

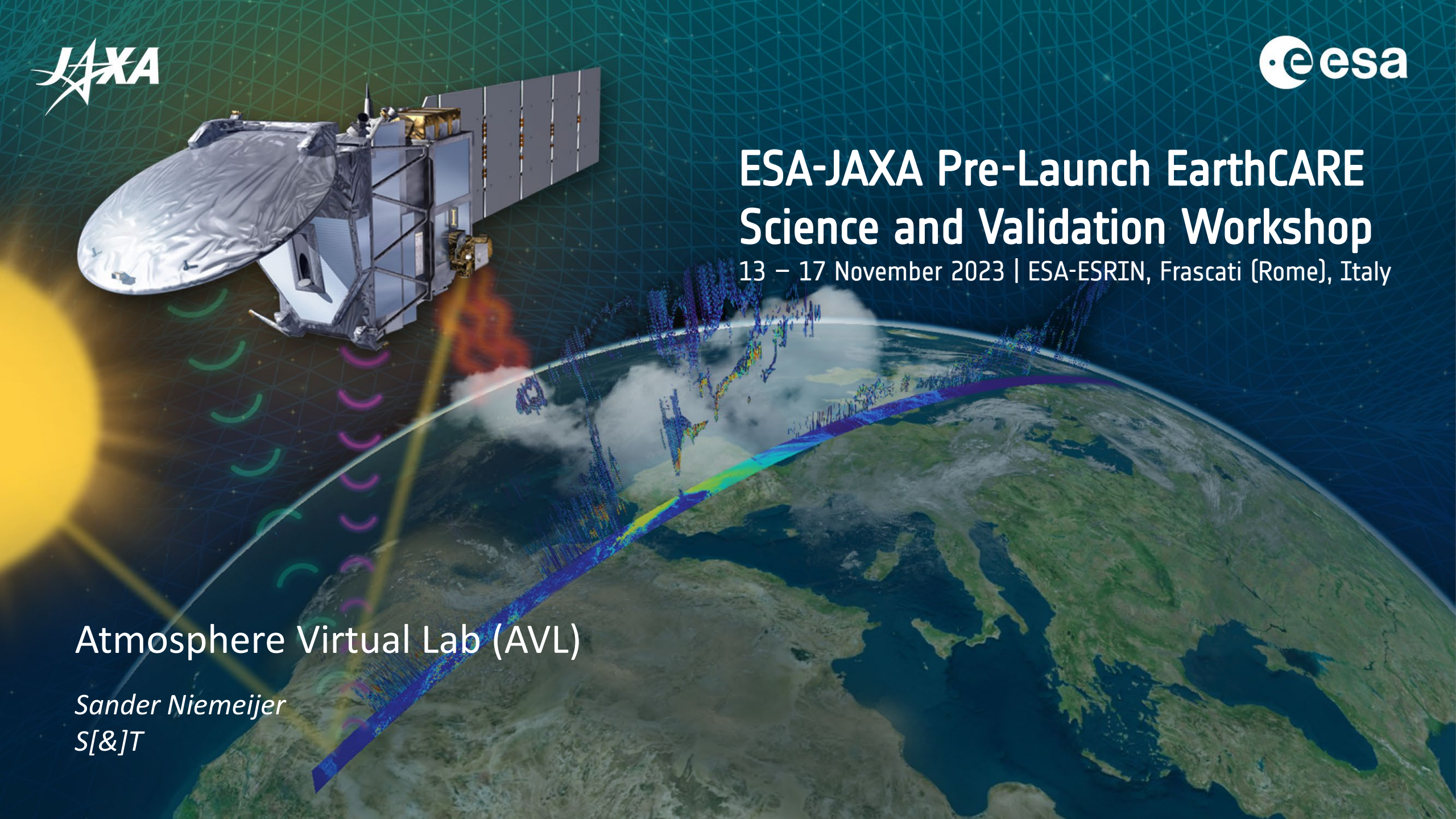


# ESA-JAXA Pre-Launch EarthCARE Science and Validation Workshop

