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REFERENCE INSTRUMENTS

RAYLEIGH-MIE DOPPLER LIDAR

- Doppler wind lidar at Maïdo observatory (La Reunion island)
- Doppler wind lidar at OHP observatory (Haute Provence, France)
- Double-edge Fabry-Perot interferometer: same as ALADIN Rayleigh channel
- Altitude range: 5 75 km, vertical resolution 100 m, temporal resolution 5 minutes, random error < 1 m/s up to 25 km altitude
- Regular operation and intensive measurement campaigns since 2014
- AboVE- Aeolus Validation Experiment: intensive measurement campaigns and punctual cal/val measurements: wind lidar and radiosoundings
- AboVE-Maido1 campaign : 25 sept 2019 to 10 oct 2019
- AboVE-Maido2 campaign : 31 may 2021 to 24 june 2021
- AboVE-OHP1 campaign : 6 Jan 2019 to 14 Jan 2019
- AboVE-OHP2 campaign : 29 nov 2021 to 13 dec 2021



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Maïdo Observatory (2158 m a.s.l.) Reunion island



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Observatoire de Haute Provence (OHP)

Observatoire du Maido (OPAR)



CASE BASED STUDY ANALYSIS

COLLOCATION CASES

a): February 24, 2021 (Above Maido 2) - 2B11 Oscillation only visible on satellite - I2OP ?

b): June 9, 2021 (Above Maïdo 2) - 2B12 Cone shaped pattern - High RBS flaw ?

c): 14 December 2021 (Above OHP2) - 2B13 Sudden high value - Hot pixel ?

d): December 20, 2021 (Above OHP 2) - 2B13 Oscillation + high values - Hot pixel + I2OP ?









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STATISTICAL COMPARISON



Increase of random error in the higher bins Nominal range for comparisons is <22km More distant collocations don't have higher biases

MISSION REQUIREMENTS

	Mission Requirement limits (ms ⁻¹)	Radiosonde (ms-1)	Lidar (
Bias	0.7	-0.79	-0.9
SD 2-16 km	2.5	5.04	5.6
SD 16-20 km	3	4.93	5.5
SD 20-30 km	5	9.19	9.4

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CAL/VAL ANALYSIS

LONG TERM VALIDATION



Laser degradation leads to an increase in the random error

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DATASETS

REOLUS



GNSS-RO



Wind profiles 1 km Vertical Resolution Limited assimilation by ERA5

Temperature profiles ~100m Vertical Resolution High assimilation by ERA5







Wind & Temperature profiles 500m Vertical Resolution Infers wind from thermal information

GRAVITY WAVE ENERGY RETRIEVAL



Kinetic Energy $K_e = \frac{1}{2} \left| u'^2 \right|$ $K_{e \ HLOS} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{U'^2}{HLOS} \right]$

Initial retrieval of the background 5° Lat x 20° Lon x 7 days

Filtering of the perturbation

Retrieval between 22 km and tropopause -1 km

HLOS involves both components at the same time

Filters out Kelvin and Rossby waves

SU-REUNION

Potential Energy $E_p = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{g}{N}\right)$ $\overline{\bar{T}}$

NOISE CORRECTION



Two ways of removing noise: ERA5 or Radiosondes

ERA5 is global and has less geophysical biases



AEOLUS SEASONAL VARIATION OSU-RÉUNION

BOREAL SUMMER



Consistent structures over the same season

An axial symmetry is seen between two opposite seasons



AEOLUS SEASONAL VARIATION

AUSTRAL SUMMER



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GNSS-RO COMPARISON

BOREAL SUMMER



Distributions don't correlate perfectly (Ek =/= Ep)

Pattern similarities are limited but hotspots are consistent



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ERA5 COMPARISON





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ERA5 COMPARISON

HOVMOLLER PLOT EK 9 KM

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CONCLUSION

- Use of Aeolus Rayleigh clear channel (clear sky) winds for processing and retrieval of Kinetic Energy from Gravity Waves (Internal and Inertia).
- EK patterns showed by Aeolus are consistent with results from GNSS-RO EP and ERA5 EK and EP.
- The hotspots are primarily linked to convective phenomena, such as the MJO, based on OLR measurements.
- The ERA5 reanalysis model underestimates the EK in regions where convection is higher. This is not the case for EP, as the model assimilates GNSS-RO data.
- Utilizing Aeolus as a new data source to study convection-induced phenomena in poorly assimilated tropical regions, will offer substancial scientific benefits to models

NOISE CORRECTION

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Observatoire

The noise correction is made from a zonal mean difference between Aeolus and ERA5

The difference is averaged over an entire line (3 weeks)

This method overcorrects areas of low value

Allows for a good appreciation of the convection-related patterns

EK/EP RATIO

Mean EK/EP Ratio :

1.43

1.6