



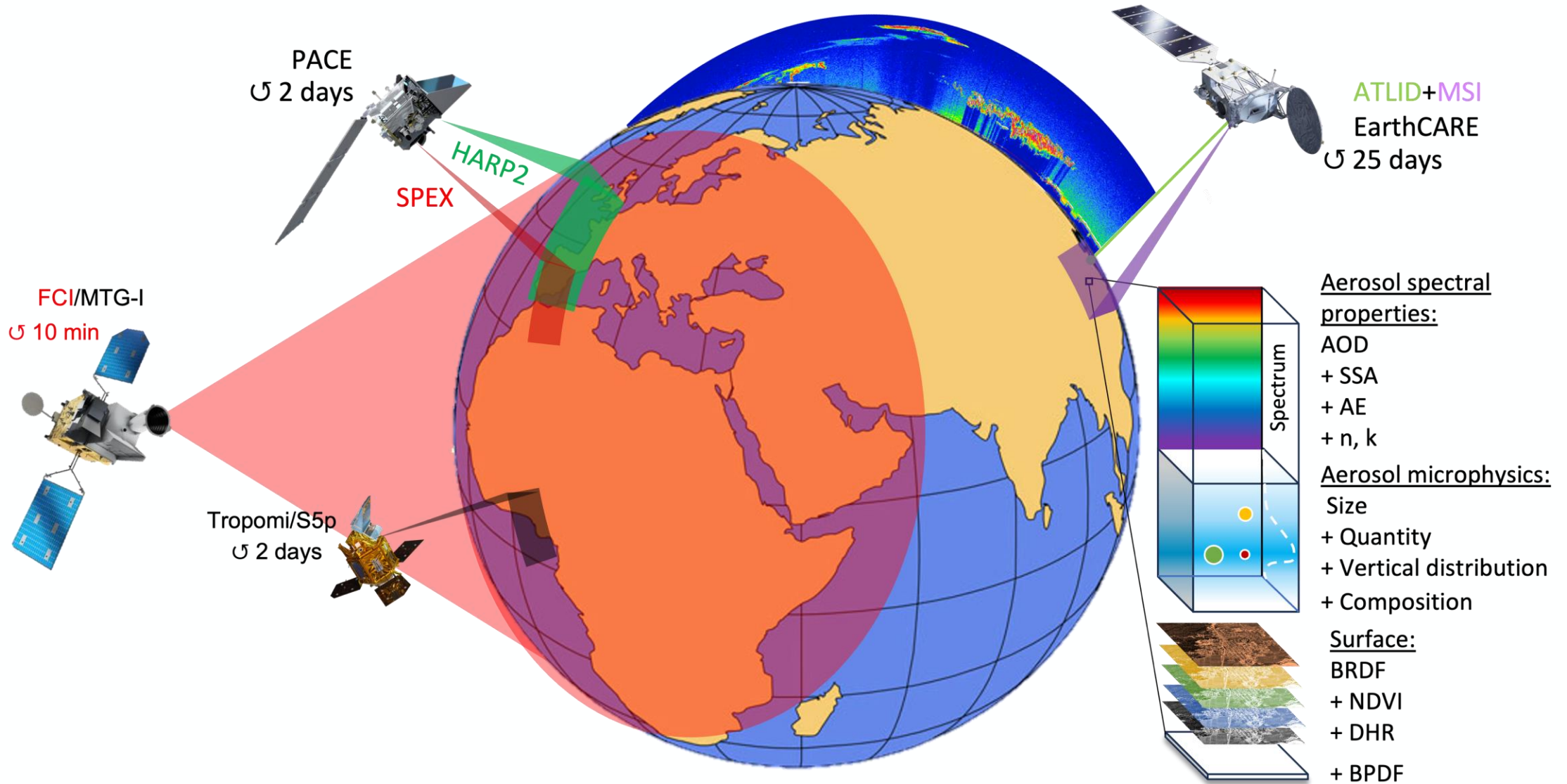
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Advanced retrieval of aerosol vertical profiles using synergy of EarthCARE ATLID and various passive spaceborne observations

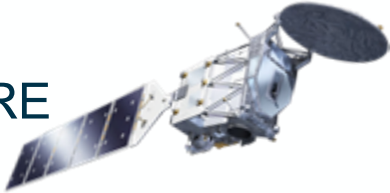
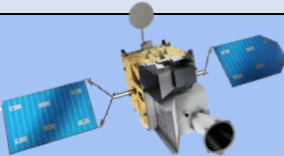
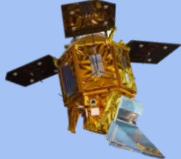
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ECAMS & GLADIS Overview



