



An Overview of The Electrical Activity Recorded During PEACH, the Atmospheric Electricity Component of HyMeX

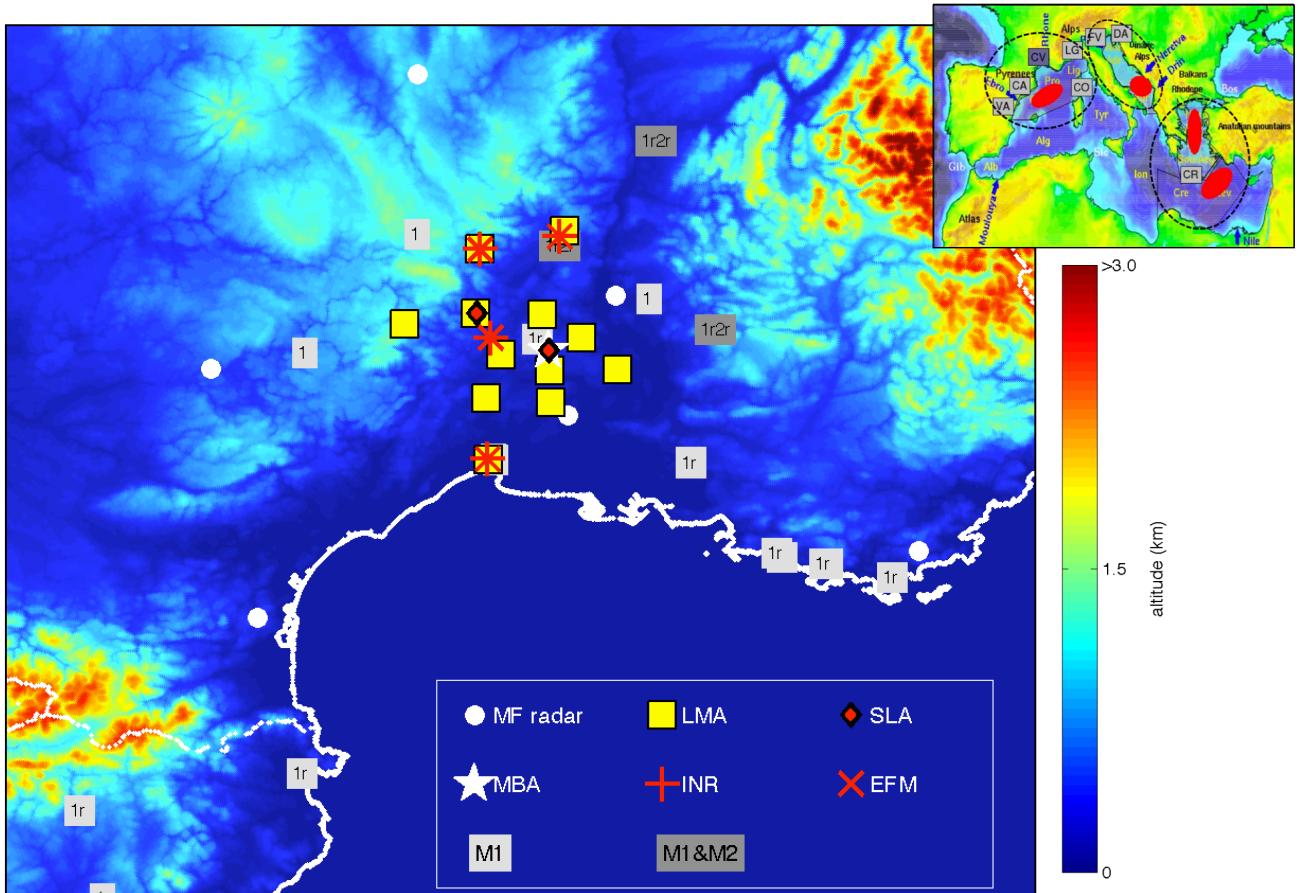
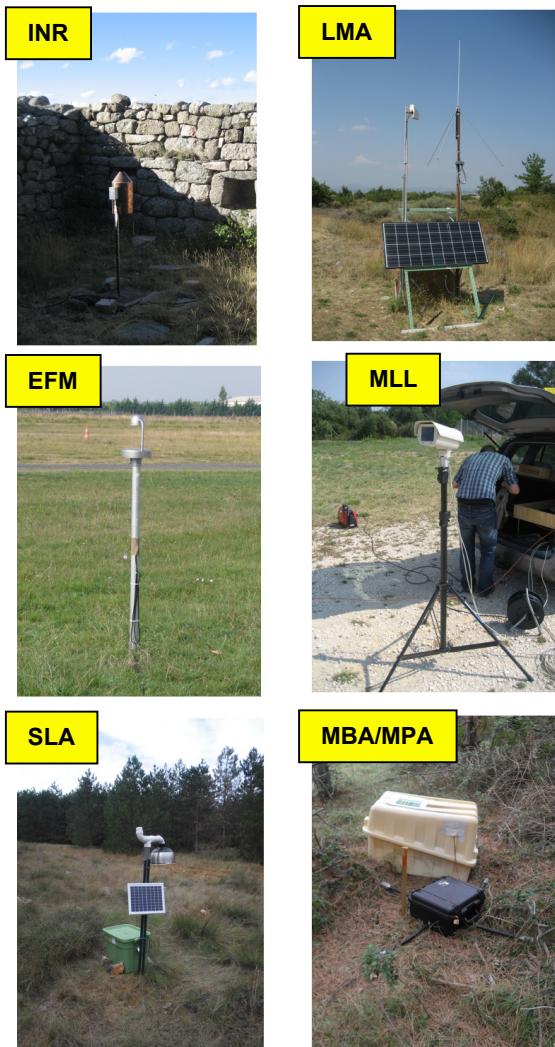
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- HyMeX : Hydrological cycle in the Mediterranean Experiment
A 10-year project with LOP, EOP and SOP for a better understanding and quantification of the hydrological cycle with emphasis on high-impact weather events
- PEACH : Projet en Electricité Atmosphérique pour la Campagne Hymex (Project in Atmospheric Electricity for HyMeX)
Part of WG3 (Heavy Precipitation) HyMeX Activities
Primary objective : multi-scale and multi-year lightning detection for observational- and modeling-based studies of the electrical activity in maritime and continental Mediterranean storms
Second objective : characterization of the electrical nature of storms and lightning flashes
- SOP1 : North-western Mediterranean, 6 Sept. to 6th Nov. 2012

