







# Commercial RO Data Processing Status and Product Validation

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#### **Outline**



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- Operations overview
- Neutral atmosphere and ionosphere product metrics
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- Summary



#### Missions and Products



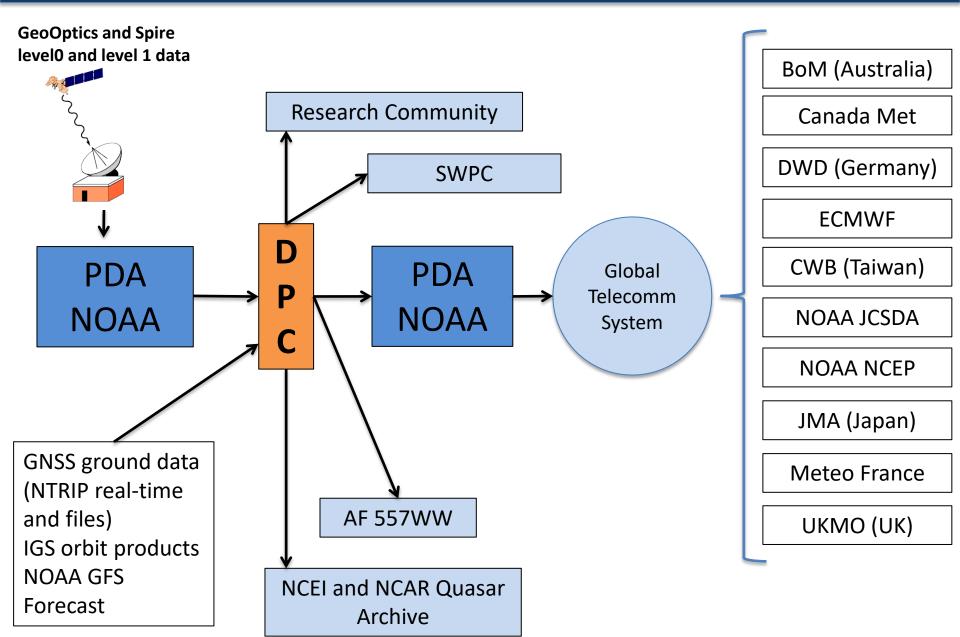
- NOAA Commercial Weather Program Delivery Order (DO) #3
  - From 2021-09-14 to 2022-03-15
  - Spire data
- NOAA Commercial Weather Program DO #4
  - From 2022-03-16 to 2023-01-15
  - GeoOptics and Spire data
- Data is processed by UCAR/CDAAC and sent to weather/space weather centers in near real-time
- So far in 2022
  - GeoOptics = 1 satellite, Spire = ~28 satellites

Neutral atmospheric profiles delivered in NRT (PDA & 557WW)	Abs TEC files delivered in NRT (SWPC & 557WW)
Spire: ~1,392K	Spire: ~1,080K
Geooptics: ~43K	Geooptics: ~61K



