



Testing & Tuning of Revised Cloud Radiation Coupling: $T^2(RC)^2$ and the new CLOUDRAD scheme

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Testing & Tuning of Revised Cloud Radiation Coupling: T²(RC)²

- Project duration: September 2015 - February 2020
- Total FTEs : 11.1

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Main achievements



New Cloud
Optics



New Aerosols
Options



SGS clouds
&
Microphysics



New MCSI

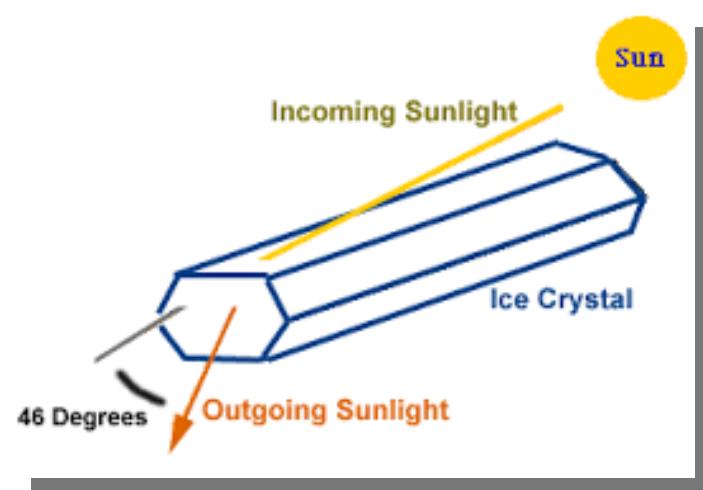
Radiative Solver



New Cloud
Optics

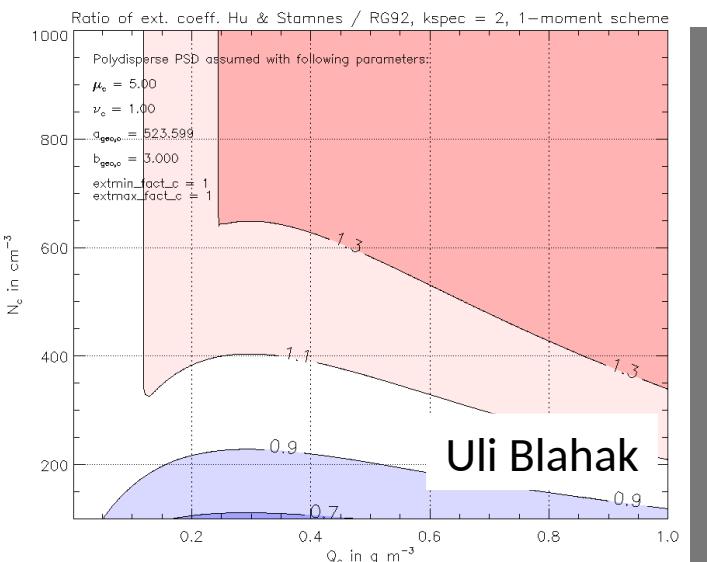
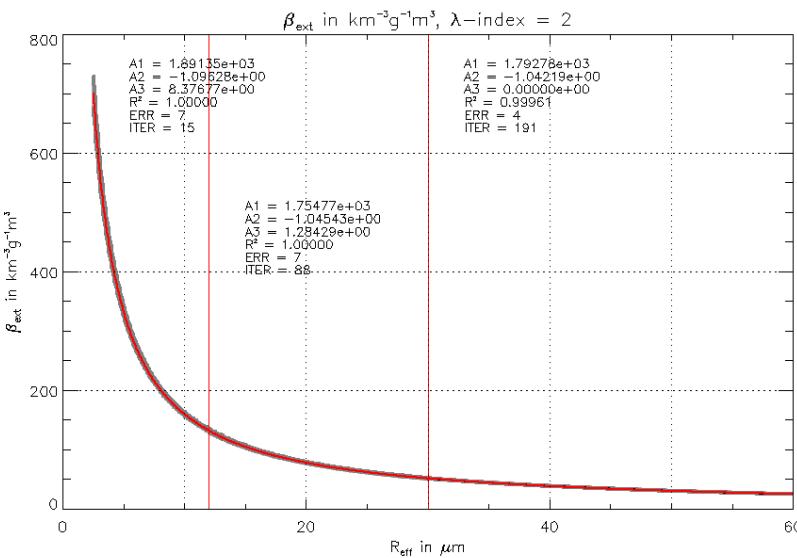
New optical properties parametrizations

- Optical properties:
- Optical properties: $\beta_{ext} = \int_0^{\infty} \sigma_{ext}(D)N(D)dD ,$
 $\varpi = \beta_{sca}/\beta_{ext}$
- Default RG92 scheme:
$$g = \frac{\int_0^{\infty} g_p(D)\sigma_{sca}(D)N(D)dD}{\int_0^{\infty} \sigma_{sca}(D)N(D)dD}$$
- New CLOUDRAD scheme:
- Implemented in both **COSMO** and **ICON**
- New CLOUDRAD scheme: $opt_prop = f(q_x, \lambda)$
- Implemented in both **COSMO** and **ICON**



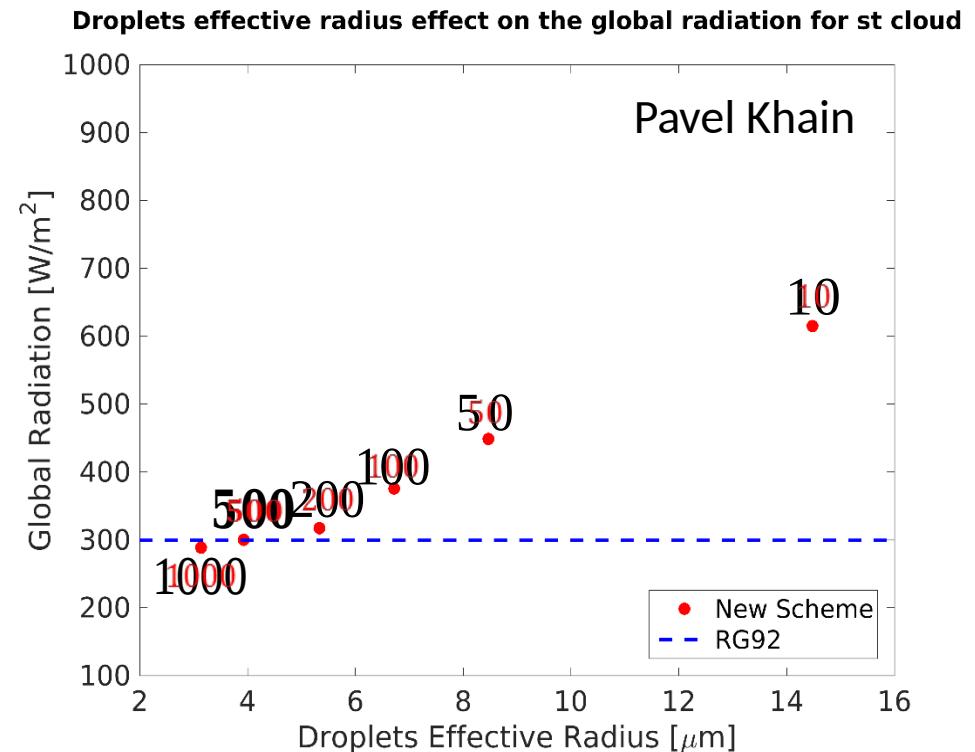
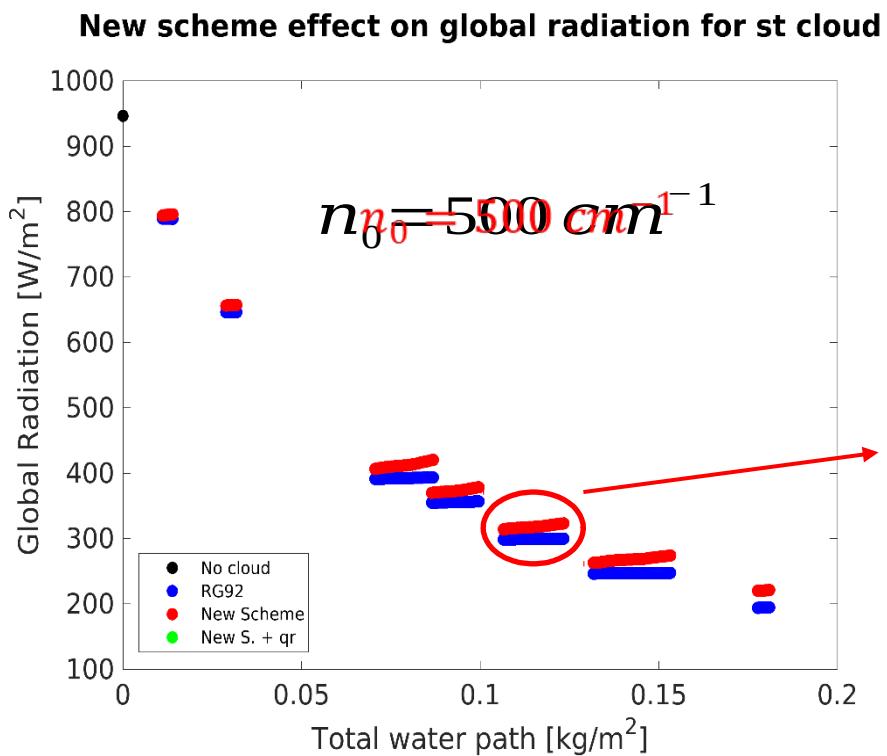
Liquid hydrometeors

- COSMO - new optical properties after [Hu and Stamnes \(1993\)](#)
iradpar_cloud > 1
- $\epsilon(R_e) = C_1 R_e^{a_2} + C_3$ → $R_e = \frac{1}{C_2} \int_0^{\infty} D^3 N(D) dD = \frac{1}{C_2} M_3 = C_4 \left(\frac{LWC}{n_w} \right)^{C_2}$ can be calculated in three different ways (to be discussed later)
- Special spectral ramping to the COSMO 8-band scheme
 n_w can be calculated in three different ways (to be discussed later)
- Expanding the validity range from original RG92 – include rain
- Expanding approximation range from original RG92 – include rain
- Large size approximation used $\lim_{R/\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_{ext} \rightarrow 2A_{geo}; A_{geo} = \pi R^2$



Liquid hydrometeors

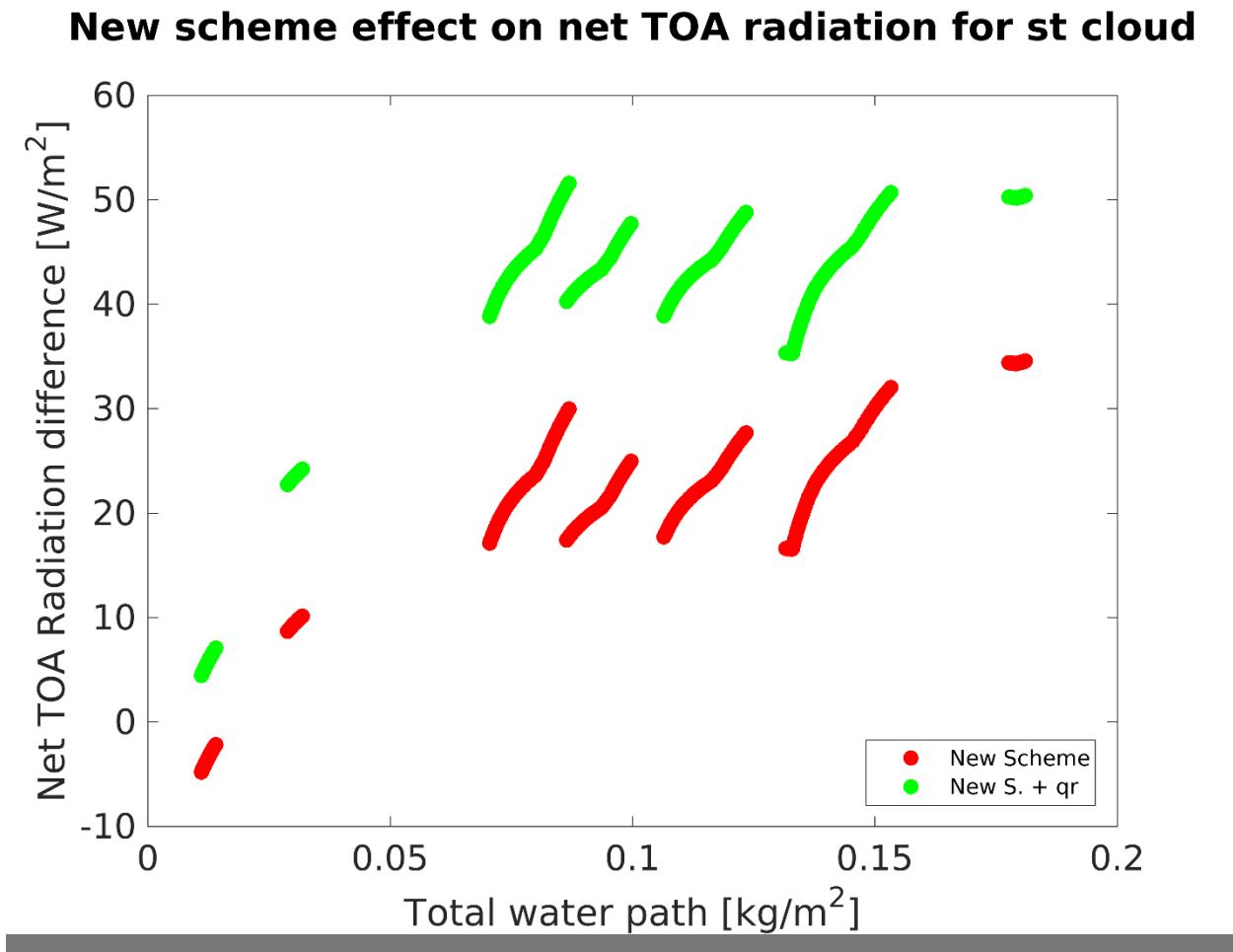
- Idealized COSMO runs with tailored 7 stratus clouds cases
- 6 hours run with fixed SZA almost stable and homogeneous clouds
- Each case with different cloud thickness



$$N_{CLOUDRAD} = n_0 \exp \left(-\frac{z - z_{CB}}{\lambda} \right), z_{CB} = 2000 \text{ m}, \lambda = 2000 \text{ m}$$

if $z < z_{CB}$ $N_{CLOUDRAD} = n_0$

Liquid hydrometeors



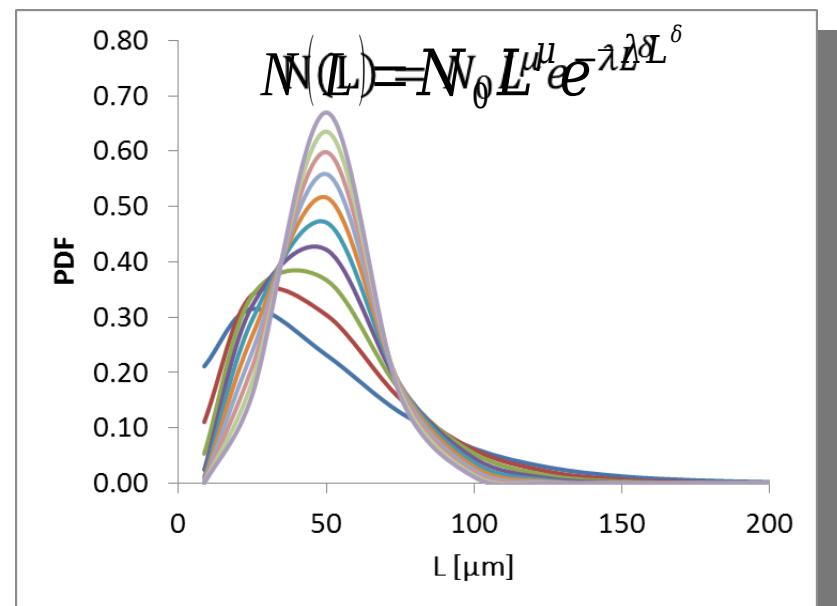
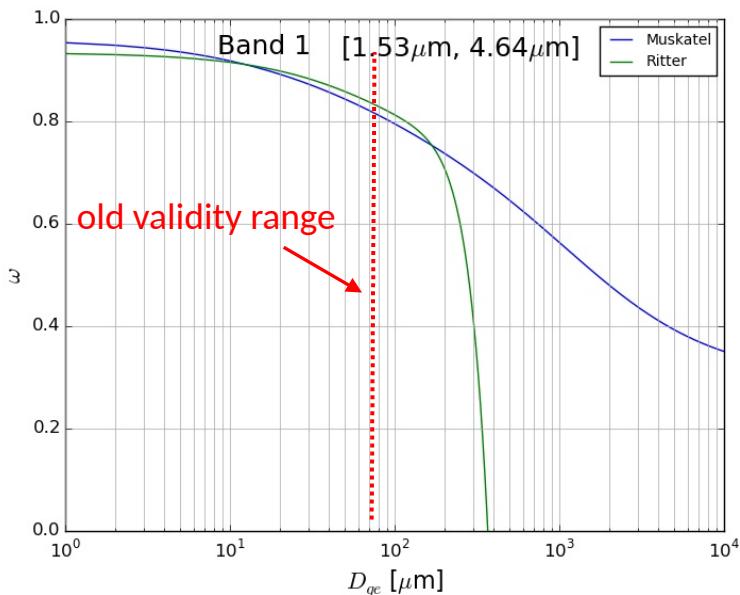
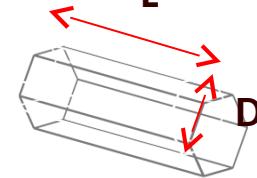
**Warming effect of the new scheme
compared with RG92!**

Ice hydrometeors

- Single particle optical properties after Fu (1986 = LW, 1998 = SW)
- Assuming randomly oriented hexagonal particles
- Using AR and D_{ge} as the bulk parameters:

