



## preliminary data

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# **Dispersion and evolution of the Eyjafjallajökull ash plume over Europe: vertically resolved measurements with the European LIDAR network EARLINET**

Gelsomina Pappalardo

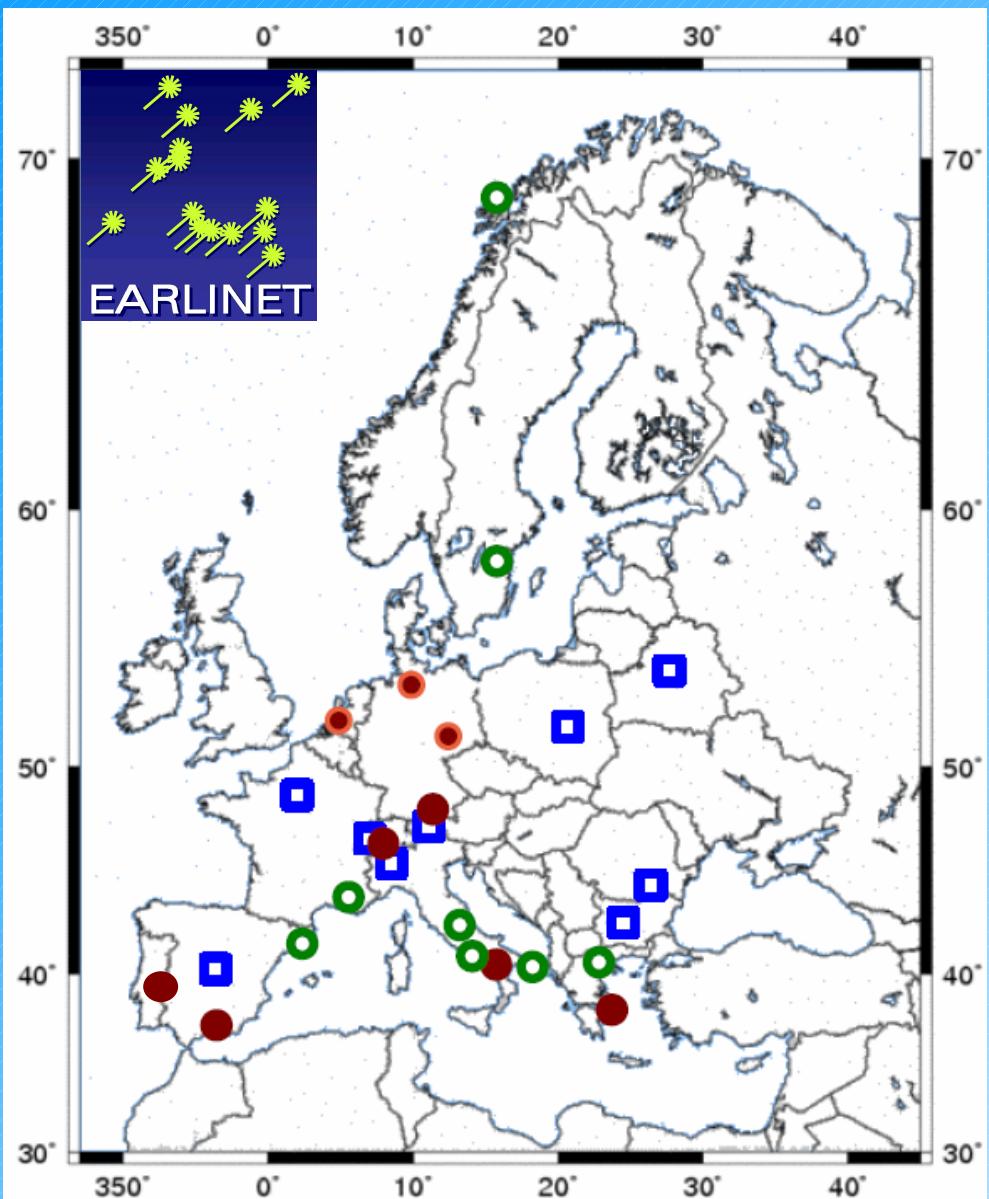
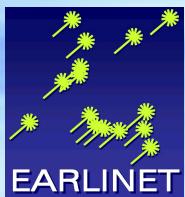
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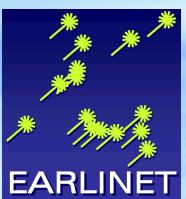
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# European Aerosol Research Lidar NETwork EARLINET



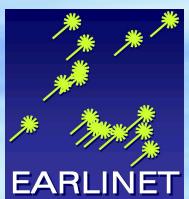
- since 2000
- regular measurements 3times a week  
→ avoid biases
- additional measurements to study long-range transport + special events
- Quality assurance of systems and algorythms
- Standardized data format
- Access to data via centralized data base
- 25 lidar stations
  - round-the-clock observations (3)
  - extinction profiles (16 Raman lidars)
  - 9 multi-wavelength Raman lidars
    - $\beta(355, 532, 1064) + \alpha(355 + 532)$
    - wavelength dependence of  $\alpha, \beta, S$
    - differentiation of aerosol types
    - microphysical aerosol properties



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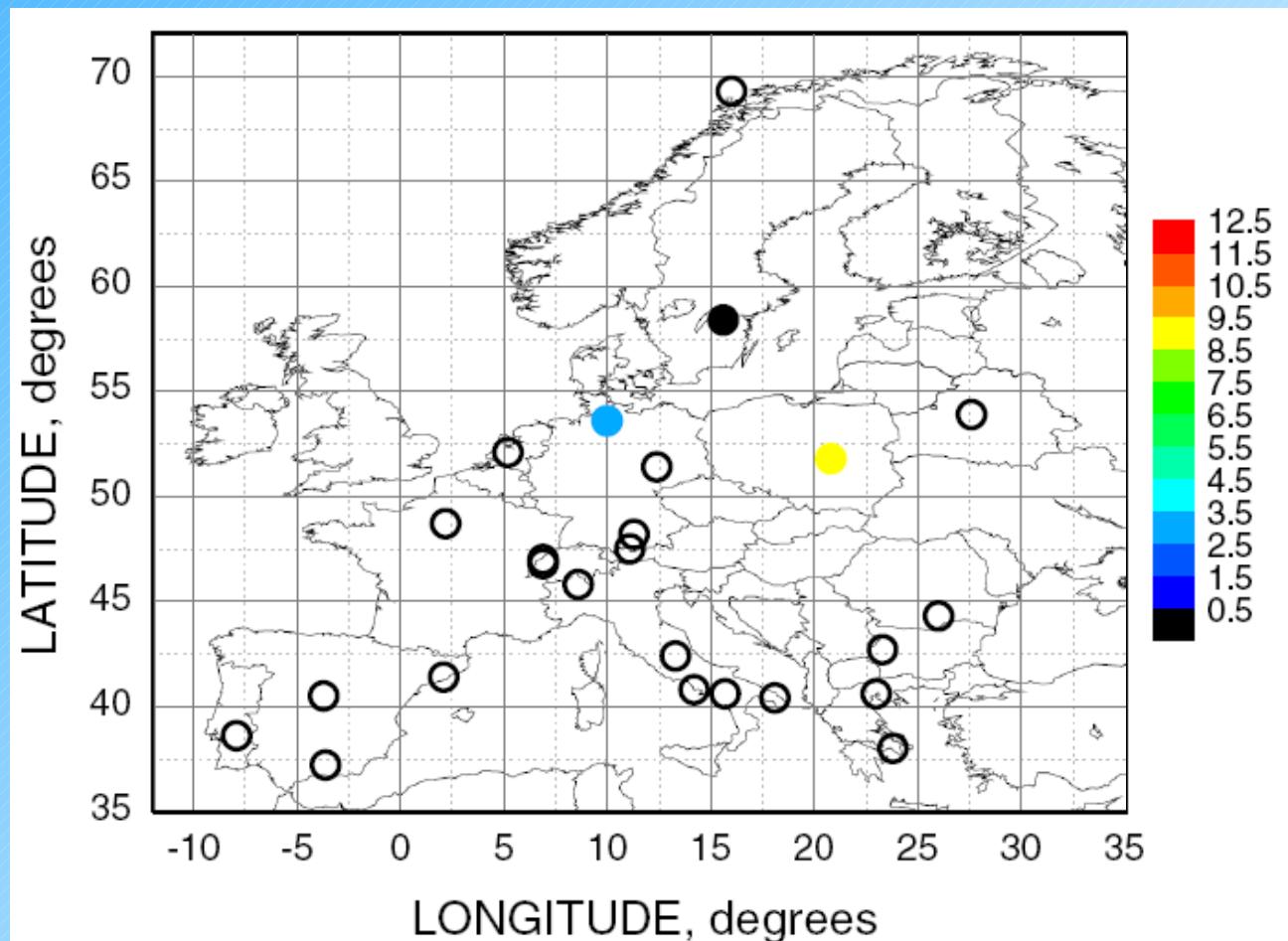
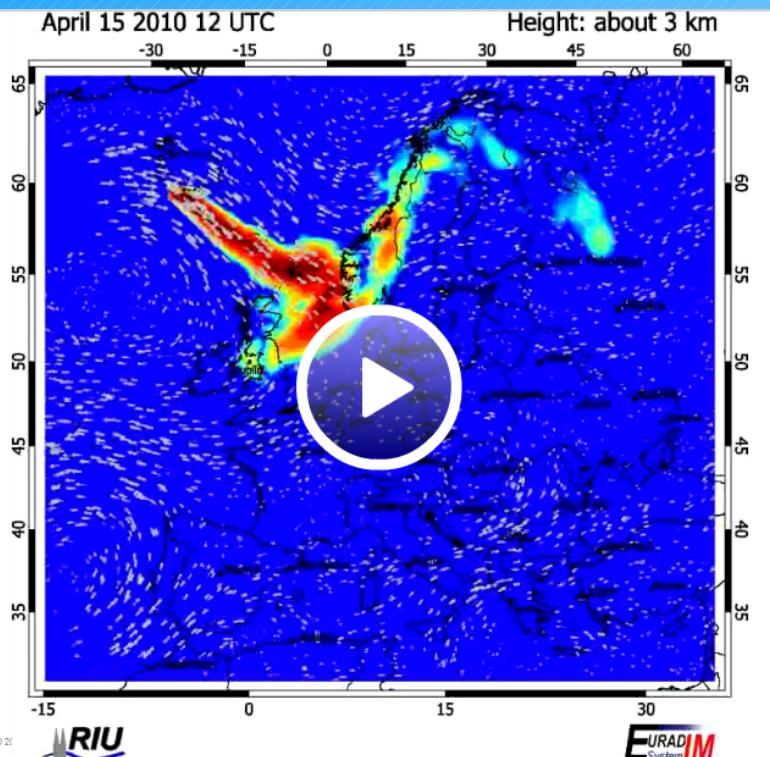


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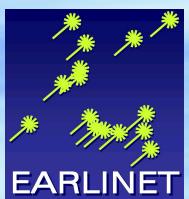
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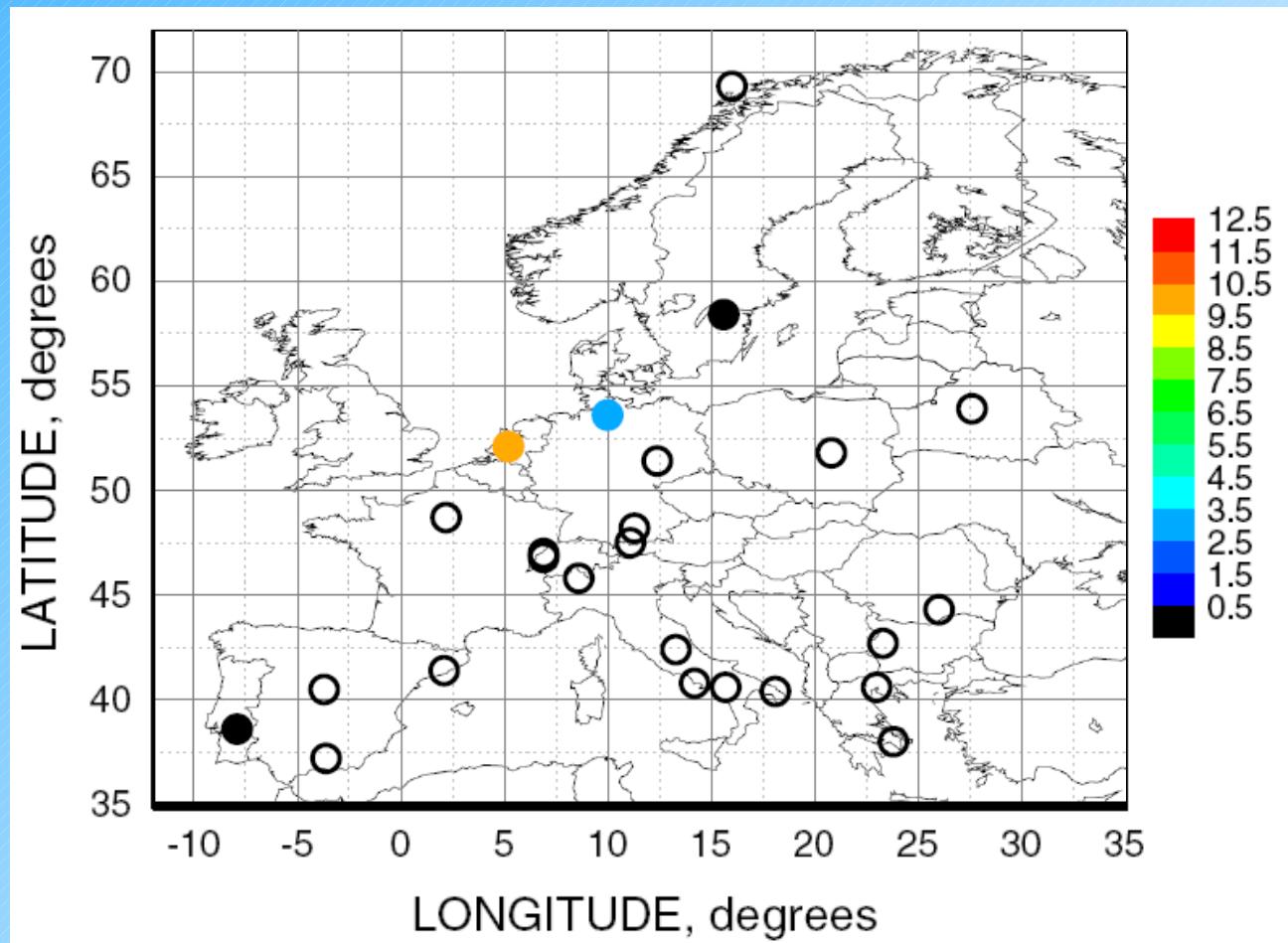
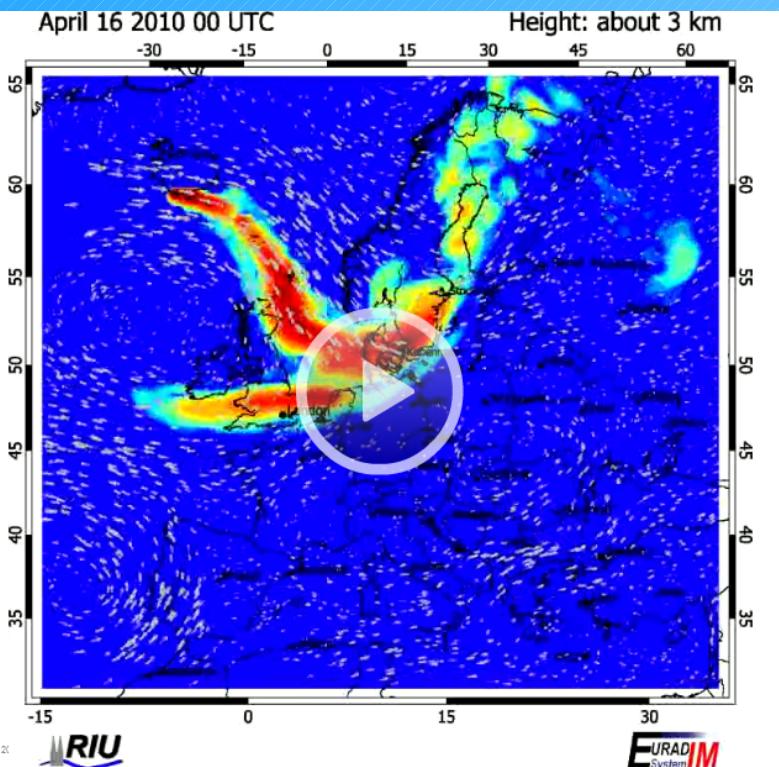
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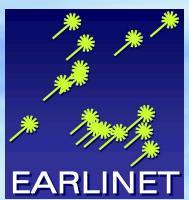


