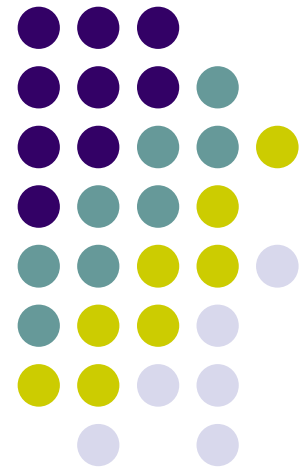


# Quest-Belgium overview

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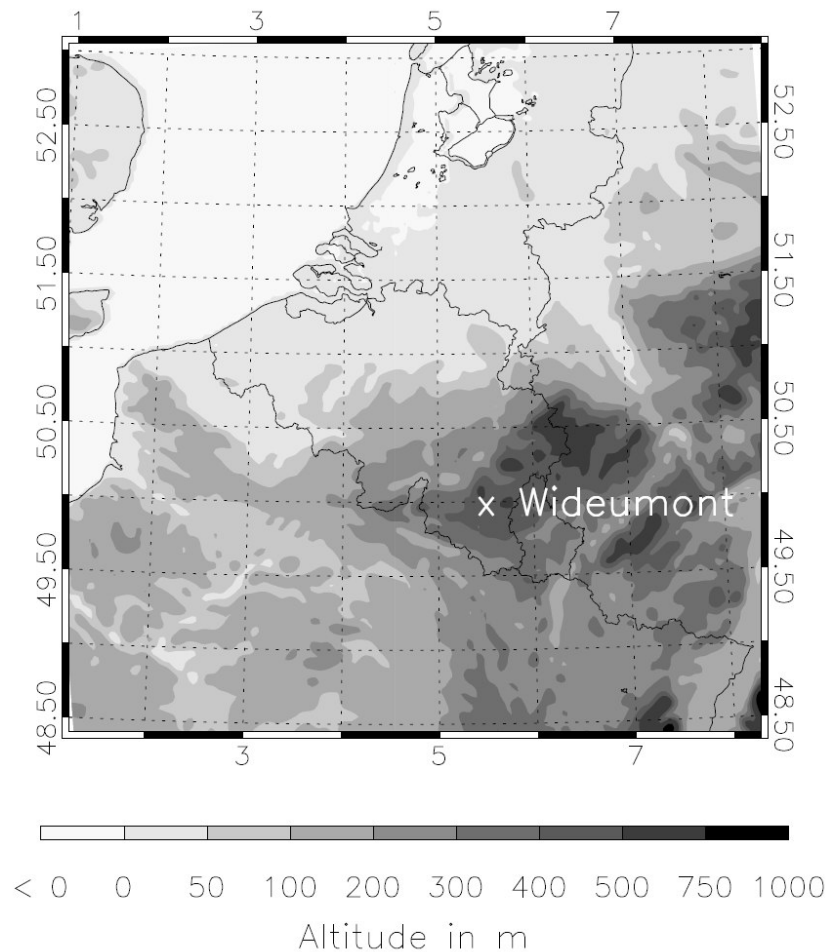




# Goals of Quest-B

- **Major goal:** in-depth analysis of model deficiencies in COSMO and ARPS
- using **remote sensing** data (*satellite* and *radar*)
- using **adapted evaluation techniques**
  - Model-to-observation approach (**forward operators**)
  - Observation-to-model approach
  - Newest evaluation methods (object oriented verification)
- **in-depth evaluation of case studies**
- **simulation of two contrasting summer seasons**
  - Detect mechanisms behind the differences
  - Production of high resolution time series for soil erosion and crop yield studies

# Materials and Methods: models



## Advanced Regional Prediction System (ARPS)

IN&BC: ECMWF operational analysis (25 km); Double one way nesting (9 km – 3 km)

## COnsortium for SMall scale mOdelling (COSMO)

IN&BC: COSMO-EU operational analysis (7km); integrated at 2.8 km resolution

# Materials and Methods: models



## Advanced Regional Prediction System (ARPS 5.2.8)

Dynamical core: Centre-differencing  
leapfrog

Microphysics: one-moment bulk scheme;  
prognostic rain, snow, hail, cloud water  
and cloud ice

12 hour lead time; case studies

## CONsortium for SMALL scale mOdelling (COSMO 4.3)

Dynamical core: 3rd order TVD Runge-  
Kutta

Microphysics: one-moment bulk scheme;  
prognostic rain, snow, graupel, cloud water  
and cloud ice

12 hour lead time; case studies and long  
term

# Materials and Methods: observational data



## - Radar:

C-band Doppler Radar Wideumont (RMI)

Volume scans performed using 10 elevations ( $0.5^\circ$  -  $17.5^\circ$ ) each 15 minutes

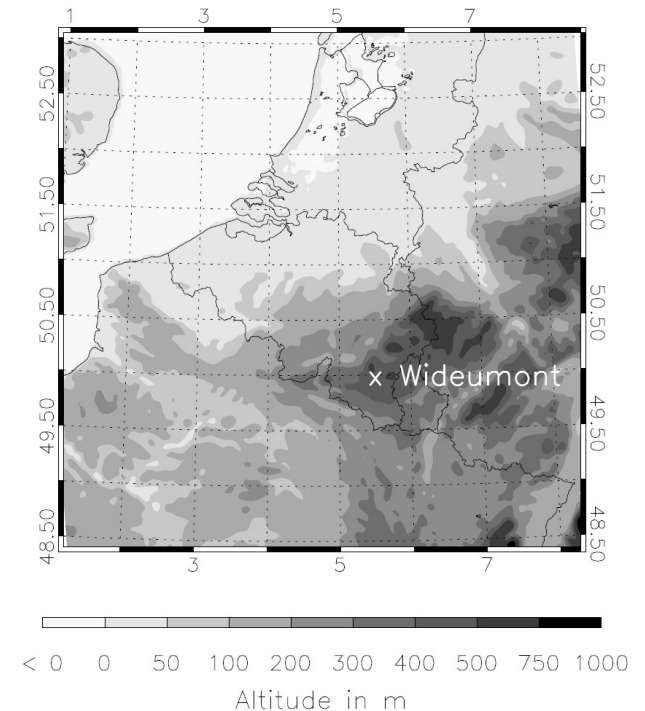
Resolution: 500 m in range,  $1^\circ$  in azimuth

## - Satellite:

MSG-8 SEVIRI derived cloud optical thickness (CM-SAF)

Hourly information during daytime

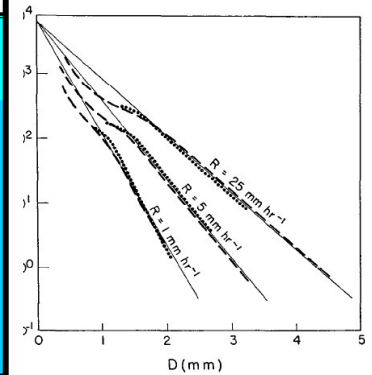
Resolution: 3 km  $\times$  6 km in the area of interest



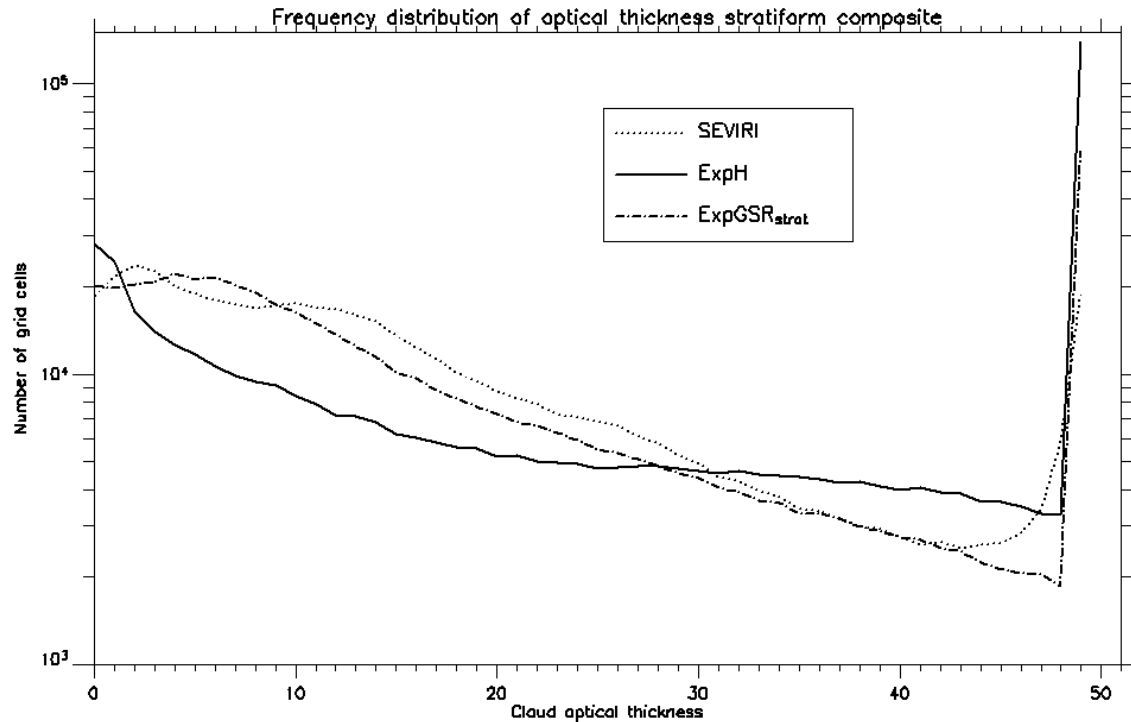
# Case studies: ARPS – microphysics size distribution experiments



