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Aerosol R&D @ MeteoSwiss

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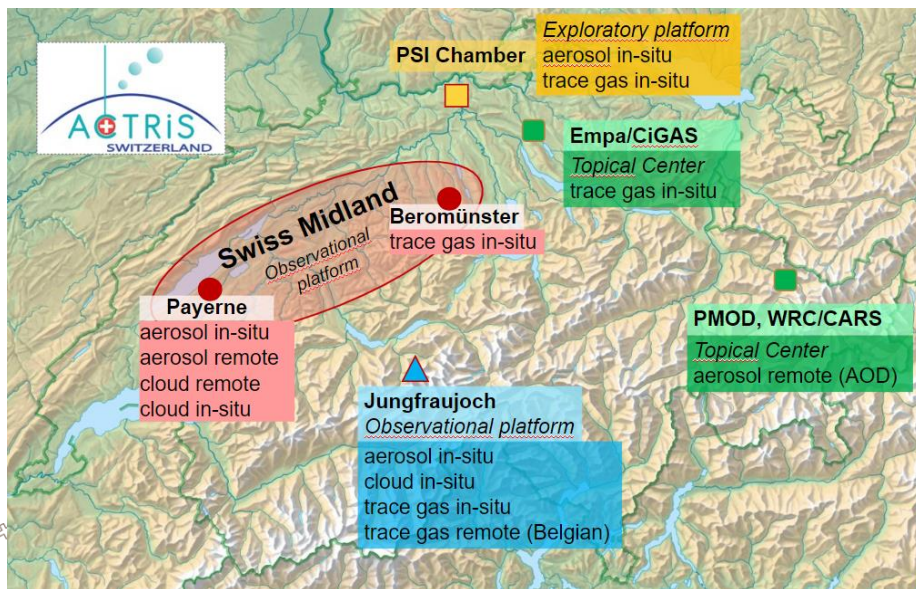
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Aerosol measurements @Pay and JFJ

Optical properties:

Scattering and backscattering coefficients

Absorption coefficient

Extinction coefficient

Single scattering albedo

Ångström exponents

Physical properties:

Number concentration

Size distribution (10 nm-10 μm)

Cloud condensation nuclei

Ice nuclei

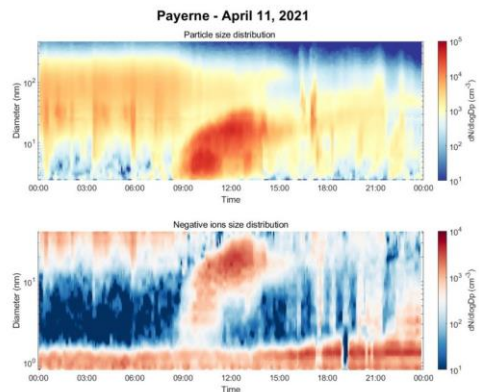
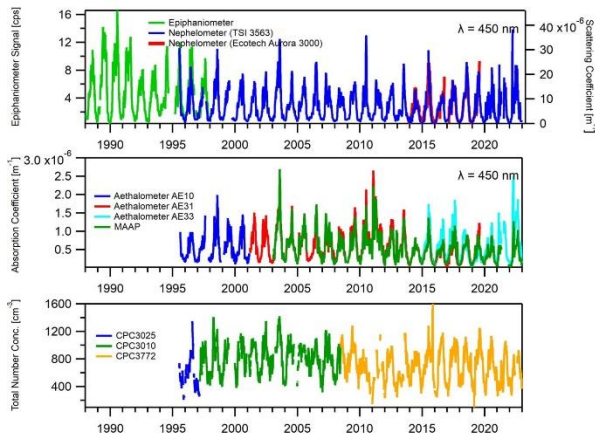
Chemical properties:

