A dramatic landscape photograph showing a dark, stormy sky with heavy, grey clouds. A bright light source, possibly the sun, is breaking through the clouds near the horizon, creating a lens flare effect. Below the sky is a green field with a fence line, and a line of trees in the distance.

Clouds and **A**erosols **I**mprovements
in **I**CON **R**adiation Scheme - **CAIIR**
Priority Project

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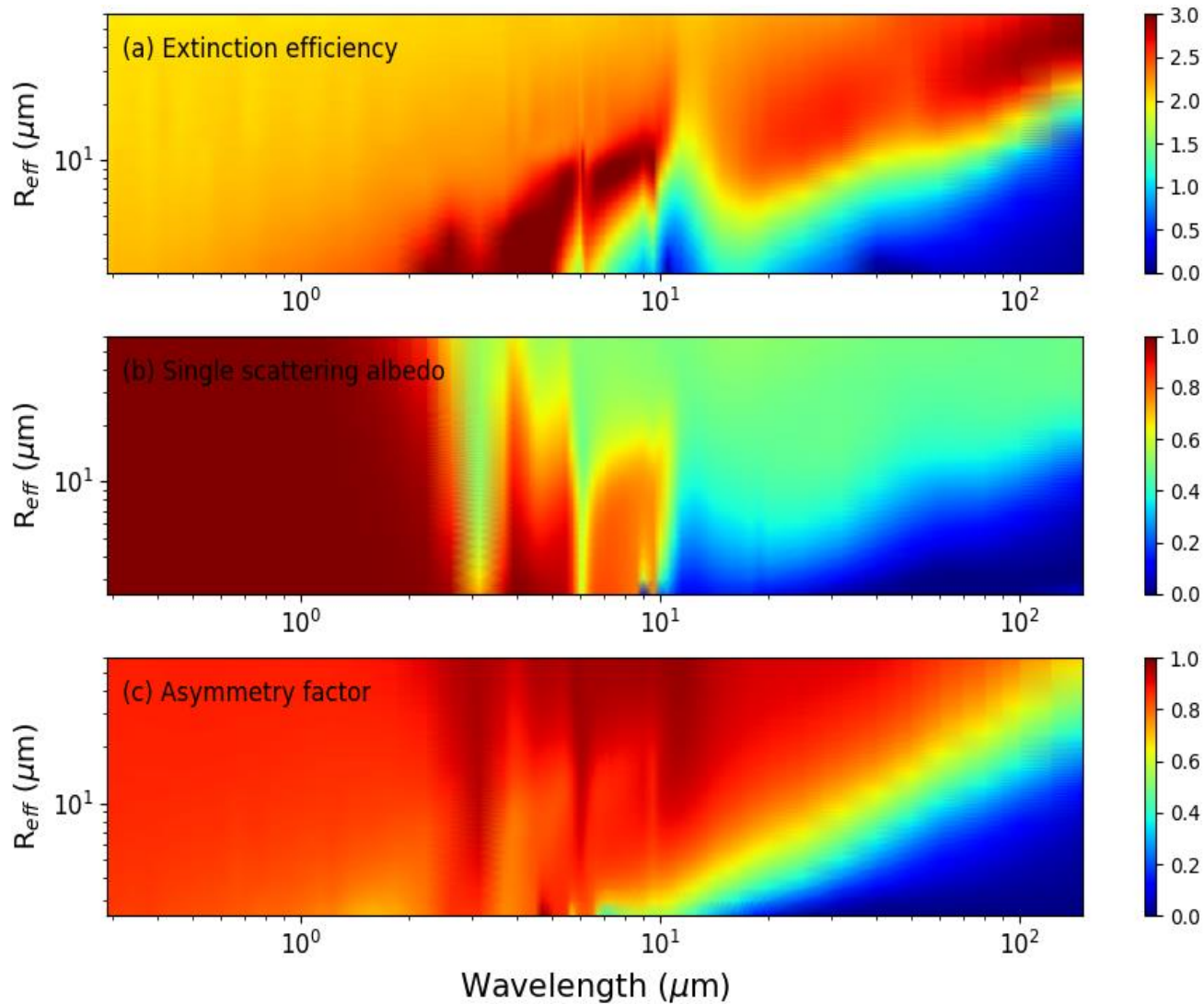


- **Project duration:** March 2020 - February 2022
- **Total planned FTEs :** 6.6 (2.9, 3.7)
- **Used until Sep-2021:** 4.57

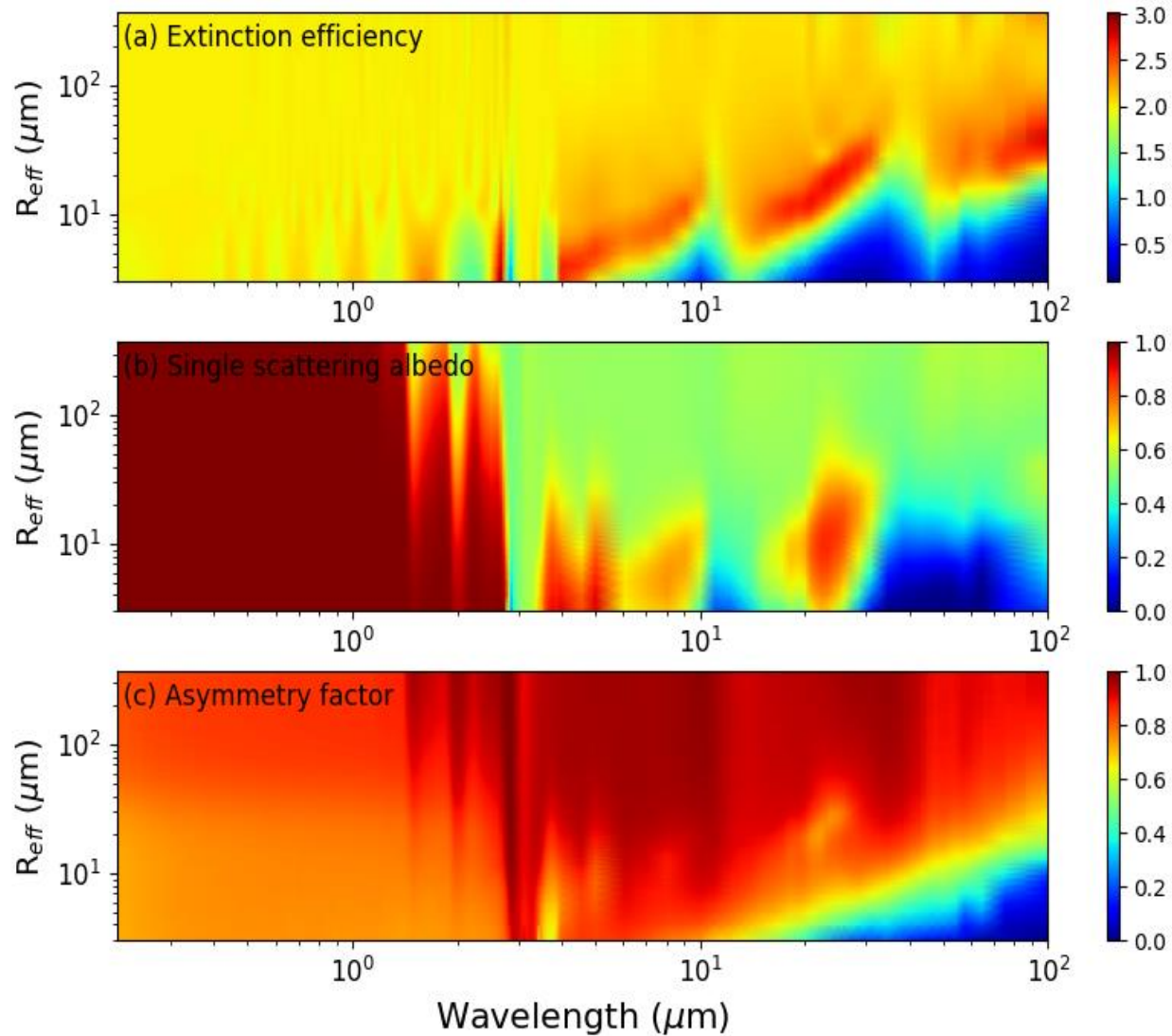
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Task 1: New droplets optical properties for ecRAD



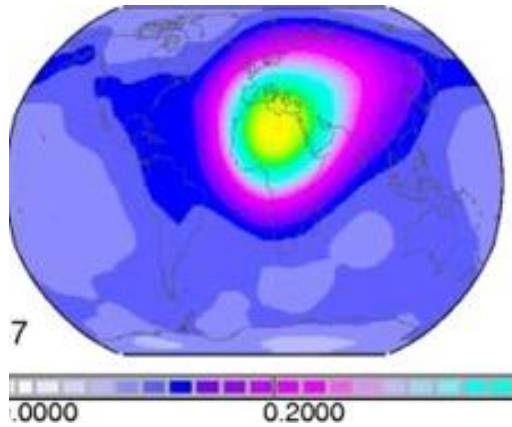
Task 2: New ice optical properties for ecRAD



Aerosols Inputs for ICON Radiation

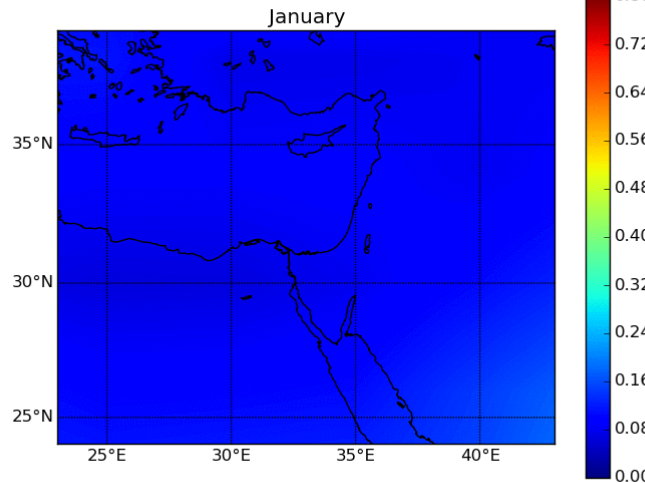
Tanre (1983)

irad_aero = 5



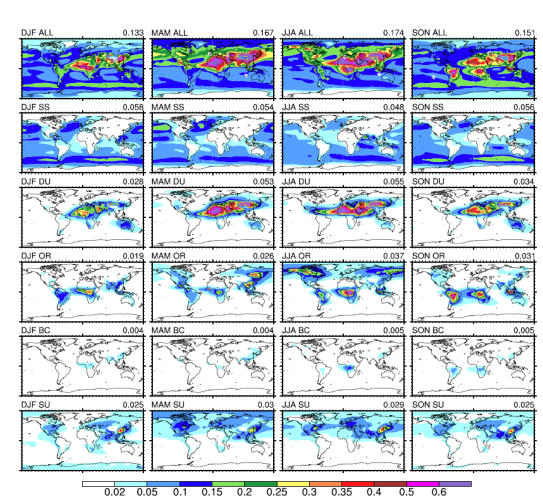
Tegen (1997)