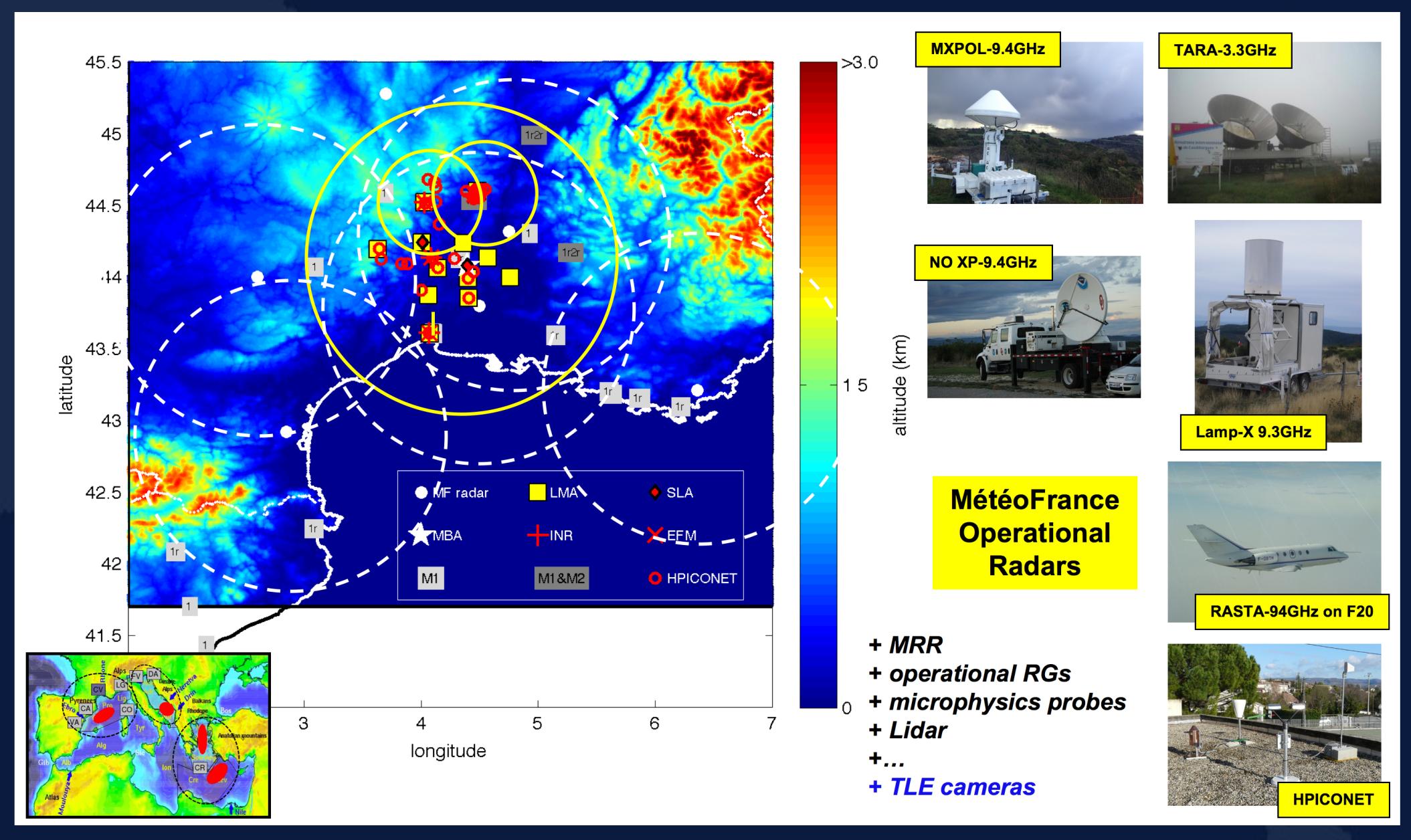
SOP1 TTO1h Instruments



34 elements deployed over the SOP1 domain

+ Operational LLSs (ATDnet, EUCLID, LINET, ZEUS)

Other SOP1 HyMeX Instruments



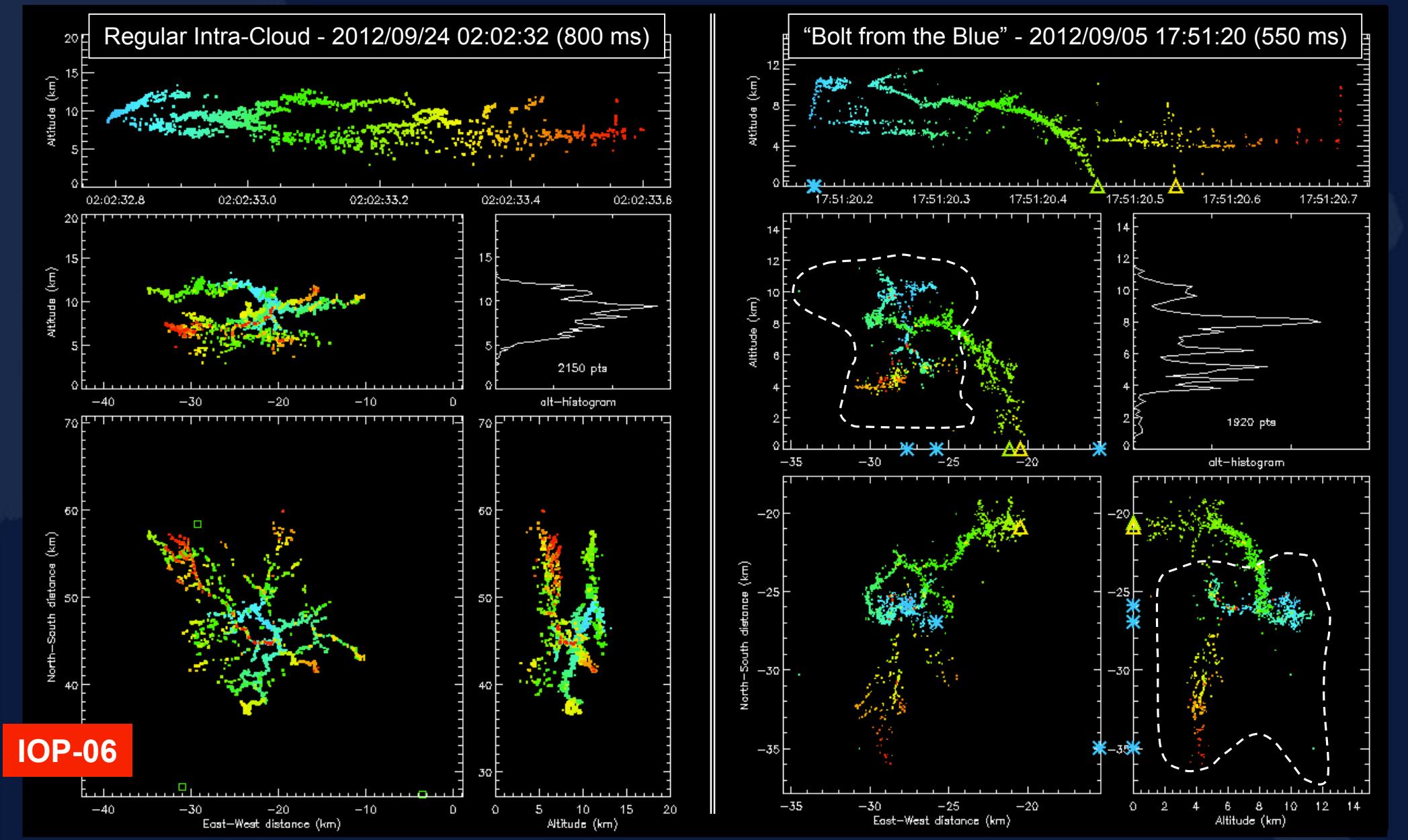
- Atmospheric Electricity
 - Stand-alone LMA network (real time through wireless connection)
 - Other instruments recording continuously with post-event evaluation
 - MLL on “storm chasing mode” with guidance from HOC and TTO1h members
 - Operational LLSs in support inside and outside the SOP1 domain

