



Greek domain verification 2022- 2023

ICON-GR2.5

IFS-ECMWF

COSMO-GR4 (ceased in Oct 23)

ICON-GR

T2m

➤ In all seasons T2m shows the common diurnal cycle with overestimation at night.

➤ The nighttime error according to RMSE is bigger and slightly increasing with lead time.

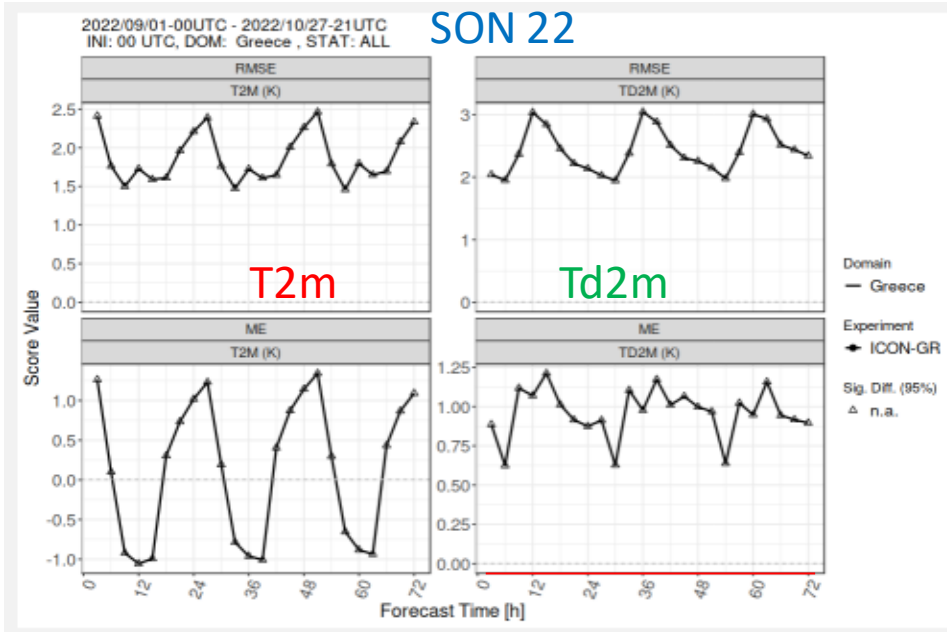
➤ **SON** and JJA show the biggest T2m errors.

Td2m

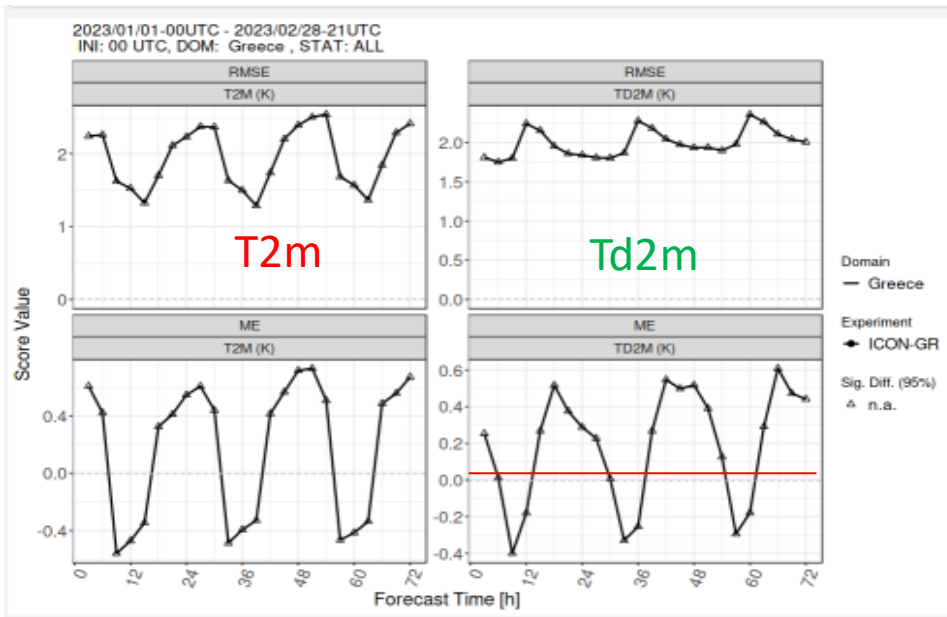
➤ In **SON** and JJA overestimated all day long mainly in warm hours.

