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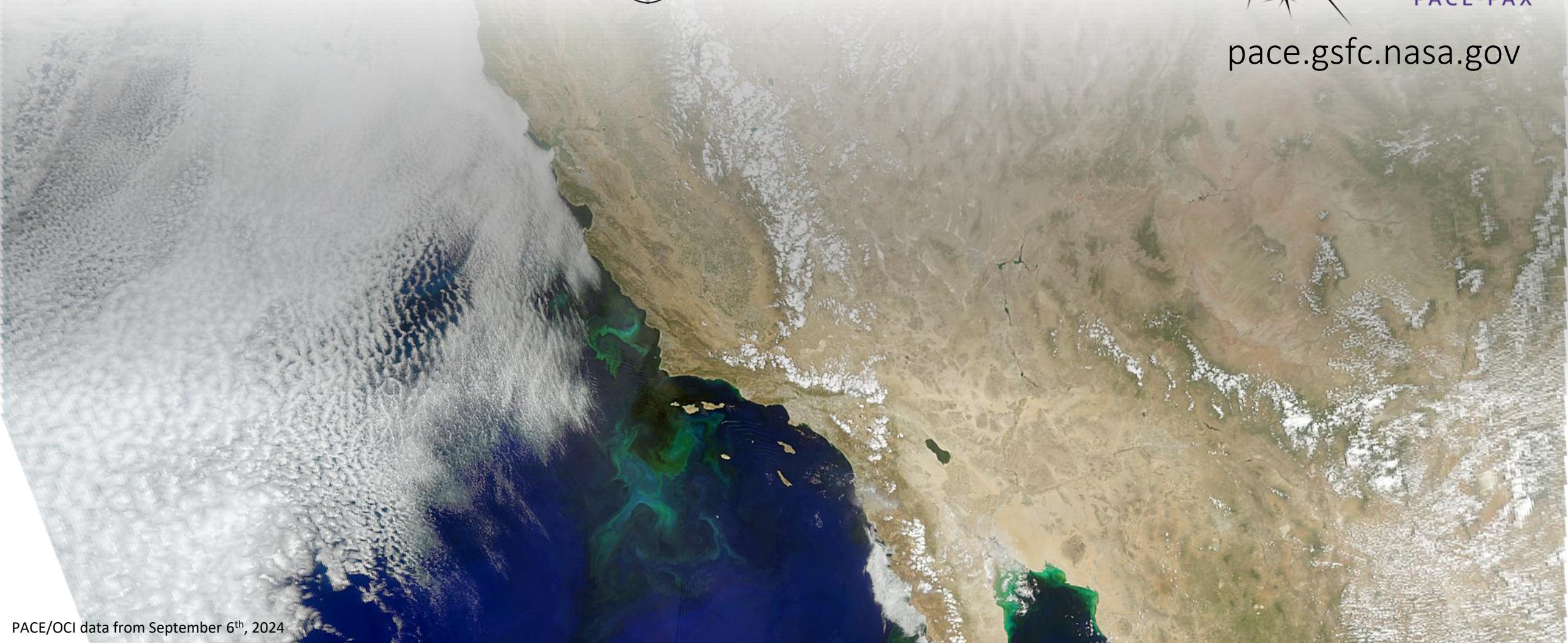
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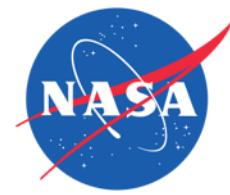


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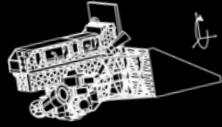


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OCI

340-890 nm in 2.5 nm steps  
7 discrete SWIR, 940-2260 nm  
1-2 day coverage  $\pm 20^\circ$  tilt, 1km



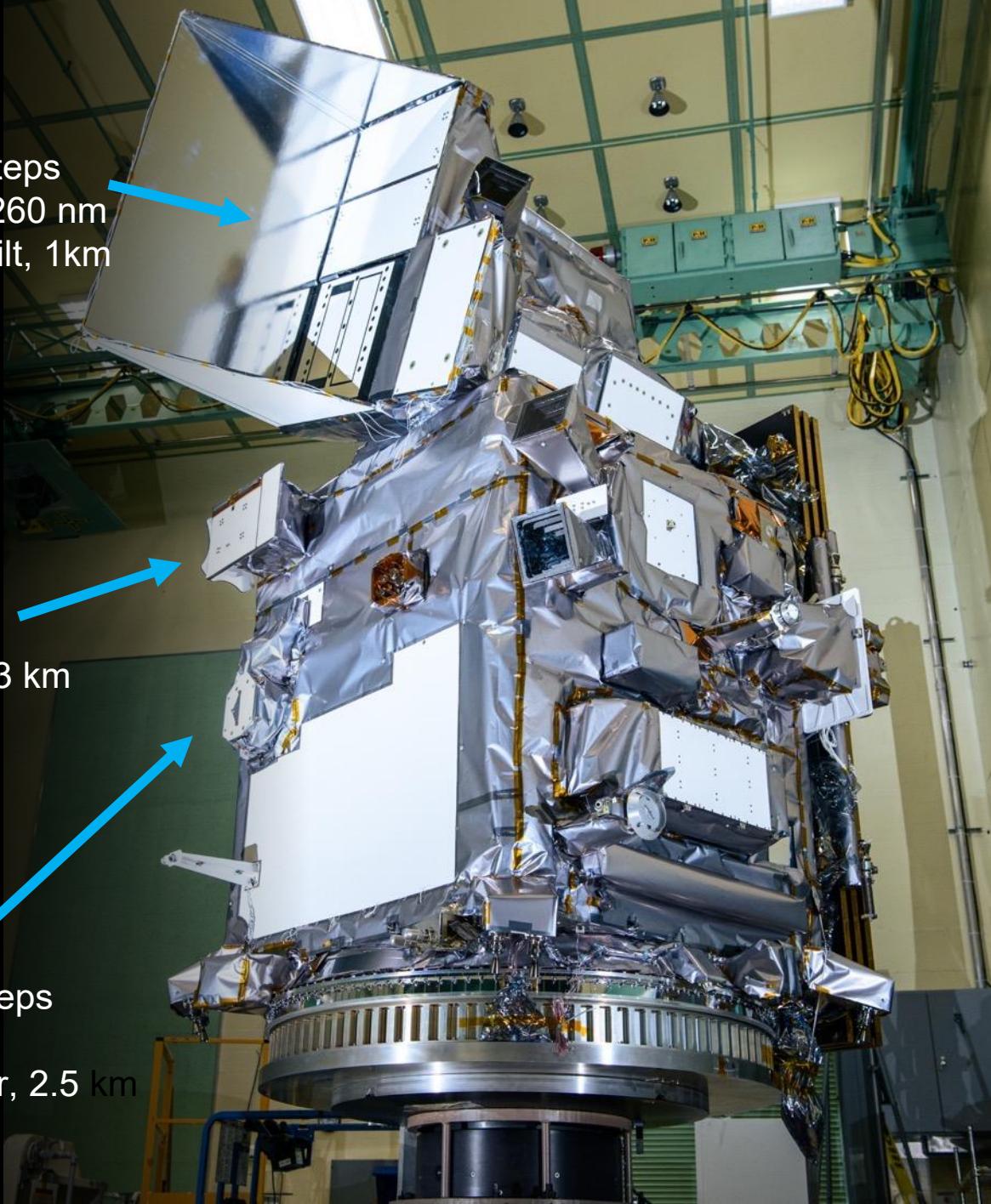
HARP2

440, 550, 670, 870 nm  
10-60 viewing angles  
wide swath polarimeter, 3 km



SPExone

380-770 nm in 2-4 nm steps  
5 viewing angles  
narrow swath polarimeter, 2.5 km



## NASA Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean Ecosystem (PACE) mission

PACE will extend key systematic ocean color, aerosol, & cloud climate data records, reveal the diversity of organisms fueling marine food webs, and introduce new methods to observe aerosols and clouds, the largest source of climate uncertainty.

### Characteristics:

- February 8<sup>th</sup> launch, April 11th data release
- 676.5 km, polar, ascending orbit, 98°
- Sun synchronous, 13:00 Equatorial crossing
- Global (land and ocean) data
- Data to OB.DAAC ([oceancolor.gsfc.nasa.gov](http://oceancolor.gsfc.nasa.gov))



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National Aeronautics and Space Administration

# PACE Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean Ecosystem

Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean Ecosystem

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## Data Products Table

Calibrated Radiometry and Polarimetry | Ocean Properties to be Produced by OCI | Atmospheric Properties to be Produced by OCI | Land Data Products to be Produced by OGI | Aerosol and Ocean Properties from HARP2 | Aerosol and Land Surface Properties from HARP2 | Ocean Surface Properties from HARP2 | Ocean Properties from SPEXone | Aerosol and Ocean Properties from OCI + HARP2 + SPEXone

Access to data varies with its status (data maturity level). Provisional data are available through Earthdata Search, the OB.DAAC File Search and Level 3 & 4 Browser. Test and Diagnostic data are available through the OB.DAAC File Search and Level 3 & 4 Browser. See also "Access PACE Data".

What do colors in the "Availability" column mean?

Available	Coming soon!	Currently implementing and evaluating	Not approach currently identified
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### Calibrated Radiometry and Polarimetry

Calibrated and geolocated radiometry and polarimetry as observed at sensor.

Product	Description and Use	Units	Availability	Status	Additional Info
Spectral top-of-atmosphere radiances from OCI	Spectral radiance observed at the top of the atmosphere.	$\text{W m}^{-2} \text{ um}^{-1}$	Level-2.5 km at nadir, daily - Level-3C daily	Provisional	Level-3C draft data format and examples
Spectral top-of-atmosphere radiances and polarimetry from SPEXone	Spectral radiance and polarimetry observed at the top of the atmosphere, for all sensor viewing angles.	Various	Level-1B TRD, daily - Level-3C, daily	Provisional	Level-3C draft data format and examples
Spectral top-of-atmosphere radiances and polarimetry from HARP2	Spectral radiance and polarimetry observed at the top of the atmosphere, for all sensor viewing angles.	Various	Level-1B TRD, daily - Level-3C, daily	Provisional	Level-3C draft data format and examples

### Ocean Properties to be Produced by OCI

Bio-optical and biogeochemical properties of seawater constituents in the sunlit upper ocean.

Product	Description and Use	Units	Availability	Status	Additional Info
Spectral remote sensing reflectances	Spectral color of the ocean in the ultraviolet-to-near infrared spectral range. Used as input into algorithms to retrieve information about colored dissolved organic matter, phytoplankton, non-algal particles, and other aquatic constituents. Provided in continuous 2.5-m steps from 350 to 717.5 nm with a resolution (bandwidth) of 5 nm.	$\text{sr}^{-1}$	Level-2.5 km at nadir, daily - Level-3 4-km daily, 8-day, monthly, annual	Provisional	ATBD SAT members: Boiss, Thie, Krock, Chowdhury, Stamnes, Zhang In situ measurement protocols
Apparent visible wavelength	An optical water classification index reported as the weighted harmonic mean of visible-range hrs wavelengths (400-700 nm)	nm	Level-2.5 km at nadir, daily - Level-3 4-km daily, 8-day, monthly, annual	Test	ATBD
Spectral diffuse attenuation coefficients	Spectral diffuse attenuation of downwelling irradiance at multiple wavelengths between 350 and 700 nm. Provides indices of water clarity and light penetration.	$\text{m}^{-1}$	Level-2.5 km at nadir, daily - Level-3 4-km daily, 8-day, monthly, annual	Test	ATBD SAT members: Boiss, Strammi, Odenmat In situ measurement protocols
Spectral phytoplankton absorption coefficients	Spectral absorption coefficients for total phytoplankton absorption at multiple wavelengths between 350 and 700 nm. Provides information on phytoplankton physiology, abundance, and community composition.	$\text{m}^{-1}$	Level-2.5 km at nadir, daily - Level-3 4-km daily, 8-day, monthly, annual	Provisional	ATBD SAT members: Twardowski, Strammi, Shuchman, Palaevan, Siegel, Barnes, Stamnes, Chowdhury In situ measurement protocols
Spectral non-algal particle plus dissolved organic matter absorption coefficients	Spectral absorption coefficients for non-algal particulates and dissolved organic matter at multiple wavelengths between 350 and 700 nm. Provides information on the concentrations of the dissolved component of organic carbon and the detrital (non-algal) component of the particulate assembly.	$\text{m}^{-1}$	Level-2.5 km at nadir, daily - Level-3 4-km daily, 8-day, monthly, annual	Provisional	ATBD SAT members: Twardowski, Strammi, Barnes, Stamnes, Chowdhury In situ measurement protocols
Spectral chromophoric dissolved organic matter absorption coefficients	Spectral absorption coefficients for dissolved organic matter at multiple wavelengths between 350 and 700 nm. Provides information on the concentration of the dissolved chromophore of organic carbon.	$\text{m}^{-1}$	TBD	Test	SAT member: Strammi In situ measurement protocols

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PACE has many data products

... some are currently available, others coming soon, being tested, or potential future development



# Validation happens in many ways



AERONET Cimel Sun Photometer at NASA Ames Research Center, California

Inside NASA P-3 during the  
ORACLES field campaign,  
SE Atlantic Ocean off São Tomé





Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean Ecosystem (PACE) mission

**PACE Science Data Product Validation Plan**[Jul-20] PACE Science Data Product Validation  
Plan [PDF \(973 KB\) »](#)[pace.oceansciences.org/documents.htm](http://pace.oceansciences.org/documents.htm)**Algorithm contributors**

- PACE Project Science team
- PACE Science team members
- PACE instrument team members
- International science and user community

**Implementation**

- PACE Science Data Segment (SDS)
- Science Operations Team (SOT)
- Science Operations Board (SOB)

**Test product**

- Products that have been implemented as production-capable science code
- Feasibility and resource requirement assessment

**Provisional product**

- Not fully validated, quality may be sub-optimal
- Used for performance and science assessment

**Standard product**

- Permanent archive and distribution
- Fully validated and documented

**Validation**

- Demonstrate data products meet defined (accuracy, coverage, etc.) requirements
- Typically uses comprehensive and statistically robust comparison to field observations or other remote sensing data

**Documentation**

- Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document
- Validation, uncertainty assessment



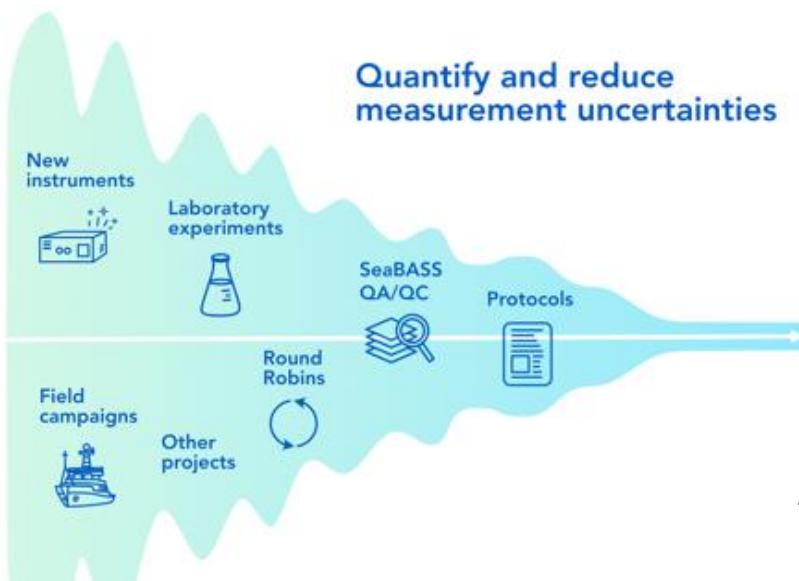
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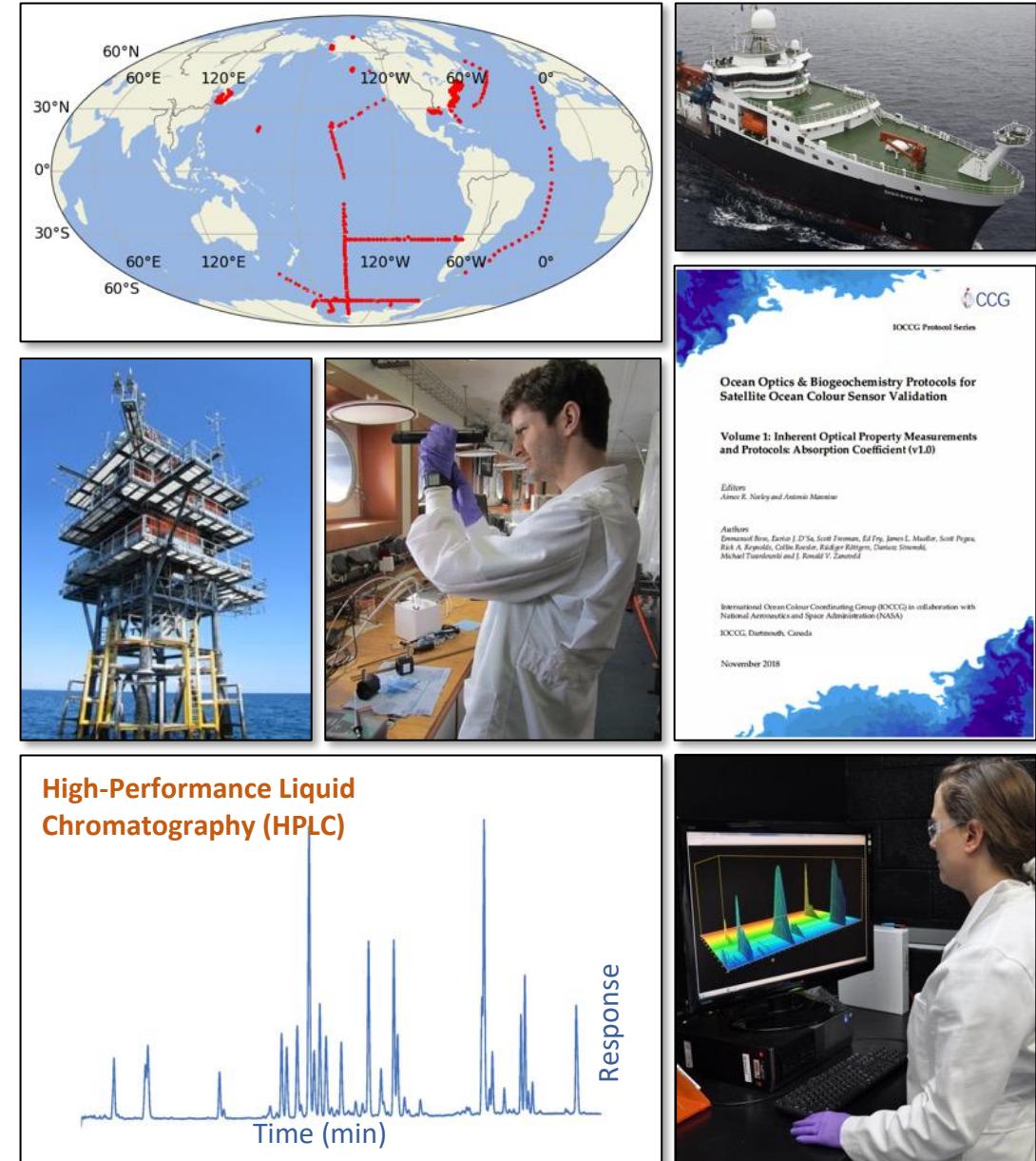