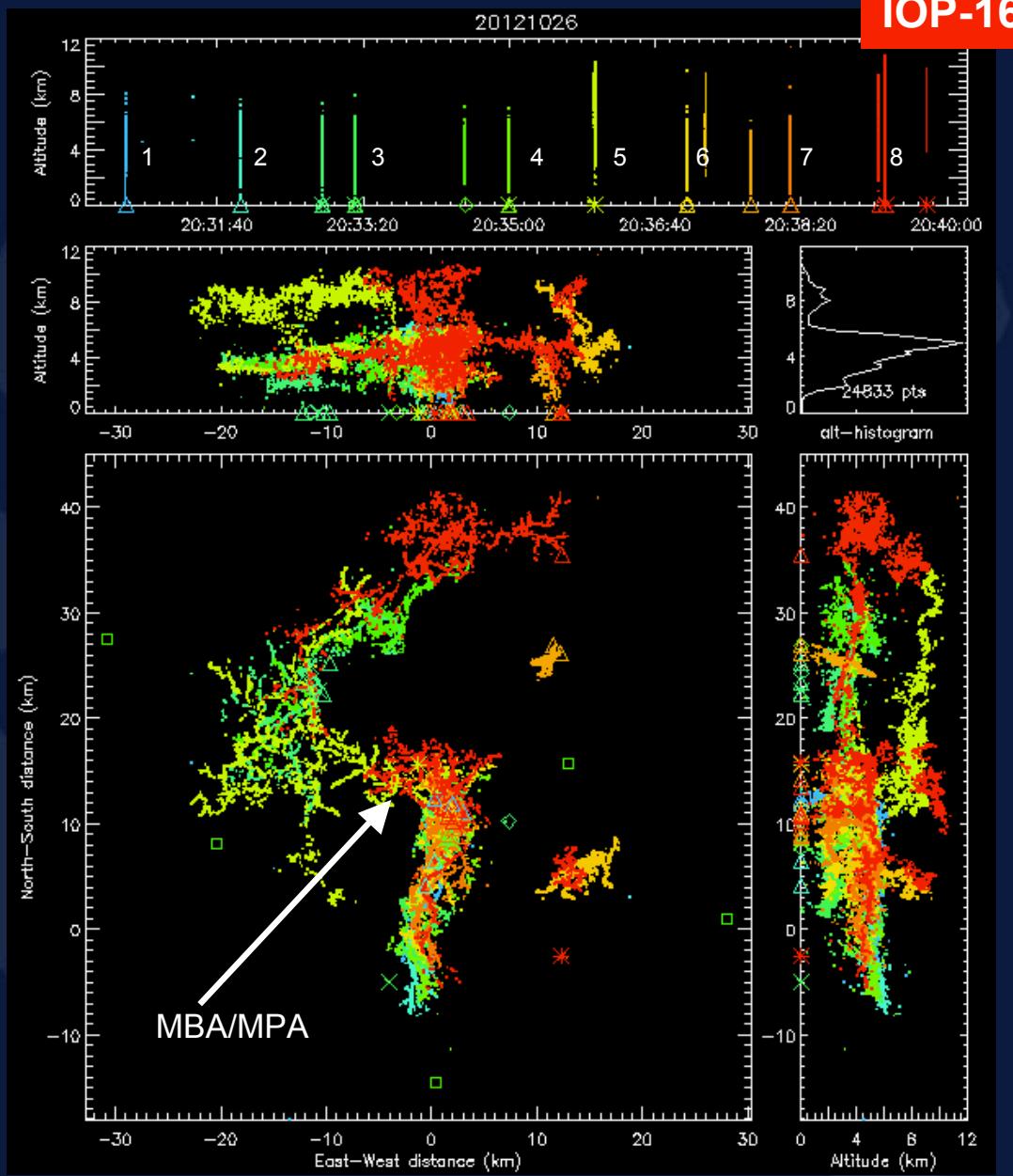
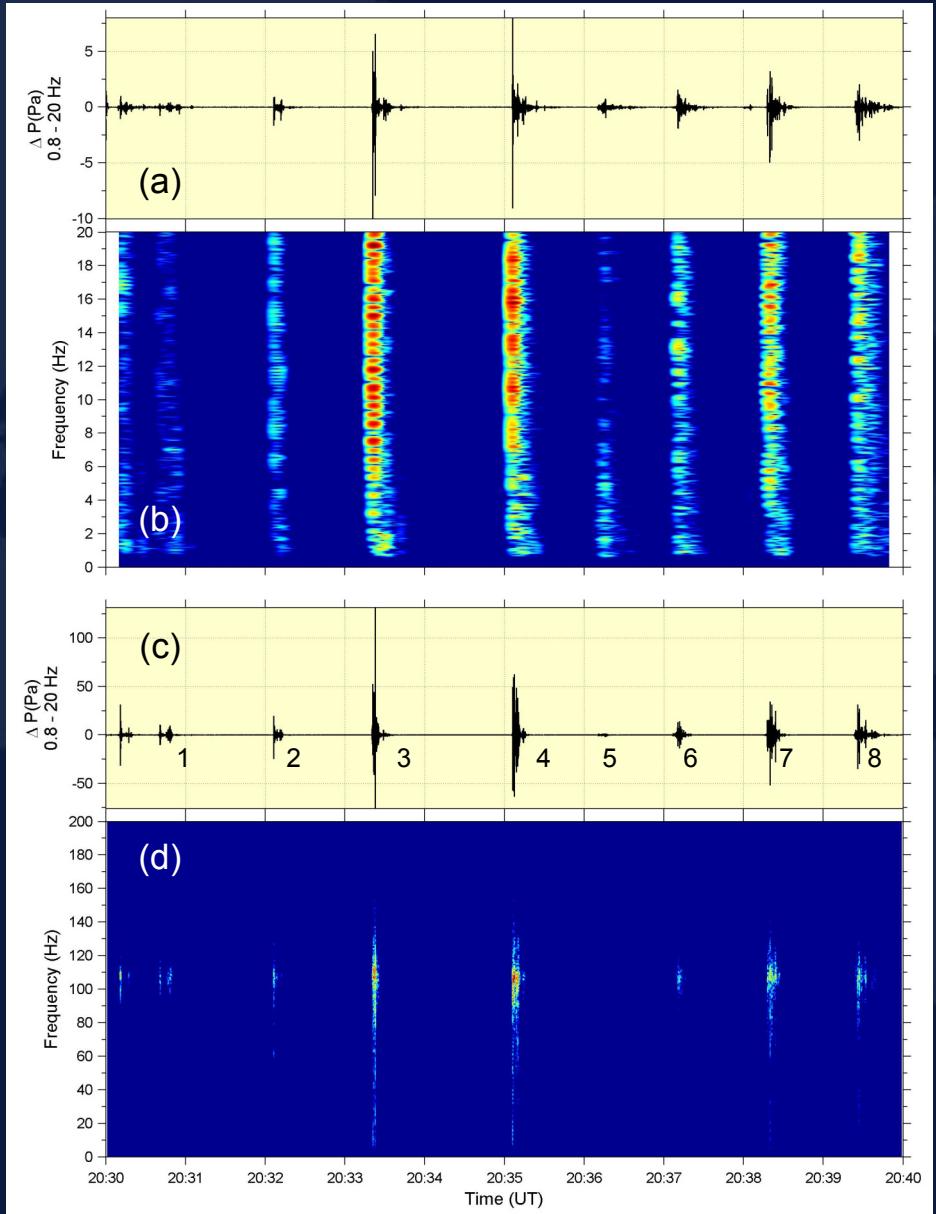
beginning of SOP1 (6 Sept.)

end of SOP1 (6 Nov.)

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Examples of Lightning Flashes



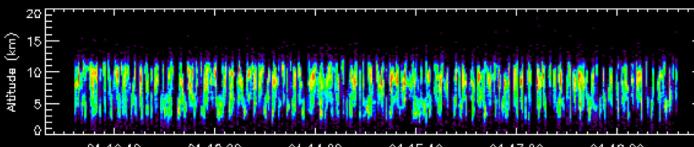


Lightning Activity at Storm Scale

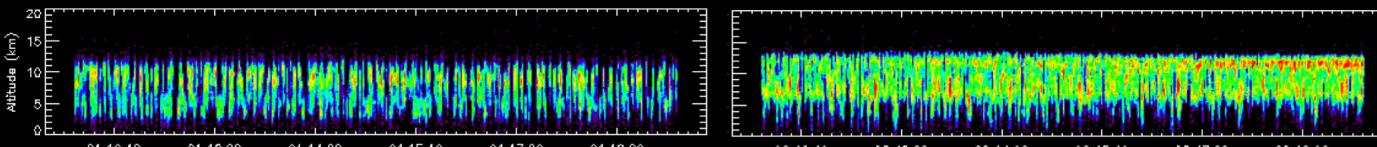
[LMA source density, 2012/09/24]

