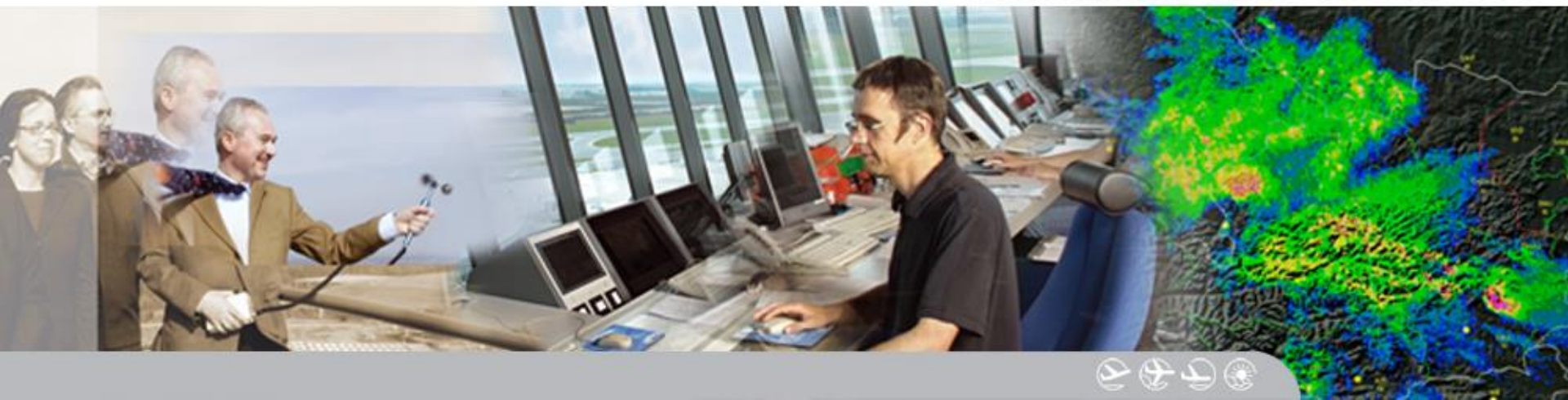


# Aviation Meteorology :New challenges advising an Industry in Transition

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# How will crises such as Climate Change and Pandemics affect the requirements and operating conditions of aviation?

- ▶ Mountainous regions show faster warming, higher incidence of high-impact weather
- ▶ Helicopters often only way to support stricken communities
- ▶ Short runways, high altitude, high temperatures limit endurance
- ▶ Changed flow pattern affect many processes from snow fall to convection location, intensity, speed of development
- ▶ Lee cyclogenesis?
- ▶ Call for climate-friendly trajectories
- ▶ Pandemics and reduced traffic may shift priorities in forecast parameters, projection and accuracy

- ▶ Which data are currently available at high temporal and spatial resolution
- ▶ What are the plans for additional such data
- ▶ Use of UAV?
- ▶ Surface properties, moisture , vegetation, snow cover
- ▶ Use of aircraft data

# Special needs for forecasts/now-casts

- ▶ High Impact weather situations are typically linked to smaller scales and contain stochastic elements
- ▶ These scales are rarely observed over larger domains, and thus even verification and validation are problematic
- ▶ Safety and capacity related ATM applications require information and decision making on the timescale of a few minutes to a few hours, with an increasing demand for reliable outlooks to several days
- ▶ Reliable, accurate and consistent deterministic forecasts of such events will remain elusive for some time. Therefore, high-resolution ensemble prediction systems may provide useful information, e.g. by quantifying the MET uncertainty at the local level and on short time-scales, and estimate the risk of high impact, small-scale weather phenomena.

