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# PROFILING OF AEROSOLS AND CLOUDS IN REUNION ISLAND (21°S, 55.5°E)

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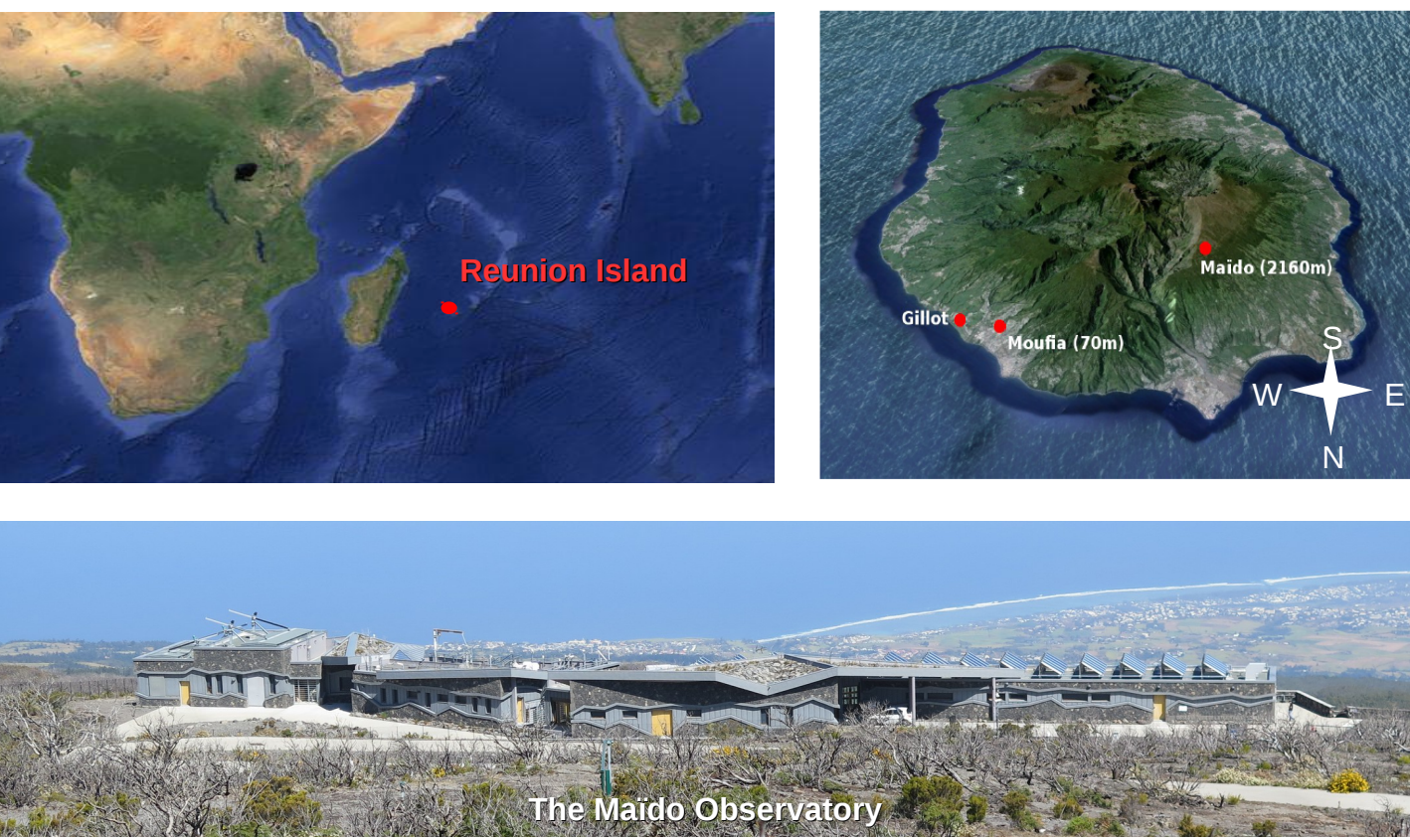
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## ATMOSPHERIC PHYSICS OBSERVATORY OF REUNION ISLAND

### • Presentation

The Atmospheric Observatory of Reunion Island is a permanent station for long term atmospheric observations. It is composed of a high altitude facility (the Maïdo Observatory; Baray et al., 2013) and coastal sites of measurement in the north of the island.



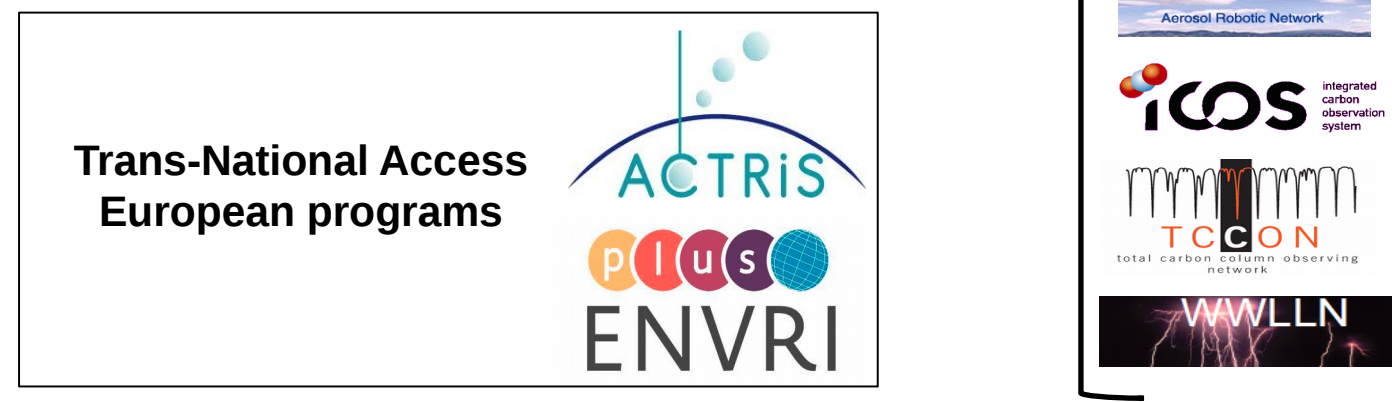
### • Objectives

Be a permanent station for long term atmospheric observations: dynamics and chemistry of the low and middle atmospheres in the context of climate change in the Southern Hemisphere

Provide (open) data for:

