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# COSMO General Meeting

## Five Applications

*Sibiu, 2-6 Sept 2013*

*Jacques Ambühl*



## Plan

- Use of COSMO-7 data to generate power production forecasts for photovoltaic plants
- Towards operational Clear Air Turbulence diagnostics with COSMO-7
- Dispersion forecast for nuclear pollutants
- Gale warnings with genetic algorithms using COSMO-2 data
- Optimization of sequential sailing decisions based on COSMO-2



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# Use of COSMO data to generate power production forecasts for photovoltaic plants

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- ❑ Generate day-ahead power production forecasts for a Swiss wide system of photovoltaic (PV) plants in 15-min resolution based on COSMO
- ❑ Benefit of COSMO (mainly irradiance data) in meeting the needs of the energy sector for highest-resolution weather prediction data both temporally and spatially
- ❑ Quantification and discussion of meteorological and technical errors / uncertainties associated with a PV power production forecast based on COSMO



Data	Source	Temporal resolution	Spatial resolution
COSMO-2	MeteoSwiss	1 h	2.2 x 2.2 km
Satellite	MeteoSwiss	15 min / 24 h	1.1 x 1.7 km
Surface observations	MeteoSwiss	10 min / 24 h	SwissMetNet Stations
PV metadata	ewz	-	PV plants
PV production data	ewz	15 min	PV plants
Balancing energy prices	Swissgrid	15 min	Switzerland

→ *COSMO-2: most representative grid point for each PV plant location as data basis*

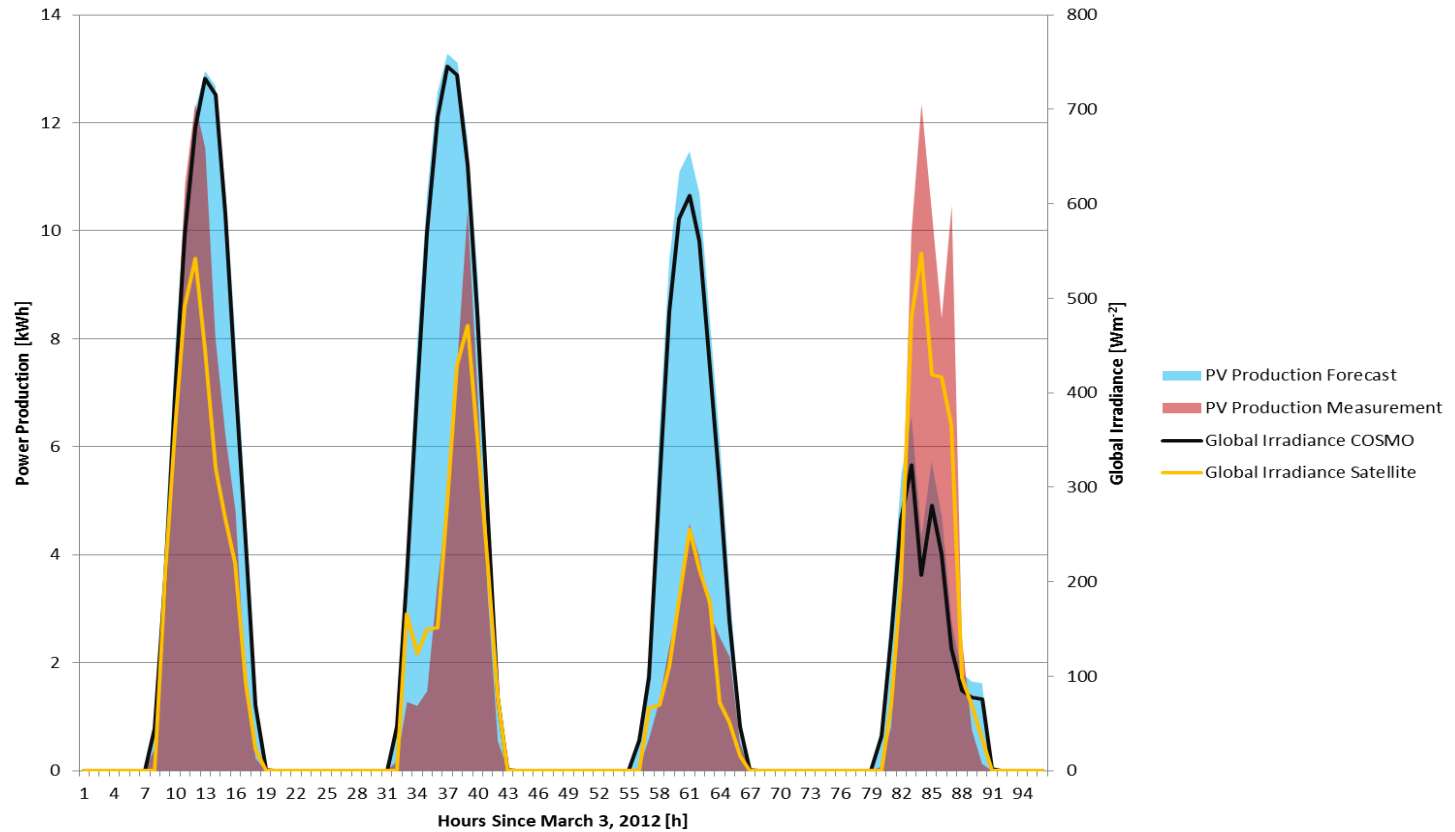
→ *Satellite: closest grid point for each PV plant location as data basis*

→ *All data are available for the years 2010 – 2012*





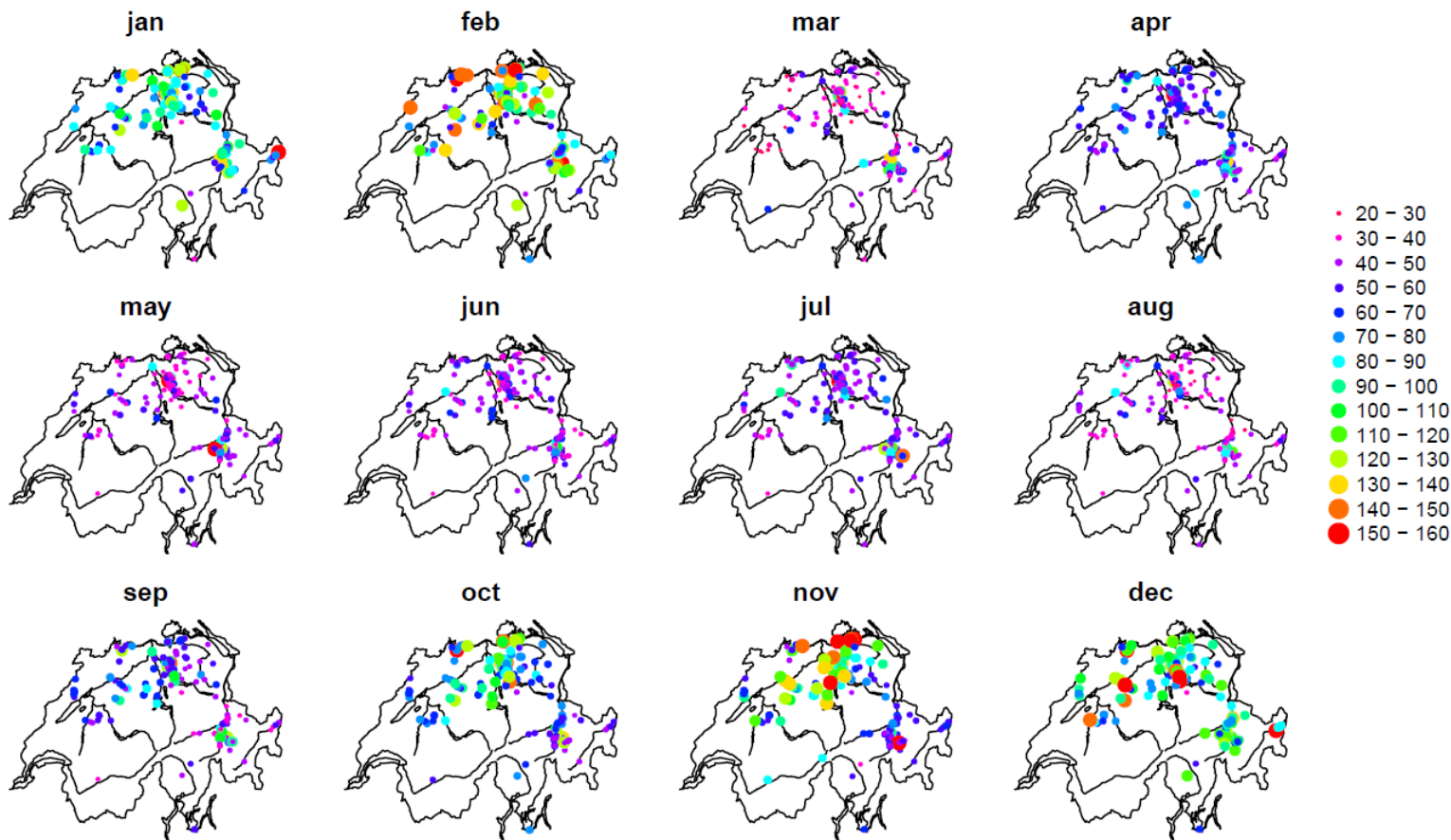
# PV forecast verification: «Tilted» | time series example | March 3 – 6, 2012



