

# Fall AGU Town Hall

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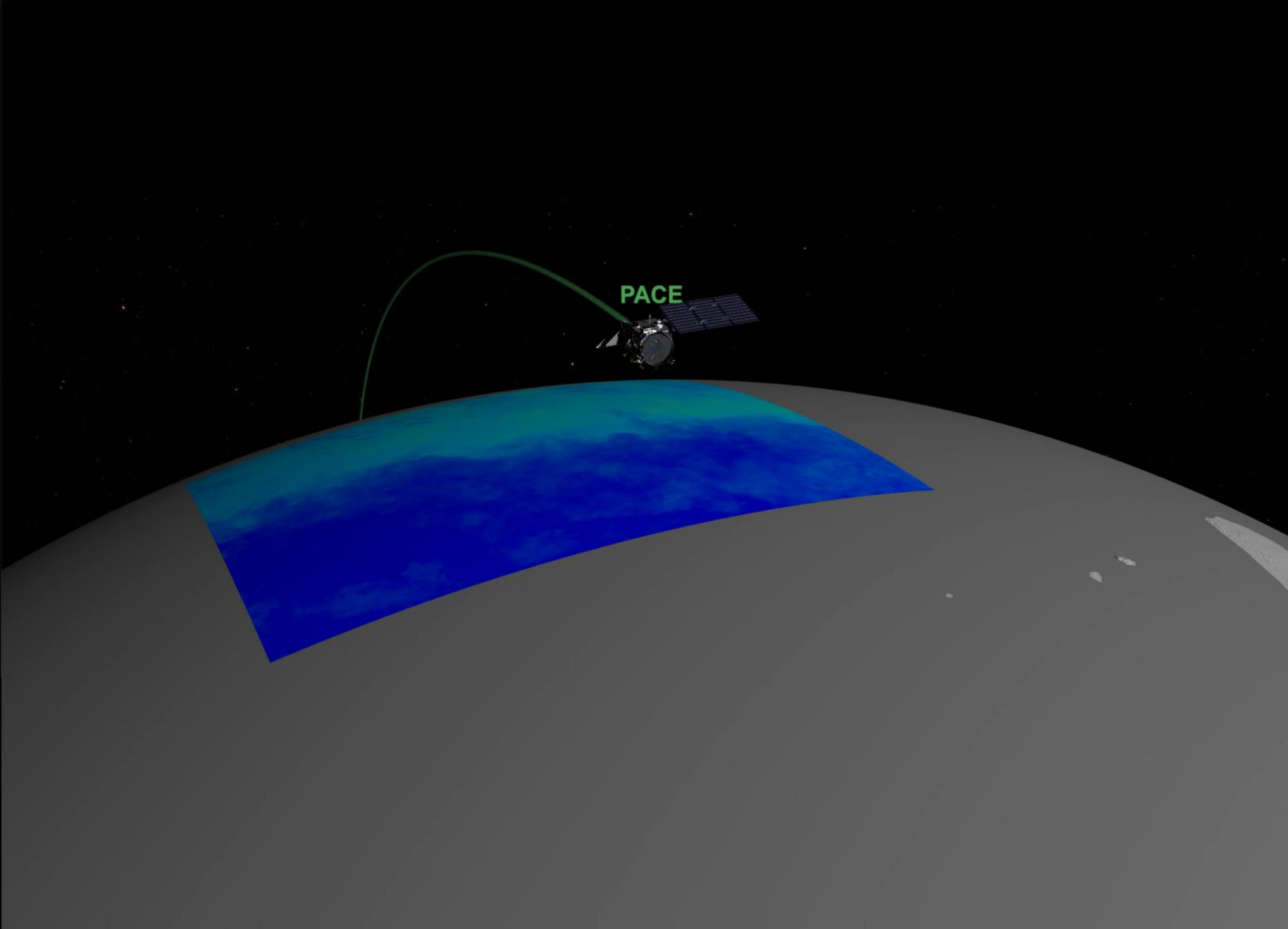
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PACE

Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean Ecosystem





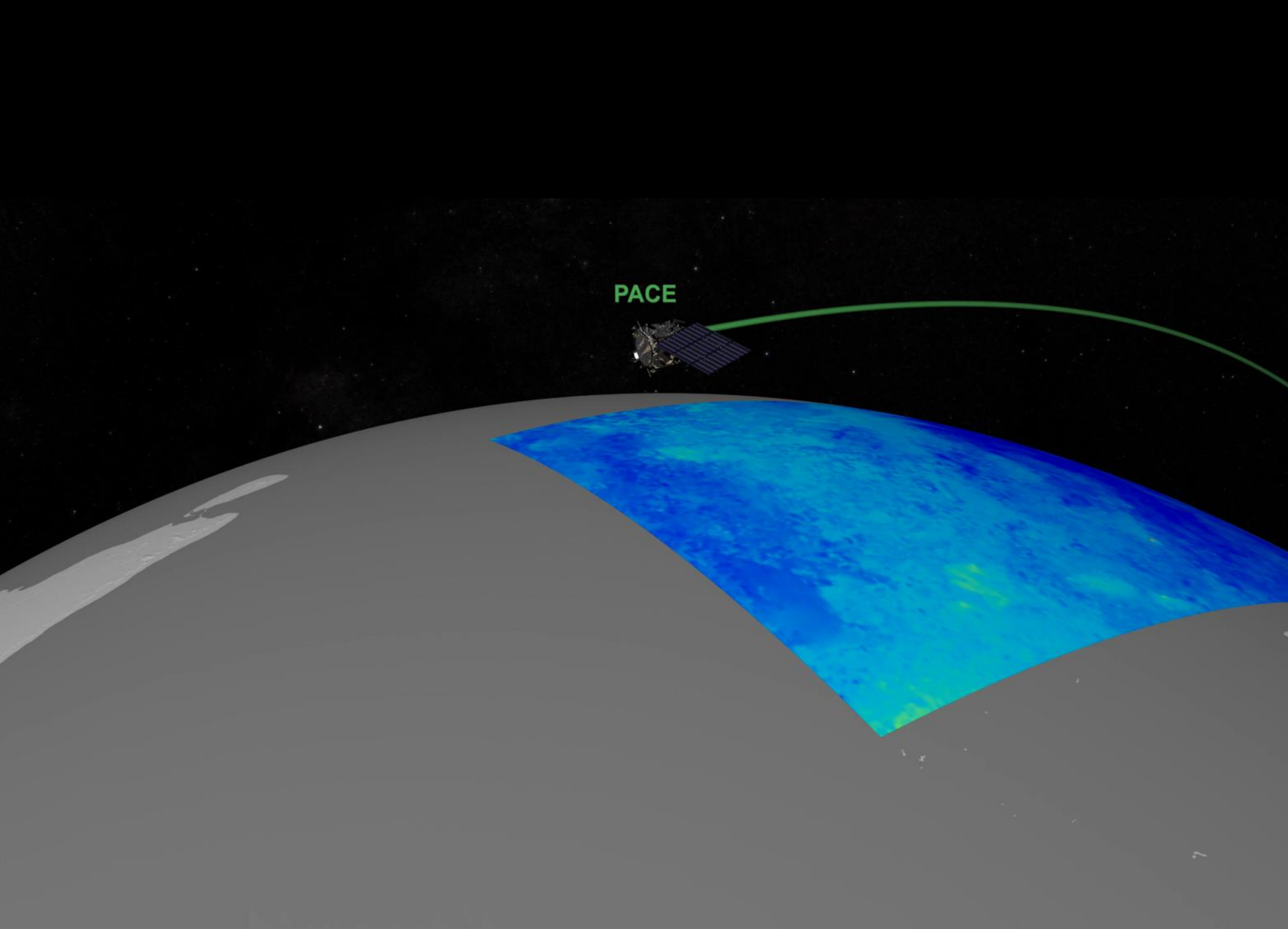
**PACE includes:**

- A UV-SWIR imaging spectrometer
- 2 multi-angle UV-NIR polarimeters

**and will produce data for studies of:**

- ocean biology, ecology, and biogeochemistry
- atmospheric aerosol particles
- clouds
- land





## **Legacies:**

- CZCS
- SeaWiFS
- POLDER
- MODIS
- MISR
- VIIRS
- others

## **Town Hall agenda:**

- mission update
- programmatic update, cal/val, & future community opportunities
- contributions to atmospheric science
- Q&A



## Cost, Schedule, Lifespan

- \$805M Design-to-Cost
- Category 2, Class C
- Fall 2022 launch
- 3-year design life
- 10-years of fuel

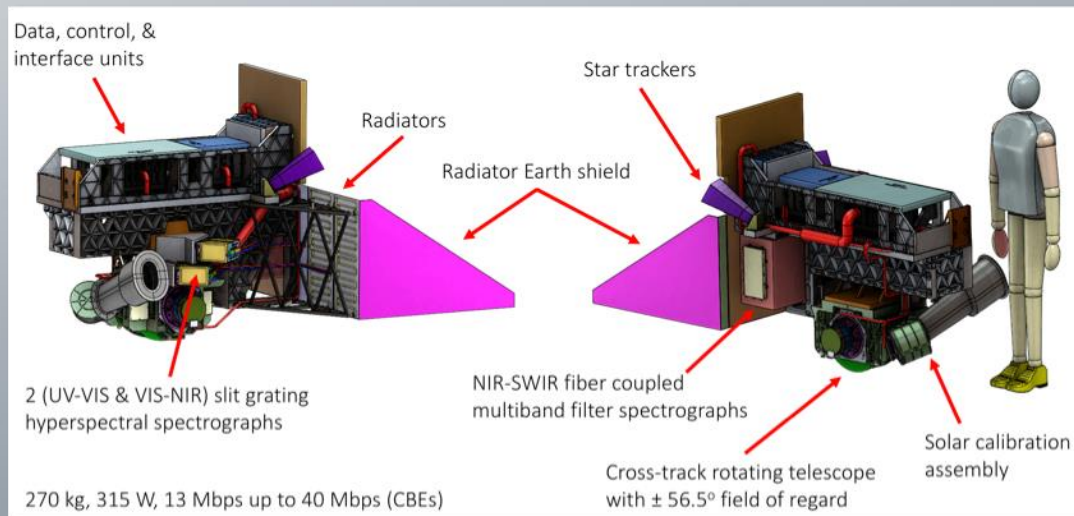


## Orbit

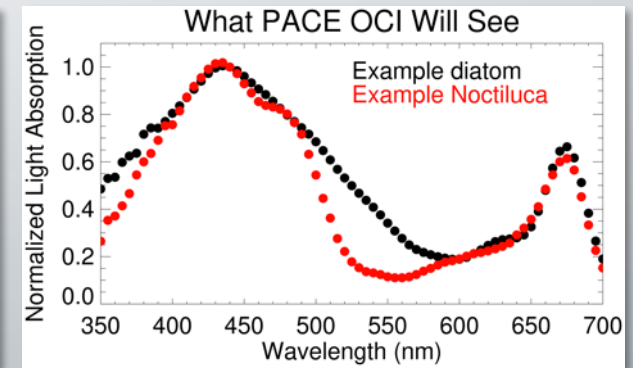
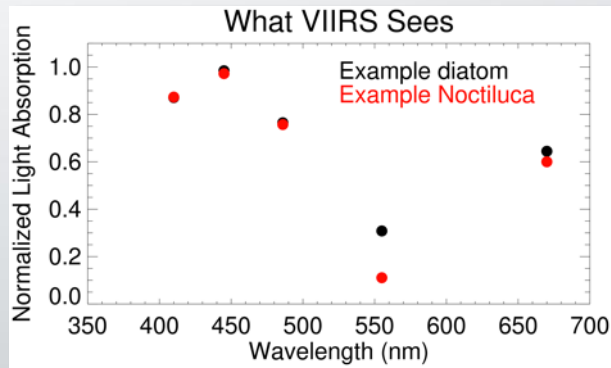
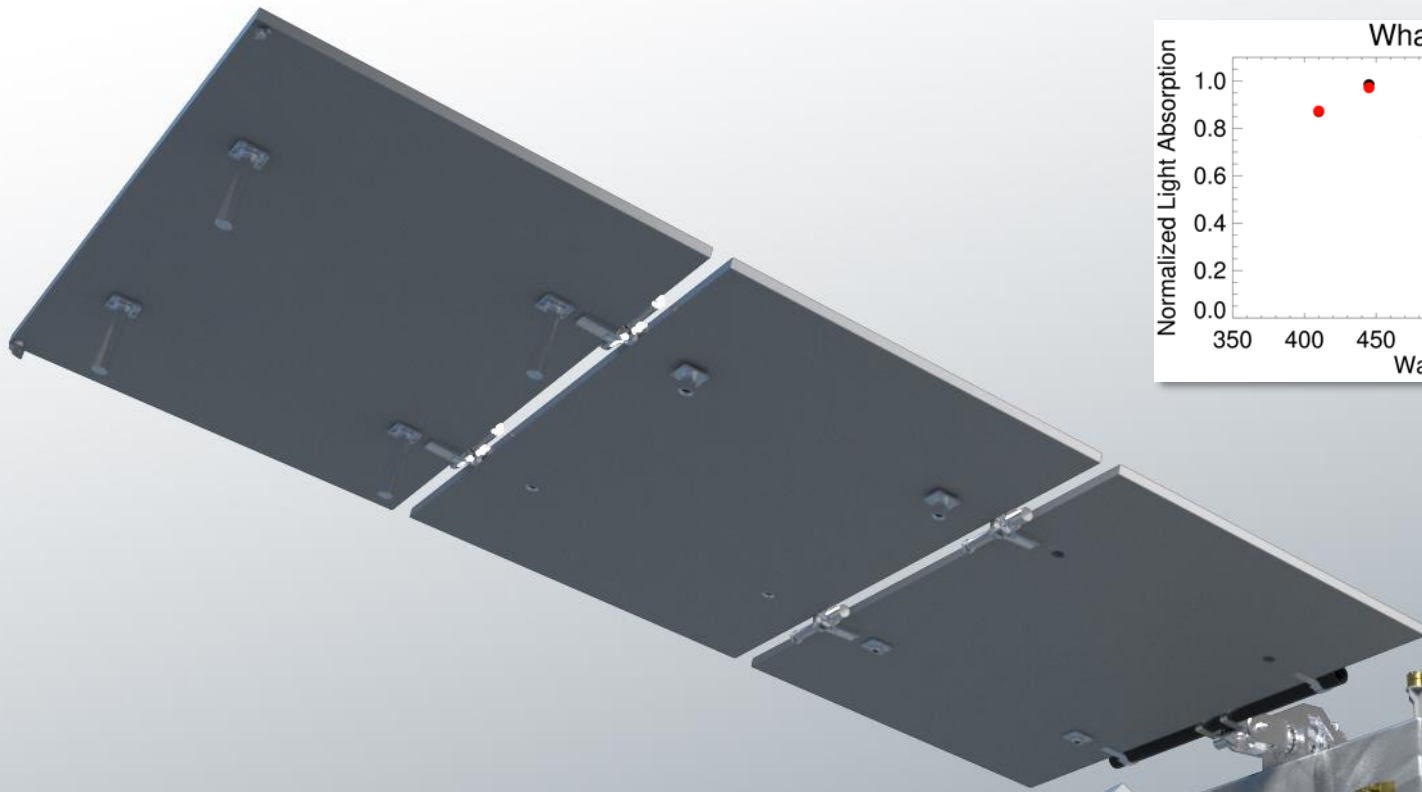
- 675.5 km altitude
- Polar, ascending orbit
- Sun synchronous
- 98° inclination
- 13:00 local Equatorial crossing



