



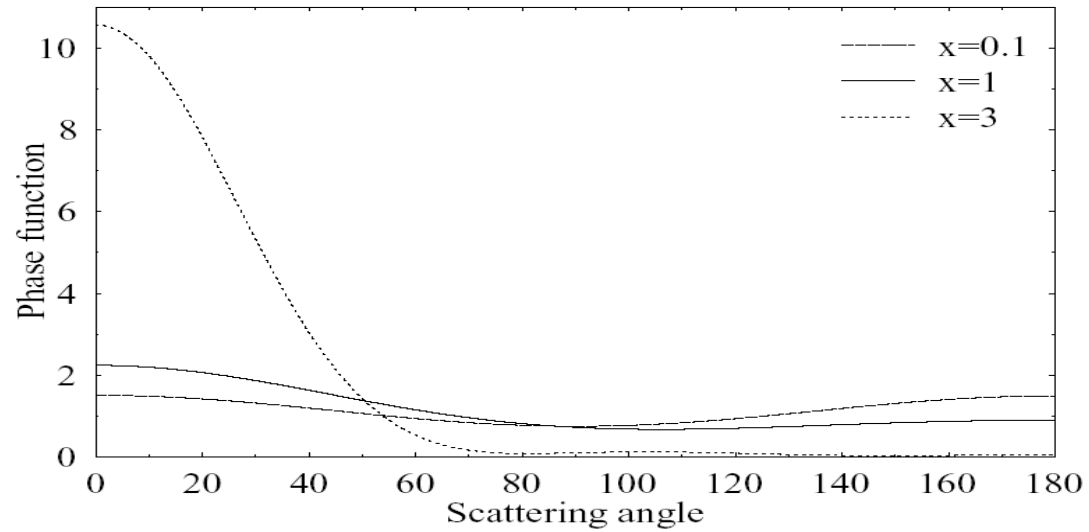
# Can Science Save the Earth? – (also) lidar

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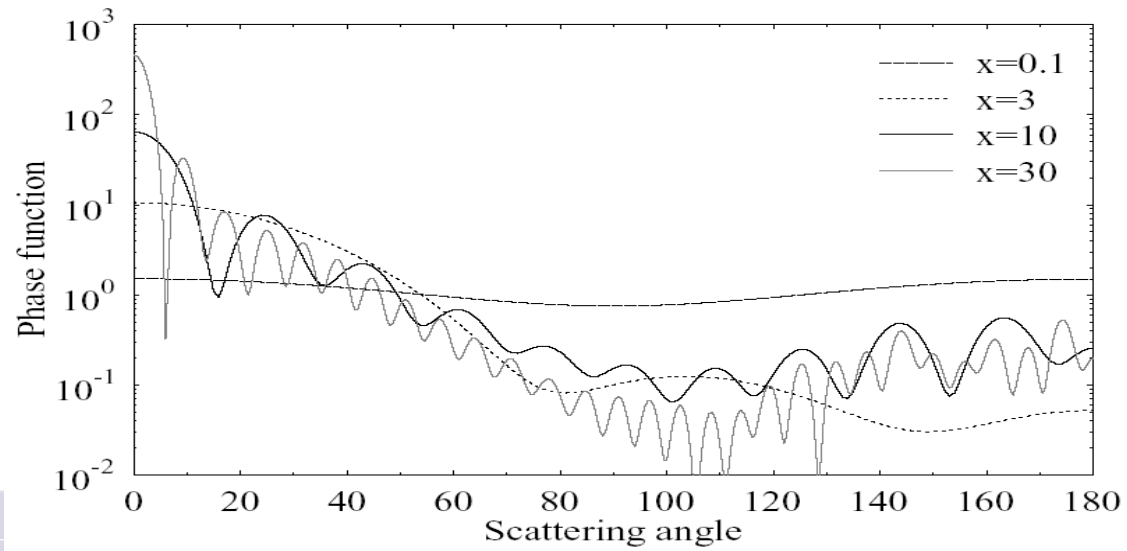
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Mie results: Phase function (m=1.33)



Single particle results



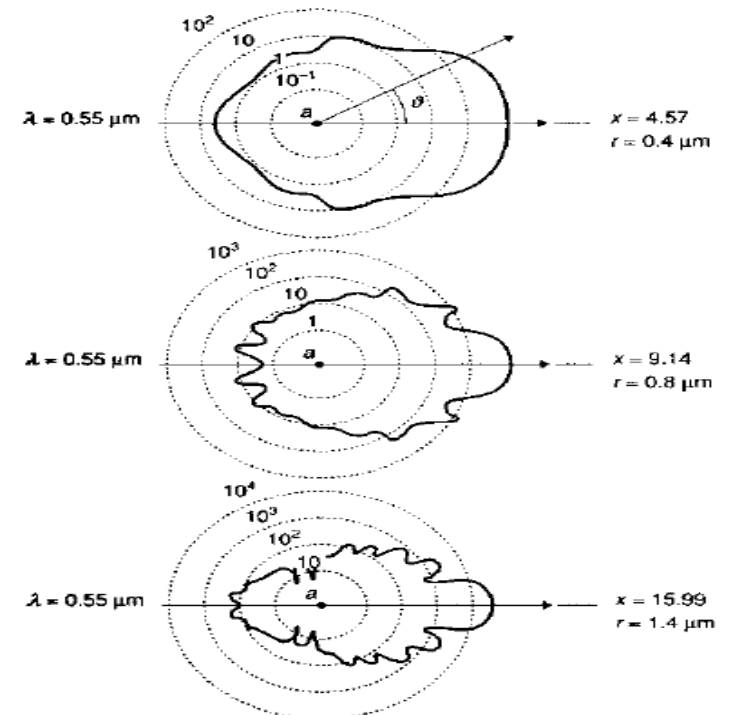
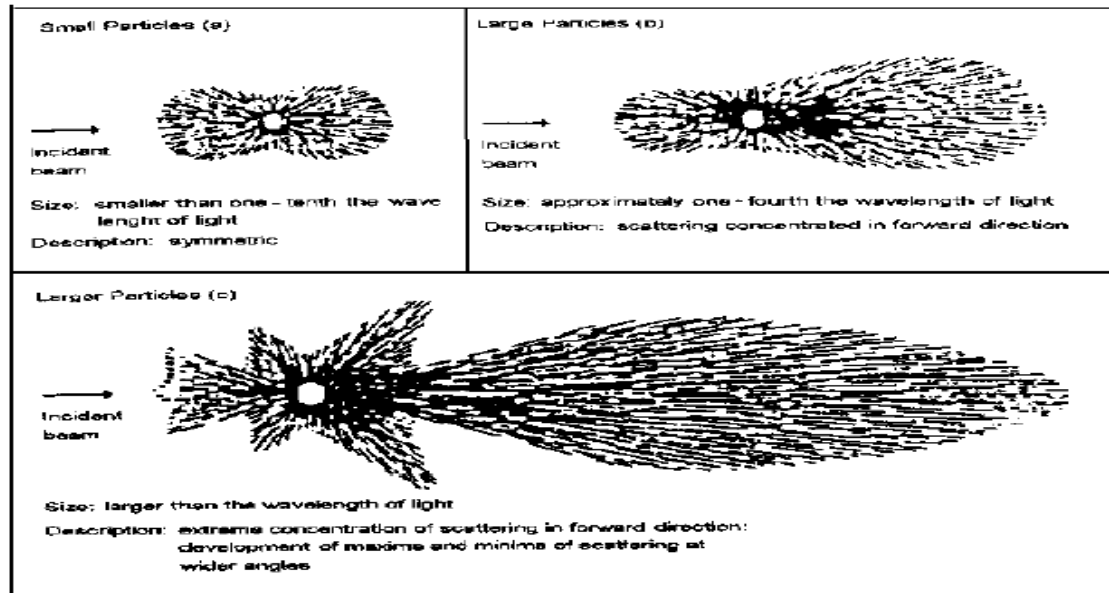
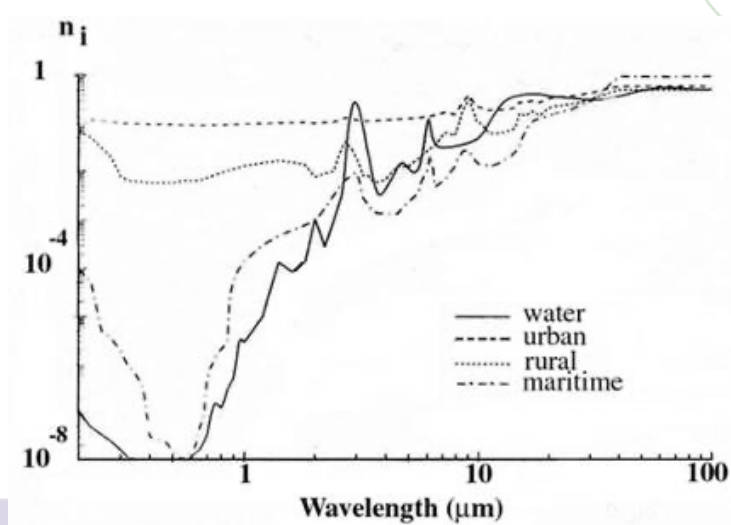
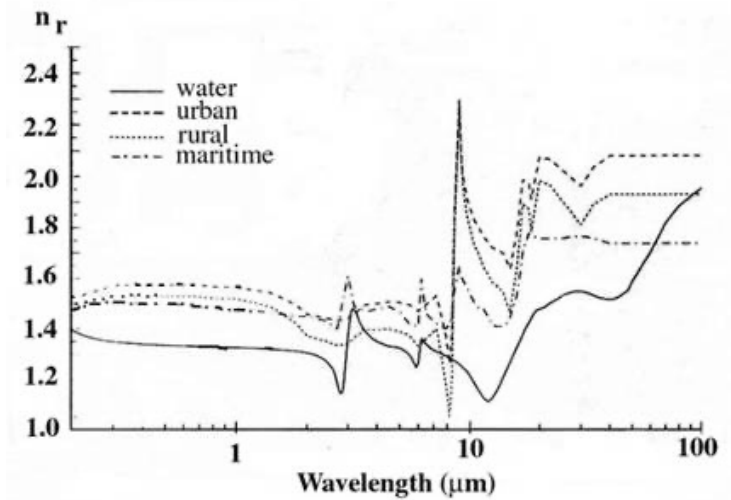
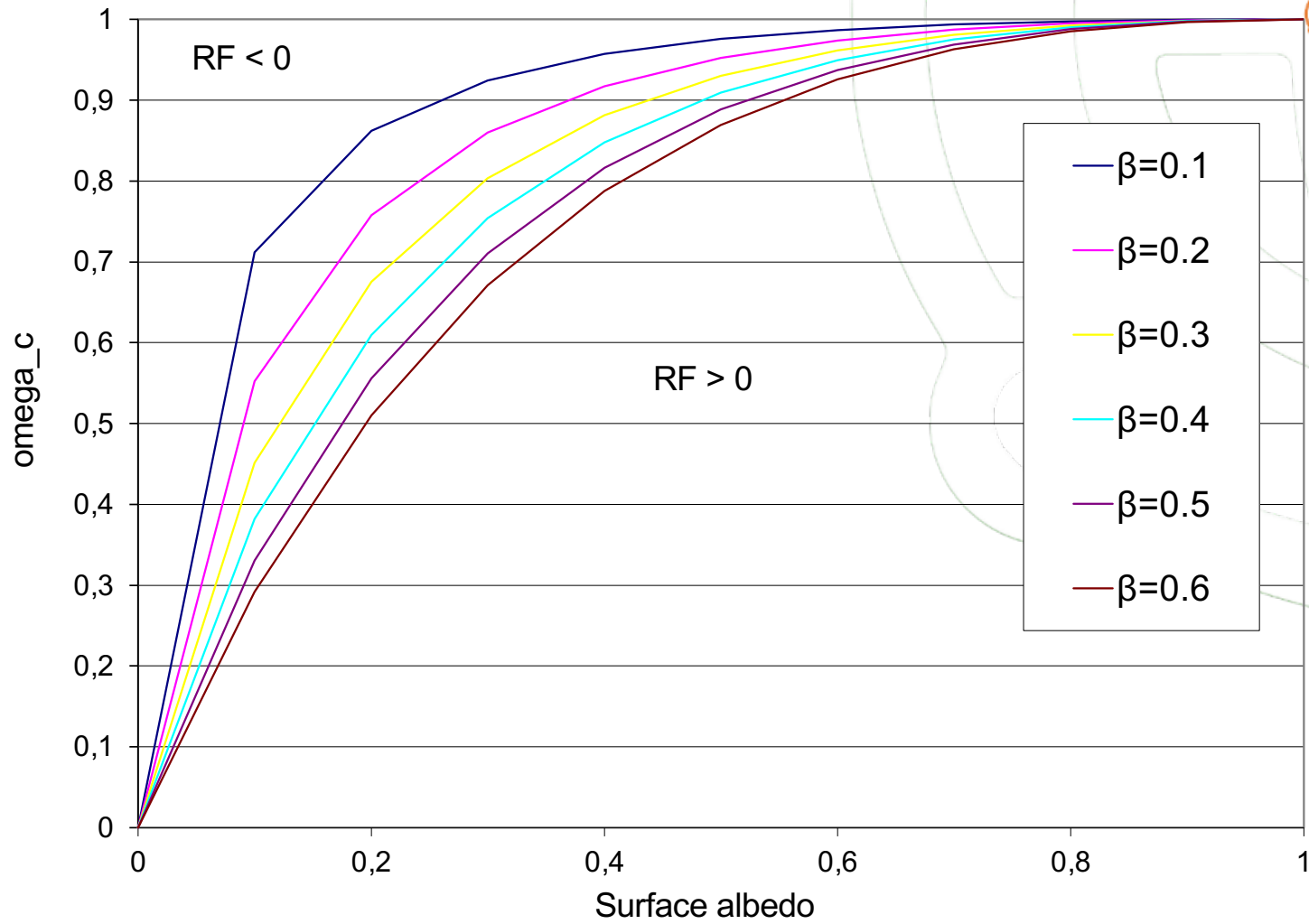


Fig. 6.3 - Diagrammi polari dell'intensità nel piano di diffusione per particelle sferiche a debolmente assorbenti, di raggio  $r$ , e per radiazione incidente non polarizzata di lunghezza d'onda  $\lambda=0.55 \mu\text{m}$ ;  $x=2kr/\lambda$ , è il parametro di Mie.







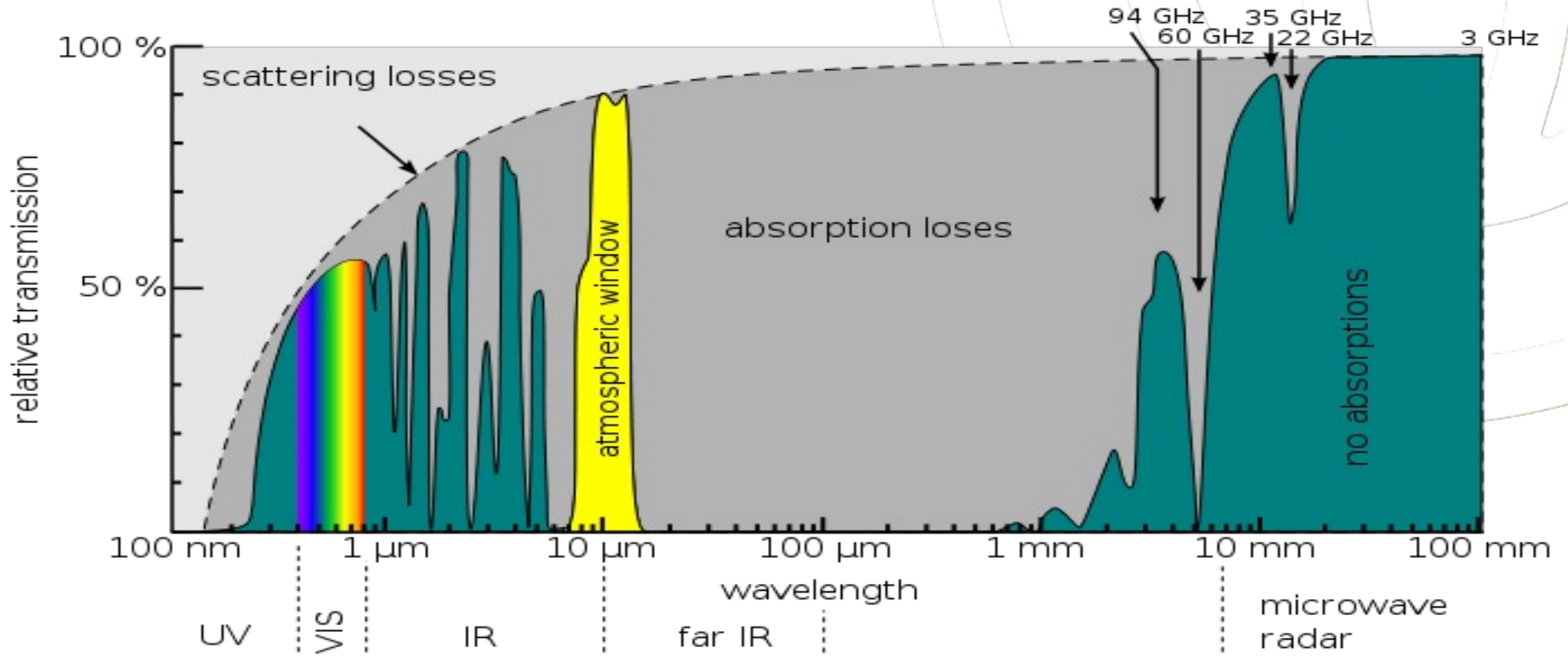
Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar  
1910-1995

$$\frac{dL_\lambda}{\beta_\lambda ds} = \frac{dL_\lambda(\tau_s, \theta, \varphi)}{d\tau_s(\theta, \varphi)} = -L_\lambda(\tau_s, \theta, \varphi) + \bar{\omega}_0(\tau_s) \tilde{J}_{\lambda,sc}(\tau_s, \theta, \varphi) + [1 - \bar{\omega}_0(\tau_s)] L_\lambda^*(\tau_s)$$

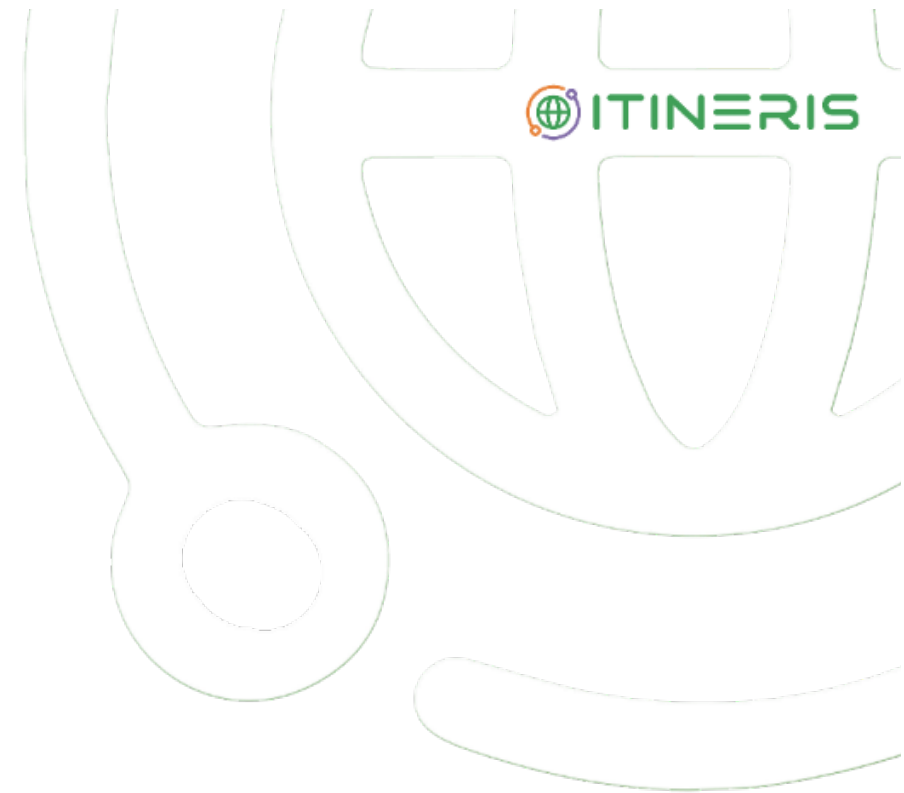
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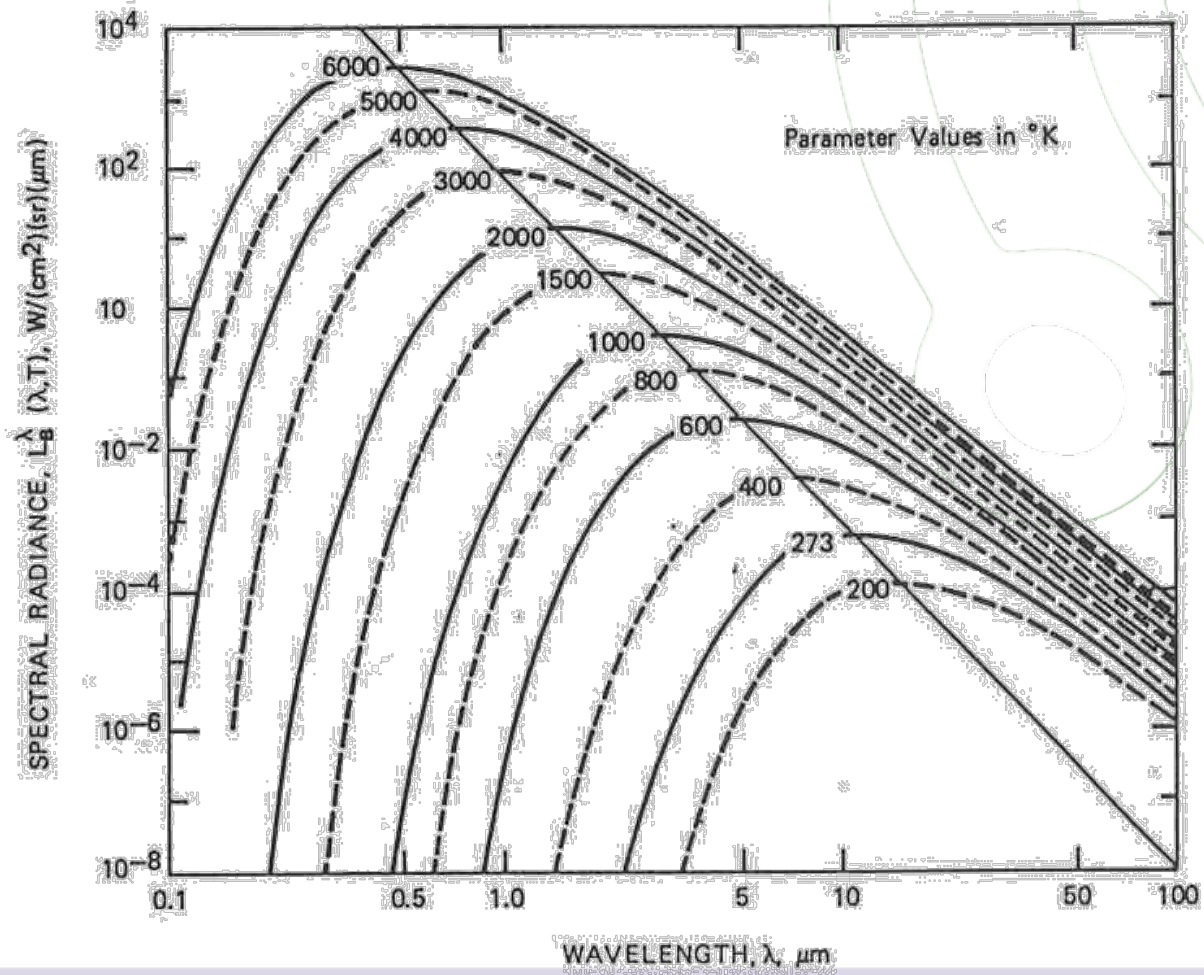
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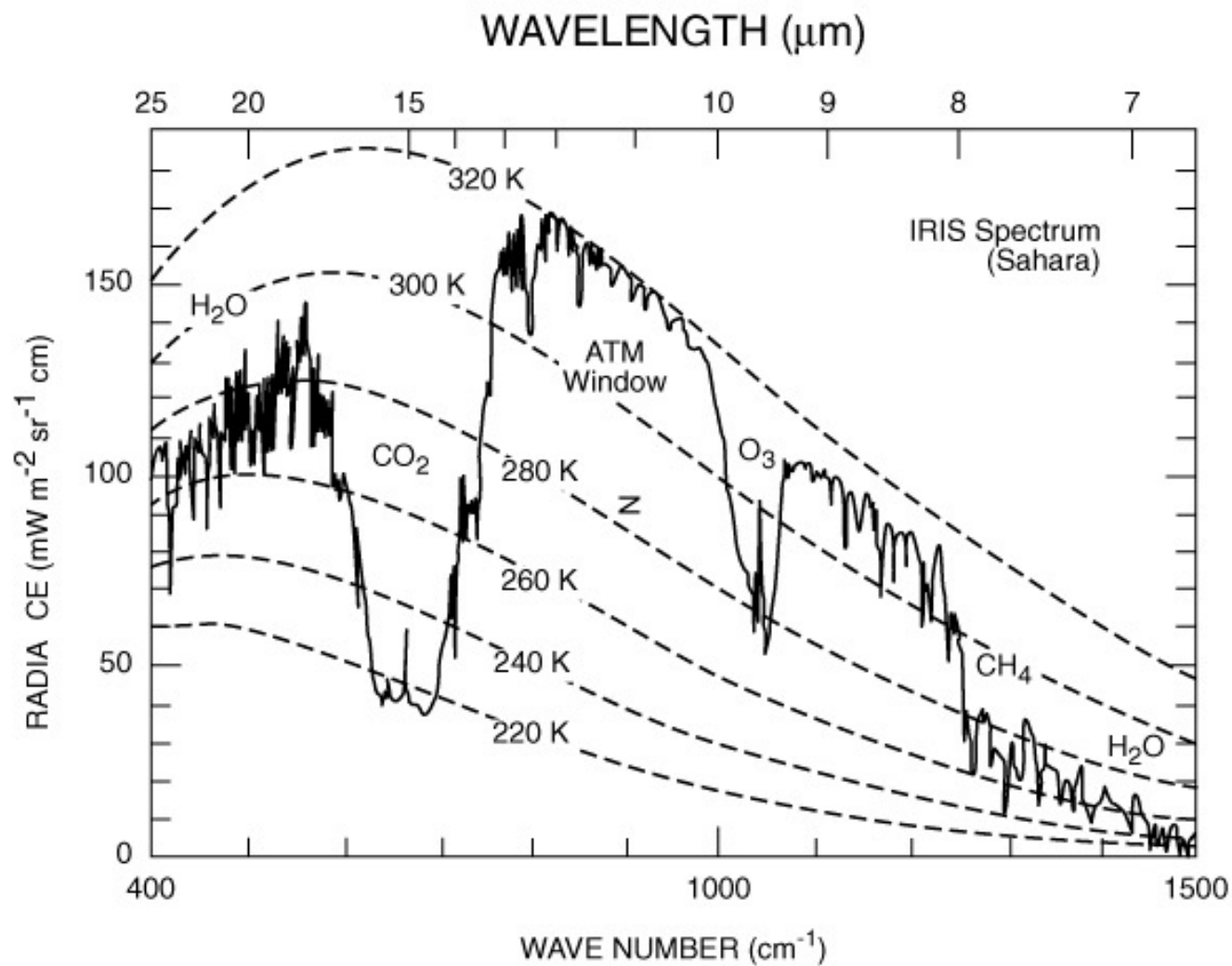
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# Absorption Scattering Emission

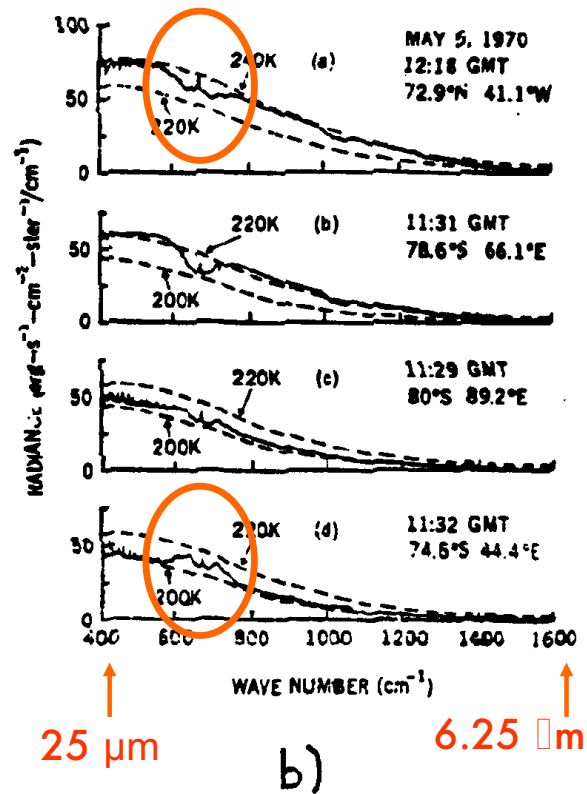
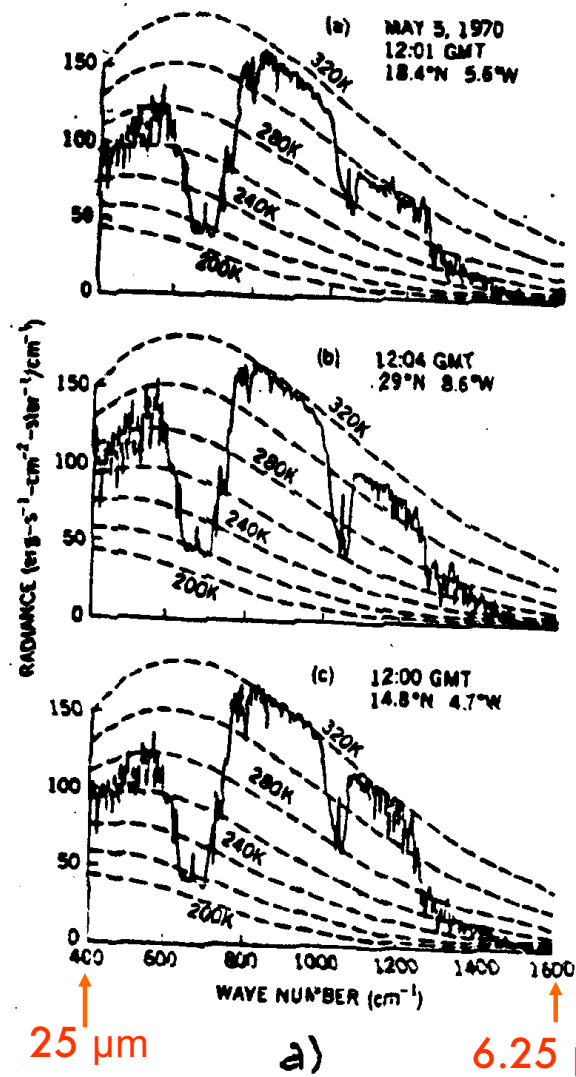






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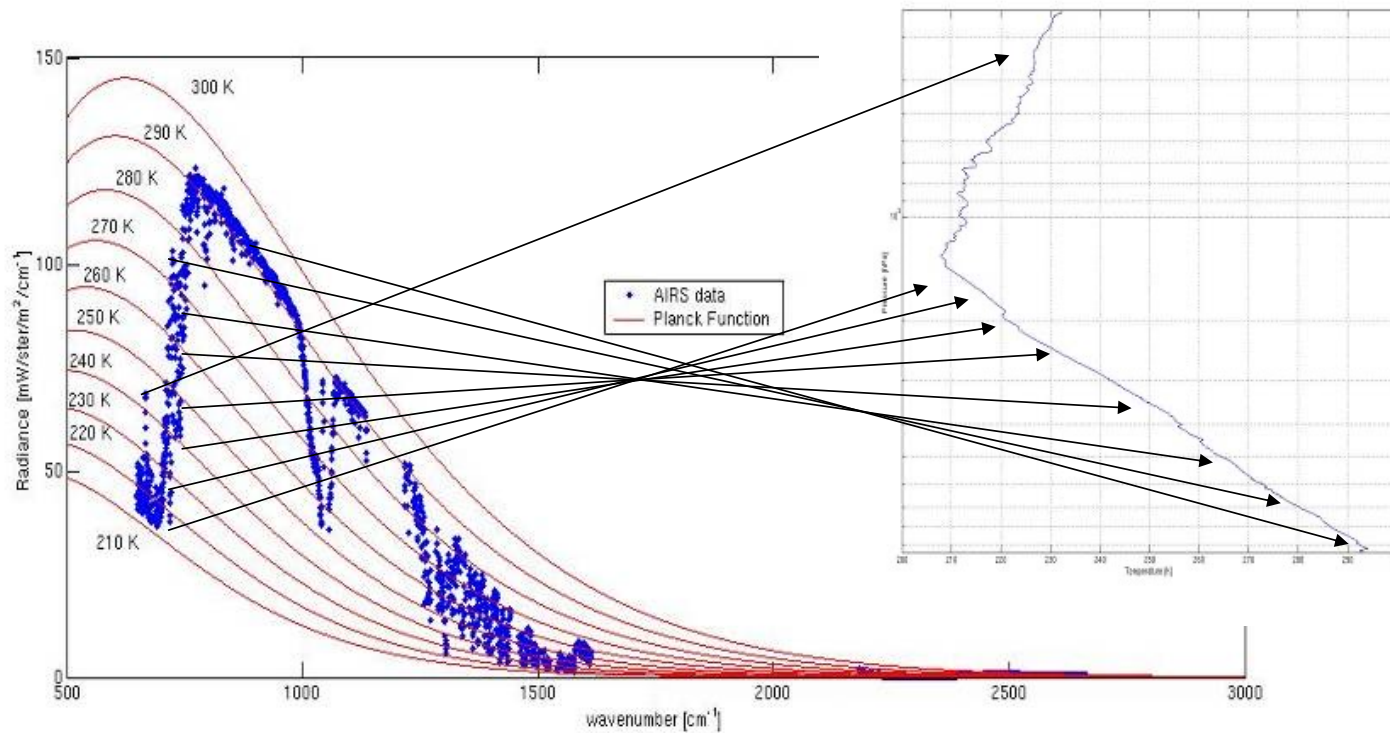




