



Cyprus Atmospheric Remote-Sensing Observatory (CARO) National Facility

Progress, Challenges, and Lessons Learned

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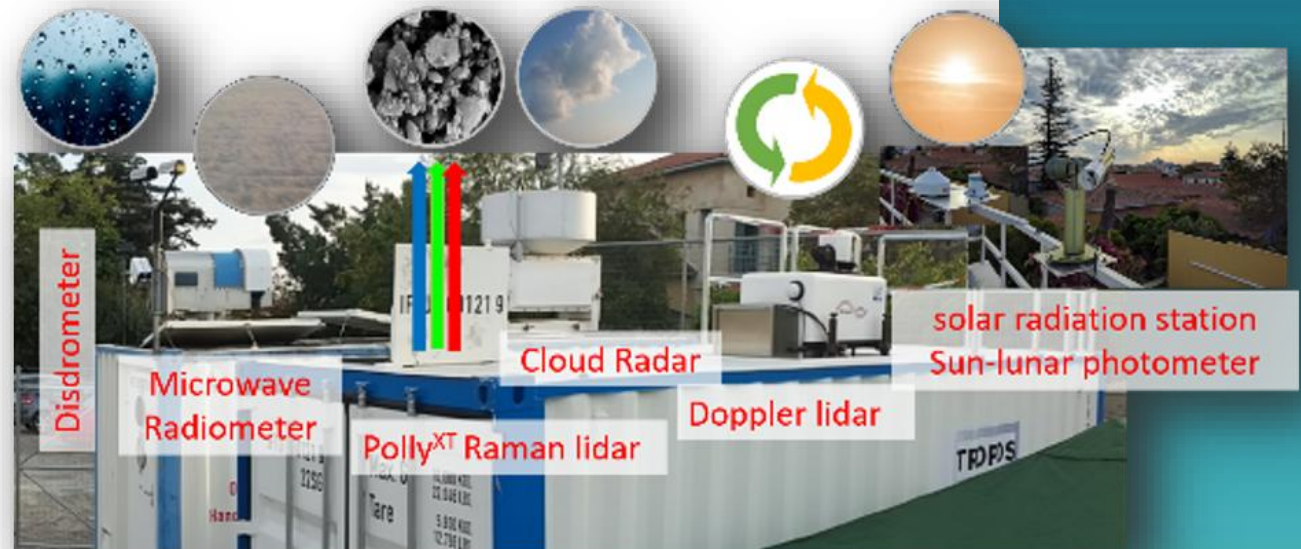
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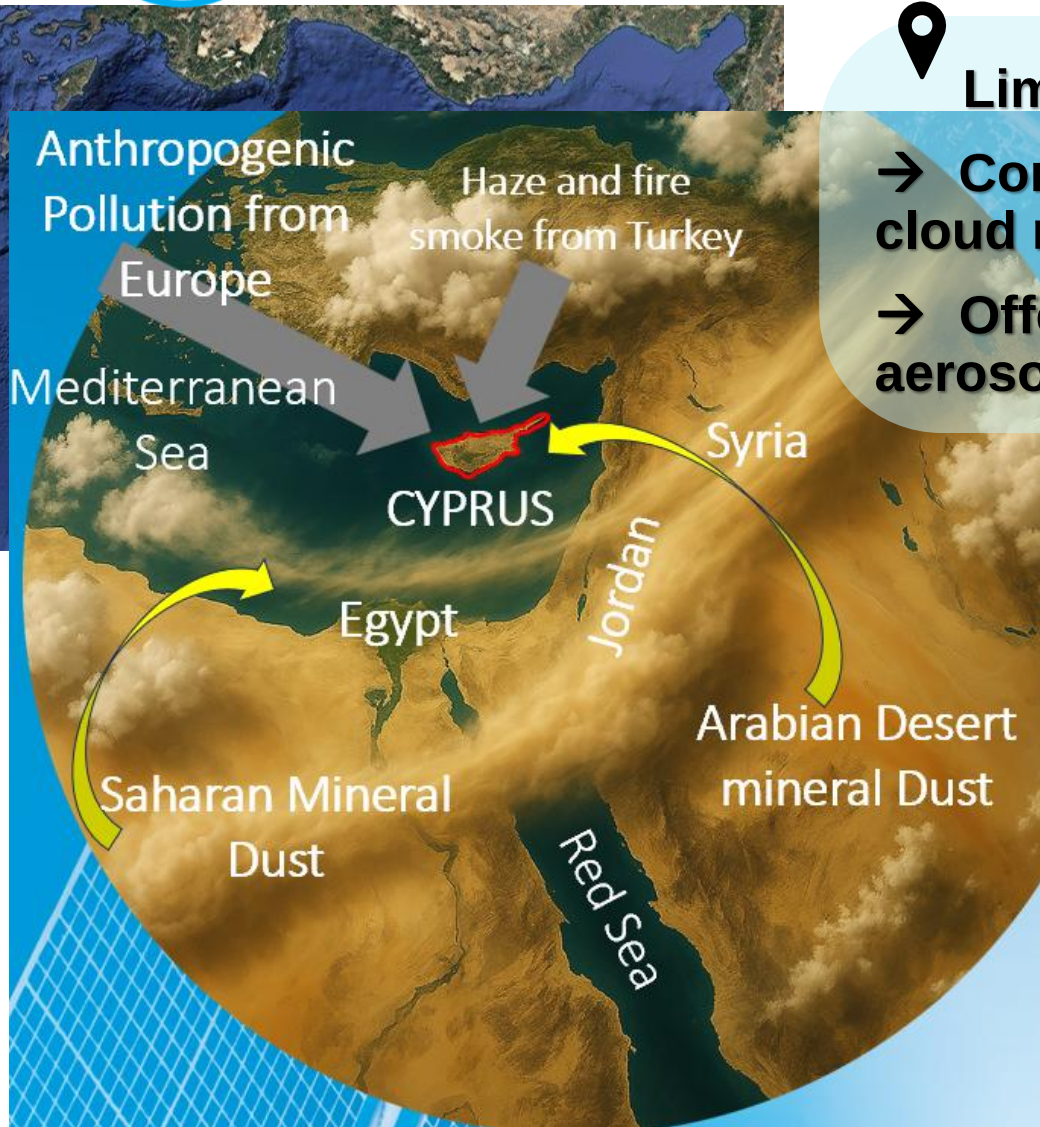


