

Common Plots Activity ...model errors

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Wind speed

WINTER

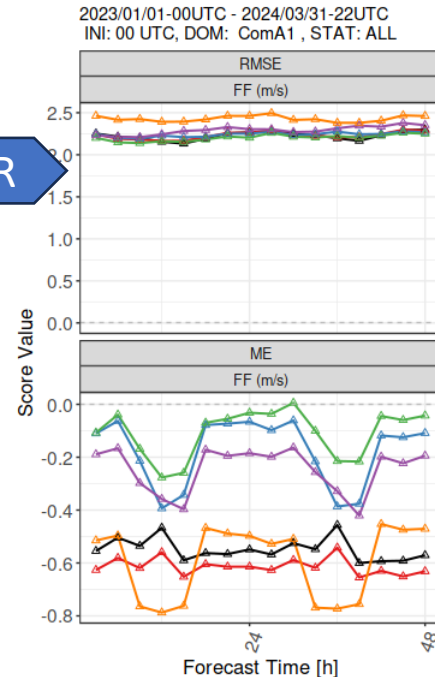
Driving models: No significant differences in RMSE range (except IFS). Underestimation in ALL models (winter) more evident with ICON/IFS

HighRes LAM: No differences in RMSE variability among models. Underestimation mainly from ICON-LAMs

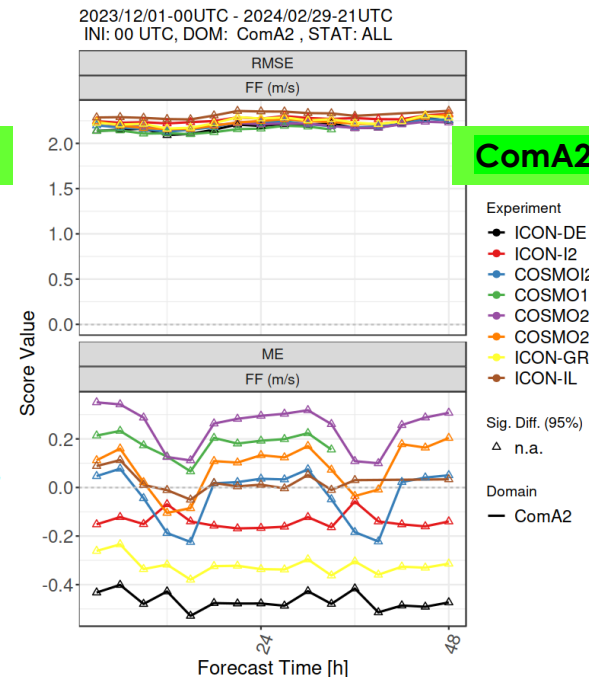
SysEr: Larger error cycle in summer

SUMMER

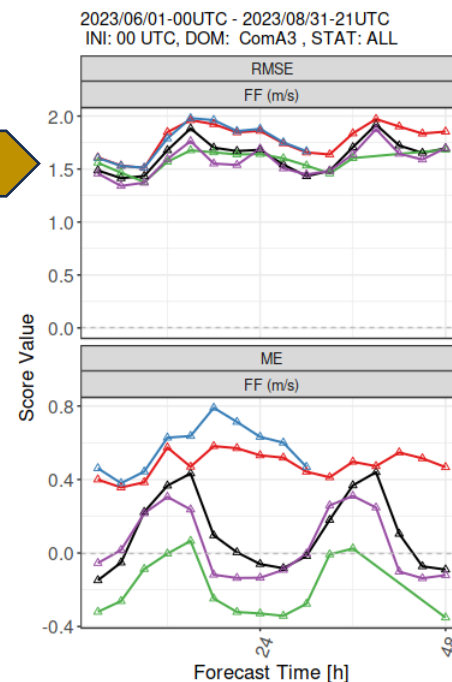
ModDp: negative bias in all seasons with max during nighttime in **ICON** models for both seasons, positive bias of **COSMO** models



