

2019 TBS Deployments



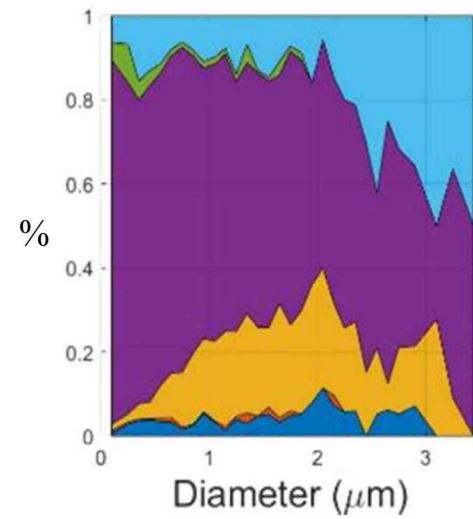
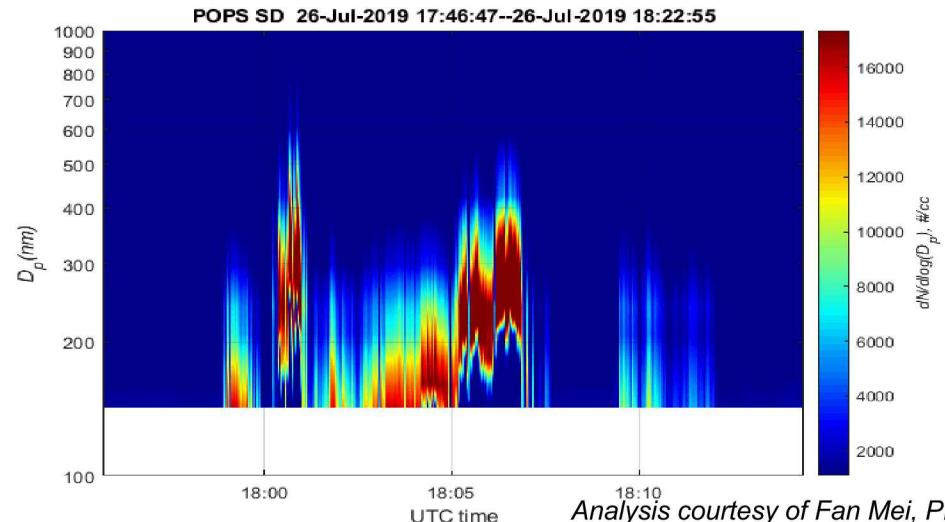
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- Over 150 hours of ARM TBS flights at:
 - SGP (Southern Great Plains in OK) for two-week periods in April, July, and October
 - AMF3 (Advanced Mobile Facility 3 in AK) for two-week periods in May and August
- At SGP TBS is flown under an FAA waiver to 1 km AGL and must remain 150 m below cloud base.
 - FAA approval for 1.5 km AGL flights in progress
- At AMF3 TBS operates within Restricted Airspace R-2204 to 1.65 km AGL.
- Payload capacity is ~80 pounds and has included:
 - aerosol instrumentation (two POPS and multiple CPCs)
 - Anemometers
 - Radiosondes
 - Distributed Temperature Sensing (DTS) optical fiber
 - Cascade impactors

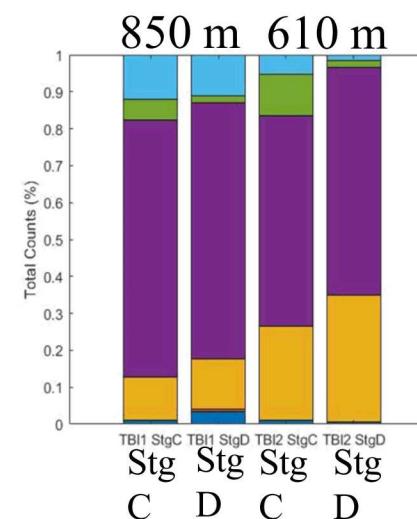
2019 TBS Results



- TBS operated in smoke plumes from agricultural burning at SGP in July 2019 and observed elevated particle concentrations (> 20000 #/cc)



