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Overarching ACCP Goal	A+CCP	A	CCP	2017 DS Most Important / Very Important	Goals
Understand the processing of water and aerosol through the atmosphere and develop the societal applications enabled from this understanding.	✓	✓	✓	W-1a, W-2a, C-2a (Most Important); C-2g (Very Important)	**G1** Cloud Feedbacks Reduce the uncertainty in low- and high-cloud climate feedbacks by advancing our ability to predict the properties of low and high clouds.
	✓		✓	W-1a, W-2a, W-4a, H-1b (Most Important); C-2g, C-5c (Very Important)	**G2** Storm Dynamics Improve our physical understanding and model representations of cloud, precipitation *and dynamical* processes within deep convective storms.
	✓		✓	H-1b, W-1a, S-4a (Most Important); W-3a (Very Important)	**G3** Cold Cloud and Precipitation Improve understanding of cold (supercooled liquid, ice, and mixed phase) cloud processes and associated precipitation and their coupling to the surface at mid to high latitudes and to the cryosphere.
	✓	✓		W-1a, W-5a (Most Important); C-5a (Very Important)	**G4** Aerosol Processes Reduce uncertainty in key processes that link aerosols to weather, climate and air quality related impacts.
	✓	D ✓ I		C-2a, C-2h (Most Important); C-5c (Very Important)	**G5** Aerosol Impacts on Radiation Reduce the uncertainty in Direct (D) and Indirect (I) aerosol-related radiative forcing of the climate system.

Goal only fully realizable via combined mission.

A or CCP makes meaningful contribution to goal

A+CCP	A	CCP	Goal	Example Science Questions	Objectives
			G1 Cloud Feedbacks *Reduce the uncertainty in low- and high-cloud climate feedbacks by advancing our ability to predict the properties of low and high clouds*	1) *To what extent can the properties of low clouds be determined by environmental factors?* 2) *How do the properties and formation of high clouds relate to (i) deep convection and (ii) large-scale environmental factors?*	**O1** Low Clouds **Minimum:** Determine the sensitivity of boundary layer *bulk* cloud physical and radiative properties to large-scale and local environmental factors including thermodynamic and dynamic properties. **Enhanced**: Adds to Minimum cloud *microphysical* properties and enhanced bulk cloud properties.
					O2 High Clouds **Minimum:** 1) Relate the vertical structure, horizontal extent, ice water path, and radiative properties of *convectively generated* high clouds to convective vertical transport 2) Relate the vertical structure, horizontal extent, ice water path, and radiative properties of *large scale* high clouds to environmental factors. **Enhanced**: Adds to Minimum microphysical properties of ice clouds.

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			G2 Storm Dynamics *Improve our physical understanding and model representations of cloud, precipitation and dynamical processes within deep convective storms*	*1) How does convective mass flux relate to the vertical distribution and microphysical properties of clouds and precipitation in deep convection?* *2) How do different convective storm systems contribute to vertical transports of heat, water, and other constituents within the atmosphere and how do these transports relate to storm environment and lifecycle?*	**O3** Convective Storm Systems **Minimum:** Relate vertical motion within deep convective storms to their a) cloud and precipitation structures, b) microphysical properties, c) local environment thermodynamic and kinematic factors such as temperature, humidity, and large-scale vertical motion, and d) ambient aerosol loading. **Enhanced:** Improve measurements of convective storm vertical motion and storm characteristics in (a) and (b) of the Minimum objective. Further relate items in the Minimum objective to latent heating profiles, storm life cycle, ambient aerosol profiles, and surface properties.

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			G3 Cold Cloud and Precipitation *Improve understanding of cold (supercooled liquid, ice, and mixed phase) cloud processes and associated precipitation and their coupling to the surface at mid to high latitudes and to the cryosphere.*	*1) What is the distribution and phase of surface precipitation (rain, mixed phase, frozen and snowfall) and how does it influence the surface water and energy balance?* *2) What are the processes that govern phase partitioning and precipitation formation in cold clouds?* *3) What are the processes that govern the vertical structure of microphysics of cold-cloud precipitation from cloud top to near-surface?*	**O4** Cold Cloud and Precipitation Processes **Minimum:** Detect and quantify vertical profiles of ice and liquid condensate (including precipitation), and relate these to cloud physical properties (including mixed-phase precipitation and snowfall), meteorological forcing and regime, orography, and surface properties. **Enhanced:** Enhancement of Minimum with an additional focus on: 1) cloud physical processes related to the density and microphysical characterization of snowfall and frozen precipitation in the column and near surface; 2) characterization of atmospheric contributions to the surface water mass and energy balance at higher latitudes.

A+CCP	A	CCP	Goal	Example Science Questions	Objectives
			G4 Aerosol Processes *Reduce uncertainty in key processes that link aerosols to weather, climate and air quality related impacts.*	*1) What are the major anthropogenic and natural sources of aerosol and how do they vary spatially and temporally?* *2) What are the factors that relate aerosol microphysical and optical properties to surface PM concentrations?* *3) To what extent does long-range transport of smoke, dust, and other particulates impact regional near-surface air quality?*	**O5** Aerosol Attribution and Air-Quality **Minimum:** Quantify optical and microphysical aerosol properties in the PBL and free troposphere to improve process understanding, estimates of aerosol emissions, speciation, and predictions of near-surface particulate concentrations. **Enhanced:** Characterize variations in vertical profiles of optical and microphysical properties over space and time in terms of 3D transport, spatially resolved emission sources and residual production and loss terms.
					O6 Aerosol Processing, Removal and Redistribution **Minimum:** Characterize the processing and removal of aerosols by clouds and light precipitation (<2 mm/hr). **Enhanced:** Characterize the processing, removal and redistribution of aerosols by clouds and heavy precipitation (> 2 mm/hr).

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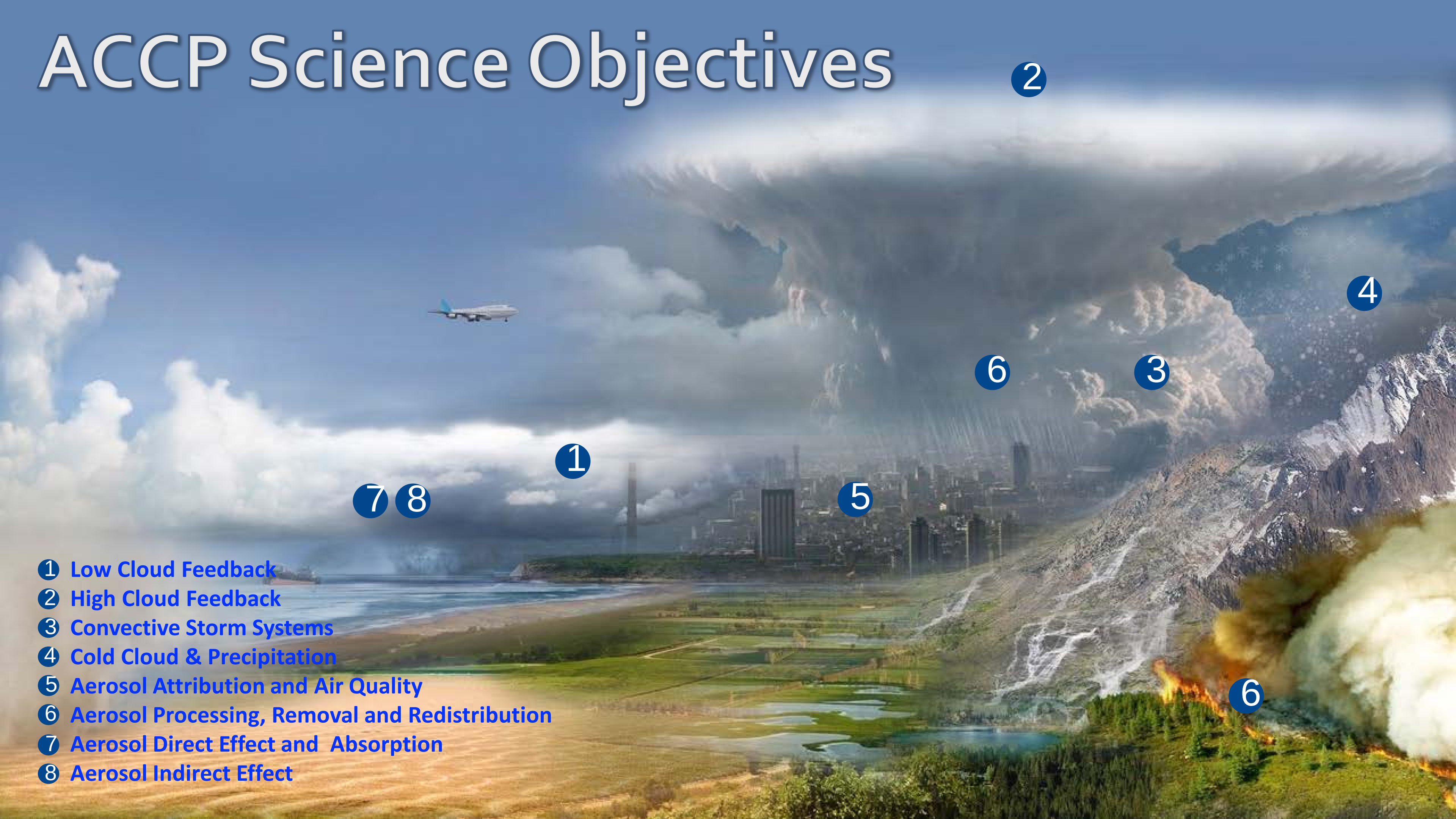
			G5 Aerosol Impacts on Radiation *Reduce the uncertainty in Direct (D) and Indirect (I) aerosol-related radiative forcing of the climate system.*	*1) How do changes in anthropogenic aerosols affect Earth's radiation budget and offset the warming due to greenhouse gases?* *2) What is the role of absorbing aerosols in the Earth's radiation budget and thermodynamics?* *3) Under what conditions do aerosols impact the albedo or coverage of shallow clouds and by how much?*	**O7** Aerosol Direct Effects and Absorption **Minimum**: Reduce uncertainties in estimates of: 1) global mean clear and all-sky shortwave direct radiative effects (DRE) to ±1.2 W/m2 at TOA and the anthropogenic fraction, 2) regional TOA and surface DRE, and 3) Quantify the impacts of absorbing aerosol on atmospheric stability. **Enhanced:** Quantify the impact of absorbing aerosols on vertically resolved aerosol radiative heating rates and DRE commensurate with the uncertainties in global mean at TOA and surface.
					O8 Aerosol Indirect Effect **Minimum**: Provide measurements to constrain process level understanding of *aerosol-warm cloud* interactions to improve estimates of aerosol indirect radiative forcing. **Enhanced:** Provide measurements to constrain process level understanding of interactions of aerosol with *cold and mixed-phase clouds* to improve estimates of aerosol indirect radiative forcing.

ACCP Science Objectives



1. Low Cloud Feedback
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3. Convective Storm Systems
4. Cold Cloud & Precipitation
5. Aerosol Attribution and Air Quality
6. Aerosol Processing, Removal and Redistribution
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A+C CP	A	CCP	Objectives
			O1 Low Clouds **Minimum:** Determine the sensitivity of boundary layer *bulk* cloud physical and radiative properties to large-scale and local environmental factors including thermodynamic and dynamic properties. **Enhanced:** Adds to Minimum cloud *microphysical* properties and enhanced bulk cloud properties.

Approach

General Approach

a) Complement and where possible expand on existing climate data records. Examine inter-annual cloud property changes associated with cloud-controlling factors (e.g. Klein et al., 2017.)
b) Quantify low cloud-controlling processes via multi-variate analysis (e.g. Ming and Suzuki, 2018; etc)
c) With a) & b) combine with models to test and understand process couplings

Role of Models – primary tool to integrate observations, test understanding & examine impacts on feedbacks

Role of Sub-orbital – cal/val variable retrievals, validate process interpretation, enhance process understanding with enhanced property measurement.

New and Improved

a) Significant improvements of key cloud variables (LWP, cloud microphysics) including profiling, droplet concentrations, precipitation quantification
b) Significantly improved global analysis, model moist physics, and contextual PoR capabilities.

A	CCP	ODO	POR	Utility Score	Geophysical Variables	Qualifiers
					Minimum	
√	√	S	(√)	4.8	Cloud liquid water path	
√	√	S	(√)	4.7	Cloud optical depth	
√	√	S	(√)	4.7	Cloud droplet effective radius	
√	√	S	(√)	4.2	Cloud top phase	
√	√		(√)	4.7	Hydrometeor vertical feature mask	Cloud top ht
√	√	S	(√)	4.0	Areal cloud fraction	
	√		(√)	3.3	Precipitation phase profile	
	√		(√)	4.0	Precipitation rate profile	<2 mm/hr, Near surface
√			(√)	2.7	Planetary Boundary Layer Height	
			√	N/A	Environmental temperature profile	
			√	N/A	Environmental humidity profile	
			√	N/A	Environmental horizontal wind profile	
			√	N/A	Environmental vertical wind profile	
	√		(√)	4.3	Cloud albedo	Derived
					Enhanced	
	√			4.5	Cloud droplet concentration	Layer
√	√			3.8	Hydrometeor vertical feature mask	Cloud base ht
	√		(√)	4.0	Total liquid water path	
√	√			3.0	Volumetric cloud fraction	
			√	N/A	Diurnally resolved cloud cover	
		S	(√)	N/A	Surface turbulent fluxes (land and ocean)	

A+CCP	A	CCP	Objectives
			O2 High Clouds **Minimum:** 1) Relate the vertical structure, horizontal extent, ice water path, and radiative properties of *convectively generated* high clouds to convective vertical transport 2) Relate the vertical structure, horizontal extent, ice water path, and radiative properties of *large scale* high clouds environmental factors. **Enhanced**: Adds to Threshold microphysical properties of ice clouds.

Approach (1 of 2)

General Approach

a) Complement and where possible expand on existing climate data records. Examine inter-annual cloud property changes associated with cloud-controlling factors.
b) Quantification of high cloud-controlling processes, including convective transport, radiative heating, precipitation, via multi-variate analysis
c) With a) and b) combine with models to test and understand process couplings

Role of Models – primary tool to integrate observations, test understanding & examine impacts on feedbacks (*e.g.* between convection and high clouds)

Role of Sub-orbital – cal/val variable retrievals, validate process interpretation, advance process understanding with enhanced property measurement.

A	CCP	ODO	POR	Utility Score	Geophysical Variables (1 of 2) Minimum	Enhanced	Qualifiers
	√		(√)	4.9	Ice Water Path		
	√		(√)	3.9	Ice Water Content Profile		
√	√	S	(√)	4.9	Cloud optical depth		
√	√			5.0	Hydrometeor vertical feature mask		
√			(√)	4.3	Cloud geometric-top temperature		
√			√	N/A	Cloud areal extent		
			√	N/A	Diurnally resolved cloud cover		
			√	N/A	Diurnally resolved cloud top height		
	√			4.4	In-cloud Vertical Air Velocity Profile		Single level, upper tropo.
	√			3.4	Precipitation phase profile		Melt.Lyr also
			√	N/A	Cloud lifecycle categories		
			√	N/A	Environmental temperature profile		
			√	N/A	Environmental humidity profile		
			√	N/A	Environmental horizontal wind profile		
√	√		(√)	4.7	Cloud radiative effects		LW, SW

Approach (2 of 2)

New and Improved

a) First time ability to make quantitative links to convective transport (vertical motion) , convective precipitation
b) Significant improvements of key cloud variables
c) Significantly improved global analysis, model moist physics, and contextual PoR capabilities.

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A	CCP	ODO	POR	Utility Score	Geophysical Variables (2 of 2) Minimum	Enhanced	Qualifiers
	√		(√)	4.0	Precipitation rate profile		
√	√			3.7	Ice crystal number concentration		Layer
√	√	S		3.8	Ice crystal particle size		
	√		√	N/A	Convective cloud cover		
√	√			4.7	Radiative heating profile		
	√			4.2	In-cloud Vertical Air Velocity Profile		

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Approach

General Approach - Establish global convective structure climatologies that statistically characterize deep convective processes through measurement of convective scale vertical motion, cloud, precipitation, and surrounding column aerosol properties. Leverage temporal/spatial coverage of GEO and LEO PoR with ground-based observations and global/regional analysis systems.

Role of models - testing and evaluation of ACCP observational impacts on improved model physical representation of convective cloud processes.

Role of Sub-orbital - In situ and improved space-time sampling of convective processes, especially for strong to severe storms, and perturbations in the ambient cloud environment. Cal/val for satellite measurements and retrieval algorithms.

New and Improved - a) global convective scale vertical motion profiles and correlated process metrics, and b) measurements of hydrometeor structure and environment aerosol properties, PoR measurements and capabilities, and global model analysis resolution/physics.

A	CCP	ODO	POR	Utility Score	Geophysical Variables (1 of 2)	Qualifiers
					Minimum / Enhanced	
	√			5.0	In-Cloud Vertical Air Velocity Profile	measure above melting layer at a minimum; Velocity minimum |>2 m/s|
√	√		(√)	5.0	Hydrometeor vertical feature mask	Cloud top height
√	√		(√)	4.5	Cloud geometric-top temperature	
√	√		(√)	3.5	Cloud top phase	
			√	N/A	Diurnally resolved cloud cover	PoR Primary; Context
			√	N/A	Diurnally resolved cloud top height	PoR Primary; Context
	√		(√)	5.0	Precipitation rate profile	
	√		(√)	4.0	Precipitation phase profile	Liquid/mixed/frozen
	√		(√)	4.3	Ice water path	
	√		√	N/A	Convective classification	Org./intensity/depth; PoR for org. context
	√		(√)	4.5	Precipitation Discrimination (stratiform/convective)	
			√	N/A	Environmental temperature profile	Used for stability parameters as well
			√	N/A	Environmental humidity profile	Used for stability parameters as well
			√	N/A	Environmental horizontal wind profile	Used for shear calculation
			√	N/A	Environmental vertical wind profile	
√		S	(√)	4.0	Aerosol Optical Depth (Column and PBL)	

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A	CCP	ODO	POR	Utility Score	Geophysical Variables (1 of 2) (Minimum / Enhanced)	Qualifiers
	√		(√)	4.0	Latent heating profile	Vertical velocity constrained
√	√		(√)	4.0	Total Liquid Water Path	Ice + liquid (full column)
	√		√	N/A	Cloud lifecycle categories	PoR or observing system temporal/area context
	√		(√)	4.0	Precipitation particle size profile	PSD char. diameter; multi-radar/radiometer frequency
	√		(√)	4.0	Precipitation Rate, 2D @ surface	Swath-mapped precipitation rate
	√			4.3	Convective core size	Need swath view
√				3.8	Aerosol extinction profile	
√				2.8	Aerosol effective radius profile	
√				3.0	Aerosol non-Spherical AOD Fraction	Profile & column
√				3.3	Aerosol Absorption Profile	
			√	N/A	Surface elevation	Topography
		S, D	√	N/A	Surface type	Land, water, coastline
		S, D	√	N/A	Surface classification	Land surface cover class
	(√)		v	N/A	Surface turbulent fluxes	Latent, sensible heat flux
			√	N/A	Lightning	Location, physical properties

A+CCP	A	CCP	Objectives
			O4 Cold Cloud and Precipitation Processes **Minimum:** Detect and quantify vertical profiles of ice and liquid condensate (including precipitation), and relate these to cloud physical properties (including mixed-phase precipitation and snowfall), meteorological forcing and regime, orography, and surface properties. **Enhanced:** Enhancement of Minimum with an additional focus on: 1) cloud physical processes related to the density and microphysical characterization of snowfall and frozen precipitation in the column and near surface; 2) characterization of atmospheric contributions to the surface water mass and energy balance at higher latitudes.

