

# ~~Spectrally resolved Polarimetric Observation and Modelling of Clouds - SPOMCC~~

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*„Toward modeling and observing the hydrometeor ratio during the onset of precipitation.“*

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**ACCEPT**



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# ACCEPT: The prerequisite for the SPOCC project



## Analysis of the Composition of Clouds with Extended Polarization Techniques

- 6-week measurement campaign at CESAR obs., Cabauw
- **Vert. pointing LDR-mode Mira-35 (TROPOS)**
- **Scanning STSR/hybrid-mode Mira-35 (TROPOS/Metek)**
- Slanted ( $45^\circ$ ) full-polarimetric S-band TARA (TU Delft) + Lidars, MWR, Doppler lidar, wind profiler, radiosondes, solar radiation measurements

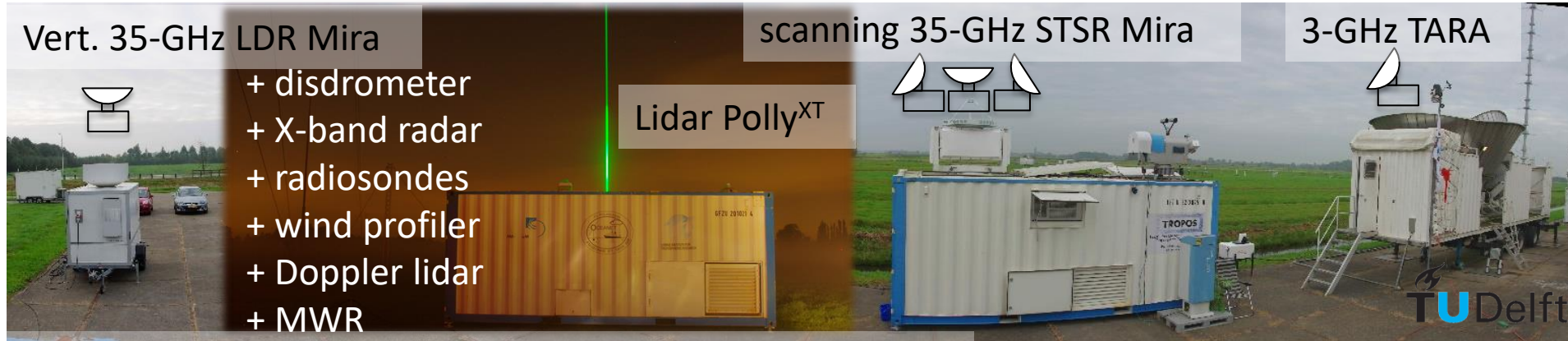
Vert. 35-GHz LDR Mira

+ disdrometer  
+ X-band radar  
+ radiosondes  
+ wind profiler  
+ Doppler lidar  
+ MWR

