

# Ground-based passive remote sensing and sensor synergy



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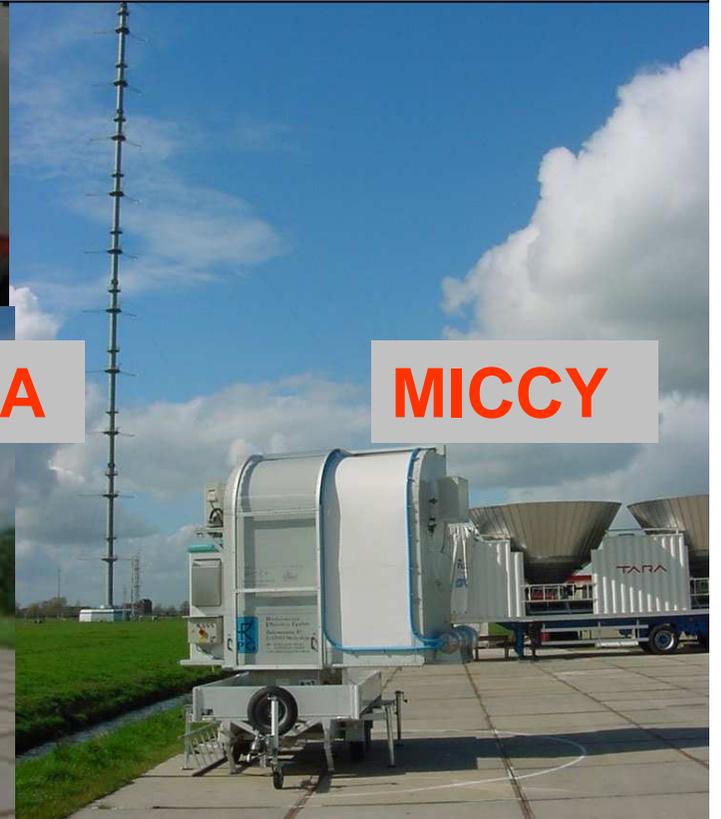
# Microwave Radiometer



**MTP**



**IRE**



**MICCY**



**HATPRO**



**TROWARA**

**WVRA**



**Drakkar**



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**MARSS**



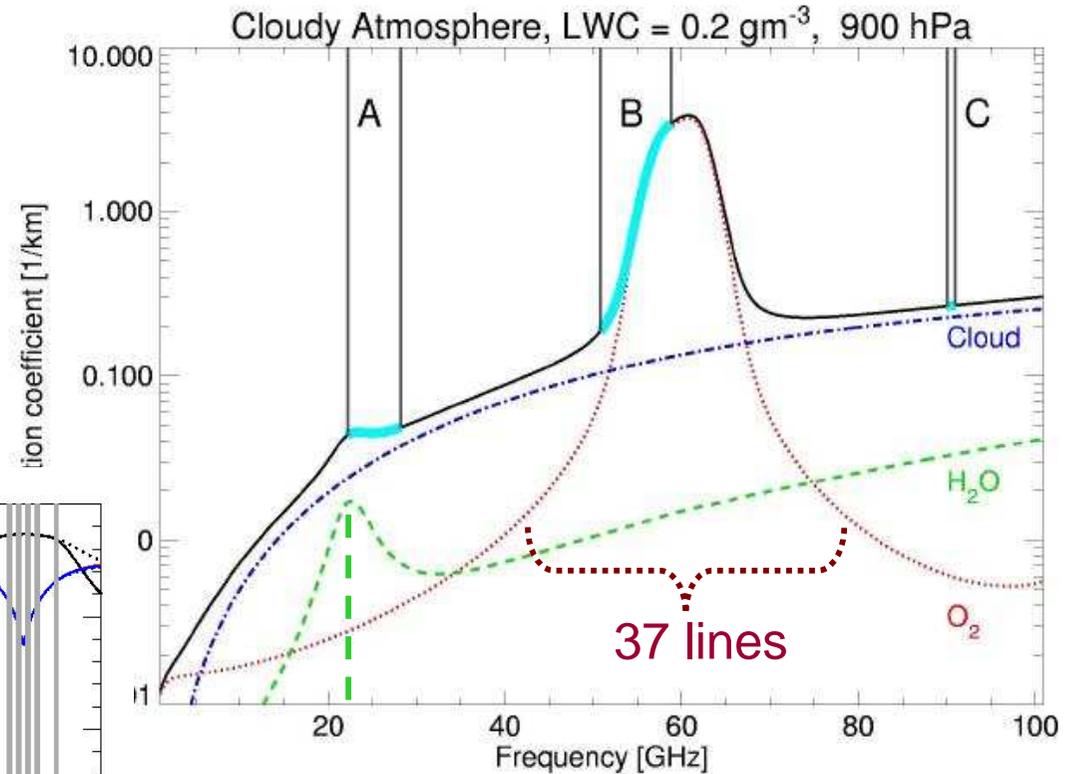
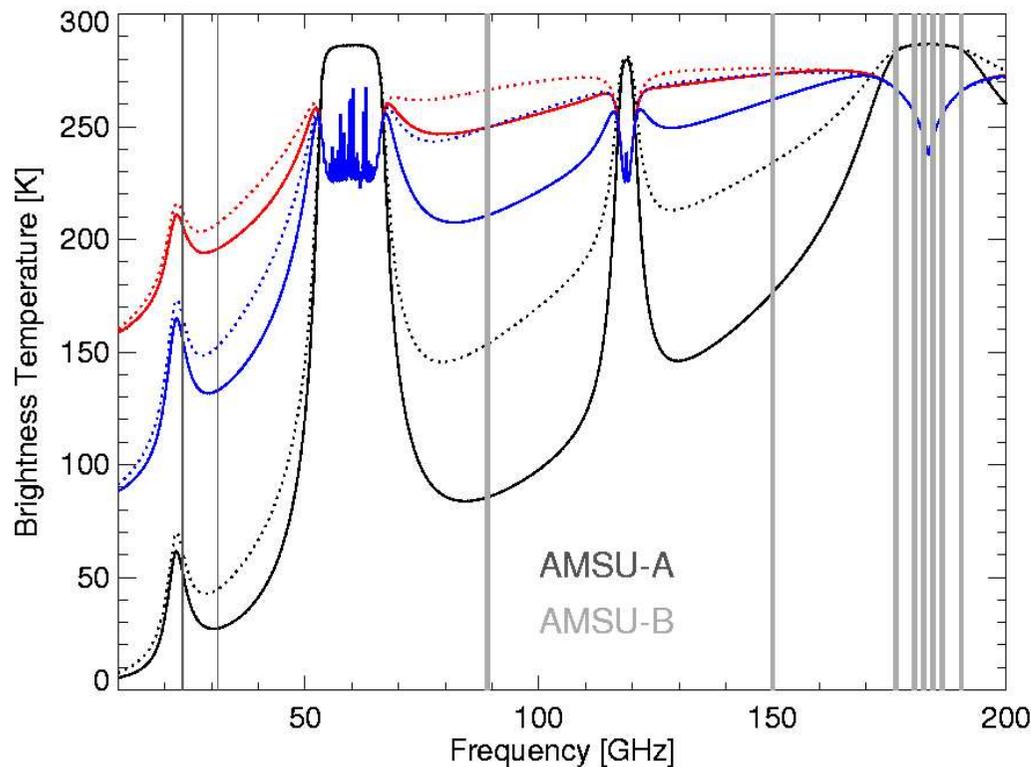
2001 8