➤ in **DJF** and MAM diurnal cycle with underestimation in the morning hours and overestimation in the afternoon.

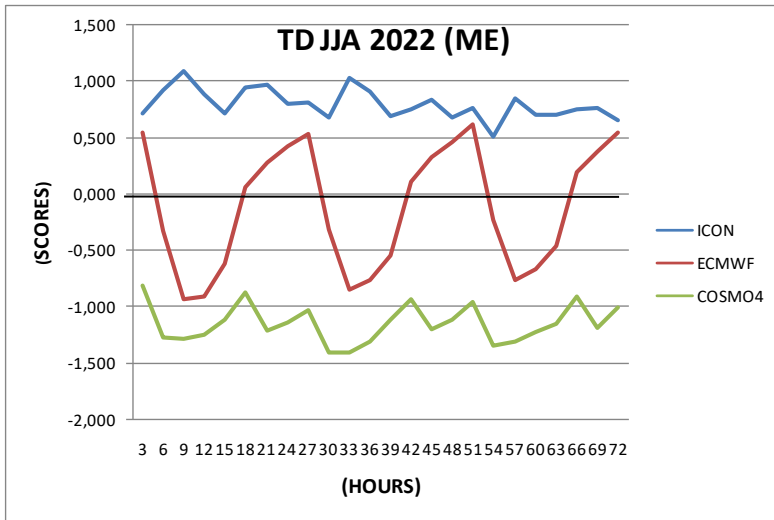
SON 22



DJF 23



Td2m bias JJA-SON (warm seasons)

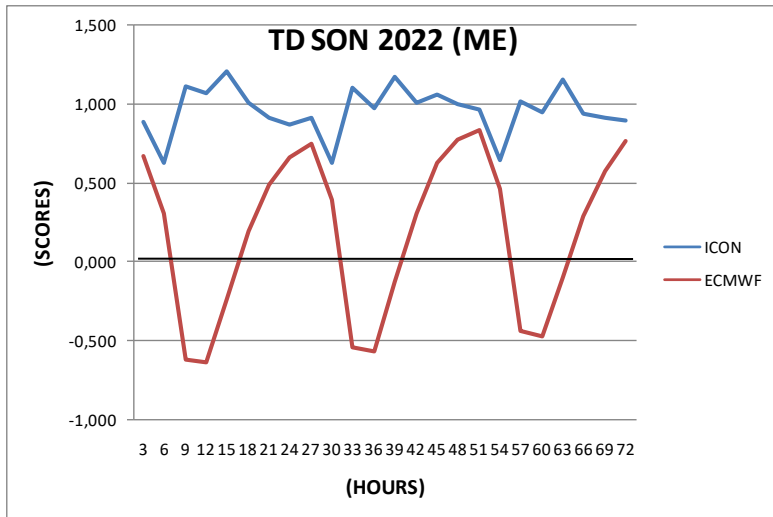


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➤ In warm seasons (JJA-SON), the difference between ICON-GR/IFS bias is more distinct.

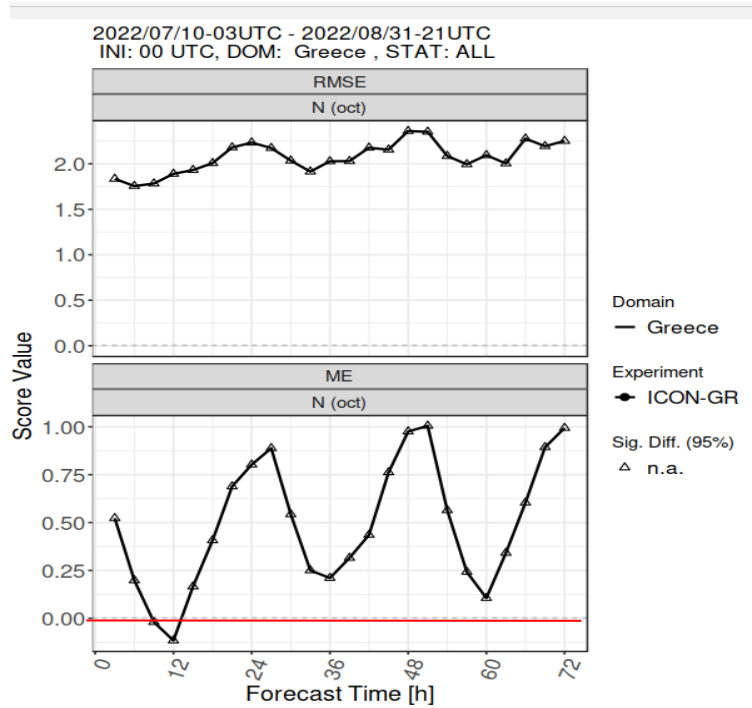
➤ IFS exhibits a diurnal cycle, overestimating only around the afternoon, while ICON-GR overestimates all day long.

