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The Boundary Layer Air Quality-Analysis Using Network of Instruments (BAQUNIN) Supersite for Atmospheric Research and Satellite Validation over Rome Area

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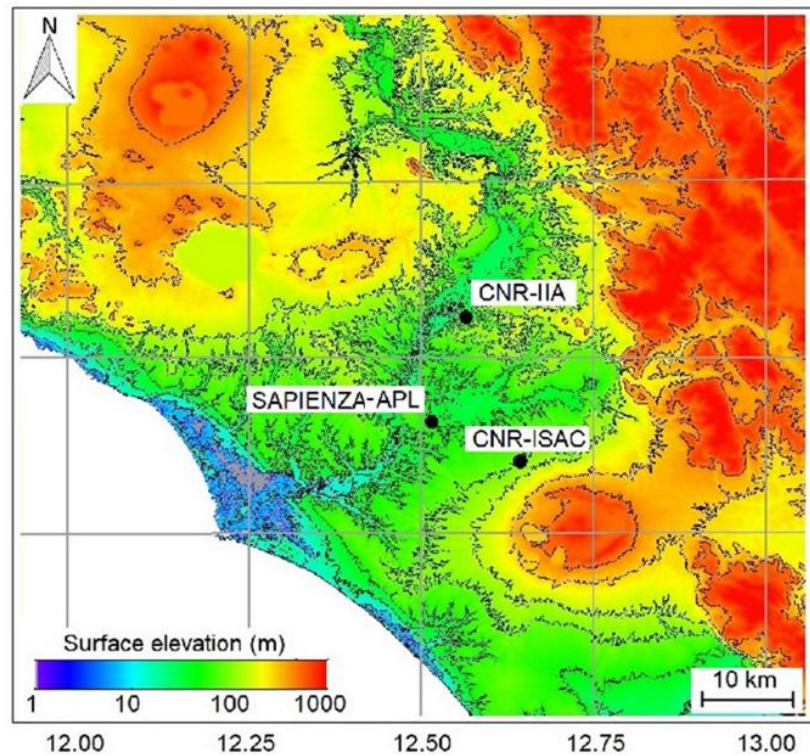
"The requirements for a good validation strategy are simple: continue acquiring new data, go to the right places, take the right measurements at the right time, accumulate enough data, include validation of ancillary data and facilitate data access."

Richter et al., "Validation strategy for satellite observations of tropospheric reactive gases"
ANNALS OF GEOPHYSICS, 56, FAST TRACK-1, 2013; 10.4401/AG-6335, ACVE, 13-15 March 2013

Boundary-layer **A**ir **Q**uality-analysis **U**sing **N**etwork of **I**Nstruments

- Sustain the **maintenance** and **operation** of ground based remote sensing and in situ instruments for Satellite Cal/Val and Atmospheric Monitoring/Research purposes, operating in the Rome area
- Acquire, homogenise and distribute high quality **data**
- Perform inter-calibration and validation **campaigns**
- **Attract/engage** Space/Research/Health Agencies
- Stimulate research in Urban Atmospheric Boundary Layer physics and chemistry by facilitating **inter-connections** between national and international research institutes