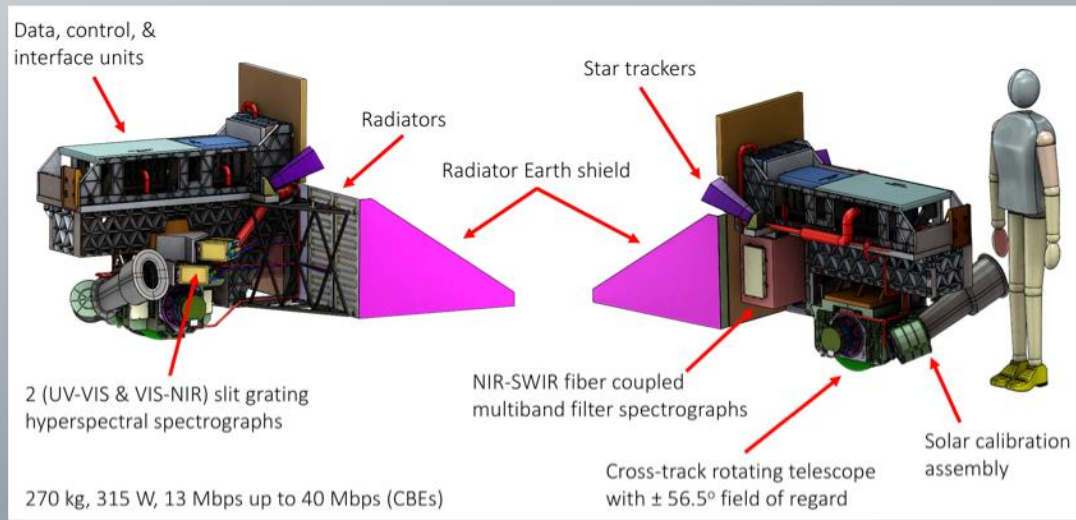
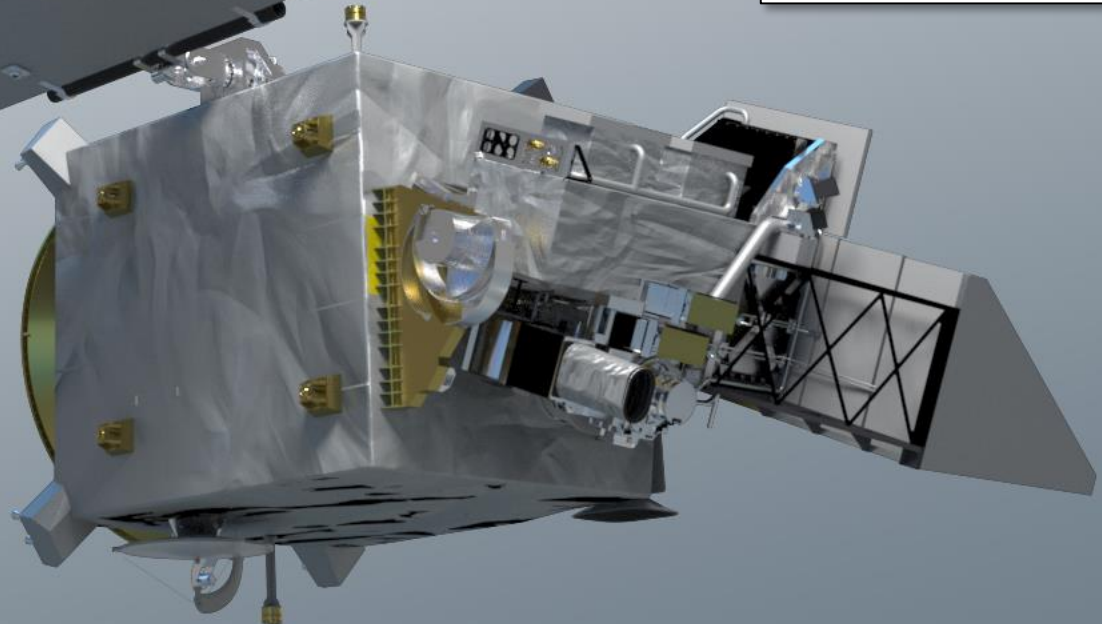
- 340 – 890 nm at 5 nm resolution
- Plus, 940, 1038, 1250, 1378, 1615, 2130, and 2250 nm
- 1 – 2 day global coverage
- Ground pixel size of 1 km<sup>2</sup> at nadir
- $\pm 20^\circ$  fore/aft tilt to avoid Sun glint
- Twice monthly lunar calibration
- Daily on-board solar calibration
- Performance that meets or exceeds heritage
- Built at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center



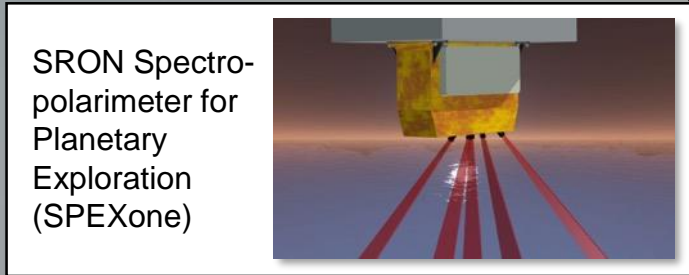
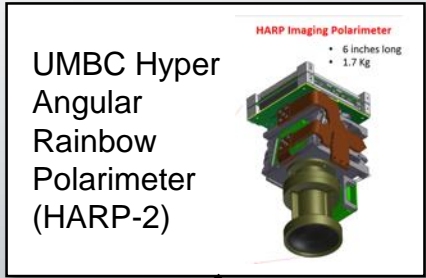




PACE OCI in 2017 Decadal Survey Program of Record





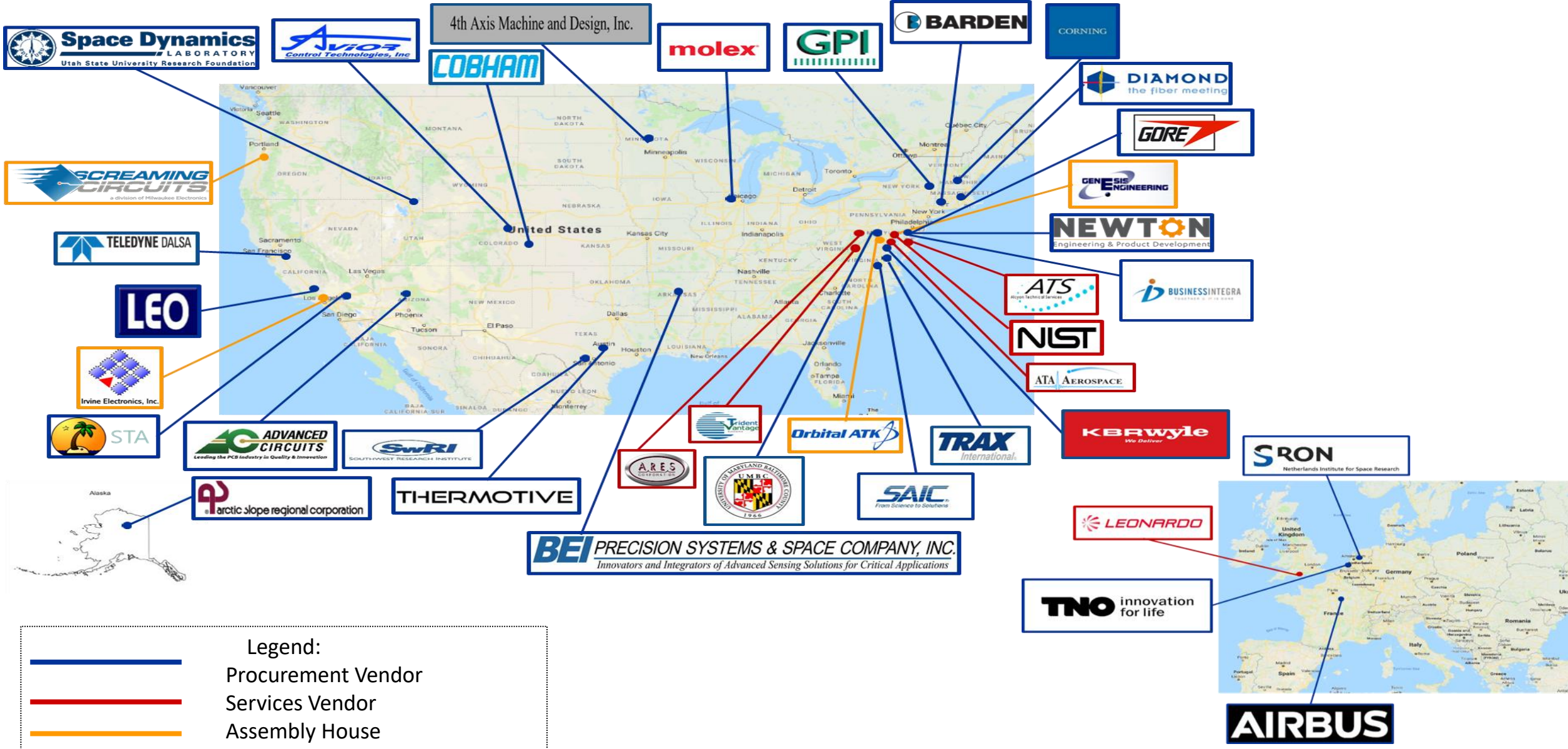


PACE polarimeters *NOT* in 2017  
Decadal Survey Program of Record

	HARP-2	SPEXone
UV-NIR range	440, 550, 670, 870 nm	Continuous from 385-770 nm in 5 nm steps
SWIR range	None	None
Polarized bands	All	Continuous from 385-770 nm in 15-45 nm steps
Number of viewing angles [degrees]	10 for 440, 550, 870 nm; 60 for 670 nm [spaced over 114°]	5 [-57°, -20°, 0°, 20°, 57°]
Swath width	±47° [1556 km at nadir]	±4.5° [106 km at nadir]
Global coverage	2 days	30+ days
Ground pixel	3 km	2.5 km
Heritage	AirHARP, Cubesat	AirSPEX



# Who's working on PACE (as of mid Dec 2018)?





# Looking forward: the mission's coming year(s)

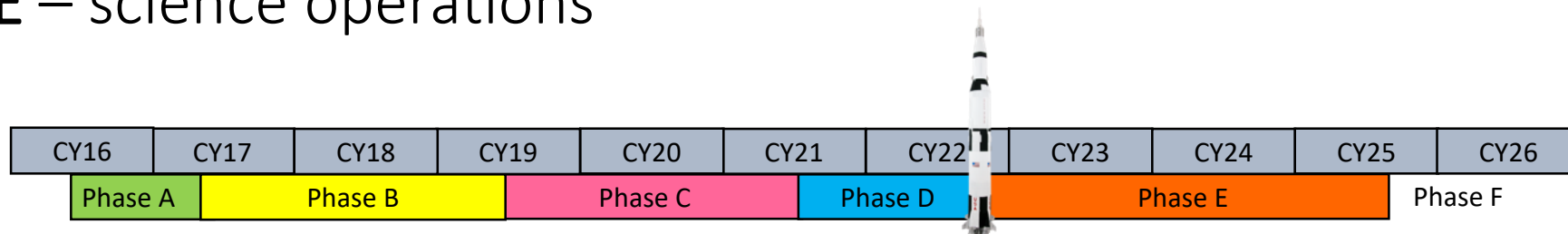
**Phase B** – preliminary design & technology completion

**Phase C** – final design & fabrication

- May/June 2019 – mid 2021
  - All mission elements must pass Critical Design Reviews (CDR)
  - Preceded by series of sub-element Engineering Peer Reviews (EPRs)
- Project & HQ Science + OBPG Science Data Processing:
    - respond to element issues (study, charge/retreat, provide therapy)
    - implement science capabilities (plans for cal, val, algs, processing, documentation, etc.)

**Phase D** – system assembly, integration & testing, & launch

**Phase E** – science operations





Programmatic update & future science teams



# Looking forward: noteworthy mentions

## Budget Status: FY18 and beyond (as of early Feb 2018)

- “The Budget requests a total of \$19.6 billion for NASA, a \$500 million (2.6-percent) increase from the 2018 Budget (\$61 million below NASA’s 2017 funding level)”
- FY19 President’s Budget “maintains the Administration’s previous termination of five Earth Science missions—PACE, OCO-3, RBI, DSCOVR Earth-viewing instruments, and CLARREO Pathfinder—to achieve savings.” Terminates NASA’s Office of Education and reduces ESD research

## 2017-2027 Decadal Survey for Earth Science and Applications from Space

- Free download: <http://sites.nationalacademies.org/DEPS/ESAS2017/index.htm>
- Program of Record – “The series of existing or previously planned observations, which should be completed as planned. Execution of the ESAS 2017 recommendation requires that the total cost to NASA of the Program of Record flight missions from FY18-FY27 be capped at \$3.6B.”



# Looking Forward: PACE Science Team pre- & post-launch schedule

## Pre-launch Science Teams

- FY15 – 17: ROSES 2013 A.25
  - Achieved consensus and develops community-endorsed paths forward for IOPs and Atmospheric Correction
  - Final reports are being submitted.
- FY20 – 22: ROSES 2019 (3 years)
  - Allow lead time for pre-launch scientific algorithm development & applications development prior to launch
  - Initiates interface between instrument developers and OBPG; OBPG/OB DAAC and algorithm developers; possible LaRC DAAC for polarimetry (not yet decided)
- FY23 – 25: ROSES 2022 (3 years)
  - At-launch algorithms and post-launch competed science/applications for ocean color instrument's aerosol, cloud, ocean science, plus aerosol and clouds from polarimeter(s)

## Post-launch Competed Science - options

- Competed through ROSES 2025
- After launch, joint funding between EOS project, R&A, and PACE mission budget, exploring additional funding from Applied Sciences
- Mission contributions (many TBDs)
- Continue during mission extension(s)

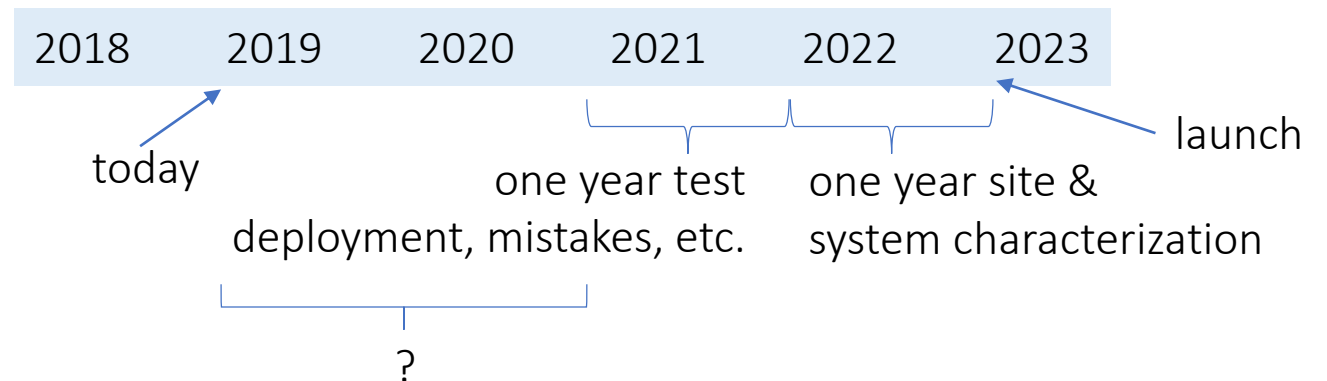


# Looking forward: vicarious calibration

ROSES 2014 A.3 OBB (FY15-17) - written and competed before PACE was a real mission

- Issued under OBB, managed jointly between OBB and ESTO
- Allowed lead time for concepts to mature prior to launch + Identified technical development needs/risks for the approaches selected
- Three projects funded that are completing analysis and testing of hardware:
  - Hyperspectral radiometric device for accurate measurements of water leaving radiance from autonomous platforms for satellite vicarious calibrations - PI – Andrew Barnard, SeaBird Scientific
  - Hybrid-spectral Alternative for Remote Profiling of Optical Observations for NASA Satellites (HARPOONS) - PI – Carlos DelCastillo, NASA GSFC
  - Developing a MOBY-NET instrument, suitable for a federation network for Vicarious Calibration of Ocean Color Satellites Perform cal/val during mission operations - PI – Ken Voss, University of Miami
- ROSES 2019 - Select best approach and hardware (pre-launch) or further risk reduction on instrumentation, if needed, for vicarious calibration of ocean color data products (OCI). Two selections with a downselect after 12-months likely.

options: systems in development,  
expected external assets (BOUSSOLE,  
MOBY), FRM4SOC (Copernicus/EUM),  
other *in situ* sources, models





