

A multi-sensor satellite-based archive of the largest SO₂ volcanic eruptions since 2006, by Pierre-Yves Tournigand et al.

Anonymous Referee #1

We would like to thank the anonymous reviewer for the insightful and constructive comments, which helped us to improve our manuscript. We appreciate the valuable comments and tried to address the issues raised as best as possible.

Specific Comments

MANUSCRIPT

Reviewer: Line 17. I feel it would be beneficial to elaborate here on there being no other archive which compiles the results from multiple satellite instruments and eruptions to really emphasise the strength of this dataset.

See after

Reply: We now emphasized it in different sections of the paper.

Reviewer: Line 20. 'We've archived and collocated ... the vertical backscatter from CALIOP ...' – I think rather than 'vertical backscatter' this sentence should indicate that you have included the CALIOP height and aerosol type.

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 25. Here you state that 'the cross-comparison of the datasets shows the high consistency of the parameters estimated with different sensors and algorithms'. This feels like quite a strong statement. In section 5 you compare the heights obtained with RO, CALIOP and IASI. You note that for a number of eruptions there is a good agreement between RO and CALIOP but that this is not the case for Calbuco. Table 4 shows that a number of the average differences between IASI/CALIOP and IASI/RO are greater than 3 km. Additionally, you have done no quantitative comparison of the partial column densities from AIRS, IASI and GOME-2. Some rewording would improve this statement.

Reply: The current paper introduces a new data archive that combines several satellite data-sets for recent eruptions and, for the first time, includes radio occultation data. Some limited inter-comparisons of the data are already published in the literature (Brenot et al., 2014; Carn et al., 2015; Theys et al., 2013), so here we concentrate on describing the archive. Future papers are planned to inter-compare different estimations of partial column densities and cloud top heights. We reworded the sentence to make it clearer and it now reads:

"the cross-comparison of the datasets shows different consistency of the parameters estimated with different sensors and algorithms according to the sensitivity and resolution of the instruments"

- Brenot, H., Theys, N., Clarisse, L., van Geffen, J., van Gent, J., Van Roozendael, M., et al.: Support to Aviation Control Service (SACS): an online service for near-real-time satellite monitoring of volcanic plumes, in: Natural Hazards and Earth System Sciences, 14(5), 1099–1123. <https://doi.org/10.5194/nhess-14-1099-2014>, 2014.

- Carn, S. A., K. Yang, A. J. Prata, and N. A. Krotkov (2015), Extending the long-term record of volcanic SO₂ emissions with the Ozone Mapping and Profiler Suite nadir mapper, Geophys. Res. Lett., 42, doi:10.1002/2014GL062437.

- Theys, N., Campion, R., Clarisse, L., Brenot, H., van Gent, J., Dils, B., Corradini, S., Merucci, L., Coheur, P.-F., Van Roozendael, M., Hurtmans, D., Clerbaux, C., Tait, S., and Ferrucci, F.: Volcanic SO₂ fluxes derived from satellite data: a survey using OMI, GOME-2, IASI and MODIS, Atmos. Chem. Phys., 13, 5945–5968, <https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-13-5945-2013>, 2013.

Reviewer: Line 91-102. This paragraph is a little confusing. You cite three papers/datasets: Ge et al. (2016); Carn et al. (2017); Carn et al. (2019) and it is a little difficult to tell if and how these papers/datasets are connected. Also, you suggest that Carn et al. (2017) included 'passive degassing' and 'main eruptive events' (line 94) but to the best of my knowledge this paper generates long term averaged fluxes that exclude large eruptive events. I would advise some rewording of this paragraph and perhaps some expansion on what is included in the Ge et al. (2016) and Carn et al. (2017) papers which might help the reader better understand their content.

Reply: The paragraph has been reformulated as follows.

"Considering SO₂ emissions, several datasets and inventories are available and updated over time, but generally include daily or yearly total emissions per volcano or per eruption. Ge et al. (2016) compiled an inventory for daily SO₂ emissions in the time frame 2005-2012 including global volcanic eruptions but also eight persistently degassing volcanoes retrieved by the Ozone Monitoring Instrument (OMI) on board the Aura satellite. Carn et al. (2017) implemented it including OMI retrievals from 2005 to 2015 of emissions related to passive degassing. The most updated ... provided (Carn et al., 2016; Carn, 2019). The above-mentioned datasets provide important information for users mainly needing to assess the climatic impact of SO₂ from volcanic sources, however, none of them allows for mapping the SO₂ emissions and related altitude estimations in space and time and thus the direct testing and comparison of new models and techniques, like GNSS RO, for example. We think it is important to provide a complementary multi-satellite archive covering the largest eruptive events and their cloud development all around the world in order to facilitate the access to such data for future studies."

Details about Ge et al. (2016) inventory are available at http://wiki.seas.harvard.edu/geos-chem/index.php/Volcanic_SO2_emissions

Reviewer: Section 2. In this section it would be useful to have some more information about the performance of each technique. For example, conditions in which the technique performs well or badly. And information such as the detection limits and uncertainties. This has been done for AIRS (lines 135-138) and something similar for each instrument/technique would help the reader appreciate the strengths and limitations of each tool. It would also help a user to correctly interpret the archived data- especially if they are comparing the results from different instruments. Section 4.3 does point the reader to some of the relevant literature but it would be nice to have this in section 2 and with more detail.

Reply: For IASI limitation and uncertainties please see the next reply.

For GOME limitation and uncertainties we added the following text to the paragraph 2.3:

"The volcanic emission measurement is facilitated by large SO₂ columns generally at high altitudes (free-troposphere to lower stratosphere). However, for large SO₂ columns (typically >50 DU) the absorption tends to saturate leading to a general underestimation and directly affecting the product accuracy. For most volcanoes, there is no ground-based equipment to measure SO₂ during the eruption and the validation approach is usually a cross-comparisons with other satellite products. The O3M SAF validation report (Theys and Koukouli, 2015) shows that GOME-2 SO₂ product reaches the target/optimal accuracy of 50%/30% respectively. It is important to notice that the SO₂ retrievals from GOME-2 are also affected by clouds and instrumental noise especially at high solar zenith angles. These limitations have been filtered in the data used in this work, according to the criteria shown by Brenot et al. (2014)."

- Theys and Koukouli,

https://cdop.aeronomie.be/ProjectDir/documents/ValidationReports/Validation_Report_GOME-2_SO2_GDP4.8_Dec2015.pdf

- Brenot, H., Theys, N., Clarisse, L., van Geffen, J., van Gent, J., Van Roozendaal, M., et al.: Support to Aviation Control Service (SACS): an online service for near-real-time satellite monitoring of volcanic plumes, in: Natural Hazards and Earth System Sciences, 14(5), 1099–1123. <https://doi.org/10.5194/nhess-14-1099-2014>, 2014.

Reviewer: Line 144. You mention the IASI retrieval technique is based on a BTD with the v_3 absorption band – brightness temperature difference with what?

Line 144-149. Initially it is implied that the IASI VCD retrieval is run using fixed heights. But in the archived data there is only a single value for the IASI VCD. Could you clarify if this is obtained by interpolating the results with the height from the second retrieval?

Line 148. It would be useful if there was a line here explaining how the IASI height retrieval worked.

Reply: Thank you for these comments; we have now updated the relevant paragraph 2.2 clarifying these different aspects (including some general statement on sensitivity and uncertainties):

“The Infrared Atmospheric Sounding Interferometer (IASI) is a Fourier transform instrument onboard the near-polar sun-synchronous orbiting satellites Metop-A and Metop-B, respectively, launched in October 2006 and September 2012 with ascending equator crossing local time at 9:30. IASI covers the full globe two times per day with a swath of 2200 km and a spatial resolution of 12 km at nadir (Clerbaux et al., 2009). The SO₂ retrieval is based on a brightness temperature difference between channels in and outside the SO₂ v_3 band (Clarisse et al., 2012) which is converted to SO₂ concentration integrated along the vertical axis the Vertical Column Density (VCD) using look-up tables and operational profiles of pressure, temperature and humidity. The retrieval of VCD assumes that all SO₂ is located at particular atmospheric layers (5, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 25 or 30 km above sea level) providing different estimations at different altitudes. It has a detection limit of around 0.5 DU at the tropopause, which increases for decreasing altitude (depending on the amount of water vapour in the atmosphere). For plumes above 500hPa (about 5.5 km) the algorithm has a theoretical uncertainty between 3-6%. A second algorithm (Clarisse et al., 2014) is applied to compute the SO₂ cloud altitude with an accuracy of about 2 km for plumes below 20 km. The algorithm exploits the fact that the SO₂ v_3 band interferes with strong water vapour absorptions, and that these interferences, by virtue of the vertical water vapour profile, have a strong dependency with height. Combining the two datasets, a single best-estimate VCD is obtained by interpolating the VCD columns of the first algorithm at the retrieved height.”

Reviewer: Section 2.4. I think in this section it is important to highlight that with CALIOP you are not measuring SO₂ but ash, sulphate, smoke and/or dust. It would be good to acknowledge here some of the limitations of assuming SO₂/ash are collocated.

Reply: CALIOP instrument does not allow SO₂ measurements but dust, elevated smoke, volcanic ash and sulfate. However, the CALIOP classification algorithm do not include the volcanic ash type below the tropopause level (Kim et al. 2018) so it is difficult to distinguish the volcanic ash from other aerosol types in the lower troposphere. Both ash and SO₂ are not necessarily collocated during an eruption, this is the reason why all the CALIOP data have also been collocated with the SO₂ estimation from AIRS, IASI and GOME-2. We added a new sentence in the section 2.4 of the manuscript stating:

“The CALIOP does not allow SO₂ measurements or estimation (it provides estimations of dust, elevated smoke, volcanic ash and sulfate) and the CALIOP classification algorithm do not include the volcanic ash type below the tropopause level (Kim et al. 2018) making difficult to distinguish the volcanic ash from other aerosol types in the lower troposphere., For these reasons, the selected CALIOP backscatter is collocated with the SO₂ estimation from AIRS, IASI and GOME-2 and this combination provides a complete information on the content and vertical structure of the cloud.”

- Kim, M. H., Omar, A. H., Tackett, J. L., Vaughan, M. A., Winker, D. M., Trepte, C. R., ... & Kar, J. (2018). The CALIPSO version 4 automated aerosol classification and lidar ratio selection algorithm. Atmospheric measurement techniques, 11(11), 6107.

Reviewer: Section 3. This section details all the variables contained in the files. I think it would be really beneficial to a user to have these listed in a table (either in this paper or in the supplementary information). I found I referred to the supplementary information (print out of all the variables) a lot while trying to load and plot the data. A table summarising the variable names, meaning, dimensions, type and units would be even more useful as a quick reference guide.

Reply: We added a table with all the info.

Variable name	Content	Dimension (rows, columns)	Type	Unit
AIRS_lat	Latitude data, each column corresponds to a granule and each row to one data point in a granule.	AIRS_lat, date_AIRS	double	degrees north
AIRS_lon	Longitude data, each column corresponds to a granule and each row to one data point in a granule.	AIRS_lat, date_AIRS	double	degrees east
AIRS_date	Date of granule contained in each column.	1, date_AIRS	int	seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00:0.0
AIRS_SO2	SO2 data, each column corresponds to a granule and each row to one data point in a granule.	AIRS_lat, date_AIRS	double	DU
IASI_lat	Latitude data, each column corresponds to a granule and each row to one data point in a granule.	IASI_lat, date_IASI	double	degrees north
IASI_lon	Longitude data, each column corresponds to a granule and each row to one data point in a granule.	IASI_lat, date_IASI	double	degrees east
IASI_date	Date of granule contained in each column.	1, date_IASI	int	seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00:0.0
IASI_SO2	SO2 data, each column corresponds to a granule and each row to one data point in a granule.	IASI_lat, date_IASI	double	DU
IASI_height	Cloud top height estimated with IASI	IASI_lat, date_IASI	double	m
GOME_lat	Latitude data, each column corresponds to a granule and each row to one data point in a granule.	GOME_lat, date_GOME	double	degrees north
GOME_lon	Longitude data, each column corresponds to a granule and each row to one data point in a granule.	GOME_lat, date_GOME	double	degrees east
GOME_date	Date of granule contained in each column.	1, date_GOME	int	seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00:0.0
GOME_SO2_1	SO2 data, each column corresponds to a granule and each row to one data point in a granule.	GOME_lat, date_GOME	double	DU
GOME_SO2_2	SO2 data, each column corresponds to a granule and each row to one data point in a granule.	GOME_lat, date_GOME	double	DU
GOME_SO2_3	SO2 data, each column corresponds to a granule and each row to one data point in a granule.	GOME_lat, date_GOME	double	DU
CALIOP_lat	Latitude data, each row corresponds to one point of a CALIOP track.	CALIOP_lat, 1	double	degrees north
CALIOP_lon	Longitude data, each row corresponds to one point of a CALIOP track.	CALIOP_lat, 1	double	degrees east
CALIOP_date	Date and time, each row corresponds to one point of a CALIOP track.	CALIOP_lat, 1	int	seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00:0.0
CALIOP_filename	Filename, each row provides the filename of the given data point.	CALIOP_lat, CALIOP_char	char	n.a.
CALIOP_height	Cloud top altitude data, each row corresponds to one point of a CALIOP track and each column to a collocated sensor.	CALIOP_lat, Sensors	double	m
CALIOP_type	Cloud type data, each row corresponds to one point of a CALIOP track, three columns corresponding to three levels of altitude -0.5 to 8.2 km, 8.2 to 20.2km and 20.2 to 30.1km	CALIOP_lat, CALIOP_char2, CALIOP_type	double	n.a.
Only volcano files				

RO_lat	Latitude data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_lat, RO_profile	double	degrees north
RO_lon	Longitude data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_lat, RO_profile	double	degrees east
RO_date	Date and time data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_lat, RO_profile	int	seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00:0.0
RO_bending_angle	Bending angle data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_lat, RO_profile	double	rad
RO_anomaly_bending_angle	Bending angle anomaly data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_lat, RO_profile	double	percent
RO_temperature	Temperature data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_lat, RO_profile	double	K
RO_pressure	Pressure data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_lat, RO_profile	double	Pa
RO_refractivity	Refractivity data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_lat, RO_profile	double	1
RO_specific_humidity	Specific humidity data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_lat, RO_profile	double	kg.kg-1
RO_heightVC	Cloud top altitude data, each column corresponds to a ro profile.	1, RO_profile	double	m
Only daily files				
RO_AIRS_lat	Latitude data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_AIRS_lat, RO_AIRS_profile	double	degrees north
RO_AIRS_lon	Longitude data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_AIRS_lat, RO_AIRS_profile	double	degrees east
RO_AIRS_date	Date and time data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_AIRS_lat, RO_AIRS_profile	int	seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00:0.0
RO_AIRS_bending_angle	Bending angle data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_AIRS_lat, RO_AIRS_profile	double	rad
RO_AIRS_anomaly_bending_angle	Bending angle anomaly data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_AIRS_lat, RO_AIRS_profile	double	percent
RO_AIRS_temperature	Temperature data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_AIRS_lat, RO_AIRS_profile	double	K
RO_AIRS_pressure	Pressure data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_AIRS_lat, RO_AIRS_profile	double	Pa
RO_AIRS_refractivity	Refractivity data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_AIRS_lat, RO_AIRS_profile	double	1
RO_AIRS_specific_humidity	Specific humidity data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_AIRS_lat, RO_AIRS_profile	double	kg.kg-1
RO_AIRS_heightVC	Cloud top altitude data, each column corresponds to a ro profile.	1, RO_AIRS_profile	double	m
RO_IASI_lat	Latitude data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_IASI_lat, RO_IASI_profile	double	degrees north
RO_IASI_lon	Longitude data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_IASI_lat, RO_IASI_profile	double	degrees east

RO_IASI_date	Date and time data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_IASI_lat, RO_IASI_profile	int	seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00:0.0
RO_IASI_bending_angle	Bending angle data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_IASI_lat, RO_IASI_profile	double	rad
RO_IASI_anomaly_bending_angle	Bending angle anomaly data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_IASI_lat, RO_IASI_profile	double	percent
RO_IASI_temperature	Temperature data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_IASI_lat, RO_IASI_profile	double	K
RO_IASI_pressure	Pressure data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_IASI_lat, RO_IASI_profile	double	Pa
RO_IASI_refractivity	Refractivity data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_IASI_lat, RO_IASI_profile	double	1
RO_IASI_specific_humidity	Specific humidity data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_IASI_lat, RO_IASI_profile	double	kg.kg-1
RO_IASI_heightVC	Cloud top altitude data, each column corresponds to a ro profile.	1, RO_IASI_profile	double	m
RO_GOME_lat	Latitude data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_GOME_lat, RO_GOME_profile	double	degrees north
RO_GOME_lon	Longitude data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_GOME_lat, RO_GOME_profile	double	degrees east
RO_GOME_date	Date and time data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_GOME_lat, RO_GOME_profile	int	seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00:0.0
RO_GOME_bending_angle	Bending angle data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_GOME_lat, RO_GOME_profile	double	rad
RO_GOME_anomaly_bending_angle	Bending angle anomaly data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_GOME_lat, RO_GOME_profile	double	percent
RO_GOME_temperature	Temperature data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_GOME_lat, RO_GOME_profile	double	K
RO_GOME_pressure	Pressure data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_GOME_lat, RO_GOME_profile	double	Pa
RO_GOME_refractivity	Refractivity data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_GOME_lat, RO_GOME_profile	double	1
RO_GOME_specific_humidity	Specific humidity data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_GOME_lat, RO_GOME_profile	double	kg.kg-1
RO_GOME_heightVC	Cloud top altitude data, each column corresponds to a ro profile.	1, RO_GOME_profile	double	m
RO_AIRS_lat	Latitude data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.	RO_AIRS_lat, RO_AIRS_profile	double	degrees north

Reviewer: Line 201. This is the first instance that 'granule' has been used. Please can this be clearly defined. The use of the word granule made it challenging to interpret the data structures described in sections 3.1-3.3 independently of reading in and looking at the data.