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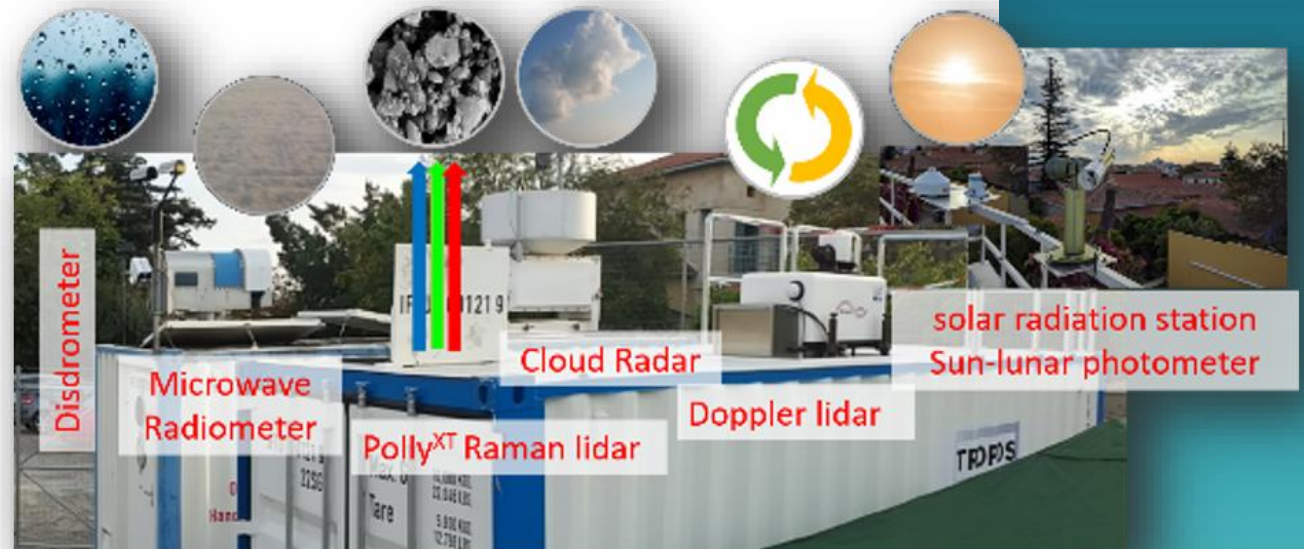
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CARO – Instrumentation and Measurements

