# Don't Forget the Soda Straw

What ARM Cloud Radar & Profilers Can Still Inform About Precipitation

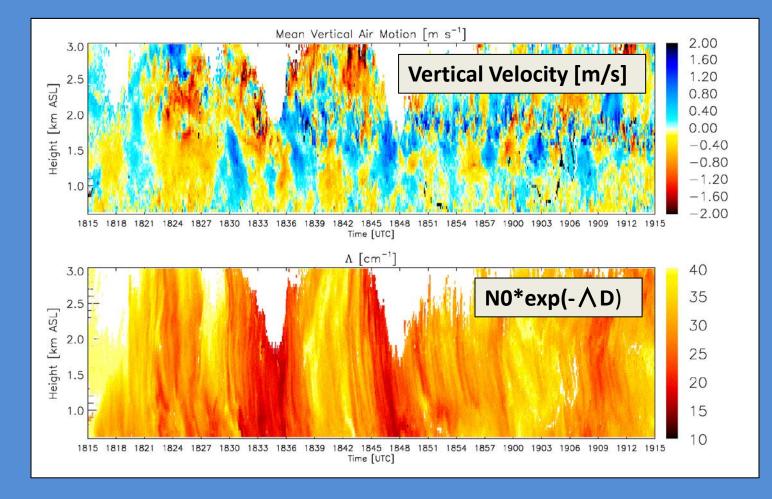
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#### Vertical Velocity and DSD Insight in Stratiform Rain

An example of how exploiting Doppler Spectra may benefit precipitation studies

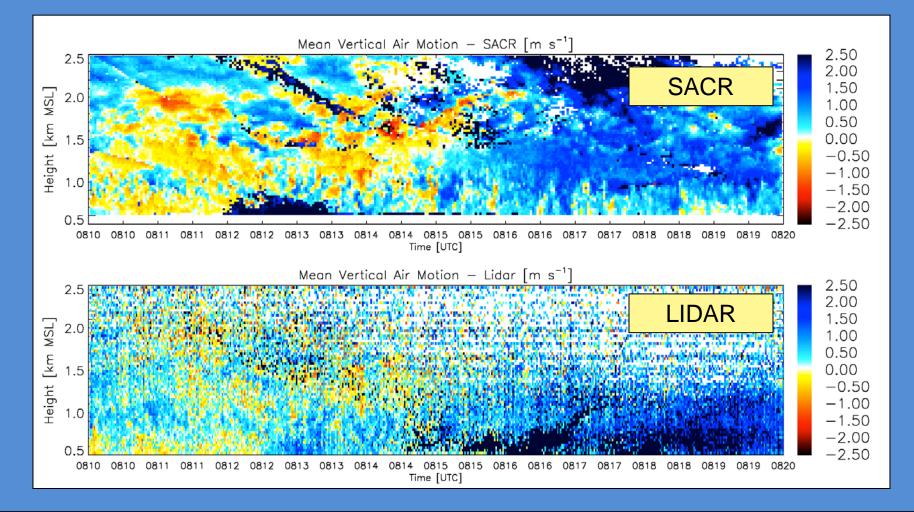


#### Much can be extracted from spectra, even in unexpected placed

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

## Vertical Velocity, Doppler Lidar and WACR

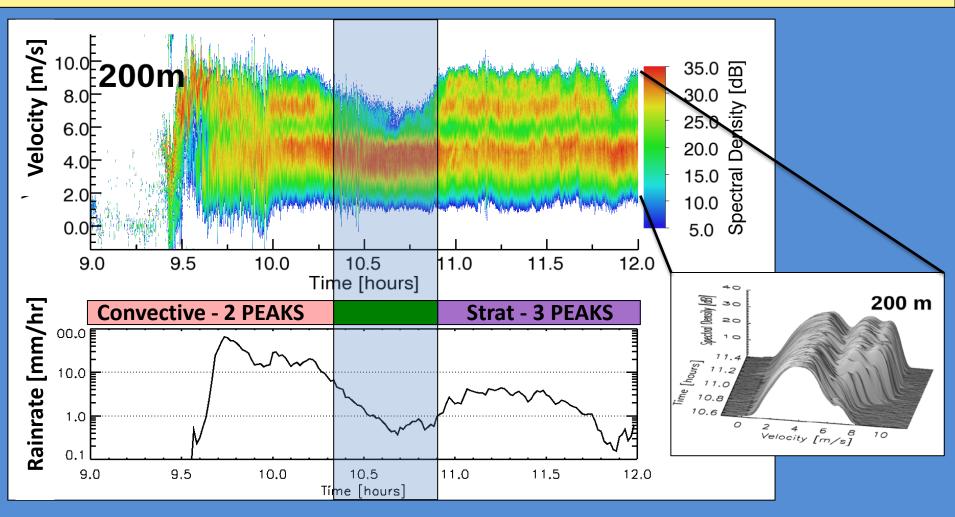
Situational Opportunities for Precipitation Insights and Quality Control



#### High quality velocity implies $\rightarrow$ High quality DSD retrievals

## Niamey: Convective to Stratiform

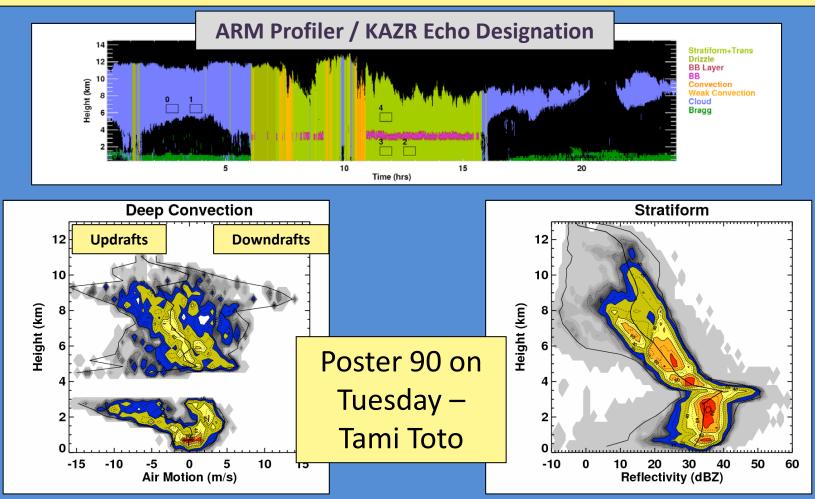
WACR Doppler spectral observations relate storm dynamics and microphysics



**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 N<sub>0</sub>\* from reflectivity profiles

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