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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 (conventional obs, operationalisation)
   → KENDA-1 (at 1.1 km) operational at MeteoSwiss (Aug. 20)
- Task 2: extended use of observations
  - → radar radial velocity + reflectivity operational at DWD (March / June 20) (1<sup>st</sup> direct assimilation of 3-D reflectivity in operational NWP worldwide ?)
  - $\rightarrow$  radiosonde descent profiles operational at DWD / COMET
  - $\rightarrow$  promising results for bias correction + assimilation of T2M + RH2M
  - $\rightarrow$  work on some other obs
- Task 3: soil moisture analysis using satellite soil moisture data (COMET)
- Task 4: adaptation to ICON-LAM
  - $\rightarrow$  ICON-D2 in parallel suite at DWD (Nov. 19)
  - $\rightarrow$  ICON-IT in parallel suite at COMET (Feb. 20)
  - particle filter (runs stably for ICON)





Task 1: Further development of KENDA: KENDA-1

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<u>KENDA-1</u> Daniel Leuenberger, Marco Arpagaus et al. (MeteoSwiss)

- 6 Aug. 2020: **KENDA-1 operational** : ∆x = **1.1 km** 
  - 1-h LETKF settings as at 2.2 km, 40 + 1 members, IFS BC (HRES + ENS pert. 30 36h)
  - new obs: Mode-S aircraft
  - snow analysis once a day (on deterministic analysis, applied to all members)
  - with SPPT + LHN (on all members, run in SP on GPU)
  - improved **bare soil evaporation** (Schulz and Vogel 2020)



- KENDA-1 analyses initialize
  - COSMO-1E fcsts. (first 10 mem.)
  - COSMO-2E fcsts. (first 20 mem.), upscaled to 2.2-km grid

- compare 1.1 vs. 2.2 km:
  - det. analyses (verif: indep. Synop)
  - in LETKF + EPS fcst (verif: Raob)
- compare LETKF vs. nudging:
  - det. forecasts (verif: indep. Synop)

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compare 1.1 km ("KENDA-1") vs. 2.2 km ("KENDA") LETKF deterministic analyses : verification against independent Synop (20 July – 25 Aug. 2020)



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compare 1.1 km EPS with LETKF vs. 2.2 km EPS based on LETKF:

CRPS reduction COSMO-1E (KENDA-1) vs. COSMO-E (KENDA) (radiosonde verif.)



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conclusions on KENDA-1 (IC for COSMO-1E, COSMO-2E)

- comparison deterministic forecasts COSMO-1E CTRL (KENDA-1) vs. COSMO-1 (Nudging), all on 1.1 km grid:
  - -1-6 h lead time: mixed results, overall similar quality
  - 7 12 h: temperature + global radiation better, especially in summer
  - generally: **2-m dewpoint worse**, as RH2m obs not yet assimilated in KENDA
- clear forecast gains by 1.1 km resolution + improved bare soil evaporation
- COSMO-1E, COSMO-2E with KENDA-1 operational since 6 Aug. 2020;
   COSMO-1E CTRL (IC: KENDA-1 CTRL) replaces COSMO-1 based on nudging
- observation nudging will expire this autumn at



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ICON-IT with KENDA Francesca Marcucci, Lucio Torrisi, Valerio Cardinali (COMET)

- 14 Feb. 2020: 1-h KENDA cycle for ICON-IT pre-operational
  - 40 + 1 members, IFS BC, 2.2 km
  - LETKF settings as for COSMO
  - obs: RAOB (also descents), Synop, local surface stations, ship, buoy, wind profiler, AMDAR, Mode-S, Meteosat AMV, scatterometer winds, clear-sky satellite radiances (AMSU-A, MHS, ATMS)

- + 48 h deterministic ICON-IT fcst.
- ICON-IT-EPS forecast to be implemented with GPU version





• ICON-IT: smaller error & spread, except humidity (to be investigated)





### upper-air verification, **deterministic** forecasts 1 May – 25 Aug. 2020



surface verification, deterministic forecasts 1 May – 25 Aug. 2020



• better skill, except surface pressure (+ 10 m wind speed bias)



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conclusions on ICON-IT

- ICON-IT pre-operational @2.2 km since Feb. 2020
- forecast products provided daily (00,12 UTC) to operational forecast room
- forecasters quite satisfied with ICON-IT performances but collected many cases of failure (summer convection not well forecasted) and correctly predicted by COSMO-IT – vice versa too
- **good** verification **scores** except surface pressure  $\rightarrow$  to be investigated



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### highlights

- 19 Nov. 2019: ICON-D2 (based on KENDA) in parallel suite
- 5 March 2020: Radar radial velocity operational (in COSMO-D2)
- 17 June 2020: Radar reflectivity + radiosonde descent profiles operational

... and a huge amount of work into adaptation of KENDA to ICON-LAM, incl. testing !

