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# Polarimetry Influenced by CCN and INP in Cyprus and Chile (PICNICC)

An assessment of hemispheric polarimetric contrasts and its relation to  
differences in aerosol load

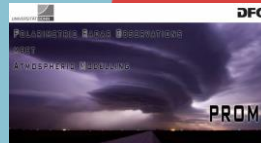
Leipzig, July 26, 2024

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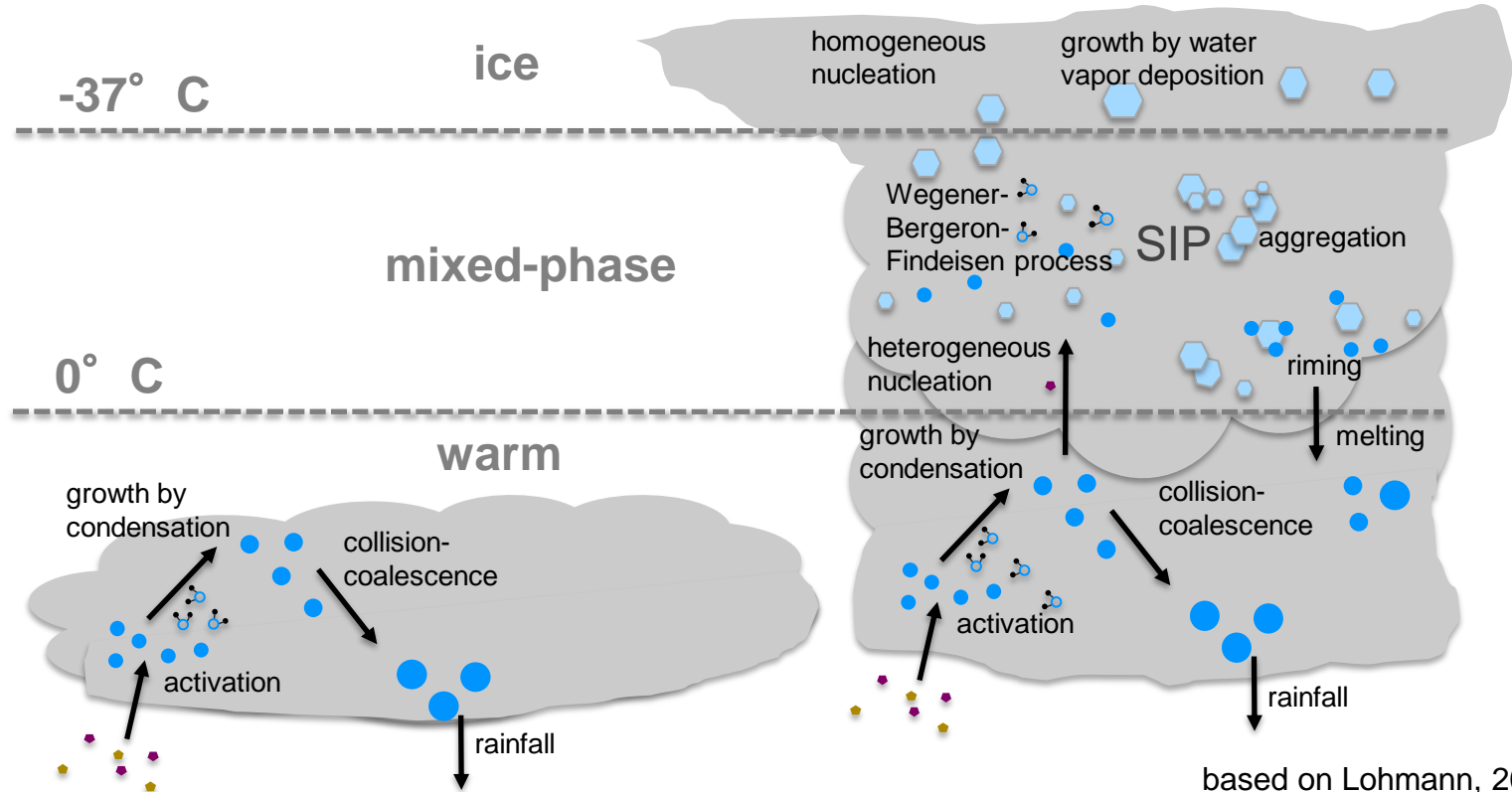
Dynamics, Aerosol, Cloud  
and Precipitation Observations  
in the  
Pristine Environment  
of the Southern Ocean



# OUTLINE

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  2. Part 2: application of VDPS for riming and aggregation detection

