

# the Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean Ecosystem (PACE) mission

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welcome & update

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## Primary hyperspectral radiometer:

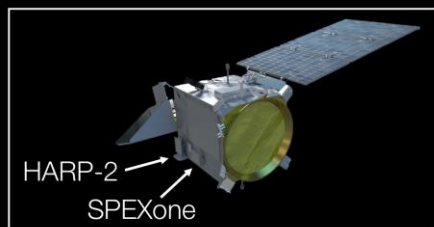
- Ocean Color Instrument (OCI) (GSFC)

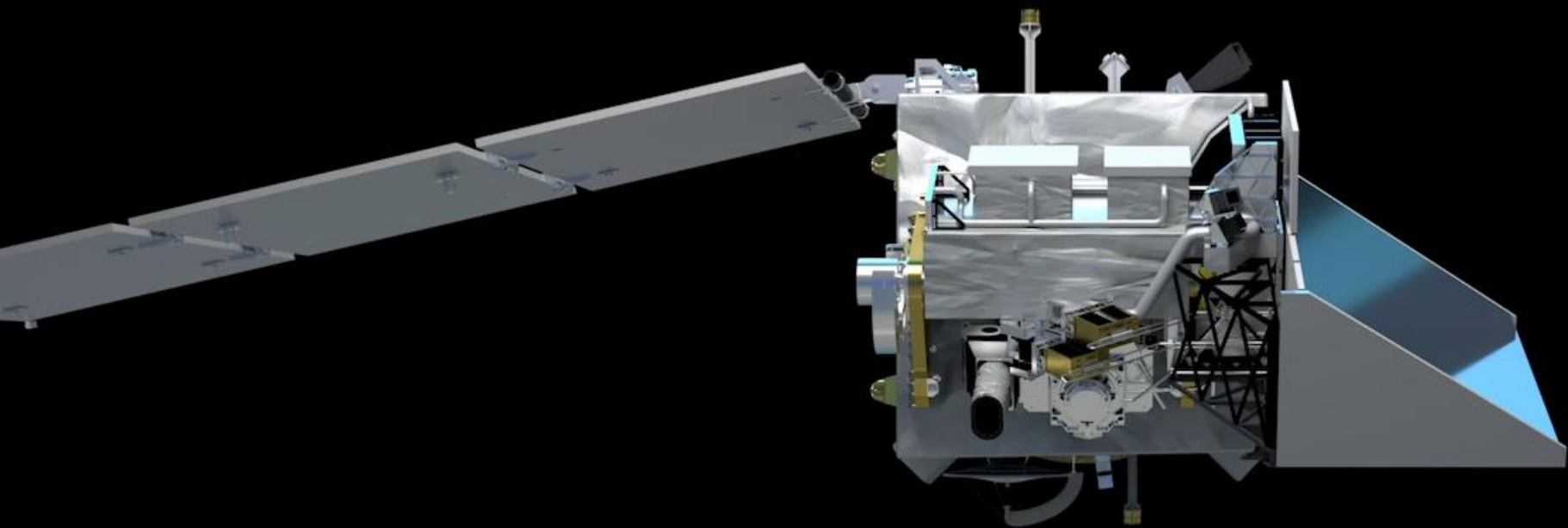
## 2 contributed multi-angle polarimeters:

- HARP2 (UMBC)
- SPEXone (SRON/Airbus)