Reply: The term "granule" refers to the AIRS data, while, for IASI and GOME-2, we refer to scanning lines. AIRS collects data as it sweeps along the orbit, and the data is then sectioned into pieces called "granules". Each AIRS granule is roughly 2250 x 1650 kilometers and contains 6 minutes of data. There are nominally 240 Level 1B and 240 Level 2 granules of 6-minute duration generated each day. The orbital repeat cycle is 16 days, but orbital maintenance manoeuvres can shift granules along orbits by a small fraction of a granule. Maps showing the locations of granules are generated daily and available for download. AIRS data users use

maps like these when making requests from AIRS data servers. We now explain the term granule in the manuscript with the following sentence:

“A granule is a portion of AIRS orbit containing 6 minutes (2250 km x 1650 km) of data, which is officially defined by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).”

Section 3.4, Section 3.5. In these sections you mention collocation with between CALIOP, RO and the other instruments. I think it would be useful to know what conditions you use for the collocation here rather than in sections 4.1 and 4.2. This would help the reader immediately understand what is meant by collocation.

Reply: Done.

Reviewer: Lines 340-344. Here you discuss the average differences between the cloud heights for different eruptions. Are there any reasons why the average difference is greater at Calbuco than for Eyja, Kasatochi and Grimsvotn? Also, is there a reason why the differences are greater between IASI and RO/CALIOP? I think it would be useful for a user of the dataset to understand why differences might arise between the different datasets (e.g. the time difference between the overpasses and the method used to obtain the height information).

Reply: The reasons are due to different eruption types and the different sensitivity and resolution of the measurement techniques. As reported in section 2.2 (IASI), some assumptions have been made to retrieve the cloud height allowing an estimation with an accuracy of about 2 km. Moreover, the IASI height estimations are sampled every 0.5 km. The RO cloud height estimation is based on the density variation of the atmosphere, so denser clouds (e.g. Kasatochi 2008) can be detected more likely than less dense clouds (e.g. Calbuco 2015) and with better accuracy. Most importantly, the RO and CALIOP are limb profiling techniques with high vertical resolution, while IASI is a nadir sounding technique. This does not allow IASI to provide the same vertical resolution and accuracy that we can get from RO/CALIOP.

In addition, the number of collocations between RO and CALIOP is much smaller than for RO-IASI and IASI-CALIOP, respectively. We revised the text at the end of section 5 (Data cross-comparisons) and added further explanations:

“The difference in cloud top estimations can be partly explained by the different sensitivities and vertical resolution of the different instruments. In addition, the number of collocations between RO and CALIOP is much smaller than for RO-IASI and IASI-CALIOP, respectively. The cloud top height estimation for eruptions with a large number of collocations (Calbuco, Kasatochi, Nabro and Sarychev Peak) is in general consistent within the techniques.”

Reviewer: Additionally, have you considered a quantitative comparison of the VCDs retrieved with AIRS, IASI and GOME-2? What differences would you expect to see between these?

Reply: As we reported above, the current paper introduces a new data archive that combines several satellite data-sets for recent eruptions and, for the first time, includes radio occultation data. Some limited inter-comparisons of the data are already published in the literature (Brenot et al., 2014; Carn et al., 2015; Theys et al., 2013), so here we concentrate on describing the archive. In Table 3 we report the SO₂ mass loading for each eruption with different instruments reported in literature. We prefer to refer to published studies, instead of re-computing the mass loadings in these specific cases, to avoid confusion to the readers.

Reviewer: Table 1. You could add the eruption VEI and the eruption end date or duration to this table. Additionally, it could be helpful to add the geographic region considered for each eruption and the start/end date for the data in the archive – both of these would be valuable to the data user.

Reply: We added to the table the VEI and the archive start/end dates for each eruption. Please note that the VEI is not always appropriate for SO₂-rich eruptions since it corresponds to ash-rich eruptions. Instead of adding the geographic region in the table, we prefer to provide an intuitive plot of SO₂ detection for each volcano in the supplementary material.

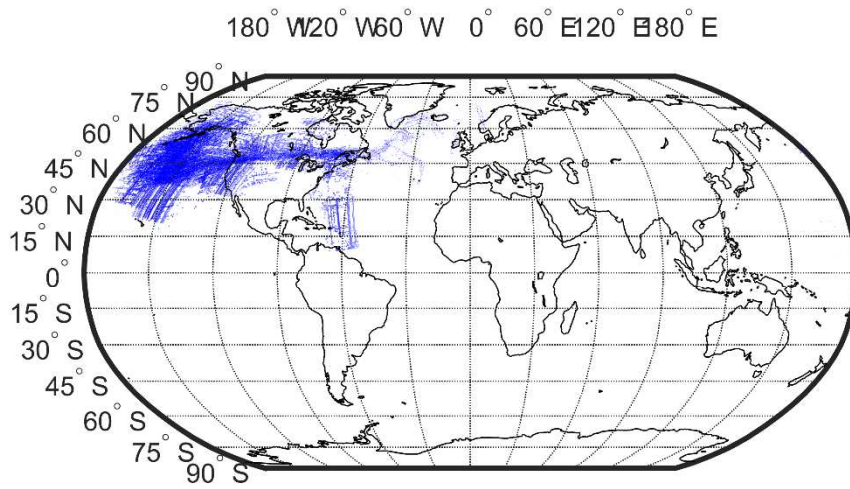


Figure S1. Okmok cloud map.

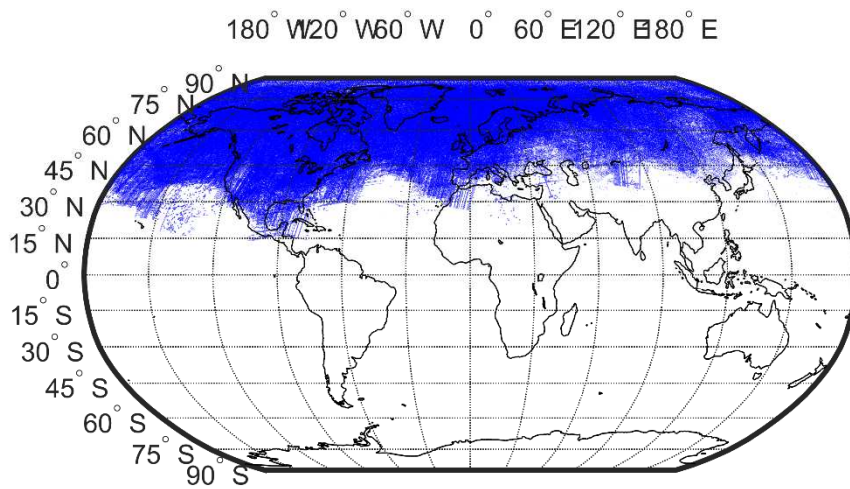


Figure S2. Kasatichi cloud map.

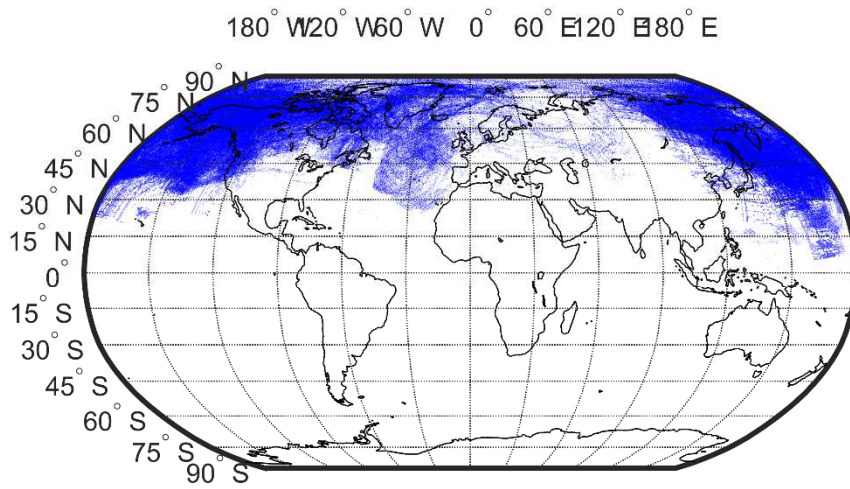


Figure S3. Sarychev cloud map.

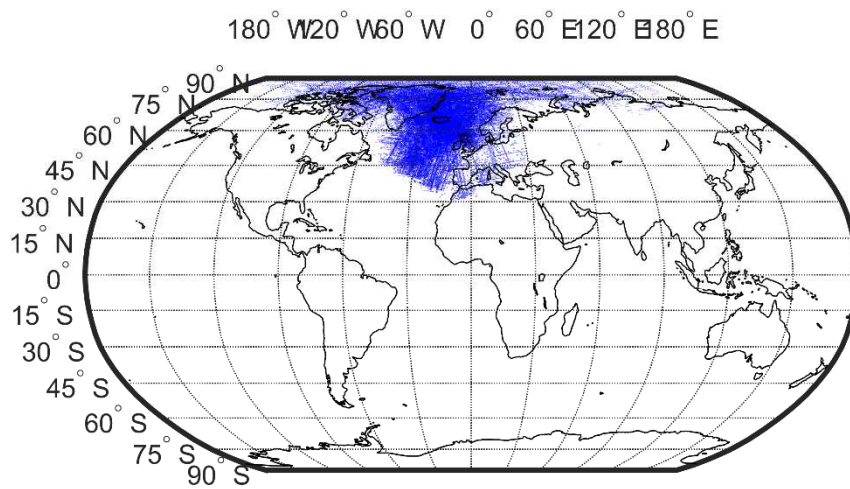


Figure S4. Eyjafjallajökull cloud map.

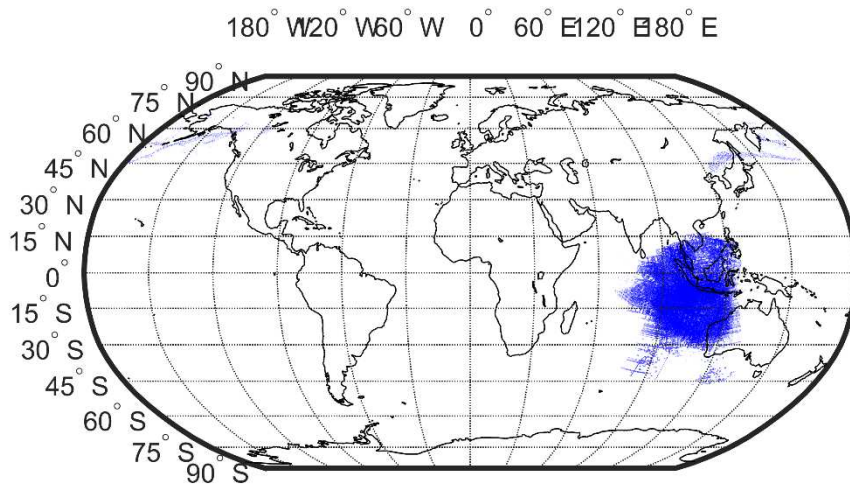


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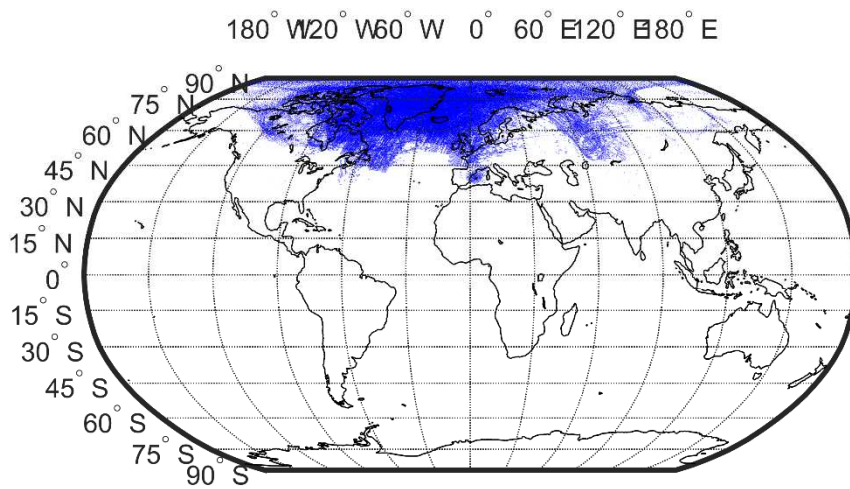


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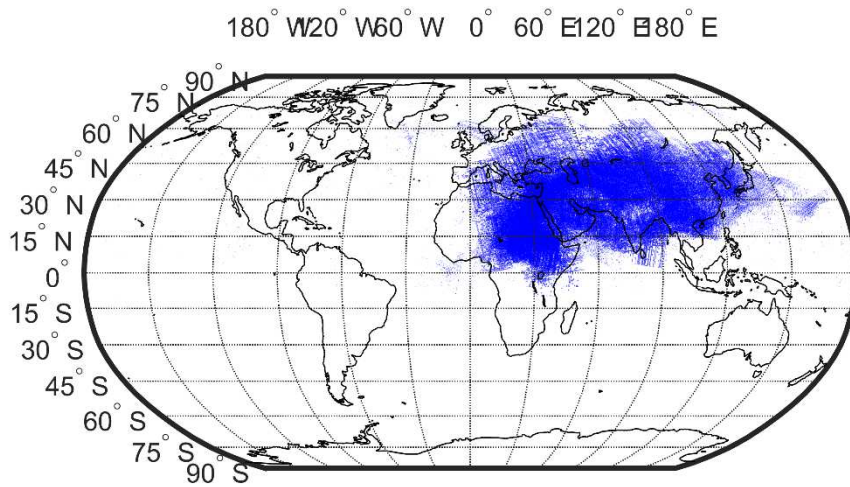


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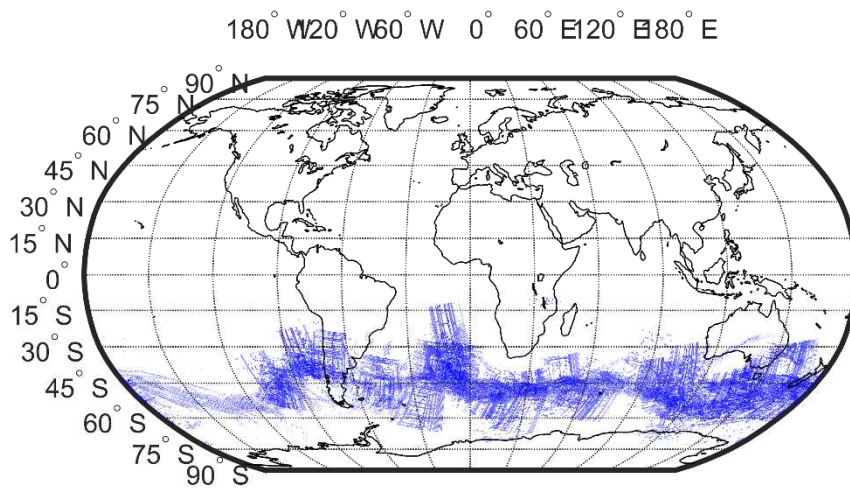


Figure S8. Puyehue Cordon Caulle cloud map.

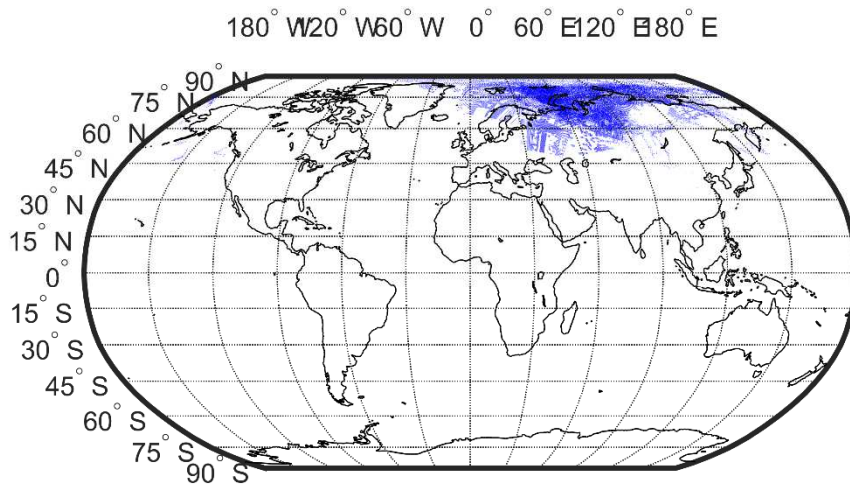


Figure S9. Tolbachik cloud map.

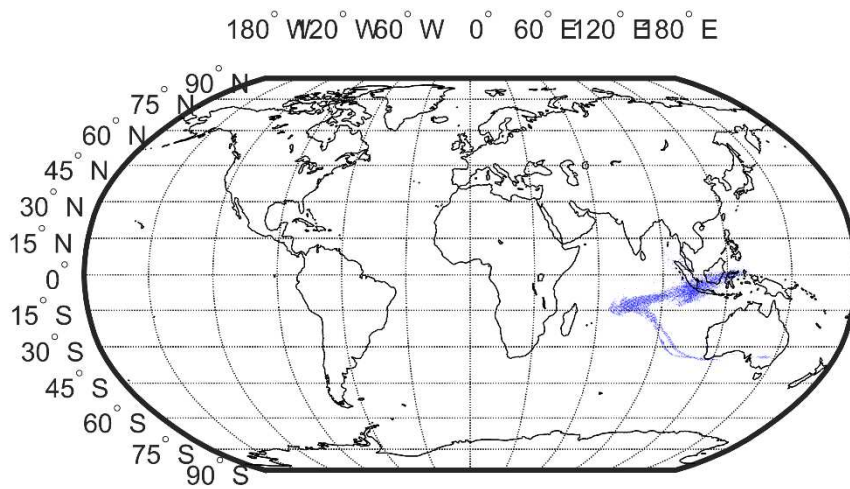


Figure S10. Kelut cloud map.

