



Evaluating EUCLID's location accuracy using lightning strikes to towers

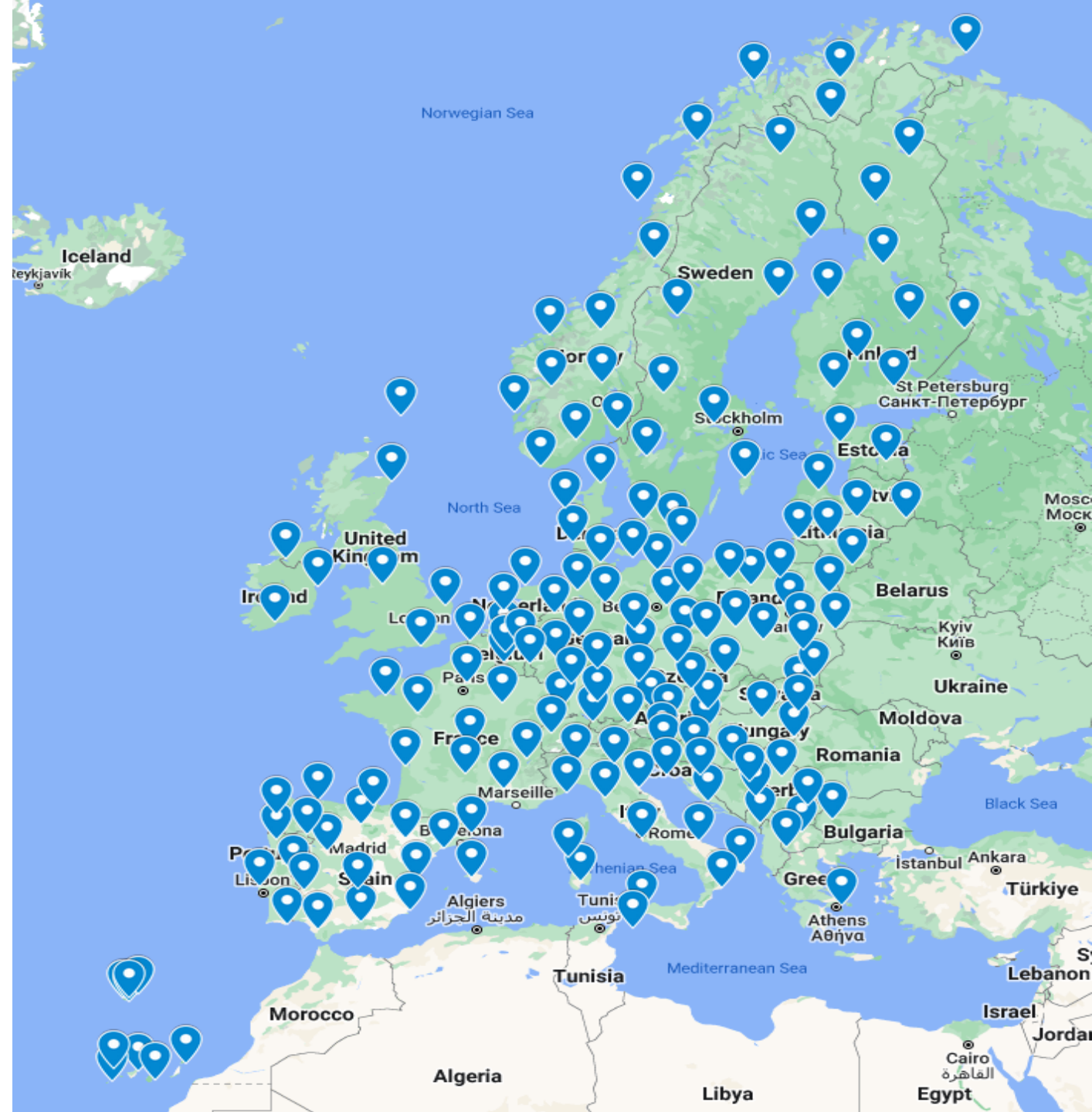
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Introduction

- EUCLID operates ~170 sensors
- Network evolves, consistently upgrading from older sensor models to newer ones and optimizing sensor placement by adding or relocating sensors
- Median LA ~100m (Gaisberg)
- Stroke/flash DE of 84%/98% based on video & E-field records
- EUCLID \propto NLDN \rightarrow CA(CG) = 92%
 \rightarrow CA(IC) = 86%



