



# Installation of the Chesapeake Bay Tower WATERHYPERNET Station

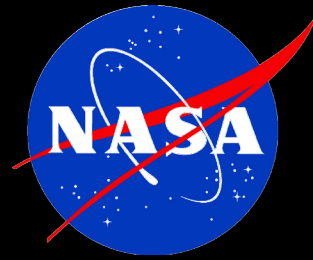
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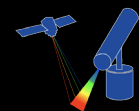
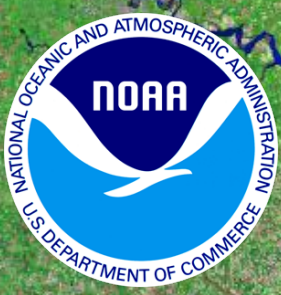
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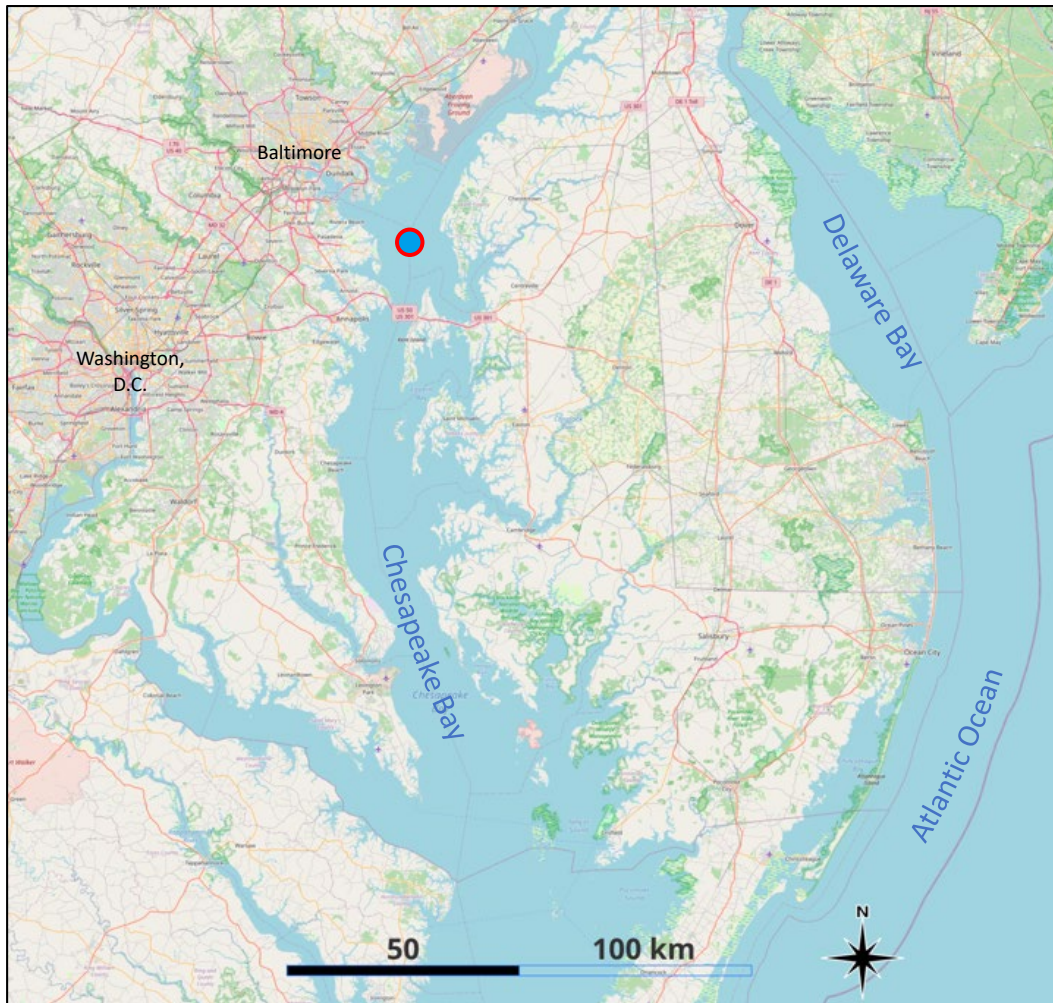
SBG project (**Shawn Serbin**, GSFC)

WATERHYPERNET (**Kevin Ruddick**, RBINS / ESA)



# HYPERNETS

## First WATERHYPERNET station in N. America!



## Locations of WATERHYPERNET Stations Worldwide



*Some stations are close and the circles representing them overlap.*

WATERHYPERNET is a network of automated high-spectral resolution radiometers measuring water-leaving spectral reflectance.

## PANTHYR (current)



400-900nm, 10nm FWHM  
 TriOS RAMSES Irradiance (Es)  
 TriOS RAMSES Radiance (Li & Lt)

## HYPSTAR (2024?)



380-1700nm, 3nm VNIR / 10nm SWIR FWHM  
 Dual radiance/irradiance radiometer (Es, Li & Lt)

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3	PANTHYR	BLANKAART	50.98828	2.83032	water	RBINS
4	PANTHYR	CHESAPEAKE BAY	39.12400	-76.34900	water	NASA / UMBC
5	HYPSTAR	ZEEBRUGGE	51.36200	3.12000	water	RBINS
6	HYPSTAR	THORNTON	51.53250	2.95528	water	RBINS
7	HYPSTAR	BLANKAART	50.98828	2.83032	water	RBINS
8	HYPSTAR	MESURHO	43.32000	4.86667	water	LOV
9	HYPSTAR	MAGEST	45.54389	-1.04195	water	LOV
10	HYPSTAR	BERRE	43.44231	5.09718	water	LOV
11	HYPSTAR	RIO DE LA PLATA	-34.81799	-57.89591	water	CONICET
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14	HYPSTAR	LAKE GARDA	45.57694	10.57944	water	CNR
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16	HYPSTAR	ANTARCTICA PE	-71.94996	23.34589	land	RBINS
17	HYPSTAR	VIELSALM	50.30506	5.99806	land	RBINS
18	HYPSTAR	JÄRVSELJA	58.27798	27.30885	land	TARTU
19	HYPSTAR	SOONTAGA	58.02356	26.07073	land	TARTU
20	HYPSTAR	WYTHAM WOODS	51.77503	-1.33906	land	NPL
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nm FWHM  
Irradiance ( $E_s$ )  
Radiance ( $L_i$  &  $L_t$ )

4?)