➤ On the other side, COSMO-GR constantly underestimates (JJA)

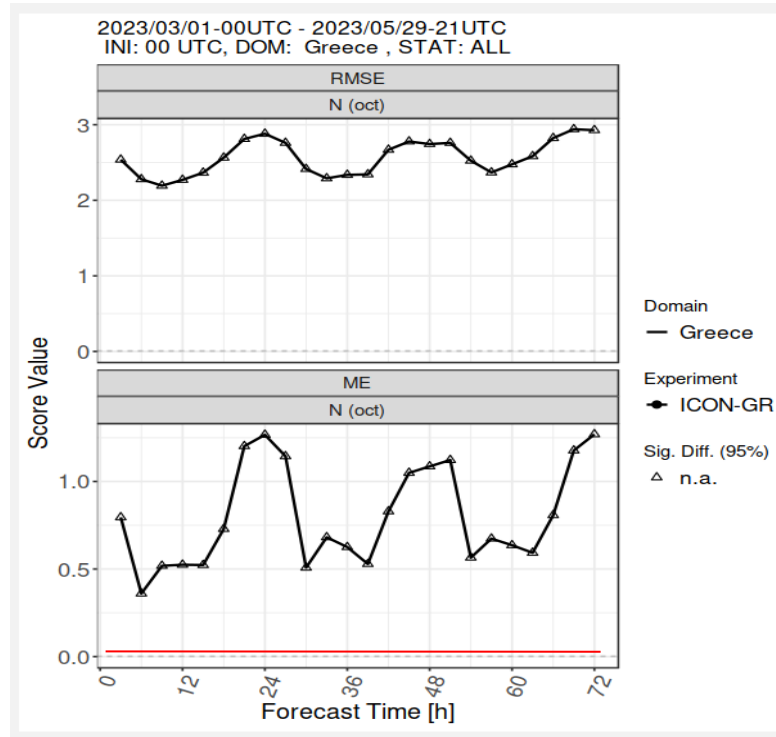


Total Cloud Cover

JJA22

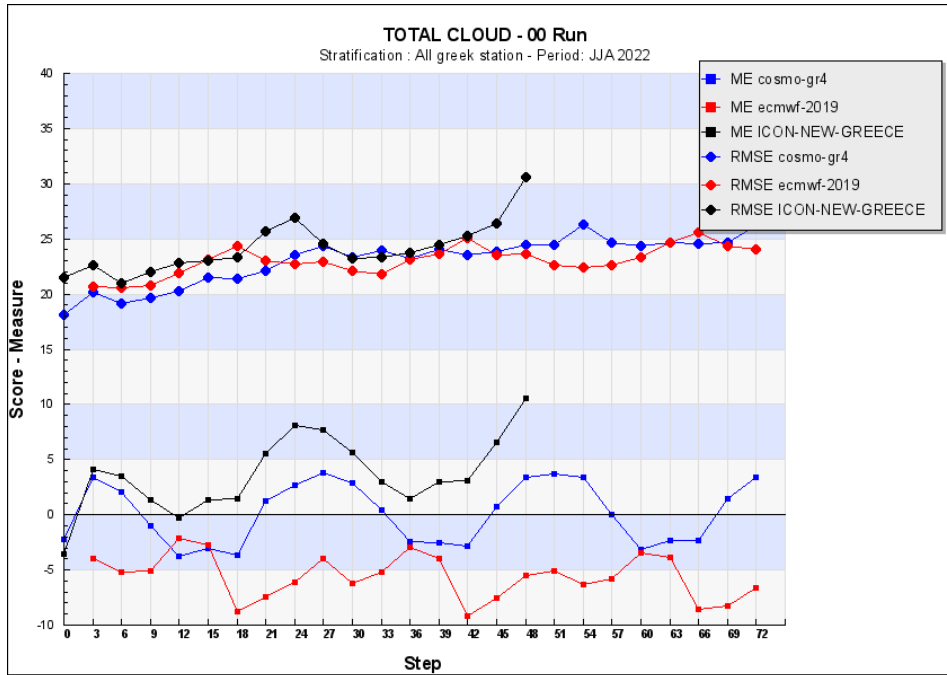


MAM23



TCC is overestimated for all seasons, mainly in MAM and DJF with maximum error at night.