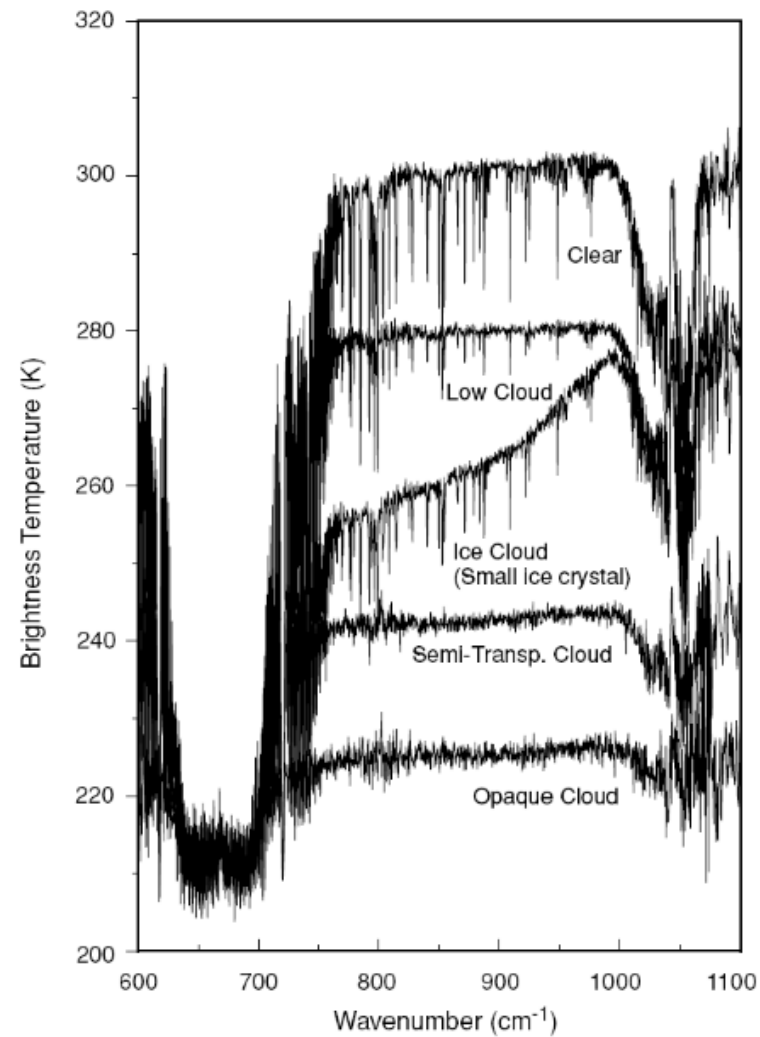


Karl Schwarzschild (1873–1916)

$$L_{\lambda} = \varepsilon_{\lambda} B_{\lambda}(T_S) e^{-\frac{\tau}{\cos\theta}} + \int_0^{\tau} \frac{B_{\lambda}[T(\tau')] e^{-\frac{\tau-\tau'}{\cos\theta}}}{\cos\theta} d\tau'$$

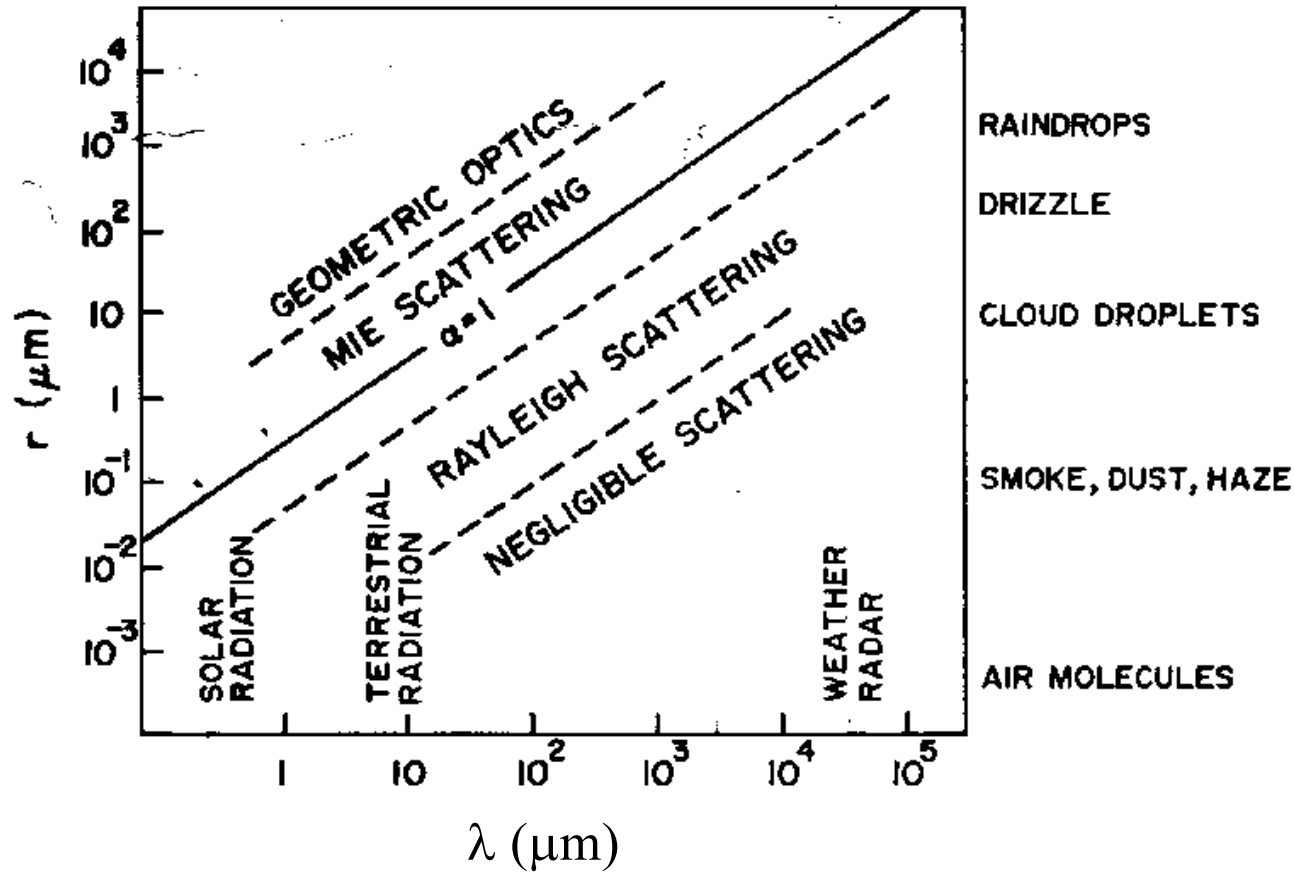


## Sampling over rotational bands

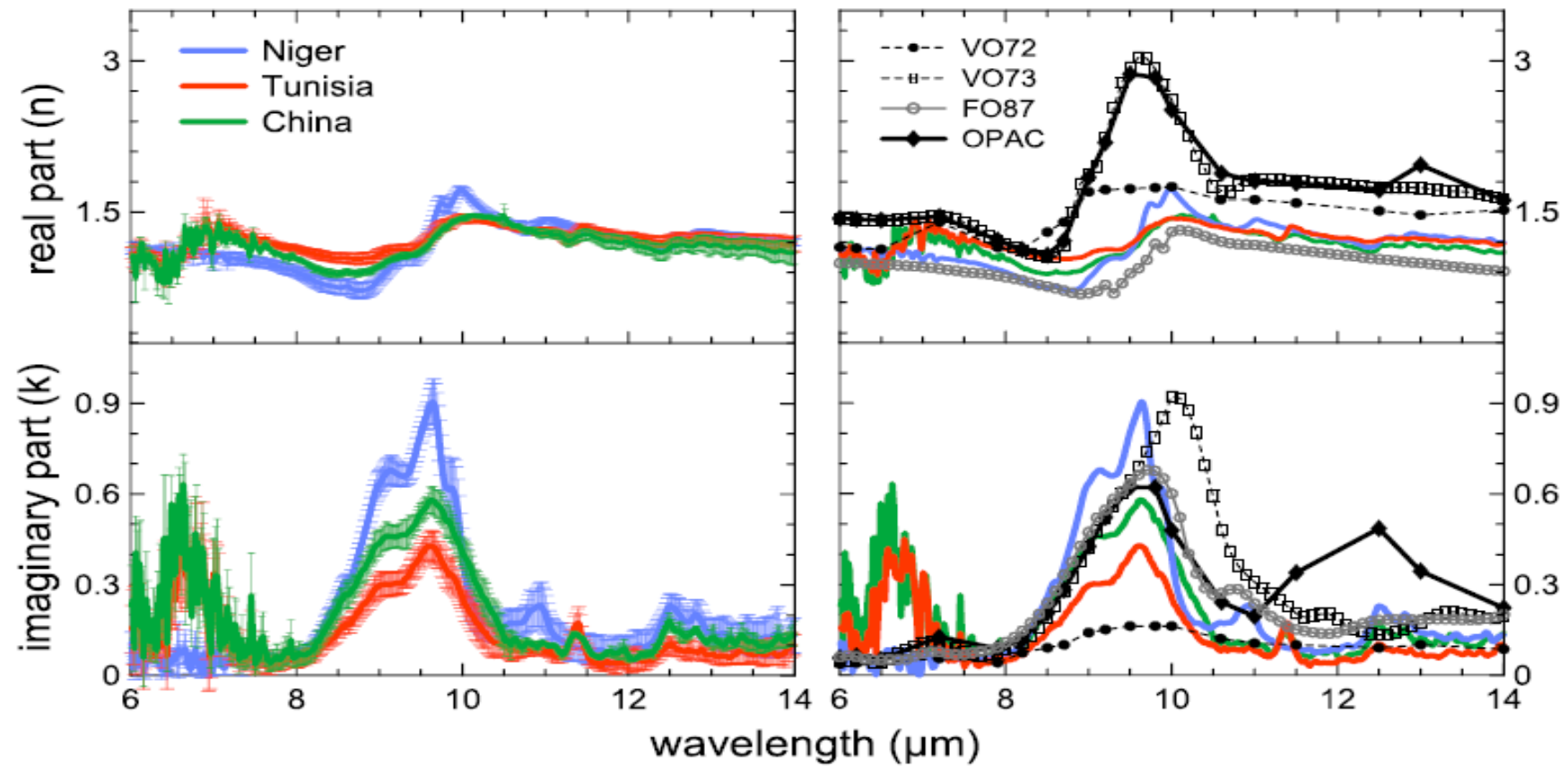


**Figure 4.12** Spectra of brightness temperature observed from a high spectral resolution infrared spectrometer from the high-flying ER-2 aircraft over a domain, 37.1°–37.4° N, 95.0°–95.3° W, on April 21, 1996, indicating wavelength-dependent window brightness temperature changes according to various cloud types. The type of cloud indicated for each spectrum is identified from the Cloud Lidar System aboard the ER-2 (data taken from Smith *et al.*, 1998).





Di Biagio et al., 2014





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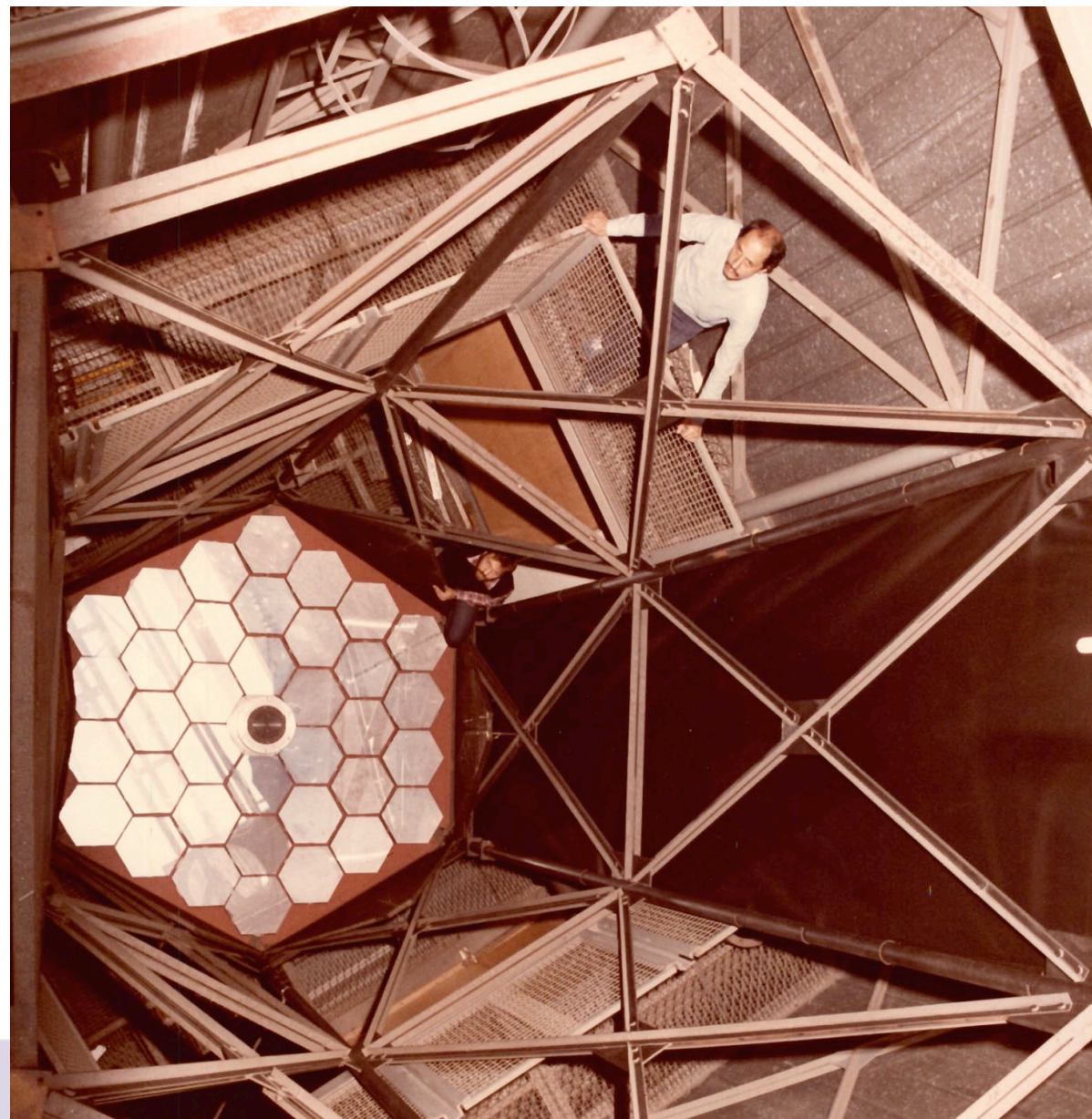


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Giorgio Fiocco  
1931-2012





LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ASTROPHYSICS

Optical Echoes from the Moon

EXPERIMENTS have been conducted to focus pulsed optical radiation on to the surface of the Moon and to detect the echoes.

A ruby optical maser radiating pulses of approximately 50 joules energy, 0.5-nsec. duration, at 6934 Å. was used as the source. The transmitting optical system included a Cassegrainian telescope of 12-in. diameter. The echoes were received on a Cassegrainian telescope of 48-in. diameter, passed through an interference filter of 7 Å. band-width and were detected with a photomultiplier tube of spectral response type S-20, cooled to liquid nitrogen temperature. The field of view of the receiving telescope

Fundamental Band of the Quadrupole Spectrum of the Hydrogen Molecule

THE application of interferometric techniques to astrophysical problems in the near infra-red shows considerable promise. The abundance of hydrogen in planetary atmospheres is probably of major importance.

Herzberg<sup>1</sup> observed the 2-0 and 3-0 bands of the quadrupole spectrum of hydrogen using pressures of 10 atmospheres and optical paths of 10-55 km. atmospheres. In addition, an induced dipole spectrum of hydrogen has been found by Chisholm, MacDonald, Crawford and Welsh<sup>2</sup> by making measurements in the pressure-range of hundreds to thousands of atmospheres.

We have observed the 1-0 band of the quadrupole

Observations of the Aerosol Layer at 20 km by Optical Radar

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25 March 1964

The existence of an aerosol layer at an altitude of about 20 km has been well established by optical techniques (Gruner, 1942; Bigg, 1956; Volz and Goody, 1962) and by direct sampling from balloons and aircraft (see, for example, Junge and Manson, 1961). Preliminary results from observation of this layer with an optical radar are reported in this note.

The optical radar system, which uses a pulsed ruby laser as a source of radiation, presents some changes and improvements over the instrumentation previously utilized (Fiocco and Smullin, 1963; Fiocco and Colombo, 1964). The system consists of a Q-switched ruby laser, a transmitting telescope to collimate the outgoing beam, a receiving telescope of the Dahl-Kirkham type with 40-cm aperture, and a detector incorporating narrow band interference filters, a mechanical shutter, and a photomultiplier of S-20 type. The laser emits a pulse of approximately one-half joule with a wavelength of 0.694 micron and a duration of 50 nanoseconds. The mechanical shutter is incorporated into the detector to prevent exposing the photomultiplier to the strong echoes from short distances.

The intensity of the received signal displayed as a function of height is related to the collective back-scattering radar cross section of the atmospheric constituents. When the component due to molecular scattering is separately evaluated, anomalous contributions due to the presence of aerosols, in some cases, can be isolated. A profile of the relative intensity of the echoes from altitudes of 14 to 25 km is presented in Fig. 1, curve *a*. This profile has been obtained by averaging 20 successive traces to eliminate fluctuations; the traces

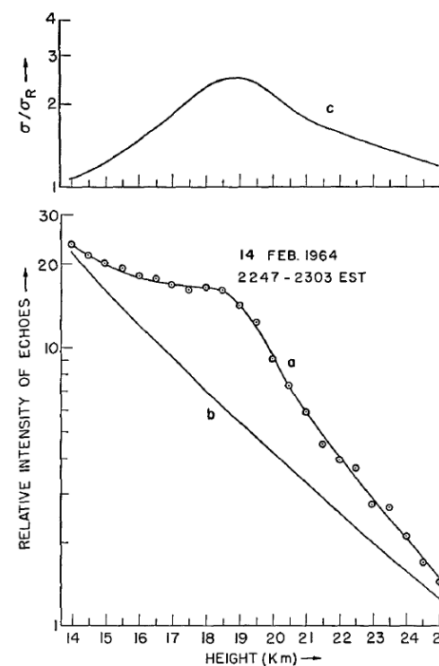


FIG. 1. Curve *a*: observed relative intensity of echoes from a vertically pointing optical radar. Curve *b*: theoretical intensity

## LETTERS TO NATURE

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### Measurement of Temperature and Aerosol to Molecule Ratio in the Troposphere by Optical Radar

WE wish to describe preliminary optical radar measurements of atmospheric temperature and aerosol to molecule ratio. Optical radar can radiate pulses of highly monochromatic laser light and resolve the frequency spectrum of the light scattered by atmospheric constituents. Because of the effects of Doppler broadening which affect the echoes from aerosols and molecules, it is possible

between molecules. This is possible when the ratio of the wavelength to collision mean free path is small, which is the case in the upper atmosphere. At higher pressures, pressure fluctuations modify the spectrum by introducing two displaced components (the Brillouin doublet). At tropospheric heights the peaks are not expected to be distinguishable, but there should be a broadening of the spectrum and slight modifications in its shape. Yip and Nelkin<sup>2</sup> have computed spectral profiles for scattering from a monoatomic gas for various values of the parameter  $\gamma$ , a measure of the ratio of the wavelength to the collision mean free path. From their graphs we have evaluated

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### Measurement of Aerosol Motion and Wind Velocity in the Lower Troposphere by Doppler Optical Radar

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#### ABSTRACT

An optical radar has been used to measure the radial wind velocity component in the lower troposphere by detecting interferometrically the bulk Doppler shift affecting the echoes from atmospheric aerosols. The measurements, carried out at night, have basically utilized a highly coherent single-frequency Ar<sup>+</sup> laser in the transmitter, and a small telescope, a scanning spherical Fabry-Perot interferometer, and a photon counting system in the receiver.

#### 1. Introduction

Continuing our investigations on the use of optical radars to measure atmospheric properties, we wish to report preliminary measurements of wind velocity in

the displacement of the narrow aerosol peak rather than by looking at the much broader molecular spectrum. In this respect even minor aerosol concentrations, as may always be present at least in the lower atmosphere, are sufficient to assure an accurate mea-

### DETERMINATION OF VERTICAL EDDY DIFFUSION PARAMETERS BY DOPPLER OPTICAL RADAR

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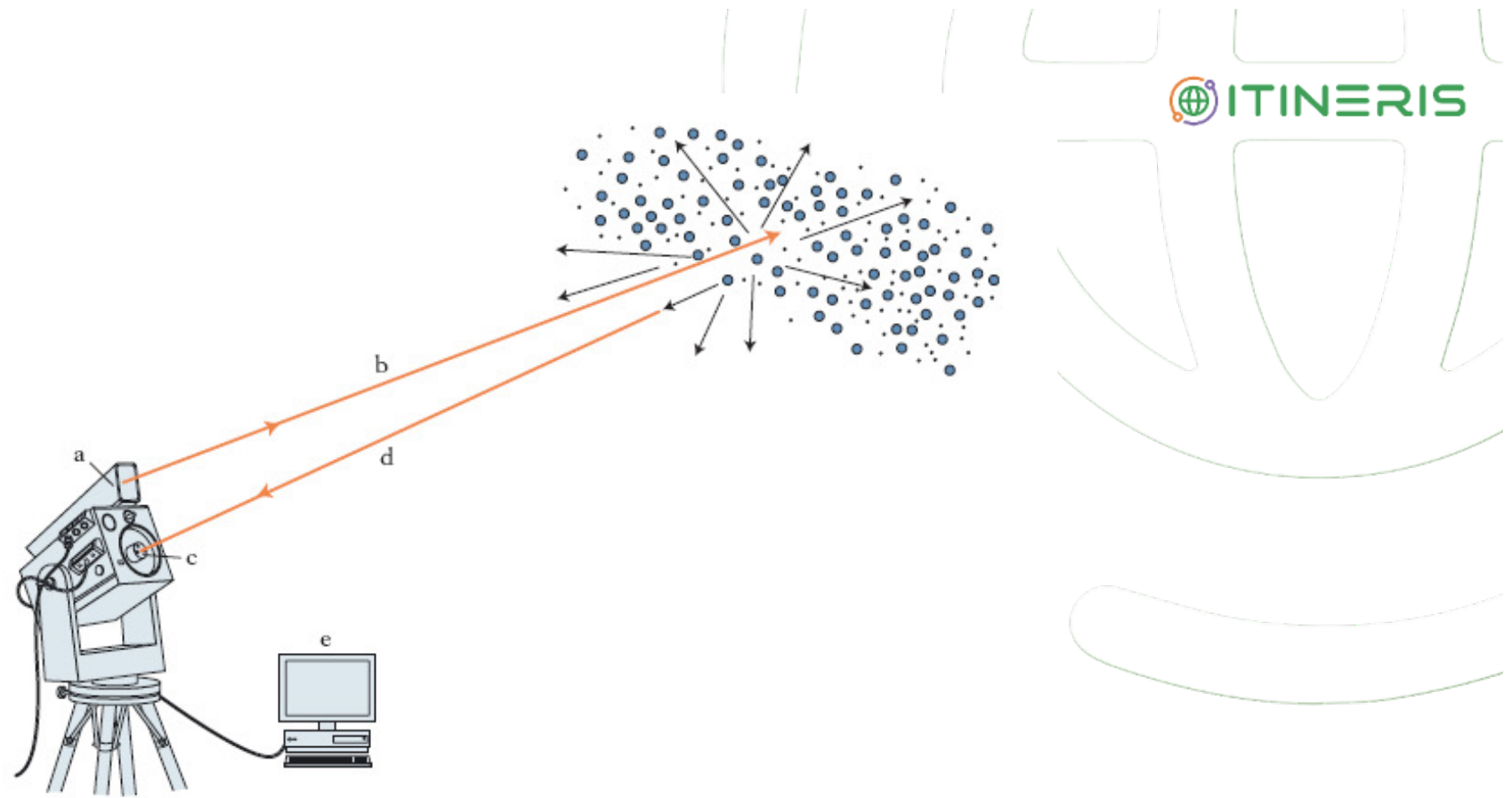
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**Abstract**—Simultaneous measurements of aerosol concentration and vertical wind velocity by Doppler optical radar permit the determination of the vertical eddy flux of aerosols and of the diffusion coefficient. Results of experiments are presented.

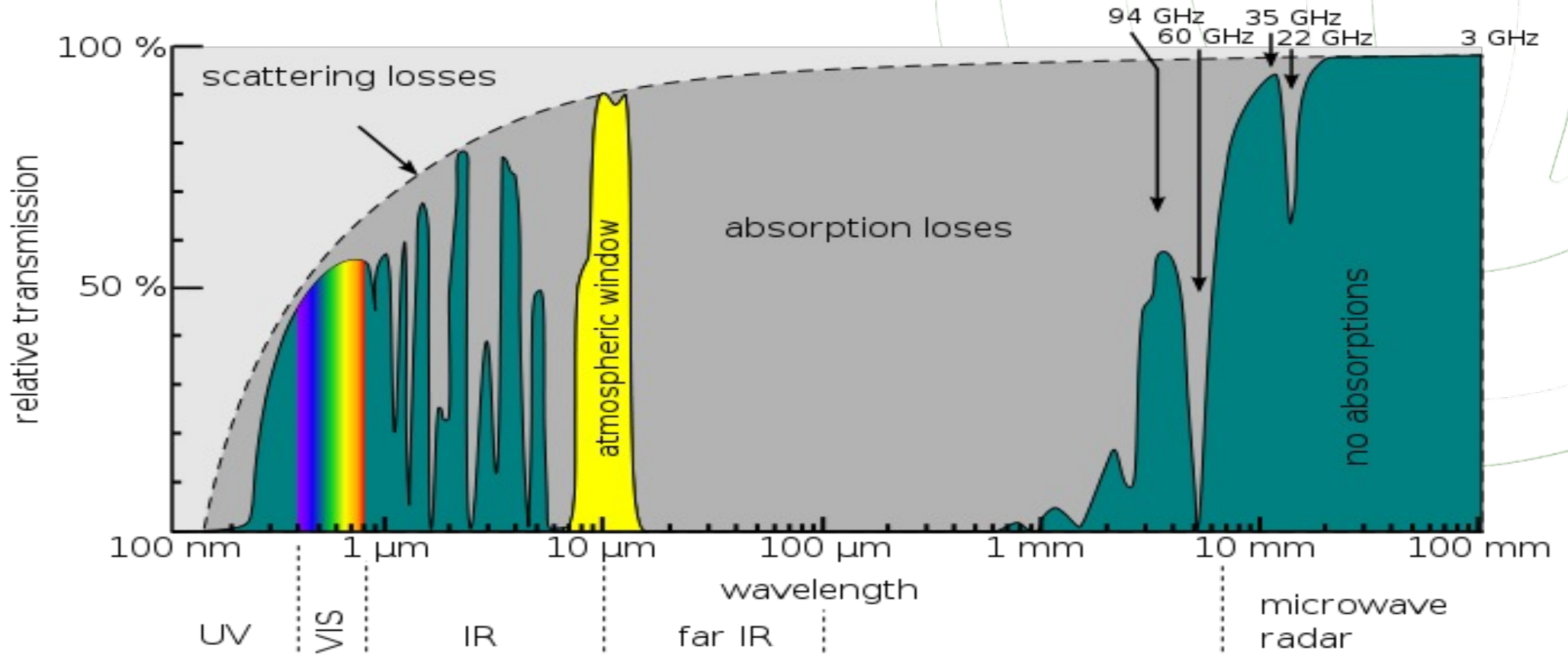
#### INTRODUCTION

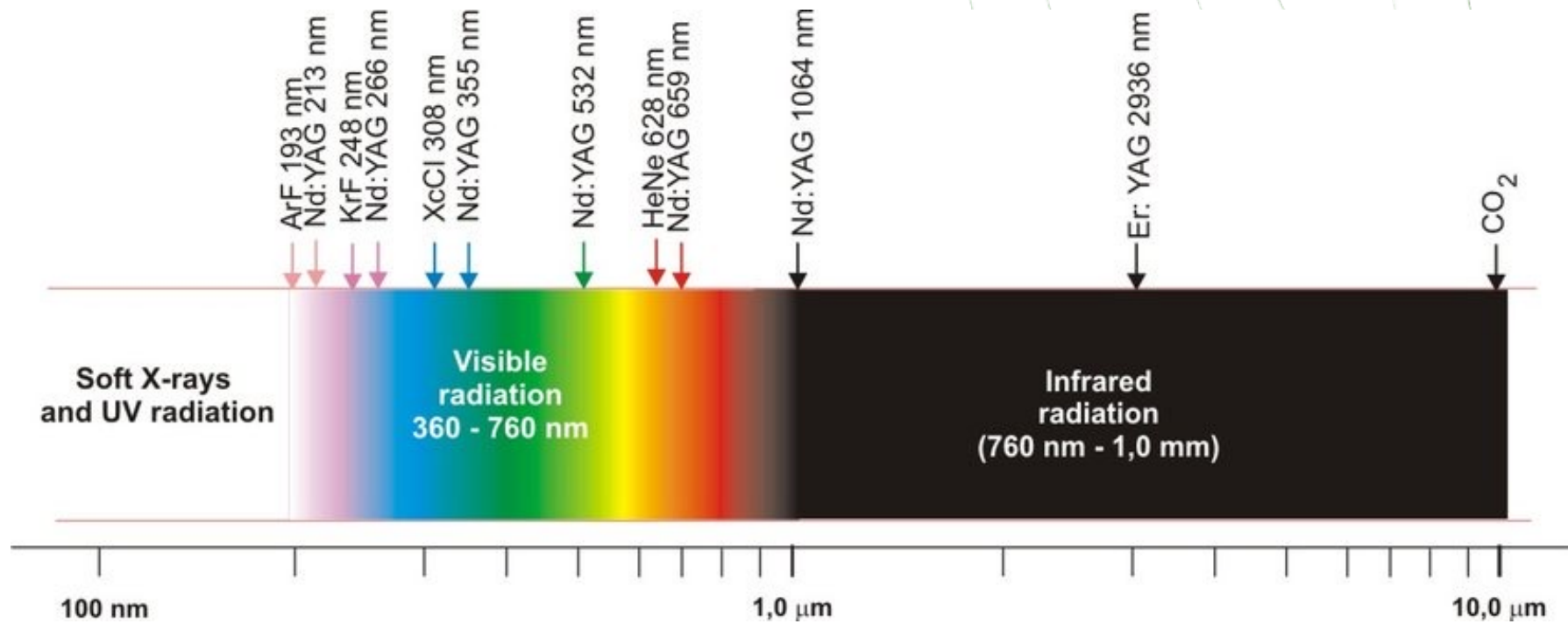
In a previous paper (Benedetti-Michelangeli, Congeduti and Fiocco, 1972) we reported measurements of aerosol motion and wind velocity in the lower troposphere by Doppler optical radar. The measurements relied on the interferometric analysis of the radial



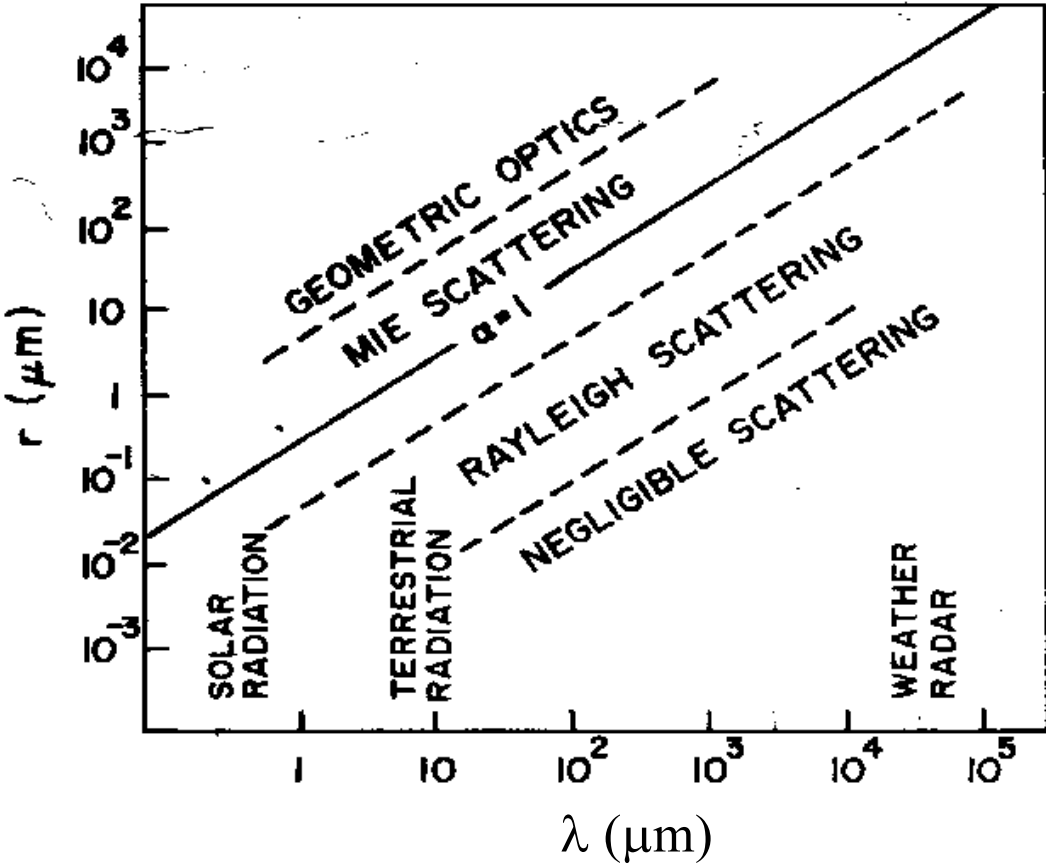
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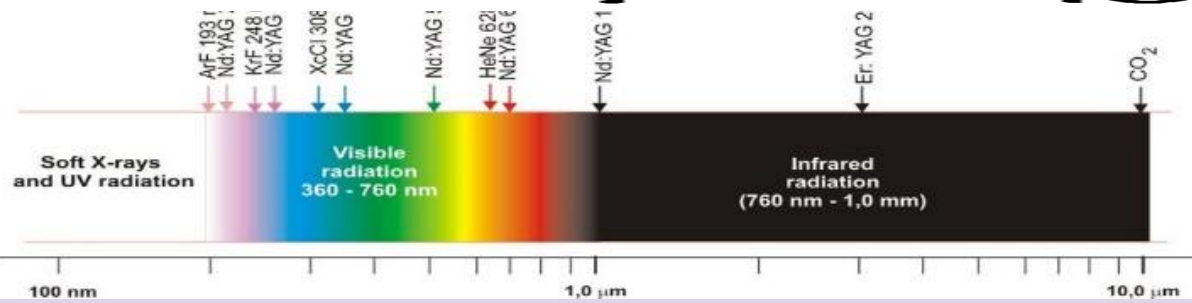
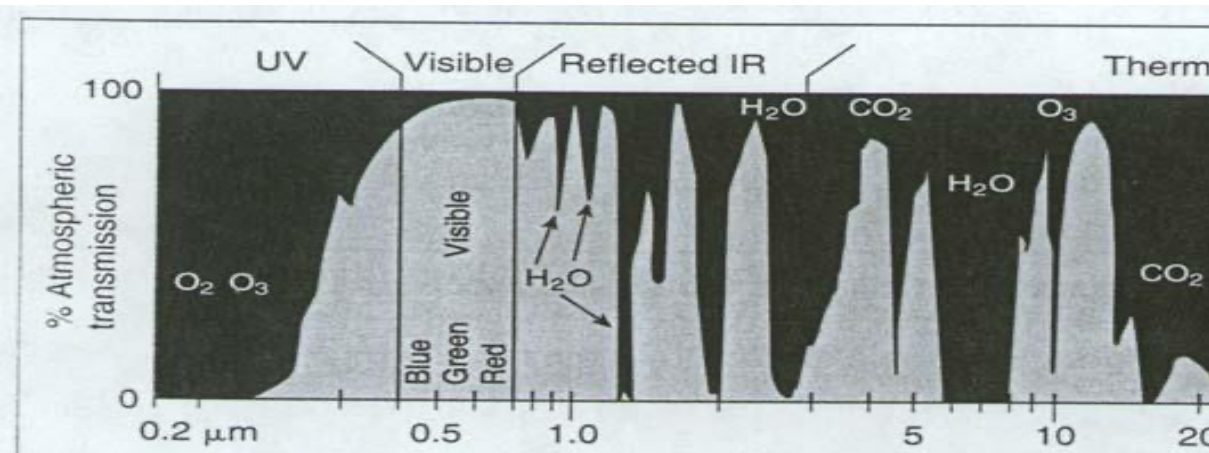


