



AVAC-S — A tool for validating aerosols and cloud properties from SEVIRI

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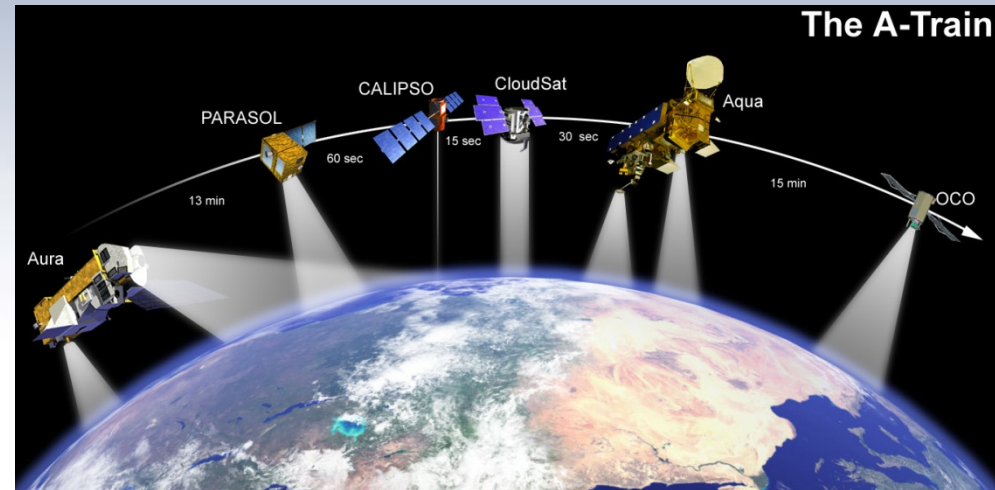
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AVAC-S

- A-Train Validation of Aerosol and Cloud properties from SEVIRI
- A EUMETSAT Meteorological Division project to procure a software to validate Optimal Cloud Analysis (OCA) product
- Programmed in IDL, using Object Oriented Programming (OOP)
- A-train validation data includes: CPR, CALIOP, AMSR-E, MODIS (+ECMWF profiles)
- Upcoming version of AVAC-S has a common data ingestion routine — *any* product in SEVIRI grid can be imported to AVAC-S,





Validation and analysis data

MODIS

Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer

- Cloud Mask
- Cloud Top Pressure
- Cloud Top Temperature
- Cloud Particle Phase
- Cloud Fraction
- Cloud Optical Thickness
- Cloud Particle Size
- Cloud Water Path

CALIOP

Cloud-Aerosol Lidar with Orthogonal Polarisation

- Lidar Reflectivity at 532 nm
- Lidar Reflectivity at 1064 nm
- Cloud Top Altitude
- Cloud Base Altitude
- Cloud Phase

AMSR-E

Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer

- Water Vapour Path
- Cloud Liquid Water Path
- Sea Surface Temperature
- Near Surface Wind Speed

ECMWF

European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts

- Temperature profile
- Ozone profile
- Water vapor profile
- Pressure profile
- Auxiliary information