... and into port to NEC ( $\rightarrow$  a lot of compiler bugs, etc.)

→ Hendrik Reich, Christian Welzbacher, Thorsten Steinert, Harald Anlauf, Klaus Stephan, Thomas Rösch, Martin Lange, Sven Ulbrich, Gernot Geppert, Lilo Bach, Uli Blahak, Christoph Schraff, Roland Potthast, et al. (!), ..., Günther Zängl



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# Task 4.1: KENDA for ICON-LAM: implementation



### important steps:

- LETKF: same settings as for COSMO (e.g. for localization, covariance inflation incl. soil moisture perturbations, ...)
- LHN: reading of blacklist info and processing of radar beam height map for bright band detection implemented in ICON-LAM; further tuning
  - → solves previous problems in winter
- **soil moisture nudging** towards interpolated ICON-EU soil moisture (with SMA)



# Task 4.1:KENDA for ICON-LAMICON-D2 at DWD



- comparison ICON-D2 with KENDA (complete LETKF + LHN, except for soil moisture nudging) (and w/o use of 3-D radar obs)
  - for 3 periods: winter: 26 Nov. 19 6 Jan. 2020
     autumn: 13 Sept. 13 Oct. 2019
     summer: 1 June 23 June 2019

### – vs. COSMO-D2

vs. downscaler: ICON-D2 with interpolated ICON-EU as IC ("ID2-EU-IC")

autumn: different external param (orography)  $\rightarrow$  surf. pressure, 10-m wind not comparable summer: & difference in cloud scheme  $\rightarrow$  cloud cover, surface radiation not comparable







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 $\rightarrow$  ICON-D2 much better than COSMO



# Task 4.1:KENDA for ICON-LAM<br/>comparison to downscaler



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Bias correction and assimilation of 2-m temperature and humidity observations Christine Sgoff, Elisabeth Bauernschubert, Roland Potthast, Christoph Schraff (DWD)

• whenever you compare the model with observations (DA, verif., spread/skill, ...):

"observation error" =

- instrument error (incl. calibration error)
- + representation error
- + error of observation operator
   to compute model equivalent (e.g. interpolation error)
- representation error (often a large part of the obs error)
  - point measurements (depend. on local environment)
     vs. grid box averages of model equivalents
  - differences station height vs. model orography
- $\rightarrow$  Synop T2M, RH2M: obs error (random error & bias) depends on station,

time of day, meteorological situation (cloud cover, season),...



# Task 2.5:2-m temperature + humidity obs:bias correctionand assimilation



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- **bias** = mean error (obs first guess)
  - = relative difference betw. observed and model "climate"



- small diurnal cycle of bias if very cloudy
- diurnal cycle otherwise



- $\rightarrow$  bias correction for LETKF assimilation
  - station-dependent
  - dependent on time of day
  - dependent on (observed) cloud cover
  - online (dynamic)
  - (parameterized non-linear)







# Task 2.5: 2-m temperature + humidity obs: bias correction and assimilation

bias correction concept

- bias: described (approx.) by scalar product of ٠
- each element of A is the product of •

-1 of 5 (7) trigonometric fn. of time of day t

1 of 2 (3) polynomial fn. of cloud cover N

need to specify / estimate coefficients c



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bias correction concept

 $bias = A \cdot c$ 

• need to specify / estimate coefficients *c* 

• how to compute vector c and apply bias correction ?  $\rightarrow$  at analysis step k:

- bias correction : $bcor = -bias^{estimated} = -A \cdot c^{k-1}$ - bias-corrected obs: $obs_{bc} = obs + bcor$ ... used in LETKF: $\mathbf{x}^a = \mathbf{x}^b + K(obs_{bc} - H(\mathbf{x}^b))$ ... and to update c: $c^k = c^{k-1} + K_c(obs_{bc} - H(\mathbf{x}^b))$  $K_c = BA^t(R + ABA^t)^{-1}$ example: 3D-Var with B = I and  $R = \alpha I$ ,  $\alpha$  = damping/ regularization parameter









