



peakTree: A framework for structure-preserving radar Doppler spectra analysis

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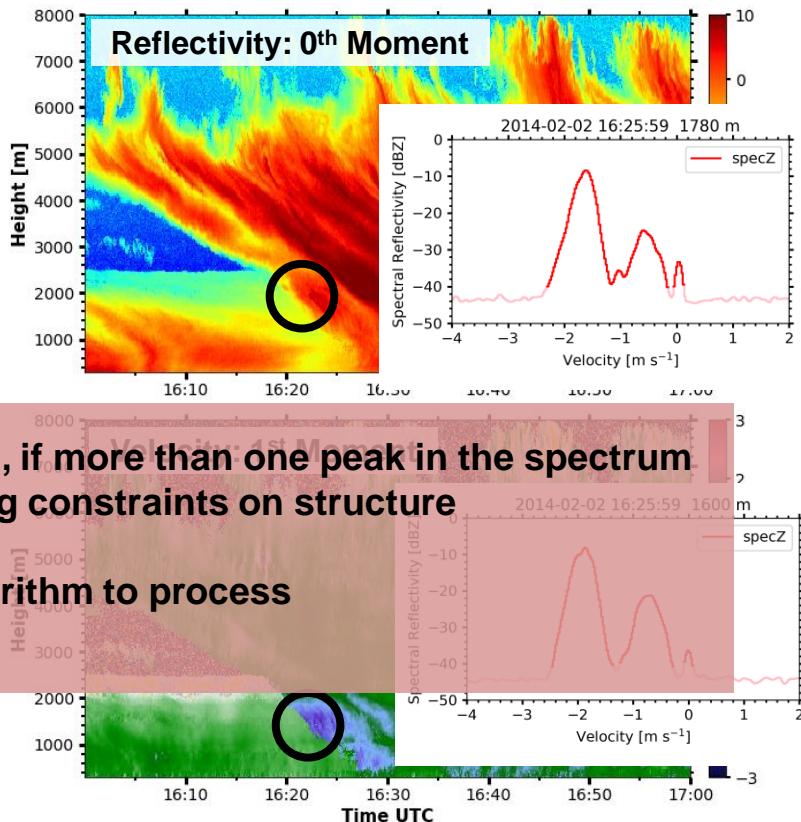
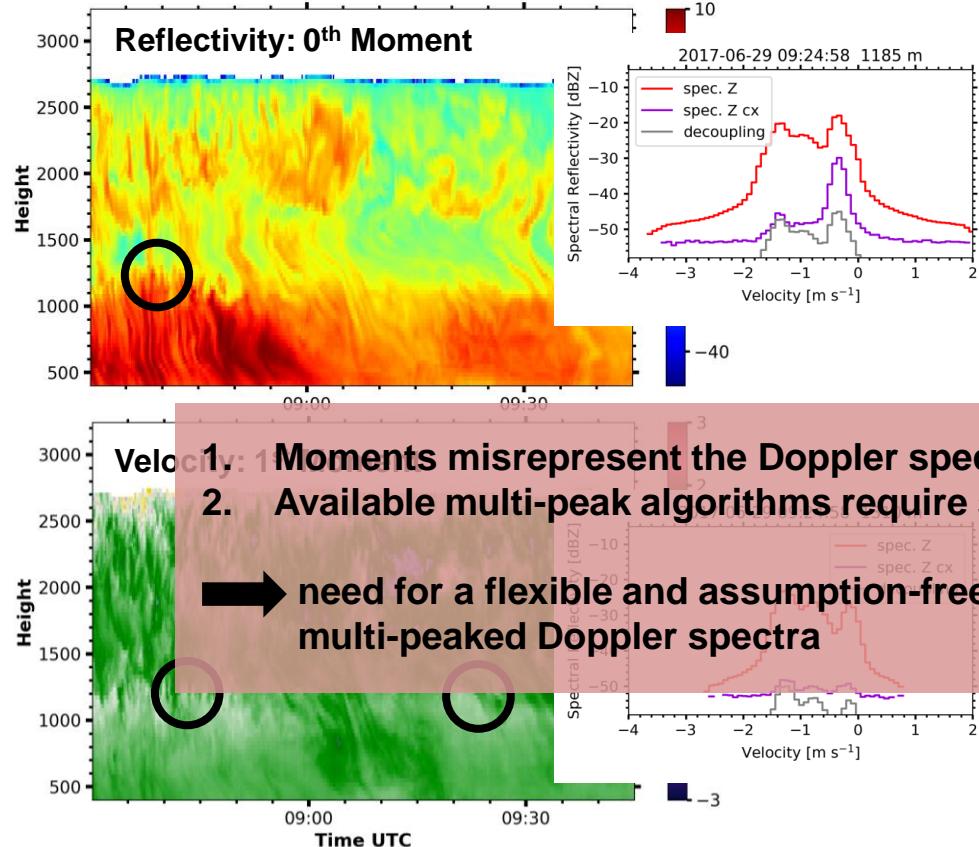
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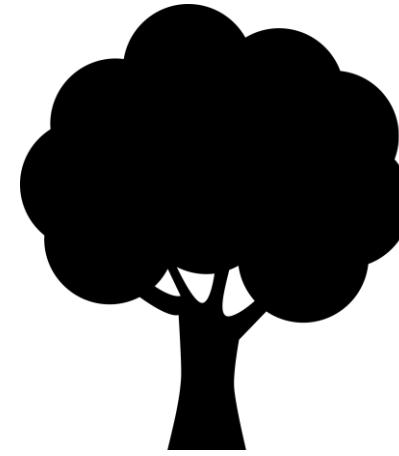