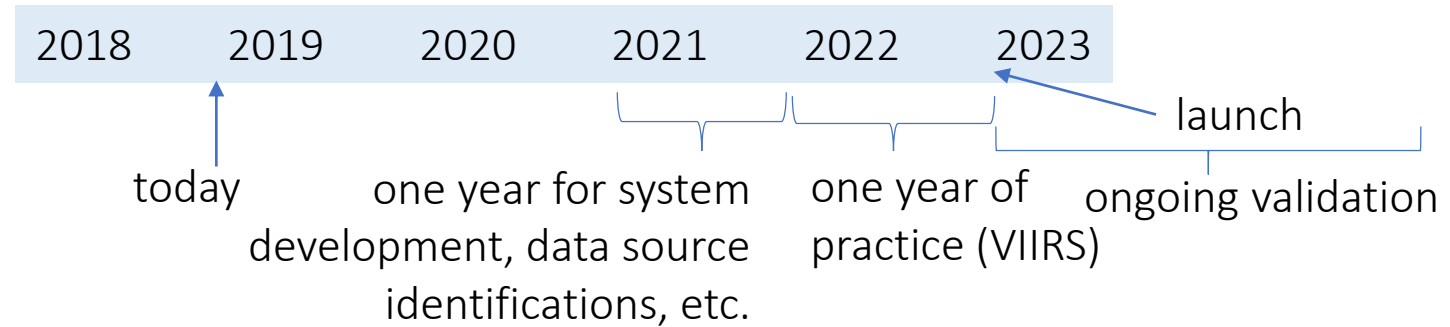
# Looking forward: a validation program

## FY22 – 25: ROSES 2021 (3 years)

- Selects best approaches and hardware (pre-launch) or further risk reduction on instrumentation, if needed, for validation of all data products (aerosol, cloud, ocean color) – *in situ*; Calibration/validation of polarimetry data products (TBD)
- Perform cal/val during mission ops; Includes airborne and *in situ* measurements; Continue every year during mission extension(s)

## FY26 – 28: ROSES 2025 (3 years)

- Perform cal/val during mission ops; Includes airborne and *in situ* measurements; Continue every year during mission extension(s)
- International community (EUMETSAT, ESA, and the Copernicus Program) are investing in Fiducial Reference Measurements for Sentinel and coordination is critical



## Level 1 required (~threshold) products

Water-leaving reflectance	Aerosol optical thickness
Chlorophyll-a	Aerosol fine mode fraction
Phytoplankton absorption	Liquid / ice cloud optical thickness
NAP+CDOM absorption	Liquid / ice cloud effective radius
Particulate backscattering	Cloud layer detection ( $\tau < 0.3$ )
Diffuse attenuation	Cloud top pressure ( $\tau > 3$ )
Fluorescence line height	Shortwave radiation effect

Uncertainty requirements accompany all L1 req'd data products (i.e., we need quantitative validation of all of these products)





# PACE will provide insight into systems that affect our everyday lives

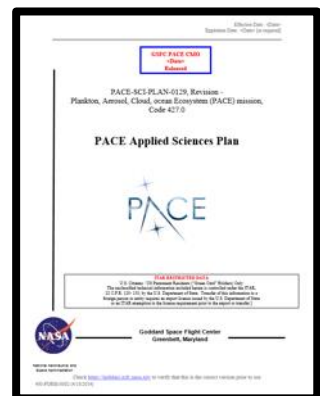
With advanced global remote sensing capabilities, PACE will provide a combination of **atmosphere and ocean observations** to benefit society in the areas of water resources, disaster impacts, ecological forecasting, human health, and air quality.

Users at local, state, federal and international agencies as well as the general public will be able to apply data from PACE to make more informed and robust decisions about their activities.



## Applications Community Building Activities

### Mission Applications Plan



Describes the elements of the applications program for the project, its management, and deliverables from all Phases of the mission

### Applications Traceability Matrix

developed with input from the user community

Application Description	Application Concept	Application Measurement Requirements	Applied Sciences Category	Potential Host Agency	Mission Data Product	Proposed Mission Performance	ARL	Archival Measurements
What is the air quality forecast of particulate matter (PM) predicted from PACE measurements of the aerosol optical depth (AOD)?	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provides a daily air quality index which compares both the ozone and particulate matter concentrations. In regions where there are no direct measurements of PM, satellite measurements of AOD can be used to estimate PM concentrations.	Observations of AOD at spatial resolutions of less than 10 km and latitudes of less than 60 degrees North and South.	Public Health and Air Quality	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), NOAA, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)	Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD)	AOD within 0.15 at a horizontal resolution of 10 km.	3	Aerosol vertical distribution, Surface PM concentrations at a few locations
How do exchanges across the land-ocean interface influence carbon and nutrient loadings, water quality, and ecosystem dynamics in coastal waters?	The EPA Safe and Sustainable Water Resources Research Program (SSWRP) aims at developing core indicators of water resource integrity and sustainability as well as indicators of low-level and high-level water quality. The program includes a range of coastal and estuarine research, including modeling and monitoring to develop a comprehensive understanding of coastal and estuarine systems.	Observations of AOD at spatial resolutions of less than 10 km and latitudes of less than 60 degrees North and South.	Coastal and Estuarine Science	Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), NOAA, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)	Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD)	AOD within 0.15 at a horizontal resolution of 10 km.	3	Aerosol vertical distribution, Surface PM concentrations at a few locations

PACE Application Questions & Concepts	
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<p><b>What is the volcanic ash concentration during and after a volcanic eruption? Is there an impact on air quality as a result of a volcanic material deposited in coastal/populated regions?</b></p> <p>Measurements collected to support PACE atmospheric corrections in coastal regions may be used to quantify the concentration of material associated with volcanic eruptions. These data may be useful in providing a better understanding of volcanic activity and its impact on air quality.</p> <p><b>Application Readiness Level: 2</b>  <b>Applied Sciences Category:</b> Public Health and Air Quality  <b>Potential Host Agency:</b> EPA, NOAA, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)</p>	
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<p><b>How are the productivity and biodiversity of coastal ecosystems changing, and how do these changes relate to natural and anthropogenic forcing, including local to regional impacts of climate variability?</b></p> <p>PACE satellite-derived ocean color and biogeochemical variables may be used to monitor and assess changes in coastal ecosystems. As a result, PACE data may improve model accuracy and forecasting capabilities of the Global Ocean Data Assimilation System (GODAS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Global Ocean Forecast System (GODFS).</p> <p><b>Application Readiness Level: 2</b>  <b>Applied Sciences Category:</b> Oceanography  <b>Potential Host Agency:</b> NOAA, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)</p>	
<p><b>How can PACE help with oil spill monitoring and response?</b></p> <p>NOAA's subsurface oil monitoring program uses various modeling and observational approaches (airborne, shipborne, ground-based, satellite) to monitor oil spills. PACE data may be used to improve the accuracy of oil spill monitoring and response efforts.</p> <p><b>Application Readiness Level: 2</b>  <b>Applied Sciences Category:</b> Oceanography  <b>Potential Host Agency:</b> NOAA, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)</p>	

### PACE Community Survey

PACE (Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean Ecosystem) Mission User Survey

**1. INTRODUCTION**

What is this survey?

This survey is designed to characterize the NASA PACE (Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean Ecosystem) mission user community in terms of its composition, activities, remote sensing needs, and research interests. We will use this to plan outreach and applications before PACE launches in order to tailor them to your needs as part of the future PACE user community.

Why are we asking you to complete this questionnaire?

As a professional in the field, you have been identified as someone with insight into how PACE data can be used and applied. We are interested in how you plan to use PACE data in your work. Your answers will help NASA anticipate the scope of PACE science and applications as well as the socioeconomic impact of future PACE products.

If you would like further information about this questionnaire, please contact Maria Tzortziou by e-mail at [maria.a.tzortziou@nasa.gov](mailto:maria.a.tzortziou@nasa.gov), or Ali Omar at [ali.h.omar@nasa.gov](mailto:ali.h.omar@nasa.gov).

**2. INSTRUCTIONS**

- For open-ended questions, please constrain your thoughts to 1000 characters.
- Unless otherwise indicated, make only one choice per multiple-choice item. Please choose the answer that most closely matches your situation.
- The response "NA" means "not applicable" or "not appropriate." Please choose this response only in cases where you feel that the subject matter of the question is unrelated to your work. Some questions do not have a "not applicable" alternative.
- When you provide an "other" answer, we will categorize this in the analysis of the results.

Thank you for your time and attention in helping NASA improve how we engage with the mission user community!

### Applications White Papers



### PACE applications by development phase

Mission Phase	Applications Activity
Pre-phase A	Assessment of the community of practice. Description of potential applications from the PACE data using the requirements established by the Science Definition Team (SDT). Applications website establishment. Database of user community individuals begins. Applications Plan written and posted to website. Applications white papers developed and posted to the website. Applications Traceability Matrices developed and posted to the website. Applications Working Group established.
Phase A	Workshop conducted with targeted science communities to communicate key model, observation and Applied Sciences opportunities and requirements. Newsletters, articles, posters, and other communications developed to expand the community of potential. Early Adopters Program established. Annual workshop focused on results from Early Adopters. Description of validation datasets to the community of practice. Conference presentations and papers; newsletters and journal articles on user interaction to expand the community of potential.
Phase B	Data workshops, short courses, focus sessions, tutorials. Interaction with NASA HQ Applied Sciences to prepare funding opportunities. Documenting decision support provided by mission data. Newsletter, journal articles, conference presentations of applications of data. Community interaction and support of data preprocessing and improvement. Calibration/validation of data quality. Format, issues. Conduct Impact Workshop to assess success of Applications implementation. Conduct a Quantitative PACE Data Societal Benefit Value Assessment. Information for Senior Review Submissions.
Phase C/D	
Phase E	

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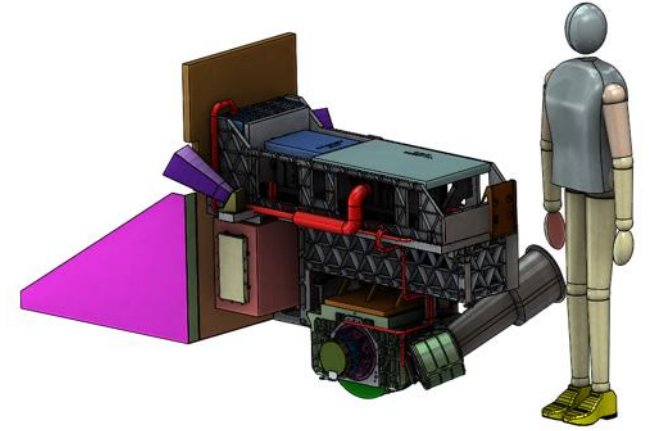
PACE contributions to atmospheric science



# Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud and ocean Ecosystem (PACE) Instruments

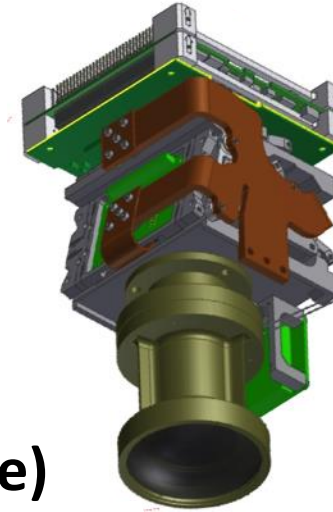
## **(Primary) Ocean Color Instrument (OCI)**

Wide swath, UV-VIS imaging spectrometer with SWIR channels designed for ocean color applications, useful for aerosols and clouds



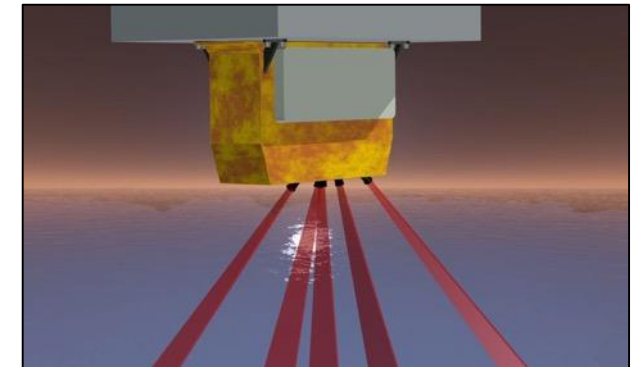
## **Hyper Angular Rainbow Polarimeter 2 (HARP2)**

wide-swath multi-angle polarimeter, hyper angle capability



## **Spectro-Polarimeter for Planetary Exploration (SPeXone)**

narrow-swath multi-angle polarimetric spectrometer





# PACE key mission elements



Netherlands Institute for Space Research



SPEXone and HARP2 are '**contributed**' instruments

Requirements derive from **do no harm** philosophy alone

No requirements for successful data collection, science

Both originally designed as cubesat scale instruments

Polarimeters will be an excellent proof of concept for atmospheric correction, aerosol and cloud retrievals



# Ocean Color Instrument (OCI)



# Ocean Color Instrument – physical assembly

Scanning concept follows SeaWiFS and VIIRS heritage

Data, control, &  
interface units

Radiators

Star trackers

Radiator Earth shield

2 (UV-VIS & VIS-NIR) slit grating  
hyperspectral spectrographs

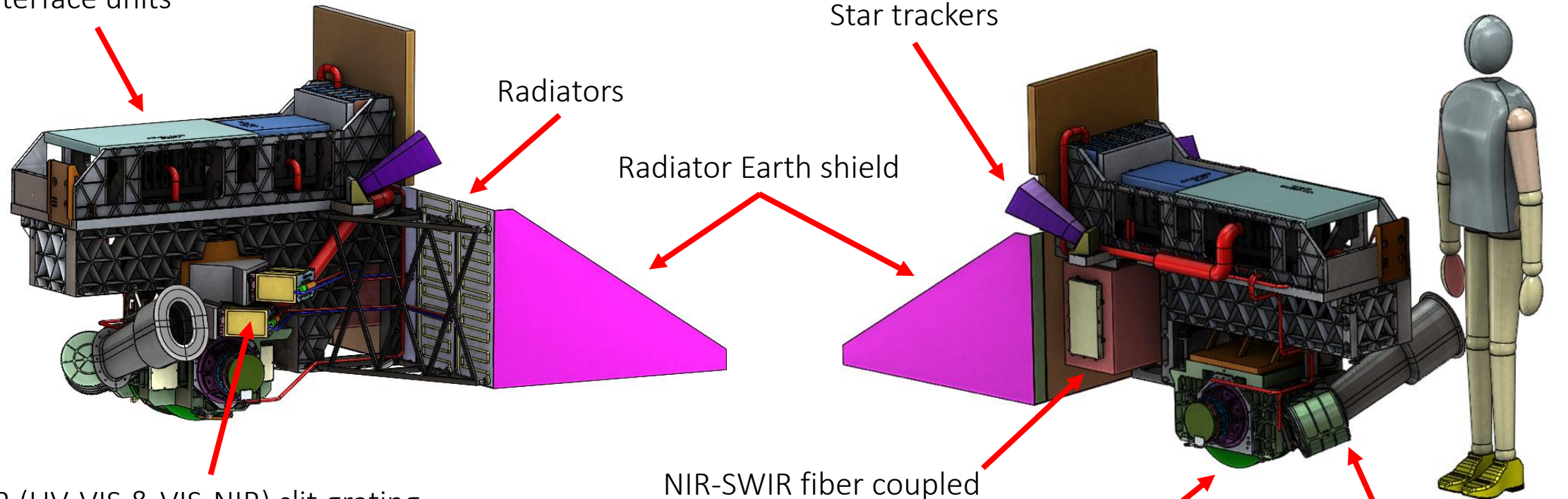
NIR-SWIR fiber coupled  
multiband filter spectrographs

270 kg, 315 W, 13 Mbps up to 40 Mbps (CBEs)