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# PV forecast verification: «Tilted» | RMSE | 2012 | corrected (only for prod. > 0.5 kWh)



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# Towards operational Clear Air Turbulence diagnostics with COSMO-7

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## CAT Indexes:

- Gradient Richardson Number **RI**
- Ellrod & Knapp Indexes **TI1 & TI2**
- Trend Term **DTV**
- Divergence Modified Turbulence Index **DTI**  $\ni$  {TI1, DTV}
- Turbulent Kinetic Energy (**TKE**)

## Opt. Thresholds

- RI: 0.7; TI2: 4.0E-6 [s<sup>-2</sup>]; TKE: 0.6 [J]; DTI: 7.0E-6 [s<sup>-2</sup>]

## Trade off between thresholds and Volume event

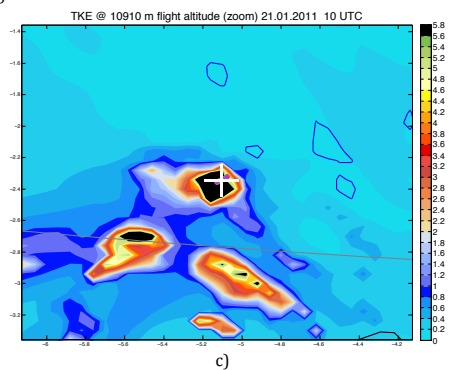
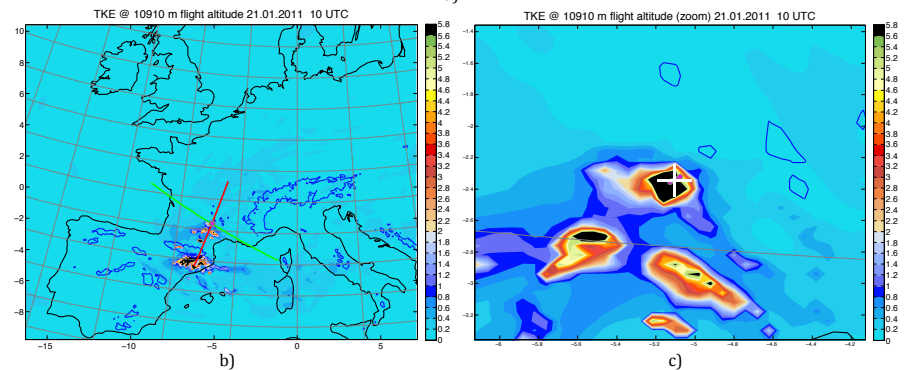
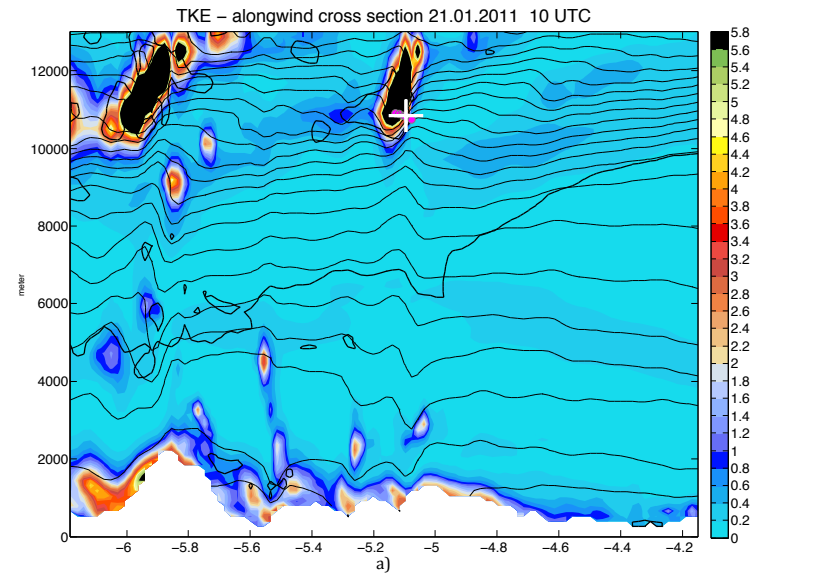
## Tests in 2014



# Example CAT Event 21.01.2011: Massif Central (F): Mountain Gravity Wave

Source: Swiss Airlines, Flight  
Data Management

Outcome: objective warning  
tool for aviation forecasters





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# Dispersion forecast for nuclear pollutants

