

# Preparation for a large scale change in radiosonde software and hardware

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- Vaisala is distributing a new software version for their ground system: MW41
- This system is not an upgrade of the MW31, but a completely new software
- Completely new data formats for raw data!
- Time frame : 1-5 years

- There will be a new Vaisala radiosonde.
- Timeframe unclear

- For a number of sites the change may not be determined by the needs of GRUAN!
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- How do we prepare the network so that we find all issues in all sites that need to be addressed?
- How do we optimize our resources within the network to manage each change?
- When the change happens, what do we need to have in place so that we can be efficient as a network?

- Make this a task of the radiosonde task team!
- Use the blog (open or private) as a tool to collect bits and pieces of relevant information (review status next year)
- Come up with a plan how to optimally coordinate laboratory studies as well as dual soundings  
Distribute tasks early, so that resources can be allocated