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## PP KENDA-O : Km-Scale Ensemble-Based Data Assimilation for the use of High-Resolution Observations

(Sept. 2015 – Aug. 2020)

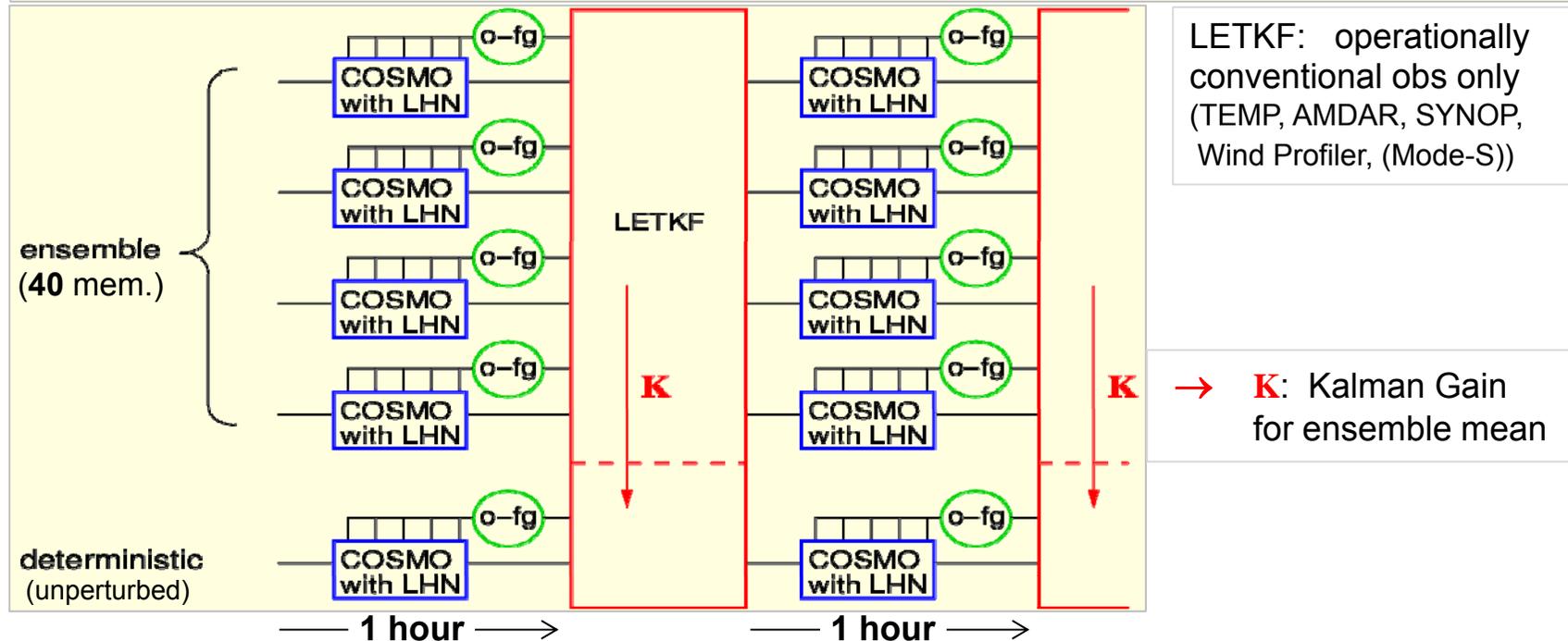
- Task 1: further development of LETKF scheme
  - investigation of discrepancies betw. MCH and DWD KENDA performance
  - **Mode-S operational at DWD:** winter test + revision of QC
  - activities at MeteoSwiss → climatological B
  - HMC: model-error perturbations
- Task 2: **extended use of observations** (radar, satellite, etc.)
- Task 3: lower boundary: soil moisture analysis using satellite soil moisture data (up to now small benefit, fellowship ends 12/18, will continue with little FTE)
- Task 4: **adaptation to ICON-LAM**, hybrid methods / **particle filters**

# KENDA at DWD: operational setup

(→ Schraff et al. 2016, QJRMS)



## KENDA: 4D-LETKF + LHN (latent heat nudging for assimilation of radar precip)



### operational settings:

- **adaptive horizontal localisation** (keep # obs constant,  $50 \text{ km} \leq s \approx \text{std dev} \leq 100 \text{ km}$ )
- **adaptive multiplicative covariance inflation** (obs-f.g. statistics) + RTPP ( $\alpha_p = 0.75$ )
- **additive covariance inflation** (since Feb. 2017)
- explicit soil moisture perturbations
- lateral **BC**: from **ICON-EnVar/LETKF** ( $\Delta x = 20 \text{ km} / 6.5 \text{ km}$  for ensemble / deterministic run)



# In Task 1: Investigation of discrepancies between MeteoSwiss & DWD KENDA

MeteoSwiss analysis verification

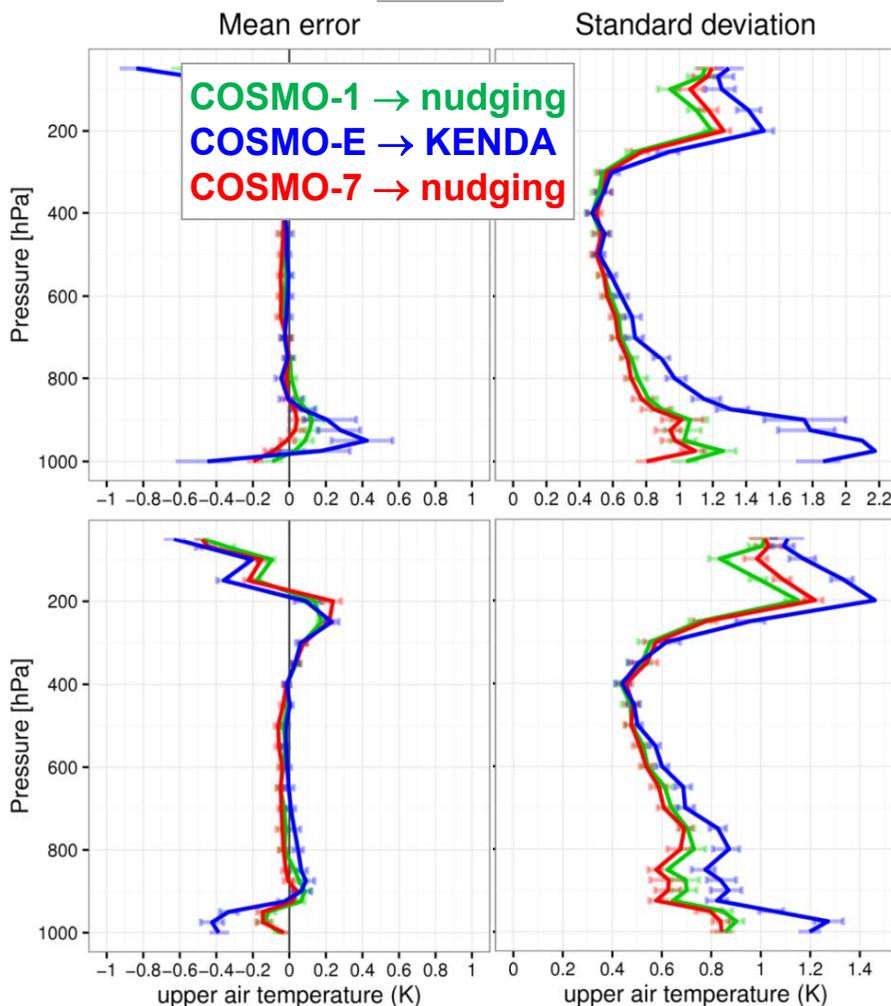
temperature

DWD verification

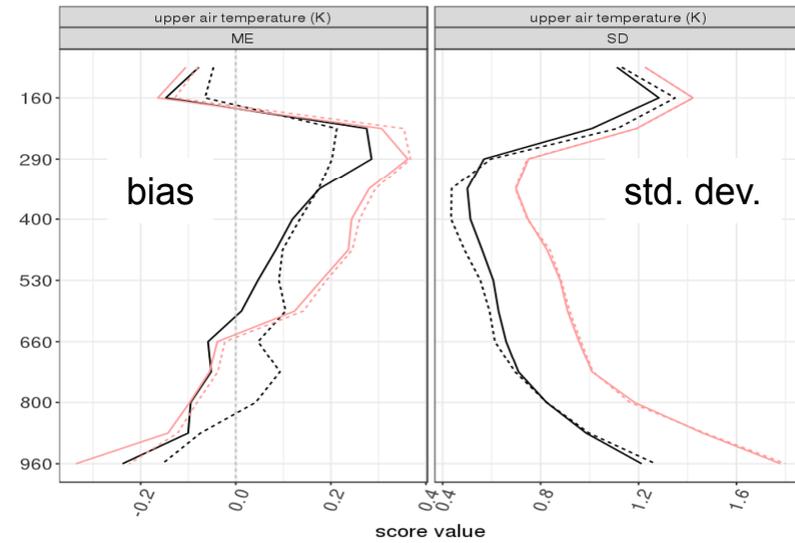
+ 0 h

Winter 2016  
(w/o S\_SO pert.)

Spring 2017  
(with SPPT)



2016/12/06 - 2017/02/08  
INI: ALL UTC, DOM: ALL



— COSMO-DE → with nudging  
 - - - COSMO-DE-KENDA (without additive inflation)

lead-time [h]  
 — 000  
 — 012

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generally: same LETKF configurations at MCH and DWD  
relevant differences :

	MCH	DWD
model domain	COSMO-E, 2.2 km (16-bit coding of T_SO)	COSMO-DE, 2.8 km
lateral BC	IFS HRES + EPS perturb. age of perturb.: +30h to +36h	ICON EPS
radiosonde obs	BUFR reports (→ 100 % more RS obs), obs time = nominal synoptic time wind obs error: 1.7 – 2.1 m/s	TEMP reports  obs time = launch time wind obs error: 1.9 – 2.4 m/s

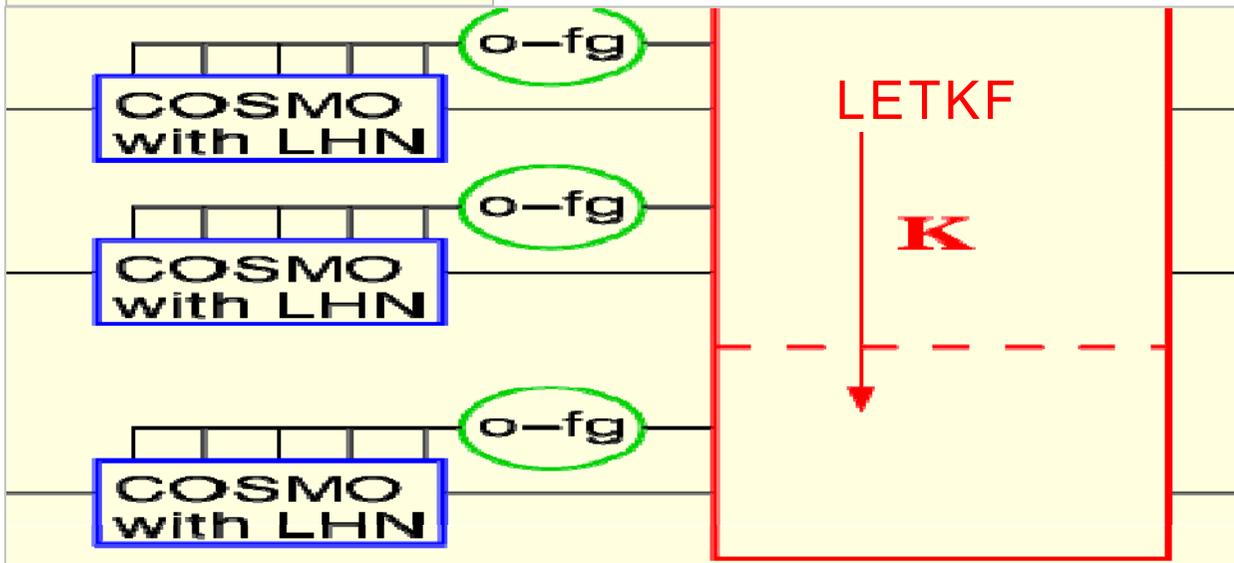
**‘Swiss experiment’** at DWD: comparison KENDA vs. Nudging  
for Dec. 2016 (winter, extended low stratus periods)

- DWD setup (KENDA, ICON-LBC, obs (no Mode-S)), but on **COSMO-E domain**
- perform verification as at MCH ( vs. at DWD):
  - use BUFR radiosonde reports vs. TEMP radiosonde reports
  - MEC applied to cdfin-files vs. MEC applied to ‘ekf’ fdbk files from LETKF

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first guess check: reject obs  $y$  if:  $|y - H(\mathbf{x})| > \Delta y_{thresh}$

KENDA: 4D-LETKF



'cdfin' observation files

**MEC for verif @ MCH**

- obs operator  $H \rightarrow y - H(\mathbf{x}_1)$
- 'COSMO-FG check' applied to first model state  $\mathbf{x}_1$  that is read by MEC

applied in **COSMO**:

- obs operator  $H \rightarrow y - H(\mathbf{x}_{fg})$
- 'COSMO-FG check': thresholds  $\Delta y_{thresh}$  **tuned** to cope with low-level inversions

'fof' fdbk files

applied in **LETKF**:

- 'LETKF-FG check': **generic** thresholds  $\Delta y_{thresh}$  (see later) rejects **additional** obs

'ekf' fdbk files

**MEC for verif @ DWD**

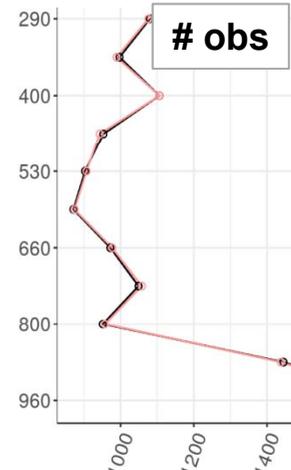
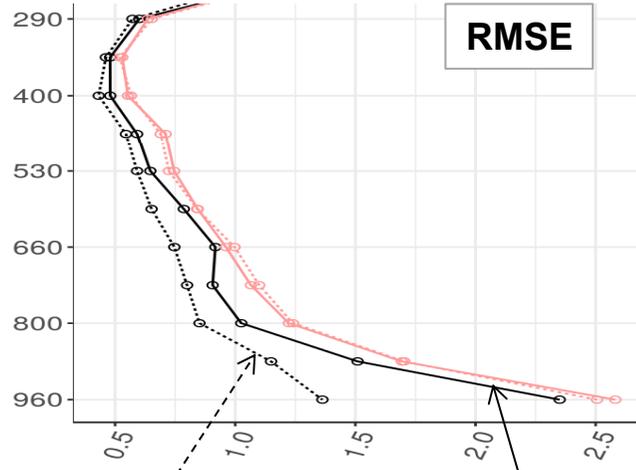
- use analysis flags
- obs **not** used in verification if either rejected in 'COSMO-FG check' or 'LETKF-FG check'



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temperature  
1 – 27 Dec 2016

MEC based on DWD cdfin files  
→ only 'COSMO' first guess check but **no LETKF** first guess check



Exp.  
— mch\_kenda\_001  
···· mch\_nudg\_001

lead-time [h]  
○ 000  
○ 006

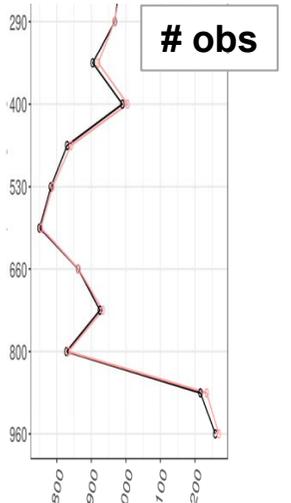
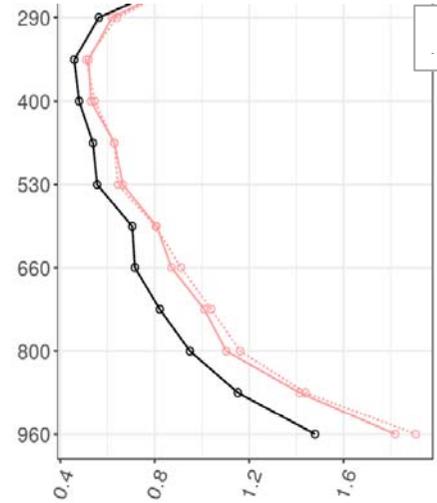
~ all obs being used in verif. also used in nudging analysis

quite a few obs used in verif. not used in KENDA analysis

unfair comparison does not tell anything about analysis quality!  
... but set of obs in verif is ok to judge forecast quality!