Instruments for L1 synergy

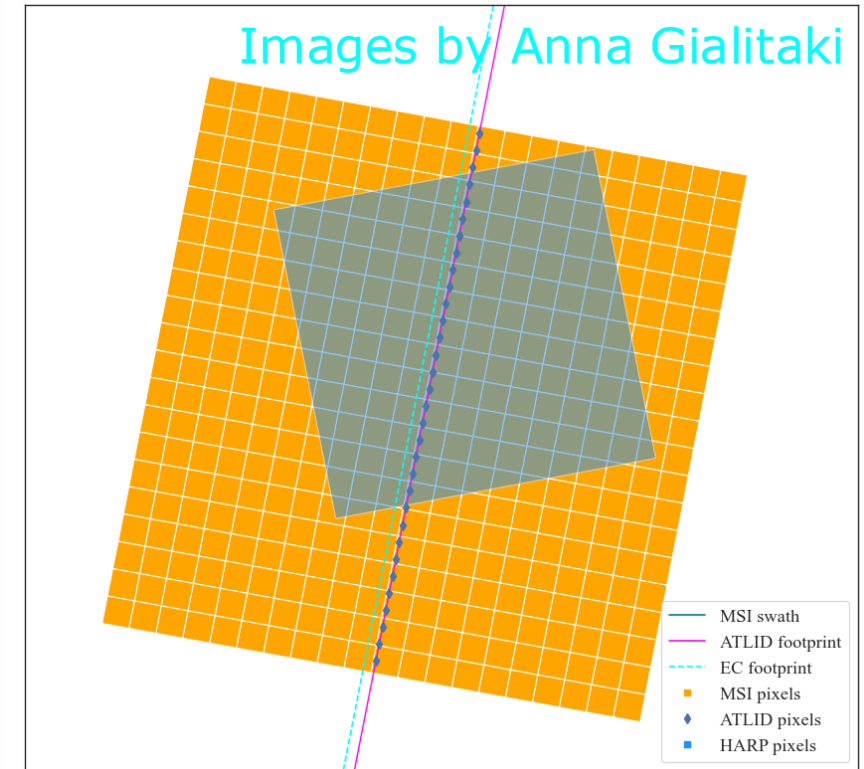
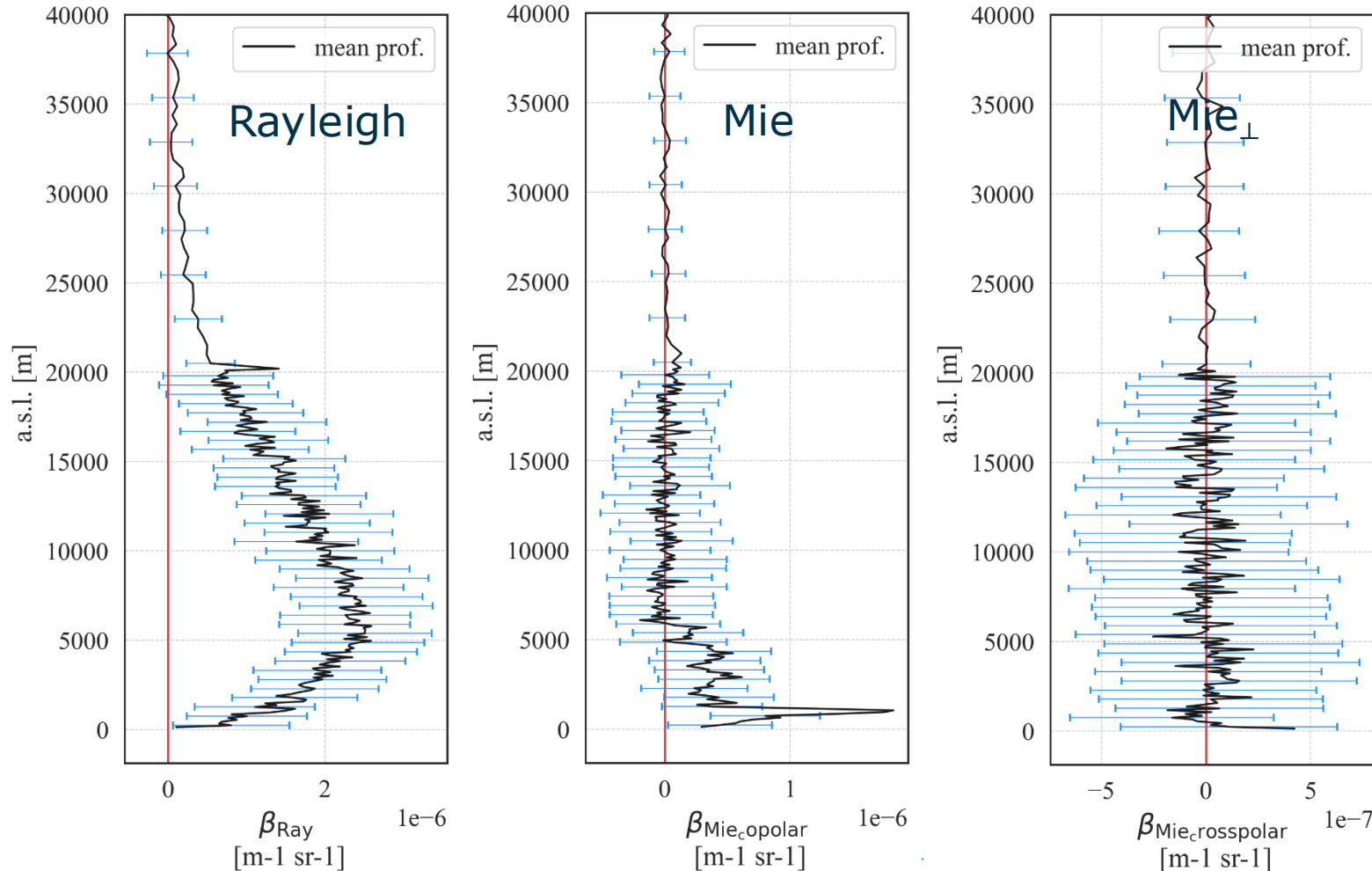


