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Air Quality Analysis of Aerosols and Clouds based on New Generation CALIPSO LiDAR Technology

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INTRODUCTION & AIM

- We investigate the data collected by LiDAR Cloud-Aerosol Lidar and Infrared Pathfinder Satellite Observations (CALIPSO) mission
- Aim: Exploring the two-wavelength (532 and 1064 nm) backscatter LiDAR signals for air quality.
- We present a workflow for air quality analysis by integrating the CALIPSO VFM product
- We classified the aerosols and clouds from the CALIPSO VFM product, a level-2 product, based on the pixel intensities feature differences.

METHOD

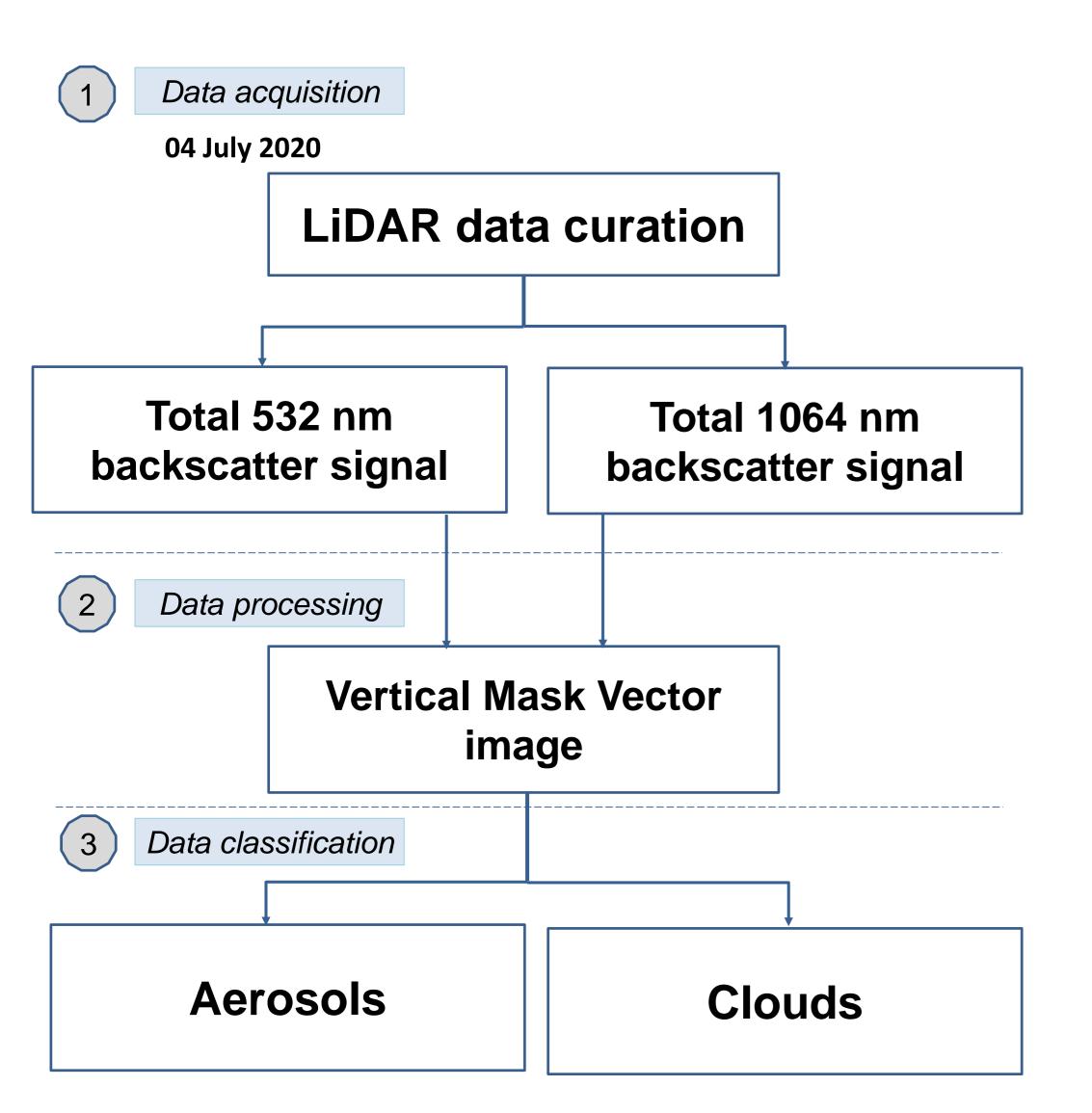


Figure 1: Workflow of the proposed air quality analysis on LiDAR CALISPO data

