



NASA's Airborne Science Program

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Earth System Science



Sun- Earth
Connection

Climate Variability
and Change

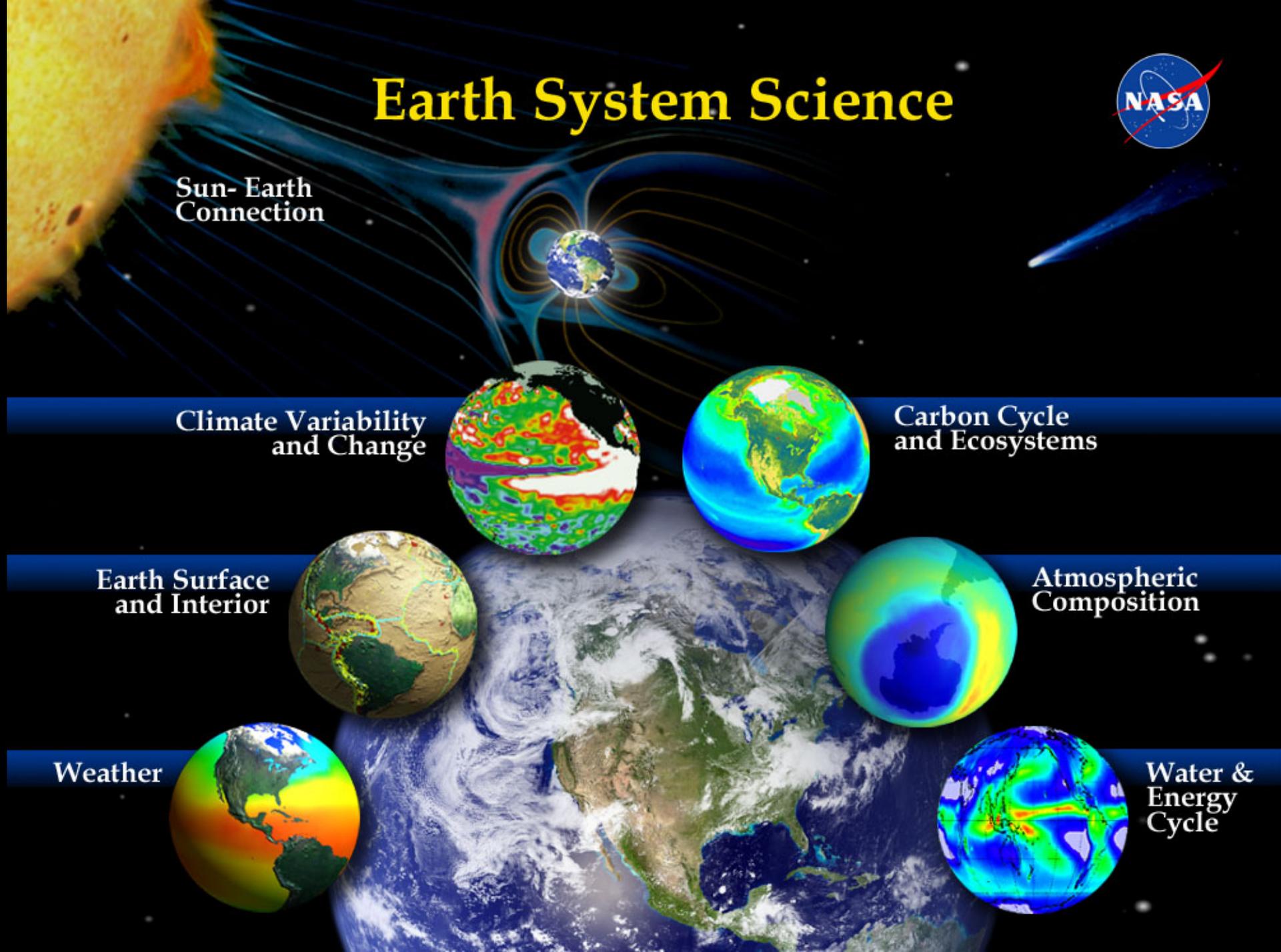
Carbon Cycle
and Ecosystems

Earth Surface
and Interior

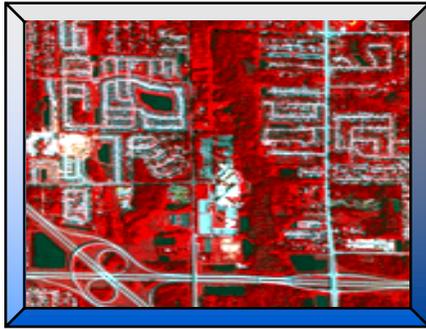
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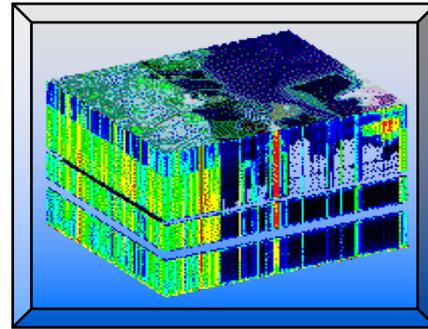
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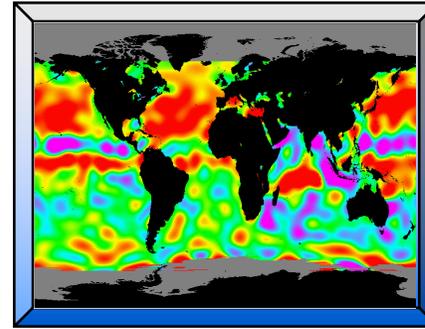
Multiple Remote Sensing Approaches to address science questions



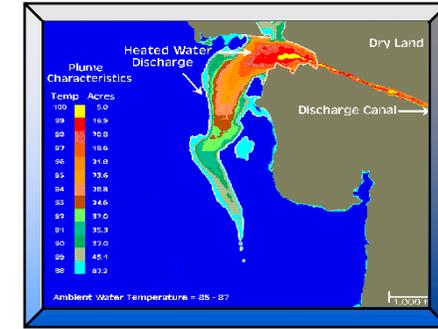
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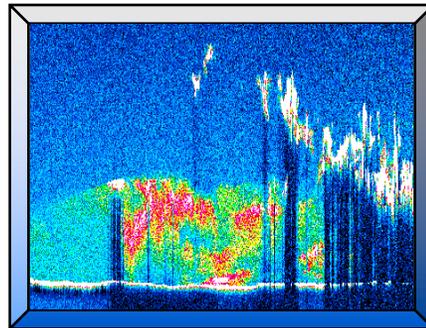
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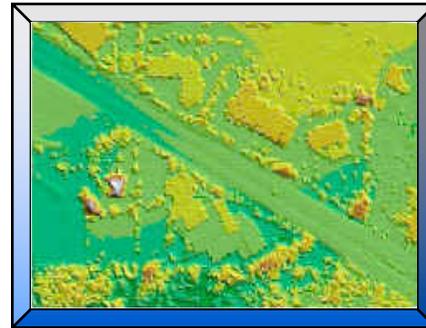
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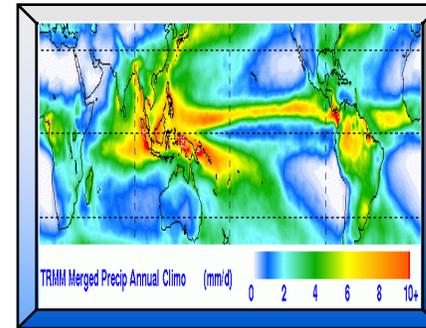
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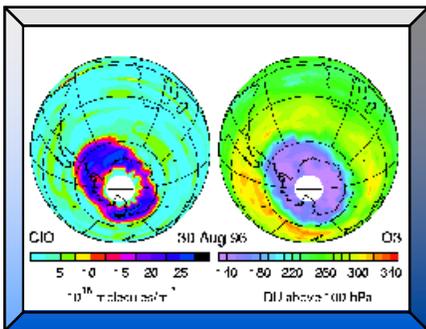
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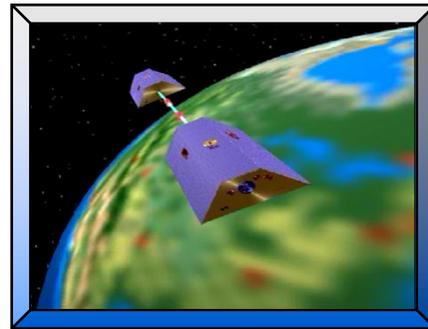
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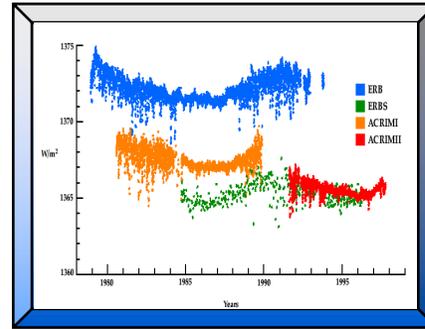
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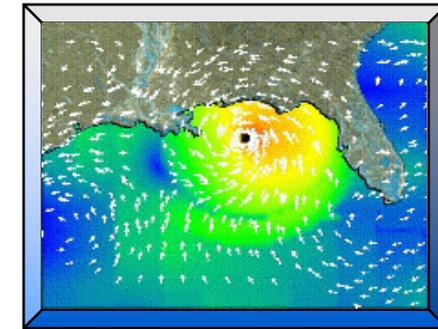
Limb Sounding



Microwave Ranging



Irradiance/Photometry



Scatterometry

- (Pre)Formulation
- Implementation
- Primary Ops
- Extended Ops

NASA Earth Science

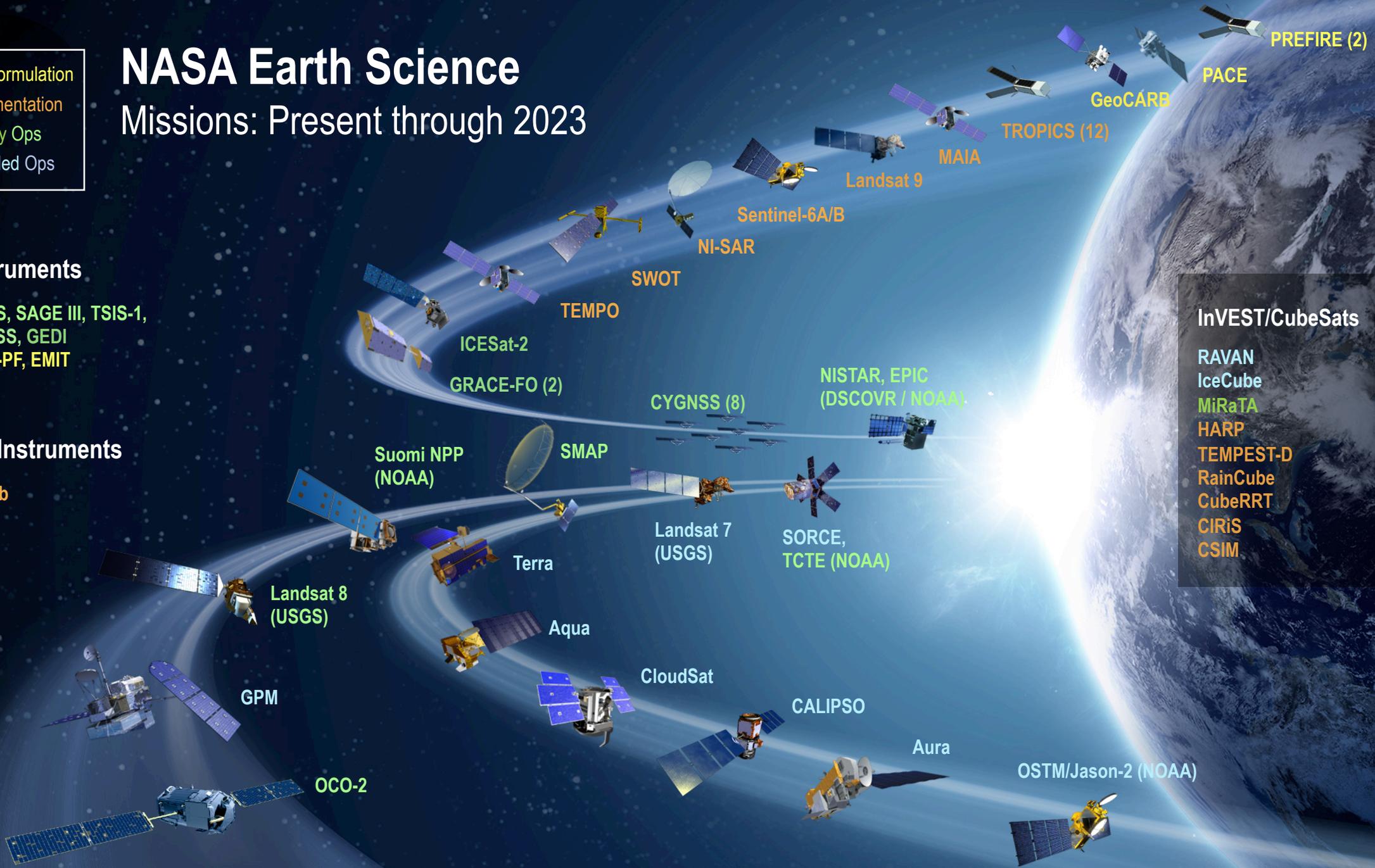
Missions: Present through 2023

ISS Instruments

OCO-3, LIS, SAGE III, TSIS-1,
ECOSTRESS, GEDI
CLARREO-PF, EMIT

JPSS-2 Instruments

OMPS-Limb



InVEST/CubeSats

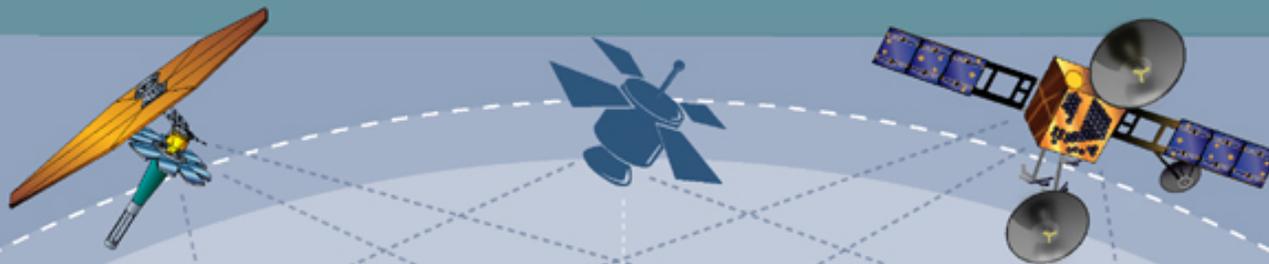
- RAVAN
- IceCube
- MiRaTA
- HARP
- TEMPEST-D
- RainCube
- CubeRRT
- CIRiS
- CSIM

Vantage Points

Components of a Global System for Earth Observation

Capabilities

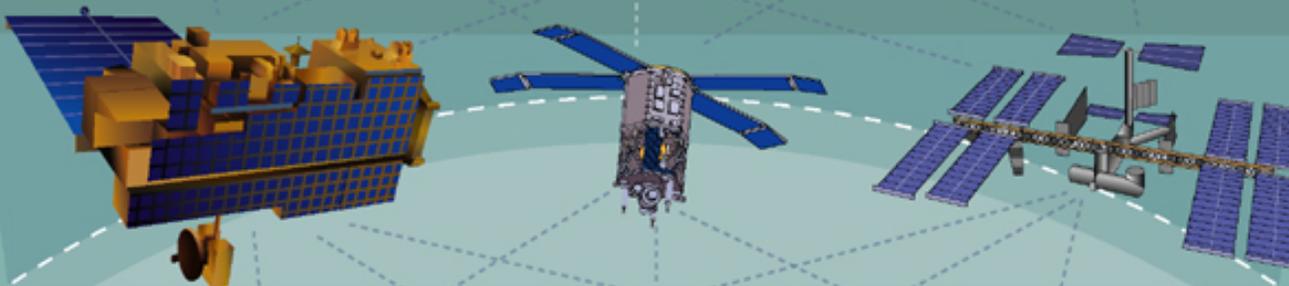
Far-Space



Permanent

LI/L2/HEO/GEO
Sentinel satellites for continuous monitoring

Near-Space



Deployable

LEO/MEO
Active & passive sensors for trends & process studies

Airborne



Suborbital
In situ measurement in research campaigns & validation of new remote sensors