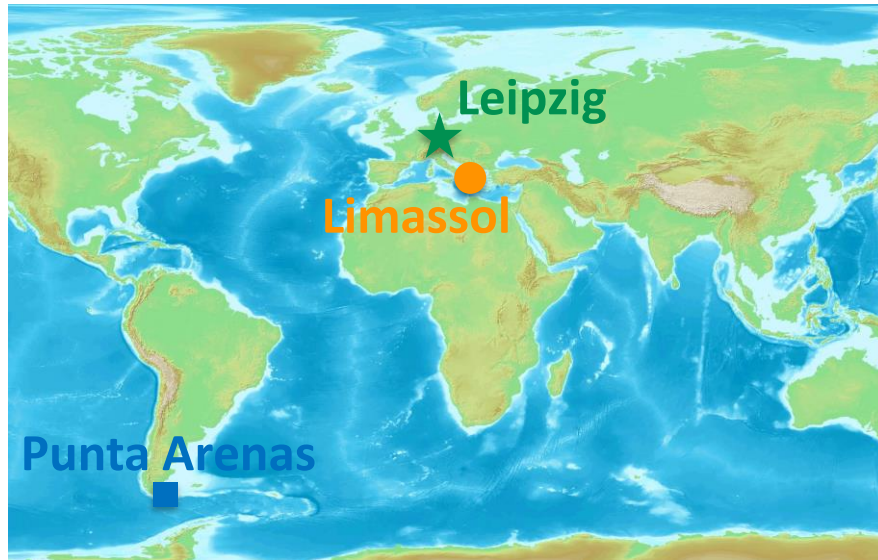
# PRECIPITATION FORMATION PROCESSES



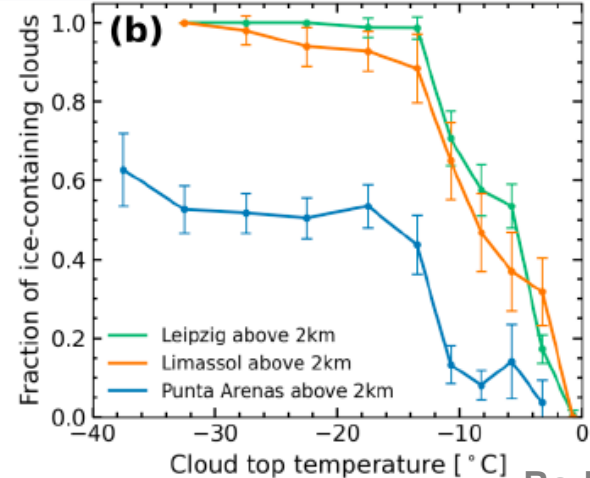
based on Lohmann, 2010

# OBSERVED CONTRAST IN CLOUD PHASE

- Central Europe vs. Southern Chile: stark contrast in ice formation efficiency in thin stratiform clouds likely due to INP availability (Radenz et al., 2021)
- **contrasts in ice growth processes in thick cloud systems?**



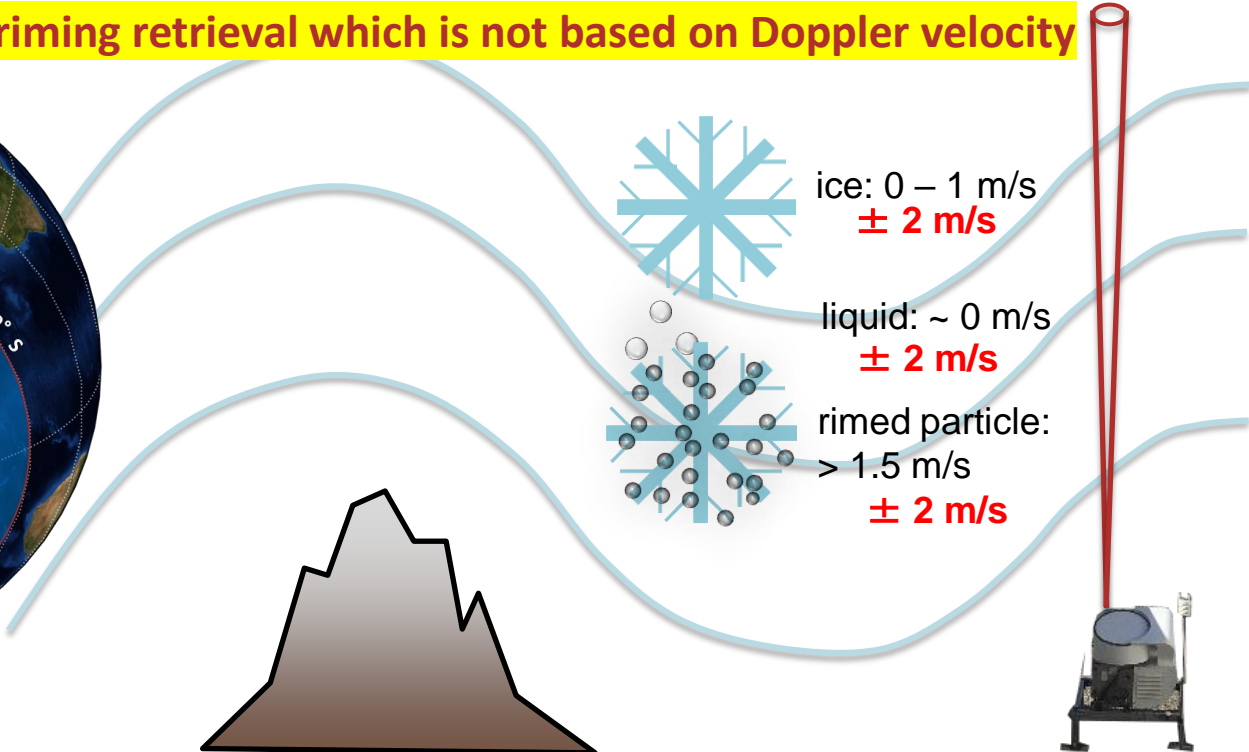
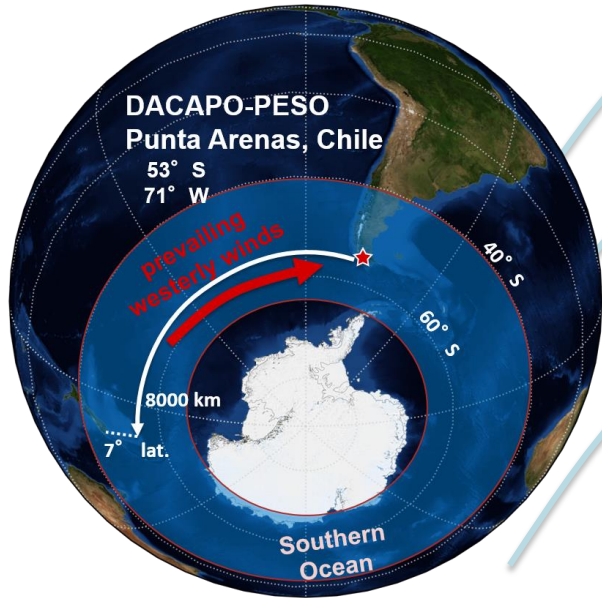
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Limassol [h]	2	17	18	18	9	11	15	13	15	21	10
Punta [h]	14	36	54	46	46	23	29	23	8	9	2



