

# DOE ARM Aerial Instrumentation Workshop Report

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## Instruments for Challenger 850 Aircraft



# Highlights from Aircraft Participated Field Campaign



Airborne measurements taken during winter and summer as part of a year-long campaign on the coast of Massachusetts provide comprehensive information about fundamental properties of atmospheric aerosols. Photo credit: Courtesy of the U.S. Department of Energy Atmospheric Radiation Measurement user facility on Flickr.



Using airborne data from the GoAmazon 2014/15 field campaign, scientists analyzed measurements of aerosol chemical composition, sources, and evolution in the urban plume from Manaus, Brazil, as it moved into the Amazon rainforest. Image courtesy: ARM Research Facility.

## New ARM Research Aircraft



Challenger 850 jet purchased in June 2019.

The Challenger aircraft continues the sampling capabilities of the G-1 for “low and slow” flight while providing enhanced performance:

- Increased payload and capacity
- Higher ceiling
- Larger geographical range
- Improved endurance

# Proposed capability for AAF – Session Highlights

- ▶ In March, 2020, **59 atmospheric scientists** gathered at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL)
- ▶ **Forty-five talks** that largely focused on instrumentation and potential capabilities for enhancing airborne measurements
- ▶ Implementation criteria for the Challenger 850
  - Short term implementation options (< 3 years)
    - Commercially available
    - Have reliable deployment history
    - Potential facility instruments
  - Mid/Long term implementation options
    - Concept with a strong science driver
    - Require significant funding to support
    - Commercially available, but require major aircraft modification



## Proposed capability for AAF – Mid/Long term options

- ▶ Aircraft and Atmospheric State Measurements
  - **Microwave Sounding**
- ▶ Aerosol Measurements
  - **The next-generation airborne Aerosol Chemical composition through Mass Spectrometer (MS)**
  - **Airborne Lidar**
- ▶ Trace-gas Measurements
  - **The next-generation airborne in situ Trace-gas instruments**
- ▶ Radiation Measurements
  - **Updated Broadband Solar and IR Radiation**
  - **Spectral and Hyperspectral Solar Radiation**
- ▶ Cloud Measurements
  - **The next-generation airborne in situ Cloud Probes**
  - **Ice Nuclei Measurement**
  - **Advanced Radar**

**AAF will closely monitor the development of the new technologies and implement the potential capability based on the community needs.**

# Proposed capability for AAF – Short term implementation

- ▶ Aircraft and Atmospheric State Measurements
  - Vertical Cavity Surface Emitting Laser (VCSEL) hygrometer
- ▶ Radiation Measurements
  - Hyperspectral imaging
- ▶ Trace-gas Measurements
  - Fast Ozone
  - Ammonia
- ▶ Aerosol Measurements
  - Scanning mode Dual-column CCN
  - Fast Integrated Mobility Spectrometer (FIMS)
  - Cavity Attenuated Phase Shift – single scattering albedo (SSA) monitor
  - Wideband Integrated Bioaerosol Sensor
- ▶ Cloud Measurements
  - Wing pylon Radar (PMS canister)
  - Water Isotope measurement

# VCSEL hygrometer for water vapor/humidity



## Vertical Cavity Surface Emitting Laser (VCSEL) hygrometer

- Open-path; Near infrared; 25 Hz; Analyses use 1 Hz;
- Accuracy  $\leq 6\%$ ; Precision  $\leq 1\%$  (Zondlo et al., 2010)

Challenges	Solutions of VCSEL hygrometer
Broad dynamic range from 1 to 40,000 ppmv	1854.03 nm (strong absorption line) 1853.37 nm (weak absorption line)
High affinity to surfaces	Open Path



Combine with  $\pm 0.3$  K temperature uncertainties,  $RH_{ice}$  and  $RH_{liq}$  uncertainties are **7.5%–6.5%** and **10.4%–6.4%** for  $-69^{\circ}$ – $0^{\circ}$ C, respectively.