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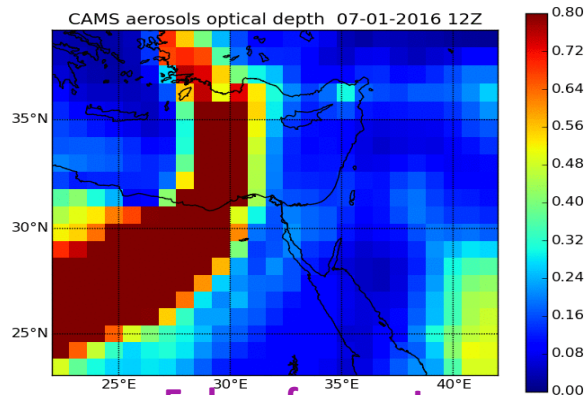
CAMS (2017)

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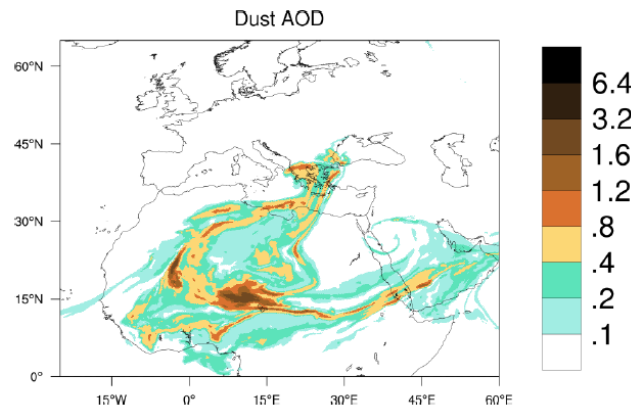
CAMS

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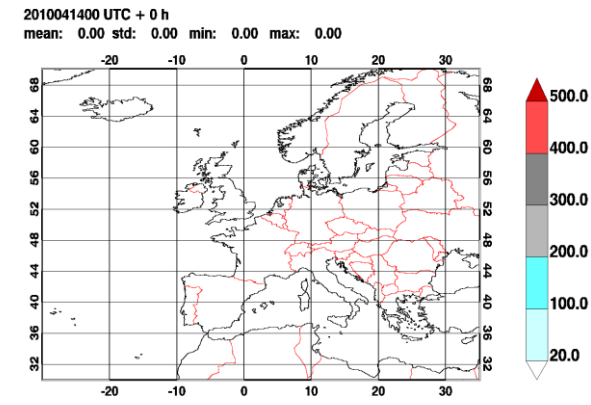
Prognostic 2D AOD

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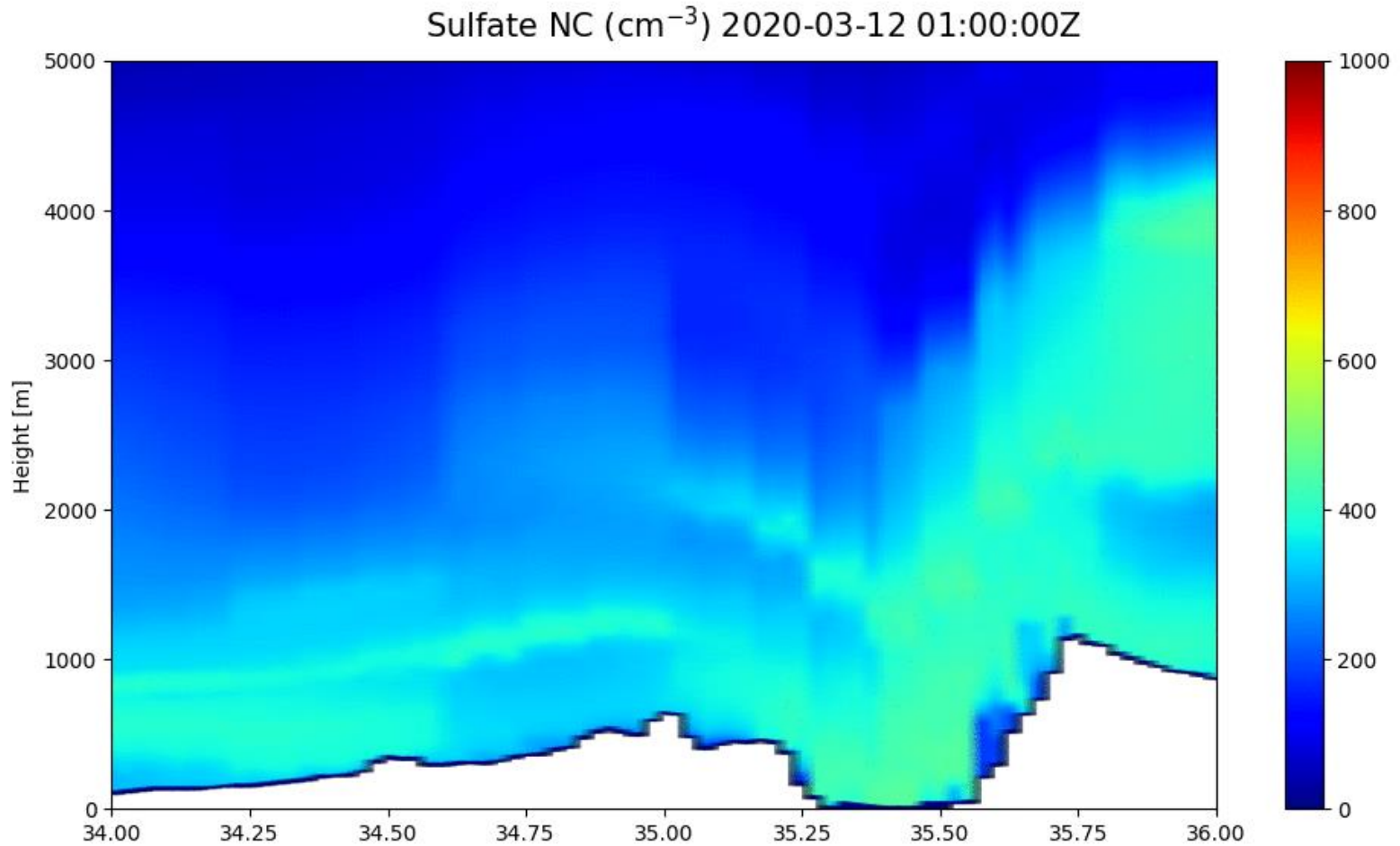


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irad_aero = 9



Task 4: CAMS forecasted aerosols in ICON



Advantages of CAMS forecasted aerosols

CAMS	Climatology
Vertical profile based on dynamics	Fixed vertical profile
Optical properties calculated for each RRTM/ecRad WL intervals	Optical properties calculated at 550 nm and corrections made for other WL
Optical properties are RH dependent	Optical properties RH independent
Number concentrations are calculated explicitly from mixing ratios	Number concentrations are evaluated from total column AOD
11 species of aerosols	5 species of aerosols
Data assimilation used	Fixed climatology
Longwave scattering included	No longwave scattering

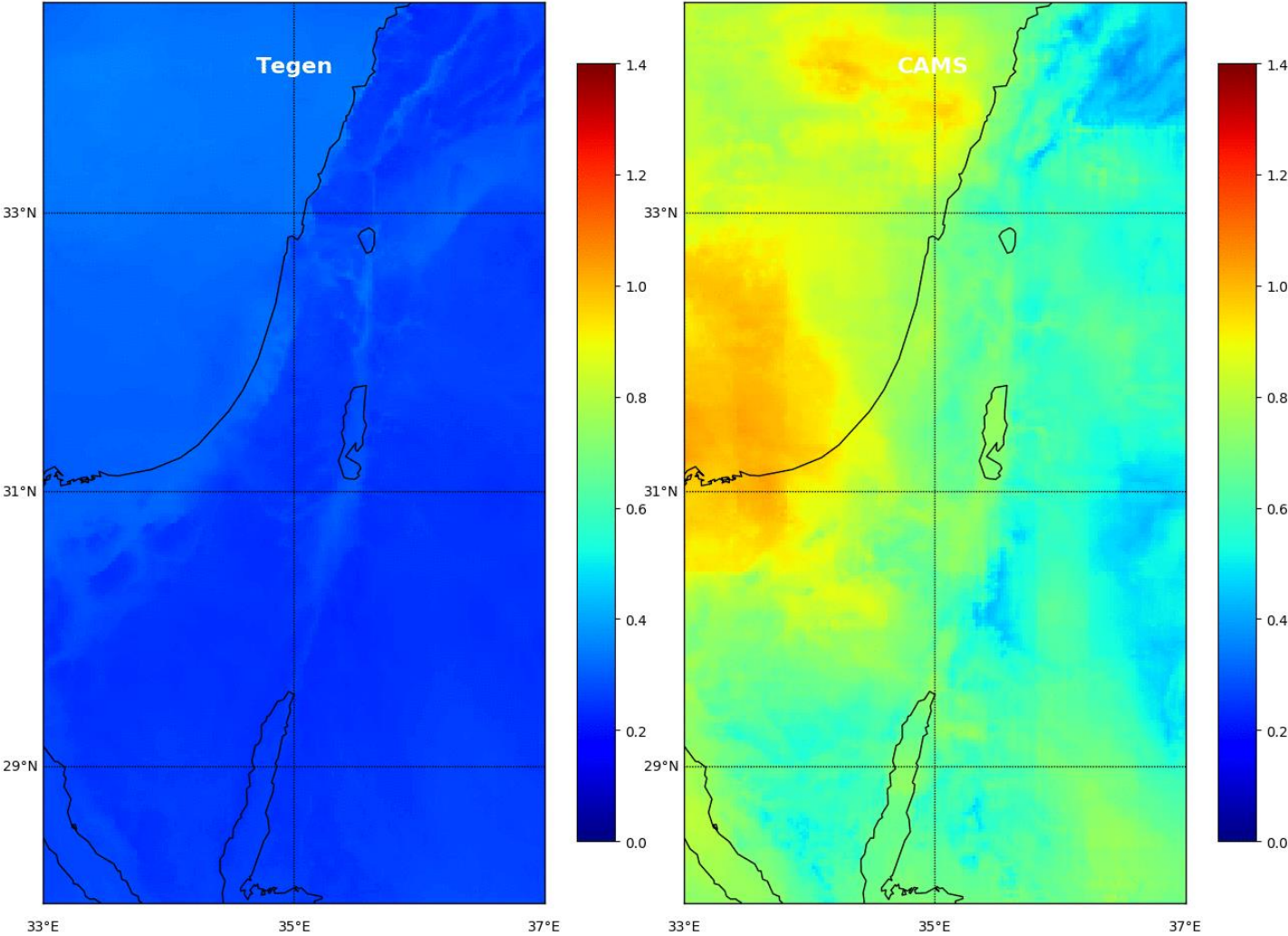
With almost zero additional CPU cost

Additional memory is needed

Dynamics, emissions, washout etc. are done in a separate model not consistent/coupled with ICON model