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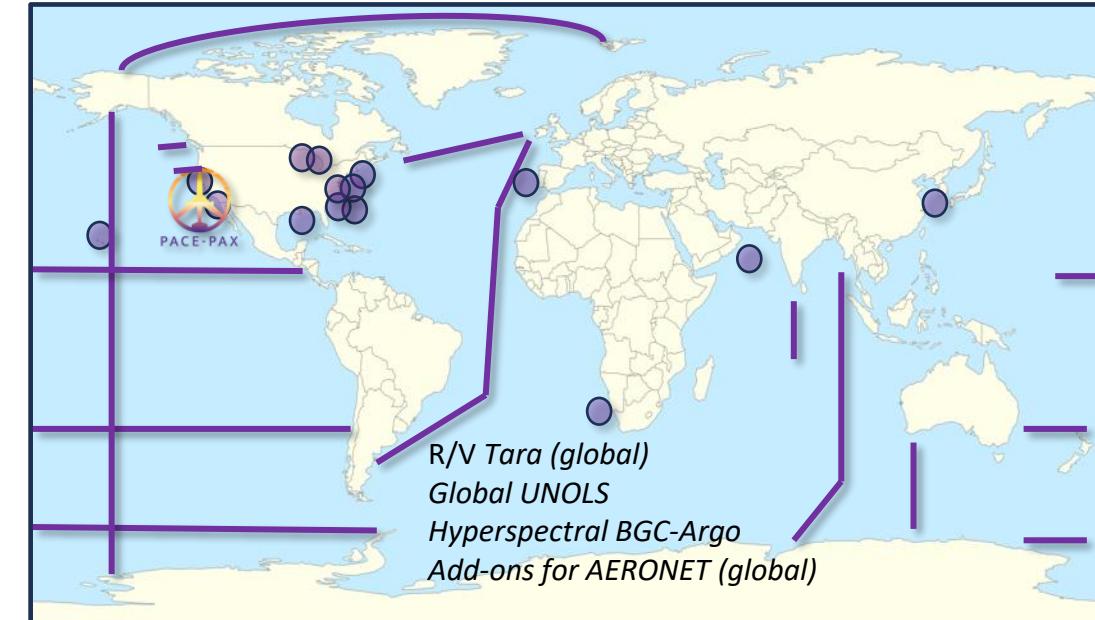




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• Competitively selected teams funded by NASA  
 • 24 selections, 3-4 year projects  
 • Subelement 1: validate core radiometric ocean color and heritage atmospheric retrievals from OCI  
 • Subelement 2: validate advanced (new) products making use of hyperspectral (OCI) and polarimetric (HARP2, SPEXone) PACE capabilities



Ocean inherent optical properties	$a_p$	$a_{ph}$	$a_{nap}$	$a_{cdom}$	$a_{cdom+nap}$	$b_{bp}$	VSF			
Ocean apparent optical properties	PAR	$K_d$	$K_{Lu}$	$L_u$	$L_w$	$L_{sky}$	$E_d$	$R_{rs}$	$nLw$	
Ocean Biogeochemistry	Chl (fluorometric)	HPLC	UHPLC	PCC	NPP (and associated metrics)	PSD	TSM (TBD)	Carbon (PIC, POC, DOC, Cphyto)		
Aerosols & clouds	AOD	Aerosol microphysical properties			COD	Cloud droplet size distribution, ice properties				



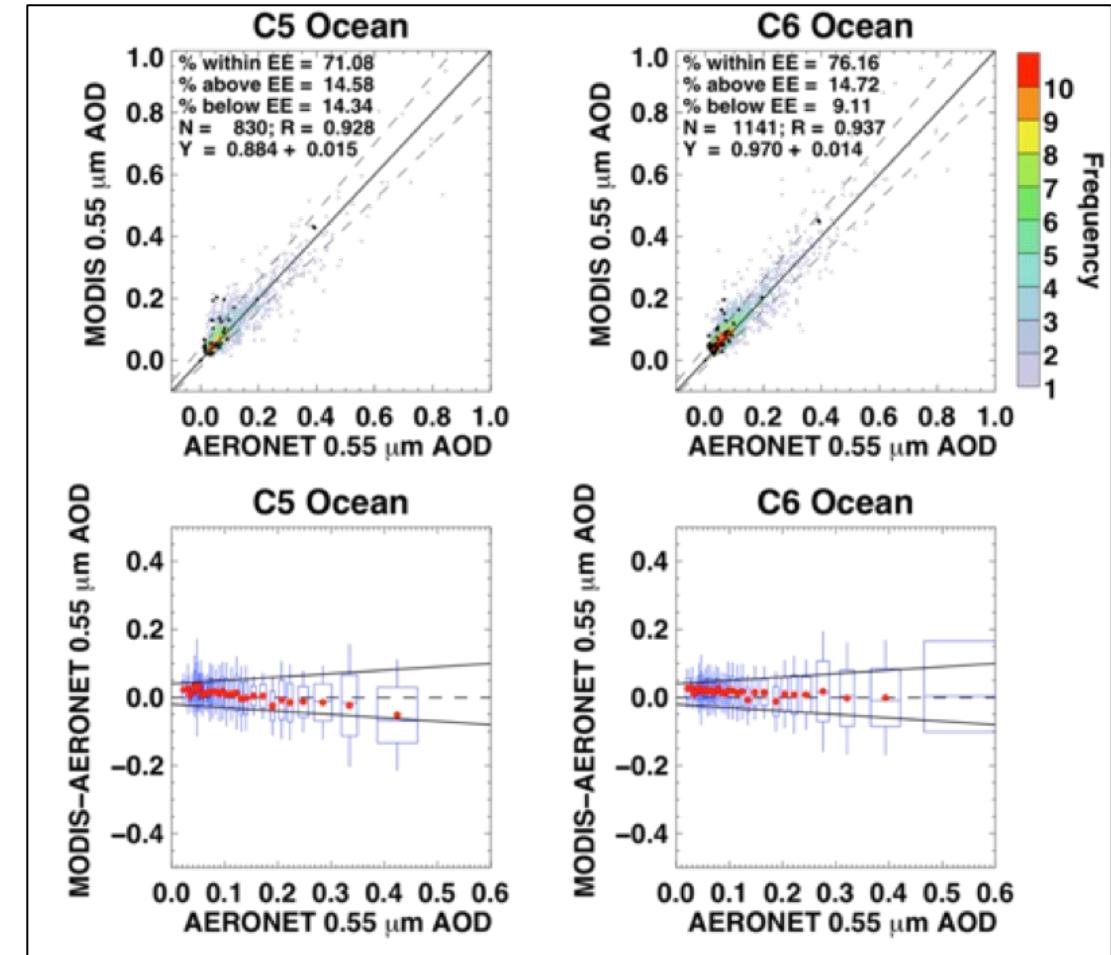
Full list of  
selected projects

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From MODIS Dark Target aerosol algorithm theoretical basis document (ATBD)  
<https://darktarget.gsfc.nasa.gov/atbd-product-evaluation>



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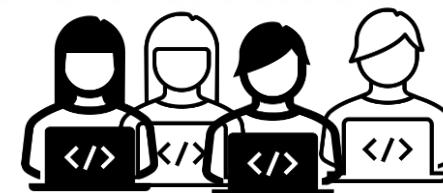
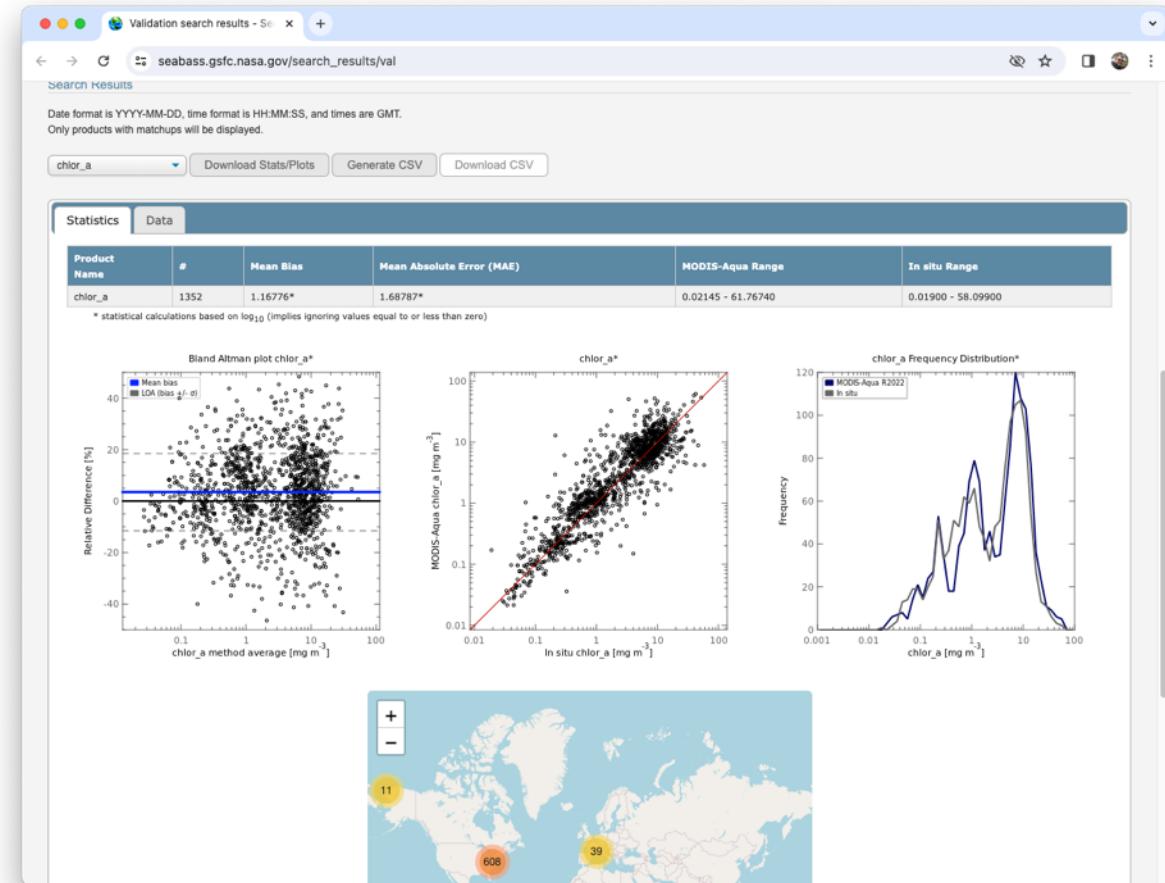


The screenshot shows the PACE website homepage with the title "PACE Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean Ecosystem". Below it, there's a section titled "Apparent Optical Properties (AOP) Data Matchups". A QR code is located at the bottom left of this section.

PACE  
matchups

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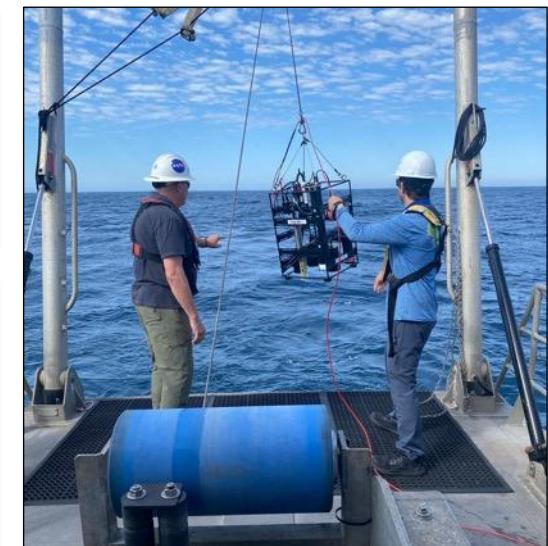


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# PACE SCIENTISTS TAKE TO THE SEA AND AIR (AND REALLY HIGH AIR)





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cCsuck3dJU4>



# PACE-PAX overall objectives

Validate  
new, multi-  
parameter,  
algorithms

Coordinated  
observations  
under PACE  
& EarthCARE

Validate  
PACE  
radiometry &  
polarimetry

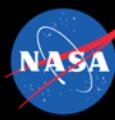
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ability to  
observe  
specific  
processes



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...determined by extensive and thoughtful discussion among PACE project scientists, funded collaborators, etc



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# 1c. Validate new retrieval properties: Aerosol properties over ocean

	PACE/OCI PACE/SPEXone PACE/HARP2	
	HSRL-2 AirHARP, PICARD, PRISM, RSP, SPEX Air	Ocean optical properties and basic aerosol conditions from HSRL-2
	Aerosol in situ instruments	Straight and level through aerosol plume
	No clouds Variable aerosol load Variable geometry, time and space scales	
	AERONET-OC, Shearwater, HyperNAV	

Geophysical properties	
Aerosol spectral optical depth	
Aerosol microphysical properties	
Aerosol layer height	
Ocean surface roughness (windspeed)	
Spectral ocean remote sensing reflectance	

Importance	Hours
12	4

Walls: aerosol  
ER-2

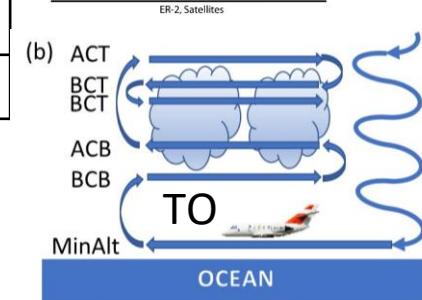


Figure-4

At least 2/3 required

For ocean properties, this could be achieved with either in water measurements from Shearwater, AERONET-OC or HyperNAV, or the HSRL-2

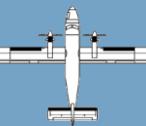
For aerosol properties, this could be either achieved with in situ data from the Twin Otter, or retrievals from passive instruments on the ER-2



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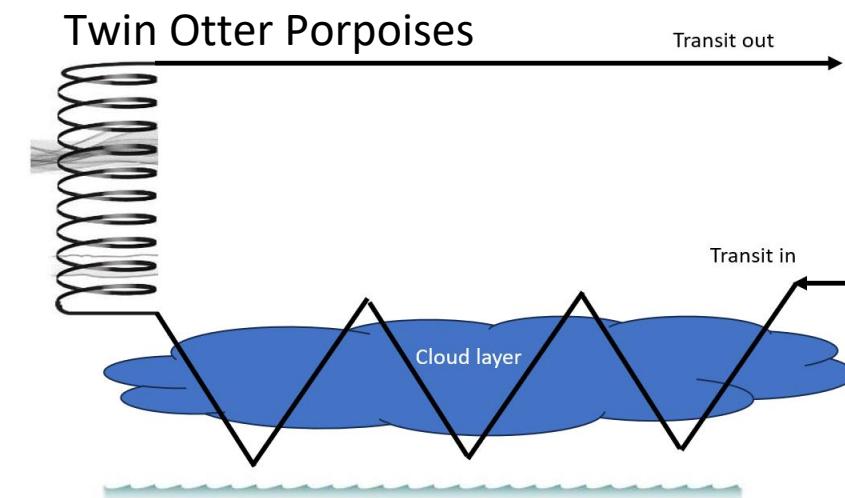
	PACE/OCI PACE/HARP2	
	AirHARP, HSRL-2, PICARD, PRISM, RSP	
	Cloud in situ instruments	TBD flight plan
	Cloud cover with variable properties Variable geometry, time and space scales	

Geophysical properties	
Cloud detection, top height	
Cloud physical thickness	
Cloud phase	
Liquid, ice, cloud optical depth	
Liquid droplet size distribution	
Liquid/Ice water path	
Ice particle size, shape, asymmetry or phase fcn	

Importance	Hours
12	4

ER2 straight Line  
(setup, start,  
center, end, exit)

ER2 5-points





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This is  
complicated!  
How do we  
manage and  
plan for a field  
campaign like  
this?