A	CCP	ODO	POR	Utility Score	Geophysical Variables (1 of 2) — Minimum / Enhanced	Qualifiers
√	√			4.3	Hydrometeor Vertical Feature Mask	
√				4.0	Cloud geometric-top temperature	
	√			4.8	Ice water path	
	√		(√)	5.0	Precipitation rate profile	Near surface (<500 m)
	√		(√)	5.0	Precipitation phase profile	
√	√		(√)	4.5	Total liquid water path	
√	√	S		4.3	Cloud phase profile	
			√	N/A	Environmental horizontal wind profile	From reanalysis
			√	N/A	Environmental temperature profile	From reanalysis
			√	N/A	Environmental humidity profile	From reanalysis
			√	N/A	Surface elevation	Topography
		S, D	√	N/A	Surface type	Land, water, coastline
		S, D	√	N/A	Surface classification	Land surface cover class
	(√)		√	N/A	Surface turbulent fluxes	Latent, sensible

Approach (1 of 2)

General Approach

a) Multi-frequency, multi-sensor approach for improving snowfall rate and potential microphysical properties (Grecu and Olson 2008, Grecu et al. 2018, Leinonen et al. 2018)
b) Characterization of vertical structures, profiles of snowfall rate and microphysical properties related statistically to forcing/regime, orography, sfc fluxes
c) PDFs of snowfall/cold cloud processes regionally, as a function of cloud depth (Kulie et al 2016); 2D histograms and contributions of snow rates in PDF to total snowfall, contributions as a function of GVs such as echo-top height, passive microwave TBs; climatologies of mixed-phase clouds

Role of Models – primary tool to integrate observations, test understanding & examine representation of cold cloud processes in models.

Role of Sub-orbital – cal/val variable retrievals, validate process interpretation, advance process understanding with in-situ & remotely sensed microphysical data.

Approach (2 of 2)

New and Improved

a) Improved range of precipitation measurements (from very light to heavy rain/snow rates)
b) Multi-sensor retrievals for constraints on both liquid and ice microphysical properties (e.g., precipitation rates, particle size, density of ice)
c) Possible information on vertical motion in regions of heavier snowfall rates

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			O4 Cold Cloud and Precipitation Processes **Minimum:** Detect and quantify vertical profiles of ice and liquid condensate (including precipitation), and relate these to cloud physical properties (including mixed-phase precipitation and snowfall), meteorological forcing and regime, orography, and surface properties. **Enhanced:** Enhancement of Minimum with an additional focus on: 1) cloud physical processes related to the density and microphysical characterization of snowfall and frozen precipitation in the column and near surface; 2) characterization of atmospheric contributions to the surface water mass and energy balance at higher latitudes.

A	CCP	ODO	POR	Utility Score	Geophysical Variables (1 of 2) Minimum / Enhanced	Qualifiers
	√			4.5	Precipitation particle size profile	All phases
√				3.8	Particle shape (aspect ratio, roughness)	
	√			4.5	Precipitation (ice) particle density profile	
				4.8	Precipitation rate,	2D@surface
	√			4.0	Snowfall Vertical (Doppler) Velocity Profile	Profile, |< 1 m/s|
	√			3.5	In-Cloud Vertical Air Velocity Profile	> 2 m/s
	√			3.8	Areal cloud fraction	
√				3.8	Blowing surface snow detection	
√	√	S	(√)	3.3	Cloud optical depth	
			√	N/A	Water vapor advection	From reanalysis
√	√		√	N/A	Cloud radiative effects	LW, SW
√	√		√	N/A	Surface radiation budget	LW, SW

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			O5 Aerosol Attribution and Air Quality **Minimum**: Quantify optical and microphysical aerosol properties in the PBL and free troposphere to improve process understanding, estimates of speciation, aerosol emissions and predictions of near-surface particulate concentrations. **Enhanced**: Characterize changes in vertical profiles of optical and microphysical properties over space and time in terms of 3D transport, spatially resolved emission sources and residual production and loss terms.

Approach (1 of 2)

General Approach

a) Use ACCP measurements to estimate aerosol speciation using the following approaches:
   1) Optimal estimation algorithm using as prior aerosol state from an assimilation system that incorporates the aerosol PoR
   2) Empirical aerosol typing based on clustering of aerosol optical properties

b) Inverse calculations used to assess impact on emissions, and through revised emissions impact on forecasts of near-surface particulate concentrations

c) Model sensitivity studies, validated by ACCP data, used to gain insight into process parameterizations.

d) Complement and where possible expand on existing climate data records. Examine inter-annual variability of aerosol emissions, optical properties and impact on global AQ.

Role of Models – primary tool to integrate observations, test understanding & examine impacts and feedbacks.

A	CCP	ODO	POR	Utility Score	Geophysical Variables (1 of 2)		Qualifiers
					Minimum	Enhanced	
√				4.2	Aerosol Extinction (Total & Non-Spherical)		VIS & NIR Profile
√		S	(√)	5.0	Aerosol Optical Depth		UV to SWIR Column, PBL
√				4.4	Aerosol Absorption Optical Depth		UV & VIS Column, PBL
√				4.4	Aerosol Fine Mode Optical Depth		Column, PBL
√			(√)	3.6	Aerosol Real Index of Refraction		Column, PBL
√				4.8	Aerosol Non-Spherical AOD Fraction		Column, PBL
√				4.2	Aerosol Extinction to Backscatter Ratio		VIS & NIR Column, PBL
√				4.8	Aerosol-Cloud Feature Mask		
√			(√)	N/A	Planetary Boundary Layer Height		
			√	N/A	Environmental Temperature		Profile
			√	N/A	Environmental Humidity		Profile

Approach (2 of 2)

Role of Sub-orbital – cal/val variable retrievals, validate process interpretation, advance process understanding with enhanced property measurement. Linking of optical to chemical aerosol properties.

New and Improved

a) Significant improvements of key aerosol variables (vertically/spectrally resolved aerosol absorption and extinction, fine mode fraction over land, etc.)

b) Improved global emissions and near surface aerosol characterization, with benefits for AQ analysis and forecasts.

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			O5 Aerosol Attribution and Air Quality **Minimum**: Quantify optical and microphysical aerosol properties in the PBL and free troposphere to improve process understanding, estimates of speciation, aerosol emissions and predictions of near-surface particulate concentrations. **Enhanced**: Characterize changes in vertical profiles of optical and microphysical properties over space and time in terms of 3D transport, spatially resolved emission sources and residual production and loss terms.

A	CCP	ODO	POR	Utility Score	Geophysical Variables (2 of 2)		Qualifiers
					Minimum	**Enhanced**	
√			(√)	4.8	Aerosol PM2.5 Concentration		Surface
√				4.6	Aerosol Effective Radius		Profile
√				4.6	Aerosol Absorption		UV & VIS Profile
√				5.0	Aerosol Fine Mode Extinction		Profile
			√	N/A	Environmental Horizontal Wind		Profile
			√	N/A	Environmental Vertical Wind		Profile
			√	N/A	Precursor Gas Concentration		

A+CCP	A	CCP	Objectives
			O6 Aerosol Processing, Removal and Redistribution **Minimum:** Characterize the processing and removal of aerosols by clouds and light precipitation (<2 mm/hr). **Enhanced:** Characterize the processing, removal and redistribution of aerosols by clouds and heavy precipitation (> 2 mm/hr).

A	CCP	ODO	POR	Utility Score	Geophysical Variables (1 of 2) Minimum	Enhanced	Qualifiers
	√		(√)	4.5	Total Liquid Water Path		
√	√	S	(√)	4.0	Cloud Optical Depth		
√	√	S	(√)	5.0	Cloud Droplet Effective Radius		
	√		(√)	4.5	Precipitation rate		< 2mm/hr 2D @ surface
	√		(√)	4.0	Precipitation Phase		Profile, Near-surface included
	√		(√)	4.8	Precipitation Rate		Profile, Near-surface included
			√	N/A	Environmental Temperature		Profile
			√	N/A	Environmental Humidity		Profile
			√	N/A	Environmental Horizontal Wind		Profile
			√	N/A	Environmental Vertical Wind		Profile
√			(√)	N/A	Planetary Boundary Layer Height		

Approach – 1 of 2

General Approach

a) Use ACCP observations to estimate aerosol amount, size and optical properties using following approaches:
   1) Optimal estimation algorithm using as prior aerosol state from an assimilation system that incorporates the aerosol PoR
   2) Self-contained aerosol retrievals obtained with ACCP active and passive measurements and PoR if co-located.

b) Approach for Processing and Removal rely on geostationary passive aerosol data to characterize aerosol removal processes before and after clouds/precipitation events.

c) Changes in aerosol properties (size, absorption, etc.) will be used to characterize processing. Reduction in aerosol amount will be used to characterize removal, alongside concurrent cloud and precipitation properties.

d) Complement and where possible expand on existing climate data records. Examine inter-annual variability of aerosol processing and removal.

Role of Models – primary tool to integrate observations, test understanding & examine impacts and feedbacks.

Approach – 2 of 2

Role of Sub-orbital – cal/val variable retrievals, validate process interpretation, enhance process understanding with enhanced property measurement. Unless space component include multiple ACCP satellites on a train, a comprehensive campaign is necessary to address aerosol redistribution.

New and Improved

a) Significant improvements of key aerosol variables (vertically resolved aerosol absorption and extinction, fine mode fraction over land, etc.)

b) By means of the concurrent A and CCP measurements we will achieve significantly improved global analysis, model representation of key aerosol processes, and contextual PoR capabilities.

A+CCP	A	CCP	Objectives
			O6 Aerosol Processing, Removal and Redistribution **Minimum:** Characterize the processing, removal and redistribution of aerosols by clouds and light precipitation (<2 mm/hr). **Enhanced:** Characterize the processing, removal and redistribution of aerosols by clouds and heavy precipitation (> 2 mm/hr).

A	CCP	ODO	POR	Utility Score	Geophysical Variables (2 of 2)	Qualifiers
					Minimum / Enhanced	
√				5.0	Aerosol Extinction Profile (Total & Non-Spherical)	VIS & NIR
√		S	(√)	4.8	Aerosol Optical Depth	UV to SWIR Column, PBL
√				4.0	Aerosol Absorption Optical Depth	UV & VIS Column, PBL
√				4.5	Aerosol Fine Mode Optical Depth	Column, PBL
√			(√)	4.0	Aerosol Real Index of Refraction	Column, PBL
√				4.5	Aerosol Non-spherical AOD Fraction	Column, PBL
√				3.5	Aerosol Extinction to Backscatter Ratio	Column and PBL VIS & NIR
√				4.8	Aerosol-Cloud Feature Mask	
√				5.0	Aerosol Effective Radius	Profile
√				4.5	Aerosol Absorption	UV & VIS Profile
			√	N/A	Environmental Horizontal Wind	Profile
			√	N/A	Environmental Vertical Wind	Profile
			√	N/A	Precursor gas concentration	
√				4.8	Aerosol Fine Mode Extinction	Profile
	√		(√)	4.8	Precipitation Rate	> 2mm/hr profile
√	√			4.0	Volumetric Cloud Fraction	
	√			4.0	In-Cloud Vertical Air Velocity Profile	|> 2 m/s| profile

A+CCP	A	CCP	Objectives
			O7 Aerosol Direct Effects and Absorption **Minimum**: Reduce uncertainties in estimates of: 1) global mean clear and all-sky shortwave direct radiative effects (DRE) to ±1.2 W/m2 at TOA, surface and regional DRE, and the anthropogenic fraction, 2) Quantify the impacts of absorbing aerosol on atmospheric stability. **Enhanced**: Quantify the impact of absorbing aerosols on vertically resolved aerosol radiative heating rates and the aerosol radiative effect commensurate with the uncertainties in global mean DRE at TOA and surface.

Approach

General approach

a) Compute TOA SW aerosol direct radiative effect from observed aerosol and cloud properties (*e.g.,* Oikawa et al 2018; Thorsen et al 2019)
b) Estimate anthropogenic fraction of DRE using aerosol speciation approaches as in O5 and O6.
c) Estimate atmospheric heating due to aerosol absorption.
d) Characterize changes in atmospheric stability due to aerosol absorption

Role of models - used to estimate impacts of aerosol absorption on atmospheric heating and aerosol-cloud radiative interactions.

Role of Sub-orbital – validation of satellite retrievals, aerosol optical models.

New and Improved - Significant improvements in key aerosol variables (extinction profiles, absorption, size), especially over land.

A	CCP	ODO	POR	Utility Score	Geophysical Variables (Minimum / Enhanced)	Qualifiers
√				3.8	Aerosol Extinction Profile (Total & Non-Spherical)	VIS & NIR, Profile
√		S	(√)	5.0	Aerosol Optical Depth	VIS to NIR Column, PBL
√			(√)	5.0	Aerosol Absorption Optical Depth	UV-VIS Column, PBL
√			(√)	4.5	Aerosol Fine Mode Optical Depth	Column, PBL
√			(√)	4.0	Aerosol Real Index of Refraction	Column, PBL
√				4.3	Aerosol Asymmetry Parameter	Colum, PBL
√				4.8	Aerosol Non-Spherical AOD Fraction	Column, PBL
√				3.5	Aerosol Extinction to Backscatter Ratio (Column)	VIS, NIR
√				5.0	Aerosol-Cloud Feature Mask	Profile
			√	N/A	Environmental Temperature	Profile
			√	N/A	Environmental Humidity	Profile
			√	N/A	Surface Albedo	
√	√			3.3	Cloud Optical Depth	
√	√		(√)	2.5	Cloud Droplet Effective Radius	
x	√			4.8	Areal Cloud Fraction	
√	√		√	N/A	Radiative fluxes (derived)	LW, SW Surface, TOA
√				5.0	Aerosol Effective Radius	Profile
√				5.0	Aerosol Absorption	UV-VIS Profile
√				4.5	Aerosol Fine Mode Extinction	Profile

A+CCP	A	CCP	Objectives
			O8 Aerosol Indirect Effect **Minimum**: Provide high quality measurements to constrain process level understanding of *aerosol-warm cloud* interactions as a means to improve estimates of aerosol indirect radiative forcings. **Enhanced:** Provide high quality measurements to constrain process level understanding of interactions of aerosol with *cold and mixed-phase clouds* as a means to improve estimates of aerosol indirect radiative forcing.

Approach

General Approach - Measure a suite of cloud and aerosol variables to improve estimates of aerosol indirect radiative forcing via process-level understanding. The observational strategy focuses on joint statistics to characterize physical processes and higher level relationships between cloud, aerosol, precipitation, and radiation and comparisons with model simulations. (Chen et al 2016; Mulmenstad and Feingold 2018)

Role of Models – LES simulations will be used to test and understand process couplings (Feingold et al. 2016)

Role of Sub-orbital - More extensive validation of key satellite retrievals is needed, long-term surface observations combined with modeling will enhance process understanding (Sena et al 2016)

New and Improved - Significant improvements of key aerosol and cloud variables (aerosol amount and size, cloud LWP and microphysics including profiling, droplet concentrations, precipitation quantification)

A	CCP	ODO	POR	Utility Score	Geophysical Variables (1 of 2)		Qualifiers
					Minimum	Enhanced	
√		S	(√)	4.6	Aerosol Optical Depth		UV to NIR Column, PBL
√				4.4	Aerosol Fine Mode Optical Depth		Column, PBL
√				4.6	Aerosol Extinction (Total & Non-Spherical)		VIS & NIR Profile
√				5.0	Aerosol-Cloud Feature Mask		
√	√		(√)	5.0	Cloud Liquid Water Path		
√			(√)	4.8	Cloud Optical Depth		
√			(√)	5.0	Cloud Droplet Effective Radius		
√	√			4.8	Cloud Droplet Concentration		Layer
√				4.2	Cloud Top Phase		
√			√	N/A	Areal Cloud Fraction		
√				5.0	Cloud Albedo		
	√		(√)	4.2	Precipitation Rate		<2 mm/hr; profile, Near surface desired
√			√	N/A	Planetary Boundary Layer height		Lidar and reanalysis
			√	N/A	Environmental Horizontal Wind		Profile
			√	N/A	Environmental Vertical Wind		Profile
				N/A	Environmental Humidity		Profile
				N/A	Environmental Temperature		Profile

A+CCP	A	CCP	Objectives
			O8 Aerosol Indirect Effect **Minimum**: Provide high quality measurements to constrain process level understanding of *aerosol-warm cloud* interactions as a means to improve estimates of aerosol indirect radiative forcings. **Enhanced:** Provide high quality measurements to constrain process level understanding of interactions of aerosol with *cold and mixed-phase clouds* as a means to improve estimates of aerosol indirect radiative forcing.

A	CCP	ODO	POR	Utility Score	Geophysical Variables (2 of 2)		Qualifiers
					Minimum	Enhanced	
√				4.8	Aerosol Number Concentration		Profile
√				4.3	Aerosol Effective Radius		Profile
√	√			4.8	Cloud Droplet Concentration		Layer
√				4.3	Cloud Top Extinction		
√				4.7	Cloud Top Droplet Size		
√				5.0	Cloud Top Droplet Concentration		
√	√			4.7	Hydrometeor vertical feature mask		Cloud base height
	√			4.0	In-Cloud Vertical Air Velocity		|> 1 m/s|, Profile
	√		(√)	4.0	Precipitation Phase		Profile, Near surface included/desired
			√	N/A	Diurnally Resolved Cloud Cover		
			√	N/A	Surface Turbulent Fluxes		Sensible, Latent Land and Ocean
√	√			4.3	Ice Crystal Number Concentration		
√	√			4.7	Ice Crystal Particle Size		
				4.7	Cloud Top Droplet Effective Radius		
				4.7	Ice Water Path		

Consolidated Geophysical Variables (1 of 17)		Science Objectives	Desired Capability						Examples of Observables *Notes*	Enabled Apps
			Range	Uncertainty	Scales					
					XY	Z	T	Swath		
Minimum	**Enhanced**	**IMPORTANT**: Desired Capabilities and Observables are preliminary. Click here for additional information.								
AABS.z	Aerosol Absorption (Profile)	O3,O5,O6, O7	SSA: 0.6-1.0	SSA: ±0.03		100 m	M	Nadir	UV-VIS	2, 6
AAOD.ℓ	Aerosol Absorption Optical Depth (Column and PBL)	O5, O6, O7	SSA: 0.6-1.0	SSA: ±0.04	5 km	-	I		*UV-VIS*	2, 4
				SSA: ±0.02	1 km					
ASYM	Aerosol Asymmetry Parameter	O7	0.5-1.0	±0.02			I			
ACFM.z	Aerosol-Cloud Feature Mask (Profile)	O5,O6,O7, O8		1%		100 m		Nadir	Lidar *An aerosol detection accuracy of 90% is desired with a 1% false positive rate (I.e. aerosol layers contaminated with clouds)*	2, 5, 6

Consolidated Geophysical Variables (2 of 17)		Science Objectives	Desired Capability: Range	Desired Capability: Uncertainty	Scales: XY	Scales: Z	Scales: T	Scales: Swath	Examples of Observables *Notes*	Enabled Apps
Minimum	**Enhanced**	**IMPORTANT**: Desired Capabilities and Observables are preliminary. Click here for additional information.								
AEFR.z	Aerosol Effective Radius (Profile)	O3, O5, O6, O7, O8	0.1-0.5	±20% for extinction > 0.05 km^{-1}	5 km	100 m	M	Nadir	Total attenuated backscatter profiles at UV, mid-visible and near IR; Attenuated molecular backscatter at UV and mid-visible wavelength; Volume depolarization ratio UV, VIS, NIR	1, 2, 6, 7, 13, 14
AEXT.z	Aerosol Extinction (Profile, Total & Non-Spherical)	O5, O6, O7, O8 O3	0.02–5 km^{-1}	Max of (0.02 km^{-1}, 20%-40%)	5 km 1 km	30 m	I	Nadir	Backscatter profiles at VIS *O3 match to O6, depth of trop., vicinity of convection; At least two wavelengths in order to retrieve AOT, Angstrom exponent, SSA, fine mode AOD, etc. for just the the PBL portion of column.*	1, 3, 4, 5, 7, (12, 13 for inference of PM from AOD)
AE2BR.ℓ	Aerosol Extinction to Backscatter Ratio (Column and PBL)	O5, O6, O7	10-120 sr	±25%	5 km 1 km					

