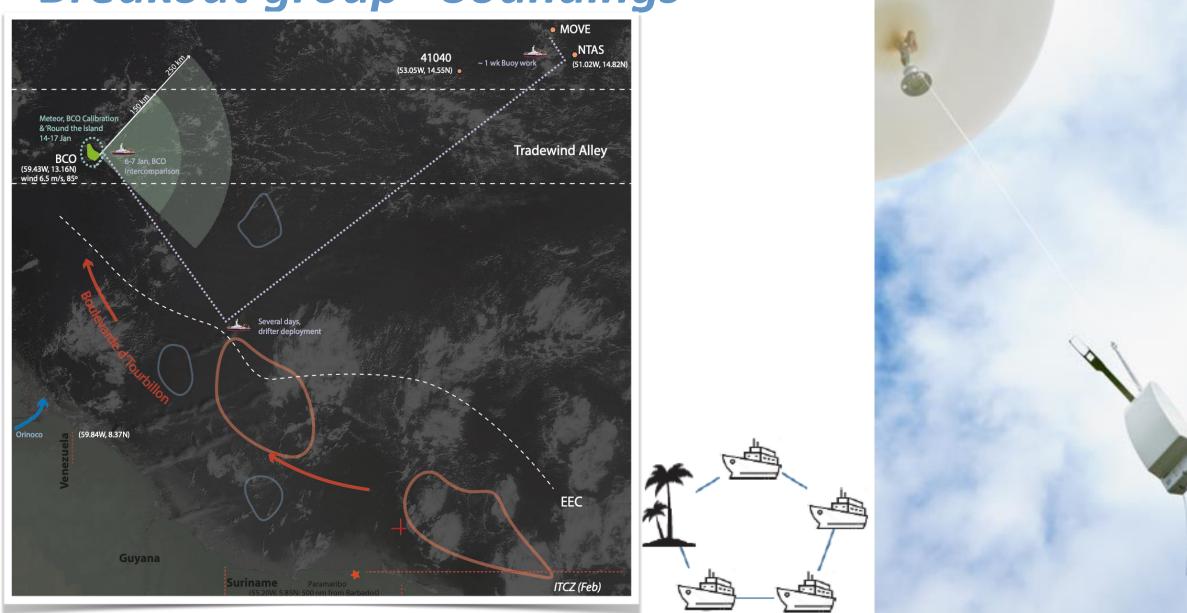
# **Breakout group - Soundings**



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# Scientific Objectives

#### Infer large-scale divergence

- Platforms should be well separated
- But not too far separated (not south of 9°)

#### Analyze waves

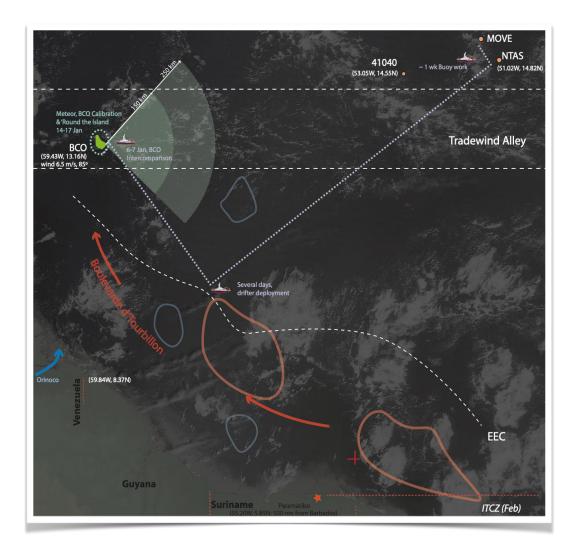
- Simultaneous soundings
- 10 days of high-frequency soundings (2-hourly) on Meteor

#### **Examine sensitivity to ocean fronts**

• Experimental, requires a little bit of flexibility

#### Supplement other measurements

• All platforms need a sufficient amount of sondes



# **Distribution of Sondes**

#### 240 Ron Brown

228 are needed to cover their 4-hourly measurements (36 days)

(independent of MPI-M purchase)

#### 240 Meteor

30 days of 4-hourly soundings + 10 days of 2-hourly soundings

### **180 BCO** 30 days of 4-hourly soundings

#### 146 Maria S Merian and 146 L'Atalante

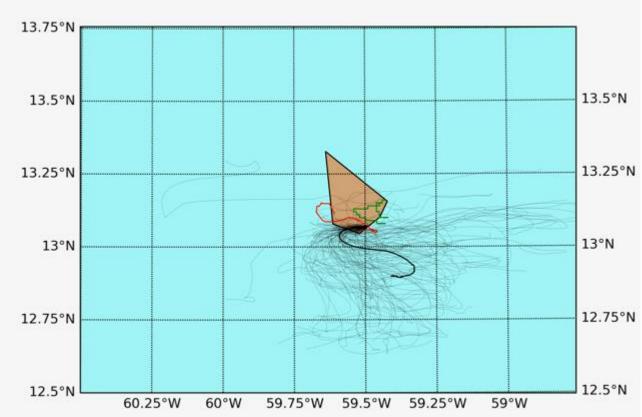
21 days of 4-hourly soundings while they are well separated and north of 9° Else: 10 days of 12-hourly soundings depending on location

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat	Sun
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## Measurements

- We will measure ascent and descent
- We will use parachutes
  - Of course the sondes will drift
  - The descent will not be simultaneous
  - But it doubles the amount of soundings

• *Communication* is required between at least L'Atalante and Maria S Merian



### **Status**

#### Hardware

- Technicians at Guadaloupe can perform the installation of antennas etc. on L'Atalante
- The L'Atalante has a launcher
- Other vessels are fine in terms of hardware

### Logistics

- DHL express for shipping sondes is no longer possible (lithium batteries)
- Transportation takes longer & will be more expensive
- Helium order needs to be adjusted to new numbers of sondes for Atalante & Merian
- This is urgent
- Organizing the transport to Brest (early December) is also urgent.

### **Status**

#### Software

- Will be tested on Oct 15<sup>th</sup> (training day): PLEASE JOIN
- Agreement and good progress on data format and software (Level-1 and Level-2)
- Nearly-live upload of data to EUREC<sup>4</sup>A portal (Aeris) and to GTS

#### Workload

- Appropriate training will be done on October 15<sup>th</sup> (launching, software, data format)
- Number of people on different platforms seems appropriate

### Additional thought

Put Uni HH sonde-like instruments onto the cloud kite line of Merian (measure p, T, RH )