

NinJo

## System Overview and Usage for Aviation Meteorology at DWD

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## Outline

- 1. Overview, latest features, and status**
- 2. Usage for aviation forecast at DWD**

→ *Live-Demo during this week !*

**where we are →**



## NinJo - joint development of meteorological workstation

### (1) Improve forecasting processes within the Consortium

- Visualization of met Data (OBS, Radar, SAT, NWP,...)
- Production and Warning processes (IGE, EPM, Batch, OSA, MMO)
- Delivery of services to the customer

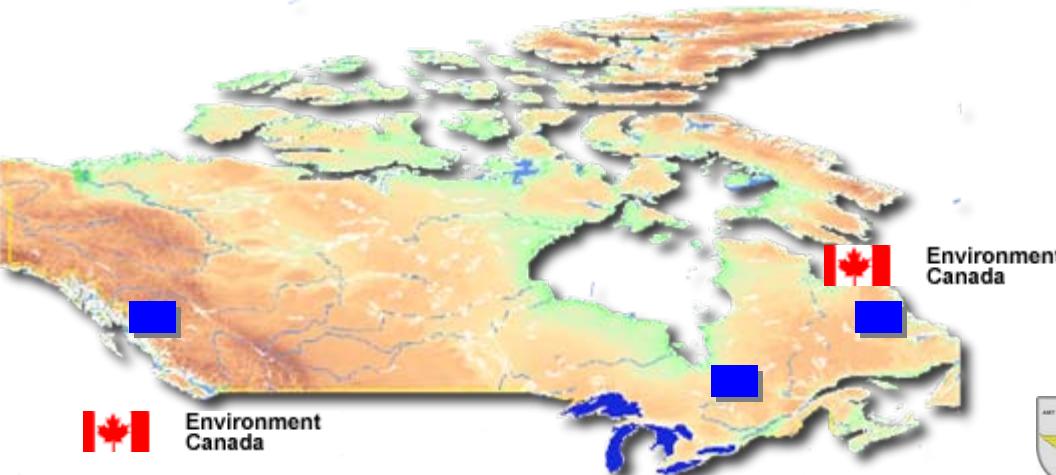
### (2) Share resources for development and maintenance

- Each partner provides resources for development and maintenance
- Personal and financial resources

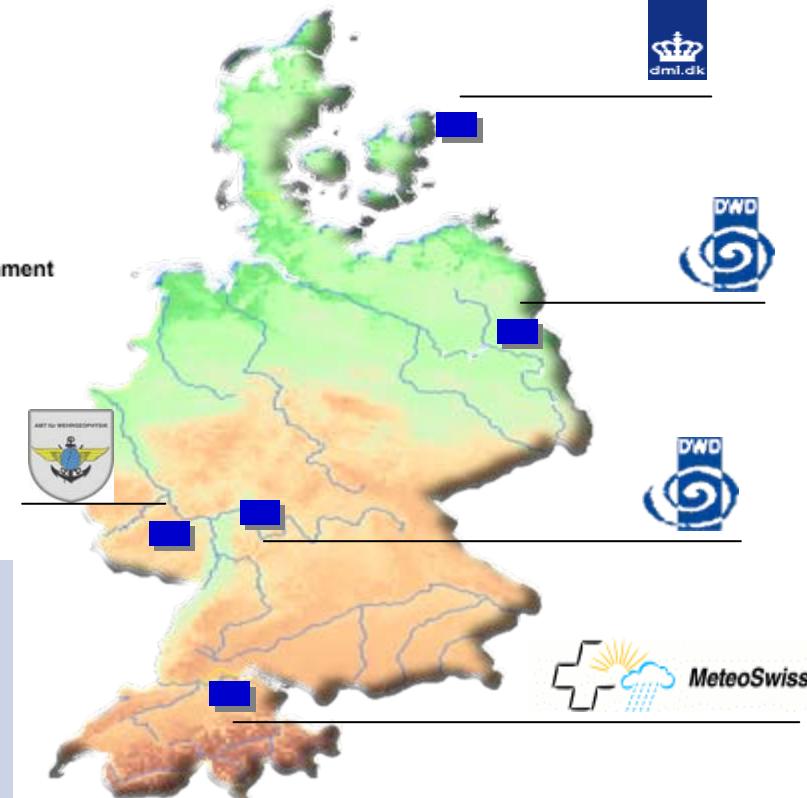
### (3) Licensing of the NinJo-Software

- User licensing income for maintenance and further development
- Licensees profit also from that way of working
- Licensing information: [ [www.ninjo-workstation.com](http://www.ninjo-workstation.com) ]

## NinJo Consortium

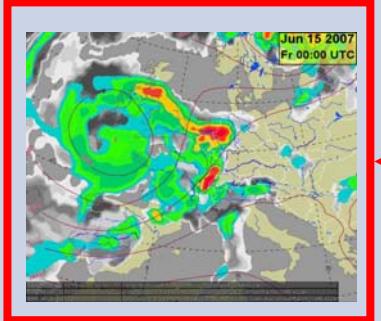


- International collaboration
- Contract of the consortium signed 2006
- Contract committed 2009

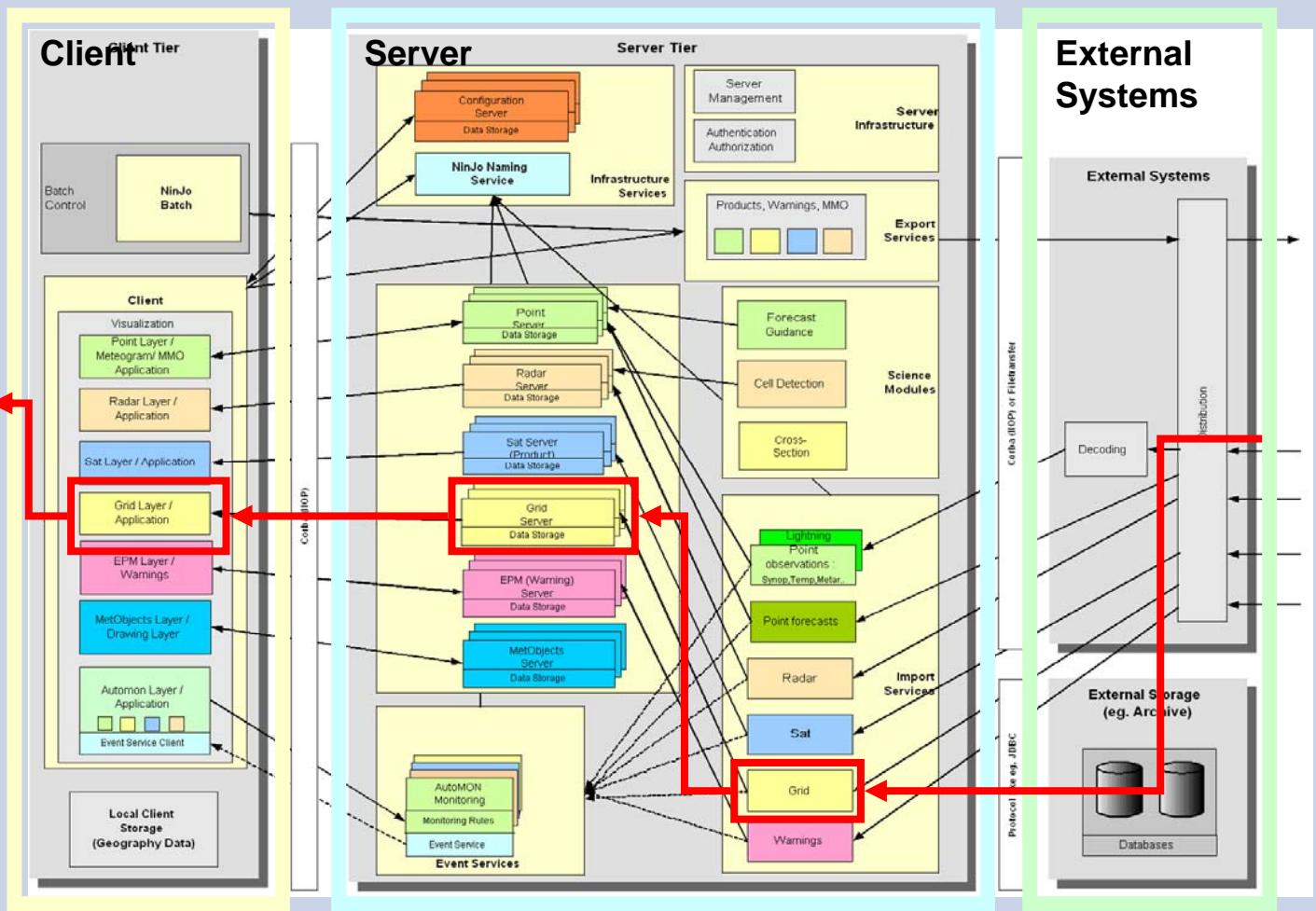


## NinJo - modular technical design

Modular structure  
eg.GRIB data  
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GridLayer



