

# WG3b activities at Deutscher Wetterdienst

# TERRA development goals

- ➔ Multi-level snow model
- ➔ Subgrid heterogeneity – TILE approach
- ➔ Implementation of new EXTPAR data sets – MODIS, HWSD
- ➔ Revision of rainfall interception and surface water storage

# More TERRA development goals

- Rough consideration of soil heat conductivity - Revision of soil heat conductivity approach
- Model difficulties to capture snow processes in forests - Improved snow-vegetation interaction
- Difficult to use the COSMO model below 1km resolution - Need of high-resolution orography data for COSMO-resolutions below 1 km.
- Initialisation of soil moisture -> Assimilation of soil moisture from remote sensing products
- Rough approximation of vegetation state
- Model extensions - Soil model forcing with atmospheric data - for model development purposes
- Sea-ice/Lake-ice with snow, urban model

# Improvements in the multi-layer snow model

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**Problem:** too low temperatures in the “multi-layer” model at nights

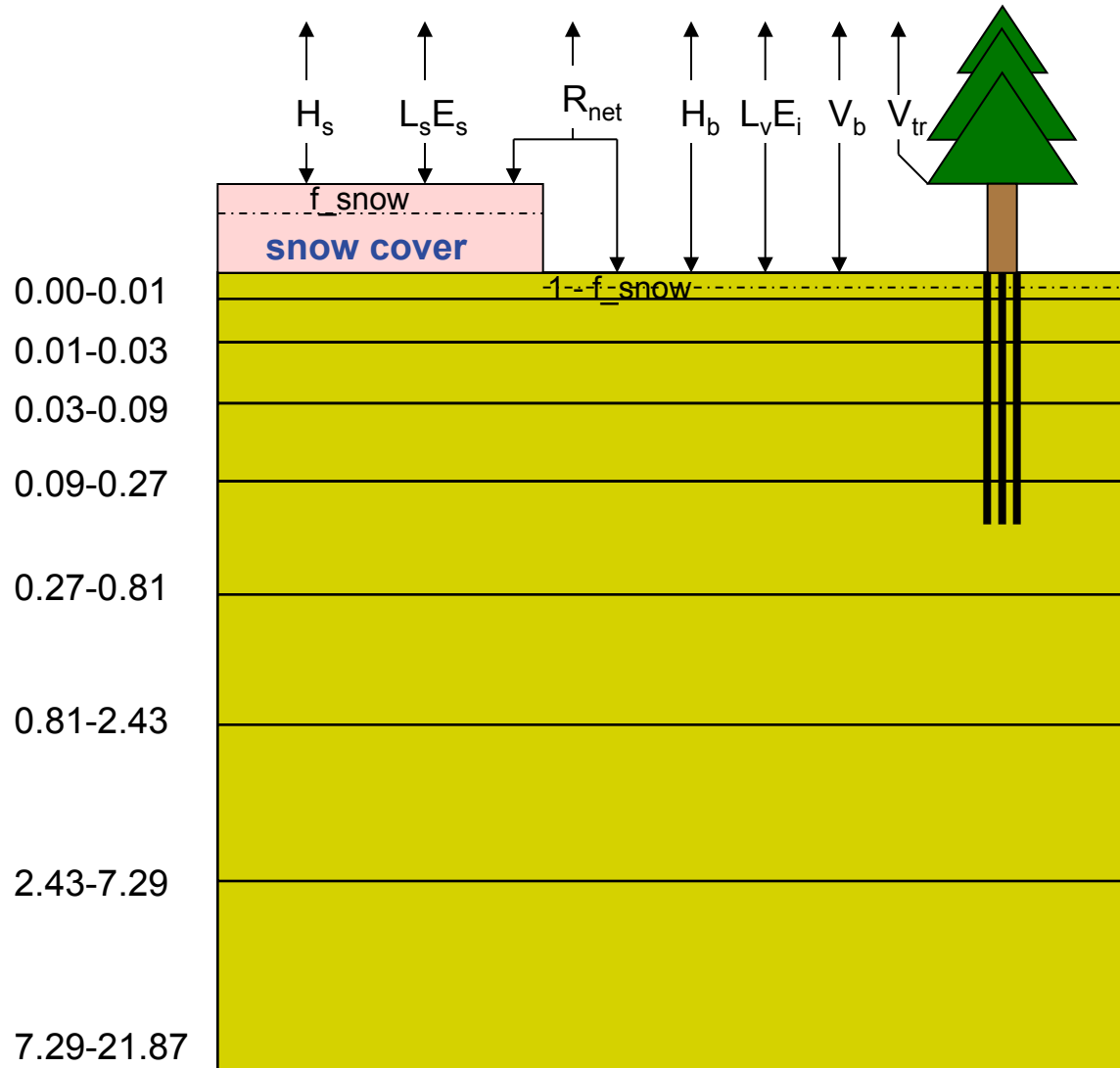
**Solution:** **switch to single-layer model** where ground heat flux is “almost implicit” (anyway, it makes no sense to resolve the vertical temperature profile in snowpack of 1 mm)  
In the official code since 4.27.

**Bug fix:** ground heat flux was lost if single-layer model is switched on (very thin snowpack) – minor bug

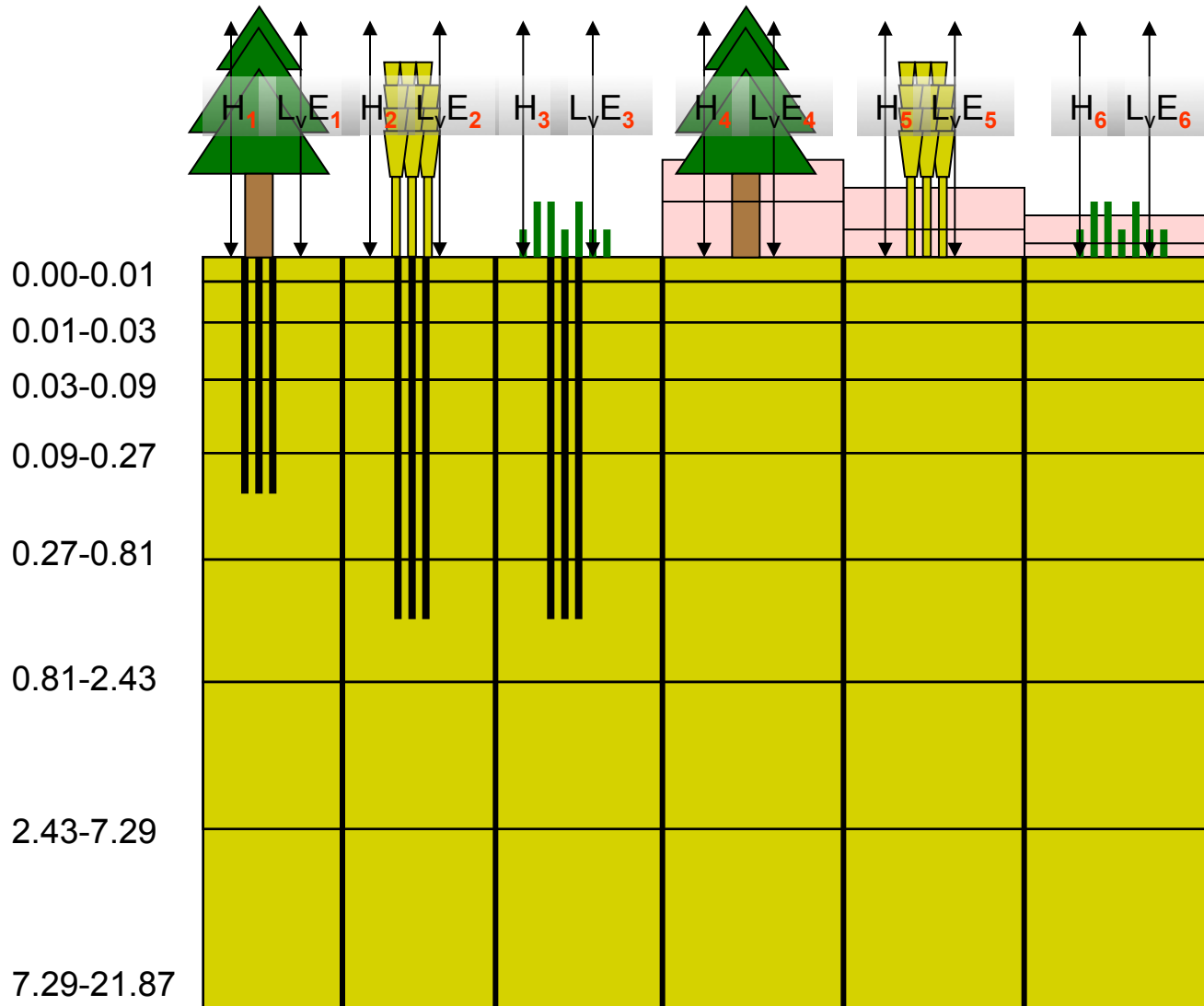
**Bug fix:** in the case of partial snow cover, latent heat flux due to rain freezing was added not only to the snow surface heat balance, but to the heat balance of soil surface (free of snow) too. However, if soil temperature is above freezing point, this flux is zero over snow-free soil (rain is not freezing) – in some situations can be important  
Not yet in the official code, will be soon.