CPR

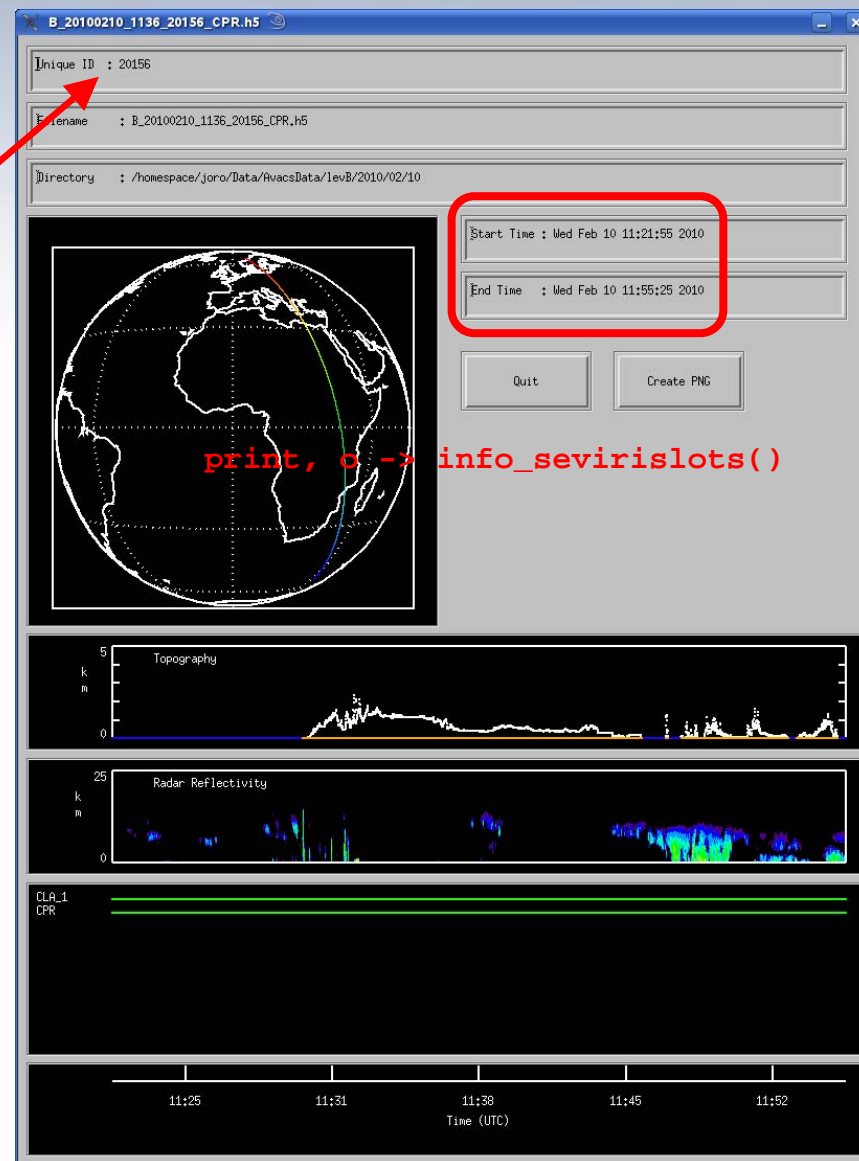
Cloud Profiling Radar

- Cloud Height
- Radar Reflectivity
- Cloud Scenario

Core functionality

- Maps product data together with selected A-Train data on a common grid
- Data identification based on CloudSat orbit numbers
- Combined data sets, "Level-B data files", stored as HDF5-files
- Offers a *quicklook* - tool to explore the created Level-B data set