2007 8 10

# Microwave Spectrum

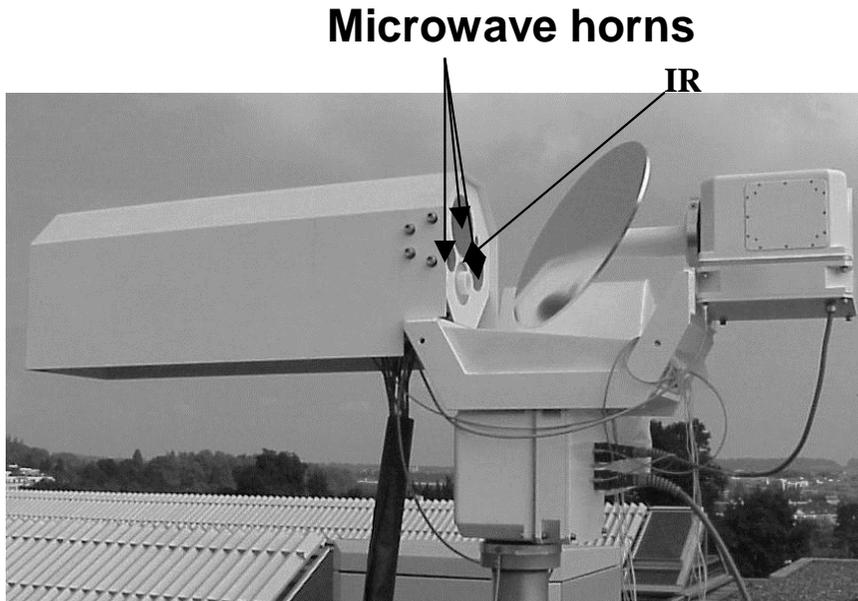
Scattering can be neglected

- frequencies <100 GHz
- non-precipitating conditions



Ground-based  
satellite (vertical polarization)  
satellite (horizontal polarization)

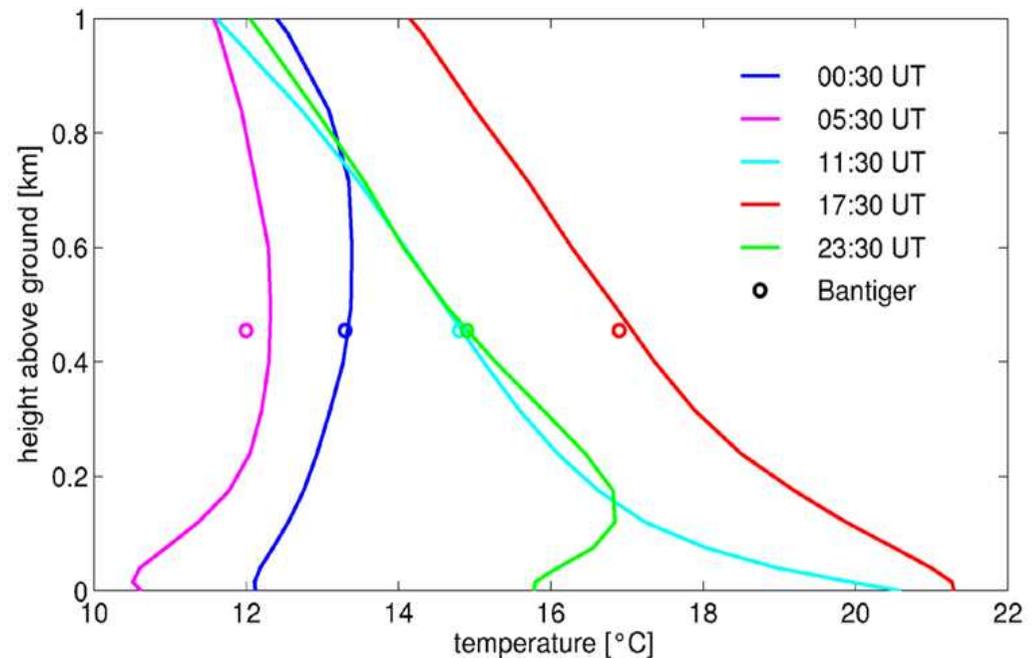
# All Sky Multi-Wavelength Radiometer (ASMUWARA)



ASMUWARA in operation in Bern.  
Obtains a complete sky map  
every 20 min

University of Bern, Ch. Mätzler

- Nine microwave channels
- Frequency range: 18 to 151 GHz
- broad-band thermal IR channels
- All channels have the same view
- All channels have common full beam width of  $9^\circ$

