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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

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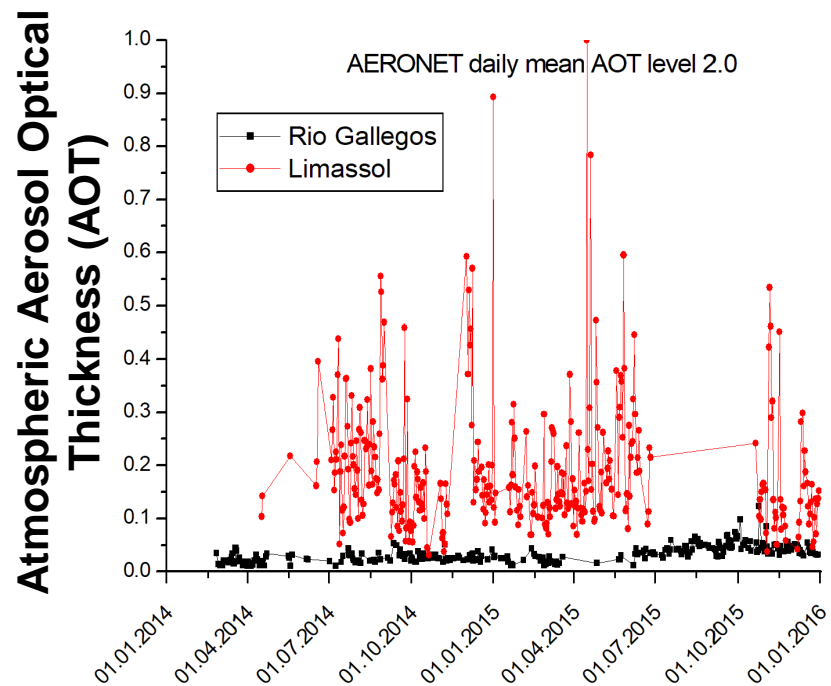