## Key characteristics:

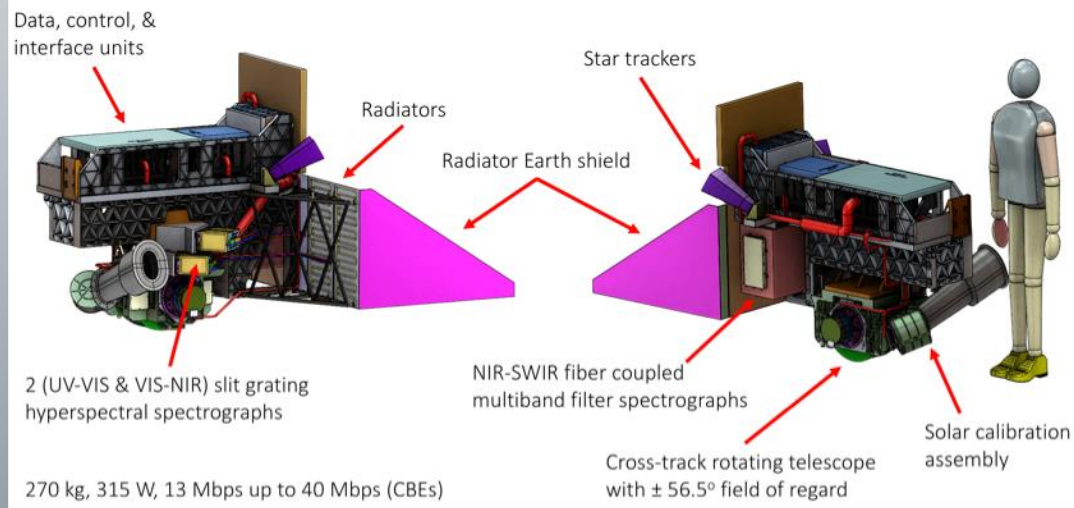
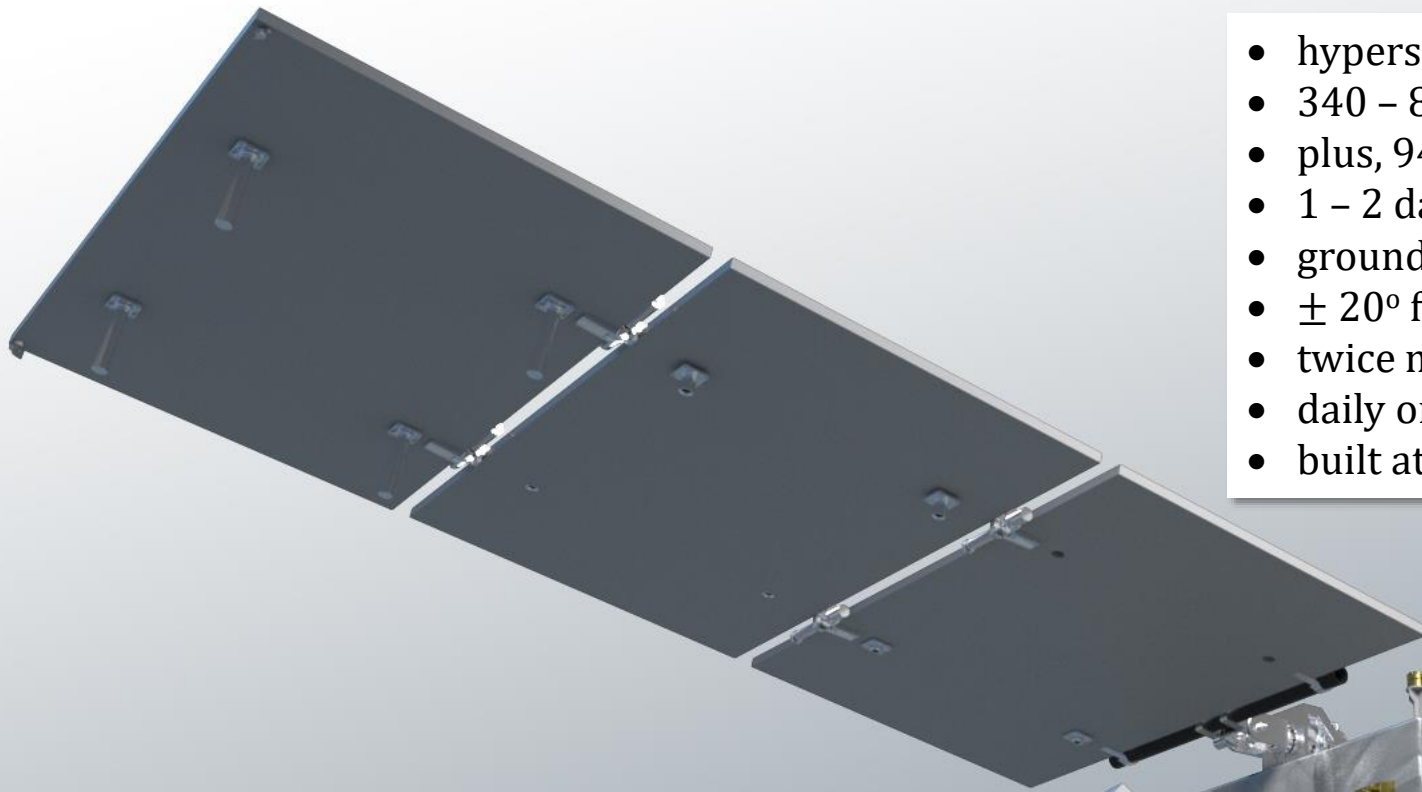
- Winter 2022 launch
- 676.5 km altitude
- Polar, ascending, Sun synchronous orbit; 98° inclination
- 13:00 local Equatorial crossing
- 3-yr design life; 10-yr propellant



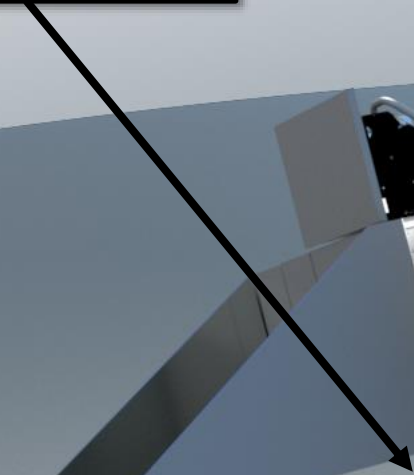
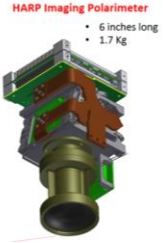