Cross-track rotating telescope  
with  $\pm 56.5^\circ$  field of regard

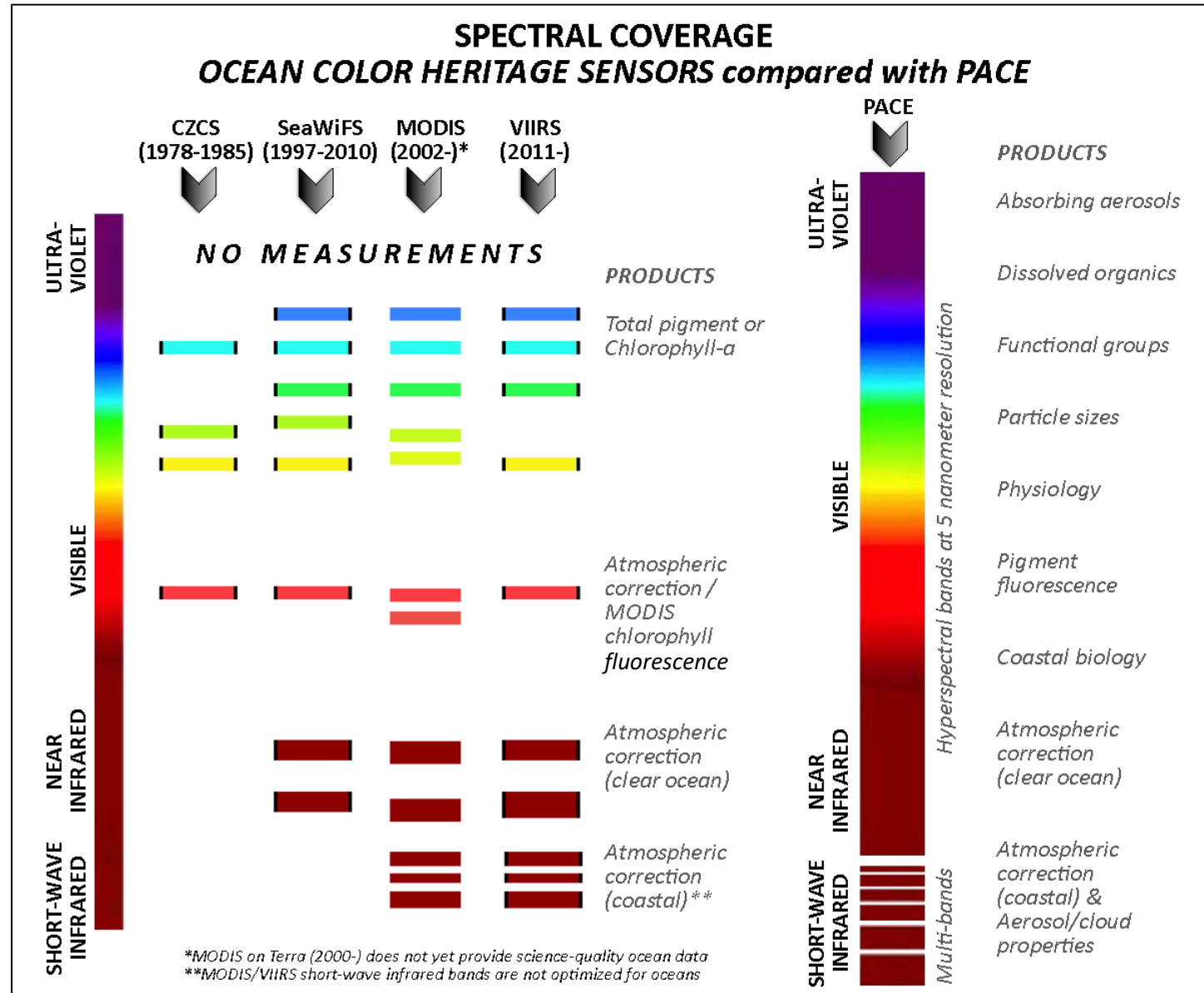
Solar calibration  
assembly

OCI is tilted by  $\pm 20^\circ$  to avoid sun glint





# OCI characteristics



Threshold aerosol and cloud product requirements are to be met by OCI (alone)

OCI is tilted 20° to avoid sun glint



# OCI characteristics

## SPECTRAL COVERAGE

Hyperspectral radiometry from the ultraviolet (320 nm) to near-infrared (885 nm) specified to 5nm spectral resolution

Shortwave (SW) infrared (IR) bands:  
940, 1038, 1250, 1378, 1615, 2130, and 2260 nm

GSD of  $1 \pm 0.1 \text{ km}^2$  at nadir

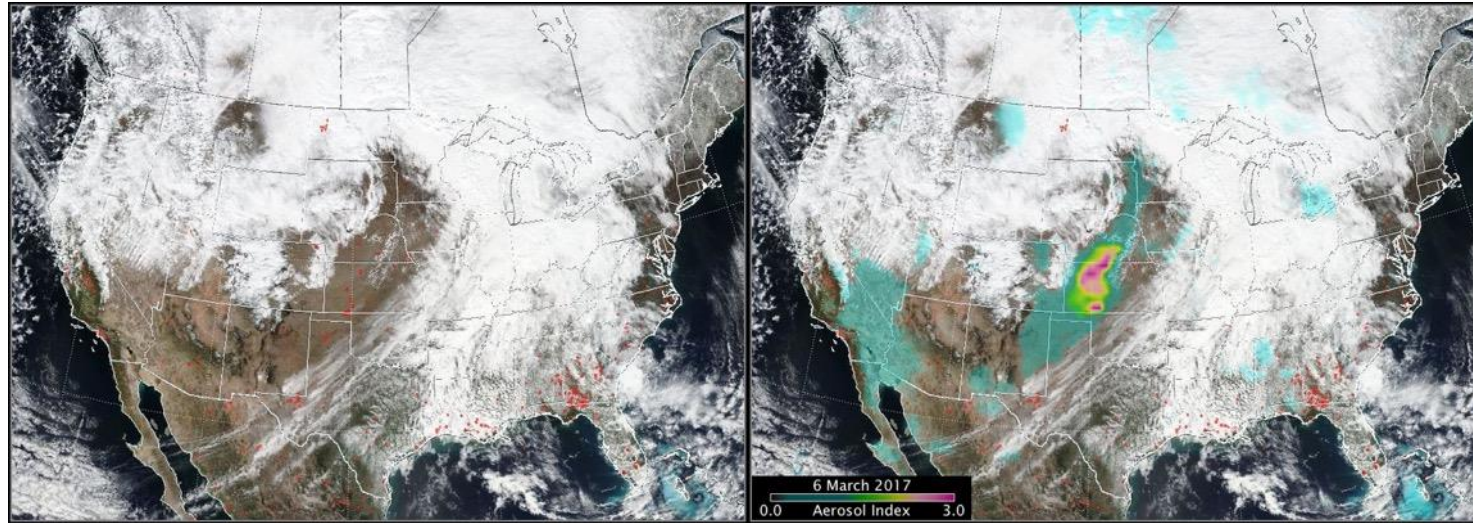
Twice-monthly lunar calibration & onboard solar calibration  
(daily, monthly)

\*MODIS on Terra (2000-) does not yet provide science-quality ocean data  
\*\*MODIS/VIIRS short-wave infrared bands are not optimized for oceans

SHORT-WAVE INFRARED Multi-band Aerosol/cloud properties



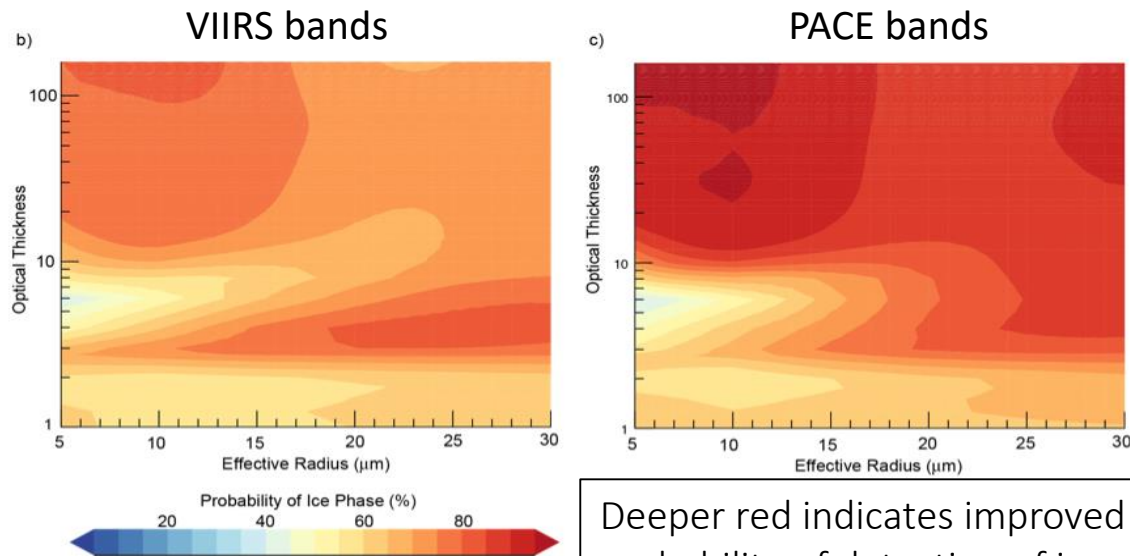
# OCI atmospheric improvements over heritage



1 km resolution at nadir from UV to SWIR

UV + oxygen-A and B-bands provide opportunities for aerosol algorithms beyond heritage

VIIRS RGB + OMPS Aerosol Index



Deeper red indicates improved probability of detection of ice phase




Two 2- $\mu\text{m}$  bands (VIIRS + MODIS) improve retrievals of cloud thermodynamic phase

 **AGU PUBLICATIONS**

**Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres**

**RESEARCH ARTICLE**  
10.1002/2017JD026493

**Characterizing the information content of cloud thermodynamic phase retrievals from the notional PACE OCI shortwave reflectance measurements**

O. M. Coddington<sup>1</sup> , T. Vukicevic<sup>2</sup>, K. S. Schmidt<sup>1,3</sup> , and S. Platnick<sup>4</sup> 





# Multi-angle polarimeters



# Multi-angle polarimeters on PACE

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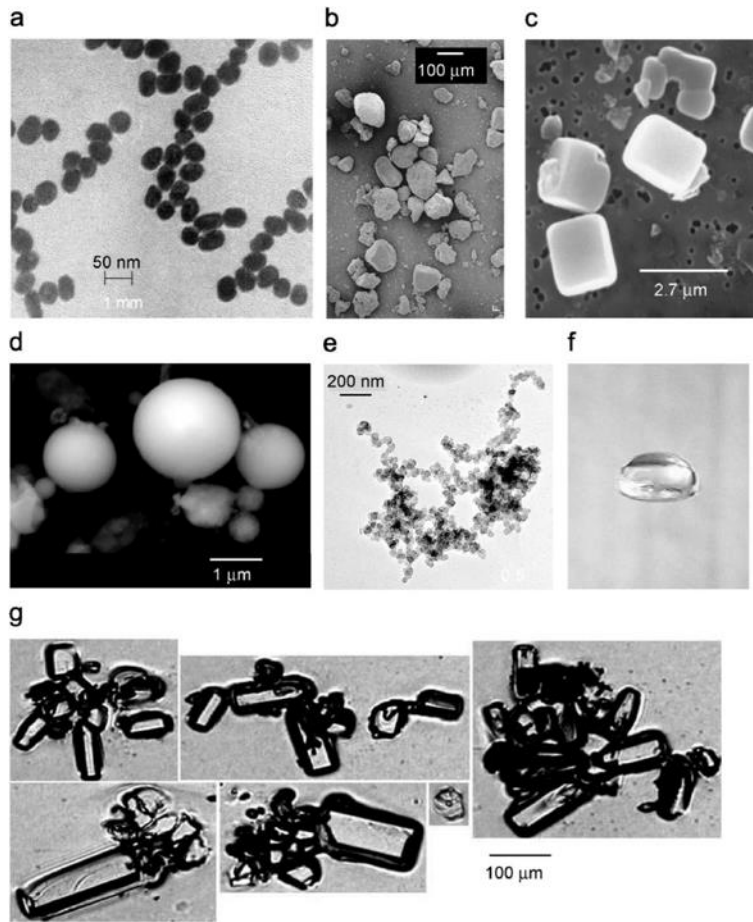
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For multi-angle polarimetric observations to be beneficial for aerosol and cloud characterization and atmospheric correction they need the following capabilities:



## Spectral range

- Wide spectral range needed for accurate aerosol retrievals over land.

## Swath width

- A broad, OCI-matching swath is desired for atmospheric correction

## Angular range

- A wide view angle range observes scattering angles essential for aerosol size and complex refractive index retrieval.

## Polarimetric accuracy

- High accuracy needed for best aerosol and cloud retrievals

## Number of viewing angles

- Aerosols: roughly five
- Ice clouds: roughly ten for crystal shape and roughness
- Liquid clouds: 40-60 view angles

Example atmospheric aerosols, particles that have a wide range of sizes, shapes and chemical compositions.



# Polarimetry on PACE

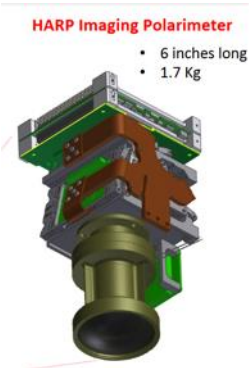
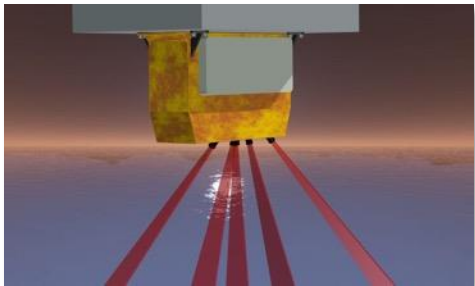
Two cubesat-sized *contributed* instruments



## Spectro-Polarimeter for Planetary Exploration (SPEXone)

Contribution from the Netherlands (SRON, NSO, Airbus; TNO optics)

POC: Otto Hasekamp    Hyperspectral (UV) + narrow swath + high accuracy



## Hyper Angular Rainbow Polarimeter (HARP-2)

Contribution from University of Maryland Baltimore County

POC: Vanderlei Martins    Hyperangular + wide swath

	SPEXone	HARP-2
Spectral range (resolution)	385-770 nm (hyperspectral 2 nm)	440, 550, 670 nm (10) + 870 nm (40 nm)
Polarimetric accuracy (DoLP)	0.002	< 0.01
# viewing angles	5 (-57°, -20°, 0°, 20°, 57°)	10 for 440, 550, 870 nm + 60 for 670 nm (114°)
Swath width	9° (106 km at nadir)	94° (1556 km at nadir)
Ground sample distance	2.5 km <sup>2</sup>	3.0 km <sup>2</sup>
Heritage	AirSPEX, SPEX/ASPIM	AirHARP, cubesat HARP for ISS

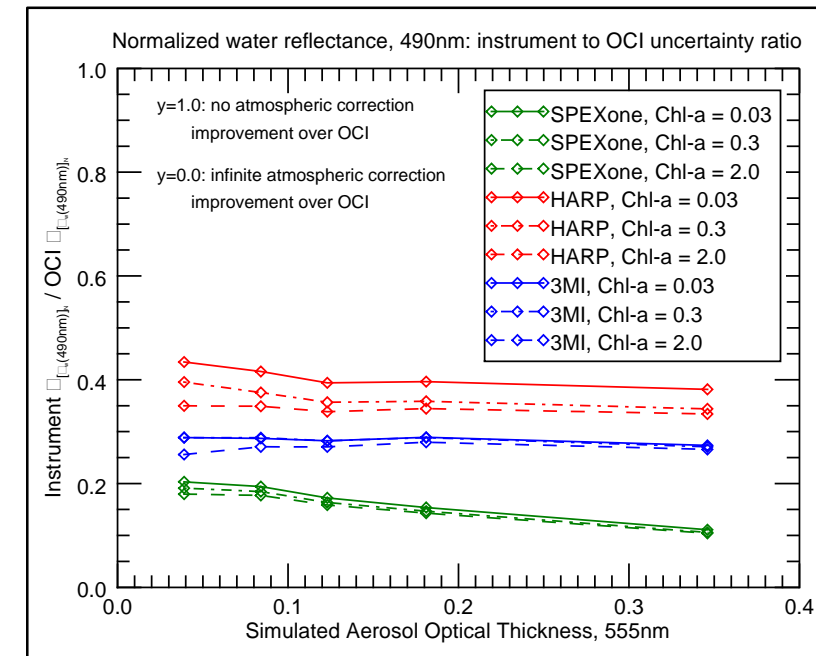


# How will PACE polarimeters perform?

Radiative transfer simulations + information content analysis  
(Knobelspiesse et al. 2012)

**Right – atmospheric correction improvement:** ratio of SPEXone/HARP2 water leaving reflectance uncertainty to OCI uncertainty. EUMETSAT 3MI for reference.

