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## Foreword

The Proceedings of the 21<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Alpine Meteorology in Engelberg (ITAM-90) from September 17 to 21, 1990, consists of two parts: The first volume was distributed to the participants at the beginning of the Conference and contains those texts of the oral and poster presentations which were submitted before the Conference. The second part which you are holding in your hands includes the texts which were turned in later, the Conference program, a short report of the Conference, as well as lists of participants and authors:

Both volumes are part of the Publication Series of the Swiss Meteorological Institute, and I hope that they will provide new incentives and will contribute to the solution of meteorological problems.

André Junod  
Director of the SMI

## Vorwort

Der Tagungsbericht der 21. Internationalen Tagung für Alpine Meteorologie in Engelberg (ITAM-90) vom 17. - 21. September 1990 besteht aus zwei Teilen. Während im ersten Band, welcher zu Beginn der Tagung an die Teilnehmer abgegeben wurde, die Texte der vor der Tagung eingereichten Vorträge und Poster veröffentlicht sind, enthält der nun vorliegende zweite Teil die später abgelieferten Arbeiten, das Tagungsprogramm, zusammenfassende Kurzberichte der Chairmen zu den sieben Tagungsteilen, einen kurzen Bericht über den Tagungsverlauf sowie die Teilnehmer- und Autorenverzeichnisse.

Ich hoffe, dass die beiden in die Reihe der Veröffentlichungen der Schweizerischen Meteorologischen Anstalt aufgenommenen Bände neue Anregungen vermitteln und zur künftigen Lösung meteorologischer Probleme beitragen werden.

André Junod  
Direktor SMA

## Préface

Le compte-rendu du 21<sup>e</sup> Congrès international de météorologie alpine (ITAM-90), qui s'est déroulé à Engelberg du 17 au 21 septembre 1990, se compose de deux parties. Distribué aux congressistes à l'ouverture de la manifestation, le premier volume contenait les textes des exposés et des affiches disponibles avant le congrès. Quant au second, objet de la présente publication, il comprend les résumés des travaux qui nous sont parvenus par la suite, le programme du congrès, de brefs rapports des présidents des sept groupes de travail, un court exposé sur le déroulement de la conférence, ainsi que la liste des adresses des auteurs et des participants.

Je forme le vœu que ces deux volumes, édités dans la série des Publications de l'Institut suisse de météorologie, incitent à de nouvelles recherches et contribuent à la résolution future des problèmes météorologiques actuels.

André Junod,  
Directeur de l'ISM

## Premessa

Gli Atti della 21<sup>a</sup> Conferenza Internazionale di Meteorologia Alpina (ITAM-90), tenutasi ad Engelberg il 17-21 settembre 1990, si compongono di due parti. Mentre nel primo volume, distribuito al Convegno, sono pubblicati i testi delle conferenze e delle sessioni poster ricevuti prima dell'inizio dell'ITAM, il secondo volume raccoglie i contributi consegnati solo più tardi, il programma del Convegno, un rapporto riassuntivo dei chairmen per le sette sezioni, un breve resoconto sullo svolgimento del Convegno, così come l'elenco dei partecipanti e degli autori.

Spero che i due volumi, ripresi nella serie delle pubblicazioni dell'Istituto Svizzero di Meteorologia, possano costituire uno spunto stimolante e contribuire a risolvere futuri problemi di meteorologia.

André Junod  
Direttore dell'ISM

## Tagungsverlauf

Die 21. Internationale Tagung für Alpine Meteorologie, welche vom 17. - 21. September 1990 in Engelberg, in den Voralpen der Zentralschweiz, abgehalten wurde, vereinigte über 300 Personen (231 wissenschaftliche Teilnehmer, 50 - 70 Begleitpersonen sowie 21 Mitarbeiterinnen und Mitarbeiter für Organisation, Technik und Betreuung) aus 15 Ländern (Belgien, Bulgarien, China, Deutschland, Frankreich, Israel, Italien, Jugoslawien, Neuseeland, Oesterreich, Polen, Rumänien, Schweiz, Ungarn, USA).

Zum vierten Mal, seitdem diese Veranstaltung im Jahre 1950 ins Leben gerufen wurde, war die Schweiz Gastgeberland und die SMA hauptverantwortlich für deren Organisation. An der Gestaltung wesentlich mitgearbeitet hat das Institut für Atmosphärenphysik der ETHZ: Prof. H. C. Davies war Programmchairman und Dr. H. Richner sorgte für einen reibungslosen technischen Ablauf.

Der Direktor der Schweizerischen Meteorologischen Anstalt, Dr. A. Junod, eröffnete die Tagung:

"Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Swiss Meteorological Institute, I have the great pleasure to welcome you warmly at the beginning of the 21st International Conference on Alpine Meteorology. It is very rewarding for the organizers to greet so many participants, whether faithful friends from previous conferences or likeable new-comers.

For the 4th time, the International Conference on Alpine Meteorology takes place in Switzerland, after Davos (1954), Brig (1966) and Grindelwald (1978). Now it is Engelberg in Central Switzerland which is proud to welcome you.

During the 12 years which passed since the 15th ITAM in Grindelwald, several significant events underlined the development of meteorology and climatology in our Alpine region:

- there was the Alpine Experiment ALPEX with its extensive observing campaign in 1981, analyses and verifications which followed and still continue, while results were presented in particular at the Conferences in Venice 1985 and Garmisch-Partenkirchen in 1989;

- a new european meteorological organization was born, EUMETSAT, which controls the operational meteorological geostationary satellite system in Europe since 1986;

- the 1st World Climate Conference which was organized in 1979 by WMO in Geneva defined the starting point for increased and better coordinated efforts in the frame of the World Climate Program as well as national climatological programs in several Alpine countries;

- also in the field of atmospheric pollution, the concern raised by the forest decline has initiated multi-disciplinary studies in which meteorology and climatology have proved to be indispensable disciplines.

However the pressing questions related to climate change and variability do not bannish the wide range of other problems, old and new, to which meteorologists devote their knowledge, as demonstrated by the broad diversity of about 150 contributions submitted to this conference.

The base conditions for fruitful exchanges of ideas and experiences being thus fulfilled, I wish to all participants the same mutual enrichment experienced in previous Conferences on Alpine Meteorology and a most pleasant stay while enjoying the late summer here in Engelberg."

Anschliessend an die Begrüssung durch Direktor Junod hielt der Generalsekretär der Weltorganisation für Meteorologie, Prof. G.O.P. Obasi, eine Ansprache. Sie ist anschliessend (siehe Seite 7) im Tagungsband abgedruckt.

Nach einem humorvollen, in fünf Sprachen vorgetragenen Grusswort durch den Landesstatthalter A. Höchli (Regierungsrat des Kantons Obwalden), wandte sich zum Abschluss der Eröffnungsveranstaltung der Tagungsleiter, Dr. Th. Gutermann, an die versammelten Teilnehmerinnen und Teilnehmer und an die Gäste:

"Sehr verehrte Damen und Herren,  
Liebe Kolleginnen und Kollegen,

Im Namen des Organisationsstabes heisse ich Sie hier in Engelberg herzlich willkommen. Ein spezieller Gruss und Dank geht an Herrn Talamann von Holzen, den Vorsteher der Talschaft Engelberg sowie an die Direktion des Kurvereins Engelberg, speziell an Herrn Suter, welche uns die Durchführung unserer Tagung hier in Engelberg wesentlich erleichtert haben. Die Bedeutung der nicht im Auftrag einer offiziellen Organisation durchgeführten alpinmeteorologischen Tagung wird durch die Patronate unterstrichen, welche die Weltorganisation für Meteorologie mit Sitz in Genf sowie die Schweizerische Akademie für Naturwissenschaften übernommen haben: Es freut uns sehr, dass der Generalsekretär der WMO, Herr Professor Obasi, Zeit fand, persönlich zu Beginn der Konferenz unter uns zu sein und heute zu uns zu sprechen. Herr Dr. x.Du nimmt als Vertreter der WMO an der ganzen Tagung teil.

Die Organisation der 21. Tagung für Alpine Meteorologie wurde von der Schweizerischen Meteorologischen Anstalt übernommen, unter enger Mitarbeit des Instituts für Atmosphärenphysik der Eidgenössisch Technischen Hochschule in Zürich (ETHZ). Für diese grosse Unterstützung sei dem Institutsdirektor, Herrn Prof. Waldvogel, sowie dem Hauptverantwortlichen, Herrn Dr. Richner, bestens gedankt.

Einer, zwar ab und zu unterbrochenen, Tradition folgend wird die Tagung mehrsprachig und ohne Simultanübersetzung durchgeführt. Damit soll, neben dem finanziellen Vorteil, parallel zur wissenschaftlichen Arbeit auch ein sprachkultureller Beitrag geleistet werden. Wenden Sie sich bei Sprachproblemen an Kolleginnen und Kollegen oder an das Organisationsteam.

Das wissenschaftliche Programm wurde Ihnen vor der Tagung zugestellt. Herr Professor H.C. Davis, ebenfalls vom Institut für Atmosphärenphysik der ETHZ, hat sich spontan bereit erklärt, den Vorsitz des Programmkomitees zu übernehmen. Auch ihm gilt unser herzlicher Dank. Die eingereichten 157 Vorträge decken auch in diesem Jahr einen breiten alpinmeteorologischen und klimatologischen Themenbereich ab. Zusammen mit sechs weiteren Fachspezialisten verschiedener Hochschulen der Schweiz sowie der SMA hat Herr Davies ein, wir hoffen auch nach Ihrer Beurteilung, interessantes Programm für die kommenden fünf Tage zusammengestellt: 66 mündliche Vorträge und über 50 Poster werden in sieben Themengruppen präsentiert. Sechs davon werden durch einen eingeladenen Uebersichtsvortrag eingeleitet. Im hochaktuellen Themenkreis "Untersuchungen des Klimas und seiner Elemente sowie Studien über kurz- und langfristige Klimaschwankungen" ist eine Plenumsdiskussion mit dem Titel "Schlüssel Fragen der Alpen Klimatologie" vorgesehen. Wir danken den eingeladenen Vortragenden sowie den Panelmitgliedern der Klimadiskussion für ihre speziellen, die Tagung bereichernden Beiträge. Im vorliegenden Tagungsprogramm sind die Arbeiten im Kapitel "Diagnose und Interpretation mesoskaliger Systeme und lokaler Phänomene" besonders zahlreich vertreten. Das 1982 durchgeführte internationale Feldexperiment ALPEX hat sich zusätzlich zur Wettervorhersage auch auf die Arbeiten im Diagnose- und Interpretationsbereich synoptischer und mesoskaliger Systeme wesentlich ausgewirkt. Verhältnismässig wenige Arbeiten gingen zum Kapitel "Energieaustausch an der Erdoberfläche über Strahlungsvorgänge und mikrophysikalische Prozesse" ein und mit nur vier Vorträgen ist der Themenkreis "Biometeorologie" hier in Engelberg leider nur am Rande vertreten.

Auch hier in Engelberg wird auf Parallelsitzungen verzichtet, was für das Vortragsprogramm eine Auswahl aus den eingereichten Arbeiten bedingte. Die Beurteilung erfolgte durch das Programmkomitee. Mit den ausgewählten etwa 115 Arbeiten ist das viereinhalb tägige wissenschaftliche Programm stark belastet.

Um Ihnen Gelegenheit zu geben, parallel zum Vortragsprogramm auch das aktuelle Wetter zu verfolgen und dessen Entwicklung für die nächsten Tage abzuschätzen, sind im Nebenraum verschiedene Informationssysteme aufgebaut. Ich will hier nicht auf Einzelheiten eingehen. Zwei Prognostiker des Schweizerischen Wetterdienstes, die Herren Hächler und Kappenberger, werden jedoch täglich eine kurze Wetterübersicht geben und Ihnen für die Beantwortung von Wetterdienstfragen zur Verfügung stehen. Zudem wird durch Mitarbeiter des Instituts für Atmosphärenphysik täglich mit der mobilen Radiosondieranlage ein Aufstieg hier im Engelbergtal ausgeführt, welcher Ihnen näheren Aufschluss über den Aufbau der Talatmosphäre und über die Strömungsverhältnisse über den Alpen geben wird.

Wenden wir uns noch kurz dem Klima in Engelberg zu: In der regionalen Klimauntersuchung der Alpennordseite der Schweiz von Frau Urfer wird Engelberg, wo Klimabeobachtungen seit 1864 durchgeführt werden, folgender Stationskategorie zugeordnet:

" Eher schmale, meist V-förmige Voralpentäler, in die der Föhn selten hinabsteigt, z.T. schon deshalb, weil das

Tal nicht in seiner Hauptströmungsrichtung liegt (Typ IIIc)".

Die Föhnhäufigkeit ist entsprechend deutlich geringer als in den bekannten Süd-Nord orientierten Föhntälern. Dies wirkt sich in einer, für Tallagen im Voralpenraum, höherer Nebelhäufigkeit, aber auch, dank der Höhenlage, in geringerer Bewölkung und höherer Sonnenscheindauer in den Wintermonaten aus. Die Niederschläge sind, auch als Folge des Höheneinflusses, etwa 200 bis 400 mm höher als in den eigentlichen Föhntälern und im Alpenvorland.

Lassen wir es bei diesen wenigen Klimahinweisen bewenden. Das aktuelle Wetter der kommenden Woche wird, sofern die Prognosen zutreffen, vom klimatologischen Mittel für die dritte Septemberwoche in Richtung "Konferenzwetter" etwas abweichen.

Gestatten Sie mir, sehr verehrte Damen und Herren, zum Abschluss noch einige organisatorische Hinweise:

Kongressbegleitend geben wir ein Informationsblatt, das "TITLIS-ECHO", heraus; die erste Nummer ist mit der Tagungsmappe bereits in Ihren Besitz gelangt. Dieses Bulletin enthält jeweils das bereinigte Vortragsprogramm für den folgenden Tag sowie Hinweise und Mitteilungen, die Exkursionen, das Programm für Begleitpersonen sowie weitere Anlässe betreffend. Das Mitteilungsblatt wird im Vorraum bei der Information aufgelegt, wo auch allfällige weitere Unterlagen bezogen werden können.

Es bleibt mir noch, Sie auf den kleinen Empfang aufmerksam zu machen: Die Schweizerische Meteorologische Anstalt lädt alle Tagungsteilnehmerinnen und -teilnehmer mit Begleitung morgen Dienstagabend um 18.30 Uhr ein zu einem Aperitif im Barocksaal des Klosters von Engelberg. Vorgängig findet, vom Kur- und Verkehrsverein für Sie organisiert, ein kurzes Orgelkonzert in der Klosterkirche statt.

Damit danke ich für Ihr Zuhören und wünsche Ihnen allen eine interessante und angenehme Tagung hier in Engelberg:

Die 21. Internationale Tagung für Alpine Meteorologie ist eröffnet."

Das anschliessende fünftägige wissenschaftliche Programm umfasste 114 wissenschaftliche Beiträge (63 Vorträge und 51 Poster). Die Chairmen der sieben Konferenzteile erarbeiteten eine Zusammenfassung der wichtigsten Aussagen für den hier vorliegenden zweiten Teil des Tagungsberichtes ( Seiten 97 - 107 ).

Aus dem Rahmenprogramm der Tagung seien erwähnt: Die speziell von Andreas Walker für den Begrüssungsabend der ITAM-90 geschaffene Tonbildschau, das Orgelkonzert in der Klosterkirche von Engelberg, die Titlisexkursion, welche am Mittwochnachmittag bei sonnigem Wetter und guter Sicht von gegen 200 Teilnehmern besucht wurde sowie eine Tagesexkursion am Samstag über Brünig, Grimsel und Furka. Besichtigungen und Kurzvorträge (Felslabor der Nagra, Talkessel von Gletsch/Rhonegletschervorfeld, Elektrizitätswerk Göschenen und Föhnstation Atdorf im Reusstal) lockerten die teilweise regnerische Dreipässefahrt auf.

An der Schlusssitzung fasste Prof. H.C. Davis die wesentlichen Beiträge der Tagung zusammen. Im Namen der Teilnehmer dankte anschliessend Dr. M.E. Reinhardt für die gute Organisation der Veranstaltung. Mit diesem Dank an den Programmchairman Prof. H.C. Davis und die Mitglieder des Programmkomitees sowie an die zahlreichen Organisationsmitarbeiter, insbesondere an den administrativen Leiter P. Morscher, an die Damen des Tagungsbureaus E. Simmen, R. Spaar und E. Wildberger sowie an die Betreuerin des Programms für die Begleitpersonen, Frau A. Junod, konnte die erfolgreich abgelaufene Tagung pünktlich geschlossen werden.

Th. Gutermann



**Statement by Professor G.O.P. Obasi,  
Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization,  
at the Opening of the 21st International Conference on Alpine Meteorology**

Engelberg, Switzerland, September 17, 1990

Mr. A. Höchli, Vice-President of the Governing Council of the Canton of Obwalden,

Mr. E. von Holzen, Mayor of Engelberg,

Dr. A. Junod, Director of the Swiss Meteorological Institute and Permanent Representative of Switzerland with WMO

Dr. Th. Gutermann, Chairman of the Organizing Committee,

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

May I first take this opportunity to thank our hosts for inviting me to address you at this Twenty-first International Conference on Alpine Meteorology. It gives me great pleasure to meet many of the scientists involved in studies of alpine and mountain meteorology, especially as the Conference takes place in the country which hosts the headquarters of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

This important conference seeks to bring together many of the world's internationally renowned research workers and experts in mountain meteorology for a review of the progress achieved in this field since the last conference two years ago. Also, it will serve to identify relevant key problems, where more research efforts could be focused on in the future. I am confident that the excellent facilities placed at the Conference's disposal in this beautiful setting will be most conducive to constructive recommendations and conclusions.

The subject of this Conference is indeed a major concern to many scientists. The topics you will discuss, while relating primarily to Alpine meteorology, will also have a bearing on weather prediction on all time scales and other related problems in many mountain areas elsewhere. While features of mountain ranges such as their orientation and topography vary, some of the findings in the Alpine experience will have relevance to other mountain chains such as the Himalayas, the Andes and the Rocky Mountains. This additional knowledge will lead to a further advance of the science of meteorology on a worldwide basis. It will also facilitate appropriate meteorological and hydrological applications at national, regional and international levels, particularly in the context of integrated mountain area development that is now being pursued in various countries.

Furthermore, we are becoming more fully conscious of the strong linkage between the prevailing meteorological situation in the mountain ranges at a particular time, and the livelihood as well as leisure of their population and those nearby. We are aware of the effect of the Himalayas on the occurrence and intensity of monsoon rains in the region, which could determine crop yield. We note the effect on the ski industry and the people who depend on it of the recent mild winters in the European mountain resorts. There are also socio-economic repercussions in the Mediterranean countries due to the higher frequency of Alps-related cyclogenesis in the region.

The World Meteorological Organization is continuously putting attention to the relevant areas of concern. For instance, since the field phase in March/April 1982, the data from the mountain sub-programme (ALPEX) of the Global Atmospheric Research Programme (GARP), together with those from the other GARP programmes, have been and continue to be fully exploited as a foundation and an inspiration for research. The use of ALPEX data has been given very high priority within the WMO Weather Prediction Research Programmes. These data are also being widely used in the WMO limited-area modelling study project, Mediterranean cyclones studies and other numerical simulations activities.

Recently at the tenth session of the WMO Commission for Atmospheric Sciences (CAS), held in Offenbach in April 1990, as well as at the tenth session of RA VI, held in Sofia in May 1990, the importance of the use of the

ALPEX data in weather prediction research was further stressed. In these meetings, it was noted that the use of the ALPEX data has formed the basic for a range of studies on mountain effects in weather prediction. These include those on lee cyclogenesis and the boundary layer over complex topography which have led to improved understanding of the flow over mountainous terrain, as well as further insight into the thermal and dynamic structure of frontal surfaces over elevated areas.

Not surprisingly, a wide interest has been expressed by many scientists, limited-area modelling groups and Mediterranean cyclone investigators in analyses based on ALPEX data. Through the auspices of WMO, substantial effort is being made to prepare a global merged data set covering the ALPEX Special Observing Period as well as the required global and regional analyses. The availability of these final ALPEX analyses would stimulate a great deal of further numerical experimentation on mountain effects in weather prediction research.

For its part, WMO will continue to stimulate the further use of ALPEX data and to promote workshops, seminars and studies in Alpine meteorology. WMO would be prepared to assist scientists and institutions in meeting their Alpine data requirements. WMO will also encourage in every possible way related improvements in operational models and the advancement of Members' forecasting services.

Furthermore, it is noteworthy to refer to the human dimension of the importance of the scientific work relating to the Alps. This could be better appreciated if we note that, apart from its own population, about 100 million visitors come annually to the 200,000 square-kilometre expanse of the Alps which extend over seven countries. The Alpine ranges and their users are affected by weather conditions which unfortunately, on some occasions, have led to disasters such as flooding, landslides and avalanches. These phenomena are part of those being addressed in connection with the United Nations International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (IDNDR) in which WMO is taking a leading role.

Also to be borne in mind is the fact that the situation in the Alps and other mountain areas will affect and be affected by potential climate change. The related comprehensive assessment on this subject has recently been finalized by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) which was established by WMO and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The climate change issue will also be the focus of the forthcoming Second World Climate Conference which will take place in Geneva, 29 October to 7 November 1990. It is expected that negotiations towards an international framework convention on climate change will proceed in earnest thereafter. It is praiseworthy that this Conference is devoting a section of its program to the examination of short- and long-term variation of climate and climate elements.

Looking towards the future, I see a continuing need to co-ordinate and encourage national and regional activities related to mountain meteorology. WMO will continue to give active support to this aspect through the activities which I have indicated. I therefore look forward to the results of the present 21st International Conference in Alpine Meteorology whose outcome will surely contribute greatly to the progress in this field.

I wish you all a most successful and fruitful session.

Thank you.

**Section 1:**

**Observational Methods and  
Instrument Technology**

## UNA RETE DI STAZIONI AUTOMATICHE PER LA PREVISIONE DELLE VALANGHE

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## RIASSUNTO

La previsione delle valanghe a breve termine secondo il metodo convenzionale si basa in buona parte sulla raccolta di dati meteorologici e nivologici. Nei servizi valanghe dei paesi alpini questi dati provengono normalmente da reti di stazioni tradizionali che richiedono la presenza giornaliera di un osservatore sul campo. Sul territorio montano della Regione Veneto (Dolomiti meridionali e Prealpi venete) a partire dal 1984 funziona una rete di stazioni automatiche che sostituisce i rilievi manuali giornalieri. Le stazioni sono ubicate nella fascia altimetrica compresa tra i 1500 e 2500 m di quota dove si trovano la maggior parte delle zone di distacco di valanghe. Esse sono alimentate a celle solari e la trasmissione dei dati alla centrale di acquisizione avviene via radio. I parametri misurati sono: altezza della neve, temperature della neve, temperatura dell'aria, velocità e direzione del vento, radiazione incidente e riflessa, umidità relativa. La possibilità di ottenere i dati in tempo reale e con qualsiasi scadenza consente di prevedere il verificarsi di situazioni di rischio da valanghe, in particolar modo quelle determinate da nuovi apporti nevosi. La gestione della rete presenta altresì una serie di problemi dovuti soprattutto a cause di natura climatica.

# A NETWORK OF AUTOMATIC STATIONS FOR THE FORECASTING OF AVALANCHES

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## ABSTRACT

The short-term forecasting of avalanches according to the conventional method is based mostly on the gathering of meteorological and nivological data. In the avalanche services of Alpine countries these data usually come from networks of traditional stations which require the day-by-day presence of on site observers. In the mountain territory of the Veneto Region (Southern Dolomites and Veneto Pre-Alps) a network of automatic stations has been in function since 1984 which has substituted the day-by-day manual surveys. The stations are situated at a height between 1500 and 2500 metres, which is the zone where most avalanches begin. They are powered by solar cells and the data are transmitted to the centre by radio. The parameters measured are the following: depth of the snow, temperature of the snow, temperature of the air, speed and direction of the wind, incidental and reflected radiation, relative humidity. The fact that can be obtained at once and at any moment makes it possible to forecast situations where there is a risk of avalanches, in particular those determined by new snowfalls. The running of the network presents likewise a series of problems due above all to causes of a climatic nature.

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## 1. Introduzione

Una delle principali attività dei servizi valanghe dei paesi alpini è la previsione delle valanghe a breve termine ovvero una stima, sul territorio di competenza, della probabilità di distacco di valanghe in un arco di tempo che va dalle 24 fino alle 168 ore successive. Il metodo correntemente usato, chiamato metodo convenzionale, è un insieme di trattamento deterministico dei dati nivometeorologici e di logica induttiva in cui l'esperienza del previsore gioca ancora un ruolo fondamentale. Esso richiede una vasta raccolta di informazioni e dati che riguardano il manto nevoso al suolo, il tempo atmosferico in atto e previsto e l'attività valanghiva.

Accanto a sistemi di rilevamento tradizionali che si basano su misure e osservazioni eseguite giornalmente o periodicamente e che richiedono l'intervento dell'uomo, si sono andati sviluppando in questi ultimi anni reti di stazioni automatiche che consentono di disporre in continuo e in tempo reale di dati relativi ad alcuni parametri che influiscono sulle condizioni di stabilità del manto nevoso. In Italia, sul territorio montano della Regione Veneto (Dolomiti e Prealpi venete), a partire dal 1984 e sulla base delle precedenti esperienze francesi (stazioni NIVOSE), è stata sviluppata una rete di stazioni nivometeorologiche automatiche che ha permesso di sostituire i rilievi manuali giornalieri. Le stazioni sono alimentate a celle solari e la trasmissione dei dati alla centrale di acquisizione di Arabba presso il Centro Sperimentale Valanghe e Difesa idrogeologica, avviene via radio.

## 2. Caratteristiche della rete e sviluppi previsti

Attualmente la rete di stazioni nivometeorologiche automatiche della montagna veneta e' composta di 15 unita' collegate alla centrale di acquisizione di Arabba mediante 7 ripetitori (fig.1). La dotazione di sensori e' differenziata a seconda della rappresentativita' dei siti in relazioni alla misura dei vari parametri (vento, altezza neve, precipitazione ecc.)

Considerando il territorio regionale al di sopra dei 500 m di quota, la densita' della rete e' di 1 stazione ogni 330 kmq, ben al di sopra quindi della densita' media relativa all'arco alpino italiano per questo tipo di stazioni che e' di 1 stazione ogni 1660 kmq. I programmi di completamento della rete prevedono l'installazione di altre 7 unita' e cio' porterebbe la densita' della rete ad 1 stazione ogni 250 kmq.

Per quanto riguarda la dislocazione altimetrica, le stazioni sono ubicate tra i 1400 e i 2600 m con la seguente distribuzione:

- 12,5% nella fascia al di sotto dei 1500 m di quota;
- 62,5% nella fascia compresa tra i 1500 e i 2000 m di quota;
- 25,0% nella fascia al di sopra dei 2000 m di quota.

I siti sono generalmente accessibili durante la stagione estiva con normali mezzi fuoristrada e durante la stagione invernale con gli sci utilizzando gli impianti di risalita. Nella totalita' dei casi sono sprovvisti di energia elettrica.

## 3. Caratteristiche delle stazioni

Ciascuna stazione nivometeorologica e' costituita da due strutture a palo sulle quali sono disposti i diversi sensori, la periferica di acquisizione e trasmissione dei dati e il pannello solare per la ricarica delle batterie. I pali sono collegati ad un loculo sotterraneo, opportunamente drenato, dove sono alloggiato le batterie. I sensori nivologici (nivometro, termometri neve, pluviometro) si trovano ad una certa distanza dal resto della stazione al fine di limitare le perturbazioni al manto nevoso (fig.2). Il palo principale, di 10 m, e' cosi' equipaggiato:

- sensori:                    termoigrometro

anemometro

anemoscopio

albedometro

- periferica di acquisizione, archiviazione e trasmissione dati
- pannello solare
- antenna

Il secondo palo, di 6 m, e' cosi' equipaggiato:

- sensori:           nivometro (ad ultrasuoni)
- 12 termometri neve

Alcune stazioni sono inoltre dotate di un pluviometro totalizzatore "a filo vibrante" e liquido anticongelante particolarmente adatto per la misura della precipitazione nevosa in siti remoti.

L'alimentazione e' a celle solari mediante un pannello da 20 watt con tensione a vuoto di 19,5 volt e una corrente di 1,3 ampere a 13,8 volt.

La periferica di gestione e' alloggiata in 2 contenitori di alluminio pressofuso montati uno internamente all'altro con elevato grado di protezione (IP 55 e IP 43).

Controlli e verifiche di funzionamento avvengono mediante terminale incorporato munito di tastiera protetta e display a 2 righe LCD per 40 caratteri. Esso consente 3 diversi livelli di interazione a seconda della capacita' dell'utente.

Il programma di gestione della stazione risiede su memoria EPROM da 64 Kbyte. La stazione e' inoltre dotata di memoria locale su modulo asportabile da 256 Kbyte (128.000 dati) e cio' consente la possibilita' di recuperare fino a 6 mesi di dati in caso di mancata trasmissione.

La misura dell'altezza del manto nevoso avviene mediante una coppia di trasduttori ultrasonici tipo SODAR uno dei quali invia sul manto nevoso un impulso a 331,4 m/s a 18°C (la precisione media complessiva della misura, una volta effettuata la correzione in base alla temperatura dell'aria, e' +0,7% dell'altezza del manto nevoso).

I termometri neve sono disposti su un palo in vetroresina a distanze fisse di 20 o 40 cm l'uno dall'altro e sono dotati di supporti in acciaio per resistere alle sollecitazioni determinate dall'asestamento del manto nevoso.

Le tarature dei vari sensori avvengono in loco con possibilita' di



autotaratura.

La protezione contro le scariche atmosferiche e' assicurata da un impianto di messa a terra in pozzetto.

L'intervallo termico di funzionamento della stazione e' compreso tra i -30 e +60°C, mentre le strutture sono collaudate per resistere a raffiche di vento fino a 160 km/h.

#### 4. Vantaggi e svantaggi legati all'uso di una rete di stazioni automatiche.

Il vantaggio principale risiede nella maggior frequenza di rilevamento. Mentre con le stazioni di tipo tradizionale sono possibili 1 o al massimo 2 rilevamenti al giorno, con le stazioni automatiche vengono normalmente utilizzati intervalli di interrogazione di 30 min o 20 min. Cio' consente di avere a disposizione, per ciascun parametro 48 o 72 dati al giorno con possibilita' quindi di costruire serie temporali molto dettagliate anche su brevi periodi di tempo. Possono cosi' essere facilmente individuati fenomeni meteorologici locali molto importanti per la previsione delle valanghe quali l'inizio e la fine di una precipitazione nevosa, l'intensita' della stessa, improvvisi rialzi termici dovuti ad effetto foehn, fenomeni locali di inversione termica, attivita' del vento nel corso di un certo periodo ecc.

Il secondo vantaggio, altrettanto importante, risiede nella possibilita' di effettuare misure sui parametri nivometeorologici alle quote elevate, al di fuori delle aree antropizzate nella fascia altimetrica compresa tra i 2000 e i 3000 m dove si trovano la maggior parte delle zone di distacco di valanghe.

Un'ultimo lato positivo e' la bonta' delle misure dovuta sia alla maggior precisione degli strumenti elettronici, sia all'eliminazione degli errori accidentali commessi dall'uomo nell'esecuzione delle letture.

Un aspetto negativo e' legato alla impossibilita', con le stazioni automatiche, di misurare parametri interni del manto nevoso (resistenze, coesione dei vari strati, tipo e dimensione dei grani) ,di effettuare valutazioni qualitative (caratteristiche dello strato superficiale) o osservazioni (attivita' valanghiva) ritenute ancora fondamentali nell'applicazione del metodo convenzionale per la previsione delle valanghe.

Nel settore della previsione delle valanghe, allo stato attuale delle conoscenze e della tecnologia, non e' quindi ancora realizzabile una completa automatizzazione della fase di rilevamento dei dati. Per questo motivo la rete di stazioni automatiche del Veneto e' integrata da una serie di punti di rilevamento manuale dove vengono eseguite settimanalmente i rilievi delle caratteristiche interne del manto nevoso (prova penetrometrica e prova stratigrafica) nonche' il controllo dell'attivita' valanghiva.

Un'altro aspetto negativo risiede negli elevati costi di installazione, di manutenzione e di gestione di una rete di stazioni automatiche in alta quota. Forse oggi la sola previsione delle valanghe non giustifica simili investimenti se la rete non viene studiata in un'ottica multisetoriale (meteorologia, climatologia, scienze ambientali) e come fonte di dati per diverse attivita' economiche (produzione di neve) o del tempo libero (alpinismo, volo libero ecc.)

##### 5. Problemi legati all'uso operativo di una rete di stazioni automatiche in alta quota.

L'uso operativo di una rete di stazioni automatiche di alta quota abilitate per la trasmissione dei dati in tempo reale via radio comporta una serie di problemi legati alle particolarita' orografiche e climatiche dei siti.

Il problema principale e' senza dubbio legato alla trasmissione dei dati dalla bonta' della quale dipende l'utilizzo degli stessi ai fini previsionali. Per quanto riguarda la rete del Veneto, considerando un intervallo di interrogazione di 30 min, la percentuale di collegamento fra le stazioni periferiche e la centrale di acquisizione varia tra il 70 e il 96% a seconda dei siti e delle condizioni meteorologiche. Con condizioni di tempo buono, la media generale si aggira intorno al 90%, mentre scende all'84% in caso di tempo perturbato (con precipitazioni in atto).

Rotture di tipo meccanico alle strutture e ai sensori sono dovute al peso della neve nella fase di assestamento, alla forza del vento e a sovraccarichi determinati da formazioni di ghiaccio e galaverna. Le parti piu' colpite sono le antenne, i parafulmini e i sensori di temperatura della neve. I sensori di velocita' e direzione del vento, anche se temporaneamente

bloccati nel loro funzionamento, non subiscono generalmente danni strutturali.

Per quanto riguarda l'elettronica, i danni sono limitati. Possono verificarsi nel periodo estivo in seguito a temporali (stazioni colpite da fulmini), specialmente in quei siti dove il terreno roccioso non ha consentito la realizzazione di una messa a terra efficiente e nel periodo invernale nel caso di periodi prolungati di freddo intenso (temperature inferiori a  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) e scarso innevamento (periferica di gestione fuori del manto nevoso)

Escludendo le periodiche visite di controllo sostituzione dei moduli di registrazione e di ritaratura dei sensori, ogni stazioni richiede mediamente per guasti, rotture ecc. 1,5 interventi all'anno. Il costo delle manutenzioni e' tuttavia elevato, aggirandosi intorno al 10% del valore delle stazioni.

La gestione dei dati e' particolarmente complessa, soprattutto nella fase di controllo della qualita' dei dati. Gli errori piu' frequenti sono dovuti a cause climatiche e riguardano i parametri altezza del manto nevoso e precipitazione nevosa (nel caso di forti venti), temperature della neve (nel caso di circolazione di aria esterna attorno i sensori), velocita' e direzione del vento (nel caso di ghiaccio o galaverna) e radiazione incidente (nel caso di neve umida depositata sul radiometro).