Organics

SO₄, NO₃, NH₄, Chl, BC

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@JFJ since 1995

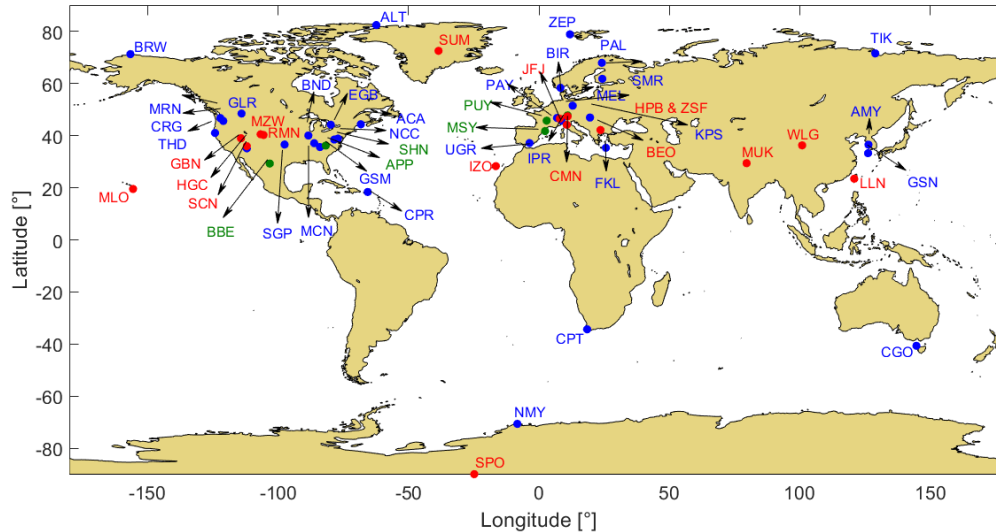


@PAY since 2019



Multidecadal trend analysis of aerosol optical properties

52 remote stations (GAW/IMPROVE)



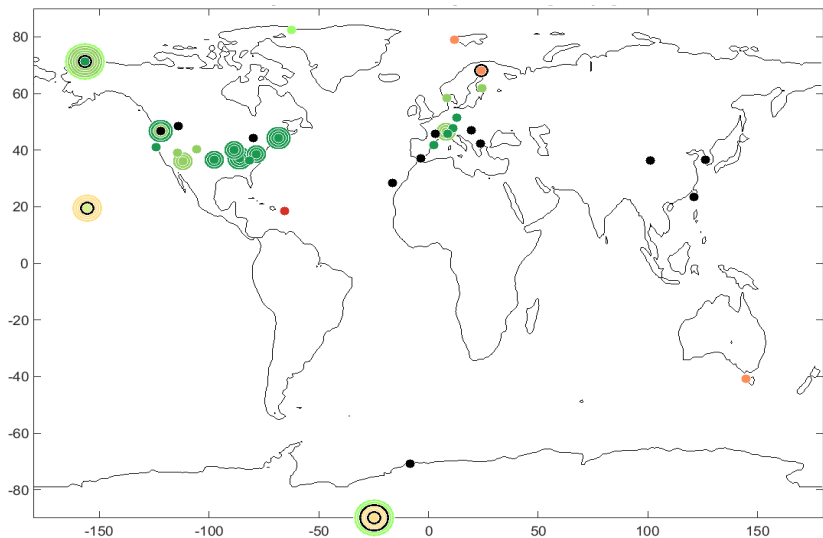
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Lack of information from many WMO regions, particularly in Africa