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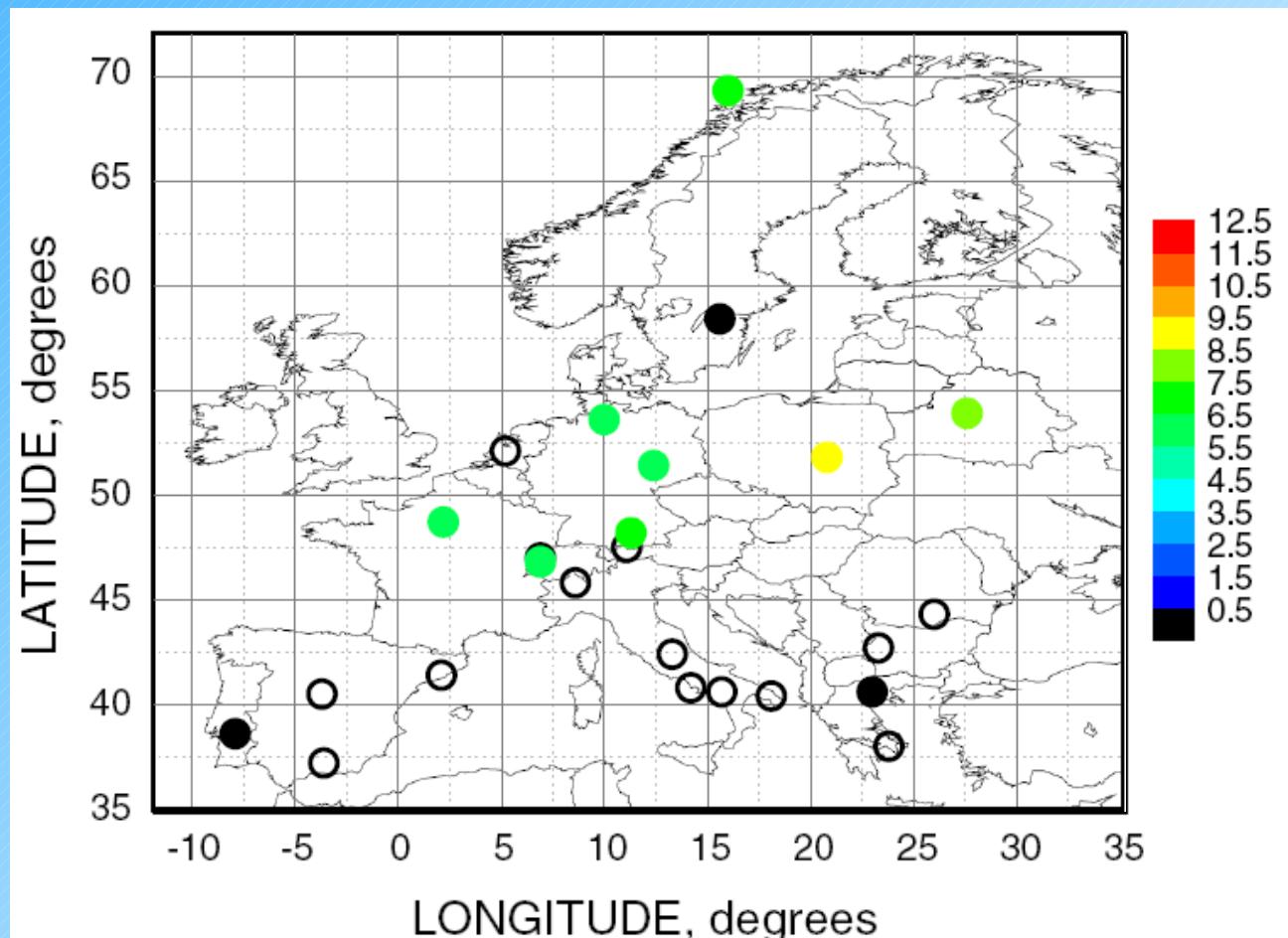
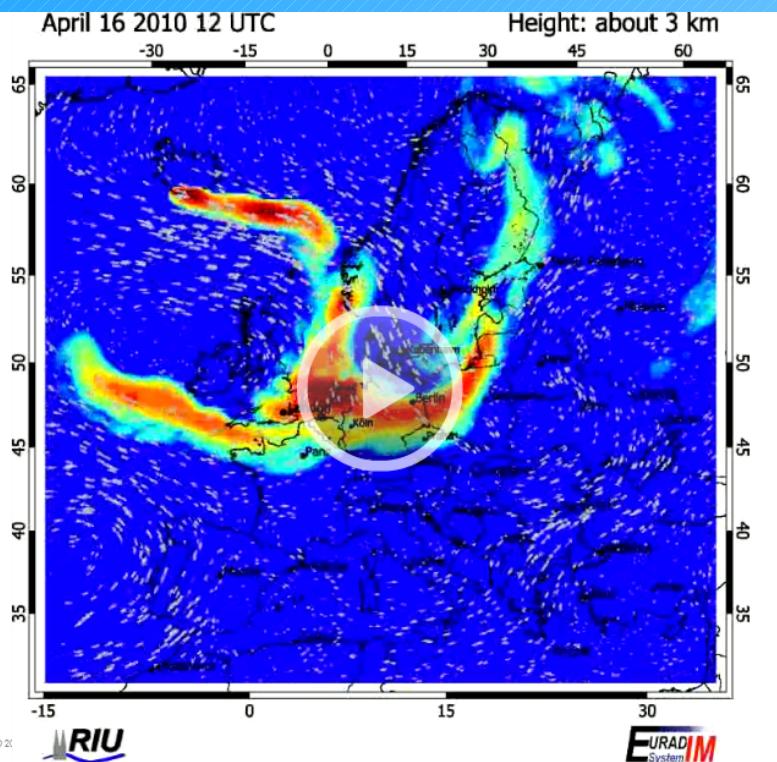




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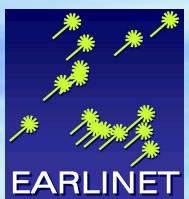


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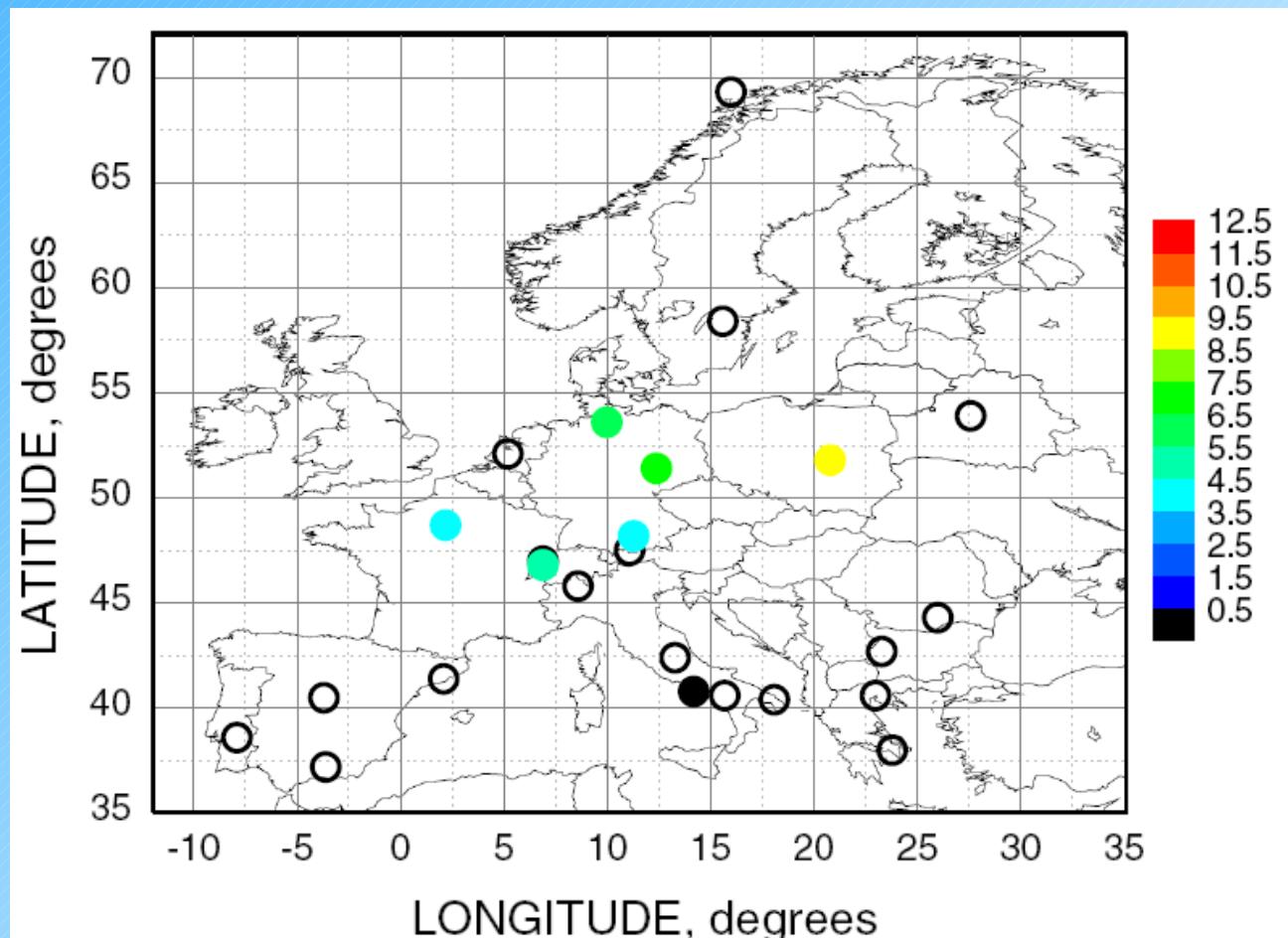
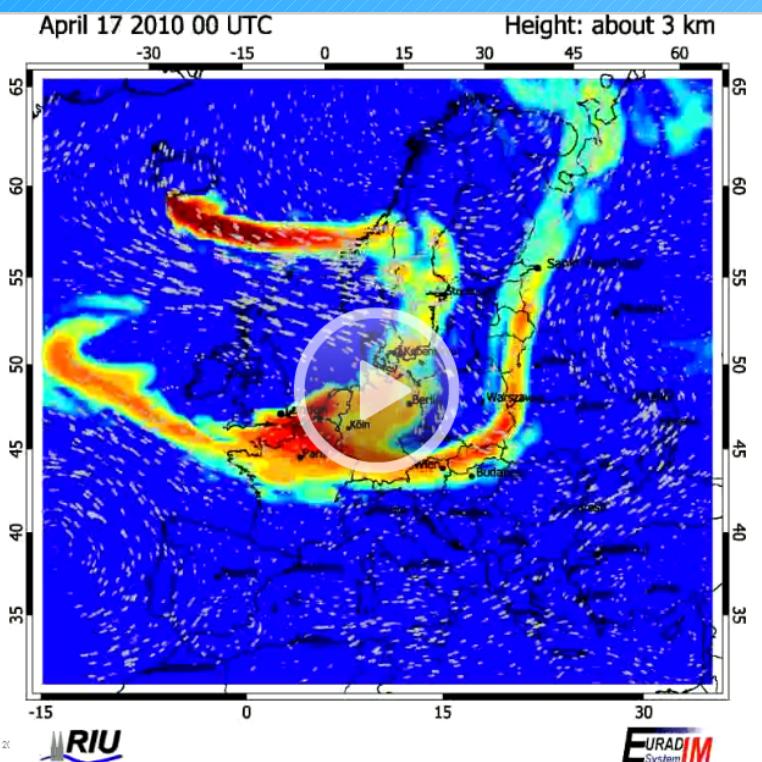




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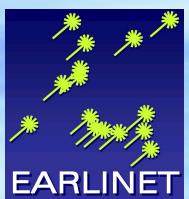


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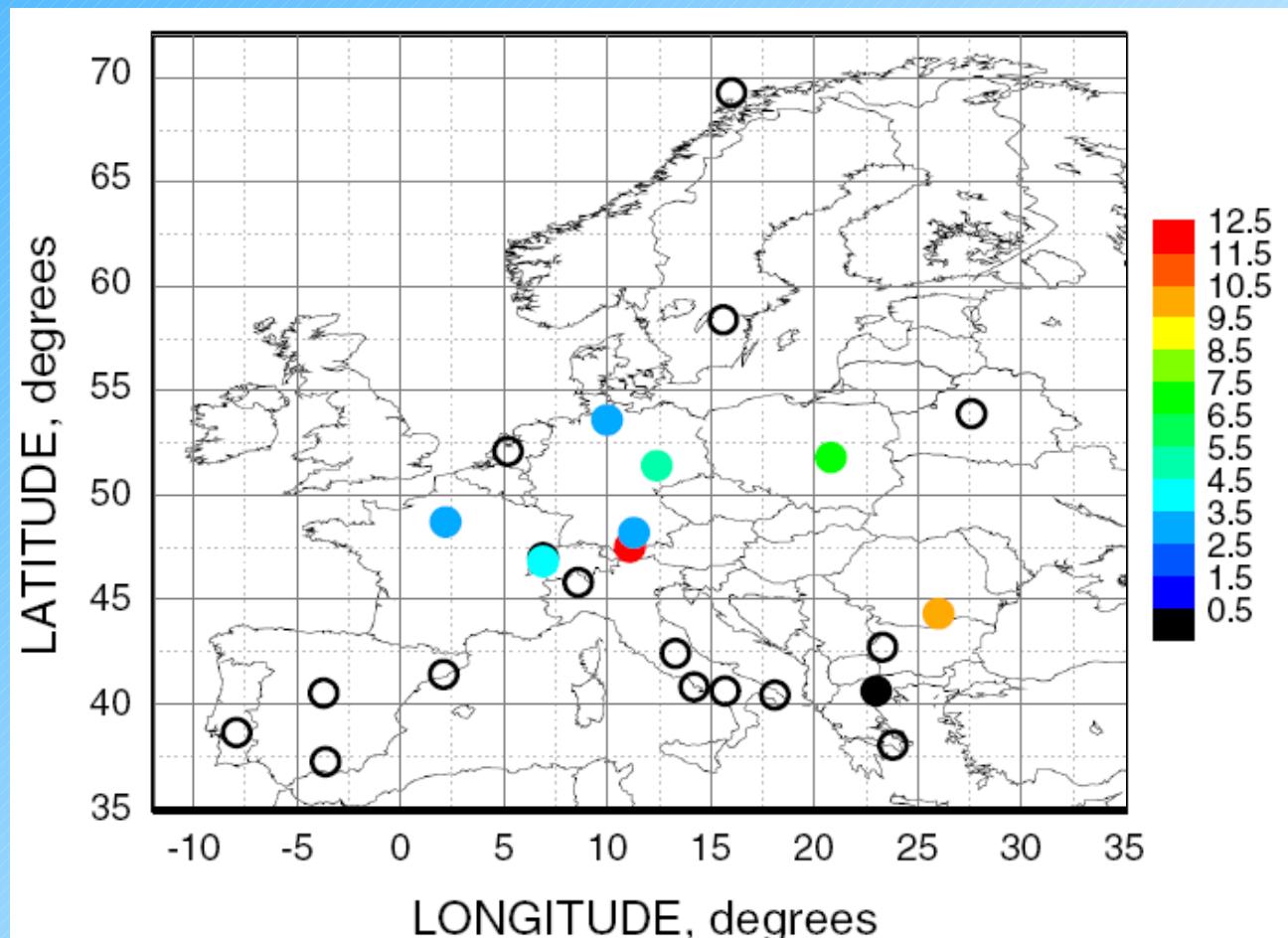
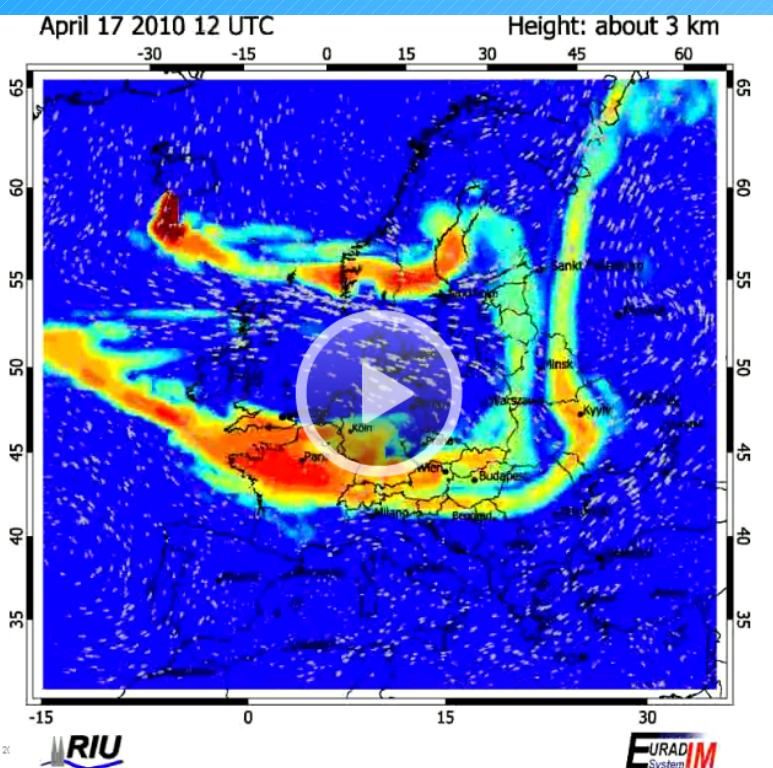




