



# **ARM Translator Products for WBLP**

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# Science Product Development Led by a Team of Scientists



## ARM Translator Group

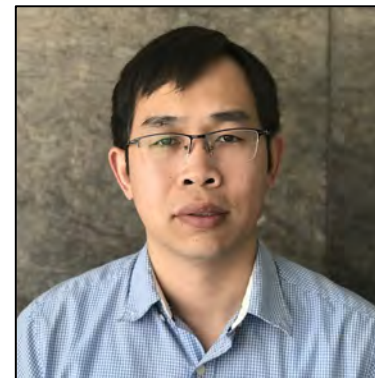
Translators are liaisons between the scientific community and ARM infrastructure staff members, and develop Value-Added Products, or VAPs, from the direct output of ARM instruments or other VAPs.



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- **Translators actively engage with the climate community to promote:**
  - i. Improved accessibility
  - ii. Improved documentation and uncertainty estimates for ARM datasets
  - iii. New support for data visualization and analyses
  - iv. New modeling diagnostics or forward-instrument operator tools
  - v. New model-observational hybrid activities
- **Translators prioritize efforts based on input from the communities including the ARM UEC, AMSG, CPMSG, Triennial Review, ASR WGs, ARM field campaign ST.**
  - Provide more timely AMF VAP production and formalizing of AMF VAP request processes in conjunction with ARM infrastructure leads and active AMF campaign Pis
  - Support for new instrumentation and capabilities (e.g., AOS, scanning radar and lidar)
  - Data quality and uncertainty
  - Improvements to product communication and accessibility

# Core ARM Translator VAPs for AMFs



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The list includes aerosol & cloud properties, PBLH, Surface Fluxes, as well as the large-scale conditions.

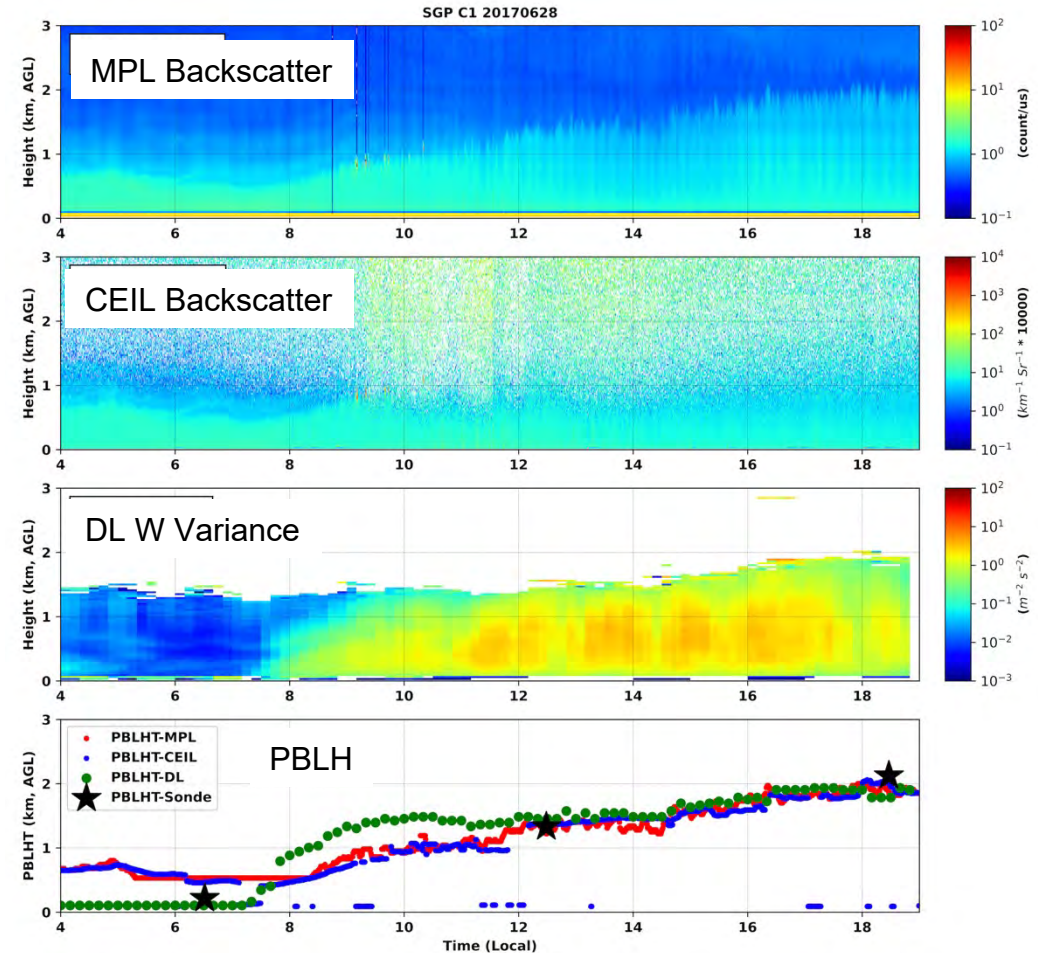
The list could be revised according to feedback from the communities