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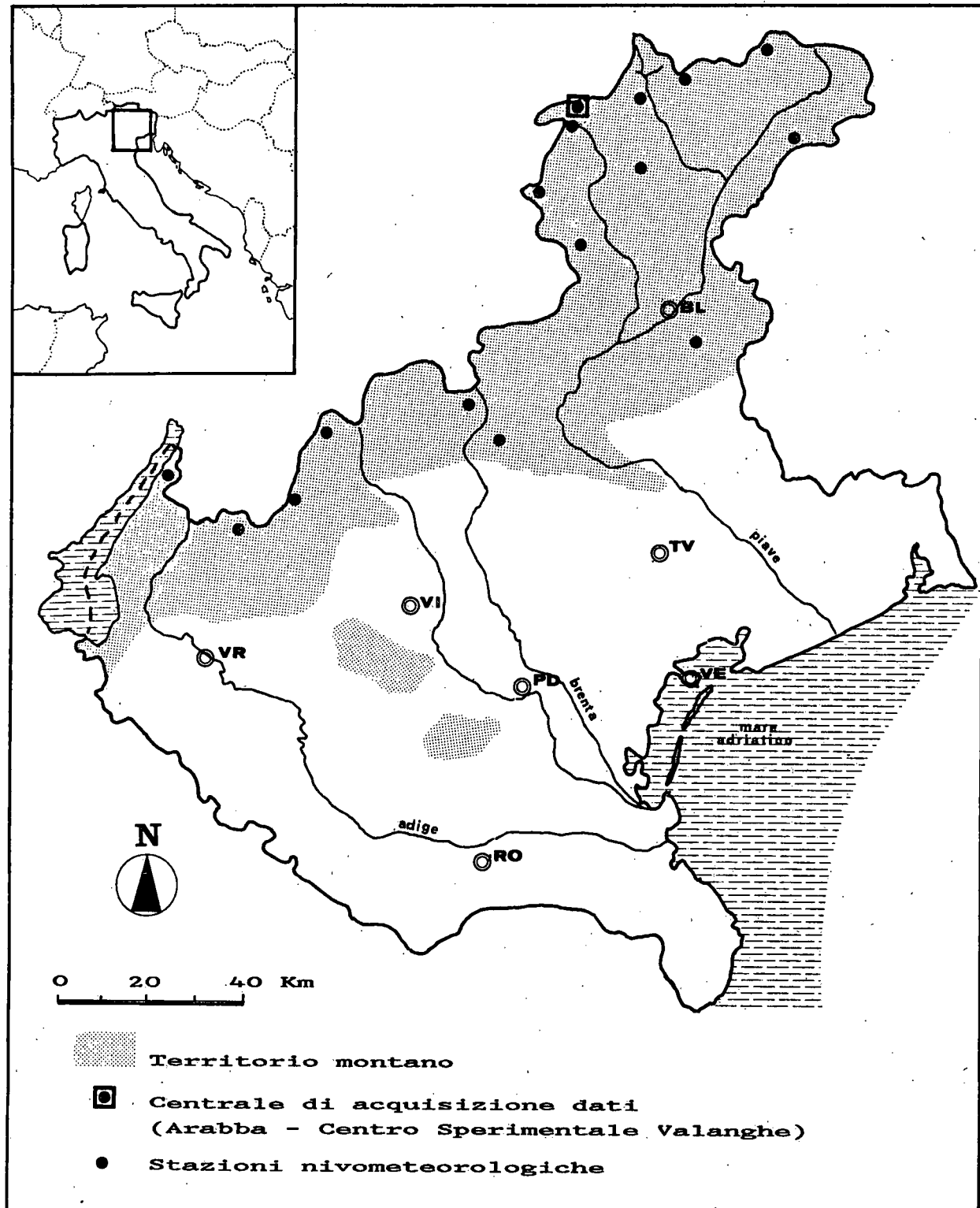


Fig. 1 Rete di stazioni nivometeorologiche della montagna veneta

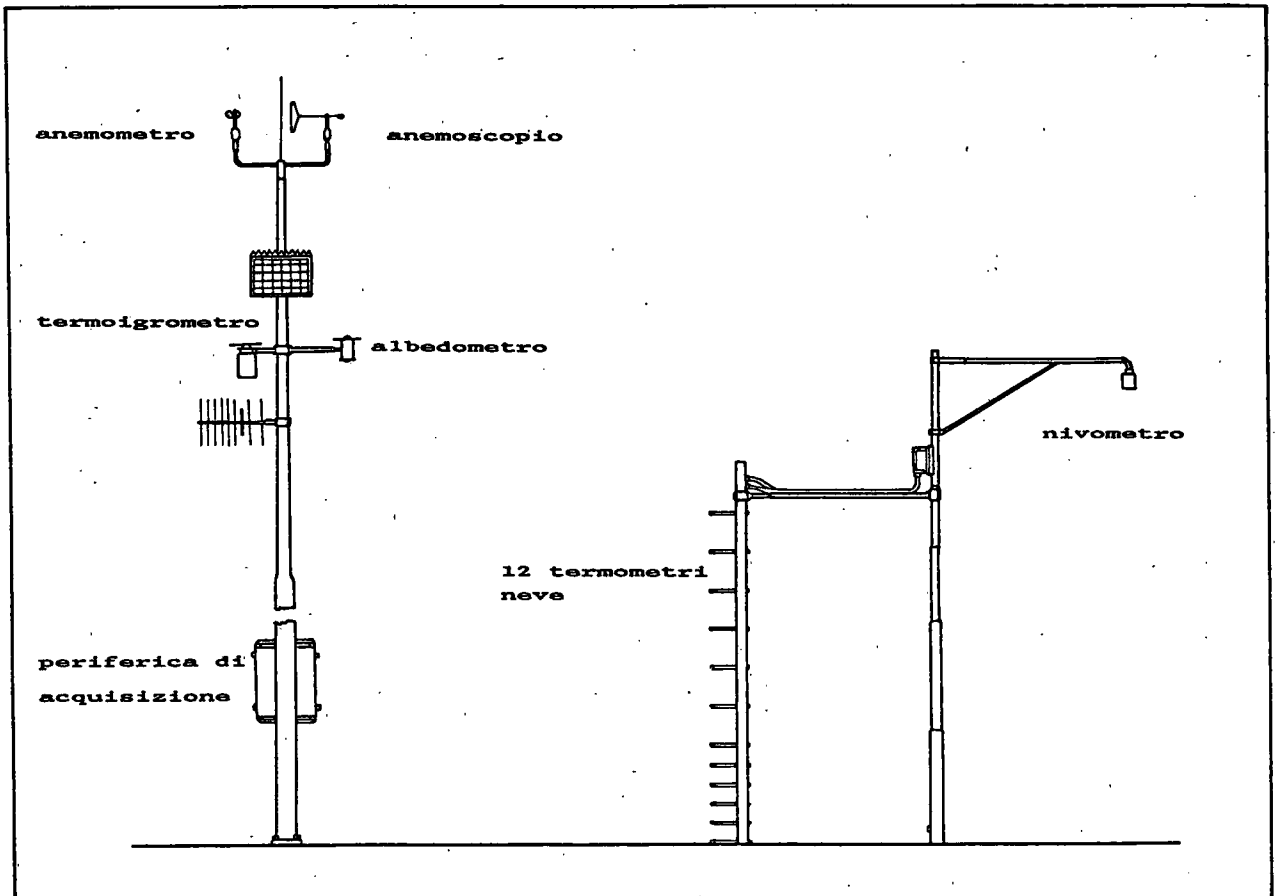


Fig. 2 Schema di una stazione tipo (senza pluviometro)

**Correction of Atmospheric Masking as a  
Prerequisite of Ecological Mapping with Satellite Data**

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**Introduction**

Satellite remote sensing of the earth surface becomes more and more important in different branches of science. The major advantage is the objective observation of large areas nearly simultaneously. A considerable disadvantage of satellite observation systems, however, is the extinction of solar radiation by the atmosphere first on its path downward to the earth surface and after reflection or scattering on its path to the satellite.

An immediate interpretation of measured data - the common case - introduces considerable errors from atmospheric masking. Therefore, the correction of the atmosphere's influence is the prerequisite for making full use of satellite data for remote sensing of the earth surface.

Our goal is to produce an ecological map of the Nationalpark Berchtesgaden with the help of Landsat 5 Thematic Mapper data. The atmospheric correction relies above all on the use of the spectral properties of lakes in different altitudes.

**Thematic Mapper**

For ecological mapping Landsat 5 Thematic Mapper is at present the instrument suited best. It measures the spectral radiance in seven bands, three of them in the visible (ch. 1 centered at 0.49  $\mu\text{m}$ , ch. 2 at 0.57  $\mu\text{m}$ , ch. 3 at 0.66  $\mu\text{m}$ ), one in the near infrared (ch. 4 at 0.84  $\mu\text{m}$ ), two in the middle infrared (ch. 5 at 1.68  $\mu\text{m}$ , ch. 7 at 2.22  $\mu\text{m}$ ) and one in the thermal infrared (ch. 6 at 11.04  $\mu\text{m}$ ). Each picture element for channels, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 has a size of approximately 30 \* 30  $\text{m}^2$  and for channel 6 of 120 \* 120  $\text{m}^2$ .

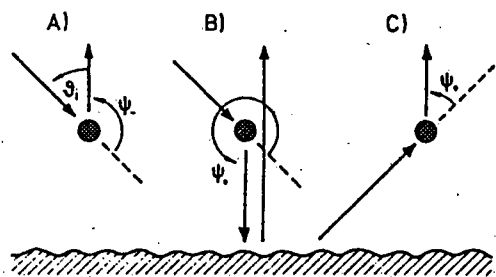
**Calibration**

For the conversion of digital numbers (DN) into spectral radiances (L) the linear equation  $L = a_0 + a_1 * \text{DN}$  is used, where  $a_0$  is the offset and  $a_1$  the gain. Unfortunately there is no valid standard calibration for Thematic Mapper. If one uses the values distributed by NASA and ESA, negative radiances occur in channels 4, 5 and 7 over rather dark surfaces like lakes, slopes in shadow or cloud shadows. Price (1989) mentions, that the offsets of all channels are too low and should be positive rather than negative. New calibrations by Richter (1990) show, that prelaunch gain data are not too bad, but offsets are too low. During our application even his new offset values were found to be too low. So we had to determine new offsets.

Our approach as well as the atmospheric correction later on are based on the spectral properties of water in the near and middle infrared. While in the visible channels a considerable part of the signal at the satellite comes from below the water surface, the penetration depth at higher wavelengths is virtually zero (ch. 4: 36 cm, ch. 5: 1.5 mm, ch. 7: 0.6 mm). Therefore, for clear, oligotrophic water there should be no underlight observable even for channel 4.

All radiances measured over water by satellite should be only due to the influence of the atmosphere as long as the wind speed is low and the zenith-angle of the sun is above 10°. Such a minimum radiance measured over a water surface without underlight is still composed of three parts (cf. Fig. 1):

- A) Light scattered backwards from the incident solar beam by atmospheric molecules and aerosol particles.
- B) Forward scattered incident solar light specularly reflected at the water surface towards the satellite.
- C) Light scattered forward towards the satellite after specular reflection of the direct solar beam at the water surface.



If the digital number of a pixel over water is zero, at least this above mentioned radiance should have arrived at the satellite. As this is indeed the case over some of the lakes in our satellite scene, this radiance is used as the new offset. We calculated these offsets (table 1) for August, 9, 1986, a rather clear scene, but they should be valid for the whole year.

**Fig. 1:** Components of scattered and/or reflected sun light at satellite altitude; taken from Krüger (1989).

**Table 1:** New offset values  $a_0$  of the TM calibration curve in  $W/(m^2 \text{ sr } \mu\text{m})$ .

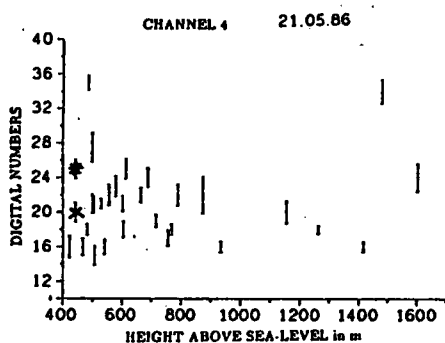
channel 4	0.29810
channel 5	0.01719
channel 7	0.00392

### Atmospheric correction

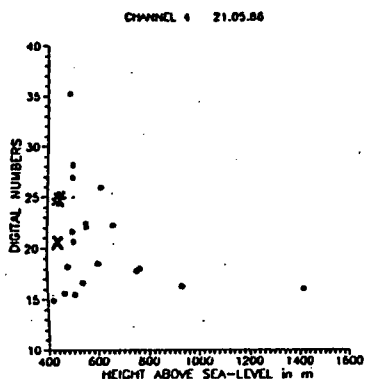
The following steps were taken to correct the atmosphere's influence:

1. First we had to find homogeneous surfaces such as lakes or plane snow. In our case only lake surfaces were suitable.

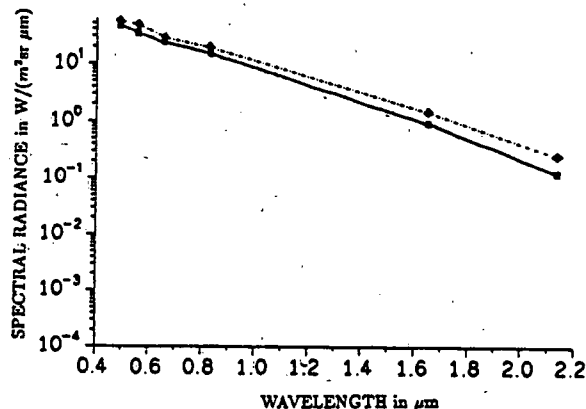
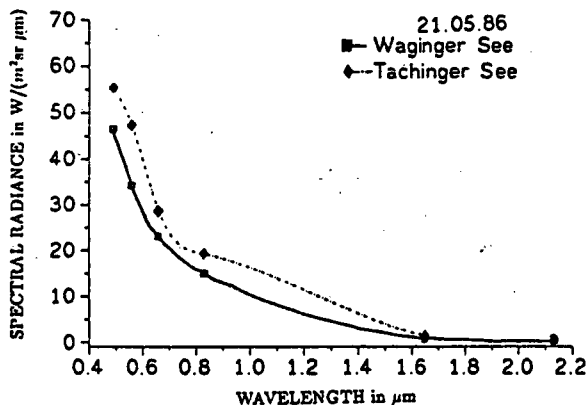
2. Second we averaged DN over cloudless lake centers, thereby even using small lakes. Plotting these values for channels 4, 5 and 7 as a function of height we expected a stronger atmospheric signal over low-lying lakes. But no height dependence could be recognized. Even two neighbouring lakes (Waginger See and (x) Tachinger See (\*)) had a significantly different averaged signal (cf. Fig. 2).



**Fig. 2:** Averaged DN of all lakes together with their standard deviation versus height above sea level.



**Fig. 3:** Average DN of darkest pixels for all larger lakes versus height above sea level.



**Fig. 4:** Spectral radiance versus wavelength measured over the Waginger See and Tachinger See (right: logarithmic ordinate).

We tried to improve the height dependence by omitting the smaller lakes, which might be influenced by surrounding highly reflective areas. But we did not get better results. Next we thought, the radiance differences might be due to the satellite's scan direction, which could have a great influence in our case, because most lakes are extended vertical to the scan direction. After examination of the Attersee we could exclude this possibility, too.

The most likely explanation left then was the existence of surface microlayers covering the lakes, which reflect more strongly than a water surface.

3. We hoped to find clear water areas by just using the darkest pixels of channels 4, 5 and 7, thereby accounting for radiometric noise. But even these averages over darkest values showed no height-dependence. It seems, that most of the lakes are covered rather uniformly by surface films (cf. Fig. 3) of different thickness and properties. If an aerosol difference would have been the cause a stronger decline of the difference towards infrared wavelengths should have been visible.

4. In order to confirm the hypothesis of surface microlayers, we examined the wavelength dependence of the signal. In the case of the two above mentioned neighbouring lakes we could show, that the spectral radiance over the Tachinger See in May is higher in all six channels (cf. Fig. 4), thus pointing to microlayers with constantly higher reflection (higher refractive index) on top of this lake.

5. After all these unsuccessful attempts to correct for the atmosphere's influence we tried to make the atmospheric correction with the help of all visible channels because the influence of aerosols and molecules is highest in these channels. By using only the darkest lake pixels the influence of underlight should be minimized. This method seems to be successful as long as the surface films are not too strong. In a spring scene (May 21, 1986)

we cannot detect a height dependence, but for summer and autumn it looks promising. To exclude the influence of molecular scattering we subtracted Rayleigh-scattering from the measured radiance. The results are shown in figure 5.

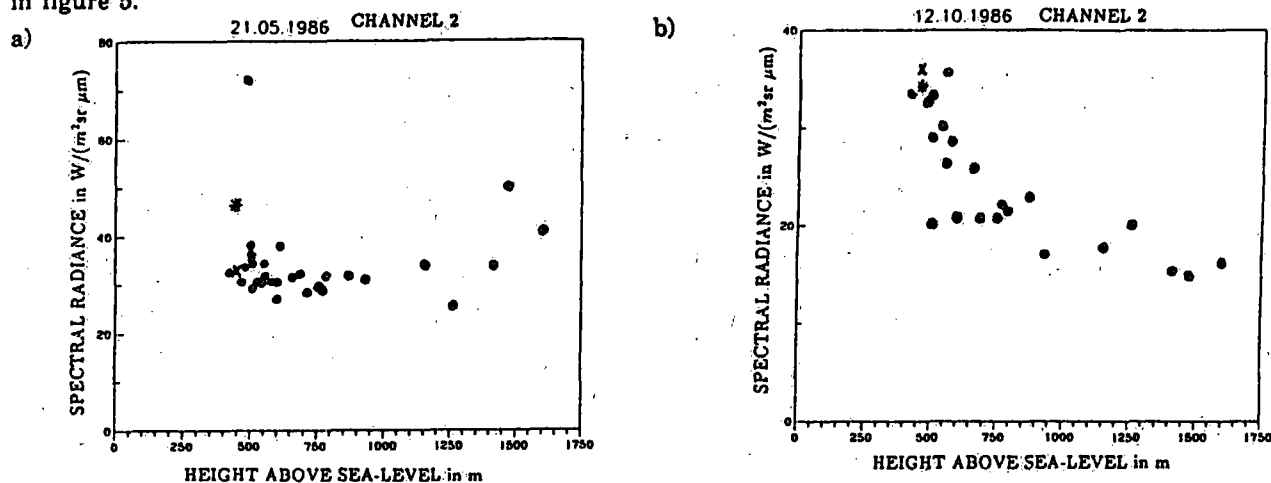


Fig. 5: TM radiances over all lakes minus molecular scattering, i.e. aerosol path radiance, in spring (a) and autumn (b).

In order to roughly assess the validity of the aerosol path radiance height profile we have to compare it to a standard atmosphere with different aerosol types. For a first comparison we have used tables given by McClatchey (1972) and calculated values for a standard atmosphere which agreed very well to the satellite measured radiances over lakes for the October case.

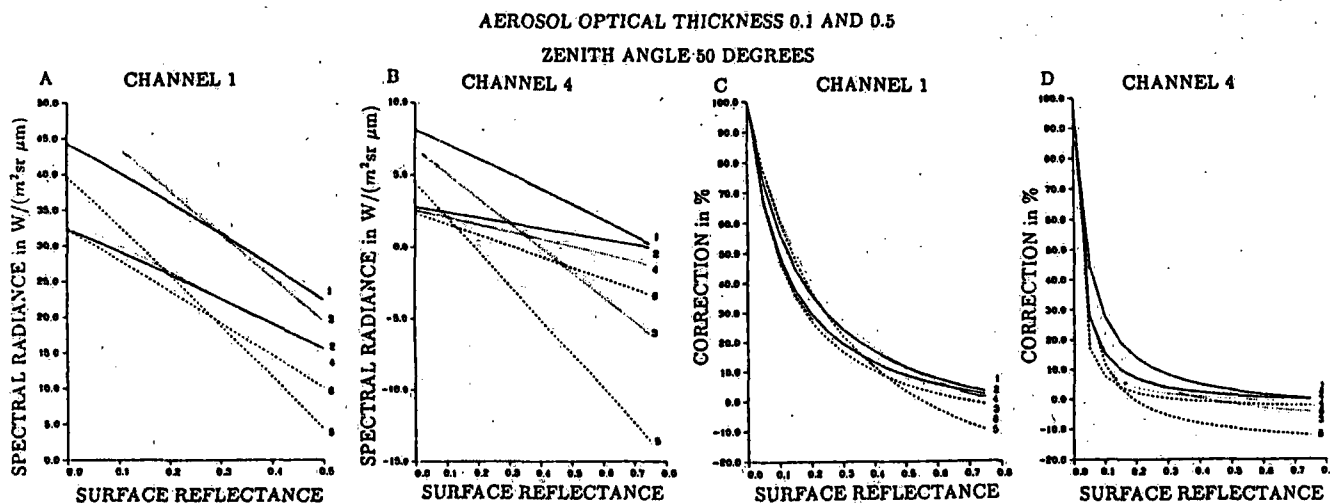
The correction valid over water has to be adapted to all other parts of the scene reflecting more strongly. Here we follow Krüger (1989), who has modified the radiative transfer model of (1983) to correct the atmosphere over near-ocean land surfaces. Since the satellite signal only allows the derivation of an apparent reflectance before correction, an algorithm using the apparent reflectance is necessary. Simulations with a radiative transfer model for many surface reflectance values have shown, that a simple linear relation between satellite measured radiance  $L_{SAT}$  and upwelling radiance at the surface  $L_{SURF}$  exists. Knowing the coefficients  $a$  and  $b$  of a regression of the form  $L_{SURF} = a L_{SAT} + b$  the corrected  $L_{SURF}$  can be calculated. Krüger was able to show, that the amount and sign of this correction is not only dependent on the aerosol type, but also on the reflection factor of the surface (cf. Fig. 6) and on wavelength.

The lower the reflection the higher is the relative correction, thus increasing the relative radiance differences in a corrected scene. Depending on the reflection factor of a surface, the necessary correction for a small optical thickness may be larger than for a high optical thickness. As shown in figure 6 for channel 4 it is even possible, that the satellite measured spectral radiance is too low, because the absorption by aerosol particles is higher than backscattering. For a reflection of 75% (fresh snow) and a high optical thickness of urban aerosols this effect may amount up to 12% of the signal, which corresponds to about  $13 W/(m^2 sr \mu m)$ . In this case they have to be added to the satellite radiance.

### Outlook

The wavelength dependent reflection of soils, vegetation, rocks, snow and other surfaces is the basis of thematic mapping. But, as shown by Krüger (1989) and others this reflection is masked by the atmosphere in a rather complicated way. There must be big errors by using the unmodified satellite radiances. As shown by Krüger (1989) by two classifications, one with and one without an atmospheric correction for a coastal area the improvement is considerably. Even Richter (1990), who uses only a standard atmosphere and radiosonde data to correct, was able to improve the data set. We hope to do even better by using the in-scene information over water surfaces and applying it in a height-dependent fashion to an alpine scene. Only after this when ever possible height dependent correction the scene will contain the maximum information on surface types, facilitating thematic mapping. We will apply the correction established now to four scenes in the course of a year soon.





**Fig. 6:** Spectral radiances to be corrected [ $W/(m^2 sr \mu m)$ ] [A, B], in per cent of the satellite measured radiance [C, D], for channels 1 and 4 of TM depending on surface reflectance for three different aerosol types, each with an optical thickness of 0.1 or 0.5  
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# First results of tracer experiments over complex Alpine terrain: TRANSALP

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**Abstract**—Within the frame of the TRANSALP project in Switzerland tracer release studies were performed in prealpine valleys in the Canton Ticino at two selected days during October 1989. The objectives of these experiments were to investigate the behavior of pollutant dispersion in drainage flows during daytime and to test the performance of computer models for predicting pollutant immission concentrations in such complex terrain. An astonishingly good agreement between measured and calculated ground level concentrations was achieved even with the simple Gaussian plume formula expecting flat terrain. The assumption of channeled flow in these valleys could be confirmed by the experiments under the meteorological condition of thermally induced valley breeze in autumn.

## 1. Introduction

TRANSALP, a subproject of TRACT within the frame of EUROTRAC, intends to investigate the transport and diffusion properties of airborne material within the Planetary Boundary Layer over Swiss Alpine terrain in order to identify the main transport channels, including an estimate of flow rates, leading from the western Po Valley to the Swiss Plateau and vice versa.

Atmospheric dispersion processes are usually investigated by releasing tracers. Such an experiment was performed by Paul Scherrer Institute, Switzerland together with the European Joint Research Center at Ispra, Italy, in the Canton Ticino near the Italian-Swiss frontier in October 1989. This experiment was intended to be the starting point for a series of future experiments performed in order to prepare for a full-scale trans-Alpine tracer experiment, tentatively anticipated for 1993.

The scientific objectives of the initial experiment described in this paper were to investigate the structure of drainage flows and the behavior of tracer gases released in a valley during daytime.

In addition to allowing direct predictions of impacts of pollutants emitted within this region, these data can be used to test the validity of numerical models.

## 2. Experimental Details

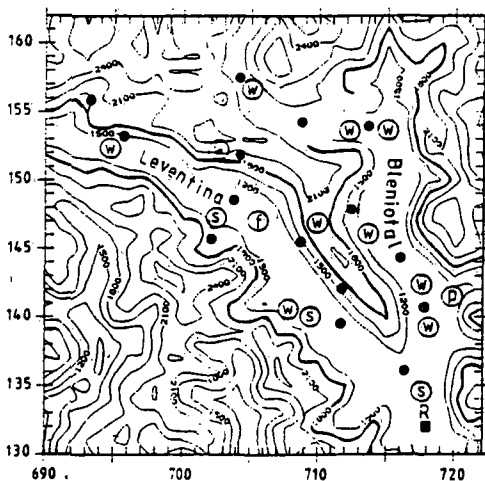


Fig. 1 Outline of the experimental area and locations of the operated instruments.

- w: Mast for wind and temperature measurements
- s: SODAR
- f: Tethered balloon
- p: Pilot balloon
- R: Tracer release point
- e: Typical sampler locations

The experimental area for the initial experiment of TRANSALP was restricted to the Leventina and Blenio valleys, north-west of Bellinzona due to the assumption that north-south directed valleys are expected to represent one of the main entrances for air pollutants originating from the western Po Valley leading to the Swiss Plateau.

The Leventina bifurcates at Biasca where the smaller Blenio valley branches out. This latter valley leads to the Lucomagno pass, whereas the Leventina ends at Airolo with the beginning of the San Gottardo alpine barrier in the north. In the south, the Leventina bifurcates with the Mesolcina valley before joining the Magadino plain at Bellinzona.

Thanks to the supplemental instrumental assistance of different Italian institutes, we could finally operate three SODAR, 10 meteorological ground stations equipped with anemometers and temperature and humidity sensors, one tethered balloon, a pilot balloon system and one sonic anemometer-thermometer at the tracer release point for measurements of atmospheric turbulence parameters. The region of investigation and the location of the different instruments is depicted in Figure 1.

Two tracer experiments were carried out on October 5th and 19th, 1989. The tracer release took place at both times in the morning between 10 am and 11 am, with the development of the valley breeze.

Due to the low detection limit and the very low background of perfluorocarbon tracers, the chemical  $C_7F_{14}$  was released. The release point was located at Iragna south of Biasca. The release height was 8 m a.g.l. and the rate of emitted tracer 4 g/s. The immission of this species was registered with 60 sampler units at several locations along the bottom of the valleys and upslope the hills. Each sampler station contained 8 sampling bags which were filled consecutively with an integration time of 30 minutes. The recordings of the tracer plume at higher levels were performed with a motorglider.

### 3. Meteorological Analyses

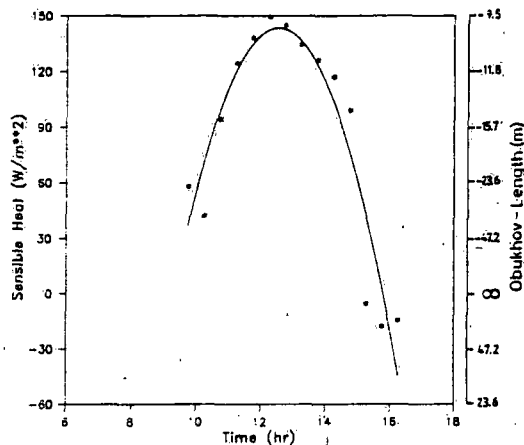


Fig. 2 Measured sensible heat flux.

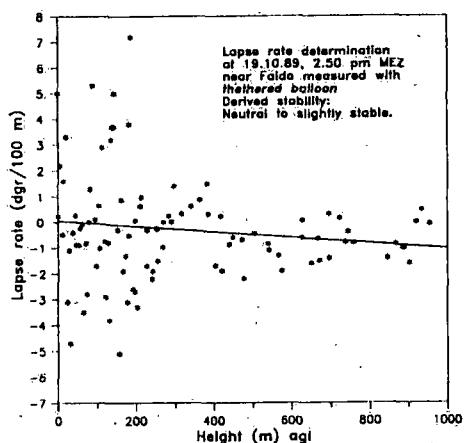


Fig. 3 Tethersonde lapse rate determination for shady regions.

Type of Instrument	Location (Swiss Coordinates)	Height of measurement [m] asl, agl	Wind velocity [m/s]	Wind direction [dgrs] Ann.
1) SODAR	718.1, 131.8	347, 60	1.3	148
2) SODAR	711.3, 138.8	587, 240	4.3	155
3) SODAR	702.5, 148.4	400, 50	4.5	168
		600, 250	5.3	160
3) Mast	702.8, 151.6	1300, 60	2.7	86
3) Mast	694.9, 152.5	1480, 240	3.1	97
		1862, 12	1.4	146
		1019, 12	2.2	124

Wind conditions over the experimental area at October 19th between 1) 10 to 11 am, 2) 0.30 to 1 pm and 3) 1 to 2 pm.

Table 1

Ann.: The azimuth of the outgoing wind was defined with respect to the south axis.

#### 4. Tracer Plume Analysis

The analysis of the data concentrates mainly on a comparison of the measured downwind, crosswind and vertical tracer concentrations with immission calculations based on simple bi-Gaussian plume estimations and calculations performed with a particle trajectory model. A short outline of the applied trajectory model is given in [1]. Our aim of applying dispersion models to the measured tracer concentrations is to analyze the experimental data in order to get a better understanding of the dispersion characteristics under these particular topographical conditions. In the present case the most interesting question was to evidentiate to which extent air pollutants were trapped and channeling occurred in the considered valleys under the meteorological conditions of up-valley breeze in autumn.

On the other hand the application of models to dispersion experiments particularly if performed in complex terrain allows to test the performance of a model in dependence of a certain amount of measured meteorological information.

Figure 4 now depicts the time integrated tracer concentrations measured in the Leventina and Blenio valleys. As the Figure shows, most of the tracer entered the Leventina valley. The ratio of the time integrated concentrations measured in the two valleys is approximately between 1:4 to 1:5. The measurements in the upper Leventina were not used for this consideration since the plume had arrived this area before the sampling was started.

In section 3 we have already seen that the atmosphere over sunny area in the early afternoon yielded an Obukhov-Length of approximately -15 m according to the sonic anemometer measurements. On the other hand the lapse rate determination from tethered balloon soundings delivered a neutral to slightly stable atmosphere in shady regions up to a height of 1000 m. From these two stability measurements a slightly convective atmosphere for both valleys was estimated. This assumption is further supported by the relative strong wind situation that occurred particularly in higher altitudes. Strong advection lowers the instability of the atmosphere. For the bi-Gaussian plume calculations stability class C according to Pasquill was used in combination with the parameterization scheme recommended by Briggs [2]. The random walk model produced the best results with an Obukhov-Length of -65 m.

Estimates of concentrations based upon the Gaussian model require the knowledge of the mean wind velocity. In accordance to the measured wind fields in the two valleys the magnitude of the mean up-valley wind was determined to be 4 m/s.

On the basis of these assumptions characterizing the meteorological situation we primarily performed simple Gaussian dispersion calculations. The results obtained therefrom for the considered valleys downwind of the tracer source are depicted in Fig. 5 and Fig. 6, respectively. Furthermore a comparison with the measured maximum downwind concentrations is presented.

In the case of the Blenio valley the Gaussian model slightly overrates the measured concentrations at ground level for the assumptions met. The samplers located in the Blenio valley were lined up along the bottom of the valley up to the Lucomagno pass. In the Leventina the samplers were mainly distributed along the sunny south-west slope up to Quinto, 7 km north-west of Faido. Some samplers must have been located on the lee side of obstacles in order to explain the extraordinary low concentrations detected at certain points. The

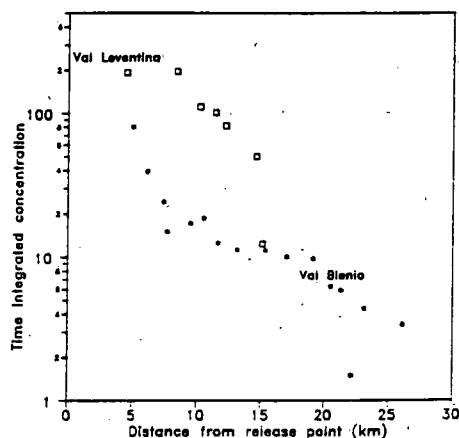


Fig. 4 Time integrated tracer concentrations measured in the considered valleys.

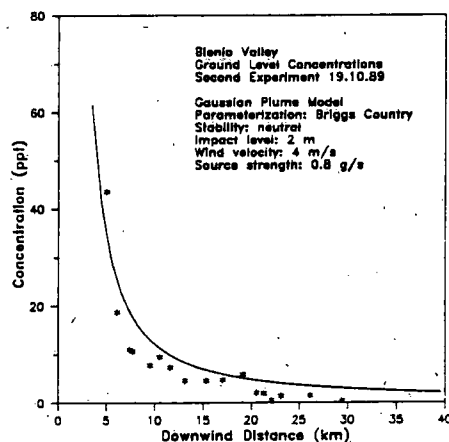


Fig. 5 Alongwind ground level concentrations in the Blenio valley.

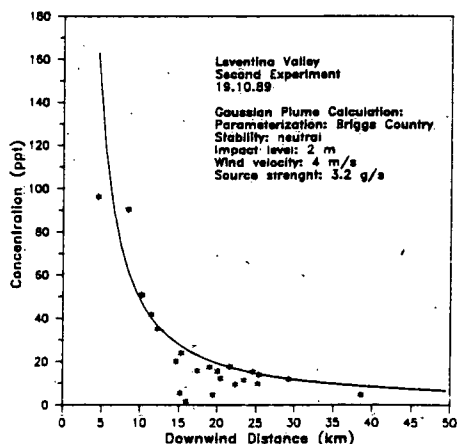


Fig. 6 Alongwind ground level concentrations in the Leventina valley.

scattering of the concentration levels is also caused by location deviations perpendicular to the plume centerline.

The most distant sampler was located on a serpentine of the Gotthard pass road. The maximum tracer concentration measured at this point was 5 ppt, slightly less than the predictions from the Gaussian formula for a ground level station at this distance. Apart from measurement and calculation uncertainties a possible explanation for this observation might be due to the height of the regarded sampler station of 380 m above the bottom of the valley, whereas the calculation refers to ground level concentrations.

Uphill the south-west slope above Faido, the most critical area in the Leventina where tracer overflow to the Blenio valley was expected, a vertical concentration profile was measured by motorglider.

The result of this measurement is depicted in Fig. 7 together with the predictions of the Gaussian formula again using the same parameters discussed above. The discrepancy between measured and calculated concentrations is due to bad time synchronization of the measurement. The tracer sampling during this flight took place approximately 1 hour after the maximum of the tracer plume passed by. According to calculations the estimated maximum flow rate of tracer traversing the regarded mountain crest at 2700 m a.s.l. has not exceeded 1/5 of the maximum flow rate measured in the valley at the same source distance. Therefore no upslope transport removed significant quantities of tracer-laden air before it reached the upper valley. This may account for the rather well agreement between observed and expected tracer concentrations in the upper Leventina valley.

In order to determine the crosswind concentration of the tracer plume in the vicinity of Faido, perpendicular to the valley axis a line consisting of 4 samplers was created. The outermost sampler west of the valley was exposed at Gribbio nearly on the top of a slope building a sort of channel leading down to the Leventina valley. The measured crosswind profile is depicted in Figure 8 including again the results obtained from the Gaussian plume formula. The maximum of the concentration distribution was measured at Campello on the sunny south-west slope, 1.5 km apart from the valley axis. This observation suggests that the plume centerline was located above the south-west slope of the valley. Further confirmation for this suggestion was obtained from constant density balloons which were always lost on the Leventinas south-west slope.