Radenz, 2021

# PART 1: RIMING RETRIEVAL

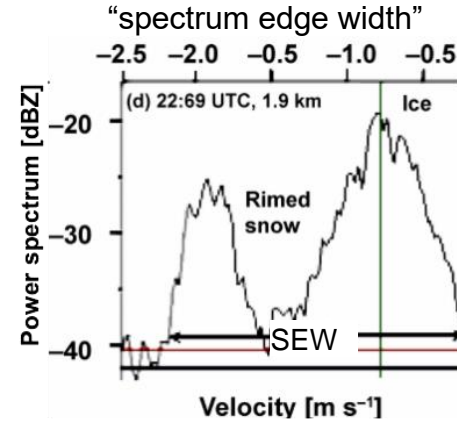
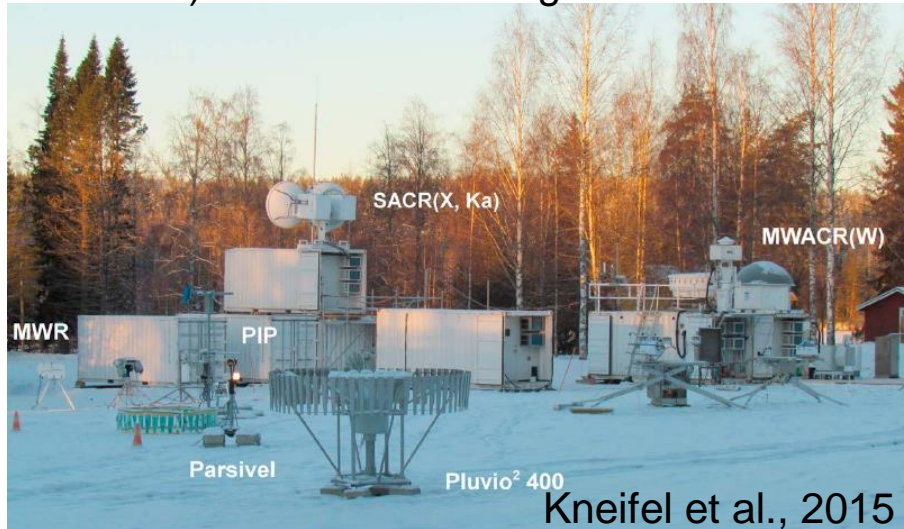
- Punta Arenas is strongly influenced by stationary and non-stationary gravity waves
- **need for developing a riming retrieval which is not based on Doppler velocity**



# PART 1: RIMING RETRIEVAL

→ Developed using data from Hyttiälä, Finland, with co-located in situ and cloud radar observations

- PIP: rime fraction (**FR**) at surface
- Doppler spectra (W and Ka band) at cloud base height



Kalesse et al., 2016

- reflectivity  $Z_e$
- skewness
- (mean Doppler velocity)

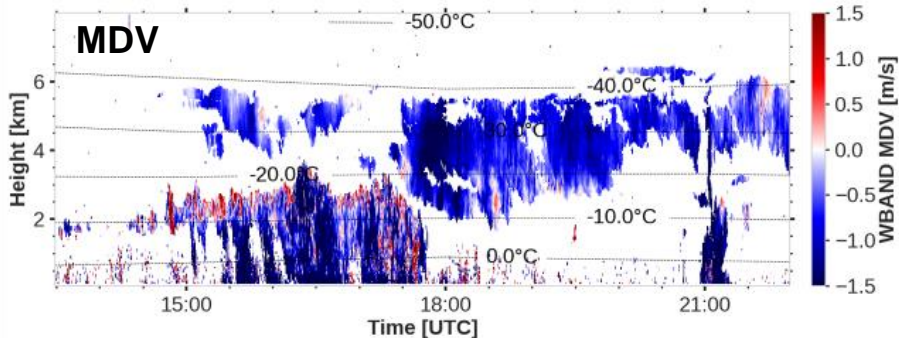
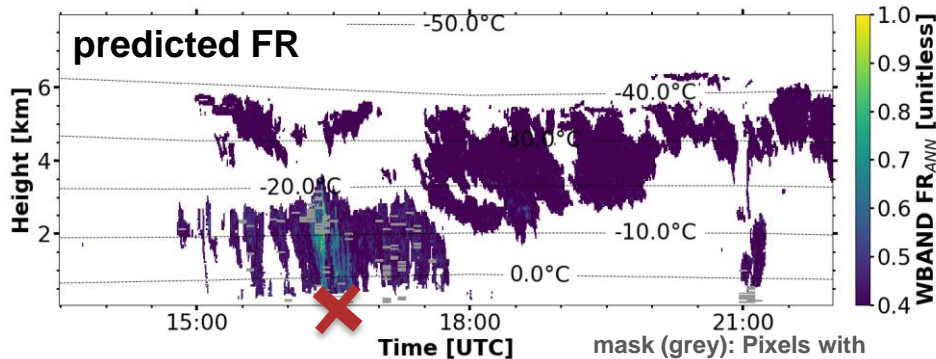
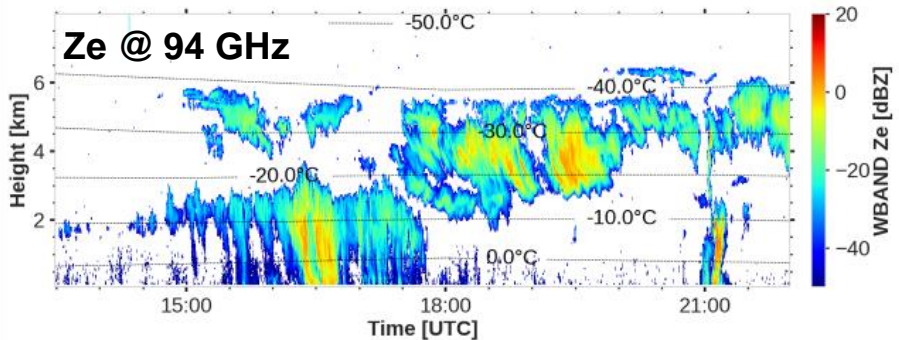
Training data set: **pairs of input x (radar variables) and output y (rime fraction from PIP)**

→ **Training artificial neural networks to predict FR from radar variables**



# PART 1: RIMING RETRIEVAL

→ Example: 21 February 2019, Punta Arenas



graupel  
observed at  
site

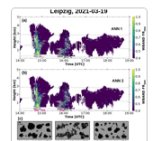
mask (grey): Pixels with  $EDR > 10^{-3} \text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-3}$   
strong broadening due to turbulence = increased SEW  
not necessarily related to riming