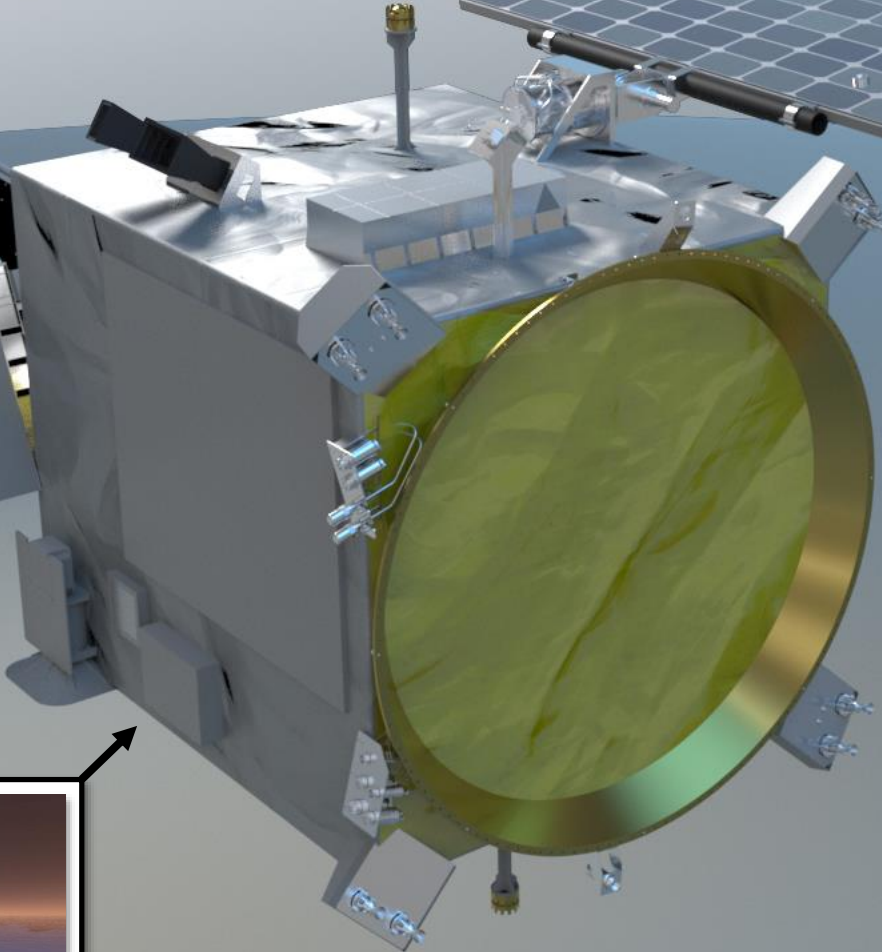
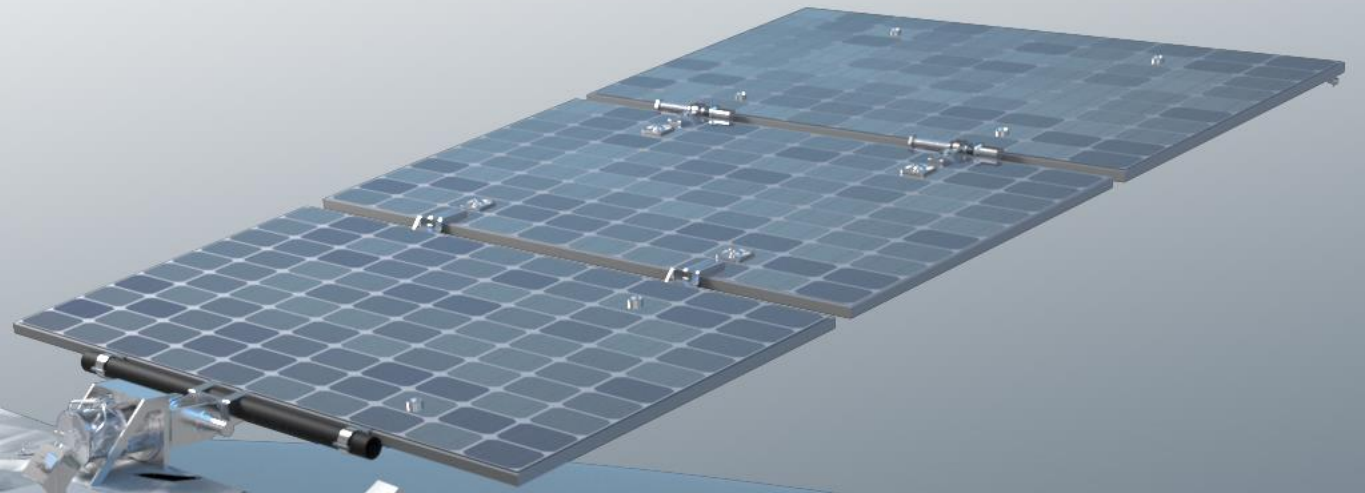
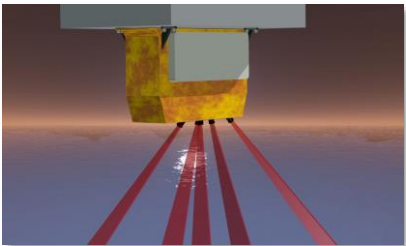
- hyperspectral scanning radiometer
- 340 – 890 nm, 5 nm resolution, 2.5 nm steps
- plus, 940, 1038, 1250, 1378, 1615, 2130, and 2250 nm
- 1 – 2 day global coverage
- ground pixel size of 1 km<sup>2</sup> at nadir
- $\pm 20^\circ$  fore/aft tilt to avoid Sun glint
- twice monthly lunar calibration
- daily on-board solar calibration
- built at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center