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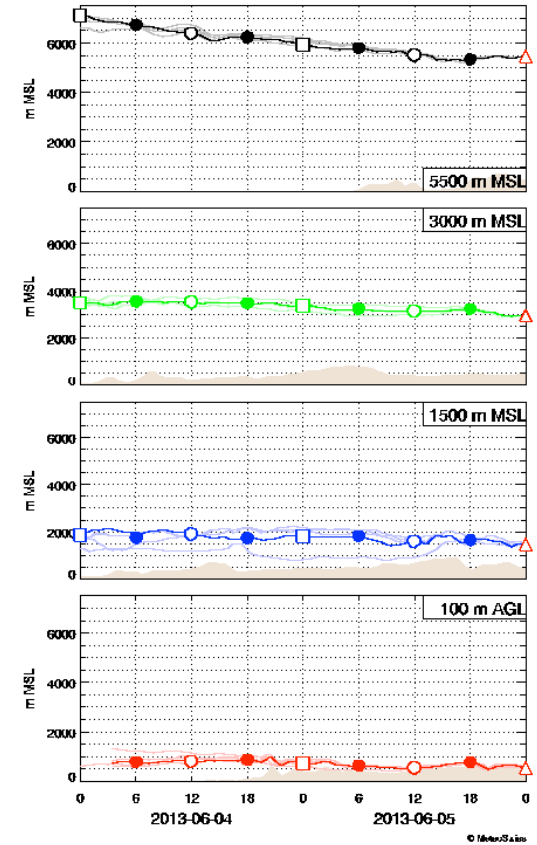
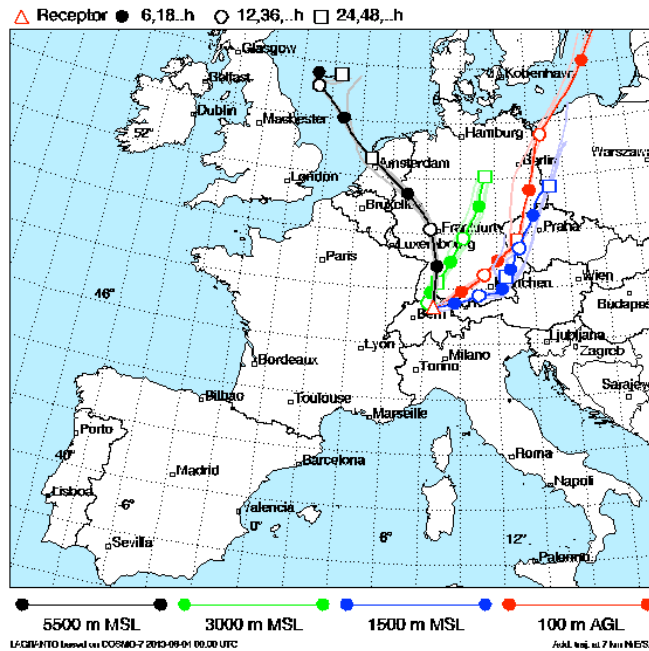
# COSMO-7

## Dispersion

### path of an air parcel starting from Zürich

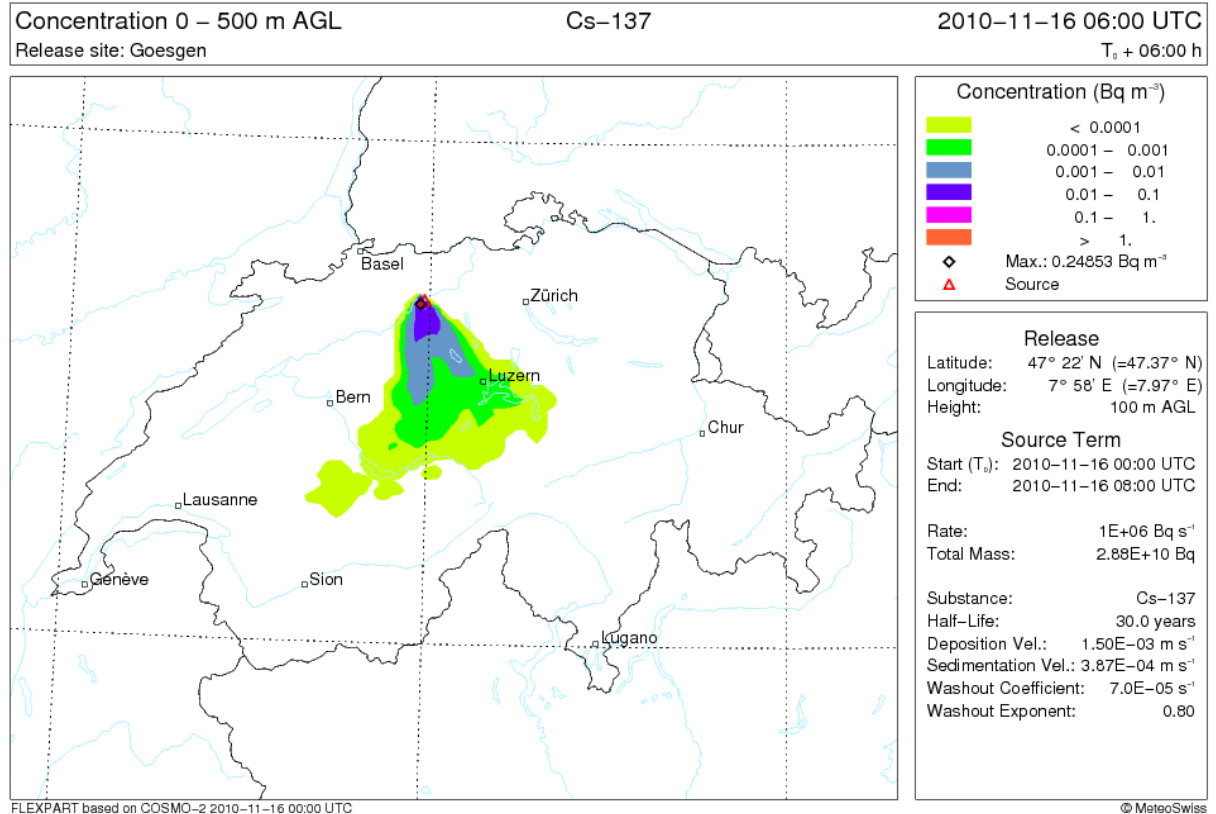
### Fast estimation

TRAJECTORIES	Arrival	2013-06-06 00:00 UTC
Receptor site: Zuerich		
Coordinates: 47° 23' N, 8° 34' E (47.38° N, 8.57° E)		
Elevation (COSMO-7): 492 m MSL		





COSMO-2  
Dispersion &  
concentration of  
radioactive  
pollutants  
starting from  
Gösgen.  
Comprehensive  
simulation





# Gale warnings with genetic algorithms using COSMO-2 data

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# Herds dynamics: nowcasting of gales with genetic programming

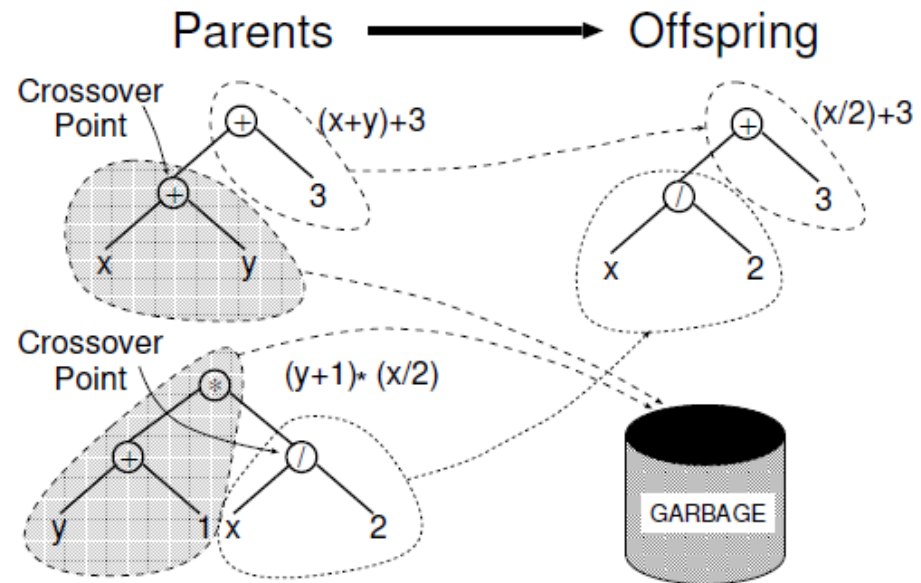


Figure 7: Example of sub tree crossover (Poli, Landon, & McPhee, 2008)

