

Top 5 reasons why depolarization is important

When is a ceilometer more than a ceilometer? When it provides depolarization. Here are 5 reasons this capability is important for understanding and forecasting weather conditions.

Enables differentiation of liquid and solid cloud and precipitating particles

Including:

- Cloud phase such as identifying atmospheric icing and other meteorological studies
- Precipitation type such as snow and rain





Detects melting layer

For easy identification of the melting layer height location; enables icing condition warnings and snow line estimates in areas of complex topography

Allows tracking of dust, sand and volcanic ash layers aloft

For greater awareness of hazardous air conditions



Provides improved capability to resolve mixed aerosol layers in the planetary boundary layer

Also enhances understanding of local phenomena such as the sea breeze cycle

Better understanding of atmospheric conditions

For deeper insights, in-situ awareness and actionable information



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