UMBC Hyper  
Angular  
Rainbow  
Polarimeter  
(HARP-2)



SRON Spectro-  
polarimeter for  
Planetary  
Exploration  
(SPEXone)



PACE polarimeters *NOT* in 2017  
Decadal Survey Program of Record

	HARP-2	SPEXone
UV-NIR range	440, 550, 670, 870 nm	Continuous from 385-770 nm in 5 nm steps
SWIR range	None	None
Polarized bands	All	Continuous from 385-770 nm in 15-45 nm steps
Number of viewing angles [degrees]	10 for 440, 550, 870 nm; 60 for 670 nm [spaced over 114°]	5 [-57°, -20°, 0°, 20°, 57°]
Swath width	±47° [1556 km at nadir]	±4.5° [106 km at nadir]
Global coverage	2 days	30+ days
Ground pixel	3 km	2.5 km
Heritage	AirHARP, Cubesat	AirSPEX



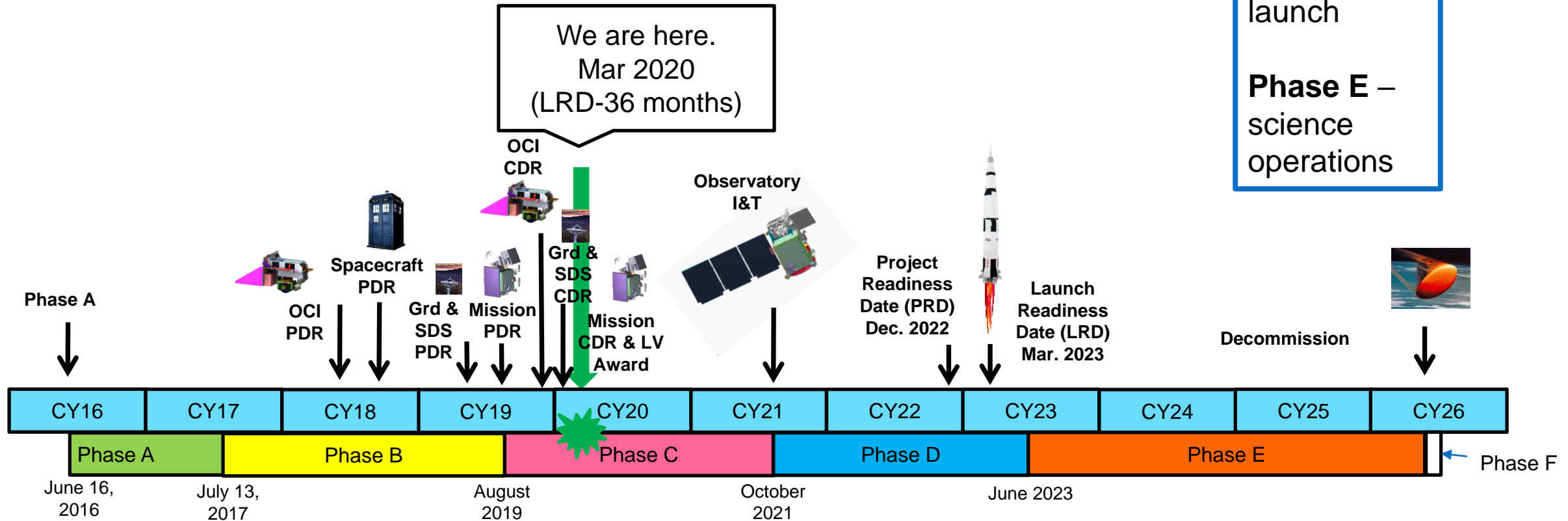
# schedule & mission phases

## Phase C – final design & fabrication

- all mission elements must pass Critical Design Reviews (CDRs)
- preceded by series of sub-element Engineering Peer Reviews (EPRs)
- Project & HQ science implementing science capabilities