# Coarse approximation of subgrid inhomogeneities — TILE approach

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# TERRA Tiles



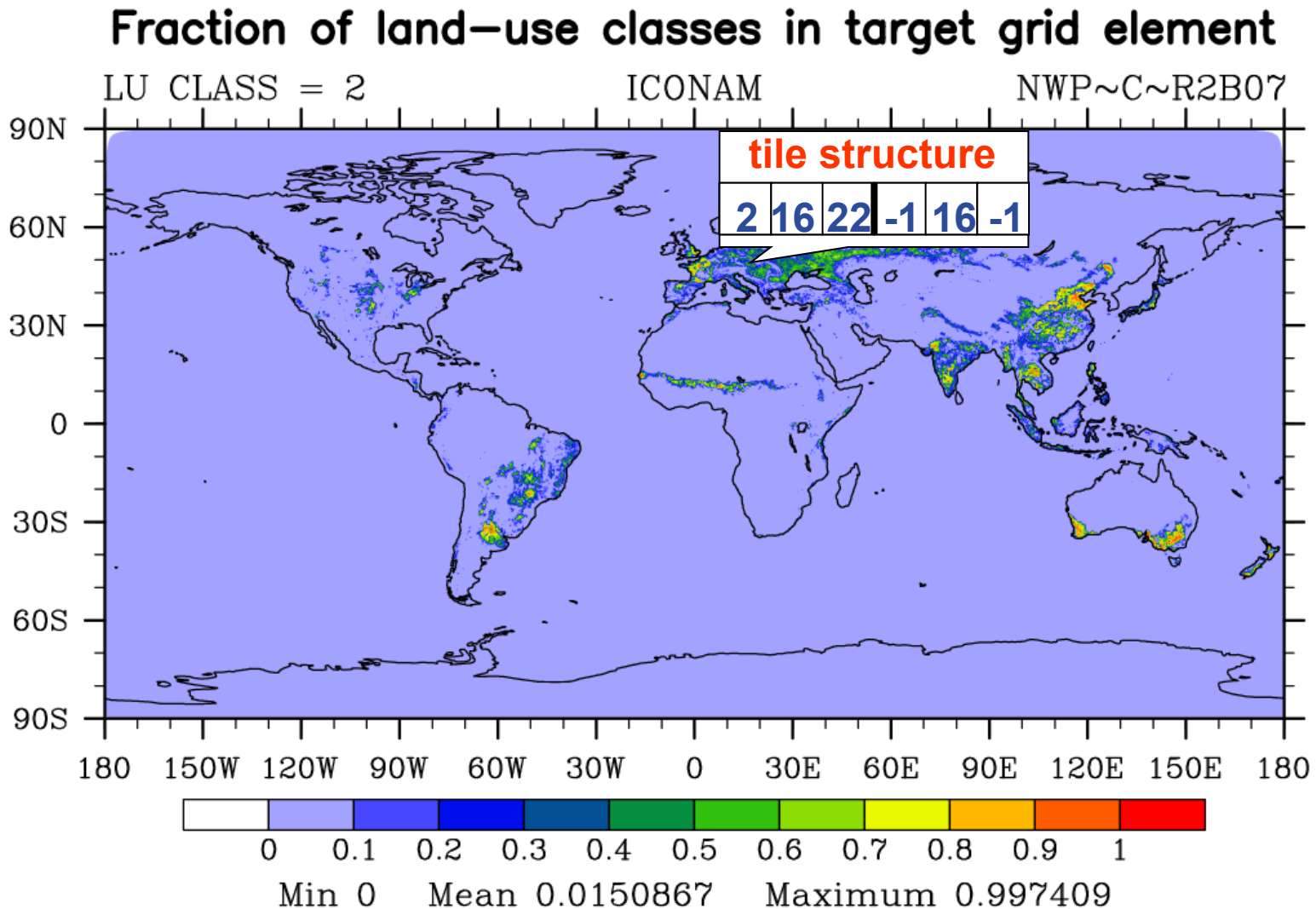
# Land-use data for tile fractions

## GlobCover 2009

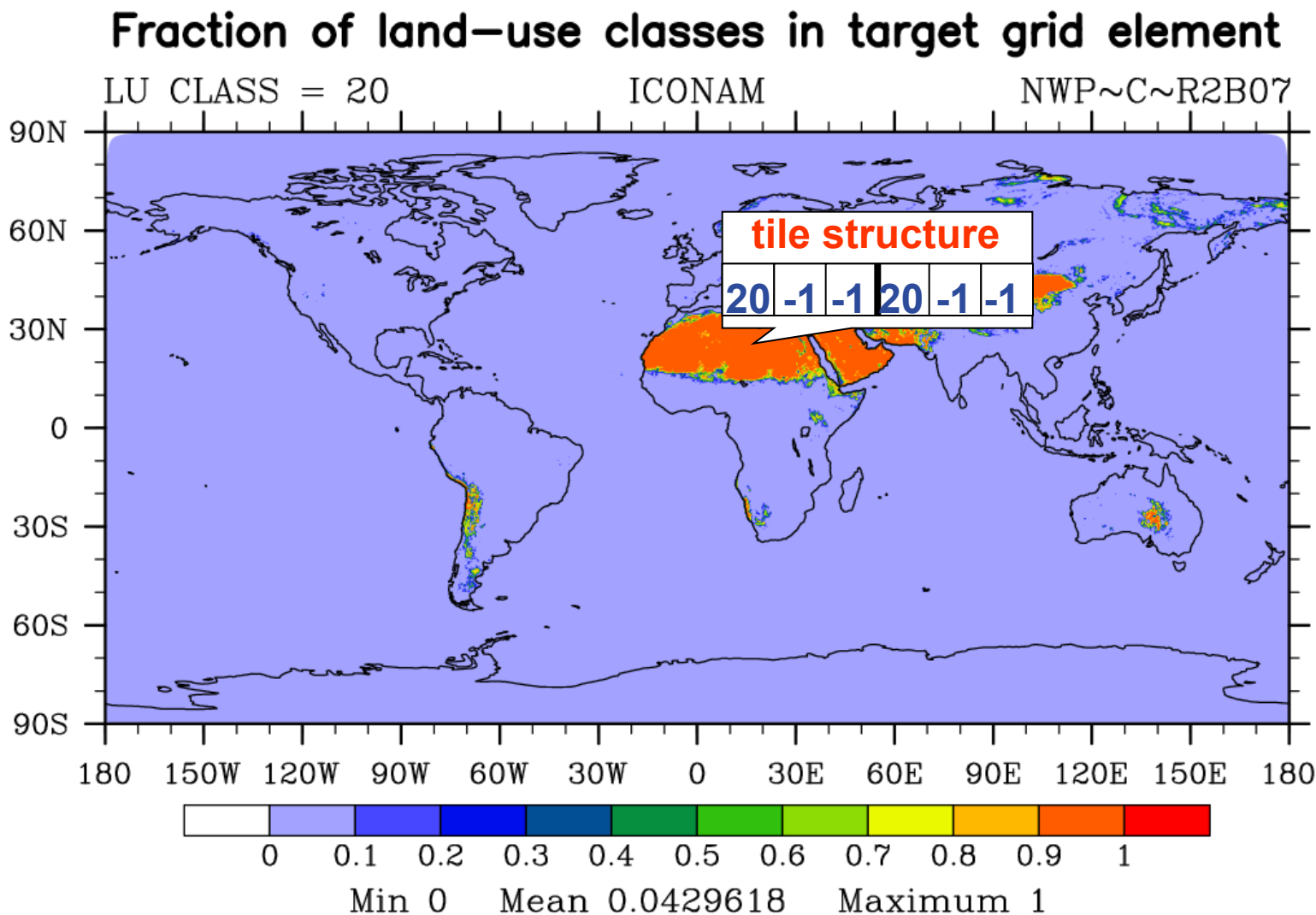
| #  |   | z0      | pcmx  | laimx | rd   | rsmin  | snowalb   | snowtile |                                                    |
|----|---|---------|-------|-------|------|--------|-----------|----------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | / | 0.07,   | 0.9,  | 3.3,  | 1.0, | 120.0, | -1.0,     | 1.,      | & ! irrigated croplands                            |
| 2  | & | 0.07,   | 0.9,  | 3.3,  | 1.0, | 120.0, | -1.0,     | 1.,      | & ! rainfed croplands                              |
| 3  | & | 0.25,   | 0.8,  | 3.0,  | 1.0, | 120.0, | -1.0,     | 1.,      | & ! mosaic cropland (50-70%) - vegetation (20-50%) |
| 4  | & | 0.07,   | 0.9,  | 3.5,  | 1.0, | 100.0, | -1.0,     | 1.,      | & ! mosaic vegetation (50-70%) - cropland (20-50%) |
| 5  | & | 1.00,   | 0.8,  | 5.0,  | 1.0, | 250.0, | 0.38,-1., | & !      | closed broadleaved evergreen forest                |
| 6  | & | 1.00,   | 0.9,  | 6.0,  | 1.0, | 150.0, | 0.31,-1., | & !      | closed broadleaved deciduous forest                |
| 7  | & | 0.15,   | 0.8,  | 4.0,  | 2.0, | 150.0, | 0.31,-1., | & !      | open broadleaved deciduous forest                  |
| 8  | & | 1.00,   | 0.8,  | 5.0,  | 0.6, | 150.0, | 0.27,-1., | & !      | closed needleleaved evergreen forest               |
| 9  | & | 1.00,   | 0.9,  | 5.0,  | 0.6, | 150.0, | 0.33,-1., | & !      | open needleleaved deciduous forest                 |
| 10 | & | 1.00,   | 0.9,  | 5.0,  | 0.8, | 150.0, | 0.29,-1., | & !      | mixed broadleaved and needleleaved forest          |
| 11 | & | 0.20,   | 0.8,  | 2.5,  | 1.0, | 150.0, | -1.0,     | 1.,      | & ! mosaic shrubland (50-70%) - grassland (20-50%) |
| 12 | & | 0.20,   | 0.8,  | 2.5,  | 1.0, | 150.0, | -1.0,     | 1.,      | & ! mosaic grassland (50-70%) - shrubland (20-50%) |
| 13 | & | 0.15,   | 0.8,  | 2.5,  | 1.5, | 120.0, | -1.0,     | 1.,      | & ! closed to open shrubland                       |
| 14 | & | 0.03,   | 0.9,  | 3.1,  | 0.6, | 40.0,  | -1.0,     | 1.,      | & ! closed to open herbaceous vegetation           |
| 15 | & | 0.05,   | 0.5,  | 0.6,  | 0.3, | 40.0,  | -1.0,     | 1.,      | & ! sparse vegetation                              |
| 16 | & | 1.00,   | 0.8,  | 5.0,  | 1.0, | 150.0, | -1.0,-1., | & !      | closed to open forest regulary flooded             |
| 17 | & | 1.00,   | 0.8,  | 5.0,  | 1.0, | 150.0, | -1.0,-1., | & !      | closed forest or shrubland permanently flooded     |
| 18 | & | 0.05,   | 0.8,  | 2.0,  | 1.0, | 40.0,  | -1.0,-1., | & !      | closed to open grassland regularly flooded         |
| 19 | & | 1.00,   | 0.2,  | 1.6,  | 0.6, | 120.0, | -1.0,-1., | & !      | artificial surfaces                                |
| 20 | & | 0.05,   | 0.05, | 0.6,  | 0.3, | 120.0, | -1.0,     | 1.,      | & ! bare areas                                     |
| 21 | & | 0.0002, | 0.0,  | 0.0,  | 0.0, | 120.0, | -1.0,-1., | & !      | water bodies                                       |
| 22 | & | 0.01,   | 0.0,  | 0.0,  | 0.0, | 120.0, | -1.0,-1., | & !      | permanent snow and ice                             |
| 23 | & | 0.00,   | 0.0,  | 0.0,  | 0.0, | 250.0, | -1.0,-1.  | /        | !undefined                                         |



# rainfed croplands



# bare areas



# Statistics – Example R2B6N7

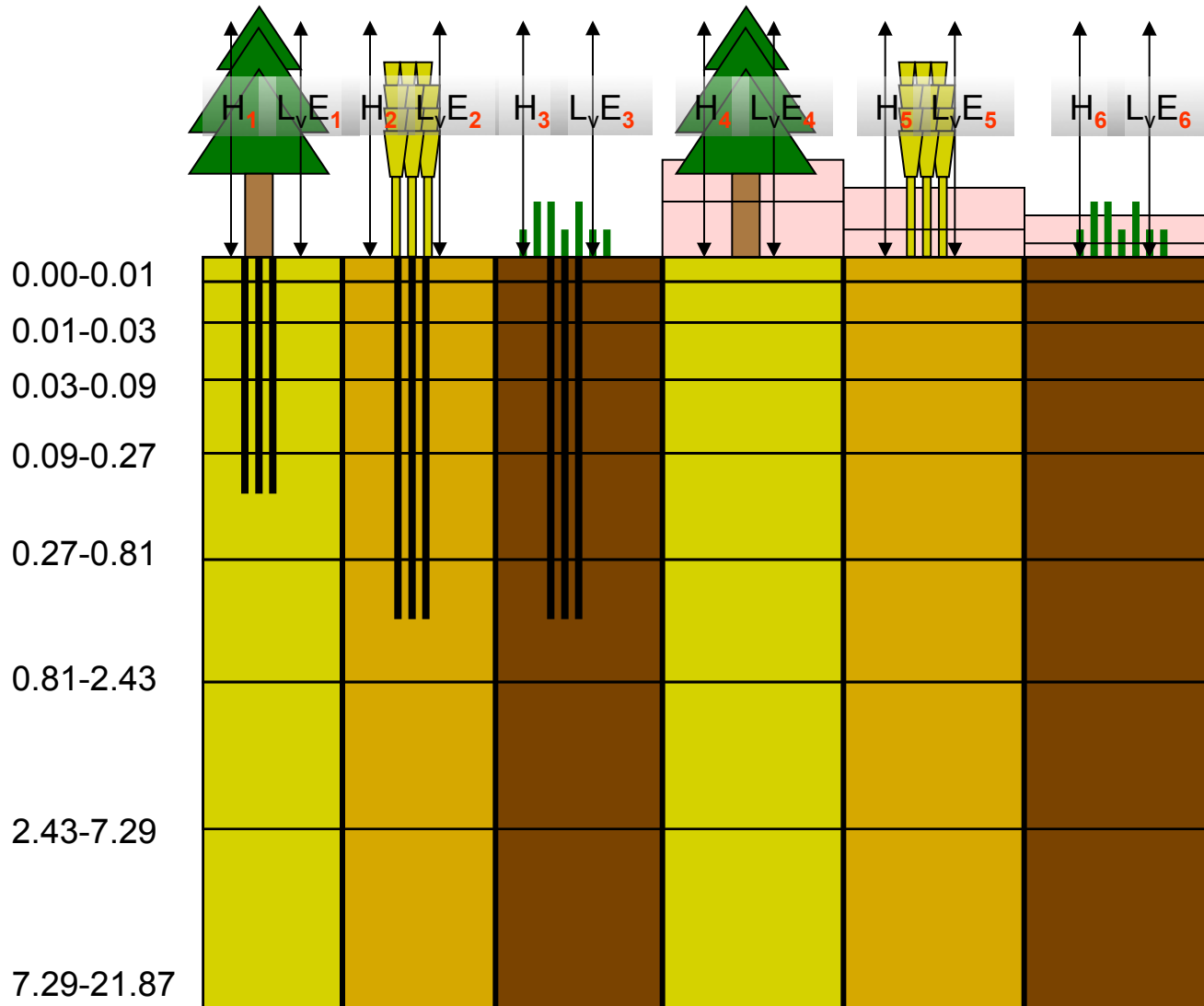
|                                          |        |
|------------------------------------------|--------|
| Index list generation - number of tiles: | 3      |
| Number of land points in domain 1:       | 95219  |
| Number of sea points in domain 1:        | 231996 |
| Number of lake points in domain 1:       | 465    |
| Number of points in tile 1:              | 95219  |
| Number of points in tile 2:              | 65854  |
| Number of points in tile 3:              | 51090  |

|                                    |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Number of land points in domain 2: | 46060 |
| Number of sea points in domain 2:  | 32929 |
| Number of lake points in domain 2: | 183   |
| Number of points in tile 1:        | 46060 |
| Number of points in tile 2:        | 31125 |
| Number of points in tile 3:        | 26519 |