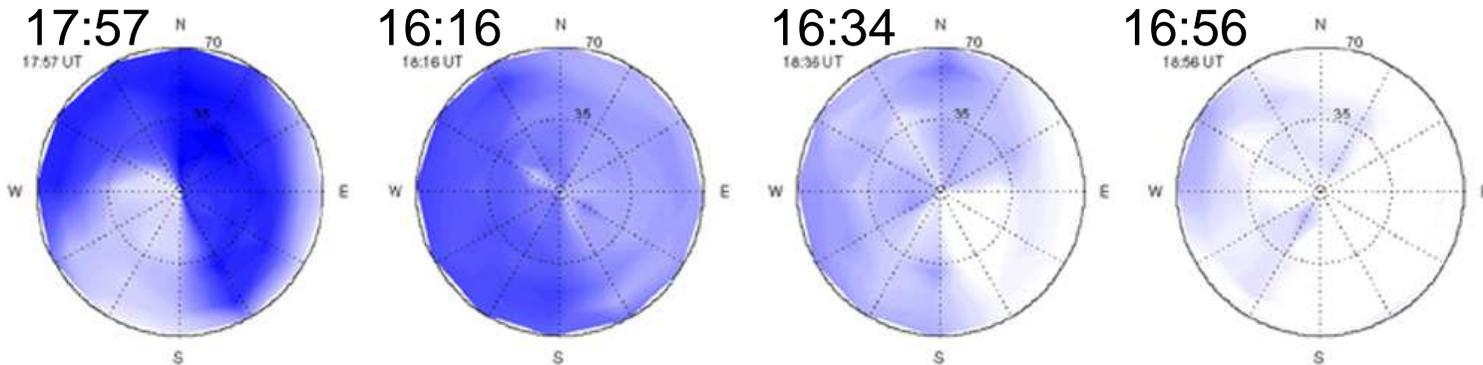


# Hemispheric Observations

ASMUWARA, 8 April 2003

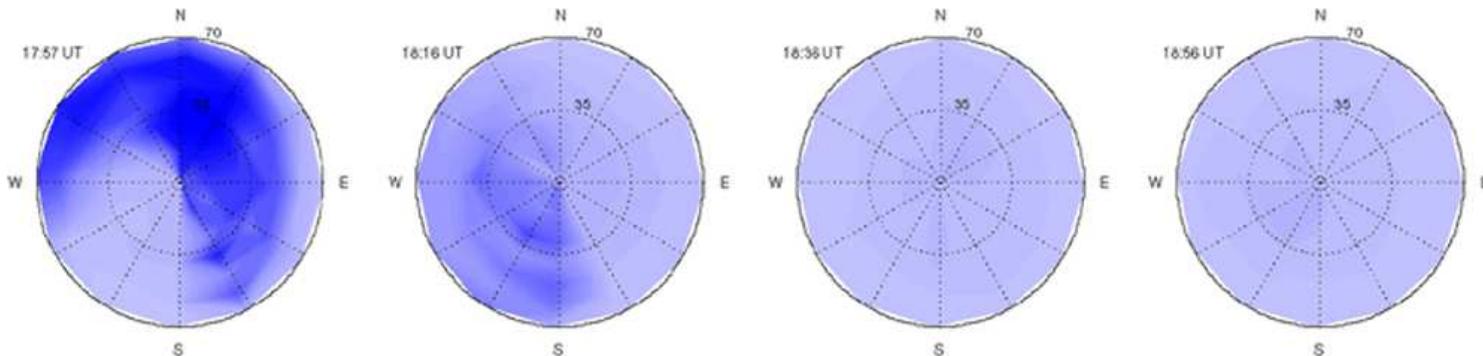
Liquid water path (LWP)

scale: blue: 0 mm, white: 0.05 mm



Infrared sensor:

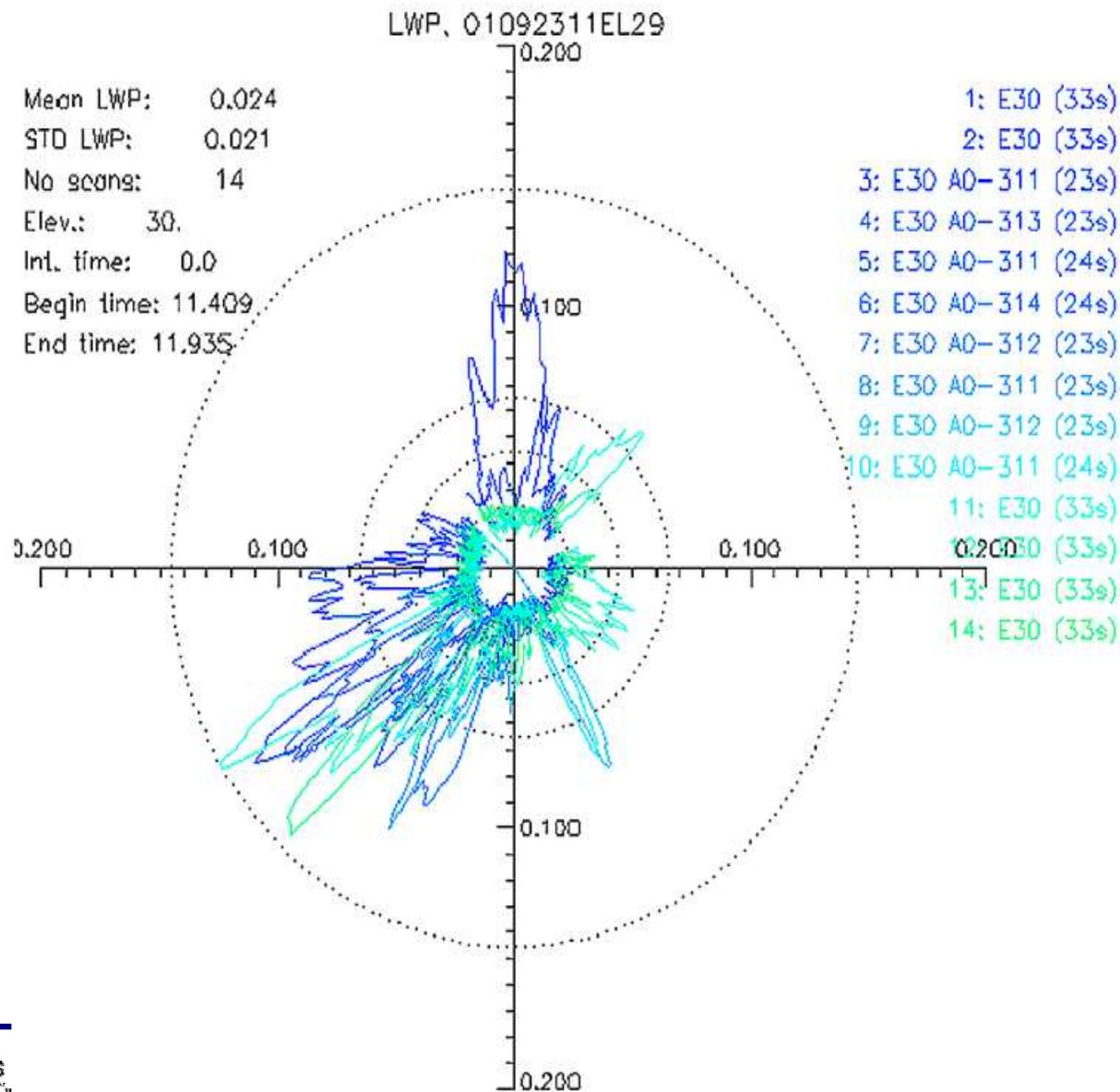
scale: blue:  $-70^{\circ}\text{C}$ , white:  $-0^{\circ}\text{C}$



# 14 successive azimuth scans (30 min)

MICCY (UBonn)

high spatial  
resolution



# Sensor Synergy: Vertical column

## Cloud radar

- information on vertical cloud position
- radar reflectivity  $\sim D^6$
- Doppler velocity, depolarization