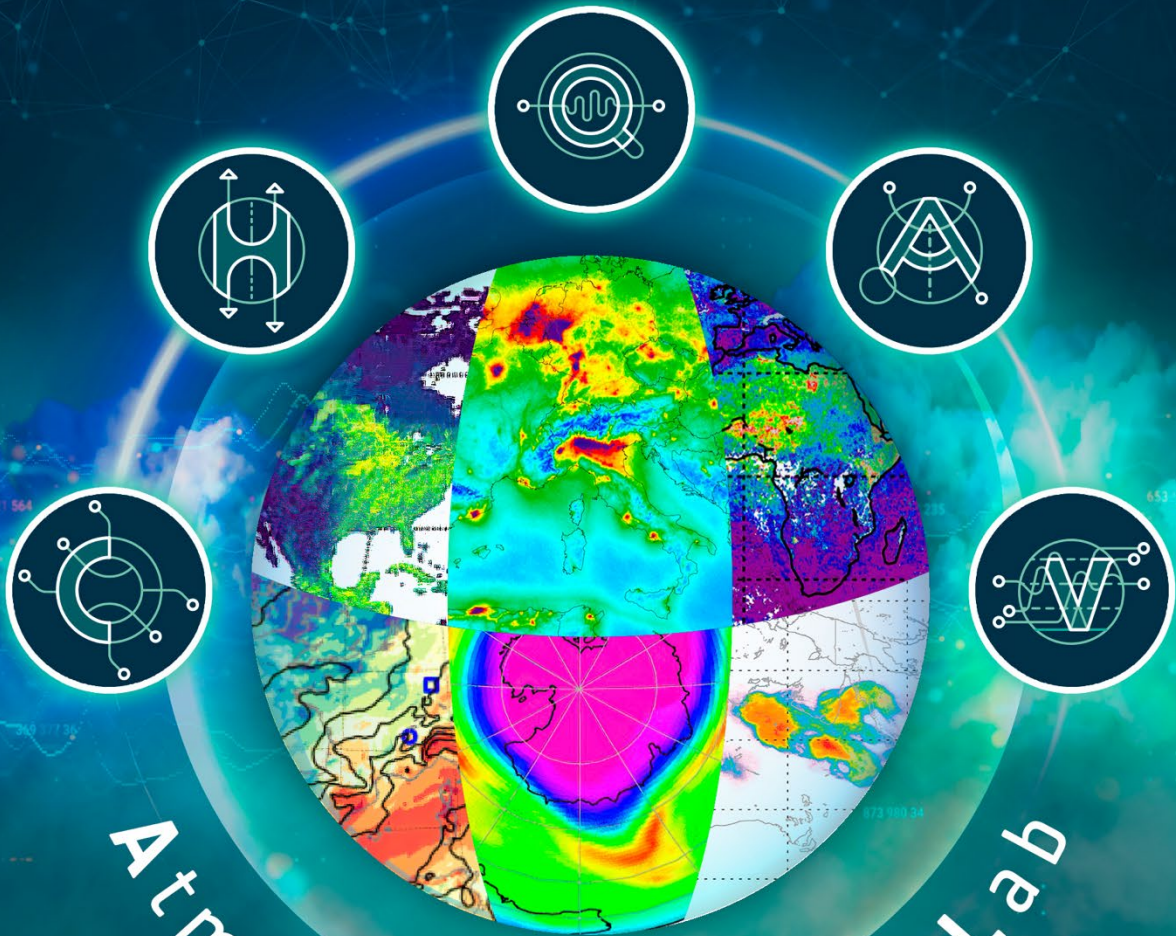
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Atmosphere Virtual Lab (AVL)