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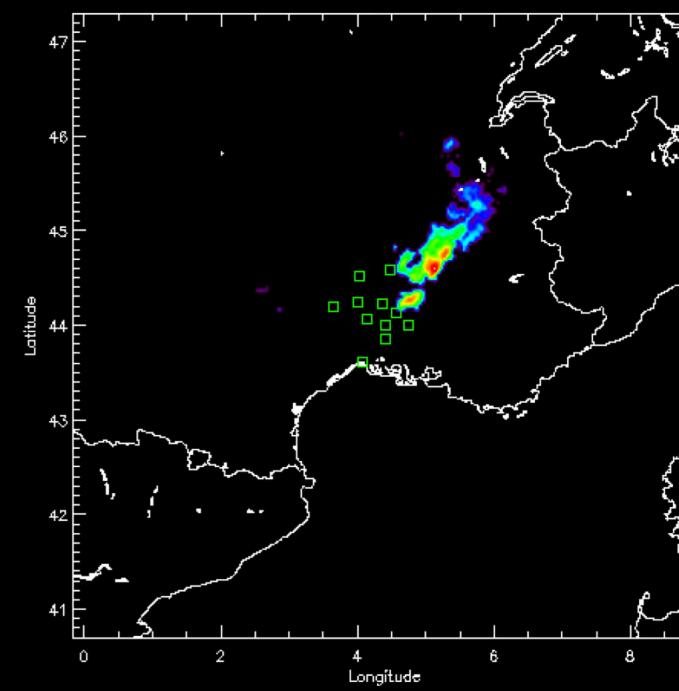
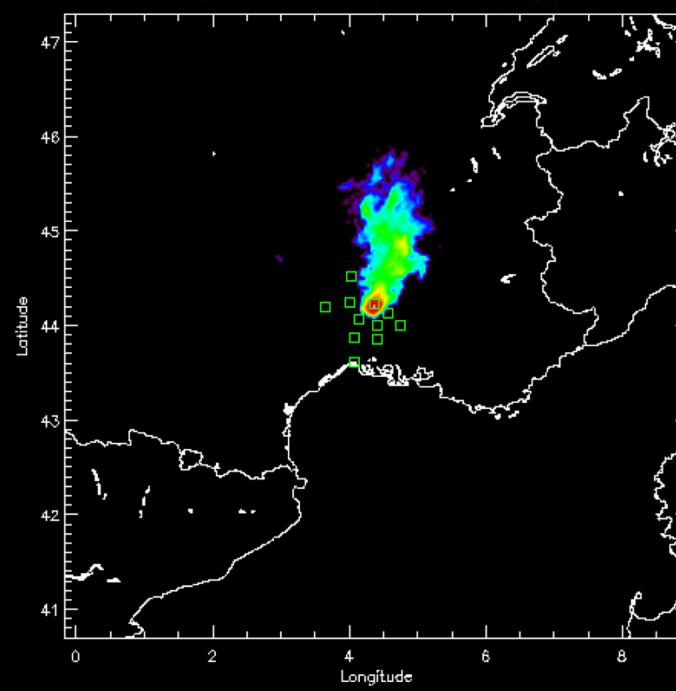
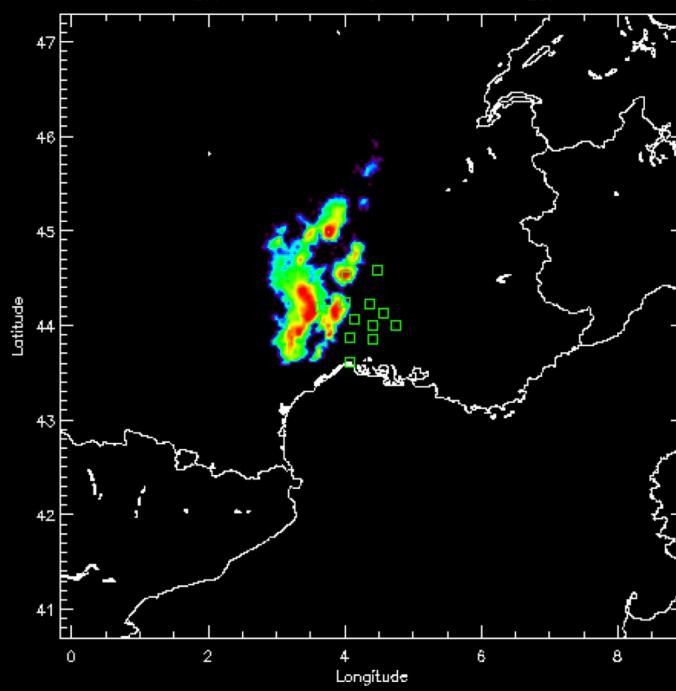
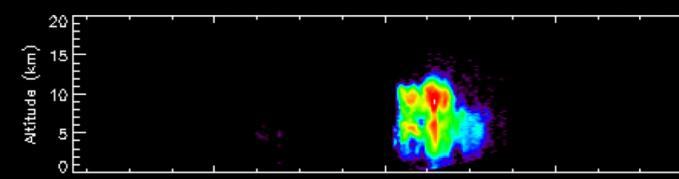
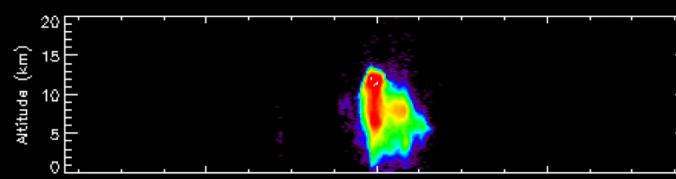
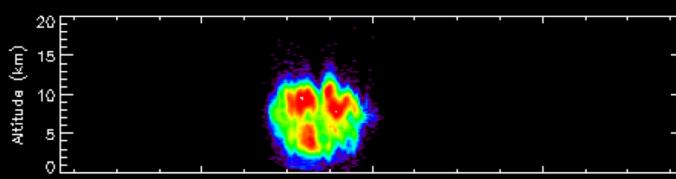
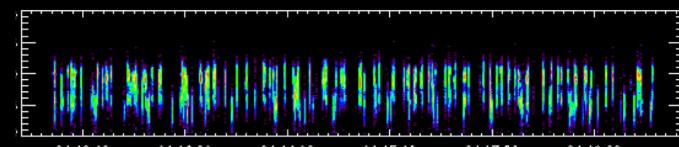
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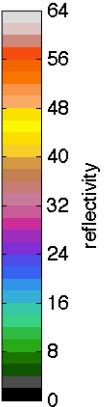
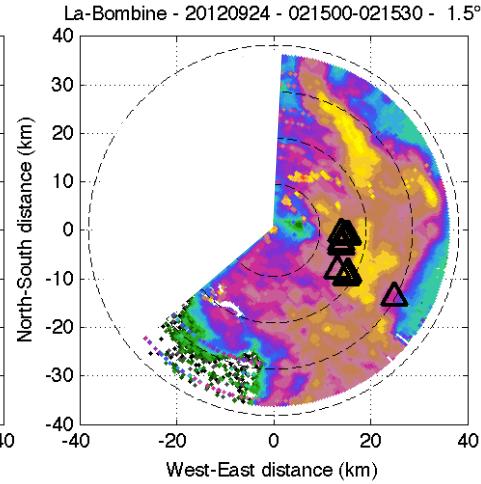
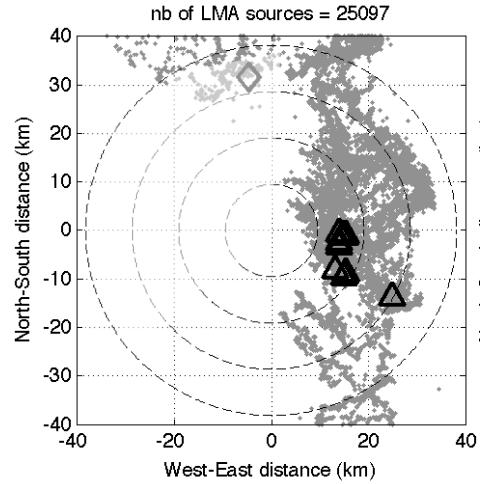
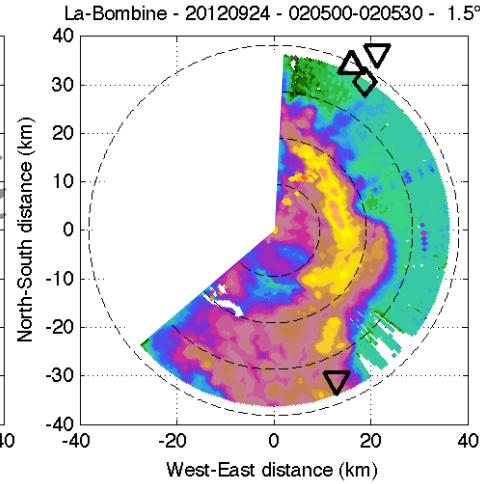
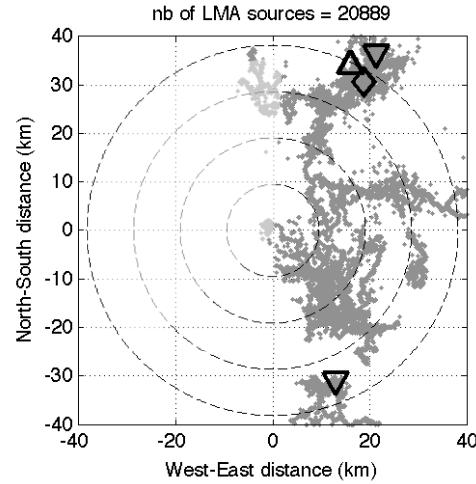
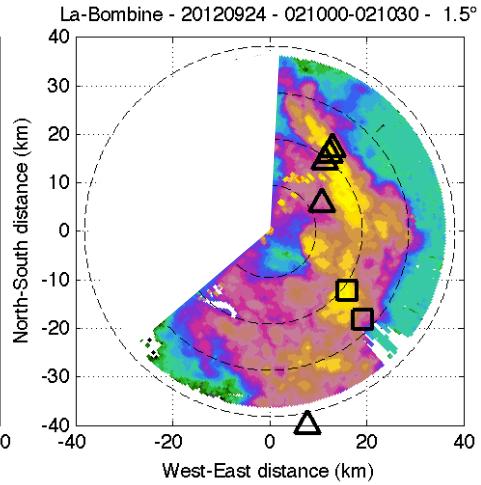
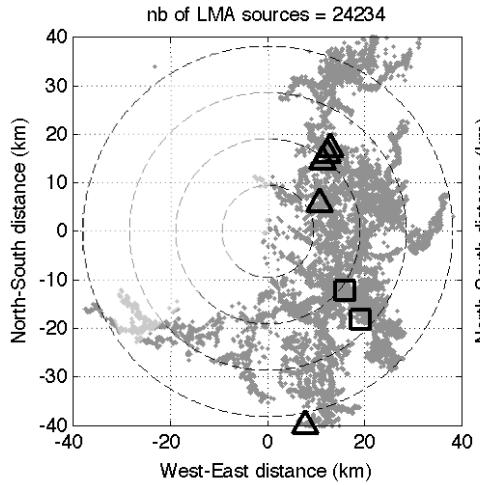
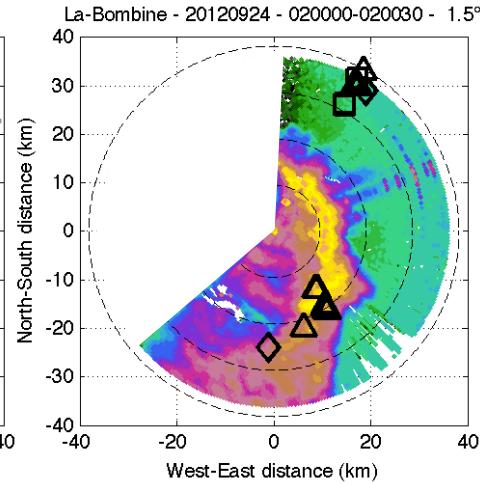
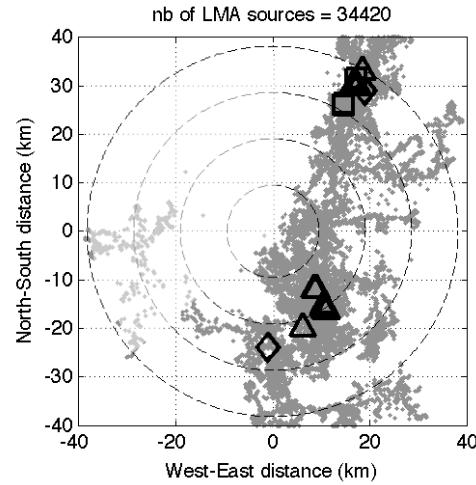


