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## **Information content and sensitivity of the $3\beta + 2\alpha$ lidar measurement system for aerosol microphysical retrievals**

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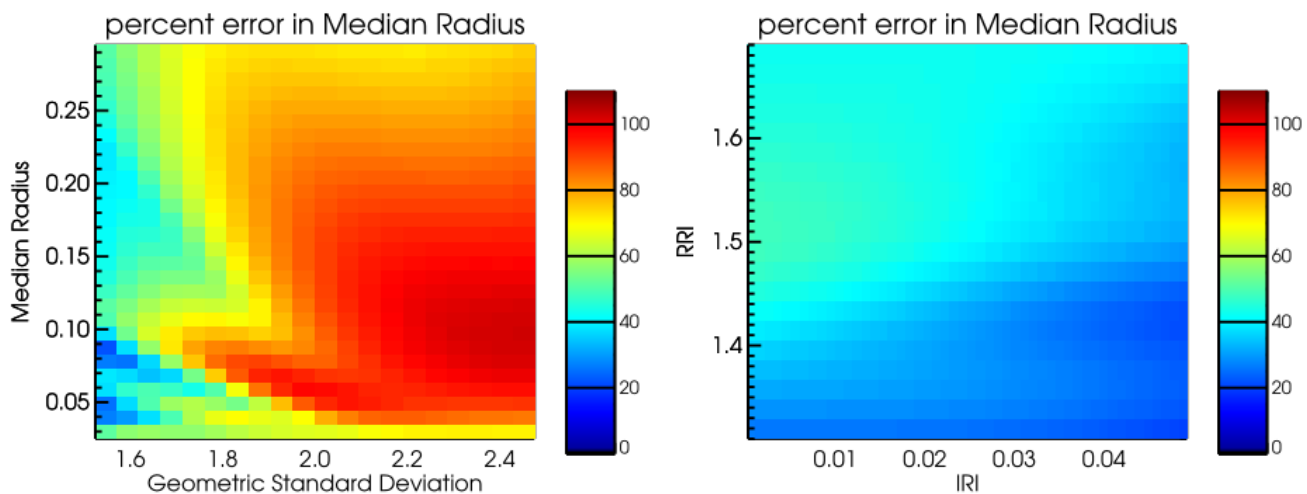


Figure S 1. The a posteriori standard deviation in the median radius is here shown as a percent error, as 2-D slices through the five variable state space. The left figure shows the dependence on median radius and geometric standard deviation, with the complex refractive index held fixed as  $1.47-0.00325i$  and the total number concentration held fixed at  $1001 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . The right figure shows the dependence on the complex refractive index (RRI = real refractive index and IRI = imaginary refractive index) with the total number concentration held fixed at  $1001 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , the median radius =  $0.115 \mu\text{m}$ , and the geometric standard deviation =  $1.475$ . Dependence on total number concentration is slight and is not illustrated here.