380-1700nm, 3nm VNIR / 10nm SWIR FWHM  
Dual radiance/irradiance radiometer ( $E_s$ ,  $L_i$  &  $L_t$ )

Currently, we cannot process data from either the PANTHYR or the HYPSTAR via HyperCP.

Processing to L2 is done through RBINS with outputs  $E_d (=E_s)$ ,  $L_d (=L_i)$ ,  $L_u (=L_t)$  &  $\rho_w (\propto R_{rs})$

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- Upper platform ~30 meter in height (TBV).
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WATERHYPERNET  
PANTHYR



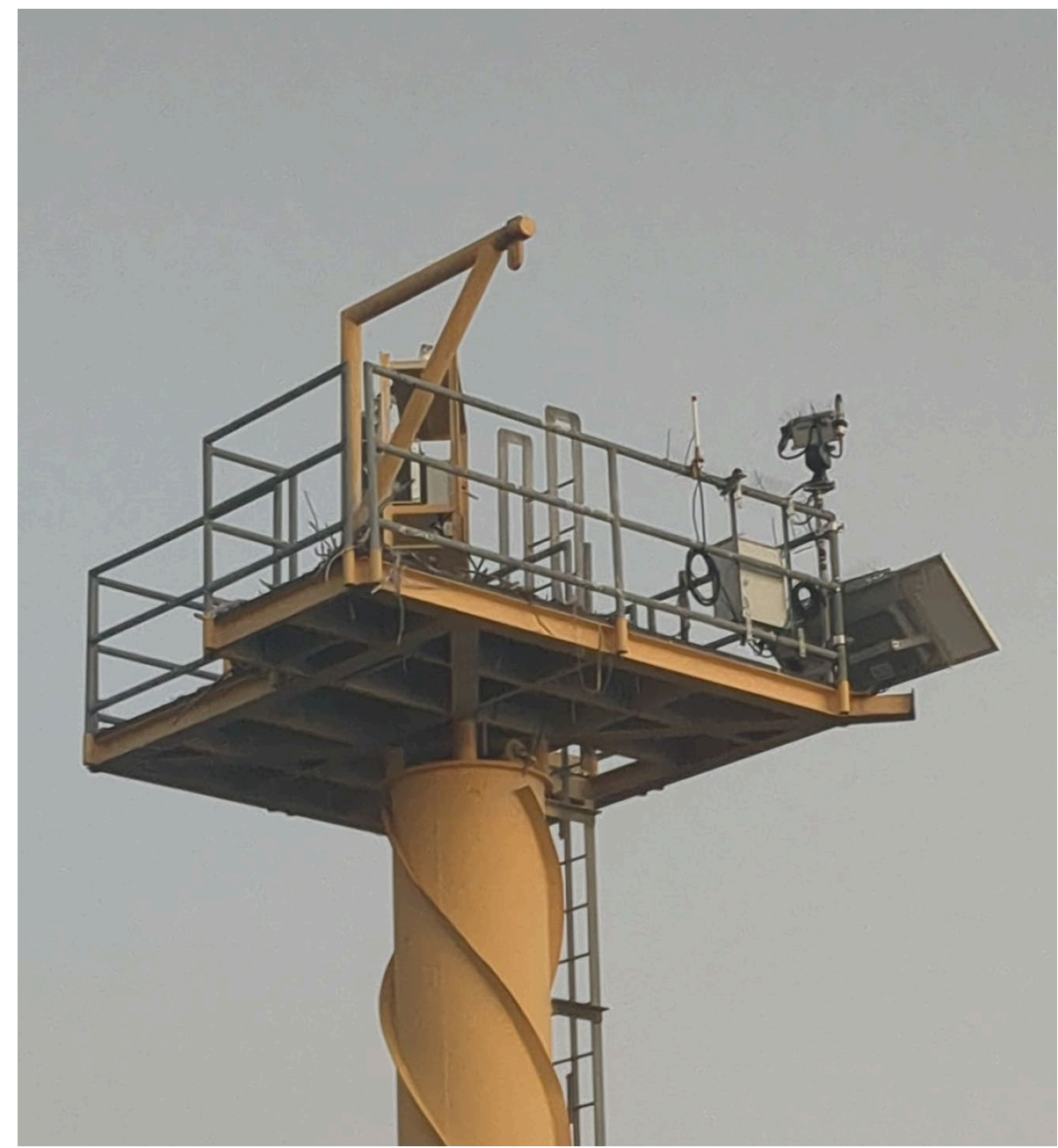
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- Site for AERONET-OC SeaPRISM ([Dirk Aurin](#), PI – Morgan State Univ)



AERONET-OC  
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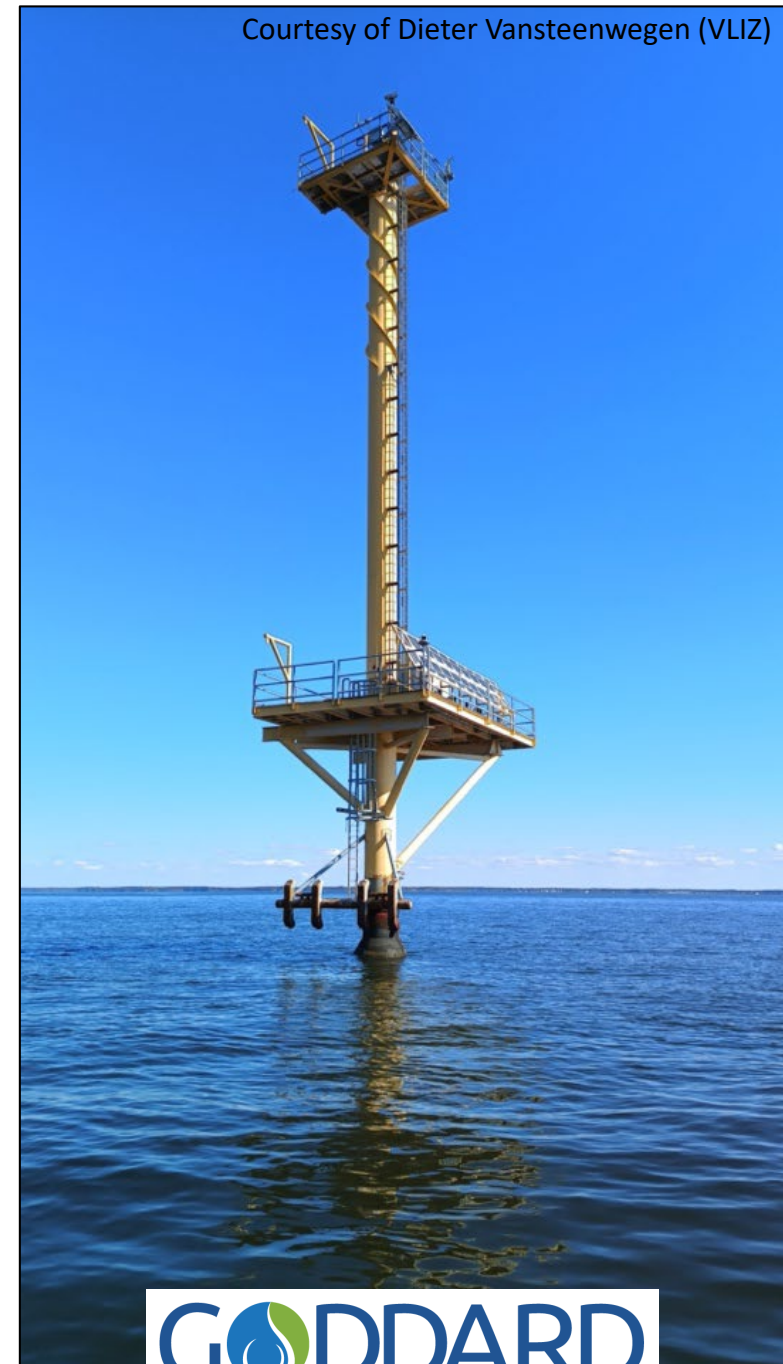