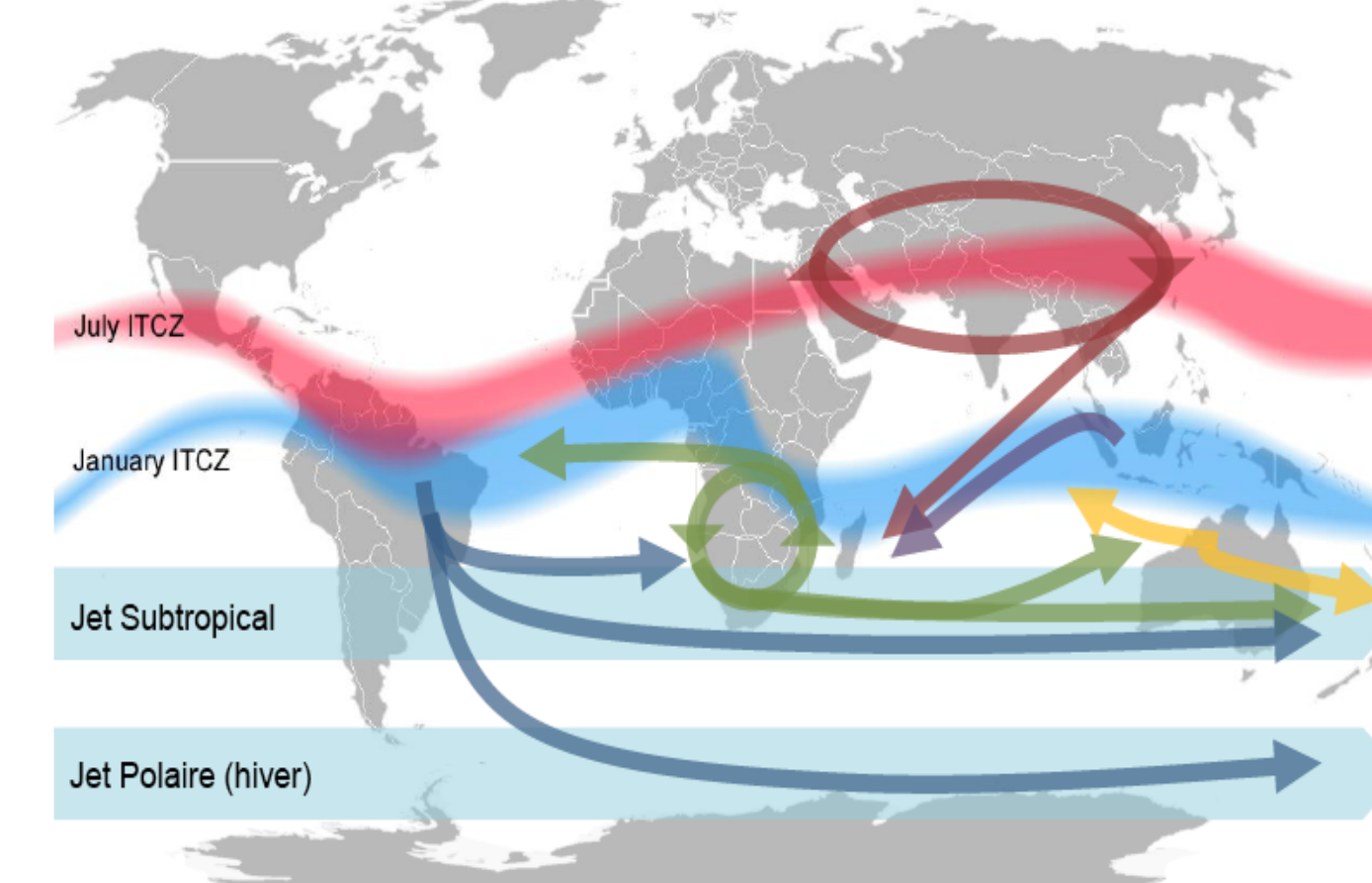
- international monitoring networks/RI
- scientific research
- satellite validation (TROPOMI/CALIPSO/Aeolus/EarthCARE...).

### Host scientific teams/campaigns :



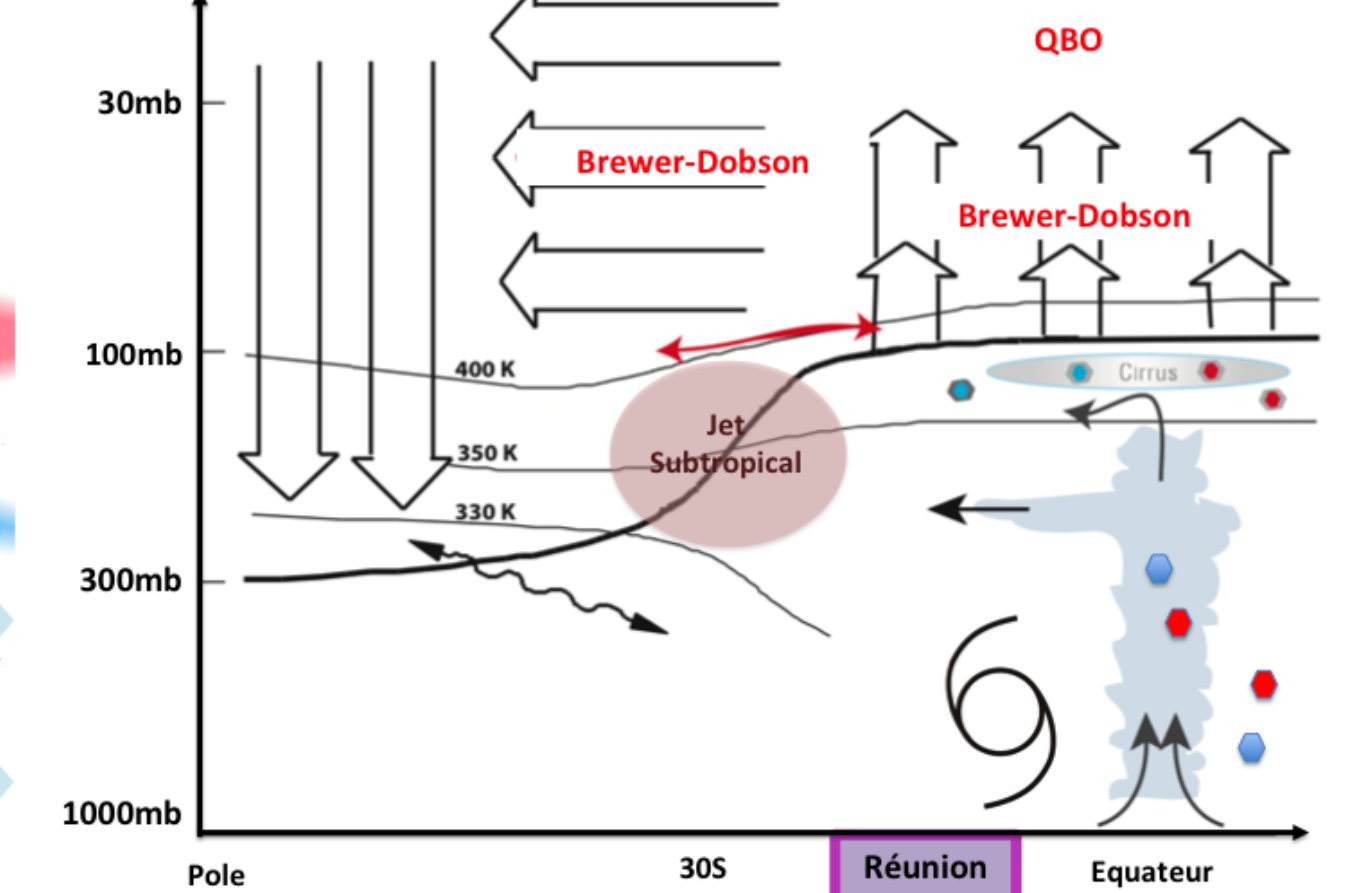
## CONTEXT

### • Free troposphere



- Austral biomass burning season
- Long-range transport
- Active volcano
- Cyclones/tropical storms
- Heavy rainfall

