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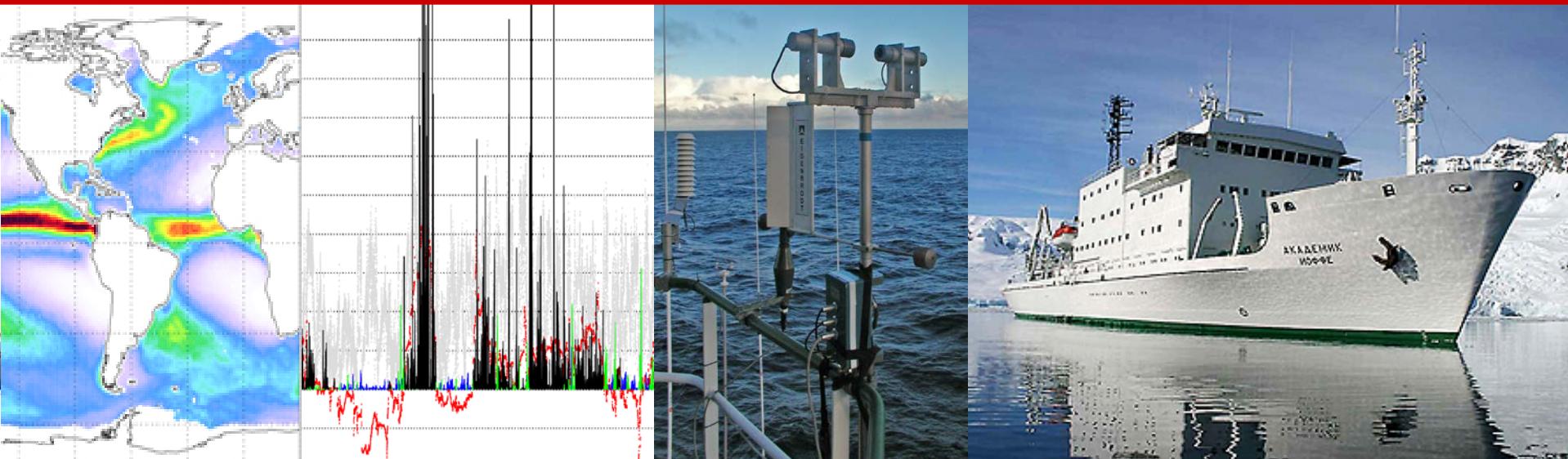


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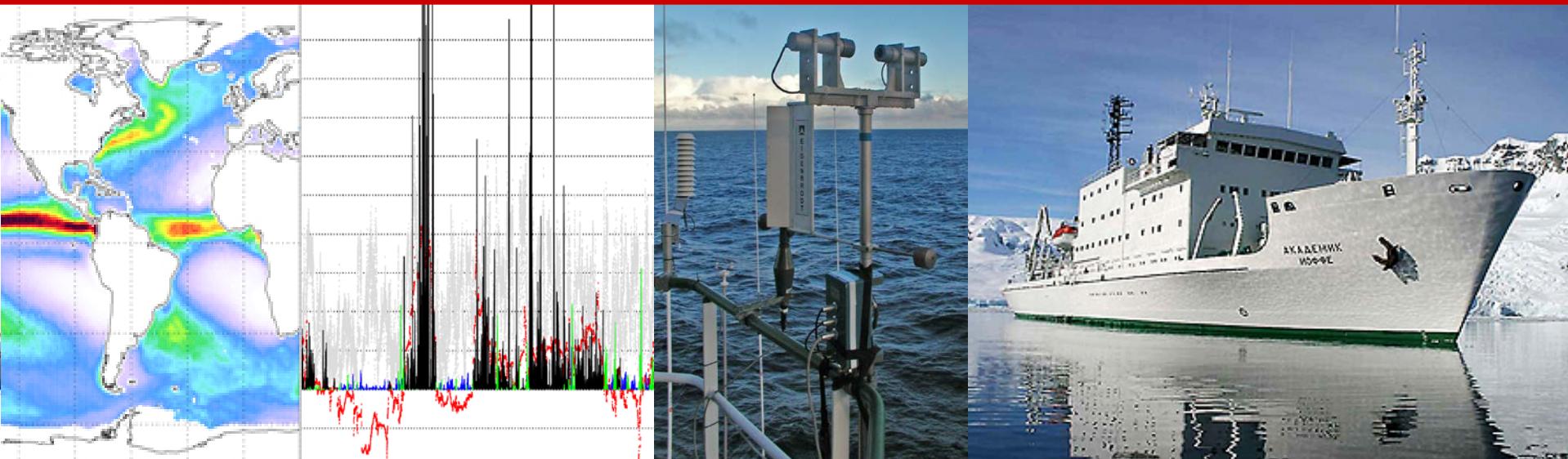
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## Ocean Rain And\_Ice-phase precipitation measurement Network for surface validation

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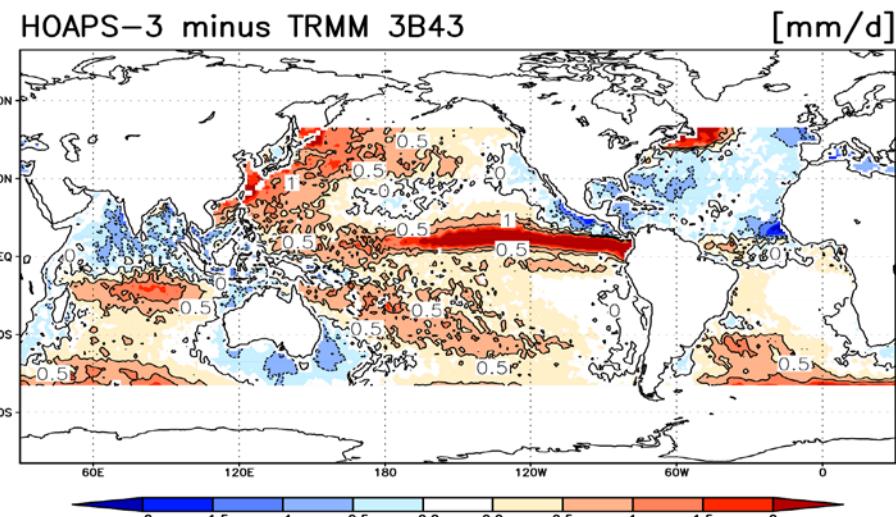
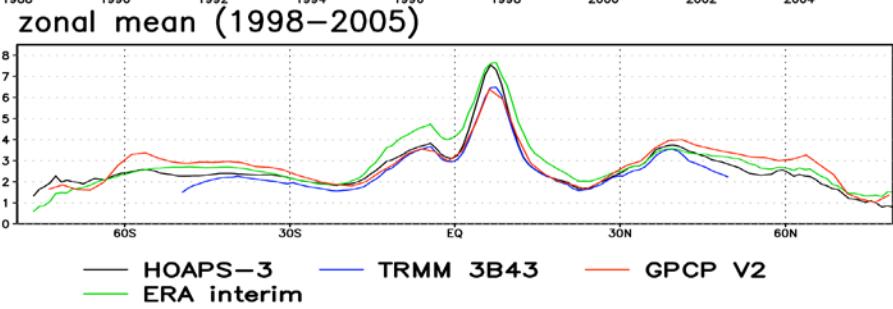
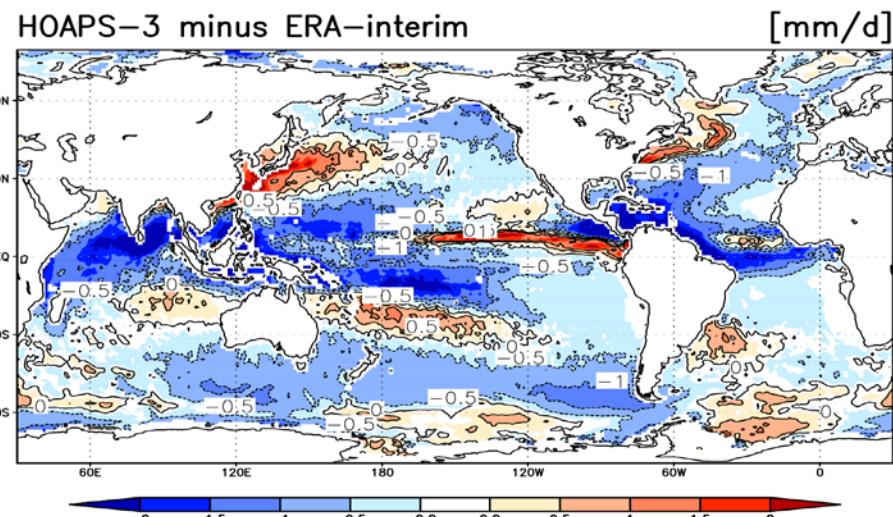


# Why OceanRAIN

- Precipitation flux is ECV
  - Energy and water cycle
  - Freshwater flux
  - Intermittent parameter
  - different phases (types)
  - measurements notoriously difficult → large uncertainties
  - high spatio-temporal coverage → satellites
  - direct / indirect / statistical / physical retrieval algorithms approaches
- which retrieval is correct / incorrect where and why...**

## Hamburg Ocean Atmosphere Parameters and Fluxes from Satellite data

Andersson, Klepp, Fennig, Bakan, Graßl, Schulz, 2011





- Satellite and re-analysis and model data substantially differ
  - no phase information
  - light intensites, snow, mixed-phase challenges (CPR)
  - surface validation data needed
  - GPM-GV: new spaceborne sensor generations calibrated with land-based data
  - land surfaces: radar / GPCC; oceans void of in-situ data
  - lack of suitable in-situ instruments for shipboard usage
    - VOS
    - buoys and ship gauges
- Atlas of Surface Marine Data, SOC, ICOADS, NOCS, OceanSITES, SAMOS ...

**Taylor (2000): "...no more than a few thousand samples worldwide..."**



- IPWG, GPM-GV, SeaFlux, OceanObs recommendation:  
“...urgently needed is the provision of high quality surface validation data in oceanic areas using innovative ship based instruments”

## ...to overcome these limitations: **OceanRAIN**

- 2005 LOFZY--HOAPS, Klepp et al (2010) Tellus, 96% snow detection accuracy
- 2009 KlimaCampus and MPI-M Hamburg
- 6 years of funding by Maban aft, Initiative Pro Klima
- usage of *unique* shipboard optical disdrometers onboard ships
- long-term comprehensive statistical basis of precipitation
- rain, snow, mixed-phase
- minute resolution particle size distributions
- occurrence, intensity, accumulation
  - for validation of satellite, re-analysis and model data
  - radar calibration
  - error characterization of GPM era retrievals, HOAPS4, Cloudsat ...
  - statistical and process study analysis
  - point to area analysis
  - climate regionalization

# Automatic Measurement System: Optical Disdrometer ODM470

Publications since 2001: Großklaus, Ulbrich, Bumke, Clemens, Lempio, Klepp

Klepp, C., 2014. The Oceanic Shipboard Precipitation Measurement Network for Surface Validation – OceanRAIN  
J. Atmos. Res., Special Issue of the International Precipitation Working Group IPWG6, submitted.

## Advantages over existing optical disdrometers

- cylindrical volume
- pivoting
- high dynamic range
- all weather
- rain and snowfall algorithm, PSD
- automatic system
- low maintenance requirements