# CHESAPEAKE BAY TOWER – INSTALLATION PROCESS

- 11 July 2023: TRIP 1: PANTHYR and solar power systems installed. Dirk Aurin leads trip, Matt Beck (RBINS) installs instrument system. All hands install power system. System fully functional; telemetry received at RBINS.
- **13 July 2023:** Data plan on the AERONET SIM card was insufficient. AERONET project paused account. New plan was assigned to SIM, but com shutdown stalled router.
- 18 July 2023: TRIP 2: Service trip. Matt Beck power cycled instrument system. System fully functional; telemetry goes to RBINS.
- **21 July 2023:** Telemetry stops. Prior instrument and com logs look ok. Power system ceased transmitting through instrument router. No indication of possible cause.
- 03 Oct 2023: TRIP 3: During a trip to service the AERONET-OC station, Dirk Aurin power cycled the PANTHYR. Router came up and there was telemetry from the power system and instrument, but the robotics were dead.

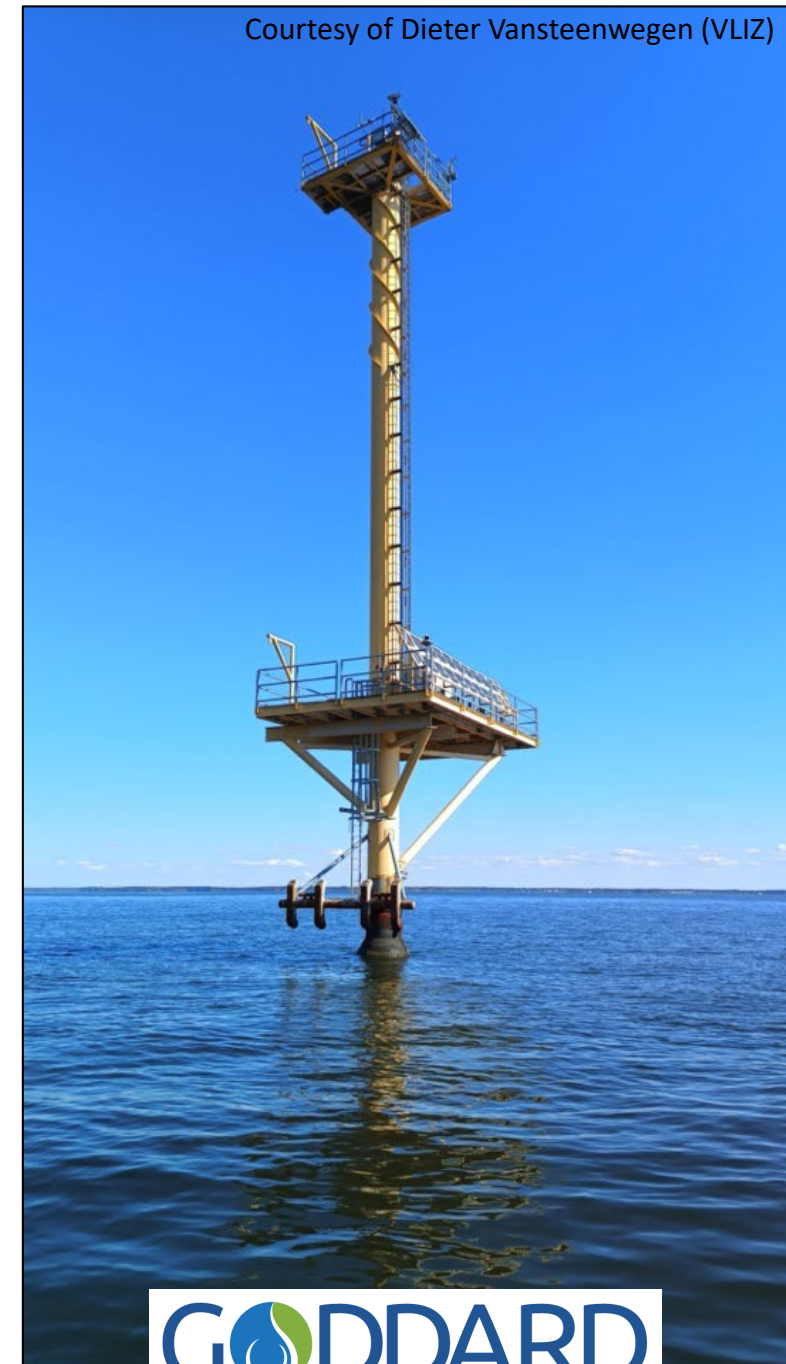
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# CHESAPEAKE BAY TOWER – INSTALLATION PROCESS

- 27 Oct 2023: TRIP 4: Dieter Vansteenwegen removes the instrument control box for work back ashore. He discovered water in the FLIR head (cause unknown), and replaced it. He made a s/w change for router robustness. Freshly calibrated TriOS sensor swapped in.
- 02 Nov 2023: TRIP 5: Dieter re-installs the PANTHYR on the tower. System fully functional; telemetry received at RBINS.
- 21 Jan 2024: PANTHYR telemetry received, but instrument no longer collecting and transmitting data. Power data shows nocturnal power loss because of  $<0^{\circ}\text{C}$  temps and snow retained on PV panels.
- next week?: TRIP 6: Service trip. Plans: Power cycle to reboot. Install GlobalLink in power control box for remote power cycling of the instrument. If system can be recovered, Dieter will also update instrument s/w to reduce system lock ups when power drops.

