

# Breakout Session 3: Deployment of the Third ARM Mobile Facility to the Southeastern US

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# Breakout Session Outline

- **Goals:**

- Present AMF3 SEUS background, site science, team, and activities.
- Present and receive feedback on SEUS science opportunities and challenges targeting aerosol, convective cloud, and land-atmosphere interaction topics.

- **Agenda:**

- AMF3 SEUS Overview
  - Jim Mather: Relocation of the 3rd ARM Mobile Facility to the Southeast US
  - Joe Hardesty: AMF3 Relocation to Southeast US (SEUS)
  - Chongai Kuang: AMF3 SEUS Site Science Team
- SEUS Science Drivers: opportunities, challenges, and lessons-learned
  - Gregory Starr: Land-Atmospheric Interactions in the Southeast US
  - Allison Steiner: AMF3: Atmospheric Aerosols in the Southeastern US
  - Kevin Knupp: Boundary layer heterogeneity and deep convection
  - Discussion

# AMF3 SEUS Site Science Team: Introduction, Timeline, and Activities

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# Project Introduction

- 2021: AMF3 will begin relocation to the SEUS
- Motivators for going to the SEUS:
  - Abundant surface-forced shallow to deep convection
  - Large amount of vegetative-driven biogenic emissions
  - Strong local coupling of land-surface with atmosphere
- Joint ARM-ASR funded project (Q1 2020)
- 5 year deployment length expected, with operations beginning March 2023
- Specifics on site location, configuration, instrumentation to be determined in part through a DOE supported Site Science Team (SST)



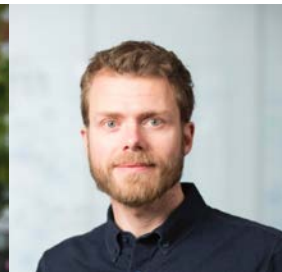
# AMF3 SEUS: New Opportunities

- This is the first time that ARM, ASR, and SST are working together like this to advance Science. This is not a conventional AMF deployment - opportunity for collaborative, interdisciplinary, transformational Science.
- We are Gravitational Attractors/Advocates/Ambassadors, not Gatekeepers.
- Emerging measurement opportunities: advanced/spatially distributed sensing.
- **Our proposal was selected, in part, because of Land-Atmosphere Interaction strengths (including terrestrial focus area).**
- Siting of the AMF3 in the SEUS will be informed by: SST, community feedback, and operational/logistical considerations



# Project Membership: Core Team

- Chongai Kuang: BNL, PI (**aerosol**)
- Scott Giangrande: BNL, co-PI (**convection**)
- Shawn Serbin: BNL, co-PI (**land-atmosphere interactions**)
- James Smith: University of California, Irvine
- Allison Steiner: University of Michigan
- Gregory Elsaesser: GISS, Columbia University/NASA
- John Peters: Naval Postgraduate School
- Mariko Oue: Stony Brook University, NY
- Thijs Heus: Cleveland State University
- Pierre Gentine: Columbia University



# Project Membership: External

- Advisory Committee:

- BNL leadership (Allison McComiskey, Mike Jensen, Andy Vogelmann, Art Sedlacek)
- Pavlos Kollias: SBU
- Dave Turner: NOAA
- Hugh Morrison: NCAR
- Markus Petters: NCSU

- External Partners:

- ARM/SNL (Jim Mather, Nicki Hickmon, Jennifer Comstock, Adam Theisen, Joe Hardesty, Lori Parrott, Rebecca Jeffers, Dari Dexheimer, Fred Helsel)
- SEUS experts
- SEUS networks