scanning 35-GHz STSR Mira

Lidar Polly<sup>XT</sup>

3-GHz TARA



*CESAR site, Cabauw, the Netherlands, 7 Oct – 16 Nov 2014*



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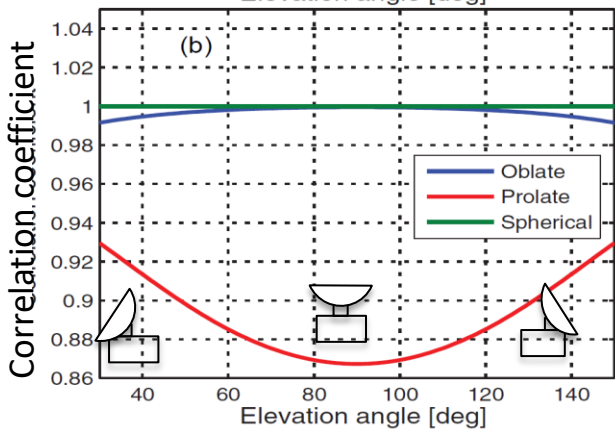
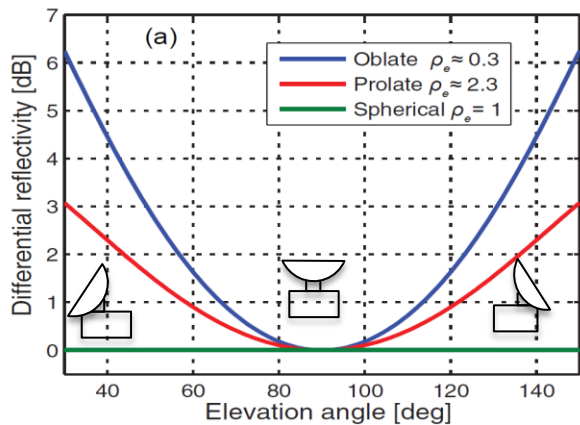
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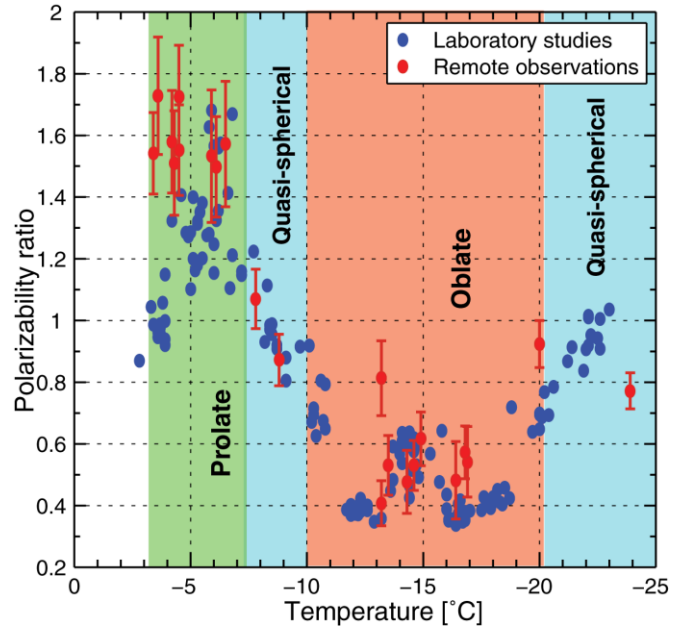
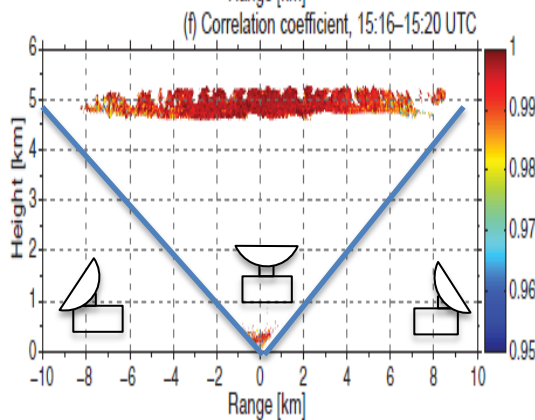
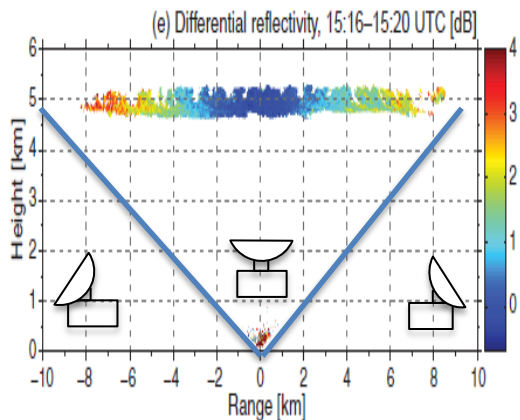
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# Polarimetric spheroidal model