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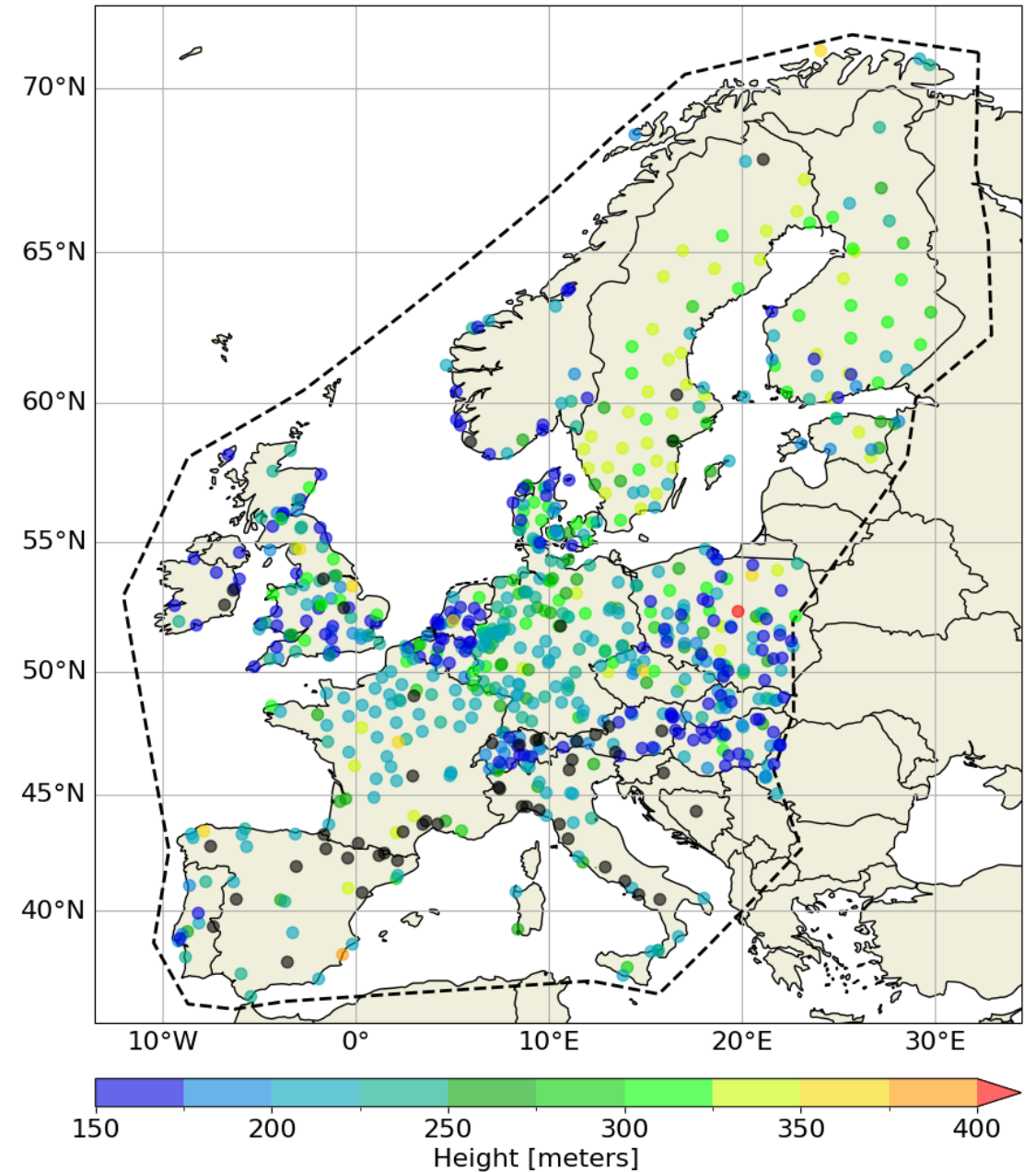
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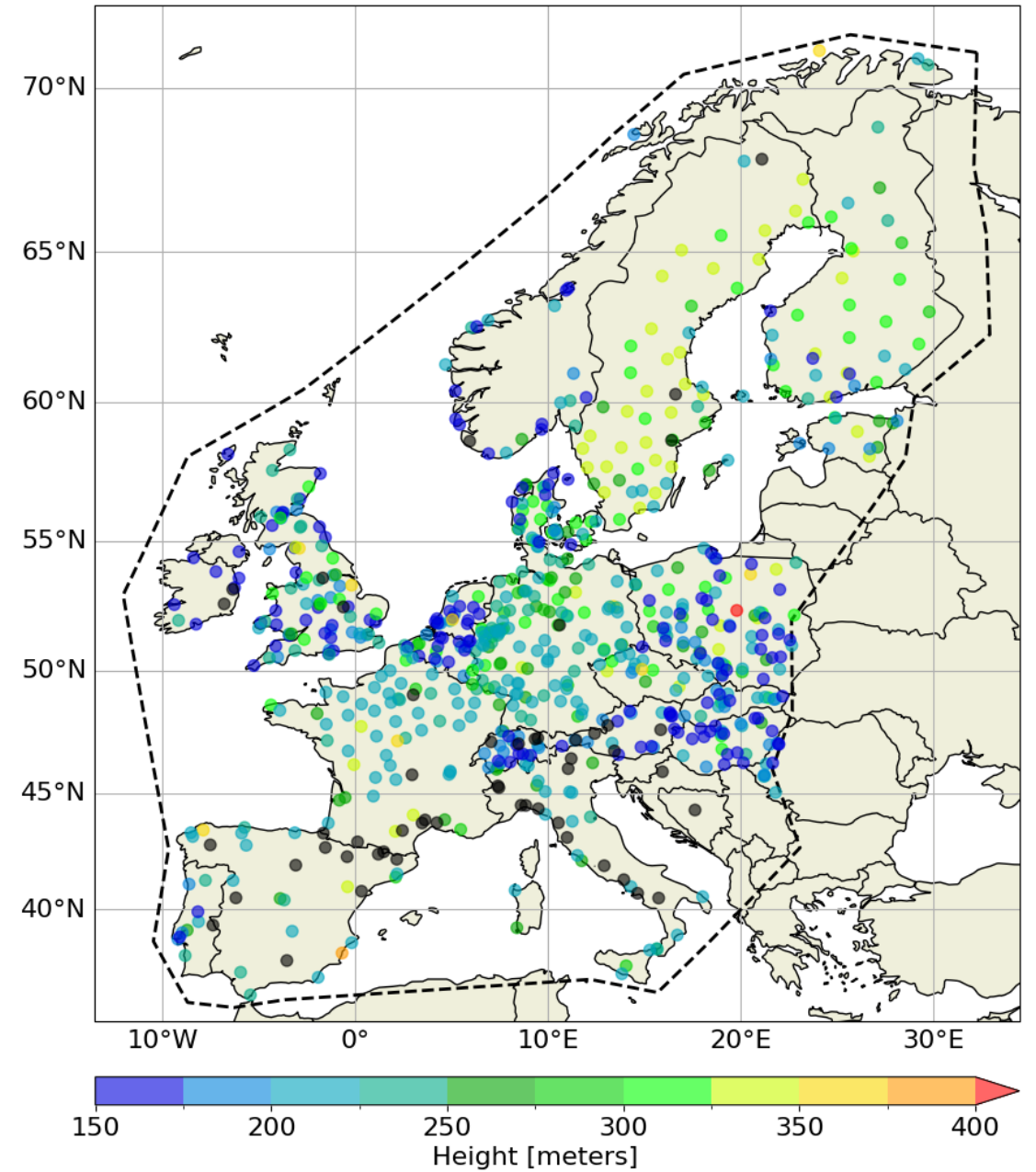
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↔ ~750 towers within EUCLID domain