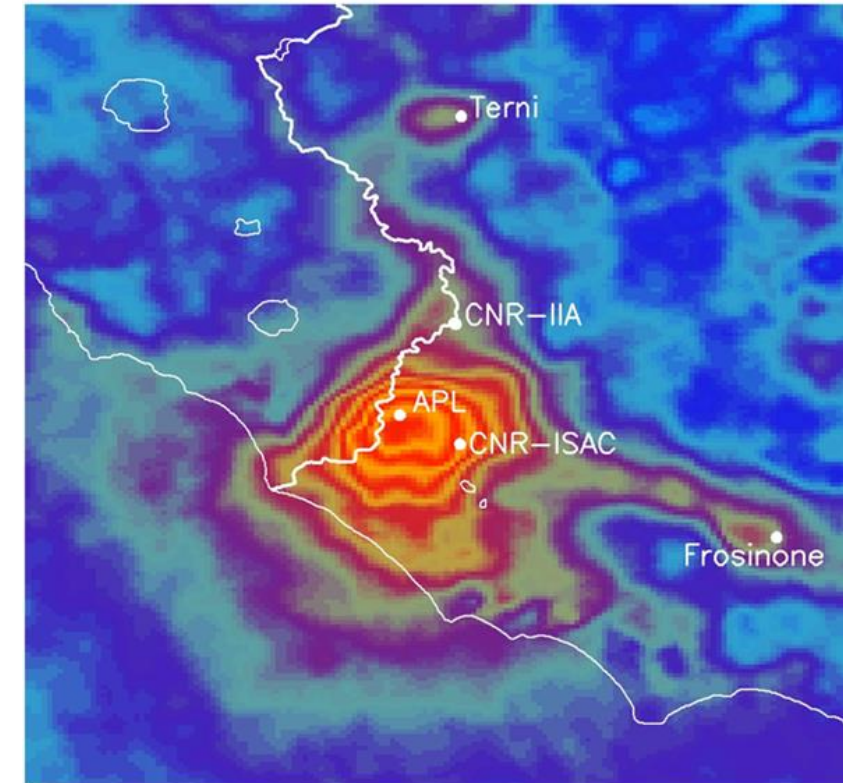
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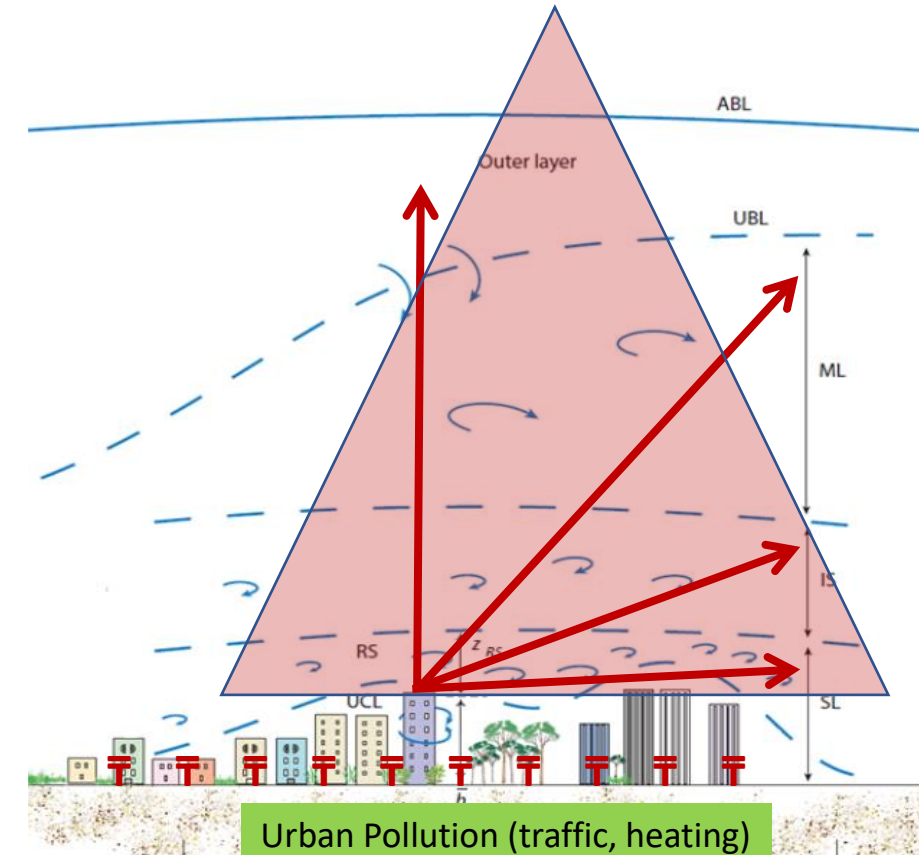
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a) Ground based remote sensing instruments “see” **upper SL and above**. Good time resolution, large air volumes. However the pollution production layer (**UCL**) **is not probed**. **Clouds can be** a limiting factor, **some** instruments **need sunlight**.

b) In situ instruments are **embedded in the UCL** but can only probe the atmosphere in their proximity. **Low** time resolution, **insufficient** coverage, and **no uncertainties** are limiting factors.

c) Atmospheric Composition Satellite instruments provide a good **2D description**, but are almost **insensitive** to what happens below the SL (physical limitations). **Clouds are** a limiting factor, **need sunlight**.