Terrestrial



Surface-Based Networks
Ocean buoys, air samplers, strain detectors, ground validation sites

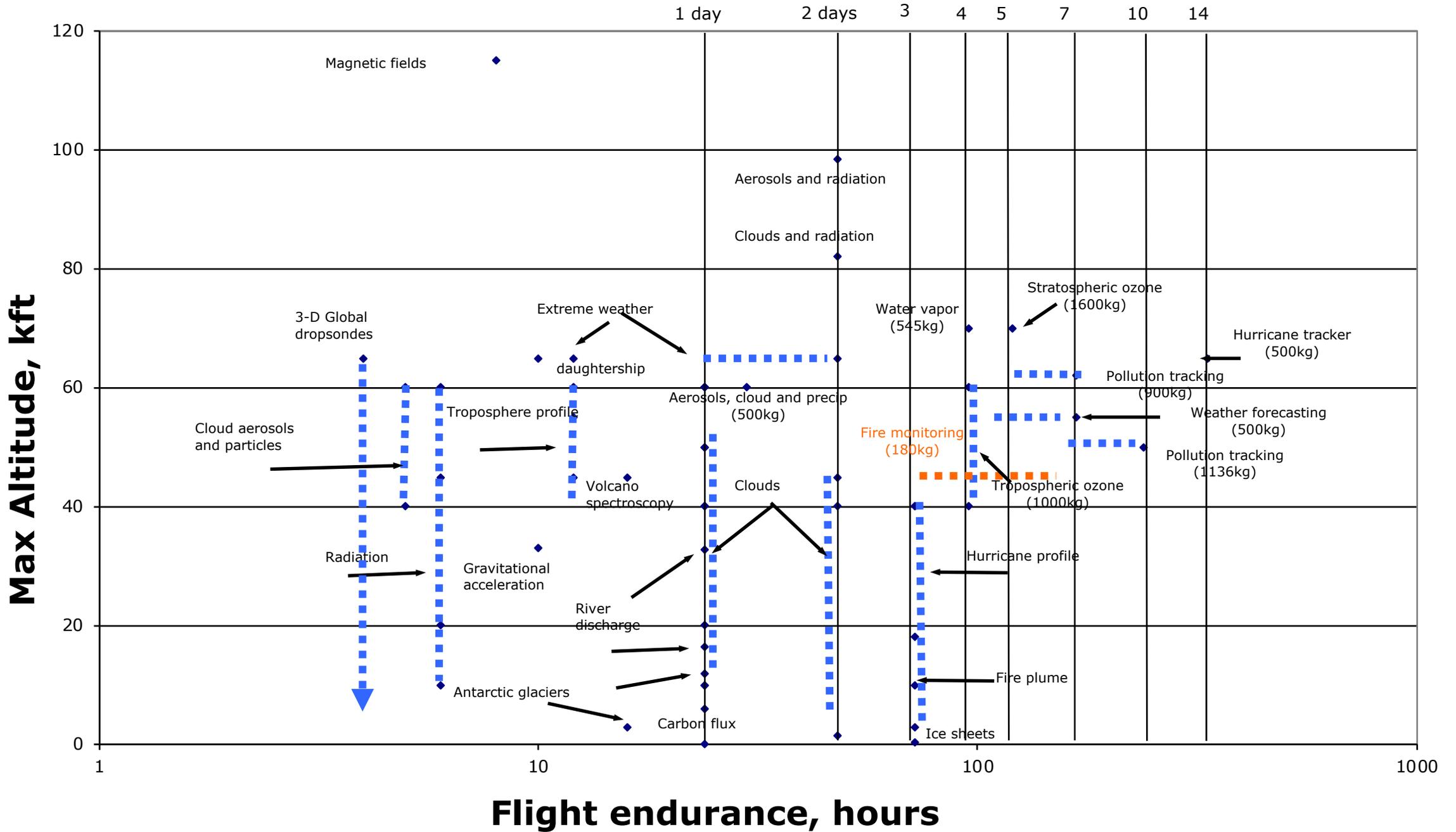
Information Systems
Data management, data assimilation, modeling & synthesis



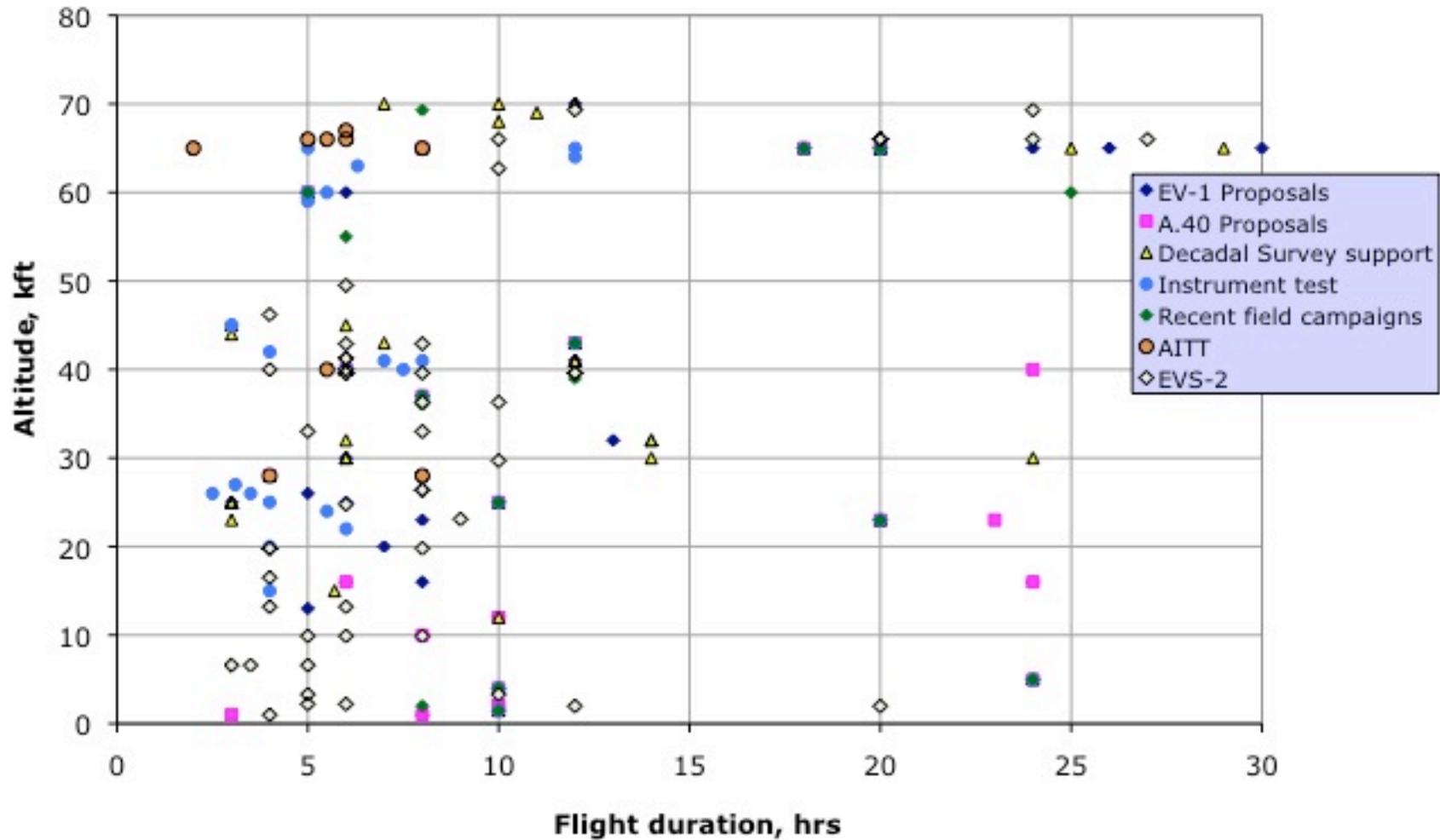
Airborne Platforms Provide Opportunities To Study the Earth System and its Components



- Help **bridge scales** between the (typically) global scales of satellite observations and the very local observations of surface-based in situ measurements.
- Way of doing comprehensive **process-oriented studies** that can focus on specific regions and times of interest.
- Initial sense about Earth system parameters and their variability before satellite observations are possible.
- Focused **calibration/validation** observations (e.g., coincident measurements) for satellite remote sensing.
- Opportunities to **test new instrumentation** in an environment that can provide some similarities to space-based platforms/viewing.
- **Targeted observations** when needed for applications (e.g., disaster response).
- Opportunities for **training of investigators** who see through all phases of a project (instrument development, operation/use, analysis/interpretation, results dissemination, public communication).

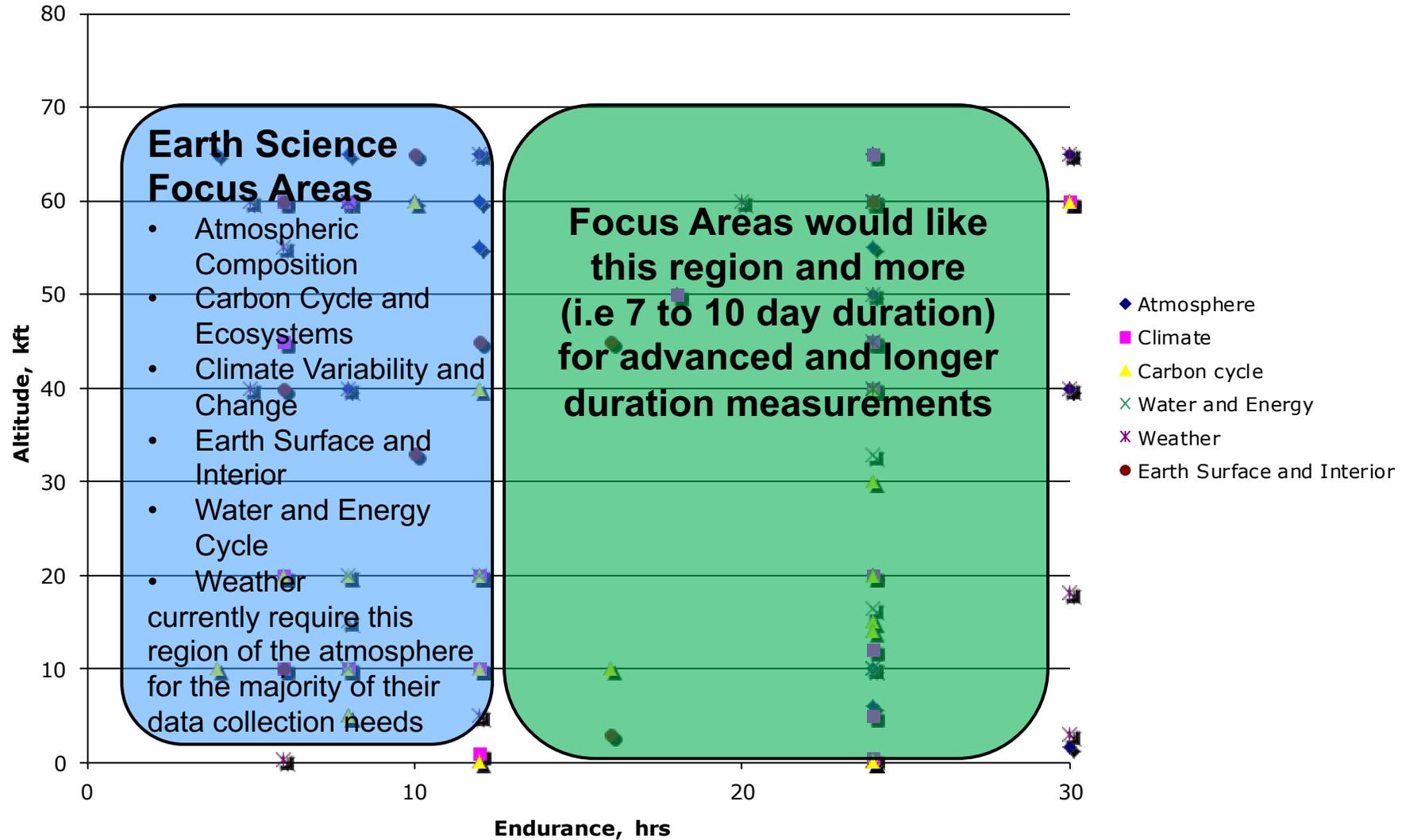


Community Requirements for Airborne Measurements



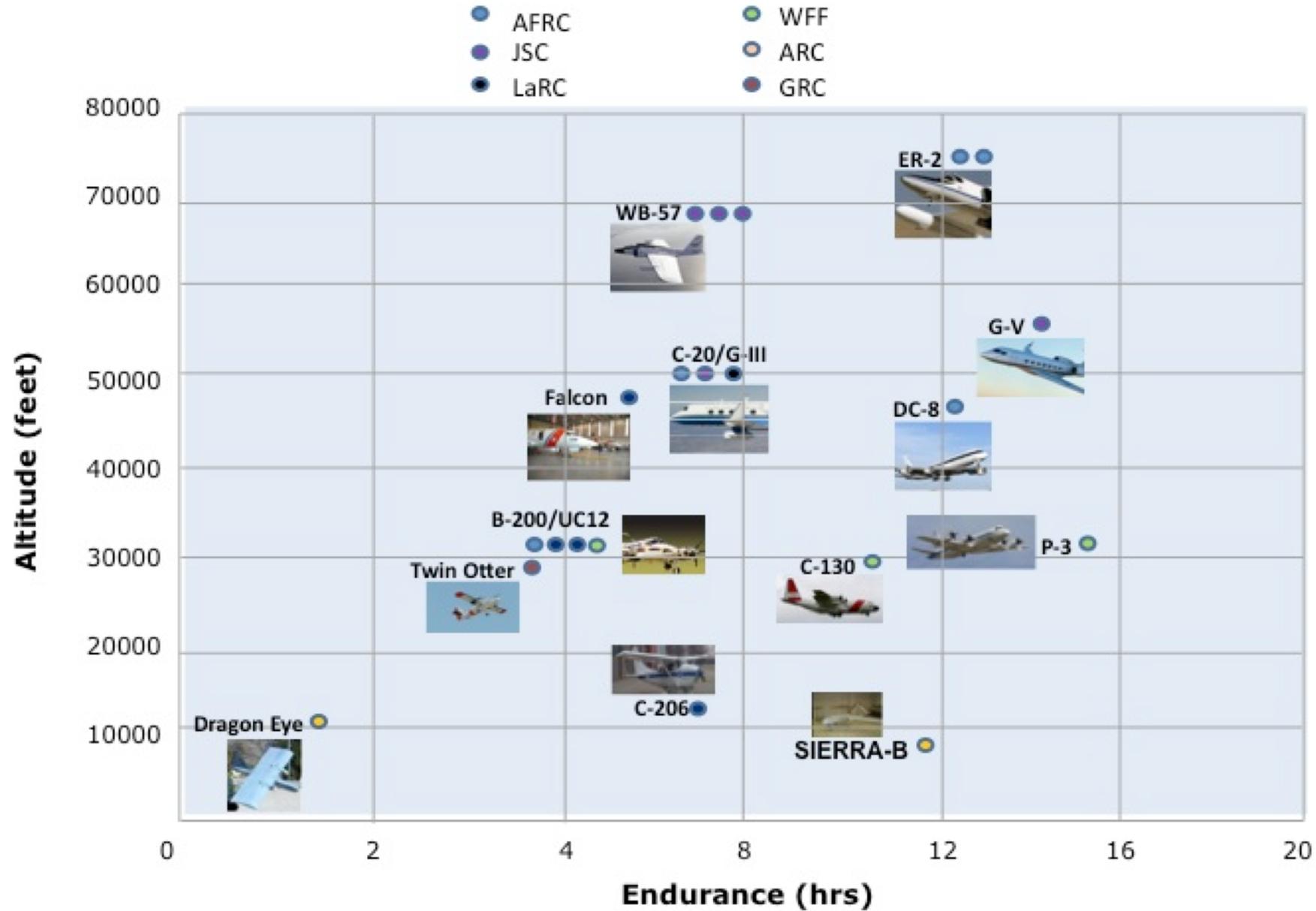
Earth Science Requirements

Platform performance required/desired from science community



Bottom Line – cost effective data collection from 500 - 70kft and from 2 - 30 plus hours and beyond (7 to 10 days)