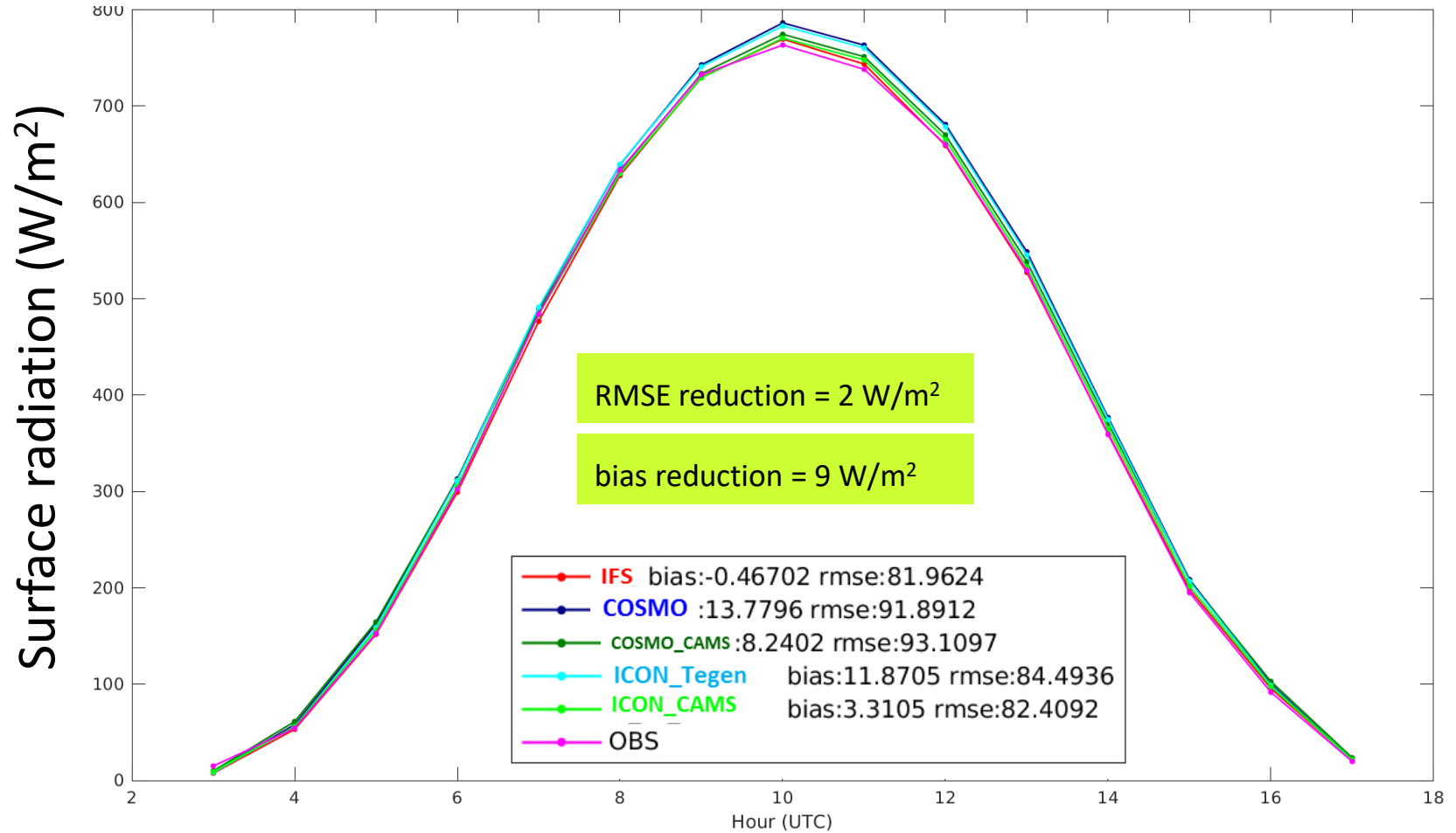
2D integrated AOD

CAMS vs Tegen AOD 2020-03-12 01:00:00Z



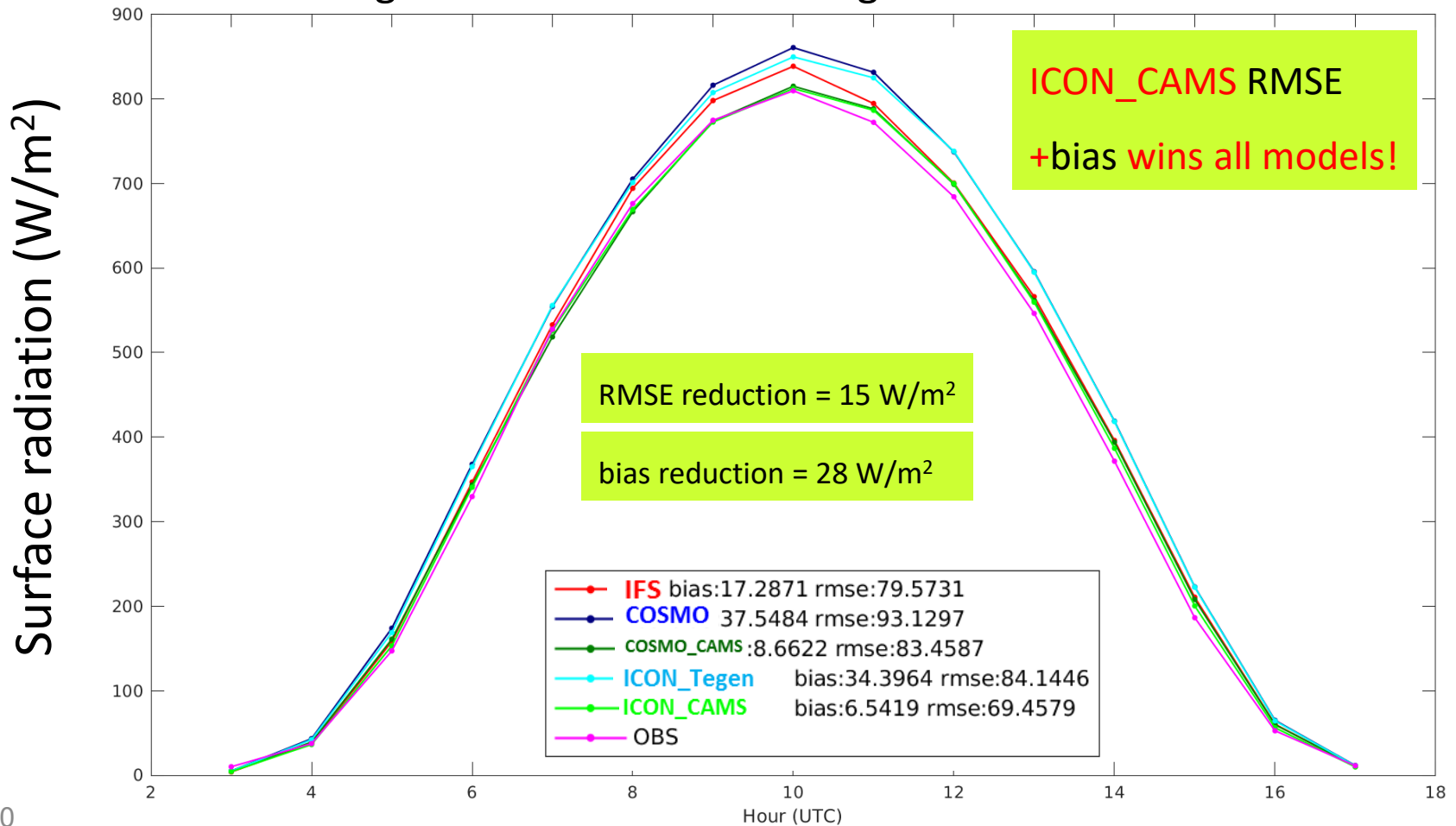
1 Year Verifications – 2020

- 2020, 78 hours lead time, 00UTC RUNS

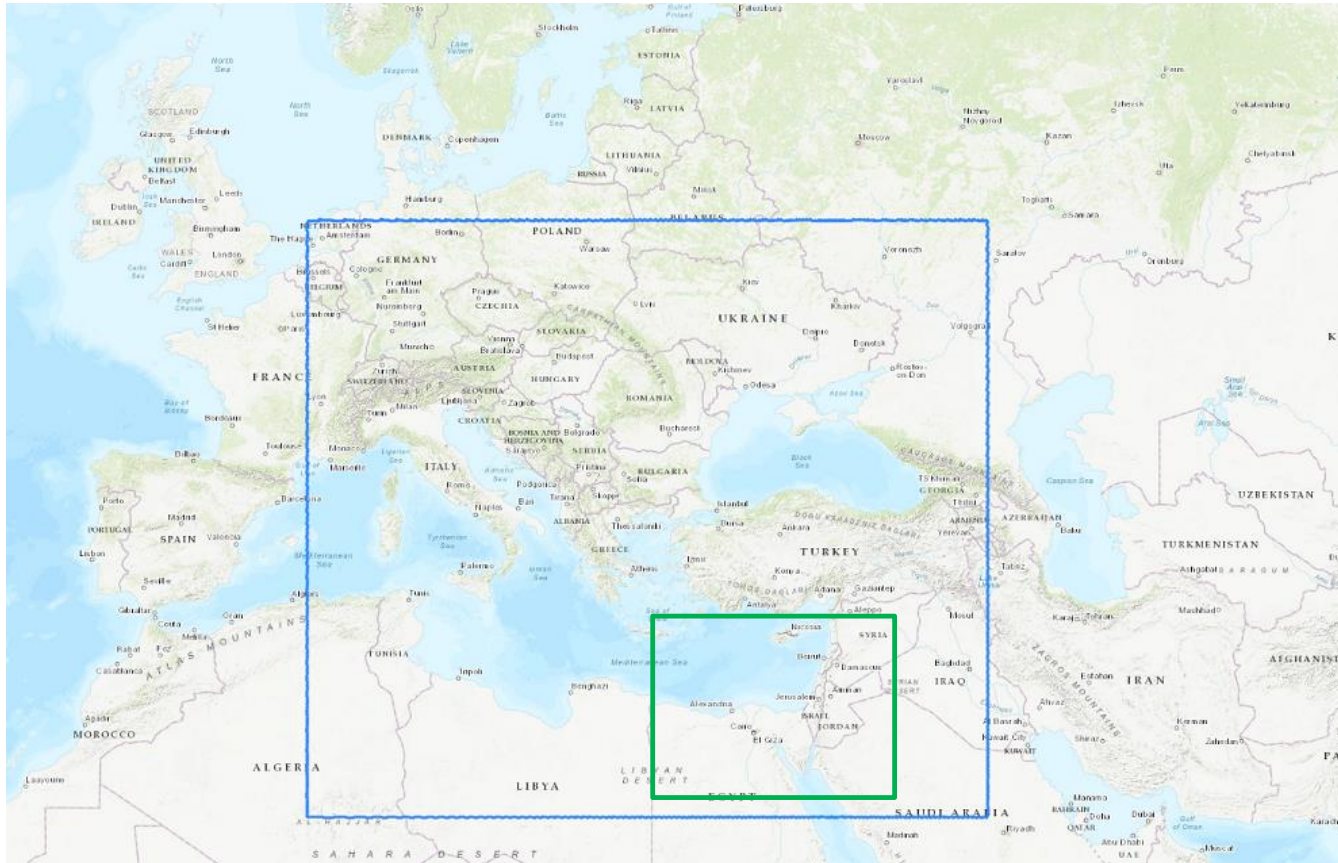


Verifications – polluted days