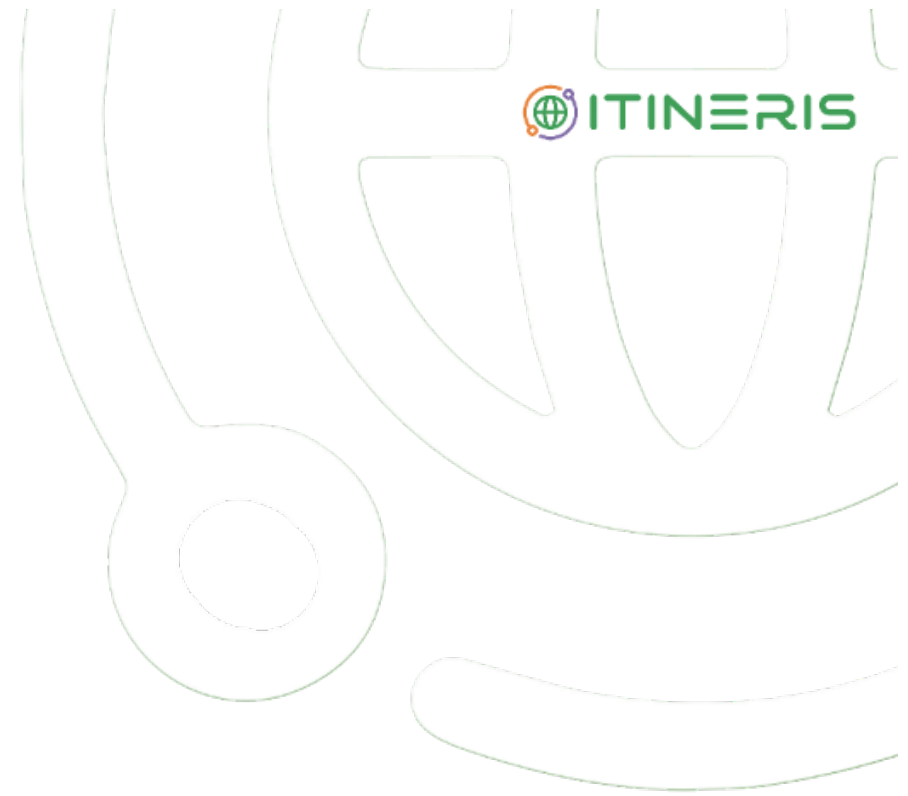
$$x = 2\pi r / \lambda$$



- RAINDROPS
- DRIZZLE
- CLOUD DROPLETS
- SMOKE, DUST, HAZE
- AIR MOLECULES








 **Incoherent elastic backscattering lidar**

No information from the phase of the signal

Emission and detection at the same wavelength

 Incoherent «broadband» elastic backscattering lidar

Outside of gas absorption lines: aerosol/clouds

single/multi wavelengths

depolarization

without aerosol: density, temperature

In/out of absorption lines (differential absorption): gas concentrations

 Incoherent «narrowband» elastic backscattering lidar

HSRL: aerosol

Doppler shift: wind velocity (\*)

line shape: temperature

(\*) not exactly the same wavelength, but elastic scattering processes

## Incoherent anelastic backscattering lidar (1)

No information from the phase of the signal

Emission and detection at different wavelengths

## Incoherent «broadband» anelastic backscattering lidar

Raman: aerosol extinction; profile of specific gases

Fluorescence: aerosol typing (vegetation, ocean properties)

## Incoherent «narrowband» anelastic backscattering lidar

Raman: temperature profile

## Incoherent anelastic backscattering lidar (2)

No information from the phase of the signal

Emission and detection at the same wavelength, in correspondance with an atomic energy level transition (resonance scattering)

## Incoherent «broadband» anelastic backscattering lidar

Resonance scattering: concentration profile for Na, Ca, Ca<sup>+</sup>, Fe, K, ...

## Incoherent «narrowband» anelastic backscattering lidar

Resonance scattering, hyperfine structure: temperature profile


## **Coherent elastic backscattering lidar**

Information in the phase of the signal

Emission and detection at (almost) the same wavelength, elastic scattering

## **Coherent «narrowband» elastic backscattering lidar**

Temperature profile, aerosol profile, wind

 The lidar equation in the simplest case: single wavelength, vertically pointing elastic backscattering lidar, no aerosols



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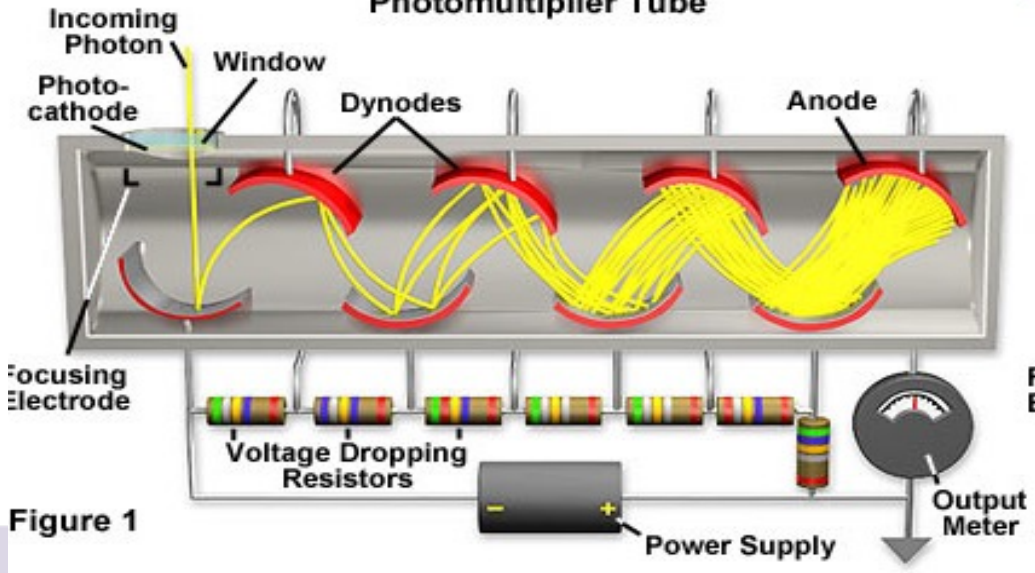
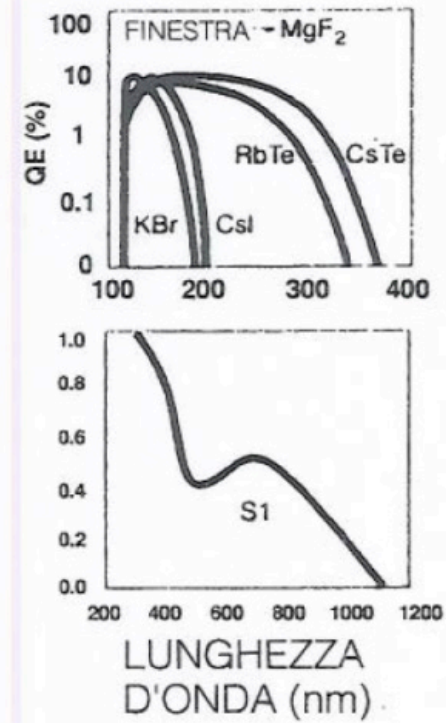
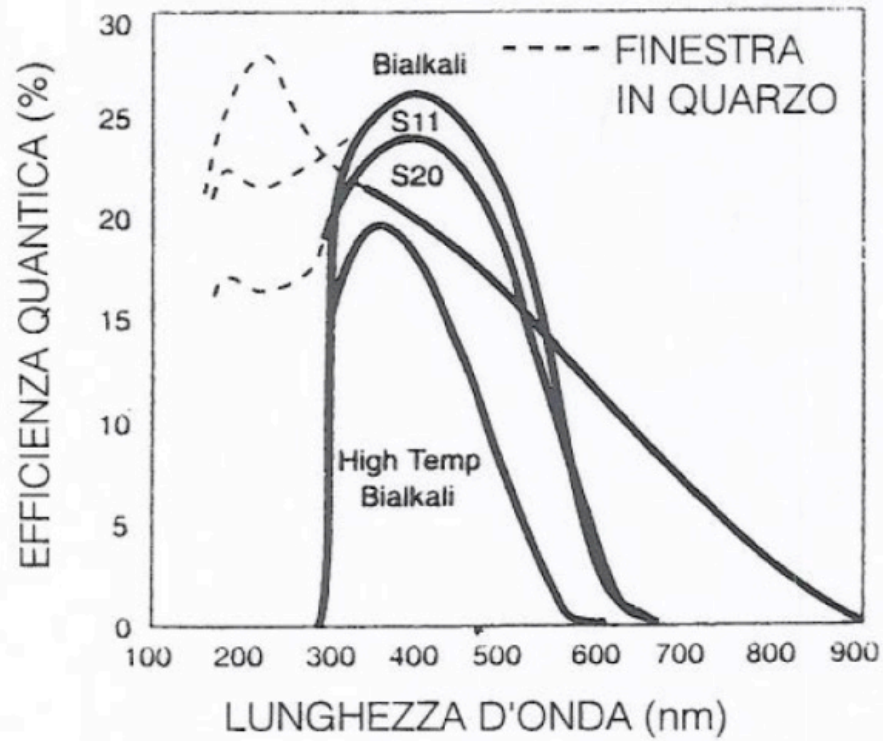
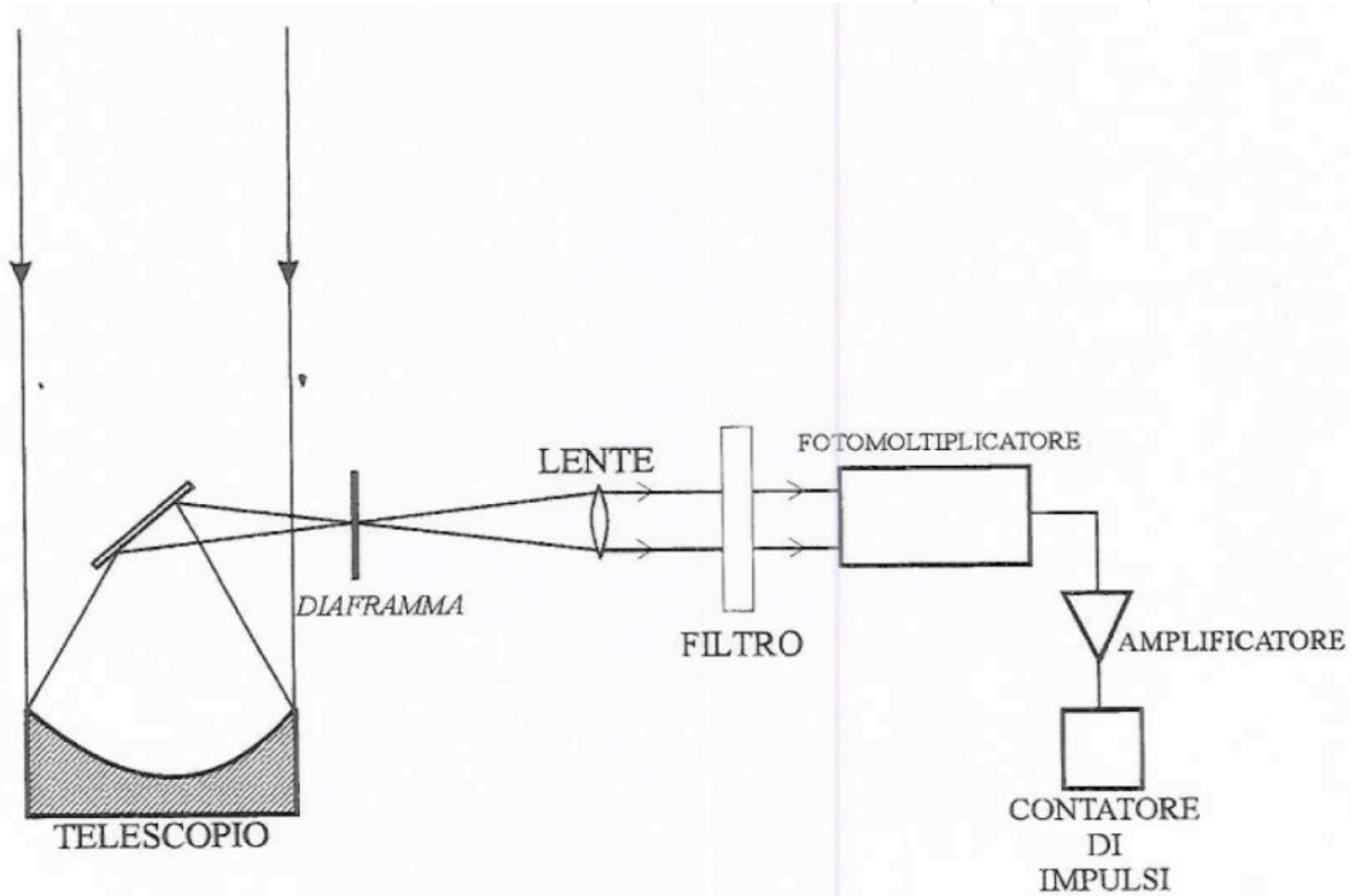
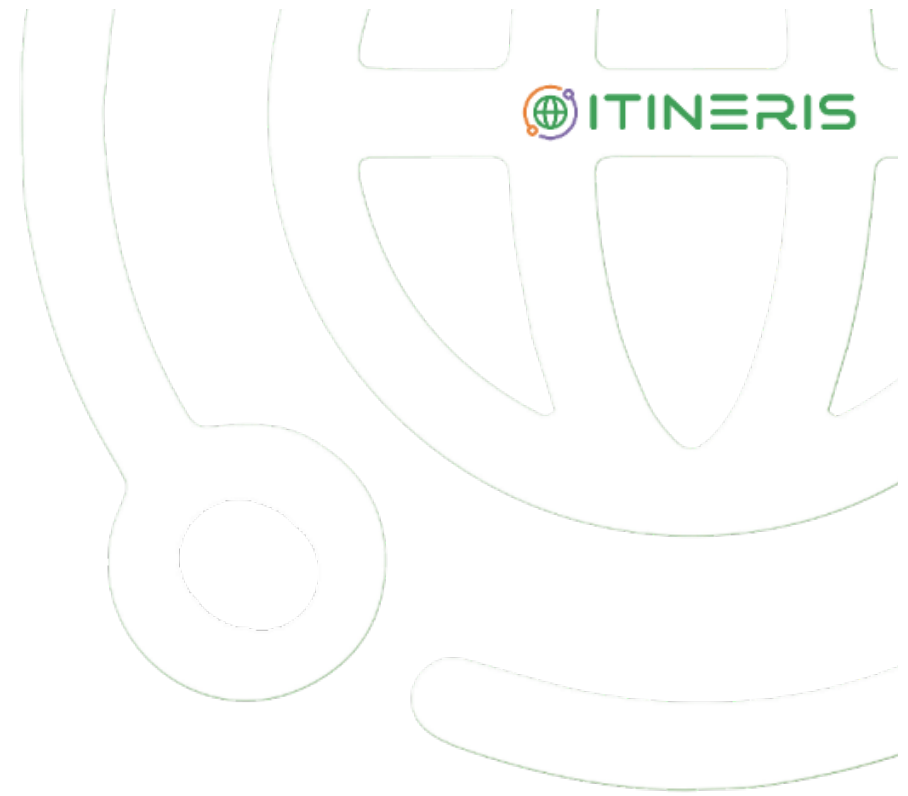
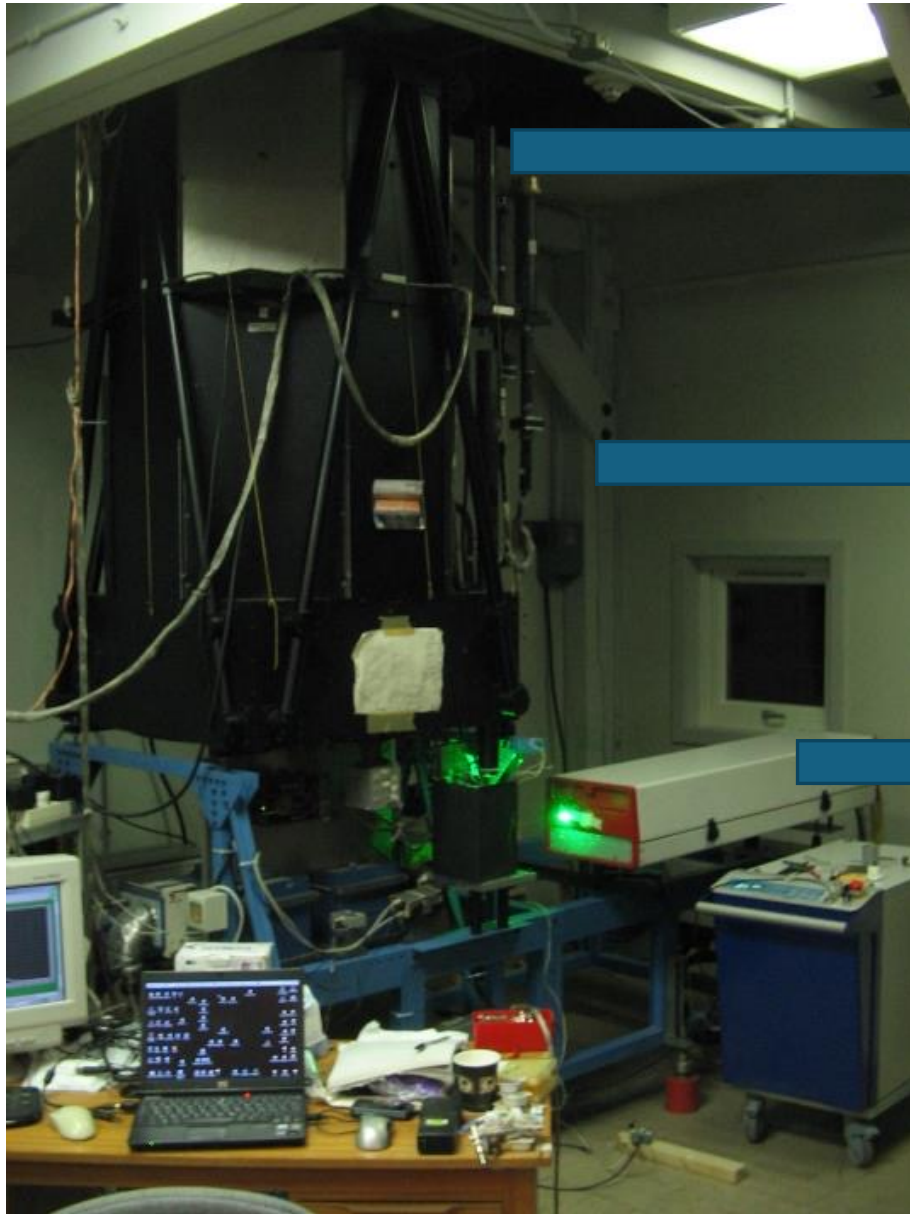


Figure 1









Ø 80 cm telescope for high troposphere and middle atmosphere

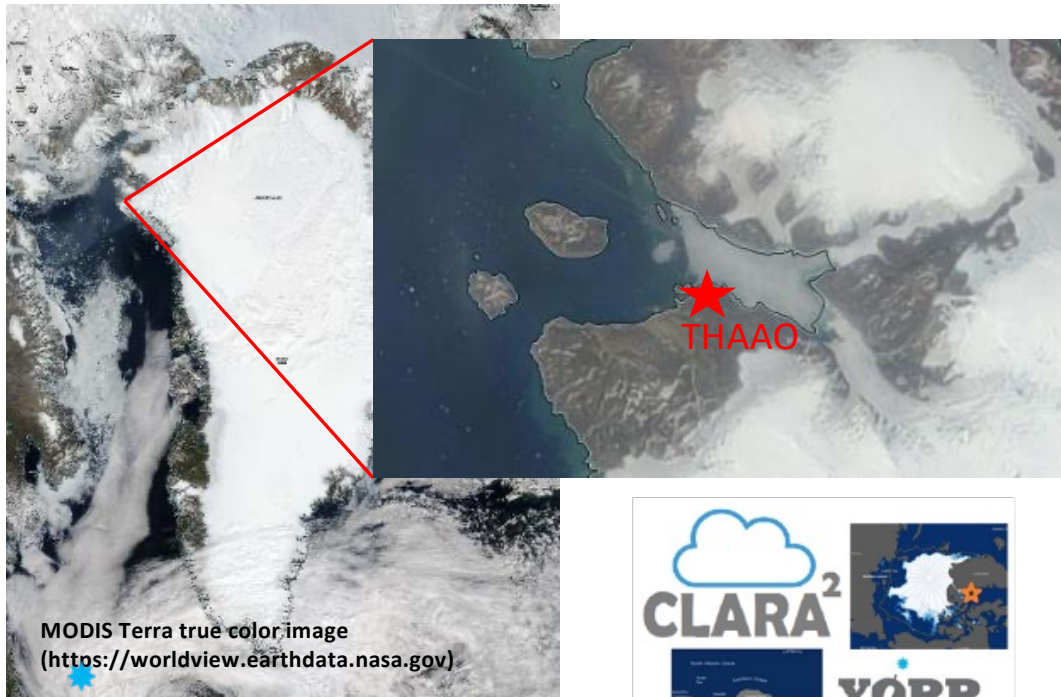
small refractive telescopes for the troposphere

Nd:YAG laser (355, 532, and 1064 nm)

# The Thule High Arctic Atmospheric Observatory



THAAO (76.52° N, 68.76° W, 220 m amsl) within the Pituffik Space Base.



MODIS Terra true color image  
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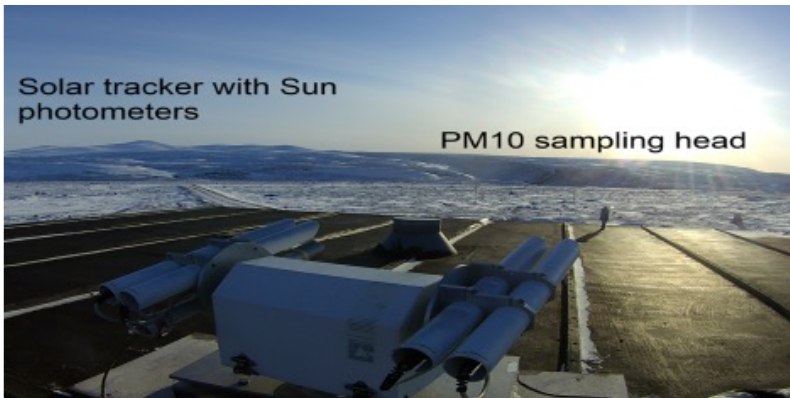
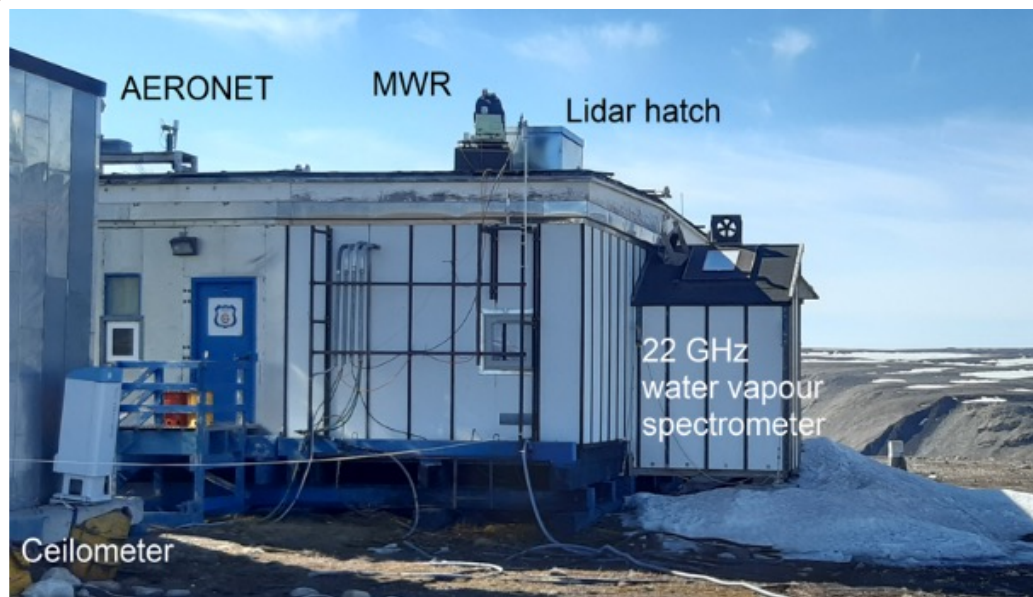
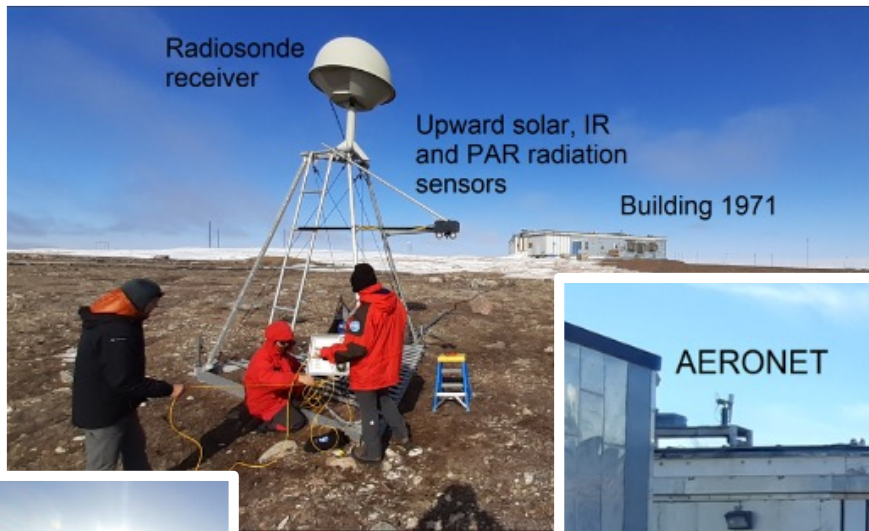
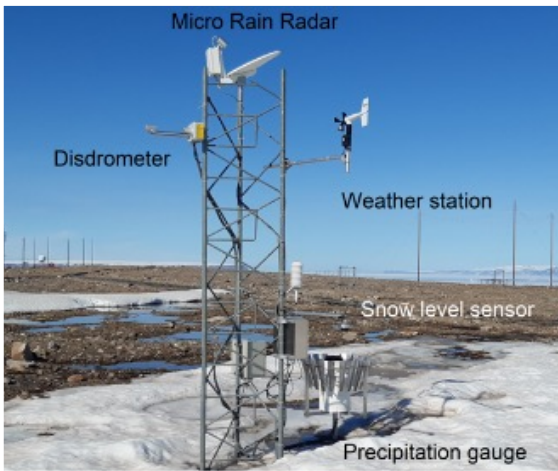
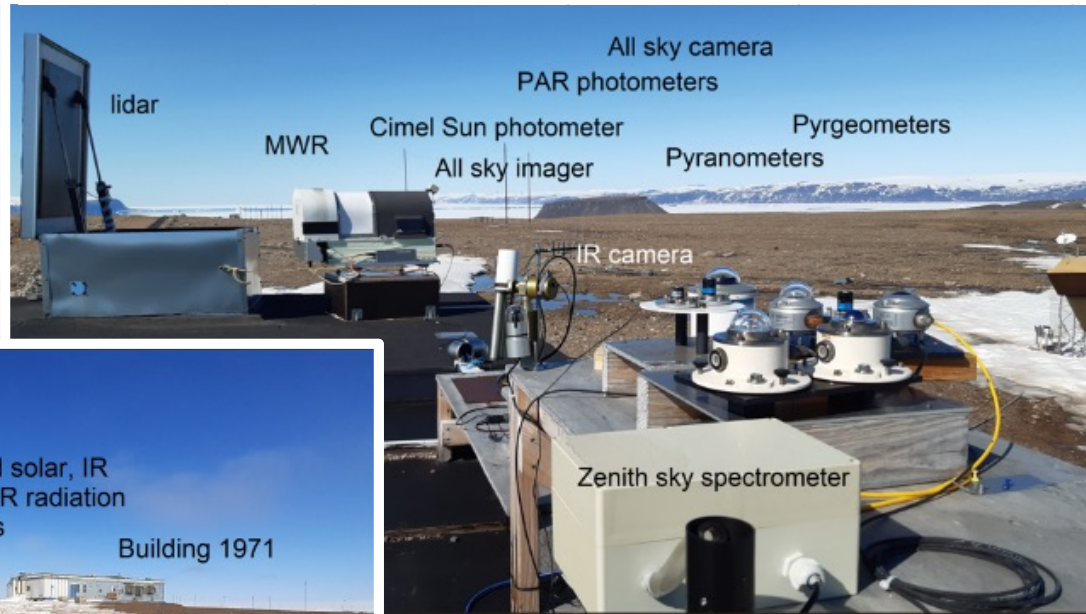