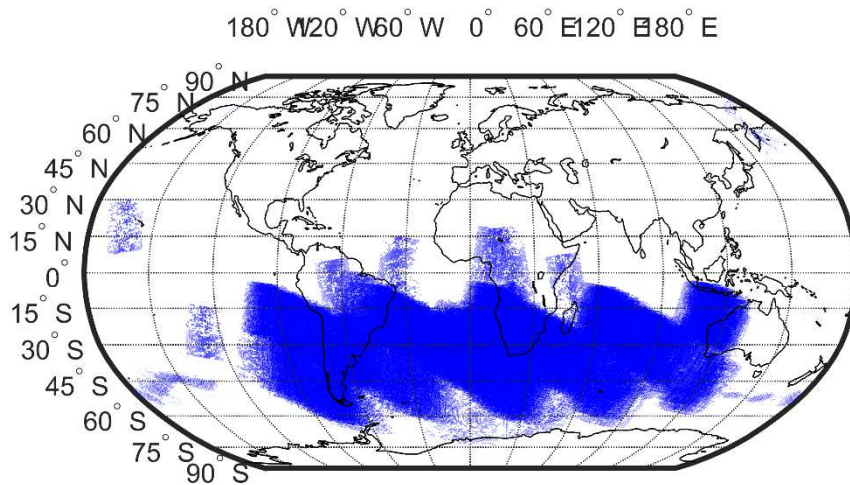


Figure S11. Calbuco cloud map

Reviewer: Table 2. In addition to the information given you could also mention the spectral range/resolution of the instruments.

Reply: Table 2 was modified accordingly.

Reviewer: Figure 2. It would be interesting to see the cloud top heights obtained with CALIOP and RO in this plot rather than just the tracks/points.

Reply: Corrected. We added the average values of cloud top heights in each panel. We believe that reporting the values (with numbers or with different colors) on these maps, could make the figure difficult to read. We also added a short discussion in the new section “Results” explaining how the archive can be used to compare the cloud top heights computed with different instruments (Tournigand et al., 2020).

- Tournigand, P.-Y., Cigala, V., Prata, F., Steiner, A. K., Kirchengast, G., Brenot, H., Clarisse, L., Biondi, R.: The 2015 Calbuco volcanic cloud detection using GNSS radio occultation and satellite lidar, IGARSS 2020 Proceedings, accepted.

SUPPLEMENT AND DATA

Reviewer: NULL values – Throughout much of the dataset the null values are reported as -9999. However, for the RO profiles they are recorded as NaN. For the RO cloud top heights it goes back to -9999. For the CALIOP heights there are no -9999 or NaN instead there are 0’s- are these null values too? This should probably be consistent and whichever is chosen should be clearly noted somewhere.

Reply: the archive has been modified, we decided to use -9999 as common filling value.

Reviewer: Different number of variables - The files do not contain consistent numbers of variables. For example, in the file ‘Calbuco_2015_05_24.nc’ there is data available for IASI and RO but not GOME-2, AIRS or CALIOP. Presumably this is related to the availability of the data. It would be good to clarify this in the manuscript (perhaps at the start of section 3). Even better would be to summarise how many days or which

days are covered by each instrument for each eruption – this could be an addition to table 3 and would be slightly easier to interpret than the number of granules.

Reply: Yes, just the available instruments are reported in this archive. We have updated the text at Line 199:

“...the variables available from one day to another may differ according to SO₂ detection results and instruments availability”.

As suggested by the reviewer, we have also added to the table 3 the number of days covered by each instrument for each eruption.

Reviewer: Dimensions - a list of dimensions is given on page 1 and page 8 of the supplement. It would be very helpful if these were expanded on. In particular the definitions for ‘CALIOP_char’ and ‘CALIOP_char2’ are not very informative.

Reply: Dimensions descriptions have been expanded.

Reviewer: P1, P2 supplementary info – there is a slight discrepancy between the long names between IASI and GOME-2. For GOME-2 the long name states that the data is a composite of GOME-A and B – is it also the case for IASI that the data is a composite of IASI-A and B?

Reply: the archive and supplementary information have been modified accordingly.

IASI_SO2 – I suggest expanding the long name of this variable to make it clear that this is a vertical column density and to explain what interpolated is referring to P3, P4. It is not clear what the dimensions should be here.

Reply: the archive and supplementary information have been modified accordingly.

Reviewer: CALIOP_CHAR, CALIOP_char2 and CALIOP_type should be more clearly defined in the supplementary data. CALIOP_type (the dimension) is not defined in the dimensions list.

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: CALIOP_type – This variable was very challenging for me to read in (in both IDL and python). The supplementary information (page 4) suggested that these were doubles but they had to be read in as strings. I think the choice of saving these as a string is so that multiple flags can be indicated. Initially on reading in this variable I obtained an array with 3 dimensions. These then had to be converted to strings and joined together to extract the CALIOP type (a similar thing had to be done for CALIOP_filename- also not immediately obvious how to read in IDL). Following that the newly joined strings had to be searched to determine which aerosols were present. Could there be a better way of saving this variable? Perhaps simply an integer array for each variable type with 1 indicating the presence of this aerosol and 0 indicating its absence. Alternatively, more information on how to read in and interpret these results would be very useful.

Reply: Indeed, this variable was indicated as double while it is a string. This was corrected (see section 3.4). It is also correct that the choice of saving these data as string is to allow multiple flags. We didn't elect to use an integer array of 0 and 1 because we think that the possibility to distinguish one aerosol type from another is crucial for the user of the archive. For example, the user will be able to know if ash is likely to be present in the area of interest together with the SO₂ detected by AIRS, IASI and GOME-2. Finally, the description of the variable's dimensions has been modified in order to allow the user to better understand how to use it.

Reviewer: P5-P7. For the RO variables expanding the long names for ‘air_temperature’, ‘air_pressure’, ‘refractivity’, ‘specific_humidity’ would provide more information- these could for example mention that these are profiles.

Reply: the archive and supplementary information have been modified accordingly.

Reviewer: RO – cloud top heights. The units do not seem to be consistent for these (in the daily files). For colocations with AIRS and IASI the heights appear to be in meters (which are the standard units and consistent with heights reported by CALOP and IASI). Whereas for GOME-2 they seem to be in km.

Reply: the archive has been modified accordingly.

Reviewer: P4-7. The dimensions for the RO profiles are listed as RO_AIRS_lat by RO_AIRS_PROFILE (or IASI/GOME). Could these be defined more clearly in the dimensions list.

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Dates covered by each eruption. Some of the daily files start before the start date of the eruption. For example, for Nabro (eruption starting on the 13th June 2011) the first file in the dataset is 31st May 2011. In the first few files it seems to include the outputs for other eruptions. For example, the file Nabro_2011_05_31 includes SO₂ measurements from the Grímsvötn eruption, while the file Nabro_2011_06_05 includes measurements from both Grímsvötn and Puyehue. Including this twice in the dataset is a little unnecessary and means the user has to download more data than is needed for this eruption. It is possible to see plumes from different eruptions in many of the datafiles.

Reply: the archive has been modified accordingly.

Technical Comments/Suggestions

MANUSCRIPT

Reviewer: Throughout – Some of the volcano names have accents (e.g. Grímsvötn, Eyjafjallajökull, Puyehue-Cordón Caulle)

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 16. 'Forecast' should be forecasting or forecasts

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 17. 'Single events' would be more precise as 'single eruptive events'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 17. '... but not any archive is available' need rewording. Perhaps: '... no such archive is available'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 18. 'from three different instruments' would be clearer as 'from three different satellite instruments'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 19. 'the atmospheric parameters vertical profiles from ...' This line is a little confusing.

Reviewer: Perhaps rephrasing as something like: 'vertical atmospheric profiles obtained from ...'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 21. 'We additionally' would read better as 'Additionally we'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 22. 'The dataset consists of 223 days monitored with SO₂ clouds' This line does not read very well – consider rephrasing it.

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 38-39. What is meant by 'consequent cloud'? – are you referring to the volcanic cloud or ice/water clouds (e.g. indirect climate effects)

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 40. 'SO₂ injections in the stratosphere' may read better as 'SO₂ injections into the stratosphere'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 42. 'hence transported' may read better as 'hence be transported'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 46. 'has occurred per year since 1994 worldwide' might read better as 'have occurred worldwide each year since 1994'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 47-48. '... the energy of the eruption, amount, type and size of the ejected material' would read better as '... the energy of the eruption, and the amount, type and size of the ejected material'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 49-51. To improve sentence clarity move the Newhall and Self reference to the start of the sentence: 'The VEI was introduced in 1982 by Newhall and Self (1982) ...'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 50. I think it is Richter scale rather than Richter's scale.

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 50. I think it should be earthquake rather than earthquakes'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 54. 'VEI index' can just be VEI

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 60. Putting 'e.g. VEI 4 events' within brackets would help the readability of the Sentence

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 71. 'and' should be used instead of 'or'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 72. 'although' would make more sense than 'even though'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 74. 'focusing on single or a few eruptions' would read better as 'focusing on a single or a few eruptions'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 77. Stating that 'all' platforms and algorithms were studied in this volume seems quite strong. Perhaps: 'a large number' would be better

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Lines 77 and 81. Starting the sentence with 'Sarychev Peak 2009' and 'Grimsvotn 2011' does not read very well. It might sound better as 'The Sarychev Peak eruption in 2009 ...' etc.

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 91. '... and updated in the course of the years.' This line does not read very well – consider rephrasing.

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 110. It should read '... and humidity from GNSS RO profiles'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 111-112. This sentence would benefit from being rewritten to improve the clarity. Maybe something like: 'This information is provided for eruptions, after 2006, classified by the GVP as VEI 4 or larger and with an SO₂ mass loading of greater than 0.05 Tg. At the time of archive preparation, no eruptions after 2016 had yet been classified as VEI 4 or greater.'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 113. Rather than include '(table 1)' in this sentence, perhaps add a sentence at the end of the paragraph saying 'Further information on these eruptions can be found in table 1.'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 117-118. 'there is no current unique database'. This does not read very well – I would suggest rewriting the sentence

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 119-121. It should read 'accurate knowledge of volcanic SO₂ cloud concentration and altitude as well as their spatial and temporal evolution: : : of an eruption's climatic impact'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 122. 'retrievals' should be 'retrieval'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Section 2 – title. Maybe this should be titled 'Instrument and Retrieval Description'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 126. 'due to their own limitations.' It is not clear what is meant by this.

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 130. It should read 'an ascending orbit'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 133. It would be good for a reference to be included for this sentence so the reader is immediately aware of which paper describes this technique.

Line 135. Again it would be good to have a reference for this statement.

Reply: We now added a sentence to text stating

"The AIRS SO₂ retrieval used is described in detail by Prata and Bernardo (2007); here we provide a very brief overview."

Reviewer: Line 142. It should read 'an ascending orbit'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 144. V3 has not been defined. SO₂ is also not formatted correctly.

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 151. Slight inconsistency - On board has a space here but elsewhere it is written onboard.

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 153. Slight inconsistency - Here the pixel size is listed as 40x80 km. For AIRS it was written as 13.5 x 13.5 km (with spaces).

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 165. 1,67 should be 1.67

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 175-176. It may read better as 'In this archive we use the RO bending ...'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 192. It should read 'the number of days' rather than 'amount of days'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 232-233: 'Four of those types are of interest for this archive: type 2, 6, 9 and 10 respectively corresponding to dust, elevated smoke, volcanic ash and sulfate/other.' Include a colon between archive and type.

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 234-235. There should be a space between 20.2/30.1 and km

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 240. I think a colon would be better than a comma between provided and latitude

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 264. Should read 'Where α is the bending angle anomaly ...'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 277. Should read 'consists of' rather than 'consists in'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 285. I think this should be 'Thus we' rather than 'We thus'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 308. Having a list (in brackets) of parameters that affect the uncertainty, followed by a line about altitude affecting the uncertainty does not read so well. Maybe combine all the factors that affect the uncertainty into one line.

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 315. Should read 'volcanic cloud' detection rather than 'volcanic clouds'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 317. It should read 'in charge of processing them'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 317. Is it not 10 VEI 4 and 1 VEI 5 eruptions? The Puyehue eruption in 2011 is listed on the GVP as VEI 5 (<https://volcano.si.edu/volcano.cfm?vn=357150> ; under eruptive history). Also here you state the period you are looking at is 2008 to 2016 when previously you've said you were looking at eruptions from 2006-2016.

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 318. 'With a total of' rather than 'for a total of'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 320-321. 'Several parameters are measured using different instruments, such as SO₂ VCD and cloud top altitude, to allow cross correlation between the different retrieval algorithms.' Do you mean to say

'Several parameters are included within the dataset: : : to allow cross correlation between the different algorithms' ?

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 335. It should read 'compared the date, time ...'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 336. 'We have additionally' would read better as 'Additionally we have'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 360. Not just detection but also the retrieval of VCDs

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 365. 'Up to date' would read better as 'At present'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 370. 'and test new algorithms contributing to improving the accuracy on the estimation of fundamental volcanic clouds parameters'. This may read better as 'and test new algorithms on, thereby contributing to improving the accuracy on the estimation of fundamental volcanic clouds parameters'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Line 373. 'allowing to reconstruct ...' may sound better as 'allowing the reconstruction of ...'

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: Table 2. Maybe differentiate between AIRS and IASI spatial resolutions (13.5 by 13.5 km vs. 12 km diameter circular pixels)

Reply: Corrected

Reviewer: Figure 2. In the caption 'upright' should be 'top right'. Also, this caption reads a little strangely. I would suggest: 'Example of data use and data collocation. (a) Kasatochi cloud on 9th August 2008; (b) Sarychev peak cloud ...' At present there is no (b). Additionally, no full stop is required in line 610.

Reply: Corrected.

SUPPLEMENT AND DATA

Reviewer: P1. VC – is undefined in the supplementary material.

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: P1. DATE_IASI – The use of the word 'because' in this description doesn't make sense.

Reply: Corrected.

Reviewer: P2, P9. In the GOME_Ion variable- dimensions include GOME_late rather than GOME_lat

Reply: Corrected.

Anonymous Referee #2

We would like to thank the anonymous reviewer for the insightful and constructive comments, which helped us to improve our manuscript. We appreciate the valuable comments and tried to address the issues raised as best as possible.

Reviewer Comments

Manuscript ESSD-2020-109, Tournigand et al., A multi-sensor satellite-based archive of the largest SO₂ volcanic eruptions since 2006

The authors describe a new data archive that combines synoptic maps of SO₂ plumes, derived from UV and TIR radiance measurements, with estimates of plume heights and thickness derived from lidar profiles and radio occultation (RO). This archive will prove to be of great value to studies of gas emissions for the selected eruptions, as accurate knowledge of the height and thickness of plumes is critical to the estimation of gas concentrations. The authors have done a great service by collocating the RO products with the UV, TIR, and lidar data products, thus facilitating the incorporation of RO products into future analyses of the combined data record.

Reviewer: Unfortunately, this manuscript falls short as a description of the new data archive and show-case for the potential applications of the combined data records. With few exceptions, the descriptions of the data products are too sparse to be of much use to anyone but the most experienced remote sensing specialists. The exceptions to the sparse descriptions are focused on the RO products and, to a lesser extent, lidar profiles. Despite the attention paid to the RO data processing, the authors fail to discuss the basic relationships between the RO signals and volcanic plume phenomena. For example, what are the bending angles and bending angle anomalies (Sections 3.5, 4.1.2, and 4.1.3) and what do these anomalies tell us about volcanic plumes? Similarly, what is the relation between the RO refractivity and plume heights?

Reply: GNSS RO is an active limb sounding technique which uses the signals transmitted by a GNSS satellite and received by a Low Earth Orbit satellite, where the atmosphere is vertically scanned due to the relative motion of the two satellites. A ray crossing the atmosphere is refracted, i.e. bent, according to Snell's law due to the vertical gradient of atmospheric density. The effect of the atmosphere is represented by a bending angle, from which refractivity and density is retrieved. Refractivity in the neutral atmosphere depends mainly on temperature, pressure, and water vapour pressure. In other words, the bending angle is a function of the density of the atmosphere which depends on temperature, pressure and humidity.

Depending on the type of volcanic eruptions, the presence of volcanic clouds can modify the vertical structure of the atmosphere in different ways. Some eruptions eject large amounts of ash and SO₂ affecting the density of the atmosphere in the region of the cloud, some other eruptions are rich in water vapour. Some eruptions, specifically explosive volcanic eruptions, can also impact atmospheric temperature due to radiative effects. The vertical bending angle anomaly profile shows the perturbation given by the presence of the volcanic cloud since it is computed by subtracting the climatological bending angle profile of the area from the actual bending angle profile co-located with the cloud. The anomaly is thus associated with the perturbation that the volcanic cloud produces in the atmosphere. The largest discontinuities in the vertical bending angle anomaly profile are evident at the height corresponding to the volcanic cloud top. We made this clearer in the revised manuscript text at the beginning of section 2.5:

“The Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) Radio Occultation (RO) is an active limb sounding technique which uses radio signals transmitted by a GNSS satellite and received by a Low Earth Orbit satellite, where the atmosphere is vertically scanned due to the relative motion of the two satellites. The signal, travelling through the atmosphere, is refracted and bent due to the vertical gradient of atmospheric density. The effect of the atmosphere is represented by a bending angle, from which refractivity and density is retrieved. Refractivity in the neutral atmosphere depends mainly on temperature, pressure, and water vapour pressure. Information about the vertical structure of the troposphere and stratosphere is provided (Kursinski et al., 1997).

We also provide the bending angle anomaly which is proven to be an efficient parameter to reveal the impact of the VC on the atmospheric structure (Biondi et al., 2017; Cigala et al., 2019; Stocker et al., 2019) because perturbations in the vertical structure are seen in the bending angle profile as anomalous peaks, specifically at the volcanic cloud top. ...”