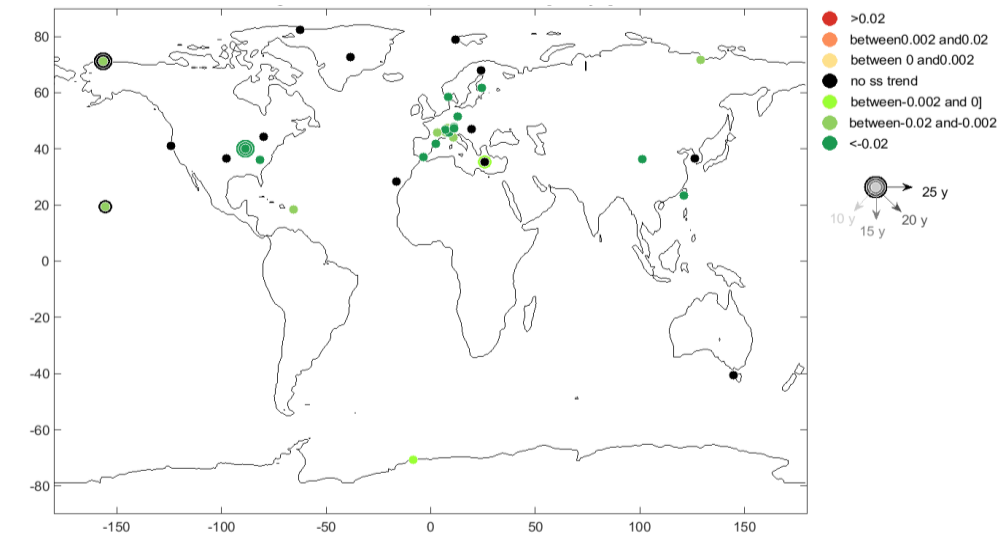
Collaud-Coen et al., 2021

Present day (2016-2018) scattering/absorption trend

Scattering coefficient trend [Mm⁻¹/y]



Absorption coefficient trend [Mm⁻¹/y]



54% ss negative trends (Europa, North America)

14% ss positive (polar regions, coastal stations)

32% not ss

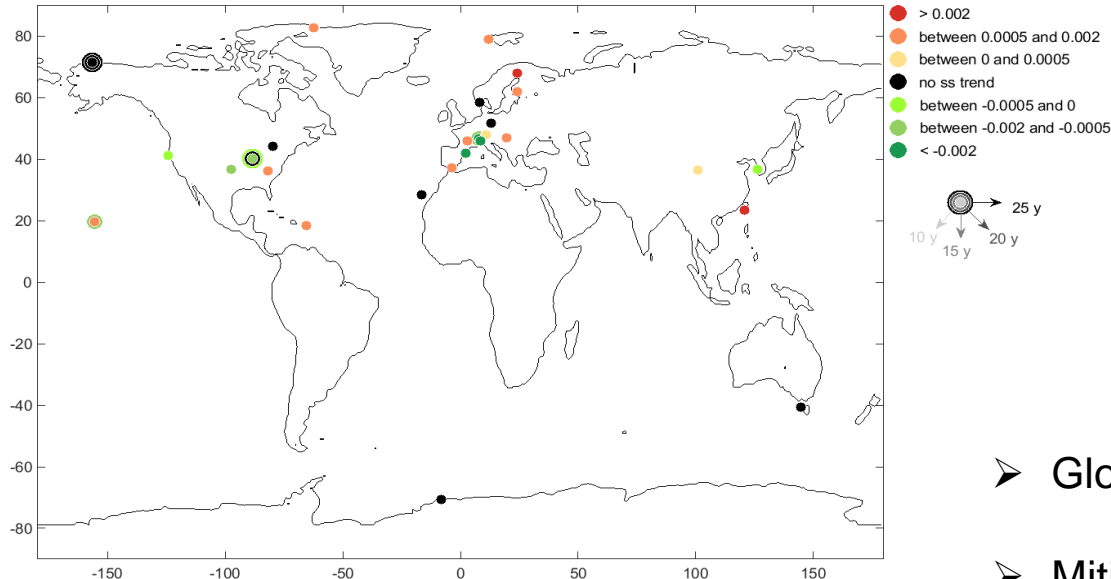
64% ss negative (also in Asia)

36% not ss



Present day single scattering albedo trends

SSA= scattering/(scattering + absorption)



22% ss negative trend
(North America and Western Europa)
52% ss positive trend
26% not ss trend

- Global decrease of the aerosol load
- Mitigation strategies can lead to nowadays decreasing SSA



