



Fuzzy verification on Common Areas

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DESCRIPTION OF THE VERIFICATION

- Models:
 - Common Area 2:
 - ICON D2, ICON CH1, ICON GR, COSMO IT, ICON IT, ICON IL, ICON 21
 - Common Area 3:
 - ICON GR, ICON PL, COSMO CE PL, ICON IL, ICON RO
- Observation: OPERA database by EUMETNET
- Resolution (forecast and observation): 0.025°, lat-lon
- Period: JJA 2024, SON 2024, DJF 2025, MAM 2025

- Scores: FSS, FBI, ETS, FAR, POD
- Methods: 1 timestep/3 timesteps
- D0/D1
- Cumulation: 3h



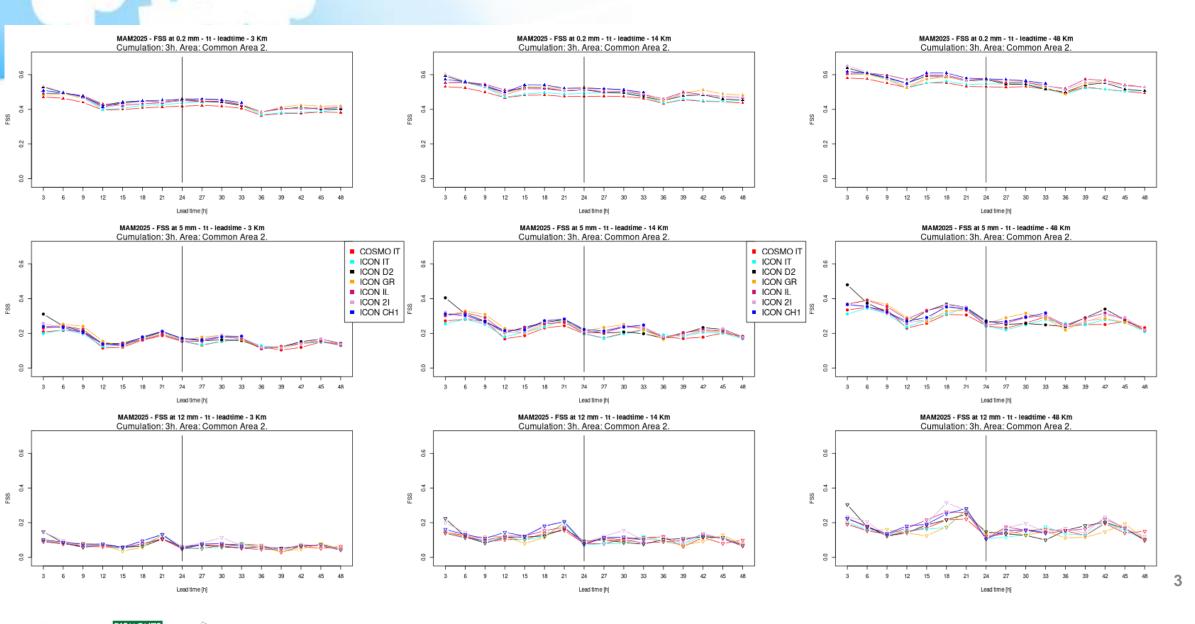








Fuzzy verification: new plots



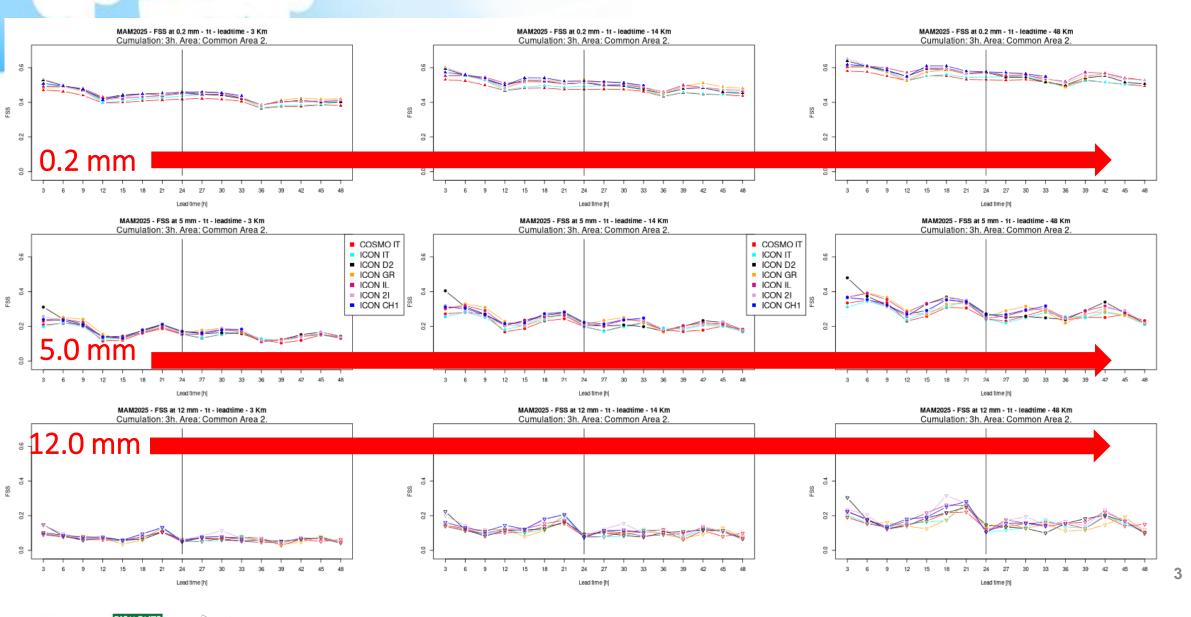








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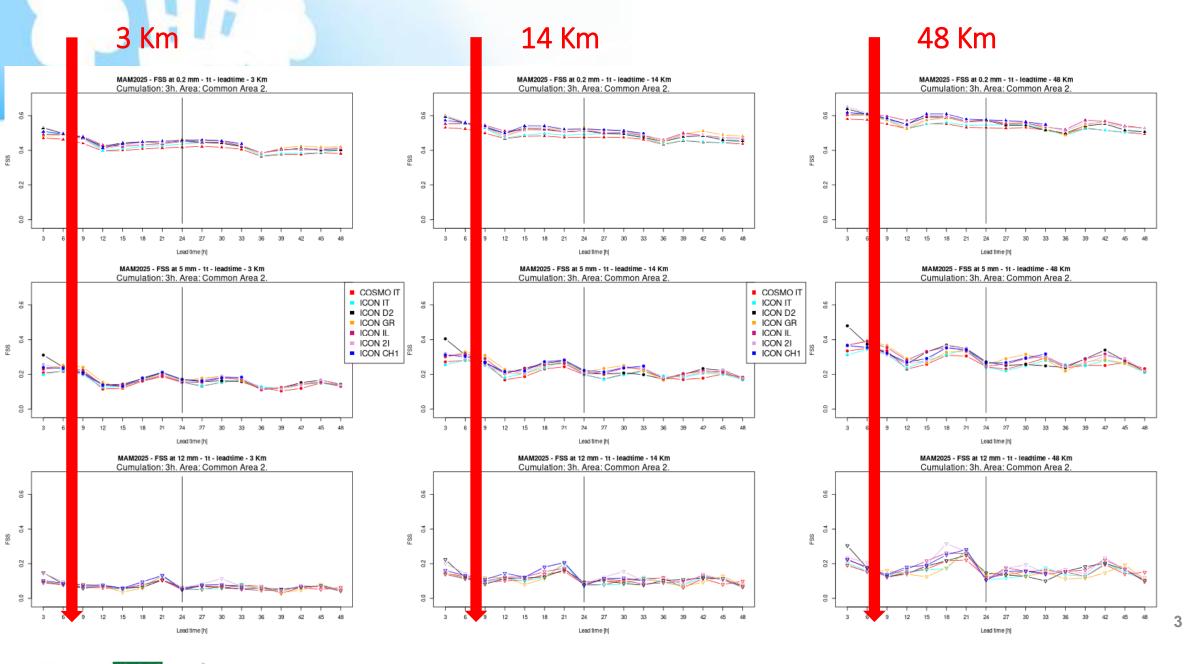








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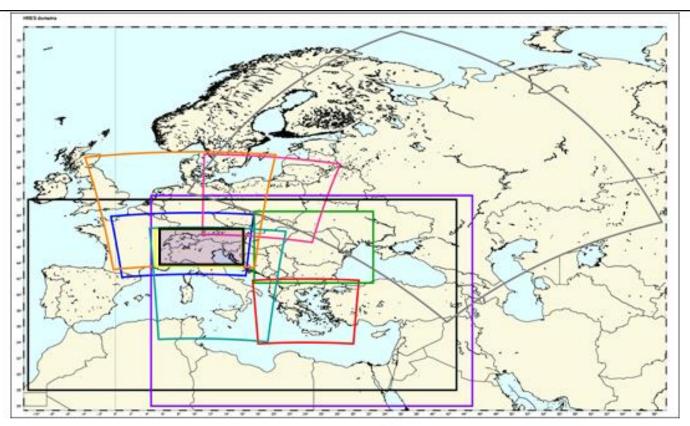








COMMON AREA 2



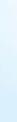
Area: 43.5-48.2 N; 5.0-16.0 E



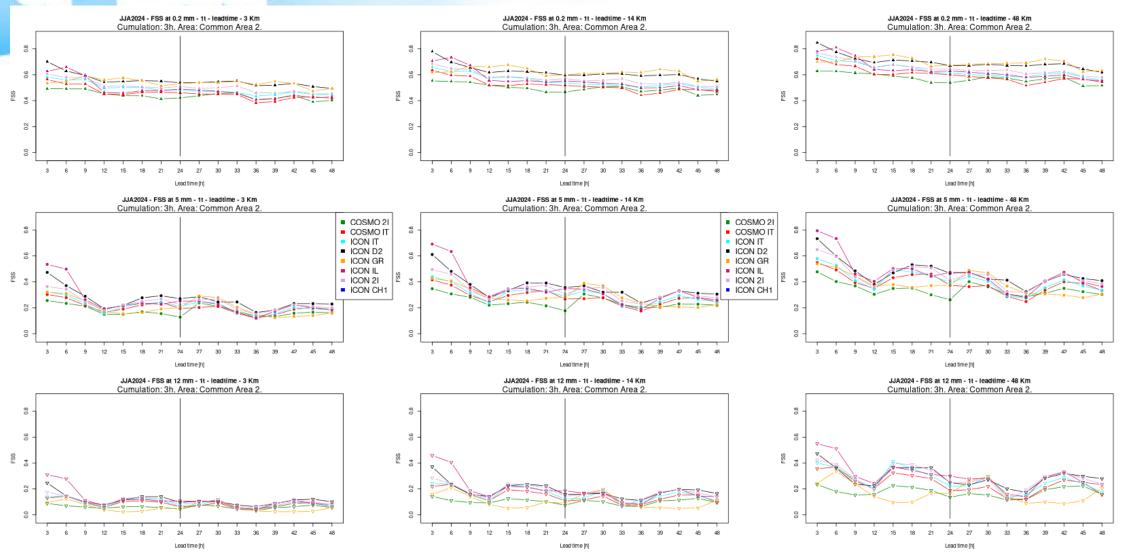












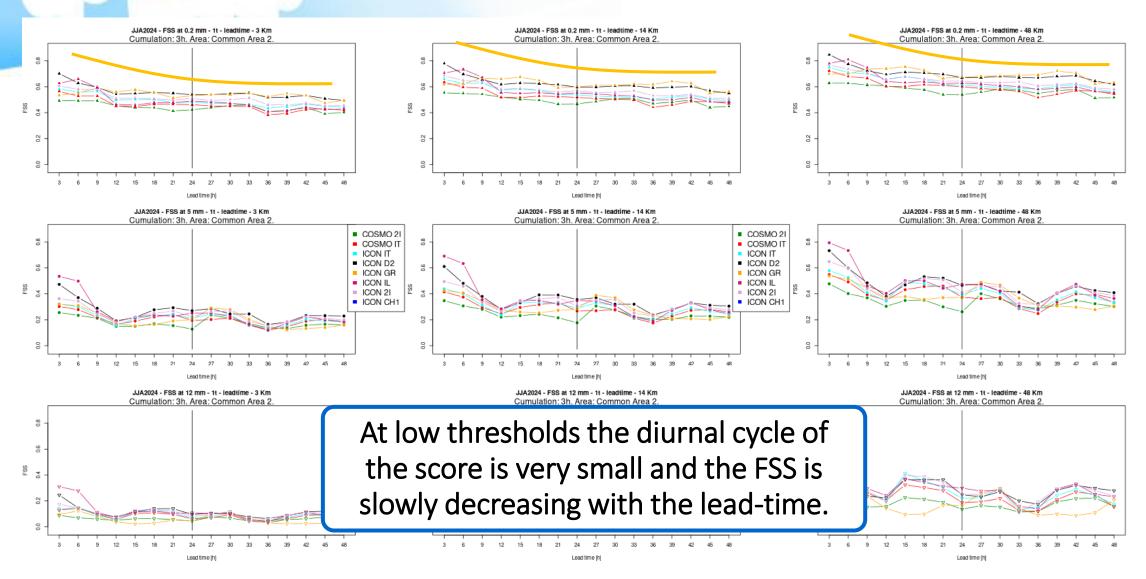












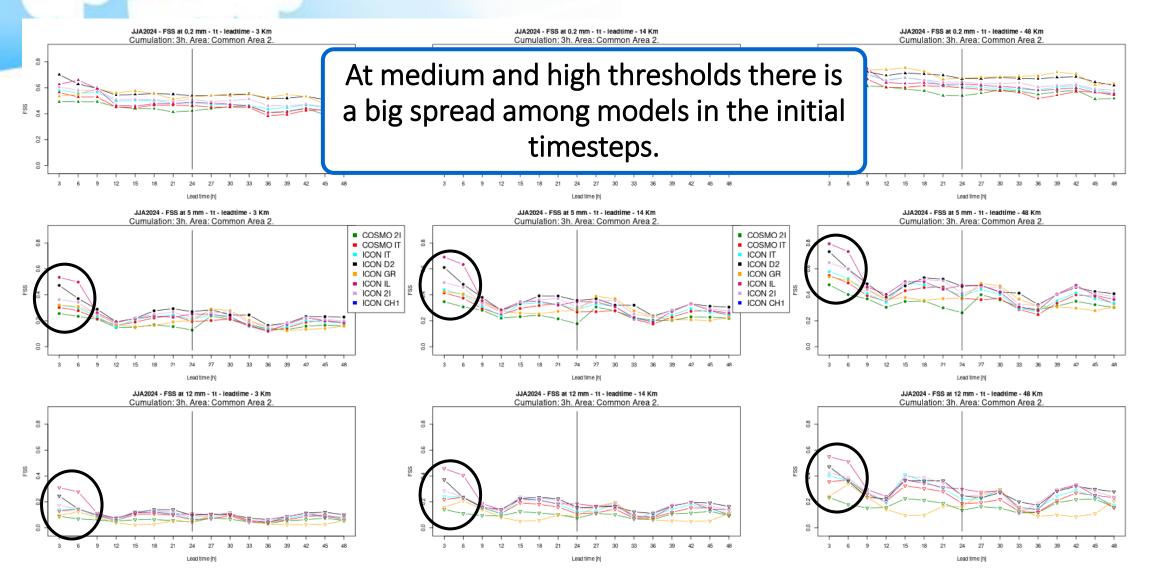






















JJA2024 - FSS at 0.2 mm - 1t - leadtime - 3 Km
Cumulation: 3h. Area: Common Area 2.

At medium thresholds there is an increase in the score during the evening of the first day lasting until the morning of the second day. At high thresholds the decrease starts earlier.

JJA2024 - ESS at 5 mm - 1t - leadtime - 14 Km

Cumulation: 3h. Area: Common Area 2.

COSMO 2I

COSMO IT

ICON IT

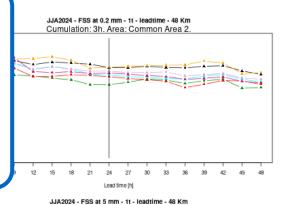
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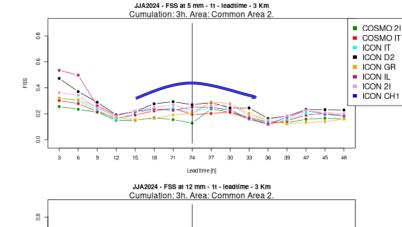
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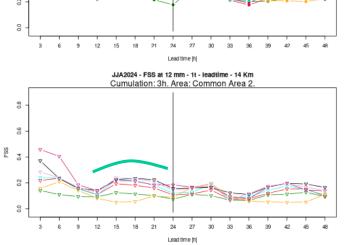
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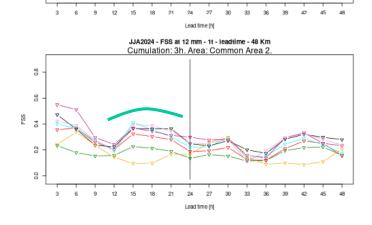
ICON CH1



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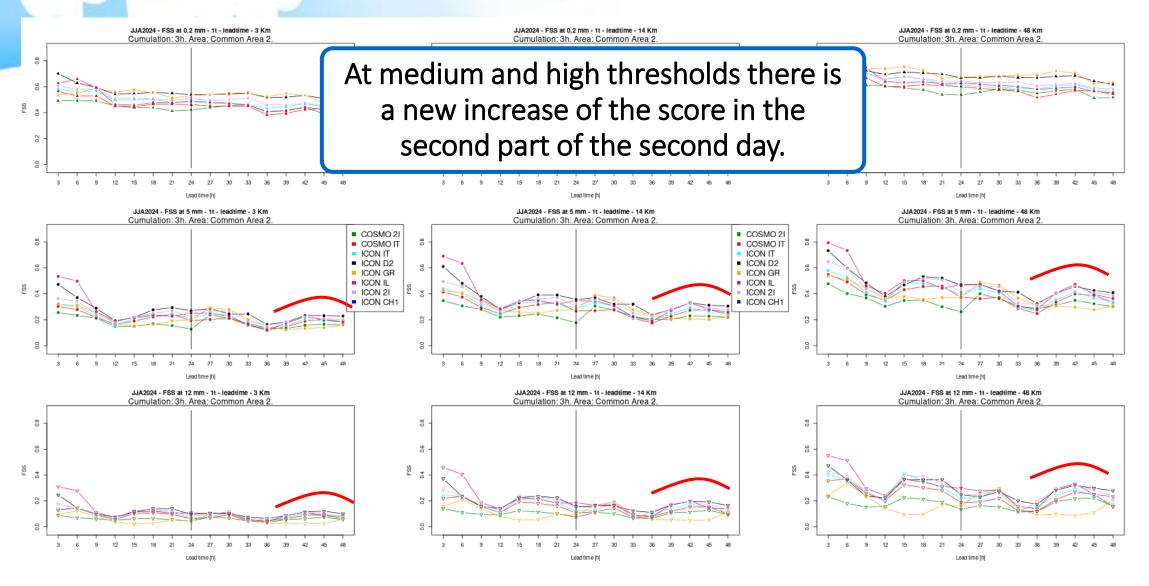