### • Tropical tropopause layer

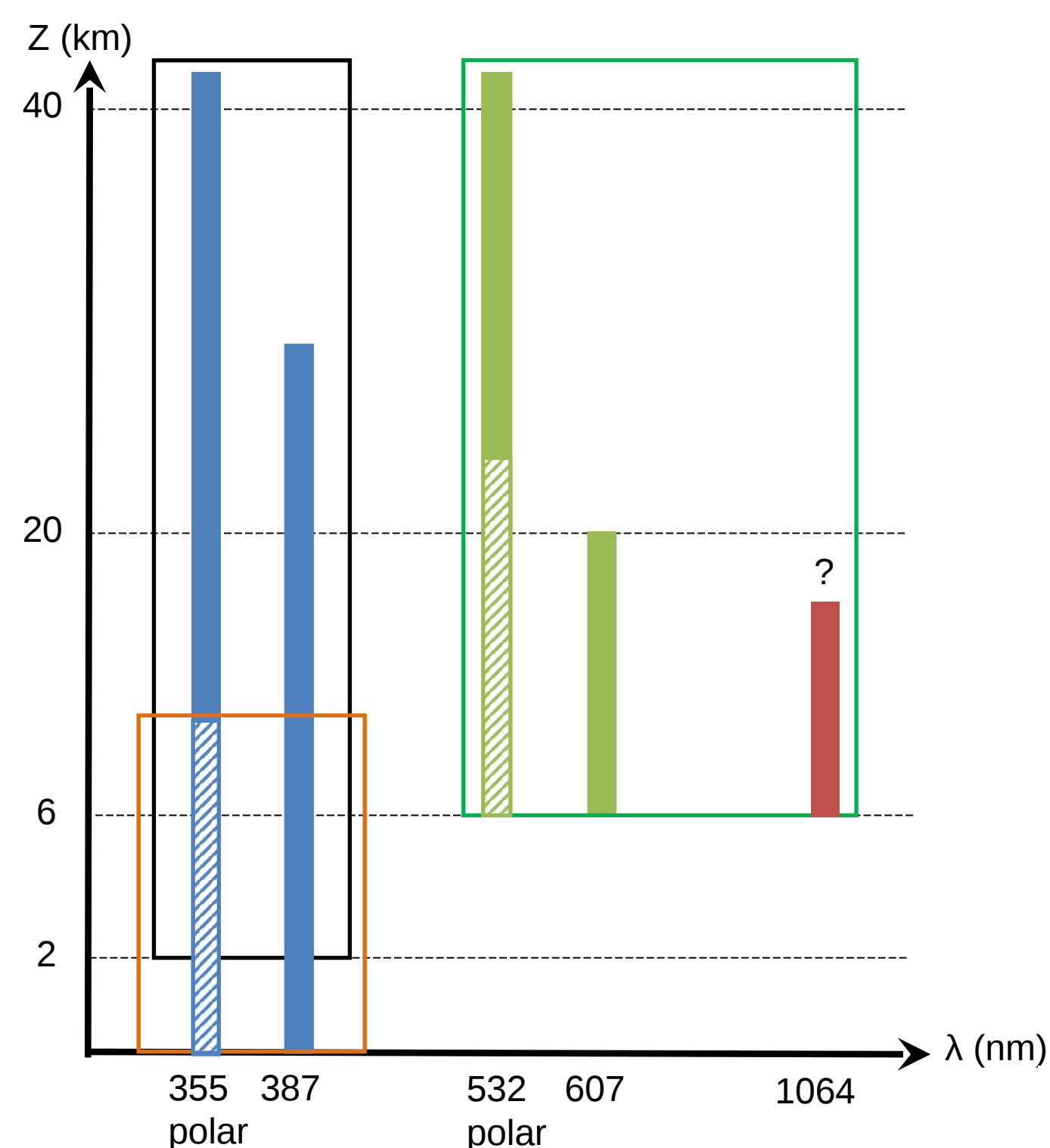


- Stratosphere-troposphere exchanges (STE)
- Cirrus clouds
- Volcanoes (long-range)
- Deep convection
- Cyclones

