixed surface types |
| | | | | (smooth, rough, ridged), spots of bare grey ice; |
| | | | | photo 24: ridge with flooding |
| 302 | 64°30.006 | 23°20.500 | 31 | smooth level with wind-induced roughness, 1 ship |
| | | | | track, cracks in the ice |
| 303 | 64°29.995 | 23°16.997 | 32 | ridge belt |
| 304 | 64°30.003 | 23°14.905 | 33 | ridged grey ice with snow patches |
| 305 | 64°30.031 | 23°13.754 | 36 | bare and snow covered grey ice 50/50 areal coverage |
| 306 | 64°30.060 | 23°10.122 | 36 | photo 25 |
| 307 | 64°29.919 | 23°04.630 | 30 | ship track |
| 308 | 64°29.953 | 23°01.848 | 30 | grey ("milky") ice, partly snow covered, with cracks, |
| | | | | closing ship tracks, very low ridge density |
| 309 | 64°29.939 | 22°59.205 | 51 | photo 26 |
| 310 | 64°31.610 | 23°00.562 | 85 | photo 27 |
| 311 | 64°33.882 | 23°04.753 | 32 | for a short while flying almost parallel to a ship track |
| 312 | 64°36.464 | 23°09.848 | 30 | ridge density higher than before; photo 28 |
| 313 | 64°38.989 | 23°15.084 | 27 | ridge density low again |
| 314 | 64°40.530 | 23°18.695 | 27 | closing ship track |
| 315 | 64°42.145 | 23°22.390 | 29 | ship track |
| 316 | 64°42.639 | 23°23.589 | 26 | entering a rougher zone with more roughness islands |
| | | | | and larger, broader ridges. But there are still larger |
| | | | | smooth floes. |
| 317 | 64°45.088 | 23°30.566 | 112 | same situation; ice fragments between ice floes, ice is |
| | | | | cracked, most parts are snow covered |
| 318 | 64°44.398 | 23°41.716 | 31 | same situation |
| 319 | 64°44.356 | 23°44.145 | 30 | high ridge density |
| 320 | 64°44.225 | 23°46.942 | 46 | ridges and rubble ice |
| 321 | 64°44.134 | 23°48.521 | 41 | start of a smooth ice floe |
| 322 | 64°44.004 | 23°50.415 | 38 | end of the smooth floe, later: ship track |
| 323 | 64°43.694 | 23°54.687 | 14 | centre of very rough area |
| 324 | 64°43.259 | 24°00.852 | 27 | entering a ridged area |
| 325 | 64°43.172 | 24°02.448 | 32 | leaving the ridged area |
| 326 | 64°43.032 | 24°05.909 | 0 | crossing narrow grey ice lead (smooth surface) |
| 327 | 64°42.651 | 24°10.094 | 32 | crossing smooth grey ice, then rough snow covered ice |
| | | | | again |
| 328 | 64°42.357 | 24°14.240 | 31 | smooth fast ice |
| 329 | 64°42.053 | 24°20.660 | 31 | crossing first islands at the coast |
| 329 | | | | |

February 23, Flight 1



Western flight from Helsinki to Estonia, over white ice floes with refrozen leads and open water in between.