SDE detection based on SSA wavelength dependence

Nephelometer's wavelengths

TSI : 450-700 nm

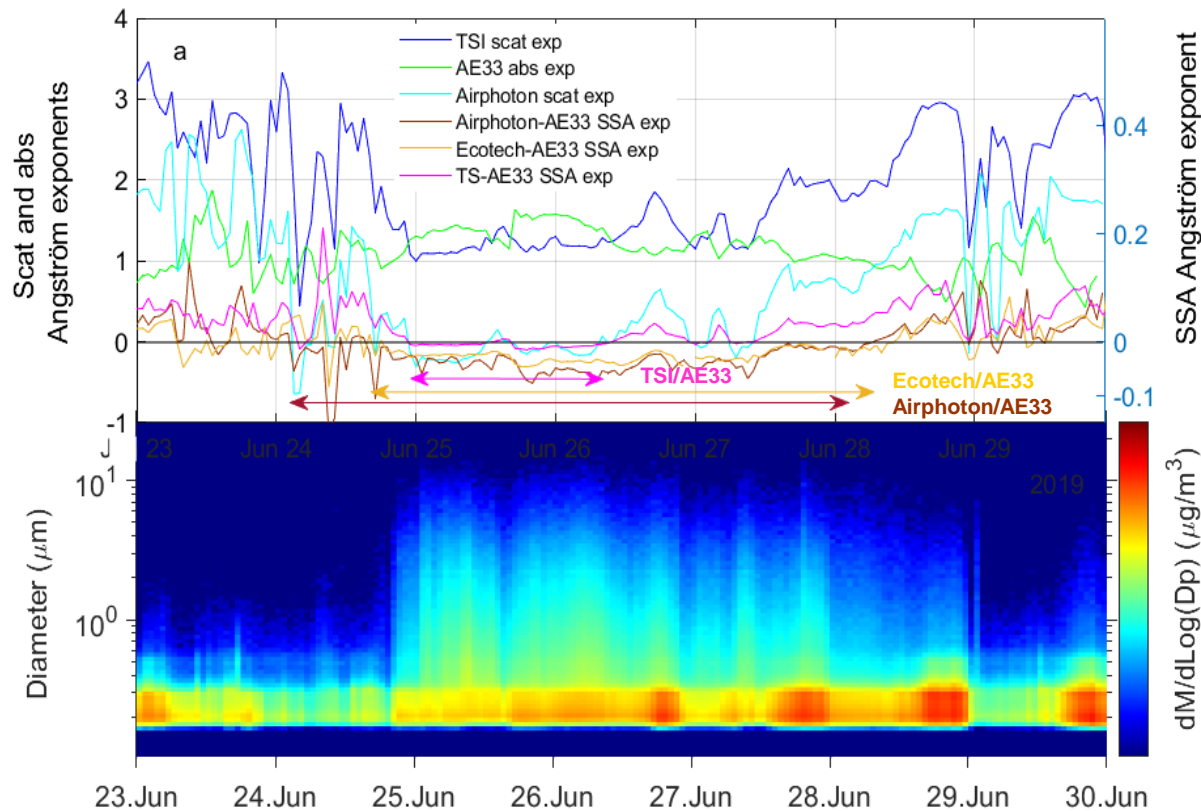
Ecotech (Aurora 3000) : 450-635 nm

Airphoton : 460-630 nm

Aethalometers:

AE31: 370-950

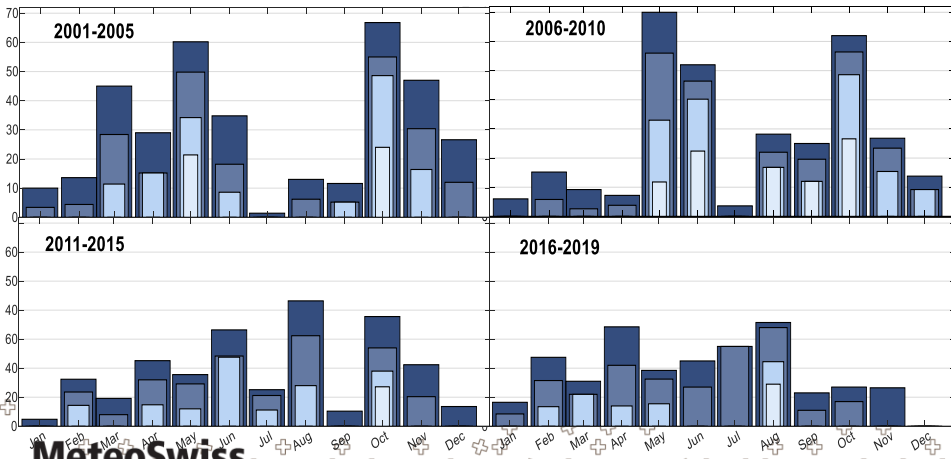
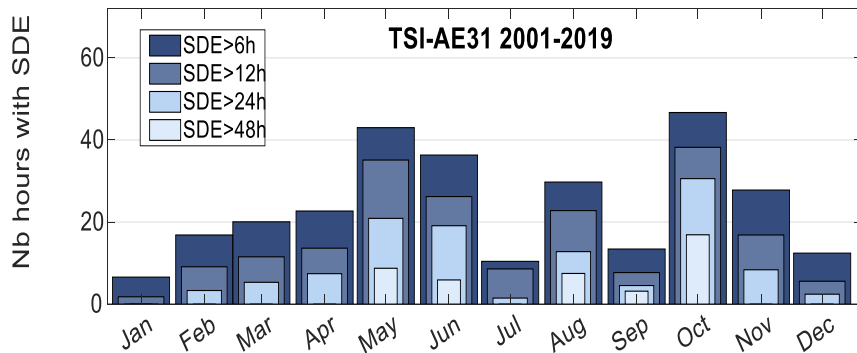
AE33: 370-950





SDE 5-20 y. climatology

Nb hours with SDE/year



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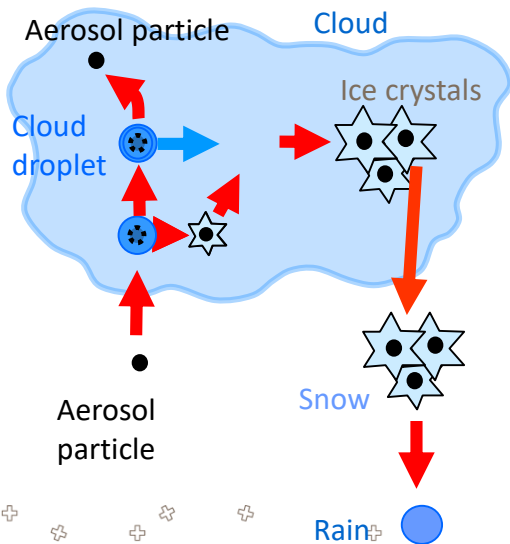