**Below – aerosol retrieval improvement:** degrees of freedom for signal for a simultaneous aerosol & ocean retrieval

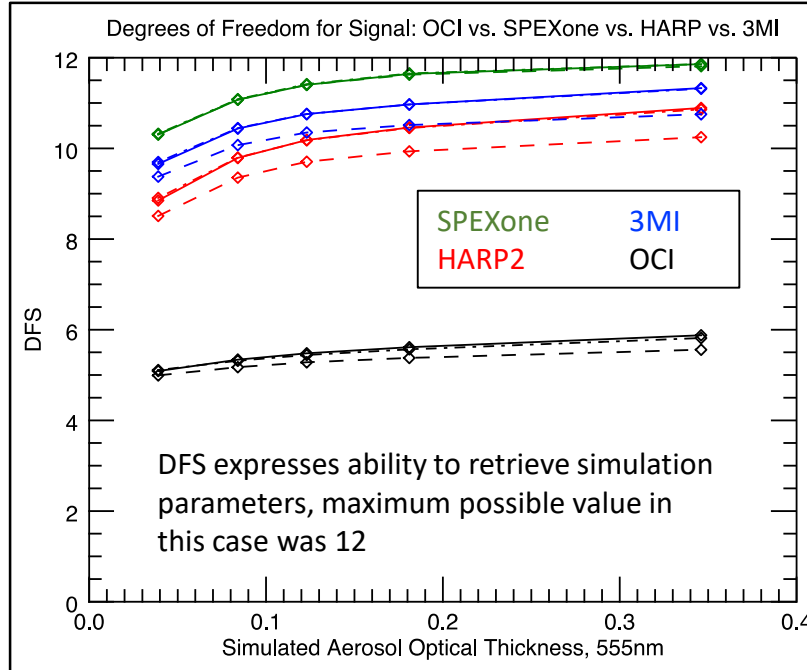


Atmospheric  
correction  
improvement

better



better



Aerosol  
retrieval  
improvement

**Both offer dramatic improvement, comparable to 3MI**

**Other characteristics must also be considered**, e.g.  
considerable swath width difference (SPEXone: 9°, HARP2: 94°).

## Cloud property retrieval

Hyperangular capability of HARP2 can be used to retrieve droplet size distributions and to characterize ice particle roughness and aspect ratio, which reduces the uncertainty in ice particle size retrievals from OCI.

**Operational algorithms must be created to exploit this information.**

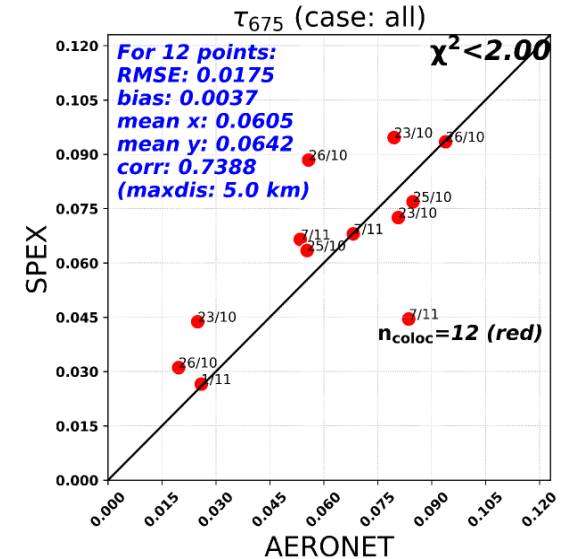
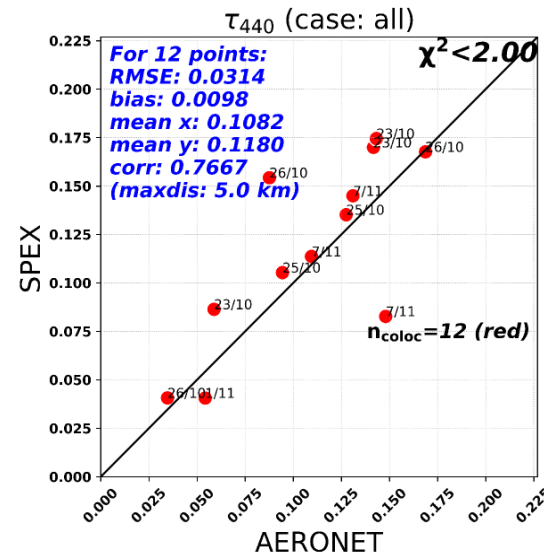
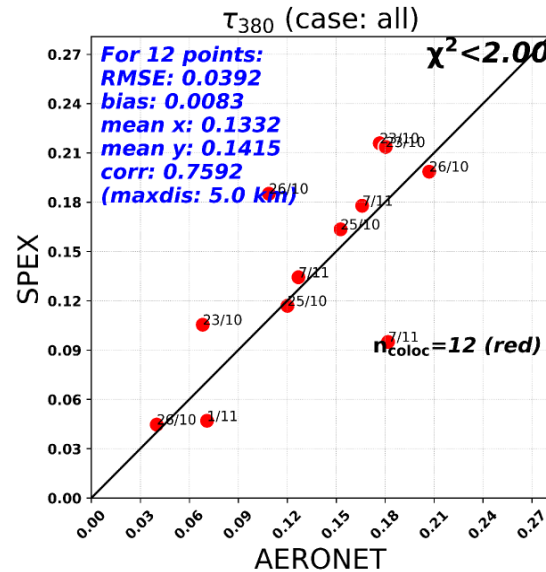


# How will PACE polarimeters perform?

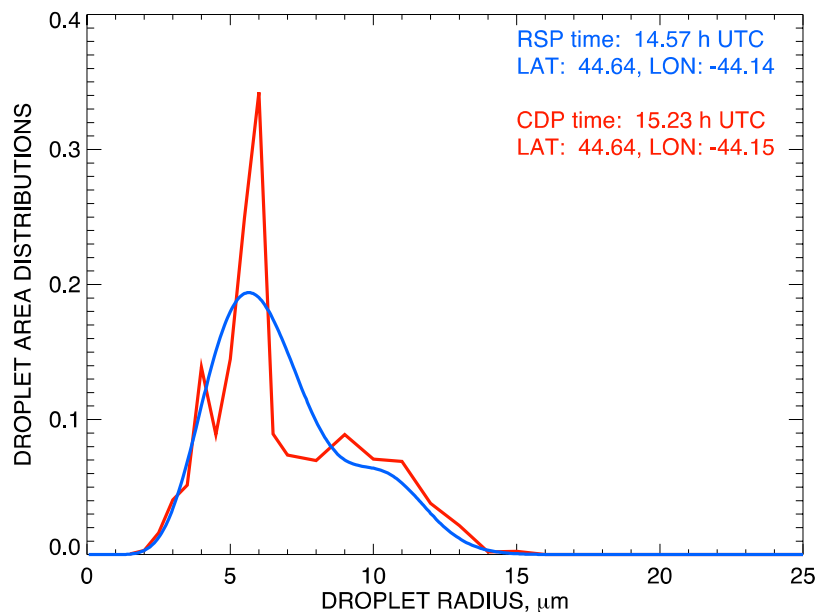
## SPEXone:

### Example aerosol retrievals from SPEXAirborne during ACEPOL

Hasekamp et al. AGU 2018



## HARP2: Examples of what a hyperangular capability provides

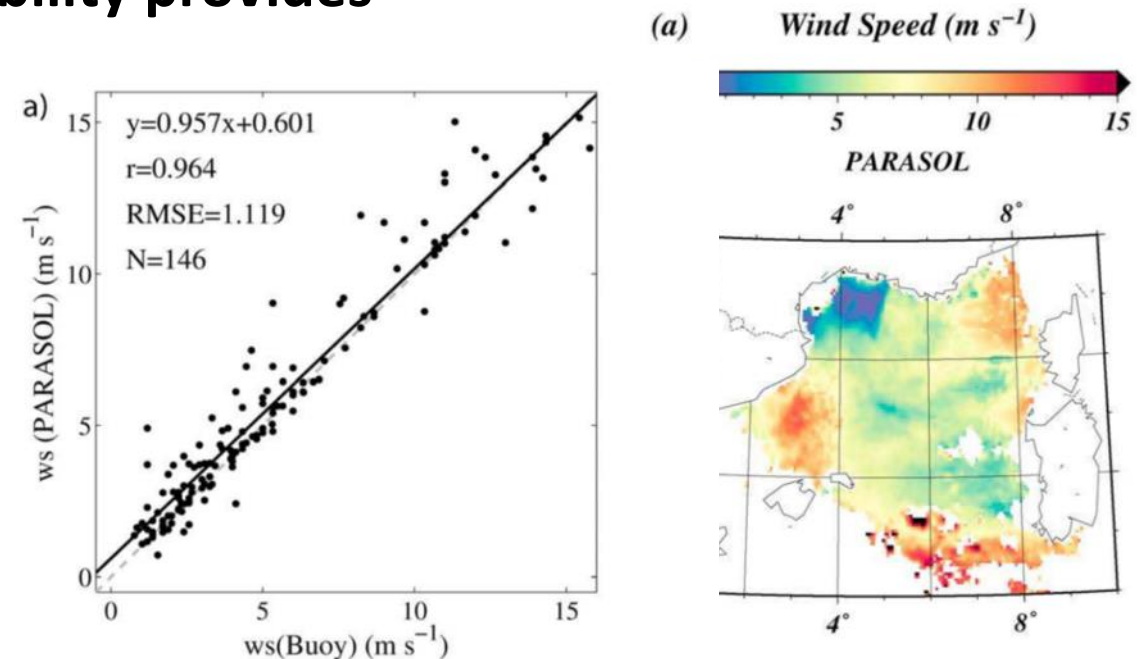


### Droplet size distributions

Alexandrov et al. 2018

### Wind speeds

Harmel and Chami 2012



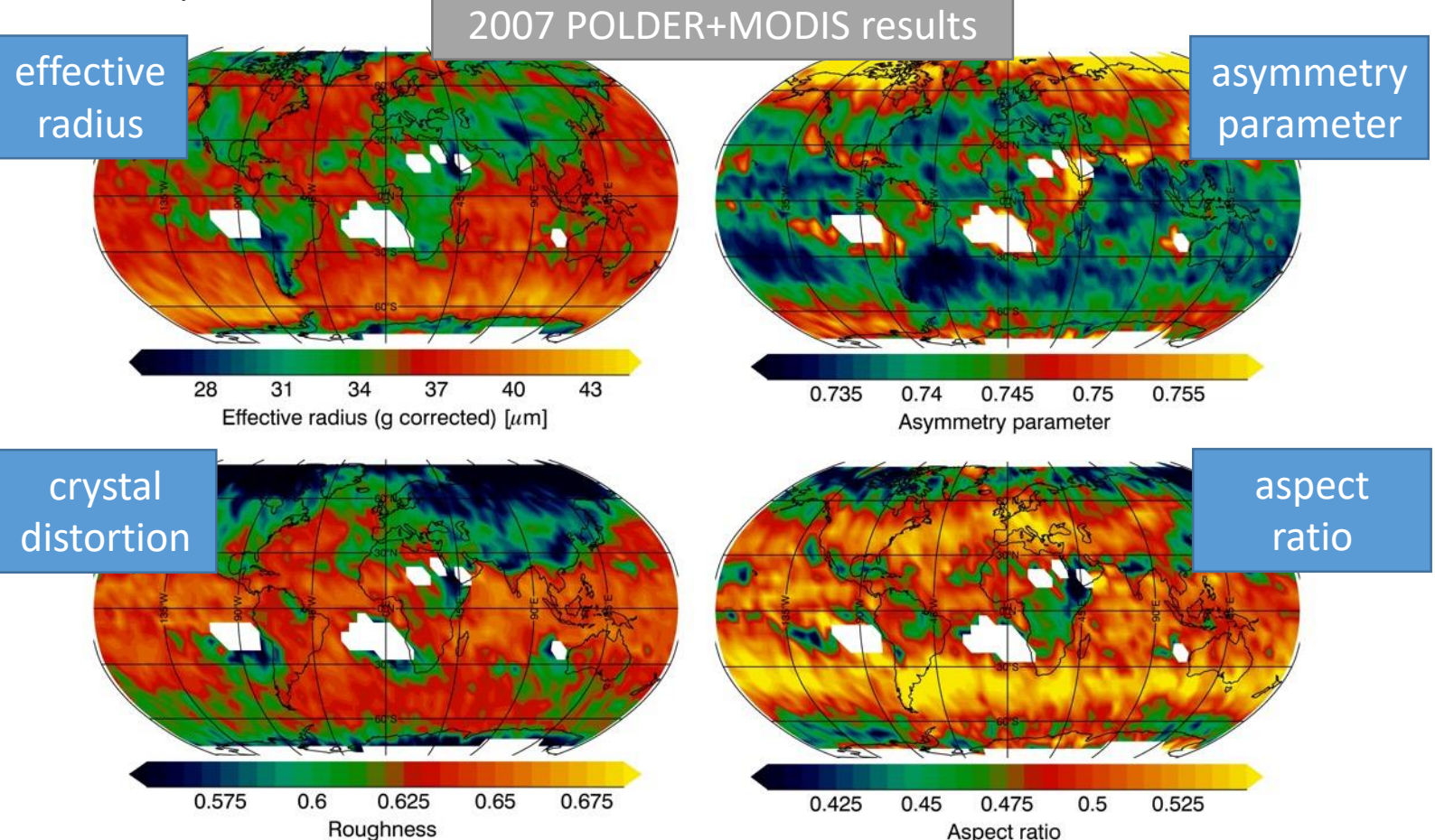
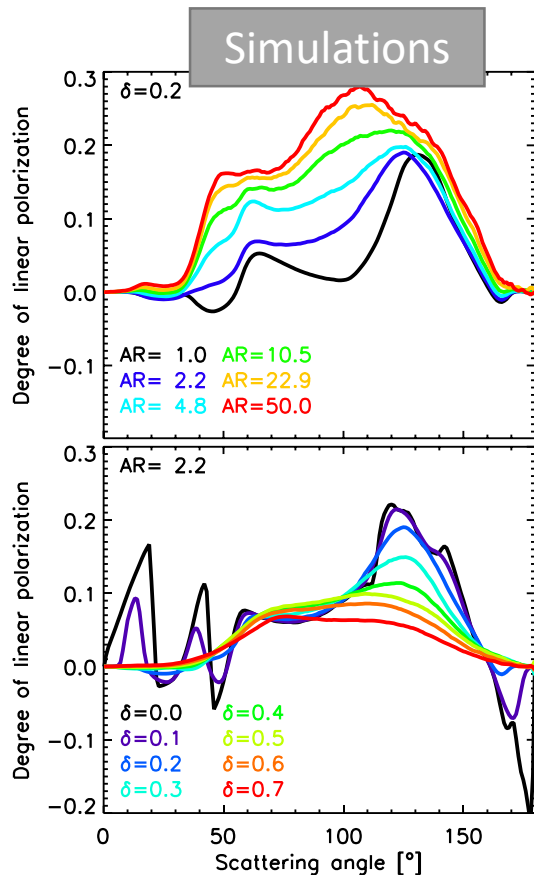


# How will PACE polarimeters perform?

## SPeXone + HARP2 + OCI: Polarimetric observations compliment OCI ice cloud retrievals

- Polarimetry allows retrieval of ice crystal aspect ratio and crystal distortion, which are fundamental properties determining the scattering asymmetry parameter
- Retrieving asymmetry parameter avoids the need to assume an ice optical model for optical thickness and effective radius retrievals from VIS/SWIR bands

van Dienenhoven et al.  
(AMT 2012, JGR 2014)





## How will PACE polarimeters perform?

**SPeXone: highest accuracy, (hyper) spectral range includes UV, but has narrow swath.**

Excellent for aerosol characterization and atmospheric correction, but utility of latter for OCI is limited by swath.