Reviewer: The processing of the CALIOP (lidar) data is discussed in the context of the RO data (Section 4.2.1), and the shortcomings outlined above affect the CALIOP discussion as well. The procedure for removing “unnecessary” information from the CALIOP images is confusing. How do the authors determine the “zones of interest” upon which to focus their processing? The practice of discarding CALIOP data corresponding to altitudes below 10 km seems short-sighted. If the RO data products are noisy for such altitudes, then shouldn't the lidar data for low altitude (< 10 km) clouds be all the more important? Since the authors never explain the significance of the RO bending anomaly, relative to volcanic plume heights, it is difficult to appreciate why the low-altitude lidar data should be discarded.

Reply: The zone of interest in CALIOP image is determined using the latitude and longitude of the collocated RO profile and by selecting a window around those values as explained line 292. This part of the text may have been unclear and we rephrased it as:

“The first step of the cloud top detection procedure consists of cropping the CALIOP backscatter image according to the collocated RO profile position at +/-14° in latitude and +/-80° in longitude. The objective of this first step is to focus the processing on a restricted zone around the position of the collocated RO profile in order to save computational time”.

The CALIOP data are not provided within this archive due to the large file dimension and the quick and easy way to download them from the NASA portal. What we provide here is the CALIOP filename allowing to quickly retrieve the original data within which it is possible to get all the different parameters including the total attenuated backscatter (at 532 and 1064 nm) and depolarization ratio. However, we provide the complete RO profile (from the surface to 60 km). We thus never provide in this archive data arbitrarily incomplete.

We only cropped the CALIOP backscatter images at 10 km during the procedure of cloud top determination. This choice was made for several reasons. First, all the volcanic clouds in this study reached a maximum altitude higher than 10 km. Second, below 10 km the water vapour content and the presence of meteorological clouds is much more pronounced and it tends to disturb the cloud top identification. The confusion may have come from unclear explanations, we thus rephrased them. Again, this selection is just part of the cloud top detection algorithm, but the full RO profile is provided in the archive and the CALIOP information is kept also for the cases for which we do not detect any cloud top with the RO. Last but not least, CALIOP classification algorithm do not include the volcanic ash type below the tropopause level (Kim et al. 2018) so it is difficult to distinguish the volcanic ash from other aerosol types in the lower troposphere. The manuscript has been now updated as:

“Below 10 km altitude, the RO bending angle anomaly is noisy due to the presence of moisture. Thus we only included in this archive volcanic clouds with a top altitude above 10 km. The following step in the volcanic cloud top determination is then to remove image information below 10 km which also removes a significant part of meteorological clouds increasing the volcanic cloud top altitude detection accuracy”.

We also added a new sentence in the section 2.4 of the manuscript stating

“The CALIOP does not allow SO₂ measurements or estimation (it provides estimations of dust, elevated smoke, volcanic ash and sulfate), however, the selected CALIOP backscatter is collocated with the SO₂ estimation from AIRS, IASI and GOME-2. Moreover, The CALIOP classification algorithm do not include the volcanic ash type below the tropopause level (Kim et al. 2018) making difficult to distinguish the volcanic ash from other aerosol types in the lower troposphere.”

- Kim, M. H., Omar, A. H., Tackett, J. L., Vaughan, M. A., Winker, D. M., Trepte, C. R., ... & Kar, J. (2018). The CALIPSO version 4 automated aerosol classification and lidar ratio selection algorithm. *Atmospheric measurement techniques*, 11(11), 6107.

Reviewer: Similarly, the cloud aspect ratio is not explained, and the threshold value of 0.09 is not justified. What is the significance of a low aspect ratio? What are typical aspect ratios of volcanic plumes vs. meteorological clouds? Finally, the authors do not include CALIOP depolarization ratios in the archive. The CALIOP Aerosol Type (included in the Archive) does not identify volcanic ash or sulfates uniquely, while the depolarization ratios document variations in the size and aspect of particles within volcanic plumes.

Reply: Low aspect ratio means a thin cloud. Analysing our dataset, within all the RO timely collocated with CALIOP backscatter (with the constraints explained in the previous point), it turns out that volcanic clouds are thinner than meteorological clouds. We have computed the aspect ratio for all the clouds (defined as volcanic by CALIOP) exactly collocated in space with the ROs and in a strict time range of 2 hours finding out that all the clouds within these constraints show an aspect ratio lower than 0.09. On the other side, the meteorological clouds usually show an aspect ratio higher than 0.1 except for a few cases. At the end of section 4.2.1 we now added the sentence

“Based on all the collocations between CALIOP and the GNSS RO, a statistical analysis of volcanic clouds defined by the CALIOP cloud mask and collocated with the RO within 2 hours, has shown that the volcanic clouds are usually thinner than meteorological clouds with an aspect ratio lower than 0.09. According to this result, the final stage of the algorithm consists of distinguishing clusters corresponding to volcanic features from the ones corresponding to meteorological clouds setting the higher limit of the aspect ratio to 0.09. Finally, the remaining clusters’ top altitudes are measured and an average value calculated and saved in the archive as an estimate of the volcanic cloud top altitude.”

As also reported in the previous reply, the CALIOP data are not provided within this archive due to the large file dimension and the quick and easy way to download them from the NASA portal. What we provide here is the CALIOP filename allowing to quickly retrieve the original data within which it is possible to get all the different parameters including the total attenuated backscatter (at 532 and 1064 nm) and depolarization ratio.

Reviewer: In an effort to justify the creation of the archive, the authors make a number of problematic statements. The statement that “... not any archive is available at the moment to be used as background for future studies” (Line 17) is not true, as the authors demonstrate by citing the existing LaMEVE (Lines 68-70), OMI (Lines 92-93), and TOMS/OMI MSVOLSO2L4 (Lines 95-96) archives. In addition, the authors acknowledge the GVN archive at many locations in the text. The new archive may be the first to include RO data, but the potential contributions of RO to volcanology (see my previous comments) have never been discussed. Consequently, the unique nature of the new archive is not obvious.

Reply: It is true that other archives collecting data about volcanic ash clouds and SO₂ clouds exists. However, these archives are focusing on one volcano and/or data from one instrument and/or on ancillary information (e.g. LaMEVE). This archive brings together quantitative data on volcanic clouds for the first time from several major eruptions observed through several instruments and for the very first time including GNSS RO data. We agree with reviewer 2 on the fact that our statement was not phrased correctly and would have been potentially confusing for the reader. We modified the text accordingly:

Line 16: *“Several papers have been published focusing on single eruptive events, but no archive available at the moment combines quantitative data from as many instruments”*.

Line 75: *“although these types of database are generally limited to ancillary information, a specific volcano, a specific time window or a specific instrument (e.g. de Moor et al., 2017)”*.

Reviewer: The authors claim that papers describing individual eruption events “make it difficult to compare” the data sets (Lines 74-75) is disingenuous. The authors neglect to mention that the studies cited in this

paragraph (Lines 74-90) The authors present no evidence for the claim that the volcanic clouds generated by the Merapi, Tolbachik, Kelut, and Calbuco eruptions were not studied “in depth” (Lines 87 – 90) What is the definition of “in depth?” The Calbuco eruption clouds, in particular, have been studied extensively, as this eruption had an impact of the evolution of the southern ozone hole.

Reply: The first statement line 74-75 was indeed potentially too strong and actually not really necessary. We elected to remove it. The term “in depth” was probably not appropriate. We choose to rephrase this sentence:

“The Calbuco 2015 eruption (Marzano et al., 2018; Lopes et al., 2019) was widely studied especially in connection to its impact on the Antarctic ozone hole (Ivy et al., 2017; Stone et al., 2017; Zhu et al., 2018; Zuev et al., 2018). The rest of the volcanic clouds, such as the ones produced by Merapi 2010 (Picquout et al., 2013), Tolbachik 2012 (Telling et al., 2015), and Kelut 2014 (Kristiansen et al., 2015; Vernier et al., 2016) also received some attention from the scientific community”.

- Ivy, D. J., Solomon, S., Kinnison, D., Mills, M. J., Schmidt, A., & Neely, R. R. (2017). The influence of the Calbuco eruption on the 2015 Antarctic ozone hole in a fully coupled chemistry-climate model. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 44(5), 2556-2561.

- Stone, K. A., Solomon, S., Kinnison, D. E., Pitts, M. C., Poole, L. R., Mills, M. J., ... & Vernier, J. P. (2017). Observing the impact of Calbuco volcanic aerosols on South Polar ozone depletion in 2015. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres*, 122(21), 11-862.

- Zhu, Y., Toon, O. B., Kinnison, D., Harvey, V. L., Mills, M. J., Bardeen, C. G., ... & Jégou, F. (2018). Stratospheric aerosols, polar stratospheric clouds, and polar ozone depletion after the Mount Calbuco eruption in 2015. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres*, 123(21), 12-308.

- Zuev, V. V., Savelieva, E. S., & Parezheva, T. V. (2018). Study of the Possible Impact of the Calbuco Volcano Eruption on the Abnormal Destruction of Stratospheric Ozone over the Antarctic in Spring 2015. *Atmospheric and Oceanic Optics*, 31(6), 665-669.

Reviewer: The authors need to include at least one example of unique contribution of the new archive to plume studies. Figure 2 shows the locations of data points, but not the unique contributions to the study of plumes enabled by the new archive. For example, what are the levels of agreement between the UV- and TIR-based SO₂ retrievals? What are the variations in SO₂ retrievals relative to atmospheric conditions (principally temperature and humidity) and plume altitude? What are the levels of agreement between the IASI, CALIOP, and RO-based plume altitude estimates? Which altitude estimates have the highest level of confidence? Examples of the potential contribution of the new archive to plume studies would help with the troublesome justifications for the new archive. The contributions would become readily apparent, eliminating the need for the current unsupported statements.

Reply: The current paper introduces a new data archive that combines several satellite data-sets for recent eruptions and, for the first time, includes radio occultation data. Some limited inter-comparisons of the data are already published in the literature (Brenot et al., 2014; Carn et al., 2015; Theys et al., 2013), so here we concentrate on describing the archive. A future paper is planned that demonstrates how to use the data for some specific cases. The validation of SO₂ from GOME-2 and IASI is also part of the EUMETSAT Satellite Application Facility on Atmospheric Composition and Monitoring (AC SAF) activity. The objective of this paper is to present the organisation of an archive grouping data from different instruments, but not to discuss the efficiency of each retrieval algorithm used by each instrument.

Table 1 shows the agreement between IASI, CALIOP and RO-based plume altitudes. The average discrepancies between IASI and CALIOP, IASI and RO and CALIOP and RO are respectively 2.0 km, 1.7 km and 0.8 km. Consequently, we have the lowest confidence in IASI data.

We agree with the reviewer 2 that some examples of unique contribution of the archive is needed. So we added a new section to the manuscript titled “Results”, where we summarize the content of the archive and we show with some examples (and citations to previous works) how the dataset can be used. Also a new figure (related to the section Results) has been added to the manuscript. The Figure 3 shows an example of dataset usefulness: The archive allows the user to collocate the different sensors (maps on the right), to check the vertical structure of the cloud (aerosol types from CALIOP), to analyse the effect that the cloud has in the

atmospheric structure in terms of density (bending angle anomaly), humidity and temperature and to compare the different cloud top estimations.

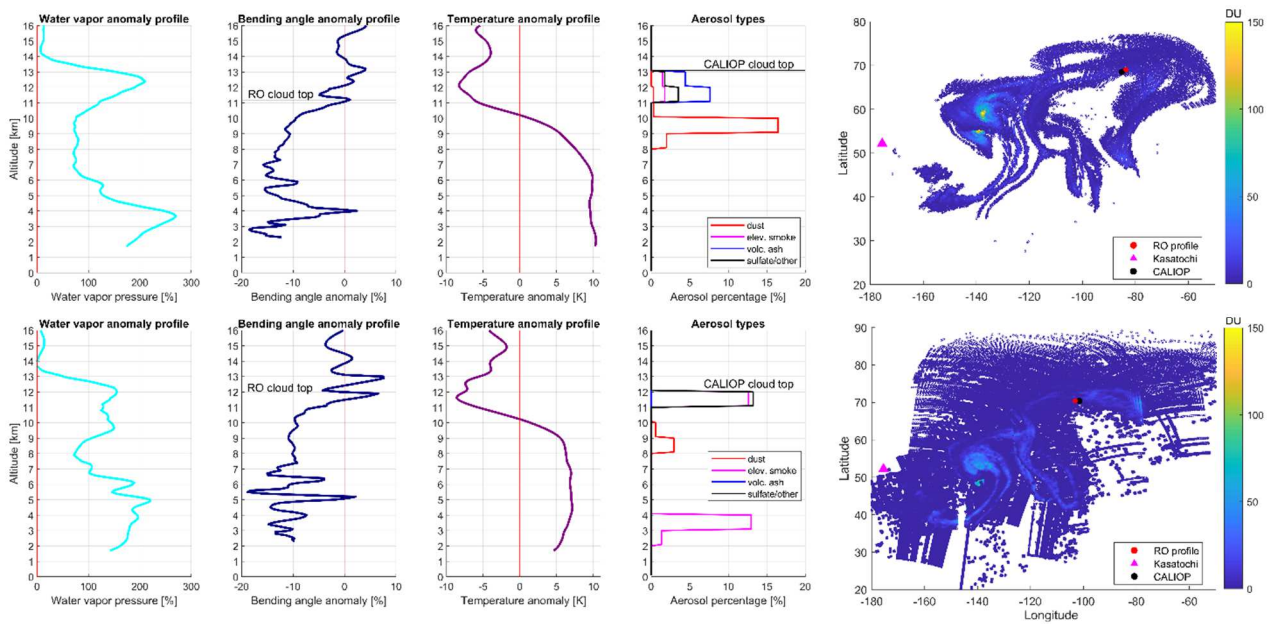


Figure 3. RO profiles corresponding to the CALIOP aerosol types profile co-located with the SO₂ estimation from IASI (top panels, 12/08/2008) and AIRS (bottom panel, 11/08/2008).

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A multi-sensor satellite-based archive of the largest SO₂ volcanic eruptions since 2006

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Abstract. We present a multi-sensor archive collecting spatial and temporal information about volcanic SO₂ clouds generated by the eleven largest eruptions of this century. The detection and monitoring of volcanic clouds ~~is~~are an important topic for aviation management, climate issues and weather ~~foreeas~~forecasts. Several ~~papers have been published~~studies focusing on single ~~eruptive~~eruptive events ~~exist~~, but ~~not any~~no archive ~~is~~available at the moment ~~to be used~~combines quantitative data from ~~as background for future studies~~many instruments. We archived and collocated the SO₂ vertical column density estimations from three different ~~satellite~~satellite instruments (AIRS, IASI and GOME-2), ~~the~~atmospheric parameters ~~as~~vertical profiles from the Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) Radio Occultations (RO) and the ~~vertical backscatter~~cloud top height and aerosol type from the Cloud-Aerosol Lidar with Orthogonal Polarization (CALIOP). ~~We additionally~~Additionally, we provide information about the cloud top height from three different algorithms, and the atmospheric anomaly due to the presence of the cloud. The dataset ~~consists of 223~~is gathering 206 days ~~monitored with~~of SO₂ clouds data, collocated with 5667544180 backscatter profiles and 7012664764 radio occultation profiles. The modular structure of the archive allows an easy collocation of the ~~different~~datasets according to the users' needs and the cross-comparison of the datasets shows ~~the high~~different consistency of the parameters estimated with different sensors and algorithms, ~~according to the sensitivity and resolution of the instruments~~. The data described here will be published with a DOI after final acceptance of this manuscript (Tournigand et al., 2020, 2020a, <http://doi.org/10.5880/figeo.2020.016>). During the discussion period, the data are accessible via this temporary link: <http://pmd.gfz-potsdam.de/panmetaworks/review/0f85d699707efcdc567765bd0dafaaadf94b6df5a531f310167f7e974ea803bf>.

1. Introduction

Volcanoes around the world are a constant source of gaseous emissions. Both passively, during quiescent times, and actively, during eruptions (Robock, 2015; Carn et al., 2017). The most abundant gas species emitted are water (H₂O), carbon dioxide (CO₂) and sulfur dioxide (SO₂), while less abundant ones include hydrogen (H₂), hydrogen sulfur (H₂S), hydrochloric acid (HCl) and carbon monoxide (CO) (Williams-Jones and Rymer, 2015). Once emitted into the atmosphere, some of these gases can react and transform ~~into aerosols~~, for example, SO₂ transforms into H₂SO₄. As with all volcanic eruption products, the gases emitted and the related aerosols can pose hazards to people as well as the environment (Williams-Jones and Rymer, 2015). Moreover, they can be responsible for regional and global climatic effects, depending on the latitude of the volcano, the altitude reached by the eruptive column and ~~eonseque~~subsequent volcanic cloud (Robock, 2000; Robock, 2015; Williams-Jones and Rymer, 2015; Carn et al., 2016). In terms of global climatic impact, SO₂ injections ~~in~~into the stratosphere are of the greatest significance. The reason is that in the stratosphere the gas and subsequent aerosol can remain suspended for months to years and hence ~~be~~transported around the globe affecting the absorption of both short- and longwave radiation (Robock, 2015). The

45 duration and spatial spreading of emitted gases and aerosols in the atmosphere also depend on the erupted mass of volcanic material and the duration of the emission.