The regular arrangement of the samplers along the bottom of the Blenio valley favors a comparison of the measured ground level concentrations in this area with a corresponding particle trajectory model calculation. Since the Blenio valley is aligned quite precisely from north to south, differential heating at the valley slopes should not occur in the early afternoon. Thus the maximum tracer concentration is assumed to be found in the middle of the valley at this time. For that purpose a Monte Carlo simulation was performed on a mass consistent windfield obtained from the diagnostic wind model CONDOR [3]. The input data for that model was supplied by the meteorological network which was measuring permanently during October 1989.

In contrast to the Gaussian model the trajectory model considers terrain features indirectly through the interpolated windfield. One result obtained with the particle model is depicted in Fig. 9. The employed parameters are indicated in the graphics plot. The stars denote the measured and the triangles the calculated ground level concentrations.

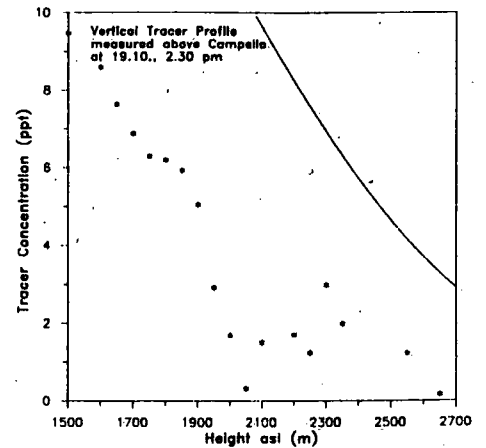


Fig. 7 Measured time delayed vertical tracer profile compared with Gaussian plume predictions for the maximum concentrations.

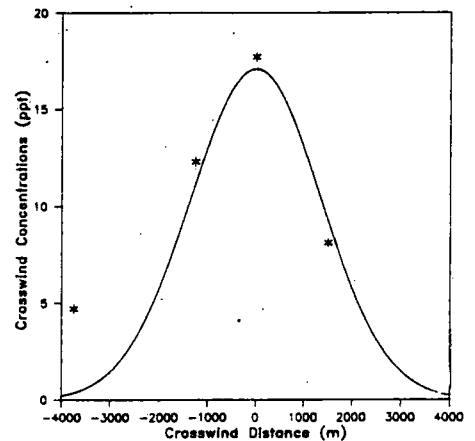


Fig. 8 Measured and calculated crosswind concentration profile near Faido.

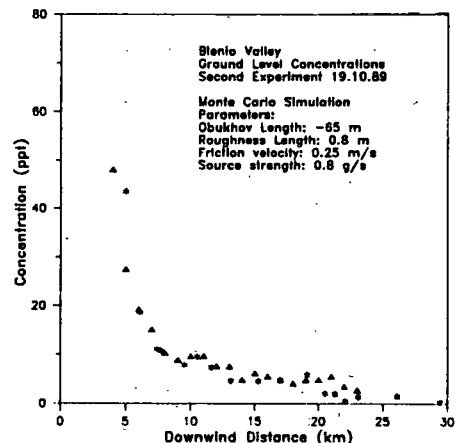


Fig. 9 Result of a trajectory model run for the Blenio valley along with the measured concentration levels.

## 5. Discussion

The available data set provides estimates of tracer dilution in the prealpine valleys Blenio and Leventina along with sufficient meteorological data to perform model calculations.

Apart from an expected shift of the plume centerline towards the south-west slope of the Leventina due to differential heating, the plume dispersion characteristics at ground level were obviously not unlike than over flat terrain which is rather surprising at first sight. This conclusion can be drawn according to the rather consistent agreement between the results obtained from the simple Gaussian plume formula and the measured downwind and crosswind concentrations.

The principal difference between homogeneous flows over flat terrain and channeled valley breezes consists in the different turbulence structure within these different flows. Thus the particular terrain features of a north to south directing broad valley are assumed to influence the dispersion characteristics of a plume in the early afternoon only by additional large scale eddies. Specifically at the bottom of the valley, additional terrain induced eddies give rise to an enlargement of the lateral dispersion parameter, i.e. a plume is assumed to disperse faster than over flat terrain under similar atmospheric stability. In the most extreme case, significant amount of tracer gets entrained by the up-slope flow layer out of the valley. This mechanism was reported by Willson et al. [4] for the narrow San Miguel valley, Colorado. A similar observation was not confirmed for the Blenio and Leventina valleys due to the rather good agreement between measured and calculated downwind ground level concentrations in both valleys which strongly evidences the conclusion of channeled flow without significant loss of tracer. But an increased lateral dispersion in relation to flat terrain must also be taken into account. A direct verification of this suggestion however has not been tried since plume dispersion specifically at ground level is strongly influenced also by other reasons than only due to atmospheric stability. A separation of all these effects might be challenging.

The predictive power of more refined models for dispersion calculations over complex terrain is limited as long as detailed turbulence and wind data had not been measured or an input from a boundary layer model is not available. Thus the application of a particle trajectory model to interpret the measured data did not produce significantly different results than the simple Gaussian formula. The introduction of the measured windfield which considers certain terrain features and thus velocity and direction irregularities of the flow slightly improved the accuracy of the dispersion predictions. This was shown in the case of the Blenio valley.

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**Section 2:**

**Weather Prediction:  
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## What Did We Learn From ALPEX?

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The answer to this question can only be a subjective one as it depends on the degree of one's ignorance. It will also be incomplete in the sense that it cannot cover the whole ALPEX literature which now has reached many hundreds of papers. I, therefore, arbitrarily have selected four major scientific subjects: Lee Cyclogenesis; flow splitting and blocking; mountain drag, and Bora. The major deficiency of this selection is the foehn problem, however, this is due to a lack of cooperation by Mother Nature who preferred to bless us, during the special observing periods (SOP) with many lee cyclones rather than a good case of south-foehn.

### 1. Lee Cyclogenesis

There were about 8-10 such events -- perhaps not all genuine mountain induced depressions -- resulting in an unprecedented observational material on lee cyclones.

Pichler and Steinaker (1990) have analyzed 8 of the ALPEX SOP cyclones and produced a beautiful Atlas that has just appeared. In addition, they have studied all lee cyclones during the full ALPEX year, a total of 40 (Pichler and Steinacker, 1987), and have arrived at two main types of lee cyclogenesis, the "Vorderseiten" (frontside) type with prevailing southwest upper flow (Fig. 1) and the "Überströmungs" (overflow) type with northwesterly upper flow (Fig. 2). This is probably the most comprehensive study of alpine lee cyclogenesis available today.

A series of careful case studies has resulted in some remarkable conceptual or, one may say, "phenomenological" models. These are, in my opinion, among the most important results of ALPEX, as they elucidate the common physical mechanisms underlying lee cyclogenesis. According to Bleck (1990), Tafferer (1990), McGuinley and Zupaniski (1989) and their co-workers, lee cyclogenesis is due to the interaction of a traveling upper-level IPV (Isentropic Potential Vorticity) center approaching the Alps and a low-level vorticity center locked on the lee side.

The upper center is a large 3-D perturbation of external origin that travels jointly with a cold dome beneath towards the Alps. The mountain barrier stops the cold dome, but the upper-vorticity center continues its travel. The associated jetstreak is suddenly out of thermal equilibrium. In the meantime, a low-level vorticity center forms on the leeside coincidental with the upstream blocking action. This represents the first phase of lee cyclogenesis. The second phase of deepening occurs when the two IPV centers get into the proper vertical phase (Fig. 3 after Bleck, 1990).



What is most interesting is that this is precisely the mechanism of cyclogenesis postulated by Hoskins, McIntyre, and Robertson in their classical 1985 paper. The severe cyclones on the east coast of the North American continent, recently explored in the GALE and ERICA Projects, show the same organization of upper and lower IPV centers, the lower one being generated by diabatic heating over the Gulf stream. As soon as the upper and lower centers come into the proper vertical phase, explosive cyclogenesis takes place. (Hibbard et. al., 1989). The two steps of pressure-fall were already discovered by v. Ficker in 1920 who called them "primary and secondary pressure waves". Now their physical role has become clear.

ALPEX has also stimulated the development of new theories of lee cyclogenesis. Only three shall be mentioned here: the theory of the Bologna group (Speranza, Buzzi, Trevisan, Malguzzi, 1985 to 1987); that of Pierrehumbert (1985); and the theory of Smith (1984, 86). All three are linear, quasi-geostrophic theories of a baroclinic flow crossing an idealized mountain, whereby the mountain generates or deepens a baroclinic wave. By introducing a negatively sheared flow with a critical (zero wind) level, Smith asserts that the deepening wave remains stationary.

Egger (1988), in a quite sophisticated study, has tried to verify these theories by comparing them with a "generic", but realistic numerical simulation of lee cyclogenesis. None of the theories was capable of explaining the cyclogenetic process. After the forementioned conceptual results we cannot be too surprised: The crucial IPV centers are large 3-dimensional disturbances that can not be treated by linear theory. One must hope that an analytical model of the observed mechanisms may be achieved in the future. Because of its highly non-linear nature this will not be easy.

## **2. Flow Splitting and Blocking.**

Occasionally, if rarely, one encounters something totally unexpected in a field project. That happened to some extent in ALPEX on 9 April 1982 when two long-range aircraft were sent on a circumferential flight track around the Alps in the hope to penetrate somewhere a fast moving cold front. They did not accomplish that, but instead got something more interesting, namely, a precise picture of flow splitting. That in itself is not new: every child knows that water will rather flow around a stone than over it. What surprised us were two things: the one aircraft flying at about 2.8 km altitude encountered the described split-flow; the other aircraft flying only 600 to 1,000 meters higher saw nothing of that kind (Fig. 4). While the lower air masses managed to avoid the Alps by circumventing them, the upper flow seemed to ignore them and to be totally de-coupled from the lower flow. The second surprise was that the split point (or stagnation point) did not change during these long flights. After seven hours it was still near Lake Geneva.

Most course-grid models let the air masses flow over the mountains rather than around them because the mountain ranges are flat and shallow in these models. To preserve the steepness and height of the obstacle one uses tricks like the "envelop orography"; but the time is close where even global models will have mesoscale grids that will reproduce the mountain and the flow around them properly. However, the thin de-coupling layer is still surprising. Once the lower-level flow spills over the mountains and runs down the lee side, the de-coupling of the upper and low flows is well known, Smith (1985). Apparently, it can happen already upstream.

Closely related to the split flow is the upstream blocking of cold air. How far upstream is the flow decelerated? An interesting theoretical study by Pierrehumbert and Wymann (1985) has shown that, without Coriolis force, the flow can be blocked farther upstream than with it, depending only on the Froude number. In rotational flow it also depends on the Rossby number, actually on the ratio of the two numbers, and the typical blocking distance is of the same order as the Rossby radius of deformation, i.e., a few hundred kilometers in the case of the Alps. ALPEX observations bear that out. The deformation of an air parcel by blocking and flow splitting is impressively described by Pichler and Steinacker (1987) during 48 hours of cyclogenesis as seen in Fig. 5.

### 3. Mountain Drag.

Blocked cold air is also an important contributor to the mountain drag. The determination of the drag of the Alps was one of the scientific objectives of ALPEX. We are interested here in the effect of mountains on the atmosphere, not vice versa. Therefore, by definition, the drag exerted by the obstacle on the air is a vector directed against the flow (not with the flow as is common in aircraft studies, in case that surprises anybody). The definition of drag used here refers to 3 components: the surface (frictional) draft, the form drag, and the wave drag. The sum of the latter two is often called pressure drag, but the total pressure drag must also include the hydrostatic drag due to blocked air masses.

If one neglects the frictional surface drag, which is usually done, one can derive the pressure drag directly by measuring the pressure field at the mountain surface (if this can be done!). Several of the ALPEX scientists have tried that and it is interesting that all arrive at the same order of magnitude of the drag exerted by the Alps on the atmosphere, namely about 5 to  $10 \times 10^{11}$ N. I am referring to Hafner and Smith (1985), and Carrisimo, Pierrehumbert, and Pham (1988). If one extrapolates the measurements of Davis and Phillips (1985) on the Gotthard Pass to the total mountain range of the Alps, one finds a similar but slightly higher magnitude of the drag.

How much of this drag is wave drag? It is generally assumed that the wave drag is a small part of the total drag (see for example Emeis, 1990). Is that true?

A new study by Hoinka and Clark (1990) computes the drag values from a non-hydrostatic numerical model based on observed initial conditions for a strong foehn event in November 1982. Interestingly enough it yields values of the vertical momentum flux (that is the wave drag) which are a large percentage, say about half, of the total drag (Fig. 6). However, if one compares the computed value with that measured by aircraft it turns out that the computed value is about 6 times larger than the observed. Nevertheless, there are reasons why the observed values may not be representative of the total Alps as they were conducted on a marginal flight track. This remains an unresolved problem.

Why is it important to know the mountain drag? The net pressure due to mountains is an important consideration in the large-scale momentum budget. The horizontal and vertical distribution of the sub-grid contribution of this drag is a necessary component of gravity wave drag parameterization for General Circulation Models. With gravity wave lengths between 10 and 20 km. one has to use parameterization as long as this scale is not resolved in the model.

A new critical investigation by Clark and Miller (1990) using varying grid scales from 5 to 80 km for the forementioned south foehn case shows that "envelop orography" produces indeed realistic drag and momentum flux values and that, surprisingly, hydrostatic treatment is sufficient to describe the basic dynamics. The effects of model resolution and of hydrostatic treatment on the drag are shown in Fig. 7. Again, wave drag appears to be a fairly large fraction of the total drag.

#### 4. Bora.

I come now to the last subject of my talk, the Bora. It's investigation was one of the scientific objectives of ALPEX. The Bora is generally known as a cold, severe downslope wind. It occurs everywhere in the world, but its name comes from the classical Bora of the Adriatic coast of Yugoslavia.

Four extended periods of three to five days each occurred during ALPEX over this coast. For the first time it was possible to explore the Bora thoroughly by instrumented aircraft. In a beautiful paper, Ron Smith (1987), who directed most of the flights, has described some of results.

The typical Yugoslavian Bora has a wind reversal in the mid-troposphere. This critical layer limits the height of the phenomenon. In the only case without wind reversal (25 March 82) lee waves propagated vertically throughout the troposphere, made visible by high wave clouds.

It has been suspected, for example by Pettré (1984) and by the Yugoslavian authors of this conference (Jurec, Bajic, and others) that the Bora is a hydraulic phenomenon,

whereby the fall winds reach critical velocity (that is the maximum phase speed of long waves) over the mountain crest and accelerate to a super critical "shooting flow" over the downslope. Further downwind they reverse back to subcritical flow in a severely turbulent hydraulic jump. Certainly some of the investigated cases resemble such hydraulic flow (Fig. 8-9). If there is a pronounced inversion over the cold air a simple relation of hydraulic theory between layer height, mountain height, and Froude number should hold: That seems indeed to be the case for the Bora.

But is there really a basic difference between Bora and Foehn or are they essentially the same flow phenomenon? Does it matter that the Bora is cold and Foehn warm? In, what I consider one of the most enlightening papers resulting from ALPEX, Klemp and Durran (1987) have shown that there is no basic distinction between the two. Even without an inversion, shooting flow occurs because of wave breaking aloft (Fig. 10). The severe downslope winds at low levels are surprisingly insensitive to variations in the upwind condition aloft.

If we consider the work done -- and being done by our Yugoslavian colleagues on "their Bora" -- we must conclude that the Bora studies of ALPEX have given an important impetus to fundamental research on air flow over mountains.

### Conclusion

Having picked out only a few raisins from the large pie called "ALPEX" I feel that everybody should judge for himself what the answer is to the topic of this talk: "What did we learn from ALPEX?"

There is however, something else we learned, even if it is not strictly scientific. The organizer of this conference, Thomas Gutermann, was also the Operations Director of ALPEX. He, together with Hans Wanner, as his deputy, recognized early how important it is that young people participate in such an interesting venture and they arranged that these students could all live, cook, and sleep together in an air shelter (bunker) in Geneva while they spent their days with prominent scientists. This international "bunker gang", as it was called, became a crucially important part of ALPEX. They are now scattered throughout the world and many of them have already made fine careers as researchers, aviation experts, forecasters, artists, or even astronauts; and they still keep contact with each other. I hope, that they too have learned something from ALPEX, namely that science is not only serious business, but that it can be (and should be) fun. More importantly, they may have learned -- like we have -- that tolerant and enjoyable human relations are as important in such a large undertaking as science and technology. In fact, without this human dimension, the best science and technology turn out to be nearly useless.

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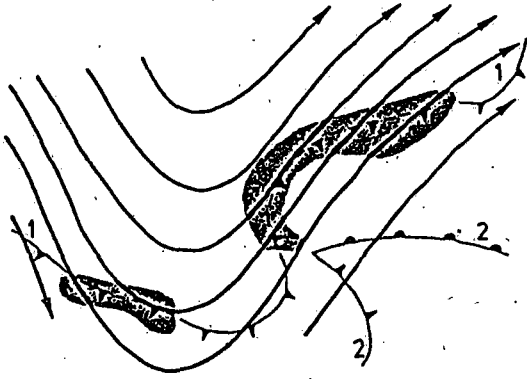


Fig. 1: Frontside ("Vorderseiten") type of Alpine lee cyclogenesis. Upper-level flow across Alps from southwest. (After Pichler and Steinacker, 1987.)

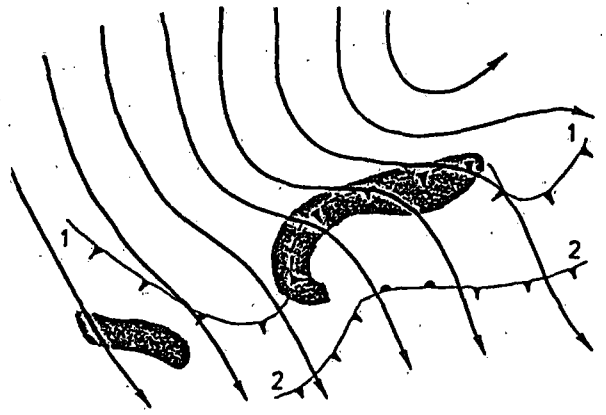


Fig. 2: Overflow ("Überströmungs") type of Alpine lee cyclogenesis. Upper-level flow across Alps from northwest. (After Pichler and Steinacker, 1987.)

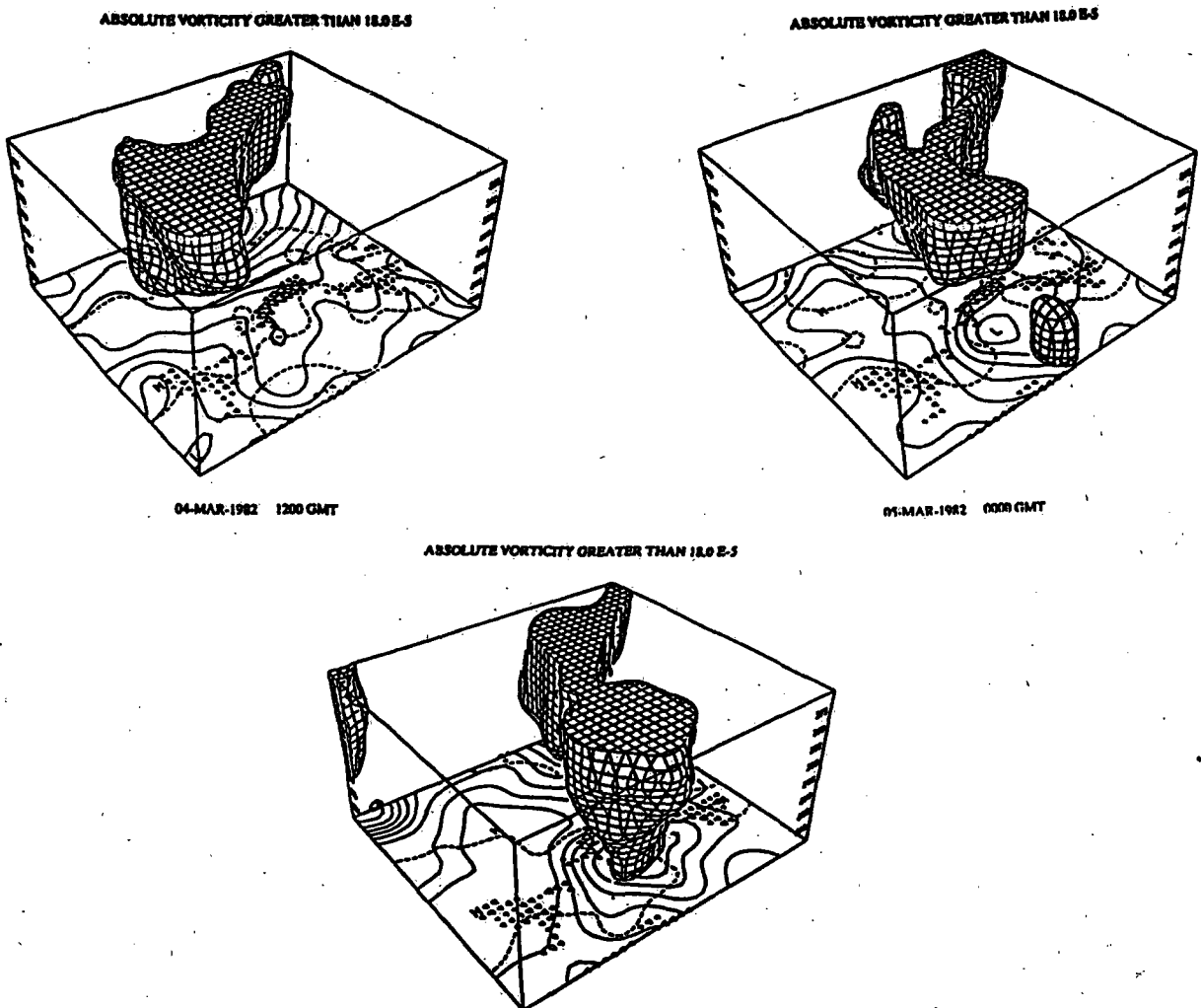
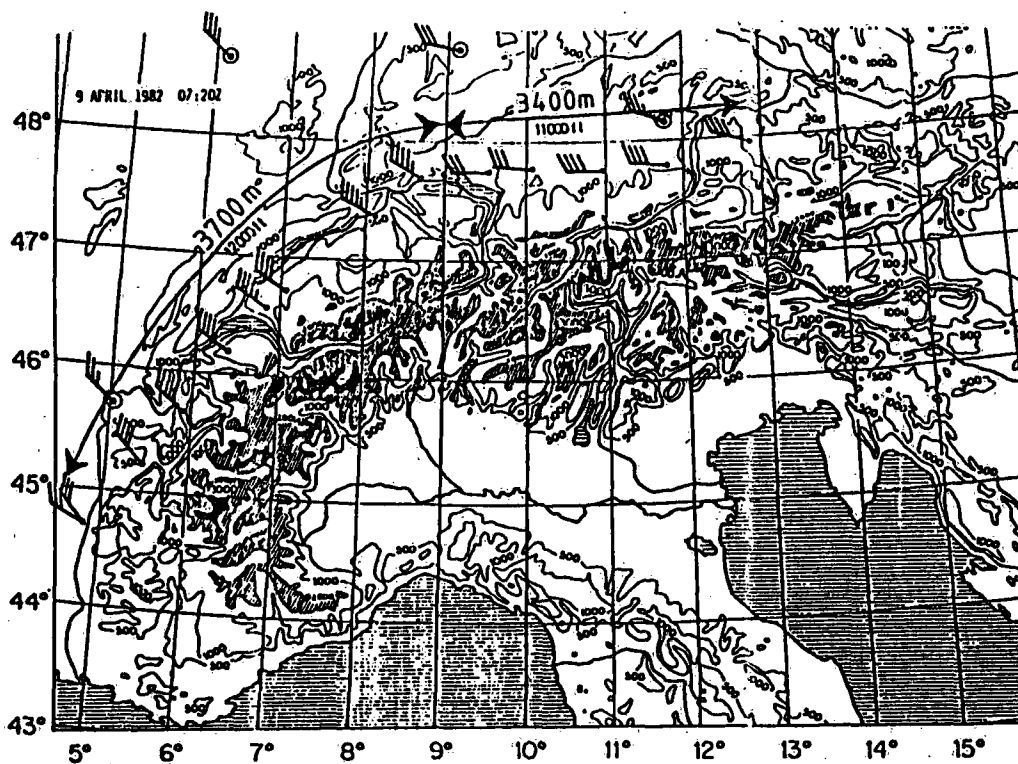
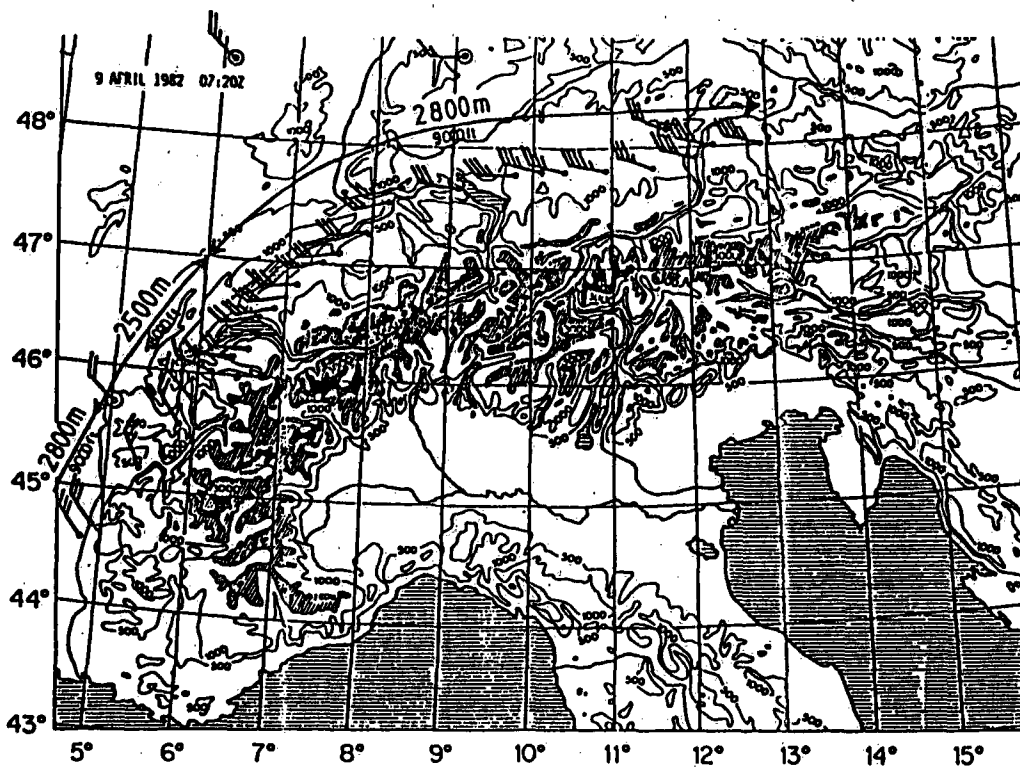


Fig. 3: Lee cyclogenesis (12-hour intervals, 4 to 5 March 1982) associated with the approach of an upper vorticity center north of the Alps (upper left) and a lower vorticity center developing south of the Alps (upper right). The mature stage is reached when the two centers join vertically (lower figure). (After Bleck, 1990.)



Aircraft measurements on 9 April 1982 at 3400 to 3700 m - Electra flight



Aircraft measurements on 9 April 1982 at 2500 to 2800 m - P-3 flight

Fig. 4: Flow splitting at the 2.5 to 2.8 km level on the northwest side of the Alps (lower figure) apparently decoupled from undisturbed, straight flow at 3.7 km (upper figure) as measured by two vertically stacked aircraft on 9 April 1982. (After Kuettner, 1986.)



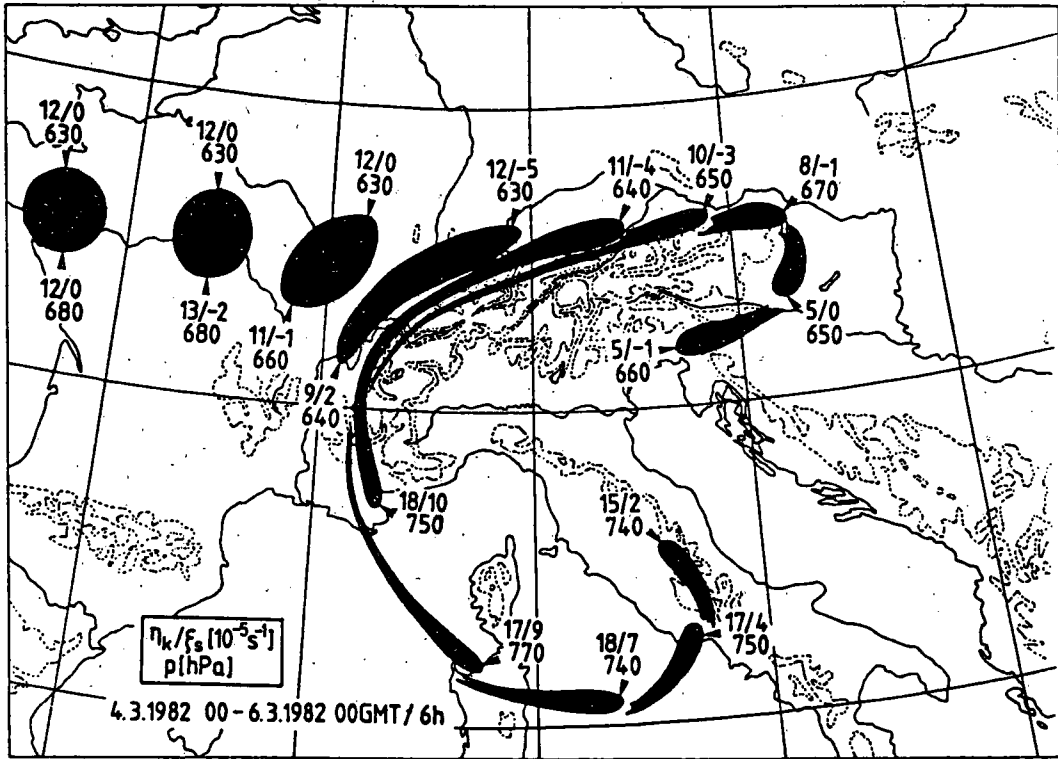


Fig. 5: Deformation of an isentropic material surface in the lower troposphere during alpine lee cyclogenesis. 6-hour intervals; 4 to 6 March 1982. (After Pichler and Steinacker).

Fig. 6: Meridional and zonal components of total drag ( $D$ ) and wave drag ( $M =$  vertical momentum flux) as a function of time during alpine south foehn event of 8 November 1982. Note that, according to this numerical simulation by Hoinka and Clark (1990), wave drag is roughly half of total drag.

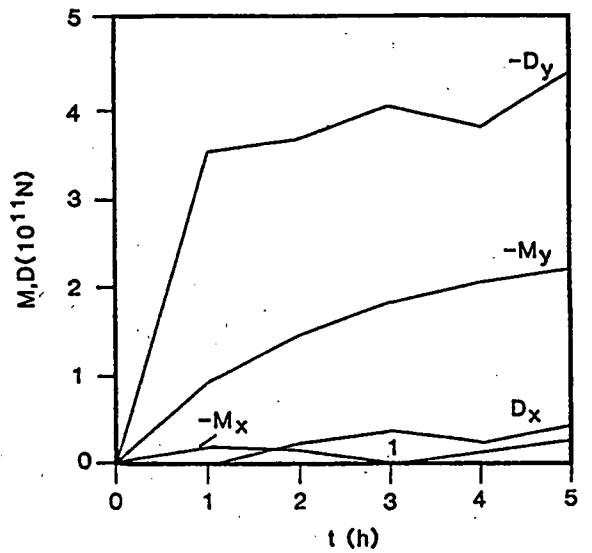
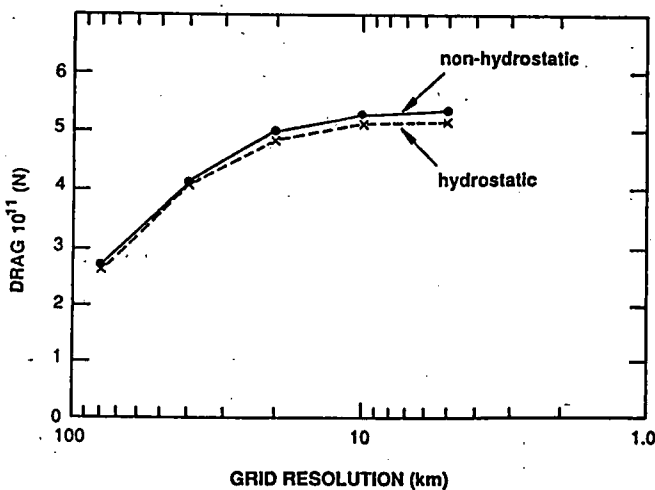


Fig. 7: Pressure drag versus grid resolution for non-hydrostatic and hydrostatic numerical simulations of Alpine foehn case of Fig. 6. After Clark and Miller (1990).

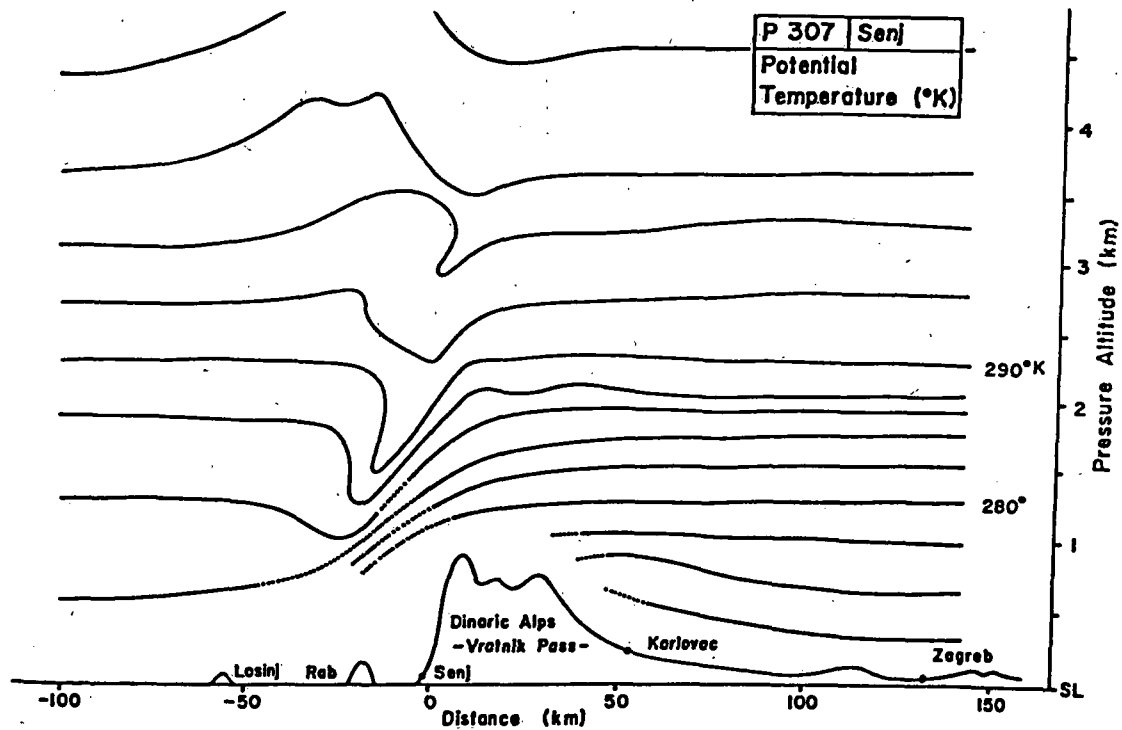


Fig. 8: Potential temperature field during Bora over the Dinaric Alps on 7 March 1982. Flow is from right to left (After Smith, 1987)

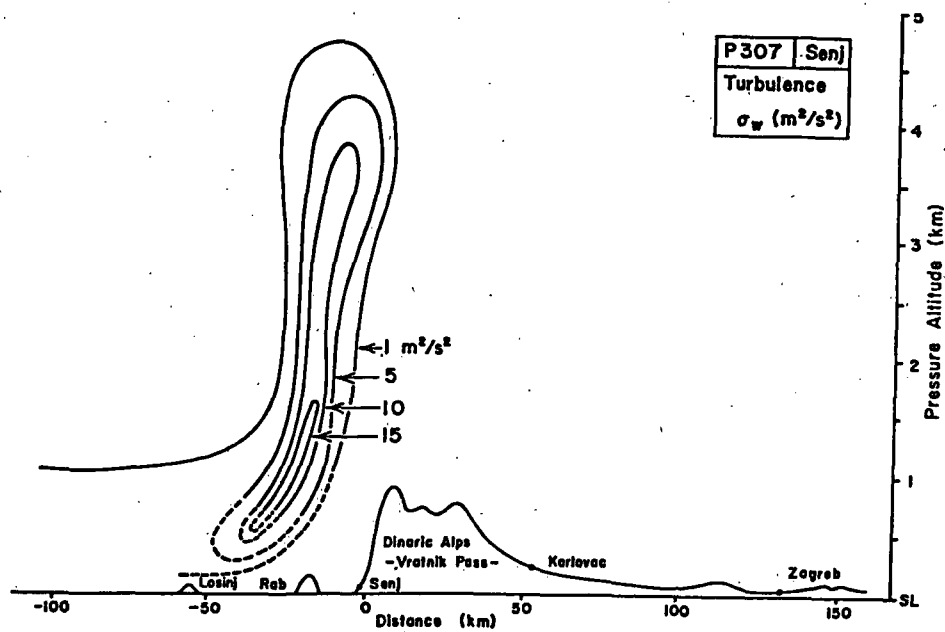


Fig. 9: Region of intense turbulence in the lee of Dinaric Alps during same Bora case as Fig. 8. (After Smith, 1987.)