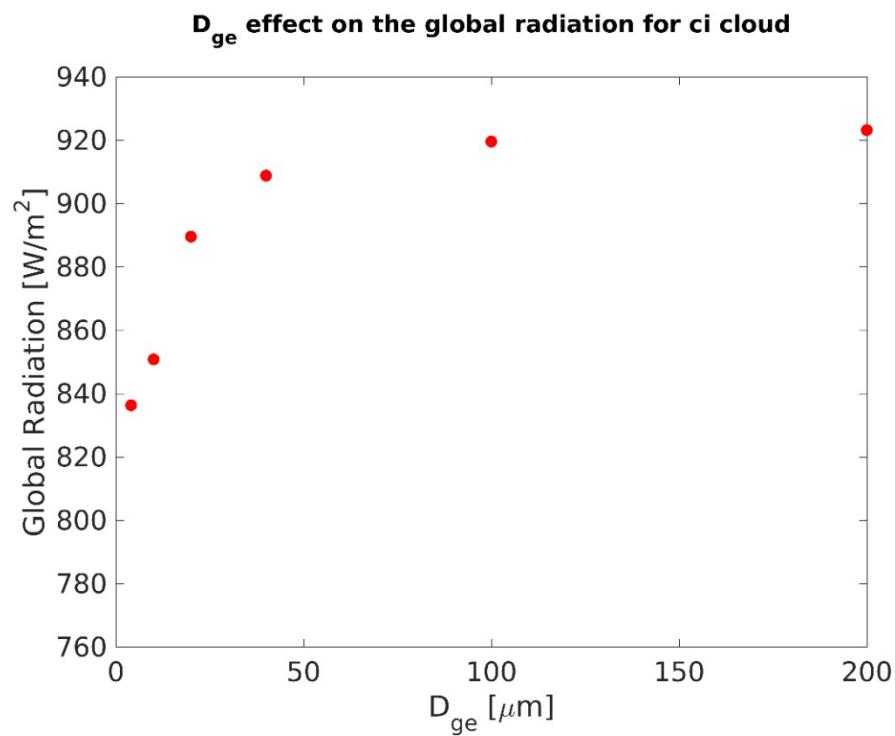
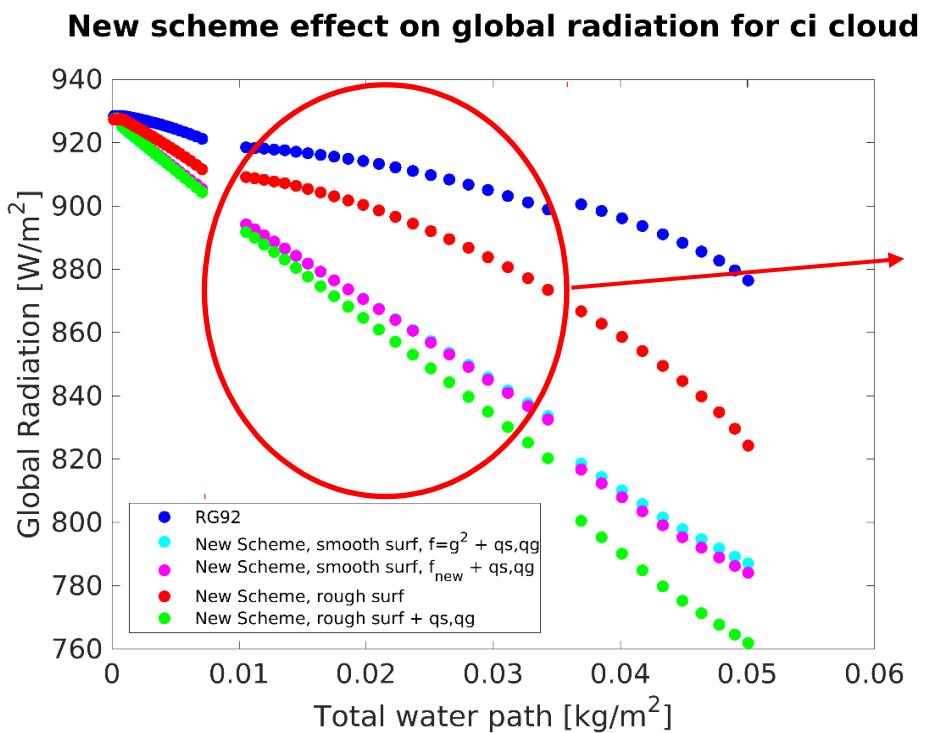
$$\beta, g, \bar{\omega} = \sum_{i=0}^{i=n} a_i R_e^i \quad AR_{ext} = \frac{1}{\int_{L_{min}}^{L_{max}} b_i \left(\frac{D}{L}\right) A_c N(L) dL}, \quad \beta_{ext}, \bar{\omega}(D) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^n a_i D_{ge}^{i,i}}{\sum_{i=0}^m b_i D_{ge}^{i,i}}, \quad gg(AR) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^n a_i AR^i}{\sum_{i=0}^m b_i AR^i}$$

- The size range was expanded by using 7000 generalized gamma distributions
- Large size approximation to include snow and graupel
- Including rough or smooth particles (rough is recommended)

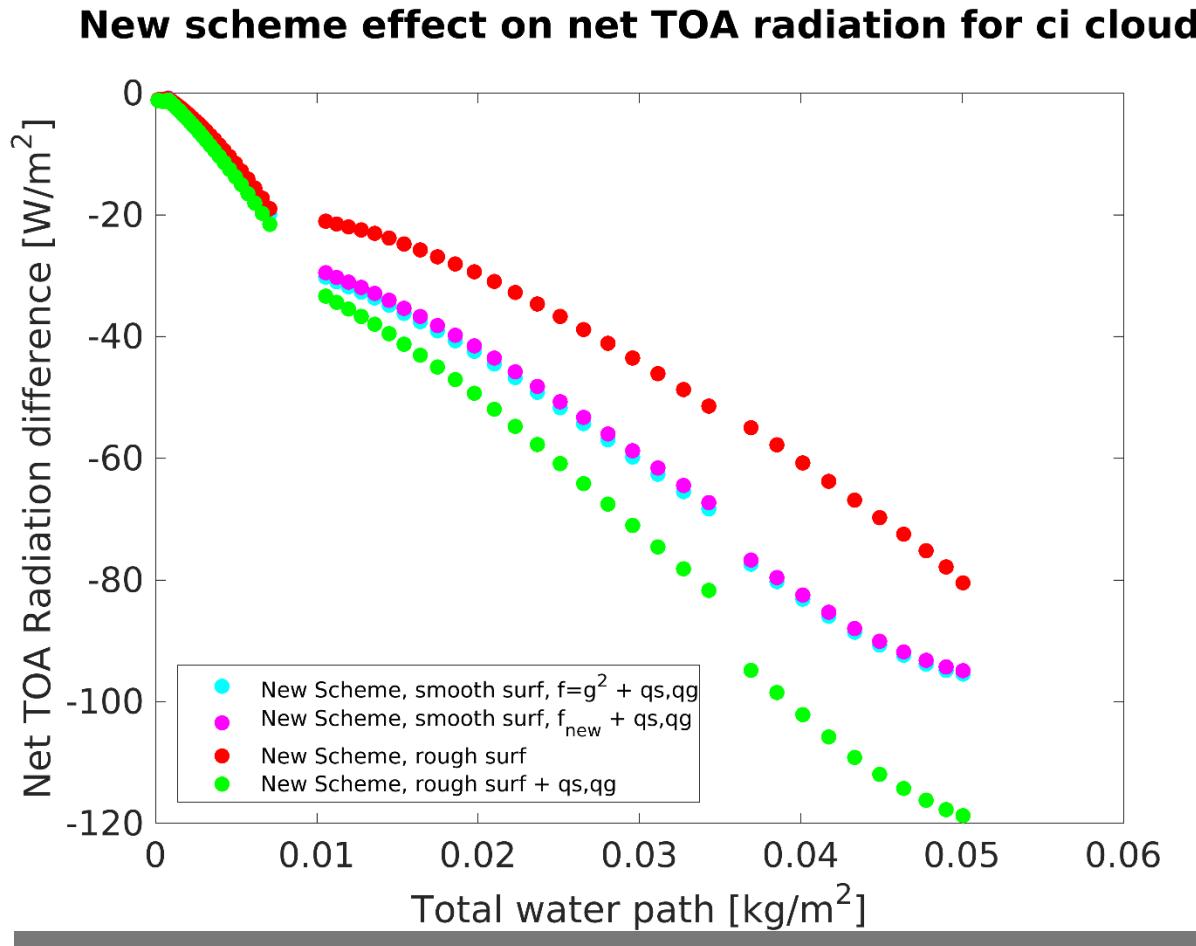


Ice hydrometeors

Idealized COSMO runs with tailored 3 cirrus clouds cases



Ice hydrometeors



**Cooling effect of the new scheme
compared with RG92!**

Validation: CALIPSO : Simon Gruber's work

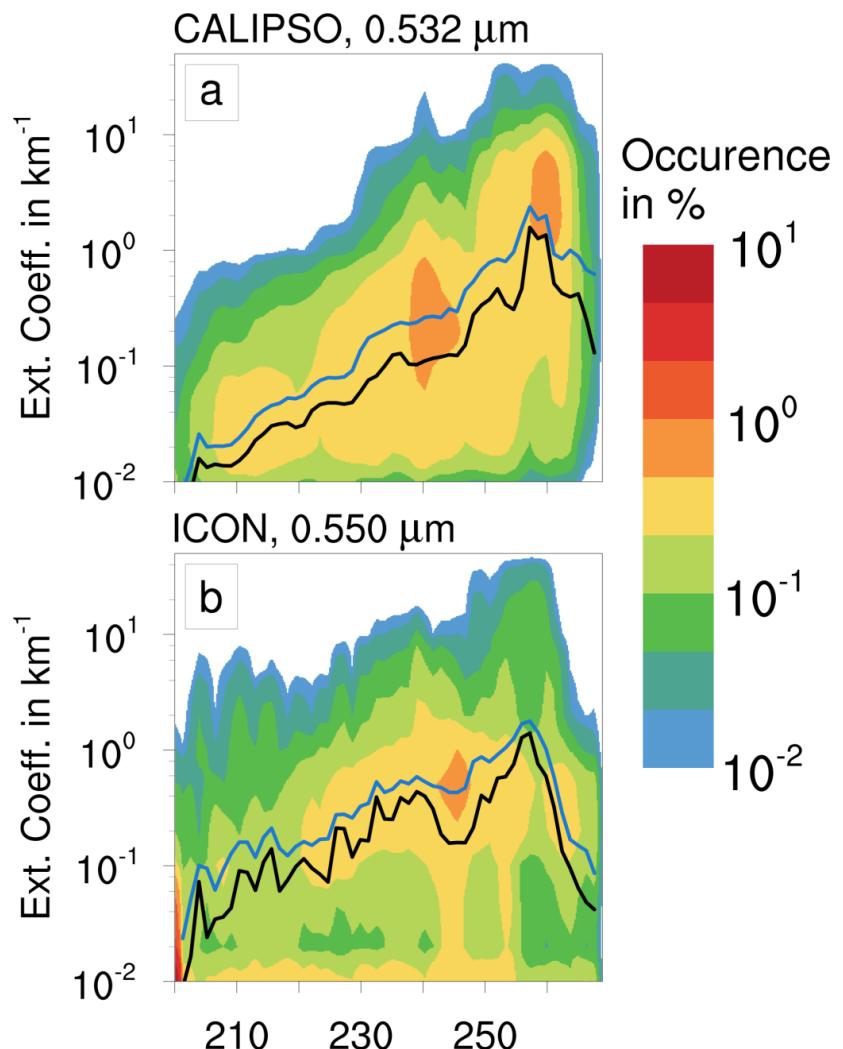
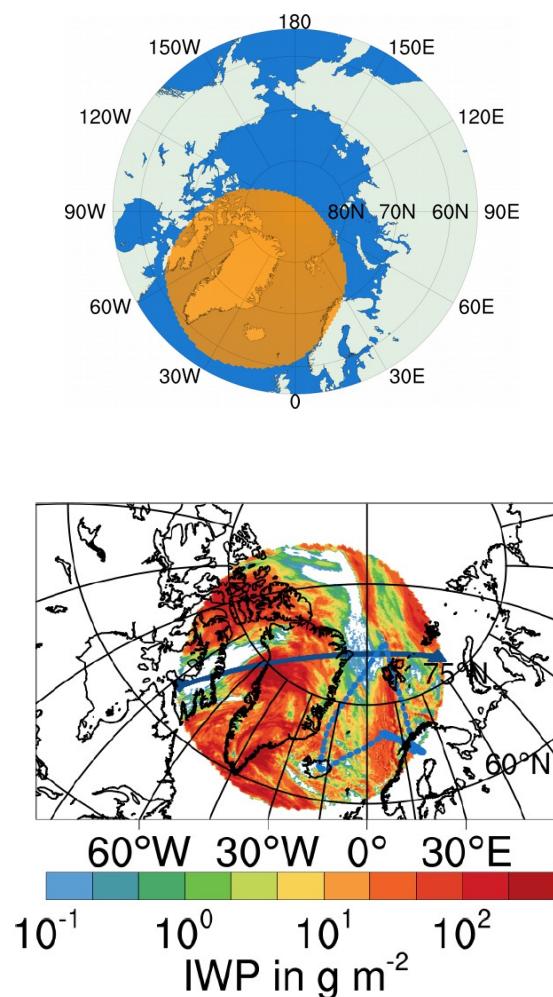


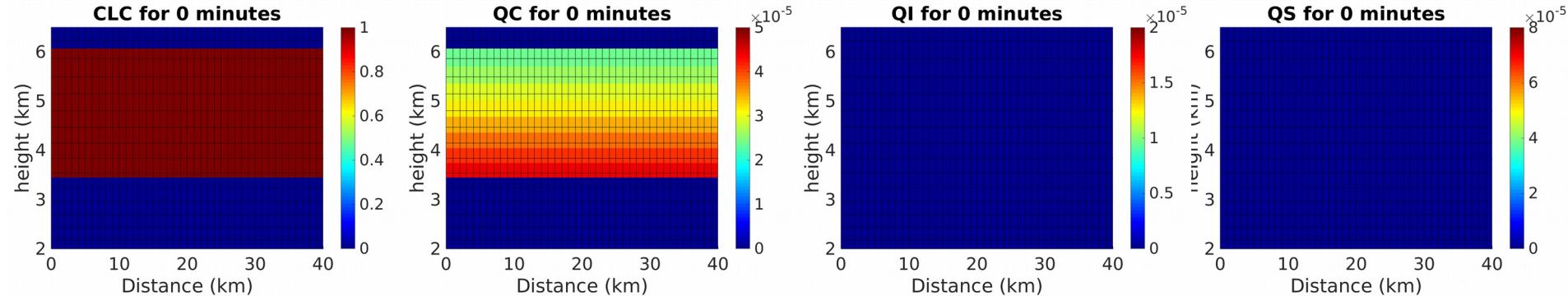
Figure 5. Two-dimensional probability distribution of the extinction coefficient with respect to temperature sampled along all tracks of CALIPSO crossing the simulation domain during the entire integration time for CALIPSO (a) and reference simulation (b). Black (blue) lines indicate average (median) extinction coefficient in each temperature bin.

Choosing Parameters for Fine Tuning

- 32 new tuning parameters
- Use idealized COSMO framework to create different cloud types
- Decide which parameters are the most important for each cloud type
- True/False switches & continuous parameters

Anvil of CB	Fair weather Cu	Mixed phase	Warm Stratus	Cirrus
p1,p2,p3,p6,p7, p9 ,p10,p11,p1 4, p16,p23,p24,p25,p29,p30, p31, p32	p2,p6,p7, p8 , p15 , p17,p18,p19, p32	p1,p2,p3,p6,p7, p8 , p9 ,p10, p11,p14, p15 , p16 ,p17,p18, p19,p23,p24,p25,p26,p27, p28,p29,p30,p31, p32	p1,p2,p6, p8 , p15 ,p17, p18,p19,p26,p 27, p28, p32	p1,p2,p3,p6,p7, p 9 ,p10,p11,p14,p 16,p23,p24,p25, p29,p30,p31, p32

Mixed phase cloud



A List of 8 most important parameters

true / false switches	
continuous parameters	
Irad_incl_qrqsg	.1
iradpar_cloud	.2
Irad_use_largesizeapprox	.3
Irad_ice_smooth_surfaces	.4
Irad_ice_fd_is_gsquared	.5
itype_aerosol	.6
icloud_num_type_rad	.7
radqcfact	.8
radqifact	.9
rad_arearat_ls_i	.10
rad_arearat_ls_s	.11
rad_arearat_ls_g	.12
rad_arearat_ls_h	.13
rhobulk_ls_ini_i	.14
reff_ini_c	.15
reff_ini_i	.16
cloud_num_rad	.17
zref_cloud_num_rad	.18
dz_oe_cloud_num_rad	.19
tqc_thresh_rad	.20
tqi_thresh_rad	.21
tqs_thresh_rad	.22
rhos_n0shigh_rad	.23
rhos_n0slow_rad	.24
n0s_low_rad	.25
rhoc_nchigh_rad	.26
rhoc_nclow_rad	.27
ncfact_low_rad	.28
rhoi_nihigh_rad	.29
rhoi_nilow_rad	.30
nifact_low_rad	.31
qvsatfact_sgscl_rad	.32



- (2) Operational / new scheme
- (1) Include rain, snow & graupel
- (7,17) Number concentration of cloud droplets
- (15,32) Sub-grid water clouds properties
- (8,9) Sub-grid scale variability

Automatic (CALMO) calibration

- COSMO-DE 2.8km 5.1 four “cloudrad” versions, driven by ICON-EU analyses
- 30M BU in ECMWF computers: 4 months (Feb, Apr, Jun, Sep) 2016

Optimal parameters - CMSAF

	Basic	CAMS	SK basic	SK-SAM
radqcfact	0.52	0.497	0.471	0.478
radqifact	0.482	0.492	0.489	0.483
reff_ini_c (*10 ⁻⁶)	5.432	5.491		
qvsatfact_sgscl_rad	0.011	0.012	0.016	0.017
cloud_num_rad (*10 ⁸)	1.089	1.058		
reff_avg_fact				0.934
qnc_avg_fact				0.352

Optimal parameters - RADSFC

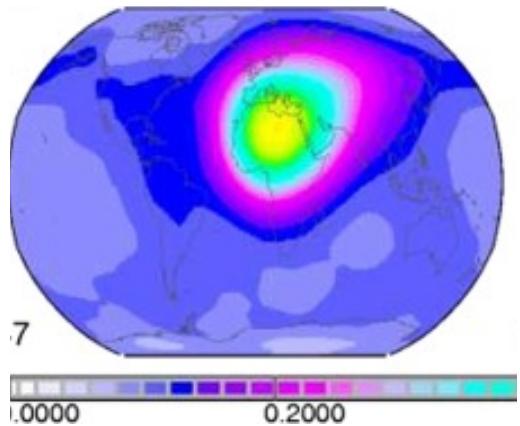
	Basic	CAMS	SK basic	SK-SAM
radqcfact	0.712	0.475	0.483	0.493
radqifact	0.498	0.489	0.501	0.496
reff_ini_c (*10 ⁻⁶)	5.955	5.618		
qvsatfact_sgscl_rad	0.009	0.014	0.017	0.018
cloud_num_rad (*10 ⁸)	1.317	1.191		
reff_avg_fact				0.926
qnc_avg_fact				0.369

A rectangular image with rounded corners, containing a photograph of a coastal city. The city is built on a peninsula with a long, sandy beach in the foreground. The sky above the city is a uniform, hazy orange-brown color, suggesting atmospheric pollution or a sunset. The entire image is framed by a thin blue border.