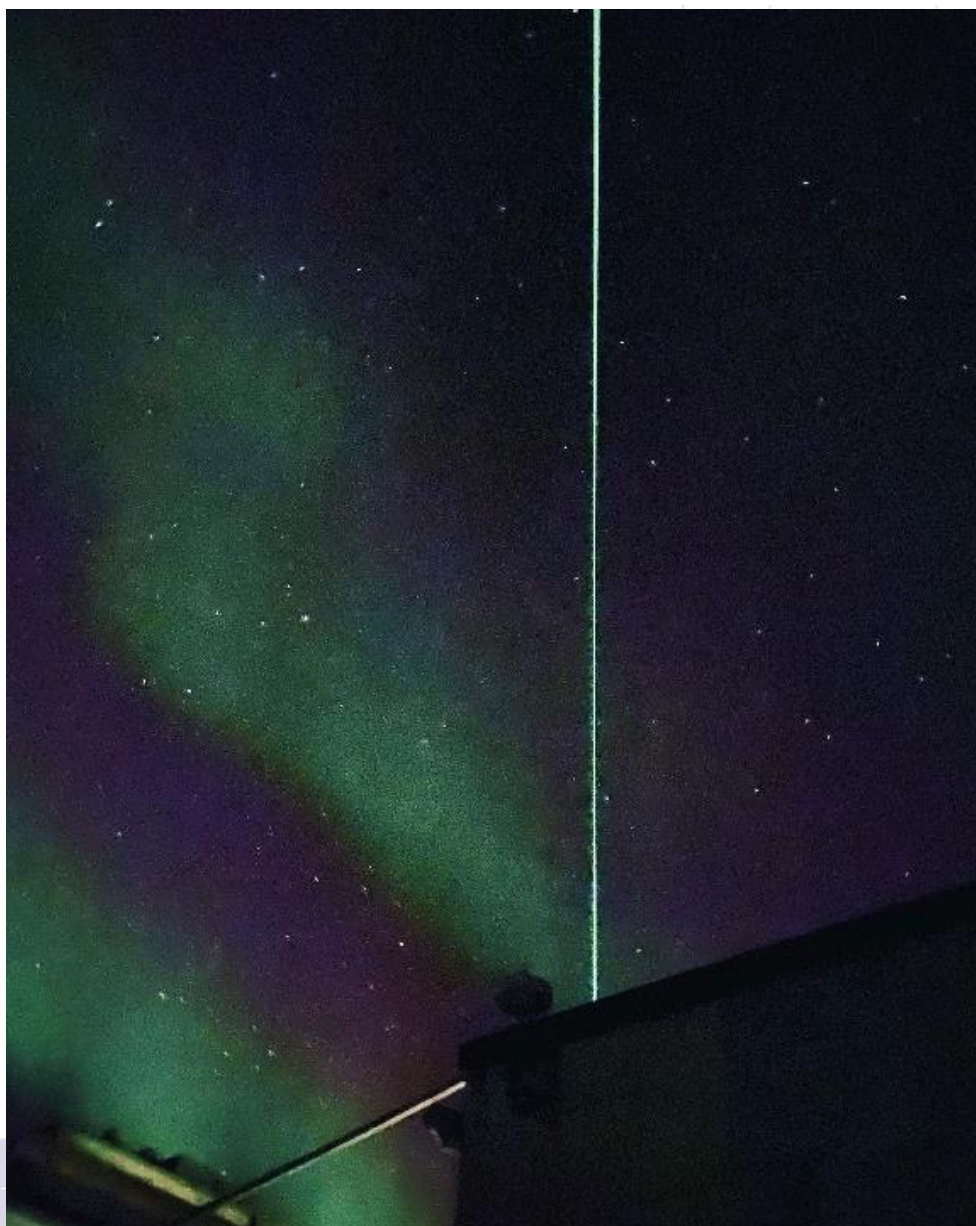
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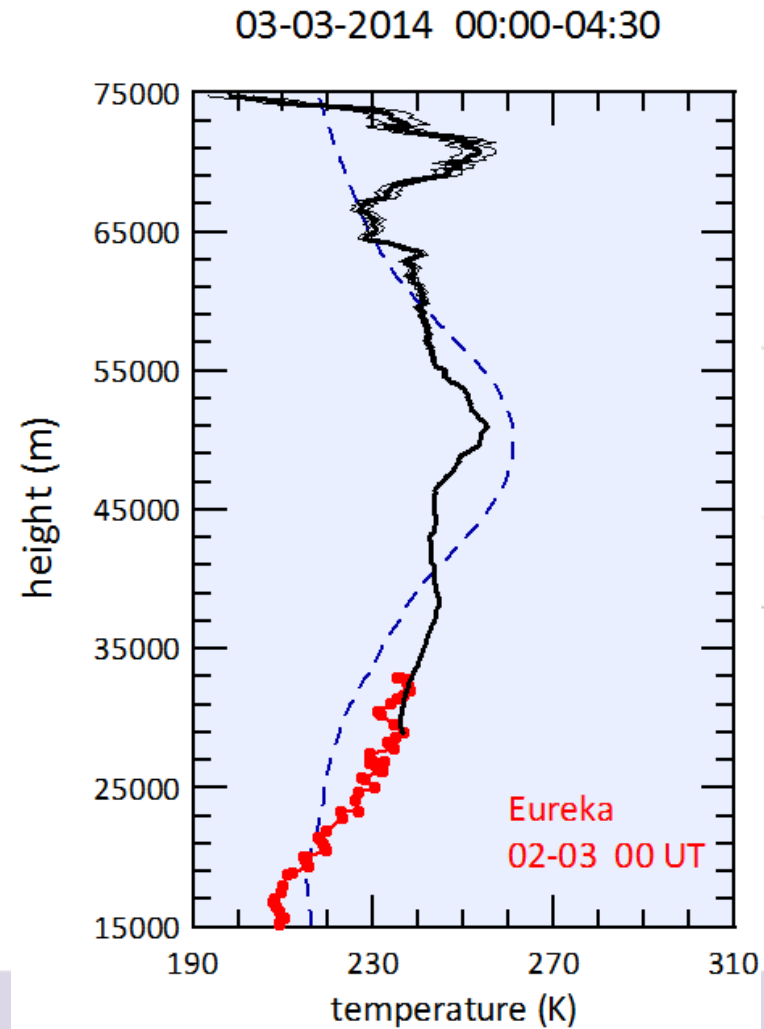
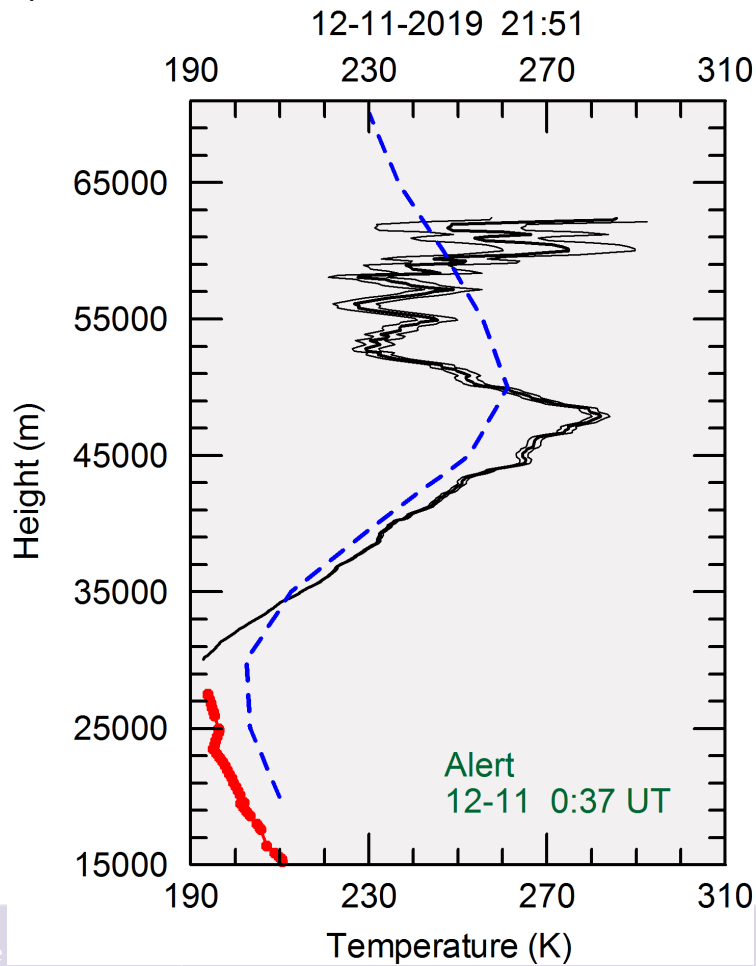






By combining the equation of state for ideal gases and the hydrostatic equation, in aerosol-free regions the lidar signal can be used to derive the atmospheric temperature

THAAO, 76.5°N



Di Biagio et al., 2010

Temperature profiles in the Arctic: the exceptional 2009 stratospheric warming

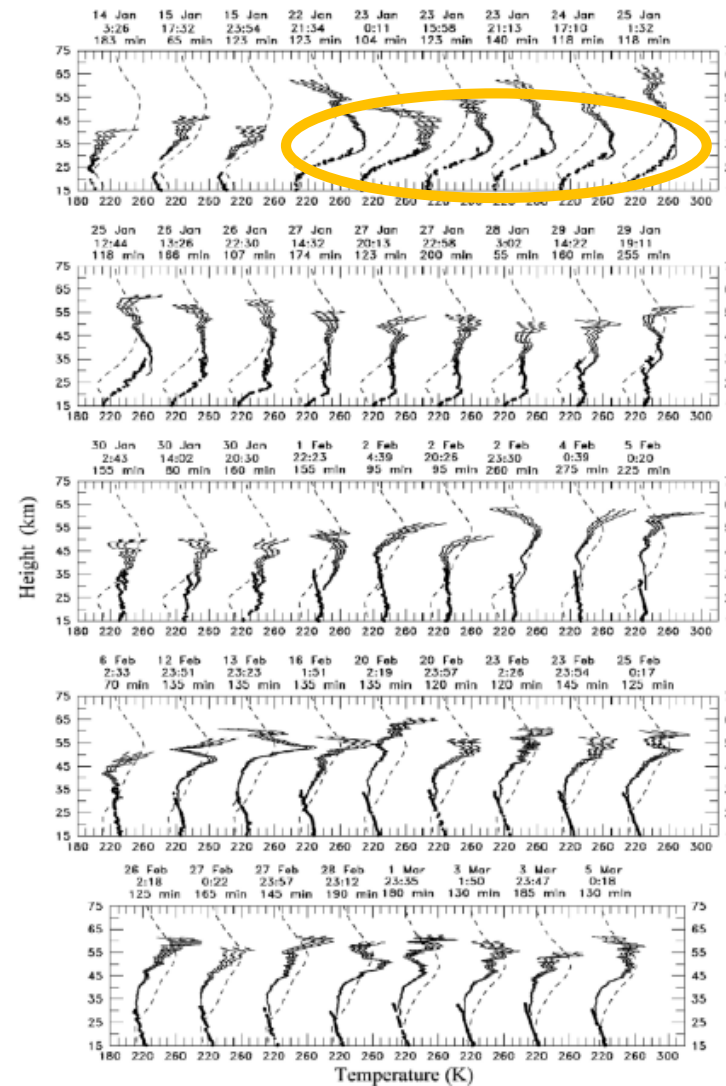
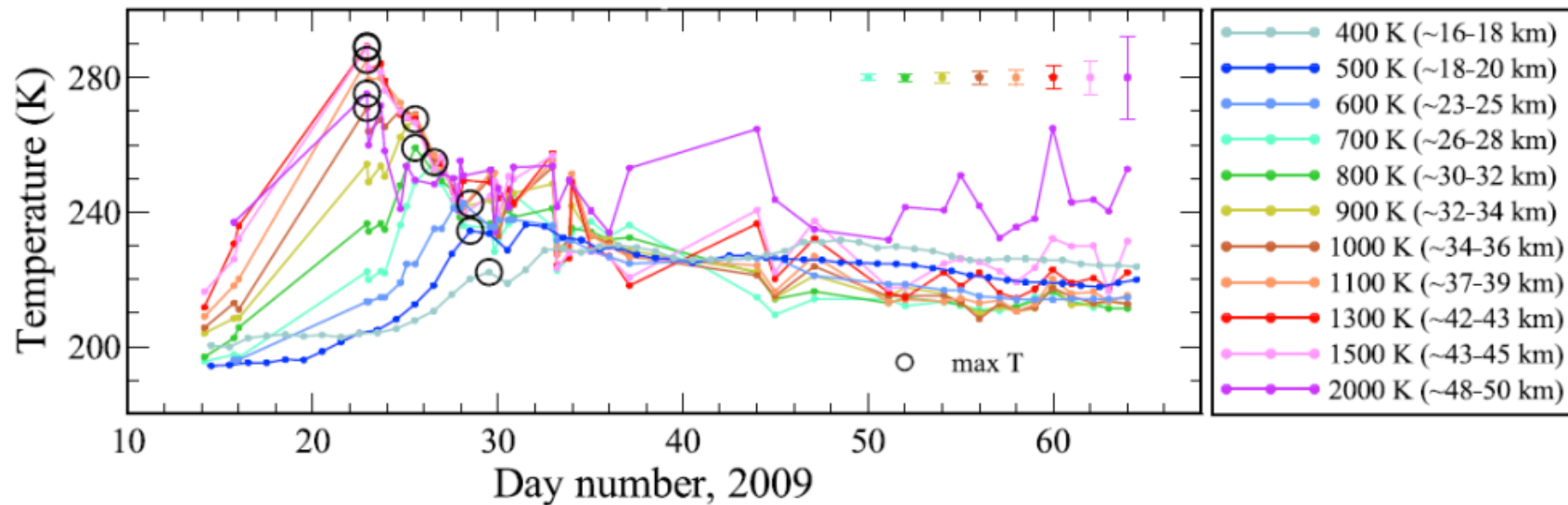


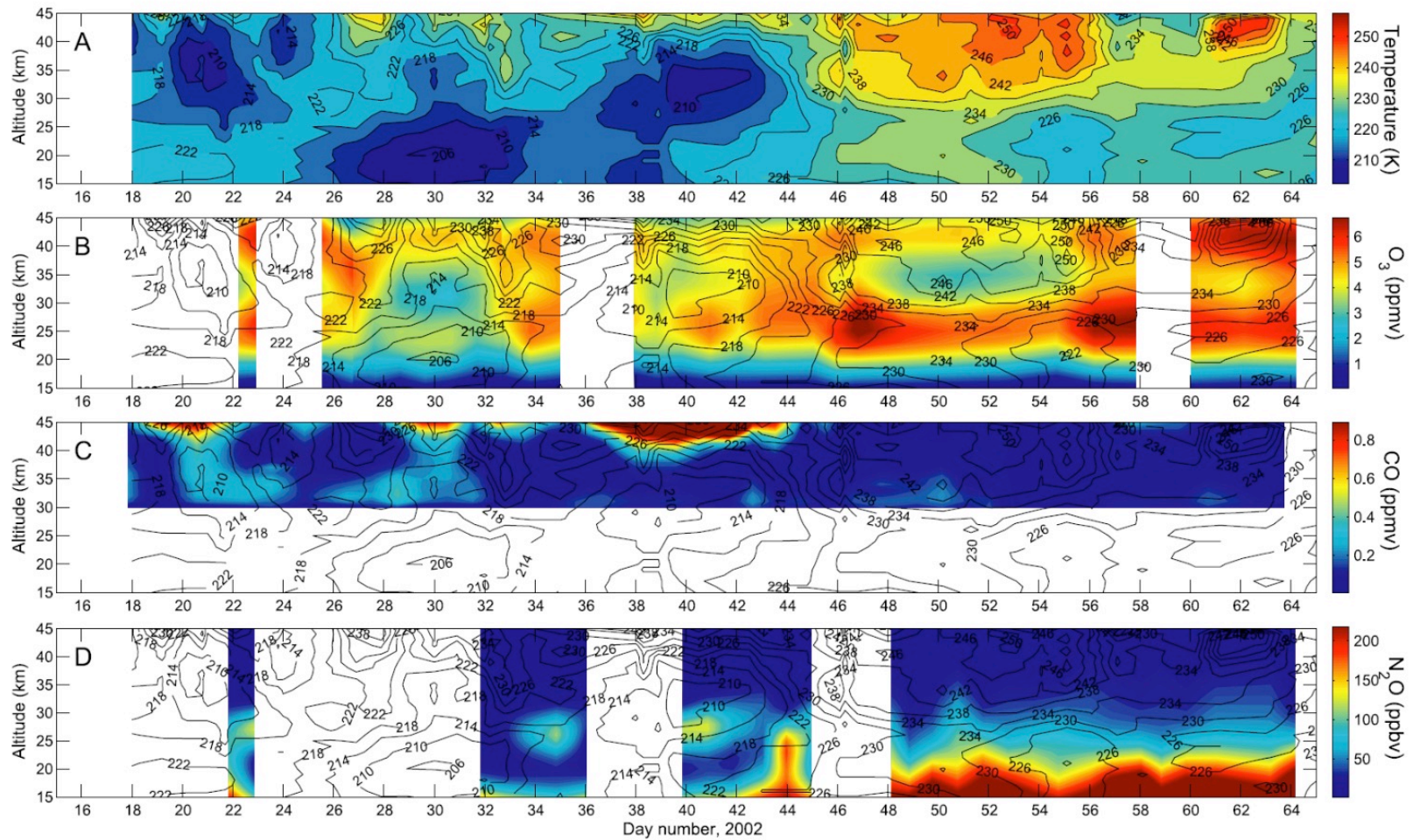
Figure 1. Lidar temperature profiles obtained between 14 January and 5 March 2009 at Thule.  $T$ ,  $T + \sigma$ , and  $T - \sigma$  are shown. The dashed line represents the CIRA 1986 model [Barnett and Corney, 1985] for the month. Dotted profiles are radiosonde data that are the closest in time data (from Eureka or Alert, depending on the data availability). Date, time, and integration time in minutes are reported.

Di Biagio et al., 2010



**Figure 2.** Temporal evolution of stratospheric temperature interpolated at different  $\theta$  levels between 400 and 2000 K (temperatures at 400, 500, and 600 K are from National Centers for Environmental Predictions (NCEP) reanalyses) in the period 14 January to 5 March 2009 (days 14–64). Maximum  $1\sigma$  uncertainties at the different levels are indicated by vertical bars. Maximum temperature obtained at each level due to downward propagation of the warming is highlighted by a circle.

Muscari et al., 2007



**Figure 1.** (a) Colored contour maps of lidar/balloon temperature; (b) GBMS O<sub>3</sub>; (c) CO; and (d) N<sub>2</sub>O, with the relative color scale to the right of each panel. In Figures 1b–1d, lidar/balloon temperature contours of Figure 1a are superimposed on the colored maps with solid black lines. White gaps in GBMS data indicate when no measurement is available for more than 48 hours, because of either poor weather conditions, instrumental malfunctioning, or unreliable spectral data.

 The lidar equation for: single wavelength, vertically pointing elastic backscattering lidar, with aerosols



Fernald, 1984

$$\beta_1(Z) + \beta_2(Z) = \frac{X(Z) \exp \left[ -2(S_1 - S_2) \int_{Z_c}^Z \beta_2(z) dz \right]}{\frac{X(Z_c)}{\beta_1(Z_c) + \beta_2(Z_c)} - 2S_1 \int_{Z_c}^Z X(z) \exp \left[ -2(S_1 - S_2) \int_{Z_c}^z \beta_2(z') dz' \right] dz},$$

$$X(z) = P(z) z^2 \quad \text{RCS}$$

1 – Rayleigh

2 – Mie

$S_1$  – extinction-to-backscattering ratio for molecules (Rayleigh)

$S_2$  - extinction-to-backscattering ratio for particles (Mie)

Di Girolamo et al., 1994

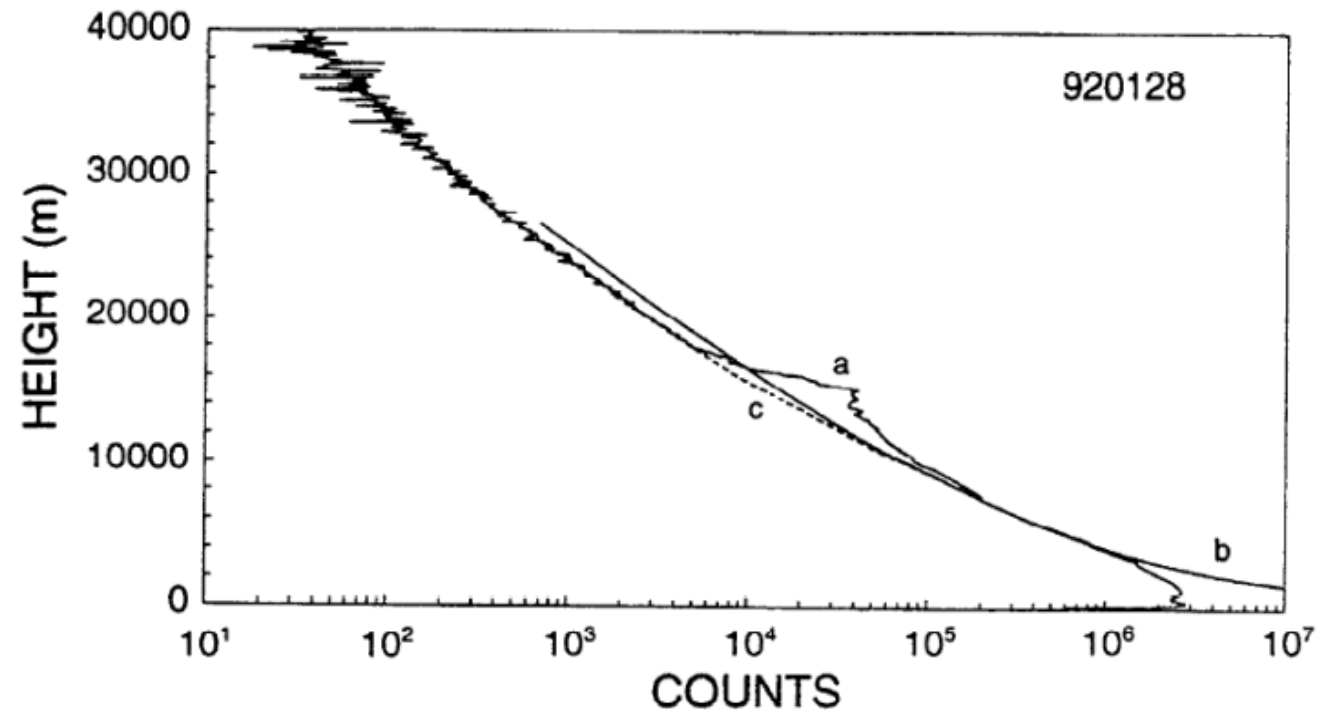
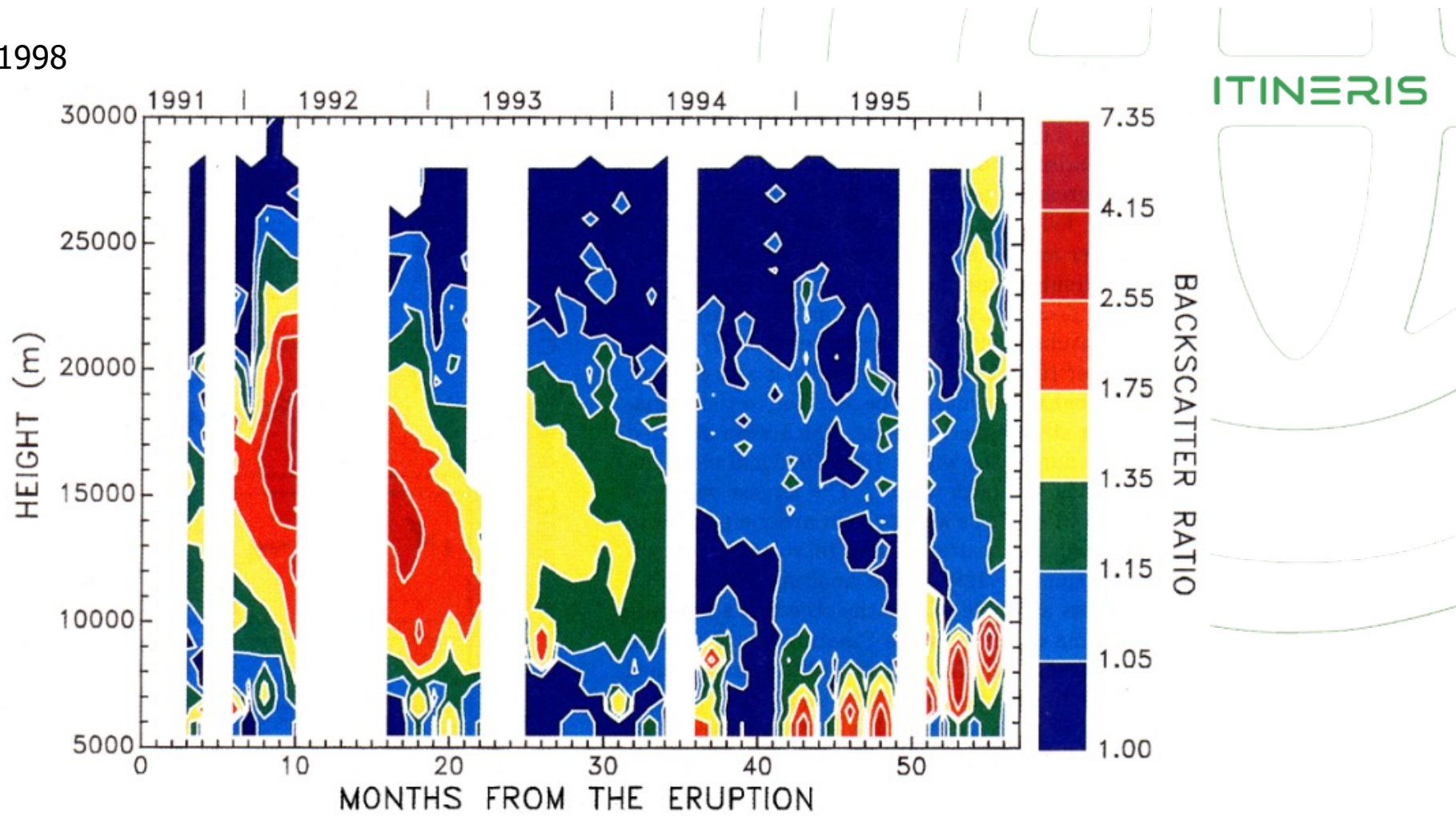


Fig. 1. Lidar echo profile (curve a) and molecular profile (curve b) for January 28, 1992. Curve c is the molecular profile corrected for aerosol extinction. The chopper prevents overlapping in the lowest levels.

di Sarra et al., 1998



**Plate 1.** Backscatter ratio as a function of height and time between September 1991 and February 1996. The contour plot is obtained from monthly average profiles.

Stratospheric aerosols from the Pinatubo volcanic eruption above the Thule High Arctic Atmospheric Observatory

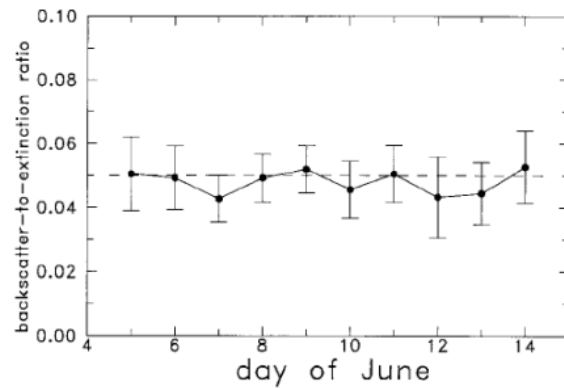


Fig. 10. Mean daily values of the backscatter-to-extinction ratio. The error bars denote the magnitude of the standard deviation. The dashed line indicates the maritime aerosol model used for an *a priori* input to the Fernald-Klett solution ( $C = 0.05$ ).

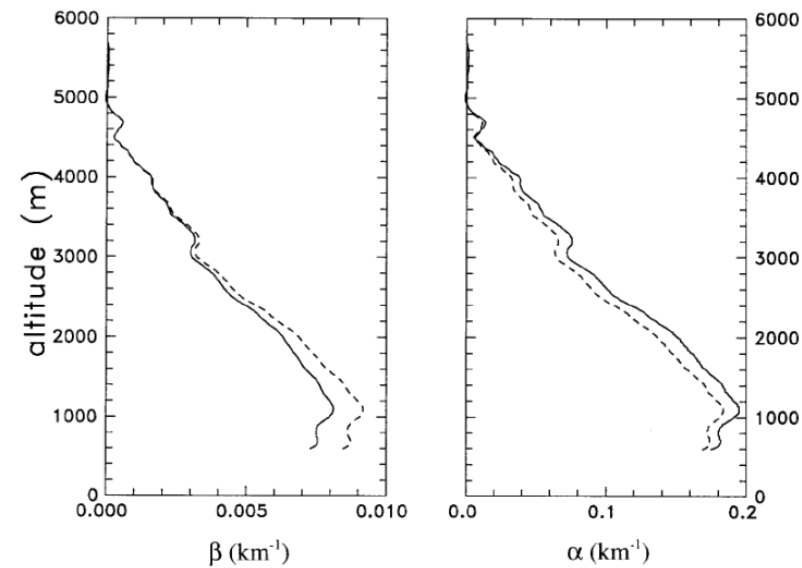
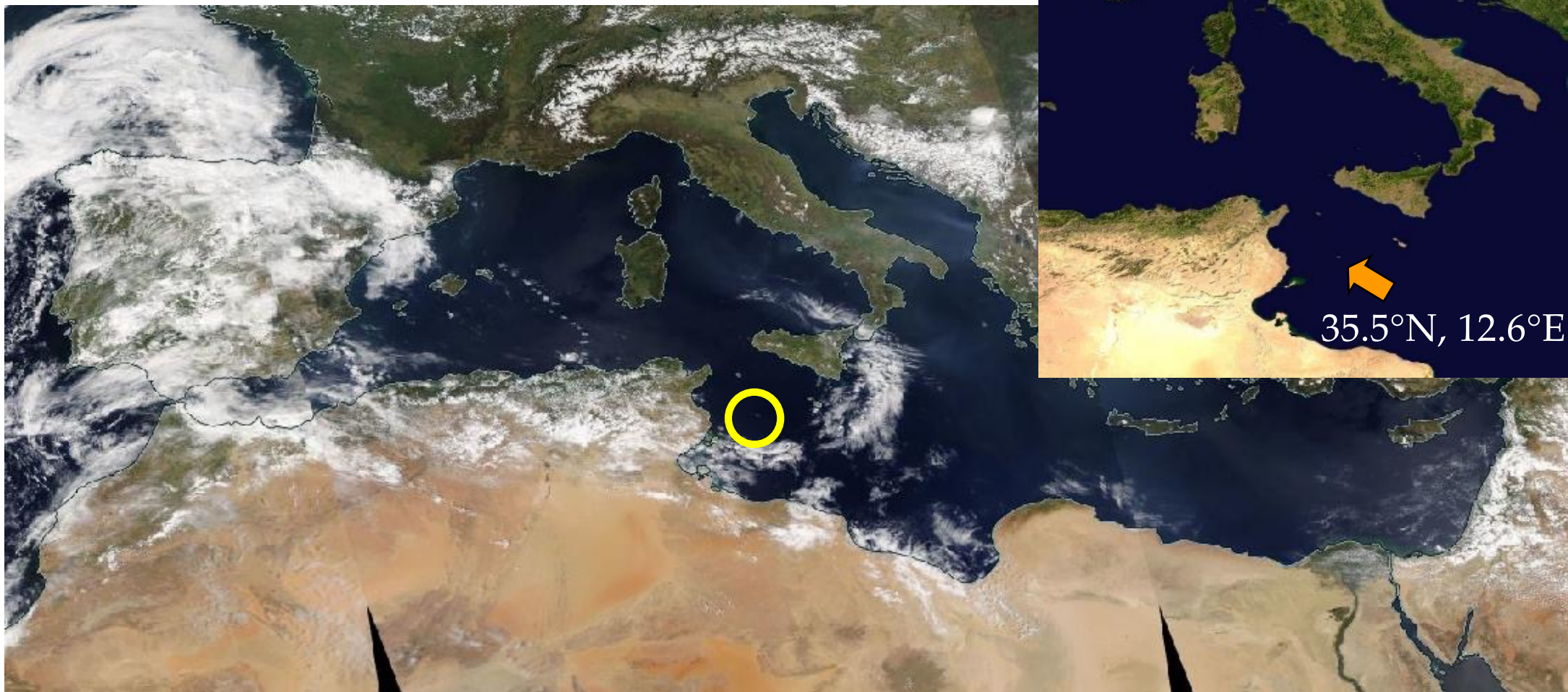


Fig. 9. Profiles of aerosol backscattering ( $\beta$ ) and extinction ( $\alpha$ ) coefficients at 355 nm, derived with the iterative method (solid curves). Also shown is the Fernald-Klett solution (dashed curves). These curves were obtained for the daily averaged lidar profile of 13 June 1996.

