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## Abstract

The purpose of this report is to provide a concise status update for Value-Added Products (VAPs) implemented by the Atmospheric Radiation Measurement (ARM) Climate Research Facility. The report is divided into the following sections: (1) new VAPs for which development has begun, (2) progress on existing VAPs, (3) future VAPs that have been recently approved, (4) other work that leads to a VAP, (5) top requested VAPs from the ARM Data Archive, and (6) a summary of VAP and data releases to production and evaluation. New information is highlighted in **blue text**. New information about processed data by the developer is highlighted in **red text**. The upcoming milestones and dates are highlighted in **green**.

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## **Acronyms and Abbreviations**

A complete list of ARM acronyms and abbreviations can be found at  
<http://www.arm.gov/about/acronyms>.

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## 1.0 New Value-Added Products (VAPs)

This section describes new activities that have begun in the last quarter after being approved by the ARM Engineering Review Board.

No new VAPs were approved in the second quarter.

## 2.0 Existing VAPs

This section describes the status of each VAP and the ongoing activities that were approved to improve the performance of, or maintain, existing VAPs. The information is extracted primarily from the monthly updates provided by the development team in the Engineering Change Orders (ECOs).

### 2.1 ARM Cloud Retrieval Ensemble Data Set (ACRED)

Translator: Shaocheng Xie, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Developer: Qi Tang, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Status: In Development

Tier: Evaluation

Engineering Work Order-13590 has been approved to address the uncertainty in cloud retrievals and provide three different retrievals at the five ARM fixed research sites.

[This task is 98% complete.](#)

[Next Milestone: Provide MICROBASE ensemble data to the ARM Data Archive by April 30, 2015.](#)

### 2.2 ARM Radar Cloud Simulator

Translator: Shaocheng Xie, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Developer: Yuying Zhang, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

The Engineering Change Order 01120 has been approved to develop an ARM Cloud Radar Simulator for global climate models (GCMs).

[Next step is to finalize the algorithm of creating GCM-oriented cloud radar data from Active Remote Sensing of Clouds \(ARSCL\).](#)

## **2.3 Atmospherically Emitted Radiance Interferometer Noise Filter (AERINF)**

Translator: Laura Riihimaki, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Tim Shippert, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.4 AERI Profiles of Water Vapor and Temperature (AERIPROF)**

Translator: Laura Riihimaki, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Tim Shippert, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.5 Aerosol Best Estimate (AEROSOLBE)**

Translator: Connor Flynn, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Annette Koontz, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.6 Aerosol Intensive Properties (AIP)**

Translator: Connor Flynn, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Annette Koontz, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.7 Aerosol Modeling Testbed (AMT)**

Translator: Jerome Fast, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Chen Song and Manish Shrivastava, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Evaluation

Engineering Work Order-13683 has been approved to move data from the Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) Aerosol Life Cycle IOP field campaign to the testbed.

No progress was made last quarter.

Next Milestone: On hold until priorities are identified.

## **2.8 Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD) Derived from Either Multi-Filter Rotating Shadowband Radiometer (MFRSR) or Normal Incidence Multi-Filter Radiometer (NIMFR)**

Translator: Connor Flynn, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Connor Flynn, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

## **2.9 Aerosol Observing System Cloud Condensation Nuclei Average (AOSCCNAV)**

Translator: Connor Flynn, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Yan Shi, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## 2.10 Aerosol Observing System Correction (AOSCORR)

Translator: Connor Flynn, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Annette Koontz, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: On Hold

Tier: Evaluation

Engineering Work Order-00934 was approved to apply instrument corrections and calibrations to handle the BNL Aerosol Observing System (AOS) datastream.

The original plan has been put on hold due to discrepancies with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) AOS data and BNL AOS data. A teleconference was held with key stakeholders in April 2014, and this task has been put on hold until the ingest work is completed.

## 2.11 ARM Best Estimate Atmospheric Measurements (ARMBEATM)

Translator: Shaocheng Xie, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Developer: Qi Tang, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

Engineering Change Order-14547 has been approved to make corrections to produce ARMBE.

ARMBEATM for the ARM Mobile Facility (AMF) China deployment has been archived.