ARM VAP	Translator / Contact	Expected Timetable
AOP/AOD	Shilling	1 week of data collection for AOP, ~1 year for AOD
AERloe	Zhang	6 months of end of campaign
ARMBE	Xie	<1 month when required VAPs available
AERINF	Zhang	1 week of data collection
ARSCL	Giangrande	< 1 month of data collection
INTERPSONDE	Giangrande	< 1 month of data collection
MWRRET	Zhang	1 week of data collection
MICROBASE_PLUS	Giangrande	Upon availability of MWRRET
PBL Height	Zhang	1 week of data collection
MPLCLDMASK	Zhang	1 week of data collection
DLPROF	Zhang	1 week of data collection
QCRAD / RADFLUX	Zhang	1 week of data collection
QCECOR	Xie	1 month of end of campaign
SPHOT COD	Giangrande	6 months of end of campaign
LDQUANTS/VDISQUANTS	Giangrande	<1 week of data collection
SACRGRID	Giangrande	<2 months of data collection
VARANAL	Xie	3-6 months of end of campaign

# Data Product Highlight: PBLHT from Lidar Measurements



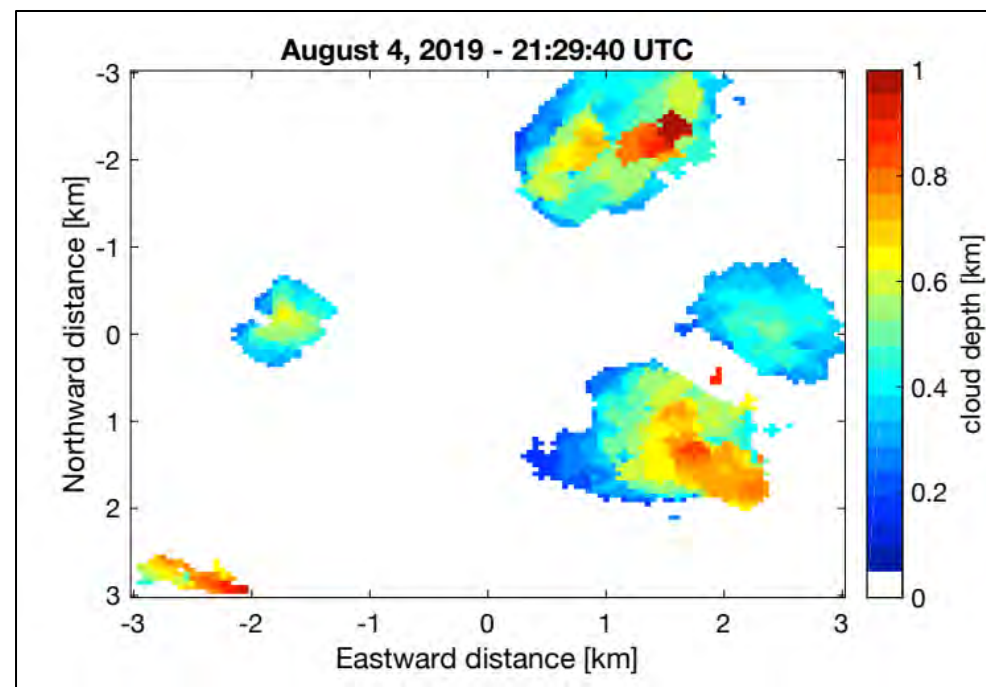
VAPs	ARM sites
PBLHT-Sonde	SGP(2001-2021), ENA(2013-2021), NSA(2002-2021), AMF field campaigns
PBLHT-MPL	SGP (2014-2021), CACTI
PBLHT-CEIL	SGP (2012-2021), ENA (2013-2021), NSA (2013-2021), AMF field campaigns
PBLHT-DL	SGP (2010-2021)
PBLHT-RL	Under development