# Anticipated Project Timeline

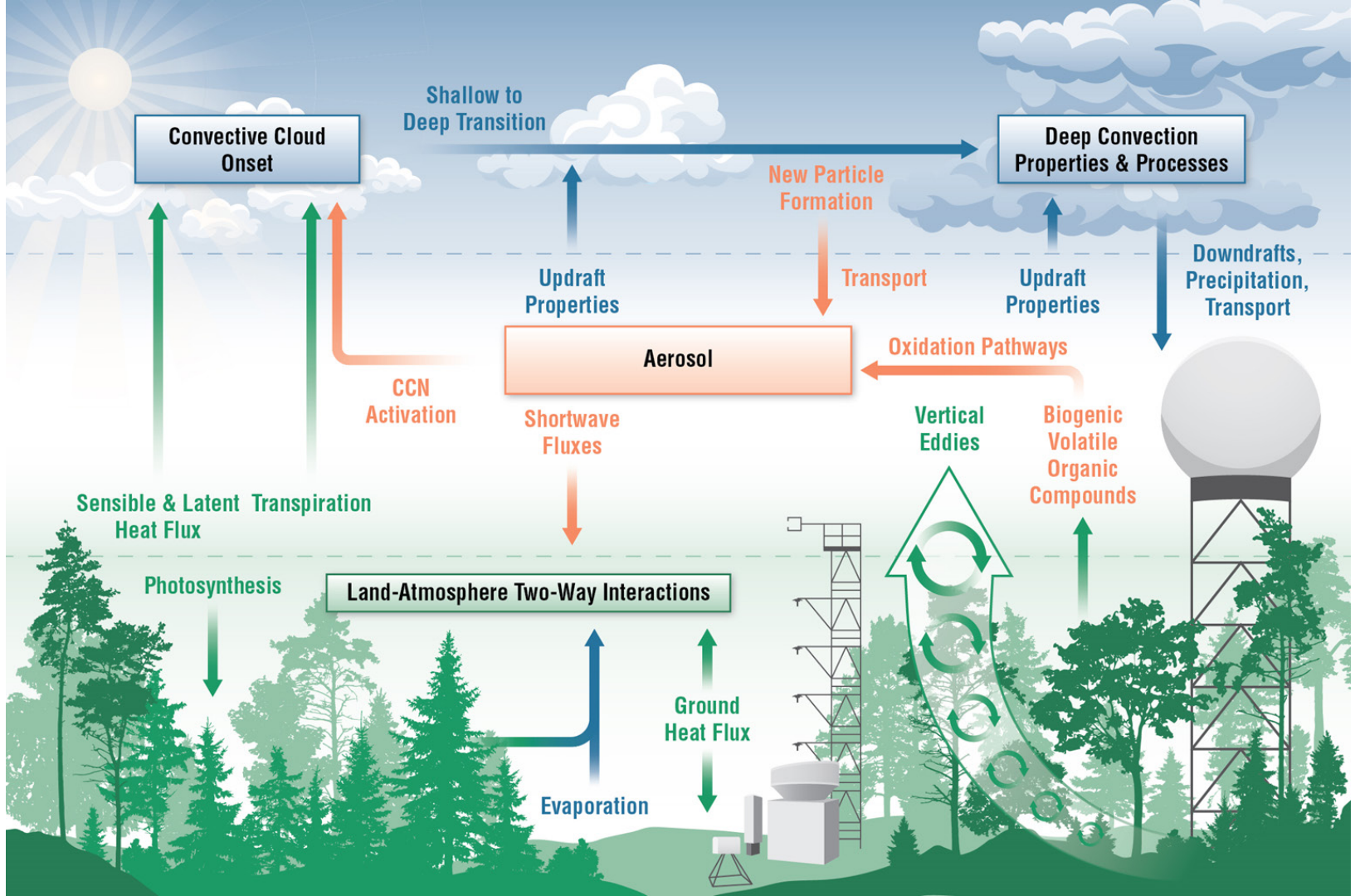
## Near Term:

- Jul 2020: Windstorm Extreme Event Research Network Workshop
- Late summer: ESS-targeted AMF3 SEUS workshop (planned)
- Fall 2020: Potential focused ARM/ASR breakouts
- Dec 2020: AGU - town hall
- Jan 2021: AMS - town hall proposal planned


## Long Term:

- Mar 2021: Site “shortlist” identified
- Sep 2021: Site identified
- Mar 2023: Site operational
- Mar 2024: Advanced and/or spatially distributed instrumentation installed