→ Very high interannual variability

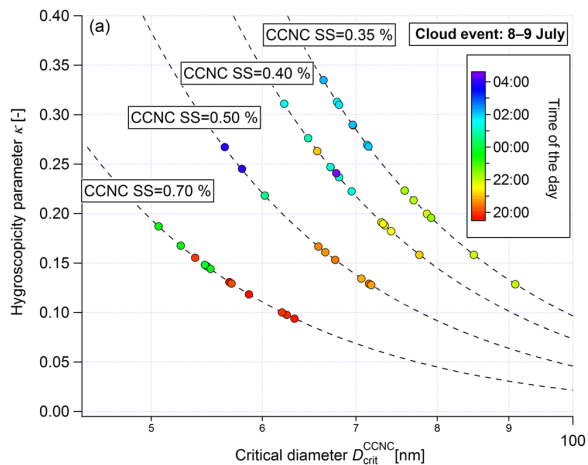


Cloud formation @ Jungfraujoch

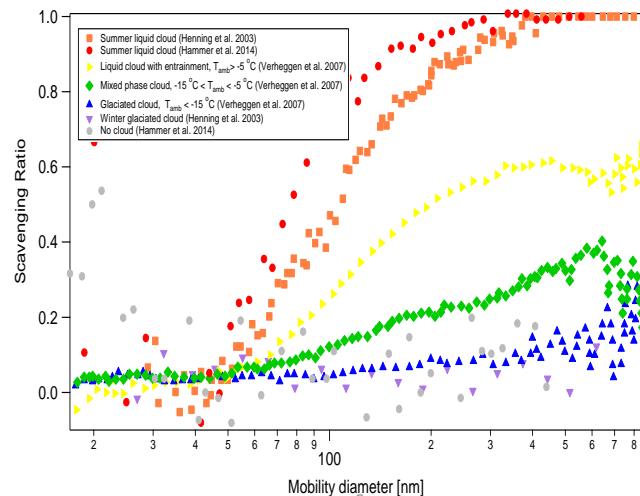
The Wegener-Bergeron-Findeisen process



Aerosol hygroscopicity vs diameter



Scavenging ratio vs diameter



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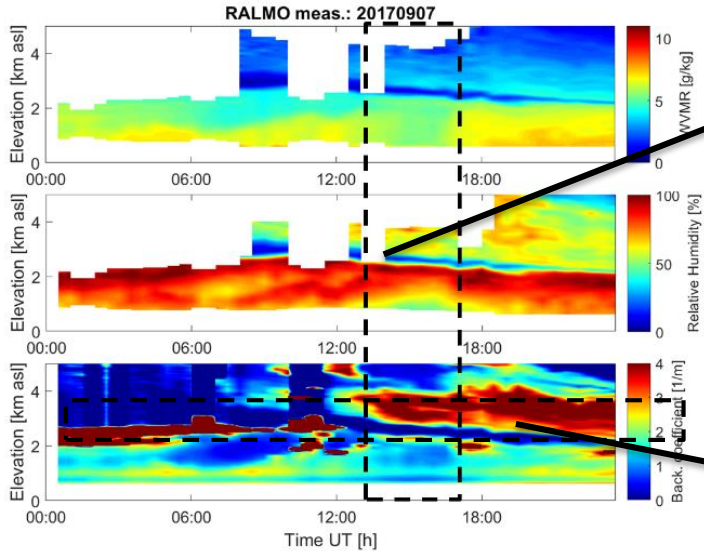
Motos et al., 2019

Bukowiecki et al., 2015

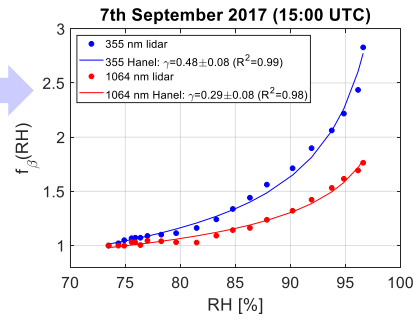
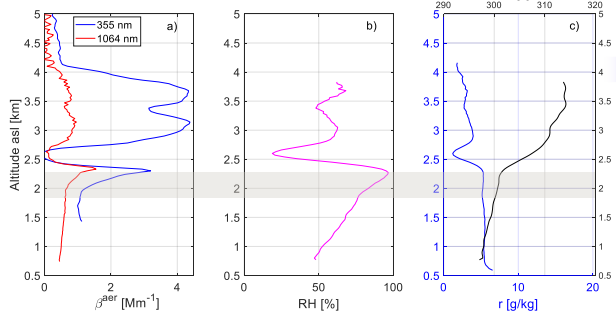


