

Supporting Information for

Characterizing precipitation and improving rainfall estimates over the Southern Ocean using ship-borne disdrometer and dual-polarimetric C-band radar

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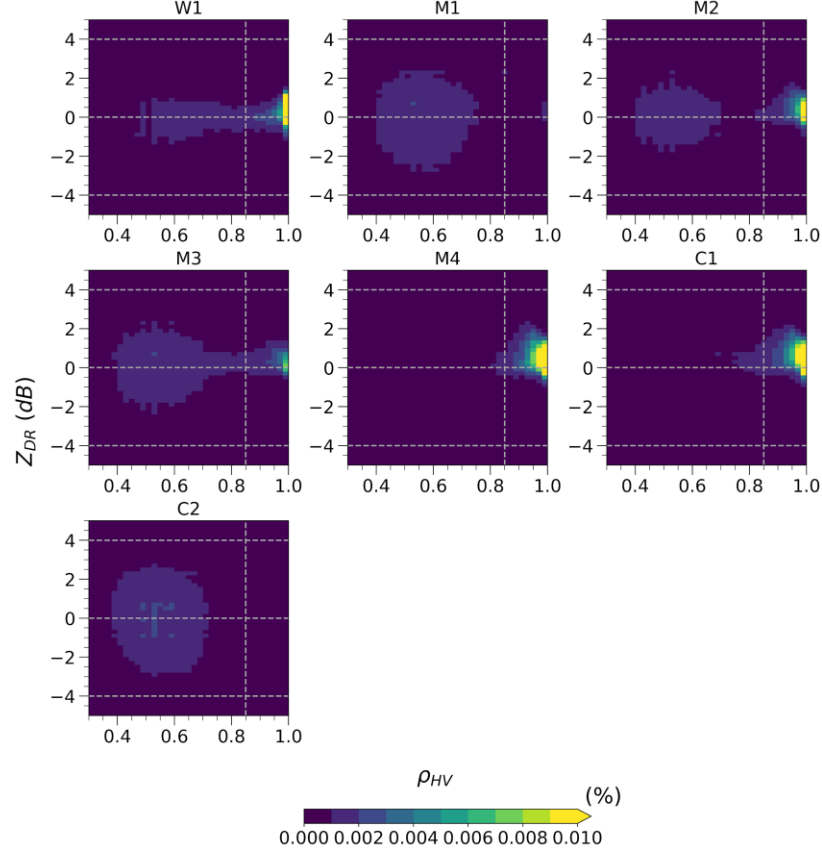


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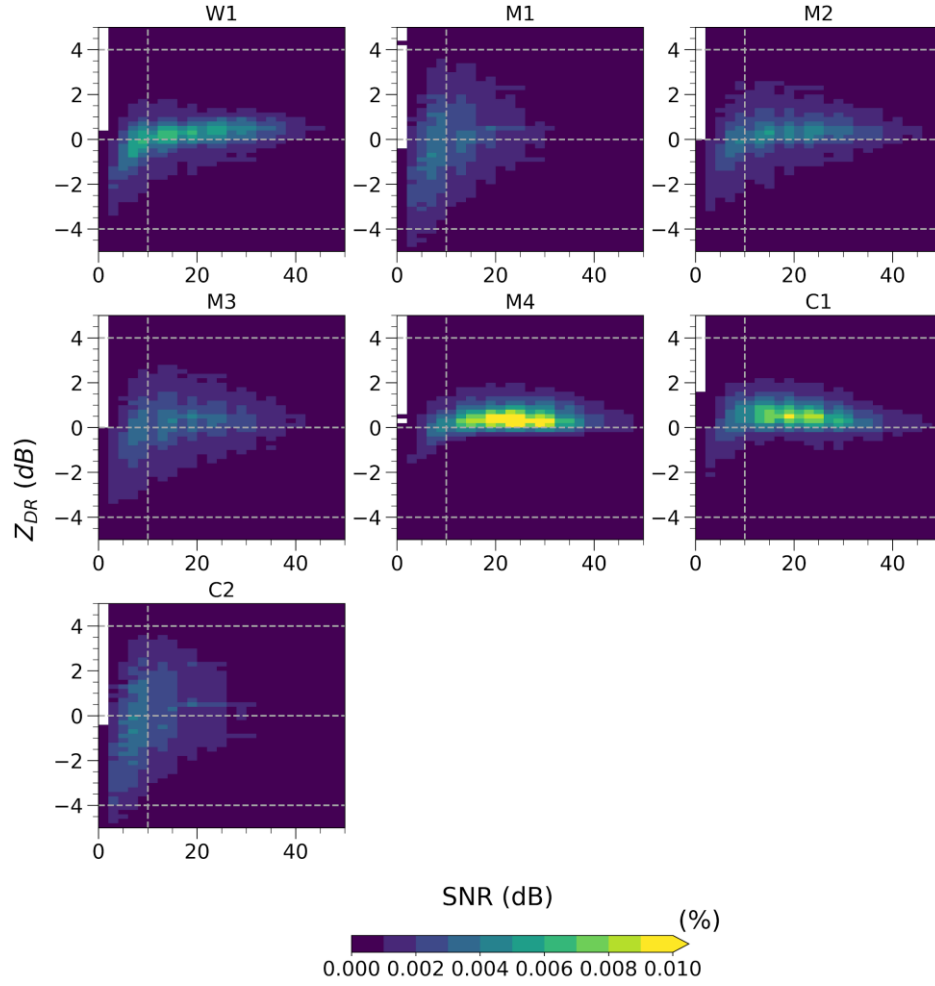