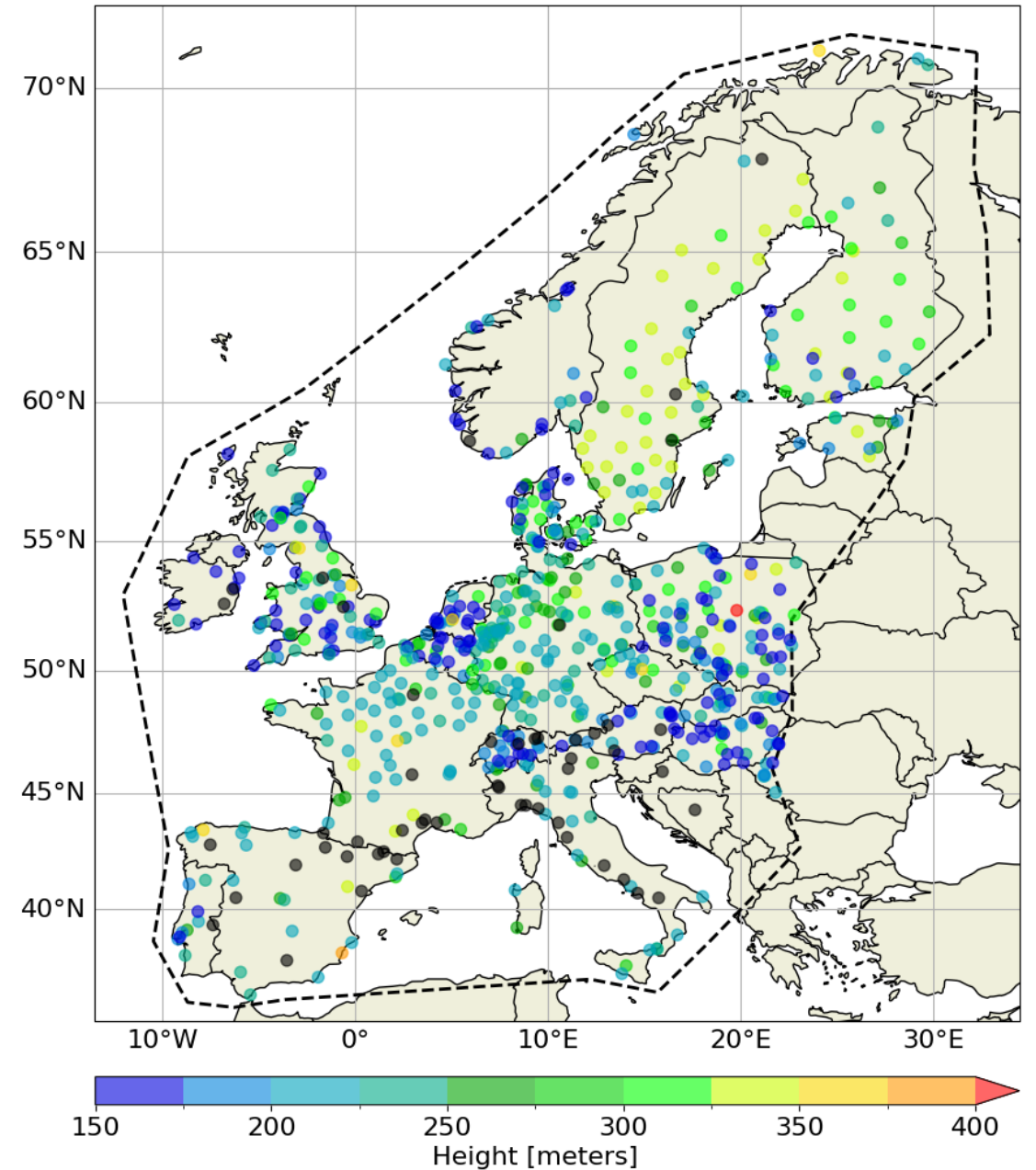
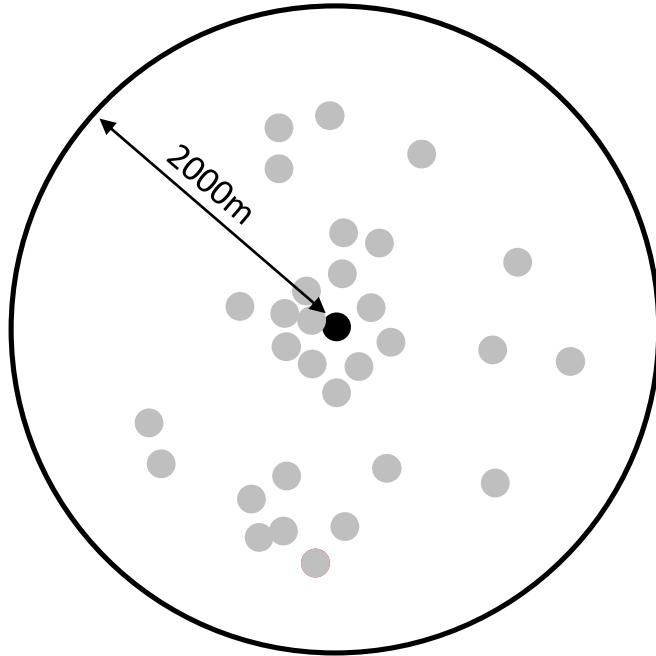
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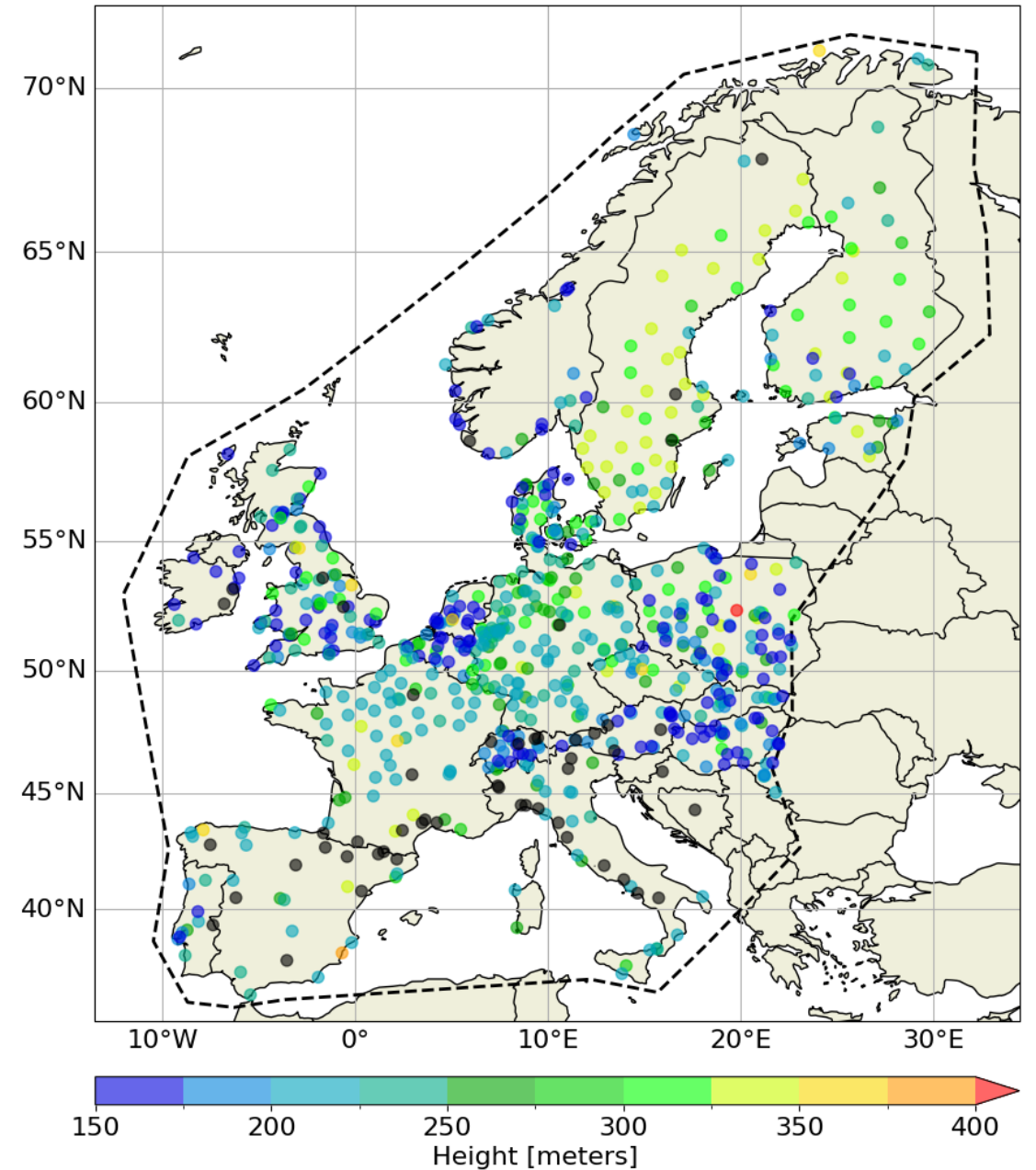
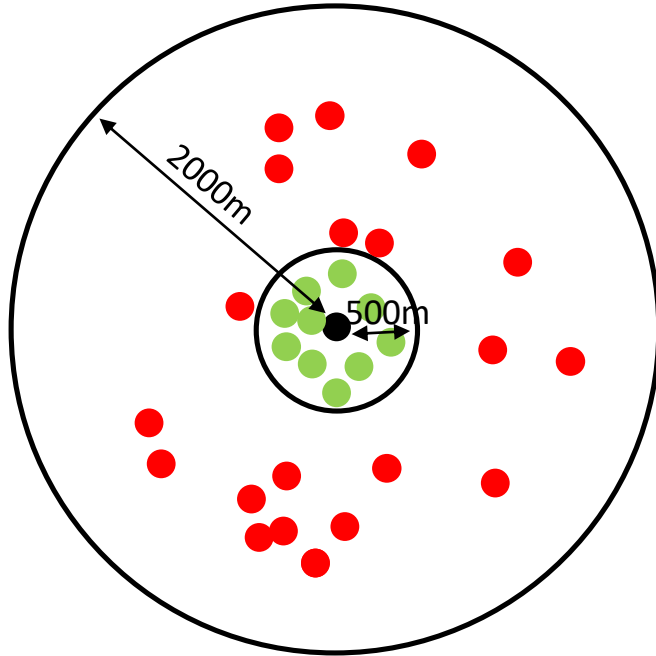
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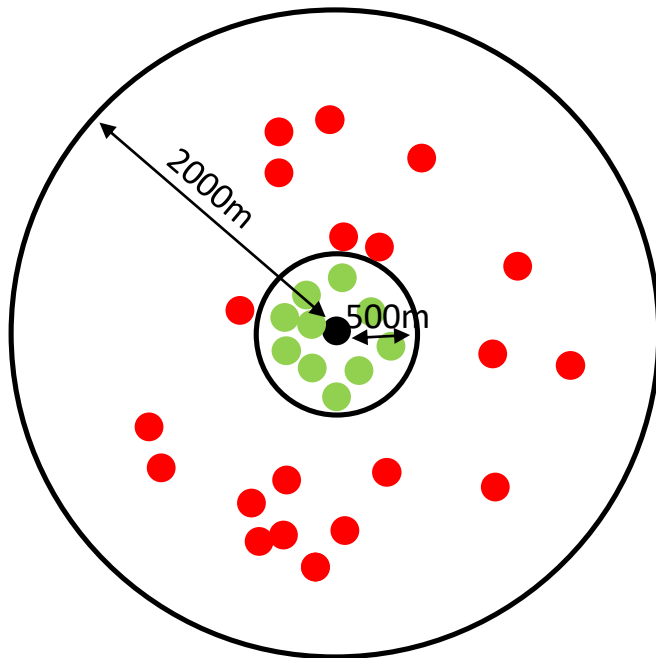
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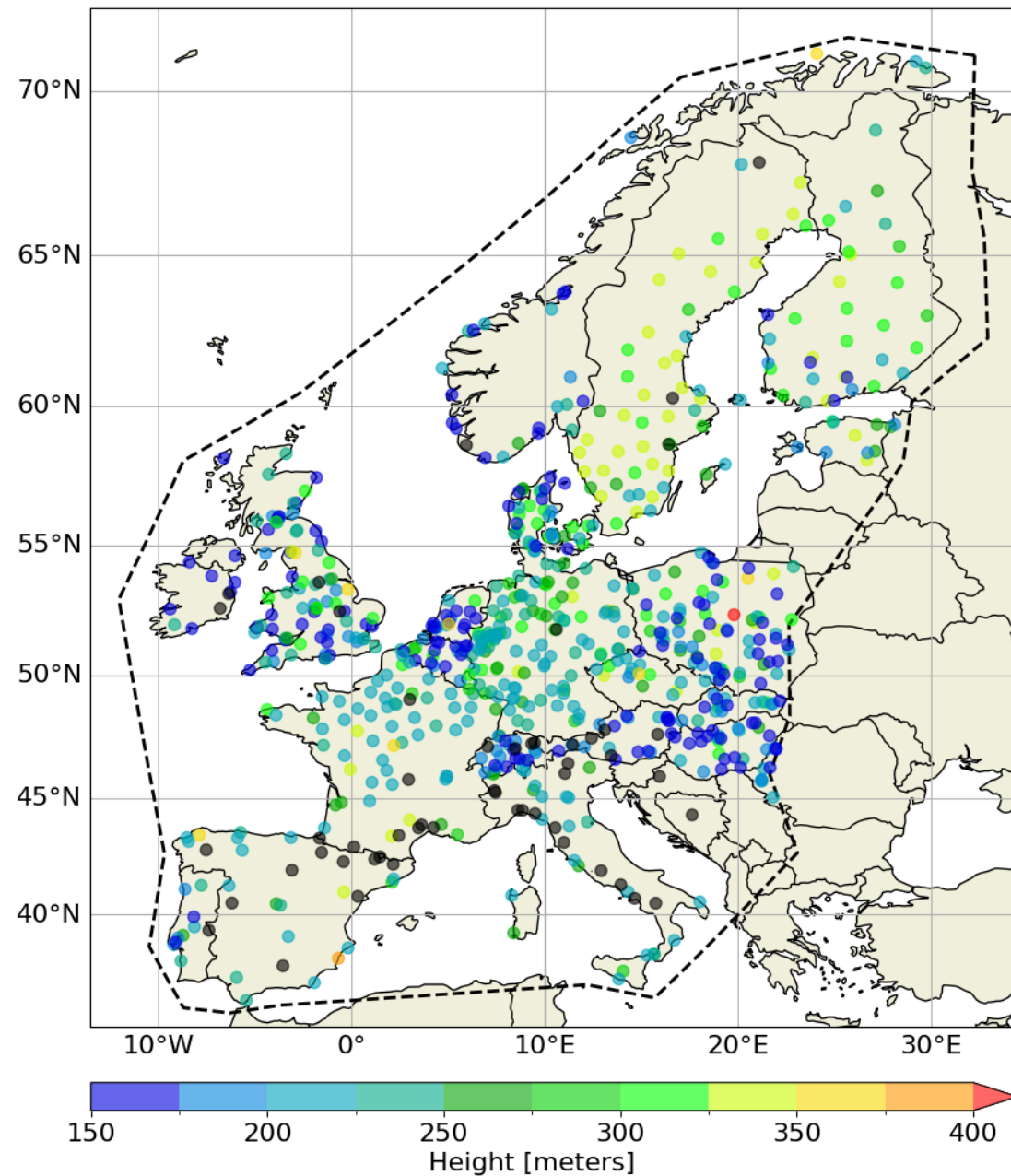