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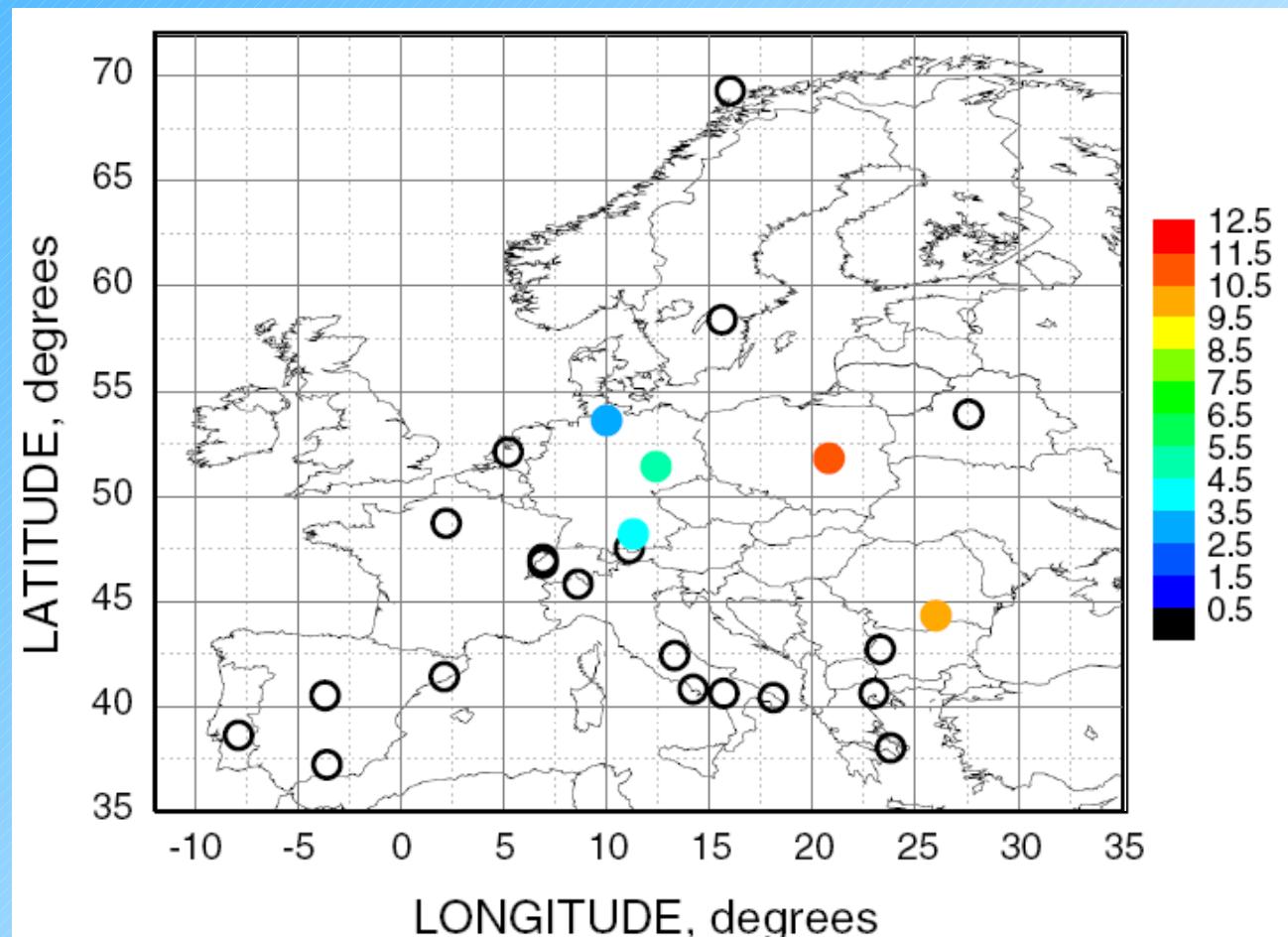
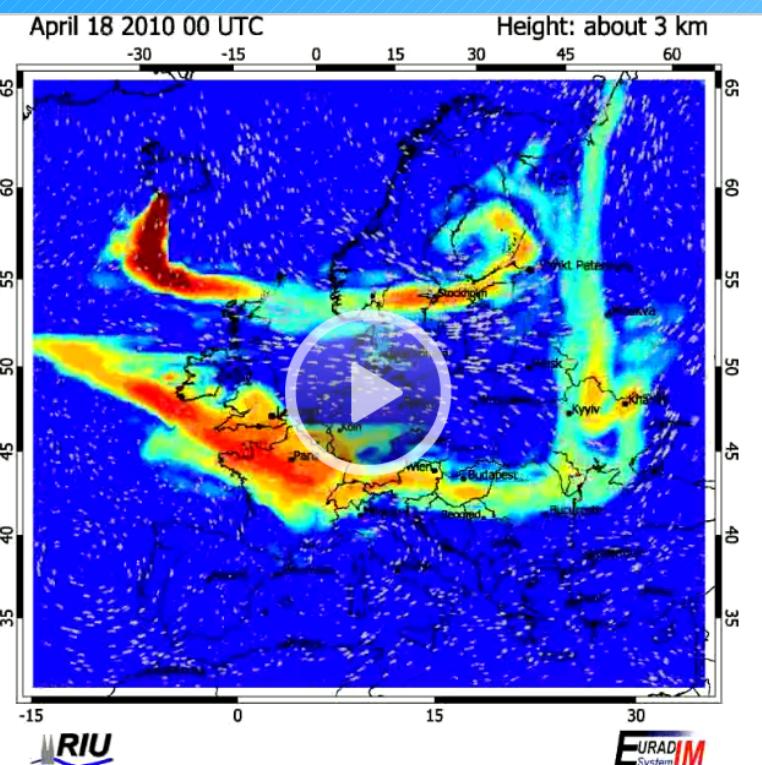
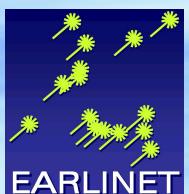


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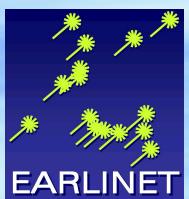


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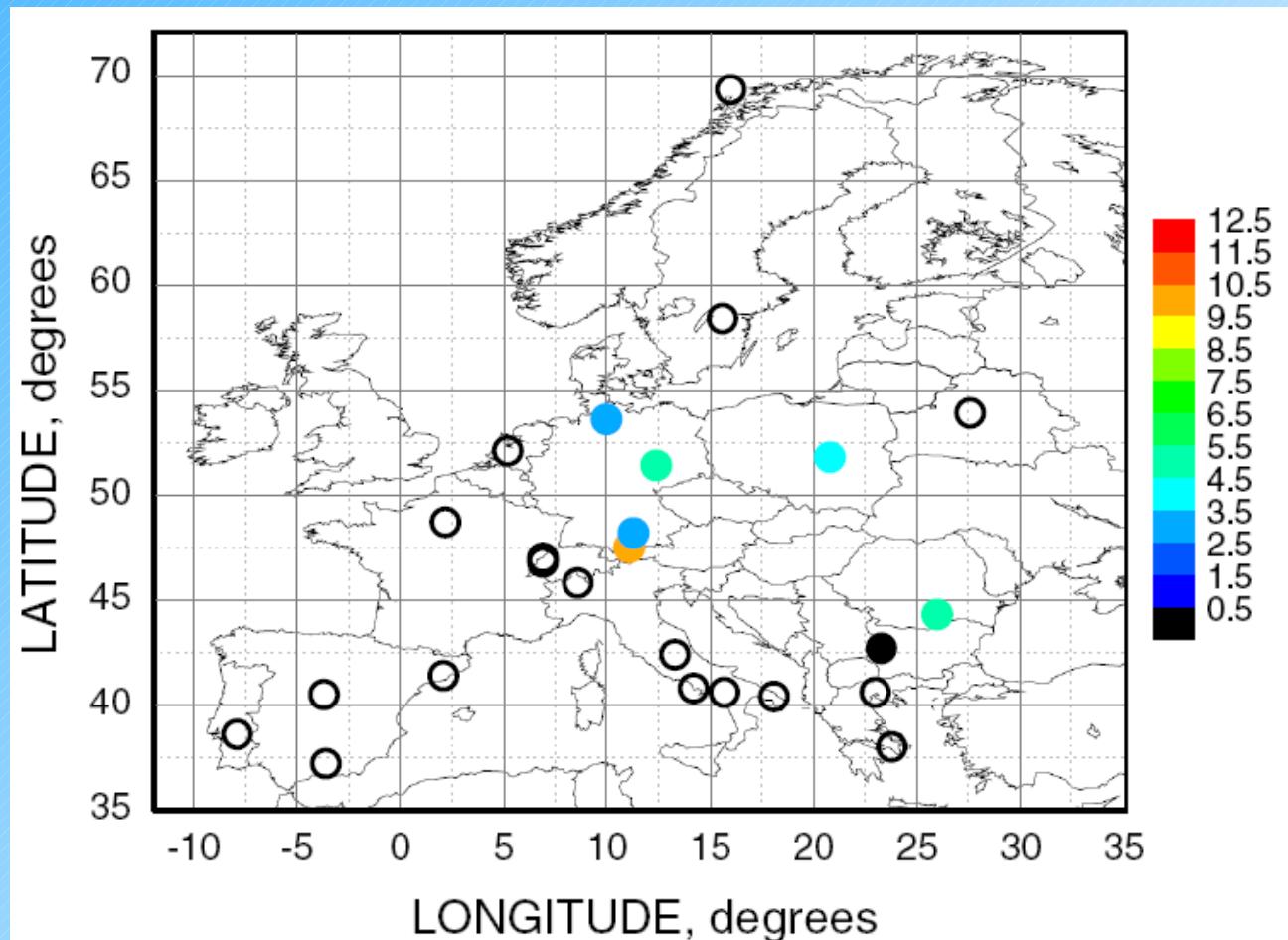
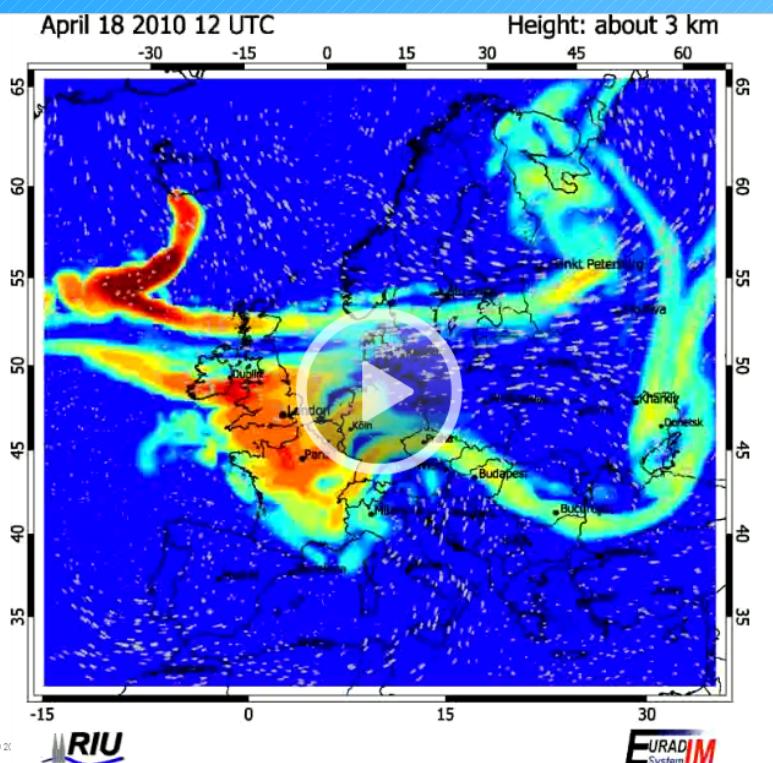




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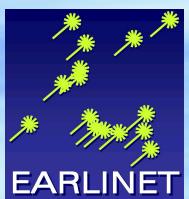


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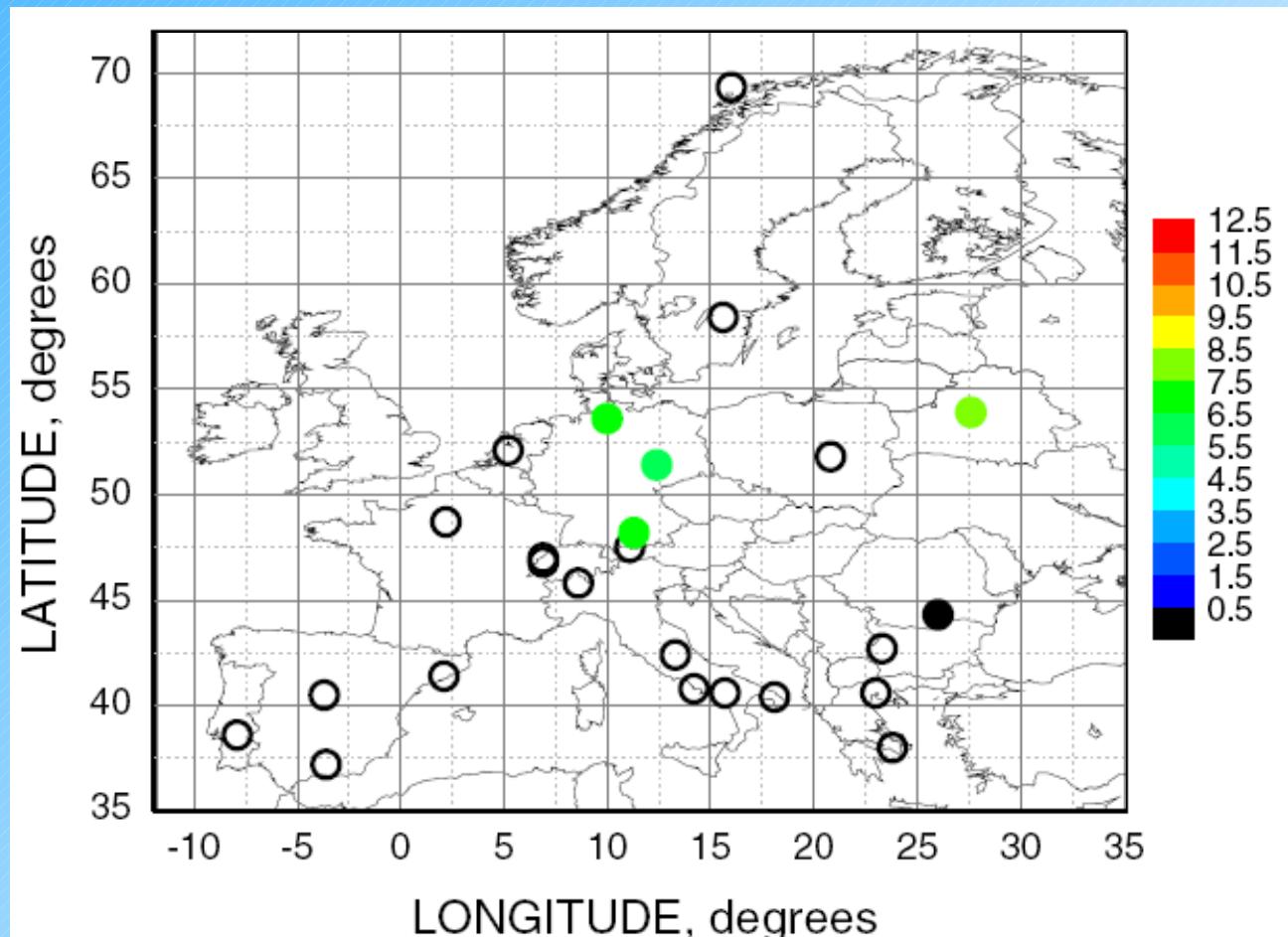
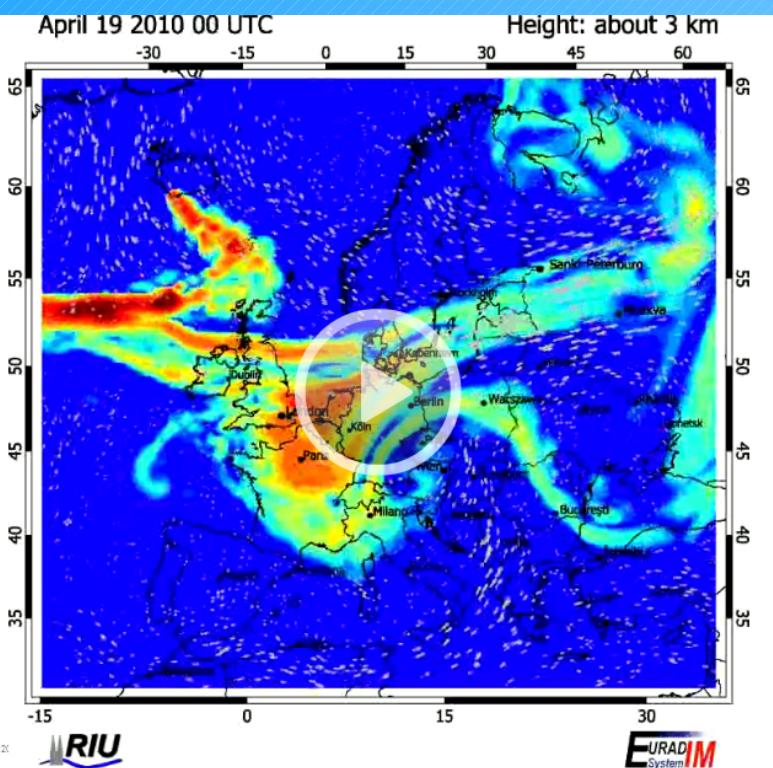