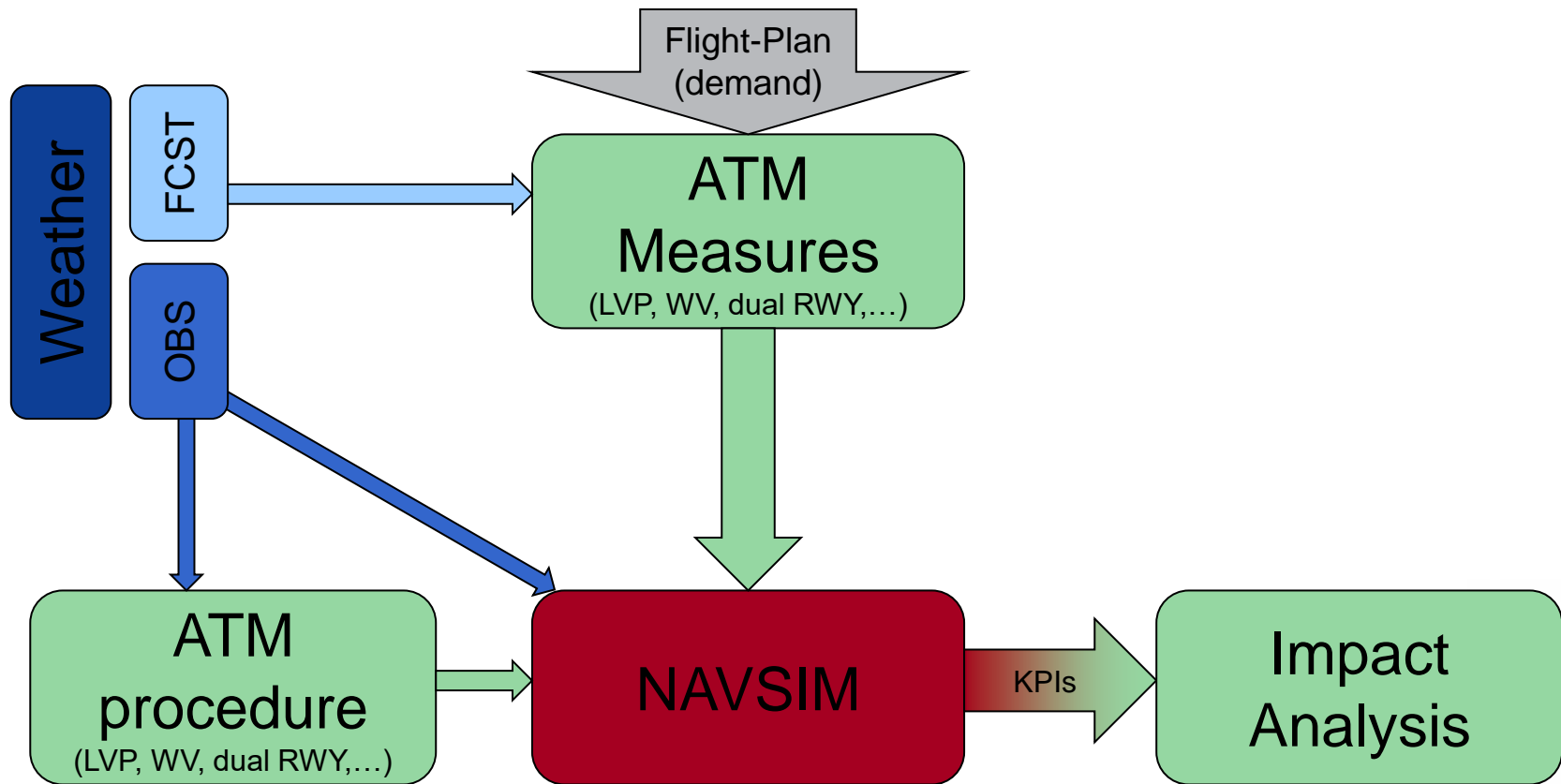
# Weather (and related..) elements to be considered

- ▶ Visibility, often combined with Cloud Base as LVP conditions
- ▶ wind speed, intensity, direction (head-, crosswind) and gusts
- ▶ Icing Conditions (En-route, High Level, Need for de-icing, snow clearing)
- ▶ Precipitation (heavy, freezing, solid)
- ▶ Duration of weather events (onset, cessation)
- ▶ Thunderstorm / hail
- ▶ Lightning (shut down of ground operations)
- ▶ Turbulence at all levels