... developed by  
Geomar,  
Eigenbrodt and OceanRAIN



**Tested and calibrated** during field campaigns

Bumke, 2002; Lempio, 2007; Klepp, 2010

## Calibration

Spherical particles from 0.5 to 22 mm

Disdrometer-constant for precip volume scaling

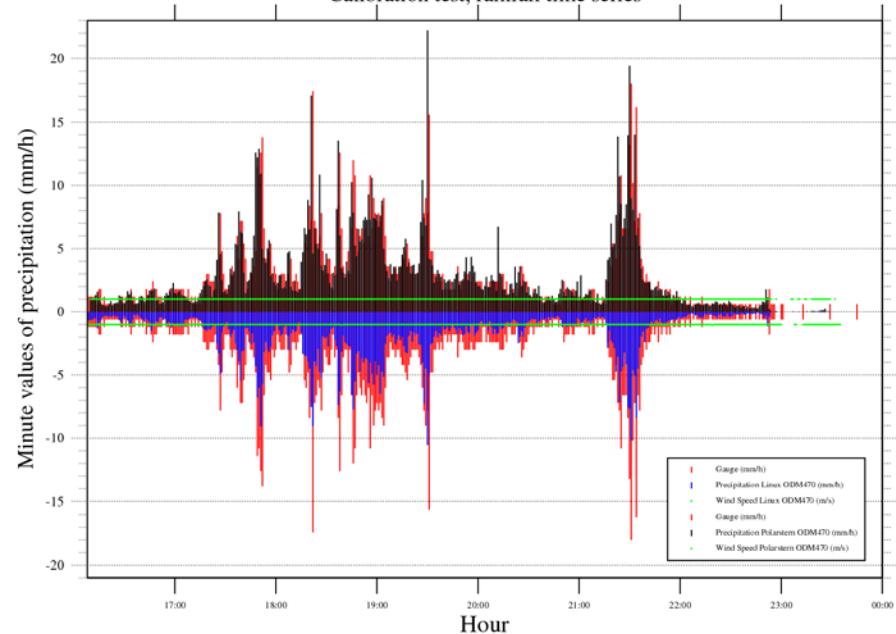
ANS410 gauge vs ODM470 disdrometer

Windspeed < 1 m/s to avoid gauge undercatch



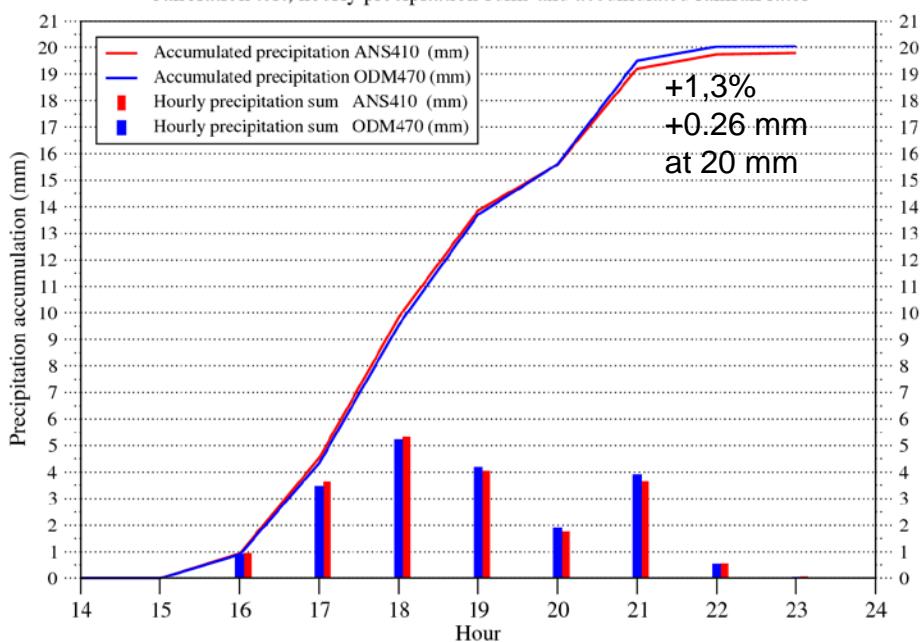
Cyclone Rainfall, 31 May 2012, Hamburg

Calibration test, rainfall time series



Cyclone Rainfall, 31 May 2012, Hamburg

Calibration test, hourly precipitation sums and accumulated rainfall rates



# Long-term OceanRAIN data ingest

Since 2010: 7 disdrometers onboard 8 ships, > 500.000 spectra ... steadily growing

R/V Celtic Explorer



K/V Senja



R/V Aranda



R/V Polarstern



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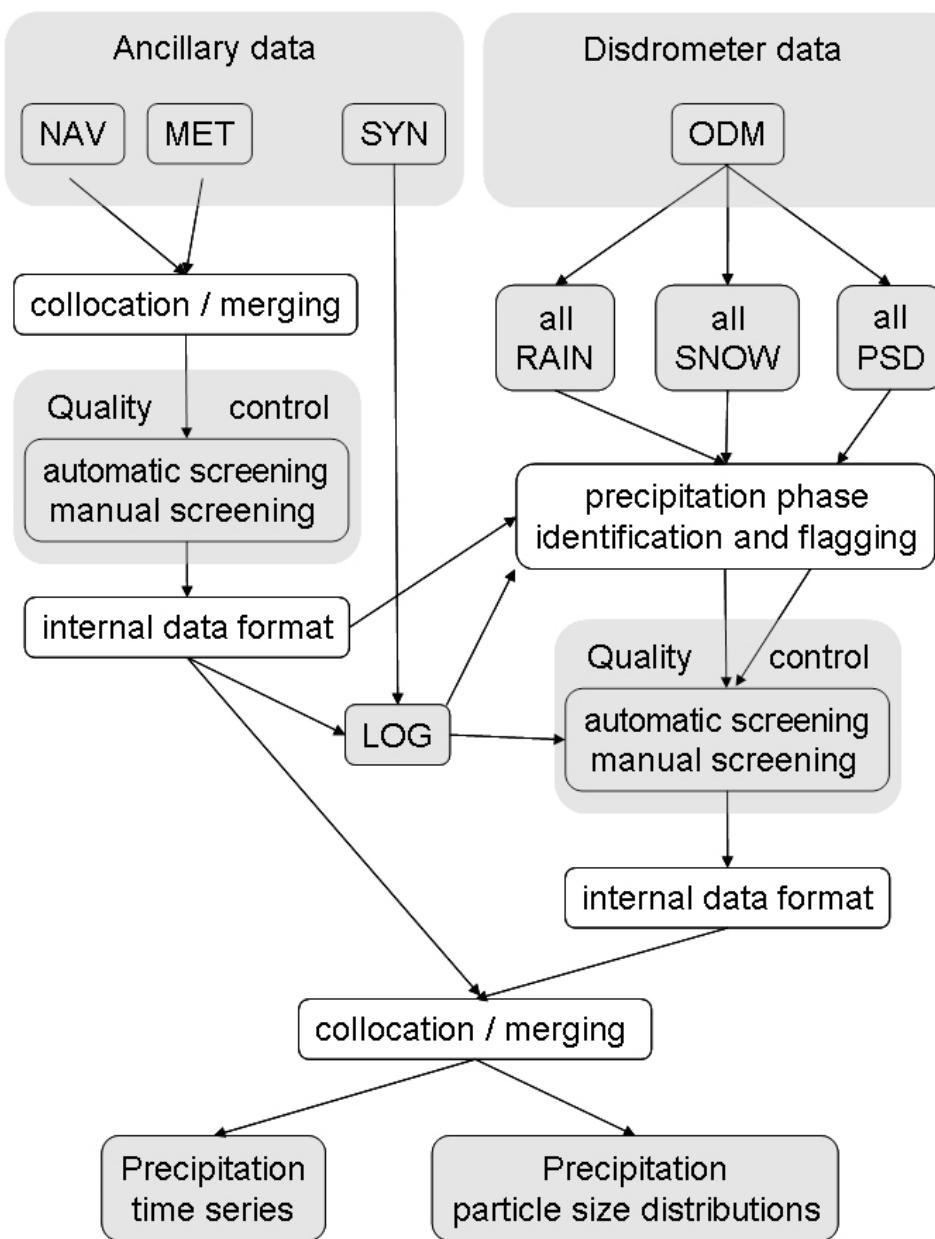


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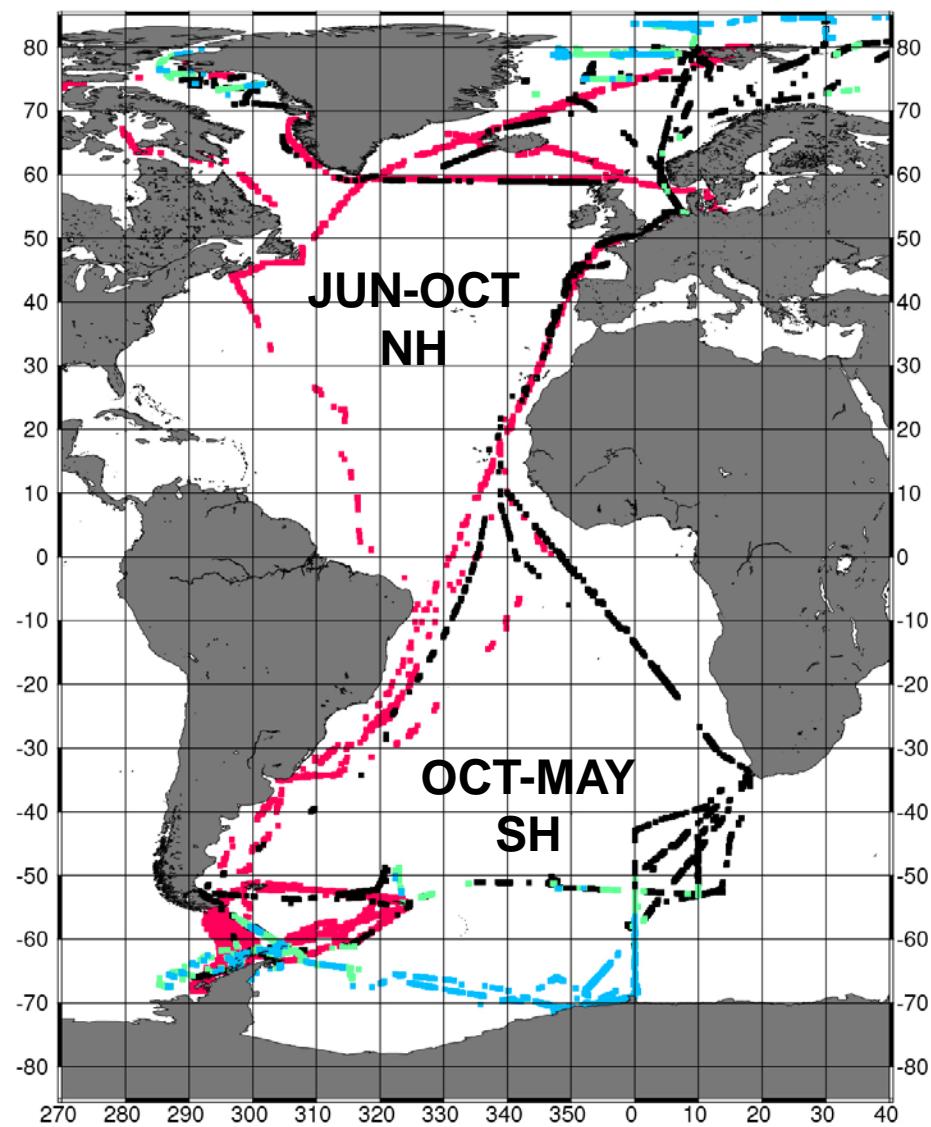


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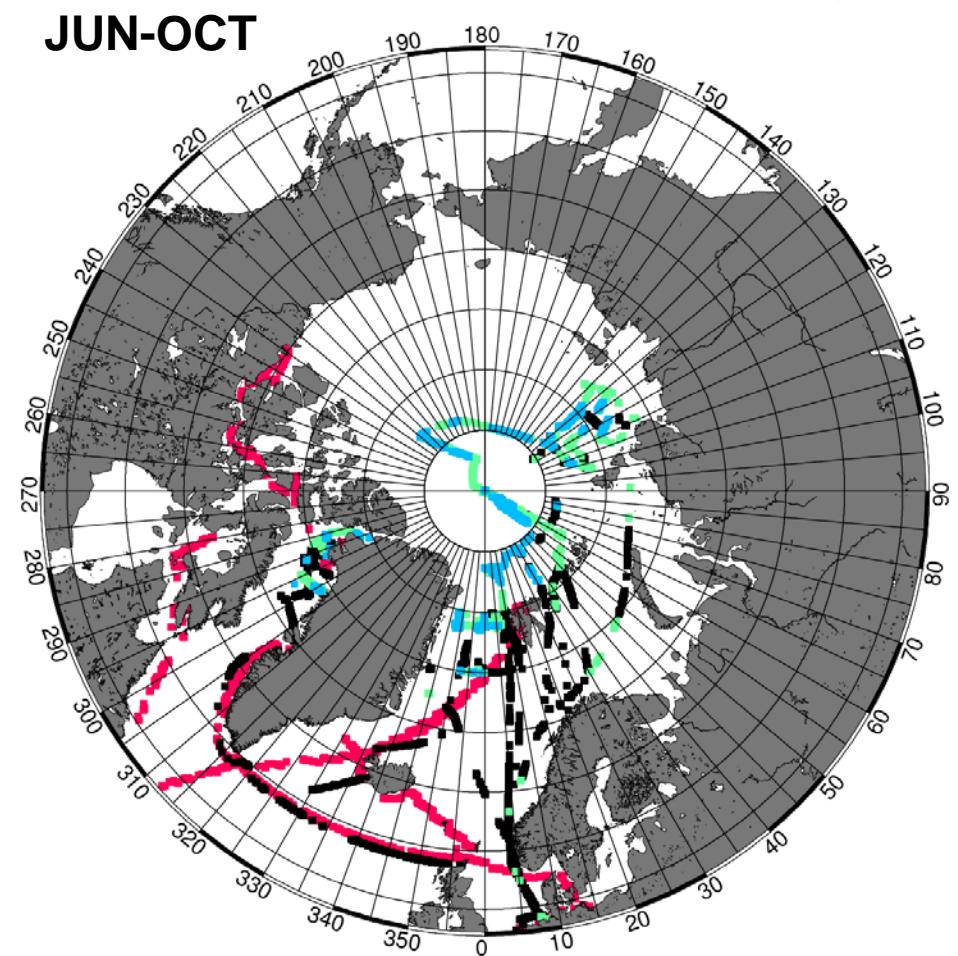


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ship rain gauge	mm/h	MET
precipitation rate	mm/h	ODM
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## 4 years precipitation tracks of R/V Polarstern and 3 years R/V Akademik Ioffe