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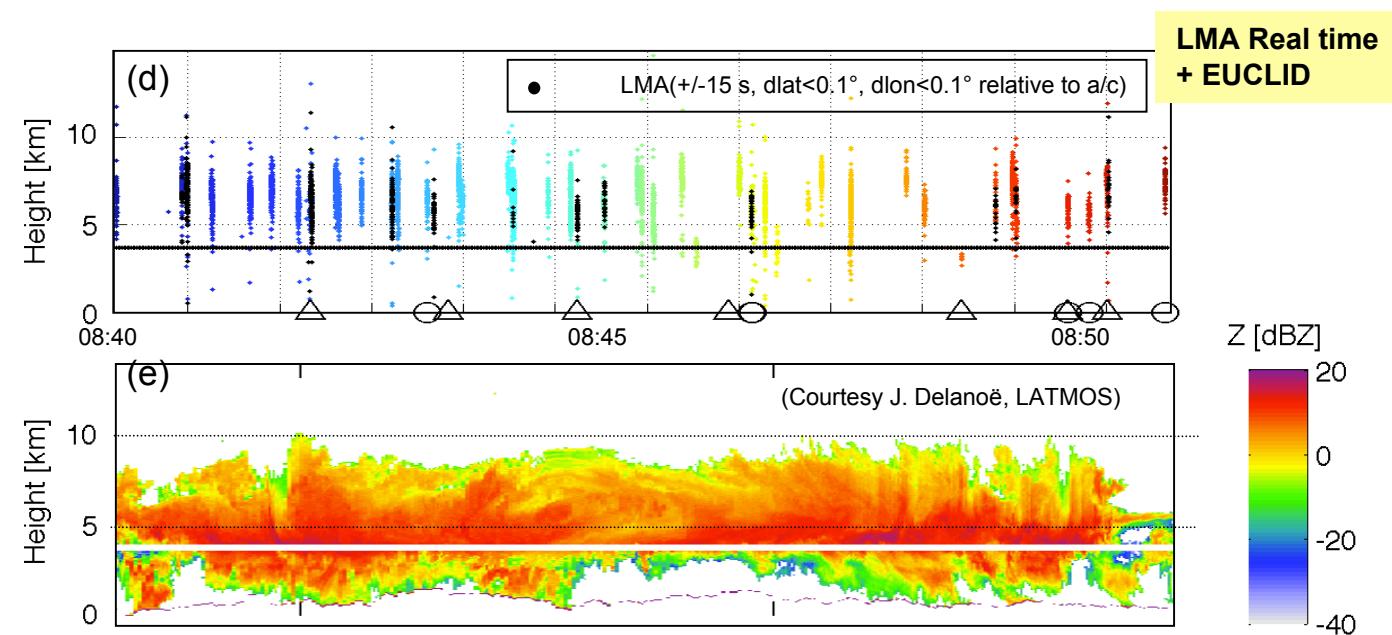
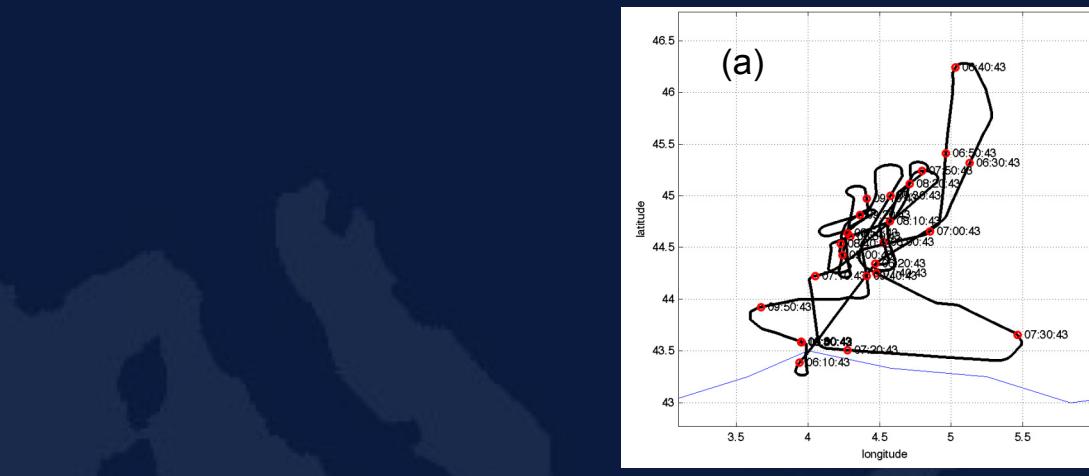
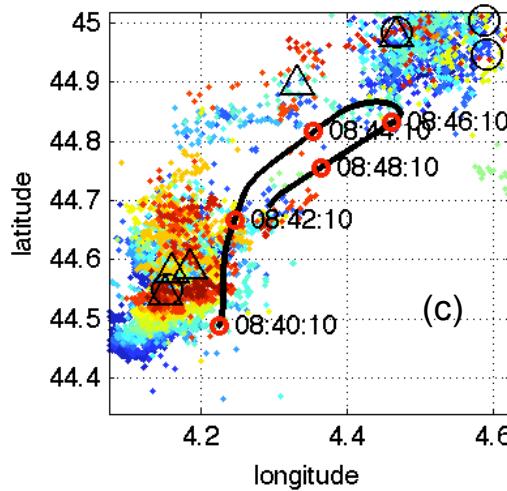
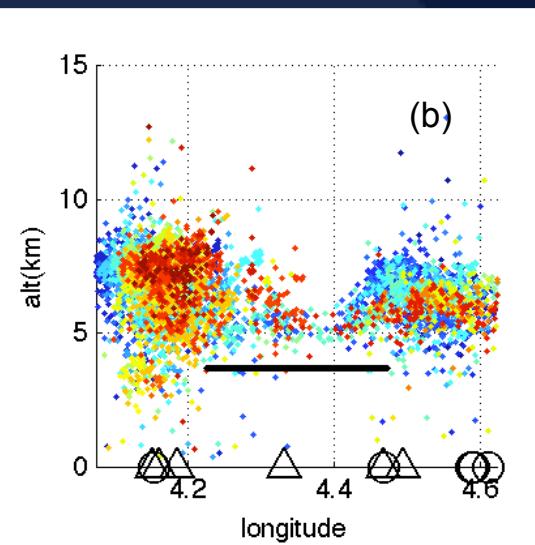