NASA Earth Science Research Capable Aircraft





National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Airborne Science Program





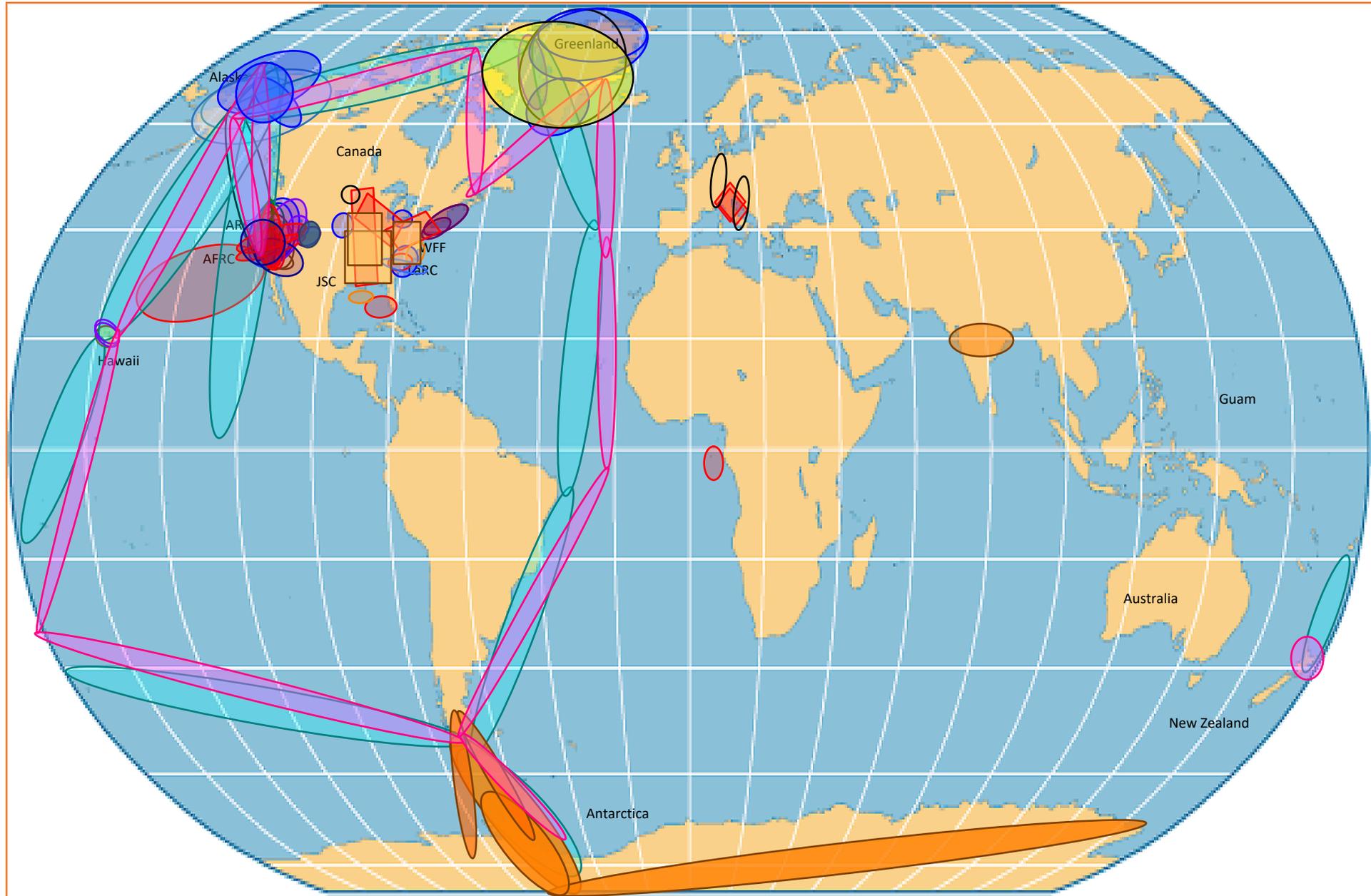
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

AIRBORNE SCIENCE PROGRAM

2019 PROGRAM PLATFORMS



FY2018 Airborne Campaigns



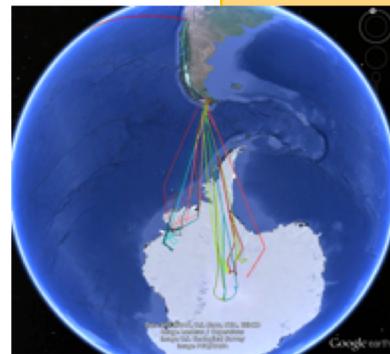
Recent Accomplishments

(as of June 2019)

- **Hours Flown** –over 3800 in FY17, over 3100 in FY18
- **Completed Major Campaigns**
 - **Operation IceBridge:** Antarctic deployment, Arctic deployment
 - **GV first science:** SWOT and GEDI cal/val
 - **EVS-2:** Act-America, ATom, OMG, ORACLES
 - **ABoVE** continuity
 - **Long Island Sound Tropospheric Ozone Study**
 - **HyspIRI CA and Hawaii**
 - **GLiHT Forest Health**
 - **Kilauea Response**
 - **ACEPOL**
 - **Airborne Snow Observatory**
 - **Multiple UAVSAR ESI investigations**
 - **SARP**
- **Major Platform Updates**
 - **GV** completed two missions, two upcoming
 - **Acquired GIII**, mods ongoing
 - **C-20A** maintenance
 - **ER-2 CARE** ongoing



ATOM Science Team



DC-8 Antarctic Flights 2018



Flight-tracking during LISTOS

ER-2 in Hawaii for HySPIRI/HyTES



P-3 in Sao Tome for ORACLES



P-3 on the tarmac in Fairbanks

NASA EVS-3 Draft Flight Schedule

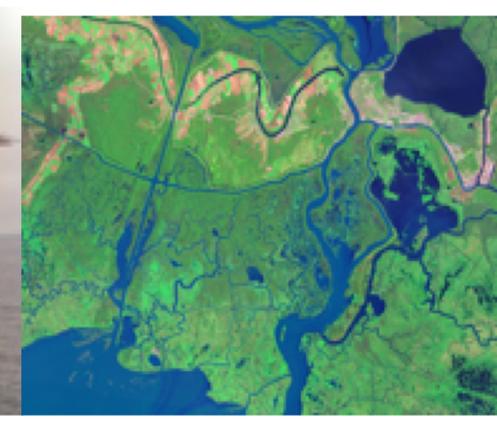
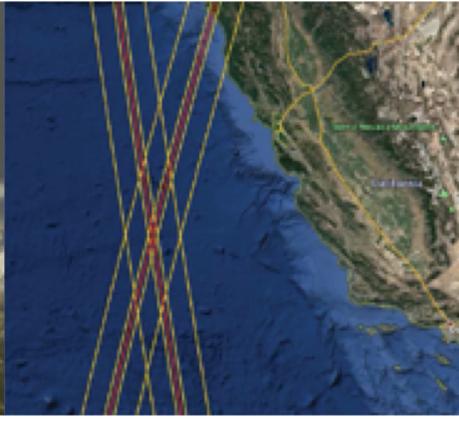
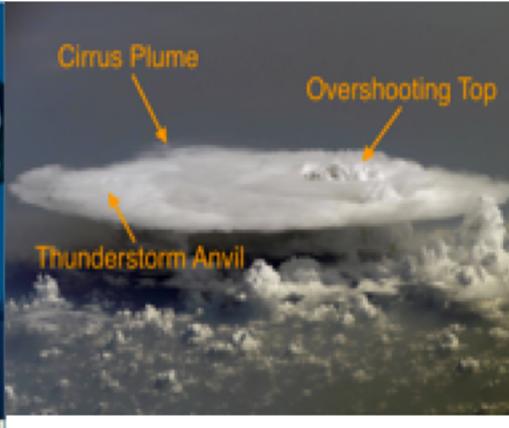
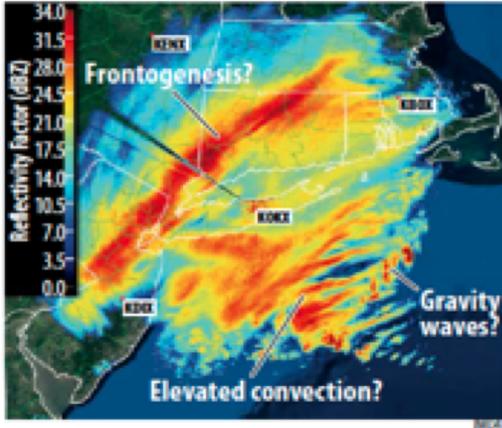
IMPACTS

DCOTSS

S-MODE

ACTIVATE

DELTA-X



Mission	Location	Aircraft	CY2019				CY2020				CY2021				CY2022			
IMPACTS	U.S. East Coast	P-3, ER-2																
DCOTSS	Based from Salinas, Kansas	ER-2																
S-MODE	Pacific Ocean off Monterey	G-V, B-200																
ACTIVATE	Western North Atlantic	HU-25, B-200																
Delta-X	Mississippi River Delta	G-III, B-200 (2)																

New Aircraft for NASA Earth Science

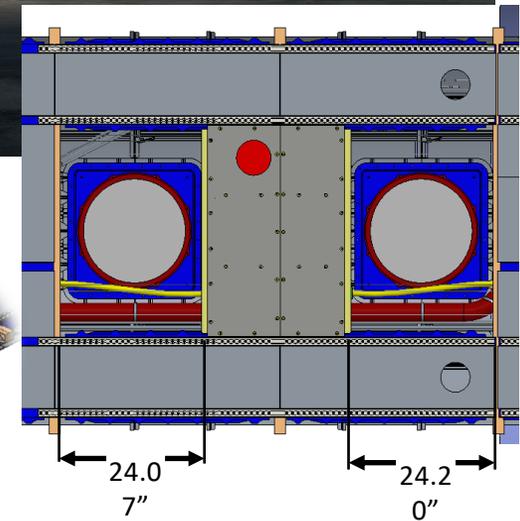
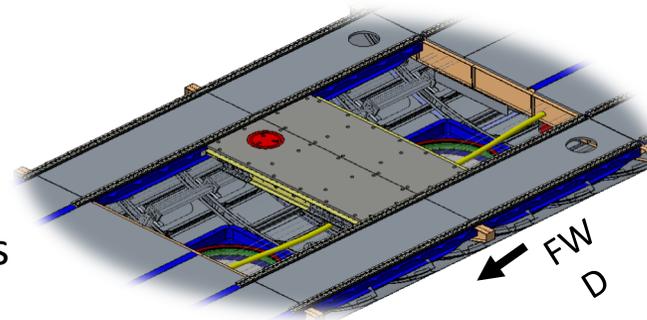


- **Gulfstream V (N95NA)**

- Serial 672, built in 2002
- Service Ceiling: 51,000ft
- Max Speed: Mach 0.885
- Normal cruise range: >5,000nm
- Max Payload: 8,300lbs

- Two downward-facing viewports installed in forward cabin

- FS 290.5 and 339.5
- 20.75" x 20.75" opening
 - ⇒ Window viewable area will be smaller, circular
- Includes mounting ring capable of ~350lb load (minus window pack)
- Sealing blank for non-science flights





Gulfstream III (NASA 520) Aircraft Metrics



- Gulfstream III
 - Serial 478, built in 1986 as U. S. Air Force C-20B
 - Service Ceiling: 45,000 ft
 - Max. Gross Weight: 69,700 lbs
 - Max. Mission Duration: 8.5 hr
 - Max. Cabin Payload: 2610 lbs
 - Max. Speed: Mach 0.85
 - Normal Cruise Range: 3767 n.mi.



Two Identical Portals

- 18.16 x 18.16 in. portal “see through” opening
- 19.00 x 19.00 in. vertical portal flange
- 21.00 x 21.00 in. mounting flange



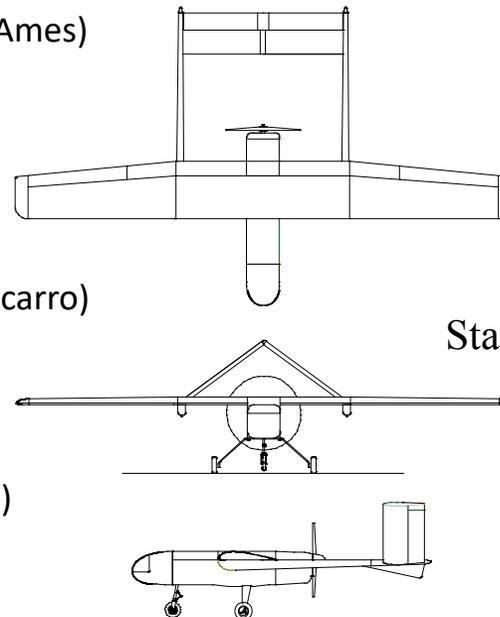
SIERRA

Sensor Integrated Environmental Remote Research Aircraft

- SIERRA complements other UAVs in the NASA science fleet specializing in dangerous, low altitude missions that require larger payload capacity than typical small UAVs
- Airframe designed by NRL; systems development and integration at NASA Ames
- Ship 1 operated Oct 2008-Jul 2013
- Payloads flown include:
 - VIS/NIR Hyperspectral Imager (NASA Ames)
 - LIDAR Profilometer (CU-Boulder)
 - Ocean Color suite (NASA GSFC)
 - MMS (NASA Ames)
 - CO2/CH4/H2O (Los Gatos Research/Picarro)
 - C-Band SAR (Artemis/BYU)
 - UHF/L-band SAR (Mirage Systems)
 - Flux-gate Magnetometer (Geometrics)



Phil Schulyer, SIERRA crew chief with the aircraft carrying a GP-SAR antennae and modified nose



Wing Span	20 ft.
Length	11.8 ft.
Height	4.6 ft.
Wing Area	42.4 sq. ft.
Empty Weight	215 lbs.
Gross Weight	375 lbs.
Max Speed	79 kts.
Cruise Speed	55 kts.
Stall Speed (clean)	30 kts.
Aspect ratio	9.43
Rate of Climb	545 ft./min.
CG Position	29-32% Chord
Payload weight	~100lbs
Payload power	28V DC
Duration	8-10 hrs



Swift Engineering has SBIR Phase II funding to flight test a 30-day vehicle with 15lb payload at Yuma in Summer 2019 at Yuma Proving Grounds. ASP supports a Technical Monitor to the project and is providing a test payload to validate platform capabilities.