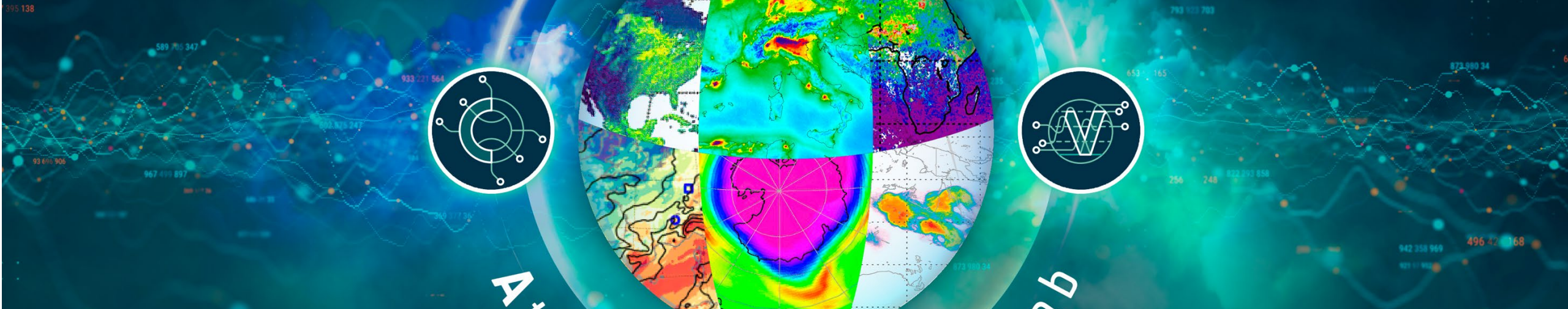
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## Everything Open Source and available via conda-forge

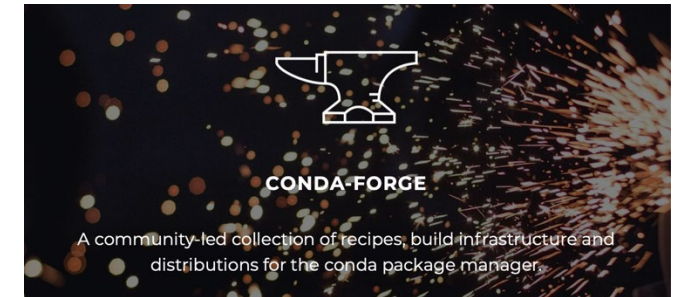
```
$ conda create -n avl
```

```
$ conda activate avl
```

```
$ conda install -c conda-forge atmosphere-virtual-lab
```

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$ jupyter-lab
```

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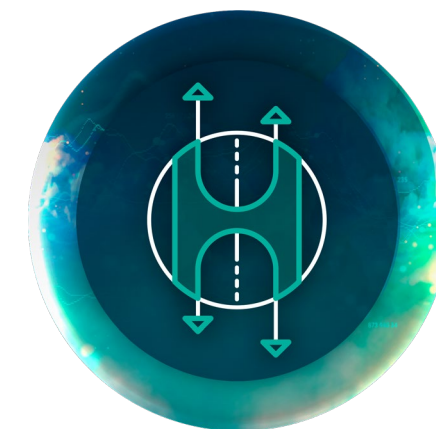
```
[1]: import harp
```

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[2]: product = harp.import_product("EarthCARE/ECA_EXAA_ATL_ICE_2A_20241231T183450Z_20230131T101502Z_39316D.h5")
```

```
[3]: print(product)
```

```
source product = 'ECA_EXAA_ATL_ICE_2A_20241231T183450Z_20230131T101502Z_39316D.h5'
```

```
double datetime {time=5086} [seconds since 2000-01-01]
double latitude {time=5086} [degree_north]
double longitude {time=5086} [degree_east]
long orbit_index
float altitude {time=5086, vertical=246} [m]
float surface_height {time=5086} [m]
float viewing_elevation_angle {time=5086} [degree]
float tropopause_height {time=5086} [m]
float ice_water_density {time=5086, vertical=246} [kg/m3]
float ice_water_density_uncertainty {time=5086, vertical=246} [kg/m3]
float ice_particle_effective_radius {time=5086, vertical=246} [m]
float ice_particle_effective_radius_uncertainty {time=5086, vertical=246} [m]
byte validity {time=5086, vertical=246}
long index {time=5086}
```





