

# Status and results of PT ConSAT (and related STIC-implementations)

## Content:

- main goals of ConSAT
- The common module TURBDIFF for COSMO and ICON
  - general properties
  - implementation in COSMO
  - modifications in the atmospheric part
  - modifications in the surface part
- Investigation of thermal stratification damping in the SAT-scheme together with Ines Cerenzia, ARPA

# Promising related activity

(still basic research, not yet implemented, not really started)

- Turbulence-Interaction with Micro-Phys. beyond pure saturation adjustment:

- Consideration of turbulent statistics in MP

Axel Seifert

- Deriving missing correlations between model variables and MP-source-terms in 2-nd order budgets for turbulence

Dimitrii Mironov, Axel Seifert

- Increasing the range of scales included to turbulence closure:

- coherent structures with skewed distributions, TKESV

Dimitrii Mironov, Ekatarina Maschulkaya

- Dealing with statistical parameterizations

- substituting intended model-parameters to reduce systematic model errors  
staff from ICON or special projects at DWD (renewable energy)

- Developing stochastic parameterizations

- simulating the not closed remaining stochastic discretization error

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# PT: Consolidation of Surface to Atmosphere Transfer (ConSAT)

- slightly updated definition -

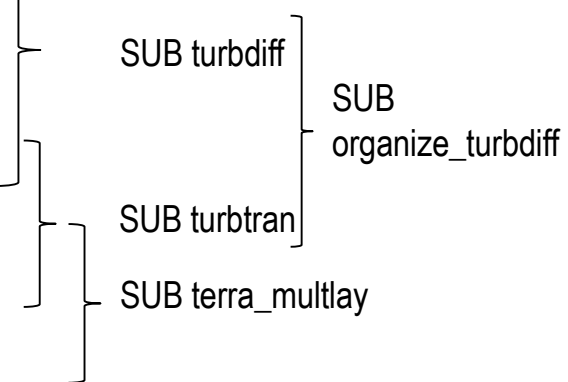
- 2-nd phase -

- Long-term goal:

- Improving the **overall performance** (in particular for **stable stratification**) of **parameterization- and numerical schemes** included into the **SAT-process**, which is:

turbulent (and molecular) **diffusion** between **atmospheric layers** including the **surface** and **interpolation onto near-surface levels**, as dependent on:

- **turbulence model** (interacting with other **SGS flow-patterns**, under consideration of the **thermodynamics of non-precipitating clouds**)
- **numerical formulation of vertical diffusion** (of 1-st and 2-nd order model variables)
- treatment of the **roughness layer** .....
- representation of **surface fluxes** by vertical integration of the turbulence model along the **transfer layer**
- determination of atmospheric concentrations just at the surface



- **Strategy:**

- Sequence of one-year tasks from the continuous cycle of the 6 **Working Components**:

- I) Detection of crucial processes
- II) Maxing out the existing formulations together with existing extensions
- III) Analysis and revision of related parameterizations and numerical procedures
- IV) Implementation of revised formulations into the code**
- V) Validation of the modifications
- VI) Reporting and Documentation of the modified parameterizations

} general process  
of improvement

- Current implementation tasks:

- 1) **Revision of numerical security limits in the SAT-scheme and the associated turbulence model with respect to systematic errors mainly for stable stratification.**
- 2) **Changing the vertical profile functions of the turbulent-velocity-scale used for the vertical integration in the SAT scheme (which currently are always linear functions in the vertical distance) **into a different form for stable stratification** fitting better to the solution of the constant flux profile functions arising from the turbulence model in agreement with empirical functions..**
- 3) **Implementing the ICON-version of TURBDIFF and merging the COSMO-development with all the ICON-modifications including the introduction of some dependency on the model state to so far constant model-parameters (such as the minimal diffusion coefficient) and **trying to formulate all the extensions above the current COSMO-version as switchable options** together with a related bug-checking.**
- 4) **Fixing the parameters of the profile function without using the lowest diffusion-coefficient above the Constant Flux Layer (CFL) as a node, and hence reducing the numerical damping of the stratification effect on the transfer coefficients**. <-> PT TSA
- 5) **Revision of the implementation of turbulent diffusion (based on a turbulence scheme with a prognostic TKE equation) in the framework of different data-structures and different sets of 1-st order prognostic model equations in COSMO and ICON.**

} implemented  
but **not yet  
tested nor  
validated**;  
reference-MO-  
solution  
implemented  
and used for  
comparison

# Restructured TURBDIFF for COSMO and ICON:

- Content of new module TURBDIFF (installed name by Uli S.: ‘turbulence\_turbdiff’):

## sub ‘organize\_turbdiff’:

- Preparations
- Task-selection

➤ Dependent on [internal switches]

### sub ‘turbdiff’:

– vertical diffusion for

u; [lumdif]

v; [lvmdif]

T, qv, qc; qi and pass. trac.; [lscadif]

TKE, ... (at half-levels) [“for tub.mod.”]

➤ Diffusion tendencies, surface fluxes

– turbulence at atmos. layers: [lturatm]

➤ TKE, TKV(M/H), RCLD

### sub ‘turbtran’:

– turbulence at surface layer: [ltursrf]

➤ TC(M/H), TV(M/H)

➤ near surface model variables

new subroutines (common ‘for 1-st and 2-nd order variables (including e.g. passive tracers and TKE) at full and half-levels):

- vert\_grad\_diff
  - Flexible treatment of lower boundary condition
  - Non-gradient vertical flux densities included
    - Circulation term (TKE) and moist corrections (T, qv, qc) included
- prep\_impl\_vert\_diff:
  - save partly inverted tri-diag. matrix for similar variables
- calc\_impl\_vert\_diff
  - optional matrix conditioning (-> tiled cover-layer of roughness elements (e.g. vegetation))

new subroutines common for ‘turbdiff’ and ‘turbtran’:

- solve\_turbulent\_budgets
  - modified solution with more flexible treatment of security limits and smoothing options
    - reduction of artefacts should be possible
  - positive definite solution of TKE-equation possible
- adjust\_satur\_equil
  - allowing treatment of cloud water in in the surface layer (fog)
  - mixed water/ice-phase can be implemented easily

# Integration into COSMO:

## organize\_physics:

radiation\_organize:

organize\_sso: ➤ “SSO-tend for  $u_m$  and  $v_m$ ”

turbulence\_organize:

↳ apply\_turbdiff: { for TSrf & TAtm ;  
optionally also for Vdif }

horizontal\_wind\_calcul:

- ↳  $u_m, v_m$  [ “mom-diff at mas-pos” | Ituratm | Itursrf ]
- ↳ Hdiv, Hdef, dwdx, dwdy [ “horiz. shear considered for turbulence model” ]
- ↳ *metric 3D-corrections for VDiff* [ “3D-turb active and VDiff” ]

○ “tracer loading”:

▪ organize\_turbdiff:

- ↳ “transfer-coeffs.”, “near-surf..-vars.” [Itursrf]
- ↳ “diffusion-coeffs.”, “std. of oversat.” [Ituratm]
- ↳ “Vdiff-tendencies for  $u, v, T, q_v, q_c$  and tracers”, “surf.-fluxs.” [Vdif of  $u, v$ , or scalars request.]