- 28 test cases in 2020, 24 hours lead time
- When average measurements of PM2.5 all over Israel is more than **x2** greater than annual average

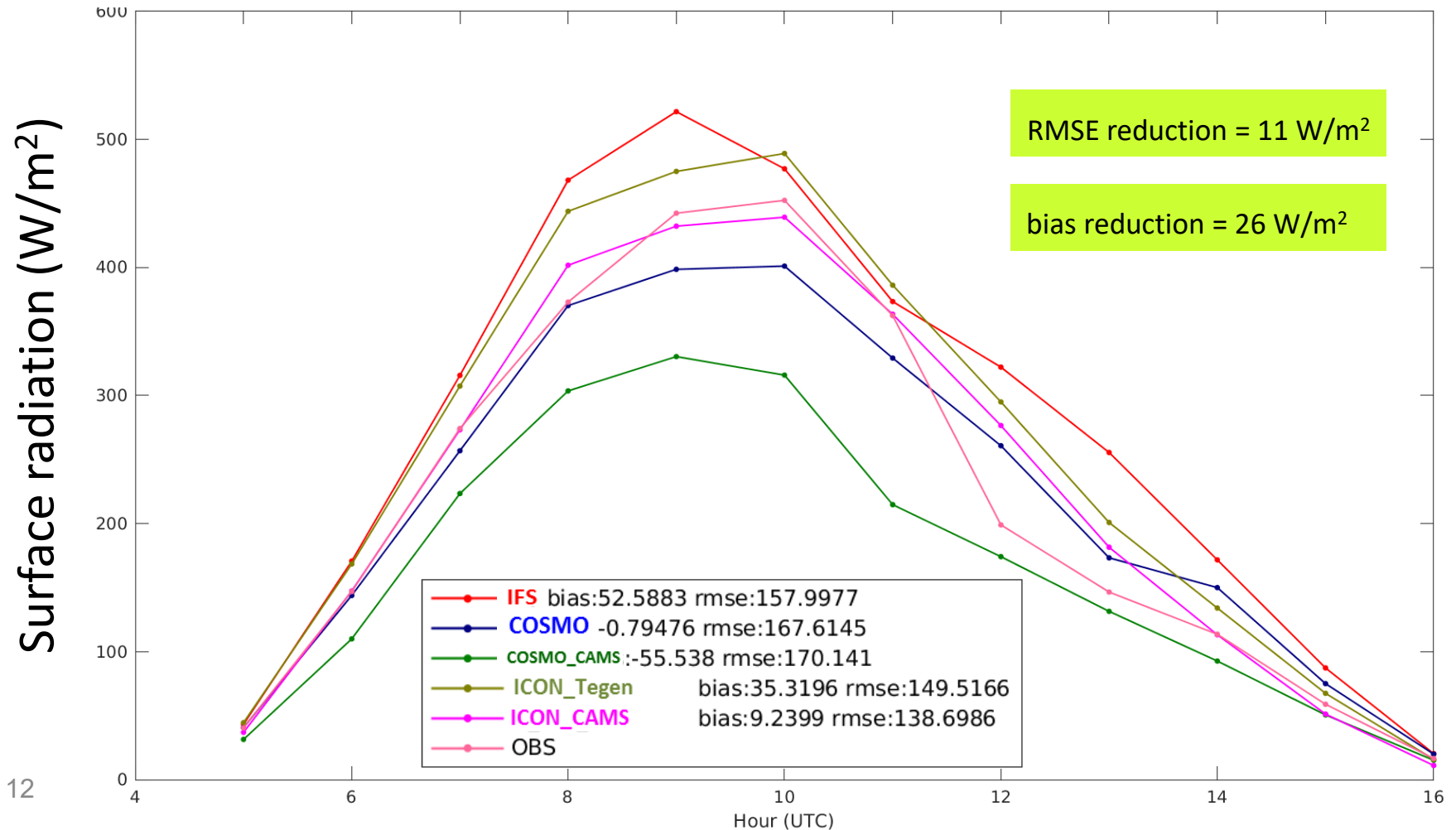


Southeast Europe Domain



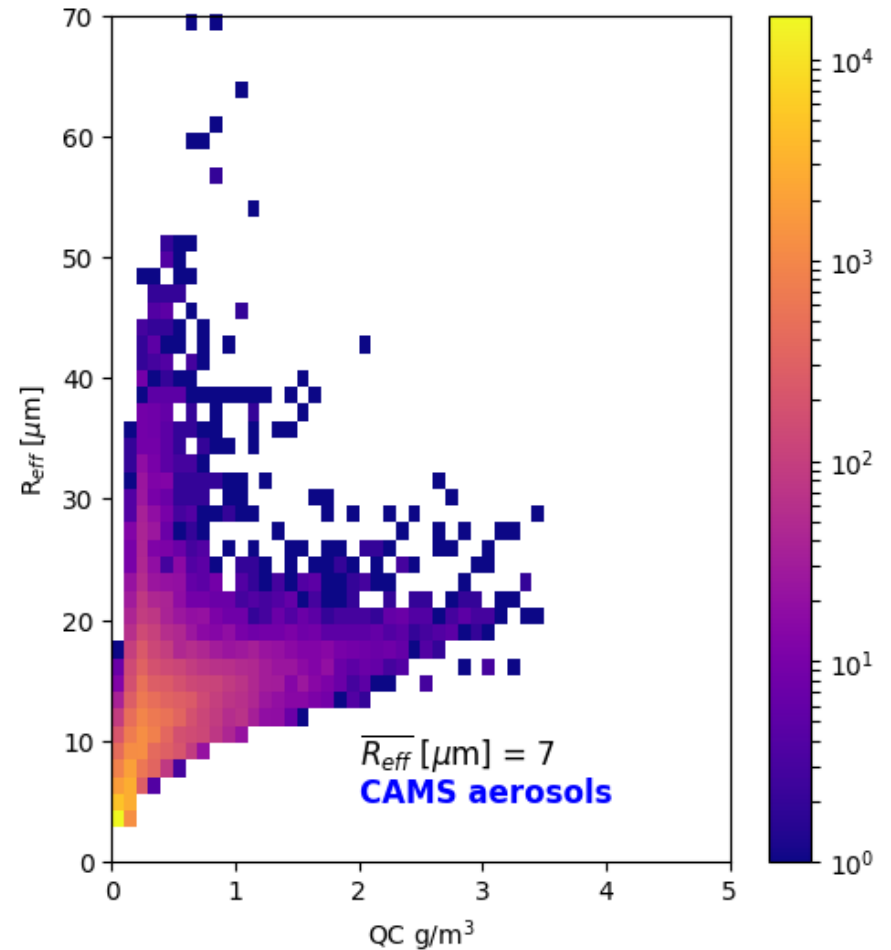
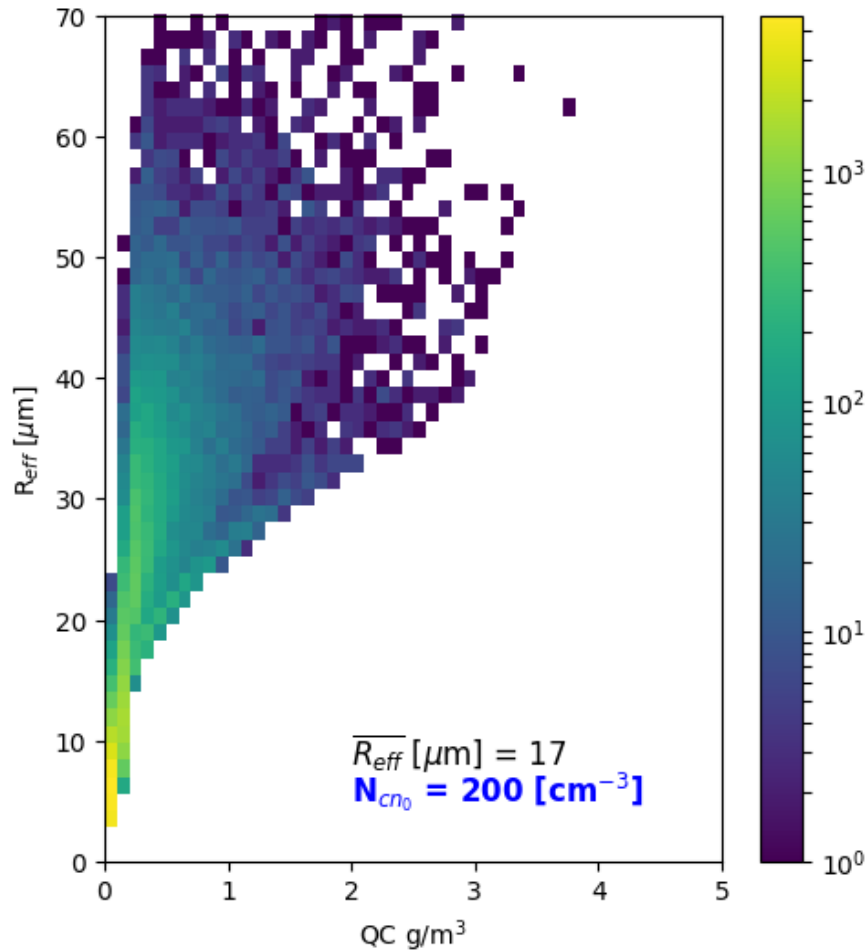
12 March 2020 test case