# Clouds Optically Gridded by Stereo (COGS) VAP

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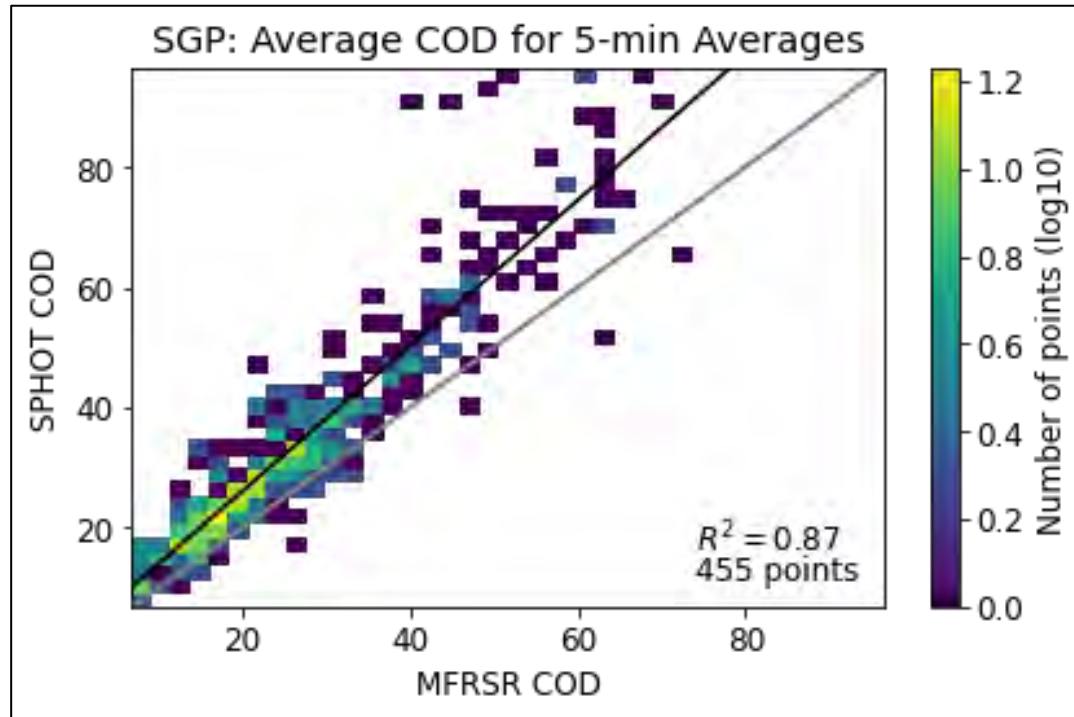
- COGS is generated from a ring of six stereo cameras at the SGP site.
- Available in the ARM archive as an evaluation product. The VAP is best-suited for shallow cumulus clouds.
- It provides a 4D map of cloudiness, which can be used to calculate cloud-base height, vertically projected cloud fraction estimates, cloud-top speeds, etc.
- The 4D map of cloudiness has:
  - 50 m resolution in space,
  - 20 sec resolution in time, and
  - Samples  $(6 \text{ km})^3$  volume.