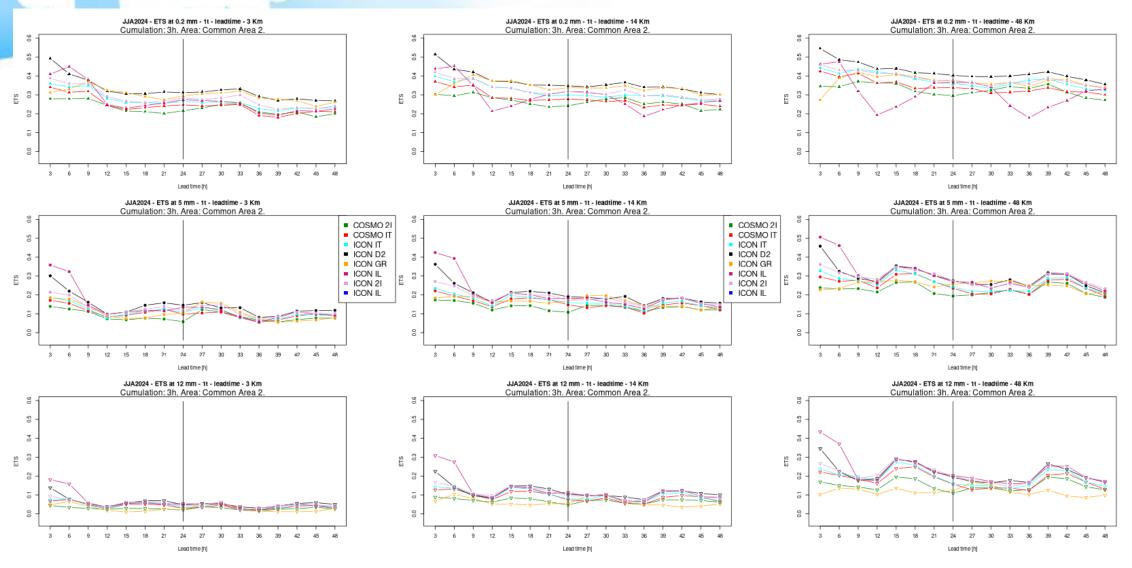












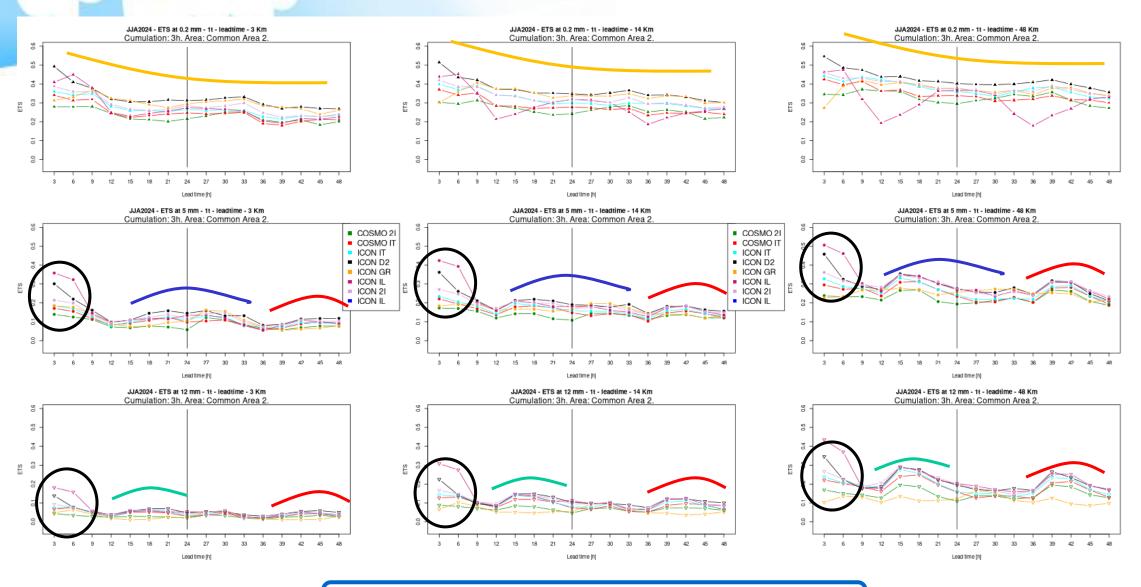








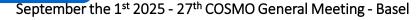






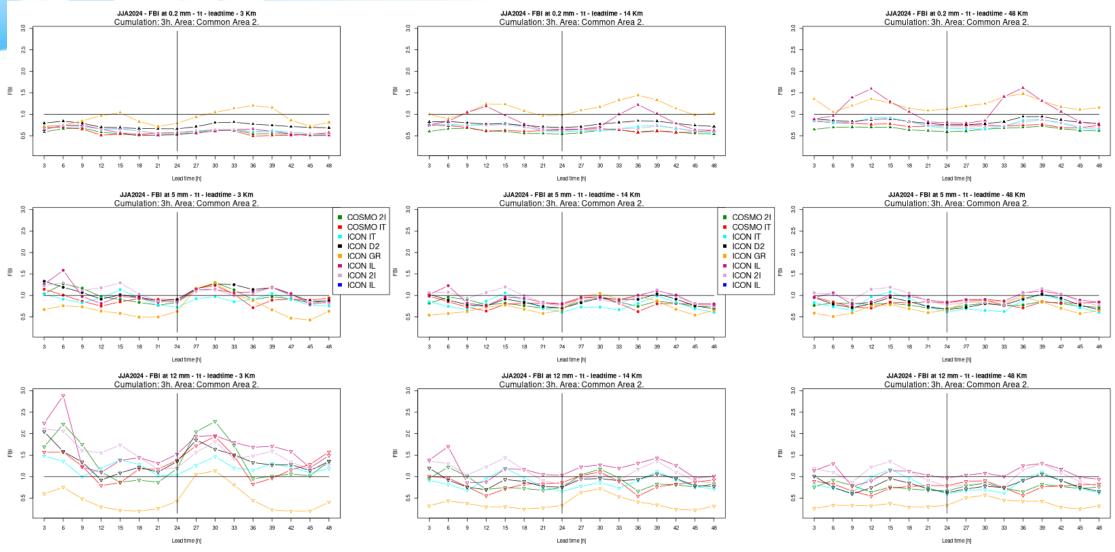


The ETS mimics many of the characteristics of the FSS.









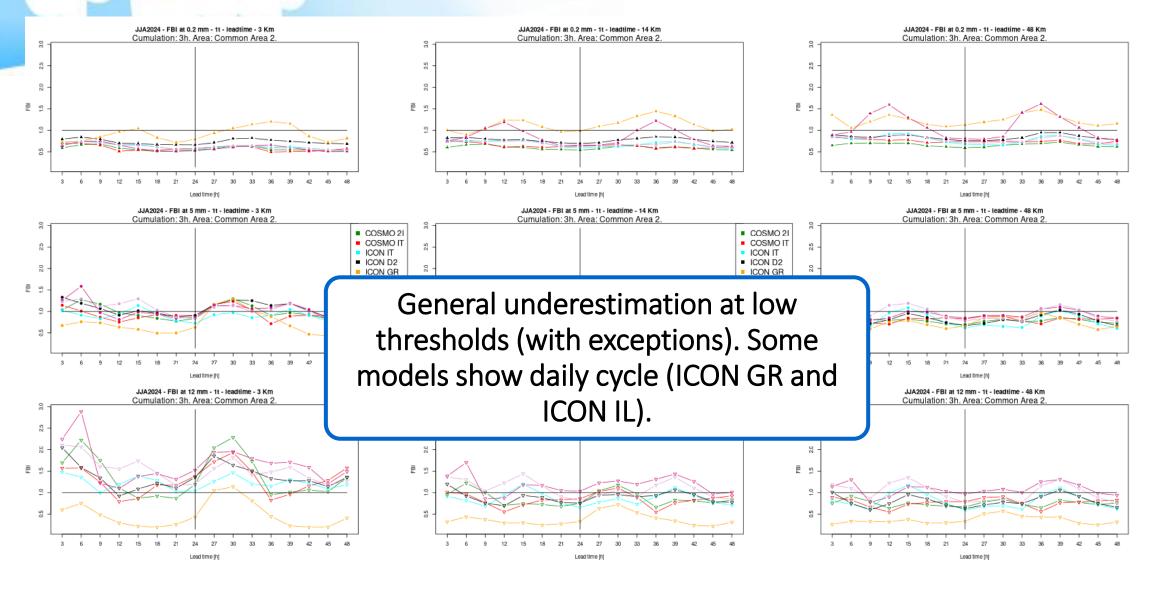












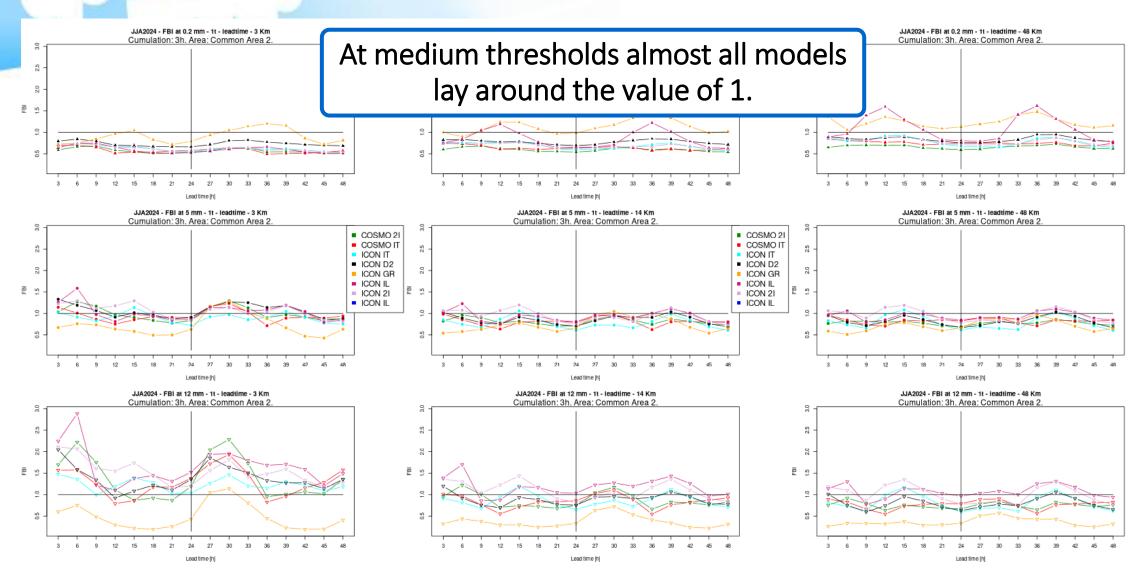












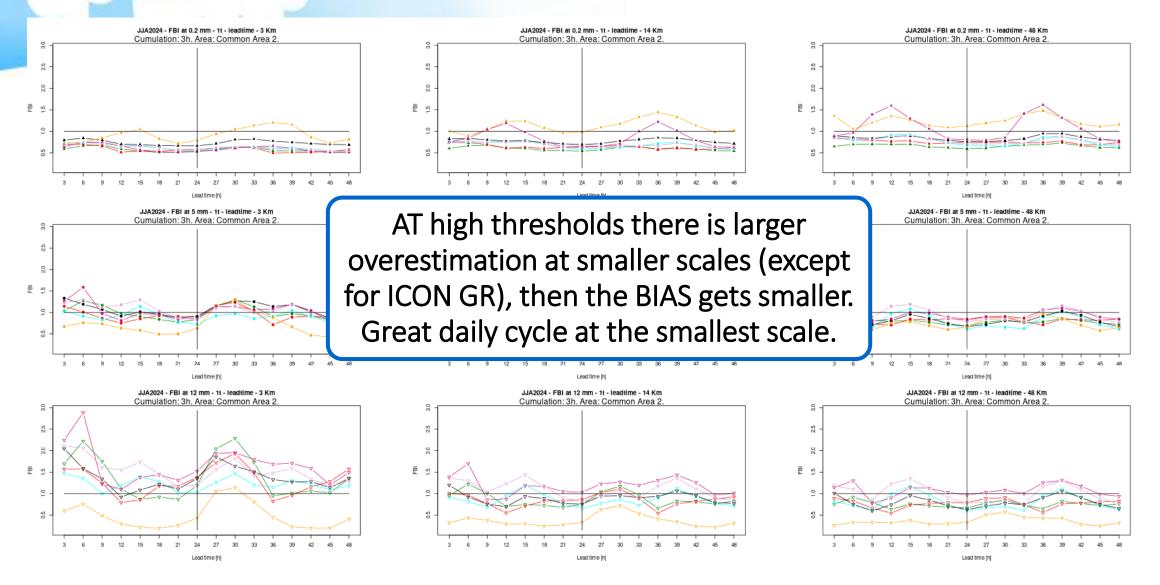












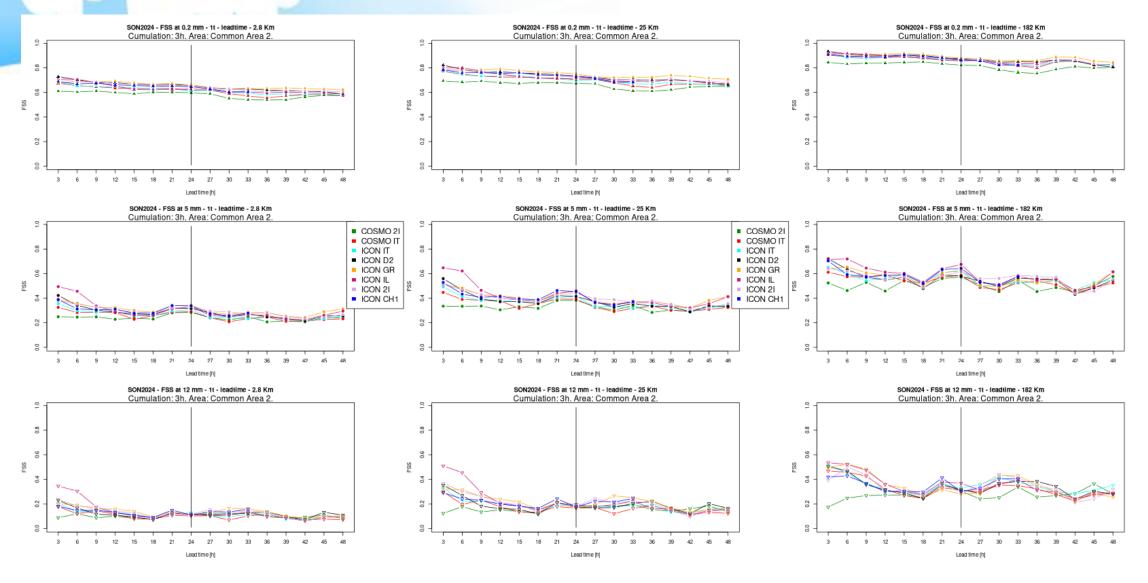












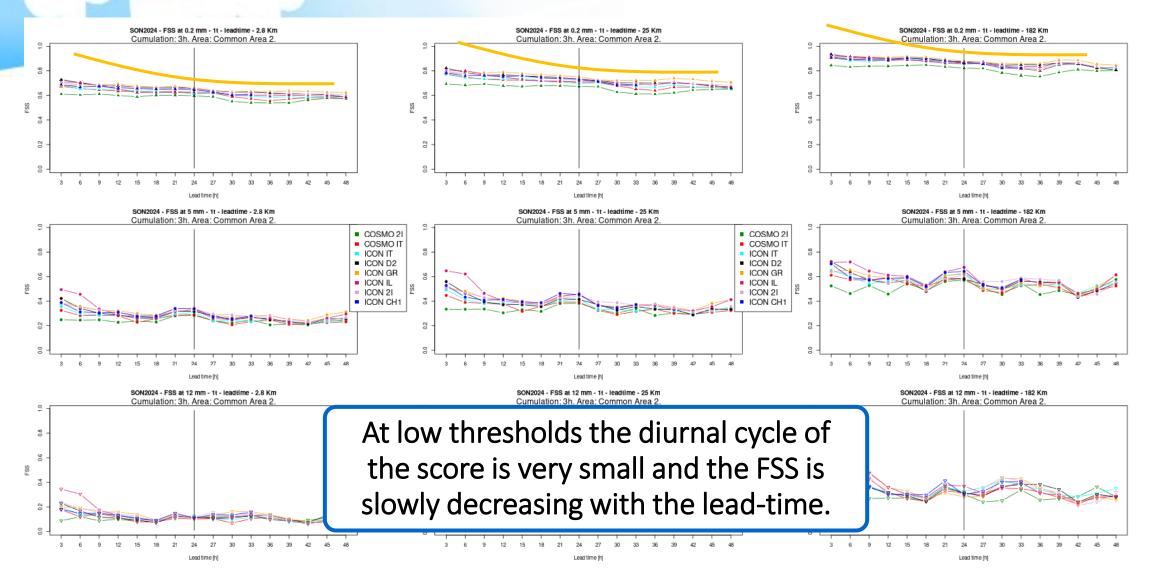












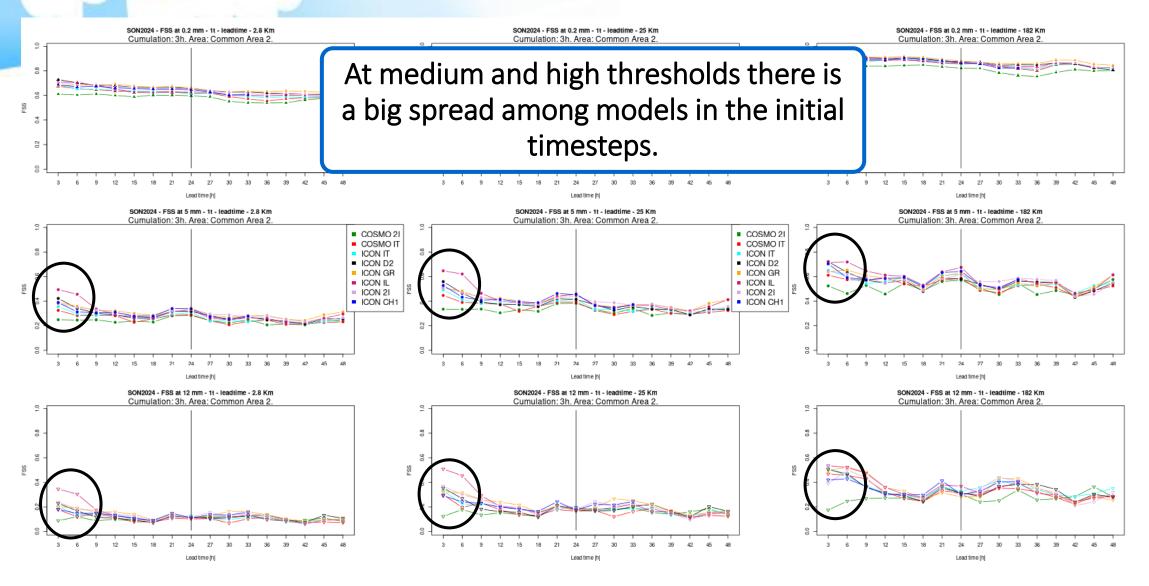












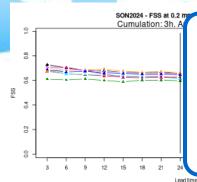




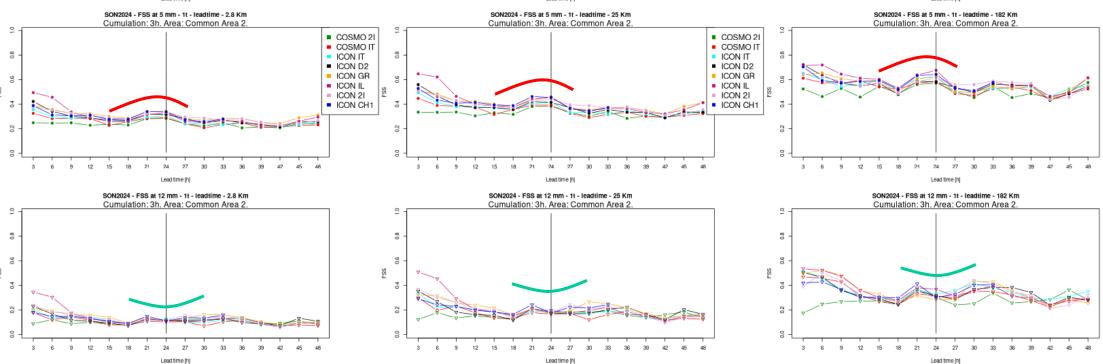








At medium thresholds there is an increase in the score during the evening of the first day lasting until the early morning of the second day. At the highest threshold there is a decrease overnight.