## 2.12 ARM Best Estimate Cloud Radiation Measurements (ARMBECLDRAD)

Translator: Shaocheng Xie, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Developer: Qi Tang, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

Development of ARMBECLDRAD for the AMF China deployment is on hold until land data set development has been completed.

## 2.13 ARM Best Estimate 2-Dimensional Grid (ARMBE2DGRID)

Translator: Shaocheng Xie, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Developer: Qi Tang, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Status: In Development

Tier: Evaluation

Engineering Change Order-01080 was approved to merge various datastreams together and interpolate them onto a common 2D grid with a uniform temporal resolution of a one-hour interval, the same as that used in current ARM best estimate (ARMBE) data sets.

[The data object design \(DOD\) has been approved by the reviewers.](#)

[Next Milestone: Archive the ARMBE2D data.](#)

## 2.14 ARM Best Estimate 2-Dimensional Station-Based (ARMBE2DSTNS)

Translator: Shaocheng Xie, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Developer: Qi Tang, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Status: In Development

Tier: Evaluation

Engineering Change Order-01080 was approved to develop an hourly station-based surface data set that contains the same variables as in ARMBE2DGRID.

[The DOD has been approved by the reviewers.](#)

[Next Milestone: Archive the data.](#)

## 2.15 Active Remote Sensing of Clouds (ARSCL)

Translator: Mike Jensen, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Developer: Karen Jones, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.16 Areal Averaged Spectral Surface Albedo (AREALB)**

Translator: Laura Riihimaki, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Krista Gaustad, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Engineering Change Order-01094 was approved to implement an algorithm developed to calculate the white-sky areal average albedo from only an upward-looking MFRSR during overcast conditions.

Status: In Development

Tier: Evaluation

Development of yearly process has been completed. [Waiting on scientists to compare results.](#)

## **2.17 Best Estimate Fluxes from Energy Balance Bowen Ratio (EBBR) Measurements and Bulk Aerodynamics Calculations (BAEBBR)**

Translator: Shaocheng Xie, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Developer: Krista Gaustad, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.18 Broadband Heating Rate Profile (BBHRP)**

Translator: Laura Riihimaki, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Tim Shippert, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: In Development

Tier: Evaluation

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.19 Best Estimate Surface Radiative Flux (BEFLUX)**

Translator: Laura Riihimaki, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Yan Shi, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.20 Cloud Concentration Nuclei Profile (CCNPROF)**

Translator: Laura Riihimaki, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Chitra Sivaraman, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.21 Cloud Classification (CLDCLASS)**

Translator: Laura Riihimaki, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Chaomei Lo, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: No Development

Tier: Evaluation

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.22 Corrected Moments in Antenna Coordinates (CMAC)**

Translator: Scott Collis, Argonne National Laboratory

Developer: Scott Collis, Argonne National Laboratory

Status: In Development

Tier: Evaluation

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.23 Corrected Moments in Antenna Coordinates Version 2.0 (CMAC2)**

Translator: Scott Collis, Argonne National Laboratory

Developer: Jonathan Helmus, Argonne National Laboratory

Status: In Development



Engineering Change Order-01077 was approved to establish a pre-processing echo identification; improve upon linear-phase processing, allowing for larger areas of differential phase on backscatter previously not considered; and correct the correlation coefficient for low signal-to-noise.

The development of first gate identification has been completed. A poster on new de-aliasing methods was presented at the ARM / ASR Joint User Facility and Principal Investigator Meeting.

## **2.24 Convective Vertical Velocity VAP (CONVV)**

Translator: Scott Collis, Argonne National Laboratory

Developer: Kirk North, McGill University

Status: In Development

Tier: Evaluation

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.25 Doppler Lidar Profile VAP (DLPROF)**

Translator: Laura Riihimaki, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Chitra Sivaraman, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Evaluation

Engineering Work Order-01035 and -01036 have been approved to create two VAPs—the vertical profiles of horizontal wind speed and direction using the velocity-azimuth-display (VAD) algorithm from the Doppler lidar data—and the cloud and vertical velocity statistics (WSTAT) from the Doppler lidar data.

The DOD review has been completed and the VAP is ready to be released to production.

Next Milestone: Evaluate user feedback by June 2015.