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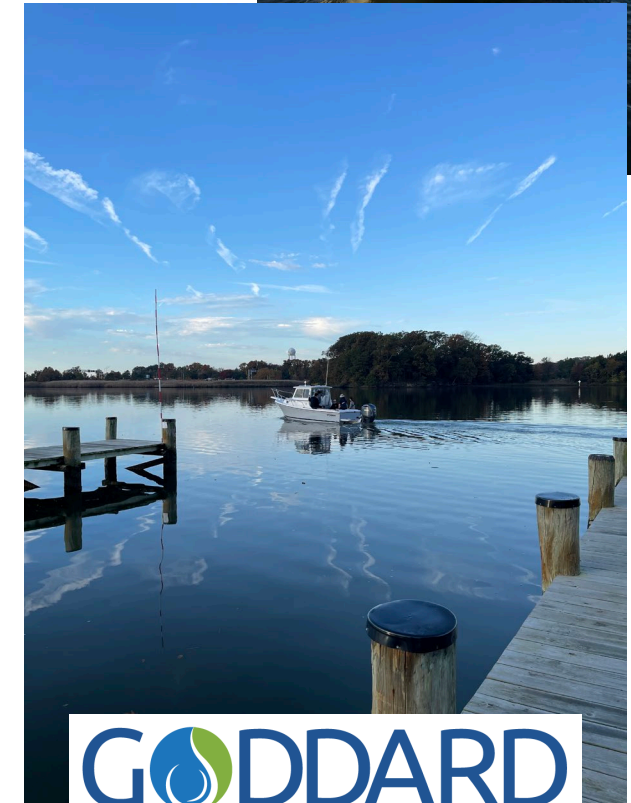


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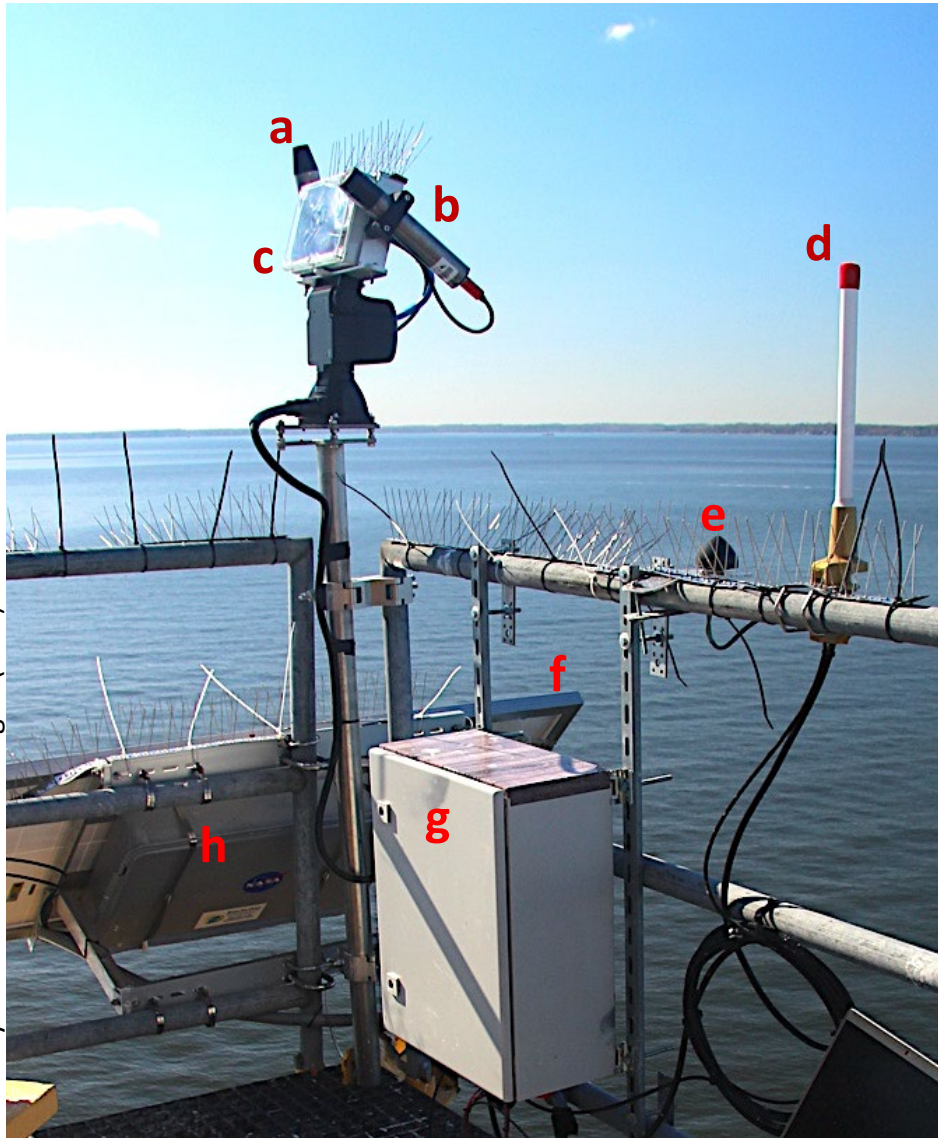
- CBT is also site for AERONET-OC ([Dirk Aurin](#), PI – Morgan State Univ), facilitated by [Stephanie Schollaert Uz](#) (GSFC).
- Comparisons with AERONET-OC SeaPRISM planned in collaboration with [Dirk Aurin](#), and [Stephanie Schollaert Uz](#), and [Kevin Ruddick](#) (RBINS)
- [Dirk Aurin](#) provided valuable experience with tower, led 1<sup>st</sup> installation trip (**TRIP 1**) and during AERONET-OC service trip (**TRIP 3**), when he tried to reboot PANTHYR (which restored router) and performed diagnostics.
- [Stephanie Schollaert Uz](#) coordinate with US Coast Guard to clear tower access for team, helped with admin issues, and supplied a climber for the **TRIP 4**.
- [Matt Beck](#) (RBINS) supported instrument shipment and installation (**TRIPS 1 & 2**).
- Transportation support from Maryland Dept of Environment (MDE) ([Rusty McKay](#), [Ryan Snader](#)). (**TRIP 1-5**)
- NOAA provided general help and AWR measurements from boat ([Mike Ondrusek](#)), safety (2<sup>nd</sup>) climber ([Eric Stengel](#)) (**TRIPS 1, 2 & 3**)
- Removal-refurbish-return trips led by [Dieter Vansteenwegen](#) (VLIZ) (**TRIPS 4 & 5**), who effect h/w and s/w repairs. Climbing support provided by [Stephanie Schollaert Uz](#) (**TRIP 4**) and [Brian Cunningham](#) from Wallops Flight Facility (**TRIP 5**).