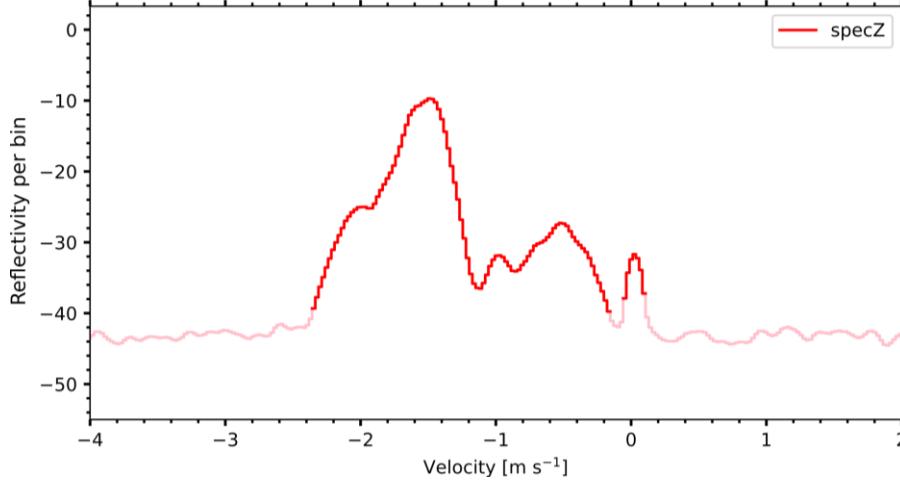
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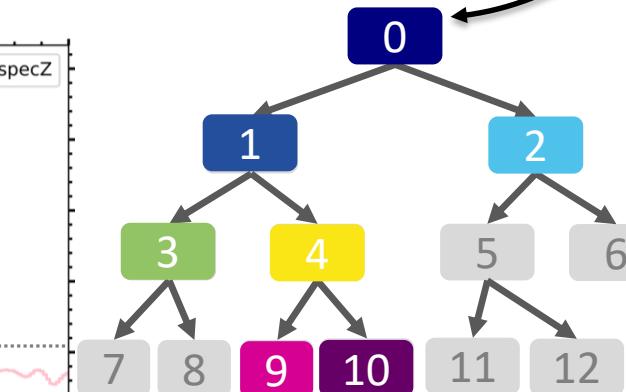
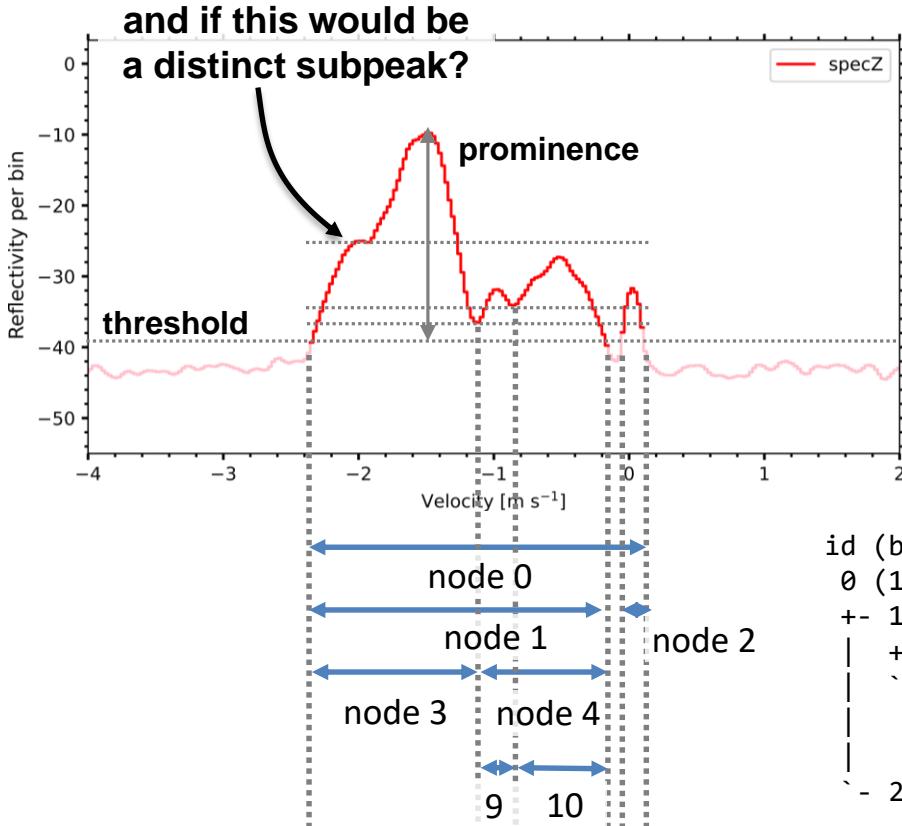
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Represent (sub-)peaks as nodes in a binary tree