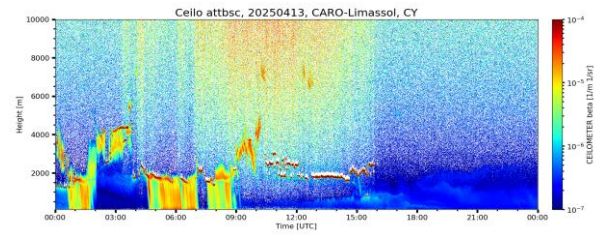
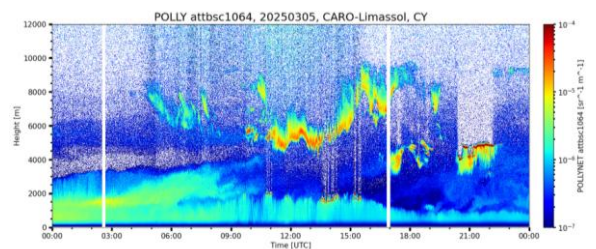


PollyXT
Raman Lidar



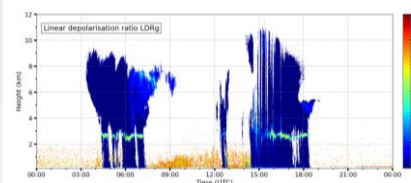
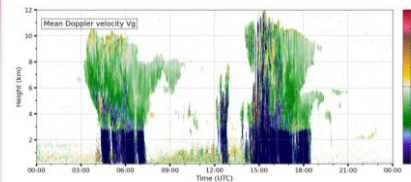
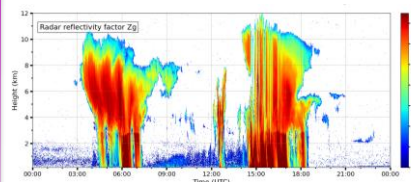
Ceilometer

Aerosols



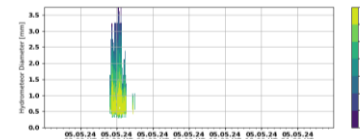
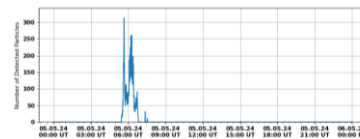
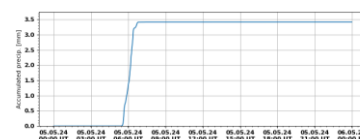
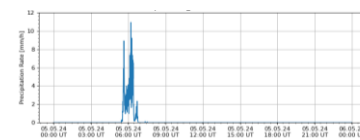
Cloud
Radar

Clouds



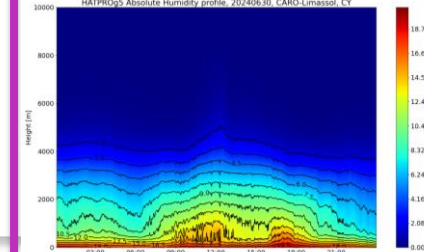
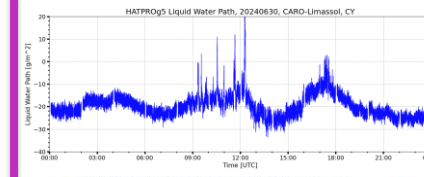
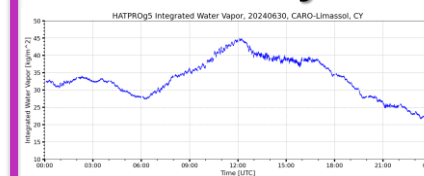
Disdrometer