d) Modelling provides a good **4D description**, knowledge of **emission sources** is a limitation, UBL physics/chemistry **too complex**, **no unpredictable events** (e.g. industrial/wild fires)



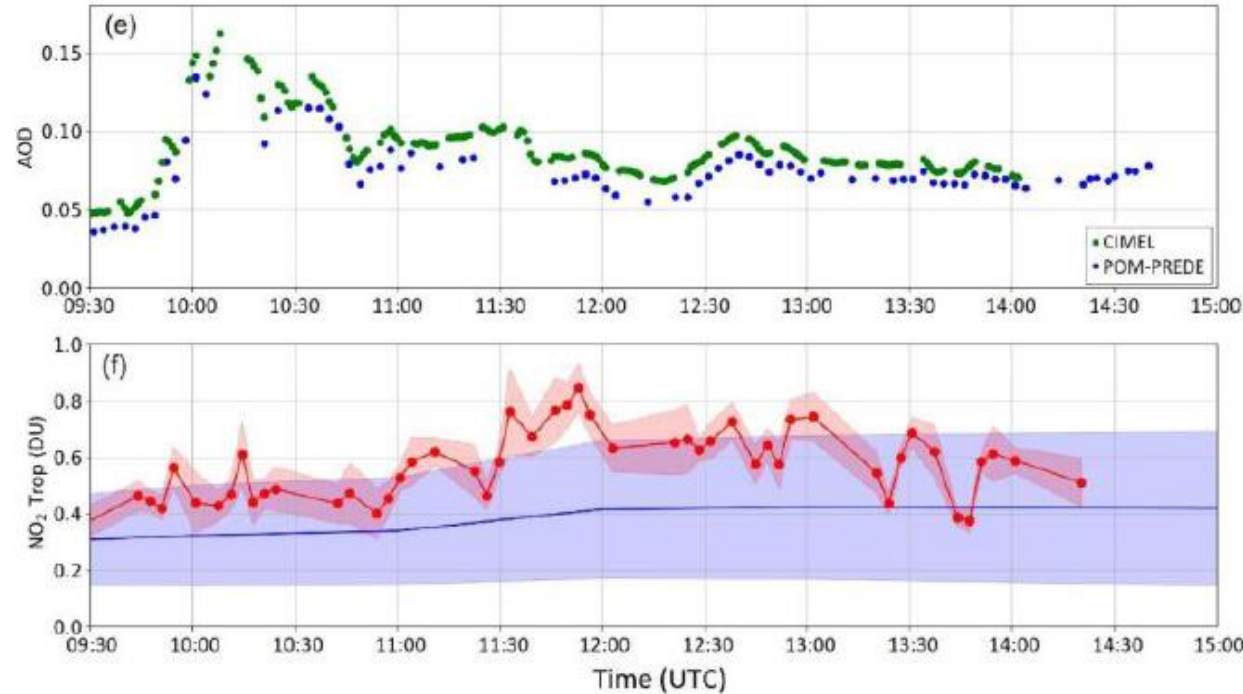
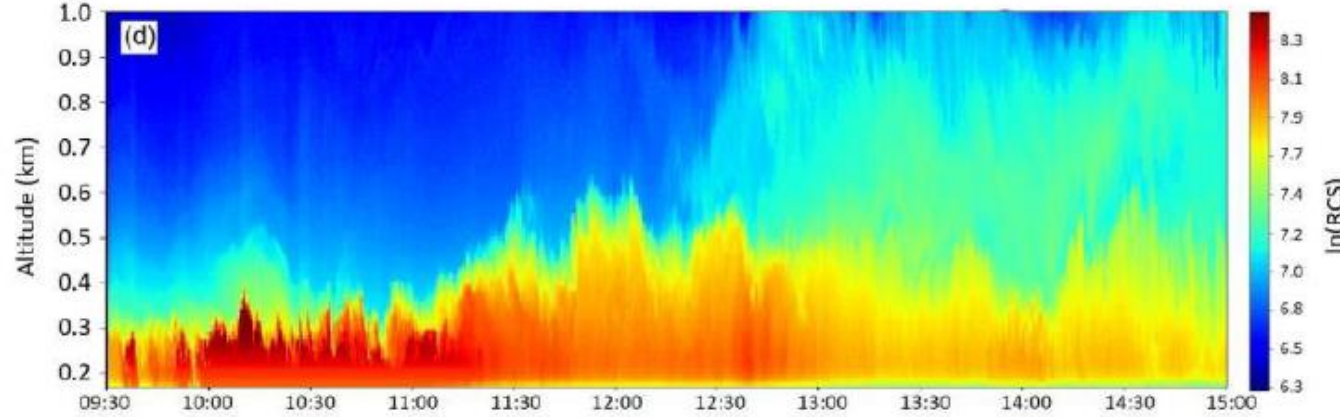
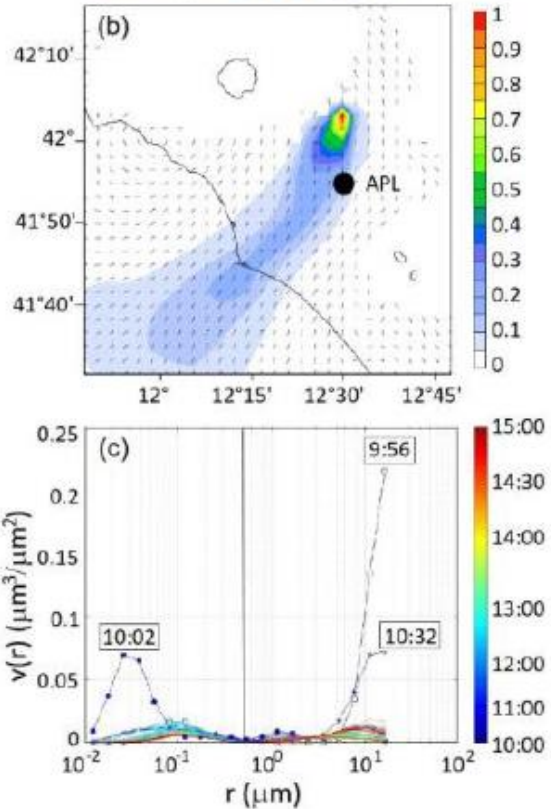
These techniques are **fully complementary**