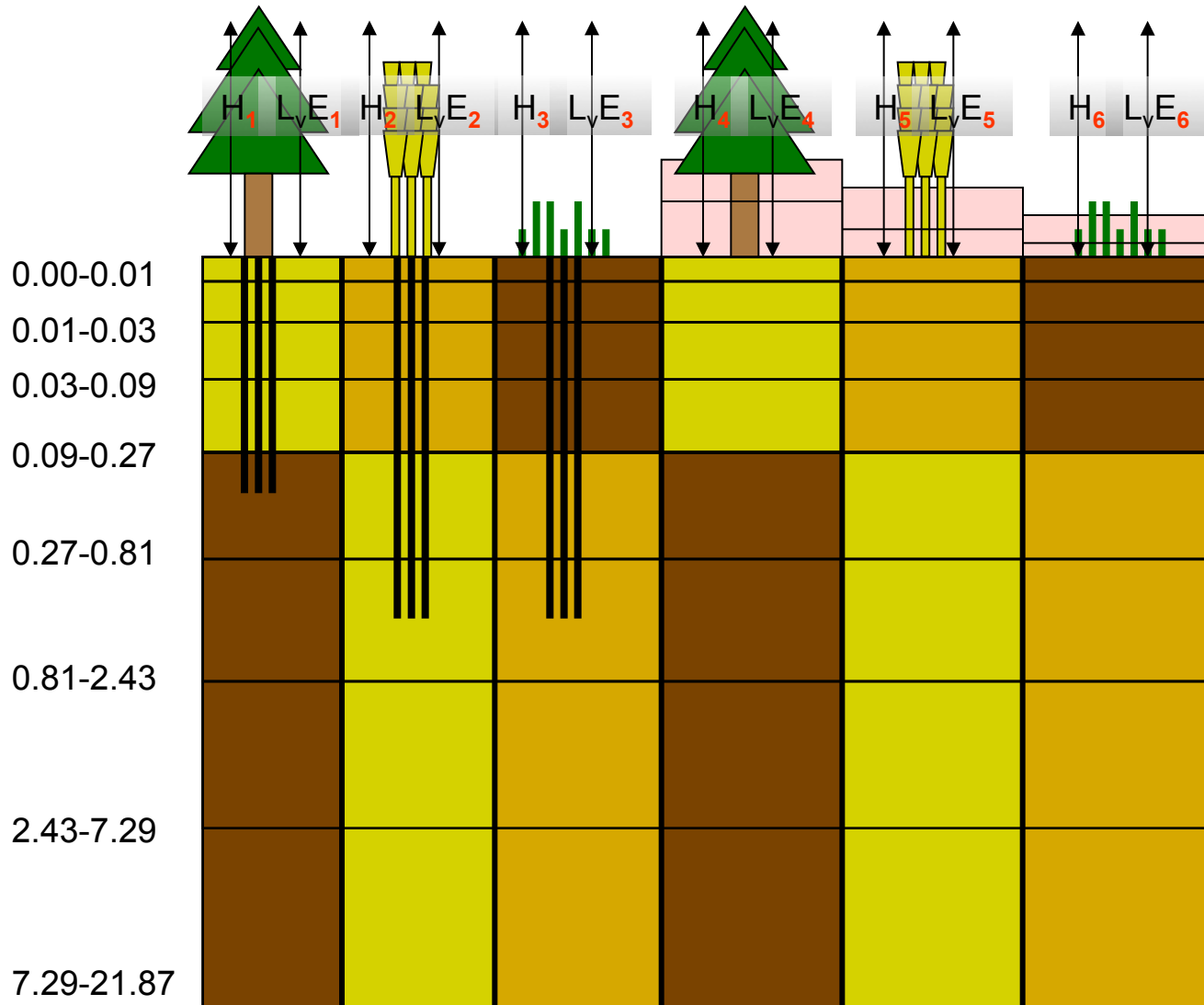
## Advanced ICON version of TERRA-TILES

- Efficient usage of dominant land-use fractions
- Extensive usage of index lists
- Avoid computation of non-existent land-use classes
- Allows treatment of snow in own tiles
- Treatment of different soil profiles feasible

# TERRA Tiles



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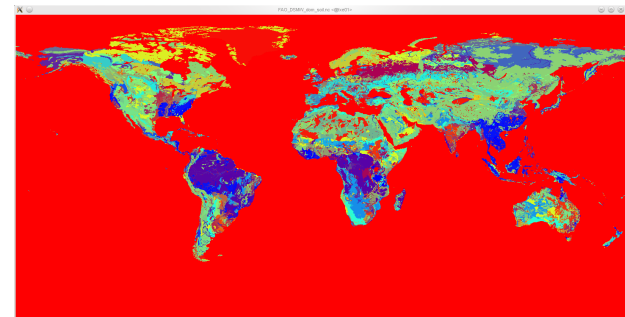
# Advanced soil data sets — HWSD data

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# Retrieval of TERRA soil properties

## Option I

### Soil data set



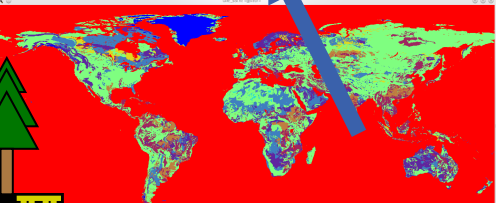
Soil textures

TERRA soil types

EXTPAR

| soil type                                                   | 1<br>ice | 2<br>rock | 3<br>sand | 4<br>sandy<br>loam | 5<br>loam | 6<br>loamy<br>clay | 7<br>clay | 8<br>peat |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| volume of voids<br>$w_{PV}$ [1]                             | -        | -         | 0.364     | 0.445              | 0.455     | 0.475              | 0.507     | 0.863     |
| field capacity<br>$w_{FC}$ [1]                              |          |           |           |                    |           |                    |           |           |
| permanent wilting<br>point $w_{PWP}$ [1]                    |          |           |           |                    |           |                    |           |           |
| air dryness point<br>$w_{ADP}$ [1]                          |          |           |           |                    |           |                    |           |           |
| hydraulic diffusivity<br>parameter $D_0$ [ $10^{-9}m^2/s$ ] | -        | -         | 18400     | 3460               | 3570      | 1180               | 442       | 106       |
| hydraulic diffusivity<br>parameter $D_1$ [1]                | -        | -         | -8.45     | -9.47              | -7.44     | -7.76              | -6.74     | -5.97     |
| hydraulic conductivity<br>parameter $K_0$ [ $10^{-9}m/s$ ]  | -        | -         |           |                    |           |                    |           |           |
| hydraulic conductivity<br>parameter $K_1$ [1]               | -        | -         |           |                    |           |                    |           |           |

TERRA look-up table  
physical properties



TERRA soil types

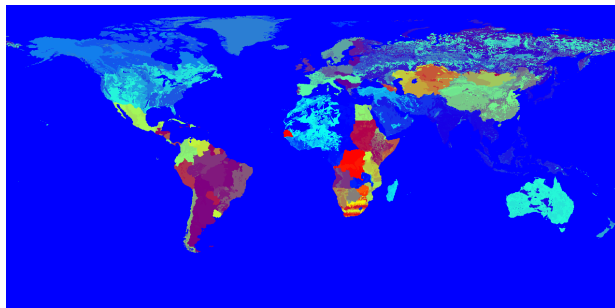


TERRA SVAT model

COSMO

# Retrieval of TERRA soil properties Option II

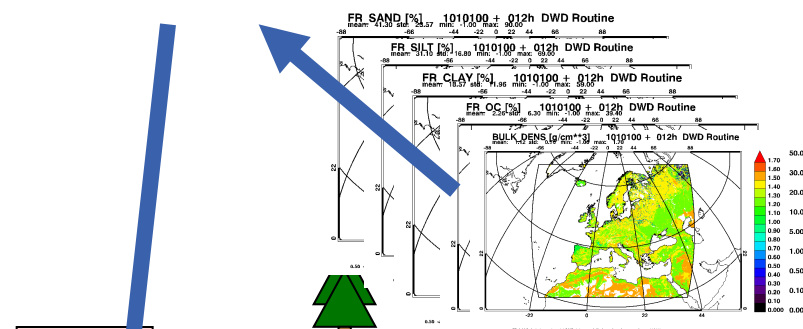
## Soil data set



**Fractions of  
sand, silt, clay,  
organic matter;  
soil bulk density**

**EXTPAR**

## Pedotransfer functions physical properties



**TERRA SVAT model**

**COSMO**

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silt, clay, organic  
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density**

# Advanced albedo data sets

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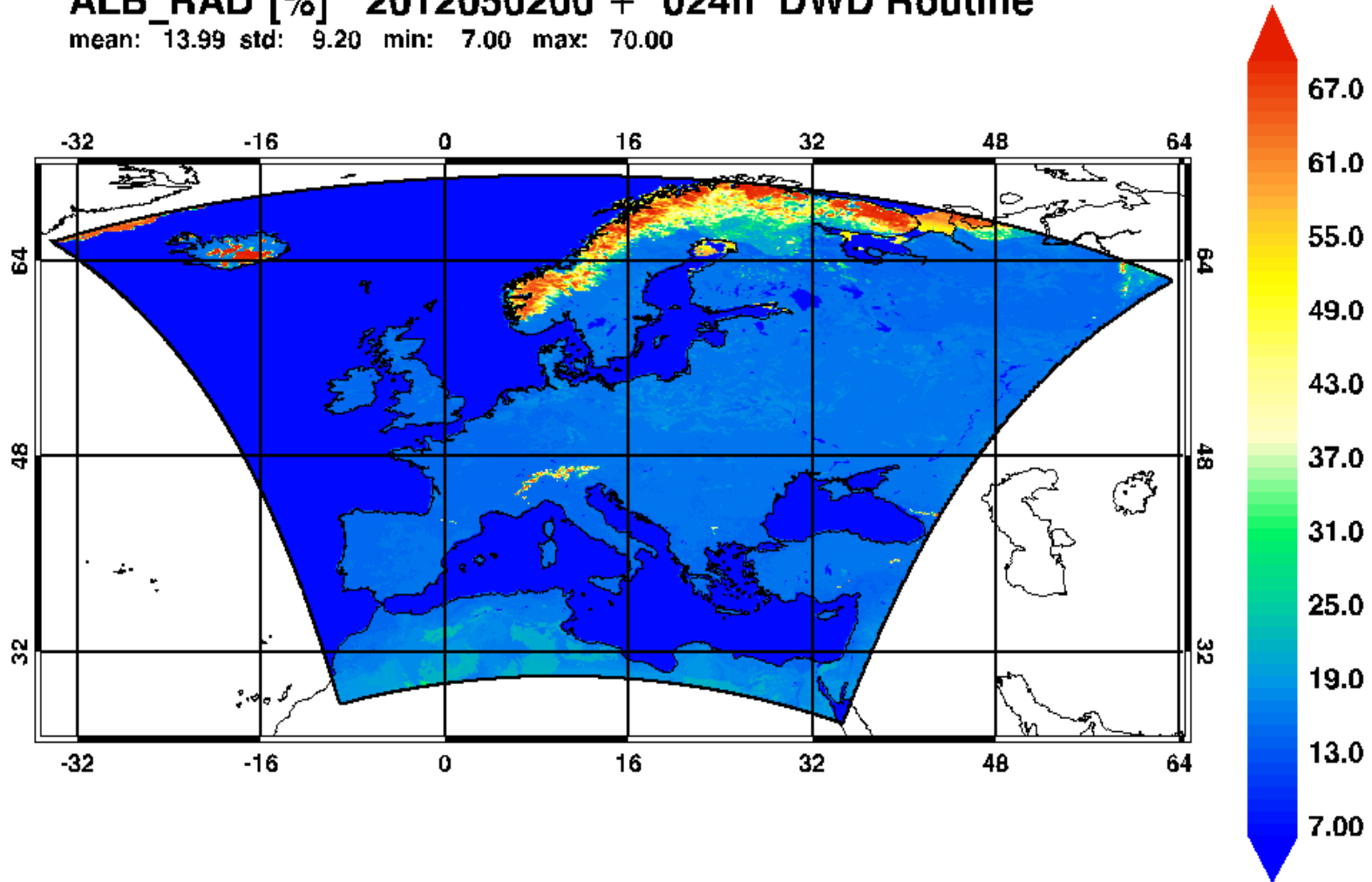
## MODIS data