OUTLINE

1. Motivation + Hypothesis
2. CyCARE and DACAPO-PESO campaigns
3. Planned work packages for PhD1

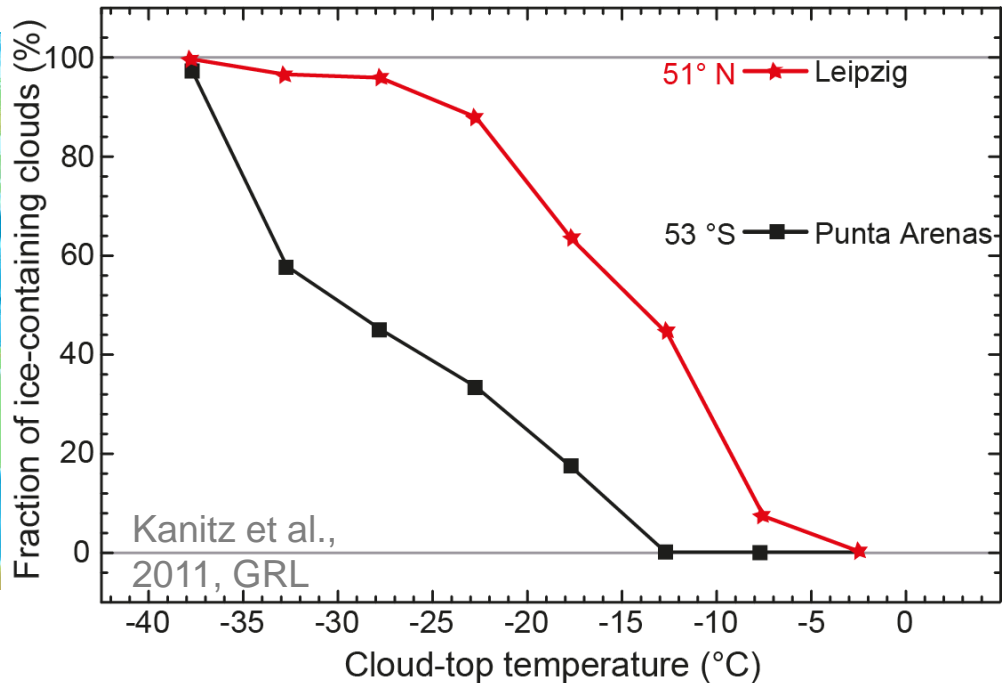
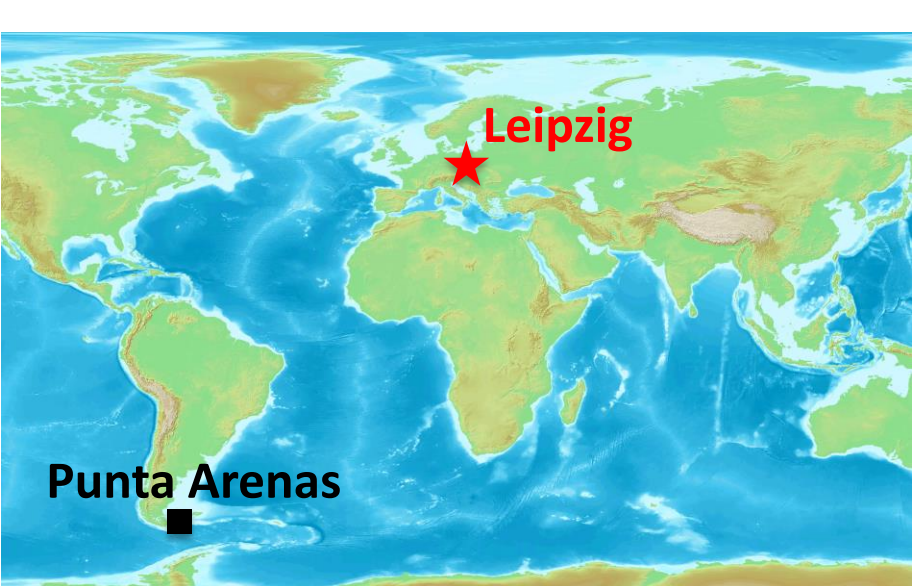
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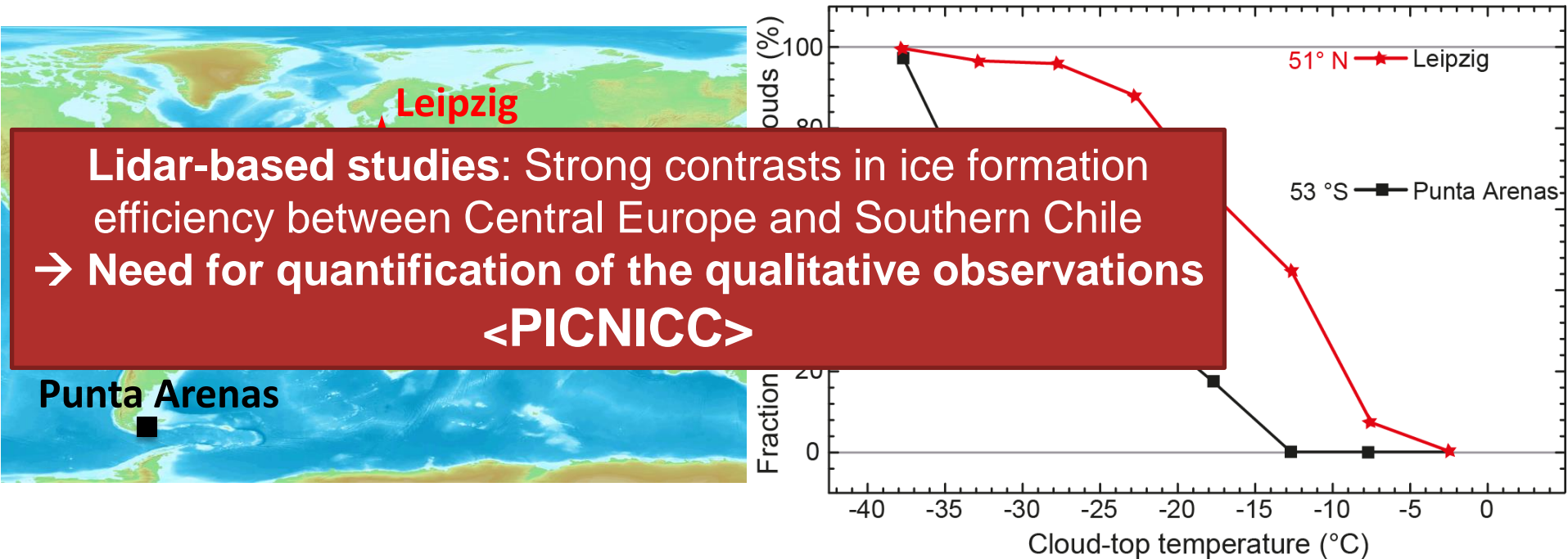
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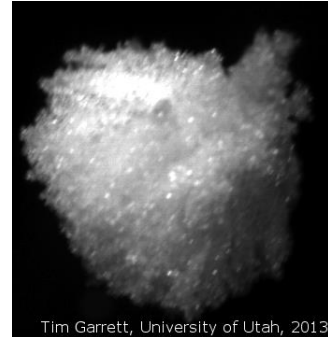
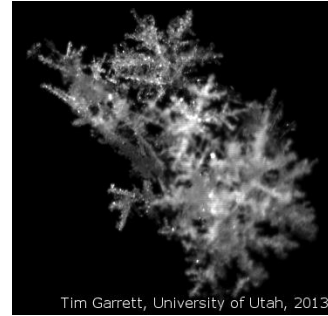
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Microphysical growth processes in mixed-phase clouds:

- Water vapor depositional growth
- Aggregation: snow crystals collide and clump together
- Riming: supercooled droplets are collected on a falling ice crystal

How do strong contrasts in aerosol burden influence the ratio between aggregation and riming?

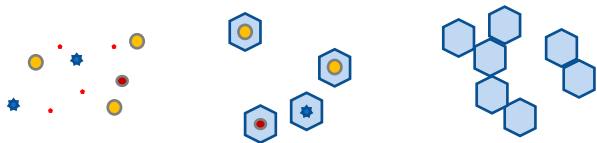
To what extent are the expected differences observable with polarimetric spectrally resolved multi-wavelength cloud radar techniques?



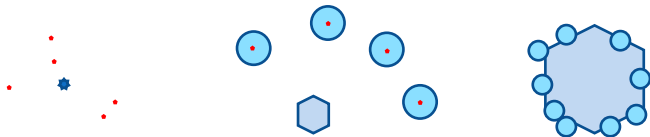
<http://www.inscc.utah.edu/~tgarrett/Snowflakes/Gallery/>

HYPOTHESIS: MIXED-PHASE CLOUD PROCESSES ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO AEROSOL PERTURBATIONS.

1. High aerosol loads and high INP concentrations → higher ice crystal concentrations → more aggregation



2. Low aerosol loads and scarcity of INP → thicker/ more persistent supercooled liquid layers → more riming



INSTRUMENTATION

LACROS-Suite (Limassol):



DACAPO-PESO only:

+ 94 GHz RPG FMCW Radar (LIM)