According to the Global Volcanism Program (GVP) of the Smithsonian Institute, an average of 55 to 88 eruptions (excluding permanent and semi-permanent degassing) ~~has~~have occurred ~~per worldwide each~~ year since 1994 ~~worldwide~~. The eruptions display variability in their eruptive style (e.g., effusive or explosive), magma composition, 50 the energy of the eruption, ~~and the~~ amount, type and size of the ejected material. To compare and characterize different eruptive events in an objective manner, the Volcanic Explosivity Index (VEI) was created. The VEI was introduced in 1982; ~~by Newhall and Self (1982)~~, drawing inspiration from the ~~Richter's~~Richter scale for ~~earthquakes'~~earthquake's magnitude, to provide a relative, semi-quantitative measure of the explosiveness of volcanic eruptions ~~by Newhall and Self (1982)~~. The VEI classification, divided into categories from 0 to 8, is based mainly on measures of 55 magnitude, in terms of total ejecta volume, and/or intensity, in terms of mass flux or eruption plume height, depending on data availability (Newhall and Self, 1982; Houghton et al., 2013). The VEI ~~index~~ has its limitations, nevertheless, it is being used extensively to provide an eruption descriptor that is understandable by researchers and policy-makers alike (Houghton et al., 2013).

60 The size of an eruption can, however, be significantly different when considering gas emissions only (Carn et al., 2016). Thus, a different eruption size classification can be outlined by the sulfur input into the atmosphere (Schnetzler et al., 1997; Robock, 2015; Carn et al., 2016). In 1997, Schnetzler et al. proposed the Volcanic Sulfur Dioxide Index (VSI) based on SO₂ retrievals performed with the Total Ozone Mapping Spectrometer (TOMS) onboard the Nimbus 7 satellite. Medium VEI eruptions ~~-,~~ (e.g. VEI 4 events;) can be characterized by the emission of a large quantity of tephra with respect to the quantity of SO₂ (e.g. the 2008 Chaiten eruption) or by the emission of a larger amount of 65 SO₂ than tephra (e.g. the 2011 Nabro eruption) as shown in Carn et al. (2016). Using an improved SO₂ emissions retrieval approach and including less energetic events, Carn et al. (2016) found a broader range of SO₂ emission per VEI and a weaker first-order correlation. These findings suggest that the intensity and volcanic plume altitude are more relevant parameters for consideration in modelling SO₂ emissions and their climate impact (Robock, 2000; Carn et al., 2016).

70 The above-mentioned GVP provides the most extensive catalogue of historical eruptions with information related to both volcanoes and their eruptions. This catalogue is a ~~firsthand~~first-hand source of information when starting an investigation of a given volcano ~~or~~and a given style of eruption. Similarly, the Large Magnitude Explosive Volcanic Eruptions (LaMEVE) dataset includes data such as the magnitude of the event, the bulk volume, the tephra fallout volume, column height of Quaternary (from 2.58 Ma ago to present) eruptions with VEI ≥ 4 (Brown et al., 2014). 75 Other datasets are available including data on geochemical composition (e.g. Turner et al., 2009), or acoustic acquisitions (e.g. Fee et al., 2014), ~~even though~~although these types of database are generally limited to ancillary information, a specific volcano-, a specific time window or a specific time window instrument (e.g. de Moor et al., 2017).

80 Previous ~~papers~~studies focusing on a single or a few eruptions are based on personal data collections or project collaborations and this makes it difficult for data comparison and studies with new techniques or algorithms. The eruptions of Okmok and Kasatochi in 2008 were the focus of a special issue (JGR Atmospheres, 2018) collecting 27 ~~papers~~articles studying the ~~cloud~~clouds with ~~at~~a large number of the available remote sensing platforms and algorithms. The Sarychev Peak eruption in 2009-volcanic cloud was also well studied (e.g., Carn and Lopez, 2011; Kravitz et al., 2011; Rybin et al., 2011; Doeringer et al., 2012). The ~~Eyjafjallajökull~~Eyjafjallajökull 2010 eruption 85 affected the economy and social life of Europe and beyond, changing the rules of air traffic management and the volcanic cloud was subject of a number of studies (e.g., Flentje et al., 2010; Marenco et al., 2011; Prata and Prata, 2012; Stohl et al., 2012). ~~Grimsvötn~~The Grímsvötn eruption in 2011 was ~~a~~ quite interesting ~~eruption~~ from a scientific point of view because the SO₂ cloud was separated from the ash cloud (Moxnes et al., 2014) and different researchers studied it (e.g., Flemming and Inness, 2013; Marzano et al., 2013; Cook et al., 2014; Prata et al., 2017). The Nabro 90 2011 eruption was the subject of an interesting discussion regarding the direct intrusion to the stratosphere of the volcanic cloud (e.g., Bourassa et al., 2012; Clarisse et al., 2014; Fromm et al., 2014; Biondi et al., 2017) and the Puyehue ~~Cordon~~Cordón Caulle, erupting in the same period, was of interest because the cloud moved around the globe (e.g., Bignami et al., 2014; Griessbach et al., 2014; Theys et al., 2014; Biondi et al., 2017). The Calbuco 2015 eruption

(Marzano et al., 2018; Lopes et al., 2019) ~~However, other~~ was widely studied especially in connection to its impact on the Antarctic ozone hole (Ivy et al., 2017; Stone et al., 2017; Zhu et al., 2018; Zuev et al., 2018). The rest of the volcanic clouds, such as the ones produced by Merapi 2010 (Picquout et al., 2013), Tolbachik 2012 (Telling et al., 2015), and Kelut 2014 (Kristiansen et al., 2015; Vernier et al., 2016) and Calbuco 2015 also received some attention from the scientific community (Marzano et al., 2018; Lopes et al., 2019) were not studied in depth.

Considering SO₂ emissions, several datasets and inventories are available and updated ~~in the course of the years. In recent times, over time, but generally include daily or yearly total emissions per volcano or per eruption.~~ Ge et al. (2016) compiled an inventory for daily SO₂ emissions in the time frame 2005-2012 including global volcanic eruptions but also eight persistently degassing volcanoes retrieved by the Ozone Monitoring Instrument (OMI) onboard the Aura satellite. Carn et al. (2017) implemented it including OMI retrievals made until from 2005 to 2015 and of emissions related to passive degassing ~~in addition to the ones from main eruptive events.~~ The most updated and complete dataset up to now is the Multi-Satellite Volcanic Sulfur Dioxide Database Long-Term L4 Global (MSVOLSO2L4) compiled by Carn (2019). The dataset provides “SO₂ mass loadings for all significant global volcanic eruptions detected from space since October 1978” to present (Carn, 2019). The MSVOLSO2L4 includes ancillary information about the volcanoes, such as the name and location of the volcano, as well as information about the eruptions, for example, start and end date, and VEI. This information is retrieved from the GVP database. The dataset also reports the observed plume altitude (in kilometres) where known. Otherwise, an estimated plume altitude above vent depending on eruption type, and the measured SO₂ mass in kilotons (= 1000 metric tons) is provided (Carn et al., 2016; Carn, 2019). The above-mentioned datasets provide important information for users mainly needing to assess the climatic impact of SO₂ from volcanic sources, however, none of them allows for mapping the SO₂ emissions and related altitude estimations in space and time and thus the direct testing and comparison of new models and techniques, like GNSS RO, for example. We think it is important to provide a complementary multi-satellite archive covering the largest eruptive events and their cloud development all around the world in order to facilitate the access to such data for future studies.

In this study, we present the first database predicated on satellite data, reporting:

1. SO₂ retrievals from Atmospheric Infrared Sounder (AIRS), Infrared Atmospheric Sounding Interferometer (IASI), and the Global Ozone Monitoring Experiment 2 (GOME-2). The data from the three sensors provide horizontal and temporal information on SO₂ concentrations;
2. SO₂ cloud altitude estimations from IASI, the Cloud-Aerosol Lidar with Orthogonal Polarization (CALIOP) backscatter and the Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Radio Occultation (RO);
3. the cloud aerosol subtype information from CALIOP;
4. atmospheric properties such as temperature, pressure, and humidity; from GNSS RO profiles.

The information is provided for eruptions, after July 2008, classified by GVP as VEI 4 or larger; and with an SO₂ total mass loading larger greater than 0.05 Tg ~~and that occurred from 2006 to 2016 since not any eruption in the periods 2016-2019 was yet classified as VEI 4 at.~~ At the time of the archive preparation, no eruption after 2016 had yet been classified as VEI 4 or greater. The selected volcanoes and relative eruptions are ~~(Table 1):~~ Okmok 2008; Kasatochi 2008; Sarychev 2009; ~~Eyjafjallajökull~~ Eyjafjallajökull 2010; Merapi 2010; ~~Grimsvotn~~ Grímsvötn 2011; Nabro 2011; Puyehue ~~Cordon~~ Cordón Caulle 2011; Tolbachik 2012; Kelut 2014; Calbuco 2015. These are the most significant eruptions over the period 2006-2018. Further information on these eruptions can be found in Table 1.

To the best of our knowledge, there is no ~~current unique~~ to date database collecting SO₂ maps and volcanic cloud altitude estimations from several instruments, cloud aerosols subtypes and atmospheric properties for explosive eruptions. Accurate knowledge on volcanic SO₂ ~~clouds~~ cloud concentration and altitude as well as; their spatial and temporal evolution, is of crucial importance in the investigation of an ~~eruption~~ eruption's climatic impact. Thus, we believe that the database presented here will help current and future investigations as well as support the development of more accurate ~~retrievals~~ retrieval methodologies.

2. Instrument and retrieval description

140 A summary of the instruments' characteristics together with parameters provided in this work and references to the algorithms are reported in Table 21. In this archive, each sensor measuring SO₂ amounts measures the partial column density, due to their own limitations (see section 4.3) (Brenot et al., 2014). We here use the terms ~~vertical column density~~Vertical Column Density (VCD) to refer to this partial column density.

2.1. AIRS

145 The Atmospheric Infrared Sounder (AIRS) is a cross-track hyperspectral instrument onboard the polar-orbiting satellite Aqua launched in June 2002 with an ascending orbit equator crossing local time at 13:30. AIRS completely covers the full globe two times per day with a swath of 1650 km and spatial resolution of 13.5 km x 13.5 ~~km~~km at nadir and 41 km x 21 ~~km~~km at high latitudes (Susskind et al., 2003). Each orbit is divided in granules, where a granule is a portion of AIRS orbit containing 6 minutes (2250 km x 1650 km) of data, which is officially defined by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The SO₂ pixels are identified using infrared channels centered at the 7.3 μm absorption peak relying on the correlation between the measured spectrum and a reference spectral shape. The amount of SO₂ in each pixel is computed by a least-squares procedure based on an off-line radiative transfer model. This technique performs well for SO₂ reaching high tropospheric altitudes or the stratosphere where the water vapor content is negligible. Comparisons with other techniques (Carn et al., 2016; Carn et al., 2017) show an agreement within 10–30% and a typical retrieval error for a single AIRS pixel of about 6 Dobson Unit (DU) (Prata and Bernardo, 2007).

2.2. IASI

160 The Infrared Atmospheric Sounding Interferometer (IASI) is a Fourier transform instrument onboard the near-polar sun-synchronous orbiting satellites Metop-A and Metop-B, respectively, launched in October 2006 and September 2012 with an ascending orbit equator crossing local time at 9:30. IASI completely covers the full globe two times per day with a swath of 2200 km and a spatial resolution of 12 km at nadir (Clerbaux et al., 2009). The SO₂ retrieval is based on a brightness temperature difference in the SO₂ ν₃ band centered at 7.3 μm (Clarisse et al., 2012) which is converted to SO₂ concentration integrated along the vertical axis the ~~Vertical Column Density (VCD)~~VCD using look-up tables and operational profiles of pressure, temperature and humidity. The retrieval of VCD assumes that all SO₂ is located at particular atmospheric layers (5, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 25 or 30 km above sea level) providing different estimations at different altitudes. ~~Then it has a detection limit of around 0.5 DU at the tropopause, which increases for decreasing altitude (depending on the amount of water vapour in the atmosphere).~~ For plumes above 500 hPa (about 5.5 km) the algorithm has a theoretical uncertainty between 3-6%. A second algorithm (Clarisse et al., 2014) is applied to compute the SO₂ cloud altitude with an accuracy of about 2 km for plumes below 20 km. The algorithm exploits the fact that the SO₂ ν₃ band interferes with strong water vapour absorptions, and that these interferences, by virtue of the vertical water vapour profile, have a strong dependency with height. Combining the two datasets, a single best-estimate VCD is obtained by interpolating the VCD columns of the first algorithm at the retrieved height.

2.3. GOME

175 The Global Ozone Monitoring Experiment 2 (GOME-2) is an ultraviolet-visible spectrometer, ~~on-board~~onboard of the Metop-A and Metop-B satellites, measuring solar light backscattered by the atmosphere or reflected by the Earth in nadir-viewing geometry with a swath of 1920 km and spatial resolution of ~~40x80~~40 km x 80 km at nadir (Munro et al., 2006). The SO₂ VCD retrieval (Rix et al., 2012) is based on the strong SO₂ absorption between 240 and 400 nm and uses a differential optical absorption spectroscopy technique (Platt and Stutz, 2008). All measurements in the wavelength ranging from 315 to 326 nm are fitted to laboratory absorption data of SO₂ and converted to VCD with an air mass factor from radiative transfer models assuming hypothetical atmospheric layers representative of different scenarios of emissions. The SO₂ VCD is provided for 3 atmospheric layers representative of different scenarios of emissions: low troposphere (~2.5 km above the surface), upper troposphere (~6 km) and lower stratosphere (~15 km). The volcanic emission measurement is facilitated by large SO₂ columns generally at high altitudes (free-

185 troposphere to lower stratosphere). However, for large SO₂ columns (typically >50 DU) the absorption tends to saturate
leading to a general underestimation and directly affecting the product accuracy. For most volcanoes, there is no
ground-based equipment to measure SO₂ during the eruption and the validation approach is usually a cross-
comparisons with other satellite products. The O3M SAF validation report (Theys and Koukouli, 2015) shows that
GOME-2 SO₂ product reaches the target/optimal accuracy of 50%/30% respectively. It is important to notice that the
190 SO₂ retrievals from GOME-2 are also affected by clouds and instrumental noise especially at high solar zenith angles.
These limitations have been filtered in the data used in this work, according to the criteria shown by Brenot et al.
(2014).

2.4. CALIOP

195 The Cloud-Aerosol Lidar with Orthogonal Polarization (CALIOP) is an instrument onboard the polar-orbiting Cloud-
Aerosol Lidar and Infrared Pathfinder Satellite Observation (CALIPSO). To estimate the ~~volcanic cloud~~ Volcanic
Cloud (VC) top altitude and validate the cloud top estimation from GNSS RO, we have used the Level 1 total
attenuated backscatter at 532 nm (CAL_LID_L1 Version 4) with a vertical resolution of 60 m and horizontal resolution
of 1 km between 10 and 20 km of altitude, and a vertical resolution of 180 m and horizontal resolution of 1.67 km
above 20 km (Winker et al., 2009). To extract the corresponding aerosol type we have used the Level 2 Vertical
Feature Mask (Winker et al., 2009) product version 4.20. The CALIOP does not allow SO₂ measurements or
200 estimation (it provides estimations of dust, elevated smoke, volcanic ash and sulfate) and the CALIOP classification
algorithm do not include the volcanic ash type below the tropopause level (Kim et al. 2018) making difficult to
distinguish the volcanic ash from other aerosol types in the lower troposphere. For these reasons, the selected CALIOP
backscatter is collocated with the SO₂ estimation from AIRS, IASI and GOME-2 and this combination provides a
complete information on the content and vertical structure of the cloud.

2.5. GNSS RO

205 The Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) Radio Occultation (RO) is an active limb sounding technique which
uses ~~the signal~~ radio signals transmitted by a GNSS satellite and received by a Low Earth Orbit satellite, where the
atmosphere is vertically scanned due to the relative motion of the two satellites. The signal, travelling through the
atmosphere, is refracted and bent due to the vertical gradient of atmospheric layers, is bent according to the
210 different density. The effect of the atmosphere is represented by a bending angle, from which refractivity of each layer
and thus provides information and density is retrieved. Refractivity in the neutral atmosphere depends mainly on
temperature, pressure, and water vapour pressure. Information about the vertical structure of the troposphere and
stratosphere is provided (Kursinski et al., 1997). The vertical resolution of the RO ranges between 100 m in the upper
troposphere to about 500 m in the lower stratosphere at low/mid-latitudes (Zeng et al., 2019), while the horizontal
215 resolution can range from about 50 km in the troposphere to 200-300 km in the stratosphere (Kursinski et al., 1997).
~~We use for~~ In this archive we use the RO bending angle, refractivity, temperature, pressure and specific humidity
profiles processed by the Wegener Center for Climate and Global Change (WEGC) with the Occultation Processing
System (OPS) version 5.6 (EOPAC Team, 2019). We also provide the bending angle anomaly which is proven to be
an efficient parameter to ~~understand~~ reveal the impact of the VC on the atmospheric structure (Biondi et al., 2017;
220 Cigala et al., 2019; Stocker et al., ~~2019~~; 2019) because perturbations in the vertical structure are seen in the bending
angle profile as anomalous peaks, specifically at the volcanic cloud top. The way this anomaly is computed is detailed
in section 4.1. The RO profiles are obtained using a combination of geometric optics and wave optics retrieval
(Angerer et al., 2017), with transition below the tropopause. The retrieval is based on orbit information and amplitude
and phase data from the University Corporation of Atmospheric Research/COSMIC Data Analysis and Archive Center
225 (UCAR/CDAAC) collected from the following RO missions: the CHALLENGING Minisatellite Payload (CHAMP)
(Wickert et al., 2001), the Satélite de Aplicaciones Científicas ~~Científicas~~ (SAC-C) (Hajj et al., 2004), the Gravity
Recovery And Climate Experiment (GRACE-A) (Beyerle et al., 2005), the FORMOSAT-3/COSMIC (Anthes et al.,
2008), and the EUMETSAT/METOP missions (Luntama et al., 2008). The accuracy of the GNSS RO is 0.2 K in

230 terms of temperature and 0.1% in terms of refractivity and the data from the different mission are very consistent (Scherllin-Pirscher et al., 2011), so there is no need of inter-calibration or homogenization (Foelsche et al., 2011).