	ExpH	ExpHSR	ExpGSR	ExpHSRstrat	ExpGSRstrat
$N_{OR}$	0.08 (Marshall and Palmer 1948)	$0.07106(10^3 \rho q_r)^{0.648}$ (Zhang et al. 2008)	$0.07106(10^3 \rho q_r)^{0.648}$ (Zhang et al. 2008)	$0.07106(10^3 \rho q_r)^{0.648}$ (Zhang et al. 2008)	$0.07106(10^3 \rho q_r)^{0.648}$ (Zhang et al. 2008)
$\lambda_R$	$\left(\frac{\pi \rho_r N_{or}}{\rho q_r}\right)^{0.25}$	$\left(\frac{\pi \rho_r N_{or}}{\rho q_r}\right)^{0.25}$	$\left(\frac{\pi \rho_r N_{or}}{\rho q_r}\right)^{0.25}$	$\left(\frac{\pi \rho_r N_{or}}{\rho q_r}\right)^{0.25}$	$\left(\frac{\pi \rho_r N_{or}}{\rho q_r}\right)^{0.25}$
$V_R$	$\frac{2115\Gamma(4+0.8)}{6\lambda_t^{0.8}} \left(\frac{\rho_0}{\rho}\right)^{1/2}$ (Liu and Orville 1969)	$\frac{2115\Gamma(4+0.8)}{6\lambda_t^{0.8}} \left(\frac{\rho_0}{\rho}\right)^{1/2}$ (Liu and Orville 1969)	$\frac{2115\Gamma(4+0.8)}{6\lambda_t^{0.8}} \left(\frac{\rho_0}{\rho}\right)^{1/2}$ (Liu and Orville 1969)	$\frac{2115\Gamma(4+0.8)}{6\lambda_t^{0.8}} \left(\frac{\rho_0}{\rho}\right)^{1/2}$ (Liu and Orville 1969)	$\frac{2115\Gamma(4+0.8)}{6\lambda_t^{0.8}} \left(\frac{\rho_0}{\rho}\right)^{1/2}$ (Liu and Orville 1969)
$N_{OS}$	0.03 (Gunn and Marshall 1958)	$0.02 \exp[0.12(T_0 - T)]$ (Houze et al. 1979)	$0.02 \exp[0.12(T_0 - T)]$ (Houze et al. 1979)	$0.02 \exp[0.12(T_0 - T)]$ (Houze et al. 1979)	$0.02 \exp[0.12(T_0 - T)]$ (Houze et al. 1979)
$\lambda_S$	$\left(\frac{\pi \rho_s N_s}{\rho q_s}\right)^{0.25}$ (Lin et al. 1983)	$\left(\frac{0.0074 N_{os} \Gamma(2.1+1)}{\rho q_s}\right)^{1/2(2.1+1)}$ (Locatelli and Hobbs. 1974)	$\left(\frac{0.0074 N_{os} \Gamma(2.1+1)}{\rho q_s}\right)^{1/2(2.1+1)}$ (Locatelli and Hobbs. 1974)	$\left(\frac{0.0069 N_{os} \Gamma(2+1)}{\rho q_s}\right)^{1/2(2+1)}$ (Cox 1988)	$\left(\frac{0.0069 N_{os} \Gamma(2+1)}{\rho q_s}\right)^{1/2(2+1)}$ (Cox 1988)
$V_S$	$\frac{152.93\Gamma(4+0.25)}{6\lambda_s^{0.25}} \left(\frac{\rho_0}{\rho}\right)^{1/2}$ (Locatelli and Hobbs. 1974)	$\frac{209.60\Gamma(0.28+2.1+1)}{\lambda_s^{0.28}\Gamma(2.1+1)}$ (Locatelli and Hobbs. 1974)	$\frac{209.60\Gamma(0.28+2.1+1)}{\lambda_s^{0.28}\Gamma(2.1+1)}$ (Locatelli and Hobbs. 1974)	$\frac{148.07\Gamma(0.527+2+1)}{\lambda_s^{0.527}\Gamma(2+1)}$ (Cox 1988)	$\frac{148.07\Gamma(0.527+2+1)}{\lambda_s^{0.527}\Gamma(2+1)}$ (Cox 1988)
$N_{OH}$	0.0004 (Federer and Waldvogel 1975)	0.0004 (Federer and Waldvogel 1975)	4.000 (Gilmore et al. 2004)	0.0004 (Federer and Waldvogel 1975)	4.000 (Gilmore et al. 2004)
$\lambda_H$	$\left(\frac{\pi \rho_h N_h}{\rho q_h}\right)^{0.25}$ (Lin et al. 1983)	$\left(\frac{\pi \rho_h N_h}{\rho q_h}\right)^{0.25}$ (Lin et al. 1983)	$\left(\frac{0.0702 N_{oh} \Gamma(2.7+1)}{\rho q_h}\right)^{1/2(2.7+1)}$ (Locatelli and Hobbs. 1974)	$\left(\frac{\pi \rho_h N_h}{\rho q_h}\right)^{0.25}$ (Lin et al. 1983)	$\left(\frac{0.0702 N_{oh} \Gamma(2.7+1)}{\rho q_h}\right)^{1/2(2.7+1)}$ (Locatelli and Hobbs. 1974)
$V_H$	$\frac{\Gamma(4.5)}{6\lambda_h^{0.5}} \left(\frac{4g\rho_h}{3C_D\rho}\right)^{1/2}$ (Wisner et al. 1972)	$\frac{\Gamma(4.5)}{6\lambda_h^{0.5}} \left(\frac{4g\rho_h}{3C_D\rho}\right)^{1/2}$ (Wisner et al. 1972)	$\frac{234.42\Gamma(0.37+2.7+1)}{\lambda_h^{0.37}\Gamma(2.7+1)}$ (Locatelli and Hobbs. 1974)	$\frac{\Gamma(4.5)}{6\lambda_h^{0.5}} \left(\frac{4g\rho_h}{3C_D\rho}\right)^{1/2}$ (Wisner et al. 1972)	$\frac{234.42\Gamma(0.37+2.7+1)}{\lambda_h^{0.37}\Gamma(2.7+1)}$ (Locatelli and Hobbs. 1974)

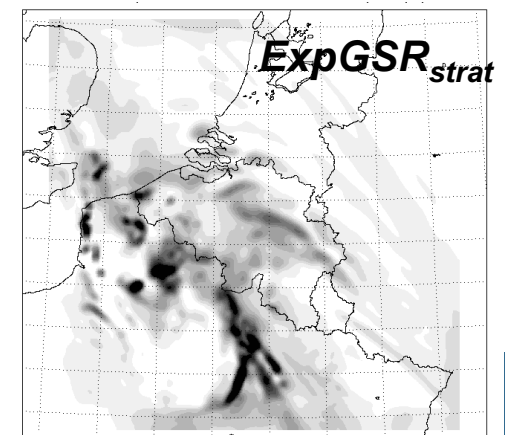
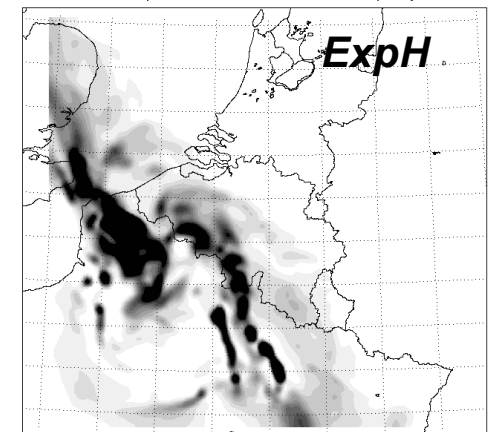
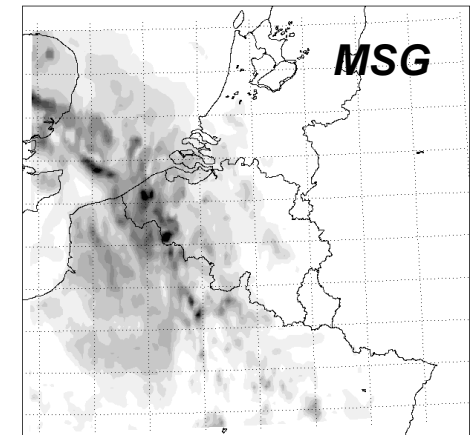