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node 0 is equal to 'traditional' moments

$$i_{\text{left child}} = 2i_{\text{parent}} + 1$$

$$i_{\text{right child}} = 2i_{\text{parent}} + 2$$

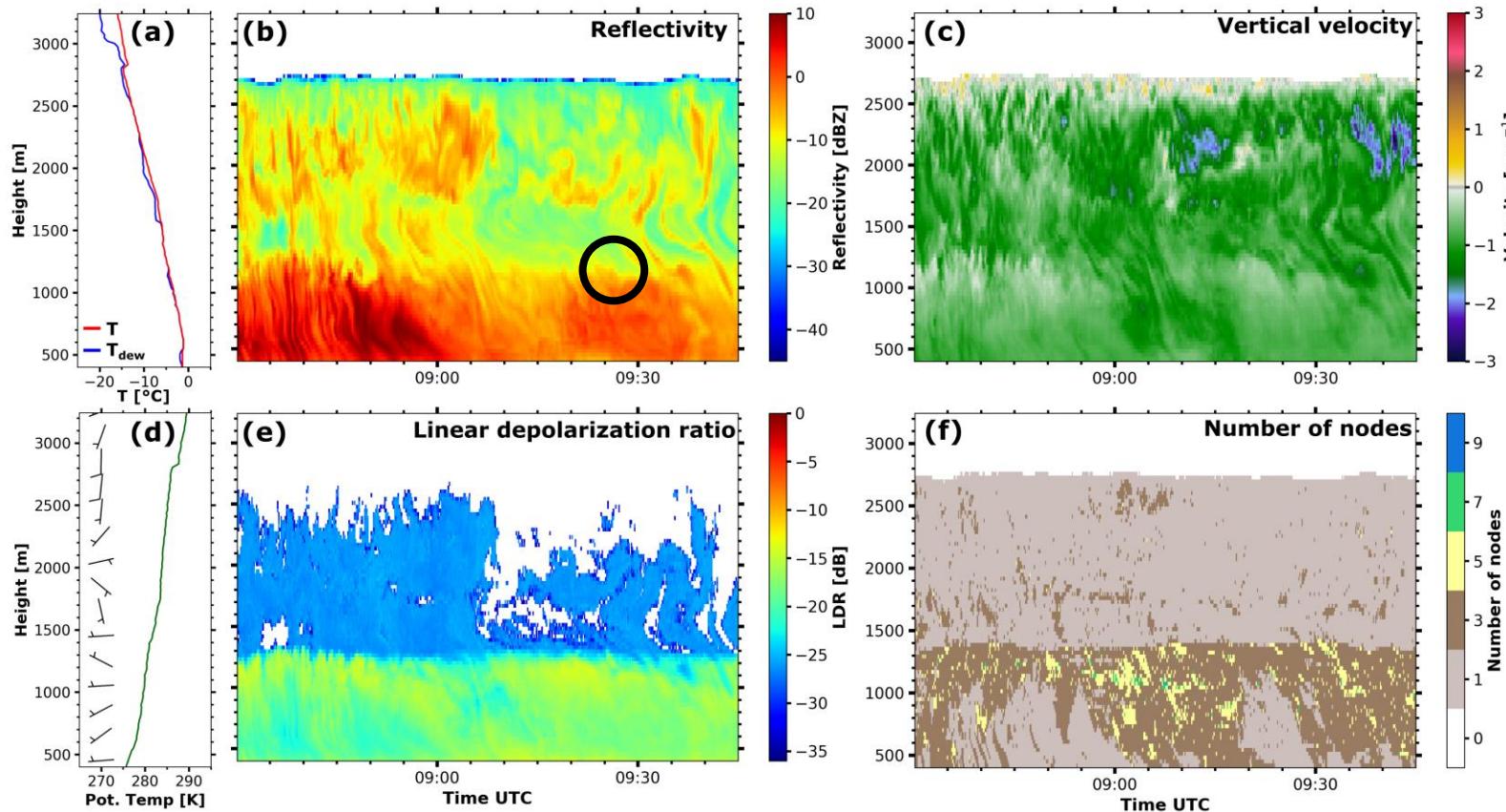
$$i_{\text{parent}} = \left\lfloor \frac{i_{\text{child}} - 1}{2} \right\rfloor$$