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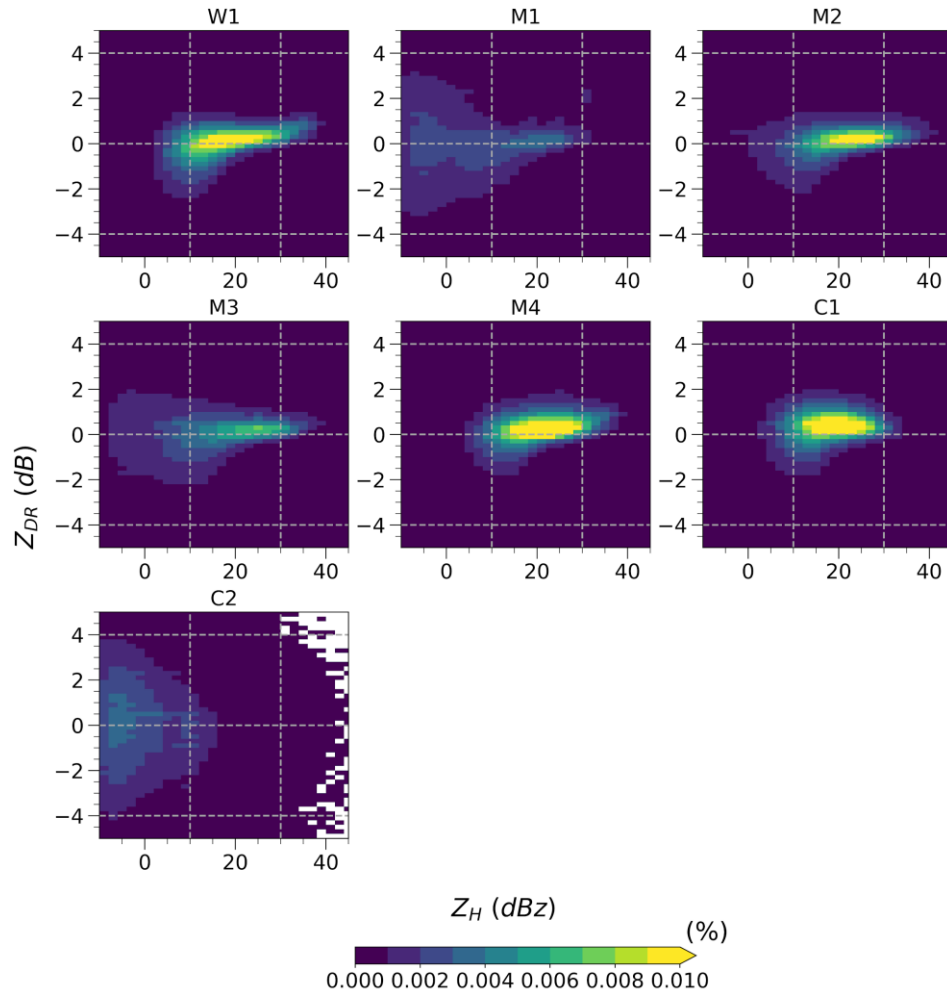