Precipitation



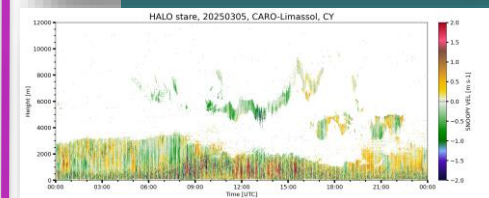
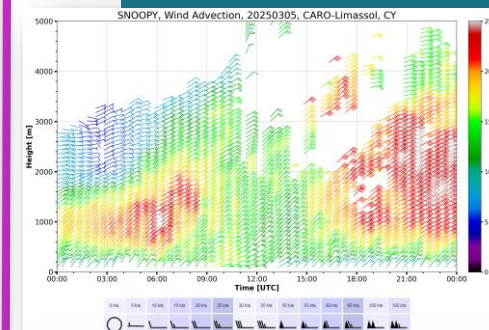
Microwave
Radiometer

Temperature & Humidity



Doppler Lidar

Dynamics



HATPRO-G5 MWR

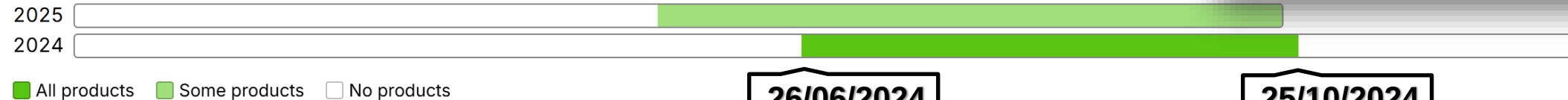
Instrument

PID <https://hdl.handle.net/21.12132/3.33ef1f084a964bff>
Owner ERATOSTHENES Centre of Excellence (ECoE)
Model RPG-HATPRO-G5
Type scanning microwave radiometer
Serial number 0030242

Locations

2024-06-26 – now [Limassol](#)

Product availability



23/05/2025

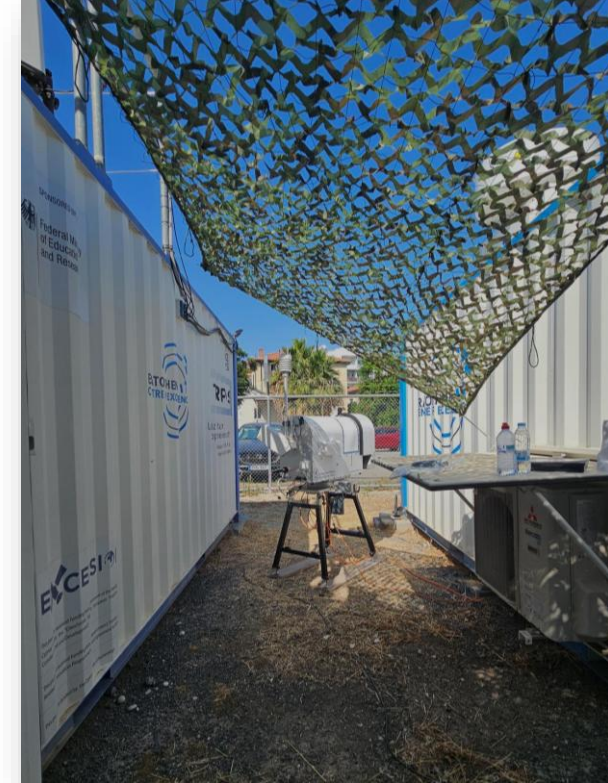
In operation, but only
in single pointing mode

26/06/2024

Start of operation
at CARO NF

25/10/2024

Out of service due to water leakage
inside the cloud container, causing
short-circuit problems



→ The internal elevation motor for the IR-Radiometer as well as the internal elevation motor for the (internal) mirror were defective.