## Microwave profiler

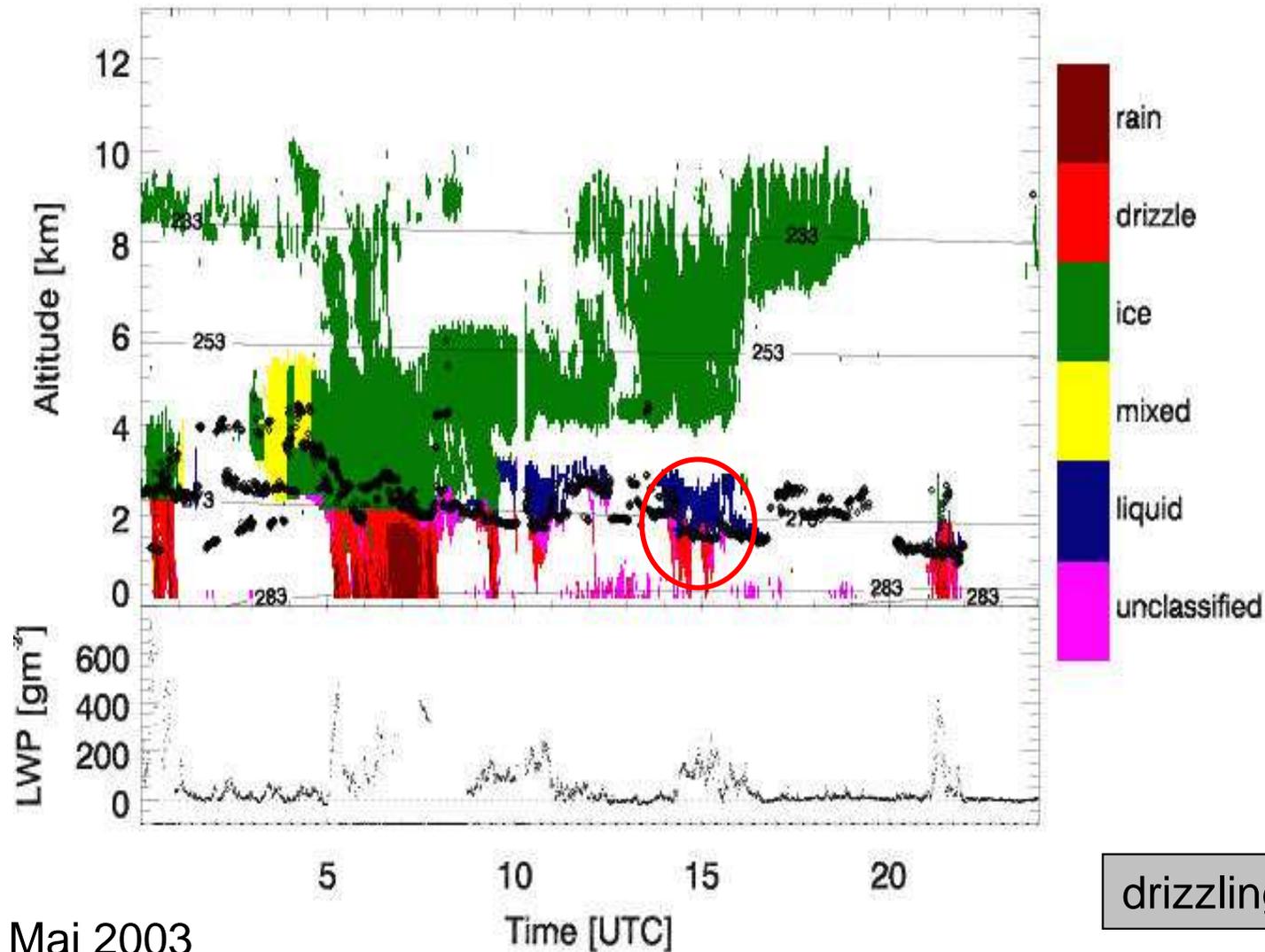
- temperature and humidity profile
- emission of cloud droplets  $\sim D^3$
- only limited vertical resolution

## Laser Ceilometer

- backscatter due to aerosol and cloud droplets  $\sim D^2$
- cloud extinction proportional to droplet concentration at cloud base
- conversion of backscatter to extinction problematic

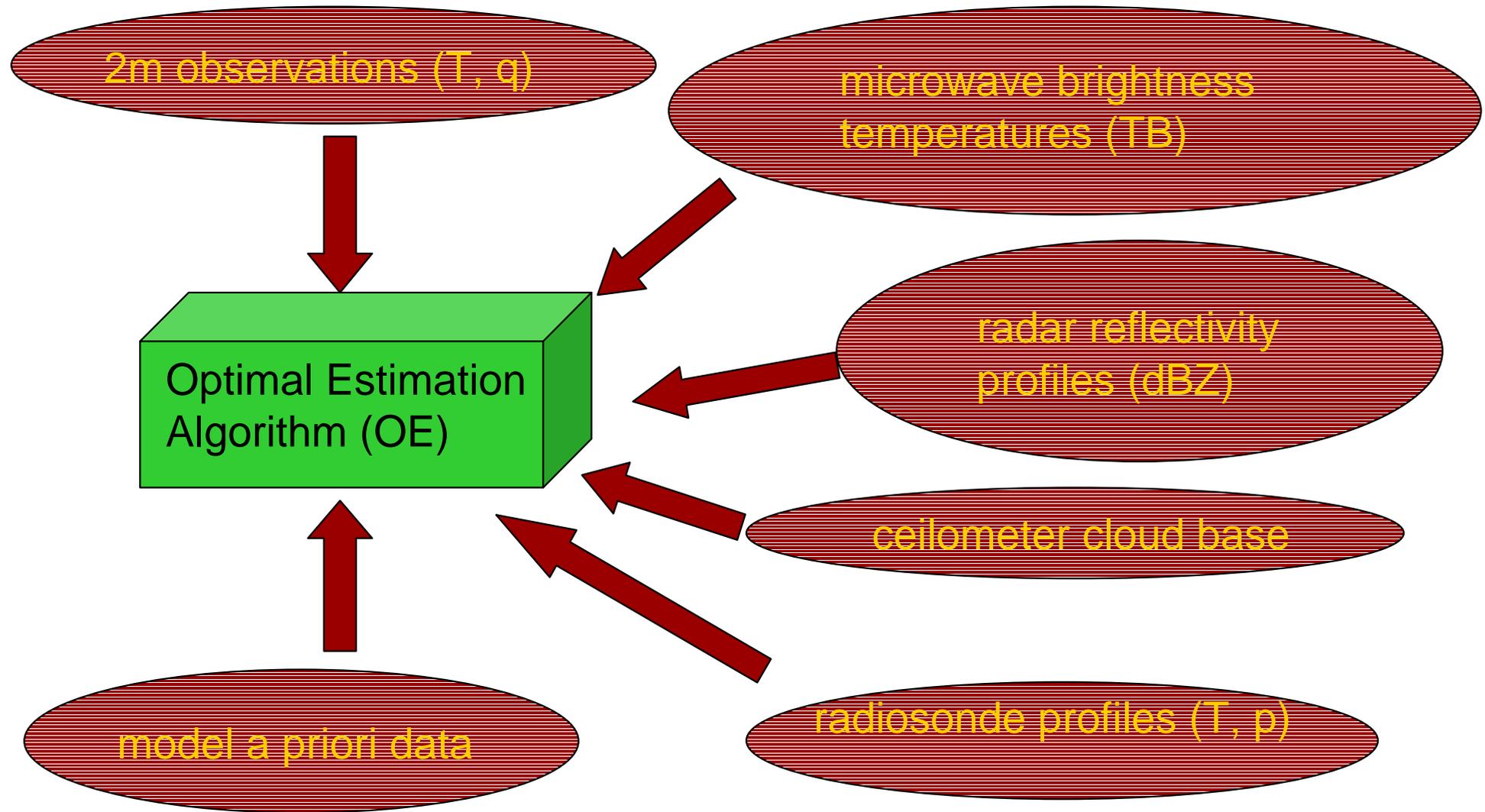


# Cloud classification



Cabauw, 9. Mai 2003

# Integrated Profiling Technik (IPT)



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optimized, physically  
consistent profiles