# Case studies: ARPS – MSG stratiform composite

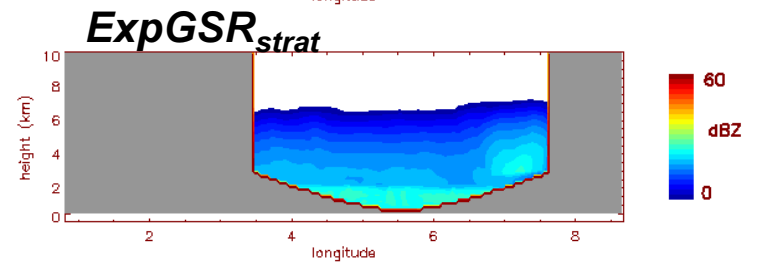
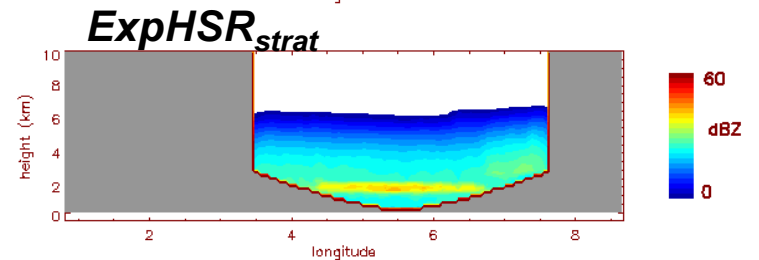
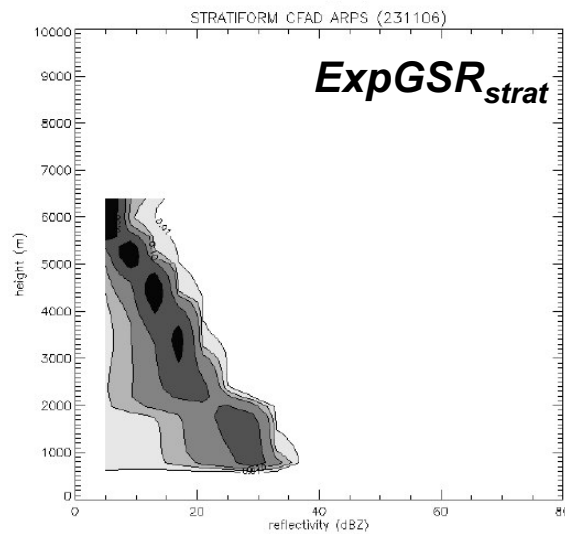
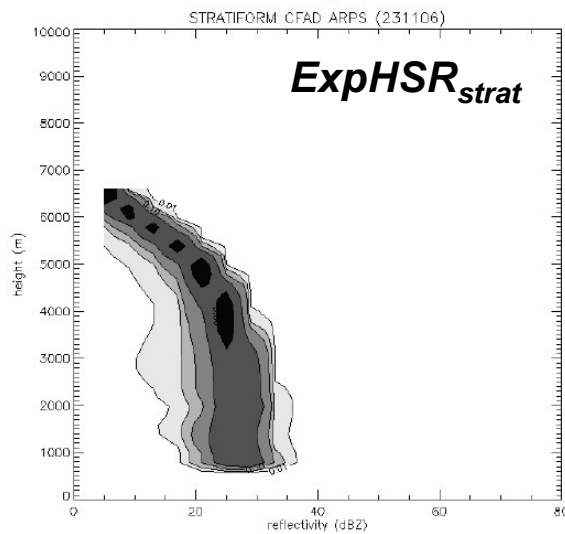
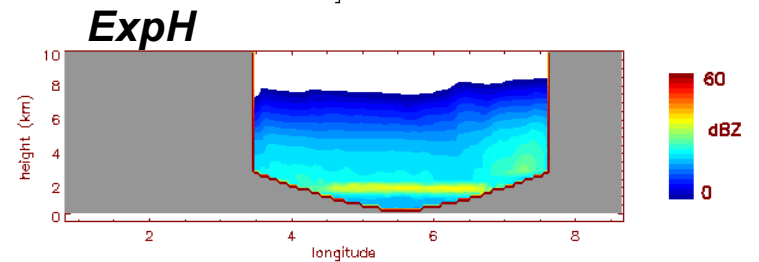
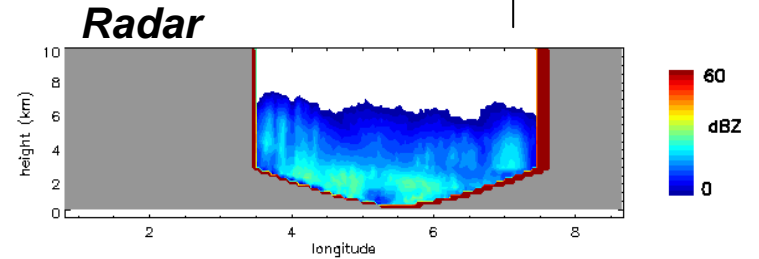
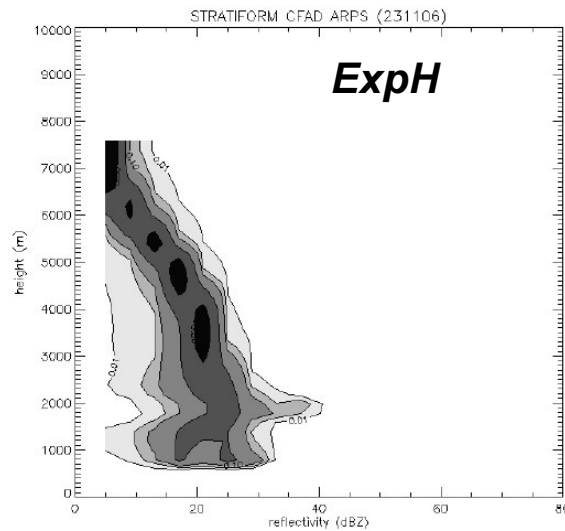
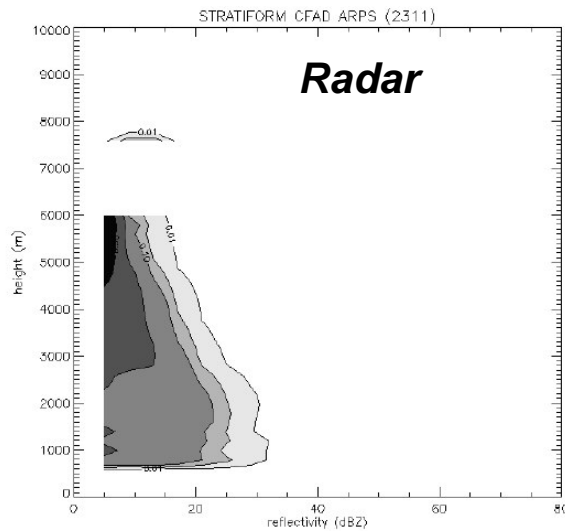
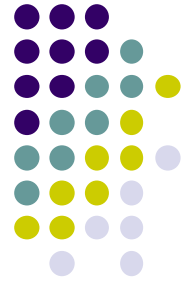


$$\bar{\tau} = -\mu \ln \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \exp(-\tau_i / \mu_i) \right)$$

Observed:	ExpH	ExpGSR <sub>strat</sub>
3.6	3.1	3.7



# Case studies: ARPS – Radar stratiform composite (23 November 2006)





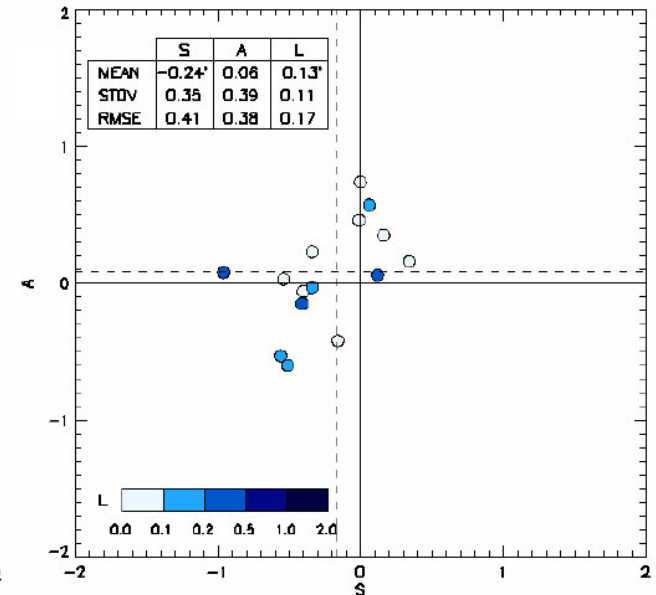
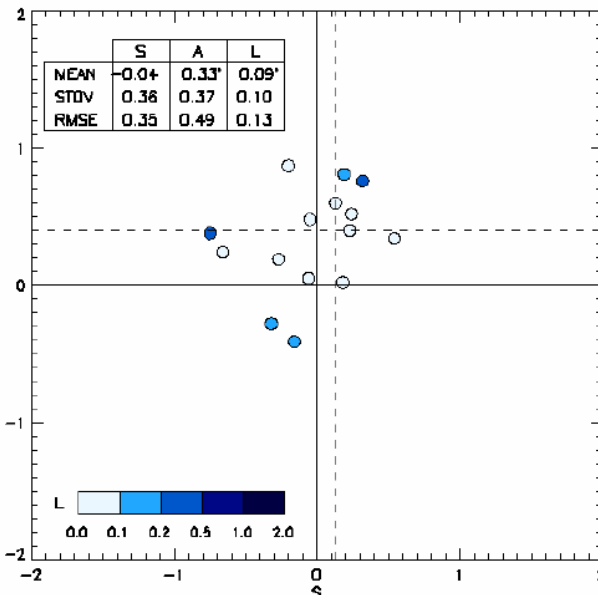
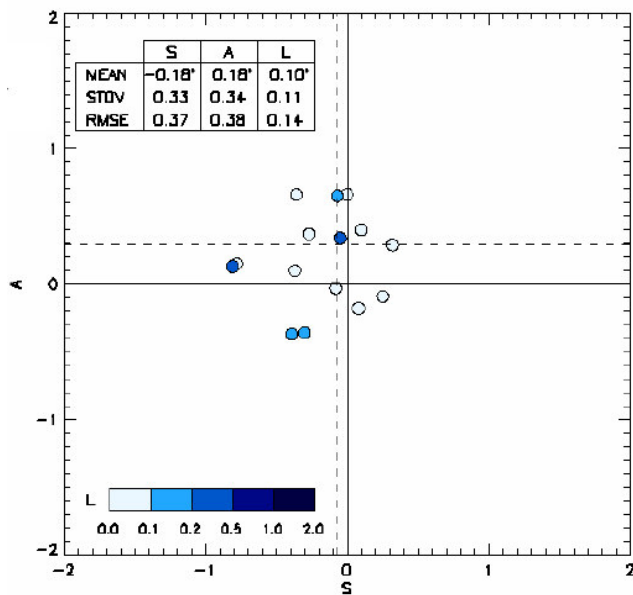
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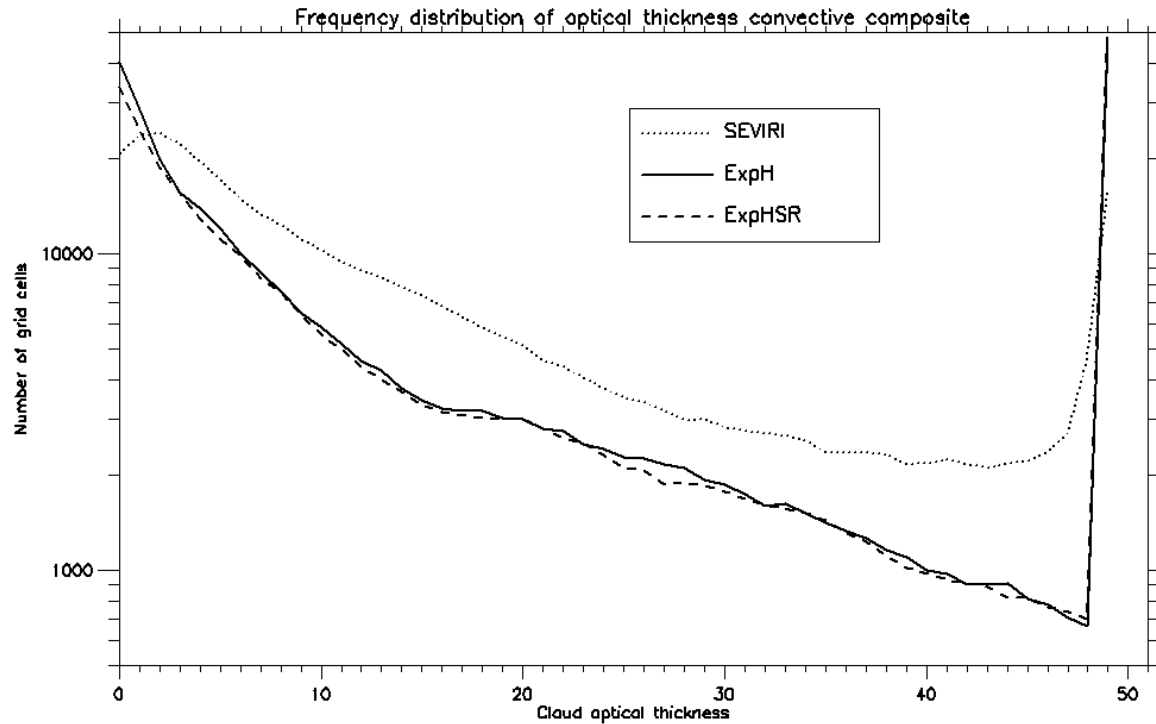
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*ExpGSR<sub>strat</sub>*