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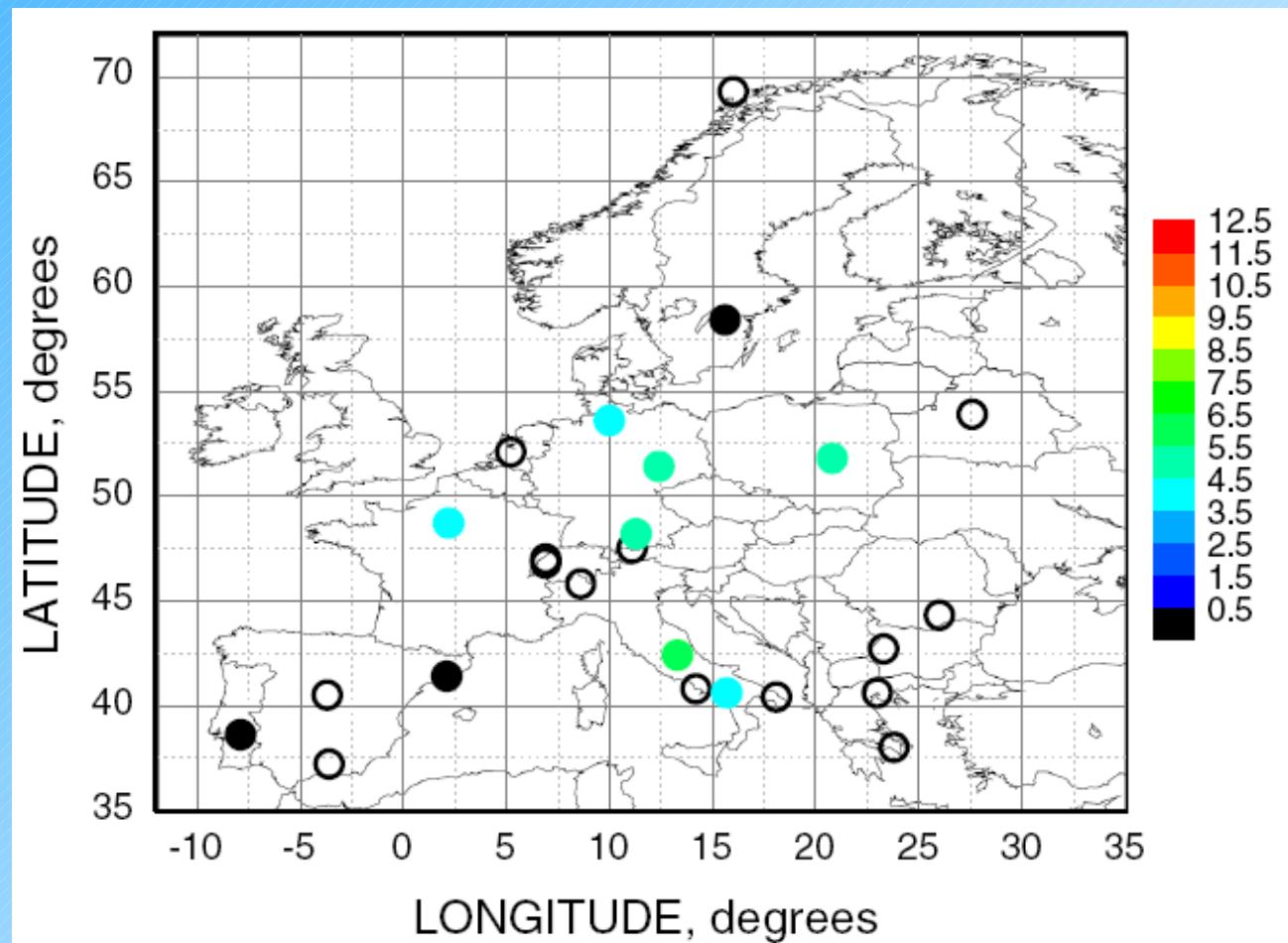
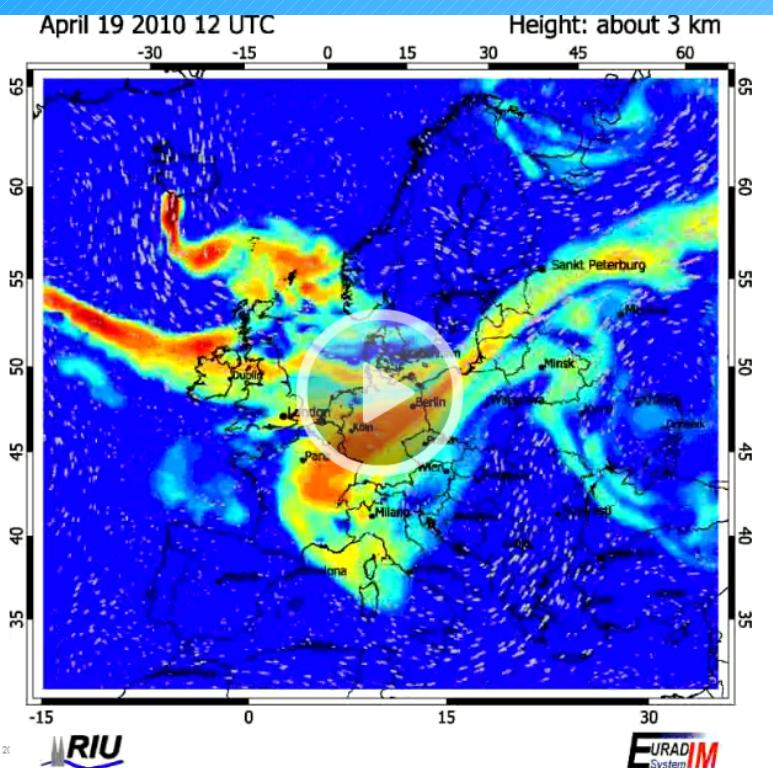




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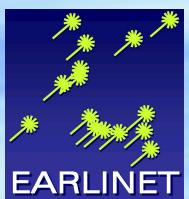


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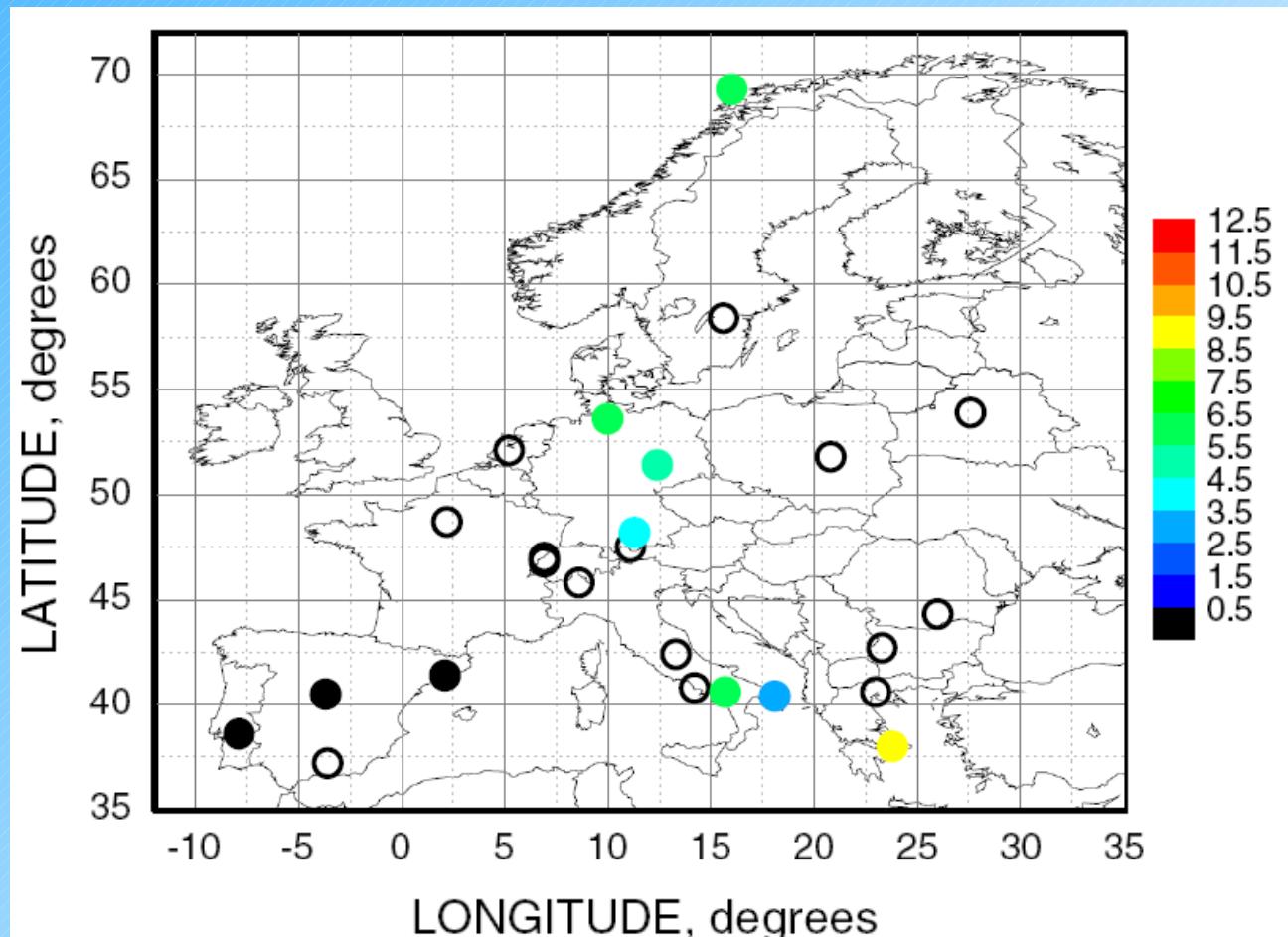
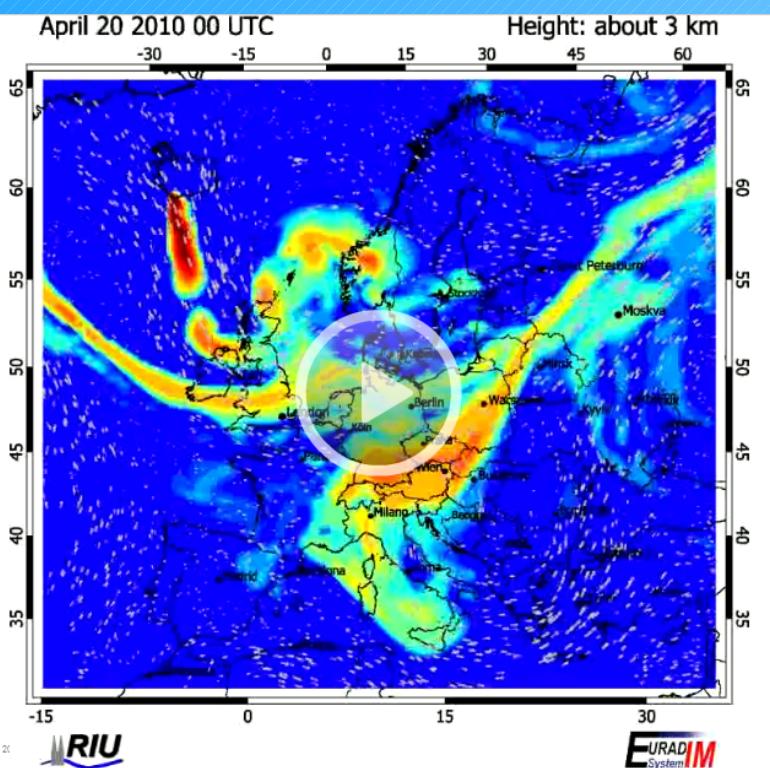




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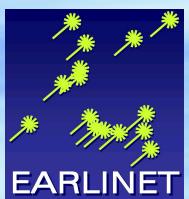


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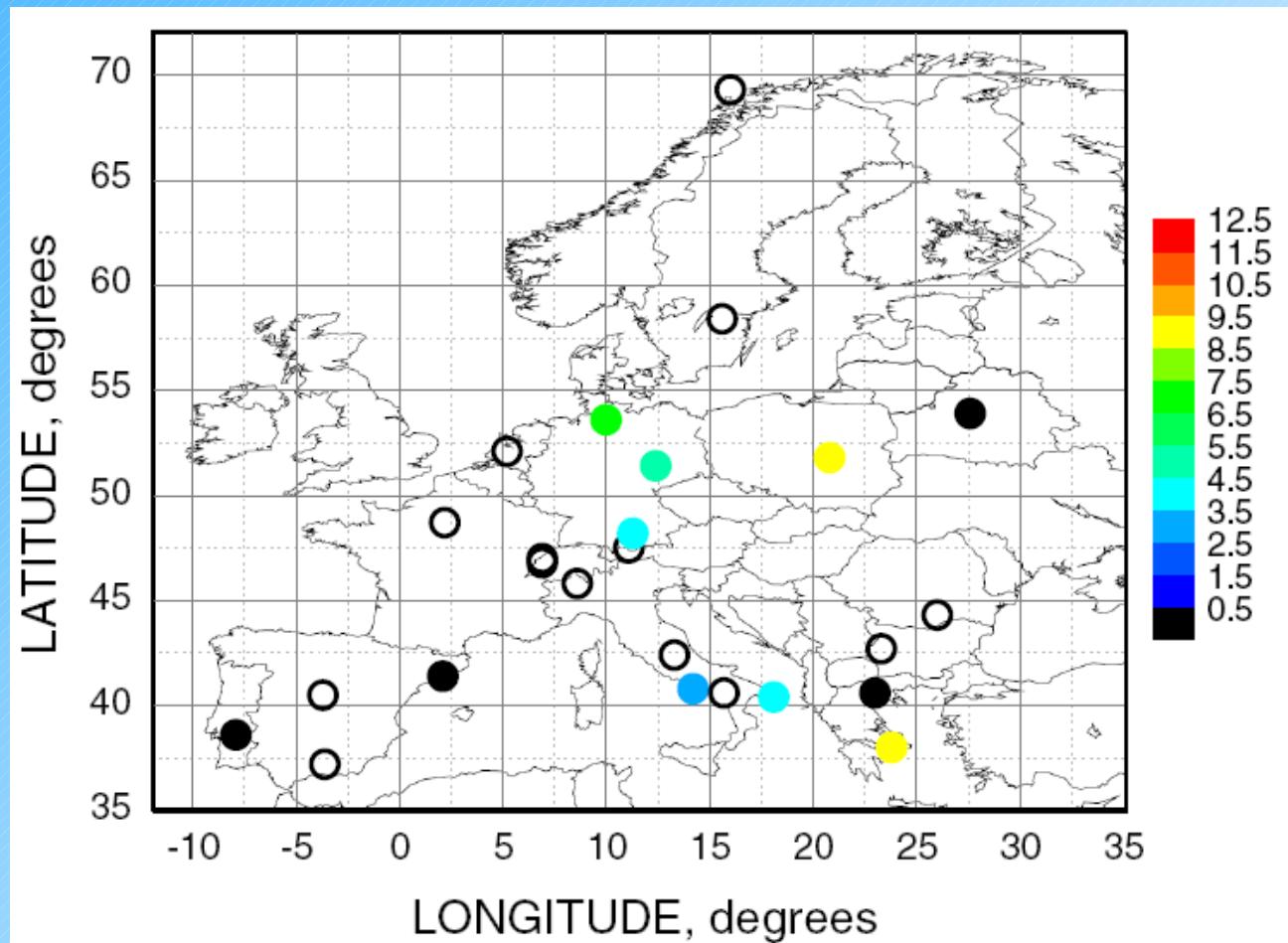
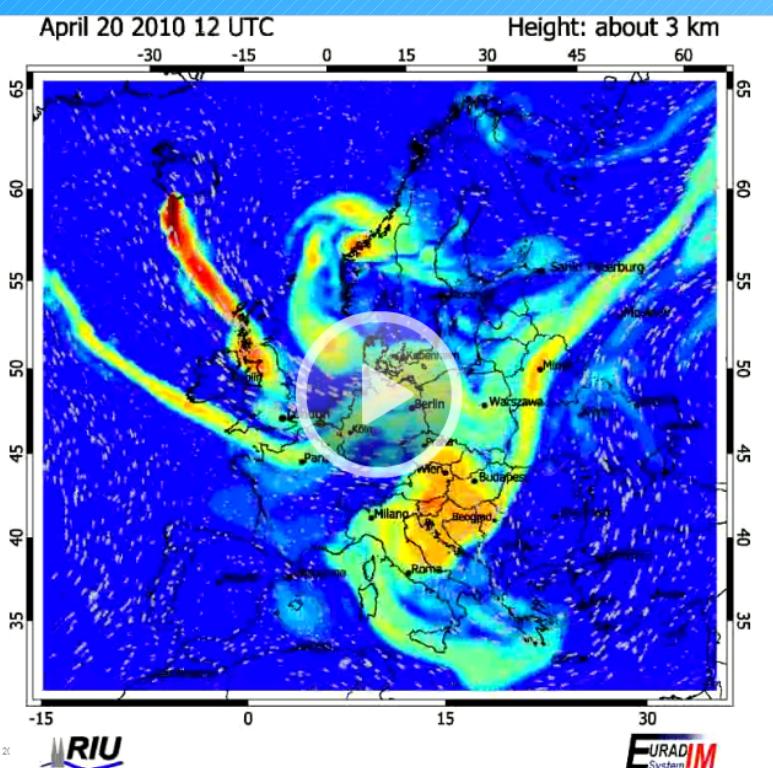




