Studies of PSC Coverage and Composition Using CALIOP Data

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- PSC detection and areal coverage
- PSC composition
 - Classification scheme
 - Comparison with MIPAS
 - Seasonal evolution
 - Thermodynamic verification using Aura MLS HNO₃ & H₂O data
- Case study of NAT formation
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CALIPSO PSC Detection Algorithm (Second Generation)





- PSCs are detected as statistical outliers in scattering ratio (total/molecular backscatter) or β_{\perp} at 532 nm.
- Successive horizontal averaging (5, 15, 45, & 135 km)
- > Pitts et al., 2009, Atmos. Chem. Phys. Discuss., 9, 8121-8157.



CALIOP PSC Areal Coverage



PSC Area (x 1.e6 km^2)

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CALIOP PSC Composition Classification





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CALIPSO vs MIPAS PSC Composition







- Different approaches: lidar vs. IR limb emission/scattering (12-13 μm)
- Approximately 3000 coincident (<6hr,<200km) PSC observations in Antarctic in 2006-2007
- Good agreement overall, especially between MIPAS NAT and CALIPSO Mix1/Mix2 (90%)
- Höpfner et al., 2009, JGR (accepted)



Seasonal Evolution of Antarctic PSCs by Composition Class





The values have been normalized by the total PSC area to show the relative coverage of each composition class as indicated by the color bars.



PSC Occurrence Relative to T_{NAT}



Antarctic 2006-2008





Onset of PSCs in May 2007







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RECONCILE



- Four-year (2009-2013) EU project: "Reconciliation of essential process parameters for an enhanced predictability of Arctic stratospheric ozone loss and its climate interactions"
- We are an invited Associated Partner (Work Package 2: PSC Microphysics and Heterogeneous Chemistry, led by Prof. Thomas Peter, ETH-Zurich)
 - Intensive field campaign in Kiruna, Sweden, January-March 2010 (two separate deployments, 30 days apart)
 - M55-Geophysica high-altitude aircraft with full instrument suite, many flights targeting in-situ measurements in PSCs
 - Match campaign with balloon-borne O₃, H₂O, and backscatter measurements



CALIPSO and RECONCILE



- CALIOP expedited browse images used to identify PSC regions for flight planning purposes
- Possible direct aircraft underflights of CALIPSO, as well as coordination of Match balloon launches with CALIPSO overpasses
- Quick-look comparison of CALIOP PSC data products with aircraft and balloon-borne data during field mission, more comprehensive comparisons during extended post-campaign data analysis phase
- Monitoring of PSC activity between two separate phases of field campaign
- Use multi-year Antarctic and Arctic CALIOP PSC database to expand studies beyond limited scope of field campaign





BACKUP SLIDES



CALIOP PSC Composition Inter-hemispheric Differences



Arctic 2006/07-2007/08 Antarctic 2006-2008 R₅₃₂ R₅₃₂ 0.81.0 0.81.0 1.25 1.25 2 10 ∞ 5 10 ∞ 5 2 (a) (b) 0.6 0.6 # observations # observations 200000 10000 0.4 ^δaerosol ^δaerosol 0.4 89443 3761 40000 1414 0.2 0.2 17889 532 8000 200 0.0 0.0 0.4 1.0 0.8 0.4 0.2 0.0 1.0 0.8 0.6 0.2 0.0 0.6 1/R₅₃₂ 1/R₅₃₂



PSC Area versus T<T_{NAT} Area

CALIPSO PSC Area Antarctic 2007



Equilibrium T_{NAT} values calculated using Hanson and Mauersberger (1988) relationship with cloud-filtered Aura MLS HNO₃ and H₂O mixing ratio measurements





Seasonal Evolution of Aura MLS HNO₃ and H₂O Mixing Ratio



Three-year mean (2006-2008) Cloud-Filtered





PSC Occurrence Relative to T_{NAT}



