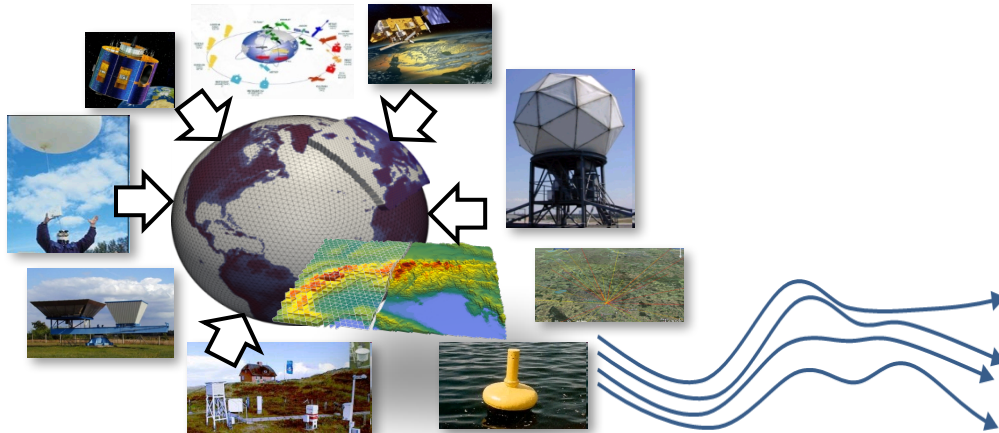


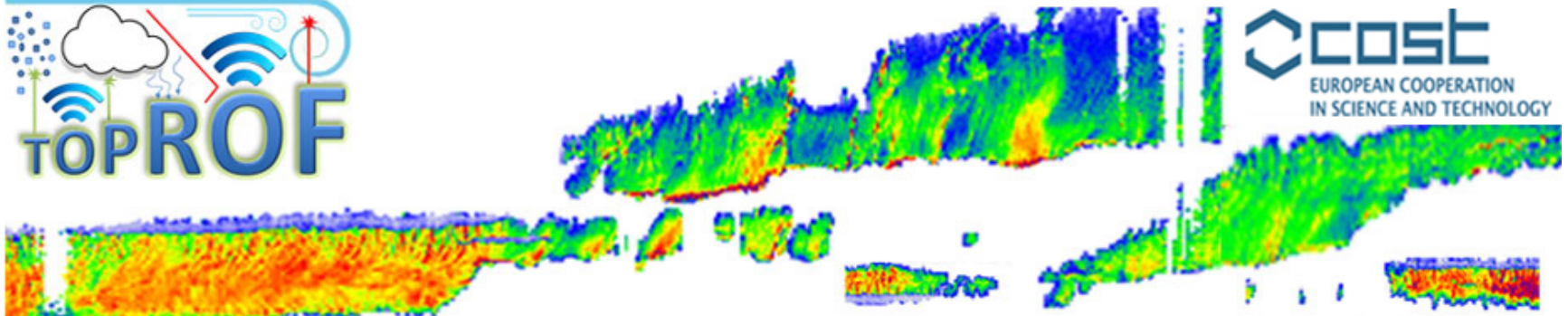
TOPROF: Towards Operational ground based PROFiling with **ceilometers, Doppler lidars** and **microwave radiometers** for improving weather forecasts



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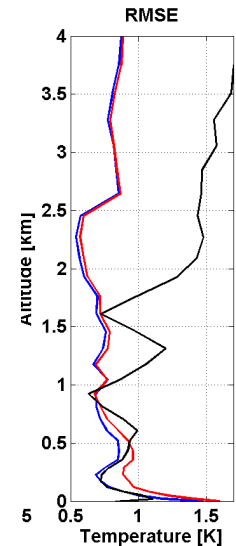


Original Basic Goals: (ALC, MWR)

- 1) Improve on Data and Formats 😊
- 2) Timeliness, Availability, Quality Control 😊
- 3) O-B Statistics 😊
- 4) Users to Explore Data Characteristics 😊
- 5) Forward Operators 😊, Monitoring
- 6) Assimilation Testing / Impact 😊
- 7) Perspectives for further Development 😊

Lessons Learned *Ceilometers, Doppler-Lidars, MWR*

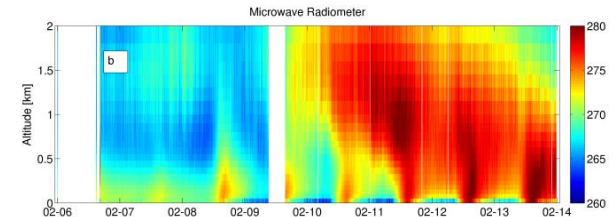
1. Learned a lot about the **instruments** and the **data**, intensive exchange between researchers
2. All parts of our plans have been worked on
3. Made a lot of progress on all the layers!
4. But we are not yet fully where we want to be!
5. **Different type of maturity** of the different instruments and observation processing and obs employment