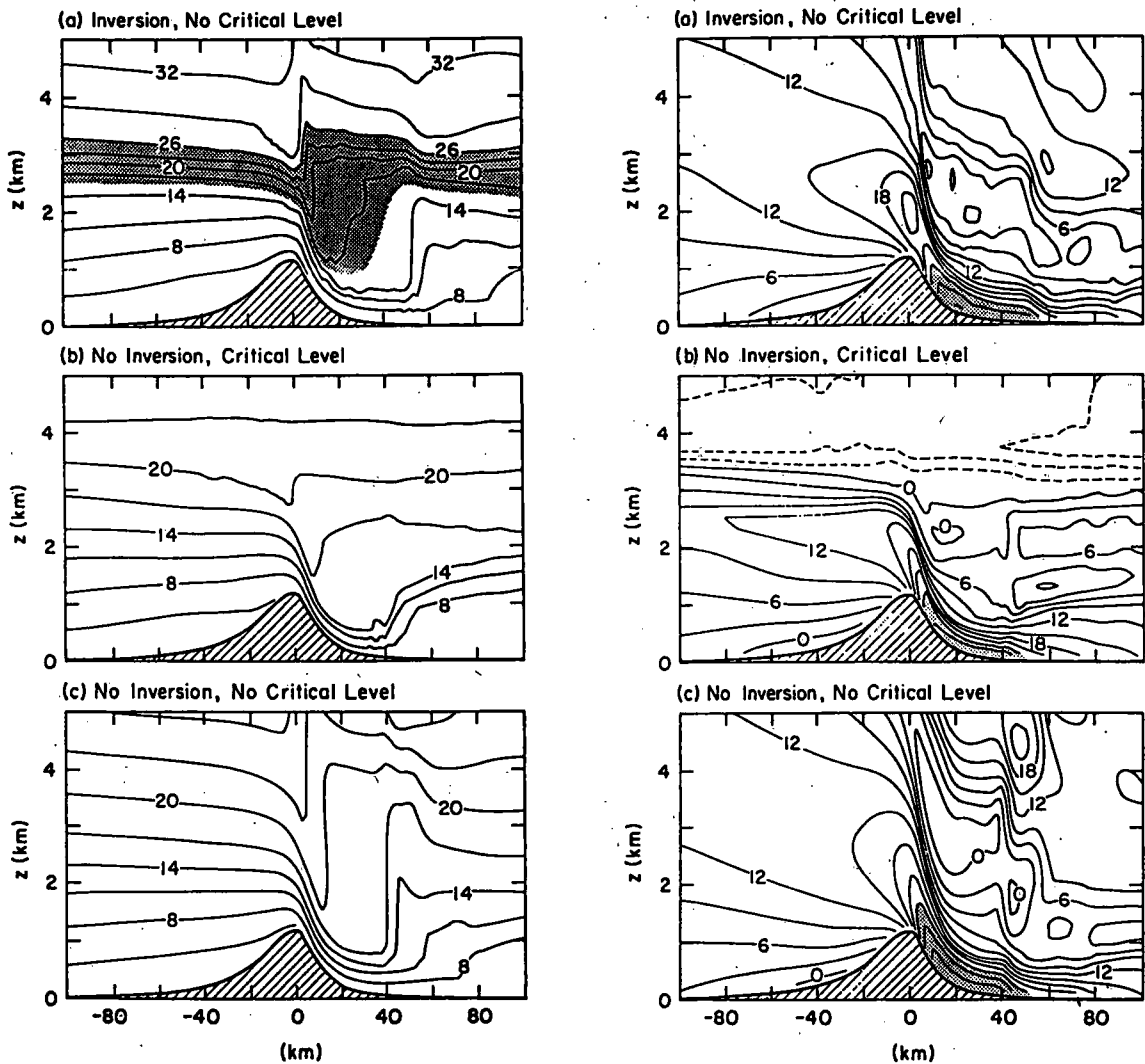


Fig. 10: Influence on Bora flow of presence or absence of inversion layer (shaded) and critical level (flow reversal at 3 km altitude). Left side: potential temperature contour in ( C). Right side: contours of horizontal velocity field (in m/s). Down slope velocities over 24 m/s are shaded. Numerical simulation by Klemp and Durran (1987).

**Section 3:**

**Diagnosis and Interpretation of  
Mesoscale Systems and  
Local Phenomena**

## FINE MESH ISENTROPIC ANALYSIS OF FRONTS IN THE ALPINE REGION

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An objective isentropic analysis scheme designed for ALPEX-analyses is used to investigate the frontal structure in the vicinity of the Alps. A new tool is introduced to analyse objectively the fronts position and intensity. It is shown that fronts may be extremely complex three dimensional phenomena which become significantly modified by orography.

**1. Introduction**

Atmospheric fronts, with a few exceptions (e.g. Renard and Clarke, 1965; Huber-Pock and Kress, 1989) are still analysed manually and hence subjectively by most weather services on an operational basis. Even for scientific investigations of real fronts their location is plotted manually which often leads to differences between the individual analysts opinion.

Several qualitative or climatological/quantitative definitions of fronts are found in literature (e.g. Bergeron, 1928; Taljaard et al. 1961; Palmen and Newton, 1969; Geb, 1971) and every textbook on synoptic meteorology contains a descriptive outline of what a front is. Nevertheless no definition is generally accepted, which is easy to understand, as all definitions are valid only for a certain scale (e.g. polar front), or for a specified parameter (e.g. thermal front) or for one part of the phenomenon (e.g. warm air boundary of a hyperbaroclinic zone).

**2. Mathematical approach to the front definition**

A general and liberal definition of a front in the sense of a working hypothesis with respect to any arbitrary variable of a fluid may be given with a minimum of 2 mathematical conditions:

"Each volume bounded on two sides by surfaces of opposite extreme values of the second derivative (perpendicular to the surface) of an arbitrary scalar variable  $\Psi$  may be called a front if for both surfaces

$$\left| \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial n^2} \right| \gg \overline{\left| \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial n^2} \right|} \quad (1)$$

and

$$A \gg (\overline{\Delta_3 n})^2 \quad (2)$$

where  $A$  represents the area of the bounding surface and  $\Delta_3 n$  is the normal distance of the two bounding surfaces" (see fig. 1).

This rather abstract definition has the advantage to be scale independent and applicable to any scalar atmospheric or oceanographic variable. It further implies a magnitude of the gradient of  $\Psi$  within the volume which is significantly larger than the mean value over the whole domain and tells us that a front (volume) is strongly anisotropic (layer-like). Although a front should be always seen as threedimensional structure, the above definition may be reduced to two dimension as well:

"Each area bounded on two sides by lines of opposite extreme values of the second derivative (perpendicular to the line) of an arbitrary scalar variable  $\Psi$  may be called a front if for both lines

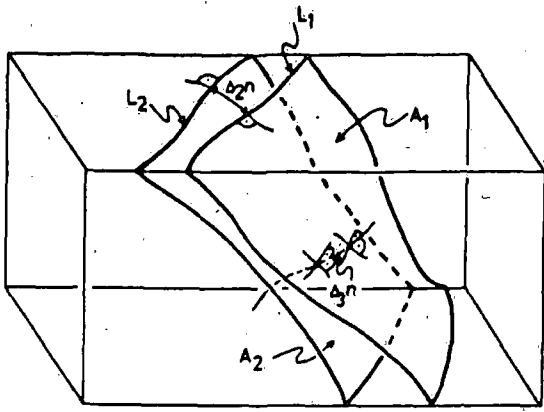


Fig. 1: Schematic view of a front volume (area) and its limiting surfaces  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$  (lines  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$ ).

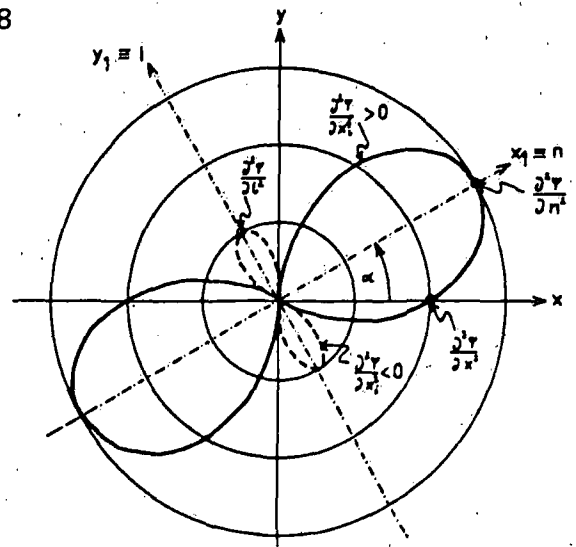


Fig. 2: Example for a 2-D distribution of  $\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial n^2}$  with  $\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x_1^2}$  being the maximum value, further explanations see text.

$$\left| \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial n^2} \right| \gg \overline{\left| \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial n^2} \right|} \quad (3)$$

and

$$L \gg \overline{\Delta_2 n} \quad (4)$$

where  $L$  represents the length of the bounding lines and  $\Delta_2 n$  is the normal distance between the two bounding lines" (see fig. 1).

This definition implies a magnitude of the 2D-gradient of  $\Psi$  within the area which is significantly larger than the mean value over the whole domain and tells us that the area must be strongly anisotropic (bandlike).

By this way all possible fronts including exotic types like humidity fronts, (oceanographic) salinity fronts, sea breeze fronts<sup>1)</sup> or even valley wind fronts<sup>1)</sup> may be analysed objectively, provided a sufficient resolution of data is available over the domain in view.

### 3. Determination of the second derivatives

We will restrict ourselves to the 2-D case here. The Laplacian of  $\Psi$  on two dimensions consists of two parts

$$\nabla^2 \psi = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} \quad (5)$$

A transformation (rotation) of the coordinate system does not change the Laplacian but it changes the two parts. According to our definition we have to rotate the coordinate system until the two parts are extreme values

$$\nabla^2 \psi = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial n^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial l^2} \quad (6)$$

where furthermore

$$\left| \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial n^2} \right| \geq \left| \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial l^2} \right| \quad (7)$$

1) Vectorial quantities (e.g. wind velocity) may be used as variables if they are divided into cross front and along front components.

The angle of rotation  $\alpha$  (see fig. 2) can be obtained by the condition

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x_i^2} \right) = 0 \quad (8)$$

which yields

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{atan} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x \partial y} / \left( \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial y^2} \right) \right] \quad (9)$$

and hence the solution for  $\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial n^2}$ .

The classic paper on objective front analysis of Renard and Clarke, 1965, in contrast, uses the second derivative along the gradient of  $\Psi$ , which says that no alongfront gradient is permitted. This is clearly a severe restriction especially with regard to occluded frontal systems.

#### 4. Application to a 850 hPa-surface.

As an example the "airmass fronts" ( $\Psi = \theta_e$ ) have been analysed objectively for 850 hPa on November 11, 1987, 00 UTC (the second event of the German Fronts Experiment, see e.g. Zwatz-Meise and Kress, 1988). Fig. 3 shows the  $\theta_e$ -analysis with maximum and minimum lines of  $\partial^2 \theta_e / \partial n^2$ , where the grid distance was 45 km.

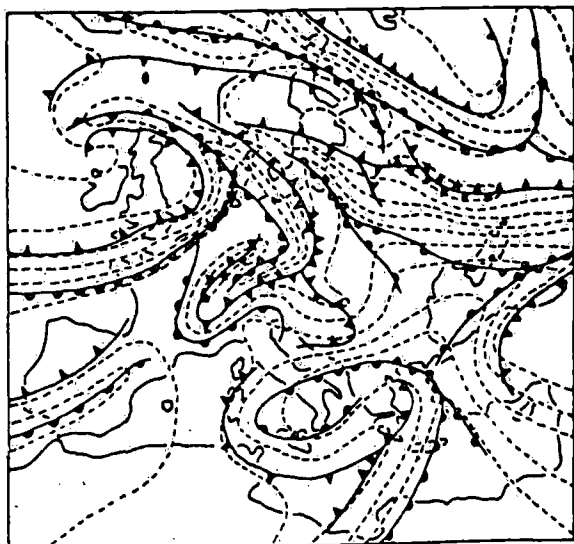


Fig. 3: Objective analysis of the "airmass fronts" on Nov. 12, 1987, 00 UTC. Dashed lines are isotherms of equivalent potential temperature with 4 K interval. Minimum lines of  $\partial^2 \theta_e / \partial n^2$  are indicated with warm front symbols in the sense of the warm side boundary of the front, maximum lines are plotted with cold front symbols in the sense of the cold side boundary of the front.

It comes out clearly that the bands of concentrated gradients are bounded by the lines of extreme values of  $\partial^2 \theta_e / \partial n^2$  and thus can be seen as the "airmass fronts". Comparing a conventional front analysis (e.g. Berliner Wetterkarte) with fig. 3 an excellent agreement between the location of the minimum line of  $\partial^2 \theta_e / \partial n^2$  (except for mesoscale features) and the hand drawn "front lines" may be observed.

In the Alpine region a complicated frontal structure appears which is caused by a weak S-foehn flow, producing stationary "orographic fronts".

#### 5. Application to an isentropic cross section

Cross sections are often used to investigate the details of a frontal structure. They however suggest a two dimensional front which is hardly found in nature. Even if the section is exactly perpendicular to the jet streak flow it will not be so over the whole troposphere,

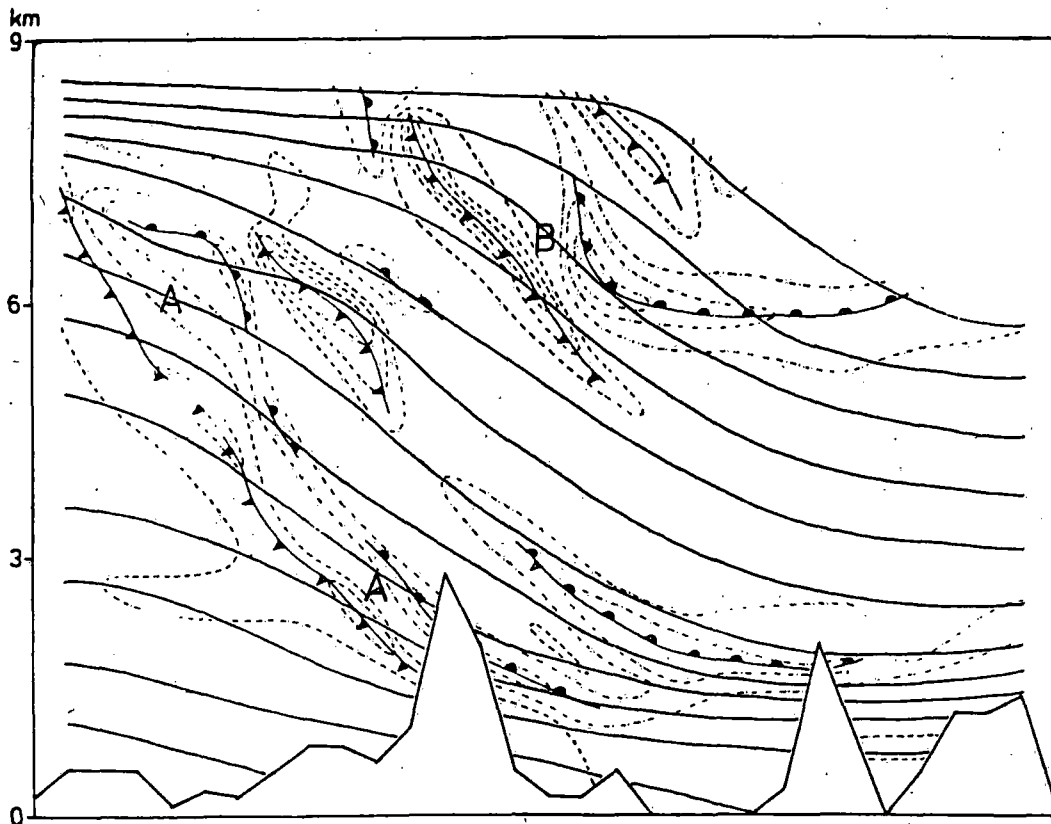


Fig. 4: Isentropic (N-S) cross section from northern Germany (left side) to Sardinia. Isentropes with 2.5 K interval are continuous lines, isolines of horizontal  $\partial^2\theta/\partial n^2$  are plotted dashed (positive value) and dash-dotted (negative values) with an interval of  $1 \times 10^{-10} \text{ K m}^{-2}$ , zero line is omitted. The maximum and minimum lines of  $\partial^2\theta/\partial n^2$  are plotted with cold front symbols (maximum = cold side boundary of front) and warm front symbols (minimum = warm side boundary of front).

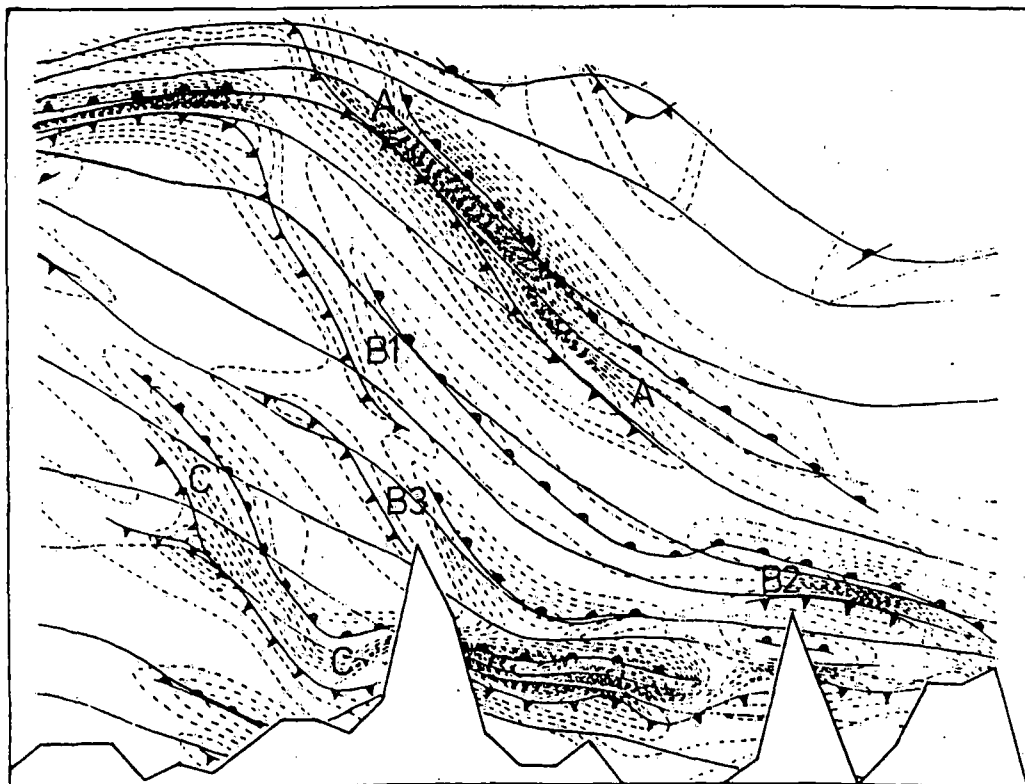


Fig. 5: Same as fig. 4 but for fine mesh analysis (see text).



furthermore the curvature of the flow is neglected. If we choose our front intensity and locating parameter  $\partial^2\theta/\partial n^2$  we are able to overcome these problems and obtain a more realistic impression about fronts.

Fig. 4 shows a N-S section along 9 deg. east (through Genoa) on March 2, 1982, 00 GMT, at the beginning of the first ALPEX front and Genoa cyclogenesis case. It is based on the ECMWF operational analyses, which show a broad but moderate baroclinic troposphere over the whole width of the cross section from N-Germany to Sardinia.

The analysis of  $\partial^2\theta/\partial n^2$  (which was derived from a grid with 45 km distance) shows a rather weak front north of the Alps (A) and an indication of a tropopause folding over and just south of the Alps (B). It is not surprising that a broad scale analysis does not show spectacular frontal structures.

A fine mesh analysis with the ECMWF fields as first guess (see Lanzinger and Steinacker, 1990) in contrast gives us an excellent information on the complex nature of fronts (fig. 5). A triple structure can be seen where the first (A) is very sharp at upper tropospheric levels over and south of the Alps. A second front is well pronounced at mid tropospheric levels just north of the Alps (B1) and again over Corsica and Sardinia (B2). Over and just south of the Alps an "orographic front" appears (B3) which is caused by the NW-flow over the Alps. This orographic deformation of the isentropes seems to be the cause for the splitting of the second front into two parts.

The third front (C) finally is restricted to the lower troposphere north of the Alps. This front was the so called first ALPEX front and shows here a deformation on the north side of the Alps due to a blocking effect. A strong nearly horizontal low level front south of the Alps (D) would probably be classified as inversion from this cross section. The large values of  $\partial^2\theta/\partial n^2$  however indicate that there must be an inclination perpendicular to the section shown.

## 6. Conclusion

For a meaningful investigation of the frontal structure of the atmosphere a fine mesh analysis is necessary. The analysis scheme used here, which takes special care of the anisotropy over and around mountains seems to be capable to resolve orographic modifications of fronts.

The objective front analysis scheme - which may be completely automatized - promises to become a powerful task in future. Further investigations are necessary to test the scheme also with other variables and three dimensionally.

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# Density and Pressure Changes during the Passage of a Frontal System over the Alps

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## ABSTRACT

On October 20, 1974, an occluding frontal system crossed central Europe. Considerable pressure changes were observed during the frontal passage. From the pressure tendency equation which relates temporal density changes to spatial variations of wind and density it is found that horizontal density advection, though it contributed least, was of decisive importance for them. It is shown that in the lowest 3 km above ground the vertical wind divergence is of greater magnitude than the horizontal wind divergence. For the mass divergence this relation was in general not fulfilled except for the frontal zones.

## 1. Introduction

With the introduction of pressure as vertical coordinate the use of geometric height as independent variable has become somewhat obsolete in meteorology. Nevertheless the surface pressure is one of the most accurately measured observables and for the synoptician of invaluable importance. Using the continuity equation and assuming hydrostatic equilibrium we obtain

$$\frac{\delta p}{\delta t} = - \int_z^{\infty} g \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) dz^* = - g \int_z^{\infty} \rho (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_h) dz^* - g \int_z^{\infty} (\mathbf{v}_h \cdot \nabla \rho) dz^* + g \rho w \quad (1)$$

which allows an easy interpretation as all terms in (1) are readily understood. For the surface pressure in particular we obtain

$$\frac{\delta p_s}{\delta t} = - g \int_z^{\infty} \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}_h) dz^* \quad (2)$$

If we use pressure as vertical coordinate a similar expression as equation (2) can be derived for the surface pressure tendency with the approximation

$$\frac{\delta p_s}{\delta t} = \omega_s \quad (\text{Pichler, 1984}). \quad \text{From } \frac{\delta \omega}{\delta p} = - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_h \text{ we obtain}$$

$$\frac{\delta p_s}{\delta t} = - \int_0^{p_s} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_h dp \quad (3)$$

However, in the p-system the height tendency represents the equivalent to the pressure tendency. The tendency equation for the geopotential can be written in the form (Pichler, 1984)

$$\nabla^2 \left( \frac{\delta \Phi}{\delta t} \right) + \frac{f^2}{\sigma \delta p^2} \left( \frac{\delta \Phi}{\delta t} \right) = J \left( \frac{1}{f} \nabla^2 \Phi + f, \Phi \right) + \frac{f}{\sigma \delta p} \left( J \left( \Phi, - \frac{\delta \Phi}{\delta t} \right) \right)$$

which does not permit an interpretation as straightforward as (1). Thus it seems justified to use (x, y, z)-coordinates for this type of problem as it facilitates its discussion and solution. Equations (2) and (3) indicate the well-known fact that for the surface pressure tendency the horizontal mass divergence at constant height or the horizontal wind divergence at constant pressure, respectively, is decisive. Both equations are, however, somewhat misleading, as they apply only for the surface pressure whose tendency is determined by the mean divergence over the whole atmosphere. Thus it is not permissible to conclude that a convergent layer gives a contribution to pressure rise or a divergent layer one to pressure fall. This would be the case if convergence were always associated with increasing density, divergence with decreasing density. For density changes, however, also the vertical part of the divergence, which has cancelled out for the surface pressure tendency, needs to be considered. Principally then a convergent layer may as well be a layer where the density diminishes, if vertical divergence outbalances horizontal convergence, as one with rising density. A similar argument holds for a divergent layer. In order to clarify the situation a real case - the storm of 20 October 1974 - , whose frontal passages were accompanied by considerable pressure changes, has been studied using (x, y, z)-coordinates.

## 2. Data and data analysis

Synoptic data and chart records from several central European stations were used together with soundings and winds from Stuttgart, Munich and Vienna. Space-to-time conversion was applied to assemble all data in the same time-height sections by assuming stationarity of the storm. The temporal resolution places our analysis at the equivalent transition from  $\alpha$  to  $\beta$  scale. After interpolation to a fixed grid other parameters were derived, in particular the vertical velocity which was computed using a method developed by the author (1985).

## 3. Results

The continuity equation  $(\delta \rho) / (\delta t) = -\nabla(\rho \dot{v})$  relates spatial variations of the wind and density field to density changes. We first consider the order of magnitude of the terms in

$$g \frac{\delta \rho}{\delta t} = -g \nabla(\rho \dot{v}_h) - g \frac{\delta(\rho w)}{\delta z} \quad (4)$$

$0.5 \times 10^{-1} \quad 0.5 \times 10^1 \quad 0.5 \times 10^1 \quad (Pa \times m^{-1} / (3h))$

where the second line indicates the mean of the absolute values. It is obvious that the two terms on the right side of (4) nearly cancel each other. The time-height sections reveal more detail in proving that in the frontal regions the vertical mass divergence was stronger than the horizontal contribution, whereas elsewhere the horizontal mass divergence prevailed somewhat.

Splitting equation (4) into

$$g \frac{\delta \rho}{\delta t} = -g \rho \nabla \dot{v}_h - g \rho \frac{\delta w}{\delta z} - g w \frac{\delta \rho}{\delta z} - g \dot{v}_h \nabla \rho \quad (5)$$

$0.5 \times 10^{-1} \quad 0.5 \times 10^1 \quad 0.5 \times 10^1 \quad 0.7 \times 10^0 \quad 0.7 \times 10^{-1}$

we find likewise horizontal and vertical wind divergence, which were the dominating contributors, nearly cancelled each other. The data show that above 4 km horizontal wind divergence was somewhat preponderating, whereas below that height vertical divergence prevailed. This is not surprising. From equation (5) we conclude that the 3-dimensional wind divergence must have the same magnitude as the vertical density transport  $-g w ((\delta \rho) / (\delta z))$  and that both quantities nearly cancel each other. This implies that  $\nabla \dot{v}$  is proportional to  $w$ . Since at the flat ground the vertical velocity vanishes and thus in the low levels horizontal divergence and vertical velocity are correlated, it follows that there usually  $|(\delta w) / (\delta z)| > |\nabla \dot{v}_h|$  is fulfilled. The residual of  $-g \rho \nabla \dot{v}$  and  $-g w ((\delta \rho) / (\delta z))$ , which can be written  $g ((\delta \rho) / (\delta t)) + (g \dot{v}_h \nabla \rho)$ , had the same magnitude as  $-(g \dot{v}_h \nabla \rho)$  but usually possessed the opposite sign. However,  $((\delta \rho) / (\delta t)) + (\dot{v}_h \nabla \rho)$  and  $-\dot{v}_h \nabla \rho$  did not cancel. Both were closely correlated with a correlation coefficient of -0.76, which indicates that the effect of horizontal density advection on density change was often nearly counterbalanced by the other processes, the resulting density change in general being somewhat less pronounced than one would expect from advection alone. Nevertheless  $(\delta \rho) / (\delta t)$  and  $-\dot{v}_h \nabla \rho$  were correlated with 0.52, which proves that in our case horizontal density advection explains a fair portion of the temporal density change.

## 4. Additional Remarks

The relative airflow associated with the system has been described by Ragette (1984) using the terminology which had been employed by Kreitzberg (1968) and Browning and Harrold (1970). More recently, Carlson's (1980) analyses yielded a conceptual model of warm and cold conveyor-belt, which has been accepted as representative for most mid-latitude cyclones. In the light of his findings we shall pay special attention to the cold conveyor-belt, which manifests itself in our analyses as a flow of moist cool air descending from ahead of the storm towards the warm front, thereupon reaching the discontinuity and turning right beneath it towards the left side of the system. In contrast the warm conveyor-belt ascended above the warm front, approaching the cyclone from the right side, then flowing more or less parallel to the following surface cold front, at higher altitude with the increasing wind turning anticyclonically into the direction of storm motion, since the upper trough was still wide and open. Carlson (1980) used isentropic analyses to demonstrate that in the low levels, where a closed depression or narrow trough has developed, the cold conveyor-belt eventually turns cyclonically around the depression, its associated low cloud appearing in the rear of the system from underneath of the high cloud canopy of the warm conveyor-belt, there forming a characteristic cloud feature which had been named "com-

ma". Carlson's concept of the cold conveyor-belt evidently represents an early stage of cyclone development, when the upper trough is still wide. Once the closed low extends to greater height, which is generally the case in a more advanced stage of cyclone development, also the warm air will circle cyclonically around the depression, which then corresponds more to the classical concept of an occlusion.

From the field of potential wet-bulb temperature we find that the same  $\theta_w$ -values of 8 to 9 °C which occurred in the cold conveyor-belt below the warm front reappeared above the cold frontal surface between 3 and 6 km. This suggests that indeed the cold conveyor-belt had turned around the low. Since the air in the storm's rear, which was saturated from almost 2 to 6 km - comprising the low and mid-level cloud of the comma - descended towards the right side of the system, we conclude that the air circling around the low had undergone at least some ascent on the system's left flank. Examining the airflow at 500 mb we find that the upper winds south of the surface low centre were considerably stronger than the storm's propagational speed, whereas north of it the winds soon became less intense than that velocity. In terms of relative flow this, too, substantiates the view that the cold conveyor-belt, while turning around the low, may have ascended to an altitude of 6 km. Dry air descending from high levels into the warm sector was responsible for the breaking of the cloud reported from several stations. This upper cold front or surge of potentially cold air may be called a dry intrusion (Carlson, 1980). It is usually best developed in so-called split fronts when an upper cold front precedes the surface cold front. Summarizing this information we arrive at an extended conceptual model of the relative airflow presented in Fig. 1 which complements the earlier sketch shown by the author (Ragette, 1984).

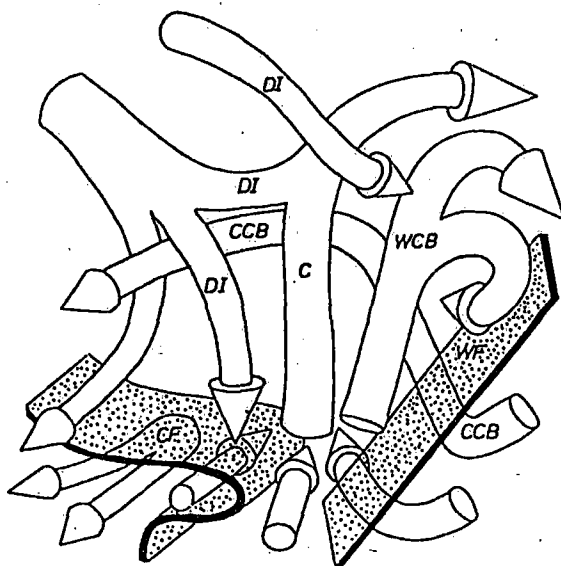


Fig. 1: Conceptual model of relative airflow with main features of storm of October 20, 1974. WF = warm front, CF = cold front, WCB = warm conveyor-belt, CCB = cold conveyor-belt, C = main cold-frontal updraft, DI = dry intrusion.

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**Section 4:****Planetary Boundary Layer  
Processes and Issues of  
Air Quality and Air Pollution**

# On the Influence of the Physico-Chemical Properties of Aerosols on the Life Cycle of Radiation Fogs

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## Abstract

A one dimensional radiation fog model with detailed microphysics is presented. Aerosols and cloud droplets are treated in a joint two dimensional size distribution. Radiative fluxes are calculated as functions of the radiative properties of the time dependent particle spectra. Radiative effects are considered in the droplet growth equation. Three numerical sensitivity studies are performed to investigate the impact of the different physico-chemical properties of urban, rural and maritime aerosols on fog formation. Numerical results elucidate that depending on the utilized aerosol models the resulting fog events are completely different. This holds in particular for the times of fog formation and dissipation as well as for the liquid water content and the supersaturations within the fogs.

## Model description

A one dimensional radiation fog model is presented which includes a detailed description of the interaction between atmospheric radiative transfer and fog microphysics. Aerosol particles and fog droplets are treated in a joint two dimensional size distribution with a direct description of the activation of aerosols. The particle spectra are subdivided into 40 aerosol and 30 water classes yielding 1200 particles with different total radius and different radius of their dry aerosol nucleus. For each of the 40 aerosol classes a separate droplet growth equation is solved. This is done with a newly developed semi Lagrangian advection scheme. Atmospheric radiative fluxes are calculated using time dependent attenuation parameters of aerosols and fog droplets as function of the actual particle size distributions. Furthermore, the radiatively induced droplet growth is considered in the model calculations.

Turbulence is simulated utilizing the 2.5 level model of Mellor and Yamada (1982). The interaction between the atmosphere and the soil is calculated with the soil model of Pielke (1984).

Numerical sensitivity studies are performed for three different aerosol models which are typical for urban, rural and maritime environments. These models differ in the total number concentrations as well as in the chemical composition of the aerosols yielding different radiative absorption and scattering properties. The rural aerosol is assumed to be composed of  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$  and dust like material, whereby the mass fraction of dust is linearly increasing from 10% for  $a = 0.01\mu\text{m}$  to 50% for  $a = 1\mu\text{m}$ . The urban aerosol is a mixture of 80% rural aerosol and 20% soot, while the ocean aerosol consists of pure  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$  for  $a \leq 0.5\mu\text{m}$  and pure NaCl for large aerosols. A detailed model description is given in Bott et al. (1990).