→ Changes were made at the power supply of the IR motor to prevent defects

→ Replacement of a fuse

DCR Mira-35

PID <https://hdl.handle.net/21.12132/3.9af43f93e39649f5>
Owner ERATOSTHENES Centre of Excellence (ECoE)
Model METEK MIRA-35
Type Doppler non-scanning cloud radar
Serial number MBR8

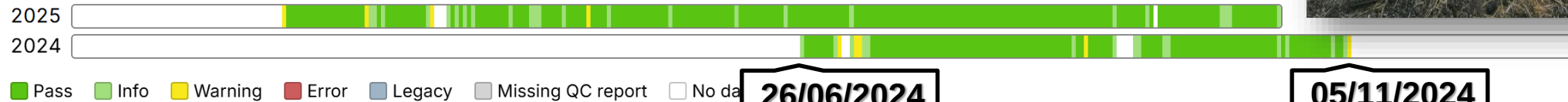
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**Back in
operation**

Product quality / **21/02/2025** radar



**Start of operation
at CARO NF**

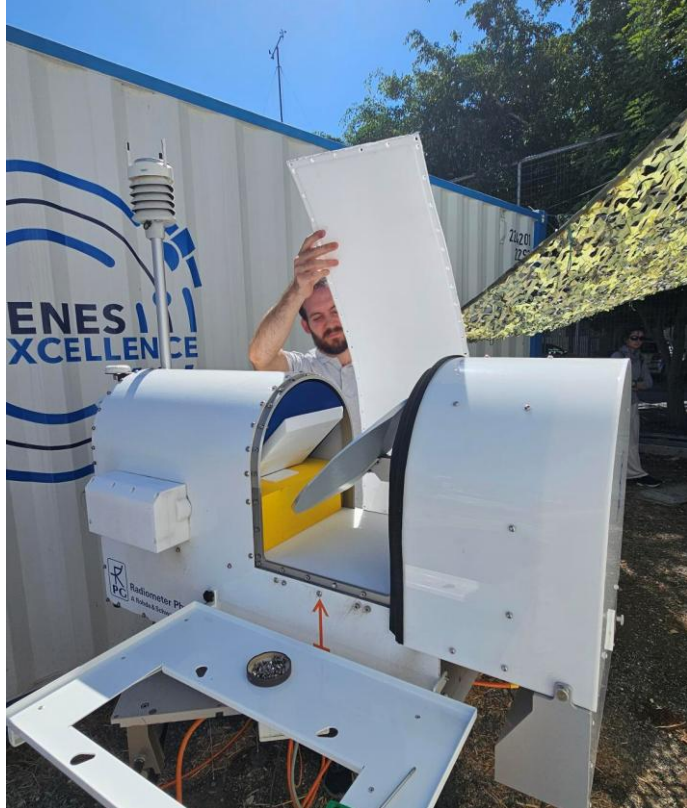
**Transmitter
stopped working**



- The radar was still under guarantee by the METEK company
- The transmitter was sent for repairment
- We lost the opportunity to record the radar's first rainy/cloudy season

HATPRO-G5 MWR – Absolute Calibration

09 Oct.2025 → Change of radome



→ 1st radome change

→ Faced some problems with the stability of the platform

HATPRO-G5 MWR – Absolute Calibration

10 Oct.2025 ➡ LN2 Calibration



- ✓ Successful calibration
- ✓ Difference between the old and new System Noise Temperatures < 3 K