Marengo et al., 1997

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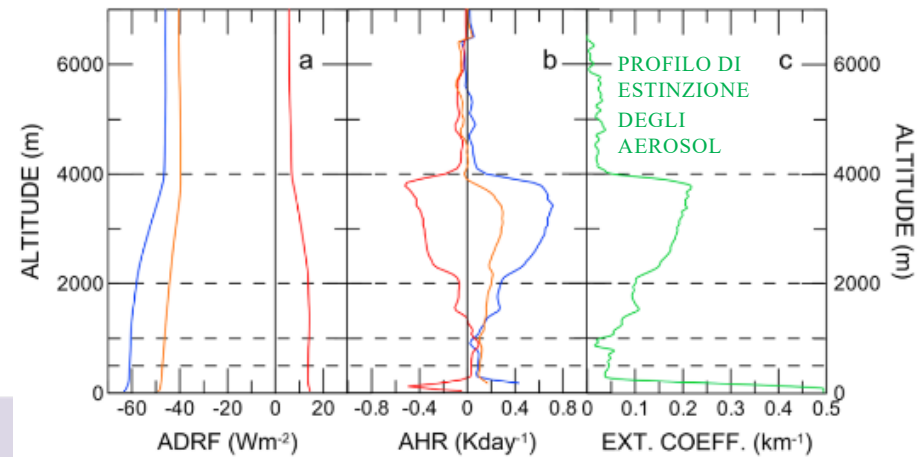
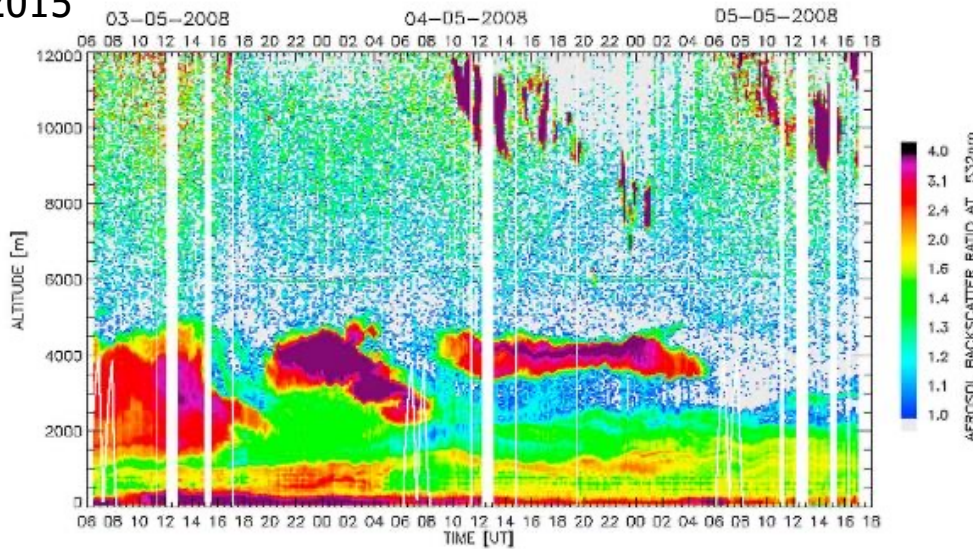
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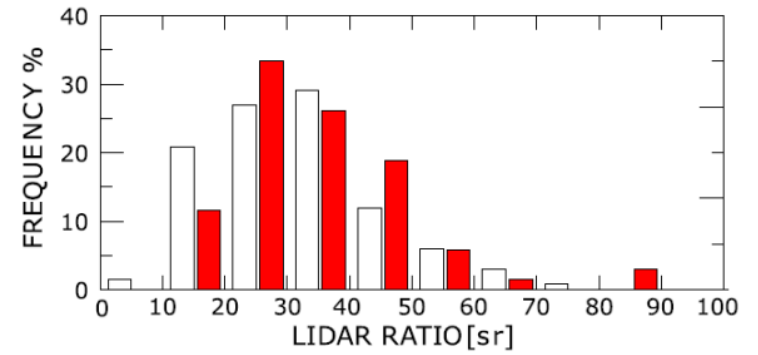
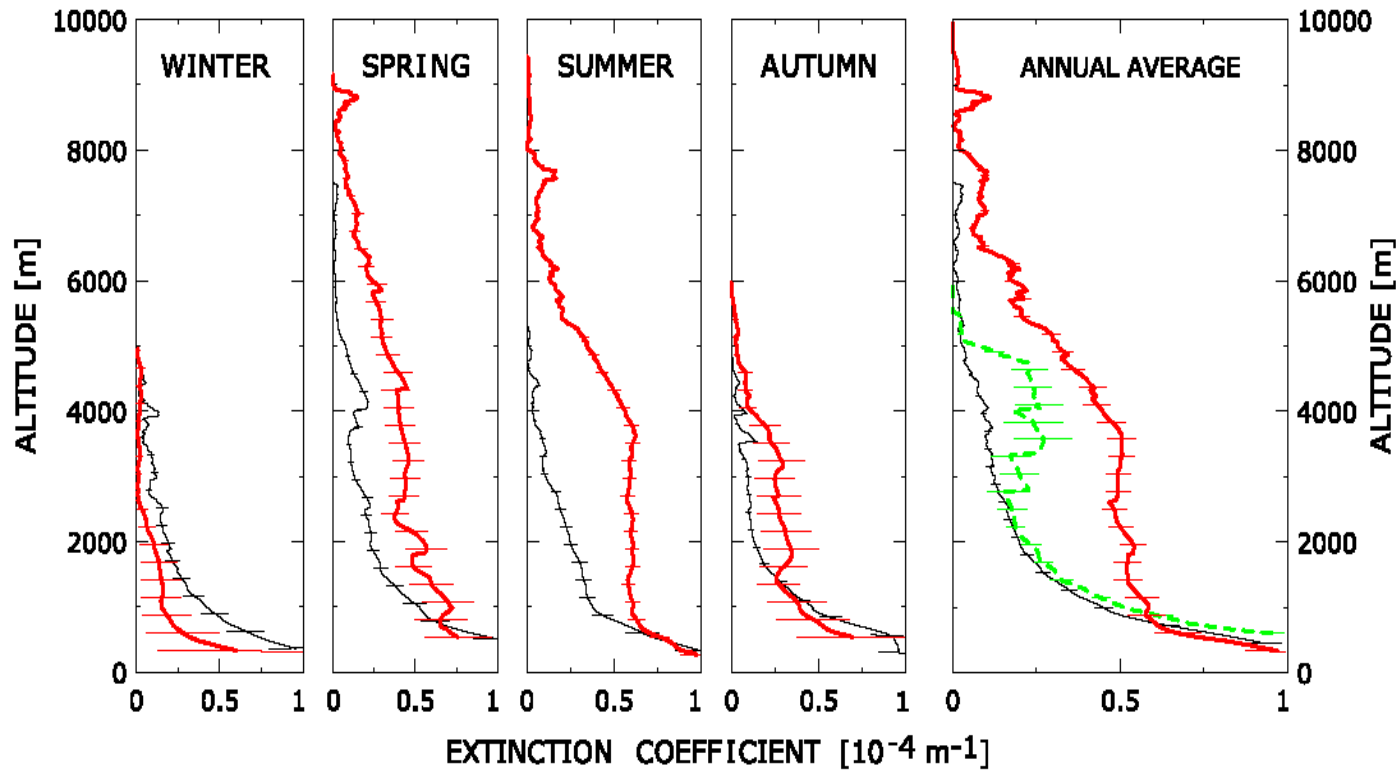
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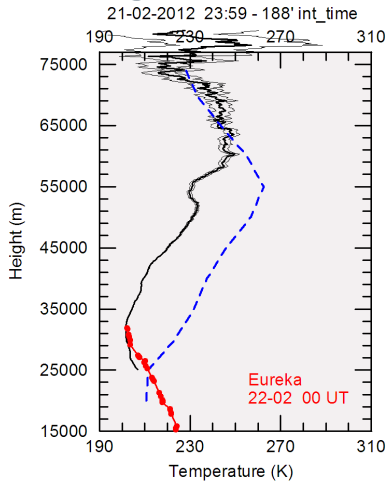


Di Iorio et al., 2009

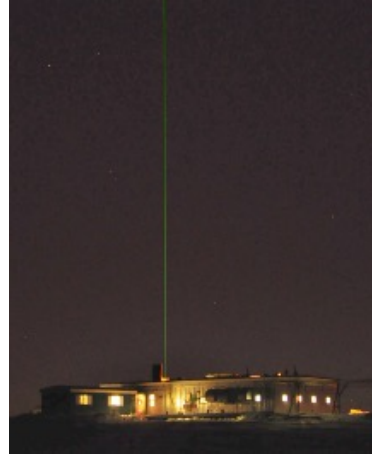


**Figure 5.** Lidar ratio frequency of occurrences for Class 0 (white bars) and Class 1b (red bars; see text).

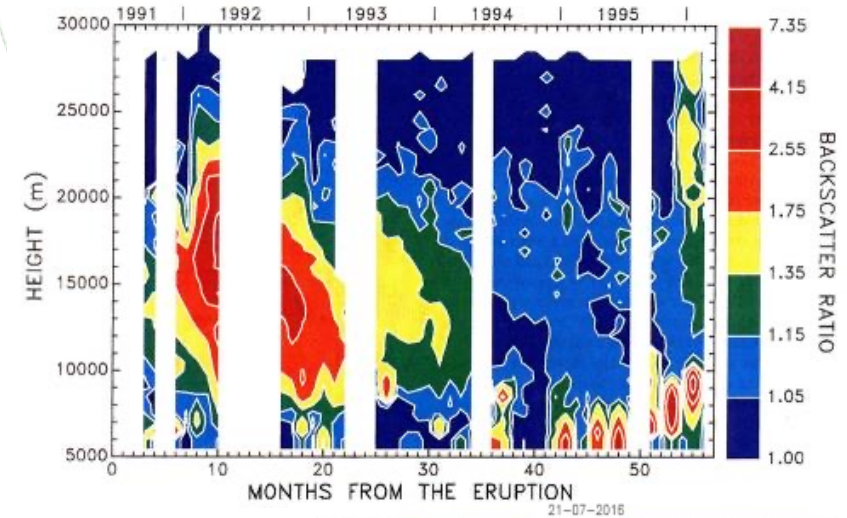
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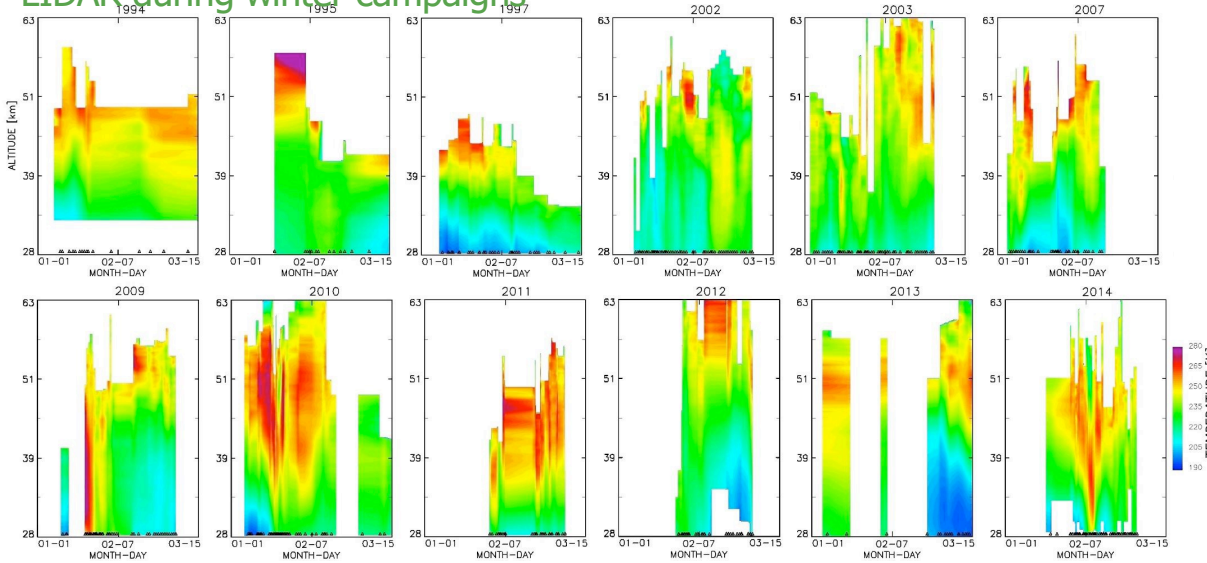
Temperature profiles obtained by lidar at Thule.  $T$ ,  $T+\sigma$ , and  $T-\sigma$  are shown in black lines. The blue dashed line represents the temperature CIRA 1986 model for the specific month. Red dotted profile is closest in time radiosonde data available from Eureka or Alert.



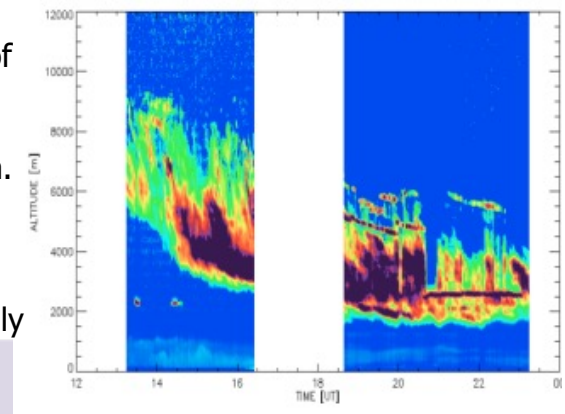
Backscatter ratio versus height obtained at Thule in the period September 1991 to February 1996. The lidar has permitted to show the build up and the decay of the volcanic aerosols originated from the eruption of Mount Pinatubo in June 1991 [di Sarra et al., 1998]



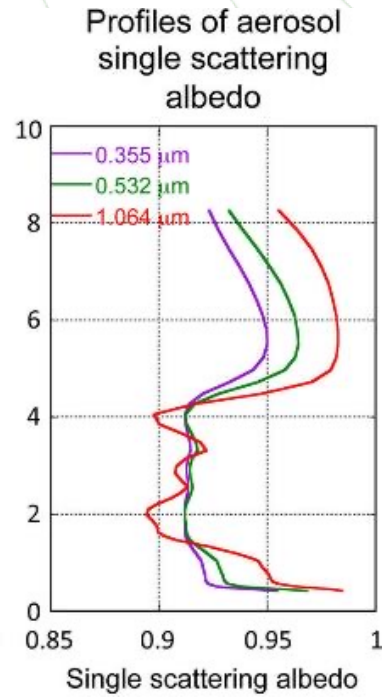
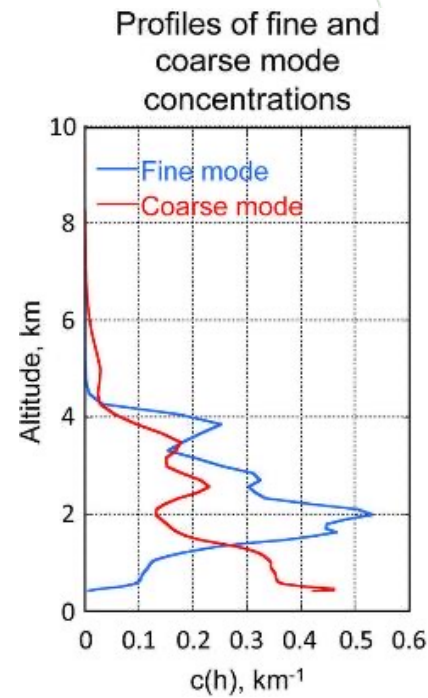
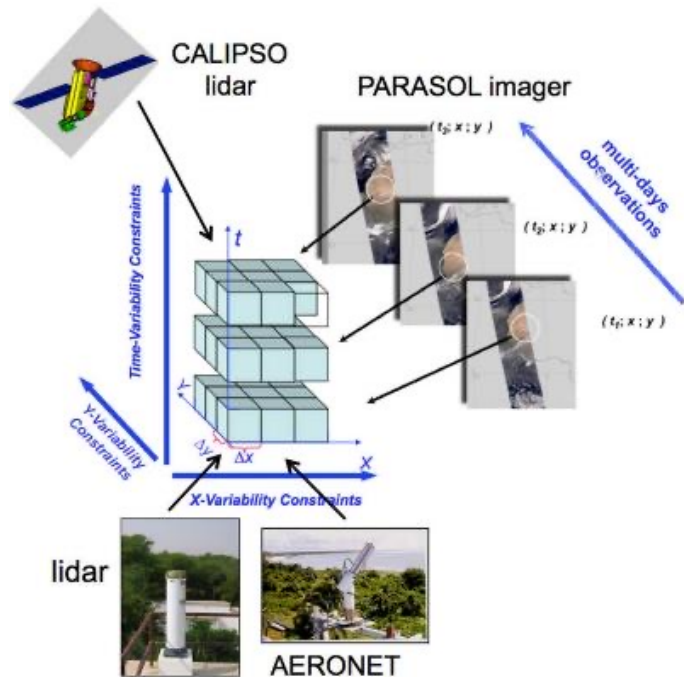
## A long record of Arctic stratospheric temperatures derived by Thule LIDAR during winter campaigns



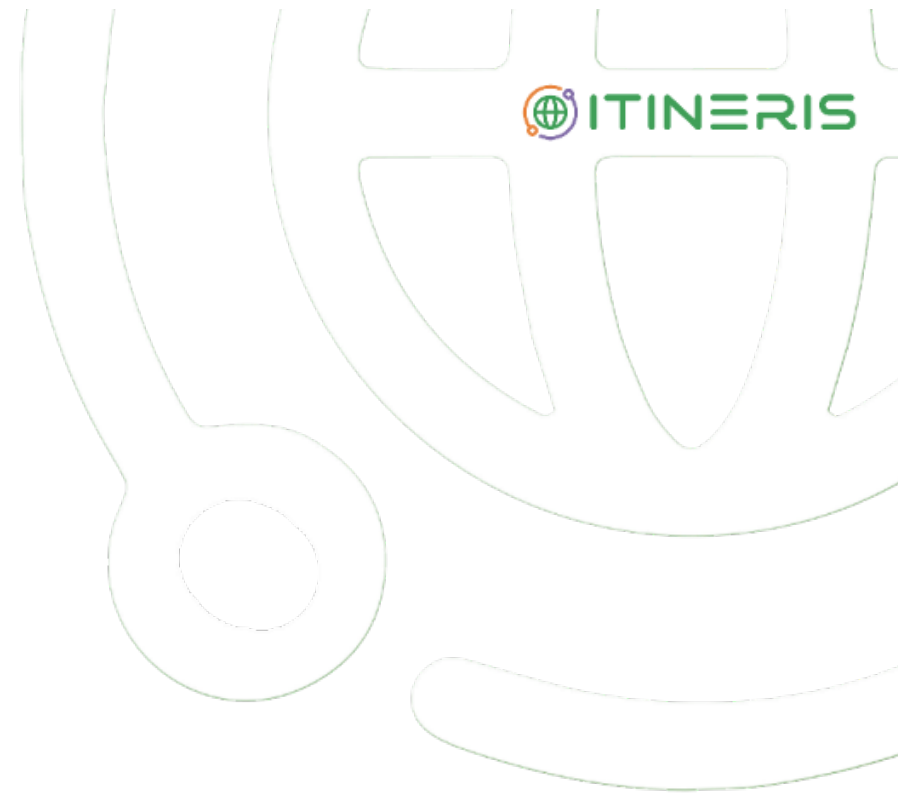
LIDAR Contour plots of the aerosol backscattering coefficient at 1064 nm. Examples of the time evolution of low level clouds during the SVAAP campaign in July 2016.



# Integrated retrievals (e.g. GRASP)



# Polarization!



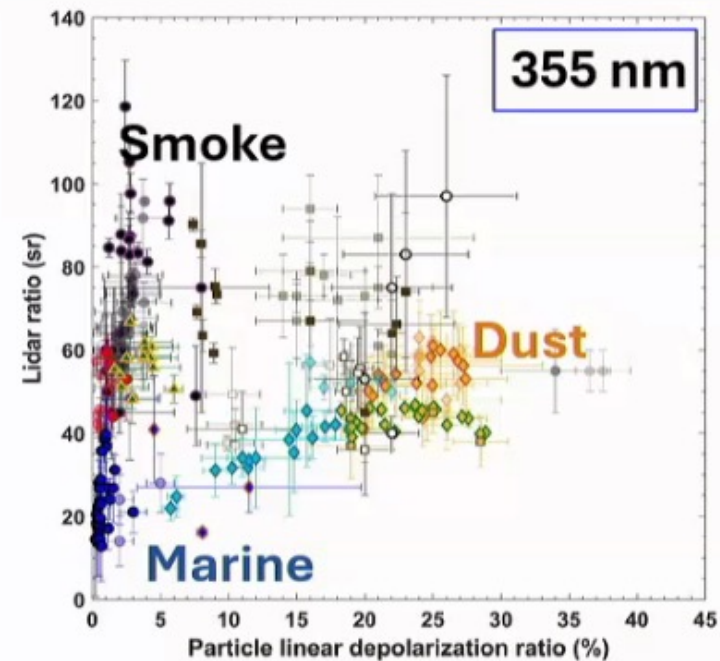
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Particle linear depolarization ratio

$$\delta = \frac{\text{Mie}_{\text{cross}}}{\text{Mie}_{\text{co}}}$$

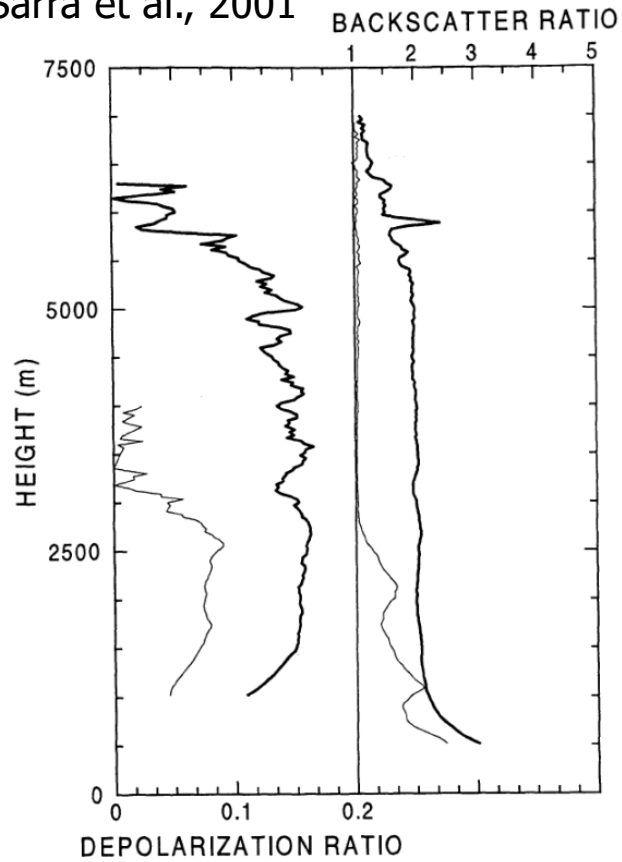
Essential quantity in aerosol typing and separation of aerosol components

Already available from L1 data!

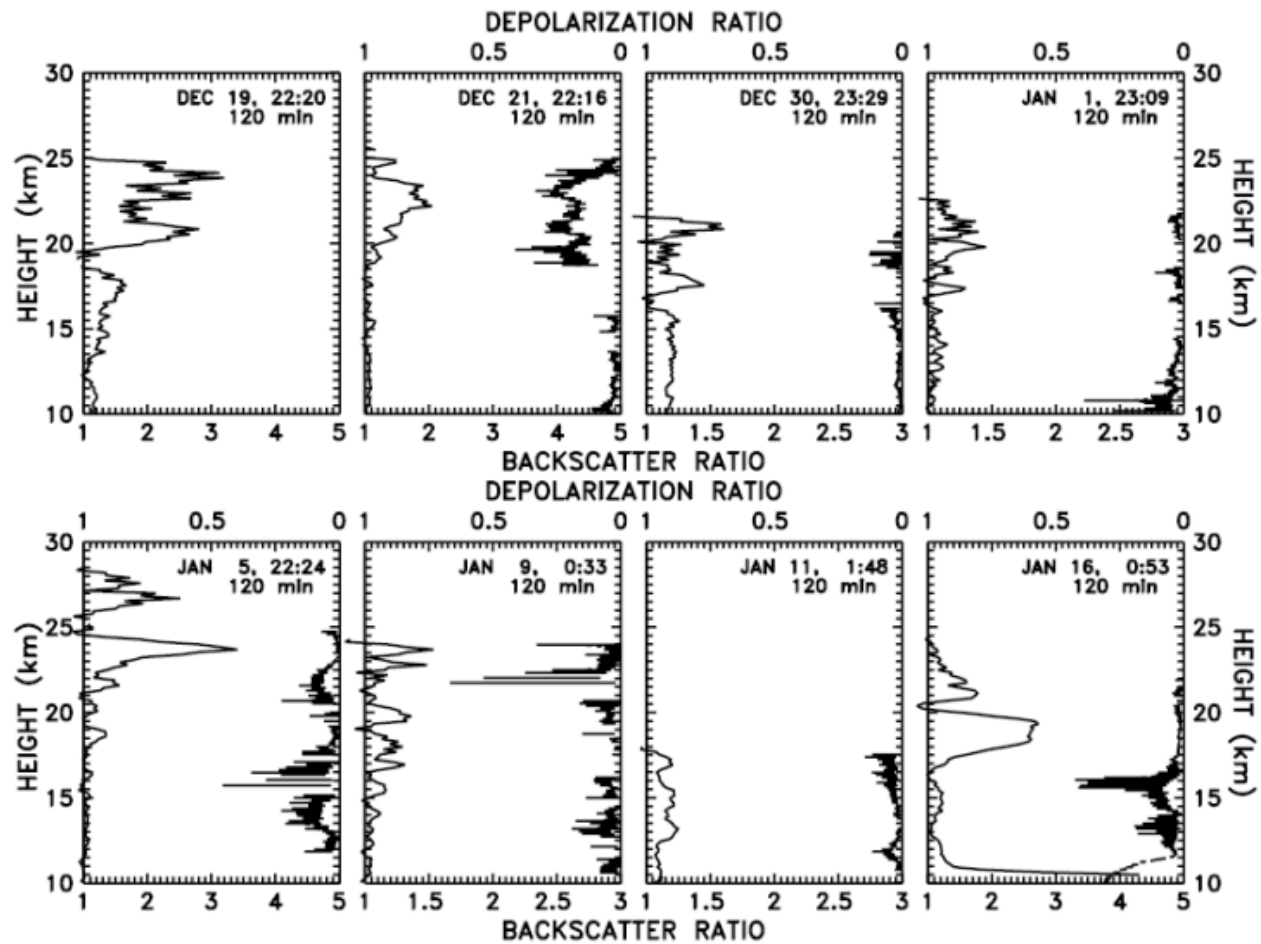


Floutsi et al., AMT 2023<sup>2</sup>

di Sarra et al., 2001



**Figure 3.** (left) Backscatter ratio and (right) depolarization ratio profiles for May 28 (thin lines) and June 3 (thick lines), 1999.




di Sarra et al., 2002

 **Incoherent elastic backscattering lidar**

No information from the phase of the signal

Emission and detection at the same wavelength

 Incoherent «broadband» elastic backscattering lidar

Outside of gas absorption lines: aerosol/clouds

single/multi wavelengths

depolarization

without aerosol: density, temperature

**In/out of absorption lines (differential absorption): gas concentrations**

$$P_{on}(r) = P_0^{on} \frac{A}{r^2} \eta_{on} \frac{c\Delta t}{2} \beta_{on}(r) T_r^{on}(r)^2$$

$$P_{off}(r) = P_0^{off} \frac{A}{r^2} \eta_{off} \frac{c\Delta t}{2} \beta_{off}(r) T_r^{off}(r)^2$$

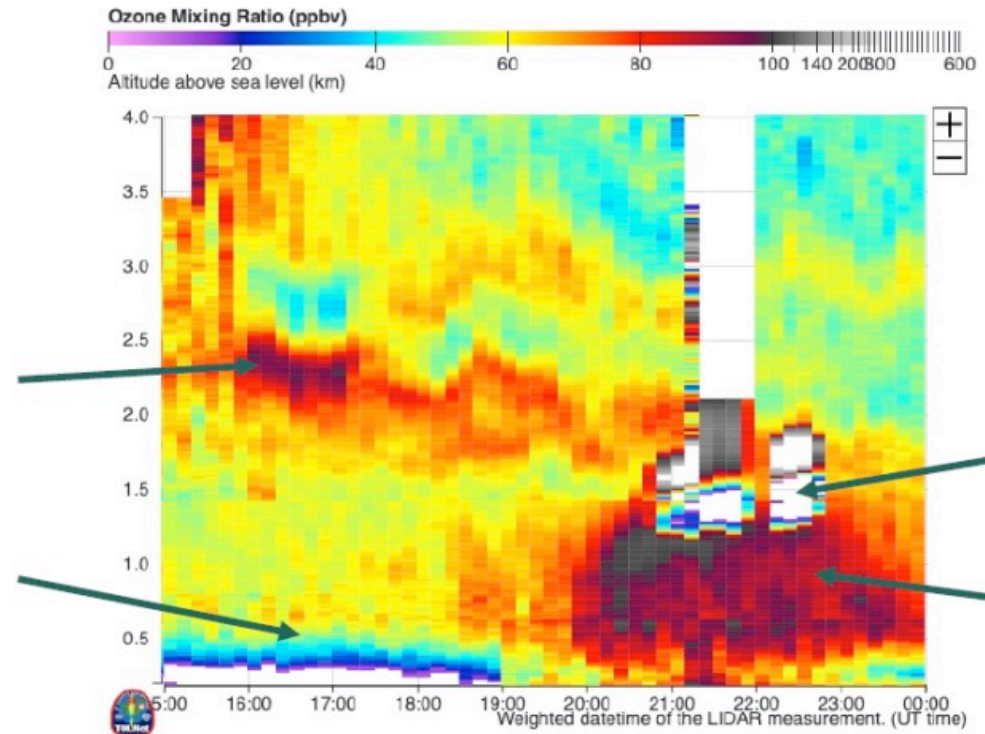
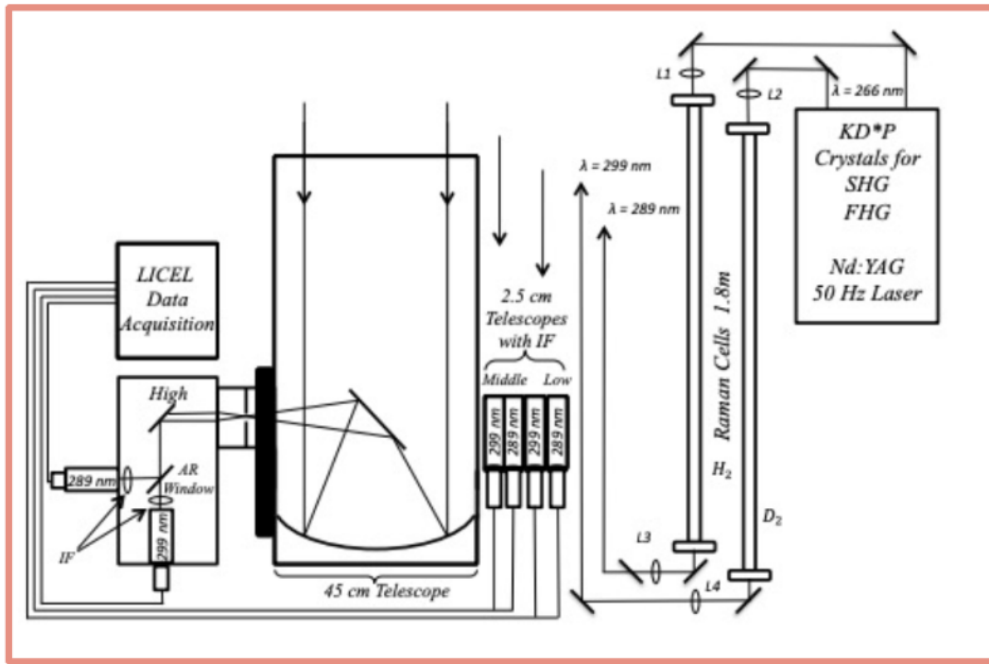
$$T_r^{on}(r) = \exp\left\{-\int_0^r [n_s(x)\sigma_{on} + \alpha_M^{on}(x) + \alpha_R^{on}(x)] dx\right\}$$

$$T_r^{off}(r) = \exp\left\{-\int_0^r [n_s(x)\sigma_{off} + \alpha_M^{off}(x) + \alpha_R^{off}(x)] dx\right\}$$

$$\bar{n}_s(r + \Delta r/2) = \frac{1}{2\Delta r(\sigma_{on} - \sigma_{off})} \left[ \ln \frac{P_{on}(r)P_{off}(r + \Delta r)}{P_{on}(r + \Delta r)P_{off}(r)} - E - B \right]$$

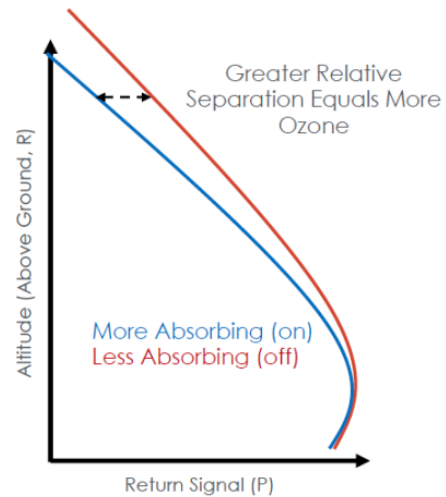
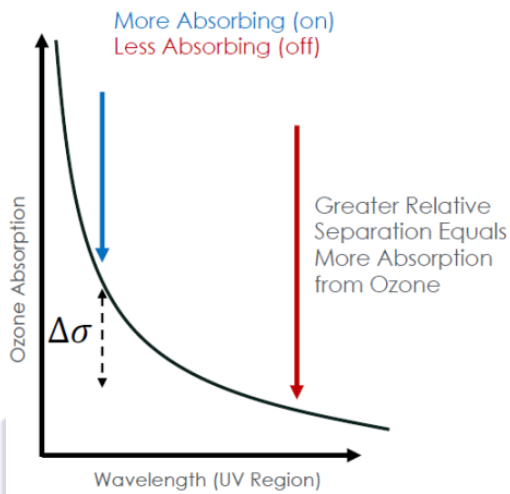
$$E = 2\Delta r(\bar{\alpha}_M^{on} + \bar{\alpha}_R^{on} - \bar{\alpha}_M^{off} - \bar{\alpha}_R^{off})$$

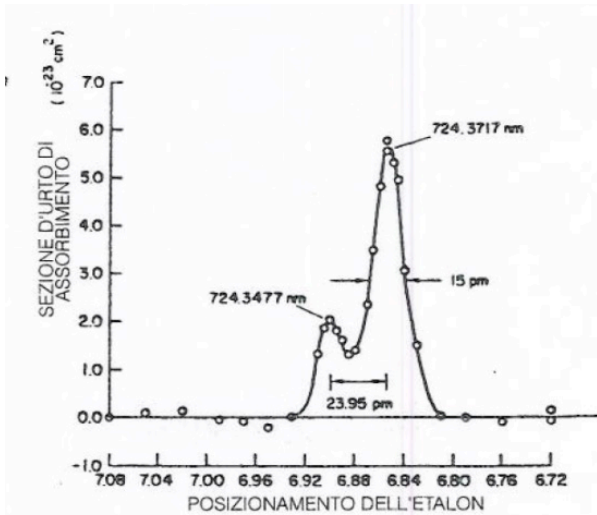
$$B = \ln \left[ \frac{\beta_{on}(r)\beta_{off}(r + \Delta r)}{\beta_{off}(r)\beta_{on}(r + \Delta r)} \right]$$



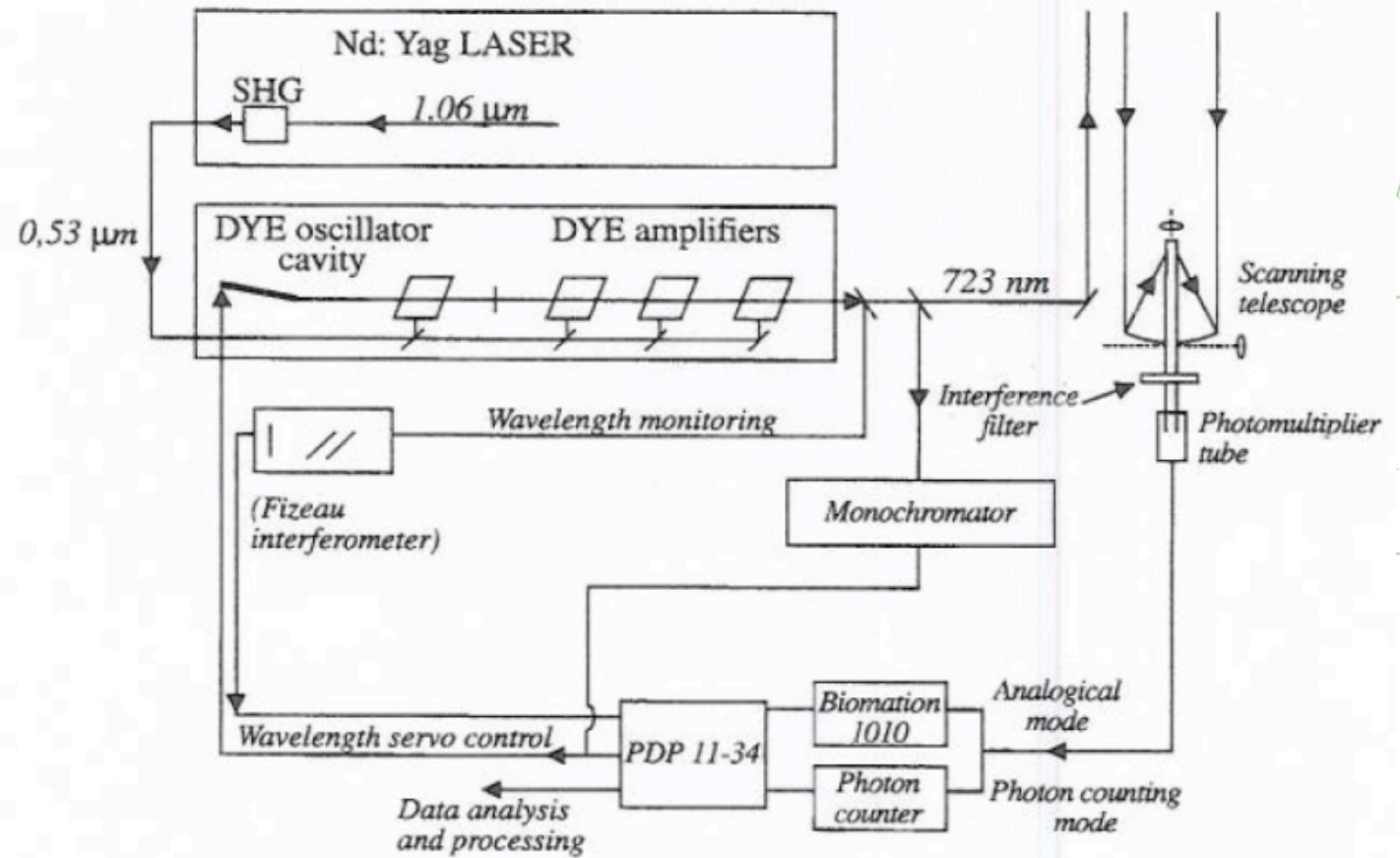
Sullivan, 2024

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Cahen et al., 1982



🌐 Incoherent «narrowband» elastic backscattering lidar

HSRL: aerosol

Doppler shift: wind velocity (\*)

line shape: temperature

(\*) not exactly the same wavelength, but elastic scattering processes

### Frequency Spectrum of Laser Echoes from Atmospheric Constituents and Determination of the Aerosol Content of Air<sup>1</sup>

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ABSTRACT

Spectral analysis of the echoes obtained from atmospheric constituents in optical radar experiments yields information related to wind motion, temperature and composition. In particular, air with suspended aerosols is considered, and preliminary experiments are described showing that apparatus of limited resolution yields the ratio of the aerosol-to-molecular component. In the experiments, radiation from a cw He-Ne laser was scattered by air with a variable aerosol content. Spectral analysis of the scattered light was performed with a pressure-scanned Fabry-Perot interferometer.