Nilas covered coastal polynja off Helsinki

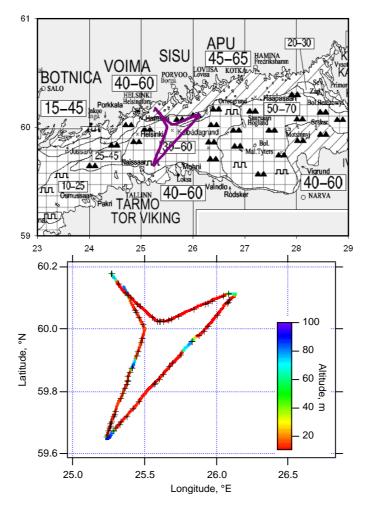


Broken white ice floes

| 23/02 leaving hotel 9:00, Flight 13 10:15-12:00, still film #16; photos 18, 19: Malmi Airfield (60°14.923N, | | | | | |
|---|---------------|------------------------|----------|---|--|
| | 2.983E); phot | | 1 | | |
| # | Position N | Position E | Alt. [m] | Remark | |
| 339 | 60°13.212 | 25°11.733 | 82 | over fast ice | |
| 340 | 60°09.045 | 25°19.412 | 86 | still fast ice, last coastal islands, ship track on the left | |
| 341 | 60°08.588 | 25°20.282 | 85 | ship track | |
| 342 | 60°05.660 | 25°23.904 | 79 | photos 22+23: over rafted nilas | |
| 343 | 60°04.072 | 25°25.620 | 80 | photos 24+25 | |
| 344 | 60°01.533 | 25°28.227 | 6 | photos 26-28 | |
| 345 | 60°00.120 | 25°29.668 | 20 | ship tracks | |
| 346 | 59°57.540 | 25°30.314 | 25 | same situation as WP 344, new film # 17, photos 0-2 | |
| 347 | 59°55.639 | 25°30.120 | 32 | same situation | |
| 348 | 59°54.305 | 25°30.204 | 31 | photo 3 | |
| 349 | 59°53.013 | 25°30.283 | 82 | again ship tracks | |
| 350 | 59°51.311 | 25°30.217 | 112 | photos 4-11 | |
| 351 | 59°48.203 | 25°29.955 | 40 | smoother, snow covered area | |
| 352 | 59°47.761 | 25°29.954 | 38 | rougher again (broken floes, a few ridges) | |
| 353 | 59°46.242 | 25°30.022 | 31 | crossing narrow open water lead (10 m wide, 100 m long) | |
| 354 | 59°43.972 | 25°29.897 | 32 | photo 12 | |
| 355 | 59°41.570 | 25°29.953 | 32 | between WP 354 and 355: photos 13-17 | |
| 356 | 59°41.000 | 25°29.986 | 46 | ridged ice | |
| 357 | 59°40.628 | 25°29.324 | 115 | photos 18, 19, 20 | |
| 358 | 59°40.600 | 25°26.427 | 124 | photos 21-24 | |
| 359 | 59°40.481 | 25°18.442 | 33 | photo 25 | |
| 360 | 59°40.476 | 25°15.964 | 28 | large dark nilas lead again | |
| 361 | 59°40.433 | 25°14.711 | 26 | film # 18, photo 0 | |
| 362 | 59°40.340 | 25°11.955 | 20 | photos 1+2 | |
| 363 | 59°40.340 | | 24 | photos 3+4 | |
| | 59°40.279 | 25°08.840 25°05.725 | 24 | | |
| 364 | | | 34 | mixed ice types | |
| 365 | 59°40.039 | 25°00.871 | 44 | light+dark nilas, open water leads | |
| 366 | 59°43.364 | 24°59.979 | | photos 5-15, taken between WP 364+366 | |
| 367 | 59°45.838 | 25°00.287 | 30 | photo 16-18 | |
| 368 | 59°50.090 | 24°58.888 | 76 | photo 19 | |
| 369 | 59°50.098 | 24°54.309 | 94 | broken smooth ice, ship tracks | |
| 370 | 59°50.089 | 24°50.696 | 45 | photo 20 | |
| 371 | 59°50.089 | 24°49.270 | 38 | ridged level ice | |
| 372 | 59°50.241 | 24°46.464 | 37 | lead covered with light nilas | |
| 373 | 59°50.415 | 24°44.253 | 36 | nilas between broken grey-white ice | |
| 374 | 59°50.552 | 24°42.769 | 48 | photos 21-22 | |
| 375 | 59°53.761 | 24°47.560 | 37 | over open water (20x50m) adjacent another open water patch | |
| 376 | 59°55.563 | 24°52.393 | 31 | broken smooth ice with a few ridges | |
| 377 | 59°56.264 | 24°54.684 | 32 | photo 23 (ship) | |
| 378 | 59°56.741 | 24°55.899 | 31 | broken, fragmented ice with lots of ship tracks | |
| 379 | 59°57.888 | 24°58.846 | 32 | same situation | |
| 380 | 59°58.350 | 24°59.905 | 31 | larger floes, 10s of metres, with ridges | |
| 381 | 60°00.228 | 25°05.326 | 30 | photo 24 | |
| 382 | 60°01.299 | 25°08.533 | 28 | same situation | |
| 383 | 60°02.164 | 25°11.086 | 35 | larger floes, 10s of metres, with ridges | |
| 384 | 60°03.111 | 25°13.972 | 34 | photo 25 | |
| 385 | 60°03.481 | 25°15.124 | 33 | close to narrow open water lead | |
| 386 | 60°03.882 | 25°16.358 | 34 | a larger area with dark nilas with "islands" of thicker, snow covered ice | |
| 387 | 60°04.386 | 25°17.523 | 34 | crossing coastal lead, start | |
| 388 | 60°05.777 | 25°17.480 | 35 | coastal lead end | |
| 389 | 60°07.098 | 25°16.726 | 32 | smoother fast ice | |
| 390 | 60°07.917 | 25°16.013 | 35 | passing first coastal islands | |
| 390 | 60°09.622 | 25°10.013 25°12.719 | 35 | crossing ship track | |
| 391 | 60°12.795 | 25°12.719 | 125 | entering coastal area | |
| <u>592</u> | 00 12.790 | 20 11.000 | 120 | lentening wastal alea | |