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# CHESAPEAKE BAY TOWER – INSTRUMENT SYSTEM



a –  $E_s$  instrument  
b –  $E_i$  and  $E_t$  instrument  
c – FLIR pan/tilt head  
d – G4 cellular antenna  
e – GNSS receiver  
f – photovoltaic panel

g – instrument control box  
h – power control box

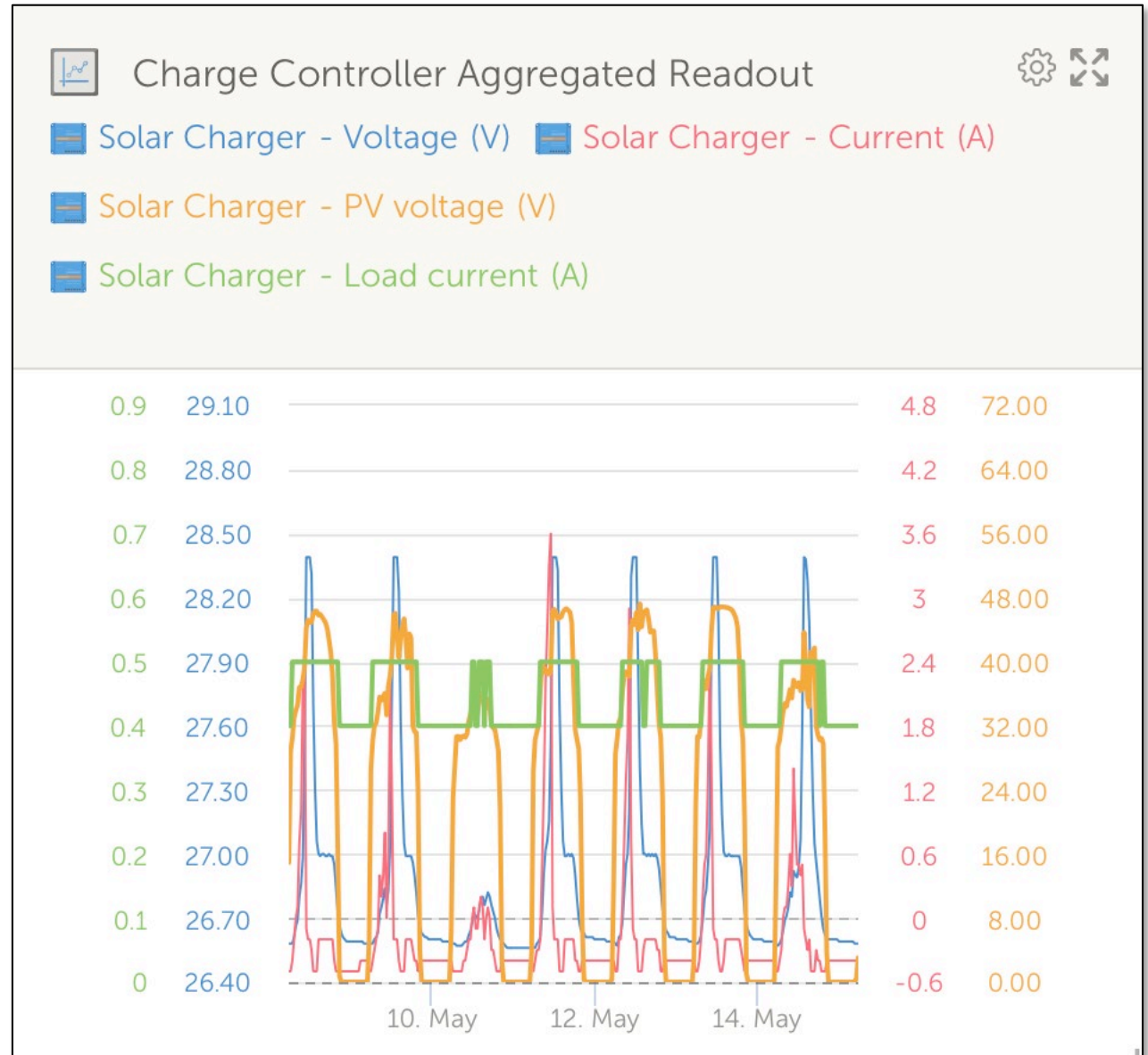