MEC based on DWD ekf files  
→ with **LETKF** first guess check

→ good fit of KENDA analysis to obs (PBL) (like KENDA @ DWD for COSMO-DE)



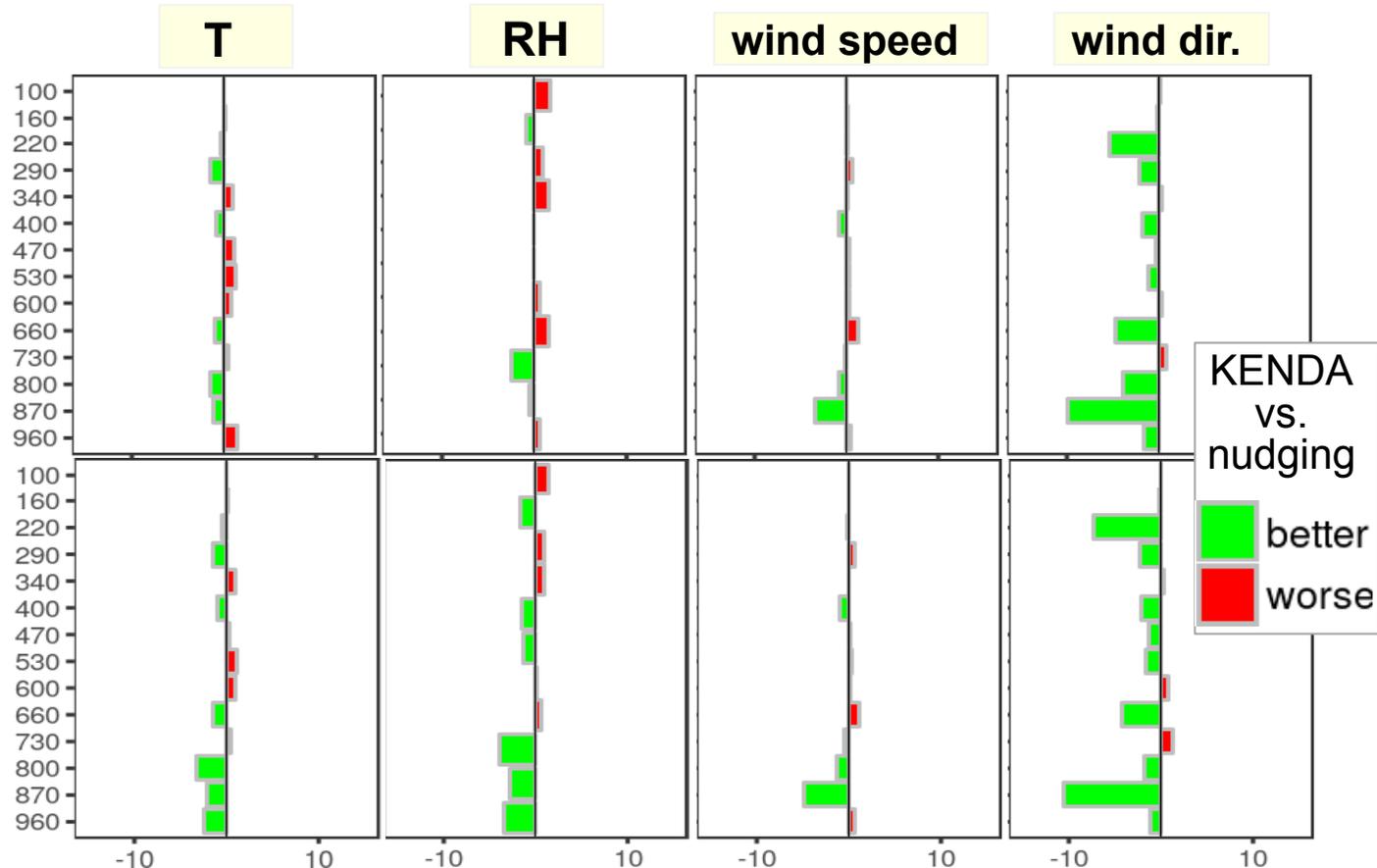
→ LETKF f.g. check rejects too many obs (near inversions, for verif & analysis)

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6 – 24 h forecasts:  
radiosonde verification

MEC based on  
DWD cdfin files  
→ no LETKF  
first guess check  
1 – 31 Dec 2016

MEC based on  
DWD ekf files  
→ with LETKF  
first guess check  
1 – 27 Dec 2016



- MEC mode: no effect on wind scores, but affects T + RH at low levels
- ekf-based MEC gives slightly too optimistic forecast scores in strong inversion periods (as long as the LETKF first guess check is not improved)

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- ✓ COSMO first guess check (as in cdfin-based MEC verif.) rejects very few data
- ✓ LETKF first guess check rejects about 5% for T, RH and about 2.5% for wind, particularly near inversions (and in stratosphere)
  - too many good obs are rejected (*in the presence of strong systematic model errors*)

- **discrepancies in upper-air analysis scores at MCH and DWD are** (apparently)
  - mainly **not** due to difference in analysis and forecast performance of KENDA as a result of different model domains, ensemble LBC's, data input, etc.
  - **but mainly due to different quality control in verification**
- **solution:**
  - **improve model, eliminate systematic model errors**
  - **refine first guess check in LETKF analysis** (see later)

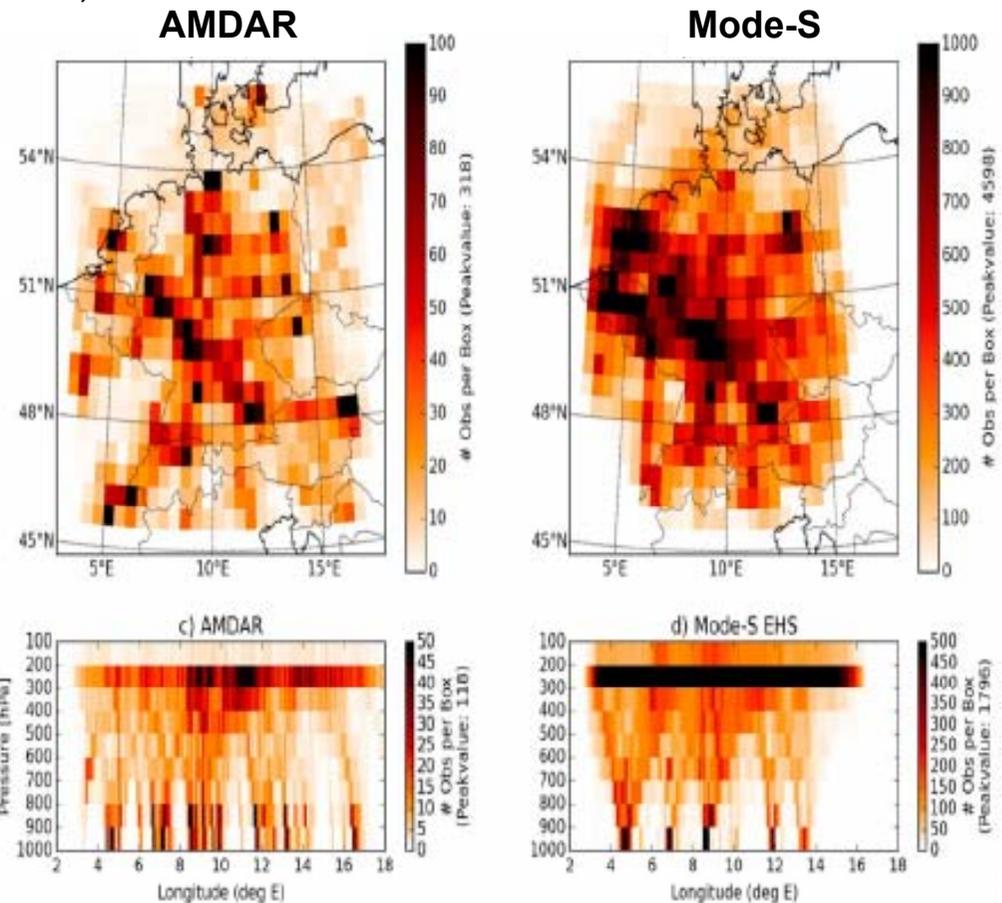


## Mode-S aircraft

- derived from radar data from air-traffic control, processed + provided by KNMI  
*(de Haan, Geophys. Res., 2011; de Haan and Stoffelen, Wea. Fcst., 2012)*
- best results with thinning (40 % active), still 5 times more data than AMDAR
- wind vector (obs error similar as AMDAR) + temperature (obs error 50 – 100 % larger at low levels)  
(no humidity)

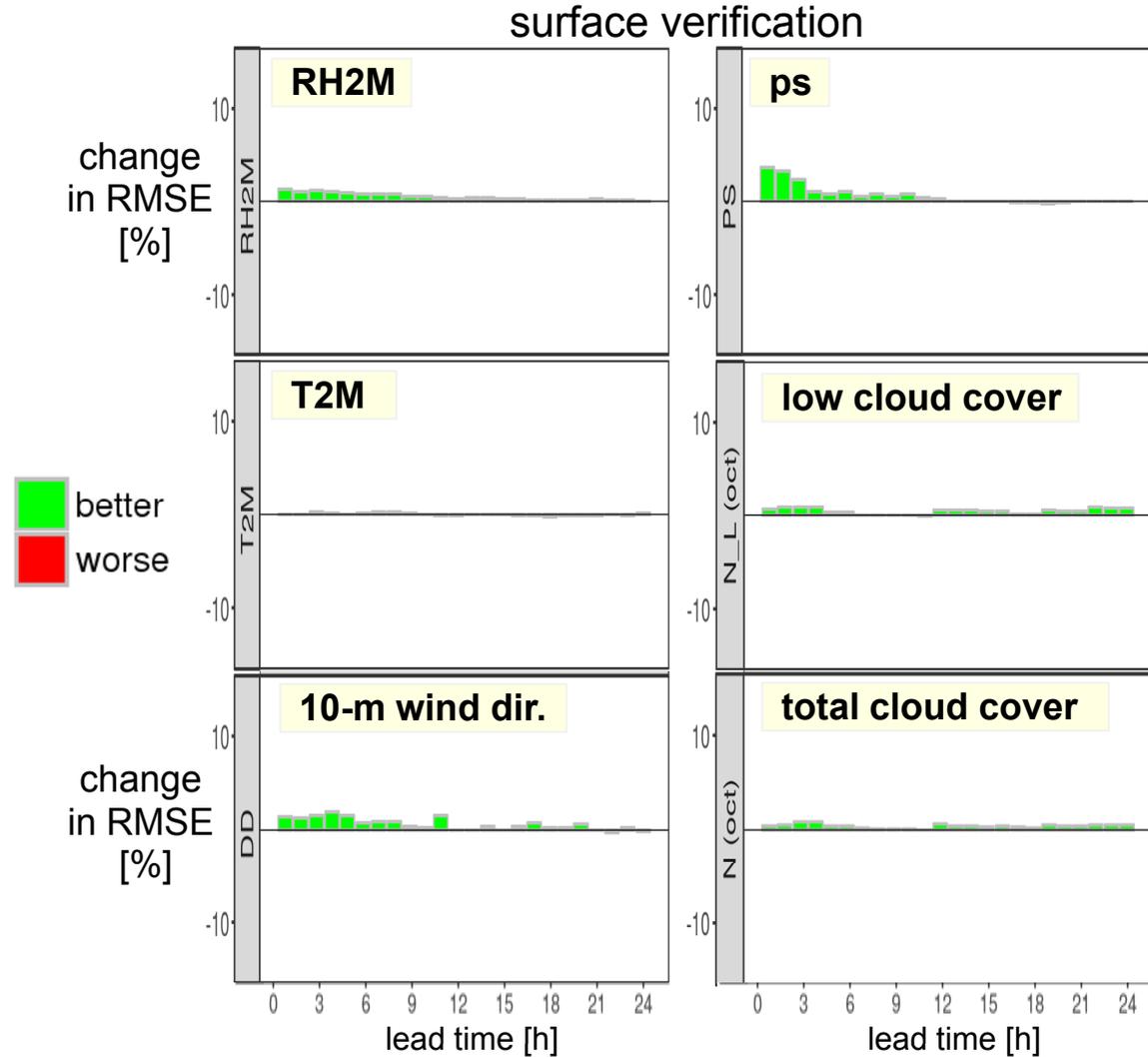
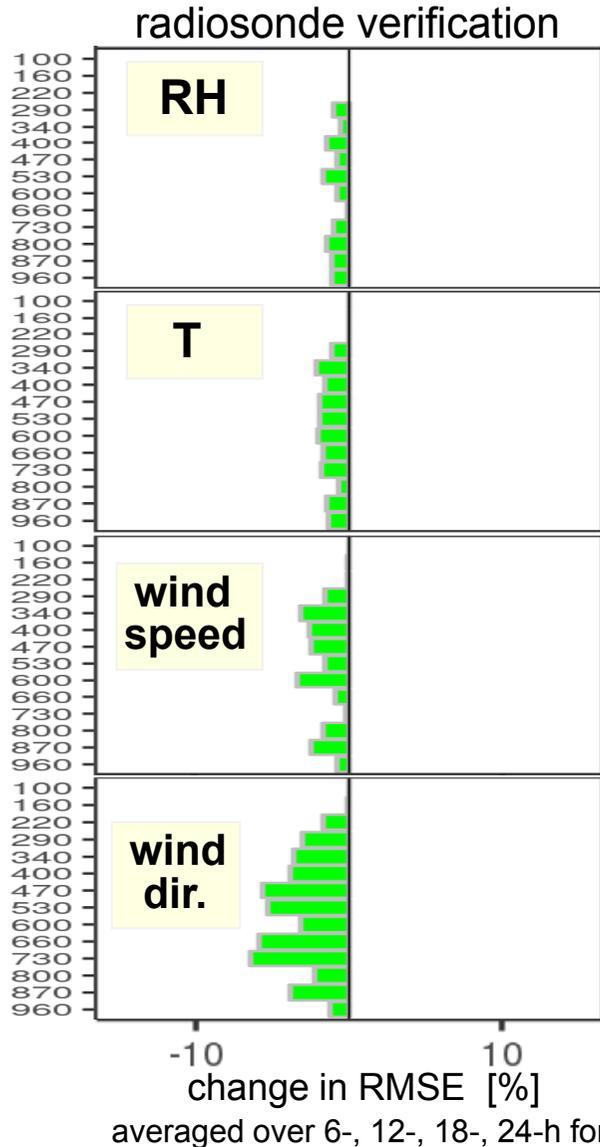
results shown last year:

- convective period:  
**clear + long-lasting positive impact**  
(precip, surface + upper-air verif.)
- much smaller positive impact in August  
→ winter ?



obs per day – from: Lange and Janjic, MWR 2016

# Mode-S aircraft: winter test (Dec. 2016), verification



✓ Dec. 2016: positive impact (precip neutral)

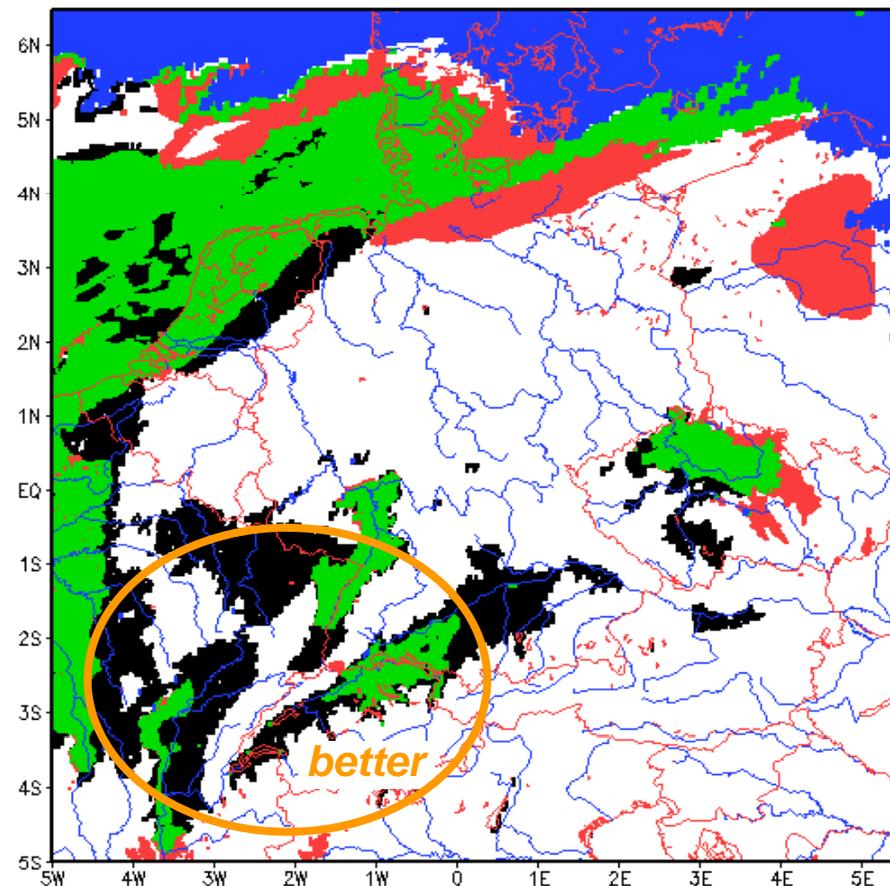
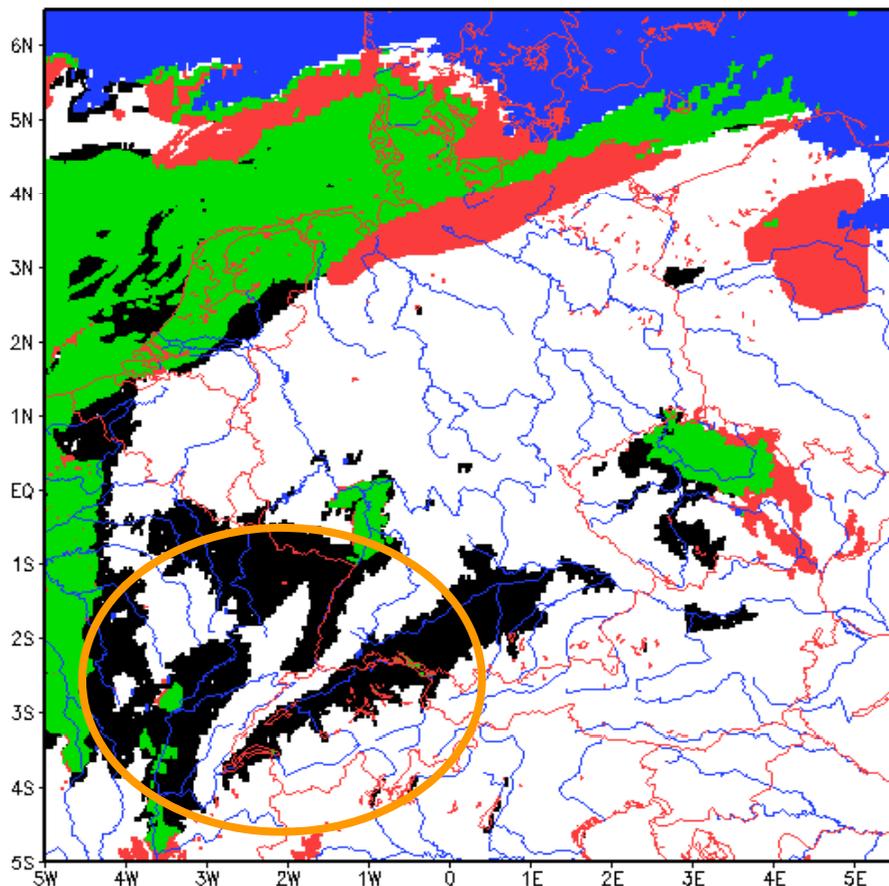
# Mode-S aircraft: radiative low stratus in winter low-level cloud (vs. NWC-SAF)

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clcl

**Mode-S**

exp\_8000.05\_HR\_det\_2016123012+06h  
clcl



**correct cloudy** / **correct cloud-free** / **missed events** / **false alarms** / **undefined (observed higher cloud)**

missed (black): 21309 false (red): 12950 hits (green): 27447 unclear (blue): 18832  
ETS: 0.321 FBI: 0.828

