Verification of test chains (LM v. 2.18 with prognostic TKE and multi-layer soil)

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- Overview of the verified testchains in 2002
- The experimental set-up for testchain with LM version 2.18: the different model configurations
- Verification results of the daily cycle with hourly observations over Switzerland of: 2m-temperature 2m dewpoint depression 10m windspeed
- Summary

The verified testchains in 2002

- Forecasts with / without nudging April 2001 - February 2002: results on COSMO website
- prognostic TKE scheme
 14.08 06.11.01: results on COSMO website
- New prognostic cloud ice scheme
 17.01 09.02.02: results presented at the Workshop (Doms)
- EUCOS: Impact with reduced SYNOP network 19.10.99 - 15.11.99: results presented at the Workshop (Bettems)
- Two-time level scheme with 3D-transport of precipitation
 09.08 18.08.02: results presented at the Workshop (Gassmann)
- WP 3.8.1: identify cause for precipitation differences results presented at the Workshop (Arpagaus)
- New LM version 2.18 with prognostic TKE-scheme and multi-layer soil
- Comparison of the operational model versions running at MCH and DWD

Experimental set-up "LM version 2.18"

• Three periods (each with 6 or 7 forecasts)

- summer	convective (high & low pressure):	17 - 23.08.01
- winter	advective (cold/mild, precipitation):	25 - 30.12.01
- winter	high pressure (stratus):	10 - 15.01.02

• <u>The 3 model configurations</u>: all with grid mesh 7 km on the operational domain of aLMo [385x325 gridpoints] with 45 levels

- LM 2.17

- LM 2.18

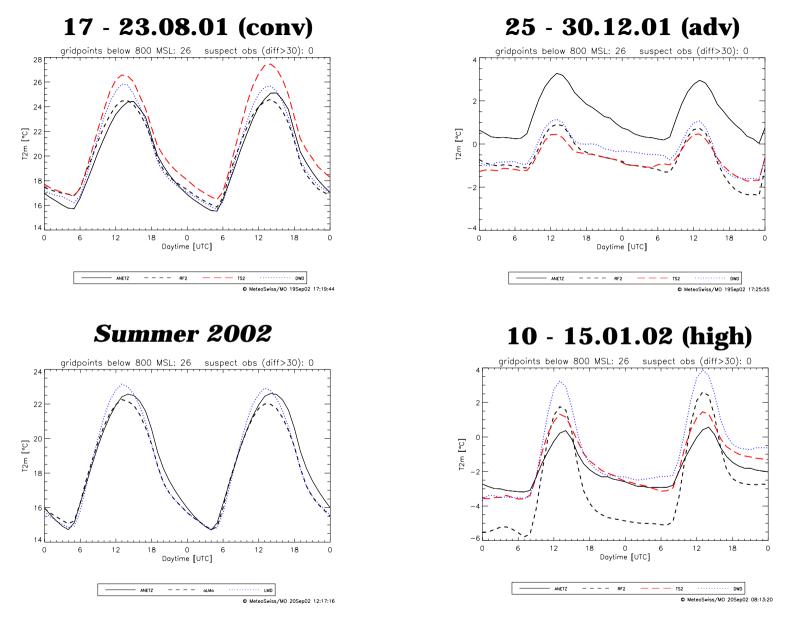
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For each model configuration:

a continuous assimilation (starting one day earlier) and a daily 48h forecast (00UTC) have been computed and the forecasts verified with the surface verification package over Switzerland.

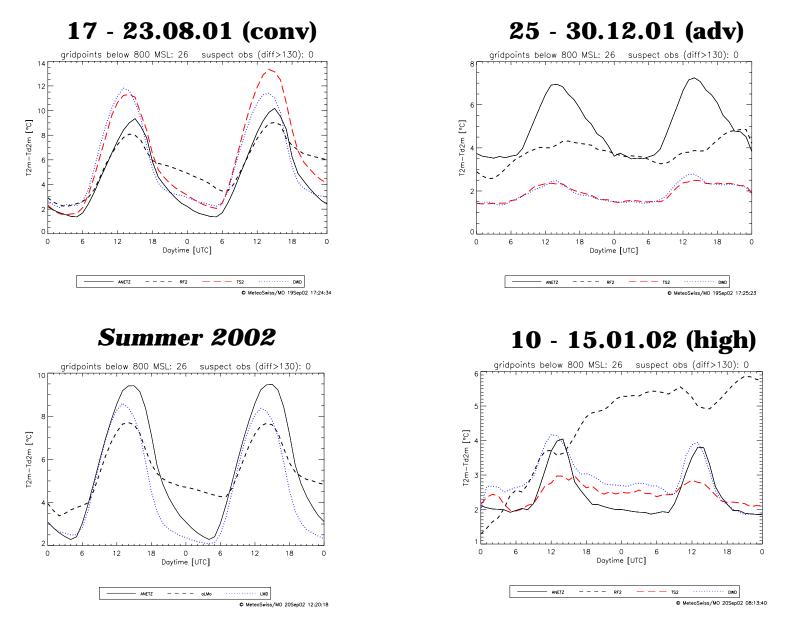
- These 3 configurations have also been compared to the operational forecasts running at MCH and DWD:
 - aLMo operational at MCH (in 2001: version 2.4+ / summer 2002: version 2.17)
 - LM operational at DWD: 325 x 325 gridpoints 35 levels
 - prognostic TKE-scheme
 - initial state: nudging & soil-moisture analysis
 - -since 08.11.01: new horizontal diffusion scheme
 - -since 09.04.02: new calculation of 10m-wind (roughness length)