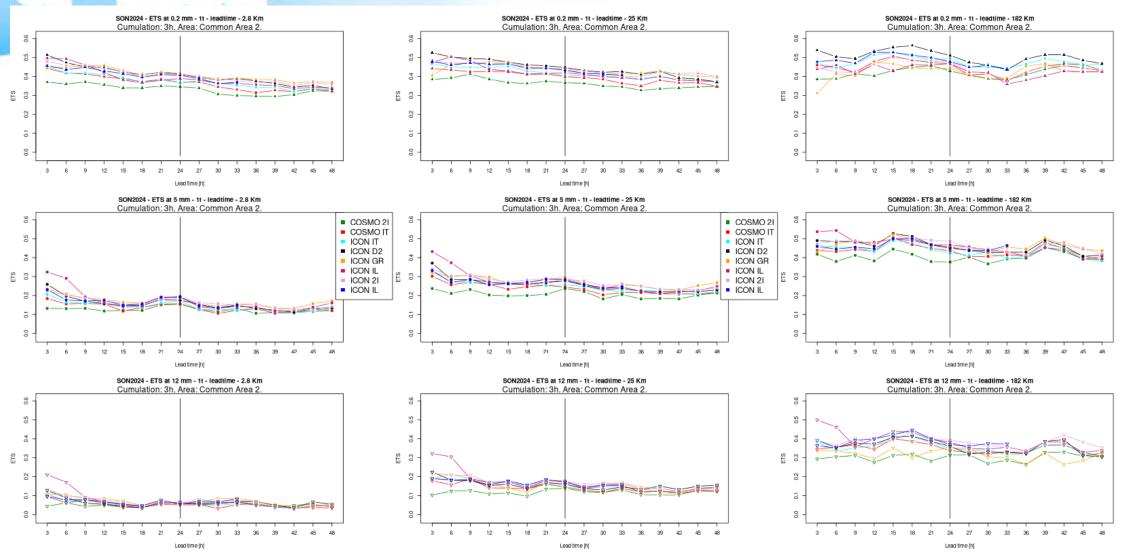












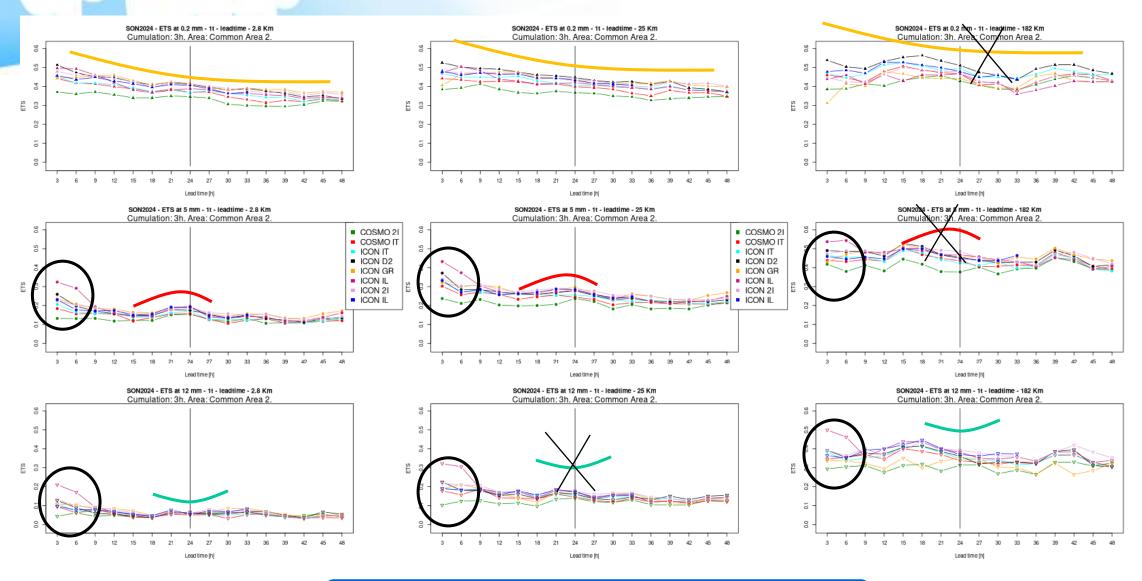












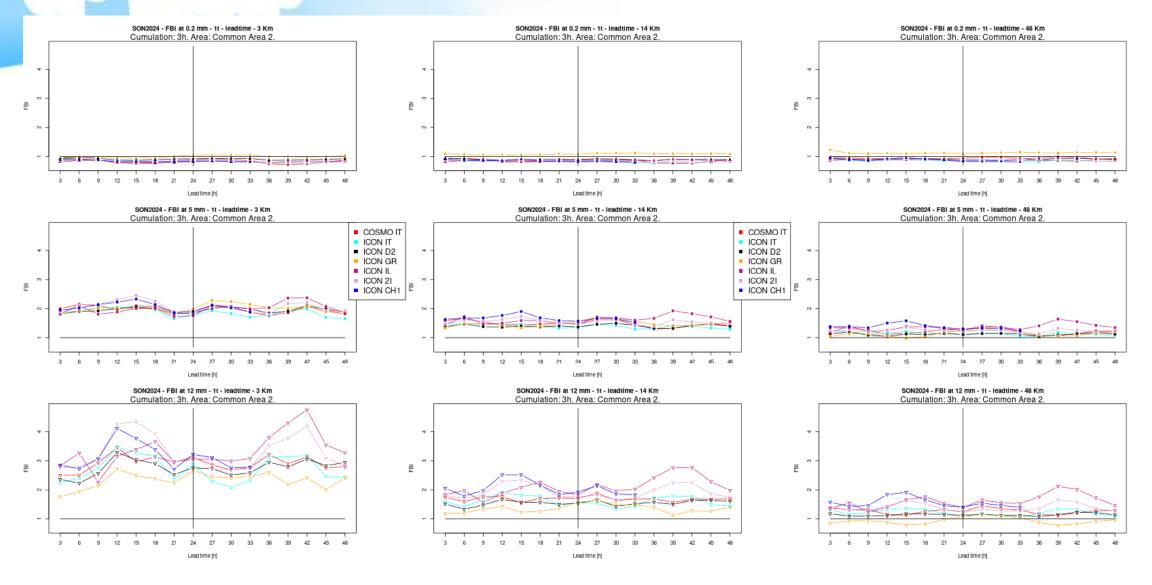




The ETS only mimics a few of the characteristics of the FSS.







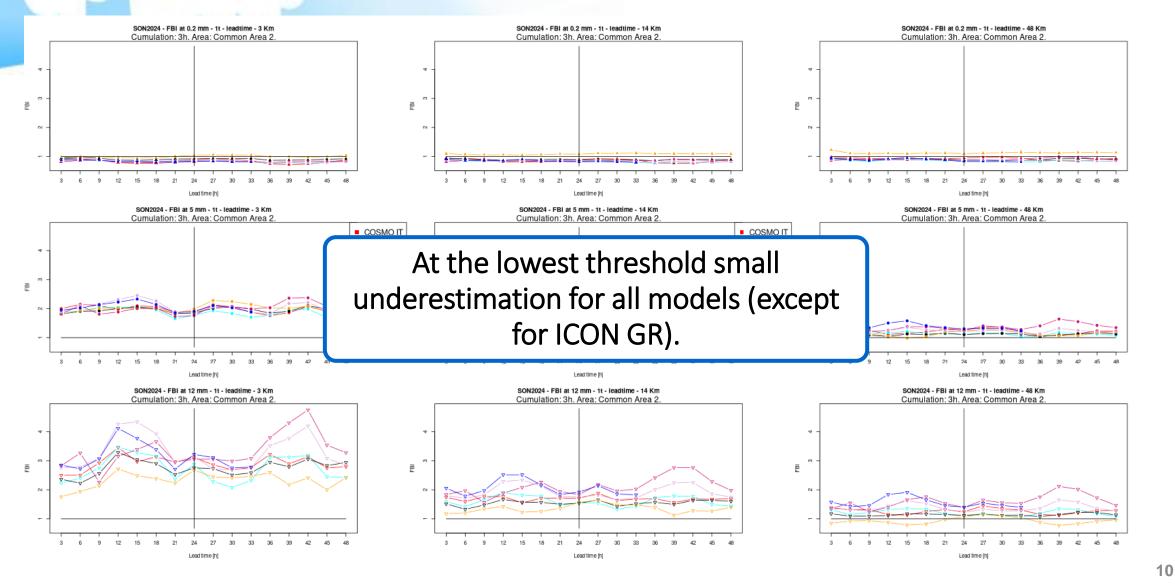












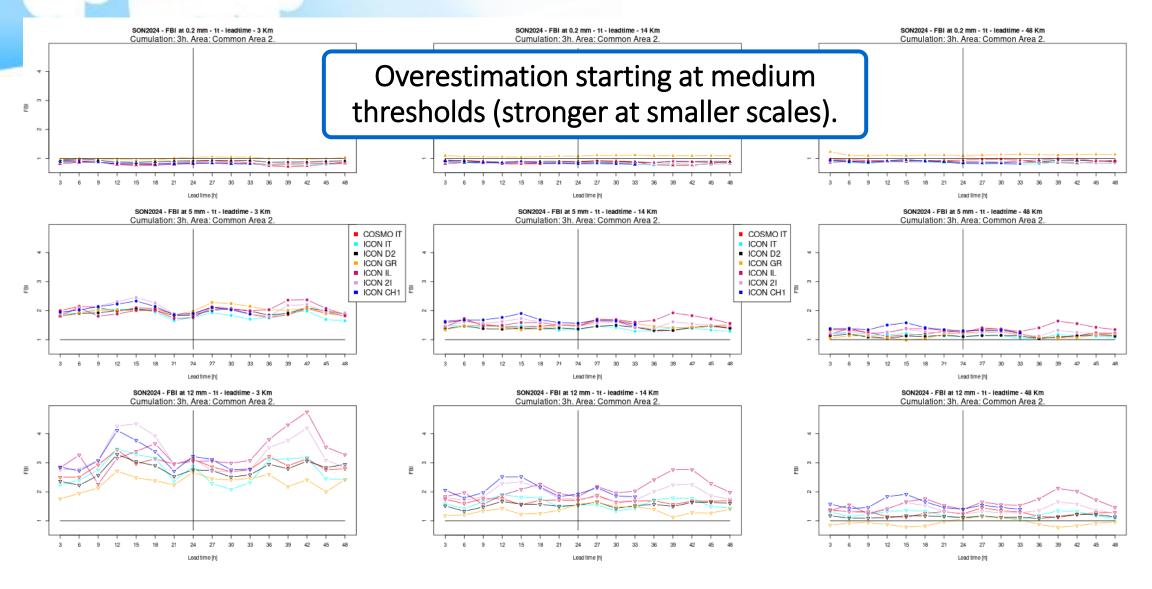














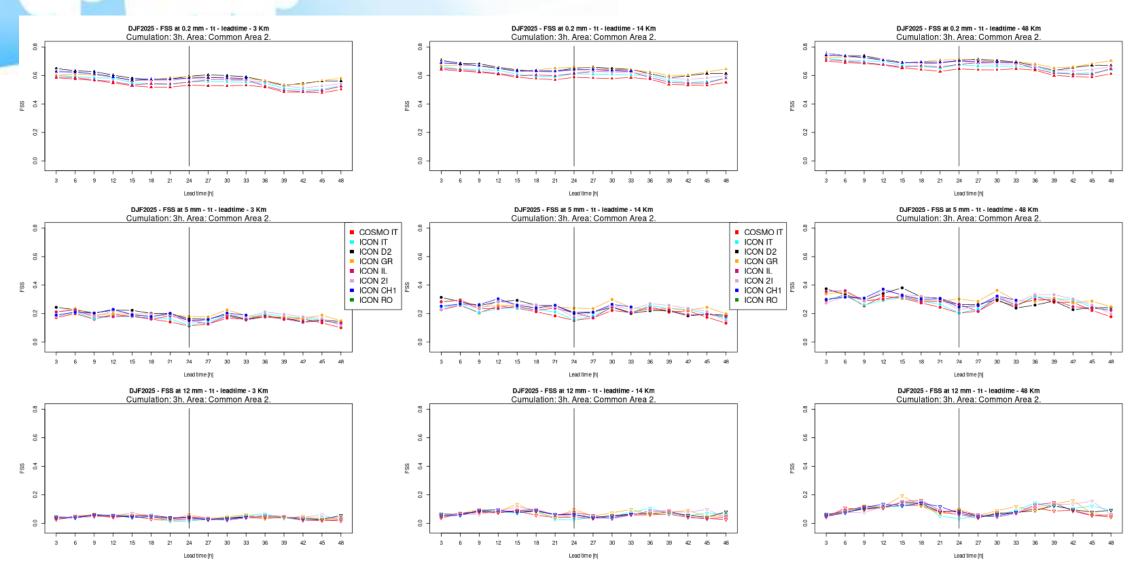








FSS - DJF 2025 - COMMON AREA 2





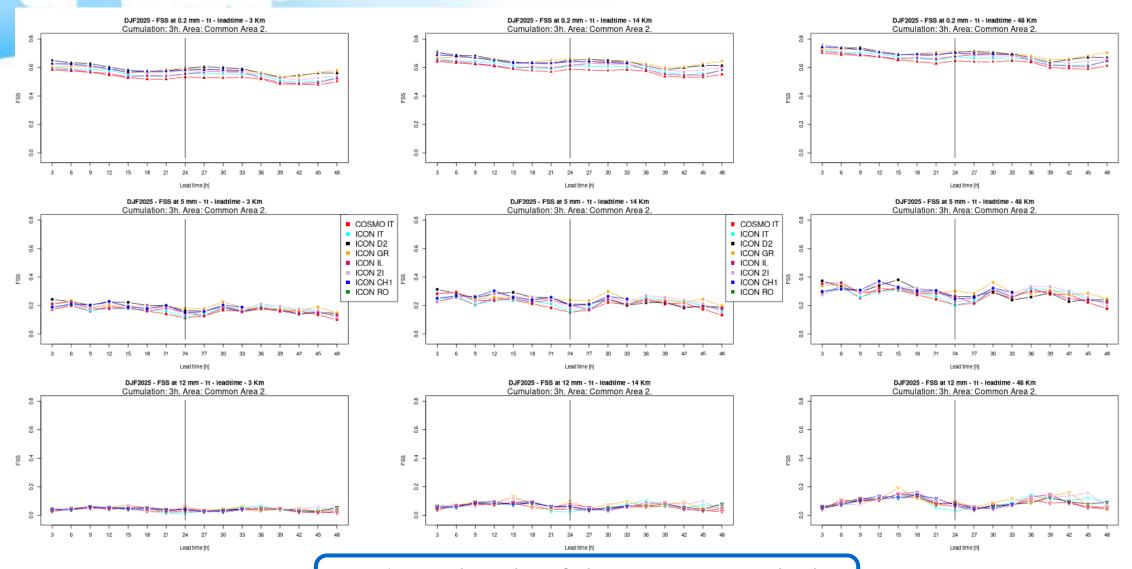








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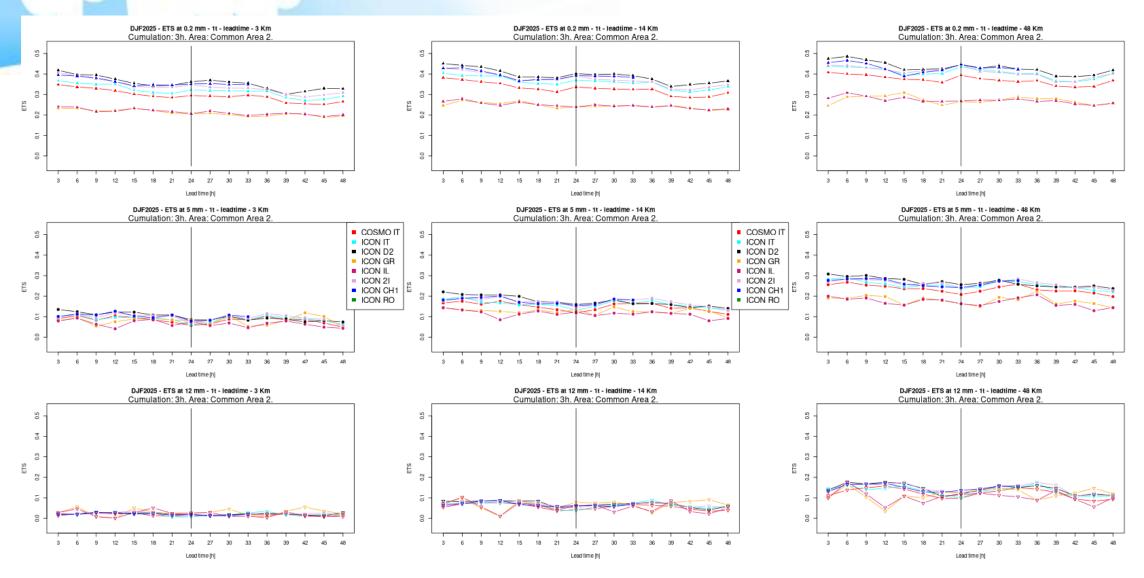




No diurnal cycle of the FSS, or very little. Very low scores at high thresholds and little increase with spatial scales. 11



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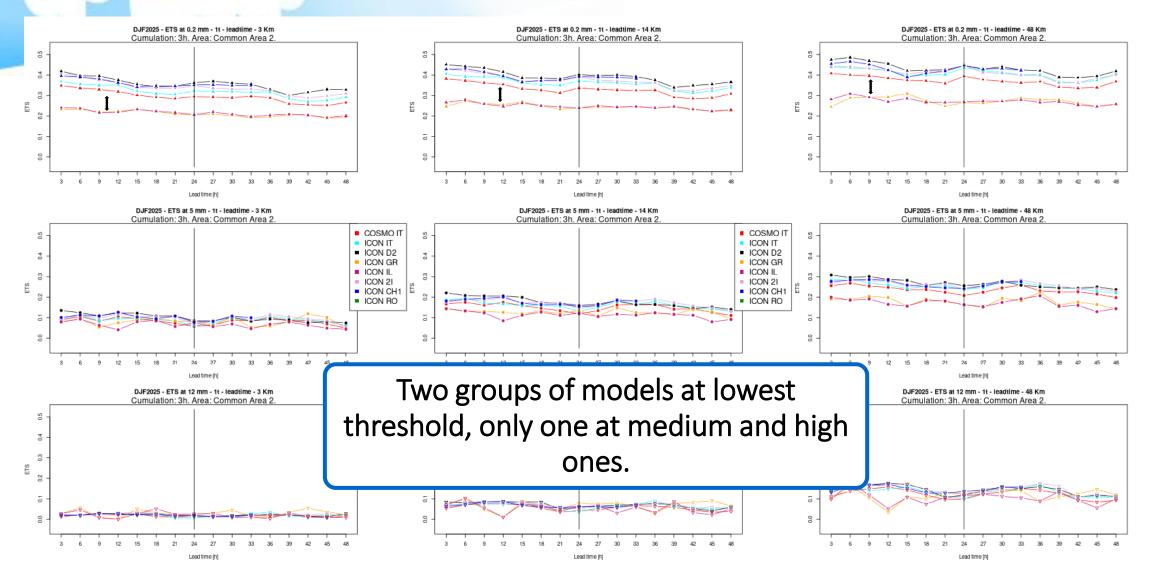








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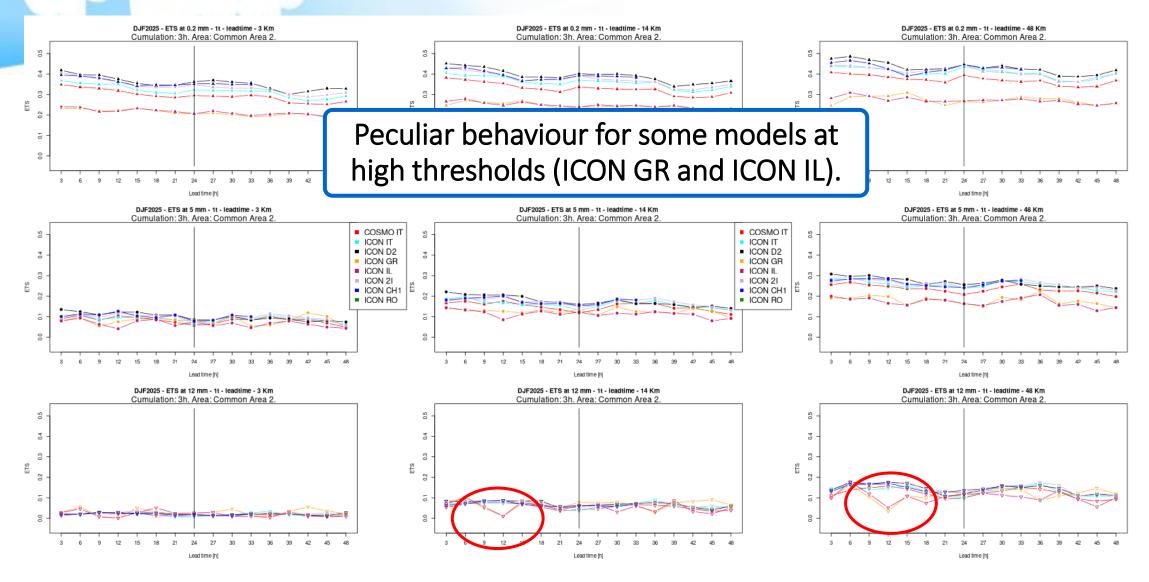








