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#### Polarized Imaging Nephelometer for Field and Aircraft Measurements of Aerosol Phase Matrix Elements

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# Light Scattering and Remote Sensing







## Polarized Imaging Nephelometer



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# **DEVOTE** Flights



#### Rayleigh Calibration & Volume Scattering



# P11 PSL sphere data vs. Mie theory



preliminary results before application of final calibration

#### P12 PSL sphere data vs. Mie theory



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#### PSL sphere data vs. Mie theory

- Data from DEVOTE, 2011, October
- In flight experiments by LARGE group
- PSL (polystyrene latex) spheres, properties: index of refraction = 1.5987
   STDEV of SD = 4nm nebulized from water solution
   NIST traceable mean diameter range
- All calibrations are independent of the PSL measurements
- P12: Polarization pairs chosen with the polarization rotator result in better signal to noise of P12 in DC3 than in DEVOTE (analysis in progress). P12 is very sensitive to angular calibration and if one of the images used to derive P12 has a big particle, that will show up in the data as an artifact
- Fit to only <u>P12 constrains the mean size of PSL particles to a 10 nm</u> <u>interval</u>, better than usual electron microscopy and more than 5 times better than the specification by the manufacturer (NIST traceable)

### Phase function vs. remote sensing



# Inversions of DEVOTE R04 data



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69389	100	0.94	1.39	0.005
71122	25	0.86	1.60	0.023
74023	47	0.915	1.636	0.020

AERONET style, 25 size bins  $1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$ : biomass burning (?)  $3^{rd}$ : PSL, NIST < r > = (300±5)nm  $n_{web}$ - $n_{retrieved}$  = 0.037 =  $\Delta n$ 

n<sub>web</sub>: <u>http://refractiveindex.info/?group=PLASTICS&material=PS</u>

 $\Delta n_{required} = 0.02$  Mishchenko, et al, JQSRT, 2004



#### Asymmetry factor: potential product



UTC time [s]

# PI-Neph data products

**Directly Measured:** 

- Phase function, P11
- Degree of linear polarization, P12
- Scattering angles: 1 to 178 deg by 1 deg (at times smaller range due to stray light)
- Volume scattering coefficient: 5 to 1000 1/Mm
- Asymmetry factor
- Lidar ratio

**Retrieval Products** 

- Size distribution, 24 bins, AERONET type
- Index of refraction (real part is more accurate than imaginary part)

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Optimized for Chrome & Firefox Graph Time (Seconds)		ALT, LAT, LON
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RH2 (Chamber): 3.00%	0 20 40 60 80 100 120	140 160 180
RH3 (Outlet): 5.00%	Scattering Angle [degrees]	
Aircraft Latitude: 34.039096°		
Aircraft Longitude: -99.704296°	Download ICART File Save as PNG Image Add Current Li	ne to Comparison
GPS Altitude: 5428.44 feet		

# Plans

- Data website (under construction)
- Revise the flight data for DEVOTE and DC3
- Implement automatic real time data reduction and display
- Use DC3 data to establish aerosol P11 and P12 library for various types of aerosols
- Use Discover AQ data from January and February of 2013 to compare to AERONET retrievals in the Central Valley of California



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