○ “Vdiff-tend. back to stg-pos”: [“Vdif of momentum at mas-pos”]

▪ “convection: ➤ tketcon

▪ apply\_turbdiff: { only optionally for VDiff (momentum at mas- or stg-pos) ,  
considering explicit physics tendencies for impl. VDiff }

▪ organize\_turbdiff: { previous version }

▪ “alternative turbulence schemes”:

○ “(not yet) statistical SatAdj”

○ “optional Vdif in dynam.”

qvflx, dqdt

rclid

qvflx, dqdt

“external STIC-terms”



# Main differences in atmospheric part:

now with **optional positive definite solution** of prognostic TKE-equation and **optional vertical smoothing and more flexible restrictions of forcing terms**  $F_T^M$   $F^H$

Expected to potentially reduce the stable stratification-damping:

now with **universal VDif-routine** in terms of TKE rather than  $q$

**STIC-impact:**

now with a **Ri-number dependent scaling factor**

optionally contributing to physical horizontal diffusion

now with a **corrected formulation**

$$F^M + F_C^M$$

additional SGS shear by :

- **SHS circulation**
- SSO wakes,
- plumes of SGS convection
- SSO density currents "circulation term"

$$\frac{q^2 - q_0^2}{2 \cdot \Delta t} \approx [\text{Adv}(q_0) + \text{Dif}(q_0) + \underbrace{\ell \cdot (S^M r^M F_T^M - S^H F^H)}_{\geq 0}] \cdot q - \underbrace{\frac{q_0}{\alpha^{MM}} q^2}_{< 0} + \underbrace{Q_C}_{\geq 0}$$

including "circulation term" dependent on  $F^H$  and 'l\_pat' = fnc(SSO)

$$q = \max \{v_{\min}, q\}$$

now with a **stability dependent correction at the surface layer** for minimal turbulent velocity scale

now with **more flexible treatment** of possible singularities

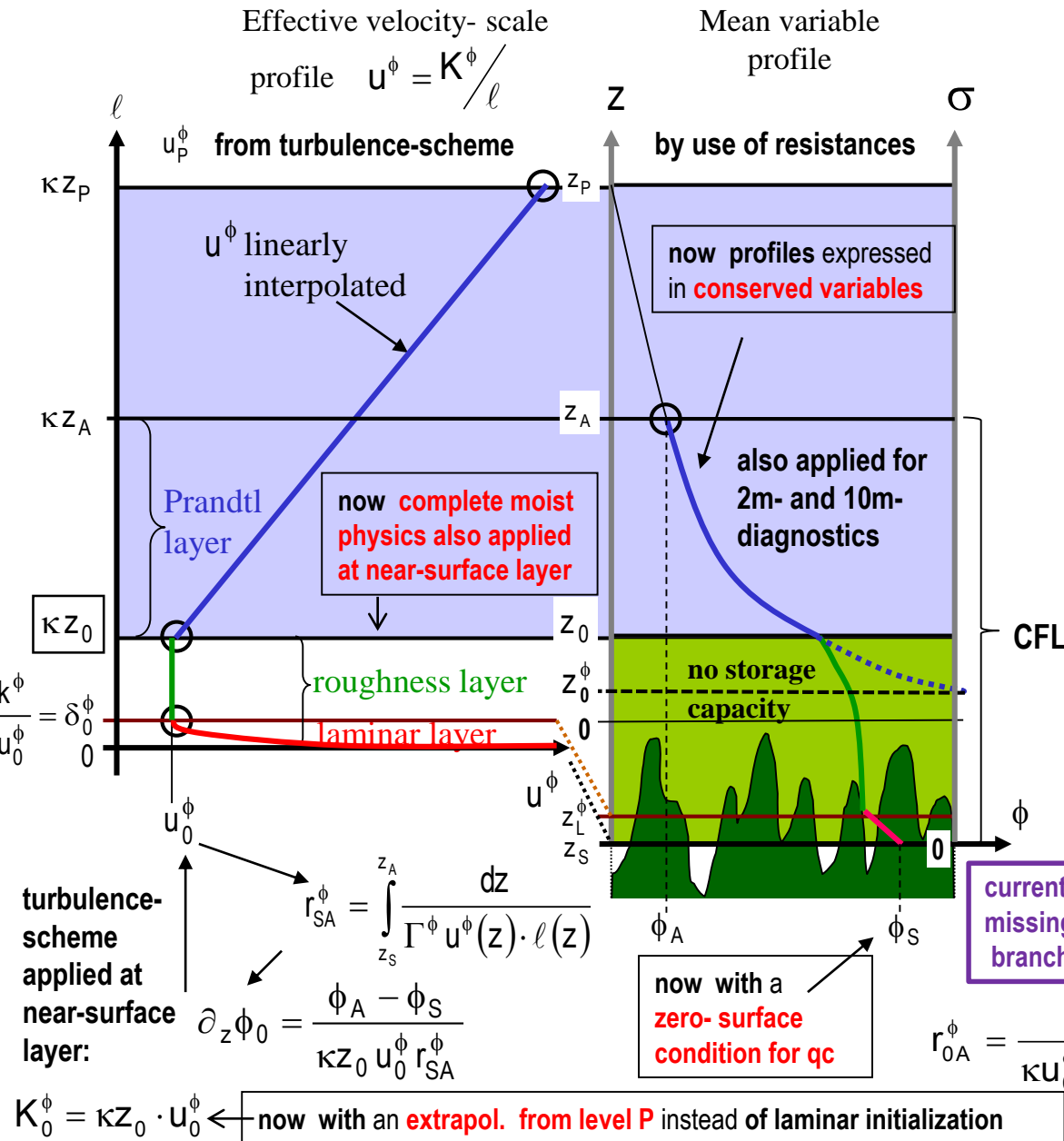
• **diagnostic (linear) system** dependent on **TKE=q<sup>2</sup>/2** and **mean vert. gradients**  $F_T^M$   $F^H$   $S^M$   $S^H$   
 (for all other 2-nd order moments) => **stability functions:**

now with **universal VDif-routine: VDif-tendency of Temp transformed from Theta-diffusion** by Exner-multiplication (implicitly considers T-effect due to fluctuating Expansion). VDif-tendencies of Temp, qv and qc can be transformed in those of prognostic ICON-variables as well

• **Implicit vertical diffusion** update for **mean vert. gradients** using **restricted vertical diffusion coefficients**  $K^{M,H} = \max \{k^{M,H}, K_{\min}^{M,H}, \ell q S^{M,H}\}$

now with **Ri.number dependent** minimal diffusion coefficients

# Main differences in surface-layer part:



## Roughness-layer resistance for scalars:

$$r_{S0}^H = \frac{1}{\kappa S_0 \cdot u_0^H} \cdot \left( \lambda^H + \ln \frac{\kappa z_0 u_0^H}{k^H} \right)$$

now with a laminar scaling parameter **dependent on**  $\partial_z \theta_0$  **over see surfaces**

