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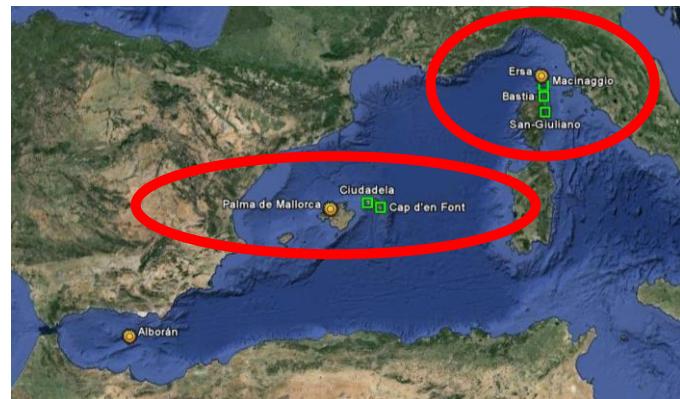
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OBJECTIVES:

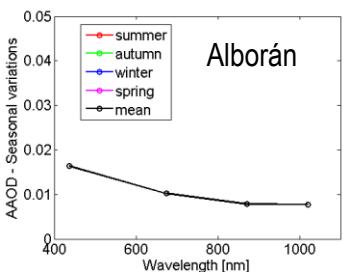
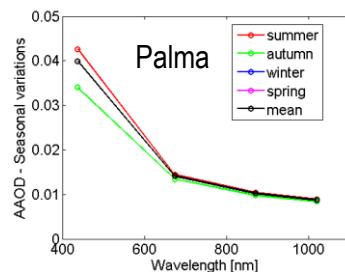
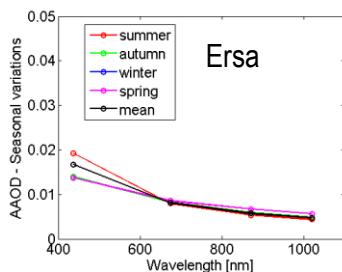
- Compare the optical and radiative properties derived from AERONET sun-photometer measurements at two regional background sites in Ersa (Corsica, France) and Palma de Mallorca (Mallorca, Spain).
- Compare the radiative forcing at the Top Of the Atmosphere (TOA) and at the Bottom of the Atmosphere (BOA) from AERONET with calculations from a local, 1D RTM
- Discuss a case of study during the 2013 summer campaign.

SITES:



- Position of lidar systems
- Position of AERONET sun-photometers
- Sites used in the case of study

SEASONAL AND ANNUAL VARIABILITY OF AEROSOL PROPERTIES (I):



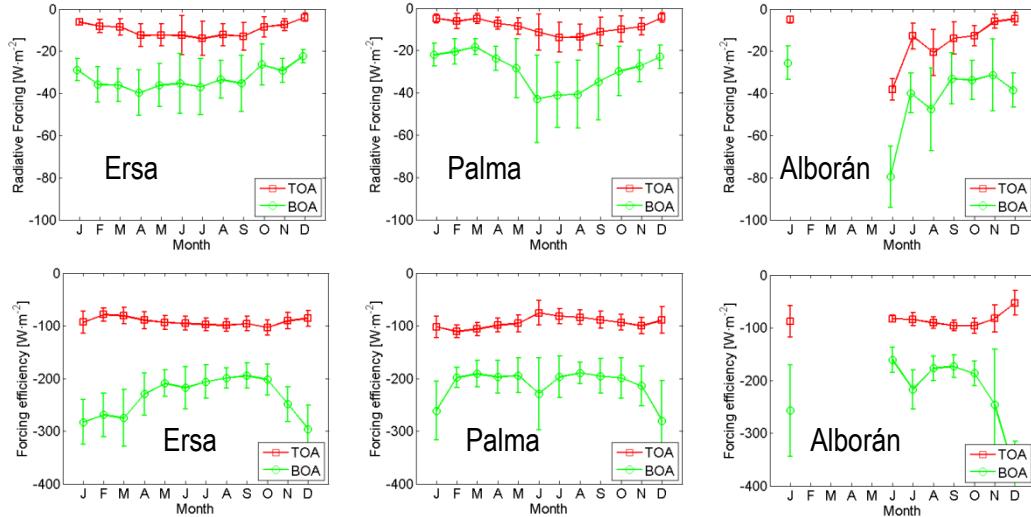
AAOD seasonal variation.

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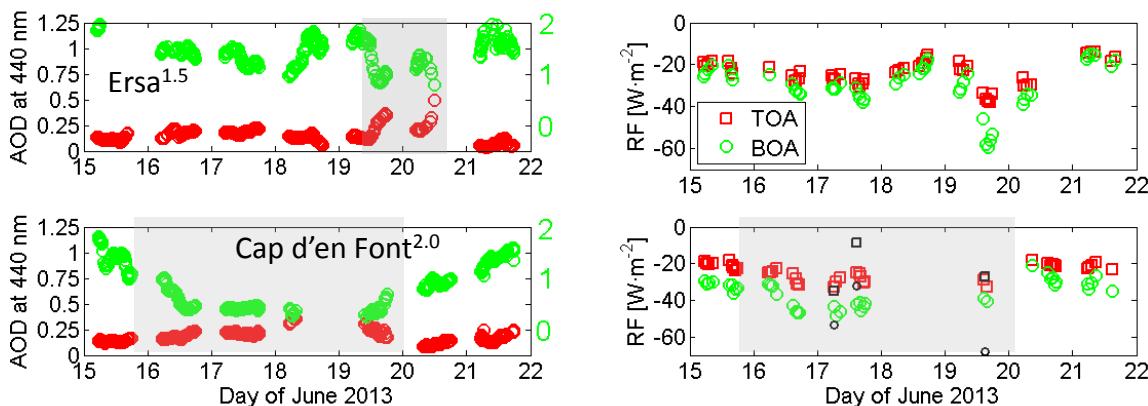
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SEASONAL AND ANNUAL VARIABILITY OF AEROSOL PROPERTIES (II):



Seasonal variation (top) of the solar radiative forcing and (bottom) of the solar forcing efficiency.

CASE STUDY DURING SUMMER 2013:



(left) AOD at 440 nm and AE 440–870 nm (left axis) during 15–21 June 2012; (right) shortwave radiative forcing at the TOA and at the BOA.