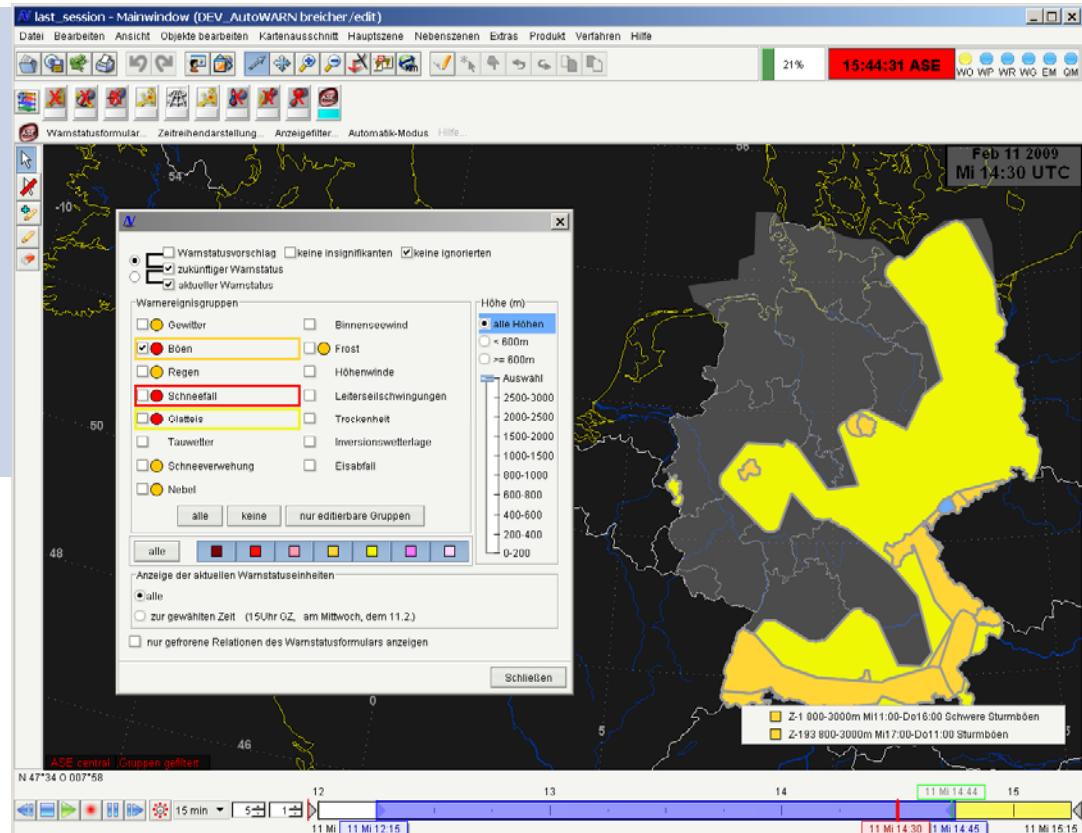
Many data types  
GRID, BUFR,  
Radar, Satellite,  
warnings, cells,  
points, areas, ...



## NinJo - new features : „AutoWARN“

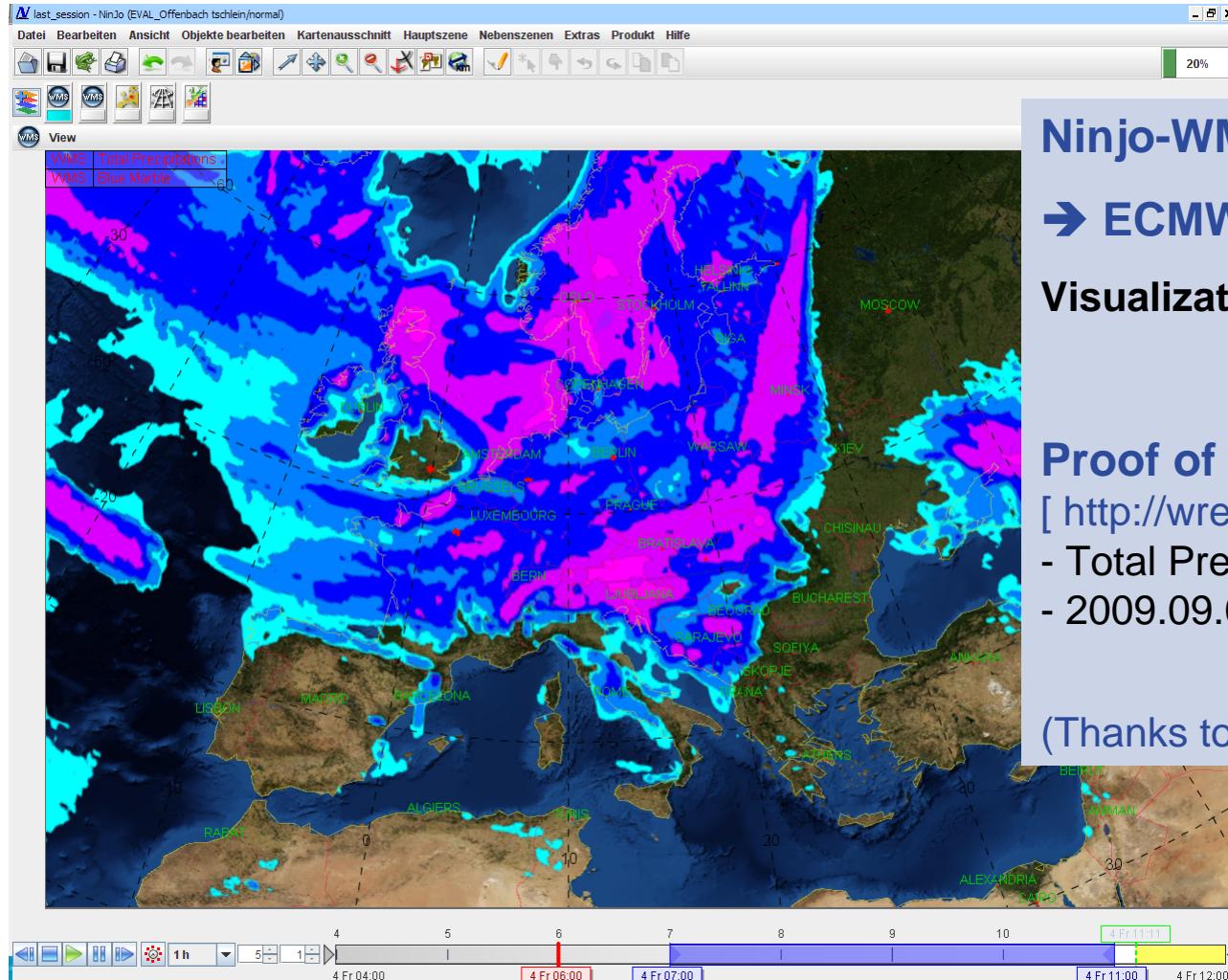
Project AutoWarn finished at DWD

- automatic generation of warning status from various data sources (observation, model, MOS-postprocessing )
- support to warning process



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## NinJo - new features : „WMS Layer“



Ninjo-WMS-Layer

→ ECMWF-WMS-Server

Visualization of existing WMS-data

Proof of Concept with

[ <http://wrep.ecmwf.int/wms/> ]