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ETS: 0.352 FBI: 0.840

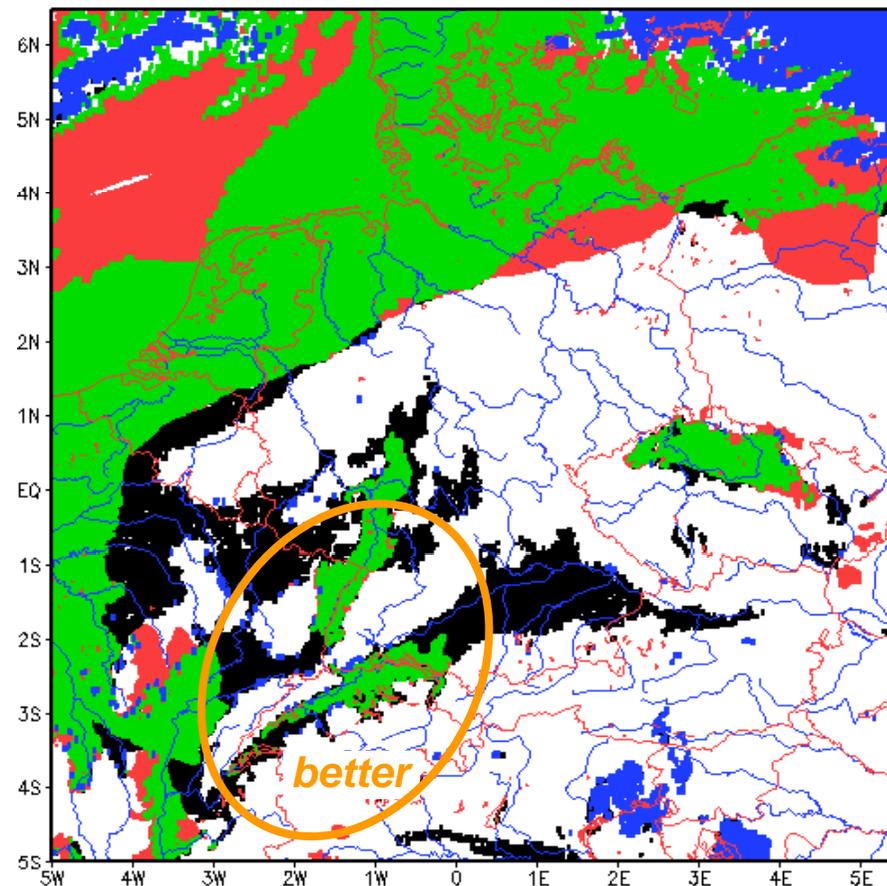
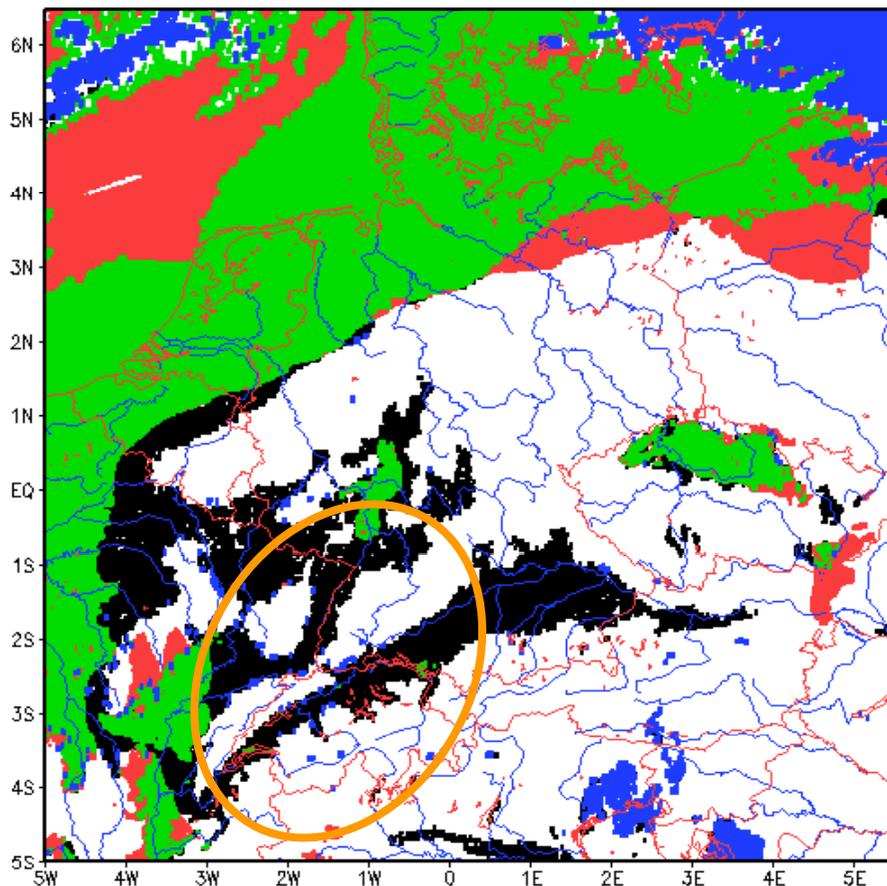
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missed (black): 19956 false (red): 19707 hits (green): 52658 unclear (blue): 8240

ETS: 0.380 FBI: 0.996

missed (black): 17496 false (red): 19482 hits (green): 55118 unclear (blue): 8240

ETS: 0.412 FBI: 1.027

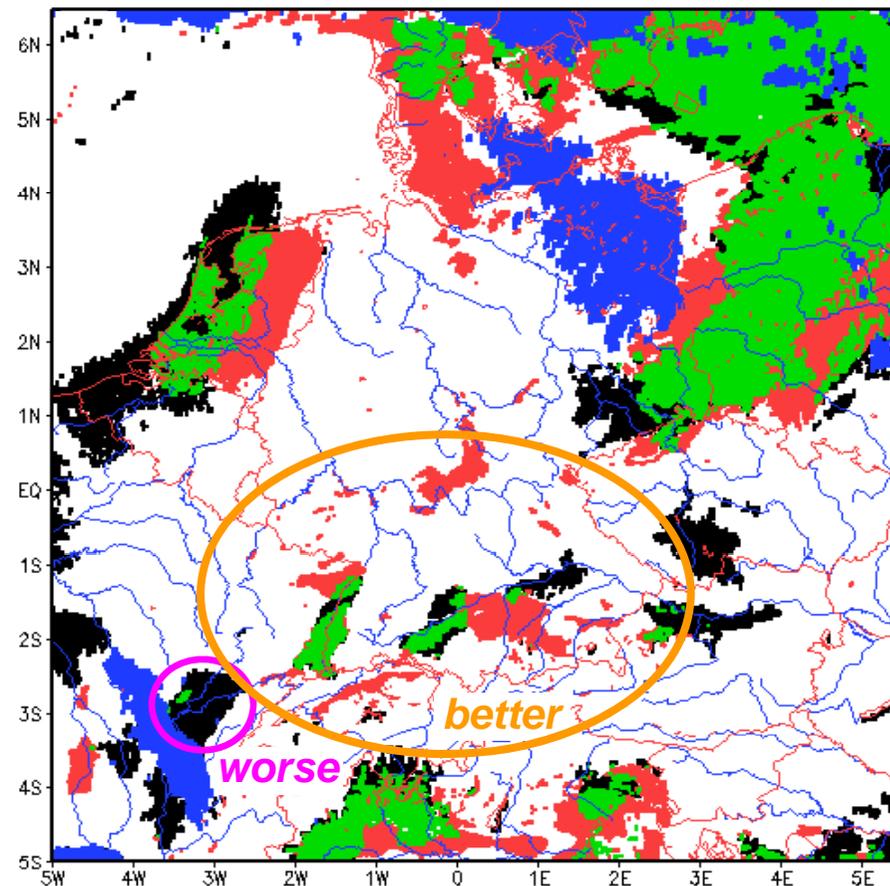
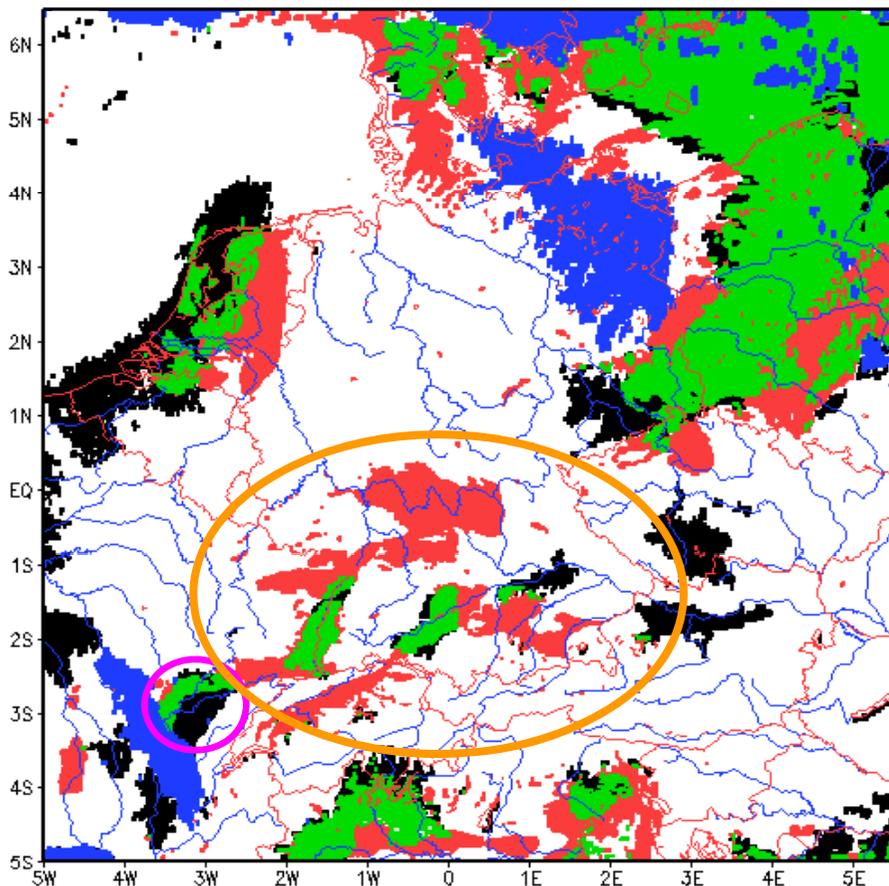
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**correct cloudy** / **correct cloud-free** / **missed events** / **false alarms** / **undefined (observed higher cloud)**

missed (black): 14148 false (red): 18256 hits (green): 24156 unclear (blue): 10744  
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ETS: 0.337 FBI: 1.042

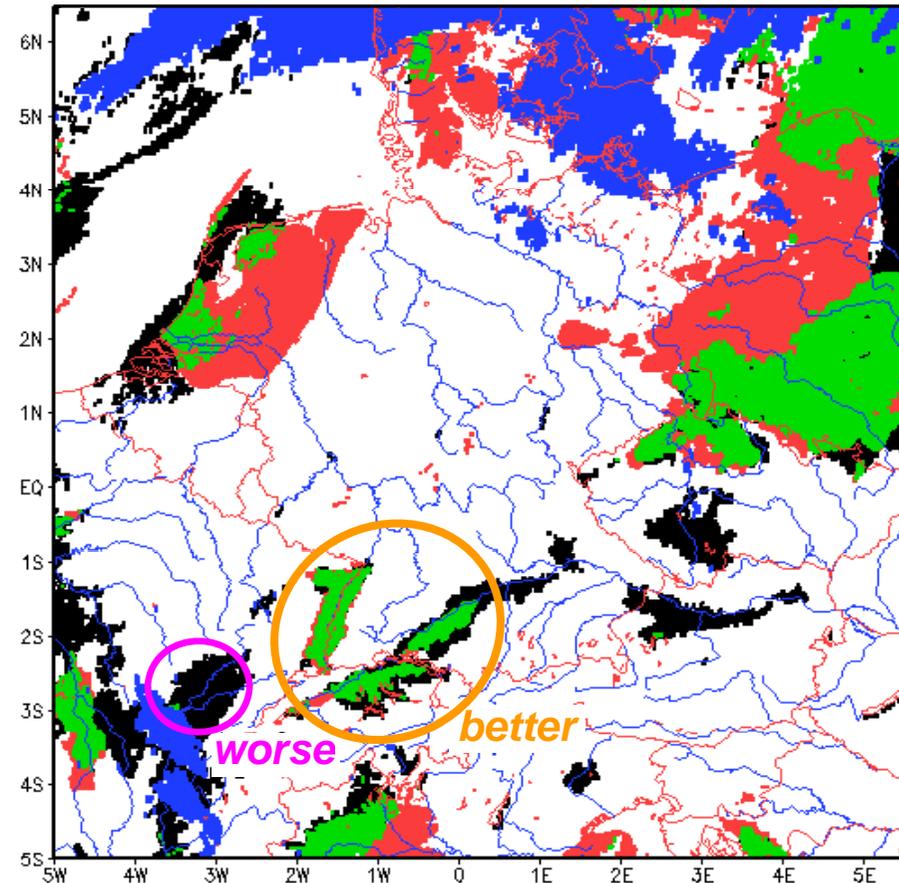
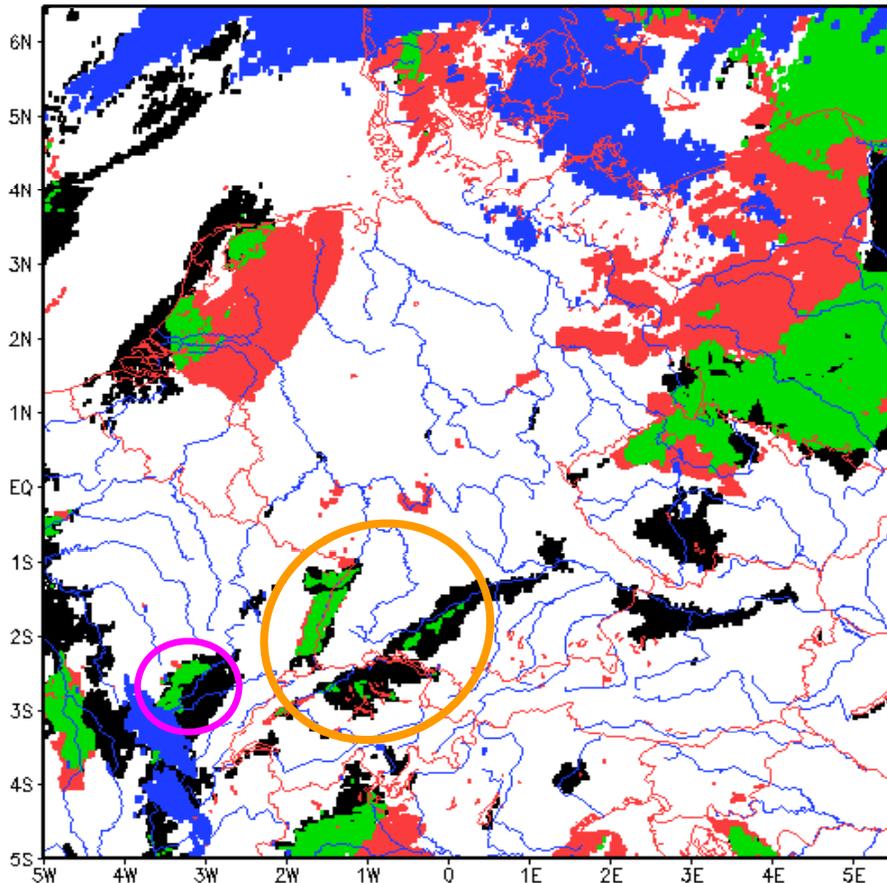
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exp\_8000.05\_HR\_det\_2016122918+06h  
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**correct cloudy** / **correct cloud-free** / **missed events** / **false alarms** / **undefined (observed higher cloud)**

missed (black): 14337 false (red): 18040 hits (green): 14081 unclear (blue): 14042

ETS: 0.217 FBI: 1.130

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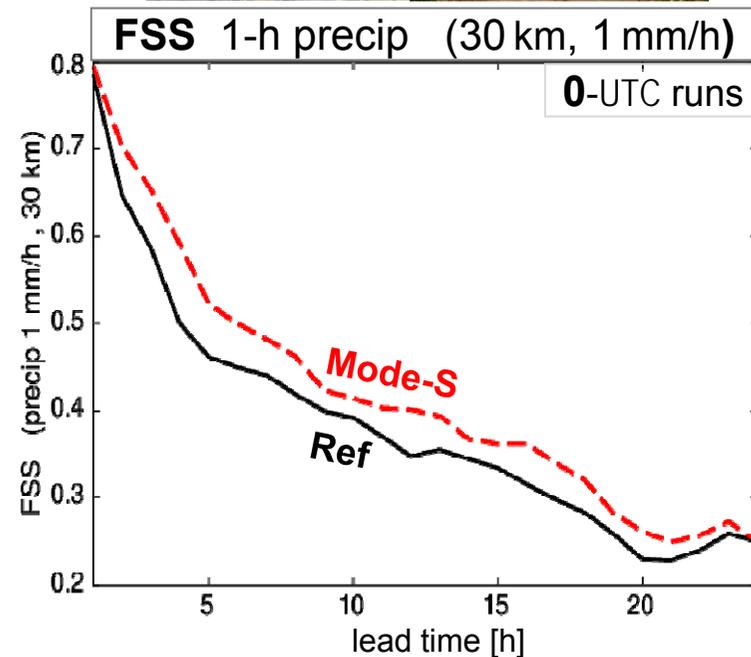
ETS: 0.252 FBI: 1.141

# Impact of Mode-S aircraft: summary

- ✓ impact of Mode-S depends on weather situation:  
from very slightly to  
clearly positive for
  - (radiative) low stratus
  - convective precipitation in summer →

→ Mode-S operational 4 October 2017

26 May – 10 June 2016



# Mode-S aircraft: winter test, low-level cloud (low stratus)

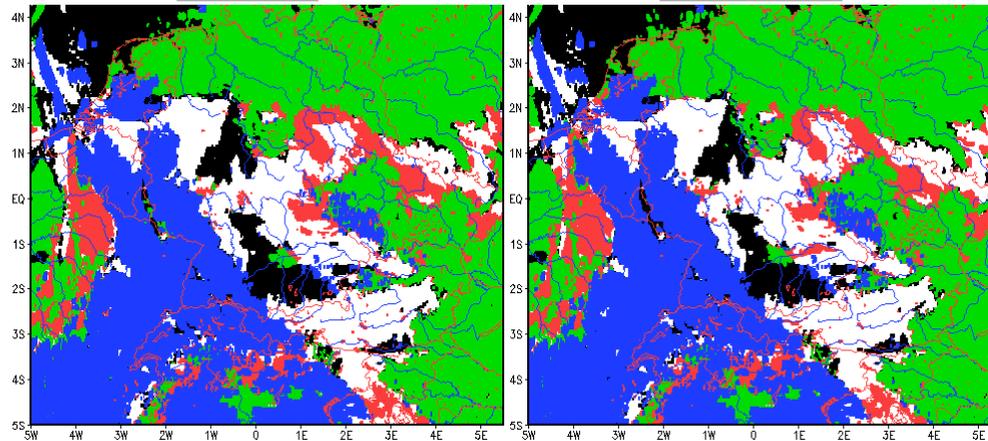
Dec. 2016

6-h forecasts for  
20 Dec., 18 UTC

(pseudo first guess  
w.r.t. radiosondes)

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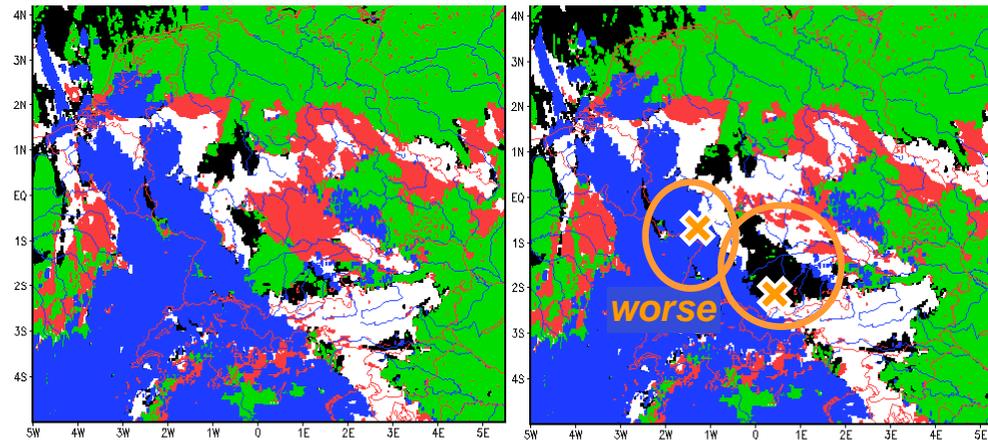
Mode-S



Satellite:  
Model:  
missed (black): 35010 false (red): 17226 hits (green): 70979 unclear (blue): 3  
ETS: 0.179 FBI: 0.832

Satellite:  
Model:  
missed (black): 36054 false (red): 17304 hits (green): 69935 unclear (blue): 3  
ETS: 0.171 FBI: 0.823

analyses for  
20 Dec., 18 UTC



Satellite:  
Model:  
missed (black): 25078 false (red): 21965 hits (green): 80911 unclear (blue): 3  
ETS: 0.195 FBI: 0.970

Satellite:  
Model:  
missed (black): 28577 false (red): 19405 hits (green): 77412 unclear (blue): 3  
ETS: 0.200 FBI: 0.913

✗ → radiosonde locations,  
where humidity obs  
at cloud top  
are rejected  
with Mode-S  
(T obs are rejected  
in both exp.)