+ 24 GHz K-band Micro Rain Radar

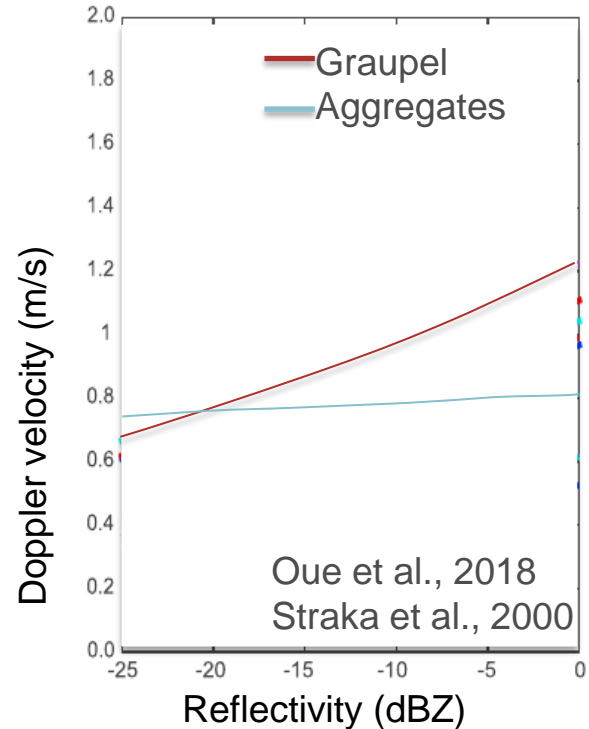
+ UMAG LIDAR system



<https://www.tropos.de/en/institute/departments/remote-sensing-of-atmospheric-processes-new/ground-based-remote-sensing/cyprus-clouds-aerosol-and-rain-experiment-cycare/>

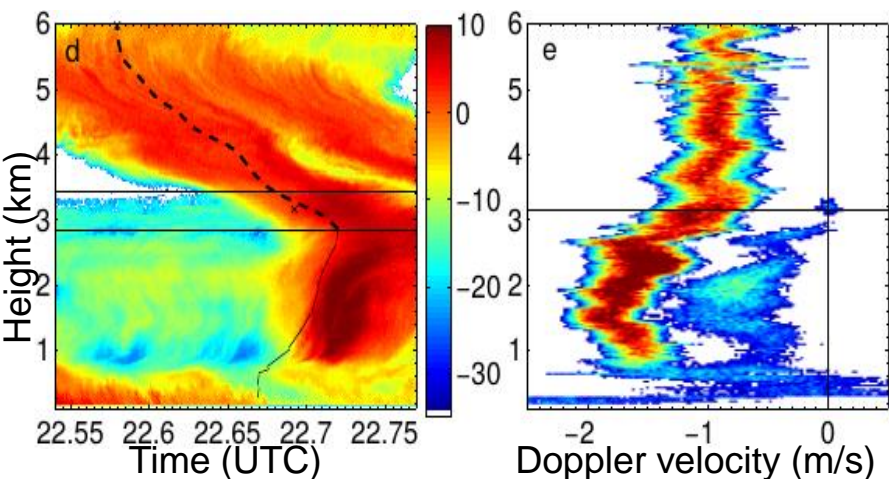
WORK PACKAGE 1 (PHD 1): ANALYSIS OF BULK MOMENTS FOR MICROPHYSICAL FINGERPRINTING

- Analysis of radar moments: Z_e , V_D , σ , LDR, skewness
- Gradients of moments
- Determination of V_D - Z_e power relations and comparison to existing relations for aggregation and riming (Straka et al., 2000)
- Multi-frequency analysis (Dual-wavelength-ratio Ka/W)

