# AVP Support of Past Field Campaigns

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#### **AVP History & Organization**

- June 2006: Former ARM UAV program was re-competed as ARM AVP among DOE National Labs
- Oct 2006: PNNL proposal (PI J. Voyles) successful





### **Outline of AVP Activities**

- Costing of proposals
- Implementation of field campaigns
  - Contracting of aircraft platform(s)
  - Contracting with PI's for requested instruments
- Field Support
  - Logistics and Flight Planning
  - Safety
- Communication
  - Websites, WIKI, and Data and Instrument Workshops
- Facilitate the archiving of data
- Participate in the Interagency Coordinating Committee for Airborne Geoscience Research and Applications (ICCAGRA)
- Instrumentation



## **CLASIC (2007)**

- Cloud and Land Surface Interaction Campaign
- ARM Southern Great Plains Climate Research Facility
  - June 8-July 2, 2007
- Coordination between 9 aircraft
  - CLASIC
    - CIRPAS Twin Otter, NASA P3, NASA ER2, NASA J-31, Twin Otter International, Duke University Helicopter Observation Platform, and Cessna 206
  - CHAPS
    - NASA B-200 and DOE G-1
- A workshop was held in March 2008
- Finalized data are available



#### CLASIC/CHAPS 2007 (in situ)







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#### CLASIC/CHAPS 2007 (remote sensing)











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## **ISDAC (2008)**

- Indirect and Semi-Direct Aerosol Campaign
- Measured aerosol and cloud properties over the North Slope of Alaska in close proximity to the ARM site located in Barrow
- April 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>
  - 103 Flight hours
- AVP collaborated with Environment Canada, the National Research Council of Canada, and various U.S. research entities
  - Aircraft platform was the NRC Convair-580
- Over 40 instruments measured cloud microphysical and aerosol properties; visible, infrared, and microwave radiation; and atmospheric state parameters



## **ISDAC (2008)**



http://acrf-campaign.arm.gov/isdac/tour.stm





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#### **ISDAC 2008**

- Field campaign overlapped with the NASA ARCTAS and NOAA ARCPAC campaigns all based in Fairbanks, AK
  - 5 coordinated flights with the NASA B-200
  - 1 intercomparison flight with the NOAA P-3 within an aerosol layer and clouds
- Highly successful project
  - 2 golden cases for cloud aerosol interaction
  - Several cases of very high aerosol concentration resulting from biomass burning in southern Russia
  - 1 CALIPSO and 2 Cloudsat validation flights
- ISDAC Workshop
  - November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>
- Data should be public by beginning of 2009



### **First Deployments**

#### **SPLAT-II**



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### RACORO

- Routine AVP Cloud with Low Optical Water Depths (CLOWD) Optical Radiative Observations
  - January 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009
- CLOWD Type clouds
  - Low-level, boundary-layer clouds constitute the largest uncertainty in climate models
  - Low-level cloud properties are very sensitive to changes in aerosol loading, and the aerosol effect on cloud albedo remains the dominant uncertainty in radiative forcing

#### Routine Measurements

- 300 Flight Hours
- 2 to 3 flights per week



#### **RACORO Aircraft**











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#### **RACORO Flight Plans**







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## **RACORO Flight Plans**





Two-year airborne study of atmospheric composition and carbon cycling in the Southern Great Plains



Pl's: Sébastien Biraud & Margaret Torn, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory











#### **SPartICus**



Small Particles In Cirrus

- October 1, 2009 May 30, 2010
- Routine measurements of Cirrus microphysical properties
- Flights will be over the SGP ACRF site
- NASA Support?
  - WB-57 may participate in early summer 2010
- PI: Jay Mace, University of Utah





- AVP facilitates airborne science activities for the ARM program
- Orchestrated the CLASIC and ISDAC field campaigns
  - Finalized CLASIC data are available
  - Finalizing the data collected from ISDAC
- Moving forward with missions that are based on Routine Flying
  - RACORO
  - C206 Carbon Flights
  - SPARTICUS
- Moving forward with instrumentation goal