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Using artificial neural networks to predict riming from Doppler cloud radar observations

Teresa Vogl, Maximilian Maahn, Stefan Kneifel, Willi Schimmel, Dmitri Moisseev, and Heike Kalesse-Los

24 Jan 2022



<https://amt.copernicus.org/articles/15/365/2022/>

## PART 2: EXPLOITING CLOUD RADAR DOPPLER SPECTRA

- Further development of algorithms used for detecting and organizing peaks in cloud radar Doppler spectra
- **PEAKO** (Kalesse et al., 2019): machine learning tool **for obtaining optimized peak detection parameters**
- **peakTree** (Radenz et al., 2019): tool for organizing the peaks into binary trees, retrieving **moments of sub-peaks** & assigning hydrometeor types

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PEAKO and peakTree: Tools for detecting and interpreting peaks in cloud radar Doppler spectra – capabilities and limitations

Teresa Vogl ✉ ★, Martin Radenz ★, Fabiola Ramelli ★, Rosa Gierens, and Heike Kalesse-Loos

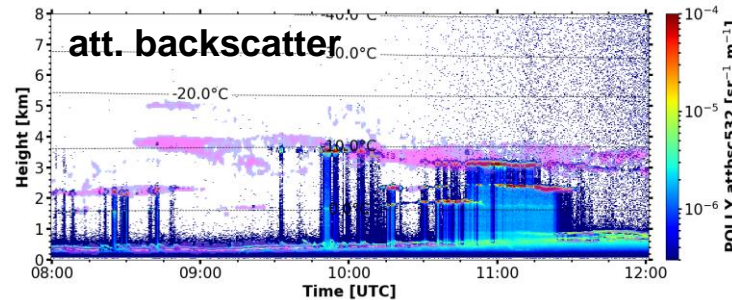
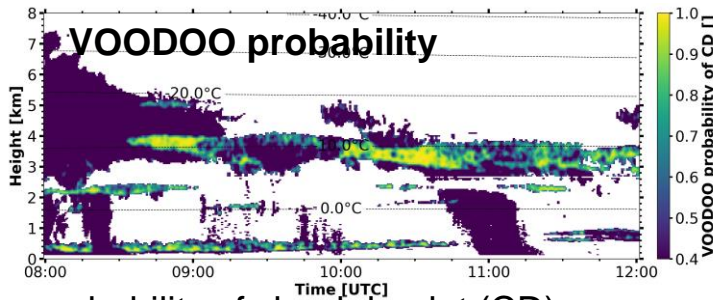
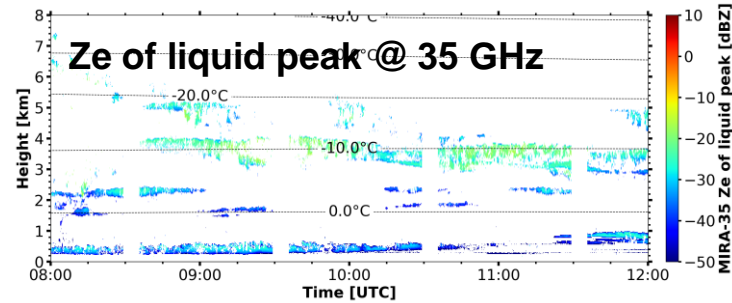
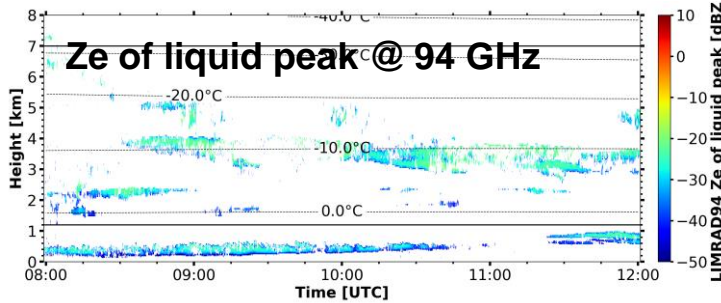
<https://egusphere.copernicus.org/preprints/2024/egusphere-2024-837/#discussion>

- Algorithms are compatible
- Translated to Python
- work with RPG radar spectra
- Available on GitHub



# PART 2: EXPLOITING CLOUD RADAR DOPPLER SPECTRA

→ case study from DACAPO-PESO campaign: 13 March 2019



probability of cloud droplet (CD) containing → liquid water layers  
Schimmel et al., 2022

+ VODOO

thresholds for liquid peak:  
Z < 20 dBZ  
|MDV| < 0.3 m/s

# FINALIZED & ONGOING WORK

## Finished work:

- ✓ Development of a **riming retrieval** that works for W-Band and Ka-Band radars even in orographic and moderately turbulent conditions
- ✓ further development of the **PEAKO-peakTree toolkit**
- ✓ application of both methods to the **entire datasets from Leipzig & Punta Arenas**

## Ongoing work:

- statistical comparison of the two datasets
  - **more SLW = more riming?**
  - **riming vs. temperature dependence (Kneifel & Moisseev 2020)**
  - **effect of riming on rainfall rate and PSD**