300 - 1000 generations  
1000 individuals per generation  
ensembles with 20 individuals

System under further development





```
divide.evaluate(pow.evaluate(fmo, 7.598043337179606), dmo)
```

## Herds dynamics: nowcasting of gales with genetic programming

```
Depth = 3  
Fitness = 5487.260577858043  
Hit Rate = 98.25662482566248  
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Test Hit Rate = 97.48603351955308  
TestFalseAlarmratio = 44.092911493792556
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```
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minus.evaluate(1.5110163068855542, tt60))))))
```

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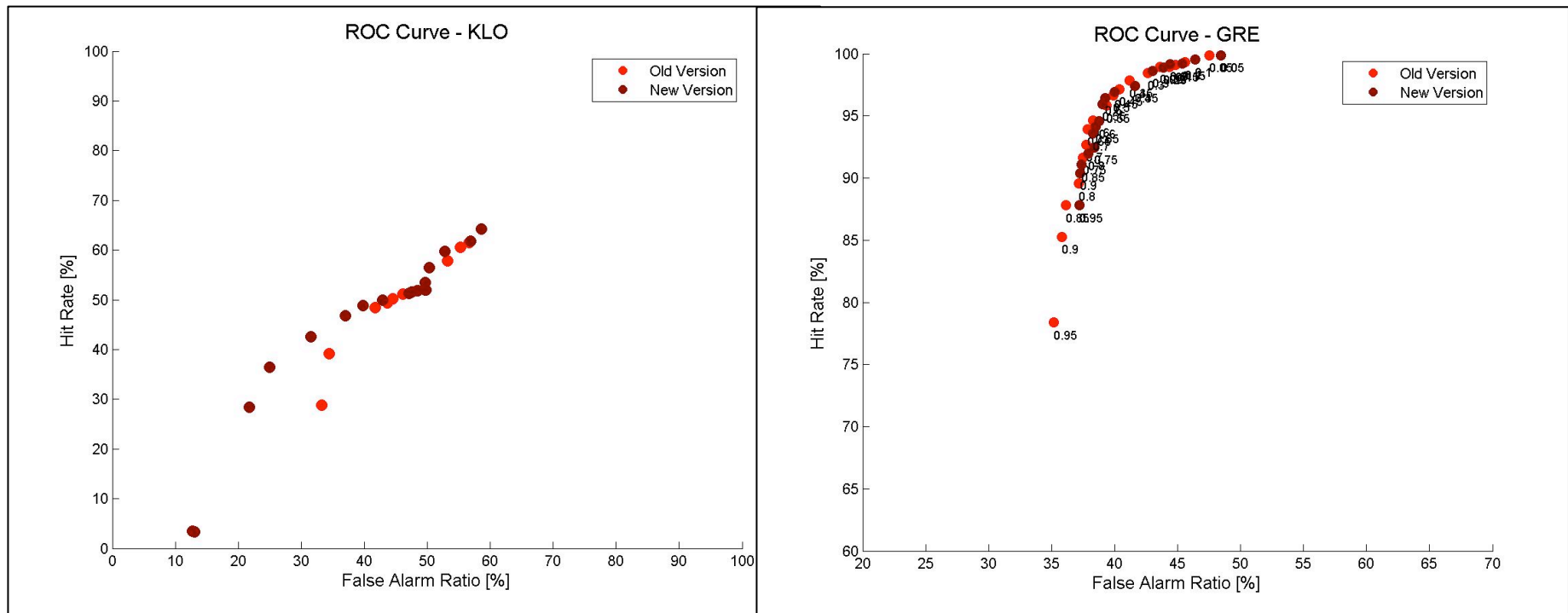
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# Herds dynamics: nowcasting of gales with genetic programming

Left: Kloten, without COSMO (only Observations)

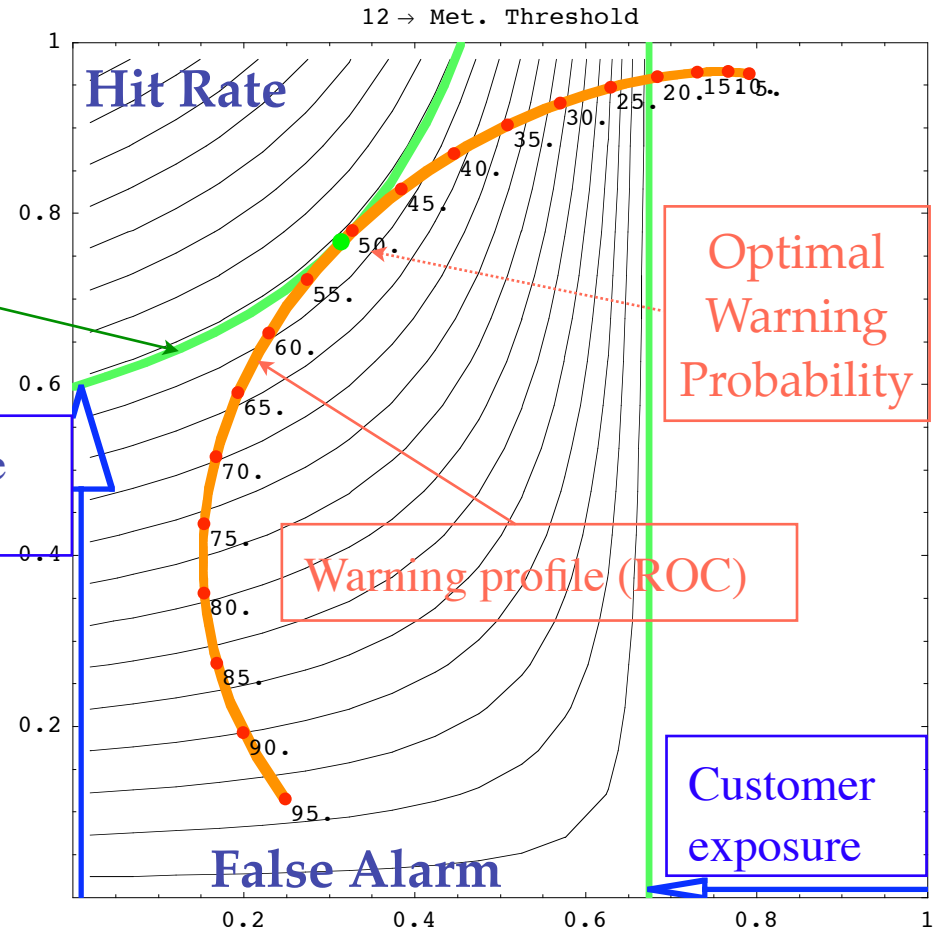
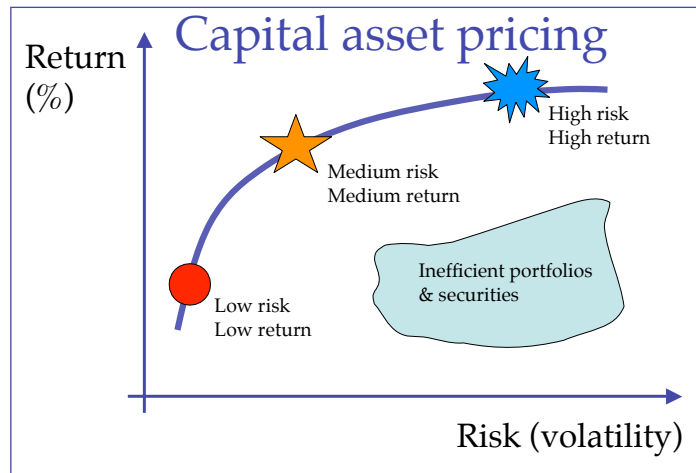
Right: Grenchen, with COSMO (FieldExtra) and Obs