- Total Precipitation

- 2009.09.04 – 06:00 UTC

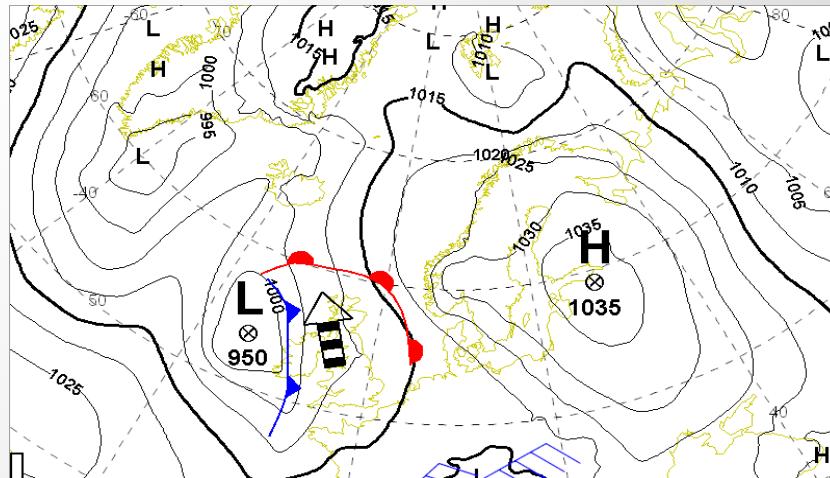
(Thanks to ECMWF)

## NinJo - Scheduled Meteorological Product Creation

interactive

ProductWorkbench

→ *interactive editing*



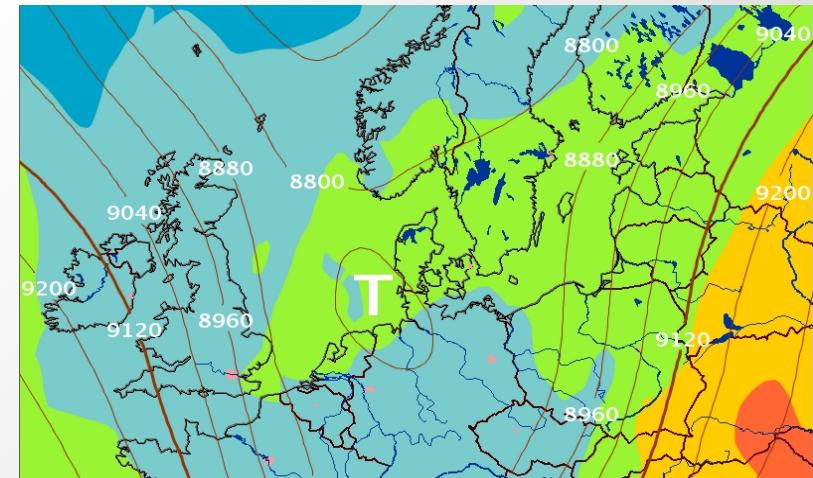
*since October 2009: operational  
Significant Weather Chart (SWC)*



non-interactive

NinJo Batch

→ *parametrization*



*Prototype and testing*

Geopotential 300 hPa (gpm)  
Temperatur 850 hPa (°C)  
VT: Sat 04 Oct 2008 06 UTC (00+12h)  
(c) 2008 Deutscher Wetterdienst



## NinJo – Operational usage within consortium

... at MSC

- 2009: operational parallel with legacy system
- replacement of legacy system with NinJo-1.3.4
- 134 Clients, 65 Servers



Environment Canada



Environment  
Canada

MET-Office Frankfurt

application example for aviation  
meteorology

... at DMI

- operational at all sites since 2007
- 14 Clients, 8 Servers



... at DWD

- operational at all sites since 2007
- 350 Clients, 90 Servers



Arbeitsgemeinschaft  
Wehrwetterdienst



... at MeteoSuisse

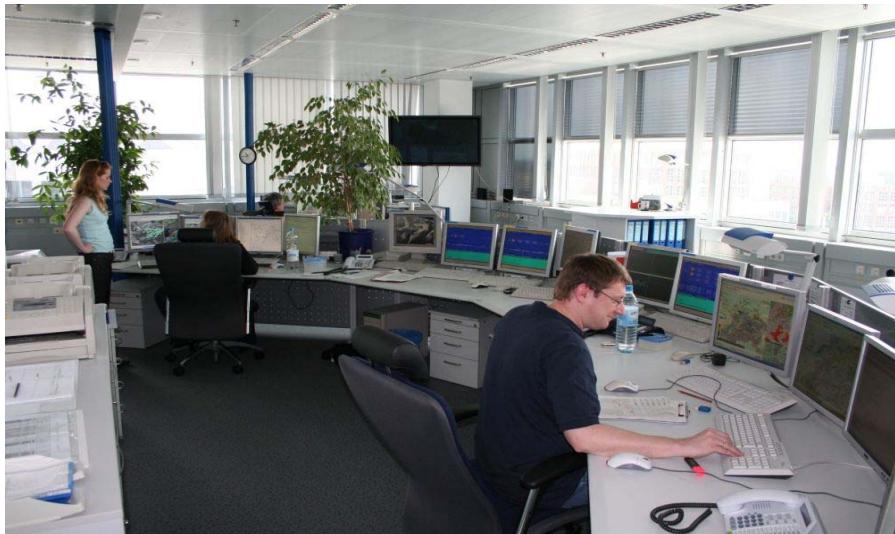


- operational at all sites since 2007
- 25 Clients, 5 Server

## Using NinJo at Frankfurt Advisory Centre for Aviation



**Michael Rohn, Stephan Schmidt**



## MET-Office Frankfurt Advisory Centre for Aviation

**with a view over the  
airfield and the runways**



**Forecasters are  
working in 24/7 shift  
work**

**20 employees**

**5 workplaces, each with:**

- 1 PC / 2 screens**
- 1 NinJo PC / 2 screens**
- The SWC workplace  
with 1 additional NinJo  
PC / 2 screens**



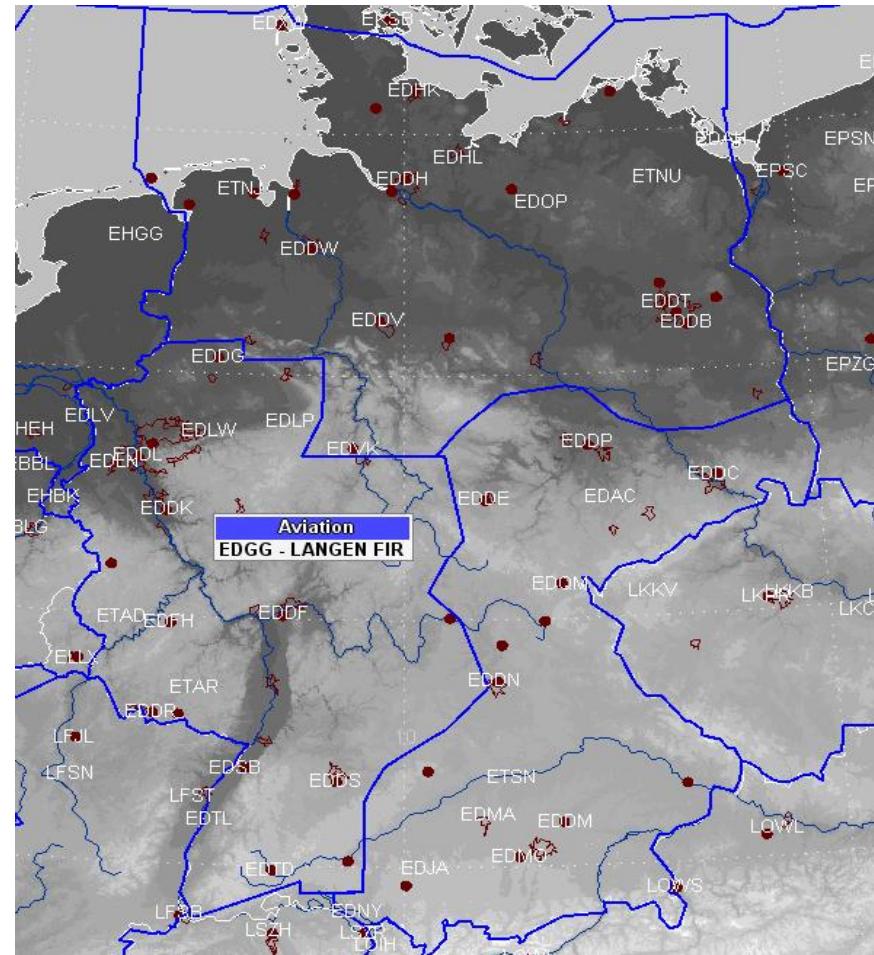
## Duties and responsibilities of Advisory Centre Frankfurt