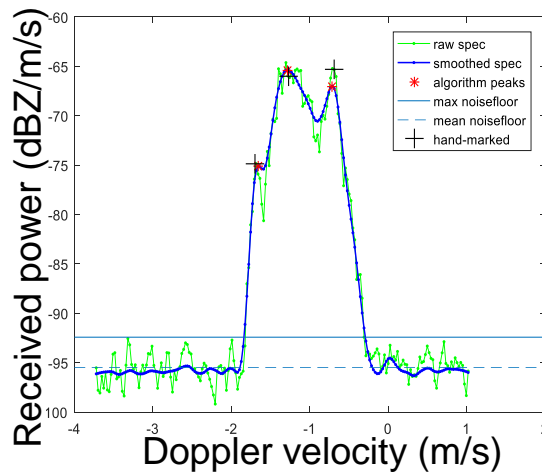


WORK PACKAGE 2 (PHD 1): DOPPLER SPECTRA ANALYSIS

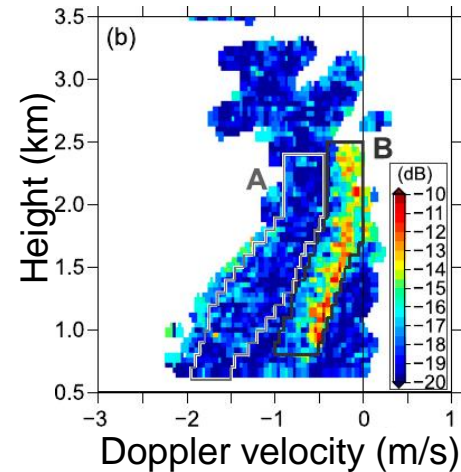
- Exploration of spectral observations (Doppler velocity spectra of reflectivity and LDR), peak separation
- Identification of supercooled liquid layers
- Determination of moments for each found peak



Kalesse et al., 2016



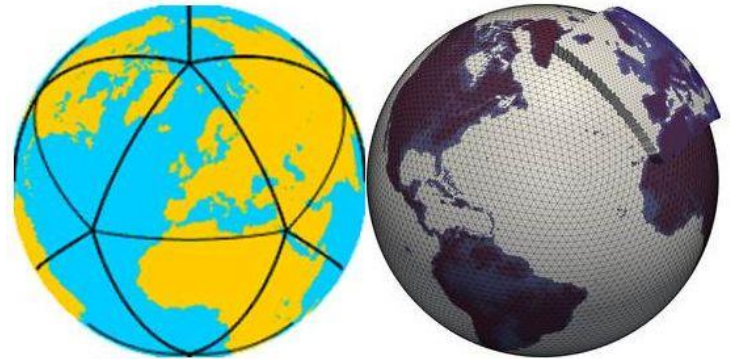
PEAKO algorithm, work in progress



Oue et al., 2018

WORK PACKAGE 3 (PHD 1): CLOUD-RESOLVING MODELLING

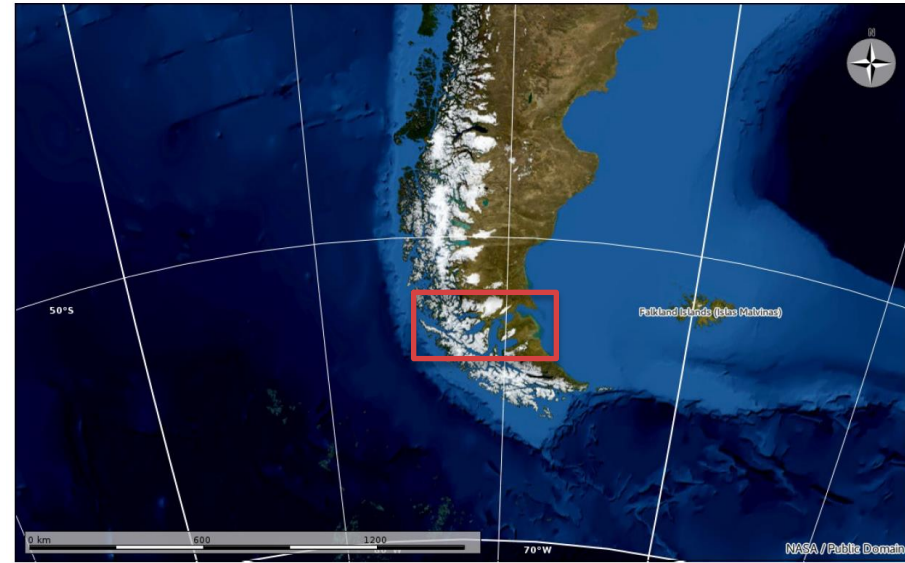
- Cloud-resolving modelling with ICON-NWP
 - case studies
 - sensitivity study (variation of empirical parameters)
 - simulation of full observation periods with varying CCN/ INP concentrations
- Attribution of observations in NH and SH to differences in INP/ CCN



https://www.dwd.de/EN/research/weatherforecasting/num_modelling/01_num_weather_prediction_modells/icon_description.html

WORK PACKAGE 3 (PHD 1):

MODELLING DOMAINS





https://dacapo.tropos.de/images/slideshow/DACAPO-PESO-AC-16_9_resized.jpg



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