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atrain_startup
o = obj_new('atrain')
o -> set_overpass, 20156
o -> quicklook
```





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Visit the [main CloudSat project website](#) at Colorado State University.

R04 Available to the General Science Community

Release 4 is now available to the General Science Community via the [data ordering system](#). This release includes the 1B-CPR, 2B-GEOPROF, 2B-GEOPROF-LIDAR, ECMWF-AUX, MODIS-AUX, and 2B-CLDCLASS products. Please see the [announcement](#) for more information.

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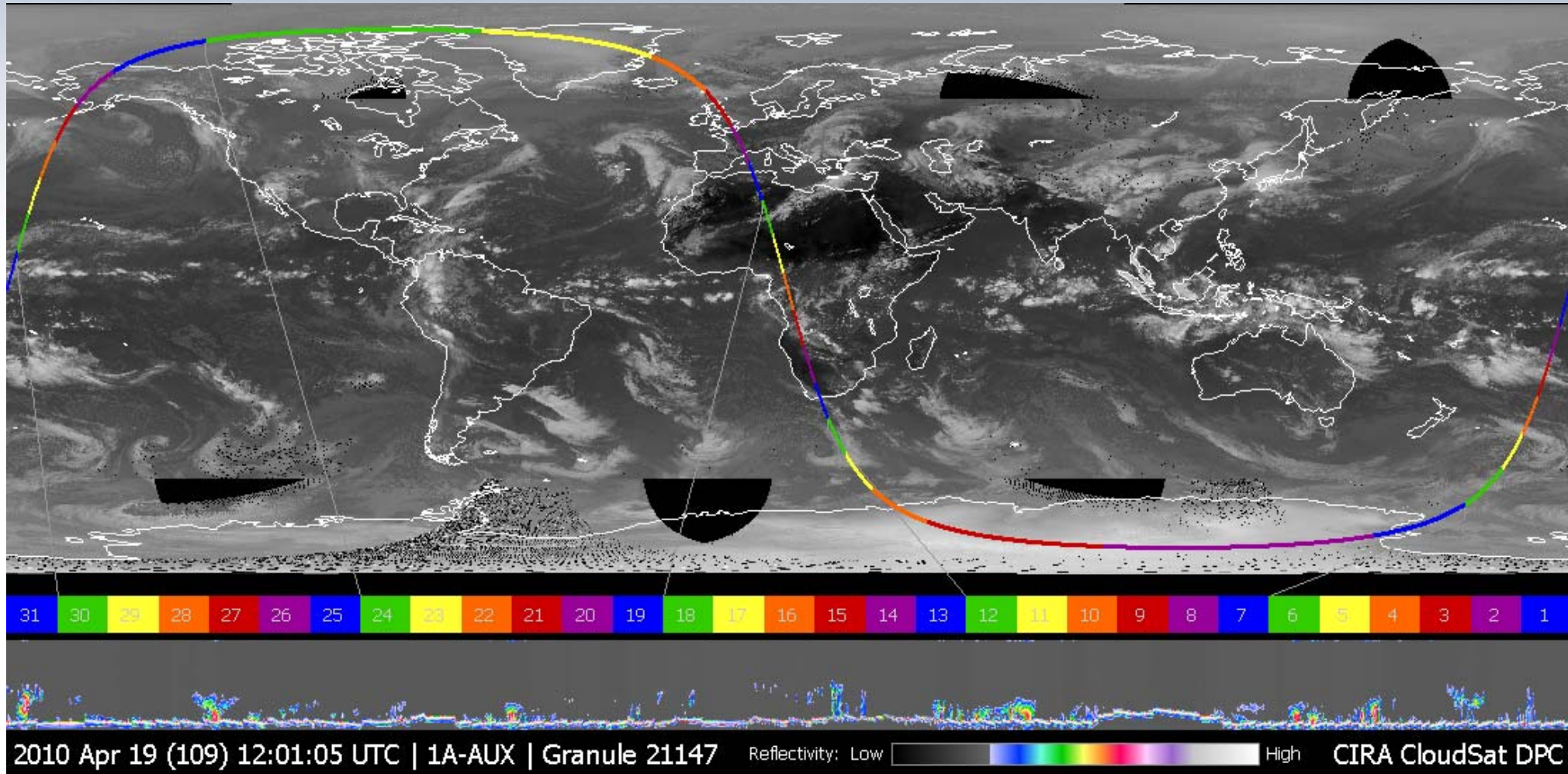