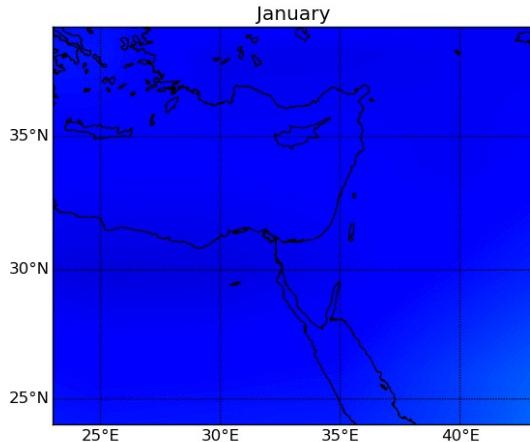
New Aerosols
Options

Aerosols input for COSMO radiation

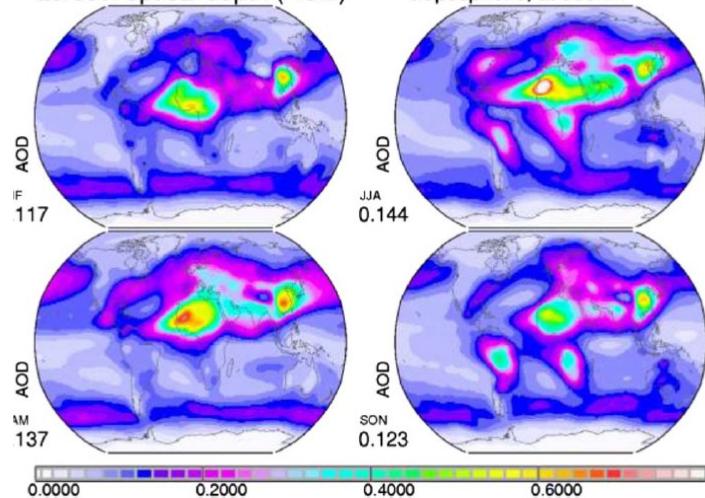
Tanre (1983)
itype_aerosol = 1



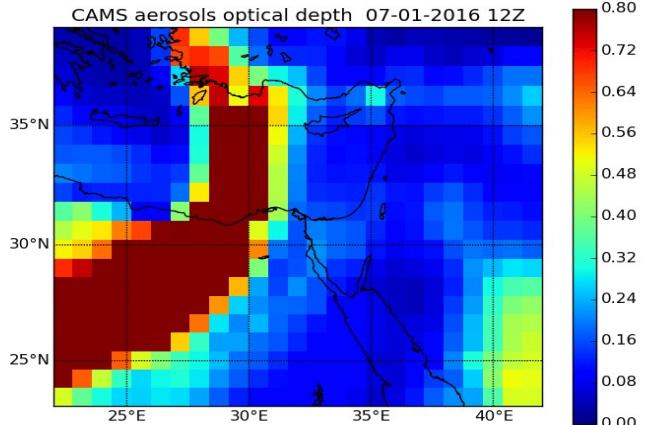
Tegen (1997)
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MACv2 - Kinne (2013)
itype_aerosol = 3

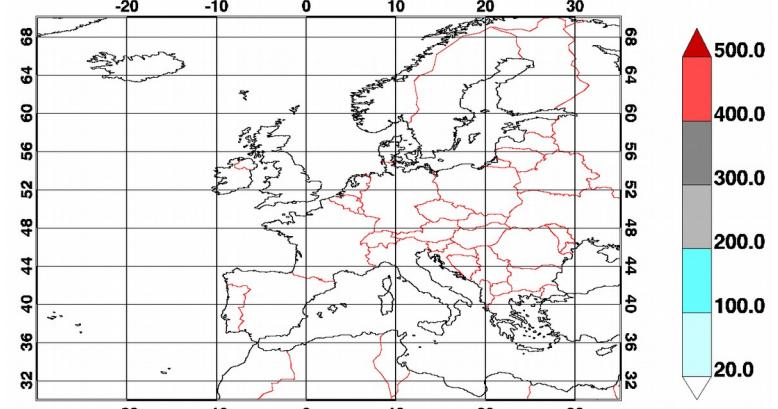


CAMS-ECMWF
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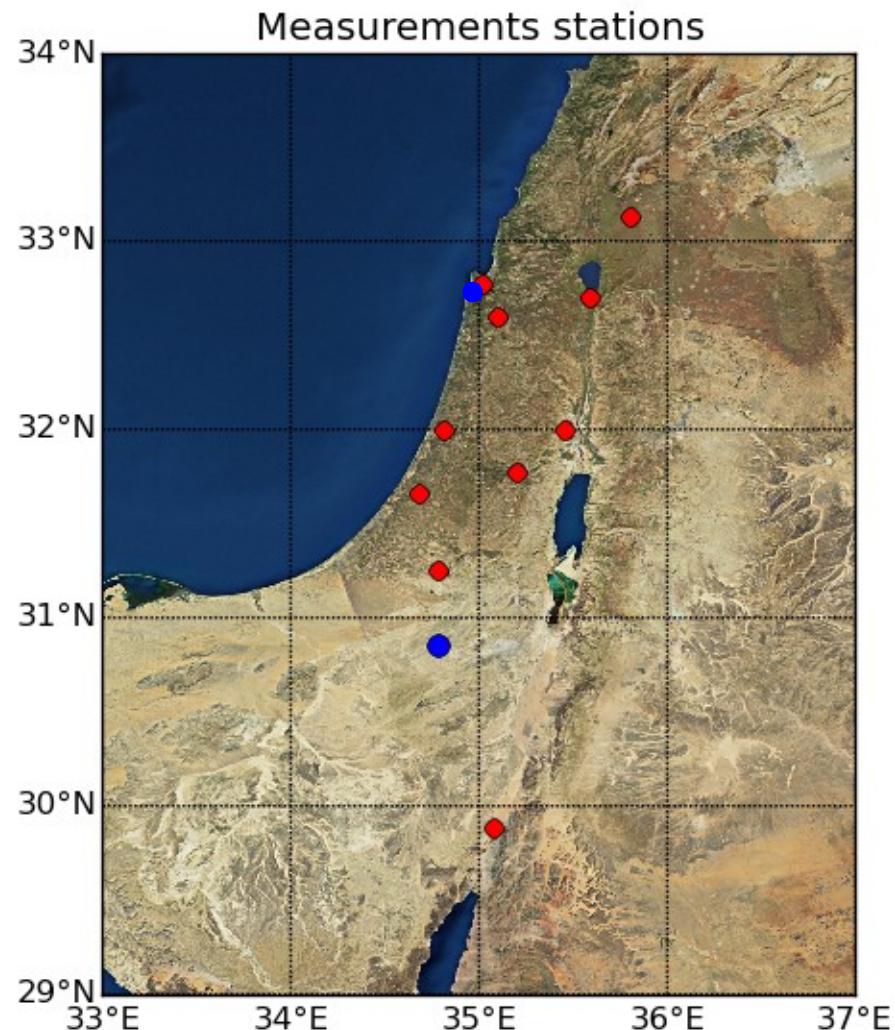
ICON-ART

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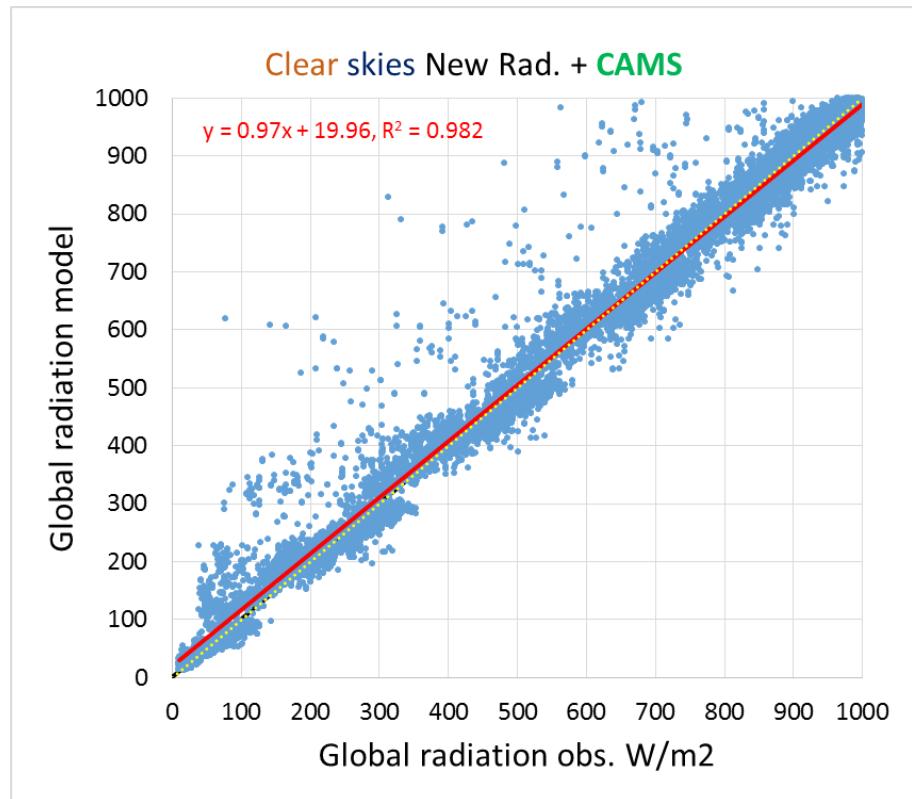
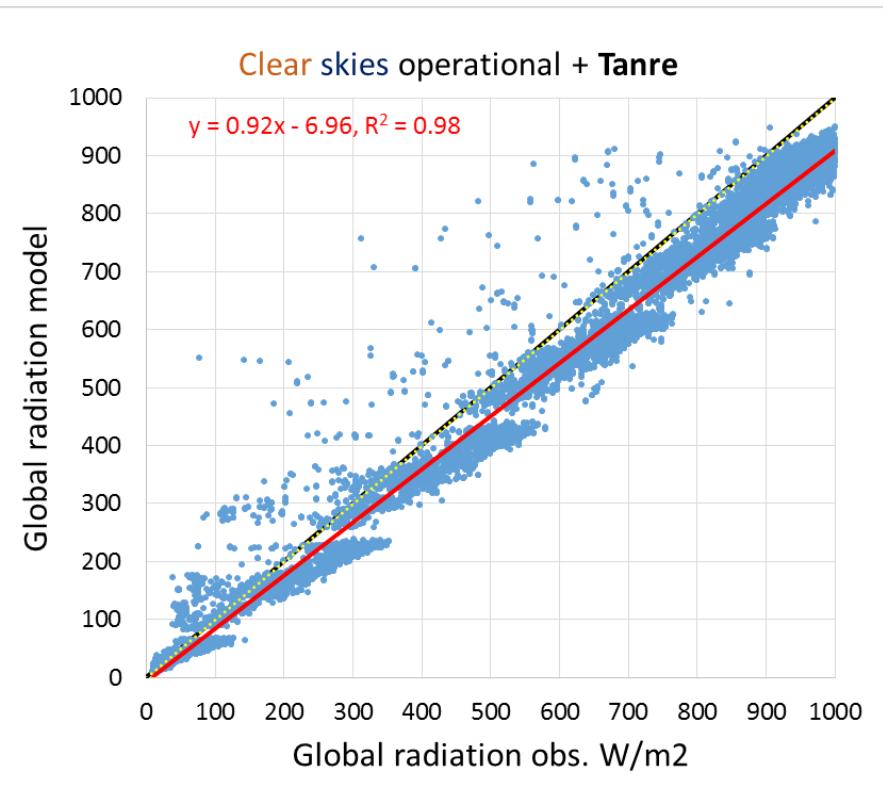
COSMO-CAMS verifications

- 10 measurement stations (GR, T, Tmax)
- 2 AEORNET station in Sede-Boker & Technion (AOD)

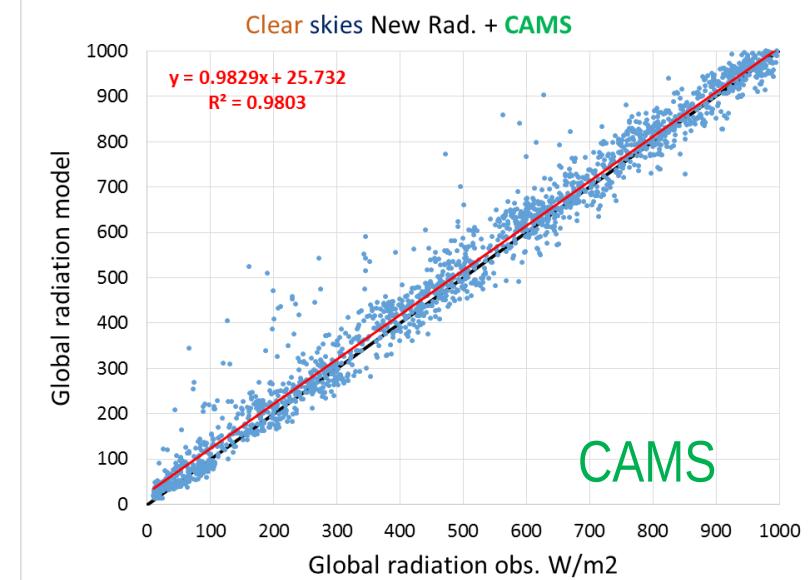
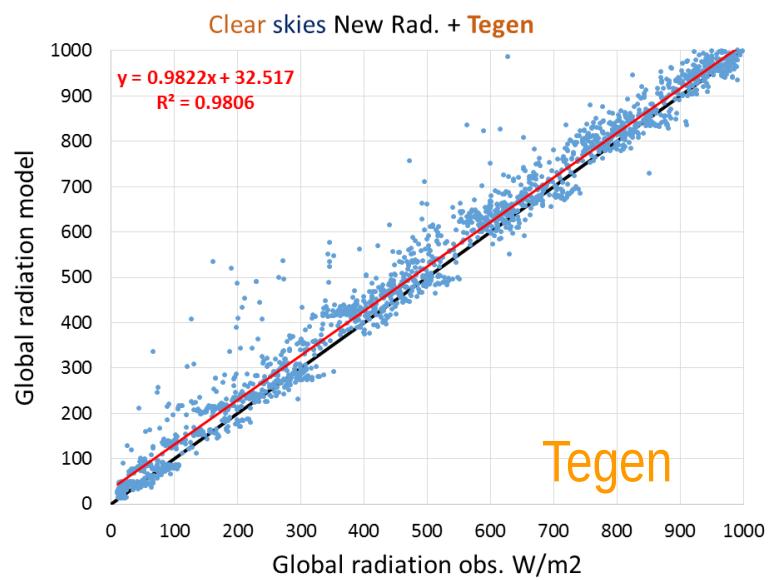
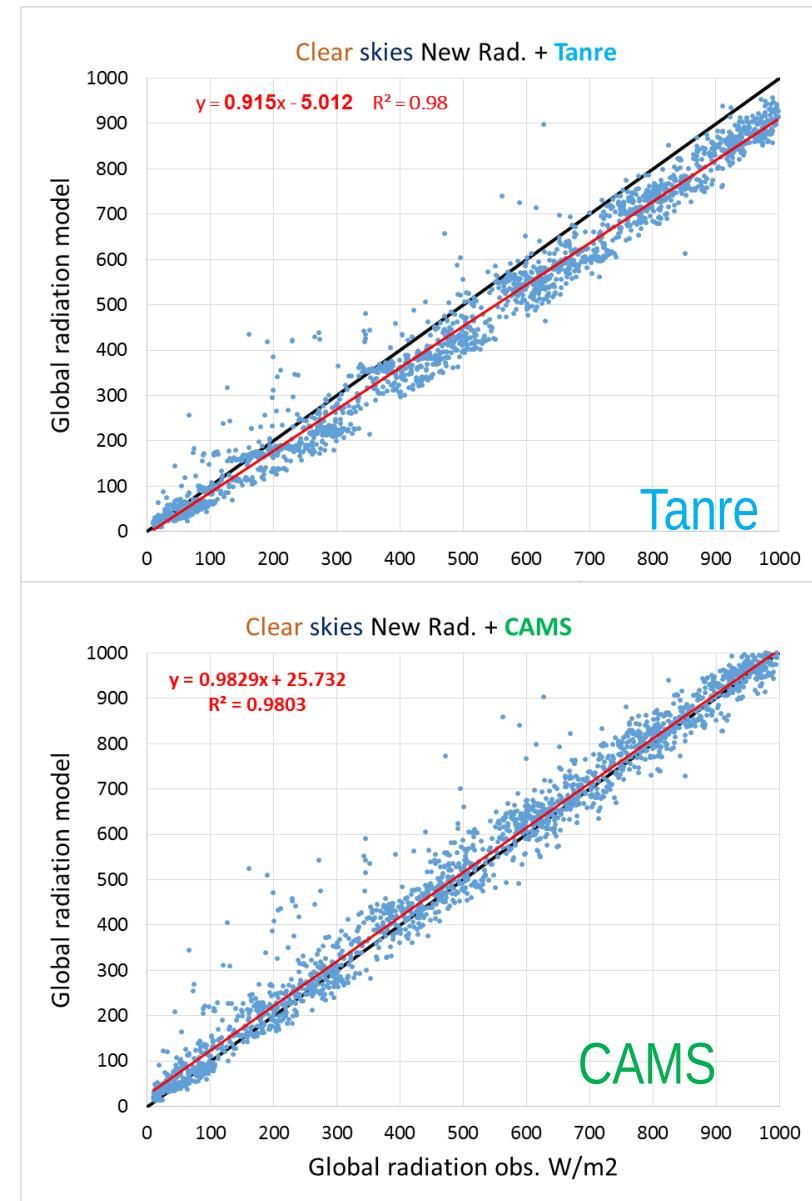
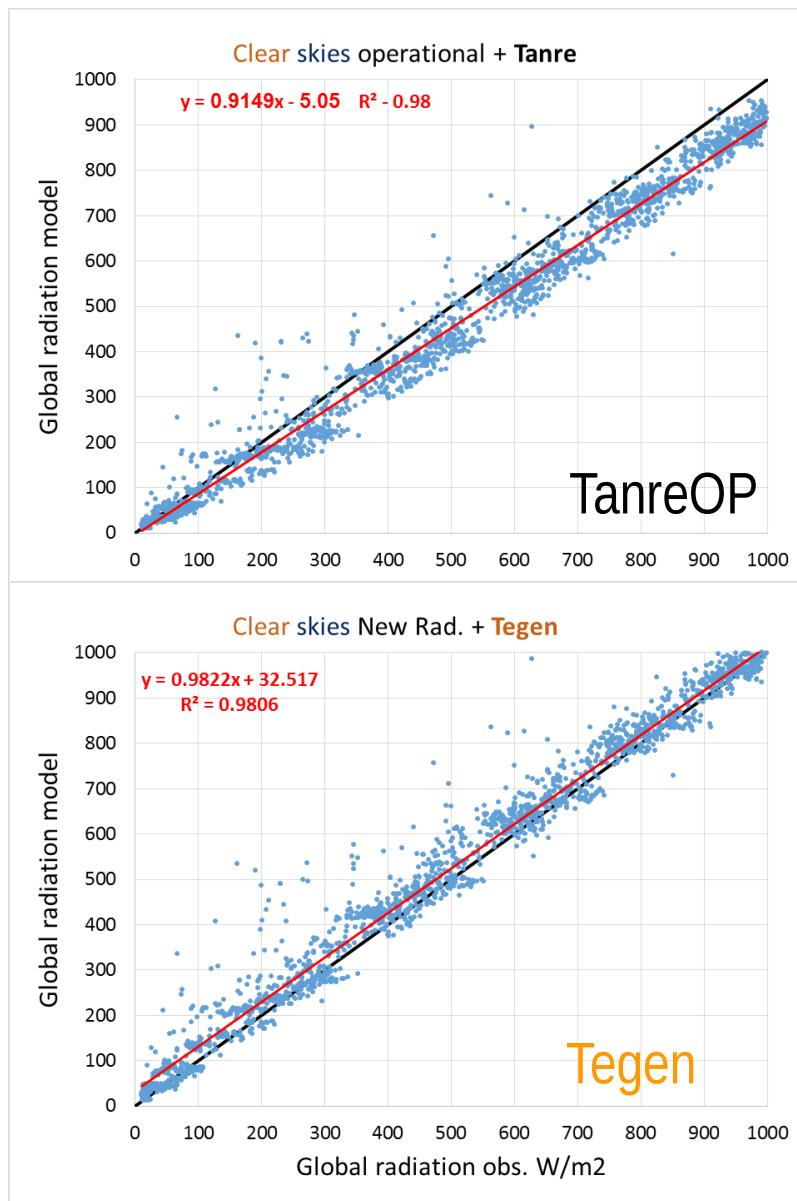