**Stereo data also available for  
CACTI and TRACER**

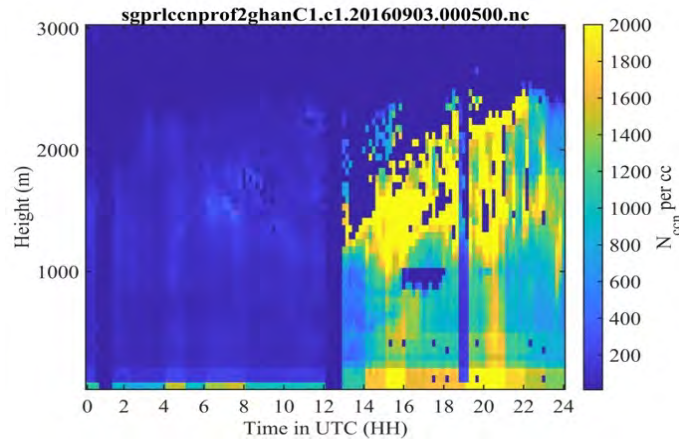
# ARM Cimel Sunphotometer Cloud Mode VAP Product

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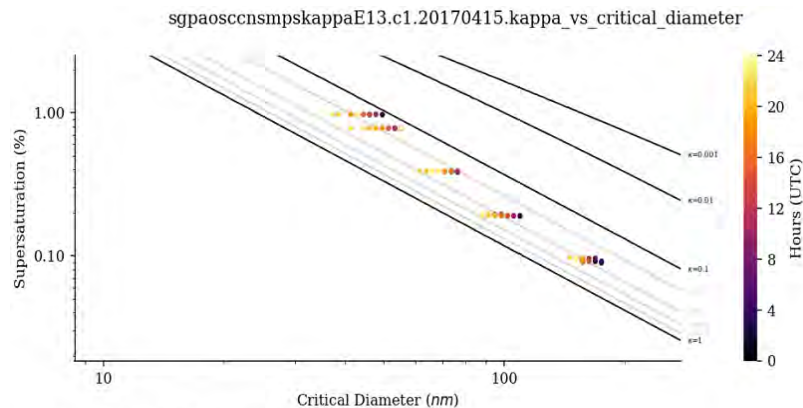


- Microphysical Cloud Properties from ARM Cimel Sunphotometer
- New Cloud Optical Depth (COD), Cloud droplet effective radius (EFF), and Liquid Water Path (LWP) retrievals.
- Uncertainty quantification, and long-term ARM evaluation.
- Initial dataset release covering ARM SGP site can be downloaded now. Adding ENA, COMBLE, LASIC, and other sites soon.

# Data Product Highlight: Aerosol VAPs



Vertical CCN profiles at 0.4% supersaturation



Kappa constant lines are drawn from analytical expression number 10 from Petters and Kreidenweis (2007).

**CCNPROF:** estimates the vertical distribution of CCN as a function of supersaturation.

- ▶ Currently working on 2016 SGP data and comparing to in-situ G-I measurements from HI-SCALE.
- ▶ Starting to derive  $f(\text{RH})$  for ENA.

**CCN kappa VAP:** uses CCNC and SMPS measurements to parameterize hygroscopicity with the kappa parameter.

- ▶ Kappa data for April 2017 – February 2021 at SGP are newly available.
- ▶ Will extend to other sites/deployments (ANX, ASI, COR, MOS) in coming FY.

