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1 Introduction

This document gives an overview of the constraints and possible choices to be made on the settings for the vertical sampling of the ADM-Aeolus mission. The instrument has been designed to be adjustable, but in order not to waste valuable measurement time an overview of the possible settings, and their expected effect on the measurement quality is needed before launch.

First, the terminology used within the ADM-Aeolus mission is summarised in section 3. Then the operational concept and instrument characteristics, relevant for the current study are given in section 4. The constraints to which the mission is bound will be summarised in section 5. Then a reference scenario and possible alternative scenarios are described in section 6. The choices following from the chosen terrain model are summarised in 7. In section 8 the types of errors which influence the end product are summarised. The tools needed to perform the simulations are summarised in section 9. Finally this technical note is concluded with an overview of the findings in section 10.

2 Documents and acronyms

2.1 Applicable documents

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[RD11] "TN5.1 ADM-Aeolus Ground Campaign Results", section 8: "Lessons learnt and recommendations",p.219-224, AE.TN.DLR.A2D, TN51.300709, issue 1.0, dated 30-Jul-2009.

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2.4 Acronyms

ACCD	Accumulation Charge Coupled Device
AD	Applicable Document (see section 2.1)
ADM	Atmospheric Dynamics Mission
ANX	Ascending Node Crossing
BRC	Basic Repeat Cycle (covering a 200 km orbit section)
DCC	Dark Current Calibration
DEM	Digital Elevation Model
E2S	End-to-End Simulator
ESA	European Space Agency
et	extra-tropical (in range bin definitions)
FOV	Field of View
FP	Fabry-Perot (spectrometer)
FSR	Free Spectral Range
Fz or Fiz	Fizeau (spectrometer)
GLAS	Geoscience Laser Altimeter System
HLOS	Horizontal projection of the Line-Of-Sight (of the wind component)
HSRL	High spectral resolution Lidar
IAT	Instrument Auto Test
IDC	Instrument De-focus Characterization
IDL	Interactive Data Language (a commercial software package sold by CreaSo for plotting and data analyse)
IRC	Instrument Reponse Calibration
ISR	Instrument Spectral Registration
KNMI	Koninklijk Nederlands Meteorologisch Instituut (Royal Dutch Meteorological Institute)
L1Bp/L2Ap/L2Bp	Level 1B/2A/2B processor
L2CAL	Level 2 related Calibration tasks
LCPA	Laser-Chopper-Phase-Adjustment
LDTA	Laser Diode Temperature Adjustment
LOS	Line-Of-Sight
LOSCAL	LOS calibration/in-flight mispointing characterisation
LR	Literature Reference (see section 2.3)
LTAN	Local Time Ascending Node
MERCI	Measurement Error and Correlation Impact on ADM (ESA project)
MLST	Mean Local Solar Time
NH	Northern Hemisphere
nozwc	range bin definition without range bins intersecting the predicted surface level
MRC	Mie Response Calibration
NWP	Numerical Weather Prediction
OWVM	Offline WVM
PBL	Planetary Boundary Layer
PDF	Probability Density Function
PSC	Polar Stratospheric Cloud
RD	Reference Document (see section 2.2)
RRC	Rayleigh Response Calibration
SH	Southern Hemisphere
SNR	Signal to Noise Ratio
SP_VS_R	Starting Point Vertical Sampling Rayleigh; the name of the variable used to shift the measure
Td	Time delay
TMC	Time period of the high frequency Master Clock (it uses a frequency of 48 [MHz], so the cycle period is 1./48e6 [s] which equals 20.83 [ns], see [AD5], section 19, Annex 5 auxil
TN	Technical Note
tr	tropical (in range bin definitions)
TRO	Transmit-Receive-Optics
USR	Useful Spectral Range
WGS84	World Geodetic System 1984
WP	work package
WVM	Wind Vector Mode or Wind Velocity Measurement
ZWC	Zero-Wind-Calibration

2.5 Document preparation

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3 Terminology

This section defines for all project participants which terminology is used, and may be used as a reference by them. If possible the same terminology will be used as is in use for the algorithm development work (L1B,L2A, L2B). Since at the beginning of this study we may not be able to foresee all needed definitions, this list will be updated during the course of the study. If other definitions are needed please request them.

Definition of the terminology used (in alphabetical order):

- Ascending Node Crossing (ANX): The Aeolus Ascending Node Crossing point is the location of the intersection point between the spacecraft's ground track and the equator. Accordingly, the ANX time is the local time of an ANX passage (see LTAN).
- assimilation: the process of objectively adapting the NWP model state to observations in a statistical optimal way taking into account model and observation errors.
- attenuation (a): a measure for the signal loss in a volume. Also known as local optical depth (see optical depth for more details). It has no unit. Often attenuation is also expressed in dB, which differs only in the multiplicative factor 10/log(10) with the expression just given.
- backscatter (β): the amount of radiation at a given wavelength (355 nm in our case) that is reflected in a given direction from an atmospheric volume V, relative to the incident radiation on the surface area facing the incident radiation of this volume. Its unit is [1/(m.sr)].
- BRC: in measurement mode the instrument will use a Basic Repeat Cycle (sometimes also called Burst Repeat Cycle) as follows: it takes lidar measurements over 50 km, then it waits for 150 km. The timing is as follows. The total 200 km BRC takes 28 seconds. Taking the measurements over 50 km takes 7 seconds. During these 7 seconds the lidar fires laser pulses at a rate of 100 Hz, so 700 individual laser pulses are fired. During the 21 second interval between measuring, the laser amplifiers are switched of during 15 seconds. The remaining 6 seconds are used for warming up the laser. The last 305 pulses of the warm-up period may also be used as measurement, but the quality of the results is still uncertain. Therefore we assume in this study that these warm-up pulses cannot be used. (see [AD3], sec. 4.2.1, page 20.)
- calibration parameters: this includes characterisation parameters for especially the optical systems on board of the satellite, i.e. FSR, USR of the spectrometers, quantum efficiency of the ACCD elements, etc. Some of these components can be characterised on ground, but others need to be characterised in flight.
- classification: the L2BP tries to sort the lidar result at measurement level into different classes. At the moment 2 classes have been implemented: cloud or no-cloud. Results in each class are then accumulated into an observation for each BRC.
- cross talk between the 2 channels: In addition to detecting the broad Rayleigh scattered light, the small Mie peak is detected on the Rayleigh channel. This Mie peak will be present in the tail of both FP response curves, but on different sides of the top of the response curves. Therefore the Mie signal in both the A and B channel changes with wind speed, and a correction is needed to perform accurate wind inversion.
- cross talk between subsequent range bins: it takes a finite time to read all data lines from the ACCD chip. This has as consequence that light is still being collected for some time after the ACCD readout started. This leads to an overlap in signals for two adjacent range bins. For the Mie channel this leads to an overlap of about 1.1 μs (corresponding to about 165 m) [RD11]. For the Rayleigh channel the effect is smaller because only a part of the ACCD is illuminated for each channel, and will be about a quarter of the Mie channel (so 0.25 μs corresponding to about 35 m).
- extinction (α): a measure for the signal loss at a given position. It is defined as the natural logarithm of the radiation leaving a given atmospheric volume of infinitesemal thickness, relative to the amount of radiation entering this volume, devided by the layers thickness. Its unit is [1/m]. Extinction relates

to local optical depth or attenuation, by the integration: $d = \int_z^{z+dz} \alpha(z)dz$). Note that if α is constant over a given volume, this can be written as: $d = \alpha dz$ The extinction may be used by the L2BP to classify the atmosphere by applying a threshold to it (although this is not yet implemented). The currently implemented method is to apply a threshold to the scattering ratio.

- ground level: due to inaccuracies in the knowledge of the pointing of the LIDAR system the ground level can only be predicted with an accuracy of 200 to 300 m, even over flat terrain. In mountainous terrain the DEM will deviate from the actual ground surface and introduce additional uncertainty.

- height bin thickness (dZ): also called range bin thickness, is the vertical thickness of the atmospheric layer observed by a single rangebin by applying the range gating technique on the observed signal. This technique switches the detector on for a very short time only, which determines, together with the speed of light and the pointing of the laser, what the location was of the scattering particles or molecules (assuming that multiple scattering can be ignored).

- Horizontal Line Of Sight (HLOS): The horizontal line of sight is the horizontal component of the LOS, as projected to the local tangential plane above the WGS84 ellipsoid.

- HSRL: High Spectral Resolution Lidar instrument, the general name for a lidar with a high enough resolution to allow determination of the Doppler shift in the backscattered light

- Line Of Sight (LOS): The line of sight (LOS) is defined as the path of propagation of an emitted laser pulse. It follows a straight line between the Aladin instrument and the intersection point with an atmospheric target in case refraction effects are neglected (which will be assumed in this study).

- measurement length: the integration length used for 1 measurement. See measurement versus observation for more details.

- measurement modes: the ADM-Aeolus/ALADIN instrument can be operated in the following active modes (see [AD1]):

  - Measurement mode, this includes WVM (Wind Vector Mode/Wind Velocity Measurement), but also others like OWVM (Offline WVM), DCC (Dark Current Calibration), IDC (Instrument Defocus Characterization), LCPA (Laser-Chopper-Phase-Adjustment), LDTA (Laser Diode Temperature Adjustment), LOSCAL (LOS calibration/in-flight mispointing characterisation), and L2CAL (Level 2 related Calibration tasks)
  - calibration modes: RRC (Rayleigh Response Calibration) MRC (Mie Response Calibration), IAT (Instrument Auto Test), and ISR (Instrument Spectral Registration).

- measurement versus observation: the lidar measurements are composed of an accumulation (in the ACCD hardware) of p pulses. This typically covers 1 to 3.5 km of orbit. The amount of measurements n in a BRC ranges from 15 to 50 (depending on p). The product $n \times p$ may never be larger than 1005. Note that the first 2 pulses of every measurement are reserved to measure the internal reference pulse. Thus the net measurement time for atmospheric returns will decrease of p gets smaller. An observation is an accumulation in the L2BP software of some or all measurements within a given BRC, and will contain at most $n \times (p - 2)$ laser pulses.

- Mie versus Rayleigh channel: two types of backscatter are present for the 355 nm UV radiation. Scattering on air molecules (Rayleigh), and scattering on particles and droplets (Mie). Scattering on air molecules results in a broadening of the spectrum of the returned light due to the thermal motion of the molecules. Scattering on aerosol particles, cloud droplets and ice crystals do not show significant additional broadening (at the current resolution of the Fizeau spectrometer), and will have a spectral width almost equal to the spectral width of the emitted laser light. This difference in spectral properties of the backscattered light is used to split it in 2 mostly independent channels.

- nadir-geometry: for some calibration modes the complete satellite is rotated to let the lidar point almost perfectly downward, to an incidence angle close to 0°. Due to technical restrictions (solar panels will deliver less power in this state), this mode can only be allowed for short periods.

- observation: see explanation for: measurement versus observation
- off-nadir geometry: the measurement mode used for wind-vector-measurements, using an incidence angle of about 37.5°
- off-nadir zero wind ground calibration: due to mispointing of the lidar it is possible that a small component of the satellite velocity is projected on to the line of sight. By measuring ground reflections this component is measured routinely during WVM operation. This calibration data will then be fitted to a model (using the Harmonic Bias Correction method) and used to correct the retrieved winds from this effect.
- operational parameters: see the parameters mentioned for reference orbit
- (local) optical depth (d), or attenuation: a measure for the signal loss in a volume. It is defined as one minus the radiation leaving a given atmospheric volume, relative to the amount of radiation entering this volume, and equals $a = 1 - \tau$. It has no unit. It can be calculated from the extinction profile by integration: $d = \int_z^{z+dz} \exp(-\alpha dz)$.
- optical properties parameters: this includes characteristics of the transmit receive optics (TRO) and the spectrometers, which will be made available through calibration files to the processing software.
- orbit: ADM-Aeolus will be flying in a sun-synchronous dawn-dusk polar orbit at a mean altitude of 408 km.
- range bin: the smallest vertical atmospheric layer that can be resolved by the instrument. The light resulting from reflection in a range bin is selected by applying a time window on the received signal. The smallest possible range bin for ADM-Aeolus is 250 [m] (for incidence angle of 37.5°). Larger values upto 2 [km] are possible, provided that they are integer multiples of 250 [m].
- Rayleigh channel: see explanation for: Mie versus Rayleigh channel
- Reference orbit: The Aeolus reference orbit is defined in terms of a set of orbit parameters (eccentricity, sun-synchronous inclination), an orbit repeat cycle and a set of nominal longitude values defining the ascending node crossing (ANX) positions for all orbits within an orbit repeat cycle. Margins are specified for the tolerable deviations of the actual cross-track position and the mean local solar time (MLST) of the ANX crossings from the reference track.
- scattering ratio (ρ): the scattering ratio is the amount of particle backscatter, devided by the total molecular and particle backscatter. This means that a value of exactly 1 means that only molecular backscatter is present. Note that scattering ratio may be used by the L2BP to classify the atmosphere by applying a threshold to it.
- shear: see explanation for: wind vector versus wind shear
- shear assimilation: in stead of feeding HLOS wind components to a numerical weather model, it is also very well possible to feed these models with a difference between HLOS wind components for 2 altitudes. This will largely eliminate the uncertainty in zero wind calibration, and may be considered a backup scheme in case serious problems are found during the mission to accurately determine the zero wind calibration However, it will not correct any wind speed dependent biases that may occur for example due to application of wrong spectrometer calibration data
- SP_VS_R: variable that defines the top of the highest Rayleigh range bin along the LOS in [km].
- Terrain Model: A terrain model will be stored on board Aeolus for use in adjusting the vertical offset of sampling grids in the two receiver channels. The model will reflect the actual topography at the line-of-sight intersection point with the Earth and will be stored as a discrete look up table covering all orbits within an orbit repeat cycle.

- transmission (τ): a measure for the amount of signal that traverses a given atmospheric volume. It is defined as the radiation leaving a given atmospheric volume, relative to the amount of radiation entering this volume, normalised by the thickness of the volume. Its has no unit. the relation to the optical depth d is: $\tau = exp(-d)$, which can for small d be approximated with: $\tau = 1 - d$. Note that the 2-way transmission through this volume is τ^2. Note also that when tau is assumed constant in a rangebin, then the transmission to the middle of the rangebin is $\sqrt{\tau}$. If the light is reflected in the middle of a rangebin by a cloud, the 2-way transmission to the middle of the rangebin is thus $(\sqrt{\tau})^2 = \tau$.

- WGS84: is an ellipsoid representing the global shape of the earth[3] and is used as reference for the coordinate system used by the reported measurements. Note that the actual shape of the globe will differ from the WGS84 value from location to location. For this reason the difference named Geoid_-Separation is added to the geolocation parameters of the L1B product file. Note that this difference is based on a Digital-Elevation-Model (DEM) which has its own inaccuracies, so this number will contain errors.

- wind parameters: these include the setting to process LOS or HLOS wind (which can be chosen at L1BP stage)

- wind vector versus wind shear: when measurement data is used in a Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) model, a "pseudo" measurement is extracted from the model data and compared to the real measurement. The difference between real and pseudo measurement is used to adapt the model state to the real atmospheric conditions. Constructing such a "pseudo" measurement is equally simple when the measurement is a wind vector, or when it is a difference between two vectors at different altitude (i.e. shear). Therefore there is no technical constraint in favor of one over the other as far as NWP models are concerned. Because shear is a difference between 2 values, the 24 measured winds are reduced to 23 shear values. This seems a drawback. However, it may be possible in this case to skip the zero-wind-calibration as a constraint from constructing the range bin scenarios, which on average will lead to more than 1 rangebin to be below the surface (so without any valid wind result). Therefore the possibility exists that the use of wind shear is favorable, and this will be examined in this study. Note also that the stability of the instrument pointing is an important factor here. If the stability turns out to be insufficient zero-wind-calibration may not be feasable at all.

- WVM: Wind Vector Mode/Wind Velocity Measurement (see also "measurement modes")

- zero wind ground calibration (ZWC): see explanation for: off-nadir zero wind ground calibration

See [AD3], [AD4] and [AD7] for more definitions of the used terminology.

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4 Operational concept and instrument characteristics

This section will summarise the relevant characteristics for the operational concept, the orbit and the instrument, as far as needed in the context of this project. Only items are described that may influence the choice of range bin definitions, it is not intended to be a complete list.

4.1 Instrument characteristics

The instrument characteristics are:

- Laser: the laser will operate at 355 nm, which corresponds to 845 THz, and will be pulsed with a repetition rate of 100 Hz. Beam divergence is 12.18 μrad, leading to an illuminated spot on the surface with a diameter in the order of 10 m. The average laser pulse energy is designed to be 120 mJ, and the laser pulse length will be 30 ns, which corresponds to 9 m.
- Pointing: the laser will be pointed with a slant angle of 35° off nadir. The satellite is steered in such a way that earth rotation and systematic orbit height variations are compensated. Due to the curvature of the earth, the incidence angle at the surface is close to 37.5°.
- Telescope: has a diameter of 1.5 m, and a Field-of-View (FOV) for background light of 15 μrad.
- Mie channel: this channel consists of a Fizeau spectrometer and an ACCD detector, and is mainly sensitive to the backscatter on aerosol and cloud particles/droplets.
- Rayleigh channel: this channel consists of a 2 Fabry-Perot (FP) spectrometers (also referred to as one double-edge spectrometer) and an ACCD detector, and is mainly sensitive to the molecular backscatter.
- Horizontal sampling: measurements are collected over a 50 km orbit section. Each measurement is formed by collecting the signal for a configurable number of laser pulses. The L2BP approach is to classify these measurements into different classes (at the moment cloudy and clear sky are discriminated), and then accumulate each class to form an observation representing (part of) the 50 km measurement track. Horizontal separation of profiles is between 150 and 250 km, depending on which measurements where used in the accumulation to construct the observations[4].
- Vertical sampling: the signal is split at the detector in 25 range gates. 24 range gates are used for atmospheric return signals, and one range gate is used to characterize the background solar light contribution due to surface or cloud albedo. Range bin definitions can be set from ground level up to about 30 km.
- The SP_VS_R value defines the top of the highest Rayleigh range bin along the LOS in [km]. The abbreviation stands for "Starting Point Vertical Sampling Rayleigh".
- The Td_Ray_Mie value defines the separation between the highest Rayleigh range bin and the highest Mie range bin in units of the TMC clock.
- For each range bin the top and bottom altitude are also determined by TMC values in clock cycles. Note that the TMC unit is also used to program the E2S. These TMC values can only be changed 8 times per orbit. The SP_VS_R can be used to shift both channels up and down, and may have a different value for each BRC. This will be controlled by the on board terrain model.

[4]For example L2B processing for one BRC might produce an observation based on only the first measurement, while the processing of the next BRC might produce an observation based on the last measurement. The distance between these 2 observations will then be almost 250 km. The other way around will yield observations much closer to each other, only separated by about 150 km.

4.2 Operation characteristics

The operation characteristics (for measurement mode) are:

- WVM mode is used as often as possible
- the on board ground model Look-up-table for setting SP_VS_R can be updated only once a week. This concerns the so-called terrain-model, which is used to update the lowest vertical sampling height for every observation (thus every 200 km).
- on average the range bin definition may be switched 8 times per orbit. Actually for 107 orbits available in a week for WVM (assume 2 will be used for calibration purposes) 8*107 = 856 times for switching may be pre-defined. The planning is done for 3 weeks at a time, and this switching table will only be updated once a week (see [AD1] for details).

Note that the other operational modes, especially the dedicated calibration modes like ISR, MRC, RRC, etc. will not be addressed in this study.

4.3 Orbit characteristics

The orbit characteristics are:

- mean altitude of 408 km
- mean orbital speed of 7664 m/s.
- orbit period: 92.48 minutes
- inclination: 97°
- repeat cycle: 109 orbits (one week)
- orbit prediction accuracy: an inaccuracy of the orbit prediction after 1 week in the order of 50 km, both along track and across track is expected.
- LTAN, Local Time Ascending Node crossing (relevant for considerations on atmospheric mixing, PBL height, clouds, etc.)

4.4 Calibration characteristics

The calibration characteristics include:

- the choice where to do ZWC
- how often should a spectrometer calibration be performed[5]
- which frequencies to use while doing a calibration
- the choice to allow the processing to extrapolate the frequency domain to regions not covered by the latest spectrometer calibration

Note that all these choices may have to be reconsidered after launch .

[5]It should be noted here that for operational use in weather predictions, for example at ECMWF, a new set of calibration results will be tested in parallel for at least a week before the new results are allowed into the operational processing chain. Therefore doing calibrations more often than once a week may limit the actual usage of the data severaly.

4.5 Processing characteristics

The processing characteristics include:

- the L1B processor settings, which includes the choice between LOS and HLOS, the choice which DEM to use, choices how to do ground correction (ZWC), flagging of unreliable measurements, what Mie Core fitting settings should be used, etc.. All these settings are controlled via the L1B auxiliary parameter input file.
- the L2B processor settings include such settings as how to screen incoming data, how to perform classification, whether or not optical properties should be retrieved and used for classification, etc. Also several L1B steps are repeated in the L2BP. i.e. how to apply ground correction (ZWC), what Mie Core fitting settings should be used. All these settings are controlled via the L2B auxiliary parameter input file.

5 Constraints

Several constraints exist on the range bin definition that may be used for ADM-Aeolus measurements. Starting from the mission requirements, first technical constraints, due to the chosen hardware, will be discussed. Then the needs for calibration, processing and assimilation are given.

5.1 Mission requirements

As has been detailed in [AD8], the mission should fulfil certain requirements to yield wind information that is useful for NWP and science applications. The requirements on HLOS wind error, without representativeness error, are:

- accuracy (HLOS wind error standard deviation) in the PBL (below 2 km) should be better than 1 m/s.
- accuracy in the free troposphere (2-16 km) should be better than 2 m/s
- accuracy in the upper troposphere, and lower stratosphere (above 16 km) should be better than 3 m/s

And the requirements including representativeness error are

- accuracy in the PBL (below 2 km) should be better than 2 m/s.
- accuracy in the free troposphere (2-16 km) should be better than 3 m/s
- accuracy in the upper troposphere, and lower stratosphere (above 16 km) should be better than 5 m/s

5.2 Instrument constraints

These constraints are technical, due to the design of the hardware. They follow from the instrument characteristics mentioned in section 4.1.