February 23, Flight 2

Eastern flight from Helsinki to Estonia, over white ice floes with refrozen leads and open water in between.





Man-made leads in the central Gulf of Finland



Recently formed ridges close to Finnish fast ice edge

APPENDIX II

File inventory

This appendix summarises all files acquired with the EM bird and laser. The tables show columns with:

- 1. File name
- 2. File size
- 3. Date of acquisition
- Time of acquisition
 Comments on file contents

| Second flight from | m Helsinki, tov | vards West | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------|-------|---|
| 02171308.dat | 526.59 | 17.02.2003 | 13:09 | 1 null |
| 02171309.dat | 4.173.486 | 17.02.2003 | 13:19 | 2 profile |
| 02171333.dat | 8.239.896 | 17.02.2003 | 13:52 | 3 null + cal |
| 02171319.dat | 501.744 | 17.02.2003 | 13:20 | 4 profile, unintentionally interrupted |
| 02171320.dat | 4.892.452 | 17.02.2003 | 13:31 | 5 null, cal; out of cal? |
| 02171331.dat | 559.540 | 17.02.2003 | 13:33 | 6 profile |
| 02171352.dat | 494.736 | 17.02.2003 | 13:53 | 7 null, cal, null |
| 02171354.dat | 3.421.466 | 17.02.2003 | 14:02 | 8 profile |
| 02171403.dat | 545.182 | 17.02.2003 | 14:04 | 9 null, cal |
| 02171404.dat | 8.416.065 | 17.02.2003 | 14:24 | 10 profile & channel |
| 02171424.dat | 1.234.042 | 17.02.2003 | 14:27 | 11 null, radio |
| | | | | |

Second flight from Helsinki, towards West

Feburary 18

Too much noise around Pori!

| 02181139.dat | 6.679.446 | 18.02.2003 | 11:55 | 1 approach & profile |
|--------------|-----------|------------|-------|--|
| 02181155.dat | 3.851.641 | 18.02.2003 | 12:04 | 2 new trial with profile |
| 02181205.dat | 1.190.649 | 18.02.2003 | 12:07 | 3 null + cal check |
| 02181208.dat | 2.345.139 | 18.02.2003 | 12:14 | 4 profile, better noise |
| 02181214.dat | 754.690 | 18.02.2003 | 12:16 | 5 some nulling + call'ing |
| 02181216.dat | 4.919.098 | 18.02.2003 | 12:29 | 6 profile, reasonable |
| 02181229.dat | 509.337 | 18.02.2003 | 12:30 | 7 null |
| 02181231.dat | 2.869.454 | 18.02.2003 | 12:40 | 8 increased altitude (40 m)just for laser |
| 02181249.dat | 912.941 | 18.02.2003 | 12:51 | 9 repeated landing after system re-start |