## ECA\_ATL\_EBD\_2A

### Variables

The table below lists the variables that are present in the HARP product that results from an ir

field name	type	dimensions	unit
datetime	double	{time}	[seconds since 2000-01-01]
latitude	double	{time}	[degree_north]
longitude	double	{time}	[degree_east]
orbit_index	int32		
altitude	float	{time, vertical}	[m]
surface_height	float	{time}	[m]
viewing_elevation_angle	float	{time}	[degree]
tropopause_height	float	{time}	[m]
extinction_coefficient	float	{time, vertical}	[1/m]
extinction_coefficient_uncertainty	float	{time, vertical}	[1/m]
backscatter_coefficient	float	{time, vertical}	[1/m/sr]
backscatter_coefficient_uncertainty	float	{time, vertical}	[1/m/sr]
lidar_ratio	float	{time, vertical}	[sr]
lidar_ratio_uncertainty	float	{time, vertical}	[sr]
linear_depolarization_ratio	float	{time, vertical}	[]

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### Variables

The table below lists the variables that are present in the HARP product that results from an

field name	type	dimensions	unit
datetime_start	double	{time}	[seconds since 1970-01-01]
datetime_stop	double	{time}	[seconds since 1970-01-01]
latitude	float		[degrees]
longitude	float		[degrees]
sensor_altitude	float		[m]
viewing_zenith_angle	float		[degrees]
wavelength	float	{spectral}	[nm]
altitude	double	{vertical}	[m]
backscatter_coefficient	double	{time, spectral, vertical}	[1/(m*sr)]
backscatter_coefficient_uncertainty	double	{time, spectral, vertical}	[1/(m*sr)]
extinction_coefficient	double	{time, spectral}	[1/m]
extinction_coefficient_uncertainty	double	{time, spectral, vertical}	[1/m]
index	int32	{time}	