- Aeolus is limited to 24 vertical range bins for both the Fabry-Perot (FP) and the Fizeau (Fz) spectrometer.
- the range bins typically will have a size of 250 m, 500 m, 1 km, 2 km[6] The technical constraint is that they should be multiples of 250 m, so the values 250 m, 500 m, 750 m, 1000 m, 1250 m, 1500 m, 1750 m and 2000 m are allowed. Currently there is a constraint in the on-board software that limits the range bin size to 2 km, and in the current stage of preparation it is not possible to change this. Therefore it is requested for a follow-on mission to relax this requirement to higher values and allow a Mie Range bin size upto 16 km.
- for the current instrument design it is not possible to create range bin definitions with an exact match for both channels. Currently it is required to have at least one Mie range bin below the lowest Rayleigh range bin.
- The maximum allowed altitude for the upper rangebin is defined by the allowed maximum of the SP_VS_R variable and the local incidence angle. For the moment[7] we assume the SP_VS_R variable that describes this difference is not allowed to have a value above 40 km. For a local incidence angle of 37.5° this means a maximum altitude of 31.73 km.

[6] Note that in [AD6], the vertical resolution is given as 0.5 km to 2 km. However, from the default scenarios created for use with the E2S by Oliver Le Rille it is clear that 250 m resolution is also possible. From remarks made at the ADMAG it is clear that 3 km resolution is desired in the stratosphere. It would also be very useful to have the possibility to create Mie range bins of 10 or 12 km, to be used to check the upper Rayleigh range bins for possible cross-talk. However, as has been reported in [RD12], it was found in this study that for the Rayleigh channel a range bin size of 1 km should be taken as minimum, since smaller ones will have too low SNR to yield wind results that reach the mission requirements.

[7] There has been some discussion on the validity of this 40 km maximum. A request was sent to ASTRIUM to resolve this, but within the timeframe of the VAMP study no response was received. Therefore, this value of 40 km has been taken as maximum value when defining the range bin definitions. Note that the stratospheric scenario (see section 6.5) violates this requirement on purpose, and is intended to give some information in case this constraint is not true after all, or otherwise it will give information that could be useful for future missions.

- The maximum altitude difference between the Rayleigh and Mie channel is 16 km
- The range bin definition can be altered on average 8 times per orbit (pre-programmed)
- The range bin definition can be shifted upwards or downwards following the local terrain. For this an optimal ground level determined for a 50x50 km box will be used[8]. This ground level is pre-calculated for all 109 orbits (having each 200 BRC's) in an orbit repeat cycle of one week, and stored on board of the satellite (see [AD1], section 4., p.30). Details on how this is calculated are given in [RD3] and [RD4]. The purpose of using a terrain model, is to ensure that not too many Mie and Rayleigh bins are lost below the surface. From [RD4], sec. 5.2.2, fig. 12 on p.19, it can be seen that the improvement is significant[9]
- The time needed to transfer charges on the CCD is $\approx 1.1\mu s$ corresponding to 330 m 2-way LOS path[10]. This induces a vertical range of overlap between subsequent range bins of 165 m in the Mie channel [RD11]. Since the FP CCD illumination is in two limited-size spots, the Rayleigh channel signal overlap between range gates is smaller, and is about 50 m. This introduces additional crosstalk between subsequent range bins in the same channel, and makes it harder to combine information between the 2 channels at the same level. It also causes the ground reflection to be smeared over 165 m, making it more likely to have the ground reflection in 2 or more subsequent range bins. In addition the ground level can only be predicted to an accuracy of 200 to 300 meters, even over flat terrain, due to pointing inaccuracy. Therefore the smearing of the signal cannot be prevented, and the processing software should be prepared to handle this.
- the horizontal sampling, defined by n (number of measurements per BRC) and p (number of laser pulses per measurement) have effect on the expected signals. The PDF for cloud cover is different when sampled with a different resolution. Also the SNR for the measurements will differ, which have an effect on the quality of the classification result of the L2BP.
- the instrument will operate in burst mode, measuring for 50/70 km, followed by the 150/130 km pause. The exact length of the burst depends on whether warm-up shots are used or not. The exact start time/location of the burst cannot be predicted very accurately within the 200 km stretch. The uncertainty in the prediction after several days will be in the order of 100 km.
- it was recently discovered that the transmission in the Mie spectrometer throughput is now 47% (in stead of the previously estimated 66%). This may have as consequence that the instrument will not fulfil the requirement in the PBL of acquiring winds with 1 m/s accuracy.

5.3 Operation constraints

From the operational characteristics, mentioned in section 4.2 the following constraints are extracted:

- there are 8 switching moments on average per orbit. Since we have 109 orbits per week, this leads to 8*109 = 872 switching moments that may be pre-programmed along the orbits of one week. This table holds the switching definition for 3 weeks, will be uploaded once a week, and must be available 1 week before the actual upload takes place.
- this study focuses on WVM mode only. However, also the other operational modes (like RRC, MRC, ISR etc.) have an influence on the data, since they take time to be performed, and thus lead to less data for WVM measurements. This has to be taken into account especially for the zero-wind-calibration opportunities. An additional constraint may be present if 2 switching moments are used by these calibration modes, since they will need customised range bin settings. This means that the

[8] a square box is used, rather than the line along the predicted orbit, because of uncertainties in the orbit prediction. This uncertainty would lead to a maximum across-track deviation of the predicted orbit after one week, of 50 km.

[9] This study used a range bin definition consisting of only 250 m bins, which is a bit unrealistic. When only looking at the bottom 4 bins (which is a scenario more likely to be used) it can be seen that only 50 % of the rangebins are (partly) above the surface in case no terrain model is used. When allowing 8 steps in SP_VS_R per orbit this is already increased to 65 %, and for 200 steps in SP_VS_R a value of better than 90 % can be reached.

[10] These numbers for rangebin overlap are based on A2D results. As far as we know now, this will be very similar for the flight model, but this needs to be confirmed.

amount of 872 switching moments per week is reduced, depending on the frequency of these calibration measurements.

5.4 Orbit constraints

From the orbit characteristics, mentioned in section 4.3 the following constraints are extracted:

- the accuracy of the orbit prediction is limited. This leads to inaccuracies in the on-board terrain model which is used to position the range bin definition with respect to the expected surface level. This uncertainty is estimated to be 50 km across and along track.
- The Local Time Ascending Node (LTAN) defines that the satellite will pass at 6 h and 18 h local time at the equator. The atmospheric properties at 6 h and 18 h have different characteristics e.g. example atmospheric mixing (which determines PBL height), development of convection and presence of clouds. These differences should be considered in this study.

5.5 Calibration constraints

The calibration constraints follow from the calibration characteristics mentioned in section 4.4.

It is assumed that mispointing results in HLOS wind biases due to wrong Doppler compensation[11].

Because mispointing changes only slowly, and may be related to the phase of the orbit, it is hoped that this may be compensated by fitting the zero wind calibration results to a set of harmonic functions. Therefore calibration in off-nadir geometry (as used during wind vector mode) is needed.

This calibration can be combined with the wind vector measuring mode, provided that a ground echo is measured. This calibration should yield a number of results per orbit high enough to correct for the bias caused by these errors[12]. At measurement level this could yield as much as 50 ground echo's per BRC, or with 200 BRC's per orbit, 1000 ground echo's per orbit, but it will probably be much less due to cloud coverage, and terrain unsuitable to measure a proper ground echo. Also quality control of ground echoes may prove difficult. It will have to handle low cloud layers, moving surface particles, ocean wave motion, etc.

The locations where this type of calibration can be performed are not yet chosen. The specific question to study the feasability of zero-wind-calibration over the oceans has been adressed in [RD8]. From this study it is clear that the possibility of obtaining a sufficient amount of unbiased surface reflections for zero wind calibration is very low above the ocean. Selecting data based on the magnitude of the backscatter will not be possible. Maybe selection based on advance knowledge from NWP models could be used to select surface reflections with cross-wind, which would probably have the smallest errors.

However, if it is decided that use of NWP data is acceptable for calibration, then other methods seem more likely to yield good results. The simplest way would then be to just select clear rayleigh hlos results, with good SNR, and compare these with NWP winds at the relevant altitude. Averaging over a large number of hlos results would then more likely give a proper zero-wind-calibration then a result based on sea-surface returns.

Results from several previous orbits maybe combined with the current result, to reach better results by fitting the data for example to harmonic functions[13] (see [RD6]).

The exact signal level is not very important for this calibration, but it must clearly be stronger than the backscatter from the remainder of the atmosphere in the range bin detecting the ground. This has been

[11] The error in the HLOS projection caused by the mispointing is negligible. A projection error would result from an error in Roll-angle. For a typical Roll-angle error of 127 μrad (see [RD10], p.56), assuming a HLOS wind velocity of 100 m/s and an incidence angle of 37.5° = 0.654498 rad, this would lead to an error in HLOS wind velocity of only 0.017 [m/s]. However, this kind of error would cause the range bins to be shifted upwards or downwards relative to the earth surface, and will make recognition of ground echoes more difficult. The error due to wrong Doppler compensation is caused by an error in the Pitch-angle. For a typical Pitch-angle error of 446 μrad, (see [RD10], p.56) using an incidence angle of 37.5°, a HLOS wind velocity of 100 m/s and a satellite orbital velocity of 7664 m/s, this would lead to an error in the HLOS windvelocity of 4.45 m/s.

[12] The current estimation is that at least 780 good ground echo measurements are needed to determine the harmonic functions needed to perform the bias correction (see [AD5], section 14.5, p.57). These should have a proper coverage of the globe. If only certain areas are sampled, for example only the poles, then not all harmonic functions can be resolved, no matter how many calibration points are collected.

[13] Note that the harmonic functions are a plausible set, but not proven to be the optimal set of functions.

studied in [RD5], and it was concluded that this limits the possibility for calibration to highly reflective surfaces like snow and ice, and possibly water. The albedo of grass, forest and soil is too low to yield proper results for medium aerosol loading, and for these cases the signal from the aerosol layer above the surfaces confuses the result and introduces an unacceptable bias for moderate surface wind speeds. In addition, ground returns may also be confused by reflections on moving particles (sand/dust, snow/ice-crystals) close to the surface. This is a very common situation in certain types of landscape (i.e. over deserts and poles), and may already occur for moderate surface windspeeds of 5 or 6 m/s[14].

Furthermore the simulation results for the Rayleigh channel clearly showed to be worse than for the Mie channel, leading to the recommendation to only use the Mie channel for zero-wind ground calibration. Therefore the Rayleigh range bin definitions would not need to reach the surface. Important for this calibration is that a ground echo is observed, and that the remaining atmosphere above the ground is as small as possible, so several 250 m Mie range bins need to be located around the surface level to achieve this.

Note that [RD5] does not consider the vertical range bin overlap due to the ACCD. This overlap effectively causes the ground level signal in the Mie channel to be vertically smeared by more than 150m. Depending on the ground level position with respect to the vertical range bin setting, this will cause effect on the Mie ground detection. Moreover, a limitation to calibration on for example snow and ice surfaces will not provide control on orbit phase dependent biases.

Constraints:

- several 250 m Mie range bins below and above ground level, but only near the desired surfaces[15], so the possibility to switch range bin definition 8 times per orbit may be used to switch this on and off.
- Rayleigh rangbins do not need to reach the ground.
- above sea the Mie definition can be lifted upwards to prevent loosing many range bins close to the surface, because there is almost no DEM variation at sea. This can be achieved by adjusting the on-board terrain model.
- the Mie and Rayleigh retrieved winds should be cross calibrated to detect any bias between the two channels This needs a one-to-one match of some range bins. This is probably most effective near the top of the PBL (2 to 3 km), since at that altitude the chance of having aerosol layers (needed to give good Mie SNR) is significant. Note that the gradient in backscatter of Mie and Rayleigh with height is generally opposite, while the PBL top in the morning over land often features a nocturnal jet. These issues require a careful cross calibration. Moreover, the Rayleigh channel must be corrected for Mie contamination to allow cross calibration.

5.6 Processing constraints

The processing constraints follow from the processing characteristics, as mentioned in section 4.5. The L2B processor needs to have sufficient data to convert the retrieved spectra to proper wind vector components. To correct the L1B HLOS wind results for pressure and temperature effects it will use advance knowledge from a NWP model forecast. Also it needs to be able to correct for cross-talk (for the Rayleigh channel), and to classify the measurements to discriminate between cloudy and cloud-free profiles (both channels). This leads to the following constraints:

- In order to control the representativity of the HLOS wind for the Rayleigh range bins, an over-sampling by the Mie channel is recommended, whenever possible, upto the levels where cloud and aerosol layers may occur. This depends on climate zone. This is needed to improve the vertical high assignment of the HLOS wind results.
- Ideally at the highest range bins one Mie bin could cover several Rayleigh bins to control the contamination risk, but since it is currently not possible to use rangebins larger than 2 km, this can only be recommended for future missions.

[14] A surface wind threshold value for sand transport of 6 m is mentioned in [LR7] and around 6.6 m/s (wrongly classified as beaufort scale 6 in this report, while it should be scale 4) in [LR9]. For fresh snow a value of 5 m/s is mentioned in [LR8], while the same article mentions 10 m/s for aged snow (1 to 3 days old).

[15] Possibly ice and or snow and or water surfaces will be suitable. This is still t.b.d. The ongoing A2D campaign may give useful data to decide this.

- Mie range bins should be as small as possible, to retrieve proper vertical localisation of the retrieved wind[16].
- Rayleigh range bins should have matching Mie range bins as high as possible, at least upto the levels where cloud and aerosol layers may occur. This will enable crosstalk correction of the Rayleigh signals.
- Mie range bins should match 1-to-1 or several-to-1 with Rayleigh range bins. this is necessary for a proper cross-talk correction and extended retrieval of atmospheric optical properties (backscatter, extinction and lidar ratio) by the L2AP.

Note that, as was noted in section 5.2, due to the ACCD vertical range bin overlap, the signals detected by the FP and Fz over identical vertical range bin settings will result from differently smeared vertical atmospheric slabs. Therefore these signals will represent different volumes because the vertical smearing is different for the Fz and FP channel. This will even be enhanced by differences in the optical properties between both scattering types. The L2B processor does not yet take this into account.

5.7 Atmospheric constraints

Known properties of the atmosphere can be used to target the measurements to the more interesting altitude. Properties to be considered are:

- Range bins should be large enough to yield sufficient signal (so a good SNR) to enable processing to HLOS wind. For Mie range bins this leads to no extra constraints, since a sharp cloud-no cloud boundary always will give a strong reflection, no matter how small the range bin is. However, for Rayleigh rangebins this leads to the constraint that above 16 km the rangebin size needs to be at least 2 km. For the atmosphere below 16 km it was found what at least a 1 km range bin size for the Rayleigh channel is needed to yield sufficient signal (see [RD12]).
- In most cases aerosol layers will be present close to the surface. This leads to extinction of the Rayleigh signal, and degradation of the results for this channel. Therefore it should be considered to have the lowest Rayleigh range bin at some altitude above ground level.
- The altitude of the highest common cloud type (cirrus) is a function of latitude. In the tropics, defined to be region between -30 and +30 degree latitude, they may occur up to 18 km. In the extra-tropics the maximum altitude is around 15 km, and drops gradually to about 12 km in the polar regions. See figure 1 for an illustration of this property. This figure was taken from [LR4]. PSC clouds may even reach higher altitudes, but are generally transparant so probably difficult to detect by the Mie channel (see below). This is true in particular for NH PSCs. SH PSCs are less transparent and may be detected by the Mie channel. NH and SH PSCs presence is limited to January and Ausgust respectively
- the altitude at which the tropopause and jet winds occur differ with altitude/climate zone and season. A similar dependency exists for the altitude at which cirrus clouds may occur.
- the Planetary Boundary Layer (PBL) may have a strong vertical variation in wind speed and wind direction.
- measurements from GLAS and CALIPSO have shown that Polar Stratospheric Clouds (PSC's) are very common, and occur frequently (almost daily) over the arctic regions during the hemispheric winter periods. PSCs may extend over several thousands of kilometers horizontally and some kilometers vertically. Two types of PSC's are discriminated (see [LR6]). The first type has very small backscatter and extinction values[17], has been reported upto 21 km altitude, and will probably not noticably affect

[16] note that this clearly contradicts with the 1 km minimum for the Rayleigh range bin size, combined with the fact that we wish to have Mie information for each Rayleigh range bin to allow cross-talk-correction.

[17] Reported typical values (converted to 355 nm) are: $\beta_c = 2.5 \times 10^{-7}$ [1/(m.sr)], and $\alpha_c = 2.5 \times 10^{-6}$ to 5.0×10^{-6} [1/m] (see [LR6]). This gives a maximum extinction of only 0.995 per km PSC cloud. These numbers agree well with the older estimates given in [RD9], This backscatter and extinction for PSC's is typically 2 orders of magnitude smaller than normal cirrus clouds. See for example [RD9], section 5.1.4, table 5.2. Here PSC has $\beta_c = 3.0 \times 10^{-7}$ [1/(m.sr)], and $\alpha_c = 6.0 \times 10^{-6}$ [1/m], while cirrus has $\beta_c = 1.4 \times 10^{-5}$ [1/(m.sr)], and $\alpha_c = 2.0 \times 10^{-4}$ [1/m]. Also [RD9] estimates the altitudes a bit higher, and reports that these PSC's may occur up to 25 or 30 km in the polar region. The consequence of this is that cross-talk and extinction due to PSC's will be well below the expected noise level. (see [RD12] for more details)

the HLOS wind results. The second type is more similar to cirrus, and has higher backscatter and extinction[18]. This type may have a significant effect on the observed lidar signals. Unfortunately the GLAS instrument was not able to discriminate between both PSC types, so it is not yet known whether type II also may occur at very high altitudes of 20 km or more.

- From impact studies we know that measurements at tropopause/jet level have maximum positive effect on the current NWP models (see [LR1]). Therefore extra measurements on this level (the altitude of which varies also with latitude) may be desirable. From [LR5] p.8, figure 3, and [LR10], p.140-142 and p.347-349, figure 6.2, it is clear that jet winds occur between altitudes 8 and 14 km and above ca. 25 km. For the higher jet, known as the polar stratospheric jet, wind velocities upto 140 m/s have been observed. For the tropopause level jets around 10 km maxima of 125 m/s do occur. These jets are also known as the polar-front-jet and the subtropical-jet, and are both located near the tropopause (which is located between 6-10 km for the polar-front-jet, and around 15 km for the subtropical-jet) (see [LR5] p.17).
- Desert dust outbreaks may cause substantial aerosol concentrations up to 6 km, above for example the Sahara and the Atlantic. Typical height has been established within several AMMA and SAMUM campaigns. However, due to the limited number of switching moments on average for an orbit, it is probably not possible to use a range bin definition with high resolution PBL sampling tuned for this case. Also the fact that rangebin definitions need to be uploaded at least a week before use, makes it unlikely that anticipation on this type of events will be possible.
- For sea salt particles no specific profiles or datasources are available yet.
- measuring above 30 km will probably not be necessary. The merits of measuring at these altitudes will be studied in [RD13].

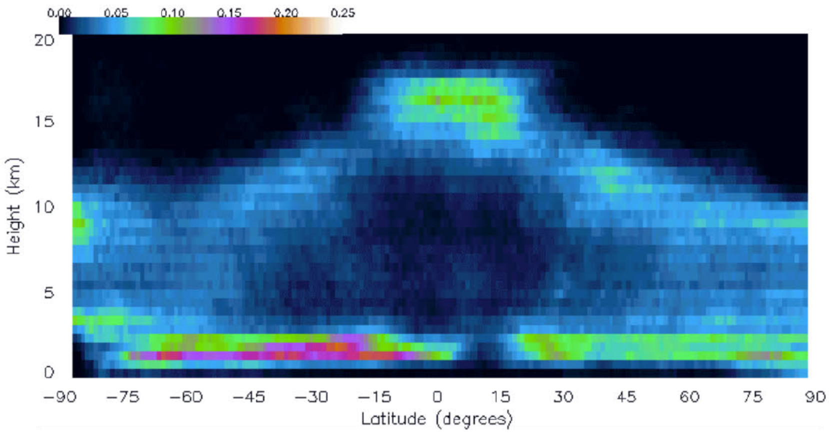

Figure 1: *The zonal average frequency distribution of cloud height detection for GLAS data from October 2003. This clearly shows that in tropical regions (-30 to 30 deg. latitude) clouds reach up to 18 km, while in the remainder of the world 15 km is a safe upper estimate.*

5.8 Shear observation operator

In order to assimilate the HLOS wind data in a NWP model an observation operator is needed[19]. The observation operator includes the projection of the model state to the observed information. For Aeolus the observation could be regarded as both a HLOS wind component profile and a HLOS wind shear profile.

[18] Reported typical values (converted to 355 nm) are: $\beta_c = 2.5 \times 10^{-6}$ [1/(m.sr)], and $\alpha_c = 5.0 \times 10^{-5}$ [1/m] (see [LR6]).

[19] Note that the HLOS wind observation operator is already available at ECMWF, but the HLOS wind shear observation operator is not.

Shear does not depend on the zero wind calibration[20] and thus no Mie range bins are needed at ground level for calibration (see first constraint in section 5.5). The benefit of shear assimilation as compared to HLOS wind assimilation is shortly addressed in the theoretical tool described in [RD13]. However, a more detailed evaluation of the pros and cons of shear assimilation is needed.

[20]The effect of calibration errors on the Mie hlos result will be identical for all rangebins in a given observation. Therefore they will disappear when the difference between hlos values at different altitudes is calculated before assimilatiing the result in the NWP model.

6 Sampling scenarios

This section discusses the currently defined reference scenarios and the possible alternative scenarios that could be used for the different measuring modes The orbital switching between these different scenarios has not yet been defined, and will be addressed later in this study. It must be noted that the table defining this switching has to be ready 1 week before the actual uploading takes place, and will cover a 3 week period. Therefore it is not possible to adapt the scenario switching to the actual weather situation using some NWP model. Also adaptation to sudden events like volcanic eruptions will not be possible on a short term. Only climatological considerations can be taken into account.

6.1 Reference scenarios

Two reference scenarios for the wind vector measurement mode have currently been defined, see [RD2]:

- WVM1, see section 6.1.1 (an updated version of this scenario is provided in section 6.4.1)
- WVM2, see section 6.1.2 (an updated version of this scenario is provided in section 6.4.2)

6.1.1 Wind vector mode scenario1

This scenario has been designed to have maximum 1-to-1 overlap between the Rayleigh and Mie channel, as well as ground returns for both channels.

This overlap is useful to easily combine measured optical information between both channels. Ground returns are used to obtain zero-wind-calibration results.