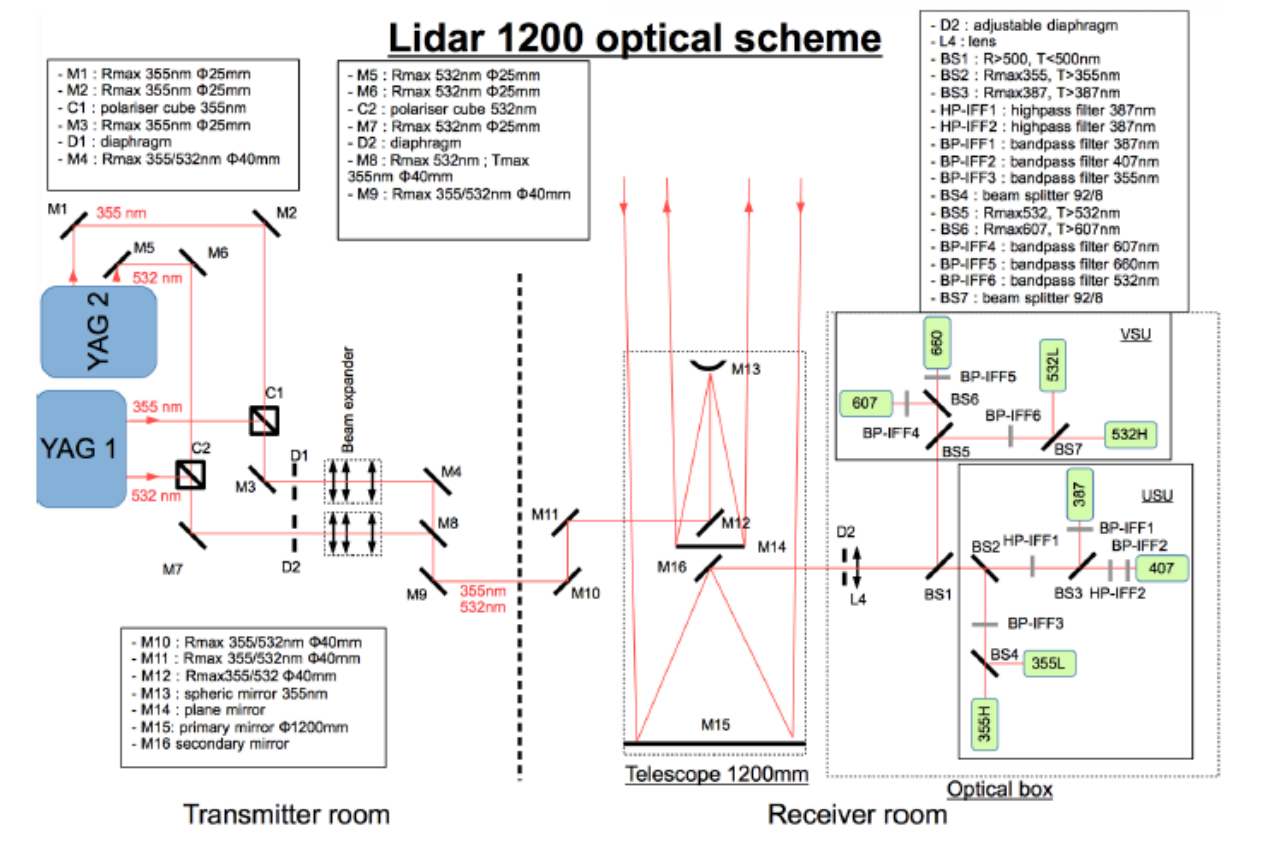
## PROFILING OF AEROSOLS

Reunion Island is located in a « clean » area, i.e. the AOD is low, but, during the biomass burning season in the Southern Hemisphere, the AOD doubles. The Indian Ocean region is a difficult area for satellite sensing, it is necessary to make ground-based observations.

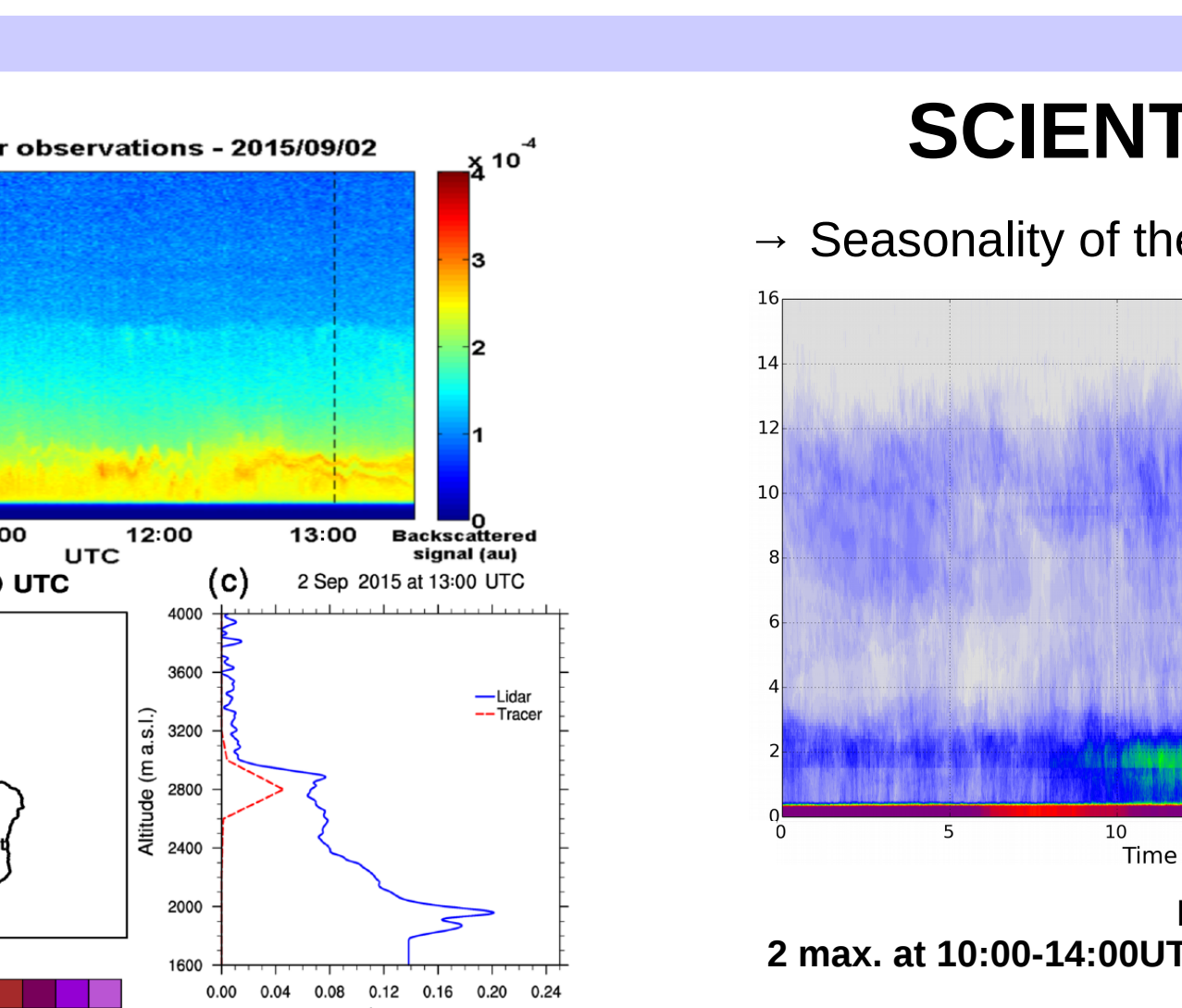
### • Observation capabilities



**Lidar1200** (T°, H<sub>2</sub>O, aerosols)  
355 & 387nm  
2.2-40km range



**LIO3T** (O<sub>3</sub>, aerosols)  
532 (L & I), 607 & 1064nm  
6-40(20)km range



**+ LOAC (Light Optical Aerosols Counter)**

LOAC flights at Reunion Island since 2014:

LEFE SATORI project (N. Bègue): LOAC soundings collocated with CALIOP

## PROFILING OF CLOUDS

There are on average 9.3 systems/year and 4.7 cyclones/year in the southwest Indian Ocean. Reunion Island holds several world records for precipitation.

