HARVARD/UW/GSFC CONTRIBUTION TO ARCTAS EXECUTION

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CHEMICAL FORECASTING:

• Twice-daily 5-day global GEOS-5 forecasts (0.5°x0.67° horiz. res.) for ozone and CO tracers

• Interactive web site with custom maps, vertical profiles, curtain plots along flight tracks and satellite orbit tracks, animations, time series

NEAR-REAL-TIME GEOS-Chem SIMULATION:

Objectives: (1) monitor consistency between observations and models, (2) draw attention to any large discrepancies that may warrant attention in flight planning, (3) enable quick-look analysis of the data after mission completion
NRT simulation will use first-look GEOS-5 assimilated data, standard GEOS-Chem simulation of ozone-NO_x-VOC-aerosol-Hg chemistry

output will lag observations by 2 days

• Results will be compared to observations in the field, posted on web site, submitted to field data archive

ISSUES/CONCERNS

- Need individual groups to develop expertise with Jim Crawford's flight planning tool
- Can we all agree to use the same map projections, vertical coordinates? How about 40-90N polar projections, with altitude as vertical coordinate?
- Will David Streets' gridded inventory be ready in time for use in forecasting/NRT simulations?
- NRT satellite data: make sure all products have a 'field rep'. Will we have NRT CALIPSO aerosol data?
- How will we work with the NOAA forecasting team in Fairbanks?
- How will we communicate with the planes in flight? In Thule?