



Evaluation of ATLID L2 products using EARLINET data: first results

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Data and method



Products

ECA_EXAA

ATL_AER_2A

ATL_EBD_2A

Extinction coefficient

Backscatter coefficient

Lidar ratio

Depolarization ratio

EARLINET products at 355
nm from EVDC

<https://www.earlinet.org/>

<https://evdc.esa.int/>

Collocation:

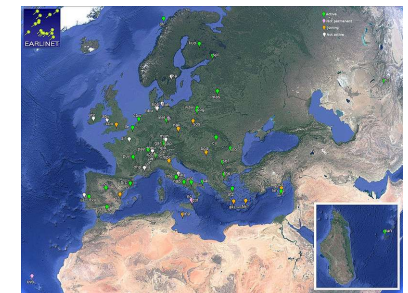
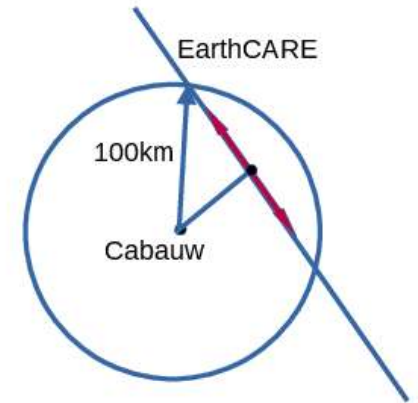
- 1) Distance < 100 km (radius and cord),
time difference < 1.5 hour.
- 2) ATL single measurement + 100 km
average
- 3) EARLINET 1 hour averaged data,
processed using SCC

Data quality control:

quality_status in AER, EBD = 0, 1

classification in AER >= 10

EARLINET, remove filled values and
unrealistic values (too large errors).

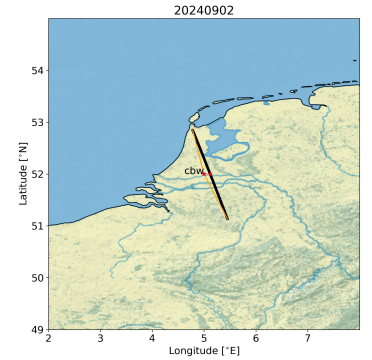
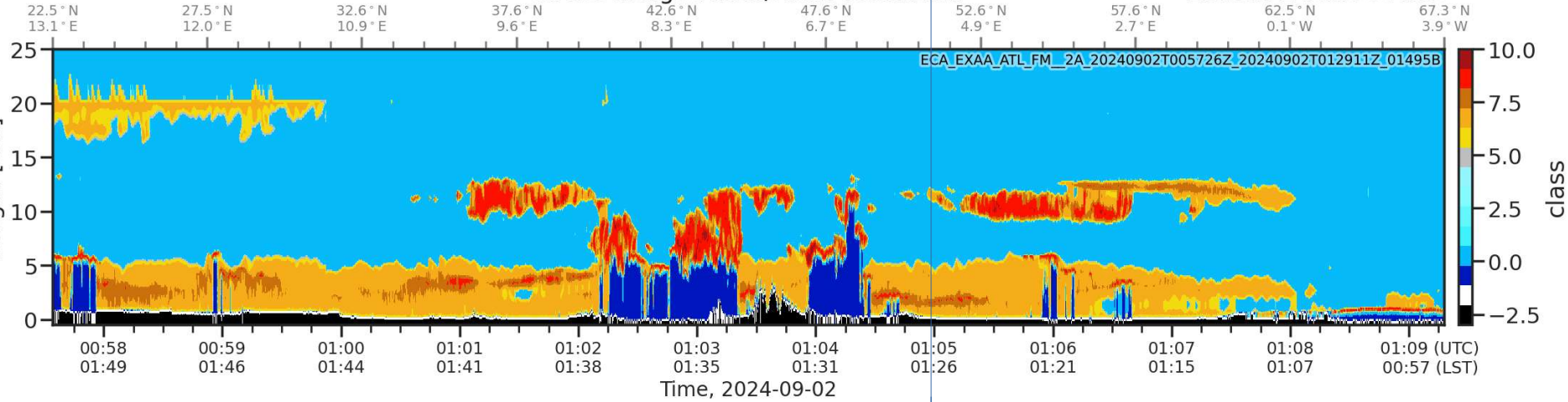


20240902 Frame 01495B feature mask

Overpass at 01:05 UTC
at Cabauw
Night time frame

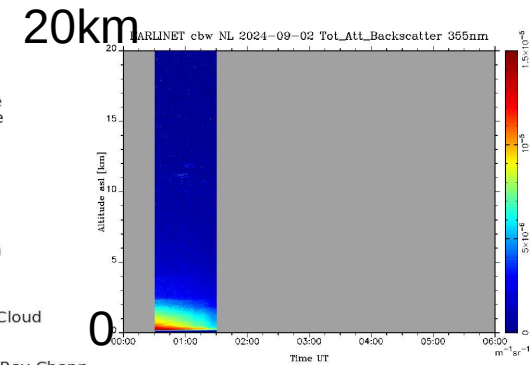
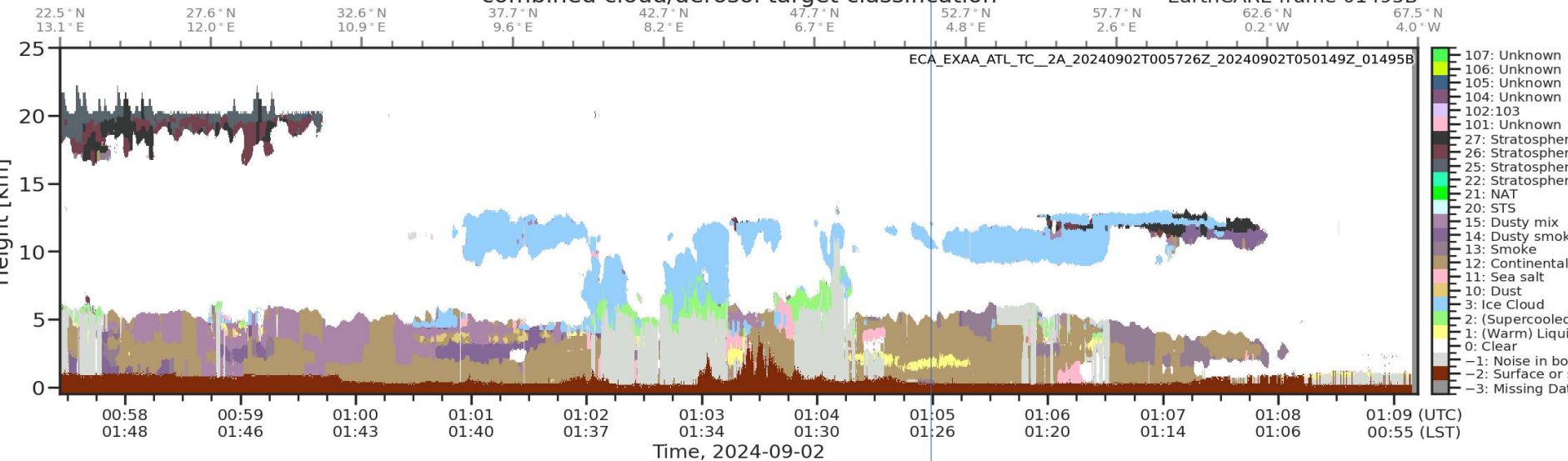
ATL-FM lidar feature mask
at the merged lidar/radar resolution