NASA SBIR PII – HALE UAV update

- NASA has been leading the development and science rationale for this new type of aircraft for 2 decades.
- Solar electric platform flying at 70kft for weeks to months with smaller payloads
- Provides observations similar to geostationary satellites; cubesat testbed
- Airbus Zephyr, Aeroenvironment+Softbank, Aurora Odyssey, and Prismatic are commercial programs in development
- NASA is funding Swift Engineering to test a prototype aircraft in summer 2019.
- Costa Rica is one location that is being investigated to support flight testing

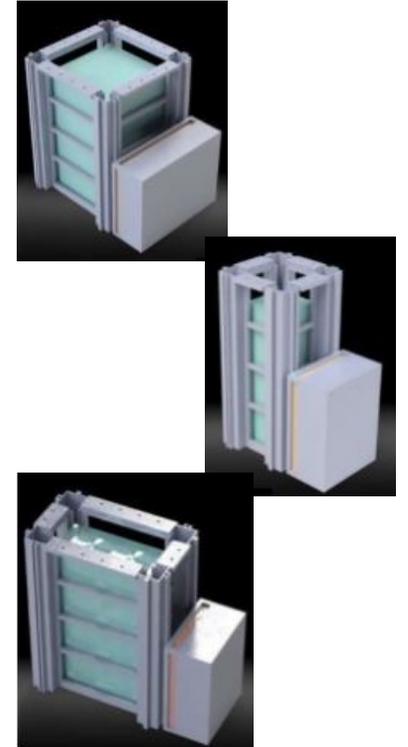


- 30-day @ 70k ft
- 15lb payload in nose
- LiS battery

X-Cube: Towards a standard rack system for cubesat airborne testing

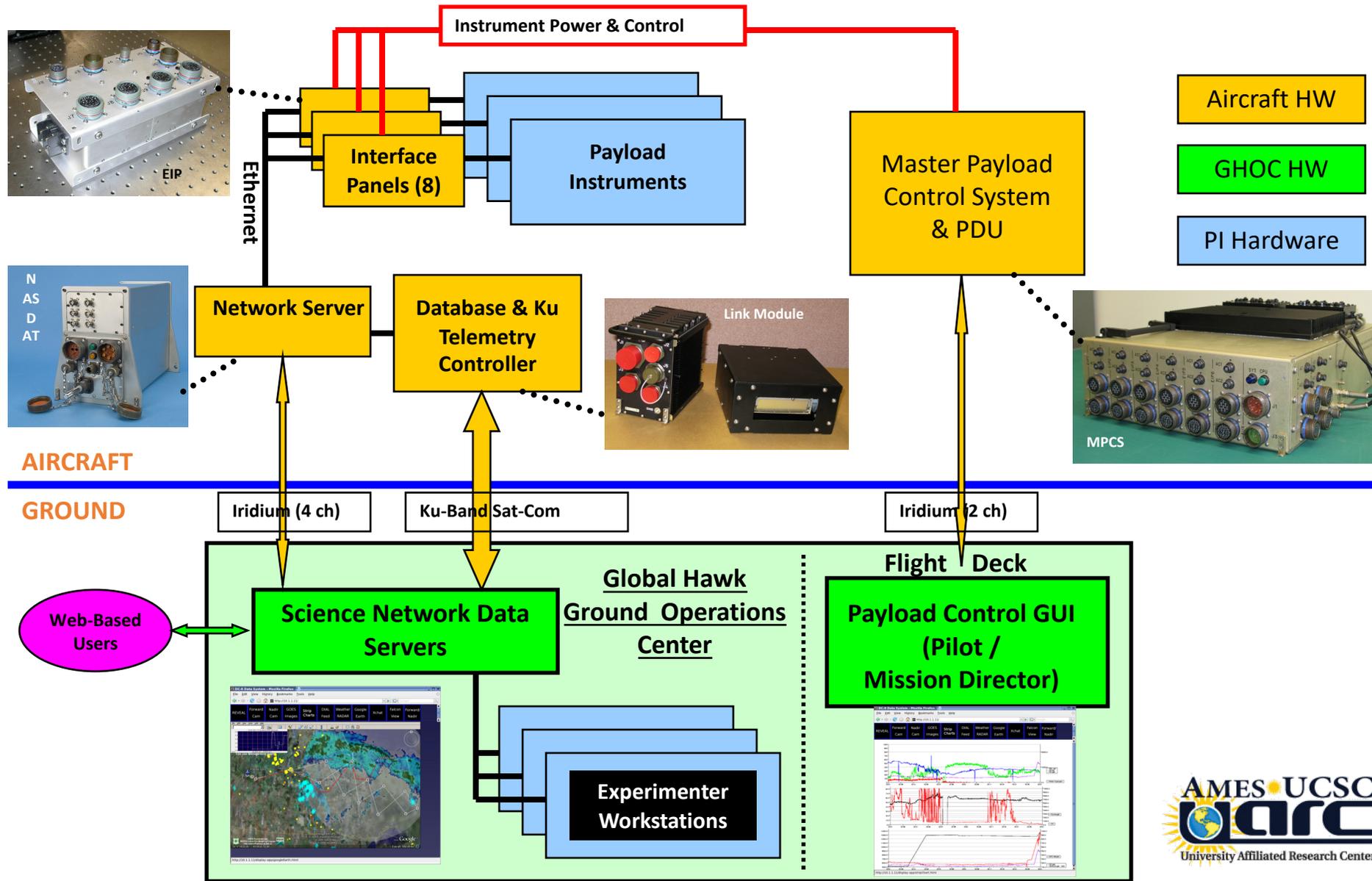
- Collaboration with the NASA Airborne Science Program and USRA
- Standard for integration of CubeSats into the NASA aircraft for suborbital flight testing
- A new means for instrument calibration and testing prior to integration into a spacecraft
- Creates more opportunities for new developers to collect valuable science data
- Deployment Switch Actuation to simulate spacecraft deployment
- Allows for data storage and ground communication
- 28 and 12 Volt DC available for each payload
- 30 Watts of power available per 1U payload volume

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NASA Global Hawk Real-Time Payload Communications & Control Systems



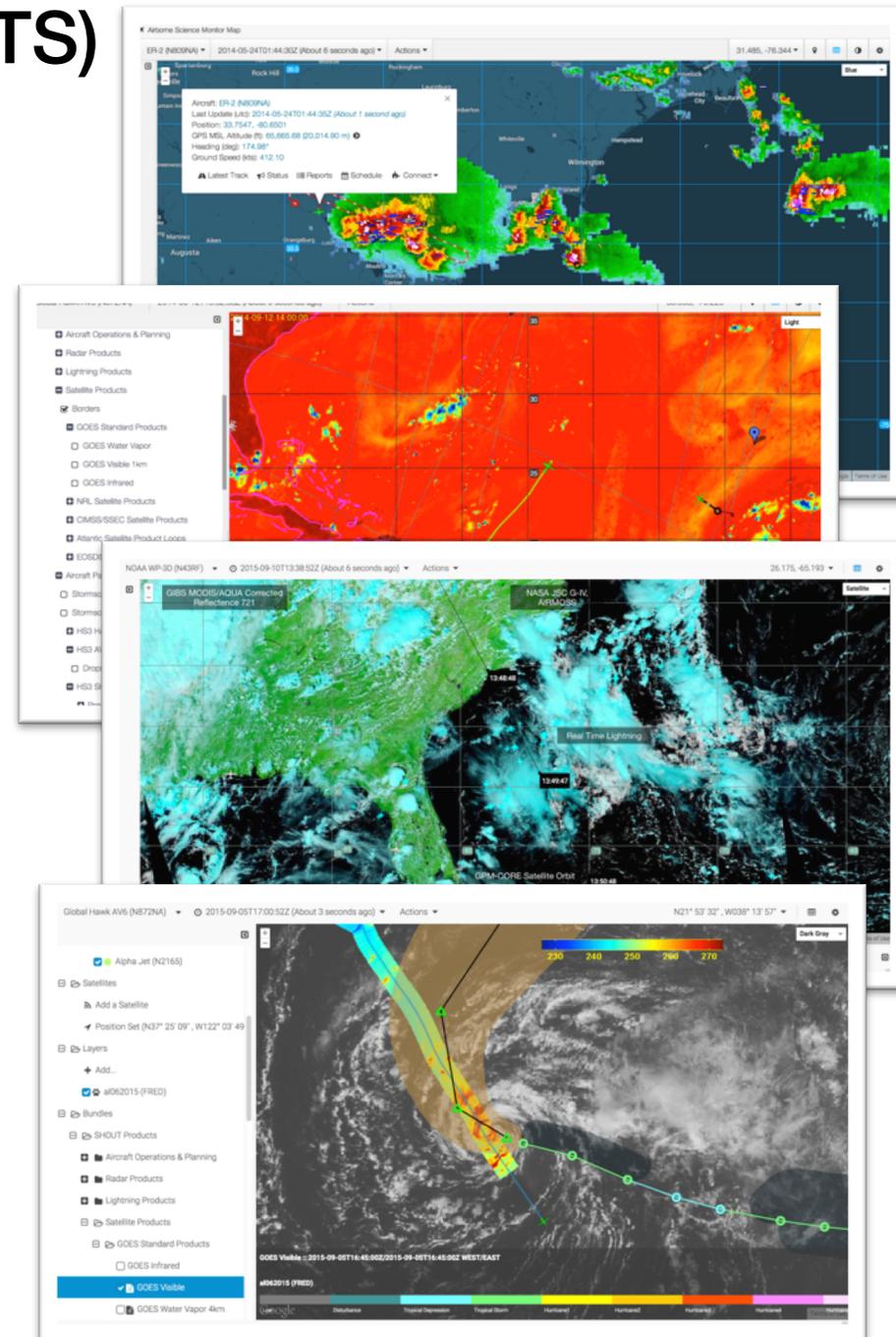
MISSION TOOLS SUITE (MTS)

NASA AIRBORNE SCIENCE PROGRAM

- Tactical decision-making and distributed team situational awareness
- Real time position and instrument telemetry ingest and visualization for single- and multi-asset campaigns
- Access to low latency satellite, radar, global lightning and other meteorological and mission products
- Communication and collaboration tools including document sharing and turn-key chat solutions
- Satellite pass prediction and swath visualization
- Mission operation and planning tools



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For more information visit: <https://mts.nasa.gov>



Airborne Science Chat Client

rdcc.guest.ucar.edu:6668 (62 Rooms)

Connections

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 - #airbornescience
 - #WB57
 - #AERO
 - #AO2MED
 - #help
 - #1FEX
 - #GRIP
 - #RADR
 - #aamps
 - #MESO
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#HSRL	1
#bot	1
#FEEDS	2

Join Selected Channels or Input Channel Name

Change Layout

Airborne Science Camera Feed

1. Select Aircraft: Global Hawk AV6 (NASA872) | 2. Select Camera: AV6 Camera Data

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ASP Instrument Display

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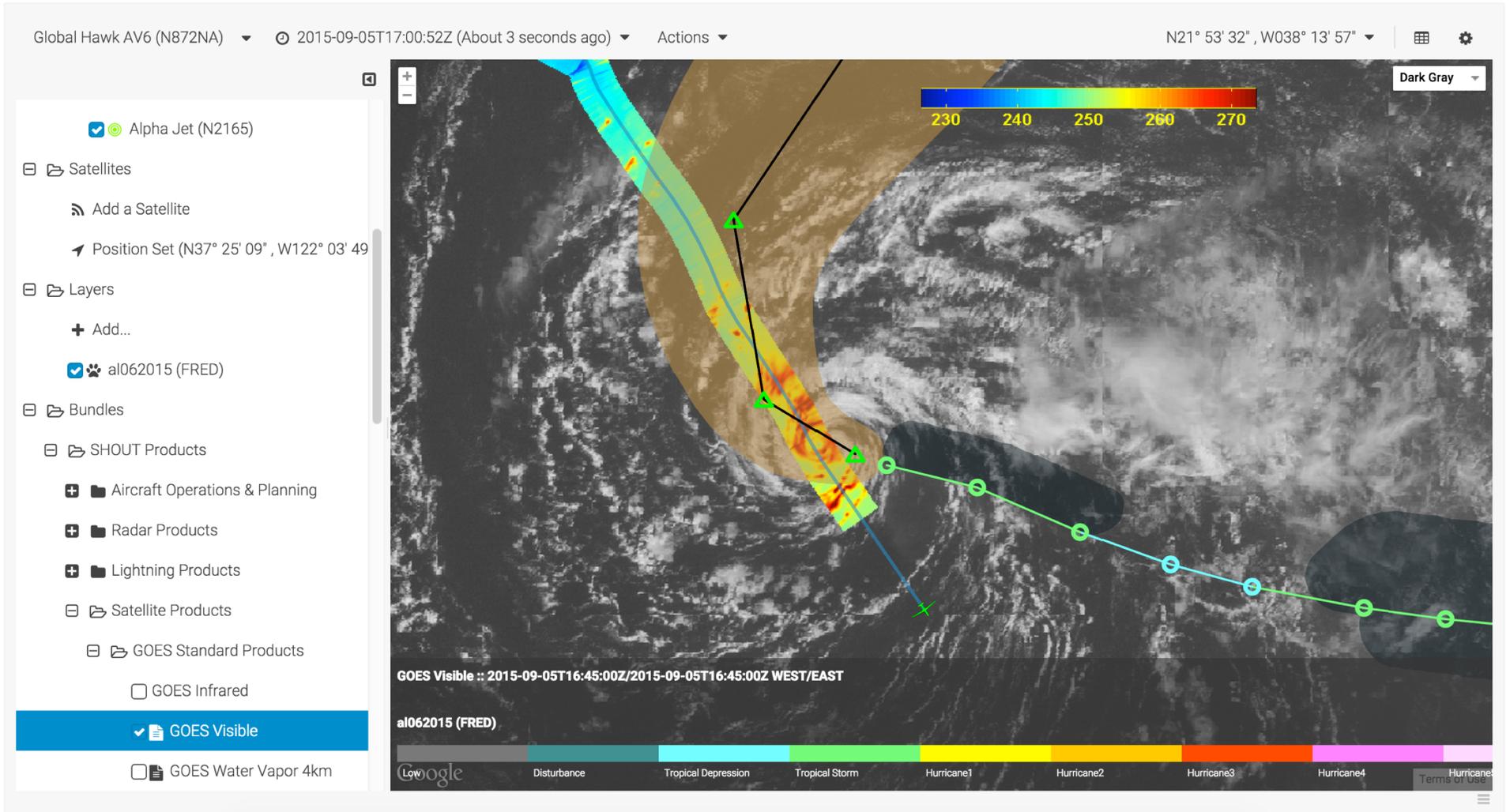
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Airborne Science Monitor Map

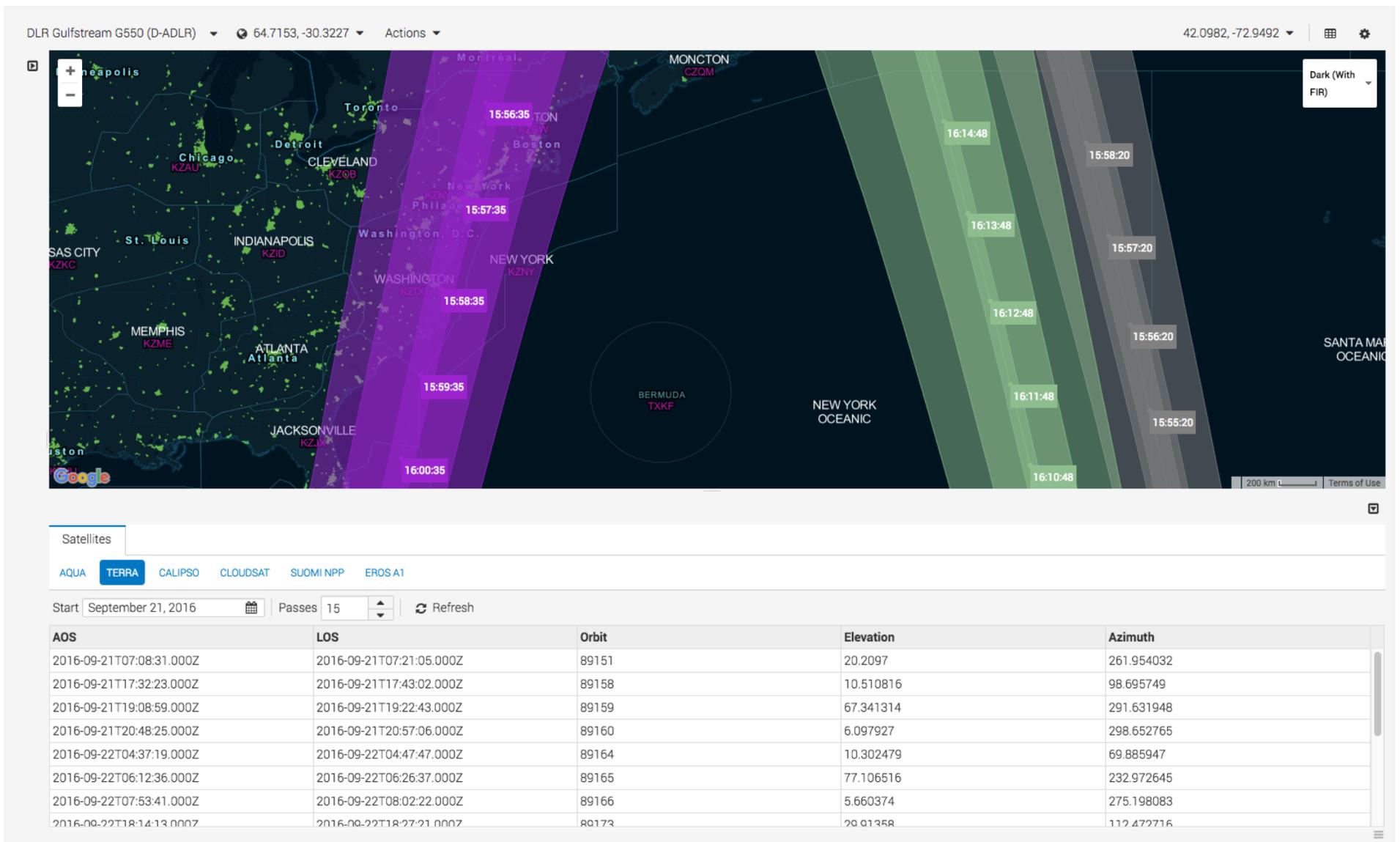
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- Flight Paths
 - Add a flight path
 - Gulfstream G-3 (NASA502) - 2012-04-23 17:08:41
 - P-3B (NASA426) - 2012-04-23 09:48:37.594747
- Layers
 - Add a layer from the ASP Product Registry
 - Add a KML/KMZ layer from an external source
 - Add a WMS layer from an external source
 - Special Use Airspace
 - United States | Lower 48 States | RADAR Reflectivity
- Bundles
 - Add a bundle from the ASP Product Registry



09/05/2015 – MTS screenshot of NASA Global Hawk (N872NA) above Tropical Storm Fred for the Sensing Hazards with Operational Unmanned Technology (SHOUT) mission. The aircraft just passed over the storm center at 59 kft, which is located about 2.5k nautical miles southeast of WFF.