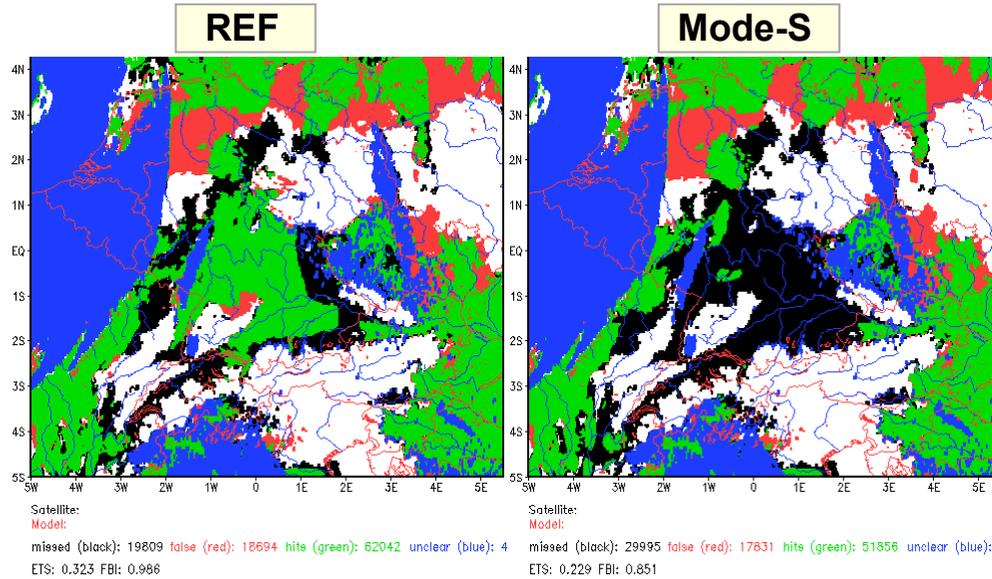
reason: with Mode-S  
– slightly larger  $\sigma$  – f.g. (RH)  
– slightly smaller spread

correct cloudy / correct cloud-free / missed events / false alarms / undefined

# Mode-S aircraft: winter test, low-level cloud (low stratus)

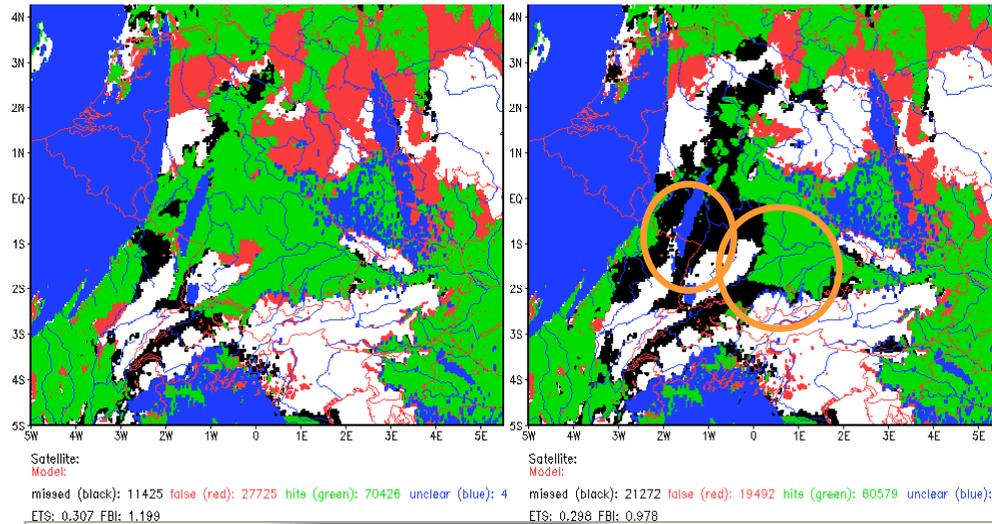
Dec. 2016

12-h forecasts for  
21 Dec., 06 UTC



→ 1 dramatically  
degraded forecast

6-h forecasts for  
21 Dec., 06 UTC



→ next forecast  
(after using  
0-UTC radiosondes)  
still degraded,  
but much less

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# Quality control: Revision of first guess check thresholds

first guess check: reject obs  $T_o$  if:  
(here: for temperature)

$$|T_o - T_{fg}| > \Delta T_{thresh}$$

up to 12K                      ≤ 4K

threshold:  
(in LETKF)

$$\Delta T_{thresh} = f \cdot \text{std}\{T_o - T_{fg}\} = f \cdot \sqrt{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma_{ens}^2}$$

≤ 4K                      ≤ 1K      ≤ 1K                       $f = 3$

→ strong inversions with wintertime low stratus:  
many correct obs rejected

ensemble spread considers only random errors (as intended)  
strong systematic error: not accounted for

revision:

$$\Delta T_{thresh} = f \cdot \text{std}\{T_o - T_{fg}\} = f \cdot \sqrt{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma_{ens}^2 + \left(\frac{1}{f} \cdot \epsilon_{inv}\right)^2}$$

$$\epsilon_{inv} \cong 0.8 \cdot \Delta T_{inv}$$

(within 25 hPa; tapering above 800 hPa, ....)

$\Delta T_{inv}$ : inversion observed by radiosonde

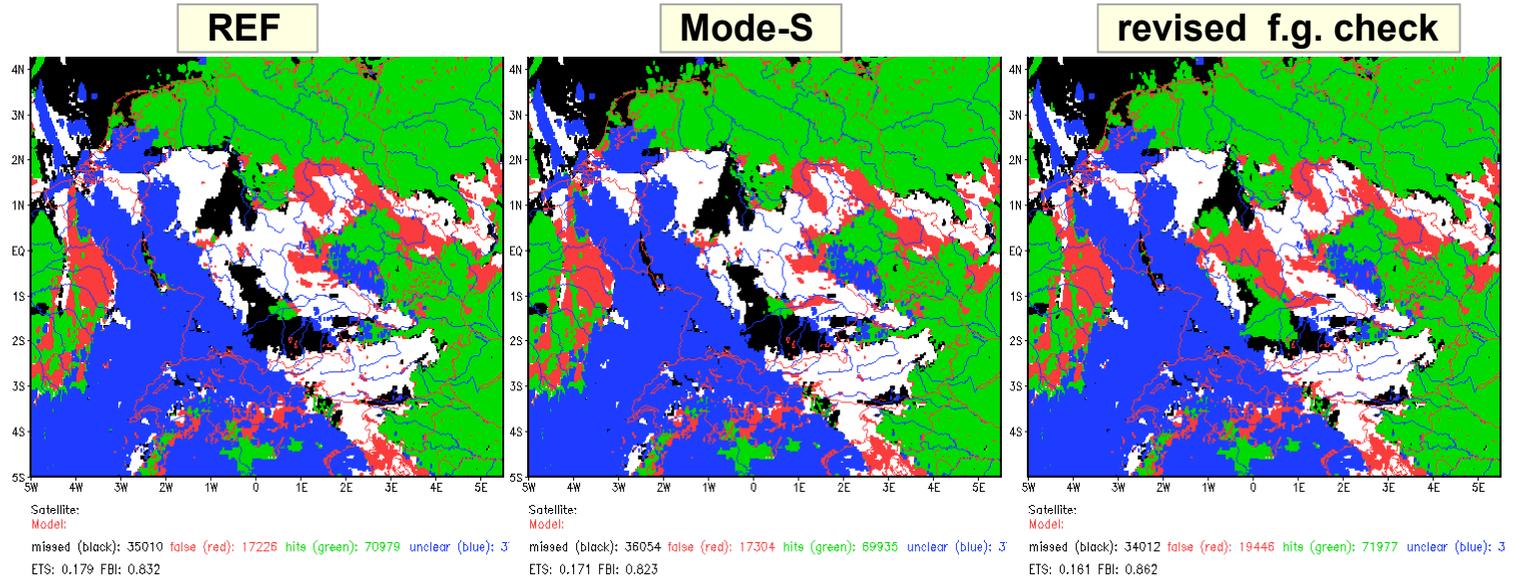
... similar revision for humidity threshold



# Revised first guess check thresholds: winter test, low-level cloud (low stratus)

Dec. 2016

6-h forecasts for  
20 Dec., 18 UTC



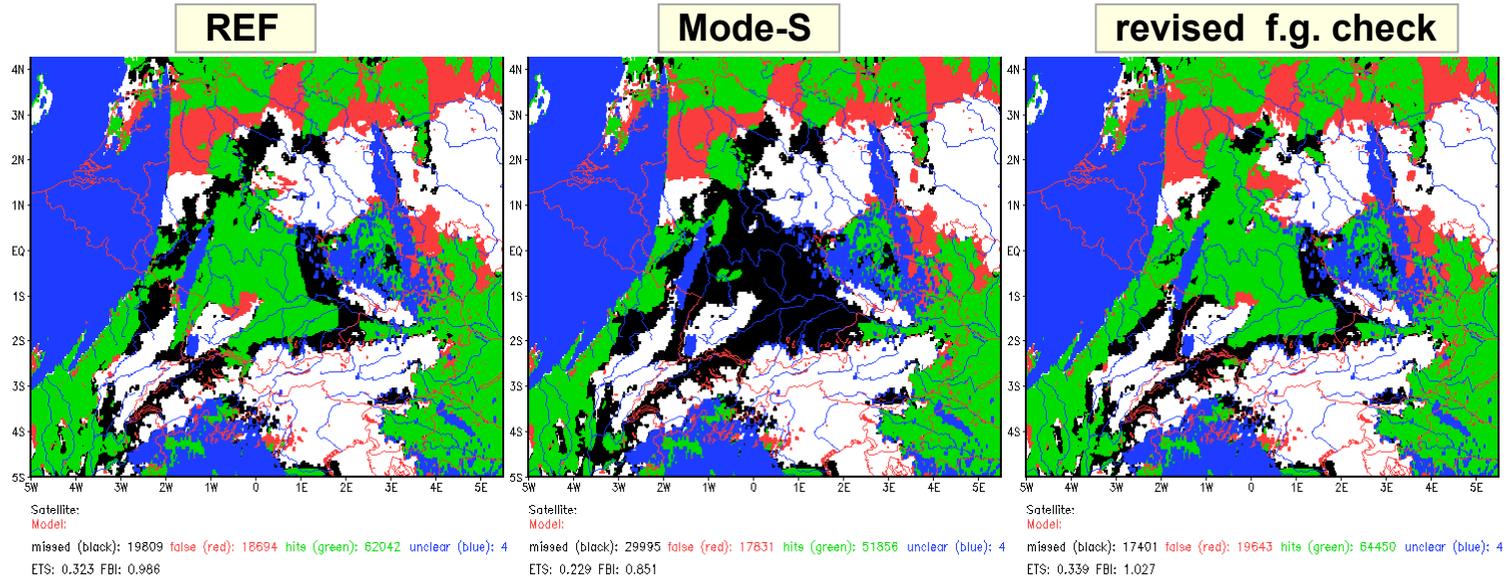
analyses for  
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correct cloudy / correct cloud-free / missed events / false alarms / undefined

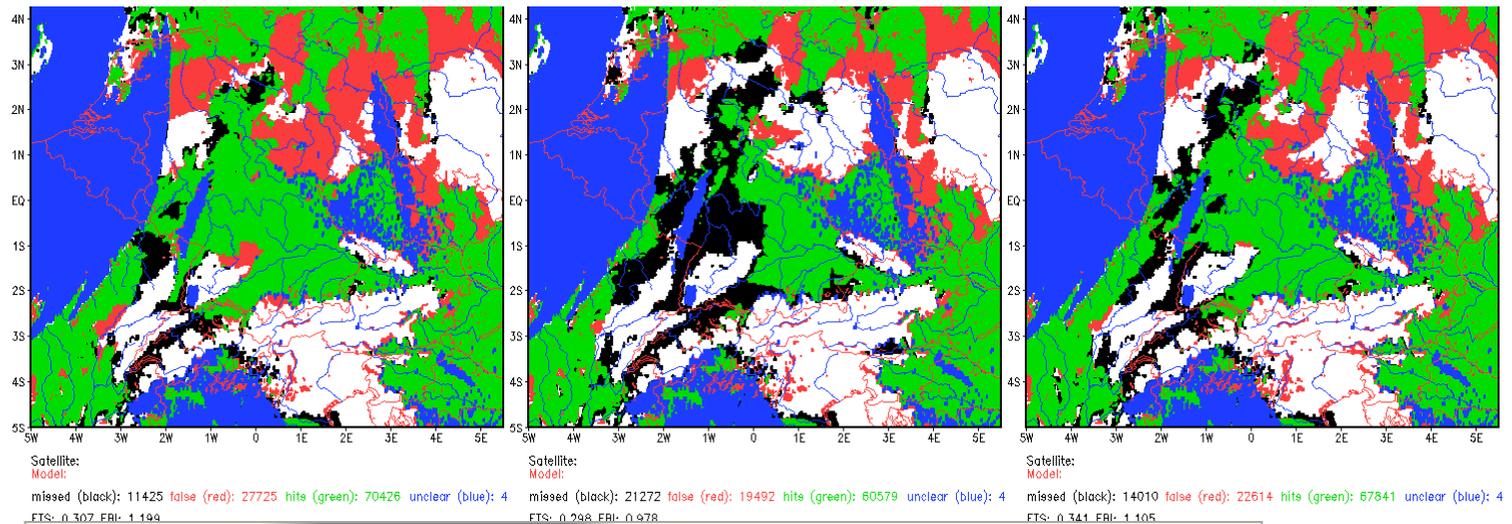
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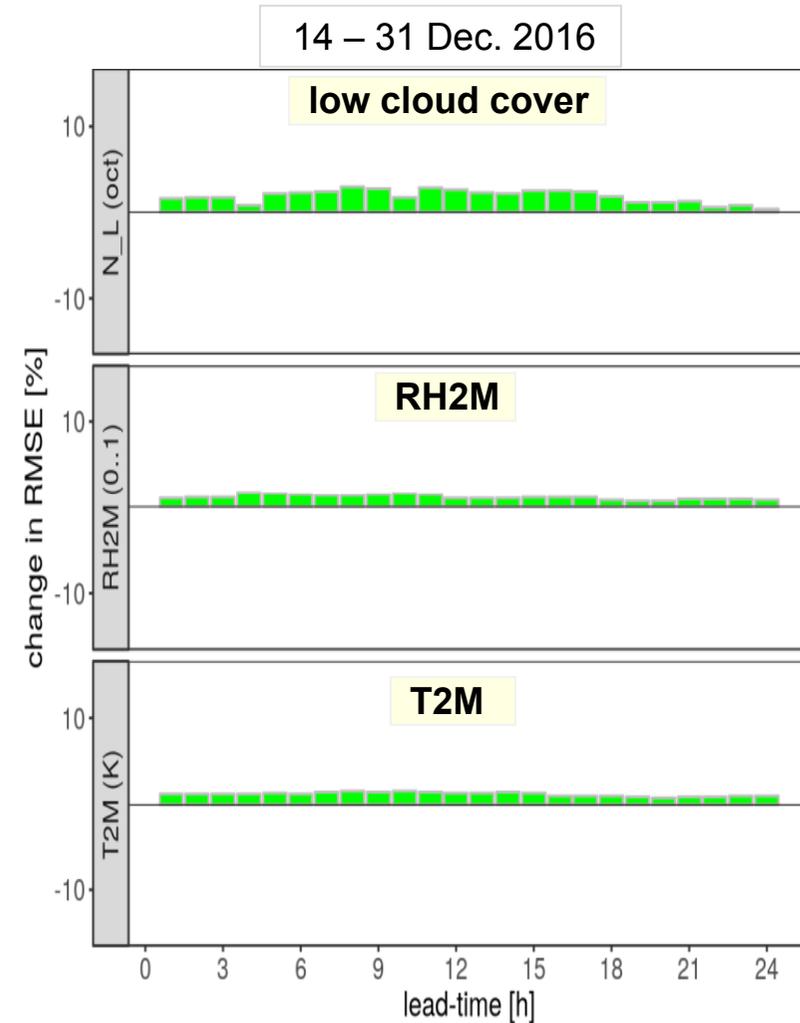


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# Revised first guess check thresholds: winter test

revised first guess check thresholds:

- ✓ positive impact on low stratus
- ✓ slightly positive for T2M, RH2M
- ✓ to be implemented in official code and to be tested further



important for low stratus / strong inversions  
(presence of strong systematic errors):

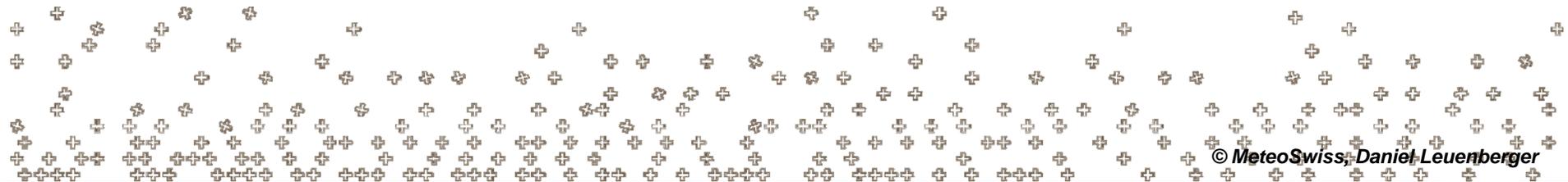
- ✓ additive covariance inflation
- ✓ additional data: Mode-S
- ✓ adjust quality control (for radiosondes)