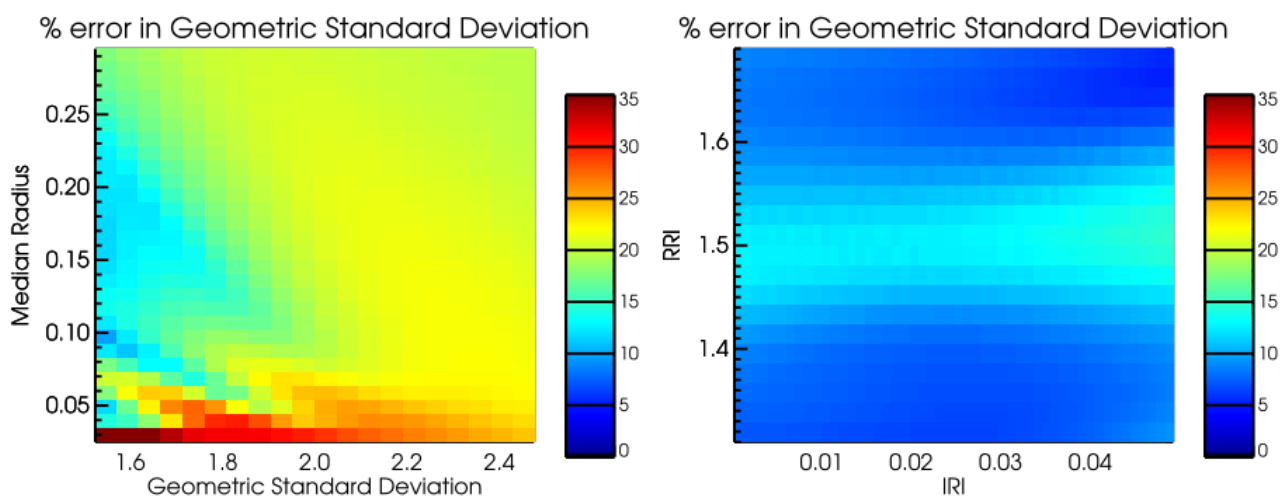


Figure S 2. Like Figure S 1 but for the a posteriori standard deviation in the geometric standard deviation.

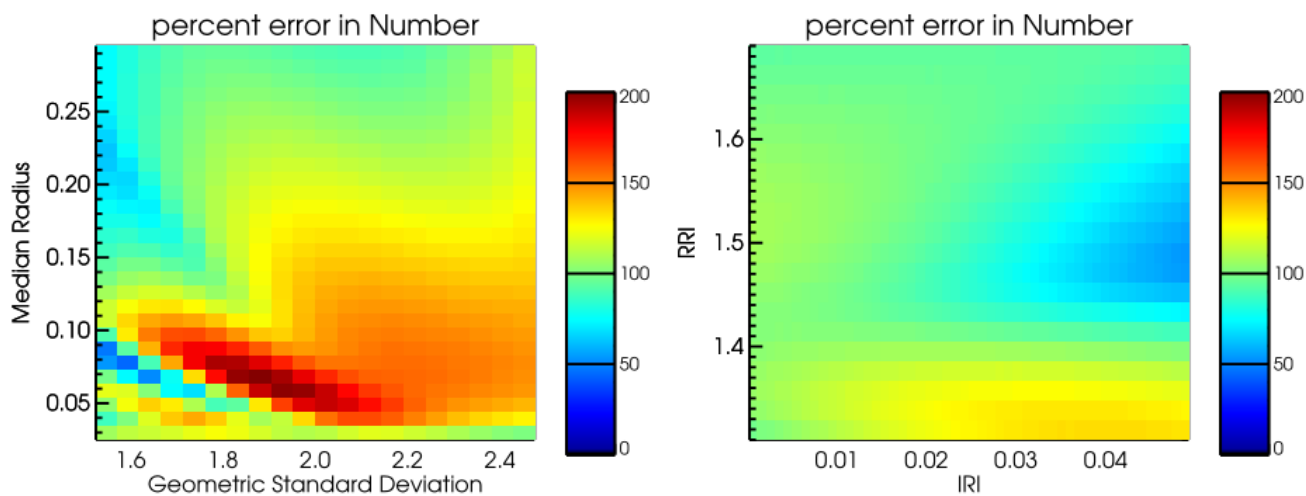


Figure S 3. Like Figure S 1 but for the a posteriori standard deviation in the total number concentration.