### • Observation capabilities

**MARLEY** (Mobile Aerosol Raman Lidar for troposphEre surveyY)  
Leosphere ALS450 + Raman N<sub>2</sub> channel  
Full overlap at ~150m / fully automated

Collocated with: AERONET sunphotometer and BASTA cloud radar

**Radar BASTA**  
Doppler radar  
95GHz  
12.5, 25, 100 and 200m modes  
6-12km range

**Ceiliometer**  
Campbell CS135  
905nm  
5m resolution  
10km range

## TRACE GASES AND WIND OBSERVATION CAPABILITIES

### • Cal/val

**LiWind**  
Rayleigh-Mie Doppler wind lidar  
vertical resolution up to 100m  
5-65km range  
accuracy: 1m/s up to 30km

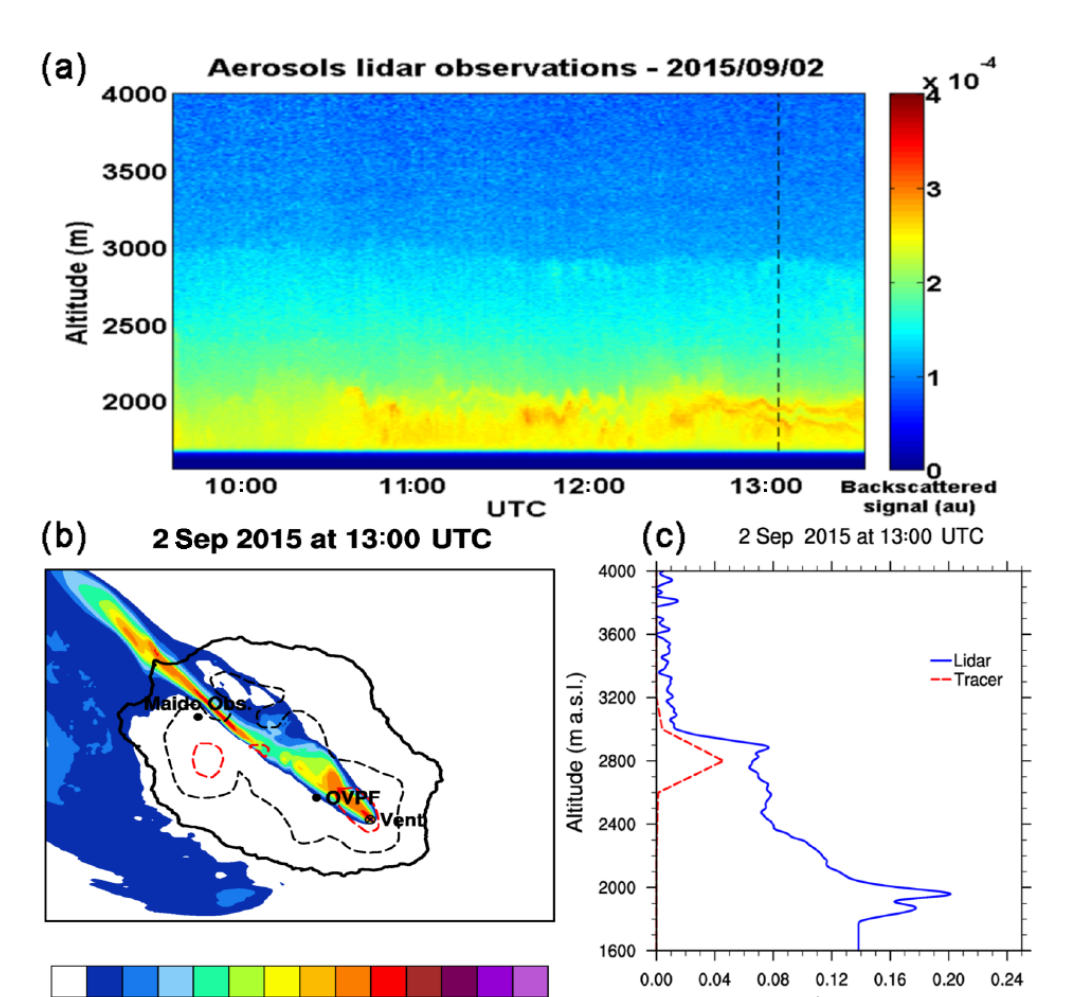
Aeolus cal/val campaign at the Maïdo Observatory: 16 September to 11 October 2019

### • Overview

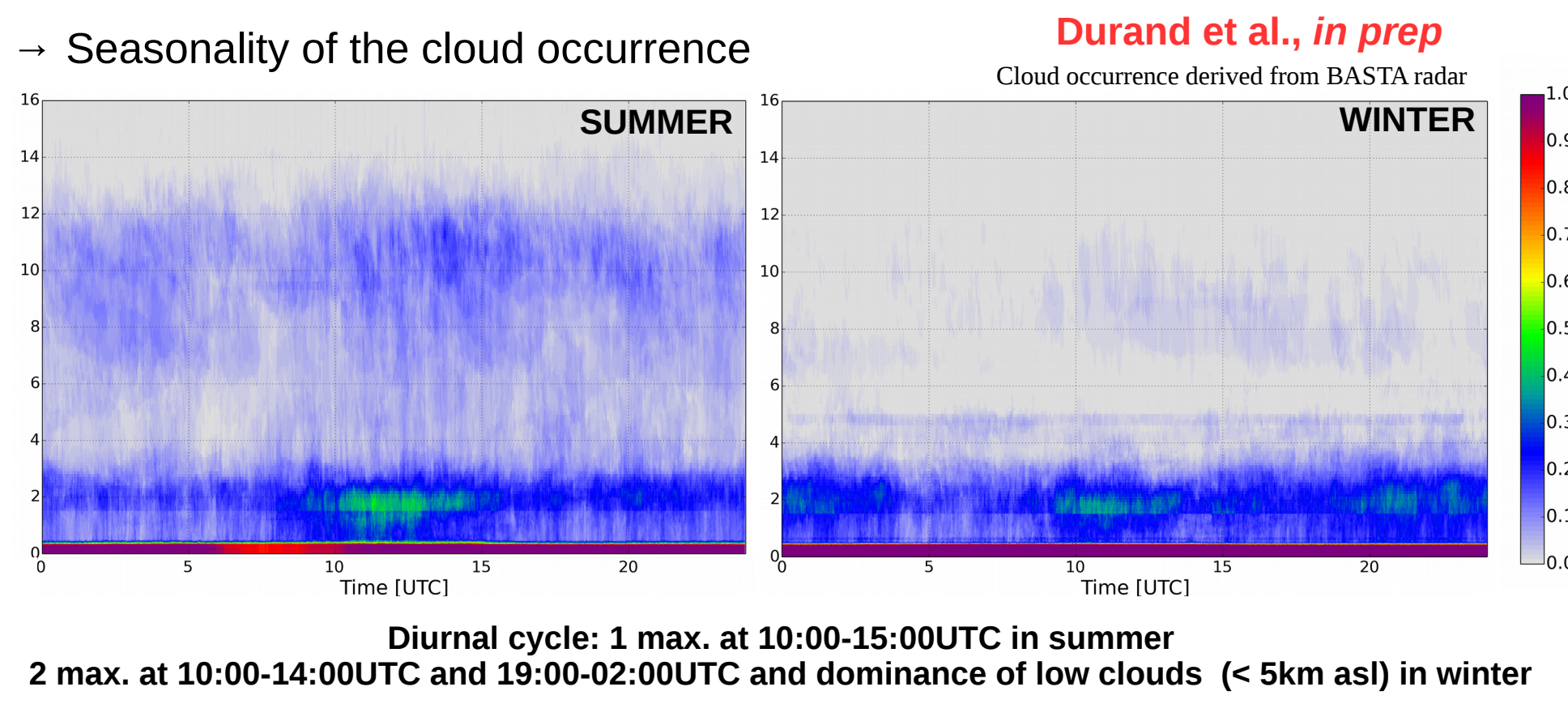
Maïdo Observatory	Gillot
Lidar O3S	FTIR
Lidar O3T	Scantron
Lidar 1200	OPS
Wind lidar	Aethalometer
IR radiometer	Chemical filters
WIRA-C	CPC
GNSS	Nox analyzer
TLE camera	O <sub>3</sub> analyzer
All-Sky	SO <sub>2</sub> analyzer
WWLN antenna	Picarro 4 gases
Infrasound station	Picarro water isotops
ODS	Rainwater collection
Meteorol. station	Visible cameras
Cobald sondes	CFH sondes
GNSS	MAX-DOAS
	LOAC sondes
	M10 sondes - O <sub>3</sub> ECC
	POPS sonde
	UV spectrometer
	Mini-SAOZ
	BASTA radar
	Disdrometer
	Meteorol. station
	Picarro 3 gases