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## Adding numerical quantifiers helps planning

w - weighting (importance)

h - hours needed for minimum observation

c - completeness of given measurement

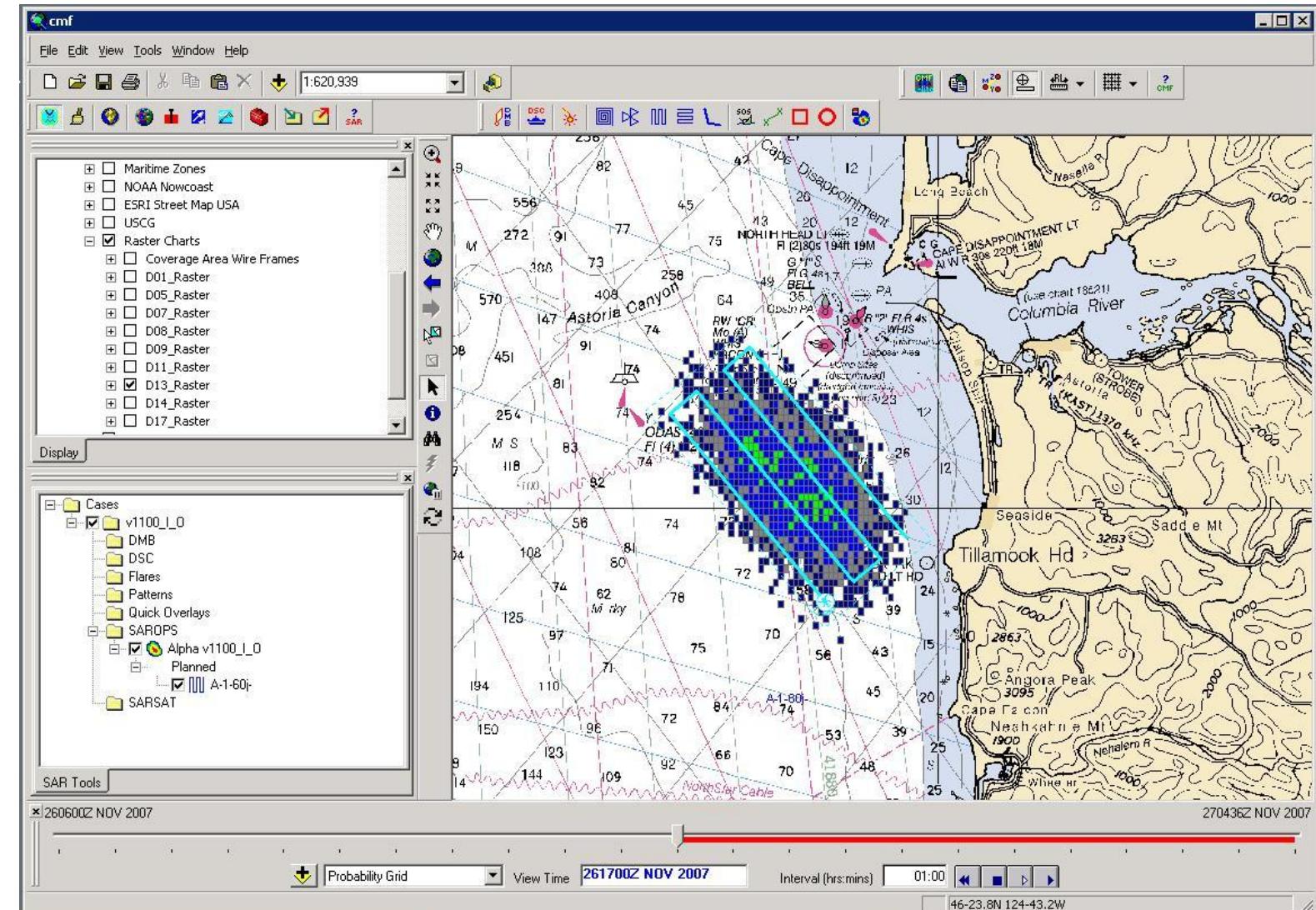
p - probability of complete measurement

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w	h	c	p
8	2.0	1.0	0.50
10	8.0	1.0	0.50
12	8.0	1.0	0.50
12	8.0	1.0	0.75
12	8.0	1.0	0.50
1	8.0	0.5	0.25
10	8.0	1.0	0.50
10	8.0	1.0	0.50
5	2.0	1.0	0.50
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We then adapted concepts of Search and Rescue theory

...but instead of finding the best way to search a grid of locations, we are finding the best way to 'search' measurement objectives

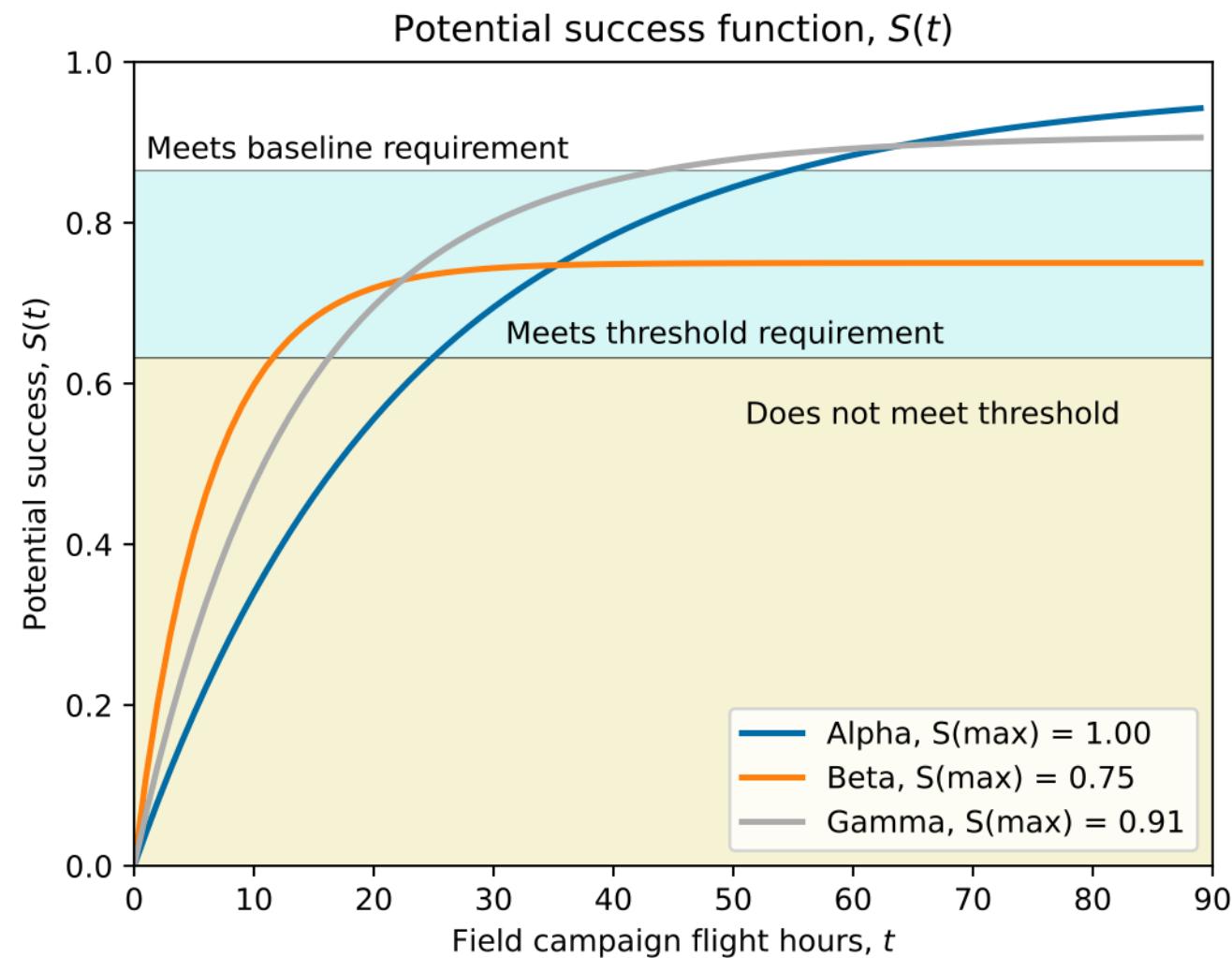
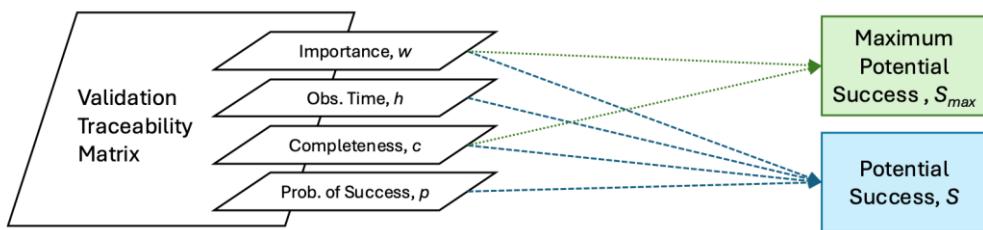


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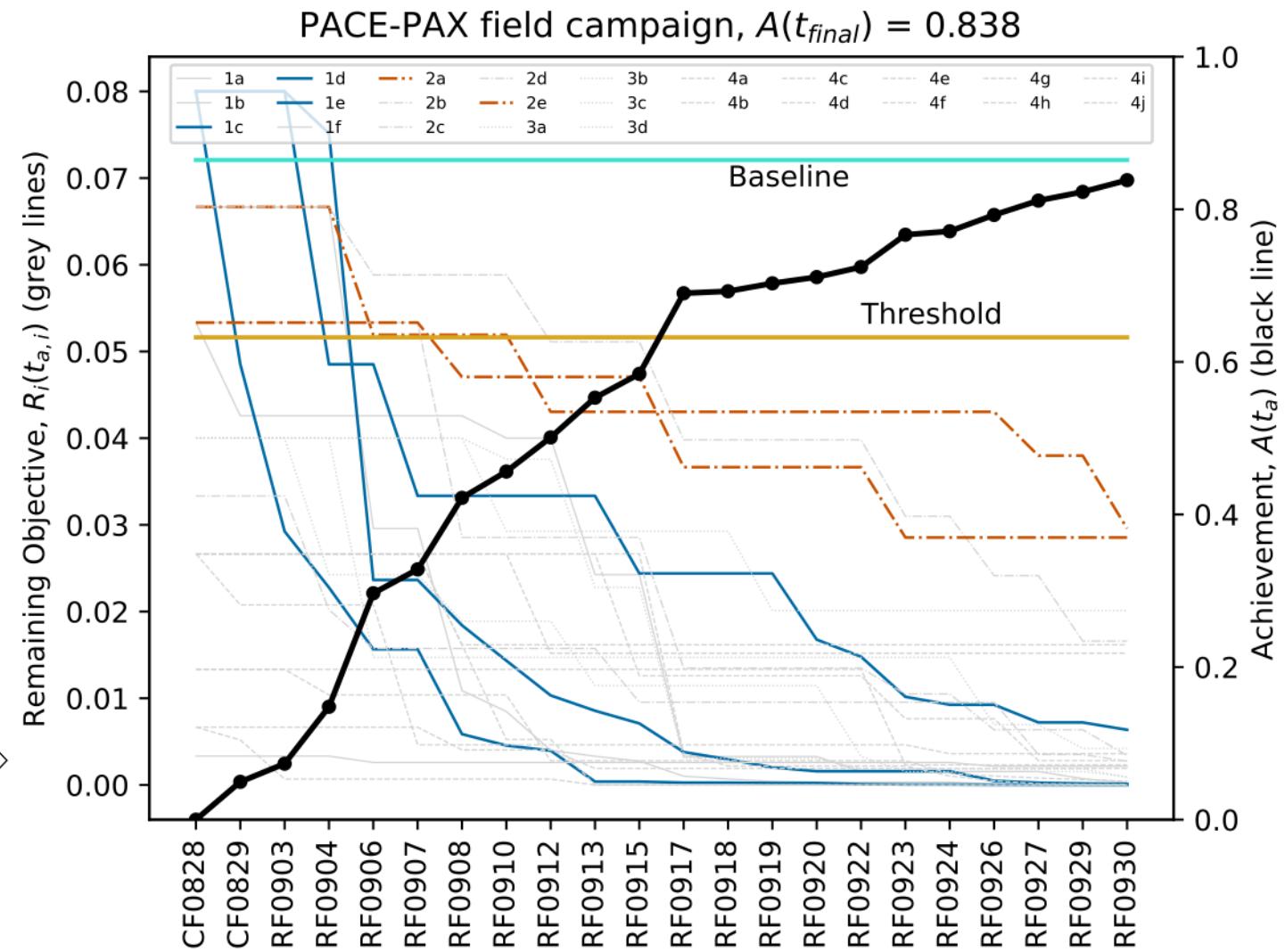
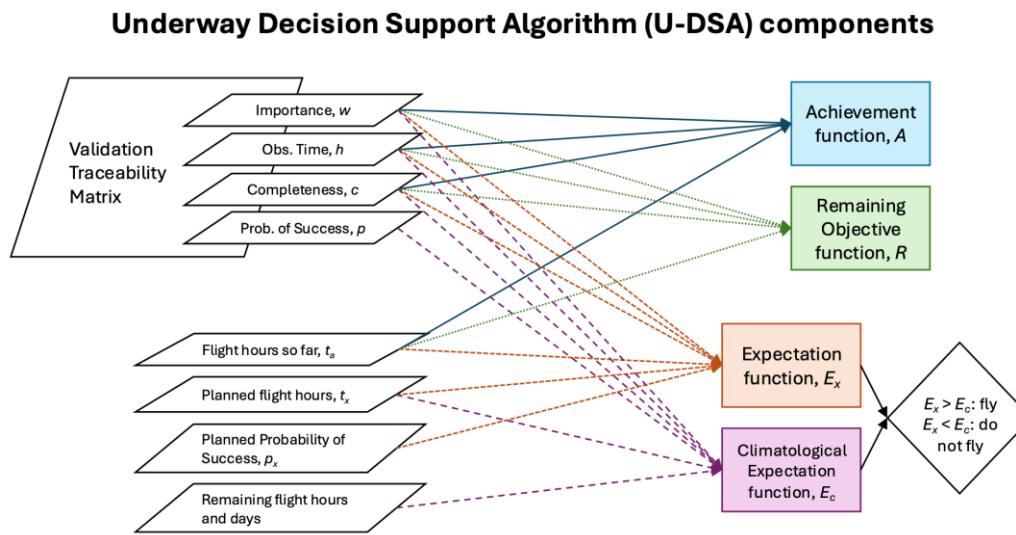
Before the campaign, these numbers help us do trade studies

#### Pre-campaign Decision Support Algorithm (PC-DSA) components





During the campaign, we use this approach to track progress and plan subsequent flights





# Recently submitted paper to J. Atmospheric and Oceanic Technology

Github: <https://github.com/knobelisp/TM-DSA>

## 1 **Field campaign design and implementation with traceability matrix 2 decision support**

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## 12 ABSTRACT

13 Intensive field data collection efforts (i.e., field campaigns) can be complex undertakings.  
14 Field campaign teams must balance multi-faceted and competing objectives, known and  
15 unknown constraints, and must be adaptable to changing conditions. We developed several  
16 tools to manage these challenges for a recent field campaign, the Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud,  
17 ocean Ecosystem (PACE) Postlaunch Airborne eXperiment (PACE-PAX). PACE is a recently  
18 launched multidisciplinary satellite mission, and PACE-PAX was part of the data validation  
19 efforts for PACE. Two aircraft, two research ships, and various other surface-based  
20 measurements were coordinated to provide a validation dataset useful for many of PACE's  
21 data products. Two specific tools were utilized for this purpose. First, we developed a  
22 Validation Traceability Matrix (VTM) which connects validation objectives to measurement  
23 design and implementation. Crucially, measurement objectives in the VTM are numerically  
24 weighted to express differences in importance. They are further assessed in terms of the  
25 quantity of measurements needed to satisfy that objective and the likelihood of successful  
26 observation. The VTM is coupled with a decision algorithm, which provides a scoring  
27 mechanism. This score can be used prior to the campaign to compare mission design options  
28 with trade studies. During the campaign, it is used to assess the value of completed observations  
29 and guide planning for future observations. In this paper, we demonstrate how our traceability  
30 matrix decision support tools were used successfully with the PACE-PAX field campaign and  
31 provide guidelines and implementation tools for their use in future field campaigns.