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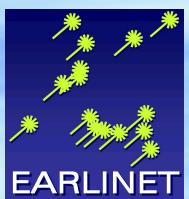


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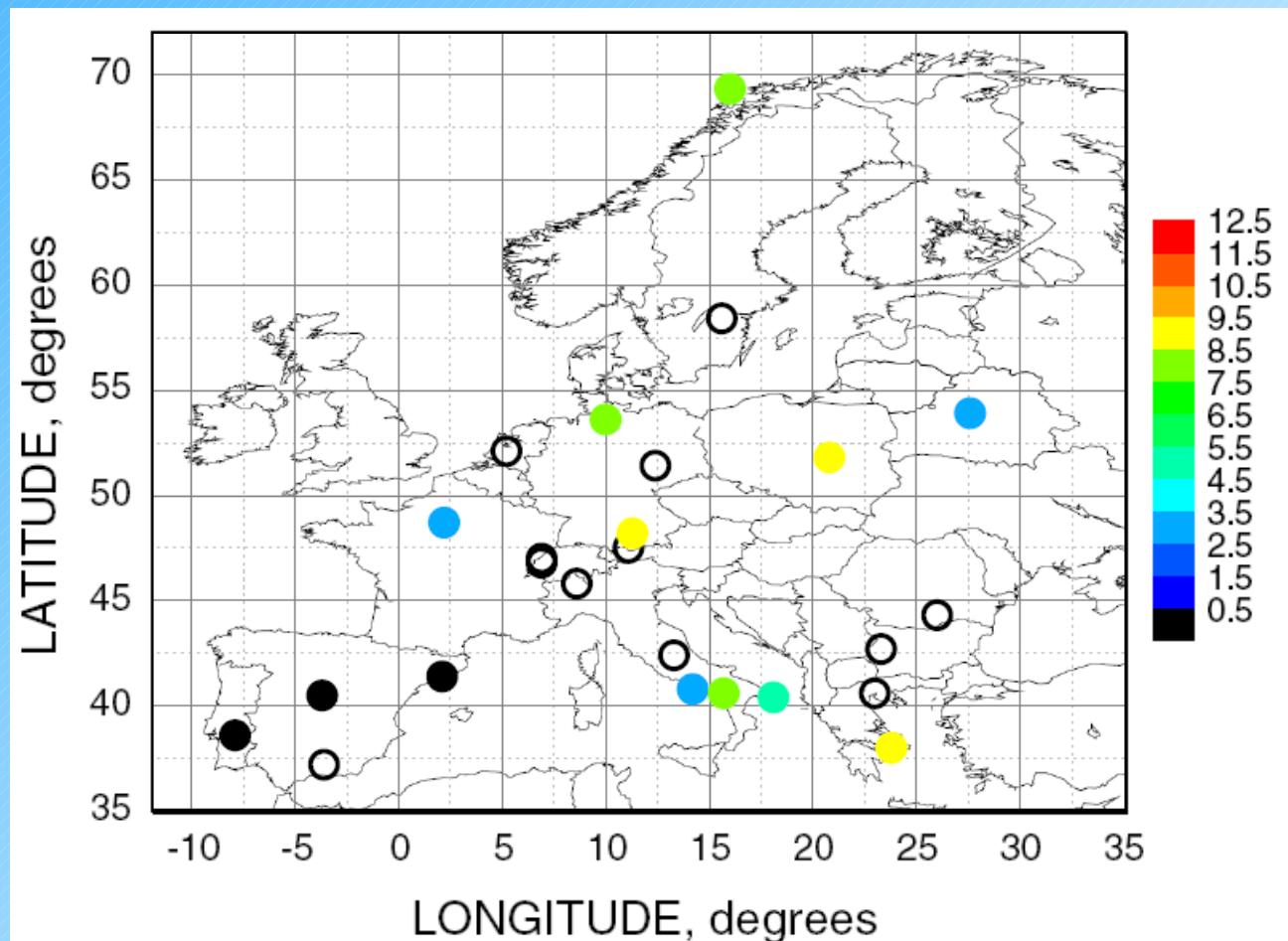
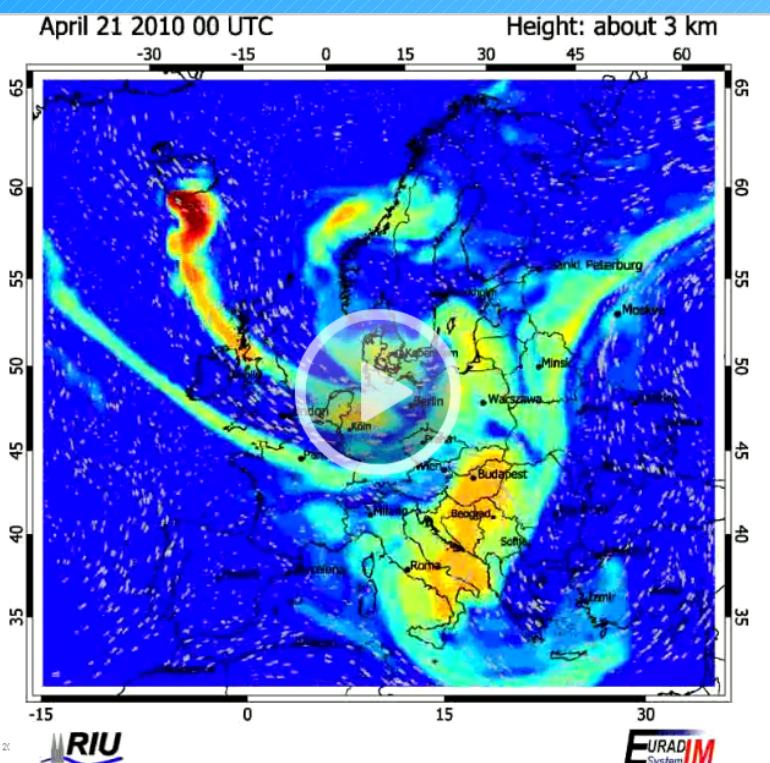




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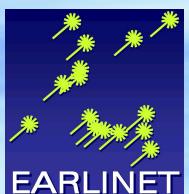


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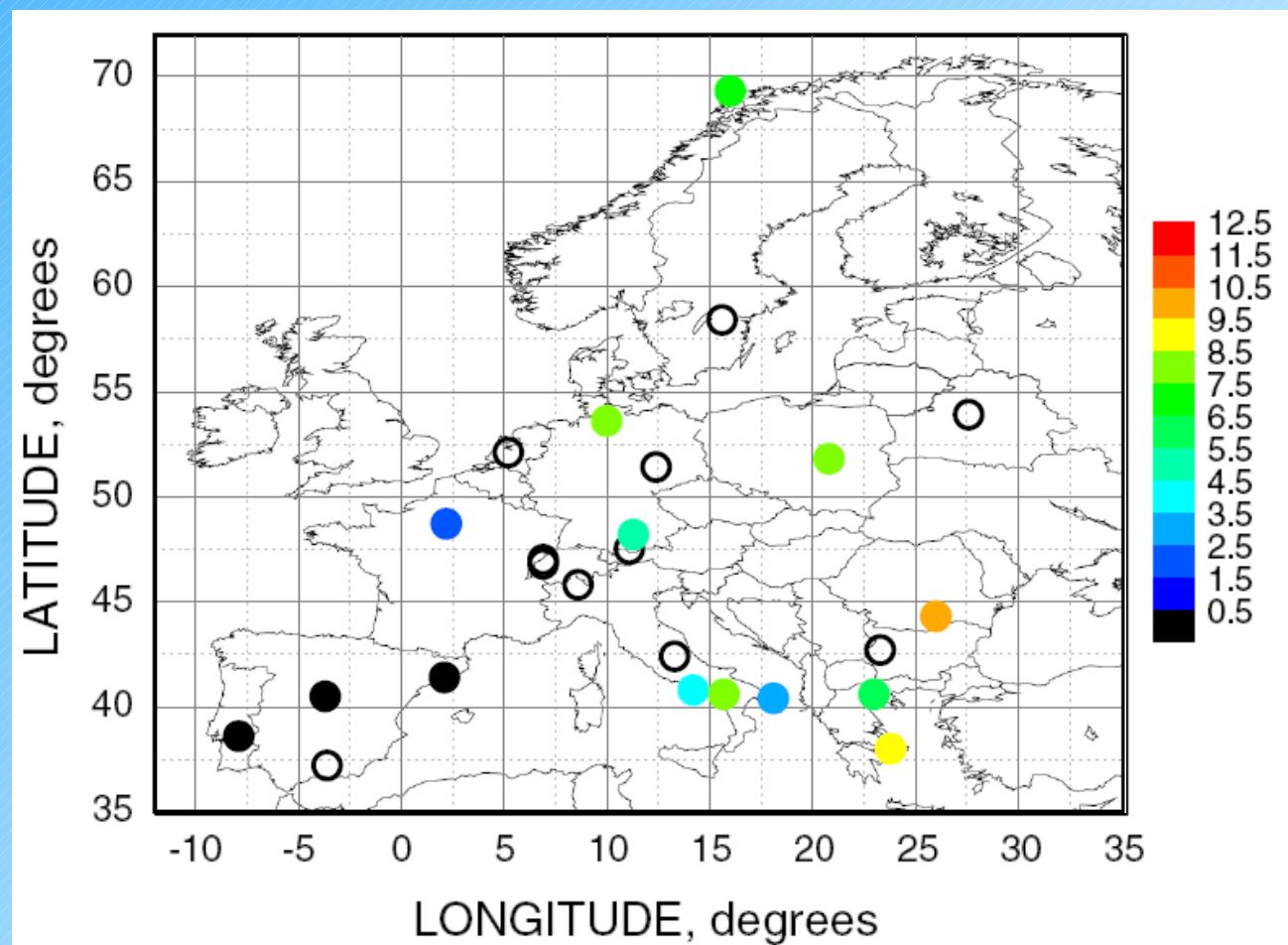
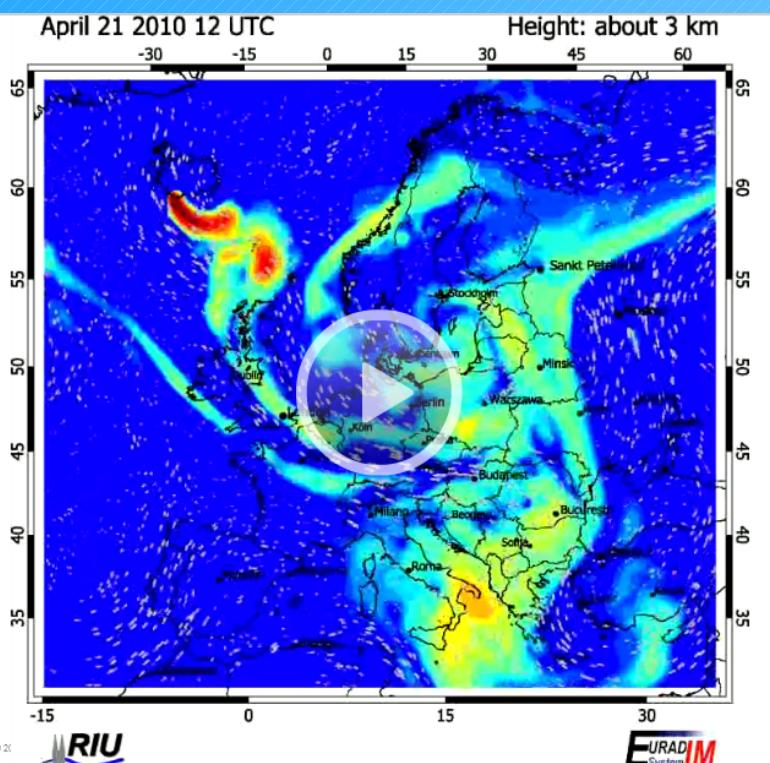




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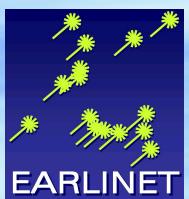


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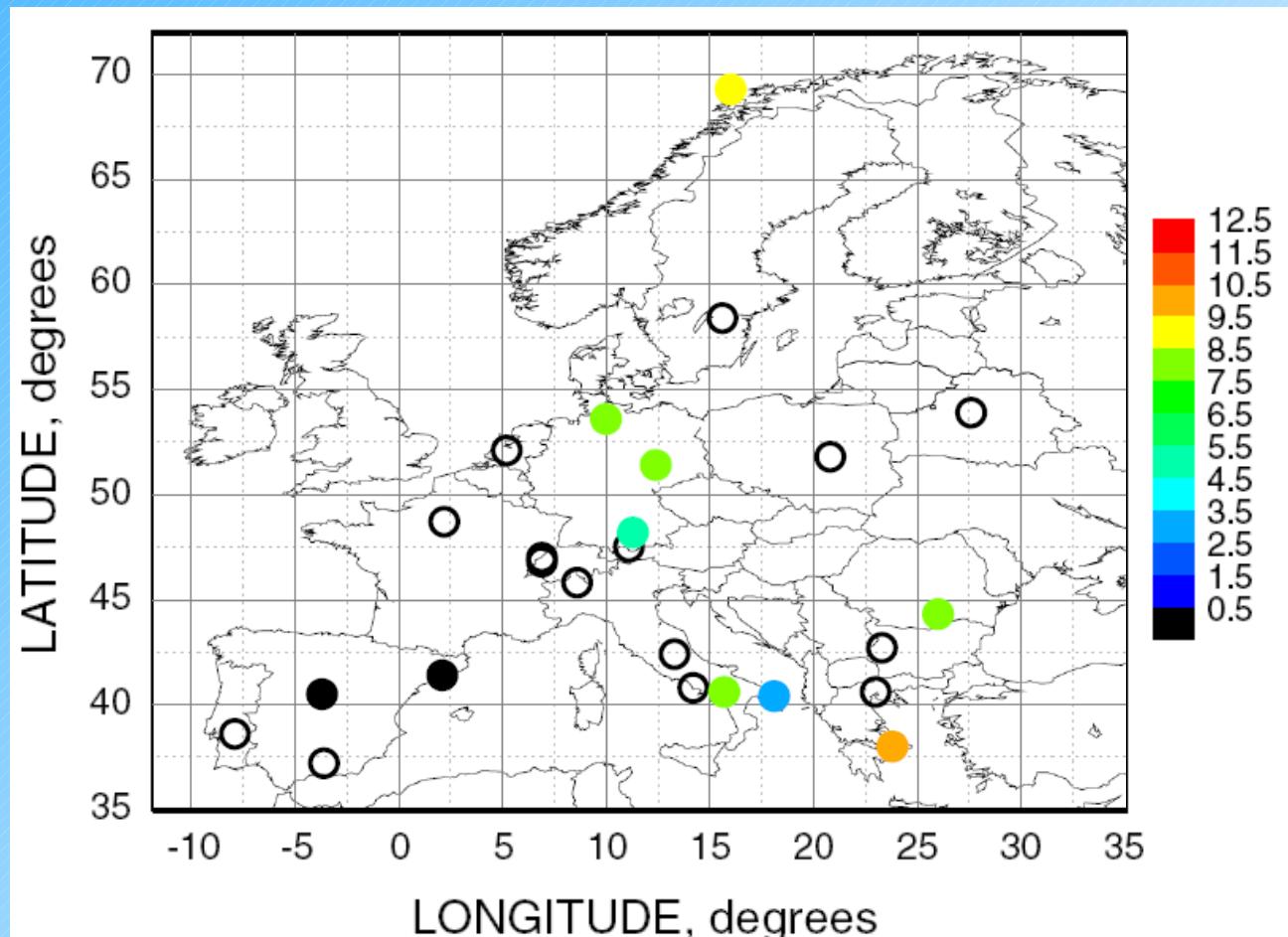
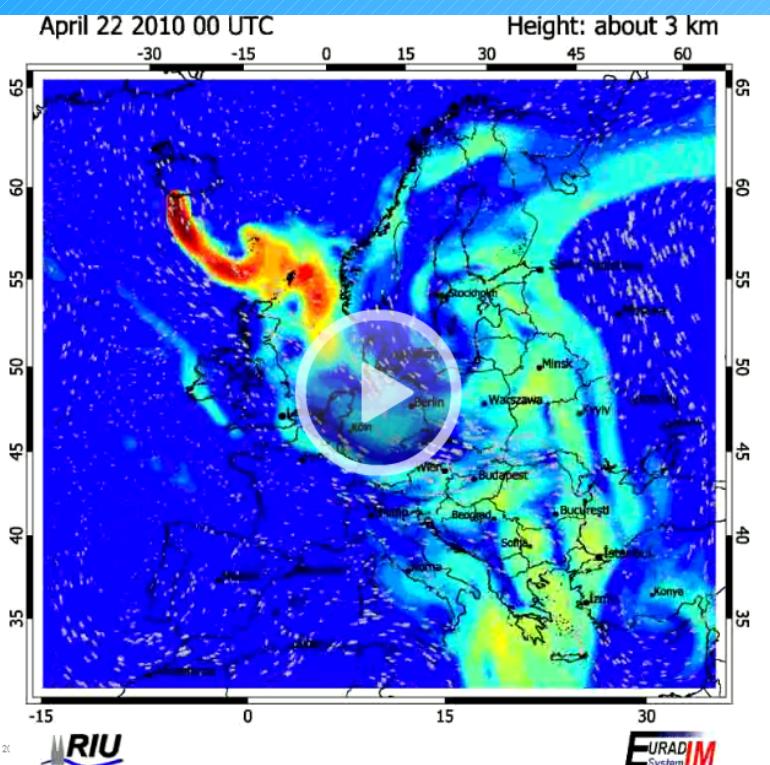