- temperature (T)
- humidity (q)
- liquid water content (LWC)

and error estimates

Optimal Estimation  
Algorithm (OE)

microwave brightness  
temperatures (TB)

radar reflectivity  
profiles (dBZ)

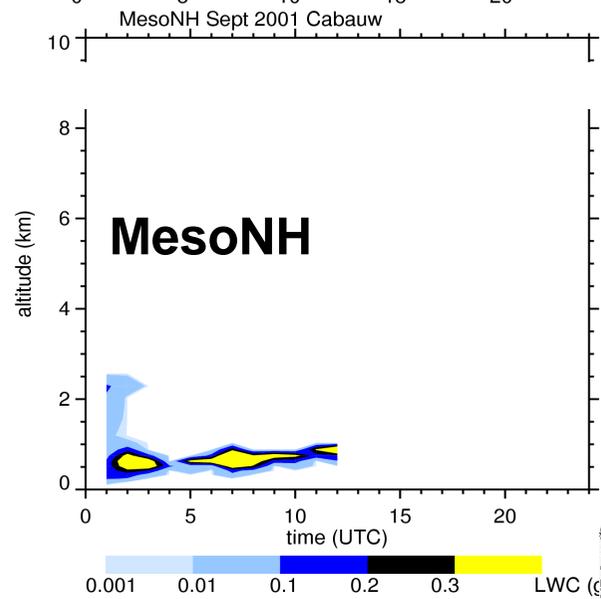
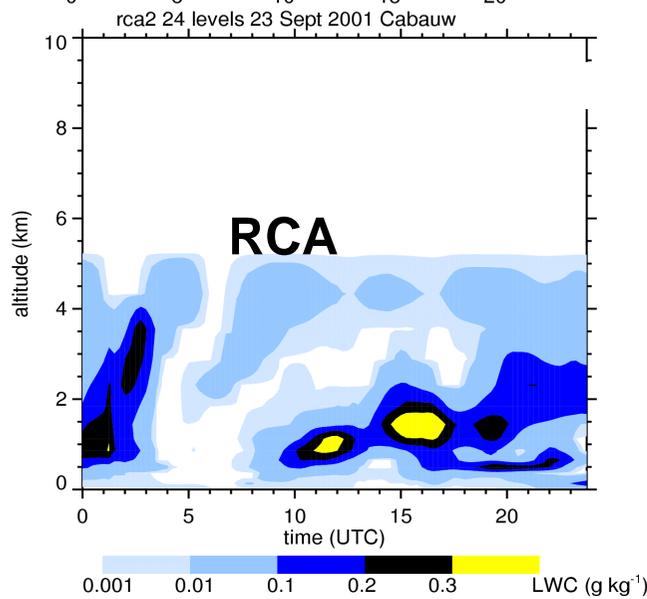
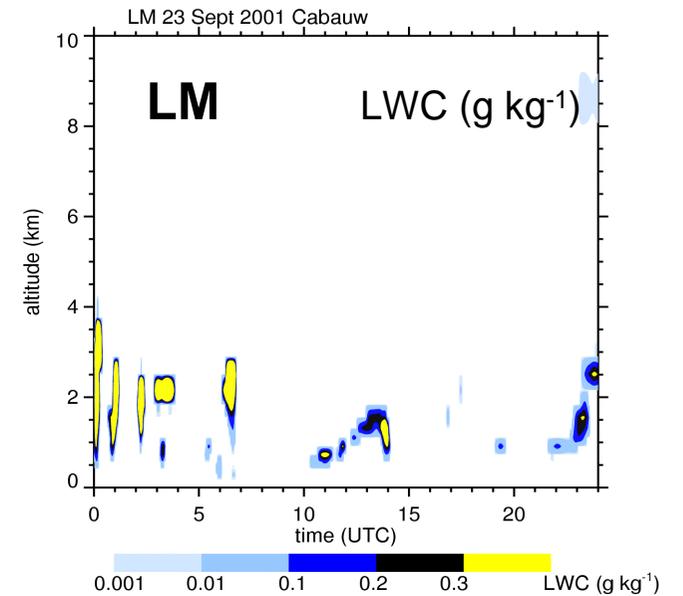
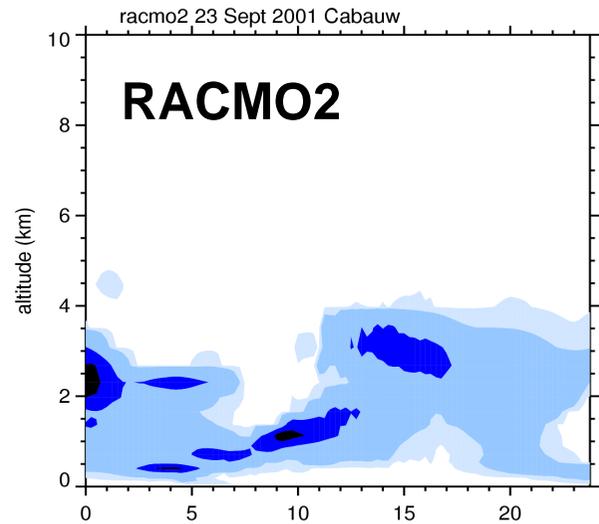
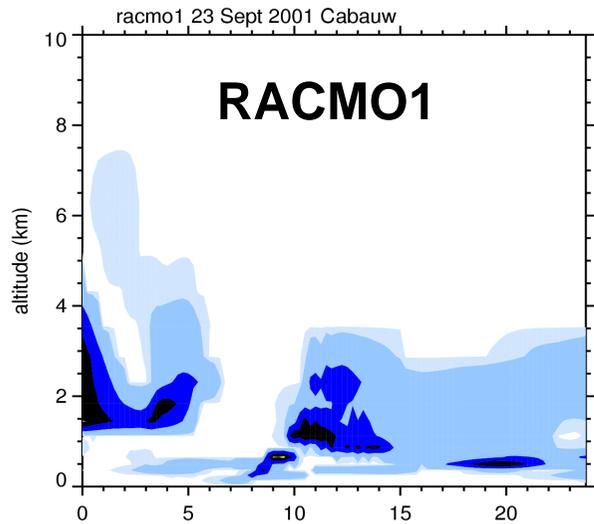
ceilometer cloud base

radiosonde profiles (T, p)