## Prandtl-layer resistance:

Expected to be main reason for thermal-stability-damping:

stability-parameter of vertical profile-function

current version with using  $u_P^\phi$  as an upper interpolation node

$$\gamma_s^\phi := \frac{z_0}{z_P - z_0} \left[ \frac{u_P^\phi}{u_0^\phi} - 1 \right]$$

$$= 1 - \frac{u_* S_{neut}^\phi}{u_0^\phi S_{neut}^M}$$

now *optionally* with using friction velocity

$$u_*^2 = K_0^M \sqrt{F_{T0}^M}$$

now **optionally** with the additional **stable branch**

$$\ln \left( \frac{z_A}{z_0} \right) - \gamma_s^\phi \frac{z_A - z_0}{z_0}, \quad \gamma_s^\phi < 0$$

$$r_{0A}^\phi = \frac{1}{\kappa u_0^\phi (1 - \gamma_s^\phi)} \cdot \begin{cases} \ln \left[ \frac{z_A}{z_0 + \gamma_s^\phi \cdot (z_A - z_0)} \right], & \gamma_s^\phi \geq 0 \\ \text{unstable} \end{cases}$$



# Specific treatment over Sea-Surfaces and related problems:

- SS-roughness is dependent on surface shear:

dynamic contribution

$$z_0 = \alpha_0 \frac{u_*^2}{g}$$

now with a Charnock parameter dependent on 10m-wind-speed

laminar limit

$$+ \alpha_1 \cdot \frac{k^M}{u_*}$$

now explicitly considered

contains also shear by SGS wind

$$u_*^2 = K_0^M \sqrt{F_{T0}^M}$$

- SS-roughness and surface shear are also related to the stability parameter  $\gamma_s^\phi$  and the solution is taken by direct time-step iteration

- Where the iteration is stable when calculating the stability according to  $\gamma_s^\phi = \frac{z_0}{z_P - z_0} \left[ \frac{u_P^\phi}{u_0^\phi} - 1 \right]$

this might not be the case for, if using instead  $\gamma_s^\phi = 1 - \frac{u_*}{u_0^\phi} \frac{S_{neut}^\phi}{S_{neut}^M}$

without the turbulence-impact from the above level P

- Without the upper node, STIC-terms (which are only present at atmospheric levels so far) can't be effective yet for SAT

## Current state:

- The common TURBDIFF module merges the past development of COSMO and ICON
- It contains additional development of the current ConSAT-task
  - Some optional implementations are not yet tested and need further development
- It has been considerably restructured to allow for various configurations, e.g.:
  - Similar to operational COSMO-version
  - Similar to operational ICON-version
- The full implementation is available as COSMO-5.3\_beta
- Compared to the previous release (distributed by of Uli Schättler), it is now
  - Corrected and more complete
  - Thoroughly tested and further developed
- For the time being the former module can be selected as well
- Vertical diffusion can be run in different modes (either with the still present routines in module 'src\_slow\_tendencies\_rk' or with the new routines in the common module.
- The COSMO-configuration proves to be only marginal different from the operational version
- The different modes of vertical diffusion cause only marginal differences
- Two parallel experiments will start very soon (one with COSMO- another with ICON-config)
- The new code (first of all with COSMO-config) should become operational soon.

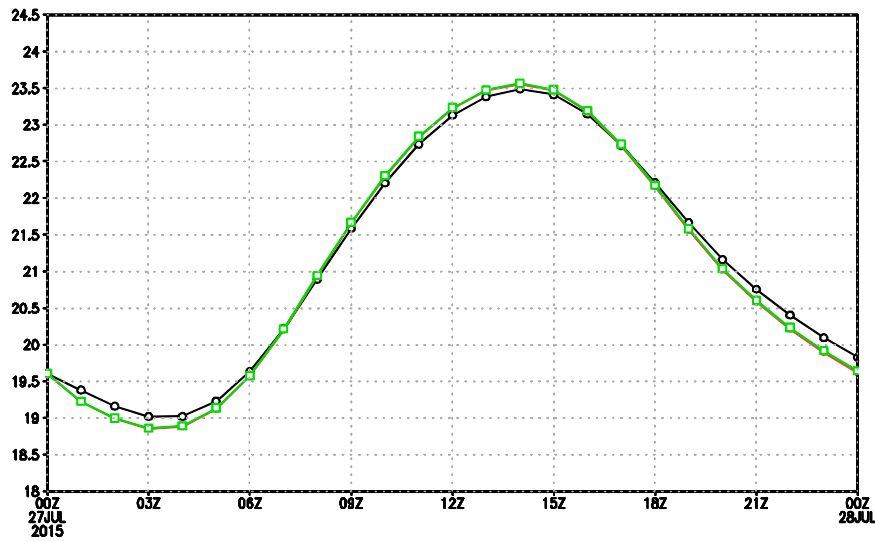
## First results:

- Based on a single-day test-runs (used for testing the new implementation):
  1. The ICON-configuration causes significant differences compared to the current COSMO-configuration:

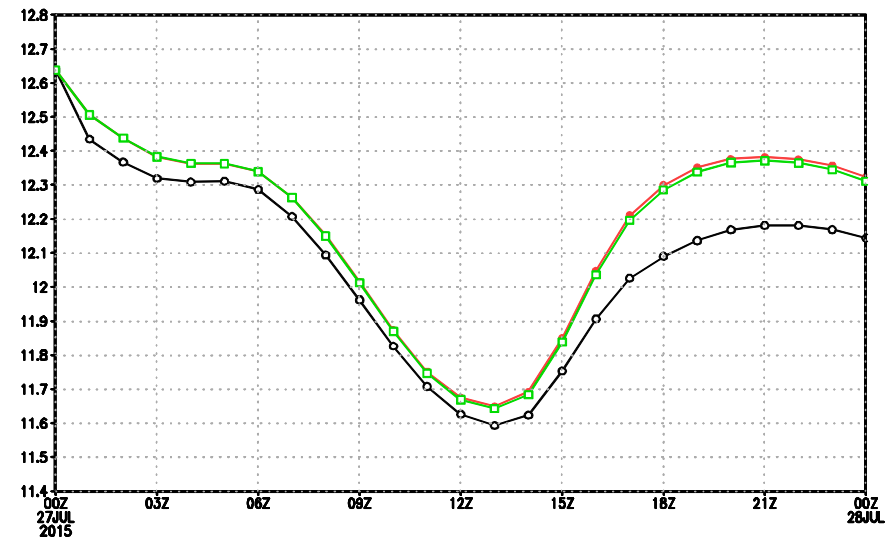
# Time series of model-domain-averages

## COSMO-EU: common TURBDIFF

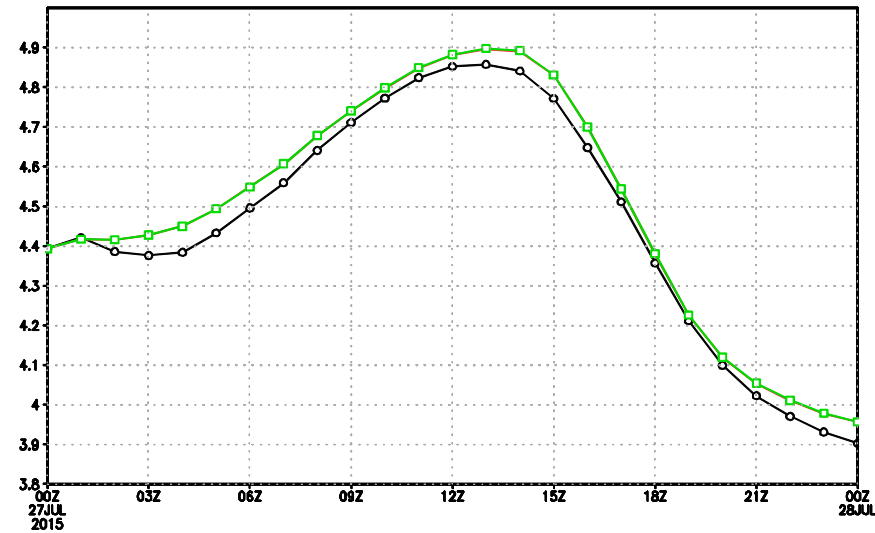
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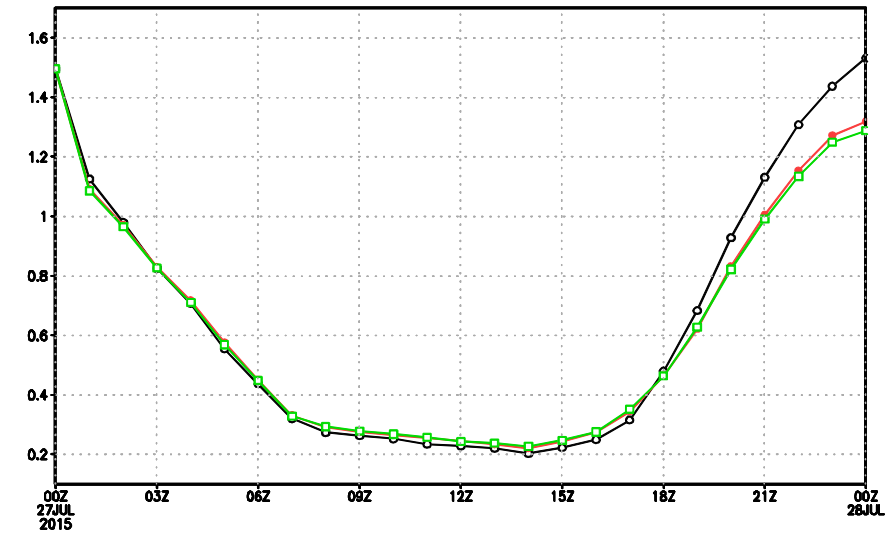
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Horizontal wind speed [m/s] Lon -18 23.5, Lat -20 21, Lev 40



layer cloud cover Lon -18 23.5, Lat -20 21, Lev 40



**COSMO-donfig**

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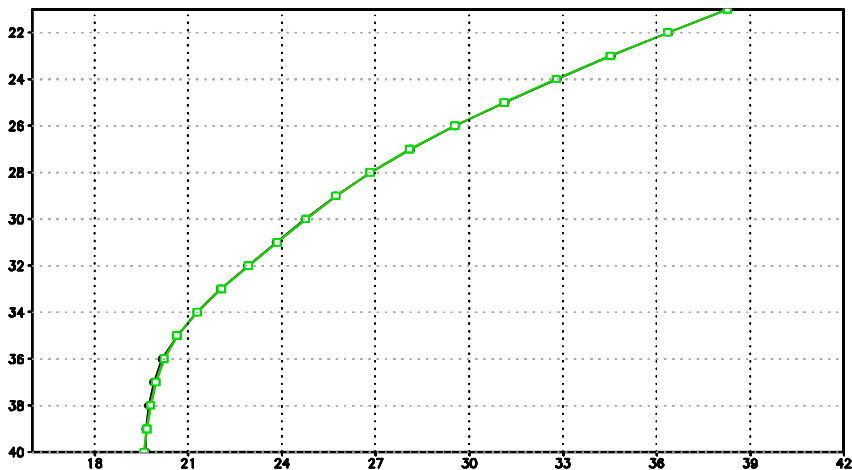
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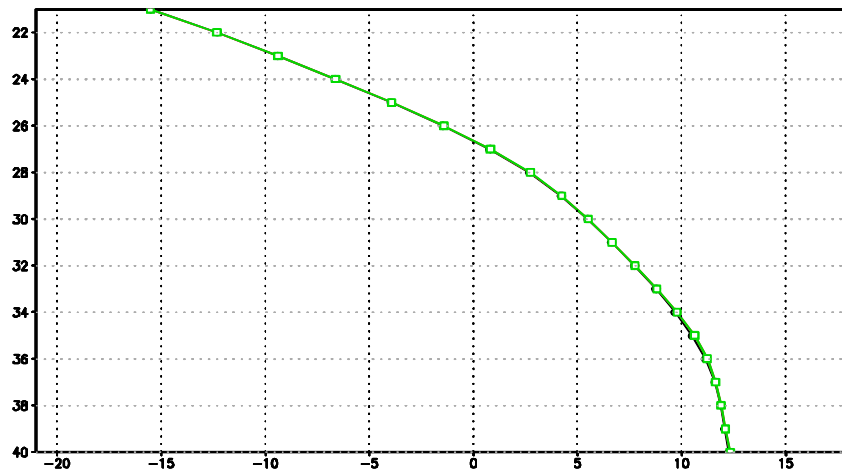
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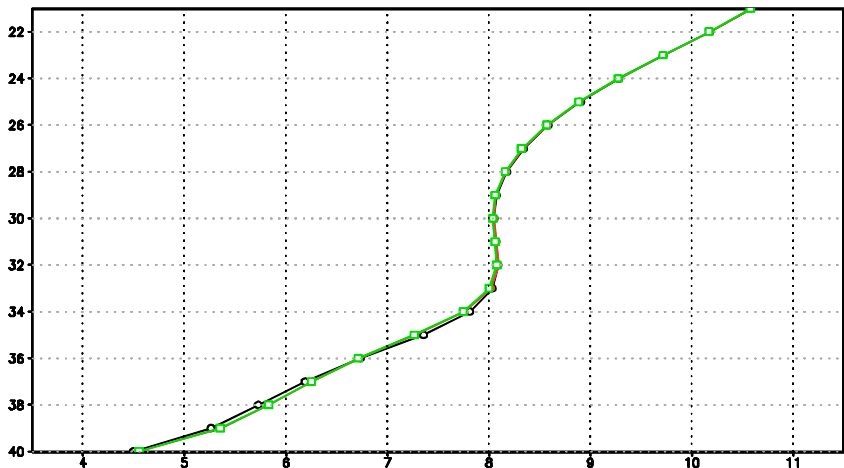