Project		Platform	Instrument	Band(s), μm	Resolution(s)	Measurement capabilities
GLADIS	ECAMS	EarthCARE 	ATLID	0.355	V: 100-300m H: ~1 Km T: 25 days	LEO, HSRL, Depolarisation
			MSI	0.670, 0.865, 1.670, 2.210	H: 0.5 Km T: 8 days	LEO, Imager
		PACE 	HARP-2	0.441, 0.549, 0.669, 0.873	H: 2.6Km T: 2 days	LEO, MAP
			SPEXone*	0.385 – 0.770	H: ~5 Km T: 1 month S: 2-5 nm	LEO, MAP, Spectrometer
		MTG-I 	FCI	0.444, 0.510, 0.640, 0.865, 1.610, 2.250	H: ~1Km T: 10 minutes	GEO
		Sentinel-5p 	TROPOMI	0.270 – 0.500 0.675 – 0.775 2.305 – 2.385	H: 7x3.5 Km T: 2days	LEO, Spectrometer

Spatial averaging and cloud filtering on L1 profiles

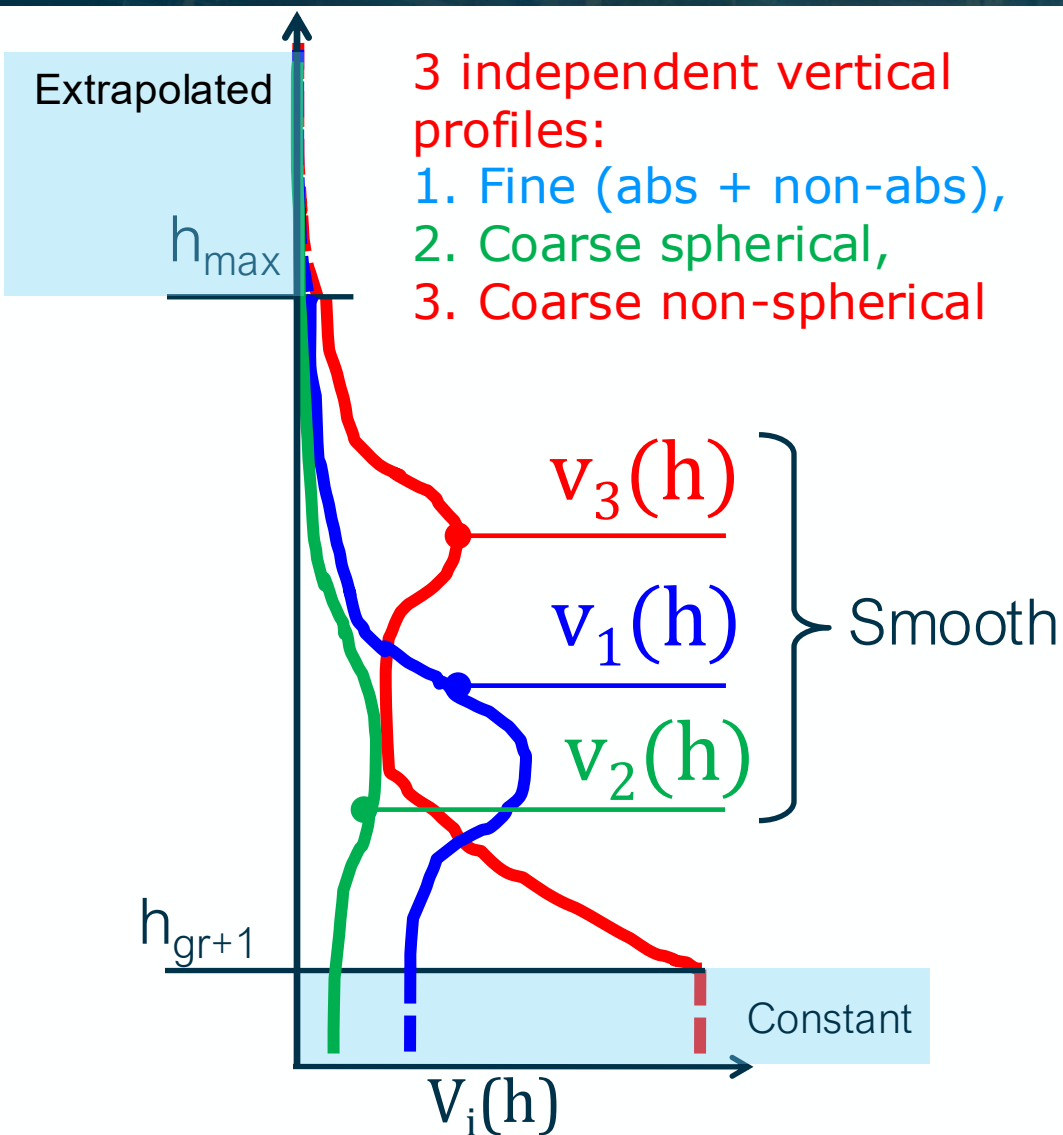


Spatial resolution: 10*10 km,
Vertical resolution: 100m (up to 10km), 200m (10 – 20km)
Temporal resolution: >2h