**Phase D** –  
system  
assembly,  
integration,  
testing, &  
launch

**Phase E** –  
science  
operations



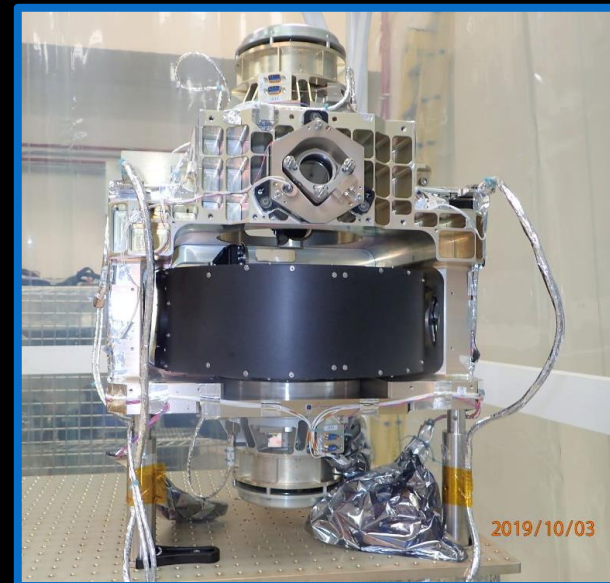


# PACE milestones over the last 2 years

- KDP-B (gate review to Phase B) (13 Jul 2017)
- OCI PDR (1-4 May 2018)
- SPEXone PDR (26 Jun 2018)
- HARP2 PDR (8 Aug 2018)
- Spacecraft PDR (17-20 Sep 2018)
- SPEXone CDR (7 Feb 2019)
- Ground System PDR (19-20 Mar 2019)
- HARP2 CDR (25 Apr 2019)
- mission PDR (11-14 Jun 2019)
- KDP-C (gate review to Phase C) (15 Aug 2019)
- OCI CDR (9-12 Dec 2019)
- Launch vehicle selected (5 Feb 2020)
- Ground System CDR (6-7 Feb 2020)
- mission + spacecraft CDR (24-28 Feb 2020)

## OCI ETU testing Jan-Mar 2020

- Jan – system timing, sync, optimization
- Feb – end-to-end evaluation, light in to DN out
- Feb – thermal vac begins
- Mar – full pre-launch cal program evaluation
- Mar – SWIR detector assembly ETU arrives

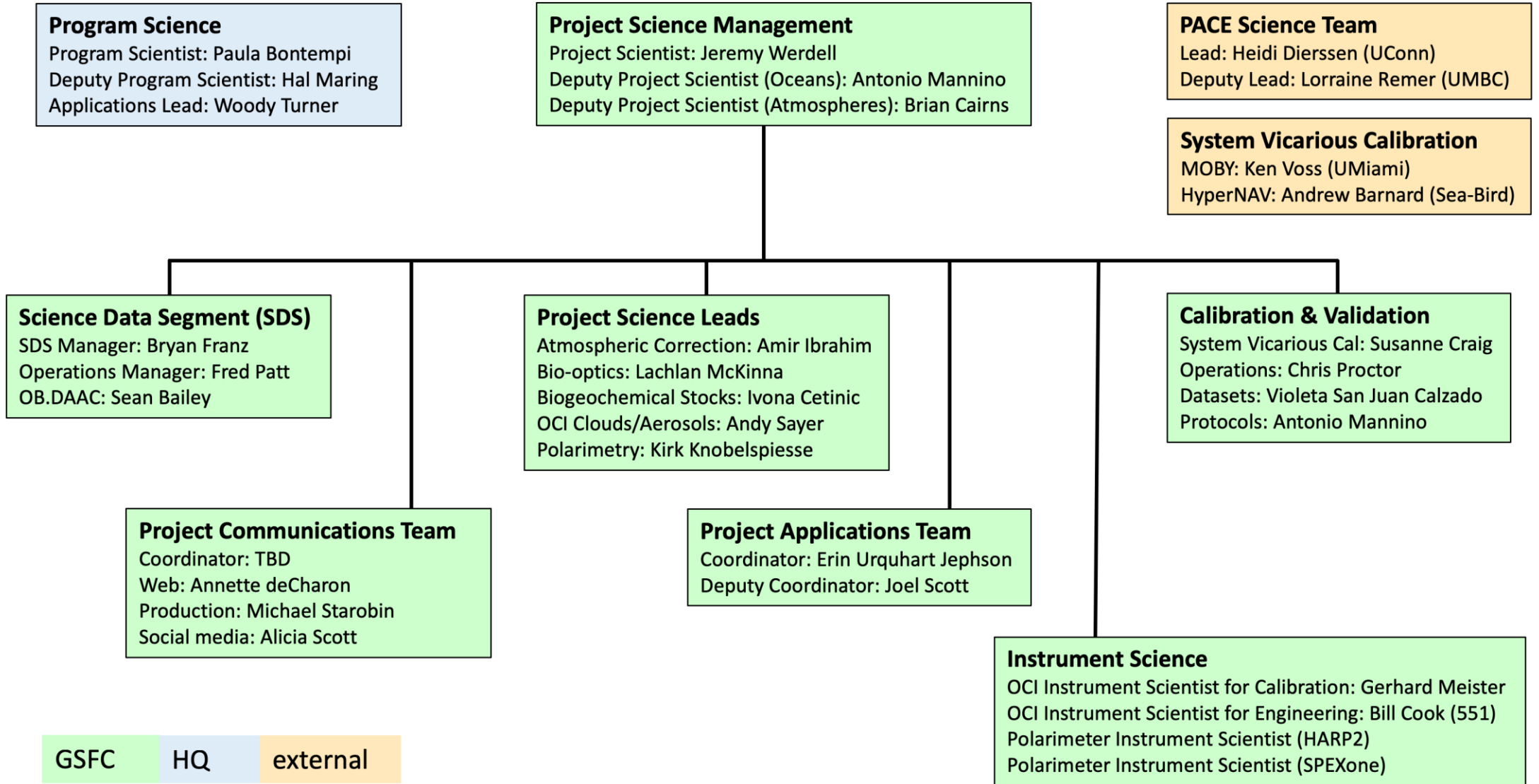


### Acronyms:

- PDR = Preliminary Design Review
- CDR = Critical Design Review
- KDP = Key Decision Point
- ETU = engineering test unit



# PACE science organization



GSFC	HQ	external
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last updated: 12 Feb 2020







