

Remote sensing of cloud properties using PACE SPEXone and HARP-2



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Goals:

- Deliver implementable algorithms for products in the table on right
- Use simulated measurements based on Large Eddy Simulations and 1D/3D radiative transfer to study:
 - Uncertainties from collocating to surface instead of cloud top
 - Uncertainties from cloud inhomogeneity within polarimeters' FOV
 - Multi-angle cloud optical thickness as indicator of cloud inhomogeneity
 - Information content about cloud top height, physical thickness and cloud fraction in SPEXone O₂ A band and UV data
- Map out where/when required scattering angles are sampled
- Develop “flexible” algorithms: test on/apply to RSP, airHARP, SPEXairborne, POLDER, CubesatHARP, 3MI, future (A&CCP) polarimeters

✓: readily implementable
 ✓: experimental

| Parameter | HARP-2 | SPEXone |
|---------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Droplet effective radius and variance | ✓ | ✓ |
| Droplet size distribution | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cloud top phase | ✓ | |
| Ice shape and asymmetry parameter | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cloud optical thickness | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cloud top height | | ✓ ✓ |
| Cloud fraction | | ✓ |
| Cloud physical thickness | | ✓ |