



# Characterization of volcanic aerosol within EARLINET-ASOS

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#### Volcano Eruptions in the North Pacific Region 2008-2009







# **Top height of an volcanic plume**





Ash cloud seen in the geostationary MTSAT data, courtesy of the National Weather Service, processed by the Cooperative Institute for Meteorological Satellite Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison . We are at the extreme edge of the view for the satellite which is over the equator in Asia.

Picture Date: March 26, 2009 17:30:00 UTC Image Creator: Dehn, Jonathan;

taken from http://www.avo.alaska.edu





Long-term observations of stratospheric aerosol at Garmisch-Partenkirchen see: Trickl et al. ILRC 2010





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# Sarychev plume over Hamburg, 3 July 09





with courtesy from MPI Hamburg, H. Linné and I. Serikov





# Sarychev plume over Maisach, 7 July 09





with courtesy from LMU Munich, V. Freudenthaler and S. Groß



# Sarychev plume over Bucharest, 9 July 09





Romanian Atmospheric research 3D Observatory, station bucharest operated by INOE



# Sarychev plume over Leipzig, 15 July 09











see: Mattis et al., Volcanic aerosol layers observed with..., JGR 2010







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Müller et al. 1999: Inversion with regularization (from ",3+2 data")  $\rightarrow$  r<sub>eff</sub>  $\approx$  0.25 µm





- Transport to Europe over long distances
  - mainly sulfuric acid particles
  - layers: 5 25 km
  - lidar ratios = 30 60sr (355 nm) = 30 - 45sr (532 nm)
  - Ångström exponents 1-2
  - optical depth (532 nm)  $\leq 0.02$
  - effective radius:  $0.1 0.25 \ \mu m$
  - mass concentration:  $0.3 2\mu g m^{-3}$





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October 28, 2002, Photo by Jean-Claude Tanguy, 2002 (University of Paris).

see: Wang et al., Atmos. Environ. 2008, Fig. 1





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Volcanic plume was observed over Portugal and Spain (6 May) over Italy (8 May) Greece (10 May) Southern Germany (11 May)

#### Granada, 6 May









#### extinction peak values up to 800 Mm<sup>-1</sup>



see: Ansmann et al., The 16 April 2010 major volcanic ash plume..., GRL 2010



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- inhomogeneous aerosol plumes
  - directly emitted ash particles
  - freshly formed sulfuric acid particles
- layers up to 10 km
- lidar ratios: 50 60sr (532 nm)
- Ångström exponents (ash): 0 0.5
- linear particle depolarization ratio (ash): 35% 40%
- estimated effective radius (ash): > 20  $\mu$ m
- estimated max. mass concentration (ash): 1000 µg m<sup>-3</sup>





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#### Model validation study of the 2009 Sarychev plume











Strong need for:

- not only data from individual lidar sites, but a homogeneous data set of Eyjafjöll plume observations of all EARLINET sites
- not only backscatter profiles but ash mask for non-lidar user





#### **Development of an homogeneous ash mask**



# 1) Quicklooks





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#### 2) 1-hour mean values of backscatter profiles





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#### 3) Angström exponents (if available)



#### Homogeneous ash mask for all EARLINET stations









- Volcanic aerosols plumes have known sources
   → validation of transport and aerosol transformation
   in models
- Several model validation studies with data from individual EARLINET stations, e.g.
  - Etna plume 2002
  - Sarychev plume 2009
- New! Eyjafjöll plume measurements will be provided as a homogeneous European ash mask to the community
- Need for homogeneous near-real time data analysis
   → single-calculus chain



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