**NSF G-V research plane in HIPPO Global Campaigns**

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Dual-column Cloud Condensation Nuclei Counter (CCNc)

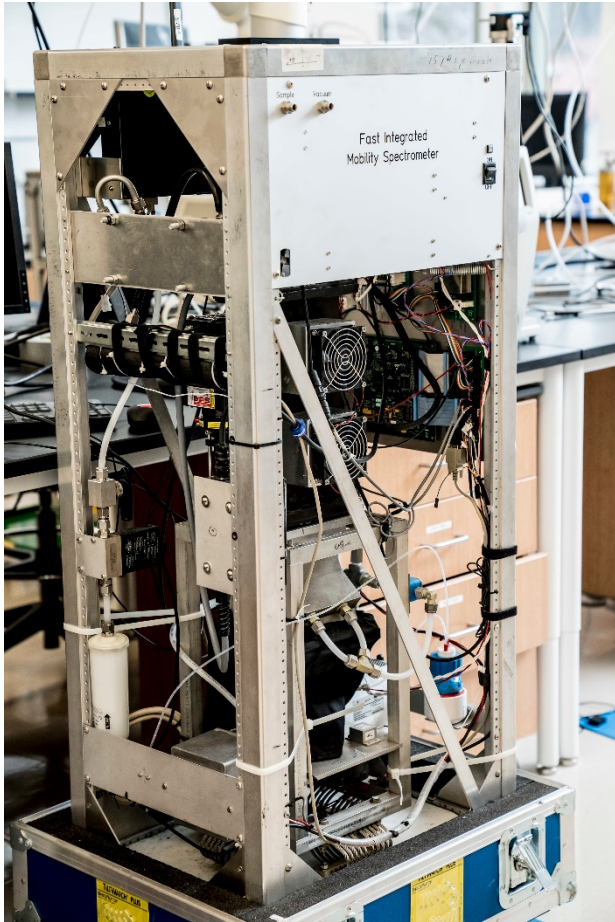


- **Advantages with two dual-column CCNc**
  - Simultaneously 1 Hz data from four supersaturations
  - Implementation of a scanning mode operation





# Fast Integrated Mobility Spectrometer (FIMS) for Aerosol concentration and size distribution (<60 nm, 1 hz)



## Current version:

- Size: 22"×17"×50" (56 cm×43cm× 127cm, W×D×H)
- Power: 110 VAC, 4 A (operation), 6 A (max, startup)
- 150 lbs

## Previous deployments:

- BBOP (2013, AAF G-1)
- GoAmazon 2014/5 (2014, AAF G-1)
- HI-SCALE (2016, AAF G-1)
- ACE-ENA (2017 & 2018, AAF G-1)
- CAMP<sup>2</sup>Ex (2019, NASA P-3B)

## Next version:

- Reduced size (22"×17"×~40"), weight (~120 lbs)
- More robust.

# Cavity Attenuated Phase Shift – Single Scattering Albedo (SSA) Monitor (CAPS PM<sub>SSA</sub>)

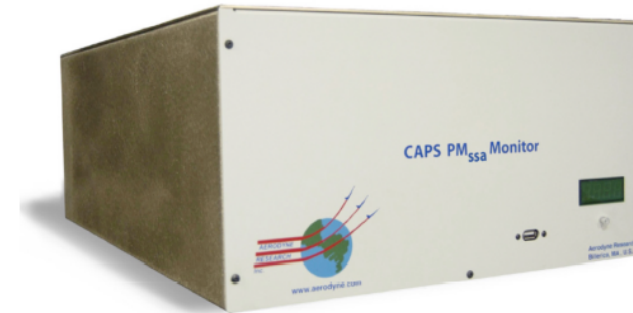


## Data/Measurements/Retrievals:

- Direct measurements of extinction through CAPS technique ( $Mm^{-1}$ ), Scattering through inverse integrating nephelometer ( $Mm^{-1}$ ). Derive SSA (Scat/Ext) and absorption (Ext-Scat).

