





#### Boundary-layer Air Quality-analysis Using Network of Instruments Supersite

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Rome is an urban site, with about 3.0 million of inhabitants, 25 km east from the Mediterranean Sea, in the middle of an undulating plain. The atmosphere is affected by traffic emission as well as by semi-rural particulates and, especially during summer season, by sea breeze and desert dust advection from the Saharan region.

**BAQUNIN Super Site Locations** 

APL Atmospheric Physics Laboratory Sapienza University	City center	Municipality boundaries
<b>CNR - ISAC</b> Institute of Atmospheric Sciences and Climate	Tor Vergata Southeast of the city, 13 Km from the city center	
<b>CNR - IIA</b> Institute for Atmospheric Pollution	Montelibretti Northeast of the city 24.6 Km from the city center.	10 km     10 km       Surface Elevation [m]       1       1

BAQUNIN instruments	PI Affiliation	LO Affiliation	Owner
Pandora 2S #115 #117 #138	Serco	ISAC Serco IIA	ESA
Cimel Prede Pom 01	LOA (Laboratoire d'Optique Atmosphérique) ISAC	ISAC - Serco	LOA PNRA - ISAC
Brewer Meteorological Sensors	Sapienza	Sapienza	Sapienza Fondazione Osservatorio Meteorologico Milano Duomo
MFRSR	Sapienza	Serco	Sapienza
Pyranometer Skycam	Serco	Serco	ESA
LIDAR	Sapienza	Sapienza -Serco	Sapienza -ESA
SODAR	Sapienza	Sapienza	Sapienza - ISAC
WRF Model	Sardegna Clima	Sardegna Clima Serco	Sardegna Clima

#### **BAQUNIN Super-Site products & instruments**

Instruments present in more than one location		
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Gases –	O3 surface, tropospheric and total column	PANDORA 2S ‡, BREWER		
	NO2 surface, tropospheric and total column	PANDORA 2S ‡, BREWER		
	SO2 surface, tropospheric and total column	PANDORA 2S ‡		
	HCOH surface, tropospheric and total column	PANDORA 2S ‡		
	H2O total column, profile	CIMEL, LIDAR , PANDORA 2S ‡, PREDE ‡, MFRSR		
Aerosol _	Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD)	CIMEL, PREDE <b>‡</b> , MFRSR, LIDAR , <i>PANDORA 2S</i> <b>‡</b>		
	Aerosol backscattering and extinction profiles	LIDAR, CEILOMETER		
	Ångström Exponent	CIMEL, PREDE <b>‡</b> , <i>PANDORA 2S</i> <b>‡</b> , LIDAR		
	Single Scattering Albedo (SSA), Volume size distribution (VSD), Real and imaginary part of Refractive Index (Refr. Indx), Phase Function (PF)	CIMEL , PREDE <b>‡</b> Networks collaboration		
Color	Solar Irradiance	PYRANOMETER Pandonia Global Networ Aeronet	k	
Solar Radiation	Spectral Radiance	PANDORA 2S <b>‡</b> ESR/SKYNET		
Radiation	UV Dose, UV Index	BREWER Eubrewnet Climate Network		
Clouds -	Cloud top/bottom, Cloud Optical Depth (COD)	LIDAR, CEILOMETER		
	Cloud mask and fraction	All Sky Camera		
Wind –	Turbulence, Wind Speed and Direction	SODAR		
In situ/ forecating model	Surface air temperature, humidity, pressure and wind	Meteorological sensors, WRF 6		



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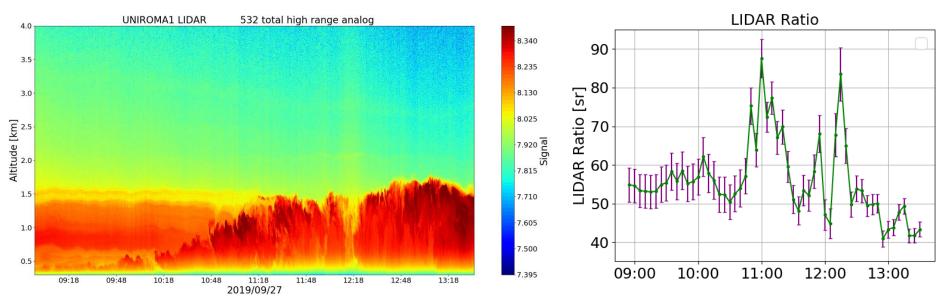
- Copernicus S5p Cal/Val project ID 42807, in collaboration with CNR, ENEA
- EarthCare Cal/Val project ID 38811, in collaboration with CNR and ENEA
- Validation of GCOM-C SGLI AOD (aerosol optical depth @500nm) using BAQUNIN AERONET and EUROSKYRAD data
- Validation of GOSAT TANSO-FTS IWV (Integrated Water vapour) using BAQUNIN–AERONET data



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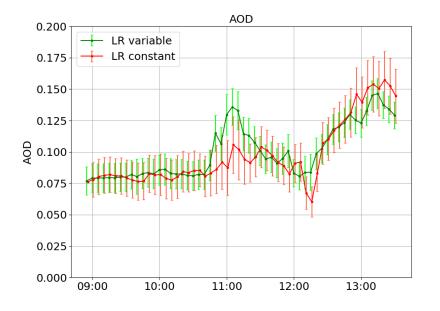
The synergy between photometers and LIDAR measurements allows the estimation of aerosol LIDAR Ratio (LR) using an iterative algorithm.