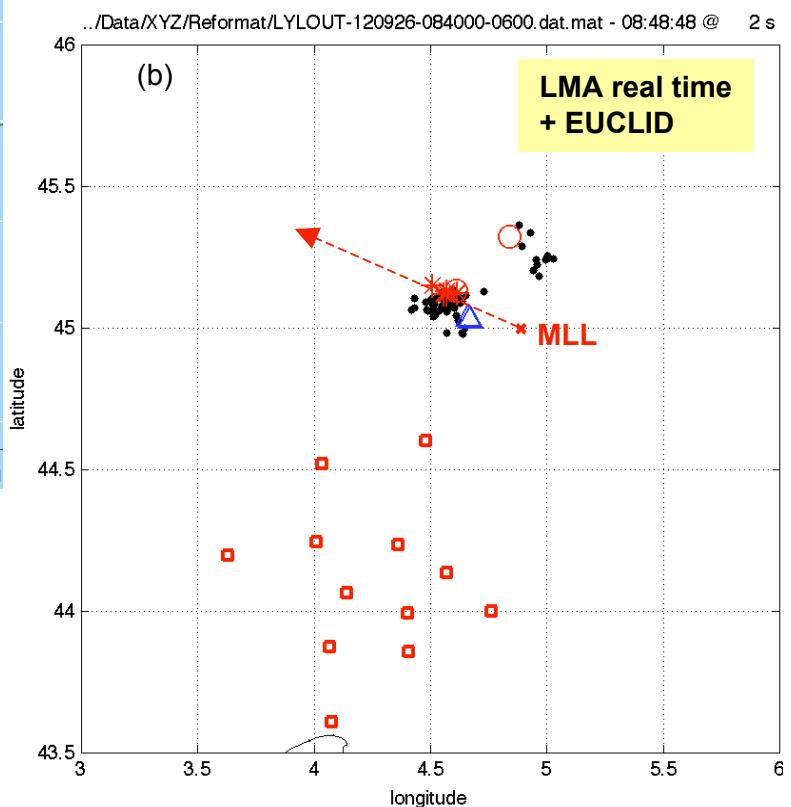
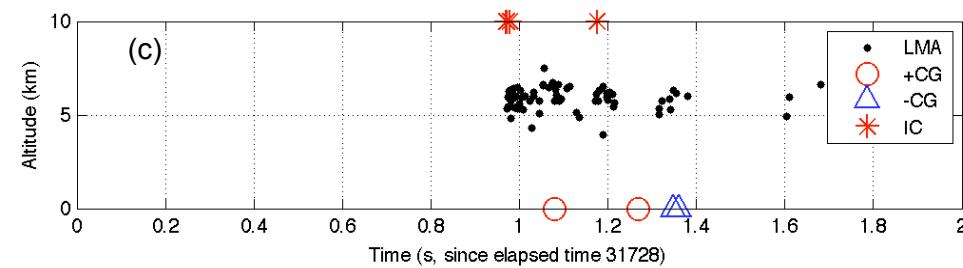
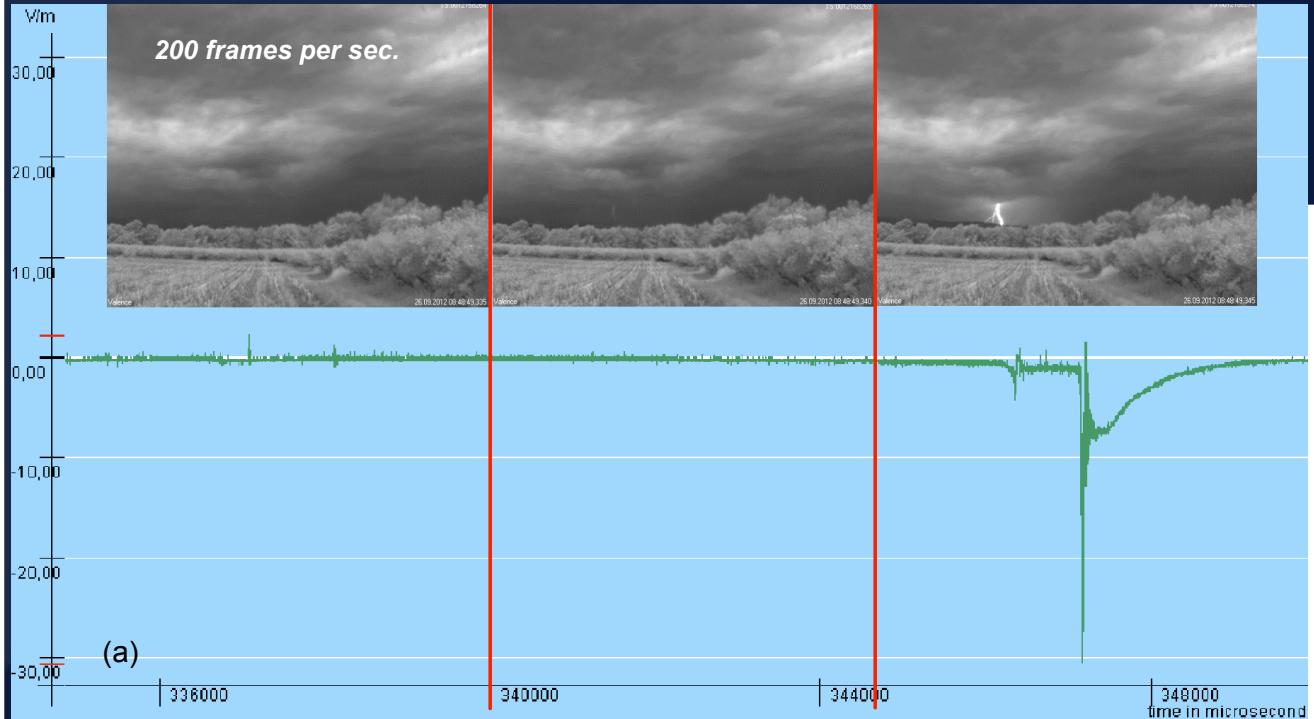


Lightning Activity & Cloud Properties

[LMA, RASTA & microphysics - 2012/09/26 08:40-08:50]

