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**Spectropolarimetric Measurements from
the Multi-Angle Imager for Aerosols:
From Climate to Air Quality**



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What are we measuring and why?

MAIA maps airborne coarse, fine, sulfate, nitrate, organic carbon, black carbon, and dust particles, and assesses their impacts on human health.

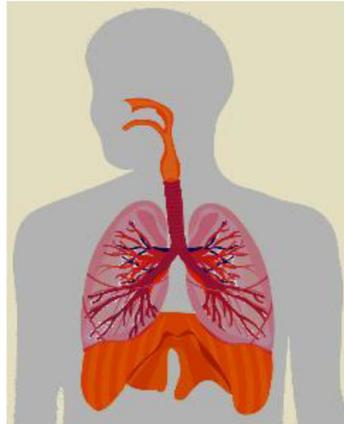
Airborne **particulate matter (PM)** is a well-known cause of cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, heart attacks, low birth weight, lung cancer, and premature death. However, the relative toxicity of specific **PM types** is poorly understood.

International science policy and government organizations have stressed the need to acquire this knowledge. Primary motivations include improved health outcomes, streamlined regulations, reduced societal costs, and **saved lives**.

Science Questions

For which PM types:

- Q1:** Is maternal exposure linked to adverse birth outcomes?
- Q2:** Is short-term exposure linked to illness and premature death?
- Q3:** Is chronic exposure linked to cardiovascular and respiratory disease?



Coarse particles irritate and inflame our respiratory systems. **Fine** particles penetrate deep into our lungs and carry toxins into our bloodstreams.

#1 risk

Ranking of PM as an environmental risk factor

3 million

Annual number of deaths due to outdoor PM

(Source: *Global Burden of Disease*)

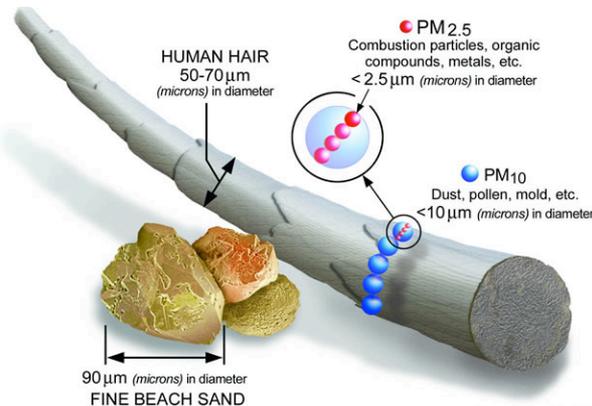
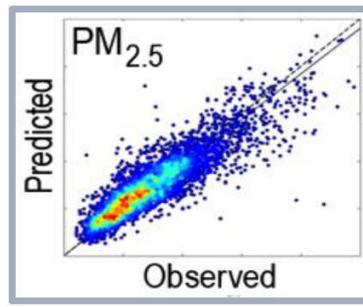
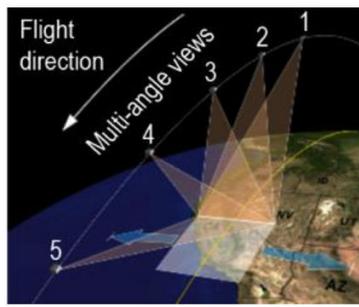
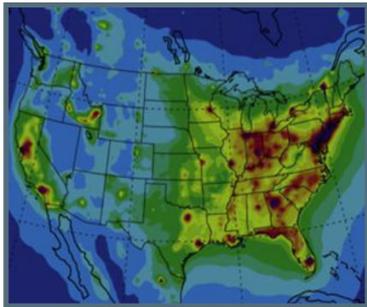


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How are we measuring and what will we do with the data?

MAIA's spaceborne observations of PM concentrations in major cities around the globe wield enormous statistical power for associating PM exposure and disease.



A state-of-the-art chemical transport model (CTM) provides initial estimates of the abundances of different aerosol types, along with their vertical distributions.

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The MAIA instrument uses the proven power of multi-angle and multispectral radiometry and polarimetry to eliminate CTM biases and retrieve fractional aerosol optical depths of different particle types.

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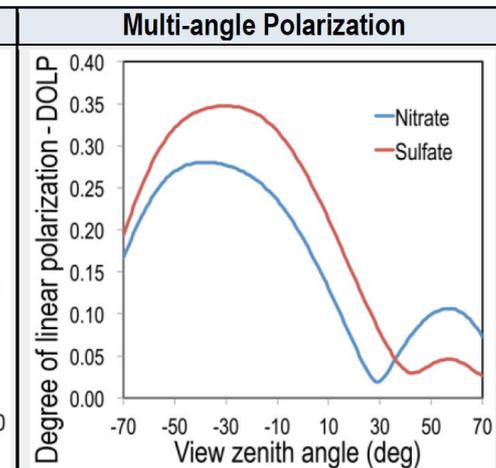
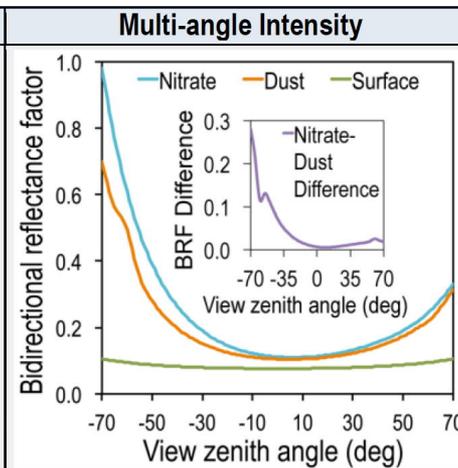
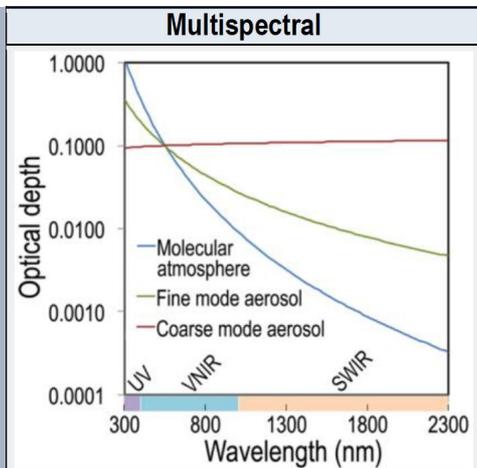
Geostatistical models (GSMs) derived from collocated surface and MAIA measurements relate these fractional aerosol optical depths to near-surface concentrations of major PM constituents.

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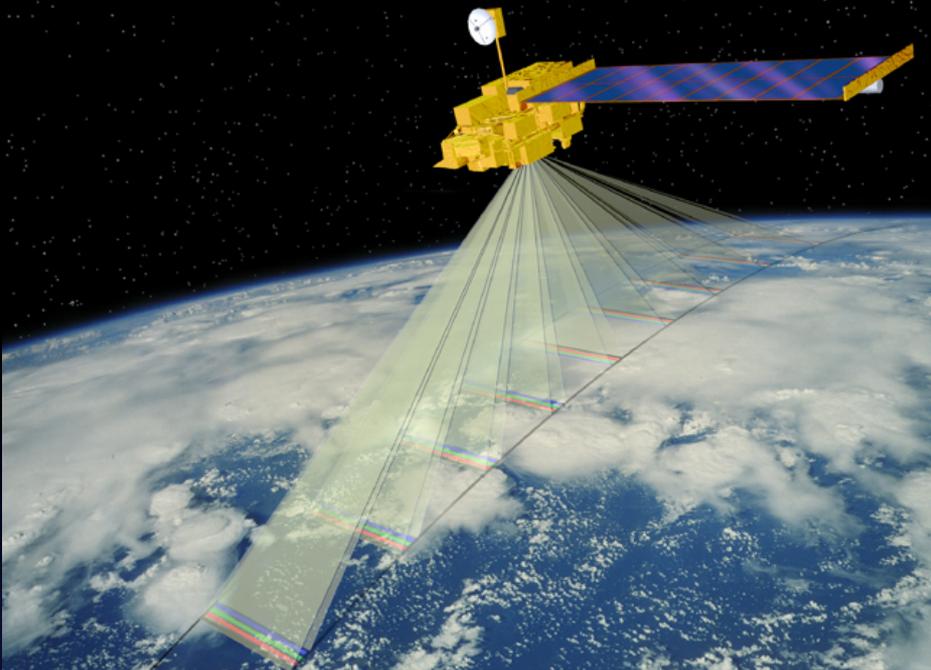
Geocoded birth, death, and hospital records and established epidemiological methodologies are used to associate PM exposure with adverse health outcomes.

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The MAIA investigation addresses NASA's EVI-3 goal of using observations from space and interdisciplinary Earth science research to benefit society.



Multi-Angle Imaging SpectroRadiometer (MISR)



Nine view angles at Earth surface:
70.5° forward to 70.5° backward

Nine 14-bit pushbroom cameras

275 m - 1.1 km sampling

Four spectral bands at each angle:
446, 558, 672, 866 nm

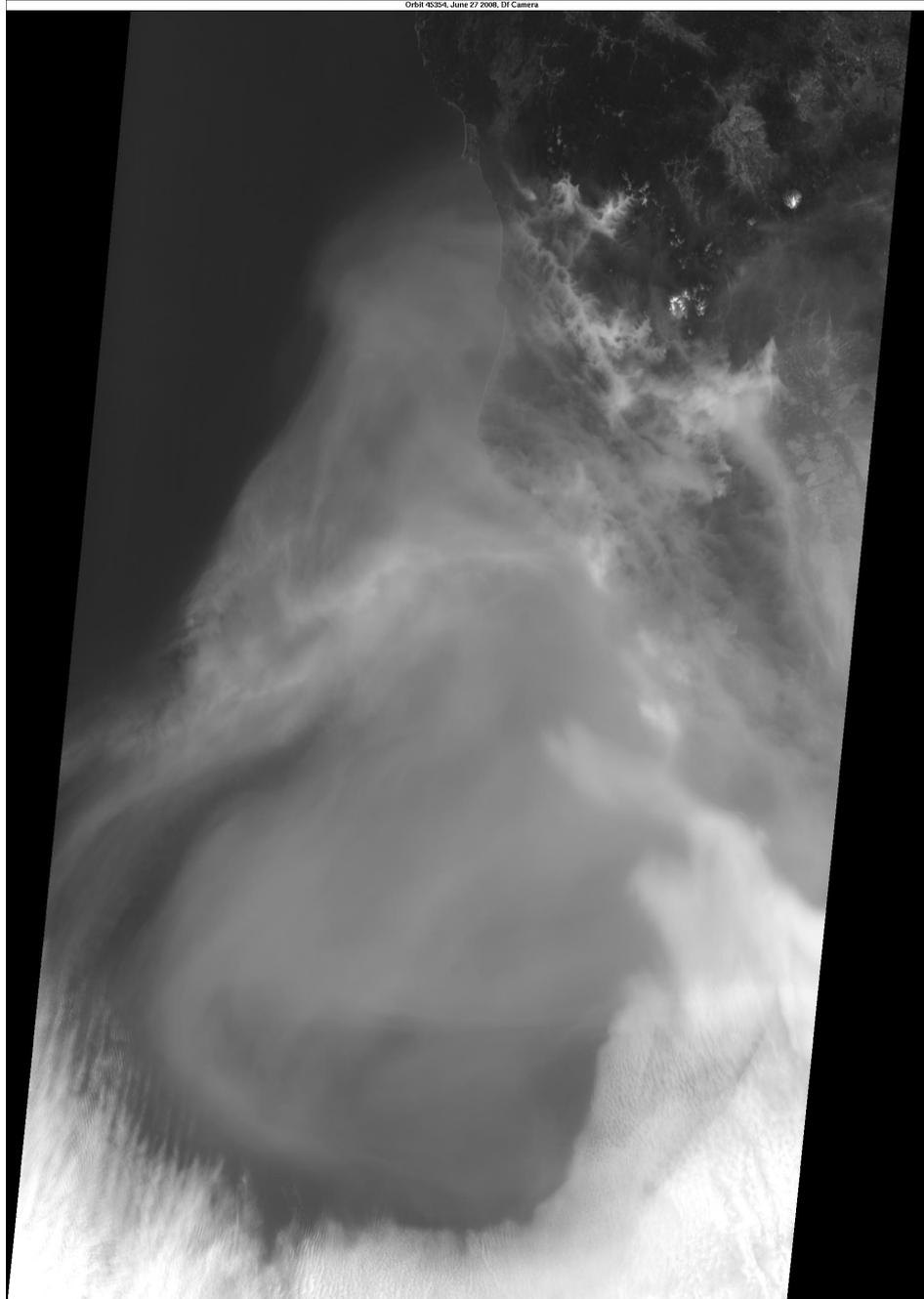
400-km swath: 9-day coverage
at equator, 2-day at poles