#### **Data Processing Overview**

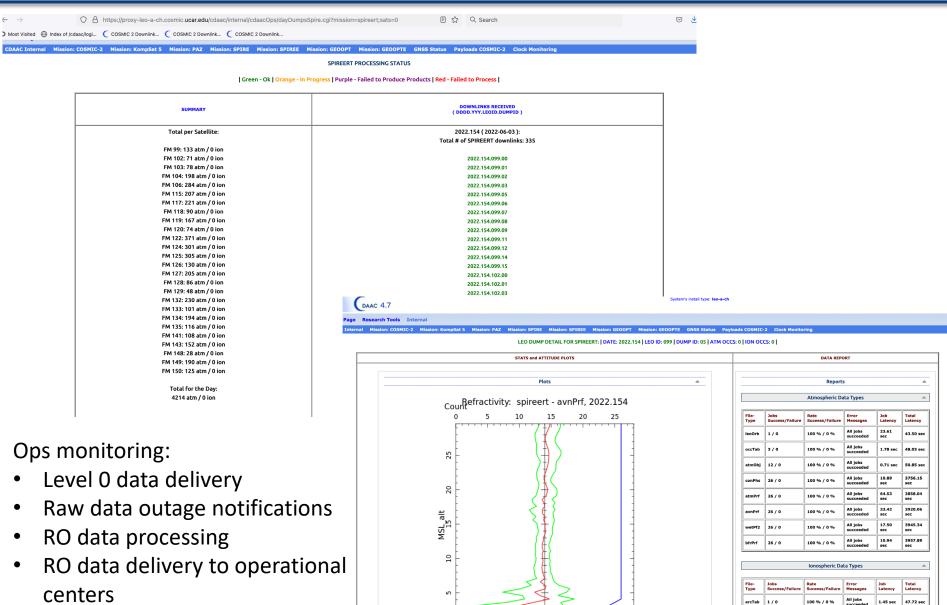






# **Monitoring NRT Processing**

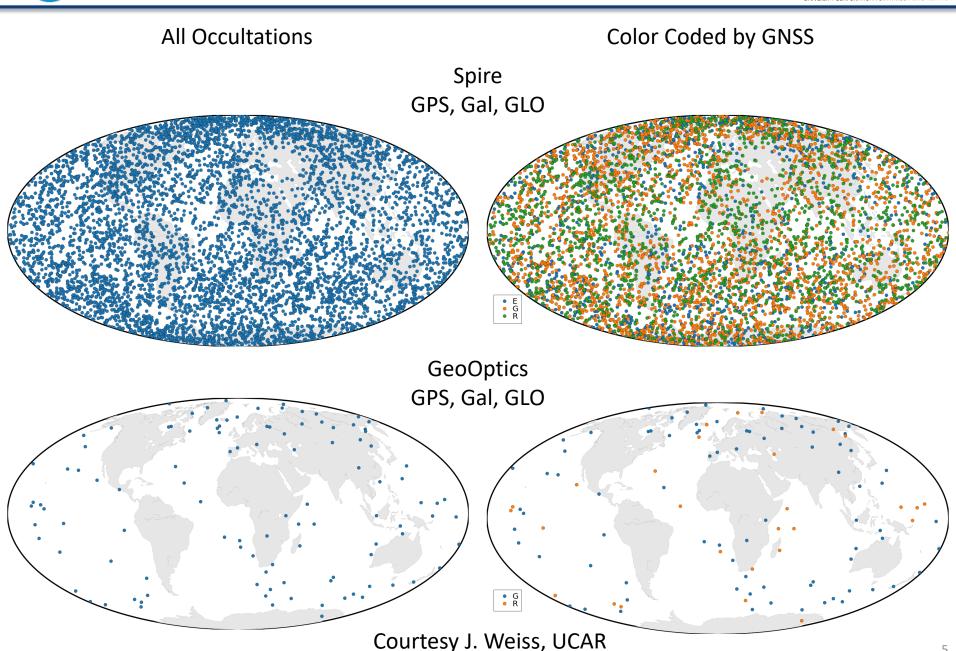






# Neutral Atm. Coverage (2022-07-01) # UCAR



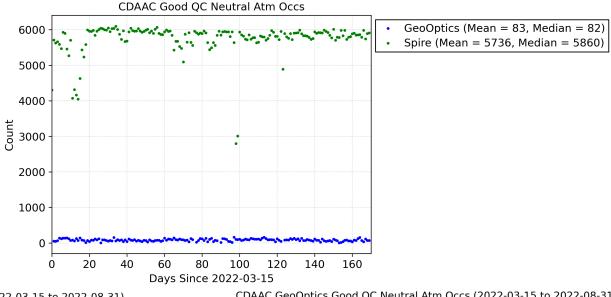


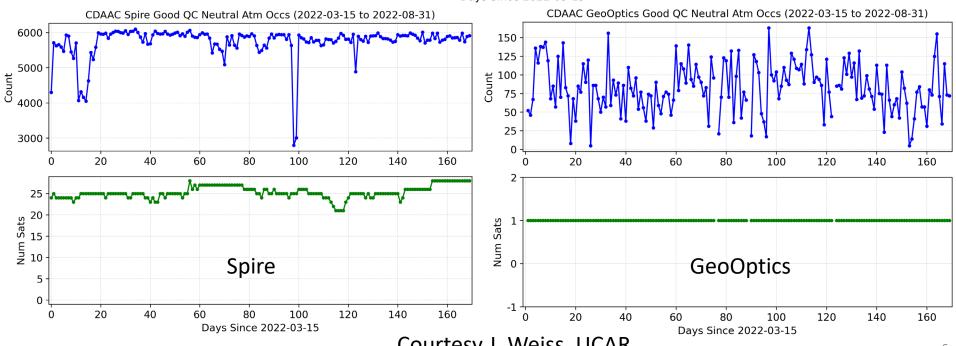


#### DO4 QC'd Profile Counts



#### Note: Counts show standard CDAAC QC, these differ from "compliant" counts (see IROWG 2022 McHugh presentation)



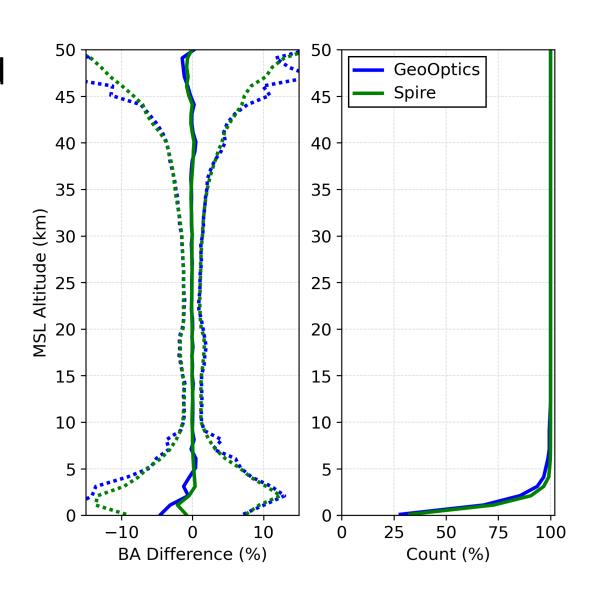




## **Bending Angle Metrics**



- Near real-time profiles compared to ECMWF shortterm forecast
- 2022-08-28 to2022-09-03
- Number of profiles included
  - GeoOptics, 484
  - Spire: 39,495





### **New Functionality**



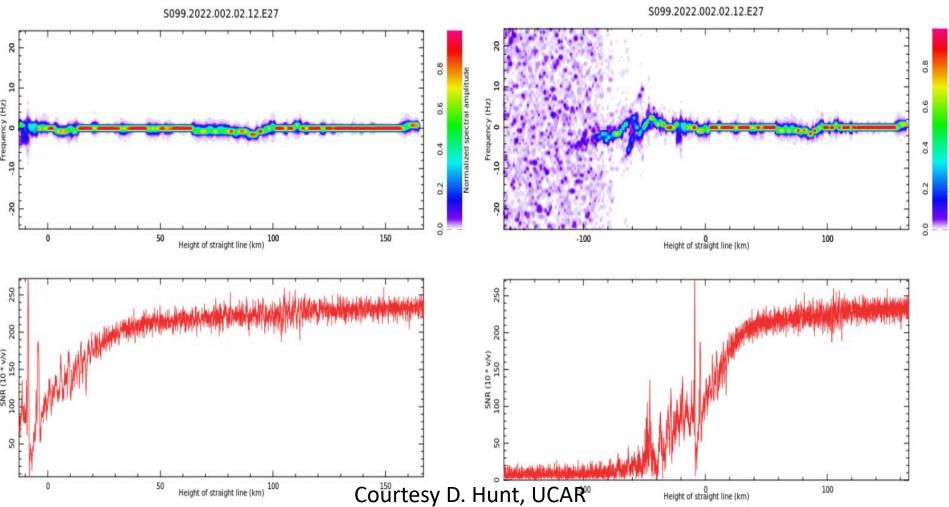
- Since DO3, processing GPS, GLONASS, and Galileo (new for us) occultations
- Since DO4, handling multiple RO reference links
  - Like many missions, Spire processing is done in single difference mode to remove effects of LEO clock
  - Spire schedules observations such that sometimes more than one reference link is needed to span an occultation
  - CDAAC implemented capability to process occs with multiple reference links for DO4
    - Implemented in excess phase processing
      - Cycle through all GPS PRNs to find segments of reference link data
      - Segments then assembled and phase-leveled into one sequence which are applied to the high rate occultation data
    - Thanks to Spire for helpful technical discussions
  - Results in ~9% additional occultations each day