- 78 hours lead time, 00UTC RUN
- Verifications in Israel only



Task 3: R_{eff} based on CAMS & Segal-Khain

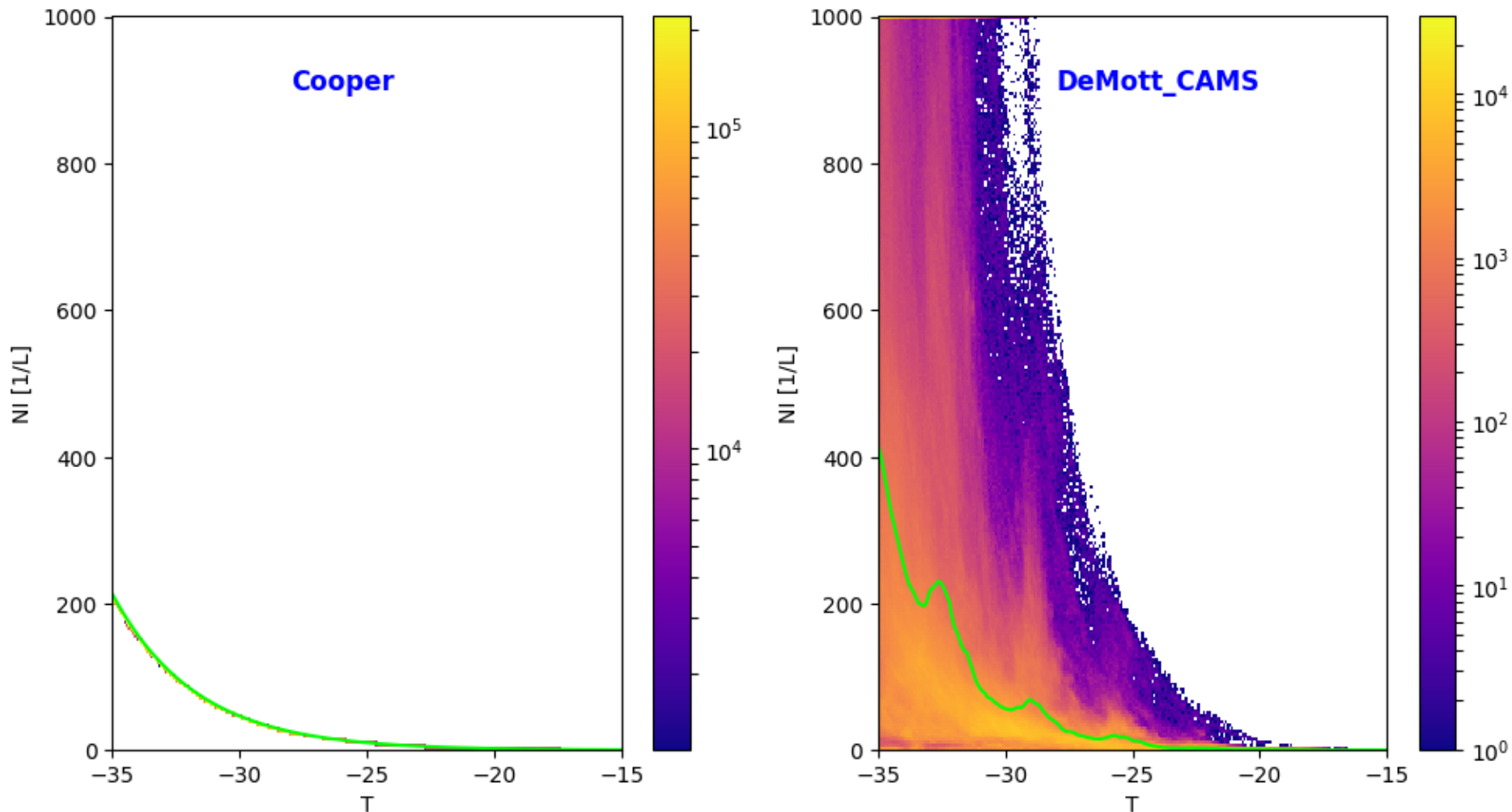
$R_{eff}(QC)$ [μm] 2018-04-25 14:00:00Z



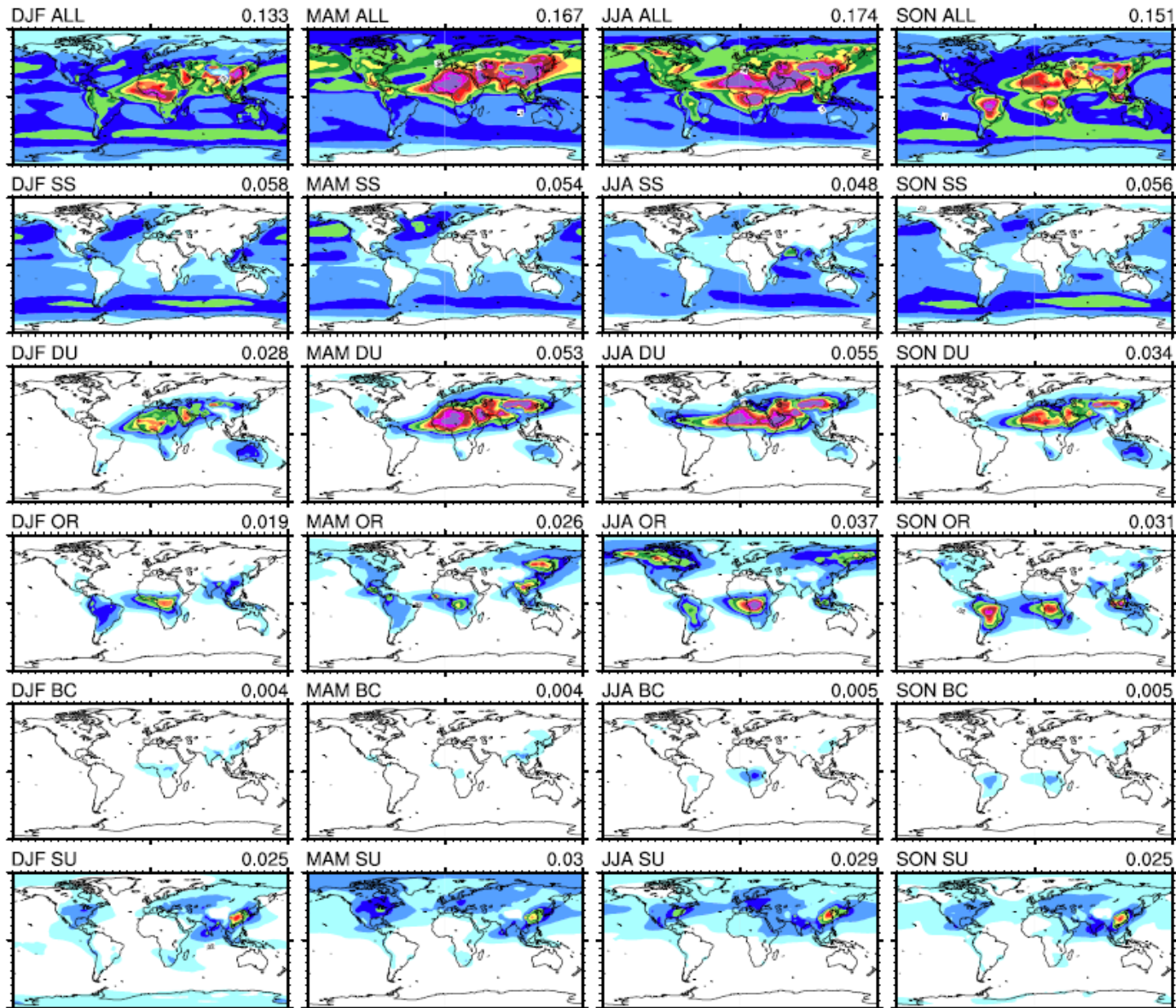
Ice nucleation scheme based on CAMS aerosols

COSMO Results for Oct-Nov 2019

NI(T) for October-November 2019



Task 5: CAMS climatology in ICON-ecRAD (RHM)



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CAMS climatology in EXTPAR (iaot_type = 5)

11+(1) aerosol species, 4D arrays

✓ Compiled

✓ Tested

✓ Added in development version of EXTPAR - Waiting official version

CAMS climatology in ICON

Problems:

- No interface to read 4D or 5D variables
- A huge memory footprint for all variables

Solution:

An internal buffer to store two time slices (in the CAMS climatology case: months) of data – 3D fields

