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SUMMARY

I am a Research Scientist at the University of Arizona and an Engineering Fellow at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (joint appointment). For the previous decade I served as Chief Systems Engineer for JPL's Earth Science and Technology Directorate, with a broad portfolio of satellite and aircraft instruments and missions, research and analysis, applied science, and technology projects spanning NASA's earth science enterprise. I have worked for 30 years at the intersection of science and engineering to deliver complex systems including satellite missions ranging from earth observations to telescopes in deep space.

My research program extends the discipline of systems engineering to the challenge of climate change decision support. My work involves the formulation, development, and operation of satellite, aircraft and surface-based observations and data systems, program architecting, and applied science. I'm also leading (as a consultant for the High Tide Foundation) a new public-private partnership involving several philanthropies, universities, a commercial aerospace company (Planet Labs), JPL, and the State of California to develop a constellation of small satellites that will provide rapid monitoring of methane and carbon dioxide emissions and biodiversity at high resolution to help accelerate climate mitigation and conservation action.

EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, Tucson, Arizona

- 2019-present, Research Scientist

HIGH TIDE FOUNDATION, San Francisco, California

- 2019-present, Consultant

JET PROPULSION LABORATORY, CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, Pasadena, California

- 2017 – present, Engineering Fellow
- 2008 – 2019, Chief Systems Engineer, Earth Science & Technology Directorate
- 2002 – 2009, Chief Engineer & Project System Engineer, Kepler mission
- 2000 – 2002, Instrument System Engineer, Starlight mission
- 1996 – 2000, Metrology System Engineer, Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM)

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, Kennedy Space Center, Florida

- 1988 – 1995, Payload Integration, Test and Operations Engineer (five space shuttle missions)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research extends the discipline of systems engineering to improving understanding of carbon emissions and working with diverse stakeholders to design and deploy decision support systems to help advance climate change mitigation and intervention efforts. I am currently Principal Investigator for five research projects involving observational systems and data analysis frameworks focused on methane and carbon dioxide emissions. My teams combine atmospheric measurements from satellites, aircraft and surface-based systems, tracer transport modeling, machine learning, and big data methods to detect, quantify and attribute emission sources. I have also co-organized studies of the observational challenges and risks of climate interventions (geoengineering) field research and briefed policy makers on these topics. My work supports programs at NASA, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, the California Air Resources Board, and California Energy Commission, and several non-profit foundations.

EDUCATION

- Auburn University, Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering, 1991

HONORS

- JPL Mariner Award (2016)
- UN Climate Summit, Big Data Project to Watch: Megacities Carbon Project (2014)
- National Academy of Engineering Gilbreth Lecture (2013)
- Engineer's Council Distinguished Engineering Achievement Award (2012)
- NASA Exceptional Achievement Medals (2001 & 2010)
- NASA Systems Engineering Excellence Award (2010)
- NASA Group Achievement Awards (7 total, 1991-2013)

COMMITTEE SERVICE

- National Academy of Science: Committee on Developing a Research Agenda for Carbon Dioxide Removal and Sequestration (2017-2018)
- United States Carbon Cycle Science Program: 2nd State Of the Carbon Cycle Report – Writing Team, Decision Support and Urban Chapters (2016-2018)
- California Council on Science & Technology: Steering Committee for Long-term Viability of Natural Gas Storage Facilities (2017-2018)
- Integrated Global Greenhouse Gas Information System, Science Team (2015-present)
- NASA Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, and ocean Ecosystem (PACE): Standing Review Board (2017 – 2018)
- External Advisory Board, NYU Center for Urban Science & Policy (2016-2018)
- External Advisory Board, Greenhouse Gas Management Institute (2012-2018)
- Multiple NASA ROSES review panels

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

- Adjunct Faculty, Center for Global Discovery and Conservation Science, Arizona State Univ.
- Visiting Researcher, UCLA Joint Institute for Regional Earth System Science & Engineering
- Member, American Geophysical Union