## **2.26 G-Band Vapor Radiometer Precipitable Water Vapor (GVRPWV)**

Translator: Connor Flynn, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Annette Koontz, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.27 Interpolated SONDE (INTERPSONDE)**

Translator: Mike Jensen, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Developer: David Troyan, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.28 Ka-Band Zenith-Pointing Radar Active Remote Sensing of Clouds (KAZRARSCL)**

Translator: Mike Jensen, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Developer: Karen Johnson, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Status: In Development

Tier: Evaluation

Engineering Change Order-00899 was approved to initiate and coordinate the development of an ARSCL-like VAP to enhance the scientific value of data collected by the Ka-band ARM zenith radar (KAZR), the follow-on to the now-retired millimeter-wavelength cloud radar.

Developed the signal to noise ratio threshold on the cross-polar contribution to linear depolarization ratio.

Next Milestone: Release of the VAP to production has been moved to September 30, 2015.

## **2.29 Langley Regression (LANGLEY)**

Translator: Connor Flynn, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Annette Koontz, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## 2.30 Microwave Radiometer-Scaled SONDE Profiles (LSSONDE)

Translator: Connor Flynn, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Annette Koontz, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## 2.31 Merged Sounding (MERGESONDE)

Translator: Mike Jensen, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Developer: David Troyan, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

Engineering Change Order-00889 was approved to move the data to production.

Due to significant issues with the version of the code, the VAP was migrated to ARM Data Integrator (ADI). The Data Quality Office has found problems that need to be addressed.

Next Milestone: Compare production runs to development runs and release data to production.

## 2.32 MFRSR Column Intensive Properties (MFRSRCIP)

Translator: Connor Flynn, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Annette Koontz, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: In Development

Tier: Evaluation

Engineering Change Order-00823 has been approved to develop a VAP to retrieve aerosol column intensive properties from the MFRSR, including single-scattering albedo, asymmetry parameter, and bi-modal log-normal size distributions.

The VAP has been released to production. There are seasonal biases in the comparison results that need to be addressed.

Next Milestone: Release of the VAP to run at the Data Management Facility (DMF) has been pushed back to April 30, 2015.

### **2.33 Cloud Optical Depth from MFRSR (MFRSRCLDOD)**

Translator: Laura Riihimaki, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Yan Shi, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

### **2.34 Micro-ARSCL (MICROARSCL)**

Translator: Mike Jensen, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Developer: Ed Luke, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Status: In Development

Tier: Evaluation

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

### **2.35 Continuous Baseline Microphysical Retrieval (MICROBASE)**

Translator: Mike Jensen, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Developer: Meng Wang, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Status: On Hold

### **2.36 Mapped Moments to Cartesian Grid (MMCG)**

Translator: Scott Collis, Argonne National Laboratory

Developer: Scott Collis, Argonne National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Evaluation

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

### **2.37 Micropulse Lidar Cloud Optical Depth (MPLCOD)**

Translator: Laura Riihimaki, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Chaomei Lo, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: No Development

Tier: Evaluation

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.38 Micropulse Lidar Polarized Average (MPLAVG)**

Translator: Connor Flynn, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Annette Koontz, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.39 Micropulse Lidar Cloud Mask (MPLCMASK)**

Translator: Laura Riihimaki, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Chitra Sivaraman, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.40 Microwave Radiometer Retrievals (MWRRET)**

Translator: Laura Riihimaki, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Krista Gaustad, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

Engineering Change Order-00526 has been approved to transition the product from evaluation to production, release the product, and process historical data.

[No progress during this quarter.](#)

Next Milestone: Complete processing of mobile facility data from Cape Cod, Massachusetts, (PVC) and Los Angeles, California, to Honolulu, Hawaii (MAG).

## 2.41 Microwave Radiometer Retrieval Version 2 (MWRRET2)

Translator: Laura Riihimaki, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Krista Gaustad, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: In Development

Tier: Evaluation

Engineering Change Order-00985 has been approved to update the current retrieval algorithm to be more flexible, so it can work with any set of n microwave frequencies to retrieve precipitable water vapor (PWV) and liquid water path (LWP).

No progress made during the last quarter. Waiting on guidance to move forward on the development of this VAP.

Next Milestone: Process Southern Great Plains (SGP), Tropical Western Pacific, and Gan Island, Maldives (GAN), data with the latest code by March 30, 2015.