TCC JJA models comparison



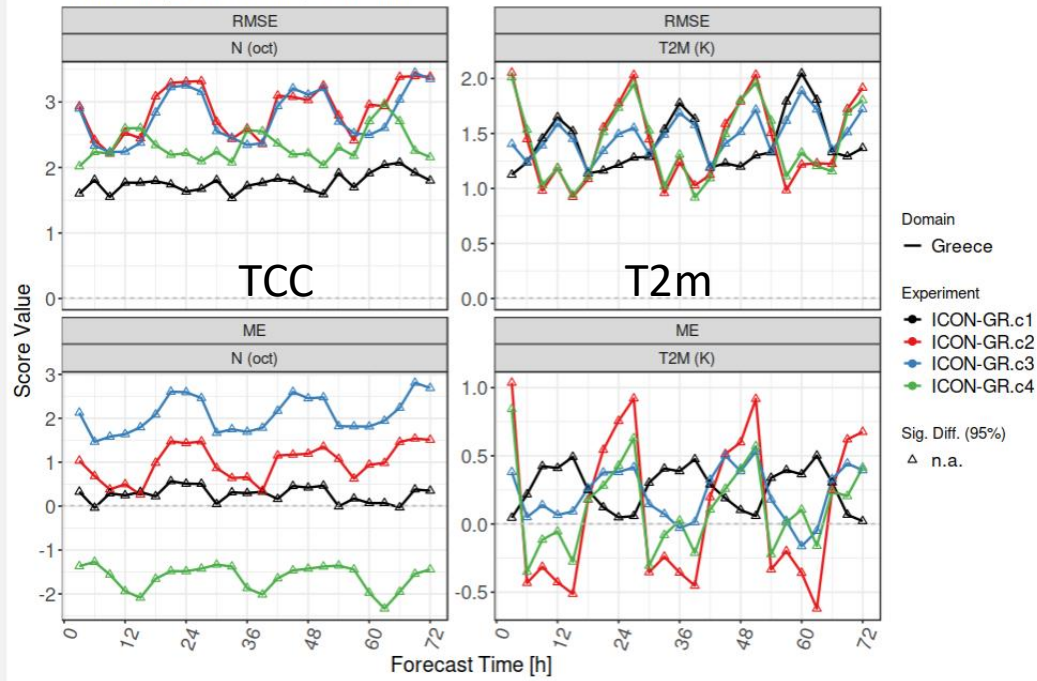
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ICON-GR

- Bias differences among models are more significant in JJA.
- ICON-GR overestimates TCC and error increases with time.
- On the other side there is significant difference from IFS which constantly underestimates, and COSMO-GR which shows a diurnal cycle with negative bias at noon.

CONDITIONAL VERIFICATION (TCC, T2m) ICON-GR based on TCC (MAM)

C1 obs ≥ 6 , C2 obs < 2 , C3 mod ≥ 6 C4 mod < 2 oct

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INI: 00 UTC, DOM: Greece, STAT: ALL