EarthCARE frame 01495B

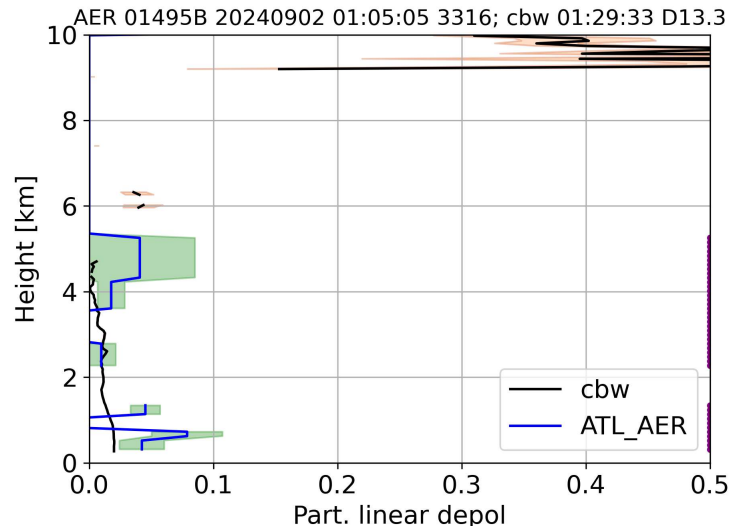
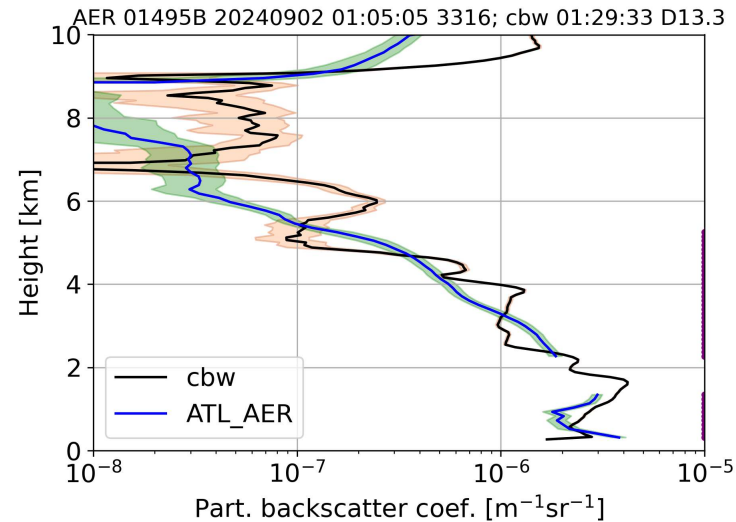
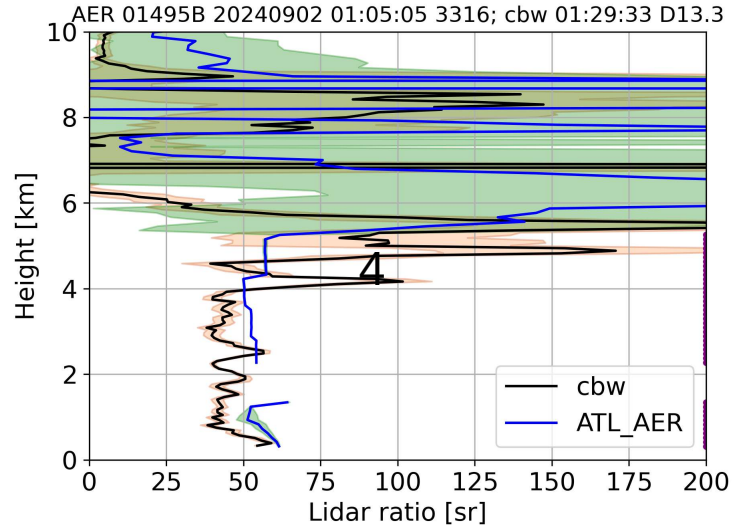
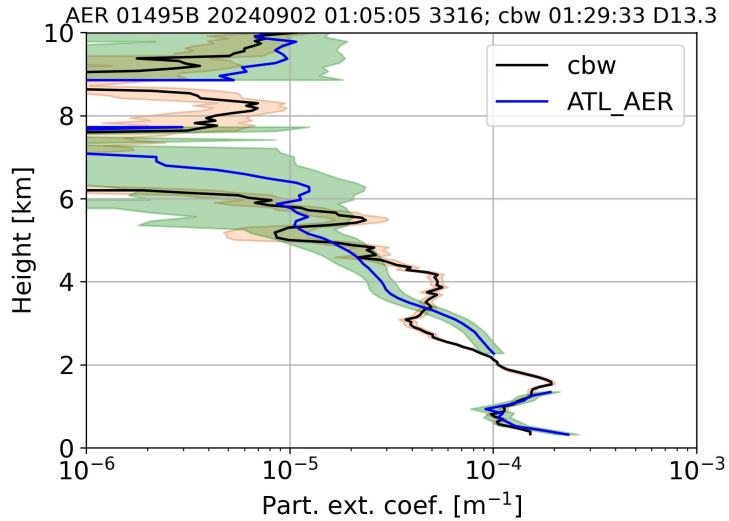


ATL-TC low horizontal resolution
combined cloud/aerosol target classification

EarthCARE frame 01495B



20240902 frame 01495B AER at Cabauw (cbw)



Single closest ATL_AER profile averaged for low signals in retrieval already

Cabauw: black+orange
ATL: blue+green

Good agreement for aerosols.