**HARP2: broad swath, hyperangular, more limited spectra (no UV)**

Good for aerosol characterization and atmospheric correction, can do latter for most of OCI swath. Excellent for cloud droplet size and ice particle shape/roughness retrieval, does so in entirely different manner than heritage dual-band OCI algorithms.

**SPeXone + HARP2 + OCI:** Hyperspectral + Hyperangle + highly accurate radiometric and polarimetric observations means PACE would have far greater information content than any current instrument for ocean color, aerosol and cloud observations.

SPeXone and HARP2 both make all polarization measurements simultaneously which guarantees their level of accuracy no matter what scene is being observed. This is not the case for rotating filter band instruments (POLDER, 3MI) which use sequential observations that can be affected by "false polarization".



# Learn more about PACE



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### Polarimetry in the PACE Mission: Science Team Consensus Document

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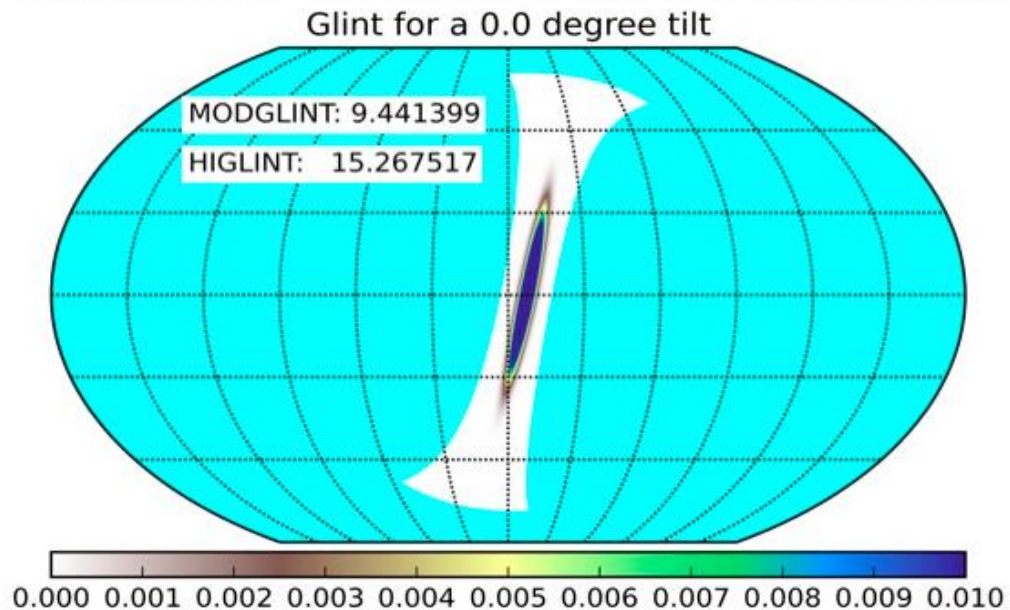
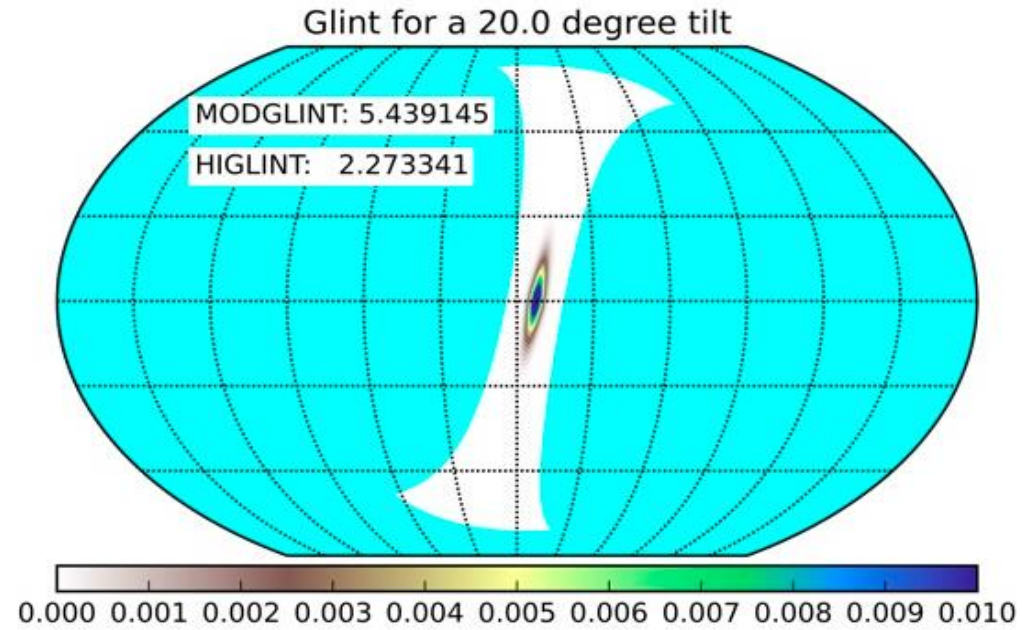
## PACE Threshold aerosol and cloud product requirements

Data Product	Range	Uncertainty
Total aerosol optical depth at 380 nm	0.05 to 5	0.06 or 40%
Total aerosol optical depth at 440, 500, 550 and 675 nm over land	0.05 to 5	0.06 or 20%
Total aerosol optical depth at 440, 500, 550 and 675 nm over oceans	0.05 to 5	0.04 or 15%
Fraction of visible aerosol optical depth from fine mode aerosols over oceans at 550 nm	0.05 to 1	±25%
Cloud layer detection for optical depth < 0.3	NA	40%
Cloud top pressure of opaque (optical depth > 3) clouds	100 to 1000 hPa	60 hPa
Optical thickness of liquid clouds	5 to 100	25%
Optical thickness of ice clouds	5 to 100	35%
Effective radius of liquid clouds	5 to 50 μm	25%
Effective radius of ice clouds	5 to 50 μm	35%
<b>Atmospheric data products to be derived from the above</b>		
Water path of liquid clouds		
Water path of ice clouds		
Shortwave radiation effect		

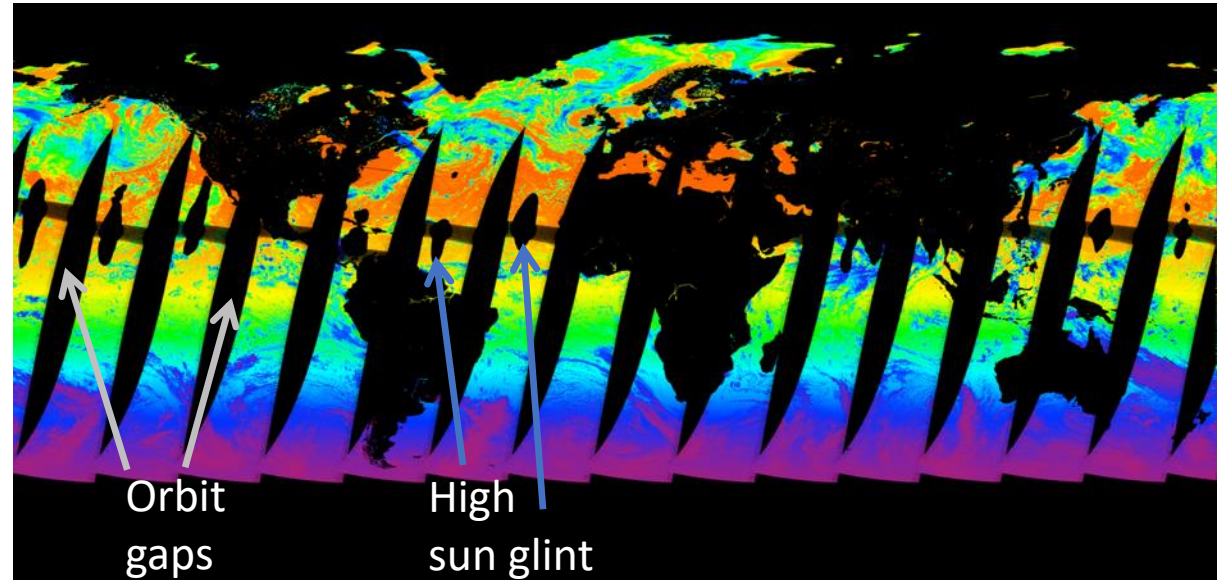
These “heritage” requirements are to be met by OCI (alone)



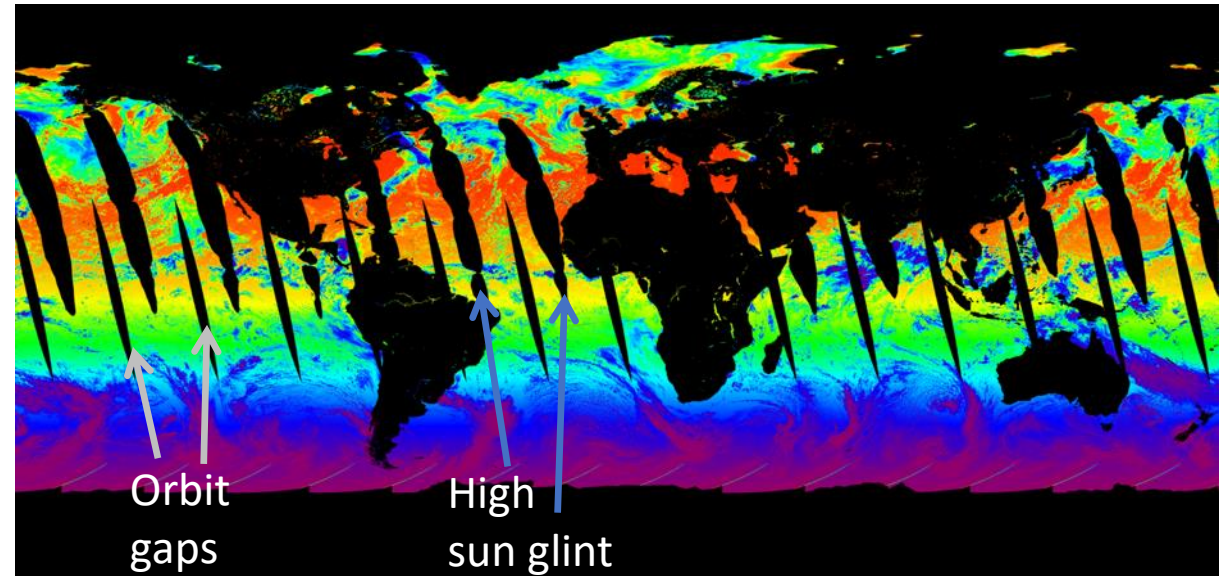
# OCI is tilted 20° to avoid glint



SeaWiFS PAR - June 21, 2007 (with tilt)



MODIS-Aqua PAR - June 21, 2007 (without tilt)

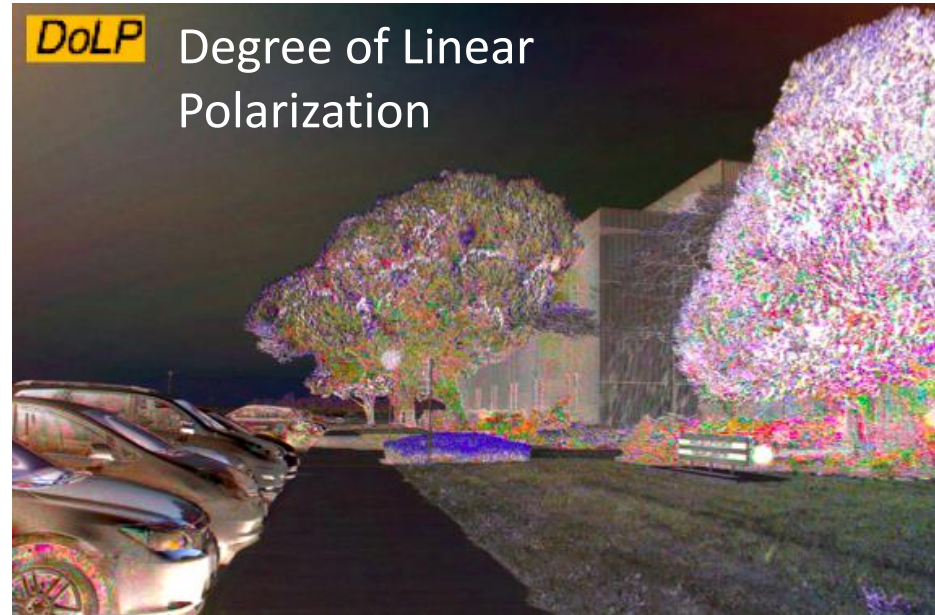
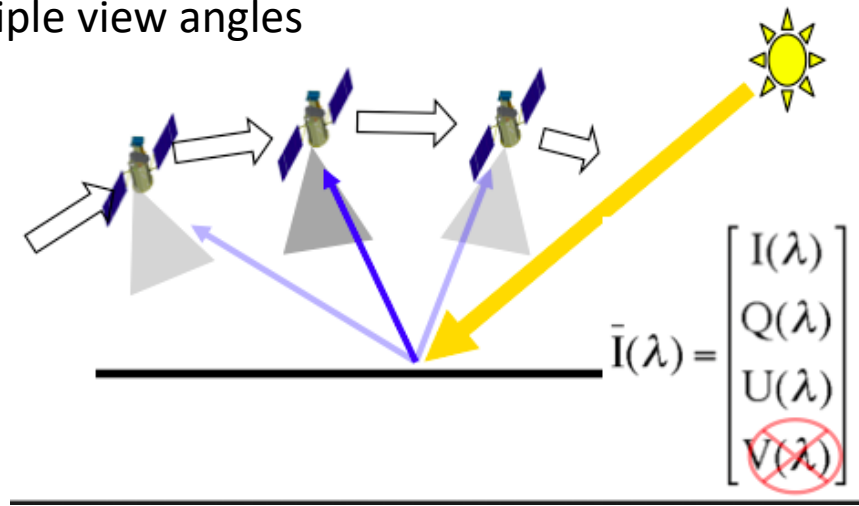




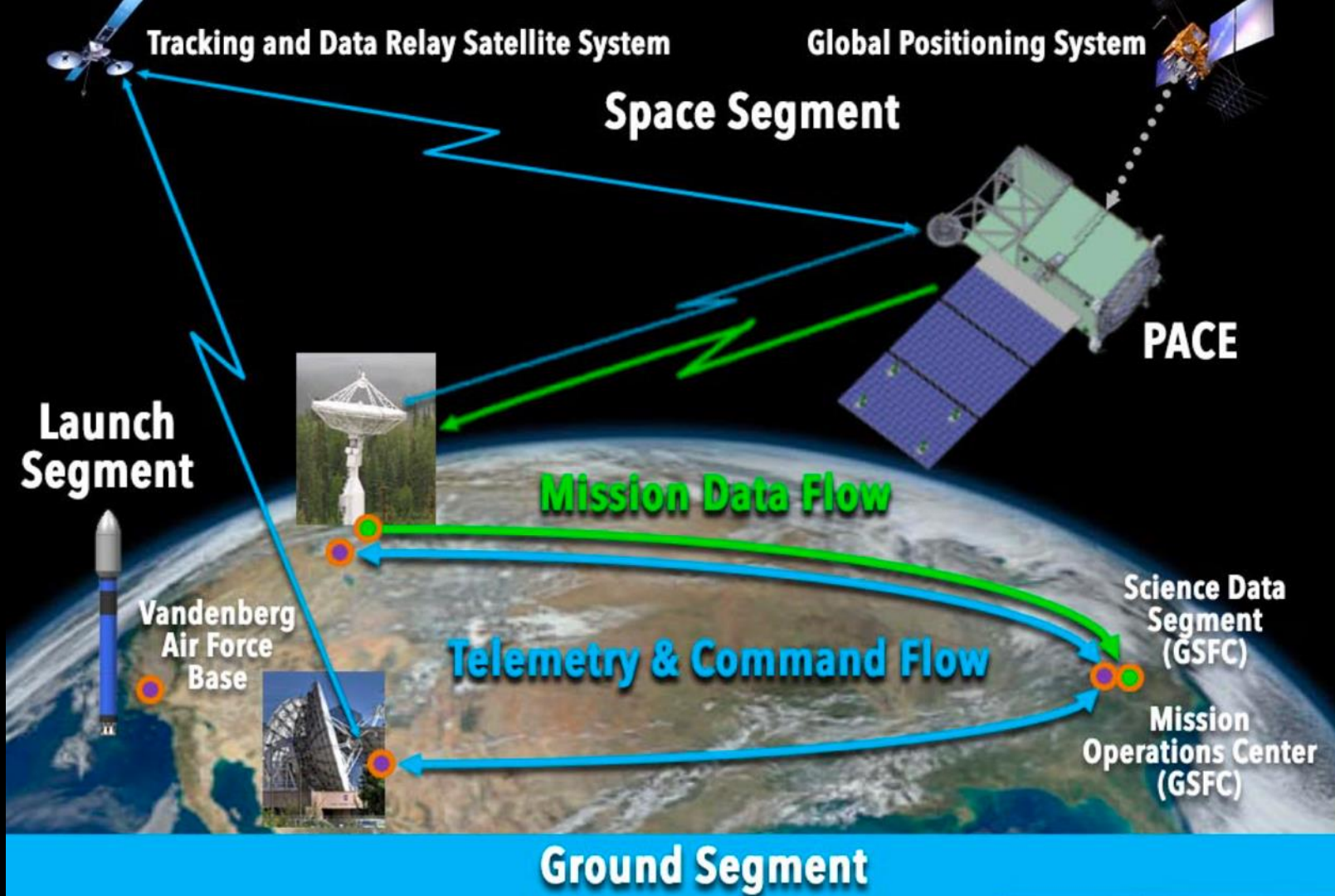
# Multi-angle polarimetry adds dimensions of information