3. Data description

235 The archive (Tournigand et al., [20202020a](#)) consists of two sets of files, the daily files and the eruption files, i.e., one file per eruption including all collected information. Thus, for each eruption listed in Table [42](#) the user can choose to access one single day or to the whole eruptive period depending on the user's demand. The ~~amount~~number of days covered by the archive for each eruption depends on the SO₂ detection availability from AIRS, IASI and GOME-2. Also, the variables available from one day to another may differ according to SO₂ detection results and instruments availability. Each file is in NetCDF-4 format and file names are self-explanatory with daily files following the format *volcanoname_year_month_day* and the eruption files following the format *volcanoname*. As an example, a user who wishes to access all available data corresponding to the Sarychev volcano on 12 of June 2009 will have to look for the file *sarychevSarychev_2009_06_12.nc*. The organization of both file types is described hereafter for each instrument. 240 the main information is provided in Table 3 and all the details are provided in the supplementary material including the geographical coverage of each VC (Figures S1-S11).

3.1. AIRS

245 AIRS data are organized in the same way in both file types. It consists of 4 variables namely AIRS_lat, AIRS_lon, AIRS_date and AIRS_SO2 respectively containing the latitude (°N), longitude (°E), date and time (POSIX time, number of seconds elapsed since 00:00:00 UTC 1st of January 1970) of each granule and their SO₂ VCD (DU). The variables AIRS_lat, AIRS_lon and AIRS_SO2 are matrices with columns corresponding to the different granules. By selecting one column, the user can find each data point of the corresponding granule. The AIRS_date variable, on the other hand, is a line vector with elements reporting the date and time of each granule. Only data points with SO₂ values higher than 0 DU have been included in the archive thus explaining the different amount of points from one granule to another. 250

3.2. IASI

255 IASI data are organized in the same way for both file types and are composed of 5 variables, IASI_lat, IASI_lon, IASI_date, IASI_SO2 and IASI_height respectively containing the latitude (°N), longitude (°E), date and time (POSIX time), SO₂ (DU) and cloud altitude (m). The date variable consists of a line vector with elements corresponding to each granule-scanning line. Similarly, the other variables are matrices with columns corresponding to the different granules and scanning lines and rows to the data points of the given granulescanning line having an SO₂ content higher than 0 DU.

3.3. GOME-2

260 GOME-2 data's organization is identical in both file types. GOME-2 is composed of 6 variables, GOME_lat, GOME_lon, GOME_date, GOME_SO2_1, GOME_SO2_2, GOME_SO2_3 respectively corresponding to the latitude (°N), longitude (°E), date and time (POSIX time), low troposphere SO₂ vertical column density (DU), mid-troposphere SO₂ vertical column density (DU) and low stratosphere SO₂ vertical column density (DU). As for AIRS and IASI, the date variable corresponds to a line vector providing each granule'sscanning line's date. The rest of the variables correspond to matrices with granulescanning lines also separated in columns and the data points of those granulescanning lines distributed in linesrows. In the case of GOME-2, only data points having their three SO₂ vertical columns contents higher than 0 DU were included. Pixel with high Solar Zenith Angle (SZA) has also been filtered. 265

3.4. CALIOP

270 CALIOP's section of the archive contains 6 variables, CALIOP_lat, CALIOP_lon, CALIOP_date,
CALIOP_filename, CALIOP_height, CALIOP_type respectively corresponding to the latitude (°N), longitude (°E),
date and time (POSIX time), name of CALIOP file, estimated VC top altitude (m) and aerosol type. The latitude,
longitude, date and file name variables are column vectors with each ~~h~~erow corresponding to latitude, longitude and
275 date data of the designated file in CALIOP_filename variable. CALIOP_height variable contains all the cloud top
altitude estimations based on CALIOP L1 532 nm version 4.10 backscatter product. This variable is a matrix with
each ~~h~~erow corresponding to a CALIOP file and the three columns indicating to which instrument the CALIOP file
is collocated (at ±0.2° and ±1h) with, AIRS (column 1), IASI (column 2) or GOME (column 3).

CALIOP_type variable ~~contains~~ is read as a string containing the type of aerosol retrieved from the L2 Vertical Feature
Mask (VFM) version 4.20. The L2 VFM CALIOP product subdivides the aerosols into 10 types. Four of those types
280 are of interest for this archive; type 2, 6, 9 and 10 respectively corresponding to dust, elevated smoke, volcanic ash
and sulfate/other. This variable is subdivided into ~~three~~ as many rows as there are CALIOP files, 16 columns
containing the aerosols values and three sections corresponding to three levels of altitude -0.5 to 8.2 km, 8.2 to
20.2 ~~km~~ km and 20.2 to 30.4 ~~km~~ km. In each altitude level, the presence of one or several cloud types is indicated
by the presence of their reference number.

285 3.5. GNSS RO

GNSS RO data are organized in different ways in the two file types. In the daily files, the RO data are separated in
different variables according to the instrument they are collocated with (AIRS, IASI or GOME-2) at ±0.2° spatially
and ±12h temporally. For each set of RO data collocated with a given instrument 10 variables are provided; latitude
(°N), longitude (°E), date (POSIX time), bending angle (rad), bending angle anomaly (%), temperature (K), pressure
290 (Pa), refractivity (N-unit), specific humidity (kg.kg⁻¹) and volcanic cloud top altitude (m). Each variable is a matrix
with each column corresponding to a RO profile and ~~lines~~ rows to the latitude dimension. Only the variable containing
volcanic cloud altitude is a line vector with each element corresponding to a different RO profiles.

In the files containing the whole eruptive period, the RO data are not separated according to the instrument they are
collocated with but compiled all together. Thus, the same 10 variables are provided as in daily files, each containing
295 the totality of the RO profiles.

4. Quality control and data processing

4.1. RO data

The RO profiles included in this archive are collocated spatially at ±0.2° and temporally at ±12h with data points from
the volcanic aerosol maps provided by AIRS, IASI, and GOME-2 acquisitions.

300 4.1.1 Climatology

The RO reference climatology for each area of interest is calculated based on 5° latitude bands using our dataset of
RO profiles covering a period from 2001 to 2017. The averaging of all available RO profiles present within each
latitude band provides the RO reference climatology.

4.1.2 Anomaly calculation

305 The bending angle (BA) anomaly integrated into this archive is calculated by subtracting the RO reference climatology
profile from the individual RO BA profile and ~~normalized~~ normalizing with respect to the reference climatology profile
(Eq 1), following the methodology described in Biondi et al. (2017). The resulting anomaly displays variations when
the bending angle differs from the climatology. Such variations indicate a change of atmospheric properties and are

310 used to identify related atmospheric features. The presence of volcanic clouds in the atmosphere generates a prominent peak in the BA anomaly profile.

$$\alpha = \left(\frac{(BA - BA_{clim})}{BA_{clim}} \right) \cdot 100 \quad (1)$$

Where α is the bending angle anomaly, BA the individual bending angle profile and BA_{clim} the BA climatology profile.

4.1.3 Peak detection

315 The peak detection of bending angle anomaly profiles was automatically done using a customized Matlab algorithm. This algorithm, further developed after Cigala et al. (2019), identifies all the peaks displaying a variation larger than 4.5% in the bending angle anomaly profile with respect to local minimums. Only the peaks having their maximum value between 10 and 22 km of altitude are kept. Peaks vertically spreading over more than 8 km have been removed. Finally, amongst the remaining peaks, the lowest altitude one is selected as a cloud top altitude.

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4.2. CALIOP

4.2.1 Cloud top automatic detection

325 For each L1 532 nm version 4.10 CALIOP backscatter product collocated with RO profiles, an automatic cloud top detection was performed using a customized Matlab algorithm. The collocation thresholds were kept at $\pm 0.2^\circ$ and $\pm 12h$ between RO profiles and CALIOP backscatter products to provide cloud top altitudes consistent between the instruments. The first step of the cloud top detection procedure consists ~~in~~ cropping the CALIOP backscatter image according to the collocated RO profile position at $\pm 14^\circ$ in latitude and $\pm 80^\circ$ in longitude. The objective of this first step is to ~~remove unnecessary information from the CALIOP image and to~~ focus the processing on the restricted zone around the position of interest the collocated RO profile in order to save computational time. These latitude and longitude ranges are based on ~~a~~ series of tests performed on backscatter images and correspond to the best compromise between image size reduction and loss of volcanic cloud information. Threshold backscatter values are then implemented to remove the noise outside of the range $3 \times 10^{-2} - 7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ km}^{-1} \cdot \text{sr}^{-1}$ to which volcanic clouds correspond. One median filter (4x3 pixels) and two Wiener filters (4x3 and 2x2 pixels) are then successively applied to the resulting backscatter image to reduce the noise within the threshold range. Below 10 km altitude, the RO bending angle anomaly is ~~quite~~ noisy due to the presence of moisture. ~~We thus focus~~ Thus we only ~~on~~ included in this archive volcanic clouds with a top altitude above 10 km ~~and removed. The following step in the volcanic cloud top determination is then to remove~~ image information below this 10 km which also removes a significant part of meteorological clouds increasing the volcanic cloud top altitude detection accuracy. The next step of CALIOP data processing is to identify remaining groups of pixels (or clusters) within the image. The Matlab connected components finder is set in this customized algorithm to keep only the clusters combining more than 300 pixels. Amongst these selected clusters the nine biggest ones are kept for the final processing stage. ~~This final stage~~ Based on all the collocations between CALIOP and the GNSS RO, a statistical analysis of volcanic clouds defined by the CALIOP cloud mask and collocated with the RO within 2 hours, has shown that the volcanic clouds are usually thinner than meteorological clouds with an aspect ratio lower than 0.09. According to this result, the final stage of the algorithm consists of distinguishing clusters corresponding to volcanic features from the ones corresponding to meteorological clouds. ~~To do so, the aspect ratio of a series of volcanic and meteorological clouds were measured and a threshold value of 0.09 was set as the higher limit for volcanic clouds, setting the higher limit of the aspect ratio to 0.09.~~ Finally, the remaining clusters' top altitudes are measured and an average value calculated and saved in the archive as an estimate of the volcanic cloud top altitude.

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4.2.2 Cloud type detection

350 The cloud type detection was performed using the L2 Vertical Feature Mask (VFM) CALIOP product. These VFM products were collocated at $\pm 0.2^\circ$ and $\pm 1h$ with AIRS, IASI and GOME-2 for the purpose of such data is to confirm

the presence of certain aerosols types simultaneously with SO₂. Among the different cloud types available in VFM products the types 2, 6, 9 and 10 were of particular interest for this archive since they respectively correspond to dust, elevated smoke, volcanic ash and sulfate/other. For each CALIOP file of the archive, the aerosol subtype was extracted using a customized Matlab routine. This Matlab algorithm reads the VFM data, detects the matching latitude/longitude points of all the CALIOP track collocated with AIRS, IASI and GOME-2 and subsets the latitude and longitude array data based on the chosen spatial window of 2°. The algorithm then extracts the feature sub-type of interest as a function of the altitude. The final output is subdivided in three levels of altitude -0.5 to 8.2 km, 8.2 to 20.2 km and 20.2 to 30.1 km.

4.3. Uncertainties

This archive combines five different approaches of volcanic cloud detection and each type of measurement/instrument has its own uncertainties. The comparison between different instruments, always faces uncertainties due to the spatial and temporal collocation (section 3) and to their spatial resolution (section 2). The difference in cloud top estimations can be partly explained by the different sensitivities and vertical resolution of the instruments. In addition, the number of collocations between RO and CALIOP is much smaller than for RO-IASI and IASI-CALIOP, respectively. The cloud top height estimation for eruptions with a large number of collocations (Calbuco, Kasatochi, Nabro and Sarychev Peak) is in general consistent within the techniques. For AIRS, IASI and GOME-2 the uncertainty depends on many parameters (~~e.g., such as~~ thickness of the volcanic cloud, amount of aerosols), and one of the most important is the unknown volcanic cloud altitude. Thus, the error is case dependent and a general value of measurement uncertainty cannot be provided. Furthermore, the measurement noise of instruments increases over time due to instrument degradation (Lang et al., 2009; Dikty et al., 2010). However, error budgets of AIRS and IASI can be respectively found in the studies by Prata and Bernardo (2007) and Clarisse et al. (2012), while an uncertainty analysis of GOME-2 is provided by Rix et al. 2012 in the case of the 2010 Eyjafjallajökull's volcanic eruption.

5. Data cross-comparison

Over the past decades, satellite data have proven efficient in volcanic ~~clouds~~ cloud detection through a variety of techniques. Those data are essential in the study of the spreading of such clouds on a global scale but are scattered between the different agencies in charge ~~to process~~ of processing them. This archive gathers satellite data covering ~~110~~ VEI 4 and 1 VEI 5 eruptions from 2008 to 2016 ~~for with~~ a total of 223 days of data coverage (Table 34).

This archive is organized in different sections (Figure 1) with each instrument estimation separated from each other. Several parameters are ~~measured using different instruments~~ included within the dataset, such as SO₂ VCD and cloud top altitude, to allow cross-correlation between the different retrieval algorithms. The database allows the quick visualization of AIRS, IASI, GOME-2, CALIOP and RO data at a given date and time as well as the collocation of any instrument data points with another one. In order to illustrate the use of this archive, we extracted two test cases (Figure 2). The first case (Figure 2a) is the 2008 eruption of Kasatochi volcano for which we selected the 9th of August as reference. The second case (Figure 2b) is the 2009 Sarychev Peak eruption for which we selected the 12th of June as reference. In both cases we considered SO₂ values larger than 3 DU from AIRS, IASI and GOME-2 for 24 hours, RO profiles collocated within ±0.2° and ±12h and CALIOP tracks collocated within ±12h.

In the case of Kasatochi, we selected 4178 AIRS, 1241 IASI and 56 GOME-2 data points with SO₂ VCD larger than 3 DU, 379 CALIOP profiles from 7 different tracks (Figure 2a, blue circles) within ±12h and 100 RO profiles (Figure 2a, red circles) collocated within ±0.2° and ±12h. In the case of Sarychev, 1070 AIRS, 209 IASI and 41 GOME-2 data points, 261 CALIOP profiles from 3 different tracks and 54 RO profiles have been selected with the same criteria. Due to the modular archive structure reported in Figure 1, the user can easily select different time frames, different SO₂ thresholds and collocation period range to be adapted to any purpose.

We have manually verified the correct functioning of the algorithm which collocates the different instruments. We randomly selected several days from different eruptions and compared the date, time and coordinates of the acquisitions, then compared the results with those ones automatically provided by the algorithm. ~~We~~ Additionally, we have ~~additionally~~ used a visual validation method for all the samples plotting the SO₂ cloud superimposed to the

CALIOP tracks and the RO tangent points. As for the cloud top height, we have collocated the RO and CALIOP estimations with the closest IASI pixel and compared the corresponding values. In Table 45 we report the number of collocations per pairs of instruments with the averaged difference between the estimation. Depending on the eruption the different techniques can give variable performances, for example, the estimations of RO and CALIOP for the Eyjafjallajökull, Kasatochi and Grímsvötn were very close (average difference of 0.3 km, 0.9 km, 1.3 km respectively) while they were large for Calbuco (4.2 km). The difference in cloud top estimations can be partly explained by the sensitivity of the RO to the density of the atmosphere, denser clouds can be detected more likely than less dense clouds (Tournigand et al., 2020b). This reason, summed up to the uncertainties reported in the section 4.3, can contribute to the different biases of the cross-comparisons. In general, the cloud top height estimation for eruptions with a large number of collocations (Calbuco, Kasatochi, Nabro and Sarychev Peak) are consistent within the techniques.

6. Results

We have collected 4535062 GOME-2 scanning lines covering 182 days, 336399 IASI scanning lines covering 172 days, 865 AIRS granules covering 122 days, 44180 CALIOP profiles covering 152 days, and 64764 RO profiles covering 194 days collocated to the VC emitted by 11 different eruptions with VEI >4. The Kasatochi eruption has the best data coverage, Sarychev has the longest period of coverage (36 days), and Puyehue-Cordón Caulle is the only one not being covered by CALIOP (due to a technical issues on that period).

The archive allows to collocate data from five instruments working at different frequencies (Table 1), three of them (IASI, CALIOP and RO) able to provide information to develop an algorithm for the cloud top height estimation (Table 5). Part of this archive has been used in the past to develop an algorithm estimating the cloud top height by using the RO bending angle anomaly (Biondi et al., 2017; Cigala et al., 2019) and to understand the possible overshooting of the Nabro eruption in the stratosphere (Biondi et al., 2017).

The user is free to compare the SO₂ estimation from three different algorithms, to check the cloud structure by downloading the collocated CALIOP sub-tracks, and to analyse the impact of the volcanic cloud on the atmospheric vertical structure with the RO profiles. An example of use of this archive is shown in Figure 3. We collocated, the IASI SO₂ estimation the 12th of August 2008 (Figure 3e) and the AIRS SO₂ estimation the 11th of August 2008 (Figure 3l) of the Kasatochi VC, with the RO and CALIOP profiles. The map visually provides the SO₂ distribution and the position of the RO and CALIOP profiles. Panels d) and i) show the vertical distribution of the aerosol according to the CALIOP algorithm: on the 12th of August there was volcanic ash together with sulphate up to 13 km of altitude, while on the 11th of August the sulphate was prevailing and the cloud top was slightly lower (about 12 km). We then report the vertical profiles of temperature anomaly (c and h) and water vapour anomaly (a and f) when compared to the climatological values of the area. The behaviour of the two parameters are similar, but on the 12th of August the temperature anomaly in the lower troposphere is colder, and the water vapour anomalies are larger in the lower troposphere and at the cloud top layer. Finally, the bending angle anomaly (b and g) according to the algorithm reported in section 4.1.3, shows a cloud top height of 11.2 km (the 12th of August) against about 13 km from CALIOP, and a cloud top height of 11.9 km (the 11th of August) slightly lower than the detection from CALIOP. This comparison shows that the cloud structure was steady over the time with similar characteristics confirmed by four different instruments.