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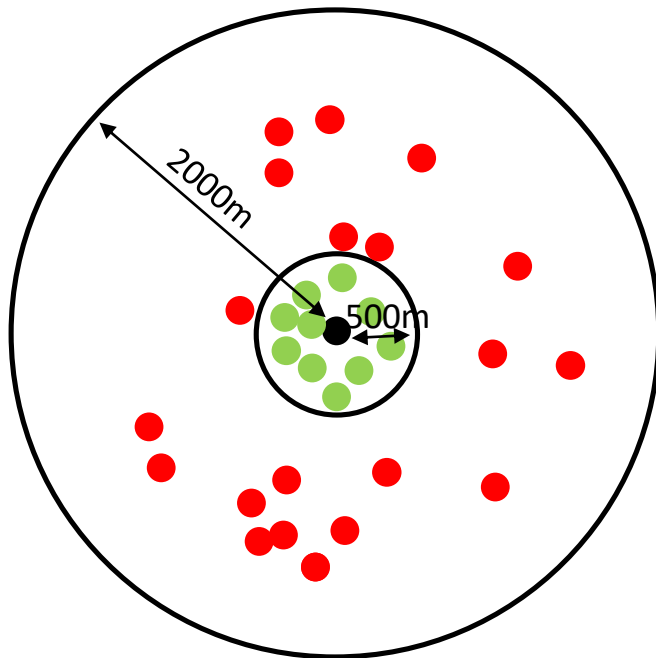


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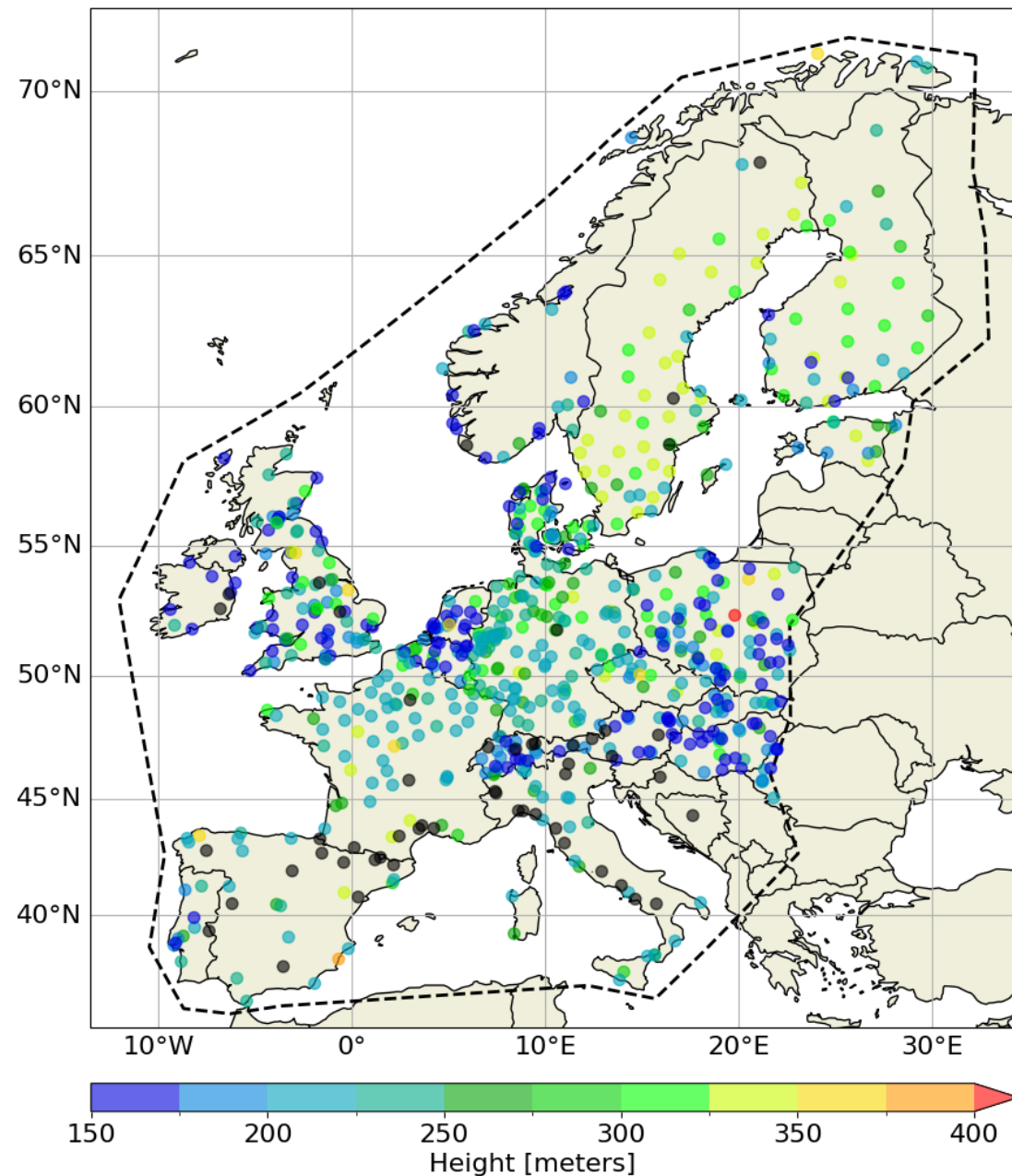