Global radiation – model vs. Obs. clear skies

Jun-Aug 2017



29 test cases in different weather situations

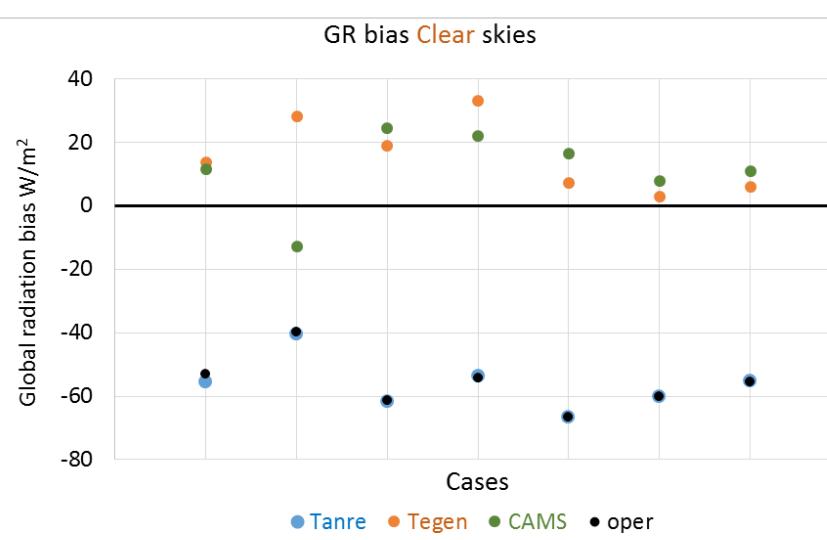
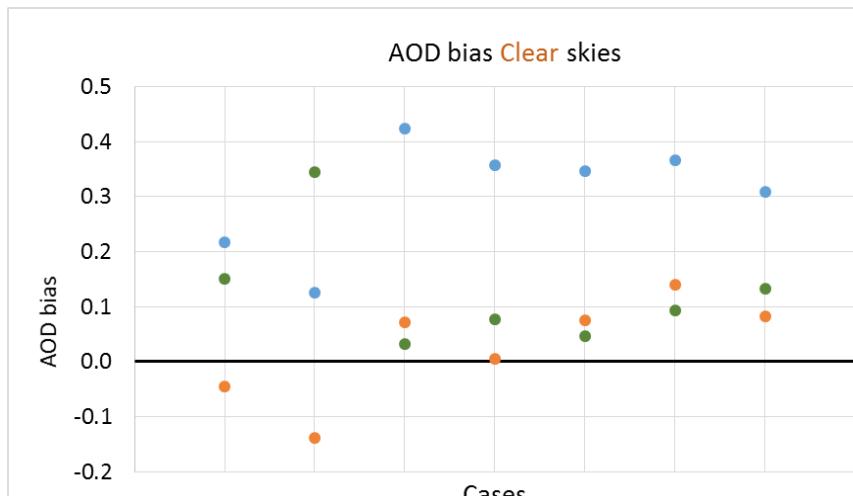


Global radiation and AOD – model vs. Observations clear skies



Cases:

- 2015-05-17
- 2015-05-18
- 2016-02-14
- 2016-02-26
- 2016-04-18
- 2016-06-19
- 2016-06-24



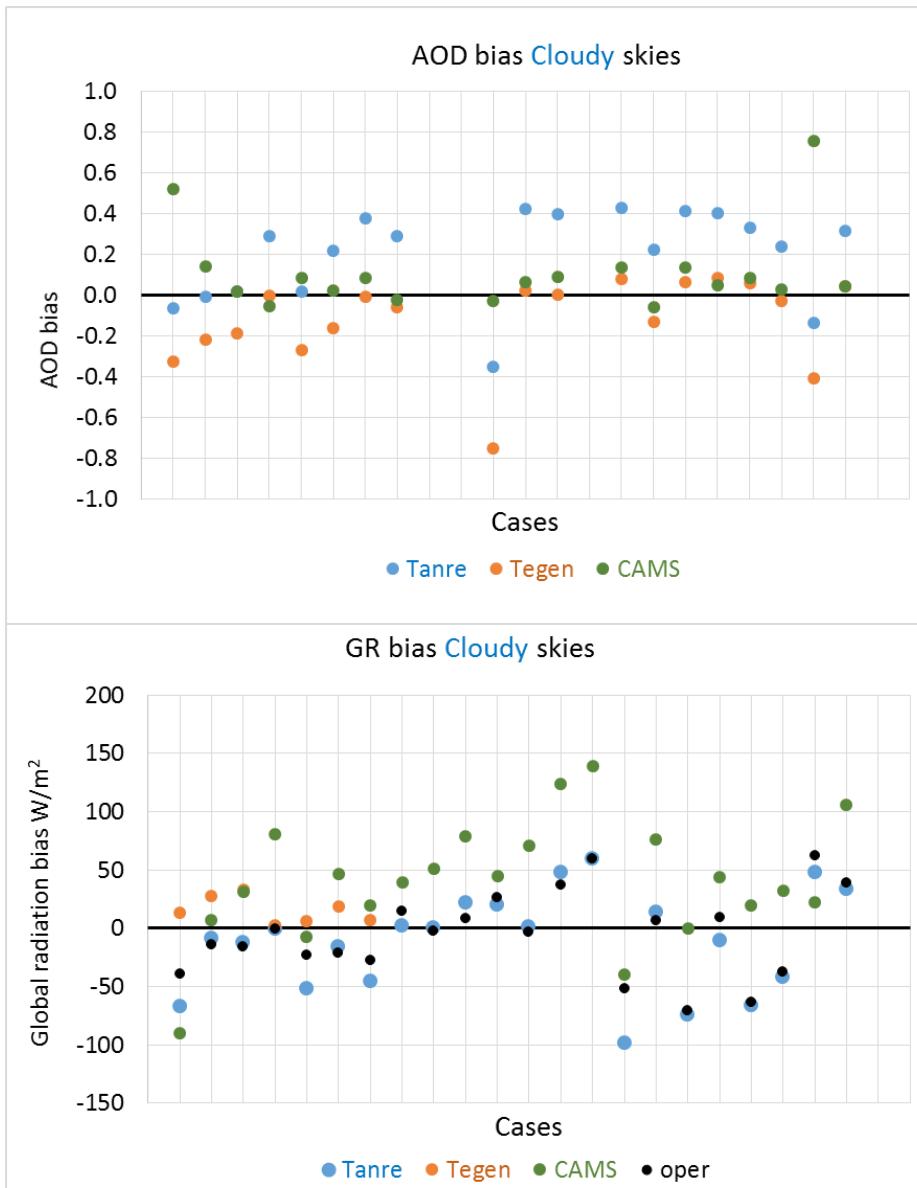
AOD bias:
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Tegen 0.03
CAMS 0.12

GR bias:
TanreOP -55.9 W/m^2
Tanre -56.2 W/m^2
Tegen 15.6 W/m^2
CAMS 11.4 W/m^2

Global radiation and AOD - model vs. Observations cloudy skies

Cases:

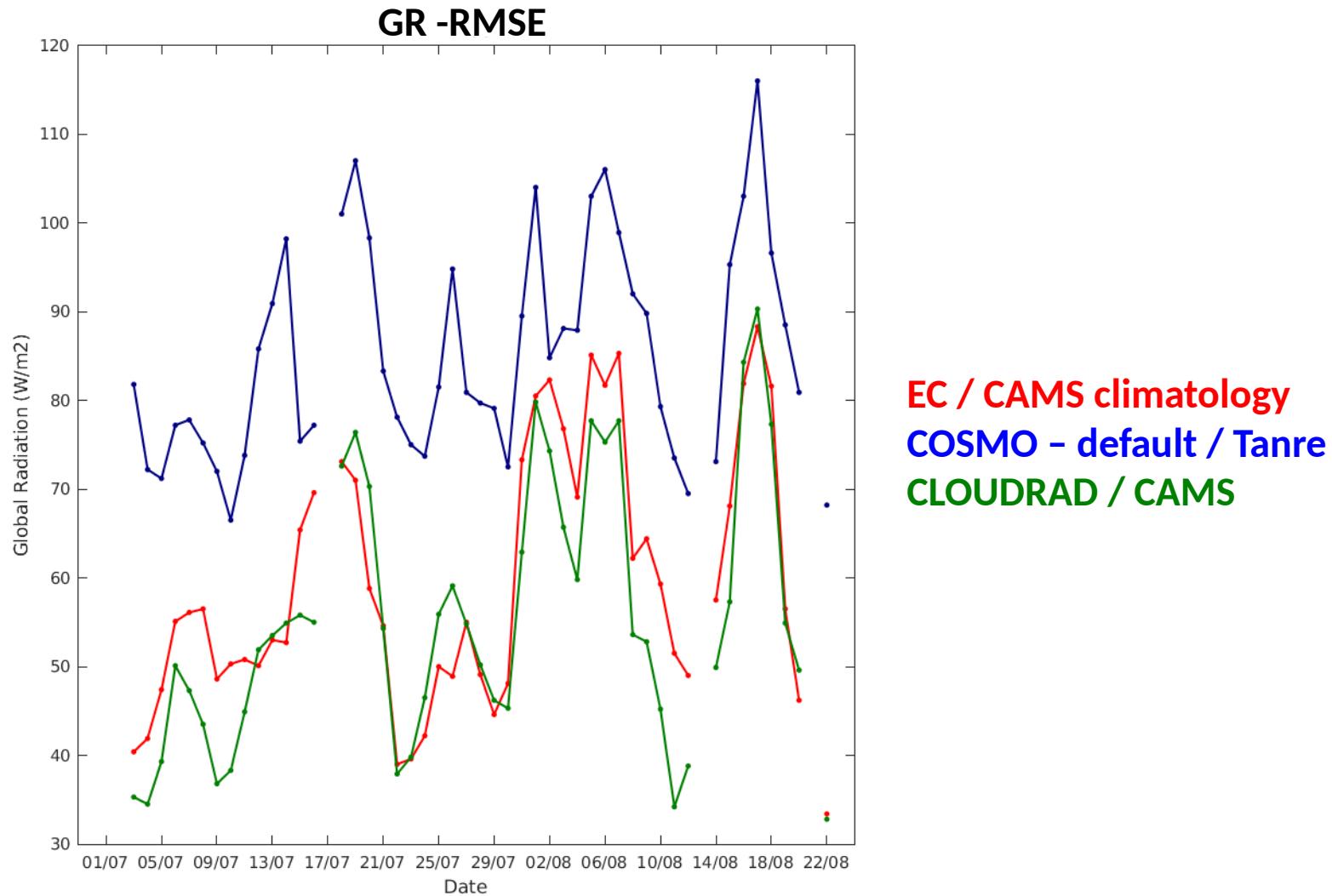
- 2015-05-27
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- 2015-11-08
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- 2015-12-31
- 2016-01-01
- 2016-01-07
- 2016-01-13
- 2016-01-24
- 2016-01-26
- 2016-02-17
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- 2016-04-09
- 2016-04-12



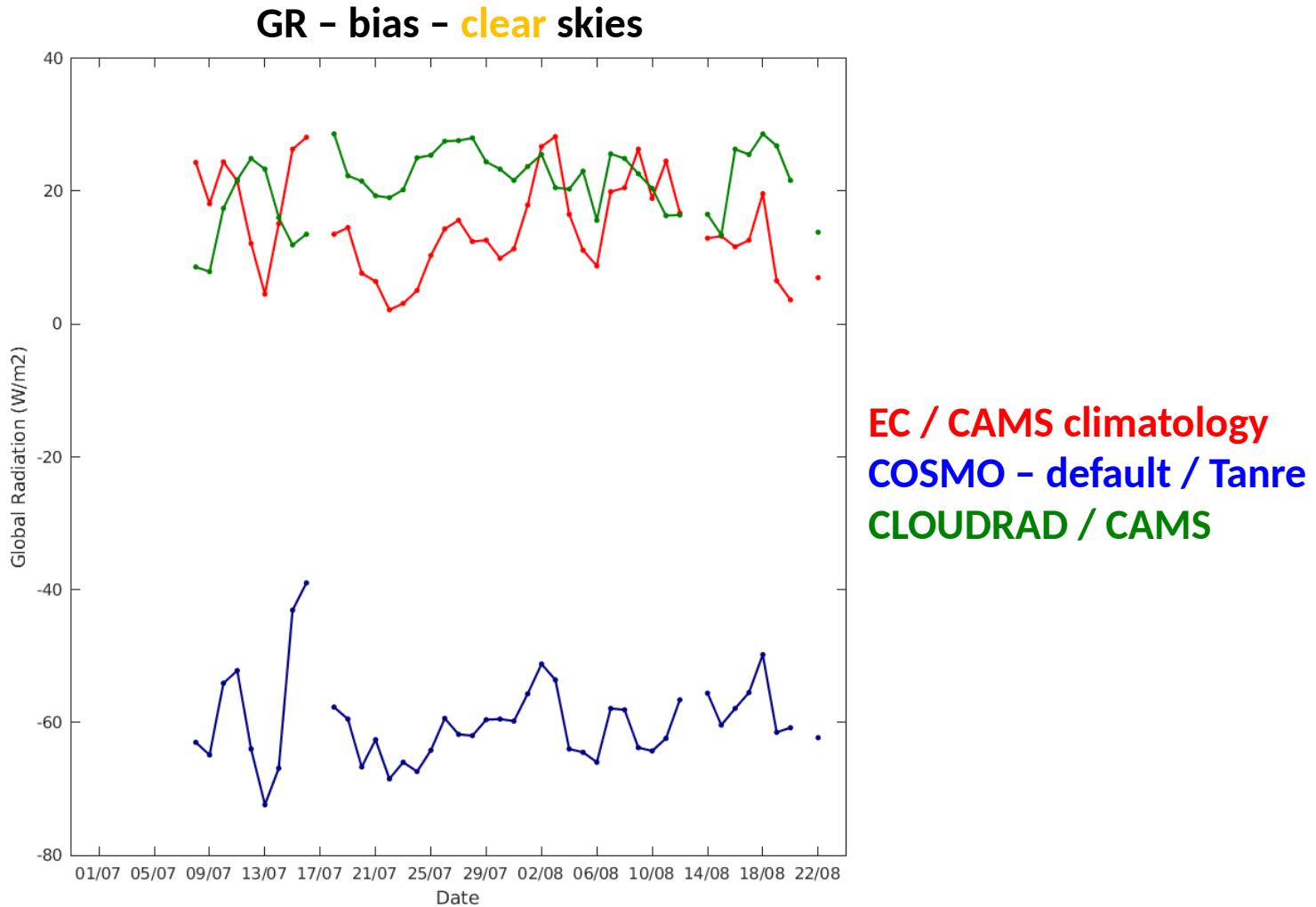
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 Tegen -0.12
 CAMS 0.11

GR bias:
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 Tanre -11.1 W/m²
 Tegen 54.2 W/m²
 CAMS 40.7 W/m²