F. Brenner

# Soiltype based albedo

**ALB\_RAD [%] 2012050200 + 024h DWD Routine**

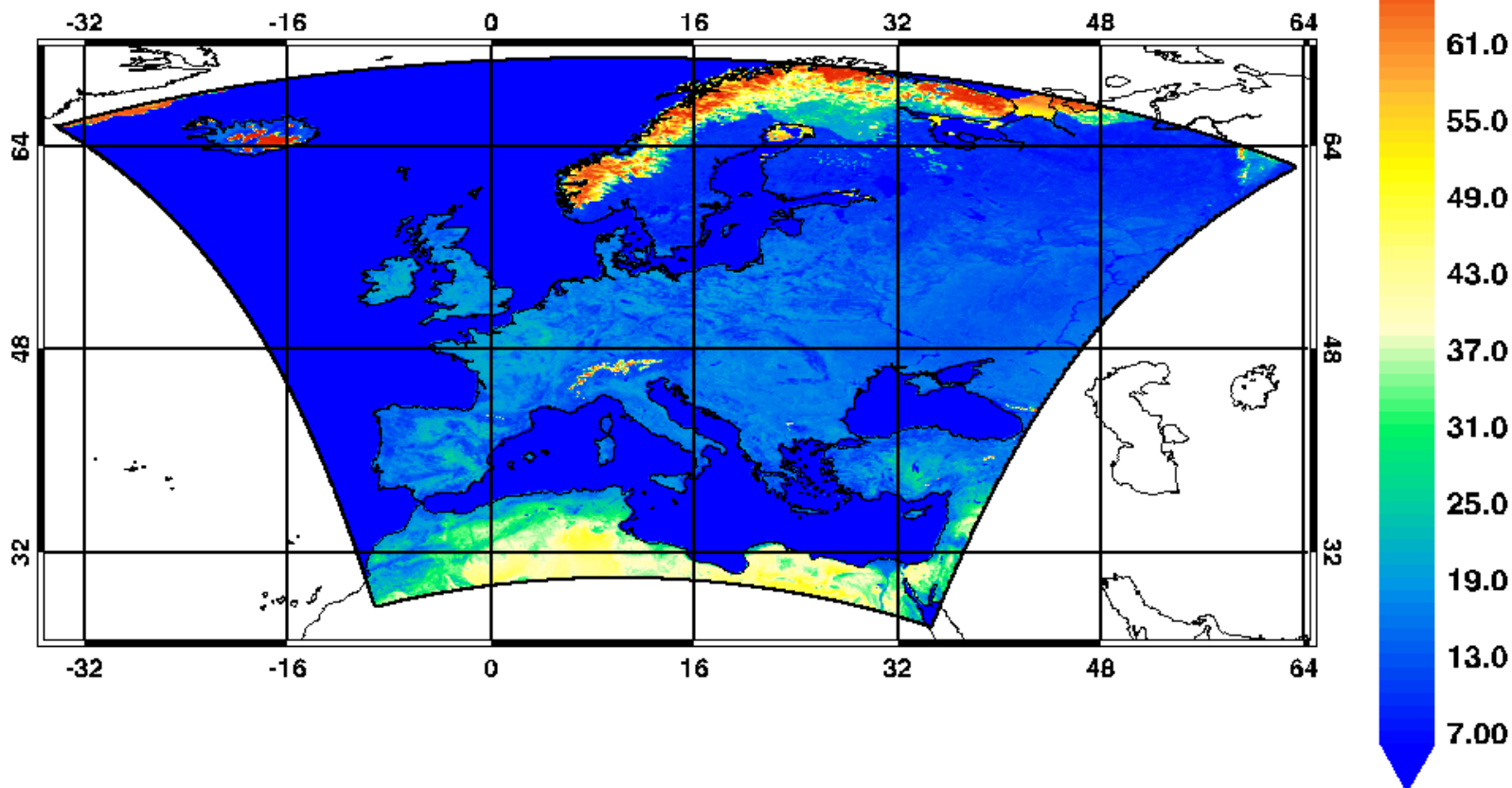
mean: 13.99 std: 9.20 min: 7.00 max: 70.00



# MODIS albedo

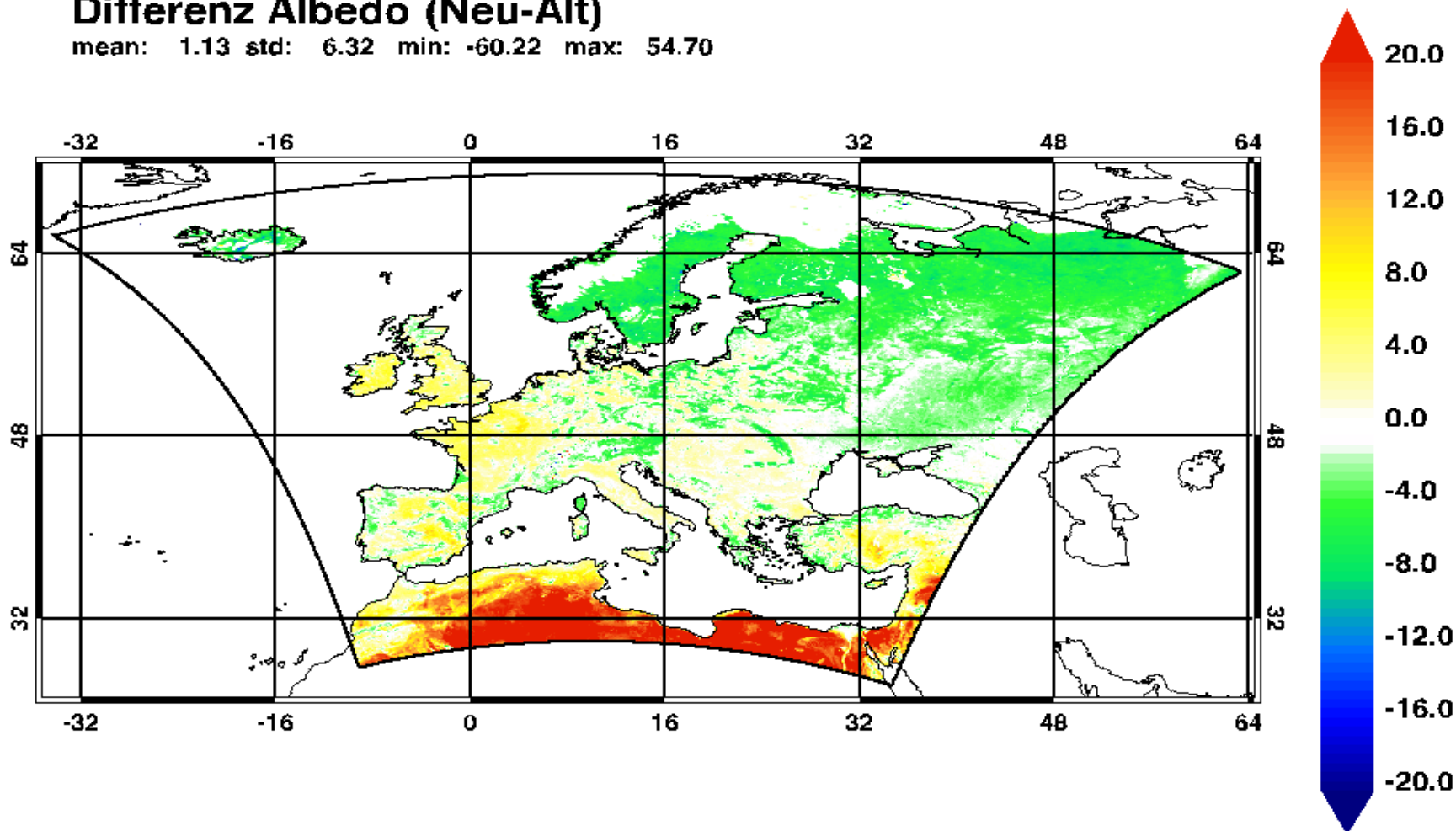
**ALB\_RAD [%] 2012050200 + 024h DWD Expld:08777**

mean: 15.12 std: 11.80 min: 7.00 max: 70.00



## Differenz Albedo (Neu-Alt)

mean: 1.13 std: 6.32 min: -60.22 max: 54.70



# COSMO-EU experiment – model skill

| experiment month in 2012 |        |             | 8777_04 | 8777_05 | 8777_06 | 8777_07 | 8777_08 |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| RMSE (all elements)      | 00 UTC | Deutschland | -0,84   | -0,73   | -0,81   | -0,32   | -0,36   |
| Global Skill             | 00 UTC | Westeuropa  | 0,14    | -0,13   | 0,24    | -2,11   | -0,89   |
|                          | 00 UTC | LM2MO       | 0,18    | -0,11   | -0,01   | 0,35    | 0,39    |
|                          | 12 UTC | Deutschland | -0,81   | -0,48   | -0,4    | -1,45   | -1,19   |
|                          | 12 UTC | Westeuropa  | -0,34   | -0,16   | 0,34    |         | -0,92   |
|                          | 12 UTC | LM2MO       | -0,09   | 0,15    | 0,15    | -0,25   | -0,23   |
|                          |        |             |         |         |         |         |         |
| RMSE (all elements)      | 00 UTC | Deutschland | -1,58   | 0,19    | -1,43   | -2,22   | -0,67   |
| temperature (2m)         | 00 UTC | Westeuropa  | -0,59   | 0,56    | 0,5     | 0,88    | -2,38   |
|                          | 00 UTC | LM2MO       | -0,66   | -0,33   | -0,55   | -0,85   | -1,14   |
|                          | 12 UTC | Deutschland | -0,96   | 0,43    | -1,15   | -1,85   | -2,09   |
|                          | 12 UTC | Westeuropa  | -0,04   | -0,11   | 0,43    | 0,77    | -0,43   |
|                          | 12 UTC | LM2MO       | -0,63   | -0,3    | -0,88   | -1,12   | -1,74   |



# Rainfall interception and surface water storage

J. Helmert and Gerd Vogel

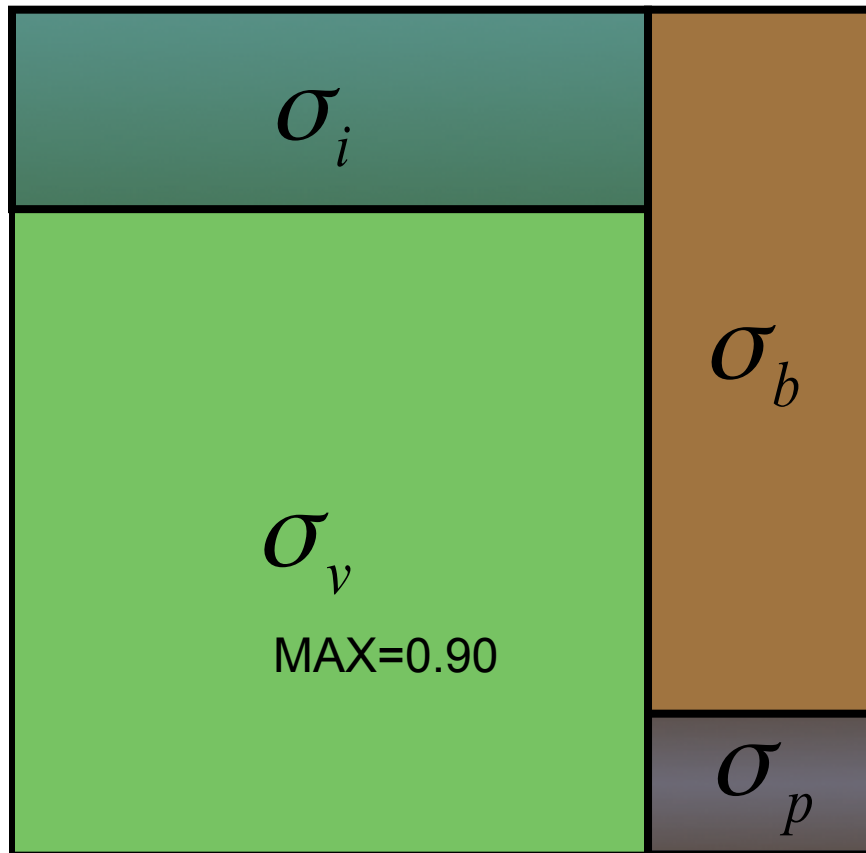
- ➔ Precipitation interception and surface water storage are significant components of the surface water balance
- ➔ Processes at the beginning of the sequence of land surface hydrological processes
- ➔ Interception loss due to evaporation of intercepted water accounts for 10-48% of the gross precipitation (Hörmann et al., 1996)
- ➔ Substantially impact the partitioning of precipitation between infiltration, evapotranspiration, and runoff

- Neglection of the water interception in GME (and COSMO)

$$W_{i,max} = 1.E-6m$$

- Interception treated as a fixed sequence of evaporation, percolation, runoff rather than a balance equation
- Separation of precipitation questionable
- Alternative solution: Balance equation - Deardorff, 1978 (e.g., SURFEX)

$$\frac{\partial W_r}{\partial t} = vegP - (E_v - E_{tr}) - R_r; \quad 0 \leq W_r \leq W_{r,max}$$