- MET-Office Frankfurt is a Meteorological Watch Office (MWO)
- TAF for EDDF, EDDR, EDFH, EDFM, EDVK, EDRZ
- TAF (4 pm – 6 am) for EDDS, EDSB, EDTL, EDTD
- TREND for EDDF, EDDR and EDDS (4 pm – 6 am)
- Airport warnings and GAFOR area warnings
- Weather reports for ballooning and soaring flight
- Advice and reports for Frankfurt Airport Air Traffic Management
- Briefing of SAR and General Aviation by phone

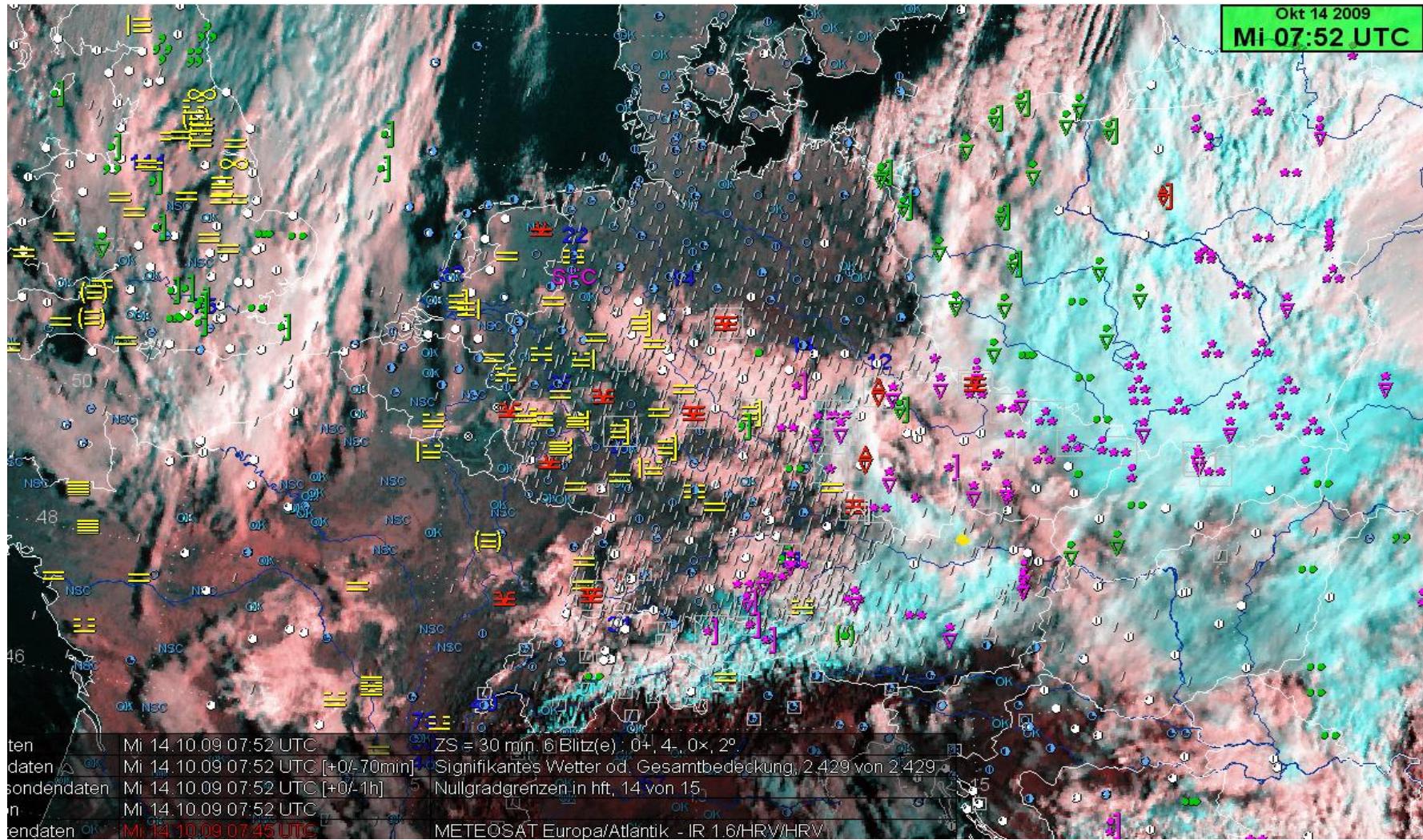
## **Duties and responsibilities of Advisory Centre Frankfurt**

## Airspace:

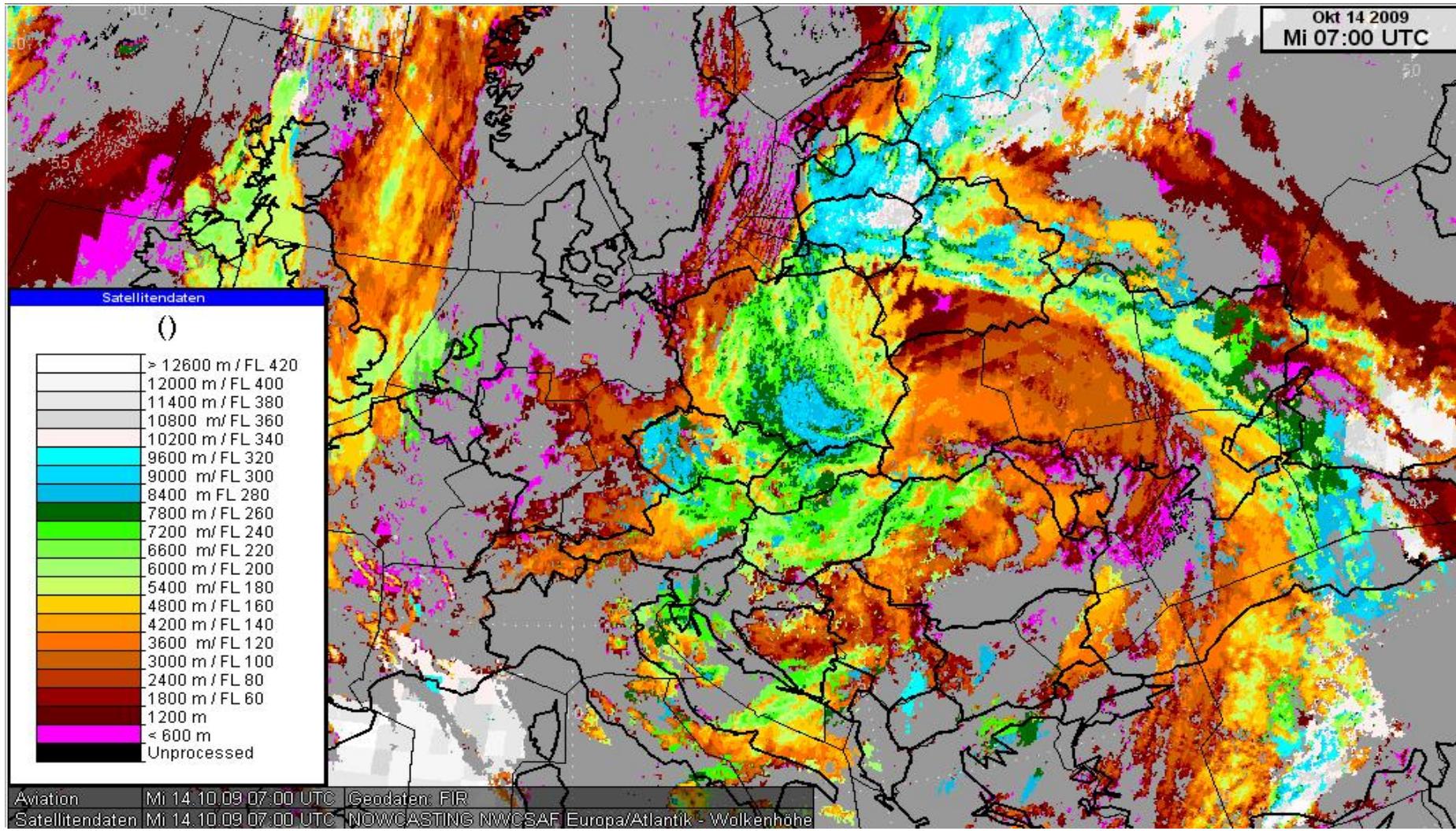
- SIGMET Langen FIR
  - SIGMET Rhein UIR
  - Significant Weather Chart (SWC)
  - GAMET/AIRMET Langen FIR
  - GAFOR for SW GERMANY
  - Weather reports for Rhein control (Rhein UIR) and German Air Traffic Control