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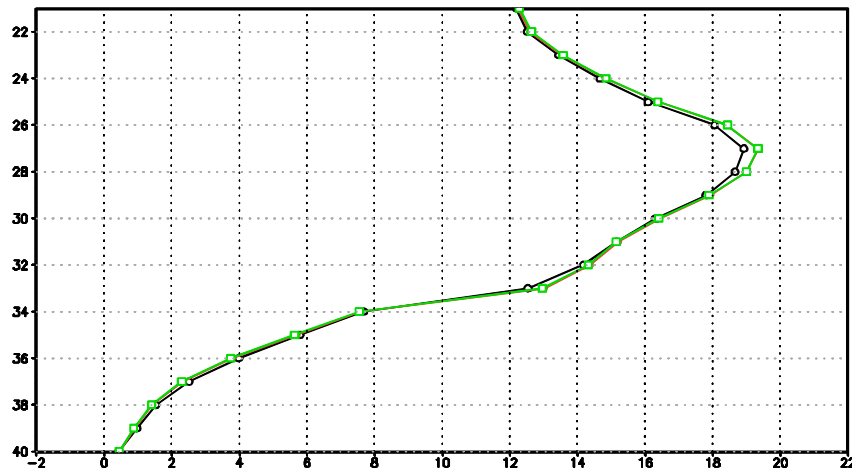


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layer cloud cover Lon -18 23.5, Lat -20 21



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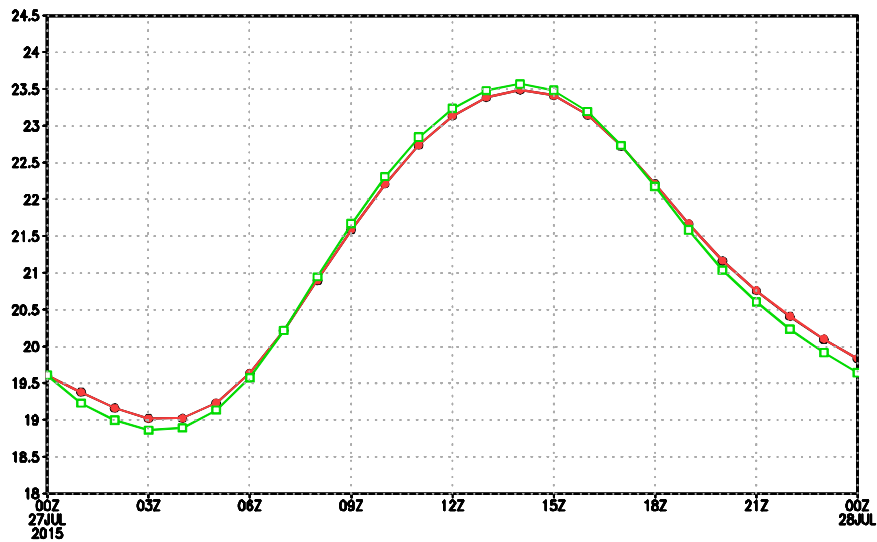
## First results:

2. The introduction of the stable branch for the resistance-integration of profile functions in the case of using the upper velocity-scale node makes only slight differences compared to those from the ICON-configuration

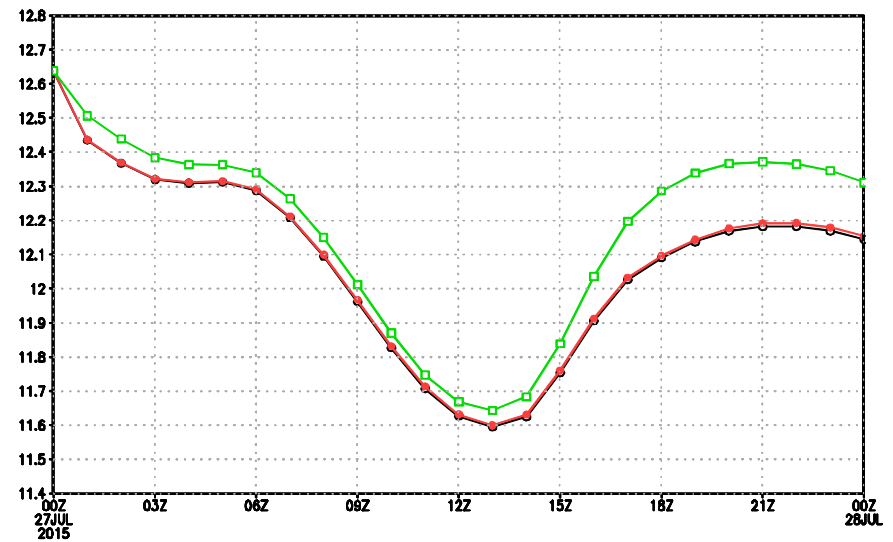
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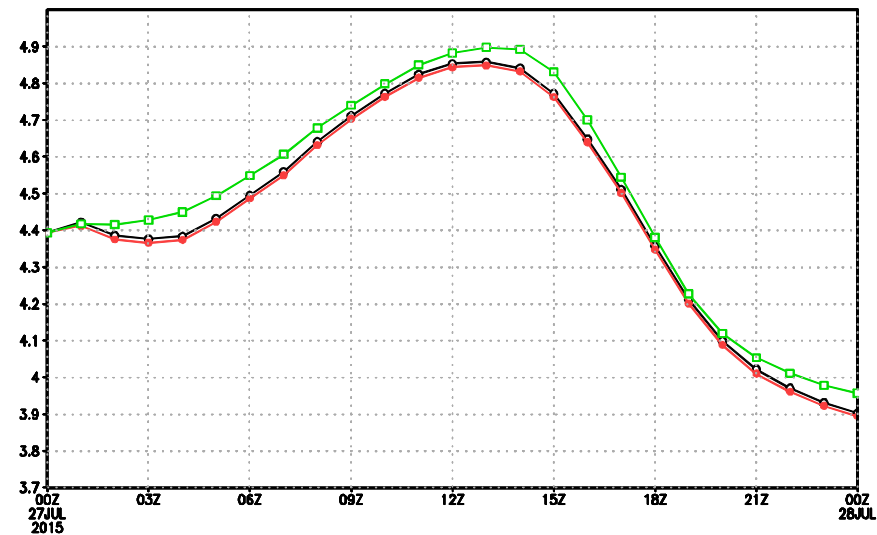
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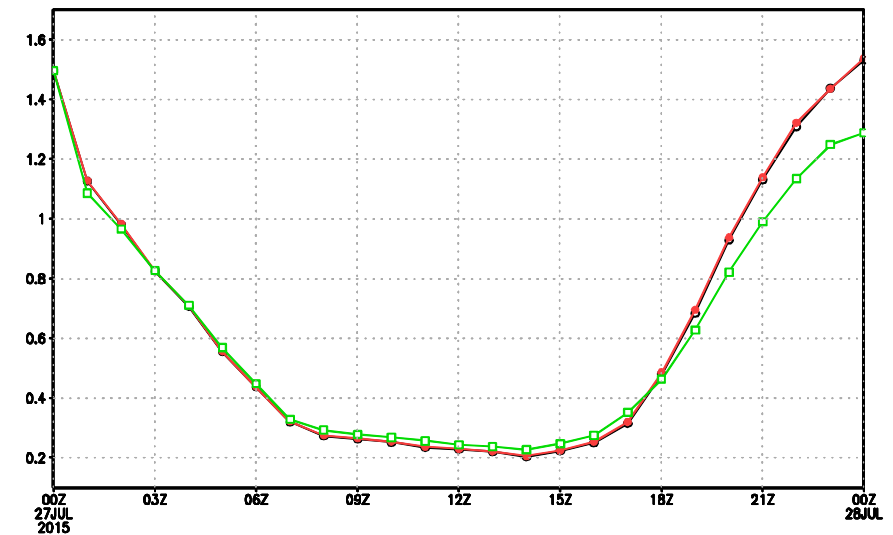
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**COSMO-donfig**