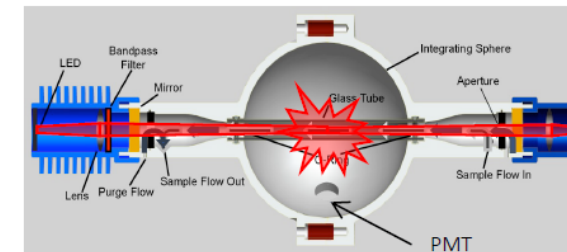
## Principle of Operation:

- Measure the phase shift from a modulated LED source.  
Wavelengths = 405, 450, 530, 630, 660, or 780 nm



## Science Drivers:

- Extinction, scattering, and SSA are critical parameters required for radiation models.
- The CAPS-based SSA and derived absorption can serve as a reference and measurement constraint for Neph/PSAP-derived SSA.
- CAPS PM<sub>SSA</sub>, wavelength-matched with a direct absorption measurement (e.g., PAS, PTI), will provide optical closure and a real-time SSA measurement.
- CAPS PM<sub>SSA</sub> wavelength matched with a filter-based absorption measurement will be an important check on potential absorption-measurement, filter-based biases.



*Aerosol Sci. and Technol.* 49:267-272 (2015)

## **Instrument Specifications:**

Weight: 16 kg

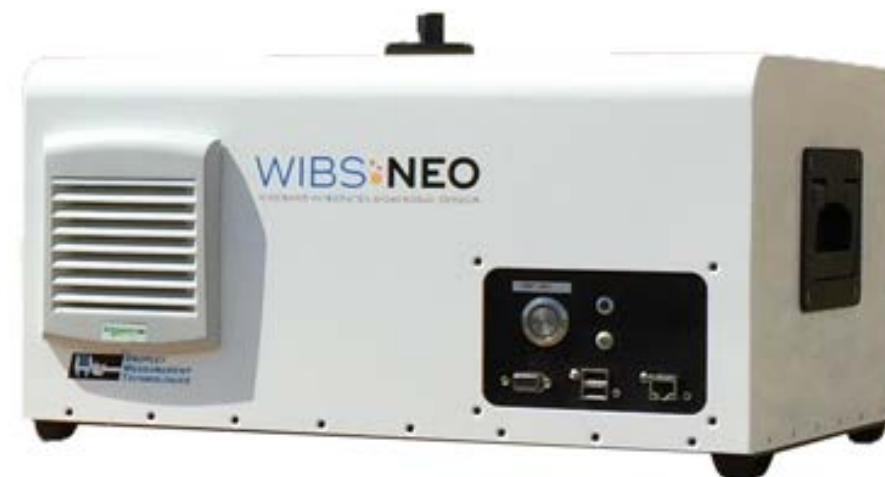
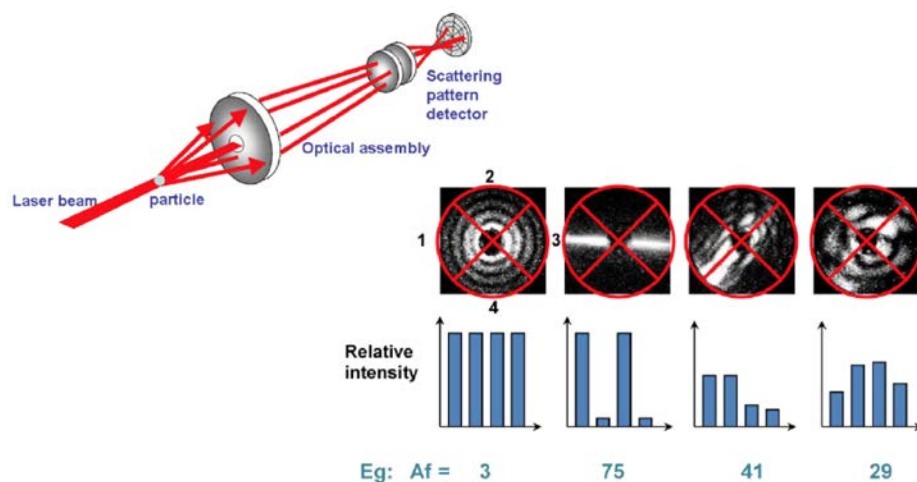
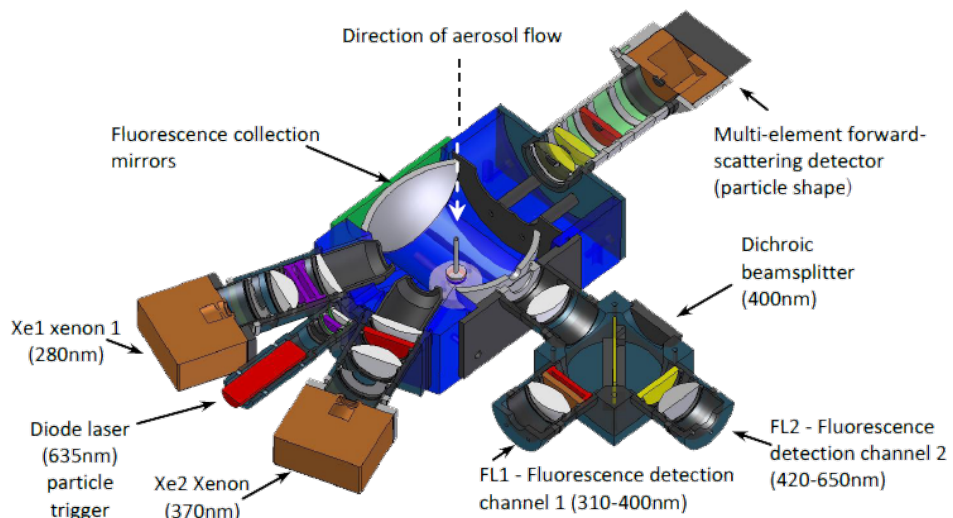
Dimensions (LWH): 61 cm x 43 cm x 23 cm