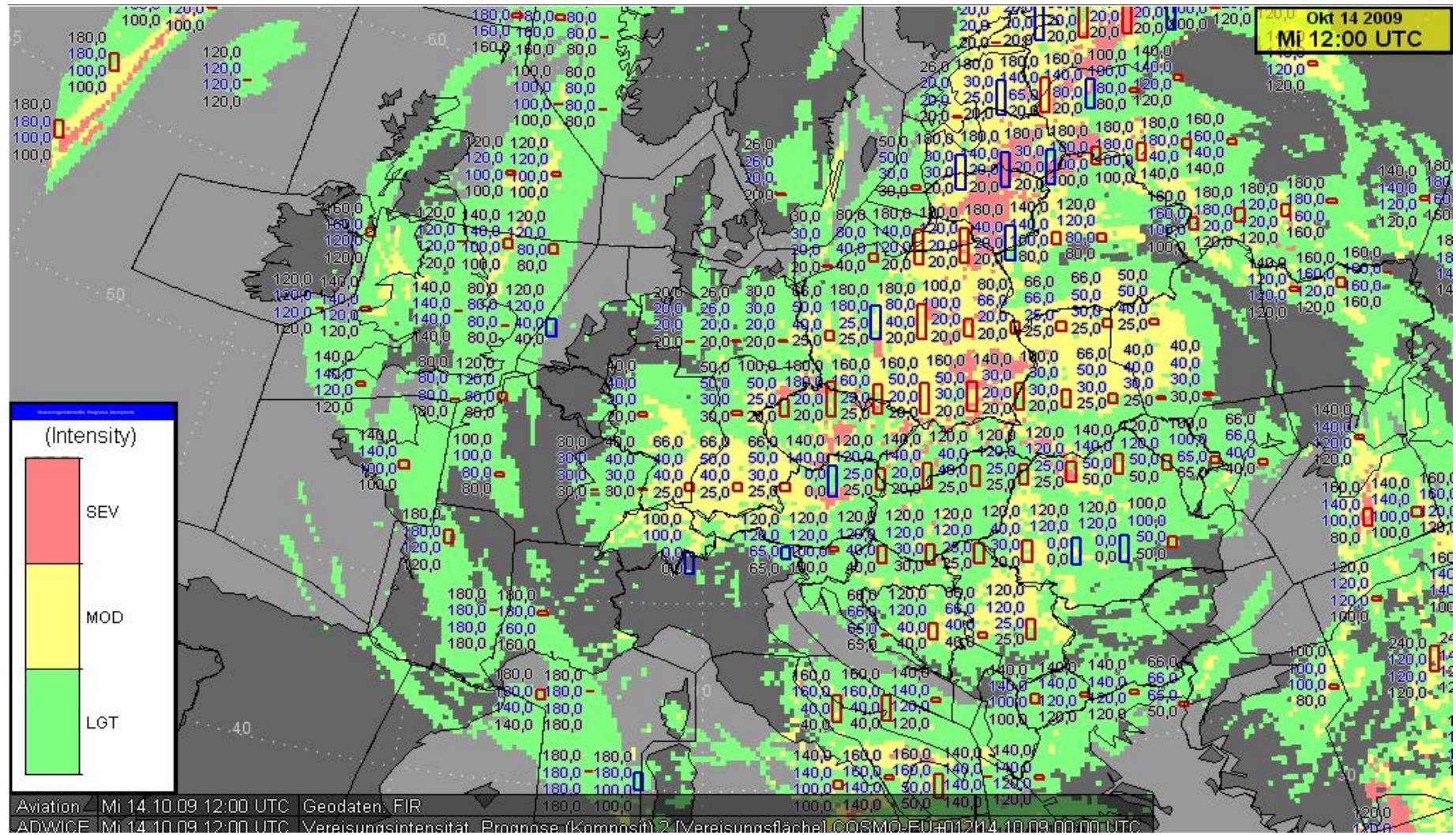
## Using NinJo for weather monitoring and weather consultation



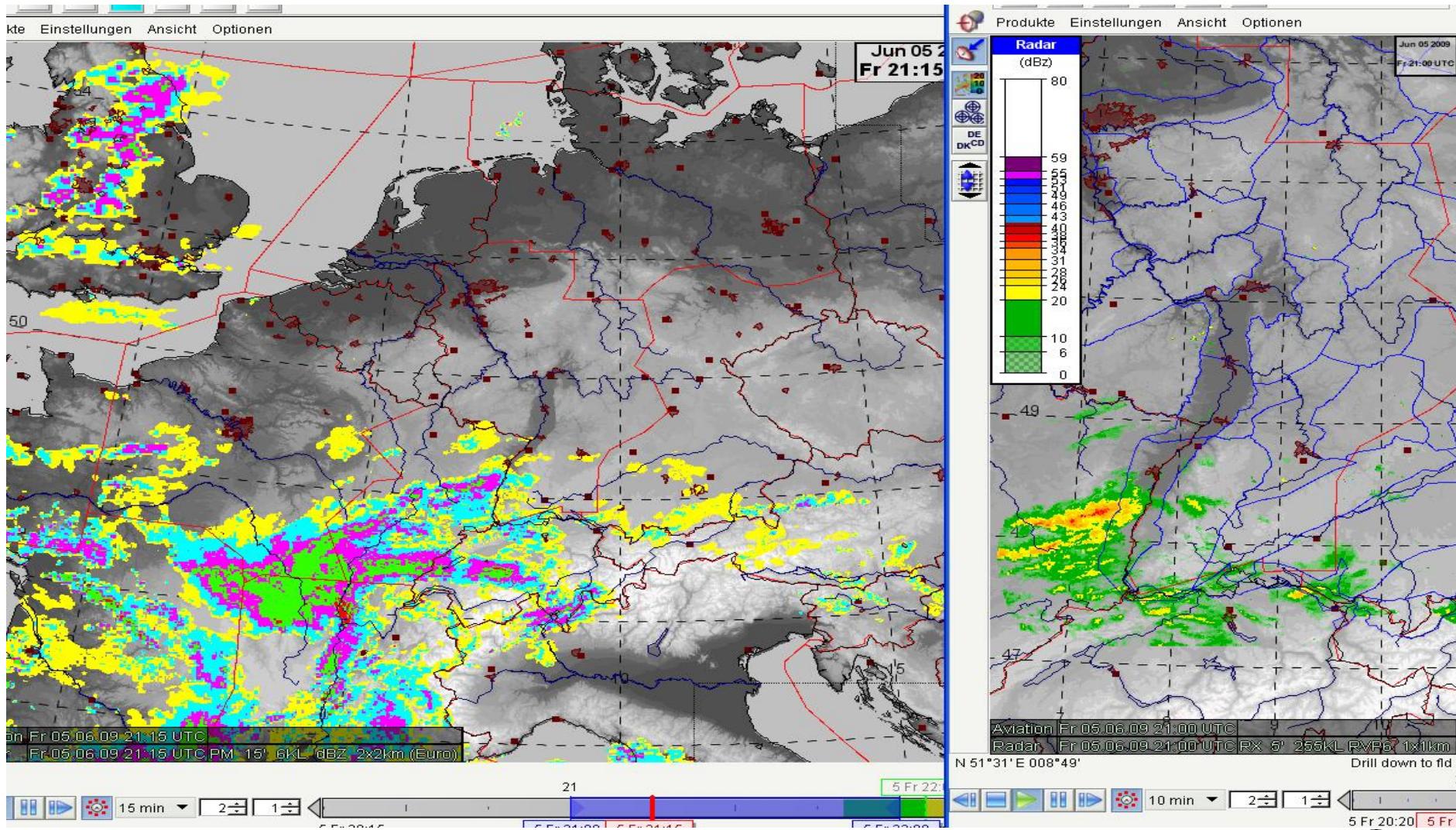
## Information about cloud tops at the Satellite Layer