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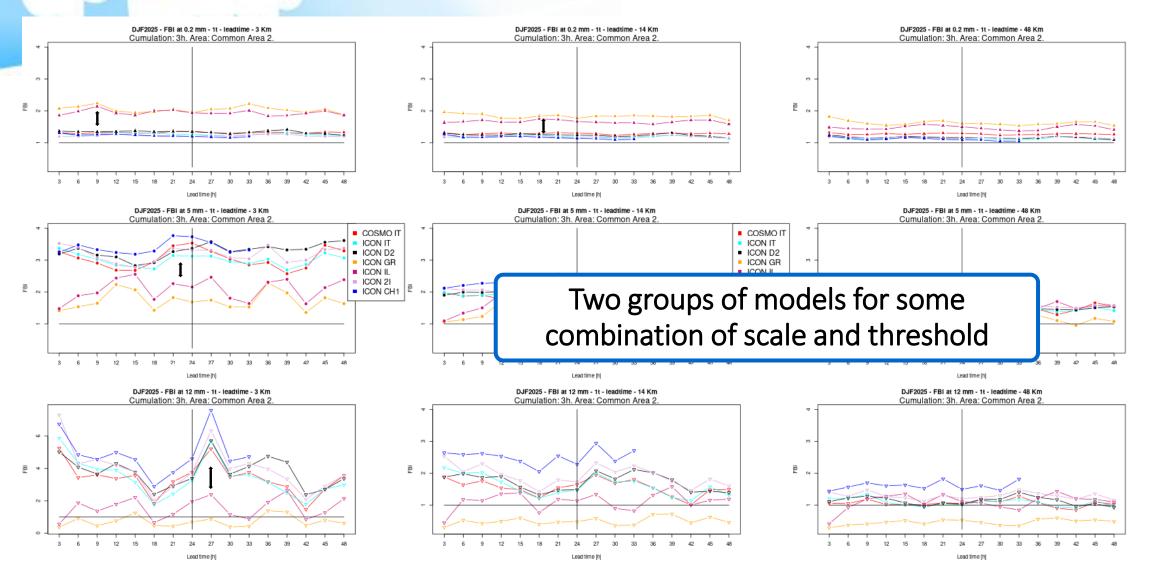








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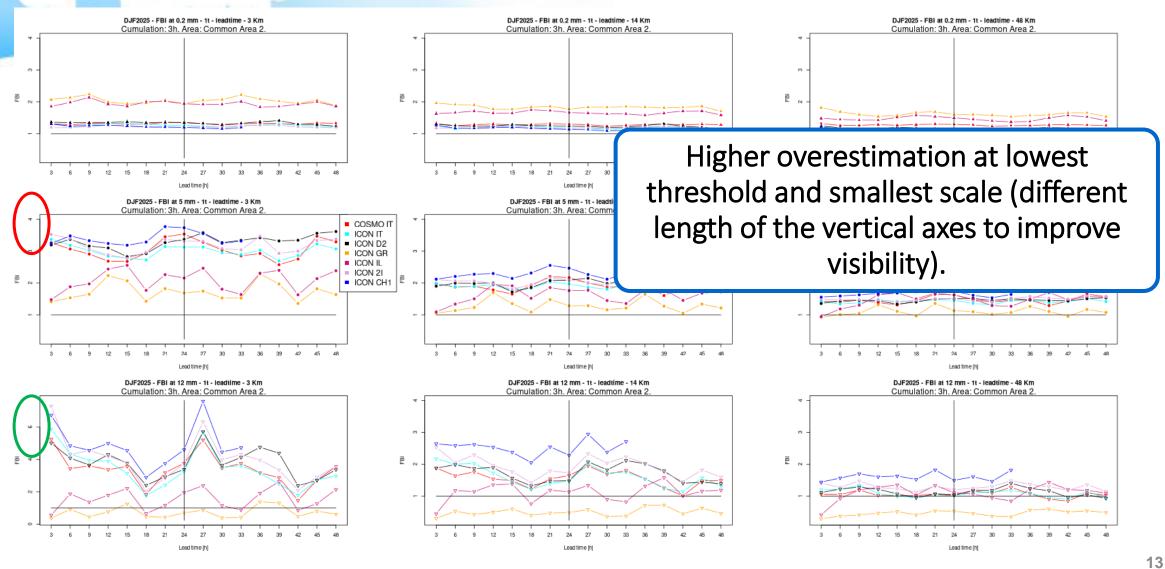








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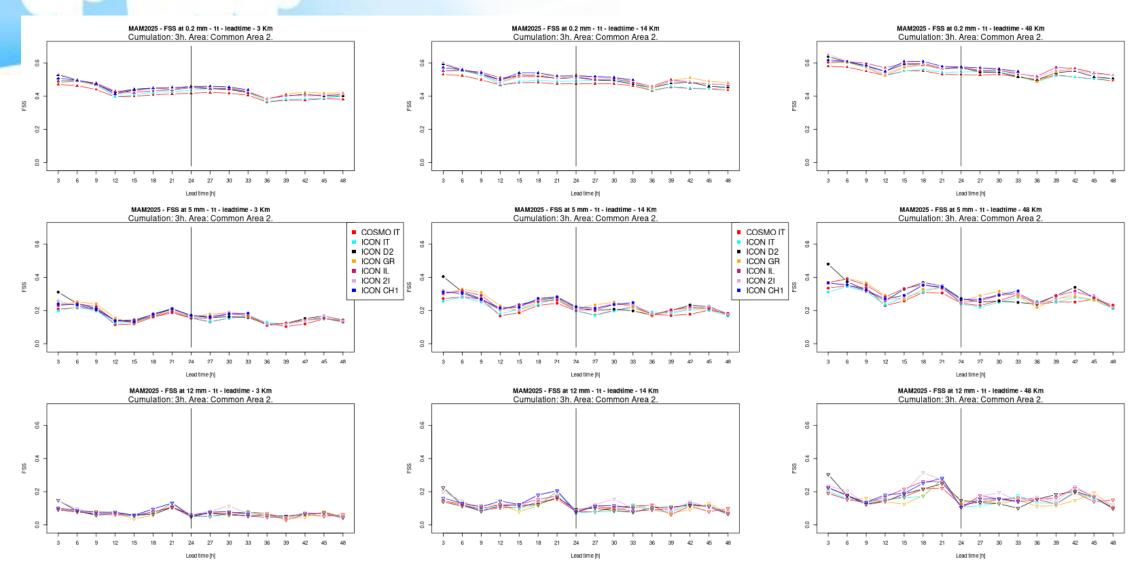








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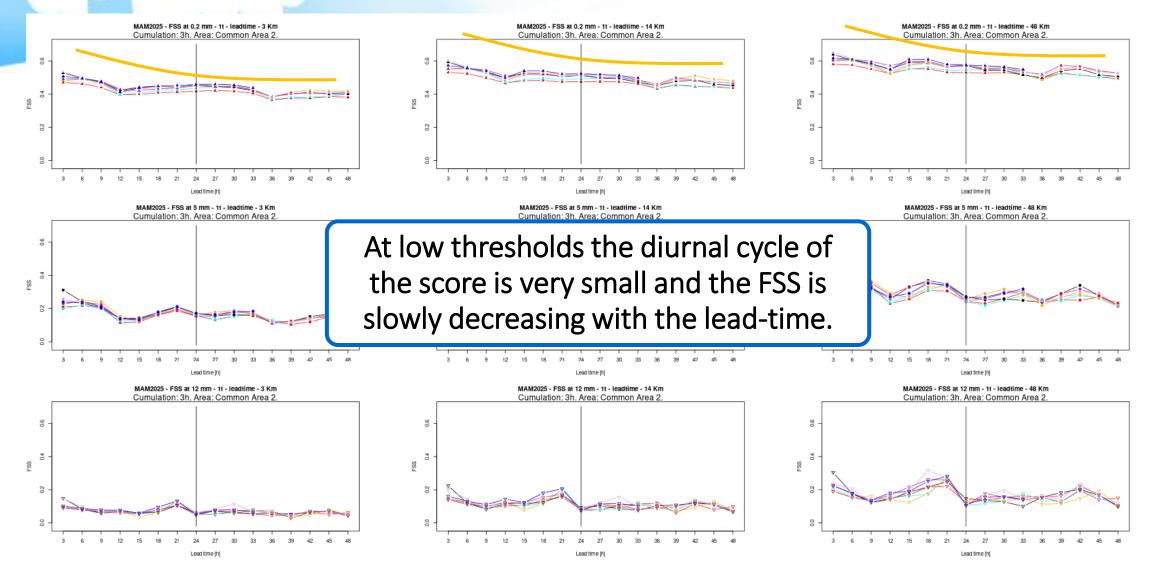








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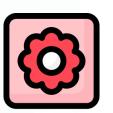




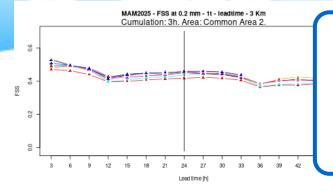




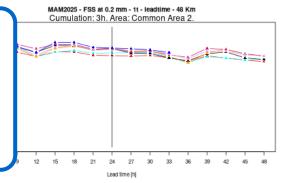


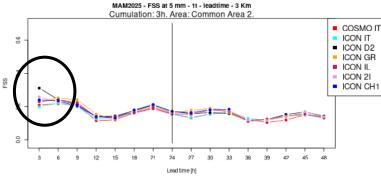


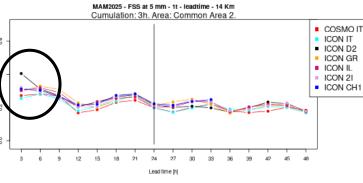
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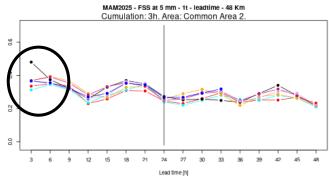


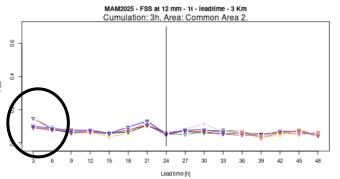
At medium and high thresholds there is a bigger spread among the models in the initial timestep (often only ICON D2, sometimes also ICON 2I).

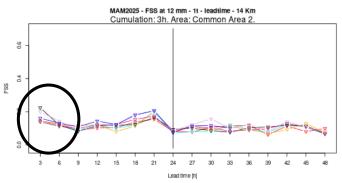


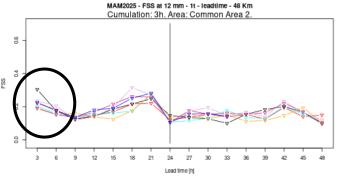














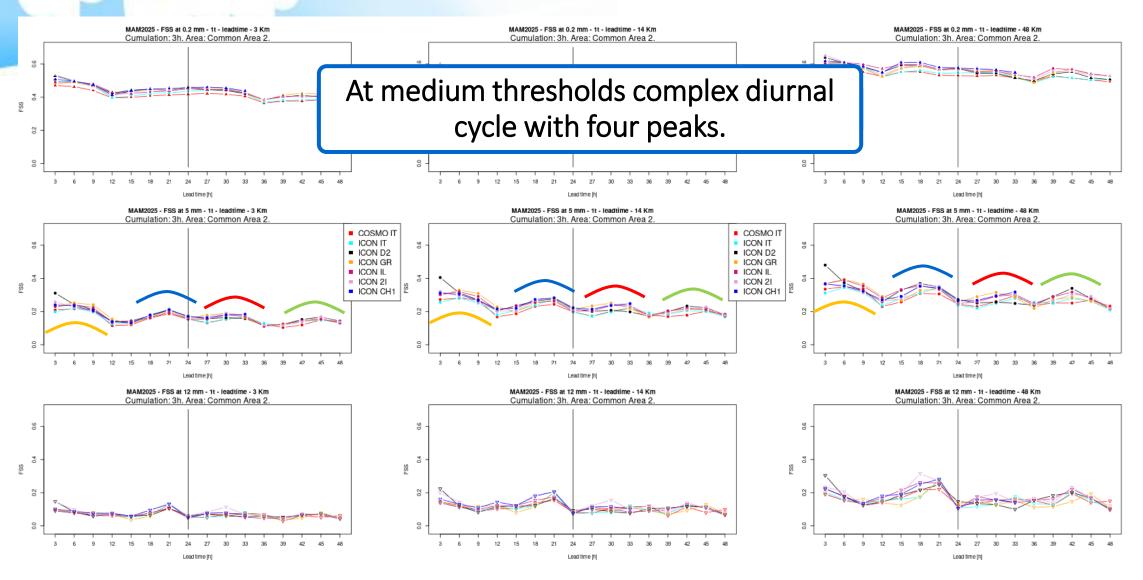












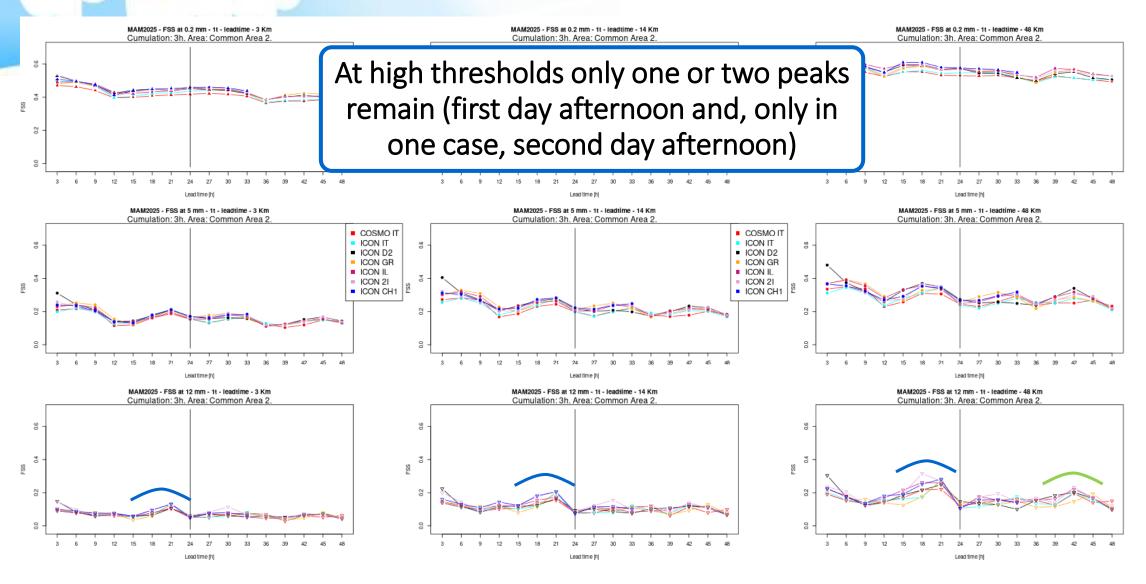














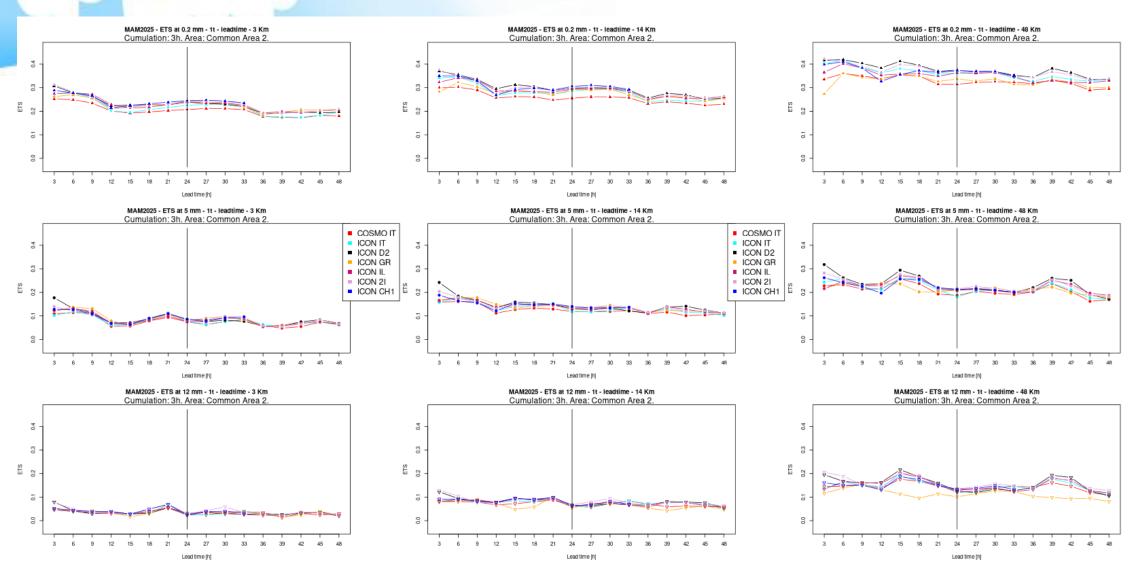








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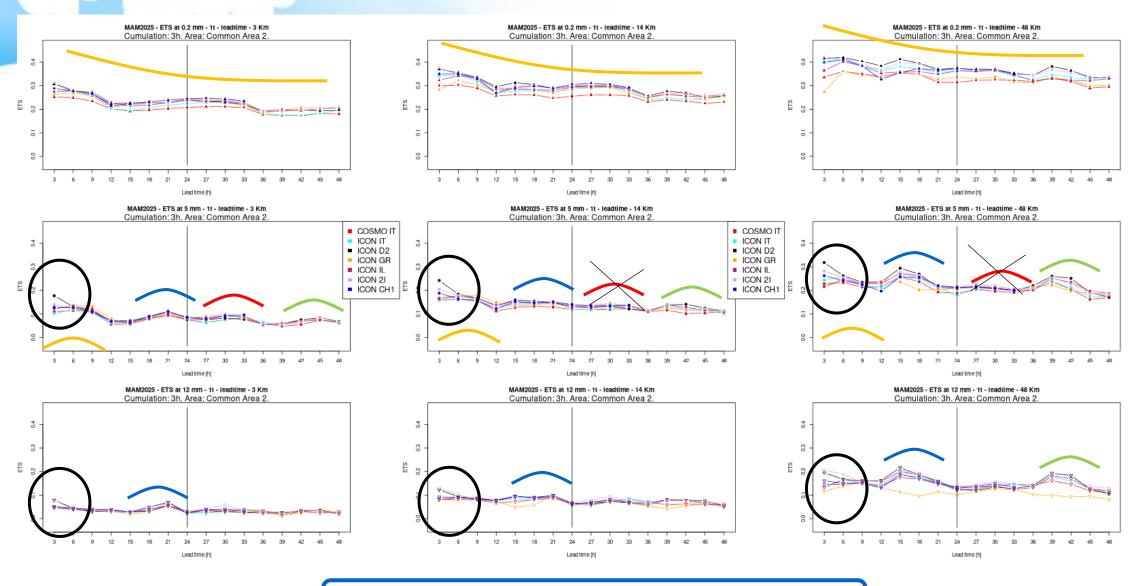








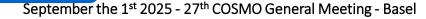
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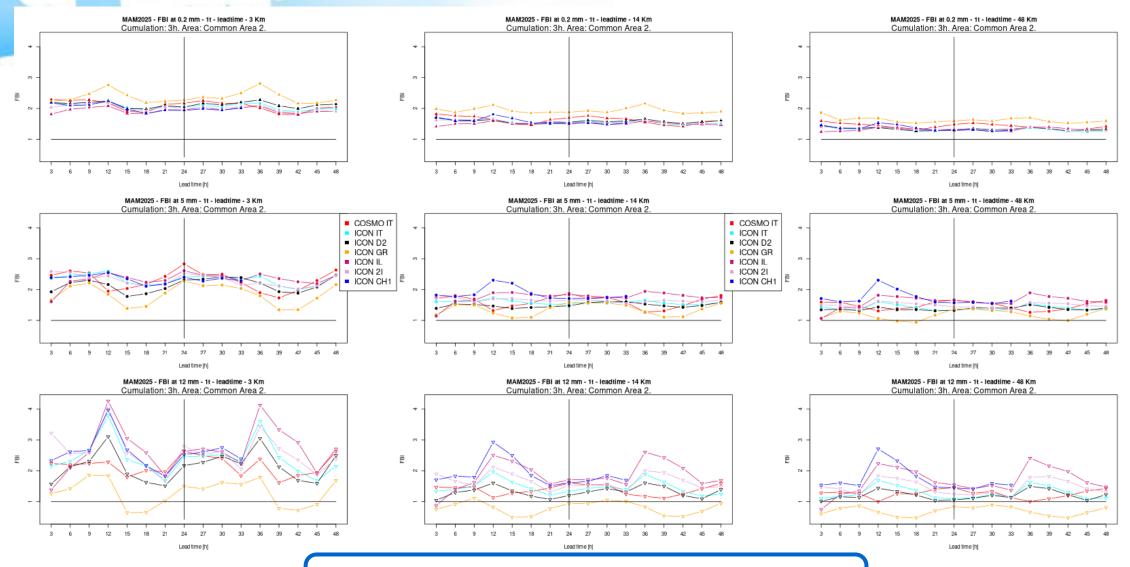


The ETS mimics many of the characteristics of the FSS.