RESULTS & DISCUSSION

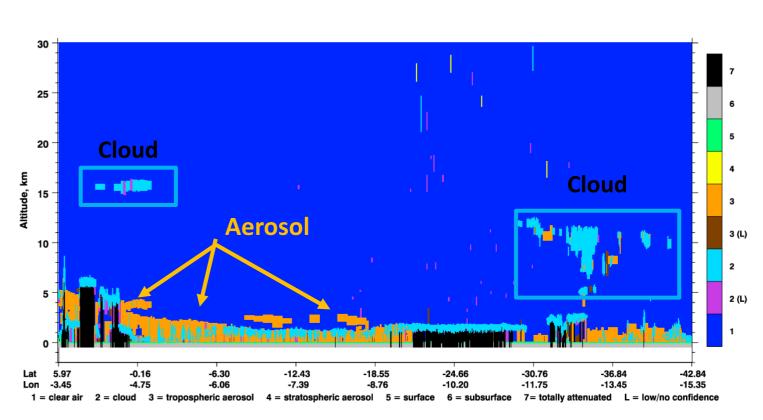


Figure 2: Vertical feature mask obtained from both 532 nm and 1064 nm attenuated bacscatter signals.

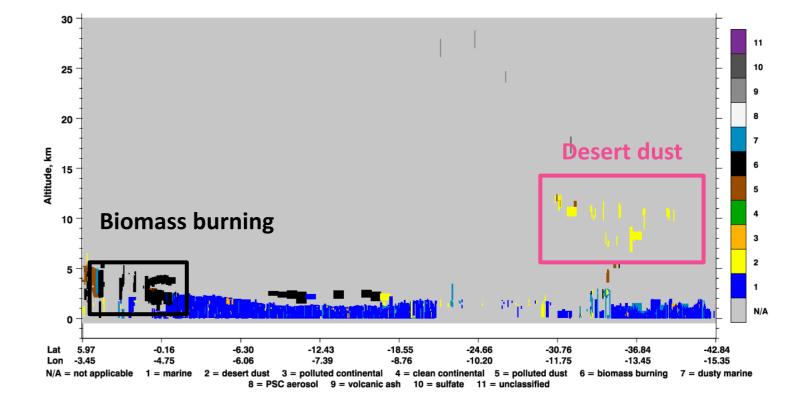


Figure 3: Plot of Aerosol highlighting the desert dust and biomass burning.

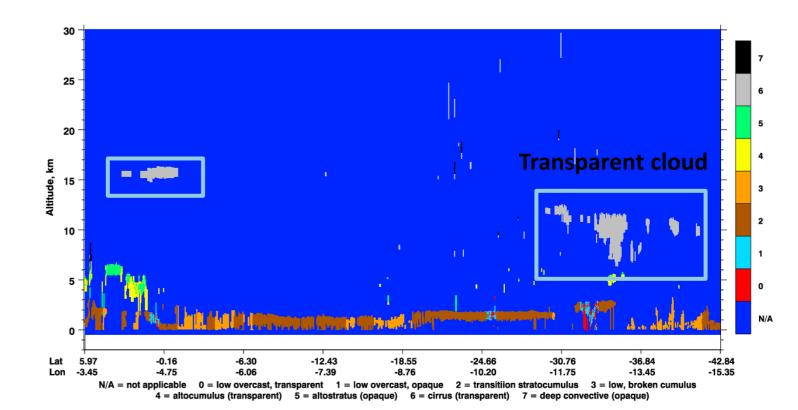


Figure 4: Plot of Cloud highlighting its transparent case.

CONCLUSION & FUTURE WORK

- Classification of aerosol and cloud based on pixel intensities of LiDAR profiles from the vertical mask vector.
- Analysis of the complex LiDAR backscatter signals over one orbit track.
- **Perspective**: Investigation of the interaction of LiDAR light (pulses) with the atmosphere (clouds).

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