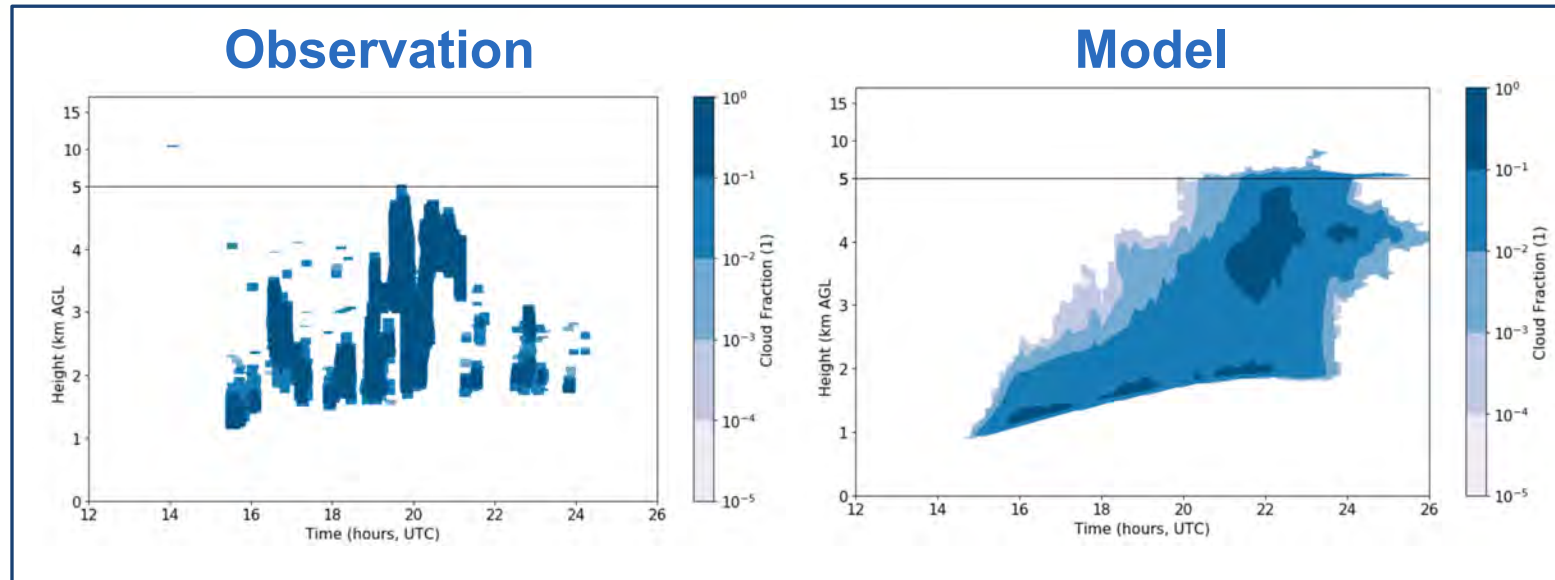


# LASSO-O Bundles

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- The initial Large-Eddy Simulation (LES) ARM Symbiotic Simulation and Observation (LASSO) projects enables users to compare models with ARM observations collected at the SGP site during shallow cumulus events.
- Bundles consist of LES outputs for each event (95 shallow cumulus events observed from 2015-2019 over the SGP site), and the items needed to reproduce the LES results.
- Observations from those shallow cumulus events, and skill scores / diagnostic details identifying how the LES behaved.

# Large-scale Forcing (VARANAL)

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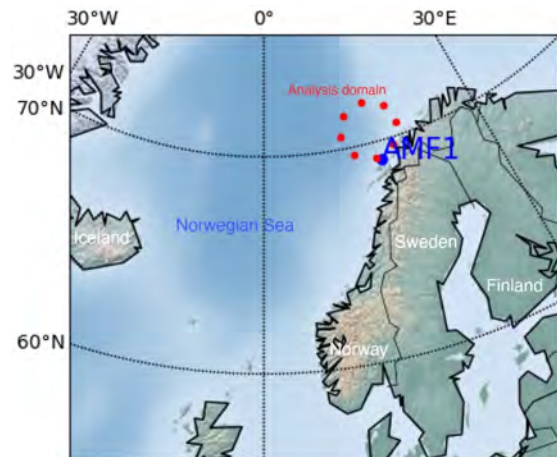


## COMBLE

**Objective:** To quantify the properties of boundary layer convection and air-mass transformations in cold-air outbreaks (CAO) over open water in the Arctic.