MAM 23

TCC

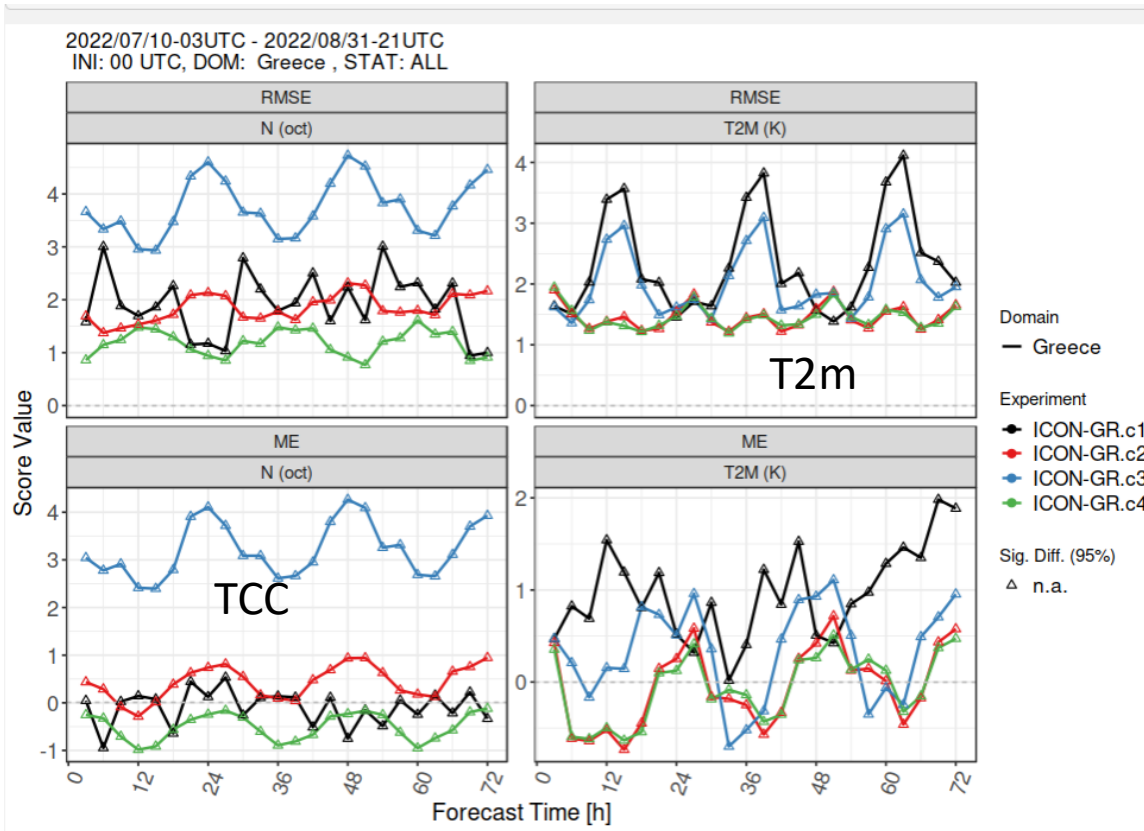
- Biggest error is with the condition **C3 (high cov-mod)**
- Lowest with **C1 (high cov-obs)** for all seasons
- Negative bias is for **C4 (low cov-mod)**.

T2m

- The curves of **C2** and **C4 (low cov)** are similar with overestimation at night and underestimation in the daytime.

CONDITIONAL VERIFICATION (TCC, T2m) ICON-GR based on TCC JJA22

C1 obs ≥ 6 , C2 obs < 2 , c3 mod ≥ 6 , C4 mod < 2 .



TCC

➤ The C3 (high cov-mod) condition gives the biggest error.

T2m

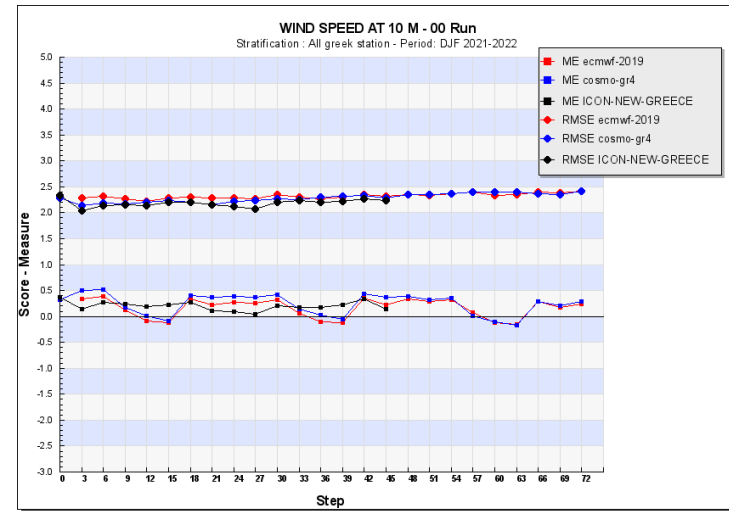
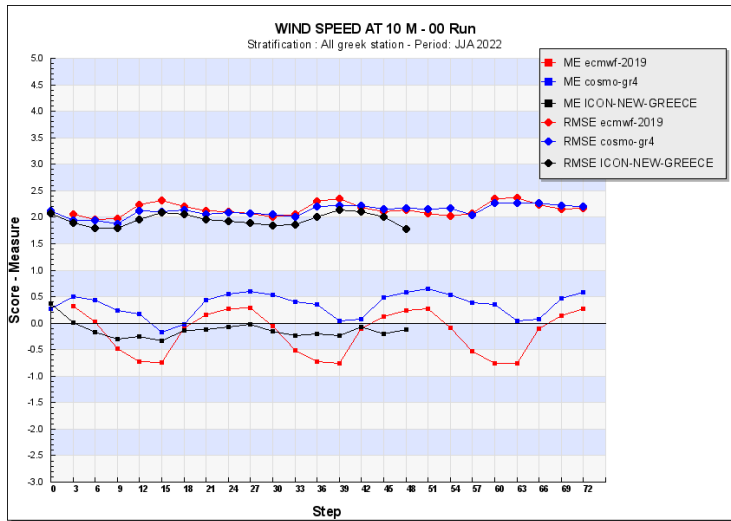
➤ The curves of C1 and C3 (high cov) give the biggest error.