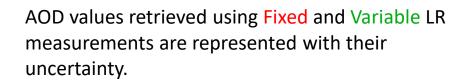


LR obtained from Aeronet AOD value at 500 nm, converted to 532 nm using AAE from Aeronet (Giles et al., 2019)

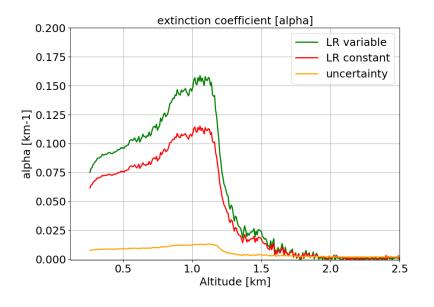


Comparison of retrieved AOD and extinction profiles using fixed/variable LR





Extinction coefficient of the acquired profile at 11.00 utc Fixed LR Variable LR

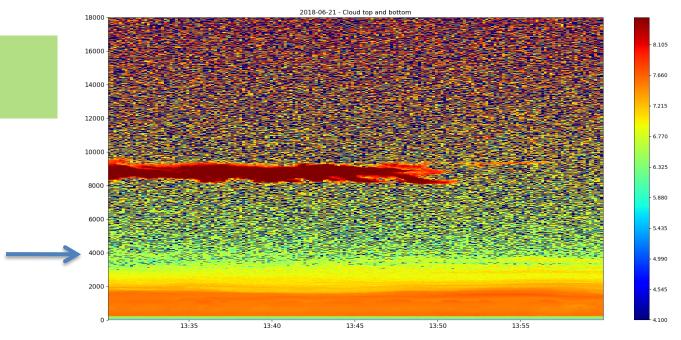


#### LIDAR analysis: Cloud

Algorithm for the identification of BL height and cloud top and bottom heights, using a signal threshold approach. The algorithm considers the Range Corrected Signal (RCS) and its spatial and temporal variations. (Z.Wang e al., 2001)

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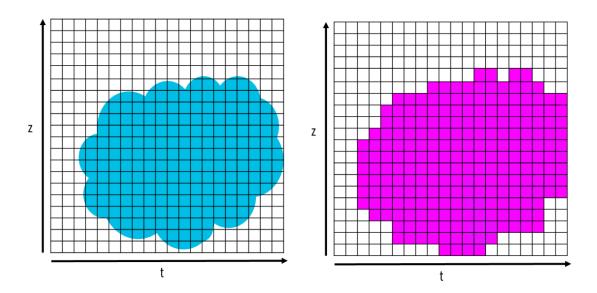


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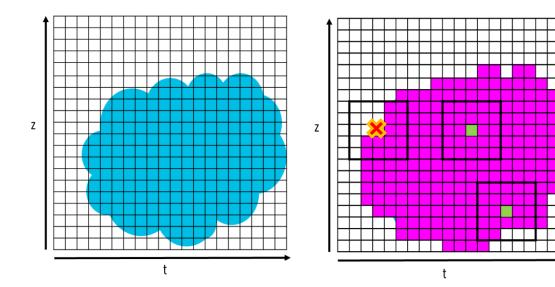
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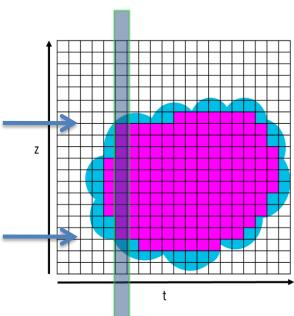
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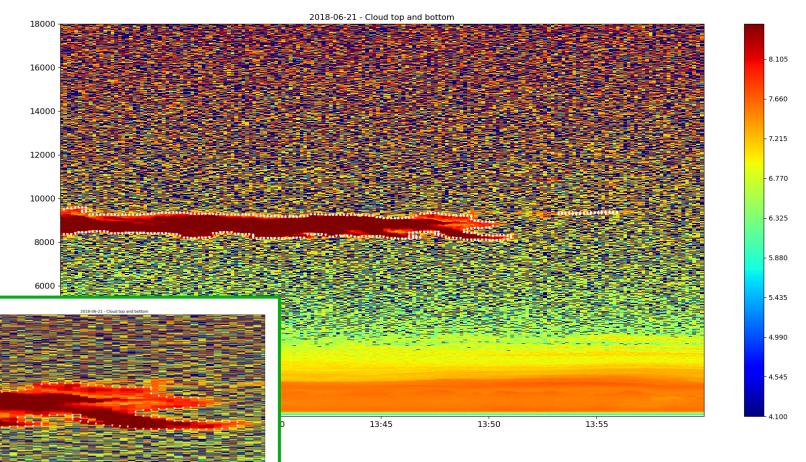
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- 4) Bottom and top of cloud heights retrieval



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Cloud top/bottom product resolution: Time/ Height= 3 x original profile resolution [30 sec / 22.5 m]



## **SBAM** Seagull Borne Atmospheric Monitoring

#### Last year: first seagull Hope



Installation on the platform

On going

Take off count down



#### Development

SBAM project approved by Sapienza university.