1. Introduction

With coherent, quasi-monochromatic light sources it is possible to perform a spectral analysis of the light

very small scale, such techniques yield in a simple manner the ratio of the aerosol-to-gaseous component. In light-scattering experiments in which only the intensity

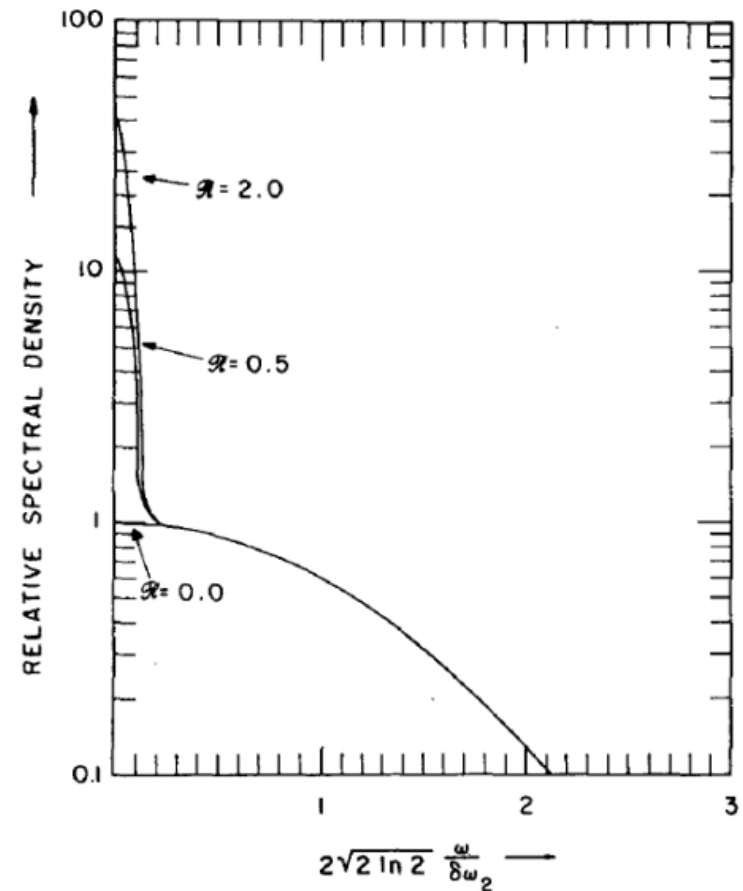


FIG. 2. Relative spectral density of light scattered from air with variable aerosol content as would be observed with a high-resolution spectrometer.

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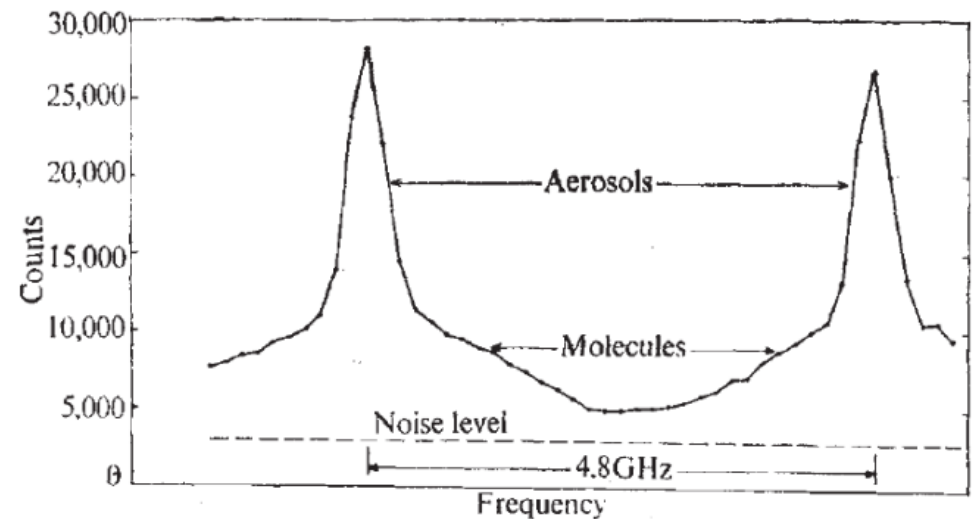
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## Measurement of Temperature and Aerosol to Molecule Ratio in the Troposphere by Optical Radar

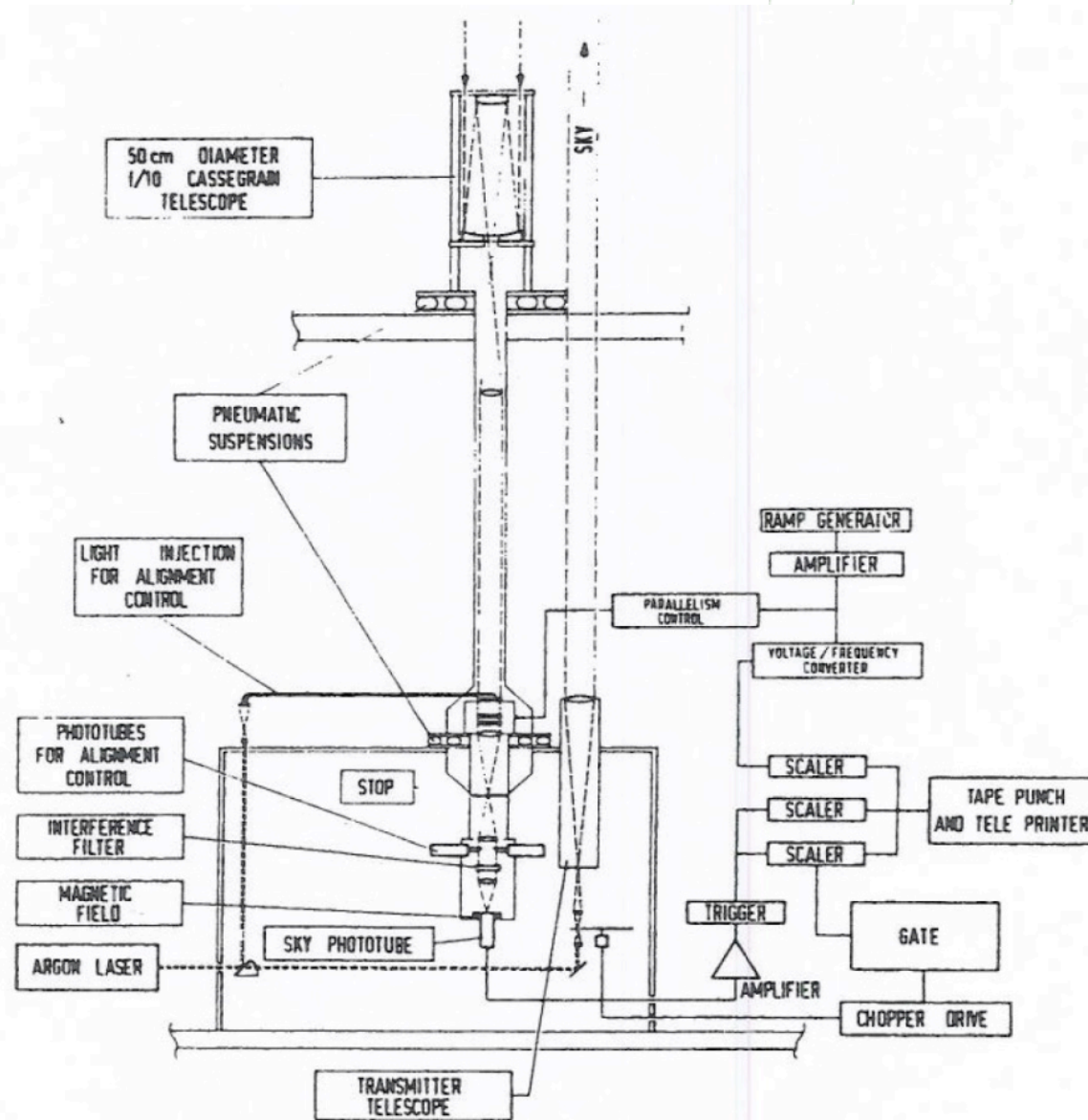
We wish to describe preliminary optical radar measurements of atmospheric temperature and aerosol to molecule ratio. Optical radar can radiate pulses of highly monochromatic laser light and resolve the frequency spectrum of the light

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Fiocco et al., 1971

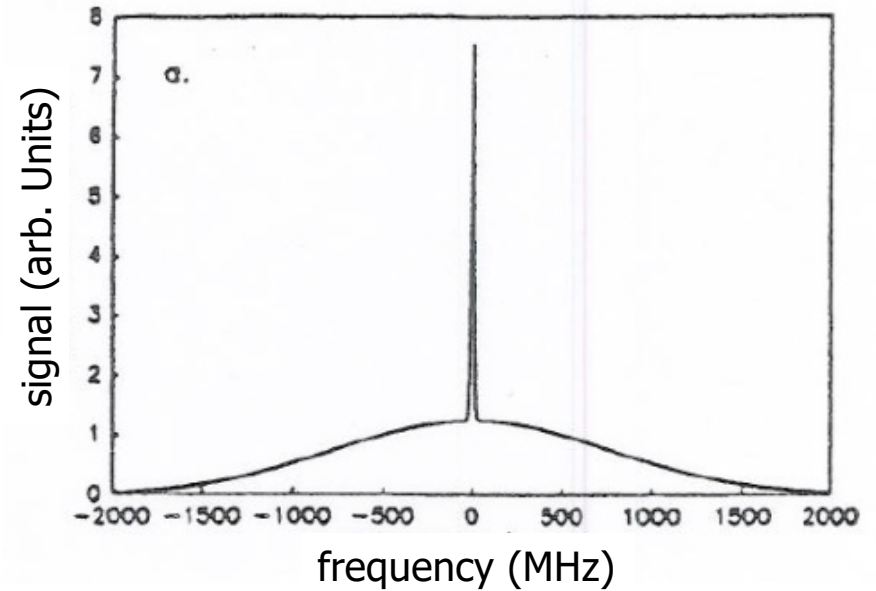


**Fig. 1** Spectrum of echoes from air. Contributions of molecules from aerosols can be separated.

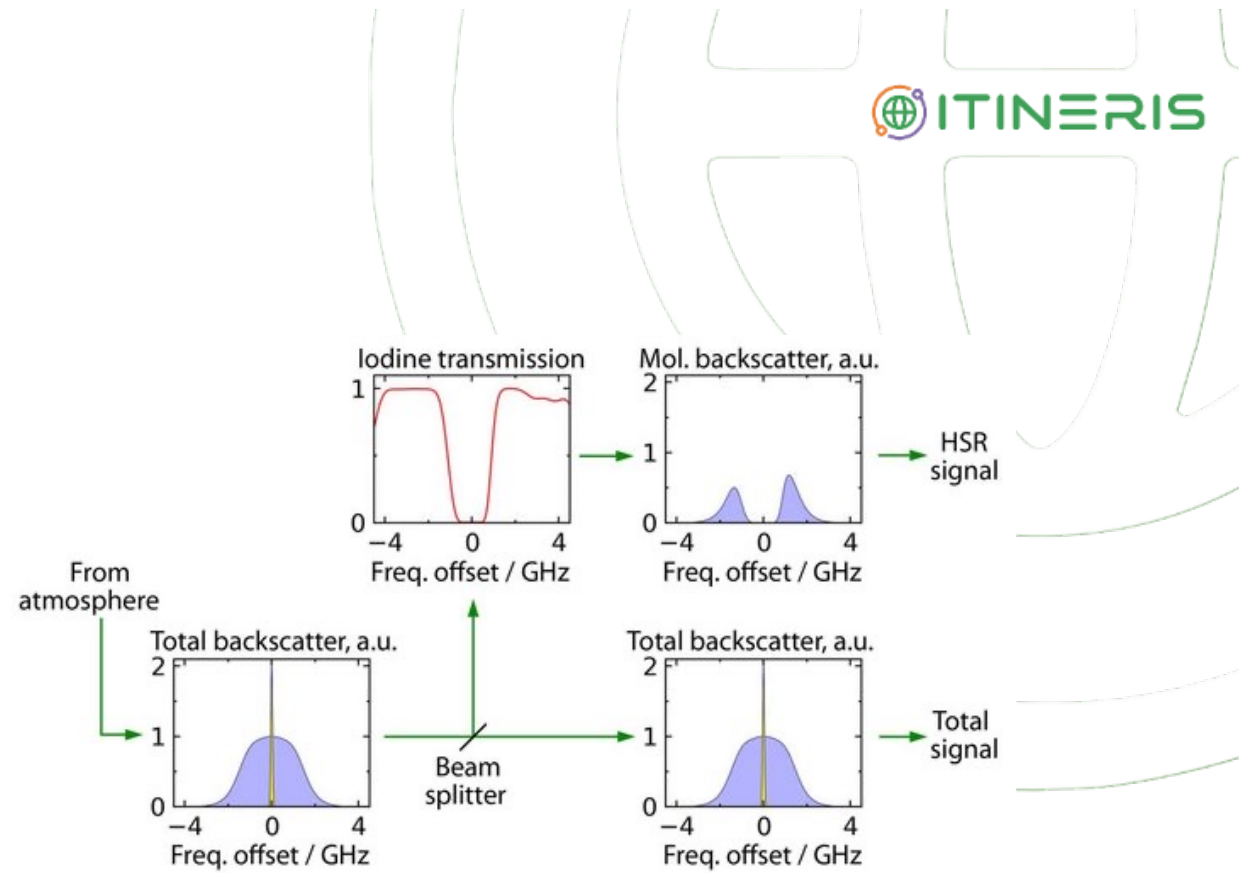
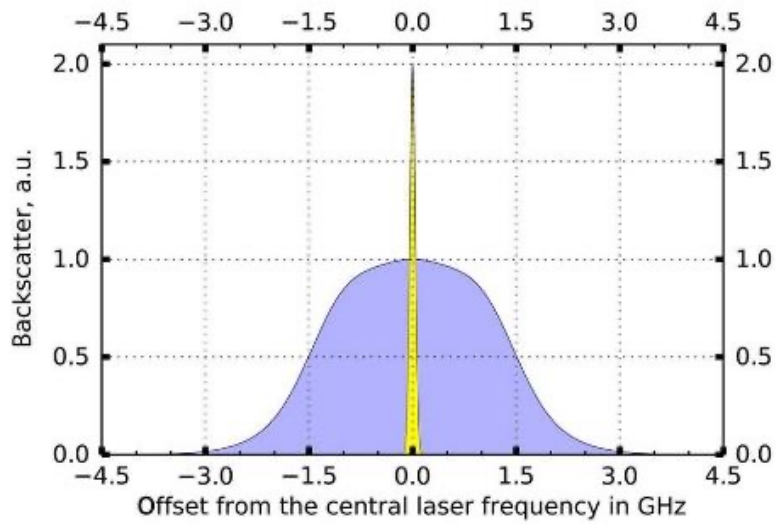


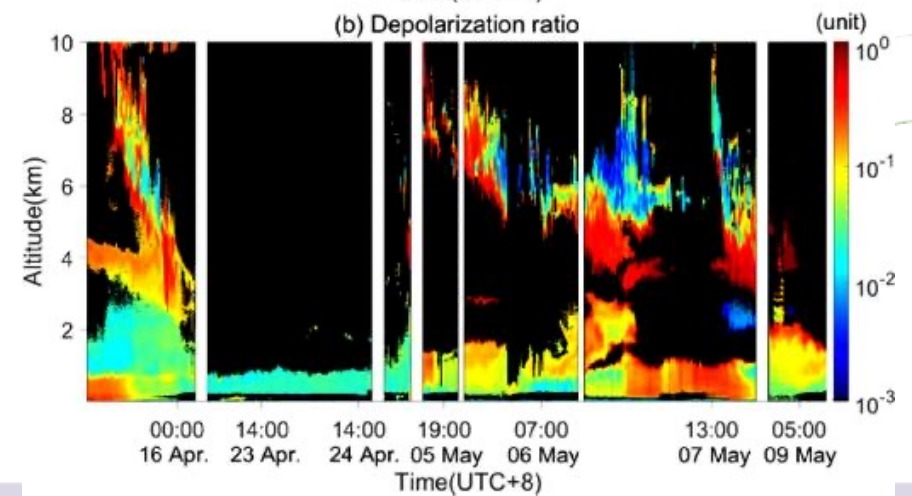
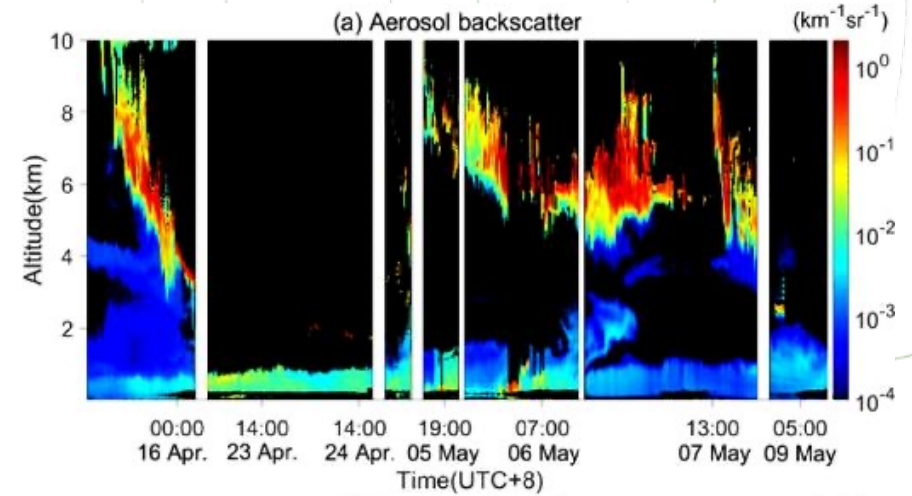
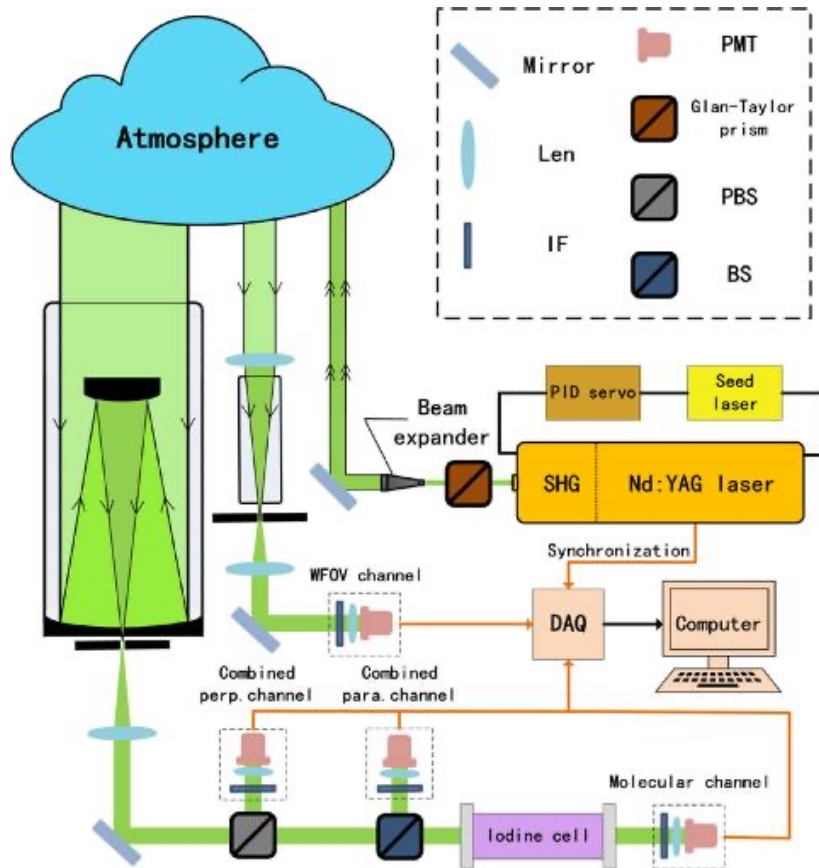
$$\delta\nu_R = \frac{1}{\lambda} \sqrt{\frac{32k \ln(2)T}{M}} = 79,5 \frac{\sqrt{T}}{\lambda} \text{ GHz}$$

At 532 nm and 280 K,  $\delta\nu_R$  is 2.5 GHz

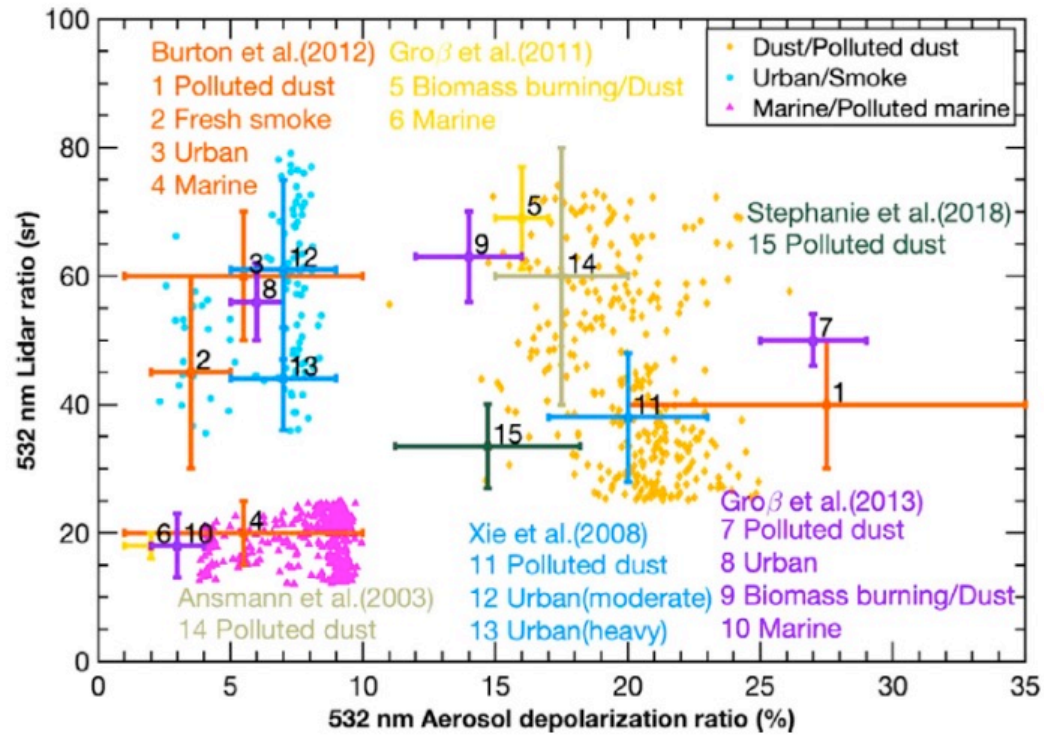


# HSR lidar

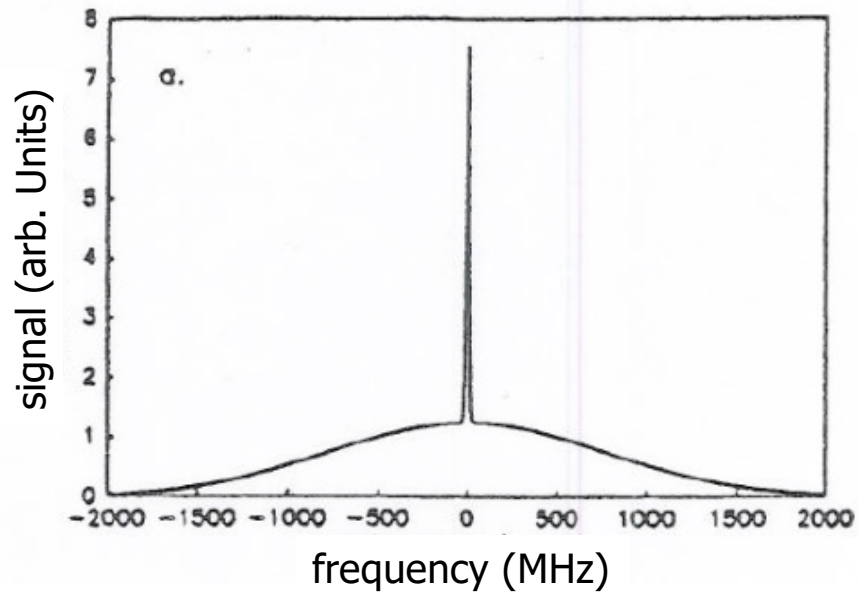




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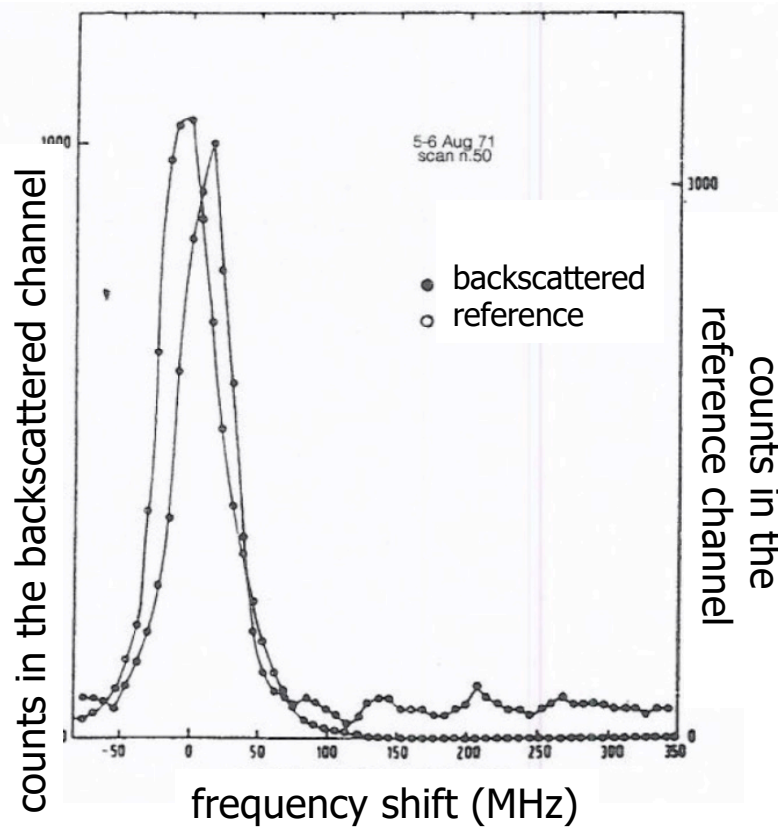


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$$\delta\nu_D = 2 \frac{v_r}{\lambda}$$

At 532 nm,  $v_r$  of 1 m/s produces a  $\delta\nu_D$  of 3.8 MHz



Benedetti Michelangeli et al., 1972

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### Measurement of Aerosol Motion and Wind Velocity in the Lower Troposphere by Doppler Optical Radar