# 22 case studies of thin, liquid-topped mixed-phase clouds

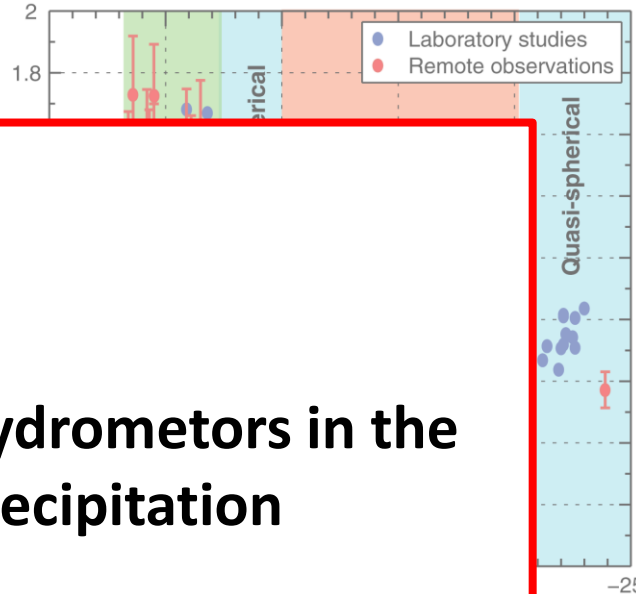
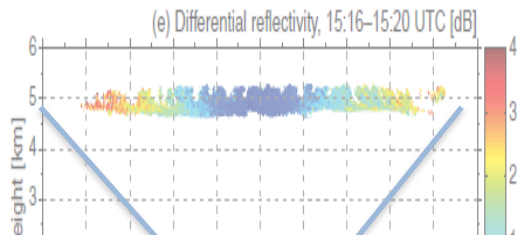
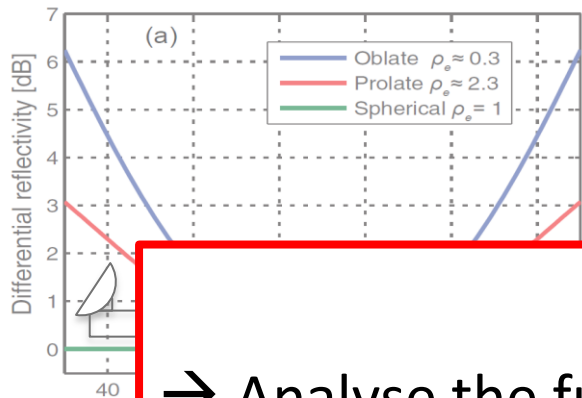
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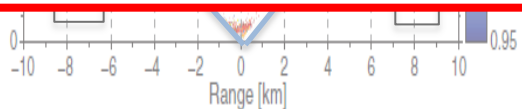
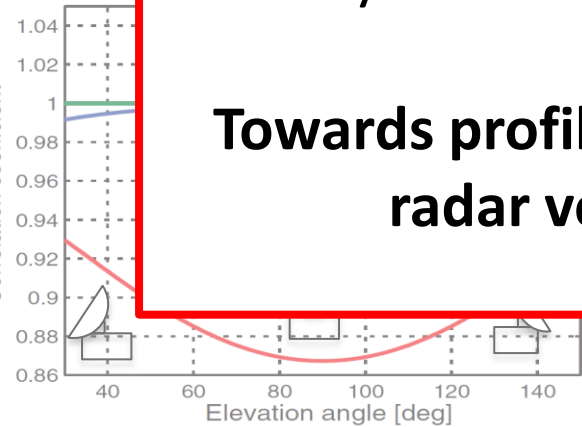
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**Next step**  
 → Analyse the full Doppler spectrum  
**Towards profiling the distribution of hydrometers in the radar volume during onset of precipitation**



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# Structure of SPOCC

## Observations

PhD 1: Majid Hajipour

PI: Patric Seifert



Doppler-velocity-resolved  
hydrometeor typing from  
polarimetric radar RHI scans

## Modelling

PhD 2: Junghwa Lee

PI: Oswald Knoth

Forward-modelling of  
polarimetric variables from  
the COSMO-SPECS  
simulations

Spectrally resolved modelling  
of precipitation formation  
processes with COSMO-SPECS  
→ Concentrate on mixed-phase  
cloud schemes

PhD 1 & PhD 2

## Interpretation

→ Evaluate modelled  
mixed-phase  
processes against  
observations and  
vice versa