The parameter settings for this scenario are given in table 1 on page 28. For each range bin the top and bottom altitude is given in [km], as well as the corresponding TMC value in clock cycles. In addition the SP_VS_R value is given, defining the top of the highest Rayleigh range bin in [km] along the LOS. Finally the Td_Ray_Mie value is given, in [km] and the corresponding TMC value in clock cycles, defining the separation between the highest Rayleigh range bin and the highest Mie range bin. Note that the TMC unit is used to program the E2S and the actual hardware. These TMC values can only be changed 8 times per orbit. The SP_VS_R can be used to shift both channels up and down, and may have a different value for each BRC. This will be controlled by the on board terrain model.

A graphical representation of the range bin definition for this scenario is given in figure 2 on page 27.

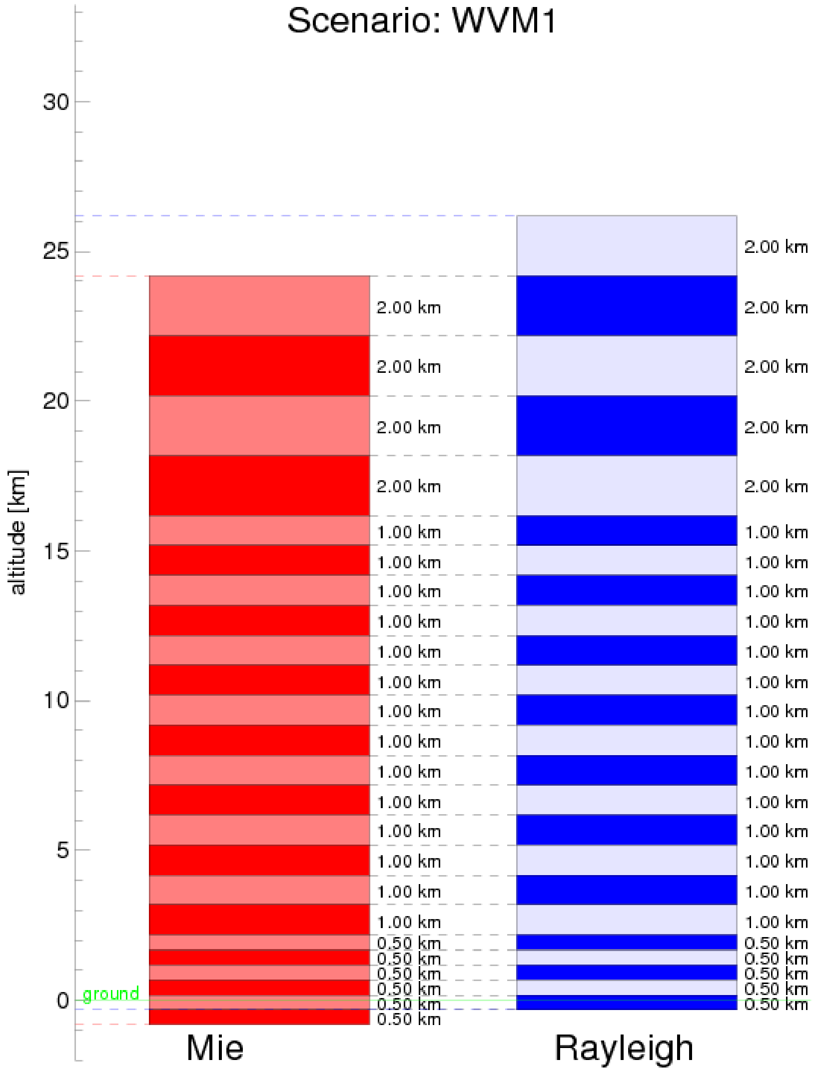

Figure 2: *Range bin definition for wvm1.*

Table 1: definition of the range bins for scenario wvm1

Rayleigh range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	24.18	26.18	2.00	808
2	22.18	24.18	2.00	808
3	20.18	22.18	2.00	808
4	18.18	20.18	2.00	808
5	16.18	18.18	2.00	808
6	15.18	16.18	1.00	404
7	14.18	15.18	1.00	404
8	13.18	14.18	1.00	404
9	12.18	13.18	1.00	404
10	11.18	12.18	1.00	404
11	10.18	11.18	1.00	404
12	9.18	10.18	1.00	404
13	8.18	9.18	1.00	404
14	7.18	8.18	1.00	404
15	6.18	7.18	1.00	404
16	5.18	6.18	1.00	404
17	4.18	5.18	1.00	404
18	3.18	4.18	1.00	404
19	2.18	3.18	1.00	404
20	1.68	2.18	0.50	202
21	1.18	1.68	0.50	202
22	0.68	1.18	0.50	202
23	0.18	0.68	0.50	202
24	-0.32	0.18	0.50	202
Mie range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	22.18	24.18	2.00	808
2	20.18	22.18	2.00	808
3	18.18	20.18	2.00	808
4	16.18	18.18	2.00	808
5	15.18	16.18	1.00	404
6	14.18	15.18	1.00	404
7	13.18	14.18	1.00	404
8	12.18	13.18	1.00	404
9	11.18	12.18	1.00	404
10	10.18	11.18	1.00	404
11	9.18	10.18	1.00	404
12	8.18	9.18	1.00	404
13	7.18	8.18	1.00	404
14	6.18	7.18	1.00	404
15	5.18	6.18	1.00	404
16	4.18	5.18	1.00	404
17	3.18	4.18	1.00	404
18	2.18	3.18	1.00	404
19	1.68	2.18	0.50	202
20	1.18	1.68	0.50	202
21	0.68	1.18	0.50	202
22	0.18	0.68	0.50	202
23	-0.32	0.18	0.50	202
24	-0.82	-0.32	0.50	202
		SP_VS_R [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [TMC]
		33.00	2.00	808

6.1.2 Wind vector mode scenario2

This scenario has been designed to have optimal zero-wind-calibration results for the Mie channel, and puts many range bins in the PBL. The lowest Rayleigh bins may often not be useful due to low SNR. The Rayleigh channel has been tuned to obtain a number of upper atmosphere measurements. Consequence is that the upper 6 Rayleigh range bins have no corresponding Mie range bin, which makes processing them more difficult. Extra assumptions are needed to detect possible aerosol layers that contaminate the signal.

Also the lowest 4 Rayleigh range bins do not match 1-to-1 but 1-to-2 with the lowest 8 Mie range bins (and are thus oversampled). Multiple Mie range bins in one Rayleigh bin help identify the occurrence of optically significant layering of clouds or aerosol and the height assignment of the Aeolus winds. So in general, this is a favourable setting to have.

The parameter settings for this scenario are given in table 2 on page 30, and have been explained in section 6.1.1 above.

A graphical representation of the range bin definition for this scenario is given in figure 3.

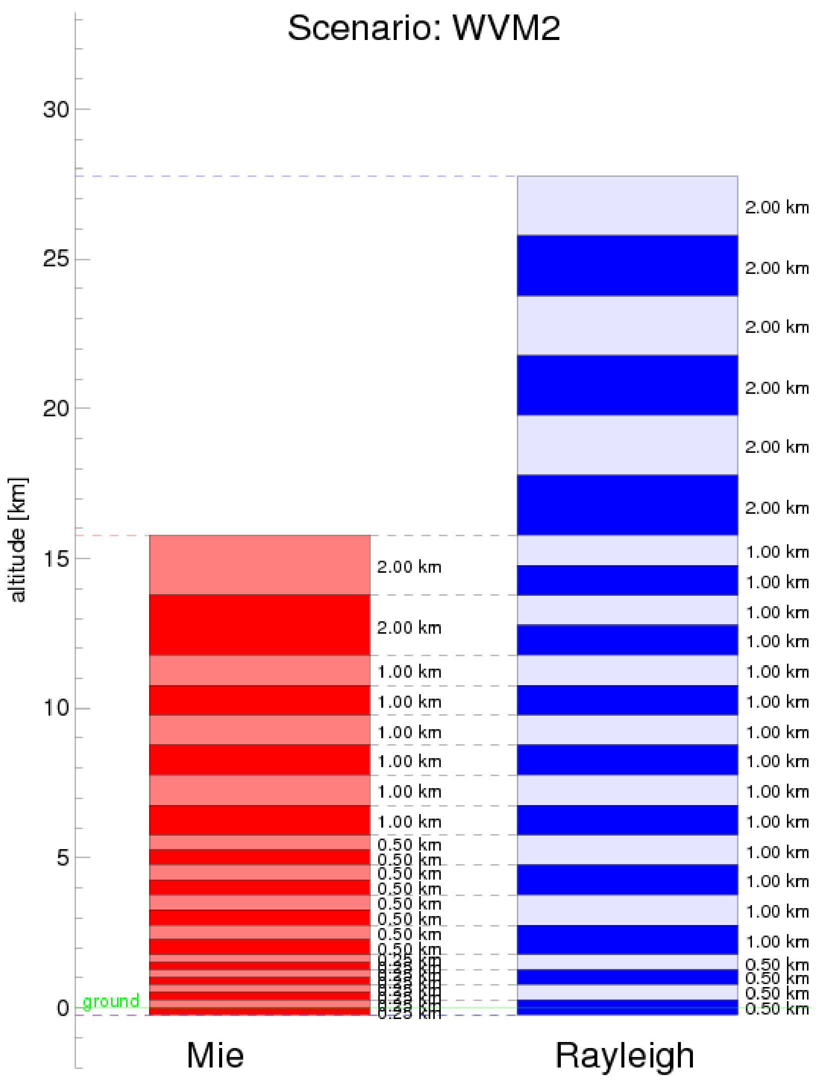

Figure 3: *Range bin definition for wvm2.*

Table 2: definition of the range bins for scenario wvm2

Rayleigh range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	25.77	27.77	2.00	808
2	23.77	25.77	2.00	808
3	21.77	23.77	2.00	808
4	19.77	21.77	2.00	808
5	17.77	19.77	2.00	808
6	15.77	17.77	2.00	808
7	14.77	15.77	1.00	404
8	13.77	14.77	1.00	404
9	12.77	13.77	1.00	404
10	11.77	12.77	1.00	404
11	10.77	11.77	1.00	404
12	9.77	10.77	1.00	404
13	8.77	9.77	1.00	404
14	7.77	8.77	1.00	404
15	6.77	7.77	1.00	404
16	5.77	6.77	1.00	404
17	4.77	5.77	1.00	404
18	3.77	4.77	1.00	404
19	2.77	3.77	1.00	404
20	1.77	2.77	1.00	404
21	1.27	1.77	0.50	202
22	0.77	1.27	0.50	202
23	0.27	0.77	0.50	202
24	-0.23	0.27	0.50	202
Mie range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	13.77	15.77	2.00	808
2	11.77	13.77	2.00	808
3	10.77	11.77	1.00	404
4	9.77	10.77	1.00	404
5	8.77	9.77	1.00	404
6	7.77	8.77	1.00	404
7	6.77	7.77	1.00	404
8	5.77	6.77	1.00	404
9	5.27	5.77	0.50	202
10	4.77	5.27	0.50	202
11	4.27	4.77	0.50	202
12	3.77	4.27	0.50	202
13	3.27	3.77	0.50	202
14	2.77	3.27	0.50	202
15	2.27	2.77	0.50	202
16	1.77	2.27	0.50	202
17	1.52	1.77	0.25	101
18	1.27	1.52	0.25	101
19	1.02	1.27	0.25	101
20	0.77	1.02	0.25	101
21	0.52	0.77	0.25	101
22	0.27	0.52	0.25	101
23	0.02	0.27	0.25	101
24	-0.23	0.02	0.25	101
		SP_VS_R [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [TMC]
		35.00	12.00	4848

6.2 Alternative wind vector mode scenarios

Looking at the constraints mentioned in section 5 several alternative scenarios may be used.

Since on average 8 range bin definitions per orbit can be used, this suggests definition of 3 different latitude ranges. When these would be named tropical, mid latitude, and polar, this would lead to the following sequence (going from equator to equator, so scenario 9 is identical to scenario 1, after which the sequence continues indefinitely):

1. tropical scenario [ascending]
2. midlat scenario [ascending]
3. polar scenario [ascending/descending]
4. midlat scenario [descending]
5. tropical scenario [descending]
6. midlat scenario [descending]
7. polar scenario [descending/ascending]
8. midlat scenario [ascending]
9. tropical scenario [ascending]
10. etc.

However, since from figure 1 on page 24 in section 5.7, it can clearly be seen that the main difference is between the tropics and extra-tropics, we suggest to use only 2 latitude zones:

- tropical, between -30 and 30 degrees latitude
- extra-tropical, the remainder of the globe

By doing this, we introduce the possibility to add 4 additional switching moments per orbit, so on average two extra alternative scenarios per orbit.

It is proposed to use this possibility to switch between scenarios intended for performing zero-wind-calibration ("zwc"), and scenarios not intended to perform zero-wind-calibration ("nozwc"). The "zwc" scenarios would be defined to have at least 3 range bins of 250 m, around the expected surface level. The "nozwc" will not have rangebins that aim at measuring a ground echo[21], and may start at some distance above the ground (or even above the PBL when it is decided that this would be a less interesting region). The exact location for this extra scenario switch possibility is to be defined later, and may be based on the landscape type, or the land-sea boundaries[22]. Remember that for 109 orbits 8*109=872 switching moments may be preprogrammed along the predicted orbits for one week.

This leads to the following 4 scenarios.

- tropics-zwc, see section 6.2.1 (an updated version of this scenario is provided in section 6.4.3)
- tropics-nozwc, see section 6.2.2 (an updated version of this scenario is provided in section 6.4.4)
- extra-tropics-zwc, see section 6.2.3 (an updated version of this scenario is provided in section 6.4.5)
- extra-tropics-nozwc, see section 6.2.4 (an updated version of this scenario is provided in section 6.4.6)

[21] In case it is found later that good ZWC data can be obtained over the ocean surface, the nozwc scenarios might be adapted by shifting the Mie channel definition slightly downwards to have the surface echo in the lowest bin. A spare bin completely below the surface seems not needed in this case (provided there is no severe mispointing) since DEM inaccuracies are much less than above land.

[22] As an example, suppose it is concluded later in this study that calibration above the ocean is not very accurate. In that case using the predicted orbit it is known in advance whether a reasonable amount of land will be present in the measurement track. In case very little or no land is present, a switch to a nozwc scenario may be in order, while in case a significant amount of land is covered, a zwc scenario may be used.

An example of how the instrument might be switched between these scenarios along a single orbit is:

1. tropics-nozwc [ascending]
2. extra-tropics-nozwc [ascending]
3. extra-tropics-zwc [descending]
4. tropics-zwc [descending]
5. extra-tropics-nozwc [descending]
6. extra-tropics-zwc [ascending]
7. extra-tropics-nozwc [ascending]
8. tropics-nozwc [ascending]
9. tropics-zwc [ascending]
10. etc.

Since the altitude of occurrence of the jets is correlated to the altitude of the tropopause, and also with the occurrence of high cirrus clouds, these phenomena would all be covered in this way. Adaptation of the scenarios to shear or aerosol layers at other altitudes is not yet foreseen.

6.2.1 Tropical zwc wind vector mode scenario

The tropics "zwc" scenario is proposed between latitudes of -30 and +30 degrees, in case useful zero-wind-calibration results are expected.

This scenario has been designed to have zero-wind-calibration results for the Mie channel. The Rayleigh channel is extended to 30 km, with 2 km rangebins above 16 km, and 1 km range bins below 16 km. A few 500 m range bins have been added to reach the total of 24 range bins. The Mie channel has been tuned to enable measuring clouds upto about 18 km.

Consequence is that the upper 6 Rayleigh range bins have no corresponding Mie range bin, which makes processing them more difficult. Extra assumptions are needed to detect possible aerosol layers that contaminate the signal.

Just 2 Rayleigh range bins are oversampled by the Mie channel in this scenario. Possible improvements by choosing different locations for this oversampling are proposed in section 6.3.

Finally the lowest 4 Mie bins have no corresponding Rayleigh range bin. Since these bins are intended to be used mainly for ground detection anyway, this should not be a problem.

The parameter settings for this scenario are given in table 3 on page 34, and have been explained in section 6.1.1 above.

A graphical representation of the range bin definition for this scenario is given in figure 4 on page 33.

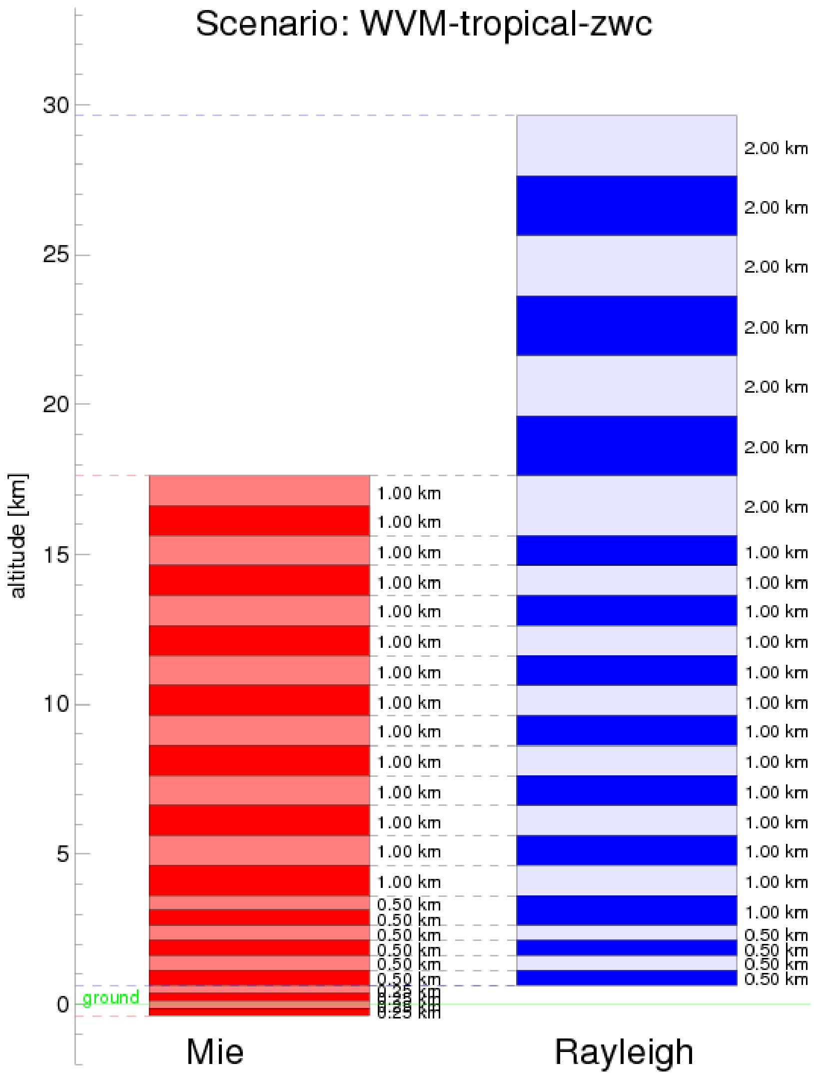

Figure 4: *Range bin definition for wvm-tropical-zwc.*

Table 3: definition of the range bins for scenario wvm-tropical-zwc

Rayleigh range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	27.62	29.62	2.00	808
2	25.62	27.62	2.00	808
3	23.62	25.62	2.00	808
4	21.62	23.62	2.00	808
5	19.62	21.62	2.00	808
6	17.62	19.62	2.00	808
7	15.62	17.62	2.00	808
8	14.62	15.62	1.00	404
9	13.62	14.62	1.00	404
10	12.62	13.62	1.00	404
11	11.62	12.62	1.00	404
12	10.62	11.62	1.00	404
13	9.62	10.62	1.00	404
14	8.62	9.62	1.00	404
15	7.62	8.62	1.00	404
16	6.62	7.62	1.00	404
17	5.62	6.62	1.00	404
18	4.62	5.62	1.00	404
19	3.62	4.62	1.00	404
20	2.62	3.62	1.00	404
21	2.12	2.62	0.50	202
22	1.62	2.12	0.50	202
23	1.12	1.62	0.50	202
24	0.62	1.12	0.50	202
Mie range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	16.62	17.62	1.00	404
2	15.62	16.62	1.00	404
3	14.62	15.62	1.00	404
4	13.62	14.62	1.00	404
5	12.62	13.62	1.00	404
6	11.62	12.62	1.00	404
7	10.62	11.62	1.00	404
8	9.62	10.62	1.00	404
9	8.62	9.62	1.00	404
10	7.62	8.62	1.00	404
11	6.62	7.62	1.00	404
12	5.62	6.62	1.00	404
13	4.62	5.62	1.00	404
14	3.62	4.62	1.00	404
15	3.12	3.62	0.50	202
16	2.62	3.12	0.50	202
17	2.12	2.62	0.50	202
18	1.62	2.12	0.50	202
19	1.12	1.62	0.50	202
20	0.62	1.12	0.50	202
21	0.38	0.62	0.25	101
22	0.12	0.38	0.25	101
23	-0.12	0.12	0.25	101
24	-0.38	-0.12	0.25	101
		SP_VS_R [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [TMC]
		37.34	12.00	4848

6.2.2 Tropical nozwc wind vector mode scenario

The tropics "nozwc" scenario is proposed between latitudes of -30 and +30 degrees, in case no useful zero-wind-calibration results are expected.

This scenario has been designed to have no zero-wind-calibration results for the Mie or Rayleigh channel. The Rayleigh channel is extended to 30 km. The Mie channel has been tuned to enable measuring clouds upto about 18 km.

Consequence is that the upper 6 Rayleigh range bins have no corresponding Mie range bin, which makes processing them more difficult. Extra assumptions are needed to detect possible aerosol layers that may contaminate the signal in these upper layers.

In this scenario 6 Rayleigh bins are oversampled by the Mie channel. Possible improvements by choosing different locations for this oversampling are proposed in section 6.3.

The parameter settings for this scenario are given in table 4 on page 36, and have been explained in section 6.1.1 above.

A graphical representation of the range bin definition for this scenario is given in figure 5.