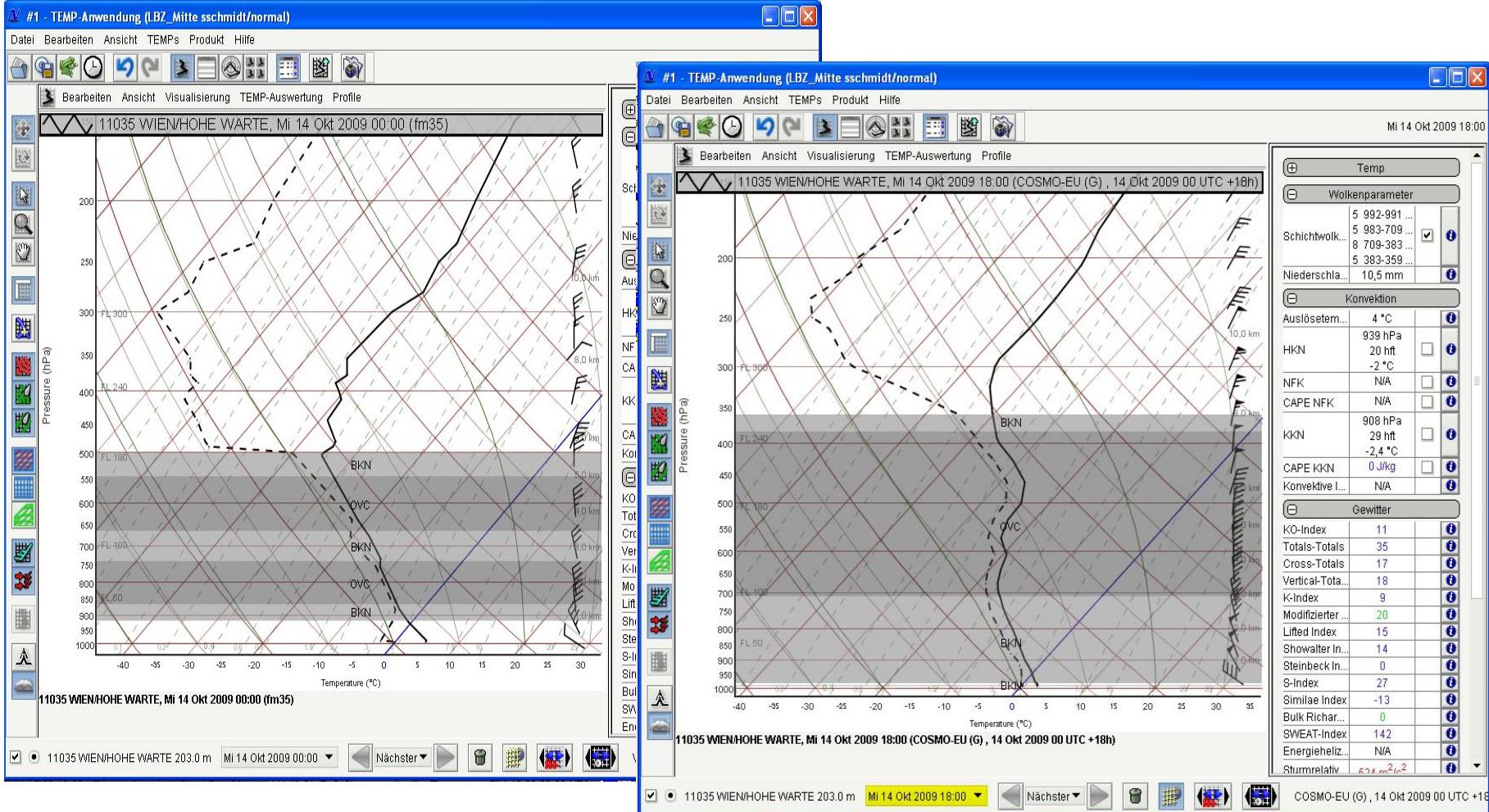
## Icing forecast ADWICE available in NinJo



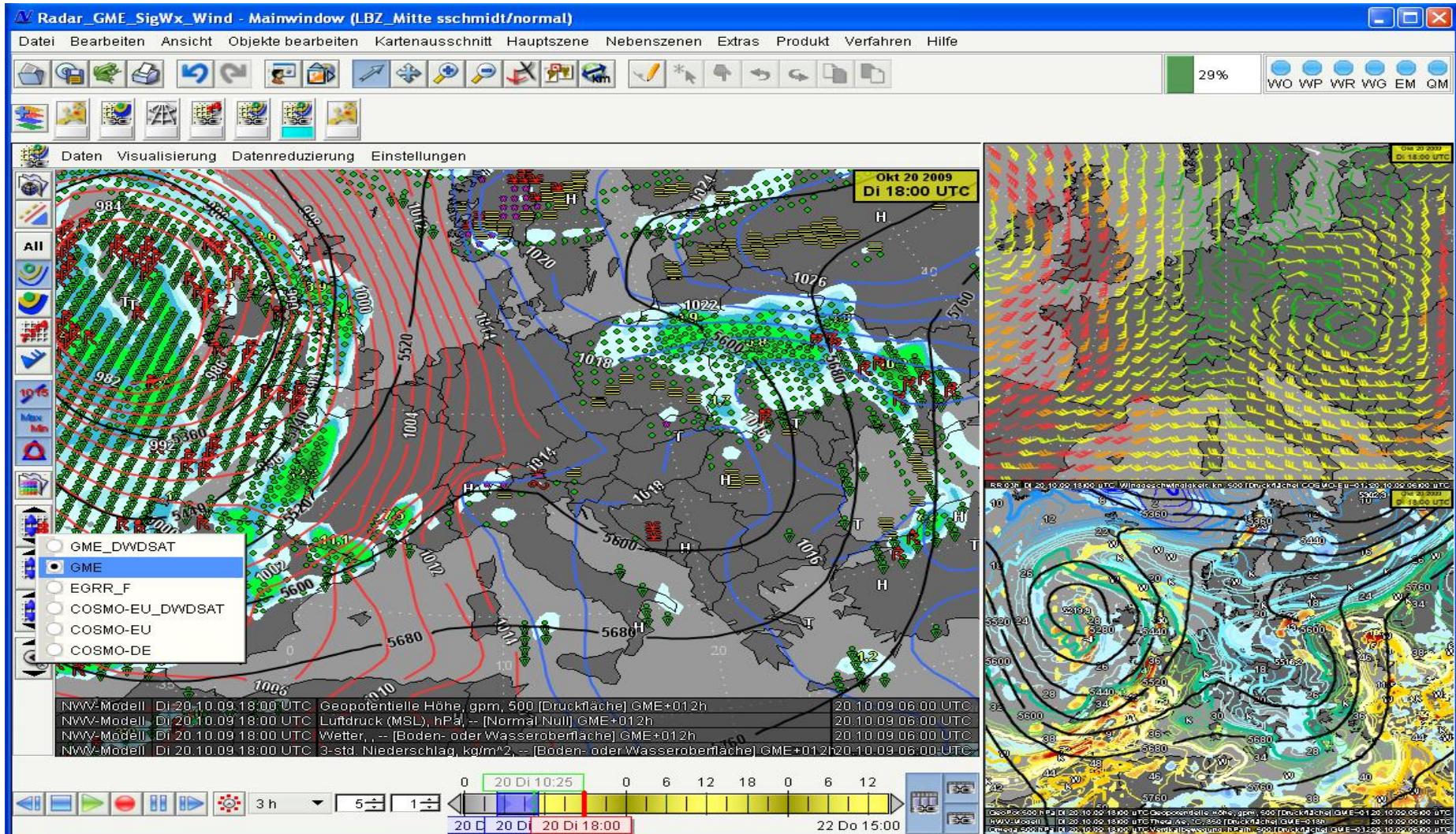
## Radar Monitoring via display of FIR and GAFOR borderlines