Size-resolved chemical compositions



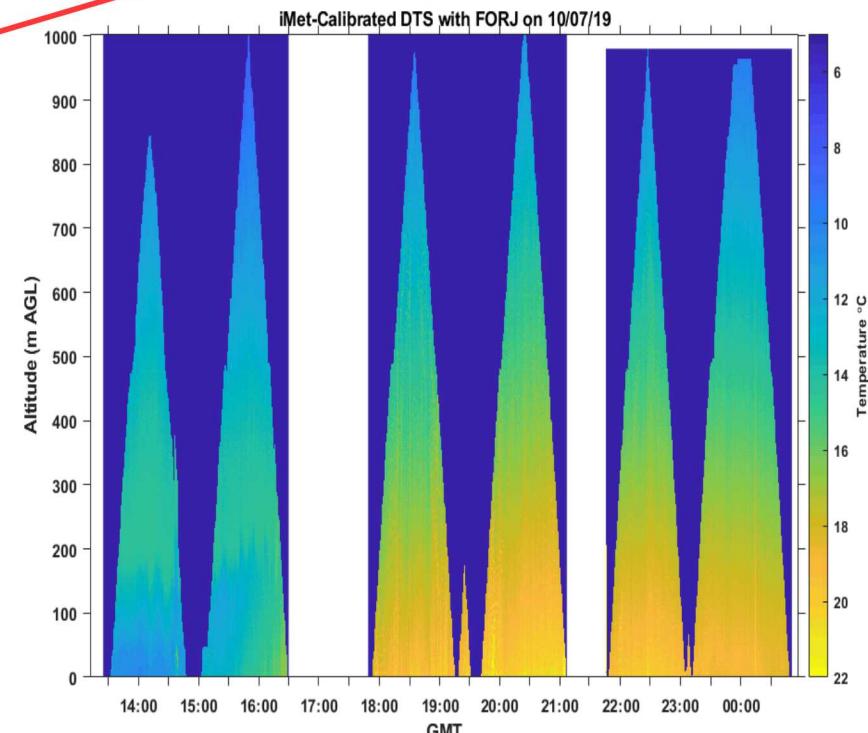
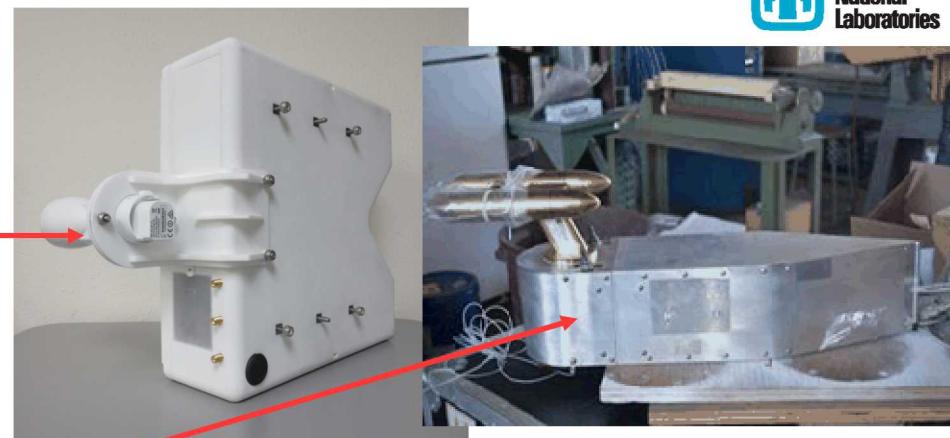
Particle categories at different altitudes

Other
Dust
Carbonaceous
Sulfates
Na-rich Sulfates
Na-rich particles

Analysis courtesy of
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Future TBS Activities

- Deployments to SGP and AMF3 with guest instrumentation:
 - Video ice particle sampler
 - Cloud droplet probe
 - VOC gas sampler
 - Multiple CPCs (Condensation Particle Counters) with varying cut sizes
 - Ice fog droplet spectrometers
- Continued deployments of ARM instrumentation:
 - Cascade impactors
 - Distributed Temperature Sensing
 - Printed Optical Particle Spectrometers
- Simultaneous TBS flights at SGP central facility and extended facilities (> 100 km apart) to characterize spatial heterogeneity in aerosols aloft



Distributed Temperature Sensing temperature profiles from five TBS flights at SGP on 10/07/19