- Linear vertical interpolation

✓ Compiled

✓ Not tested

Task 6: 2D Aerosol optical depth (D. Rieger)

Prognostic equation for 2D AOD $\psi_j(x, y)$, using vertically averaged horizontal wind $\overline{v_{H,j}}$:

$$\frac{\partial \psi_j(x, y)}{\partial t} = \underbrace{\overline{v_{H,j}} \nabla \psi_j(x, y)}_{\text{advection}} + \underbrace{S_{e,j} + S_{w,j}}_{\substack{\text{sources \& sinks} \\ \text{(emission, washout)}}} + \underbrace{f_{diff} \cdot \Delta \psi_j(x, y)}_{\text{artificial diffusion}} + \underbrace{\frac{[f_{clim,j} \cdot \psi_{clim,j}(x, y) - \psi_j(x, y)]}{\tau_{clim,j}}}_{\text{relaxation to climatology}}$$

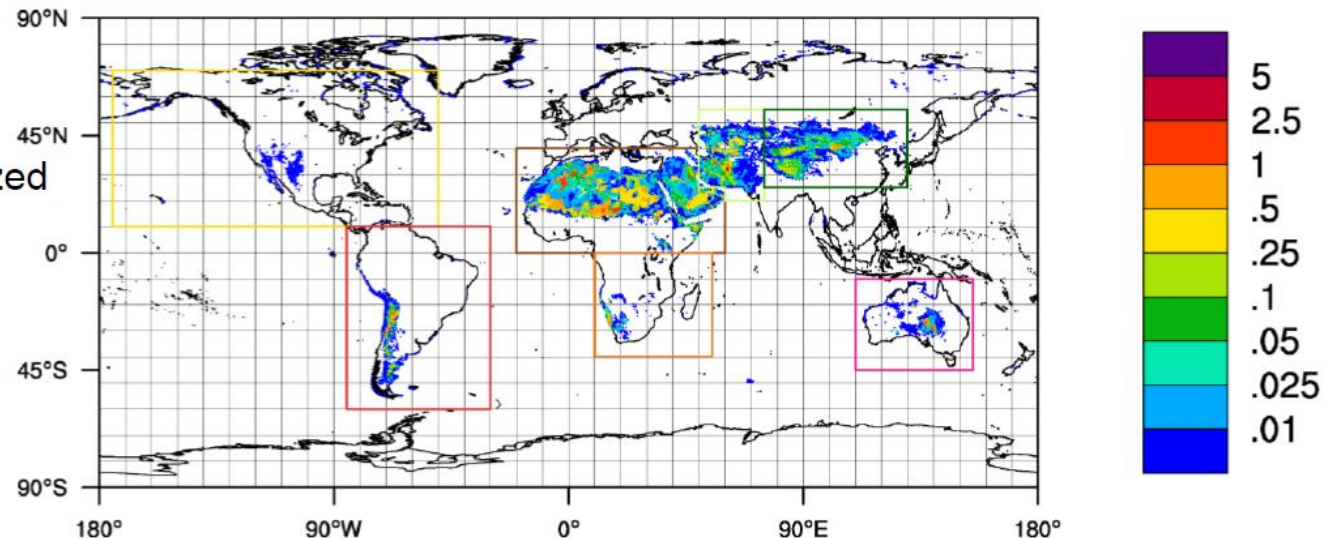
Simulation:

- 10-day slices
- Whole year 2019
- R2B6 (40km)
- Init: Interpolated initialized analysis data from deterministic ICON

Result:

- 3533 Tg/yr

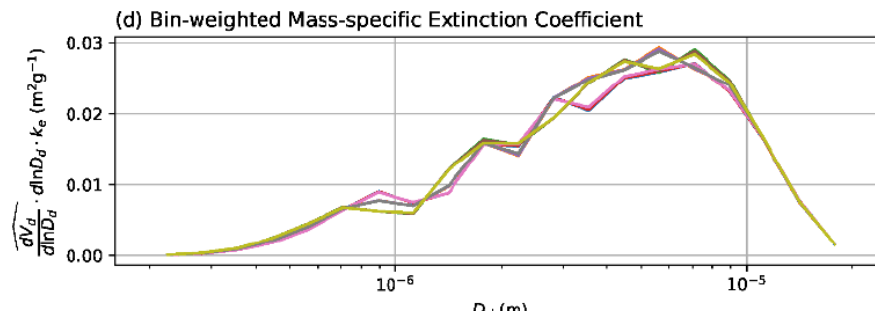
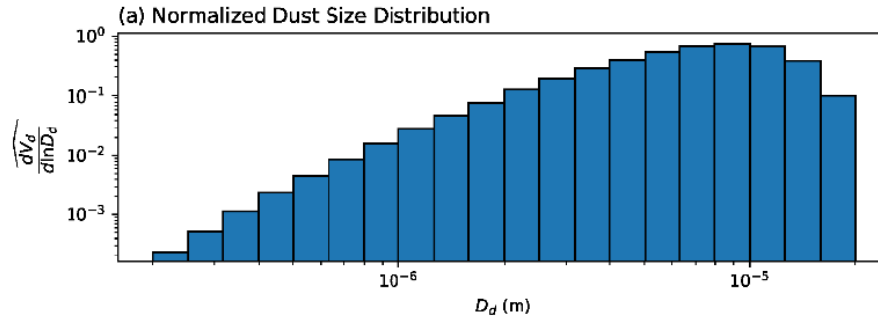
Accumulated Mineral Dust Emission Flux ($\text{kg m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$)



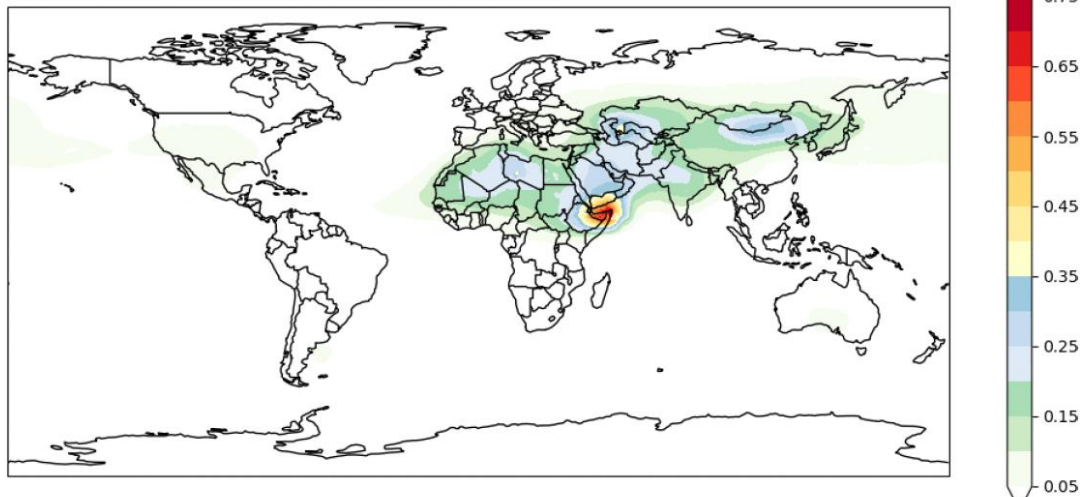
Results of the Kok et al. 2014 scheme in ICON