## EarthCARE products

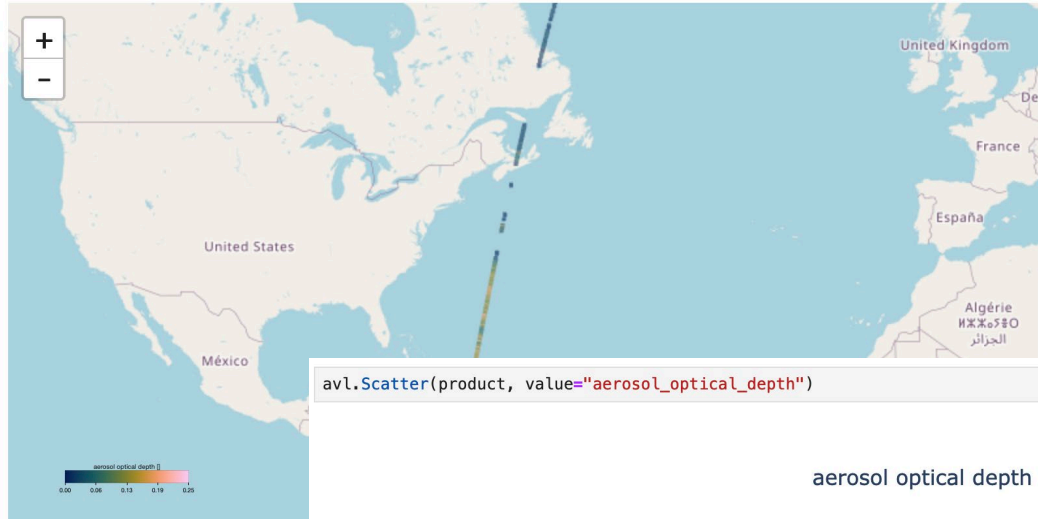
HARP product name	CODA product type	description
<a href="#">ECA_ACM_CAP_2B</a>	EARTHCARE/ACM_CAP_2B	ATLID/CPR/MSI cloud and aerosol properties
<a href="#">ECA_AC_TC_2B</a>	EARTHCARE/AC_TC_2B	ATLID/CPR synergetic lidar/radar classification
<a href="#">ECA_AM_ACD_2B</a>	EARTHCARE/AM_ACD_2B	ATLID-MSI aerosol column descriptor
<a href="#">ECA_AM_CTH_2B</a>	EARTHCARE/AM_CTH_2B	ATLID-MSI cloud top height
<a href="#">ECA_ATL_AER_2A</a>	EARTHCARE/ATL_AER_2A	ATLID aerosol inversion
<a href="#">ECA_ATL_ALD_2A</a>	EARTHCARE/ATL_ALD_2A	ATLID aerosol layers in cloud-free observations
<a href="#">ECA_ATL_CTH_2A</a>	EARTHCARE/ATL_CTH_2A	ATLID uppermost cloud top height
<a href="#">ECA_ATL_EBD_2A</a>	EARTHCARE/ATL_EBD_2A	ATLID extinction, backscatter, and depolarization
<a href="#">ECA_ATL_ICE_2A</a>	EARTHCARE/ATL_ICE_2A	ATLID ice water content and effective radius
<a href="#">ECA_BMA_FLX_2B</a>	EARTHCARE/BMA_FLX_2B	BBR TOA solar and thermal fluxes
<a href="#">ECA_BM_RAD_2B</a>	EARTHCARE/BM_RAD_2B	BBR TOA radiances
<a href="#">ECA_CPR_CLD_2A</a>	EARTHCARE/CPR_CLD_2A	CPR cloud profiles
<a href="#">ECA_MSI_AOT_2A</a>	EARTHCARE/MSI_AOT_2A	MSI aerosol optical thickness
<a href="#">ECA_MSI_CM_2A</a>	EARTHCARE/MSI_CM_2A	MSI cloud mask, type and phase
<a href="#">ECA_MSI_COP_2A</a>	EARTHCARE/MSI_COP_2A	MSI cloud optical thickness, cloud effective radius, ice crystal diameter, cloud water path, and cloud top temperature, pressure and height

added in HARP 1.19 in July 2023





```
avl.Geo(product, value="aerosol_optical_depth", pointsize=3, colormap="cmc.batlow", colorrange=(0,0.25))
```

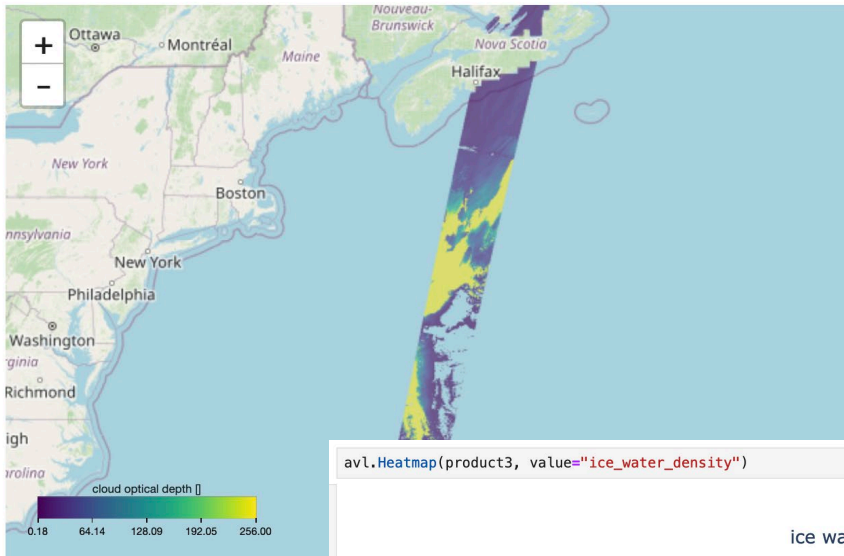


```
avl.Scatter(product, value="aerosol_optical_depth")
```