*ExpGSR<sub>strat</sub> (conserved water)*

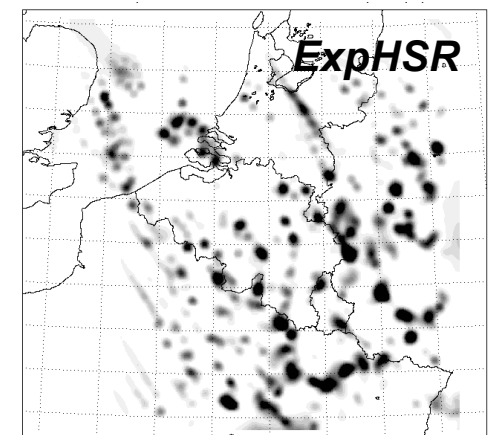
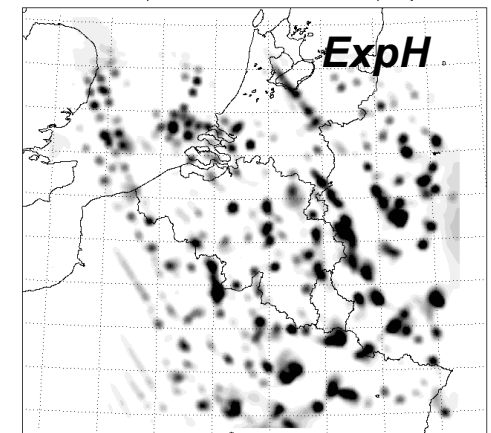
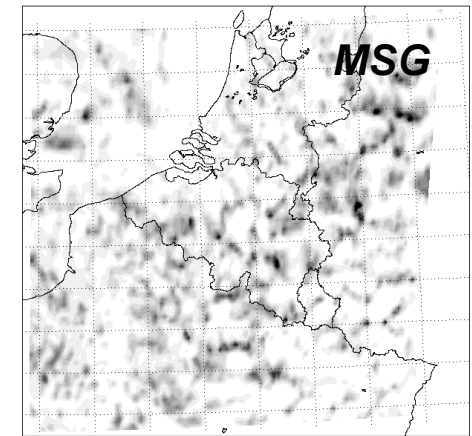


# Case studies: ARPS – MSG convective composite

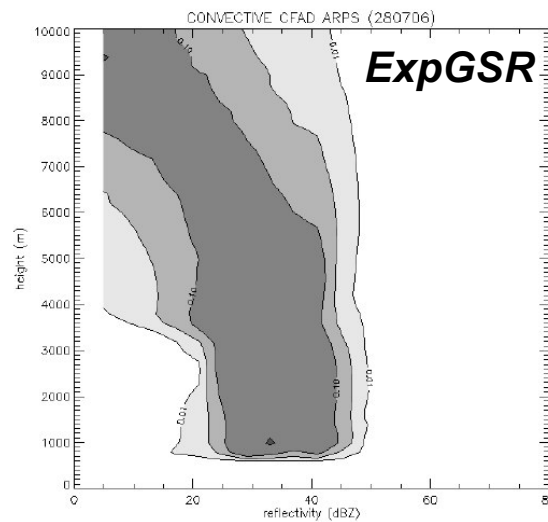
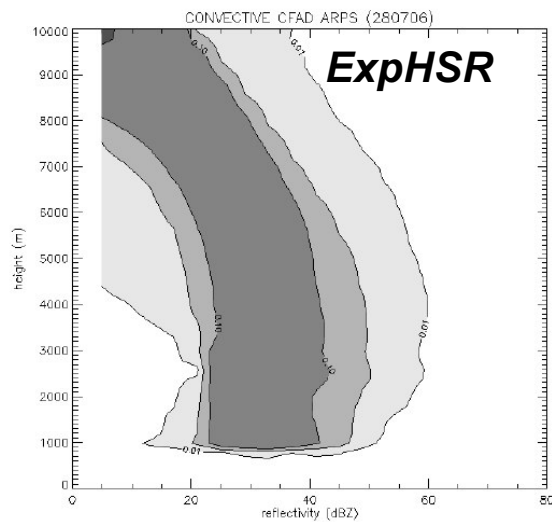
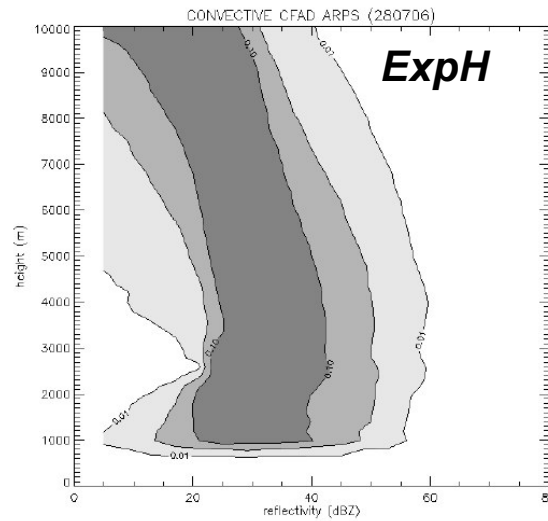
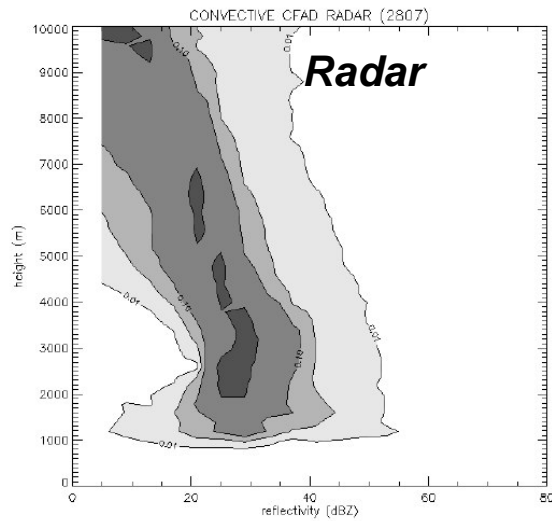


$$\bar{\tau} = -\mu \ln \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \exp(-\tau_i / \mu_i) \right)$$

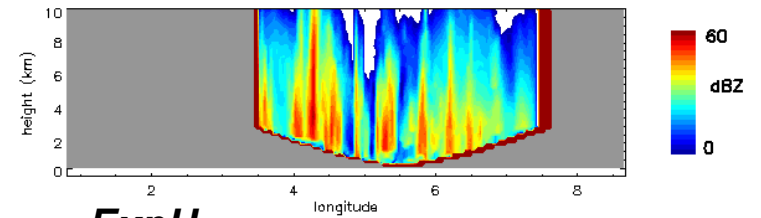
Observed:	ExpH	ExpHSR
3.2	2.8	2.8



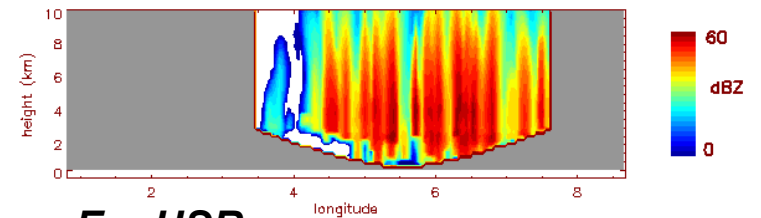
# Case studies: ARPS – Radar convective composite (28 July 2006)