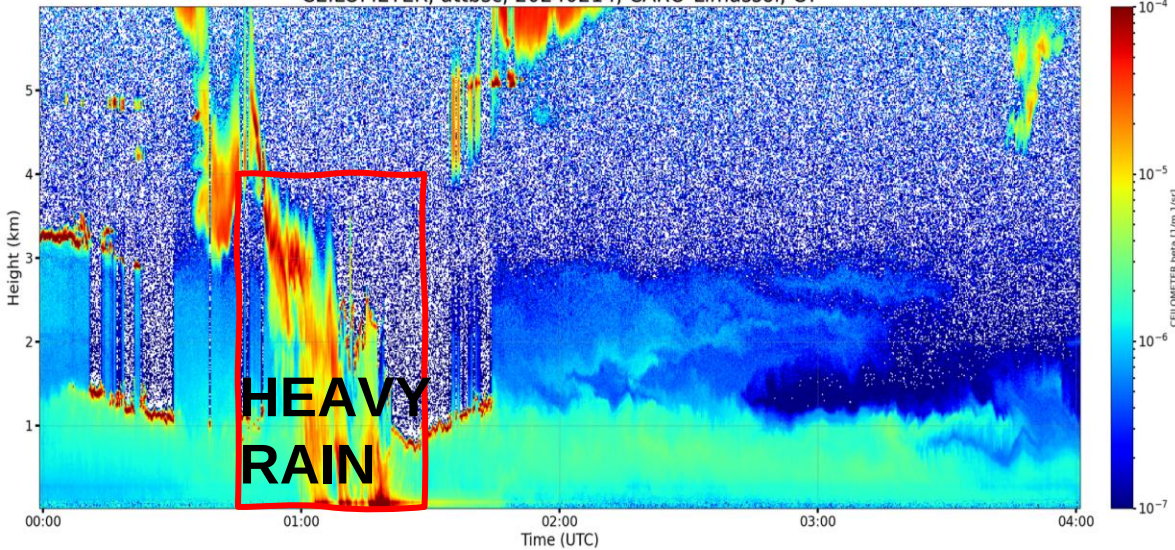
EXTREME WEATHER EVENT
T O R N A D O
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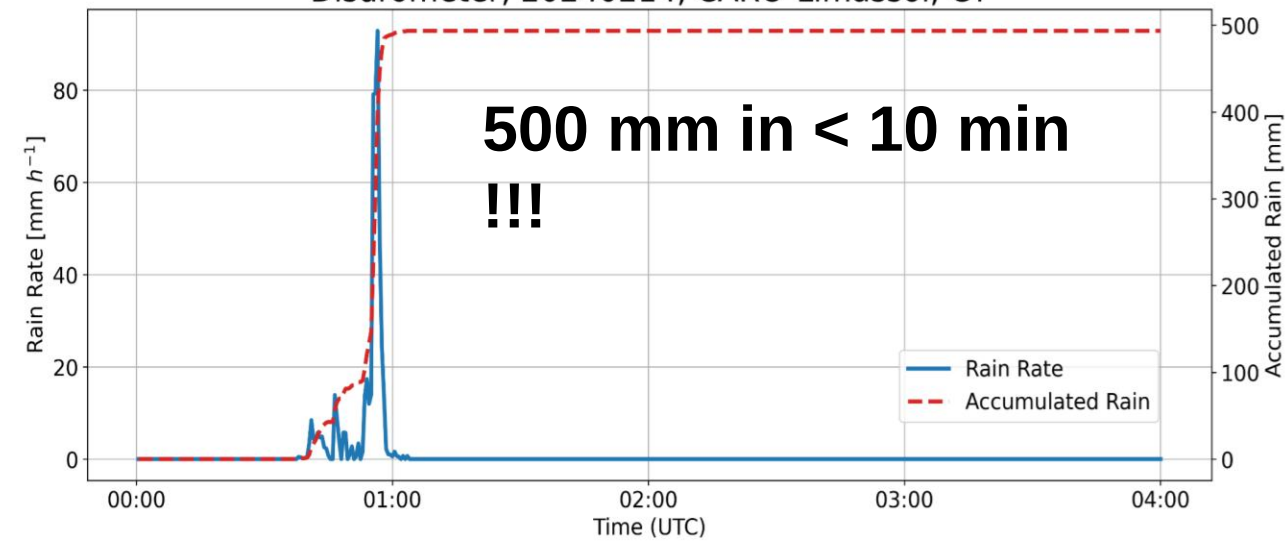
TORNADO