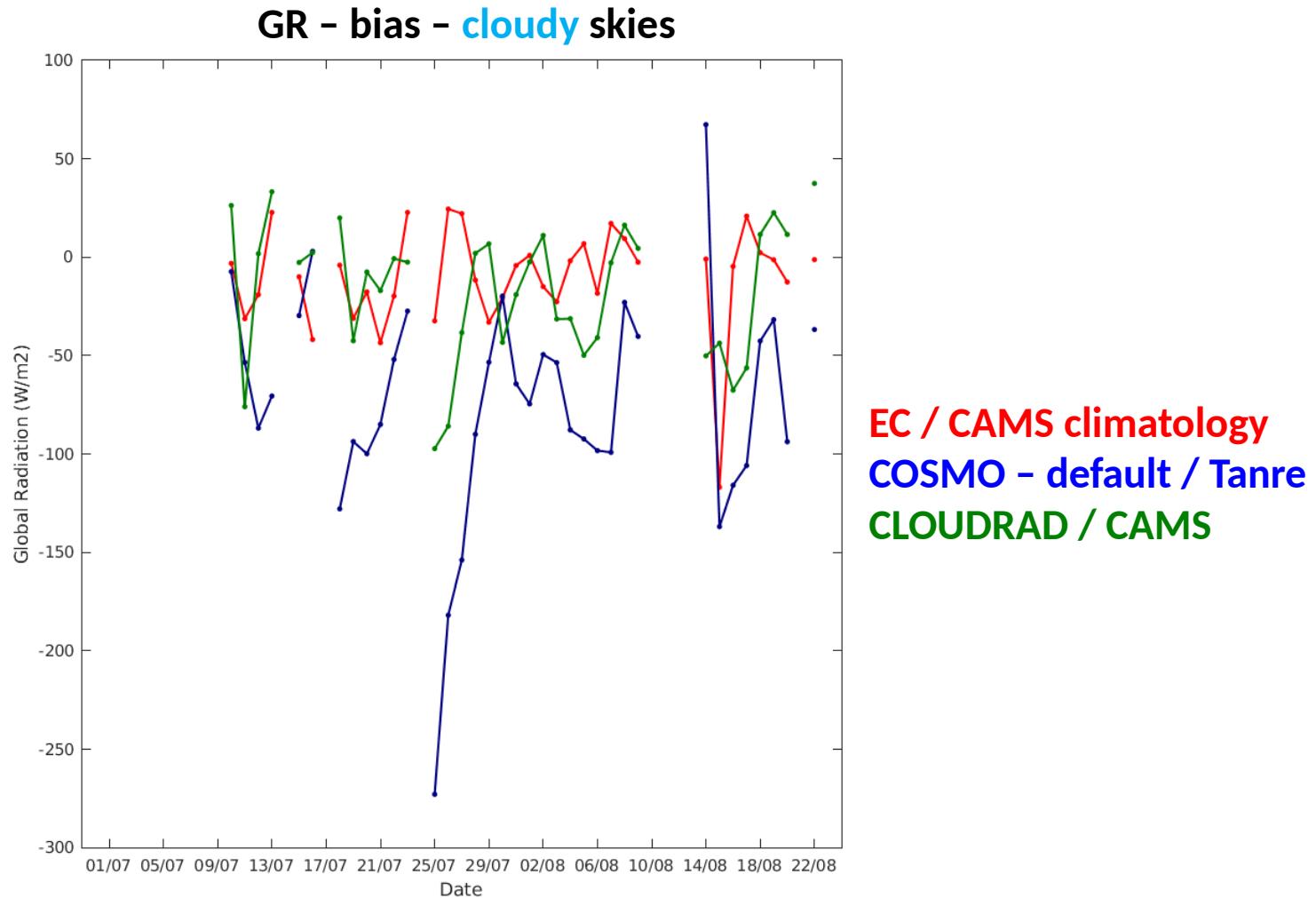
New CLOUDRAD tested in IMS



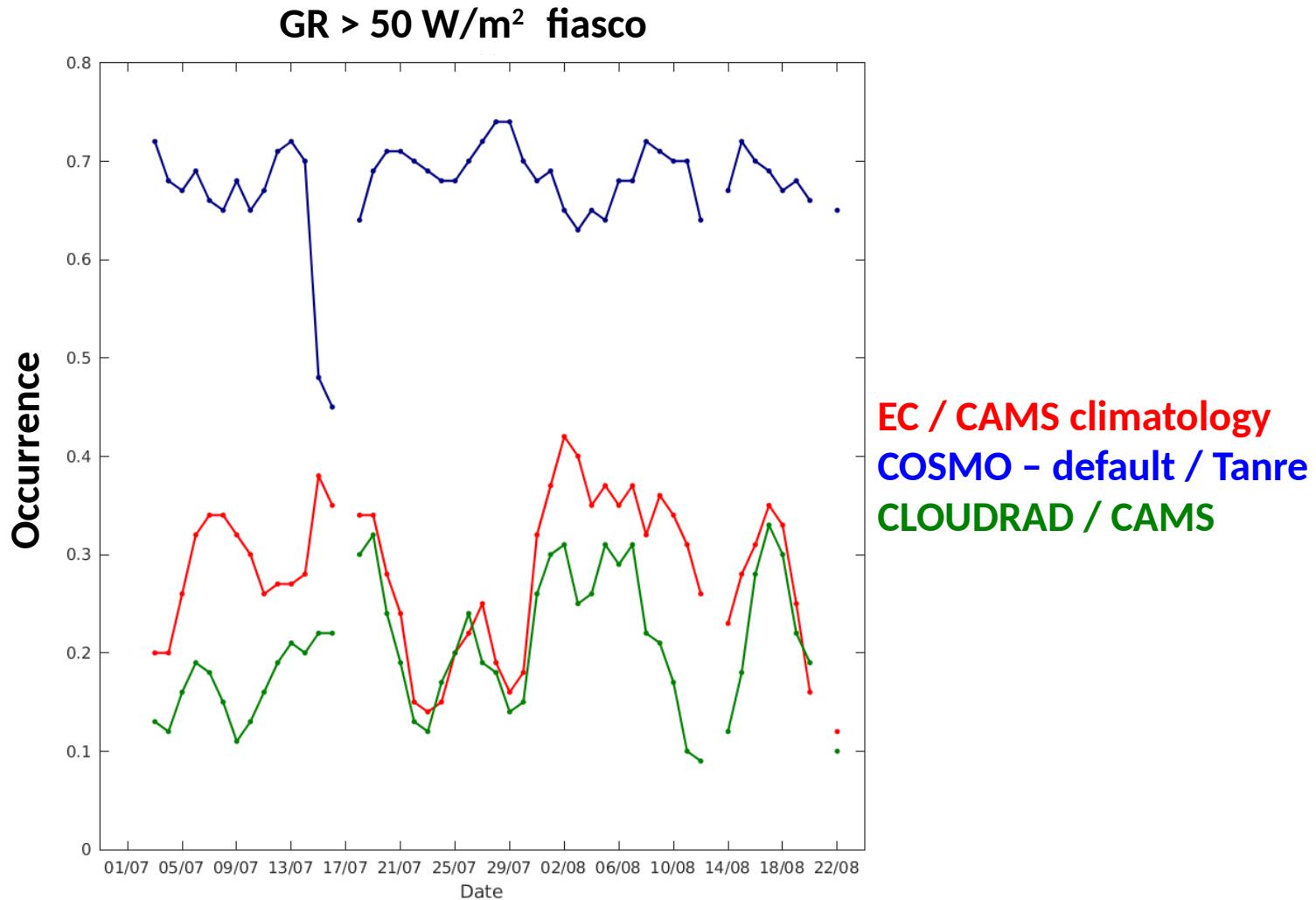
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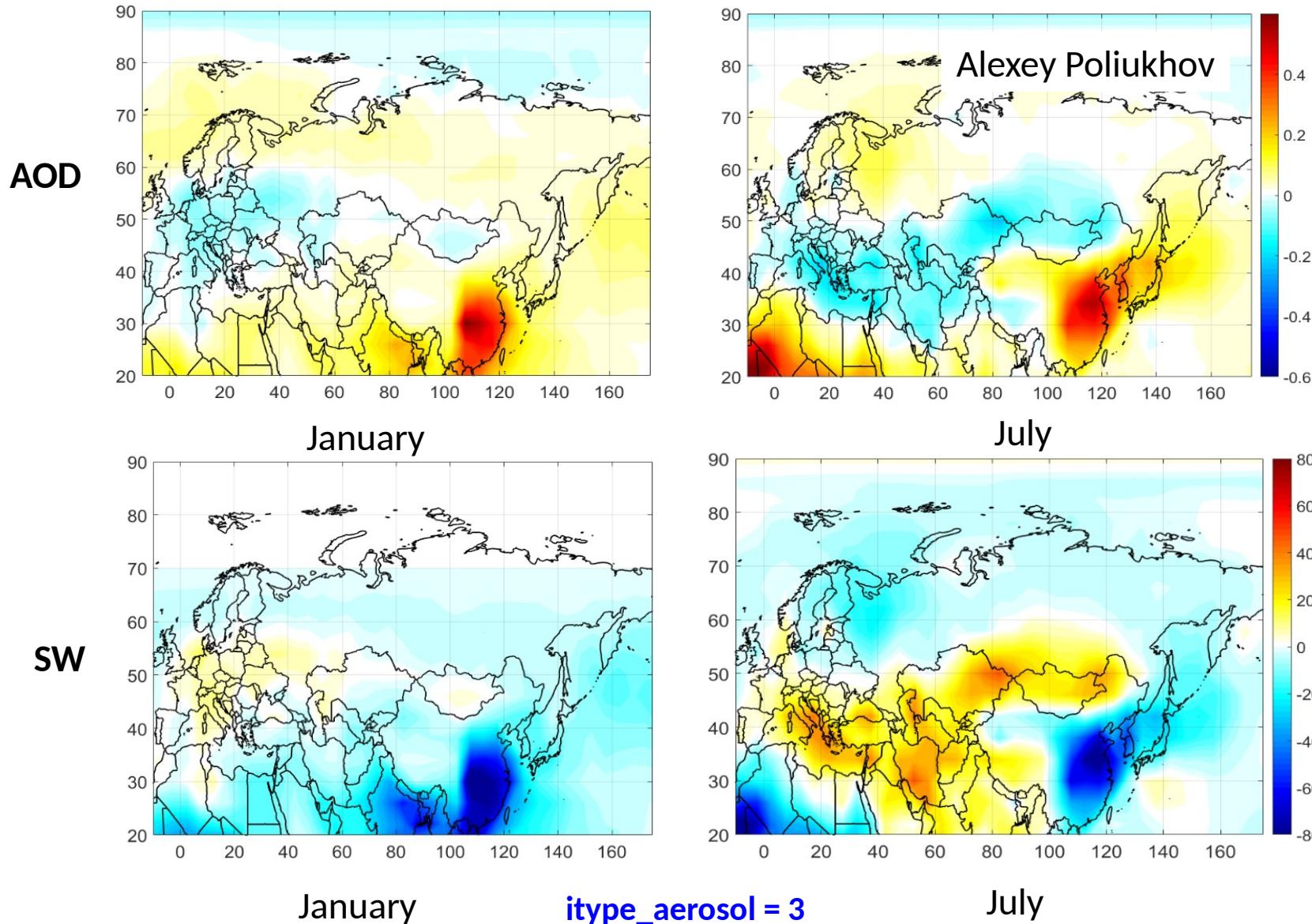


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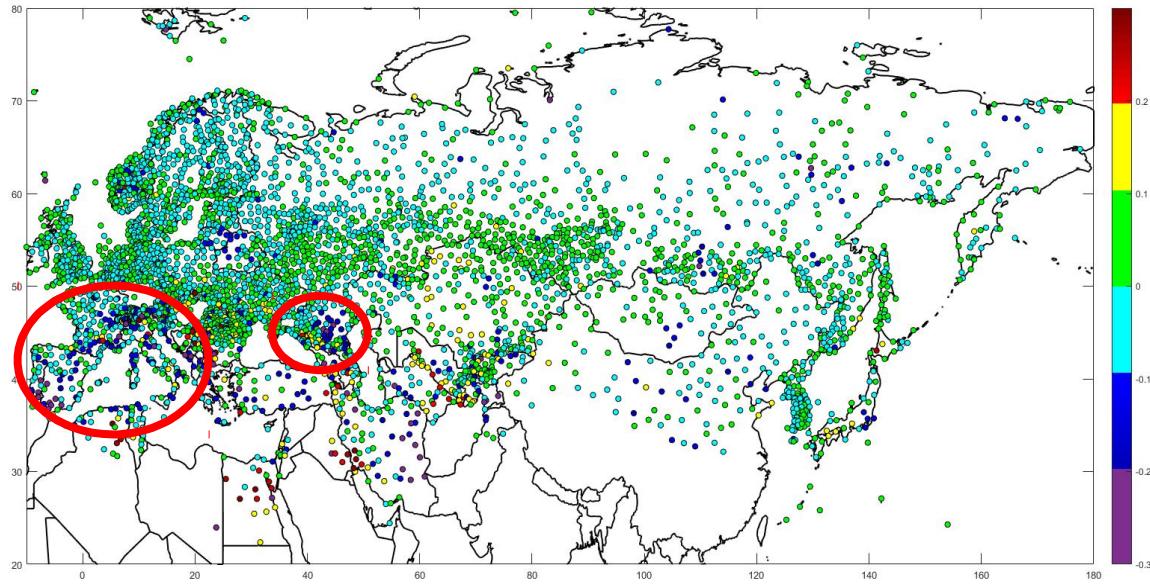
Kinne-MACv2 (2013) vs. Tegen (1997)

AOD at 550 nm & SW in clear skies, noon using CLIRAD



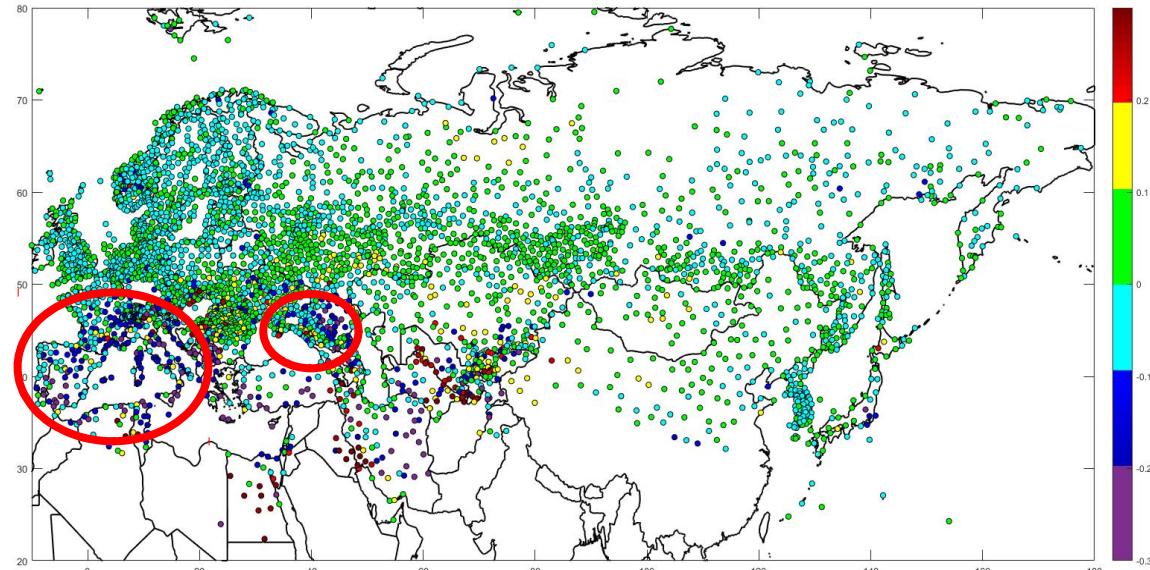
The RMSE estimates obtained using various aerosol climatologies for temperature at 2m for ENA stations 4510

$$\Delta = \text{RMSE}(\text{CAMS}) - \text{RMSE}(\text{Tanre})$$

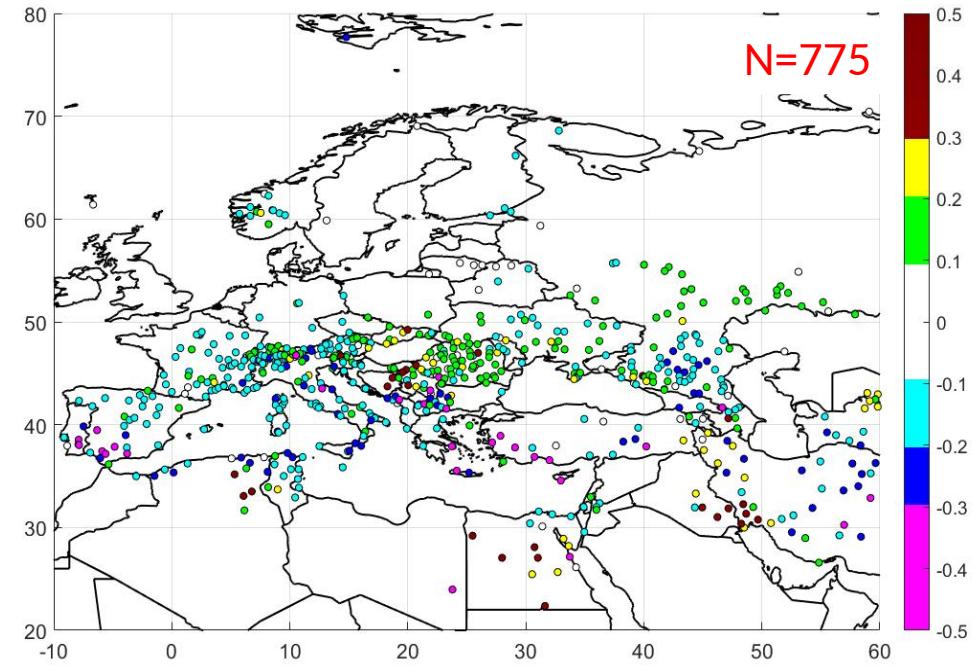
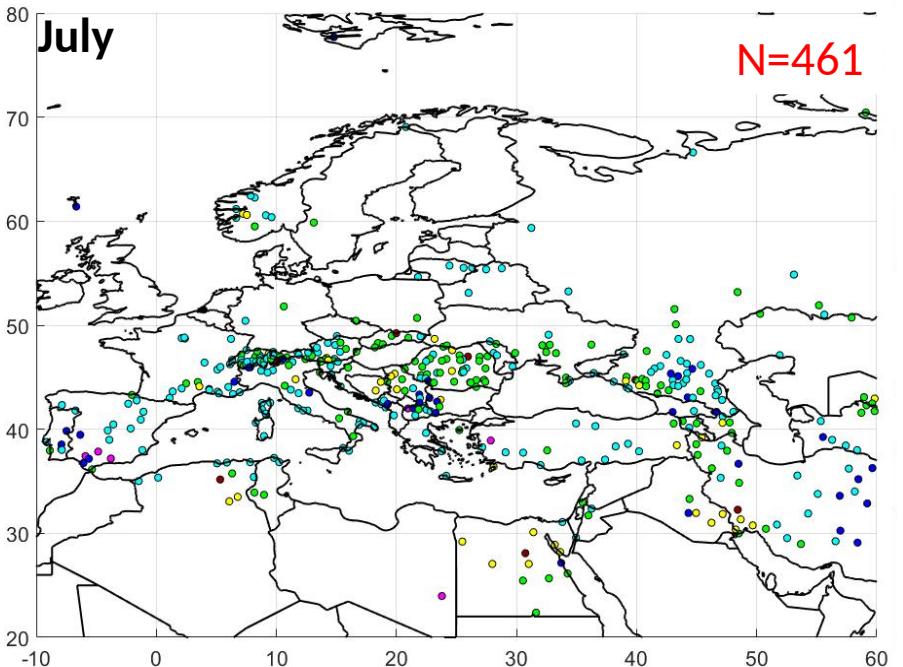
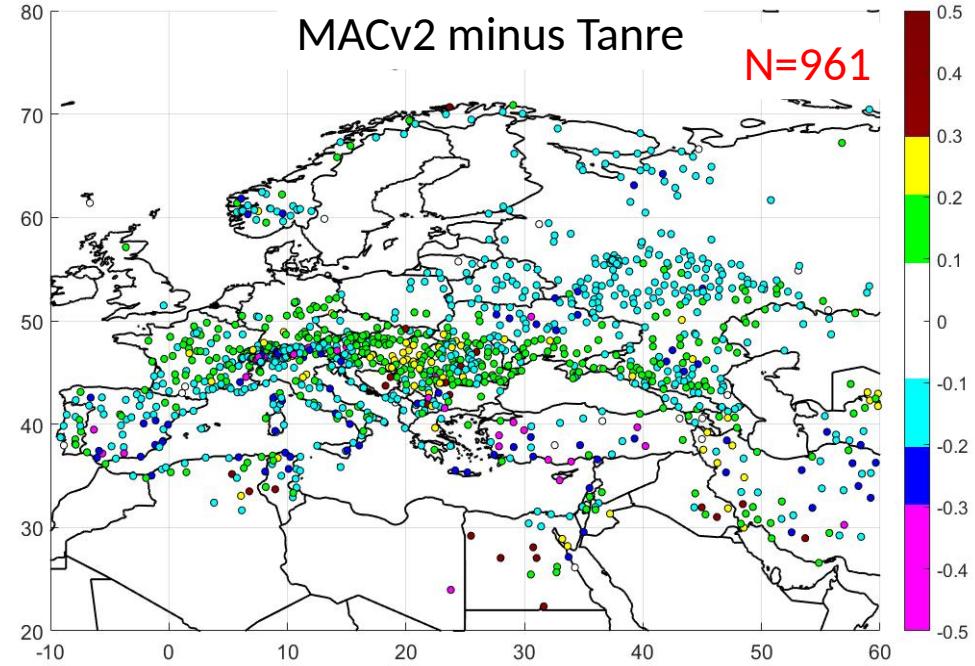
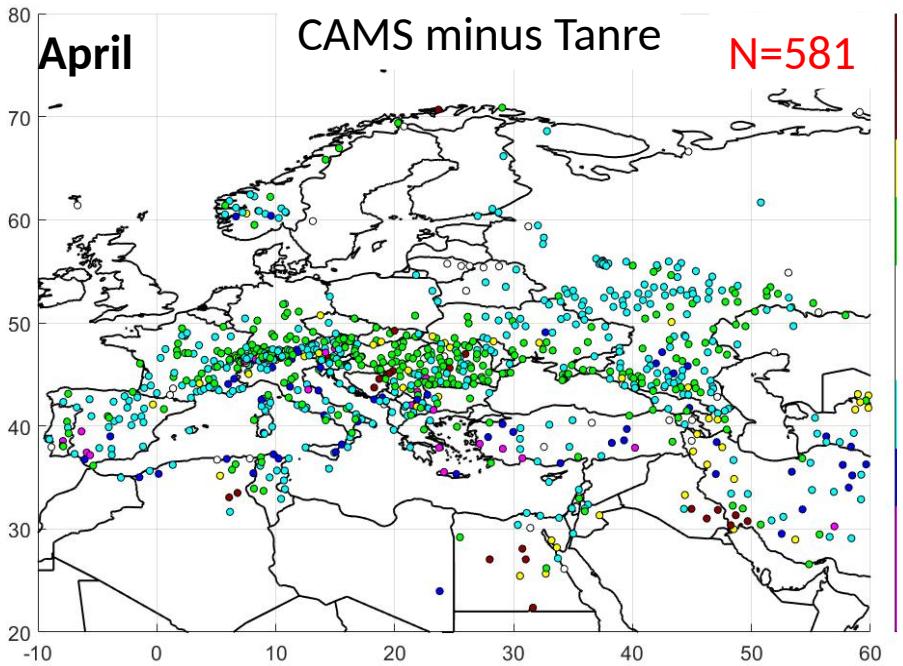


$$\Delta = \text{RMSE}(\text{MACv2}) - \text{RMSE}(\text{Tanre})$$

The most significant differences were observed in **south Europe** and **south European territory of Russia**