### → 2015: Piton de La Fournaise eruptions

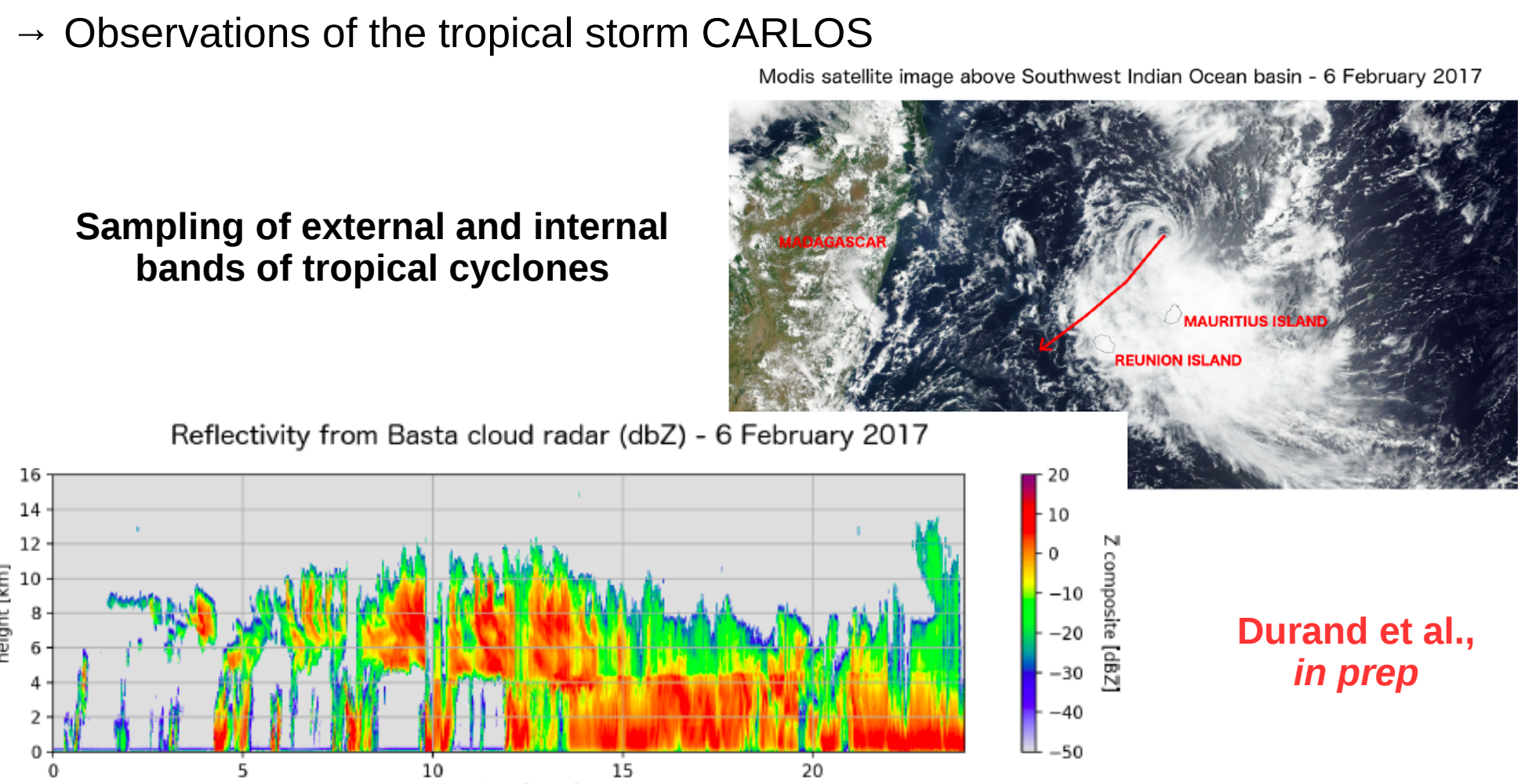
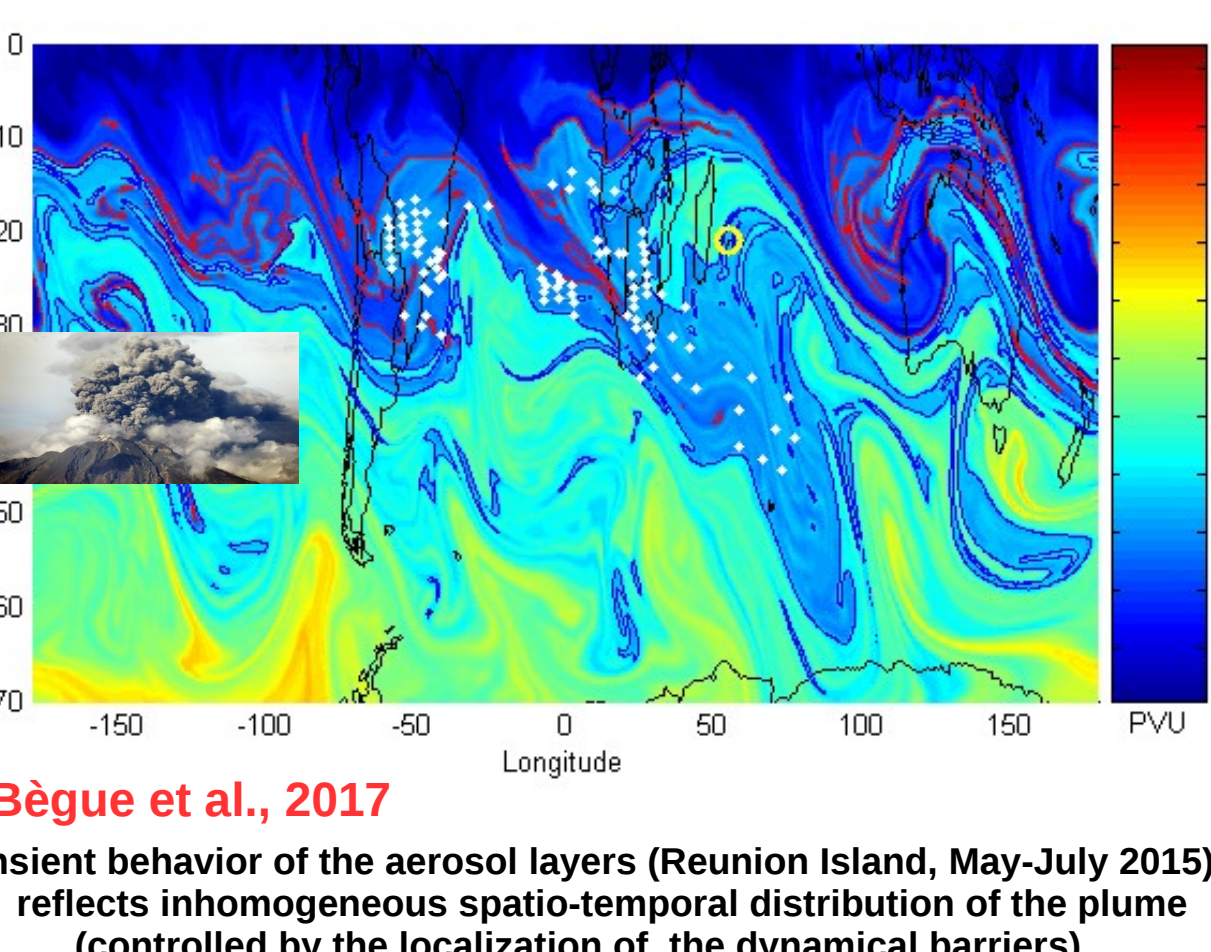