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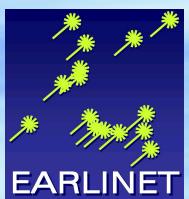


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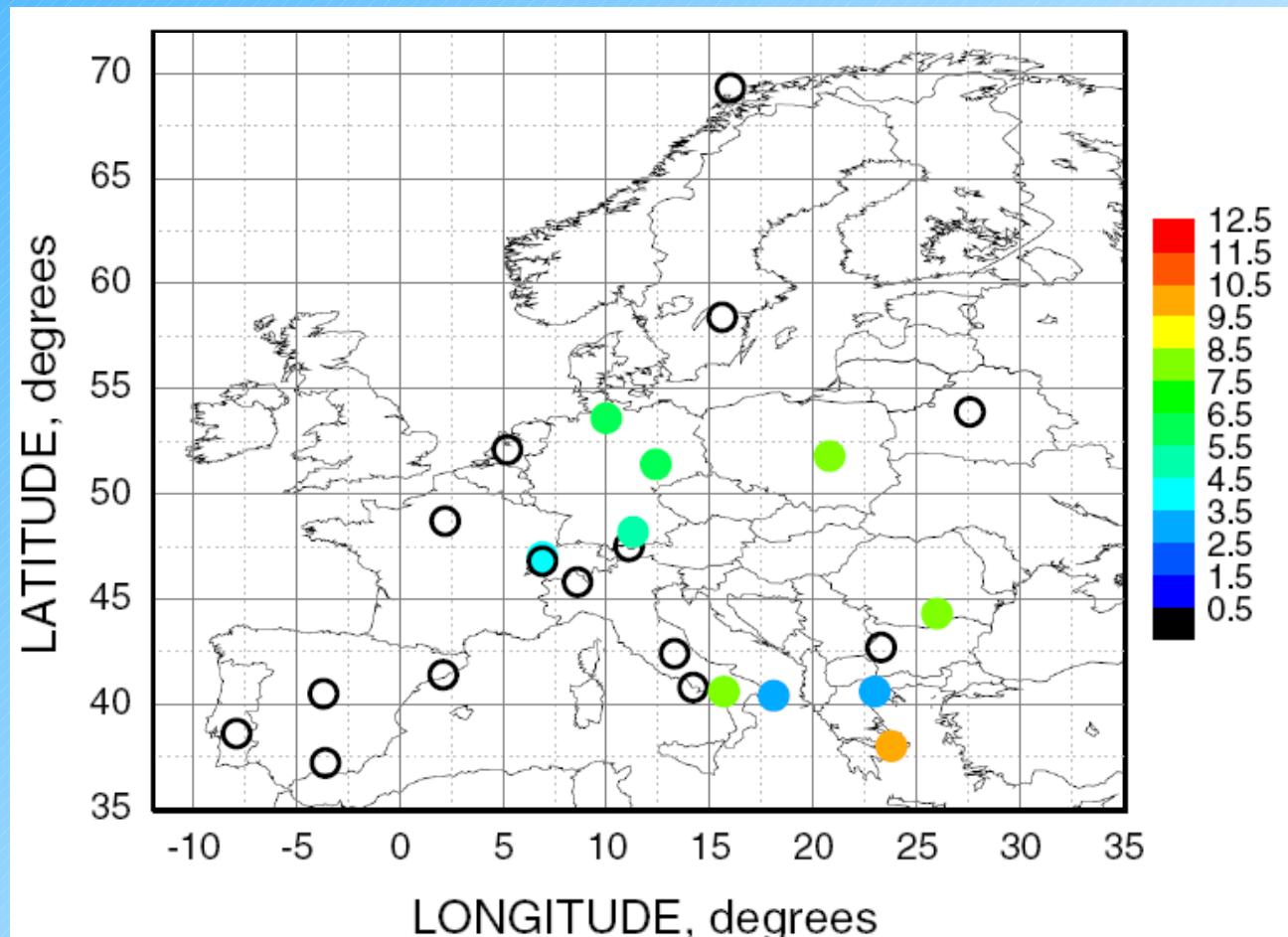
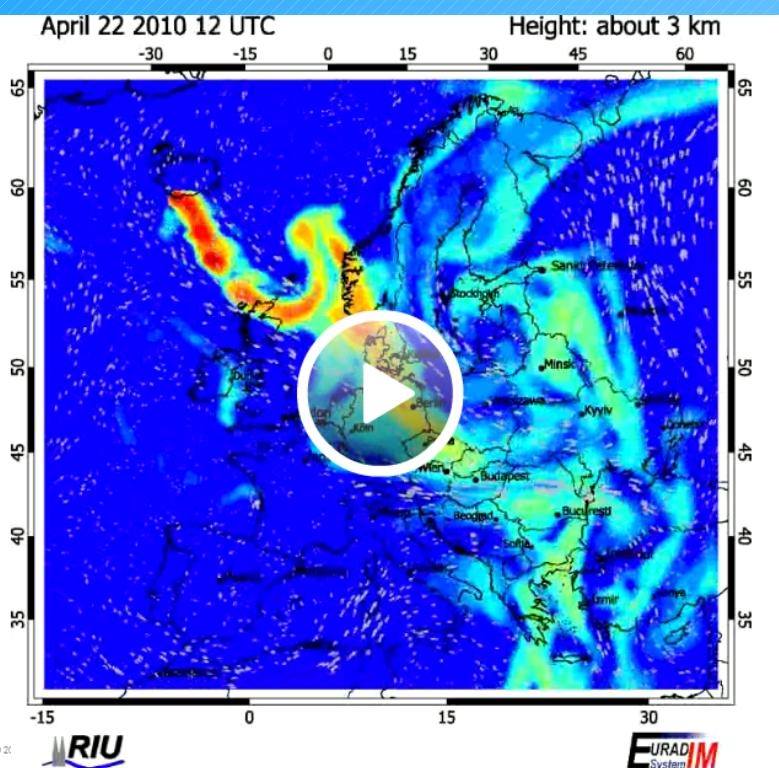




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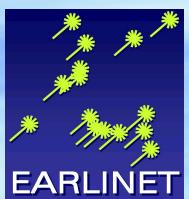


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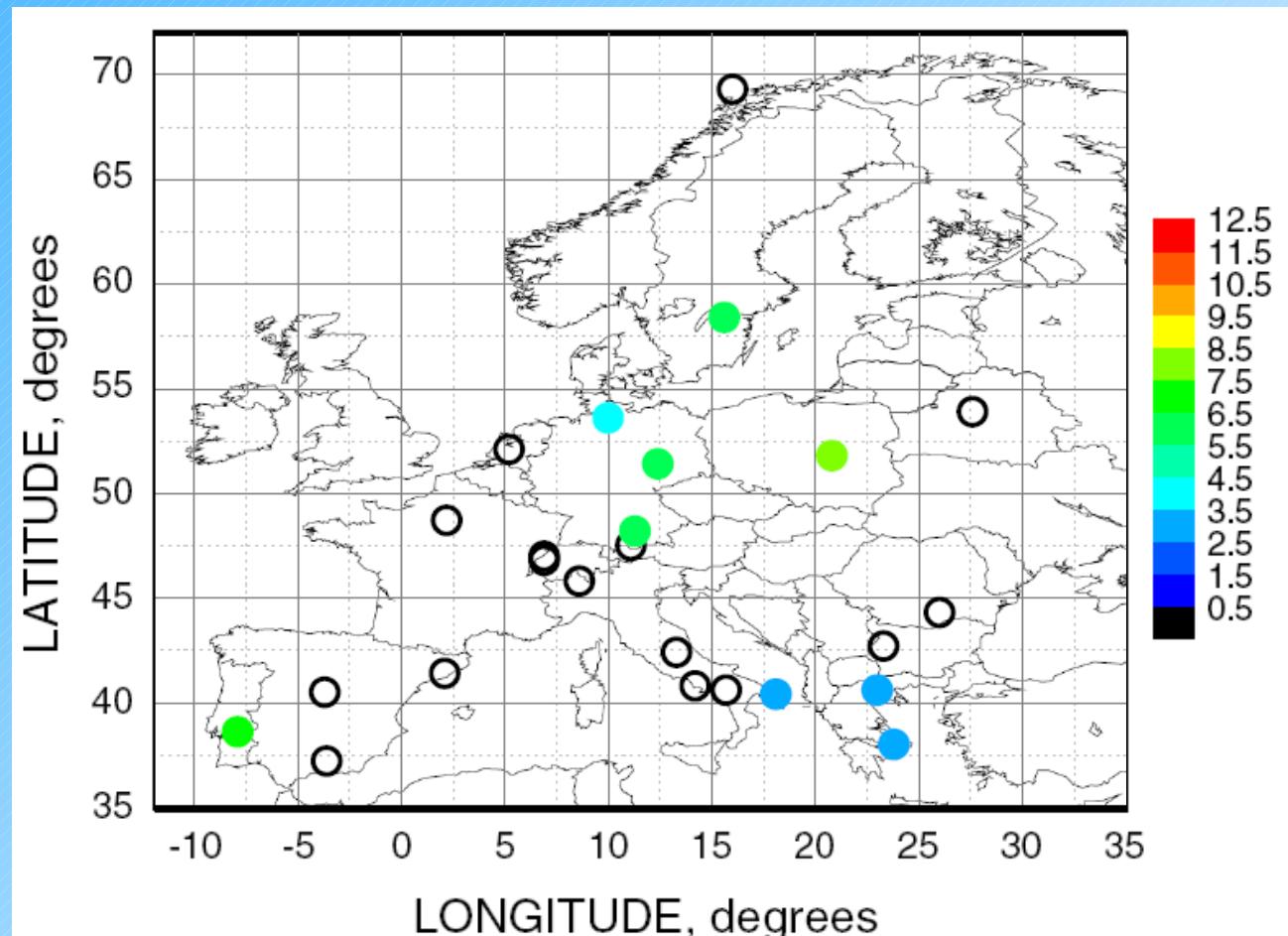
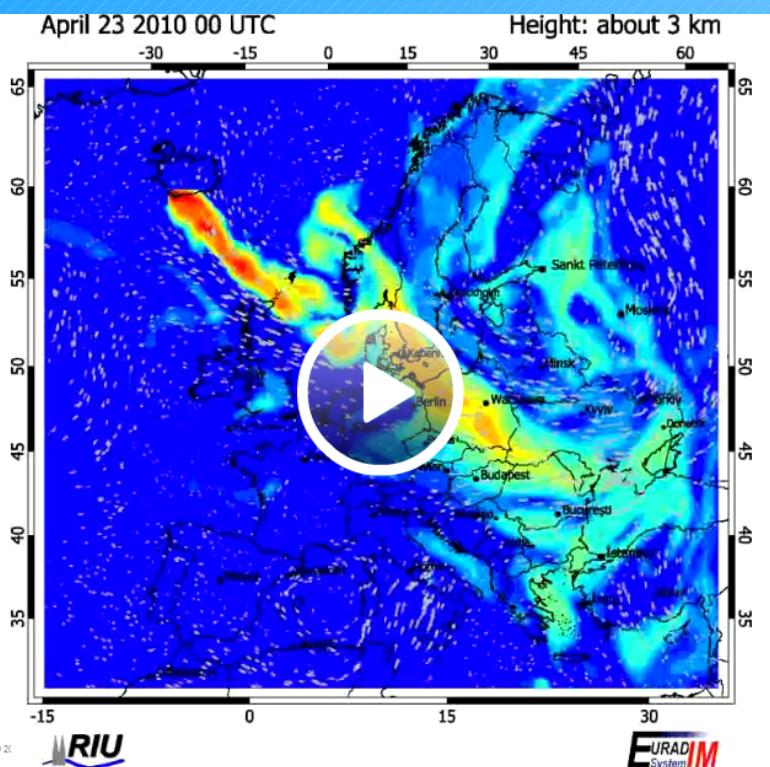




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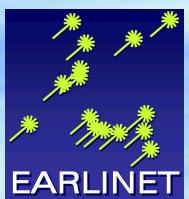


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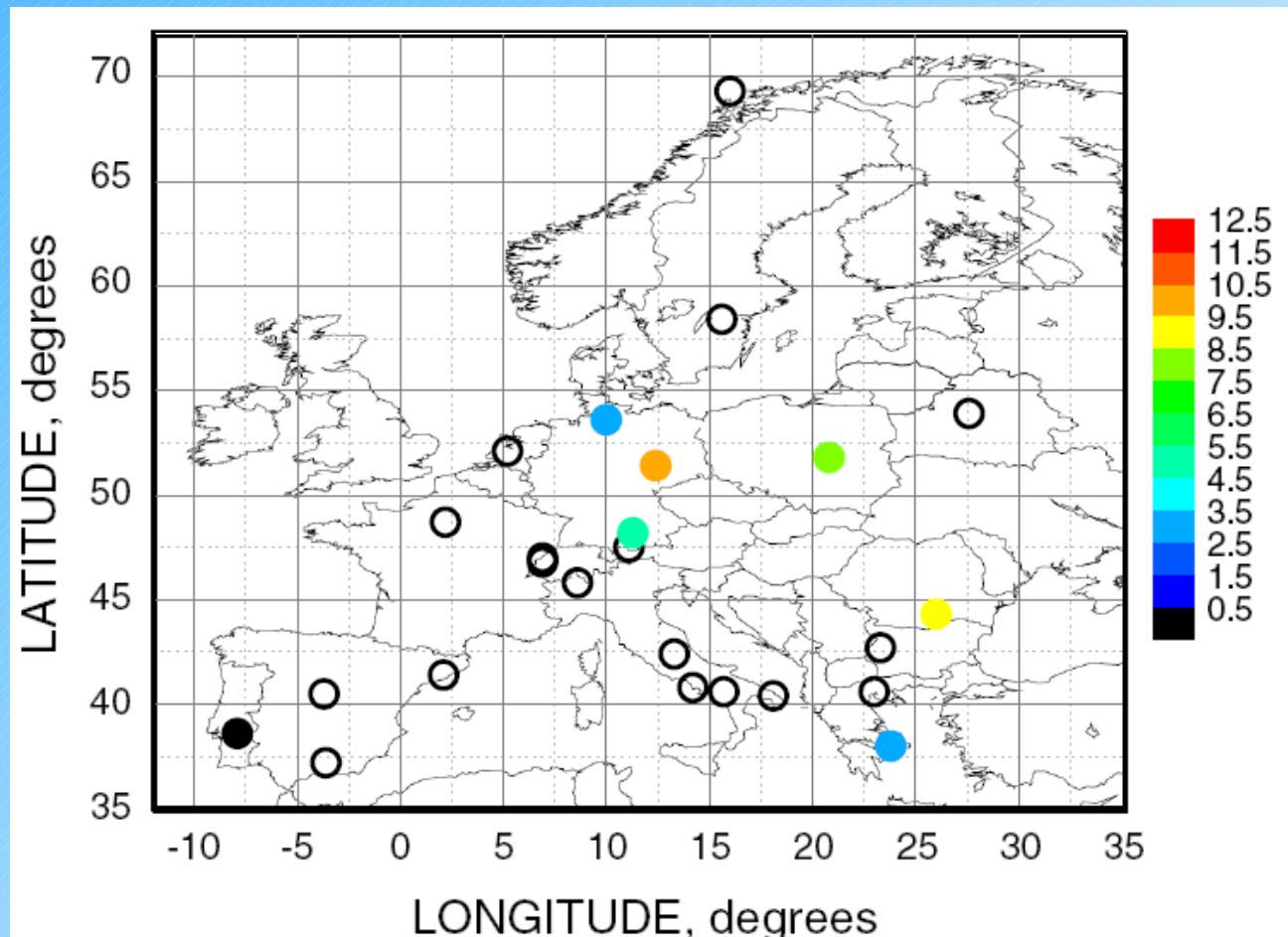
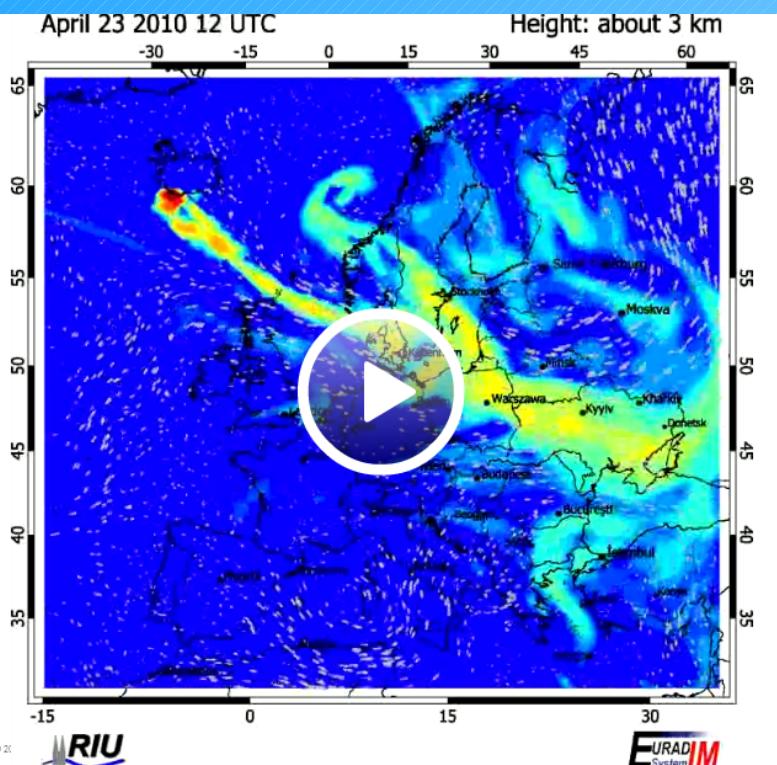