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# ROC vs Efficient Frontier



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# Optimization of sequential sailing decisions based on COSMO-2 forecasts

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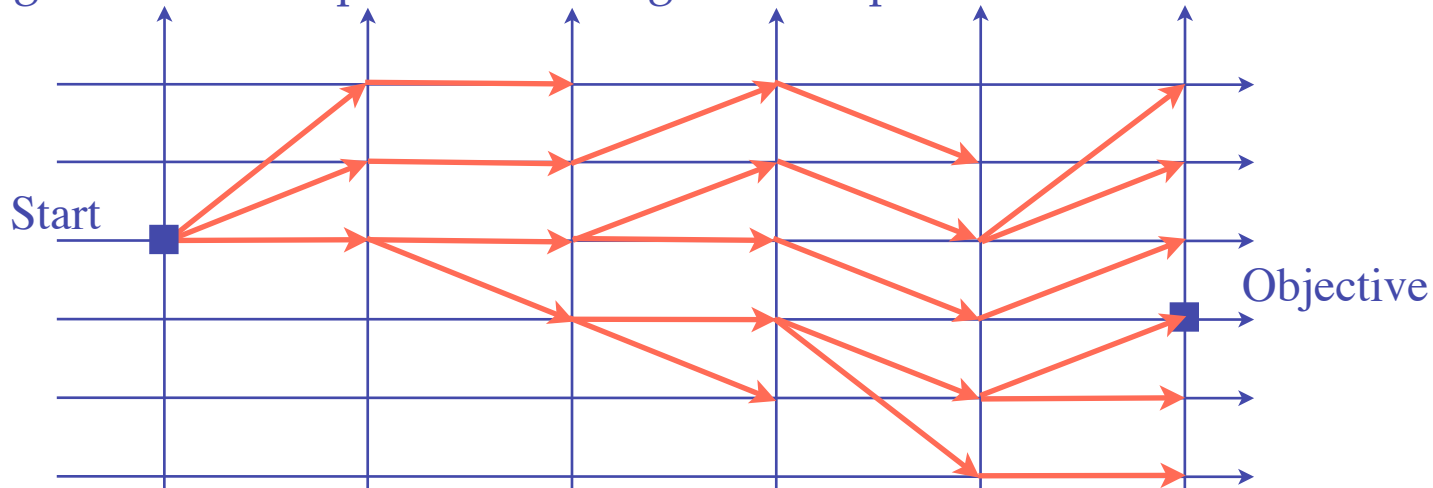
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## Sequential Decision: Dynamical Programming

Seeking forward for options: building a tree of potential decisions



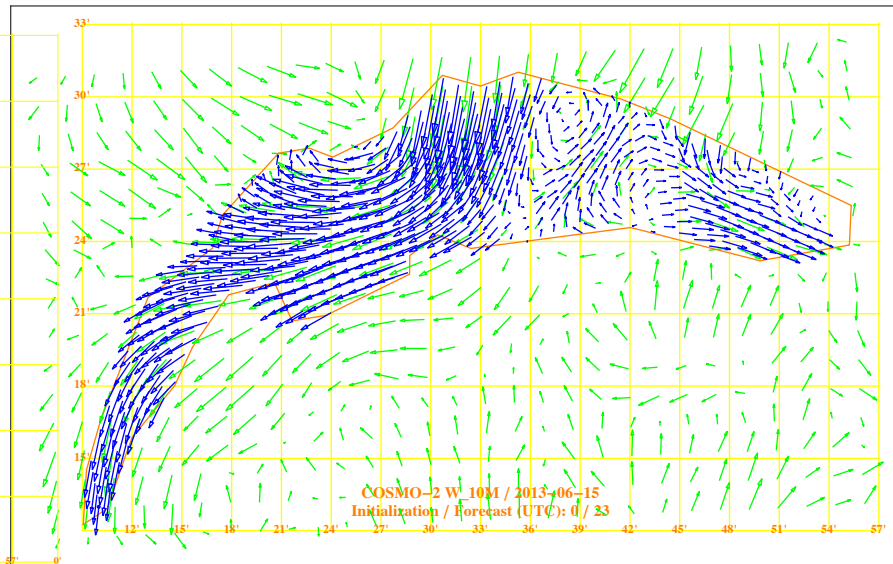
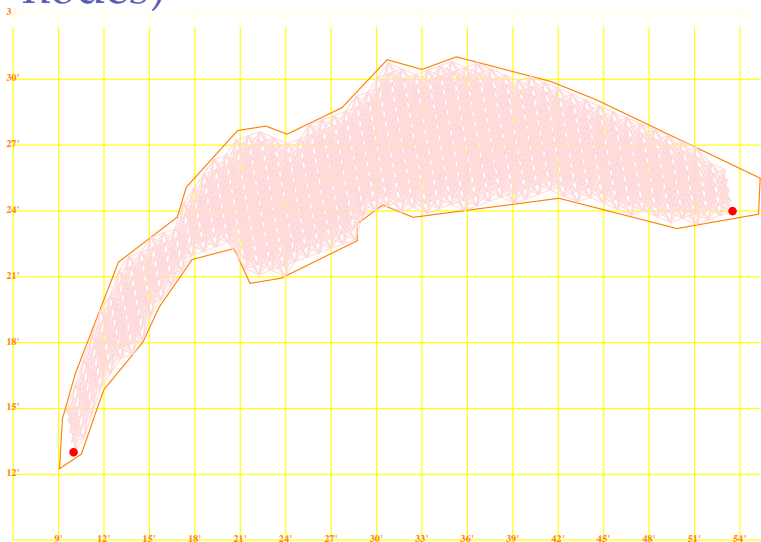
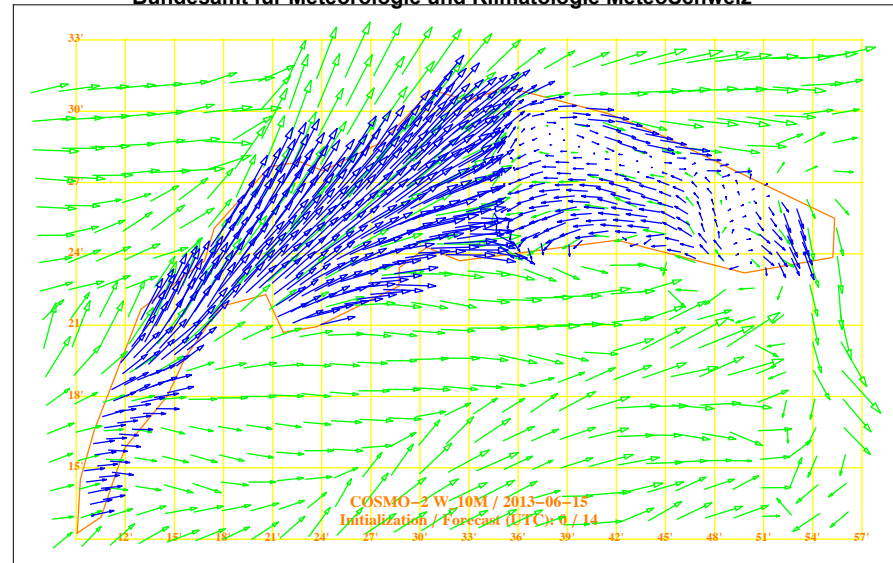
Following the best sequence backward from the objective, as provided by the tree