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- = Calibration maneuver in this granule (transmitter may be off for part of granule and/or contain missing frames)
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- = Missing frames in granule
- M = MODIS image available

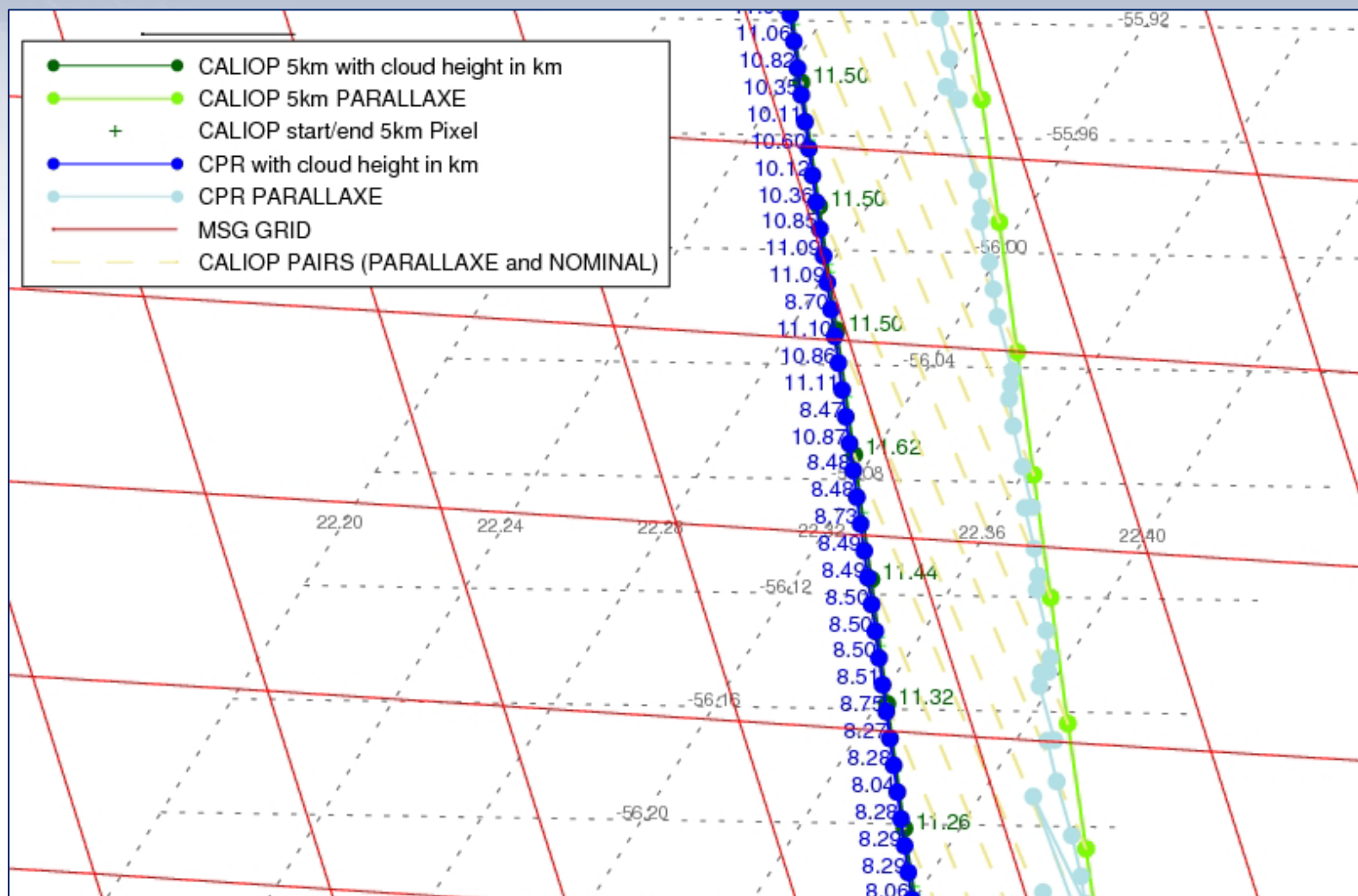


CloudSat orbit 21147