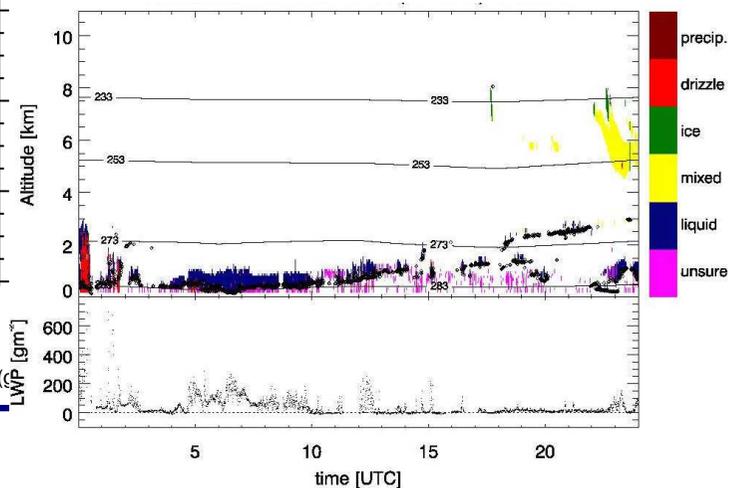
model a priori data

# WMO Cloud Modelling Workshop, Hamburg, July 2004

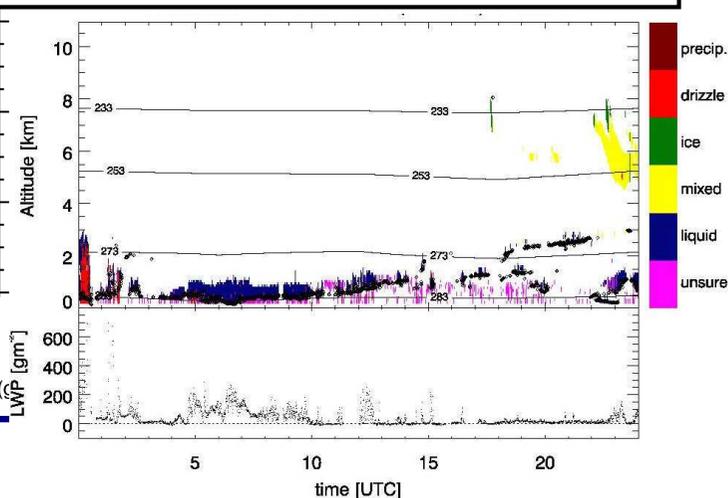
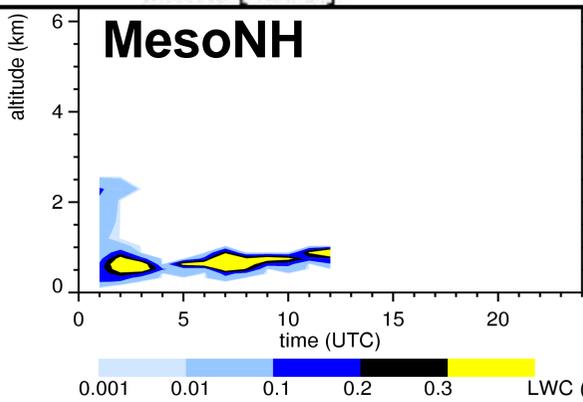
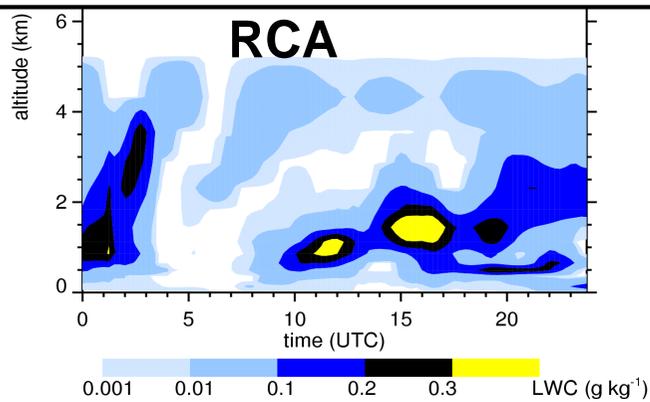
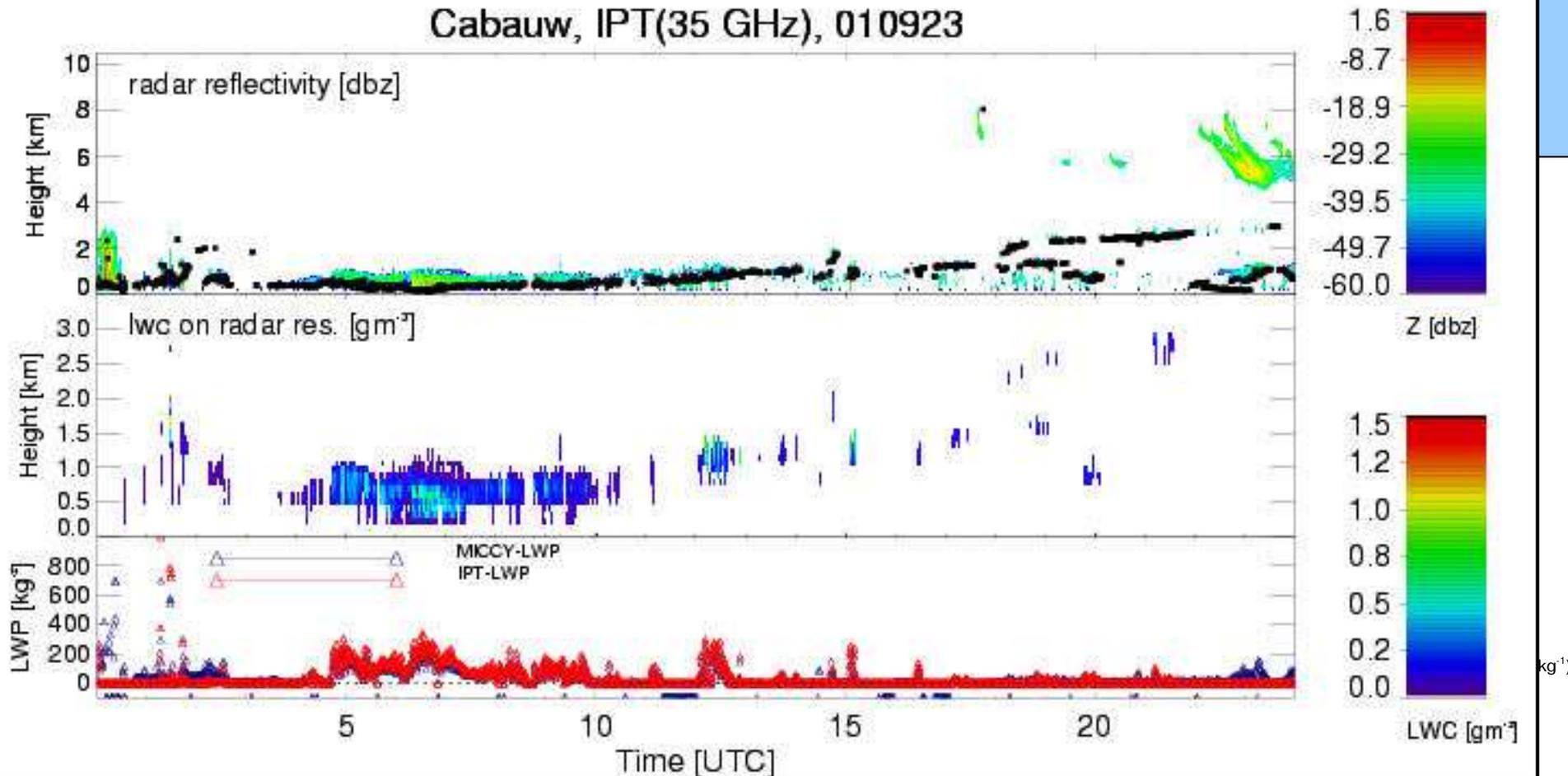
## BBC case 23 September 2001