# Required OCI science products



Required products with uncertainty requirements
Water-leaving reflectances centered on 350, 360, 385, 412, 425, 443, 460, 475, 490, 510, 532, 555, and 583, 617, 640, 655, 710 (15 nm bandwidth) & 665, 678 nm (10 nm bandwidth)
Total aerosol optical depth at 380, 440, 500, 550 and 675 nm
Fraction of AOD(550) from fine mode aerosols over oceans
Cloud layer detection for optical depth > 0.3
Cloud top pressure of opaque (optical depth > 3) clouds
Optical thickness of liquid clouds
Optical thickness of ice clouds
Effective radius of liquid clouds
Effective radius of ice clouds

these are required for mission success & drive OCI design

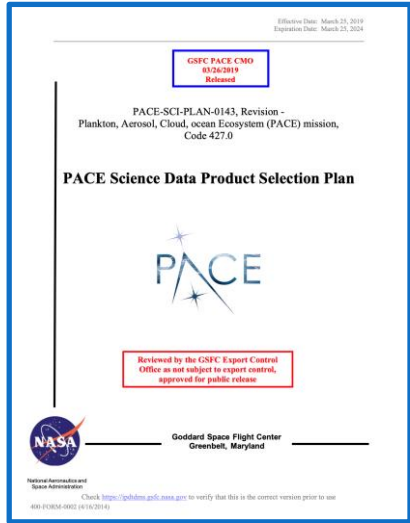
Additional required products to be generated
Chlorophyll concentration
Spectral diffuse attenuation coefficients
Spectral absorption coefficients (phytoplankton, CDOM+NAP)
Spectral backscattering coefficients
Fluorescence line height
Water path of liquid, ice clouds
Shortwave radiative effect

other science data products to be generated (e.g., evaluation products)

Project has plan for production of all required data products, based on MODIS & VIIRS

SAT to develop:  
 (1) advanced or updated algorithms for existing products;  
 (2) methods for novel data products

There is a difference between **data products required for mission success** & the **complete list of data products that the mission will produce**





# SPEXone and HARP2 science products

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- Mission requirement on science products from the two polarimeters is limited to Level-1C only (calibrated/geolocated/co-registered radiometry and polarimetry).
  - Long ongoing conversation(s) on a common Level-1C format / grid
- Science goal is to produce aerosol and cloud products from the polarimeters, and to support atmospheric correction for ocean color retrievals.
  - SRON has delivered & SDS is testing Level-2 software for aerosol retrievals from SPEX
  - SDS/Project Science is developing / testing a Level-2 ocean/atmosphere retrieval algorithm for SPEX/HARP
  - Expectation is that the SAT will develop retrieval algorithms





# PACE Project Science Leads activities in early 2020



## upcoming deliverables

End of ...	ATBDs	Validation
Jan		Evaluation of existing SeaBASS results <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Report on each data product at Tue meeting</li></ul>
Feb	Review of existing online material <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Report on each data product at Tue meeting</li></ul>	Removal of bad data from SeaBASS <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Data no longer in online system</li></ul> New data & sources identified <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Report on each data product at Tue meeting</li></ul>
Mar	Plan for updates / creation <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Report on each data product at Tue meeting</li></ul>	Draft Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Document</li></ul>
Apr		
May		New data drop #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Data delivery to validation system</li></ul>
Jun		
Jul		SOPs fully implemented <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstration at Tue meeting</li></ul>
Aug	Mid-year status update <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Draft material accumulating online</li></ul>	Review of results <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstration at Tue meeting</li></ul>



# NASA Technical Memoranda



NASA/TM–2018-219027/ Vol. 5



## PACE Technical Report Series, Volume 5

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### Mission Formulation Studies

*Paula Bontempi, Brian Cairns, Susanne E. Craig, André Dress, Bryan Franz, Robert Lossing, Antonio Mannino, Lachlan I. W. McKinna, Nima Pahlevan, Frederick S. Patt, Robert Schweiss, and Jeremy Werdell*

- Coverage loss from Sun glint and instrument tilt
- Data completeness
- Pushbroom image striping artifacts
- Pushbroom lunar calibration maneuver
- Altitude reduction
- IDL studies
- A coastal camera (COCI)

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### Data Product Requirements and Error Budgets Consensus Document

*Ziauddin Ahmad, Ivona Cetinić, Bryan A. Franz, Erdem M. Karaköylü, Lachlan I. W. McKinna, Frederick S. Patt, and Jeremy Werdell*

- Requirements overview
- Geolocation
- Random error (SNRs)
- Systematic error
- Model error (within atmospheric correction)
- Geophysical model uncertainty propagation

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### Ocean Color Instrument (OCI) Concept Design Studies

*Ziauddin Ahmad, Robert Arnone, Michael J. Behrenfeld, Brian Cairns, Ivona Cetinić, Robert E. Eplee, Bryan Franz, David Haffner, Amir Ibrahim, Antonio Mannino, Lachlan I. W. McKinna, Gerhard Meister, Aimee Neeley, Nima Pahlevan, Frederick S. Patt, Wayne Robinson, Sergio R. Signorini, Ryan Vandermeulen, Toby Westberry, and Jeremy Werdell*