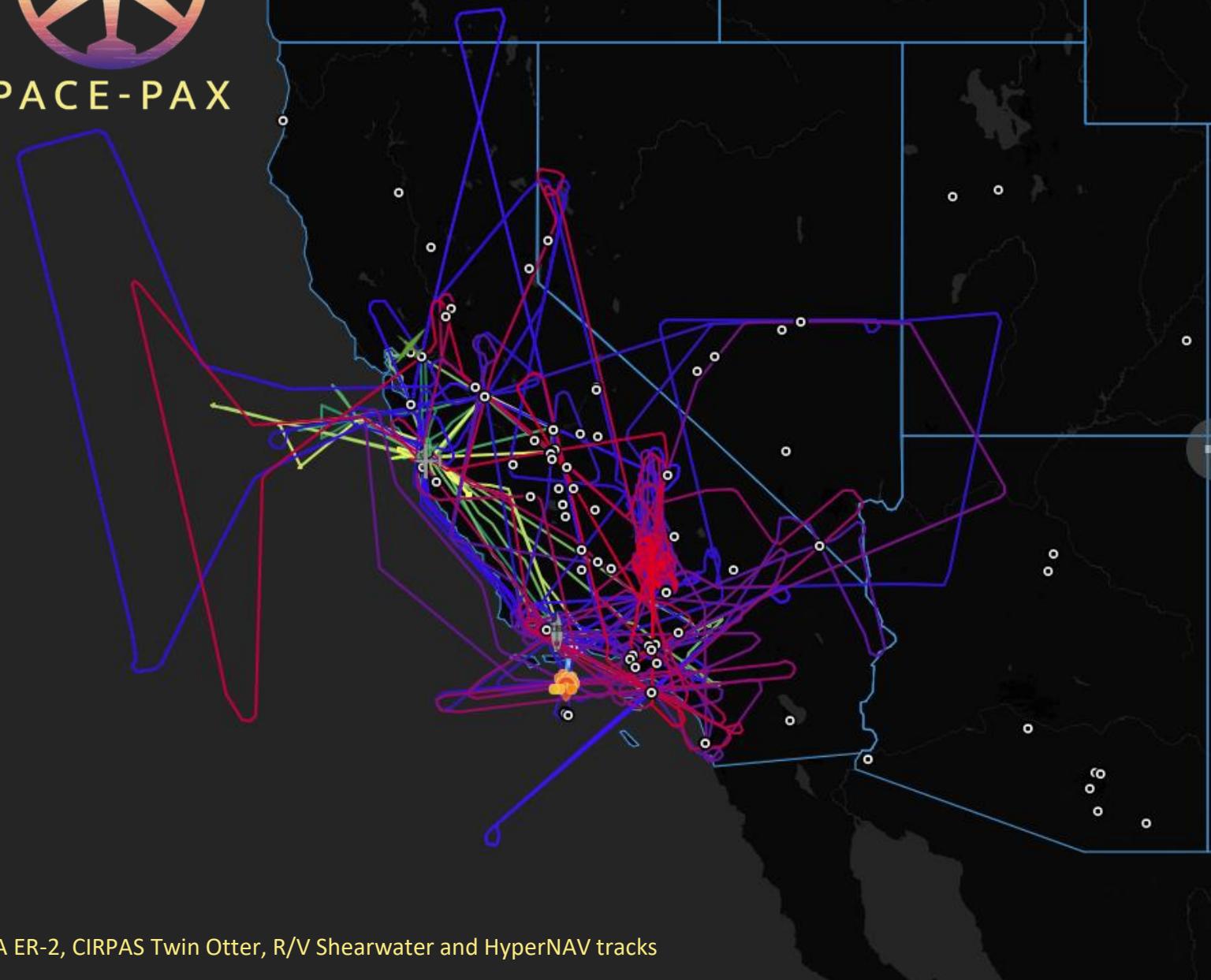
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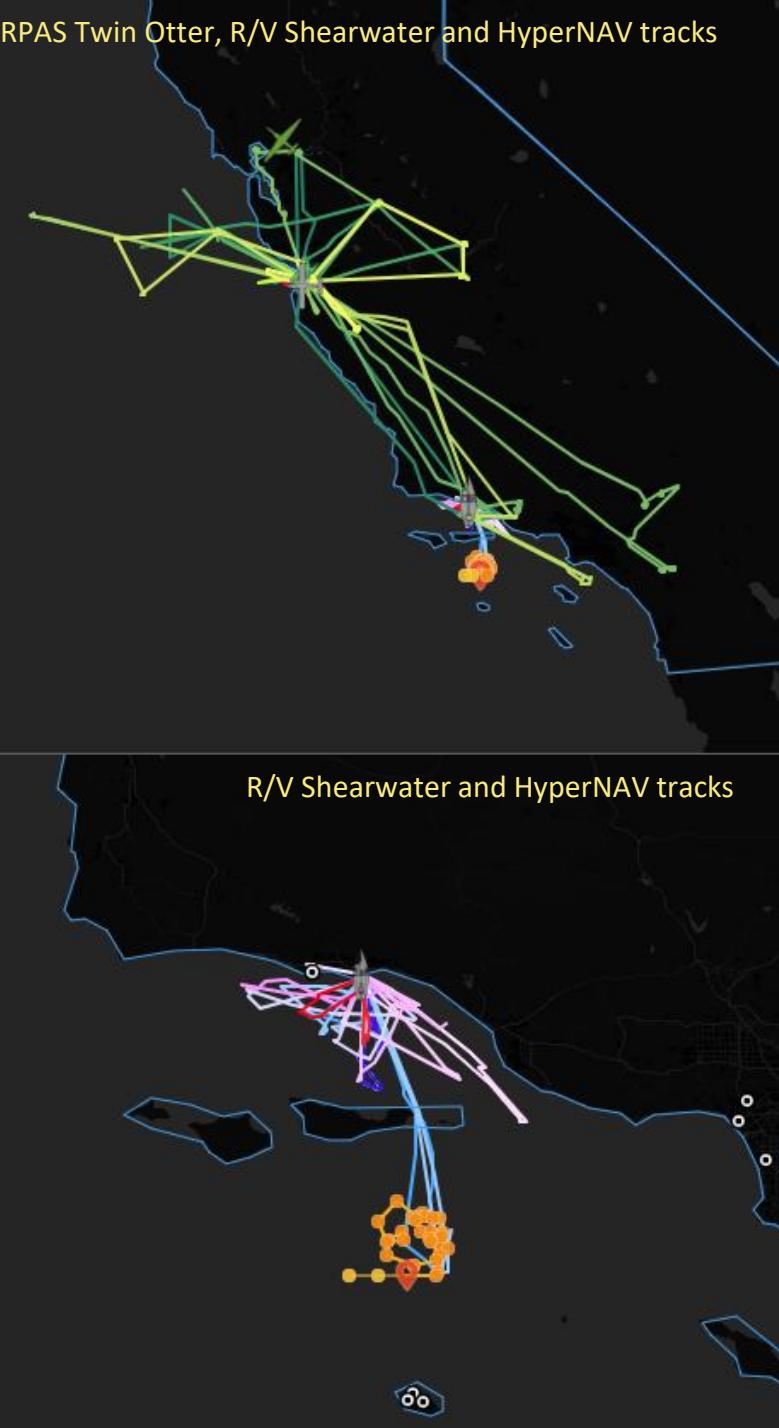
PACE-PAX

September 3-30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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CIRPAS Twin Otter, R/V Shearwater and HyperNAV tracks



NASA ER-2, CIRPAS Twin Otter, R/V Shearwater and HyperNAV tracks





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PACE-PAX

- 13 NASA ER-2 science flights
  - 80.9 flight hours (out of 84 allotted)
  - HSRL-2 of primary interest to compare to ATLID. Passive instrument aerosol & cloud retrievals also valuable (AirHARP2, SPEX Airborne, RSP, PICARD, PRISM)
- 17 CIRPAS Twin Otter science flights
  - 60 flight hours (out of 60 allotted)
  - In situ aerosol and cloud suite to compare to EarthCARE. Planned data merger (ISARA)
- 6 successful days of targeted observations during an EarthCARE overpass
  - 24 of 84 ER-2 flight hours added for EarthCARE validation. Equivalent to ~4 flights
  - Minimum planned under flights: 1; Goal: 4; Actual: 6 (5 with ER-2, 1 with Twin Otter)
- Conditions favored low-moderate aerosol loads over land in cloud free conditions
  - Aerosols were generally smoke, with occasional dust or urban aerosols
  - Small amount of over-ocean observations of marine stratocumulus clouds
  - Some aerosol over land scenes have thin cirrus

R/V Shearwater and HyperNAV tracks



# PACE-PAX instrumentation

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## PACE ‘Proxy’ instruments

- These make the same measurements as PACE, so PACE algorithms can be tested even if the satellite is not overhead
- Data submitted in a compatible format (Level 1C) to that of PACE

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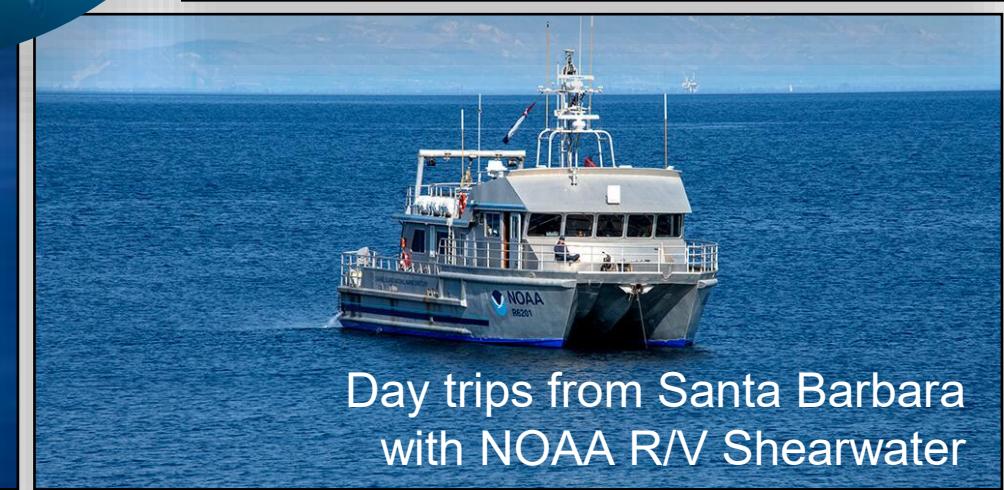
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IOPs	$a_p$	$a_{ph}$	$a_{nap}$	$a_{cdom}$	$a_{cdom+nap}$	$b_{bp}$	VSF		
AOPs	PAR	$K_d$	$K_{Lu}$	$L_u$	$L_w$	$L_{sky}$	$E_d$	$R_{rs}$	$nLw$
Biogeochemistry	Chl (fluorometric)	HPLC	UHPLC	PCC	PSD	TSM	Carbon (POC DOC, Cphyto)		
Atmospheric	AOD	Angstrom	And many, many more...						