Hygroscopic growth by REM at Payerne

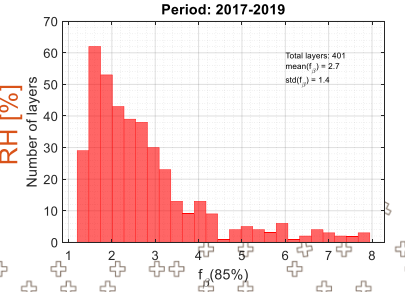
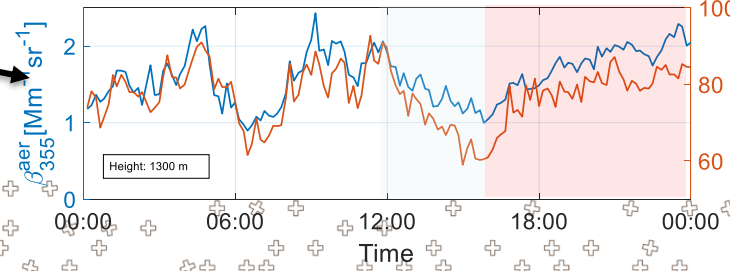
- Ralmo has shown its capability to monitor aerosol hygroscopic processes in time and in altitude



Hygroscopic growth - in the vertical



Hygroscopic growth - in time



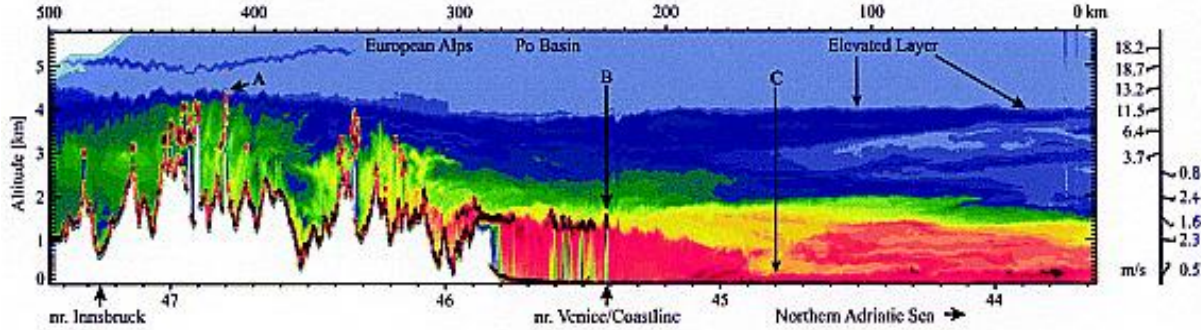
Navas-Guzmán et al., 2019

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Evidence of ABL influence in the Alps