Accurate information on (urban) atmosphere

is obtained from their physically consistent combination

Urban Boundary Layer (UBL)

- Mixed Layer (ML)
- Inertial Sublayer (IS)
- Surface Layer (SL)
 - Roughness Sublayer (RS)
 - Urban Canopy Layer (UCL)



Smoke plume analysis

- a) Image (drone)
- b) WRF plume simulation
- c) ASD sun-photometers
- d) LIDAR (RCS)
- e) AOD sun-photometers
- f) NO_2 PGN

Instrument	Network	Site
POM-PREDE #11	SKYNET-EUROPE	APL
POM-PREDE #22	SKYNET-EUROPE	CNR-ISAC
POM-PREDE Lunar	SKYNET-EUROPE	APL
Air Quality Low Cost		APL
PANDORA #115	PGN	CNR-ISAC
PANDORA #117	PGN	APL
PANDORA #138	PGN	CNR-IIA
Pyranometer		APL
All Sky Camera		APL
MWL-LIDAR		APL
SODAR		APL
MFRSR		APL
BREWER	EUBREWNET	APL
WRF model		ALL
CIMEL	AERONET	APL
Microbarometer		APL
Meteo Station		APL
All Sky Camera "stereo view"		APL
Ceilometer RAP		APL
Ceilometer IIA		CNR-IIA

CNR-ISAC "CIRAS"

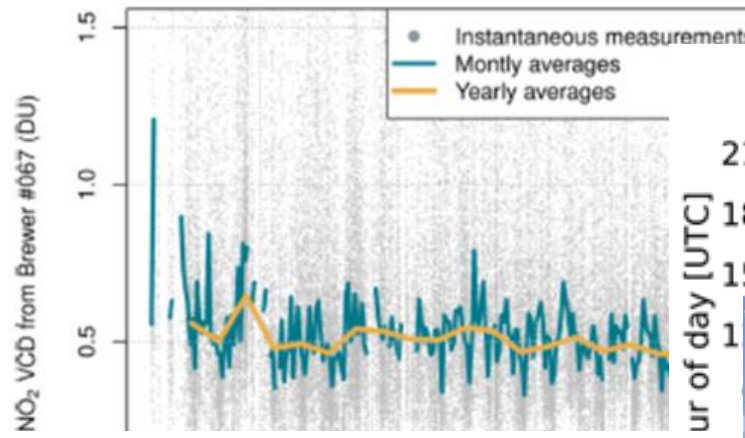
- MaxDOAS
- CIMEL
- SODAR

CNR-IIA "Liberti"