The screenshot shows how MTS can be used to visualize satellite, instrument, aircraft and other overlays to improve mission situational awareness.



MTS includes satellite track prediction, track visualization, and access to ephemeris information.

<https://products.mts.nasa.gov/v2-predict-service/details?id=52e2a7ff57ab33a325b35d6b>



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Airborne Science Program Online Resources

The screenshot displays the NASA Airborne Science Program website. The top navigation bar includes links for Program, Platforms, Instrumentation, Mission Tools, Flight Request, and PI Support. A search bar is located on the right. The main content area features a news article titled "NASA Testing Airborne Lasers to Touch the Wind" with a photo of researchers in a cockpit. A sidebar on the left contains a navigation menu with categories like Program, Platforms, Instrumentation, Mission Tools, Flight Request, and PI Support. On the right, a "NASA Airborne Science Program" menu lists various resources such as Aircraft Comparison, Mission Map, and Flight Request. Below this is an "Aircraft Calendar - Overview" showing a timeline from 2018 to 2020 with color-coded bars representing different aircraft and missions.

- Airborne Science asset details and schedules are available online at:
 - <https://airbornescience.nasa.gov>
- Aircraft cost estimates and flight hours can be requested using the online flight request system:
 - <https://airbornescience.nasa.gov/sofrs/>

NASA Airborne Science Program 6-Month Schedule starting May 2019 (generated 4/30/2019)

FY19												FY20						
Q3						Q4						Q1						
May			Jun			Jul			Aug			Sep			Oct			

ASP Supported Aircraft

DC-8	Aeolu	Cabin O2 S	FIREX Upload			FIREX	SARF		FIREX	FIREX-AQ Deployment (FIREX Deploymen			RDO	1A Ma	FIREX-AQ Standby Local Flight							
ER-2 #806	806 CARE Reassembly																					
ER-2 #809	809 CARE Reassembly					CARE FCF	Pilot	FIREX	FIREX	FIREX-AQ Flights			FIREX	Pilot Proficie	AirLU	AirLU	AirLU	Roscc	Roscc	AirLU	AirLU	ReTh
C-20A	Maintenanc	P-bar	P-band Loc	L+S band Pod Integration					TENTATIVE - UAV			TENT	RDO		RDO		RDO	Code	RDO		RDO	
G-III (J)													UAVSAR, ABoVE									
GV	GEDI (LVIS)	GEDI (LVIS) Missio		LVIS	Direct	Direct	ABoVE (LVIS) Mis		ABoVE (LVIS) Mis		OIB Mission		OIB Mission		Direct Return		Direct	OIB Mission Prep		OIB M		
P-3	Operation Ice Brid		Post Mission Maintenance			CAMPEX - Upload			CAMF	CAMF	CAMF	CAMPEX - Science Flights				CAMF	CAMF	Annual Mair				

Other NASA Aircraft

UC-12B	HSRL 2 Ocean Profiling			XVS RTOS																		
B-200																						
B-200 (A)	Phase 3 & 4 Maintenance																					
B200 (L)			ACT-America Summer 2019										Phase Inspection									
C-130H #436		Act America - Uplo		ACT	ACT-America - Mission Flights					ACT	Post I											
Sherpa																						
Cessna																						
Cirrus SR22																						
DE																						
C-20B																				CMIS		
HU-25A #524	Kwajalein																					

NASA Instrument test flights

Title	Fit Hours	PS/PE/PM	Related Satellite/Sensor	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
8) New Technology									
• 8.1) IPDA Lidar	25	IIP16	Aqua, Terra, S-NPP		● B-200 L				
• 8.2) C-Harrier	40	AITT			● CIRPAS Twin Otter				
• 8.3) CIRES-IDD		IIP16			● SIERRA				
• 8.4) Compact midwave imaging system		IIP16			● Falcon				
• 8.5) Airborne Differential Absorption Radar		IIP16			● Sherpa				
• 8.6) AirMSPI-2	18	AITT	S-NPP		● ER-2				
• 8.7) Air-LUSI	18	AITT			● ER-2				
• 8.8) SLI-T		ESTO	Landsat		● Any Twin Otter				
• 8.9) Compact Limb Sounder / SHOW	12	IIP			● ER-2				
• 8.10) Multi Application Smallsat Tri-band Radar Air-MASTR		IIP16			● DC-8				
• 8.11) IIP/AITT 2019		IIP19				● DC-8			TBD
• 8.12) Air-LUSI	18	AITT	S-NPP				● ER-2		

2015 Requirements Report



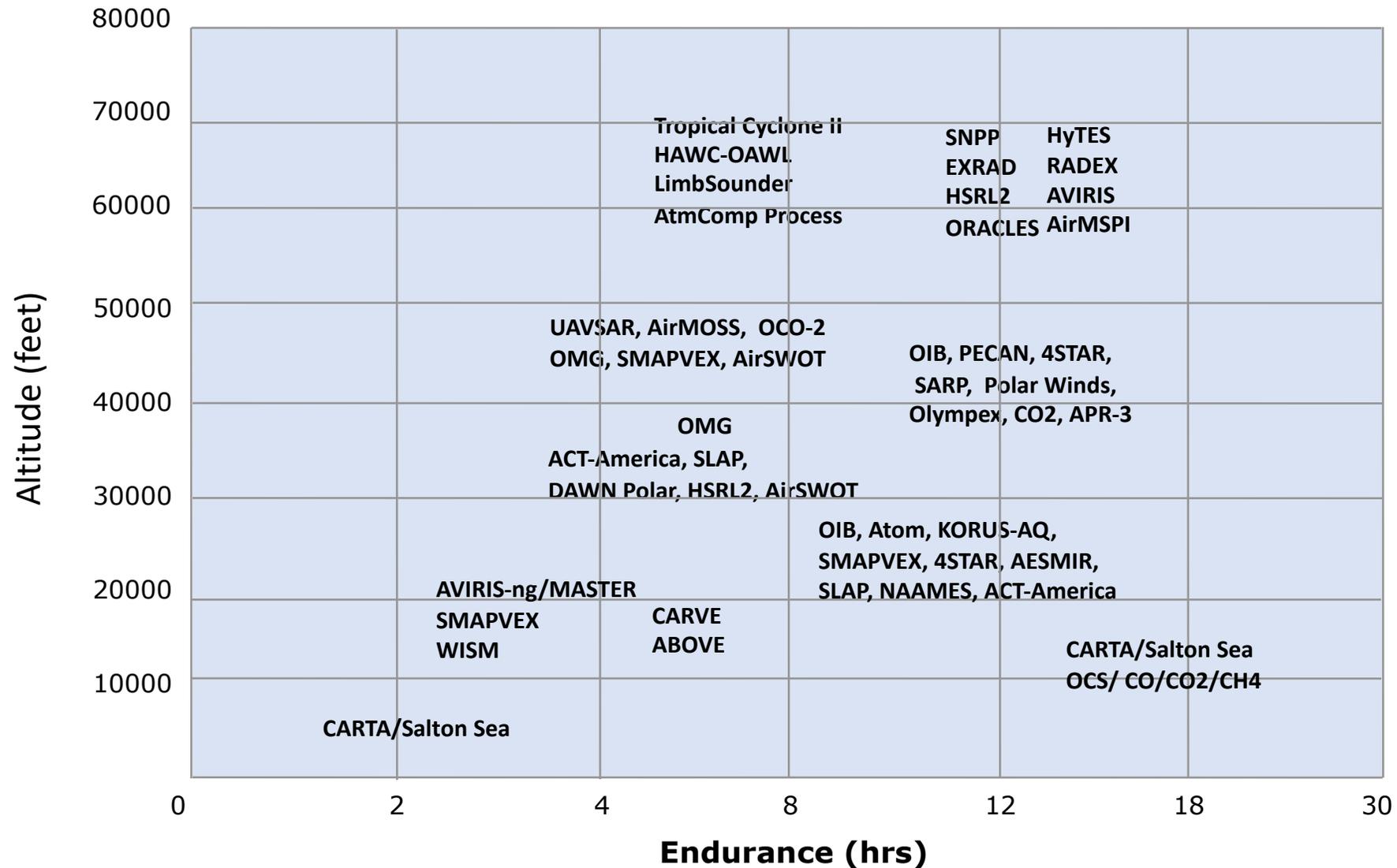
- Input from Science Center survey process
- 5-year planning process
- Current flight requests
- Interviews with Program Scientists and science community
- Science team meetings, workshops and reports
- Considerations for 2017 Decadal Survey



Sources of data for requirements forecasting

- **Flight request system** – all proposals and grant recipients are required to submit a flight request that describes their unique requirements as well as providing a process for funder and aircraft operator sign-off, as well as providing an accounting of flight hours flown against each request. Data from this system assists ASP in cataloguing and developing statistics on aircraft use and requirements.
- **5-yr forecast** – Each year ASP meets with stakeholders in SMD R&A and ESTO to review current flight requests as well as to put schedule placeholders in the outyears so that the program can document and plan for missions and payloads in formulation
- **Community Interaction** – ASP staff attend science team meetings for major projects and for missions in formulation to understand requirements for instrument test flights and post-launch cal/val activities. Also accomplish site visits during missions to determine adequacy of capabilities and support.
- **Center Survey** – ASP initiated the Center ASP Survey to gather requirements from Science centers as another means for cataloguing future needs.

ESD mission flight envelope requirements: FY15 and FY16



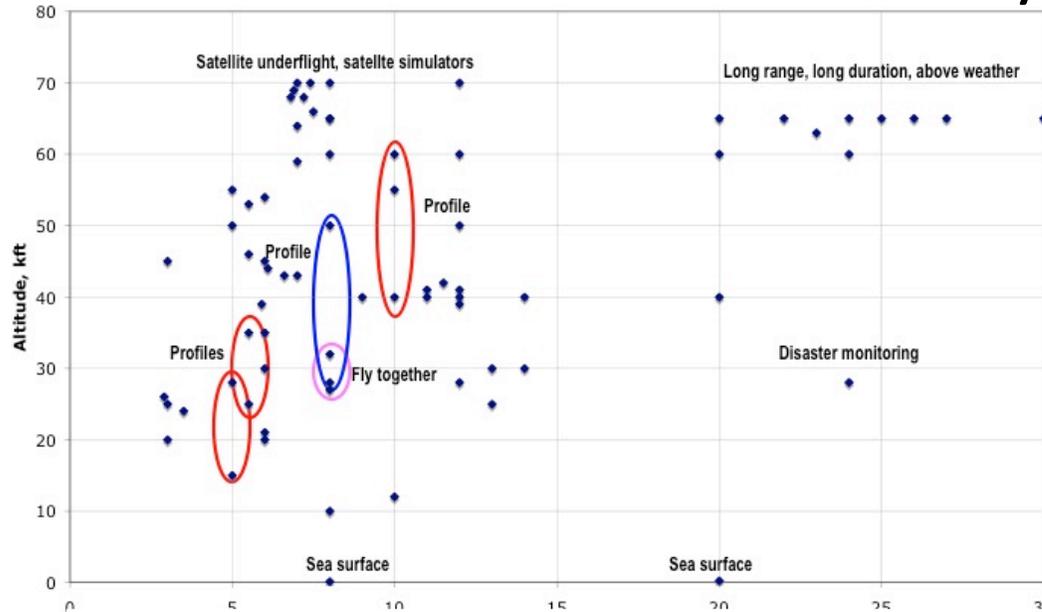
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CAL TE continuity	Carbon Cycle & Ecosystems	Surface Biology and Geology - new DS						
SBG prep		SBG						
AVIRIS Classic - budget								
AVIRIS - nex gen (US, India, EU)								
GEDI cal/val (LVIS)		GEDI						
Terrestrial Ecology (UAVSAR)		NISAR						
ABOVE		OCO-2, NISAR, PACE						
Arctic Colors		Landat 8						
G-LIHT Forest Inventory								
Potential Biodiversity campaign								
Aerobiology study								
NISAR LAUNCH		NISAR LAUNCH						
NISAR cal/val (pre & post)		NISAR						
eMAS/PICARD/MASTER cal val		AQUA, TERRA						
PACE LAUNCH		PACE LAUNCH						
PACE Cal/val		PACE						
UAVSAR (L-band, P-band, Ka-band)		NISAR						
India NISAR mission		NISAR						
UAS Salfon Sea								
GLISTW mission in development								
UAV Bathymetry mission in development								
OIB Arctic / Arctic Melt	Climate Variability & Change / Cryosphere	ICESat-2						
OIB Antarctica		ICESat-2						
ICESat-2 cal/val		ICESAT-2						
ARISE II								
Greenland LIDAR mission in development								
Snow-over-ice UAS mission-in-development								
Antarctica mission in development								
Aeolus/GPM cal/val	Weather	ADM/GPM						
Aeolus / CPEX-2								
Severe storms / VORTEX-SE								
Planetary Boundary Layer mission in development	PBL							
Airborne Snow Observatory	Water and Energy Cycle	HyspIRI, Aqua, Terra, Landsat						
Red River Flood mapping		SWOT						
AirMOSS Arctic Permafrost		SMAP						
NI-SIMEX		NISAR, SMAP						
SWOT LAUNCH		SWOT LAUNCH						
SWOT cal/val activities		SWOT						
SWOT post launch hydrology		SWOT						
Harmful Algal Bloom								
PACE-related Water quality mission		PACE						
SMAPVEX-19 / SMAP cal/val		SMAP						
SnowEX								
California Methane Survey	Atmospheric Composition and Chemistry	TEMPO, TROPOMI						
AJAX								
ARISE II								
SHOW / ASMLS								
ROSCOE								
FIRE-EX-AQ		TEMPO, TROPOMI						
FASMEE								
CAMP2Ex		Aqua, Calipso, ACE						
Southeast Asia Monsoon Outflow								
Geostationary Air Quality mission in development		TEMPO, TROPOMI						
PACE Cal/val (aerosols)								
CA-DWR	Applications							
Remote sensing applied science								
Spring Methane Survey								
Fall Methane Survey								
Disaster missions								
Airborne Snow Observatory	HyspIRI							
OMG	EVS-2							
ACT-America								
IMPACTS								
DCOTSS								
S-MODE								
ACTIVATE	EVS-3							
Delta-X								
SARP								
HP-2013		Technology	Various					
Sustainable Land Imaging awards			Landsat 8, Landsat 9					
AITT-2016	Various							
HP-2016	Various							
AITT-2019	Various							
HP-2019	Various							
AIST-2019	Various							
DC-8 Maintenance	Major Maintenance							
P-3 Maintenance								
C-20A scheduled maintenance								
JSC G-3 scheduled maintenance								
JSC GV scheduled maintenance								
ER-2 Upgrades								
ER-2 600 hour								