7 minutes to observe each scene
at all nine angles

Operational from early 2000 to
present

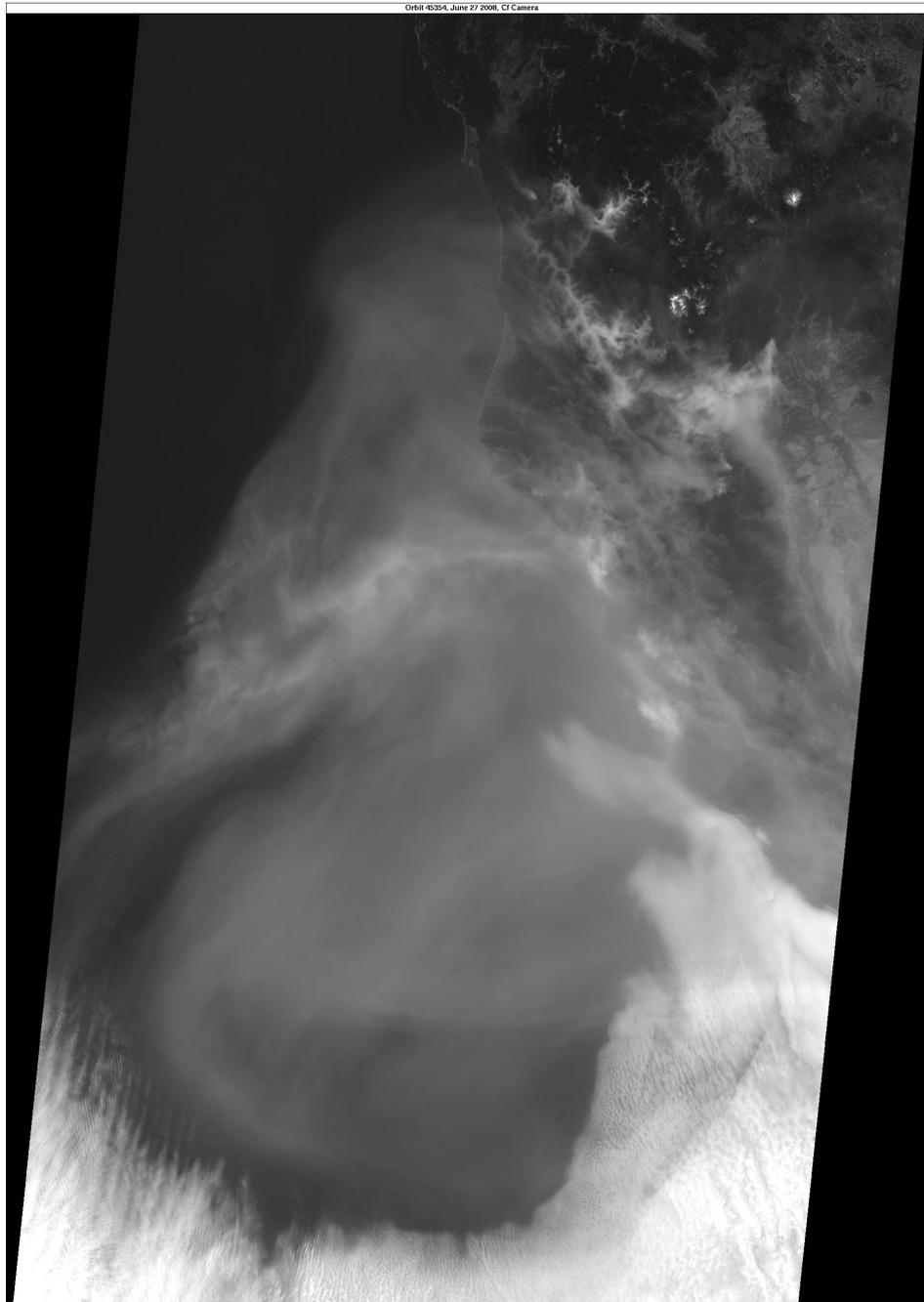
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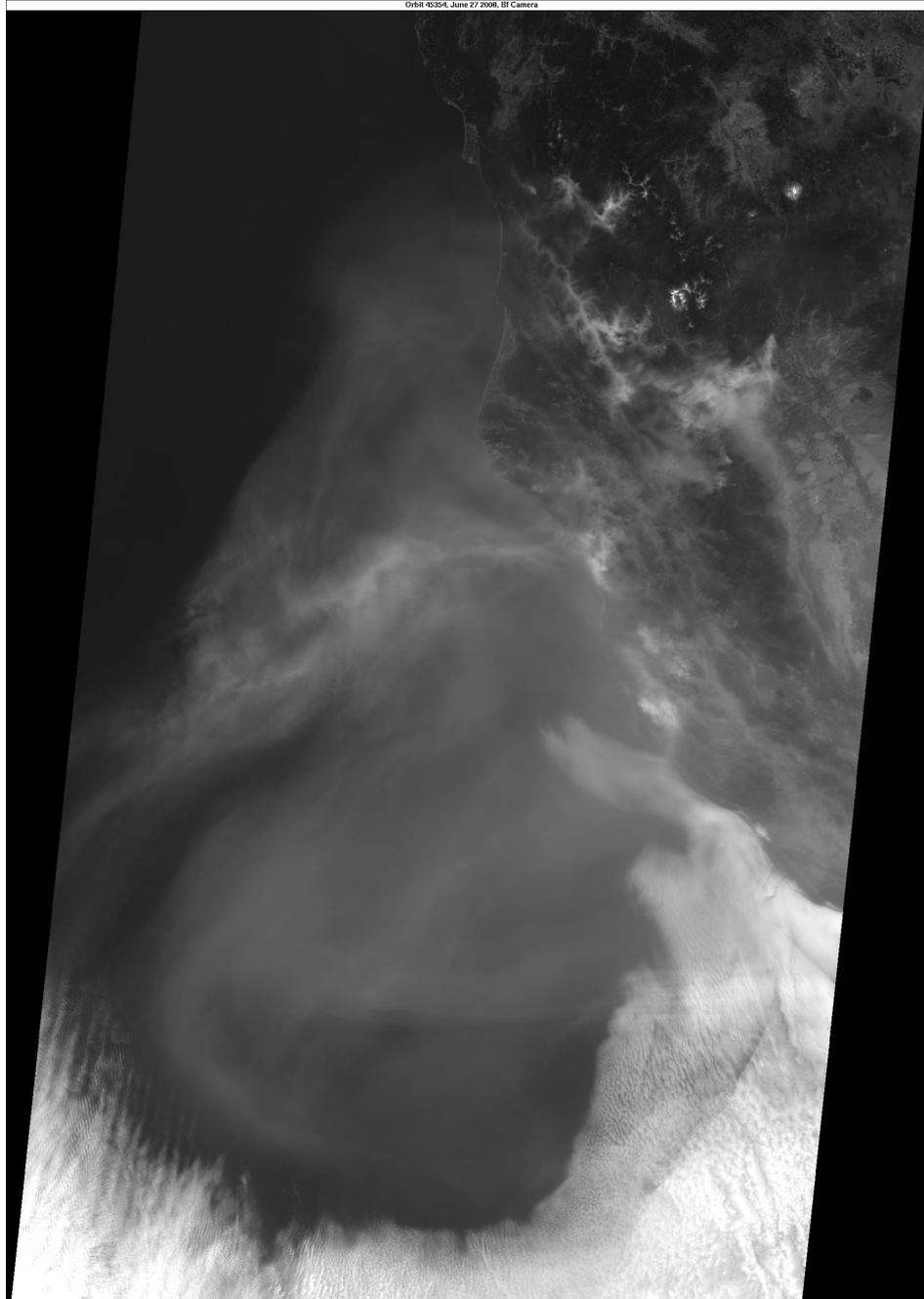
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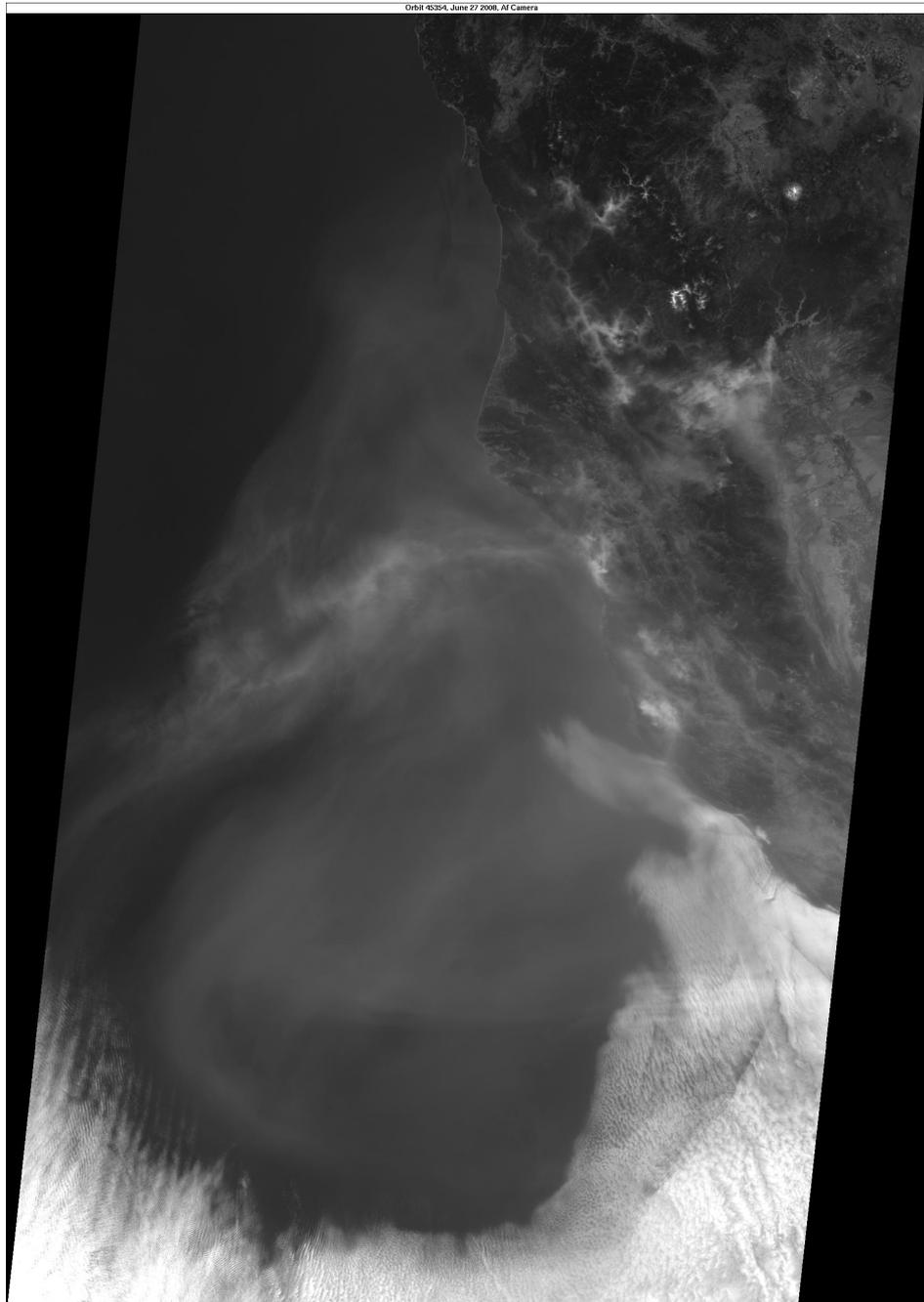
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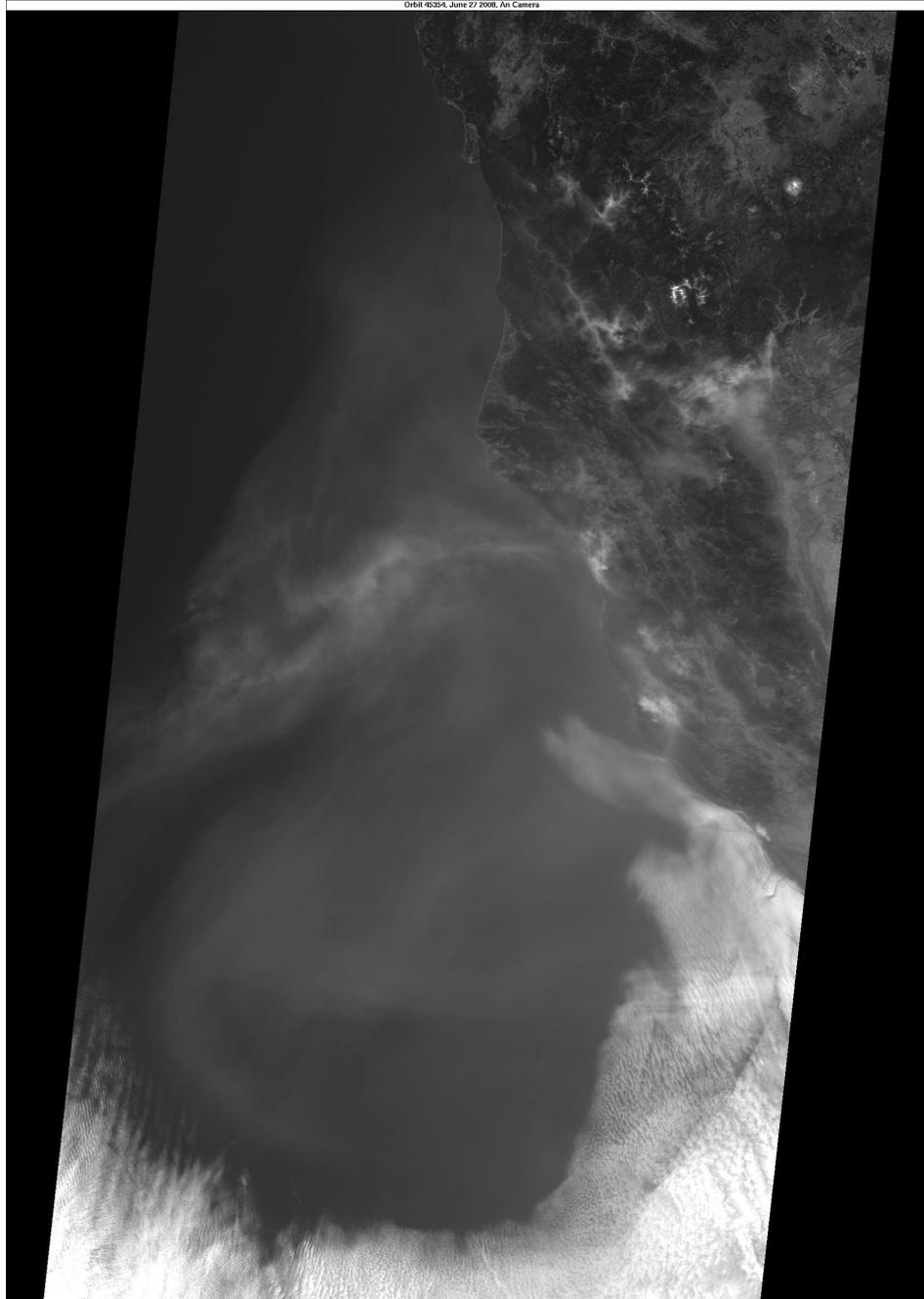
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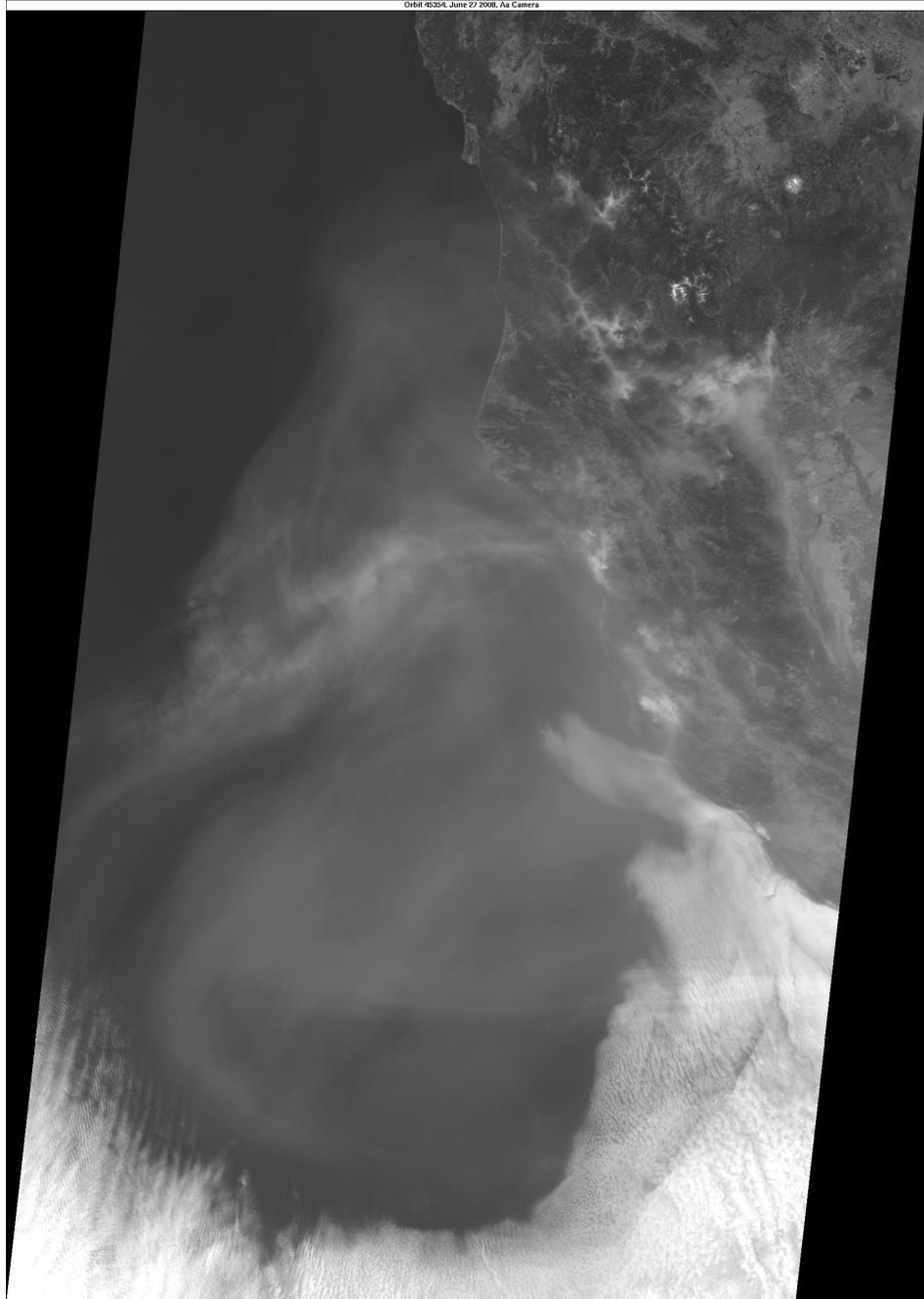