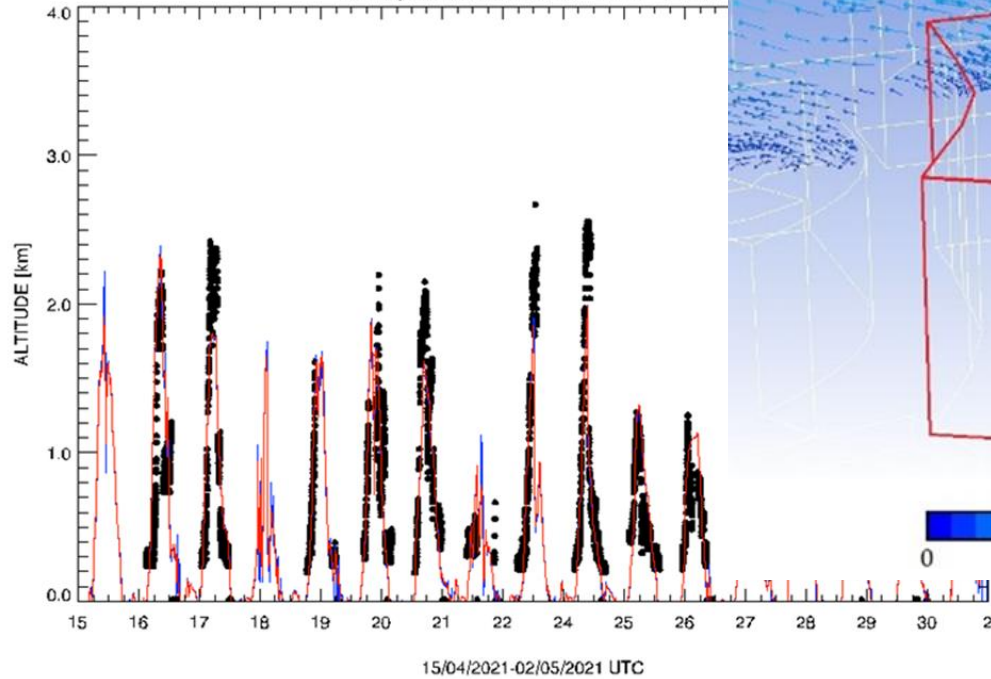
- MaxDOAS
- Meteo Station
- Air Quality in situ

Product	Instrument	References	Data availability			
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 PGN (<https://www.pandonia-global-network.org>)
 SKYNET-EUROPE (www.euroskyrad.net)