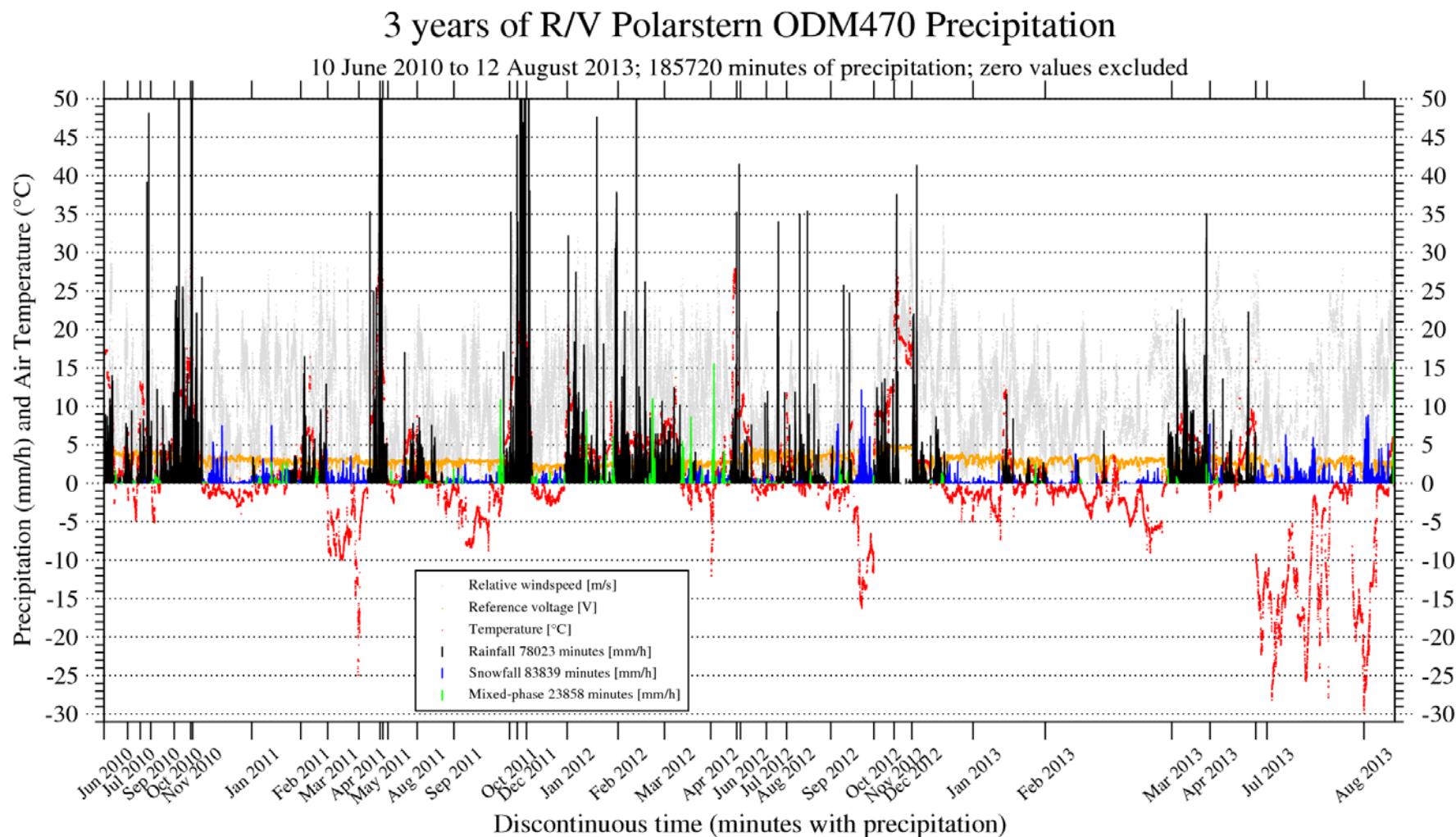


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R/V ‘Polarstern’ and R/V ‘Akademik Ioffe’  
precipitation tracks

SV areas of interest for: GPM-GV, Cloudsat, SSMIS, MT ... + wintertime data



78023 minutes of rainfall (black)

83839 minutes of snowfall (blue)

23858 minutes of mix-phase (green)

**185720 minutes of precipitation  
 equiv. 14.4% of the time**

# Precipitation occurrence, intensities and accumulations

Precipitation occurred in **10.4 %** of the time (89,6%)

with 5% (**48%**) rain, 3.6% (**34.5%**) snow, 1.8% (**17.5%**) mixed-phase

a total accumulation of **927.16 mm**

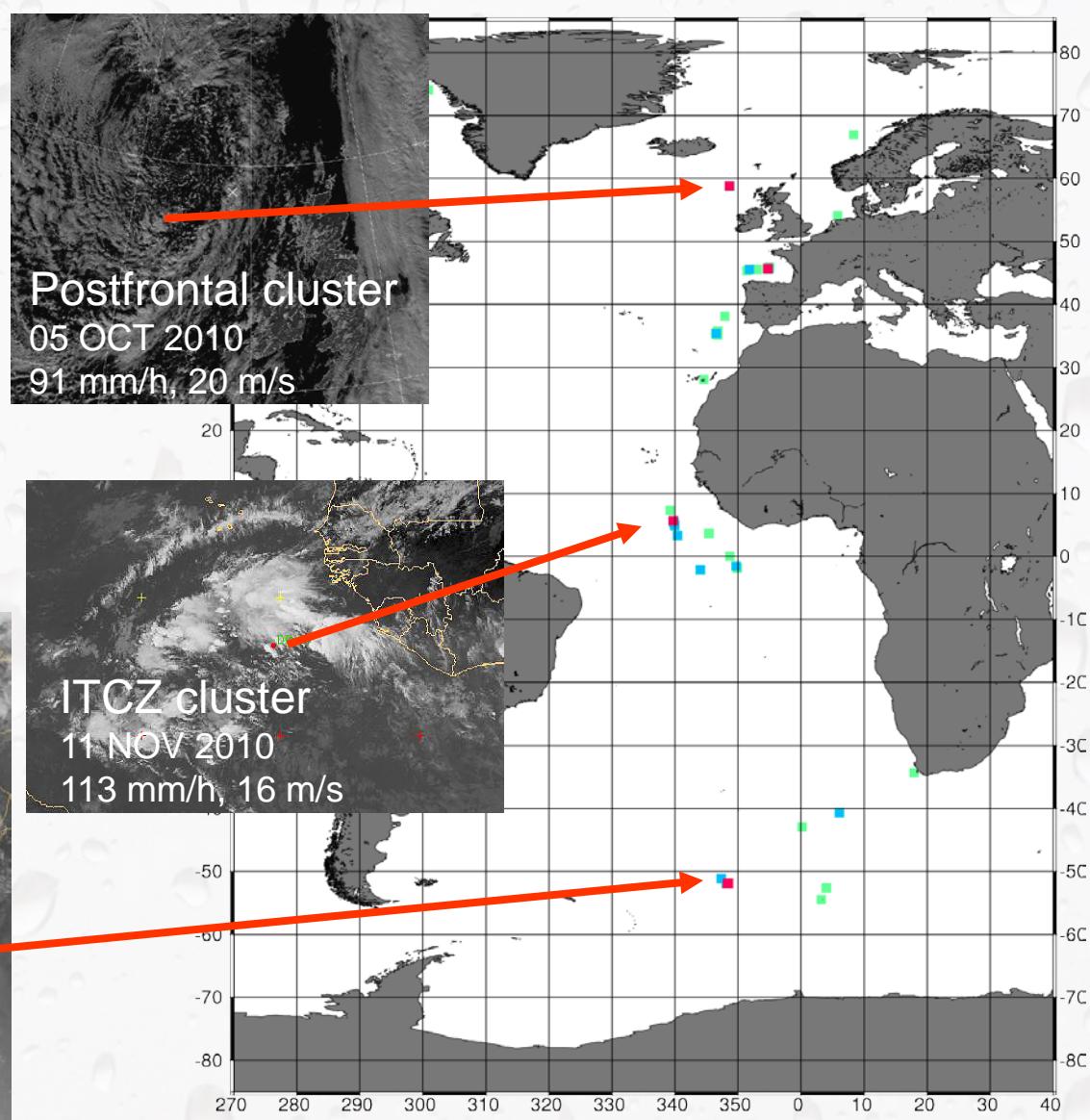
with **88.2%** rain, **8.4%** snow, **3.4%** mix-phase

Intensity	Type	Rel%		Abs%	Volume (mm)	Vol%
			rainfall			
< 0.5 mm/h	28493	<b>66</b>		4.5	<b>817.29</b>	100
0.5 to 5 mm/h	13000	<b>30</b>		3.0	<b>61.41</b>	<b>7.5</b>
> 5 mm/h	1602	<b>4</b>		1.4	<b>329.61</b>	<b>40.3</b>
				0.1	<b>426.27</b>	<b>52.2</b>
			snowfall			
< 0.5 mm/h	28976	<b>92</b>		3.3	<b>77.77</b>	100
0.5 to 5 mm/h	2476	8		3.0	35.52	<b>45.7</b>
> 5 mm/h	8	<b>0.02</b>		0.3	41.41	53.3
				0.001	0.84	<b>1.0</b>
			mixed-phase			
< 0.5 mm/h	16288	95		1.8	<b>32.10</b>	100
0.5 to 5 mm/h	795	5		1.7	9.91	30.8
> 5 mm/h	45	0.3		0.09	16.68	52.0
				0.01	5.51	17.2

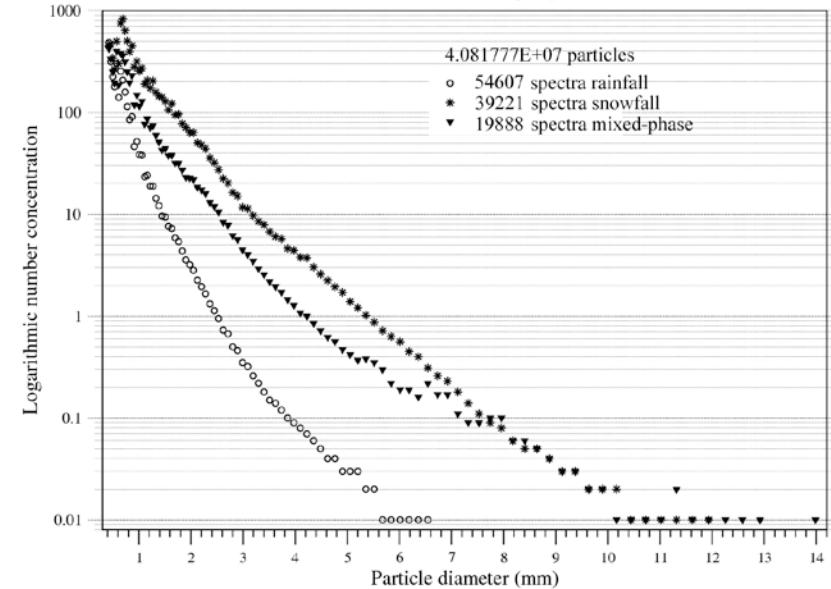
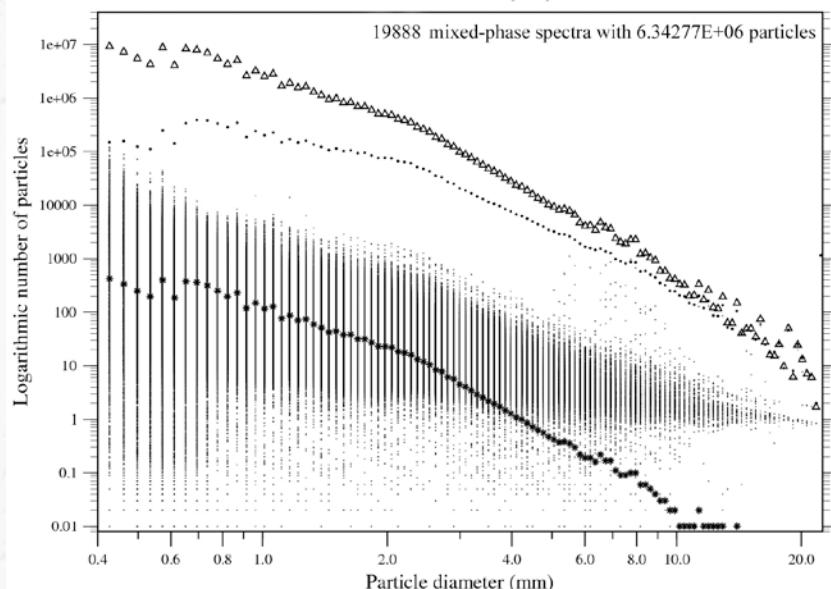
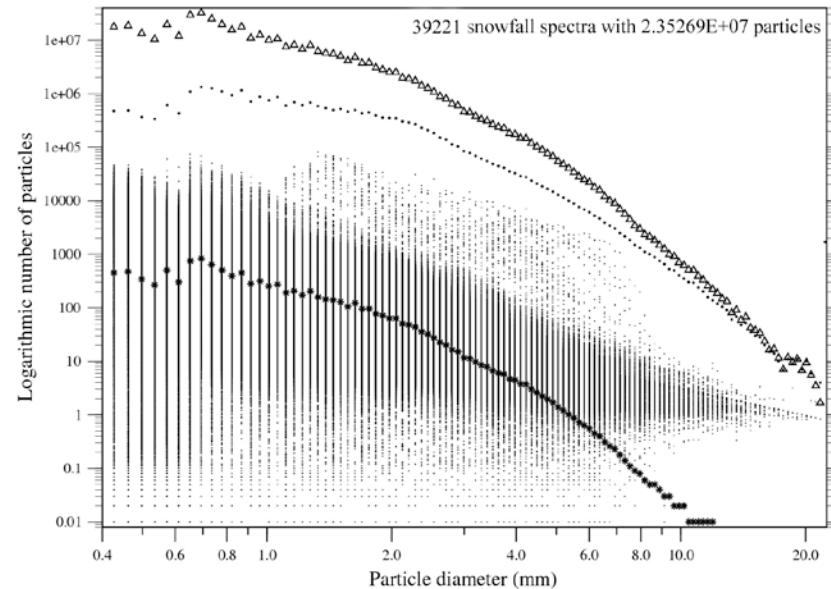
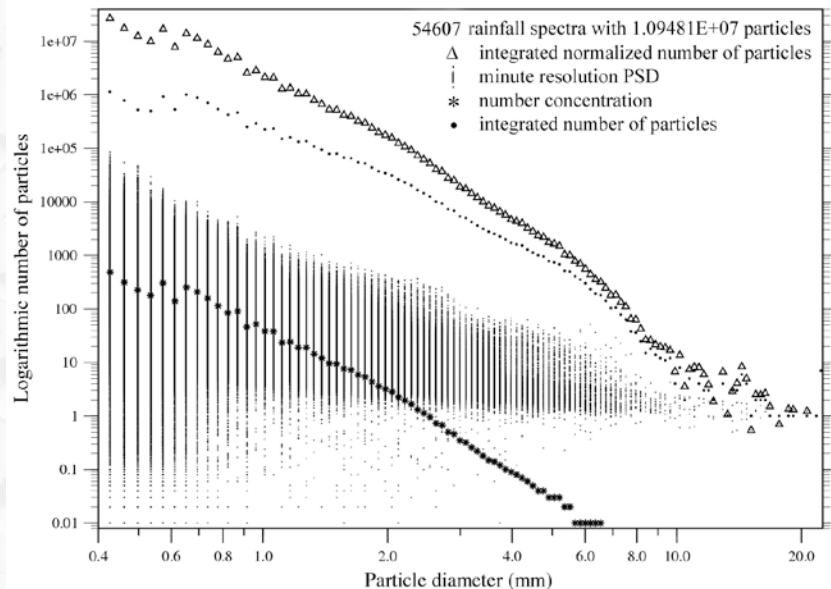
# Extremes

