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Assimilation of the reflectivity (and ZDR column) with the OSSE system

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- Allows for high control over various settings and parameters within the data assimilation system.



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 - Tornado in Paderborn, Germany
 - see the Julian talk for the real case



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Assimilation run 20 May 2022

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Forecast run 20 May 2022









































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Next Steps:

- The ZDR should be defined in the same way as the reflectivity composite for the entire German radar network (over the model grid or radar grid points).
 - > Detect the ZDR column.
 - Define the ZDR column as a new observation object within the assimilation system.





Thank you for your attention

Any comments or questions?

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