| First flight out of k | laskinen | |
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| 02190835.dat | 442.174 | 19.02. |

| I not night out of | Taoranen | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|------------|------|----------------------|--|
| 02190835.dat | 442.174 | 19.02.2003 | 8:36 | 1 Null, cal | |
| 02190836.dat | 3.539.780 | 19.02.2003 | 8:45 | 2 profile | |
| 02190845.dat | 527.148 | 19.02.2003 | 8:46 | 3 Null, cal | |
| 02190846.dat | 4.280.893 | 19.02.2003 | 8:56 | 4 profile | |
| 02190856.dat | 566.578 | 19.02.2003 | 8:58 | 5 Null, cal | |
| 02190858.dat | 8.010.486 | 19.02.2003 | 9:17 | 6 profile | |
| 02190917.dat | 540.491 | 19.02.2003 | 9:18 | 7 Null, cal | |
| 02190919.dat | 2.557.848 | 19.02.2003 | 9:25 | 8 profile | |
| 02190925.dat | 2.400.113 | 19.02.2003 | 9:31 | 9 profile after turn | |
| 02190931.dat | 613.303 | 19.02.2003 | 9:33 | 10 Null, cal | |
| 02190933.dat | 6.190.516 | 19.02.2003 | 9:47 | 11 profile | |
| 02190947.dat | 654.783 | 19.02.2003 | 9:49 | 12 Null, cal | |
| 02190949.dat | 48.705 | 19.02.2003 | 9:49 | 13 ??? | |
| | | | | | |

Second flight out of Kaskinen

| 02191115.dat | 631.639 | 19.02.2003 | 11:17 | 1 Null, cal check, cal |
|--------------|-----------|------------|-------|---------------------------|
| 02191117.dat | 5.932.251 | 19.02.2003 | 11:31 | 2 profile |
| 02191131.dat | 514.35 | 19.02.2003 | 11:32 | 3 Null, cal |
| 02191133.dat | 7.780.381 | 19.02.2003 | 11:51 | 4 profile |
| 02191151.dat | 616.193 | 19.02.2003 | 11:52 | 5 Null, cal |
| 02191152.dat | 1.304.645 | 19.02.2003 | 11:55 | 6 profile & turning |
| 02191156.dat | 8.932.751 | 19.02.2003 | 12:17 | 7 profile cont'd to south |
| 02191218.dat | 586.234 | 19.02.2003 | 12:19 | 8 Null, cal |
| 02191219.dat | 3.735.816 | 19.02.2003 | 12:28 | 9 profile |
| 02191228.dat | 859.148 | 19.02.2003 | 12:30 | 10 profile |
| 02191231.dat | 551.034 | 19.02.2003 | 12:32 | 11 Null, cal check |
| | | | | |

First flight out of Kokkola; synchronous with ENVISAT 02200805.dat 1.799.786 20.02.2003 8:09 1 Null, cal check, null 02200810.dat 609.530 20.02.2003 8:11 2 profile, unintentionally stopped 02200811.dat 5.458.104 20.02.2003 8:24 3 profile, cont'd 02200824.dat 431.096 20.02.2003 8:25 4 Null, cal check 02200825.dat 4.490.075 20.02.2003 8:36 5 profile 6 Null, cal check, null, cal 02200836.dat 2.741.398 20.02.2003 8:43 check 5.748.821 20.02.2003 8:56 7 profile 02200843.dat 02200857.dat 480.386 20.02.2003 8:58 8 Null, cal 02200858.dat 3.820.199 20.02.2003 9:07 9 profile 9:08 10 Null, cal check, null 02200907.dat 571.463 20.02.2003 11 profile, ENVISAT 02200908.dat 3.597.404 20.02.2003 9:17 02200917.dat 975.172 20.02.2003 9:19 12 Null, cal check