2m-temperature: daily cycle (gridpoints < 800m)

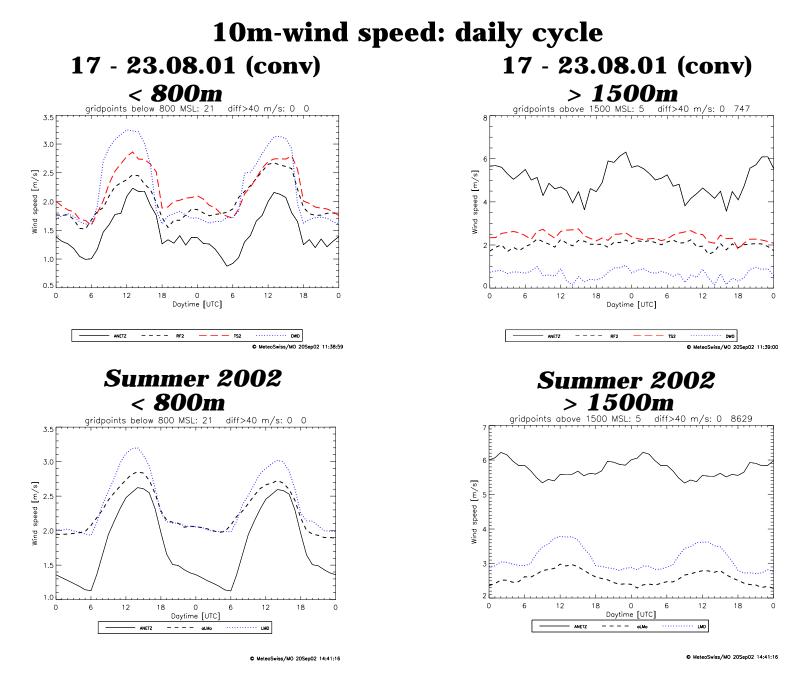


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2m-dewpoint depression: daily cycle (gridpoints < 800m)

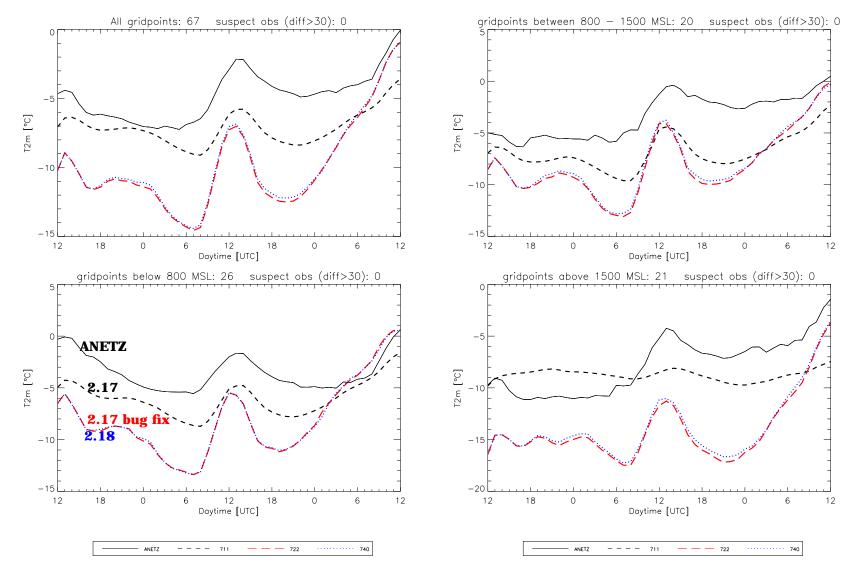


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2m-temperature: aLMo forecasts of 21.12.1999 12 UTC initial fields from GME



2.17 bug fix: correction of error in calculation of ground temperature when ground covered by snow

Summary

• 2m-temperature

TKE: (slightly) increased diurnal amplitude in summer
 + multi soil layer:increased diurnal amplitude in summer
 reduced diurnal amplitude in winter

2m dewpoint depression

TKE: more realistic diurnal amplitude in winter: above 800m much wetter (lower values)

+ multi soil layer:amplitude slightly increased in summer

for g.p < 800m, otherwise reduced [some stations in valleys and south of the Alps: wetter in daytime

some stations in Jura, NW-CH: drier in daytime]

10m windspeed

TKE: more realistic diurnal amplitude, but higher values in daytime (i.e. greater positive bias) above 1500m: values reduced by a factor ~ 3-5 reduced influence of roughness length (in conjunction with TKE): above 1500m: values increased by a factor ~ 3-5

• Bug in calculation of ground temperature

(error if ground covered by snow: corrected in version 2.18) after correction: 2m-temperature reduced by > 5 K (!) in presence of snow at the begin of forecast from GME-fields in forecasts from own assimilation cycle: similar 2m-temperature