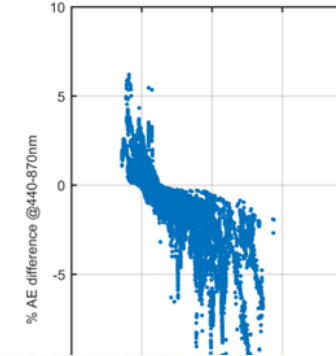
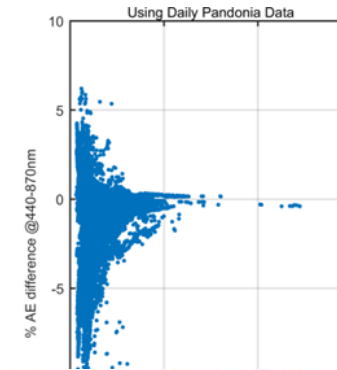
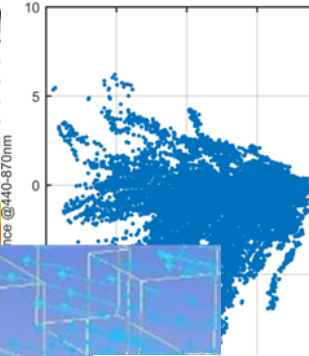
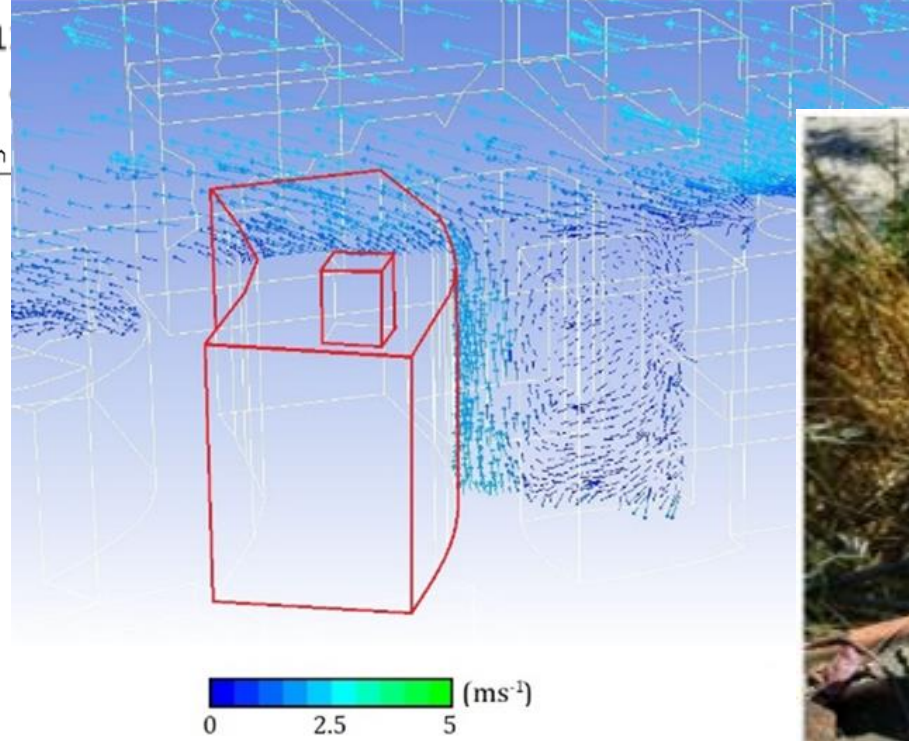
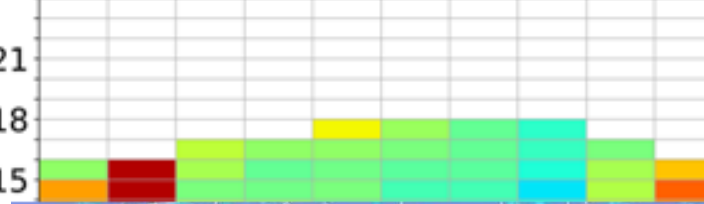