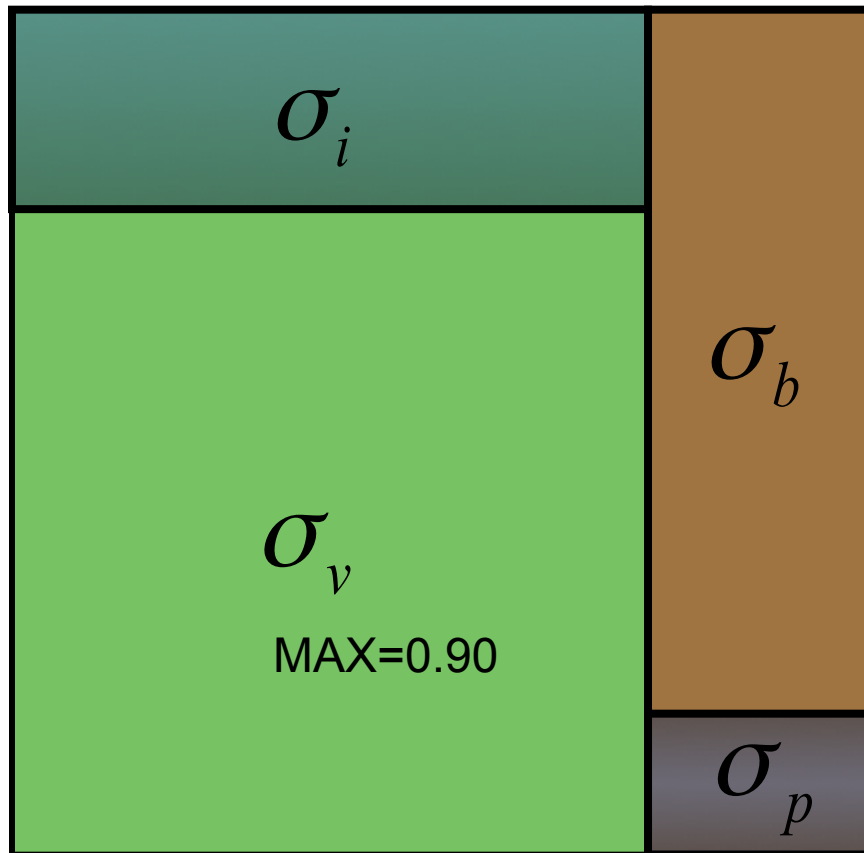


→ Bucket approach for interception and surface water store

$$\frac{\Delta W_i}{\Delta t} = I + E_i - D$$

$$\frac{\Delta W_p}{\Delta t} = D + (1 - \sigma_v)P_r - I_g + E_p$$

## Interception store



$$\frac{\Delta W_i}{\Delta t} = I + E_i - D$$

$$I = \sigma_v (P_r + P_{snow}) , T_{sfc} > T_{melt}$$

$$E_i = \sigma_v E_{pot} \left( \frac{W_i}{W_{i, mx}} \right)^{2/3}$$

$$\sigma_i = \left( \frac{W_i}{W_{i, mx}} \right)^{2/3}$$

Ratio of wet canopy  
Deardorff, 1978

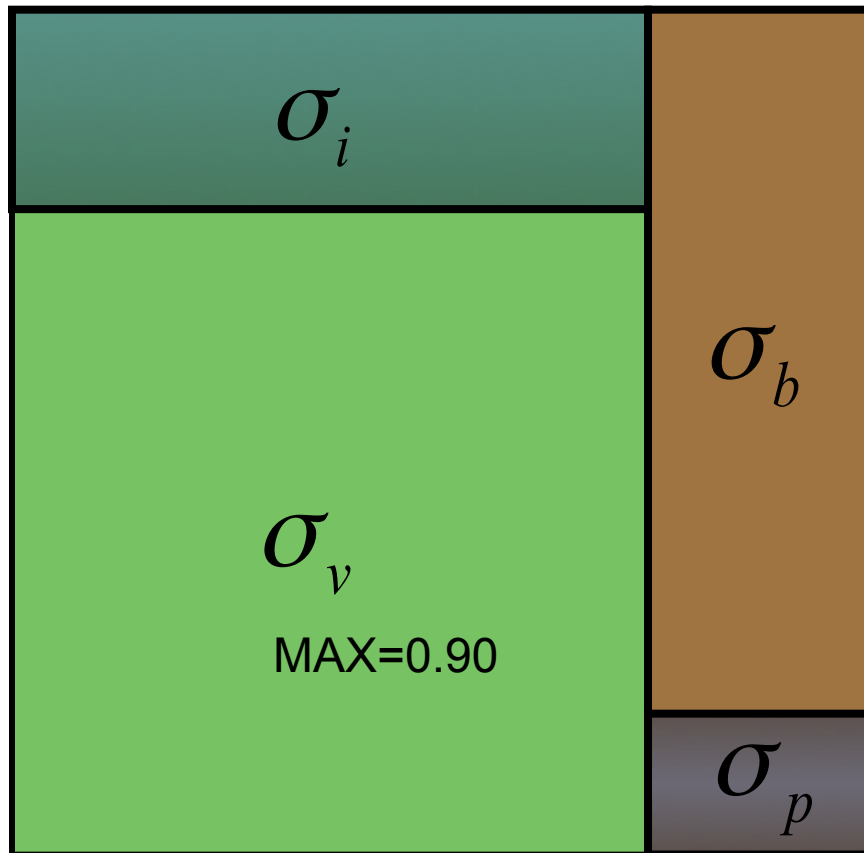
$$D = \frac{W_i - W_{i, mx}}{\Delta t}, \quad W_i > W_{i, mx}$$

$$W_{i, mx} = 0.0002 LAI \quad [m \ H_2O]$$

Dickinson, 1984 (e.g. SURFEX)



## Surface water store



$$\frac{\Delta W_p}{\Delta t} = D + (1 - \sigma_v)P_r - I_g + E_p$$

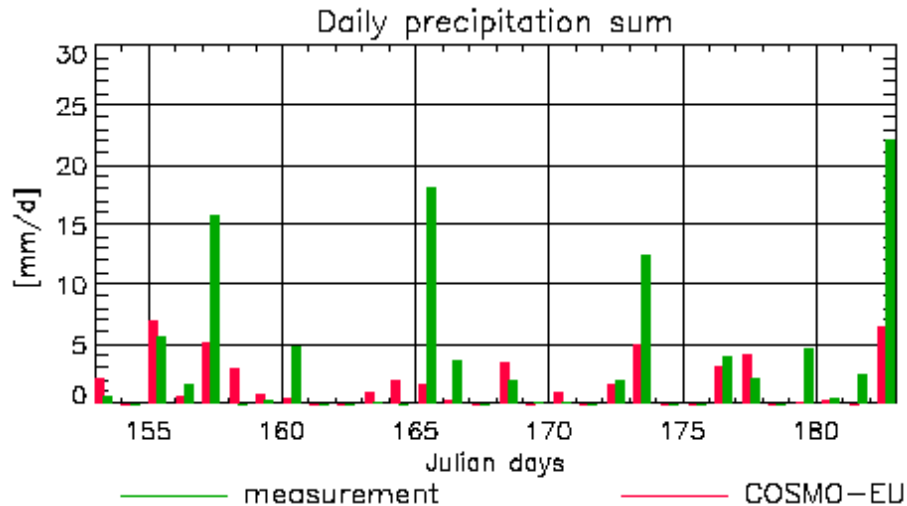
$$I_g = \begin{cases} D + (1 - \sigma_v)P_r, & \text{for } I_g < I_{g, mx} \\ I_{g, mx}, & \text{for } I_g \geq I_{g, mx} \end{cases}$$

$$E_p = (1 - \sigma_v)E_{pot} \left( \frac{W_p}{W_{p, mx}} \right)^{2/3}$$

$$\sigma_p = \left( \frac{W_p}{W_{p, mx}} \right)^{2/3}$$

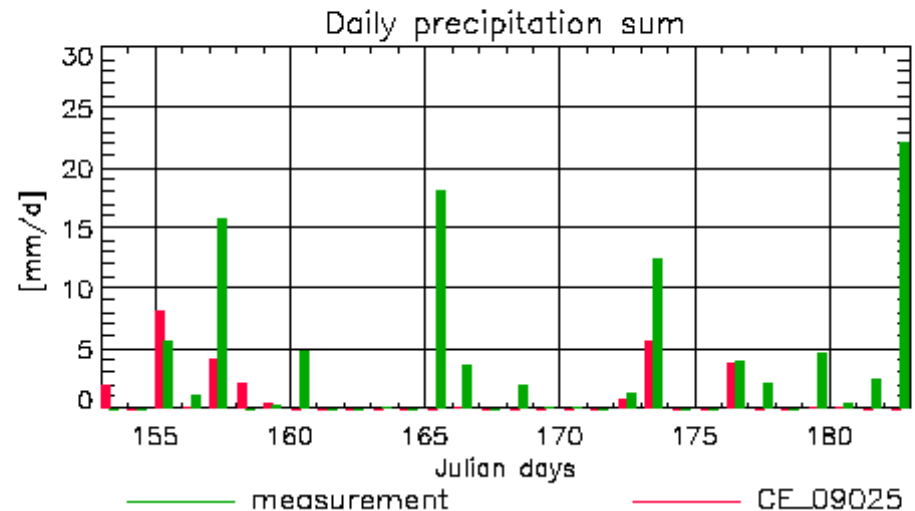
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Selected case studies for:

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4 – 6 June 2012 (156 – 158)

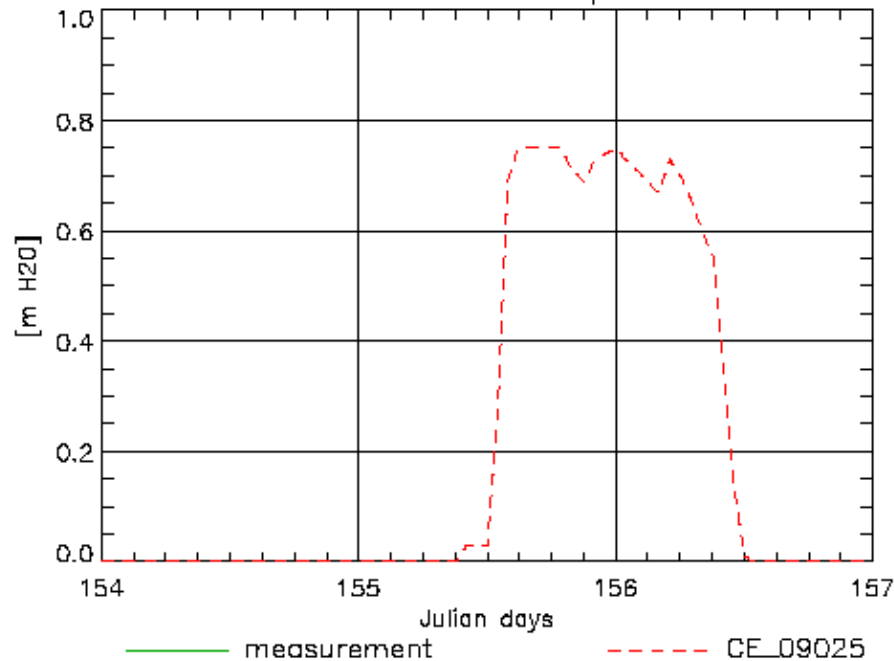
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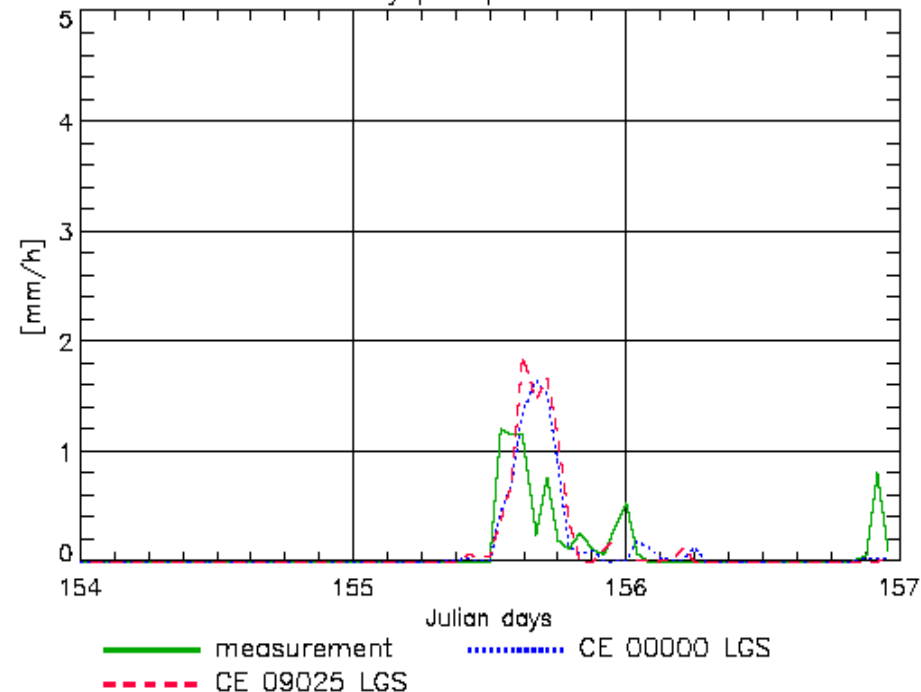
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Water content of interception store