10m Wind speed

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COSMO-GR
ICON-GR

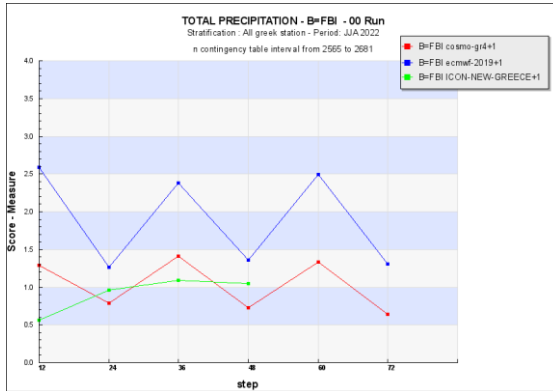
JJA

DJF

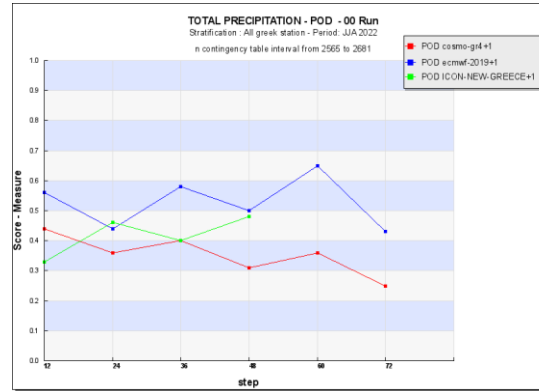


- Wind speed is slightly underestimated around noon (ICON-GR) in warm seasons but the diurnal cycle is weaker than other models.
- The differences among models are smaller in DJF when ICON-GR slightly overestimates at night.

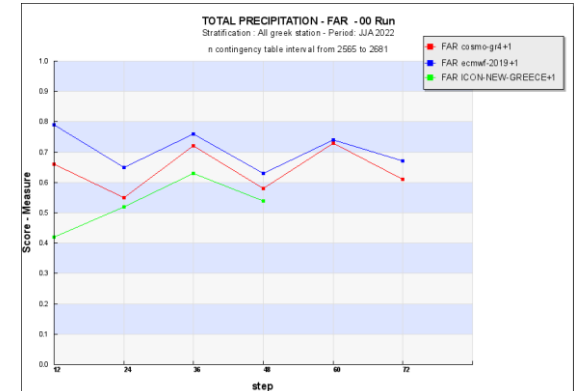
12h JJA Precipitation scores in JJA (<1mm)



FBI



POD



FAR

FBI : Differences among models more significant in warm seasons with IFS producing a strong diurnal cycle mainly for low thresholds., while ICON-GR remains relatively constant during the day. Similarities among models in DJF season.
POD is better for IFS, but FAR is better for ICON-GR.

Conclusions

- ✓ Temperature shows the biggest errors in warm months especially at night.
- ✓ Dew point Temperature is overestimated all day long the warm months and the bias score differs significantly compared to IFS and COSMO.
- TCC is overestimated for all seasons, mainly in MAM and DJF with maximum error at night.
- Conditional TCC verification shows that the TCC error is higher when the condition is high Cloud coverage based on model.
- Conditional T2m verification shows that the T2m error is higher when the condition is high Cloud coverage based on observations/model shown mainly in MAM season.
- Wind speed is slightly underestimated around noon in warm seasons.
- Precipitation scores show that ICON-GR scores for low thresholds are less variable with time lead and the FAR score is better than the other models.