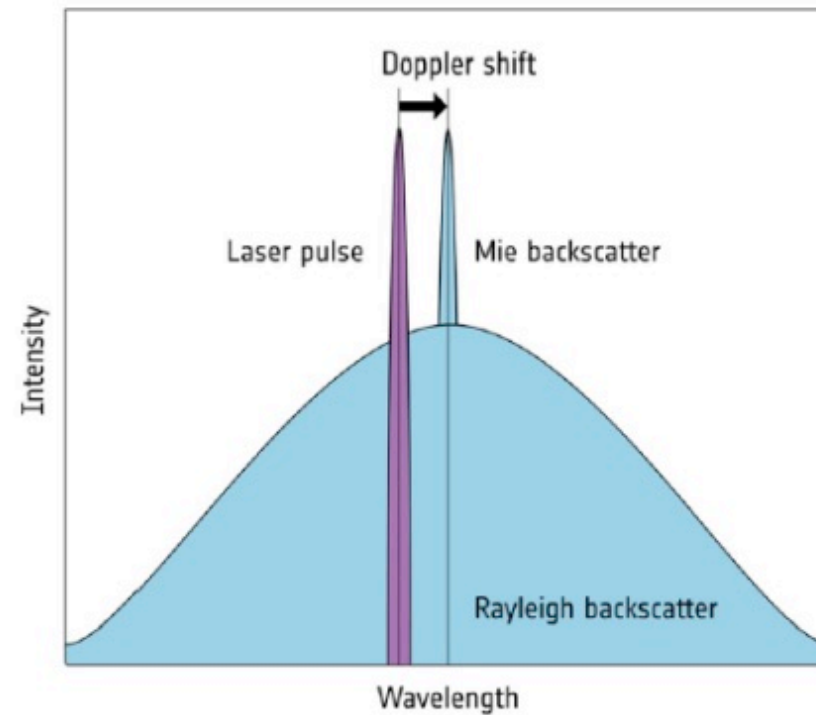
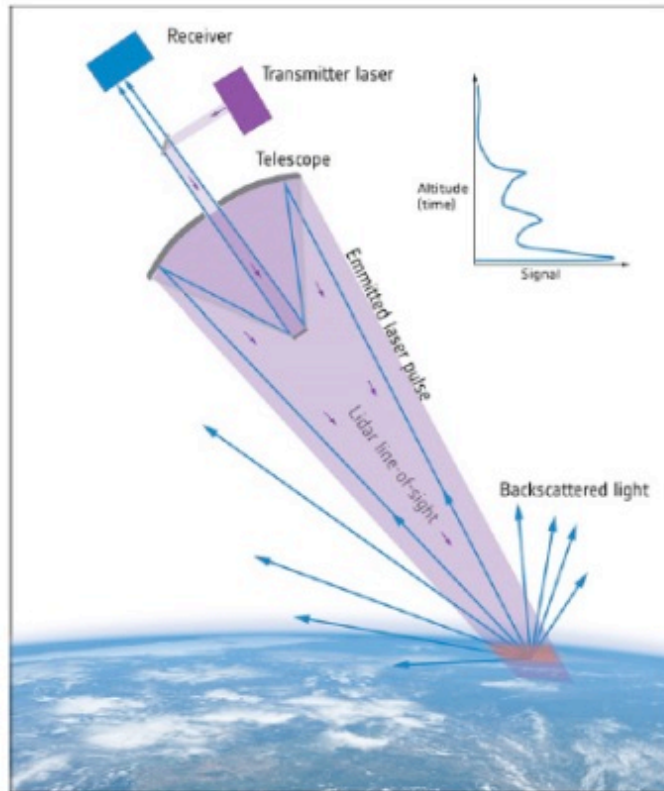
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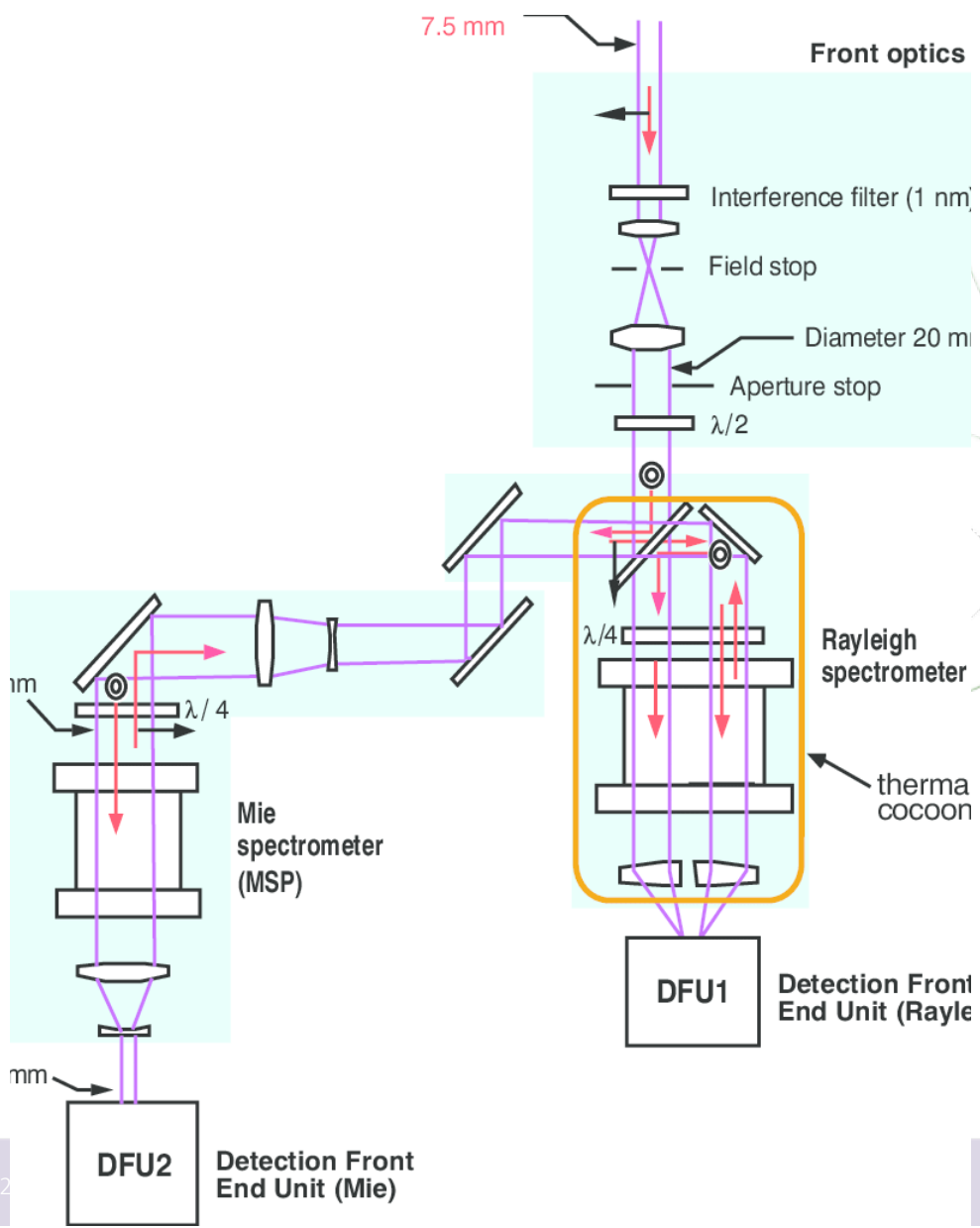
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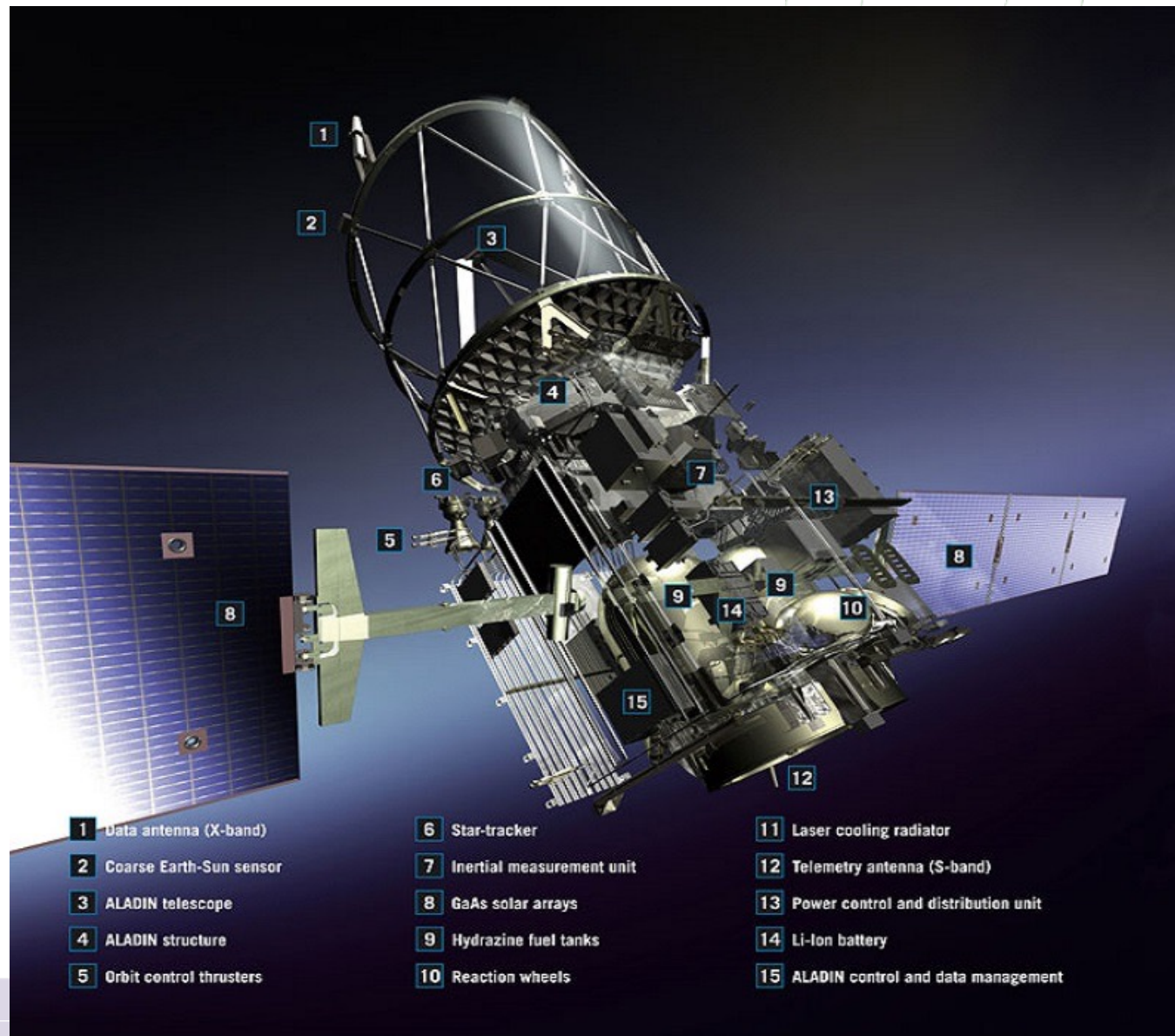
#### ABSTRACT

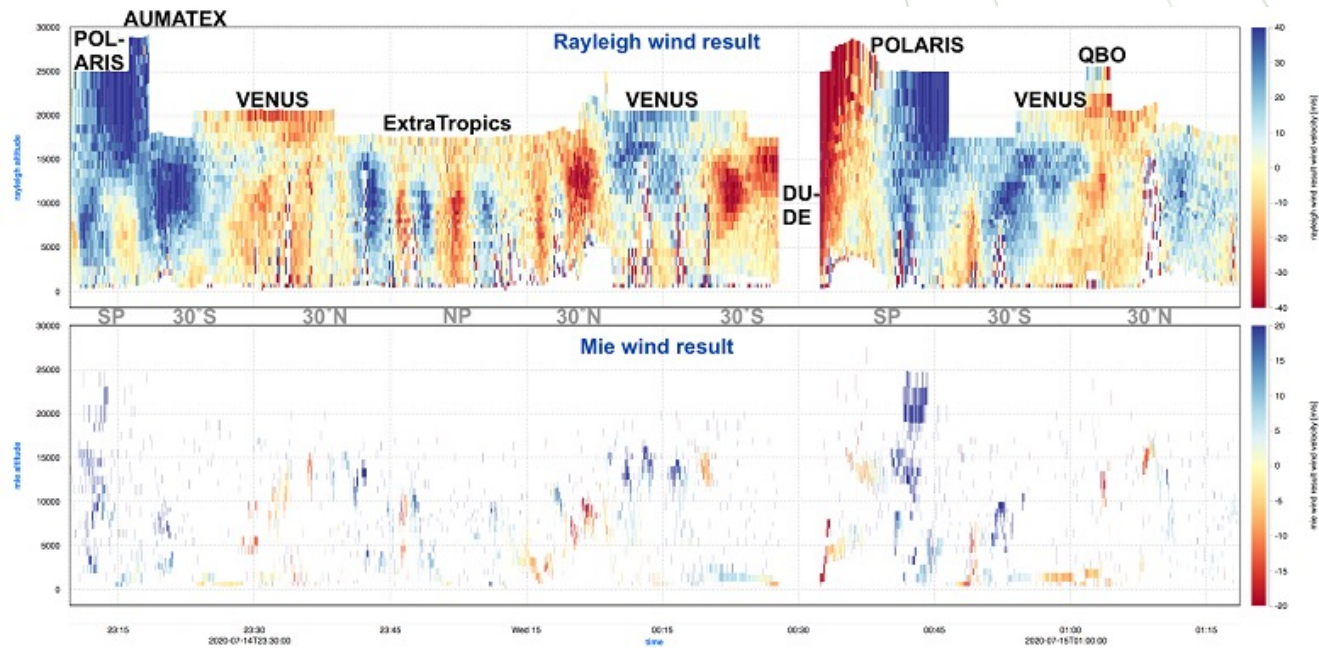
An optical radar has been used to measure the radial wind velocity component in the lower troposphere by detecting interferometrically the bulk Doppler shift affecting the echoes from atmospheric aerosols. The measurements, carried out at night, have basically utilized a highly coherent single-frequency Ar<sup>+</sup> laser



**Figure 4:** The ALADIN measurement principle. Wind and atmospheric optical properties profile measurements are derived from the Doppler shifted signals that are backscattered along the lidar line-of-sight (LOS).







## Wind lidar

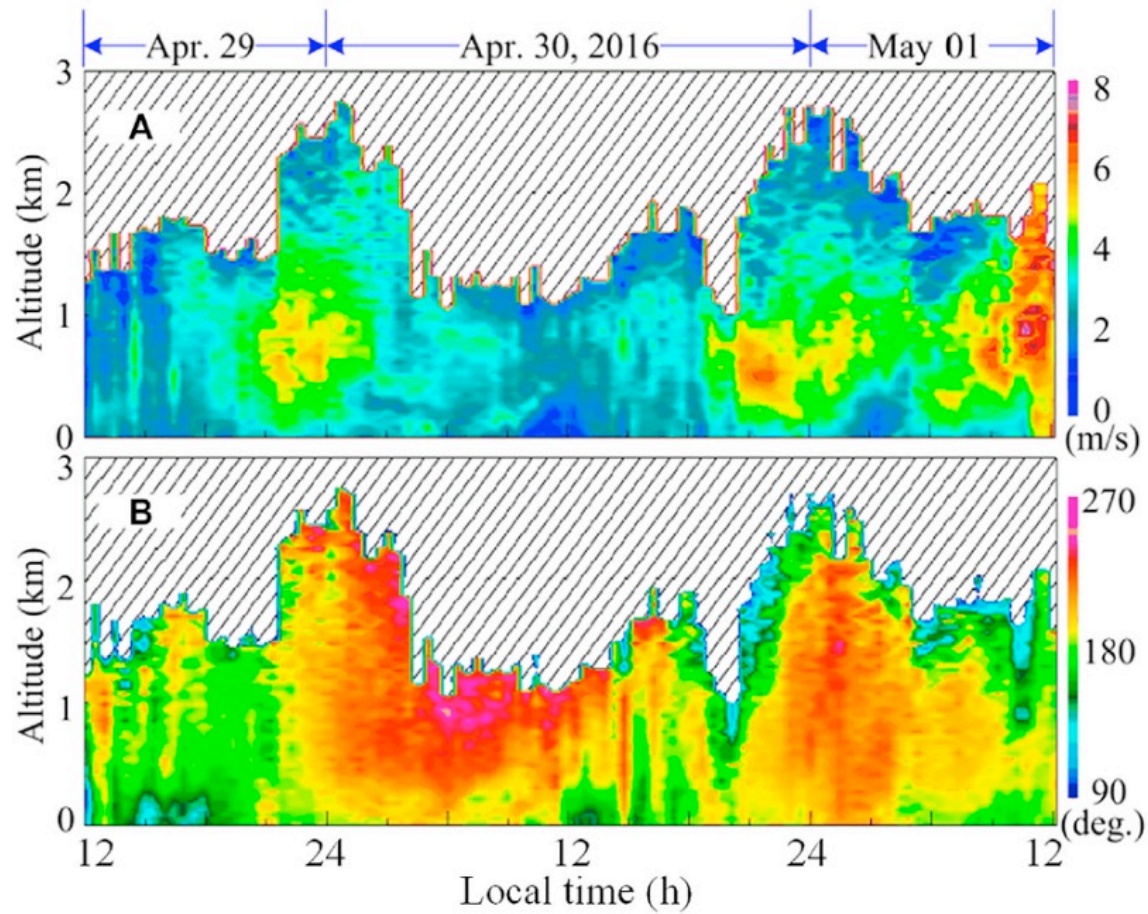


FIGURE 3 | Forty-eight-hour observation of atmospheric wind and visibility. (A) Wind speed and (B) direction.

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## Incoherent anelastic backscattering lidar (1)

No information from the phase of the signal

Emission and detection at different wavelengths

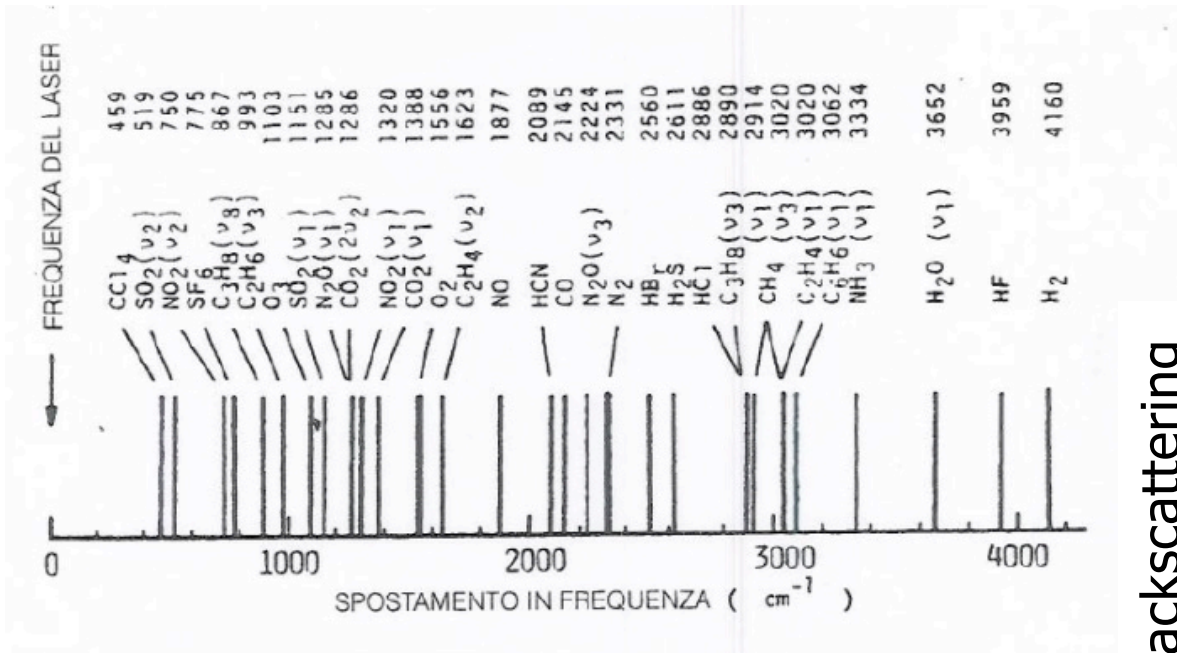
## Incoherent «broadband» anelastic backscattering lidar

Raman: aerosol extinction; profile of specific gases

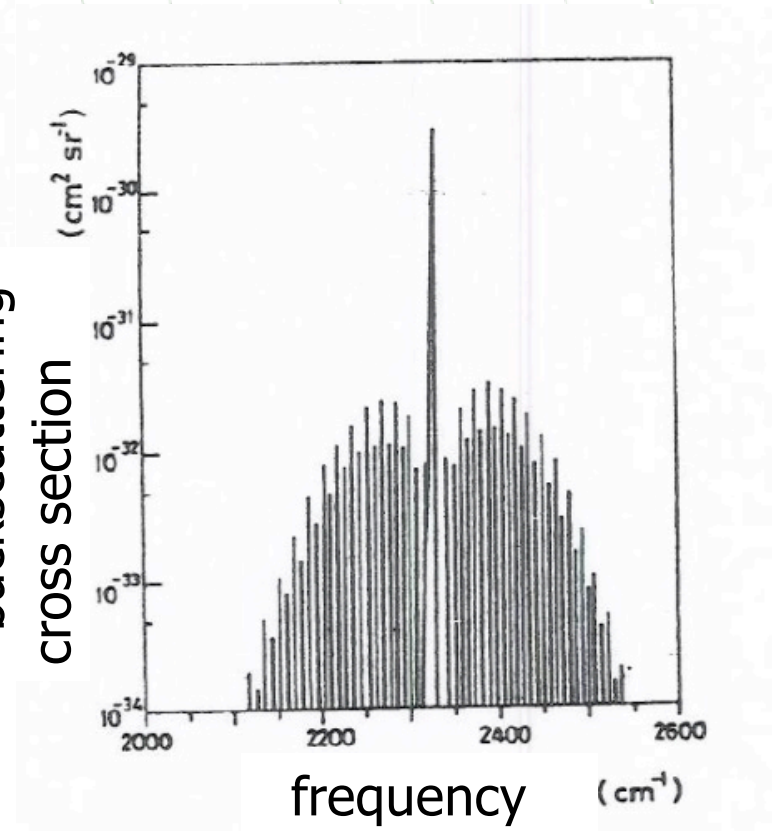
Fluorescence: aerosol typing (vegetation, ocean properties)

## Incoherent «narrowband» anelastic backscattering lidar

Raman: temperature profile



backscattering  
cross section

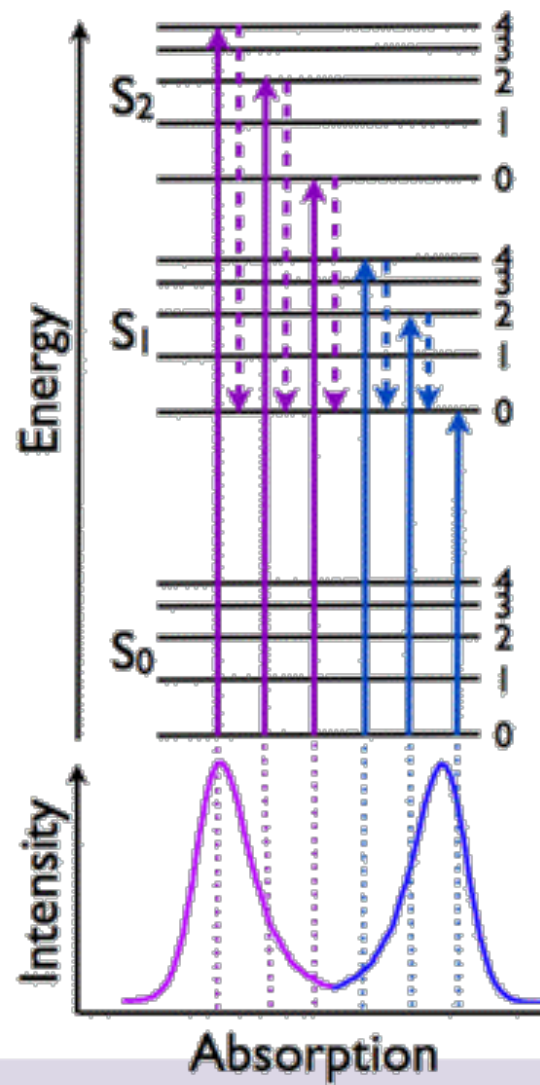


N<sub>2</sub> Raman spectrum

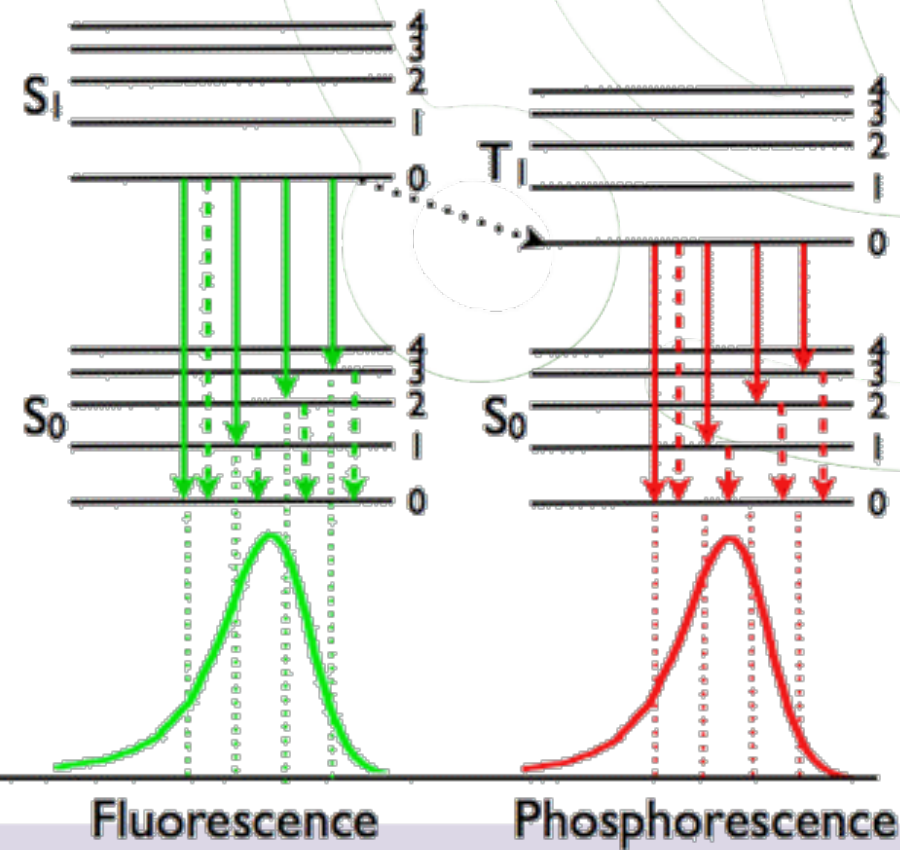
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$$P_2(r) = P_0 \frac{A}{r^2} \eta_2 \frac{c\Delta t}{2} \beta_2(r) T_r(\lambda_0, r) T_r(\lambda_2, r)$$

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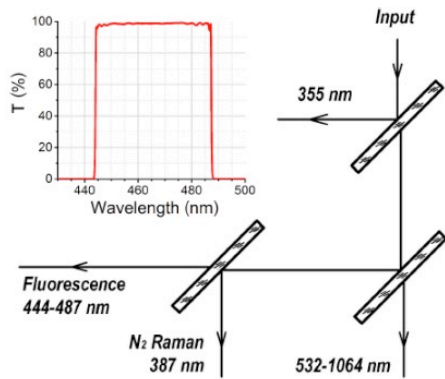
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Absorption

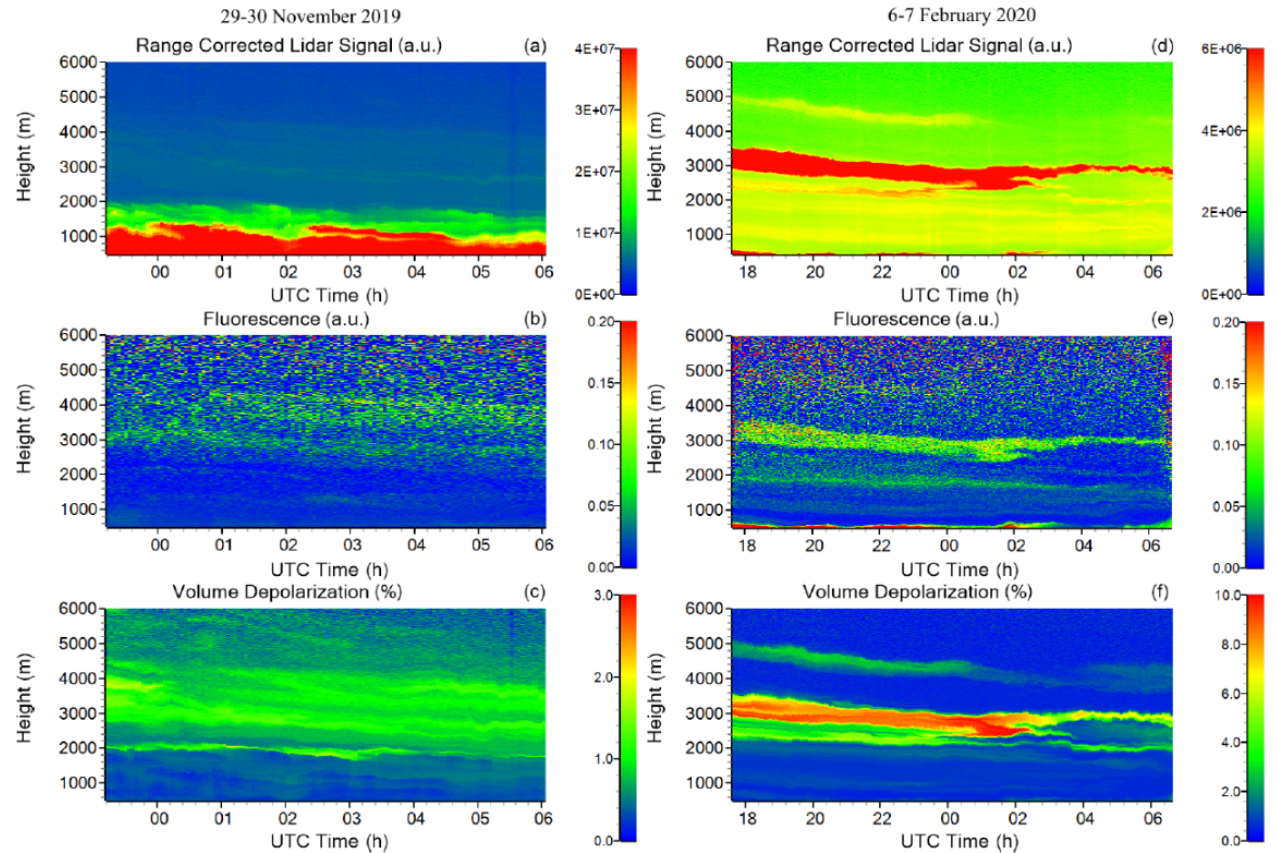
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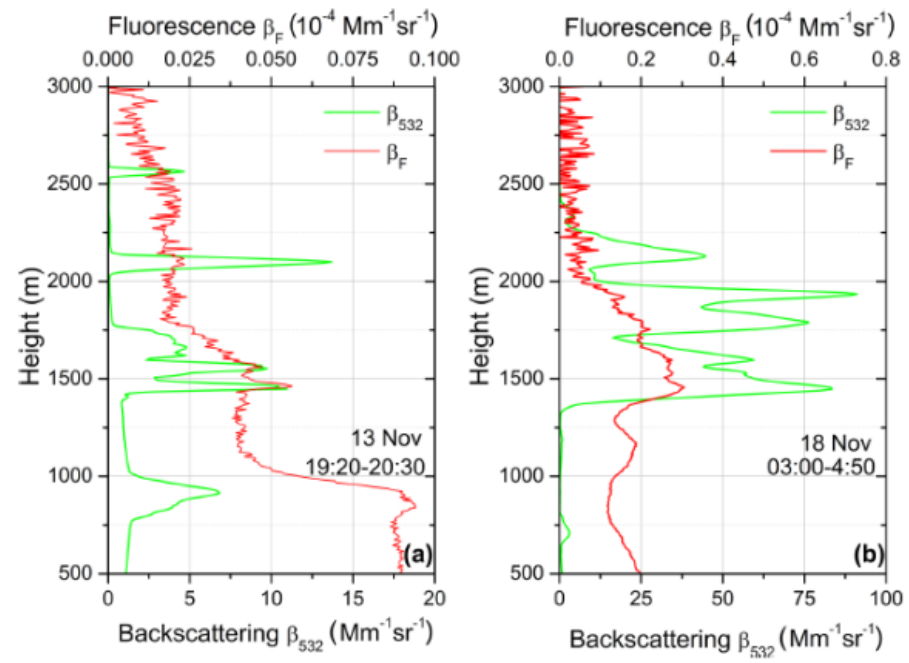


**Figure 1.** Optical scheme of the elastic, Raman and fluorescence backscatters' separation together with the transmission curve of the interference filter in the fluorescence channel.

Veselovskii et al., 2020

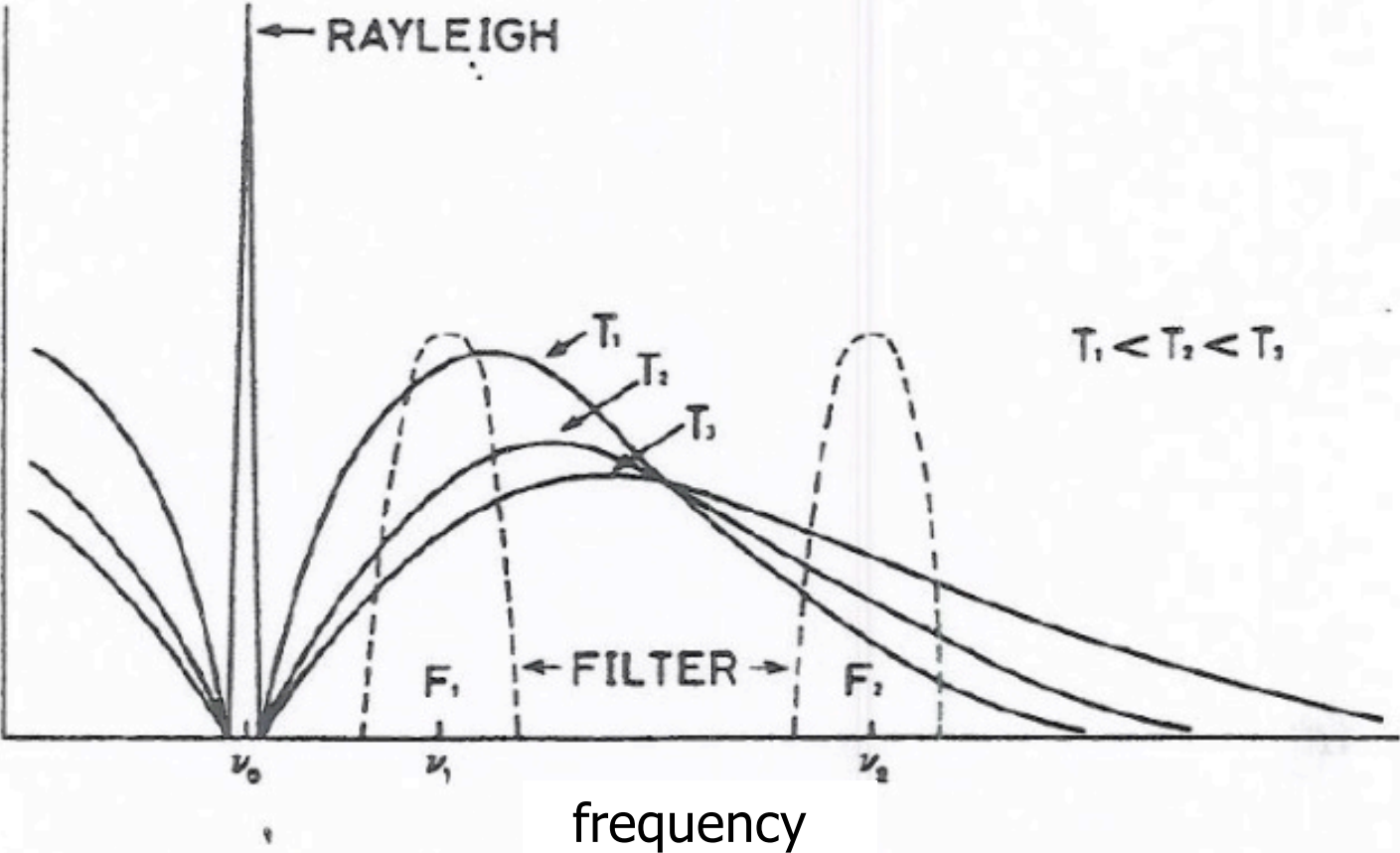


**Figure 2.** The range-corrected lidar signal at 1064 nm, fluorescence backscattering and volume depolarization ratio  $\delta_{1064}$  measured at Lille n 29–30 November 2019 (a–c) and 6–7 February 2020 (d–f).

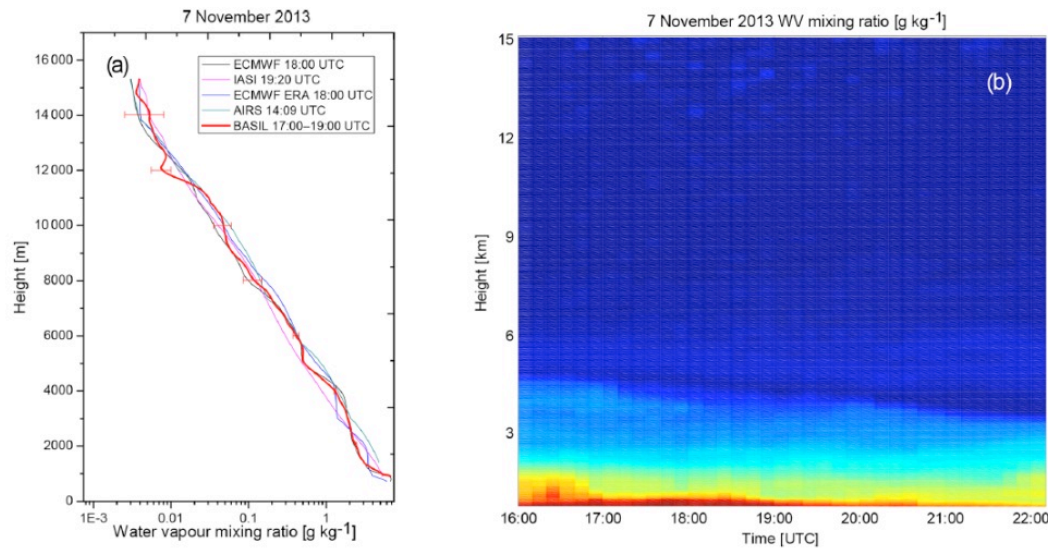


**Figure 4.** Aerosol ( $\beta_{532}$ ) and fluorescence ( $\beta_F$ ) backscattering coefficients on 13 and 18 November 2019.