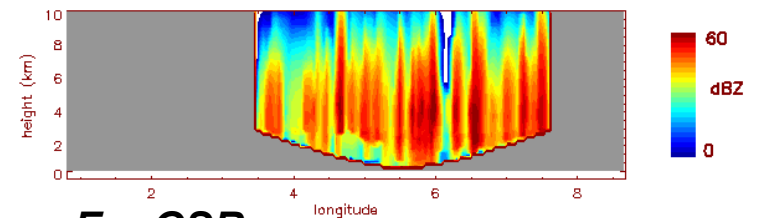
**Radar**



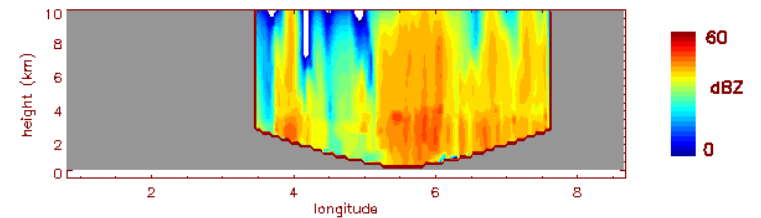
**ExpH**



**ExpHSR**



**ExpGSR**



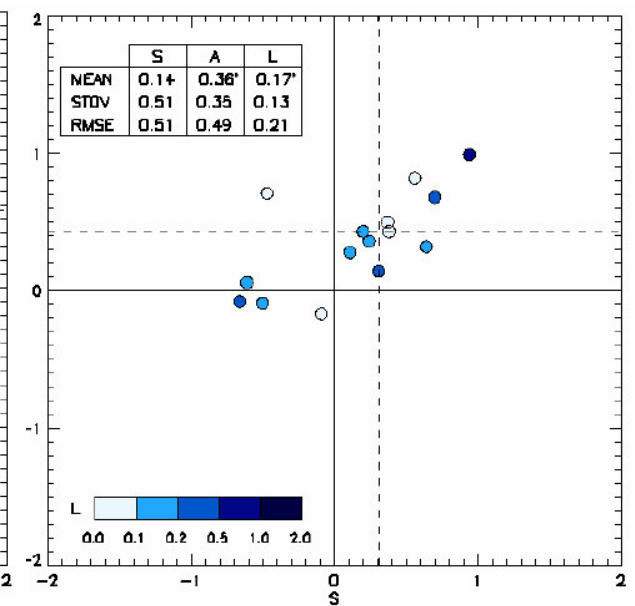
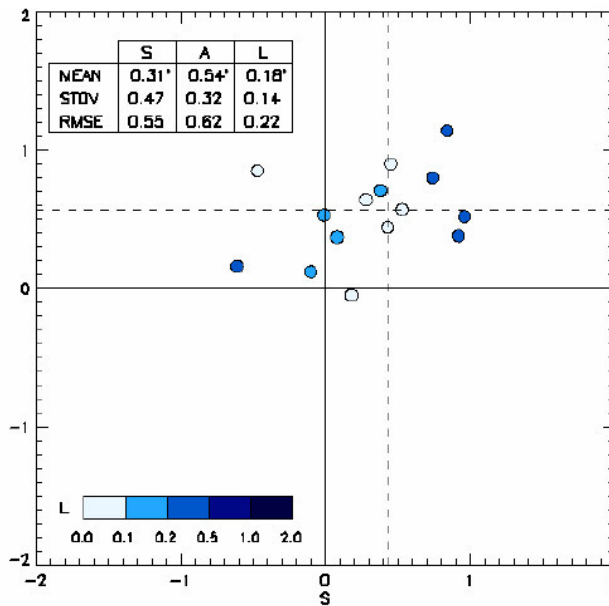
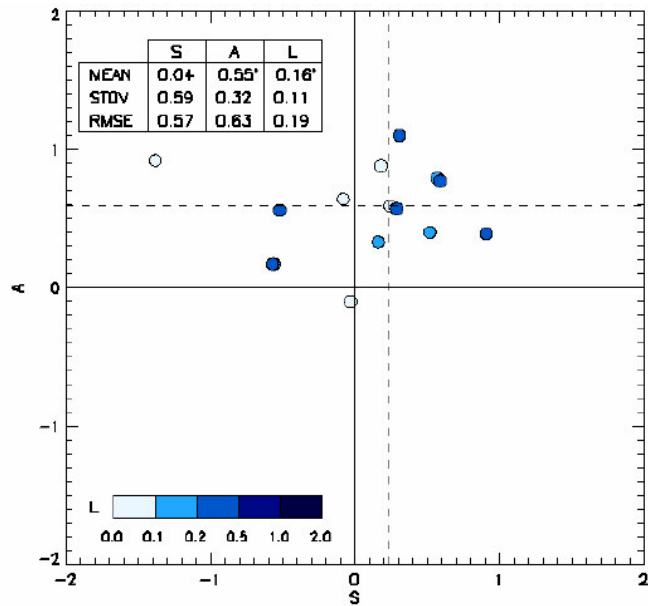
# Case studies: ARPS – Surface rain convective composite



*ExpH*

*ExpHSR*

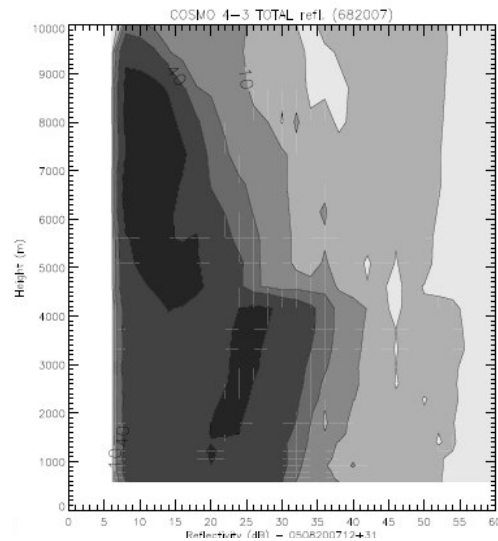
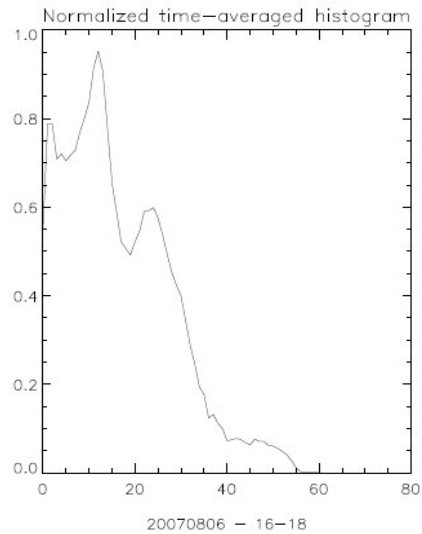
*ExpHSR (conserved water)*



# Case studies: COSMO – Radar convective composite (06 August 2007)



**COSMO**

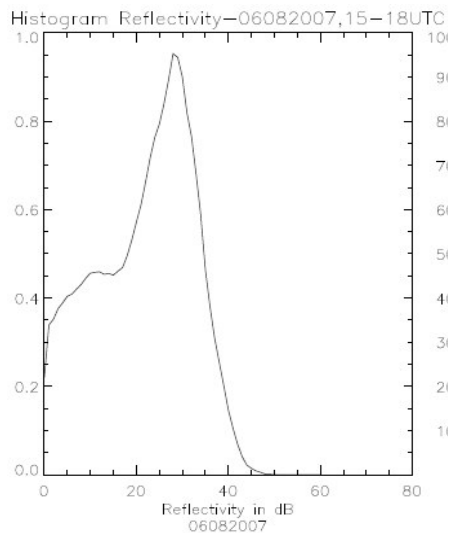


Zmax = 13 dBZ

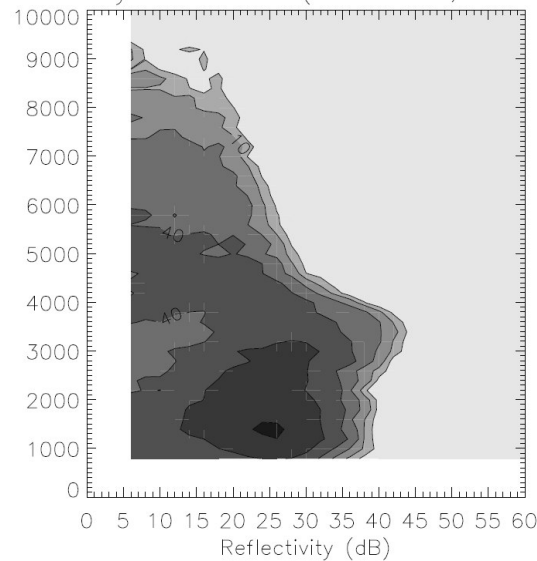
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dZ = 27 dBZ

**Radar**



Reflectivity Wideumont (06082007, 15-21UTC)

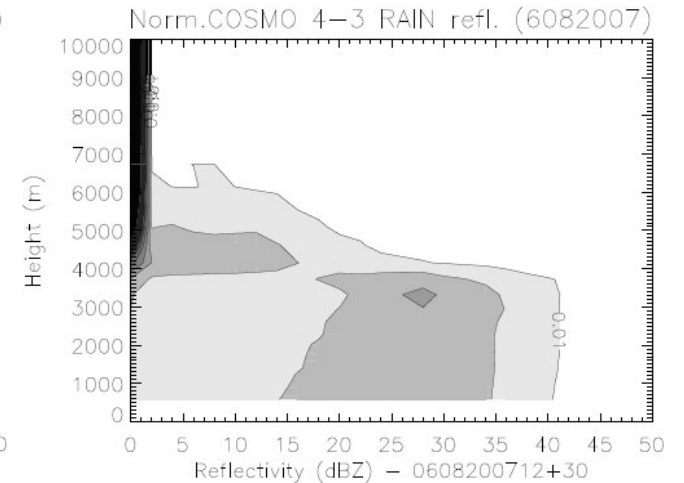
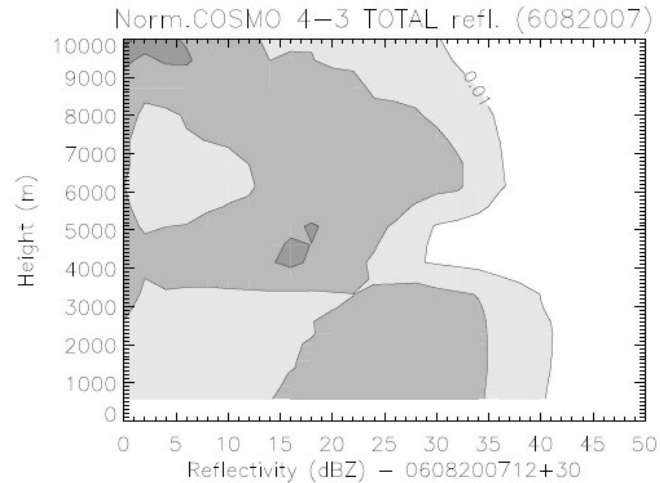
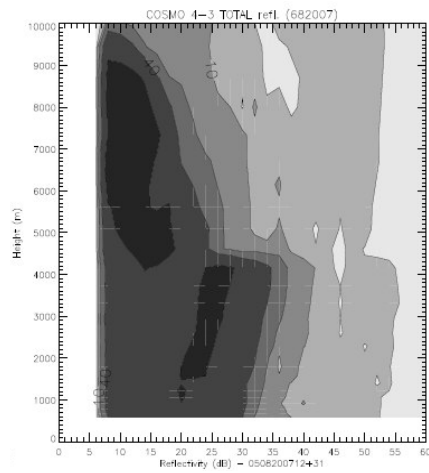