# KENDA Activities at MeteoSwiss (1)



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- **KENDA tests with COSMO in single precision (SP)**
  - SP data assimilation part of COSMO in KENDA mode works fine, (but problems in nudging mode)
  - neutral results in all forecast verifications
  - **but: slow drift of soil temperature and moisture in KENDA cycle**  
→ **potential problems in TERRA with SP**
- **assimilation of temperature and humidity profiles from Raman Lidar at Payerne (Task 2.7)**
  - large benefit in a case study of convection
  - less impact in a case study of fog

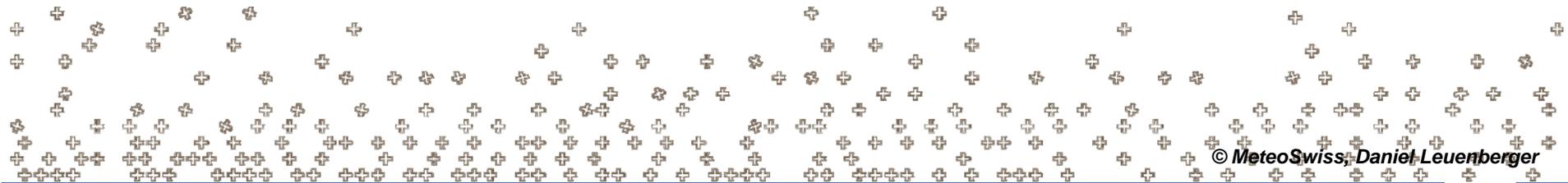


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# KENDA Activities at MeteoSwiss (2)

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- KENDA tests with **additive covariance inflation (ACI)**  
(derived from climatological B-matrix of **global** ICON-3DVar of DWD;  
purpose: account for model error and thus improve ensemble spread)
  - large benefit for analyses (closer to observations)
  - benefit in forecasts less clear:
    - neutral or mixed impact already in first guess (more positive in winter)
    - reduction of T<sub>2m</sub> and Td<sub>2m</sub> spread in summer (?)
- towards a **climatological B-Matrix from COSMO data** (Task 1 + 4)

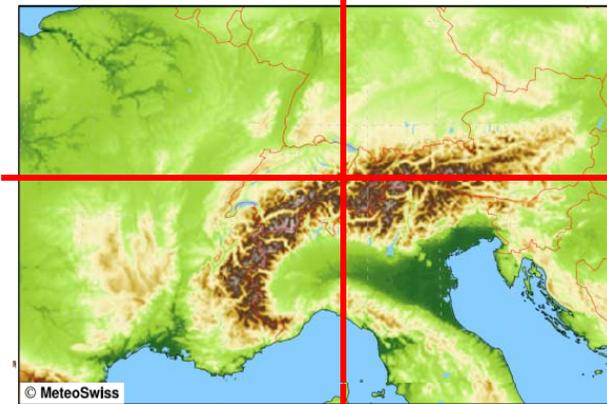


# towards a climatological B- (background error covariance) matrix from COSMO data

Claire Merker, Daniel Leuenberger



- KENDA additive covariance inflation (ACI) (to account for model error)
  - currently: climatol. background error covariance from global ICON
  - plan: climatol. background error covariance specific to limited-area COSMO
- NMC method: differences between forecasts valid at same time with different lead times
  - as proxy for background errors → for 3DVar for ICON-LAM (→ Task 4)
  - as proxy for model errors: → for ACI in LETKF (→ Task 1)
- comparison COSMO ( $\approx 2\text{km}$ ) with IFS HRES ( $\approx 9\text{km}$ , driving model)
  - assess differences of error correlation patterns in global and limited area model
  - exemplary results along South-North and West-East cross-sections through the COSMO-E domain



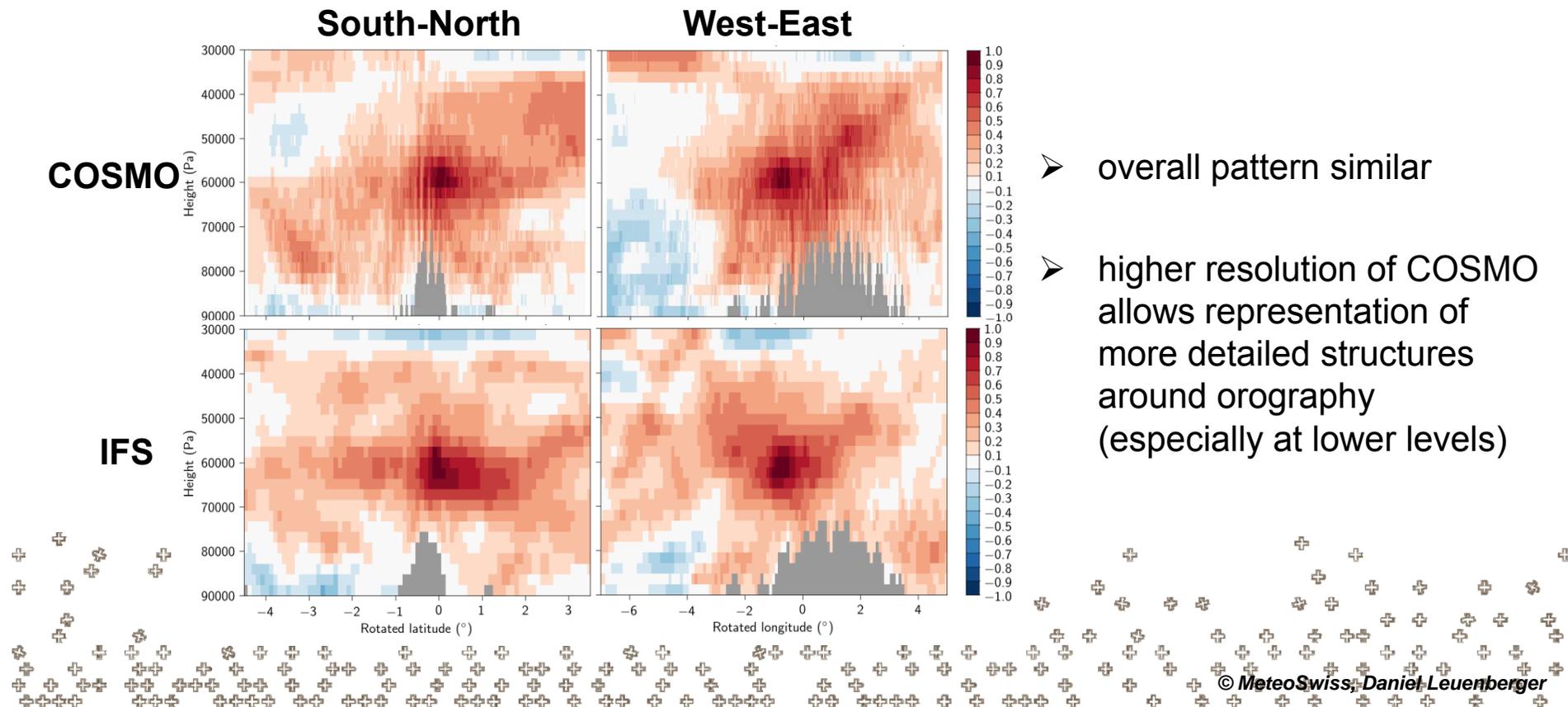
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# towards a climatological B- (background error covariance) matrix from COSMO data



background / model error correlations in COSMO vs. IFS

- lead time difference:  $\mathbf{x}^{30h} - \mathbf{x}^{6h}$
- period: March 2017
- (auto-)correlation of temperature, with grid pt. 47.0°N, 8.97°E, 600hPa



# towards a climatological $\mathbf{B}$ - (background error covariance) matrix from COSMO data

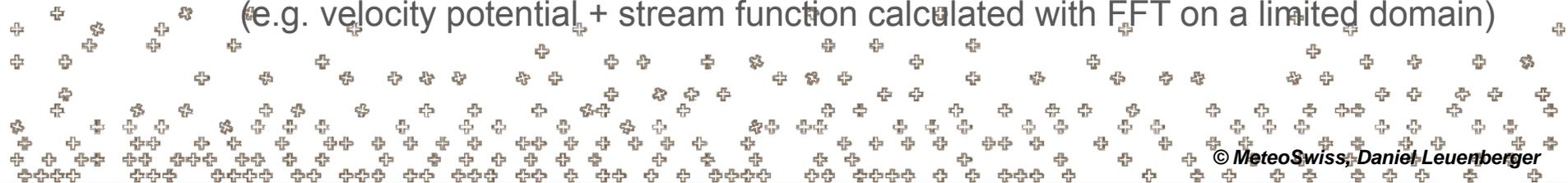


- expected benefits of climatological background / model error covariance matrix specific to limited area COSMO:
  - better representation of small-scale features
  - better consideration of orographic effects
  - improvements for KENDA especially in boundary layer and for short lead times
- computation of climatological  $\mathbf{B}$ -matrix for limited area domain:
  - more generic approach needed compared to global model (for balances, e.g. height-dependent geostrophic coupling and correlation scales, ...)

→ need to identify the relevant balances

➤ work in progress at MeteoSwiss and DWD

(e.g. velocity potential + stream function calculated with FFT on a limited domain)



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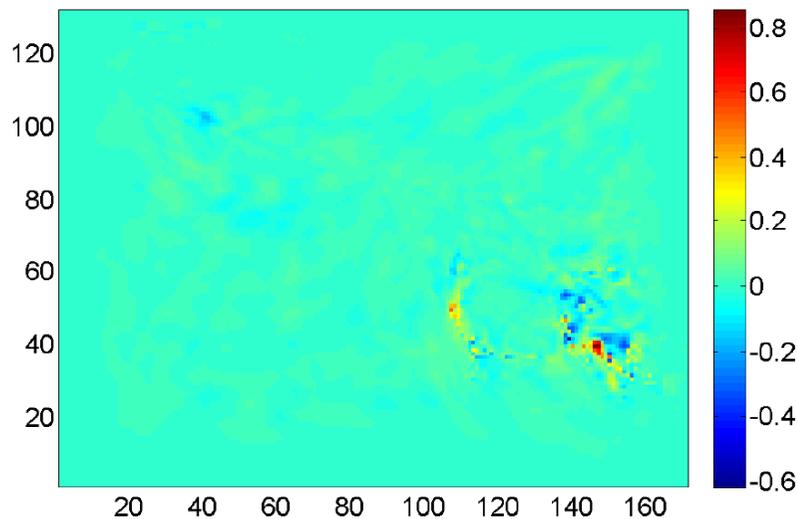


**SPPT: Stochastic Perturbations of Physical Tendencies**

multiplicative → SPPT pert. can be small where errors large (e.g. missing convection)

implies that relationships betw. the physical tendencies of different variables are error-free

2 d 00 h 00 min field T, SPPT

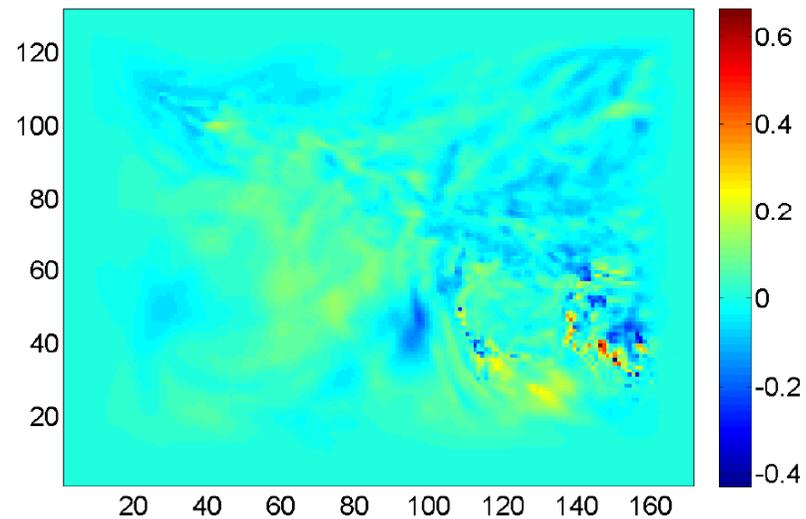


**AMPT: Additive Model-error perturbations scaled by Physical Tendencies**

complement with additive perturbations, magnitude depends on average size of phys. tendencies

use independent driving random fields by 4D SPG for different model variables (T, u, v, p, qv, qc, qi)

2 d 00 h 00 min field T, SPG



- AMPT pert. less localized (more spatially uniform) than SPPT pert., magnitudes comparable
- no significant biases due to AMPT pert. detected
- first results (11 days): in ensemble forecasts, the new schemes can outperform SPPT



Task 2: extended use of observations:  
ongoing

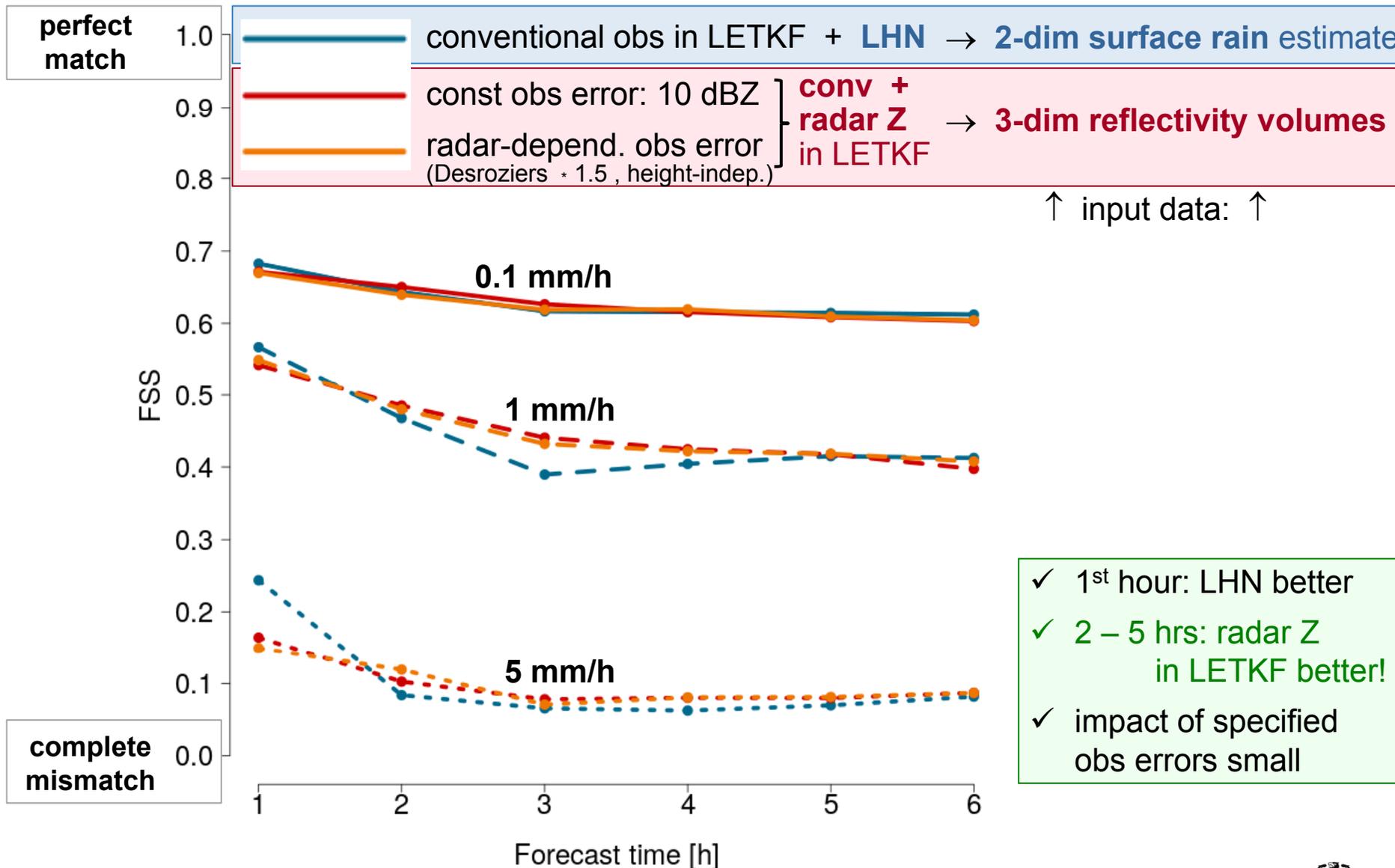


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→ promising



# Task 2.1: radar reflectivity impact experiment (3 – 6 Feb. 2017, 8 daily forecasts)



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- ✓ **GPS slant total delay:**
  - (error-free) bias correction & blacklisting of stations important
  - small positive impact on precip, upper-air wind, 2-m temperature + humidity, cloud
- ✓ **SEVIRI WV,** currently focusing on **clear-sky** (but in future also using cloudy data):  
bias correction important, small consistent positive impact, needs more work
- ✓ **T2M, RH2M:** preparatory work; more resources in 2019
- ✓ **Mode-S aircraft :** operational
- ✓ **Raman lidar (T-, q- profiles):** first case study with positive impact

in WG1:

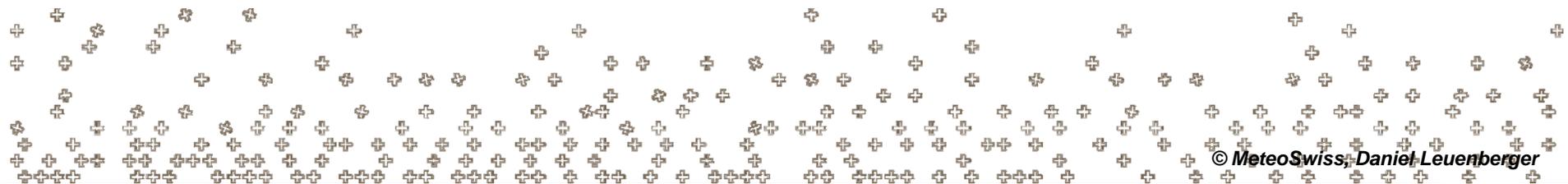
- ✓ **SEVIRI VIS** (→ cloud): first impact exp. (18 days), slightly improved cloud, precip, T2M,  
surface pressure, upper-air fields, etc.

