

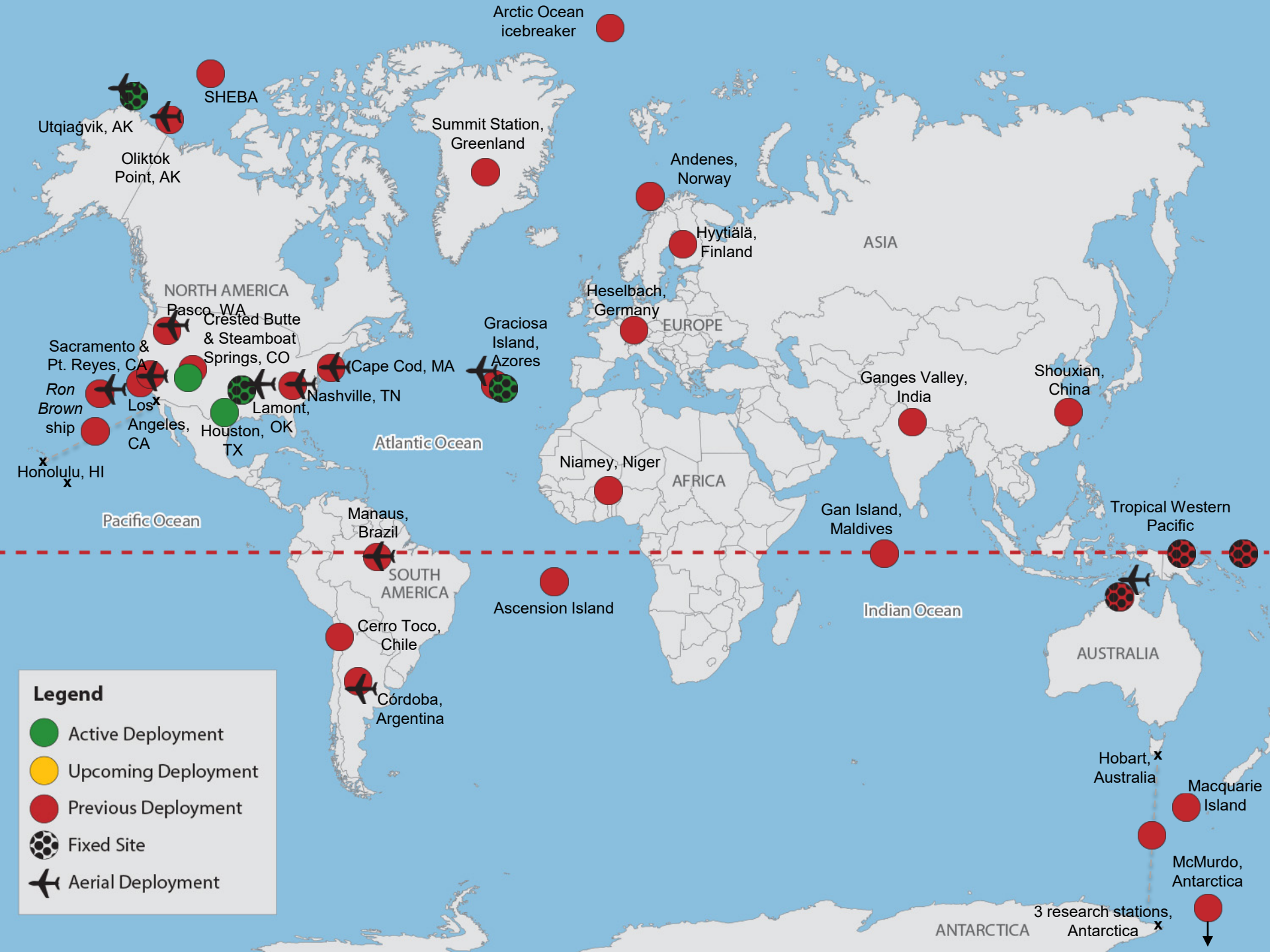
DOE Atmospheric Radiation Measurement (ARM) User Facility and Atmospheric System Research (ASR) Program

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ARM – DOE Office of Science User Facility

- Provides the climate research community with long-term in situ and remote sensing observations of aerosol, clouds, radiation
- Goal: improve representation of aerosol & cloud impacts on radiation budget in climate models
- Observatories:
 - 3 fixed sites (Oklahoma, Alaska, Azores) in different climate regimes
 - 3 mobile facilities for 6 months – 5 year deployments
 - Aerial facility including manned aircraft, UAS, tethered balloon systems
 - All data freely available to scientific community at <https://adc.arm.gov/discovery/>
- Atmospheric System Research (ASR) – sister research program – funds academic and National Lab scientists to use ARM or laboratory data to study aerosol, cloud, radiation processes





ARM ground-based observatories

- ~50 instruments at each ground-based site
- Surface meteorology
- Radiosondes (2 or 4 times/day)
- Ceilometer, micropulse lidar, Doppler lidar, Raman or HSRL
- Vertically pointing Ka-band radar and radar wind profiler
- Scanning cloud radar or scanning precipitation radars at some sites
- Broadband and spectral radiometers – SW, LW, and microwave
- Disdrometers, rain gauges
- Surface fluxes; soil moisture
- Aerosol in situ instruments; atmospheric carbon and trace gases



ARM aerial observatories

- Manned aircraft
 - Previously flew a G-1 turbo-prop for atmospheric research; retired in 2019
 - Procured Bombardier Challenger 850 Regional Jet; currently being modified for research; hope to deploy 2023
 - Over 60 research instruments including meteorology, aerosol, cloud probes
- Unmanned aerial systems
 - Group 3 UAS – modified Tiger Shark
 - Integrating atmospheric instruments including meteorology, cloud droplet sizes, multispectral camera, aerosol instruments
 - Science flights planned in 2022
- Tethered balloon systems
 - Payload capacity ~80 lbs
 - Have flown aerosol instruments, anemometers, sondes, distributed temperature sensing optical fibers, supercooled liquid water sensors, ice particle samplers



ARM/ASR Research Relevant to Aviation Weather

- Mixed phase cloud microphysics
 - Significant research on mixed phase cloud microphysics using radar and aircraft data
- Ice fog
 - Recent ice fog study using tethered balloon measurements at Oliktok Point, AK
- Convective research
 - Multiple studies on convective formation in Oklahoma and tropical regions
 - 2018-2019 mobile facility campaign on orographic convection in Argentina
 - Current campaign on aerosol-deep convection in Houston
- Boundary layer research
 - Turbulence; cloud formation; low level jet