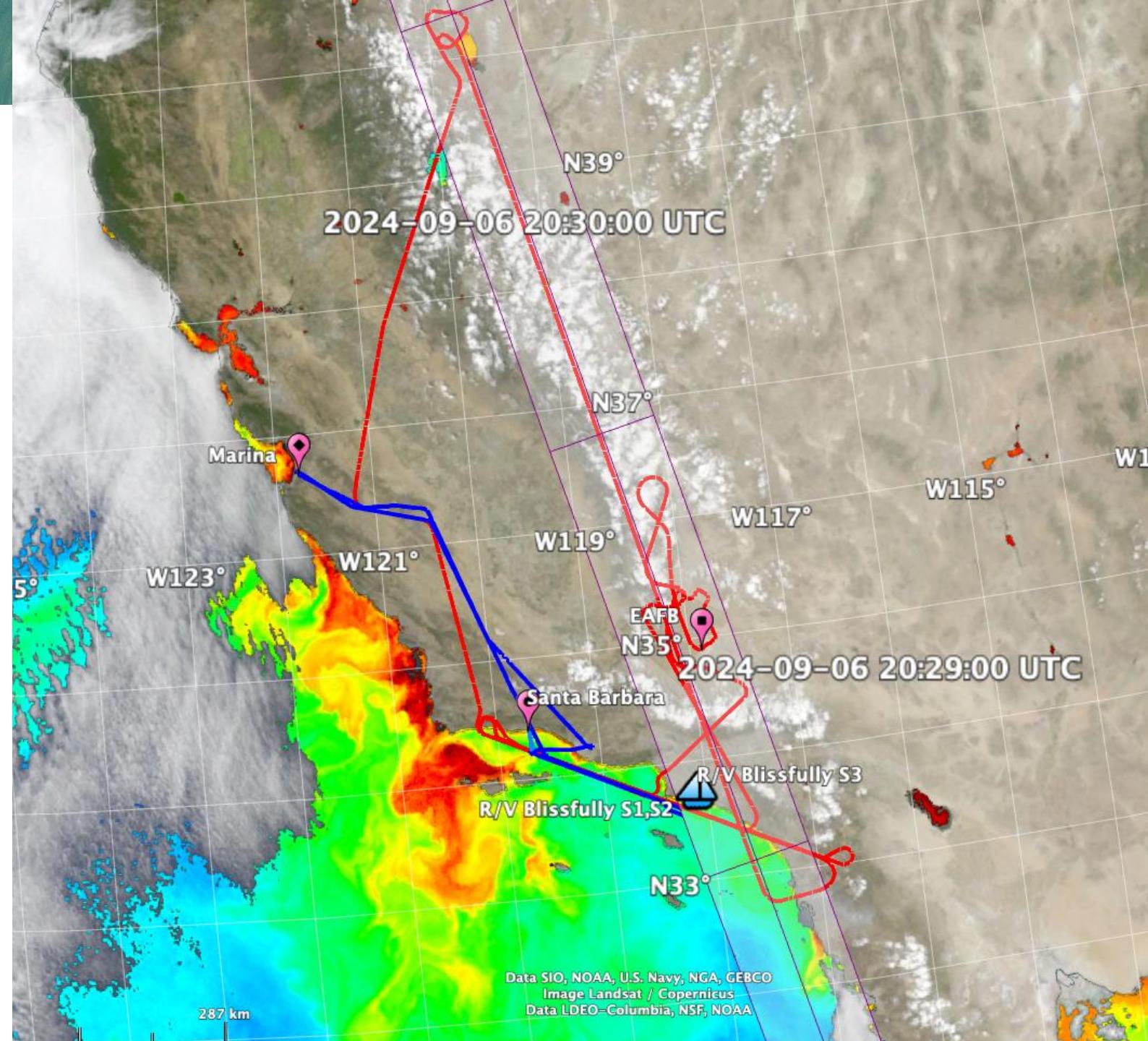


## PACE-PAX ocean measurements





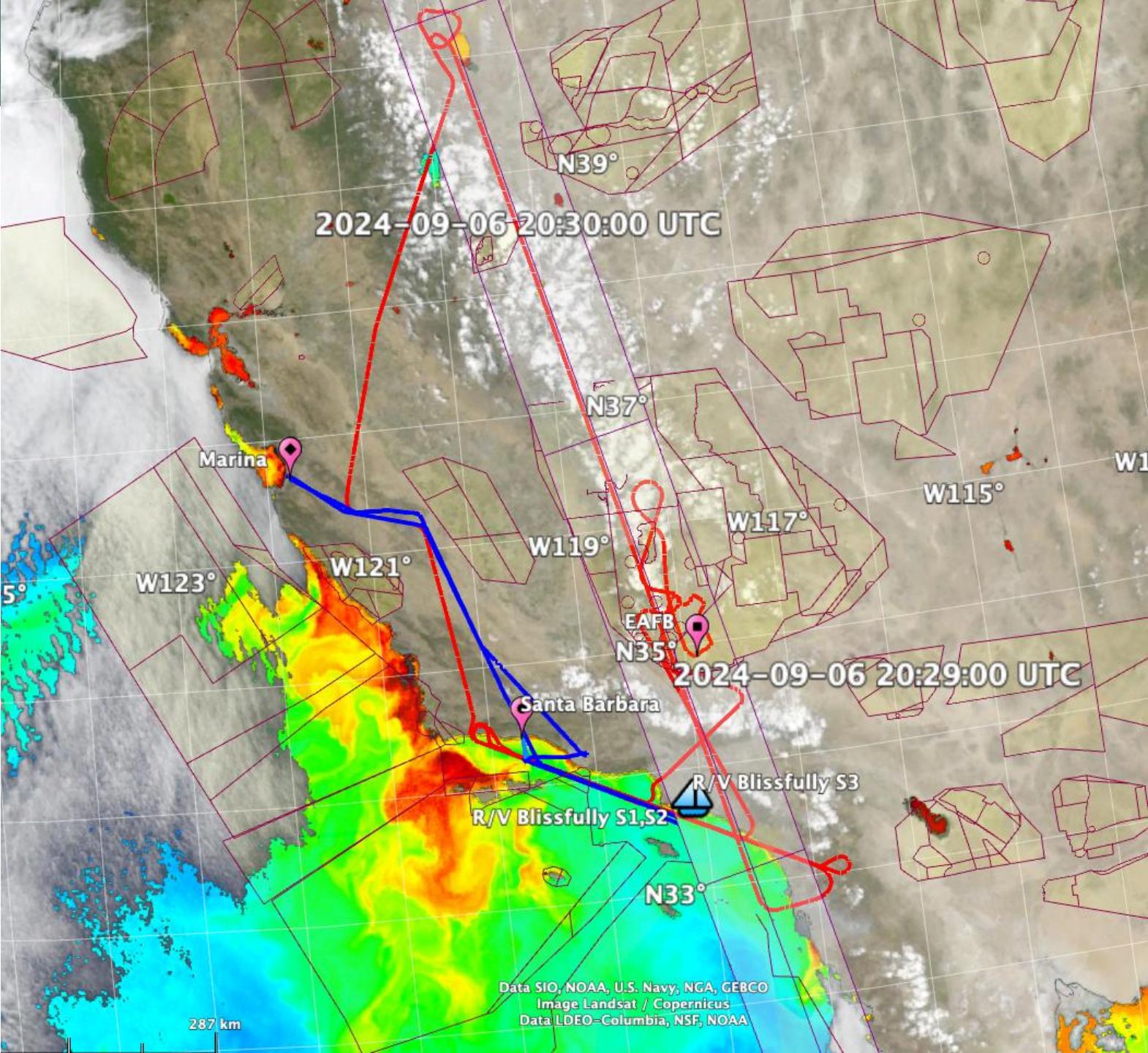
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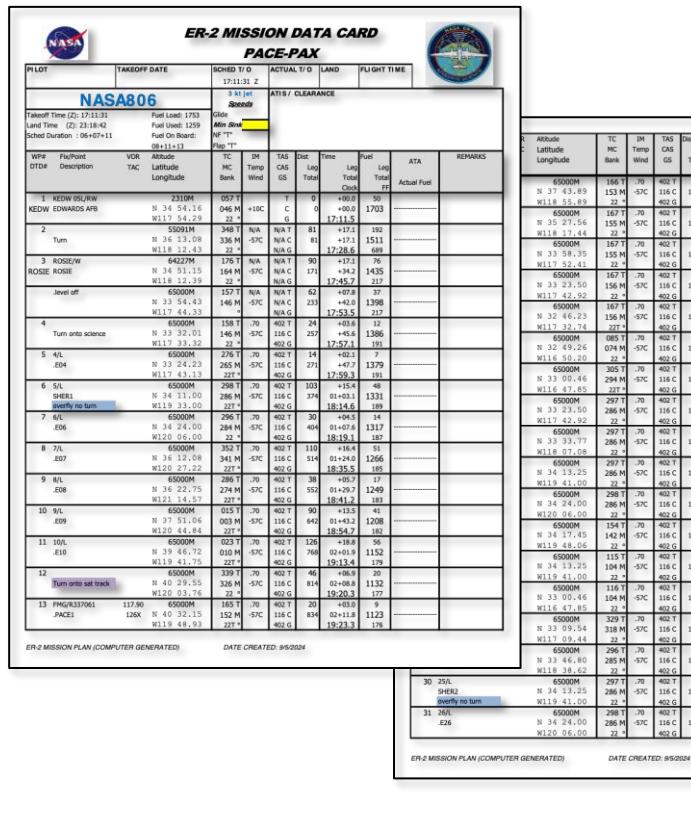
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Restricted flight  
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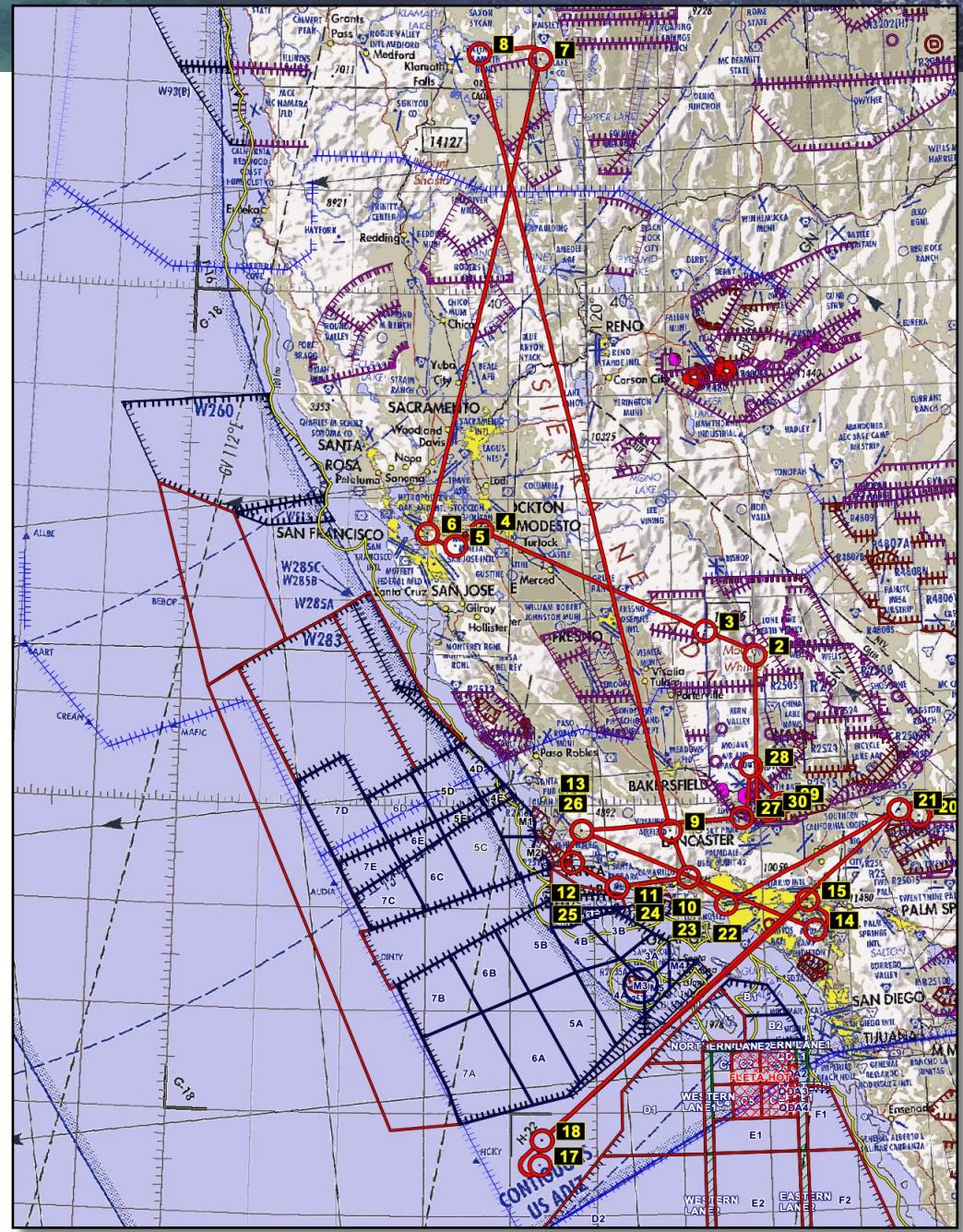




## What an actual flight plan looks like (for the ER-2)



WPT	Altitude	TC	IM	TAS	Dat	Time	Fuel	Leg	ATA	Remarks
	Latitude	Longitude	Bank	Wind	GS	Total	Total	Cost	Ft	Actual Fuel
65000M	166.1	-70	400.7	153 M	116 C	1007	02+37.6	1048	-----	
W118 55.89	22	*		402 G		140	03+49.1	174		
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W118 17.44	22	*		402 G		20	10.0	171		
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W117 52.41	22	*		402 G		128	03+49.1	951		
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W118 30.20	22	*		402 G		20	39.8	166		
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W118 34.78	22	*		402 G		22	27.0	228		
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W118 41.00	22	*		402 G		20	42.1	165		
65000M	167.1	-70	400.7	156 M	116 C	2189	05+34.3	579		
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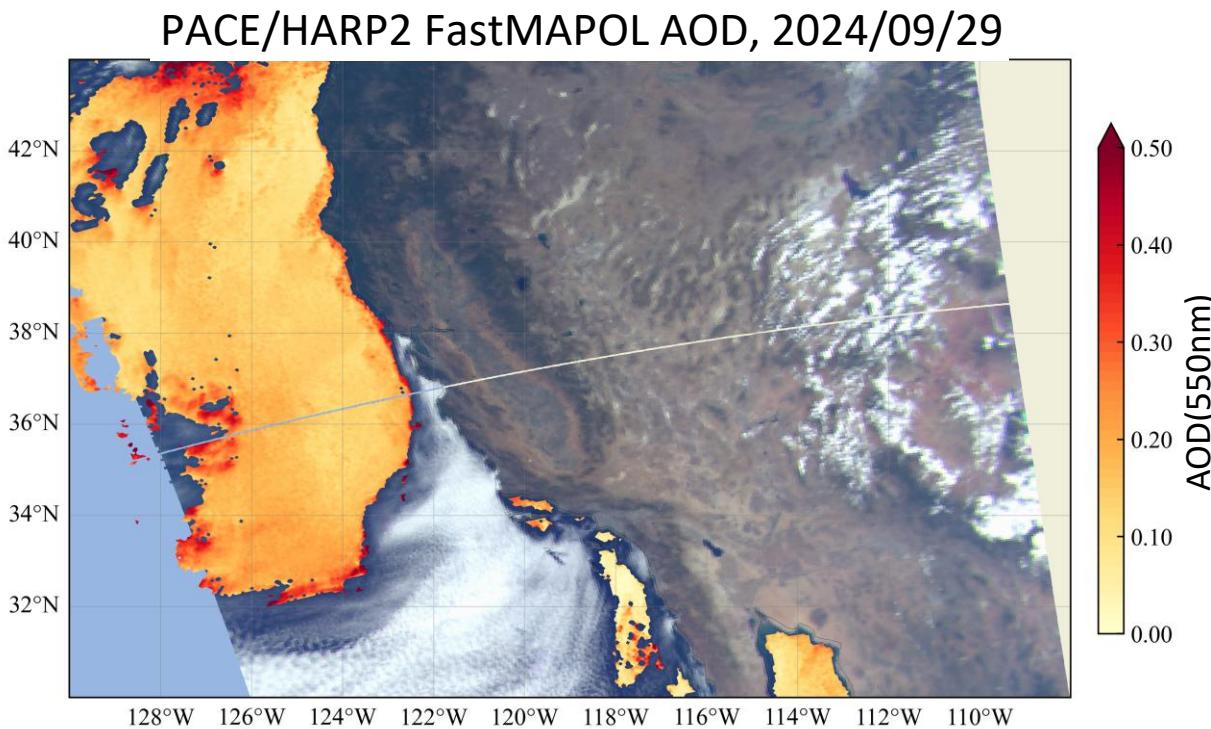
# Example validation with field campaign data

FastMAPOL - PACE/HARP2 multi-angle polarimeter algorithm for retrieval of aerosol microphysical properties and ocean color

Slides from Meng Gao, NASA GSFC



FastMAPOL



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## Efficient multi-angle polarimetric inversion of aerosols and ocean color powered by a deep neural network forward model

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# Current validation effort and plan

- L1 :
  - Compare between PACE instruments
  - Compare with RT model
  - **Compare with airborne instruments**
- L2 :
  - Compare AOD
    - vs airborne observations (HSRL, AirHARP, etc)
    - vs ground networks (AERONET)
  - **Compare aerosol properties (absorption, size, height)**
    - vs airborne observations (HSRL, AirHARP, etc)
    - vs ground networks (AERONET)
  - Compare to ocean or land surface measurements
  - **Compare between instruments, and algorithms**
- L3 :
  - Check basic pattern, and overall magnitude, scale dependence
  - **Compare with OCI (same L3 grids)**
  - **Compare with other satellite missions**

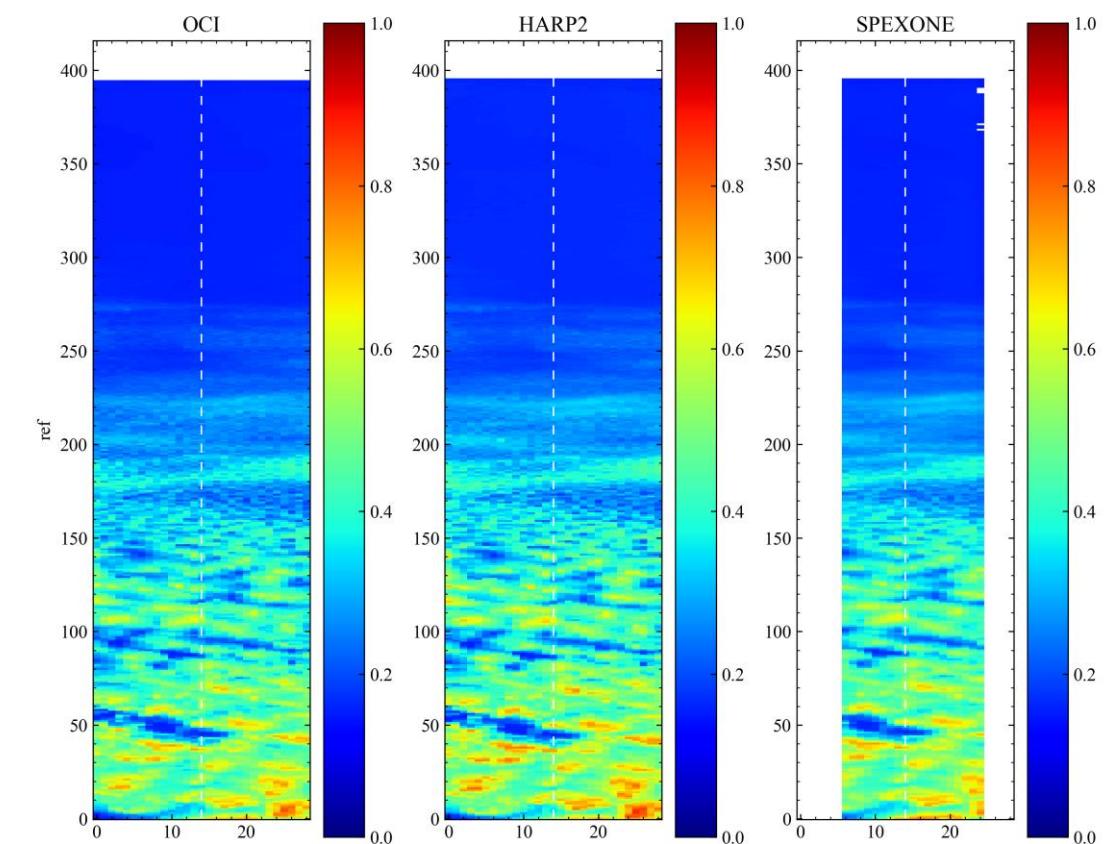
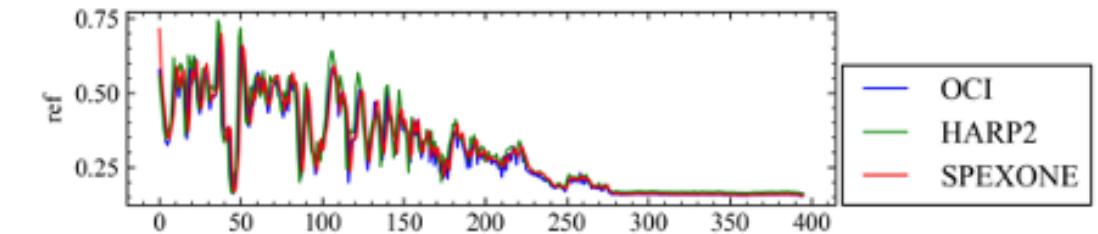
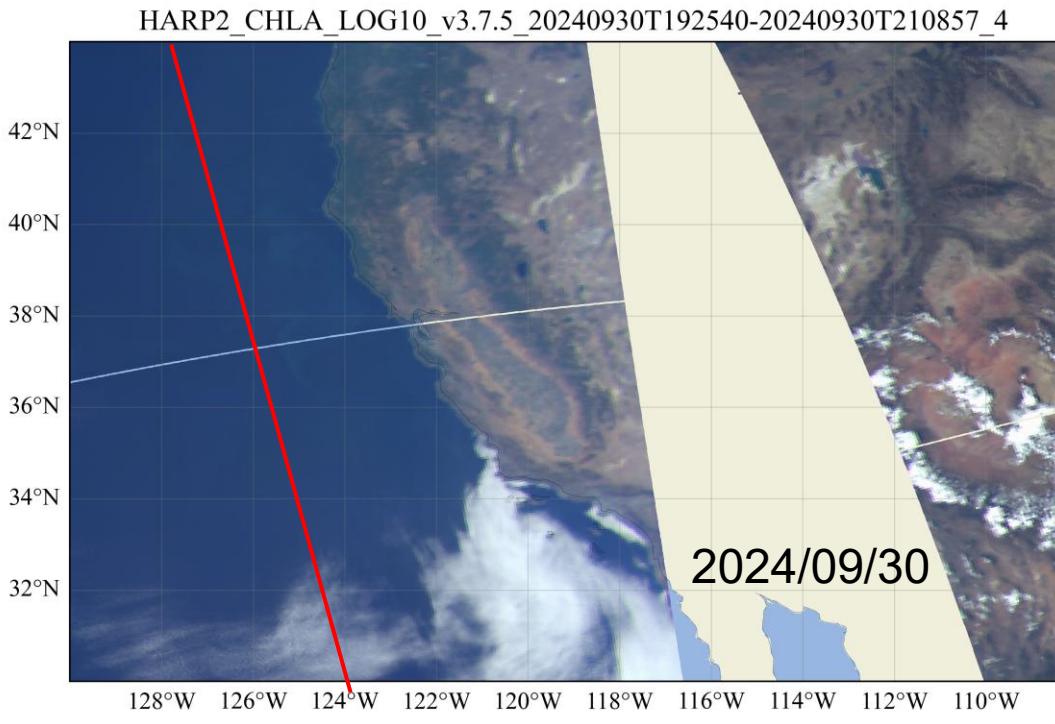