Multiple view angles







## Mission Characteristics

### *Orbit*

- 675.5 km altitude
- Polar, ascending orbit
- Sun synchronous
- 98° inclination
- 13:00 local Equatorial crossing

### *Communications*

- Ka direct to ground
- 600 Mbps data transfer

### *Cost, Schedule, Lifespan*

- \$805M Design-to-Cost
- Category 2, Class C
- Fall 2022 launch
- 3-year design life
- 10-years of fuel



Alaska US

Fairbanks



Chile

Punta Arenas



Norway

Svalbard



New Mexico US

White Sands  
Alternate T&C



Maryland US

Goddard Space Flight Center  
(GSFC)

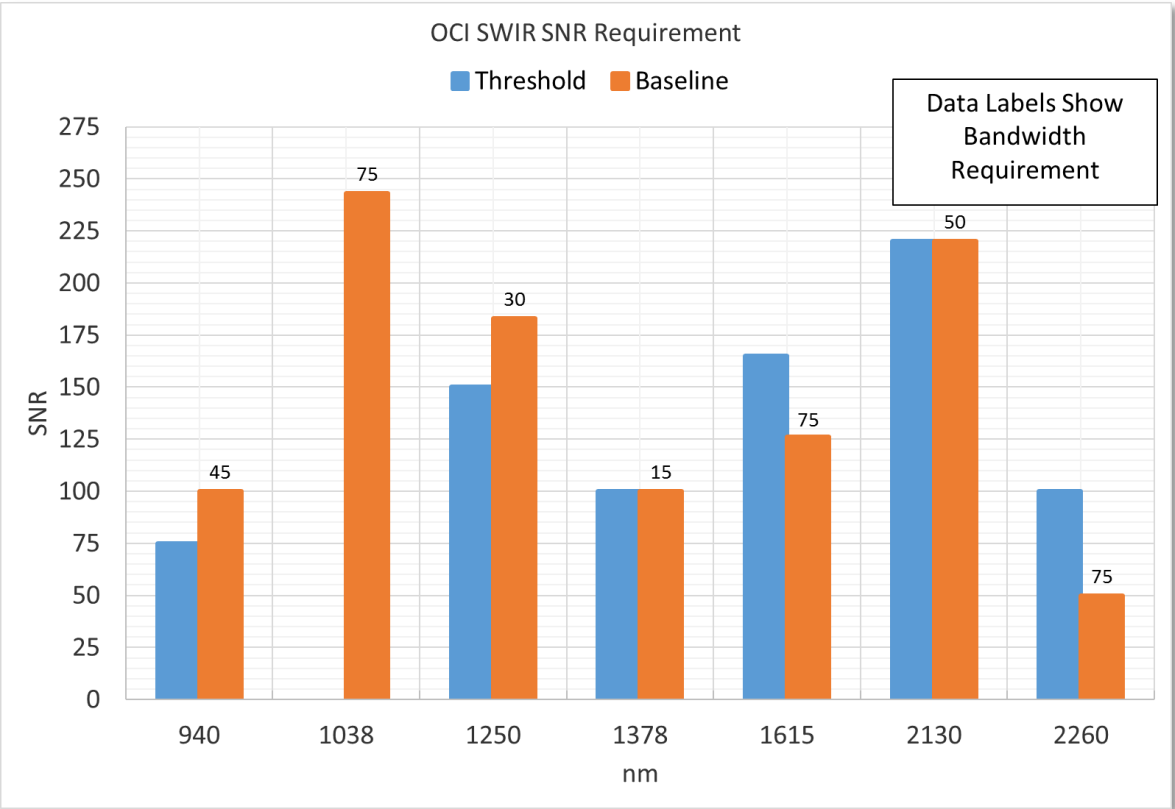
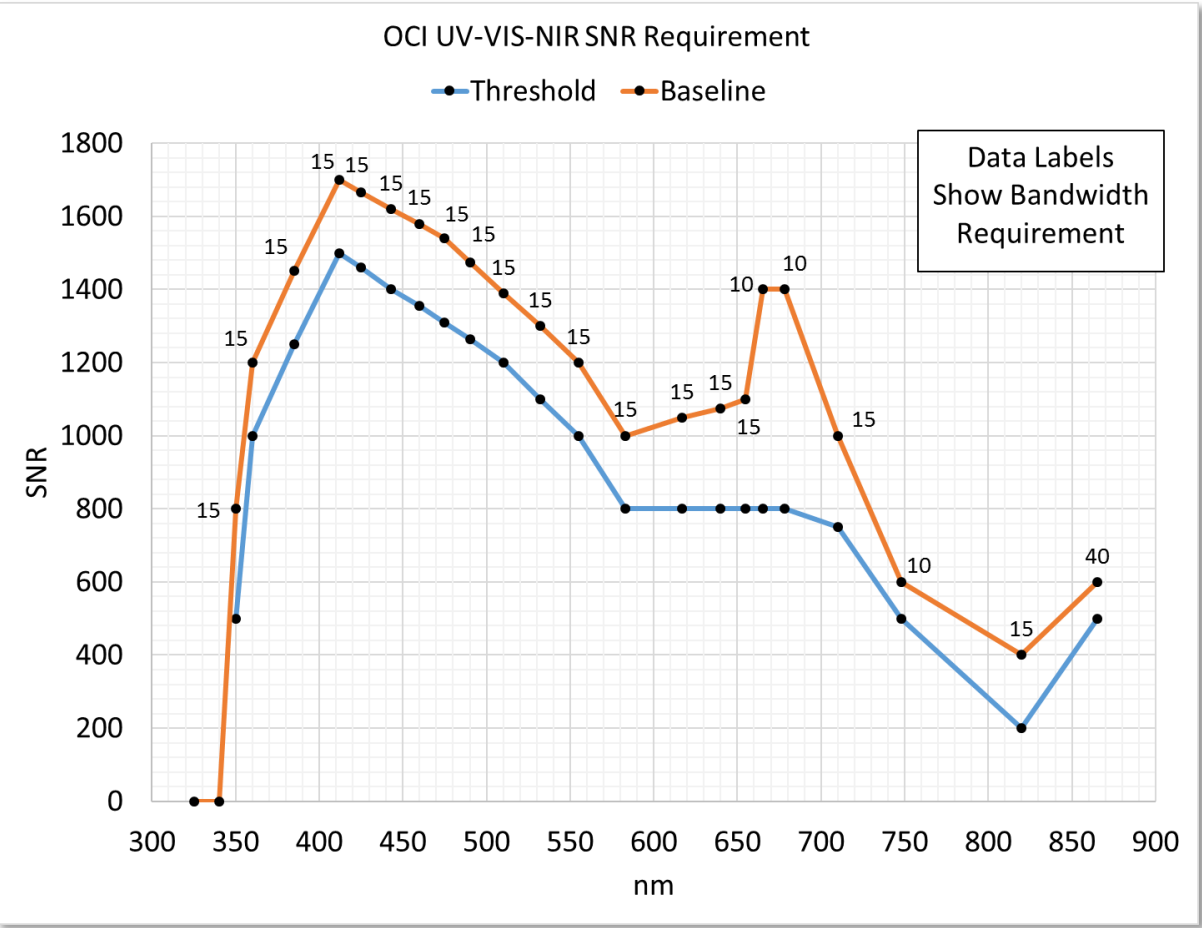


Mission Operations Center & Science Data Segment

Primary Telemetry & Command (T&C)  
and Science Data Ground Stations



# Ocean Color Instrument (OCI) – signal-to-noise (SNR)





# Required science data products (OCI)

Required data products & additional expected data products:

## Level 1 required (~threshold) products

Water-leaving reflectance	Aerosol optical thickness
Chlorophyll-a	Aerosol fine mode fraction
Phytoplankton absorption	Liquid / ice cloud optical thickness
NAP+CDOM absorption	Liquid / ice cloud effective radius
Particulate backscattering	Cloud layer detection ( $\tau < 0.3$ )
Diffuse attenuation	Cloud top pressure ( $\tau > 3$ )
Fluorescence line height	Shortwave radiation effect

Building capabilities to produce this full suite of OCI products from proxy data using preliminary/heritage algorithms by the end of 2018



# Advanced & evaluation science data products

Required data products & additional expected data products:

## Incomplete list of advanced (~baseline) products

Carbon stocks & fluxes	Liquid / ice cloud water path
Phytoplankton pigments	Polarimeter-specific products
Phytoplankton physiology	Applied sciences-specific products
Community structure (PFTs)	Land data products (TBD)
Productivity	Your very favorite data product that
PAR, light attenuation, water quality	I forgot to list ( <i>so plz don't ask</i> )

## General expectations for future PACE science teams:

- *Novel* methods for required products (exploit spectral capabilities)
- Methods for advanced products + scientific applications

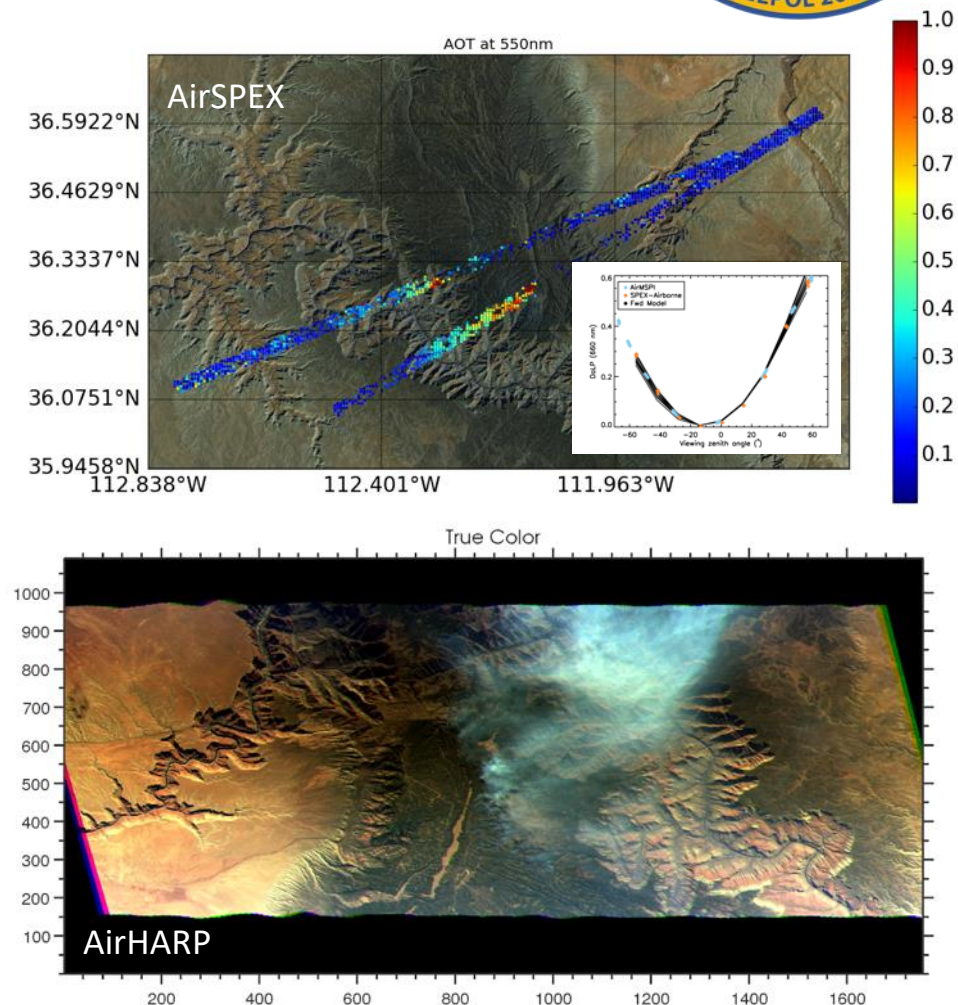
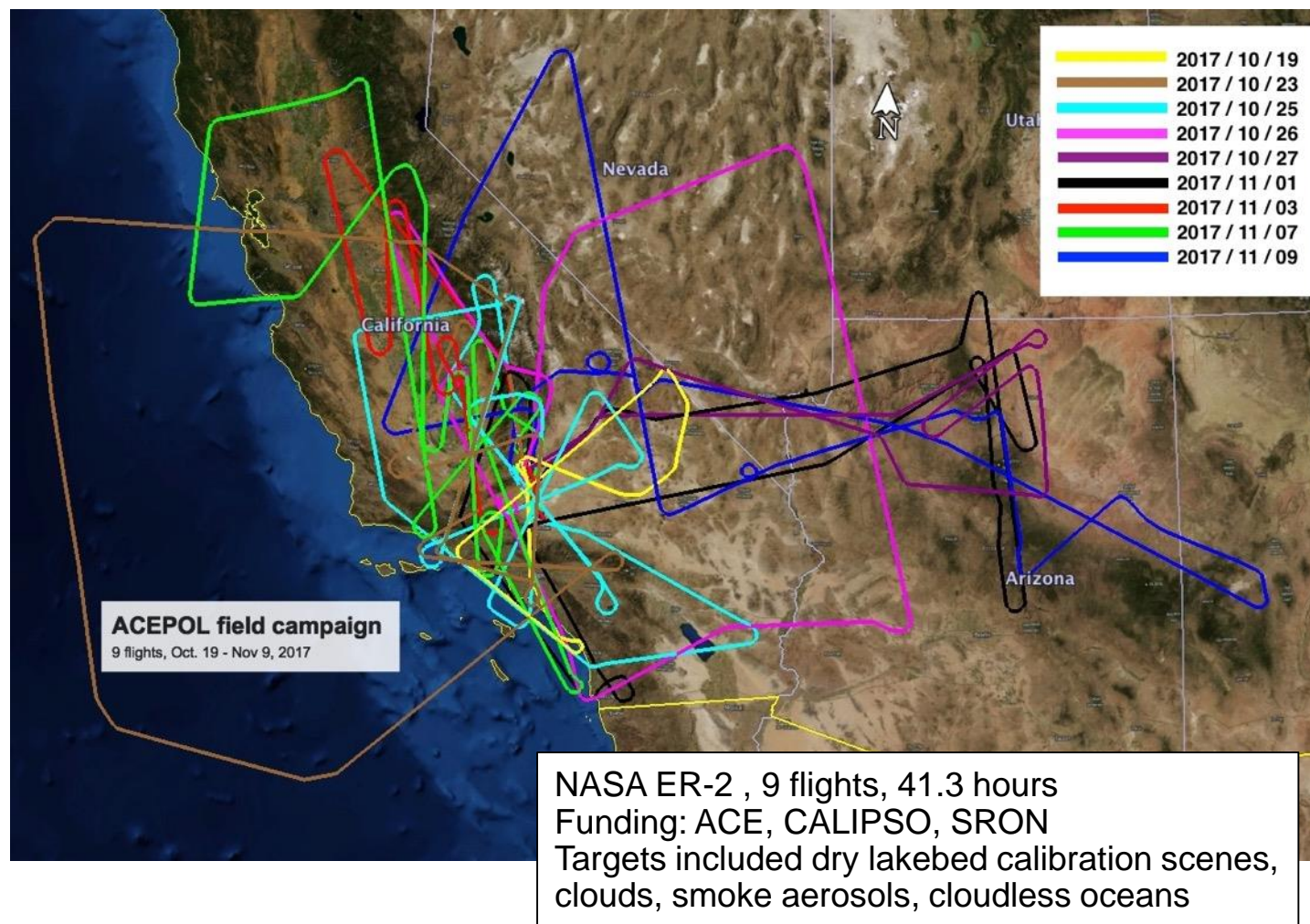


# ACEPOL: airborne polarimeter prototypes flew together

Airborne versions both flew as part of the Aerosol Characterization from Polarimeter and Lidar (ACEPOL) field campaign, Oct-Nov 2017 (alongside other polarimeters and lidars).