### Observation



# Cabauw, IPT(35 GHz), 010923



# Other methods and possible extensions

## COST 720 Integrated Profiling " Retrieval of cloud microphysics"

- O'Connor et al. (UReading)

Input: LWP, Lidar extinction, profile of radar reflectivity and Doppler velocity

Output: Number concentration (const. altitude), effective radius, LWC, drizzle water content below cloud

- Krasnov et al. (TUDelft)

choose Z-LWC relationship (in-situ climatology) depending on lidar/radar ratio

Output: LWC profile in drizzling and non-drizzling clouds

### Ice water content

- Matrosov et al. (NOAA): cloud radar, IR
- Donovan et al. (KNMI): radar, lidar

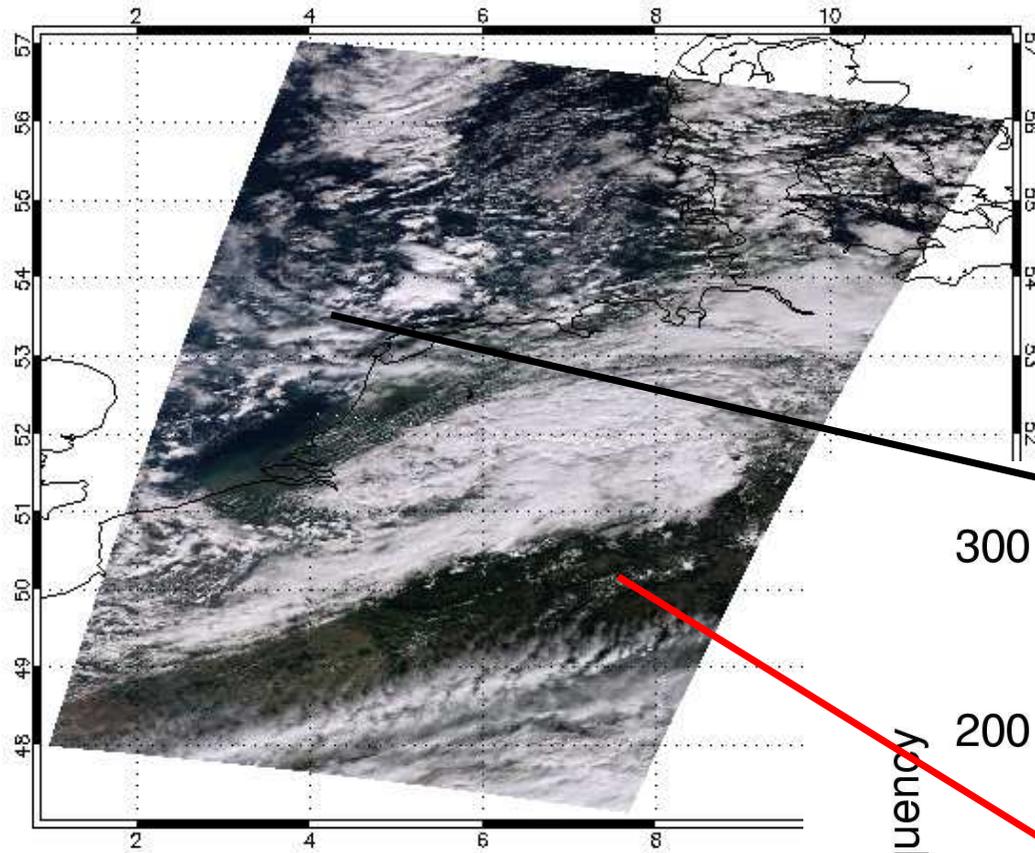
### Humidity profile

- Bianco et al. (microwave radiometer, wind profiler)

### More sensors

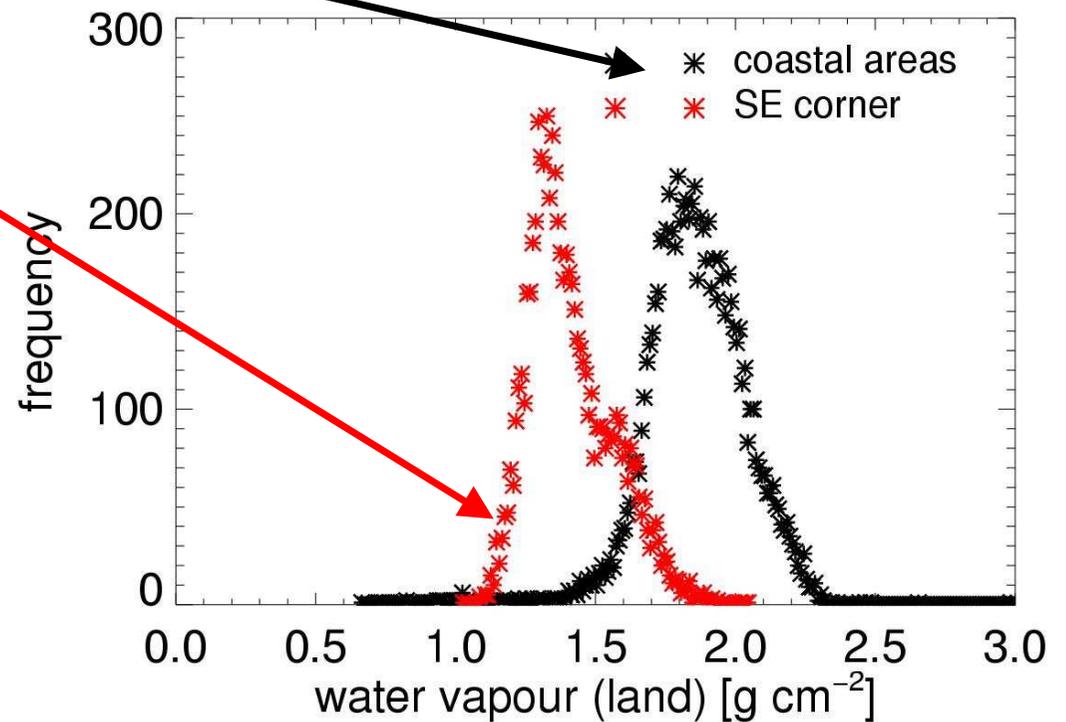
- pyranometer
- FTIR
- ...