## Task 2.7: Ground-based remote sensing observations: Raman Lidar

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- lack of temperature and humidity obs in PBL
- Raman Lidar can provide **temperature** and **humidity profiles** with high temporal and vertical resolution
- at MeteoSwiss: 1 Lidar at Payerne, average availability of 60 %, data quality approaching that of radiosondes
- 2 case studies: 1 low stratus case
  - + 1 convective case:
    - 12 hours of 1-hrly KENDA assimilation cycle on 24 Aug. 2017, 00 – 12 UTC
      - CONV (LEKTF with conventional obs + radar precip by LHN)
      - LIDAR (additional assimilation of Lidar T and RH profiles)
    - COSMO-E forecasts (CTRL + ensemble) started at 12UTC



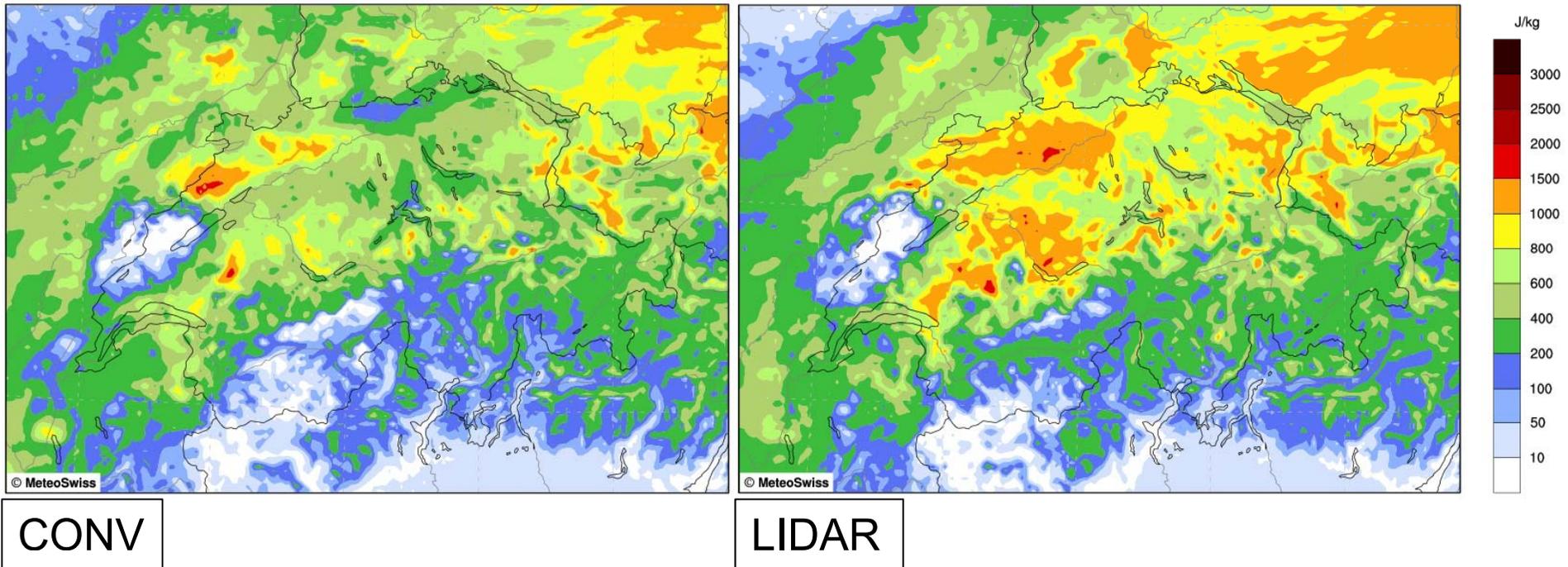
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## Task 2.7: Ground-based remote sensing obs, Raman Lidar: experiment, impact of Lidar obs on analysis mean



Pre-convective Environment:

**CAPE** of analysis mean valid at 12UTC (IC of forecasts)

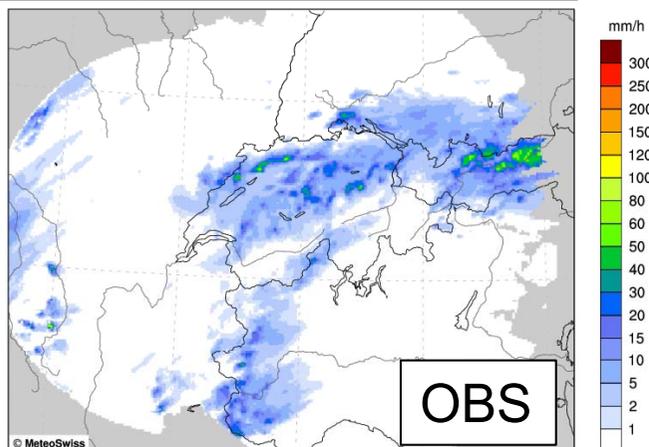
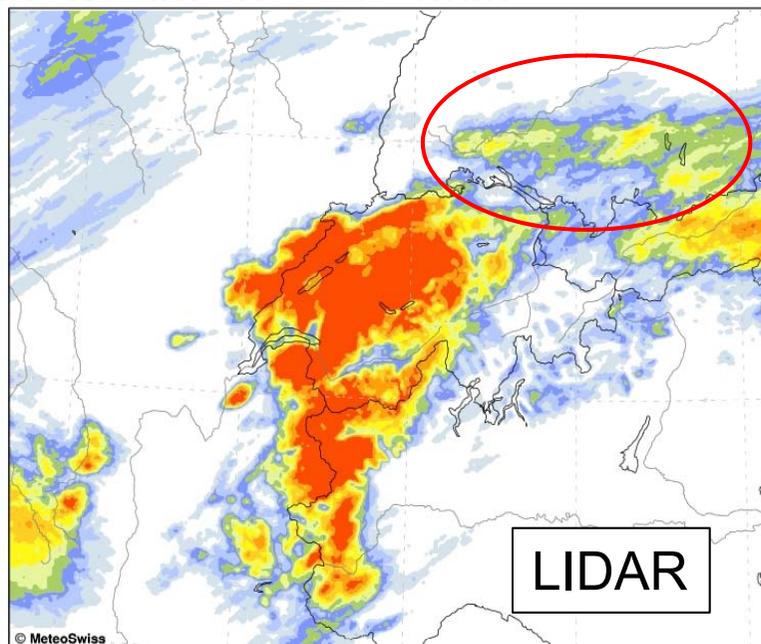
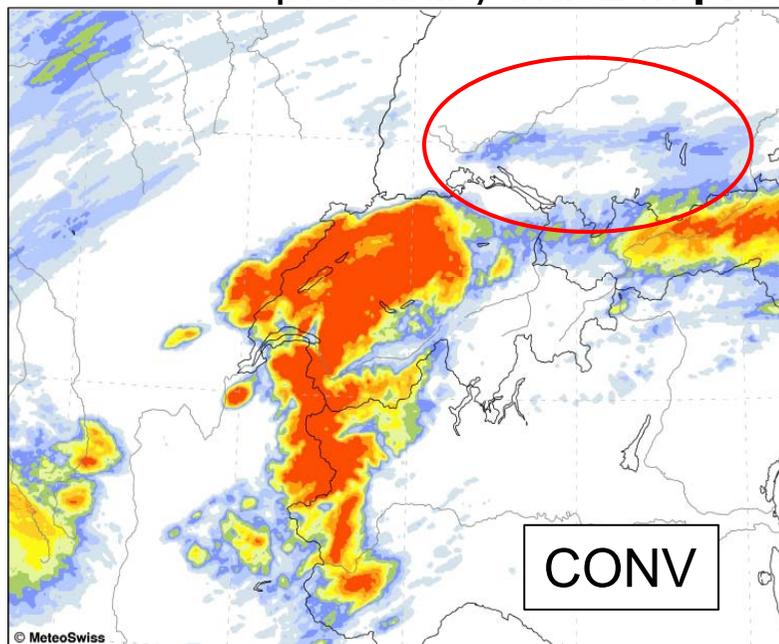


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# Task 2.7: Ground-based remote sensing obs, Raman Lidar: experiment, impact on precipitation forecast



probability that 24h precipitation sum exceeds 1mm

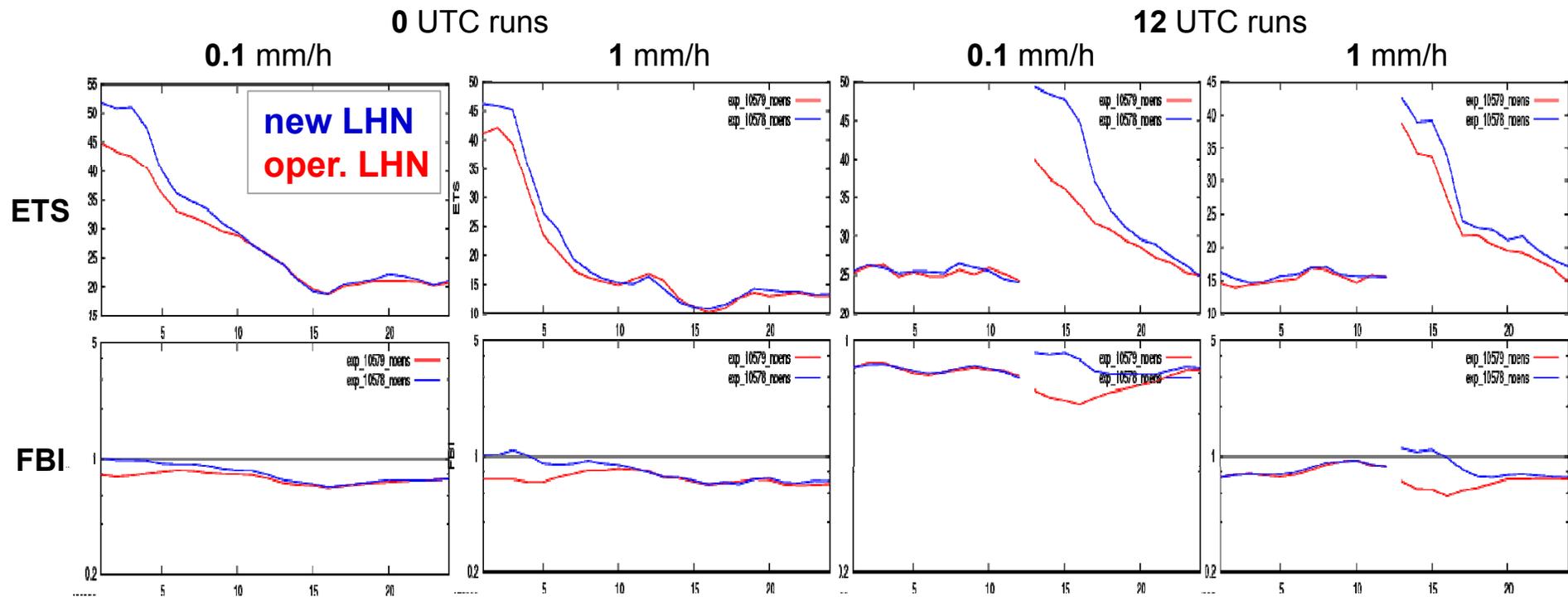


- lidar obs adjust pre-convective environment, resulting in a more skilful precipitation forecast
- low-stratus case: smaller impact (not shown)

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# WG1: Latent heat nudging test of revised version

- revision of LHN for ICON, tested for COSMO for August 2017 (grid point search removed, much larger amplitude of the climatological latent heat profile)
  - much larger trigger to initiate missing convective precip (where convective precip has been produced, the climatological profile is not used any more)



✓ large improvements up to + 12 hrs !  
 ✓ also improved surface pressure, T2M, RH2M

✓ neutral impact in winter period  
 • tested + investigated further



## Task 4.1: KENDA for ICON-LAM (incl. EnVar)

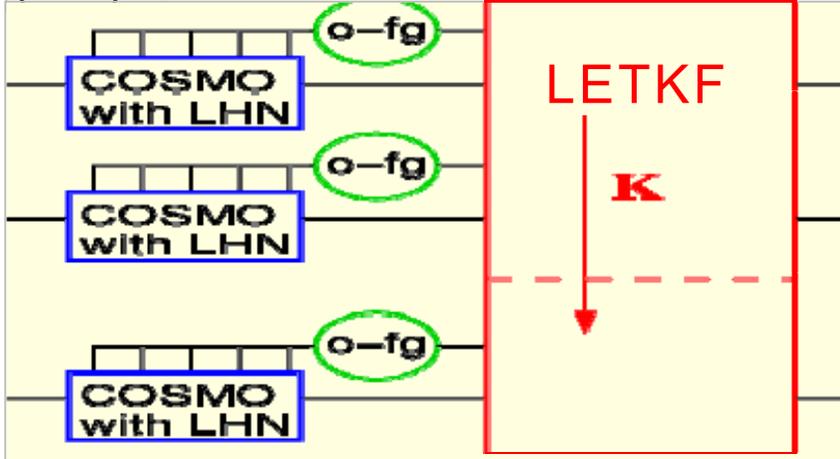
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current KENDA: 4-D LETKF + LHN

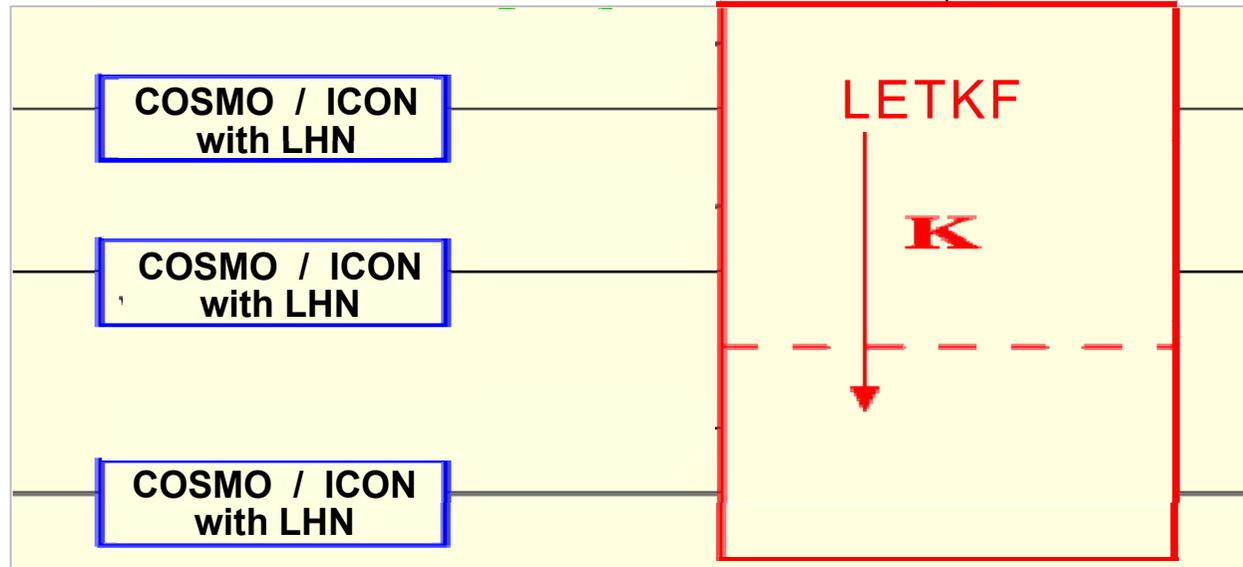
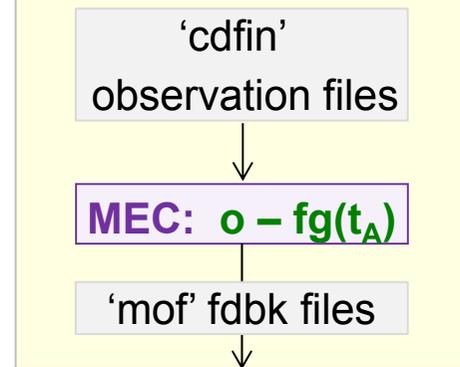
- LHN : technically implemented (without grid point search)  
tuning not yet completed,  
but first tests show positive results
- full 4-D LETKF for ICON-LAM:
  - need to be able to call observation operators from ICON: not yet ready, work in progress
  - **intermediate solution for first testing + tuning: 'MEC-LETKF'** for ICON-LAM

# Task 4.1: KENDA for ICON-LAM 3-D MEC-LETKF

## (4D-) 'ONLINE-LETKF'



## (3D-) 'MEC-LETKF'



MEC-LETKF:  
 $o - fg(t_A)$   
 model equivalents  
 at analysis time  
 → 3-D LETKF



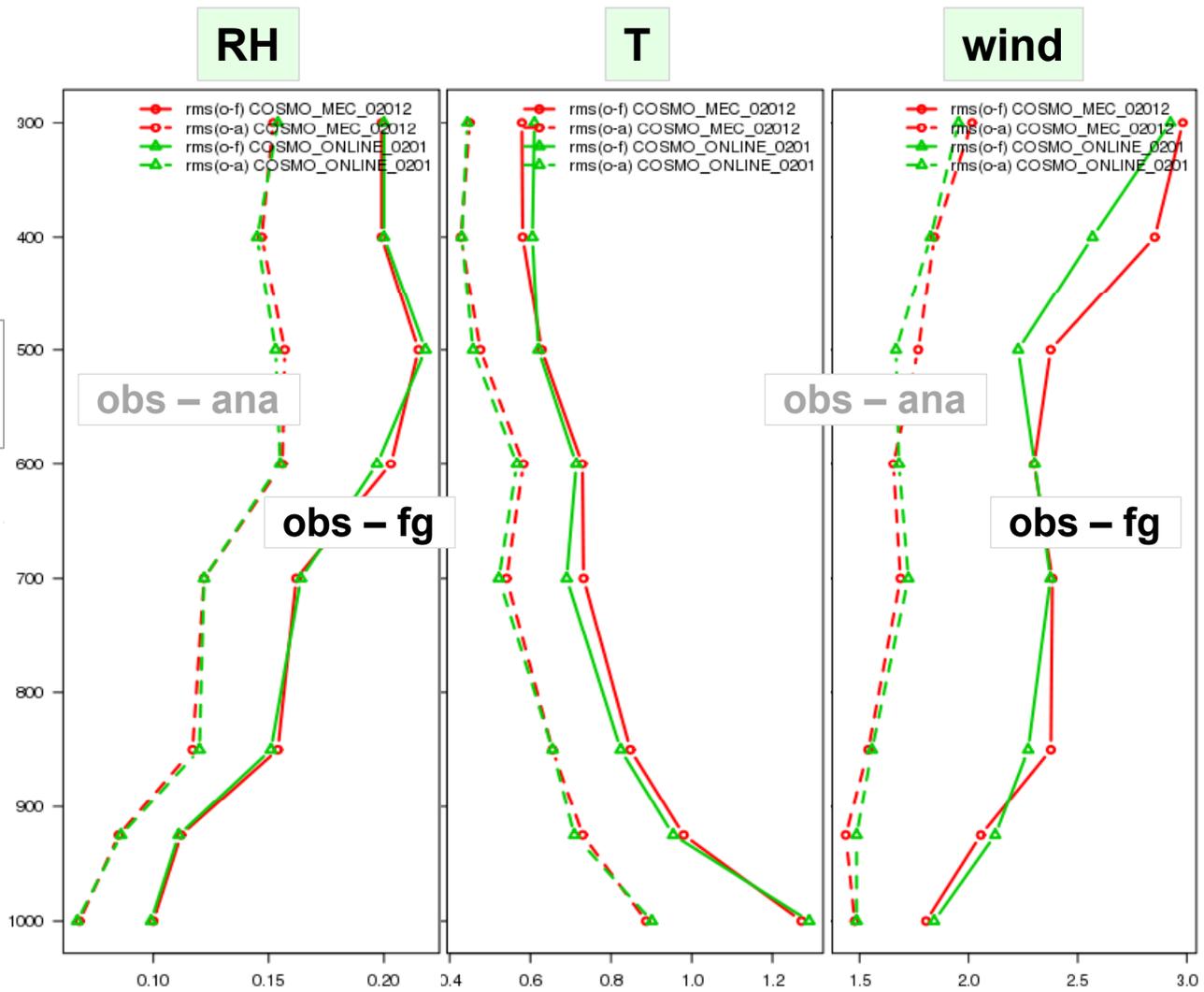
## Task 4.1: KENDA for ICON-LAM ICON-MEC-LETKF