## Optimization of weather dependent sequential processes



Right:  
COSMO-2 10m Windfield  
(Extraction: FieldExtra)

Below:  
Decision network  
(with departure and arrival nodes)

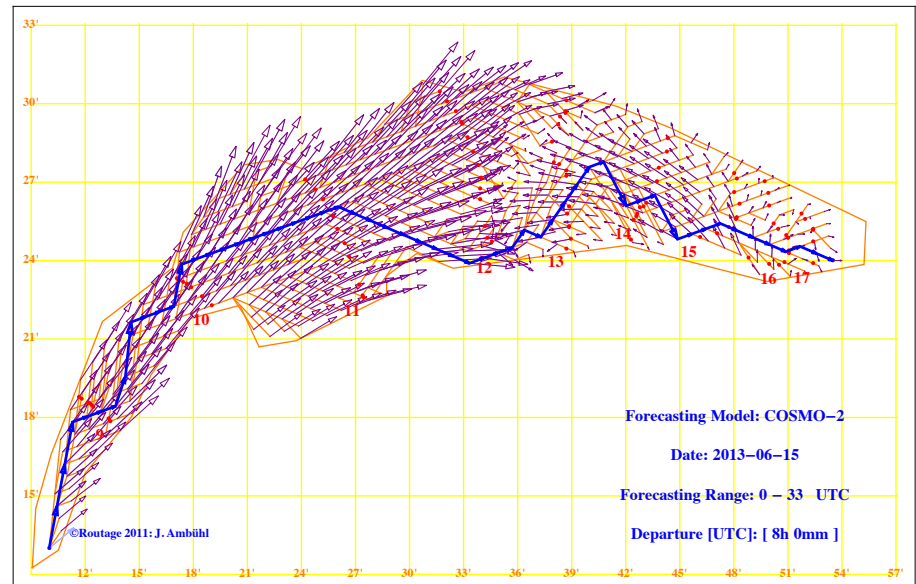
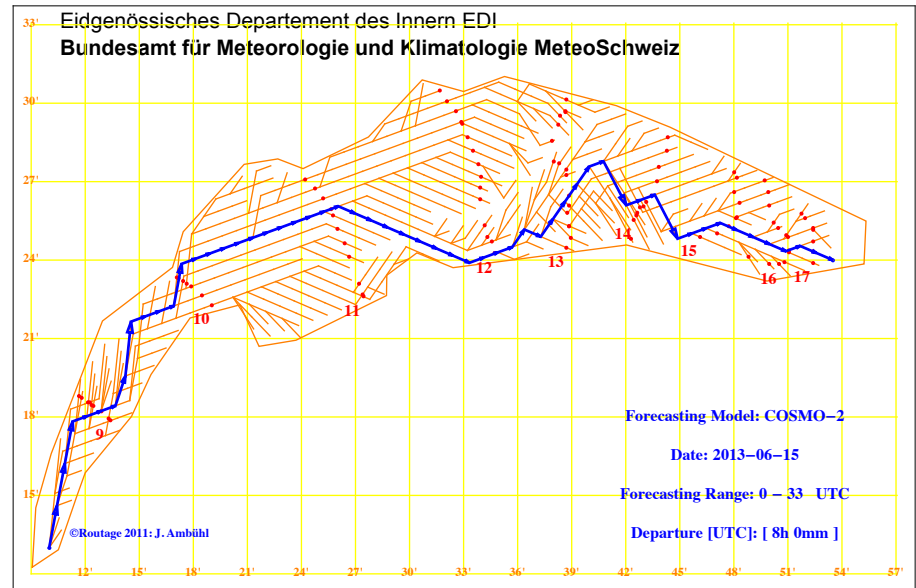
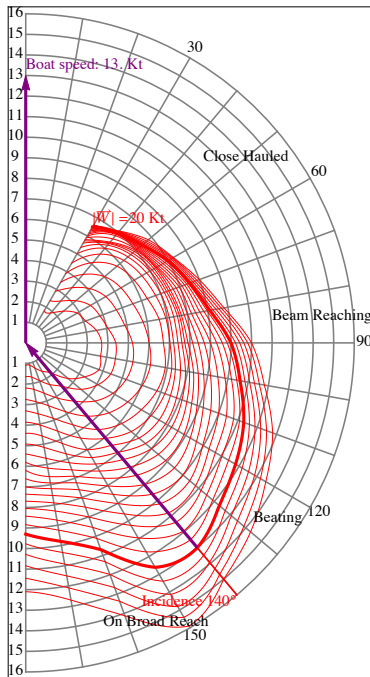




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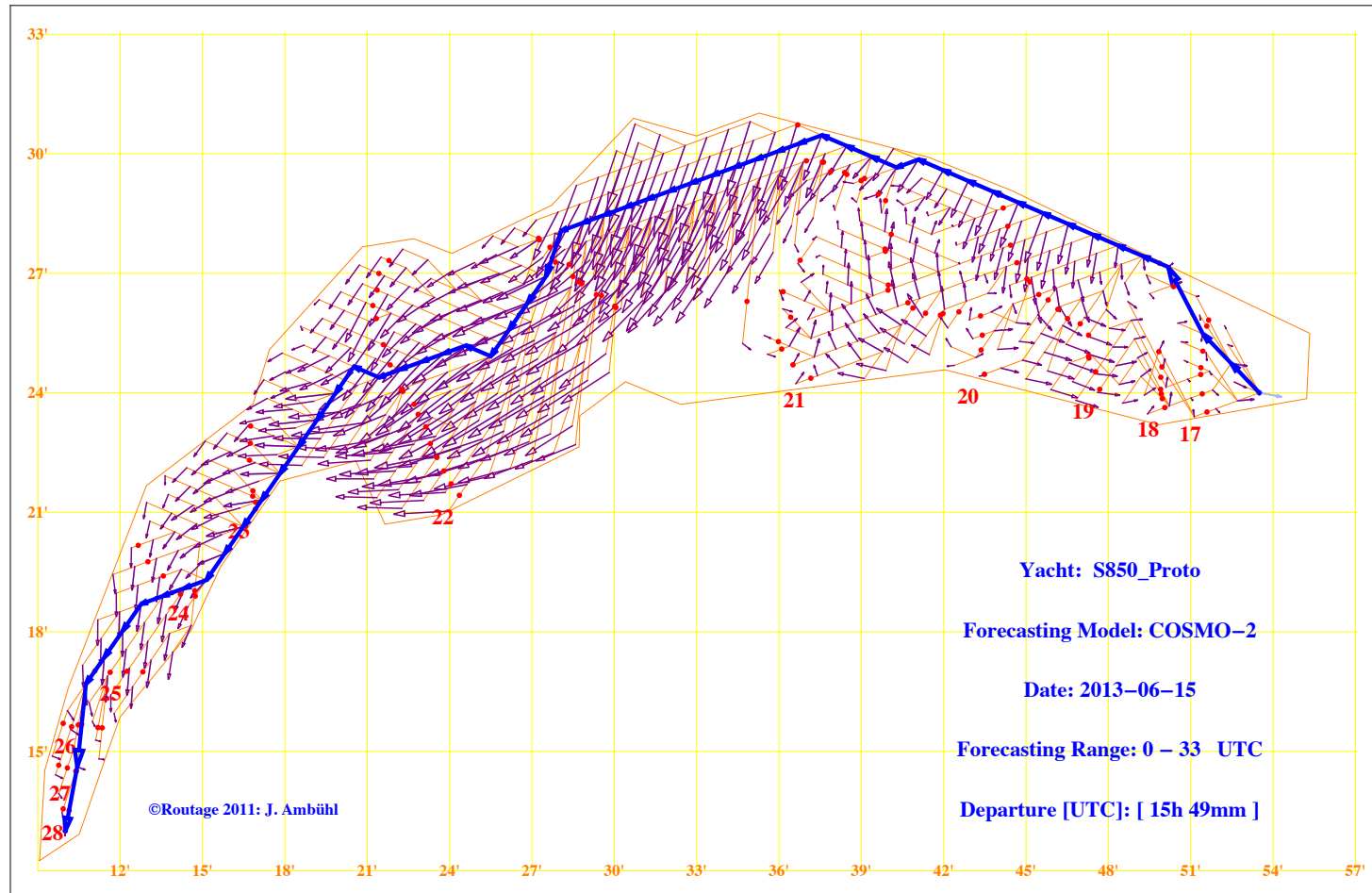
Right: Decision tree and optimal route