# Dual Ref Link Example



- Spectrograms for two occultations shown
- Single ref link on left, multi ref links on right
  - Note deeper penetration in the multi ref link case

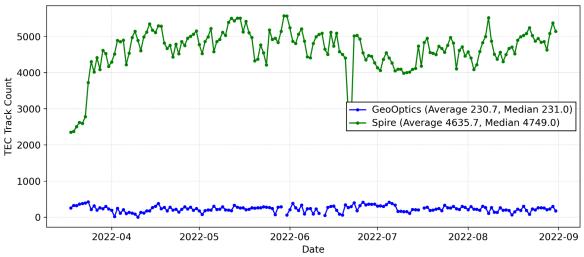




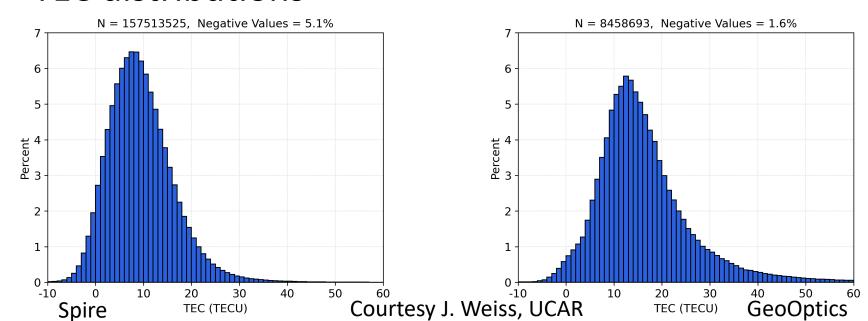
#### **Total Electron Content Metrics**



#### DO4 TEC track counts



#### TEC distributions





# Data Availability and Downloads



- All data, intermediate and higher level products published openly after 1 day delay
  - Per NOAA CDP data policy
    - Note, could change for future delivery orders
  - Easily scriptable https downloads
  - Daily tar file by mission and file type
- Spire data
  - https://data.cosmic.ucar.edu/gnssro/spire/noaa/nrt/
- GeoOptics data
  - <a href="https://data.cosmic.ucar.edu/gnss-ro/geoopt/noaa/nrt/">https://data.cosmic.ucar.edu/gnss-ro/geoopt/noaa/nrt/</a>



Downloads Spire & GeoOptics (TB)
0.215
1.15
1.05
2.04
1.78
2.23



# Summary



- NOAA CDP provides significant volume of commercially sourced RO data products to operations and science communities
- CDAAC operational processing, delivery, and monitoring of neutral atmospheric and space weather products routine
- Incremental improvements enhance quantity and quality of products
  - E.g. Galileo RO, dual reference links
- Products made openly available to the research community after delay
- Recently commenced space weather pilot expected to develop additional ionosphere products for future operational use



# Thank you and credits



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# Thank you!