**COSMO-donfig + stable P-layer-profile-funct.**

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## Next steps

### Diffusion part:

- Introducing metric corrections for vertical diffusion in case of 3D-diffusion
- Decision for one of the possible modes

### Turbulence part:

- Finding an optimal configuration by varying available options
- Testing not yet activated (new and even older) development
  - positive-definite TKE-solution, less restrictive relaxation of singularities in stb.funct.
  - Deardorff-restriction of turbulent master-scale for stable stratification, ...
- Implementing further extensions
  - Prognostic equations for scalar variances
- Restructuring of the initialization part
- Only flux-input from turbtran to turbdiff (for better enabling flux aggregation of a tiled surface)
- Implementing more rigorous statistical hyper-parameterizations substituting some of the so far rather crude ICON-fixes of the form: former-model-parameter = fnc(model-variables)
- Further completion of the STIC-implementation



# Analysis of current thermal stability damping of the SAT-scheme:

- Turbulence scheme applied to CFL ➔ Resistance representation of surface fluxes
  - Usual parameter values
  - TKE-equilibrium
  - No STIC-terms
  - Representing Dyer-Businger Profile-function
  - In accordance with MO-similarity
  - Solution similar to former Louis-Scheme
  - Linear  $u^\phi$ -profile for non-stable SL-stratification (currently used)
  - **Hyperbolic** stable SL-stratification (new extension)
  - Profile-parameter according to  $\gamma_s^\phi = \frac{z_0}{z_p - z_0} \left[ \frac{u_p^\phi}{u_0^\phi} - 1 \right]$  and **sufficient shallow lowest model-layer**
  - or according to  $\gamma_s^\phi = 1 - \frac{u_*}{u_0^\phi} \frac{S_{neut}^\phi}{S_{neut}^M}$  in general
- Hypothesis:
  - Mainly because the **lowest model layer is still too large**, the **stability-dependency of the transfer-resistances is damped** in cases of **strong gradients** and **MO-similarity is not well represented**, even if it is valid
    - Too large transfer-coefficients (and surface fluxes) for stable stratification
  - The introduction of the scheme had (nevertheless) gained one of the largest increase of skill
    - partly due to **its larger generality**
    - partly due to the **compensation of still missing effects by the constructed stratification damping**

# Testing our hypothesis:

by Ines Cerenzia

- Application of component testing using CSMO-SC with the common TURBDIFF-code and tower measurements:
  - Reducing the numerical security limits in the turbulence model and the specific SAT-code (based on the common code)
    - Only marginal effect
  - Comparison with a modification by substituting the dimensionless P-Layer-resistance by the MO-stability function

$$\kappa u_0^\phi \cdot r_{0A}^\phi = \ln\left(\frac{z_A}{z_0}\right) - \underbrace{\psi\left(\frac{z_A}{L_{MO}}\right)}_{\text{MO- semi-empirical integral-stability-function}} \quad L_{MO} := -\rho \frac{c_p}{g} \frac{u_*^3 \hat{\theta}_v}{S_{hfl}} \quad \text{MO-stability-length}$$

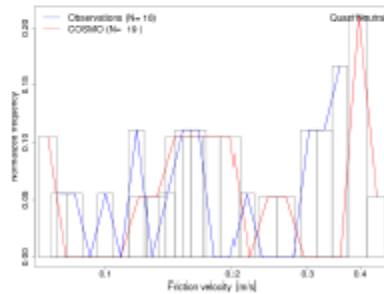
- Considerably larger sensitivity of transfer-coefficients at stable stratification
  - Lower magnitude of surface fluxes
  - Stronger decrease of nocturnal T2m

# Fluxes: sensitivity to observed stability

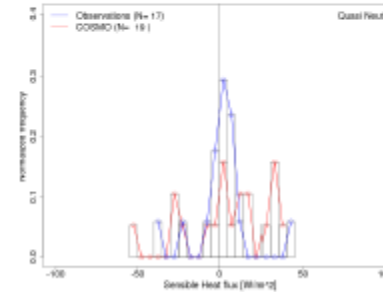
— Observations  
— COSMO

Quasi  
Neutral

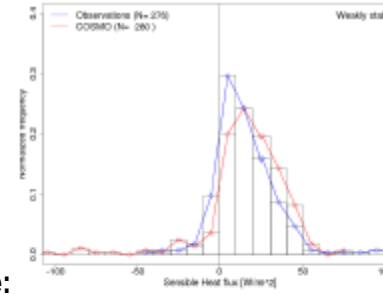
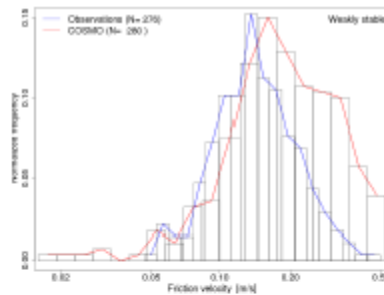
Friction velocity



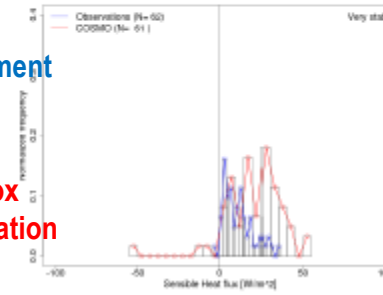
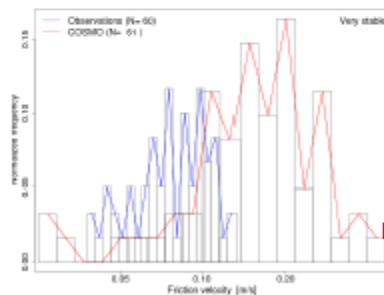
Sensible heat flux