*Cooperation within  
PROM (e.g. PICNICC)*

# SPOCC – Work Plan

Likely starting date: 1 March 2019

2 PhD projects: **PhD 1 → Observations** **PhD2 → Modelling** **PhD1/2 → Interpretation**

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1.1	ZDR and $\rho_{hv}$ from bulk observations	■	■	■
1.2	Adaption to German weather radar network		■	■
1.3	Toward spectrally resolved hydrometeor ratios			■
<b>2</b>	<b>Extension of COSMO-SPECS</b>			
2.1	Extension of SPECS → Toward hydrometeor types	■	■	■
2.2	Forward modelling of spectral-bin modelled data			■
2.3	Application of COSMO-SPECS to ACCEPT cases			■
<b>3</b>	<b>Interpretation of ACCEPT case studies</b>			
3.1	Evaluation of the model setup			■
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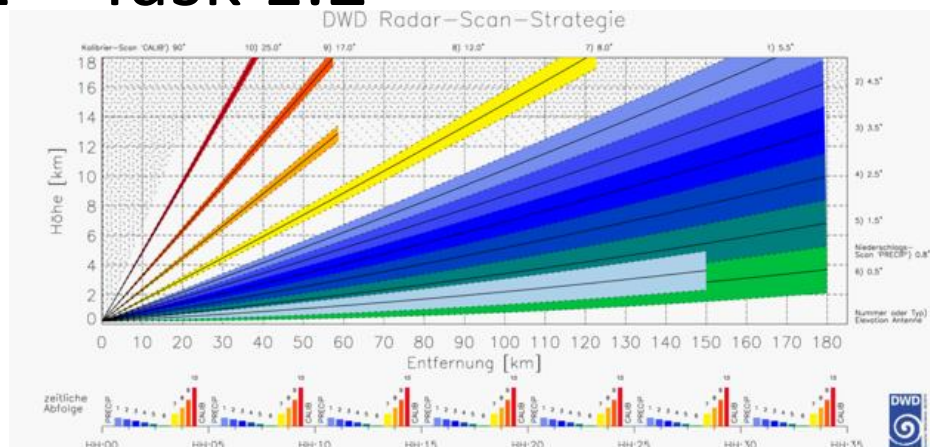
→ ZDR and  $\rho_{hv}$  from bulk observations

- Training and re-implementation of the technique of Myagkov et al. (2016a)
- Considering new aspects of radar-polarimetric techniques (e.g., the recent works of Sergej Matrosov (apparent density issue), Mariko Oue, and Lukas Pfitzenmaier)

# SPOCC – Work Plan – PhD 1 – Task 1.2

→ Adaption to German weather radar network

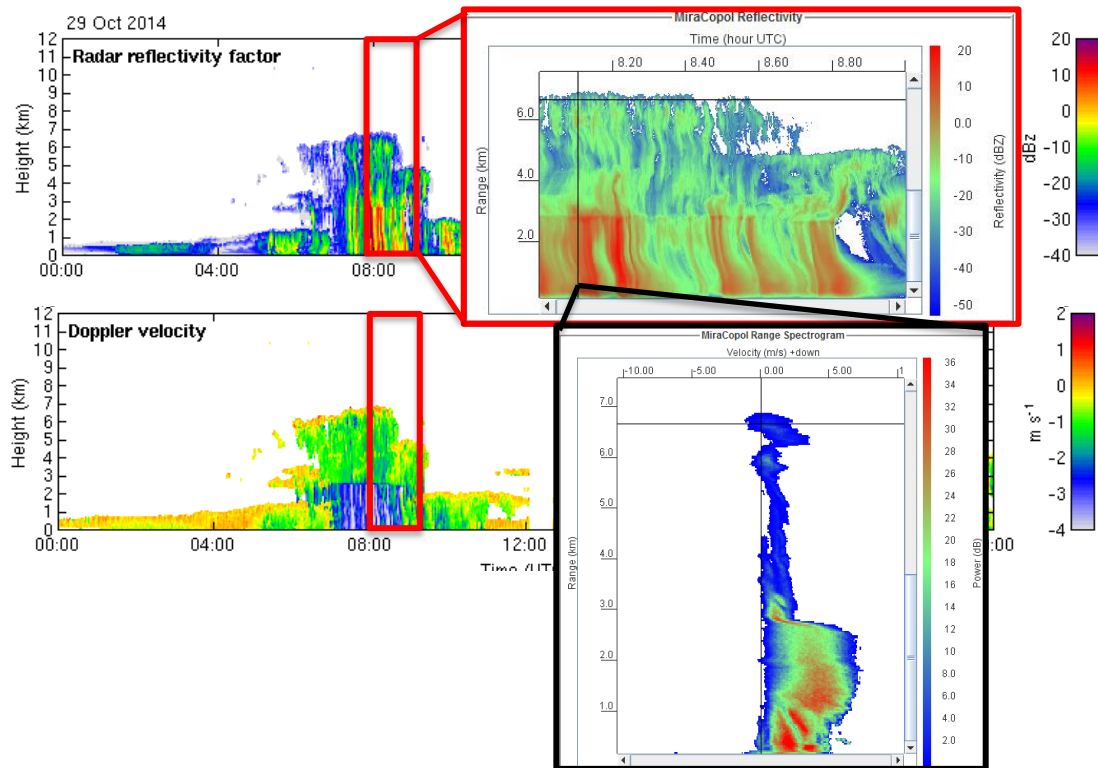
- Test the applicability of the particle shape retrieval to combination of bird-bath scans and 25° elevation.
- Cooperation with Michael Frech (see his project in PROM)