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Cusworth, D. H., **Duren, R. M.**, Thorpe, A. K., Pandey, S., Maasakkers, J. D., Aben, I., et al. (2020). Multi-satellite imaging of a gas well blowout enables quantification of total methane emissions. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 47. e2020GL090864. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2020GL090864>
2. Cusworth, D. H., **Duren, R. M.**, Yadav, V., Thorpe, A. K., Verhulst, K., Sander, S., et al. (2020). Synthesis of methane observations across scales: Strategies for deploying a multitiered observing network. *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 47, e2020GL087869. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2020GL087869>
3. Miller, J.B., S.J. Lehman, K. Verhulst, C.E. Miller, **R.Duren**, V.Yadav, S. Newman, C. Sloop (2020), Large and seasonally varying biospheric CO₂ fluxes in the Los Angeles megacity revealed by atmospheric radiocarbon, *Proc. Natl Acad. Sci.*
4. Borchardt, J., Gerilowski, K., Krautwurst, S., Bovensmann, H., Thorpe, A. K., Thompson, D. R., Frankenberg, C., Miller, C. E., **Duren, R. M.**, and Burrows, J. P.: Detection and Quantification of CH₄ Plumes using the WFM-DOAS retrieval on AVIRIS-NG hyperspectral data, *Atmos. Meas. Tech. Discuss.*, <https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-2020-275>, 2020.
5. Thorpe, A.K., **Duren, R.**, Conley, S., Prasad, K., Bue, B., Yadav, V., Foster, K., Rafiq, T., Hopkins, F., Smith, M. and Fischer, M.L (2020)., Methane emissions from natural gas storage in California, *Env. Res. Let.*
6. Borucki, W., J. Jenkins, **R. Duren**, Science Merit Function for the KEPLER Mission, *JATIS*, in press.