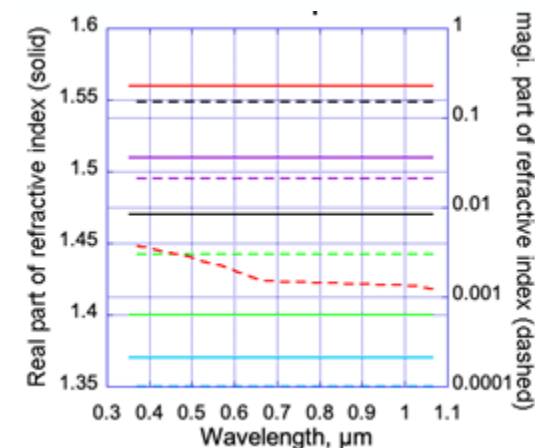
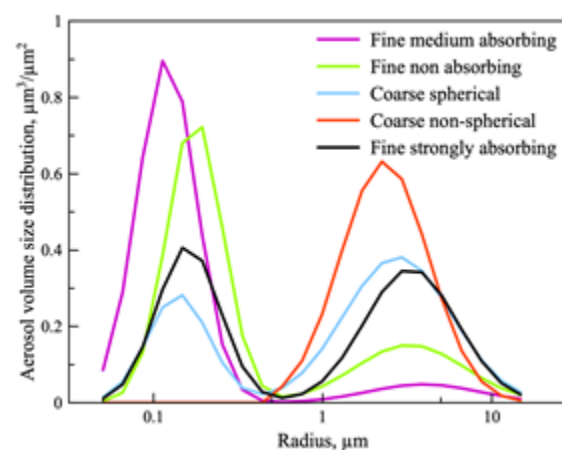
Cloud masking:
MSI cloud / ACOM HARP-2 (subpixel)
+
ATLID Feature masks
(MSI_CM_2A+ATL_FM_2A)

Vertical + Columnar = Unified aerosol model



4 columnar constant types:

- $dV(r)/d\ln r$, AERONET-based,
- $n(\lambda)$, $k(\lambda)$ Dubovik et al., 2006
- $\omega_o(\lambda)$, $P_{ij}(\lambda, \Theta)$