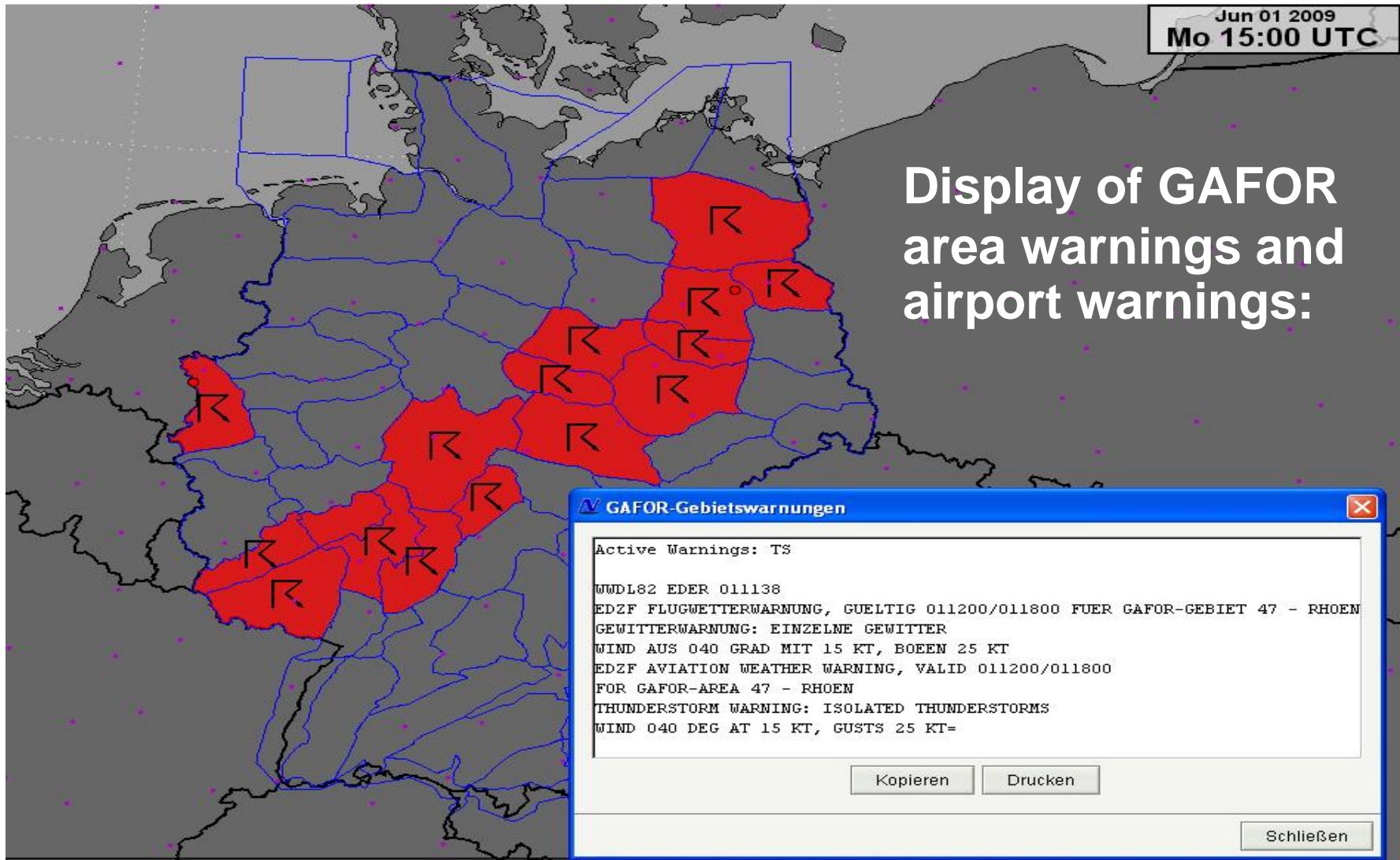


## Current Sounding data as well as prognosis Sounding data



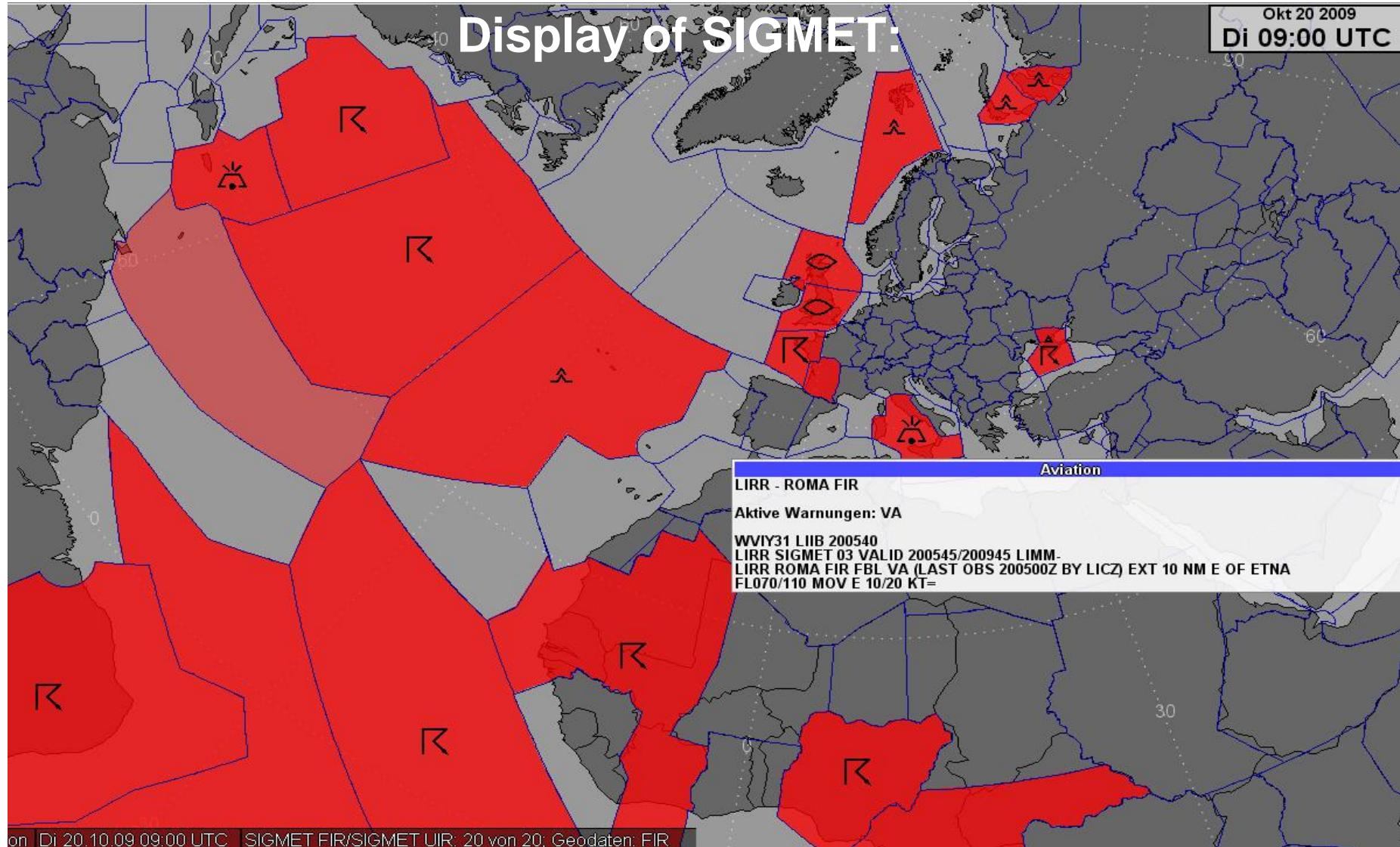
## Model data at NinJo Mainscene and Secondary Scenes