## 2.42 Marine ARM GPCI Investigation of Clouds Navigation (NAVBE)

Translator: Mike Jensen, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Developer: Tami Toto, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Engineering Change Order-01071 was approved to create the Marine ARM GPCI<sup>1</sup> Investigation of Clouds (MAGIC) Navigation Best Estimate (MAGNAVBE) VAP to consolidate many different sources of instruments on the ship that collected Global Positioning System (GPS) and Inertial Navigation System (INS) measurements during the MAGIC campaign. This consolidation will result in a single, continuous datastream (rather than approximately a dozen different datastreams).

The 1-minute and 10-Hz data have been staged in the evaluation area for most periods.

Next Milestone: Analyze data for the extensive missing data from the SEANAV

## 2.43 Droplet Number Concentration (NDROP)

Translator: Laura Riihimaki, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

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<sup>1</sup> GPCI = GCSS Pacific Cross-section Intercomparison, a working group of GCSS

GCSS = GEWEX Cloud Systems Study

GEWEX = Global Energy and Water Cycle Experiment, a core project of the World Climate Research Programme.

Developer: Chitra Sivaraman, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## 2.44 Organic Aerosol Component Analysis (OACOMP)

Translator: Jerome Fast, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Tim Shippert, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: In Development

Tier: Evaluation

Engineering Change Order-00838 has been approved to develop a VAP to estimate organic aerosol components from Aerosol Mass Spectrometers (AMS) and Aerosol Chemical and Speciation Monitors (ACSM) to be deployed at ARM's sites and as part of the Mobile AOS (MAOS).

Analysis of code for pulling in additional datastream and using it to quality control the input has begun.

Next Milestone: No milestone has been set.

## 2.45 Planetary Boundary Layer Height (PBLHT)

Translator: Laura Riihimaki, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Chitra Sivaraman, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

Engineering Change Order-00893 has been approved to initiate and coordinate the development of a VAP to implement methods for Planetary Boundary Height (PBL) height detection using radiosondes, ceilometer, and micropulse lidar.

The simulated annealing method has been implemented.

Next Milestone: Release the PBL VAP to evaluation using the MPL method by June 30, 2015.

## 2.46 Quality Checked Eddy Correlation (QCECOR)

Translator: Shaocheng Xie, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Developer: Yunyan Zhang, Argonne National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.47 Data Quality Assessment for ARM Radiation Data (QCRAD)**

Translator: Laura Riihimaki, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Yan Shi, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

Engineering Change Order-15035 has been approved to run the second level (c2) of the VAP.

[The methodology to run c2 process has been automated.](#)

[Next Milestone: Archive the c2 data.](#)

## **2.48 Quantitative Precipitation Estimate (QPE)**

Translator: Scott Collis, Argonne National Laboratory

Developer: Scott Collis, Argonne National Laboratory

Status: On Hold

Tier: Evaluation

Engineering Work Order-00936 was approved to produce the QPE VAP for the Manus C-band scanning ARM precipitation radar for ARM Madden-Julian Oscillation Investigation Experiment (AMIE) campaign data.

[Due to the reconfiguration strategy for the ARM Facility sites, this VAP is on hold.](#)

## **2.49 Radiation Flux VAP (RADFLUX)**

Translator: Laura Riihimaki, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Krista Gaustad, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory



Engineering Change Order-00675 has been approved to develop the VAP. This VAP will use surface broadband radiation measurements to detect periods of clear skies and produce continuous clear-sky estimates. To run the c2 level of the VAP.

Processing of data from Black Forest, Germany (FKB); GAN; Graciosa Island, Azores (GRW); Shouxin, China (HFE); Niamey, Niger (NIM); and Point Reyes, California (PYE) has been completed

Next Milestone: Release the VAP to production has been extended to June 30, 2015.