### VARANAL settings for COMBLE:

- Location: centered at 14.9°E, 70.6°N
- Time: Dec. 2019 – May 2020
- Domain size: 150 km in radius
- Resolution: hourly, 25 mb



\*The variational analysis domain is enclosed by the red circle. The AMF1 is located at the edge of the domain.

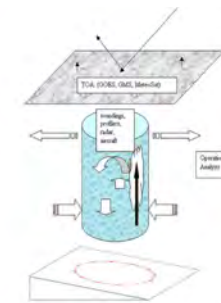
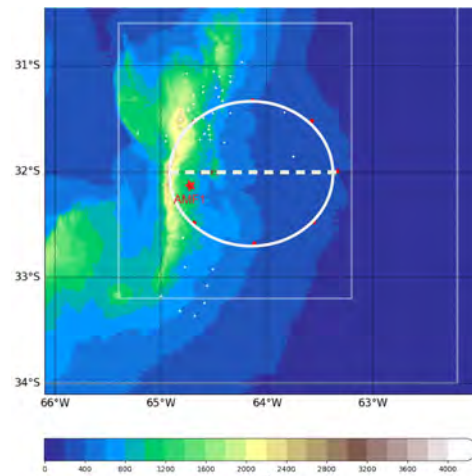
Available in the ARM Archive.

## CACTI

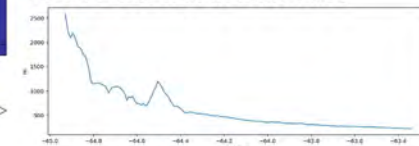
**Objective:** To improve understanding of cloud life cycle and organization in relation to environments.

### VARANAL settings for CACTI:

- Location: centered at 64.1°W, 32°S
- Time: Oct. 2018 – Apr. 2019
- Domain size: 75 km in radius
- Resolution: hourly, 25 mb



Cross Section of the dash line



\*The VARANAL for CACTI is derived in both pressure and sigma coordinate.

Data completed.

Will be available in the ARM Archive soon.

# Questions?

Let's know your data needs and we are here to support!