## Numerical results

Three numerical sensitivity studies have been performed for a midlatitude atmospheric situation in October typical for fog formation. These simulations only differ in the use of the urban, the rural and the maritime aerosol model. Numerical results elucidate that the thermodynamical and microphysical structures of the fog events are strongly controlled by the physico-chemical properties of the utilized aerosol models.

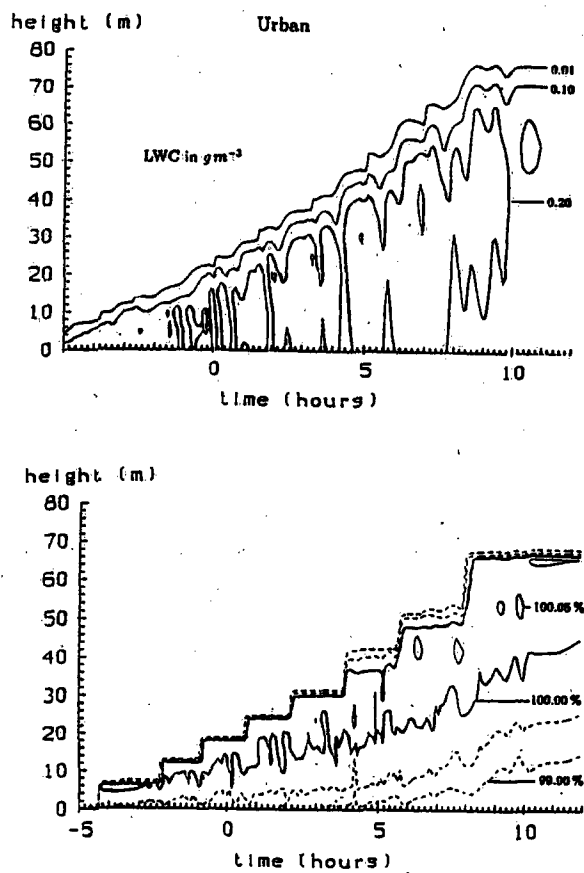


Figure 1.

Figures 1—3 depict for the three model runs the liquid water content  $m_w$  and the supersaturations as functions of time and height. Due to the strong absorption

of solar radiation by the soot containing urban aerosol particles, in this case the atmosphere remains colder than in the rural and maritime situation. Hence, the urban fog forms relatively early at 18:30h local time and does not disappear until to the end of the model simulations.

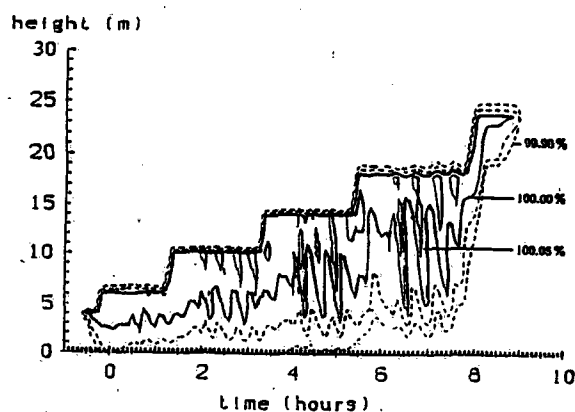
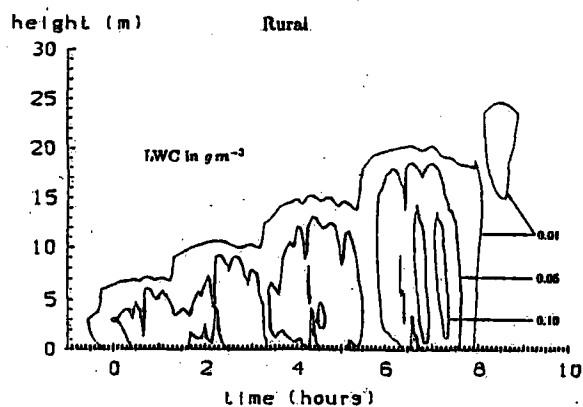


Figure 2

Between 19h and 8h the top of the fog grows nearly linearly in time up to its final height of 80m. The liquid water content is relatively high with peak values of more than  $0.3 \text{ g/m}^3$ . Due to the very large aerosol concentrations of more than 53000 particles per  $\text{cm}^3$  there are always enough cloud condensation nuclei available

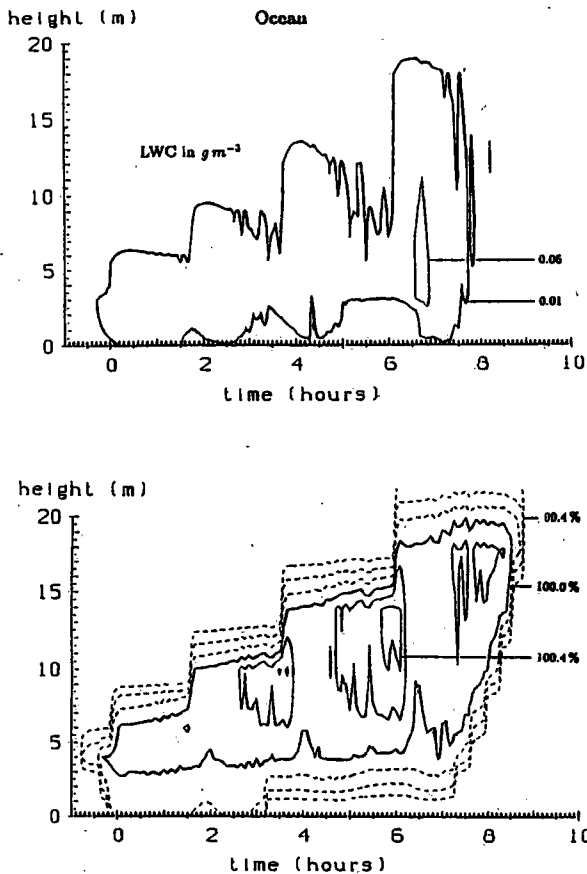


Figure 3

which become activated and then consume the excessive water vapor. Hence, the calculated supersaturations are relatively low with peak values of 0.05% only sometimes occurring in some upper fog layers.

Rural fog formation begins at 23:30h. At 9h of the following day the fog is dissipated by the incoming solar radiation and the resulting enhanced heat fluxes from the ground. The top of the fog grows not higher than 25m with maxima of  $m_w$  of  $0.1 \text{ g/m}^3$ . Now the calculated supersaturations are higher than in the urban model run because the total number concentration of aerosols is only given by 3890 particles per  $\text{cm}^3$ . Peak values of more than 0.05% are observed throughout the entire fog episode.

The ocean model run yields the weakest fog. Although times of fog formation and dissipation are similar to the rural simulation, the calculated liquid water contents are very low with a maximum value of  $0.05 \text{ g/m}^3$  occurring at 7h of the second day. On the other hand, the supersaturations are very high with peak values exceeding 0.4%. This behavior is explained by the fact that the maritime aerosol model consists of only 105 particles per  $\text{cm}^3$ .

In each model run the lowest fog layers are subsaturated, although the fogs continue persist with liquid water contents sometimes exceeding  $0.2 \text{ g/m}^3$ . The reason for this is that with increasing top of the fogs the lowest layers become more and more radiatively shielded by the fog aloft so that the cooling rates are decreasing there. In addition to this, after the inclusion of the radiation term in the droplet growth equation the fog droplets may continue to grow even in slightly subsaturated environments.

The calculated particle spectra show the typical bimodal form separating the unactivated aerosols from the activated fog droplets. The minimum is found at  $r \approx 5 \mu\text{m}$  and the local maximum of the droplet spectra is given at  $r \approx 12 \mu\text{m}$ . The spectral distributions of the water masses are given by a relatively narrow unimodal curve with maximum at  $r \approx 10 \mu\text{m}$ , while the aerosol masses have the same bimodal shape as the particle distributions. For future inclusions of chemical reactions in the liquid phase it is important to note that in the activated part of the curves the aerosol



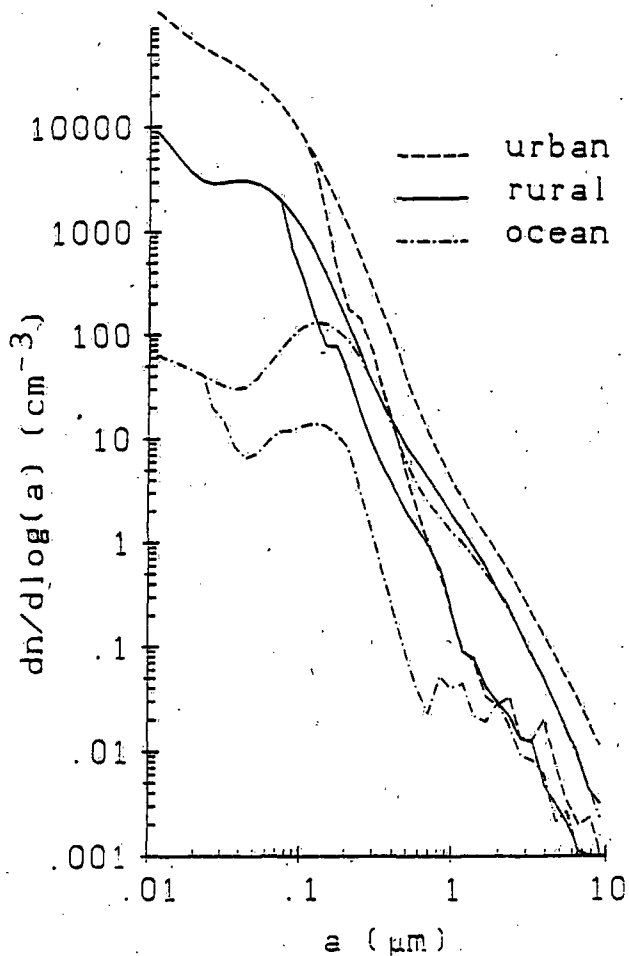


Figure 4

mass is very inhomogenously distributed. Hence, chemical reactions should be treated in spectral form as function of the droplet size.

Figure 4 shows for the three simulations the particle distributions before fog formation (upper curves) and at 9h of the second day (lower curves). In each model run the main differences are found in the large particle range where the number concentrations have decreased by several orders of magnitude. Figure 5 depicting the corresponding mass distributions, illustrates that the largest aerosol particles are almost completely washed out by the fogs.

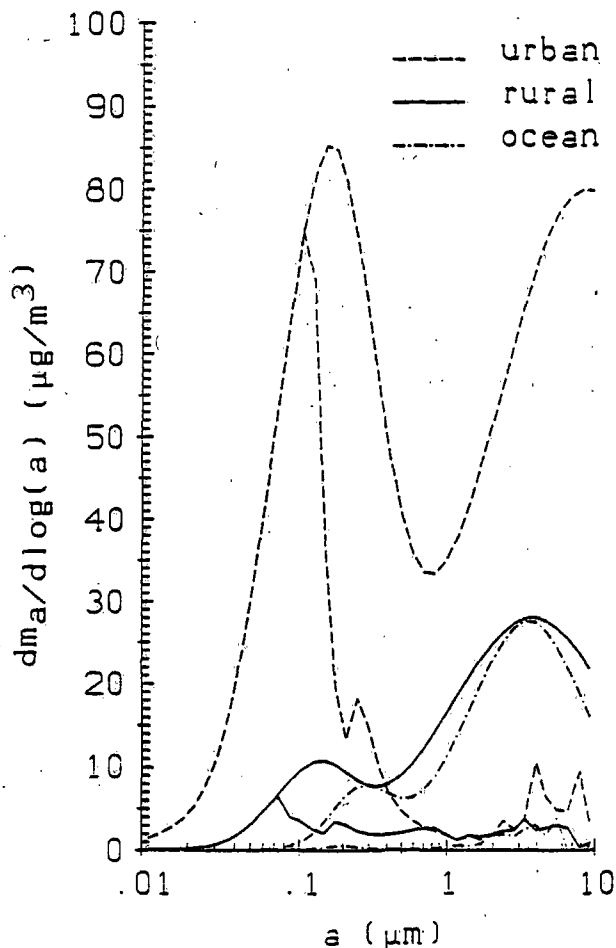


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**THE GRAND MESA EXPERIMENT: A STUDY OF DRAINAGE FLOW  
STRUCTURE AND EVOLUTION WITHIN AN INCLINED BASIN**

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**ABSTRACT**

Scientists from the Wave Propagation Laboratory studied the initiation and evolution of drainage flows within a large basin located in western Colorado, using both in situ and remote sensing instruments.

The paper describes the use of monostatic sodar data to classify the drainage flows according to their evolution and structure throughout the night. These data provided a seasonal climatology of the drainage flows within the region for the two-year measurement period. The drainage classifications are compared with the synoptic meteorology.

The paper next describes the spatial variability of the initiation of the drainage. A numerical model simulating the surface energy budget for the entire region shows that the orientation of the slopes is predominant in the timing of the formation of the drainage in the basin. A local surface cooling due to an early shadowing can produce downslope winds although the major part of the basin remains under the upslope regime.

**1. Introduction**

For the past 11 years, the Atmospheric Studies in Complex Terrain (ASCOT) program has carried out a series of field experiments designed to develop and test better models of transport and diffusion of pollutants in complex terrain. As part of this program, WPL operated an experiment site, the Big 10 Ranch, located in a steeply-inclined basin on the north face of the Grand Mesa (Fig. 1) in western Colorado. At this site, a monostatic sodar operated continuously from July 1988 through June 1990. Also, from December 1988 through November 1989, LLNL operated five 18-m meteorological towers at the sites indicated by asterisks on Fig. 1.

In this paper, data from the meteorological network are used for presenting simulations of the surface energy budget. Data from the monostatic sodar are used for classifying the types of drainage flow within the basin.

## 2. Drainage flow characteristics obtained from monostatic sodar data

### 2.1 Classifications using monostatic sodar data

Since 1979, WPL has used monostatic sodars to observe the initiation, evolution, and breakup of drainage winds as well as their interaction with other mesoscale flows. Sodars have an advantage over meteorological towers for such studies because they show the complete evolution of the drainage throughout its depth from onset near radiational sunset to cessation near radiational sunrise.

The sodar data obtained from the Big 10 Ranch were examined for each night over the 2-year period (July 1988 through

June 1990); data were available for 79% of the nights. The analysis of monostatic sodar data is strictly qualitative. From the entire data set, it became obvious that the drainage fell into three fairly distinct categories: continuous drainage, discontinuous drainage, and no drainage. The criteria used to define these categories follow.

- Continuous drainage: at least 6 hours of drainage from onset to cessation. It includes steady, uninterrupted drainage from onset to cessation, steady drainage temporarily interrupted by disturbances, steady drainage transforming into disturbed drainage, and disturbed drainage transforming into steady drainage. A meteorological tower at the Big 10 Ranch showed relatively small standard deviations of the horizontal wind direction ( $\sigma_\theta$ ) during steady drainage periods. During disturbed periods, the drainage continued although speeds decreased and  $\sigma_\theta$  values increased significantly.

- Discontinuous drainage: continuously disturbed drainage, intermittent drainage, and drainage winds which begin near radiational sunset but are destroyed by a disturbance. Possible sources of these disturbances include frontal passages, an increase in cloud cover, or the descent of strong ambient winds to the surface.

- No drainage: all flows that did not meet the criteria for the previous two categories.

Using the three drainage classifications we examined their monthly frequency distribution (Fig. 2). The results show June, November,

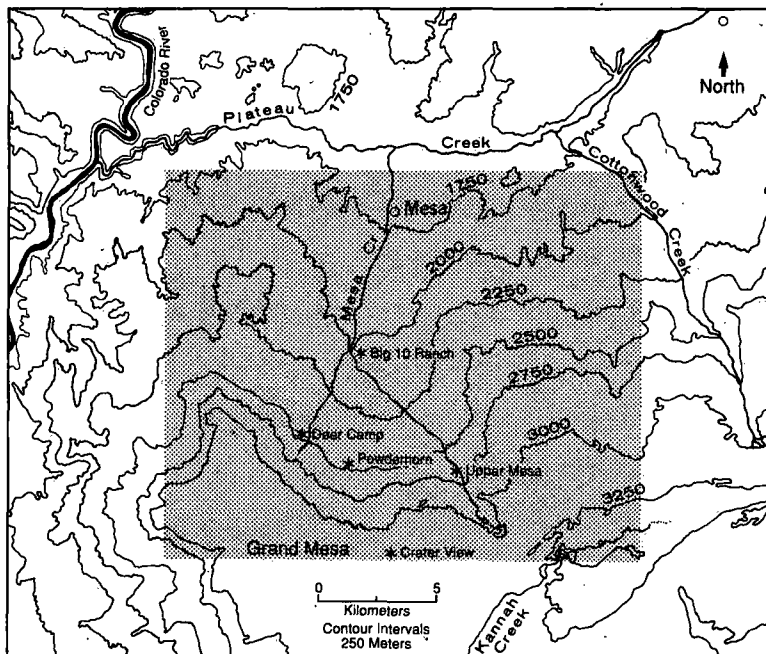


Figure 1. Topography of ASCOT study area in western Colorado. The shaded region corresponds to the topographical grid used in the simulations.

and December with the highest percentages of continuous drainage cases, recording 72%, 65%, and 66%, respectively. These 3 months also recorded the lowest monthly precipitation totals for the 2-year study period, each averaging less than 5 mm of precipitation for the month. March, recording the lowest frequency of continuous drainage and highest frequency of no drainage cases, also recorded the largest monthly average precipitation (34 mm). The large decrease in the frequency of continuous drainage cases from June to July and August appears to be associated with the climate of the region. While June is typically the driest month of the year in western Colorado, July and August are typically moist as a result of the seasonal monsoonal flow of moisture from the south. Since drainage winds are driven by radiative cooling at the surface, the presence of moisture and clouds will inhibit this cooling and decrease the frequency of continuous drainage cases.

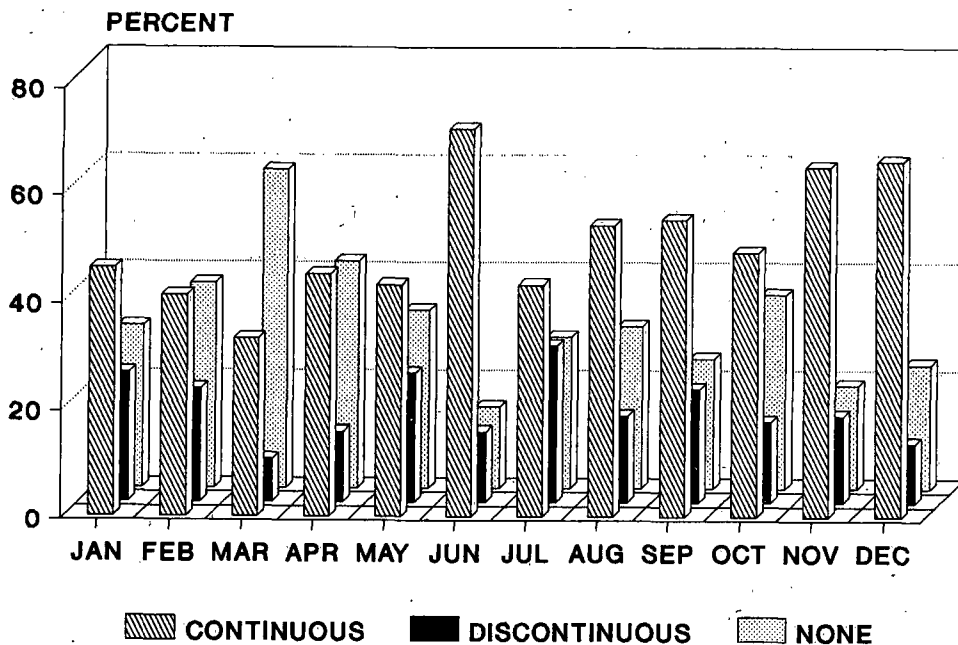


Figure 2. Monthly frequency distribution of drainage classifications from monostatic sodar data obtained at the Big 10 Ranch over a two-year period.

## 2.2 Relationship between drainage classifications and synoptic weather patterns

During the 2 years that the monostatic sodar operated at the Big 10 Ranch, nearly 70% of the nights experienced some drainage flow. As discussed previously, the structure and evolution of these flows differed greatly from night to night, ranging from steady, uninterrupted flows to intermittent flows. An examination of both the surface and 500-mb synoptic maps for periods with drainage winds revealed no distinct weather pattern for any particular type of drainage flow. Thus, predicting the drainage structure using the synoptic weather charts would be extremely difficult. The synoptic charts did reveal, however, that distinct synoptic patterns do exist for the no drainage cases. For the 2 years, 31% of the nights experienced no drainage. Of these no drainage cases, 95% can be explained by either a front approaching or passing through western Colorado, the passage of a 500-mb trough, or the presence of

monsoonal moisture. Nearly two-thirds of the cases were associated with surface fronts while nearly all of the no drainage cases during July and August were associated with the presence of monsoonal moisture.

### 3. Initiation of drainage, variability in space and time

#### 3.1. Surface energy budget simulation

Wind data from the meteorological towers shows that the drainage flows did not all start at the same time within the basin. The shift in wind directions, from up- to downslope winds, can occur much earlier in the afternoon at some locations. This phenomenon seemed to be related to an early shadowing effect of the northeast-facing slopes. To study the variability in space and time of the initiation of the drainage flows we used a simplified surface energy budget simulation (Ruffieux, 1990). From a 72-m resolution grid of the area, the model calculates the value of sensible heat according to the different fluxes coming in and out of the cell. In the absence of synoptic perturbations and with light winds, this value of sensible heat is representative of the cooling of the cell.

#### 3.2. Initiation of drainage at Deer Camp and the Big 10 Ranch

To illustrate the importance of the orientation of the slopes we chose a steady, uninterrupted drainage event (described in section 2.1). On 21 November 1989, the drainage began at 1330 MST at Deer Camp and 1610 MST at the Big 10 Ranch. Figure 3 shows the results of the computation of sensible heat for these two transition times.

The simulation of 1610 MST (Fig. 3c) illustrates a general cooling of almost all the basin. When the downslope flow starts at the Big 10 Ranch, the entire basin is already in a drainage situation (negative value of sensible heat flux). If we make the same simulation, but for 1330 MST, the results are much different (Fig. 3b). We have only a local cooling of some slopes in the southwest part of the basin. The shadowing effect due to the orientation of this part of the basin produces the early shift of the wind directions recorded by the Deer Camp tower. At this time, the energy available for heating exceeds  $190 \text{ watts/m}^2$  at Big 10 Ranch.

With undisturbed synoptic conditions and clear sky, the local particularities (slope and orientation) strongly influence the spatial and temporal formation of drainage flows in different sections within the Grand Mesa Basin.

### 4. Conclusions

This study shows that a classification scheme of drainage winds is possible using remote sensing instruments. Monostatic sodars probe the entire vertical extent of deep drainages to heights unattainable with ordinary meteorological towers. This information can be valuable for studying transport and diffusion of pollutants in complex terrain.

A monthly frequency distribution of drainage categories showed June, November, and December with the highest percentages of continuous drainage cases. March recorded the lowest frequency of continuous drainage cases and the highest frequency of no drainage cases. A comparison of the drainage classifications with synoptic-scale meteorological parameters has shown that the only dependable predictor of whether or not drainage will occur lies in the accurate prediction of the position and strength of synoptic-scale disturbances approaching western Colorado.

Simulations of sensible heat fluxes over the entire basin showed a strong relationship between drainage wind onset and local intensities of downward short wave radiation. An early initiation of a local drainage situation can be induced by the shadowing of northeast-facing slopes, while the rest of the region is still in upslope wind conditions. Further work needs to be done on the effect of the orientation of the basin (at different scales) and on simulating the effect of the presence of snow on the initiation and evolution of the drainage winds.

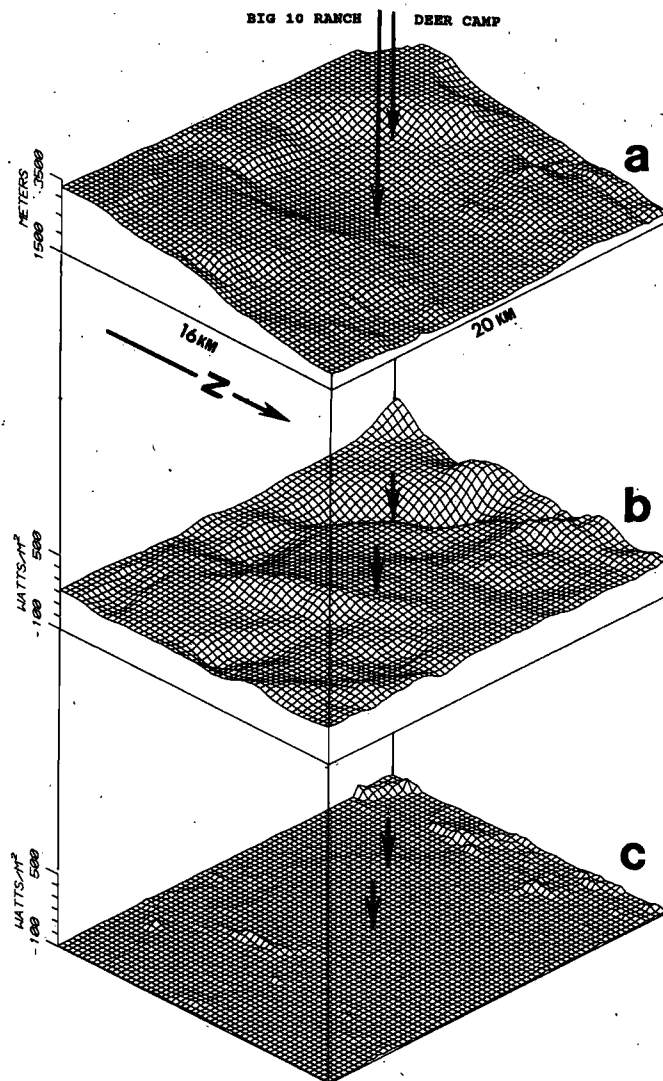


Figure 3. Model simulation of sensible heat flux on 21 November 1989. The arrows point to the two locations of measurement used in the model.

- (a) 3-D view of the topography.
- (b) Simulation for 1330 MST.
- (c) Simulation for 1610 MST.

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# The calculation of back-trajectories with a mass-consistent diagnostic model over the Swiss Middleland

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## 1. Introduction / Summary

During the last 10 years about 20 automatic stations have been in operation over the Swiss Alpine Foreland (Swiss Middleland). Every 10 minutes they measure all important meteorological parameters. The aim of the presented model (called WITRA) is to use this data as a basis for the calculation of (back-)trajectories over complex terrain. WITRA interpolates a three-dimensional wind field out of the measured data and the radio-sonde profile of Payerne. By a mathematical method based on the variational analysis the windfield is slightly adjusted in a least-square sense in order to get it free of divergence, i.e. mass-consistent. Within the same step, the complex terrain and its effects on the wind are taken into account.

The most important problems of the method are:

1. the accuracy of the measured data (i.e. representation of the regional windfield);
2. the extrapolation of the wind data (usually measured at 10 m above ground level) to the top of the surface layer (represented by the lowest layer of the model) and
3. the vertical extrapolation of wind data in the eastern part of the model area (due to the lack of profile or higher-level measurements in this region).

This list shows that in the model the interpolation/extrapolation has the biggest influence on the resulting wind field. The mathematical adjustment only causes important changes near the surface.

## 2. Model description

### 2.1. The diagnostic non-divergent wind field

The application of the variational analysis method to meteorological problems was first described by Sasaki (1958). Later several applications concerning the calculation of diagnostic wind fields were made (Sherman 1978, Moussiopoulos and Flassak 1986, Ross et al. 1988). The now presented model follows more or less the description of the MATHEW model (Sherman 1978), except for a few changes.

The variational analysis theory defines an integral function whose extremal solution minimizes the differences between interpolated and adjusted values. In this specific case, the function used is

where  $u_0, v_0, w_0$  are the "observed" (i.e. interpolated) velocity components,  $u, v, w$  the adjusted ones,  $\alpha_i$  are weighting factors and  $\phi$  is the Lagrange multiplier.

From the associated Euler-Lagrange equations whose solution minimizes equation (1) the equation for  $\phi$  is derived. The boundary conditions are defined as  $\phi \cdot du/dx=0$  for the boundary perpendicular to the x-direction,  $\phi \cdot dv/dy=0$  and  $\phi \cdot dw/dz=0$  for the boundary perpendicular to the y- and z-direction, respectively. As the spatial variation of the Lagrange multiplier gives the intensity of the adjustment at a certain point, there are two possibilities to satisfy these boundary conditions: Either to set  $\phi=0$  for open or "flow-through" boundaries or to set  $d\phi/dn=0$ , i.e. the derivation of  $\phi$  perpendicular to the boundary is zero, which means no change of the flow through the boundary.

For the computational formulation the equation for  $\phi$  is approximated by a finite difference form at every point of a regular grid system, the boundary conditions at the boundary points inclusive.

The entire system of differential equations (one for each grid point within the boundaries and above the surface of the complex terrain) is solved simultaneously by a method developed by the Numerical Algorithms Group (NAG 1987). With the so derived values of  $\phi$  the adjusted velocities are calculated.

The model is working with a cartesian coordinate system because there would be difficulties with (the today normally used) terrain-following coordinates when the terrain is higher than the top of the calculated layer at certain locations. This is the case in the Swiss Middleland with the Alps on one side and the Jura mountains on the other side.

For the interpolation only meteorological stations are used, where there are no locally disturbing effects in the neighbourhood.

Many of the stations are more or less influenced by the terrain, a fact that can hardly be avoided over complex terrain, but often these effects are representative for a whole region (e.g. Altdorf in the Reuss-Valley). The extent of the area represented by a certain station is of course a question of the density of measuring points.

The acceleration of wind speed over a building in an open countryside is taken into account by a slightly diminution of wind speed for measuring points on buildings.

The wind speed, usually measured 10 m above ground, is extrapolated to the lowest model layer at 100 m above ground by using a power-law profile



$$u(z) = u_1 \cdot (z/z_1)^p$$

where  $u(z)$  is the wind speed at height  $z$ ,  $u_1$  the speed at the measuring height  $z_1$ . The exponent  $p$  is estimated from the three-level tower data of the meteo-tower (110 m high) at Gösgen.

In a first step a horizontal wind field at the lowest level using stations below 700 m a.s.l. and a horizontal field at the top of the Planetary Boundary Layer taking mountain stations and data from the radio-sonde profile at Payerne are interpolated and extrapolated.

Data of mountain areas are difficult to handle because there are often strong influences of terrain induced winds like slope or valley winds. There is only one really "good" mountain-top station in the region in question with forest on all slopes around reducing the thermal effects (on the Napf).

For each grid point the velocity components are interpolated using the three nearest measuring points weighted by the square of the inverse distance between the grid point and the measurement.

Vertical interpolation between "top field" and "bottom field" is made by adjusting the profile to the radio-sonde profile of Payerne, diminishing the adjustment with increasing distance between the grid point and Payerne. For points far away from Payerne or with mountains in between, interpolation is linear.

The interpolated wind field is adjusted in the above described way. Vertical wind speeds are only induced due to the constraint of non-divergence by the mathematical adjustment. Since the lack of vertical wind speed data is usual, the initial values are set to zero.

## 2.2. Model area

The model area of about 90 x 220 km<sup>2</sup> contains the Planetary Boundary Layer over the area between the Alps and the Jura mountains. Grid resolution is about 1,5 km in the horizontal and 100 m in the vertical direction.

## 2.3. Trajectories

To determine the trajectories a wind field is calculated every hour. At the points of interest the velocity components are linearly interpolated between the grid points. The time step is variable.

First, the velocity components  $u_0, v_0, w_0$  are calculated at the time and place of start. Then a first approximation of the point after one time step is determined by

$$P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1) = (x_0 + u_0 \Delta t, y_0 + v_0 \Delta t, z_0 + w_0 \Delta t).$$

Afterwards the velocity components  $u_1, v_1, w_1$  at point  $P_1$  at time  $t + \Delta t$  are calculated and the second approximation  $P_2$  of the point in question is given by

$$P_2(x_2, y_2, z_2) = (x_0 + u_0 \frac{\Delta t}{2} + u_1 \frac{\Delta t}{2}, y_0 + v_0 \frac{\Delta t}{2} + v_1 \frac{\Delta t}{2}, z_0 + w_0 \frac{\Delta t}{2} + w_1 \frac{\Delta t}{2})$$

This step is repeated so that

$$P_n(x_n, y_n, z_n) = (x_0 + u_0 \frac{\Delta t}{2} + u_{n-1} \frac{\Delta t}{2}, y_0 + v_0 \frac{\Delta t}{2} + v_{n-1} \frac{\Delta t}{2}, z_0 + w_0 \frac{\Delta t}{2} + w_{n-1} \frac{\Delta t}{2})$$

until  $(x_n - x_{n-1})^2 + (y_n - y_{n-1})^2 + (z_n - z_{n-1})^2$  is smaller than a fixed convergence criteria.  $P_n$  is then taken as the new starting point for the next time step. This method was proposed by Pettersen (1956).

If the point is between the lowest model layer and the terrain surface, the interpolation is made by using the already mentioned power-law profile.

To determine back-trajectories, the negative values of the velocity components (e.g.  $-u_0, -v_0, -w_0$  instead of  $u_0, v_0, w_0$ ) are used in the same way to calculate the point at time  $t - \Delta t, t - 2\Delta t$ , etc.

#### 2.4. Restrictions on model applications

At the moment the application of WITRA is restricted to winter time boundary layer with poor convection, i.e. with a temperature inversion, a closed cloud layer and wind speeds greater than 2 m/s. The meteo-tower data show that at wind speeds below 2 m/s the data at 110 m a.g.l. and 10 m a.g.l. are almost independent. This means that it is not possible to calculate the wind above the surface layer from 10 m data. In addition, the spatial changes of wind speed and direction are so big in situations with weak wind that the interpolation of point measurements cannot give accurate results.

To calculate wind fields in the Convective Boundary Layer, measurements of vertical wind speed would be necessary. And it wouldn't be possible anymore to neglect turbulence.

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## **Statistical study of the trajectories of air masses in Alpine area**

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### **1) Introduction**

In this work we shall examine the statistics over five years of the air masses arriving to three sites of the Alps.

Among the aims of this study there is to find out the relative contribution to the deposited compounds of:

- a) sources located below or above the P.B.L;
- b) local or remoted sources;

Moreover , we shall examine the statistics of air masses arriving to an alpine location separating between all the days of the period considered and only rainy days.

### **2) Trajectory climatology calculation**

Our method of air masses trajectories computation considers the motion of the centre of mass only, thus disregarding the real dimension of the mass itself and the diffusion processes.

The ECMWF three-dimensional wind analysis are the data input to our model. The grid resolution of the input data is  $1.875 \times 1.875$  deg.

The interpolated values of  $u$ ,  $v$ ,  $\omega$  are utilized to move the air mass at each time step  $\Delta t$ .

The wind data set at our disposal covered only a limited area (34.5 N - 51.0N, 0 - 21E). Considering that our analysis was devoted to Northern Italy, this fact limited the length of our trajectories to about 500 km.

Our program computes a series of backward trajectories arriving to a given receptor two times in a day.

A circle of given radius, centered on the receptor, is considered. The circle is divided into eight sectors and the analysis is carried out counting how many trajectories crossed each sector and

computing their average travel times. The present analysis distinguishes the four seasons.

The vertical distribution of the trajectories crossing heights, both at each sector and at the whole circle, is evaluated.