- UV capabilities
- Fluorescence capabilities
- Ground sample distance
- SWIR band placement
- Addition of 1038 nm
- Solar calibration
- Lunar calibration
- Ltyp, Lmax
- Spectral resolution

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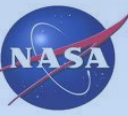
# Project Science post-CDR next steps

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- (continue to) routinely engage with systems teams (through CPT, I&T, beyond), as well as conduct regular requirements verification & performance assessments
- (continue to) routinely engage with SDS & competed science team as appropriate on algorithm implementation & performance assessments
- execute a full dress rehearsal for vicarious calibration & science data product validation beginning at least *launch - 1 year* using OLCI, VIIRS, &/or simulated data
- engage with the system vicarious calibration team & SAT
- foster the PACE Applications Program, including identification of Early Adopters





# PACE System Vicarious Calibration (SVC)

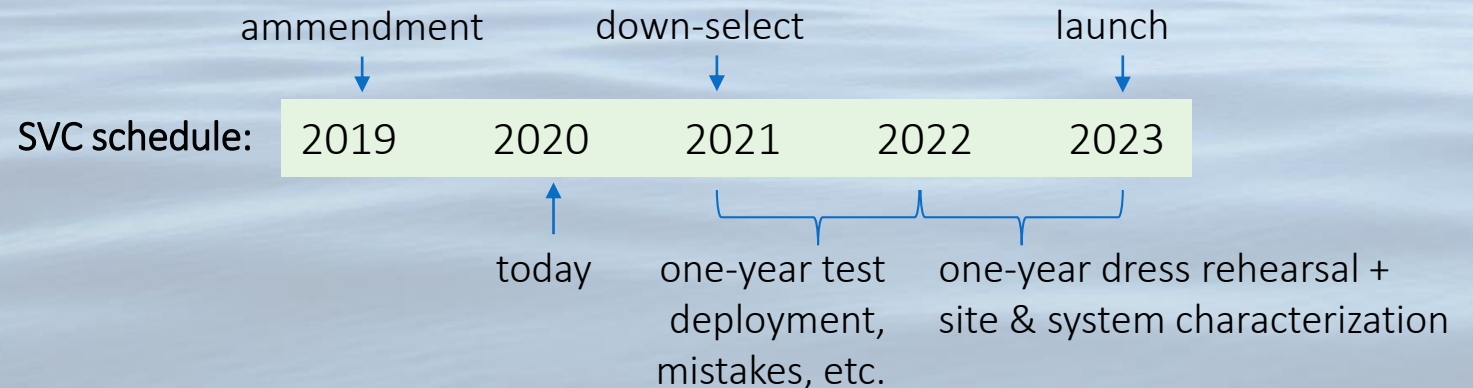
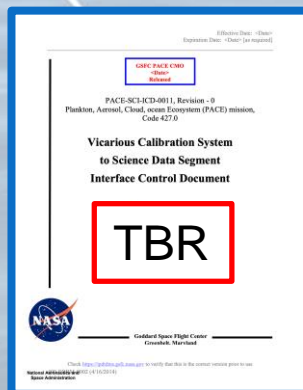
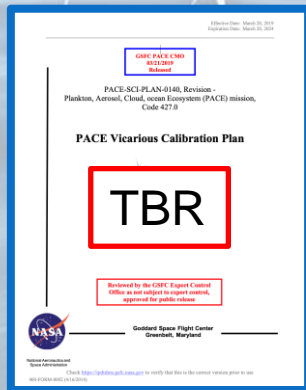
ROSES 2018 A.48 (amendment 22 Feb 2019); Selection 18 July 2019; Start 1 Apr 2020

## Implementation of MarONet for support of PACE Vicarious Calibration

- Ken Voss (University of Miami)
- Partners:
  - Curtin University
  - SJSU Moss Landing Marine Lab
  - NIST

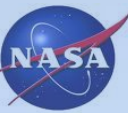
## A new paradigm for ocean color satellite calibration and validation: highly accurate, low uncertainty, hyperspectral radiometric measurements from autonomous platforms (HYPERNAV)

- Andrew Barnard (SeaBird Electronics)
- Partners:
  - UCSD Scripps Institute of Oceanography
  - University of Maine
  - Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR)





# PACE Validation Science Team (PVST)



## ROSES 2021 [TBD]

Effective Date: April 8, 2019  
Expiration Date: April 8, 2024

**GSFC PACE CMO**  
04/11/2019  
Released

PACE-SCI-PLAN-0141, Revision -  
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Code 427.0