# Task 2.5: 2-m temperature + humidity obs: bias correction and assimilation

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#### obs minus first guess RH2M rmse reduced by 30 % time series over 2 weeks SYNOP station: 06215, eraw: 0.099206, ecor: 0.06963, eraw pas: 0.11368, ecor pas: 0.085255 at 1 station (with a slightly different (old) version 0.2 of the bias correction scheme) 0.1 0 obs-fg (raw) BC: BC obs – fg (raw) highl obs-fg (cor) diurnal obs – fg (b-corr.) bco cycle variab bias correction BC day time with observed cloud cover Cloud cover in okta 8 cc in octa constant (large) cloud cover 2 0 1201201201201201201201201201201 0120 time in hours on average over all stations, rmse reduced by 20 % WG1/KENDA christoph.schraff@dwd.de 26 COSMO GM, Telco, 31 Aug. - 11 Sept. 2020

# Task 2.5:2-m temperature + humidity obs:bias correctionand assimilation

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- low cloud too extended at night, too sparse at daytime (by 0.2 0.3 octas)
- low cloud cover increased (by 0.05 0.1 octa) after assimilation of RH2M, T2M

















# Task 2.5: 2-m temperature + humidity obs: bias correction and assimilation

- station-dependent, conditional, non-linear online bias correction developed
- assimilation of RH2M + T2M with bias correction (without having adjusted obs errors, QC, vertical localization ...!) **improves** clearly T2M, RH2M (mainly first 9 hrs), **T + RH in PBL** (up to 24 hrs, only winter), radiative low stratus (in winter, esp. in the prone valleys),
  - increases low cloud (sometimes too much)
  - (assimilating only RH2M w/o bias correction degraded T2M)

### next steps

- further investigation of the low clouds
- longer experiment periods, investigate impact on precip
- estimate station-dependent observation errors

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# Task 2.1: 3-D radar radial velocity + reflectivity: in ICON-D2 Deutscher Wetterdienst



common use of <u>radial velocity + reflectivity</u> tested for ICON-D2: 2 – 23 June 2019 *Christian Welzbacher, Klaus Stephan et al. (DWD)* (by accident)



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common use of radial velocity + reflectivity tested for ICON-D2: 2 – 23 June 2019





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 introduced ICON-D2 parallel suite 22 June 2020 (after becoming operational with COSMO-D2)

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# Task 2.1: 3-D radar radial velocity + reflectivity: in COSMO-D2 Deutscher Wetterdienst

after positive test in ICON-D2, and due to loss of aircraft obs due to pandemic: why not test additional use of **reflectivity** for COSMO-D2?  $\rightarrow$  test 1 – 12 June 2020





Task 2.1: Extended use of observations: 3-D radar reflectivity



<u>radar reflectivity at ARPAE</u> Thomase Gastaldo, Virginia Poli, D. Cesari, P.P. Alberoni, T. Paccagnella

- 27 Apr. 29 June 2020: parallel suite with radar reflectivity assimilation
  - 1-h LETKF cycle (36 + 1 members, 2.2 km)
  - 3-D radar approach: only 1 (latest) scan used per hour (solid cirlcles)

(obs error = 10 dBz; superobbing 10 km; 5 dBz threshold on reflectivity)

- reference: operational 3-h LETKF cycle, with LHN
- 12-h forecasts every 3 hrs



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Task 2.1: Extended use of observations: radar reflectivity



### 3-D radar reflectivity at ARPAE

- assimilation of 3-D reflectivity outperforms LHN in May, like in previous experiments (but has negative impact in June 2020)
- there might be a tendency to dry the soil
- parallel suite restarted 28 Aug. (with 'correct' soil moisture !)
- plans:
  - radar reflectivity hopefully **operational** in autumn 2020
  - investigate use of **radial winds** + more available radars



# Task 2.7: Ground-based remote sensing: Microwave Radiometer (MWR)





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### Microwave Radiometer (MWR)



Claire Merker, Daniel Leuenberger (MeteoSwiss); Jasmin Vural, Roland Potthast, Annika Schomburg et al. (DWD)