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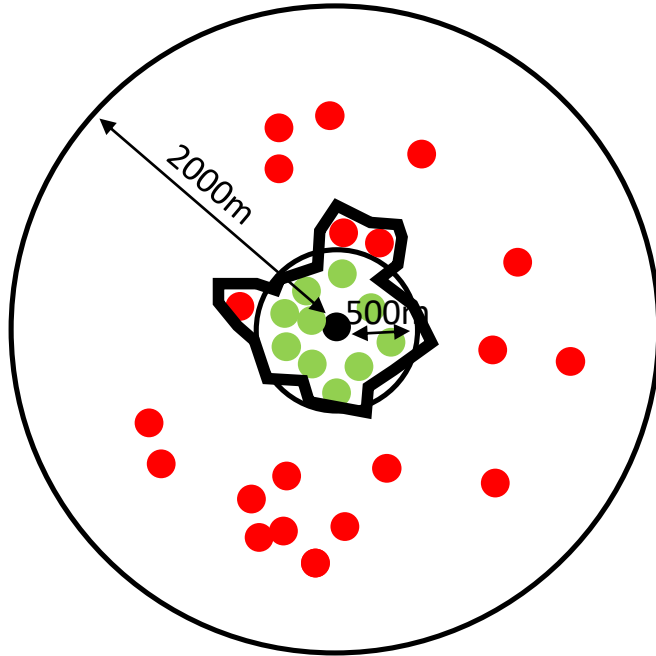


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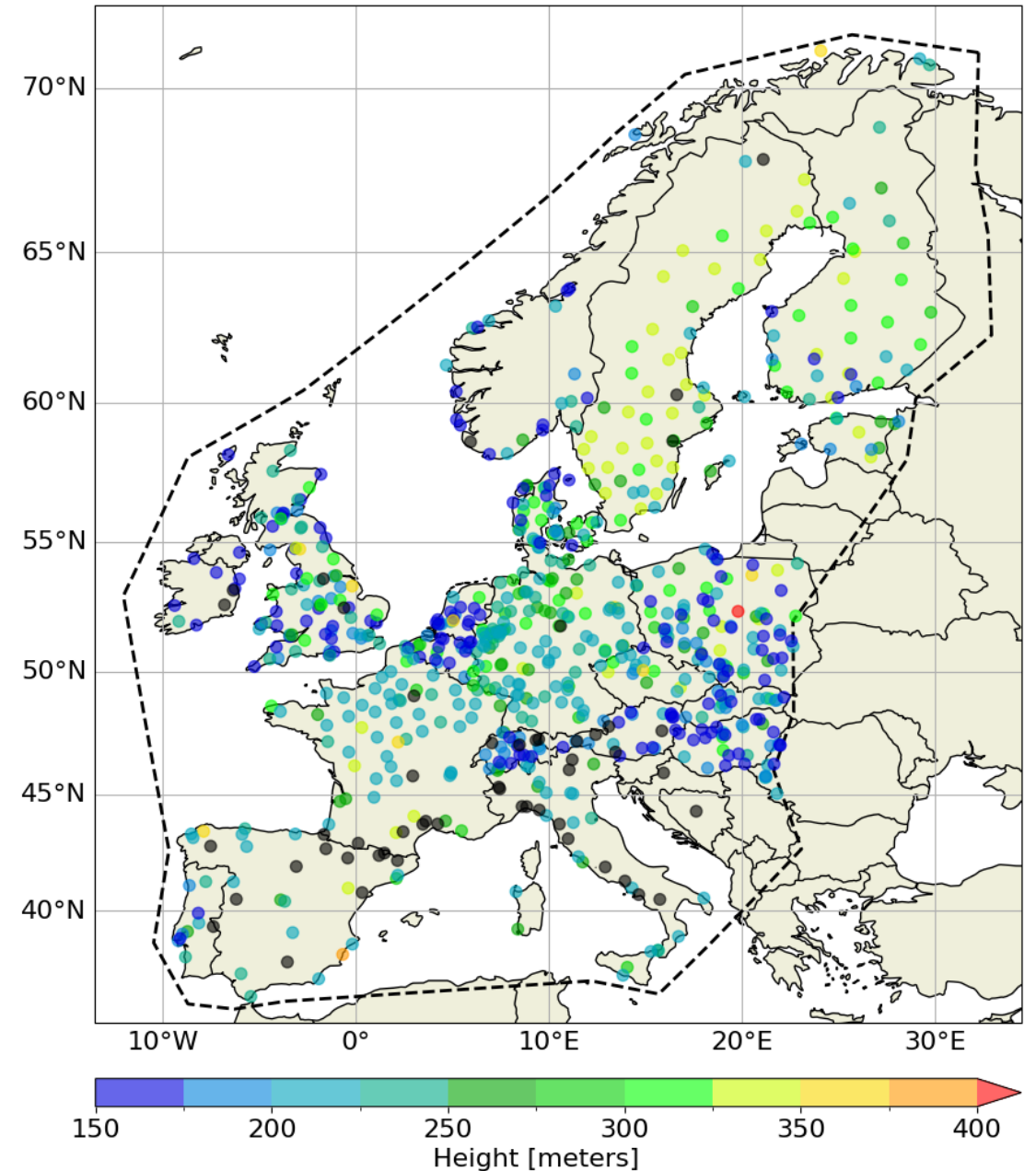