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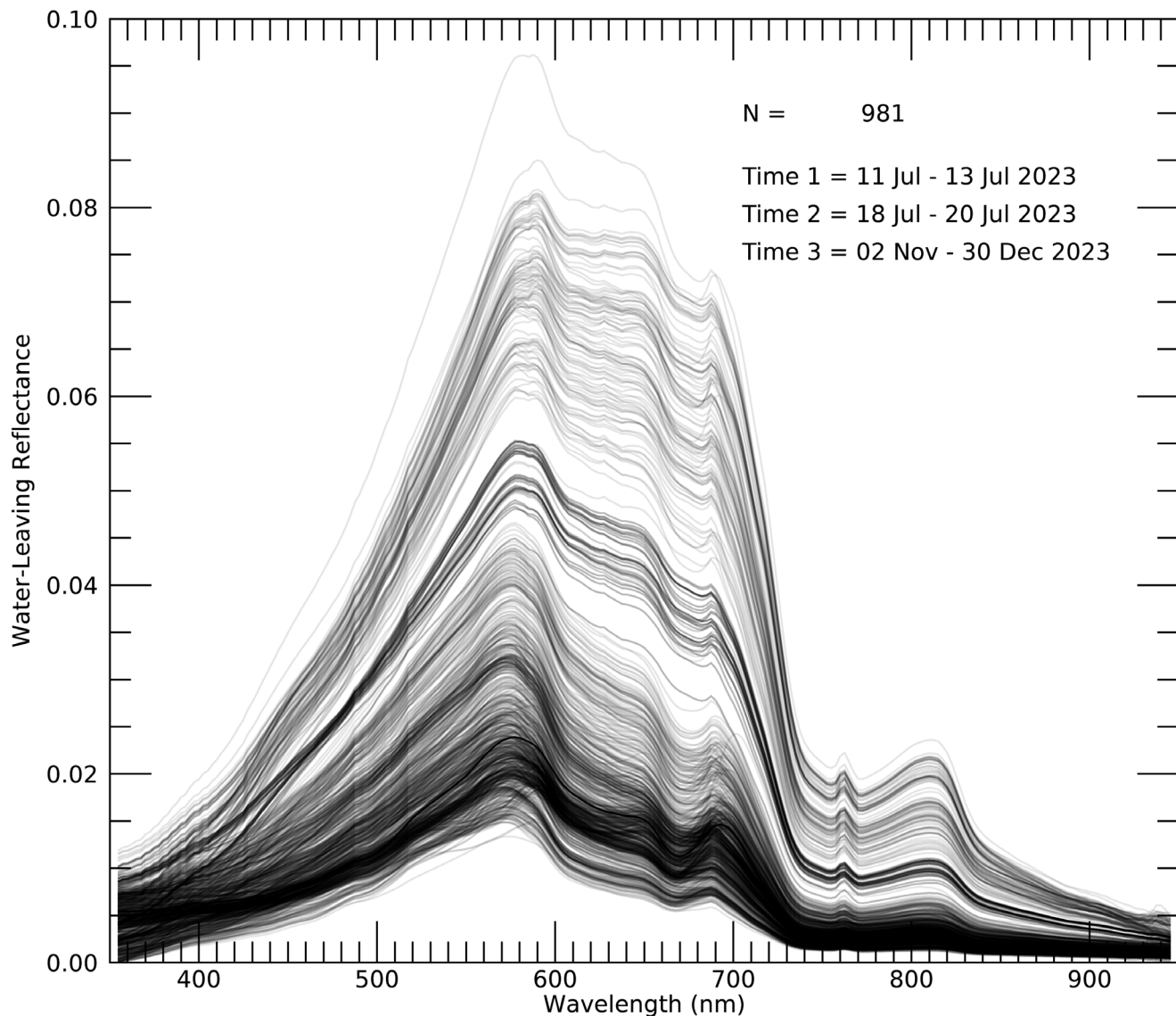
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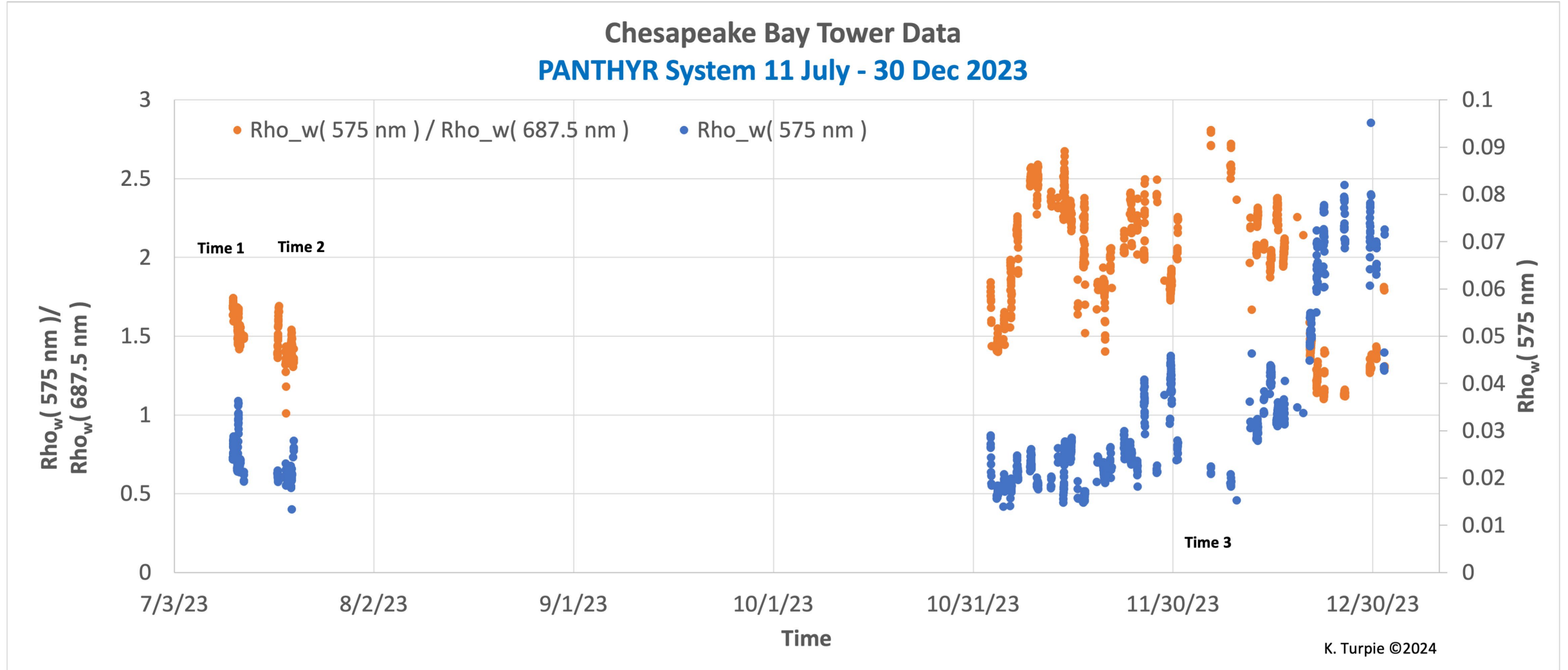
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- **Raw data transmitted to RBINS for processing  $L_0$  to  $E_d (=E_s)$ ,  $L_d (=L_i)$ ,  $L_u (=L_t)$  &  $\rho_w$ . ( $\propto R_{rs}$ )**