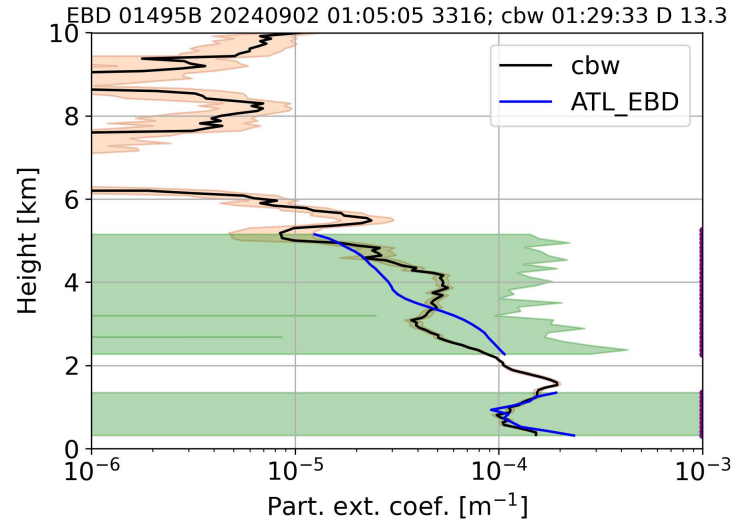
Data are not plotted above 10 km because of no aerosols.

Closest distance 13.3 km

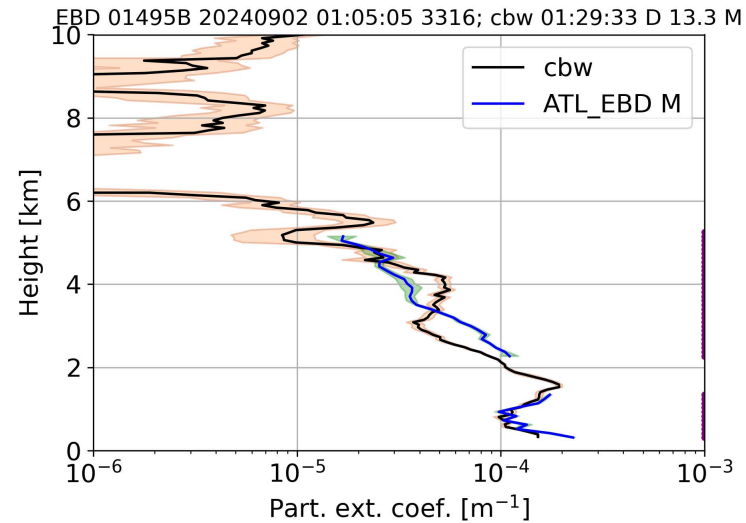
20240902 01495B EBD extinction coefficient at Cabauw

single

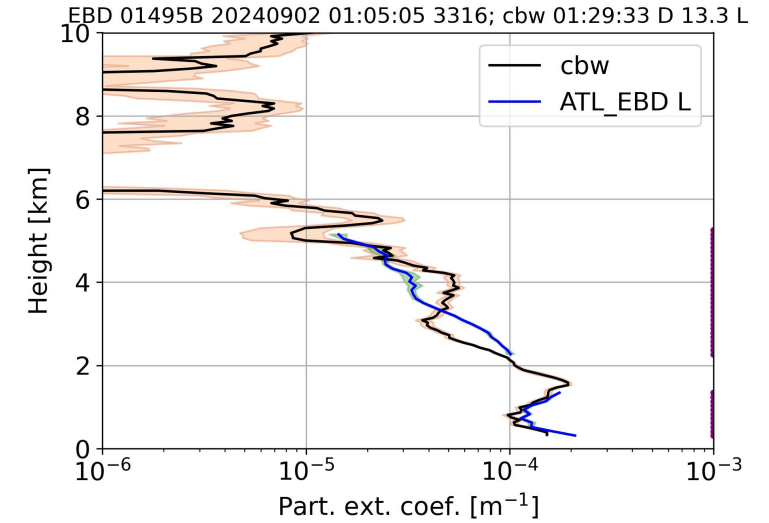
EBD high resolution 1 km



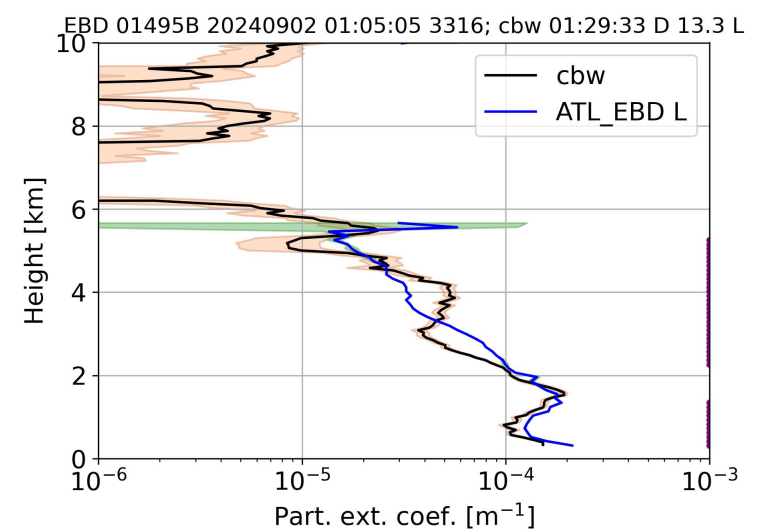
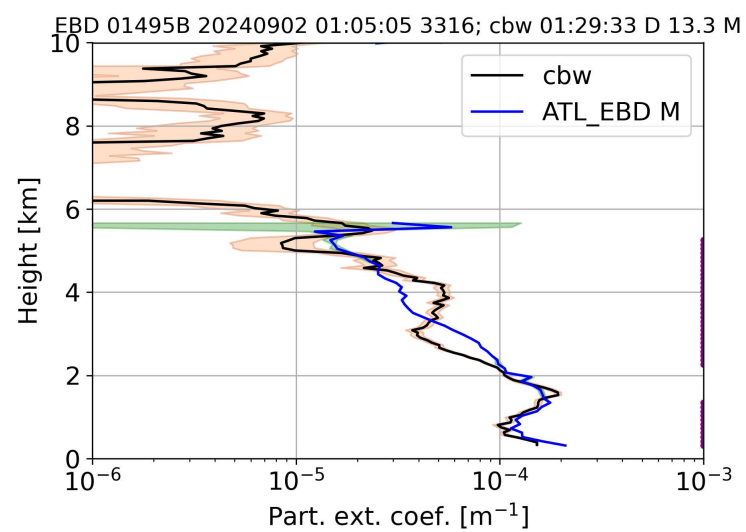
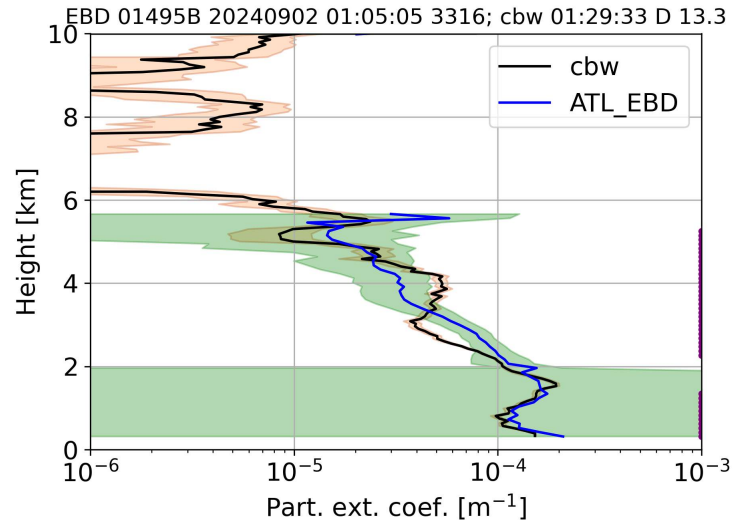
EBD medium resolution 50 km