$$\sigma_a(h, \lambda) =$$

$$\sum_i v_i(h) \tau_i^{\text{ext}} / S_i$$

ECAMS synthetic tests: ATLID + HARP-2



Aerosol

Surface

Land

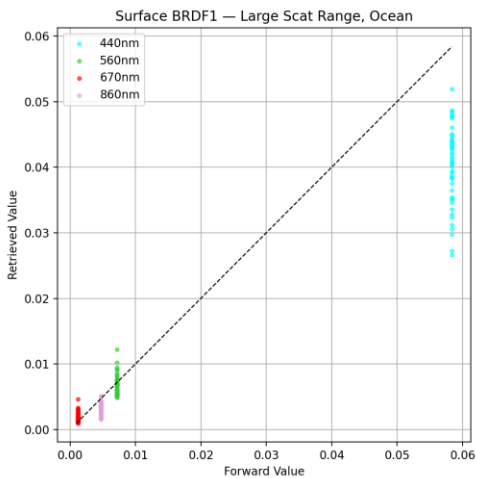
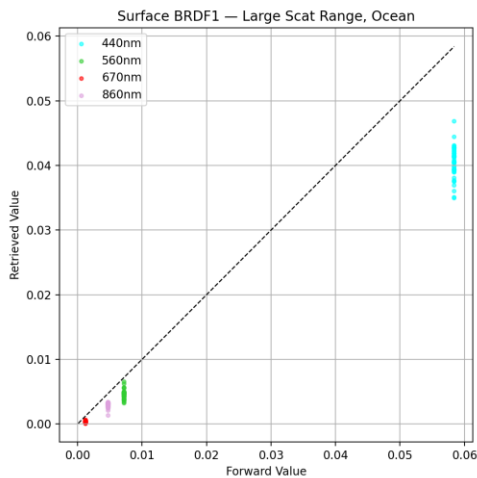
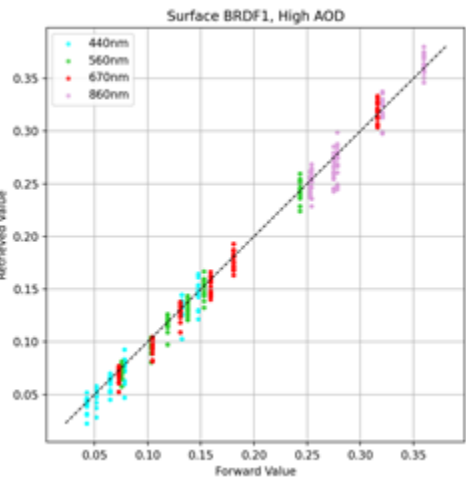
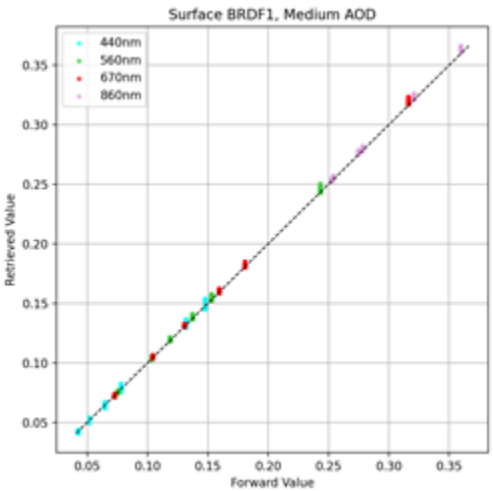
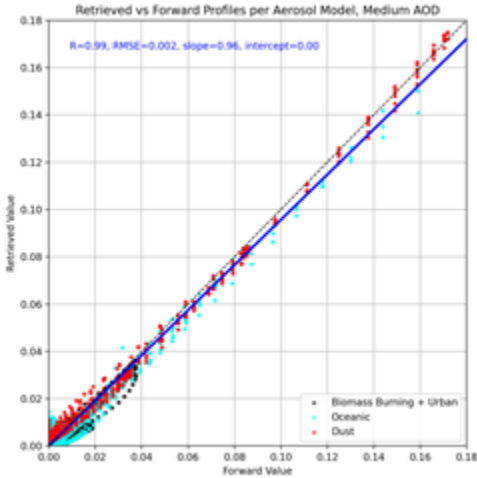
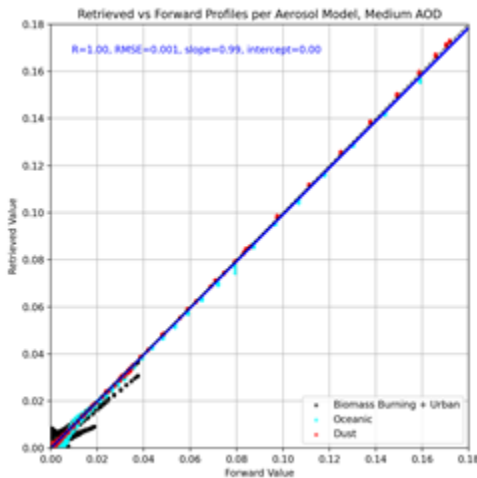
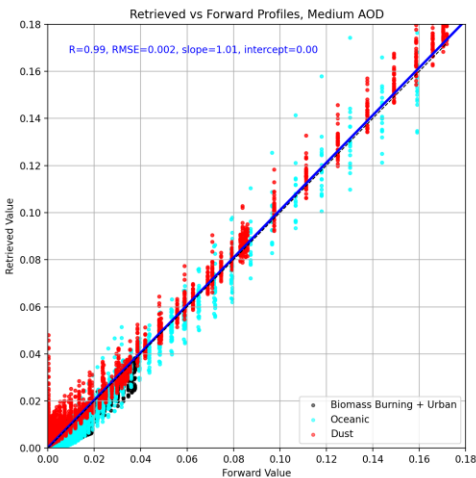
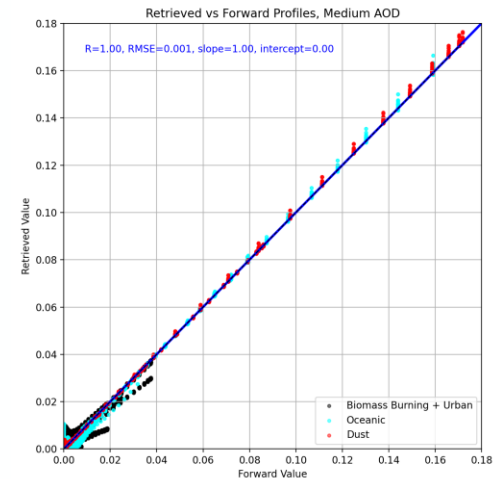
Ocean

