

# Unravel the contribution of different frequency PMW-channels during rainfall events.

*Aim: to explore this contribution even further by taking into account the weather type.*

## Study area and period:

Overpasses of GPM constellation conical scanners during 2019 over the Netherlands.

## Satellite observations:

GPROF precipitation estimates.  
Level 1 brightness temperatures.

## Ground-based radar:

Gauge-adjusted radar estimates.  
Radar reflectivities.

## Study outline:

### Step 1

Match footprint of conical sensors with ground-based radar grid

### Step 2

Regress brightness temperatures against reference precipitation estimates

### Step 3a

Is there any weather-type dependency?

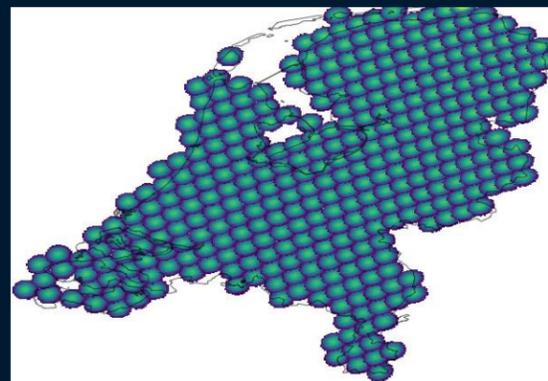
### Step 3b

Select overpasses to study in depth with profiles (cases)

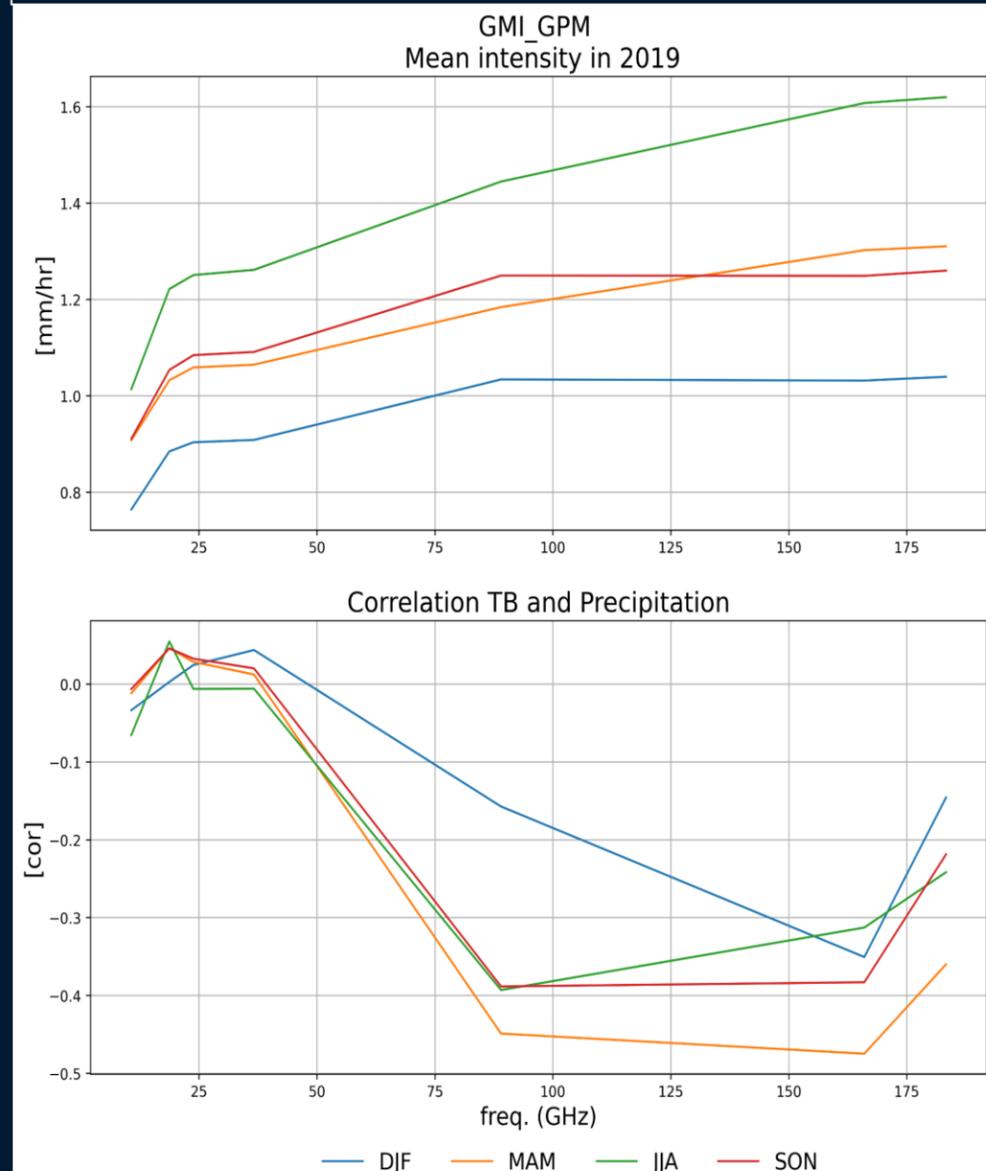
## Matching:

Gaussian weighted ellipses.  
Footprint specifications are frequency dependent.

*Example simulated footprints:*



Preliminary results overpasses GMI over the Netherlands in 2019 (intensity is the reference precipitation resampled at GMI footprint)



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# First, one step back: how do different footprint sizes and the way of coupling affect the satellite observations

*Aim: to unravel how different footprint sizes and way of matching a ground-based profile affect GPROF its performance statistics.*

## Study outline:

Study area,  
period and  
data:  
Same

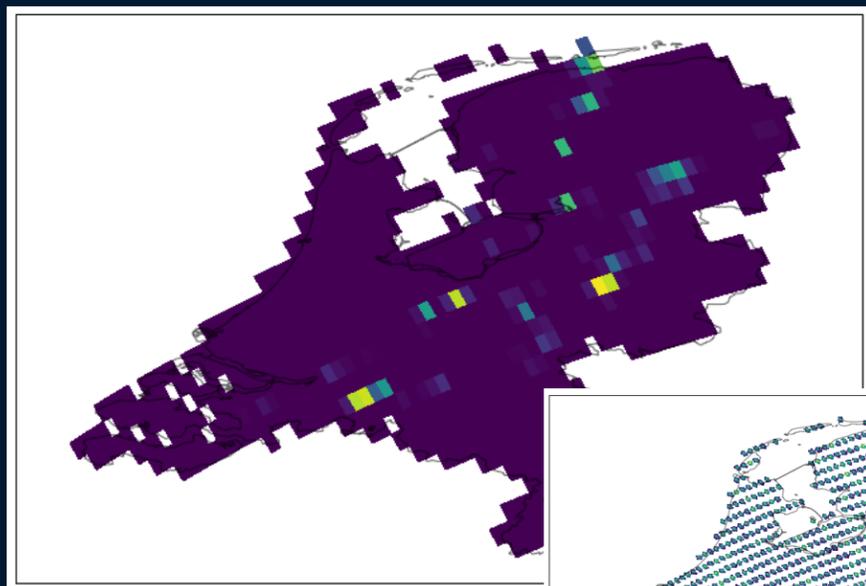
Step 1 (same)  
Match footprint of  
conical sensors  
with ground-based  
radar grid

Step 2  
Quantify effect  
footprint size on  
reference  
precipitation estimate

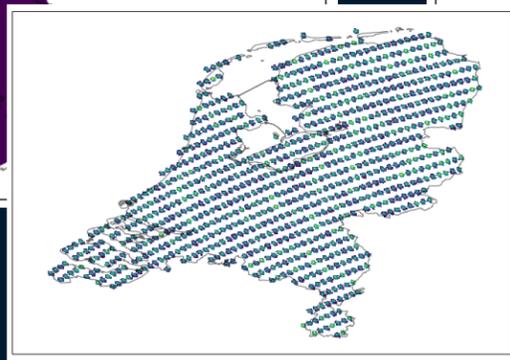
Step 3  
Validate use of ground-  
based radar: compare  
profiles of ground- vs  
satellite-based radar

Step 4  
Compare coupling  
slanted and  
straight vertical  
radar profile.