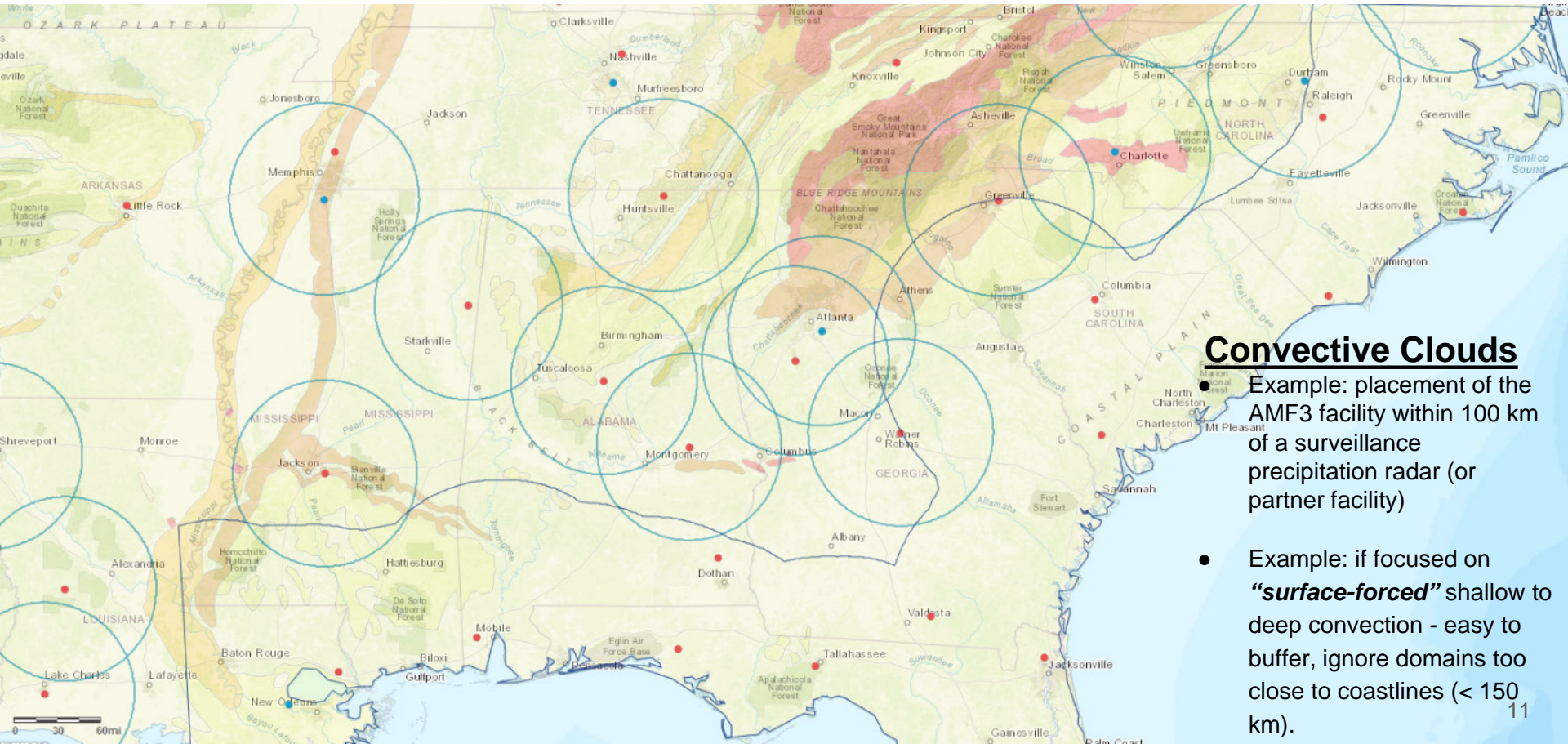




# SST Activities: Planning Documents

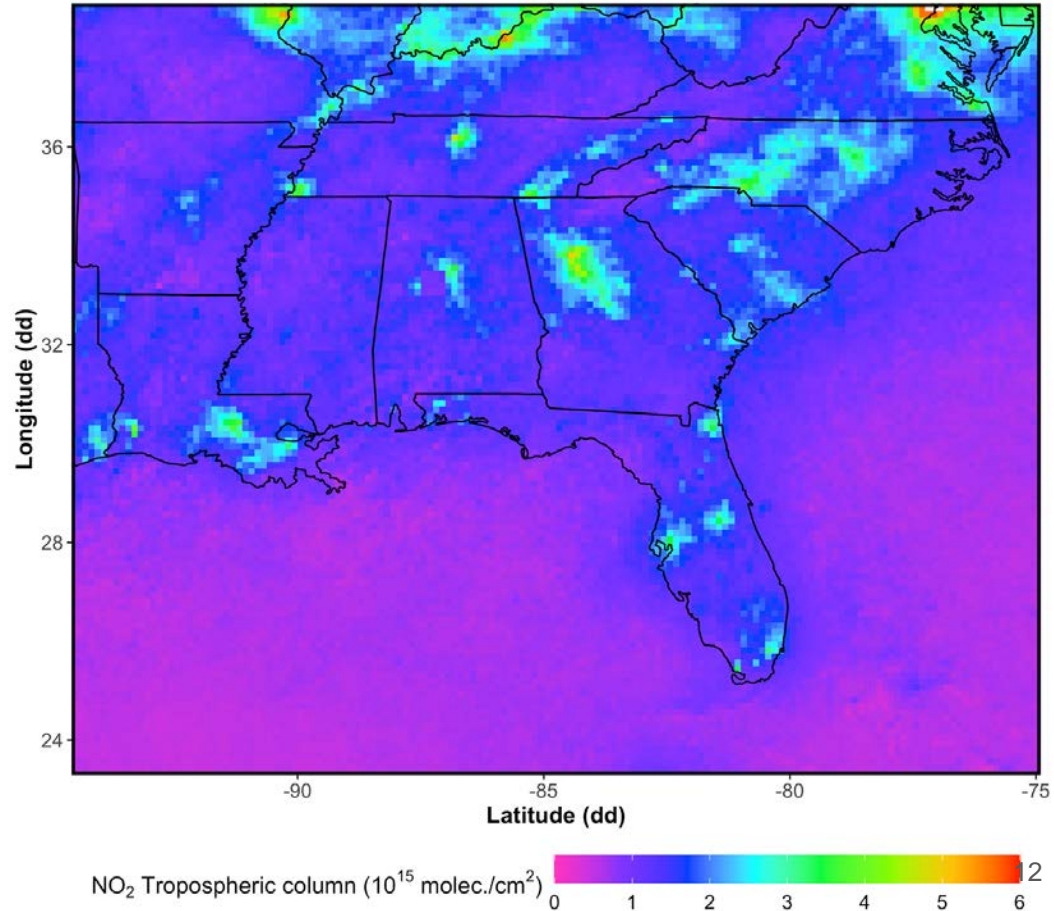
- Direct guidance from the ASR/ARM (i.e., ARM Workshop outcomes):
  - Spatially distributed measurements
  - Atmospheric state/flux measurements over agricultural and woodlands/forests
  - Characterize variations in aerosols (urban/rural)
- Initial Team Activities: “Tiered Traceability Matrices” 
  - Science Driver Matrices: Driver ⇒ Prioritized Questions ⇒ Required Measurements
  - Instrument Matrices: Measurements ⇒ Instruments (prioritized) ⇒ Operational Requirements
  - Site Matrices: Potential Sites ranked against Science Drivers
  - GIS Map generation to inform siting
  - Cross-cutting topics: structural co-location/co-prioritization
  - **User feedback on measurement needs and observational scales (spatial and temporal) is critically important!**
- Emphasis on Cross-Cutting Science Drivers:
  - role of plant BVOC emissions on SOA processes/properties
  - aerosol/cloud radiative effect impacts on plant physiological response
  - convective transport impacts on aerosol spatial variability
  - role of surface energy balance on convection

# Activities: GIS (Geographic Information System) Maps



# Activities: GIS Maps - Aerosol

- **Example:** Column NO<sub>2</sub> map from satellite remote sensing (TROPOMI) - indicator of anthropogenic pollution
- **Further map considerations:**
  - Aerosol optical depth
  - Aerosol precursors (SO<sub>2</sub>, BVOCs)
  - Biomass burning
- **Siting:**
  - Avoid strong industrial/urban emission sources
  - Avoid complex topography