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General overestimation, with higher values at smaller scales. Great variability at higher thresholds. (ICON GR exception).

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OBSERVATIONS FOR COMMON AREA 2

•JJA 2024:

- Weak diurnal cycle at low thresholds
- Large model spread at medium/high thresholds
- Evening increase in FSS on day $1 \rightarrow$ morning of day 2

•SON 2024:

- Small diurnal cycle at low thresholds
- Wide spread at initial timesteps
- Overestimation appears at medium/high thresholds

•DJF 2025:

- Almost no diurnal cycle
- Very low FSS at high thresholds, little gain with scale
- Two model groups at low thresholds, more convergence later

•MAM 2025:

- Complex diurnal cycle with multiple peaks at medium thresholds
- One/two peaks at higher thresholds
- General overestimation, larger at small scales







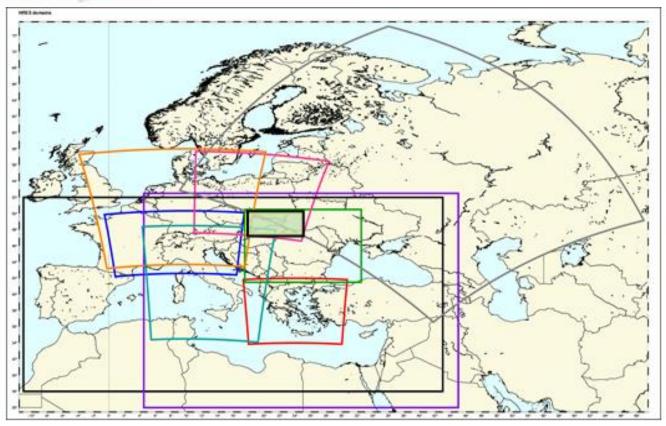








COMMON AREA 3



Area: 47.5-50.0 N; 17.7-25.0 E

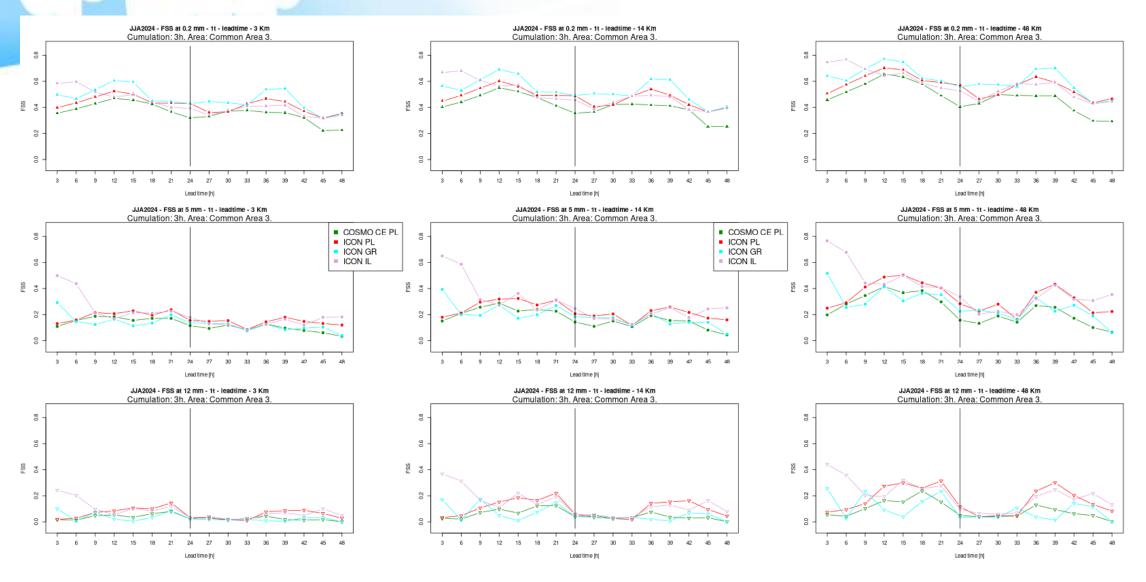












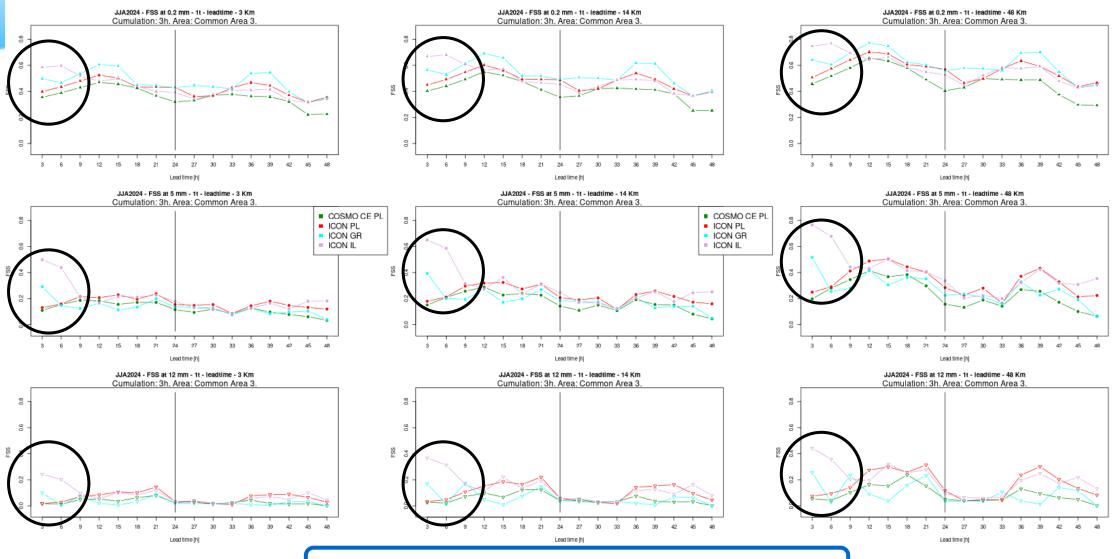












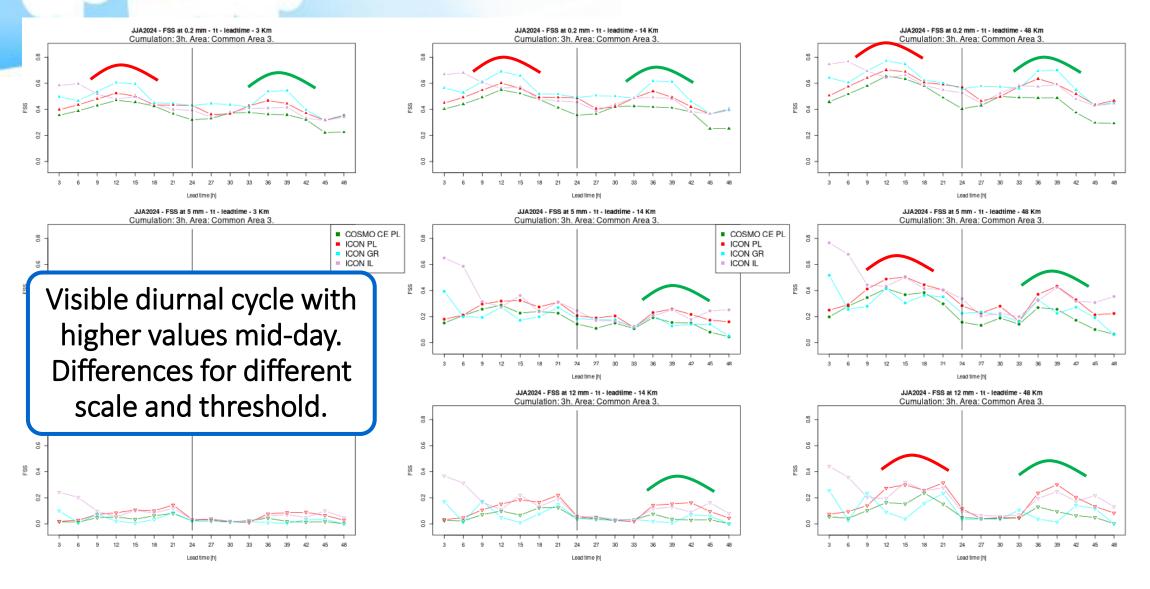




Bigger spread among the models in the initial timesteps.











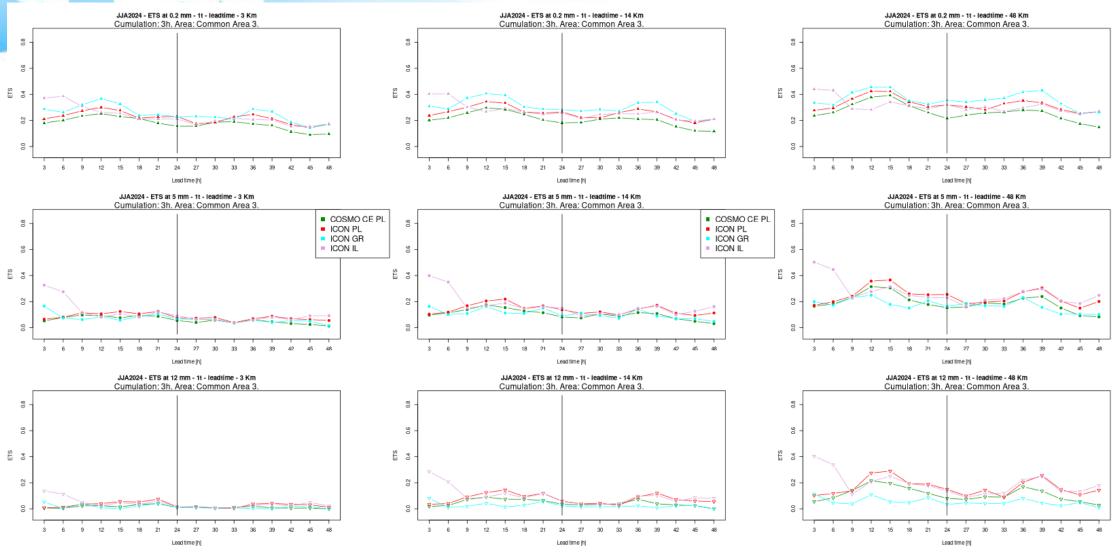








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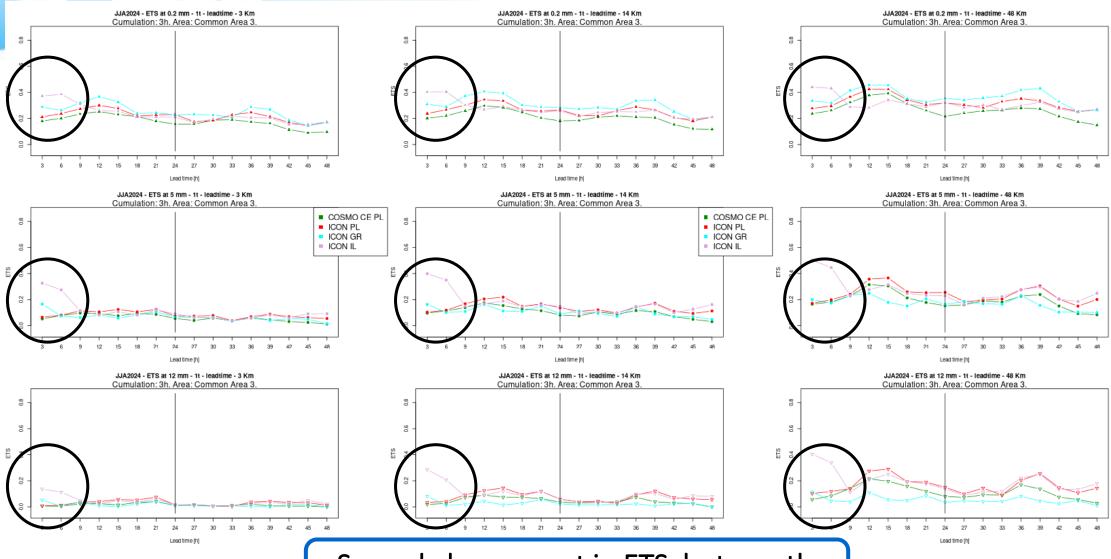








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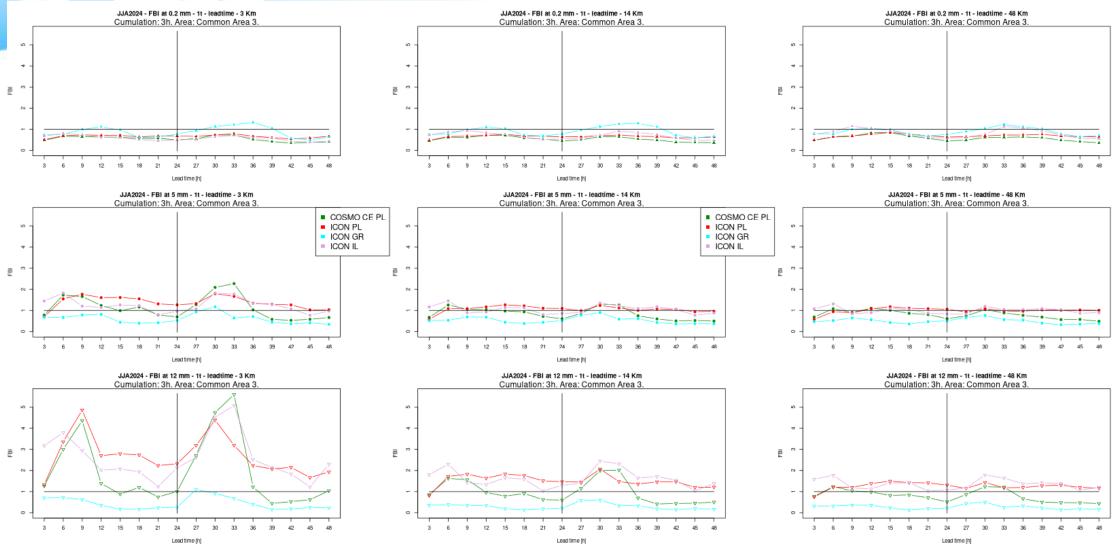


Spread also present in ETS, but mostly due to different behaviour of ICON IL. Less pronounced daily cycle.

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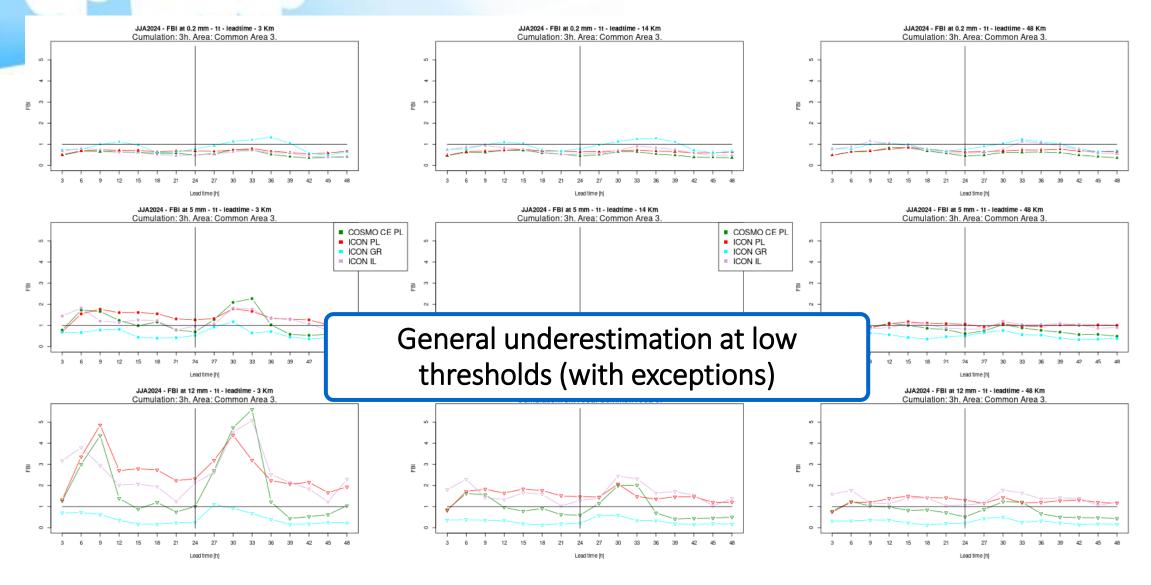