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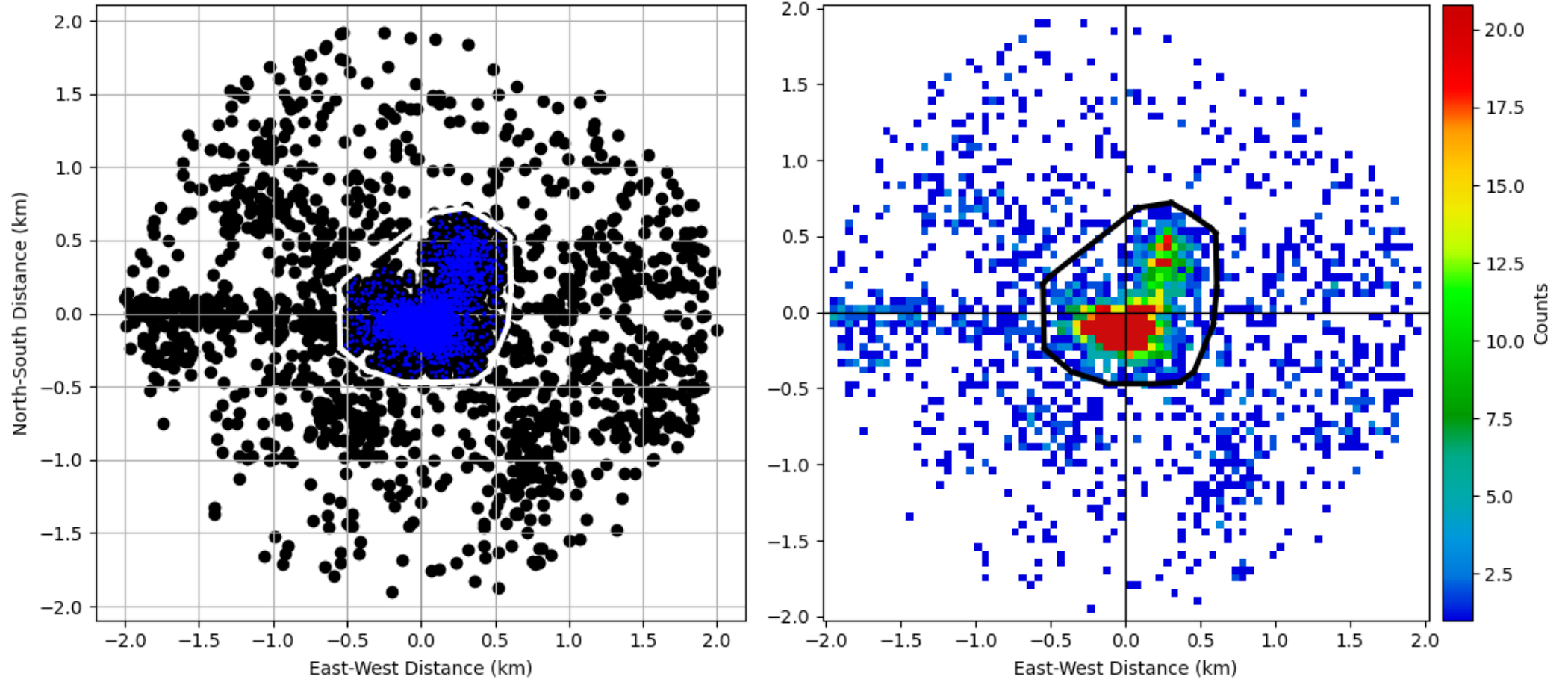


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 - Apply DBSCAN to extract most probable cluster of strokes that hit the tower
 - Calculate median LA



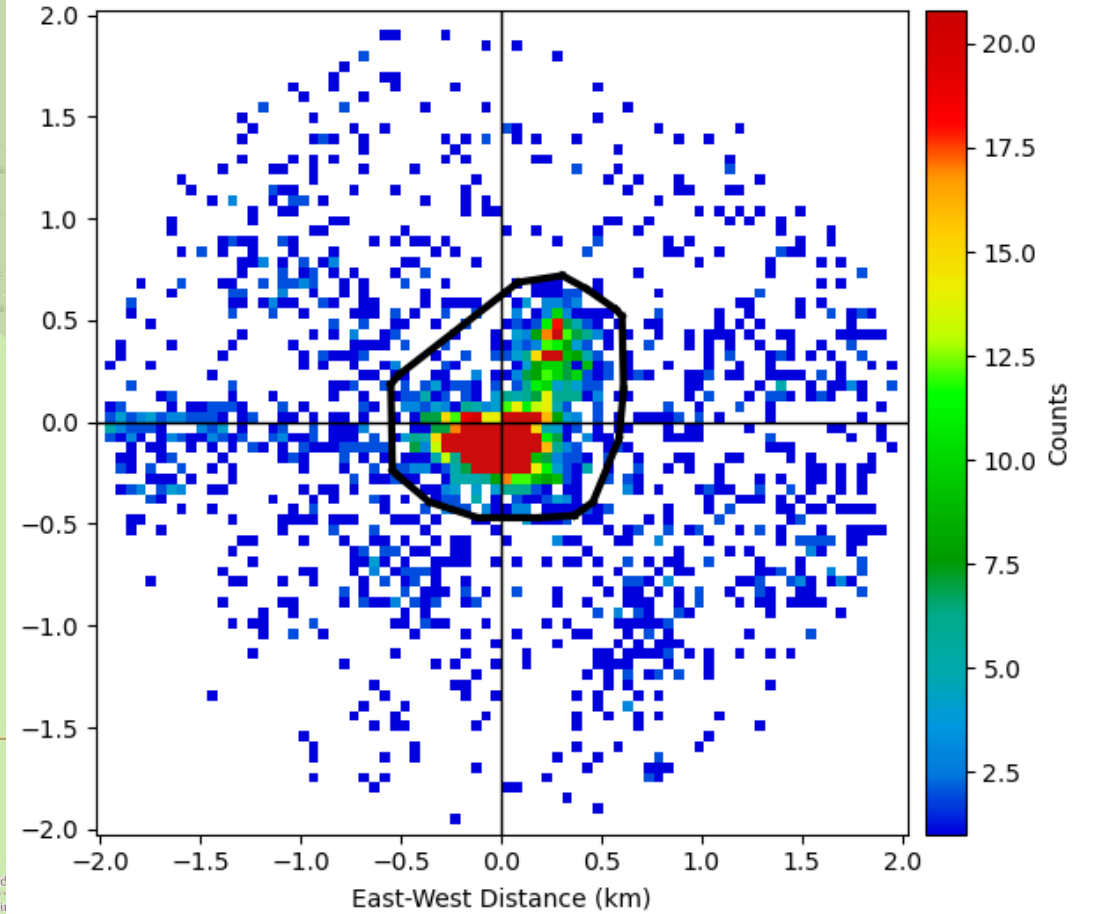
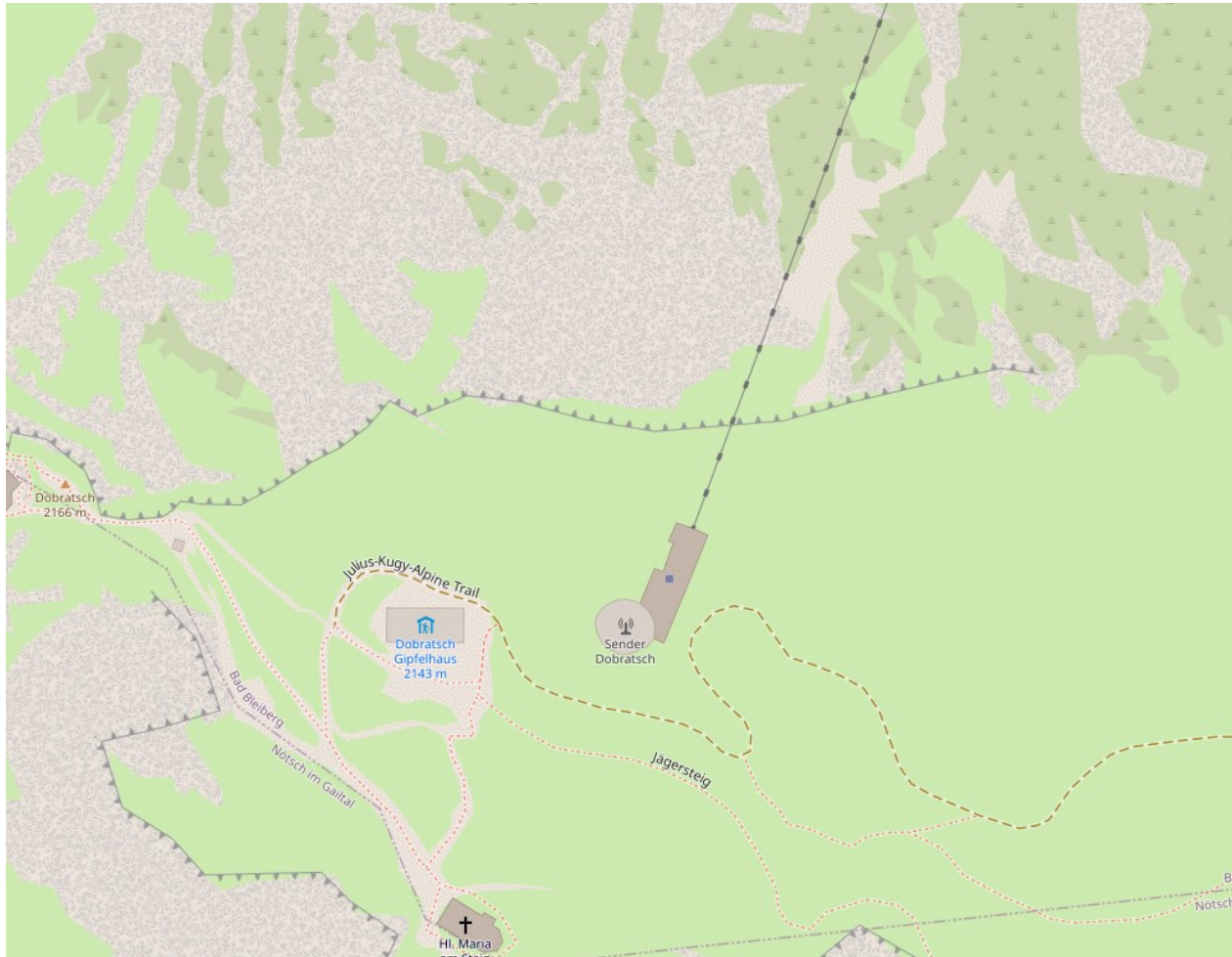
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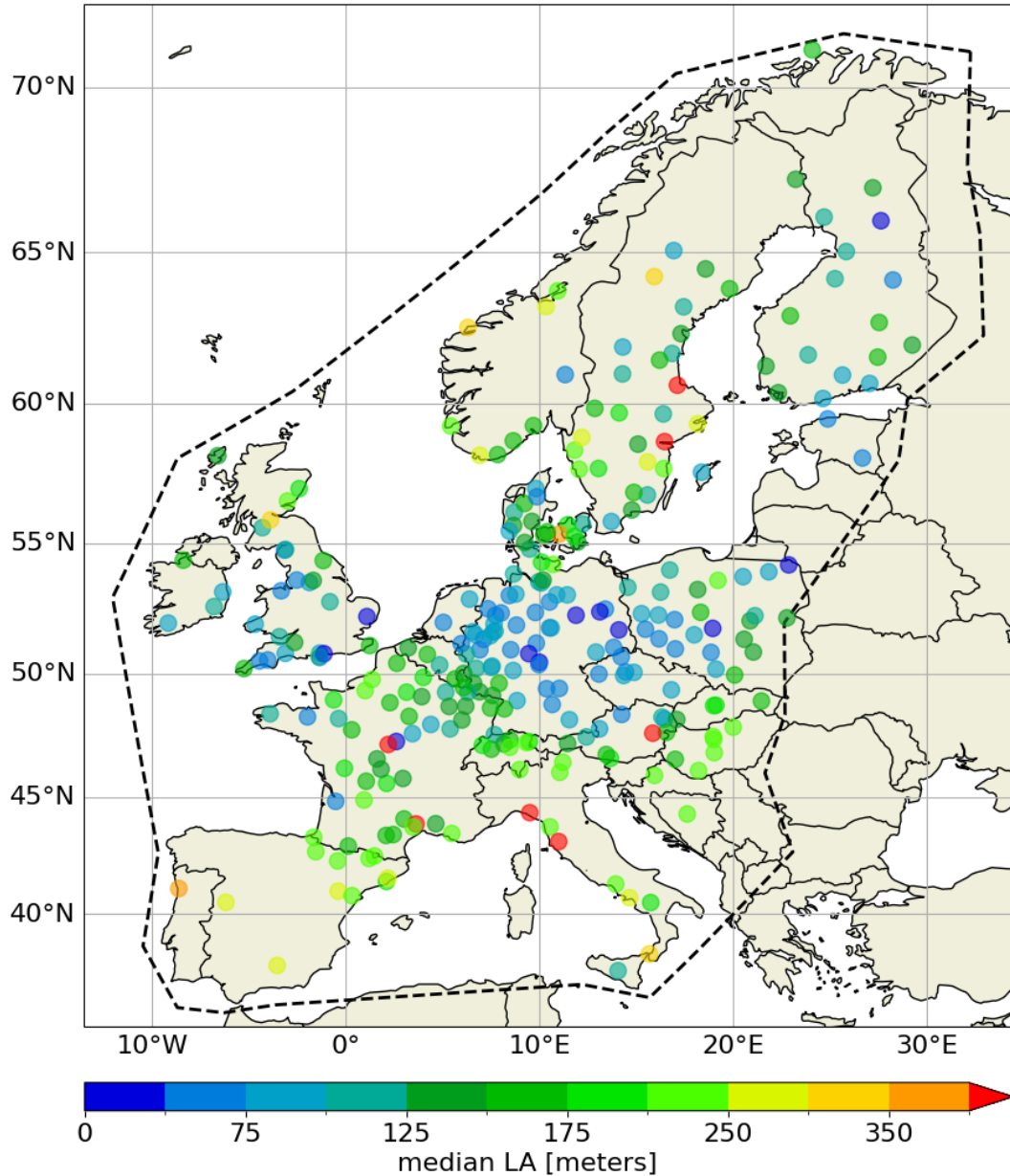