Noise free

Noisy

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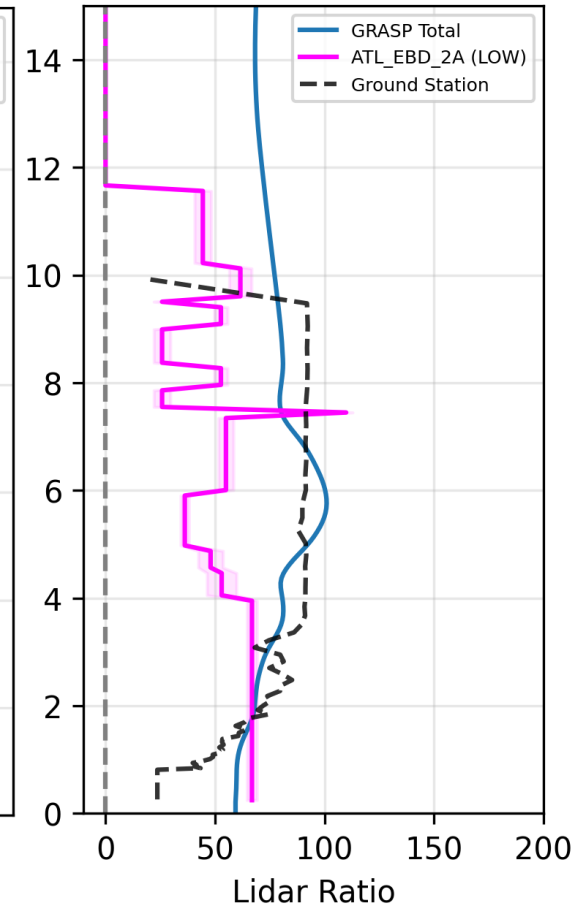
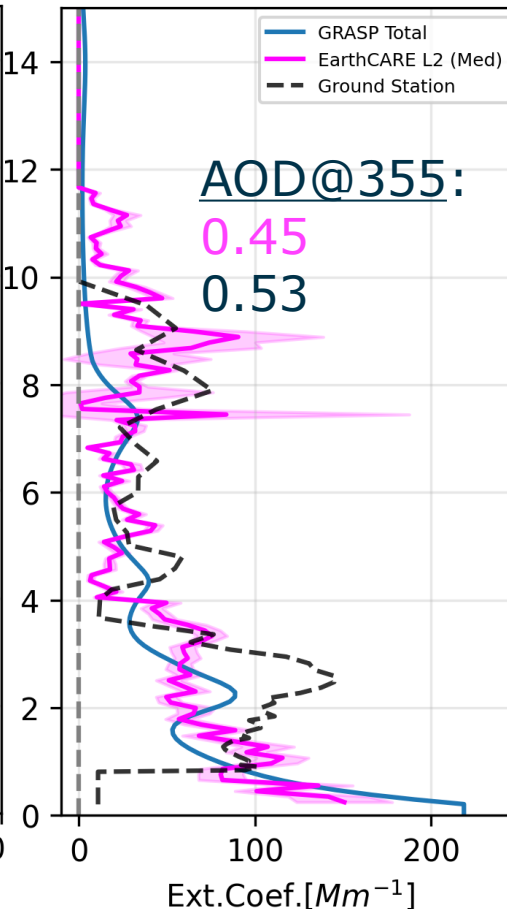
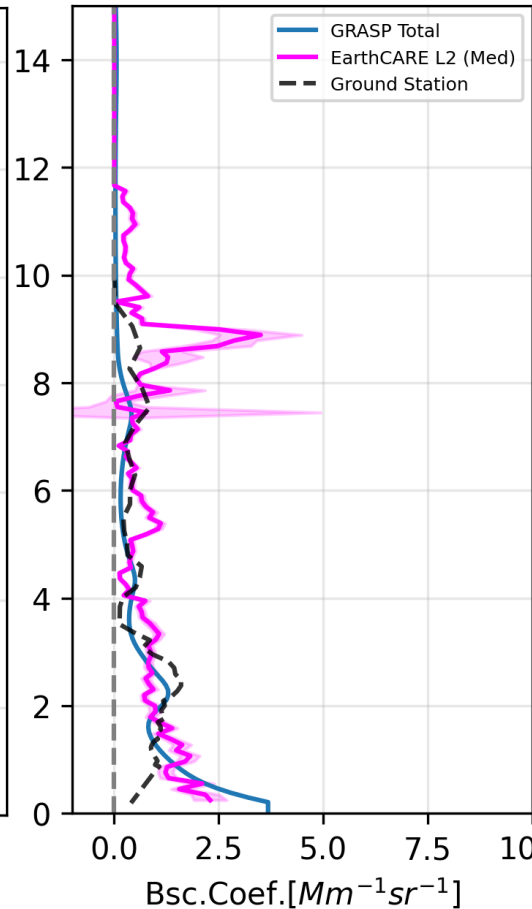
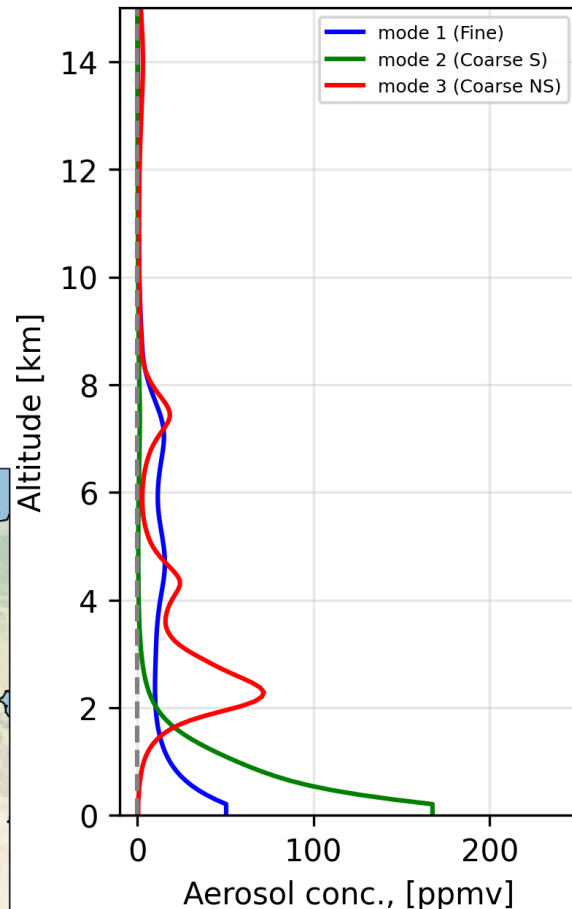
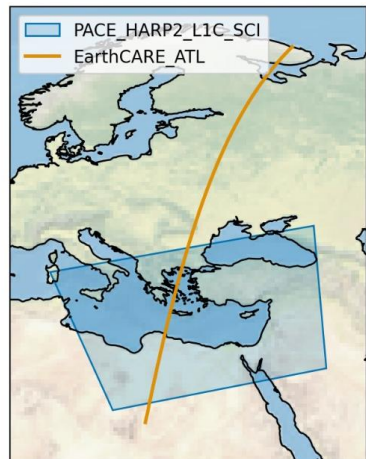
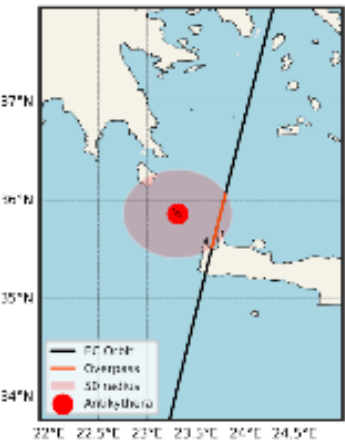