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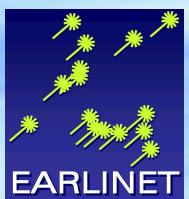


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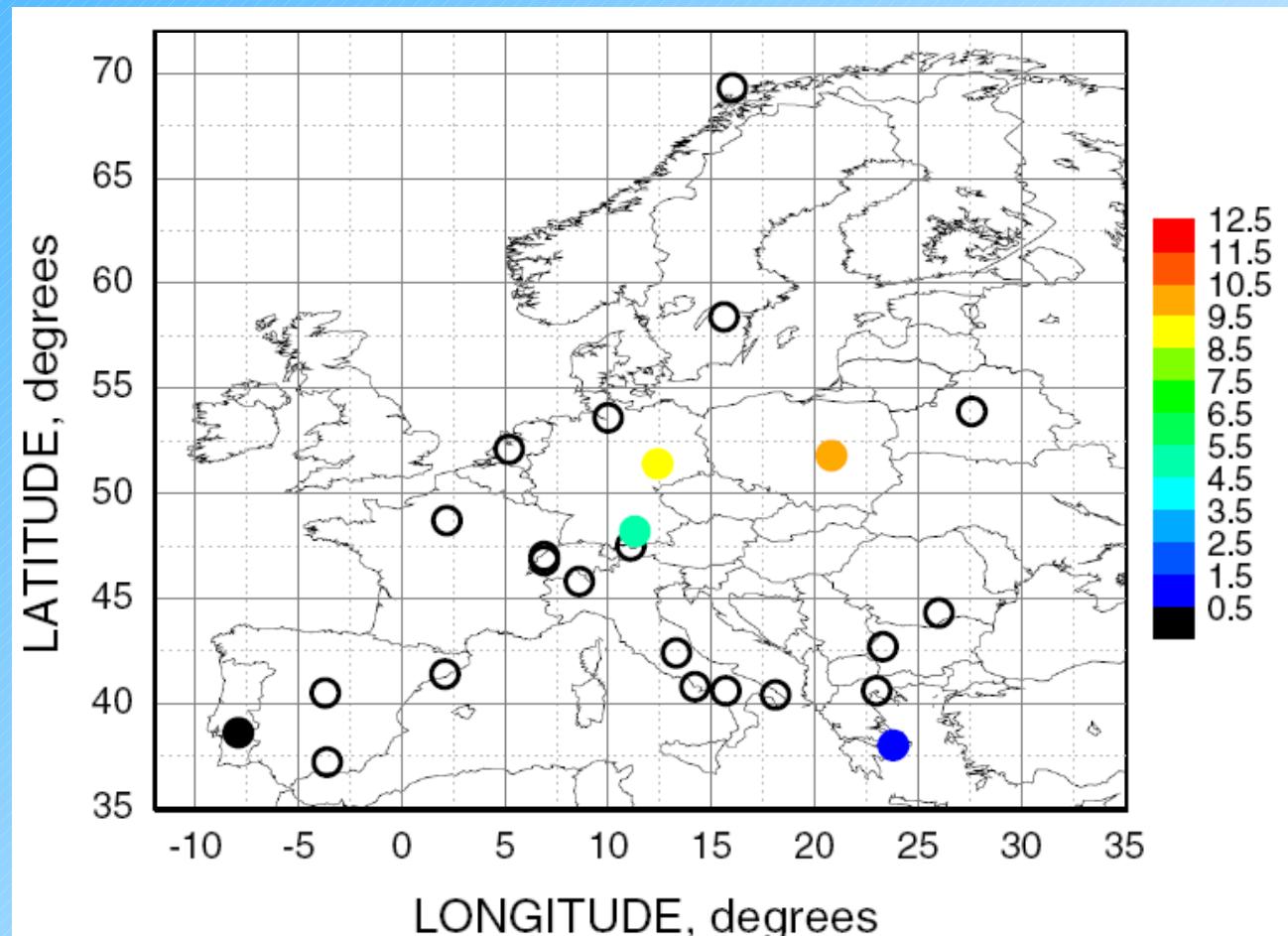
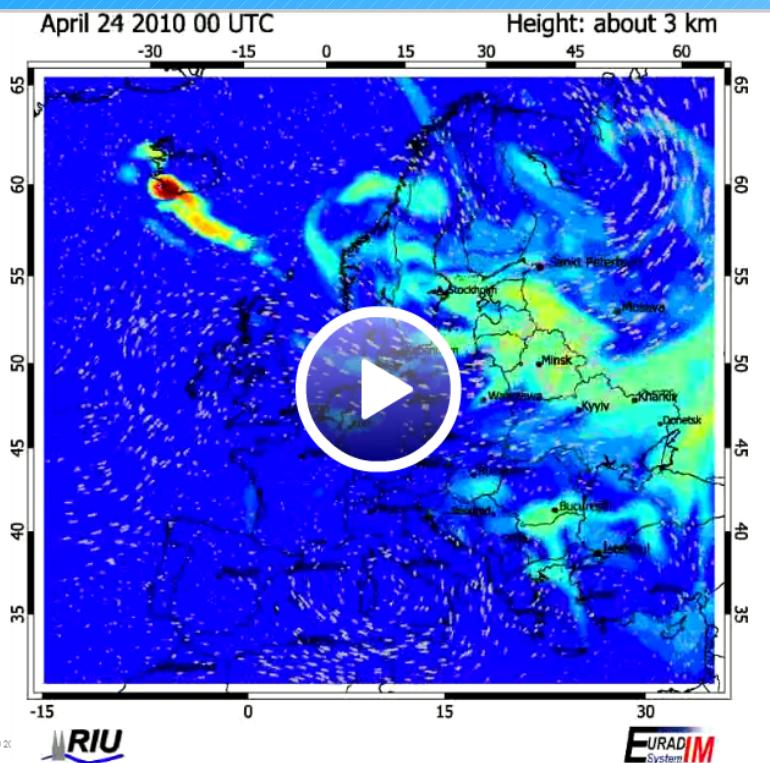




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## 4-dimensional distribution of Eyjafjallajökull ash over Europe from EARLINET observations

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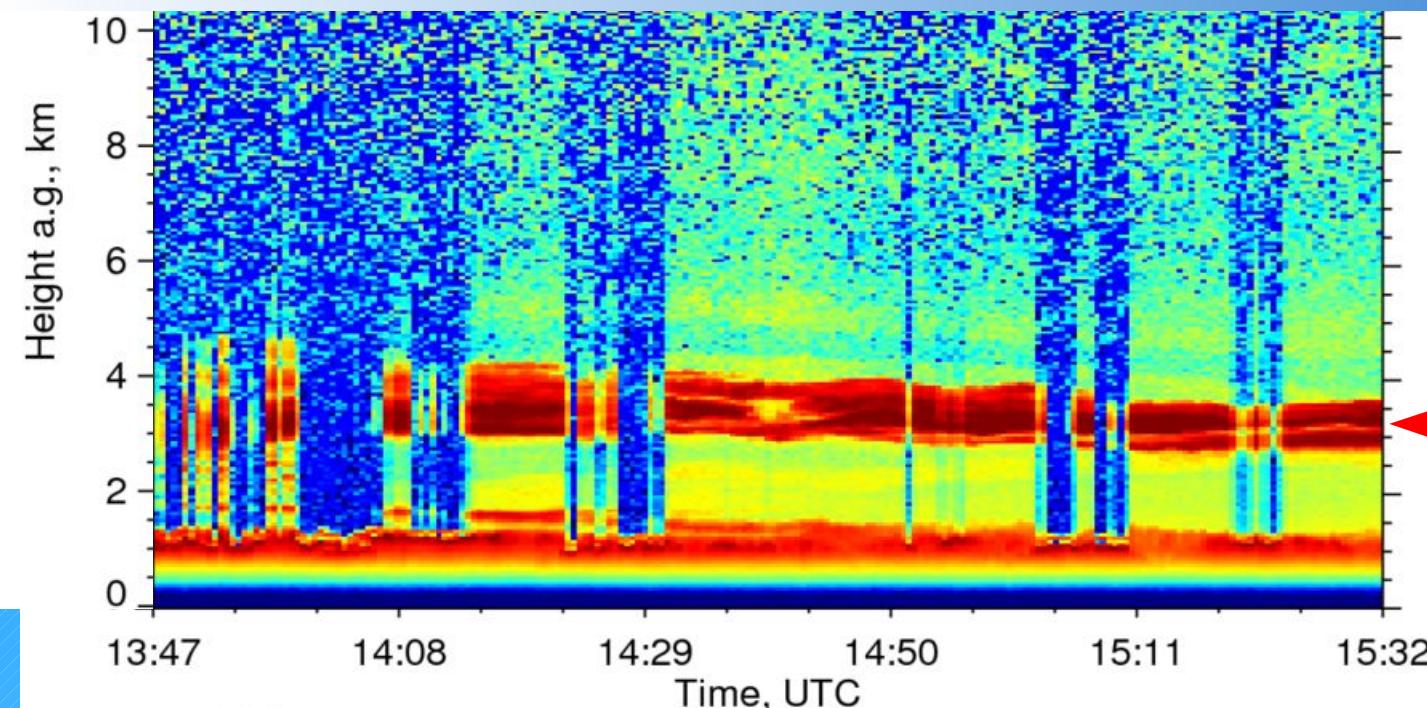
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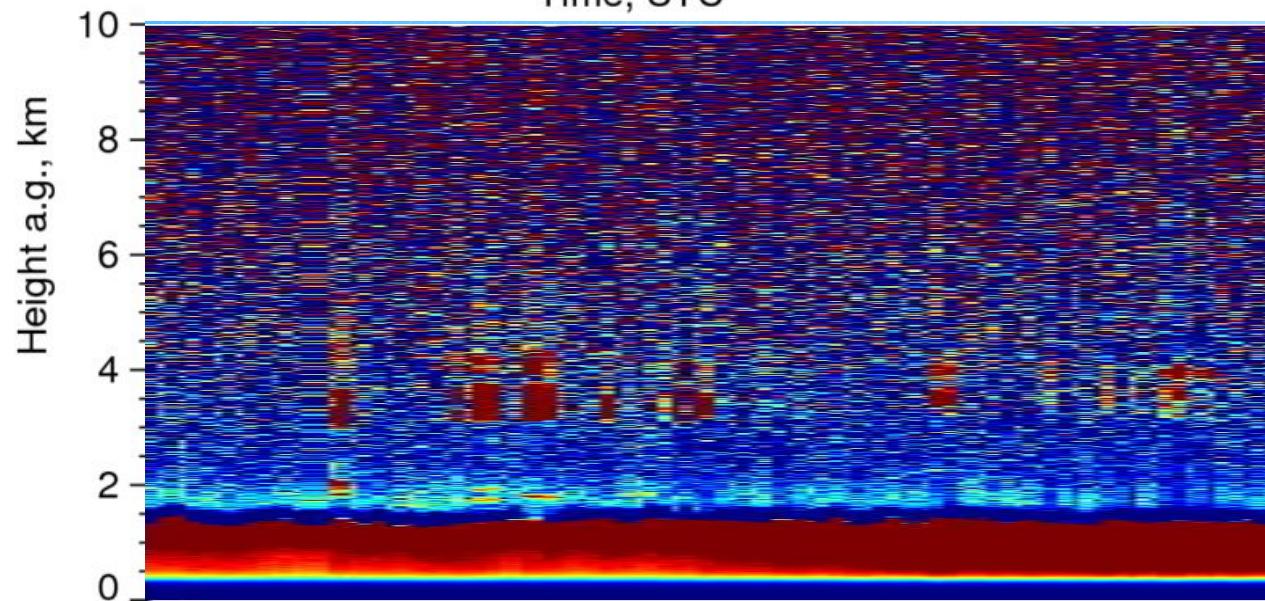
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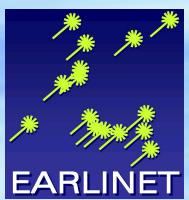
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ash layer

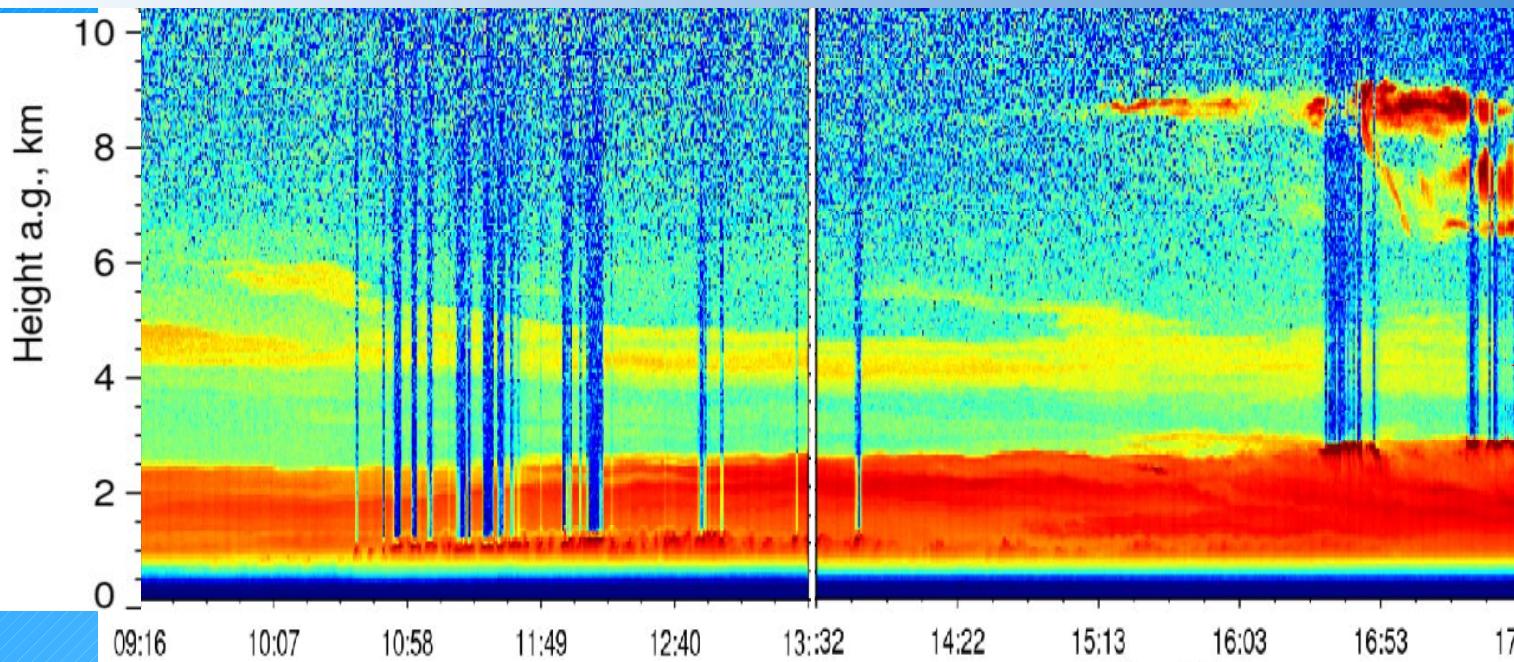
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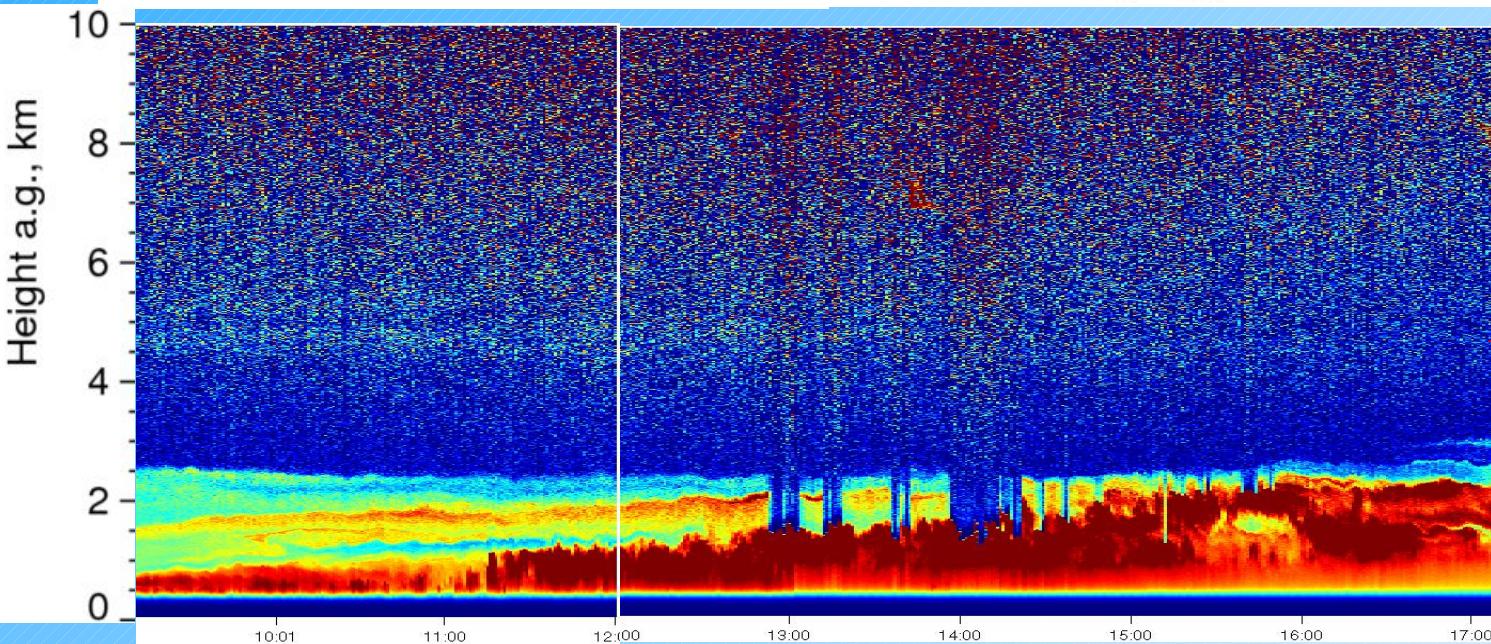


## 1) thin, high-altitude plume



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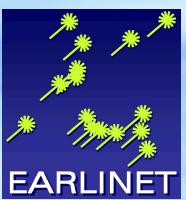
**Ceilometers and PBL lidars can detect only strong layers**

→ o.k. for fast warnings in case of dense plumes

but

→ validation of models and assimilation need quantitative measurements of extinction profiles

→ separation between dangerous aerosol (e.g. ash) layers and 'usual' continental aerosols needs multi-wavelength information and depolarization



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**volcanic layers over Europe are very inhomogeneous in**

- \* shape (depolarization profiles)
- \* size (Angström exponent profiles)
- \* density (extinction profiles)
- \* aging effects

→ How to derive trustworthy microphysical properties?