7. Rafiq, T., **R. Duren**, A. Thorpe, K. Foster, R. Patarsuk, C.E. Miller, and F.M. Hopkins (2020), Source Attribution of Methane Point Source Emissions using Airborne Imaging Spectroscopy and the Vista-California Methane Infrastructure Dataset, *Env. Res. Let.*
8. Guha, A., S. Newman, D. Fairley, T. M. Dinh, L. Duca, S.C. Conley, M. L. Smith, A. K. Thorpe, **R. M. Duren**, D.H. Cusworth, K. T. Foster, M.L. Fischer, S. Jeong, N. Yesiller, J.L. Hanson, and P. T. Martien, Assessment of Regional Methane Emission Inventories through Airborne Quantification in the San Francisco Bay Area, *Environ. Sci. & Tech.* **2020** 54 (15), 9254-9264, DOI: 10.1021/acs.est.0c01212
9. Cusworth, D.H., **Duren, R.M.**, Thorpe, A.K., Tseng, E., Thompson, D.R., Guha, A., Newman, S., Foster, K., Miller, C.E. (2020). Using remote sensing to detect, validate, and quantify methane emissions from California solid waste operations. *Env. Res. Let.* **15**
10. **Duren, R.**, A. Thorpe, K.T. Foster, T. Rafiq, F. M. Hopkins, V. Yadav, B. Bue, D.R. Thompson, S. Conley, N. Colombi, C. Frankenberg, I. McCubbin, M. Eastwood, M. Falk, J. Herner, B. E. Croes, R. Green, C. Miller, California's Methane Super-emitters, *Nature* **575**, 180–184 (2019) doi:10.1038/s41586-019-1720-3.
11. Ware, J., E.A. Kort, **R. Duren**, K. Verhulst, V. Yadav, Detecting Urban Emissions Changes and Events with a Near Real Time Capable Inversion System, *J. Geophys Res – A.* (2019).
12. Yadav, V., **R. Duren**, K. Mueller, K.R. Verhulst, T. Nehrkorn, J. Kim, R.F. Weiss, R. Keeling, S. Sander, M. L. Fischer, S. Newman, M. Falk, T. Kuwayama, F. Hopkins, T. Rafiq, J. Whetstone, C. Miller, Spatio-temporally resolved methane fluxes from the Los Angeles Megacity, *J. Geophys. Res. – A.* (2019).
13. Gurney, K. R., Patarasuk, R., Liang, J., Song, Y., O'Keeffe, D., Rao, P., Whetstone, J. R., **Duren, R. M.**, Eldering, A., and Miller, C.: The Hestia Fossil Fuel CO₂ Emissions Data Product for the Los Angeles Megacity (Hestia-LA), *Earth Syst. Sci. Data Discuss.*, <https://doi.org/10.5194/essd-2018-162> (2019).
14. Cusworth, D., Jacob, D., Varon, D., Miller, C.C., Lu, X., Chance, K., Thorpe, A., **Duren, R.**, Miller, C., Thompson, D., Frankenberg, C., Guanter, L., Randles, C., Potential of next-generation imaging spectrometers to detect and quantify methane point sources from space, *Atmos. Meas. Tech.* (2019).
15. Kuai, L., O.V. Kalashnikova, F. Hopkins, G. Hulley, H. Lee, M. J. Garay, **R. Duren**, J. Worden, S. Hook, Quantification of ammonia emissions with high spatial resolution thermal infrared observations from the Hyperspectral Thermal Emission Spectrometer (HyTES) airborne instrument, *JSTARS* (2019).
16. Cui, Y.Y., A. Vijayan, M. Falk, Y. Hsu, D. Yin, Z. Zhao, J. Avise, K. Verhulst, L. T. Iraci, M.S. Johnson, Y. Chen, K. Stroud, J. Herner, B. Croes, **R. Duren**, A multi-platform inversion estimation of statewide and regional methane emissions in California during 2014-2016, *Env. Sci. Tech* (2019).
17. He, L., Zhao-Cheng Zeng, T. Pongetti, C. Wong, J. Liang, K. Gurney, S. Newman, V. Yadav, K. Verhulst, C. Miller, **R. Duren**, C. Frankenberg, P. Wennberg, R. Shia, Y. Yung and S. Sander, Leakage from natural gas usage correlates with seasonal methane emissions in Los Angeles, *Geophys. Res. Let.* (2019).
18. Jongaramrungruang, S., Frankenberg, C., Matheou, G., Thorpe, A., Thompson, D. R., Kuai, L., and **Duren, R.**: Towards accurate methane point-source quantification from high-resolution 2D plume imagery, *Atmos. Meas. Tech.*, doi: 10.5194/amt-2019-173, in review, 2019. <https://www.atmos-meas-tech-discuss.net/amt-2019-173/>
19. Ayasse, A.K., Dennison, P.E., Foote, M., Thorpe, A.K., Joshi, S., Green, R.O., **Duren, R.M.**, Thompson, D.R. and Roberts, D.A. (2019). Methane Mapping with Future Satellite Imaging Spectrometers. *Remote Sensing*, 11(24), p.3054.
20. Carranza, V., Rafiq, T., Frausto-Vicencio, I., Hopkins, F. M., Verhulst, K. R., Rao, P., **Duren, R. M.**, Miller, C. E. (2018). Vista-LA: Mapping methane-emitting infrastructure in the Los Angeles megacity. *Earth System Science Data*. 10(1), 653-676. DOI: [10.5194/essd-10-653-2018](https://doi.org/10.5194/essd-10-653-2018)
21. USGCRP, 2018: *Second State of the Carbon Cycle Report (SOCCR2): A Sustained Assessment Report* [Cavallaro, N., G. Shrestha, R. Birdsey, M. A. Mayes, R. G. Najjar, S. C. Reed, P. Romero-Lankao, and Z. Zhu (eds.)]. **R. Duren** contributing author to Chapter 4: Understanding Urban Carbon Fluxes and Chapter 18: Carbon cycle science in support of decision making, U.S. Global Change Research Program, Washington, DC, USA, 878 pp., <https://doi.org/10.7930/SOCCR2.2018>