Consolidated Geophysical Variables (3 of 17)		Science Objectives	Desired Capability						Examples of Observables *Notes*	Enabled Apps
			Range	Uncertainty	Scales					
					XY	Z	T	Swath		
Minimum	**Enhanced**	**IMPORTANT**: Desired Capabilities and Observables are preliminary. Click here for additional information.								
AEXTF.z	Aerosol Fine Mode Extinction Profile	O5, O6, O7	0.01–5 km^{-1}	Max of (0.02 km^{-1}, 20%)	1 km				Total attenuated backscatter profiles at UV, mid-visible and near IR; Attenuated molecular backscatter at UV and mid-visible wavelength, Volume depolarization ratio UV, VIS, NIR	2, 6 (13, 14 for inference of PM from AOD)
AODF.ℓ	Aerosol Fine Mode Optical Depth (Column and PBL)	O5, O6, O7, O8	0.03-4	±0.02±0.05*AOT	5 km / 1 km	-	I		*O7: column only*	5, 6, 12, 13, 14
ANSPH.ℓ	Aerosol Non-spherical AOD Fraction (Column and PBL)	O5, O6, O7 / O3	0-1	±10%	5 km / 1 km	-	I			5, 6
ANSPH.z	Aerosol Non-spherical AOD Fraction Profile	O3	Extinction: 0.01– 5 km^{-1}	Extinction: Max of (0.02 km^{-1}, 20%-40%)		200 m		Nadir	*Two wavelengths mainly because this gives information about the size range of* non-spherical particles such as smoke or dust)	5, 6

Consolidated Geophysical Variables (4 of 17)		Science Objectives	Desired Capability						Examples of Observables *Notes*	Enabled Apps
			Range	Uncertainty	Scales					
					XY	Z	T	Swath		
Minimum	**Enhanced**	**IMPORTANT**: Desired Capabilities and Observables are preliminary. Click here for additional information.								
ANC.z	Aerosol Number Concentration Profile	O8	10-1000 cm^{-3}	50%	1 km					2, 3, 5
AOD.ℓ	Aerosol Optical Depth (Column and PBL)	O3, O5, O6, O7, O8	0.03 - 4	±0.02±0.05*AOT	2 km 1 km		I	100 km 300 km	Multi-angle radiance (UV,VIS), multi-angle DOLP - Multispectral radiance UV (aerosol absorption) & VIS (AOD, fine mode aerosol over water) - SWIR (surface properties and cirrus screening) *Swath refers to column; Nadir for PBL* *O7: column only* *O8: PBL only*	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 (12, 13, 14 for inference of PM from AOD)
APM25	Aerosol PM2.5 Concentration (surface)	O5	20-150 μg/m^3	+/-20-25%						12, 13, 14
ARIR.ℓ	Aerosol Real Index of Refraction (Column and PBL)	O5, O6,O7	1.33–1.7	±0.025	5 km 1 km		I			

Consolidated Geophysical Variables (5 of 17)		Science Objectives	Desired Capability						Examples of Observables *Notes*	Enabled Apps
			Range	Uncertainty	Scales					
					XY	Z	T	Swath		
Minimum	Enhanced	**IMPORTANT**: Desired Capabilities and Observables are preliminary. Click here for additional information.								
ACF	Areal Cloud fraction	O1, O4, O7, O8						wide	PoR: ABI, AHI, etc.; VIIRS	
BSS	Blowing surface snow detection	O4				30 m		Nadir	Backscatter lidar	5
CA	Cloud albedo	O1, O8	0.1-0.8		1 km				This property would be derived from Level 2 microphysical products such as liqiud water path/content, effective particle size, etc. The uncertainty in the albedo would be the aggregate uncertainty in the microphysical properties. *Merge Radar and Lidar derived cloud boundaries to derive cloud vertical profiles. A Vis/NIR imager is needed for cloud and aerosol optical depth*	*4*
CAE	Cloud areal extent	O2			2 km	–	I	wide	PoR: ABI, AHI, etc. *Defines area of upper-level cloud, not cloud fraction*	*1, 2, 4*
CDER	Cloud droplet effective radius	O1, O6, O7, O8	5-20 microns	20%	2km	N/A			PoR: ABI, AHI, etc.; VIIRS Bi- and mulitspectral techniques are sensitive to cloud effective radius. Lidar ratio technique in fully attenuating clouds has the potential to effectively constrain cloud top cloud effective radius. Focused in-situ validation is needed to establish uncertainty.	

Consolidated Geophysical Variables (6 of 17)		Science Objectives	Desired Capability						Examples of Observables *Notes*	Enabled Apps
			Range	Uncertainty	Scales					
					XY	Z	T	Swath		
Minimum	Enhanced	**IMPORTANT**: Desired Capabilities and Observables are preliminary. Click here for additional information.								
CC	Convective classification	O3	≥ 3-classes	N/A	5 km	N/A	I I, ΔT, R	wide	VIS/IR Geostationary PoR + Radar profile *Identify by org. (MCS, isolated conv, multi-cell etc.) and/or sub classes of intensity (weak, moderate, intense), depth (shallow, moderate, deep) etc.*	
CCC	Convective cloud cover	O2							PoR: ABI, AHI, etc., VIIRS	
CCS	Convective core size	O3	10-400km^2	10 km^2	≤ 3 km	N/A	I, ΔT, R	≥20 km	Radar reflectivity, Doppler, microwave TB *Threshold(s), peakedness criteria; Doppler, dZ/dt*	5
CDC	Cloud droplet concentration (cm-3)	O8	10-500	100%	2km	N/A			No single measurement constrains CDC. Requires synergy among observables that constrain various aspects of the droplet size distribuiton. ie. Lidar, reflectance, polarimetry, radar, etc. *Current estimate for uncertainty is ~80% for pixel-scale retreivals using vis/NIR reflectance, only if stringent conditions are met (unobstructed, overcast, optically thick, favorable viewing geometry). Uncertainty unknown but larger in more challenging conditions* *Other studies indicate a factor of > 2 uncertainty regardless of remote sensing method.*	2, 3, 4, 5
		O1, O8	10-500	100%	2km	N/A				

Consolidated Geophysical Variables (7 of 17)		Science Objectives	Desired Capability						Examples of Observables *Notes*	Enabled Apps
			Range	Uncertainty	Scales					
					XY	Z	T	Swath		
Minimum	Enhanced	**IMPORTANT**: Desired Capabilities and Observables are preliminary. Click here for additional information.								
CLC	Cloud lifecycle categories	O2 (Minimum); O3 (Enhanced)	≥ 3 phases	N/A	5 km	N/A		wide	VIS/IR Geostationary PoR *E.g, Cu, mature, decaying; alternatively, MCS approach such as Roca et al., 2017 and refs therein*	
CLWP	Cloud liquid water path (kg m-2)	O1, O8	0.01-0.5	• 0.02 < 0.1 • 50% > 0.1	2 km	N/A		Cont ext Only	• Vis, NIR Reflectance • Radar, Passive Microwave • Submm • Synergy of Reflectance, active and passive microwave, passive microwave and submm *Retrieval more difficult over land, submm has less sensitivity to surface than passive microwave*	*2, 3, 5, 7*
COD	Cloud optical depth	O1, O2, O6, O7, O8	>0.1	50%<10 20%>10	>1 km	N/A		No	Vis/NIR Reflectance, Lidar, Radar *Observables used depend strongly on objective.* *For O4, COD may be strongly modulated by frozen hydrometeors and require some combination of radar, passive microwave, and reflectance.*	*1, 3, 4, 5, 7*
		O4 (Enhanced)	>10	100%	2km	N/A		20 km		
CP.z	Cloud phase profile	O4	Liquid, ice, mixed	10-25% FAR	2km	<250 m		Nadir	Polar. Back. Lidar; Radar dBZ profile	2, 5, 7
CRE	Cloud radiative effects (LW&SW)	O2 (Minimum); O4 (Enhanced)							Surface, TOA	4, 5

Consolidated Geophysical Variables (8 of 17)		Science Objectives	Desired Capability						Examples of Observables *Notes*	Enabled Apps
			Range	Uncertainty	Scales					
					XY	Z	T	Swath		
Minimum	Enhanced	**IMPORTANT**: Desired Capabilities and Observables are preliminary. Click here for additional information.								
CTDC	Cloud top droplet concentration	O8	10-500 cm-1	100%	2 km				No single measurement constrains CTDC. Requires synergy among observables that constrain various aspects of the droplet size distribuiton. ie. Lidar, reflectance, polarimetry, radar, etc.	5
CTDS	Cloud top droplet size	O8	5-20 microns	30%	2km				Lidar Vis/NIR Reflectance *Lidar ratio derived from integrated depol and integrated attenuate backscatter can constrain cloud top effective radius. Accuracy depends on accuracy of derived lidar ratio.*	5
CTE	Cloud top extinction	O8	1-50 km-1	100%	2km				Lidar Vis/NIR Reflectance *This quantity can be related to the rate at which the lidar signal decays near cloud top. Accuracy depends cloud top structure and accuracy of attenuated backscatter signfal near cloud top.*	*1, 3, 4, 5, 7*

Consolidated Geophysical Variables (9 of 17)		Science Objectives	Desired Capability						Examples of Observables *Notes*	Enabled Apps
			Range	Uncertainty	Scales					
					XY	Z	T	Swath		
Minimum	**Enhanced**	**IMPORTANT**: Desired Capabilities and Observables are preliminary. Click here for additional information.								
CTP	Cloud top phase	O1, O3, O8	Liquid, solid, mixed		3 km (O3)	~1 OD	I	FP	Polarimetry, lidar depolarization, radar depolarization ratio, SWNIR reflectance *Expect fine resolution from lidar or imager*	*3, 5*
	(Enhanced)				1 km (O3)		I,ΔT,R	≥20 km		
CTT	Cloud geometric-top temperature (Kelvins)	O2, O3, O4	>170	0.5	1 km	N/A	I	FP	Thermal IR *Thermal IR needed. POR may not provide sufficient resolution for this objective.*	*1, 3, 5, 7*
	(Enhanced)						I,ΔT,R	≥20 km		
DRCC	Diurnally resolved cloud cover	O2, O3	0.05-1.00	5%	2 km	N/A	I	wide	Geostationry PoR (IR) *Context only*	
	(Enhanced)	O1, O8								
DRCH	Diurnally resolved cloud top height	O2, O3	1-20 km	1000m	2	NA	I	wide	Geostationary PoR (IR) *PoR IR estimates boost uncertainty*	
EHW.z	Environmental horizontal wind profile	O1, O2, O3, O4, O6, O8	-80 - 80 m/s	<2 m/s	< 0.5º	<50 hPa	I		Reanalysis	
	(Enhanced)	O5, O6					I,R			
EH.z	Environmental humidity profile	O1, O2, O3, O4, O5, O6, O7, O8	0 - 100%	<5%	< 0.5º	<50 hPa	I		Reanalysis, limb sounder	
	(Enhanced)						I,R			

Consolidated Geophysical Variables (10 of 17)		Science Objectives	Desired Capability						Examples of Observables *Notes*	Enabled Apps
			Range	Uncertainty	Scales					
					XY	Z	T	Swath		
Minimum	**Enhanced**	**IMPORTANT**: Desired Capabilities and Observables are preliminary. Click here for additional information.								
ET.z	Environmental temperature profile	O1, O2, O3, O4, O5, O6, O7, O8	-85°C - 40°C	<1°C	< 0.5°	<50 hPa	I I,R		Reanalysis	
EVW.z	Environmental vertical wind profile	O1, O3, O6, O8	0 - 50 cm/s	2 cm/s	< 0.5°	<50 hPa	I		Reanalysis	
		05, 06	0 - 50 cm/s	2 cm/s	< 0.5°	<50 hPa	I,R			
HVFM	Hydrometeor vertical feature mask	O1, O2, O3, O4	Cloud top: 0.5-20km	Cloud top (CT): 100m	CT: 1 km			15 km	Lidar, A-Band, w-band Radar in non-precipitating conditions (liquid clouds), Radar for ice-layers, A-Band Spectroscopy, stereo imager *lidar (necessary to define cloud top height) can be combined with A-band spectroscopy to define cloud base height in ideal condtions (homogenous, moderate optical depth)* *Radar accuracy affected by sensitivity threshold*	1, 5, 7
		O1, O8	Cloud base: >250m	Cloud base (CB): 250m	CB: 2 km			>20 km		
ICNC	Ice crystal number concentration (per liter)	O2, O8	0.1-1000	100%	2km			cont ext	Lidar Scattered sunlight Radar *Nothing directly constrains this moment of the DSD (0'th). Vis/NIR and Lidar are sensitive to 2nd moment. Additional indepdent informaton is necessary (I.e. radar)*	*3, 5*

Consolidated Geophysical Variables (11 of 17)		Science Objectives	Desired Capability: Range	Desired Capability: Uncertainty	Scales: XY	Scales: Z	Scales: T	Scales: Swath	Examples of Observables *Notes*	Enabled Apps
Minimum	Enhanced	**IMPORTANT**: Desired Capabilities and Observables are preliminary. Click here for additional information.								
ICPS	Ice crystal particle size	O2, O8	O2: 10-60 O10: 100-1000 (microns)	O2: 50% O10: 100%	2km					1, 3, 5
IWC.z	Ice water content profile	O2								
IWP	Ice water path (kg m-2)	O2, O3, O4, O8	O2: 0.01-0.75 kg/m^2 O3: 0.5-10 O4: 0.05-0.2	O2, O3, O4: 100%	O2, O3: 3 km O4: 2 km	N/A	I	FP	Radar-only would provide estimate of IWP for values in excess of 0.25 kg m-2. Radar-Lidar algorithms would provide best results in single phase (ice) layers; passive microwave > 85 GHz; submm has high sensitivity to ice *Uncertainty would be significantly reduced with some estimate of ice bulk density.*	*1, 3, 5, 7*
					1 km (O3)		I, ΔT, R	≥20 km		
IVAV.z	In-cloud Vertical Air velocity profile	O2, O3	2-25 m/s(O3)	2 m/s (O3)	3 km (O3)	250m	I	FP	Doppler shifted radial velocity, time differenced reflectivity (ΔZ~2 dBZ, 90sec, dZ/dh @120 s); Altitudes > 5 km (~melting level in tropics) *O3: Δx resolution of 3 km marginal for convection; capture mean level at/or above maximum mass flux. Enhanced will enable any subset, or all, of improved resolution, limited scanning, sequential sampling, or diurnal sampling).*	*1, 2, 5, 7*
		O2, O3, O4, O6, O8	2-50m/s (O3)	2 m/s (O3)	1 km (O3)	250m	I,ΔT,R (O3)	≥20 km (O3)		

Consolidated Geophysical Variables (12 of 17)		Science Objectives	Desired Capability						Examples of Observables *Notes*	Enabled Apps
			Range	Uncertainty	Scales					
					XY	Z	T	Swath		
Minimum	Enhanced	**IMPORTANT**: Desired Capabilities and Observables are preliminary. Click here for additional information.								
LH.z	Latent heating profile	O3	-50-100 K/hr	30%	≤3 km	250 m	I, ΔT, R	FP or swath ≥20 km	Radar reflectivity profile, C/S type, Doppler velocity, time differenced reflectivity (ΔZ~2 dBZ, 90sec) *Range represents Instantaneous convective observation; add velocity constraint; Highly derived from combination of sources*	*1, 3, 5, 7*
Light	Lightning	O3	0-60 fl/min	70% DE, 5% FAR, ±5 km	< 10 km	NA	I, ΔT, R	wide	PoR; E.g., group/flash rates and location, flash area, length, optical energy, multiplicity, polarity *Geo, LEO, airborne, ground-based; uncertainties defined by existing PoR measurement requirements*	

Consolidated Geophysical Variables (13 of 17)		Science Objectives	Desired Capability						Examples of Observables *Notes*	Enabled Apps
			Range	Uncertainty	Scales					
					XY	Z	T	Swath		
Minimum	**Enhanced**	**IMPORTANT**: Desired Capabilities and Observables are preliminary. Click here for additional information.								
PS	Particle shape (aspect ratio, roughness)	O4							Multi-angle polarimeter	
PBLH	Planetary boundary layer height	O1, O5, O6, O8							Backscatter lidar	2, 4, 5, 13, 14
PD	Precipitation discrimination (stratiform/convective)	O3	0-100%	10 %	3 km 1 km	NA	I I, ΔT, R	FP ≥20 km	Radar reflectivity profile *3 types- C, S, Other. Better with multiple radar frequencies (E) and vertically- resolved Doppler vertical motion*	1, 5
PPD.z	Precipitation (ice) particle density profile	O4							Dual-frequency radar, passive microwave radiometer	5
PPS.z	Precipitation particle size profile	O3, O4	0.4-4.0 mm*	0.5 mm	≤ 3 km	250 m	I, ΔT, R	Nadir or swath ≥20 km	Radar reflectivity, attenuation, dual-frequency ratio (DFR), combined TB and reflectivity/DFR. *Bulk median mass diameter D_m * typically liquid equivalent D_m is < 3 mm.*	*5*
PP.z	Precipitation phase profile	O1, O2, O3, O4	Liquid, Solid, Mixed		3 km (O3) 1 km (O3)	250 m 125 m	I I, ΔT, R	FP ≥20 km	Z profile, bright band, Doppler velocity profile, LDR; e.g., Ka > ~-15 dB), differential reflectivity ΔZ~2dBZ , dual-freq. ratio, polarimetric VIS backscatter *Separation of stratiform liquid and frozen most straight forward. Enhanced would include approach for convective clouds, mixed phase, and the associated profile. Melting layer ID is implicit.*	*1, 5, 7*

Consolidated Geophysical Variables (14 of 17)		Science Objectives	Desired Capability		Scales				Examples of Observables Notes	Enabled Apps
			Range	Uncertainty	XY	Z	T	Swath		
Minimum	**Enhanced**	**IMPORTANT**: Desired Capabilities and Observables are preliminary. Click here for additional information.								
PR.z	Precipitation rate profile	O1, O3, O4, O6	O3:2 - 50 mm/hr O4:.01-10 mm/hr O5: 0.1 - 2mm/hr	O3, O5 <100% O4: 200%	3 km	250 m	I	FP	Radar reflectivity; µwave radiances, submm radiances *Lower freq radar needed in enhanced for intense rains; Includes near surface precipitation estimate.*	*1, 5, 7*
		O2, O3, O4, O6	O3: 2-100 mm/hr		1 km	125 m	I, ΔT, R	≥20 km		
PR2D	Precipitation rate, 2D @surface	O2, O3, O4	(O3): 0.5-50 mm/hr (O4): 0.01-10 mm/hr	O3: < 50% @1 mm/hr; < 25% @>10 mm/hr O4: 200%	≤ 25 km	N/A	I, ΔT, R	>500 km	Scanning passive µwave, >85 GHz, Submm *Contributes to horizontal mapping of precip.; Applications desires footprint of 10 km or less.*	*1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11*
PGC	Precursor gas concentration	O5, O6								5, 12, 13, 14
RadF	Radiative fluxes (surface and TOA , derived)	O7								

Consolidated Geophysical Variables (15 of 17)		Science Objectives	Desired Capability						Examples of Observables *Notes*	Enabled Apps
			Range	Uncertainty	Scales					
					XY	Z	T	Swath		
Minimum	Enhanced	**IMPORTANT**: Desired Capabilities and Observables are preliminary. Click here for additional information.								
RadH.z	Radiative heating profile	O2	-3.0 K day-1 to 1 K day-1 for longwave and 0 K day-1 to 2 K day-1 for shortwave	Longwave: 0.9 Kday-1 for bounday layer clouds, 0.25 K day-1 for upper tropospheric clouds. Shortwave: 0.35 Kday-1 for both clouds.					This GV would be calculated from level 2 microphysical retrievals and the uncertainty would be tied to the uncertianty of the microphysical retrievals, the radiative parameterizations (I.e. conversion of microphysics to radiative properties) and the accuracy of the POR-derived thermodynamic profiles. *The range is for instantaneous heating rate computed with 137 layers in the atmosphere averaged over a month and over 1 degree zone* *The uncertainty is for zonal monthly mean hating rate*	4
SVDV.z	Snowfall vertical (Doppler) velocity profile	O4	0.5-4 m/s	.5 m/s	2km	250 m	I	Nadir	Doppler radar, W or Ka band	1, 2, 5, 7
SA	Surface albedo	O7								12, 13, 14 (for inference of PM from AOD)