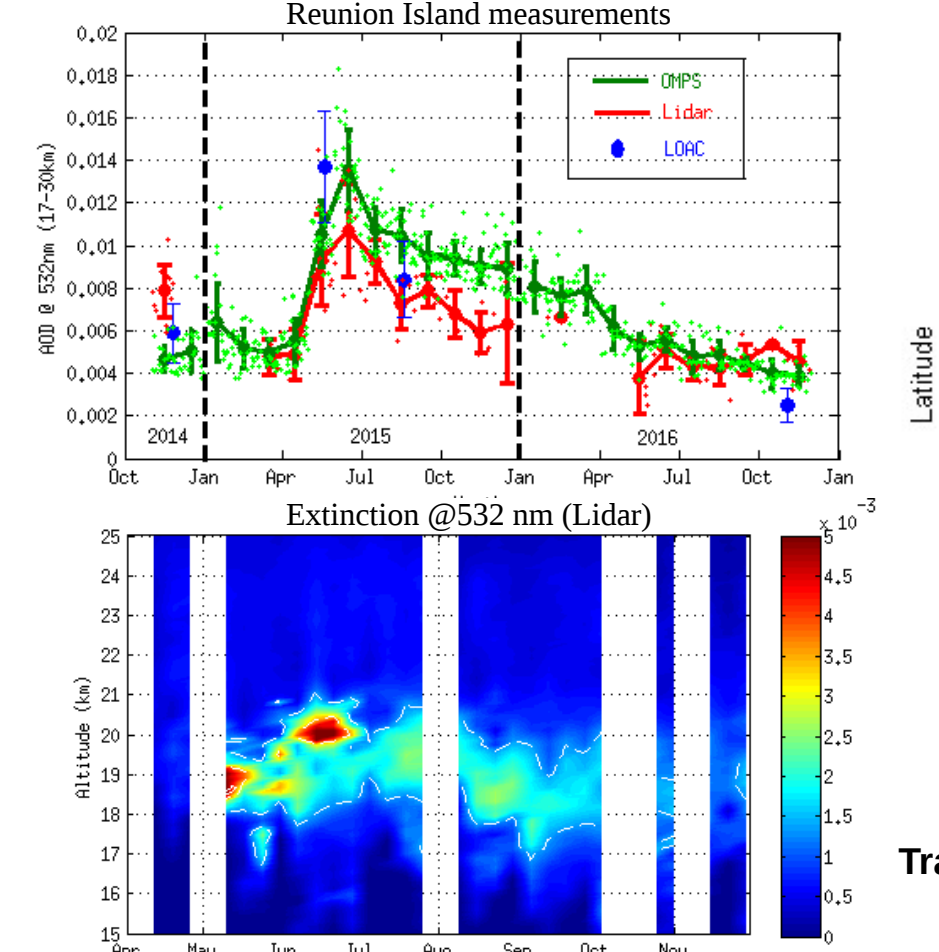
Lidar + handheld sunphotometer  
Tulet et al., 2017  
LR<sub>355</sub> = 42 +/- 10 sr for fresh plume (16km from the vent)