14.02.2024

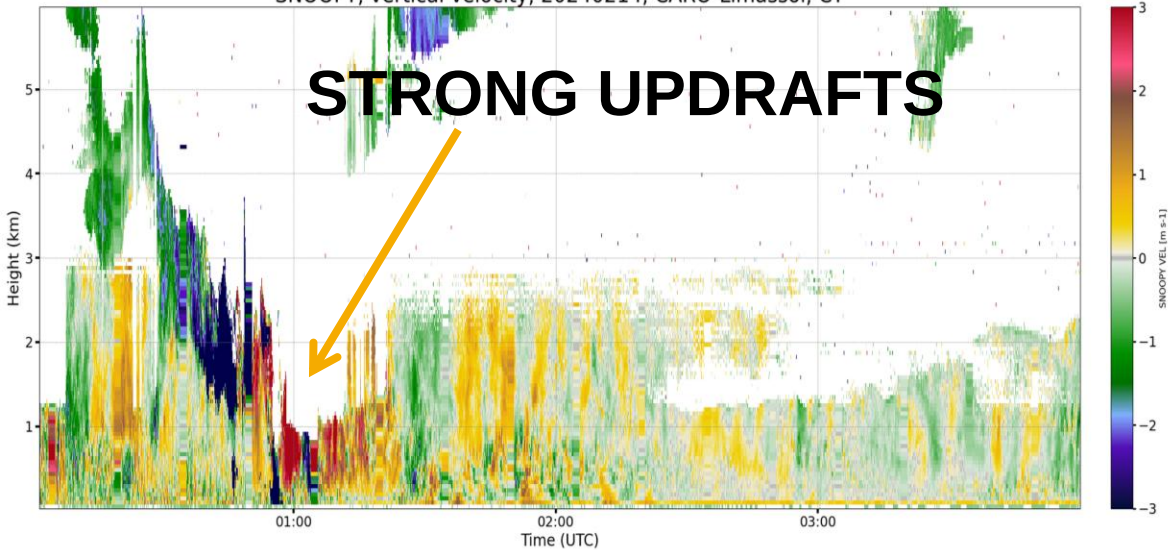
CEILOMETER, attbsc, 20240214, CARO-Limassol, CY



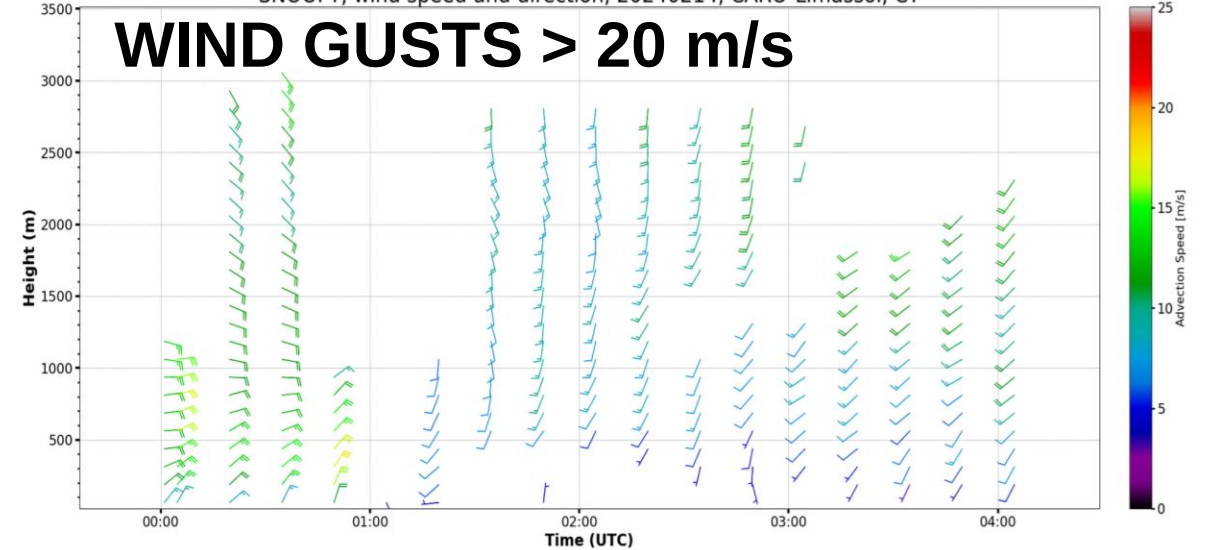
Disdrometer, 20240214, CARO-Limassol, CY



SNOOPY, vertical velocity, 20240214, CARO-Limassol, CY



SNOOPY, wind speed and direction, 20240214, CARO-Limassol, CY





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