147 minutes > 30 mm/h (green)  
64 minutes > 60 mm/h (blue)  
27 minutes > 100 mm/h (red)

- Intense cyclones in stormtrack peaks up to 187 mm/h
- ITCZ up to 113 mm/h

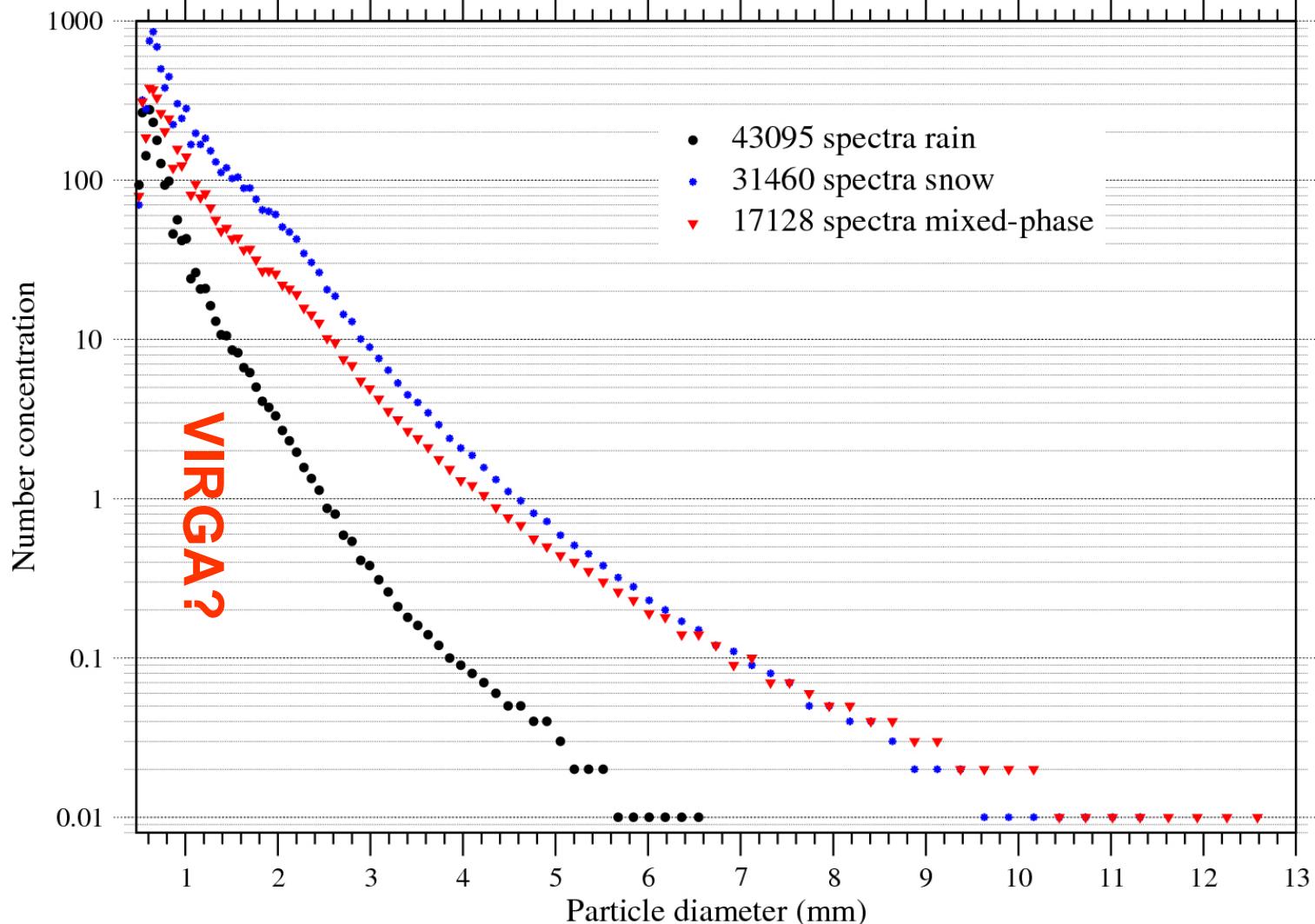


## 27 months ODM470 precipitation R/V “Polarstern” from 10 June 2010 to 07 October 2012



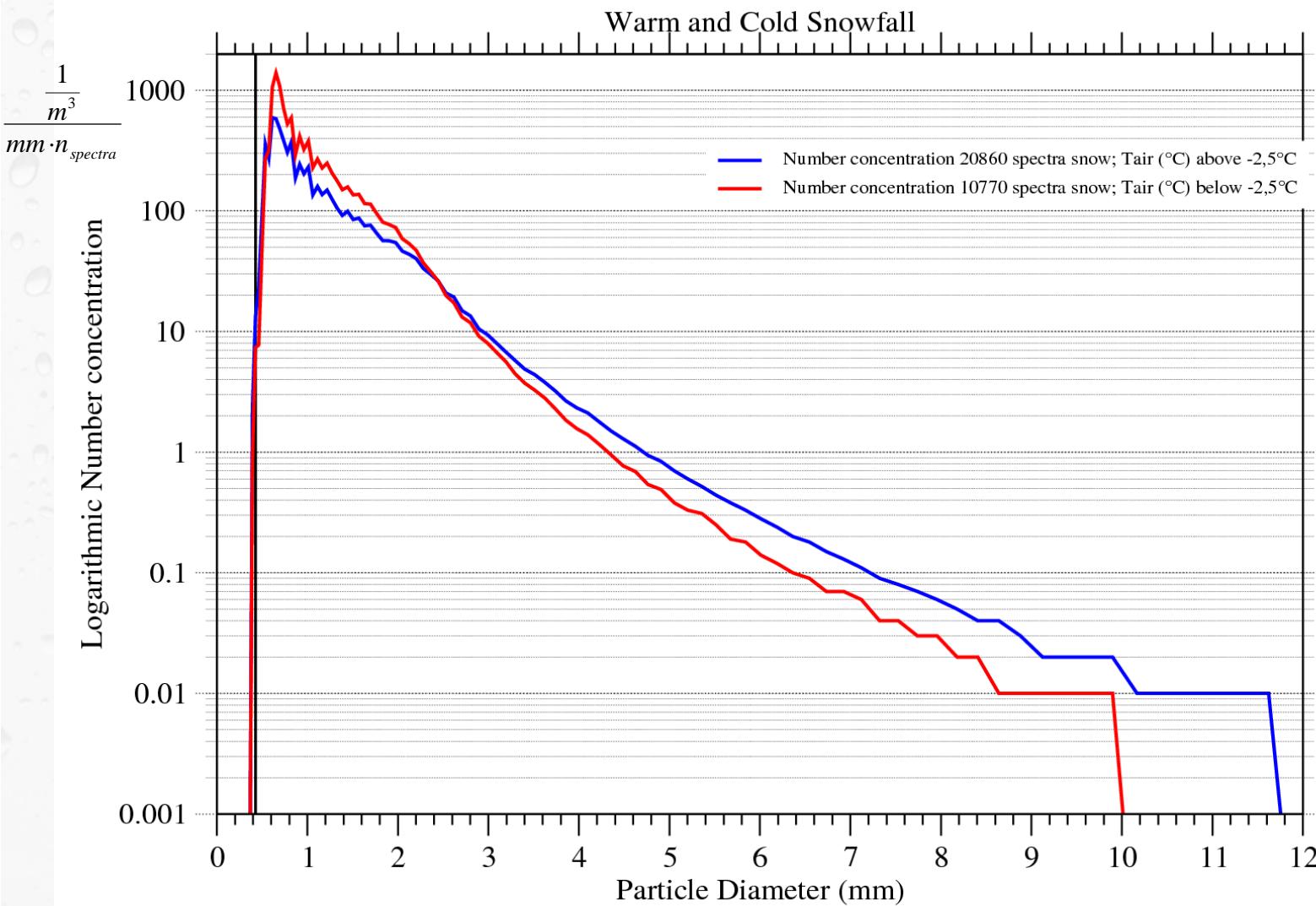
## R/V Polarstern ODM470 Precipitation

10 June 2010 to 15 May 2012; 91683 minutes of precipitation; zero values excluded

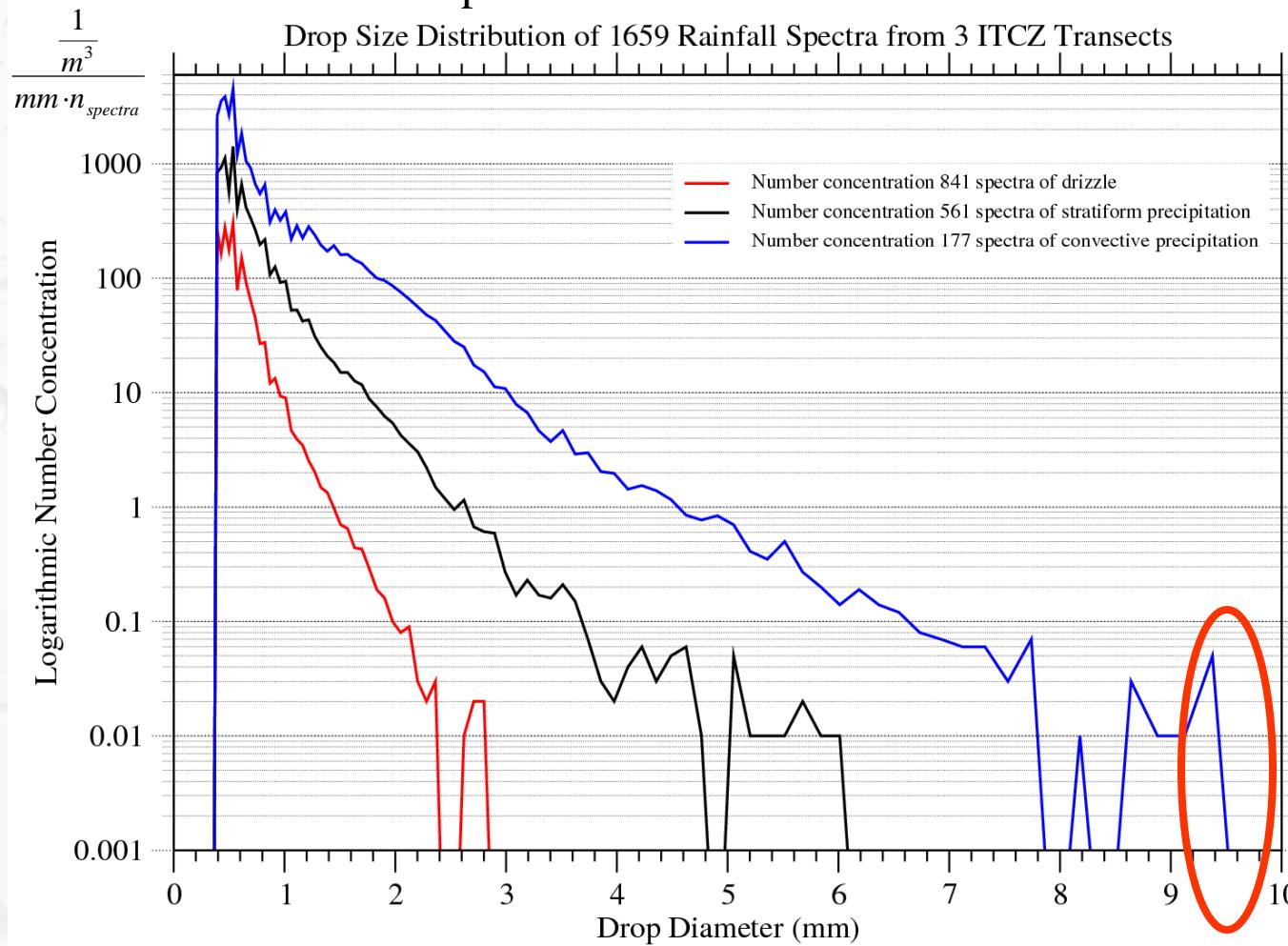


# Cold and warm snowfall conditions

## 2 years of ODM470 Polarstern Precipitation



## Shipboard ODM470 ITCZ Rainfall





# HALO NARVAL North

...to advance our understanding of clouds and moist processes  
...to what extent are postfrontal convective cloud regimes precipitating  
...to validate HOAPS 4 (SSMIS collocations) and Cloudsat underflights