EBD low resolution 100 km



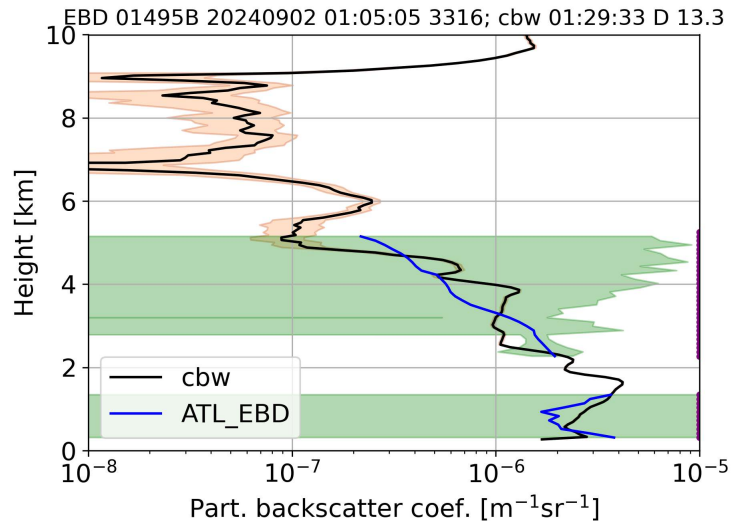
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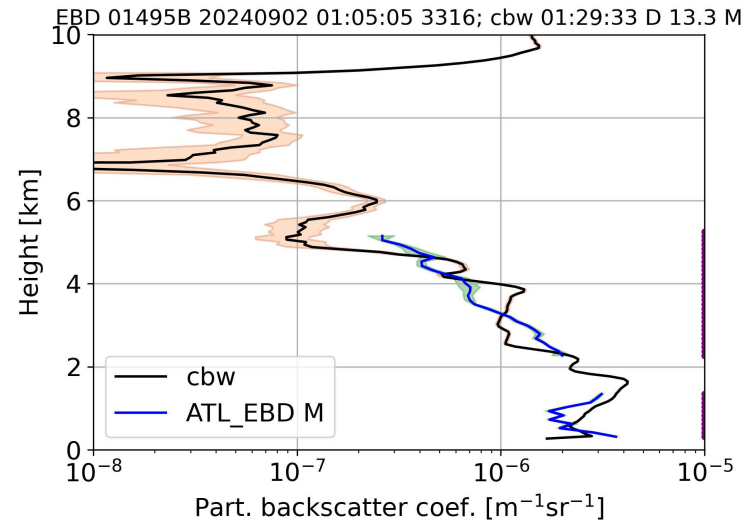
20240902 01495B EBD backscatter coefficient at Cabauw