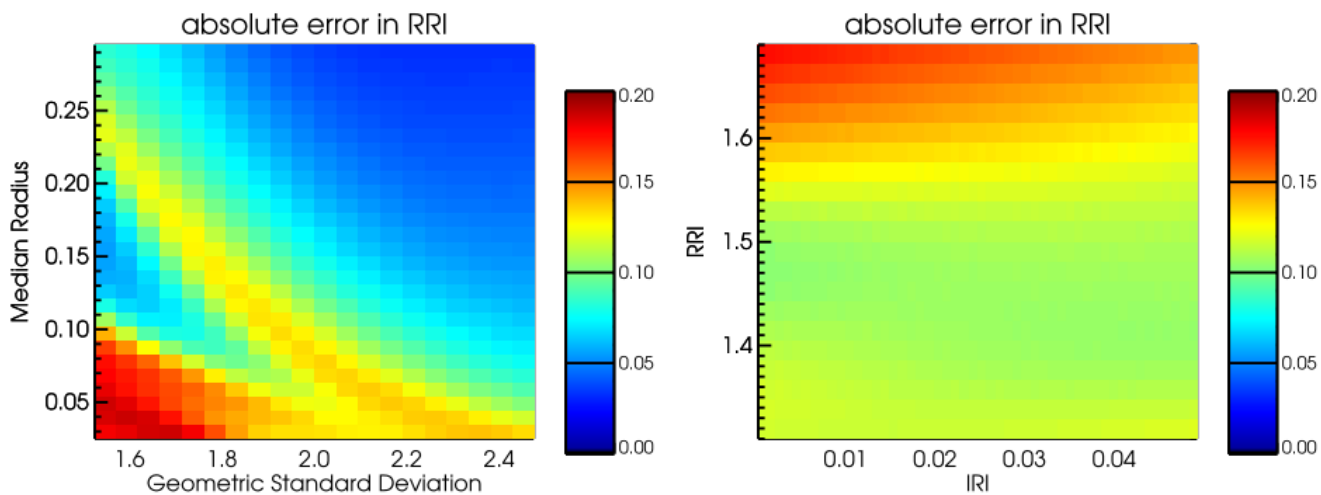


Figure S 4. Like Figure S 1 but the a posteriori standard deviation in the real part of the complex refractive index is here shown as an absolute uncertainty.

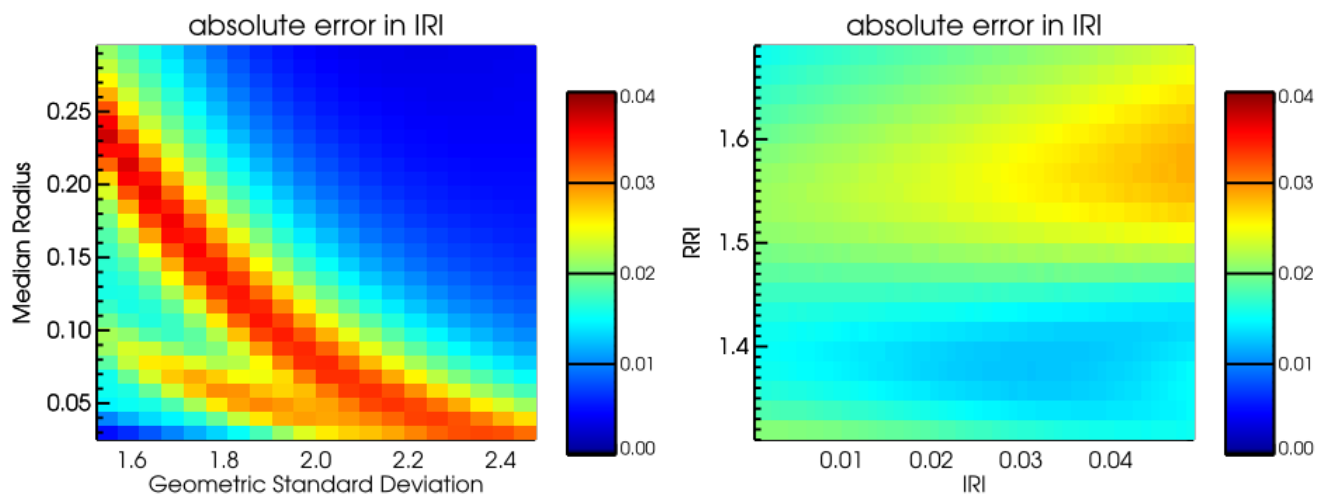


Figure S 5. Like Figure S 4 but for the a posteriori standard deviation in the imaginary part of the complex refractive index.