# Activities: GIS Maps - Land-Atmosphere Interactions

## National Land Cover Database - 2016

### NLCD Land Cover Classification Legend

- 11 Open Water
- 12 Perennial Ice/ Snow
- 21 Developed, Open Space
- 22 Developed, Low Intensity
- 23 Developed, Medium Intensity
- 24 Developed, High Intensity
- 31 Barren Land (Rock/Sand/Clay)
- 41 Deciduous Forest
- 42 Evergreen Forest
- 43 Mixed Forest
- 51 Dwarf Scrub\*
- 52 Shrub/Scrub
- 71 Grassland/Herbaceous
- 72 Sedge/Herbaceous\*
- 73 Lichens\*
- 74 Moss\*
- 81 Pasture/Hay
- 82 Cultivated Crops
- 90 Woody Wetlands
- 95 Emergent Herbaceous Wetlands

\* Alaska only



# Activities: Outreach

- ARM has always sought community feedback -- continuous improvement, flexibility to identify high priority science needs -- often gathered through workshops, ASR Working Groups, Field Campaign Pls, and other mechanisms **(this breakout session)**.
- We strive for a very active community outreach. This includes outreach to:
  - Environmental System Science
  - ARM constituent groups (UEC, AMMSG, CPMSG)
  - science working groups (ACPC)
  - ASR working groups (AP, CP, WBLP)
  - Relevant multi-agency SEUS Field Campaigns
  - SEUS experts, partners, and measurement networks

- Slack channel
- email list: [seus@arm.gov](mailto:seus@arm.gov), [seusteam@arm.gov](mailto:seusteam@arm.gov)
- webpage: <https://www.arm.gov/capabilities/observatories/amf/locations/seus>



## ARM Mobile Facility Leaving Alaska for U.S. Southeast

The Atmospheric Radiation Measurement (ARM) user facility will soon begin the process of moving its third mobile facility (AMF3) from Alaska to the Southeastern United States.

A workshop in August 2013 identified the Southeast as a primary region of interest for future sites for ARM. The Southeast is a region with abundant atmospheric observation, yet the land surface, biogenic flux, topography, and aerosol properties are notably different from those sites of ARM's land observatory in Oklahoma, allowing opportunities to explore new research questions.

To maximize the scientific value of the new site, DOE's Biological and Environmental Research program selected a site science team that will help guide the scope of ARM's Southeastern United States (SEUS) User Facility, which will lead the ARM's relocation effort. Supported by ARM and DOE's Atmospheric System Research (ASR), the scientific team is responsible for developing a science plan and initial research program for the Southeastern U.S. deployment.

The site science team proposes to improve ground understanding and model representation of aerosol, cloud, and land-atmosphere interactions, together with land re-sampling of these sites to explore land-atmosphere feedbacks and associated connections.



The Southeastern United States (SEUS) site is located in the Southeastern United States, which is highlighted in red.



The first ARM mobile facility (AMF1) will soon end its extended deployment in Alaska and be redeployed to the Southeastern United States. ARM1 has collected data at various sites since 2001.

**Science Objectives**  
By the end of fiscal year 2013, ARM is expected to end operations at Grand Prairie, Alaska, where it has collected data since 2011. The Southeastern U.S. deployment is planned to start in the fall of 2013 and relocate to its first site.

The site science team aims to facilitate and enable research that will be performed with the ARM's data.  
"To plan to work with the knowledge of ARM, ASR, and other relevant agencies to best forward, organize, coordinate, and integrate research on scientific themes requested by the Southeastern United States," says SEUS, several scientist Chang-Ki Kang, who leads the site science team.

Kang says the team wants to get ARM in an area where the interaction between aerosols, clouds, and land-atmosphere processes can be studied and modeled. "The processes that we're trying to study here are defined by the unique environment of the region, which is characterized by high humidity, frequent convection, and high frequency rainfalls," he says.

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# Thank You!