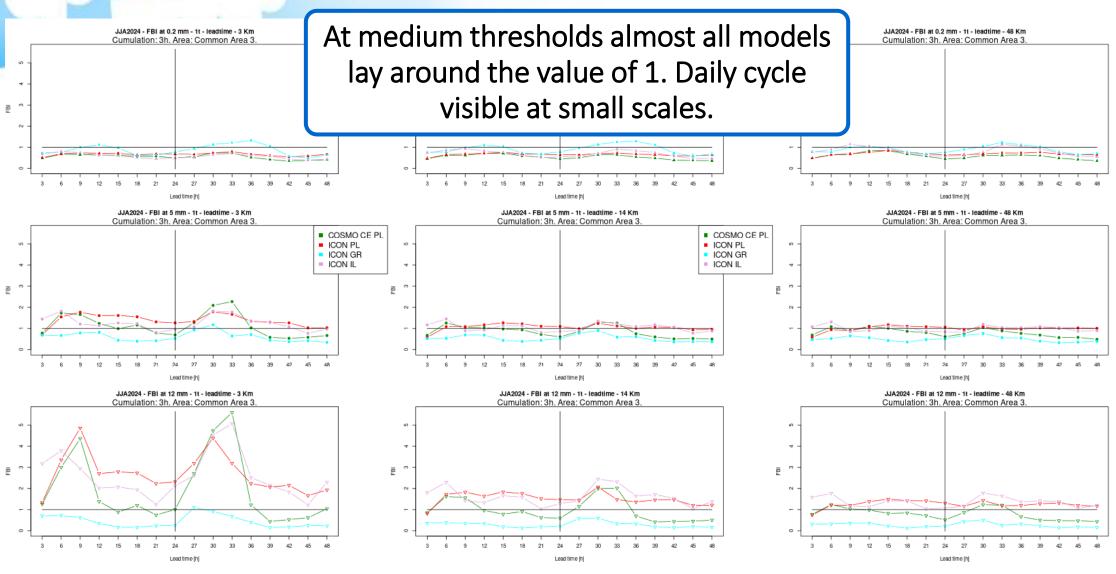












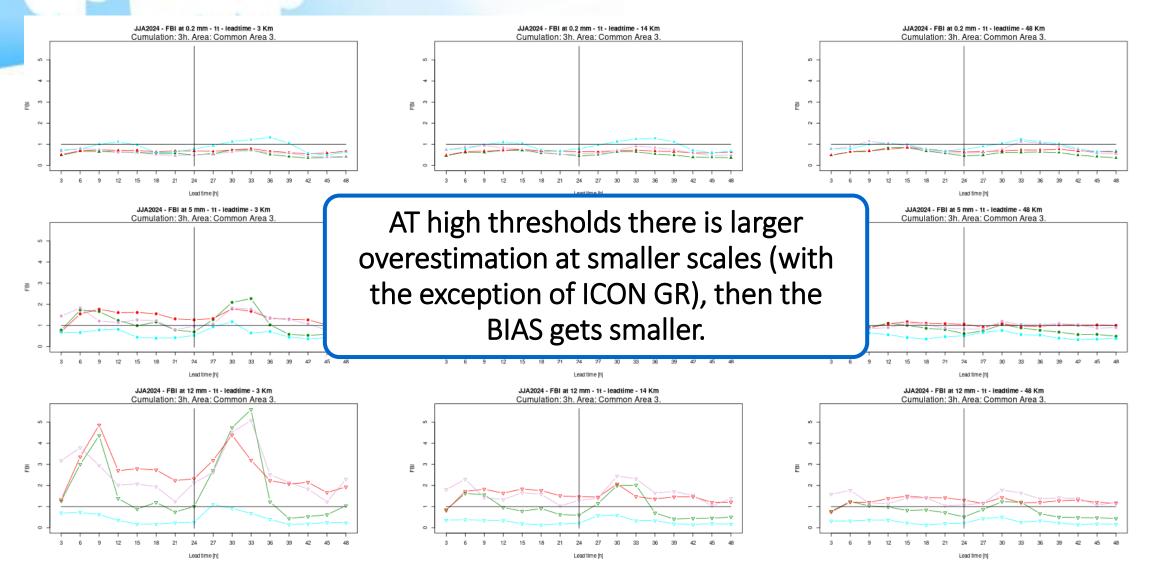












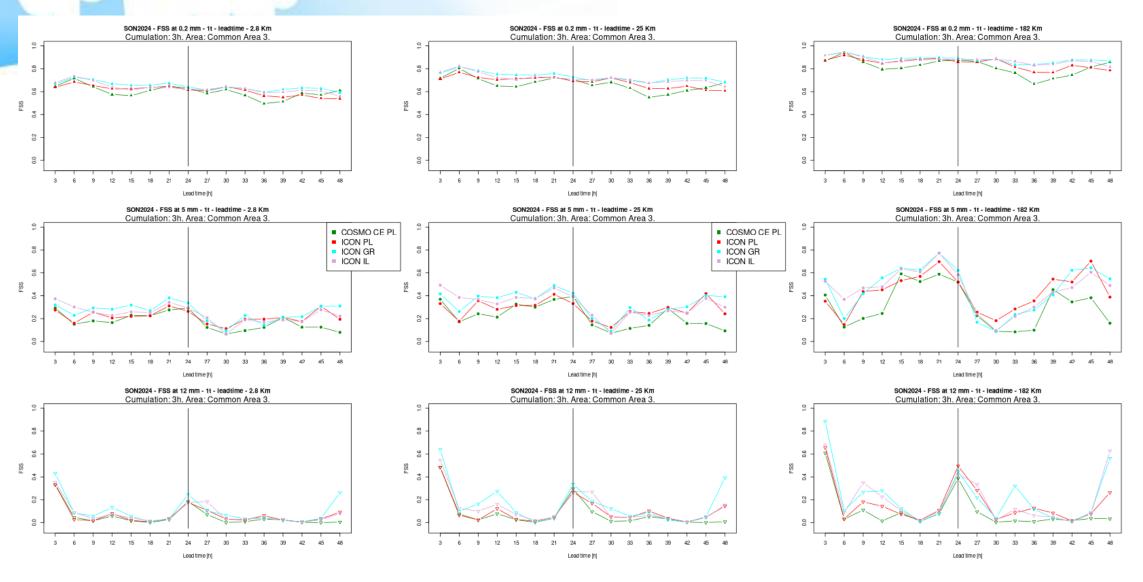














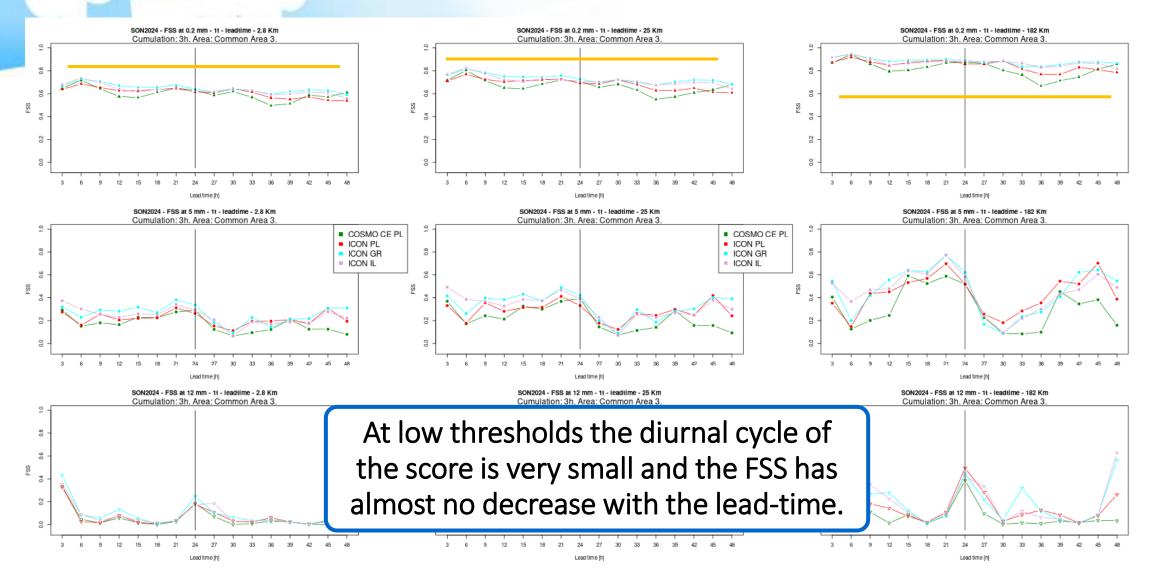












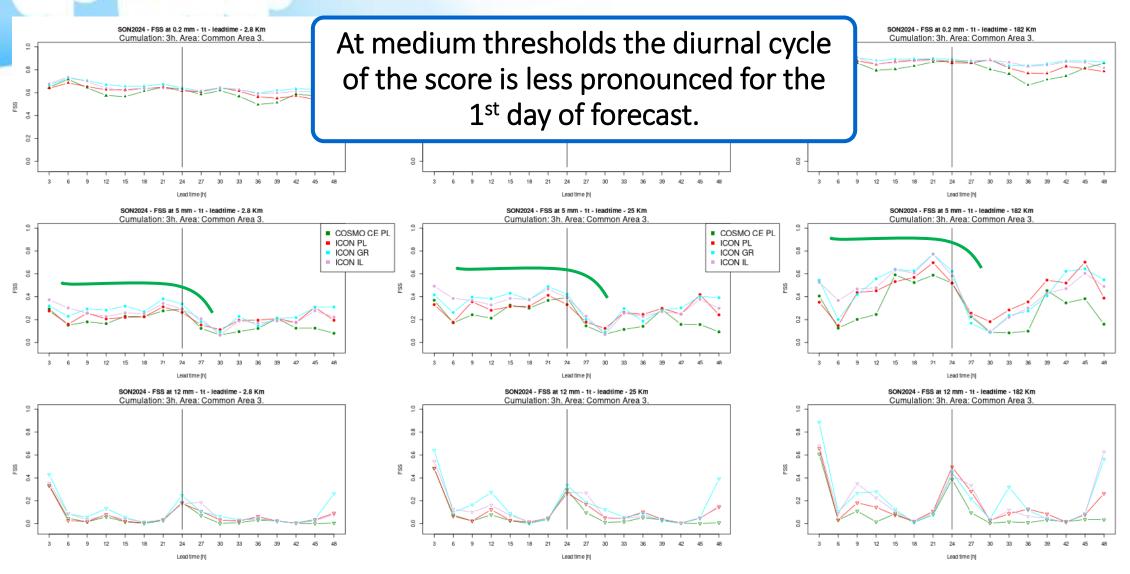












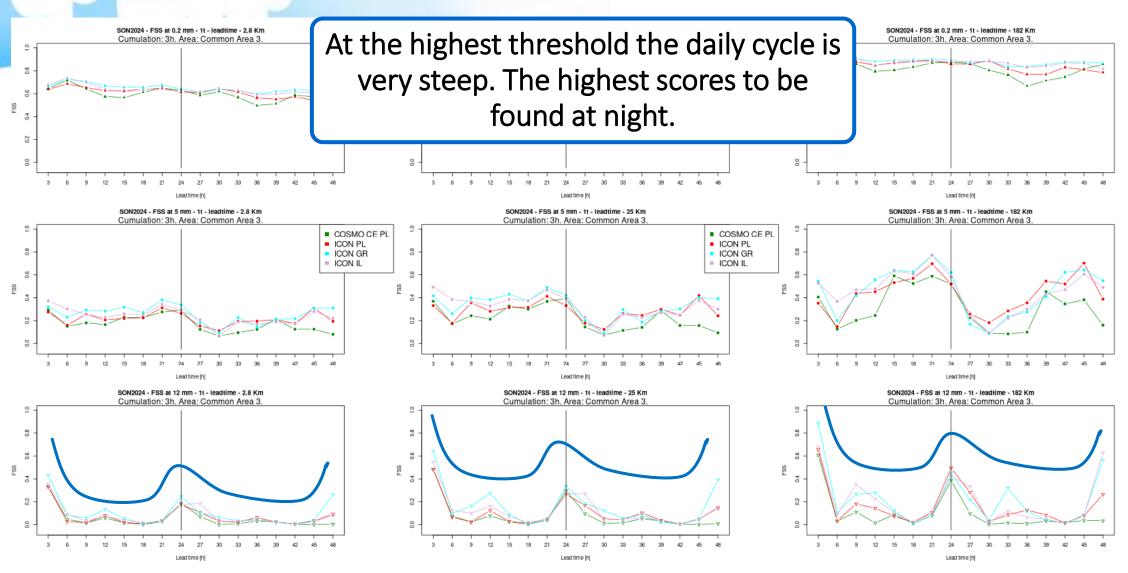














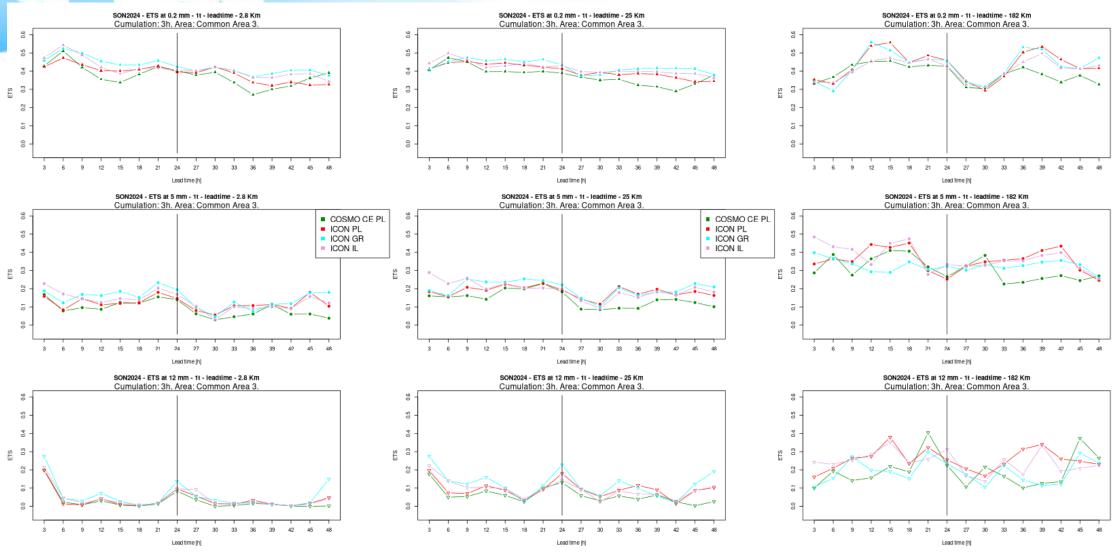














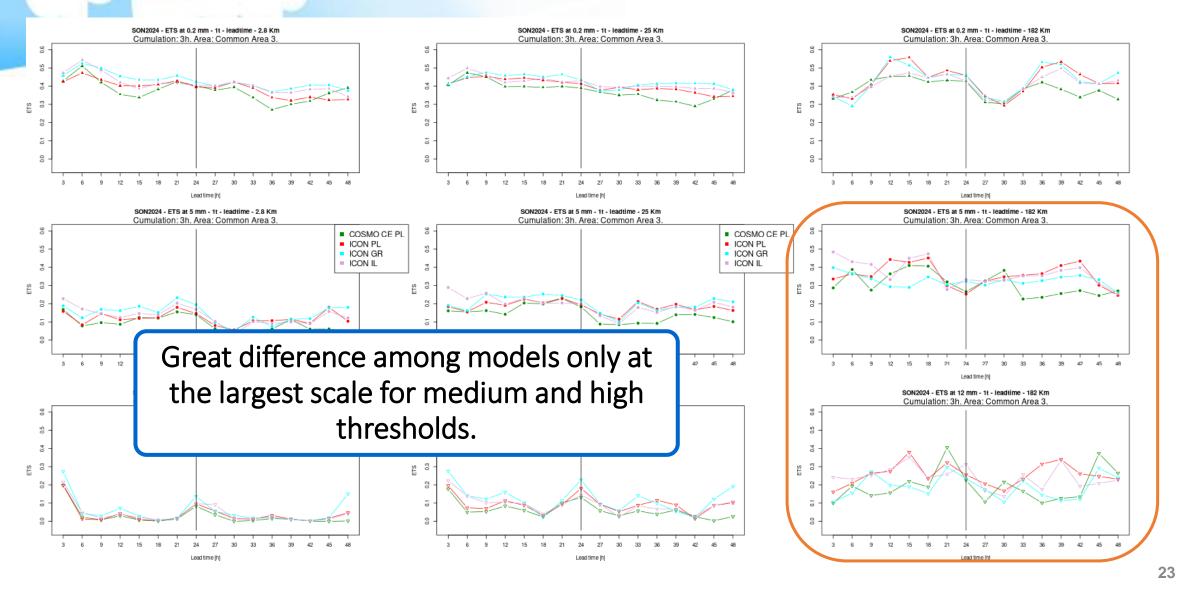














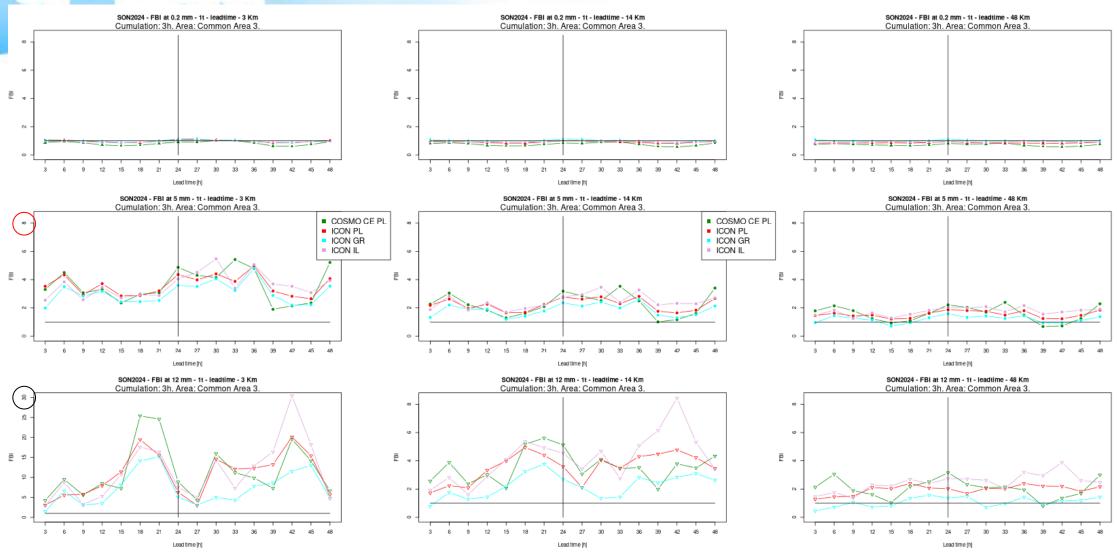












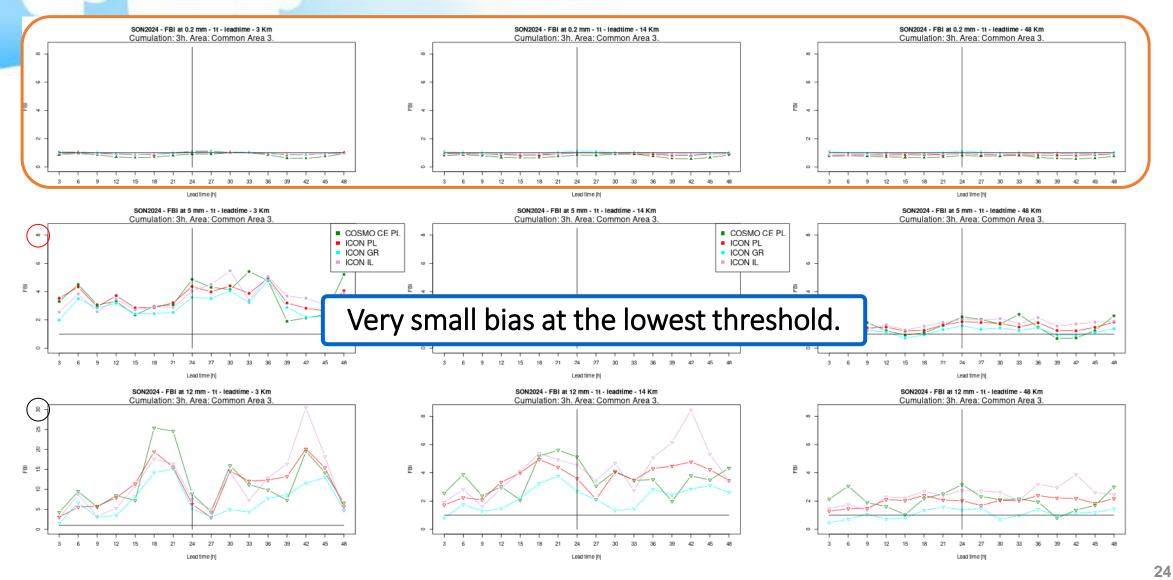












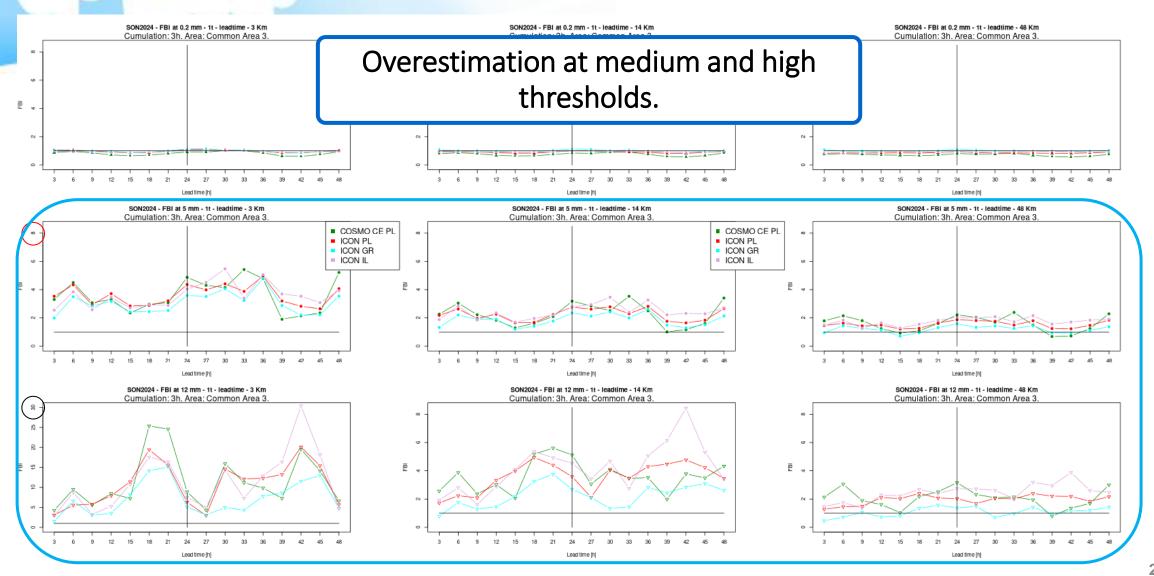












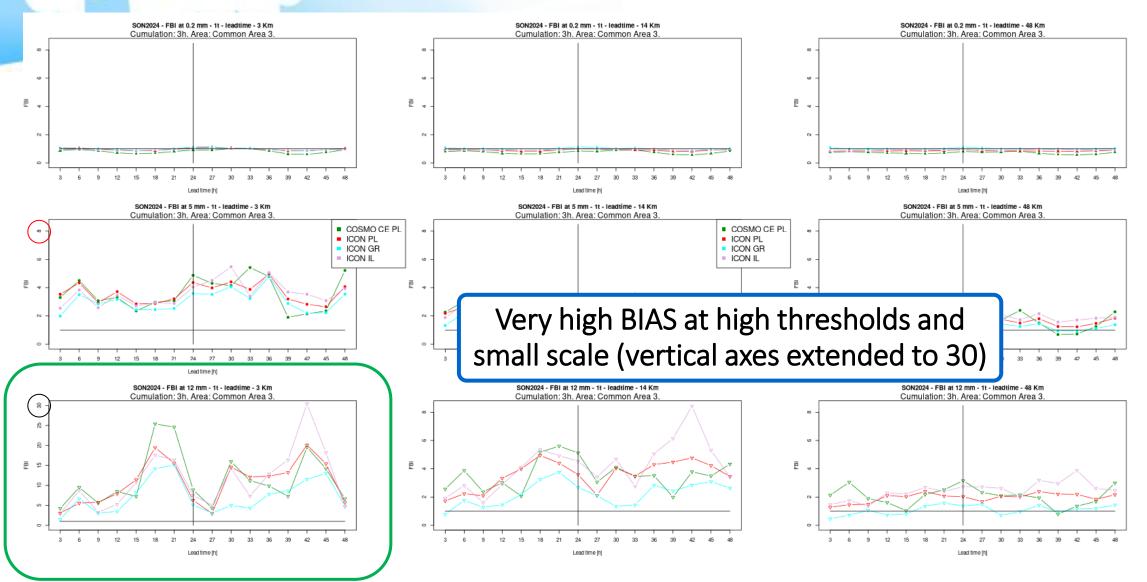












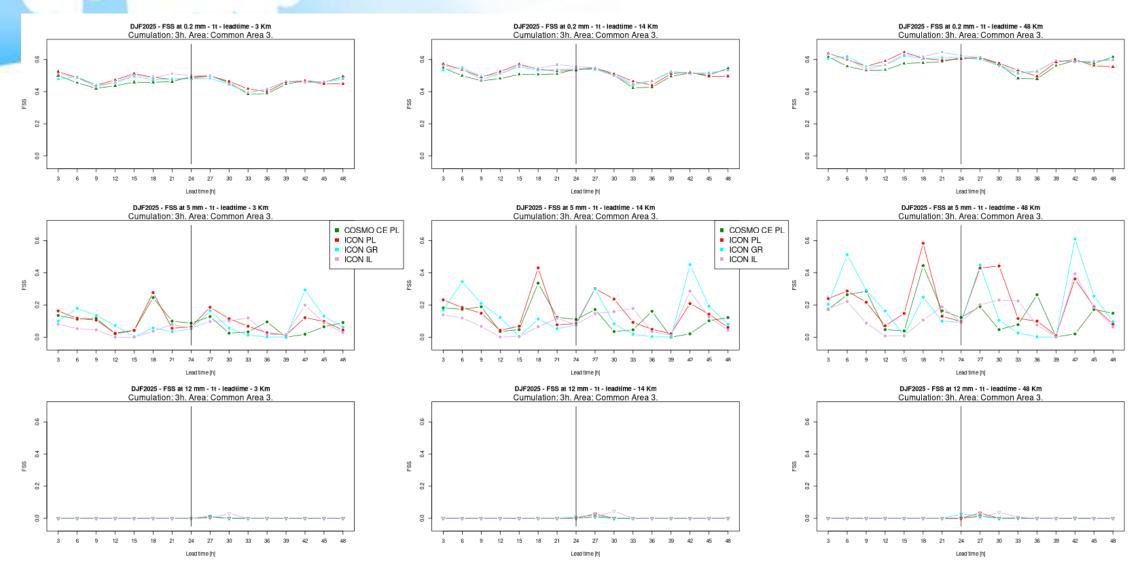












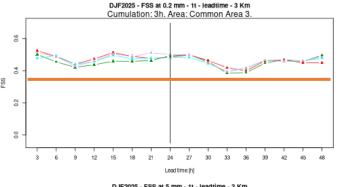


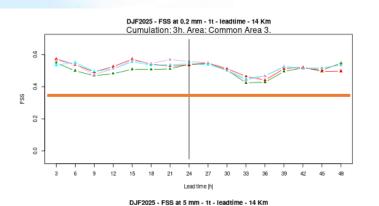


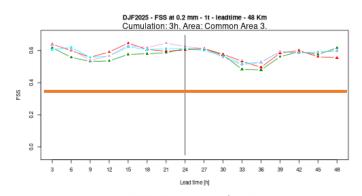


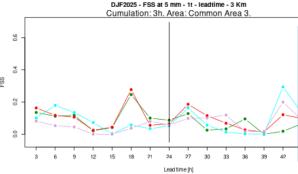






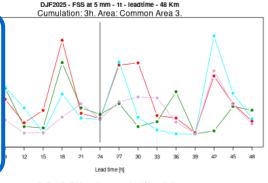


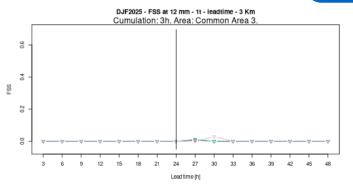


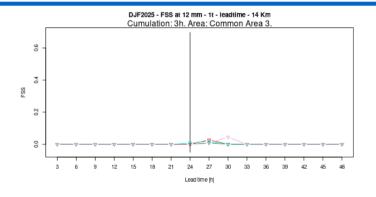


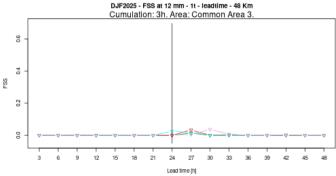
Almost no degradation with leadtime at the lowest threshold. Increase of FSS with the amplitude of the spatial scale.

Some daily cycle.