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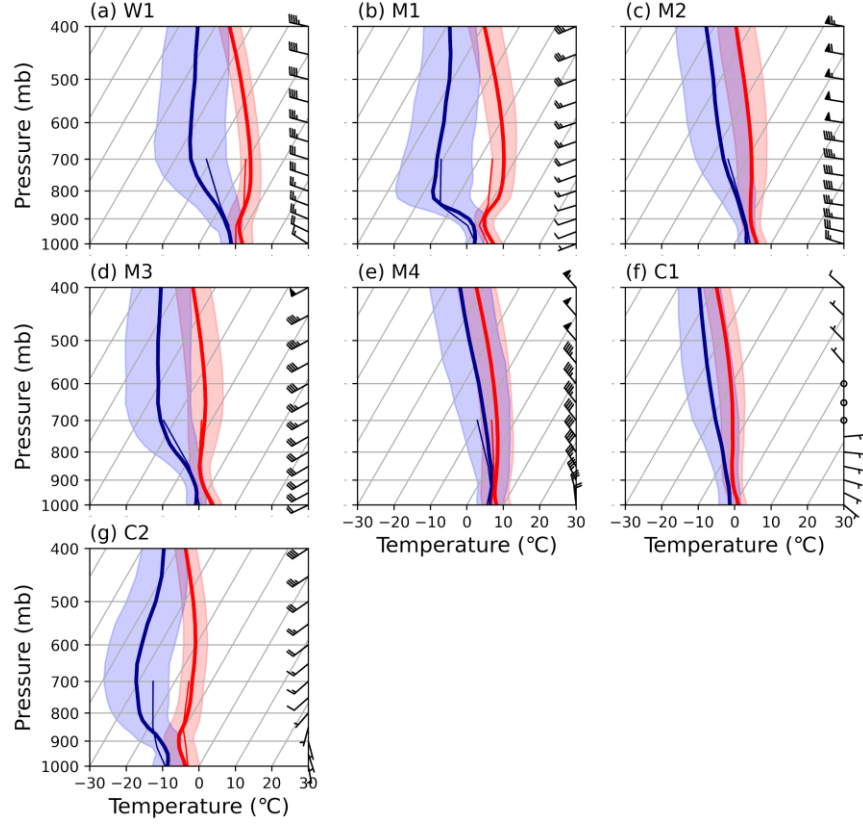


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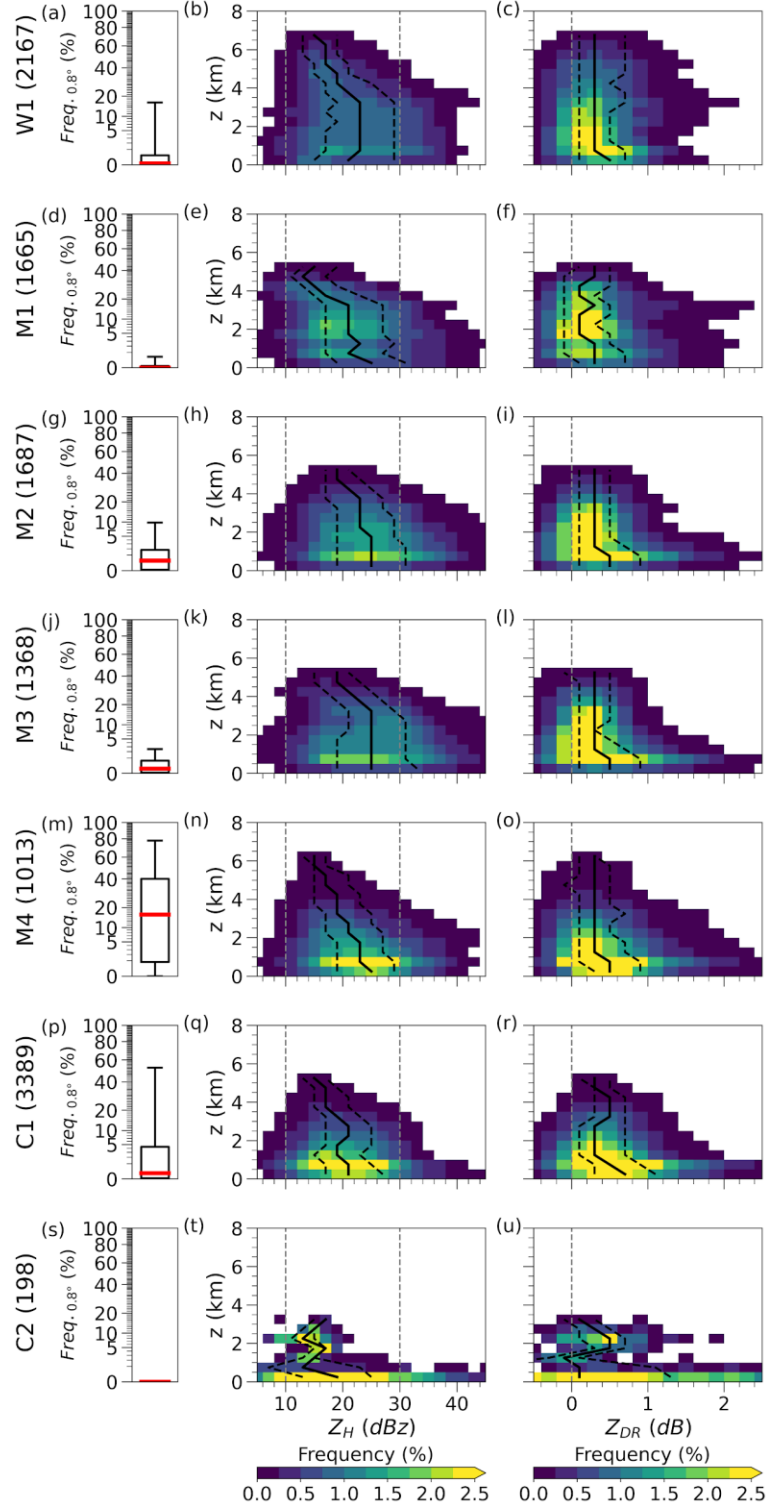