6.7. Data availability

The raw CALIOP data can be found at <https://urs.earthdata.nasa.gov/>.

The archive consists of daily files and “eruption” files. For each eruption, we provide access to single daily files or to one file for the whole eruptive period. The files of any eruption are compressed (.zip) NetCDF-4 format (including the daily and whole eruptive period) together with two pdfs (Supplement) describing the file structure. The file names are self-explanatory with daily files following the format *volcanoname_year_month_day.nc* and the eruption files following the format *volcanoname.nc*. As an example, a user who wishes to access the data corresponding to Kasatochi

volcano on 11th of August 2008 will have to look for the file *Kasatochi_2008_08_11.nc*. In case the user wants all the available data for the Kasatochi eruption, they will have to look for the file *Kasatochi.nc*. The data structure of daily files and volcano files is reported in the Supplement. The data described here will be published with a DOI after final acceptance of this manuscript (Tournigand et al., [20202020a](https://doi.org/10.5880/figeo.2020.016), <http://doi.org/10.5880/figeo.2020.016>). During the discussion period, the data are accessible via this temporary link: <http://pmd.gfz-potsdam.de/panmetaworks/review/0f85d699707efcdc567765bd0dafaaadf94b6df5a531f310167f7e974ea803bf>.

7.8. Summary and conclusions

This paper presents the first comprehensive archive with **quantitative** information on large SO₂ volcanic clouds since 2006. We collected three different datasets of volcanic SO₂ detection from AIRS, IASI and GOME-2 instruments and co-located the detected pixels with the CALIOP and the GNSS RO products to get information about the cloud vertical structure. The archive provides information about the SO₂ detection **and retrieval** (with 3 different algorithms), the cloud top height (with 3 different algorithms), the cloud aerosol type (CALIOP vertical mask feature reference), the atmospheric parameters (bending angle, refractivity, temperature, pressure and specific humidity) and the atmospheric change due to the presence of the volcanic cloud (bending angle anomaly). ~~Up-to-date~~ **At present**, there are no public archives of volcanic clouds which can be used as a reference for further studies and all the information is scattered in different locations and available under different conditions. The aim of this archive and this paper is to provide the users with a complete set of state-of-the-art data. The interest in volcanic clouds detection and monitoring is high and there are still some challenges like the accurate determination of the cloud top height and cloud density to be faced. This archive will make available to the scientific community a relevant number of cases to develop and test new algorithms **on, thereby** contributing to improving the accuracy on the estimation of fundamental volcanic clouds parameters. The modular structure of the archive can be easily extended in the future to smaller eruptions (VEI<4) and to other SO₂ estimations, facilitating the inter/cross-comparison between algorithms, allowing ~~to reconstruct~~ **the reconstruction of** the cloud structure and dynamical characteristics and supporting the development of cloud dispersion models.

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Table 1. Summary of data used to build the archive.

<u>Sensor</u>	<u>Satellite(s)</u>	<u>Vertical resolution</u>	<u>Spatial resolution</u>	<u>Estimation</u>	<u>Wavelength</u>	<u>Algorithm reference</u>
<u>AIRS</u>	<u>Aqua (A-Train)</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>13.5 km x 13.5 km</u>	<u>SO₂ VCD</u>	<u>7.3 μm</u>	<u>Prata and Bernardo, 2007</u>
<u>IASI</u>	<u>MetOp-A/B</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>12 km diameter</u>	<u>SO₂ VCD</u> <u>Cloud top height</u>	<u>3.62 - 15.5 μm</u>	<u>Clarisse et al., 2012</u> <u>Clarisse et al., 2014</u>
<u>GOME-2</u>	<u>MetOp-A/B</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>40 km x80 km</u>	<u>SO₂ VCD</u>	<u>240 - 400 nm</u>	<u>Rix et al., 2012</u>
<u>CALIOP</u>	<u>CALIPSO</u>	<u>60 m below 20 km</u> <u>180 m above 20 km</u>	<u>1 km</u> <u>1.667 km</u>	<u>Cloud top height</u> <u>Cloud type</u>	<u>532 nm</u> <u>1064 nm</u>	<u>Winker et al., 2009</u>
<u>GNSS RO</u>	<u>CHAMP</u> <u>COSMIC</u> <u>C/NOFS</u> <u>SAC-C</u> <u>GRACE-A</u> <u>Met-Op</u>	<u>100 m in the troposphere</u> <u>600 m in the stratosphere</u> <u>-</u>	<u>50 km in the troposphere</u> <u>200–300 km in the stratosphere</u>	<u>Bending angle</u> <u>Bangle anomaly</u> <u>Refractivity</u> <u>Temperature</u> <u>Pressure</u> <u>Specific Humidity</u> <u>Cloud top height</u>	<u>19.05*10⁴ μm</u> <u>24.40*10⁴ μm</u>	<u>Angerer et al., 2017</u> <u>Cigala et al., 2019</u>

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Table 2. Summary of the volcanoes and related eruption selected for the database. The following information is provided: the name of each volcano; the eruption start date as provided by the GVP; the spatial location of the volcano in latitude and longitude; the plume/cloud height as a range estimated from IASI, CALIOP and GNSS RO (see details below) and the SO₂ mass loading in Tg as reported in the literature.

Volcano name	Eruption start date Main eruptive event date	VEI	Location Latitude/Longitude (degree)	Archive start/end date	Cloud average height (km) - Sensor	SO ₂ mass loading (Tg) (Reference) Sensor
Okmok (Figure S1)	12.07.2008	<u>4</u>	53.397/-168.166	12.07.2008 06.08.2008	12.6 - IASI 12.0 - CALIOP 12.5 - RO	0.12 (Spinei et al., 2010) OMI 0.3 (Prata et al. 2010) AIRS 0.09 (Carn et al., 2016) IASI
Kasatochi (Figure S2)	07.08.2008	<u>4</u>	52.172/-175.509	07.08.2008 29.08.2008	11.7 - IASI 12.0 - CALIOP 12.4 - RO	2.7 (Corradini et al., 2010) MODIS 1.2 (Prata et al., 2010) AIRS 2.2 (Krotkov et al., 2010) OMI 2.0 (Yang et al., 2010) OMI 1.7 (Karagulian et al.) IASI 1.7 (Kristiansen et al., 2010) Multi-sensor 1.6 (Clarisse et al., 2012) IASI 1.6 (Nowlan et al., 2011) GOME-2
Sarychev (Figure S3)	15 14.06.2009	<u>4</u>	48.092/153.200	11.06.2009 16.07.2009	12.2 - IASI 12.9 - CALIOP 12.3 - RO	1.2 (Haywood et al., 2010) IASI
Eyjafjallajökull Eyjafjallajökull (Figure S4)	20.03.2010	<u>4</u>	63.633/19.633	05.05.2010 21.05.2010	8.0 - IASI 12.2 - CALIOP 12.3 - RO -	0.17 (Boichu et al., 2013) IASI 1.2 (Rix et al., 2012) GOME-2 0.18 (Carboni et al., 2012) IASI 0.06 (Pugnaghi et al., 2016) MODIS
Merapi (Figure S5)	04.11.2010	<u>4</u>	-7.542/110.442	26.10.2010 11.11.2010	12.4 - IASI 14.5 - CALIOP 16.1 - RO	0.44 (Surono et al., 2012) Multi-sensor
Grímsvötn Grímsvötn (Figure S6)	21.05.2011	<u>4</u>	64.416/-17.316	22.05.2011 18.06.2011	10.8 - IASI 12.2 - CALIOP 11.7 - RO -	0.24 (Prata et al., 2017) 0.38 (Carn et al., 2016) 0.4 (Sigmarsson et al., 2013) OMI+IASI 0.61 (Moxnes et al., 2014)
Nabro (Figure S7)	13 12.06.2011	<u>4</u>	13.370/41.700	31.05.2011 25.06.2011	12.2 - IASI 14.3 - CALIOP 15.3 - RO	4.5 (Theys et al., 2013) Multi-sensor
Puyehue-Cordon Cordon Caulle (PCC) (Figure S8)	04.06.2011	<u>5</u>	-40. 59059 /-72.117	07.06.2011 18.06.2011	12.2 - IASI NA - CALIOP 12.5 - RO	0.2 (Theys et al., 2013) IASI

Tolbachik (Figure S9)	27.11.2012	<u>4</u>	55.832/160.326	27.11.2012 03.12.2012	8.9 - IASI 11.4 - CALIOP 11.7 - RO	0.2 (Telling et al. 2015) Multi-sensor 0.09 (Carn et al., 2016) IASI -
Kelut (Figure S10)	13.02.2014	<u>4</u>	-7.939/112.307	17.02.2014 18.02.2014	17.6 - IASI NA - CALIOP 16.9 - RO	0.2 (Carn et al., 2016) OMI 0,19 (Carn et al., 2016) IASI
Calbuco (Figure S11)	24 22.04.2015	<u>4</u>	-41.328/-72.607	24.04.2015 24.05.2015	16.4 - IASI 12.4 - CALIOP 14.8 - RO	0.3 (Pardini et al., 2018)

Table 2.~~Summary of data used to build the archive.~~

Sensor	Satellite(s)	Vertical resolution	Spatial resolution	Estimation	Algorithm-reference
<i>AIRS</i> (Infrared)	Aqua (A-Train)	NA	13.5 km	SO ₂ -VCD	Prata and Bernardo, 2007
<i>IASI</i> (Infrared)	MetOp-A/B	NA	12 km	SO ₂ -VCD Cloud-top height	Clarisse et al., 2012 Clarisse et al., 2014
<i>GOME-2</i> (Ultraviolet-Visible)	MetOp-A/B	NA	40x80 km	SO ₂ -VCD	Rix et al., 2012
<i>CALIOP</i> (Lidar)	CALIPSO (A-Train)	60 m below 20 km 180 m above 20 km	1 km 1.667 km	Cloud-top height Cloud-type	Winker et al., 2009
<i>GNSS-RO</i> (Microwave)	CHAMP COSMIC C/NOFS SAC-C GRACE-A Met-Op	100 m in the troposphere 600 m in the stratosphere	50 km in the troposphere 200-300 km in the stratosphere	Bending angle Bangle anomaly Refractivity Temperature Pressure Specific Humidity Cloud-top height	Angerer et al., 2017 Cigala et al., 2019

Table 3: Number of days, files, granules and profiles covered by the archive for each volcano in alphabetical order.

Volcano	# of days covered	# of CALIOP profiles	# of AIRS granules	# of IASI scanning steps	# of GOME scanning steps	# of RO profiles
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Calbuco	29	12495	350	42740	20992	5362
Eyja	17	3569	76	3980	164369	2624
Grimsvotn	28	6268	147	49824	833541	6007
Kasatochi	23	12897	247	103622	650031	17045
Kelut	2	72	1	1313	2575	83
Merapi	17	1053	27	4919	80193	984
Nabro	26	2463	123	59359	638316	7131
Okmok	26	5678	32	2931	737981	13255
PCC	12	0	76	21528	369992	664
Sarychev	36	11563	127	83533	1035931	16522
Tolbachik	7	617	9	5390	22133	449

725 **Table 4.**

Table 3. General description of all the variables contained in the archive

<u>Variable name</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Dimension (rows, columns)</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Unit</u>
<u>AIRS lat</u>	<u>Latitude data, each column corresponds to a granule and each row to one data point in a granule.</u>	<u>AIRS lat, date AIRS</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>degrees north</u>
<u>AIRS lon</u>	<u>Longitude data, each column corresponds to a granule and each row to one data point in a granule.</u>	<u>AIRS lat, date AIRS</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>degrees east</u>
<u>AIRS date</u>	<u>Date of granule contained in each column.</u>	<u>1, date AIRS</u>	<u>int</u>	<u>seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00:0.0</u>
<u>AIRS SO2</u>	<u>SO2 data, each column corresponds to a granule and each row to one data point in a granule.</u>	<u>AIRS lat, date AIRS</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>DU</u>
<u>IASI lat</u>	<u>Latitude data, each column corresponds to a granule and each row to one data point in a granule.</u>	<u>IASI lat, date IASI</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>degrees north</u>
<u>IASI lon</u>	<u>Longitude data, each column corresponds to a granule and each row to one data point in a granule.</u>	<u>IASI lat, date IASI</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>degrees east</u>
<u>IASI date</u>	<u>Date of granule contained in each column.</u>	<u>1, date IASI</u>	<u>int</u>	<u>seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00:0.0</u>
<u>IASI SO2</u>	<u>SO2 data, each column corresponds to a granule and each row to one data point in a granule.</u>	<u>IASI lat, date IASI</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>DU</u>
<u>IASI height</u>	<u>Cloud top height estimated with IASI</u>	<u>IASI lat, date IASI</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>m</u>
<u>GOME lat</u>	<u>Latitude data, each column corresponds to a granule and each row to one data point in a granule.</u>	<u>GOME lat, date GOME</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>degrees north</u>
<u>GOME lon</u>	<u>Longitude data, each column corresponds to a granule and each row to one data point in a granule.</u>	<u>GOME lat, date GOME</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>degrees east</u>
<u>GOME date</u>	<u>Date of granule contained in each column.</u>	<u>1, date GOME</u>	<u>int</u>	<u>seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00:0.0</u>
<u>GOME SO2 1</u>	<u>SO2 data, each column corresponds to a granule and each row to one data point in a granule.</u>	<u>GOME lat, date GOME</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>DU</u>
<u>GOME SO2 2</u>	<u>SO2 data, each column corresponds to a granule and each row to one data point in a granule.</u>	<u>GOME lat, date GOME</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>DU</u>
<u>GOME SO2 3</u>	<u>SO2 data, each column corresponds to a granule and each row to one data point in a granule.</u>	<u>GOME lat, date GOME</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>DU</u>

<u>CALIOP lat</u>	<u>Latitude data, each row corresponds to one point of a CALIOP track.</u>	<u>CALIOP lat, 1</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>degrees north</u>
<u>CALIOP lon</u>	<u>Longitude data, each row corresponds to one point of a CALIOP track.</u>	<u>CALIOP lat, 1</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>degrees east</u>
<u>CALIOP date</u>	<u>Date and time, each row corresponds to one point of a CALIOP track.</u>	<u>CALIOP lat, 1</u>	<u>int</u>	<u>seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00:0.0</u>
<u>CALIOP filename</u>	<u>Filename, each row provides the filename of the given data point.</u>	<u>CALIOP lat, CALIOP char</u>	<u>char</u>	<u>n.a.</u>
<u>CALIOP height</u>	<u>Cloud top altitude data, each row corresponds to one point of a CALIOP track and each column to a collocated sensor.</u>	<u>CALIOP lat, Sensors</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>m</u>
<u>CALIOP type</u>	<u>Cloud type data, each row corresponds to one point of a CALIOP track, three columns corresponding to three levels of altitude -0.5 to 8.2 km, 8.2 to 20.2km and 20.2 to 30.1km</u>	<u>CALIOP lat, CALIOP char2, CALIOP type</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>n.a.</u>
<u>Only volcano files</u>				
<u>RO lat</u>	<u>Latitude data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO lat, RO profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>degrees north</u>
<u>RO lon</u>	<u>Longitude data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO lat, RO profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>degrees east</u>
<u>RO date</u>	<u>Date and time data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO lat, RO profile</u>	<u>int</u>	<u>seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00:0.0</u>
<u>RO bending angle</u>	<u>Bending angle data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO lat, RO profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>rad</u>
<u>RO anomaly bending angle</u>	<u>Bending angle anomaly data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO lat, RO profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>percent</u>
<u>RO temperature</u>	<u>Temperature data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO lat, RO profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>K</u>
<u>RO pressure</u>	<u>Pressure data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO lat, RO profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>Pa</u>
<u>RO refractivity</u>	<u>Refractivity data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO lat, RO profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>RO specific humidity</u>	<u>Specific humidity data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO lat, RO profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>kg.kg-1</u>
<u>RO heightVC</u>	<u>Cloud top altitude data, each column corresponds to a ro profile.</u>	<u>1, RO profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>m</u>
<u>Only daily files</u>				
<u>RO AIRS lat</u>	<u>Latitude data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO AIRS lat, RO AIRS profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>degrees north</u>
<u>RO AIRS lon</u>	<u>Longitude data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO AIRS lat, RO AIRS profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>degrees east</u>
<u>RO AIRS date</u>	<u>Date and time data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO AIRS lat, RO AIRS profile</u>	<u>int</u>	<u>seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00:0.0</u>
<u>RO AIRS bending angle</u>	<u>Bending angle data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO AIRS lat, RO AIRS profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>rad</u>
<u>RO AIRS anomaly bending angle</u>	<u>Bending angle anomaly data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO AIRS lat, RO AIRS profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>percent</u>
<u>RO AIRS temperature</u>	<u>Temperature data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO AIRS lat, RO AIRS profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>K</u>
<u>RO AIRS pressure</u>	<u>Pressure data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO AIRS lat, RO AIRS profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>Pa</u>
<u>RO AIRS refractivity</u>	<u>Refractivity data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO AIRS lat, RO AIRS profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>RO AIRS specific humidity</u>	<u>Specific humidity data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO AIRS lat, RO AIRS profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>kg.kg-1</u>