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Hourly precipitation sum

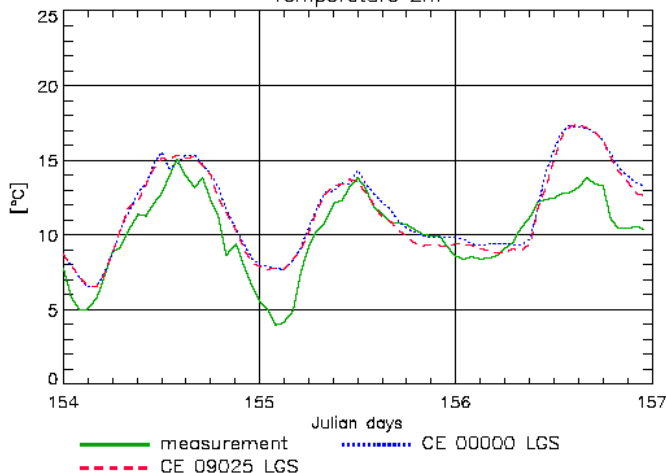


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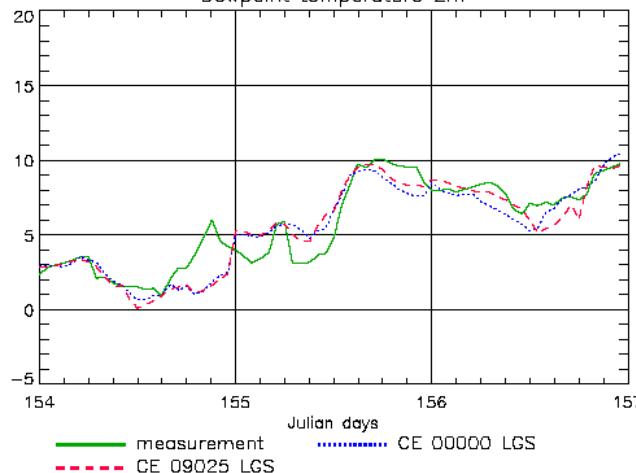
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Temperature 2m



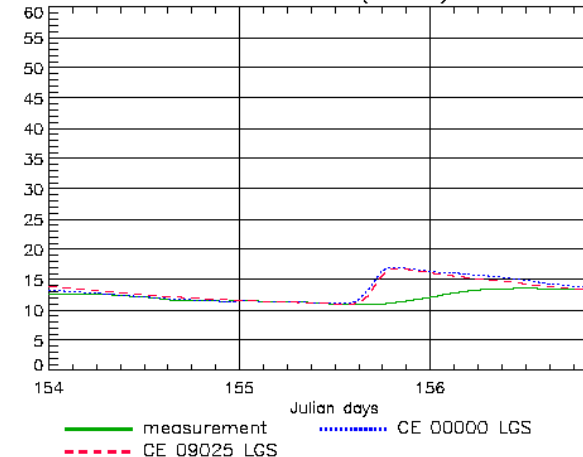
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Dewpoint temperature 2m



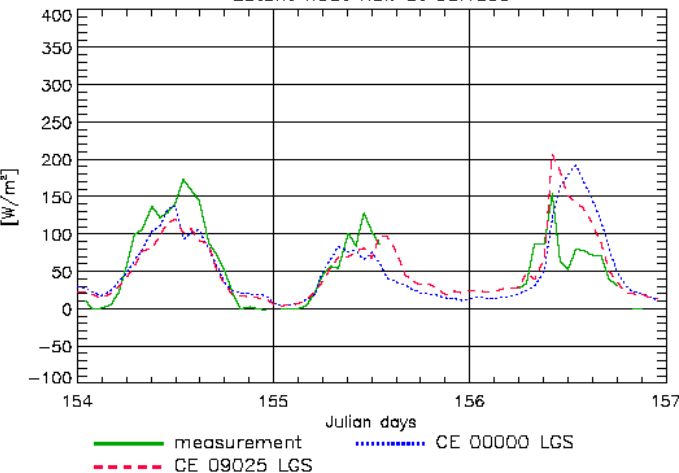
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Soil moisture (3–9cm)



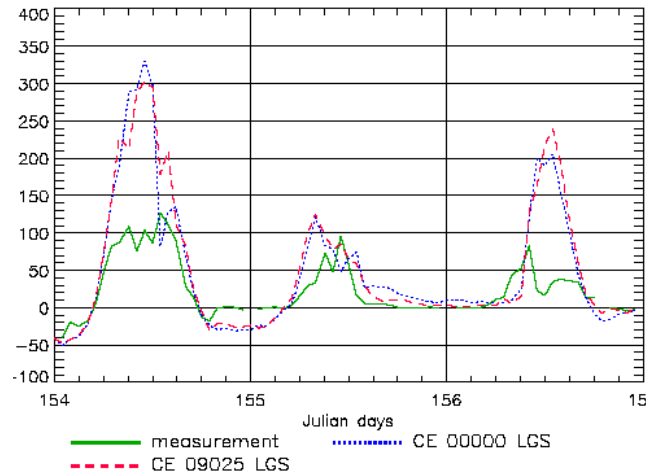
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Latent heat flux at surface



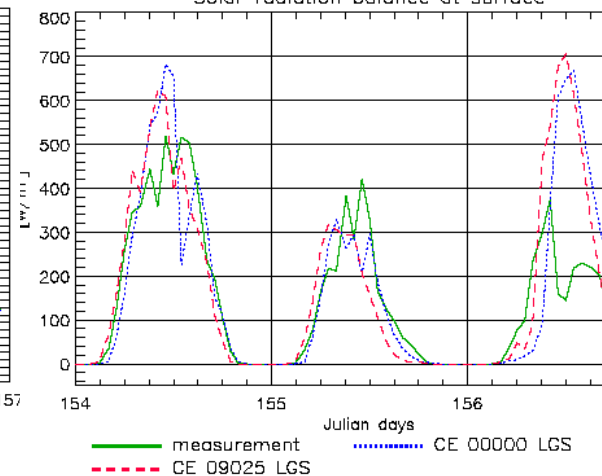
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Sensible heat flux at surface



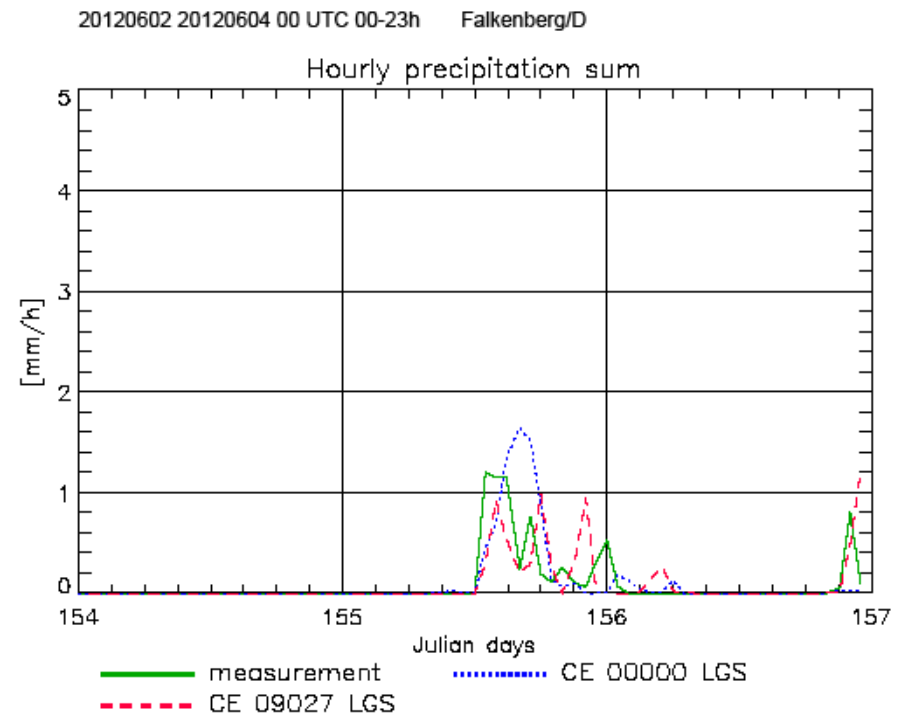
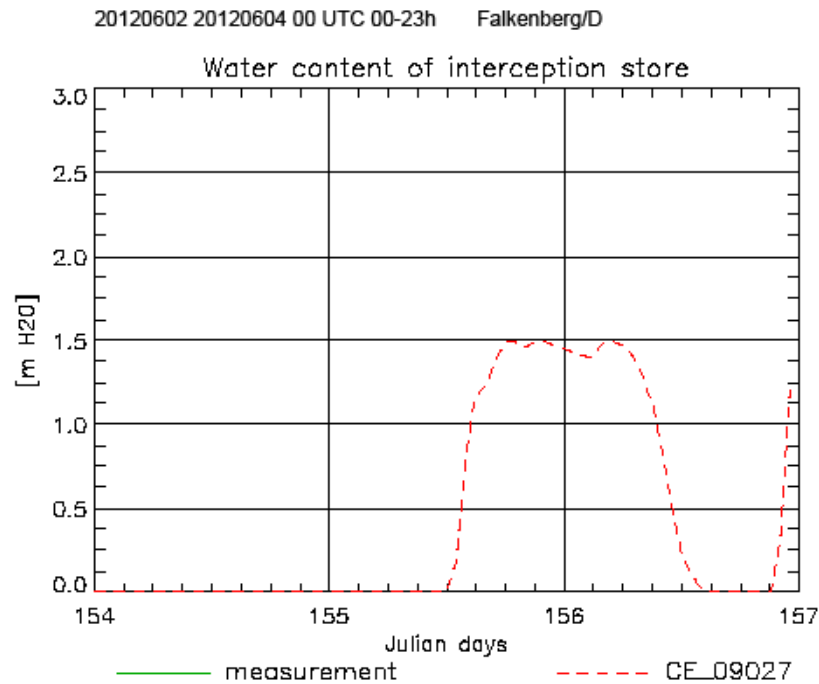
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Solar radiation balance at surface



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Falkenberg  $W_{i,max} = 0.0004LAI$  [m  $H_2O$ ]

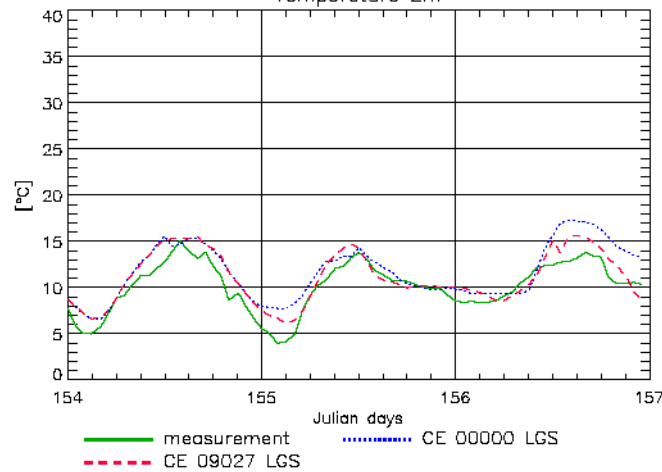


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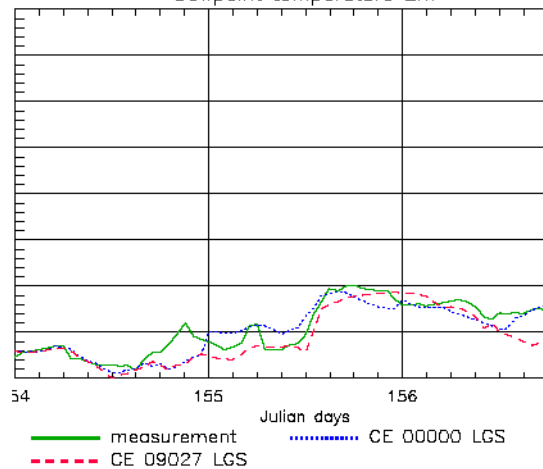
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Temperature 2m



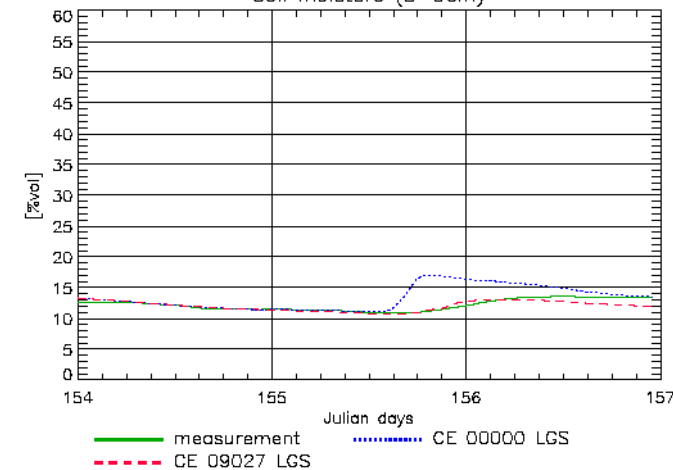
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Dewpoint temperature 2m



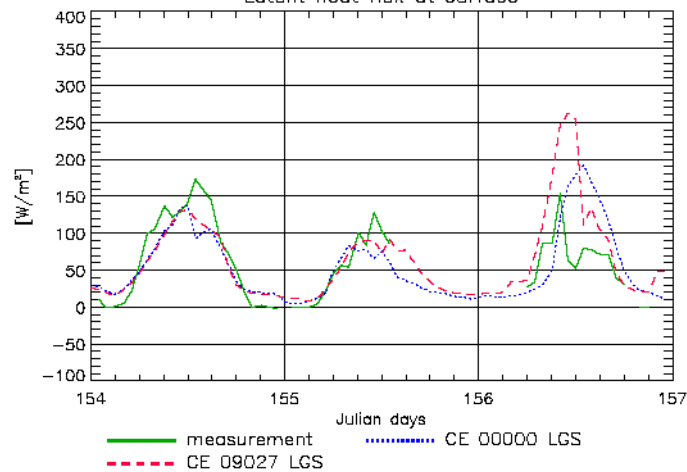
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Soil moisture (3–9cm)