# Sensor Synergy: Satellite - Ground-based

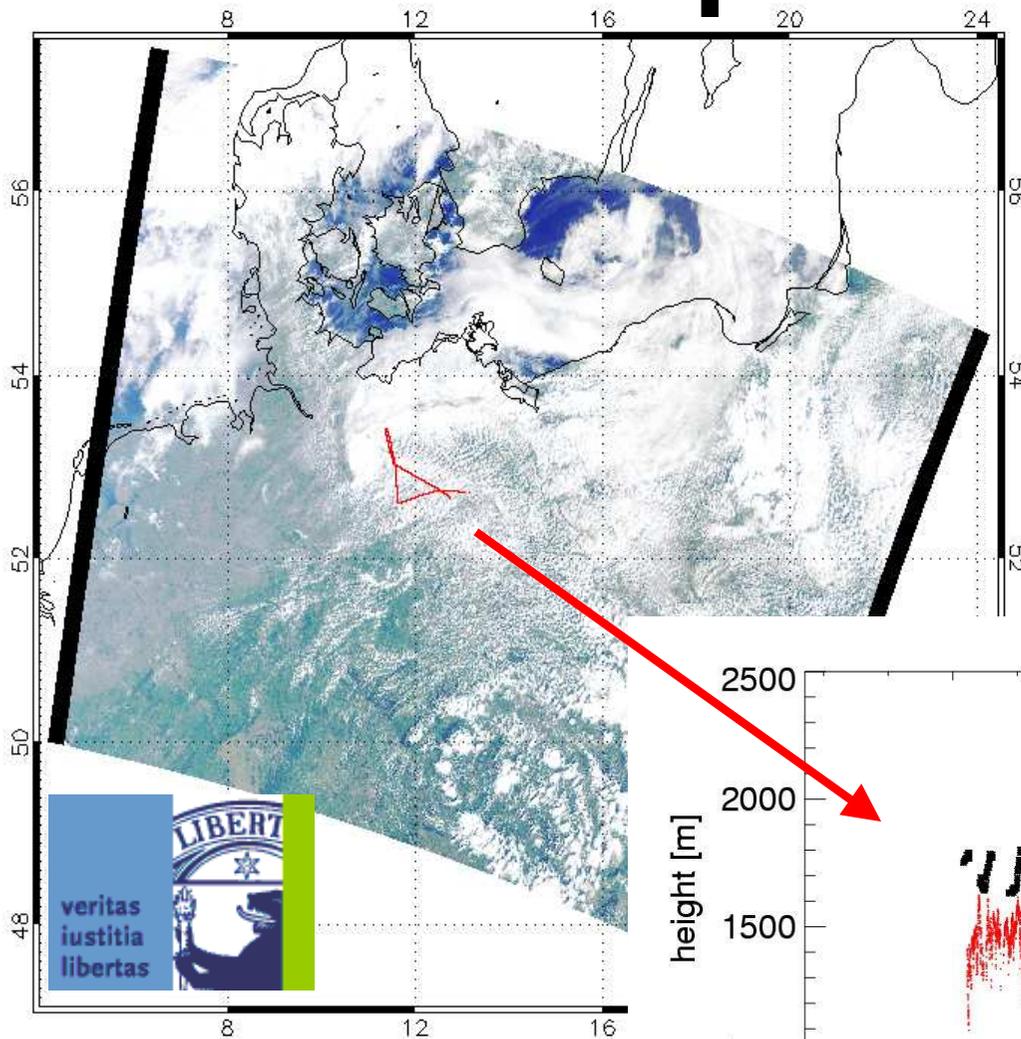


MODIS, RGB 2001-09-23

histogram: precipitable water

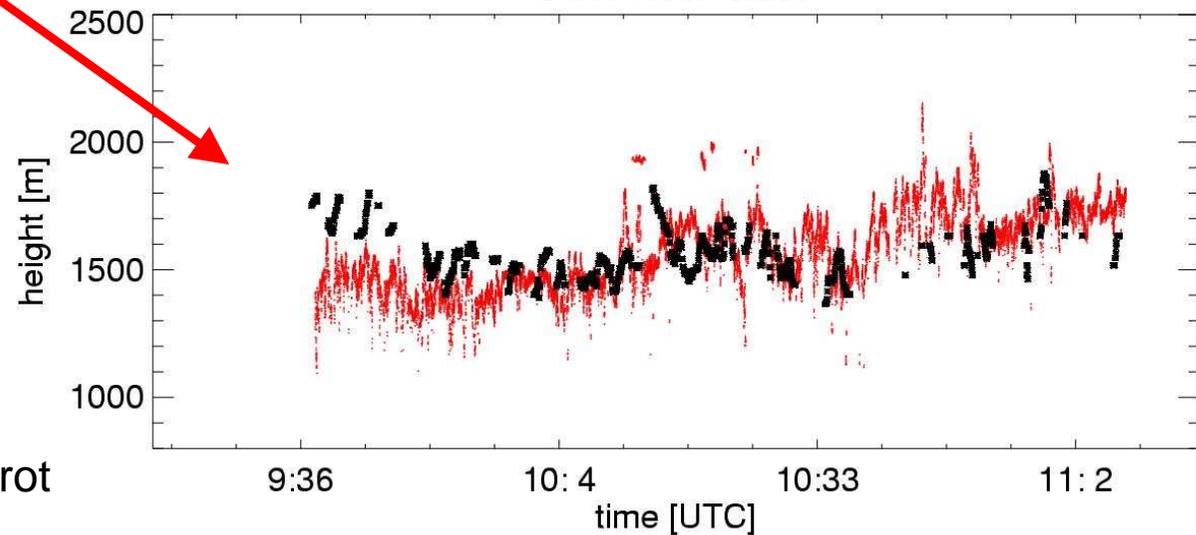


# Cloud products: Meris



- Validation campaign: Meris / Polis (Lidar, UMunich)
- uncertainty from simulations + other: at best 20 hPa

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# AQUA-Radar Campaign Summer 2005

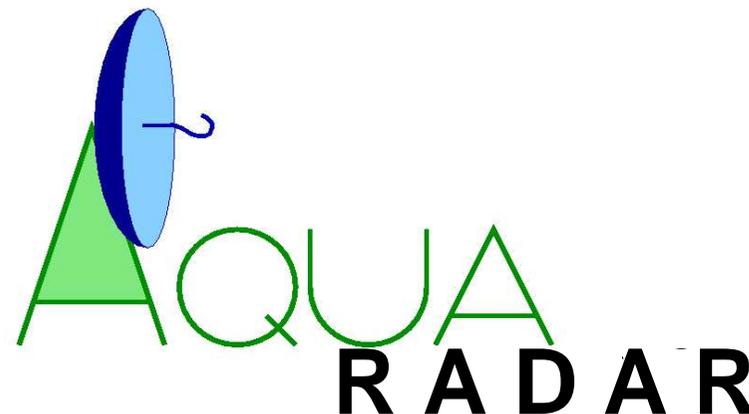


~10 micro rain radar (MRR)  
- vertical profile of DSD

2 polarization radars  
- RHI and sector scans

bistatic radar network

DWD Doppler raddar



# Construction of 4D-drop size distribution

Something for the shopping list ?