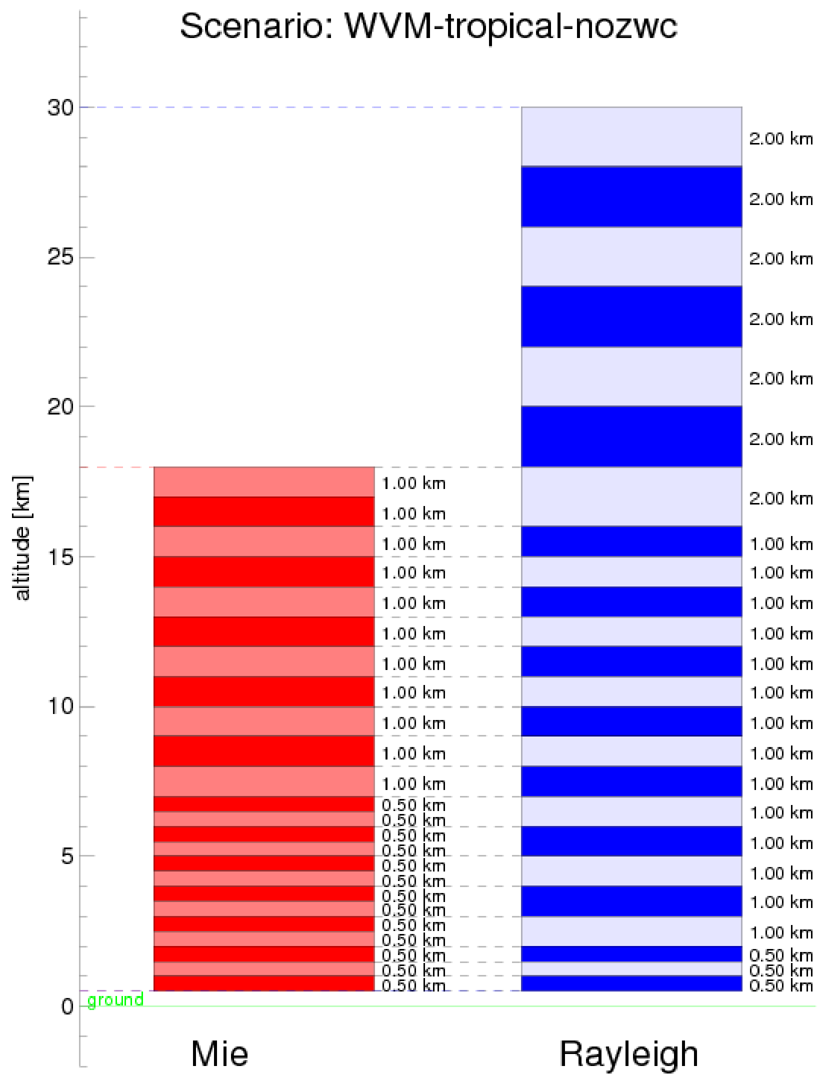

Figure 5: *Range bin definition for wvm-tropical-nozwc.*

Table 4: definition of the range bins for scenario wvm-tropical-nozwc

Rayleigh range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	28.00	30.00	2.00	808
2	26.00	28.00	2.00	808
3	24.00	26.00	2.00	808
4	22.00	24.00	2.00	808
5	20.00	22.00	2.00	808
6	18.00	20.00	2.00	808
7	16.00	18.00	2.00	808
8	15.00	16.00	1.00	404
9	14.00	15.00	1.00	404
10	13.00	14.00	1.00	404
11	12.00	13.00	1.00	404
12	11.00	12.00	1.00	404
13	10.00	11.00	1.00	404
14	9.00	10.00	1.00	404
15	8.00	9.00	1.00	404
16	7.00	8.00	1.00	404
17	6.00	7.00	1.00	404
18	5.00	6.00	1.00	404
19	4.00	5.00	1.00	404
20	3.00	4.00	1.00	404
21	2.00	3.00	1.00	404
22	1.50	2.00	0.50	202
23	1.00	1.50	0.50	202
24	0.50	1.00	0.50	202
Mie range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	17.00	18.00	1.00	404
2	16.00	17.00	1.00	404
3	15.00	16.00	1.00	404
4	14.00	15.00	1.00	404
5	13.00	14.00	1.00	404
6	12.00	13.00	1.00	404
7	11.00	12.00	1.00	404
8	10.00	11.00	1.00	404
9	9.00	10.00	1.00	404
10	8.00	9.00	1.00	404
11	7.00	8.00	1.00	404
12	6.50	7.00	0.50	202
13	6.00	6.50	0.50	202
14	5.50	6.00	0.50	202
15	5.00	5.50	0.50	202
16	4.50	5.00	0.50	202
17	4.00	4.50	0.50	202
18	3.50	4.00	0.50	202
19	3.00	3.50	0.50	202
20	2.50	3.00	0.50	202
21	2.00	2.50	0.50	202
22	1.50	2.00	0.50	202
23	1.00	1.50	0.50	202
24	0.50	1.00	0.50	202
		SP_VS_R [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [TMC]
		37.81	12.00	4848

6.2.3 Extra-tropical zwc wind vector mode scenario

The extra-tropical "zwc" scenario is proposed between latitudes of 30 and 90 degrees, on both sides of the equator, in case no useful zero-wind-calibration results are expected.

This scenario has been designed to have zero-wind-calibration results for the Mie channel. The Rayleigh channel is extended to 30 km, with 2 km rangebins above 16 km, and 1 km range bins below 16 km. A few 500 m range bins have been added to reach the total of 24 range bins. The Mie channel has been tuned to enable measuring clouds upto at least 15 km.

Consequence is that the upper 7 Rayleigh range bins have no corresponding Mie range bin, which makes processing them more difficult. Extra assumptions are needed to detect possible aerosol layers that contaminate the signal.

Just 3 Rayleigh range bins are oversampled by the Mie channel in this scenario. Possible improvements by choosing different locations for this oversampling are proposed in section 6.3.

Finally the lowest 4 Mie bins have no corresponding Rayleigh range bin. Since these bins are intended to be used mainly for ground detection anyway, this should not be a problem.

The parameter settings for this scenario are given in table 5 on page 39, and have been explained in section 6.1.1 above.

A graphical representation of the range bin definition for this scenario is given in figure 6 on page 38.

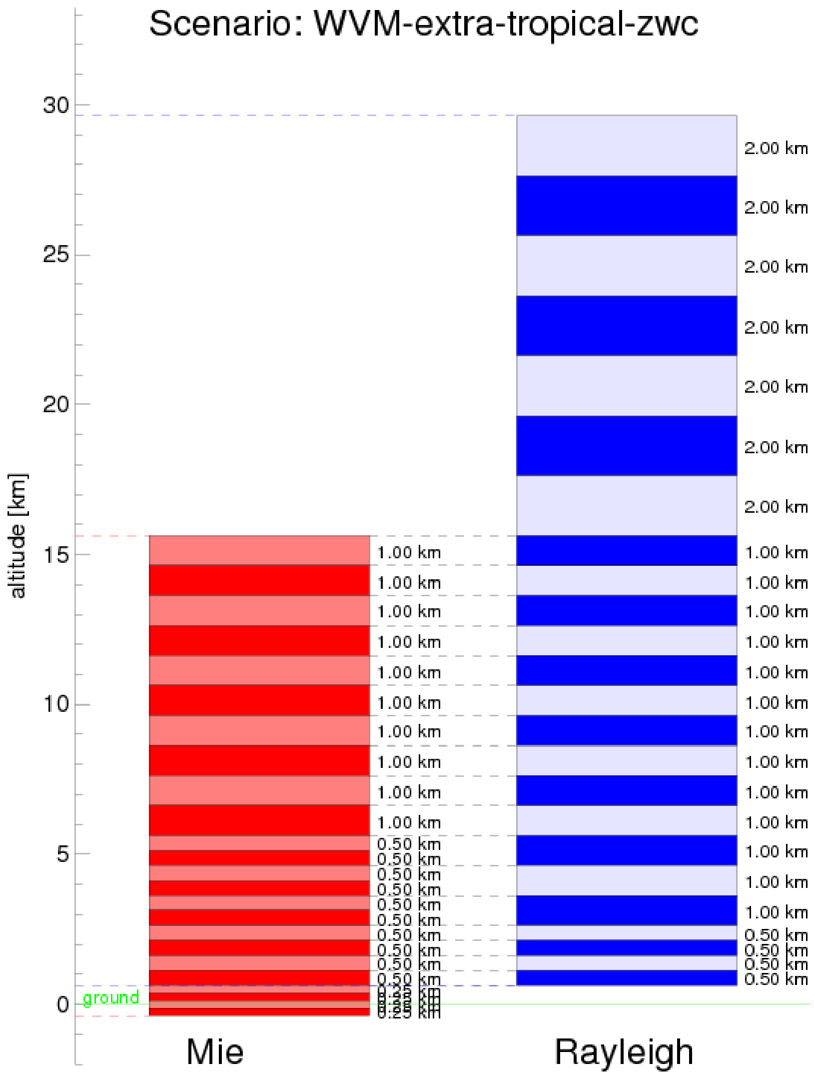

Figure 6: *Range bin definition for wvm-extra-tropical-zwc.*

Table 5: definition of the range bins for scenario wvm-extra-tropical-zwc

Rayleigh range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	27.62	29.62	2.00	808
2	25.62	27.62	2.00	808
3	23.62	25.62	2.00	808
4	21.62	23.62	2.00	808
5	19.62	21.62	2.00	808
6	17.62	19.62	2.00	808
7	15.62	17.62	2.00	808
8	14.62	15.62	1.00	404
9	13.62	14.62	1.00	404
10	12.62	13.62	1.00	404
11	11.62	12.62	1.00	404
12	10.62	11.62	1.00	404
13	9.62	10.62	1.00	404
14	8.62	9.62	1.00	404
15	7.62	8.62	1.00	404
16	6.62	7.62	1.00	404
17	5.62	6.62	1.00	404
18	4.62	5.62	1.00	404
19	3.62	4.62	1.00	404
20	2.62	3.62	1.00	404
21	2.12	2.62	0.50	202
22	1.62	2.12	0.50	202
23	1.12	1.62	0.50	202
24	0.62	1.12	0.50	202
Mie range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	14.62	15.62	1.00	404
2	13.62	14.62	1.00	404
3	12.62	13.62	1.00	404
4	11.62	12.62	1.00	404
5	10.62	11.62	1.00	404
6	9.62	10.62	1.00	404
7	8.62	9.62	1.00	404
8	7.62	8.62	1.00	404
9	6.62	7.62	1.00	404
10	5.62	6.62	1.00	404
11	5.12	5.62	0.50	202
12	4.62	5.12	0.50	202
13	4.12	4.62	0.50	202
14	3.62	4.12	0.50	202
15	3.12	3.62	0.50	202
16	2.62	3.12	0.50	202
17	2.12	2.62	0.50	202
18	1.62	2.12	0.50	202
19	1.12	1.62	0.50	202
20	0.62	1.12	0.50	202
21	0.38	0.62	0.25	101
22	0.12	0.38	0.25	101
23	-0.12	0.12	0.25	101
24	-0.38	-0.12	0.25	101
		SP_VS_R [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [TMC]
		37.34	14.00	5656

6.2.4 Extra-tropical nozwc wind vector mode scenario

The extra-tropical "nozwc" scenario is proposed between latitudes of 30 and 90 degrees, on both side of the equator, in case no useful zero-wind-calibration results are expected.

This scenario has been designed to have no zero-wind-calibration results for the Mie or Rayleigh channel. The Rayleigh channel is extended to 30 km. The Mie channel has been tuned to enable measuring clouds upto about 15 km.

Consequence is that the upper 8 Rayleigh range bins have no corresponding Mie range bin, which makes processing them more difficult. Extra assumptions are needed to detect possible aerosol layers that may contaminate the signal in these upper layers.

In this scenario 8 Rayleigh bins are oversampled by the Mie channel. Possible improvements by choosing different locations for this oversampling are proposed in section 6.3.

The parameter settings for this scenario are given in table 6 on page 41, and have been explained in section 6.1.1 above.

A graphical representation of the range bin definition for this scenario is given in figure 7.

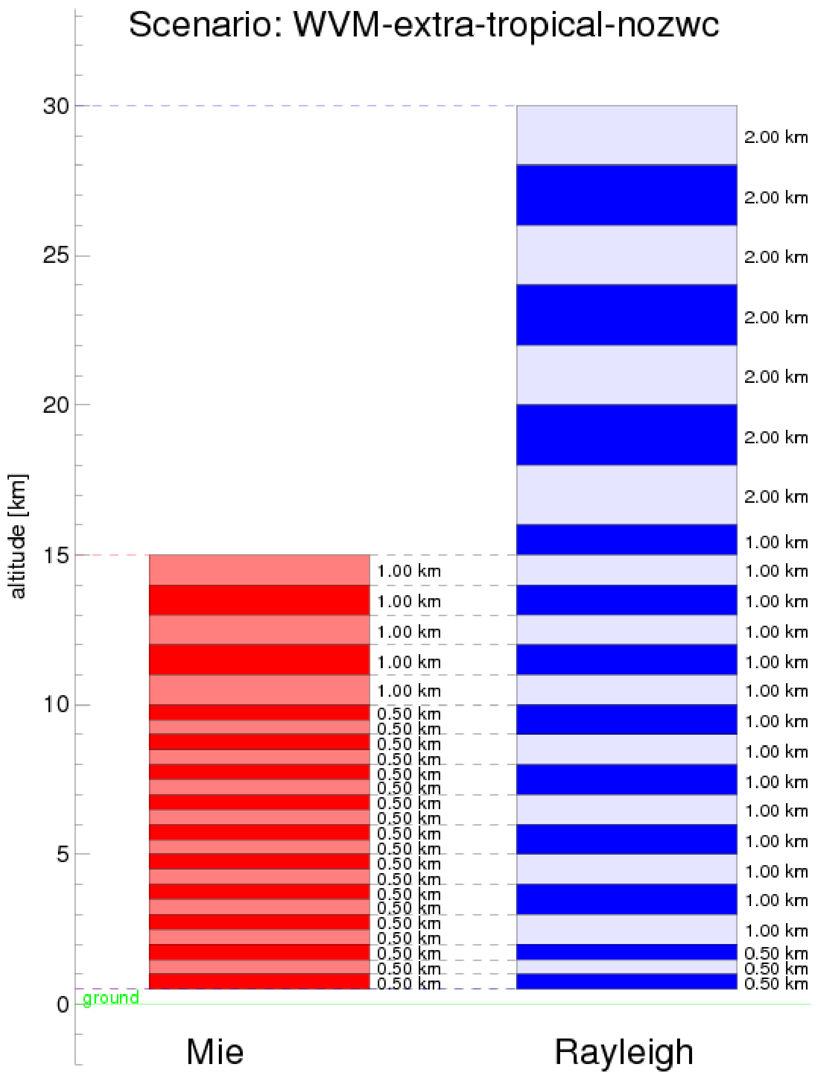

Figure 7: *Range bin definition for wvm-extra-tropical-nozwc.*

Table 6: definition of the range bins for scenario wvm-extra-tropical-nozwc

Rayleigh range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	28.00	30.00	2.00	808
2	26.00	28.00	2.00	808
3	24.00	26.00	2.00	808
4	22.00	24.00	2.00	808
5	20.00	22.00	2.00	808
6	18.00	20.00	2.00	808
7	16.00	18.00	2.00	808
8	15.00	16.00	1.00	404
9	14.00	15.00	1.00	404
10	13.00	14.00	1.00	404
11	12.00	13.00	1.00	404
12	11.00	12.00	1.00	404
13	10.00	11.00	1.00	404
14	9.00	10.00	1.00	404
15	8.00	9.00	1.00	404
16	7.00	8.00	1.00	404
17	6.00	7.00	1.00	404
18	5.00	6.00	1.00	404
19	4.00	5.00	1.00	404
20	3.00	4.00	1.00	404
21	2.00	3.00	1.00	404
22	1.50	2.00	0.50	202
23	1.00	1.50	0.50	202
24	0.50	1.00	0.50	202
Mie range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	14.00	15.00	1.00	404
2	13.00	14.00	1.00	404
3	12.00	13.00	1.00	404
4	11.00	12.00	1.00	404
5	10.00	11.00	1.00	404
6	9.50	10.00	0.50	202
7	9.00	9.50	0.50	202
8	8.50	9.00	0.50	202
9	8.00	8.50	0.50	202
10	7.50	8.00	0.50	202
11	7.00	7.50	0.50	202
12	6.50	7.00	0.50	202
13	6.00	6.50	0.50	202
14	5.50	6.00	0.50	202
15	5.00	5.50	0.50	202
16	4.50	5.00	0.50	202
17	4.00	4.50	0.50	202
18	3.50	4.00	0.50	202
19	3.00	3.50	0.50	202
20	2.50	3.00	0.50	202
21	2.00	2.50	0.50	202
22	1.50	2.00	0.50	202
23	1.00	1.50	0.50	202
24	0.50	1.00	0.50	202
		SP_VS_R [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [TMC]
		37.81	15.00	6060

6.3 Additional wvm scenarios using oversampling

An additional set of scenarios based on oversampling is defined in this section.

The jet level varies with latitude and season, and is expected between 6-10 km for the polar-front-jet, and around 15 km for the subtropical-jet (see [LR10], p.140-142 and p.347-349, figure 6.2). The sampling scenarios are adapted to reflect this.

For the Rayleigh channel, the available oversampling possibilities by the Mie channel have been moved to the expected tropopause/jet level. We hope this will give more optimal wind results, and better height assignment compared to the scenarios without optimised oversampling. A reason for this is that at this level strong wind shear is expected (see [RD1]) which will lead to height assignment errors. Mie "oversampling" of the Rayleigh channel may reduce this problem.

This leads to another set of 4 scenarios:

- tropics-zwc2, see section 6.3.1 (an updated version of this scenario is provided in section 6.4.7)
- tropics-nozwc2, see section 6.3.2 (an updated version of this scenario is provided in section 6.4.8)
- extra-tropics-zwc2, see section 6.3.3 (an updated version of this scenario is provided in section 6.4.9)
- extra-tropics-nozwc2, see section 6.3.4 (an updated version of this scenario is provided in section 6.4.10)

6.3.1 Tropical zwc wind vector mode scenario 2

The tropics "zwc2" scenario is proposed between latitudes of -30 and +30 degrees, in case useful zero-wind-calibration results are expected. This scenario anticipates the presence of strong wind shear and possibly cirrus clouds around the tropical tropopause level of 15 km.

This scenario has been designed to have zero-wind-calibration results for the Mie channel. The Rayleigh channel is extended to 30 km, with 2 km rangebins above 16 km, and 1 km range bins below 16 km. A few 500 m range bins have been added to reach the total of 24 range bins. The Mie channel has been tuned to enable measuring clouds upto about 18 km. The available 500 m range bins for the Mie channel have been placed between 10 and 18 km.

Seven Rayleigh range bins are oversampled by the Mie channel in this scenario, between 10 and 18 km, which contains the expected tropopause/jet-level.

Finally the lowest 3 Mie bins have no corresponding Rayleigh range bin. Since these bins are intended to be used mainly for ground detection anyway, this should not be a problem.

The parameter settings for this scenario are given in table 7 on page 44, and have been explained in section 6.1.1 above.

A graphical representation of the range bin definition for this scenario is given in figure 8 on page 43.

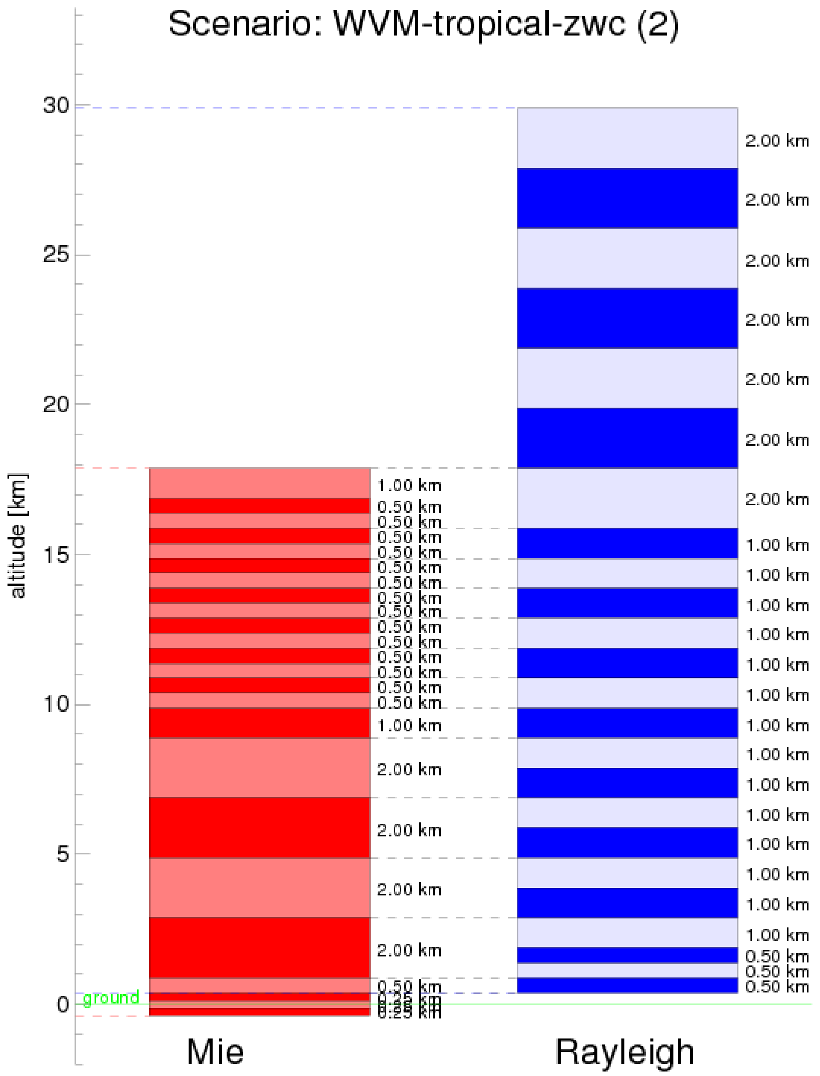

Figure 8: *Range bin definition for wvm-tropical-zwc2.*

Table 7: definition of the range bins for scenario wvm-tropical-zwc2

Rayleigh range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	27.87	29.87	2.00	808
2	25.87	27.87	2.00	808
3	23.87	25.87	2.00	808
4	21.87	23.87	2.00	808
5	19.87	21.87	2.00	808
6	17.87	19.87	2.00	808
7	15.87	17.87	2.00	808
8	14.87	15.87	1.00	404
9	13.87	14.87	1.00	404
10	12.87	13.87	1.00	404
11	11.87	12.87	1.00	404
12	10.87	11.87	1.00	404
13	9.87	10.87	1.00	404
14	8.87	9.87	1.00	404
15	7.87	8.87	1.00	404
16	6.87	7.87	1.00	404
17	5.87	6.87	1.00	404
18	4.87	5.87	1.00	404
19	3.87	4.87	1.00	404
20	2.87	3.87	1.00	404
21	1.87	2.87	1.00	404
22	1.37	1.87	0.50	202
23	0.87	1.37	0.50	202
24	0.37	0.87	0.50	202
Mie range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	16.87	17.87	1.00	404
2	16.37	16.87	0.50	202
3	15.87	16.37	0.50	202
4	15.37	15.87	0.50	202
5	14.87	15.37	0.50	202
6	14.37	14.87	0.50	202
7	13.87	14.37	0.50	202
8	13.37	13.87	0.50	202
9	12.87	13.37	0.50	202
10	12.37	12.87	0.50	202
11	11.87	12.37	0.50	202
12	11.37	11.87	0.50	202
13	10.87	11.37	0.50	202
14	10.37	10.87	0.50	202
15	9.87	10.37	0.50	202
16	8.87	9.87	1.00	404
17	6.87	8.87	2.00	808
18	4.87	6.87	2.00	808
19	2.87	4.87	2.00	808
20	0.87	2.87	2.00	808
21	0.37	0.87	0.50	202
22	0.12	0.37	0.25	101
23	-0.13	0.12	0.25	101
24	-0.38	-0.13	0.25	101
		SP_VS_R [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [TMC]
		37.66	12.00	4848

6.3.2 Tropical nozwc wind vector mode scenario 2

The tropics "nozwc2" scenario is proposed between latitudes of -30 and +30 degrees, in case no useful zero-wind-calibration results are expected.