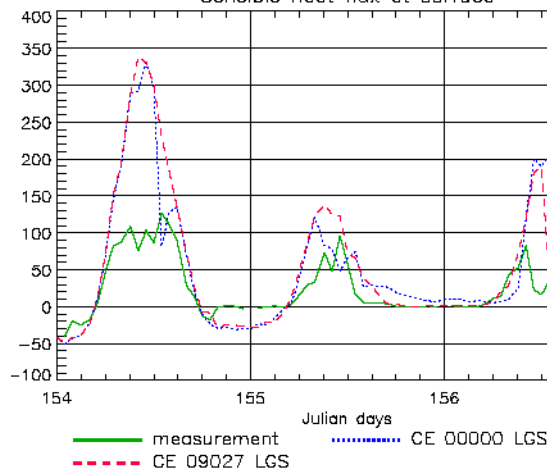
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Latent heat flux at surface



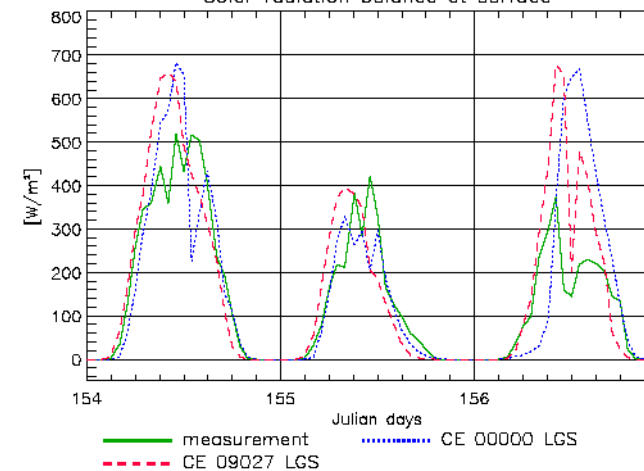
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Sensible heat flux at surface



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Solar radiation balance at surface

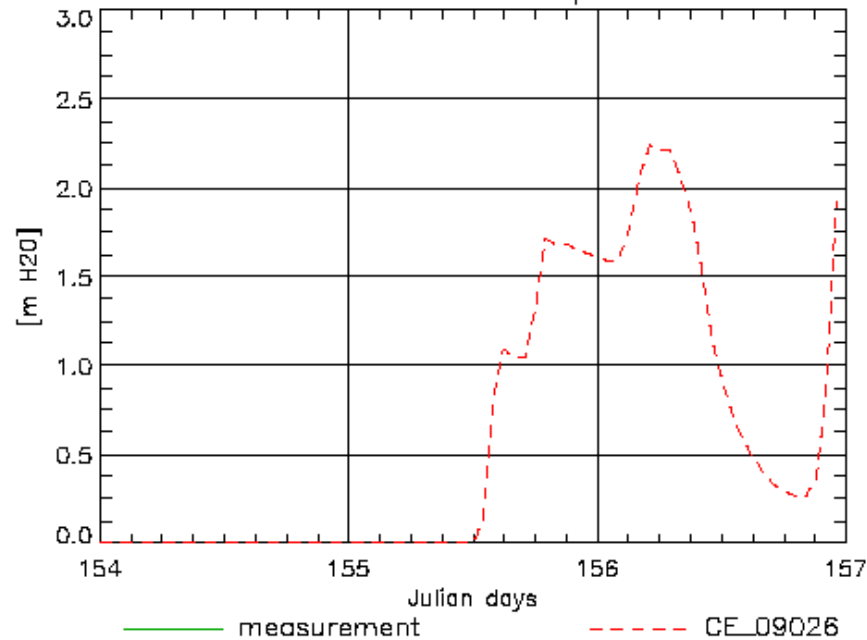


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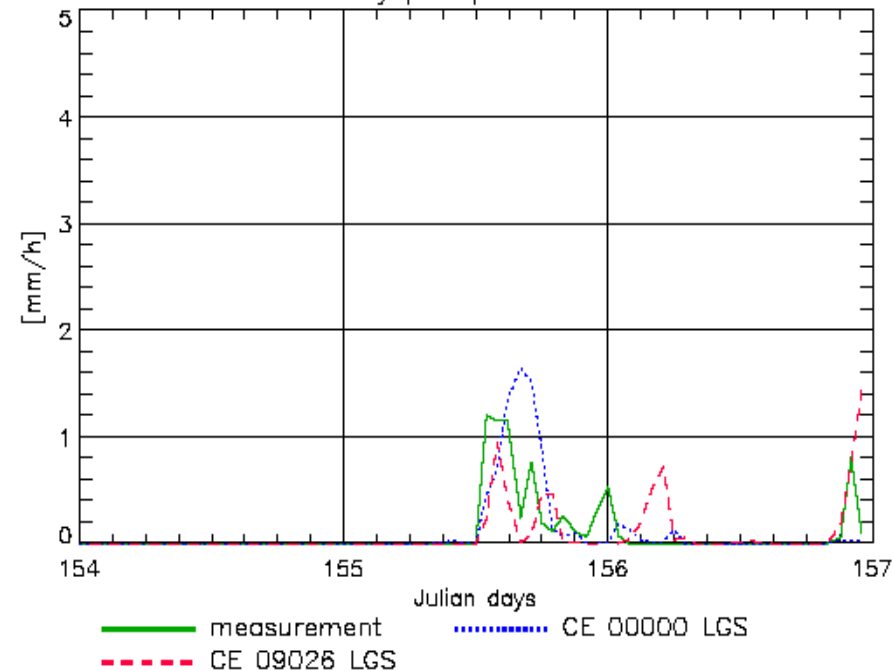
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Water content of interception store



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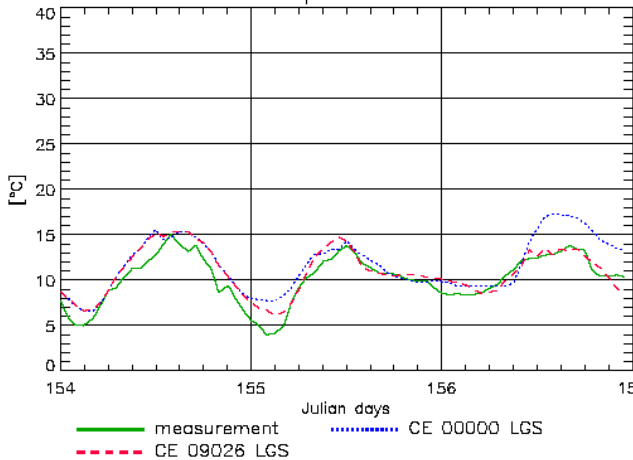


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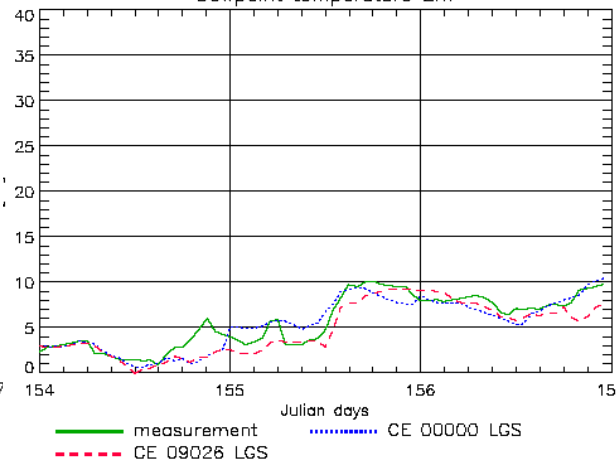
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Temperature 2m



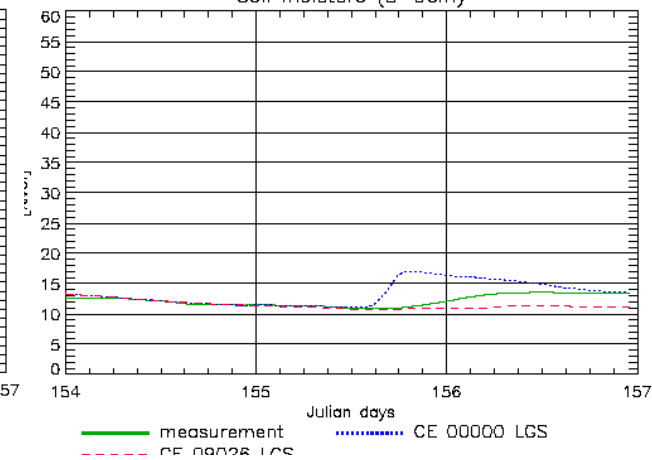
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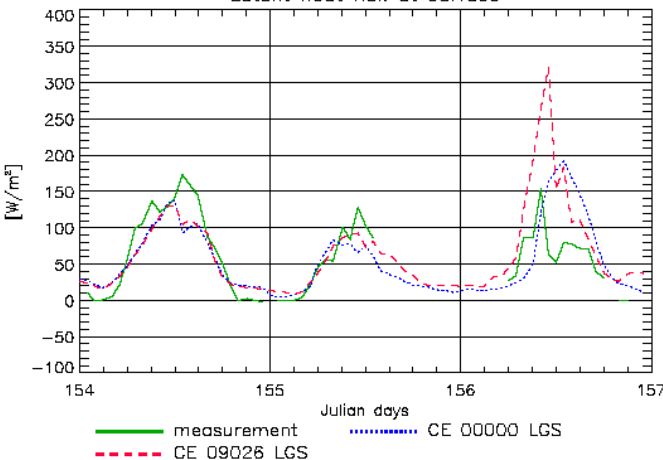
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Soil moisture (3–9cm)



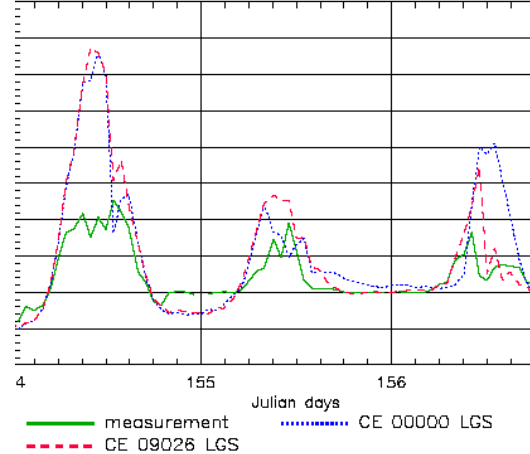
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Latent heat flux at surface



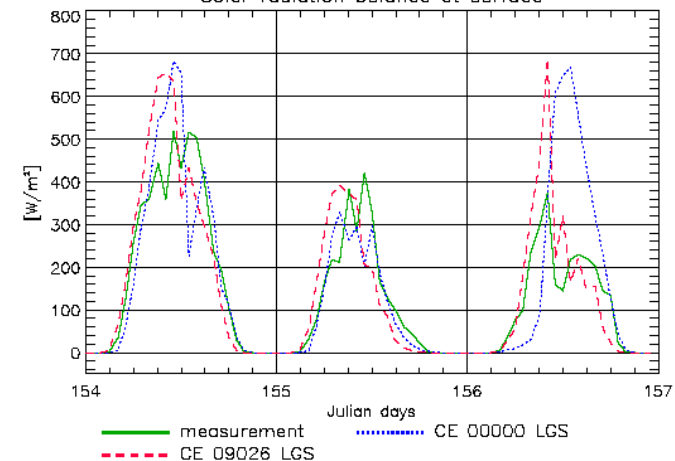
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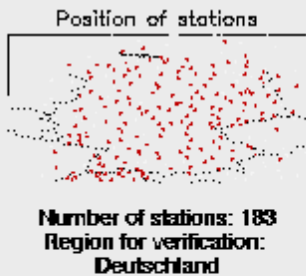


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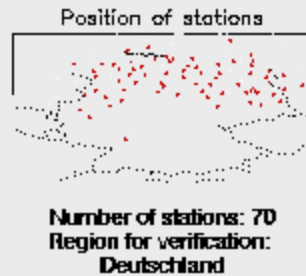
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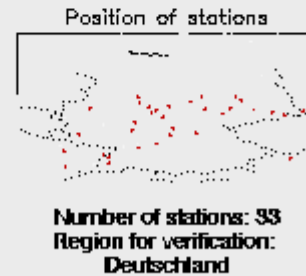
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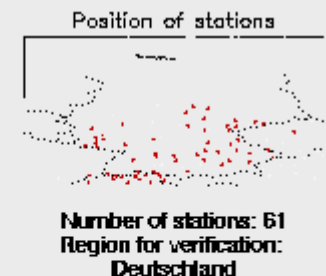
All stations