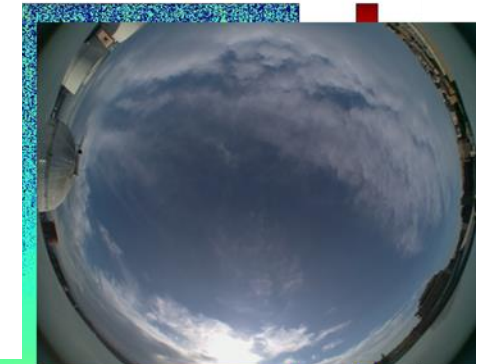
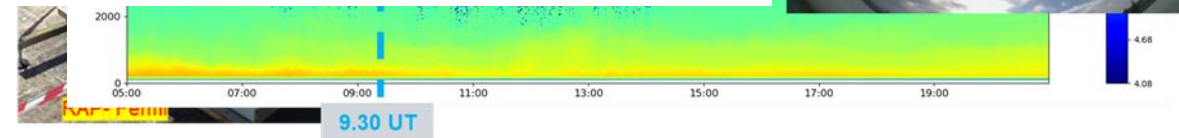
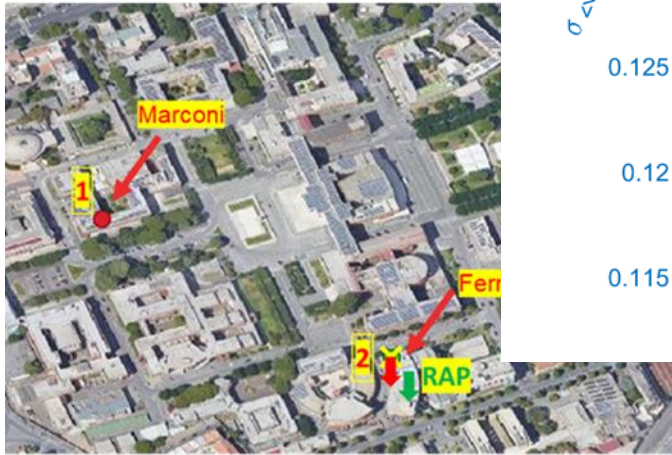
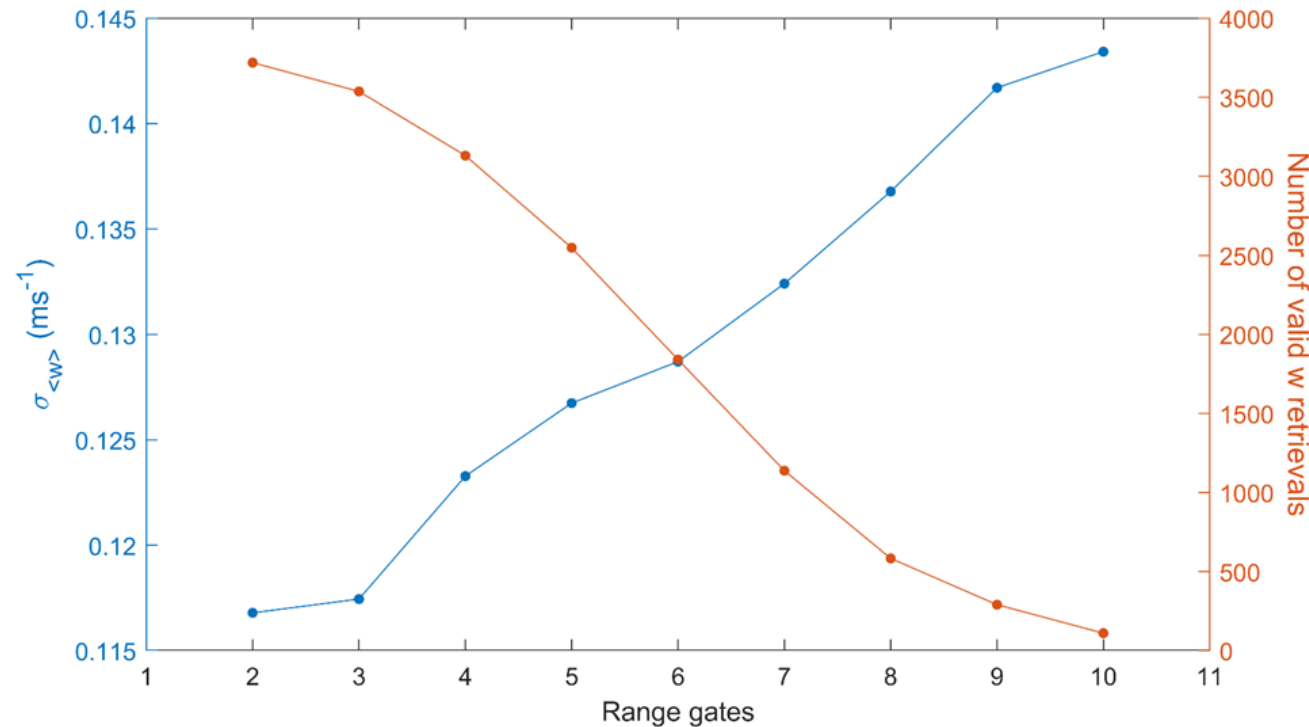
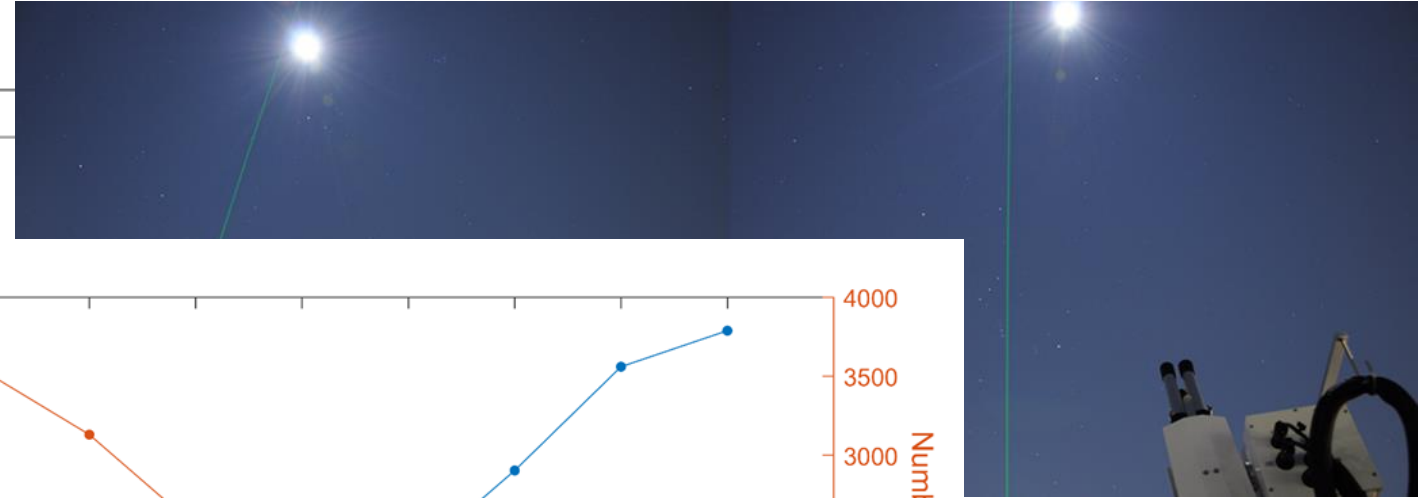
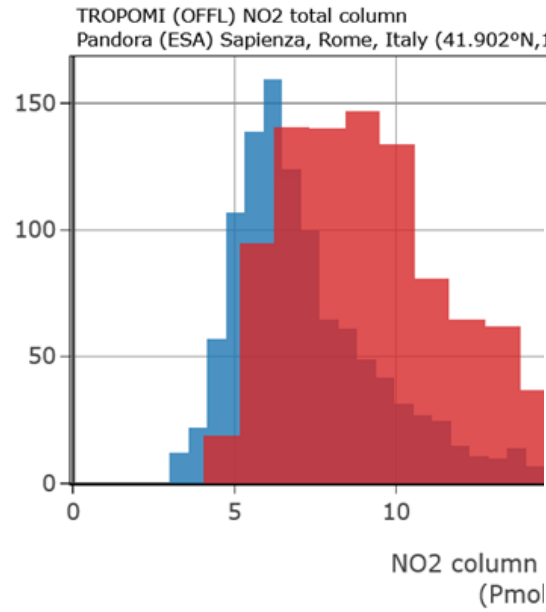
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- Station (p, T, RH, rain, UV, wind)
- NET, SKYRAD (aerosol)
- Trace gases, aerosol
- Quality (T, RH, trace gases, aerosol)
- DAR (cloud, aerosol, H₂O)
- (wind, turbulence)
- meter (solar irradiance)
- (aerosol, trace gases)
- era (cloud)
- DAR (cloud, aerosol)
- VNET (trace gases, aerosol)
- Meteo Station (T, RH, wind)

Conclusions

- Urban (APL), Semi-Rural (CNR-ISAC), Rural (CNR-IIA) components
- Continuous active/passive remote sensing and in situ instrumentation operation
- Data free dissemination to citizen, scientific and Cal/Val communities

BAQUNIN supersite is suitable for:

- Testing new instruments and operation modes
- Hosting long-term inter-calibration/comparison campaigns
- Education initiatives (e.g. summer schools): hands on instruments!

Next to come:

- ☐ Daytime total Column GHG EM27SUN (from KIT)
- ☐ Night-time NO₂ (NO₃) DIAL (custom)
- ☐ Air-quality in situ (from ENEA and CNR-IIA)

Looking forward building up new fruitful collaborations!

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