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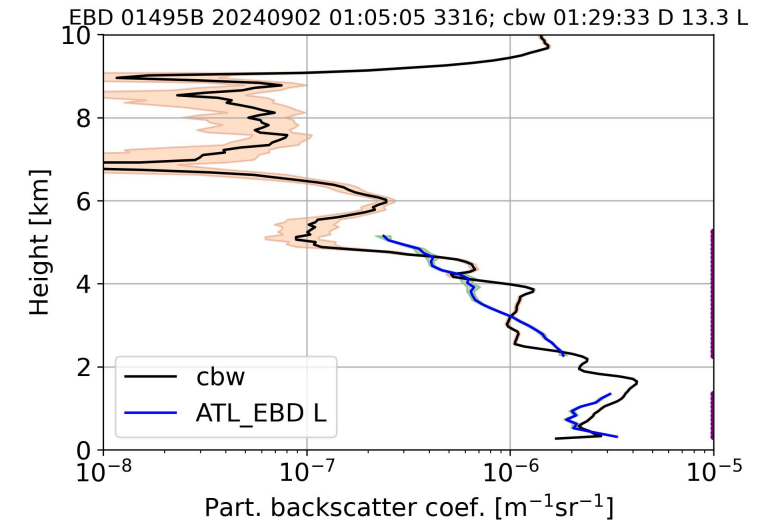
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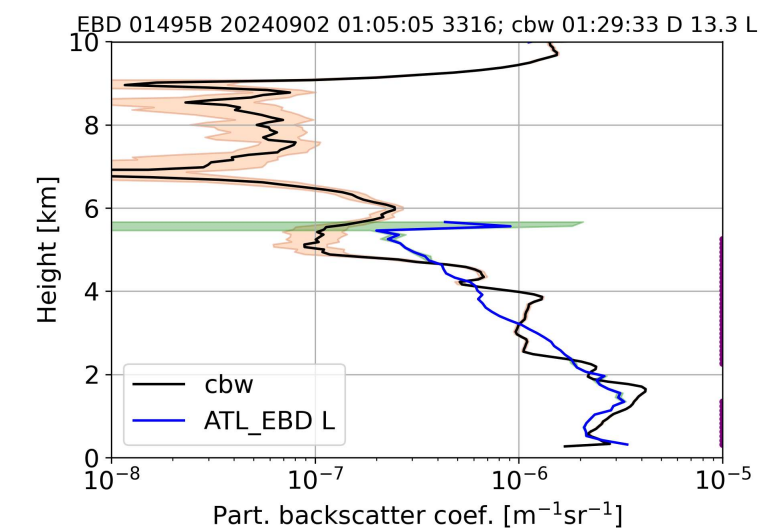
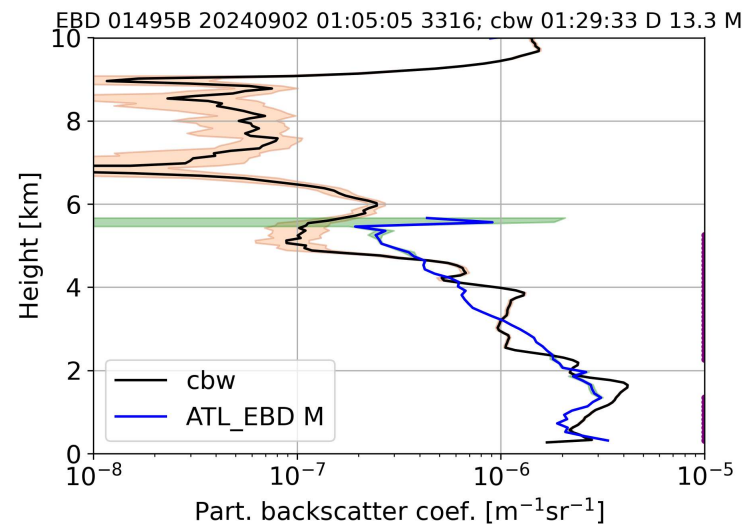
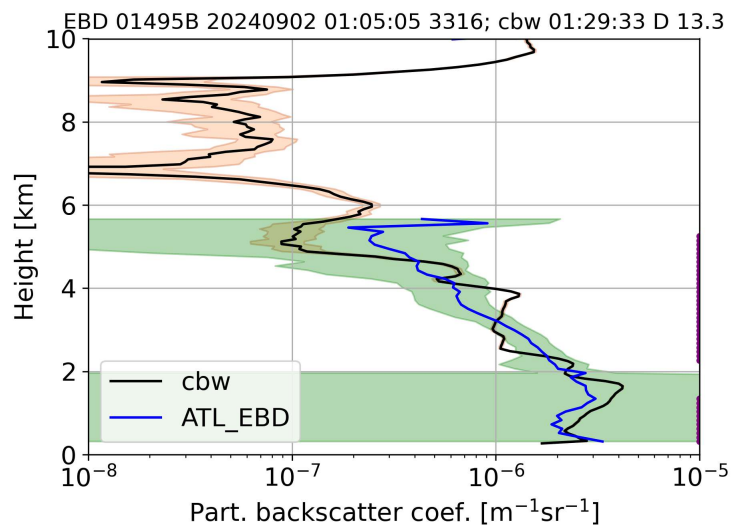
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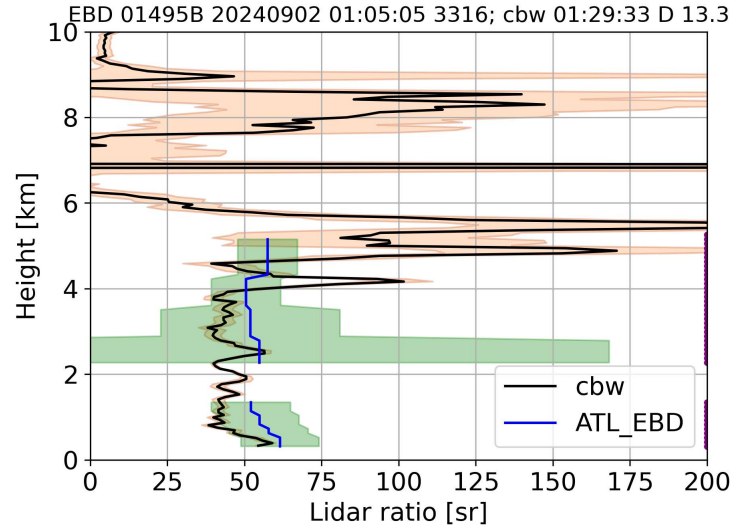
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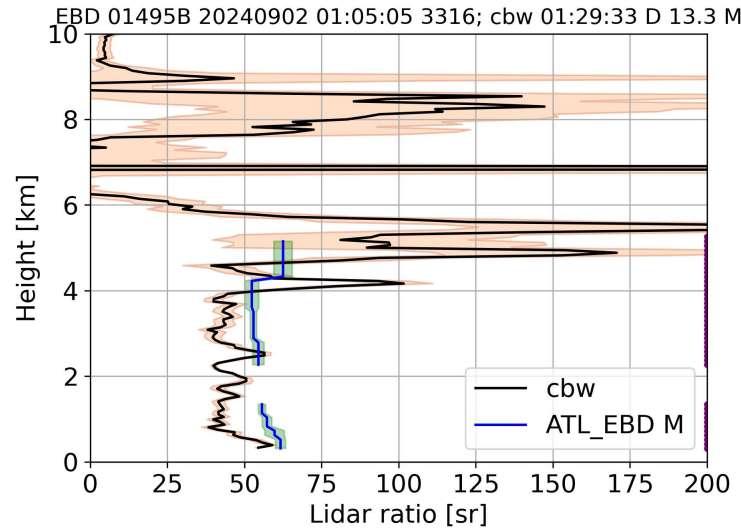
20240902 01495B EBD lidar ratio at Cabauw