**DLR, MPI-M, Uni HH, Uni Köln, Uni Heidelberg**



Iceland NARVAL North Team



## HAMP Bellypod: Active and Passive Remote Sensing

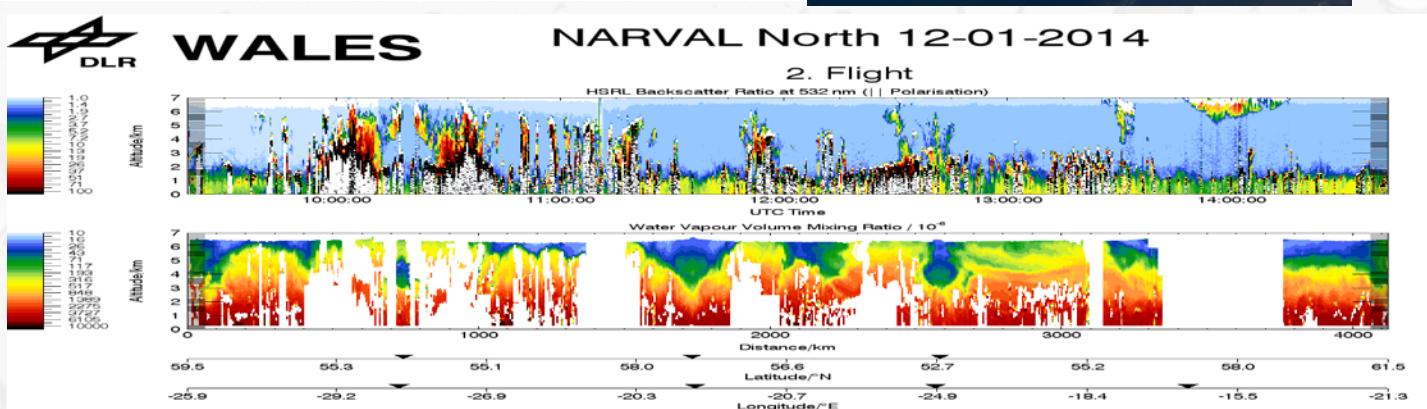
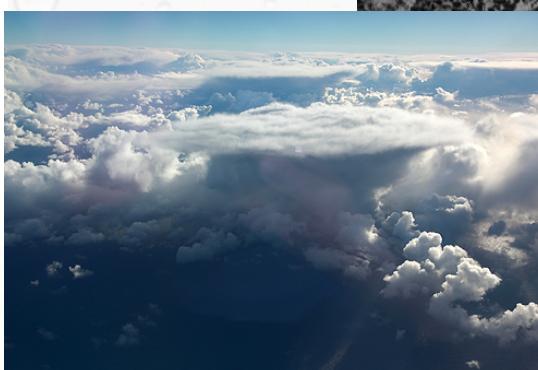
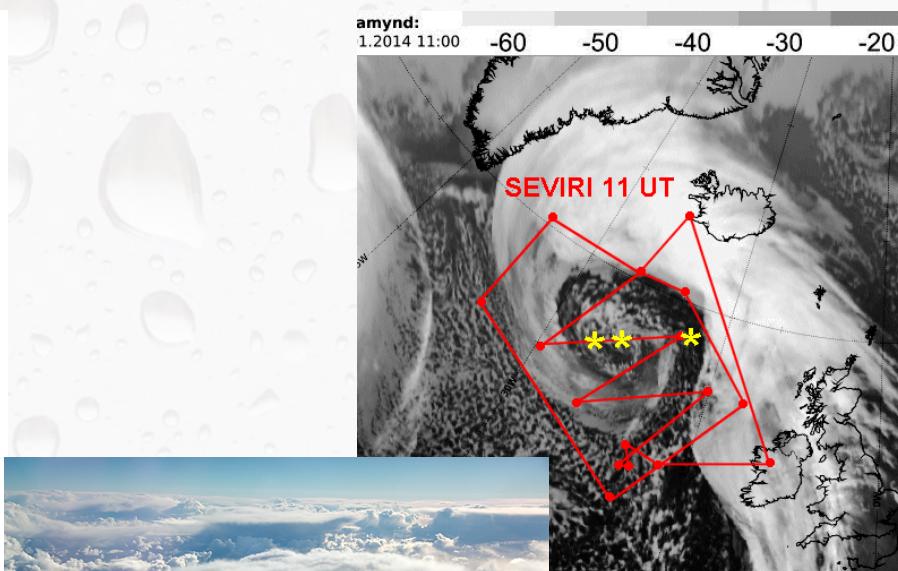
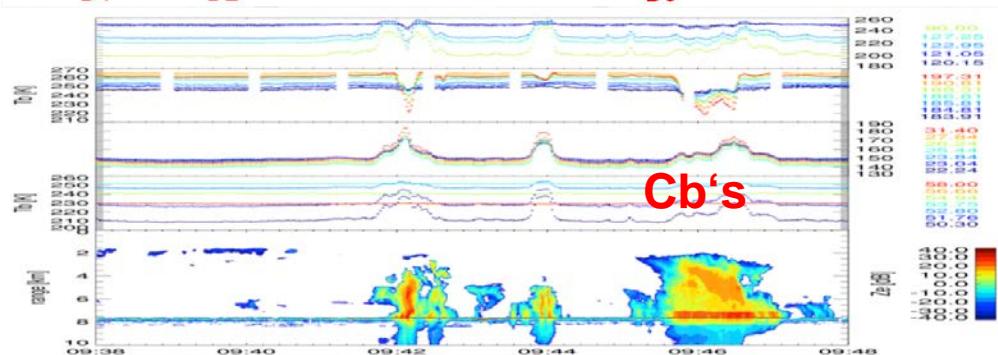
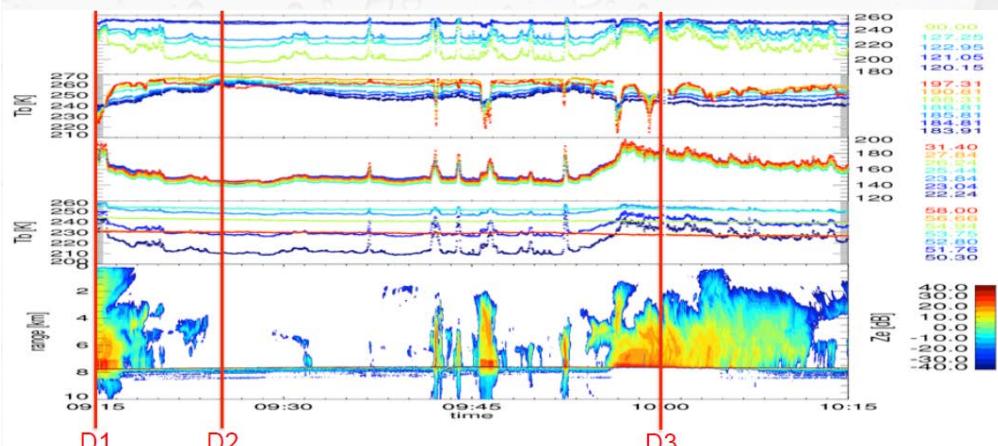
- 36.5 GHz Cloud Radar
- 23 channel microwave radiometer (22-197 GHz)
- WALES water vapor differential absorption lidar (532 nm)
- Dropsondes

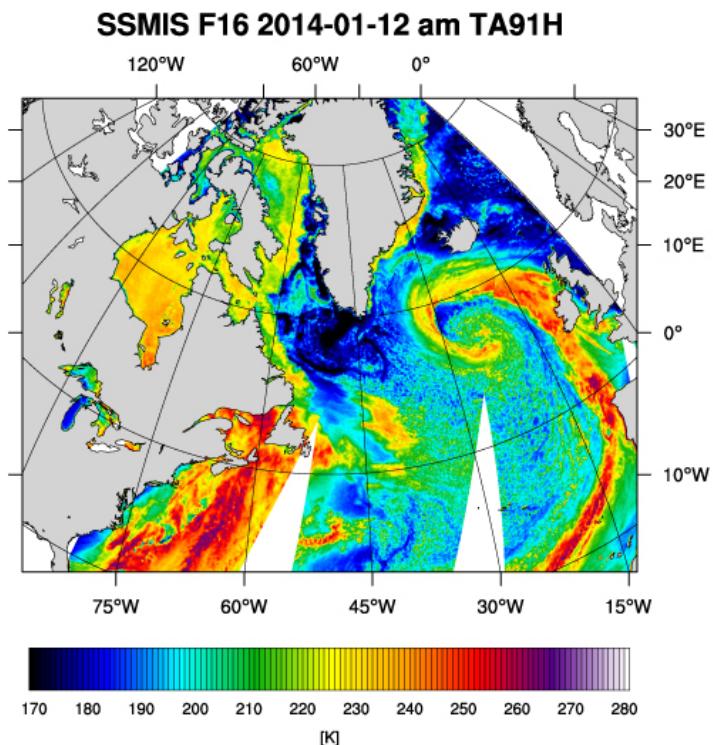
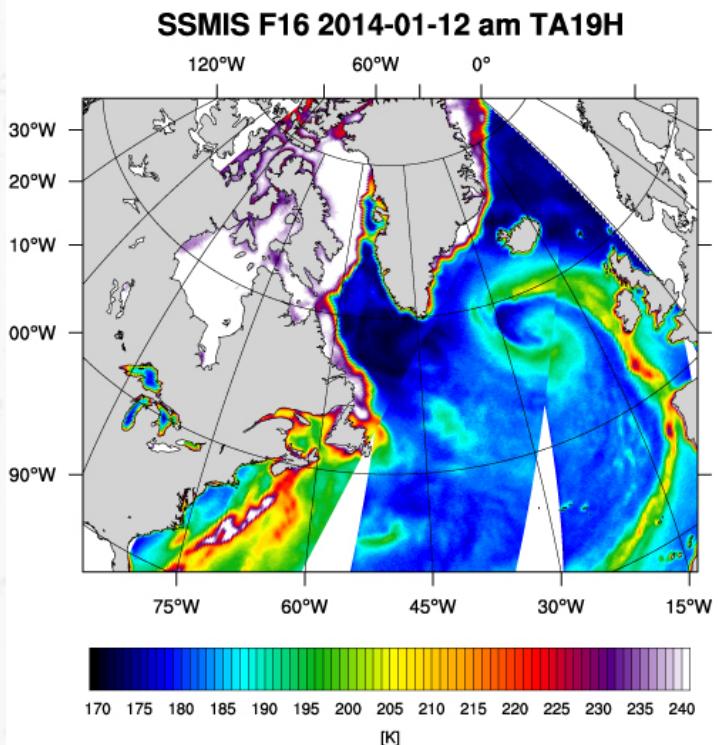
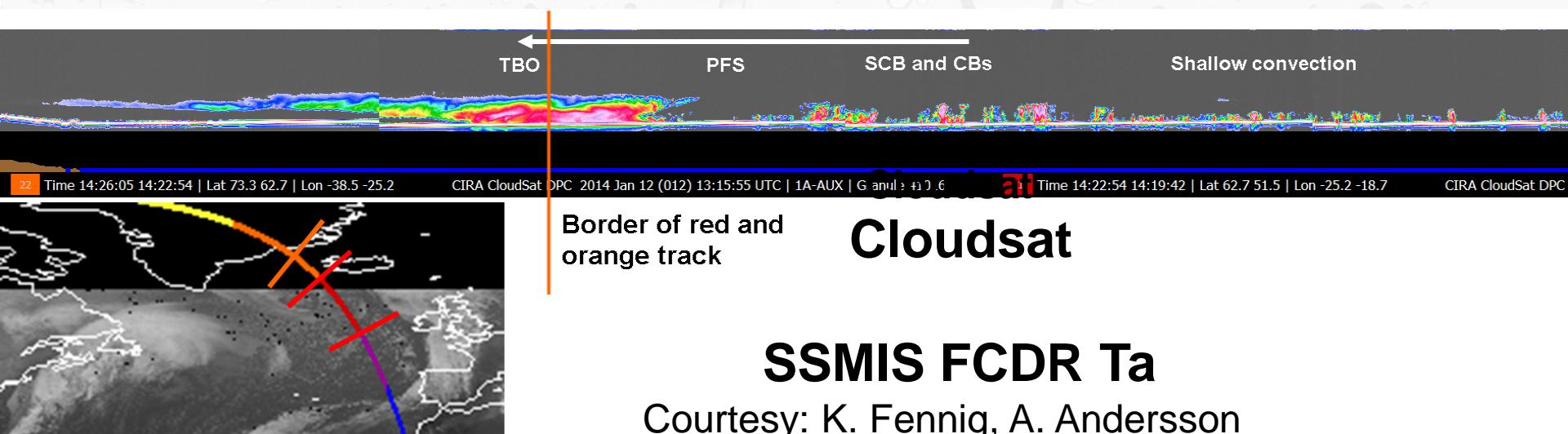
**5 flights of 10h each**  
47 dropsondes  
5 Cloudsat underflights  
16 SSMIS collocations





## Point to Area Scale Dependent Resolution of Convective Precipitation







## Conclusions

- To date the only disdrometer-based systematic oceanic precipitation collection effort
- Automatic measurement system operates long-term with 6 instruments
- ~500.000 precipitation spectra
- Occurrence, intensities, accumulation, phase (rain, snow, mixed)
- Atlantic Ocean from Arctic to Antarctica, ITCZ, subtropics, Pacific Ocean
- Precipitation occurs in about 10 to 14% of the time
- PSD data exhibits differences between rain, snow and mixed-phase
- **OceanRAIN** data applicable for:
  - improving our knowledge on oceanic precipitation
  - validation of satellite, re-analysis and model data → **HOAPS** e.g. through Kollsat
  - calibration of new-era spaceborne precipitation sensors
  - point to area investigations
  - statistics and process studies
  - microphysical differences of land/ocean precip
  - ...
  - HOAPS (J. Burdanowitz)
  - Cloudsat (A. Nather)

