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# W-band radar research update

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# RADONVAR : Radar only variational algorithm including attenuation correction

# A NEW METHOD FOR RETRIEVING ICE CLOUD PROPERTIES



Start with a first guess (X), simulate observations (Y=F(X)) and iterate until the difference between forward modelled observations and measurements is small enough

Account for radar attenuation, Doppler measurements constrain the retrieval as these measurements are not sensitive to attenuation

Z => concentration and diameter

Vz => diameter

#### Inputs

• Z, Vz and T

#### <u>Outputs</u>

- IWC, W
  - ▶ W => Vt => Dm
  - $N_0^*$ ,  $N_t$ , re, extinction



















# The forward models, a priori and jacobian

#### Forward models

- InZ=f(Iniwc,T)+att(Iniwc,T)
- Vz=g(lniwc,T)+w

# <u>A priori</u>

- IWC:
  - IWC-Z-T for a priori and first guess to speed up the process
- W:
  - ▶ w=0 +- 10 m/s





# Radonvar evaluation

- Microphysical model based on IKP-insitu data collected during DARWIN campaign
- Evaluation using IKP data from DARWIN and CAYENNE





# Radonvar evaluation at ac altitude



# Radonvar evaluation at ac altitude



# IWC distribution, radonvar (att) vs IWC-Z-T





# IWC distribution, radonvar (att) vs IWC-Z-T



# Dm and W evaluation





- Check w retrieval near melting layer / improve retrievals near the melting
- Check Z (no att) at different altitudes
- Validation off ac altitude using Cayenne measurements (IKP and Z from Convair)
- X-band reflectivity simulations



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