This scenario has been designed to have no zero-wind-calibration results for the Mie or Rayleigh channel. The Rayleigh channel is extended to 30 km, with 2 km rangebins above 16 km, and 1 km range bins below 16 km. A few 500 m range bins have been added to reach the total of 24 range bins. The Mie channel has been tuned to enable measuring clouds upto about 20 km. The available 500 m range bins for the Mie channel have been placed between 10 and 18 km.

8 Rayleigh range bins are oversampled by the Mie channel in this scenario, between 10 and 18 km, which contains the expected tropopause/jet-level. An additional at 1 km oversampled 2 km Rayleigh range bin layer is present between 18 and 20 km.

The parameter settings for this scenario are given in table 8 on page 46, and have been explained in section 6.1.1 above.

A graphical representation of the range bin definition for this scenario is given in figure 9.

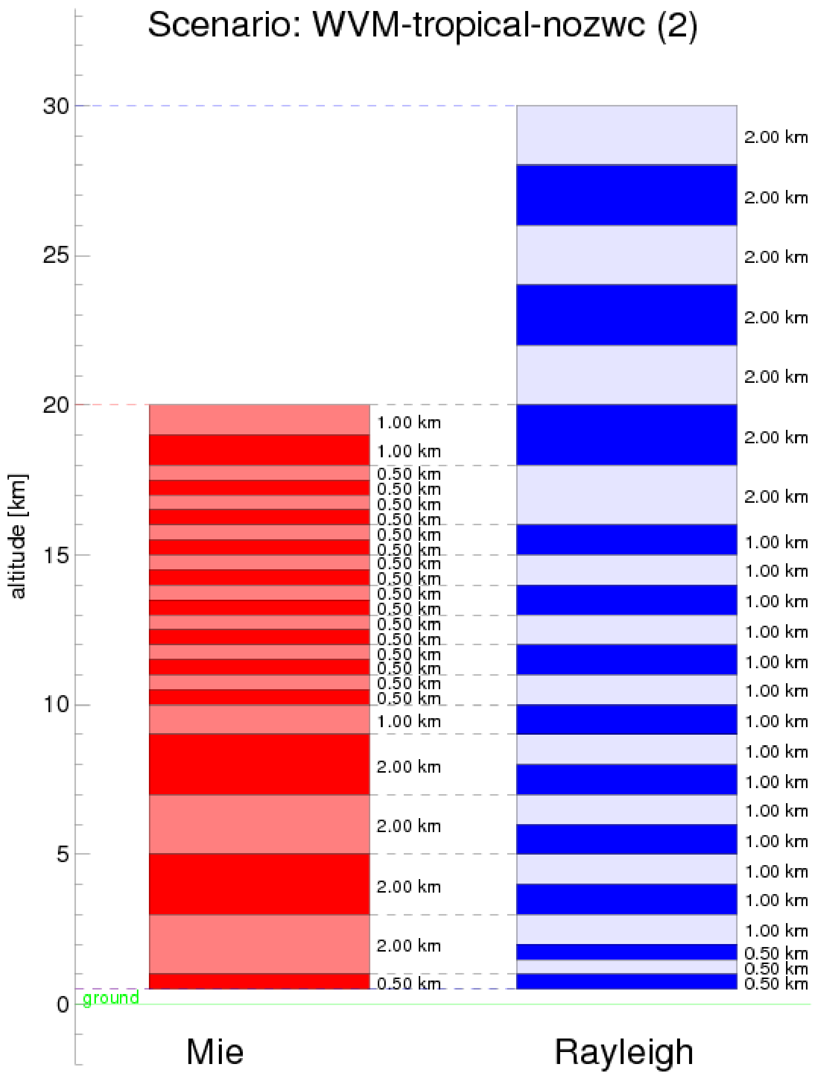

Figure 9: *Range bin definition for wvm-tropical-nozwc2.*

Table 8: definition of the range bins for scenario wvm-tropical-nozwc2

Rayleigh range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	28.00	30.00	2.00	808
2	26.00	28.00	2.00	808
3	24.00	26.00	2.00	808
4	22.00	24.00	2.00	808
5	20.00	22.00	2.00	808
6	18.00	20.00	2.00	808
7	16.00	18.00	2.00	808
8	15.00	16.00	1.00	404
9	14.00	15.00	1.00	404
10	13.00	14.00	1.00	404
11	12.00	13.00	1.00	404
12	11.00	12.00	1.00	404
13	10.00	11.00	1.00	404
14	9.00	10.00	1.00	404
15	8.00	9.00	1.00	404
16	7.00	8.00	1.00	404
17	6.00	7.00	1.00	404
18	5.00	6.00	1.00	404
19	4.00	5.00	1.00	404
20	3.00	4.00	1.00	404
21	2.00	3.00	1.00	404
22	1.50	2.00	0.50	202
23	1.00	1.50	0.50	202
24	0.50	1.00	0.50	202
Mie range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	19.00	20.00	1.00	404
2	18.00	19.00	1.00	404
3	17.50	18.00	0.50	202
4	17.00	17.50	0.50	202
5	16.50	17.00	0.50	202
6	16.00	16.50	0.50	202
7	15.50	16.00	0.50	202
8	15.00	15.50	0.50	202
9	14.50	15.00	0.50	202
10	14.00	14.50	0.50	202
11	13.50	14.00	0.50	202
12	13.00	13.50	0.50	202
13	12.50	13.00	0.50	202
14	12.00	12.50	0.50	202
15	11.50	12.00	0.50	202
16	11.00	11.50	0.50	202
17	10.50	11.00	0.50	202
18	10.00	10.50	0.50	202
19	9.00	10.00	1.00	404
20	7.00	9.00	2.00	808
21	5.00	7.00	2.00	808
22	3.00	5.00	2.00	808
23	1.00	3.00	2.00	808
24	0.50	1.00	0.50	202
		SP_VS_R [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [TMC]
		37.81	10.00	4040

6.3.3 Extra-tropical zwc wind vector mode scenario 2

The extra-tropical "zwc2" scenario is proposed between latitudes of 30 and 90 degrees, on both sides of the equator, in case useful zero-wind-calibration results are expected.

This scenario has been designed to have zero-wind-calibration results for the Mie channel. The Rayleigh channel is extended to 30 km, with 2 km rangebins above 16 km, and 1 km range bins below 16 km. A few 500 m range bins have been added to reach the total of 24 range bins. The Mie channel has been tuned to enable measuring clouds upto about 15 km. The available 500 m range bins for the Mie channel have been placed between 6 and 11 km.

6 Rayleigh range bins are oversampled by the Mie channel in this scenario, between 6 and 11 km, which contains the expected tropopause/jet-level.

Finally the lowest 4 Mie bins have no corresponding Rayleigh range bin. Since these bins are intended to be used mainly for ground detection anyway, this should not be a problem.

The parameter settings for this scenario are given in table 9 on page 49, and have been explained in section 6.1.1 above.

A graphical representation of the range bin definition for this scenario is given in figure 10 on page 48.

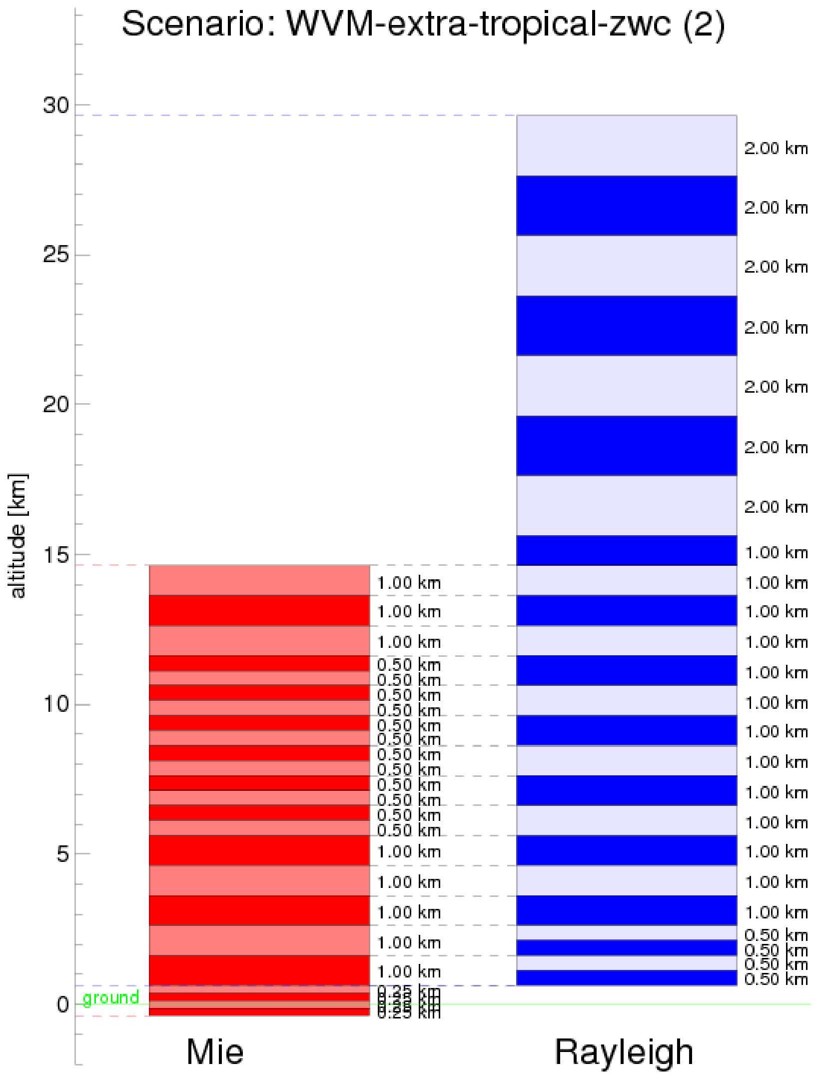

Figure 10: *Range bin definition for wvm-extra-tropical-zwc2.*

Table 9: definition of the range bins for scenario wvm-extra-tropical-zwc2

Rayleigh range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	27.62	29.62	2.00	808
2	25.62	27.62	2.00	808
3	23.62	25.62	2.00	808
4	21.62	23.62	2.00	808
5	19.62	21.62	2.00	808
6	17.62	19.62	2.00	808
7	15.62	17.62	2.00	808
8	14.62	15.62	1.00	404
9	13.62	14.62	1.00	404
10	12.62	13.62	1.00	404
11	11.62	12.62	1.00	404
12	10.62	11.62	1.00	404
13	9.62	10.62	1.00	404
14	8.62	9.62	1.00	404
15	7.62	8.62	1.00	404
16	6.62	7.62	1.00	404
17	5.62	6.62	1.00	404
18	4.62	5.62	1.00	404
19	3.62	4.62	1.00	404
20	2.62	3.62	1.00	404
21	2.12	2.62	0.50	202
22	1.62	2.12	0.50	202
23	1.12	1.62	0.50	202
24	0.62	1.12	0.50	202
Mie range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	13.62	14.62	1.00	404
2	12.62	13.62	1.00	404
3	11.62	12.62	1.00	404
4	11.12	11.62	0.50	202
5	10.62	11.12	0.50	202
6	10.12	10.62	0.50	202
7	9.62	10.12	0.50	202
8	9.12	9.62	0.50	202
9	8.62	9.12	0.50	202
10	8.12	8.62	0.50	202
11	7.62	8.12	0.50	202
12	7.12	7.62	0.50	202
13	6.62	7.12	0.50	202
14	6.12	6.62	0.50	202
15	5.62	6.12	0.50	202
16	4.62	5.62	1.00	404
17	3.62	4.62	1.00	404
18	2.62	3.62	1.00	404
19	1.62	2.62	1.00	404
20	0.62	1.62	1.00	404
21	0.38	0.62	0.25	101
22	0.12	0.38	0.25	101
23	-0.12	0.12	0.25	101
24	-0.38	-0.12	0.25	101
		SP_VS_R [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [TMC]
		37.34	15.00	6060

6.3.4 Extra-tropical nozwc wind vector mode scenario 2

The extra-tropical “nozwc2” scenario is proposed between latitudes of 30 and 90 degrees, on both side of the equator, in case no useful zero-wind-calibration results are expected.

This scenario has been designed to have no zero-wind-calibration results for the Mie or Rayleigh channel. The Rayleigh channel is extended to 30 km, with 2 km rangebins above 16 km, and 1 km range bins below 16 km. A few 500 m range bins have been added to reach the total of 24 range bins. The Mie channel has been tuned to enable measuring clouds upto about 15 km. The available 500 m range bins for the Mie channel have been placed between 3 and 12 km.

Nine Rayleigh range bins are oversampled by the Mie channel in this scenario, between 3 and 12 km, which includes the expected tropopause/jet-level.

The parameter settings for this scenario are given in table 10 on page 51, and have been explained in section 6.1.1 above.

A graphical representation of the range bin definition for this scenario is given in figure 11.

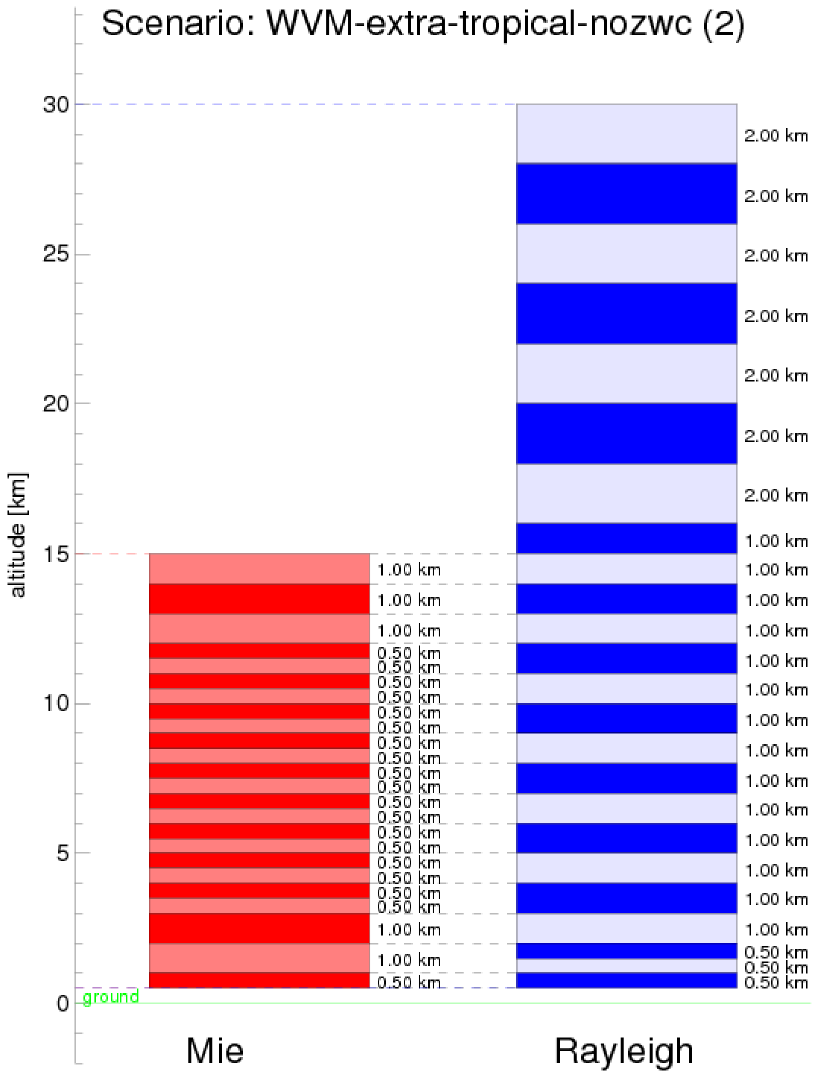

Figure 11: *Range bin definition for wvm-extra-tropical-nozwc2.*

Table 10: definition of the range bins for scenario wvm-extra-tropical-nozwc2

Rayleigh range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	28.00	30.00	2.00	808
2	26.00	28.00	2.00	808
3	24.00	26.00	2.00	808
4	22.00	24.00	2.00	808
5	20.00	22.00	2.00	808
6	18.00	20.00	2.00	808
7	16.00	18.00	2.00	808
8	15.00	16.00	1.00	404
9	14.00	15.00	1.00	404
10	13.00	14.00	1.00	404
11	12.00	13.00	1.00	404
12	11.00	12.00	1.00	404
13	10.00	11.00	1.00	404
14	9.00	10.00	1.00	404
15	8.00	9.00	1.00	404
16	7.00	8.00	1.00	404
17	6.00	7.00	1.00	404
18	5.00	6.00	1.00	404
19	4.00	5.00	1.00	404
20	3.00	4.00	1.00	404
21	2.00	3.00	1.00	404
22	1.50	2.00	0.50	202
23	1.00	1.50	0.50	202
24	0.50	1.00	0.50	202
Mie range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	14.00	15.00	1.00	404
2	13.00	14.00	1.00	404
3	12.00	13.00	1.00	404
4	11.50	12.00	0.50	202
5	11.00	11.50	0.50	202
6	10.50	11.00	0.50	202
7	10.00	10.50	0.50	202
8	9.50	10.00	0.50	202
9	9.00	9.50	0.50	202
10	8.50	9.00	0.50	202
11	8.00	8.50	0.50	202
12	7.50	8.00	0.50	202
13	7.00	7.50	0.50	202
14	6.50	7.00	0.50	202
15	6.00	6.50	0.50	202
16	5.50	6.00	0.50	202
17	5.00	5.50	0.50	202
18	4.50	5.00	0.50	202
19	4.00	4.50	0.50	202
20	3.50	4.00	0.50	202
21	3.00	3.50	0.50	202
22	2.00	3.00	1.00	404
23	1.00	2.00	1.00	404
24	0.50	1.00	0.50	202
		SP_VS_R [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [TMC]
		37.81	15.00	6060

6.4 Modified 1 km scenarios

During the course of this study it was found that it is probably not very useful to have range bins smaller than 1 km for the Rayleigh channel (see [RD12]). Such small range bins will yield too low signal levels to meet the mission requirement for the retrieved HLOS winds. Therefore all range bin definitions given above have been redefined to have at least 1 km range bins for the Rayleigh channel. This resulted in the following 10 new range bin definitions:

- WVM1-1km, see section 6.4.1 (this is an updated version of the scenario provided in section 6.1.1)
- WVM2-1km, see section 6.4.2 (this is an updated version of the scenario provided in section 6.1.2)
- tropics-zwc-1km, see section 6.4.3 (this is an updated version of the scenario provided in section 6.2.1)
- tropics-nozwc-1km, see section 6.4.4 (this is an updated version of the scenario provided in section 6.2.2)
- extra-tropics-zwc-1km, see section 6.4.5 (this is an updated version of the scenario provided in section 6.2.3)
- extra-tropics-nozwc-1km, see section 6.4.6 (this is an updated version of the scenario provided in section 6.2.4)
- tropics-zwc2-1km, see section 6.4.7 (this is an updated version of the scenario provided in section 6.3.1
- tropics-nozwc2-1km, see section 6.4.8 (this is an updated version of the scenario provided in section 6.3.2
- extra-tropics-zwc2-1km, see section 6.4.9 (this is an updated version of the scenario provided in section 6.3.3
- extra-tropics-nozwc2-1km, see section 6.4.10 (this is an updated version of the scenario provided in section 6.3.4

6.4.1 Wind vector mode scenario1 (1 km)

This is an updated version of scenario wvm1 described in section 6.1.1. To not waste Rayleigh bins that are too small to yield good SNR, all bins below 16 km have been set to 1 km size. This means some bins remain, which have been used to cover the altitudes upto 30 km.

The parameter settings for this scenario are given in table 11 on page 54, and have been explained in section 6.1.1 above.

A graphical representation of the range bin definition for this scenario is given in figure 12.