# L1C cross comparisons

- **OCI & HARP2 & SPEX:**

- Common L1C grids
- Good agreement on reflectance (<1%),
- Relatively larger difference on polarization mostly on 440nm.
- Comparison with airborne instruments next



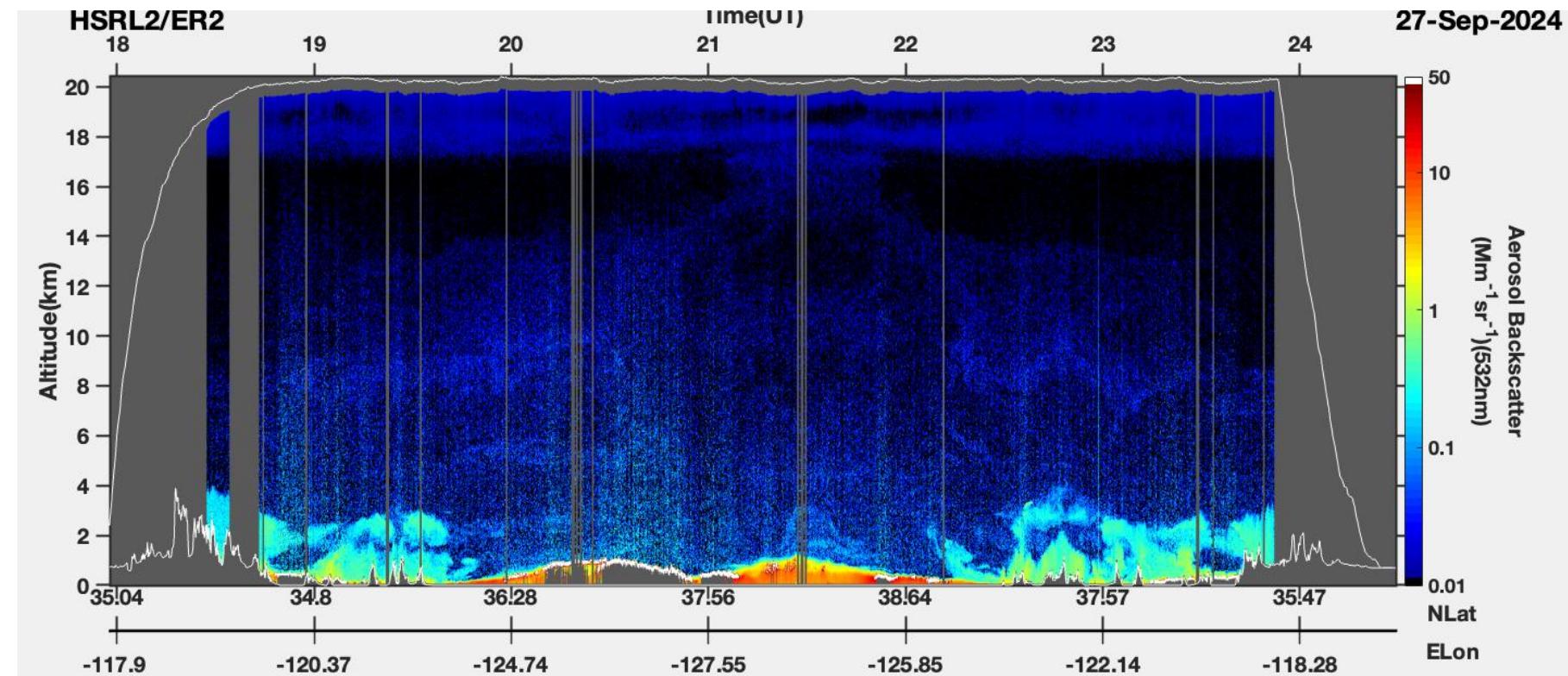
Reflectance at 440 (20 degree)



# L2 AOD validations with HSRL (total 9 days)

**High Spectral Resolution Lidar (HSRL-2): vertical profile of aerosol extinction and backscatter**

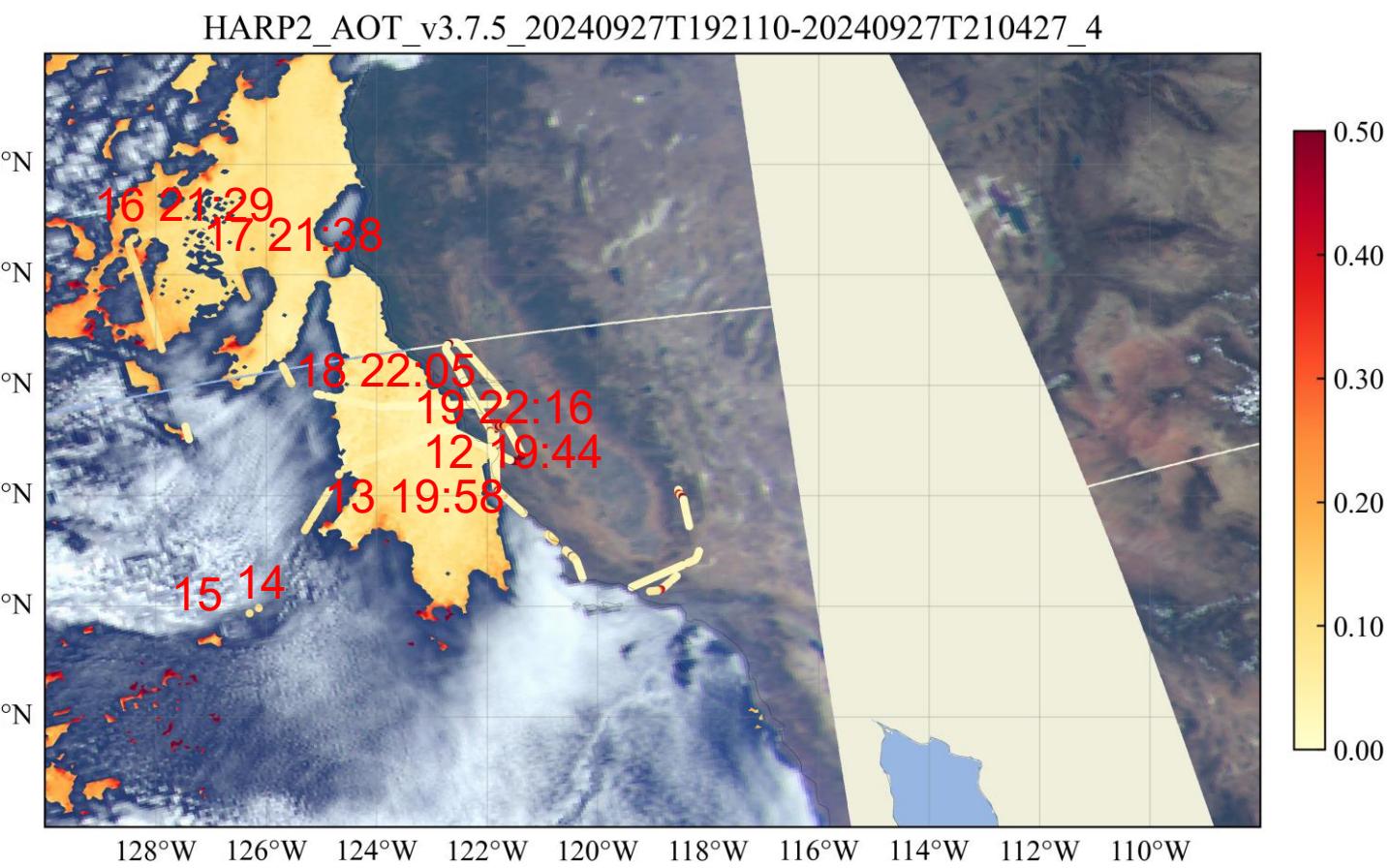
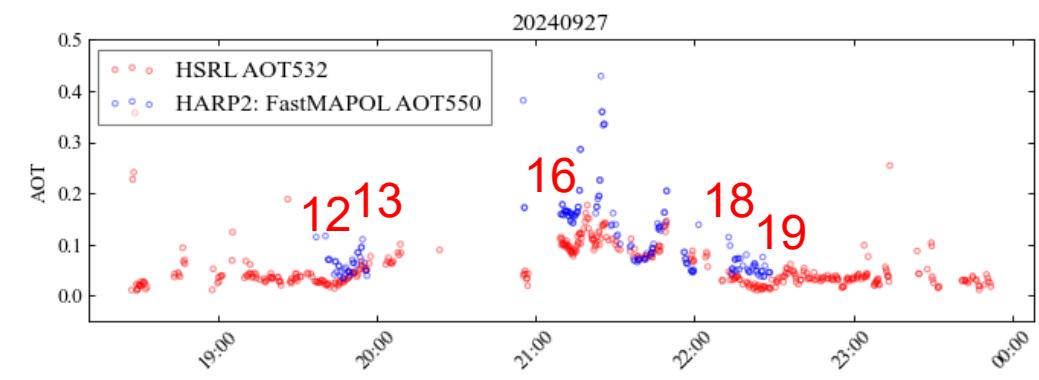
- This can be integrated to calculate Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD) and compared to that FastMAPOL product
- Benefits: alternative means of deriving AOD, frequency of measurements





# L2 AOD validations with HSRL (2024/09/27)

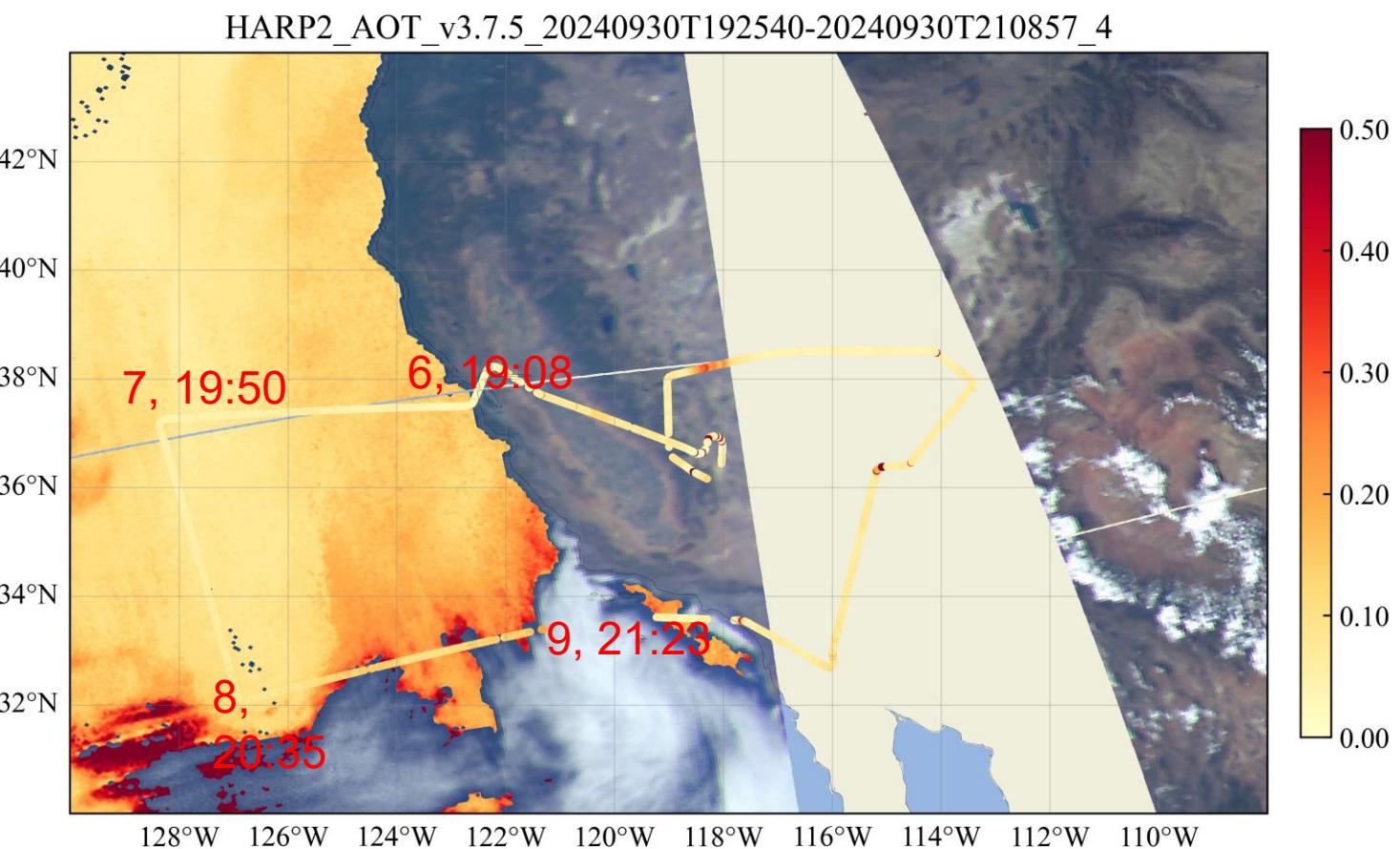
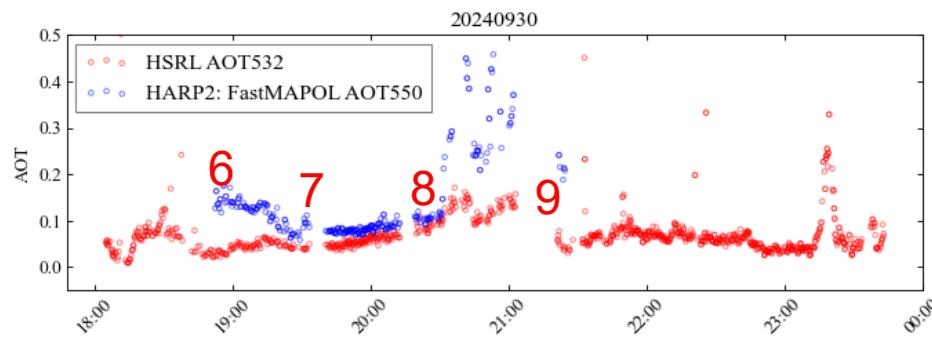
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- General agree with expectation.
- Impacts by time difference and distance to cloud.





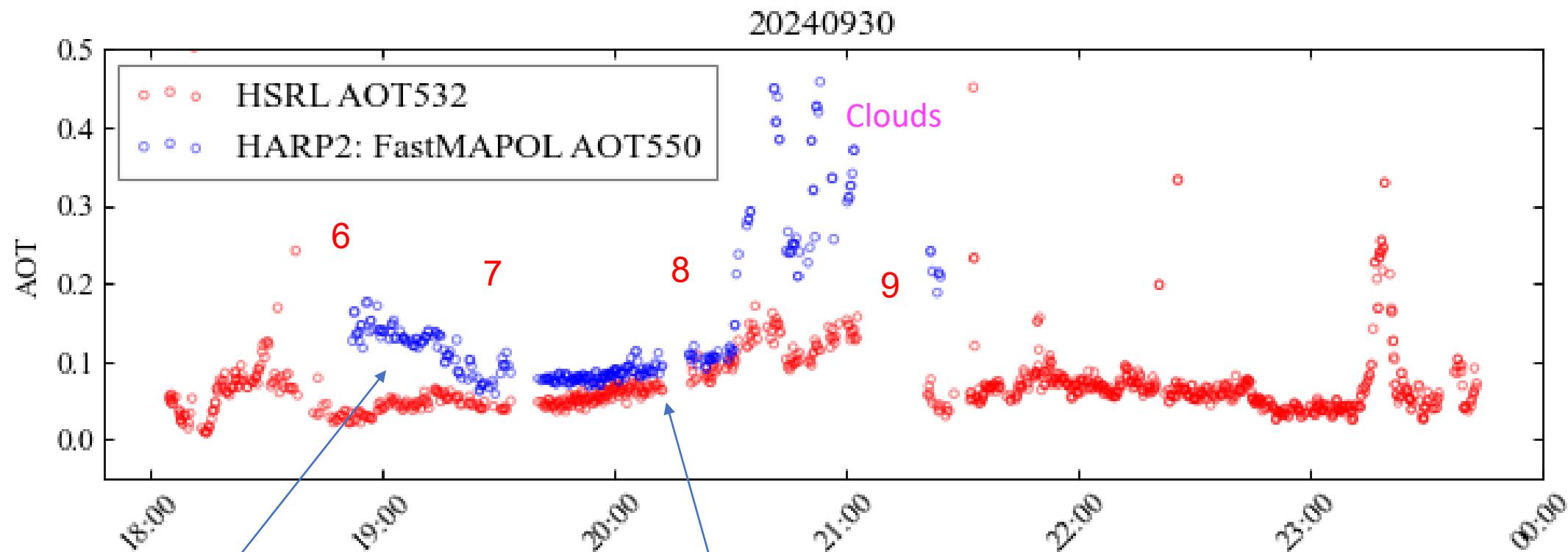
# L2 AOD validations with HSRL (2024/09/30)

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# L2 AOD validations with HSRL (2024/09/30)