id (bounds)	Z	v	σ	γ	thres.	prom.
0 (157, 260)	0.98	-1.52	0.22	2.54	-40.0	30.3
+ - 1 (157, 249)	0.96	-1.52	0.20	2.09	-40.0	30.3
+ - 3 (157, 209)	0.85	-1.55	0.14	-1.41	-36.5	26.8
` - 4 (209, 249)	-14.97	-0.61	0.21	-0.57	-36.5	9.2
+ - 9 (209, 220)	-22.54	-0.95	0.06	0.18	-34.1	2.2
` - 10 (220, 249)	-15.74	-0.55	0.14	-0.22	-34.1	6.8
- 2 (254, 260)	-25.26	0.03	0.04	-0.02	-40.0	8.3

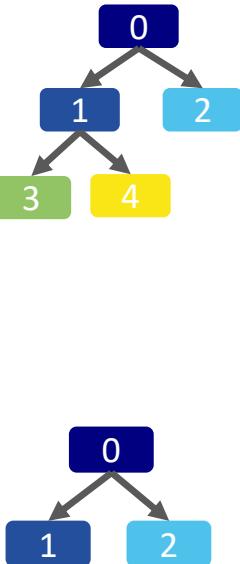
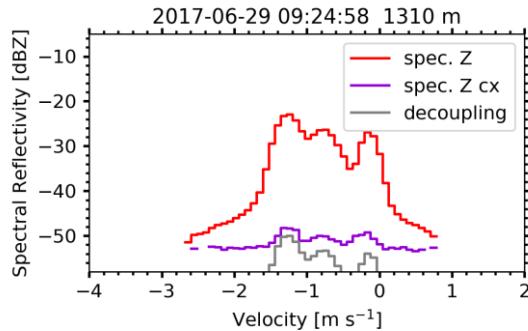
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Example: 29 June 2017 MIRA @ Polarstern (\rightarrow Talk by H. Griesche on Tuesday)

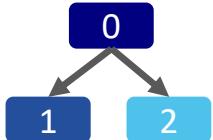
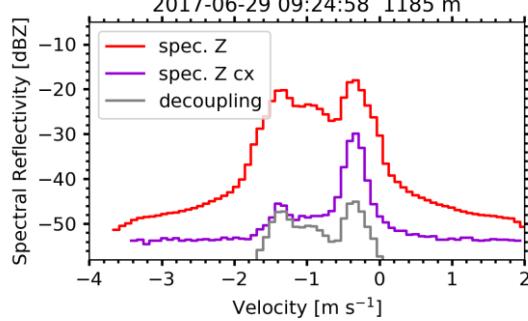
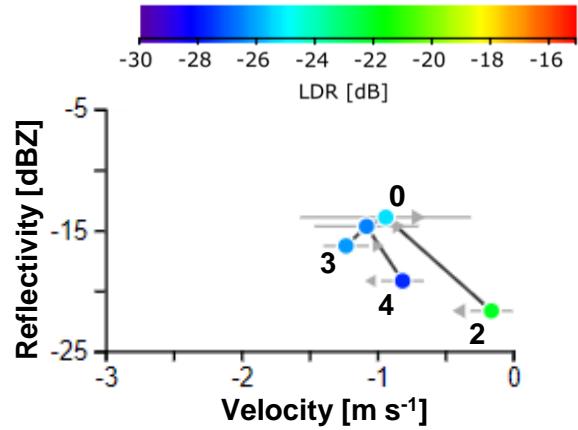