### 3. Application of the method

We applied this method to Plateau Rosa (3500 m a.s.l., 45.56N, 7.42E), to the Careser glacier (3000 m a.s.l., 46.25N, 10.30E) and to the Brenner Pass (47N, 11.30E).

At Brenner Pass we calculated also the statistics for only rainy days.

### 4. Results

There is a predominance as expected of trajectories from the western sectors. Also contribution from other sectors is present. Slight differences among the sites occur; a not relevant seasonal variability is present.

A general result is that the probability for a trajectory to be originating from P.B.L. is low. The sectors of which the majority of them arrive are S and SE. Seasonal differences occur.

The vertical distribution indicates that a big part of trajectories considered on the distances considered are nearly isobaric, depending also on the sectors considered.

For Brenner Pass the difference between all the days and only rainy days is examined. For rainy days the biggest contribution is from SW.

Other particularities on the differences between both the statistics are considered.

### 5) Conclusions

By this way it is possible to characterize meteorologically sites of interest.

One must use these results carefully taking account of the resolution of the ECMWF wind analysis used in this statistical study.

# LA CLIMATOLOGIE DE LA DISPERSION ATMOSPHÉRIQUE EN PAYS MONTAGNEUX

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**ABSTRACT** : The new Swiss legislation on the protection of the environment sanctions the cantons' request for an impact study, before permitting the construction of new installations or the improvement of existing ones. The principal meteorological input data of the local scale atmospheric dispersion models is the windrose with respect to the atmospheric stability near the ground. This product is part of the climatology of the atmospheric dispersion. The goal of the project is to give an adequate method to establish this meteorological input using the most widely measured parameters of the Swiss Meteorological Institute's ANETZ network.

**RESUME** : La nouvelle législation suisse sur la protection de l'environnement accorde les cantons à exiger une étude d'impact pour l'autorisation de nouvelles installations ou pour l'assainissement d'anciennes installations. La donnée d'entrée météorologique principale aux modèles de dispersion atmosphérique à l'échelle locale est la rose des vents en fonction de la stabilité atmosphérique près du sol. Ce produit s'inscrit dans la climatology de la dispersion atmosphérique. Le but du projet est d'élaborer une méthode pour déterminer cette donnée météorologique permettant d'utiliser des paramètres mesurés à toutes les stations du réseau ANETZ de l'ISM.

## 1. Introduction

Plusieurs schémas existent pour établir une climatology de la dispersion atmosphérique: Pasquill, Turner, Cramer, Slade, Klug-Manier ou Vogt-Polster, etc.. Comme la stabilité atmosphérique correspond à une intensité de turbulence, les schémas utilisent communément un paramètre thermique dont l'influence est corrigée par la vitesse du vent près du sol. Le bilan de rayonnement et le gradient de température sont de bons indices de la stabilité atmosphérique. Ces mesures étant peu répandues, parce que difficile à réaliser, les auteurs des années 60 ont appliqué la nébulosité et la hauteur du soleil comme substitut. Le plan d'observation de la nébulosité du réseau ANETZ de l'ISM est limité. Une substitution de la nébulosité doit donc être recherchée tout en veillant à utiliser des paramètres météorologiques mesurés toutes les heures à toutes les stations ANETZ.

La plupart des schémas ont été ajustés pour des régions relativement plates. Il faut donc tester leur validité ou reconnaître leur sensibilité pour une région montagneuse comme la Suisse, le Plateau suisse compris.

Le schéma de Polster (1969) est issu d'une étude de corrélation entre les schémas "synoptiques", la mesure du gradient thermique vertical mesuré sur une base de 100 m et le bilan de rayonnement. A ce titre, les mesures météorologiques des sites de centrales nucléaires suisses, effectuées sur de hauts mâts, représentent une bonne base de référence pour une étude de corrélation avec les mesures ANETZ.

Nous présentons donc 10 variantes de schémas pour déterminer les classes de dispersion à partir de données météorologiques horaires. Certaines de ces variantes sont très semblables, ne se distinguant que sur la période "nuit", resp. "jour" de la journée.

Cette étude en est à son premier stade. Les résultats actuels n'ont donc pas un caractère définitif. Ils permettent toutefois d'entrevoir quelques possibilités intéressantes.

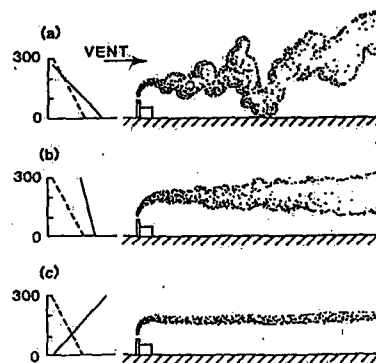
## 2. Réseau de mesures météorologiques ANETZ

La mise en route du réseau de mesures automatiques ANETZ a débuté vers la fin des années 70 de sorte que l'on dispose actuellement de plus ou moins dix ans de mesures horaires pour près de 50 stations (stations de montagne non comprises) permettant ainsi d'établir une statistique de référence. Les paramètres utiles sont la vitesse et la direction du vent, le rayonnement global et les précipitations, la température à 2 m et à 5 cm/sol et l'humidité relative. La nébulosité, le type et la hauteur des nuages sont limités à 8 observations par jour (jour et nuit) pour une dizaine de stations seulement, et à 6, voire 3 observations par jour (jour seulement) pour les autres stations. La création de séries horaires à partir des 8 observations est encore possible par interpolation temporelle.

## 3. Classes de stabilité (ou de dispersion) atmosphérique,

L'état de stabilité atmosphérique près du sol est souvent désigné par les lettres A à G ou 1 à 7. Il est bien caractérisé par le comportement d'un panache de fumée.

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|-----|-------------------|--|
| 1 A | très instable     | a) forte instabilité (typique d'une belle journée d'été, avec vent faible et convection) |
| 2 B | instable          |  |
| 3 C | légèrement inst.  | b) gradient adiabatique  |
| 4 D | neutre            | (par vent modéré à fort, ou couverture nuageuse compacte)                                |
| 5 E | légèrement stable | c) inversion au sol dépassant  |
| 6 F | stable            | la hauteur du panache (par nuit claire, avec vent faible)                                |
| 7 G | très stable       |  |



Pour limiter le nombre de cas à calculer dans une prévision des immissions, on peut dans certains cas appliquer la réduction suivante:

instable: A,B      neutre : C,D      stable : E,F,G

## 4. Variantes des schémas de détermination des classes de dispersion

Dix méthodes (ou modules) ont été programmées en fonction des mesures, dont-on dispose actuellement dans notre banque de données TIDOMES. La liste suivante précise les paramètres météorologiques horaires utilisés par les différentes méthodes, s'ils sont mesurés, voire s'ils peuvent être calculés sur la base du réseau ANETZ ou non.

Vitesse du vent	u	ANETZ
Gradient de température 110-10 m/sol	GRD	
Bilan de rayonnement mesuré	Q	
Bilan de rayonnement calculé	Q( )	
Indice de bilan de rayonnement	NRI( )	
Rayonnement global mesuré	K <sup>+</sup>	ANETZ
Différence de température 2 m - 5 cm	DT	ANETZ
Couverture nuageuse totale	N	ANETZ
Couverture nuageuse totale calculée (Albisser)	N <sub>Alb</sub>	ANETZ
Couverture nuages moyens	N <sub>m</sub>	ANETZ
Hauteur des nuages moyens	H <sub>m</sub>	ANETZ
Hauteur du soleil	H <sub>s</sub>	

La méthode d'Albisser (1987) permet d'estimer la couverture nuageuse totale à l'aide de la différence de température 2m-5cm sur sol, de l'humidité relative, des précipitations et de la vitesse du vent. Dans le cas de 8 observations par jour de la nébulosité,

la série horaire est établie par interpolation temporelle. Le Tableau suivant donne un aperçu générale des relations paramétriques des différentes méthodes.

module	PARAMETRES			schéma de référence
	jour	nuit	limite jour-nuit	
1	u, GRD	u, GRD		Polster
2	u, Q	u, Q		Polster
4	u, Q ( $K^+$ ) corrél. 1)	u, DT	$K^+ \leq 5 \text{ W/m}^2$	Polster
5	u, Q ( $K^+$ ) corrél. 1)	u, $N_{\text{Alb}}$	$K^+ \leq 5 \text{ W/m}^2$	Polster-Turner
6	u, Q ( $K^+$ ) corrél. 1)	u, N	$K^+ \leq 5 \text{ W/m}^2$	Polster-Turner
7	u, Q ( $K^+, N$ ) Wamser 2)	u, N	$K^+ \leq 5 \text{ W/m}^2$	Polster-Turner
8	u, NRI ( $H_s, N$ )	u, NRI (N)	$H_s = 0^\circ$	Turner simpl.
9	u, N	u, N	$H_s = 0^\circ + \text{ad. 3)}$	TALuft simpl.
10	u, NRI ( $H_s, N, N_m, H_m$ )	u, NRI ( $N, N_m, H_m$ )	$H_s = 0^\circ$	Turner complet
11	u, N, $N_m$	u, N, $N_m$	$H_s = 0^\circ + \text{ad. 3)}$	TALuft complet

1) selon corrélation entre mesure du bilan de rayonnement et du rayonnement global 2) selon relation de Wamser (1980)  
3) Il s'agit d'adaptations diverses en fonction de l'époque de l'année.

### Commentaires :

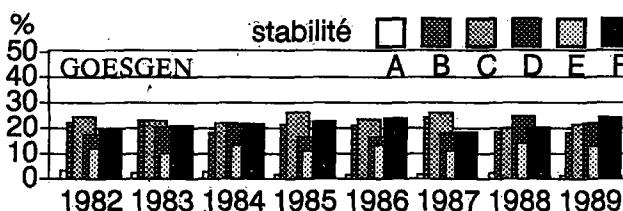
- le gradient de température et le bilan de rayonnement mesurés ont l'avantage de fonctionner pour le jour et pour la nuit sans adaptation spécifique. Toutefois pour le module 1, on ne dispose que de mesures faites sur les sites de centrales nucléaires (Gösgen, Leibstadt, Beznau, Mühleberg pour le site étudié de Kaiseraugst près de Bâle) et pour le module 2, des mesures faites à Payerne.
- Les modules 4 et 5 disposent des mesures horaires présentes à toutes les stations ANETZ.
- Limite jour-nuit par le rayonnement global : dès le lever du soleil quelque soit la nébulosité, le rayonnement global horaire dépasse  $5 \text{ W/m}^2$ .
- La comparaison des modules 4, 5 et 6 n'est effective que pour la nuit. alors que celle des modules 6, 7 et 9 ne l'est que pour le jour.
- Les modules 8 et 9 n'utilisent que la couverture nuageuse totale et sont une simplification des schémas originaux (module 10 et 11). Les modules 9 et 11 (TALuft) restent néanmoins très semblables, ce qui n'est pas le cas des modules 8 et 10. Les schémas 8 à 11 distinguent 7 classes de stabilité. Une réduction à 6 classes est opérée par assimilation de la classe 7 à la 6.
- A titre d'exemple de schéma de classification, celui de Polster (GRD) est présenté ci-après avec la correspondance entre les classes du gradient de température 110-10m et celles du bilan de rayonnement exprimé dans 2 unités différentes.

K/100m	$\leq -1.5$	-1.4	-1.2	-1.1	-0.9	-0.8	-0.7	-0.6	-0.0	+0.1	+2.0	$\geq +2.0$
cal/cm <sup>2</sup> /min	> 0.60	0.60	0.35	0.34	0.16	0.15	0.09	0.08	-0.01	-0.02	-0.04	$\leq -0.05$
W/m <sup>2</sup>	> 419	419	244	243	112	111	63	62	-7	-6	-27	$\leq -28$
0.0 0.9	A	A	B	B	C	C	D* 1)	D* 1)	G 3)	G 3)	G 3)	G 3)
1.0 1.9	A	B	B	B	C	C	D* 2)	D* 2)	G 3)	G 3)	G 3)	G 3)
2.0 2.9	A	B	C	C	D	D	D	D	E	E	F	F
3.0 4.9	B	B	C	C	D	D	D	D	D	D	E	E
5.0 6.9	C	C	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	E	E
$\geq 7.0 \text{ m/s}$	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D

modifications ISM-ENV : 1) D\* --> E 2) D\* --> D 3) G --> F

## 5. Premiers résultats

Le module 1 (Polster, gradient de température) est appliqué depuis des années sur les mesures du site de la centrale nucléaire de Gösgen, situé au centre du Plateau suisse. Les répartitions annuelles figurent ci-contre. Le Plateau suisse

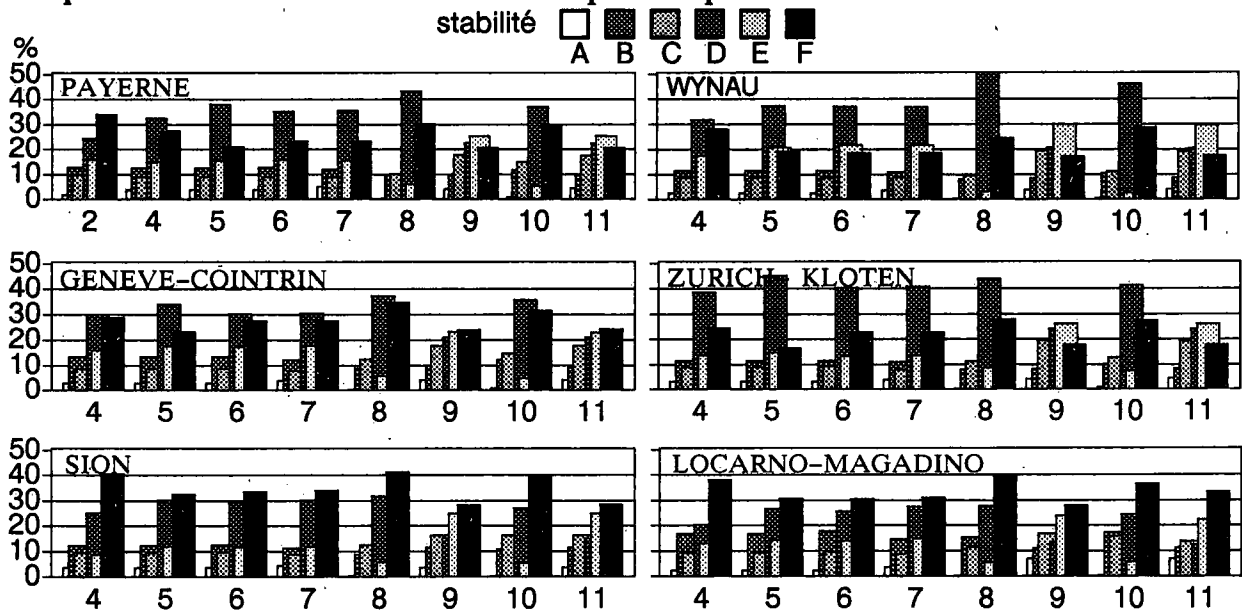


pouvant être assimilé à une très large vallée entre le Jura et les Alpes, les conditions de lac d'air froid maintiennent une proportion élevée des classes stables (E et F). Les répartitions ne varient pas fortement d'une année à l'autre.

La comparaison des méthodes (modules) élaborées s'est faite sur l'année 1989 (déc.88 à nov.89). Les fréquences annuelles des classes de dispersion pour un choix de stations ANETZ figurent ci-dessous. En outre les corrélations ont été calculées entre les séries des différentes méthodes. On peut résumer ces premiers résultats comme suit :

- Le bilan de rayonnement (2) et la méthode TALuft (9 et 11) favorisent les classes stables (E+F) au détriment de la classe neutre (C+D), alors que la classe neutre prédomine avec le schéma de Turner (8 et 10). La classe très instable (A) est quasi inexistante avec le schéma Turner. Dans un relief comme celui de la Suisse, les brises, resp. les vents de vallée, d'origine thermique se maintiennent généralement au-dessus de 1 m/s. Conformément à l'attente, toutes les méthodes indiquent une plus grande part de situations stables dans les vallées (Sion et Locarno-Magadino) que sur le Plateau suisse (Genève, Payerne, Wynau et Zurich).
- La substitution du bilan de rayonnement par le rayonnement global n'est possible que pour le jour. Les corrélations établies entre les méthodes 2 et 4 (Payerne) laissent envisager une utilisation de la température mesurée à 2m et 5cm pour déterminer la stabilité nocturne. Puisque nous ne disposons pas de coefficients de dispersion établis en relation avec les paramètres météorologiques envisagés comme c'est le cas pour les schémas TALuft et Turner, il s'agira donc de maximiser les corrélations par adaptation des classes de valeurs entre le schéma approprié aux mesures ANETZ et l'un des 2 (ou les 2) schémas TALuft et Turner. Actuellement, on obtient entre le module 4 et celui de Turner (10), resp. celui de TALuft (11) une corrélation de 0.61 resp. 0.72 sur les cas de nuit.

#### Fréquences annuelles des classes de dispersion pour les modules 2 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11



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**Section 6:**

**Examination of Short- and  
Longterm Variations of Climate and  
the Climatic Elements**

# LUFTEMPERATURSCHWANKUNGEN OSTALPINER STATIONEN VON 1775-1989

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Summary: Temperature variations on east-alpine observatories from 1775 to 1989.

The paper shows time series of 20 east-alpine temperature observing stations mainly situated in higher altitudes. Correlations between single stations are rather high (between 0.7 and 0.95) a fact which made it possible to obtain a representative spatial mean over all stations. The smoothed curve of the annual means shows high temperatures at the beginning (1775-1825) then a cooling of  $-1.1^{\circ}\text{C}$  to two minima at 1840 and 1880 and in the following an increase to a maximum at 1950 of again  $+1.1^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Since 1950 a slight decrease of  $-0.2^{\circ}\text{C}$  has taken place.

Um einen Beitrag zu der aktuellen Frage der anthropogenen oder natürlichen Klimaschwankungen zu leisten, wurde im österreichischen Klimadienst damit begonnen, lange Zeitreihen von Lufttemperaturdaten kritisch zu sichten, zu korrigieren, zu reduzieren und statistisch zu bearbeiten. Zur Zeit liegen 20 fertig bearbeitete Reihen von ostalpinen Stationen vor, wobei zunächst in erster Linie Höhenstationen herangezogen wurden. Die in der Folge besprochenen Ergebnisse beruhen auf den gereinigten, einheitlich auf 24-stündige Mittel gebrachten Monats-, Jahreszeiten- und Jahresmitteldaten der in Abb. 1 gezeigten Stationen.

Ebenfalls in Abb. 1 dargestellt sind die Korrelationskoeffizienten der Jahresmittel aller Stationen mit dem zentral gelegenen Sonnblickobservatorium. Die hohen Werte von 0.7 bis über 0.9 lassen die Möglichkeit der Erarbeitung von räumlich gemittelten Trendkurven erkennen.

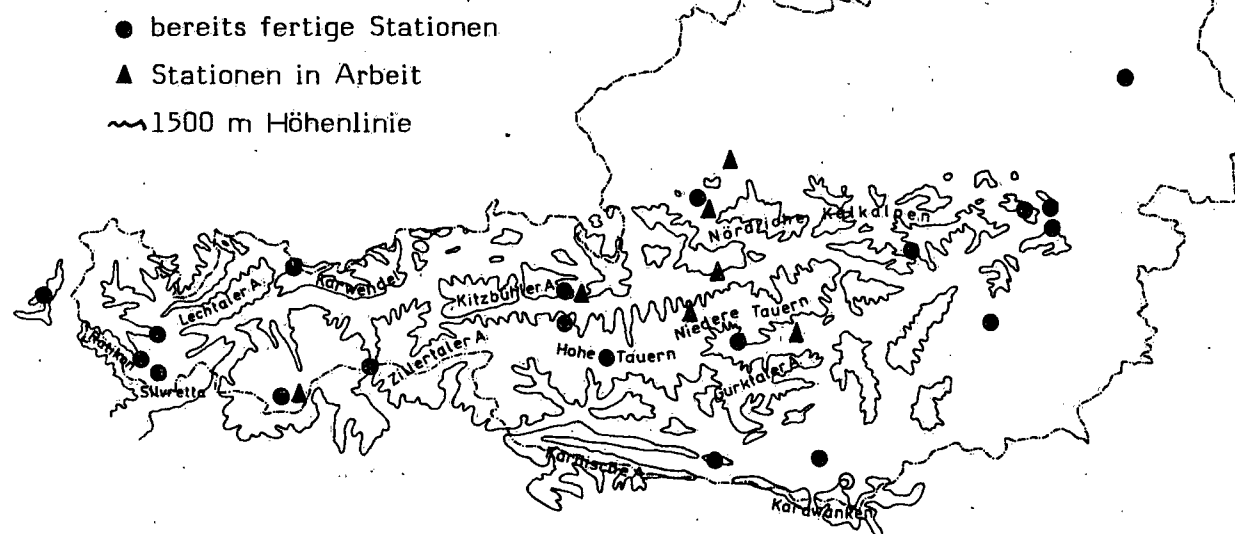
Bei der Reduktion und Homogenisierung der Datenreihen erwies sich der relative Homogenitätstest nach CRADDOCK als sehr brauchbar, der - in Verbindung mit einer genauen Aufarbeitung des Stationsarchivs - eine einwandfreie Festlegung der Homogenitätssprünge erlaubte. Diese wurden sodann durch Differenzenanpassung mit Daten von Nachbarstationen beseitigt. Abb. 2 zeigt einige Beispiele für die Anwendung des Craddock-Tests.

Infolge der hohen Korrelationen zwischen weiter entfernten oder auch von Stationen unterschiedlicher Lage konnte der Versuch unternommen werden, Mittelwerte aller Stationen zu bilden und diese räumlich gemittelten Zeitreihen zu analysieren, also eine repräsentative "Ostalpenkurve" zu erarbeiten. Abb. 3 zeigt das Ergebnis für die Jahresmittel, Abb. 4 die analogen Verläufe für die vier Jahreszeiten. Zur Glättung wurde ein Gauß'scher Tiefpaßfilter mit einer Filterweite von 20 Jahren verwendet. Ohne auf feinere Details eingehen zu können, sei auf den Anstieg der gefilterten Jahresmitteltemperaturen der Ostalpen von den Minima um 1840 und 1880 zum Maximum des 20. Jahrhunderts um 1950 von  $+1.1^{\circ}\text{C}$  hingewiesen. Dieses Maximum liegt allerdings nicht höher als zwei Maxima um 1795 und 1820. Die Ostalpenkurve zeigt somit sehr gut den weltweit diskutierten steigenden Trend vom 19. zum 20. Jahrhundert, der allerdings durch zwei Tatsachen relativiert wird. Einerseits ist nach 1950 ein rückläufiger Trend von  $-0.2^{\circ}\text{C}$  zu bemerken und andererseits zeigt die längere Ostalpenkurve - im Vergleich zu den verschiedenen globalen Kurven, die üblicherweise etwa zur Zeit des letzten markanten Minimums beginnen - in der langen Zeitspanne von 1775 bis 1825 ähnlich hohe bis leicht höhere Temperaturen als das aktuelle Maximum des 20. Jahrhunderts.

Die ostalpine Temperaturkurve der letzten 215 Jahre macht deutlich, daß bei der Verwendung von kürzeren Reihen - die zufällig (oder bewußt ?) zur Zeit eines Minimums beginnen - zur Untermauerung oder gar zum Beweis für einen evt. bereits wirksamen CO<sub>2</sub>-Effekt zumindest größte Vorsicht am Platz ist, da man bei dem im 20. Jahrhundert beobachtbaren Maximum nicht von einem solitären Ereignis sprechen kann, da ähnlich hohe Lufttemperaturen bereits in instrumenteller Zeit beobachtet worden sind, und darüberhinaus etwa in den Ostalpen ein einheitlicher Trend zu nach 1950 wieder zurückgehenden Temperaturen beobachtbar ist.

Abb. 1:

### MEßNETZ FÜR DIE ANALYSE DER OSTALPINEN LUFTTEMPERATURSCHWANKUNGEN



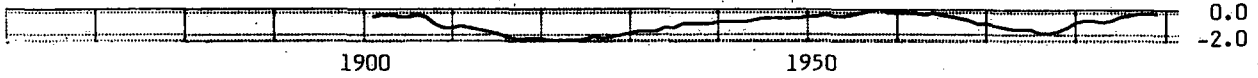
Höhe	Station	Zeitraum	Lage	Korrelation mit Sönnblick
3 106 m	SONNBLICK	1887-1989	▲	1.00
2 962 m	ZUGSPITZE	1901-1989	▲	0.96
2 500 m	SÄNTIS	1864-1989	▲	0.94
2 140 m	DOBRTSCH-OBIR	1851-1989	▲	0.94
2 036 m	MOOSERBODEN	1915-1989	U	0.81
1 976 m	SCHMITTENHÖHE	1880-1989	▲	0.95
1 908 m	VENT	1851-1989	U	0.80
1 803 m	RAX	1878-1989	▲	0.85
1 618 m	FEUERKOGEL	1930-1989	▲	0.90
1 583 m	GALTÜR	1896-1989	U	0.88
1 436 m	SCHÖCKL	1901-1989	▲	0.87
1 372 m	BRENNER	1897-1989	X	0.71
1 270 m	LANGEN	1881-1989	/	0.79
1 227 m	PRÄBICHL	1897-1978	X	0.83
1 012 m	TAMSWEG	1919-1989		0.77
1 000 m	SEMMERING	1890-1989	X	0.76
980 m	GASCHURN	1885-1989	U	0.79
486 m	REICHENAU	1865-1989	U	0.69
447 m	KLAGENFURT	1851-1989	U	0.78
202 m	WIEN-HOHE WARTE	1775-1989	—	0.75

▲ Gipfellaage    U Tallage    / Hanglage    X Paßlage    — Beckenlage    — Ebene

Abb. 2:  
BEISPIELE FÜR DIE VERWENDUNG DES  
RELATIVEN HOMOGENITÄTSTESTS NACH CRADDOCK  
ALS ENTSCHEIDUNGSHILFE ZUR DATENPRÜFUNG UND REDUKTION

Lufttemperaturdaten - Jahresmittel in °C

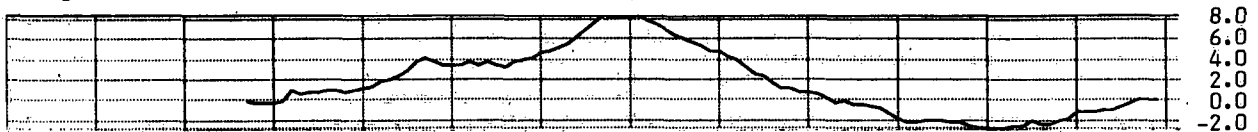
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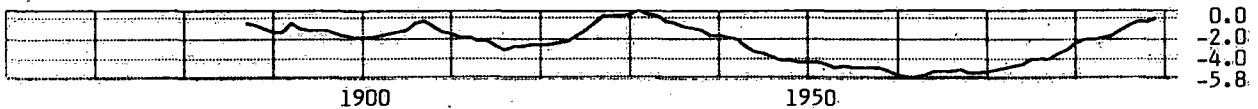
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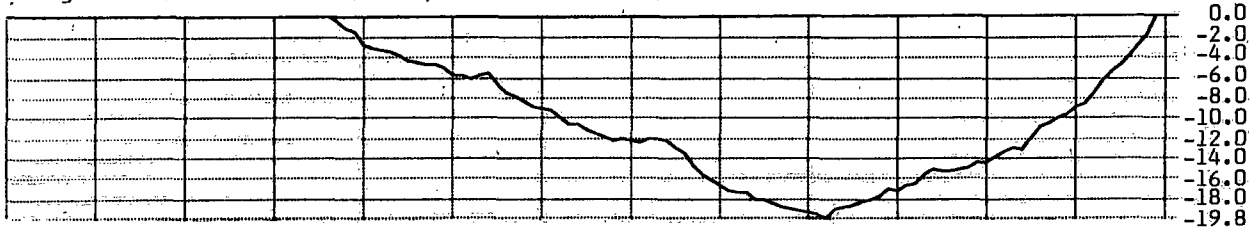
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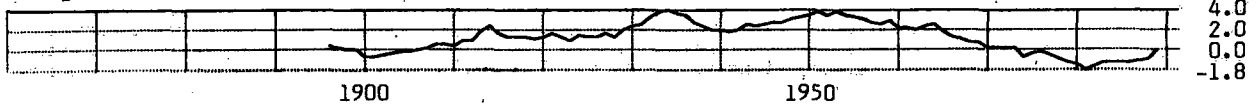
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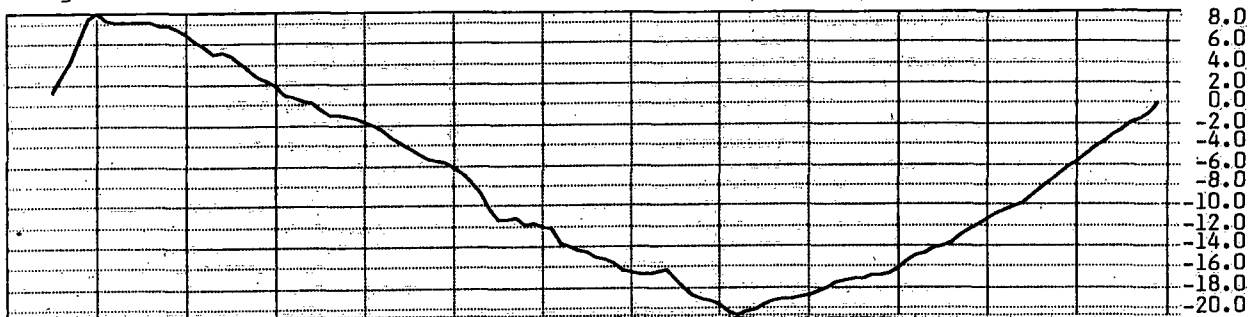
Vergleich GALTÜR - SÄNTIS, unreduziert



Vergleich GALTÜR - SÄNTIS, reduziert



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Vergleich REICHENAU/RAX - WIEN-HOHE WARTE, reduziert

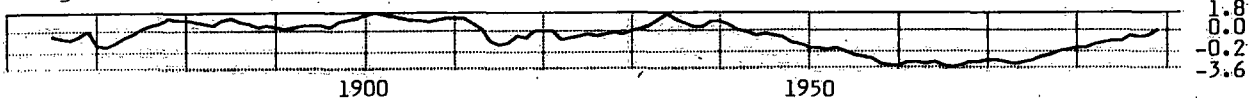
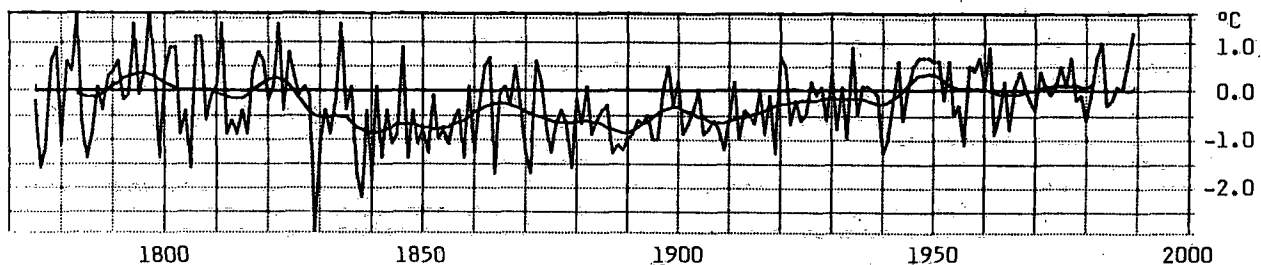


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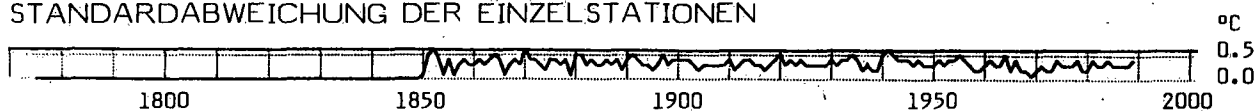
## ZEITREIHENANALYSE DER OSTALPINEN LUFTTEMPERATURSCHWANKUNGEN

20 Stationen Analyse der Jahresmittelwerte

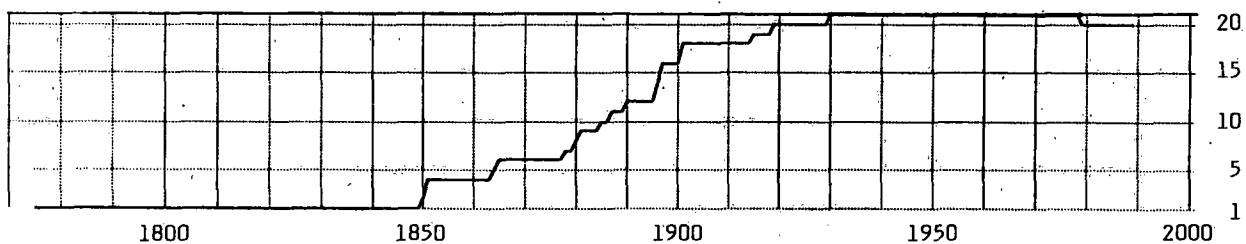
JAHRESMITTEL UND GEFILTERTER VERLAUF (Gauß'scher Tiefpaß,  $T^* = 20$  Jahre)  
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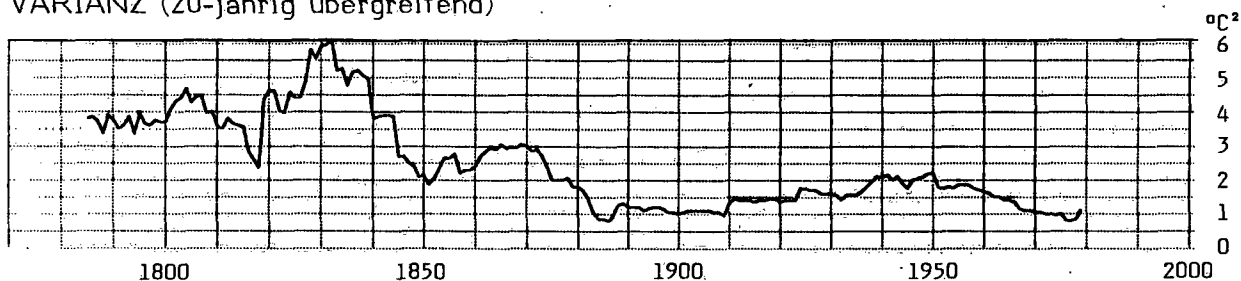
STANDARDABWEICHUNG DER EINZELSTATIONEN



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VARIANZ (20-jährig übergreifend)



SCHIEFE (20-jährig übergreifend)

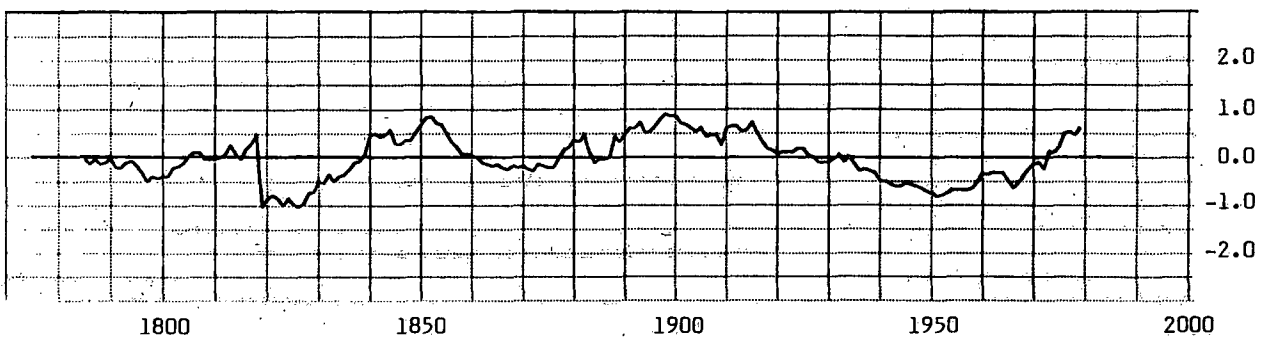


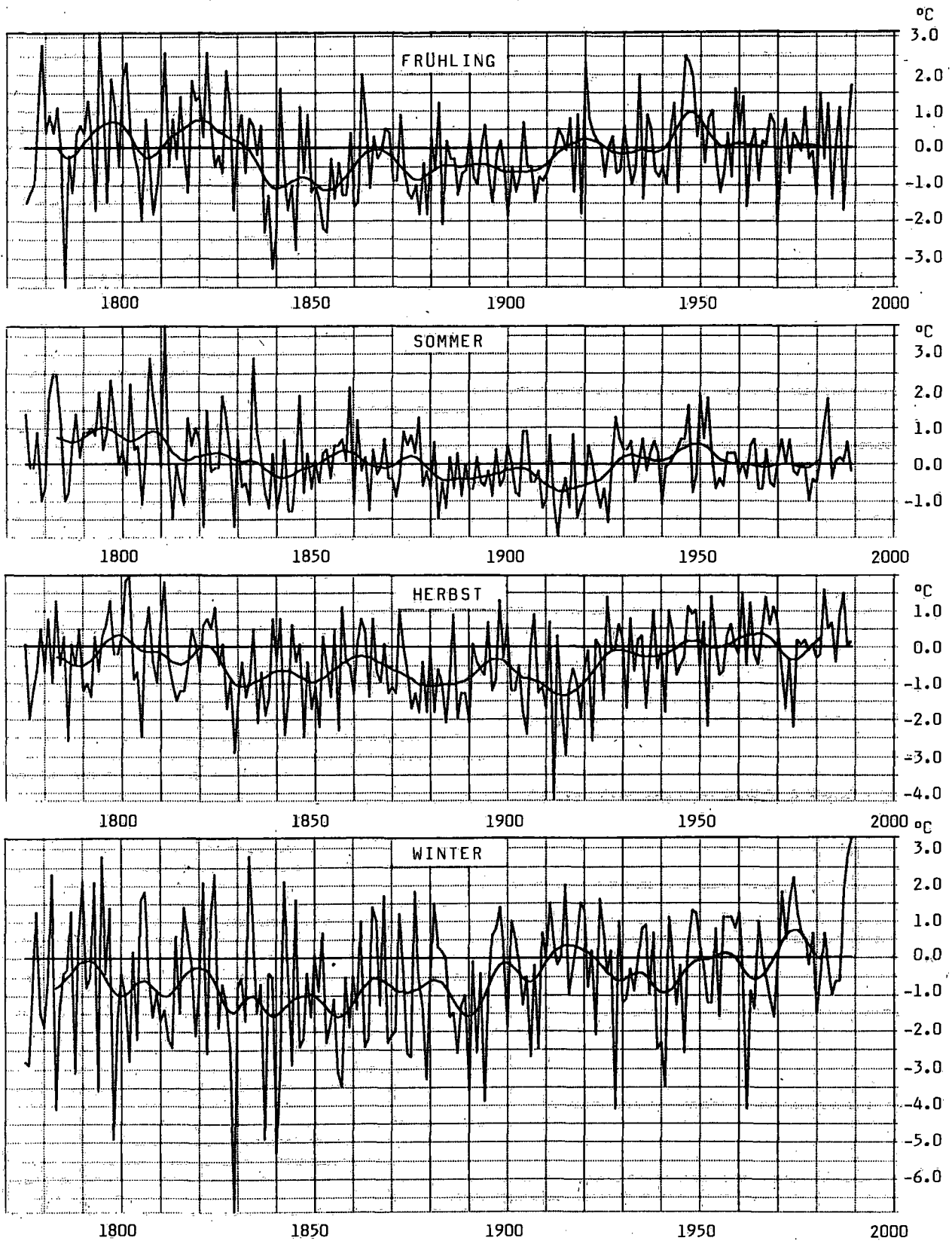
Abb. 4:

## LUFTTEMPERATURSCHWANKUNGEN DER OSTALPEN - JAHRESZEITENANALYSE

Mittel aus 20 Stationen

Einzelwerte und gefilterter Verlauf (Gauß'scher Tiefpaß,  $T^* = 20$  Jahre)

Relativwerte, bezogen auf das Mittel 1951-1980



## ZEITLICHE VARIATIONEN VON NIEDERSCHLAGSSUMMEN IN ALPINEN REGIONEN ÖSTERREICHS

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### Summary:

For the question of climatic change variabilities of precipitation have received far less attention than variations of temperature until now. Therefore in this paper the timeseries of precipitation records of stations above 1500 m should help to find out, whether there is a significant uniform trend in precipitation or not. For that the observations of about 120 precipitation stations have been taken into account, which partially reach back until 1876. As the record length of the available data sets differs much effort was needed to receive long-time homogeneous time series. For some locations in the Austrian Alps the reduction procedure was successful, so that a number of long timeseries can be presented here.