Airborn LIDAR measurement of aerosol backscatter



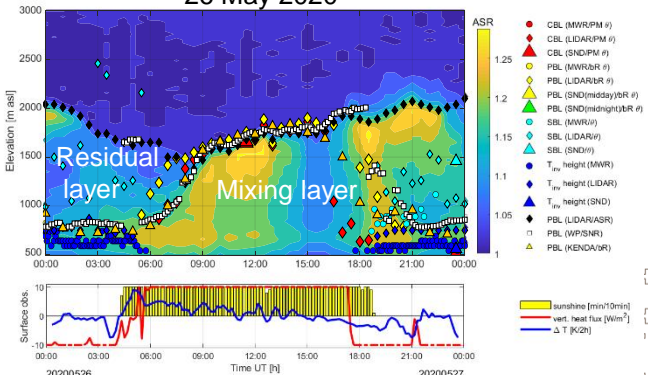
Nyeki et al., 2002

ABLH @ Payerne
26 May-2020

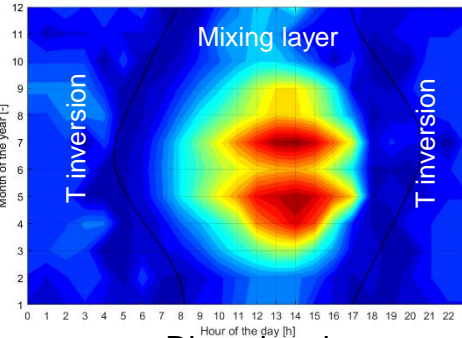
10 y climatology of ABLH @ Payerne

Based on T profiles

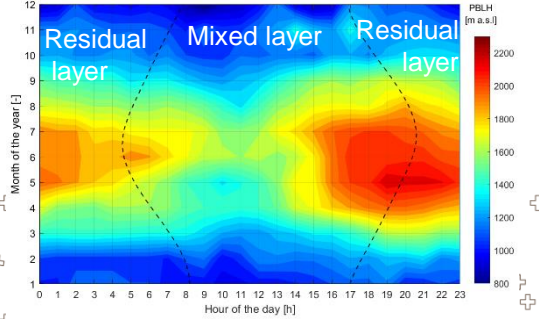
Based on aerosol profiles



Seasonal cycle



Diurnal cycle



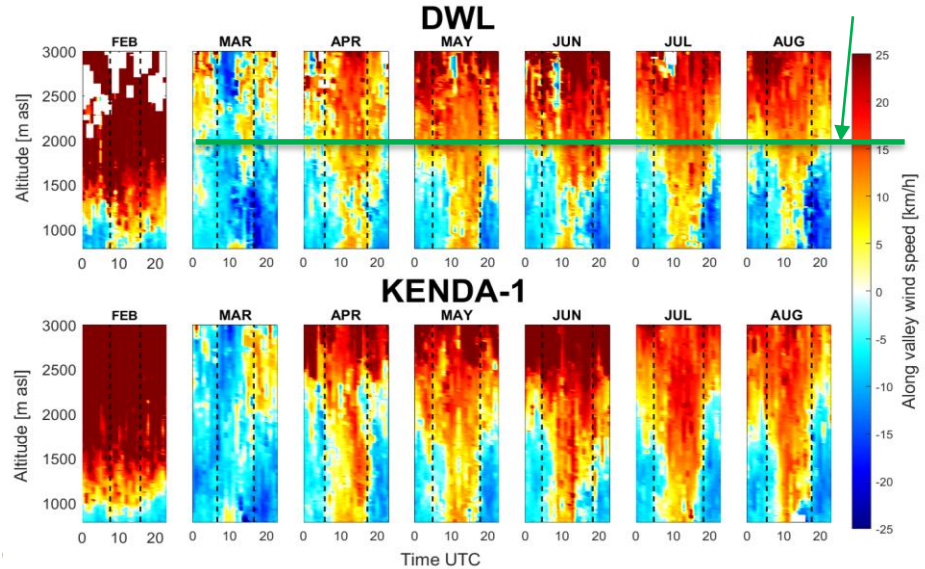
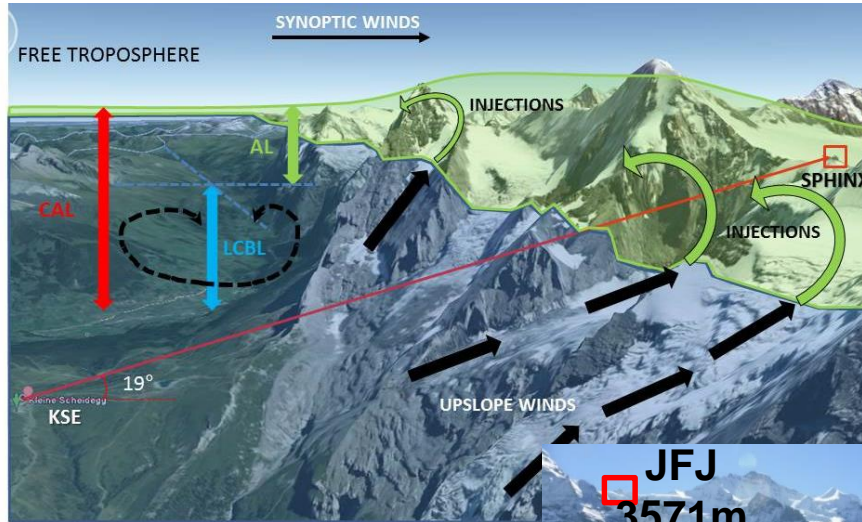
Diurnal cycle



CBL and AL influence in complex terrain

Along valley winds @ Meiringen

Ridge height



Y. Poltera et al., 2017

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Down-valley wind

Up-valley wind

Bugnard et al., 2023

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