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## Flight Report

| Aircraft : | LaRC B-200 King Air (N529NA) (Operating as NASA529) |
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| Operating Site(s) <br> From I To : | Pt. Barrow, Alaska to Fairbanks, Alaska |
| Flight Date : | $4 / 13 / 2008$ |
| Flight Number : | R-137 |
| Take Off Time : | 1222 Local, 2022 UTC |
| Landing Time : | 1644 Local, 0044 UTC 4/14/2008 |
| Flight Time : | 4.4 hours |
| Flt Request \# I PI: | Rich Ferrare |
| Purpose of Flight : | Data [X ] Ferry [ ] Functional Check [ ] Other [ ] |
| Sensor Payload : | HSRL and Digital Camera |
| Comments : | Pt. Barrow to Fairbanks Intl. Flew southwest towards the <br> CALIPSO track heading southeast coordinating with <br> NASA 426 for their spiral points tracked the route back <br> NW before getting diverted to the west looking for better <br> weather just prior to the overflight time. Weather even <br> further west was characterized by multiple layers with tops <br> from 15-18000 feet. Recovered to Fairbanks for addl <br> coordination with other platforms. <br> HSRL worked well during flight. Flight was designed to <br> provide aerosol and cloud guidance to NASA P3 during <br> coordinated flight. Flight was delayed by about one hour <br> due to ice fog over Barrow. Over Barrow, high clouds and <br> ice fog were present. As flight progressed southwestward <br> and along CALIPSO track, clouds became thicker and <br> deeper and prevented HSRL from observing aerosols in <br> lower atmosphere. Attempts to find cloud-free areas to the <br> west of the CALIPSO track in western Alaska for the <br> NASA P3 solar measurements were unsuccessful. Thin <br> aerosol layers were observed at 4 km and 6-7 km over <br> western Alaska and along CALIPSO track. Aerosol layer <br> at 6-7 km was most likely dust; aerosol layers at lower <br> altitudes likely smoke. |