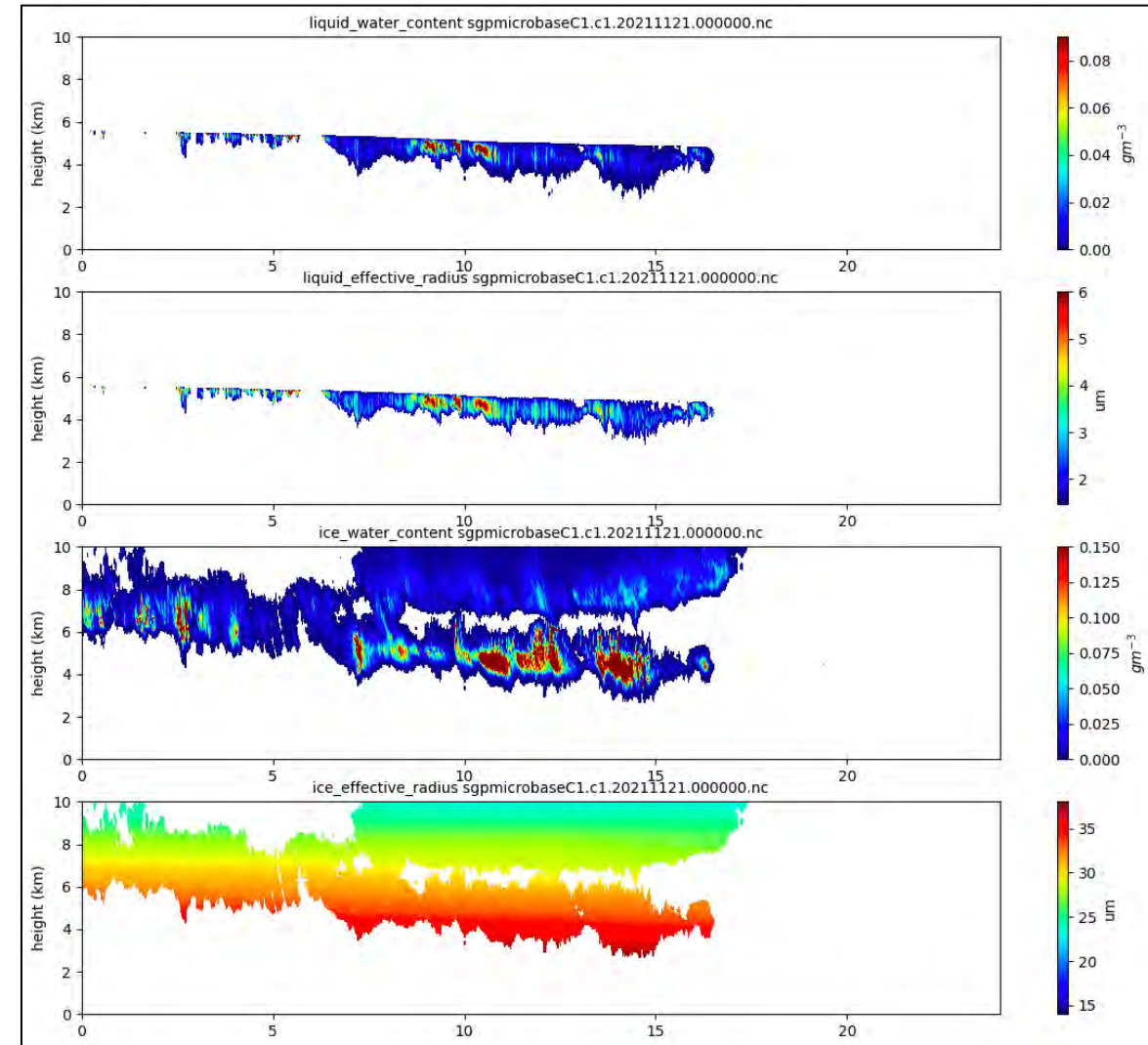
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# Continuous Baseline Microphysical Retrieval (MICROBASE) VAP