**Going truly global: Combination of HOAPS4/GPCC + GRDC + OceanRAIN**



# Thank You!

R/V Polarstern mast in 45 m height on 2 October 2012 in the Arctic



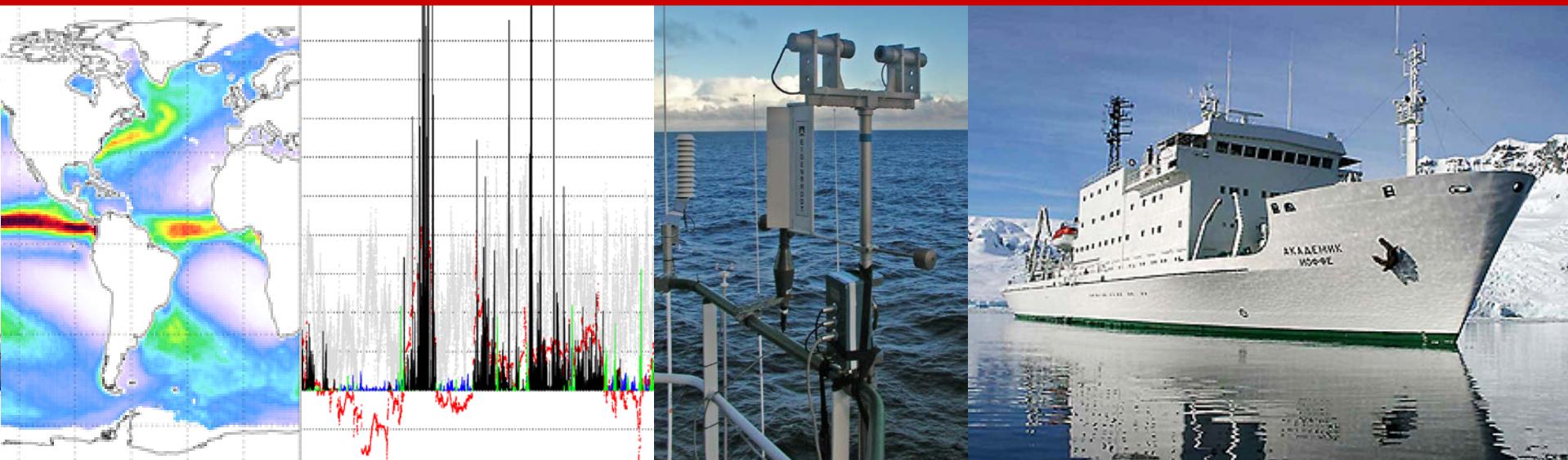
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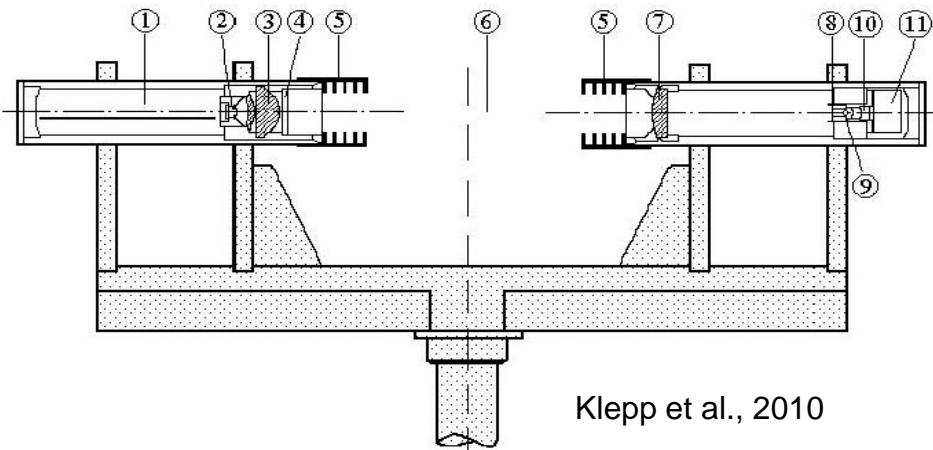


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# Automatic Measurement System: Optical Disdrometer ODM470

Publications since 2001: Großklaus, Ulbrich, Bumke, Clemens, Lempio, Klepp



- sensitive volume volume 120 mm x 22 mm
- photoelectric barrier IR-LED
- reference voltage attenuates with occurrence of hydrometeors
- a size dependant light extinction measures cross-sectional area
- 128 size bins
- measurement interval 1 minute
- allocated bins
- number of particles per bin
- residence time of particles
- relative wind speed

ODM470  
IRSS88  
Cup anemometer  
Embedded PC  
UPS



# Particle size distributions

$n(\text{bin})$  = particle size distribution density (Clemens, 2002)  
by particle counting  $N(\text{bin})$

$$n(\text{bin}) = \frac{N(\text{bin})}{L \cdot D \cdot T \cdot \sqrt{ff^2 + (v_\infty(\text{bin}))^2}}$$
 after Großklaus (1996)

## Rain and snowfall algorithm

$$R = 3600 \cdot \sum_{\text{bin}=0}^{128} n(\text{bin}) \cdot V_\infty(\text{bin}) \cdot M_{\text{tr}}(\text{bin}).$$

Rain:

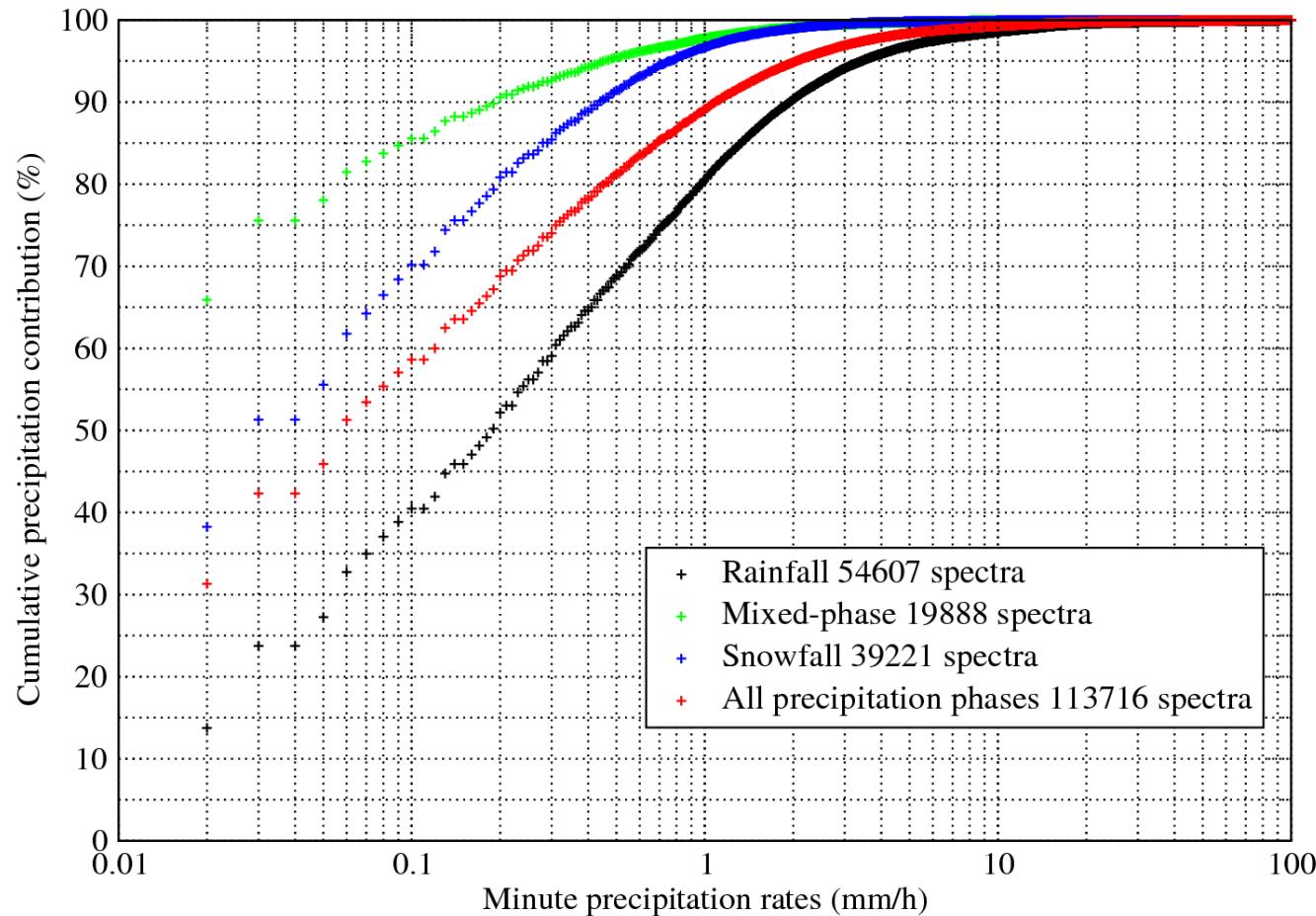
→ Atlas and Ulbrich, 1974

Snow: (liquid water equivalent)

→ Hogan, 1994 with one common parameterization for lump graupel (Lempio, 2007)

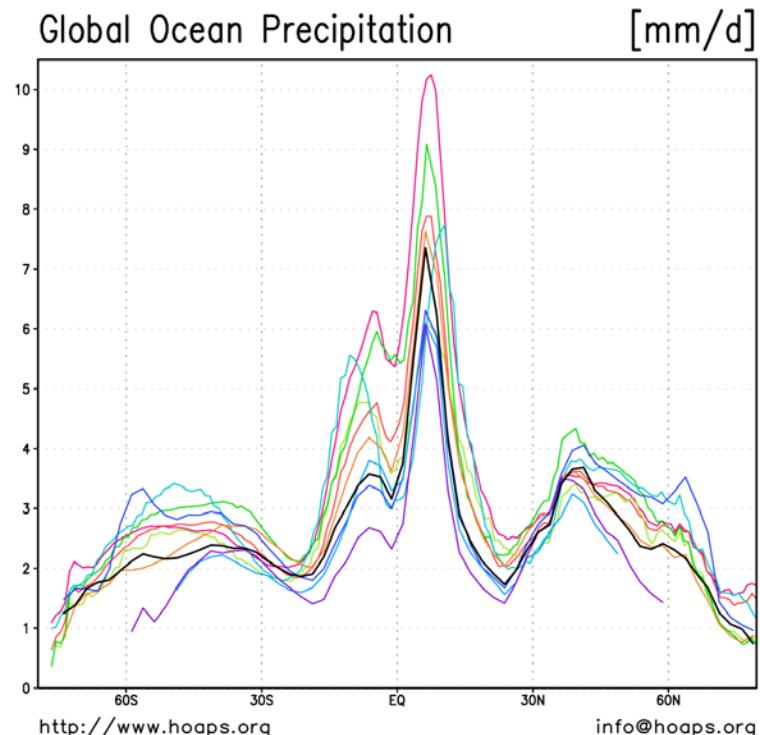
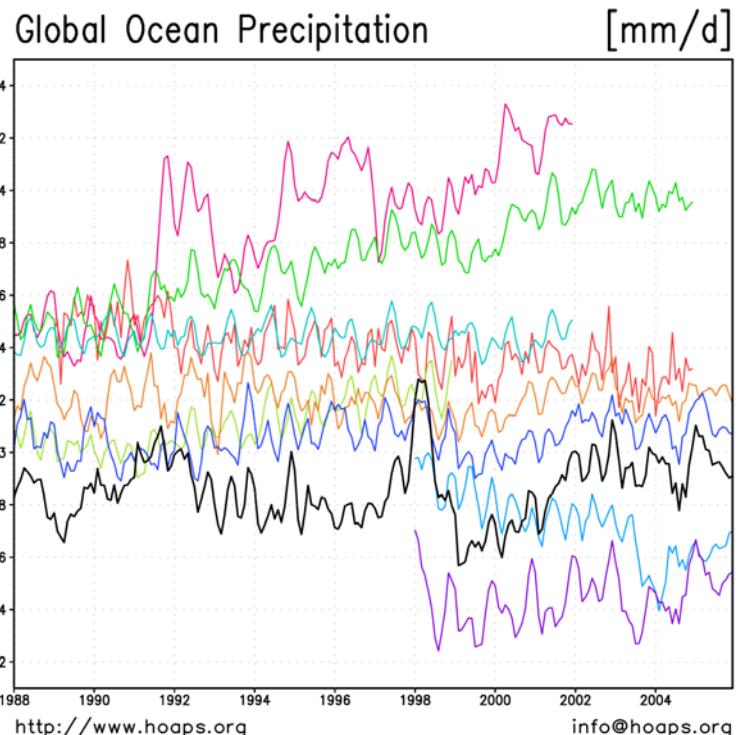
## Precipitation probability density functions

R/V Polarstern ODM470



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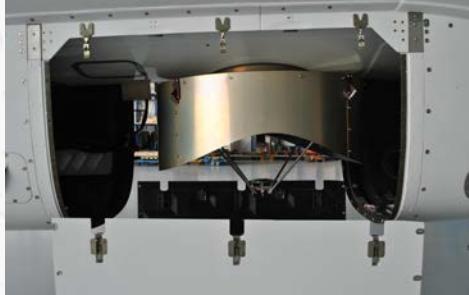