Phase 1 Placement of nests on the roof of 3 Departments building

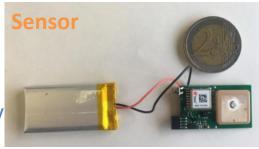
Phase 2 Sensors inter-calibration: Temperature and Relative humidity

Phase 3 Development of CO2 sensors

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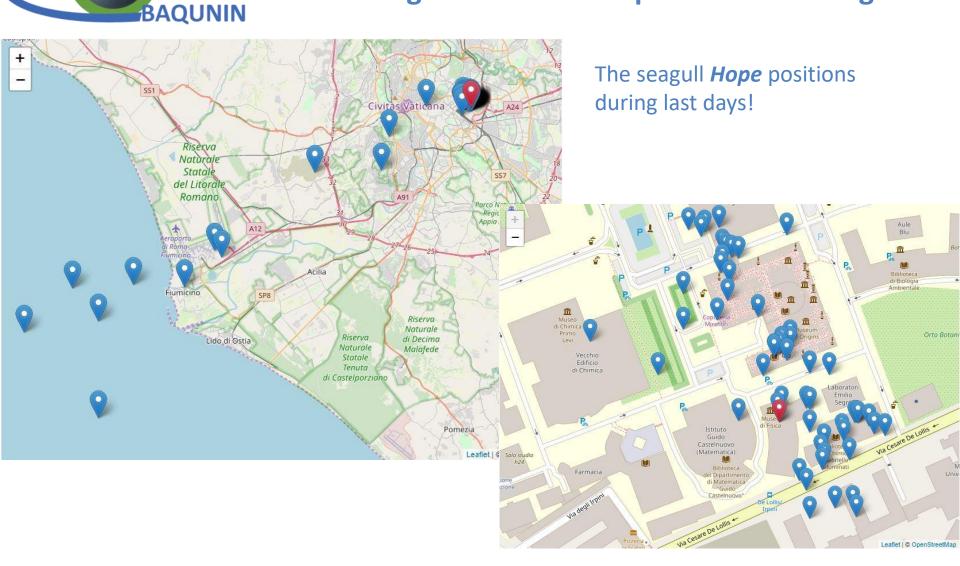
Phase 4 Installation of the instruments on seagulls

Phase 5 Seagulls monitoring



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# SBAM Seagull Borne Atmospheric Monitoring





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**BAQUNIN** involvement in QA4EO (2020-2022)

#### WP #1

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#### Use of drone and multi-spectral camera for BRDF angular and spectral measurements

The aim is to acquire know how on instrumental setup and operation in order to provide experimental data for satellite (e.g. Sentinel-2) validation purposes.

The work is performed in collaboration with Engineering Department University Tor Vergata (drone and spectral camera) and CNR-IIA (RT modelling and measurement requirements)

#### WP #2

Retrieval of cloud mask, cloud bottom height and, possibly, wind speed at cloud bottom, using two sky-cameras and a ceilometer

The aim is to exploit the sky-camera images acquired in "stereo mode" and to use the ceilometer data in support of the retrieval scheme developments.

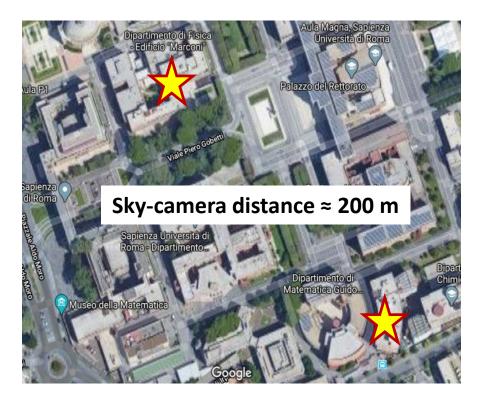
The work is performed in the context of ACIX/CIMIX activities, and involves NASA-GSFC (sky-cameras, retrieval methodology) and Brockmann Consult (data analysis)

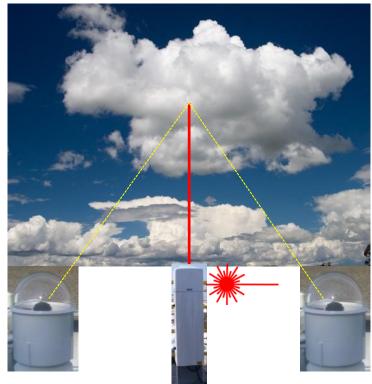
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Sky-cameras will be installed on the roof of Marconi and Fermi building of Physics Department Ceilometer will be installed and operated on the roof of Fermi building







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