Consolidated Geophysical Variables (16 of 17)		Science Objectives	Desired Capability						Examples of Observables *Notes*	Enabled Apps
			Range	Uncertainty	Scales					
					XY	Z	T	Swath		
Minimum	Enhanced	**IMPORTANT**: Desired Capabilities and Observables are preliminary. Click here for additional information.								
SCL	Surface classification	O4 (Minimum); O3 (Enhanced)	> 10 classes		<0.25 º	NA	M	global	E.g., GLDAS2 Land surface (MODIS) *Land cover (water, vegetation, desert, snow etc.)*	
SEL	Surface elevation	O4 (Minimum); O3 (Enhanced)	- 0.5 - 9 km	< 100 m	< 1 km	<100 m	NA	global	PoR topography database (E.g., SRTM) *Identify orography*	
SRB	Surface radiation budget	O4							This GV would be calculated from level 2 microphysical retrievals and the uncertainty would be tied to the uncertainty of the microphysical retrievals, the radiative parameterizations (I.e. conversion of microphysics to radiative properties) and the accuracy of the POR-derived thermodynamic profiles. *Includes surface albedo, emissivity; cloud/precipitation radiative properties*	
STF	Surface turbulent fluxes	O4 (Minimum); O1, O3 (Enhanced)	0 - 1500 W/m^2 (Latent) -300-1500 W/m^2 (Sensible)	Ocean: < 20% Land: < 30%	< 25 km	NA	I, R	global	1-6 hour PoR analyses (e.g.,MERRA-X, ERA-X, GLDAS, SeaFlux-HR etc.) *LH/S heat fluxes- ranges include documented extremes over Land/ocean. New NASA-funded activities (Seaflux-HR) may help.*	

Consolidated Geophysical Variables (17 of 17)		Science Objectives	Desired Capability						Examples of Observables *Notes*	Enabled Apps
			Range	Uncertainty	Scales					
					XY	Z	T	Swath		
Minimum	Enhanced	**IMPORTANT**: Desired Capabilities and Observables are preliminary. Click here for additional information.								
STP	Surface type	O4 (Minimum); O3 (Enhanced)	Ocean, land, coast		1 km	NA	NA	global	Numerous PoR high resolution land/water masks *Land/water surface boundaries*	
TLWP	Total liquid water path	O4 (Minimum)							• Vis, NIR Reflectance • Radar, Passive Microwave • Submm • Synergy of Reflectance, active and passive microwave • Synergy of passive microwave and submm *See Cloud LWP above; Extends IWP to liquid part of the column (full column precip+cloud), combination of microwave and submm reduces uncertainty*	*1, 2, 3, 5, 7*
		O1, O3 (Enhanced)	0.02 - 60 kg/m^2	50%	1 km	NA	I, ΔT, R	Nadir or swath ≥20 km		
VCF	Volumetric cloud fraction	O1, O4							Scanning radar, W or Ka band	4, 5, 7
WVA	Water vapor advection	O4							Reanalysis	

Consolidated Observables (1 of 6)	Channels/Angles	Geophysical Variables	Desired Capabilities: Range	Uncertainty	Resolution: Δx	Resolution: Δz	Resolution: Swath	Altitude	Instrument Class	Desired Mission Capabilities
Minimum / Enhanced		**IMPORTANT**: Desired Capabilities are preliminary. Click here for additional information.								
Refl.λ Radar Reflectivity	W Band	CTH, CBH, CDC, CDER, CLWP, CP.z, CVS, IWP, PD, PP.z, PR.z,TLWP	> -25 dBZ	2 dBZ	2 km	250 m	Nadir	500 m – 20 km	Radar	Polar orbit. Altitude < ~550 km. Equatorial crossing time between 0100-0600 local standard time.
	W Band	ICNC, ICPS, CTDC, PPD.z, PPS.z, VCF	> -35 dBZ	1 dBZ	1 km	125 m	20 km	250 m – 20 km		
	Ka Band	CP.z, CTH, CVS, IWP, PD, PP.z, PR.z, TLWP, CC	> 5 dBZ	2 dBZ	3 km	250 m	Nadir	500 m – 20 km		
	Ka Band	CCS, PPD.z. PPS.z, VCF	> -10 dBZ	1 dBZ	1 km	125 m	20 km	250 m – 20 km		
	Ku or X	CP.z, CVS, CC, CCS, IWP, PD, PP.z, PPD.z, PPS.z, PR.z, TLWP	>10 dBZ	1 dBZ	2 km	250 m	20 km	250 m – 20 km		
Doplr.λz Radar Doppler Velocity	W Band	CC, PD, PP.z, VAV.z	±10 m s^{-1}	<1 ms^{-1}	2 km	250 m	Nadir	500 m – 20 km		
	W Band	LH.z, PPD.z, PPS.z, SVM.z	±20 m s^{-1}	<0.5 ms^{-1}	1 km	125 m	Nadir	250 m – 20 km		
	Ka Band	CC, PD, PP.z, VAV.z	±25 m s^{-1}	<2 m s^{-1}	3 km	250 m	Nadir	500 m – 20 km		
	Ka Band	LH.z, PPD.z, PPS.z, SVM.z	±50 m s^{-1}	<1 m s^{-1}	1 km	125 m	Nadir	250 m – 20 km		
	Ku or X	CC, LH.z, PD, PP.z, PPD.z, PPS.z, SVM.z,VAV.z	±50 m s^{-1}	<1 m s^{-1}	2 km	250 m	Nadir	250 m – 20 km		

Consolidated Observables (2 of 6)	Channels/Angles	Geophysical Variables	Desired Capabilities: Range	Uncertainty	Resolution: Δx	Δz	Swath	Altitude	Instrument Class	Desired Mission Capabilities
Minimum / Enhanced		**IMPORTANT**: Desired Capabilities are preliminary. Click here for additional information.								
Tb.λ Brightness Temperature	W Band	IWP	100-280 K	1.5 K	2 km	–	Nadir		Radar	
			50-280 K	0.5 K	1 km	–	20 km			
	Ka Band	IWP, TLWP	100-280 K	1.5 K	3 km	–	Nadir		Radar	
			50-280 K	0.5 K	1 km	–	20 km			
	> 85 GHz, submm	TLWP, IWP, PR2D	80-300 K	1–2 K	< 25 km	–	> 100 km		Passive microwave radiometer	~166, 183, 325 GHz preferred for snowfall
	<85 GHz	TLWP, PR2D	100-300 K	1–2 K	< 25 km	–	> 100 km		Passive microwave radiometer	
Depol.λz Linear Depolarizarion Ratio	W Band	CP.z, PD, PP.z, PPD.z	-35 – 0 dB	2 dB	1 km	125 m	20 km	250 m – 20 km	Radar	2nd transmit, or, just second receive channel for orthogonal polarization (slant 45 or linear basis)
	Ka Band	CP.z, PD, PP.z, PPD.z	-30 - 0 dB	2 dB	1 km	125 m	20 km	250 m – 20 km	Radar	2nd transmit, or, just second receive channel for orthogonal polarization (slant 45 or linear basis)

Consolidated Observables (3 of 6)		Geophysical Variables	Desired Capabilities						Instrument Class	Desired Mission Capabilities
			Range	Uncertainty	Resolution			Altitude		
					Δx	Δz	Swath			
Minimum / Enhanced	Channels/ Angles	**IMPORTANT**: Desired Capabilities are preliminary. Click here for additional information.								
TAtbsCo.λz Molecular+Particulate Attenuated Co-polarized Backscatter Profiles (Superseded by HSRL enhanced RayAtbs.λz, MieAtbsCo.λz and MieAtbsCo.λz measurements when available)	VIS NIR	AOD.ℓ, AODF.ℓ, AAOD.ℓ,AEXT.z, AABS.z,AEXTF.z,AE.I,AE.z, ACFM.z,ANC.ℓ,AE2BR,AE2BR.ℓ, AEFR.I,AEFR.z,ARIR.ℓ,AIIR.ℓ, ANSPH,ANSPH.z,APM2.5,AVE, BSS,CA,CBH,COD,CTDC,CTDS, CTE,CTH,ICNC,IWP,PANC,PBLH			100 m	30 m (Minimum) 10 m (Enhanced)	100 m	-2 to 42 km	Backscatter Lidar	Polar Orbit (O1, O4, O7, O9); Note: Δx & swath meant to imply continuous along-track coverage; Swath means receiver footprint diameter View angle: 0.3 to 5 degrees
TAtbsX.λz Molecular+Particulate Attenuated Cross-polarized Backscatter Profiles (Superseded by HSRL enhanced RayAtbs.λz, MieAtbsCo.λz and MieAtbsCo.λz measurements when available)	VIS NIR	Same as for TAtbsCo.λz							Backscatter Lidar	
Rad.λ Radiances	VIS NIR (Minimum) UV (Enhanced)				100 m	---	100 m	---	Lidar	from lidar background monitor

Consolidated Observables (4 of 6)			Geophysical Variables	Desired Capabilities						Instrument Class	Desired Mission Capabilities
				Range	Uncertainty	Resolution			Altitude		
						Δx	Δz	Swath			
Minimum	Enhanced	Channels/ Angles	**IMPORTANT**: Desired Capabilities are preliminary. Click here for additional information.								
RayAtbs.λz Attenuated Rayleigh Backscatter Profiles		UV VIS	AOD.ℓ, AODF.ℓ, AAOD.ℓ, AEXT.z, AABS.z, AEXTF.z,AE.ℓ AE.z,ACFM.z,ANC.I,AE2BR, AE2BR.ℓ,AEFR.ℓ,AEFR.z,ARIR.ℓ, AIIR.ℓ,ANSPH,ANSPH.z,APM2.5, AVE,BSS,CA,CBH,COD,CTDC, CTDS,CTE,CTH,ICNC,IWP,PANC, PBLH			100 m	10 -30 m	100 m	-2 to 42 km	HSRL Lidar	Polar Orbit (O1, O4, O7, O9); Note: Δx & swath meant to imply continuous along-track coverage; Swath means receiver footprint diameter; View angle: 0.3 to 5 degrees
MieAtbsCo.λz Attenuated Mie Co-polarized Backscatter		UV VIS	Same as for RayAtbs.λz			100 m	10 – 30 m	100 m	-2 to 42 km	HSRL Lidar	
MieAtbsX.λz Attenuated Mie Cross-polarized Backscatter		UV VIS	Same as for RayAtbs.λz			100 m	10 - 30 m	100 m	-2 to 42 km	HSRL Lidar	

Consolidated Observables (5 of 6)		Geophysical Variables	Desired Capabilities						Instrument Class	Desired Mission Capabilities
			Range	Uncertainty	Resolution			Altitude		
					Δx	Δz	Swath			
Minimum / Enhanced	Channels/Angles	**IMPORTANT**: Desired Capabilities are preliminary. Click here for additional information.								
Rad.λ Radiances (Maps to MODIS/VIIRS)	UV: 400-470nm VIS: 635-680nm SWIR: 1.6-2.2μm # Channels: 5	Land and Ocean: AOD.ℓ, APM25, COD, CF Ocean only: AODF.ℓ , AE.ℓ		5%	500 m	—	100 km	—	Multispectral Radiometer	
Rad.λ Radiances (Maps to AVIRIS/PACE)	UV-SWIR: 400nm-2.2μm 10 nm resolution	AOD.ℓ, AODF.ℓ, AE.ℓ APM25, AVE, COD, CF		7%	500 m		100 km		Imaging Spectrometer	
Rad.λα Multi-angle Radiances (Maps to MISR)	UV: 400-470 nm VIS: 550-870 nm # Channels: 4 # Angles: 5	AOD.ℓ, AODF.ℓ, AAOD.ℓ, AE.ℓ, ASYM, ANSPH, AVE, APM25, CF, CTH			500 m	—	100 km	—	Multi-angle Radiometer	
DOLP.λα*(Rad.λα) Multi-angle Degree of Linear Polarization	UV: 350-470 nm VIS: 530-870 nm # Channels: 5 # Angles: 5	AOD.ℓ, AODF.ℓ, AAOD.ℓ, AE.ℓ, ASYM, ANSPH, ANC.ℓ, ARIR.ℓ, AIIR.ℓ, AVE, APM25, COD,CTDC,CTDS, CTH		Max(3% Rad, 0.005 DOLP	500 m	—	100 km	—	Multi-angle Polarimeter	
(DOLP.λα)*(Rad.λα) Polarized radiances (Maps to APS/HARP, SPEX)	Hyperspectral range (400-700 nm) or hyper-angular channel (40+ angles, ~1 deg. between -60, +60 deg. at 670 or 865 nm).	AOD.ℓ, AODF.ℓ, AAOD.ℓ, AE.ℓ, ASYM, ANSPH, ANC.ℓ, ARIR.ℓ, AIIR.ℓ, AVE, APM25, COD,CTDC,CTDS, CTH		Max(3% Rad, 0.005 DOLP)		—	100 km	—	Multi-angle Polarimeter	Moderate bandwidth (10-30 nm) channel centered close to wavelength or within given range

Consolidated Observables (6 of 6): Minimum	Enhanced	Channels/Angles	Geophysical Variables	Desired Capabilities: Range	Total Uncertainty	Resolution: Δx	Resolution: Δz	Resolution: Swath	Altitude	Instrument Class	Desired Mission Capabilities
			IMPORTANT: Desired Capabilities are preliminary. Click here for additional information.								
Rad.λ Radiances (Maps to MODIS+OMI)		UV: 355 nm	AOD.ℓ, AAOD.ℓ, AODF.ℓ, AE.ℓ , APM25, COD, CF			250 m	—	300 km	---	Multispectral Radiometer	Moderate bandwidth (10-30 nm) channel centered close to wavelength or within given range
Rad.λ Radiances (Maps to PACE+SWIR)		350nm-2200 nm (5 nm resolution) imaging spectrometer	AOD.ℓ, AODF.ℓ, AE.ℓ, ARIR.ℓ, AIIR.ℓ, APM25, AVE, COD, CF		7%	500 m	—	300 km	—	Imaging Spectrometer	
Rad.λα Multi-angle Radiances (Maps to MISR + SWIR)		SWIR: ~1680, ~1880, ~2260 nm # Angles: 5.	AOD.ℓ, AODF.ℓ, AAOD.ℓ, AE.ℓ, ASYM, ANSPH, ANC.ℓ, ARIR.ℓ, AIIR.ℓ, AVE, APM25, COD, CTH		5%	250 m	—	300 km	---	Multi-angle Radiometer	Moderate bandwidth (10-30 nm) channel centered close to wavelength or within given range
(DOLP.λα)∗(Rad.λα) Multi-angle Degree of Linear Polarization (Maps to MAIA)		SWIR: ~1680, ~1880, ~2260 nm. # Angles: 5.	AOD.ℓ, AODF.ℓ, AAOD.ℓ, AE.ℓ, ASYM, ANSPH, ANC.ℓ, ARIR.ℓ, AIIR.ℓ, AVE, APM25, COD,CTDC,CTDS, CTH		5%	250 m	—	300 km	---	Multi-angle Polarimeter	Moderate bandwidth (10-30 nm) channel centered close to wavelength or within given range

A+CCP	A	CCP	Apps	Potential Enabled Applications: 1-6	Partners	Geophysical Properties	Relevant Objective(s)
			1	Severe Storm Forecasting and Modeling: Observations of aerosols, cloud properties, and precipitation are used by the weather modeling and forecasting communities to predict hurricane and mid-latitude cyclone development, intensity, and track and associated precipitation type and amount.	NOAA, FAA, NCAR, EPA and State Agencies	Aerosol, cloud, and precipitation properties	O1, O2, O3, O4, O6, O7, O8
			2	Aerosol & Precipitation Interaction in Modeling & Forecasting: Observations of aerosols and clouds enable the air quality modeling and forecasting communities to improve modeling/forecasting the impact of aerosols on precipitation including aerosol transport, scavenging, deposition, and chemical transformation.	NWS, NOAA, CTM, EPA, state AQ agencies, other modeling communities	Vertical velocity, aerosol, cloud, and precipitation properties	O1, O3, O6
			3	Climate Modeling: Observations of clouds, aerosols, and precipitation enable the climate modeling community to improve model initialization and simulations which inform international reports and policy makers decisions.	NWS, NOAA, CTM, EPA, state AQ agencies, other modeling communities, IPCC, UN, WMO	Vertical velocity, aerosol, cloud, and precipitation properties	O3, O6
			4	Energy Planning: Cloud and aerosol optical depths are used to estimate radiative fluxes for applications, such as estimating available photosynthetically active radiation (PAR) for air quality modeling, attenuated solar insolation for solar power companies, and agricultural forecasting. Solar power companies use estimates of size-resolved aerosol concentrations and precipitation to model dry and wet deposition on the panels, respectively.	NWS, NOAA, CTM, EPA, state AQ agencies, other modeling communities	Aerosol Optical Depth, Aerosol Extinction Profiles, Aerosol Speciation, cloud properties	O1, O2, O6, O7, O8
			5	Geospatial Information & Analytics: Big data for planetary resource surveillance: Data fusion techniques through geospatial analytics and "big data" management rely on aerosol, cloud and precipitation properties to provide continuous, detailed, multidimensional, and global monitoring as an invaluable tool for planetary resource surveillance such as food security, disaster relief planning, and aerosol health exposure.	Air quality modelers (EPA, NOAA, state agencies), solar energy companies, agricultural communities	Aerosol Optical Depth, Aerosol Extinction Profiles, Aerosol Speciation, cloud properties	O1-O10
			6	Aviation Industry and Safety: Observations of aerosol and cloud properties enable the aviation industry to predict and monitor hazards, such as visibility, icing, volcanic eruptions, and the impact to flights planning and aircraft engines.	NOAA, FAA, DoD, DoE, Volcanic Ash Advisory Centers, Airlines, private industry (e.g., General Electric, Pratt and Whitney, Rolls Royce, Northrop Grumman)	Cloud phase, height, depth, radius, and amount, Aerosol Optical Depth, Aerosol Extinction Profiles, Aerosol Speciation	O1, O2, O3, O4, O5, O8

A+CCP	A	CCP	Apps	Potential Enabled Applications: 7-9	Partners	Geophysical Properties	Relevant Objective(s)
			7	**Wildfire, Pre-fire Operations and Management:** Observations of aerosols, cloud properties, and precipitation enable improvement in NWP output for fire weather modeling and forecasting to predict the potential for wildland and prescription fire growth and severity (Go / No Go burn decisions). Estimates of total water volume and long-term surface precipitation observations are critical for vegetation and fire resource managers to assess drought conditions, the potential for dry and available forest fuels, and the potential for grassland fuel availability (increased precipitation).	Federal [NOAA, NWS Incident Meteorologist, USDA Forest Service (USFS), DOD, USGS, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management] and state agencies; other fire and resource management communities	Precipitation and Cloud properties, Aerosol and Cloud Layer properties	O1, O2, O3, O4, O5,O6
			8	**Wildfire, Active--fire Operations and Management:** Observations of aerosols, cloud properties and precipitation enable wildland fire and air quality management to detect and model smoke plume height, transport, and vertical cloud and aerosol distribution to improve air quality forecasts and estimate exposure to wildfire PM and co-emitted trace gas pollutants. Fire weather prediction and forecasting continues to be critical for assessing the potential for extreme fire behavior.	Federal (EPA, NOAA, USFS, DOD, USAF (military)] and state AQ and fire management agencies (CARB, CAL FIRE), other AQ modeling and fire management communities	Precipitation and Cloud properties, Aerosol and Cloud Layer properties, Extinction Profiles, AOD, and Speciation	O1, O2, O3, O4, O5,O6
			9	**Wildfire, Post-fire Operations and Management:** Estimates of total water volume, clouds, and long-term surface precipitation observations are critical for water, land, and urban resource managers to estimate the potential for post-fire flooding, and to anticipate debris flows to warn affected communities.	Federal [USGS, USFS BAER, NOAA, USAF (military)], regional (EPA) and state agencies (CA National Guard), other modeling communities	Precipitation and Cloud properties, Aerosol and Cloud Layer properties	O1, O2, O3, O4