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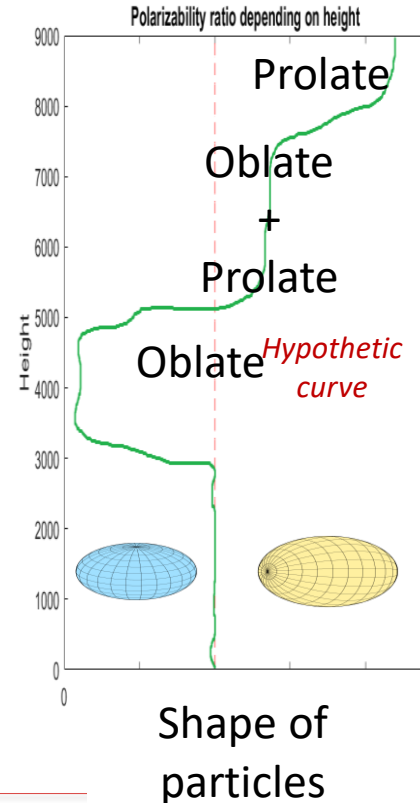
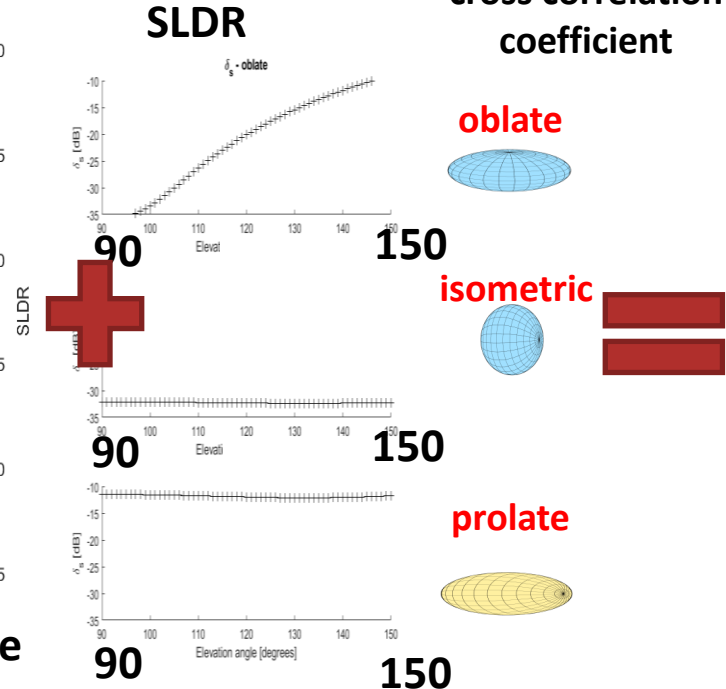
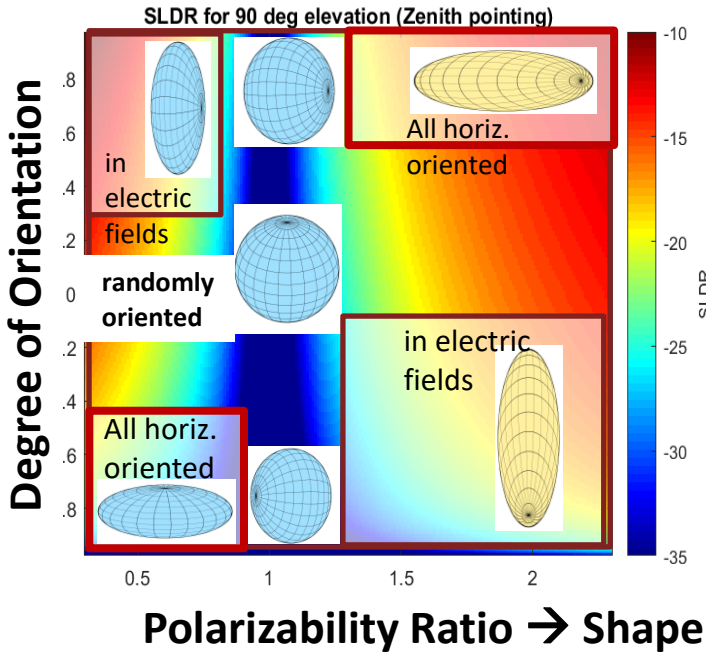
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# Investigation of the susceptibility of mixed-phase cloud processes to aerosol perturbations with scanning SLDL-mode cloud radar

PhD student (2) : ***Audrey Teisseire***  
Supervisors : *Patric Seifert, Heike Kalesse-Los*

# VDPS method : estimation the Vertical Distribution of Particle Shape

Combination of spheroidal scattering model and scanning SLDR cloud radar observations  
 → Retrieval of shape and orientation



Myagkov et al., 2016a, AMT; Tesseire et al., 2024, AMT Radar elevation angle [deg]

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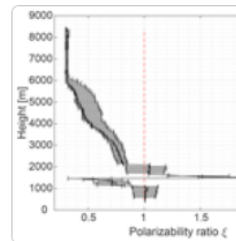
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# Determination of the vertical distribution of in-cloud particle shape using SLDR-mode 35 GHz scanning cloud radar

Audrey Teisseire , Patric Seifert, Alexander Myagkov, Johannes Bühl, and Martin Radenz

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## Short summary

The vertical distribution of particle shape (VDPS) method, introduced in this study, aids in...

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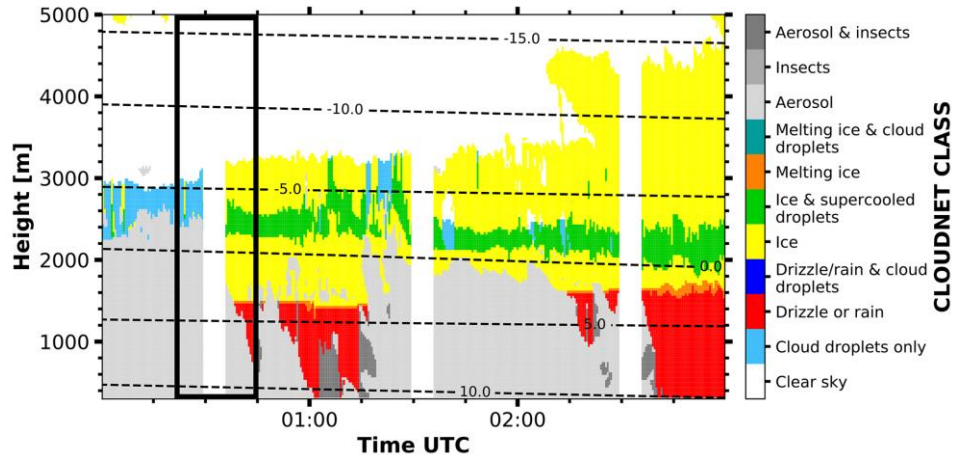
Fusion of radar polarimetry and numerical atmospheric modelling...