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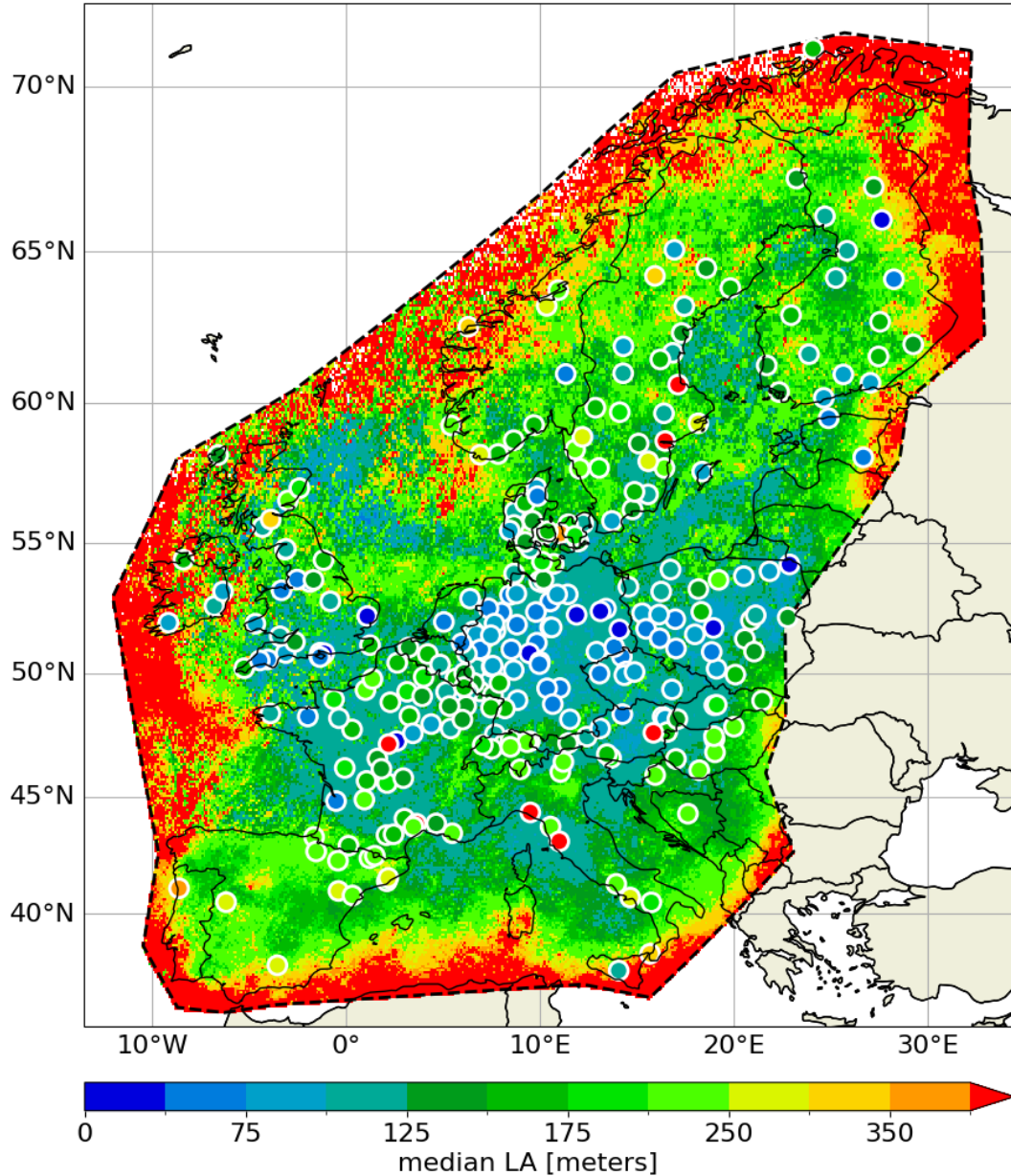