aerosol optical depth

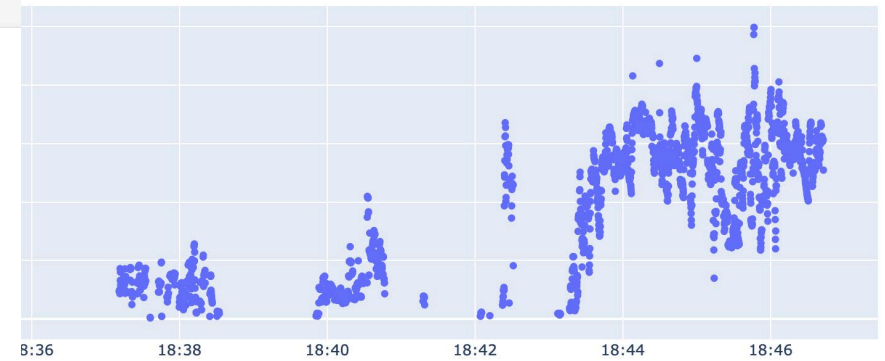
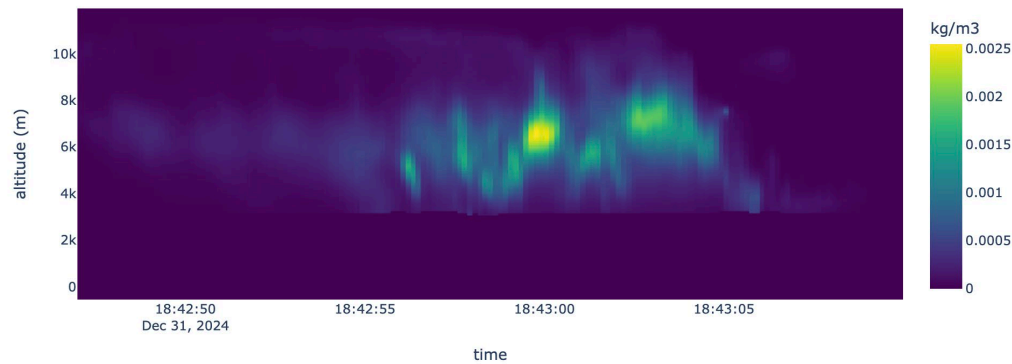


```
avl.Geo(product2, value="cloud_optical_depth")
```



```
avl.Heatmap(product3, value="ice_water_density")
```