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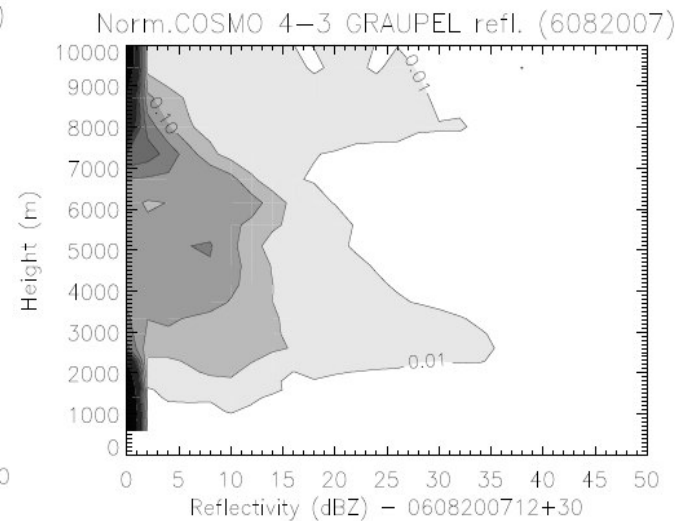
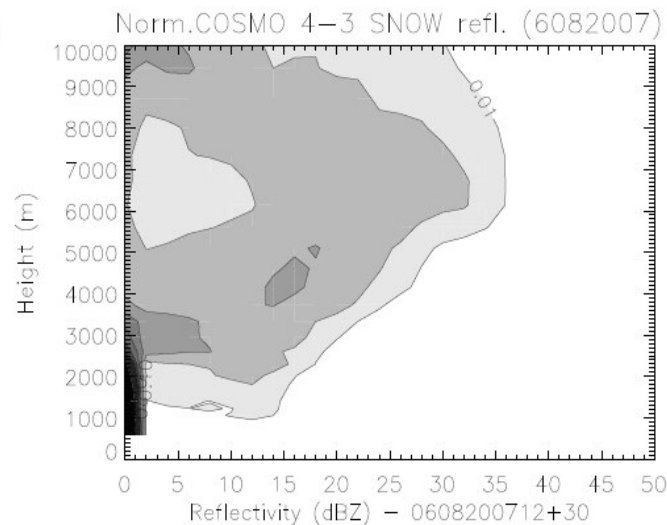
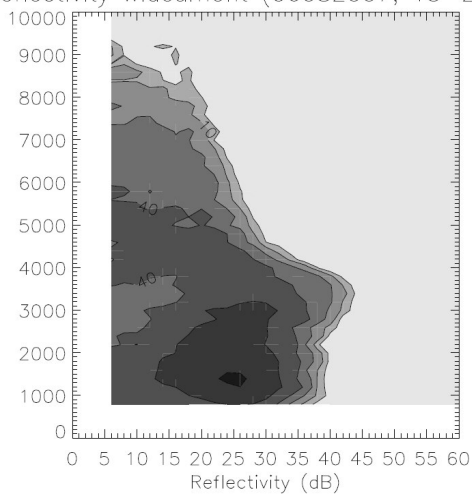
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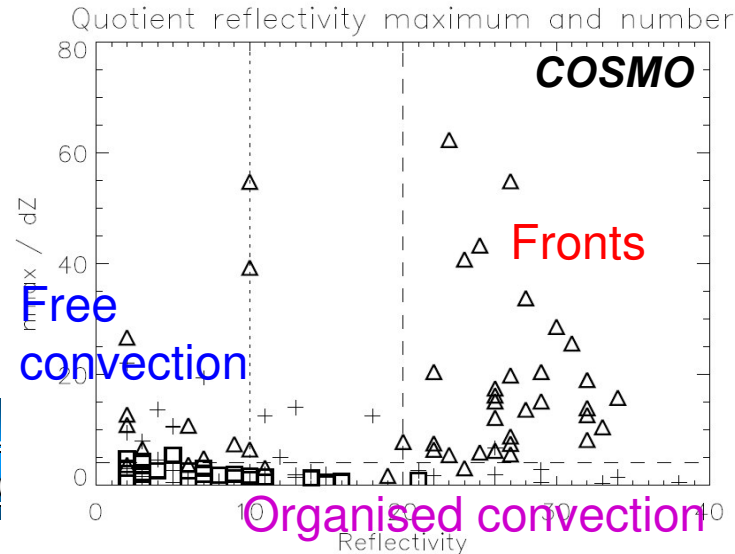
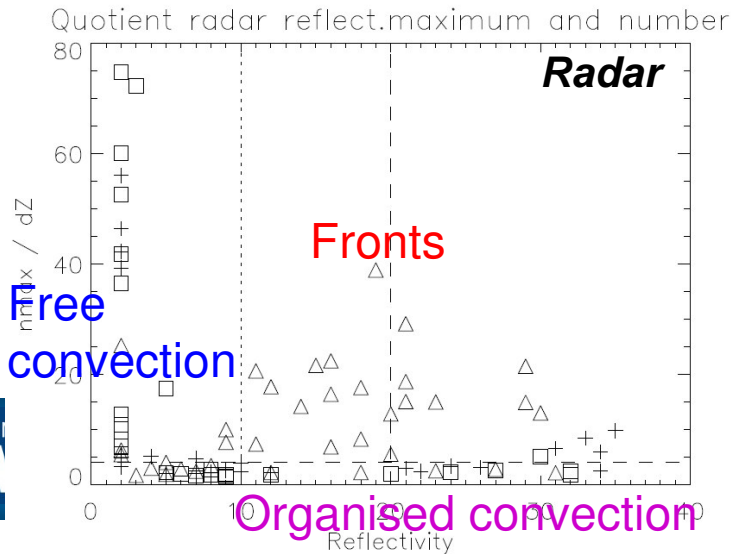
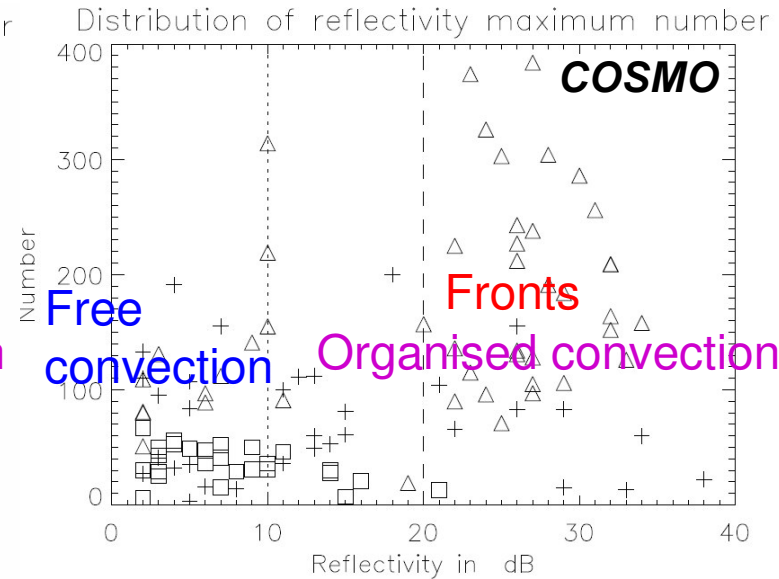
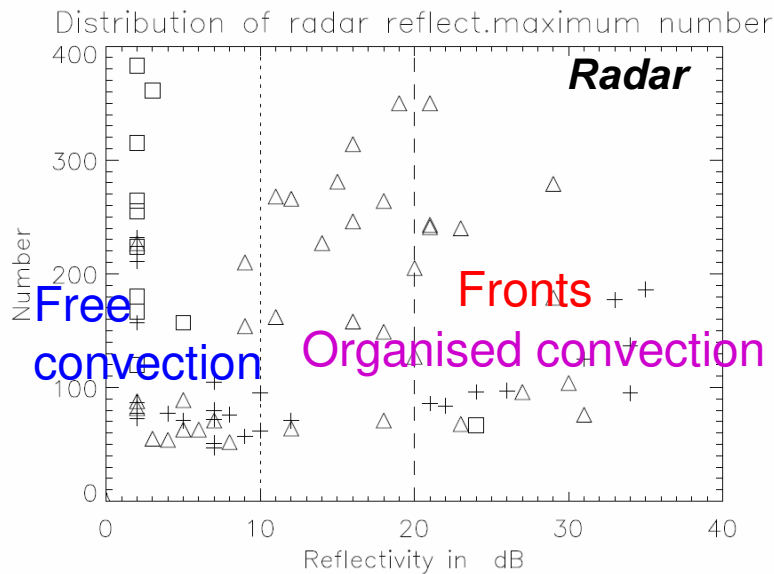
# Case studies: COSMO – Radar convective composite (06 August 2007)



Reflectivity Wideumont (06082007, 15-21UTC)



