# **Aerosol-PBL Interactions Observed During PLUME**





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# What is the PBL?

# Planetary Boundary Layer (PBL)

Atmospheric boundary layer (ABL) / Mixing layer (ML)

A turbulent layer in constant state of exchange with the earth's surface, responding over the time scale of an hour or less.

Diurnal cycles of exchanging heat, water vapor, and pollutants.



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# Atmospheric pollutants and the mixing layer height

The mixing height usually acts as a confinement to the pollutants emitted from the Earth's surface, hence controlling their concentration with variations in the mixing layer top height.



# Atmospheric Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR)

### Micropulse LiDAR (MPL) Backscatter Signal



# ML Top Height (Mixing Height) Estimation from Normalized Relative LiDAR Backscatter



# Mixing Height Diurnal (Daily) Variations over Mountainous Terrain



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# Nighttime

### Monthly Mixing Height Diurnal (Daily) Variations over Chiangmai, Thailand



### Monthly Mixing Height Diurnal (Daily) Variations over Chiangmai, Thailand (2017-2018)



### What is happening in March over the Upper Indochina Highlands?



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### **BROWN CARBON (BrC)**

Organic molecules like tar balls or fats, given off by long-smoldering fires



### BLACK CARBON (BC)

Carbon particles given off by hot fires, like coal plants, forest fires, and combustion from cars

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Natural & Anthropogenic Emissions

Temperature Profile Natural & Anthropogenic Emissions

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**Petäjä** et al., 2016



Normalized Relative Backscatter and Mixing Height from NARIT's Micropulse LiDAR Surface PM2.5 Concentrations from Chiang Mai University's "Dust Boy"



Day, dd [Local Time]













March 2019 (Fang District, Chiangmai - Thailand)



### **The Following Week:**



Significant BrC or BC emissions during the nighttime, suppress PBL development the following day.



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# Data from the Pollution Control **Department of Thailand** (Chiang Mai City Hall)

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Average

18:00:00 March 31, 2019 Zoom: 1d 5d 1m 3m 6m 1y Max ZERO 0 • 35t PM2.5 (ug/m3) 37 200 400 300 200 100 Fri Mar 29 Sat Mar 30 Sun Mar 31 < Summary 35t\_PM2.5 (ug/m3) MAX 470 1 MIN 28 2 % 100 3 Ν 67 4

### For the whole month of March 2019:

Mixing Height Estimated from NARIT's Micropulse LiDAR

PM 2.5 Data from Chiang Mai University's Dust Boy



### **Summary and Next Steps**

- Black Carbon (BC) / Brown Carbon (BrC) emissions from fires especially on the slopes can affect PBL development the next day (producing HIGH and PERSISTENT air pollution) when IT'S A LOT and when its observed in a valley during NIGHTTIME
- Look at aerosol optical properties during episode days
- Perform a modeling experiment by removing BC in the model and see if PBL development is NOT suppressed





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Integrated Highland Wildfire, Smoke and Haze Management in the Upper Indochina Region

# Thank You for Your Attention!

# Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR)

Principle, Components and Types of Atmospheric LiDAR Systems



# Normalized Relative Backscatter (NRB)



Solanki, Macatangay et al., in preparation

# ML Top Height (Mixing Height) Estimation

March 2019







PRELIMINARY CALS





No overlap calibration No pol calibration.

### PRELIMINARY CALS

# Full Campaign: **Uav Multi-scal**

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Altitude (km)

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### Synoptic Conditions from March 20 – 25, 2019















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