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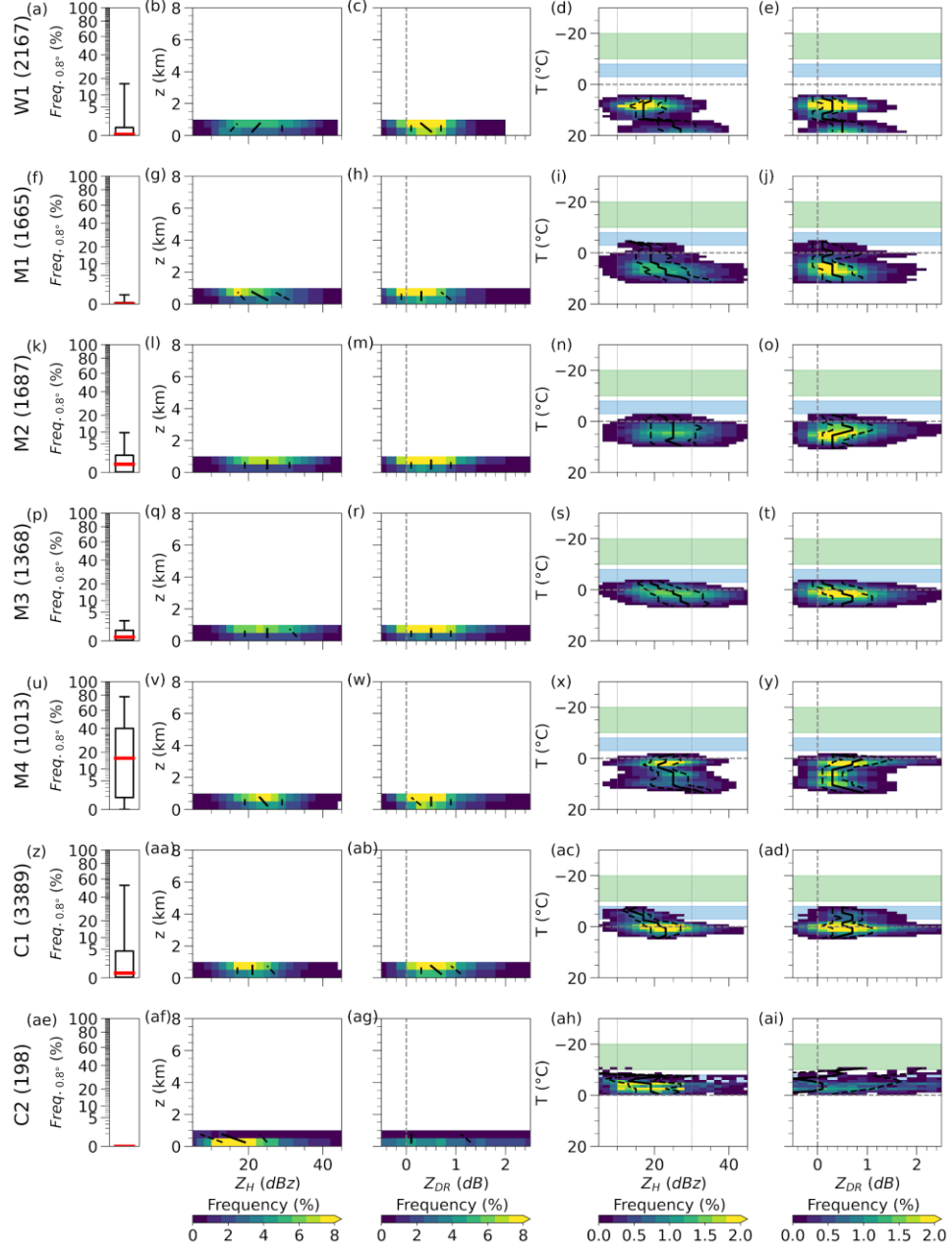