5-year Plan / Mission format



Mission	Sci Focus Area	Satellite	2019				2020				2021				2022				2023				
CAL TE continuity	Carbon Cycle & Ecosystems	Surface Biology and Geology - new DS																					
SBG prep		SBG																					
AVIRIS Classic - budget																							
AVIRIS - nex gen (US, India, EU)																							
GEDI cal/val (LVIS)		GEDI																					
Terrestrial Ecology (UAVSAR)		NISAR																					
ABOVE		OCO-2, NISAR,																					
Arctic Colors		PACE																					
G-LiHT Forest Inventory		Landsat 8																					
Potential Biodiversity campaign																							
Aerobiology study																							
NISAR LAUNCH		NISAR LAUNCH																					
NISAR cal/val (pre & post)		NISAR																					
eMAS/PICARD/MASTER cal val		AQUA, TERRA																					
PACE LAUNCH		PACE LAUNCH																					
PACE Cal/val		PACE																					
UAVSAR (L-band, P-band, Ka-band)		Earth Surface & Interior	NISAR																				
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From Center Survey



Planned/Desired Continued Use

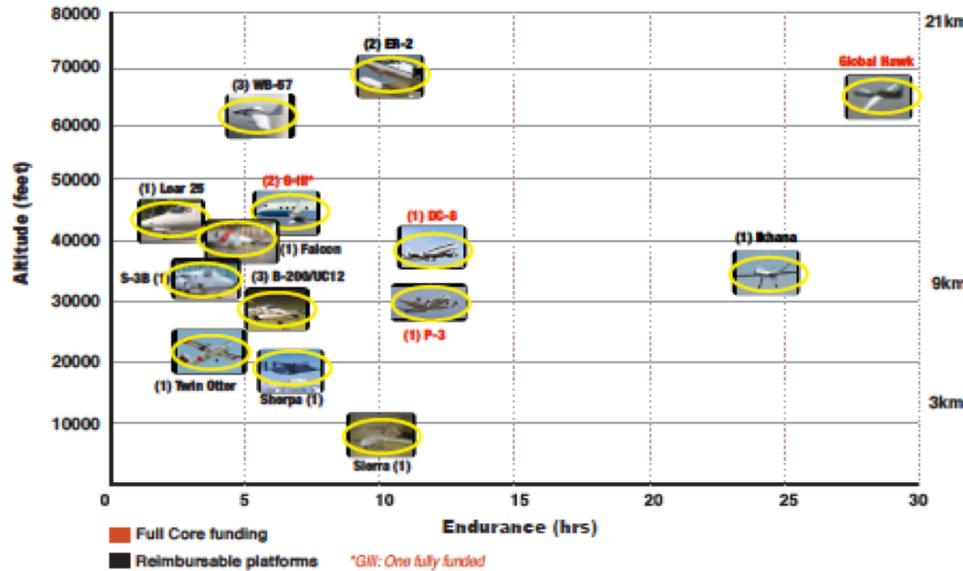


Figure 19. Specific requirements for continued use of NASA aircraft indicated in Center survey results.

Gaps in Capacity

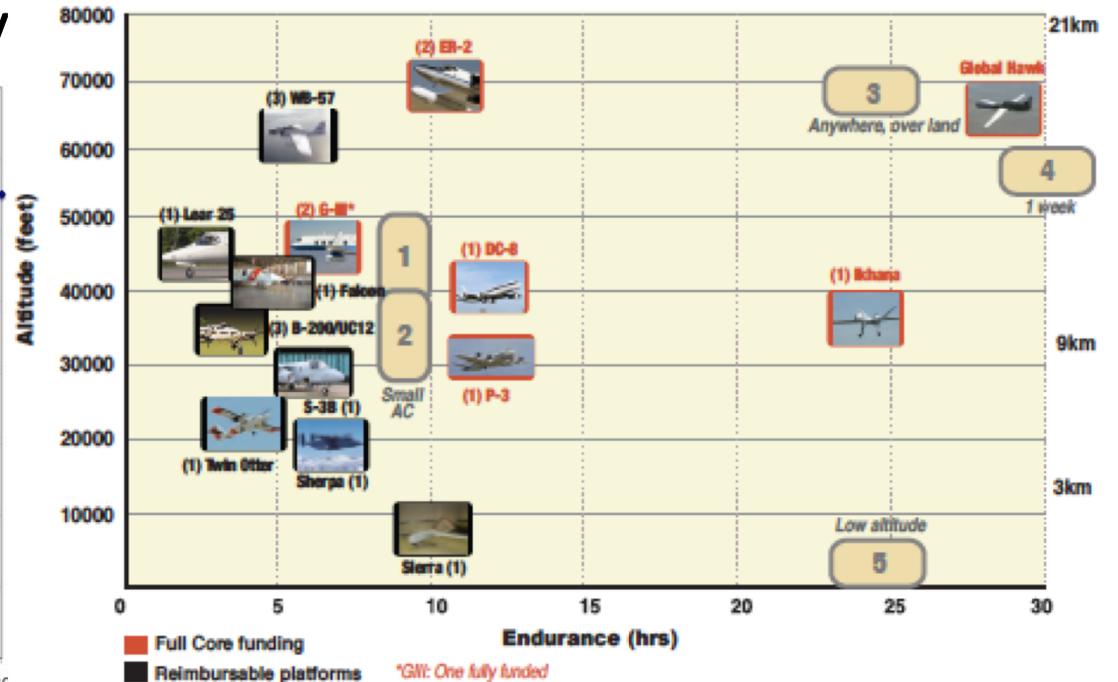


Figure ES-3 Summary of aircraft gaps as identified by NASA Science Center Survey.

Table ES-1 Explanation of gaps indicated in Figure ES-3

Gap	Performance Need	Science Rationale	Possible Solution	
1	Flight altitude to 50kft, 8 hr duration, moderate payload	Similar to DC-8 flight regime, including nadir ports, but something smaller and less expensive	Lidar systems for weather and terrain mapping, but not full size laboratory	Gulfstream V
2	Flight altitude 25 to 35 kft, 8 hr duration, small to moderate payload	Similar to King Air (B-200), but with longer duration	In situ sampling and ocean color both want 8 hrs, but flight characteristics and cost of B-200	King Air B-350; possible business jet
3	Very high altitude (65+kft), long duration (24 hrs), fly anywhere	Similar flight regime as Global Hawk, ideally higher, not constrained to over ocean	Ability to see the evolution of atmospheric transport processes during a 24-hour period	Continue UAS in the NAS work; possible new aircraft
4	Very long endurance (~week)	Above weather and traffic with ability to follow event	Ability to monitor or track fire or pollutant plume, storm development	Aerial refueling, airship or balloon; new aircraft
5	Low altitude, long duration (or long range to target), where the target is remote or there are basing constraints	100 – 200 ft over water, stable flight; over land with auto pilot	Radiation science over the ocean; carbon flux measurement; coral or ocean color imaging	Long duration, low altitude UAS (OR ship launch)

Gap analysis from 2015 Center Survey

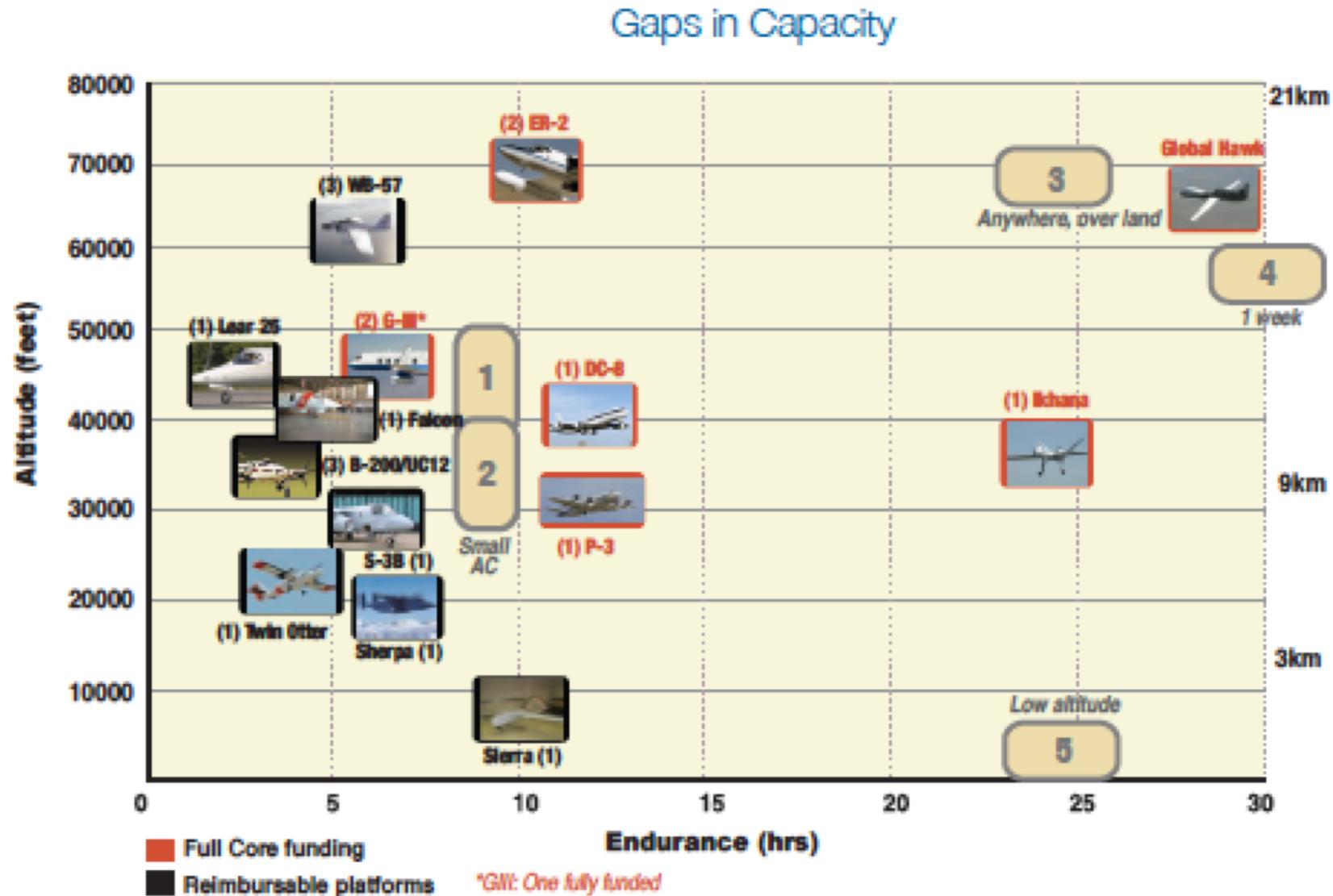


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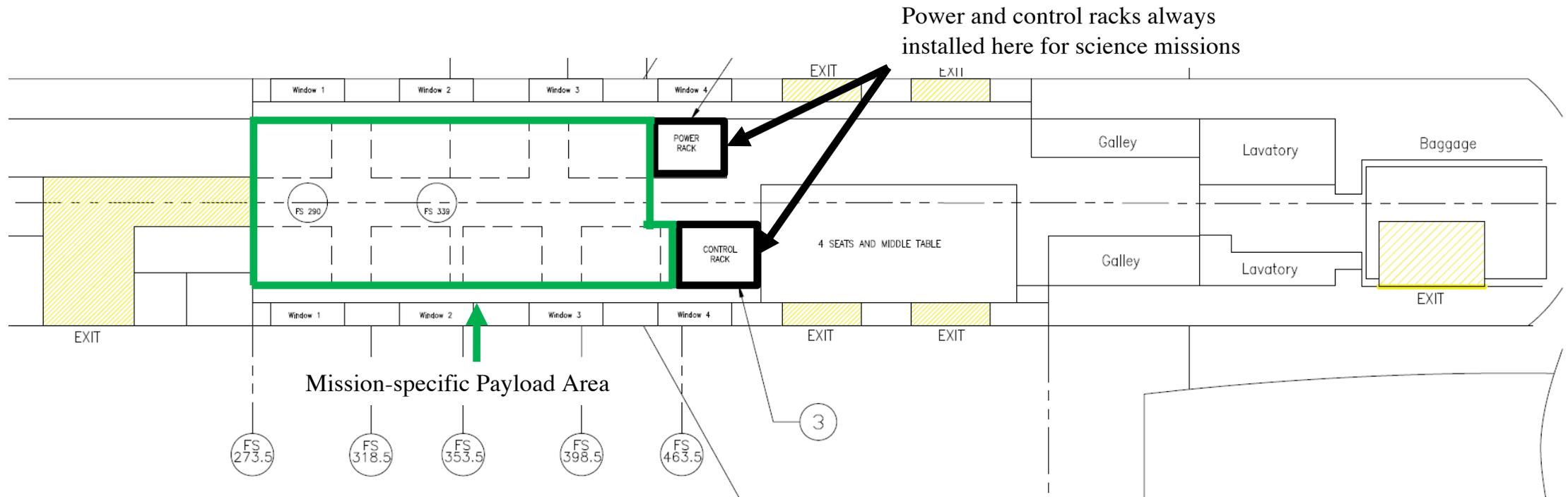
NASA Airborne Science Program

- Provides airborne capability to meet Earth Science requirements utilizing NASA, OGA, and commercial platforms
 - Capability maintained/added/removed based upon budgets and requirements
 - Requirements vetted yearly
 - Actively looking for options
 - <https://airbornescience.nasa.gov/>
- Responsive to Earth Science airborne platform requirements
 - Over 300 airborne instruments and counting....
 - Over 3100 Earth Science flight hours in FY18

BACKUPS

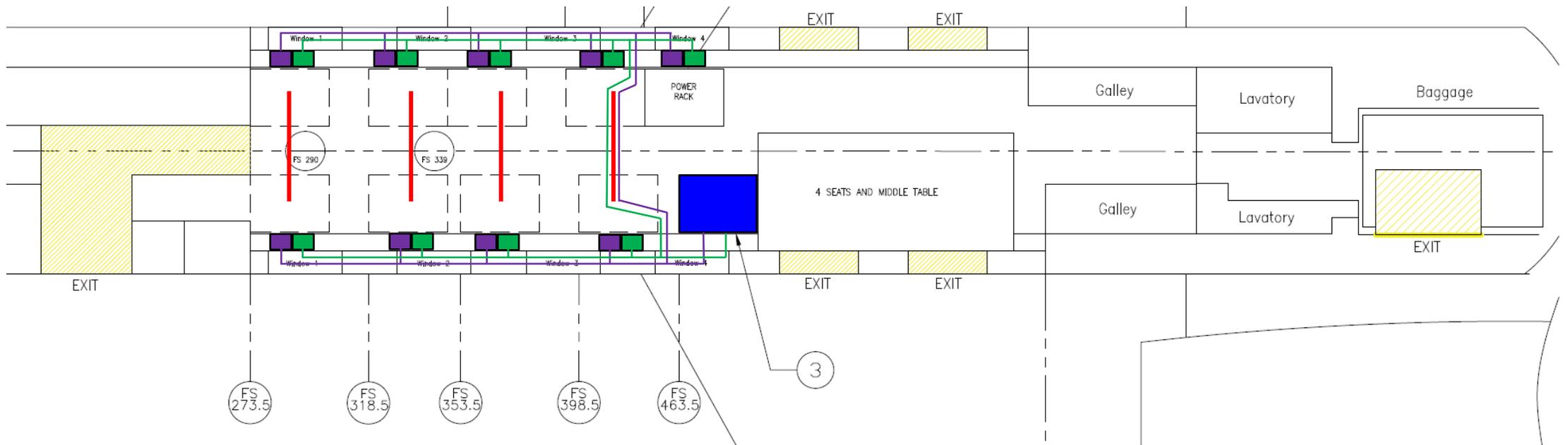
• Cabin Layout

- Control Rack – houses all network and computer equipment for payload support and left side power equipment
- Power Distribution Rack – houses right side power conversion and circuit protection equipment
- Up to 8 rack/seat locations maximum in cabin
 - Excluding existing 4-seat conference table in aft cabin
- Full restraint seats available so experiments can be monitored at rack for takeoff and landing.
- Seat track available through entire rack area