- measures atmospheric radiation (passive): brightness temperature (similar to MW radiances from polar-orbiting satellites, but from bottom of atmosphere)
- (e.g.) 14 channels sensitive mainly to T or humidity q
  - → info on *T*, *q* at high temporal / low vertical resolution in PBL  $_{400}$  –  $_{400}$  –  $_{400}$

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first single-obs experiments



# Task 2.7: Ground-based remote sensing: Microwave Radiometer (MWR)





Doppler Wind Lidar Samuel Monhart, D. Leuenberger, C. Merker, M. Hervo, A. Haefele (MeteoSwiss)



- wind components (u, v) derived from Doppler info in backscattered laser beams
- profile of horiz. wind in PBL (0 2km) with high temporal resolution
- wind components directly assimilated in KENDA-1
- 1 2 week assimilation experiments, 2 lidars: short-lived positive impact on wind in PBL
- plan:
  - Q1 2021: operationalization of Wind Lidar assimilation
  - Q3 2021 to Q3/2022: analysis for a 3<sup>rd</sup> station (Basel)



# Task 1: Refinement of KENDA Radiosonde descent profiles





- ascents: ~ 2 hrs : (still old 'TEMP' used in KENDA at DWD)
   descents: 0.5 2 hrs : high-resolution profiles with drift info
- potentially available from Vaisala sondes, type 41, with parachutes:

11 – 12 German, 1 Swiss, (additional ones since recently)



# Task 1: Refinement of KENDA Radiosonde descent profiles



### Monitoring of data quality:

standard deviation (vs. ICON-global FG, 1 – 15 March 2020)



 bias (very small, not shown) + random errors similar to radiosonde ascents (below 70 hPa)



*implementation* 

- high-resolution profiles, superobbing (10 hPa > 750 hPa, 20 hPa < 700 hPa)</li>
- assimilated as **instantaneous vertical** profile at location / time of **lowest** obs level
  - $\rightarrow$  location + time are well accounted for in **low** troposphere (PBL)
  - $\rightarrow$  00- / 12-UTC sondes assimilated in 1 3 UTC / 13 15 UTC analyses
  - $\rightarrow$  largest impact expected in 03-, 15-UTC forecast runs (... over Germany)
- (requires COSMO V5\_7a, better V5\_7d after bug fixes)

## quick and short experiment for COSMO

- 22 29 March 2020: deterministic every 3 h, EPS at 03-, 15-UTC
- meteorological situation: quiet, little precip



# Impact of radiosonde descent data on COSMO-D2 22 – 29 March 2020



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### COSMO-D2

- **positive impact** on 2-m temperature + humidity, **cloud**, global radiation ...
- small positive impact in radiosonde verification; no precip verif (too few events)



# Task 1: Refinement of KENDA Radiosonde descent profiles



ICON-D2 experiments

4 June – 3 July 2020: (with 3-D radar data in Exp. + Ref.) (fairly wet, convective) determ. runs 00, 12 + 03, 15 UTC; EPS runs 03, 15 UTC



## Impact of radiosonde descent data on ICON-D2

4 June – 3 July 2020



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# Impact of radiosonde descent data on ICON-D2

4 June – 3 July 2020



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### ICON-D2

- small, but rather consistent positive impact (mainly) in 03-, 15-UTC runs ... in deterministic (RMSE) and EPS fc. (also precip) (neutral impact in 00-, 12-UTC runs (slightly positive in aircraft verif.))
- introduced in ICON-D2 parallel suite on **22 June 2020**







• Task 1: further development / operationalization of LETKF scheme (conventional obs)

**KENDA-scope**  $\rightarrow$  algorithmic developments

- 3DVar / 3D-EnVar, 4D-EnVar, exploring Particle Filter
- bias correction, obs errors, QC, etc.
- Task 2: extended use of observations : ongoing, but project goals mostly met
  - operational: aircraft Mode-S, radar radial velocity, radar reflectivity
  - close to operational: GPS STD / ZTD; screen-level obs (T2M, RH2M)
  - ground-based remote sensing: some implementation and first tests as intended
  - except for: SEVIRI IR WV: clear-sky data ok, but delay for all-sky (cloudy) data; porting to ICON-LAM, continued (resources available)

# **KENDA-scope** $\rightarrow$ SEVIRI VIS ; MTG IRS

- Task 3: soil moisture analysis using satellite SM data (no clear benefit yet)
- Task 4: adaptation to ICON-LAM (successful pre-operat. applic.)  $\rightarrow$  done