Stations with significant differences |ARMSE| > 0.1°



RMSE for different cities and ENA

	January		April		July		October	
	CAMS-Tanre	MACv2-Tanre	CAMS-Tanre	MACv2-Tanre	CAMS-Tanre	MACv2-Tanre	CAMS-Tanre	MACv2-Tanre
Moscow	*	0.05-	0.11-	0.16-	0.04-	0.07-	0.03-	0.06-
Lindenberg	*	0.04-	0.08	0.10	0.03	0.04	0.04-	0.04
Eilat	*	0.30-	0.31-	0.36-	0.11-	0.15-	0.53-	0.51-
Tiksi	*	-0.03	-0.03	0.05	0.01	0.01-	0.01-	0.02-

CAMS web-portal doesn't provide the data for January (only from 25.01.2017) *

RMSE for ENA			
	t2m	t850	t500
Tanre	2.342	1.137	0.919
Tegen	2.337	1.137	0.921
MACv2	2.339	1.136	0.924
CAMS	2.337	1.105	0.922

Red color means the smallest RMSE

Operational NWP model



Aerosols/Chemistry model



Future aerosols models



Future operational setup



The solution





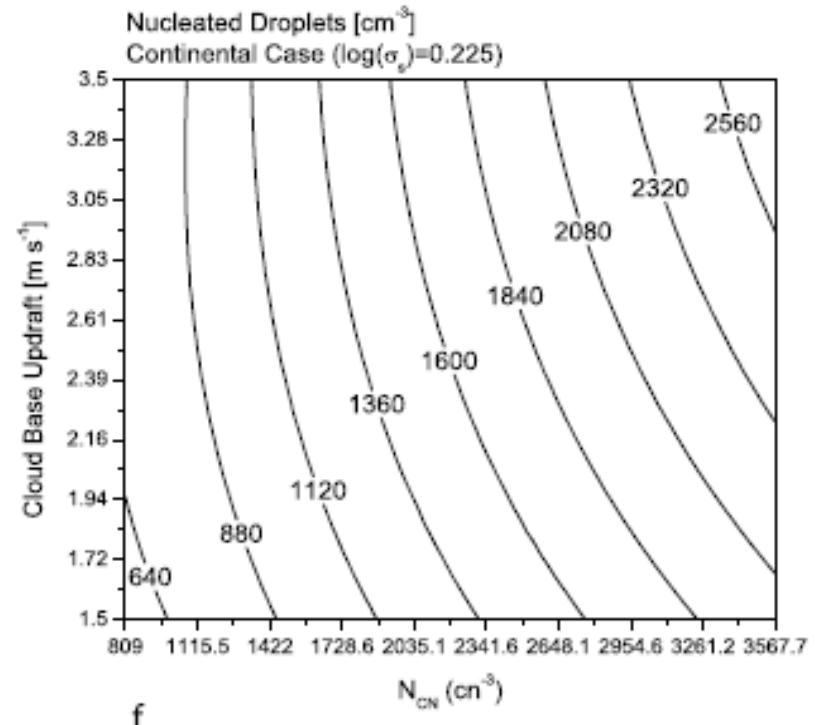
**SGS clouds
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Microphysics**

Segal & Khain scheme in COSMO radiation

→ **icloud_num_type_rad = 2 (Tegen) / 4 (CAMS)**

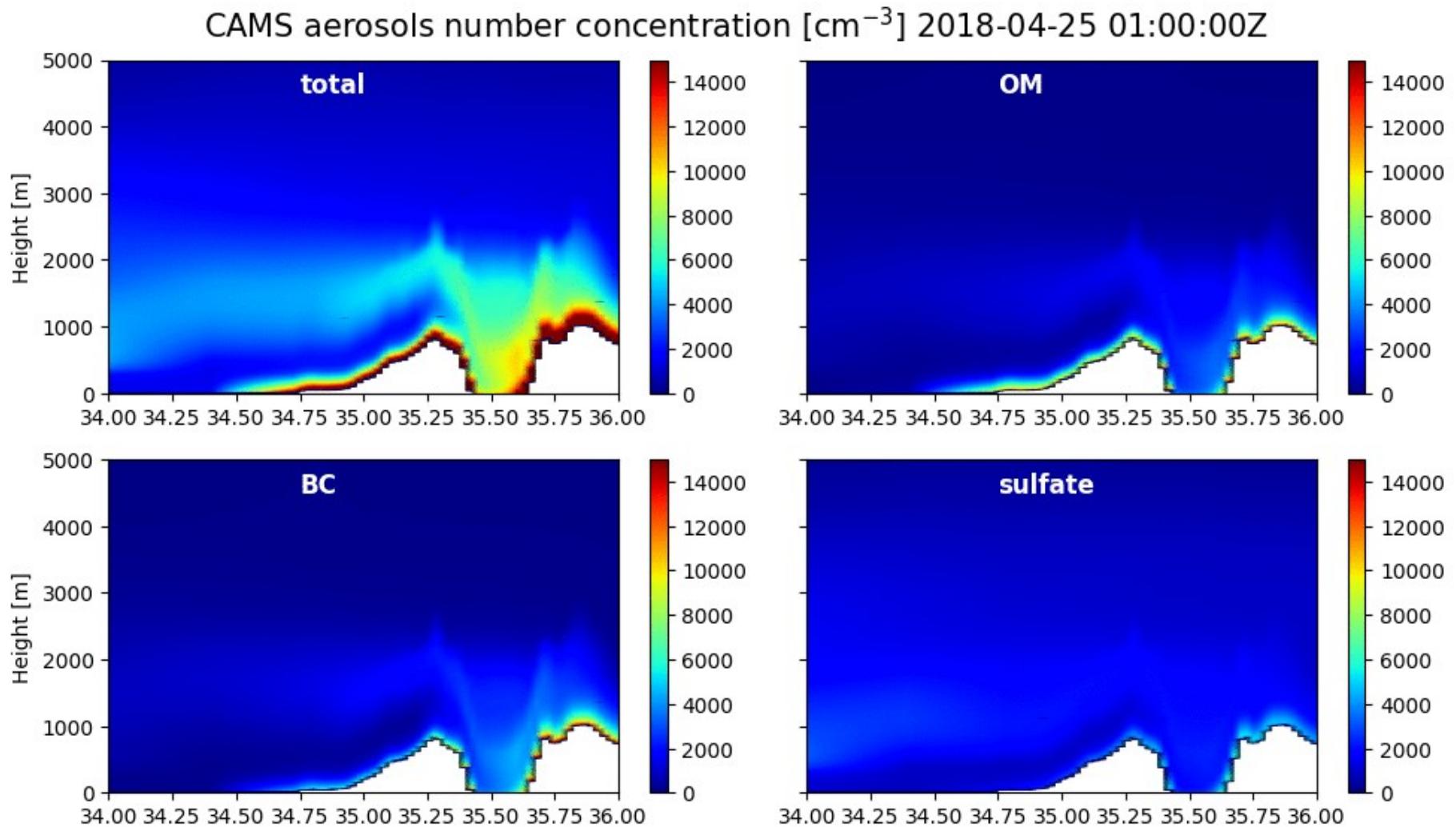
- Cloud nuclei profile $n_{CN}(z)$ is estimated from Tegen/CAMS aerosols
- Activation of n_{CN} to n_{CCN} is estimated from Segal & Khain (2006) parameterization based on the estimated vertical velocity at cloud base
- n_c is assumed equal to n_{CCN}
- 4D look-up table

$$n_{ccn}^{SK} = f(n_{cn}, \log(\sigma), r_{mod}, w_{CB})$$

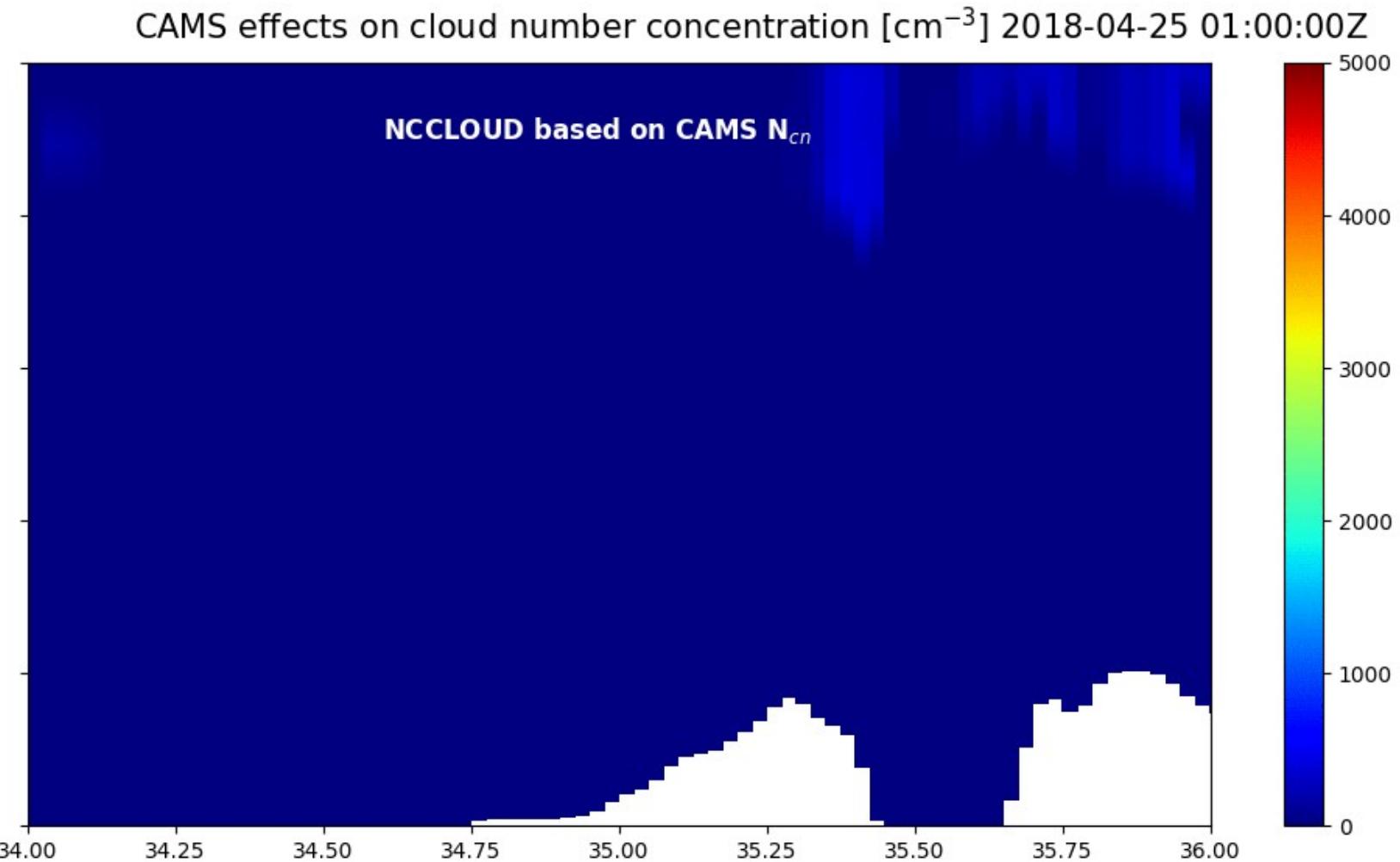


Segal & Khain (2006)

CAMS aerosols number concentration



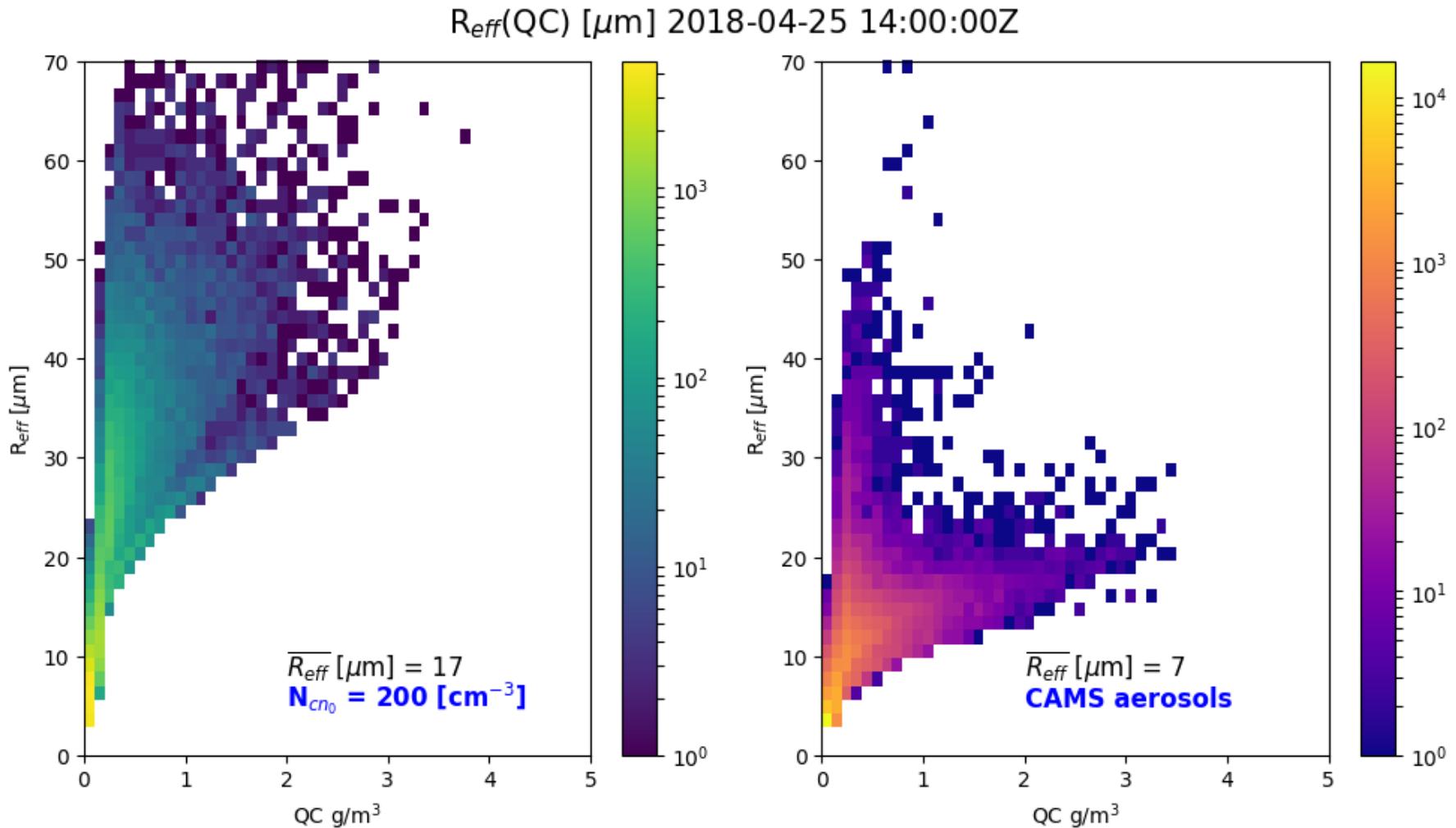
New cloud droplets number concentration



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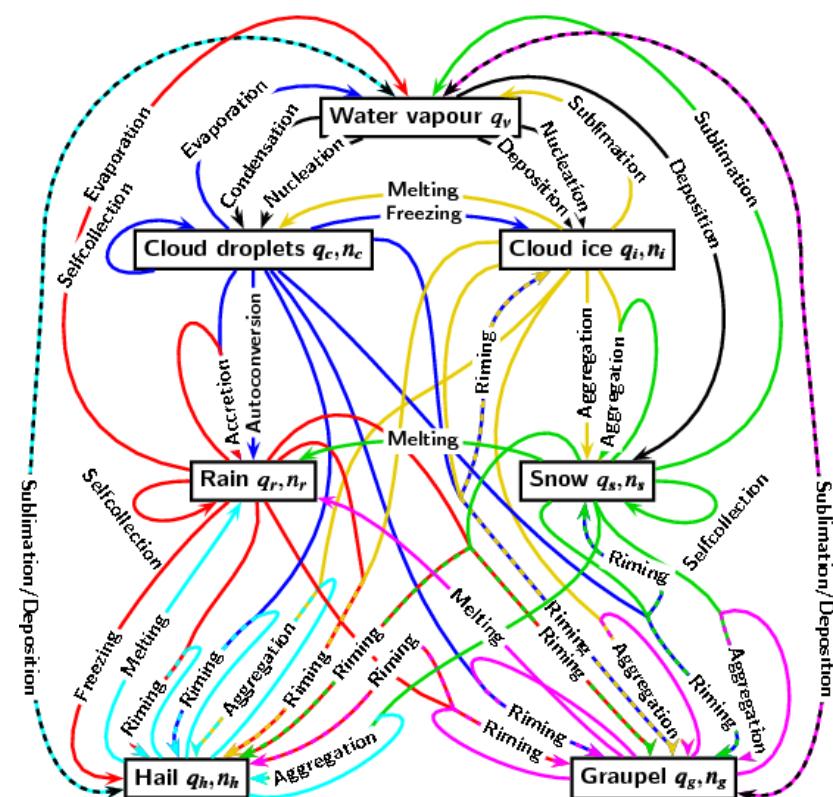
based on CAMS & Segal-Khain