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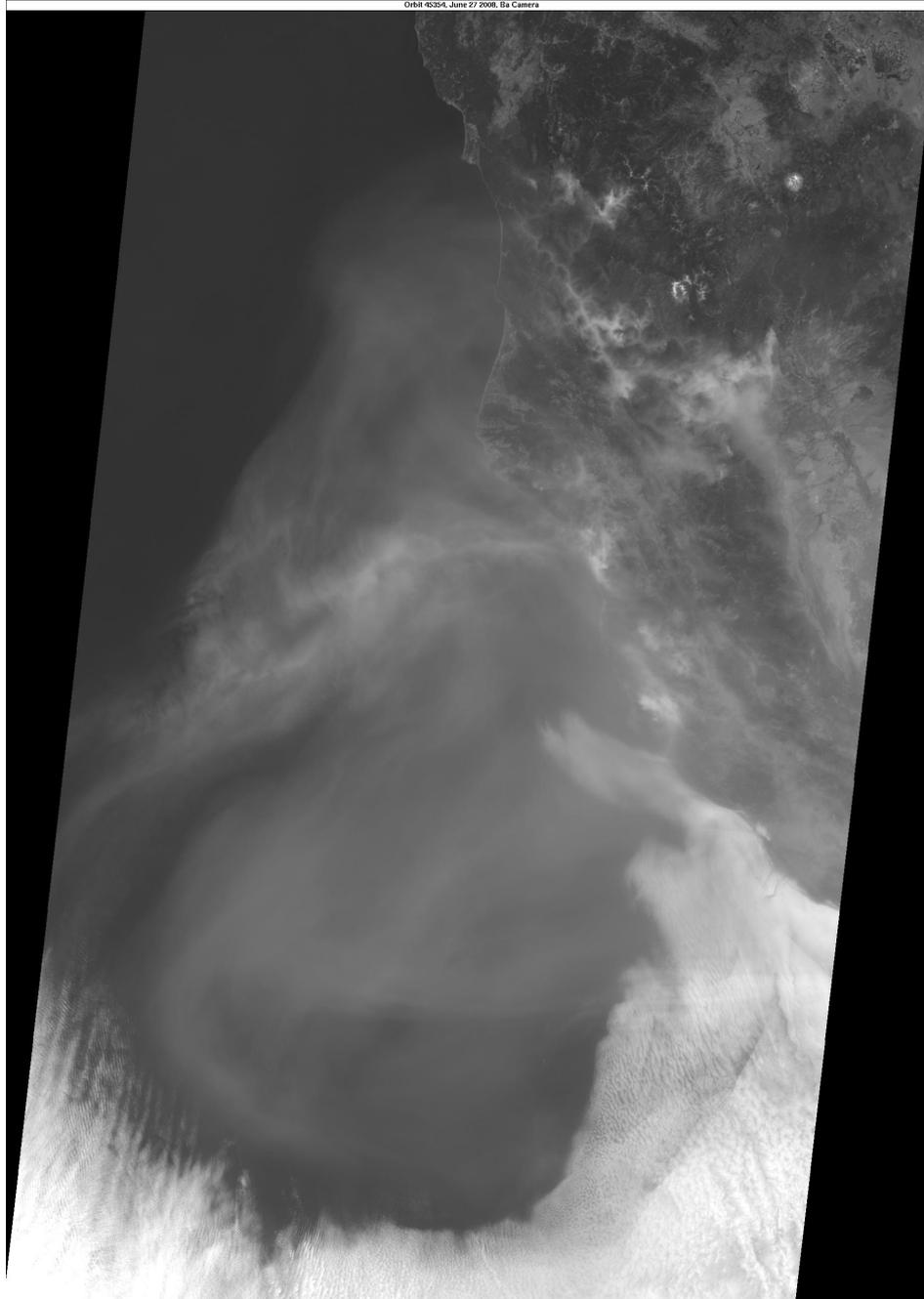
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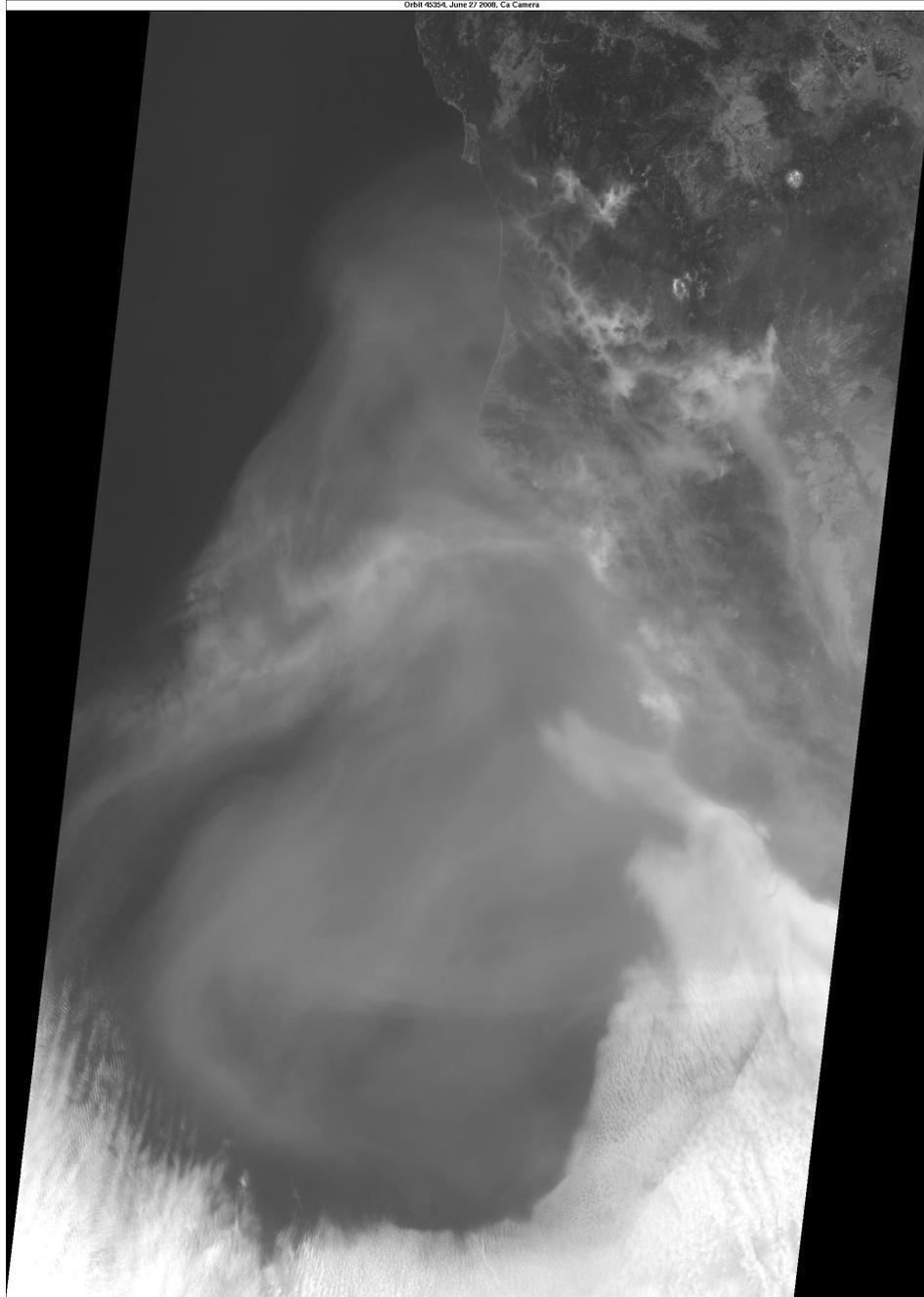
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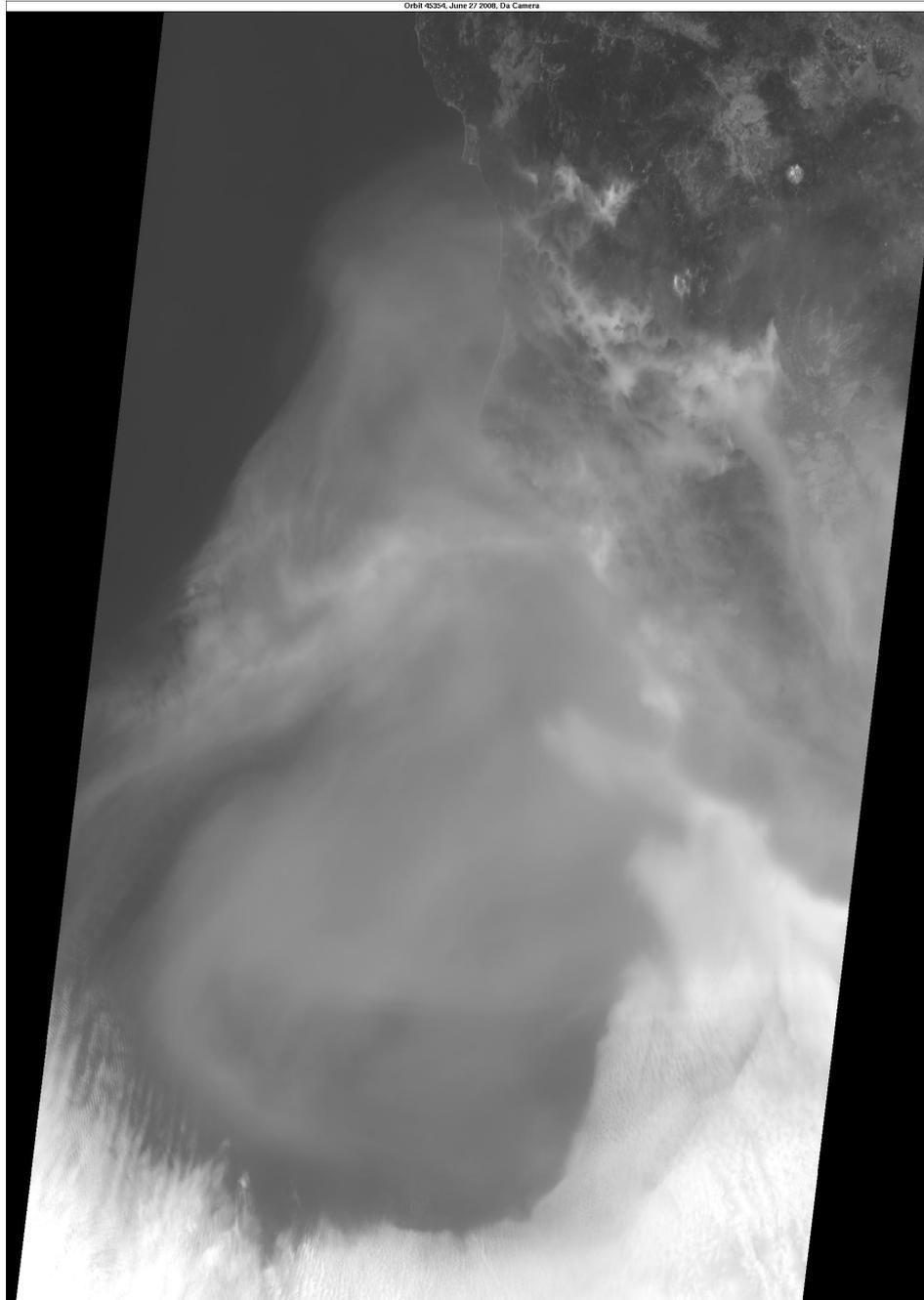
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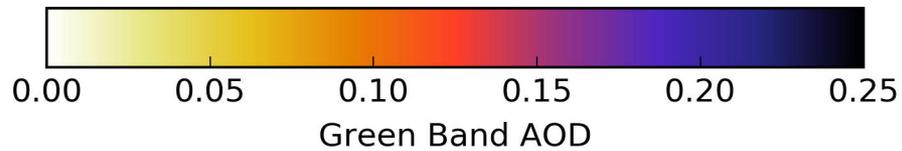
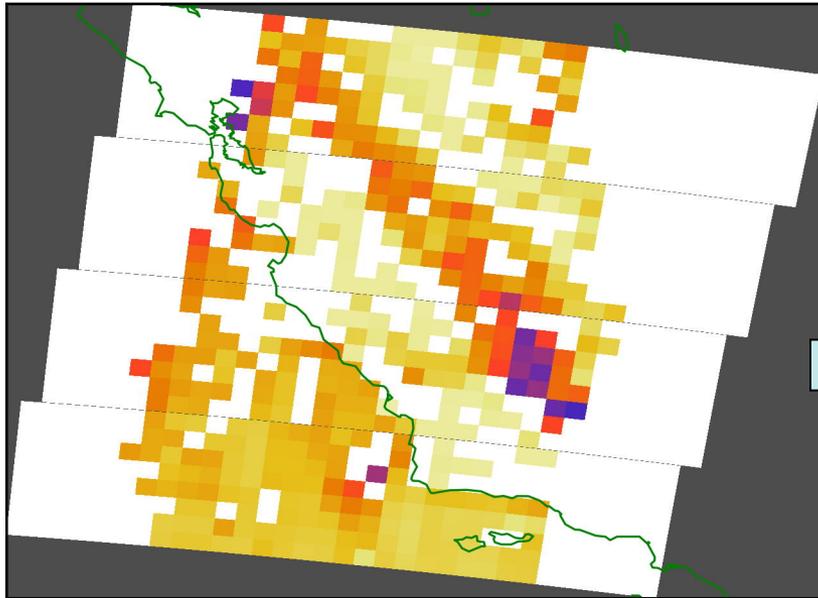
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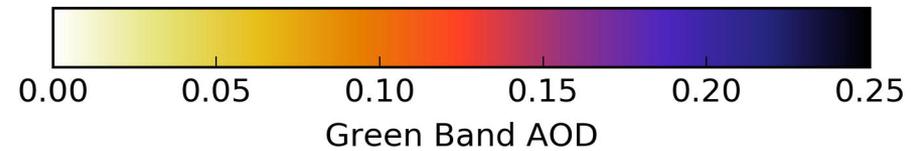
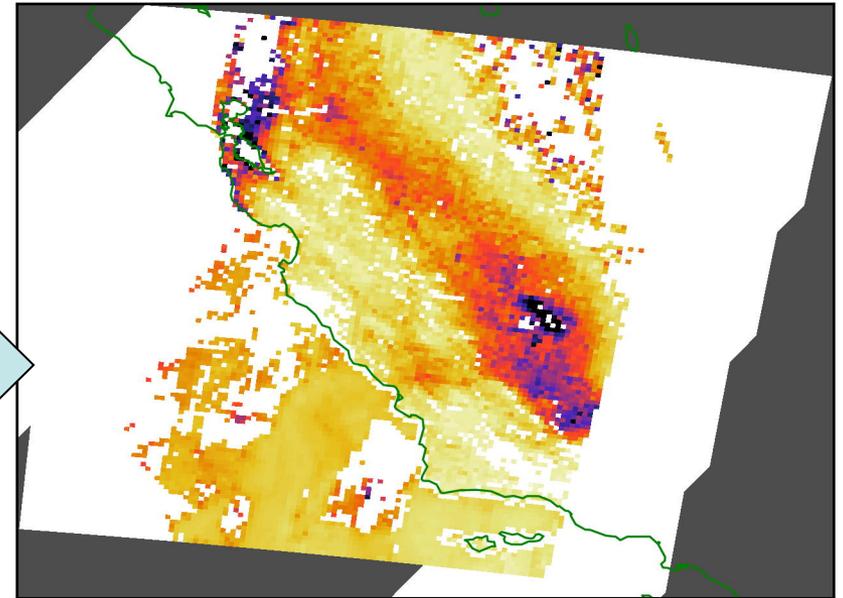