- compare LETKF experiments:
- 4-D COSMO-ONLINE (with COSMO-DE, 2.8 km)
  - 3-D COSMO-MEC (with COSMO-DE, 2.8 km)
  - 3-D ICON-MEC (with ICON-DE 2.5 km)
- same lateral BC (from ICON-EU), LETKF settings (incl. Mode-S), etc.
  - **LHN** switched on, but **in ICON-LAM not used** due to a bug
  - period: 26 – 31 May 2016 → ~ 5 days

# Task 4.1: KENDA for ICON-LAM ICON-MEC-LETKF, first guess statistics

RMSE of 1-h forecast vs. TEMP

**3D COSMO-MEC**  
**4D COSMO-ONLINE**

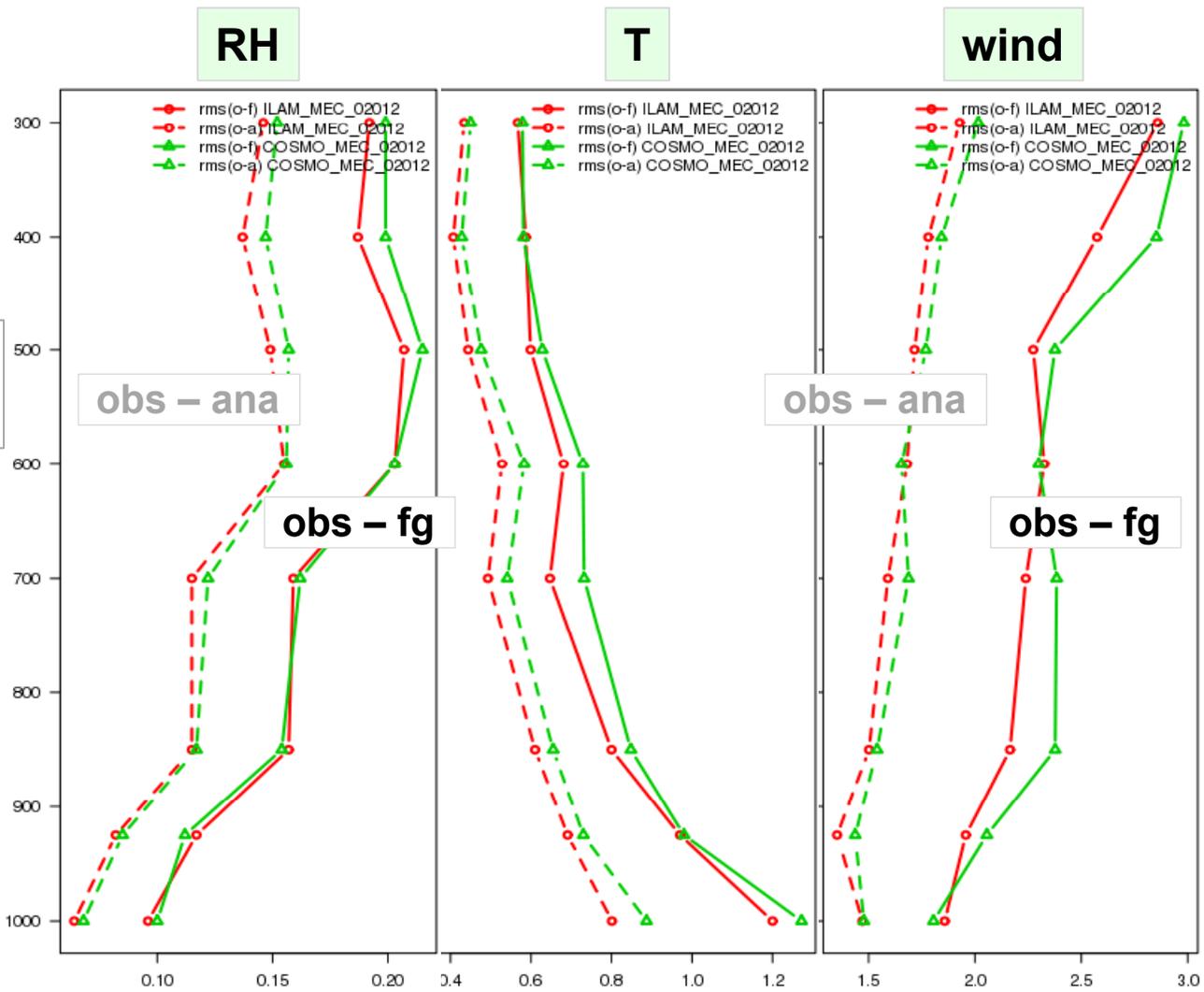


✓ 4-D online LETKF (slightly) better than 3-D MEC-LETKF for T, wind

# Task 4.1: KENDA for ICON-LAM ICON-MEC-LETKF, first guess statistics

RMSE of 1-h forecast vs. TEMP

3D **ICON-MEC**  
3D **COSMO-MEC**

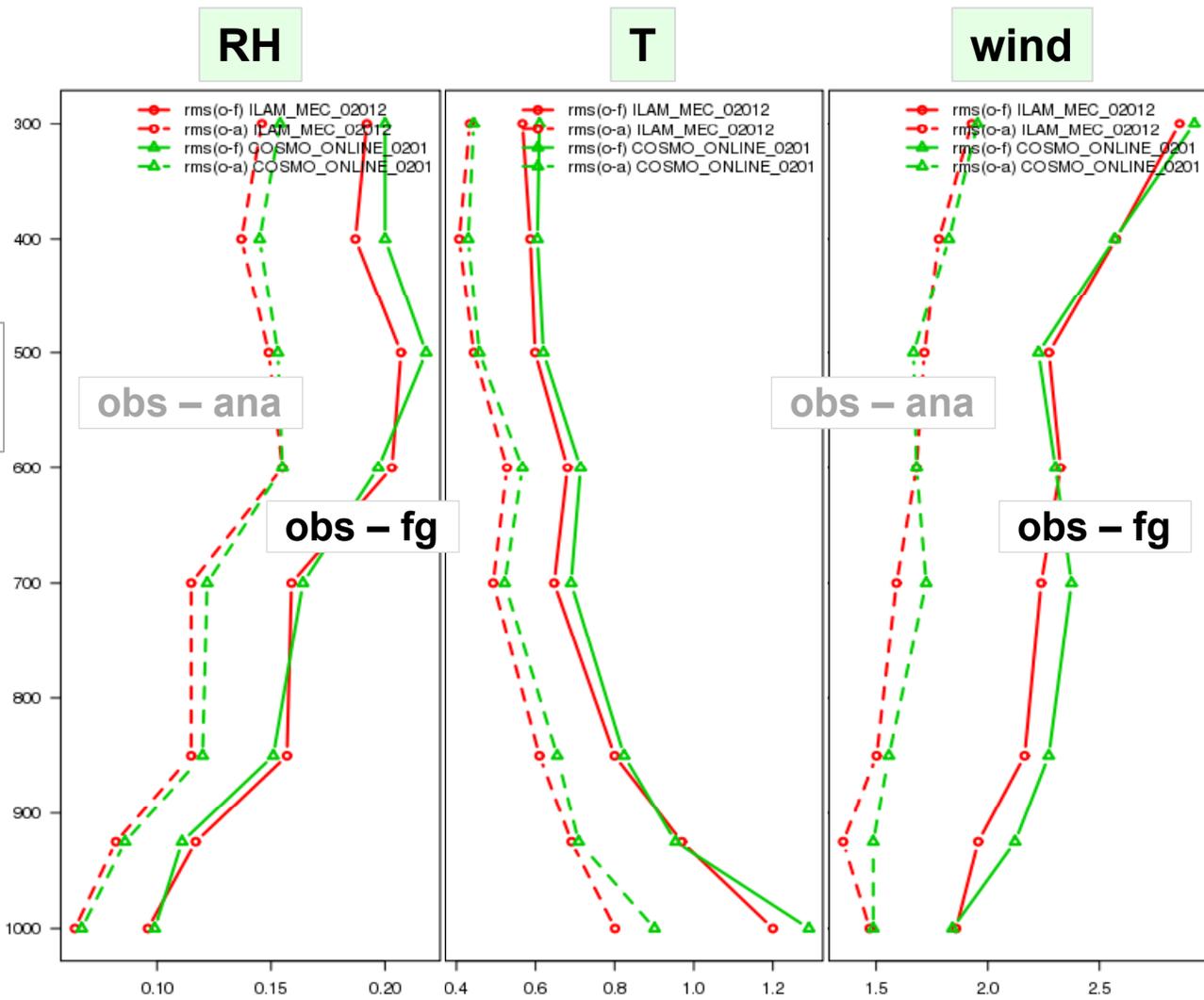


✓ ICON-MEC-LETKF better than COSMO-MEC-LETKF

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**4D-COSMO-ONLINE**



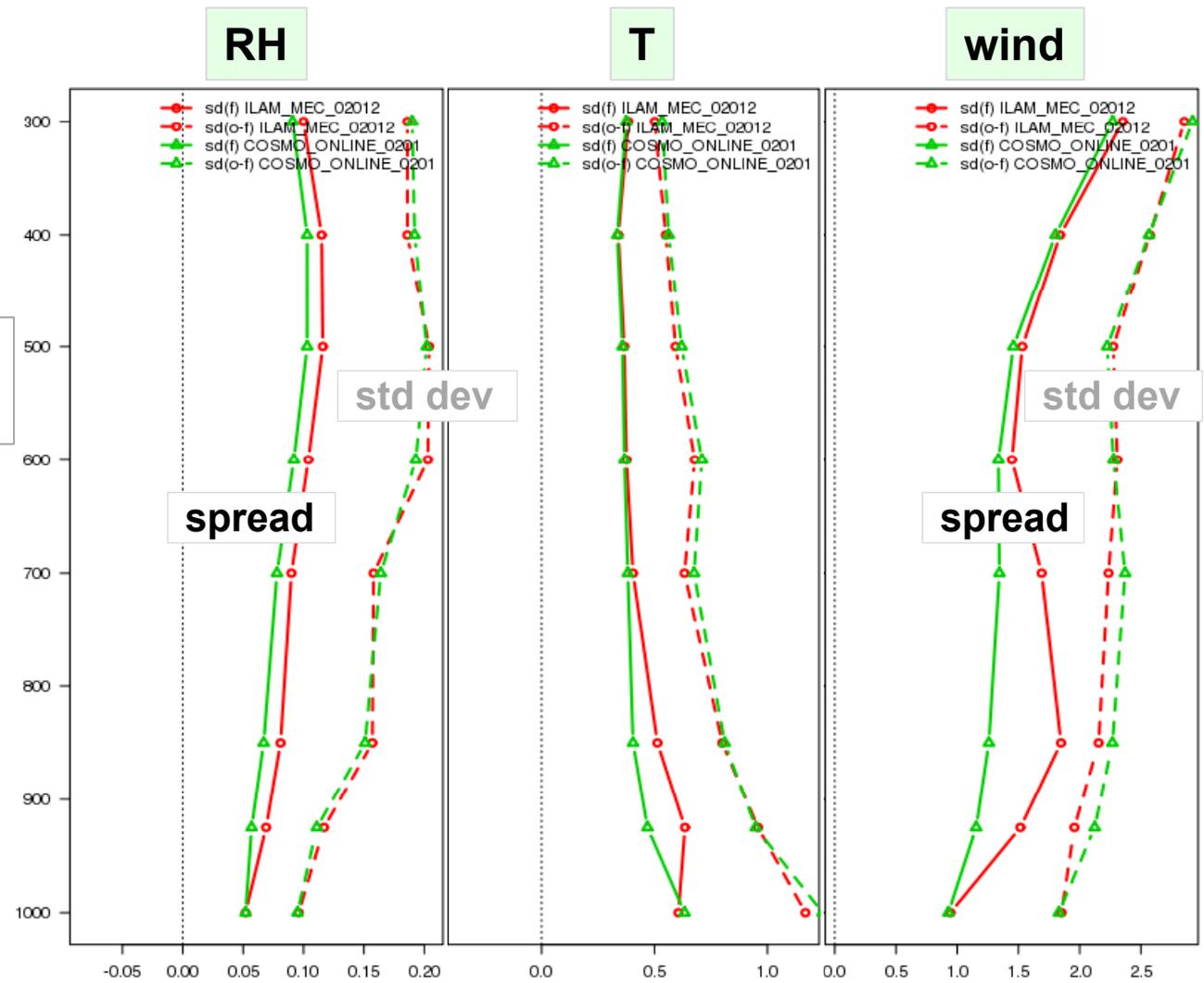
✓ 3D ICON-MEC mostly better 4D COSMO-ONLINE for T, wind; neutral for RH



# Task 4.1: KENDA for ICON-LAM ICON-MEC-LETKF, first guess statistics

spread of 1-h forecast  
& std dev. vs. TEMP

3D ICON-MEC  
4D-COSMO-ONLINE



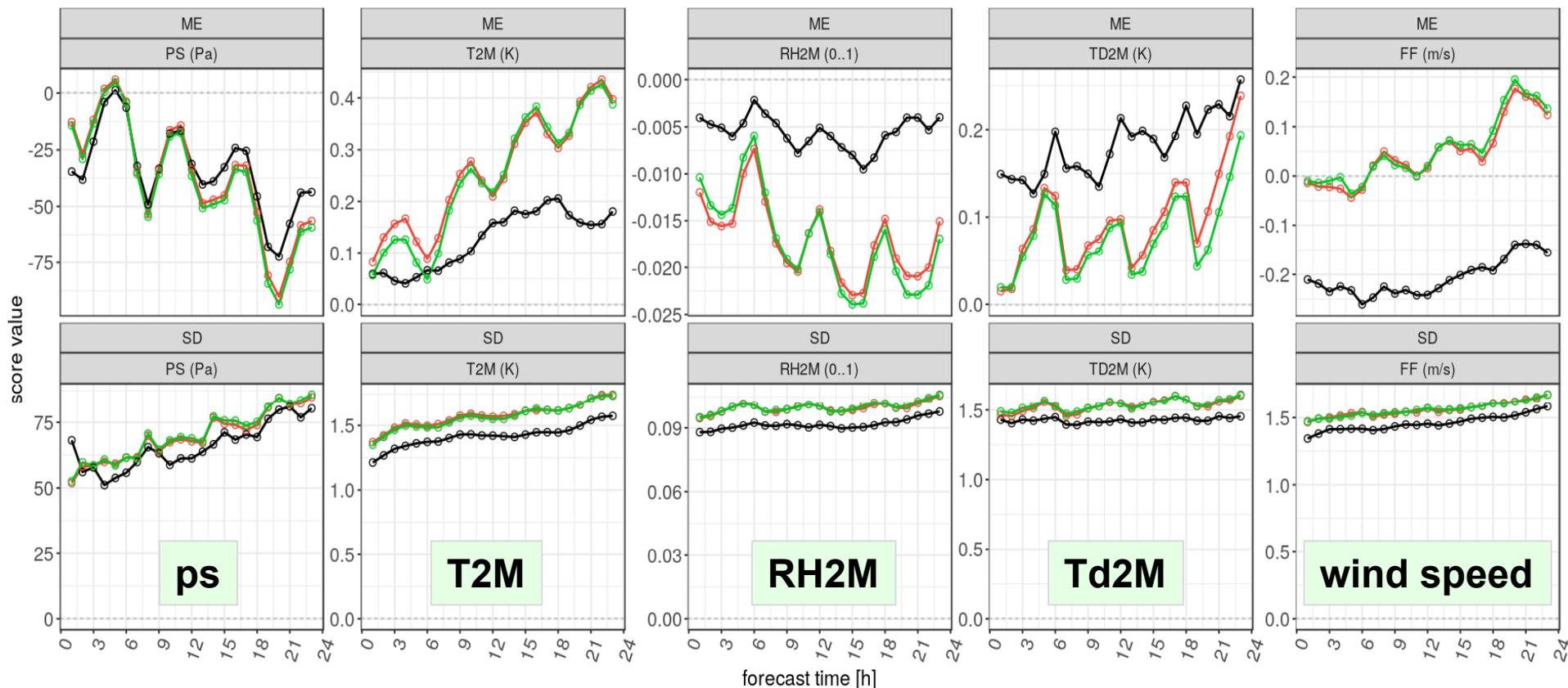
✓ ICON-LETKF has more spread than COSMO-LETKF