Visualizing the moments



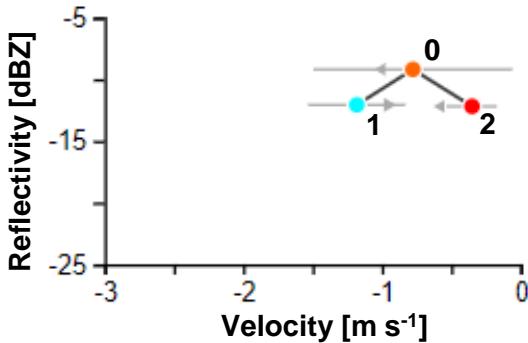
moments per node

id	Z	v	σ	γ	LDR
0	-13.98,	-0.93,	0.45,	0.71,	-25.3,
+ 1	-14.74,	-1.08,	0.27,	0.59,	-26.5,
- 3	-16.35,	-1.23,	0.12,	0.30,	-26.3,
- 4	-19.25,	-0.81,	0.11,	-0.21,	-27.7,
- 2	-21.72,	-0.16,	0.11,	-0.58,	-22.0,



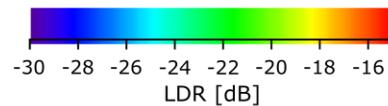
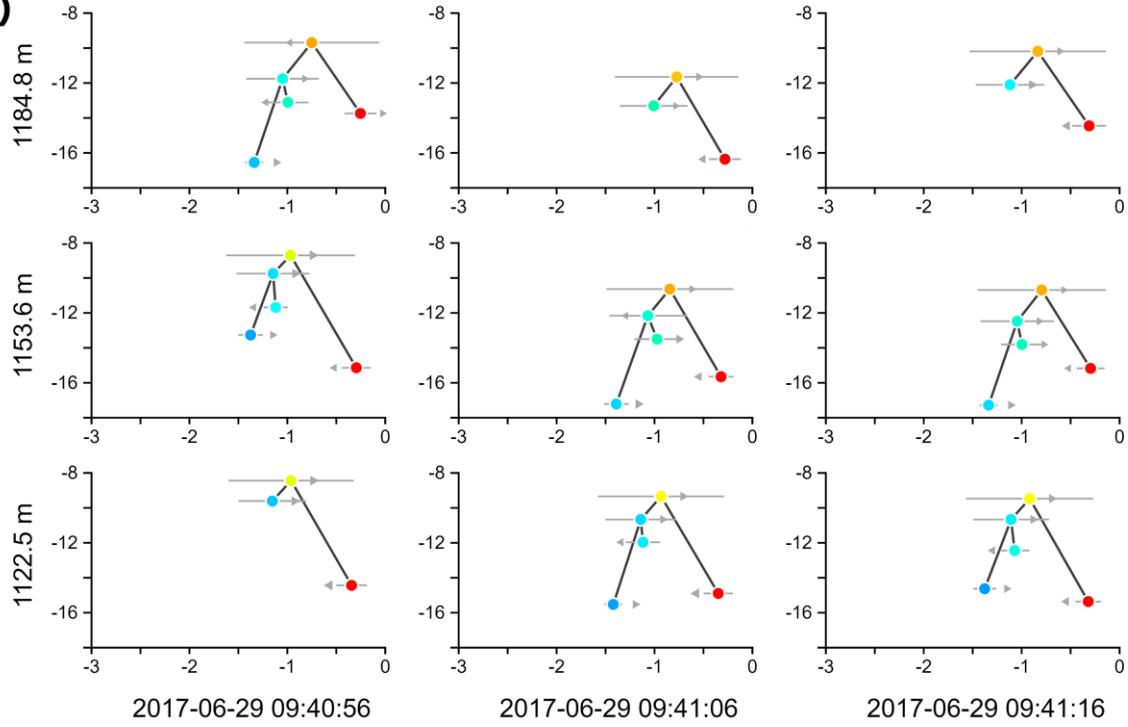
moments per node

id	Z	v	σ	γ	LDR
0	-9.23,	-0.78,	0.51,	-0.18,	-16.3,
+ 1	-12.11,	-1.18,	0.25,	0.43,	-24.9,
- 2	-12.23,	-0.35,	0.13,	-0.21,	-13.6,