Power: 50 W

Recommended Platform: Challenger 850

# Wideband Integrated Bioaerosol Sensor

## Detection by Laser Induced Fluorescence



## Final Data Products

- Fluorescent and Non-Fluorescent Size distributions
- Fluorescent Fractions
- ABC Classification to discriminate particle types

# Fast Ozone Analyzer

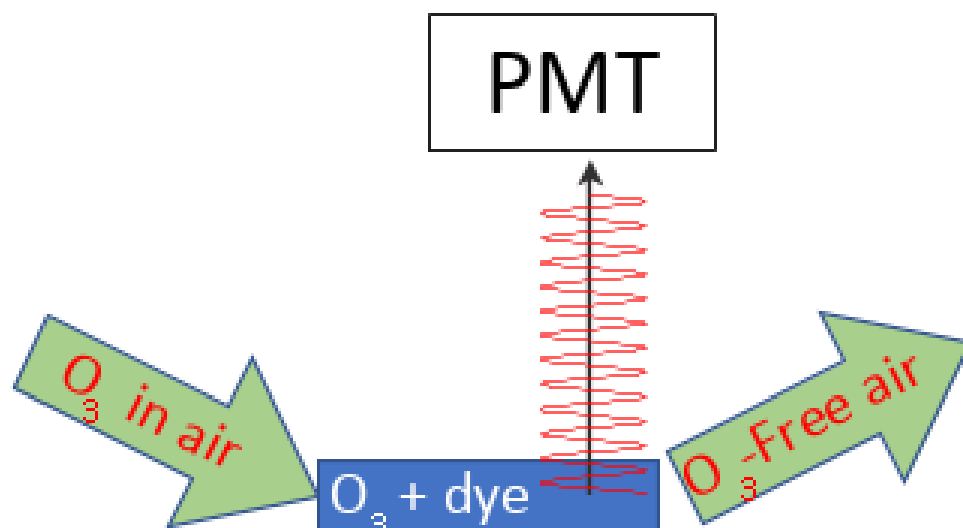
## Data/Measurements/Retrievals:

- Ozone mixing ratio at 5-10 Hz.

## Principle of Operation:

- Chemiluminescence resulting from reaction of ambient ozone with a dye adsorbed on a silica substrate.

*Speed comes from mass sensitivity of technique AND low volume. Linear dynamic range from 0 - >200 ppbv.*