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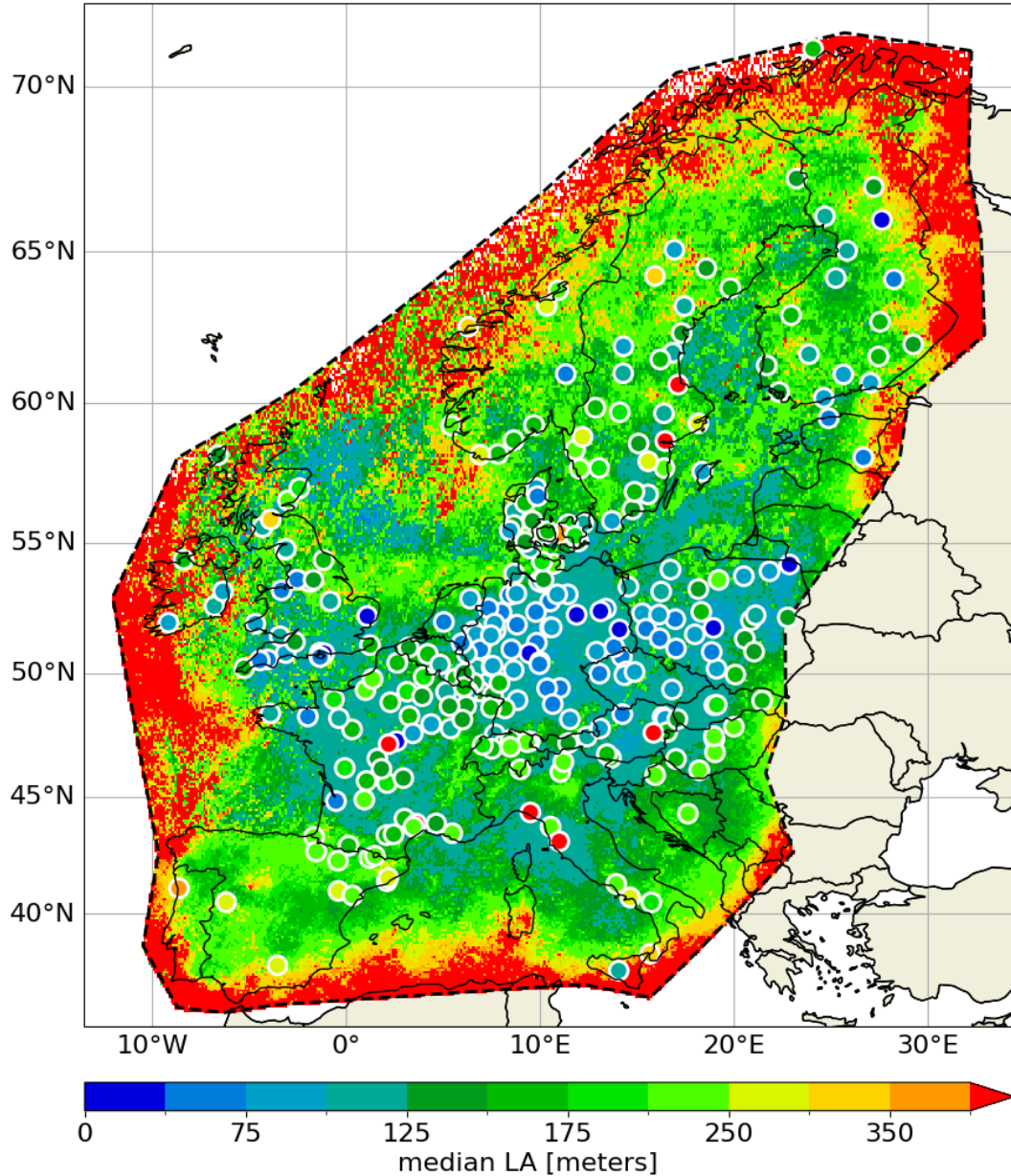
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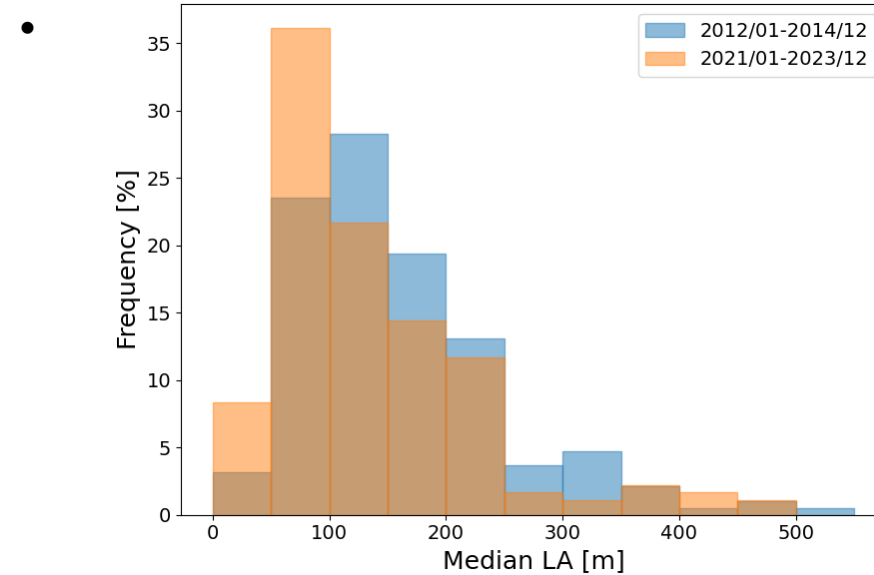


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	2012/01-2014/12	2021/01-2023/12
Mean LA [m]	160	136
Median LA [m]	141	109

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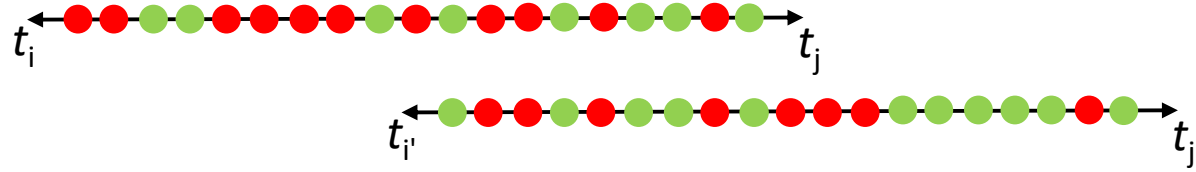


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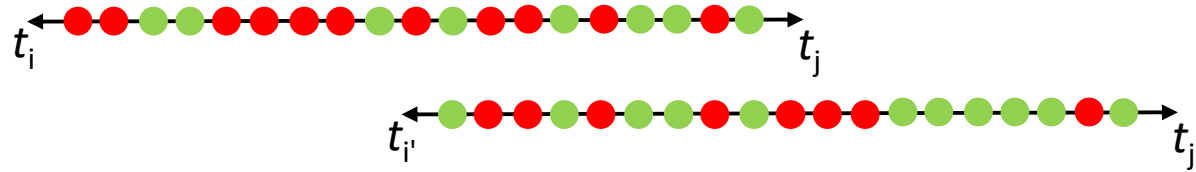
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