Higher Resolution

17.6 km Resolution



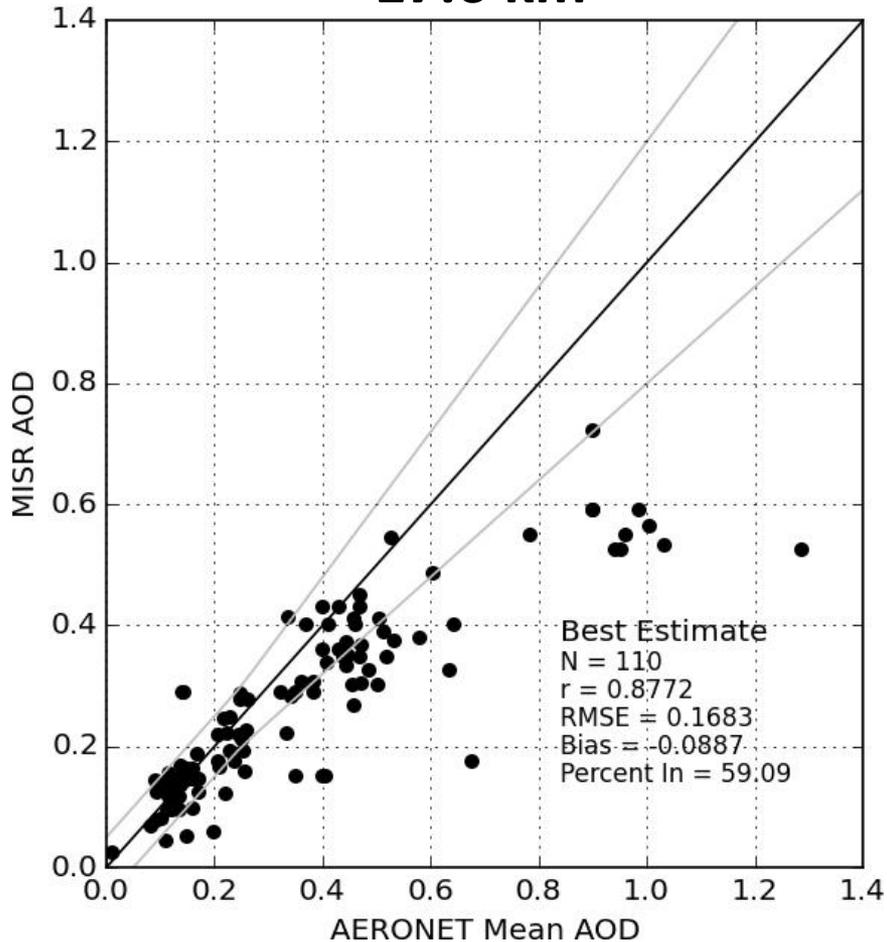
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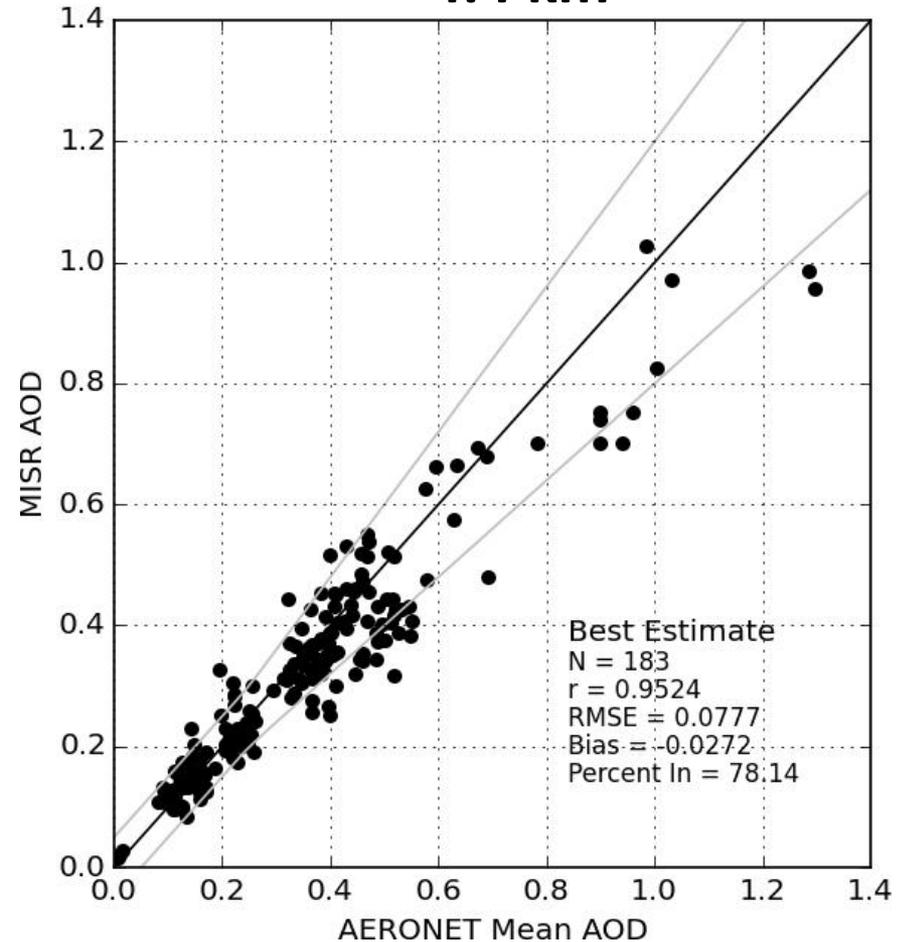
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Comparison to AERONET-DRAGON

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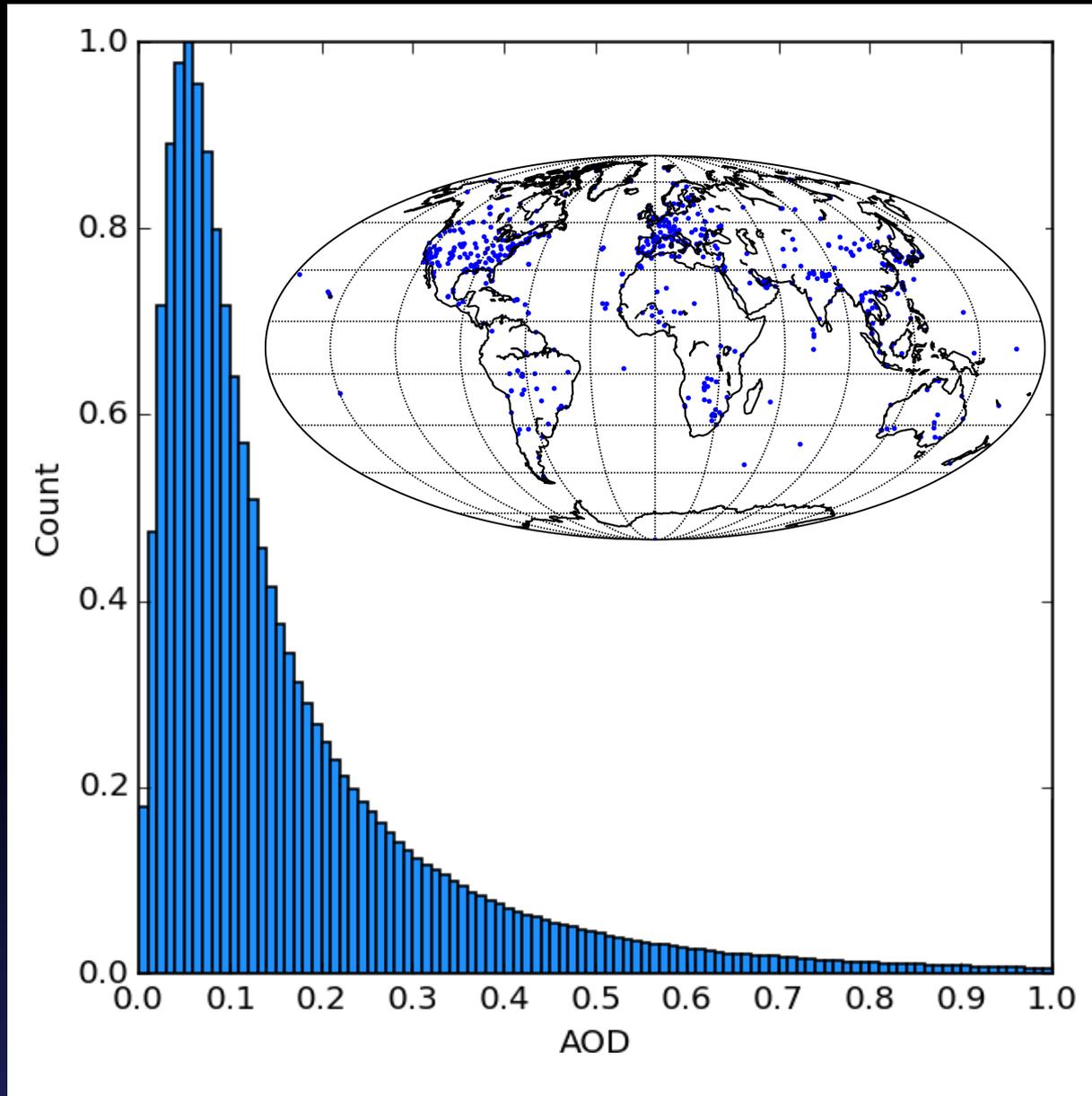


4.4 km

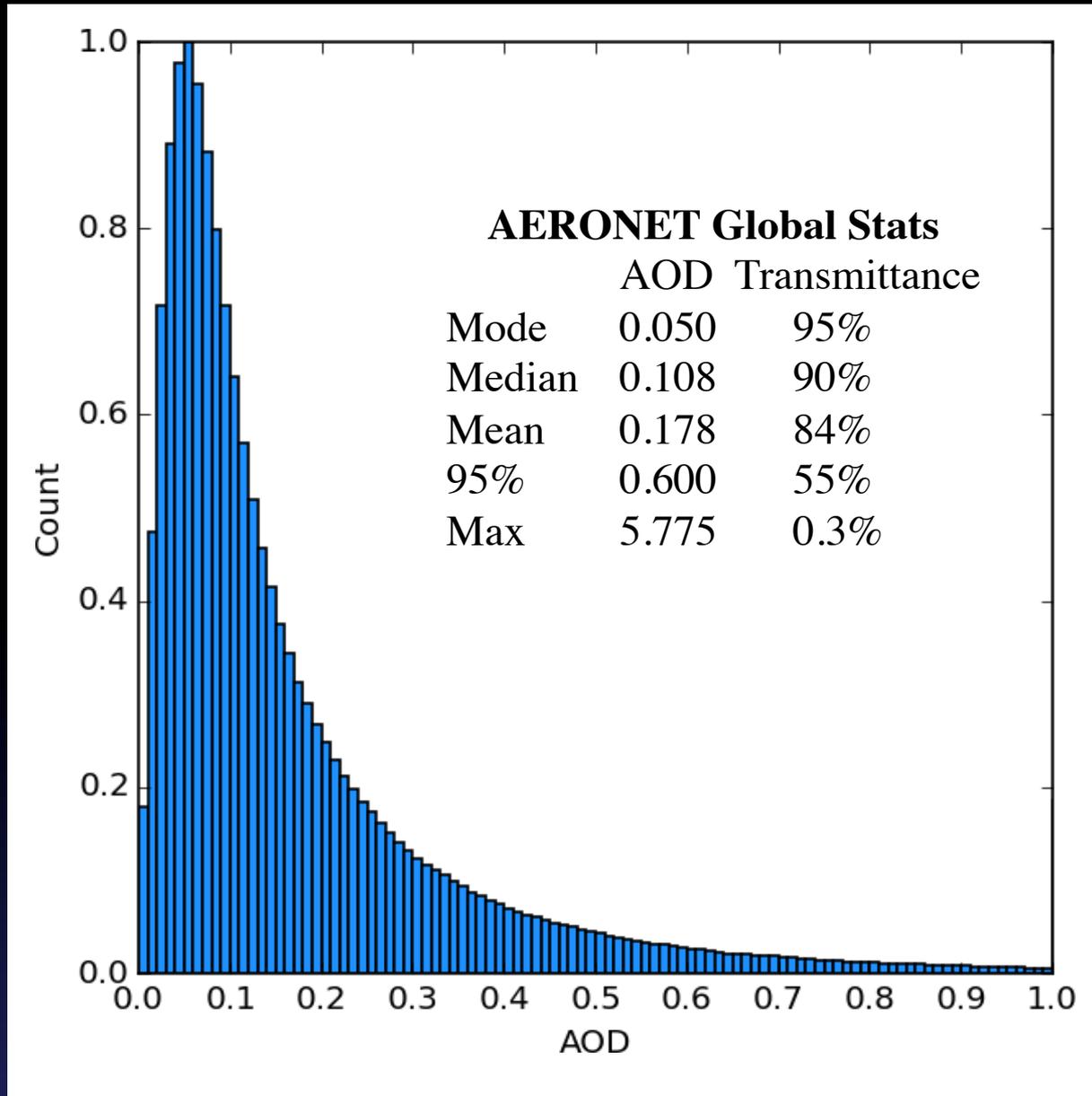


Match to Nearest AERONET Observation Relative to MISR Overpass Time

Aerosol Robotic Network (AERONET)

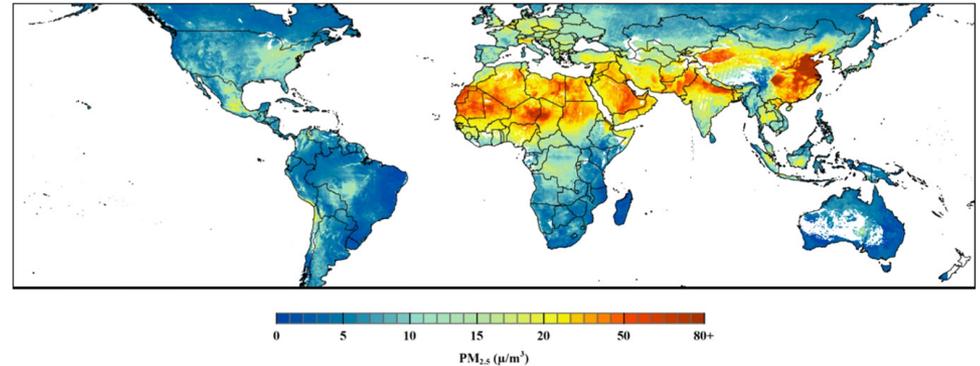


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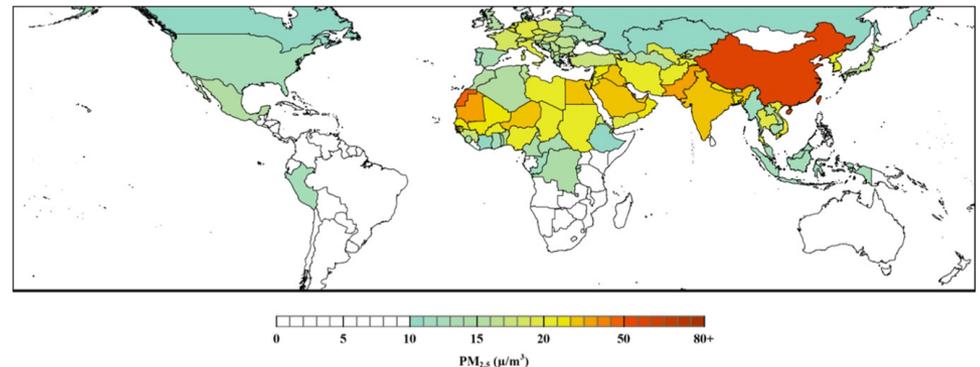


Uses of Global, Satellite-Derived AOD

- Environmental indicators summarize scientific complexity in ways helpful to decision makers
- Advisory group had members from the World Bank, Millennium Challenge Corporation, and the US EPA, in addition to academics and specialists from NOAA and NASA
- Satellite observations fill important data gaps left by ground-based-only observation networks such as that for particulate matter ($PM_{2.5}$)
- $PM_{2.5}$ is important because these particles can penetrate deep into the lungs and have significant deleterious health effects, and as many as 1.4 billion people worldwide breathe air with pollution levels exceeding World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines
- Satellite-derived aerosol optical depth is a proxy for $PM_{2.5}$ and population weighting provides human health policy relevance



MISR and MODIS satellite-derived annual average surface-level $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations at 50% relative humidity (2001–2006).