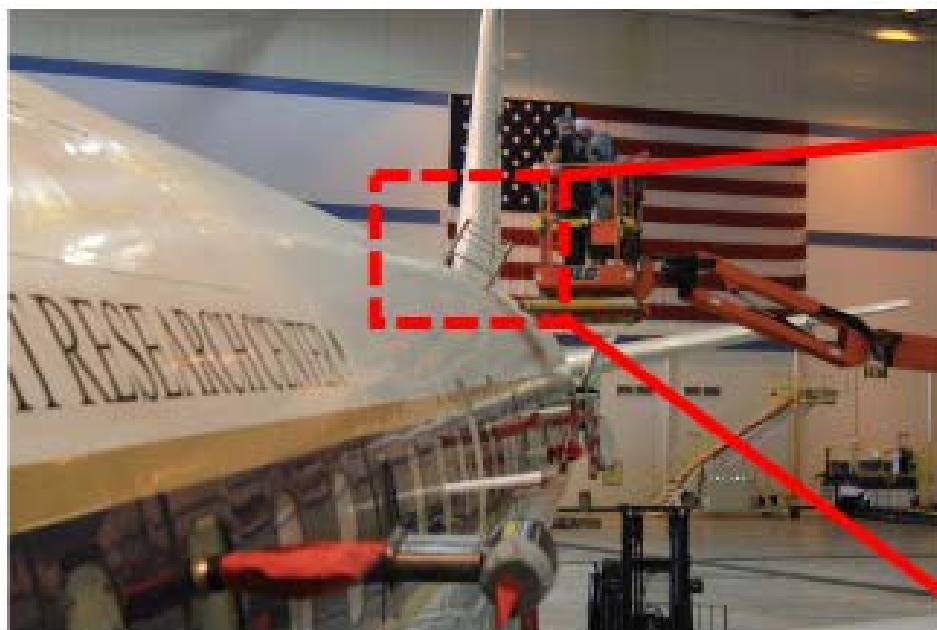


# Open-path Ammonia Laser Spectrometer (OPALS)

## OPALS on the NASA DC-8 aircraft

OPALS = Open-Path Ammonia Laser Spectrometer

- completely self-contained on window viewport plate



A fast, sensitive, and artifact-free instrument is needed to understand the role of ammonia in aerosol processes.

# A multi-phase water isotope measurement approach

## Measurements provided:

- Total water/vapor, cloud water/ice, and their isotopic compositions

## Benefits:

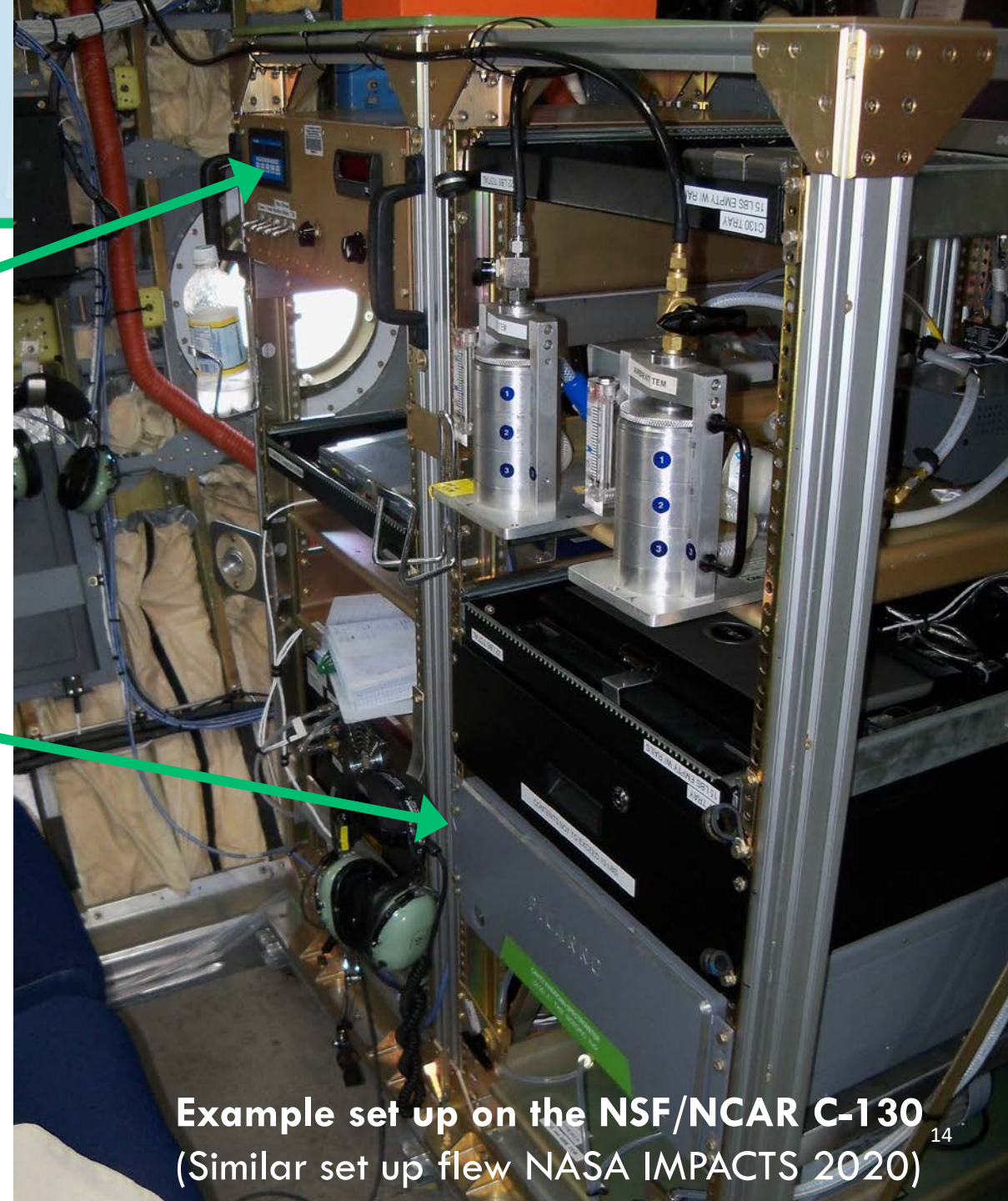
- New tracer of moisture exchange
- Reveals "process" rather than simply describing "state"