RF/Data Distribution

- 2x Cat 6A Network Receptacle (8P8C) and cabling
- 1x Coaxial Cabling TNC Receptacle and cabling
- Fiber optic cable pair (OM1/OM3) and Cat 6A run through **overhead conduit (x4)**
- Control Rack

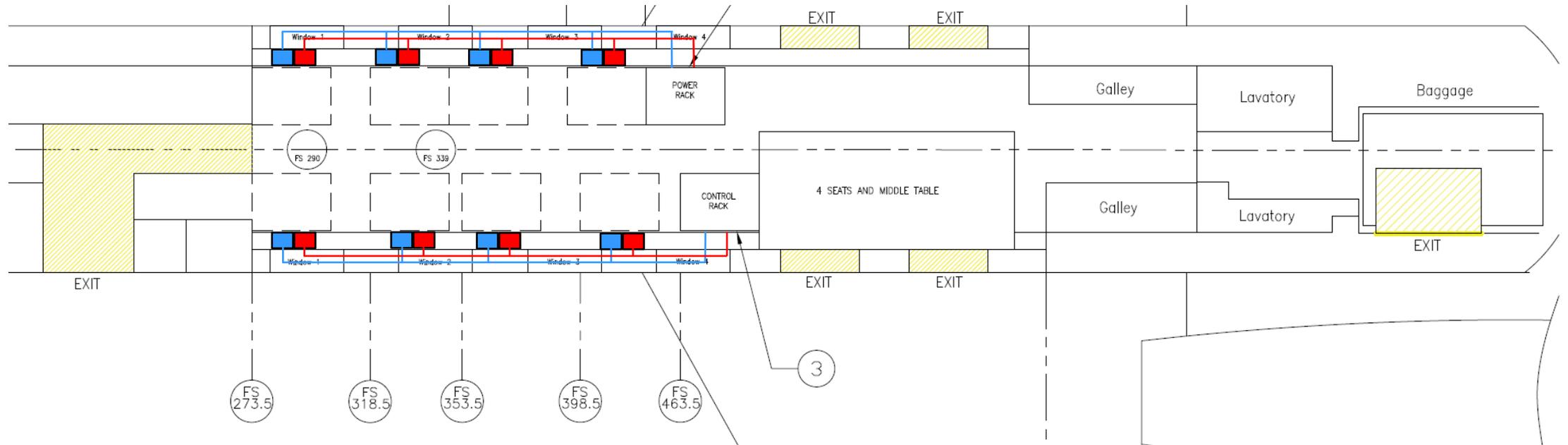


Power Distribution

- **Electrical Power Distribution**

- 115 VAC 60 Hz Single Phase, 20A

- Overall max load: 40kVA
 - 115 VAC 400 Hz Single Phase, 20A

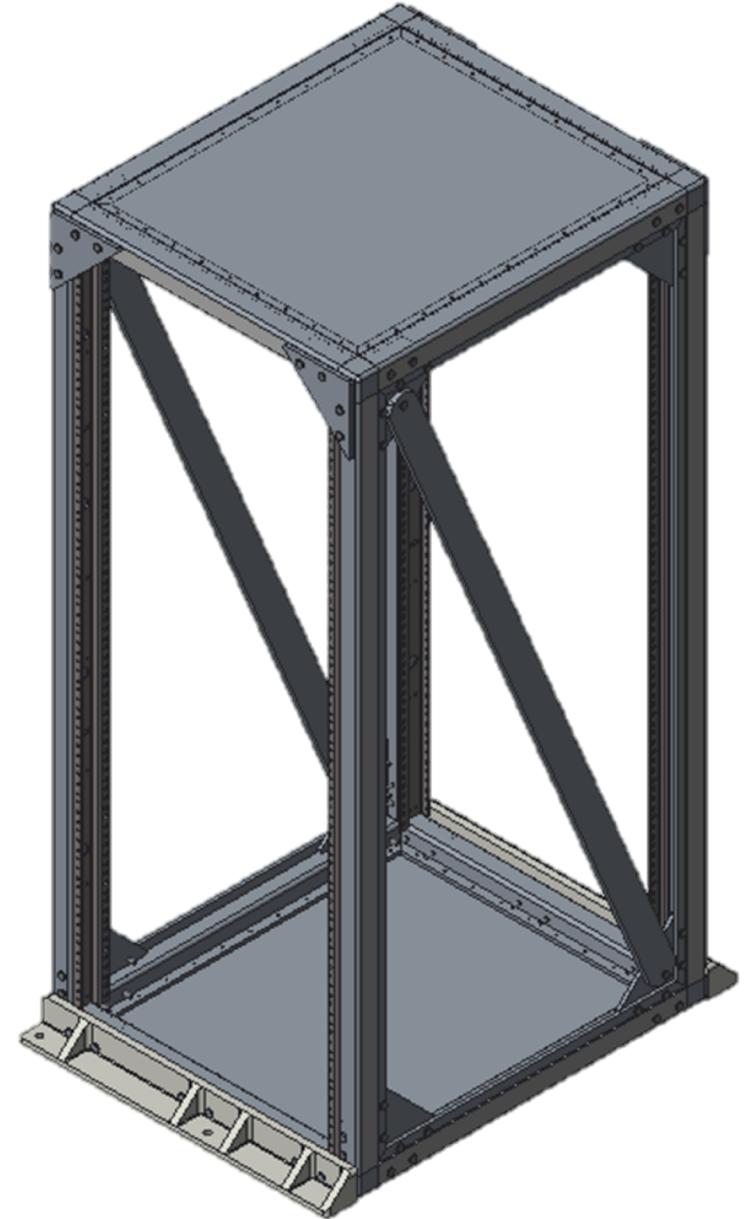


Racks

- Experimenter Racks

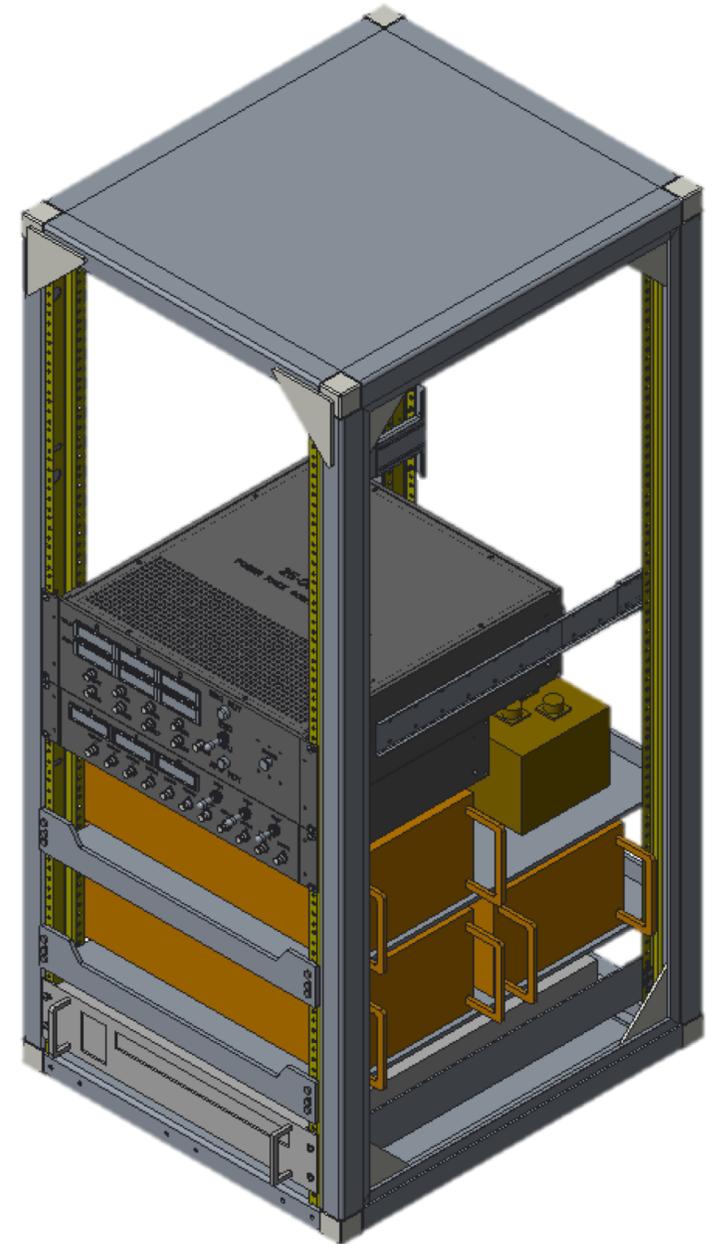
- 22"W x 25"D x 51"H
 - Biggest racks that can fit in GV while maintaining aisle width
- 25U available space (1U = 1.75")
- Maximum weight: 340lbs
- Empty weight: ~50lbs
- Maximum overturning moment: 6225 in-lbs

Outboard
FWD



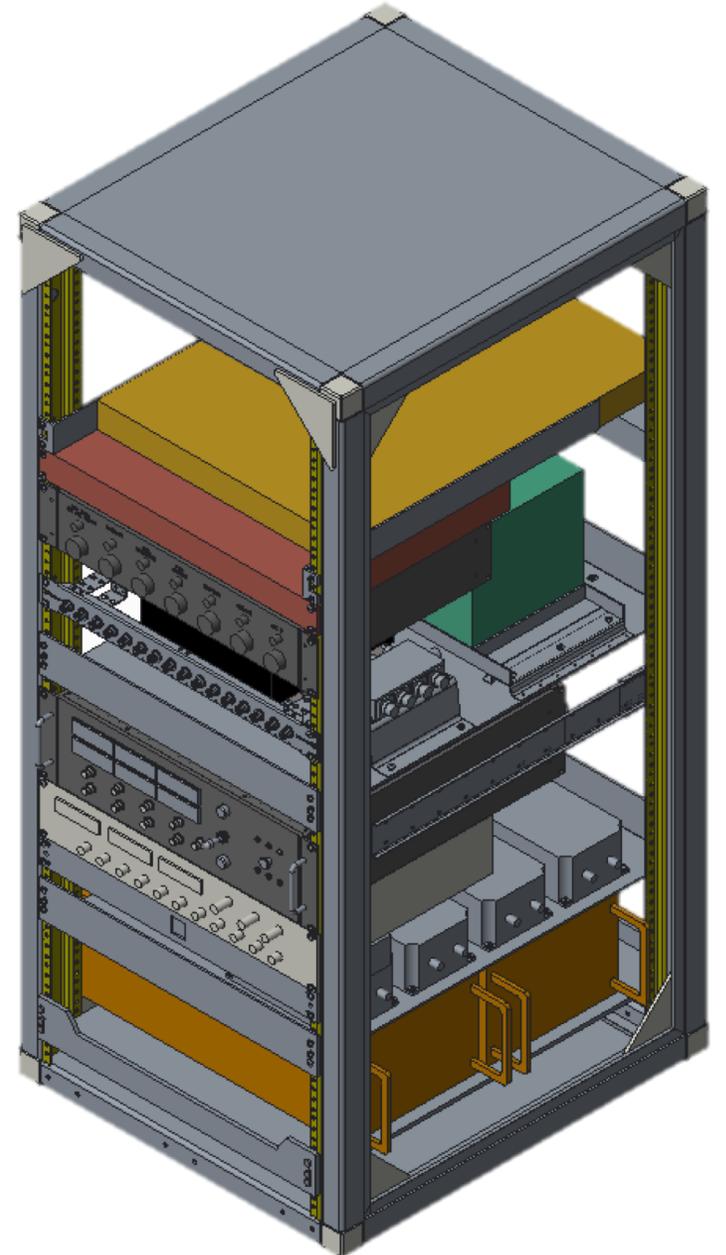
• Power Rack

- Contains power conversion and circuit protection equipment for right side of aircraft
 - Control Rack houses left side equipment
- 20kVA overall power per side
 - 120V 400Hz 3-phase available
 - 10.5kVA 120V 60Hz per side of aircraft
 - 400A 28VDC available (more capacity available on request)
- Contains SLA UPS for control rack components
- Interfaces with L Main, R Main, and APU AC busses
 - Allows for APU use in flight
- Provides V and A readouts for each phase of 400Hz
- Provides V, A, and Hz readouts for 60Hz power
- Aircraft provides no-interruption switching between power sources



Control Rack

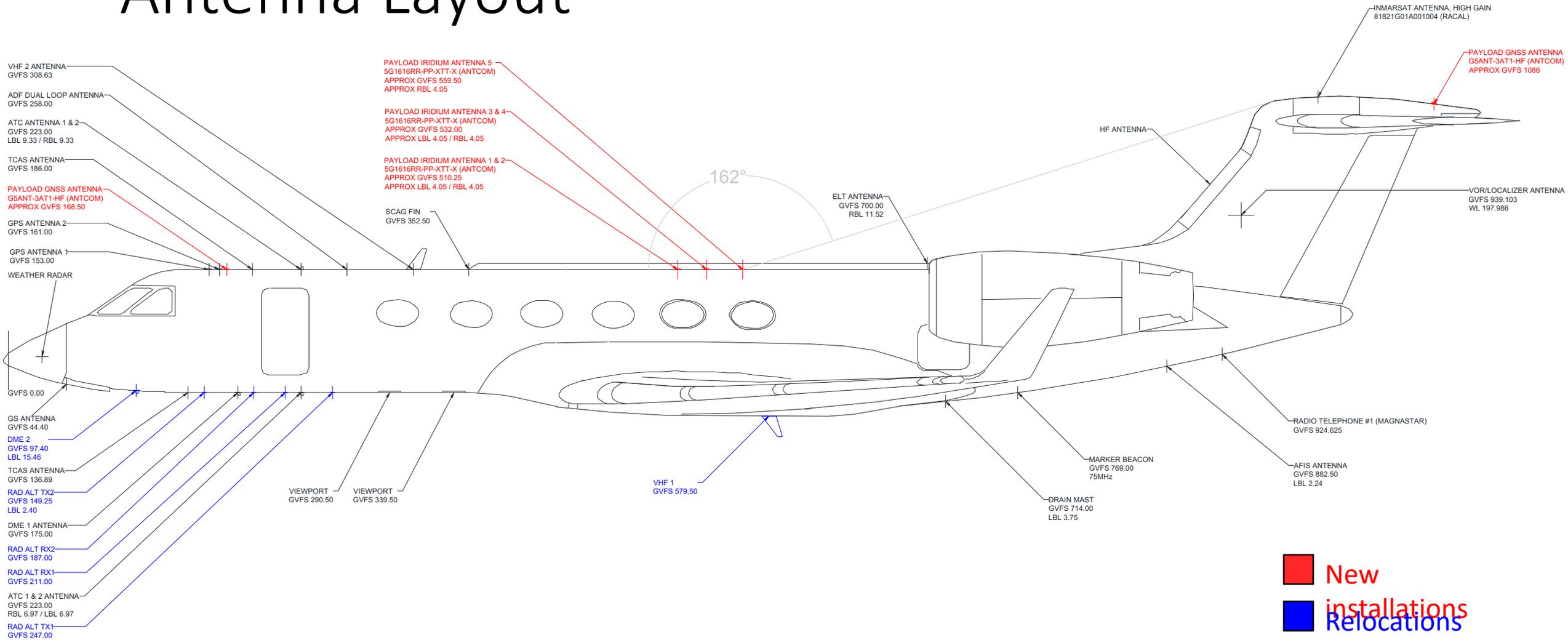
- Houses all network and computer equipment for payload support
- Capabilities based on existing ASP aircraft and experimenter questionnaires
- GPS Signal Distribution
 - GPS Source MS18 - 1x8 0dB gain splitter
 - Notch filter to minimize SATCOM interference
 - System meets AS6129 platform requirements
- NASDAT
 - 4 ARINC 429 Interfaces – FMS, IRS, ADC, GPS
 - 4-channel Iridium modem
 - Additional Iridium bandpass filtering
- Other planned systems:
 - Adlink MXC-6300
 - GMS II Goldeneyes
 - Ballard AB3000 series



Control Rack, cont.