# Task 4.1: KENDA for ICON-LAM ICON-MEC-LETKF, surface verification

**3D ICON-MEC**  
**3D COSMO-MEC**  
**4D-COSMO-ONLINE**

2016/05/26-13UTC - 2016/06/01-13UTC  
INI: ALL UTC, DOM: ALL, STAT: ALL



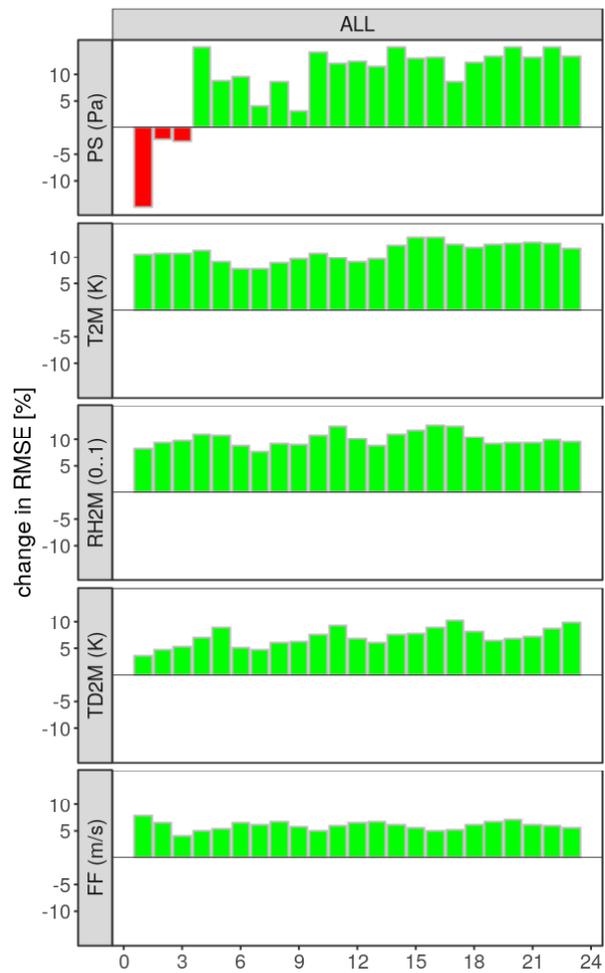
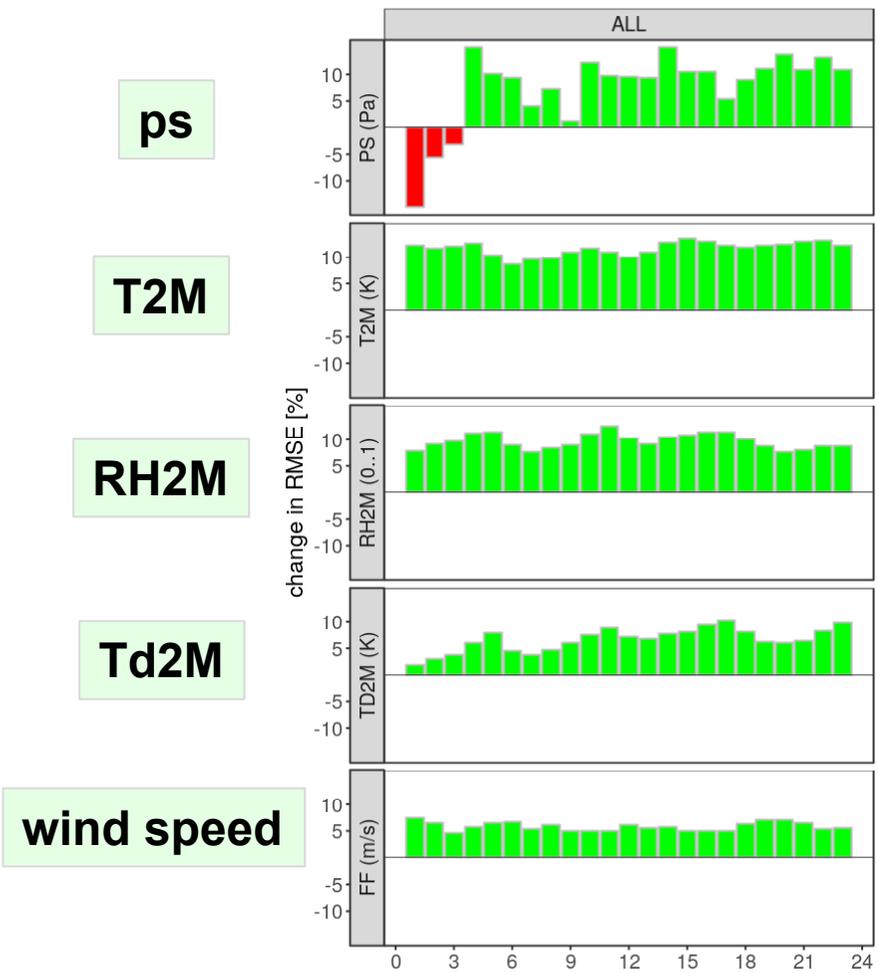
- ✓ ICON-LAM has smaller bias for T2M, RH2M, larger bias for Td2M, 10-m wind
- ✓ ICON-LAM has consistently far smaller random errors



# Task 4.1: KENDA for ICON-LAM ICON-MEC-LETKF, surface verification

## ICON-MEC vs. COSMO-MEC

## 3D-ICON-MEC vs. 4D-COSMO-ONLINE



✓ ICON-LAM much better than COSMO

# Task 4.1: KENDA for ICON-LAM

ICON-MEC-LETKF, radiosonde verification

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## ICON-MEC vs. COSMO-MEC

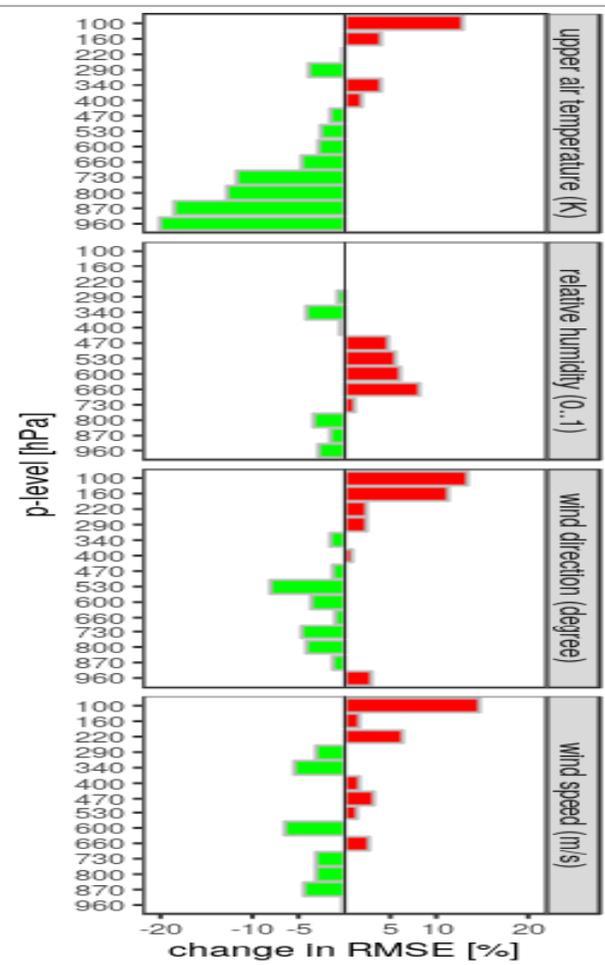
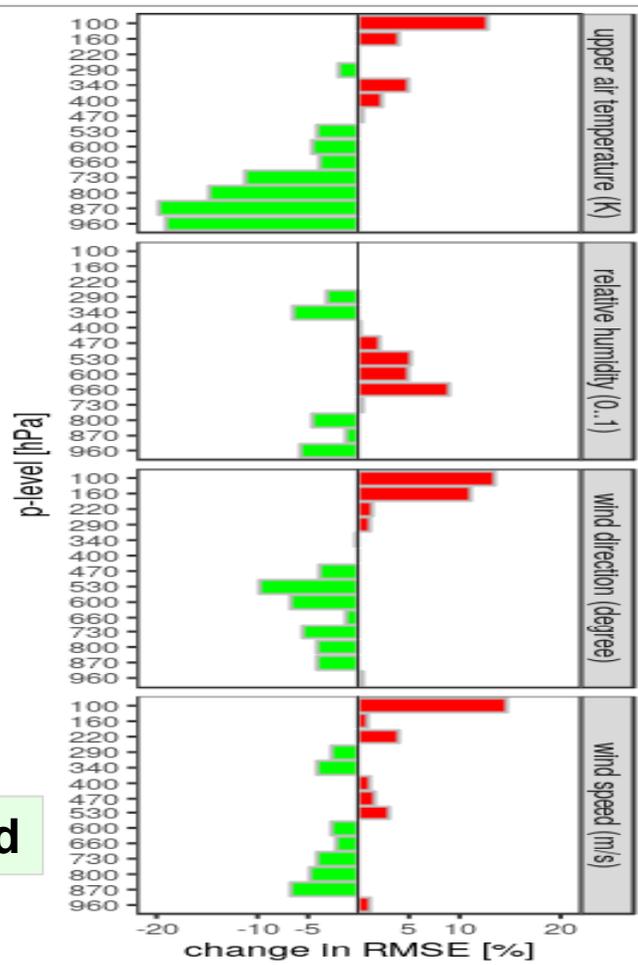
## 3D-ICON-MEC vs. 4D-COSMO-ONLINE

T

RH

wind dir.

wind speed



- ✓ ICON-LAM much better than COSMO in troposphere, esp. temperature (bias !)
- ✓ ICON-LAM worse in stratosphere, as no relaxation in upper sponge layer to driving model



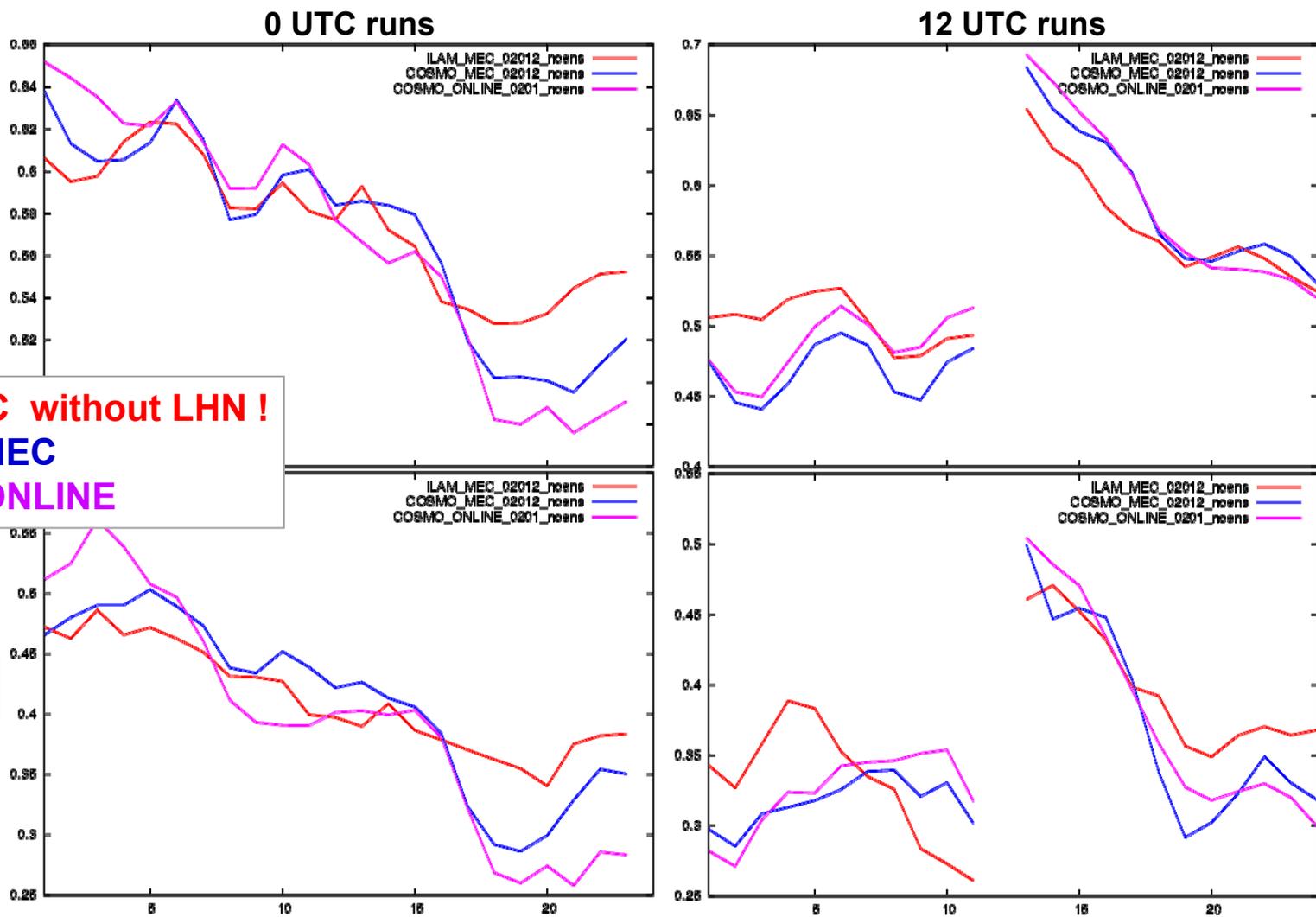
# Task 4.1: KENDA for ICON-LAM ICON-MEC-LETKF, radar precip verif.

**FSS**  
(11 g.pt.)

**0.1 mm/h**

**3D ICON-MEC without LHN !**  
**3D COSMO-MEC**  
**4D-COSMO-ONLINE**

**1 mm/h**



✓ ICON-LAM comparable to COSMO, despite being penalised without LHN in first few hours



- ICON-LAM-LETKF:
  - ICON-LAM with MEC-LETKF already outperforms COSMO for most variables; precipitation should be improved with LHN (currently running)
  - test IAU, hydrostatic balancing of analysis increments to reduce noise
  - tuning of model (e.g. lateral boundary relaxation, ...) and DA settings
- implement ICON-LAM-ONLINE for **4D-LETKF**: obs operators called by ICON
- first version of **3DVar** / **EnVar** runs technically, to be tested + refined, e.g. use of LAM **B**-matrix
- ICON-LAM with KENDA in parallel suite end of 2019

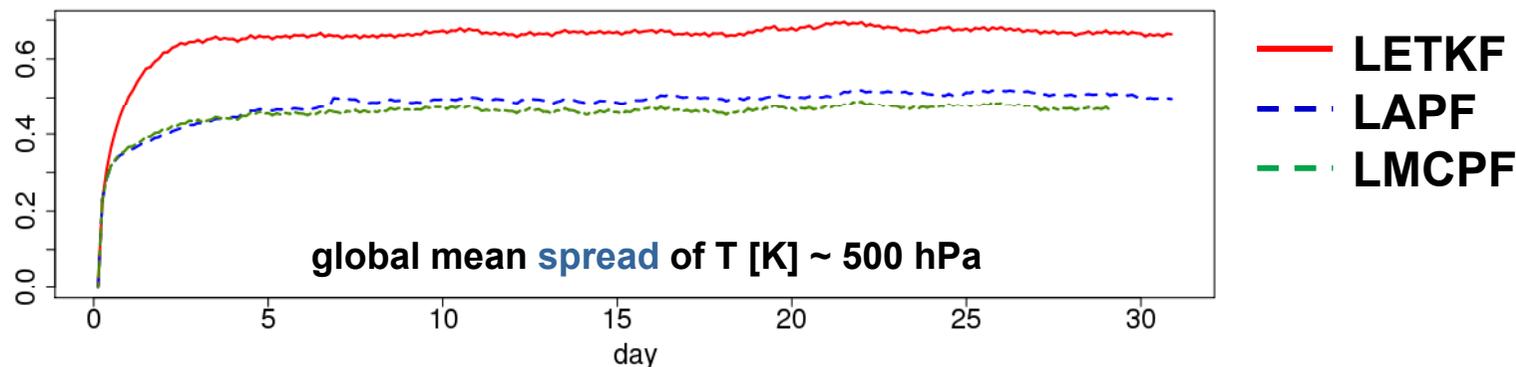
## Task 4.2: Particle Filter (PF) methods (to account for non-Gaussianity)

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- Localised Adaptive Particle Filter (**LAPF**) and Localised Markov Chain Particle Filter (**LMCPF**) implemented in an operational NWP system (global ICON)
- both Particle Filters are able to provide reasonable atmospheric analyses and are **running stably over a period of one month !**

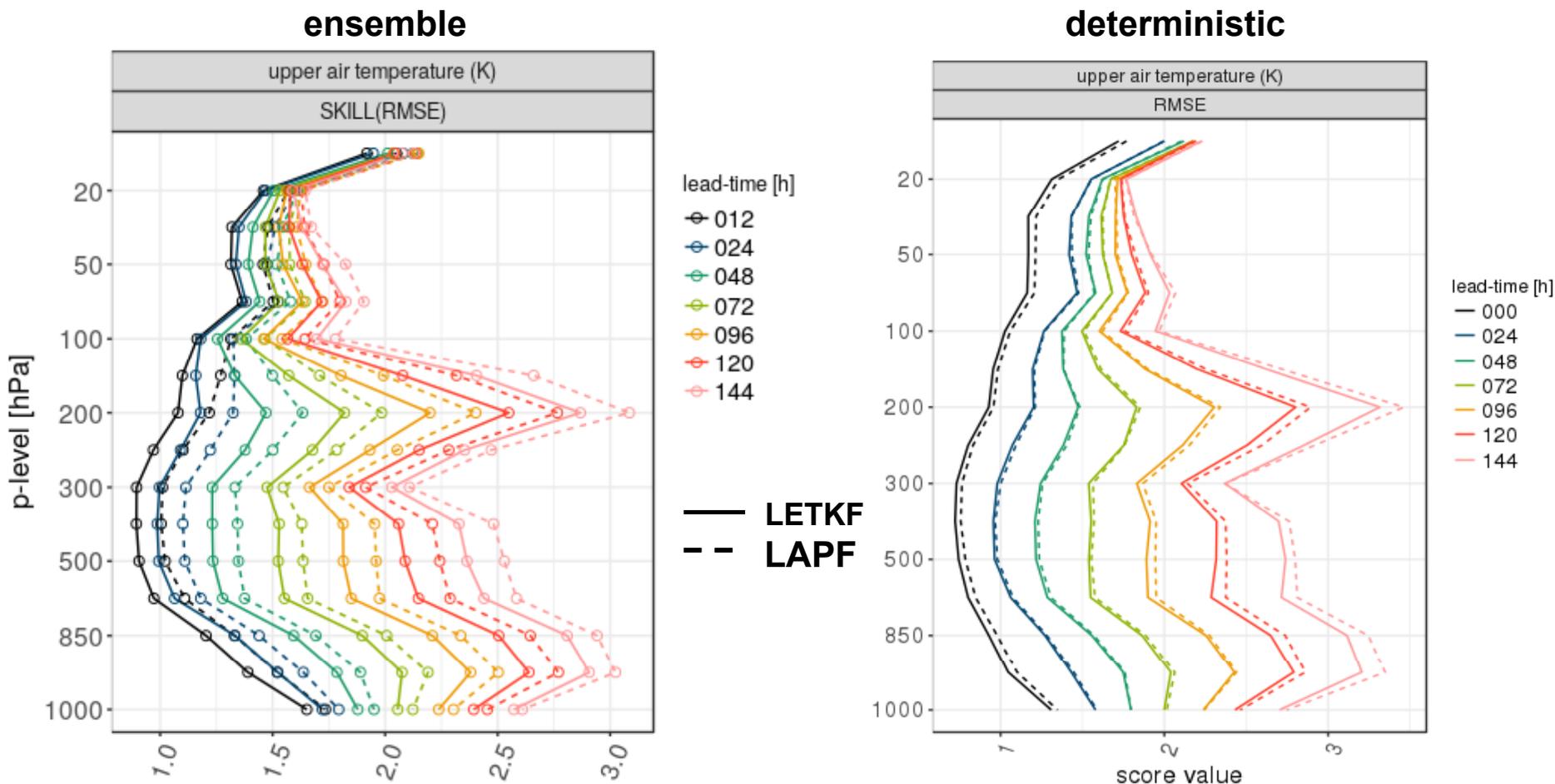


- LMCPF outperforms **LAPF** but still worse (not much!) than LETKF (probably due to smaller spread; further tuning to improve this is in progress)
- paper accepted with minor revisions for MWR:  
Potthast et al.: “A Localised Adaptive Particle Filter within an Operational NWP Framework”



# Task 4.2: Particle Filter (PF) methods (to account for non-Gaussianity)

RMSE of **temperature** vs. global radiosondes, 2 – 24 May 2016



DWD only Met Centre with a **stable** Particle Filter for an (operational) NWP model!  
 → strong interest from international science community

thank you for your attention !