Veselovskii et al., 2020



De Rosa et al., 2020



**Figure 3.** Water vapour mixing ratio profile as measured by BASIL over the time period from 17:00 to 19:00 UTC on 7 November 2013, as well as the closest profiles (in time) from IASI (at 19:29 UTC), AIRS (at 14:09 UTC) and the ECMWF (ERA-15 and ERA-40, at 18:00 UTC) model reanalysis (a). Time evolution of the water vapour mixing ratio profile as measured by BASIL over the interval from 16:00 to 22:00 UTC on 7 November 2013 (b).

**Table 1.** The main characteristics of the BASIL Raman lidar system.

Laser	Nd:YAG
Wavelengths	354.7, 532 nm
Single pulse energy	500 mJ at 354.7 nm, 300 mJ at 532 nm
Pulse repetition frequency	20 Hz
Beam divergence	0.5 mrad (FWHM)
Telescope	Newtonian configuration
Primary mirror diameter	0.45 m
Combined focal length	1.8 m
Field of view	0.5 mrad (FWHM)
Interference filters	Elastic, N <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> O, LoJ, HiJ
Centre wavelength (nm)	354.7, 532, 386.7, 407.5, 354.3, 352.9
Bandwidth (nm)	1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 0.25, 0.2, 1.0
Blocking at 354.7 nm	-, 10 <sup>-6</sup> , 10 <sup>-10</sup> , 10 <sup>-12</sup> , 10 <sup>-8</sup> , 10 <sup>-8</sup>

## **Incoherent anelastic backscattering lidar (2)**

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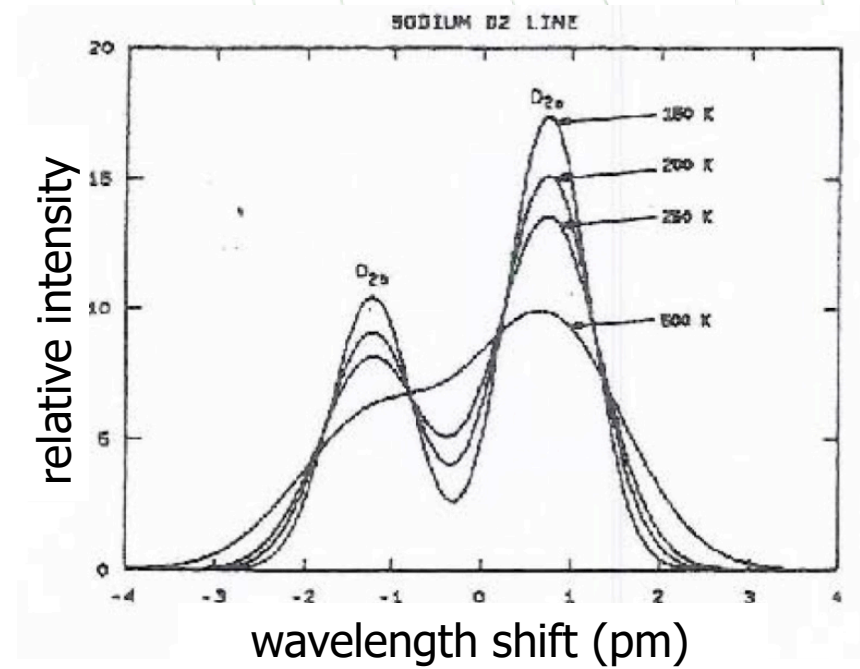
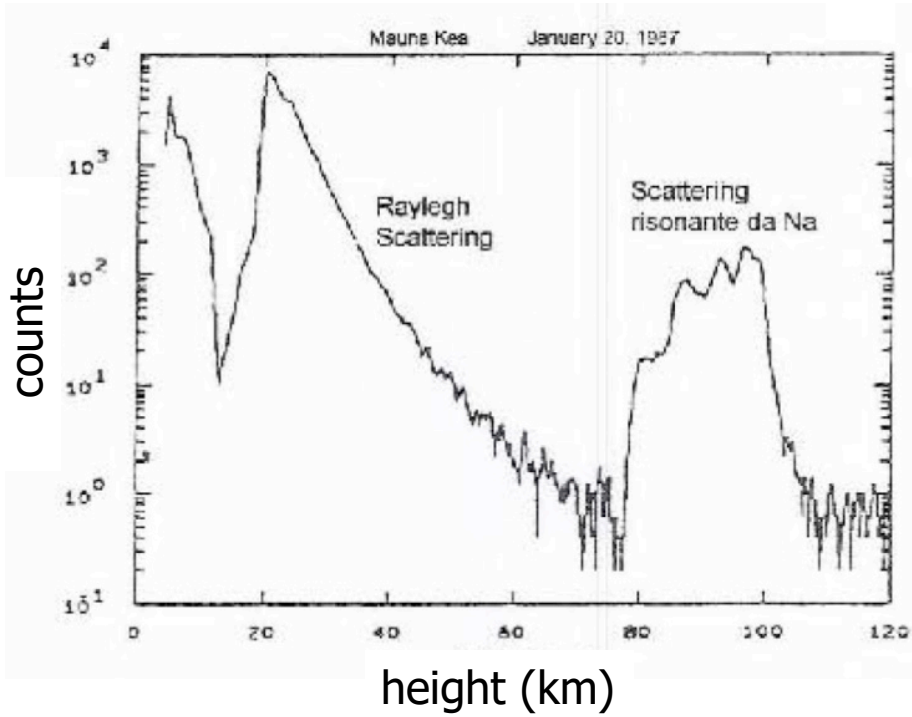
Emission and detection at the same wavelength, in correspondance with an atomic energy level transition (resonance scattering)

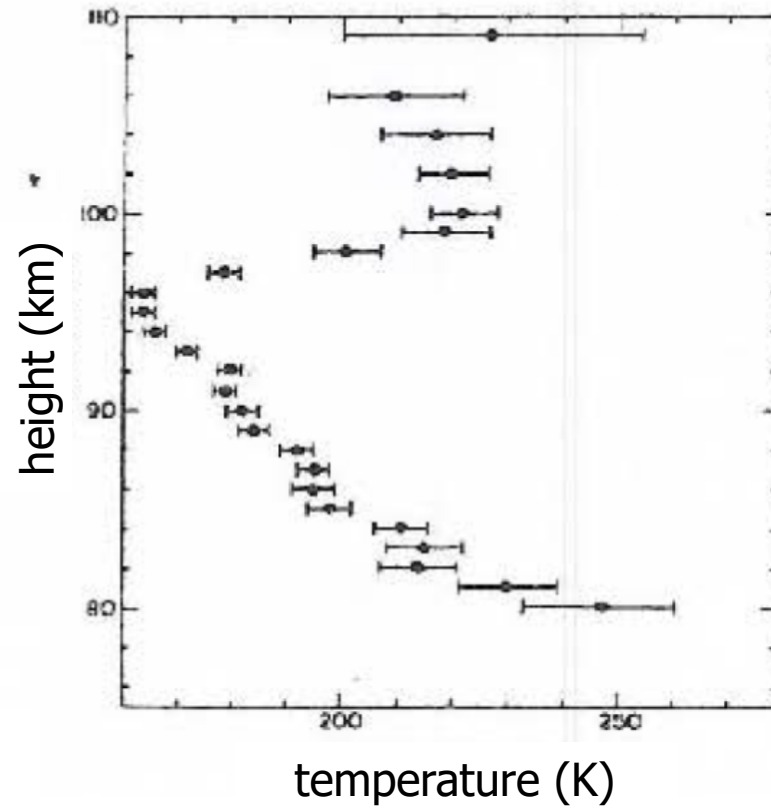
## **Incoherent «broadband» anelastic backscattering lidar**

Resonance scattering: concentration profile for Na, Ca, Ca<sup>+</sup>, Fe, K, ...

## **Incoherent «narrowband» anelastic backscattering lidar**

Resonance scattering, hyperfine structure: temperature profile





Fricke and von Zahn, 1985

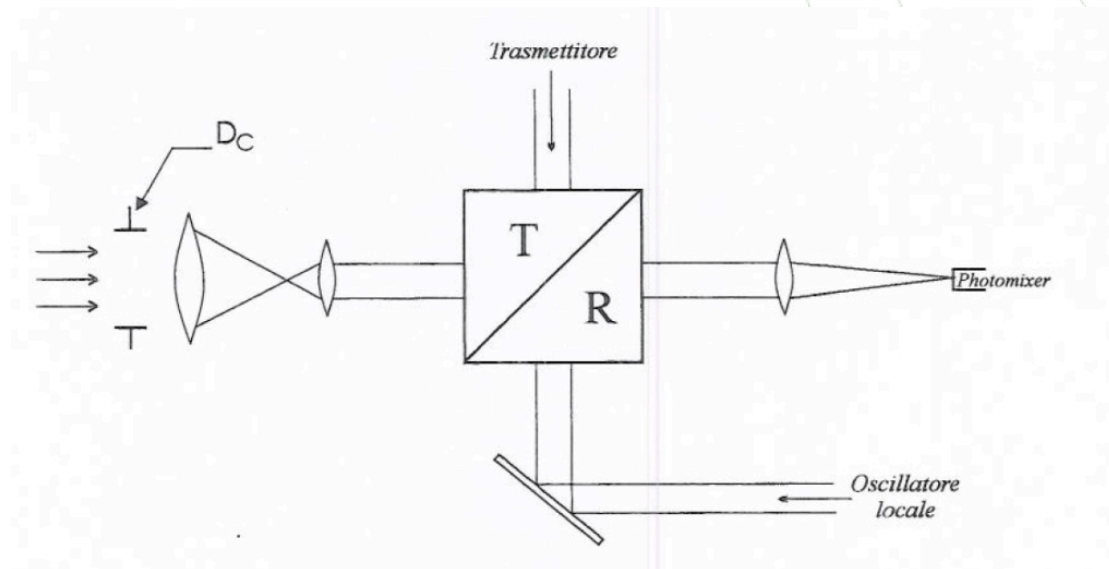
## **Coherent elastic backscattering lidar**

Information in the phase of the signal

Emission and detection at (almost) the same wavelength, elastic scattering

## **Coherent «narrowband» elastic backscattering lidar**

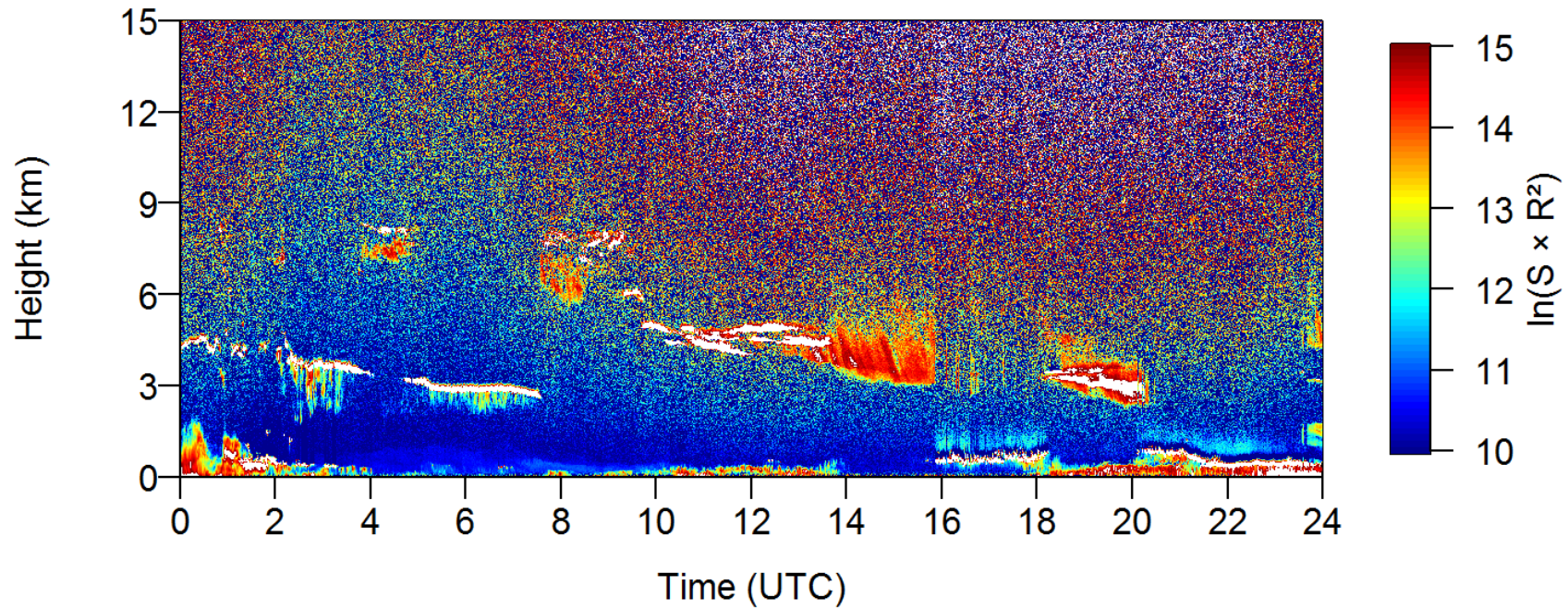
Temperature profile, aerosol profile, wind



Range corrected signal  
Clouds



**CHM-15k Thule 2020-04-27**  
P.I. ENEA - Level 1.0 data - Preliminary Results





# International Collaborations with NASA



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From the early stages of mission definition, NASA showed interest in the initiative and a fruitful collaboration was **immediately established between the two agencies.** NASA confirmed its interest through the involvement in the mission of authoritative scientists and engineers from its two centers: the Langley Research Center (LaRC) and the Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC).



**LITE - NASA**  
volò sul Discovery Space Shuttle nel settembre 1994.

past



**CALIPSO - NASA**  
Strumento Lidar con trasmettitore laser a due lunghezze d'onda (IR and VIS). 2006-2023



**CATS - NASA**  
operato da febbraio 2015 a ottobre 2017 a bordo della Stazione Spaziale Internazionale.



**AEOLUS - ESA**  
Strumento Lidar con il primo trasmettitore laser UV nello spazio. 2018-2023



**EARTHCARE - ESA**  
Strumento Lidar con trasmettitore laser UV. 2024-today



**MERLIN - DLR-CNES**



**AOS - NASA**

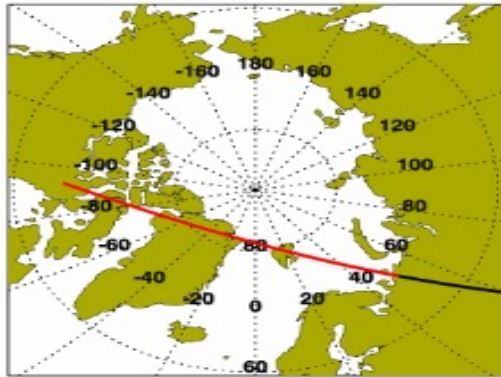
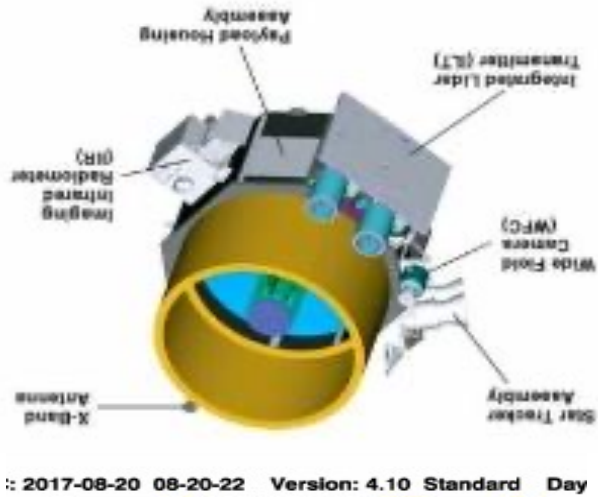
future

Members of the CALIPSO team have been involved by NASA in the collaboration with ASI for the Implementation of the Luce mission



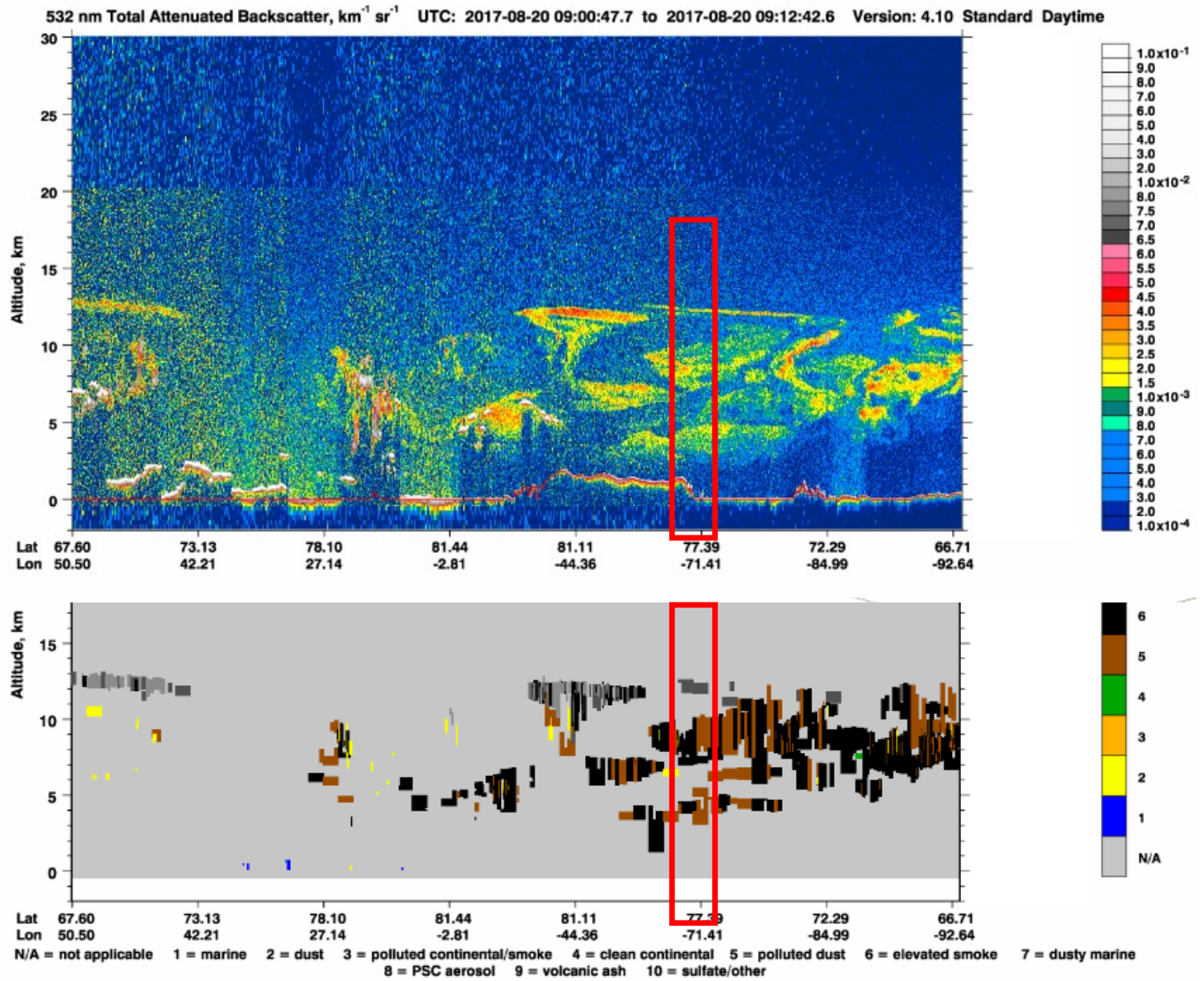
F2F in LaRC June 2024

# CALIOP on CALIPSO



## Arctic fire plumes

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# CALIPOP Polarization Measurements



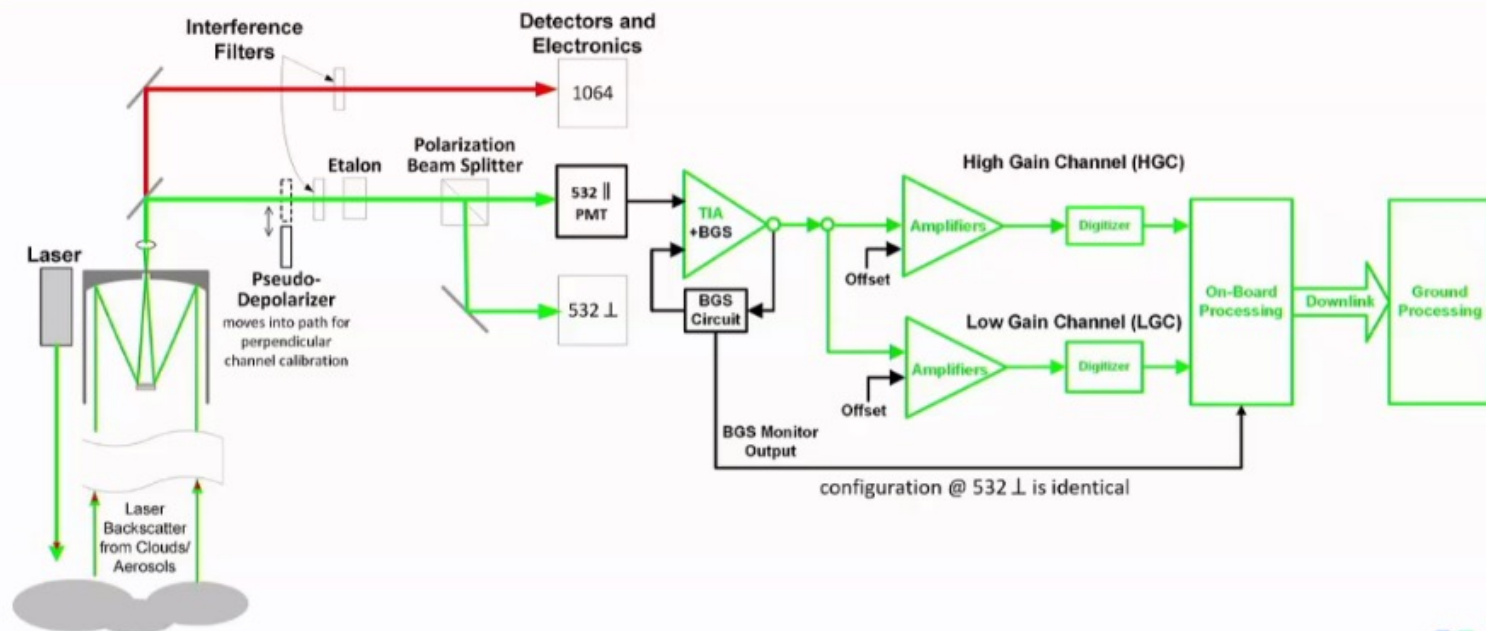


Figure 2.2 Functional block diagram of CALIOP



## About EarthCARE

Earth Explorers are research missions designed to address key scientific challenges, while demonstrating breakthrough technology in observing techniques. Every Earth Explorer mission provides an important contribution to further understanding of our planet

### What

The largest and most complex Earth Explorer to date, it is ESA's cloud, aerosol and radiation explorer mission

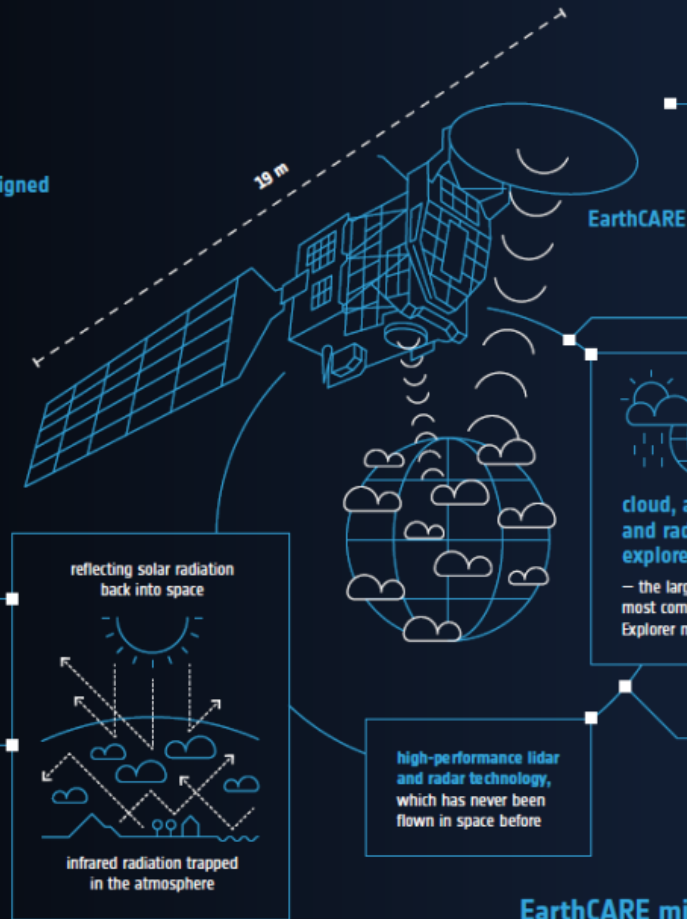
### Where

EarthCARE is a joint venture between ESA and JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency)

### Aim

EarthCARE will improve current climate and numerical weather prediction models, advancing our knowledge of:

- the role that clouds and aerosols play in reflecting incident solar radiation back into space
- how infrared radiation emitted from Earth's surface is trapped in the atmosphere



### Innovation

EarthCARE will employ high-performance lidar and radar technology, which has never been flown in space before. The High Spectral Resolution Lidar operates in the UV and also filters co- and cross- polarised signals. The Cloud Profiling Radar offers Doppler capability

### Instruments

EarthCARE carries a suite of instruments: an atmospheric lidar (ATLID), a cloud profiling radar (CPR), a multispectral imager (MSI) and a broad-band radiometer (BBR)

The two active instruments, ATLID and CPR, probe the atmosphere to collect data at a microscopic level, observing clouds, aerosols and precipitation. The two passive instruments (MSI and BBR), provide complementary optical and radiation measurements, necessary for scientific products

The mission will help scientists to improve atmospheric models by 'closing the loop', providing an actual measurement of the radiation balance that will also be calculated by models fed with observation data collected by the active instruments

cloud, aerosol and radiation explorer mission  
– the largest and most complex Earth Explorer mission

high-performance lidar and radar technology, which has never been flown in space before

### Curiosity

EarthCARE is 19 m long with the solar panel deployed. The solar wing is an essential part of the satellite, providing the energy for EarthCARE to do its job

EarthCARE mission page: [earth.esa.int/eogateway/missions/earthcare](http://earth.esa.int/eogateway/missions/earthcare)

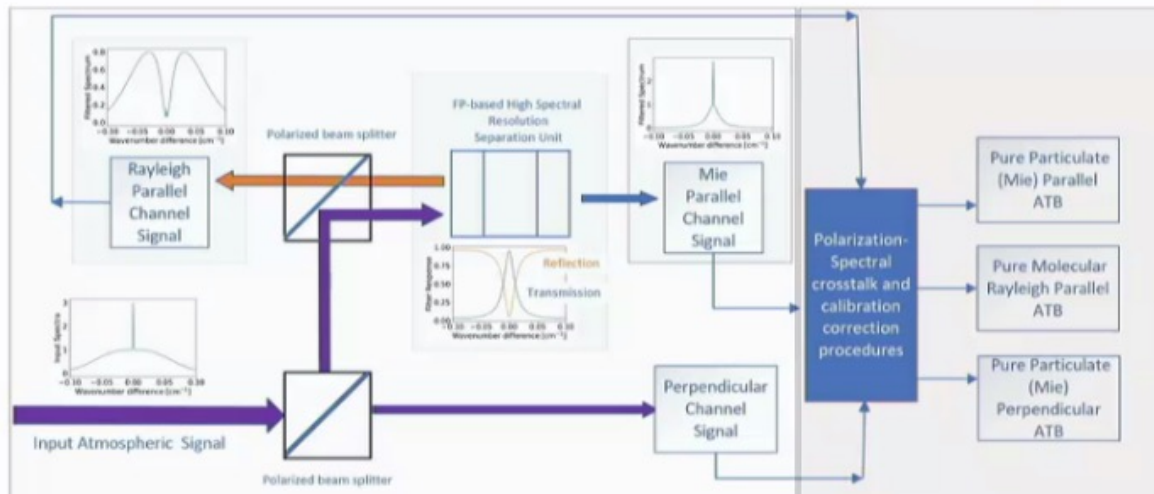
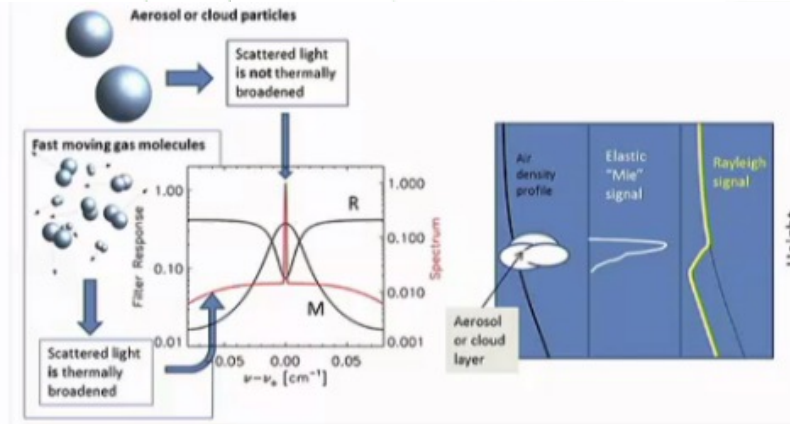
# ATLID (ATmospheric LIDar)



Orbit	Routine operations
Orbit Type	Sun-synchronous
Mean Solar Local Time	14:00 (descending node)
Mean Spherical Altitude	393.14 km
Inclination	97.05°
Repeat Cycle	25 days/389 orbits
Orbital Duration	5552.7 seconds

Parameter	
Operating Wavelength	354.8 nm
Emitted Energy	38 mJ
Receiver Footprint Diameter	≤ 30 m
PRF	51 Hz
Transmit Pulse Width	20 ns
Altitude Range	-0.5 to +40 km
Vertical Sampling Interval	103 m (up to 20.2 km) 500 m (20.2 km - 40 km)
Along Track Sampling Interval	285 m (2 shots accumulated onboard)
Channels	HSRL particulate HSRL Molecular Depolarization channel

# ATLID (ATmospheric LIDar) UV HSRL with Linear Depolarization channel



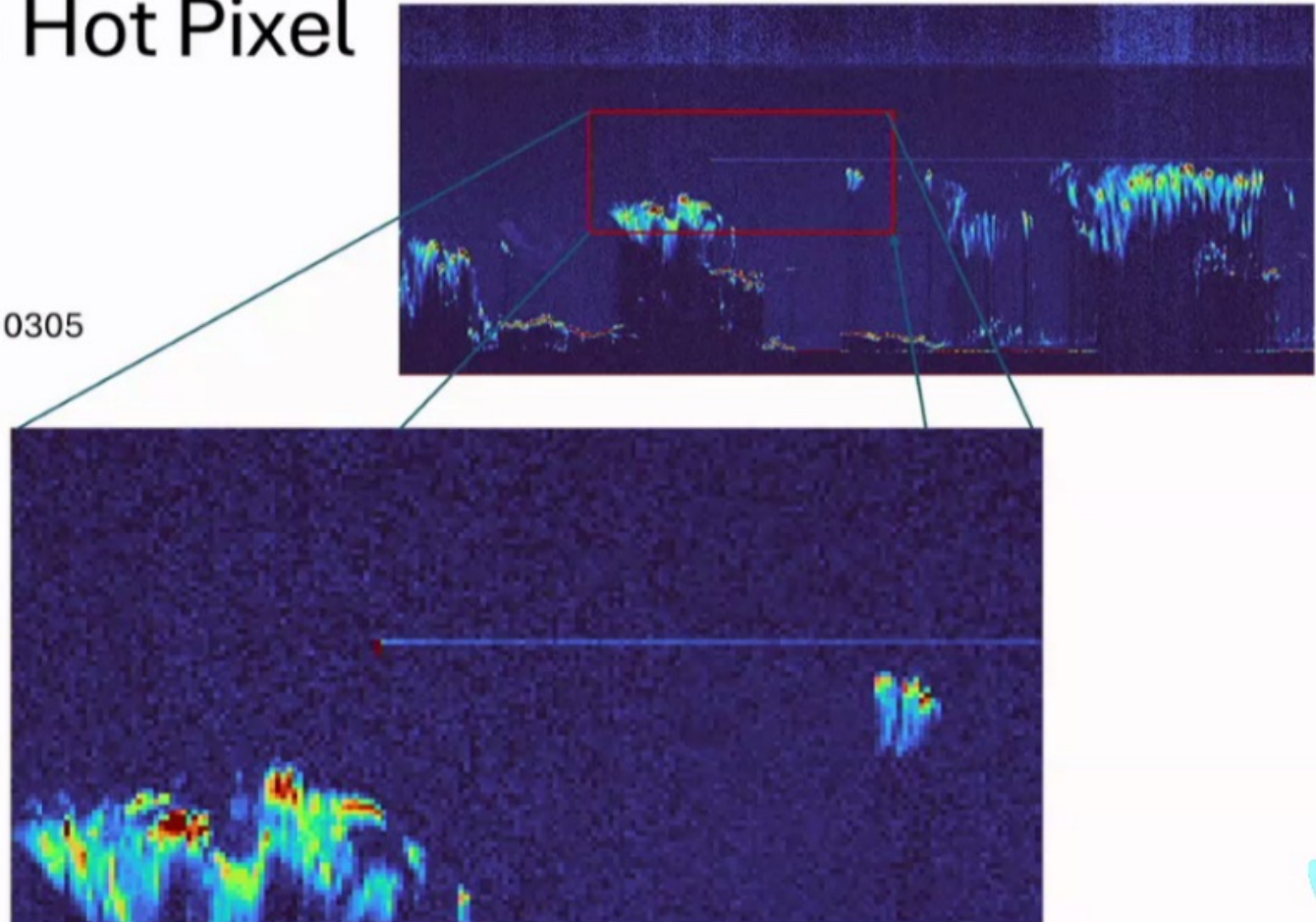
**HSRL**

- ⇒ Good daylight performance
- ⇒ More accurate retrievals
  - ⇒ Extinction + Backscatter are retrieved.
  - ⇒ More info. content.

# Birth of a Hot Pixel

Cross-Polar Channel

Frame 1355D 08/24 : 0305





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