# Priority subjects:

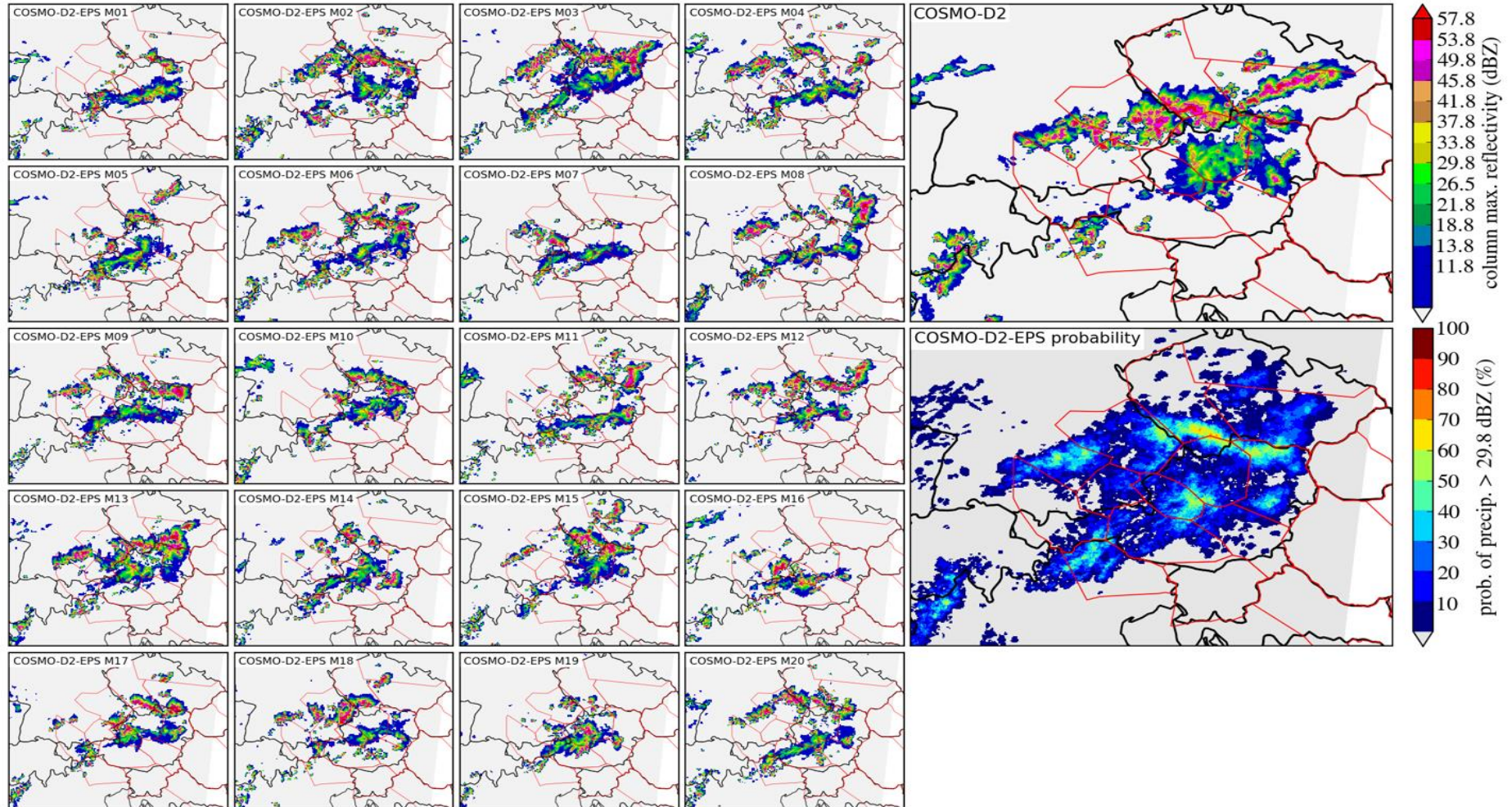
- ▶ Deep convection:
  - convection initiation over and in the vicinity of mountains
  - orographic modification of thunderstorm tracks (“channeling”, cloud tops and life cycle)
  - High incidence of Deep Convection and dense air traffic
  - issue of early initiation and early decay of thunderstorms in operational forecast models
- ▶ Turbulence issues
- ▶ rotors and turbulence: fine-scale climatology at Alpine airports in relation to southerly / northerly / westerly foehn
- ▶ moderate/ severe turbulence in jet stream over the Alps
- ▶ “ground truth” for forecasting and verification
- ▶ ☐ How strong must a mountain wave be in order to cause “level busts”