Chesapeake Bay Tower Data



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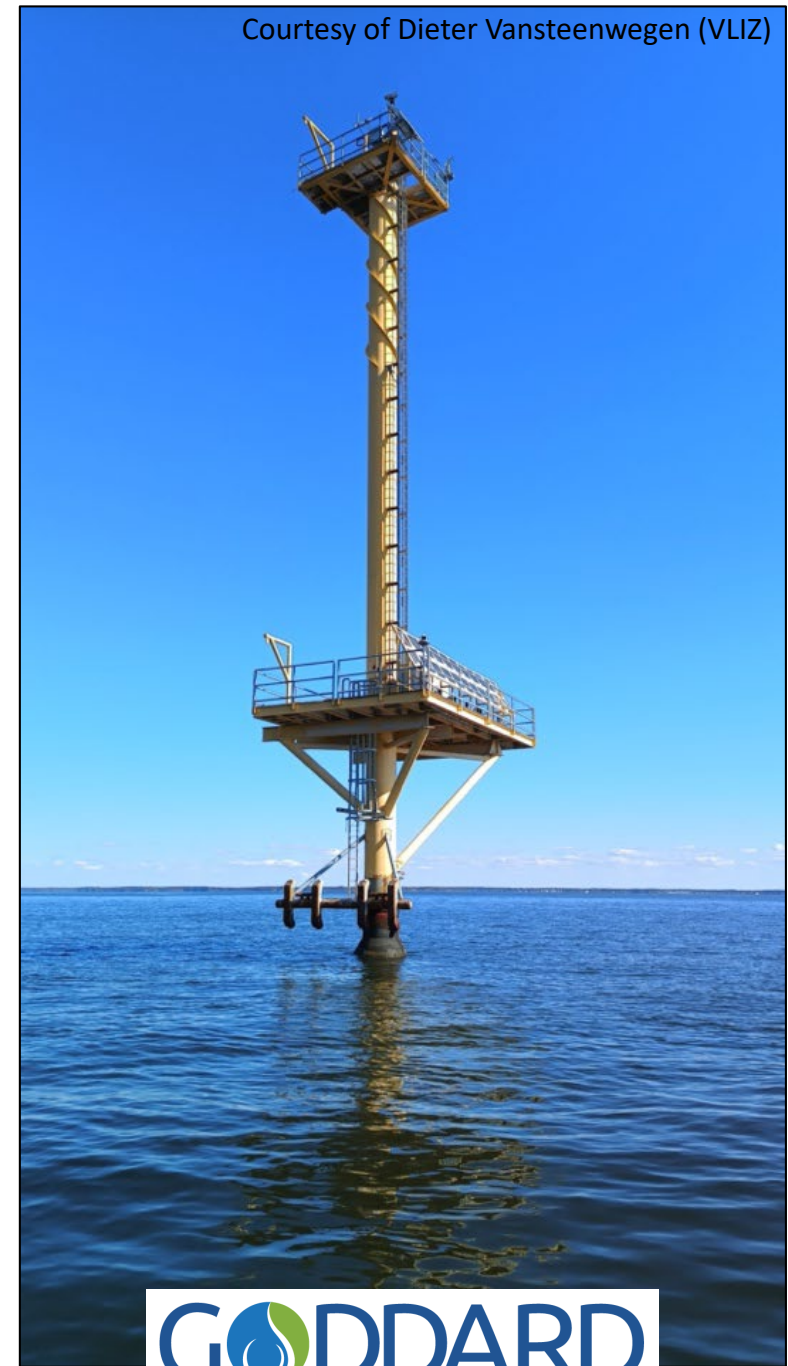




# CHESAPEAKE BAY TOWER – IMPROVEMENTS

- Planning of May service trip. Targeting weeks of 20 May and 3 June. Coordinating with MDE, NOAA, UMCES, NASA WFF, NASA GSFC, USCG, RBINS / VLIZ, and SunInOne.
- Will need a trip to swap out PANTHYR instruments for calibration in Sept 2024 time frame.
- Plan to add HYPSTAR in CY2024:
  - Received quote; Current administrative delays before sales.
  - May need to develop server for HYPSTAR and set it up for processing and distribution to SeaBASS.
- Hope to add another climbing technician to the pool.
- Consider options for SI-traceable, institutional calibration in USA to avoid international shipping.
- Need to resolved how WATERHYPERNET deliverables are generated and sent to NASA in SeaBASS format.

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# KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **INSTALLATION AND SERVICE**

- PANTHYR instrument and power systems installed in July 2023.
- Required 5 trips so far towards achieving stable instrument system operation.
- Instrument stopped transmitting measurement 21 Jan 2024.
- Planning of May service trip to restart and make more robust.