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24. Rao, P., R. Gurney, K., Patarasuk, R., Song, Y., E. Miller, C., M. **Duren, R.**, Eldering, A. (2017). Spatio-temporal Variations in on-road CO₂ Emissions in the Los Angeles Megacity. *AIMS Geosciences*. 3(2), 239-267. DOI: [10.3934/geosci.2017.2.239](https://doi.org/10.3934/geosci.2017.2.239)
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26. Thompson, D.R., A. K. Thorpe, C. Frankenberg, R. O. Green, **R. Duren**, L. Guanter, A. Hollstein, E. Middleton, L. Ong, S. Ungar, Space-based Remote Imaging Spectroscopy of the Aliso Canyon CH₄ Super-emitter, *Geophys. Res. Lett.* (2016), doi: 10.1002/2016GL069079
27. Hulley, G.C., **R. Duren**, S.J. Hook, F. Hopkins, N. Vance, et al. (2016), High spatial resolution imaging of methane and other trace gas sources with the airborne Hyperspectral Thermal Emission Spectrometer, *Atmos. Meas. Tech.*(2016), doi:10.5194/amt-2016-8
28. Wong, K. W., Pongetti, T. J., Oda, T., Rao, P., Gurney, Kevin. R., Newman, S., **Duren, R. M.**, Miller, C. E., Yung, Y. L., and Sander, S. P.: Monthly trends of methane emissions in Los Angeles from 2011 to 2015 inferred by CLARS-FTS observations, *Atmos. Chem. Phys.* (2016), doi:10.5194/acp-2016-232
29. Ware, J., E. Kort, P. Decola, **R. Duren** (2016), Aerosol Lidar Observations of Atmospheric Mixing in Los Angeles: Climatology and Implications for Greenhouse Gas Observations, *J. Geophys Res – A*, doi: 10.1002/2016JD024953, 2016.
30. Hopkins, F.M., J.R. Ehleringer, S.E. Bush, **R.M. Duren**, C.E. Miller, C.T. Lai, Y.-K. Hsu, V. Carranza, J.T. Randerson (2016). Mitigation of methane emissions in cities: how new measurements and partnerships can contribute to emissions reduction strategies, *Earth's Future* (2016), doi: 10.1002/2016EF000381
31. Bloom, A. A., Lauvaux, T., Yadav, V., **Duren, R.**, Sander, S., Worden, J., and Schimel, D., What are the greenhouse gas observing system requirements for reducing fundamental biogeochemical process uncertainty? Amazon wetland CH₄ emissions as a case study, *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, doi:10.5194/acp-2016-325, 2016.
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33. Feng, S., T. Lauvaux, S. Newman, P. Rao, R. Ahmadov, A. Deng, L.I. Diaz-Isaac, **R.Duren** et al. (2016) LA Megacity: a High-Resolution Land-Atmosphere Modelling System for Urban CO₂ Emissions, *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, doi: 10.5194/acp-2016-143
34. Viatte, C., Lauvaux T., Hedelius J. K., Parker H., Chen J., Jones T., Franklin J. E., Deng A.J., Gaudet B., **Duren R.**, Verhulst K., Wunch D., Roehl C., Dubey M. K., Wofsy S., Wennberg P. O.,(2016) Estimating methane emissions from dairies in the Los Angeles Basin, *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*