Parallax schemes - <none>, <fixed>, CALIOP, CPR

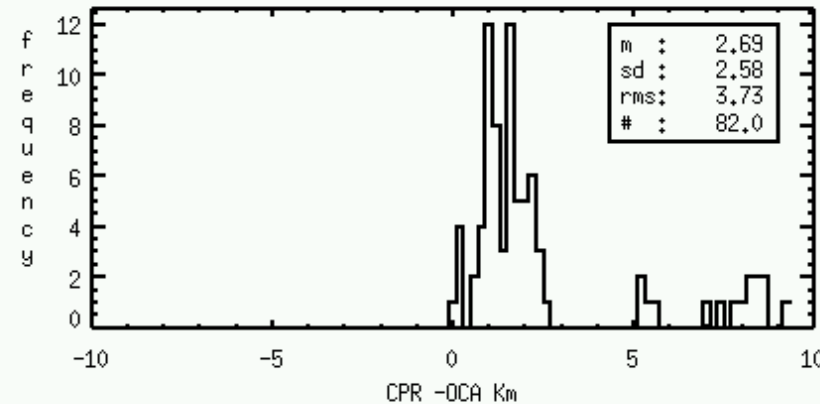
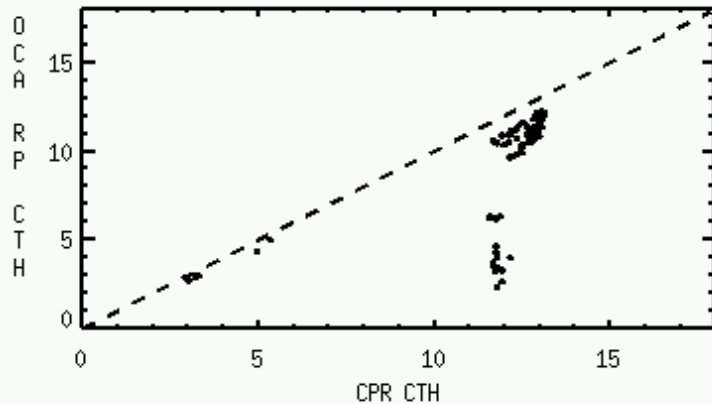
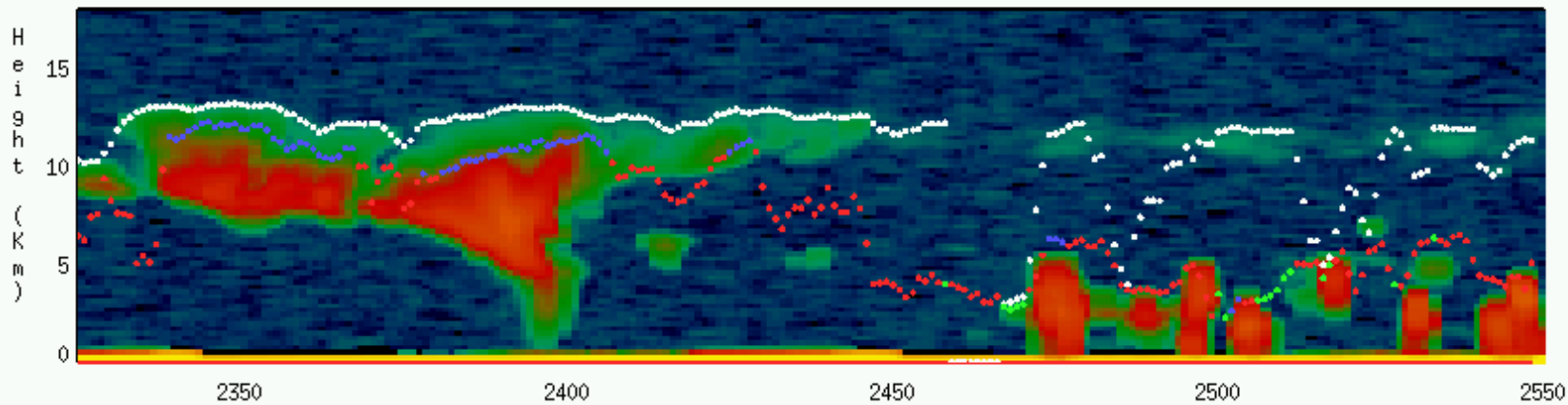




Analysis of a *single* Level-B file

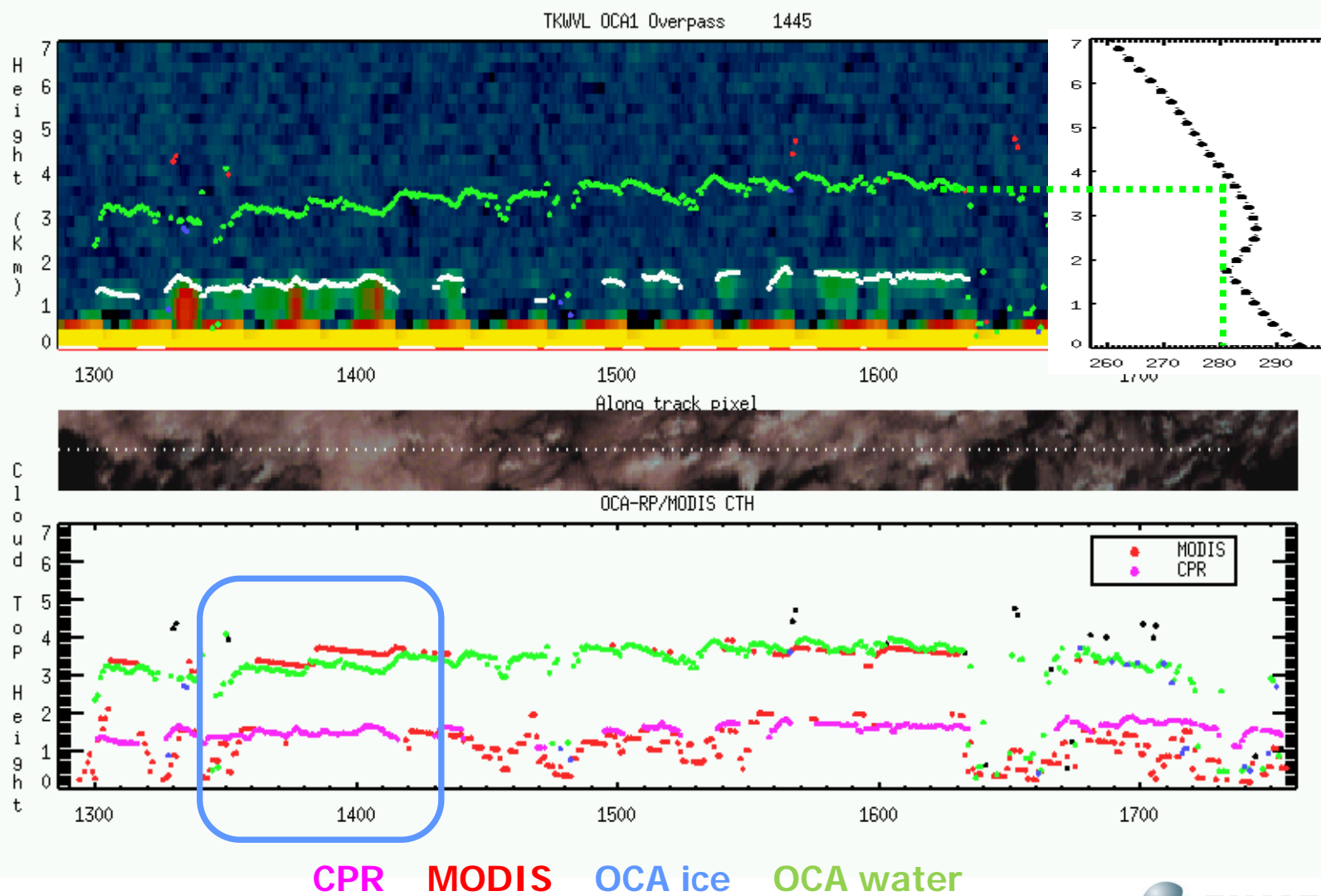


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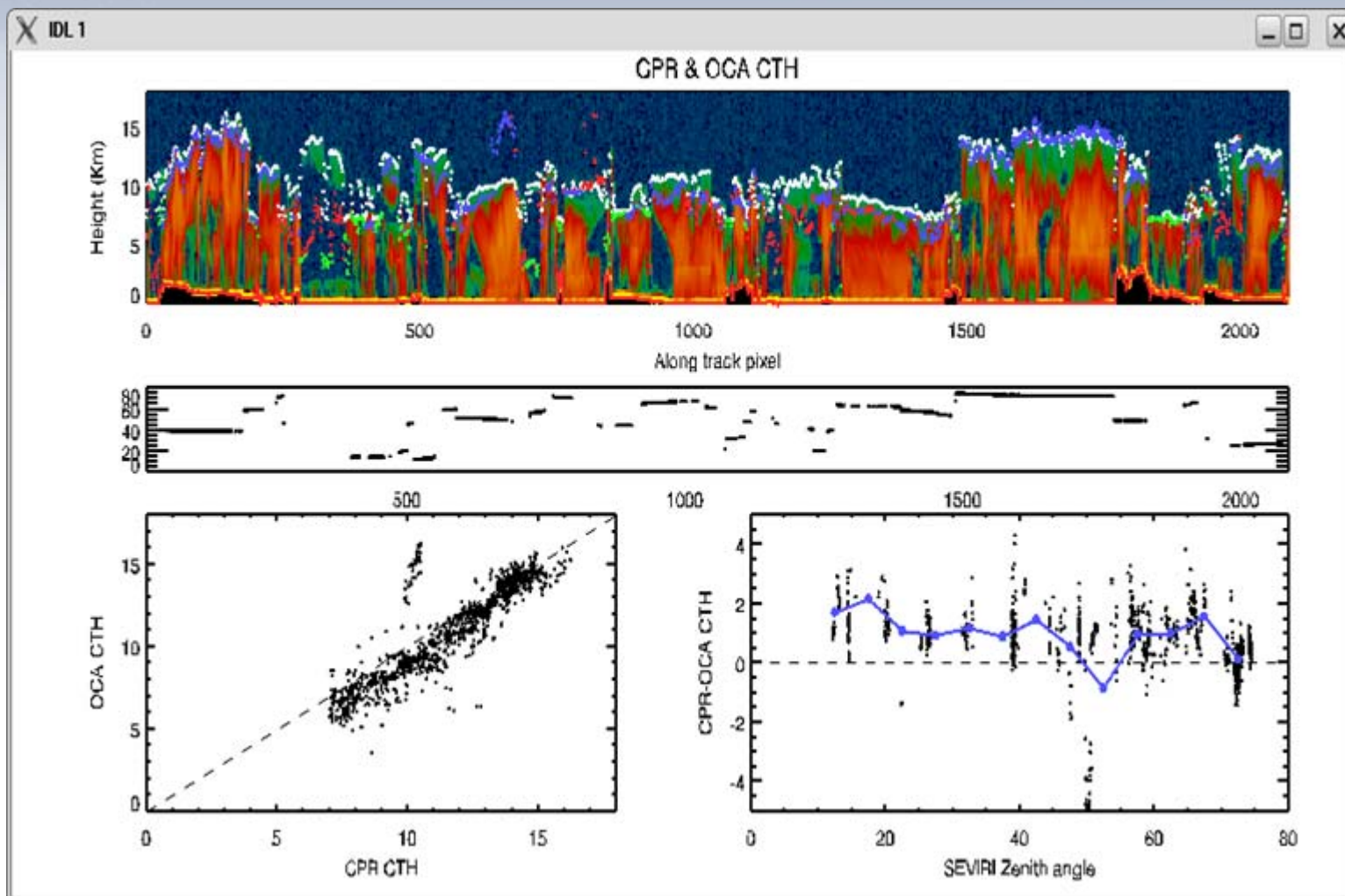


Analysis of a *single* Level-B file





Analysis of a *merged* Level-B file



Getting the AVAC-S software

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- Access to
 - software repository
 - test data
 - documentation (e.g., a comprehensive user manual)
 - anomaly/bug tracking system

The software package comes “as is”, no official support is provided.