Different airmass with >1  
hour time separation

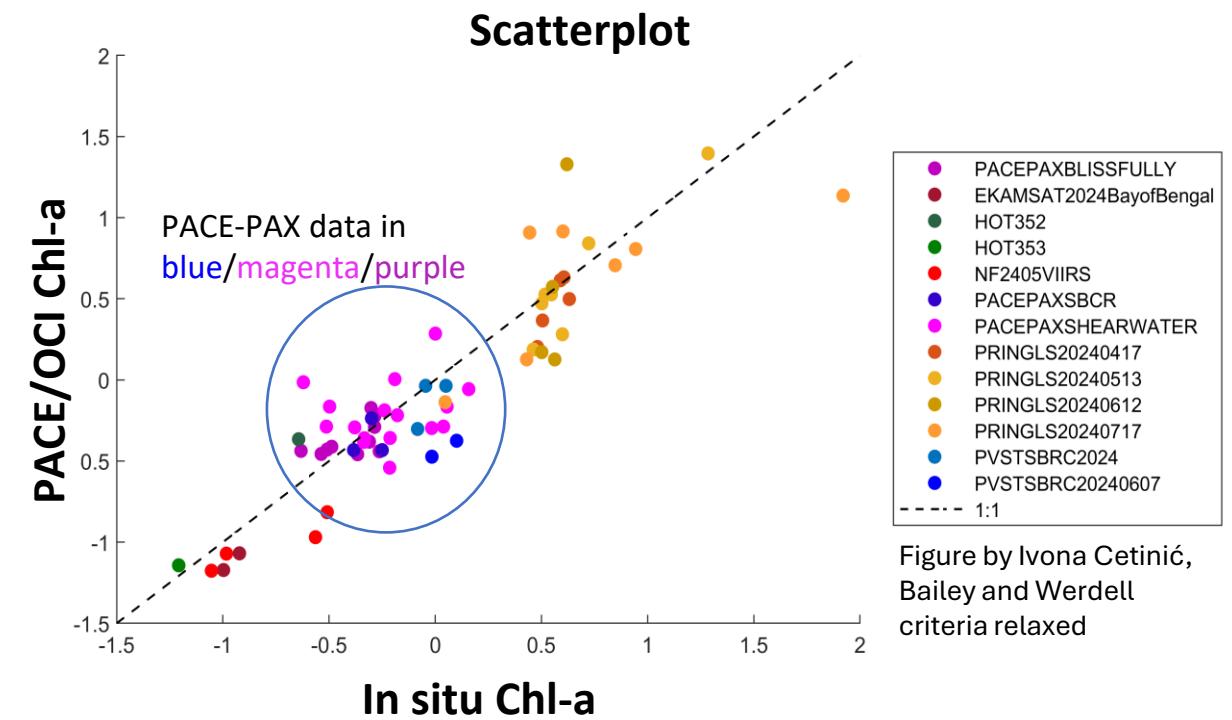
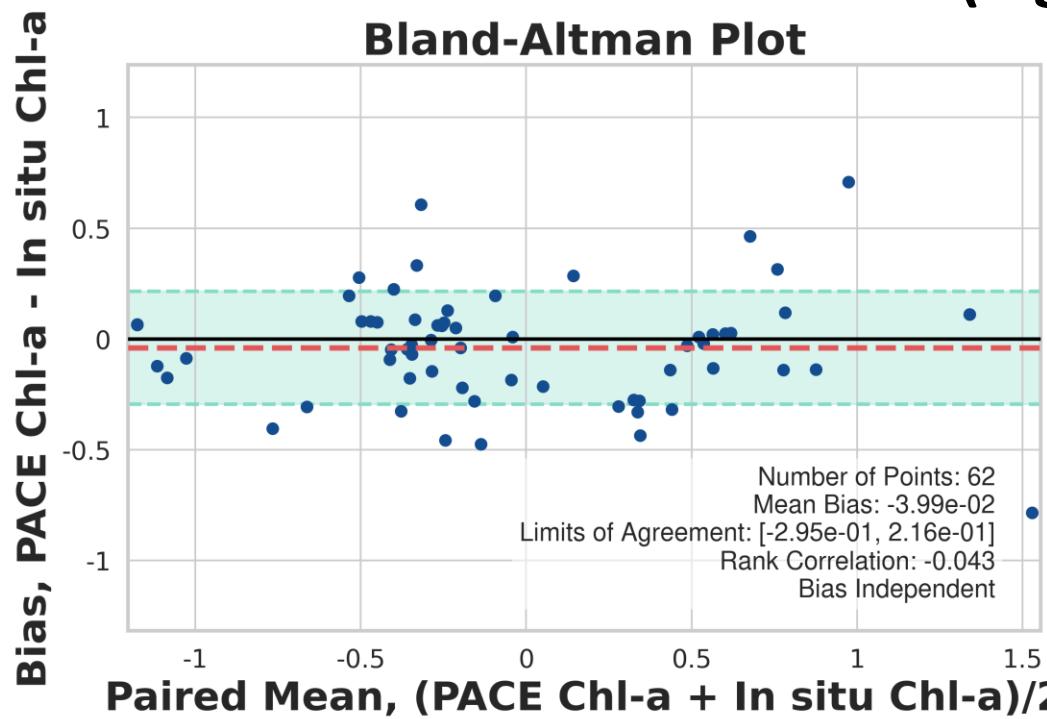
Overestimate at time of satellite overpass



# PACE-PAX also contributed to overall statistical assessment



PACE matchups page  
[pace.oceansciences.org/pace\\_data\\_matchups.htm](http://pace.oceansciences.org/pace_data_matchups.htm)



Curious about Bland-Altman analysis? More details are at my soapbox: [github.com/knobelosp/BlandAltman](https://github.com/knobelosp/BlandAltman)



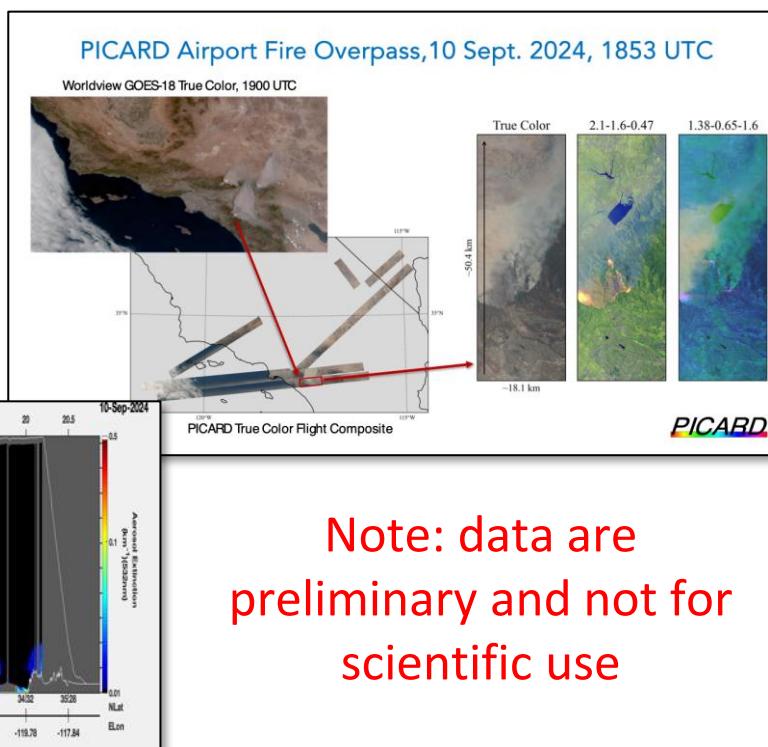


In addition to validation, we collected data useful for algorithm development and scientific analysis, e.g. biomass burning events

### Major, simultaneous S. California Wildfires

- Bridge fire: 54,878 acres burned
- Line fire: 43,978 acres burned
- Airport fire: 23,526 acres burned

Fires began 5-9<sup>th</sup> Sept, observed on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and more



Note: data are preliminary and not for scientific use





# Next steps: archive & documentation

Ocean data SeabASS archive [seabass.gsfc.nasa.gov](http://seabass.gsfc.nasa.gov)

## All other data

- Temporary ingest archive: [www-air.larc.nasa.gov](http://www-air.larc.nasa.gov)
- (Future) Permanent archive: Atmospheric Science Data Center [asdc.larc.nasa.gov](http://asdc.larc.nasa.gov)

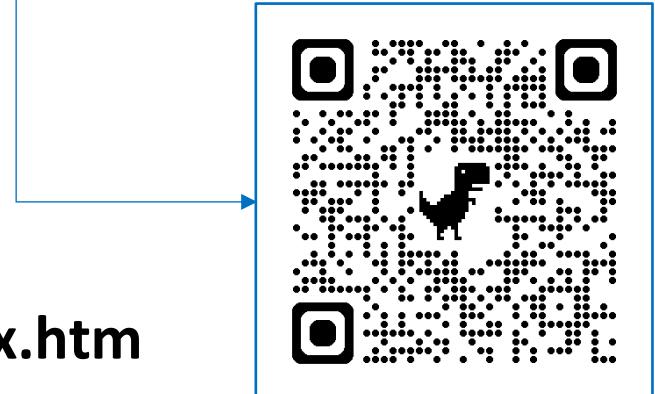
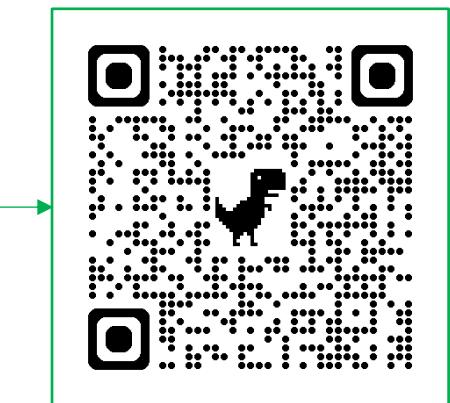
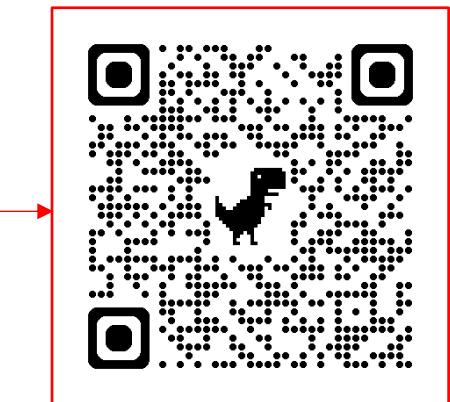
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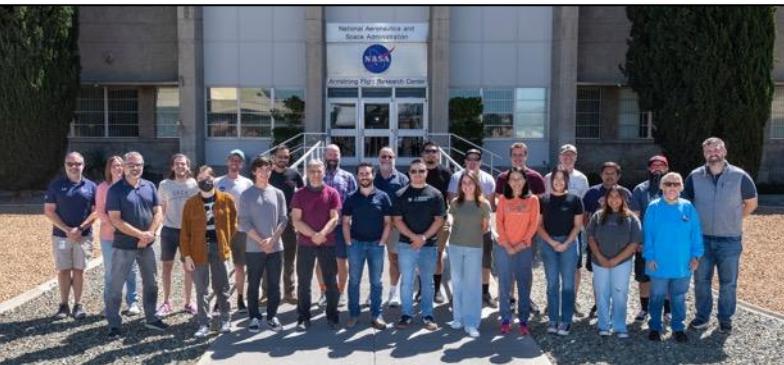
## Documentation and websites

- PACE-PAX white paper currently available
- Flight/ship reports to a NASA Technical Report
- Peer-reviewed manuscript in BAMS or ESSD
- Dedicated portion of PACE website



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# Thank you!



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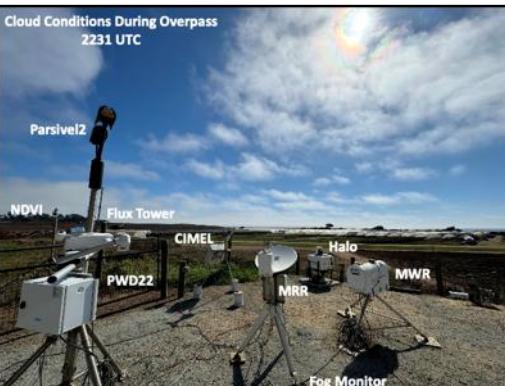
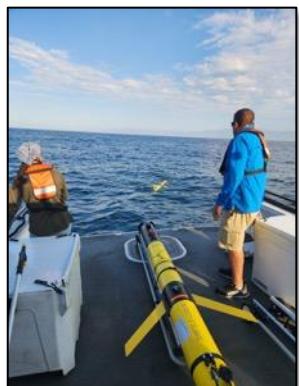


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# Backup slides



# SHEARWATER

[https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/  
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# R/V Blissfully



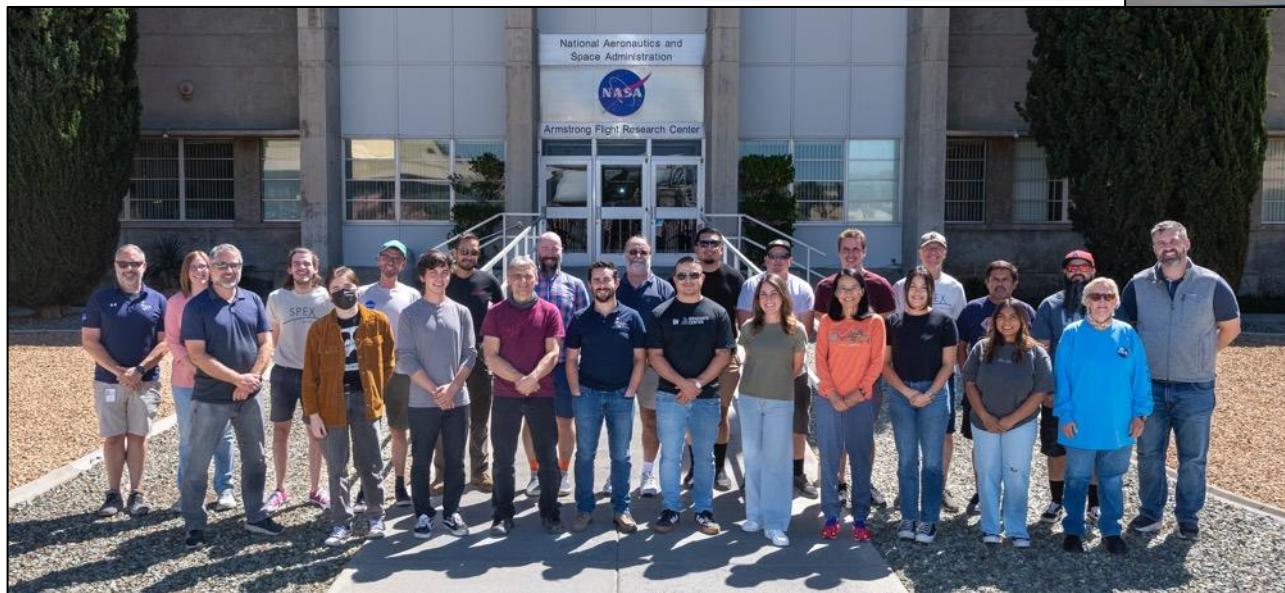
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# NASA ER-2



<https://blogs.nasa.gov/pace/2024/09/24/nasa-pilots-use-specialty-suits-to-validate-data/>





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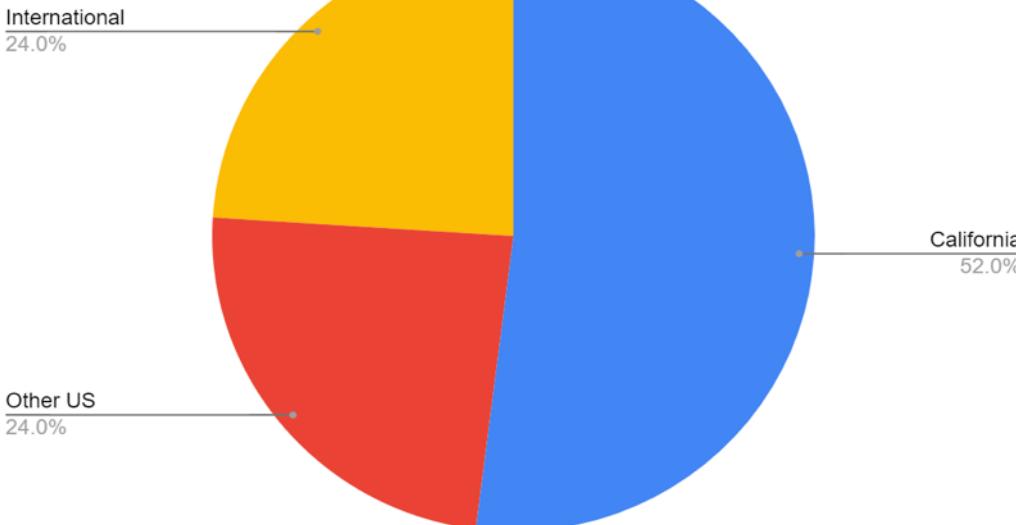


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- 62 presentations to 24 K-12 schools in three countries (USA, Philippines, South Africa and 6 US states. **Over 2,425 students reached!**
- Reaching 50 at risk and 41 special education students at Flour Bluff ISD in Texas
- 30 presentations were for GLOBE schools
- Setting up multiple virtual tours of R/V *Blissfully* with the help of Dr. Bridget Seegers
- Receiving handmade cards from TK students in California