### Zusammenfassung:

Beim Fragenkomplex der Klimaänderungen stehen zumeist Aussagen über langfristige Temperaturänderungen im Vordergrund, zeitliche Niederschlagsvariabilitäten bleiben meist im Hintergrund. Niederschlagstrendanalysen von Stationen über 1500 m Seehöhe sollen zur Klärung der Frage beitragen, ob ein eventuell vorhandener Niederschlagstrend innerhalb Österreichs auch einheitlich verlief. Zu diesem Zweck werden die Niederschlagsbeobachtungen von ca. 120 Meßstellen herangezogen, die vereinzelt bis 1876 zurückreichen. Auf Grund starker Stationsnetzfluktuationen nimmt das Homogenisieren des Datenmaterials großen Zeitaufwand in Anspruch. Für einige Orte war die Reduktionsprozedur bereits erfolgreich, sodaß schon einige Ergebnisse vorgestellt werden können.

Brauchbare Niederschlagsmessungen an österreichischen Höhenstationen liegen ab 1876 vereinzelt vor. Eine deutliche Verbesserung dieses Zustandes trat ab 1926 ein, markante Verschlechterungen sind infolge des 2. Weltkrieges und im Dezennium 1971-1980 eingetreten. Für die Bearbeitung solcher langen Datensätze stellen die zwangsläufigen Homogenitätssprünge die größten Hindernisse dar. Zum Auffinden der Inhomogenitäten wurden neben den noch vorliegenden Dokumentationen über die Änderungen an den Stationen absolute (z.B. ABBE) und relative Homogenitätstests (z.B. CRADDOCK) vorgenommen, wobei der Craddock-Test die schärfsten Aussagen zum Erkennen des Zeitpunktes der Inhomogenität lieferte.

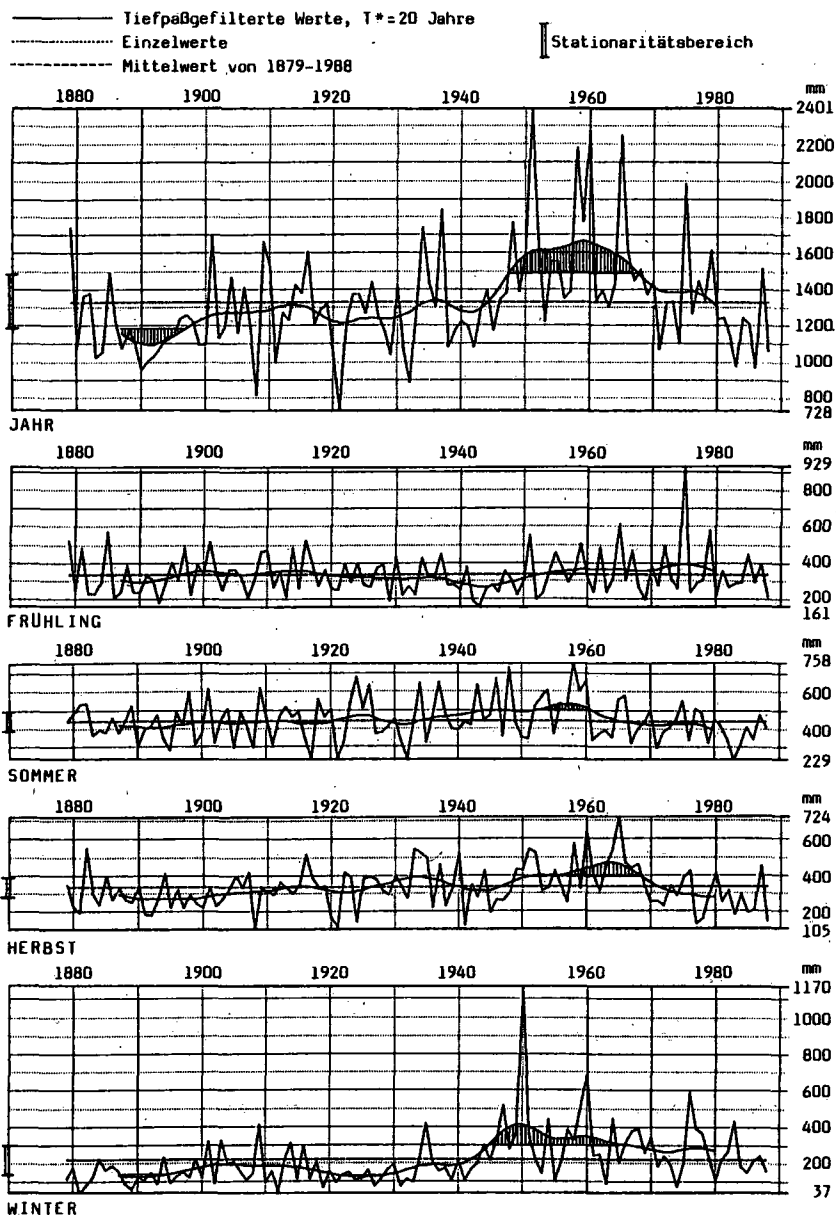
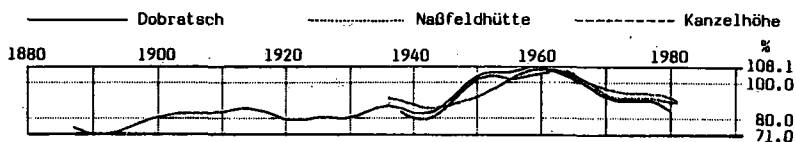
Erst nach eingehenden Prüfungs- und Reduktionsprozeduren ist es sinnvoll, lange Datenreihen statistisch zu bearbeiten und Trendanalysen durchzuführen. Dazu gehören absolute und relative Häufigkeitsverteilungen, Perzentildarstellungen, die Bestimmung der Mittel- und Extremwerte und statistische Maße wie Schiefe, Varianz, Autokorrelation etc. Etwaige Trends werden mit Hilfe eines Gauß-Tiefpaßfilterverfahrens aufgezeigt, wobei sich Filterweiten von 20 bzw. bei längeren Reihen von 30 Jahren bewährt haben. Die Angabe des Stationaritätsbereichs erlaubt Aussagen über die Signifikanz der in der Zeitreihe auftretenden Klimaschwankungen.

Bis dato sind 3 alpine Regionen nach diesem Verfahren untersucht worden, die Ergebnisse werden auszugsweise dargestellt. Daß in Österreich in den letzten Jahren kein einheitlicher Niederschlagstrend vorherrschend war, wird klar, vergleicht man die gezeigten Beispiele. Es ist geplant, die Untersuchungen fortzuführen, wobei durch die Ausweitung auf Tal- und Ebenenstationen und die dadurch erreichte höhere Meßnetz-dichte, eine Abgrenzung der Regionen mit einheitlichem Trend abgesichert werden sollte.

## REGION SÜDKÄRNTEN

Erste verfügbare Daten stammen vom Hochobir (2044 m). Diese wurden bis 1929 auf den Standort Dobratsch (2140 m) reduziert, sodaß eine homogene Niederschlagsreihe ab 1879 für die Region Dobratsch zusammengestellt werden konnte. Die mit Hilfe 20-jähriger Tiefpaßfilterung ermittelte Jahresniederschlagssumme zeigt eine markante niederschlagsreiche Phase zwischen 1947 und 1968, wohingegen der Zeitraum bis etwa 1896 als zu trocken erscheint. Bei der jahreszeitlichen Aufsplitterung verlassen speziell die Winter- und Herbstniederschläge den Stationaritätsbereich. 21-jährig übergreifende Varianzen weisen den Zeitraum von etwa 1940 bis 1970 als besonders niederschlagsvariabel auf. Vergleiche mit anderen, allerdings kürzeren Datensätzen zweier in der Region Südkärnten gelegenen Stationen wurden durchgeführt.

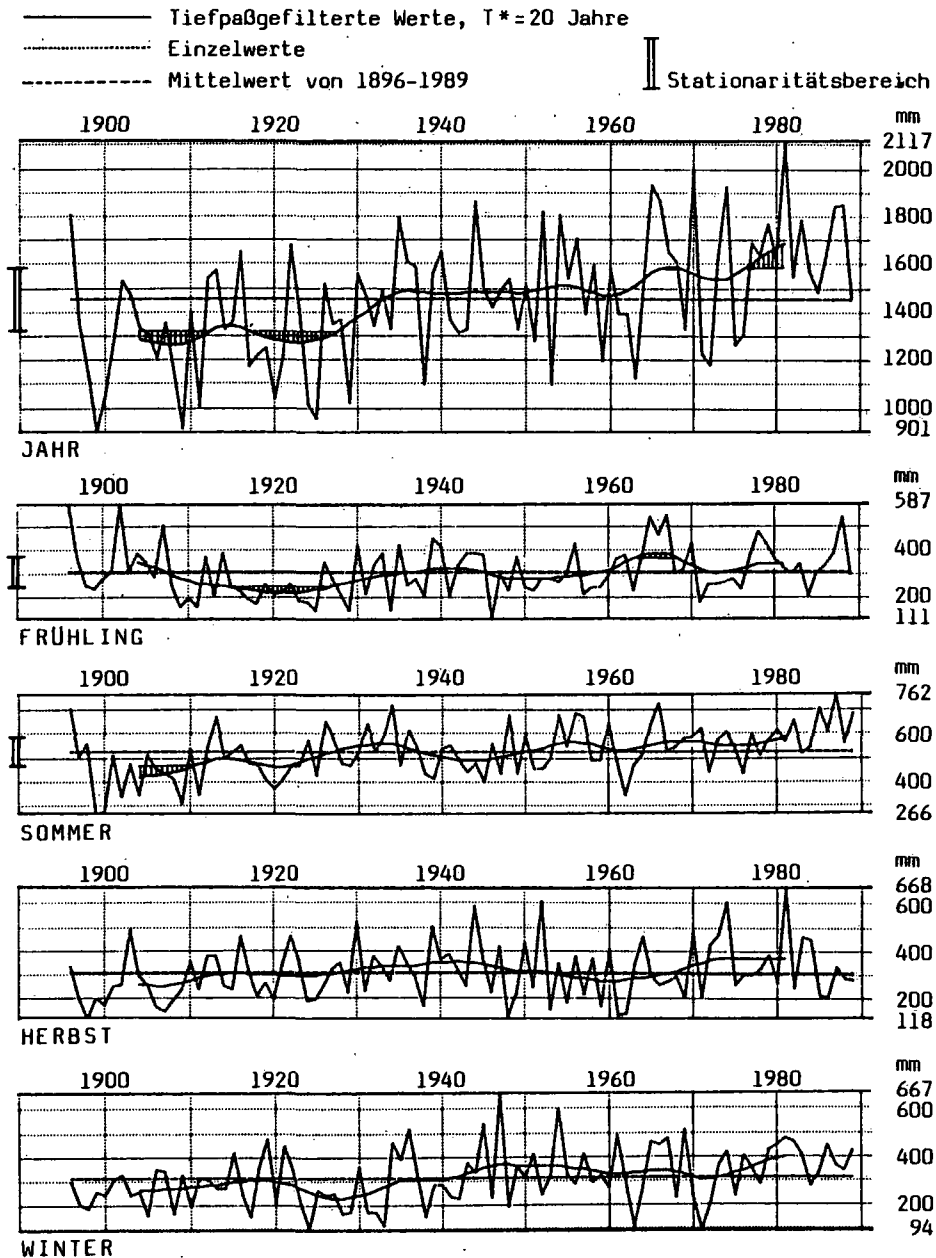
Jahressummen und Jahreszeitenaummen des Niederschlages von DOBRATSCH 1879-1988

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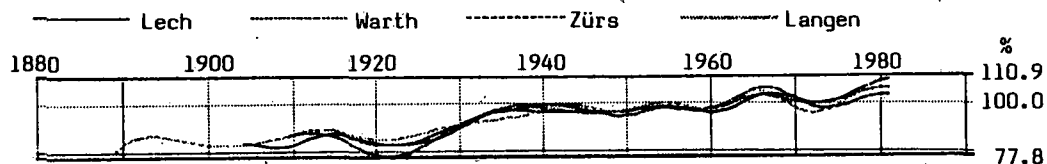


**REGION ARLBERG** Die Beobachtungsreihe von Lech am Arlberg (1450 m) beginnt mit dem Jahr 1896. Die gefilterte Jahresniederschlagslinie zeigt 2 Minima um 1908 und um 1922, die stärkere Niederschlagszunahme ab 1960 läßt die gefilterte Jahreslinie um 1968 und ab 1976 den Stationaritätsbereich verlassen. Dem allmählichen Abklingen des Niederschlagsmaximums der Region Südkärnten steht also in diesem Gebiet eine Niederschlagszunahme gegenüber. Die 21-jährig übergreifende Varianz erreicht auch im Jahre 1971 ihren Höchstwert.

Jahressummen und Jahreszeitensummen des Niederschlages von LECH 1896-1989



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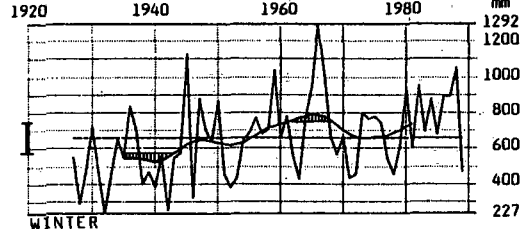
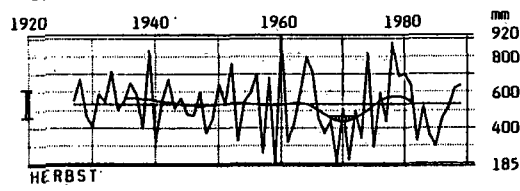
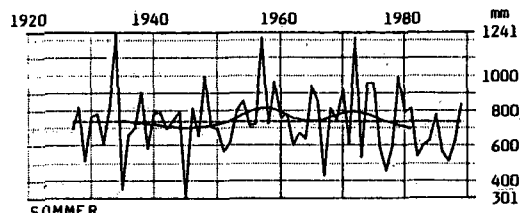
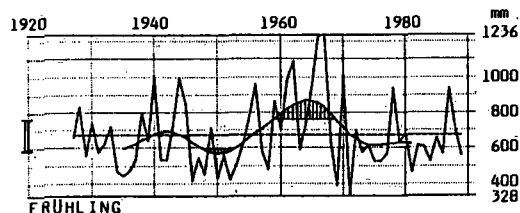
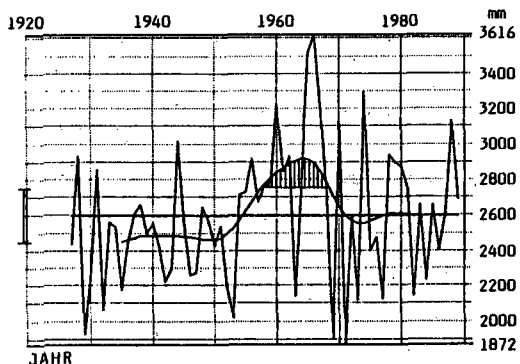


**REGION HOHE TAUERN**

Für die Hochgebirgsregion Hohe Tauern lieferten die Ombrometermessungen, die auf dem 3106 m hohen Sonnblickgipfel ab 1891 durchgeführt wurden, keine für Trendanalysen verwendbaren Daten. Daher wurde auf das Totalisatorenmeßnetz dieser Region zurückgegriffen, dessen Errichtung mit dem Jahr 1927 in Gang gesetzt wurde. Die zu bearbeitenden Datenreihen umfassen daher nur 63 Jahre. Beim 3076 m hochgelegenen horizontalen Totalisator wird eine markant zu niederschlagsreiche Phase von etwa 1958 bis 1968 klar erkennbar, die auch im Winter und Frühling aufscheint. Der Herbst zeigt ein Niederschlagsdefizit um 1970. Die 21-jährig übergreifenden Varianzen zeigen vom Tiefstwert um 1942 ein sprunghaftes Ansteigen mit einem Maximum um 1972. Mit den Vergleichstotalisatoren Rojacherhütte (2580 m), Radhaus (2117 m) Kolm-Saigurn (1600 m), Oberes Fleißkees (2808 m), Unteres Fleißkees (2558 m) und der Ombrometerstation Mooserboden (ab 1912) wurden Gebietsmittel errechnet, die im folgenden als Niederschlagsabweichungen zum 30-jährigen Mittel 1951-1980 dargestellt sind.

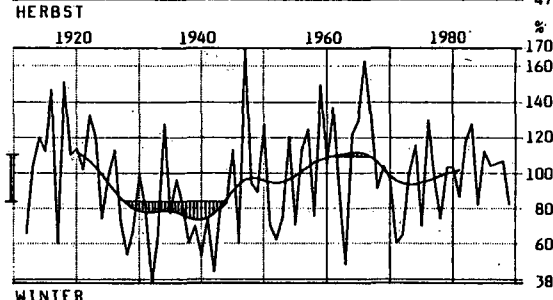
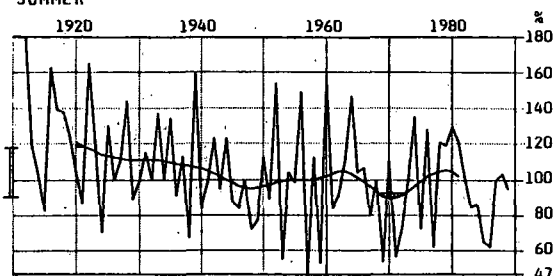
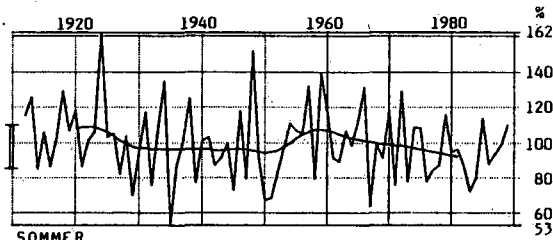
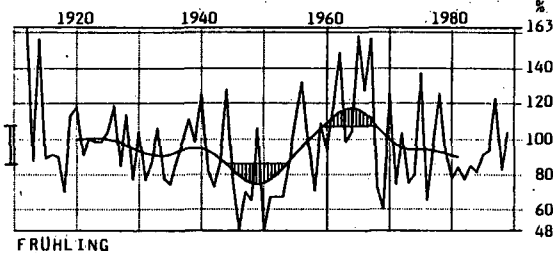
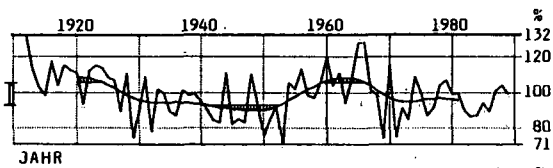
Jahressummen und Jahreszeitemsummen des Niederschlages Totalisator SONNBLICK (horizontal), 1927-1989

— Tiefpaßgefilterte Werte, T\*=20 Jahre  
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Niederschlagsabweichungen (in %) der Jahres- und Jahreszeiten-niederschlagssummen vom Mittel 1951-1980 für die Region HOHE TAUERN (Mittel aus 7 Stationen)

— Tiefpaßgefilterte Werte, T\*=20 Jahre  
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## THE LAST CENTURY OZONE DATA MEASURED IN ZAGREB AND SOME ANALISES PROBLEMS

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### Introduction

Meteorological data files belonging to Zagreb-Griž Observatory have been in existence for 127 years and include 12-years of surface ozone data, measured at the end of the 19th century (1893-1900). Schoenbein's method with an 11-degree colorimetric scale was used and the measurements were taken twice a day.

Zagreb-Griž observatory ( $45^{\circ}49'N$ ,  $15^{\circ}59'E$ ,  $H_g=159$  m NN) is situated in the centre of the city, on the edge of one of foothills of Medvednica, a mountain about 1000 m high, spreading N and NW from Zagreb. At the time when the ozone measurements were made, Zagreb had about 48 thousands inhabitants. There has been a decade of fast industrial growth, but the position of the meteorological observatory, situated on the Griž hill, was far enough from the industrial pollution and from any kind of intense traffic.

One of the aims of the data analysis discussed here was to estimate the ozone concentration contained in the surface air layer over Zagreb before industrial development started, and to compare these results with those from the literature.

### Method of analysis

The original data were primarily exposed to quality examination. In other words, Spearman's rank test and criteria following Helmert and Abbe were applied to check relative homogeneity accepting Vienna ozone data as standard. Moreover Landsberg and Jacobs criteria for the frequency distribution stability were used to check if the available length of Zagreb data record were sufficient for statistical conclusions.

For conversion of the original data expressed in the Schoenbein 11-degree scale into absolute units, several different methods are known (Levy 1878, Linvill 1980, Lauscher 1983, 1984, 1988, Bojkov 1986, Volz and Kley 1988). These methods are linear over the whole Schoenbein scale or almost linear over the central part of the scale. But the calibration lines differ in slope towards the coordinate axes (Lisac and Grubizic 1990). Thus inspite of the fact that the relative variations of the data (for example the variations of annual averages from year to year) do not depend on the conversion method used, the absolute values of the results may differ significantly. Therefore direct comparison of the results obtained by using different conversion methods, is not advisable.

The Zagreb data were converted into volume fractions (ppb) applying the regression equation according to R.Bojkov is:

$$(O_3)/ppb = 3,4 + 4,6 * Sch \quad \text{where}$$

$(O_3)/ppb$  is volume ozone fractions

Sch is the ozone value in the scale 0-10.

The equation calculates the volume fractions within 0-50 ppb range for the 11-degree Sch- scale. R.Bojkov derived the equation from the original Montouris regression equation (given by Levy) introducing a correction (farther in the text MRB) which makes the regression valid for 78% average relative humidity. He does not say how much the results may differ in cases when the relative humidity is not 78%. Therefore a comparison of results for different places with different relative humidity conditions may be problematic inspite of using the same calibration method, just because the relative humidity differences were neglected. The relative humidity lower then MRB considers it to be can make one to believe that MRB supplies underestimated values obtained by the calibration procedure. This conclusion is derived from an early experience that at low humidity, the colour of a test paper is less intense, inspite of the possibility of a high ozone concentration in the air.

The average relative humidity in Zagreb was 72% during the time of ozone data sampling, what is 6% lower then MRB considers it to be. The average daily run of relative humidity during the same time interval gives the value of 78% for average night time (21-06h), 71% for the first part of a day (7-14h) and 68% for the entire day (7-20h) period. According to this, the day time Zagreb values might be underestimated, but it is hard to say how much.

## C o n c l u s i o n s

The analysis of Zagreb surface ozone data, measured at the end of 19<sup>th</sup> century by Schoenbein's method and calibrating by MRB methode leads to the following conclusions :

1) The 12-year long data set (1893-1900) is sensitive to statistical quality tests (homogeneity and reliability of the set length). The first 4 year data set contains a large number of high scale values which decreases gradually during the initial period. The existence of such an the unexpectedly large number of high values in the very first data sample, together with its gradual decrease, is probably the result of improved measuring techniques. The first 4-year data set is therefore excluded from the statistical parameters calculation. The deviation of the mean relative humidity in Zagreb from the reference value used in MRB (-6% in the annual mean, 0% during the night time and -20% during the day time) might make us to believe that the day time values are underestimated particularly during the warm part of the year. The real amount of the underestimation level is not known.

2) Day and night data should be analysed separately, because of the different statistical character of daytime and night samples, as a result of the different nature of source and sink processes during the day and night (neglecting their influence on the measuring technique). In the course of a year, too, the processes manifest themselves differently in day and night samples, which is clearly reflected in the frequency distributions of the original data, compiled separately for every month.

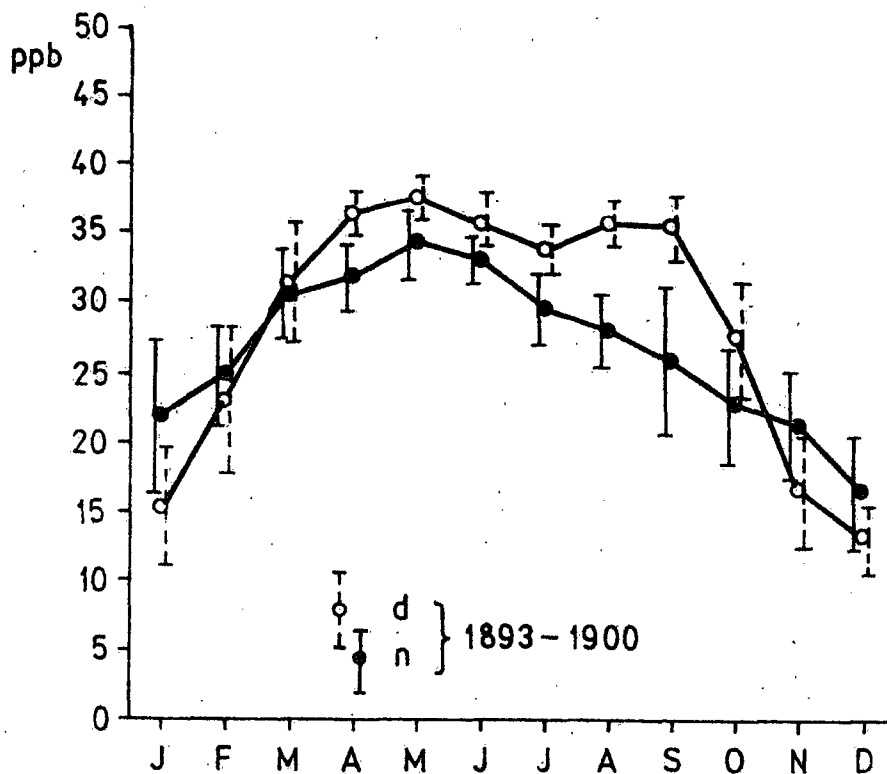


Fig. 1. The annual run of volume ozone fractions (with standard deviation inside bars), Zagreb, 1893-1900.

3) The annual run of the daily data shows a primary maximum at the transition from spring to summer, and a secondary at the beginning of autumn. The annual run of night values is simpler and contains one maximum only, in the same part of the year as the primary maximum of daytime data. The midsummer decrease in the annual run of daily ozone data might be connected with destructive photochemical processes which become more intensive in rural areas, with increasing Sun height, and completely vanish during the night.

4) A comparison of Zagreb old ozone data averages (1893-1900, the time before intense industrial activity started) with present ozone measurements (1975) over the warm five-month period shows an increase of volume fraction from 36 to 67 ppb and from 30 to 56 ppb for day and night respectively. The result should be primarily treated as a fact, taking into account the reduced accuracy of absolute values as a result of the reduced precision of measuring techniques and dependence on the conversion method.

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## Estimation of the snow cover in the Tatra Mountains and Podhale Region

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In order to represent snow cover surface from point measurements several methods were in use. Relationship between distribution of the snow cover and different factors as topography, wind and others is widely recognized. But its estimation in the mountain area is very difficult. High irregularity of a snow cover surface occurring in mountain area is not sufficiently compensated by density of snow stations then research for an additional source of information on snow cover distribution is required.

The aim of this paper is to describe various methods of the estimation of snow pack parameters in the field. At first basing on snow measurement at 250 points in the Tatra Mountains lasting 10 years a map was prepared by the use of the very simple method of the isolines. This map shows a rough distribution of snow pack. But there can be distinguished two regions: the West and High Tatra Mountains where the snow cover is various decomposed. Its distribution is almost regularly in the West Tatra Mountain. While anomalies were found in the High Tatra Mountains. There are deflation and accumulation area in SW - NE zone according to the prevailing wind direction.

The analysis of the snow cover distribution on the profile from ridge to the feet of the Tatra Mountains have been done too. Accumulation of snow pack is higher about 30% at spring craters than at the ridge but there is lower by 16 - 19 % than on the forest border. In the forest snow cover is higher about 8 % and on the slope is about 28 % lower than in the river bed.

These results are not sufficient to estimate water storage in snow cover in the river basin.

For that reason a method of the deviation was applied to indicate water equivalent in snow cover. Strong relationship is between snow cover and altitude that can be called snow pack curve. Having this curve and a surface of the basin at the hypsometric zone we can calculate water storage in snow cover. On the base line relationship the regions of the Carpathian Mountains have been appointed. On either side of the regression line there can be found a field of points which was separated into 12 zones parallel to line regression. Width of the zone was defined by deviation which border values are + and - 0.5, + and - 1.0, + and - 1.5, + and - 2.0, + and - 2.5, + and - 3.0. These symbols were used to denote zones of similar snow cover depth in the Carpathian Mountains. But it was general view of the snow pack depth or water equivalent.

A statistical structure of the snow cover fields was also studied. The structure function was used which constitutes a mean square of the value difference for two successive points. According to Gandin the function is determined in the forms:

$$r_f(r_i, r_k) = [f(r_i) - f(r_k)]^2 \quad (1)$$

where:  $r_i$  and  $r_k$  represent successive points (stations). From the definition of the structure function it follows:  $r_f(r_i, r_k) > 0$ . In this calculation there was found largely scatter of the points that indicated on the unhomogeneous field of the snow pack distribution.

Therefore a investigation enabling the estimation of snow pack parameters in field was continued by M. Klapowa and J. Parfiniewicz.

In this task the patrol records of the snow cover for 10 years were used in addition to data from standard stations. The area of upper river basin Dunajec confined with the profile Kowaniec was divided into 7 small or partial river basins and there was distinguished classes: northern ones - covered with forests, southern ones - uncovered with forest. Method of field analysis through isotropic interpolation was applied, covering investigated area with the net of triangles, the peaks of which are the stations. Horizontal interpolation was supplemented with vertical interpolation the linear function of the height and the mean interpolation coefficients were calculated for each basin. The data for calculations were taken for several seasons from standard meteorological network and from field measurements. Statistical dependence on the elements  $f$  and altitude  $H$  from the interpolated values from the stations  $f$  and  $H$  and dependence on element deviations  $\Delta f$  and altitude deviations  $\Delta H$  from the interpolated values from the station  $\Delta f$  and  $\Delta H$  were calculated.

These relationships were expressed by the formula:

$$(f - \bar{f}) = r_{f,H} \frac{\sigma_f}{\sigma_H} (H - \bar{H}) \quad (2)$$

$$(\bar{\Delta f} - \tilde{\Delta f}) = r_{\Delta f, \Delta H} \frac{\sigma_{\Delta f}}{\sigma_{\Delta H}} (\bar{\Delta H} - \tilde{\Delta H}) \quad (3)$$

where:  $\bar{\Delta f} = f - \bar{f}$ ,  $\bar{\Delta H} = H - \bar{H}$ , symbol  $\sim$  indicates horizontal interpolation,  $\sigma_f$  = mean square element deviation  $f$ .

