

**Flash update on:**

**The GRUAN Task Team on  
Ground-Based Remote Sensing Measurements (TT-GB)**

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**Aims:** Facilitate the production of ground-based remote sensing techniques (e.g., lidar, MWR, FTIR) in compliance with GRUAN measurement practices

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Matthias Schneider	KIT	Germany	FTIR	Tenerife
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**“Kick-off” meeting on November 30, 2020:**

Review current actions and define new ones

## Terms of reference

- Interface with **other expert** teams (e.g., NDACC, ARM, ACTRIS)
- Develop **guidance** on data and associated metadata
- **Evaluate** data products (uncertainty budget); bring in missing knowledge
- **Inventory** instruments worldwide for potential inclusion in GRUAN
- Draw conclusions on the **suitability** of the deployed equipment
- Establish **validation campaign** rationales (includ. multiple platforms)
- Establish a system for the **routine collection and display** of data
- **Report** to WG-GRUAN on all above duties

- **(Almost) No new activity in 2022**
  - Waiting for LC to set up raw lidar data server and ingest data from GRUAN lidar sites
  - Some recent email exchanges with Cabauw Team (Arnoud Apituley et al.) to provide access to raw data and start processing
  - Recent study (Chouza et al., AMT, 2022) shows water vapor UV-lidar products in the UTLS have recently suffered impact from higher biogenic aerosol loading from wildfires
    - Correction method possible and demonstrated; However, it impacts total uncertainty and impairs trend detection ability in LS
    - High-power systems transmitting in the visible (e.g., green) could possibly be a replacement solution to traditional UV-based systems (yet to be demonstrated, testing ongoing...)

**Ref:** Nico Cimini, CNR-IMAA

- **Most of the activities are carried on within ACTRIS & E-PROFILE**
  - **ACTRIS:** Eu (distributed) research infrastructure – long term
  - **E-PROFILE:** Profiling programme of EUMETNET – NWP oriented
  - Cooperation within the **PROBE** COST Action



- **ACTRIS:**

- MWR quality assessment (2021-2023)
- MWR uncertainty characterization
- Calibration uncertainty

**Ref:** Bernhard Pospichal, U. Koeln

- **E-PROFILE**

- MWR working (2021-2023)
  - L1 and L2 data format (agreed with ACTRIS)
  - Data flow and online monitoring

More within MWR GDP update

**Ref:** Rolf Rufenacht, Meteoswiss

- **WMO UAI2022 campaign**

- 4 RS operational + extra RS
- Two MWR (same type)
- MWR product validation

**Ref:** Christine Knist, DWD  
Gianni Martucci, Meteoswiss

- **ARM**

- Tested new calibration procedure

**Ref:** Maria Cadeddu, ANL-ARM

- **Lindenberg, Germany (16 Aug to 9 Sep 2022)**



**Ref:** Gianni Martucci, Meteoswiss

- 78 multi-payload flights
- Ground-based remote sensing
- **Aim:** validate GB-RS products wrt GRUAN sondes



### Variables of interest

- Temperature [T]
- Humidity [q]
- Wind speed [ws]
- Wind direction [wd]



### Instrument available on site

- Raman LIDAR [T,q]
- Microwave radiometer [T,q]
- Wind lidar [ws,wd]
- Wind Profiler [ws,wd]



### Ancillary measurements

- Cloud RADAR
- Ceilometer

RS data will be processed by the Data Visualisation and Analysis Software (DVAS) and included in the data evaluation final report in 2023.



Ref: Gianni Martucci, Meteoswiss

	RAW TIME RESOLUTION	INTEGRATION TIME
• Raman LIDAR [T,q]	1 min	[0, +30] min
• Microwave radiometer [T,q]	5 min	[0, +05] min
• Wind lidar [ws,wd]	15 sec	[0, +10] min
• Wind Profiler [ws,wd]	20 min	[0, +20] min