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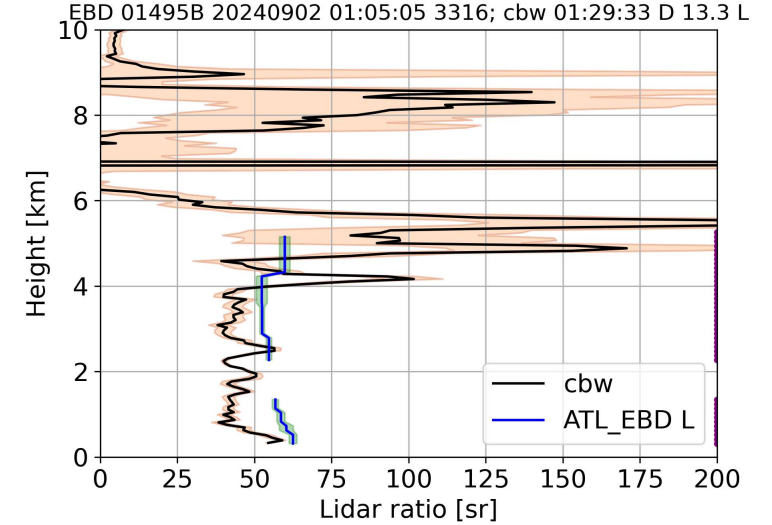
EBD high res 1 km



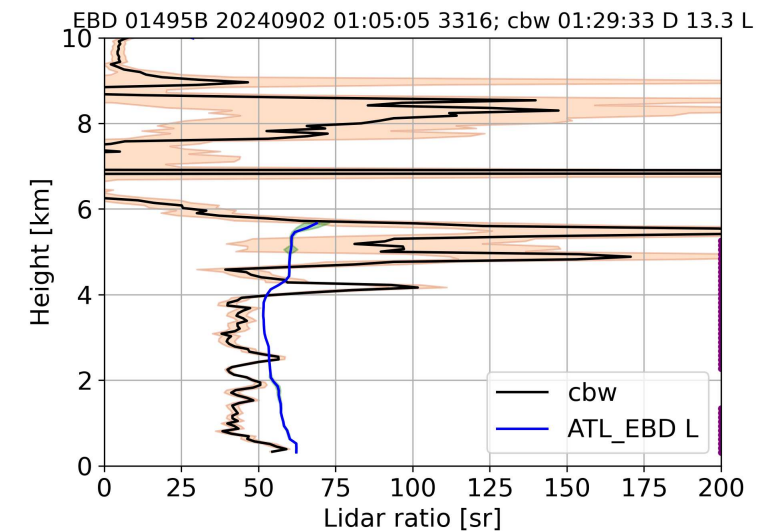
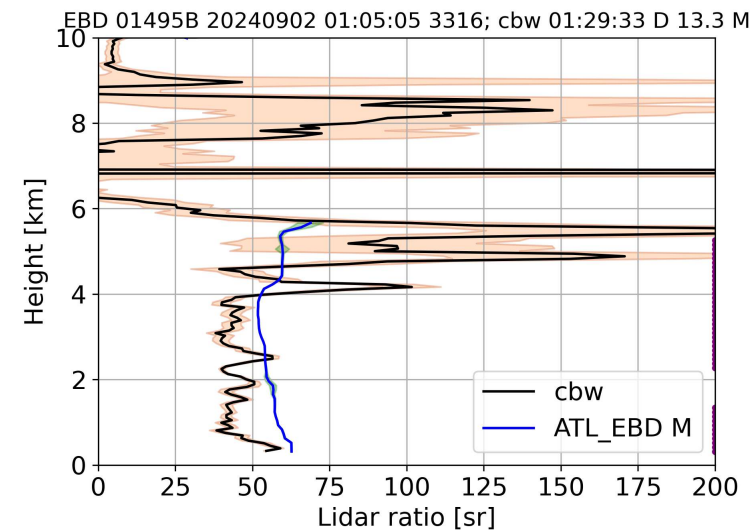
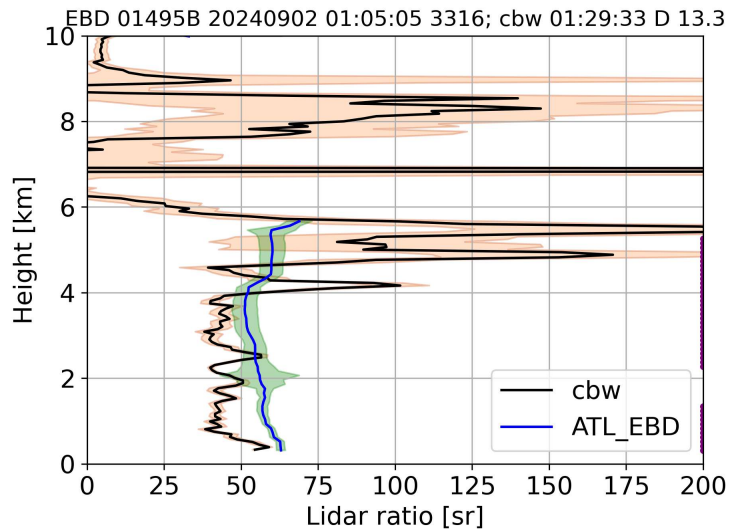
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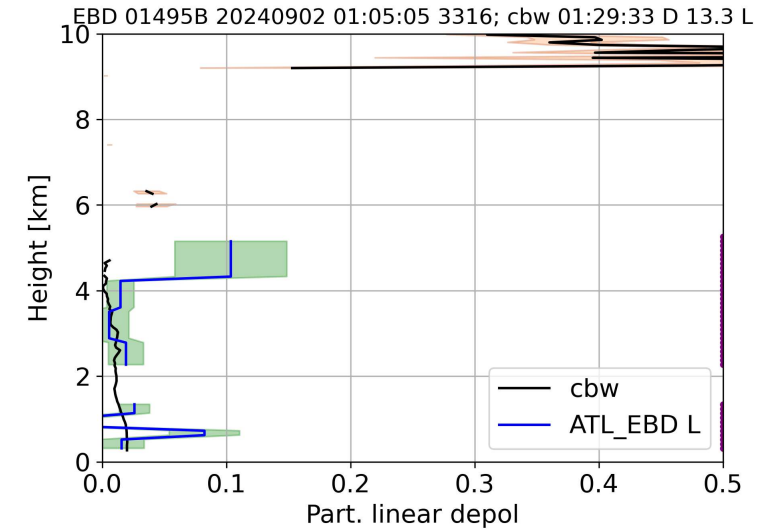
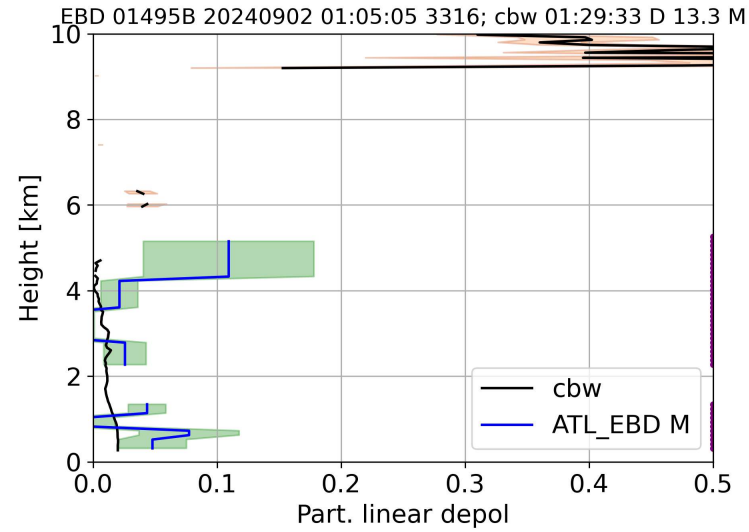
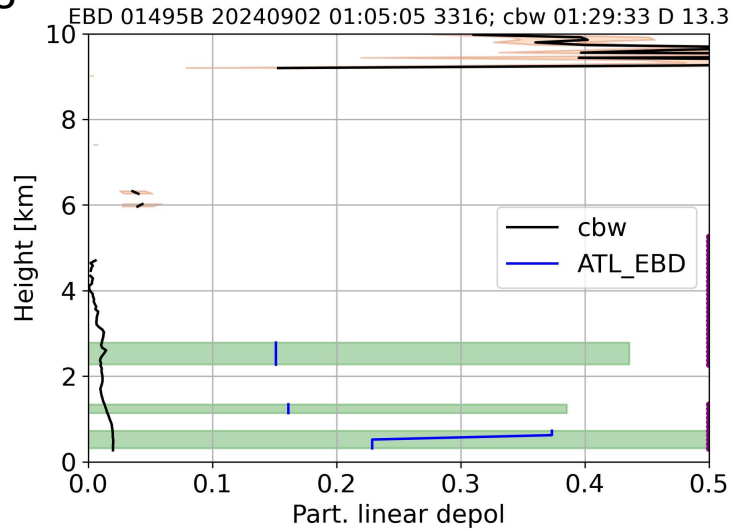
20240902 01495B EBD depolarization ratio at cbw