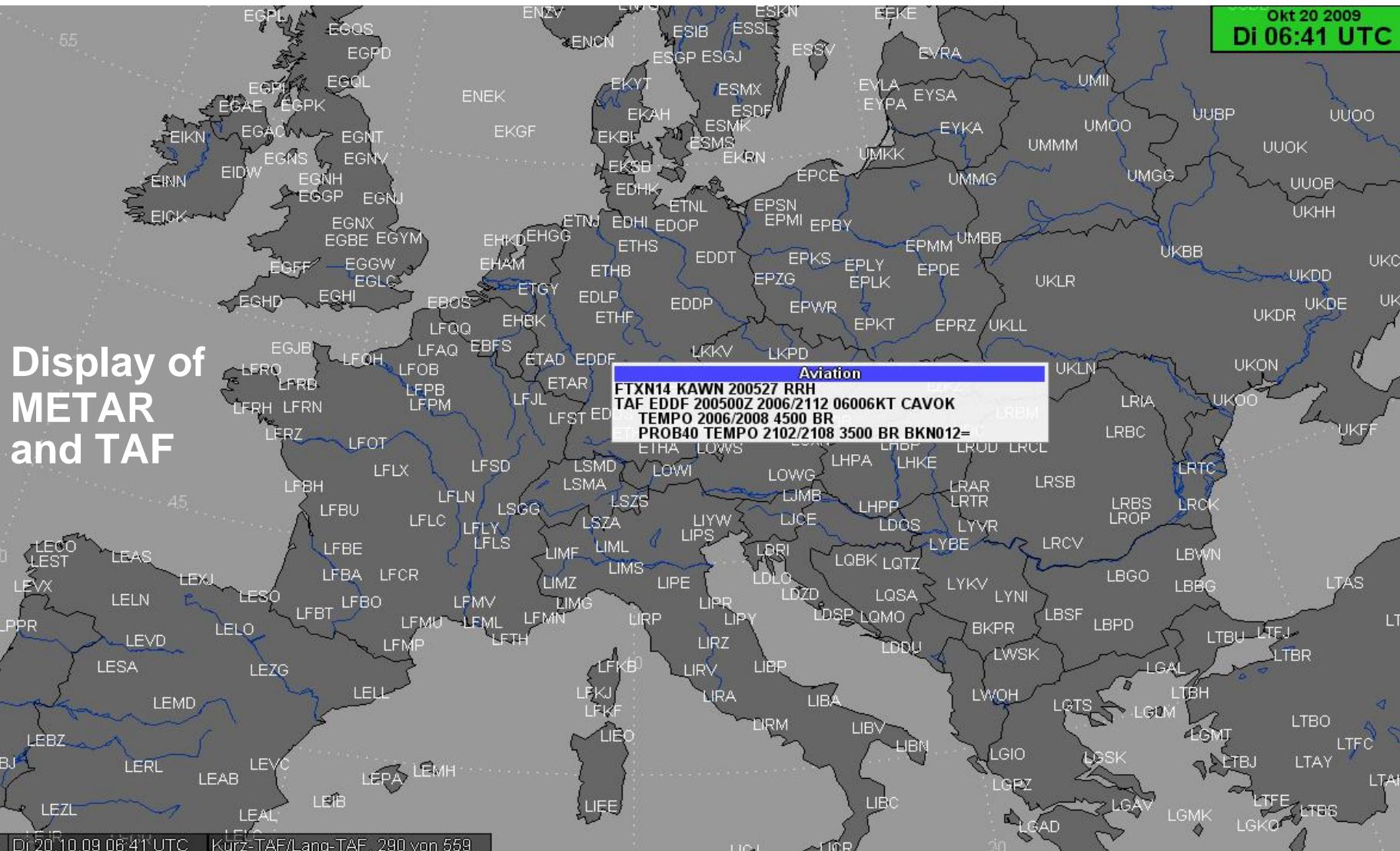


## Display of SIGMET:

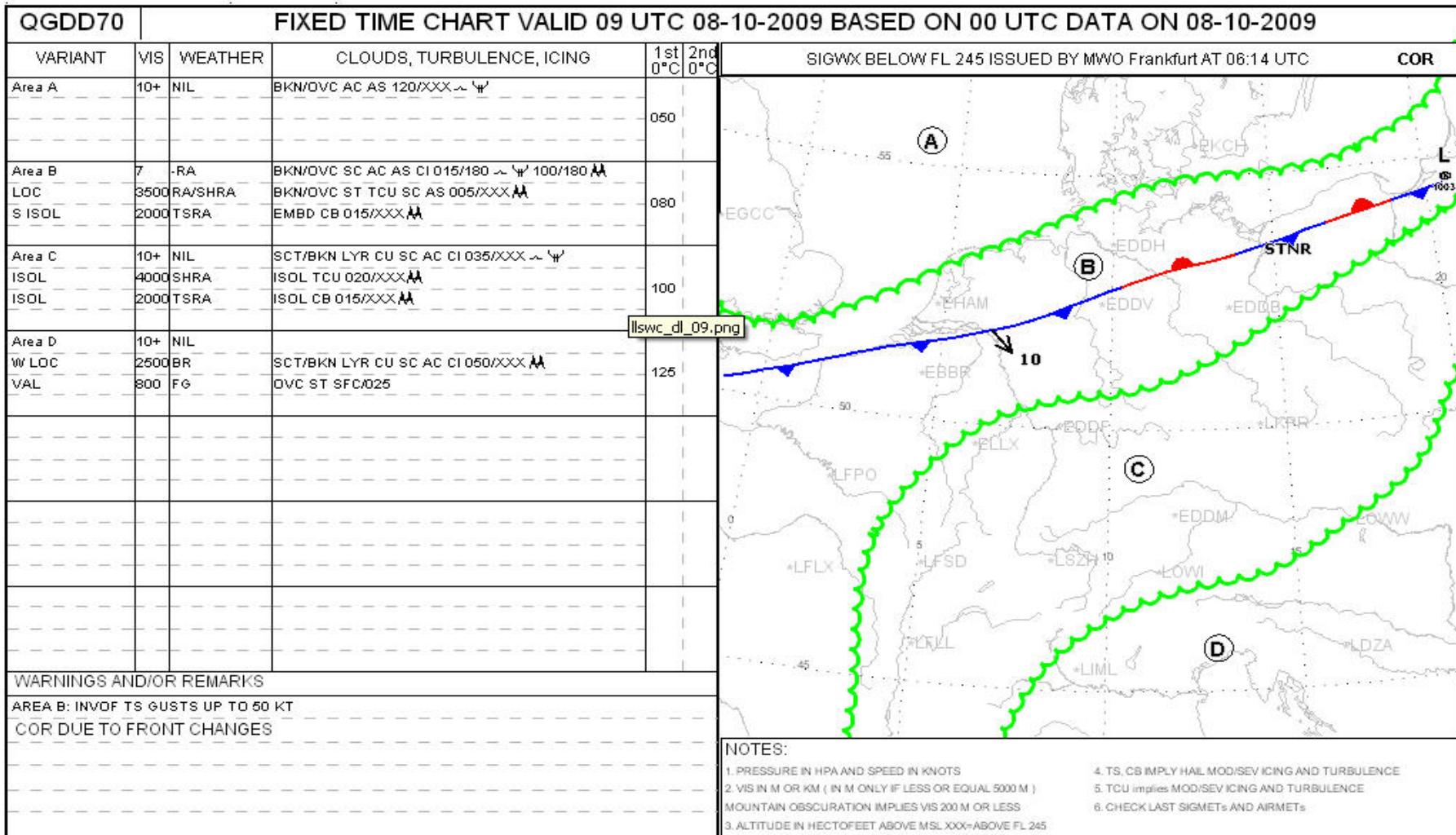
Okt 20 2009  
Di 09:00 UTC



Okt 20 2009  
Di 06:41 UTC



## Editing of Significant Weather Chart below FL245 with NinJo PWB Client:



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