

CUPiDS: Coastal Urban Plume Dynamics Study

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MAX-DOAS Lidar



Flight level met & trace gas

NOAA Twin Otter



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Motivation



- Ground level O₃ in the NJ-NY-CT metro area frequently exceed NAAQS.
 - Recently downgraded to serious.
- Pollution problem is amplified by complex interactions between flows over land and water
 - Not well understood
- LISTOS 2018: presence of low level jet just off the coast of CT during some high O_3 events









Science Goals



- Study spatial structure and temporal evolution of diurnal coastal flows and their role on pollution transport and mixing.
 - What are the kinematic characteristics of the boundary layer during high ozone events?
 - How does boundary layer evolve over land and water during these events?
 - What is the role of low-level jets in transporting pollutants into and out of the region?
- Determine reactive nitrogen emissions and ${\rm O}_3$ production efficiency in the New York metro area
- Evaluation of TEMPO and TROPOMI products
 - NO₂, HCHO, CHOCHO profiles/columns, wind profiles, surface albedo





Instrumentation

- Scanning Doppler Lidar (CSL)
 - Wind, Turbulence and Aerosol profiles
 - Boundary Layer Depth
- MAX-DOAS (CU, AC4 supported)
 - NO₂, Formaldehyde, Glyoxal column (profiles)
- NOxCaRD (CSL)
 - NO, NO₂, NO_y, O₃
- Picarro (GML)
 - CO, CO₂, CH₄, H₂O
- Radiometers (CSL, CU)
 - Multi spectral irradiance
 - Surface albedo
 - Surface temperature
 - jNO₂
- AIMMS probe
 - Flight level temperature, pressure, winds









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Schedule



- 175 flight hours, 24 Jun 8 Aug 2023,
- Based out of McArthur (KSIP) in Long Island
- Twin Otter: ~60 m/s & ~4 hour endurance
- 2 flights per day, repeat the same pattern









- Compact and modular design; ability to look up or down
- Horizontal wind profiles
 - Scanning 30 deg/s, Beam rate 10 Hz
 - One sweep every 12s / 720 m along track resolution
 - 60 m vertical resolution
- Vertical wind profiles
 - 10 Hz Beam rate, 6m along track resolution
 - 60m vertical resolution
 - Motion stabilized















Optical Head













• Aerosol backscatter intensity









• Winds and aerosol backscatter intensity









- Aerosol backscatter intensity
- ~30 minutes later









- Vertical velocity
- ~30 minutes later





TOPAZ O₃ lidar

- Planned deployment at Eaton's Neck (50 km/ ~ 3 hours downwind)
- Co-deployed with a scanning Doppler lidar
- Scanning $O_{\rm 3}$ and aerosol profile over sound and land



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Flight Patterns and Measurement Strategy





Objectives:

• Temporal evolution of sea/bay breeze

Features:

- Repeat cycle: 1 hour
- Profile over water at TOPAZ and ground site every other loop.
- ~4 loops per flight
- Flight altitude: ~500 m above BL







Flight Patterns and Measurement Strategy



Objectives:

- Spatial variation of sea breeze
- Spatial distribution of pollutants

Features:

- Profile over water at TOPAZ
- Flight legs parallel to wind direction (S)
- Flight altitude: ~500 m above BL







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