A+CCP	A	CCP	Apps	Potential Enabled Applications: 10-14	Partners	Geophysical Properties	Relevant Objective(s)
			10	**Improved Numerical Weather Prediction:** Cloud and precipitation properties enable the weather prediction communities to enhance parameterizations of clouds to improve NWP output for weather forecasting.	NWP Centers (NOAA, NRL, ECMWF, JMA, NCAR), USDA, AFWA, IBM, Private Companies	Cloud height, depth, radius, phase, precipitation rate and phase	O1, O2, O3, O4, O5
			11	**Hydrologic Modeling:** Estimates of total water volume and long-term surface precipitation observations are critical for water resource managers, agricultural communities, and energy companies for estimating streamflow, flooding and inundation impacts, and assessing drought conditions.	FEWS NET, World Bank, FAO, USDA, Water Resource/Management community	Surface precipitation (Level 2-4)	O3, O4
			12	**Agricultural Modeling and Monitoring:** Surface precipitation observations enable the agricultural communities to model, forecast, and track watershed conditions that impact crop estimation, yields, irrigation, and supply.	USDA, ClimateCorp., PrecisionAG, agricultural communities and planners	Surface precipitation (Level 3/4)	O3, O4
			13	**Health and Ecological Forecasting & Monitoring:** Surface precipitation observations are used by a range of public and private communities, international and domestic governmental organizations and NGOs as inputs into hydrologic models, vector and water borne disease modeling, animal migration tracking, insurance models, and disasters applications.	CDC, NOAA, Red Cross, reinsurance, World Bank and agricultural communities, public and private companies (e.g., Johnson & Johnson, Agvesto, MiCRO)	Surface precipitation (Level 3-4)	O3, O4
			14	**Disaster Monitoring, Modeling and Assessment:** Observations of precipitation and long-term precipitation records are used by emergency response communities for modeling/estimating flooding and landslide hazards, developing parametric risk models for (re)insurance, and identifying high risk areas for hydrometeorological extremes.	FEMA, NOAA, Red Cross, FAO, US Army, reinsurance, NGOs	Surface precipitation (Level 2-4)	O3, O4

A+CCP	A	CCP	Apps	Potential Enabled Applications: 15-17	Partners	Geophysical Properties	Relevant Objective(s)
			15	**Human Health Studies & Health Risk Estimation:** Observations of aerosol are used to infer spatio-temporal variations & trends of speciated surface-level PM (PM_1, $PM_{2.5}$, PM_{10}), which are used for health studies, such as to associate the effects of exposure to PM with specific health outcomes, and to calculate health risks and longevity.	CDC, WHO, NIH, health researchers at universities/hospitals (e.g., Global Burden of Disease), reinsurance industry, health providers, nonprofits and environmental justice groups, public/private companies	Sophisticated Users: Level 2/3: Aerosol Optical Depth, AAOD/SSA, Aerosol Extinction Profiles, Non-spherical aerosol fraction/extinction profile, fine-mode aerosol fraction/extinction profile, PBL height, Angstrom exponent, PBL aerosol number concentration, aerosol vertical extent, index of refraction, aerosol effective radius. Broaden User Base: Surface PM/speciated PM inferred from AOD (L4).	O5, O7,O8
			16	**AQ Rule & Regulation Making:** Observations of aerosol are used to infer spatio-temporal variations & trends of speciated surface-level PM (PM_1, $PM_{2.5}$, PM_{10}), which used to support AQ rule-making, define exceptional events, etc. Aerosol observations are also used to support modeling of interhemispheric transport.	EPA, state AQ agencies	Sophisticated Users: Aerosol Optical Depth (Level 2,3), Aerosol Extinction Profiles (Level 2) & surface PM inferred from AOD (L4). Broaden User Base: Surface PM inferred from AOD (L4).	O5,O6,O7,O8
			17	**Operational AQ forecasting:** Aerosol observations are used for operational AQ forecasting (e.g., forecast initialization), tracking dust plumes, and issuing AQ alerts.	Federal (NOAA) and state AQ agencies	Aerosol Optical Depth, Aerosol Extinction Profiles, & Aerosol Speciation	O5,O6,O7,O8

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Spatial(nadir): * = 0.5 km, ** = 1.0 km, others = 2 km</td><td>GOES-E = 75°W and GOES-W = 135°W
Two views of North / South American Sectors

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Multipurpose imaging VIS/IR radiometer (ABI, AHI heritage)

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Mission Family	Agency	Orbit	Operating Period		Relevant Instruments		Notes
			Designed	Likely	Name	Channels	
Meteosat (MTG-S1,S2)	EUMETSAT COM ESA	GEO	2023-2039	2023-2039	Infrared Sounder (IRS)	MWIR: 1600 to 2250 cm-1 (4.44–6.25 µm) LWIR: 680 to 1210 cm-1 (8.26–14.70 µm)	Medium-resolution IR imaging Fourier-interferometer, hyperspectral (0.625 cm-1 wavenumber), full-disc coverage
					Ultraviolet, Visible and Near-Infrared Sounding (UVN) (Sentinel-4)	UV: 305–400 nm, 0.5 nm spectral resolution VIS: 400–500 nm, 0.5 nm spectral resolution NIR: 755–775 nm, 0.12 nm spectral resolution	Scanning SW (UV) spectrometer, European region coverage (30 to 65º N latitude, 30º W to 45º E longitude), better than 10km spatial resolution
GEO-KOMPSAT (2B)	KARI KORDI NIER	GEO	2019-2029	2019-?	GEMS	300 – 500 nm, 0.6 nm spectral resolution	Medium-resolution spectroradiometer; SE Asia regional coverage (5S-45N latitude, 75-145E longitude)
					Advanced GOCI	380, 412, 443, 490, 510, 555, 620, 660, 680, 709, 745, 865, 643.5(PAN) (nm)	Multipurpose imaging VIS/IR radiometer; Korea/Japan regional coverage (10 times/day) + once daily full disk, spatial resolution ≤ 250m

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Global Precipitation Measurement (GPM)	NASA JAXA	LEO (Non-sun synch;incline= 65°;alt=407km)	2014-2019	2014-2032+/-5	Dual-frequency Precipitation Radar (DPR)	13.6 (Ku-band), 35.55 (Ka-band) [GHz]	Electronic scanning planar array with swath width of 245 km at 13.6 GHz, 125 km at 35.55 GHz; Coverage: +/-66° latitude every 5 days Spatial resolution: 5km horizontal, 250 m vertical
					GPM Microwave Imager (GMI)	10.65(V,H), 18.7(V,H), 23.8(V), 36.5 (V,H), 89.0 (V,H), 166.0 (V,H), 183.31+/-7(V), 183.31+/-3(V) [GHz]	Conical scanning imager at 53deg zenith angle with 850 km swath width; Coverage: +/-70° latitude every 2 days Spatial resolution varies with frequency: 19x32km at 10.65 to 4.4x7.2km at 89-183.
Global Change Observation Mission-Water (GCOM-W1)	JAXA	LEO (Sun-synch, cross EQ at 1330LST; incline=98°;alt=700km)	2012-2017	2012-2027	Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer v2 (AMSR2)	6.925(V,H), 7.3(V,H), 10.65(V,H), 18.7(V,H), 23.8(V,H), 36.5(V,H), 89.0(V,H) [GHz]	Conical scanning imager at 55° zenith angle with 1450 km swath width; Coverage: Global once/day Spatial resolution varies with frequency: 35x62 km at 6.925 to 3x5 km at 89
Earth Clouds, Aerosol and Radiation Explorer (EarthCARE)	ESA JAXA	LEO (Sun-synch, cross EQ at 14:00LST.;incline=97°;alt=393km; 92.5min period)	~2021-2024	?	Atmospheric Lidar (ATLID)	355 [nm]	High Spectral Resolution Laser at +/-3° of along-track; Coverage: Global every 16days Spatial resolution: 30 m horizontal and 100 m vertical;
					Cloud Profiling Radar (CPR)	94.05 [GHz]	Doppler capability; Nadir only; Minimum sensitivity of –35dB; Coverage: Global every 16days Spatial resolution: 750m horizontal x 400m vertical
					Multi-Spectral Imager (MSI)	670-865 [nm] (VNIR), 1670-2210 [nm] (SWIR), 8.8-12.0 [µm] (TIR)	Pushbroom scanning; 15 km swath Coverage: Global every 8days(IR), 16days(SWIR); Spatial resolution: 500m pixel
Green-house gas Observing Satellite (GOSAT-3)	JAXA	LEO (Sun-synch; polar orbit)	2022-2027	2022-2032	Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer v3 (AMSR3)	6.925(V,H), 7.3(V,H), 10.65(V,H), 18.7(V,H), 23.8(V,H), 36.5(V,H), 89.0(V,H), 166(V,H), 183 [GHz]	Frequencies will be likely similar to AMSR2 with addition of 2 channels at higher microwave freq.
Weather System Follow-on-Microwave (WSF-M 1, 2)	DoD	LEO (polar orbit)	2022-?	2023-2033	Microwave Imager	10-183 [GHz]	Frequencies will be likely similar to GMI

Mission Family	Agency	Orbit	Operating Period		Relevant Instruments		Notes
			Designed	Likely	Name	Channels	
Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS) JPSS-1/NOAA-20 JPSS-2 JPSS-3 JPSS-4	NOAA EUMETSAT NASA	LEO (Sun-synch, Z= 824 km, incline = 98.7º, period = 101 mins) ~13:30 Equator x-ing (Ascending)	2017-2038 JPSS1 ≥ 2017 JPSS2 ≥ 2021 JPSS3 ≥ 2026 JPSS4 ≥ 2031 (each 7 years)	2017-2038	Advanced Technology Microwave Sounder (ATMS)	22 channels from 23.8 GHz –183.3 GHz	Absorption band MW radiometer, cross-track scanning
					Clouds and the Earth's Radiant Energy System (CERES/RBI	CERES: 0.3-5µm, 8-12µm, 0.35-125µm	Broad-band radiometer; RBI de-manifested from JPSS-2; still scheduled for JPSS-3/4
					Ozone Mapping and Profiler Suite - Nadir (OMPS-N)	Mapper: 300-420nm Profiler: 250-310nm	High-resolution nadir-scanning SW (UV) spectrometer
					Ozone Mapping and Profiler Suite- Limb (OMPS-L)		Limb-scanning SW (UV) spectrometer; scheduled for JPSS-2/3/4
					Cross-track Infrared Sounder (CrIS)	*Nominal Mode* (NSR): 1,305 spectral channels (SWIR: 3.92-4.64µm; MWIR: 5.71-8.26µm; LWIR: 9.14-15.38µm) *Full Spectral Resolution Mode* (FSR): 2211 spectral channels in SWIR, MWIR, LWIR	Medium-resolution IR spectrometer NSR spectral resolution: 0.625 (LWIR), 1.25 (MWIR), and 2.5 (SWIR) cm-1 FSR spectral resolution: 0.625 cm-1 in all bands
					Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS)	*M-bands***: 0.41, 0.44, 0.49, 0.55, 0.67, 0.75, 0.87, 1.24, 1.38, 1.61, 2.25, 3.7, 4.0, 8.6, 10.8, 12.0 (µm) *DNB*** : 0.7 µm *I-Bands**: 0.64, 0.87, 1.6, 3.7, 11.4 (µm) Spatial(nadir): * = 0.375 km, ** = 0.75 km	Multipurpose VIS/IR spectrometer M-bands, DNB: 750m spatial resolution (nadir) I-bands: 375m spatial resolution (nadir)

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			Designed	Likely	Name	Channels	
Metop-SG (A1,A2,A3)	EUMETSAT DLR COM CNES ESA	LEO Sun-sync, Z=830 km ~9:30 Equator x-ing (descending)	2021-2042 Metop-A1 ≥ 2021 Metop-A2 ≥ 2029 Metop-A3 ≥ 2036 (each = 8.5 years)	2021-2042	Microwave Sounder (MWS)	23.8 – 229.0 GHz	Absorption-band MW radiometer
					Radio Occultation (RO)	1575.42, 1176.45, 1575.42, 1176.45 (MHz)	GNSS radio occultation receiver
					UVNS (Sentinel-5)	270-300, 300-370, 370-500, 685-710, 710-750, 750-775, 1590-1675, 2305-2385 (nm)	High-resolution nadir-scanning SW spectrometer
					Infrared Atmospheric Sounder Interferometer - New Generation (IASI-NG)	645, 655, 663, 690 (cm-1) 690 – 2420 cm-1 (0.25 cm-1 sampling) 2420, 2450, 2600, 2700, 2760 (cm-1)	IR sounder (Fourier transform spectrometer)
					Multi-viewing, Multichannel, Multi-polarization Imager (3MI)	Polarized: 0.410, 0.443, 0.49, 0.55, 0.67, 0.865, 1.37, 1.65, 2.13 (µm) Total Radiance: 0.763, 0.765, 0.91 (µm) Spatial(nadir) = 4 km	Multi-channel/direction/polarization radiometer, swath width > 2200km 14-angles
					METimage	0.443, 0.55, 0.668, 0.752, 0.763, 0.865, 0.914, 1.24, 1.375, 1.63, 2.25, 3.74, 3.959, 4.05, 6.725, 7.325, 8.54, 10.69, 12.02, 13.345 (µm)	Multipurpose VIS/IR radiometer, ~2670km swath width (500m nadir spatial resolution)

Mission Family	Agency	Orbit	Operating Period		Relevant Instruments		Notes
			Designed	Likely	Name	Channels	
Metop-SG (B1,B2,B3)	EUMETSAT CNES ESA	LEO	2022-2042	2022-2042	RO	1575.42, 1176.45, 1575.42, 1176.45 (MHz)	GNSS radio occultation receiver
					ICI	183.31 – 664 GHz	Ice cloud imaging MW radiometer
					MWI	18.7 – 183.31 GHz	Multipurpose imaging MW radiometer
					SCA	5.355 GHz (C band)	Radar scatterometer
Sentinel-2 (C)	ESA COM	LEO	2021-2029	2021-2029	MSI	442.7, 492.4, 559.8, 664.6, 704.1, 740.5, 782.8, 832.8, 864.7, 945.1, 1373.5, 1613.7, 2202.4 (nm)	High-spatial resolution pushbroom optical imager, 290km swath; 2 satellite constellation in same descending orbit, phased 180° apart
Sentinel-3 (C)	ESA EUMETSAT COM	LEO	2023-2029	2023-2029	Ocean and Land Colour Instrument (OLCI)	21 channels, 0.4 – 1.02 µm 400, 412.5, 442.5, 490, 510, 560, 620, 665, 673.75, 681.25, 708.75, 753.75, 764.37, 767.5, 778.75, 778.75, 865, 885, 900, 940, 1020 (nm) ** these bands are programmable Resolution = 300 m (nadir)	Medium-resolution pushbroom spectroradiometer; 1270 km swath Note 100% overlap with SLSTR-nadir
					Sea and Land Surface Temperature Radiometer (SLSTR)	0.55*, 0.66*, 0.87*, 1.38*, 1.61*, 2.25*, 3.7**, 10.8**, 12.0 (µm) Spatial: *VIS/NIR/SWIR at 0.5 km, TIR at 1 km Gains: **Dual gain (for monitoring fires)	Multi-channel/direction radiometer; dual-view scan (1420km swath nadir, 750km swath aft)
Sentinel-6 (B)	ESA EUMETSAT NASA NOAA COM CNES	LEO	2025-2030	2025-2030	TriG		GNSS radio occultation receiver
					AMR-C		Advanced MW radiometer

Mission Family	Agency	Orbit	Operating Period		Relevant Instruments		Notes
			Designed	Likely	Name	Channels	
Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean Ecosystem (PACE)	NASA SRON	LEO	2022-2025 + 2	2022-2032 (fuel)	Ocean Color Imager (OCI)	340 nm - 890 nm, continuous at 5 nm spectral resolution; 940, 1038, 1250, 1378, 1615, 2130, 2260 nm Resolution = 1 km at nadir	MODIS + SeaWiFS + OMI heritage PACE includes two demonstration multi-angle polarimeters (HARP-2 and SPEXone) but will have low confidence to be running in 2028

Aerosol Absorption Optical Depth AAOD		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	

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Aerosol Angstrom Exponent AE (1)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
Instrument	Orbit	Range	Uncertainty	Resolution XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
JPSS (NOAA-20+)	LEO 13:30 eq. x-ing, ascending	-1.0 - 3.0 (water only)	Metric: Ocean (Best / Good) Accuracy: 0.050 / 0.001 Precision: 0.377 / 0.370	0.75 km nadir		daily	3000 km	Reflectance in VIS/NIR/SWIR (NOAA-VIIRS heritage)		NOAA Enterprise Algorithm Resolution varies on native pixel size AE Reported only over water; reported at 0.55/0.86 mm
		0.0 - 2.0 (Land and Water)	Land: ? water: ?	6 km nadir		daily	3000 km	Reflectance/Radiance in VIS/NIR/SWIR/Thermal IR (NASA-MODIS/SeaWIFs heritage)		NASA MODIS-like ("Deep-Blue/SOAR") aerosol approach: (single view) • Retrievals consistent with NASA EOS-MODIS/SNPP-VIIRS products in assumptions, forward models, etc. • Resolution varies on native pixel size • Water: AE defined as 0.55/0.87 • Land: AE defined as 0.41/0.48 over 'bright' surface, 0.48/0.67 over 'dark'.
		-1.0 – 3.0	Land: Ocean: ±(0.4) Requires AOD>0.2	6 km nadir		daily	3000 km	Reflectance/Radiance in VIS/NIR/SWIR/Thermal IR (NASA-MODIS heritage)		NASA MODIS-like ("Dark-Target") aerosol approach: (single view) • Retrievals consistent with NASA EOS-MODIS/SNPP-VIIRS products in assumptions, forward models, etc. • Resolution varies on native pixel size • Ocean: Reported at 0.55/0.86 and 0.86/2.2 μm, but only validated at 0.55/0.86.

Aerosol Index of Refraction AIR		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	

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Aerosol Angstrom Exponent AE (2)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
ABI (GOES-S/T/U)	GEO (75°W and 135°W)	-1.0 - 3.0 (water only)	Metric / Ocean (Best / Good) Accuracy: 0.050 / 0.001 Precision: 0.377 / 0.370	2 km (nadir)		10 min	FD / CONUS	Reflectance in VIS/NIR/SWIR (NOAA-VIIRS heritage)		NOAA algorithms (TBD) Resolution varies on native pixel size AE Reported only over water; reported at 0.55/0.86 mm
		0.0 - 2.0 (Land and Water)	Land: ? water: ?	TBD		TBD	FD		Reflectance/Radiance in VIS/NIR/SWIR/Thermal IR (NASA-MODIS/SeaWIFs heritage)	NASA MODIS-like ("Deep-Blue/SOAR") aerosol approach: (single view) • Retrievals consistent with NASA EOS-MODIS/SNPP-VIIRS products in assumptions, forward models, etc. • Resolution varies on native pixel size • Water: AE defined as 0.55/0.87 • Land: AE defined as TBD (wavelengths) • Seed money provided for algorithm porting, further support needed (e.g., ROSES-19 A.33).
		-1.0 – 3.0	Land: Ocean: ±(0.4) Requires AOD>0.2	10 km nadir		10 min	FD		Reflectance/Radiance in VIS/NIR/SWIR/Thermal IR (NASA-MODIS heritage)	NASA MODIS-like ("Dark-Target") aerosol approach: (single view) • Retrievals consistent with NASA EOS-MODIS/SNPP-VIIRS products in assumptions, forward models, etc. • Resolution varies on native pixel size • Ocean: Reported at 0.55/0.86 and 0.86/2.2 μm, but only validated at 0.55/0.86. • Seed money provided for algorithm porting, further support needed (e.g., ROSES-19 A.33).