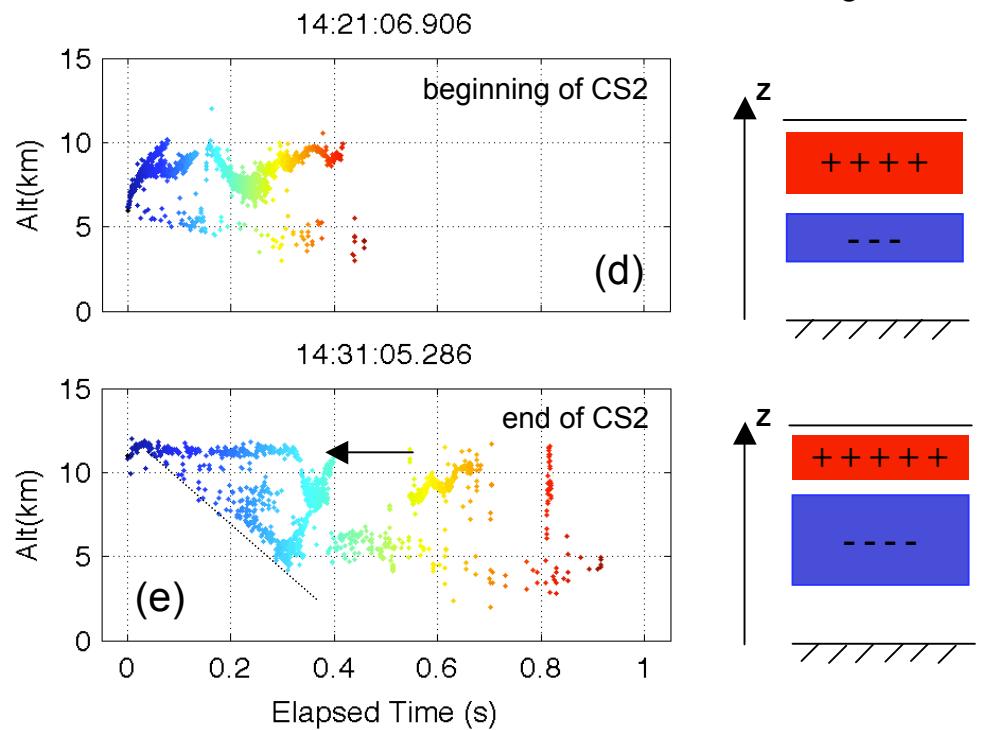
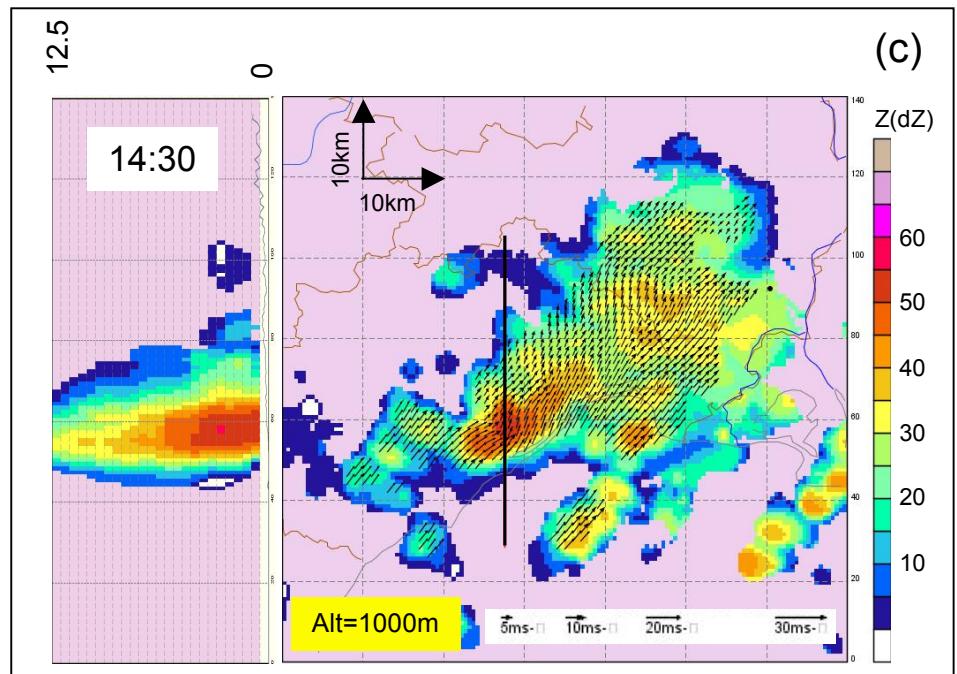
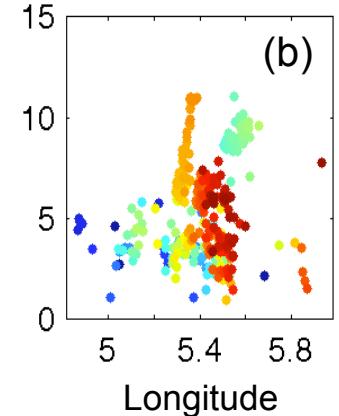
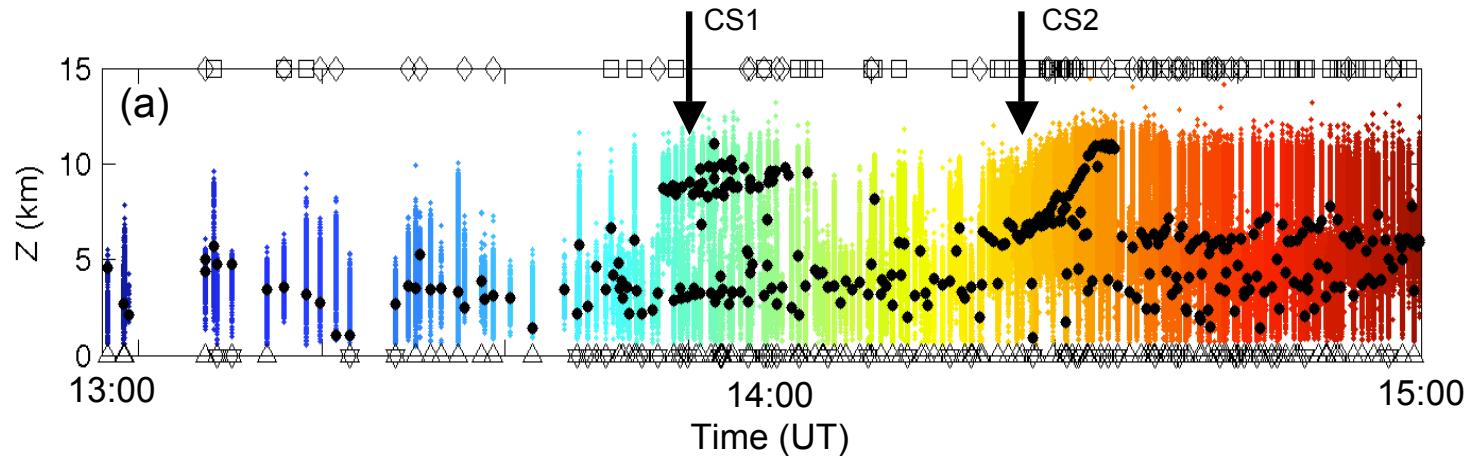
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- Comprehensive and unique dataset to perform studies at flash and storm levels over continental and maritime North-Western Mediterranean Basin
- *Flash Level*
 - Description of the same flash by different instruments
 - Inter-comparison and cross-normalization of available LLSSs
- *Storm Level*
 - Links between dynamics, rain/hail/microphysics, electrification and lightning occurrence
 - Interpretation with the use of electrified cloud models
- *Regional and Mediterranean Basin levels*

- Use of PEACH observations for verification and improvement of NWP simulations and cloud modeling (e.g. lightning data assimilation)
- Interact with local Weather Office based on lessons learned during SOP1
- Observations and products of interest for HyMeX Community :