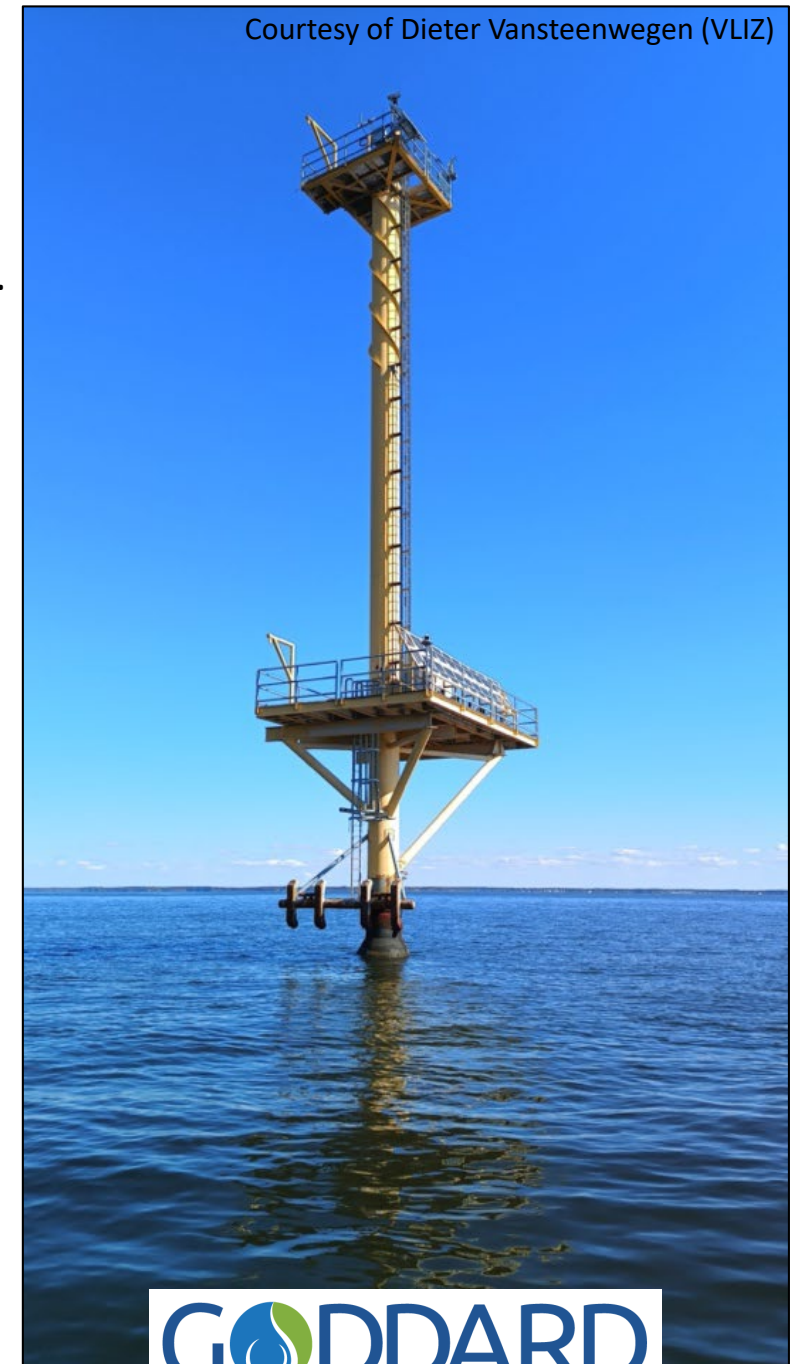
- **OPERATIONAL STATUS**

- Power system continues to operate and provide its own telemetry.
- All communications have been stable since 3 Oct 2023.
- Instrument system operational 2 Nov 2023 – 21 Jan 2024.
- Quality-controlled data successfully processed at RBINS for 2023.

- **DEVELOPMENT**

- SeaBASS deliverables need developed; requires help from RBINS.
- Discussed purchase of HYPSTAR; initially will co-exist with PANTHYR.
- Possible calibration swap of PANTHYR around Sept 2024.
- Look for local resources for calibration to avoid shipping overseas.
- Expand climbing technician pool.

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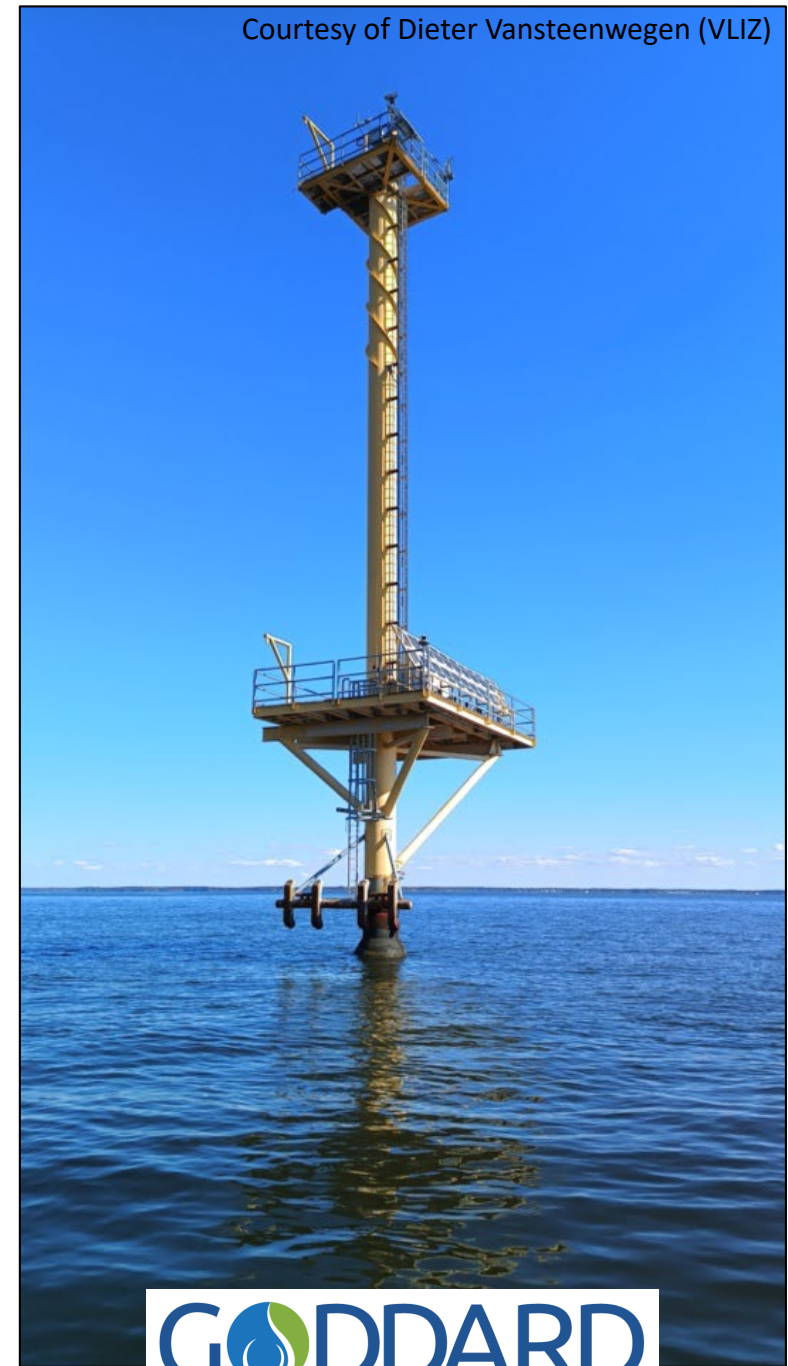


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- **SCIENCE TASKS**

- Compare PANTHYR and AERONET-OC measurements and PACE Validation Science Team activities (present at AERONET conf in Sept).
- Participation in PACE Validation Science Team meeting and activities (e.g., cross-calibration).
- Explore possible calibration improvements (e.g., stray light correction, polarization, temperature).
- Quantify measurement sensitivity to environmental effects (e.g., temperature).
- Evaluate the sensitivity of  $L_t$  measurements to low coastal aerosols along the optic path from water to sensor.

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**GRAZIE!**