(age dependent backscatter-to-mass conversion factors)

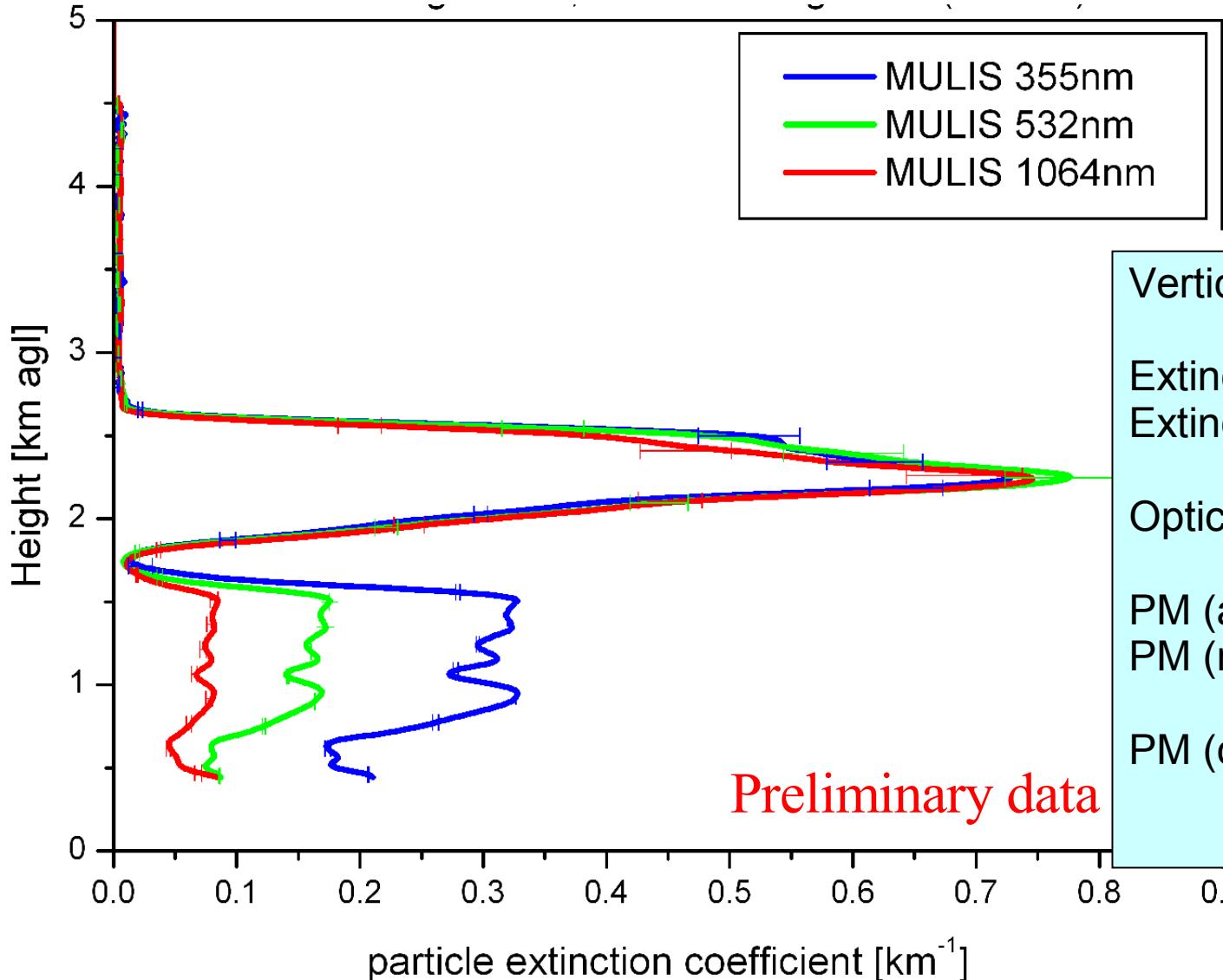
→ several approaches tested in EARLINET



# Estimation of mass concentration profiles



## From OPAC conversion factor: Maisach April 17



Ash-Layer

Vertical extent: 900 m

Extinction (avg): 0.4 km<sup>-1</sup>  
Extinction (max): 0.77 km<sup>-1</sup>

Optical depth: 0.36

PM (avg): 500 µg/m<sup>3</sup>  
PM (max): 950 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

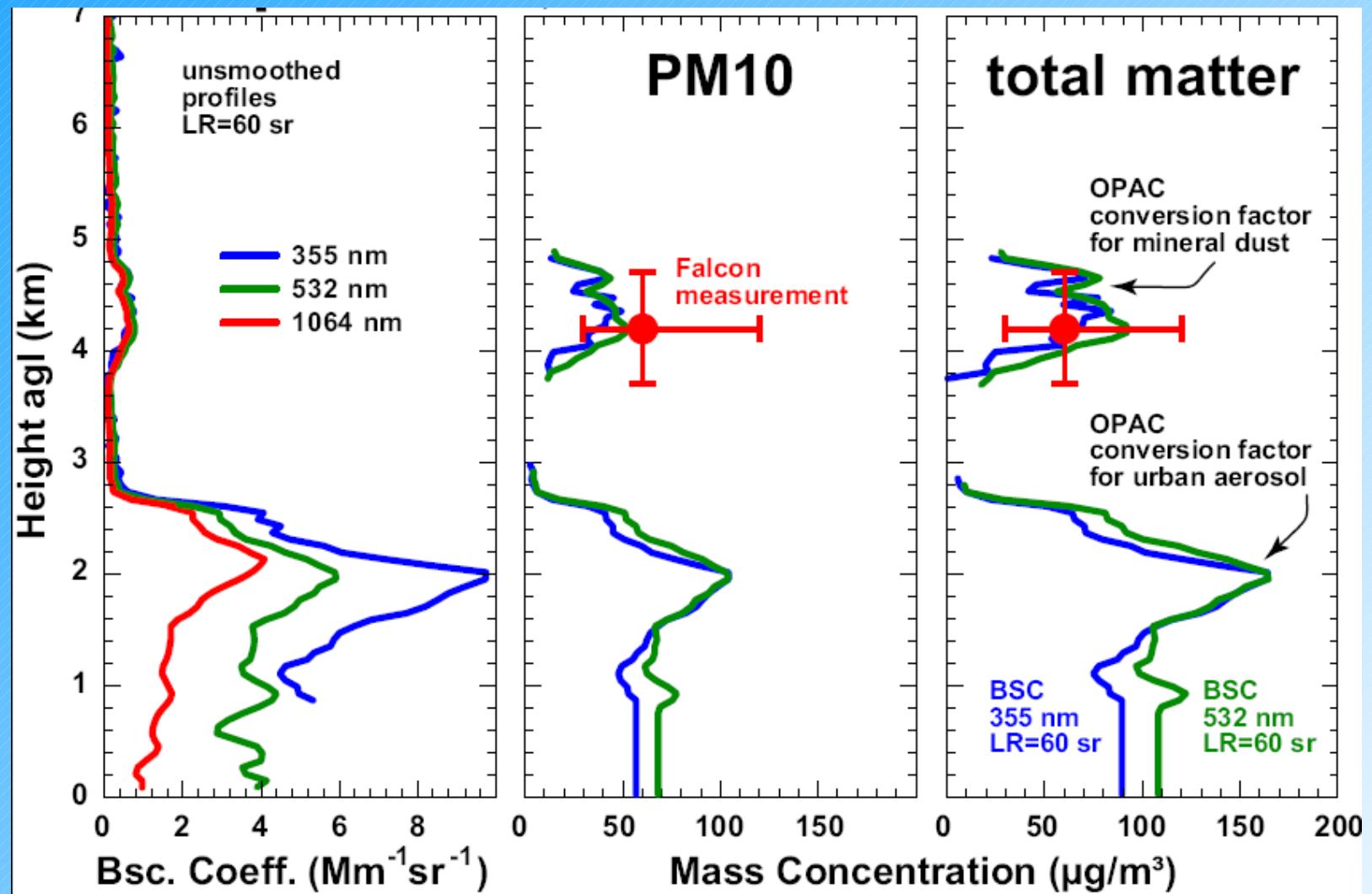
PM (column): 0.45 g/m<sup>2</sup>



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From OPAC conversion factor: Leipzig April 19



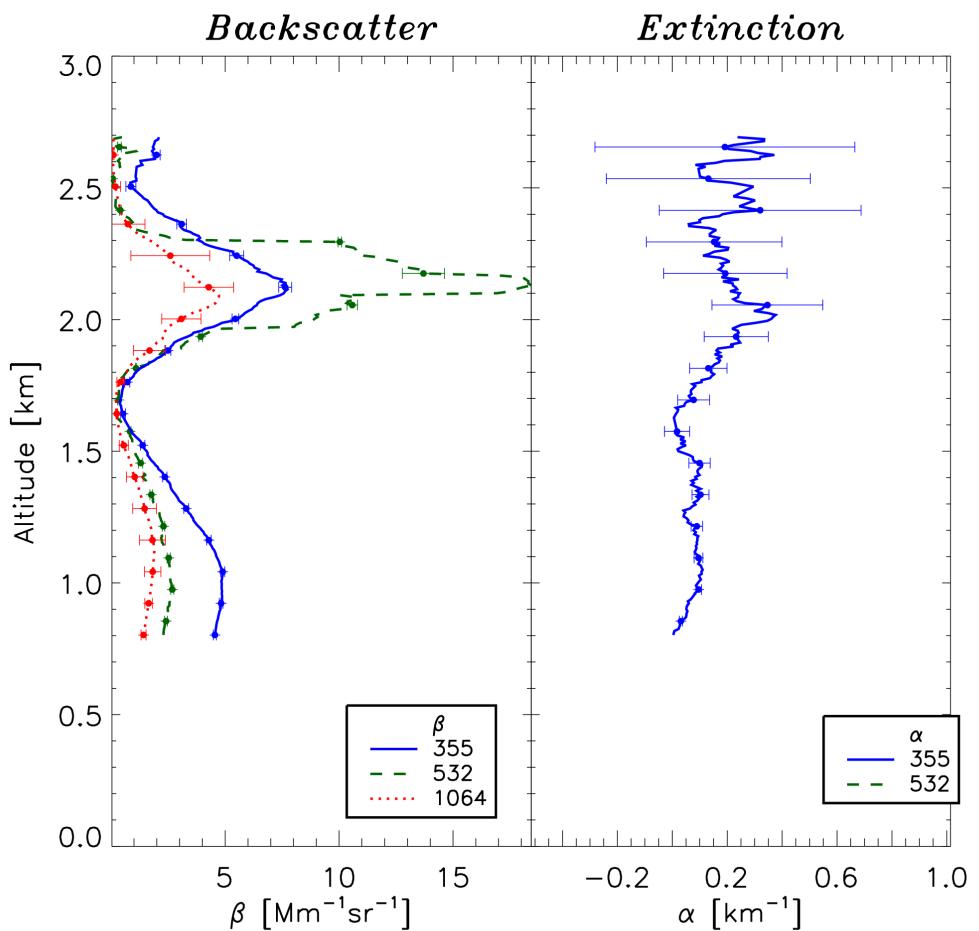


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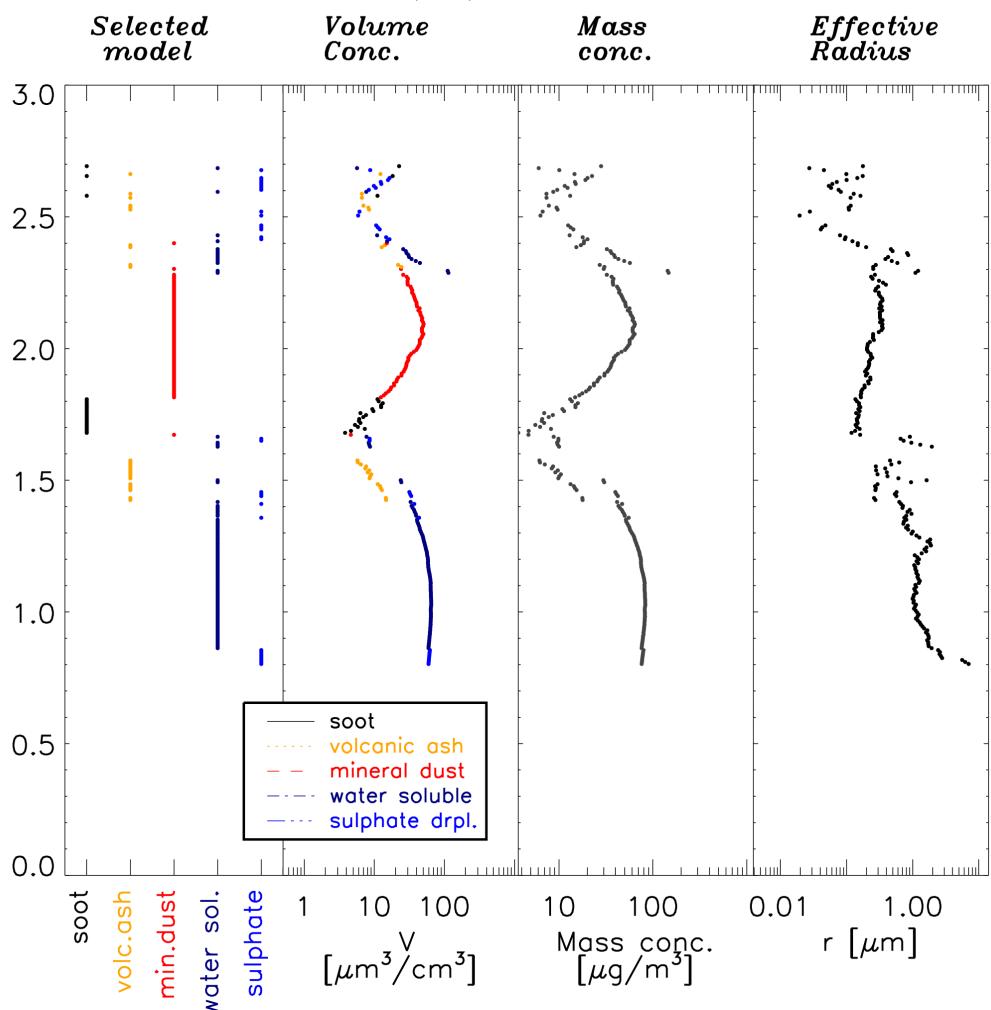


## From principle component analysis: Cabauw April 16

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# Summary



- \* EARLINET is a unique tool for the measurement of the 4dim distribution of pollutant plumes over Europe
- \* EARLINET lidars can detect filaments of pollution
- \* different approaches for estimation of mass profiles are tested
- \* EARLINET is a research infrastructure, no operational network
  - flexible measurement schedule, short reaction times
  - near-real time data processing to be improved
- \* see posters: A 519 – A 530, Wed. 17:30 - 19:00



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