- Ethernet Switching / Routing
 - Cisco Nexus 3100-V
 - 48 port 10Gbe Switch
 - 6x QFSP+ Ports – 100Gbps
 - IEEE 1588-2008 (PTP) Compliant
 - Cisco IR829 Industrial Integrated Services Router
 - Interfaces with onboard Inmarsat network
 - Provides partitioned payload Wi-Fi
 - LTE Capable
- Precision Timing
 - Spectracom SecureSync
 - PTP Grandmaster Clock
 - Provides other timing signals (IRIG, STANAG, 1PPS, etc.)
- Signal Routing
 - BNC and Ethernet patch panels allow flexibility with signal distribution

Antenna Layout



Payload Antennas

- GNSS Antennas
 - Antcom G5Ant-3AT1-HF
 - GPS/GLONASS L1/L2
 - Forward GNSS Antenna
 - >28 ft. separation from Iridium Farm
 - Tailcap GNSS Antenna
 - Shaded from Iridium Farm by the tail
 - Close (~7ft) to Inmarsat HGA
- Iridium Farm
 - Antcom 5G1616RR-PP-XTT-X
 - 5 Dual-Element Iridium Antennas
 - 4 for NASDAT
 - 1 for ASP Handset (Iridium Extreme 957)
 - Installed Mid-cabin

Antenna Filtering

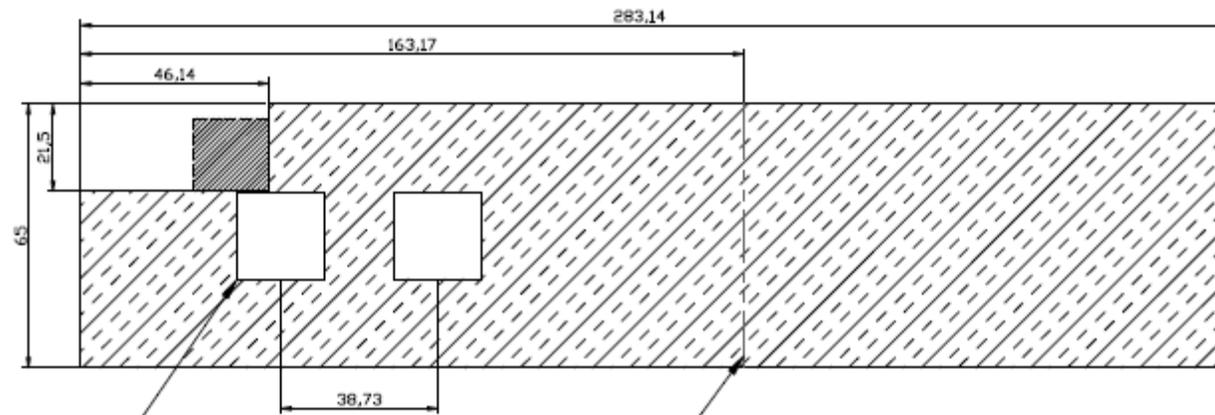
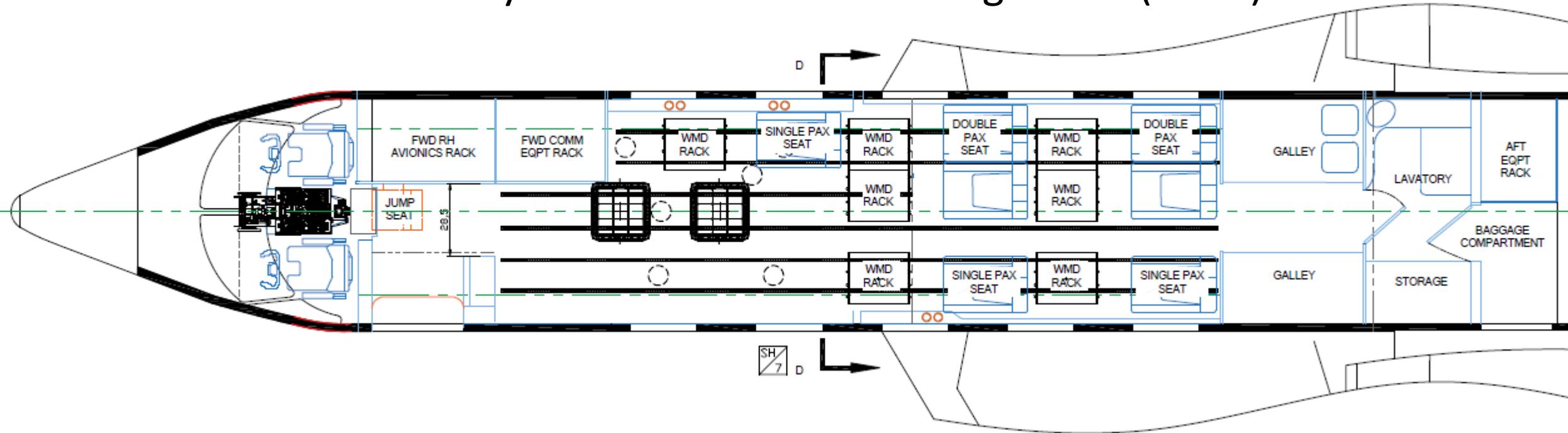
- Total Iridium/Inmarsat Rejection in GPS chain (relative to unfiltered GPS ant and unfiltered Iridium)
 - Iridium to GPS: At 1616 MHz (Iridium edge) → 20 dB K&L Iridium bandpass + 22 dB antenna rejection filter + 41 dB Reactel filter => **83 dB** rejection compared to unfiltered condition
 - Inmarsat to GPS: At 1630 MHz (Iridium/Inmarsat uplink edge) → 34 dB antenna rejection filter + 50 dB Reactel Notch filter => **84 dB** rejection compared to unfiltered condition
- Total Inmarsat Rejection seen by Iridium modems (relative to unfiltered Iridium modems)
 - Inmarsat to Iridium: At 1630 MHz (Iridium/Inmarsat uplink edge) → 50 dB Reactel K&L bandpass filter => **50 dB** rejection compared to unfiltered condition

SATCOM Provisions

- Iridium
 - 5 dual-element Iridium Antennas installed
 - 5/10 elements used
 - 1 ASP-Provided handset (voice + data)
 - Iridium Extreme 9575
 - 4-channel modem on NASDAT
 - 9600bps max
 - Bandpass Filtering on all iridium connections
- Inmarsat
 - Included with aircraft
 - High Gain Antenna capable of 432kbps

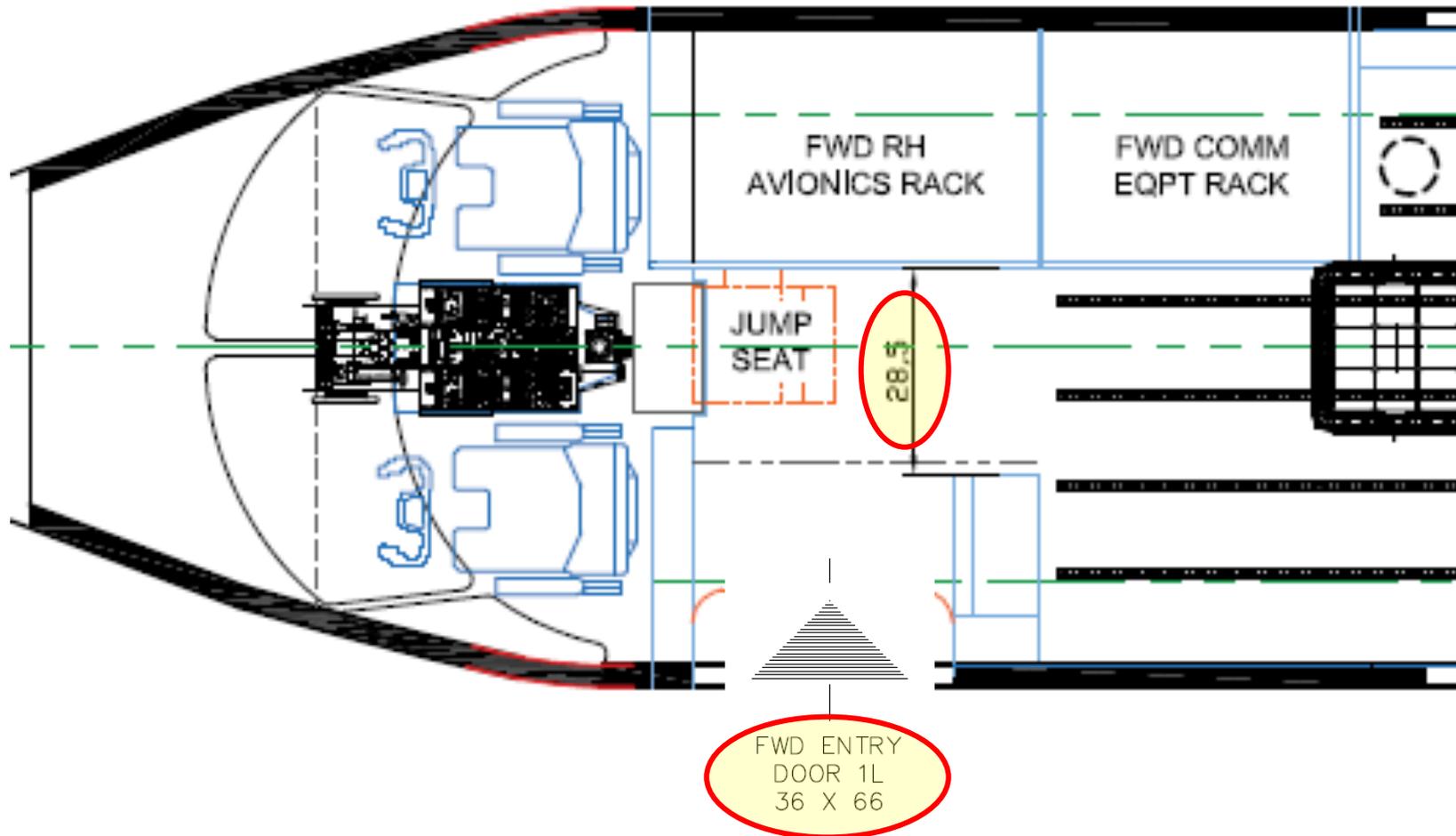


Gulfstream III (NASA 520) Notional Layout and Personnel Arrangement (LOPA)





Gulfstream III (NASA 520) Aircraft Access





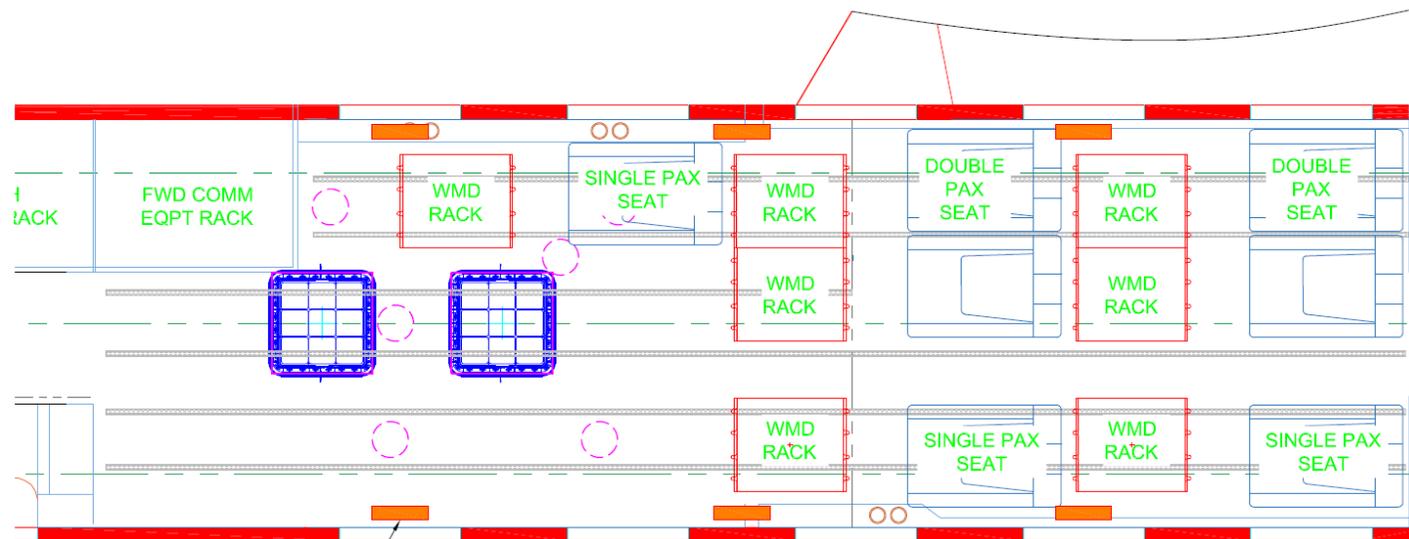
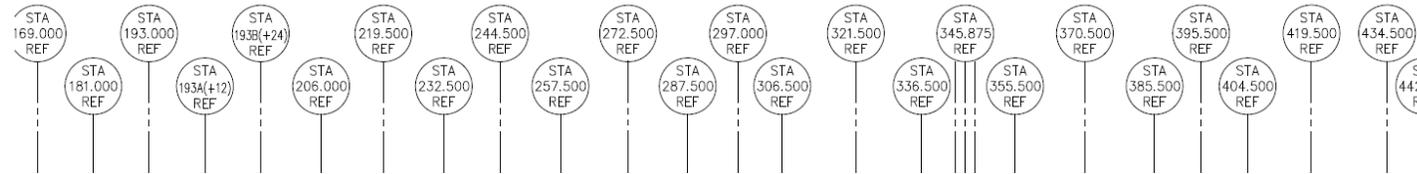
Gulfstream III (NASA 520) Notional LOPA Description

- Example shows accommodations for seven researchers and seven racks; specific LOPA depends on mission requirements
- Personnel limit in passenger cabin will be 10
- Two identical square nadir portals located in passenger cabin aft of nose gear and forward of wing-to-body fairing
 - 18.16-in. x 18.16-in. opening
 - Distance between centers of portals is 38.7 in.
- Forward entry door is 36 in. wide x 66 in. high
- Aisle width aft of passenger door is 28.5 in.
- Six Researcher Interface Panels located in passenger cabin, three per side



Gulfstream III (NASA 520) Research Power & Data Distribution

Six Researcher Interface Panels will be provisioned at six cabin locations as shown below



Research Interface Panel (6x)

ACE PANEL LOCATIONS



Gulfstream III (NASA 520) Research Power



- Research Power Distribution System will present adequate power of various denominations to six cabin research stations.
- Total Research Power Capacity
 - 80 A of 120 VAC/60 Hz power
 - 300 A or 28 VDC power
 - 15 A of 14 VDC
 - 20 A of 5 VDC
- UPS Override system will be located at each research station and controlled from the Cockpit.



Gulfstream III (NASA 520) Researcher Interface Panel