**PACE Science Data Product Validation Plan**

**AVAILABLE SOON**

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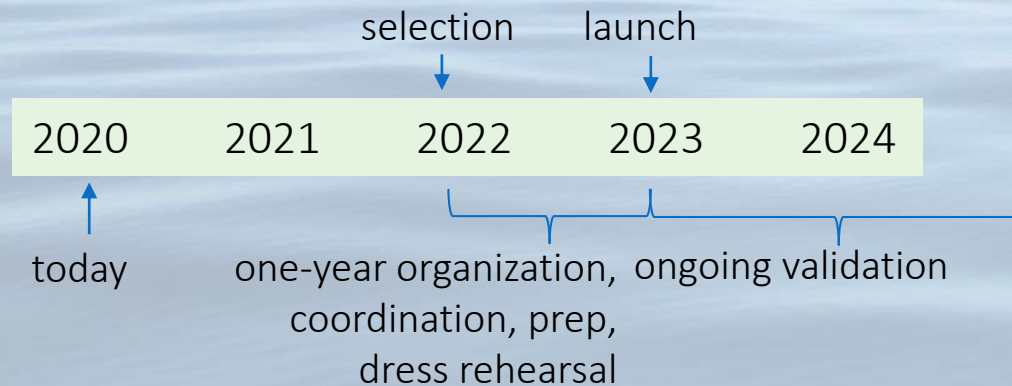
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Check <https://pdhdfs.gsfc.nasa.gov> to verify that this is the correct version prior to use  
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Perform validation experiments during mission ops for all data products (aerosol, cloud, ocean color), including validation of polarimetry data products as possible

- Include airborne (as possible) & in situ measurements
- International communities (e.g., the Copernicus Program) are investing in Fiducial Reference Measurements for Sentinel & coordination is critical
- \$TBD M / TBD years

PVST schedule:

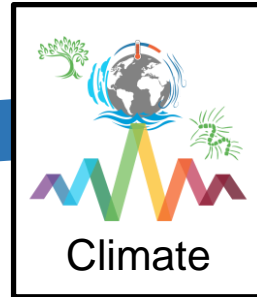




# PACE Applications Program (Dec 2019-present)



Water Resources



Climate



Air Quality & Public Health

## Advancing NASA Earth Science

To grow relevance & sustainability of PACE

To address community needs for PACE data products

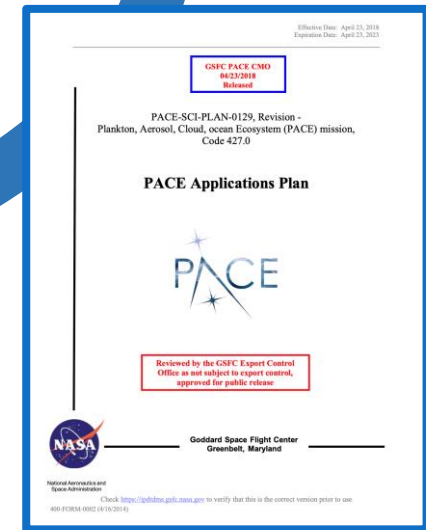
To demonstrate the societal value & utility of PACE



Disasters



Ecological Forecasting



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## community engagement:

mission paper in Bulletin of American Meteorological Society  
special issues in Frontiers in Earth Science, Remote Sensing  
town halls at professional society meetings  
booths at Union Station Earth Day, UMD Science Week, ...  
webinars  
hyperwall events, GSFC visitor presentations  
interviews, media events  
interactive online material

# PACE

## online & social media presence:

<https://pace.gsfc.nasa.gov>  
@NASAOcean (Twitter)  
@NASAOcean (Facebook)



The screenshot shows the PACE website homepage. At the top left is the NASA logo and the text "National Aeronautics and Space Administration". To the right is a search bar and social media icons for Facebook and Twitter. The main header features the PACE logo and the text "Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean Ecosystem". Below this is a navigation menu with links for HOME, ABOUT, MISSION, SCIENCE, APPLICATIONS, CAMPAIGNS, NEWS, EVENTS, GALLERY, and DOCUMENTS. The main content area has a large background image of a colorful, abstract pattern representing the ocean and atmosphere. Below this is a section titled "PACE's advanced technologies will provide new insight into Earth's ocean and atmosphere." followed by a colorful graphic and the text "These systems impact our everyday lives. How? By regulating climate and making our planet habitable." To the right is a "LATEST NEWS & EVENTS" section with three news items: "Dutch Aerosol Instrument on NASA Earth Ecosystem Satellite Receives Green Light (news)", "PACE Science and Applications Team Research Opportunity (news)", and "Webinar 2 - Beyond Blue: Why Ocean Color Really Matters (event)". Below this is a section titled "NASA's long-term chlorophyll record is unparalleled" with a line graph and icons of various phytoplankton. To the right is a "Take our quiz!" button with the text "Which Phytoplankton Are You? Click to find out...". At the bottom is a section titled "Why Do We Need PACE? Ocean Ecology" with a paragraph of text and a row of six circular images showing different ocean scenes.



# why you're here (rather, mission needs from a SAT)

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Add to & improve upon the dynamic range of science data products & their basic research & applied sciences uses. This includes the development of algorithms & also encompasses:

- identification and demonstration of end-user research and applied sciences applications
- explicit strategy development for pre- and post-launch science data product validation
- identification of gaps and prioritization of science data product development / implementation
- derivation and propagation of system-level uncertainties

## In addition:

- spread news & updates on the mission & communicate results with the public, as possible
- participate routinely in telecons, as organized by the Team Leads
- complete an information sheet (due 6 Mar 2020)
- publish final reports in a NASA Technical Memo
- collaborate with Project Science & SDS on the implementation (including delivery of prototype software) & performance evaluation of approaches, as appropriate
- periodically interact with potential end-users of PACE science data products (e.g., Early Adopters), review outreach material, prepare online content, etc.





# PACE

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