ECAMS preliminary results: Antikythera

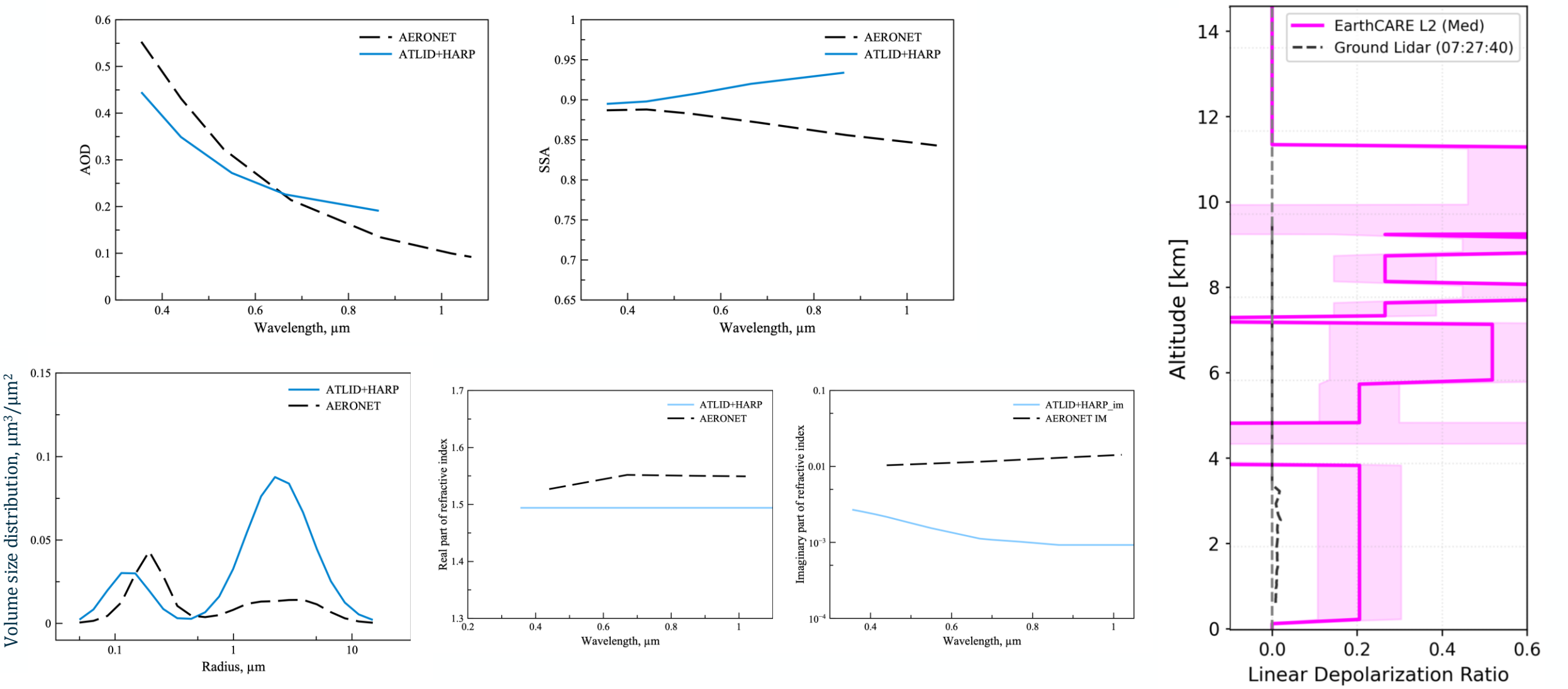
EarthCARE @12:42 UTC, (BA baseline)

PACE @10:46 UTC (V3)