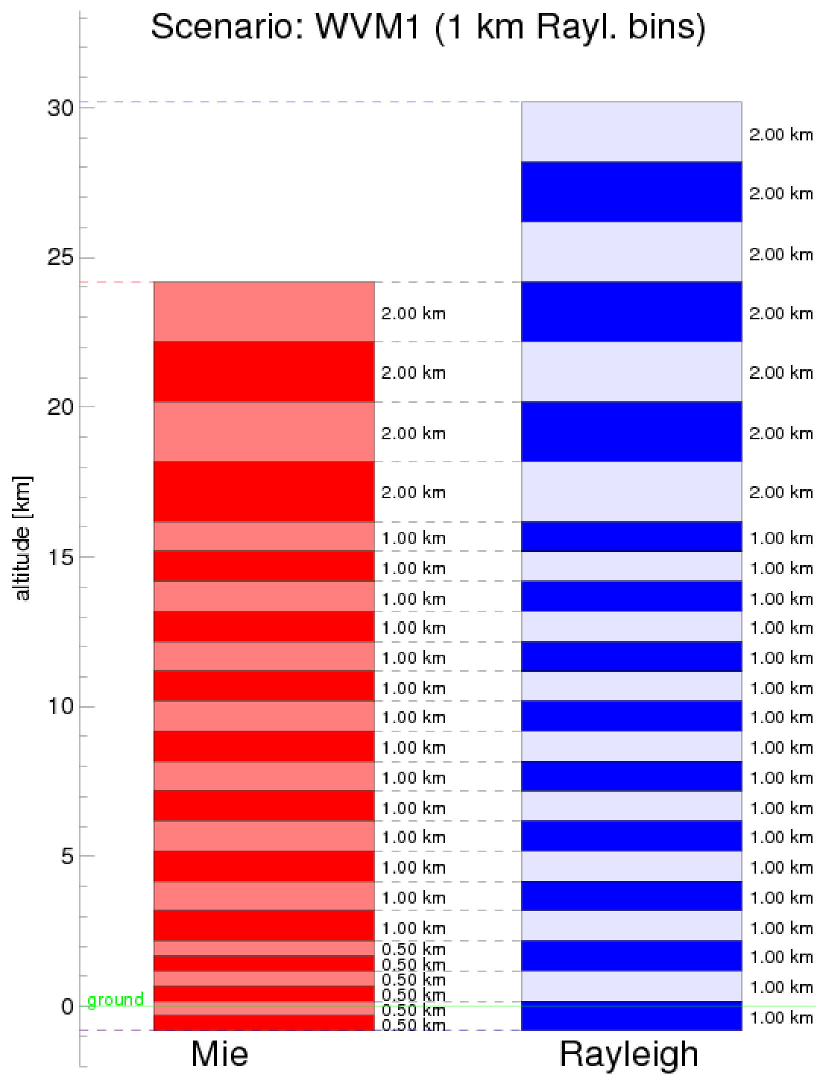

Figure 12: *Range bin definition for wvm1-1km.*

Table 11: definition of the range bins for scenario wvm1-1km

Rayleigh range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	28.18	30.18	2.00	808
2	26.18	28.18	2.00	808
3	24.18	26.18	2.00	808
4	22.18	24.18	2.00	808
5	20.18	22.18	2.00	808
6	18.18	20.18	2.00	808
7	16.18	18.18	2.00	808
8	15.18	16.18	1.00	404
9	14.18	15.18	1.00	404
10	13.18	14.18	1.00	404
11	12.18	13.18	1.00	404
12	11.18	12.18	1.00	404
13	10.18	11.18	1.00	404
14	9.18	10.18	1.00	404
15	8.18	9.18	1.00	404
16	7.18	8.18	1.00	404
17	6.18	7.18	1.00	404
18	5.18	6.18	1.00	404
19	4.18	5.18	1.00	404
20	3.18	4.18	1.00	404
21	2.18	3.18	1.00	404
22	1.18	2.18	1.00	404
23	0.18	1.18	1.00	404
24	-0.82	0.18	1.00	404
Mie range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	22.18	24.18	2.00	808
2	20.18	22.18	2.00	808
3	18.18	20.18	2.00	808
4	16.18	18.18	2.00	808
5	15.18	16.18	1.00	404
6	14.18	15.18	1.00	404
7	13.18	14.18	1.00	404
8	12.18	13.18	1.00	404
9	11.18	12.18	1.00	404
10	10.18	11.18	1.00	404
11	9.18	10.18	1.00	404
12	8.18	9.18	1.00	404
13	7.18	8.18	1.00	404
14	6.18	7.18	1.00	404
15	5.18	6.18	1.00	404
16	4.18	5.18	1.00	404
17	3.18	4.18	1.00	404
18	2.18	3.18	1.00	404
19	1.68	2.18	0.50	202
20	1.18	1.68	0.50	202
21	0.68	1.18	0.50	202
22	0.18	0.68	0.50	202
23	-0.32	0.18	0.50	202
24	-0.82	-0.32	0.50	202
		SP_VS_R [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [TMC]
		38.04	6.00	2424

6.4.2 Wind vector mode scenario2 (1 km)

This is an updated version of scenario wvm2 described in section 6.1.2. To not waste Rayleigh bins that are too small to yield good SNR, all bins below 16 km have been set to 1 km size. A bin size of 1.5 km has been used between 16 and 22 km, and the remaining bins upto 30 km use a 2 km bin size.

The parameter settings for this scenario are given in table 12 on page 56, and have been explained in section 6.1.1 above.

A graphical representation of the range bin definition for this scenario is given in figure 13.

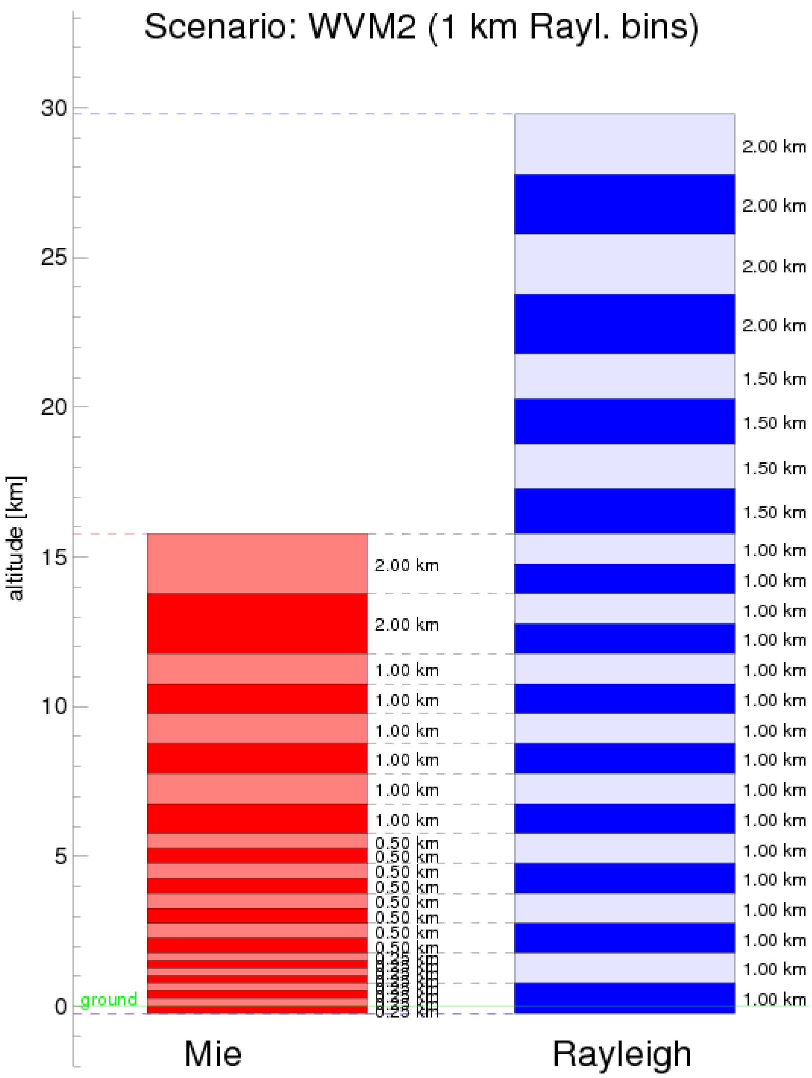

Figure 13: *Range bin definition for wvm2-1km.*

Table 12: definition of the range bins for scenario wvm2-1km

Rayleigh range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	27.77	29.77	2.00	808
2	25.77	27.77	2.00	808
3	23.77	25.77	2.00	808
4	21.77	23.77	2.00	808
5	20.27	21.77	1.50	606
6	18.77	20.27	1.50	606
7	17.27	18.77	1.50	606
8	15.77	17.27	1.50	606
9	14.77	15.77	1.00	404
10	13.77	14.77	1.00	404
11	12.77	13.77	1.00	404
12	11.77	12.77	1.00	404
13	10.77	11.77	1.00	404
14	9.77	10.77	1.00	404
15	8.77	9.77	1.00	404
16	7.77	8.77	1.00	404
17	6.77	7.77	1.00	404
18	5.77	6.77	1.00	404
19	4.77	5.77	1.00	404
20	3.77	4.77	1.00	404
21	2.77	3.77	1.00	404
22	1.77	2.77	1.00	404
23	0.77	1.77	1.00	404
24	-0.23	0.77	1.00	404
Mie range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	13.77	15.77	2.00	808
2	11.77	13.77	2.00	808
3	10.77	11.77	1.00	404
4	9.77	10.77	1.00	404
5	8.77	9.77	1.00	404
6	7.77	8.77	1.00	404
7	6.77	7.77	1.00	404
8	5.77	6.77	1.00	404
9	5.27	5.77	0.50	202
10	4.77	5.27	0.50	202
11	4.27	4.77	0.50	202
12	3.77	4.27	0.50	202
13	3.27	3.77	0.50	202
14	2.77	3.27	0.50	202
15	2.27	2.77	0.50	202
16	1.77	2.27	0.50	202
17	1.52	1.77	0.25	101
18	1.27	1.52	0.25	101
19	1.02	1.27	0.25	101
20	0.77	1.02	0.25	101
21	0.52	0.77	0.25	101
22	0.27	0.52	0.25	101
23	0.02	0.27	0.25	101
24	-0.23	0.02	0.25	101
		SP_VS_R [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [TMC]
		37.52	14.00	5656

6.4.3 Tropical zwc wind vector mode scenario (1 km)

This is an updated version of scenario wvm-tropics-zwc described in section 6.2.1. To not waste Rayleigh bins that are too small to yield good SNR, all bins below 16 km have been set to 1 km size. A bin size of 1.5 km has been used between 16 and 28 km, and the remaining bin uses a 2 km bin size.

The parameter settings for this scenario are given in table 13 on page 58, and have been explained in section 6.1.1 above.

A graphical representation of the range bin definition for this scenario is given in figure 14.

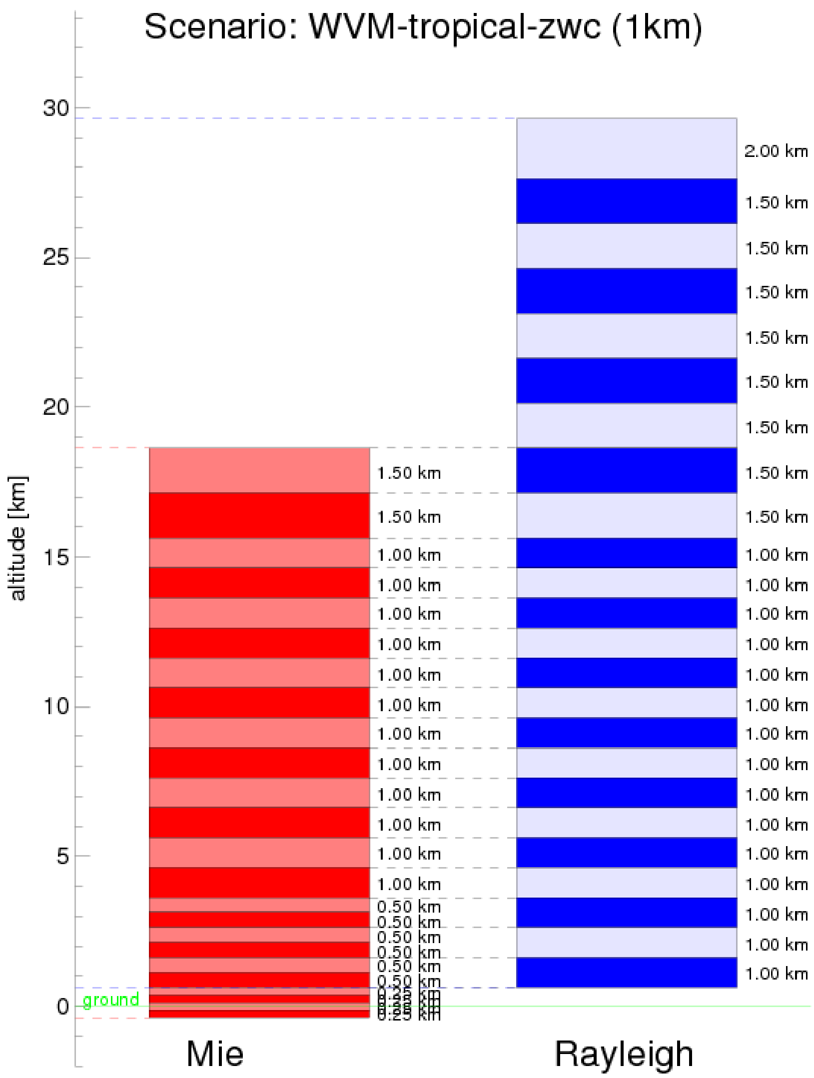

Figure 14: *Range bin definition for wvm-tropical-zwc-1km.*

Table 13: definition of the range bins for scenario wvm-tropical-zwc-1km

Rayleigh range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	27.62	29.62	2.00	808
2	26.12	27.62	1.50	606
3	24.62	26.12	1.50	606
4	23.12	24.62	1.50	606
5	21.62	23.12	1.50	606
6	20.12	21.62	1.50	606
7	18.62	20.12	1.50	606
8	17.12	18.62	1.50	606
9	15.62	17.12	1.50	606
10	14.62	15.62	1.00	404
11	13.62	14.62	1.00	404
12	12.62	13.62	1.00	404
13	11.62	12.62	1.00	404
14	10.62	11.62	1.00	404
15	9.62	10.62	1.00	404
16	8.62	9.62	1.00	404
17	7.62	8.62	1.00	404
18	6.62	7.62	1.00	404
19	5.62	6.62	1.00	404
20	4.62	5.62	1.00	404
21	3.62	4.62	1.00	404
22	2.62	3.62	1.00	404
23	1.62	2.62	1.00	404
24	0.62	1.62	1.00	404
Mie range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	17.12	18.62	1.50	606
2	15.62	17.12	1.50	606
3	14.62	15.62	1.00	404
4	13.62	14.62	1.00	404
5	12.62	13.62	1.00	404
6	11.62	12.62	1.00	404
7	10.62	11.62	1.00	404
8	9.62	10.62	1.00	404
9	8.62	9.62	1.00	404
10	7.62	8.62	1.00	404
11	6.62	7.62	1.00	404
12	5.62	6.62	1.00	404
13	4.62	5.62	1.00	404
14	3.62	4.62	1.00	404
15	3.12	3.62	0.50	202
16	2.62	3.12	0.50	202
17	2.12	2.62	0.50	202
18	1.62	2.12	0.50	202
19	1.12	1.62	0.50	202
20	0.62	1.12	0.50	202
21	0.38	0.62	0.25	101
22	0.12	0.38	0.25	101
23	-0.12	0.12	0.25	101
24	-0.38	-0.12	0.25	101
		SP_VS_R [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [TMC]
		37.34	11.00	4444

6.4.4 Tropical nozwc wind vector mode scenario (1 km)

This is an updated version of scenario wvm-tropics-nozwc described in section 6.2.2. To not waste Rayleigh bins that are too small to yield good SNR, all bins below 16 km have been set to 1 km size. A bin size of 1.5 km has been used between 16 and 28 km, and the remaining bin uses a 2 km bin size.

The parameter settings for this scenario are given in table 14 on page 60, and have been explained in section 6.1.1 above.

A graphical representation of the range bin definition for this scenario is given in figure 15.

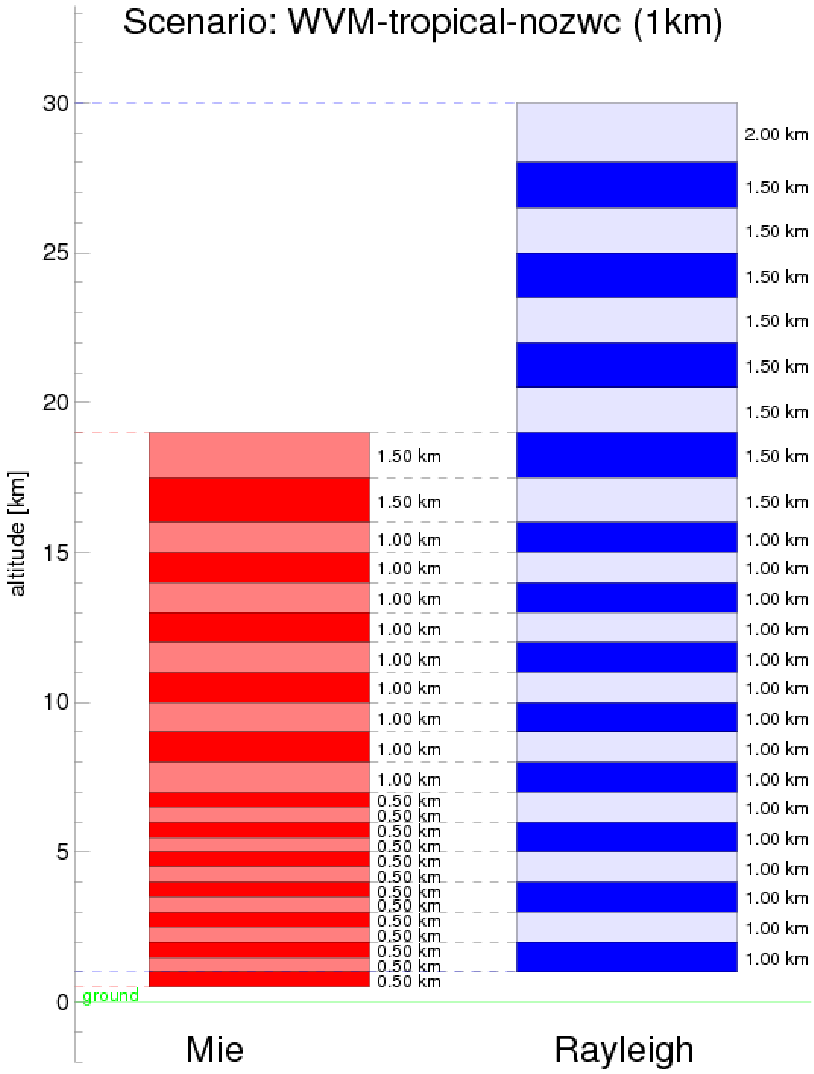

Figure 15: *Range bin definition for wvm-tropical-nozwc-1km.*

Table 14: definition of the range bins for scenario wvm-tropical-nozwc-1km

Rayleigh range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	28.00	30.00	2.00	808
2	26.50	28.00	1.50	606
3	25.00	26.50	1.50	606
4	23.50	25.00	1.50	606
5	22.00	23.50	1.50	606
6	20.50	22.00	1.50	606
7	19.00	20.50	1.50	606
8	17.50	19.00	1.50	606
9	16.00	17.50	1.50	606
10	15.00	16.00	1.00	404
11	14.00	15.00	1.00	404
12	13.00	14.00	1.00	404
13	12.00	13.00	1.00	404
14	11.00	12.00	1.00	404
15	10.00	11.00	1.00	404
16	9.00	10.00	1.00	404
17	8.00	9.00	1.00	404
18	7.00	8.00	1.00	404
19	6.00	7.00	1.00	404
20	5.00	6.00	1.00	404
21	4.00	5.00	1.00	404
22	3.00	4.00	1.00	404
23	2.00	3.00	1.00	404
24	1.00	2.00	1.00	404
Mie range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	17.50	19.00	1.50	606
2	16.00	17.50	1.50	606
3	15.00	16.00	1.00	404
4	14.00	15.00	1.00	404
5	13.00	14.00	1.00	404
6	12.00	13.00	1.00	404
7	11.00	12.00	1.00	404
8	10.00	11.00	1.00	404
9	9.00	10.00	1.00	404
10	8.00	9.00	1.00	404
11	7.00	8.00	1.00	404
12	6.50	7.00	0.50	202
13	6.00	6.50	0.50	202
14	5.50	6.00	0.50	202
15	5.00	5.50	0.50	202
16	4.50	5.00	0.50	202
17	4.00	4.50	0.50	202
18	3.50	4.00	0.50	202
19	3.00	3.50	0.50	202
20	2.50	3.00	0.50	202
21	2.00	2.50	0.50	202
22	1.50	2.00	0.50	202
23	1.00	1.50	0.50	202
24	0.50	1.00	0.50	202
		SP_VS_R [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [TMC]
		37.81	11.00	4444

6.4.5 Extra-tropical zwc wind vector mode scenario (1 km)

This is an updated version of scenario wvm-extra-tropics-zwc described in section 6.2.3. To not waste Rayleigh bins that are too small to yield good SNR, all bins below 16 km have been set to 1 km size. A bin size of 1.5 km has been used between 16 and 28 km, and the remaining bin uses a 2 km bin size.

The parameter settings for this scenario are given in table 15 on page 62, and have been explained in section 6.1.1 above.

A graphical representation of the range bin definition for this scenario is given in figure 16.