Population-weighted annual $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations by country (2001–2006).

de Sherbinin, A., M. A. Levy, E. Zell, S. Weber, and M. Jaiteh, Using satellite data to develop environmental indicators, Environ. Res. Lett., 2014

Instrument Development from MISR to MAIA



GroundMSPI

Portable field instrument on astronomical mount

Used for surface and atmospheric characterization

355, 380, 445, **470**, 555, **660**, **865**, 935 nm



AirMSPI

Flies in nose of NASA ER-2 with 1-axis gimbal for multiangle viewing $\pm 67^\circ$

Has flown in multiple field campaigns observing aerosols and clouds

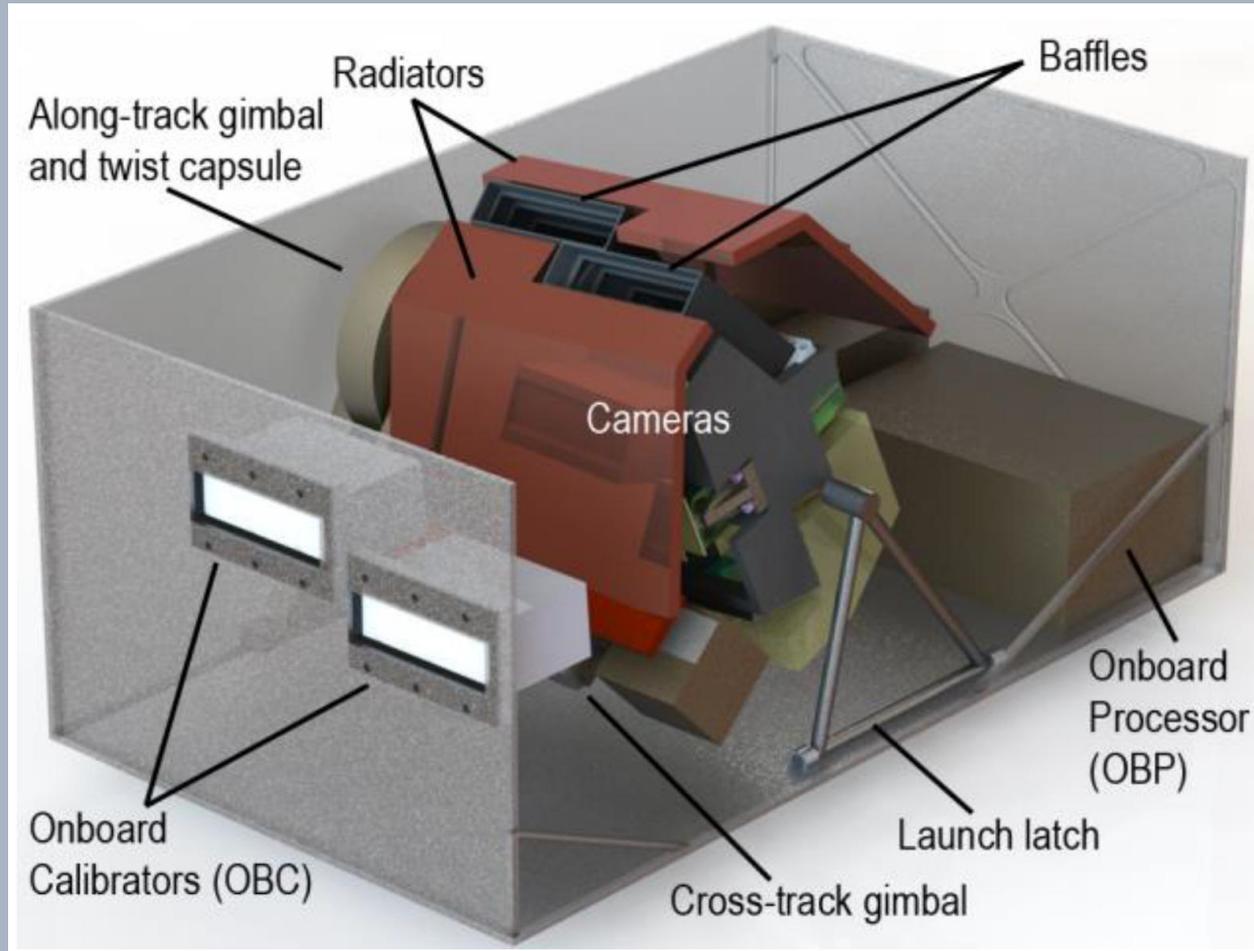
AirMSPI-2

Has demonstrated extension of spectral coverage into the SWIR through ground tests

Engineering test flights on the ER-2 held in October 2015

367, 386, **445**, 543, **645**, 751, 763, **862**, 945, **1620**, 1888, **2185** nm

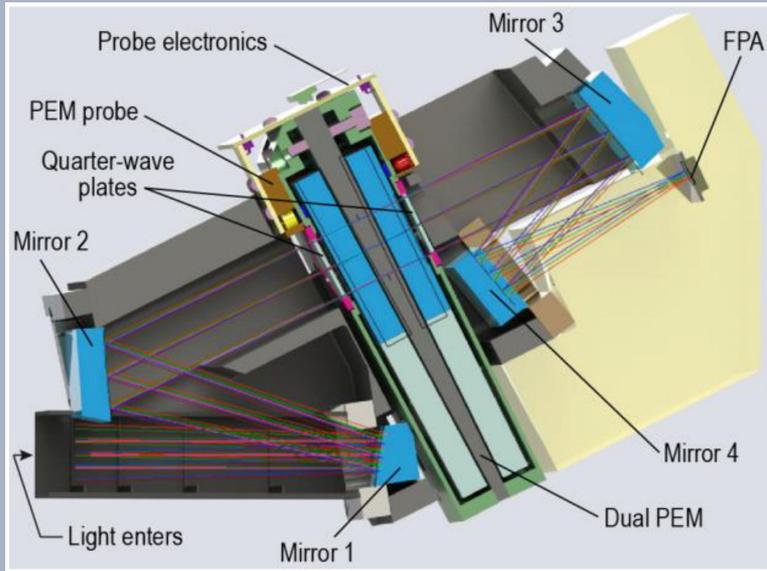
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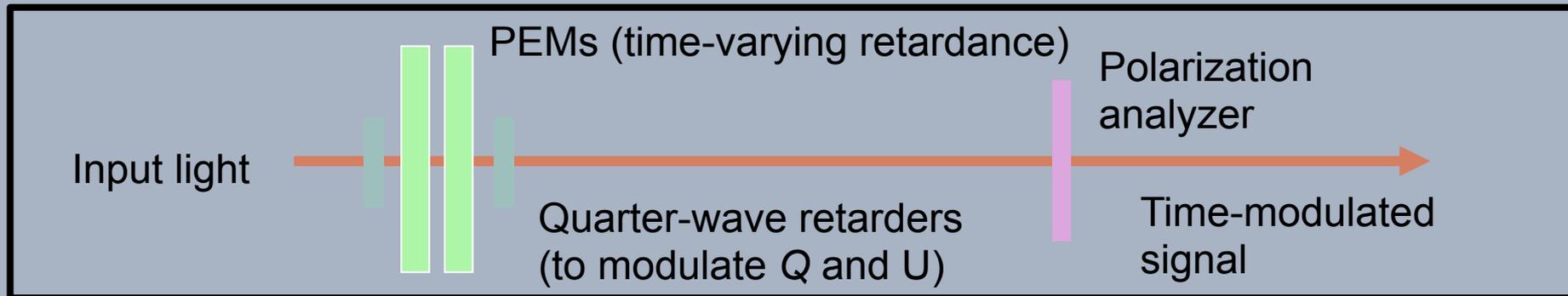
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Polarization Modulation



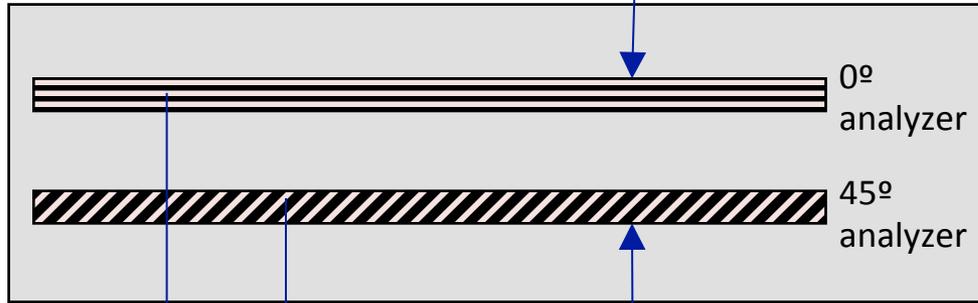
- “The most simple and stable modulators with the best optical properties are the piezoelastic [photoelastic] modulators (**PEMs**).” – Povel et al. (1990)
- “**Polarization modulation** is essential to accurate polarimetry in the optical region...one strives to modulate only the polarization preference, leaving the Stokes I sensitivity constant.”
Tinbergen (2005) *Astronomical Polarimetry*



- Measurements of Q and I share the **same optics and detector for each pixel** (similarly for U and I) enabling accurate imaging of degree of linear polarization (DOLP) as *relative* measurements

Polarization Modulation

↑ flight direction



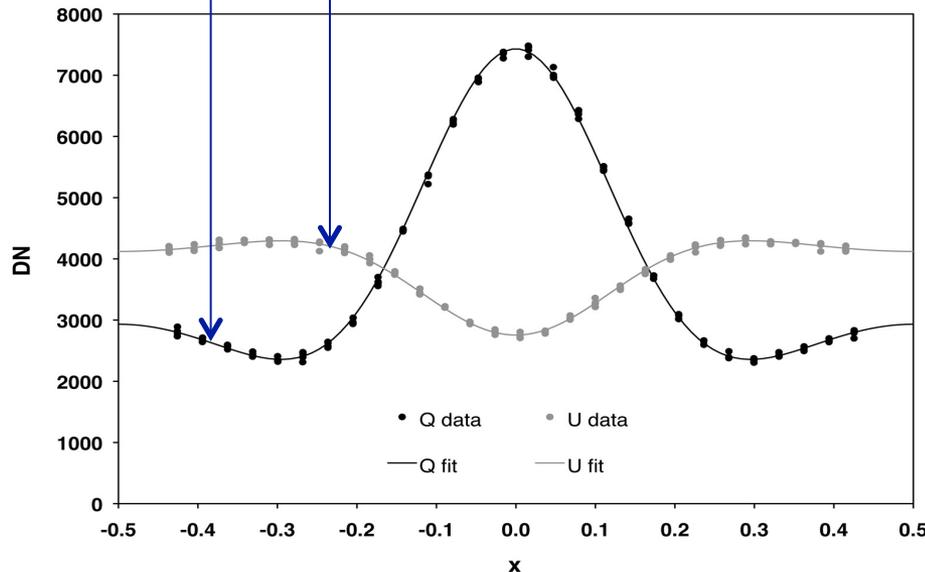
$$S_0 = 0.5 [I + Q \cdot F(t)]$$

→ $q = Q/I$ from each pixel

$$S_{45} = 0.5 [I + U \cdot F(t)]$$

→ $u = U/I$ from each pixel

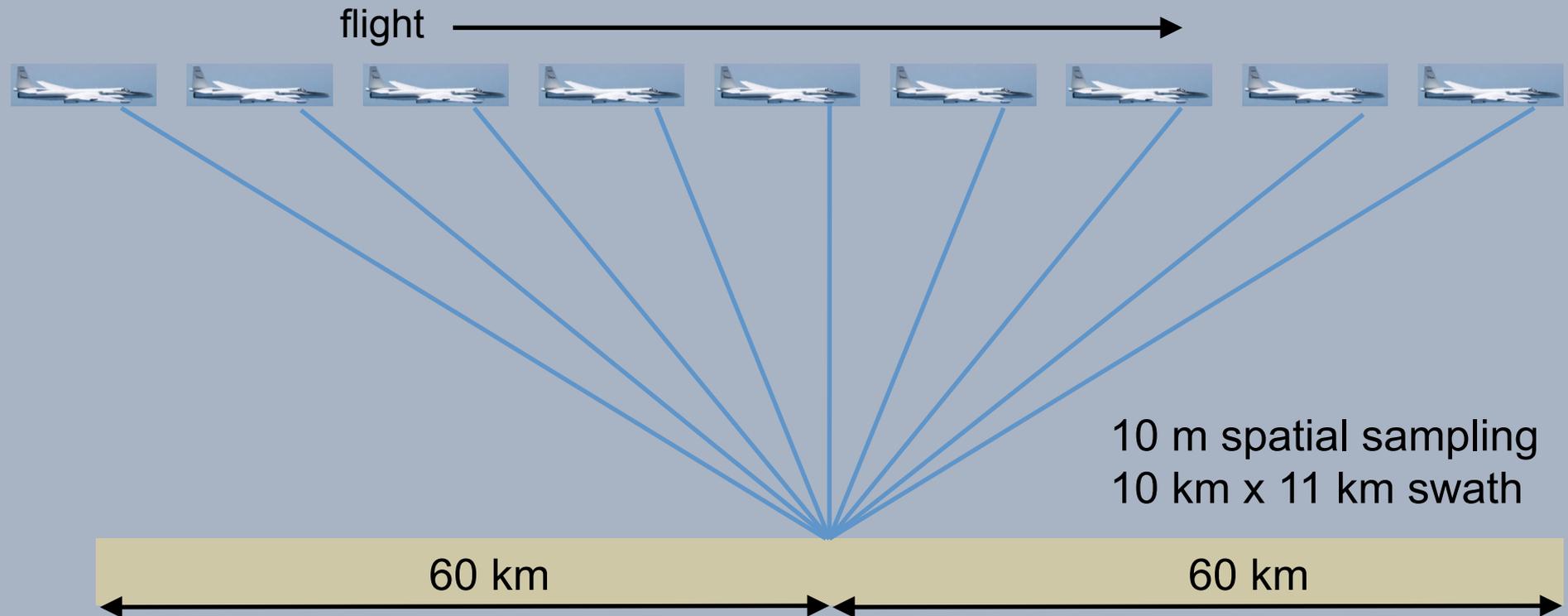
1 frame = 40 ms; 20 samples read out for each frame