<u>RO AIRS heightVC</u>	<u>Cloud top altitude data, each column corresponds to a ro profile.</u>	<u>1, RO AIRS profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>m</u>
<u>RO IASI lat</u>	<u>Latitude data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO IASI lat, RO IASI profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>degrees north</u>
<u>RO IASI lon</u>	<u>Longitude data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO IASI lat, RO IASI profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>degrees east</u>
<u>RO IASI date</u>	<u>Date and time data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO IASI lat, RO IASI profile</u>	<u>int</u>	<u>seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00:00</u>
<u>RO IASI bending angle</u>	<u>Bending angle data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO IASI lat, RO IASI profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>rad</u>
<u>RO IASI anomaly bending angle</u>	<u>Bending angle anomaly data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO IASI lat, RO IASI profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>percent</u>
<u>RO IASI temperature</u>	<u>Temperature data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO IASI lat, RO IASI profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>K</u>
<u>RO IASI pressure</u>	<u>Pressure data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO IASI lat, RO IASI profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>Pa</u>
<u>RO IASI refractivity</u>	<u>Refractivity data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO IASI lat, RO IASI profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>RO IASI specific humidity</u>	<u>Specific humidity data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO IASI lat, RO IASI profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>kg.kg-1</u>
<u>RO IASI heightVC</u>	<u>Cloud top altitude data, each column corresponds to a ro profile.</u>	<u>1, RO IASI profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>m</u>
<u>RO GOME lat</u>	<u>Latitude data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO GOME lat, RO GOME profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>degrees north</u>
<u>RO GOME lon</u>	<u>Longitude data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO GOME lat, RO GOME profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>degrees east</u>
<u>RO GOME date</u>	<u>Date and time data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO GOME lat, RO GOME profile</u>	<u>int</u>	<u>seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00:00</u>
<u>RO GOME bending angle</u>	<u>Bending angle data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO GOME lat, RO GOME profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>rad</u>
<u>RO GOME anomaly bending angle</u>	<u>Bending angle anomaly data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO GOME lat, RO GOME profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>percent</u>
<u>RO GOME temperature</u>	<u>Temperature data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO GOME lat, RO GOME profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>K</u>
<u>RO GOME pressure</u>	<u>Pressure data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO GOME lat, RO GOME profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>Pa</u>
<u>RO GOME refractivity</u>	<u>Refractivity data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO GOME lat, RO GOME profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>RO GOME specific humidity</u>	<u>Specific humidity data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO GOME lat, RO GOME profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>kg.kg-1</u>
<u>RO GOME heightVC</u>	<u>Cloud top altitude data, each column corresponds to a ro profile.</u>	<u>1, RO GOME profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>m</u>
<u>RO AIRS lat</u>	<u>Latitude data, each row corresponds to one profile point and each column to a ro profile.</u>	<u>RO AIRS lat, RO AIRS profile</u>	<u>double</u>	<u>degrees north</u>

Table 4. Number of days, granules, scanning lines and profiles covered by the archive for each volcano in alphabetical order

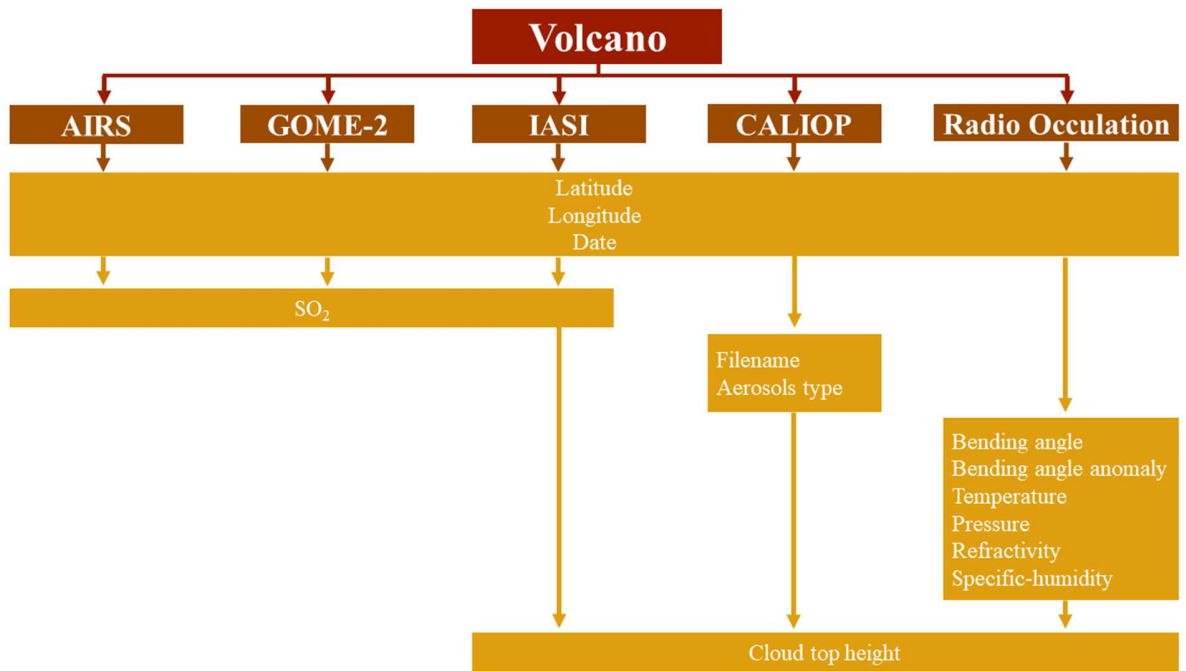
Volcano	CALIOP		AIRS		IASI		GOME		RO	
	# of profiles	# of days covered	# of granules	# of days covered	# of scanning lines	# of days covered	# of scanning lines	# of days covered	# of profiles	# of days covered
<u>Calbuco</u>	<u>12495</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>42740</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>20992</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5362</u>	<u>31</u>
<u>Eyjafjallajökull</u>	<u>3569</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>3980</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>164369</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2624</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>Grímsvötn</u>	<u>6268</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>49824</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>833541</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>6007</u>	<u>21</u>

<u>Kasatochi</u>	<u>12897</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>103622</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>650031</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>17045</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>Kelut</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1313</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2575</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Merapi</u>	<u>1053</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4919</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>80193</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>984</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>Nabro</u>	<u>2463</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>59359</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>638316</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7131</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>Okmok</u>	<u>5678</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>2931</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>737981</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>13255</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>PCC</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>21528</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>369992</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>664</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>Sarychev</u>	<u>11563</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>83533</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>1035931</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>16522</u>	<u>36</u>
<u>Tolbachik</u>	<u>617</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5390</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>22133</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>449</u>	<u>7</u>

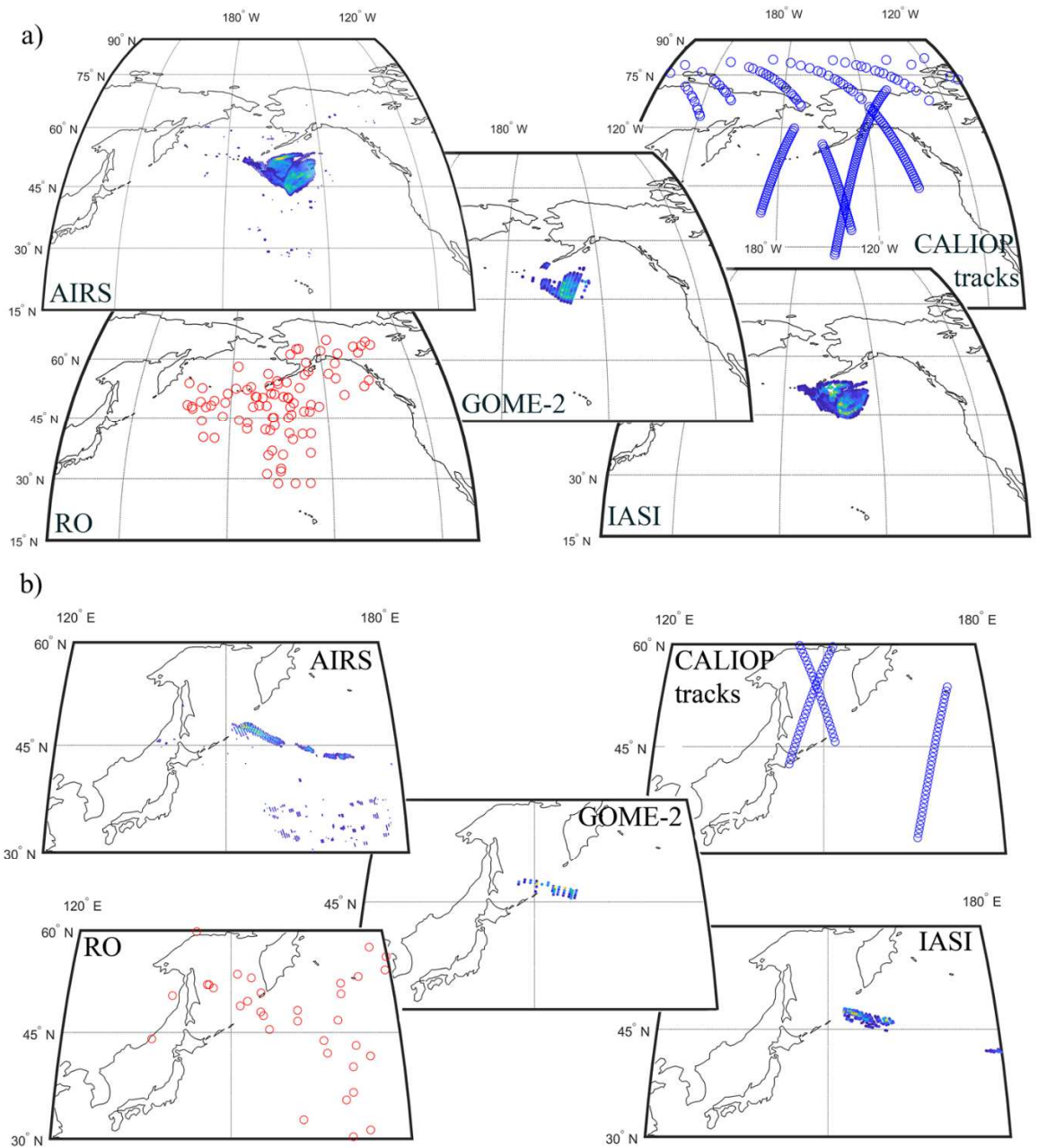
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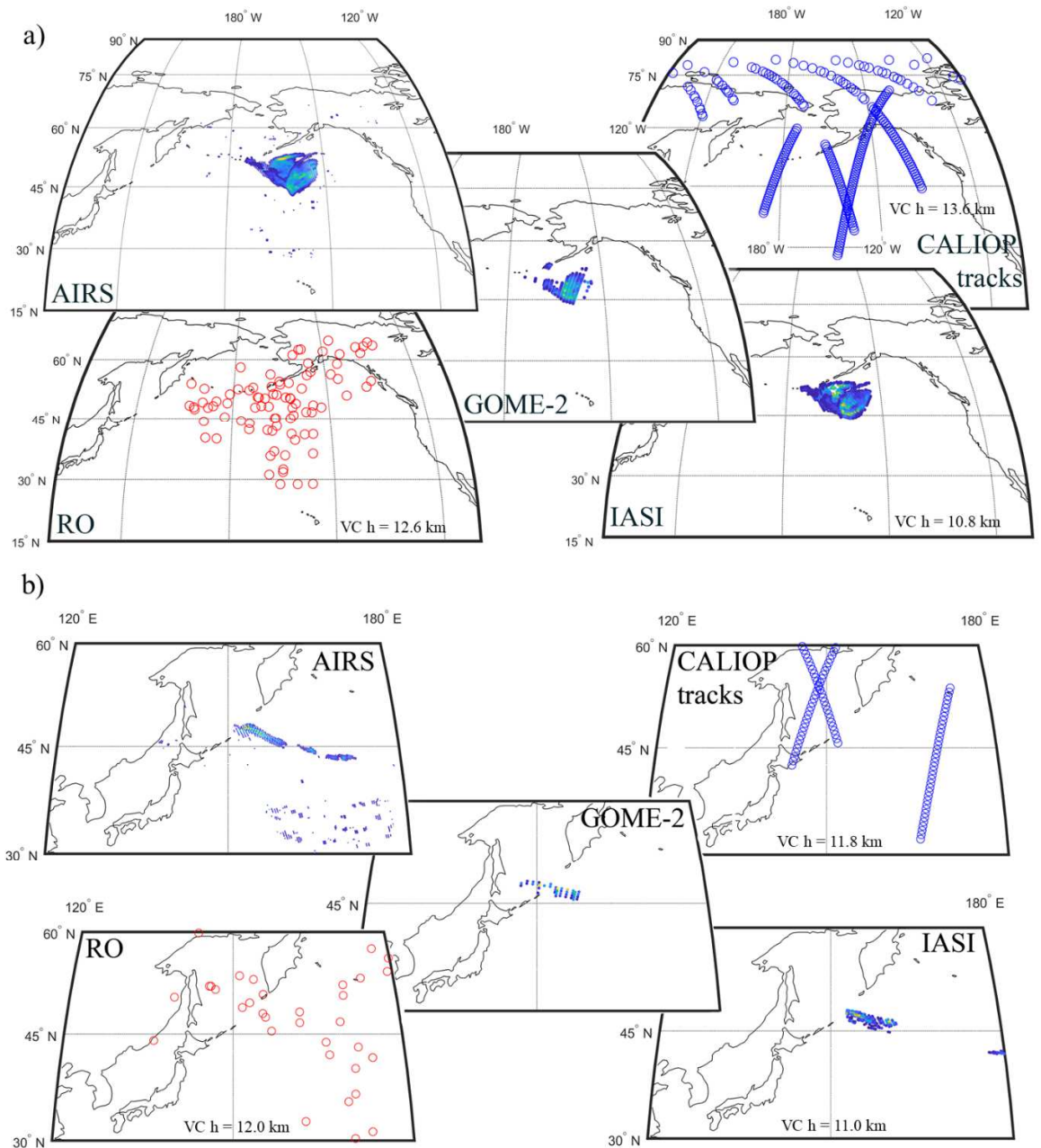
Table 5. The average difference between cloud top height estimated with pairs of sensors for each volcano. For each pair we report the average difference (or simply the difference when there is only 1 collocation) of all the collocations and the number of collocations. When there are no collocations the value reported is “/”.

Volcano	RO-CALIOP altitude average (km)	#	RO-IASI altitude average (km)	#	IASI- CALIOP altitude average (km)	#
Calbuco	4.2	39	3.4	867	4.9	308
Eyjafjallajökull Eyjafjallajökull	0.3	1	3.7	30	3.5	29
Grímsvötn Grímsvötn	0.9	5	3.7	136	2.4	75
Kasatochi	1.3	70	1.2	3855	1.6	997
Kelut	/	0	1.7	20	/	0
Merapi	1.5	1	2.7	127	2.2	70
Nabro	3.4	9	4.3	609	3.6	204
Okmok	3.3	2	1.8	143	2.5	22
PCC Puyehue-Cordón Caulle	/	0	1.6	193	/	0
Sarychev	1.5	24	1.5	1519	2.8	227
Tolbachik	/	0	3.0	68	/	0



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Figure 2. Example of data use and data collocation. (a) Kasatochi cloud on 9th of August 2008 (a) and; (b) Sarychev Peak cloud on 12th of June 2009. The central panels show the SO₂ VCD 2-dimensional spreading estimated by AIRS, GOME-2 and IASI, the top-right panel show the CALIOP tracks for which the total attenuated backscatter profile is available and the bottom-left panel shows the RO profiles collocated with the SO₂. For IASI, CALIOP and RO the average volcanic cloud top altitude for the considered day is indicated (VC h).

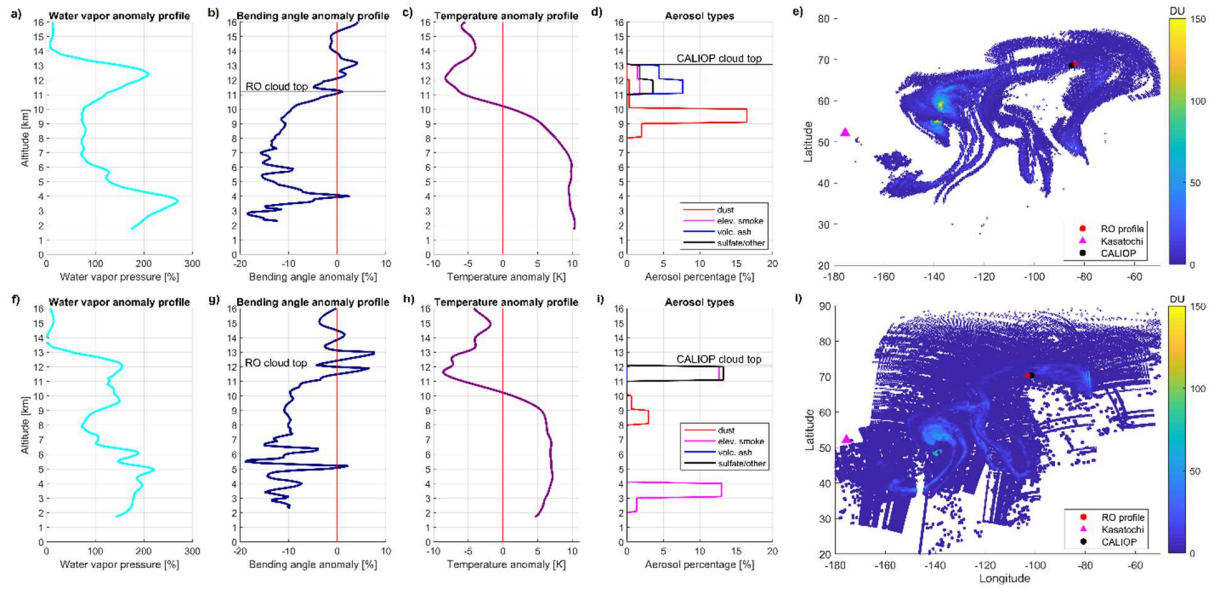


Figure 3. Case study Kastochi 2008. RO profiles corresponding to the CALIOP aerosol types profile collocated with the SO₂ estimation from IASI (top panels, 12/08/2008) and AIRS (bottom panels, 11/08/2008).