Don't Forget the Soda Straw

What ARM Cloud Radar & Profilers Can Still Inform About Precipitation

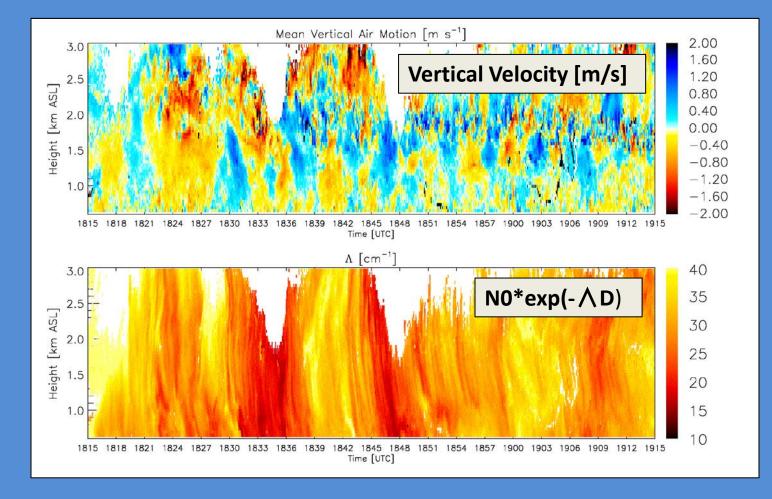
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Vertical Velocity and DSD Insight in Stratiform Rain

An example of how exploiting Doppler Spectra may benefit precipitation studies

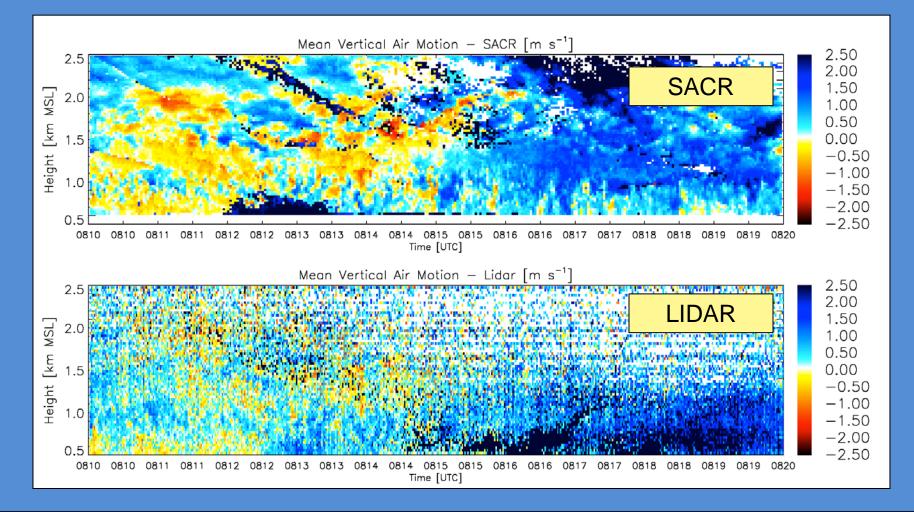


Much can be extracted from spectra, even in unexpected placed

Lhermitte 1987; Giangrande et al. (2010) JTECH (AMS); Giangrande et al. (2012) JAMC (AMS)

Vertical Velocity, Doppler Lidar and WACR

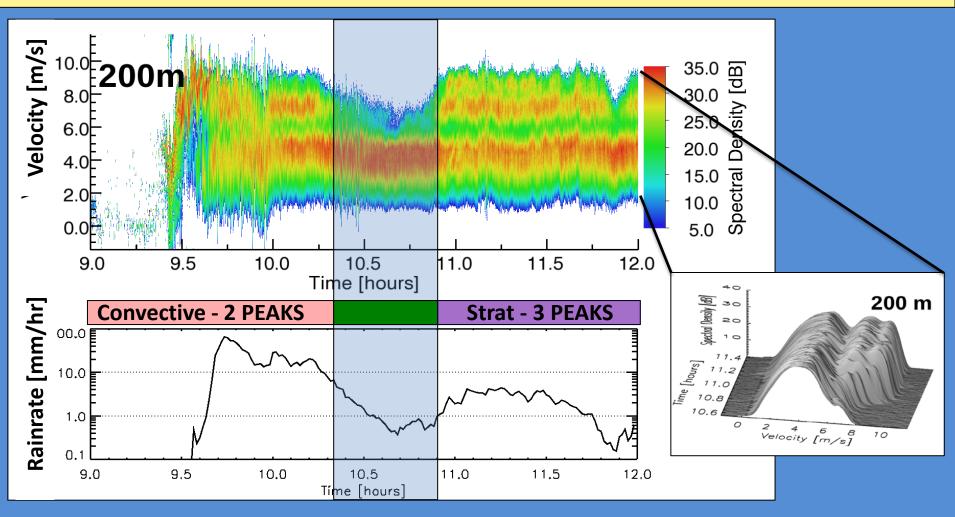
Situational Opportunities for Precipitation Insights and Quality Control



High quality velocity implies \rightarrow High quality DSD retrievals

Niamey: Convective to Stratiform

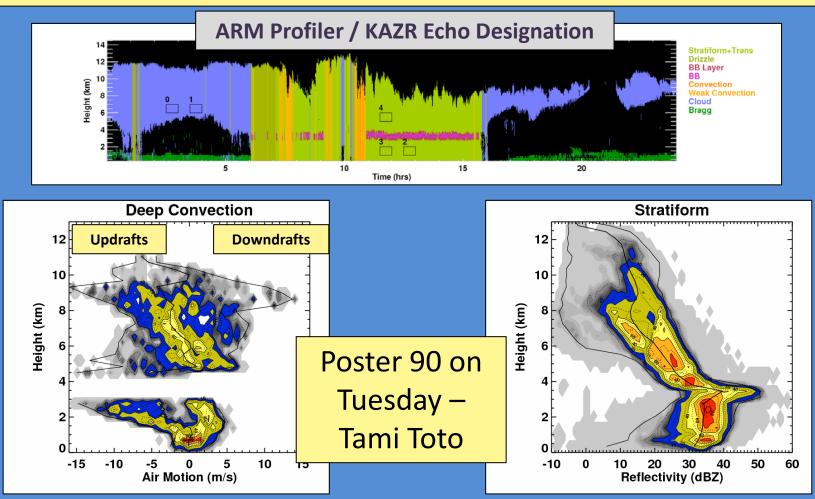
WACR Doppler spectral observations relate storm dynamics and microphysics



Unique Observations From Various AMF Campaigns

Vertical Velocity within Deep Convection

What can be achieved with the merging of ARM 915 MHz Profilers, KAZR and Spectral Processing



Joint Retrievals of Type, Microphysics and Velocity

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Triple Wavelength Radar Retrievals: DSD Profile at SGP

Frederic Tridon et al.

- Simultaneous observations of rain at three wavelength
 - WSACR pointing vertically
 - KAZR or KASACR
 - Reconfigured UHF RWP in precipitation mode
- Rain drops contribute to the dual wavelength ratios (DWR) via:
 - Non-Rayleigh effects
 - Attenuation in Rain
- Retrieval of gamma Drop Size Distribution (DSD) in two steps:
 - Retrieval of non-Rayleigh effects from differential velocities and differential spectrum widths
 - Retrieval of the N₀* from reflectivity profiles

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