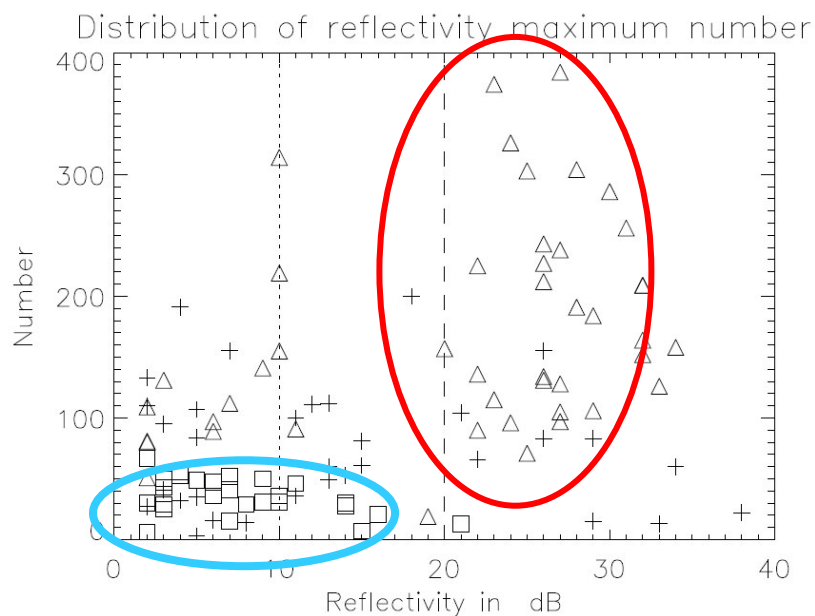
# Case studies: COSMO – Radar



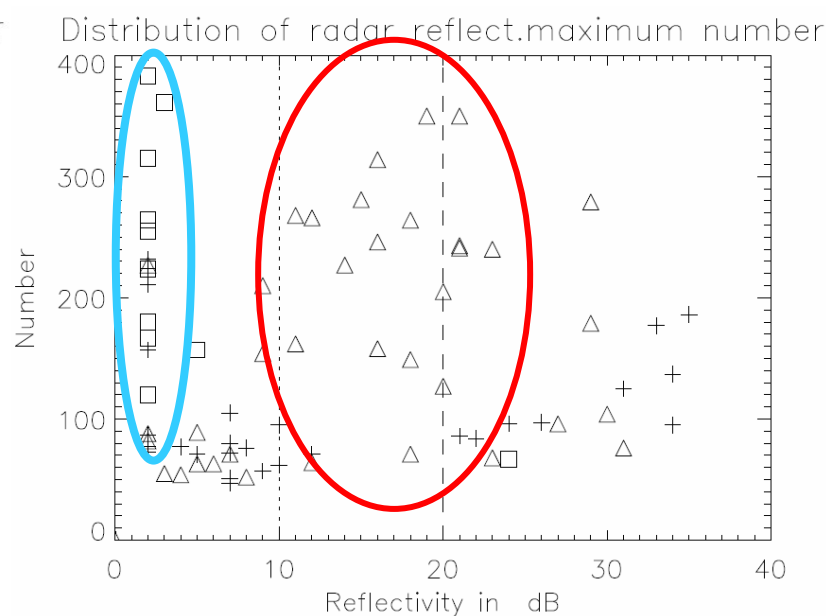
# Case studies: COSMO – Radar



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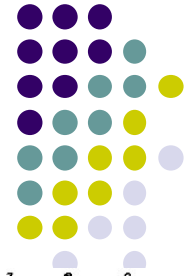


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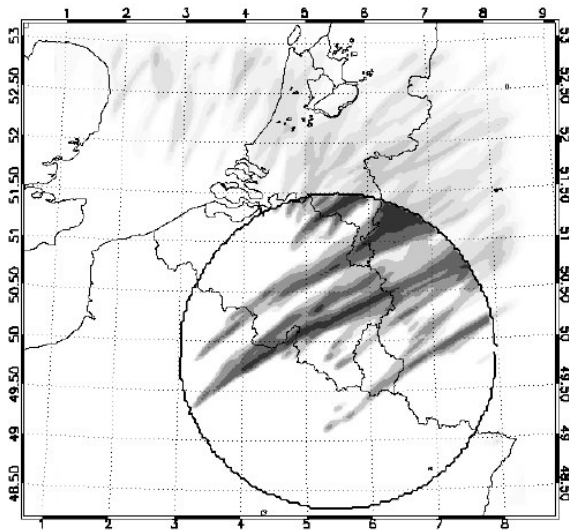




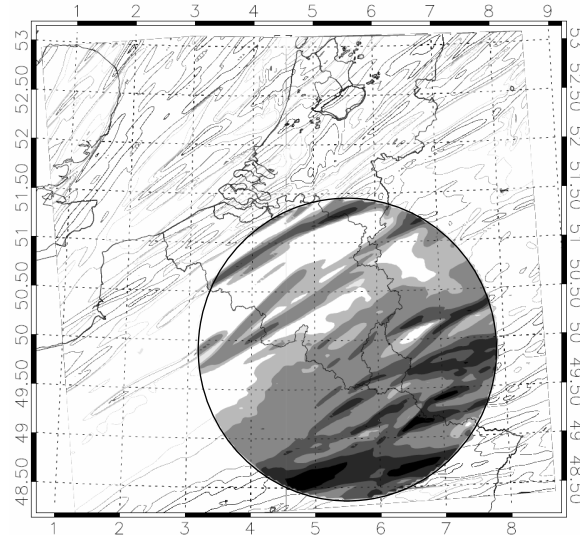
# Case studies: ARPS – COSMO – Radar convective composite (01 October 2006)