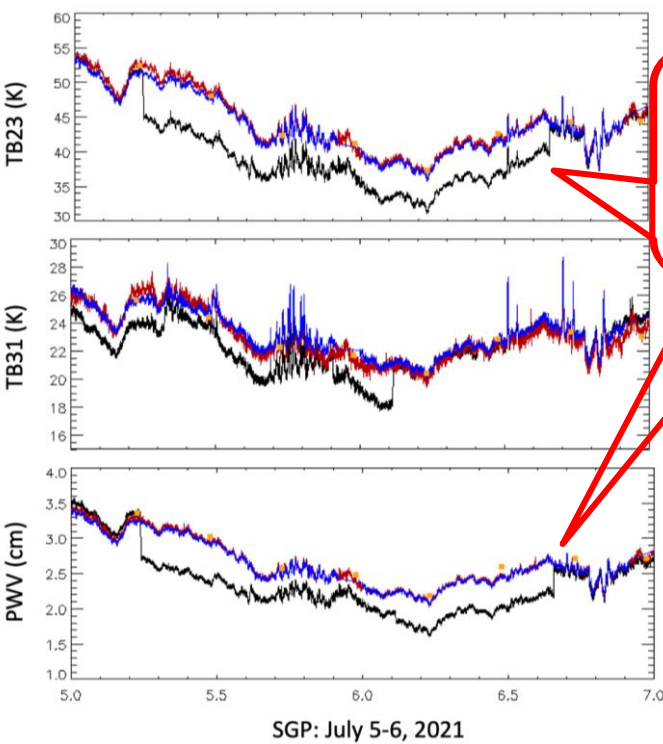
## Range of interest based on instrument performance

instrument	T	q	ws	wd
Raman LIDAR	7 km day 12 km night	3 km day 12 km night	NaN	NaN
<b>MWR</b>	<b>2.5 km day</b> <b>2.5 km night</b>	<b>2.5 km day</b> <b>2.5 km night</b>	<b>NaN</b>	<b>NaN</b>
Wind lidar	NaN	NaN	2.5 km	2.5 km
Wind profiler	NaN	NaN	8 km	8 km

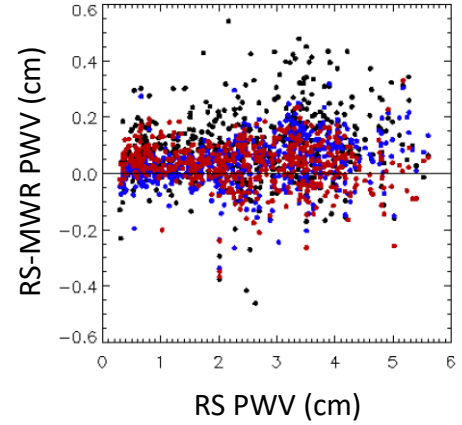
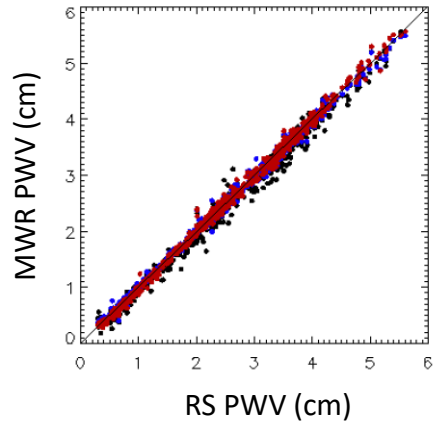
## Sonde ascent rate

→ 5 m/s	→ ~20 min ~40 min
→ 5 m/s	→ ~8 min ~8 min
→ 5 m/s	→ ~8 min
→ 5 m/s	→ ~25 min

- **MWR calibration of new DOE-ARM radiometers (RPG-LWP-G5-23-31-90)**



Unwanted jumps in BTs determine large retrieval uncertainties.



	Cal type	Intercept	Slope	Corr	$X-X_{RS}$ av	$X-X_{RS}$ stdev
PWV cm	ORIG	-0.036	0.978	0.995	0.089	0.126
	NEW CAL	0.021	0.979	0.998	0.033	0.084
	MWR	-0.051	1.008	0.998	0.033	0.078

Black: Original  
 Blue: New cal  
 Red: 2-channel MWR  
 Yellow: RS

The **re-calibration** reduces scatter in water vapor retrievals by eliminating unwanted jumps in the BT and it **makes the new measurements consistent with the old 2-channel MWR measurements ensuring good continuity of the dataset despite the change of instrument.** The new PWV (blue) has improved bias and standard deviation compared to the original PWV (black)

- **LIDAR:**
  - Ready to go. Waiting for a raw lidar data server.
- **FTIR**
  - No update yet.
- **MWR**
  - MWR calibration uncertainty characterization
  - MWR data and metadata (L1 & L2)
  - UAI2022 dataset useful to characterise retrieval uncertainty
  - Re-calibration developed and tested to improve continuity