# SPOCC – Work Plan – PhD 1 – Task 1.3

→ *Toward spectrally resolved hydrometeor ratios*

- Adaption of the shape retrieval of Myagkov et al. (2016a) to the full Doppler spectrum
- Challenges:
  - Tracking the spectral signatures over a range of elevation angles
  - Signal-to-noise limitations
  - Incorporate estimates of apparent density
    - derive actual shapes of different hydrometeor populations
- Includes secondment to TU Delft (Hermann Russchenberg / Christine Unal)



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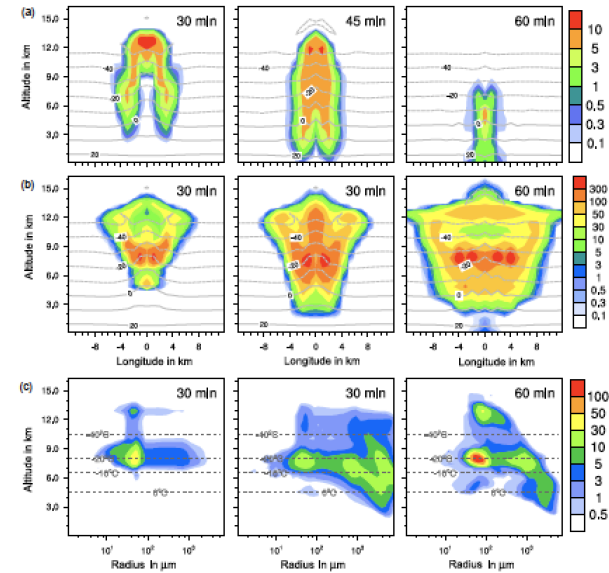


## SPOCC – Work Plan – PhD 2 – Task 2.1

- SPECS ( SPECTral Cloud microphysicS), Grützun et al 2008, Simmel et al 2005
- Two spectra (liquid and ice-liquid), additional property aerosol content
- Follow the Spectral Ice Habit Prediction System (SHIPS), Hashino/Tripoli (2007)
- Diagnosing particle growth history for each ice particle bin, „Continuous-property approach” by allowing solid hydrometeors evolve the properties continuously
- Piecewise linear presentation, after Chen and Lamb 1994
- Improved water vapor deposition
- Suitable mixing rules from last bulk parameterizations

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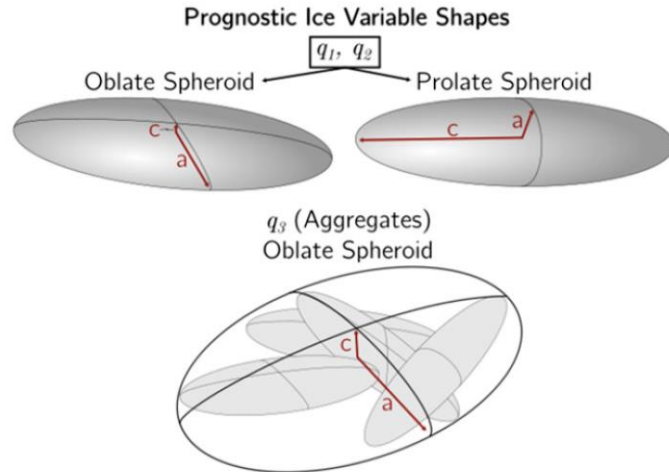
- COSMO-SPECS Simulation by Diehl/Grützun
- Study of different ice nucleation modes at high altitudes
- Covered by an area of 80 km x 80 km
- 48 vertical layers
- Vertical profiles after Weissman/Klemp



