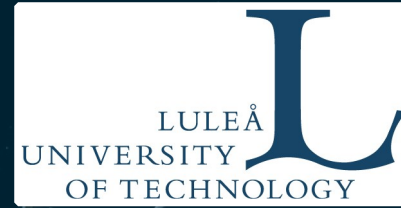




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# Validation of ATLID lidar data with ground-based lidar in Northern Sweden

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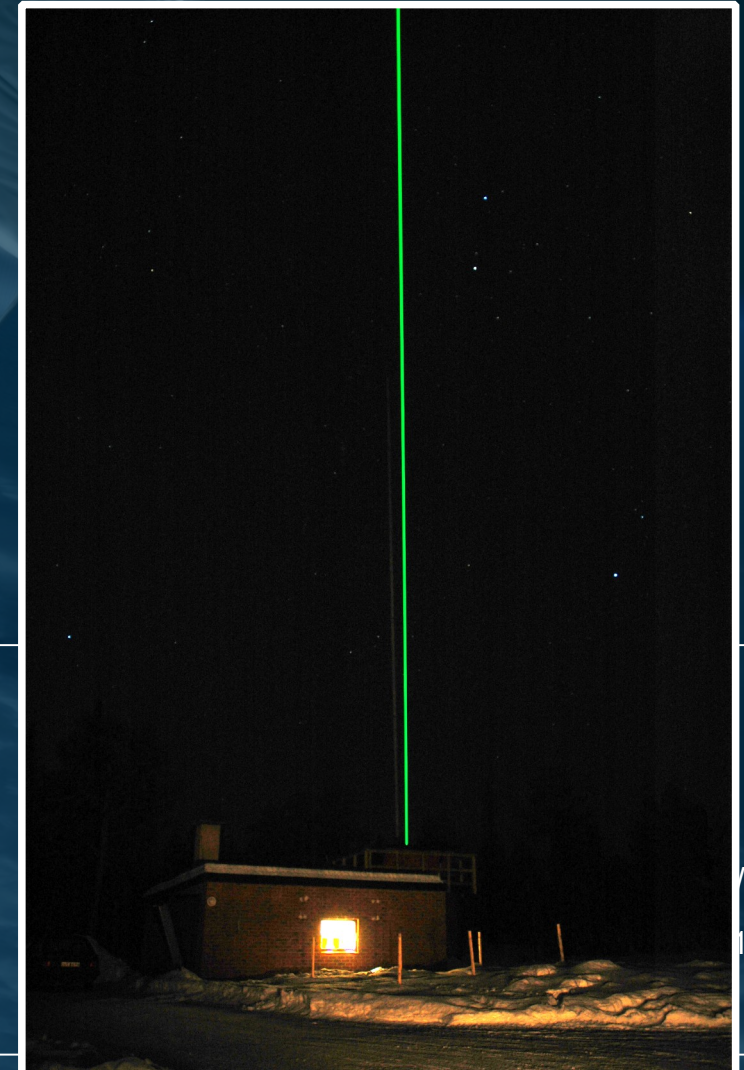
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- Location: IRF, Kiruna, Sweden (67.83°N, 20.41°E)  
(‘backup’ lidar at Esrange Space Center, 30km ENE)

<u>Specs:</u>	
Wavelength:	• 532nm $\parallel$ and $\perp$
Pulse energy:	550mJ
Pulse rep. rate:	30Hz
Pulse length:	9ns
Beam divergence:	0.1mrad
Diam. of telescope primary mirror:	0.3m
Measurement range:	5 – 50km
Height resolution:	30m
Time resolution:	133s
Daytime capability:	Up to 15km



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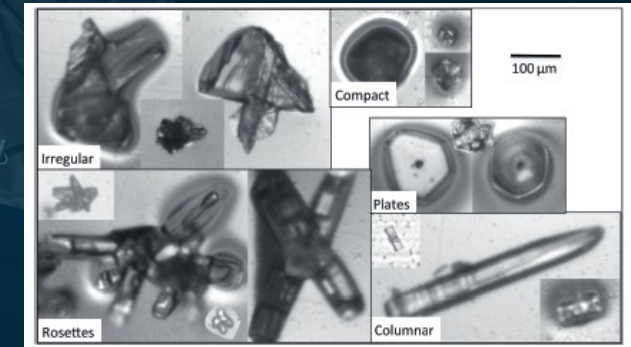


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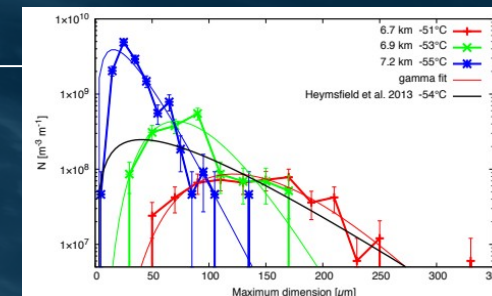
In-situ measurements of cirrus cloud particles with help of a balloon-borne particle imager

Interpretation of data, classification

Create a database of microphysical properties based on temperature, origin, etc.



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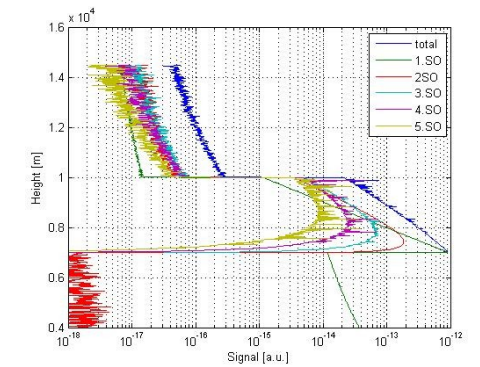
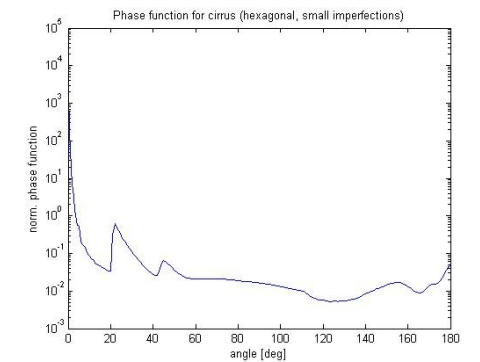
Calculation of optical properties of ice particles based on particle shape, size:

Extinction cross section, lidar ratio, depolarisation ratio

Simulation of lidar signals:

Estimates of multiple scattering contributions

Goal: set of typical parameters for polar cirrus clouds



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### Validation targets:

- Cirrus clouds
- Polar stratospheric clouds
- A-EBD, A-CTH

### Measurements:

whenever conditions allow for it and collocation criteria are fulfilled

Statistical analysis of measurements

Additionally:

test how relaxation of collocation criteria affects validation results

Applied for funding from SNSA, decision expected end of 2021

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