Weakly  
Stable



Very  
Stable



Notice:

local  
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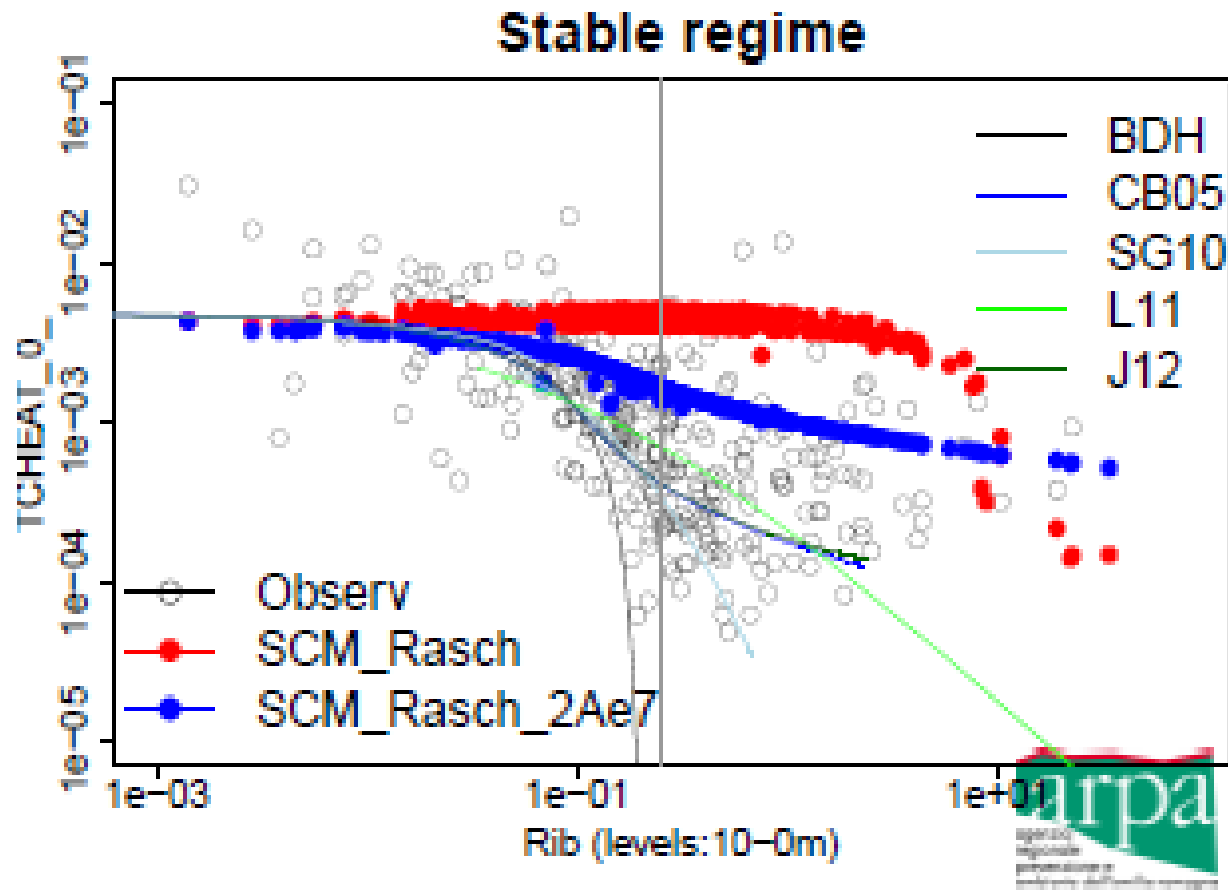
The more  
the regime  
is stable,  
the more  
COSMO  
tends  
towards  
higher  
values of  
fluxes!



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## Transfer-coefficients:

- Simulated in a SC-run forced by measured T2m, Td2m V10m and Ts
- and derived directly form measurements



- A first test-case based verification over Italy was rather indifferent, even though pointing in the right direction

## Next steps

- Testing and further developing the recently implemented P-layer-resistance without the upper turbulent node in comparison with the MO-test-implementation
- Investigation of the direct iteration of  $z_0$  and the stability parameter over sea-surfaces
- Implementing and testing a developed fully closed resistance formulation without a special treatment of neither the R- nor a L-layer.



# The new TURBDIFF-version for COSMO and ICON

## Part 1:

- general features
- implementation in COSMO
- modification in the atmospheric part

Matthias Raschendorfer

DWD

## Generalized numerical vertical diffusion:

$$K^\phi = \begin{cases} \text{MAX} \{k^M, 'tkm \text{ min}', \ell S^M q\} & \phi \text{ is a horizontal wind component} \\ \text{MAX} \{k^\phi, 'tkh \text{ min}', \ell S^H q\} & \phi \text{ is a scalar variable} \\ \ell S^{\text{TKE}} q, \quad S^{\text{TKE}} = \text{const} & \phi = \text{TKE} \end{cases}$$

$$\partial_t \phi|_{\text{VDif}} = \partial_z [K^\phi \partial_z \phi + F_{\text{NGrd}}^\phi] =: \partial_z [K^\phi \partial_z \tilde{\phi}] = \partial_t \tilde{\phi}|_{\text{VDif}}$$

solved **semi-implicitly** (tri-diagonal linear solver)

non-gradient flux corrections

- Can be applied to half- and full-level variables
- Can be looped over all variables to be diffused; common calculations are done only once
- Non-gradient flux corrections may be due to
  - flux conversion into non conserved variables scalar variables due to SGS phase changes of water
  - current representation of the “circulation term” (to be revised) for TKE
- Explicit tendencies can be considered in the implicit equations as well
- Lower boundary conditions selectable for each diffused variable



## The additional shear terms:

- Additional shear terms are marked by  $F_C^M$  in the **total shear term**  $F_T^M := (\partial_z \hat{u})^2 + (\partial_z \hat{v})^2 + F_C^M$
  - They are due to:
    - horizontal isotropic turbulent shear
    - additional shear by non-turbulent SGS circulations (as a consequence of scale separation of turbulence)
      - **separated horizontal shear modes**
      - **wake eddies** (due to SSO drag)
      - **convective vertical currents**
    - (laminar shear)
- non-turbulent production = scale transfer towards TKE
- $$P_C^{\text{SKE}}(q_C, L_C, \dots) \approx \frac{q_C^3}{\alpha_c^{\text{MM}} L_C}$$
- They are positive definite and neither dependent on  $\ell$  nor on  $q$
  - They prevent turbulence from “dying” in the absence of vertical shear and negative buoyancy (stable stratification)
  - They make the turbulent scheme realizable, if turbulent closure assumptions are not valid for the given resolution
  - They can help to get the set of GS parameterizations more consistent and thus more realistic
  - They can help to avoid numerical security measures, which are due to singularities or a non stable numeric
    - possibly **no minimal diffusion coefficients**
    - possibly **no additional numerical horizontal diffusion**