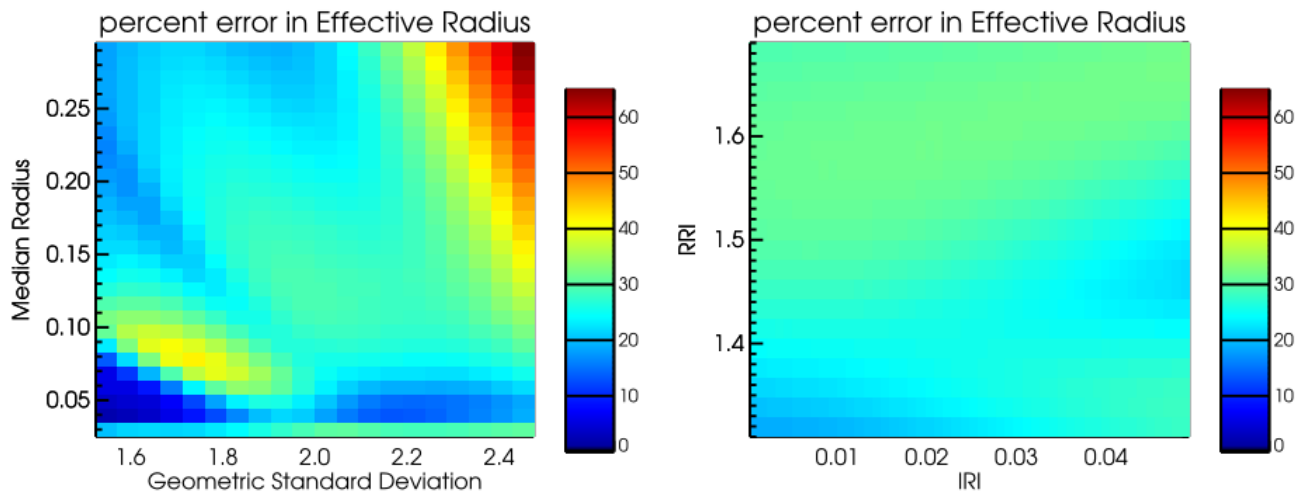


Figure S 6. The derived standard deviation in the effective radius is here shown as a percent error, for the same 2-D slices as Figures S 1-5.