Type	Δt	Δx	Parameter	S	E	L	Applications
3D & 4D maps	sec. to days	100's of m to 100's of km	Flash and storm locations and density maps	X	X	X	real time display, storm tracking/monitoring, assimilation, climate
	sec. to few hours	few 10's of km	Charge layer structures in parent clouds	X	-	-	storm monitoring and analysis
Time series	sec. to days	100's of m to 1000's of km	Flash rate, IC(CG) ratio, flash duration, maximum of flash density...	X	X	X	real time display, storm monitoring and analysis
	sec. to few hours	few 10's of km	Charge layer structures in parent clouds	X	-	-	storm monitoring and analysis

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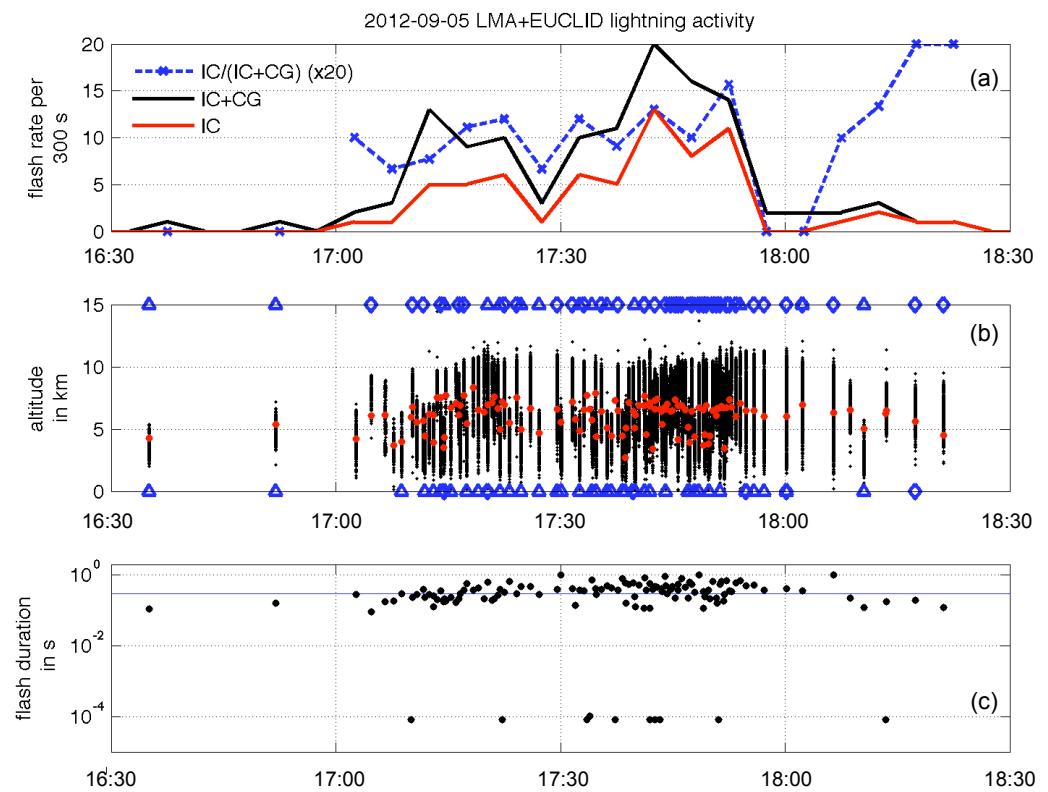
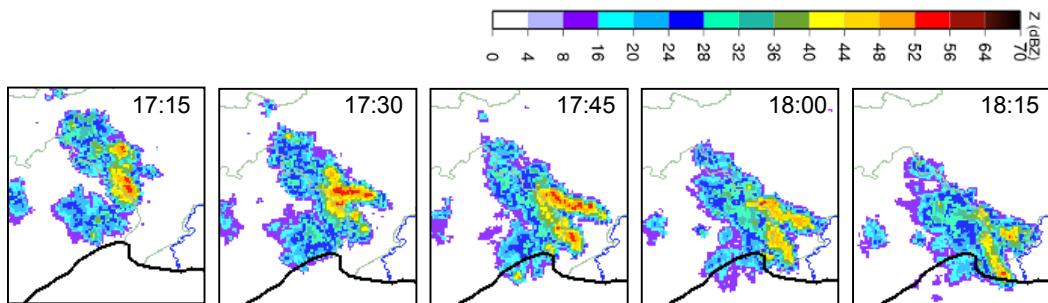
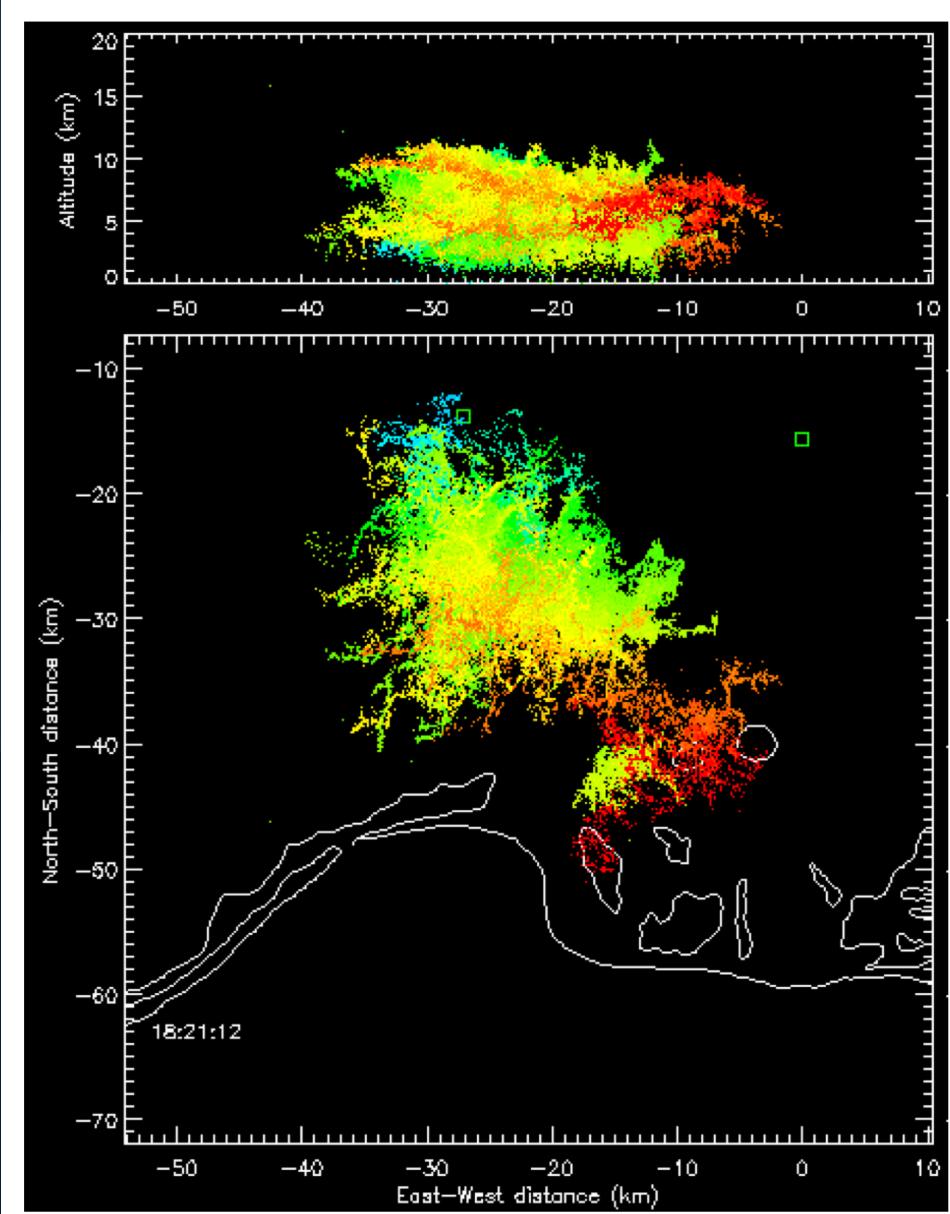
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The 05 September 2012 Storm

[LMA, Euclid & Op. MF Radar Analysis Methodology]



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