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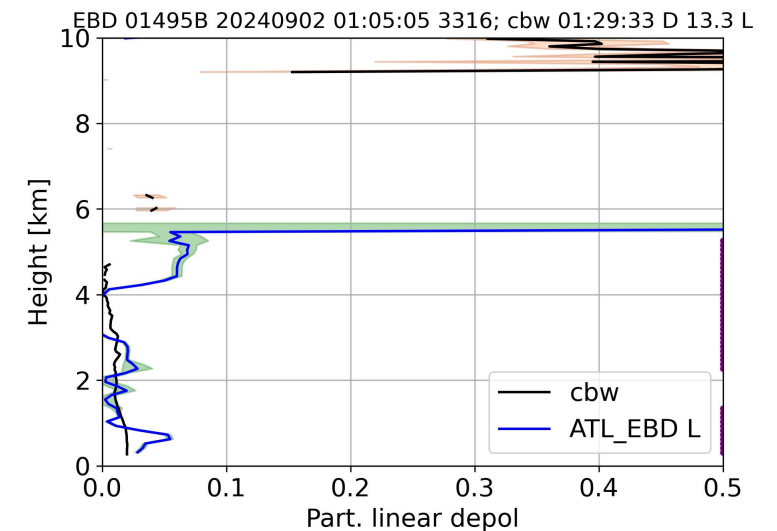
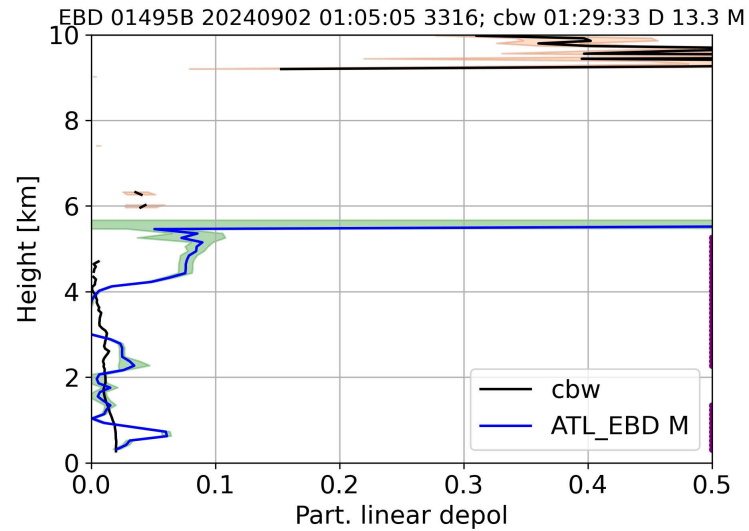
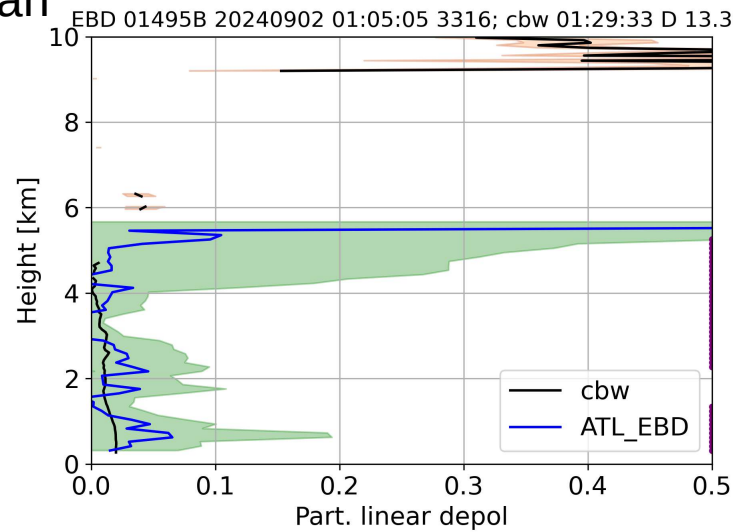
EBD High resolution 1km