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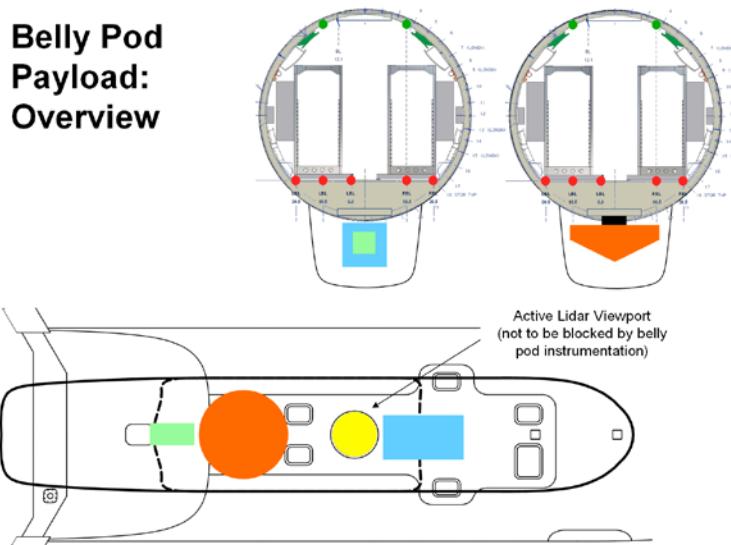
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# HALO HAMP instrumentation



Belly Pod  
Payload:  
Overview



**Collocated HAMP/CLOUDSAT/HOAPS4 data for P2A analysis  
Show example an short overview from flight report**

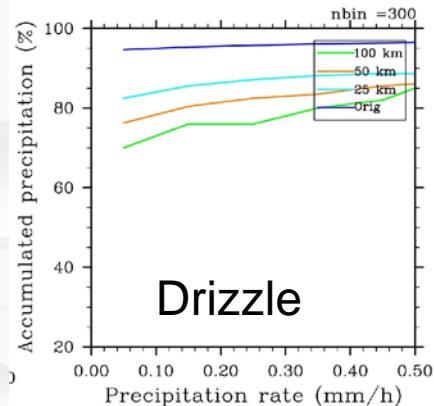
PMW and AMC remote sensing

- Radiometers: 22-32 Ghz, 51-59 GHz, 119 and 183 GHz LWP, Precip, humidity profiles
- 36 GHz Cloud radar Z-R
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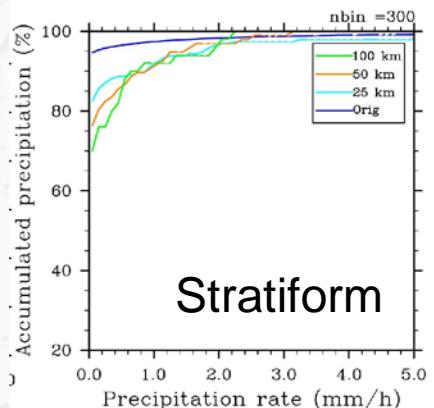
## PDF Accumulated Precipitation (%) vs rain rate (mm/h)

for combined ship data in  
 4 resolutions

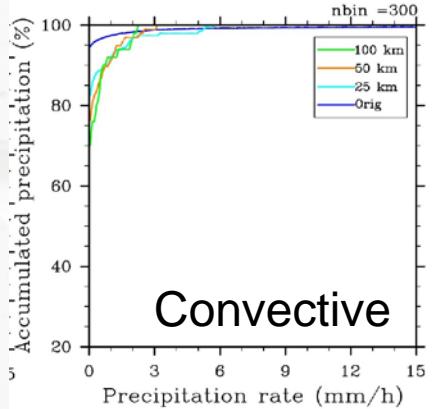
20344 values (0.2 km)  
 194 values (25 km)  
 97 values (50 km)  
 50 values (100 km)



Drizzle



Stratiform



Convective

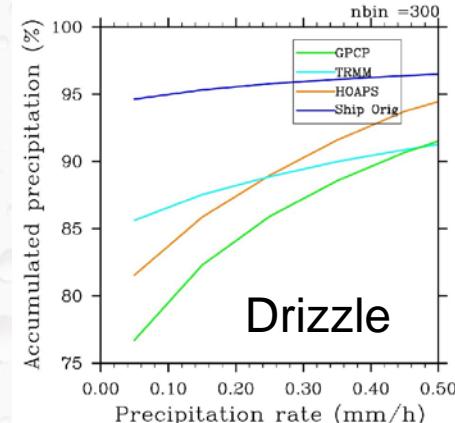
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for ship data and  
 different satellite datasets

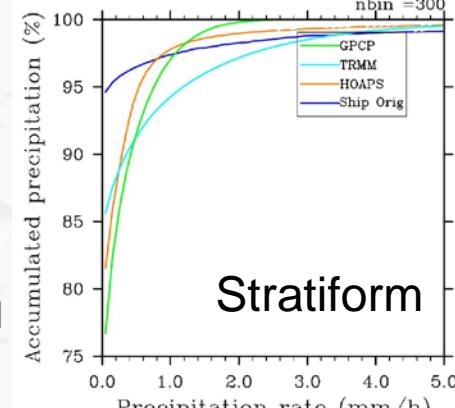
Climatologies 1998-2005

All zero values included  
 Bin width = 0.1 mm/h

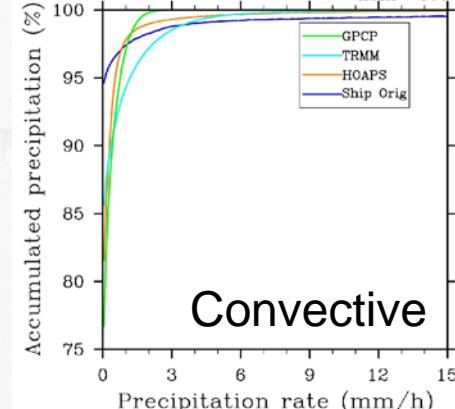
- Line of data in time
  - “100 ships in parallel”
  - Representativeness of 3 transects
  - More data available
- Instantaneously sampled area
  - Point to Area Problem
  - Spatial differences
  - Different thresholds
  - Retrieval peculiarities



Drizzle



Stratiform



Convective



# Outlook

Validation for satellite based // re-analysis data sets ... (statistical vs case study)

Retrieval constraints... mainly through statistical PSD

SV for GPM-GV, Mehgatropique, Cloudsat, SSMIS ...

From PSD number concentrations to reflectivity...

Point to area statistics...(HALO)

New publications: IPWG special issue in J. Atm. Res.

Flux News Newsletter article ([sail.msk.ru/newsletter.php](http://sail.msk.ru/newsletter.php))

Validation of Virga-Precipitation → Jörg precip phase, HOAPS uncertainties →  
Andree Cloudsat

ITCZ work

Regionalization

HOAPS4 process studies

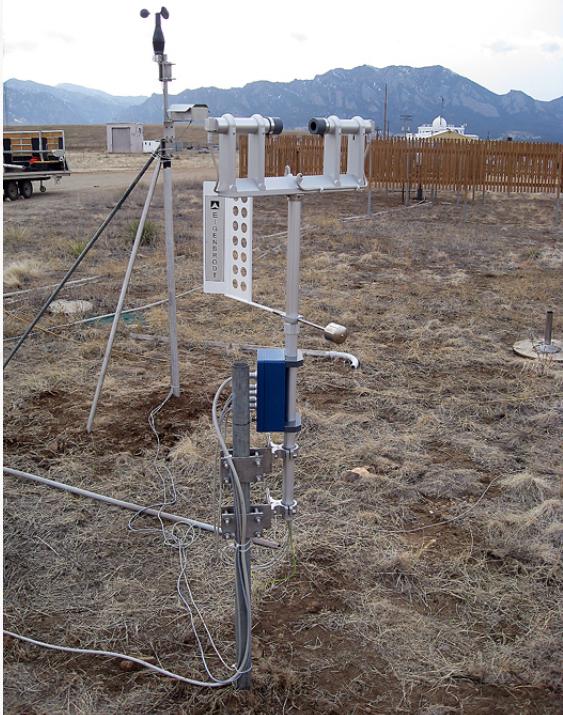
Satellite data set evaluations



## **WMO SOLID PRECIPITATION INTERCOMPARISON EXPERIMENT S P I C E**

Marshall Test Site, Boulder

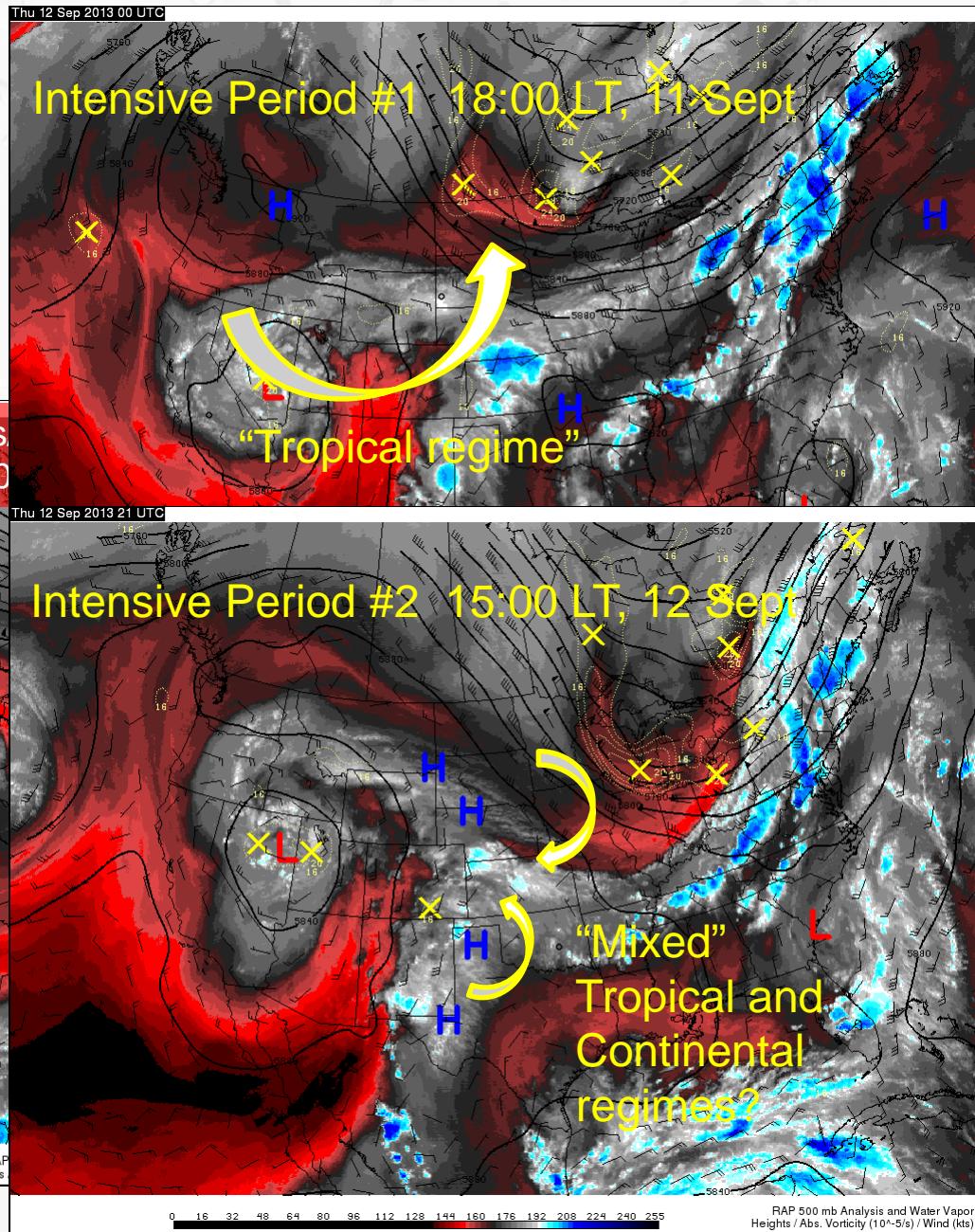
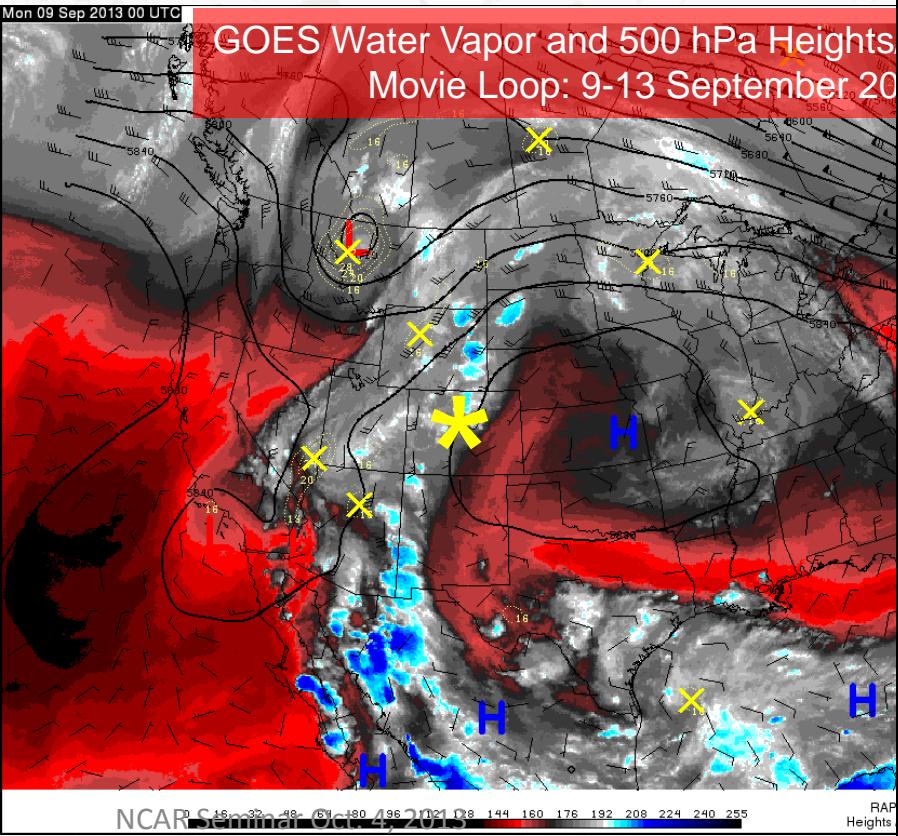
ODM470 vs OTT Parsivel, Video-disdrometer, MRR, Geonor, FDIR gauges ...