Below: Polar diagram of the sailing boat  
(customer profile)



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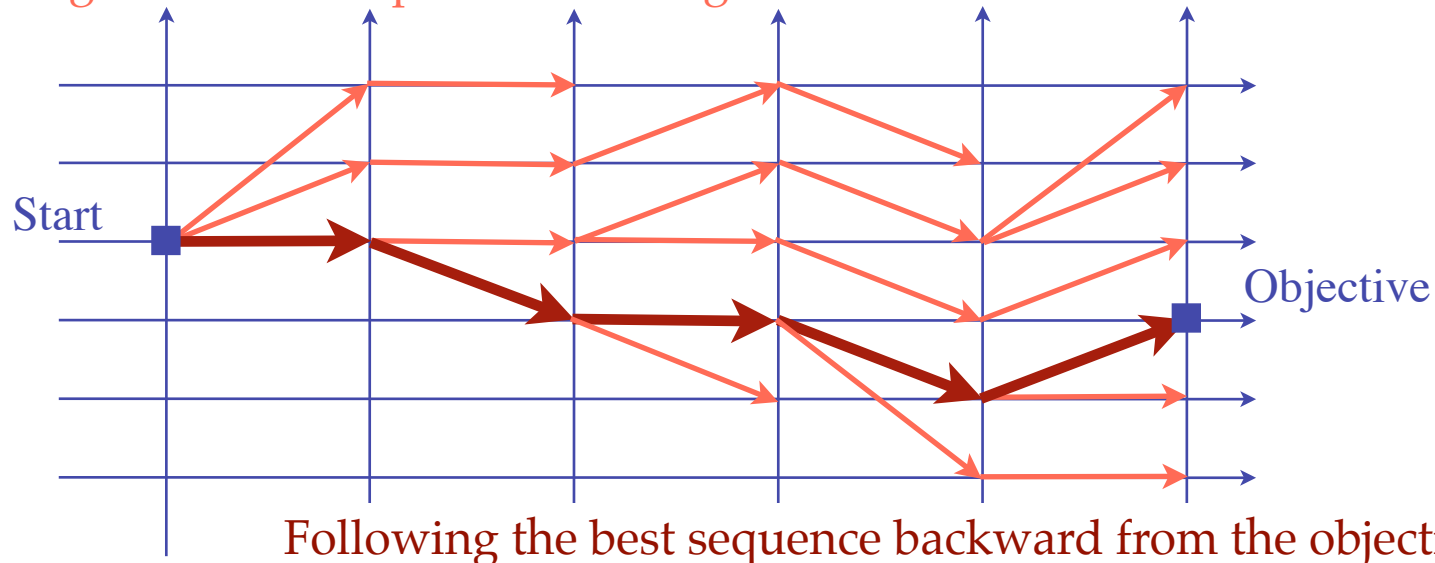


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# Sequential Decision: Dynamical Programming

Seeking forward for options: building the tree



**Classical technique in financial & energy trading**

Alinghi, America Cup (EPFL, Prof. Dalang)

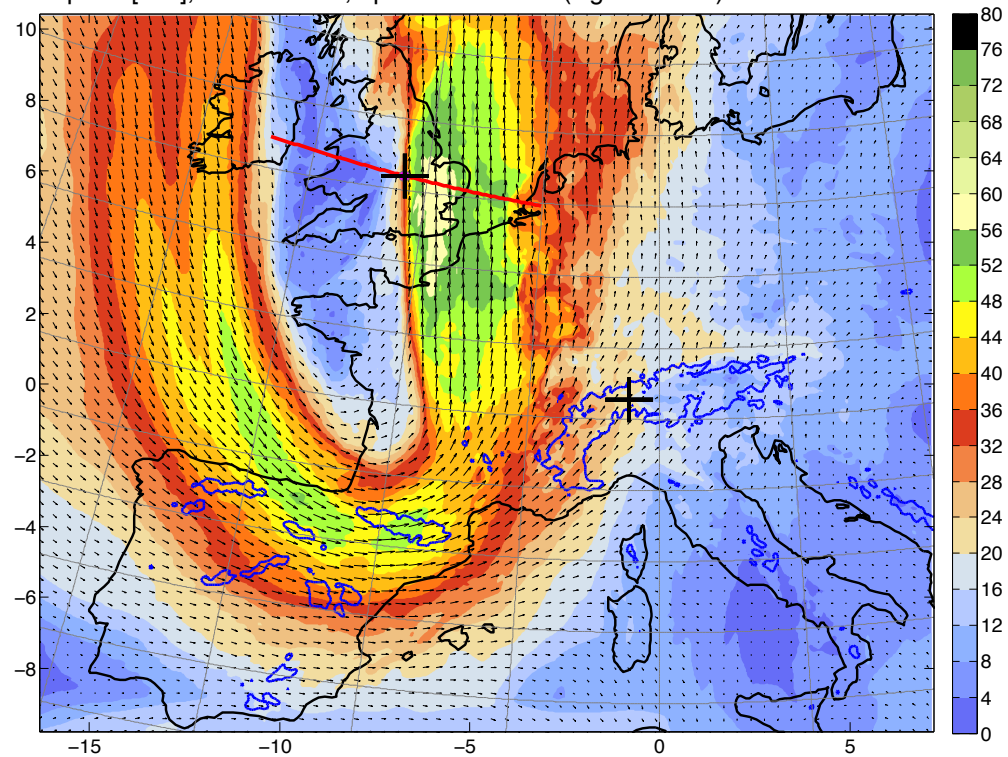


## Conclusions

- ❑ The Customer profile is the yardstick in any optimization process
  - ❑ in terms of her/his/its outcome
  - ❑ and exposure (risk profile)
  
- ❑ Three fields of competence are merged
  - ❑ Probabilistic forecast
  - ❑ Bio-inspired artificial intelligence
  - ❑ Financial inspiration
  
- ❑ “Computer to computer” service
  - ❑ MeteoSwiss, COSMO applications: 110 Gbytes data / 24 hours