Peak event April 25 14Z

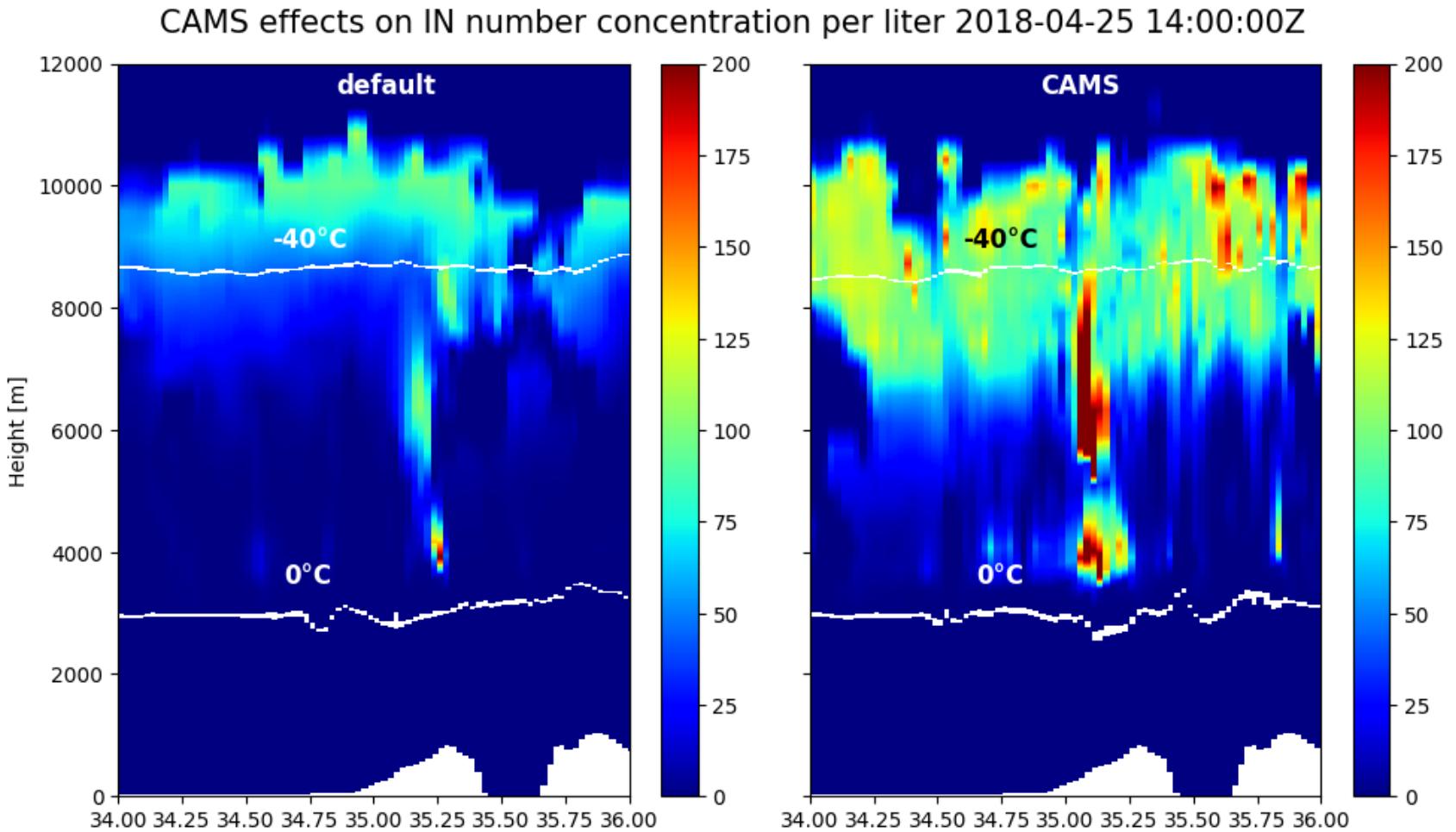


Prognostic aerosols in ice nucleation

- COSMO 2mom scheme is using Phillips (2008) heterogeneous ice nucleation scheme
- The homogenous nucleation used is based on Kärcher, Hendricks & Lohmann 2006 (KHL06 scheme) = not treated here
- In the Phillips parametrization ice nuclei (IN) number concentrations are assumed fixed:
 - $nc_{dust} = 0.162 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
 - $nc_{soot} = 15 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
 - $nc_{organic} = 177 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- The fraction of nucleation of each species is calculated from a look-up table based on temperature and super-saturation



Ice number concentrations based on CAMS

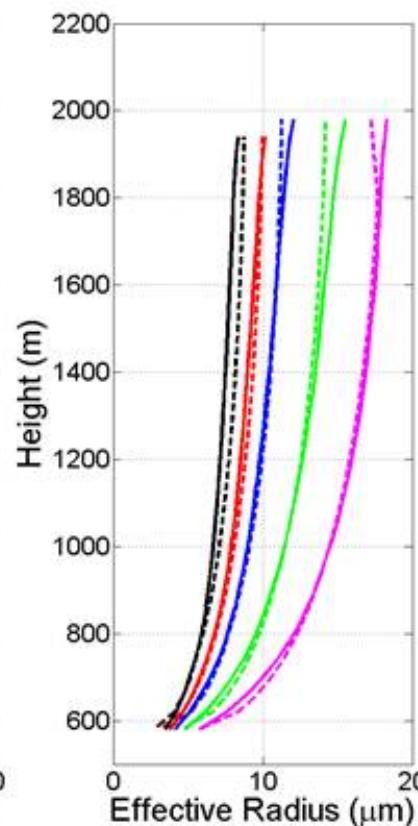
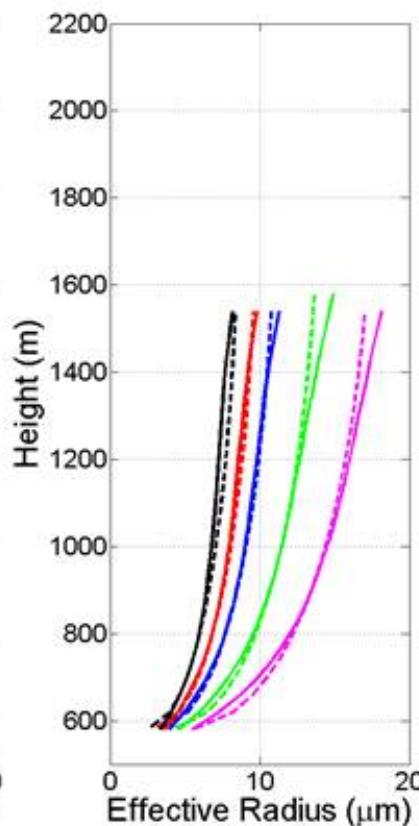
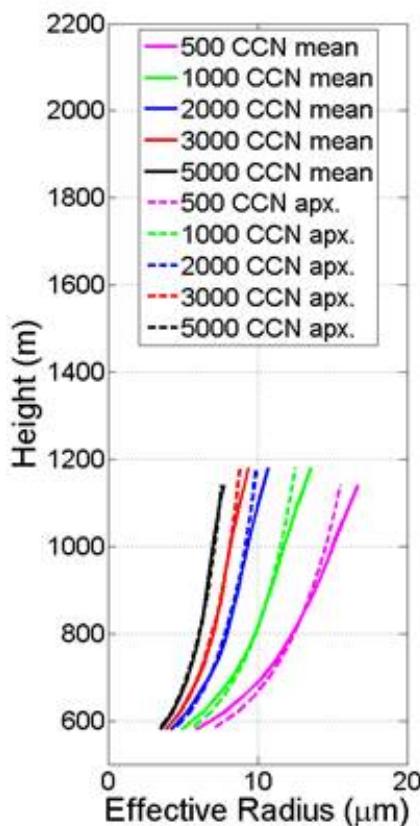
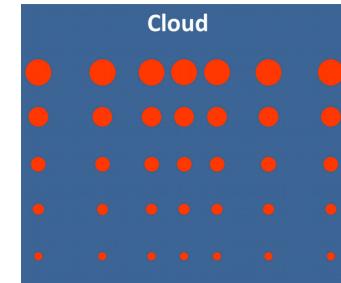


Effective in 2-moment scheme only

R_{eff} in Sub Grid Scale Clouds

R_{eff} does not change much horizontally and can be analytically estimated

$$R'_{eff} = fct(CCN_{cloud\ base}, H_{above\ c.\ base}, T)$$



~~Mean R_{eff}~~

Q_c and N_d are highly dispersive but R_e is not! Better get Q_c from R_e

$$\overline{R}_e = c_1 \left(\frac{\overline{q}_c}{\overline{n}_c} \right)^{e_2}$$

Better calculation

In cloud core below rain formation level and before significant mixing occurs:

$$r_{e_ad}(z) = 1.15 \cdot r_v = 1.15 \cdot \left(\frac{LWC_{ad}(z)}{\frac{4}{3}\pi\rho_w N_{d_ad}} \right)^{1/3}$$

Due to rain formation:

$$r_{e_{max}} = \min(22\mu m, r_{e_ad})$$

From Segal-Khain
using CAMS/ART !

The mean eff. radius is slightly smaller:

and deviates with height from the core value due to mixing:

$$\overline{r}_e(z) = \alpha(z) r_{e_{max}}(z)$$

$$\alpha(z) = 0.95 - 1.2 \cdot 10^{-4}(z - z_{cb})$$

LWC for shallow convection (SGS)

In cloud core:

$$N_{d_max}(z) = \begin{cases} N_{d_ad}, & \text{below the level } z_{12}, \text{ where } r_{e_ad} = 12\mu\text{m} \\ N_{d_ad}[1 - \gamma(z - z_{12})], & \text{above the level } z_{12} \end{cases}$$

Cloud mean:

$$\overline{N_d}(z) \approx \beta N_{d_max}(z), \quad \beta = 0.38$$

$$\overline{LWC}(z) = \frac{4}{3}\pi\rho_w N_d(z) r_v^3(z) = \overline{\frac{4}{3}\pi\rho_w N_d(z) \left(\frac{r_e(z)}{1.15}\right)^3}$$

However, since variability of effective radius is low, the last equality can be rewritten as:

$$\overline{LWC}(z) \approx \frac{4}{3}\pi\rho_w \overline{N_d}(z) \left(\frac{\overline{r_e}(z)}{1.15}\right)^3,$$

New **MCSI**



Radiative Solver

Aknoledgments: Bodo Ritter

The k-distribution Method

- For gases (...) the absorption is rapidly changing as a function wavelength.●
Line by line (LBL) methods are too expensive for NWP
- In the k-distribution method gases absorption spectra for each band is transformed from wavelength to cumulative probability space

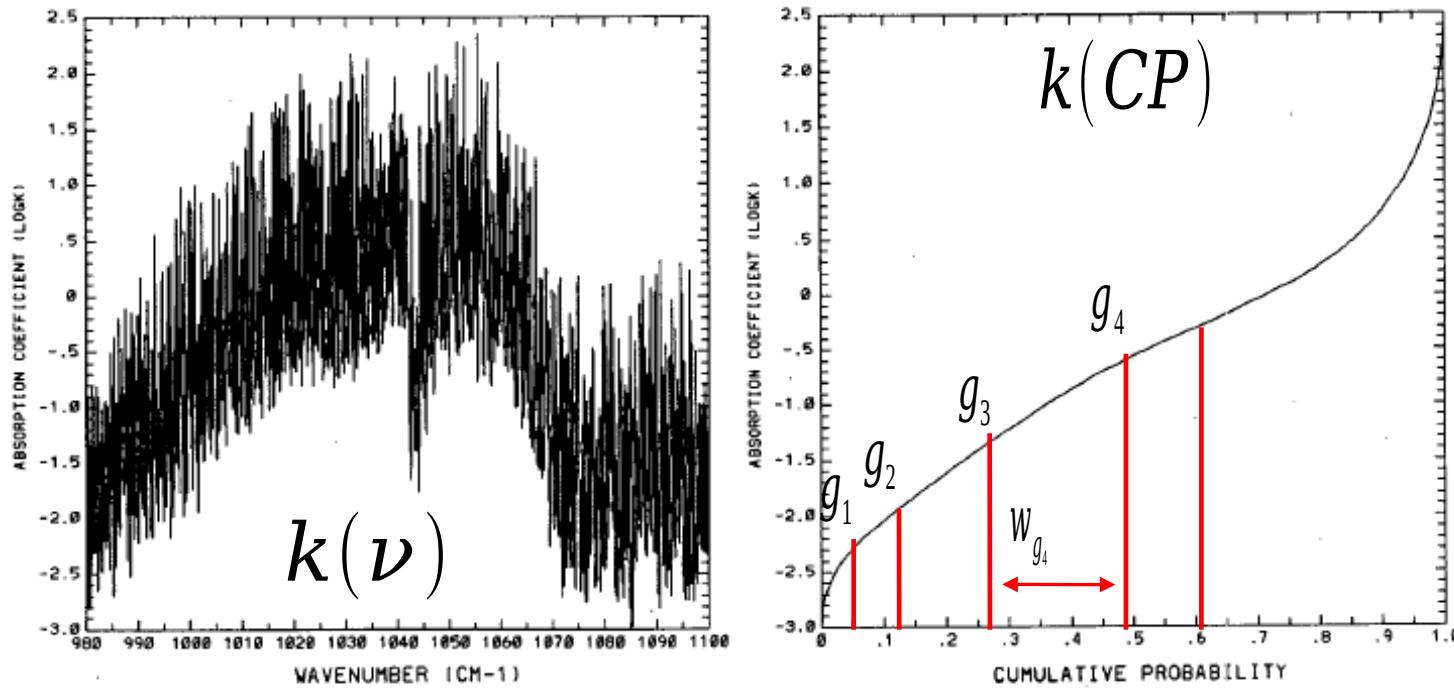
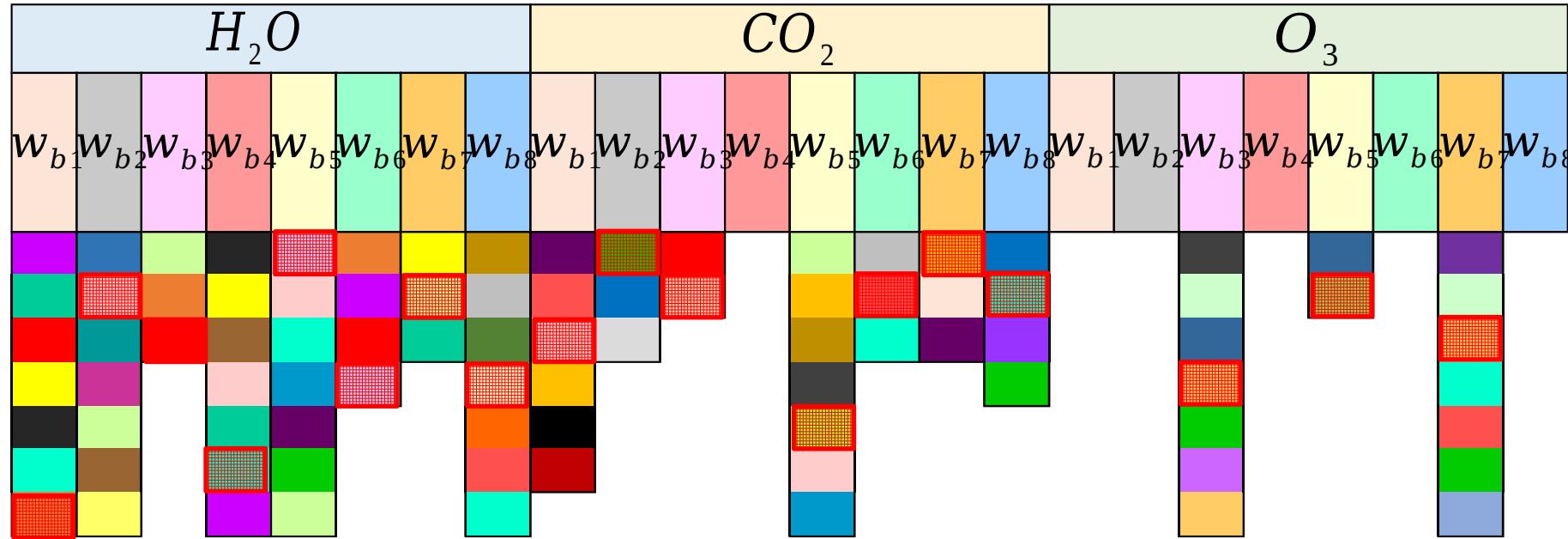


FIG. 1. Absorption coefficient k in $(\text{cm atm})^{-1}$ as a function of (a) wavenumber and (b) cumulative probability for the O_3 9.6- μm band for a pressure of 25 mb and a temperature of 220 K.