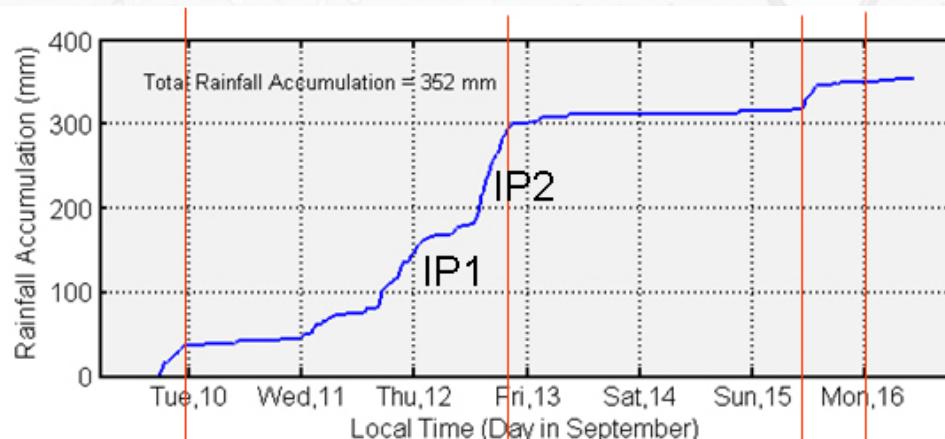
... international intercomparison project ... involve the participation of numerous observing sites (14), and continuous and frequent observations of precipitation, snow depth and ancillary variables over a long period of time, sampled by a number of instruments of different makes supplied by different providers.

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courtesy of NCAR, Dr. P. Kucera



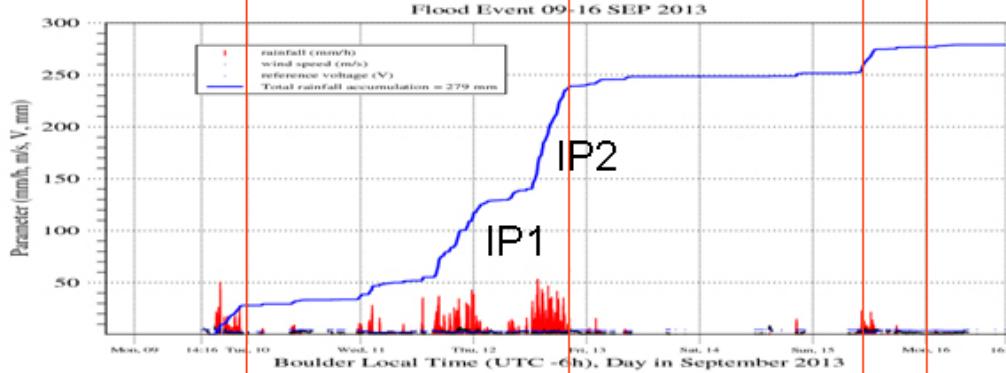
### Parsivel



Total 352 mm  
 123.5% of reference  
 +23.5% to reference

Local time

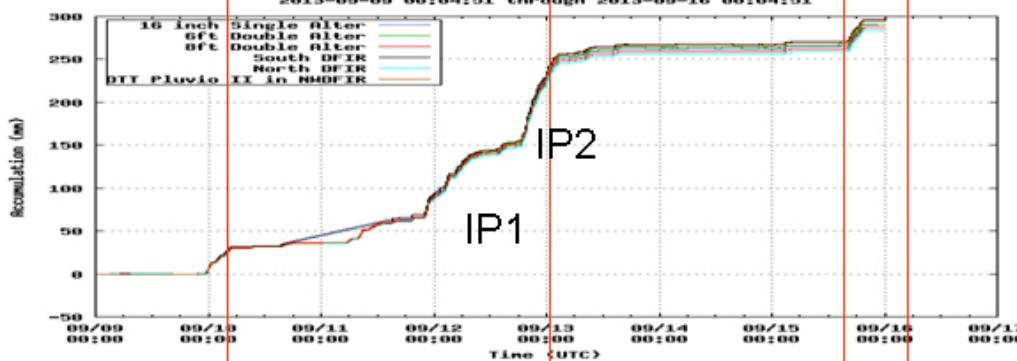
### ODM470



Total 279 mm  
 97.9% of reference  
 -2.1% to reference

Local time

### Weighing Gauges

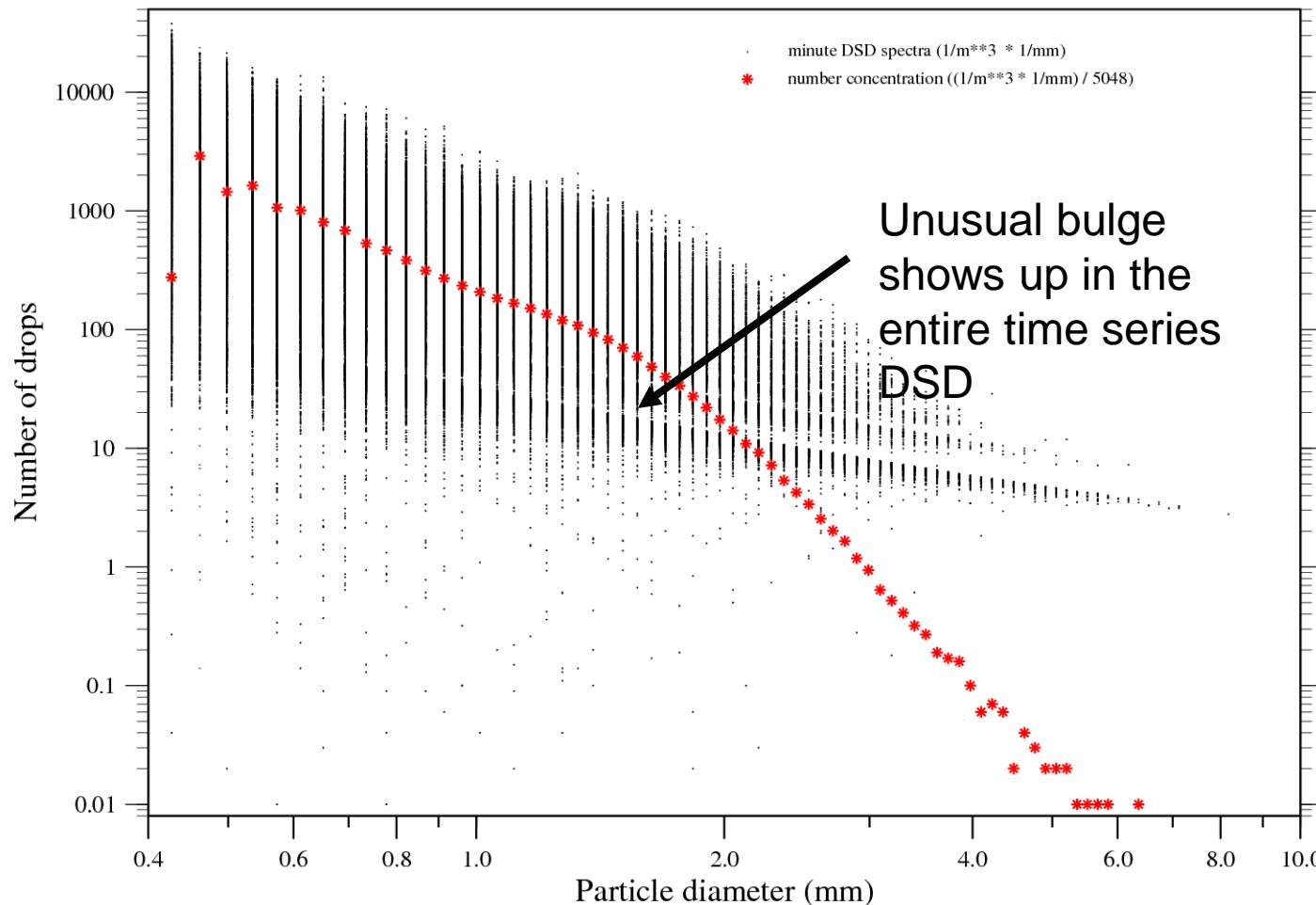


Total ~285 mm  
 REFERENCE

UTC time

## SPICE ODM470 Boulder Flood DSD

5048 minute spectra, 1.65039E+06 rain drops, 09 to 16 SEP 2013

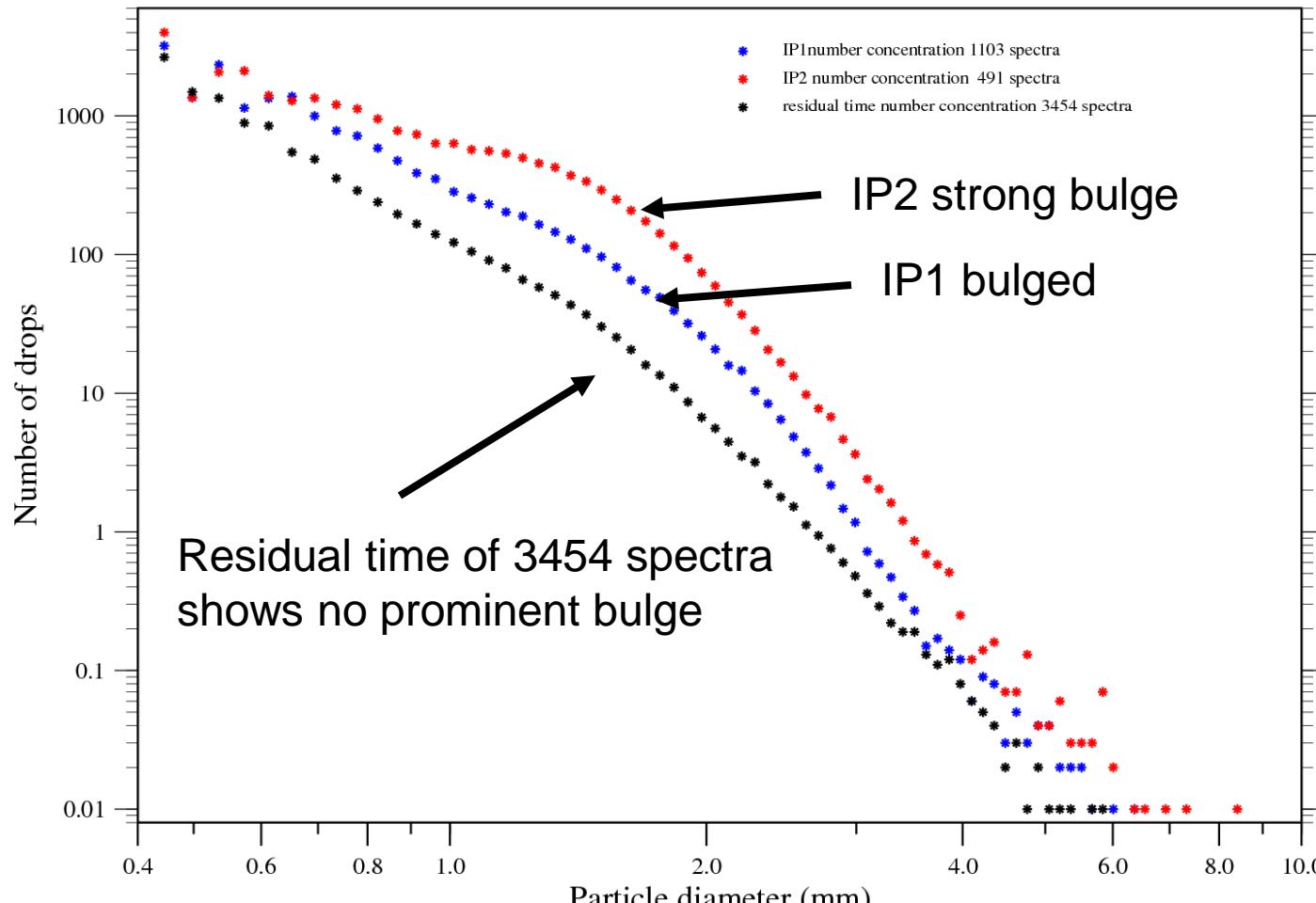


Black: individual 5048 minute spectra range

Red: number concentration ( $1/m^{**3} * 1/mm$ ) / 5048

**SPICE ODM470 Boulder Flood DSD**  
 5048 minute spectra, 1.65039E+06 rain drops, 09 to 16 SEP 2013

Kucera and Klepp,  
 in preparation



- IP1 increased drop number of 1 to 3 mm diameter
- IP2 increase in drops between 1 and 2 mm diameter; overall larger drop numbers
- coincides with observations