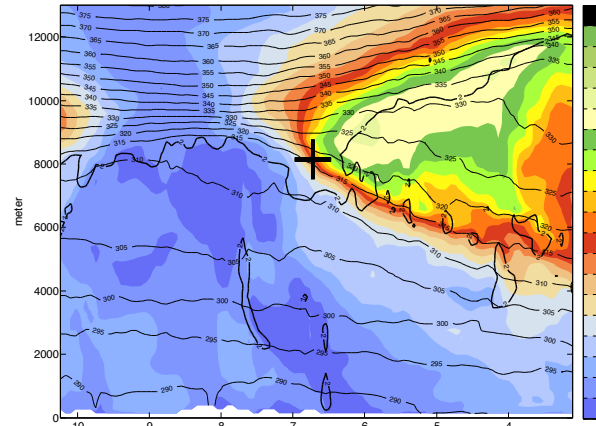


Wind speed [m/s], wind vectors, 2pvu @ 8147.9m (flight altitude) 26.08.2011 17 UTC

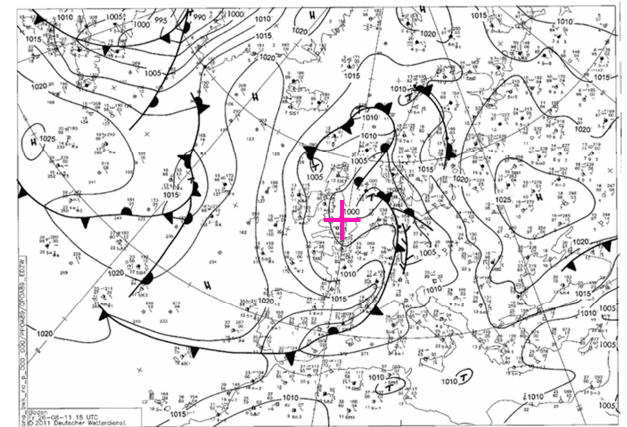




Vertical Cross Section of Windspeed [m/s], Theta[K] and 2pvu 26.08.2011 17 UTC

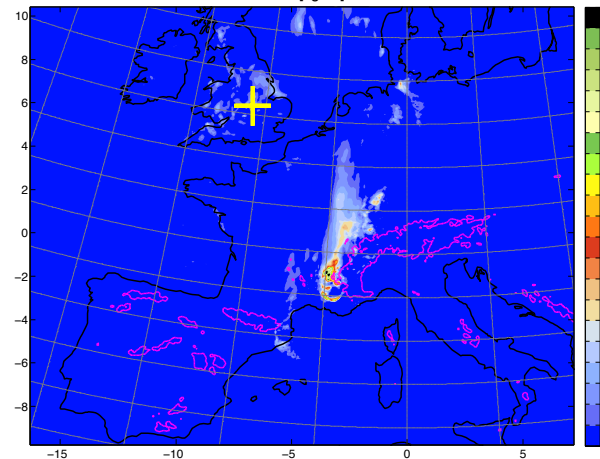


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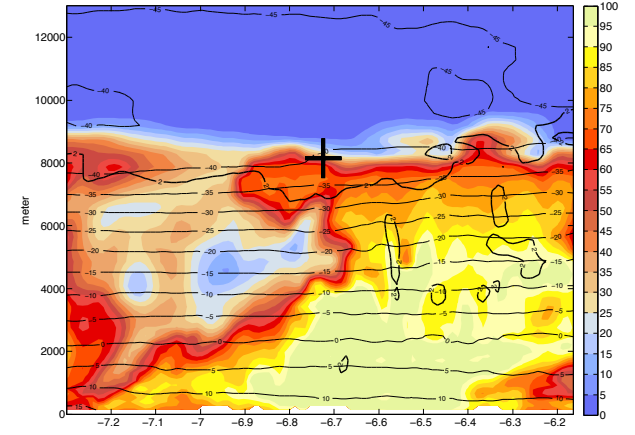
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Accumulated Total Rainfall [kg/m<sup>2</sup>] 26.08.2011 17 UTC



c)

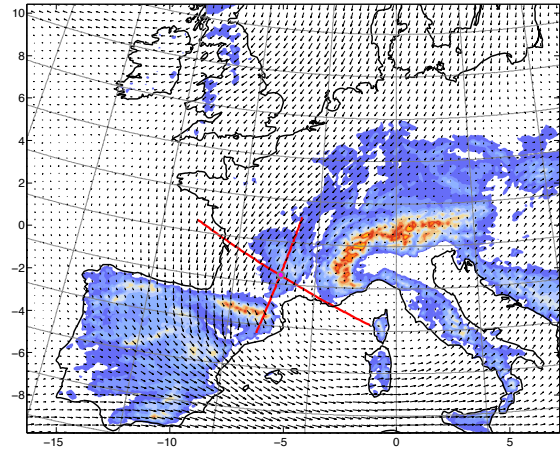
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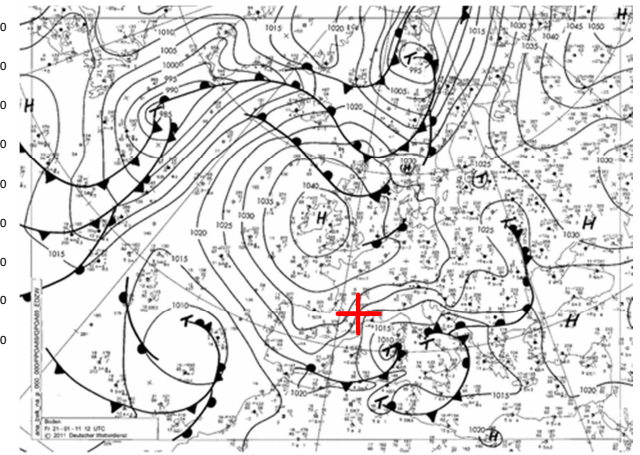
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Location of Cross Sections & Wind Vectors @ Flightaltitude 21.01.2011 10 UTC

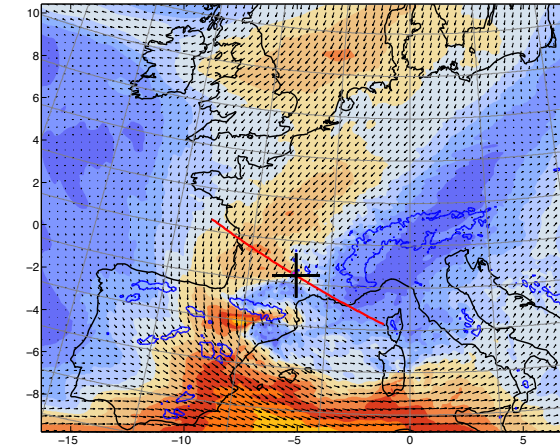


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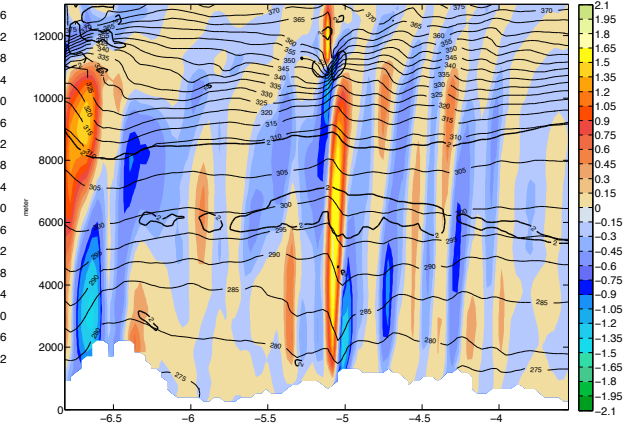
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Wind speed [m/s], wind vectors, 2pvu @ 10910m (flight altitude) 21.01.2011 10 UTC



c)

Vertical Cross Section of vertical Wind W, Theta and 2pvu 21.01.2011 15 UTC



d)