These procedures can give two possibilities:

a) The data from the stations can be conducted to any point of the elevation (vertical interpolation):

$$\hat{f}_H = f_i + r_{\Delta f, \Delta H} \frac{\sigma_{\Delta f}}{\sigma_{\Delta H}} (H - H_i - \bar{\Delta H}) + \bar{\Delta f} \quad (4)$$

where: for the  $i$ -standard station  $\Delta f = f - f_i$ ,  $\Delta H = H - H_i$ ,  $\hat{f}_H$  value at any point of the elevation,  $f_i$  = measurement at the standard station. For the each stations the separated statistical research of the structure ( $f_{pr} - f_i$ ), ( $H_{pr} - H_i$ ),  $f_{pr}$ ,  $H_{pr}$  of the measurement values at the point was carried out, using equation (4).

b) Horizontal interpolation of the value  $\hat{f}_{iH}$  at any point of the basin can be done. The area of the small river basin was enclosed by the boundary of the "G". There were stable points:  $x_1, y_1, H_1$ ;  $x_2, y_2, H_2$ ;  $x_3, y_3, H_3$  (coordinates and altitude) and data  $f_1, f_2, f_3$  (snow pack depth or water storage). The value  $f_0$  at any point having the coordinates and altitude  $x_0, y_0, H_0$  is expressed by the function:

$$f_0 = L_1(f_1, f_2, f_3; x_0, y_0, H_0) \quad (5)$$

where  $L$  is linear transformation. Estimation of the average value  $f^G$  inside the "G" area is function  $f_1, f_2, f_3$ :

$$\hat{f}^G = L_2(f_1, f_2, f_3; G) \quad (6)$$

This function can be presented by formula:

$$\hat{f}^G = \frac{\iint_{xy \in G} f(x, y, H) dx dy}{\iint_{xy \in G} dx dy} = \frac{\iint_{xy \in G} L_1(f_1, f_2, f_3) dx dy}{S} = L_2(f_1, f_2, f_3) \quad (7)$$

where  $S$  = the river basin surface.

The method of the function  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  was worked out. Applying the equation 2 and 3 or 4 on the base  $f_1, f_2, f_3$  for the river basin area  $f_0$  can be presented by the formula:

$$f_0 = \tilde{f}_0 + A_{11}H_0 - A_{11}\bar{H} + A_{12} \quad (8)$$

$$f_0 = A_{21}H + A_{22} \quad (9)$$

$$f_0 = \tilde{f}_H = [f_i A_{31,i} (H - H_i) + A_{32,i}] \quad (10)$$

where:

$$A_{11} = r_{\Delta f, \Delta H} \frac{\sigma_{\Delta f}}{\sigma_{\Delta H}} \quad A_{12} = \bar{\tilde{f}} - A_{11} \bar{\tilde{H}}$$

$$A_{21} = r_{f,H} \frac{\sigma_f}{\sigma_H} \quad A_{22} = \bar{f} - A_{21} \bar{H}$$

$$A_{31,i} = r_{\Delta f, \Delta H} \frac{\sigma_{\Delta f}}{\sigma_{\Delta H}} \quad A_{32,i} = \bar{\Delta f} - A_{31,i} \Delta H$$

These equations and using  $\sim$  as a linear combination connected with  $x_0, y_0$  and unconnected with  $H_0$  (horizontal interpolation) can be described by forms:

$$f_0 = \sum_{i=1}^3 \alpha_i f_i + A_{11}H_0 - A_{11} \sum_{i=1}^3 \alpha_i H_i + A_{12} \quad (11)$$



$$f_0 = A_{21}H + A_{22} \quad (12)$$

$$f_0 = \sum_{i=1}^3 \alpha_i [f_i + A_{31,i}(H_0 - H_i) + A_{32,i}] \quad (13)$$

where:  $\alpha_i$  = weight of the horizontal interpolation for the  $i$  - station of the triangle. On the "G" area  $f_0$  was integrated, for the formula (11):

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{f} = \iint_G f(x, y) H(x, y) dx dy &= \sum_{i=1}^3 f_i \left[ \iint_G \alpha_i(x, y) dx dy \right] + A_{11} \iint_G H(x, y) dx dy \\ &- A_{11} \sum_{i=1}^3 H_i \left[ \iint_G \alpha_i(x, y) dx dy \right] + A_{12} \iint_G dx dy \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

and for the form (12)

$$\bar{f} = A_{21} \iint_G H(x, y) dx dy + A_{22} \iint_G dx dy \quad (15)$$

and for the formula (13)

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{f} &= \sum_{i=1}^3 f_i \left[ \iint_G \alpha_i(x, y) dx dy \right] + \sum_{i=1}^3 A_{31,i} \left[ \iint_G \alpha_i(x, y) H(x, y) dx dy \right] \\ &- \sum_{i=1}^3 A_{31,i} H_i \left[ \iint_G \alpha_i(x, y) dx dy \right] + \sum_{i=1}^3 A_{32,i} \left[ \iint_G \alpha_i(x, y) dx dy \right] \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where  $f$  indicates integral magnitude  $f$  approximated by formula  $f_0$  on the "G" area. The following task was to calculate "the determined moments":

$$\begin{aligned} &\iint_G \alpha_i(x, y) dx dy, \quad \iint_G \alpha_i(x, y) H(x, y) dx dy \\ &\iint_G dx dy, \quad \iint_G H(x, y) dx dy \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

On the base equations (14) and (15) values  $\bar{f}$  were normalized on the area of the river basin:

$$\bar{f} = \sum_{i=1}^3 f_i \frac{\iint_G \alpha_i(x, y) dx dy}{\iint_G dx dy} + A_{11} \frac{\iint_G H(x, y) dx dy}{\iint_G dx dy} - A_{11} \sum_{i=1}^3 H_i \frac{\iint_G \alpha_i(x, y) dx dy}{\iint_G dx dy} + A_{12} \quad (18)$$

and

$$\bar{f} = A_{21} \frac{\iint_G H(x, y) dx dy}{\iint_G dx dy} + A_{22} \quad (19)$$

where  $\bar{f}$  = average value of the snow cover parameter for this basin.

To calculate regression connections of the types (2-4) or moments (17) a procedure of the linear interpolation was used. The field  $f(x, y)$  for the 3 stations was approximated through the surface:

$$f(x, y) = Ax + By + C \quad (20)$$

where:

$$A = [(f_1 - f_3)(y_2 - y_3) - (f_2 - f_3)(y_1 - y_3)] / W$$

$$B = -[(f_1 - f_3)(x_2 - x_3) - (f_2 - f_3)(x_1 - x_3)] / W$$

$$C = f_3 - Ax_3 - By_3$$

$$W = [(x_1 - x_3)(y_2 - y_3) - (x_2 - x_3)(y_1 - y_3)]$$

The interpolation procedure of the parameters  $x, y$  enables to calculate element  $f(x, y)$  if there were data  $(x_1, y_1)$   $(x_2, y_2)$   $(x_3, y_3)$ . To calculate moments  $\iint \alpha_i(x, y) dx dy$  it is necessary to present value  $f(x, y)$  as:

$$f(x, y) = \alpha_1(x, y)f_1 + \alpha_2(x, y)f_2 + \alpha_3(x, y)f_3 \quad (21)$$

To obtain  $\alpha_i(x, y)$  there was taken:

$$\alpha = [(y_2 - y_3)(x - x_3)]/W - [(x_2 - x_3)(y - y_3)]/W$$

$$\alpha = [(y_1 - y_3)(x - x_3)]/W - [(x_1 - x_3)(y - y_3)]/W$$

$$\alpha = [(y_1 - y_3) - (y_2 - y_3)(x - x_3)]/W + [(x_2 - x_3) - (x_1 - x_3)(y - y_3)]/W + 1$$

For the majority stations it is possible to apply the interpolation weights which sum is equal 1:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \mu_{ij} = \mu_{i_0}, \quad j = 1 - N, \quad \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i = 1 \quad (22)$$

where  $\mu_{ij}$  - are correlation coefficients for the homogeneous and isotropic field. It means that the geometrical scheme of the stations is in the relation to interpolation point.

Applying numerical integration the moments (17) can be expressed as double sums:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_K \sum_L \alpha_i(x, y) DS_{KL} \cdot \sum_K \sum_L \alpha_i(x, y) H(x, y) DS_{KL} \\ & \sum_K \sum_L H(x, y) DS_{KL} \cdot \sum_K \sum_L DS_{KL} \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

To estimate the surface there is required matrix  $DS_{KL} = (dx dy)_{KL}$  where  $KL$  - integration net. On the base of the formula (22) there was calculated interpolation average weight, denoted as a influence of the  $i$  - standard station on the given point. Therefore the suitable marks were introduced:

$$\alpha_i = \frac{\iint \alpha_i(x, y) dx dy}{\iint dx dy} \quad (24)$$

To estimate average height of the given area was used form:

$$\bar{H} = \frac{\iint H(x, y) dx dy}{\iint dx dy}$$

and average surface:

$$\bar{DS} = \iint dx dy = \sum_x \sum_y DS_{xy} \text{ km}^2$$

By means of this model the estimation of the snow pack parameter in the upper river basin Dunajec was worked out (Tatra Mountains and Podhale Region). For the Podhale region the results are believed to be better than for the Tatra Mountains. This is because of the Tatra Mountains are distinguishable from whole Carpathian range owing to their altitude and relief. Well there snow cover variability can be largely noticed. As well as the stations are unequal decomposed in this field. While in the Podhale Region the stations create equal branch triangles in this model.

For all that calculations confirm this method is better than the ones hitherto applied.

**Chairmen Reports**  
**Berichte der Chairmen**

## Overview of Section 1

### Observational Methods and Instrument Technology

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Papers in this section dealt with the design and performance of both instruments and field programmes.

Results on the experience of designing and operating a network of automatic weather stations, specialized to forecast avalanches in Northern Italy, were presented by Cagnati and Luchetta (Centro Sperimentale di Arabba).

From a comparison of satellite data with ground truth Grassl and Jahnen concluded that the correction of the atmosphere's influence is a prerequisite for making full use of satellite data for remote sensing of the earth surface. With the help of the spectral properties of water, an individual atmospheric correction for every single scene is possible.

In an invited paper, Joss (Swiss Meteorological Institute) showed that good observations all year round and at a reasonable price can be made in Alpine terrain, but the instruments need to be designed and installed specifically for this particular application, taking into account effects caused by icing, lightning, wind and radiation. Also Joss and Pittini (Swiss Meteorological Institute) showed, based on the operational experience with the Swiss radars that precipitation can be reasonably estimated in an Alpine region, the main limitation originating from not "seeing" precipitation close to the ground.

Lamprecht and Merki (Paul Scherrer Institute, Villigen CH) showed results based on tracer experiments of TRANSALP in thermally induced up-valley winds in the prealpine valleys Blenio and Leventina. An astonishingly good agreement between measured and calculated ground level concentration was found.

The use of Doppler radar information for forecasting precipitation typical for an Alpine region, such as orographic rain, lee-phenomena, and local convection was illustrated by Land and Riedl (Deutscher Wetterdienst, Observatorium Hohenpeissenberg).

Mesinger (University of Belgrade) demonstrated convincingly that the "method of horizontal interpolation of the virtual temperature", for incorporation in the objective analyses scheme, is superior to the "standard method", using the surface temperature and an average gradient to reduce pressure to sea level.

As coordinator of POLLUMET, Neininger (LAPETH, Zurich) gave an overview on the program. Examples of NO<sub>2</sub>-measuring flights show pronounced mesoscale structures.

In a related study, Paffrath and Rösler (DLR Oberpfaffenhofen) discussed - and presented first results on - aircraft measurements to determine concentration distributions, transport, dispersion, origin, and transformation of pollutants to be investigated in POLLUMET, MEMOSA, and TRACT.

Direct measurements with SODAR of the exponent in the power law between windspeed and height were presented by Piringer (Zentralanstalt für Meteorologie, Wien); they show a surprisingly large dependence on the location and a larger range of variation than given in the literature (e.g. Turner).

Sarchilli and Gorgucci (Istituto di Fisica dell' Atmosfera, Roma) discussed ways of correcting radar signal errors caused from propagation by estimating attenuation from measurements of the phase shift along the path.

In a similar vein Schmid et al. (LAPETH, Zürich) reported on the first tests with a new Doppler radar located at ETH. Encouraging results with respect to clutter suppression, detection of rotation features in severe storms, and wind profile measurements from clear air echoes were found.

T. Steiner (LAPETH, Zürich) presented results, and concluded that, the wind profiler used in his work is a suitable instrument for automatic and continuous observation of the wind field between 300 and 4500 m above ground.

Wege (Deutscher Wetterdienst, Observatorium Hohenpeissenberg) finds in the twenty year series an upward trend of the ozone concentration and a correlation with global radiation, vertical transport by convection, and a dependency on the wind direction.

Weihls (Universität für Bodenkultur, Wien) discussed results of two aerosol models as well as a comparison between Lowtran 6 and Lowtran 7 codes, the second one including effects of multiple scattering.

## Overview of Section 2

### Weather Prediction: Analysis and Forecasting of Synoptic and Mesoscale Systems

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This was one of the best supported Sections of the meeting, the topics of the papers spanning a wide spectrum of issues related to weather forecasting in mountainous regions.

The review paper in this section was given by J. Kuettner and it had the provocative title "What did we learn from ALPEX?" He considered three particular phenomena: - Lee cyclogenesis, flow splitting and upstream blocking and the Bora.

He noted that in all three cases the good results were due to:

- (1) an excellent data set (one of the best)
- (2) the stimulating effect of such an international program on the scientific community's interest in the field of mountain, meteorology and theory.

#### 1. Lee cyclogenesis

The work of Pichler and Steinacker (Atlas of eight lee cyclogenesis during ALPEX IOP and analyses of 40 cyclones during the ALPEX year) is the most comprehensive analysis of lee cyclones so far. They distinguish two types: "Vorderseiten"- and "Überströmungs"-type.

One of the main results is the dynamic mechanism of lee cyclogenesis which is a coupling between an upper PV center that approaches the Alps and a lower one that forms on the lee side (Bleck, Tafferter, McGuinley). It is the same mechanism postulated by Hoskins et al. and is found also in explosive cyclogenesis events over the American east coast (Uccellini).

New theories have been developed (e.g. Speranza et al.; Pierrehumbert; Smith) based on linear, quasi-geostrophic, baroclinic flow. As Egger has shown, they cannot explain the dynamic mechanism, probably because of its non-linear character.

#### 2. Flow splitting, upstream blocking, mountain drag

Long range aircraft flights during ALPEX showed clear indications of steady state flow splitting in layers below 3 km with no flow splitting above (decoupled flow patterns). The upstream distance of decelerated flow equals the Rossby radius of deformation, approximately (Pierrehumbert). Mountain drag of the Alps was found to be of the order of  $5$  to  $10 \times 10^{11}$  N by several authors (Hafner and Smith; Davies and Philipps; Carissimo et al.). In contrast to earlier suggestions, wave drag has been found to be a large portion of total mountain drag (Clark et al.).

#### 3. Bora

The first 3 D analysis of the classical Bora was accomplished by ALPEX aircraft over the Adriatic coast of Yugoslavia. It shows hydraulic like flow (Smith) with severe turbulence in the hydraulic jump. Theoretical work (Klaus and Durran) suggests that there is no basic difference between the down slope winds of Foehn and Bora, despite of their temperature difference. Hydraulic theory using shallow water equations overestimates the wind velocity, as the effects of the upper stable layers, often containing breaking waves, are neglected. Bora research has stimulated world wide fundamental research in airflow over mountains.

Finally the role of the youngest generation participating in ALPEX was emphasized and the lesson learned from these types of cooperative, multinational field phases: Human relations are just as important as good science and technology.

Zhu Fukang and Li Shuhua of the Academy of Meteorological Science, Beijing, reported on their study of the energy budget over the Tibetan Plateau, based on the data of the Qinghai-Xizang Plateau Meteorological Experiment (QXPME) performed by China in May-August 1979. They have looked into the vertical profiles of total diabatic and latent heating, kinetic energy budget, and frequency and dynamics of "plateau lows", which

in summer appears to be a very frequent albeit shallow and short-lived phenomenon.

Their analysis reveals the dominance of sensible, in comparison to latent, heating in the lowest calculation layer over the plateau, while the opposite was true for the lowest layers of three neighboring regions Zhu and Li have considered. Latent heating however dominates in the upper troposphere over the plateau, as it does in two of the three neighboring regions.

Another Asian mountain wind system is the Altai-Sayan. It received attention in the paper by Lazic and Chen. Using the "eta" limited area model of the University of Belgrade and the U.S. National Meteorological Center they successfully simulated a case of the Altai-Sayan lee cyclogenesis. The simulations were more successful when the eta model was run in its normal eta coordinate mode, since then both the surface low as well as the mid-tropospheric cutoff were reproduced. The cutoff was not obtained when the model was run as a sigma system model, even though the model code and all its options other than the model coordinate, and the initial and boundary data were the same.

J. Rakovec and A. Poedos reported on their investigation on the meso- $\beta$  and/or meso- $\gamma$  structure of temperature field in complicated terrain. The results of the computations of autocovariance functions enable the use of optimum interpolation technique for the analysis, but some problems (inclusion of inversions and of the prevailing weather type) remain still unsolved.

The practical problem of calculating the lowering of cloud base due to orographic effects was considered by Krebs. A set of programmes have been developed that take into account some of the rain effects.

Binder presented the first results of a collaborative study between the German and Swiss weather services. A refined version of the DWD Europe model had been used with some notable success to examine the capability to predict rainfall in typical summer weather situation.

Geb provided a detailed synoptic-cum-mesoscale analysis of the frontal systems, air-masses and upper-level trough that together provided the ambient environment for the development of the destructive Munich Hail Storm (12.7.84). The combination of meso-scale internal forcing and orographic modification was shown to be a significant effect. In the subsequent discussion, attention was drawn to the feeding on of a rich moist airflow from the ITCZ directly to the Alpine region (8.7.84).

An overview of the eight ALPEX Lee-cyclogenesis events was given by Pichler. His presentation was based upon the comprehensive "ALPEX ATLAS" recently published by the University of Innsbruck. The various computed fields enable an interesting perspective to be obtained upon the various developments.

In a presentation on the use of satellite and NWP model output data to identify and diagnose synoptic and mesoscale systems Mahringer detailed some of the procedures that are employed by the weather service in Vienna.

## Overview of Section 3

### Diagnosis and Interpretation of Mesoscale Systems and Local Phenomena

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Die Abhandlungen unserer Sektion können drei Themenkreisen zugeordnet werden:

#### **Bora**

Die Untersuchungen der Bora wurden durch die aus den Flugexperimenten der ALPEX-SOP gewonnenen Daten gewaltig stimuliert. Die erste Phase der nachfolgenden Studien stand im Zeichen der Arbeiten um Ron Smith, welcher mit der Anwendung der hydraulischen Theorie die Grundlage zur theoretischen Erklärung des Phänomens Bora (vor allem im zweidimensionalen Fall) legte.

Die Präsentationen zur Bora wurden erfreulicherweise von der grossen Vertretung Jugoslawiens bestritten (Übersichtsreferat: V. Jurcec). Dabei zeigte sich eine ähnliche Entwicklung der Erkenntnisse wie seinerzeit beim Föhn: Nach den erheblichen Fortschritten bei der Erklärung der zweidimensionalen Struktur der Bora konzentrierten sich die Arbeiten dieses Mal auf dreidimensionale Analysen und stellten wie beim Föhn erhebliche regionale Differenzen fest (Abnahme von Andauer und Häufigkeit von Norden nach Süden).

Ein Hauptaugenmerk wurde auch auf die Modulation der Bora durch die real herrschende synoptische Wetterlage gerichtet. Dabei zeigte sich erneut, wie stark die Entstehung der Bora vom "Orographic Blocking" auf der Alpennordseite abhängt. Das Problem der Boraprognose kann jedoch noch nicht als gelöst betrachtet werden. Immerhin hat Z. Petkovsek die Temperaturdifferenz zwischen der advehierten Kaltluft und der warmen Luft über der Nordadria und die "Lapse Rate" innerhalb dieser warmen Luftmasse als Grundlagen für das Nowcasting der Bora-Windgeschwindigkeiten genannt.

Erfreulicherweise soll das jugoslawisch-amerikanische Boraprojekt durch Modellstudien (u.a. Anwendung des Mesingerschen "Step Mountain Model") und klimatologische Untersuchungen fortgesetzt werden. Eine ähnliche Wiedergeburt würde auch der Föhnforschung gut anstehen, welche an dieser Tagung bloss mit zwei Postern (C. Gandino, U. Zbigniew) vertreten war.

#### **Temperature stratification and local airflow over complex terrain**

Eine grössere Zahl von Postern und Vorträgen befasste sich mit den lokal- bis regionalskaligen Temperatur- und Stromfeldern. Die aus zahlreichen Feldexperimenten gewonnenen Daten lassen heute aufgrund ihrer feineren Auflösung auch über komplexer Topographie ein fundiertes Studium der Prozesse zu. Als wertvoll erwies sich dabei auch der Vergleich von Profilen aus dem Hügel- oder Gebirgsraum mit der freien Atmosphäre über einer Ebene (H. Richner, B. Neininger). Ein grosser Fortschritt ist im experimentellen Bereich zukünftig durch den Einsatz der Profilertechnik zu erwarten.

Die steigenden Computerkapazitäten erlauben heute die Entwicklung von "Limited Area Models" mit genügender raumzeitlicher Auflösung. Sowohl aus dem experimentellen Bereich als auch von der Modellseite her wurden schöne Beispiele zur dynamischen Erklärung von Lokalströmungen vorgelegt (A. Sturman, E. Mursch-Radlgruber, L. Gutmann, J. Roads). Zu erwähnen bleibt auch der fundierte Beitrag von S. Emeis zur Parametrisierung des "Pressure Drags".

Nicht zuletzt im Hinblick auf den Einsatz von Klimamodellen dürfte der Kopplung ökologischer Methoden mit experimentellen Messungen in Zukunft eine grössere Bedeutung zukommen (Beitrag G. Wooldridge).

#### **Orographic influence on fronts and precipitation**

Bis vor zirka 10 Jahren wurde das Phänomen der Front ausschliesslich auf dem synoptischen Scale betrachtet. Die dadurch bedingte Zweidimensionalität der Betrachtungsweise führte auch zu einer weitgehenden Übereinstimmung bezüglich der Frontdefinition. In diesem Skalenbereich sind die an einer Front (besser: Frontbereich) auftretenden Diskontinuitäten im Temperatur-, Wind- und Feuchtefeld untereinander nicht auflösbar. Mit dem Übergang zur mesoskaligen Frontenanalyse und insbesondere über komplexer Topographie, hat sich die Situation drastisch geändert. Anstelle einer einzigen Frontlinie sind verschiedene "Linien" analysierbar, die sich

auf die vorhin erwähnten Diskontinuitäten beziehen und untereinander auflösbar sind. Dazu kommt noch, dass das Frontenphänomen dreidimensional betrachtet werden muss. Dies ist nicht zuletzt auch deshalb notwendig, weil der Frontalbereich im Gebirgsraum kaum zusammenhängend ist und oft am Gebirge abreisst. R. Steinacker ist es gelungen, diese regionalen Strukturen objektiv (durch Verbesserung der bisherigen Methoden) zu analysieren und frontale Doppelstrukturen im Temperaturfeld herauszuarbeiten. Vielversprechende Resultate dürften in Zukunft auch aus der Verbindung theoretischer Arbeiten (z.B. von H.C. Davies) mit numerischen Simulationen (Beitrag A. Tafferner) und neuen Experimenten bzw. synoptischen Analysen (Beitrag M. Kurz) zu erwarten sein.

Im Hinblick auf die beschränkten Kenntnisse bezüglich der Auslösung orographischer Niederschläge ist der von M. Kerschbaum vorgeschlagene analytische Modellansatz zu begrüßen.

Es bleibt ein letzter Eindruck: Sowohl im experimentellen als auch im Modellbereich werden grosse Anstrengungen unternommen. Noch viel zu wenig wird jedoch eine Verbindung dieser beiden fundamentalen Arbeitsmethoden im Rahmen von Verifikations- bzw. Falsifikationsstudien angestrebt.



## **Overview of Section 4**

### **Planetary Boundary Layer; Processes and Issues of Air Quality and Air Pollution**

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The introductory presentation focussed on gaseous pollutant behavior in the Northern Alps, i.e. on parametric representations, processes, distributions, and transport in mountainous terrain. The pertinent meteorological phenomena on the micro-, meso-, and macro-scales were identified as fronts, mountain-, plain regions, valley winds, blocking, stagnation, and dispersion. This discussion was complemented by a presentation describing trends of acid rain distribution with height and season in Italy - as they relate to meteorological situation and to trajectories near mountain slopes.

The development of the planetary boundary layer at a site next of the Continental Divide in Western Colorado, U.S.A., was shown to depend on the combinations of vertical fluxes of energy, on horizontal advection, and on subsidence. The analysis method used to demonstrate these processes increased our understanding of the contributions of their mechanisms to the vertical structure of the lower troposphere.

A spectrum of investigational techniques which are useful in predicting concentrations of pollutants in mountainous terrain was presented to the congress. They included several numerical models, a physical model, field investigations using surface instrumentation and soundings, a tracer study, and climatology. Each of them appears to have its special attributes. However, combinations which permit model verification and improvement prove to contribute most to the knowledge of circulation, transport, and dispersion which will lead to better predictions of surface concentrations, whether from persistent, long term releases or from sudden, catastrophic events.

The observational results indicate that we have more work ahead, using carefully designed experiments and models, to learn the important details of short- and long-range atmospheric transport. Trajectories respond to heating and cooling of mountain slope, valley channeling, and interaction with air flow at higher levels. These effects are not always properly predicted by numerical models.

Poster authors presented significant contributions in this section. Five posters placed their principal effort on interactions between meteorological parameters, turbulence, transport, and emissions of different pollutants in gaseous or solid form. Three working groups displayed the results of simulation models of atmospheric transport and diffusion and their possible influences on the human milieu. Two groups presented themes particularly oriented towards meteorological problems by referencing field experiments to model results. The quality of the poster displays was generally good, making a valuable contribution to the advancement of atmospheric science.

## Overview of Section 5

### Surface Energy Exchanges related to Radiation and micro-physical Processes

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A distinctive feature of surface energy processes in mountainous regions is the spatial variation of the exchanges due to the altitudinal variations. These variations are manifested in the interaction of radiative processes with clouds, snow and ice, and they render mountainous regions areas where the atmospheric heat budget plays a most significant role.

I. Dirmhirn gave a concise and apt review of historical development mainly in Switzerland and Austria, and examined the historical and present status of knowledge on radiation in the Alps. Consideration was given to the unresolved problems associated with  $O_3$ , turbidity, and clouds. She saw a renewed necessity to improve the observing network of radiometry both in short- and longwave radiation because the satellite based estimations of surface radiation is incomplete. A continuing requirement in instrumental improvement of long-wave measurement and calibration requirements should be included. A new use of radiation is as a monitoring method of the changing environmental quality of the atmosphere (this is to be achieved mainly by high resolution spectral measurement).

Contributed papers that dealt with, and constitute significant advances to, our knowledge of energy exchanges were these of Mannstein and Haiden.

Mannstein presented a satellite-based method for the computation of sensible heat flux on mountain surface, which is increasingly important with increasing altitudes, making good use of the slope winds. Haiden's paper described models of cloud formation relating to the topography of the mountain and radiation. These two excellent works dealt with experimental and computational sectors.

Steady and concrete progress was reported by Blumthaler and Ambach. Their work is based on almost 10 years' hard won UV-data, and examines the altitude dependancy of the UV radiance in the Alps. Theoretical interpretation of this fact is still to be made, but this work is a very solid foundation.

Müller's paper on turbidity over the Alps is in harmony with the results that the turbidity during the last 80 years remained constant (Hoyt and Fröhlich, 1983) for Davos and by Rosen and Anglone (1984) for Table Mountain, Calif. and Mount Montezuma, Chile. Additional confirmation is always welcome.

A main outcome of section 5 was to note that in the field of radiation, there is a steady increase in high quality measurements. This is not the case in the non-radiative components, such as sensible and latent heat fluxes. There is also an increasing trend for model-oriented work. A most important modelling issue for the mesoscale and the Alps is the realistic formulation of the exchange coefficients. This aspect was not elaborated upon by the speakers in this section.

Despite the range of presentations, there remain several fundamental problems in the field of radiation and surface exchange, and the need for such projects as the Alpine-Traversal proposed as a part of the Swiss Climatic Programme is both evident and important.

**Overview of the Section 6**  
**Examination of short and longterm variations of climate and  
the climate elements**  
**Untersuchung kurz- und langfristiger Änderungen des Klimas und  
der Klimatelemente**

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Dieser vielversprechenden Thematik waren nur acht Vorträge und sechs Poster gewidmet, was einer engen Auslegung durch das Programmkomitee zuzuschreiben ist, welches in dieser Sektion im wesentlichen nur Bearbeitungen langer Beobachtungsreihen im Alpenraum zuließ. Die Vortragenden verfolgten dabei allgemein die Zielsetzung, Anzeichen für Klimaänderungen zu finden. In dieser Hinsicht war der Befund von A. Bücher (J. Dessens) bemerkenswert, dass die mittlere Minimumtemperatur am Observatorium Midi-Pyrénées (2862 m Höhe) während des Zeitraums 1882-1970 um den Betrag von 0.82 Kelvin stetig zugenommen hat, während die Maximumtemperatur im wesentlichen konstant blieb. Aus einer ähnlichen, von A. Biancotti (L. Mercalli) durchgeführten, Analyse bezüglich der Station Gressoney-D'Ejola (1850 m Höhe) in Nordwest-Italien liess sich für die Periode 1927-89 ein solches Resultat jedoch nicht ablesen; in diesem Referat wurden auch die Niederschlagsverhältnisse an dieser Station behandelt. Eine umfangreiche und ausgefeilte Temperaturstatistik, beruhend auf Daten von 20 österreichischen Bergstationen seit 1850, wurde von R. Böhm vorgestellt; eine auf derselben Basis beruhende Niederschlagsstatistik hat I. Auer als Poster präsentiert. Temperaturreihen von vier bulgarischen Bergstationen wurden von A. Iotova (Ek. Koleva) für den Zeitraum 1930-88 unter besonderer Berücksichtigung der Variabilität diskutiert.

Als Poster haben I. Dagnino, G. Flocchini und G. Russo die Temperatur- und Niederschlagsbeobachtungen beschrieben, die seit 1830 von der Universität Genua durchgeführt werden, wobei auf die Besonderheiten der letzten Jahre (zu warm und zu trocken) hingewiesen wurde.

Die langjährigen Niederschläge an den Stationen Gr. St. Bernhard und Genf hat M. Schüepp untersucht, wobei die Homogenisierung der seit 1818 bzw. seit 1781 vorliegenden Messungen aufgrund wechselnder Aufstellung, Instrumentierung und personeller Besetzung im Vordergrund stand. Auf herausragende Ereignisse in den Niederschlagsverteilungen wurde aufmerksam gemacht.

Ueber die seit 1930 in der West-Schweiz aufgetretenen Trockenperioden referierte C. Aubert. Die Hagelniederschläge im serbischen Gebirge sowie im angrenzenden Flachland haben M. Curic (D. Janc) aufgrund der Daten von insgesamt 253 Schiessstationen während der Periode 1982-1988 und die Monate Mai-Oktober ausgewertet und die Resultate in einer ortsabhängigen Häufigkeitsstatistik dargestellt. Windbeobachtungen an der Radiosondenstation Payerne im Zeitraum 1981-1985 wurden von M. Furger herangezogen, um den Kanalisierungseffekt der Alpen unterhalb 500 hPa sichtbar zu machen.

In der Posteraustellung war ein recht umfangreicher klimatologischer Atlas der Schweiz, bearbeitet von W. Kirchhofer, zu sehen; weiter wurden dort Ozonmessungen in Zagreb von I. Lisac beschrieben. Auch theoretische Arbeiten fanden als Poster ihren Niederschlag; R. Sneyers, M. Vandiepenbeeck und R. Vanlierde stellten eine Normalkomponentenanalyse der Extremtemperaturen, gewonnen aus dem belgischen Beobachtungsnetz, vor, wobei es ihnen gelang, mit nur zwei Komponenten 99.9% der Varianz zu beschreiben. Baumringe hat P. Kahlig zu der Frage herangezogen, ob sich daraus Merkmale für ein chaotisches Verhalten des kurzfristigen Klimas ableiten lassen - das scheint jedoch nicht der Fall zu sein. Last not least behandelte ein Poster von M. Delmonte das mehr synoptische Thema, die Häufigkeit zyklonaler Wetterlagen über Nord-Italien.

Die Vorträge und Diskussionen in dieser Sektion haben die Notwendigkeit einer engeren Zusammenarbeit aller Alpenräume aufgezeigt, um das aktuelle Problem von anthropogen bedingten Klimaänderungen gegenüber der natürlichen Klimavariabilität mit mehr Aussicht auf Erfolg in Angriff nehmen zu können; ein intensiver Austausch von Daten und wissenschaftlichen Erkenntnissen, Vereinheitlichung von Auswertemethoden und finanzielle Förderung für die zügige Bearbeitung der vorliegenden Klimadaten erscheint wünschenswert.

## Overview of Section 7

### New Developments in the fields of Hydrometeorology, Snow- and Avalanche Research, Glaciology, and Biometeorology

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#### General Comments

The topics in this section comprise several interdisciplinary fields. All of them have become quite important scientific and applied fields during the last decades, resulting at the same time in the establishment of their own scientific organisations and conferences. This may be at least one of the reasons why the representation of these fields within ITAM has obviously shown a decreasing trend.

On the other hand we have to be aware that in this conference many of the papers presented in the other sections were closely related to the topics of section 7, particularly to hydrometeorology (including hydrology). Two examples are "A parameterization of evaporation for use in land-surface atmosphere interaction modelling" by Mihailovic et al. in section 2 and "An analytical approach to orographic rain" by Kerschbaum in section 3. This underlines the fact that meteorology/climatology provides basic prerequisites to the science of the other fields like hydrology etc.

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#### Biometeorology

A very competent and up-to-date invited paper by Dr. Weihe provided an excellent outline on the aspects of human biometeorology in the Alps. A main point was that today the atmosphere is taken as part of the physical environment. The interest in the causal relationship between a single meteorological factor and its impact on the human body is fading. Complex ecological investigations deal now with the recent development of mass tourism, urbanization and affluent life styles. "The intense utilization of the European Alps is also of growing importance for the future anthropogenic modification of the regional Alpine climates".

The other papers of this subtopic dealt with classical questions like "Limits of cold stress in various climatic regions" by Zaninovic; here maritime, continental, and mountain conditions were compared, based on temperature, wind speed, and humidity as index of thermal comfort.

One paper by Pagliari dealt with the span of climate conditions for vineyards in Northern Italy; the influence of the hydrologic deficit on the quality of vine is discussed particularly during the time when grapes are riping. It became obvious how difficult it is to describe climatic conditions on the basis of simple indices. Phenological topics were also discussed in a classical way.

#### Hydrometeorology

The papers under this subtopic dealt with the problems of precipitation in mountain regions which suffer to a great extent under serious difficulties of its measurement in high mountains.

The catastrophic flood events in Switzerland and Austria of the 1987 summer were the start for intensive studies on the depth-area-duration relationships and on the synoptic meteorological causes of high intensity precipitation, in particular rainfall; these studies are connected with statistical assessments. A much better understanding of the mechanisms and structure of extreme precipitation and flood events has now been achieved (Grebner and Richter). Another example of synoptic and mesoscale analysis of a heavy rainfall event in Yugoslavia was discussed by Capka. A descriptive slide report on 1987 floods was given by Schwarzl. Further papers were dedicated to average areal structures of mountain precipitation including vertical profiles and to the problem of estimating wind conditions during precipitation events as a parameter of the systematic error in precipitation measurement. Only one paper was presented which included all components of the hydrologi-

cal cycle and this was a study in the heavy glacierized Rhone basin (Bernath).

### **Snow and Avalanche Research**

Lambert presented some results on risk cartography of avalanche phenomena which is very useful for planning purposes.

### **Final Comment**

The papers as contributed to this section provided a valuable review of current research activities, some of them showing really very promising endeavours towards a better understanding of this corner of Alpine Climatology. Many people were missing and important subjects were not touched. One of the reasons being, without doubt, the inflation of meetings. The introduction of invited key speakers to this conference proved to be really successful and should be kept in mind for future ITAM's.

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Chairmen: Sabino Palmieri  
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**Section 7: New Developments In the Fields of Hydrometeorology, Snow- and  
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**Chairmen:** Dirmhirn Inge  
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