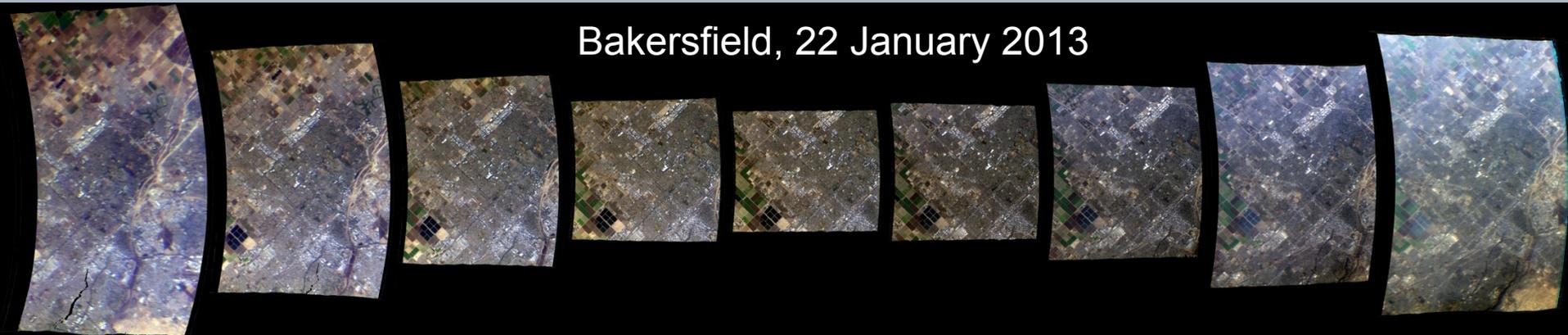
q and u are obtained as *relative* measurements independent of absolute radiometric calibration

Diner et al. (2007), (2010)