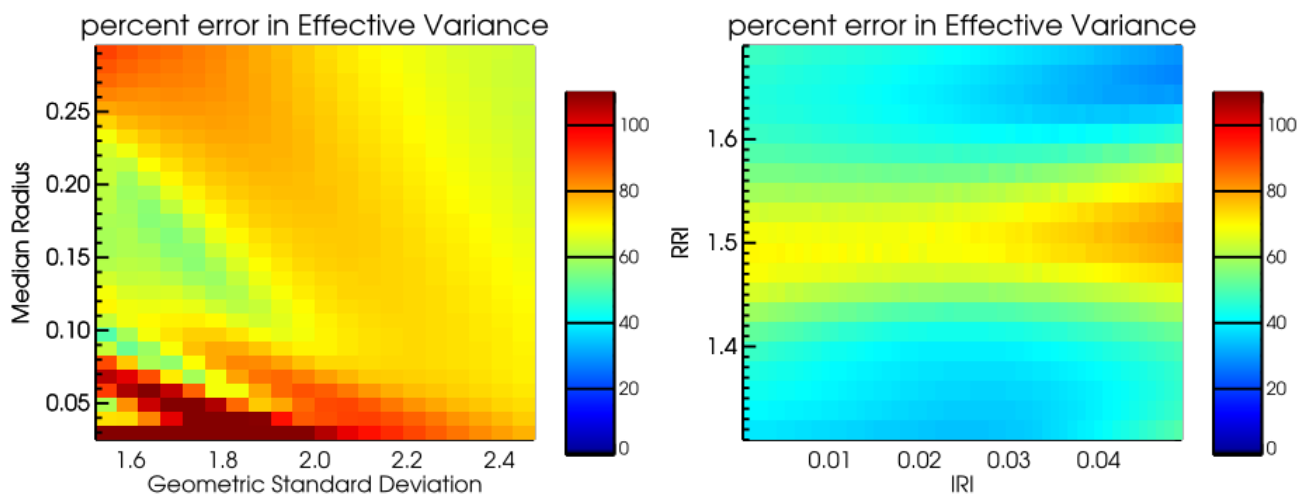


Figure S 7. The derived standard deviation in the effective variance is here shown as a percent error, for the same 2-D slices as Figures S 1-6.

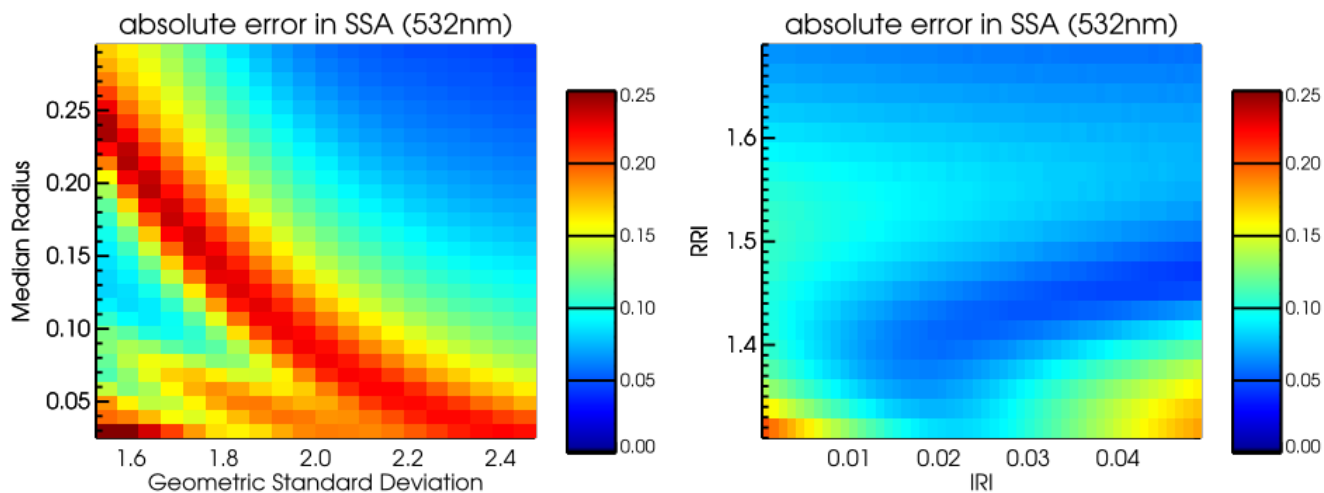


Figure S 8. The derived standard deviation in the single scattering albedo (532 nm) is here shown for the same 2-D slices as Figures S 1-7.