## Abstract

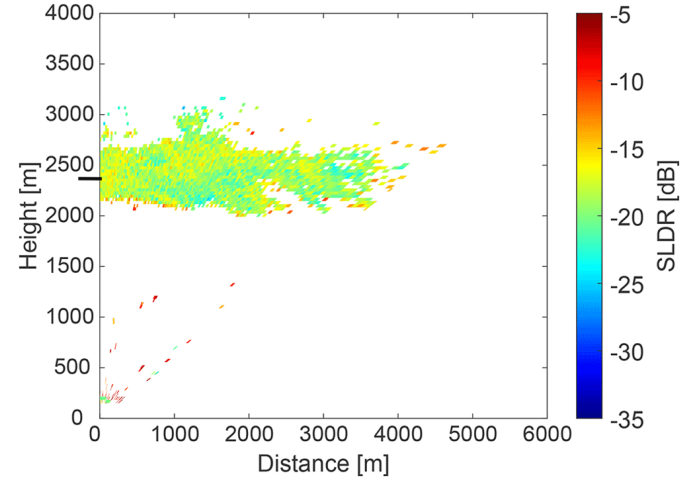
In this study we present an approach that uses the polarimetric variable SLDR (slanted linear depolarization ratio) from a scanning polarimetric cloud radar MIRA-35 in the SLDR configuration, to derive the vertical distribution of particle shape (VDPS) between the top and base of mixed-phase cloud systems. The polarimetric parameter SLDR was selected for this study due to its strong sensitivity to shape and low sensitivity to the wobbling effect of particles at different antenna elevation angles. For the VDPS method, elevation scans from 90 to 30° elevation angle were deployed to estimate the vertical profile of the particle shape by means of the polarizability ratio, which is a measure of the density-weighted axis ratio. Results were obtained by retrieving the best fit between observed SLDR from 90 to 30° elevation angle and respective values simulated with a spheroidal scattering

- Prolate-crystal case study: Punta Arenas, 4 January 2019

Cloudnet overview



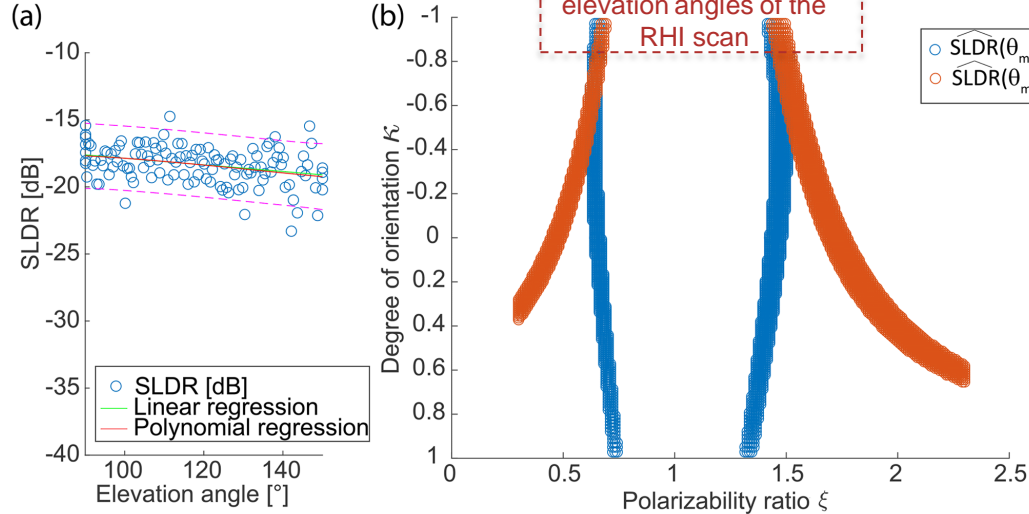
Mira-35 RHI scan of SLDR, 4 Jan 2017, 00:31 UTC





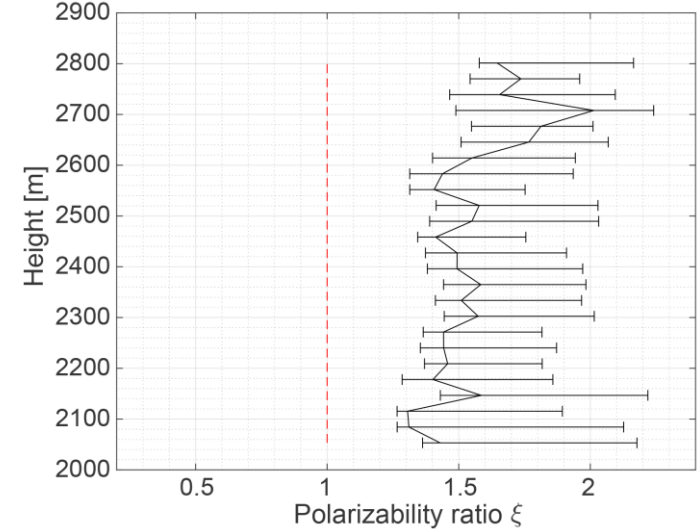
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- Application of VDPS method at 2458-2490 m height



Fit between observed SLDR and simulated SLDR at  $\Theta_{\min}$  (150°) and  $\Theta_{\max}$  (90°) agree best for polarizability ratio of 1.5 and degree of orientation of -1  
 → horiz. aligned prolate crystals

- Polarizability ratio after application of VDPS to entire cloud layer → prolate shapes



Polarizability ratio: quantifiable observable that can potentially also be derived from model simulations (Wells et al., 2024, JAMES)

# Teisseire et al., 2024b, submitted to ACP, VDPS for riming and aggregation discrimination

- Application VPDS, dual-wavelength and spectral techniques to distinguish between riming and aggregation
- **Applicable to cloud regions with orographic wave activities**
- 4 case studies presented (2 x riming, 2 x aggregation)

## EGUSPHERE-2024-2019 | Research article

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[Attribution of riming and aggregation processes by application of the vertical distribution of particle shape \(VDPS\) and spectral retrieval techniques to cloud radar observations](#)