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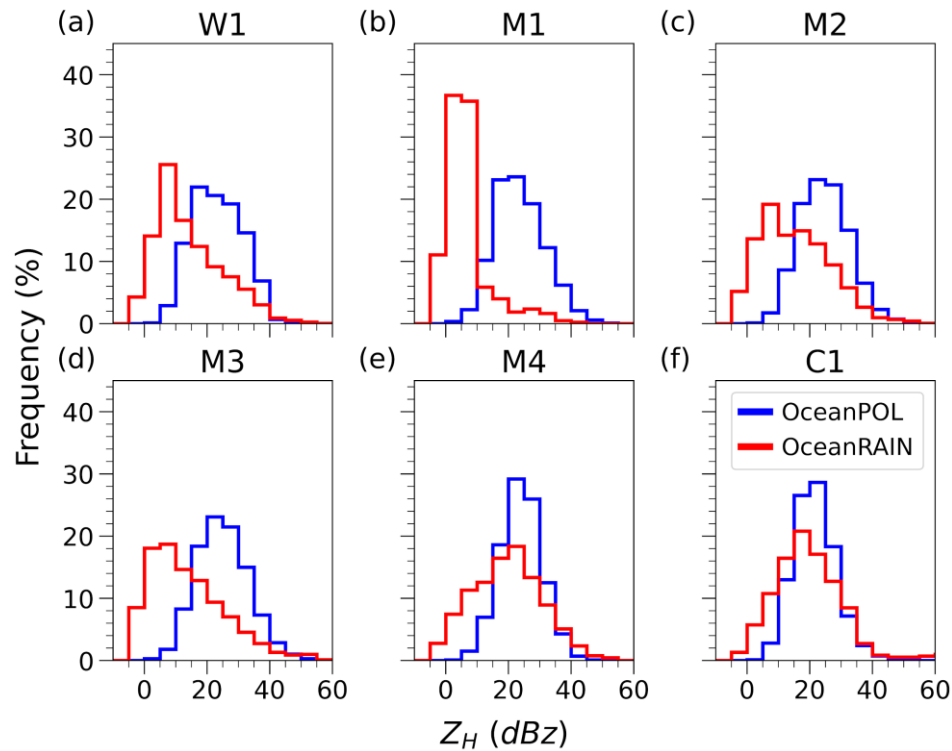


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Voyages	Period	OceanRAIN	OceanPOL
IN2016_V01	7 January – 27 February 2016	✓	
IN2016_V02	14 March – 16 April 2016	✓	
IN2016_V03	25 April – 30 June 2016	✓	
IN2017_V01	14 January – 5 March 2017	✓	
IN2017_V02	17–30 March 2017	✓	✓
IN2018_V01	11 January – 22 February 2018	✓	✓
IN2018_V02	3–21 March 2018	✓	✓

Note: The voyage identifiers followed the CSIRO nomenclature, with details available at http://www.marine.csiro.au/data/trawler/survey_list.cfm?source_id=309.

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