

RAD4ALP, THE NEW SWISS DOPPLER POLARIMETRIC WEATHER RADAR NETWORK: DATA QUALITY AND FIRST RESULTS

Jordi Figueras i Ventura, Marco Boscacci, Lorenzo Clementi, Ioannis V. Sideris, Marco Gabella and Urs Germann MeteoSwiss, Locarno Monti, Switzerland jordi.figuerasiventura@meteoswiss.ch



Salient Aspects

- Full access to source code
- 2 new radar sites: Better Coverage
- ROEL: Better Sensitivity
- Polarimetry: Better Accuracy
- Central Processing: Increased Flexibility
- Parallel Processing chains



Monitoring

- Sun hits, polarimetric variables and Zh inter-comparison used
- Good stability, No radome influence, good antenna characteristics



Polarimetry in Clutter Suppression

- DT Filter adapted to use polarimetry
- New criteria based on thresholds on $\rho hv,$ Zdr in low Zh and textures of $\rho hv,$ Zdr, ϕdp and Zh







Conclusions:

- Monitoring Tools implemented
- Clutter Suppression improved without impacting QPE
- Data quality satisfactory

Outlook:

- Use polarimetry in QPE
- Hydrometeor classification