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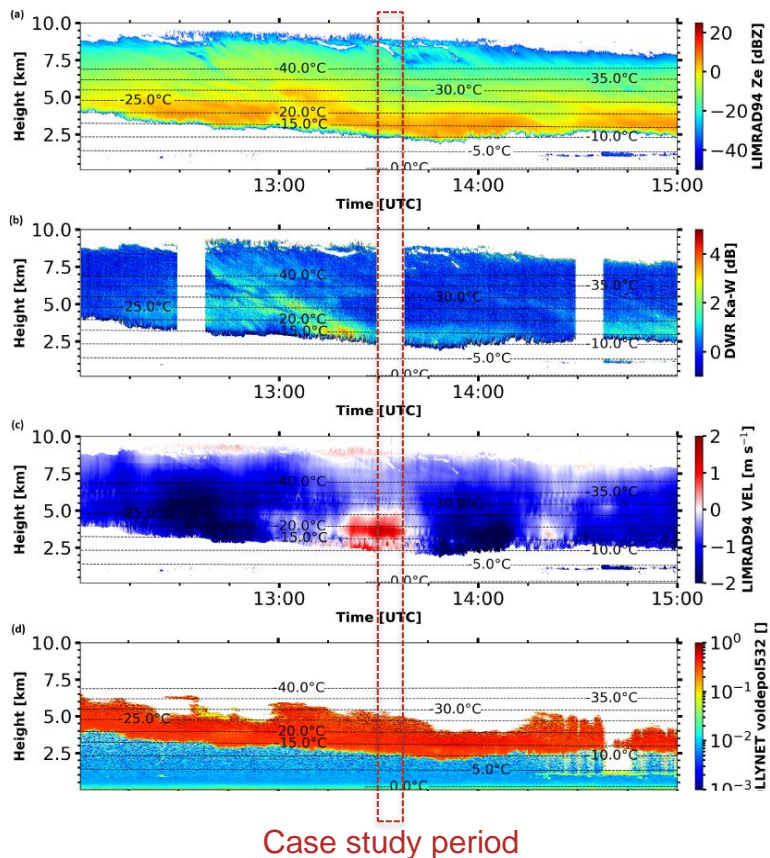
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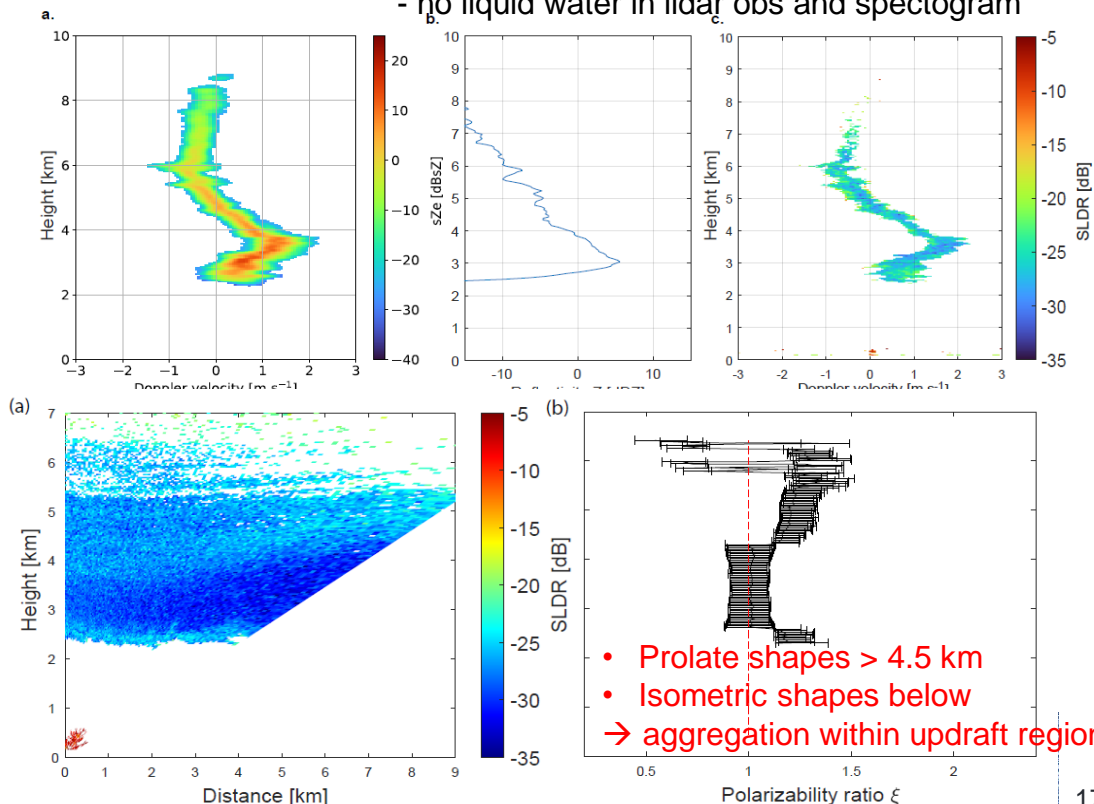
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• Aggregation case study: Punta Arenas, 13 August 2019



Spectrogram 13:29 UTC: - Steady increase of reflectivity  
 (LIMRAD-94) - No remarkable SLDR features  
 - no liquid water in lidar obs and spectrogram



# FINALIZED & ONGOING WORK

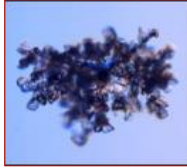
## Finished work:

- ✓ Big progress in retrieval development for particle shape classification & process identification (riming vs. aggregation)
- ✓ **Aerosol effect will likely not be included**