Second flight from Kokkola; shortly after ENVISAT

| 02201024.dat | 1.202.673 | 20.02.2003 | 10:27 | 1 Null, cal |
|--------------|-----------|------------|-------|-------------|
| 02201027.dat | 5.427.490 | 20.02.2003 | 10:40 | 2 profile |
| 02201040.dat | 833.882 | 20.02.2003 | 10:42 | 3 Null, cal |
| 02201042.dat | 9.036.888 | 20.02.2003 | 11:03 | 4 profile |
| 02201103.dat | 804.942 | 20.02.2003 | 11:05 | 5 Null, cal |
| 02201105.dat | 6.704.532 | 20.02.2003 | 11:21 | 6 profile |
| 02201121.dat | 780.494 | 20.02.2003 | 11:23 | 7 Null, cal |
| 02201123.dat | 4.725.729 | 20.02.2003 | 11:34 | 8 profile |
| 02201134.dat | 501.472 | 20.02.2003 | 11:35 | 9 Null, cal |
| | | | | |

Third flight from Kokkola; few hours after ENVISAT

| (| 02201322.dat | 3.037.831 | 20.02.2003 | 13:30 | 1 Noise analysis, null, cal check |
|---|--------------|------------|------------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| (| 02201330.dat | 4.909.807 | 20.02.2003 | 13:41 | 2 profile |
| (| 02201341.dat | 542.657 | 20.02.2003 | 13:42 | 3 Null, cal |
| (| 02201342.dat | 9.822.358 | 20.02.2003 | 14:06 | 4 profile |
| (| 02201406.dat | 779.698 | 20.02.2003 | 14:07 | 5 Null, cal |
| (| 02201407.dat | 12.717.359 | 20.02.2003 | 14:37 | 6 profile |
| (| 02201438.dat | 785.535 | 20.02.2003 | 14:39 | 7 Null, cal check |
| | | | | | |

| partially compensated by flying at 40 ft | | | | | |
|--|-----------|------------|-------|---|--|
| 02210842.dat | 650.347 | 21.02.2003 | 8:44 | 1 Null, cal | |
| 02210844.dat | 4.198.651 | 21.02.2003 | 8:54 | 2 profile | |
| 02210854.dat | 1.112.980 | 21.02.2003 | 8:56 | 3 Null, cal, turning to look for FIMR profiles | |
| 02210901.dat | 1.308.231 | 21.02.2003 | 9:04 | 4 Looking for flags, Null, cal | |
| 02210907.dat | 556.175 | 21.02.2003 | 9:08 | 5 Looking for second line, Null, cal | |
| 02210909.dat | 3.703.572 | 21.02.2003 | 9:17 | 6 profile to Kemi | |
| 02210917.dat | 577.142 | 21.02.2003 | 9:19 | 7 Null, cal | |
| 02210919.dat | 6.727.097 | 21.02.2003 | 9:35 | 8 profile | |
| 02210935.dat | 633.606 | 21.02.2003 | 9:36 | 9 Nul, cal | |
| 02210936.dat | 1.426.695 | 21.02.2003 | 9:39 | 10 flying at 40 ft to increase signal | |
| 02210939.dat | 5.302.504 | 21.02.2003 | 9:52 | 11 cont'd after unintentional break | |
| 02210952.dat | 4.043.891 | 21.02.2003 | 10:02 | 12 cont'd after turn | |
| 02211002.dat | 1.122.368 | 21.02.2003 | 10:04 | 13 Null, cal | |

First flight from Raahe; strong wind, therefore serious oscillations in f2 due to bird pitch; partially compensated by flying at 40 ft