## Availability:

- Off-the-shelf technology exists for manned aircraft platforms

Counterflow  
Virtual Impactor  
(CVI) inlet

Two 5 Hz  
isotopic  
analyzers



Example set up on the NSF/NCAR C-130  
(Similar set up flew NASA IMPACTS 2020)

## Wing Pylon Radar (PMS canister)

A cloud radar provides the ability to see clouds above and below the airplane providing context for in-situ measurements and extending the capabilities of mobile facilities.

### Example specifications (ProSensing KPR):

Frequency:	35.6 GHz
Transmitter:	10 W solid state power amplifier
Antennas:	14 cm flat-plate array, 4.5 deg. beam-width
Pulsing:	Interleaved short RF and linear FM pulses
Range Resolution:	30, 75, 100 or 150 m
Delta T:	1 K @ 200 ms integration (5 Hz data rate)
Rec. Noise Temp.:	440 K
Radomes:	Matched Rexolite window
Weight:	25 lb (40 lb with canister)
Power:	50 W AC; 100 W 28 VDC



ProSensing KPR on UW King Air

# Hyperspectral Imaging Camera

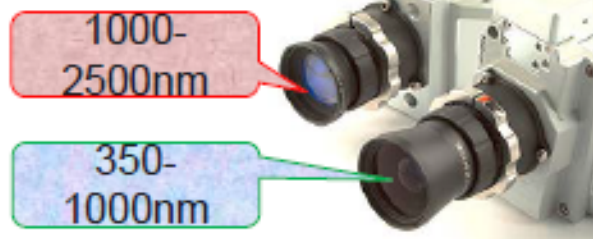


## Previous (normal) vs proposed (Hyperspectral) camera



Camera used at AAF (G-1) : AXIS P1347  
Data: True color (RGB) images

Hyperspectral (multiwavelength) Camera



Proposed camera for new AAF (BC-850): Hyperspectral Imager  
Data: Image cubes at hundreds of wavelength (350-2500 nm)

The RGB color camera and radiometers mounted on belly of the G-1 aircraft.





# A full report of the ARM aerial instrumentation workshop report will be available in July.



- ▶ Please choose your top **THREE** of the short term options
  - Vertical Cavity Surface Emitting Laser (VCSEL) hygrometer
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Dual-column CCN counter for scanning flow operation
  - FIMS
  - CAPS-PM<sub>SSA</sub>
  - WIBS
  - Fast Ozone
  - NH<sub>3</sub>
  - Water Isotope
  - RADAR (Wing pylon, PMS canister)
  - Hyperspectral imaging

Thank you!