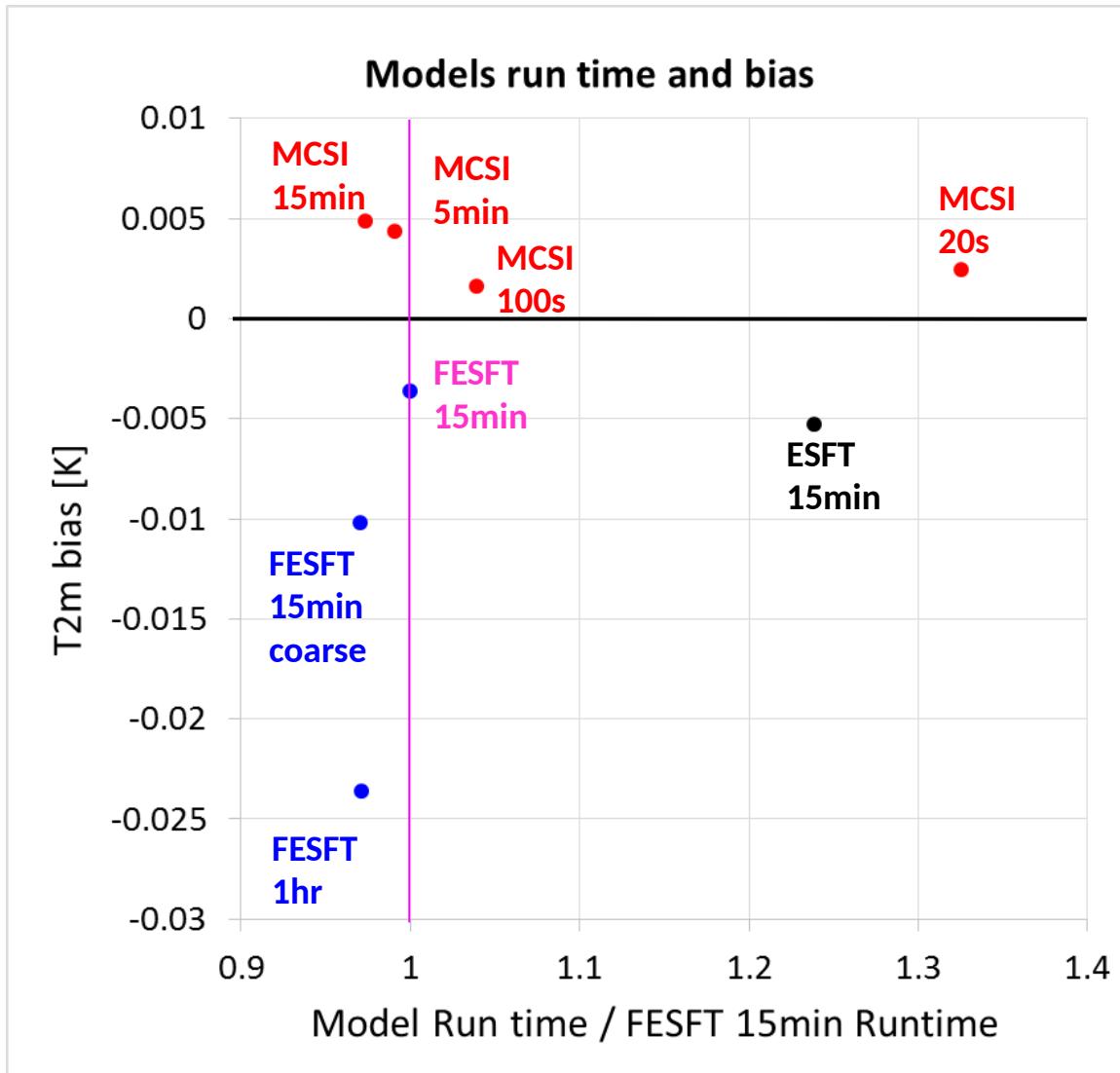
COSOMO MCSI Diagram – Soft Version



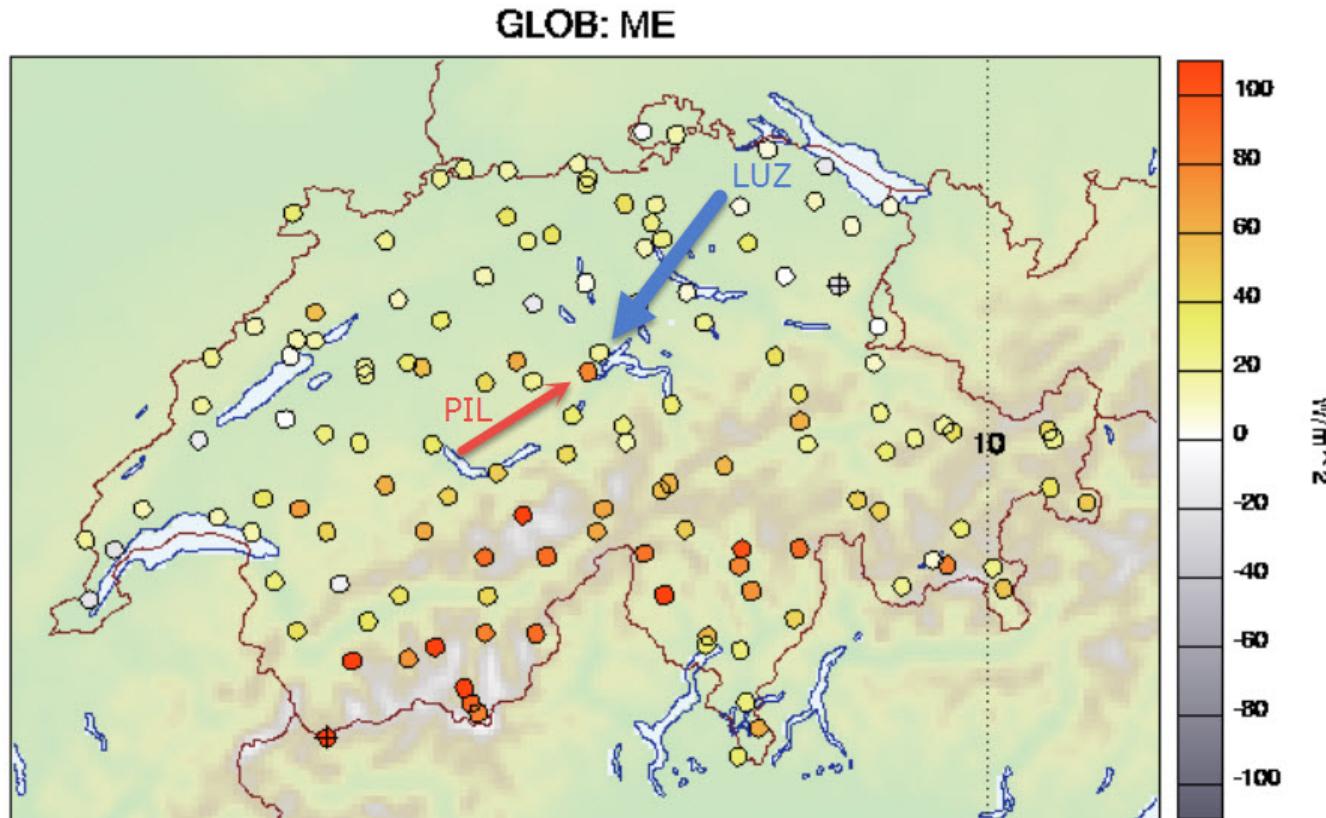
- Only 8 calls to `inv_th/inv_so` subroutines instead of 301 calls in ESFT!

$$CPU\ gain \approx \frac{calls\ decrease}{frequency\ increase} = \frac{301/8}{45} = \mathbf{0.83}$$

Run Time & Errors Comparisons

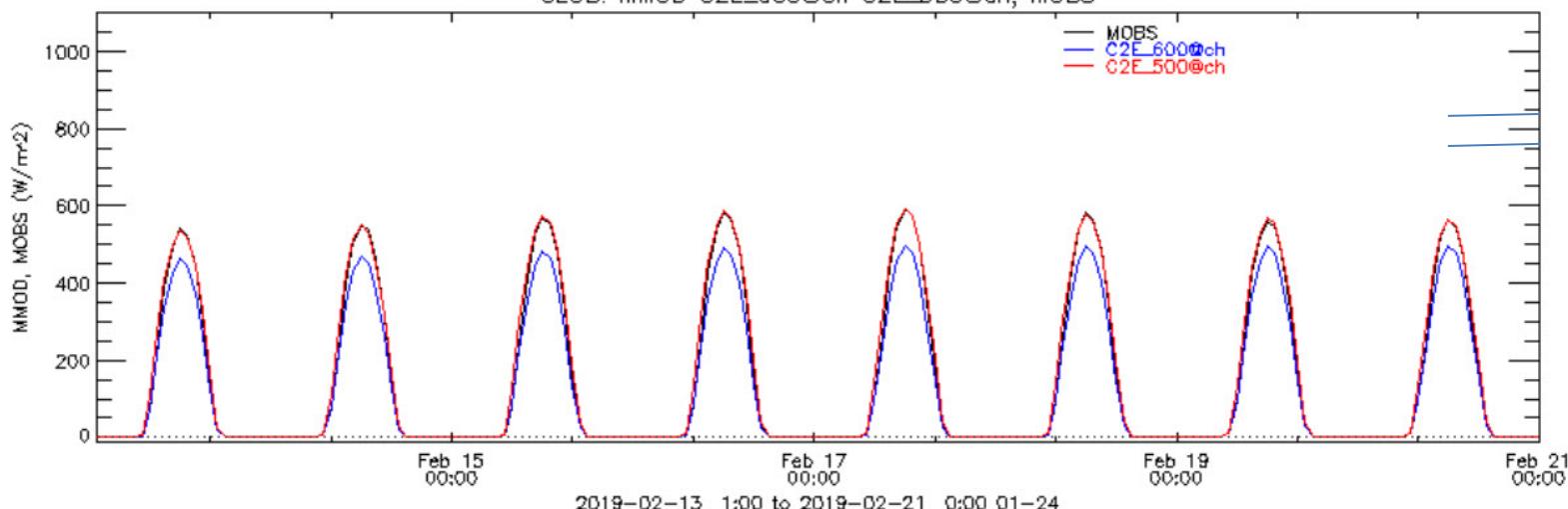
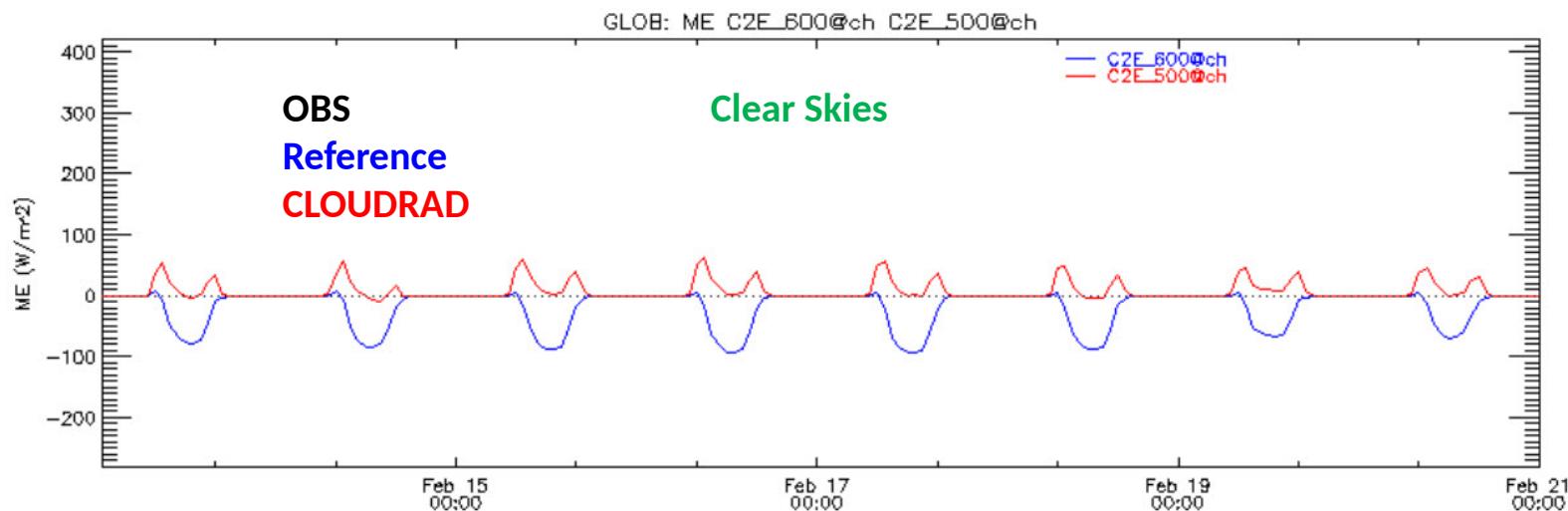


CLOUDRAD tested in MeteoSwiss



C2E_500@ch 2018-06-06 1:00 to 2018-06-14 0:00 01-24
+Min: -19.85 W/m² at station SAE +Max: 166.4 W/m² at station GSB

CLOUDRAD tested in MeteoSwiss



CLOUDRAD tested in RHM



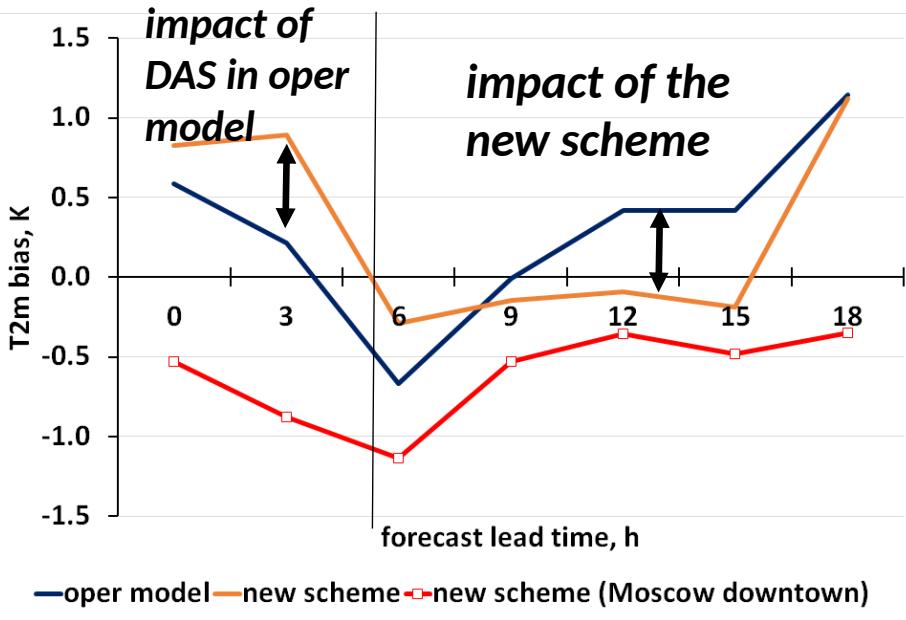
Effect on T2m

forecast

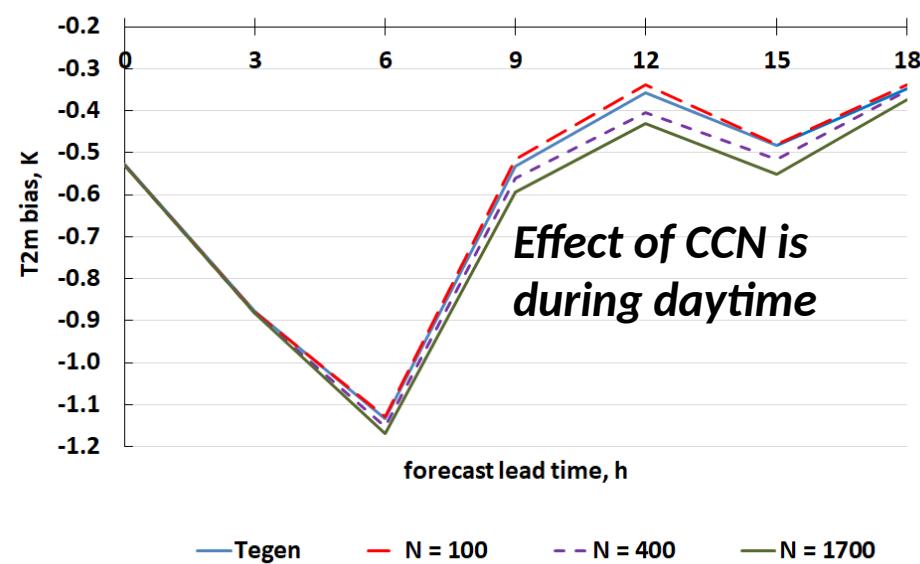
- Evaluation period: April-October 2018
- COSMO-Ru 2.2 km grid spacing, operational version and with the new scheme (CCN from Tegen climatology or constant)

T2m bias

for the whole domain (130 stations) and
Moscow city center (4 stations)

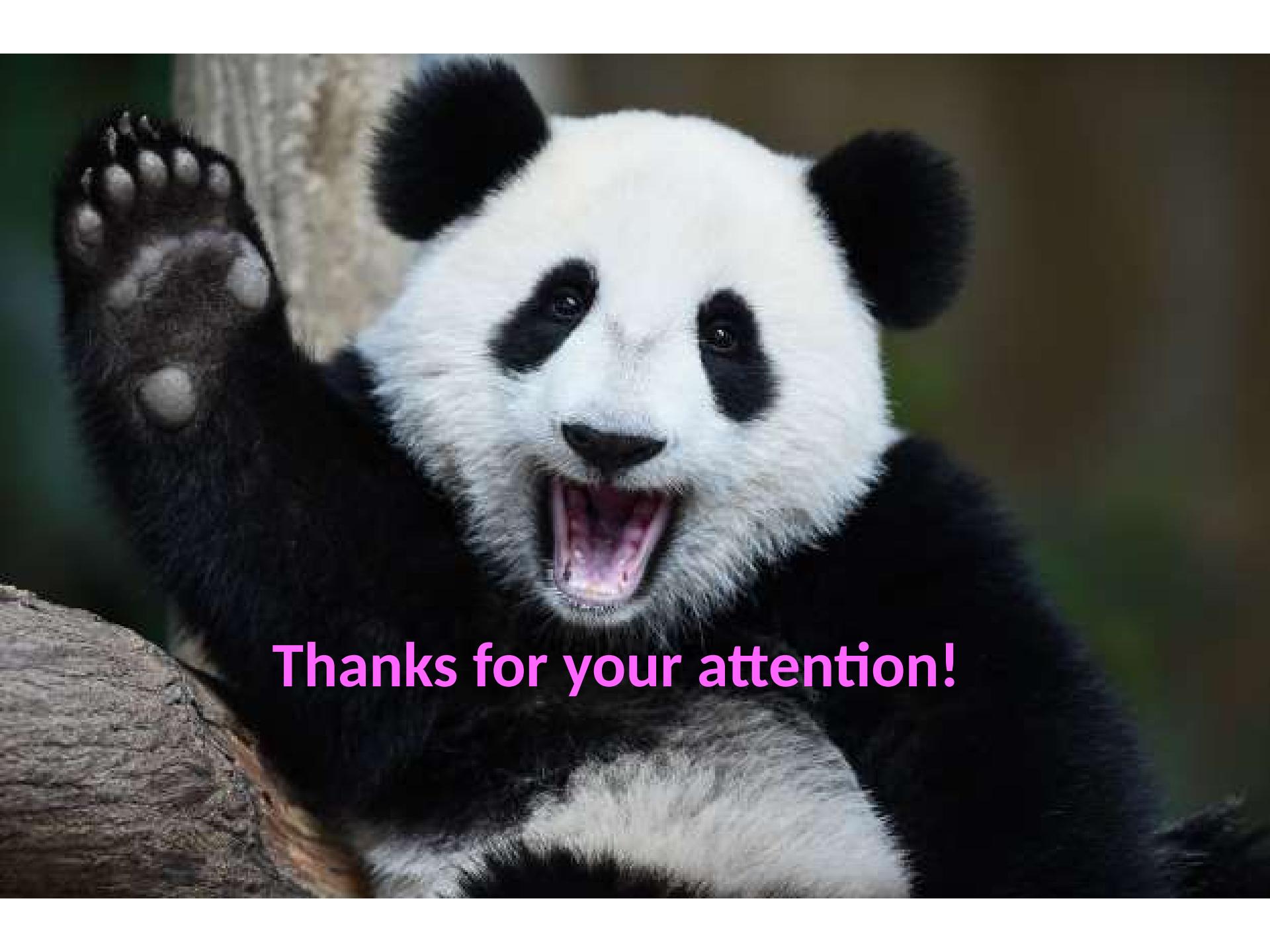


T2m bias under different CCN
Moscow city center (4 stations)



Concluding remarks and outlook

- New COSMO version incl. CLOUDRAD is now available – **go for it !!!**
- Newsletter (soon to be published?)
- 6 months extension until Feb-2020 (verifications, documentations)
- Next project: Clouds and Aerosols Improvements in ICON Radiation Scheme (CAIIR) – “Same same - but different”, Two years Mar2020-Feb2022
 - Cloud optics revised
 - Aerosols inputs: CAMS forecast, CAMS climatology, Kinne climatology, 2D advection scheme
 - Microphysics - R_{eff}
 - Convection scheme developments



Thanks for your attention!