EBD medium resolution 50 km

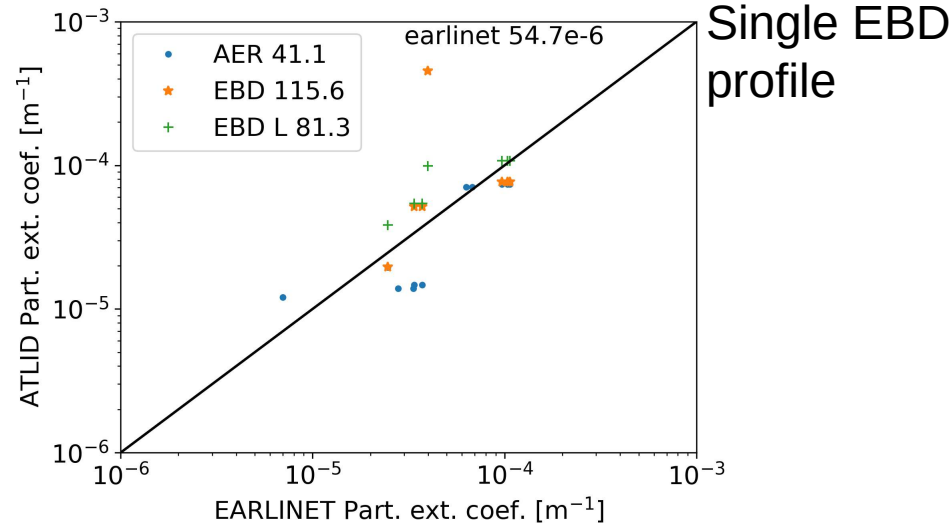
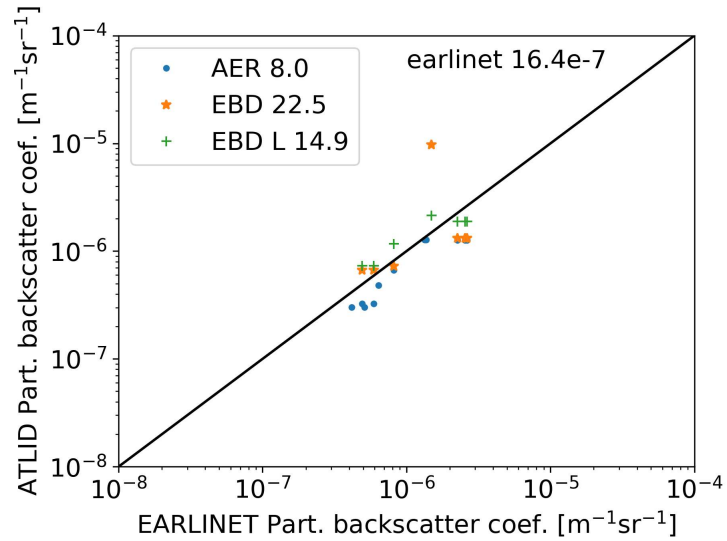
EBD Low resolution 100 km



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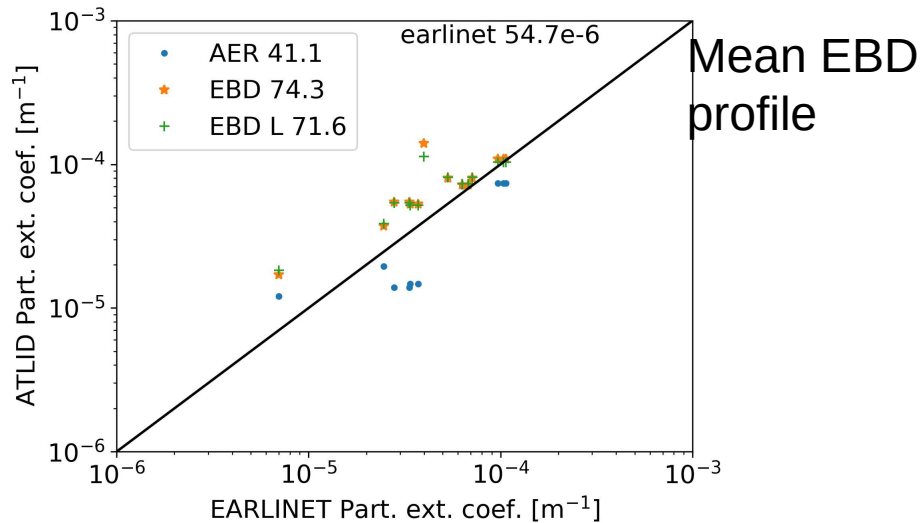
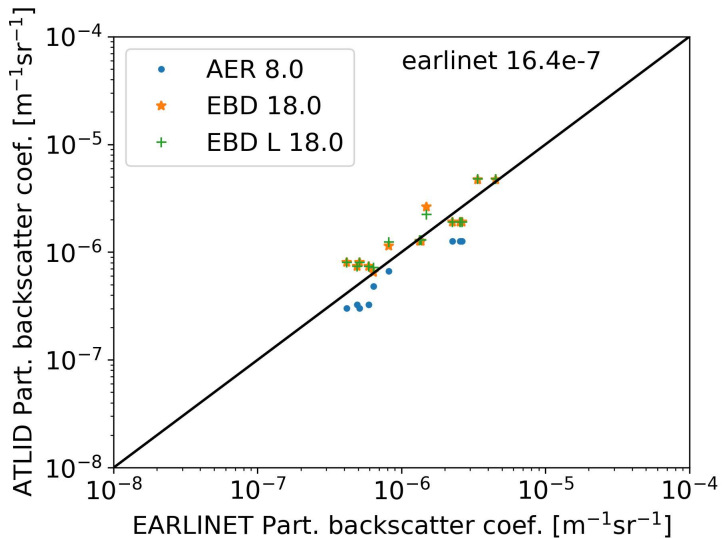


Statistics of collocated aerosol cases at Cabauw in 202408 – 202410



14 collocated profiles in 7 days, all night time data

Mean values for backscatter ($\times 10^{-7}$) and extinction ($\times 10^{-6}$) are provided after the labels.



The mean EBD high resolution profile is more close to the EARLINET profile

The depolarization ratios are also comparable but only 5 profiles.

Summaries



- We evaluate the ATLID AER, EBD products using EARLINET ECVT data every day.
 - We showed the AER, EBD data at Cabauw from August to October 2024.
 - The ATLID FM, AER, EBD products are in good shape, especially the night time orbits.
 - The AER product seems having a small negative bias in extinction and backscatter.
 - The mean EBD high resolution profiles usually have better agreement with the Cabauw measurements than the single high resolution profile.
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- We would like to thank the EVDC team, all EARLINET sites, all PollyNET sites for providing data.