

GRUAN Technical Documents for Radiosondes



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- The issue
- Proposed format
- Tasks
- Start of discussion



- Goal: an instrument-specific TD (see GRUAN-TN-2)
 - *Comprehensive* documentation about the instrument in the context of GRUAN
- We need technical documentation for **ALL** radiosonde types
 - RS92, SRS-C34, RS-11G, M10, DFM-09, RS41, ...
- But ~75 % (or more) is always the same, e.g.
 - Recommended pre-launch procedures, launch setups, ...
 - Important sensor characteristics/errors, e.g. time-lag, radiation bias, ...
 - Algorithms to correct data, estimate uncertainties
 - Measurement: reference, scheduling, quality control, ...
 - Relevant meta-data, GRUAN data flow (incl. used tools)
- We should not repeat same facts again and again.

- One general TD for radiosondes (→ GRUAN-TD-2)
 - Describe all general aspects (incl. background)
 - Define explicit gaps (or docking points) to fill separately
 - Provide examples to concretise separately

- A separate TD for each RS type as a “subsidiary” document to the general TD
 - Describe aspects specific to certain RS type
 - Fill gaps
 - Concretise facts



→ Proposal from GRUAN-TN-2 (a good starting point)

- Introduction
- Instrumentation
- Reference measurements
- Measurement uncertainty
- Measurement scheduling
- Data management
- Post-processing analysis and feedback
- Quality management
- Site assessment and certification
- Appendices
- References



→ Proposed themes

- Description of ground system (hardware & software & configuration)
- Description of radiosonde type (hardware incl. sensors)
- Realised experiments with results (lab & open air)
- Used processing algorithms & data product
- Validation of data product
- References

→ Do not include ...

- General radiosounding facts
- Site-specific facts
- *What is already written in general TD*

→ Assemble teams

- Team of editors → 3 from LC & TT Radiosondes
- GRUAN Document Curator → assist editors
- Team of authors → from LC, TT Radiosondes, external → **Who?**

→ First steps

- Adapt the document structure for radiosondes
- Define the work packages
- Allocate the work packages to authors
- Define the *interface* to the RS type-specific “subsidiary” TDs

→ Define a time schedule

- Start in April 2015
- Reviewable version at ICM-8

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- Assembling teams of editors / authors
- One separate TD for each RS type as a “subsidiary” document to the general TD

Your thoughts?