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38. Keith, David W., **R. Duren**, and D. G. MacMartin (2014), Field experiments on Solar Geoengineering: An exploration of a representative research portfolio, *Phil Trans Royal Soc A*, doi: 10.1098/rsta.2014.0175
39. Hutya, Lucy R., **R. Duren**, K.R. Gurney, N. Grimm, E. Kort, E. Larson, G. Shrestha, Urbanization and the carbon cycle: Current capabilities and research outlook from the natural sciences perspective, *Earth's Future* (2014), doi:10.1002/2014EF000255.
40. Romero-Lankao, P., K.R. Gurney, K.C. Seto, M. Chester, **R. Duren**, et al., A critical knowledge pathway to low-carbon, sustainable futures: Integrated understanding of urbanization, urban areas, and carbon, *Earth's Future* (2014), 2, doi:10.1002/2014EF000258.
41. Wong, K.W., D. Fu, T. J. Pongetti, S. Newman, E. A. Kort, **R. Duren**, Y. Hsu, C. E. Miller, Y. L. Yung, S. P. Sander, Mapping CH₄:CO₂ ratios in Los Angeles with CLARS-FTS from Mount Wilson, California, *Atmos Chem Phys.* (2014) 14, 17037–17066, doi: 10.5194/acpd-14-17037-2014
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44. P. Ciais, A.J. Dolman, A. Bombelli, **R. Duren**, A. Peregon, P.J. Rayner et al., Current systematic carbon cycle observations and needs for implementing a policy-relevant carbon observing system, *Biogeosci* (2013), 10, 11447–11581, doi:10.5194/bgd-10-11447-2013
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SELECTED INVITED TALKS & PANELS

- *American Geophysical Union*, Methane emissions from oil, gas, coal operations, San Francisco, 2020
- *AAAS annual meeting*, California Methane Monitoring, Austin, 2018
- *Gas Technology Institute*, Methane monitoring, Ft Collins, 2018

- *Gordon Conference on Climate Engineering, Engineering Aspects & Outdoor Experimentation*, 2017
- *National Academy of Science - Polar Research Board, Arctic Climate Interventions*, Washington, 2016
- *DOE Workshop on Research Strategies on Oil and Gas Sector Methane Emissions*, Washington, 2016
- *AIAA Space Forum, Earth Observations: Space and the Paris Agreement*, Long Beach, 2016
- *American Geophysical Union, Climate Intervention Research*, San Francisco, 2015
- *AAAS annual meeting, Geoengineering risks/challenges*, San Jose, 2015
- *California Climate Symposium, Megacities Carbon Project and CA methane*, Sacramento, 2015
- *Bureau International des Poids et Mesures meeting on Greenhouse Gas monitoring, Megacities Carbon Project*, Paris, 2015
- *United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Conference of Parties, Megacities Carbon Project*, Lima, 2014
- *California Air Resources Board, directors meeting, Megacities Carbon Project*, Sacramento, 2014
- *Council on Foreign Relations, Geoengineering risks*, Washington, 2014
- *Bipartisan Policy Center, Solar Radiation Management field research*, Washington, 2014
- *American Geophysical Union, Characterizing the carbon emissions of megacities*, San Francisco, 2014
- *National Academy of Engineering, Geoengineering*, Irvine, 2013
- *Von Karman Lecture Series, Geoengineering and Climate Intervention*, Pasadena, 2013
- *Defense Science Board Task Force on Climate Change*, Arlington, 2011
- *AAAS, Carbon Monitoring Systems*, Washington, 2010 and 2009
- *Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Task Force on Inventories, Expert Meeting on Greenhouse Gas Inventory Validation and Uncertainties*, Utrecht, 2010
- *US Senate Science and Technology Caucus/American Chemical Society*, Washington, 2010
- *National Academy of Engineering Frontiers of Engineering, Kepler mission*, Irvine, 2009
- *International Council On Systems Engineering (INCOSE), Keynote Speaker*, Syracuse, 2005.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Print, television, and radio interviews with the *Associated Press, Los Angeles Times, NPR, KCRW, KQED, KCET, Nature news, NBC Nightly News, Bloomberg, PBS News Hour, Agence France-Presse, Climate Wire, NBC Radio-Darwin, Earth magazine, Science Now, Scientific American, Space News, The Atlantic Cities, Voice of America, The Weather Channel, IEEE Spectrum, Blue Dot Report*, others.
- Numerous public lectures 2000-present