## **2.50 Radiatively Important Parameters Best Estimate (RIPBE)**

Translator: Laura Riihimaki, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Tim Shippert, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Evaluation

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.51 Raman Lidar Profiles—Aerosol Scattering Ratio (RLPROFASR)**

Translator: Connor Flynn, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Chitra Sivaraman, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.52 Raman Lidar Profiles—Best Estimate (RLPROFBE)**

Translator: Connor Flynn, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Chitra Sivaraman, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.53 Raman Lidar Profiles—Depolarization Ratio (RLPROFDEP)**

Translator: Connor Flynn, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Chitra Sivaraman, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.54 Raman Lidar Profiles—Extinction (RLPROFEXT)**

Translator: Connor Flynn, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Chitra Sivaraman, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.55 Raman Lidar Profiles—MERGE (RLPROFMERGE)**

Translator: Connor Flynn, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Chitra Sivaraman, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.56 Raman Lidar Profiles—Mixing Ratio (RLPROFMRR)**

Translator: Connor Flynn, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Chitra Sivaraman, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.57 Raman Lidar Profiles—Temperature (RLPROFTEMP)**

Translator: Connor Flynn, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Chitra Sivaraman, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.58 Clutter Removal in Radar Wind Profiler (RWP) Doppler Spectra (RWPCLUT)**

Translator: Scott Collis, Argonne National Laboratory

Developer: Jonathan Helmus, Argonne National Laboratory

Engineering Change Order-01091 was approved to identify non-atmospheric returns in the Doppler spectra data from the RWP for improved estimation of moments and winds.

**This work is on hold after the BNL meeting in October 2014.**

## **2.59 Scanning ARM Cloud Radar Correction VAP (SACRCORR)**

Translator: Michael Jensen, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Developer: Jonathan Helmus, Argonne National Laboratory

Engineering Work Order-01038 has been approved to develop a Scanning ARM Cloud Radars (SACR) corrections VAP to enhance the scientific value of data collected by the Ka-, W- and X-band Scanning ARM Cloud Radars.

**Processed one month of SACR data from four sites (Hyytiälä, Finland [TMP], North Slope of Alaska [NSA], SGP and PVC). Data plots have been created for the first sweeps in each output file.**

## **2.60 Shortwave Array Spectroradiometer Hemispheric Aerosol Optical Depth (SASHE AOD)**

Translator: Connor Flynn, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Brian Ermold, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.61 Shortwave Array Spectroradiometer Hemispheric Column Intensive Properties (SASHECIP)**

Translator: Connor Flynn, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Annette Koontz, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: In Development

Tier: Evaluation

Engineering Change Order-01014 has been approved to develop a VAP to retrieve aerosol column intensive properties from the shortwave array spectrometer hemispheric column, including single-scattering albedo, asymmetry parameter, and bi-modal log-normal size distributions. The proposal is to extend this MFRSRCIP product to use measurements from the SASHE, including wavelengths in the near-infrared, which will improve the retrieval sensitivity to coarse-mode particles.

No progress has been made to this VAP. It is on hold until MFRSRCIP is completed.

## **2.62 Shortwave Array Spectroradiometer Hemispheric Langley (SASHE LANGLEY)**

Translator: Connor Flynn, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Brian Ermold, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.63 SGP Area Surface Cloud and Shortwave (SW) Radiation Grid (SFCCLDGRID)**

Translator: Laura Riihimaki, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Krista Gaustad, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

The ECO 01107 has been opened to update the VAP to make it operational again to work more flexibly on the current arrangement of extended facilities and new arrangements in the future.

This task has not started.

## **2.64 SONDE Adjust (SONDEADJUST)**

Translator: Mike Jensen, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Developer: David Troyan, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.65 Sea-Surface Temperature (SST)**

Translator: Laura Riihimaki, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Yan Shi, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: In Development

Tier: Evaluation

Engineering Change Order-00970 has been approved to develop and derive SST from the infrared thermometer measurements for the MAGIC deployment.

Next Milestone: Waiting on Atmospheric Sounder Spectrometer for Infrared Spectral (ASSIST) data to continue development.

## **2.66 Ship Correction (SHIPCOR)**

Translator: Mike Jensen, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Developer: David Troyan, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Evaluation

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.67 Ship Motion Correction for Ceil, HSRL, and MPL**

Translator: Mike Jensen, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Developer: David Troyan, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Status: In Development

Engineering Change Order-00996 was approved to create a VAP that will post-process data from the unstabilized Vaisala ceilometer, high spectral resolution lidar, and micropulse lidar (VCEIL, HSRL, MPL) for ship deployments

[Testing has begun with NAVBE input data.](#)

## **2.68 Surface Spectral Albedo (SURFSPECALB)**

Translator: Laura Riihimaki, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Krista Gaustad, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.69 Shortwave Flux Analysis (SWFLUXANAL)**