Stations below 100 m



Stations 100 – 300 m



Stations 300 – 800 m

# CEU-EXP verification #9025

## 01.06.-31.08.2012

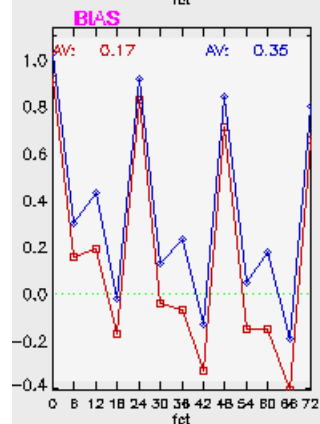
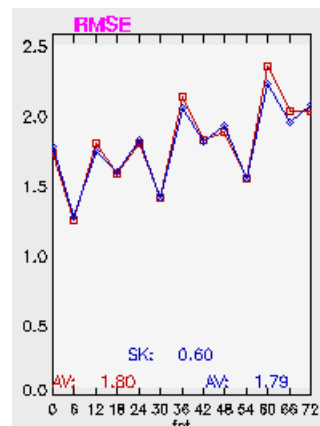
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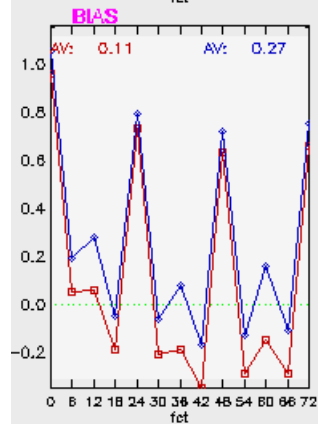
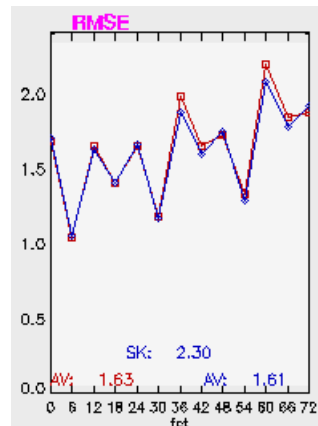
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**Temperature (K)**

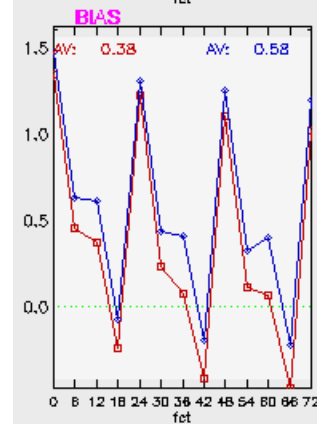
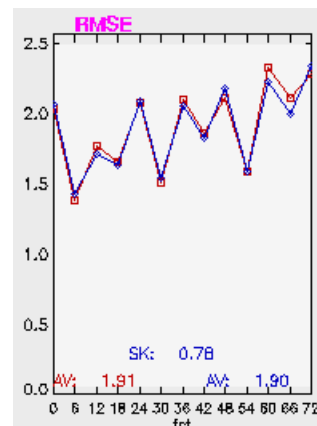
**all stations**



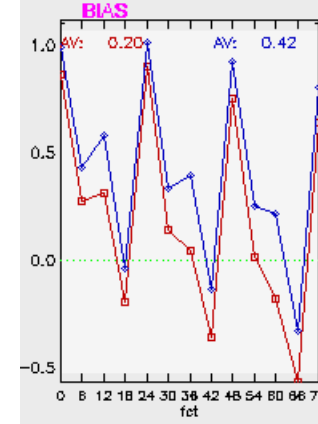
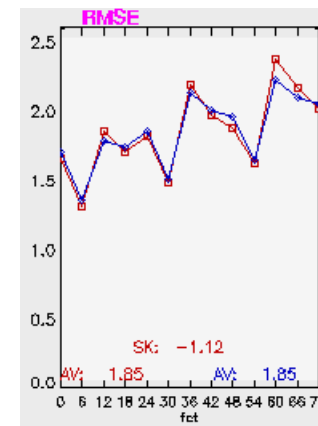
**< 100m**



**100m – 300m**



**300m – 800m**



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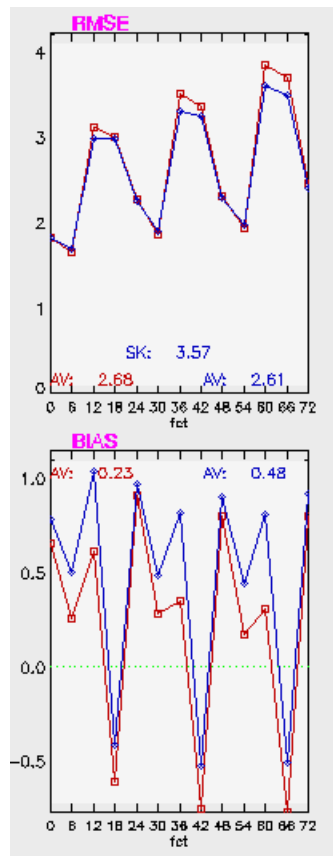
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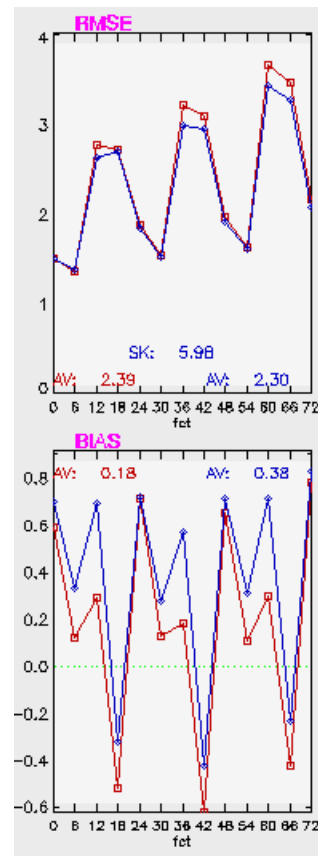
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**Dew point depression (K)**

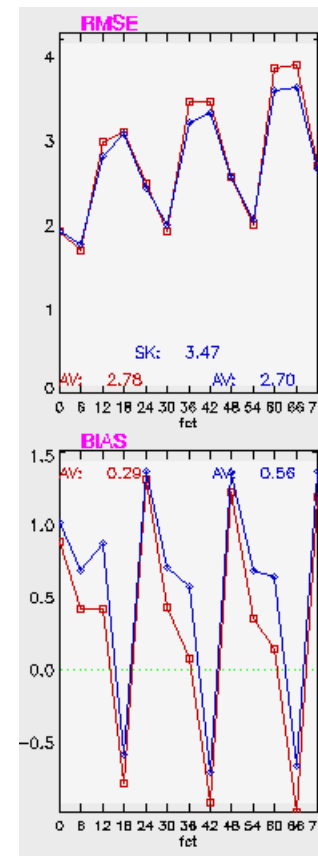
**all stations**



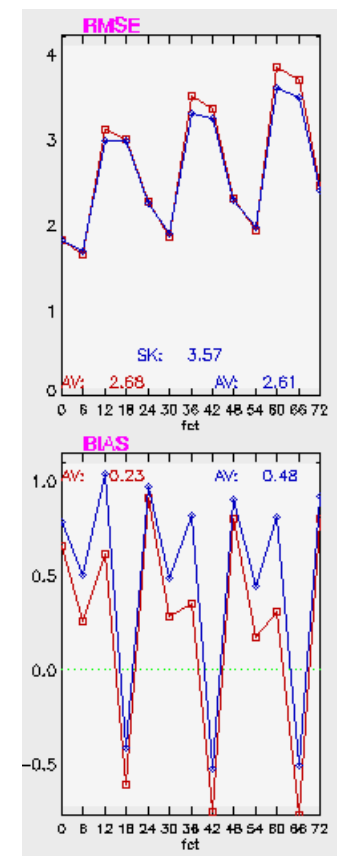
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**100m – 300m**



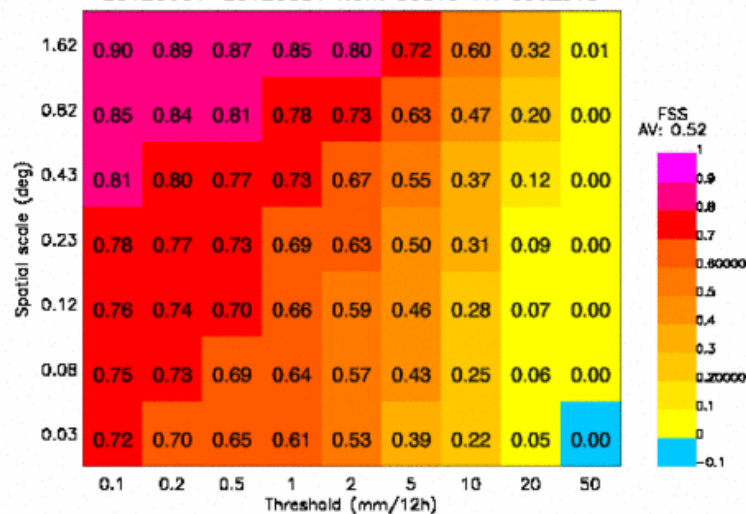
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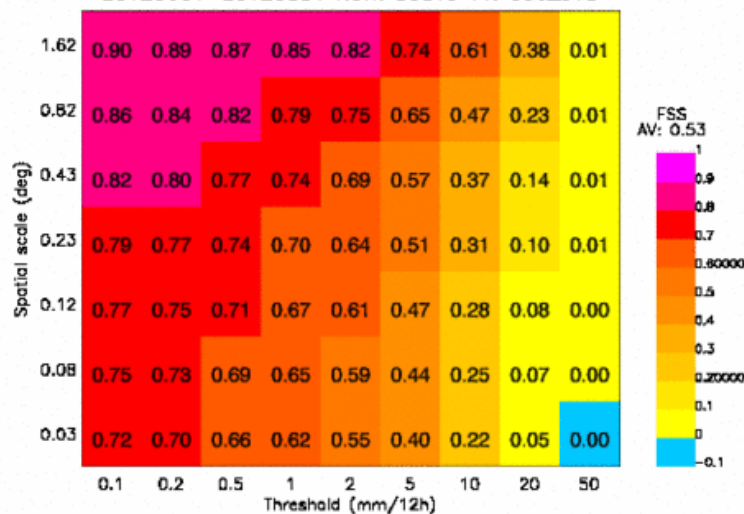
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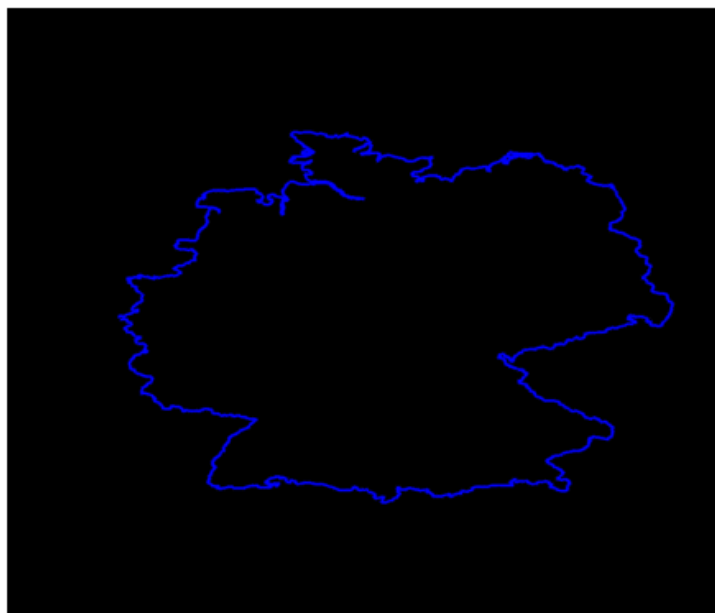
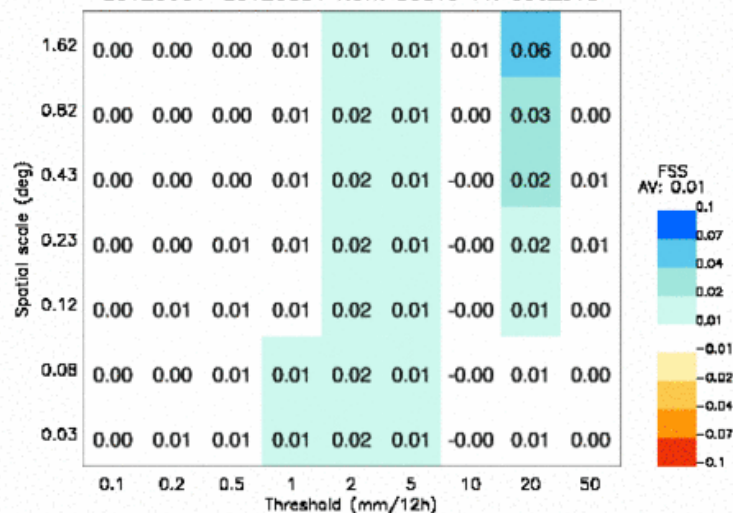
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## Usage of the interception store in TERRA

- leads to more realistic hydrological cycle
- reduction of dewpoint depression bias – more water vapour in the boundary layer
- reduction of warm T2m-bias
- impact on cloudiness and precipitation – feedback effects