Interactive comment on "Consistency of aerosols above clouds characterisation from A-Train active and passive measurements" *by* Lucia T. Deaconu et al.

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I enjoyed reading this manuscript, and believe that it should be published after a few (mostly minor) issues are addressed. please note, though, that I read this manuscript from a very CALIOP-centric perspective, so my comments largely address issues that are specific to the CALIOP portions of the analyses. to fully explain my take on these issues I'm attaching an annotated copy of the manuscript that includes a number of comments, questions and suggestions.

Please also note the supplement to this comment:

http://www.atmos-meas-tech-discuss.net/amt-2017-42/amt-2017-42-SC1-supplement.pdf