Polarimeters: AirMSPI, AirHARP, RSP, AirSPEX

Lidars: CPL, HSRL-2





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Make **new global measurements of ocean color** that are essential for understanding the global carbon cycle & ocean ecosystem responses to a changing climate

Collect **global observations of aerosol & cloud properties**, focusing on reducing the largest uncertainties in climate & radiative forcing models of the Earth system

**Challenge addressed:**  
signals from the ocean are small & differentiating between constituents requires additional information relative to what we have today

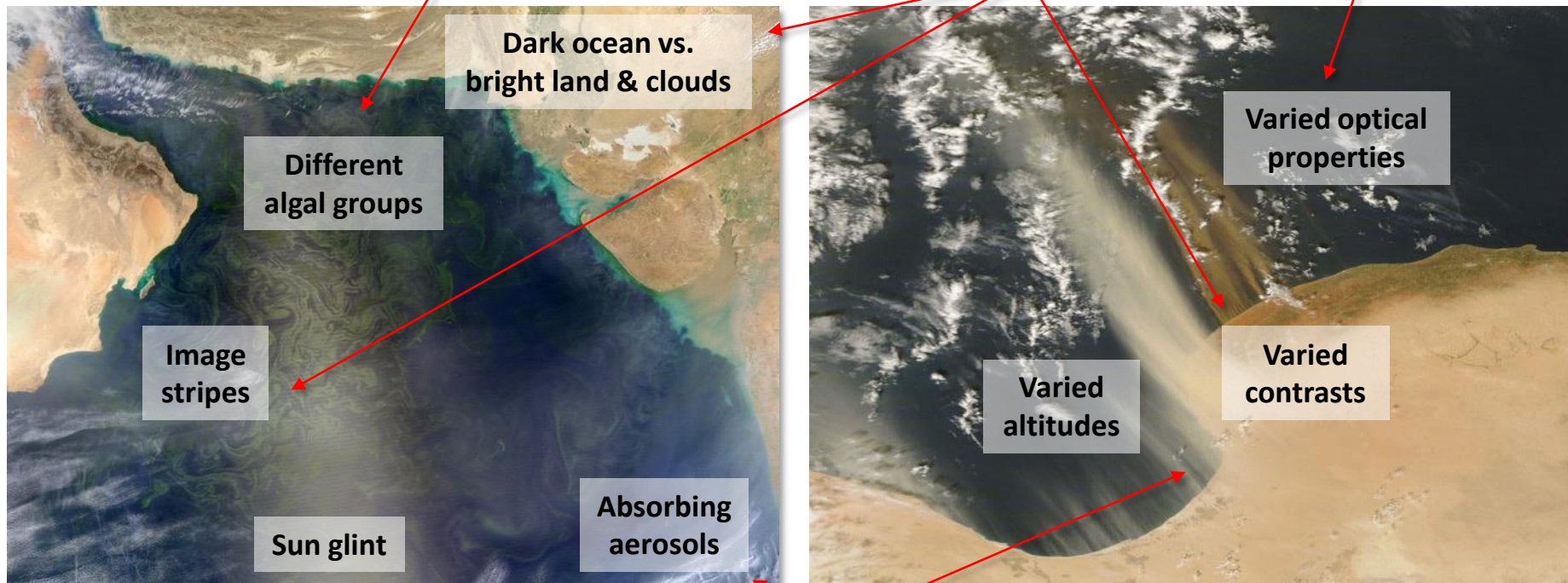
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*Twice-monthly lunar calibration & onboard solar calibration (daily, monthly, dim)*

*Spectral range from 350-865 @ 5 nm*

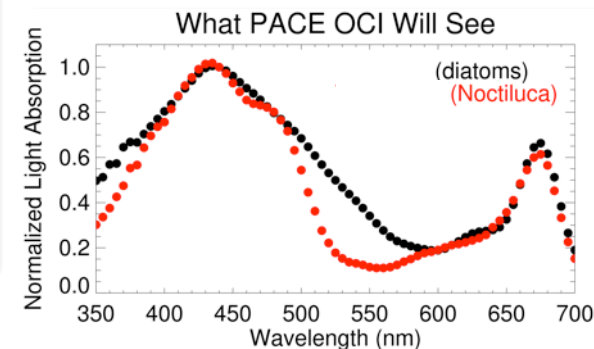
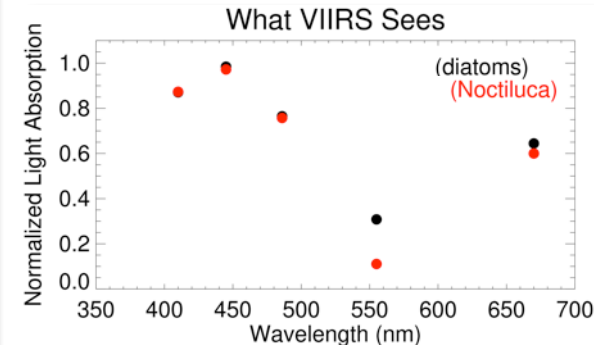
*940, 1038, 1250, 1378, 1615, 2130, 2260 nm*

*Instrument performance requirements*



*Tilt  $\pm 20^\circ$*

*Spectral range goal of **320**-865 @ 5 nm*



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aerosol, cloud, climate interactions are complicated and difficult to observe

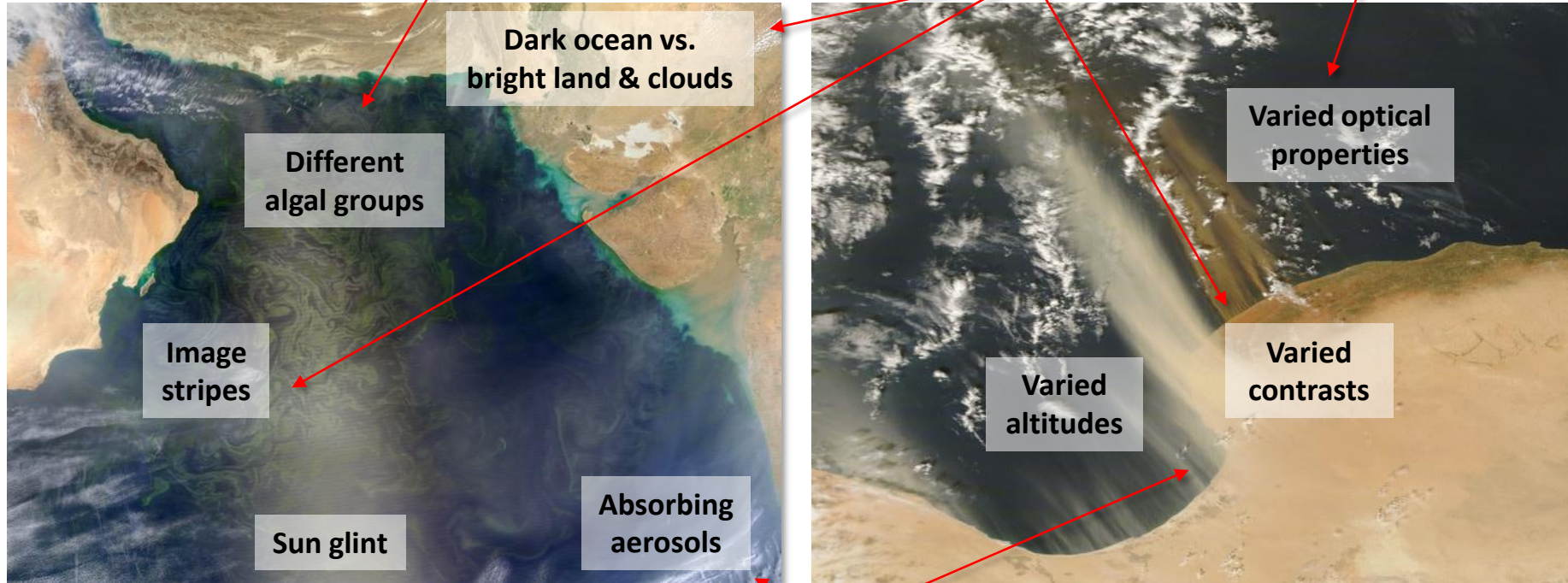
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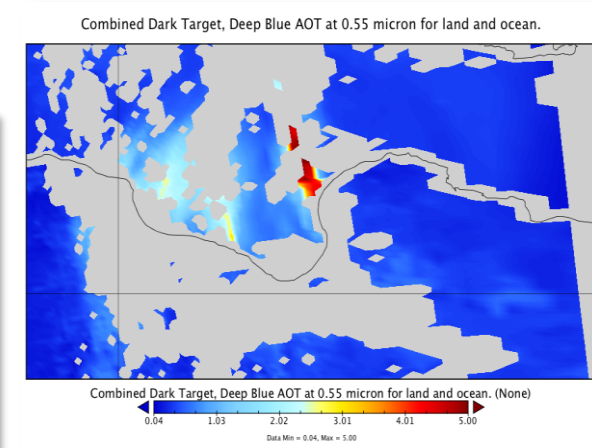
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**PACE will have:**

- an OCI with UV bands to 350 nm (320 nm goal) & two 2  $\mu\text{m}$  bands
- **multi-angle polarimetry**
- (no thermal bands)

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## PACE Polarimeters characteristics

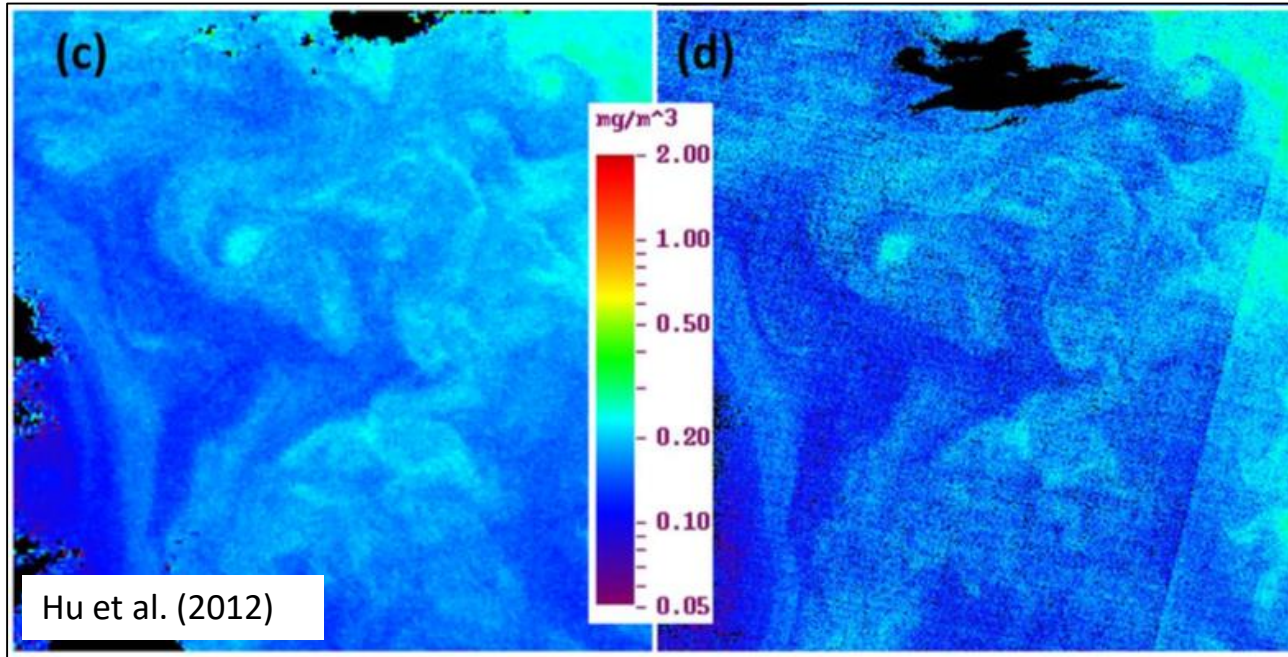
	Thresholds	SPEXone (SRON, Airbus)	HARP2 (UMBC)
<b>Polarimetric analysis method</b>	no req't.	Spectral Modulation Full Linear (Stokes I, Q and U)	Amplitude Split with Philips Prisms 0°, 45°, 90°
<b>DoLP accuracy</b>	<0.01 in aerosol, cloud, atmos. correction	<b>0.002 (goal)</b>	<0.01 * likely < 0.005 but it will depend on vicarious calibration efforts
<b>Radiance accuracy</b>	5% aerosols, clouds, atmos. correction	2%	est. 3% from ground cal
<b>Spectral Range</b>	four in 400-1600 nm, 2200 nm desired	<b>385-770 nm, spectrometer</b>	440, 550, 670, 870 nm
<b>Spectral Resolution</b>	no threshold req't.	<b>2 nm</b>	10nm / 40 nm for 870
<b># Viewing angles</b>	4 aerosols 5-6 cloud 4 atmos. correction	5 (-52°, -20°, 0°, 20°, 52°)	<b>20 for 440, 550, 870 nm; 60 for 670 nm</b> * limited by data rate
<b>Along track viewing angle range</b>	±50° view angle range from nadir	103.2°	114°
<b>Swath</b>	±15° aerosol, cloud ±25° atmos. correction	~9°(100km)	<b>94° (1550 km)</b> <i>(compare to 113° for OCI)</i>
<b>GSD</b>	5km <sup>2</sup> aerosol, cloud, atmos. correction	2.5 km <sup>2</sup>	2.5km <sup>2</sup> * this is an estimate as the GSD can vary with binning approach
<b>Prior History</b>	n/a	1) AirSPEX	1) cubesat HARP for ISS 2) AirHARP



# Image artifacts & instrument design

SeaWiFS (rotating telescope)  
1 science detector

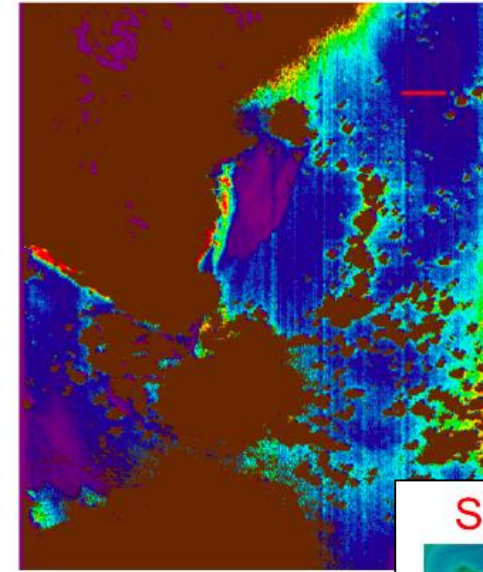
MERIS (pushbroom)  
multiple science detectors



often larger science pixels  
(1 km)

often smaller science pixels  
(30-300 m)

HICO TOA 444 nm



All multiple detector  
instruments show  
stripes in ocean color  
imagery (more  
detectors to calibrate)

SNPP VIIRS chlorophyll