Aerosol Angstrom Exponent AE (3)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	

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Aerosol Optical Depth AOD (τ) Mid-Visible (1)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
ABI (GOES-S,T,U) GEO (75°W and 135°W)		0.0 – 5.0	AOD Over Land AOD / Accuracy / Precision <0.04 / 0.06 / 0.13 0.04 – 0.80 / 0.04 / 0.25 >0.8 / 0.12 / 0.35 AOD Over Water AOD / Accuracy / Precision <0.4 / 0.02 / 0.15 >0.4 / 0.10 / 0.23	2 km nadir		10 min ? min	FD and CONUS	Reflectance in VIS/NIR/SWIR (NOAA-VIIRS heritage)		NOAA Baseline (ABI-AOD) • Time/Swath given for FD mode • Resolution varies on native pixel size • Range/Unc. are for AOD at 0.55 μm, • Other variables include spectral AOD
		0.0 - 5.0	Land: ±(0.15τ + 0.05) Ocean: ±(0.10τ + 0.04)	10 km nadir		10 min	FD		Reflectance/Radiance in VIS/NIR/SWIR/Thermal IR (NASA-DarkTarget Heritage)	“Dark-Target” aerosol approach: (single view) • Retrievals consistent with NASA EOS-MODIS/SNPP-VIIRS products in assumptions, forward models, etc. • Seed money provided for algorithm porting, further support needed (e.g., ROSES-19 A.33). • Resolution varies on native pixel size
		0.0 – 4.0	Land: ±(0.15τ + 0.05)	1 km		?	gridded		Reflectance/Radiance in VIS/NIR/SWIR/Thermal IR NASA-MAIAC Heritage	“MAIAC approach” (time/space aggregation) • Retrievals consistent with NASA EOS-MODIS/SNPP-VIIRS products in assumptions, forward models, etc. • Seed money provided for algorithm porting, further support needed (e.g., ROSES-19 A.33). • Resolution is constant (gridded)
		0.0 – 3.0	Land: ? Ocean: ?			?	FD		Reflectance/Radiance in VIS/NIR/SWIR/Thermal IR NASA-DeepBlue Heritage	“Deep-Blue/SOAR” aerosol approach: (single view) • Retrievals consistent with NASA EOS-MODIS/SNPP-VIIRS products in assumptions, forward models, etc. • Seed money provided for algorithm porting, further support needed (e.g., ROSES-19 A.33). • Resolution varies on native pixel size

Aerosol Optical Depth AOD (τ) Mid-Visible (2)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	**Orbit**			**XY**	**Z**	**T**	**Swath**	**Standard**	**Possible**	
AHI (Himawari)	GEO (141° E)	0.0 – 5.0?	??	2 km nadir ?		1 hour	FD and Japan	Reflectance in VIS/NIR/SWIR (JAXA heritage)		JAXA products • Resolution varies on native pixel size • Range/Unc. are for AOD at 0.55 μm,
		0.0 - 3.0	Land: ±(0.15τ + 0.05)	6 km nadir		?	FD?	Reflectance in VIS/NIR/SWIR		YAER algorithm (single view + minimum reflectance technique)
		0.0 - 5.0	Land: ±(0.15τ + 0.05) Ocean: ±(0.10τ + 0.04)	10 km nadir		10 min	FD		Reflectance/Radiance in VIS/NIR/SWIR/Thermal IR (NASA-MODIS Heritage) Note, there is no 1.38 μm (cirrus channel).	"Dark-Target" aerosol approach: (single view) • Retrievals consistent with NASA EOS-MODIS/SNPP-VIIRS products in assumptions, forward models, etc. • Seed money provided for algorithm porting, further support needed (e.g., ROSES-19 A.33). • Resolution varies on native pixel size • no 1.38 μm cirrus band may impact quality
		0.0 – 4.0	Land: ±(0.15τ + 0.05)	1 km		10 min	FD		Reflectance/Radiance in VIS/NIR/SWIR/Thermal IR NASA-MAIAC Heritage	NASA "MAIAC-like" (time/space aggregation) • Retrievals consistent with NASA EOS-MODIS/SNPP-VIIRS products in assumptions, forward models, etc. • Seed money provided for algorithm porting, further support needed (e.g., ROSES-19 A.33). • Resolution is constant (gridded)
		0.0 – 3.0	Land: ? Ocean: ?						Reflectance/Radiance in VIS/NIR/SWIR/Thermal IR NASA-DeepBlue Heritage	"Deep-Blue/SOAR" aerosol approach: (single view) • Retrievals consistent with NASA EOS-MODIS/SNPP-VIIRS products in assumptions, forward models, etc. • Seed money provided for algorithm porting, further support needed (e.g., ROSES-19 A.33). • Resolution varies on native pixel size

Aerosol Optical Depth AOD (τ) Mid-Visible (3)		PoR Capability							Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution							
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath		Standard	Possible	
AMI (GEO-KOMPSAT 2A) GEO (122°E)		?	?				FD / Korea		Reflectance in VIS/NIR/SWIR		Presumably there is an at-launch product from Korea. Need to ask
		0.0 - 5.0	Land: ±(0.15τ + 0.05) Ocean: ±(0.10τ + 0.04)	10 km nadir		10 min	FD		Reflectance/Radiance in VIS/NIR/SWIR/Thermal IR (NASA-MODIS Heritage) Note no 2.25 μm band		NASA heritage algorithms("Dark-Target and/or "Deep Blue/SOAR") approaches: (single view) • Retrievals consistent with NASA EOS-MODIS/SNPP-VIIRS products in assumptions, forward models, etc. • Resolution varies on native pixel size • No 2.25 μm band may impact quality
		0.0 – 4.0	Land: ±(0.15τ + 0.05)	1 km		10 min	FD		Reflectance/Radiance in VIS/NIR/SWIR/Thermal IR NASA-MAIAC Heritage		NASA "MAIAC-like" (time/space aggregation) • Retrievals consistent with NASA EOS-MODIS/SNPP-VIIRS products in assumptions, forward models, etc. • Resolution is constant (gridded) • No 2.25 μm band may impact quality
FCI (MTG-I1,2,3,4) GEO (0°E)		?	?				FD / Europe				Presume at least one ESA algorithm Note presence of 0.91 μm water vapor band
		0.0 - 5.0	Land: ±(0.15τ + 0.05) Ocean: ±(0.10τ + 0.04)	10 km nadir		10 min	FD		Reflectance/Radiance in VIS/NIR/SWIR/Thermal IR (NASA-MODIS Heritage) Note no 2.25 μm band		NASA heritage algorithms("Dark-Target and/or "Deep Blue/SOAR") approaches: (single view) • Retrievals consistent with NASA EOS-MODIS/SNPP-VIIRS products in assumptions, forward models, etc. • Resolution varies on native pixel size
		0.0 – 4.0	Land: ±(0.15τ + 0.05)	1 km		10 min	FD		Reflectance/Radiance in VIS/NIR/SWIR/Thermal IR NASA-MAIAC Heritage		NASA "MAIAC-like" (time/space aggregation) • Retrievals consistent with NASA EOS-MODIS/SNPP-VIIRS products in assumptions, forward models, etc. • Resolution is constant (gridded)

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<tr><td rowspan="4">VIIRS on JPSS (NOAA-20+)</td><td rowspan="4">LEO

(13:30 equator x-ing)</td><td>0.0 – 5.0</td><td>Metric / Land (Best / Good) / Ocean (Best / Good)
Accuracy: 0.018 / 0.047; 0.030 / 0.049
Precision: 0.112 / 0.138; 0.046 / 0.060</td><td>0.75 km nadir</td><td></td><td>1 or 2 per day</td><td>3000 km</td><td colspan="2">Reflectance in VIS/NIR/SWIR (NOAA-VIIRS heritage)</td><td>NOAA Enterprise Algorithm

Resolution varies on native pixel size

Range/Unc. are for AOD at 0.55 µm, based on ATBD paper, rather than specifications.</td></tr>
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±(0.20τ + 0.05)

Ocean:
±(0.10τ + 0.03)</td><td>6 km nadir</td><td></td><td>1 or 2 per day</td><td>3000 km</td><td colspan="2">Reflectance/Radiance in VIS/NIR/SWIR/Thermal IR (NASA-MODIS/SeaWIFs heritage)</td><td>NASA MODIS-like ("Deep-Blue/SOAR") aerosol approach: (single view)
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• Resolution varies on native pixel size
• Uses 0.41 µm ("Deep-Blue") bands</td></tr>
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±(0.15τ + 0.05)

Ocean:
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• Resolution varies on native pixel size</td></tr>
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±(0.15τ + 0.05)</td><td>1 km</td><td></td><td>1 or 2 per day</td><td>3000 km</td><td colspan="2">Reflectance/Radiance in VIS/NIR/SWIR/Thermal IR NASA-MAIAC Heritage</td><td>NASA "MAIAC-like" (time/space aggregation)
• Retrievals consistent with NASA EOS-MODIS/SNPP-VIIRS products in assumptions, forward models, etc.
• Resolution is constant (gridded)</td></tr>
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Aerosol Optical Depth AOD (τ) Mid-Visible (5)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	**Orbit**			**XY**	**Z**	**T**	**Swath**	**Standard**	**Possible**	
SLSTR (Sentinel-3)	LEO	?		4.5km		?	?	Reflectance in VIS/NIR/SWIR + dual view (ATSR heritage),		ESA at launch algorithm This is near real-time processing
OLCI + SLSTR (Sentinel 3)	LEO	?						Dual view reflectance + mutlispectral VIS/NIR at high spatial resolution		This is a synergy product for the two sensors on Sentinel-3, uses bands from both sensors.
OCI (PACE)	LEO	See NASA algorithms on VIIRS (JPSS)		10 km		Every 1 or 2 days			VIS/NIR/SWIR spectral bands	MODIS-Dark target and/or Deep Blue/SOARa and/or MAIAC heritage over land and ocean. "At-launch" algorithms TBD
				1 km	?	Every 1 or 2 days			VIS/NIR/SWIR spectral bands + O2A/B + UV	MODIS + OMI synergy Use O2A/B bands to estimate layer height? Use UV to estimate aerosol absorption?

Aerosol Optical Depth AOD (τ) Mid-Visible (6)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
3MI (Metop-SG A1,2,3)	LEO (9:30 equ xing)		Water: ±(0.05τ + 0.05) Land: ?					Multi-angle polarized reflectance at, e.g., 0.443, 0.67, 0.865µm		POLDER heritage https://www.atmos-meas-tech.net/11/6761/2018/ https://www.atmos-meas-tech.net/4/1383/2011/amt-4-1383-2011.pdf
			Water: 0.10τ or 0.05 Land: 0.15τ or 0.10	3.5 (at nadir)				Multi-angle polarized reflectance plus SWIR		POLDER/GRASP heritage (expectations from Dubovik)
METImage (Metop-SG A1,2,3)	LEO (9:30 equ xing)		?					Similar image/channels as VIIRS on JPSS		No official L2 aerosol products, but no reason why cannot follow the NASA heritage.

Aerosol Optical Depth AOD (UV)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
OCI (on PACE)	LEO		MAX(0.3τ or 0.1)					Spectral reflectance in 300-500 nm		OMI-heritage multi-wavelength algorithm • retrieves Absorption Aerosol Index, assumes layer height, Lambertian Effective Reflectance • At-launch algorithms TBD
								VIS/NIR/SWIR spectral bands + O2A/B + UV		• Use O2A/B bands to estimate layer height? • Use VIS/NIR/SWIR to estimate AOD and aerosol size?
OMPS (on JPSS)	LEO (13:30 equator x-crossing, ascending)		MAX(0.3τ or 0.1)					Spectral reflectance in 300-500 nm		OMI-heritage multi-wavelength algorithm • retrieves Absorption Aerosol Index, assumes layer height, Lambertian Effective Reflectance • No current algorithm
UVNS / Sentinel-5	LEO						2670 km			
UVS / Sentinel-4 on	GEO (Europe)			3.5 x 8 km (Europe)		1 hr	NH / Europe			https://sentinel.esa.int/web/sentinel/missions/sentinel-4/data-products
GEMS (on KOMPSAT-2B)	GEO (Korea)	0-5	20% or 0.1@ 400nm	3.5 x 8 km (over Seoul)		1 hr	NH / Korea	Spectral reflectance in 300-500 nm		http://tempo.si.edu/presentations/June2016/08-GEMS-JKim-TEMPOstm.pdf
TEMPO?	GEO (US)		±0.1	9 x 5 km		1 hr	NH / US	290-490 & 540-740 (Hyp.)		http://tempo.si.edu/presentations.html

Aerosol Optical Depth, Fine Mode AODF		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	

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Aerosol Single Scatter Albedo Aerosol SSA		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	

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Aerosol Single Scatter Albedo Aerosol SSA (UV)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
UVSN/Sentinel-5	LEO						2670 km			https://sentinel.esa.int/web/sentinel/missions/sentinel-5/data-products
UVS/Sentinel-4	GEO			8		1 hr				https://sentinel.esa.int/web/sentinel/missions/sentinel-4/data-products
GEMS (KOMPSAT-2B)	GEO			3.5x8 km (over Seoul)		1 hr				http://tempo.si.edu/presentations/June2016/08-GEMS-JKim-TEMPOstm.pdf

Cloud Albedo CA		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
CERES/RBI	LEO			20km				TOA radiance in 3 broadbands (0.3-5µm, 8-12µm, 0.35-125µm)		Cloud albedo derived from TOA radiances, co-located imager observations, and angular distribution models (e.g., VIIRS).

Cloud Effective Radius CER (1)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
Instrument	Orbit	Range	Uncertainty	Resolution XY	Resolution Z	Resolution T	Resolution Swath	Standard	Possible	
ABI (GOES-S,T,U)	GEO	Liquid and Ice: 2.5-100µm	Liquid: ~4µm Ice: ~5µm	2km nadir	N/A	15 min / 5 min / 5 min	Full Disk / CONUS / Meso	Reflectance at 2.25µm		• NOAA Enterprise **Daytime** Cloud Optical and Microphysical Properties Product (DCOMP/CLAVR-x) • SZA < 65° (degraded product between 65° and 82°)
		Liquid: 2-32µm Ice (D_e): 5.83-134.9µm	Liquid: ~40% Ice: ~15-42%	2km nadir	N/A	15 min / 5 min / 5 min	Full Disk / CONUS / Meso	Radiance at 3.9, 11.2, 12.3µm (8.5 and 13.3µm under future consideration)		• NOAA Enterprise **Nighttime** Cloud Optical and Microphysical Properties Product (NCOMP) • SZA > 82°
		Liquid: 4-30µm Ice: 5-60µm	TBD	2km nadir	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible		Reflectance at 1.61, 2.25, 3.9µm	**NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP):** • Retrievals consistent with NASA EOS-MODIS/SNPP-VIIRS products (MOD06, CLDPROP) in assumptions, forward models, etc. • Seed money provided for algorithm porting, further support sought (see, e.g., ROSES-19 A.33). • Daytime only
AHI (Himawari 8,9)	GEO			5km nadir	N/A	10 min	Full Disk	Reflectance at 2.25		JAXA Himawari Products: • Daytime only
		See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	N/A	See ABI	See ABI		See **NOAA Enterprise Product** observables under ABI	See **NOAA Enterprise Product** notes under ABI
		See range under ABI	TBD	2km nadir	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible		See **NASA Continuity Cloud Product (CLDPROP)** observables under ABI	See **NASA Continuity Cloud Product (CLDPROP)** notes under ABI

Cloud Effective Radius CER (2)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
AMI (GEO-KOMPSAT 2A)	GEO							Reflectance at 1.61, 3.8µm		
		See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	N/A	See ABI	See ABI	See **NOAA Enterprise Product** observables under ABI		See **NOAA Enterprise Product** notes under ABI
		See range under ABI	TBD	2km nadir	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible		Reflectance at 1.61, 3.8µm	See **NASA Continuity Cloud Product (CLDPROP)** notes under ABI
FCI (MTG-I1,2,3,4)	GEO							Reflectance at 1.61, 2.25, 3.8µm		
		See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	N/A	See ABI	See ABI	See **NOAA Enterprise Product** observables under ABI		See **NOAA Enterprise Product** notes under ABI
		See range under ABI	TBD	2km nadir	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible		See **NASA Continuity Cloud Product (CLDPROP)** observables under ABI	See **NASA Continuity Cloud Product (CLDPROP)** notes under ABI

Cloud Effective Radius CER (3)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
VIIRS (NOAA-20+)	LEO	Liquid and Ice: 2.5-100µm	Liquid: ~4µm Ice: ~5µm	750m nadir	N/A	once daily	3060km	Reflectance at 2.25µm		• NOAA Enterprise **Daytime** Cloud Optical and Microphysical Properties Product (DCOMP) • SZA < 65° (degraded product between 65° and 82°)
		Liquid: 2-32µm Ice (De): 5.83-134.9µm	Liquid: ~40% Ice: ~15-42%	750m nadir	N/A	once daily	3060km	Radiance at 3.7, 10.8, 12.0µm (8.6µm under future consideration)		• NOAA Enterprise **Nighttime** Cloud Optical and Microphysical Properties Product (NCOMP) • SZA > 82°
		Liquid: 4-30µm Ice: 5-60µm		750m nadir	N/A	once daily	3060km	Reflectance at 1.61, 2.25, 3.8µm		**NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP):** • MOD06 heritage • JPSS/NOAA-20+ products expected following SNPP-VIIRS efforts. • Daytime only
3MI (Metop-SG A1,2,3)	LEO							Multi-angle polarized reflectance at, e.g., 0.443, 0.67, 0.865µm		• Cloud top CER • Requires adequate angular sampling of the cloud bow region, scattering angles roughly 135-165°
METImage (Metop-SG A1,2,3)	LEO			500m nadir				Reflectance at 1.63, 2.25, 3.74µm		
MSI (Sentinel-2)	LEO							Reflectance at 1613.7, 2202.4nm		Spectral channel capabilities available

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Radiance at 3.9, 8.6, 11.2, 12.3µm</td><td>NASA Continuity Cloud Mask (CLDMSK):
• Cloud detection consistent with NASA EOS-MODIS/SNPP-VIIRS products
• Seed money provided for algorithm porting, further support sought (see, e.g., ROSES-19 A.33).</td></tr>
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• Daytime only</td></tr>
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Note: Because cloud fraction is ill-defined (depends on FOV, aggregation scale, etc.), the PoR Capabilities are in terms of pixel-level cloud detection.