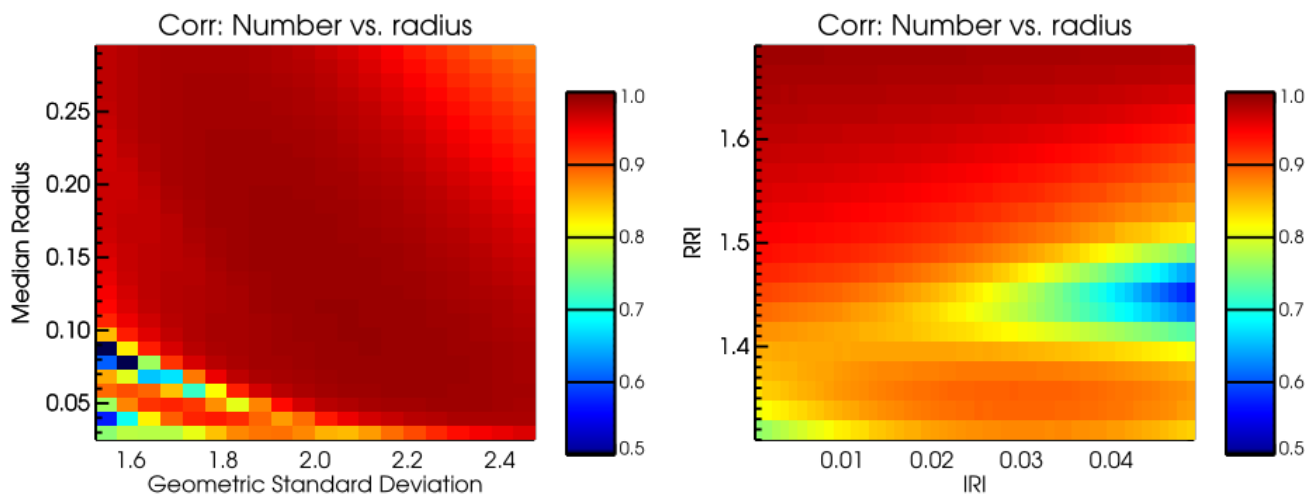


Figure S 9. The a posteriori correlation between retrieved total number concentration and median radius is here shown for the same 2-D slices as Figures A 1-8.

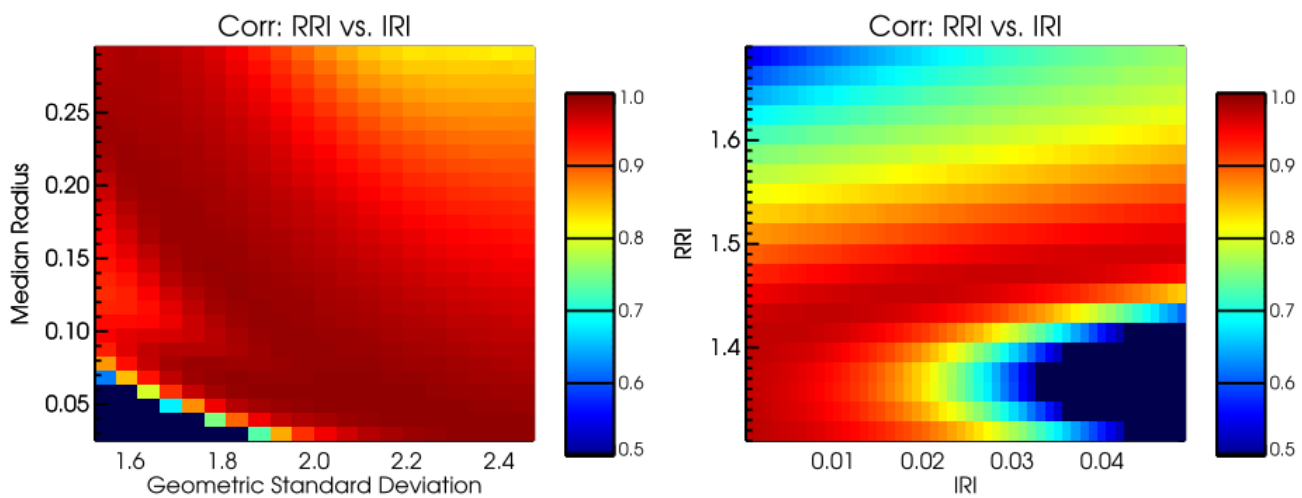


Figure S 10. Like Figure S 9 but for the a posteriori correlation between retrieved real refractive index and imaginary refractive index.