Task 6: 2D-Aerosol Optical Depth

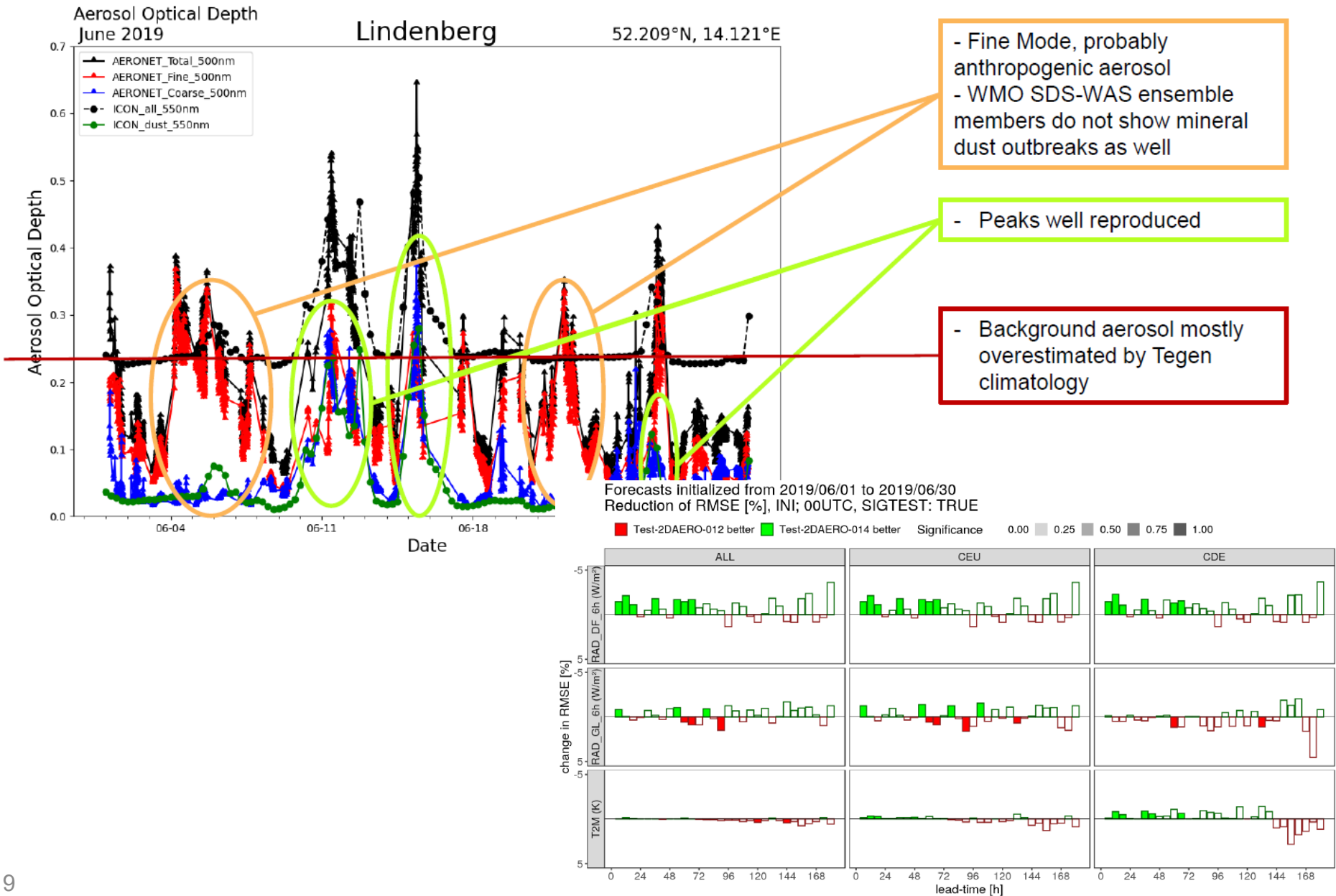
Converting Mass Flux to AOD flux



Dust Optical Depth
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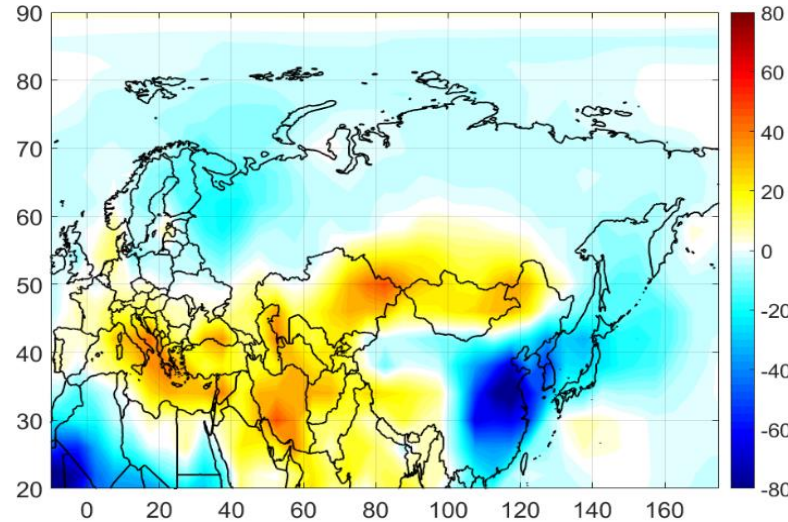
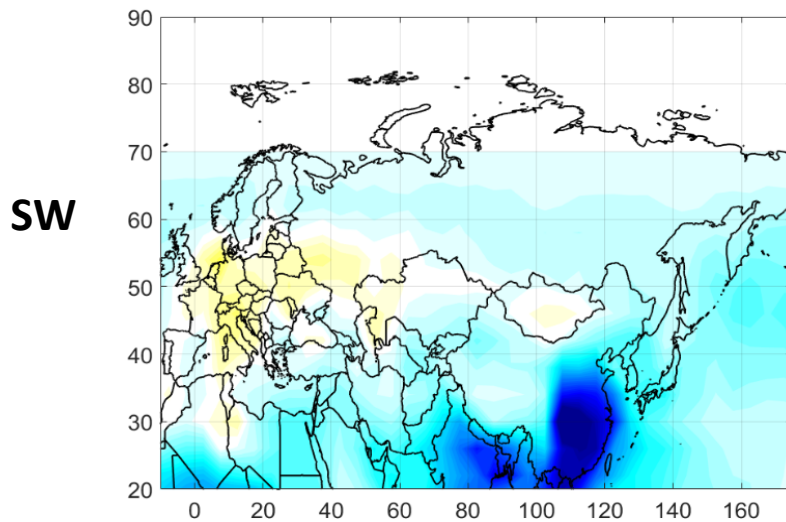
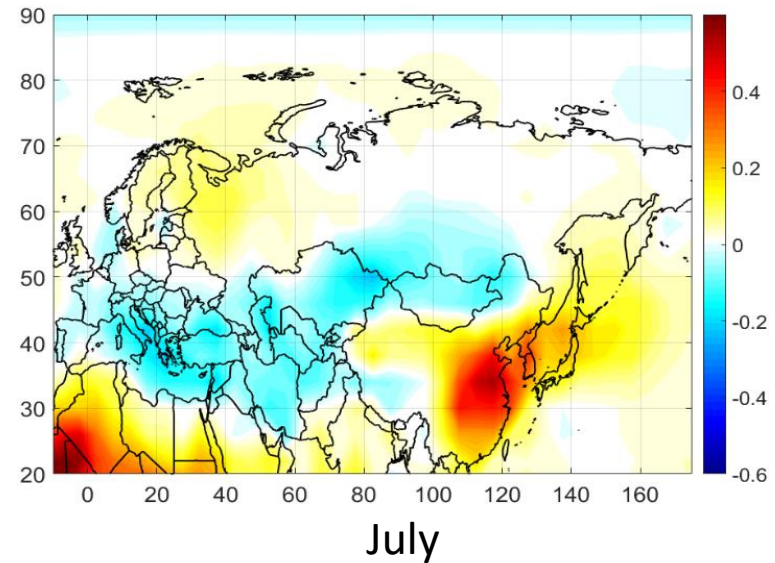
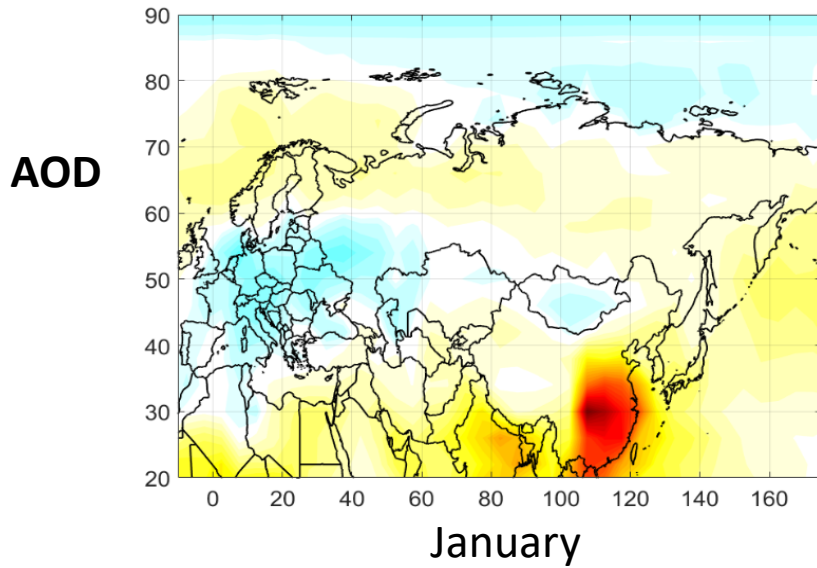


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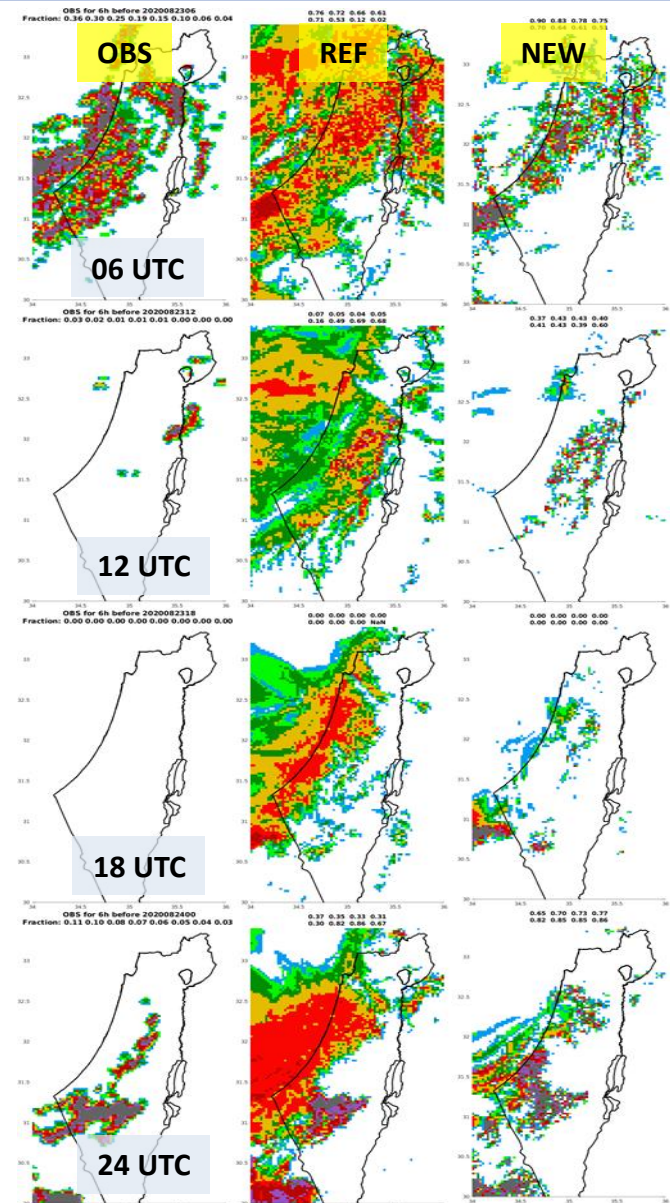
Task 7: MACv2 climatology in ICON (RHM)