Lessons Learned *Ceilometers, Doppler-Lidars, MWR*

6. **Further Progress is needed** on all levels of NWP, in particular

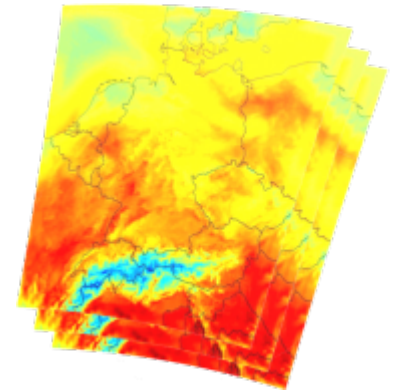
- a) **Boundary layer** physics,
- b) **Clouds** microphysics and parametrizations
- c) Observation operator modeling
- d) Data assimilation (**Basic Algorithms + Application**)



7. We see **a lot of potential in the data**, in combination with other dense observations

Lessons Learned *Ceilometers, Doppler-Lidars, MWR*

8. We did not have the **resources** we wanted or would need to carry out all necessary developments (at all NMHS).
9. But we *were able to acquire* more resources and to include the further profiling into **national plans** for the next 10 years.
10. **COST TOPROF** has been very good and successful.



Networks are working quite well (Selection):

- E-profile
- NWP-SAF and RTTOV-gb
- Observatories
- MeteoFrance/MetOffice/DWD/MeteoS wiss/Italy and many more ...
- Private Manufacturers
- HD(CP)² research project
- Aaron, IAFE, Sinfony research projects
- *WG Measurement Network Development* (DWD)

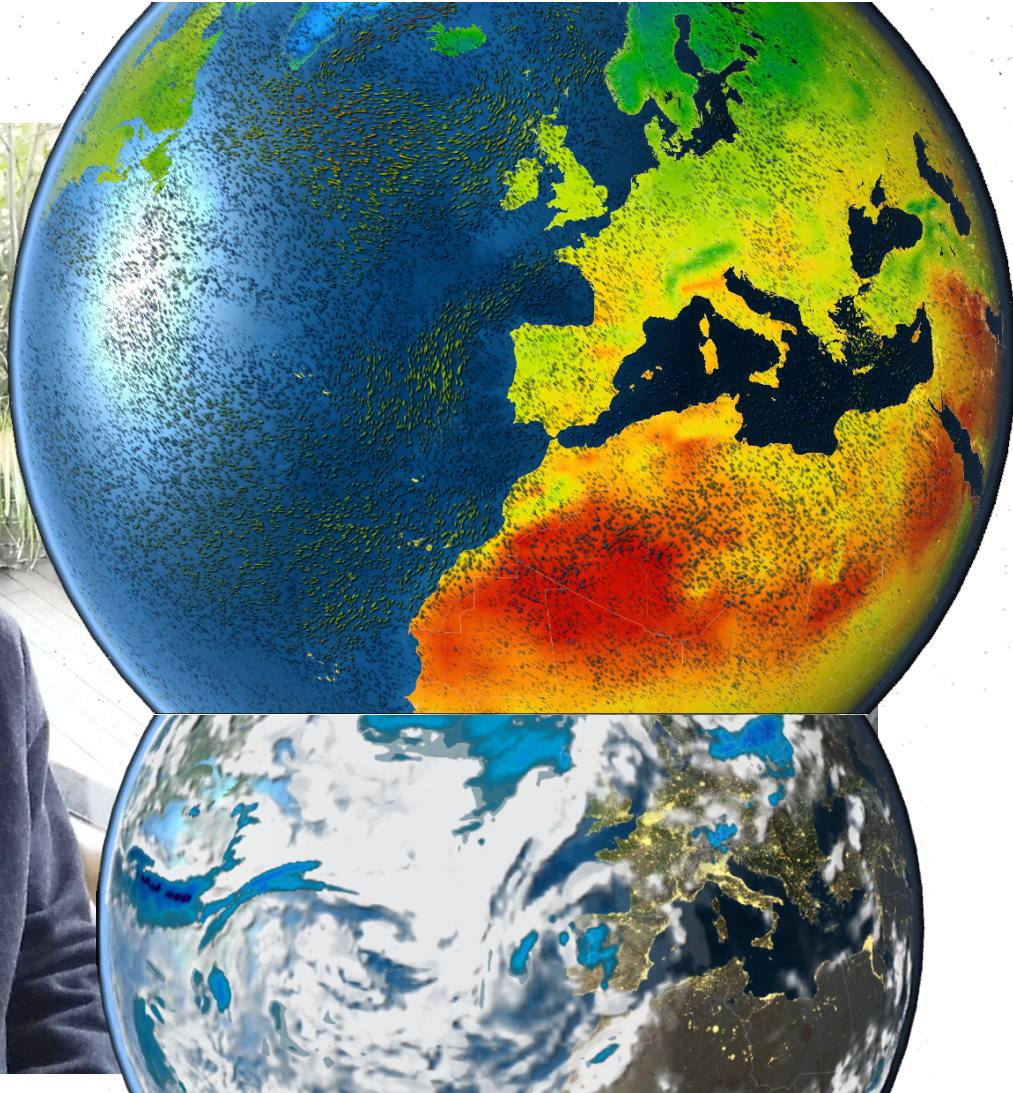


Continue the good development ...

- Move data streams further into **standard processes** (EUMENTET, WMO)
- Work on **timeliness** and **homogenization** of quality
- Carry out and complete **assimilation projects**
- Work on the **interaction of models and data**
- Take full advantage of **complementarity** with dense data (satellites)
- Explore the data within **new applications**

TOPROF Thank You!

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Wetter und Klima aus einer Hand



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