Areal Cloud Fraction/Cloud Areal Extent ACF/CAE (2)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
				Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit	Range	Uncertainty	XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
AMI (GEO-KOMPSAT 2A)	GEO									
		See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	N/A	See ABI	See ABI	See **NOAA Enterprise Product** observables under ABI		See **NOAA Enterprise Product** notes under ABI
		See range under ABI	TBD	2km nadir	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible	See **NASA Continuity Cloud Mask (CLDMSK)** observables under ABI		See **NASA Continuity Cloud Mask (CLDMSK)** notes under ABI
FCI (MTG-I1,2,3,4)	GEO									
		See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	N/A	See ABI	See ABI	See **NOAA Enterprise Product** observables under ABI		See **NOAA Enterprise Product** notes under ABI
		See range under ABI	TBD	2km nadir	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible	See **NASA Continuity Cloud Mask (CLDMSK)** observables under ABI		See **NASA Continuity Cloud Mask (CLDMSK)** notes under ABI
VIIRS (NOAA-20+)	LEO	cloud (conf, prob) clear (conf, prob)	Comparison with CALIOP: ~91% detection rate, ~4% false detection, ~5% missed cloud	750m nadir	N/A	twice daily	3060km	Reflectance at 0.41, 0.67, 0.87, 1.38, 1.61, 2.25µm, plus 0.7µm DNB Radiance at 3.7, 4.0, 8.6, 10.8, 12.0µm		NOAA Enterprise Cloud Mask
		cloud (conf, prob) clear (conf, prob)		750m nadir	N/A	twice daily	3060km	Reflectance at 0.41, 0.44, 0.55, 0.67, 0.87, 1.24, 1.38, 1.61, 2.25µm Radiance at 3.7, 8.6, 10.8, 12.0µm		**NASA Continuity Cloud Mask (CLDMSK):** • MOD35 heritage • JPSS/NOAA-20+ products expected following SNPP-VIIRS efforts.
METImage (Metop-SG A1,2,3)	LEO									

Ice Water Path
IWP (1)

Instrument	Orbit	PoR Capability: Range	Uncertainty	Resolution: XY	Z	T	Swath	Relevant Observables: Standard	Possible	Notes
ABI (GOES-S,T,U)	GEO	~0-6375 g m^{-2}	65 g m^{-2}	2km nadir	N/A	15 min	Full Disk	Derived from COT (reflectance at 0.64µm) and CER (reflectance at 2.25µm)		• NOAA Enterprise **Daytime** Cloud Optical and Microphysical Properties Product (DCOMP/CLAVR-x) • SZA < 65° (degraded product between 65° and 82°)
						5 min	CONUS			
						5 min	Meso			
		~0-1525 g m^{-2}	N/A	2km nadir	N/A	15 min	Full Disk	Radiance at 3.9, 11.2, 12.3µm (8.5 and 13.3µm under future consideration)		• NOAA Enterprise **Nighttime** Cloud Optical and Microphysical Properties Product (NCOMP) • SZA > 82°
						5 min	CONUS			
						5 min	Meso			
			TBD	2km nadir	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible		Derived from COT (reflectance at 0.64 or 0.87µm) and CER (reflectance at 1.61, 2.25, 3.9µm)	**NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP):** • Retrievals consistent with NASA EOS-MODIS/SNPP-VIIRS products in assumptions, forward models, etc. • Seed money provided for algorithm porting, further support sought (see, e.g., ROSES-19 A.33). • Daytime only
AHI (Himawari 8,9)	GEO			5km nadir	N/A	10 min	Full Disk		Derived from COT and CER	JAXA Himawari Products: • Not explicitly available, but can be calculated from existing products • Daytime only
		See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	N/A	See ABI	See ABI	See **NOAA Enterprise Product** observables under ABI		See **NOAA Enterprise Product** notes under ABI
		See range under ABI	TBD	2km nadir	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible		See **NASA Continuity Cloud Product (CLDPROP)** observables under ABI	See **NASA Continuity Cloud Product (CLDPROP)** notes under ABI

Ice Water Path IWP (2)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
AMI (GEO-KOMPSAT 2A)	GEO				N/A					
		See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	N/A	See ABI	See ABI	See **NOAA Enterprise Product** observables under ABI		See **NOAA Enterprise Product** notes under ABI
		See range under ABI	TBD	2km nadir	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible			See **NASA Continuity Cloud Product** (**CLDPROP**) notes under ABI
FCI (MTG-I1,2,3,4)	GEO				N/A					
		See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	N/A	See ABI	See ABI	See **NOAA Enterprise Product** observables under ABI		See **NOAA Enterprise Product** notes under ABI
		See range under ABI	TBD	2km nadir	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible	See **NASA Continuity Cloud Product** (**CLDPROP**) observables under ABI		See **NASA Continuity Cloud Product** (**CLDPROP**) notes under ABI

Ice Water Path IWP (3)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
VIIRS (NOAA-20+)	LEO	~0-6375 g m^{-2}	65 g m^{-2}	750m nadir	N/A	once daily	3060km	Derived from COT (reflectance at 0.64µm) and CER (reflectance at 2.25µm)		• NOAA Enterprise **Daytime** Cloud Optical and Microphysical Properties Product (DCOMP) • SZA < 65° (degraded product between 65° and 82°)
		~0-1525 g m^{-2}	N/A	750m nadir	N/A	once daily	3060km	Derived from COT and CER (radiance at 3.7, 10.8, 12.0µm)		• NOAA Enterprise **Nighttime** Cloud Optical and Microphysical Properties Product (NCOMP) • SZA > 82°
				750m nadir	N/A	once daily	3060km	Derived from COT (reflectance at 0.67, 0.87, or 1.24µm) and CER (reflectance at 1.61, 2.25, 3.8µm)		**NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP):** • Algorithm heritage: MOD06 • JPSS/NOAA-20+ products expected following SNPP-VIIRS efforts. • Daytime only
3MI (Metop-SG A1,2,3)	LEO							Multi-angle polarized reflectance at, e.g., 0.443, 0.67, 0.865µm		• Cloud top CER • Requires adequate angular sampling of the cloud bow region, scattering angles roughly 135-165°
METImage (Metop-SG A1,2,3)	LEO			500m nadir						
MSI (Sentinel-2)	LEO									Spectral channel capabilities available

Cloud Lifecycle Categories CLC		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	

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Cloud Liquid Water Path CLWP (1)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
ABI (GOES-S,T,U)	GEO	~0-8750 g m^{-2}	17-47 g m^{-2}	2km nadir	N/A	15 min	Full Disk	Derived from COT (reflectance at 0.64µm) and CER (reflectance at 2.25µm)		• NOAA Enterprise **Daytime** Cloud Optical and Microphysical Properties Product (DCOMP/CLAVR-x) • SZA < 65° (degraded product between 65° and 82°)
						5 min	CONUS			
						5 min	Meso			
		~0-674 g m^{-2}	14.7 g m^{-2} or 29.5%	2km nadir	N/A	15 min	Full Disk	Derived from COT and CER (radiance at 3.7, 10.8, 12.0µm)		• NOAA Enterprise **Nighttime** Cloud Optical and Microphysical Properties Product (NCOMP) • SZA > 82°
						5 min	CONUS			
						5 min	Meso			
			TBD	2km nadir	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible		Derived from COT (reflectance at 0.64 or 0.87µm) and CER (reflectance at 1.61, 2.25, 3.9µm)	**NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP):** • Retrievals consistent with NASA EOS-MODIS/SNPP-VIIRS products in assumptions, forward models, etc. • Seed money provided for algorithm porting, further support sought (see, e.g., ROSES-19 A.33). • Daytime only
AHI (Himawari 8,9)	GEO			5km nadir	N/A	10 min	Full Disk		Derived from COT and CER	JAXA Himawari Products: • Not explicitly available, but can be calculated from existing products • Daytime only
		See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	N/A	See ABI	See ABI	See **NOAA Enterprise Product** observables under ABI		See **NOAA Enterprise Product** notes under ABI
		See range under ABI	TBD	2km nadir	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible		See **NASA Continuity Cloud Product (CLDPROP)** observables under ABI	See **NASA Continuity Cloud Product (CLDPROP)** notes under ABI

Cloud Liquid Water Path CLWP (2)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
AMI (GEO-KOMPSAT 2A)	GEO				N/A					
		See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	N/A	See ABI	See ABI	See **NOAA Enterprise Product** observables under ABI		See **NOAA Enterprise Product** notes under ABI
		See range under ABI	TBD	2km nadir	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible			See **NASA Continuity Cloud Product (CLDPROP)** notes under ABI
FCI (MTG-I1,2,3,4)	GEO				N/A					
		See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	N/A	See ABI	See ABI	See **NOAA Enterprise Product** observables under ABI		See **NOAA Enterprise Product** notes under ABI
		See range under ABI	TBD	2km nadir	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible	See **NASA Continuity Cloud Product (CLDPROP)** observables under ABI		See **NASA Continuity Cloud Product (CLDPROP)** notes under ABI
GMI (GPM)	LEO	0-600 g/m2	10 g/m2	15 km	N/A	Varies	904 km	Multichannel microwave radiances		

Cloud Ice Water Path CLWP (3)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
VIIRS (NOAA-20+)	LEO	~0-8750 g m^{-2}	17-47 g m^{-2}	750m nadir	N/A	once daily	3060km	Derived from COT (reflectance at 0.64µm) and CER (reflectance at 2.25µm)		• NOAA Enterprise **Daytime** Cloud Optical and Microphysical Properties Product (DCOMP) • SZA < 65° (degraded product between 65° and 82°)
		~0-674 g m^{-2}	14.7 g m^{-2} or 29.5%	750m nadir	N/A	once daily	3060km	Derived from COT and CER (radiance at 3.7, 10.8, 12.0µm)		• NOAA Enterprise **Nighttime** Cloud Optical and Microphysical Properties Product (NCOMP) • SZA > 82°
				750m nadir	N/A	once daily	3060km	Derived from COT (reflectance at 0.67, 0.87, or 1.24µm) and CER (reflectance at 1.61, 2.25, 3.8µm)		**NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP):** • MOD06 heritage • JPSS/NOAA-20+ products expected following SNPP-VIIRS efforts. • Daytime only
3MI (Metop-SG A1,2,3)	LEO									
METImage (Metop-SG A1,2,3)	LEO			500m nadir						
MSI (Sentinel-2)	LEO									Spectral channel capabilities available

Cloud Optical Thickness COT (1)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
Instrument	Orbit	Range	Uncertainty	Resolution XY	Resolution Z	Resolution T	Resolution Swath	Standard	Possible	
ABI (GOES-S,T,U)	GEO	Liquid and Ice: 0-158	Liquid: ~25% Ice: ~30%	4km nadir	N/A	15 min	Full Disk	Reflectance at 0.64µm		• NOAA Enterprise **Daytime** Cloud Optical and Microphysical Properties Product (DCOMP/CLAVR-x) • SZA < 65° (degraded product between 65° and 82°)
				2km nadir		15 min	CONUS			
		Liquid and Ice: 0-32	Liquid: 22-28% Ice: 15-32%	4km nadir	N/A	15 min	Full Disk	Radiance at 3.9, 11.2, 12.3µm (8.5 and 13.3µm under future consideration)		• NOAA Enterprise **Nighttime** Cloud Optical and Microphysical Properties Product (NCOMP) • SZA > 82°
				2km nadir		15 min	CONUS			
		Liquid and Ice: 0-150	TBD	2km nadir	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible		Reflectance at 0.64 or 0.87µm (surface type dependent)	**NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP):** • Retrievals consistent with NASA EOS-MODIS/SNPP-VIIRS products in assumptions, forward models, etc. • Seed money provided for algorithm porting, further support sought (see, e.g., ROSES-19 A.33). • Daytime only
AHI (Himawari 8,9)	GEO			5km nadir	N/A	10 min	Full Disk	Reflectance at 0.64µm		JAXA Himawari Products: • Daytime only
		See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	N/A	See ABI	See ABI		See **NOAA Enterprise Product** observables under ABI	See **NOAA Enterprise Product** notes under ABI
		See range under ABI	TBD	2km nadir	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible		See **NASA Continuity Cloud Product (CLDPROP)** observables under ABI	See **NASA Continuity Cloud Product (CLDPROP)** notes under ABI

Cloud Optical Thickness COT (2)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
AMI (GEO-KOMPSAT 2A)	GEO							Reflectance at		
		See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	N/A	See ABI	See ABI		See **NOAA Enterprise Product** observables under ABI	See **NOAA Enterprise Product** notes under ABI
		See range under ABI	TBD	2km nadir	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible		See **NASA Continuity Cloud Product (CLDPROP)** observables under ABI	See **NASA Continuity Cloud Product (CLDPROP)** notes under ABI
FCI (MTG-I1,2,3,4)	GEO							Reflectance at		
		See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	N/A	See ABI	See ABI		See **NOAA Enterprise Product** observables under ABI	See **NOAA Enterprise Product** notes under ABI
		See range under ABI	TBD	2km nadir	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible		See **NASA Continuity Cloud Product (CLDPROP)** observables under ABI	See **NASA Continuity Cloud Product (CLDPROP)** notes under ABI

Cloud Optical Thickness COT (3)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
VIIRS (NOAA-20+)	LEO	Liquid and Ice: 2.5-100µm	Liquid: ~4µm Ice: ~5µm	750m nadir	N/A	once daily	3060km	Reflectance at 0.67µm		• NOAA Enterprise **Daytime** Cloud Optical and Microphysical Properties Product (DCOMP) • SZA < 65° (degraded product between 65° and 82°)
		Liquid and Ice: 0-32	Liquid: 22-28% Ice: 15-32%	750m nadir	N/A	once daily	3060km	Radiance at 3.7, 10.8, 12.0µm (8.6µm under future consideration)		• NOAA Enterprise **Nighttime** Cloud Optical and Microphysical Properties Product (NCOMP) • SZA > 82°
		Liquid and Ice: 0-150		750m nadir	N/A	once daily	3060km			**NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP):** • Algorithm heritage: MOD06 • JPSS/NOAA-20+ products expected following SNPP-VIIRS efforts. • Daytime only
3MI (Metop-SG A1,2,3)	LEO									
METImage (Metop-SG A1,2,3)	LEO			500m nadir						
MSI (Sentinel-2)	LEO									Spectral channel capabilities available

Cloud Radiative Effects (SW/LW) CRE		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	

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Cloud Top Height CTH (1)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
ABI (GOES-S,T,U)	GEO	0-15km	~1km	10km	N/A	60 min	Full Disk	Radiance at 11.2, 12.3, and 13.3µm		NOAA Enterprise ABI Cloud Height Algorithm (ACHA)
		0-15km	~1km	10km	N/A	60 min	CONUS			
		0-20km	~1km	4km	N/A	5 min	Meso			
		TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible		Radiance at 11.2, 12.3, and 13.3µm (additional IR absorption channels possible)	**NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP):** • Retrievals consistent with NASA EOS-MODIS/SNPP-VIIRS products in assumptions, forward models, etc. • Seed money provided for algorithm porting, further support sought (see, e.g., ROSES-19 A.33).
AHI (Himawari 8,9)	GEO			5km nadir	N/A	10 min	Full Disk			JAXA Himawari Products: • Daytime only
		See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	N/A	See ABI	See ABI		See **NOAA Enterprise Product** observables under ABI	See **NOAA Enterprise Product** notes under ABI
		TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible		See **NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP)** observables under ABI	See **NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP)** notes under ABI

Cloud Top Height CTH (2)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
Instrument	Orbit	Range	Uncertainty	Resolution XY	Resolution Z	Resolution T	Resolution Swath	Standard	Possible	
AMI (GEO-KOMPSAT 2A)	GEO									
		See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	N/A	See ABI	See ABI	See **NOAA Enterprise Product** observables under ABI		See **NOAA Enterprise Product** notes under ABI
		TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible	See **NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP)** observables under ABI		See **NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP)** notes under ABI
FCI (MTG-I1,2,3,4)	GEO									
		See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	N/A	See ABI	See ABI	See **NOAA Enterprise Product** observables under ABI		See **NOAA Enterprise Product** notes under ABI
		TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible	See **NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP)** observables under ABI		See **NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP)** notes under ABI

Cloud Top Height CTH (3)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
VIIRS (NOAA-20+)	LEO	0-20km	~0.75km	750m nadir	N/A	twice daily	3060km	Radiance at 8.6, 10.8, 12.0 µm		NOAA Enterprise AWG Cloud Height Algorithm (ACHA)
		0-20km	~0.75km	750m nadir	N/A	twice daily	3060km	Radiance at 8.6, 10.8, 12.0 µm		**NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP):** • Algorithm heritage: currently NOAA ACHA, additional approaches under consideration • JPSS/NOAA-20+ products expected following SNPP-VIIRS efforts.
3MI (Metop-SG A1,2,3)	LEO									
METImage (Metop-SG A1,2,3)	LEO			500m nadir						
MSI (Sentinel-2)	LEO									

Cloud Top Phase CTP (1)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
ABI (GOES-S,T,U)	GEO	warm liq, supercooled liq, mixed, ice	~90% agreement with CALIOP	2km	N/A	15 min	Full Disk	Radiance at 7.3, 8.6, 11.2, 12.3µm		NOAA Enterprise Cloud Type and Cloud Phase Algorithm
				2km	N/A	5 min	CONUS			
				2km	N/A	5 min	Meso			
		liq, ice, undetermined	N/A	2km	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible		Cloud-top temperature (radiance at 11.2, 12.3, and 13.3µm), spectral liq/ice CER (reflectance at 1.61, 2.25, 3.8µm)	**NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP):** • Algorithm heritage: MOD06 (daytime only) and NOAA ACHA (day and night) • JPSS/NOAA-20+ products expected following SNPP-VIIRS efforts.
AHI (Himawari 8,9)	GEO			5km nadir	N/A	10 min	Full Disk			JAXA Himawari Products: • Daytime only
		See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	See ABI		See **NOAA Enterprise Product** observables under ABI	See **NOAA Enterprise Product** notes under ABI
		TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible		See **NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP)** observables under ABI	See **NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP)** notes under ABI

Cloud Top Phase CTP (2)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
Instrument	Orbit	Range	Uncertainty	Resolution XY	Resolution Z	Resolution T	Resolution Swath	Standard	Possible	
AMI (GEO-KOMPSAT 2A)	GEO									
		See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	See **NOAA Enterprise Product** observables under ABI		See **NOAA Enterprise Product** notes under ABI
		TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible	See **NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP)** observables under ABI		See **NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP)** notes under ABI
FCI (MTG-I1,2,3,4)	GEO									
		See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	See **NOAA Enterprise Product** observables under ABI		See **NOAA Enterprise Product** notes under ABI
		TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible	See **NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP)** observables under ABI		See **NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP)** notes under ABI

Cloud Top Phase CTP (3)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
Instrument	Orbit	Range	Uncertainty	Resolution XY	Resolution Z	Resolution T	Resolution Swath	Standard	Possible	
VIIRS (NOAA-20+)	LEO	warm liq, supercooled liq, mixed, ice	~88% agreement with CALIOP	750m	N/A	twice daily	3060km	Radiance at 8.6, 10.8, 12.0µm		NOAA Enterprise Cloud Type and Cloud Phase Algorithm
		liq, ice, undetermined	N/A	750m	N/A	once or twice daily	3060km	Cloud-top temperature (radiance at 8.6, 10.8, 12.0 µm), spectral liq/ice CER (reflectance at 1.61, 2.25, 3.8µm)		**NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP):** • Algorithm heritage: MOD06 (daytime only) and NOAA ACHA (day and night) • JPSS/NOAA-20+ products expected following SNPP-VIIRS efforts.
3MI (Metop-SG A1,2,3)	LEO									
METImage (Metop-SG A1,2,3)	LEO									
MSI (Sentinel-2)	LEO									

Cloud Top Temperature CTT (1)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
ABI (GOES-S,T,U)	GEO	180-300K	~4.75K	2km	N/A	15 min	Full Disk	Radiance at 11.2, 12.3, and 13.3µm		NOAA Enterprise ABI Cloud Height Algorithm (ACHA)
		180-300K	~4.75K	2km	N/A	5 min	Meso			
		TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible		Radiance at 11.2, 12.3, and 13.3µm (additional IR absorption channels possible)	**NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP):** • Retrievals consistent with NASA EOS-MODIS/SNPP-VIIRS products in assumptions, forward models, etc. • Seed money provided for algorithm porting, further support sought (see, e.g., ROSES-19 A.33).
AHI (Himawari 8,9)	GEO			5km nadir	N/A	10 min	Full Disk			JAXA Himawari Products: • Daytime only
		See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	N/A	See ABI	See ABI		See **NOAA Enterprise Product** observables under ABI	See **NOAA Enterprise Product** notes under ABI
		TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible		See **NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP)** observables under ABI	See **NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP)** notes under ABI

Cloud Top Temperature CTT (2)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
AMI (GEO-KOMPSAT 2A)	GEO									
		See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	N/A	See ABI	See ABI	See **NOAA Enterprise Product** observables under ABI		See **NOAA Enterprise Product** notes under ABI
		TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible	See **NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP)** observables under ABI		See **NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP)** notes under ABI
FCI (MTG-I1,2,3,4)	GEO									
		See ABI	See ABI	See ABI	N/A	See ABI	See ABI	See **NOAA Enterprise Product** observables under ABI		See **NOAA Enterprise Product** notes under ABI
		TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A	TBD	All scan modes possible	See **NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP)** observables under ABI		See **NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP)** notes under ABI

Cloud Top Temperature CTT (3)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
VIIRS (NOAA-20+)	LEO	180-300K	~3.65K	750m nadir	N/A	twice daily	3060km	Radiance at 8.6, 10.8, 12.0 µm		NOAA Enterprise AWG Cloud Height Algorithm (ACHA)
		180-300K	~3.65K	750m nadir	N/A	twice daily	3060km	Radiance at 8.6, 10.8, 12.0 µm		**NASA Continuity Cloud Products (CLDPROP):** • Algorithm heritage: currently NOAA ACHA, additional approaches under consideration • JPSS/NOAA-20+ products expected following SNPP-VIIRS efforts.