AirMSPI Step-and-Stare Acquisition



Bakersfield, 22 January 2013





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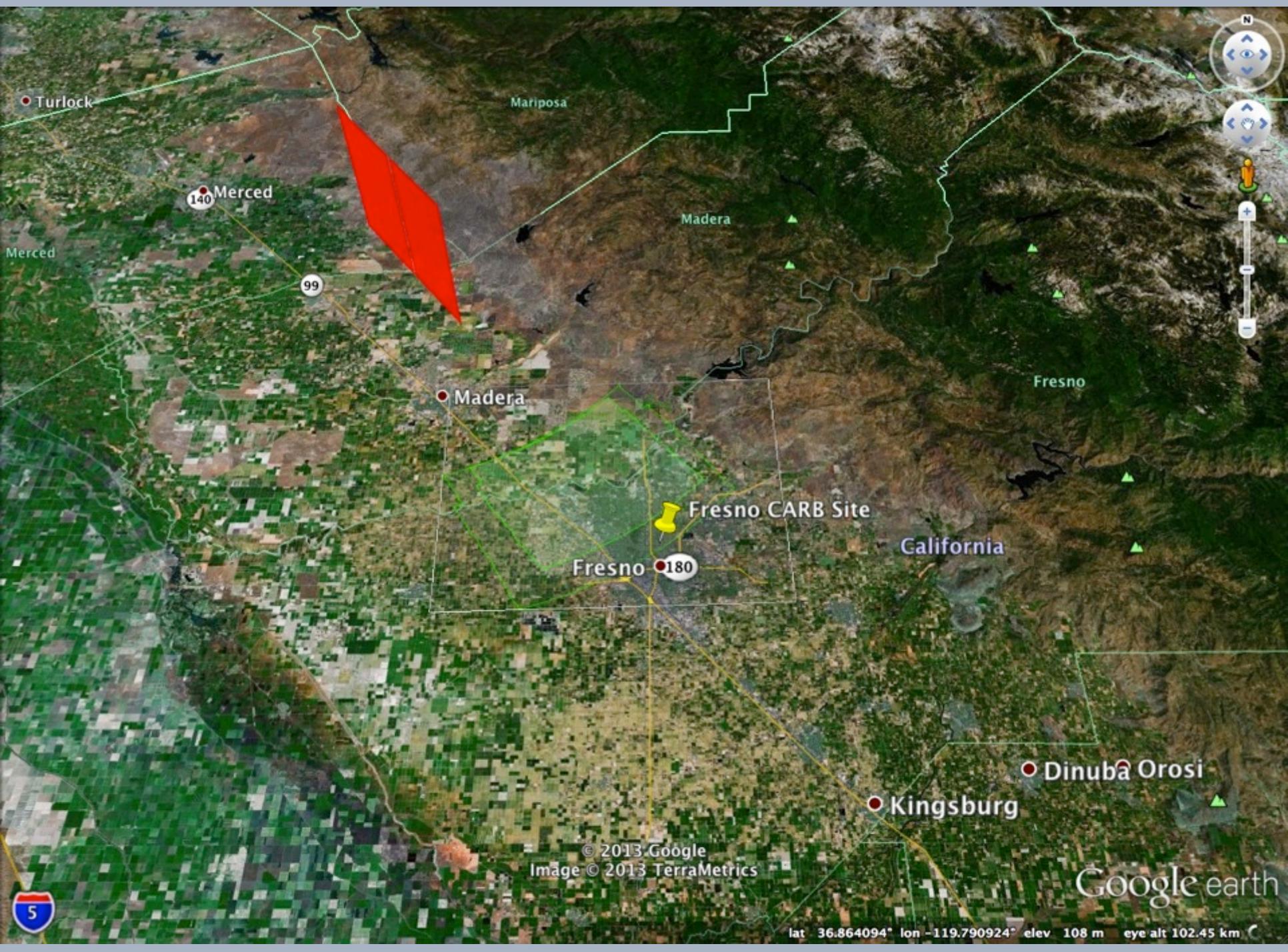
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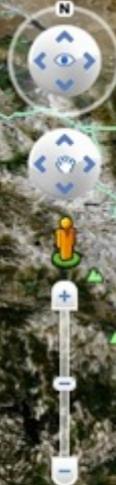
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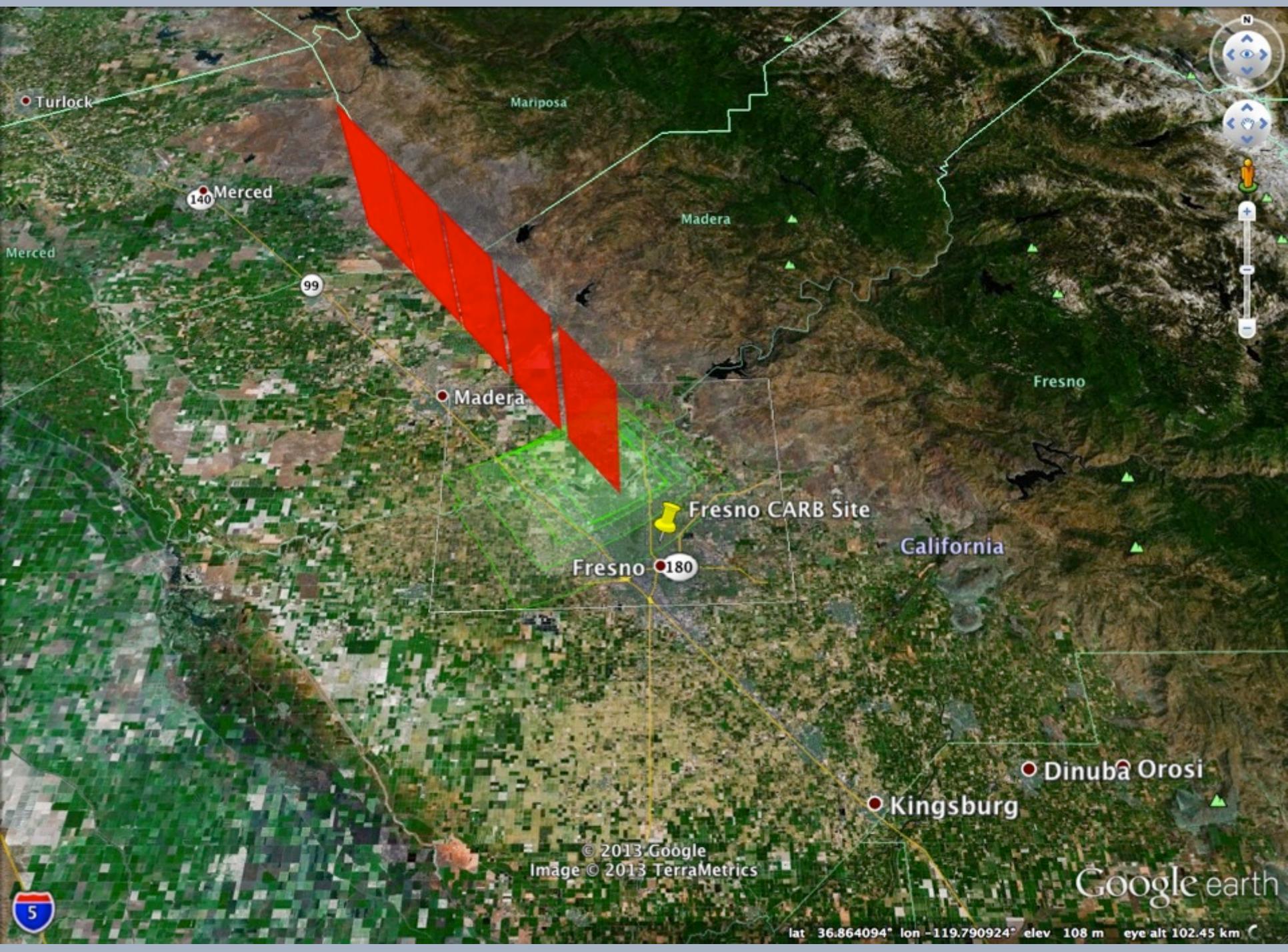
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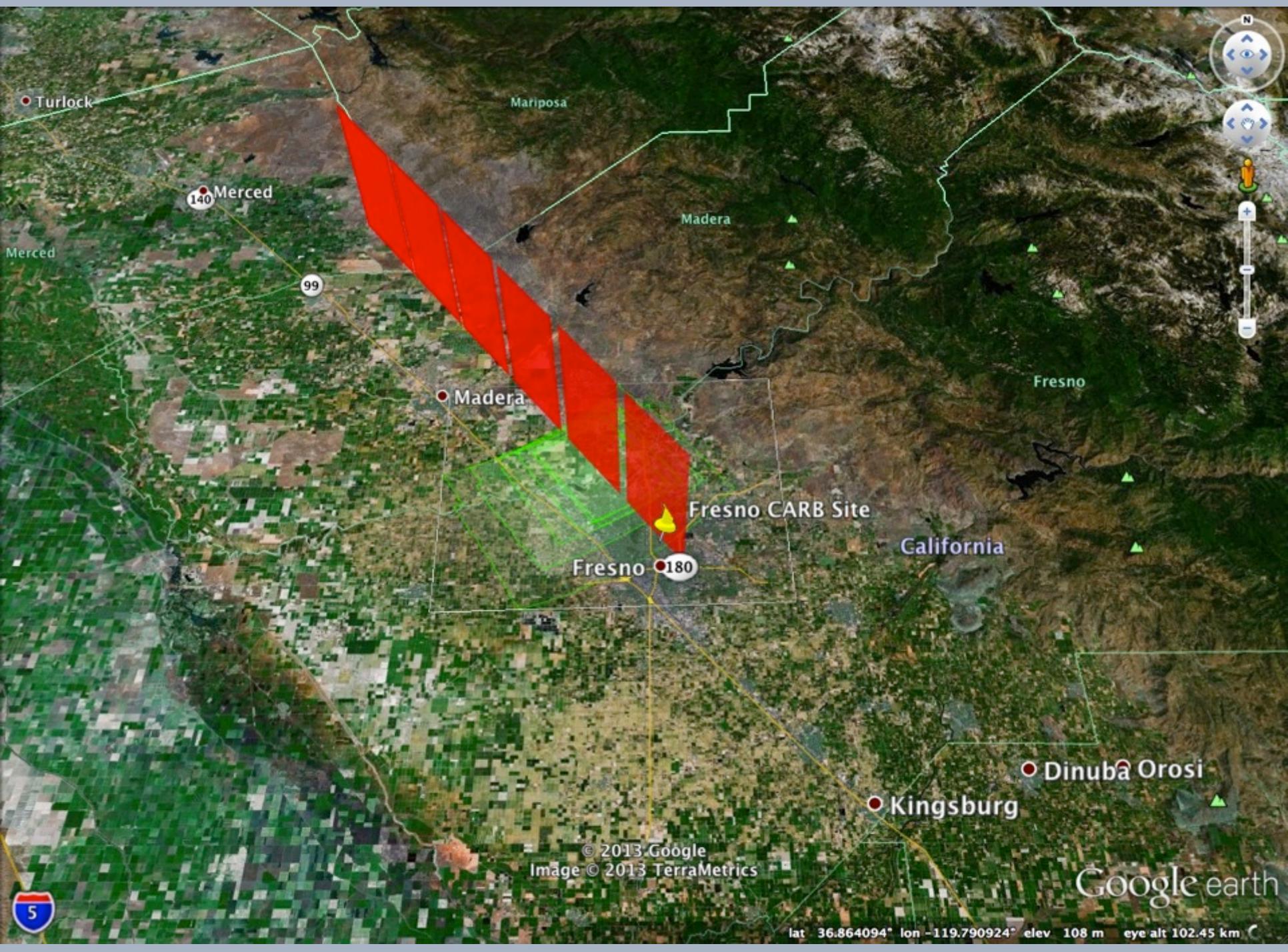
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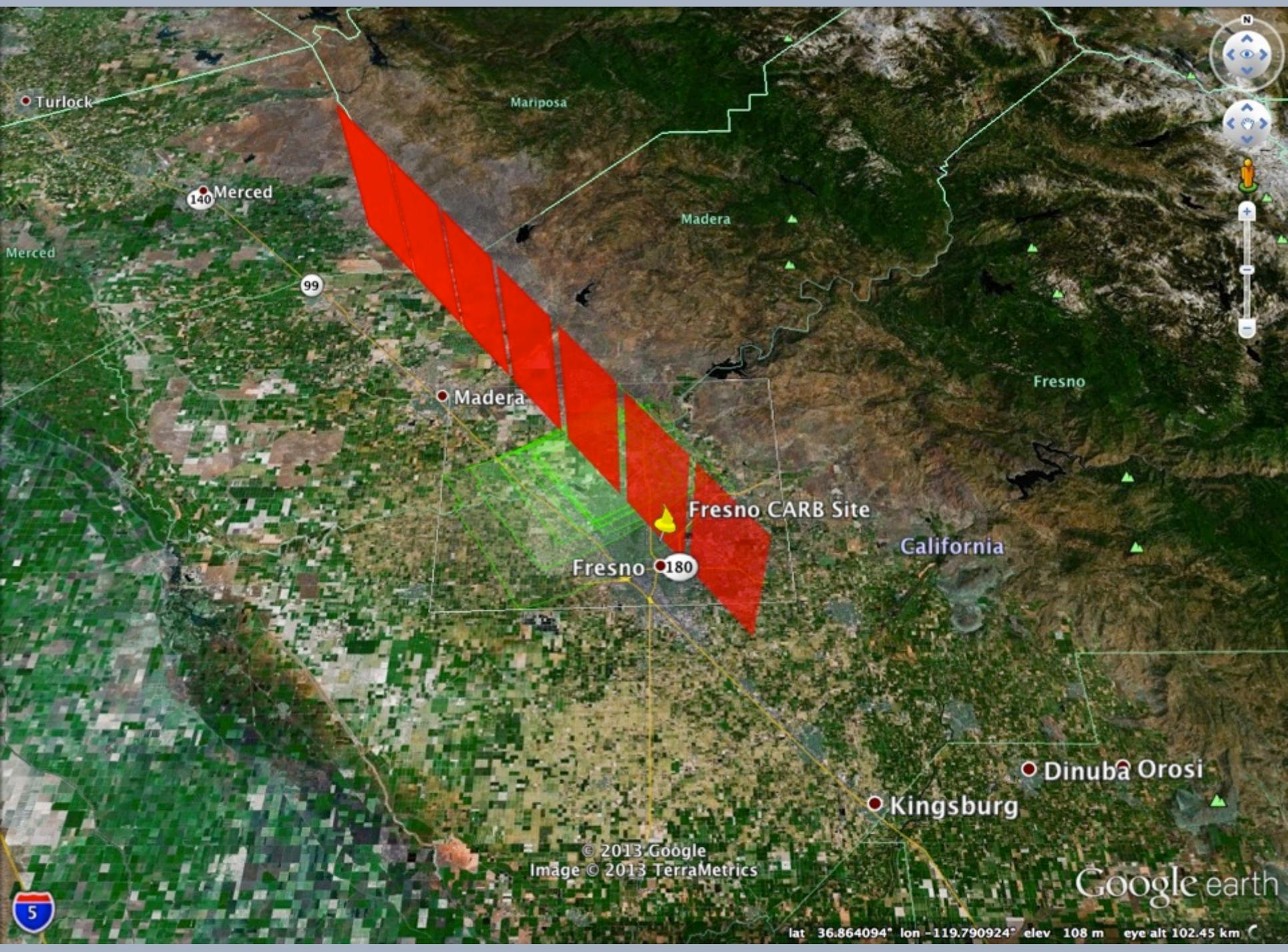
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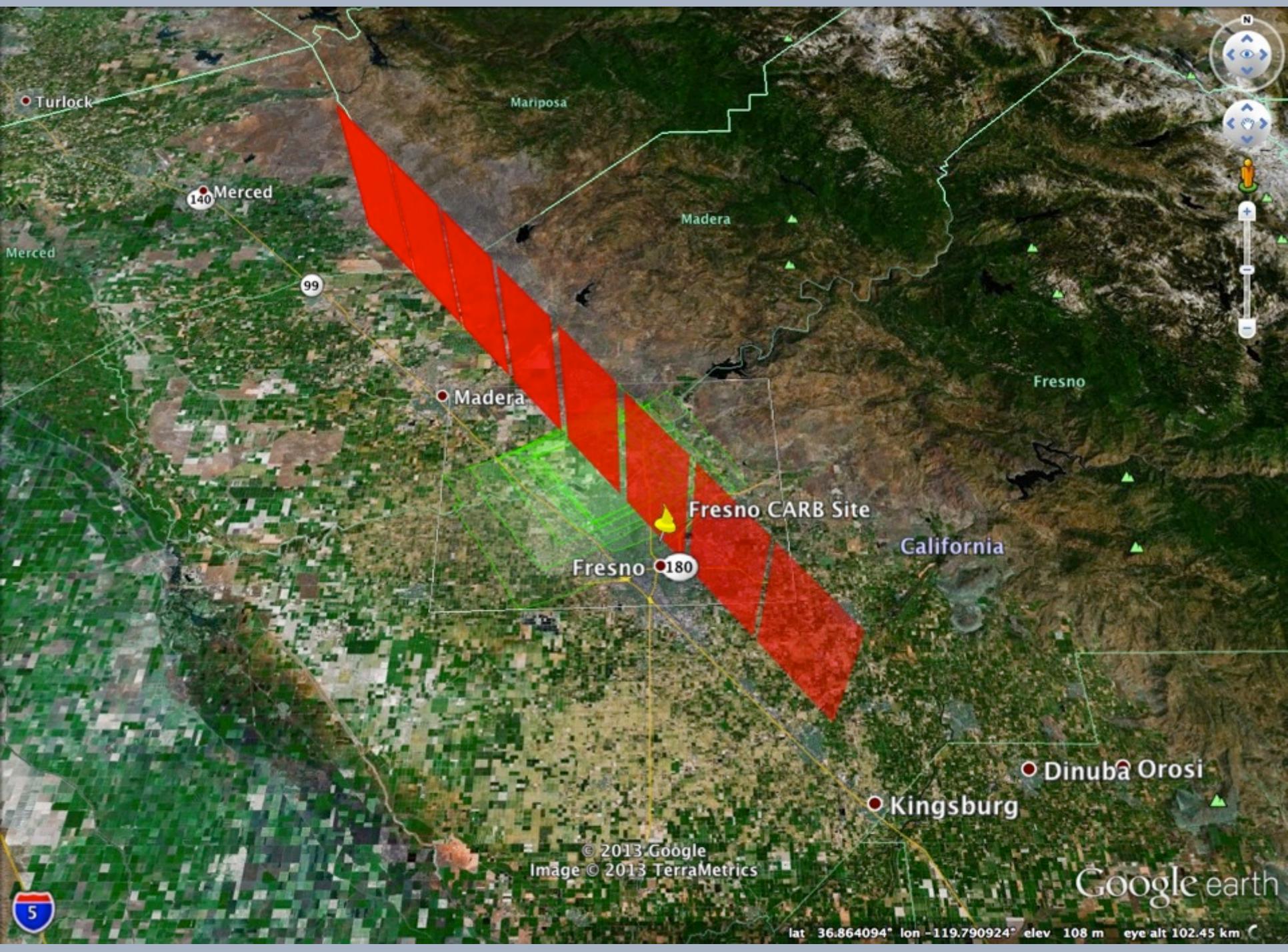
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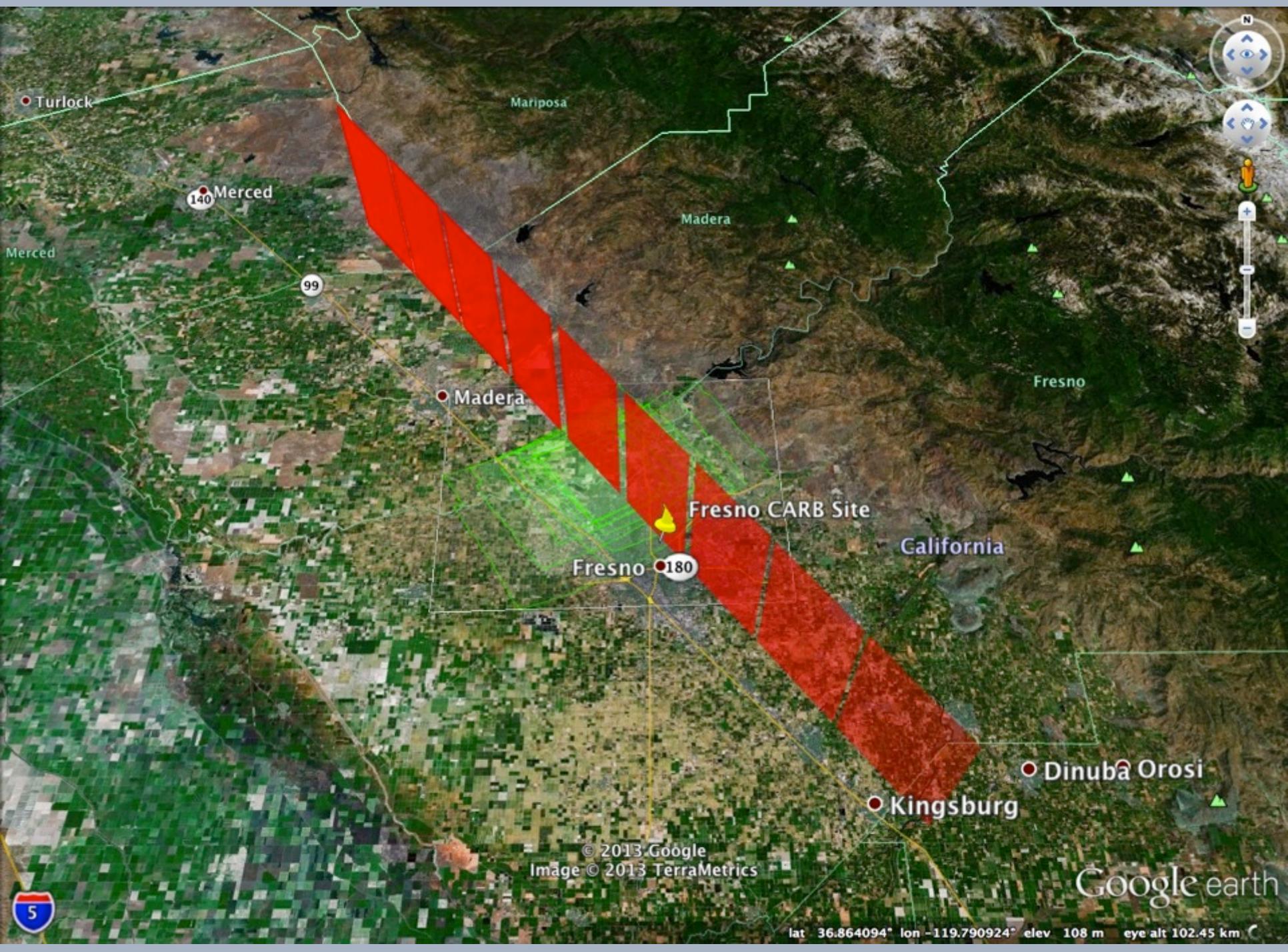
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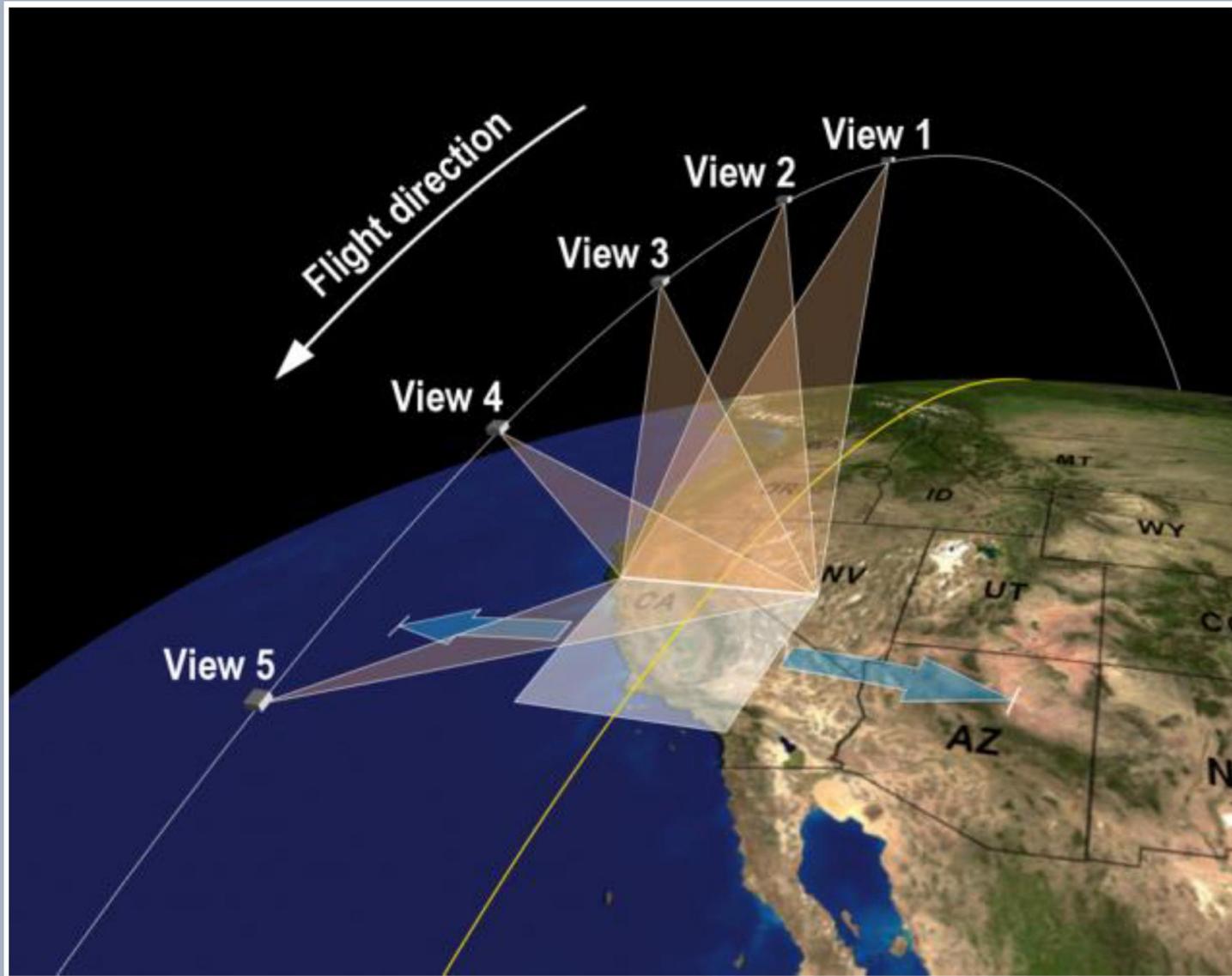
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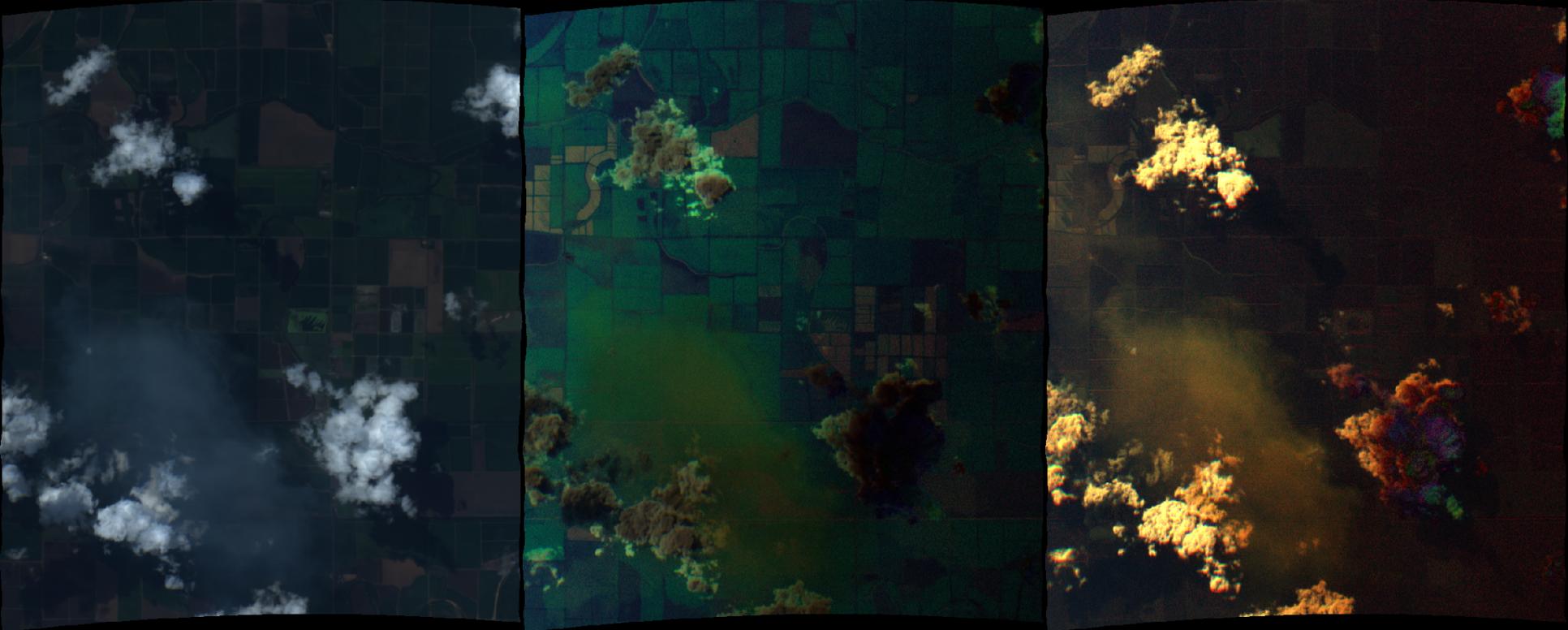
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MAIA Step-and-Stare Acquisition