**Figure 6.** Ice formation from contact freezing with 10% feldspar. (a, b) Temporal development of two parameters shown in a vertical cut through the cloud center. Horizontal dashed lines: temperature in °C. (a) Ice water contents in  $\text{g kg}^{-1}$  and (b) ice particle numbers per  $\text{m}^3$ . (c) Ice particle size spectra in the center cell of the cloud at different times. Number concentrations per  $\text{m}^3$ . Left pictures in (b) and (c) show primary contact freezing only.



# SPOCC – Work Plan – PhD 2 – Task 2.1



Form parameters for ice shapes,  
from Jensen et al 2017

10 prognostic variables per a bin

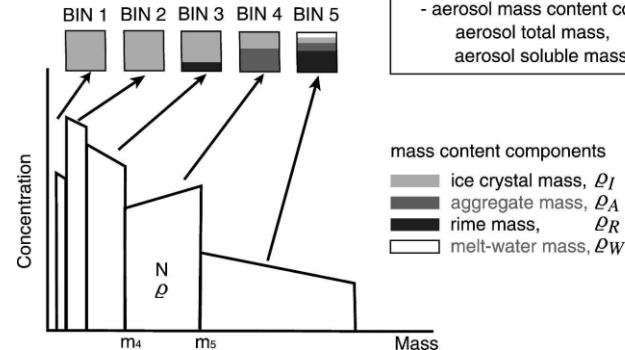
*two moments of sub-distribution*

- mass content,  $\rho$
- concentration,  $N$

+

*particle property variables (PPVs)*

- mass content components
  - ice crystal mass,  $\rho_I$
  - rime mass,  $\rho_R$
- length variable components
  - a-axis length,  $\ell_a^3$
  - c-axis length,  $\ell_c^3$
  - dendritic arm length,  $\ell_d^3$
- volume variable components
  - circumscribing volume,  $V_{cs}$
- aerosol mass content components
  - aerosol total mass,  $\rho_{apt}$
  - aerosol soluble mass,  $\rho_{aps}$



Bin representation in SHIPS, from  
Hishiano/Tripoli 2007



# SPOCC – Work Plan – PhD 2 – Task 2.2

Preparing simulated microphysical data for cloud radar simulator

- CR-SIM (**C**loud **R**esolving **M**odel **R**adar **S**imulator),  
[www.radarscience.weebly.com](http://www.radarscience.weebly.com)
- PAMTRA
- Starting with data from two moment scheme and one-way refined COSMO runs for the ACCEPT campaign (2.1 km, 700 m, 200 m)



# SPOCC – Work Plan – PhD 2 – Task 2.3

## Modelling of the onset of precipitation for mixed-phase clouds

- Starting with data from two moment scheme and one-way refined COSMO runs for the ACCEPT campaign (2.1 km, 700 m, 200 m)
- Improved initial first guesses from additional data obtained during accept
- Simulate special cases with spectral microphysics on the finer nests
  - Boundary values from two moment scheme
  - Starting times (cloud free)
- Prepare data for Task 3
- Construction of a cloud test case





# SPOCC – Work Plan – PhD 1 & PhD 2 – Task 3.1

→ *Evaluation of the model setup*

- evaluate the representation of macrophysical and thermodynamic properties of clouds in the model against the available observations
  - Usage of all instrumentation available during ACCEPT
  - Part of secondment to TU Delft

# SPOCC – Work Plan – PhD 1 & PhD 2 – Task 3.2

→ *Evaluation of microphysical processes*

- evaluate the results of different model configurations against the profiles of the hydrometeor ratios obtained from the polarimetric observations
  - Test the applicability of ice-process parameterizations
- Estimate from the different model runs, how sensitive the observations need to be for detection of changes in cloud microphysics