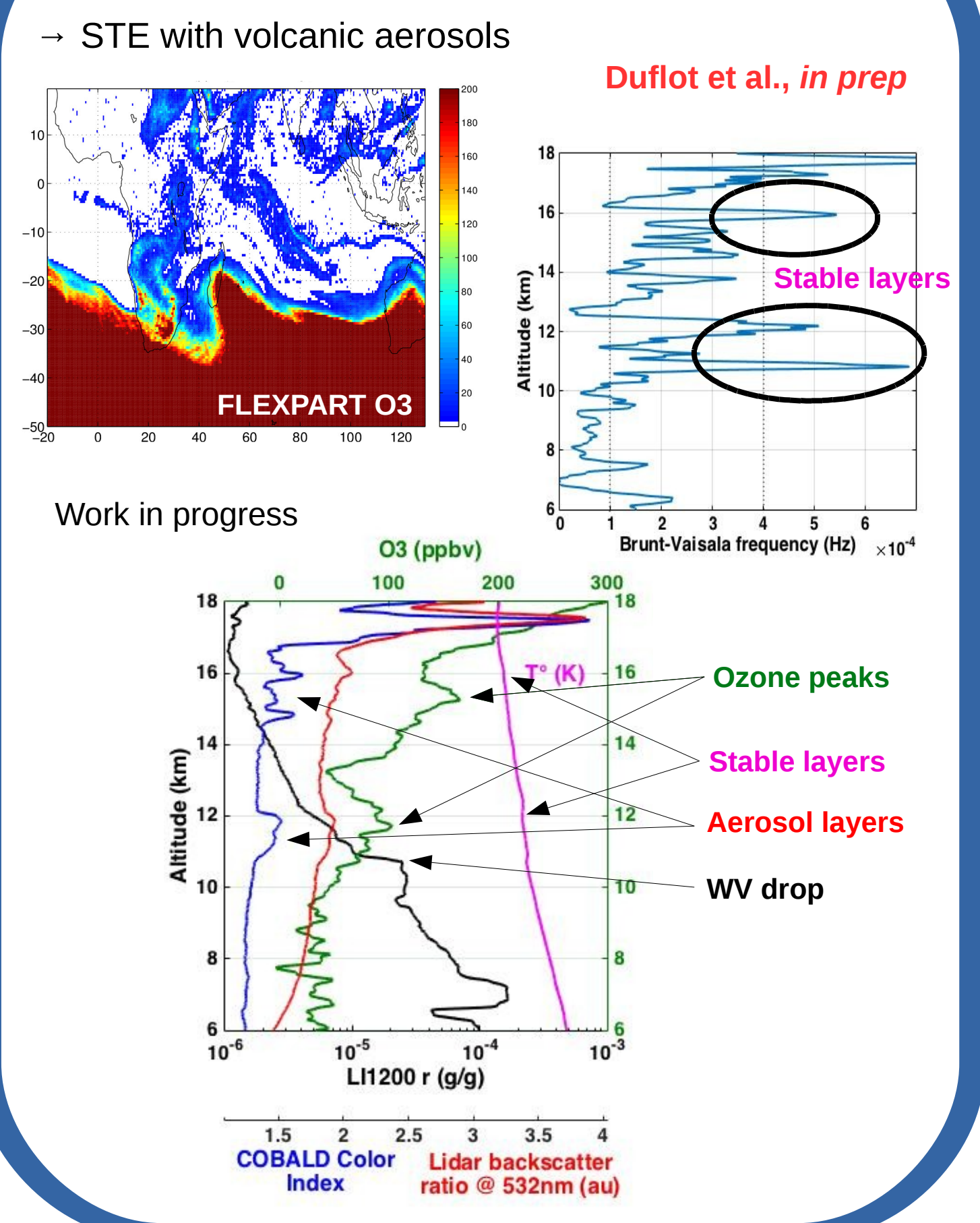
## SCIENTIFIC RESULTS



### → 22 April 2015: the Calbuco eruption

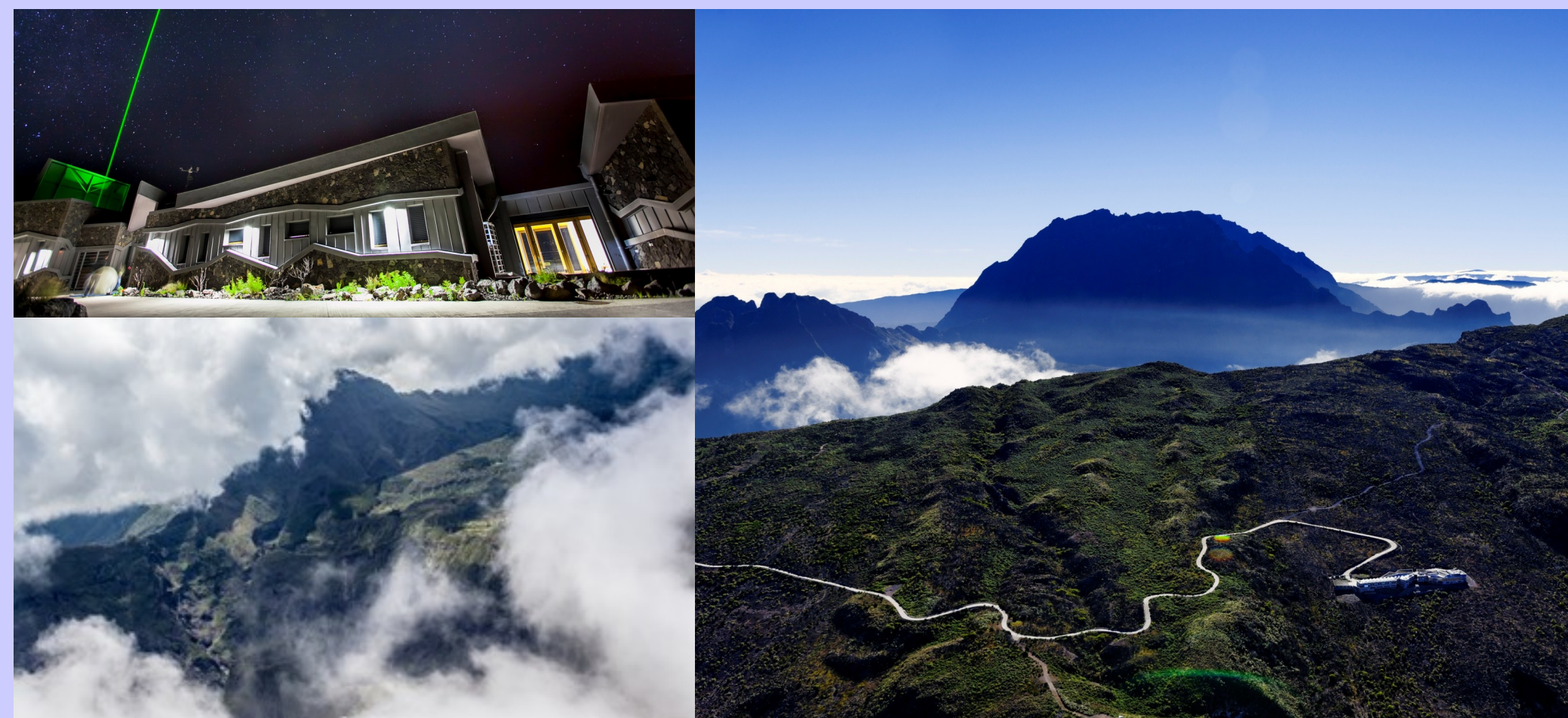


## INSTRUMENTAL SYNERGY



## SUMMARY AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- Atmospheric Physics Observatory of Reunion Island:**
- Great capabilities for aerosols and clouds profiling (and trace gases profiling and in situ measurements)
  - Working on the use of (brand new) multi-λ lidar signals for aerosols characterization
- Contribution objectives within EarthCARE:**
- Routine Multi-λ lidar observations for aerosols characterization in a sparsely documented region:  
532 (T, L+I) + 1064 => CALIPSO v4; 355+387 => Aeolus & EarthCARE  
Having the visible and UV channels operating simultaneously can also contribute to evaluate the effect of the wavelength change between CALIOP (visible) and EarthCARE (UV).
  - CALIOP/EarthCARE collocated LOAC soundings
  - Routine BASTA measurements
  - Radar/lidar synergy



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The lidar data can be found at the OPAR (Observatoire de Physique de l'Atmosphère de La Réunion) web portal: <https://opar.univ-reunion.fr>. Please contact us or [osureunion-informal@univ-reunion.fr](mailto:osureunion-informal@univ-reunion.fr) to obtain data download login / password.

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