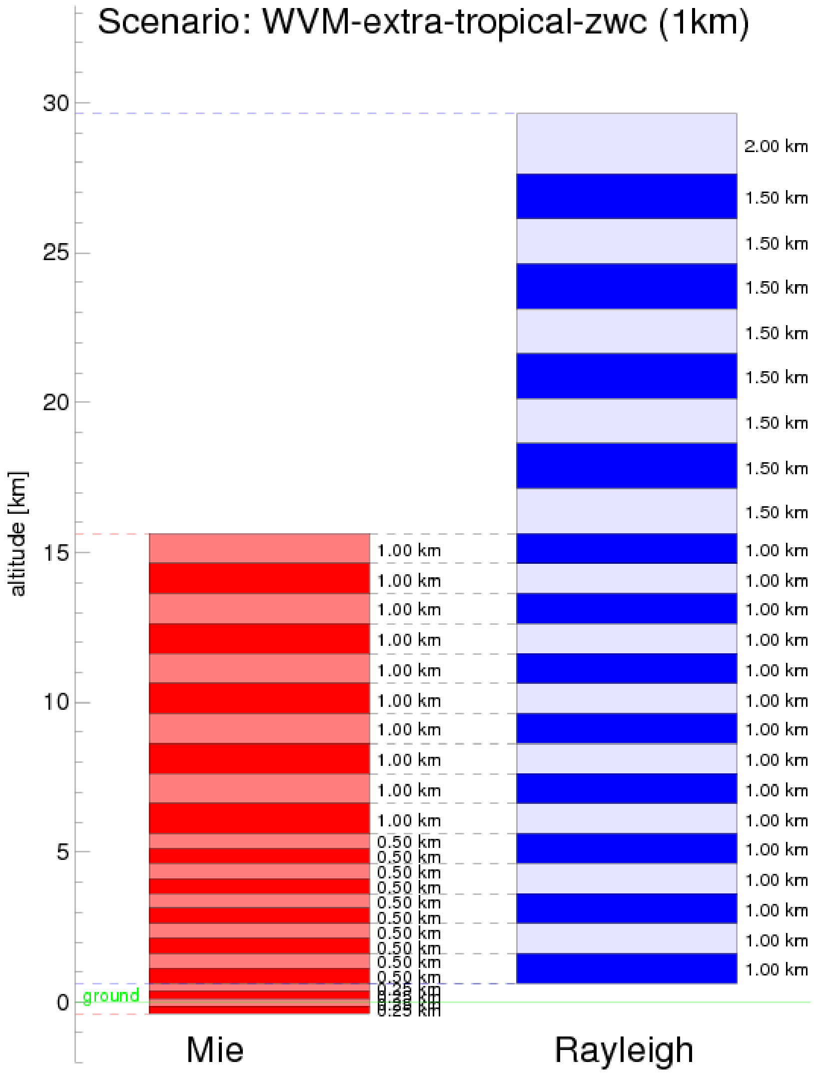

Figure 16: *Range bin definition for wvm-extra-tropical-zwc-1km.*

Table 15: definition of the range bins for scenario wvm-extra-tropical-zwc

Rayleigh range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	27.62	29.62	2.00	808
2	26.12	27.62	1.50	606
3	24.62	26.12	1.50	606
4	23.12	24.62	1.50	606
5	21.62	23.12	1.50	606
6	20.12	21.62	1.50	606
7	18.62	20.12	1.50	606
8	17.12	18.62	1.50	606
9	15.62	17.12	1.50	606
10	14.62	15.62	1.00	404
11	13.62	14.62	1.00	404
12	12.62	13.62	1.00	404
13	11.62	12.62	1.00	404
14	10.62	11.62	1.00	404
15	9.62	10.62	1.00	404
16	8.62	9.62	1.00	404
17	7.62	8.62	1.00	404
18	6.62	7.62	1.00	404
19	5.62	6.62	1.00	404
20	4.62	5.62	1.00	404
21	3.62	4.62	1.00	404
22	2.62	3.62	1.00	404
23	1.62	2.62	1.00	404
24	0.62	1.62	1.00	404
Mie range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	14.62	15.62	1.00	404
2	13.62	14.62	1.00	404
3	12.62	13.62	1.00	404
4	11.62	12.62	1.00	404
5	10.62	11.62	1.00	404
6	9.62	10.62	1.00	404
7	8.62	9.62	1.00	404
8	7.62	8.62	1.00	404
9	6.62	7.62	1.00	404
10	5.62	6.62	1.00	404
11	5.12	5.62	0.50	202
12	4.62	5.12	0.50	202
13	4.12	4.62	0.50	202
14	3.62	4.12	0.50	202
15	3.12	3.62	0.50	202
16	2.62	3.12	0.50	202
17	2.12	2.62	0.50	202
18	1.62	2.12	0.50	202
19	1.12	1.62	0.50	202
20	0.62	1.12	0.50	202
21	0.38	0.62	0.25	101
22	0.12	0.38	0.25	101
23	-0.12	0.12	0.25	101
24	-0.38	-0.12	0.25	101
		SP_VS_R [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [TMC]
		37.34	14.00	5656

6.4.6 Extra-tropical nozwc wind vector mode scenario (1 km)

This is an updated version of scenario wvm-extra-tropics-nozwc described in section 6.2.4. To not waste Rayleigh bins that are too small to yield good SNR, all bins below 16 km have been set to 1 km size. A bin size of 1.5 km has been used between 16 and 28 km, and the remaining bin uses a 2 km bin size.

The parameter settings for this scenario are given in table 16 on page 64, and have been explained in section 6.1.1 above.

A graphical representation of the range bin definition for this scenario is given in figure 17.

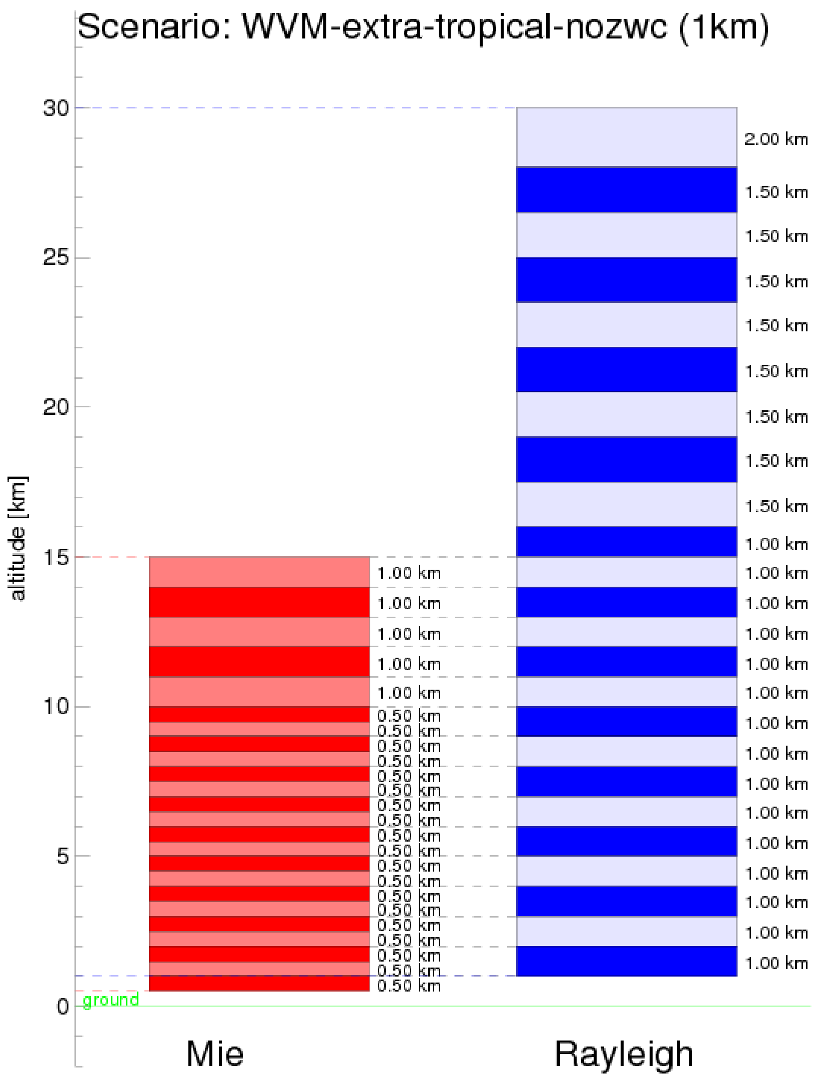

Figure 17: *Range bin definition for wvm-extra-tropical-nozwc-1km.*

Table 16: definition of the range bins for scenario wvm-extra-tropical-nozwc-1km

Rayleigh range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	28.00	30.00	2.00	808
2	26.50	28.00	1.50	606
3	25.00	26.50	1.50	606
4	23.50	25.00	1.50	606
5	22.00	23.50	1.50	606
6	20.50	22.00	1.50	606
7	19.00	20.50	1.50	606
8	17.50	19.00	1.50	606
9	16.00	17.50	1.50	606
10	15.00	16.00	1.00	404
11	14.00	15.00	1.00	404
12	13.00	14.00	1.00	404
13	12.00	13.00	1.00	404
14	11.00	12.00	1.00	404
15	10.00	11.00	1.00	404
16	9.00	10.00	1.00	404
17	8.00	9.00	1.00	404
18	7.00	8.00	1.00	404
19	6.00	7.00	1.00	404
20	5.00	6.00	1.00	404
21	4.00	5.00	1.00	404
22	3.00	4.00	1.00	404
23	2.00	3.00	1.00	404
24	1.00	2.00	1.00	404
Mie range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	14.00	15.00	1.00	404
2	13.00	14.00	1.00	404
3	12.00	13.00	1.00	404
4	11.00	12.00	1.00	404
5	10.00	11.00	1.00	404
6	9.50	10.00	0.50	202
7	9.00	9.50	0.50	202
8	8.50	9.00	0.50	202
9	8.00	8.50	0.50	202
10	7.50	8.00	0.50	202
11	7.00	7.50	0.50	202
12	6.50	7.00	0.50	202
13	6.00	6.50	0.50	202
14	5.50	6.00	0.50	202
15	5.00	5.50	0.50	202
16	4.50	5.00	0.50	202
17	4.00	4.50	0.50	202
18	3.50	4.00	0.50	202
19	3.00	3.50	0.50	202
20	2.50	3.00	0.50	202
21	2.00	2.50	0.50	202
22	1.50	2.00	0.50	202
23	1.00	1.50	0.50	202
24	0.50	1.00	0.50	202
		SP_VS_R [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [TMC]
		37.81	15.00	6060

6.4.7 Tropical zwc wind vector mode scenario 2 (1 km)

This is an updated version of scenario wvm-tropics-zwc2 described in section 6.3.1. To not waste Rayleigh bins that are too small to yield good SNR, all bins below 16 km have been set to 1 km size. A bin size of 1.5 km has been used between 16 and 28 km, and the remaining bin uses a 2 km bin size.

The parameter settings for this scenario are given in table 17 on page 66, and have been explained in section 6.1.1 above.

A graphical representation of the range bin definition for this scenario is given in figure 18.

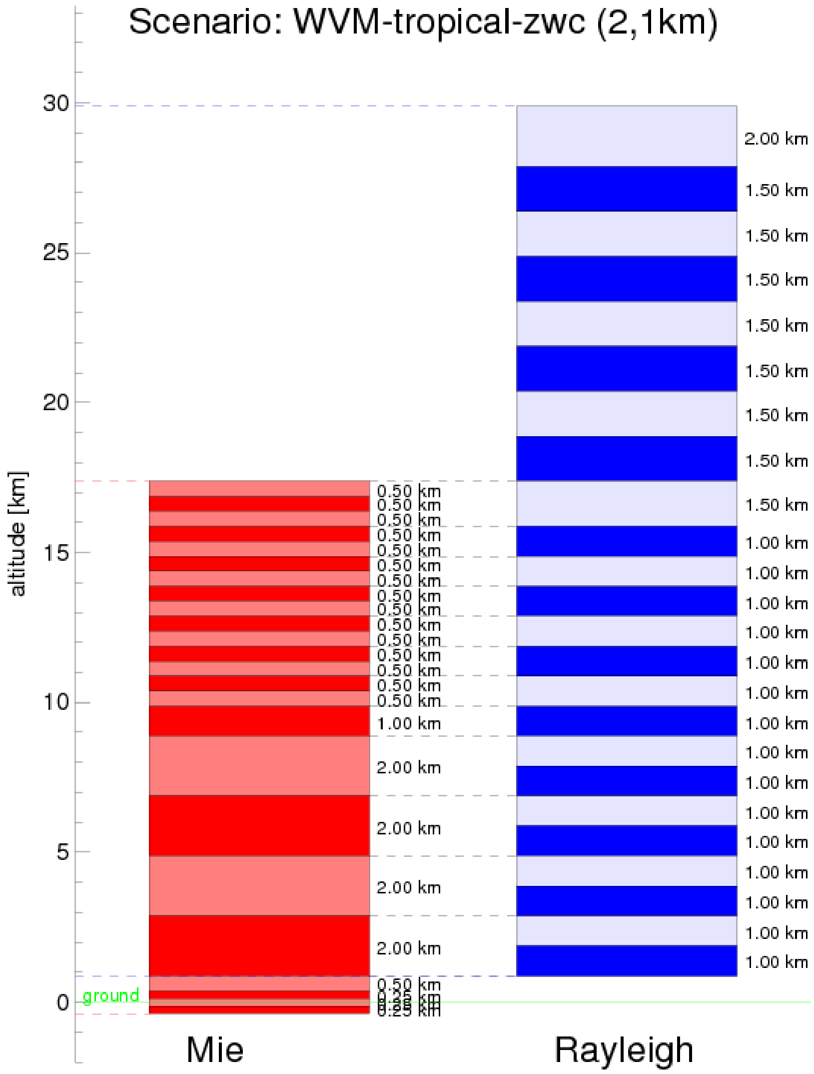

Figure 18: *Range bin definition for wvm-tropical-zwc2-1km.*

Table 17: definition of the range bins for scenario wvm-tropical-zwc2-1km

Rayleigh range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	27.87	29.87	2.00	808
2	26.37	27.87	1.50	606
3	24.87	26.37	1.50	606
4	23.37	24.87	1.50	606
5	21.87	23.37	1.50	606
6	20.37	21.87	1.50	606
7	18.87	20.37	1.50	606
8	17.37	18.87	1.50	606
9	15.87	17.37	1.50	606
10	14.87	15.87	1.00	404
11	13.87	14.87	1.00	404
12	12.87	13.87	1.00	404
13	11.87	12.87	1.00	404
14	10.87	11.87	1.00	404
15	9.87	10.87	1.00	404
16	8.87	9.87	1.00	404
17	7.87	8.87	1.00	404
18	6.87	7.87	1.00	404
19	5.87	6.87	1.00	404
20	4.87	5.87	1.00	404
21	3.87	4.87	1.00	404
22	2.87	3.87	1.00	404
23	1.87	2.87	1.00	404
24	0.87	1.87	1.00	404
Mie range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	16.87	17.37	0.50	202
2	16.37	16.87	0.50	202
3	15.87	16.37	0.50	202
4	15.37	15.87	0.50	202
5	14.87	15.37	0.50	202
6	14.37	14.87	0.50	202
7	13.87	14.37	0.50	202
8	13.37	13.87	0.50	202
9	12.87	13.37	0.50	202
10	12.37	12.87	0.50	202
11	11.87	12.37	0.50	202
12	11.37	11.87	0.50	202
13	10.87	11.37	0.50	202
14	10.37	10.87	0.50	202
15	9.87	10.37	0.50	202
16	8.87	9.87	1.00	404
17	6.87	8.87	2.00	808
18	4.87	6.87	2.00	808
19	2.87	4.87	2.00	808
20	0.87	2.87	2.00	808
21	0.37	0.87	0.50	202
22	0.12	0.37	0.25	101
23	-0.13	0.12	0.25	101
24	-0.38	-0.13	0.25	101
		SP_VS_R [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [TMC]
		37.66	12.50	5050

6.4.8 Tropical nozwc wind vector mode scenario 2 (1 km)

This is an updated version of scenario wvm-tropics-nozwc2 described in section 6.3.2. To not waste Rayleigh bins that are too small to yield good SNR, all bins below 16 km have been set to 1 km size. A bin size of 1.5 km has been used between 16 and 28 km, and the remaining bin uses a 2 km bin size.

The parameter settings for this scenario are given in table 18 on page 68, and have been explained in section 6.1.1 above.

A graphical representation of the range bin definition for this scenario is given in figure 19.

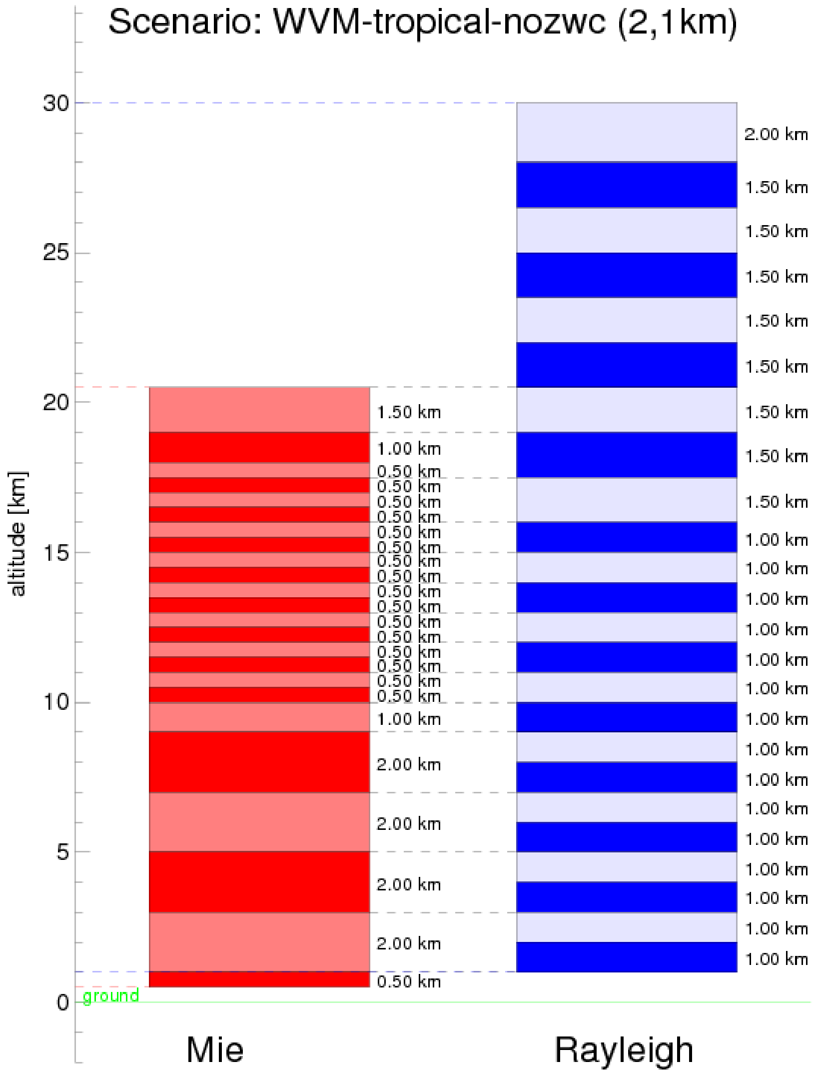

Figure 19: *Range bin definition for wvm-tropical-nozwc2-1km.*

Table 18: definition of the range bins for scenario wvm-tropical-nozwc2-1km

Rayleigh range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	28.00	30.00	2.00	808
2	26.50	28.00	1.50	606
3	25.00	26.50	1.50	606
4	23.50	25.00	1.50	606
5	22.00	23.50	1.50	606
6	20.50	22.00	1.50	606
7	19.00	20.50	1.50	606
8	17.50	19.00	1.50	606
9	16.00	17.50	1.50	606
10	15.00	16.00	1.00	404
11	14.00	15.00	1.00	404
12	13.00	14.00	1.00	404
13	12.00	13.00	1.00	404
14	11.00	12.00	1.00	404
15	10.00	11.00	1.00	404
16	9.00	10.00	1.00	404
17	8.00	9.00	1.00	404
18	7.00	8.00	1.00	404
19	6.00	7.00	1.00	404
20	5.00	6.00	1.00	404
21	4.00	5.00	1.00	404
22	3.00	4.00	1.00	404
23	2.00	3.00	1.00	404
24	1.00	2.00	1.00	404
Mie range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	19.00	20.50	1.50	606
2	18.00	19.00	1.00	404
3	17.50	18.00	0.50	202
4	17.00	17.50	0.50	202
5	16.50	17.00	0.50	202
6	16.00	16.50	0.50	202
7	15.50	16.00	0.50	202
8	15.00	15.50	0.50	202
9	14.50	15.00	0.50	202
10	14.00	14.50	0.50	202
11	13.50	14.00	0.50	202
12	13.00	13.50	0.50	202
13	12.50	13.00	0.50	202
14	12.00	12.50	0.50	202
15	11.50	12.00	0.50	202
16	11.00	11.50	0.50	202
17	10.50	11.00	0.50	202
18	10.00	10.50	0.50	202
19	9.00	10.00	1.00	404
20	7.00	9.00	2.00	808
21	5.00	7.00	2.00	808
22	3.00	5.00	2.00	808
23	1.00	3.00	2.00	808
24	0.50	1.00	0.50	202
		SP_VS_R [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [TMC]
		37.81	9.50	3838

6.4.9 Extra-tropical zwc wind vector mode scenario 2 (1 km)

This is an updated version of scenario wvm-extra-tropics-zwc2 described in section 6.3.3. To not waste Rayleigh bins that are too small to yield good SNR, all bins below 16 km have been set to 1 km size. A bin size of 1.5 km has been used between 16 and 28 km, and the remaining bin uses a 2 km bin size.

The parameter settings for this scenario are given in table 19 on page 70, and have been explained in section 6.1.1 above.

A graphical representation of the range bin definition for this scenario is given in figure 20.