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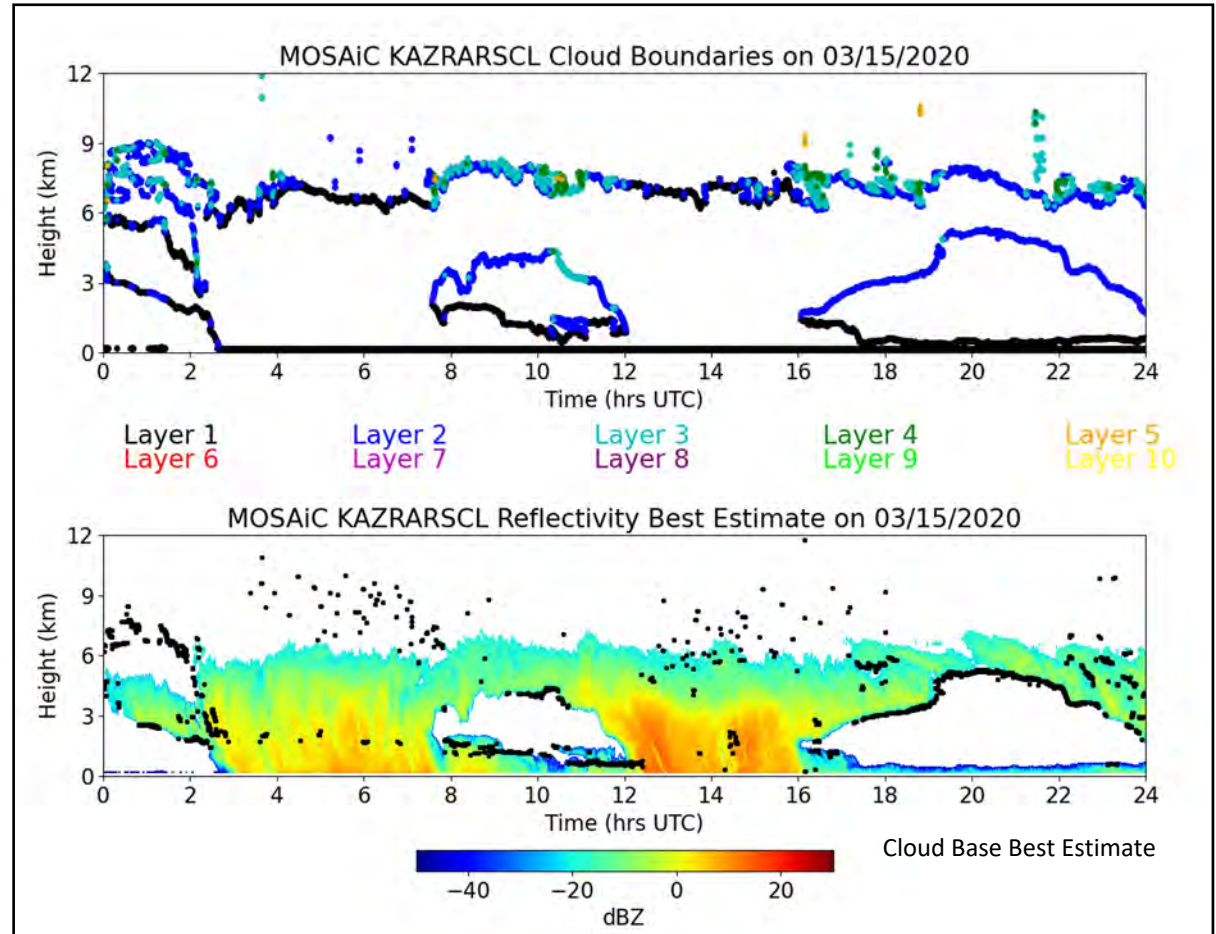
- MICROBASE is available again at SGP, ENA, PVC, ASI, GAN, and other ARM sites in the ARM Archive.
- This VAP provides “baseline” retrievals for:
  - Liquid Water Content (LWC),
  - Ice Water Content (IWC),
  - Effective Size ( $D_e$ ).
- The updated VAP includes additional uncertainty quantification, with additional validation/closure efforts planned for FY23.



# Active Remote Sensing of Clouds (ARSCL) VAP

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- ARSCL is available now at the ARM Archive for multiple fixed sites and AMF campaigns. These include the recent TRACER, SAIL, and MOSAiC.
- The VAP applies a cloud mask, gaseous attenuation correction, and mean Doppler velocity corrections.
- The VAP is available first in uncalibrated '.c0' and calibrated '.c1' versions, however both are useful for cloud boundaries, layers and other properties.
- Data are available within 1-month of data collection for all current collection, and available for the entire KAZR record.



- LDQUANTS/VDISQUANTS data is available now at the ARM Archive (Baseline product).
- The VAP estimates rainfall rates and several geophysical quantities, parameterized DSD fits (gamma or exponential assumption type methods) following ARM long-term efforts.
- Radar-equivalent quantities, including dual-polarization radar quantities (e.g., Reflectivity Factor Z, Differential Reflectivity ZDR) are also calculated.
- Available daily at all fixed ARM sites under rainy conditions, as well as AMFs such as TRACER, CACTI, GoAmazon, and SAIL.