PACE-PAX Outreach School Locations

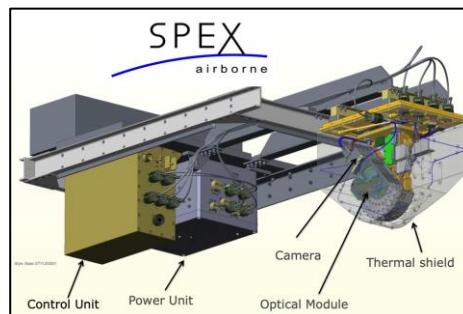


+ NASA Earth field blogs + participation in Girls in Aviation + Girls in Ocean Sciences



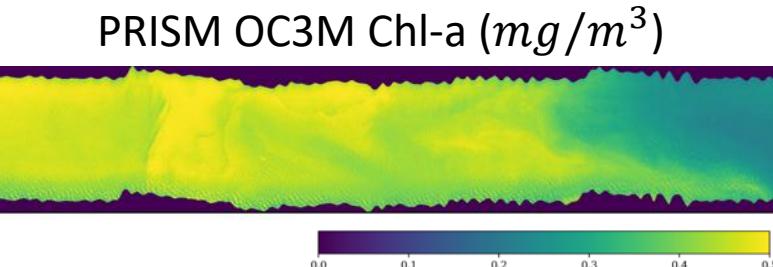
# ER-2 instrumentation

Instrument	Platform	Role	Lead PI	Institution
AirHARP	ER-2	PACE/HARP2 polarimetry proxy	J. Vanderlei Martins	UMBC
PICARD	ER-2	PACE/OCI spectrometer proxy	J. Jacobson / K. Meyer	NASA ARC/GSFC
PRISM	ER-2	PACE/OCI spectrometer proxy	David R. Thompson	JPL
SPEX Airborne	ER-2	PACE/SPEXone polarimetry proxy	B. van Diedenhoven	SRON

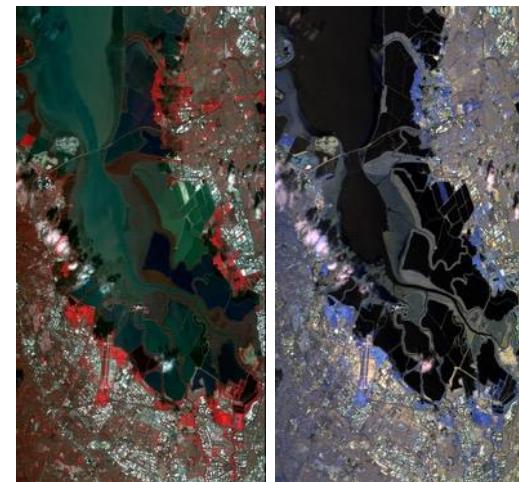


**"Proxy" instruments are airborne analogs to PACE sensors**

AirHARP  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$  PACE/HARP2  
 SPEX Airborne  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$  PACE/SPEXone  
 PICARD + PRISM  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$  PACE/OCI

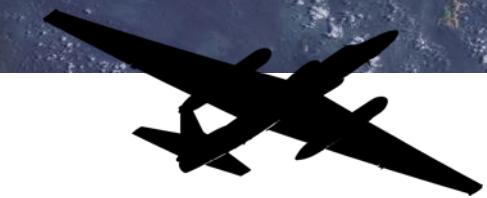


PICARD Imagery, 12 Apr 2023  
 Left: VNIR (RGB 0.75  $\mu$ m – 0.65  $\mu$ m – 0.55  $\mu$ m)  
 Right: SWIR (RGB 2.15  $\mu$ m – 1.55  $\mu$ m – 1.15  $\mu$ m)



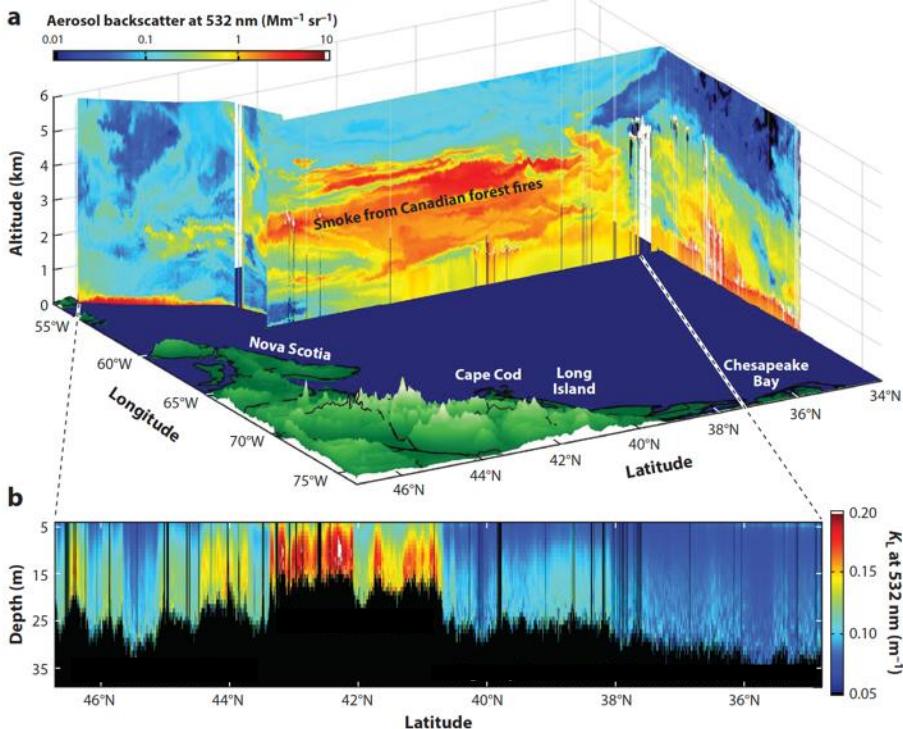


# ER-2 instrumentation



Instrument	Platform	Role	Lead PI	Institution
HSRL-2	ER-2	Aerosol/cloud/ocean Lidar	T. Shingler / J. Hair	NASA LaRC
RSP	ER-2	Multi-angle polarimeter ref.	B. Cairns / K. Sinclair	NASA GISS

HSRL provides vertical profiles

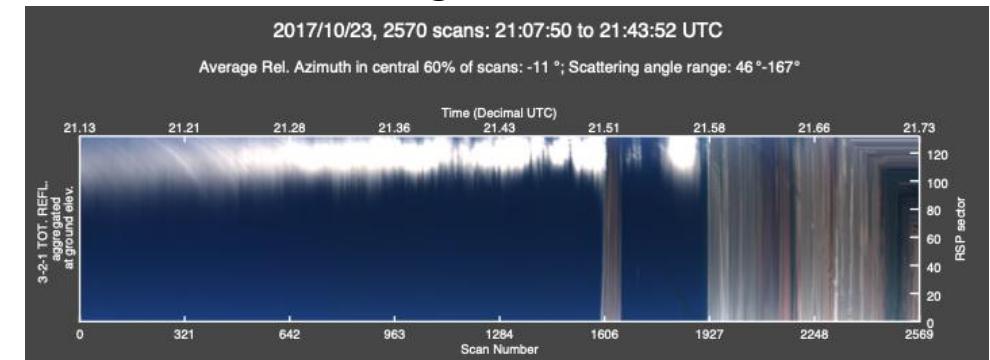


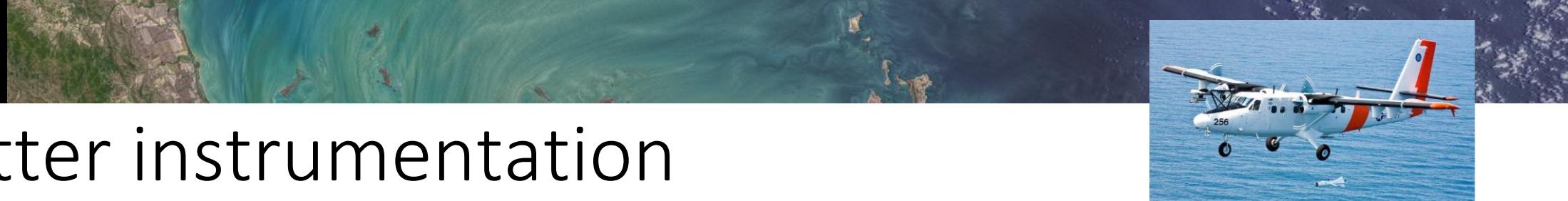
Other remote sensing instruments provide additional validation data

- High Spectral Resolution Lidar
- Research Scanning Polarimeter



RSP is an along track scanner



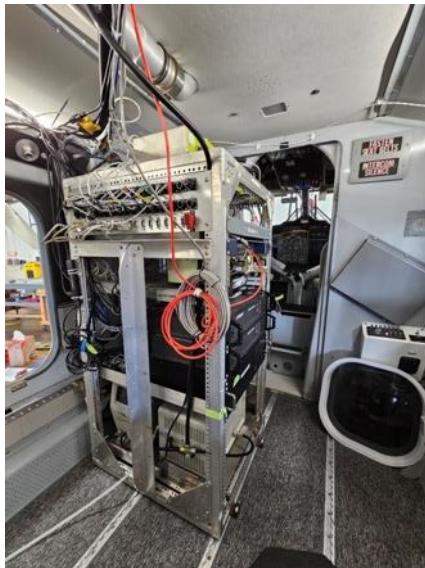


# Twin Otter instrumentation

Instrument	Platform	Role	Lead PI	Institution
Facility instruments	Twin Otter	Aerosol/cloud in situ instruments	Anthony Bucholtz	NPS
LARGE	Twin Otter	Aerosol/cloud in situ instruments	Luke Ziembab	NASA LaRC
LI-Nephelometer	Twin Otter	Aerosol phase functions	Adam Ahern	NOAA
ISARA	Twin Otter	In situ data synergy activity	Snorre Stamnes	NASA LaRC



**Twin Otter has a complement of aerosol and cloud in situ probes**





# PACE-PAX Twin Otter Instrumentation



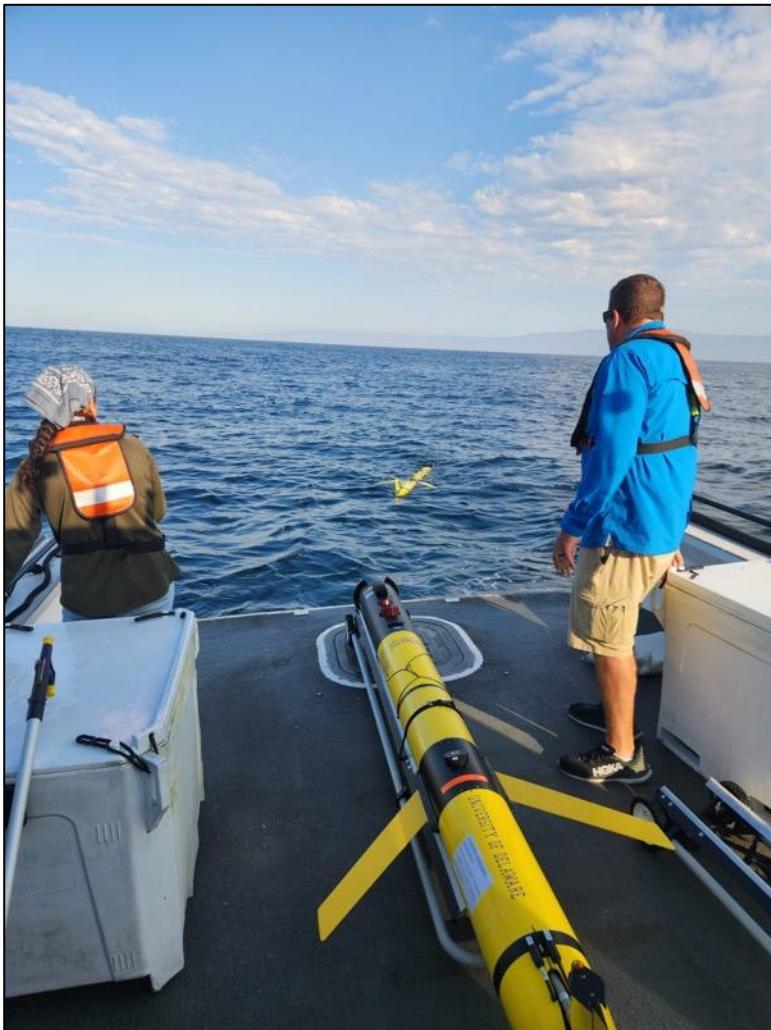
## CIRPAS Facility Instrumentation:

- **Navigation, meteorology, winds**
- **PCASP**: Passive Cavity Aerosol Spectrometer Probe 0.1 – 3.0 $\mu\text{m}$
- **CAPS**: Cloud, Aerosol and Precipitation Spectrometer
  - **CIP**: Cloud Imaging Probe, 12.5 $\mu\text{m}$ -1.55mm @25 $\mu\text{m}$  resolution
  - **CAS**: Cloud Aerosol Spectrometer, 0.6 $\mu\text{m}$ -50 $\mu\text{m}$
  - **LWC**: Liquid Water Content, 0.01 – 3 g/m<sup>3</sup>
- **CDP**: Cloud Droplet Probe, 2-47  $\mu\text{m}$
- **TSI WCPC 3789**: Water-based Condensation Particle Counter 2nm-1.0 $\mu\text{m}$
- **TSI UCPC 3025A**: Ultrafine Condensation Particle Counter Dp>3nm
- **Magic CPC 210**: Condensation Particle Counter 5nm-2.5 $\mu\text{m}$
- **KT-19 Downlooking**: Surface, SST, cloud top temperatures
- **SPN-1**: Solar Pyranometer (up-looking), total/direct/diffuse solar radiative fluxes
- **Video Cameras**: Cockpit-forward view; Wing-fuselage/down view
- **SATCOM Downlink**: Allows researchers on the ground to view subset of the aircraft data in real-time

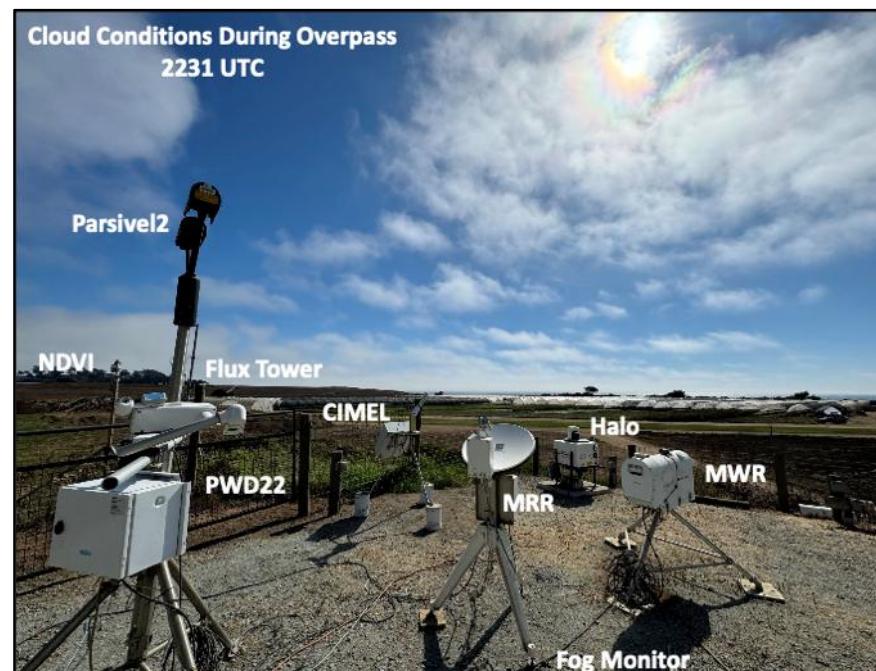




# U. Del. Gliders, HyperNAV, AERONET, CEOBS, R/V Rachel Carson



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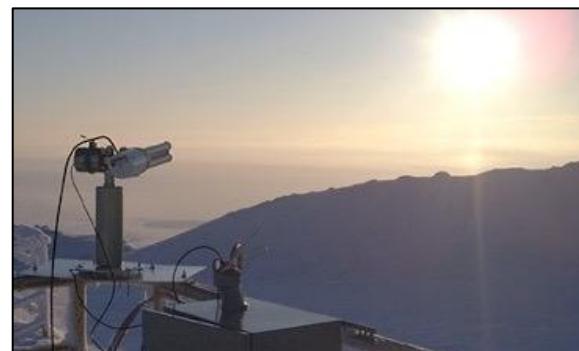


# Surface instrumentation

Instrument	Platform	Role	Lead PI	Institution
Ocean instruments*	RV Shearwater	Day cruises, instrumentation TBD	Mike Ondrusek	NOAA
HyperNAV*	Ocean floats	Radiometric calibration ocean floats	Andrew Barnard	OSU
AERONET, AERONET-OC*	Surface	Aerosol prop., water leaving radiance	P. Gupta / E. Lind	NASA GSFC



- NOAA
- NASA Field support group
- PACE Validation Science team members (somewhat TBD)
  - S. Brocco "C-STAR" aerosol radiometer/sun photometer
  - R. Foster above water polarimeter
- New ship-worthy AERONET aerosol radiometer/sun photometer
- PANDORA



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