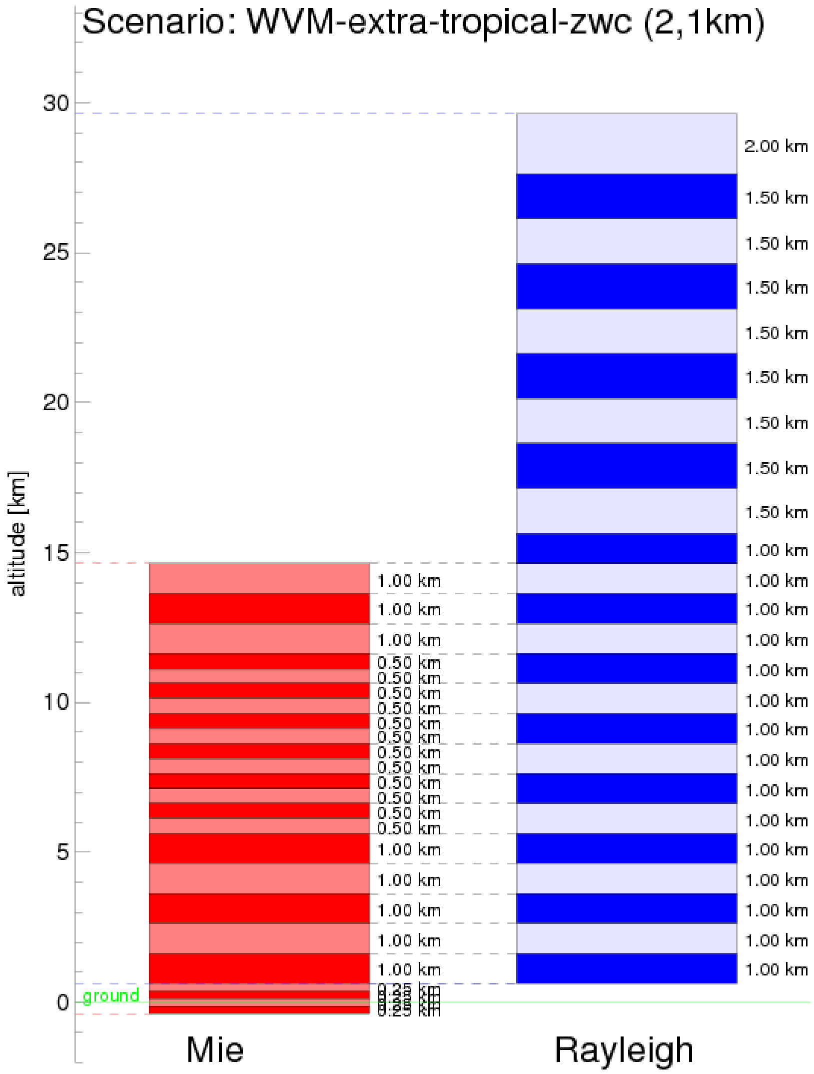

Figure 20: *Range bin definition for wvm-extra-tropical-zwc2-1km.*

Table 19: definition of the range bins for scenario wvm-extra-tropical-zwc2-1km

Rayleigh range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	27.62	29.62	2.00	808
2	26.12	27.62	1.50	606
3	24.62	26.12	1.50	606
4	23.12	24.62	1.50	606
5	21.62	23.12	1.50	606
6	20.12	21.62	1.50	606
7	18.62	20.12	1.50	606
8	17.12	18.62	1.50	606
9	15.62	17.12	1.50	606
10	14.62	15.62	1.00	404
11	13.62	14.62	1.00	404
12	12.62	13.62	1.00	404
13	11.62	12.62	1.00	404
14	10.62	11.62	1.00	404
15	9.62	10.62	1.00	404
16	8.62	9.62	1.00	404
17	7.62	8.62	1.00	404
18	6.62	7.62	1.00	404
19	5.62	6.62	1.00	404
20	4.62	5.62	1.00	404
21	3.62	4.62	1.00	404
22	2.62	3.62	1.00	404
23	1.62	2.62	1.00	404
24	0.62	1.62	1.00	404
Mie range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	13.62	14.62	1.00	404
2	12.62	13.62	1.00	404
3	11.62	12.62	1.00	404
4	11.12	11.62	0.50	202
5	10.62	11.12	0.50	202
6	10.12	10.62	0.50	202
7	9.62	10.12	0.50	202
8	9.12	9.62	0.50	202
9	8.62	9.12	0.50	202
10	8.12	8.62	0.50	202
11	7.62	8.12	0.50	202
12	7.12	7.62	0.50	202
13	6.62	7.12	0.50	202
14	6.12	6.62	0.50	202
15	5.62	6.12	0.50	202
16	4.62	5.62	1.00	404
17	3.62	4.62	1.00	404
18	2.62	3.62	1.00	404
19	1.62	2.62	1.00	404
20	0.62	1.62	1.00	404
21	0.38	0.62	0.25	101
22	0.12	0.38	0.25	101
23	-0.12	0.12	0.25	101
24	-0.38	-0.12	0.25	101
		SP_VS_R [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [TMC]
		37.34	15.00	6060

6.4.10 Extra-tropical nozwc wind vector mode scenario 2 (1 km)

This is an updated version of scenario wvm-extra-tropics-nozwc2 described in section 6.3.4. To not waste Rayleigh bins that are too small to yield good SNR, all bins below 16 km have been set to 1 km size. A bin size of 1.5 km has been used between 16 and 28 km, and the remaining bin uses a 2 km bin size.

The parameter settings for this scenario are given in table 20 on page 72, and have been explained in section 6.1.1 above.

A graphical representation of the range bin definition for this scenario is given in figure 21.

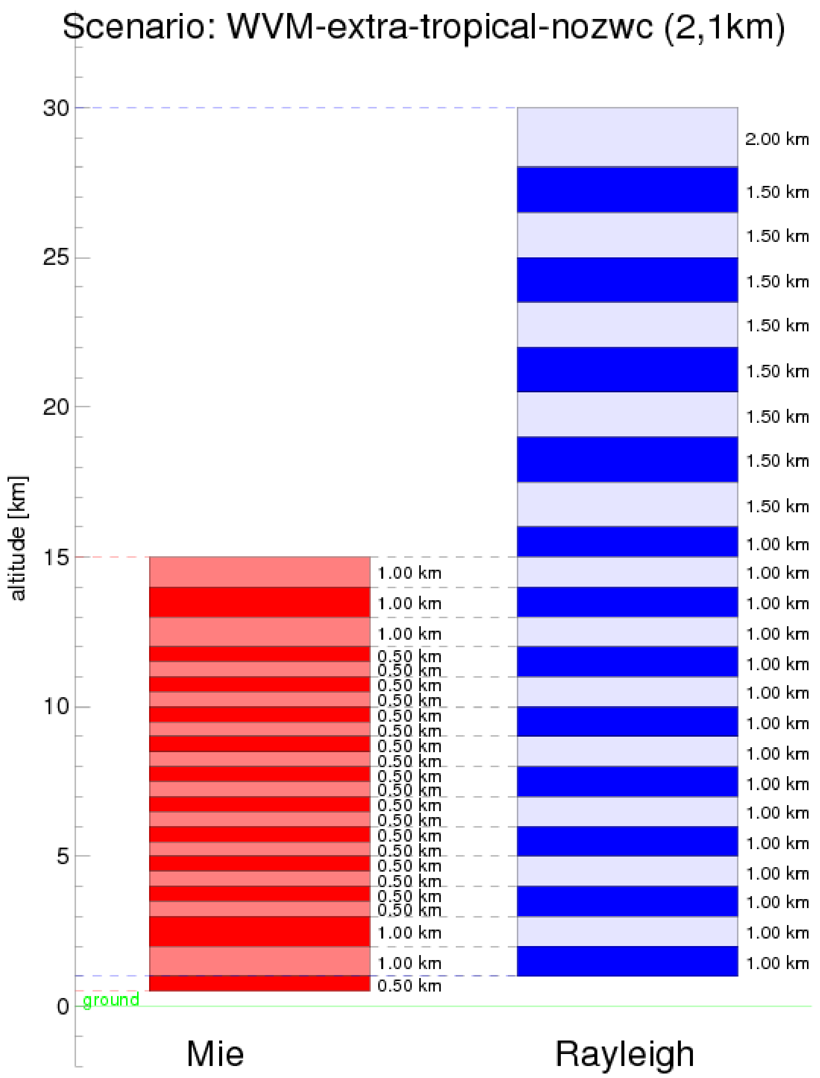

Figure 21: *Range bin definition for wvm-extra-tropical-nozwc2-1km.*

Table 20: definition of the range bins for scenario wvm-extra-tropical-nozwc2-1km

Rayleigh range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	28.00	30.00	2.00	808
2	26.50	28.00	1.50	606
3	25.00	26.50	1.50	606
4	23.50	25.00	1.50	606
5	22.00	23.50	1.50	606
6	20.50	22.00	1.50	606
7	19.00	20.50	1.50	606
8	17.50	19.00	1.50	606
9	16.00	17.50	1.50	606
10	15.00	16.00	1.00	404
11	14.00	15.00	1.00	404
12	13.00	14.00	1.00	404
13	12.00	13.00	1.00	404
14	11.00	12.00	1.00	404
15	10.00	11.00	1.00	404
16	9.00	10.00	1.00	404
17	8.00	9.00	1.00	404
18	7.00	8.00	1.00	404
19	6.00	7.00	1.00	404
20	5.00	6.00	1.00	404
21	4.00	5.00	1.00	404
22	3.00	4.00	1.00	404
23	2.00	3.00	1.00	404
24	1.00	2.00	1.00	404
Mie range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	14.00	15.00	1.00	404
2	13.00	14.00	1.00	404
3	12.00	13.00	1.00	404
4	11.50	12.00	0.50	202
5	11.00	11.50	0.50	202
6	10.50	11.00	0.50	202
7	10.00	10.50	0.50	202
8	9.50	10.00	0.50	202
9	9.00	9.50	0.50	202
10	8.50	9.00	0.50	202
11	8.00	8.50	0.50	202
12	7.50	8.00	0.50	202
13	7.00	7.50	0.50	202
14	6.50	7.00	0.50	202
15	6.00	6.50	0.50	202
16	5.50	6.00	0.50	202
17	5.00	5.50	0.50	202
18	4.50	5.00	0.50	202
19	4.00	4.50	0.50	202
20	3.50	4.00	0.50	202
21	3.00	3.50	0.50	202
22	2.00	3.00	1.00	404
23	1.00	2.00	1.00	404
24	0.50	1.00	0.50	202
		SP_VS_R [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [TMC]
		37.81	15.00	6060

6.5 Stratospheric scenario

The stratospheric "stratos" scenario has been added to allow investigating the merits of wind retrievals above an altitude of 30 km. Note however that this scenario violates the current instrument requirements (as detailed in section 5.2) and can therefore only be considered as a recommendation for future missions. It probably cannot be applied during the current mission.

This scenario has been designed to have no zero-wind-calibration results for the Mie or Rayleigh channel. The Rayleigh channel is extended to 36.5 km, with 2 km rangebins above 16 km, and 1 km range bins below 16 km. The Mie channel has been tuned to match the Rayleigh channel upto 28.5 km, and has a few additional 500 m bins below the lowest Rayleigh range bin. No oversampling is present in this range bin definition.

The parameter settings for this scenario are given in table 21 on page 74, and have been explained in section 6.1.1 above.

A graphical representation of the range bin definition for this scenario is given in figure 22.

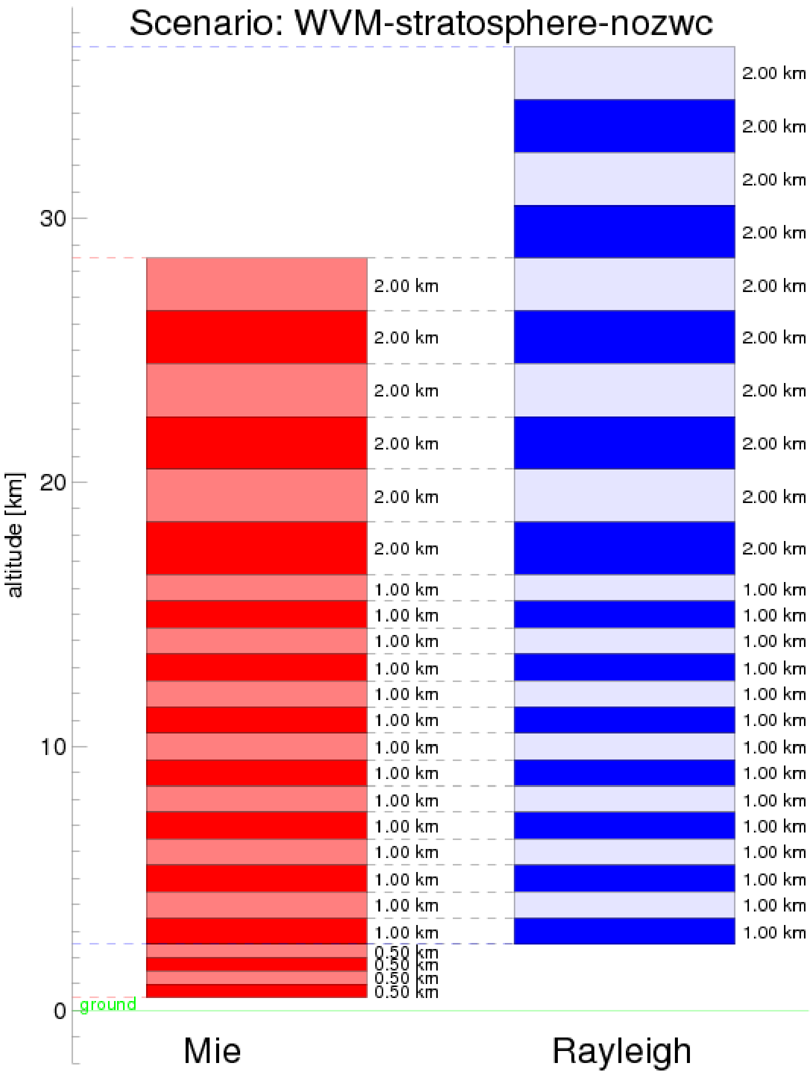

Figure 22: *Range bin definition for wvm-stratos-nozwc.*

Table 21: definition of the range bins for scenario wvm-stratosphere-nozwc

Rayleigh range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	34.49	36.49	2.00	808
2	32.49	34.49	2.00	808
3	30.49	32.49	2.00	808
4	28.49	30.49	2.00	808
5	26.49	28.49	2.00	808
6	24.49	26.49	2.00	808
7	22.49	24.49	2.00	808
8	20.49	22.49	2.00	808
9	18.49	20.49	2.00	808
10	16.49	18.49	2.00	808
11	15.49	16.49	1.00	404
12	14.49	15.49	1.00	404
13	13.49	14.49	1.00	404
14	12.49	13.49	1.00	404
15	11.49	12.49	1.00	404
16	10.49	11.49	1.00	404
17	9.49	10.49	1.00	404
18	8.49	9.49	1.00	404
19	7.49	8.49	1.00	404
20	6.49	7.49	1.00	404
21	5.49	6.49	1.00	404
22	4.49	5.49	1.00	404
23	3.49	4.49	1.00	404
24	2.49	3.49	1.00	404
Mie range bin	bottom [km]	top [km]	size [km]	integration time [TMC]
1	26.49	28.49	2.00	808
2	24.49	26.49	2.00	808
3	22.49	24.49	2.00	808
4	20.49	22.49	2.00	808
5	18.49	20.49	2.00	808
6	16.49	18.49	2.00	808
7	15.49	16.49	1.00	404
8	14.49	15.49	1.00	404
9	13.49	14.49	1.00	404
10	12.49	13.49	1.00	404
11	11.49	12.49	1.00	404
12	10.49	11.49	1.00	404
13	9.49	10.49	1.00	404
14	8.49	9.49	1.00	404
15	7.49	8.49	1.00	404
16	6.49	7.49	1.00	404
17	5.49	6.49	1.00	404
18	4.49	5.49	1.00	404
19	3.49	4.49	1.00	404
20	2.49	3.49	1.00	404
21	1.99	2.49	0.50	202
22	1.49	1.99	0.50	202
23	0.99	1.49	0.50	202
24	0.49	0.99	0.50	202
		SP_VS_R [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [km]	Td_Ray_Mie [TMC]
		46.00	8.00	3232

6.6 Wind shear scenarios

To study the possible benefits of wind shear assimilation, a set of range bin definitions may be used that do not perform zero-wind-calibration. To do this it is proposed to use the scenarios:

- tropics "nozwc-1km" (see section 6.4.4)
- extra-tropics "nozwc01km" (see section 6.4.6)

or the oversampling scenarios:

- tropics "nozwc2-1km" (see section 6.4.8)
- extra-tropics "nozwc2-1km" (see section 6.4.10)

No dedicated range bin scenarios for wind shear assimilation will be designed.

6.7 Calibration scenarios

Still to be investigated are the errors emerging from the IRC (Instrument Reponse Calibration). An estimate of these errors should be produced by the on-going L1B activities. Depending on the final RRC (Rayleigh Response Calibration) scenario, it has to be studied whether the vertical sampling used for the RRC needs to be linked to the sampling used during the wind-measurement mode. This is outside the scope of the current project.

7 Terrain model

As was stated in section 5.2, a choice has to be made about the terrain model values to be used. This choice is related to the sampling scenario. In areas with very little variation in the model within a BRC (so at the ocean, or very flat land), this knowledge maybe used to shift the range bin definitions in such a way, that only the lowest range bin will detect the ground. On the other hand, if the terrain within a BRC has significant variation, or if the pointing accuracy is less precise than expected, then one or two range bins of the Mie channel may be projected below the average ground level for this BRC, in order to maximize the chance of obtaining a useful ground echo. The result of these considerations will be stored for the predicted orbit for 1 week ahead, in a look-up-table, to be used for setting the SP_VS_R variable.

8 ADM impact on NWP as a function of sampling scenario

For each proposed scenario the added value for NWP analyses will be estimated. To allow this the following is needed:

- An estimate of the signal levels for each range bin. For this an aerosol profile will be used constructed from the data retrieved from space-borne lidar or from aerosol climatological database using LIPAS [LR2], . e.g., CALIPSO and/or GLAS data will be used in combination with wavelength conversion software to estimate backscatter and extinction at 355 nm from realistic atmospheres. This will be studied in more detail in one of the upcoming work packages.
- An estimate of cloud occurence as a function of altitude and latitude on BRC and measurement level. This defines the opportunity to get wind vector measurements and zero-wind ground-calibration measurements. IceSat and CALIPSO data closely confirm earlier statistics obtained by LIPAS with ECMWF clouds; see: [LR2], [LR3]. This will be studied in more detail in one of the upcoming work packages.
- Estimated quality of the zero-wind-calibration, which in turn depends on the above properties, as well as on the albedo, the on-board terrain model, the presence of moving particles in the lowest range bin above the surface and the ground detection software and noise properties. This is still being studied in the extended L1B work package.
- Climatology of the observed wind, its variability, and estimated errors of the measurement of these winds by Mie and Rayleigh detection channels. Depends on available E2S, L1Bp and L2Bp qualities in simulating Aeolus in space. The package is being developed while the characterisation of ALADIN is ongoing. Some uncertainty aspects will be elaborated in VAMP and simulated by LIPAS or other dedicated tools (for example L2Bp Mie QC, see [RD12] for details). Remaining uncertainties will be taken into account in the conclusion of VAMP. Note however, that the LIPAS simulator has its own assumptions and uncertainties as well.
- Climatology of combined optical and dynamical variability. Aspects of this will be studied in VAMP as much as feasible, but there is no climatological dataset of combined hi-resolution optical and dynamical measurements. Remaining uncertainties will be estimated.
- Climatology of the vertical wind components that confuse the LOS-to-HLOS conversion, and its variability, e.g., by inertia-gravity waves.
- A measure for the impact of the assimilated measurement results on the meteorological analyses and forecasts, as elaborated in VAMP later on for the PBL, troposphere and stratosphere (see [RD13]).
- CALIPSO and/or GLAS data will be used in combination with wavelength conversion software to estimate backscatter and extinction at 355 nm from PSC's.

9 Simulation tools

In order to perform this study, the following tools and data are needed:

- E2S, version 2.05, dated 22-Feb-2008 (or a later version): This tools needs as input:
  - the default data files and simulator settings as delivered with the software
  - the updated default data files and simulator settings, as constructed by Olivier Le Rille (no longer needed since E2S v2.10)
  - alternative sampling scenario files as defined in section 6 of this report
  - atmospheric scenario files, from the Atmospheric Database, version 1.5, dated 25-Jan-2008 (or a later version) A tool to convert these files to the xml format required as E2S input is available in the matlab tools mentioned below. Another conversion tool is available in the KNMI python scripts mentioned below.
- L1BP, version 1.09, dated 22-Feb-2008 (or a later version): This tool (which in fact contains the L0, L1A and L1B processor) needs as input:
  - the default processor settings and datafiles as delivered with the software
  - the AISP files generated by the E2S.
  - calibration AISP files generated by the E2S, ir calibration MRC, RRC files produced by processing these AISP files
- L2BP, version 1.33, dated 29-Feb-2008 (or a later version): This tool needs as input:
  - the default processor settings and datafiles as delivered with the software
  - the L1B files generated by the L1BP.
  - Auxiliary Meteo files, generated by converting the same atmospheric scenario files that where used for running the E2S. The necessary conversion tool is available in the L2BP software package.
  - Auxiliary Calibration files (AuxRBC) produced by a tool included in the L2BP, based on an ISR calibration file
- Matlab Tools by Meteo France, version 1.53, dated 21-Mar-2008 (or a later version): this package contains matlab routines to read all input and output files used and produced by the processors mentioned above, and an automatic plot generation tool for quick interpretation of the results. This tool needs as input:
  - the xml files generated by the E2S in the $scenario/instrumentData directory
  - the L1B and L2B product files

  Based on this a matlab routine needs to be written to compare input and output wind in a more automated way, to generate some sort of figure-of-merit, which allows comparing the chosen simulation and processing settings.
- the python tool by KNMI named “Chain-of-Processors”, version 0.41, dated 04-Apr-2009 (or a later version), which takes care of running al tools mentioned above, and which collects all non-default settings of all these tools in a single input file.
- a modified version of the LIPAS simulation tool, to match the actual implementation of the ADM instrument and processing chain (this is described in detail in [RD12]).

10 Conclusion

This document is intended as a starting point for the VAMP study. It mostly defines instrument characteristics and constraints, as well as mission requirements. Given these constraints, possible sampling scenarios are defined, potentially fulfilling the mission requirements. Conclusions on the beneficial impact of the different sampling strategies will be provided in the subsequent VAMP TNs and executive summary.

A major part of this document consists of the range bin definitions, and these reflect the progressing insights during this study. The main adaptation was related to the fact that Rayleigh range bins should have at least a size of 1 km.

Some limitations due to current instrument constraints where encountered (see below), which have no technical background except that they cannot be altered at the current stage of the mission These should be seen as recommendations for any future mission.

A first limitation is the altitude constraint of 40 km along the LOS (in the SP_VS_R variable), resulting in a maximum altitude of 31.73 km (see section 5.2). Most probably no measurements fulfilling the mission requirements can be done above this altitude, with maximum 2 km bin size[23]. Yet, for the dynamics of the stratospheric flow, wind observations above 32 km could be useful as studied in [RD13] For an experimental mission it would have been useful to have the option to explore this boundary.

A second limitation is the 2 km range bin size. As was mentioned in section 5.2, it would be very useful to explore the merit of having Mie range bins of 10 or 12 km, to check the upper Rayleigh range bins for possible cross-talk.

A third limitation is the vertical cross-talk between range bins, which causes some loss in wind processing quality.

Finally, the maximum number of 24 range bins is especially limiting for the Mie channel. Since from this channel we can expect good returns on cloud tops and optically thin aerosol layers. The Mie channel is also the most prominent candidate to collect ground returns for zero wind calibration. In case of sufficient aerosol loading and cloud (lower troposphere) good quality Mie channel winds can be derived over small vertical range bins. Uncertainty in height assignment remains acceptable when these smaller bins are combined into larger bins in order to provide winds that are vertically representative of the NWP models. More in general, oversampling in the vertical allows improved quality control and a more detailed optical profile. A recommendation for future missions would therefore be to upgrade the Mie channel to cover the whole altitude range between the surface and 20 km with 125 m range bins (so defining 160 rangebins for the Mie channel). In addition one or a few Mie bins should cover the higher Rayleigh bins as well to allow detection of possible cross-talk.

[23] A possible workaround would be to combine the signal of two 2 km rangebins to form a larger 4 km range bin (other combinations resulting in 2.5, 3 or 3.5 km range bin size are possible as well).

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