Translator: Laura Riihimaki, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Krista Gaustad, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.70 Tower Water Vapor Mixing Ratio (TWRMR)**

Translator: Laura Riihimaki, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Developer: Krista Gaustad, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.71 UHF ARM Profiling Radar Actively Remotely Sensed Atmospheric Layers (UAPARSAL)**

Translator: Scott Collis, Argonne National Laboratory

Developer: Edwin Campos, Argonne National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Principal Investigator (PI) Data Product

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.72 Variational Analysis (VARANAL)**

Translator: Shaocheng Xie, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Developer: Yunyan Zhang, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Evaluation

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## **2.73 Vertical Velocity in Stratiform Rain (VVSR)**

Translator: Mike Jensen, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Developer: Karen Johnson, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Evaluation

Engineering Change Order-00865 was approved to initiate and coordinate the development of the VAP to generate profiles of vertical air motion during large-scale stratiform liquid precipitation. It will include information on the horizontal and vertical shear of the velocity.

Next Milestone: No new milestone has been set.

## 2.74 W-Band ARM Cloud Radar Active Remote Sensing of Clouds (WACRARSCL)

Translator: Mike Jensen, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Developer: David Troyan, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Status: Operational

Tier: Production.

There are no open ECOs for this VAP.

## 3.0 Future VAPs

This section describes new activities that may begin in the next quarter.

Implementation plan will be written for the multi-angle snowflake camera instrument to produce higher order products.

## 4.0 VAP Metrics

Metrics from the ARM Data Archive were not available at the time this report was published.

## 5.0 Summary

This section describes the summary of VAP and data releases to production and evaluation.

### 5.1 Products Released to Production

This section includes VAPs that are released to production for automated operations by the ARM DMF.

**Table 1.** VAPs released to production.

VAP	Action
RADFLUX	RADFLUX has been released to production. Not operational yet since the historical data are being processed.
MFRSRCIP	Released to production
QCRAD c2 script	The generation of c2 data has been automated.



## 5.2 Data Released to Evaluation

This section includes VAPs that are being released to the evaluation area for user feedback for the first time.

**Table 2.** Data released to evaluation.

VAP	Action
NAVBE	NAVBE data at 10 Hz and 1 minute for MAG has been released to evaluation.
ARMBEATM	Data for HFE have been released to evaluation

## 5.3 Data Released to the ARM Data Archive

This section includes data that are being released to the ARM Data Archive by the developer through a manual process.

**Table 3.** Data released to the ARM Data Archive.

VAP	Action
AOD	AOD data for PVC have been released to the data archive
ARMBEATM	ARMBEATM data for HFE have been released to the data archive.

## 5.4 Significant Development

This section provides a summary of significant improvements.

**Table 4.** Significant developments.

<b>VAP</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>ACRED</b>	MICROBASE Ensemble data are almost ready to be sent to the data archive.
<b>RADAR Simulator</b>	Finalizing the algorithm of creating GCM-oriented cloud radar data from ARSCL.
<b>ARMBEATM</b>	ARMBEATM data for the ARM Mobile Facility (AMF) China deployment have been archived.
<b>ARMBE2DGRID</b>	DOD has been approved by reviewers.
<b>ARMBESTNS</b>	DOD has been approved by reviewers.
<b>AREALB</b>	Development of yearly process has been completed. Waiting on scientists to compare results
<b>CMAC2</b>	The development of first gate ID has been completed. A poster on new de-aliasing methods was presented at the joint meeting of ARM and ASR.
<b>DLPROF</b>	DOD review has been completed and the VAP is ready to be released to production.
<b>KAZRARSCCL</b>	Developed the SNR threshold on the cross-polar contribution to LDR.
<b>MERGESONDE</b>	Due to significant issues with the version of the code, the VAP was moved to ADI. The Data Quality Office has found problems that need to be addressed.
<b>PBLHT</b>	The simulated annealing method has been implemented.
<b>RADFLUX</b>	Processing of FKB, GAN, GRW, HFE, NIM and PYE has been completed
<b>SACRCORR</b>	Processed one month of SACR data from four sites (TMP, NSA, SGP and PVC) and data plots have been created for the first sweeps in each output file.



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