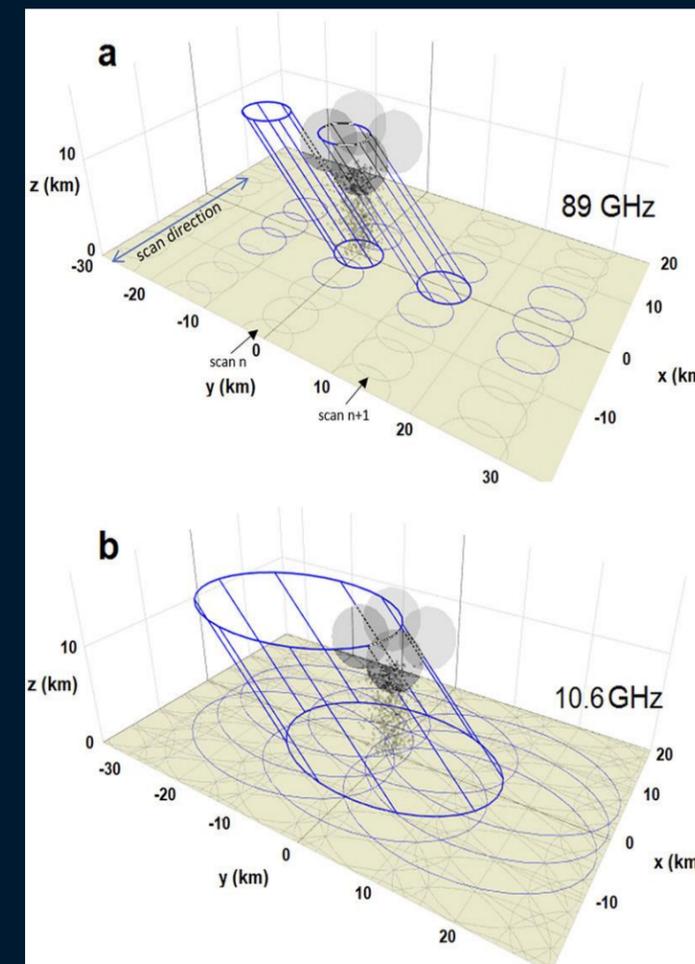
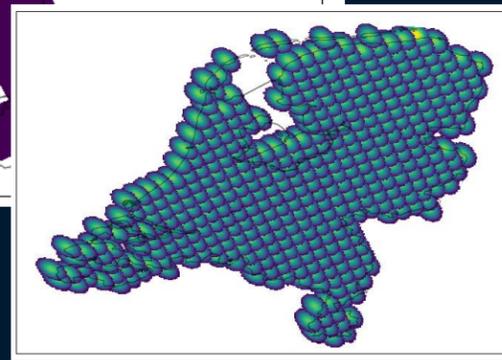
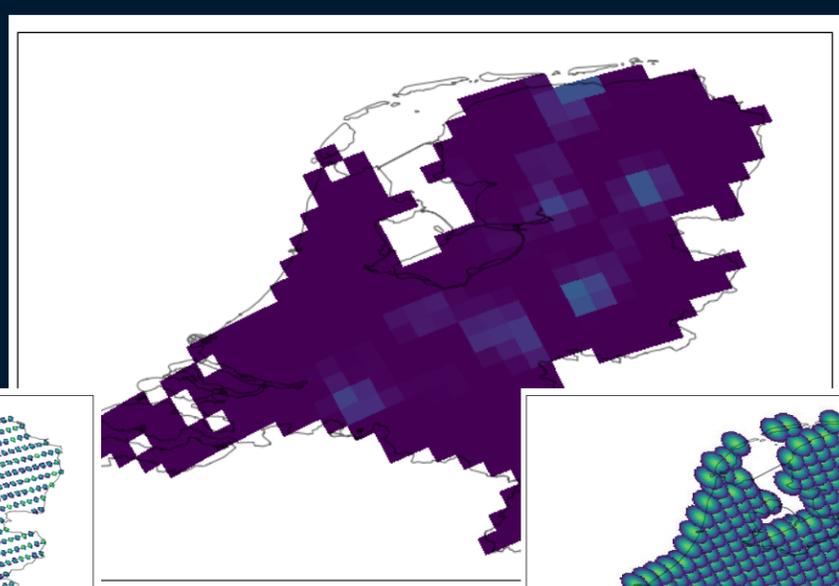
## Example of effect footprint size on intensity reference precipitation estimates (AMSR-2)



Simulated footprints:  
Left, AMSR-2 10 GHz



Right: AMSR-2  
89 GHz



## Illustration step 4

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