Second flight from Raahe; string wind, extreme bird pitch and oscillations in f2; played with flight speed and altitude

| with hight speed | and allitude | | | |
|------------------|--------------|------------|-------|---------------------------------|
| 02211156.dat | 97.950 | 21.02.2003 | 11:57 | 1 short noise test on ground |
| 02211210.dat | 775.048 | 21.02.2003 | 12:12 | 2 Null, cal |
| 02211212.dat | 5.709.485 | 21.02.2003 | 12:25 | 3 profile |
| 02211225.dat | 1.092.096 | 21.02.2003 | 12:28 | 4 Null, cal, reduce speed to 50 |
| | | | | kn |
| 02211228.dat | 8.304.634 | 21.02.2003 | 12:47 | 5 profile |
| 02211248.dat | 866.856 | 21.02.2003 | 12:50 | 6 Null, cal check |
| 02211250.dat | 6.581.457 | 21.02.2003 | 13:05 | 7 profile, 60 knts |
| 02211305.dat | 1.005.119 | 21.02.2003 | 13:08 | 8 Null, cal |
| 02211308.dat | 7.658.734 | 21.02.2003 | 13:26 | 9 profile |
| 02211326.dat | 791.625 | 21.02.2003 | 13:27 | 10 Null, cal |
| | | | | |

| First flight from Helsinki to Estonia, more towards west | | | | | |
|--|-----------|------------|-------|----------------------------------|--|
| 02230945.dat | 397.065 | 23.02.2003 | 9:46 | 1 Null, cal check | |
| 02230926.dat | 7.886.990 | 23.02.2003 | 9:44 | 2 Profile, cont'd | |
| 02230924.dat | 829.783 | 23.02.2003 | 9:26 | 3 Profile, interrupted | |
| | | | | accidentially | |
| 02230922.dat | 725.528 | 23.02.2003 | 9:24 | 4 Null, cal | |
| 02230916.dat | 2.636.702 | 23.02.2003 | 9:22 | 5 Profile | |
| 02230915.dat | 544.107 | 23.02.2003 | 9:16 | 6 Null, cal | |
| 02230909.dat | 2.426.075 | 23.02.2003 | 9:14 | 7 Profile | |
| 02230907.dat | 791.271 | 23.02.2003 | 9:09 | 8 Null, cal | |
| 02230855.dat | 4.864.513 | 23.02.2003 | 9:07 | 9 Profile | |
| 02230854.dat | 630.399 | 23.02.2003 | 8:55 | 10 Null, cal | |
| 02230845.dat | 3.747.787 | 23.02.2003 | 8:54 | 11 Profile | |
| 02230844.dat | 521.333 | 23.02.2003 | 8:45 | 12 Null, cal | |
| 02230835.dat | 3.612.512 | 23.02.2003 | 8:44 | 13 Profile | |
| XXX | | | | 14 Nulling not recorded; system | |
| | | | | restart & FID reset | |
| 02230826.dat | 3.083.344 | 23.02.2003 | 8:35 | 15 Approach to profile | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Second flight from | | | | | |
| 02231254.dat | 442.086 | 23.02.2003 | 12:55 | 1 Null, cal | |
| 02231232.dat | 9.545.081 | 23.02.2003 | 12:54 | 2 Profile, costal polynja first | |
| 02231231.dat | 507.261 | 23.02.2003 | 12:32 | 3 Null, cal check | |
| 02231221.dat | 4.222.293 | 23.02.2003 | 12:30 | 4 Profile | |
| 02231219.dat | 624.703 | 23.02.2003 | 12:21 | 5 Null, cal | |
| 02231204.dat | 6.551.176 | 23.02.2003 | 12:19 | 6 Profile | |
| 02231202.dat | 698.434 | 23.02.2003 | 12:04 | 7 Null, cal | |
| 02231149.dat | 5.425.783 | 23.02.2003 | 12:02 | 8 Profile | |
| 02231148.dat | 515.071 | 23.02.2003 | 11:49 | 9 Null, cal | |
| 02231137.dat | 4.852.020 | 23.02.2003 | 11:48 | 10 Profile, costal polynja first | |
| 02231136.dat | 522.498 | 23.02.2003 | 11:37 | 11 Null, cal | |
| | | | | | |

First flight from Helsinki to Estonia, more towards west