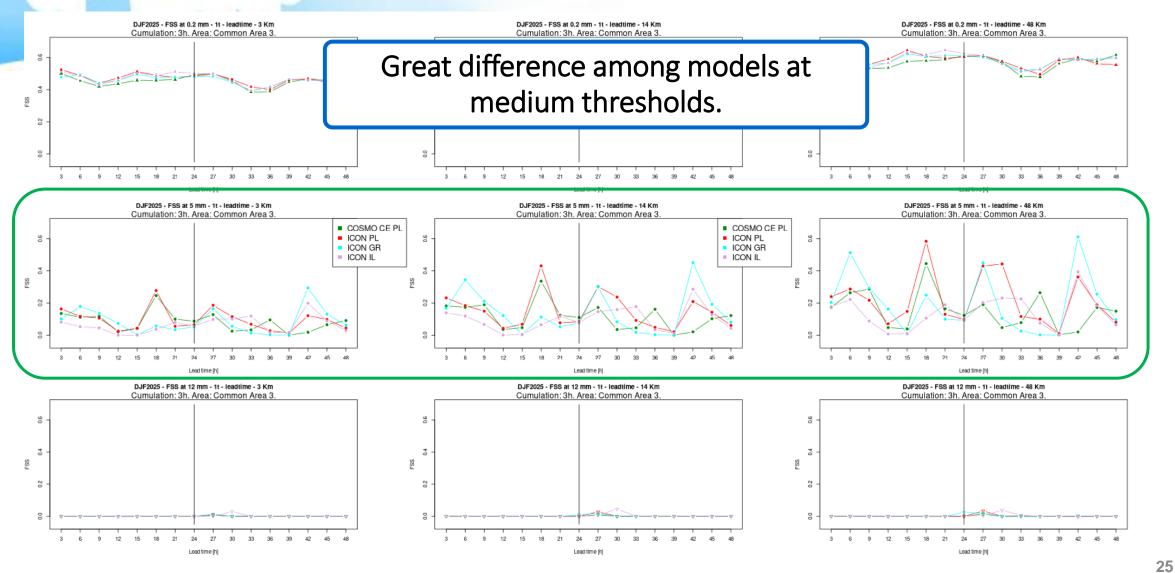












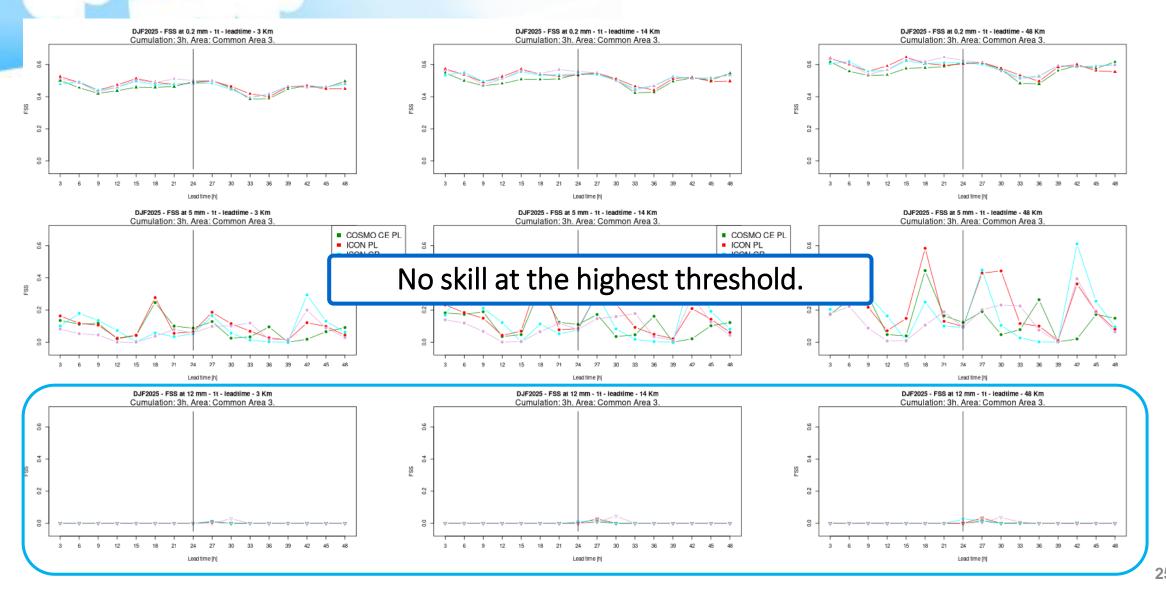












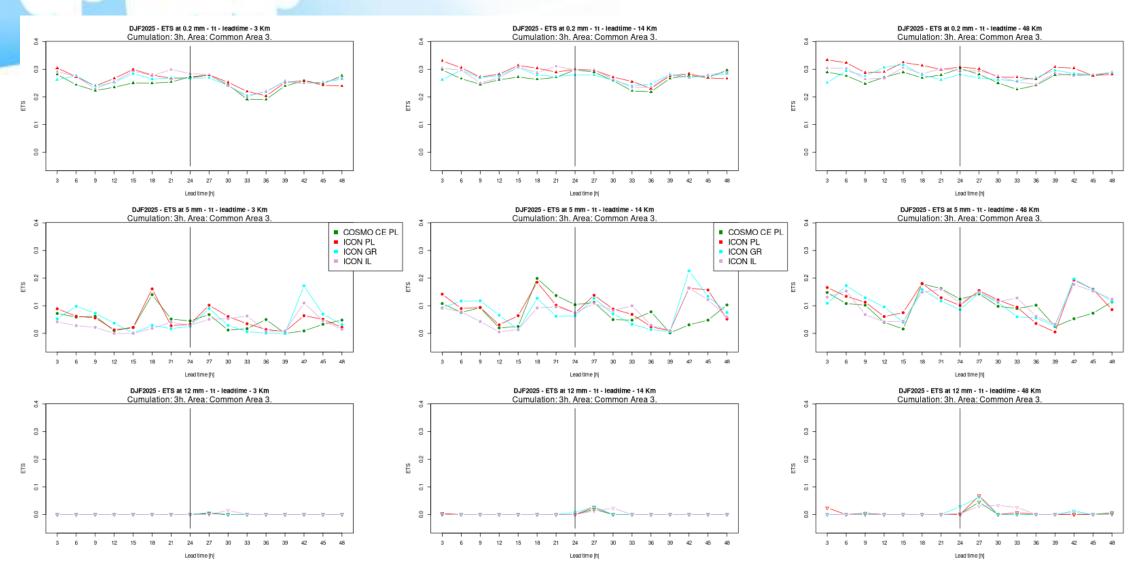












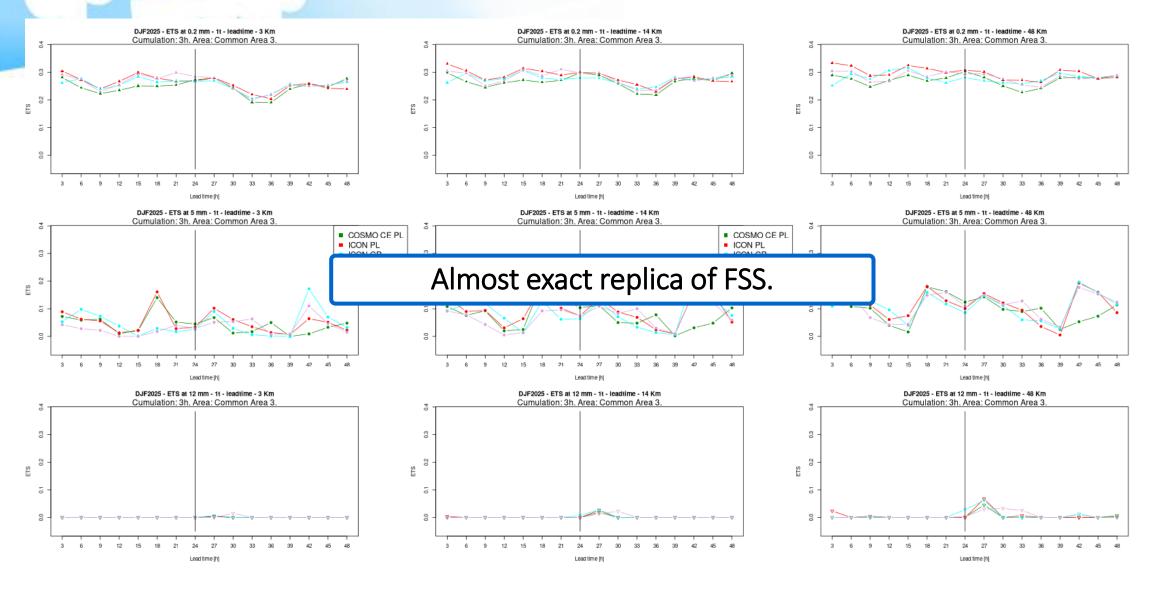












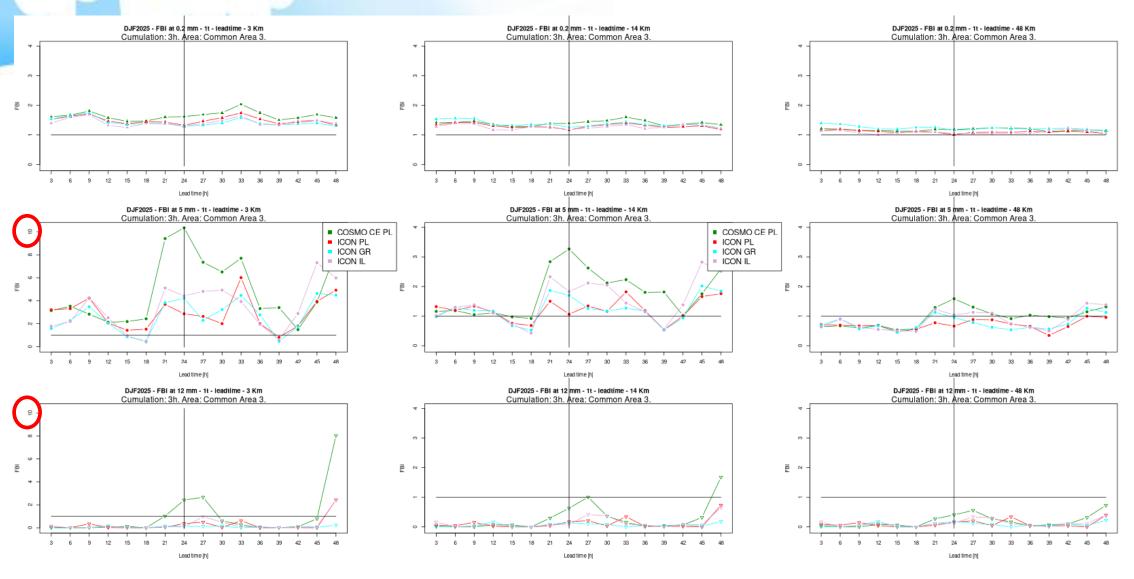












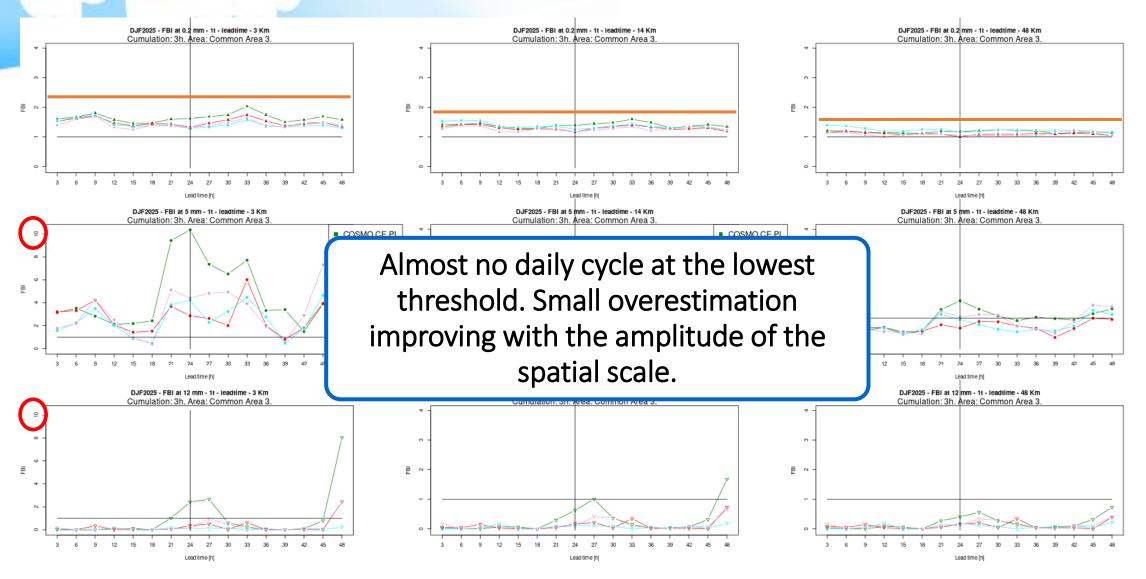












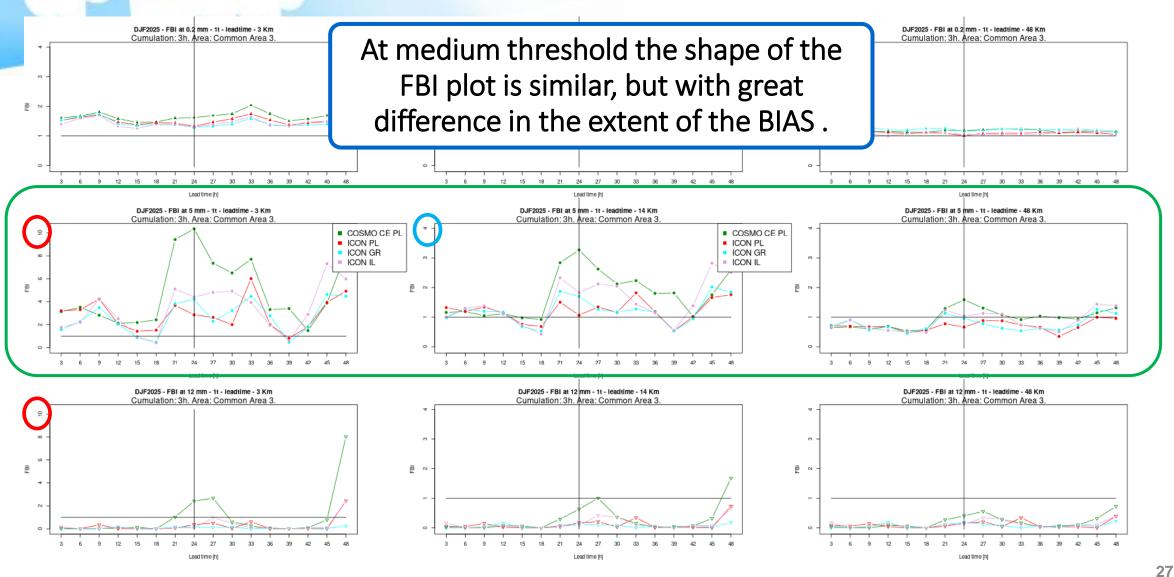












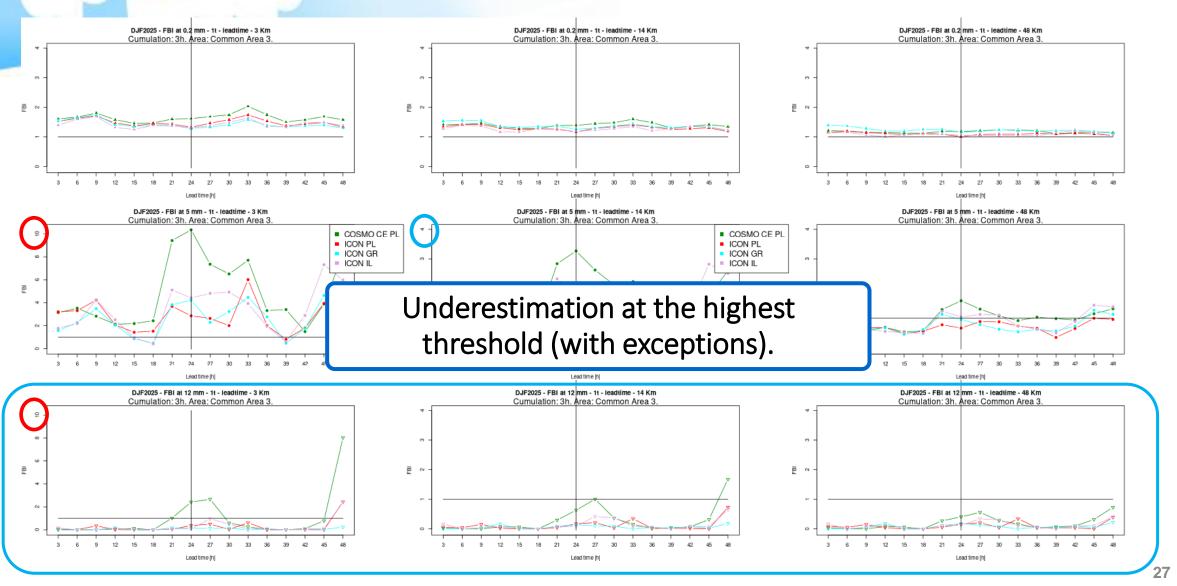














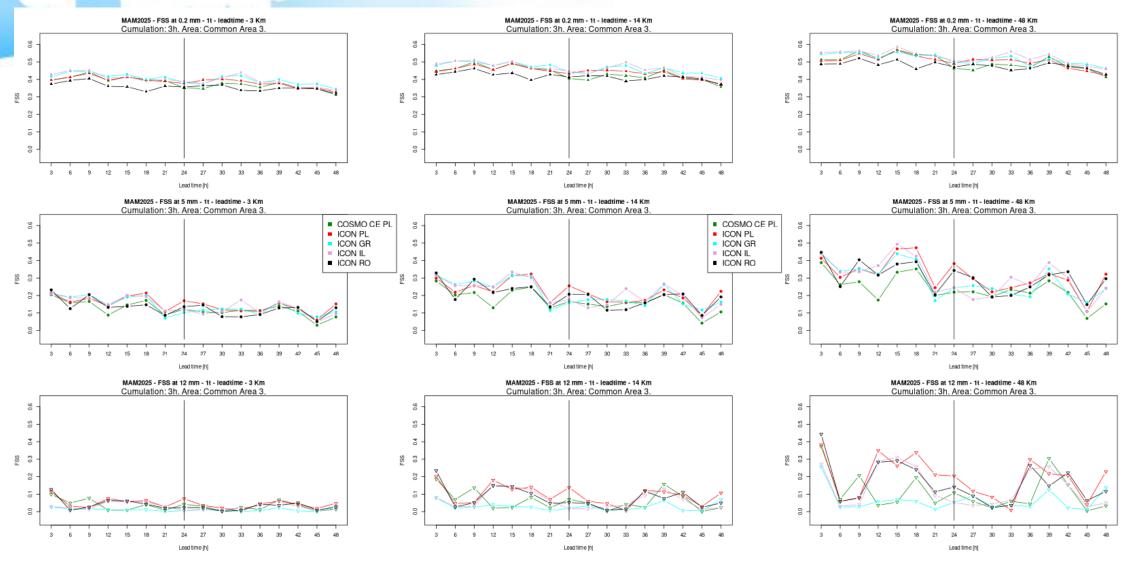












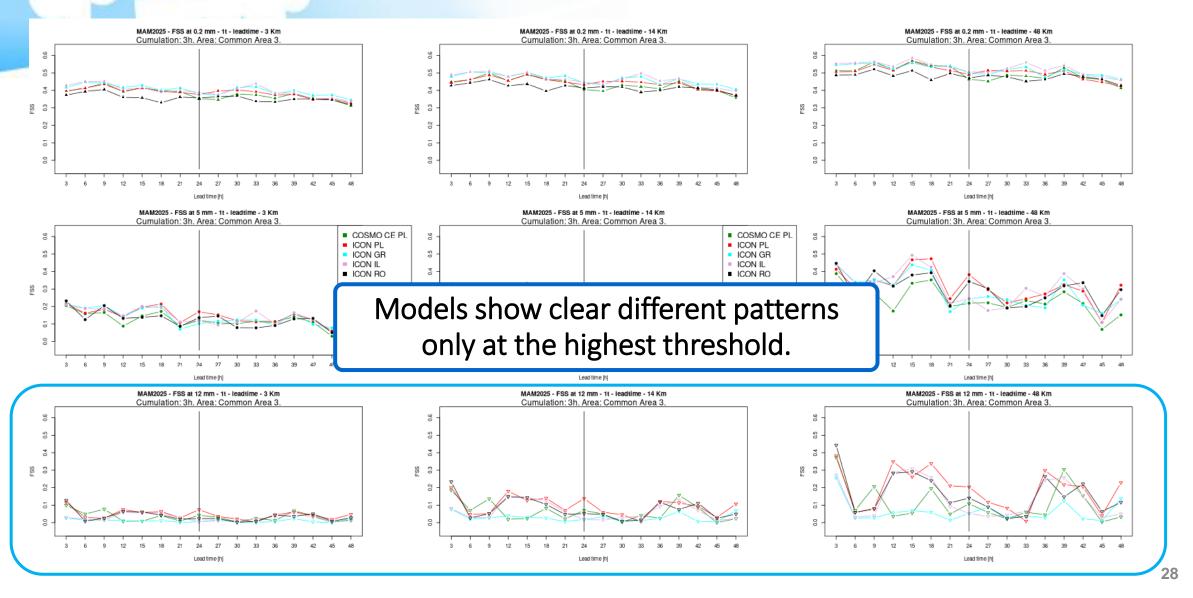














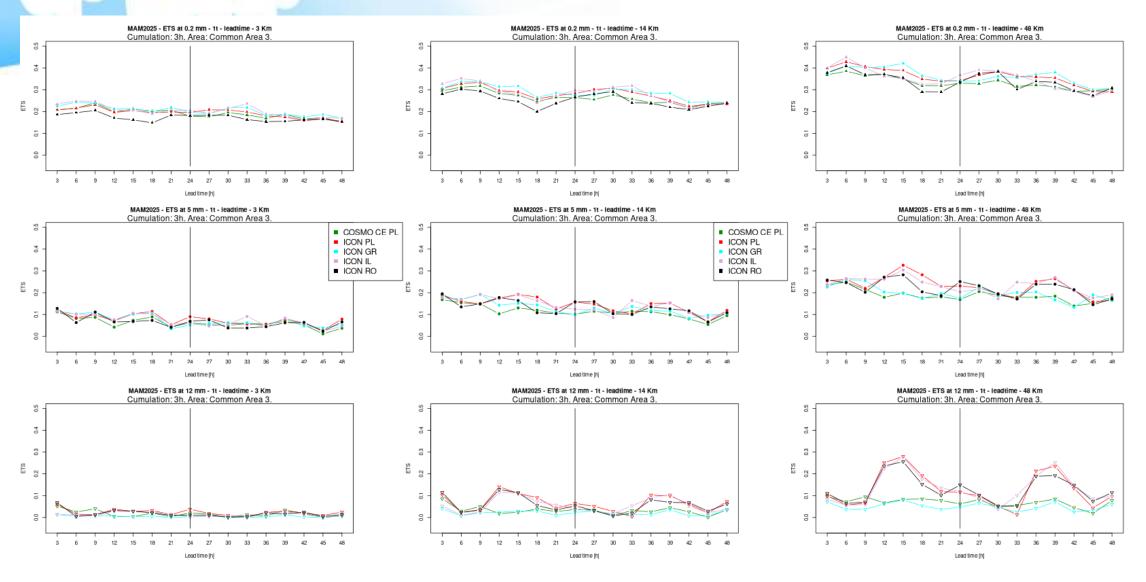








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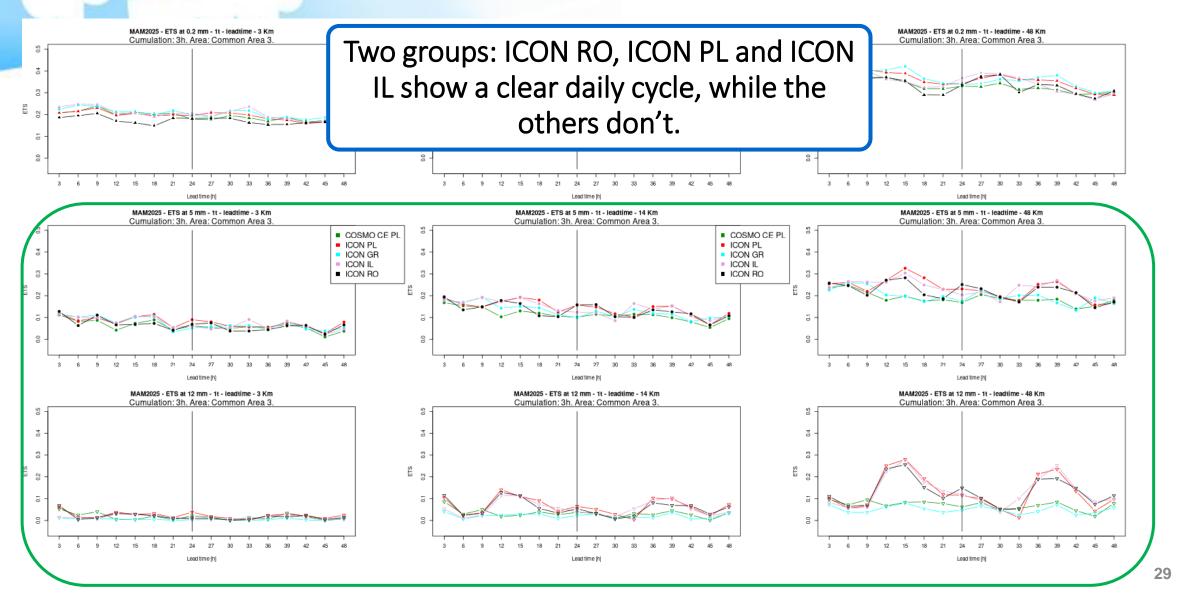








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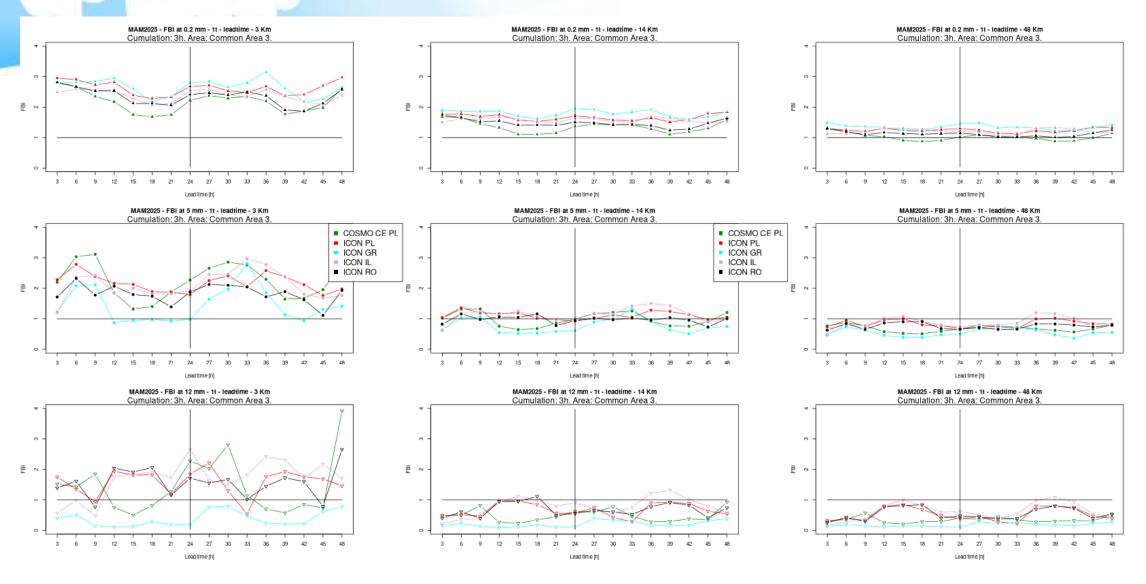














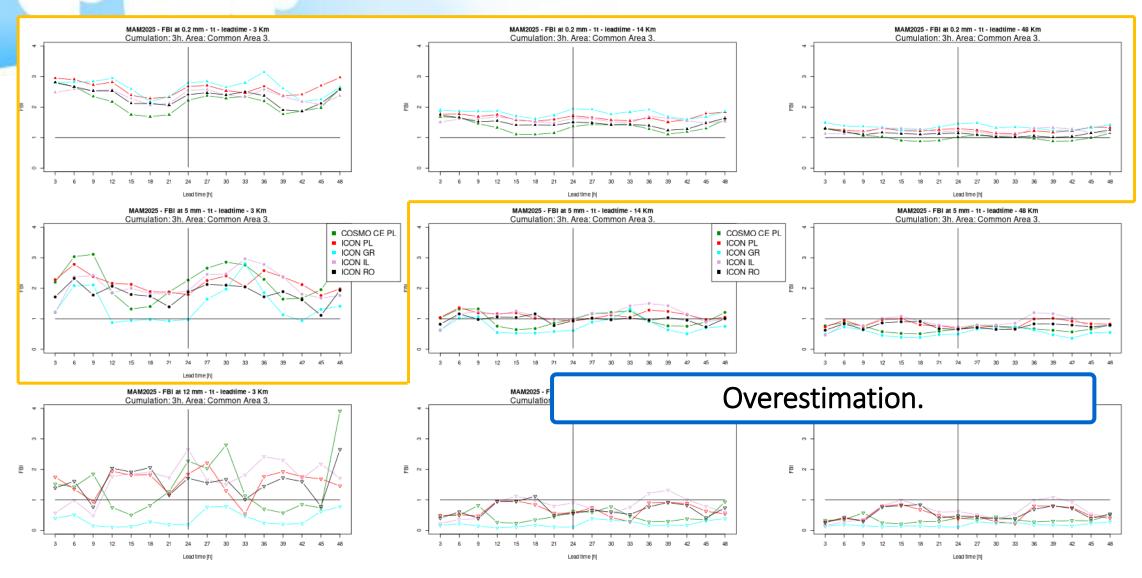












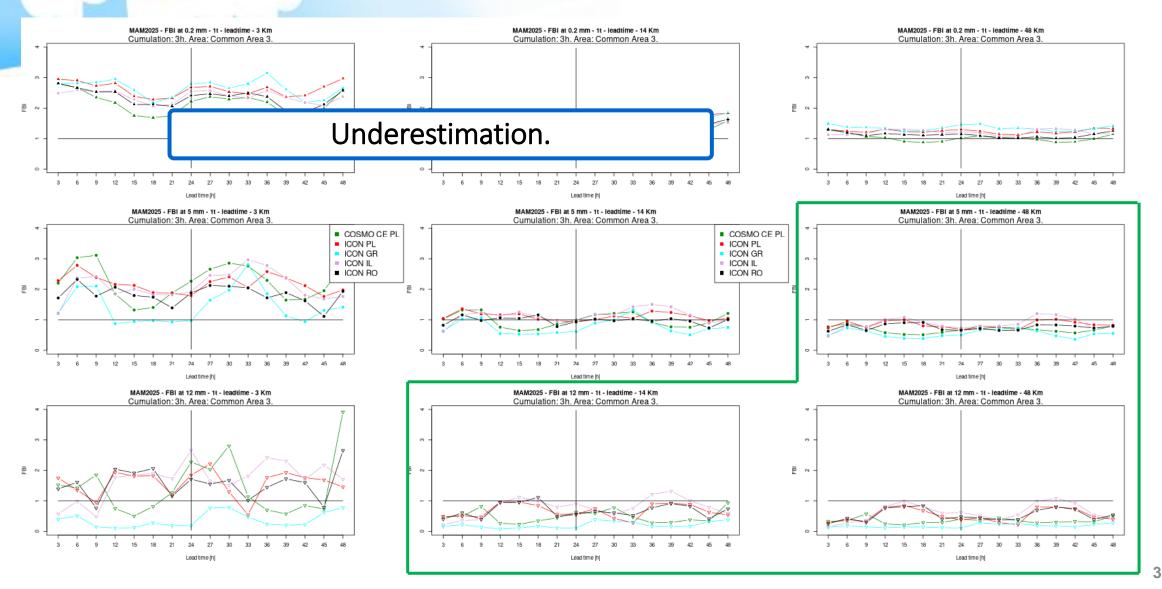












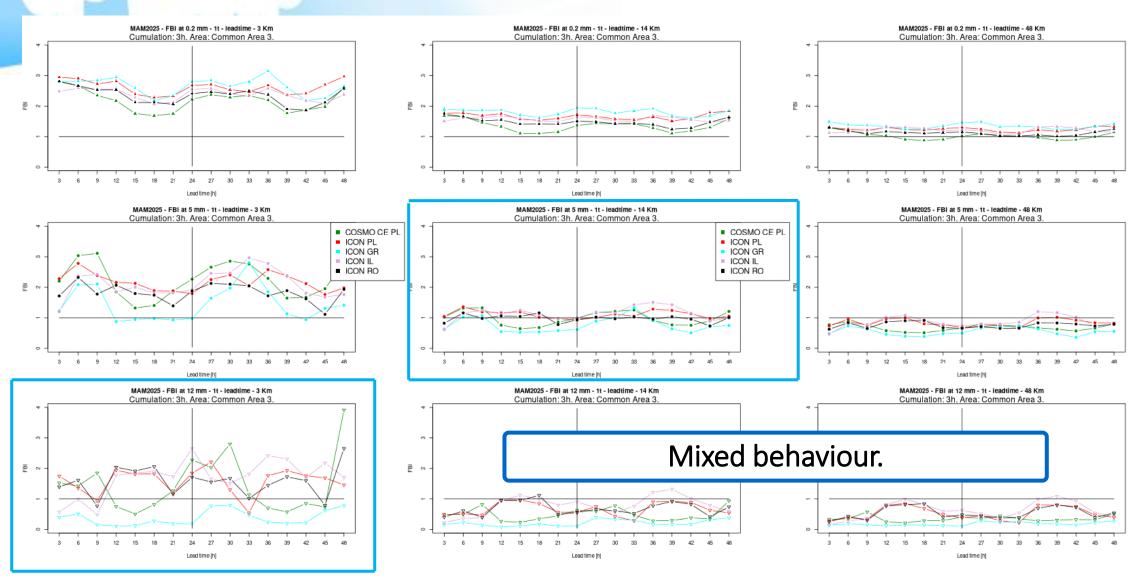




















OBSERVATIONS FOR COMMON AREA 3

•JJA 2024:

- Large model spread at first timesteps
- Clear diurnal cycle, higher FSS at mid-day
- Underestimation at low thresholds, overestimation at high thresholds / small scales

•SON 2024:

- Almost no FSS decrease with lead time at low thresholds
- Weaker diurnal cycle at medium thresholds
- Very steep daily cycle at high thresholds, with night maxima
- Strong overestimation at medium/high thresholds, especially at small scales

•DJF 2025:

- Stable FSS at lowest threshold, increase with larger scales
- Strong model differences at medium thresholds
- No skill at high thresholds
- ETS closely mirrors FSS
- Small overestimation at low thresholds, reduced with scale increase

•MAM 2025:

- Weak but visible daily cycle at low thresholds
- Large inter-model differences at medium thresholds









GENERAL CONCLUSIONS

- Good model consistency at low thresholds; larger differences at higher thresholds
- Model spread is evident especially in the first forecast timesteps and in general increases at medium-high thresholds
- •BIAS: general underestimation at low thresholds, overestimation at high thresholds (and small scales)
- Diurnal cycles are more or less pronounced depending on season and threshold
- ETS partly mirrors FSS, but with seasonal differences (maybe not need to show?)
- •Inter-model differences are more relevant in winter and at higher thresholds
- •Some models show peculiarities (e.g. ICON GR, ICON IL)











THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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