# The new TURBDIFF-version for COSMO and ICON

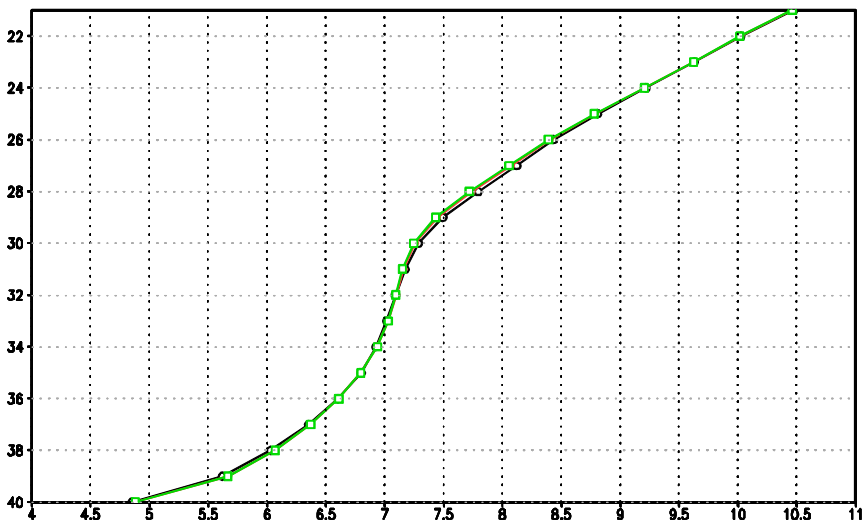
## Part 2:

- modification in the SAT-part
- first results and next steps

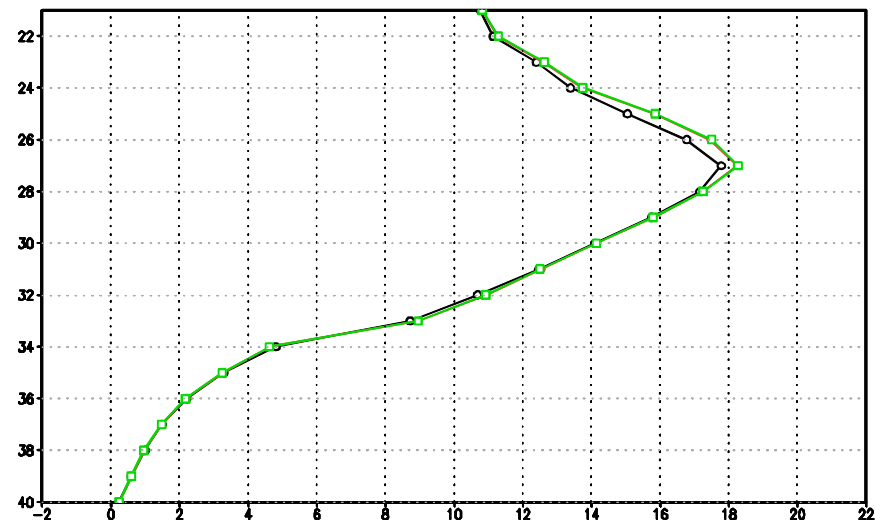
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DWD

Horizontal wind speed [m/s] Lon -18 23.5, Lat -20 21

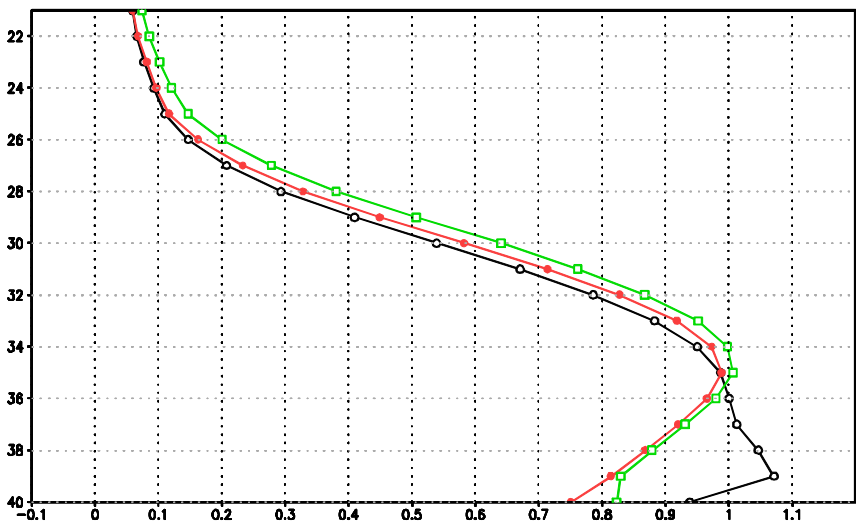


layer cloud cover Lon -18 23.5, Lat -20 21

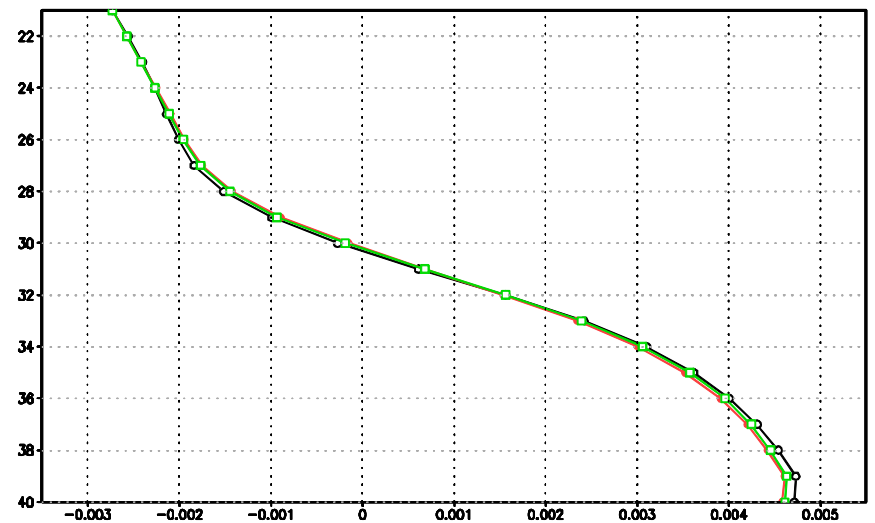


COSMO-EU: common TURBDIFF

turbulent kinetic energy (TKE) [m<sup>2</sup>/s<sup>2</sup>] Lon -18 23.5, Lat -20 21



vertical wind speed [m/s] Lon -18 23.5, Lat -20 21



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## Next steps

turbtran:

- Testing and further developing the P-layer-resistance without the upper turbulent node
- Implementing and testing the fully closed resistance formulation without a special treatment of neither the R- nor the L-layer.

turbdiff (diffusion part):

- Introducing metric corrections for vertical diffusion in case of 3D-diffusion (in ConSAT)

turbdiff (turbulence part):

- Testing not yet activated (new and even older) development
  - positive-definite TKE-solution, less restrictive relaxation of singularities in stb.funct.
  - Deardorff-restriction of turbulent master-scale for stable stratification, ...
- Further development of STIC
  - Circulation-term” as “thermal SSO-scheme
  - Statistical saturation adjustment including contributions from all SGS processes (also related to T2(RC)2)
  - Substituting the so far rather crude ICON-fixes
  - Complete transport including contributions from all SGS processes
- Implementing further extensions
  - Prognostic equations for scalar variances