# Weather impact analysis

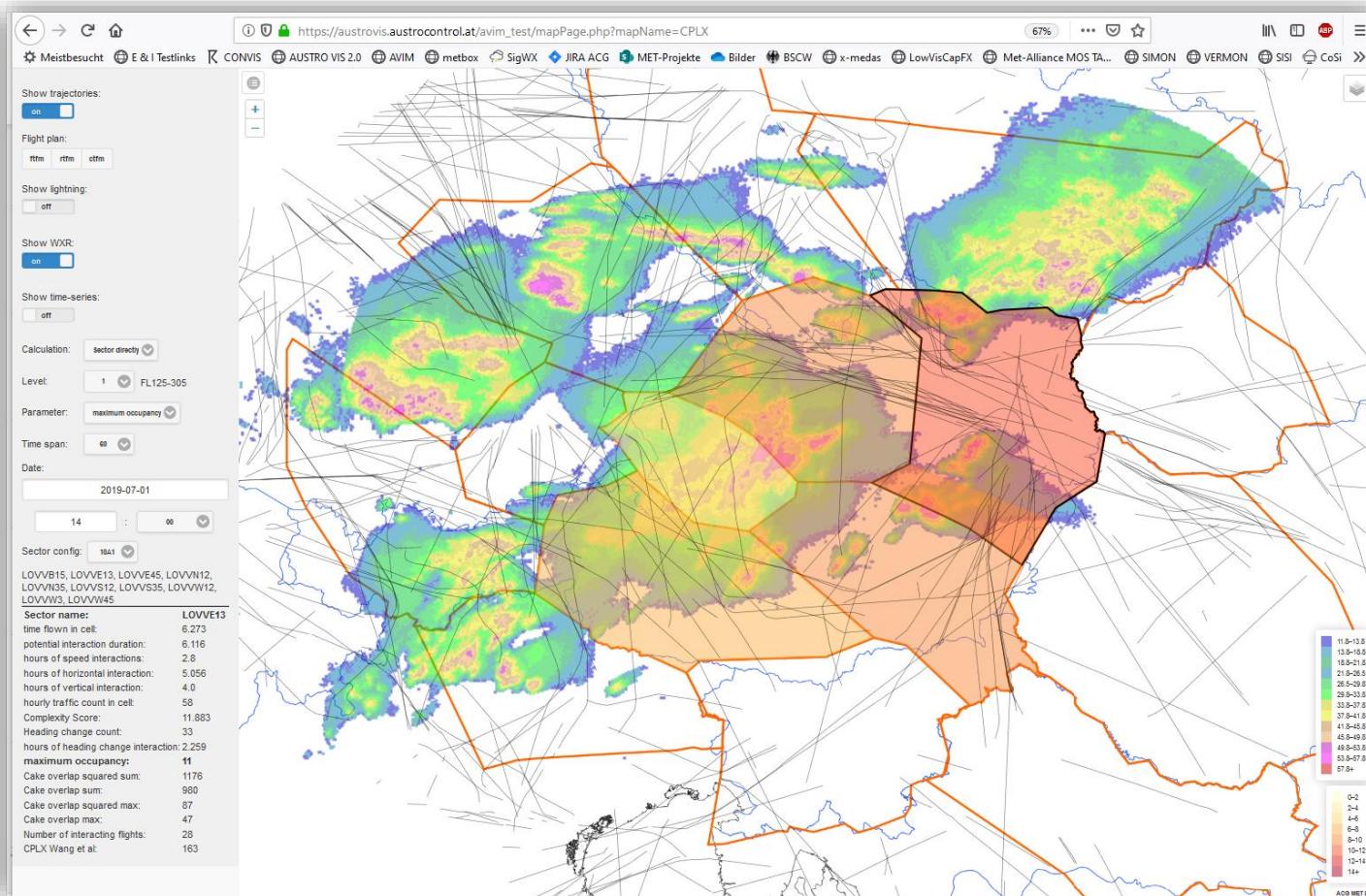




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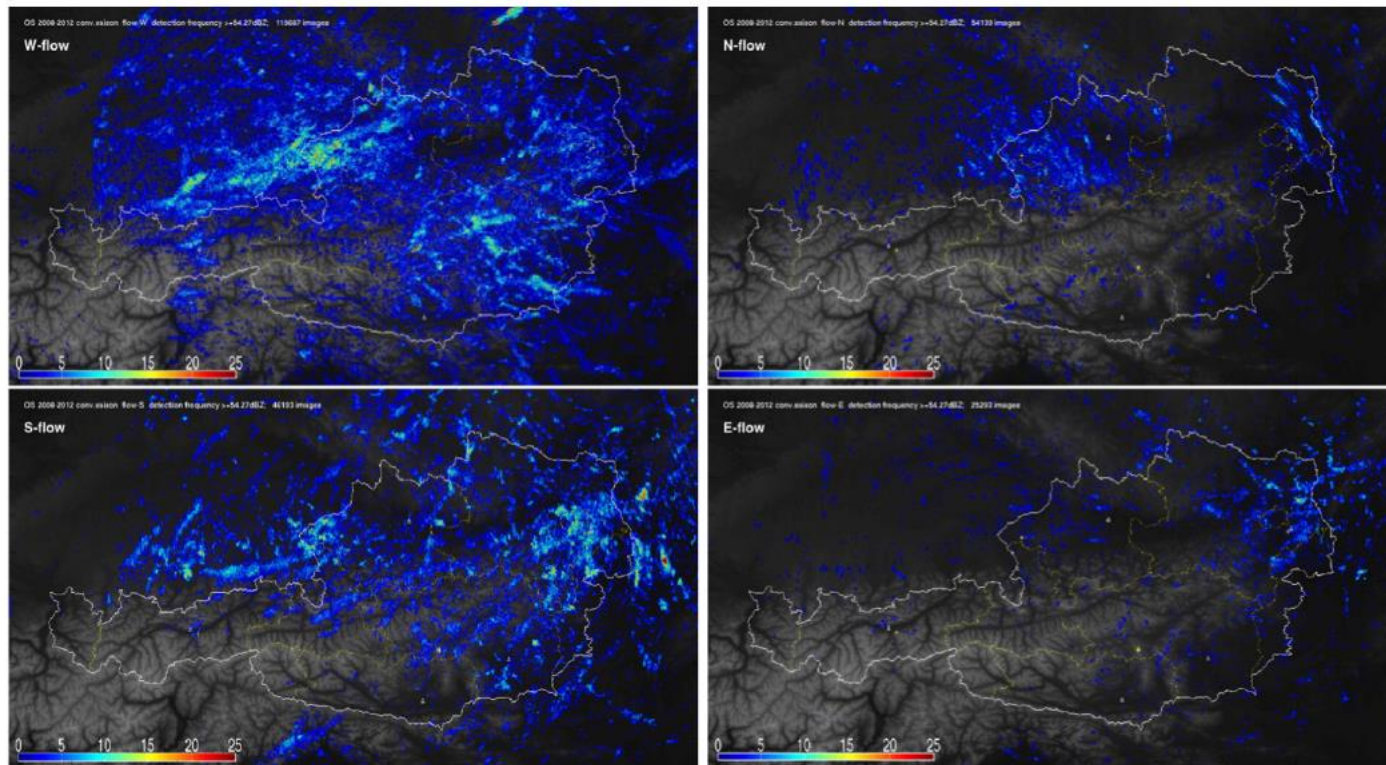
# Boundary layer questions

- ▶ Valley wind systems, their dynamics and interaction with convection, frontal systems, runway changes
- ▶ Role of surface properties, slopes and valley radiational warming interacting with cloudiness
- ▶ Scales resolved?

# Issues of climate change related to convection

- ▶ How are the characteristics of deep convection projected to change in the coming years and decades?
  - Degree of convection organization, cloud tops, intensity, stationarity
- ▶ Are existing findings on the changes of deep convection (lower frequency of occurrence but higher intensity) valid for the Alps?
- ▶ Is the gradual, climate-change-induced shift of the polar front jet stream modified by the Alps?
- ▶ Incidence of tornadic storms and MCS in the vicinity of the Alps (N and S), Role of moisture sources in pre-Alpine lakes?

# Role of Synoptic-scale Flow and shear



**Fig. 6.** As Fig. 2 but for frequency distributions of  $Z \geq 54$  dBZ (absolute numbers) for different flow configurations (500 hPa) during the convective seasons 2008–2012 derived from Austrian composite consisting of 4 weather radars. From upper left to lower right: W-, N-, S- and E-flow.