ice water density

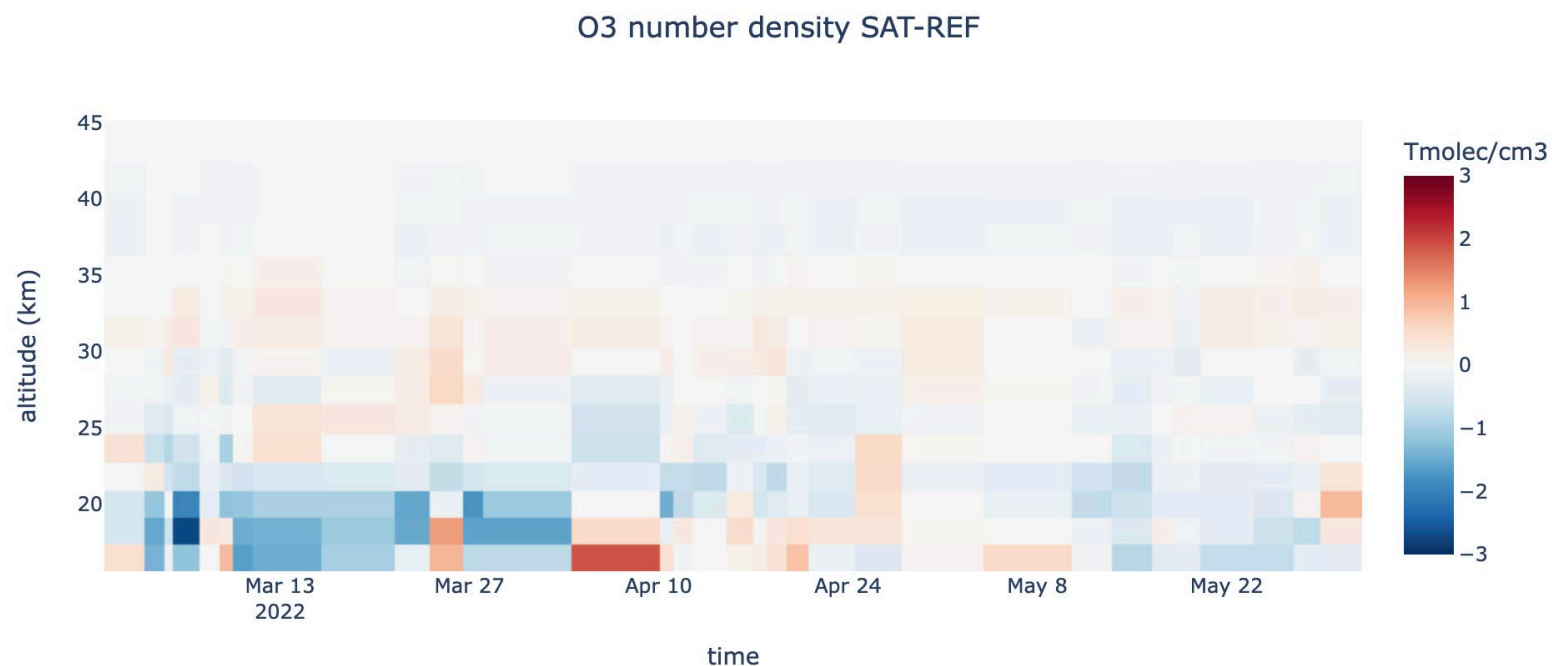




## Intercompare EarthCARE against groundbased data

```
harpcollocate \  
  -d 'datetime 24 [h]' \  
  --point-in-area-yx \  
  -aa 'valid(O3_column_number_density);validity !& 255' \  
  -nx datetime -ny datetime \  
  s5p \  
  lidar \  
  collocations.csv
```

*example using  
S5P O3 profile  
against lidar*







## EarthCARE support in AVL

With AVL you can:

- Use [HARP](#) to import data from EarthCARE products in a common data structure (similar to other satellite missions and ground based data)
- Perform detailed collocations and inter-comparisons to validate the EarthCARE data against ground based measurements
- Perform interactive visualisations of EarthCARE in jupyterlab environments with the [AVL plotting routines](#).

An overview of the EarthCARE products that are supported by HARP can be found in the [HARP ingestion definition documentation](#). This also provides a description of the variables that are supported per product type and from where in the product they are taken.

WARNING: EarthCARE products only contain height information relative to the reference ellipsoid. Even though HARP ingests these variables as `altitude` variables, the height values are not actual altitudes. Care must be taken when performing validations that require an accurate vertical grid. A future version of the EarthCARE products should include geoid height information to calculate actual altitudes. Once these products are released HARP will be updated to extract actual `altitude` variables.

Below are the example notebooks as were presented during the webinar on 26 June 2023:

- presentation - [powerpoint](#)
- demo1 - read and visualize ACM data - [notebook](#), [webpage](#)
- demo2 - read and visualize MSI data - [notebook](#), [webpage](#)
- demo3 - lidar profile comparison using S5P - [notebook](#), [webpage](#)

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