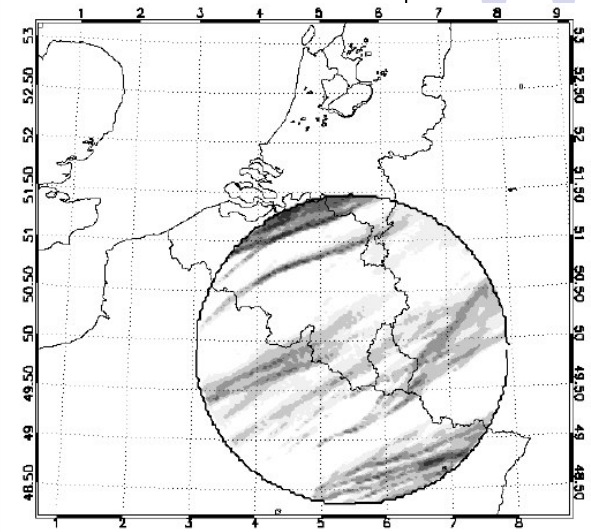
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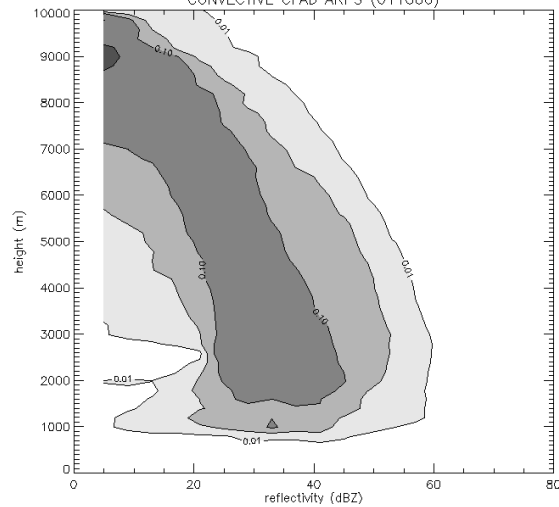
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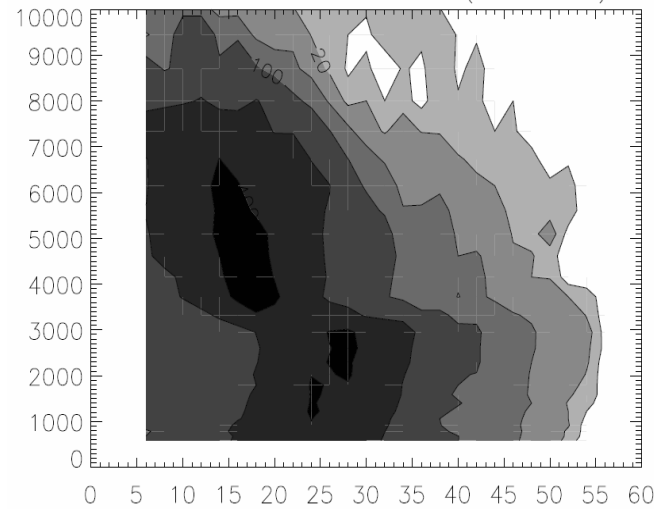
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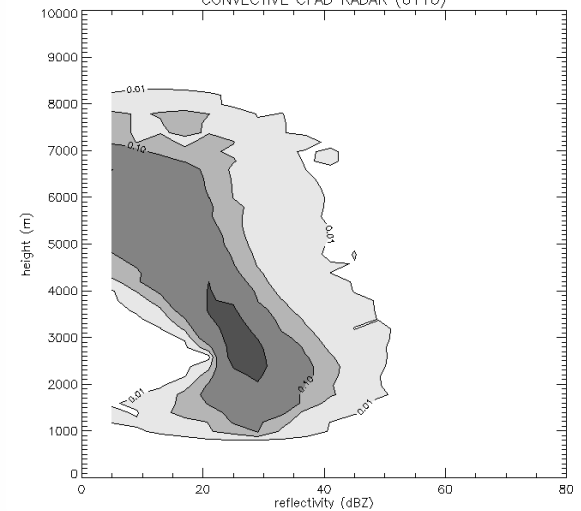
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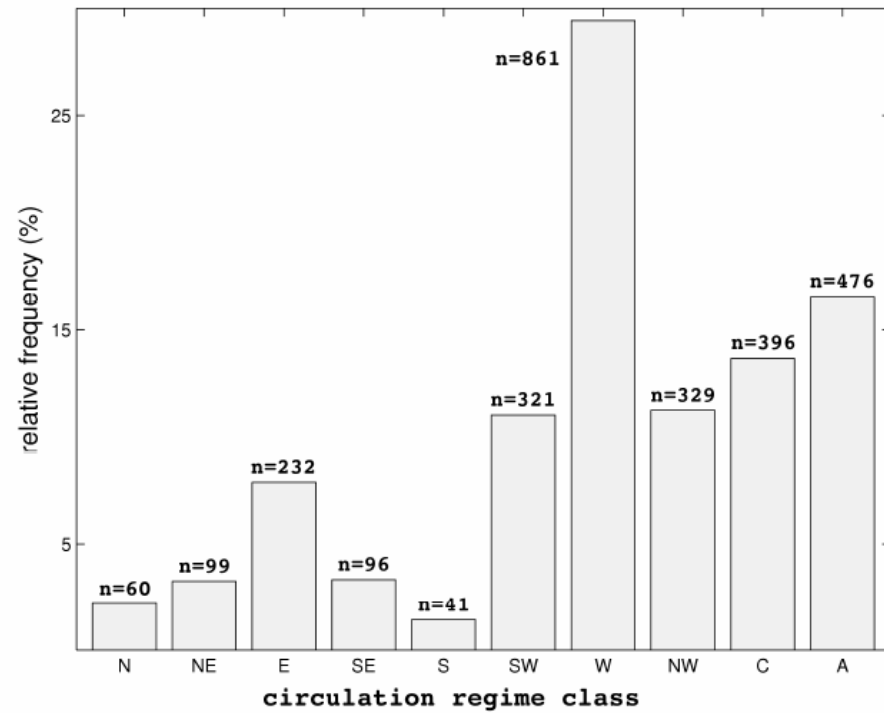
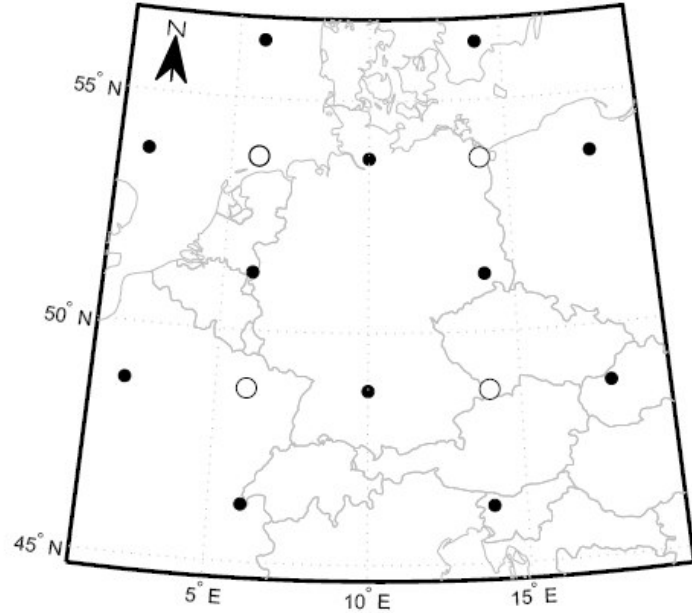
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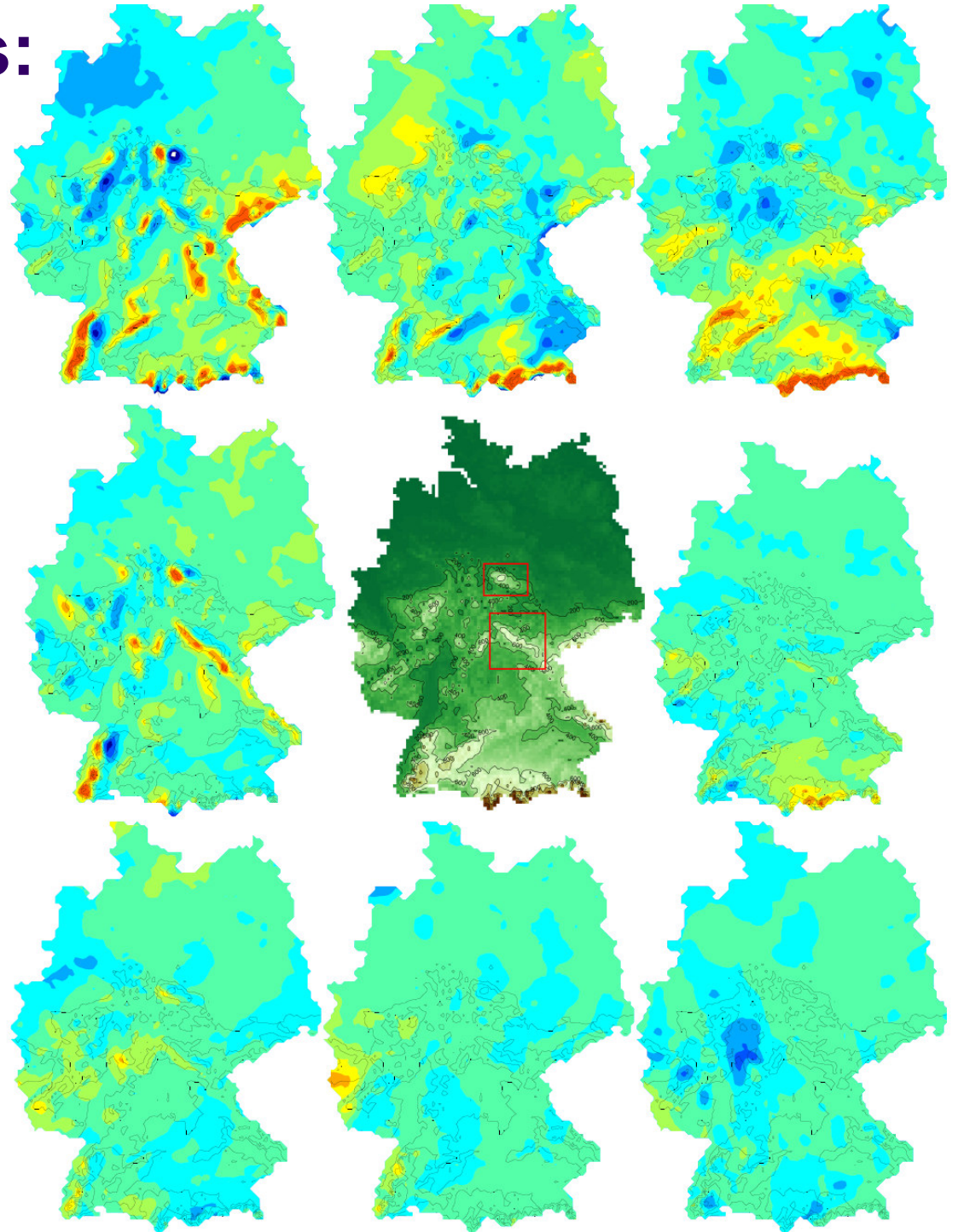
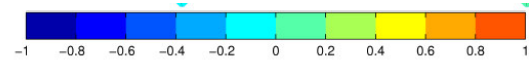
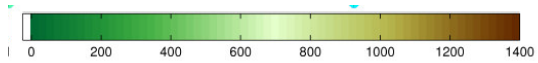
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# Conclusions so far



→ **Major goal:** in-depth analysis of model deficiencies in COSMO and ARPS

→ ***in-depth evaluation of case studies***

## **ARPS**

- *Underestimation of average COT, mainly due to too many very thin clouds, but excessive snow*
- *COT distribution can be improved significantly by replacing hail formulation by graupel*
- *Both hail and graupel should be included in an operational setup for realistic moisture fields*
- *Surface precip insensitive to microphysics experiments but improvement when conserving water*

## **COSMO (4.3)**

- *Overestimation of frontal stratiform precipitation*
- *Excessive snow in the upper troposphere*
- *Too intense convective cells*

→ ***evaluation of long-term studies***

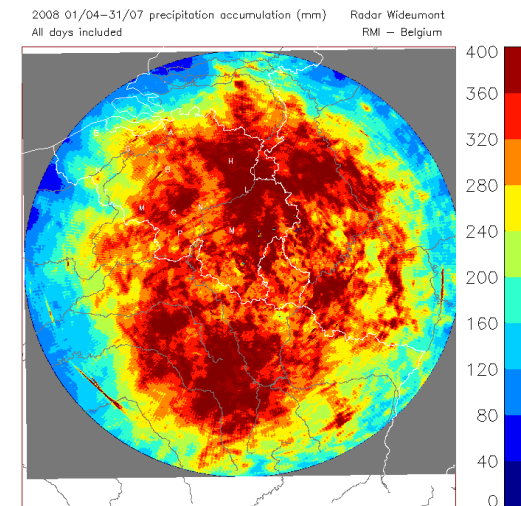
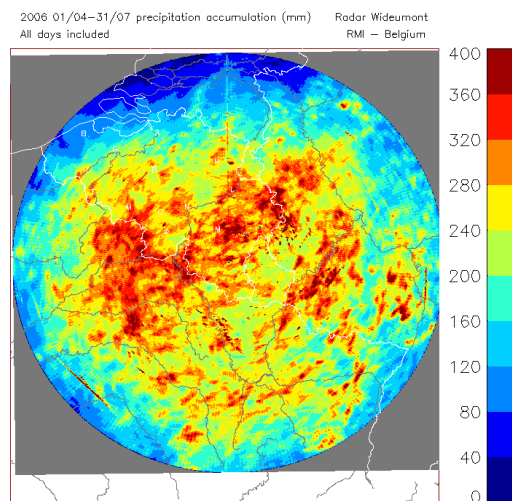
- *Windward-lee effect in surface precipitation bias (associated with convection parameterization)*
- *Height dependence of precipitation bias (Difficulty with observations during snow conditions?)*

# Outlook



Compilation of precipitation characteristics for two contrasting spring/summer seasons (04-07/2006 + 2008)

- Input analyses data in 1h-distances, 36 hours runs
- Output in 1h distances resp. 15 min distances for precipitation
- Precipitation patterns / characteristics in Belgium



Interdisciplinary research:

- Result as input for other subjects of geography, hydrology and agriculture e.g. soil erosion models → focus on spring time