Effect of Aerosols on Polarization of Light

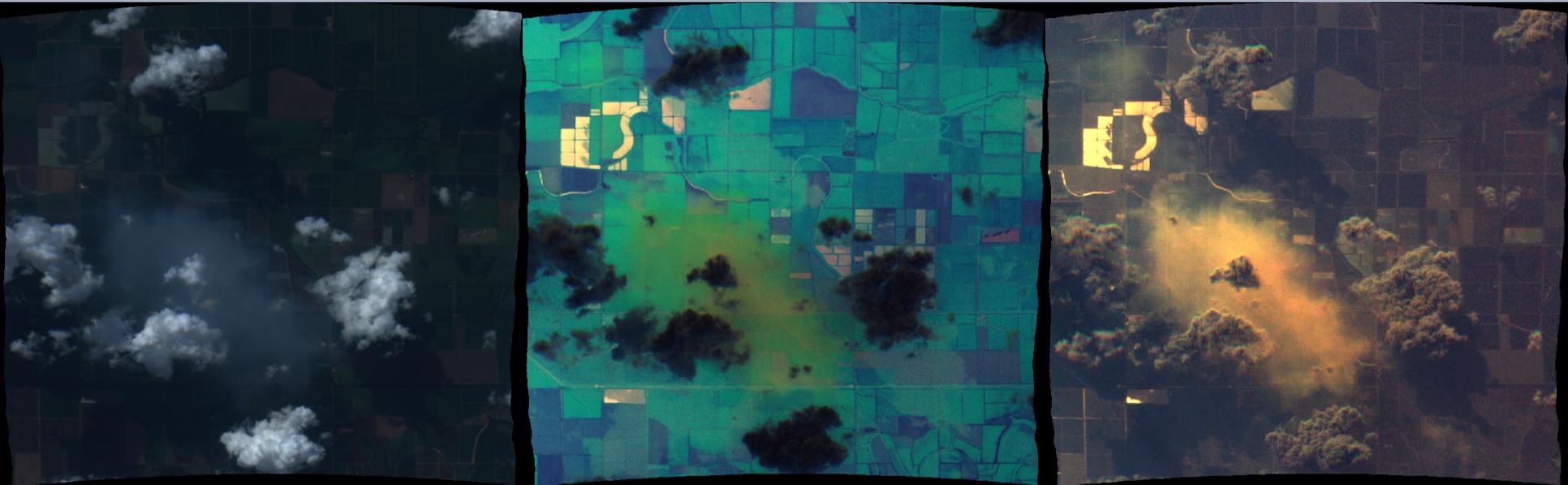


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Degree of Linear Polarization

Polarized Intensity

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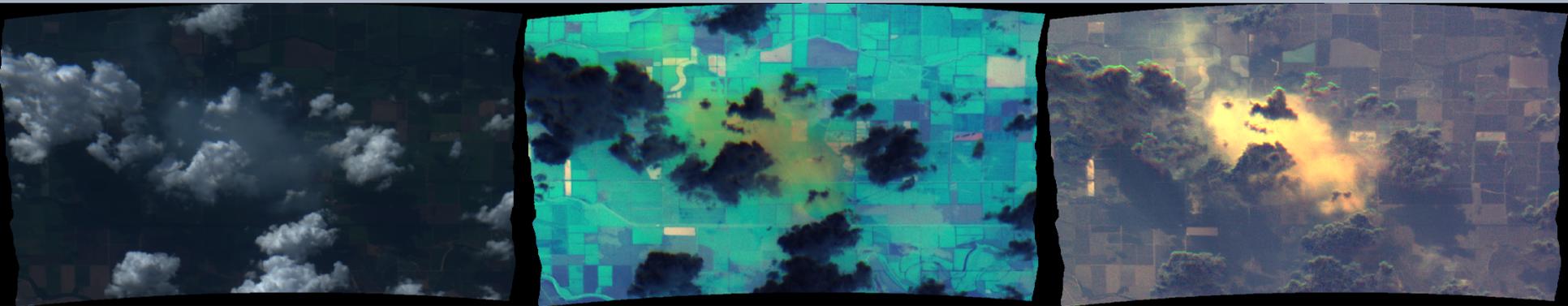


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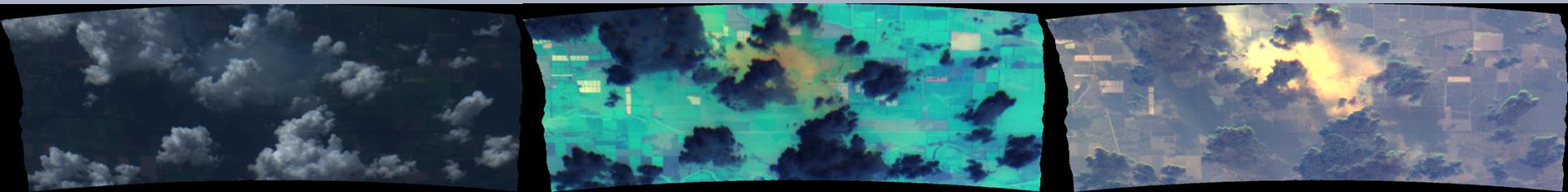


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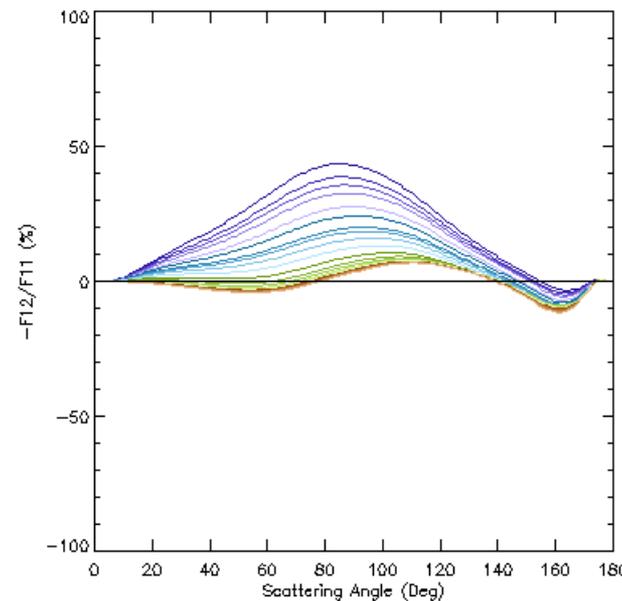
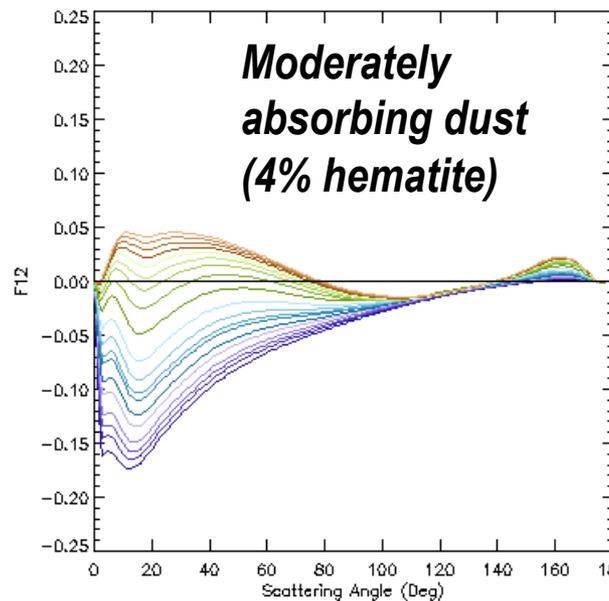
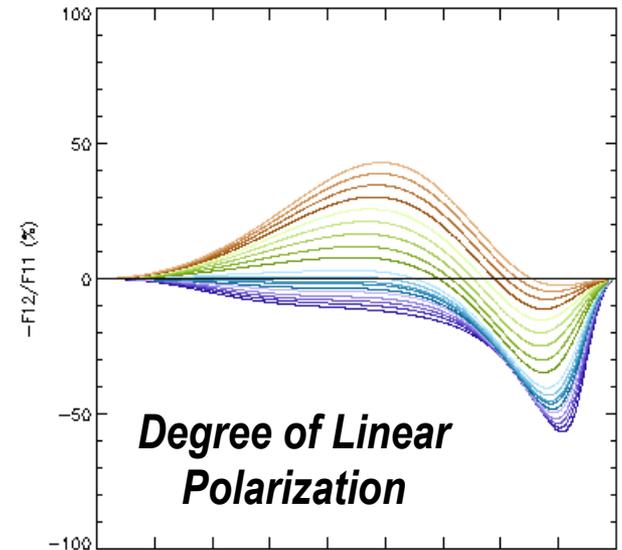
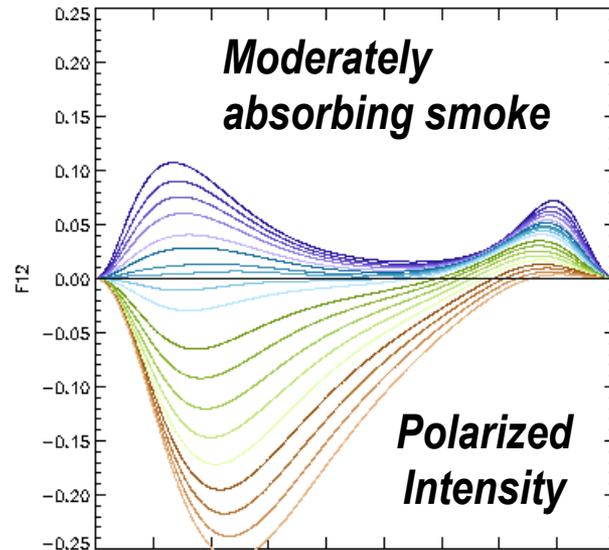
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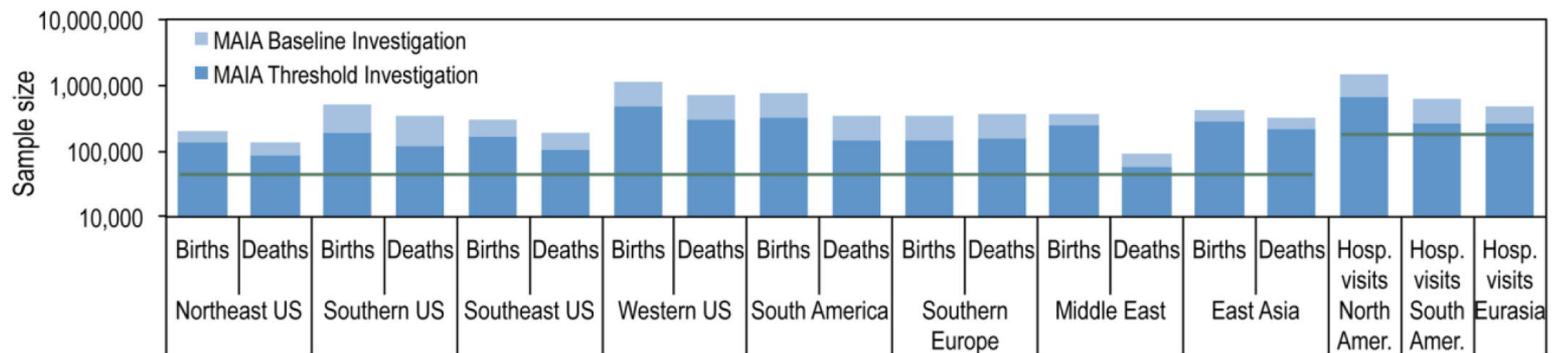
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MAIA Candidate Primary Target Areas

Candidate Primary Target Area (PTA)	Representative Cities (Population, Millions of People)	Annual Mean PM Range ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)		Dominant PM Types	Study Objectives and Health Data Record Providers
		PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀		
Northeastern US	Boston, Worcester, Springfield (5.4)	9–10	15–16	Sulfates, OC	MA Dept. of Public Health, Medicare
					Normative Aging Study, Framingham Heart Study, other cohorts
Southern US	Dallas, Houston (13.7)	12–13	20–21	OC, sulfates	Dallas-Ft. Worth Hospital Council Foundation, TX State Health Services
Southeast US	Atlanta, Macon, Birmingham (7.7)	8–18	16–30	Sulfates, OC	GA Hospital Association, GA State Health Dept., individual hospitals
Western Europe	Amsterdam, Mülheim, Essen, Bochum (3.4)	18–19	25–30	Sulfates, OC, dust	European Study of Cohorts for Air Pollution Effects (ESCAPE) [137] (§D.2.4)
Southern Europe	Rome, Milan (12.3)	21–33	32–37	Sulfates, dust	ESCAPE [137] (§D.2.4)
South America	São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro (17.5)	17–36	35–67	OC, sulfates	City Vital Statistics
					Prospective Urban and Rural Epidemiological Study (PURE) [158] (§D.2.4)
Western US	San Francisco, Fresno, Los Angeles, Bakersfield (28.8)	10–45	16–74	Nitrates, OC, BC/sulfates	CA Dept. of Health, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
Middle East	Tel Aviv, Nes Ziona, Jerusalem (4.7)	31–42	59–67	Dust, sulfates	Ministry of Health
Eastern Asia	Taipei, Taichung, Kaohsiung (14.6)	23–48	42–77	Sulfates, OC	Ministry of Health and Welfare
South Africa	Johannesburg, Pretoria (7.4)	41–51	60–98	Dust, sulfates, OC	PURE [158] (§D.2.4)
Southern Asia	Delhi, Kanpur, Jaipur (17.9)	24–153	55–286	Dust, sulfates, OC	PURE [158], Public Health and Air Pollution in Asia (PAPA) [67] (§D.2.4)
Impact of short-term exposure on birth outcomes, deaths, emergency department visits, and hospitalizations				Impact of chronic exposure on cardiovascular and respiratory morbidities and mortalities	



Rationale for MAIA Candidate PTAs



Target areas for studying

■ short-term PM exposure

■ chronic PM exposure

- Include major population centers on five continents
- Cover a wide range of PM concentrations and particle types
- Include AERONET sunphotometers and PM size/speciation monitors to complement the MAIA instrument
- Are associated with available geocoded birth, death, emergency department, and hospitalization records
- Enable epidemiological sample sizes of tens to hundreds of thousands of cases, yielding the statistical power needed to assess health impacts

Strawman MAIA Weekly Operations Scenario

Target Area Designation	Target Locations	No. of Targets	Average Revisits/ Week	Allocated Orbits/ Week
Primary	Primary Target Areas for health studies	11	3–6	50
Secondary	Area of interest for aerosol and cloud science, e.g., (a) cities with elevated pollution, (b) aerosol source regions, (c) ground monitor sites, (d) cloud regimes affected by aerosol pollution	10	3	30
Calibration/ Validation	Railroad Valley, NV; AERONET sites	8	2	16
Opportunistic	Volcanic eruption, major wildfire, dust storm, industrial accident	Varies	2	4

Assumes 100 orbits/week, 1 target/orbit

A mechanism to solicit science community input to selection of Secondary Targets will be established (e.g., MAIA Science Team Meeting in October 2016)



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