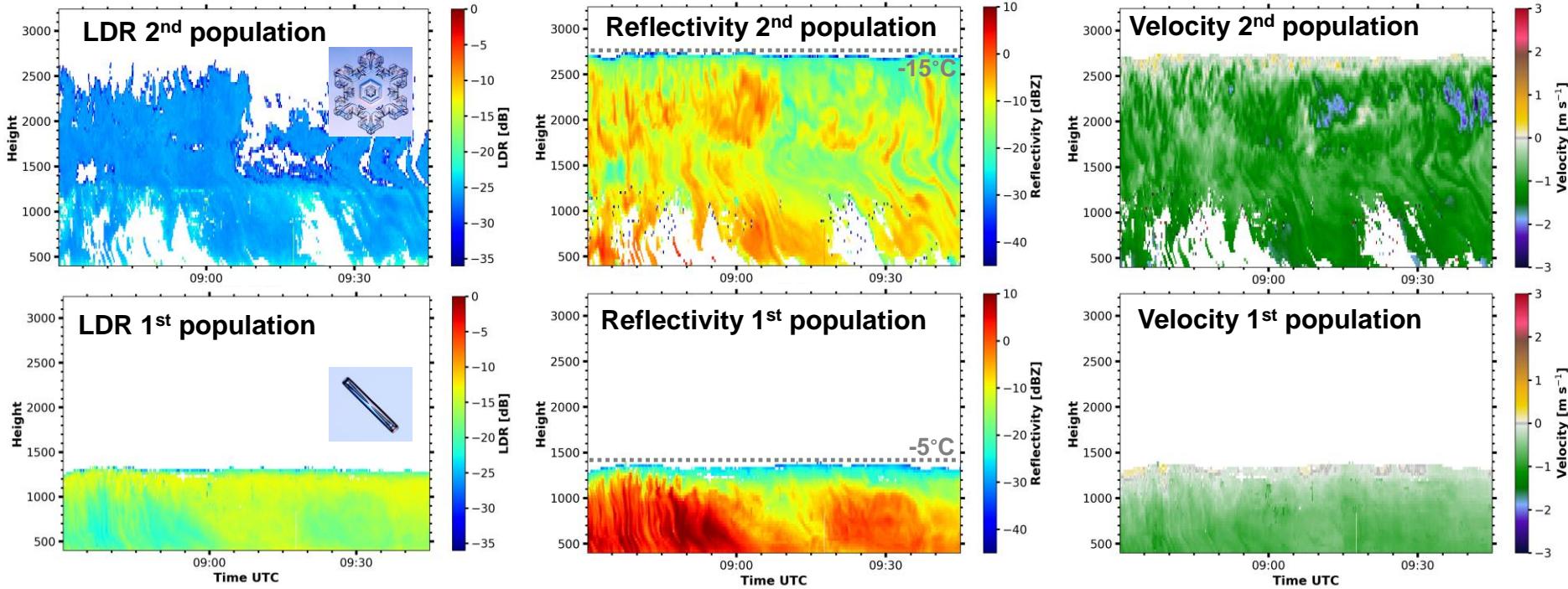


Grouping particle populations

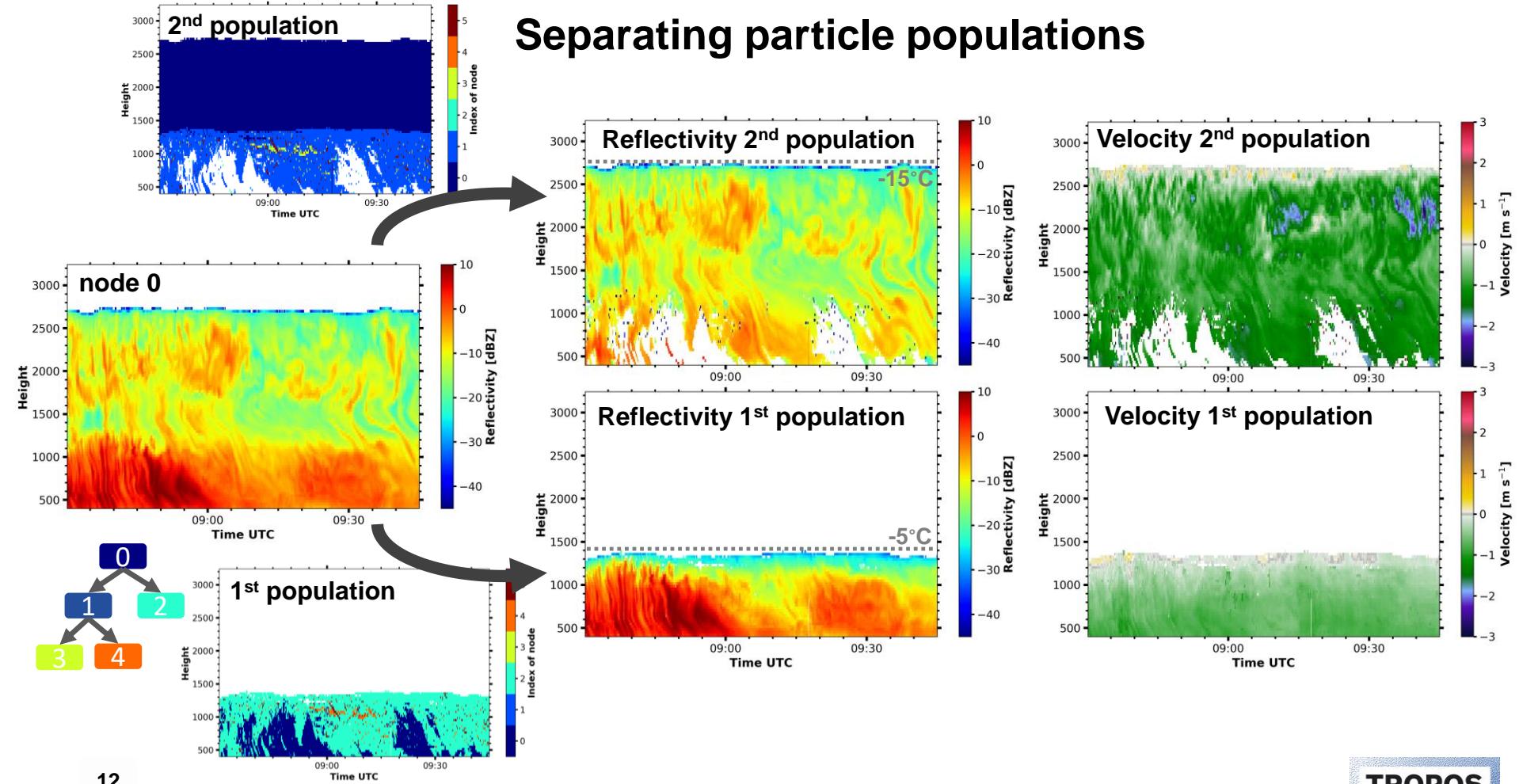
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Separating particle populations



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Conclusions and Outlook

- **Binary trees** are a flexible and (mathematically) rigid **data structure** for sub-peaks of **multi-peaked cloud radar spectra**.
- **No prior assumptions** on **number, arrangement or hierarchy** of peaks required.
- Backward compatible (node 0 = moments of full spectrum)
- tree representation can be used to separate particle populations
- future: combine with peako
(Kalesse et al., AMTD 2019 + Poster upstairs)

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Abstract. Clouds are frequently composed of more than one particle population even at smallest scales. Cloud radar observations contain information on multiple particle species when there are several peaks in the Doppler spectrum. Complex multi-peaked situations are often handled by a peak fitting algorithm, that recursively finds the best fit for each spectrum it represents. The peakTree algorithm is a framework that preserves the structure of the radar spectrum it is possible to drop. It is based on a binary tree structure that is rigid, unambiguous

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github.com/martin-rdz/peakTree

Software for converting multi-peaked (cloud) radar Doppler spectra into a binary tree structure.

Technical documentation is available at [peakTree-doc](#)

Requirements

peakTree requires python3 with following packages:

numpy<1.14.5