# BACKUP SLIDES

# RETRIEVAL OF RIME MASS FRACTION FR



$$FR = 1 - \frac{IWC_{us}}{IWC}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{\int m_{us}(D_{max}) \cdot N(D_{max}) dD_{max}}{\int m(D_{max}) \cdot N(D_{max}) dD_{max}}$$

retrieved

measured by PIP

Kneifel & Moisseev, 2020

...us = unrimed snow

IWC = ice water content

$D_{max}$  = maximum diameter

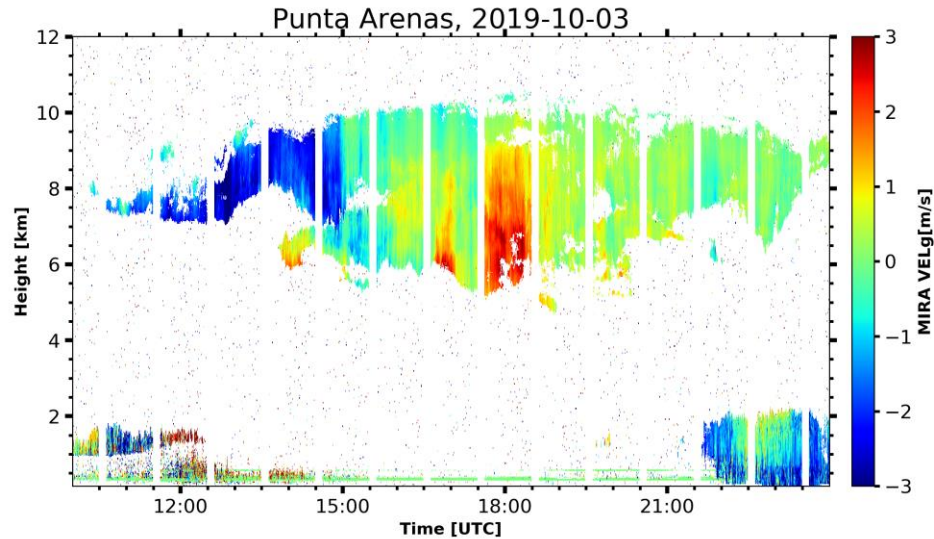
Assuming that the observed particles with the lowest 5% density values are unrimed, Moisseev et al 2017 have derived this relation:

$$m_{us} = 0.0053 D_{max}^{2.05}$$

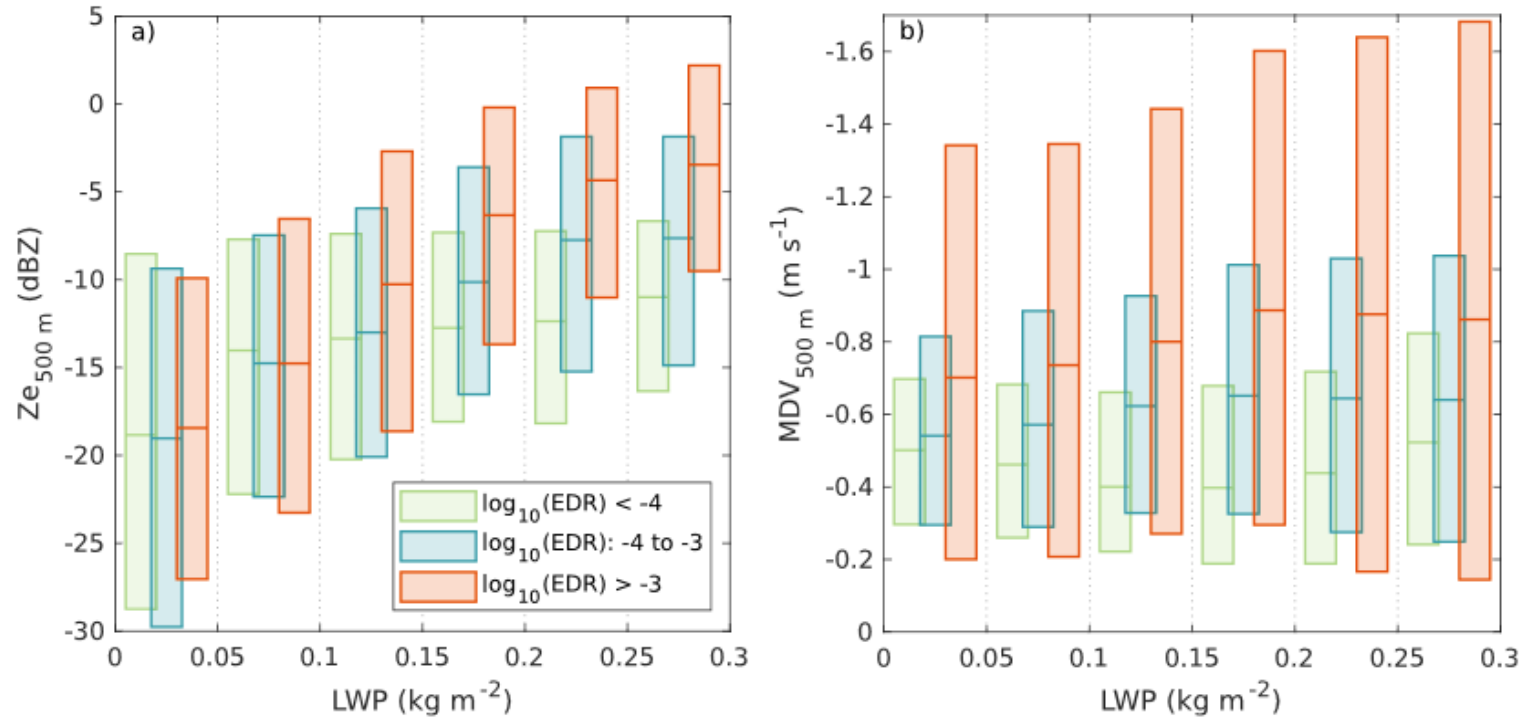
Moisseev et al., 2017



# WAVE CLOUD EXAMPLE PUNTA ARENAS

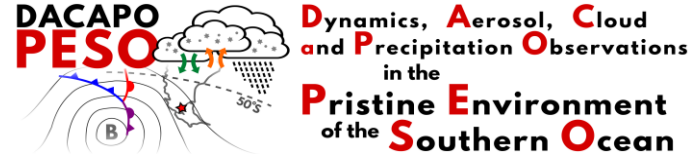


# CHELLINI AND KNEIFEL, 2024, FIGURE 3



# LACROS at Punta Arenas, Chile

LACROS: Leipzig Aerosol and Cloud Remote Observation System



Not available at CyCare  
in Limassol, Cyprus

upwind in-situ  
sampling by  
TROPOS cloud group

Savernet  
lidar  
(UMAG)

24 GHz micro  
rain radar

Polly<sup>XT</sup> lidar

Doppler  
lidar

94 GHz cloud radar  
(LIM)

35GHz cloud radar

Optical disdrometer

14 channel  
microwave  
radiometer

radiation  
station  
+ sun  
photometer

Ceilometer