AERONET+POLLY @07:27, ~ 40km distance

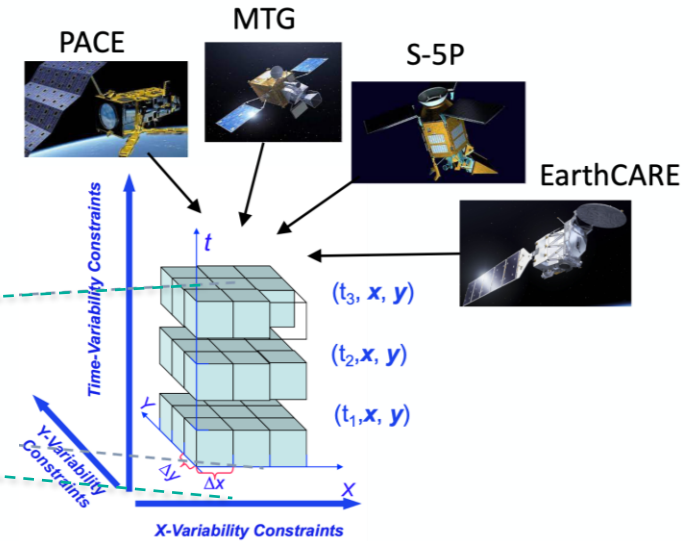
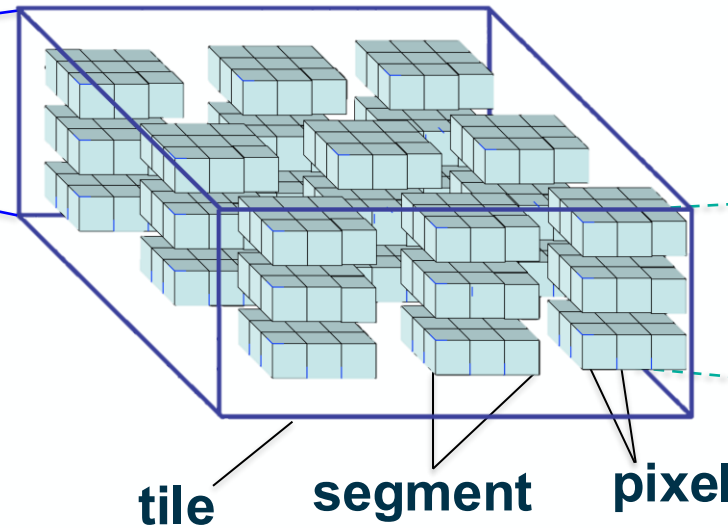
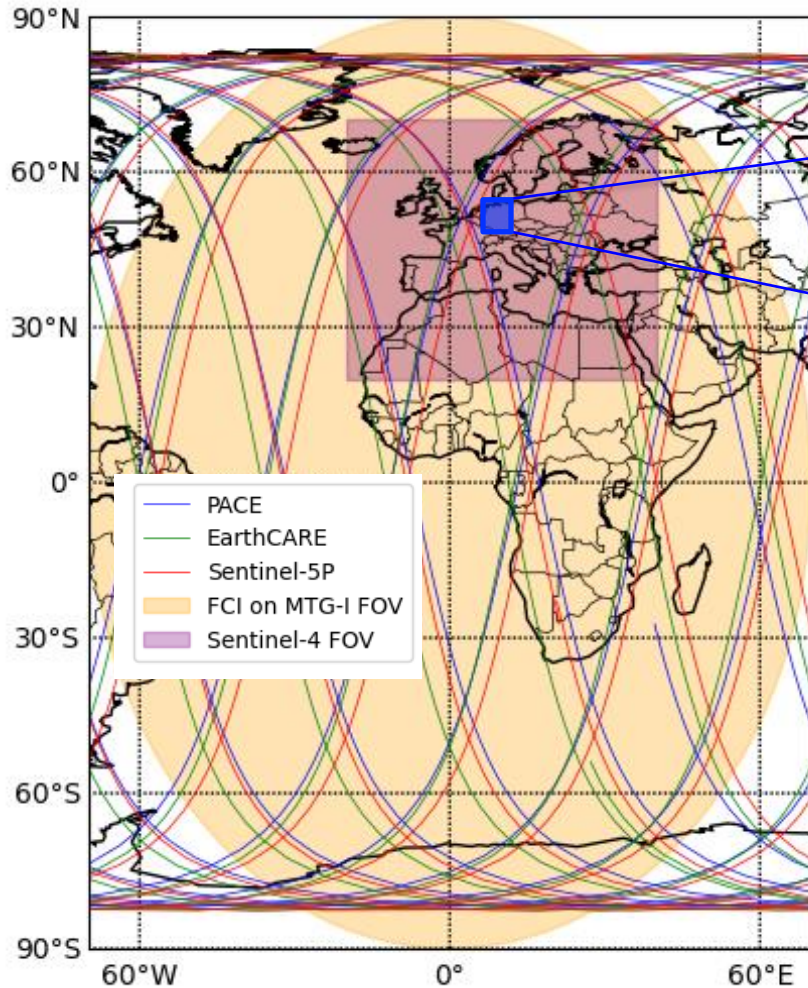


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GLADIS non-coincident L1 synergy

Extend AIRSENSE approach to vertical profiling to maximise ATLID/EarthCARE and passive synergy (non-coincident)



- Time constraints to be used:
- Surface changes very slowly
 - Columnar aerosol type changes moderately in time
 - Aerosol vertical distribution changes in time are limited

Conclusions



- New L1 ATLID synergy products are being developed
- Synergy of next-gen Lidars, MAP and GEO observations
- Temporally resolved retrieval of aerosol vertical structure is anticipated in the frame of nearest future
- Thorough validations and inter-comparison with existing EarthCARE products are ongoing
- Expected improvement from recent baselines (ATLID: BA->CA, HARP-2: V3->V4)
- New non-spherical models are tested
- Close interaction with ACI-oriented projects such as ESA AIRSENSE and EC CleanCloud and CERTAINTY