Cloud Vertical Structure CVS		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	

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Convective Classification CC		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
				Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit	Range	Uncertainty	XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
ABI (GOES-R)	GEO	≥3 classes	N/A	< 2 km at nadir (varies with spectral band) km	N/A	15-min	Full Disk	Radiances at 0.64µm; Cloud top height and temperature (radiances at 11.2, 12.3, 13.3 µm); Cloud top phase (radiances at 7.3, 8.4, 11.2, 12.3 µm) Cloud optical depth (radiances at 0.64, 2.2, 3.9, 11.2, 12.3 µm)		W+E satellites covers ~150°E longitude eastward to ~0°E longitude Methods: Texture and cloud depth/top trends from VIS/IR
						5-min	CONUS			
						30-sec	Mesoscale			
AHI (Himawari)	GEO	≥3 classes	N/A	< 2 km at nadir (varies with spectral band) km	N/A	10-min	Full Disk	Radiances at 0.64µm; Cloud top height and temperature (radiances at 11.2, 12.3, 13.3 µm); Cloud top phase (radiances at 7.3, 8.4, 11.2, 12.3 µm) Cloud optical depth (radiances at 0.64, 2.2, 3.9, 11.2, 12.3 µm)		Covers ~65°E longitude eastward to ~35°W longitude Methods: Texture and cloud depth/top trends from VIS/IR
						2.5-min	Japan/ Target Area			
						30-sec	Landmark/Mesoscale			
DPR (GPM)	LEO	≥ 3 classes	N/A	5+ km	250 m	Varies	245 km	Radar reflectivity factor		Precipitation-based observable. Can characterize as deep/shallow convection Methods: 2ADPR, Univ.

Convective Cloud Cover CCC		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	

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Environmental Horizontal Wind Profiles EHW.z		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
ABI (GOES-16+)	Geostationary	> 10 m/s	2-7 m/s	Varies based on channel, availability of trackable features	Low - Mid-High	15 min	Full Disk	Atmospheric Motion Vectors – Vis, IR, Water Vapor channels		
						5 min	CONUS			
						30 s	Meso			
AHI (Himawari 8/9)	Geostationary	> 10 m/s	2-7 m/s	Varies based on channel, availability of trackable features	Low - Mid-High	10 min	Full Disk	Atmospheric Motion Vectors – Vis, IR, Water Vapor channels		
						2.5 min	Japan			
						30 s	Meso			

Environmental Humidity Profiles EH.z		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
CrIS/ATMS (JPSS)	Polar	0-100 %	35%	25 km	1 km	2/day	2600 km	Combined microwave and IR radiances		

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Environmental Temperature Profiles ET.z		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
CrIS/ATMS (JPSS)	Polar	-80-50 C	1.5 K	25 km	1 km	2/day	2600 km	Combined microwave and IR radiances		

Environmental Vertical Wind Profiles EVW.z		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
CrIS/ATMS (JPSS)	Polar	T: -80-50 C RH: 0-100 %	T: 1.5 K Absolute Humidity: 35%	25 km	1 km	2/day	2600 km	Combined microwave and IR radiances		

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Latent Heating Profile LH.z		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	

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Lightning Light		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
Geostationary Lightning Mapper (GLM) - GOES-16+	Geostationary	0-60+ flashes/min	70% Detection Efficiency, 5% False Alarm Rate	10 km	N/A	< 1 s	Full Disk	Data structure - Events, Groups, Flashes Notable products – Event/Group/Flash Rates, Flash Area, Flash Duration, Flash Optical Energy		Measures total lightning
Lightning Imager (LI) - MTG	Geostationary	0-60+ flashes/min	70% Detection Efficiency	10 km	N/A	< 1 s	Full Disk	Data structure - Events, Groups, Flashes Notable products – Event/Group/Flash Rates, Flash Area, Flash Duration, Flash Optical Energy		Measures total lightning
Lightning Mapping Imager (LMI) - FY4	Geostationary	0-60+ flashes/min	90% Detection Efficiency, 10% False Alarm Rate	10 km	N/A	< 1 s	China	Data structure - Events, Groups, Flashes Notable products – Event/Group/Flash Rates, Flash Area, Flash Duration, Flash Optical Energy		Measures total lightning

Particulate Matter Concentration PM		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	

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Planetary Boundary Layer Height PBLH		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	

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Precipitation Discrimination (Stratiform/Convective) PD		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
Instrument	Orbit	Range	Uncertainty	Resolution XY	Resolution Z	Resolution T	Resolution Swath	Standard	Possible	
DPR (GPM)	LEO (incline=65°)	3 classes	< 13%	fp (~5km@ nadir)	250 m	Varies with latitude	245 km	Reflectivity profile		Parameter represented as 3 classes (stratiform/convective/other) in the 2ADPR product. Method relies upon both horizontal variability of the reflectivity and the vertical profile of reflectivity at Ku- and Ka-bands (Awaka et al., 2016 doi: 10.1175/JTECH-D-16-0016.1) Uncertainty is taken from Le et al., 2016 (doi: 10.1175/JTECH-D-15-0253.1)

Precipitation Particle Size PPS.z		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
DPR (GPM)	LEO (incline=65°)	0.5-4.0 mm	0.25 mm	fp (~5km@ nadir)	250 m	Varies with latitude	245 km (Ku-band) 125 km (Dual-frequncy Swath)	Reflectivity profile at Ku-band (more accurate with dual-frequency profile at Ku- and Ka-band)		From the GPM DPR algorithm. Parameter represented as the melted particle mass-weighted mean diameter (Dm) in the GPM 2ADPR product. Method: Uses single frequency (Ku-band) used except for inner swath where dual-frequency technique is used as well. These are detailed in Seto et al., 2016 (doi: 10.1109/IGARSS.2016.7730023) Uncertainty given as MAE for 2ADPRv6 and is relative to the GPM VN (from Petersen et al., 2019 Springer book chapter). For convective precipitation, the uncertainty is higher, especially when the dual-frequency is used in v6 of 2ADPR.
DPR+GMI (GPM)	LEO (incline=65°)	0.5-4.0 mm	0.32 mm	5km@ nadir	250 m	Varies with latitude	125 km (Matched Swath)	Reflectivity profile at Ku- and Ka-bands, Brightness Temperatures		From the GPM Combined Algorithm. Parameter represented as melting particle mass-weighted mean diameter (Dm) in the GPM 2BCORRA product. Method: A combination of radar+radiometer measurements, a priori scattering tables and environmental information as detailed in Grecu et al. 2016 (doi: 10.1175/JTECH-D-16-0019.1). Uncertainty given as MAE for v5 of Combined Algorithm. and is relative to GPM VN (from Petersen et al., 2019 Springer book chapter).

Precipitation Phase Profile PP.z		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
DPR (GPM)	LEO (incline=65°)	3 classes	<5-10% (top of ML) <6-13% (bottom of ML)	5 km	250 m	Varies with latitude	245 km (Ku-band) 125 km (Dual-frequency)	Reflectivity profile at Ku- and/or Ku/Ka-band (aka dual-frequency ratio)		Method: Identification of a melting layer via detection of a Ku-band reflectivity bright band and the dual frequency ratio (DFR) profile (see Le and Chandrasekar, 2013, doi: 110.1109/TGRS.2012.2224352) Uncertainty based on for DFR method only (from Le and Chandrasekar, 2013)

Precipitation Rate Profile PR.z		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
DPR (GPM)	LEO (incline=65°)	0.2-110 mm/h	<~40% @ 1 mm/h <~30% @ 10 mm/h	5 km	250 m	Varies	245 km	Radar reflectivity factor		Liquid precipitation only Uncertainties are based on near surface rainfall for 2ADPRv5 from Fig 4 of Skofronick-Jackson et al., 2018, doi: 10.1002/qj.3313)
DPR+GMI (GPM)	LEO (incline=65°)	0.2-110 mm/h	<40% @ 1 mm/h <25% @ 10 mm/h	5 km	250 m	Varies	245 km	Radar reflectivity factor, Brightness temperature		Liquid precipitation only Uncertainties are based on near surface rainfall for GPM Combined Alg. v5 from Fig 4 of Skofronick-Jackson et al., 2018, doi: 10.1002/qj.3313)

Precipitation Rate, 2D Surface PR2D (1)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
DPR (GPM)	LEO (incline=65°)	0.2-110 mm/h	<~40% @ 1 mm/h <~30% @ 10 mm/h	5 km	N/A	Varies	245 km	Radar reflectivity factor		Liquid precipitation only Uncertainties are based on near surface rainfall for 2ADPRv5 from Fig 4 of Skofronick-Jackson et al., 2018, doi: 10.1002/qj.3313)
DPR+GMI (GPM)	LEO (incline=65°)	0.2-110 mm/h	<40% @ 1 mm/h <25% @ 10 mm/h	5 km	N/A	Varies	245 km	Radar reflectivity factor, Brightness temperature		Liquid precipitation only Uncertainties are based on near surface rainfall for GPM Combined Alg. v5 from Fig 4 of Skofronick-Jackson et al., 2018, doi: 10.1002/qj.3313)
GMI (GPM)	LEO (incline=65°)	0.2-110 mm/h	75%@ 1mm/h 25%@10 mm/h	Varies based on frequency	N/A	Varies	885 km	Brightness temperature		Method: Bayesian retrieval such as that in the GPROF Algorithm (Kummerow et al. 2015, doi: 10.1175/JTECH-D-15-0039.1) Uncertainties are based on GPROFv5 results from Fig 4 of Skofronick-Jackson et al., 2018, doi: 10.1002/qj.3313)

Precipitation Rate, 2D Surface PR2D (2)		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
AMSR2 (GCOM-W1)	LEO (Sun-synch, cross EQ at 1330LST; incline= 98°)	0.2-110 mm/h	Similar to GMI	Varies based on frequency	N/A	Varies	1450 km	Brightness temperature		AMSR3 should also provide this record as well other Passive Microwave Radiometers planned on future missions (e.g., WSF-M, MetOP). Method: Bayesian retrieval such as that in the GPROF Algorithm (Kummerow et al. 2015, doi: 10.1175/JTECH-D-15-0039.1) Uncertainties are based on GPROFv5 comparisons from Kidd et al., 2017 (doi: 10.1002/qj.3175)
IMERG (GPM constellation+Geostationary IR)	LEO+GEO	0.2-110 mm/h		0.1°	N/A	30-min	Global			This is the Integrated Multi-Satellite Retrievals for GPM (IMERG) product created by NASA from multiple other LEO- and GEO-based products and is precipitation gauge corrected (see Huffman et al. 2017)

Precursor Gas Concentration PGC		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	

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Radiative Fluxes RadF		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	

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Surface Albedo SA		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	

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Surface Radiation Budget SRB		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	

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Surface Turbulent Fluxes (Land/Ocean) STF		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
GMI (GPM)	LEO	0-1500 W/m2 LHF -300-1500 W/m2 SHF	20% Ocean 30% Land	25 km	N/A	Vari es	904 km	Microwave radiances combined with reanalysis model inputs (+ IR over land)		

Total Liquid Water Path TLWP		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	

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Water Vapor Advection WVA		PoR Capability						Relevant Observables		Notes
		Range	Uncertainty	Resolution						
Instrument	Orbit			XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	

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Aerosol Parameters / Instrument / Orbit	PoR Capability											Relevant Observables		Notes
	AOD (VIS)	AOD (UV)	AE	F - AOD	SSA	AAOD	Refr	Resolution						
								XY	Z	T	Swath	Standard	Possible	
VIIRS (JPSS) LEO	Metric / Land (Best / Good) / Ocean (Best / Good) Accuracy: 0.018 / 0.047; 0.030 / 0.049 Precision: 0.112 / 0.138; 0.046 / 0.060	Metric Accuracy Precision	Ocean (Best / Good) 0.050 / 0.001 0.377 / 0.370		N/A	N/A	N/A	0.75 km (nadir)	N / A	1 or 2 daily	3000 km	Multi-spectral in VIS/NIR/SWIR VIIRS heritage NOAA Enterprise Algorithm		
	Ocean: ±(0.04 + 10%) Land: ±(0.05 + 15%)	N/A	Ocean: ±0.4 Land: N/A	Ocean: Land:	N/A	N/A	N/A	6 km (nadir)	N / A	1 or 2 daily	3000 km	Multi-spectral in VIS/NIR/SWIR MODIS "Dark-Target" hertiage		Single view
	Land: ±(0.15τ + 0.05) Ocean: ±(0.10τ + 0.04)	N/A			?	?	N/A	6 km (nadir)	N / A	1 or 2 daily	3000 km	Multi-spectral in Deep Blue VIS/NIR/SWIR MODIS "Deep Blue/SOAR hertiage		Single View
	Land: ±(0.15τ + 0.05)	N/A	N/A					1 km (gridded)	N / A	daily	N/A	"MAIAC heritiatge"		Multi-view aggregation
OCI (PACE) LEO								10 km	N / A	1/day	?			See VIIRS (JPSS) At;launch algroithm
	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	N/A	?	?	1/day		Multispectral VIS/NIR/SWIR + UV + O2A and O2B bands		MODIS + OMI heritage

DS Traceability Goals 1-2

2017 Decadal Survey Goals (from Appendix B)	ACCP Goals
C-2a Reduce uncertainty in low and high cloud feedback. W-1a Determine the effects of key boundary layer processes on weather, hydrological, and air quality forecasts at minutes to subseasonal time scales. W-2a Improve the observed and modeled representation of natural, low-frequency modes of weather/climate variability. C-2g Quantify the contribution of the UTS to climate feedbacks and change.	**G1** Cloud Feedbacks *Reduce the uncertainty in low- and high-cloud climate feedbacks by advancing our ability to predict the properties of low and high clouds.*
C-5c Quantify the effect that aerosol has on cloud. C-2g Quantify the contribution of the UTS to climate feedbacks and change. H-1b Quantify rates of precipitation and its phase (rain and snow/ice) worldwide at convective and orographic scales suitable to capture flash floods and beyond. W-1a Determine the effects of key boundary layer processes on weather, hydrological, and air quality. W-2a Improve the observed and modeled representation of natural, low-frequency modes of weather/climate variability. W-4a Measure the vertical motion within deep convection to within 1 m/s and heavy precipitation rates to within 1 mm/hour to improve model representation of extreme precipitation and to determine convective transport and redistribution of mass, moisture, momentum, and chemical species.	**G2** Storm Dynamics *Improve our physical understanding and model representations of cloud, precipitation and dynamical processes within storms.*

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DS Traceability Goals 3-5

2017 Decadal Survey Goals (from Appendix B)	ACCP Goals
H-1b Quantify rates of precipitation and its phase (rain and snow/ice) worldwide at convective and orographic scales suitable to capture flash floods and beyond. S-4a Quantify global, decadal landscape change produced by abrupt events and by continuous reshaping of Earth's surface due to surface processes, tectonics, and societal activity. (Recommended measurement of rainfall and snowfall rates). W-1a Determine the effects of key boundary layer processes on weather, hydrological, and air quality. W-3a Determine how spatial variability in surface characteristics modifies region cycles of energy and water	**G3** Cold Cloud and Precipitation *Quantify the rate of falling snow at middle to high latitudes to advance understanding of its role in cryosphere-climate feedbacks.*
W-1a (boundary layer processes) W-5a (air pollution and health) C-5a Improve estimates of the emissions of natural and anthropogenic aerosols	**G4** Aerosol Processes *Reduce uncertainty in key processes that link aerosols to weather, climate and air quality related impacts.*
C-2a Reduce uncertainty in low and high cloud feedback. C-2h Reduce aerosol radiative forcing uncertainty C-5c Quantify the effect that aerosol has on cloud	**G5** Aerosol Impacts on Radiation *Reduce the uncertainty in Direct (D) and Indirect (I) aerosol-related radiative forcing of the climate system.*

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Acronyms (1/3)

A	Aerosols
AFWA	Air Force Weather Agency
AAOD	Absorbing Aerosol Optical Depth
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AQ	Air Quality
CCP	Clouds, Convection, and Precipitation
CDC	Centers for Disease Control
CMAQ	The Community Multiscale Air Quality Modeling System
CTM	Chemical Transport Model
D	Direct
DOD	Department of Defense
DOE	Department of Energy
DRE	Direct Radiative Effect
ECMWF	European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FP	Footprint
G	Goal
GE	General Electric
GPS	Global Positioning System

Acronyms (2/3)

I	**Indirect**
IR	Infrared
JMA	Japan Meteorological Agency
JTWC	Joint Typhoon Warning Center
LW	Longwave
LWP	Liquid Water Path
NCAR	National Center for Atmospheric Research
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NG	Northrop Grumman
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NRL	Naval Research Laboratory
NWP	Numerical Weather Prediction
O	Objective
OD	Optical Depth
PBL	Planetary Boundary Layer
PDC	Pacific Disaster Center
PEA	Potential Enabled Application
PM	Particulate Matter
PoR	Program of Record
P&W	Pratt & Whitney
RO	Radio Occultation
RR	Rolls Royce

Acronyms (3/3)

S	SBG (Surface Biology and Geology)
SW	Shortwave
SWNIR	Shortwave-Near Infrared
TBD	To Be Determined
TOA	Top Of Atmosphere
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
VAAC	Volcanic Ash Advisory Center
VIS	Visible
WHO	World Health Organizations
WRF	Weather Research and Weather (Forecasting Model)

Information and Request for Feedback

- Numbers in the current Geophysical Variable and Observable tables are very preliminary and in the process of being vetted.
- Under Minimum capabilities, Enhanced values may also be provided when improved data quality is desired in an Enhanced system.
- Comments and suggestions on geophysical variables, Minimum and Enhanced desired capabilities, and observables/measurement approaches are welcome.
- At this early stage, Minimum capabilities should be set as low as possible, but must be defensible as adequate for science objectives.

Conventions for Variable List Table

- Table entries are color-coded depending on whether the variable is needed to satisfy **Minimum** or **Enhanced** Objective.
- Each Column on the left identify potential sources for the geophysical variable:
  - A – typical aerosol payload (e.g., lidar, polarimeter)
  - CCP – typical CCP payload (e.g., radar, microwave radiometers)
  - ODO – complementary observations from other 2017 Decadal Survey *Designated Observables:* "S" denotes the Surface Biology and Geology (SBG), and "M" denotes Mass Change.
  - PoR – Program of Record
  - PEA – Potential Enabled Application listed on the table to the left.
- The check mark √ indicates that the geophysical variable is needed for meeting the objective. The check mark (√) indicates that the geophysical variable coming from the PoR may contribute to the objective but by itself it is insufficient to fully meet the objective.

Geophysical Variable Table Conventions

- Table entries are color-coded depending on whether the variable is needed to satisfy **Minimum** or **Enhanced** Objective.
- Desired capabilities:
  - ➢ The spatial/temporal scales give the averaging context for the precision/accuracy for the geophysical variable
    - o XY is the horizontal scale, while Z is the vertical scale
    - o T is the temporal scale with these conventions: I – Instantaneous (at the time resolution of the sensor), H – hourly, R – Diurnal, ΔT – Sequential sample at TBD delta-T (e.g., 2-minutes), D – daily, W – weekly, M – Monthly, A – annual.
  - ➢ When a variable is required with a different accuracy/precision or scale for the enhanced objective, multiple values are provided following the color convention above.
- Example of Observables. Within each Objective, groups of observables are labelled (1), (2), ..., and referred by these numbers in subsequent rows.