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



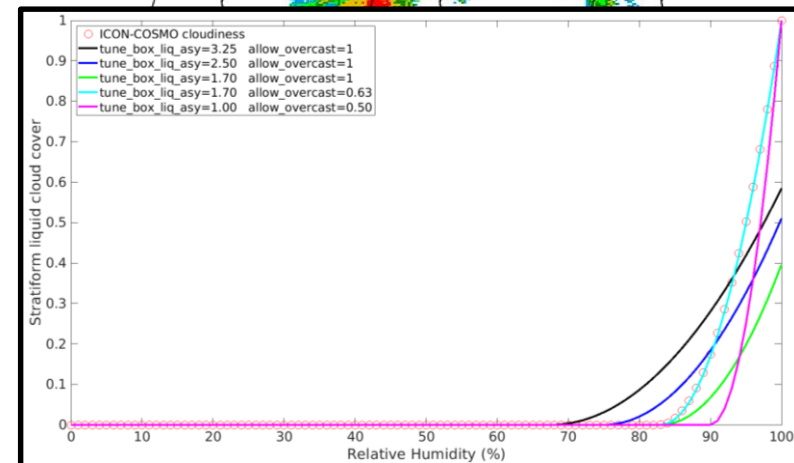
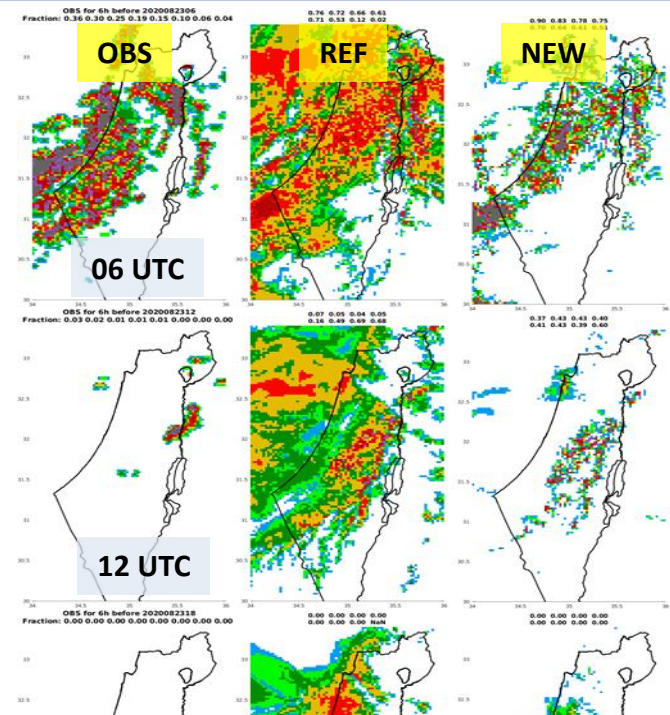
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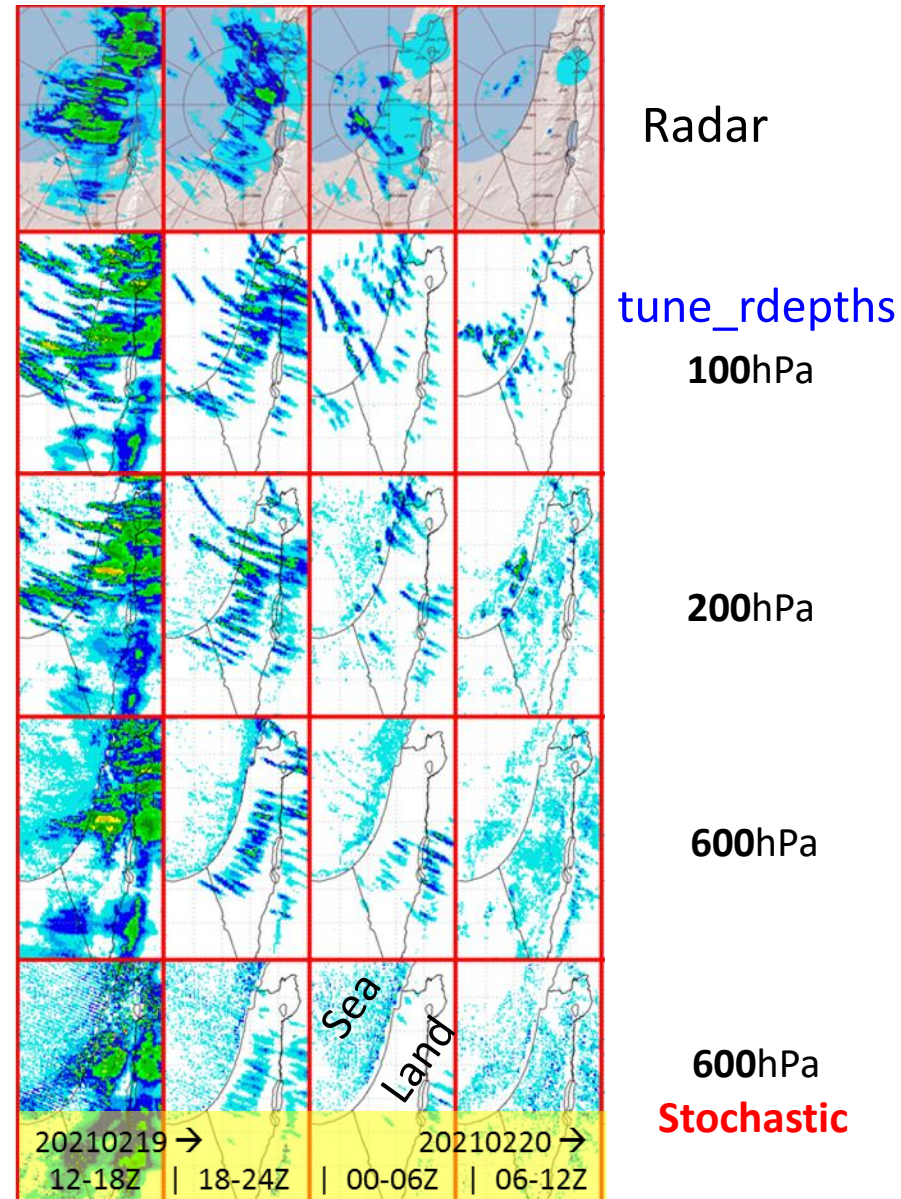
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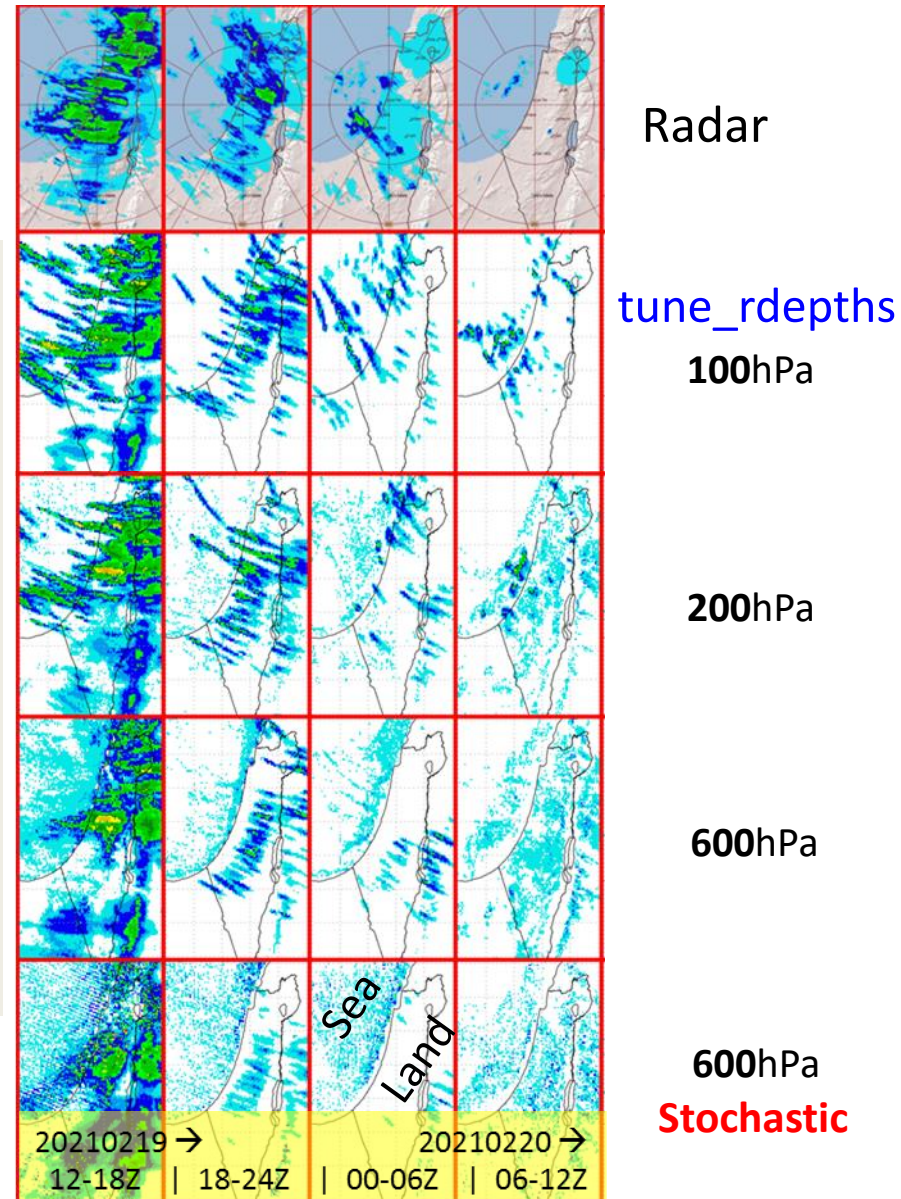
Effect of ICON shallow convection schemes on precipitation over the Eastern Mediterranean

Problem: Convection permitting models with grid spacing below ~ 4 km usually describe deep convection on grid scale, but still parametrize the shallow convection, being sub-grid scale process. The artificial combination of resolved and parametrized convection might deteriorate the model forecast skill, particularly precipitation



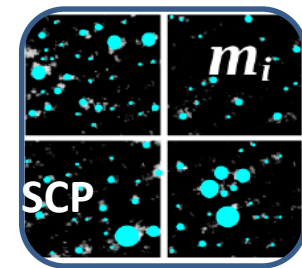
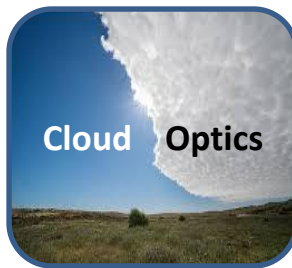
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1. Optimal precipitation rates distribution is obtained when the SCP is strongly limited by limiting the development height
2. Reduction of maximum depth is a good solution for weak precipitation. However, it “kills” SC which may have negative effect on other fields.
3. Increase of maximum depth increases SC precipitation but strongly decreases GS precipitation, leading to underestimation.
4. Stochastic SDE scheme improves the situation, still underestimating precipitation
5. Strange land-sea contrast in SC precipitation



CAIR: project overview

- Cloud optics
- Aerosols inputs: CAMS forecasted, CAMS climatology, 2D advection scheme, MACv2 climatology
- Microphysics – R_{eff} and LWC revised, Realistic cloud formation
- Clouds and precipitation improvements and the Stochastic convection scheme
- Model testing and tuning



Thank you for your attention!