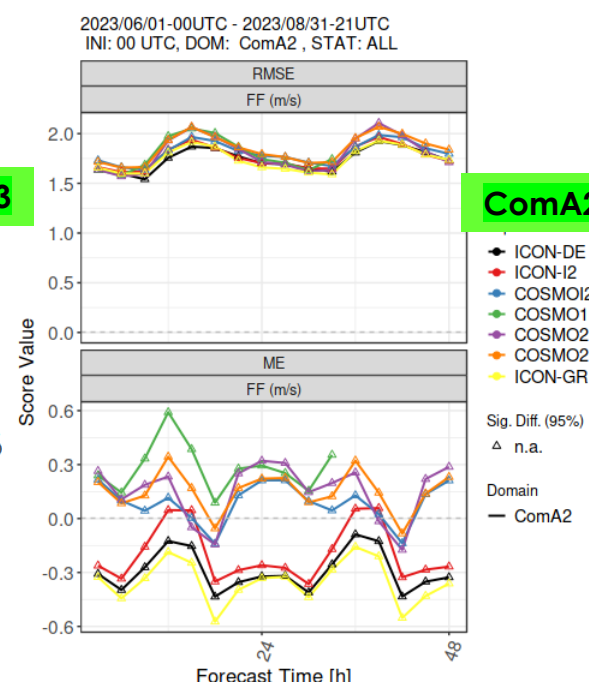
ComA1



ComA2



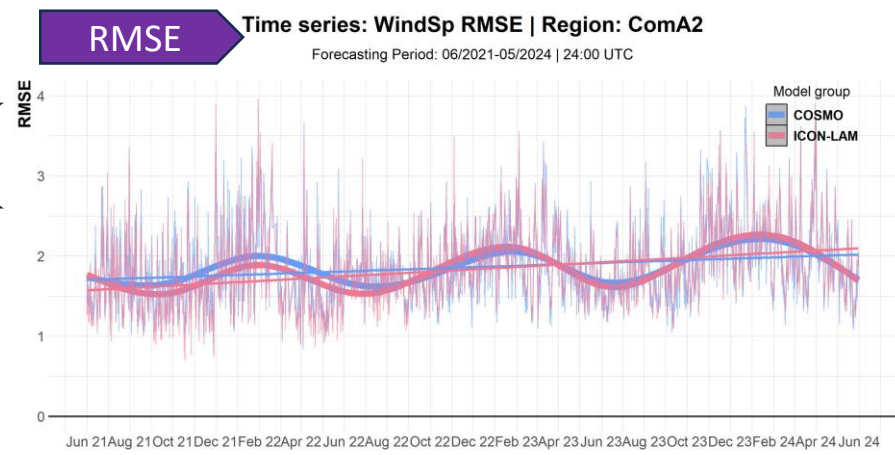
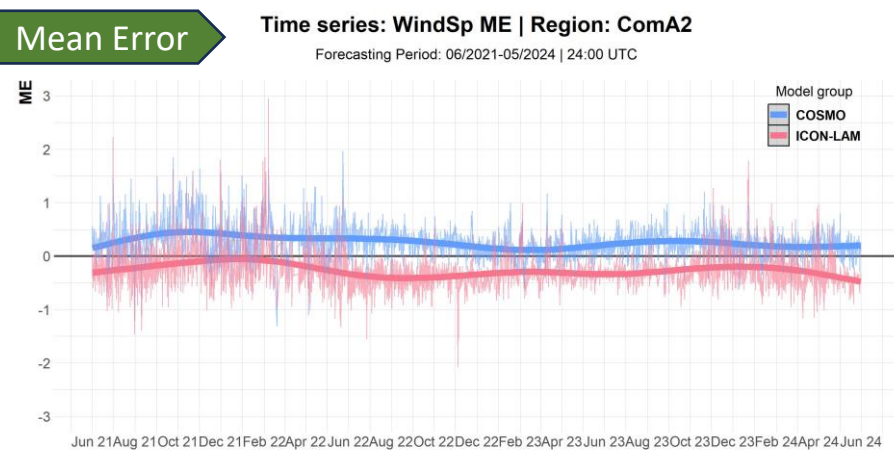
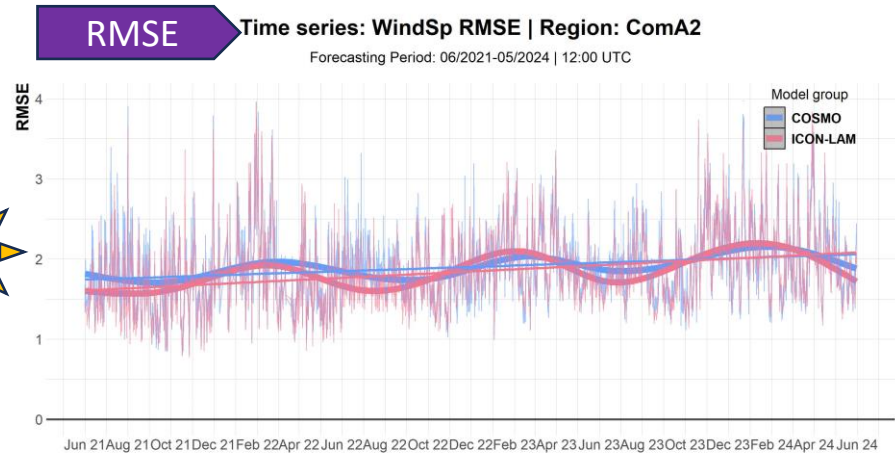
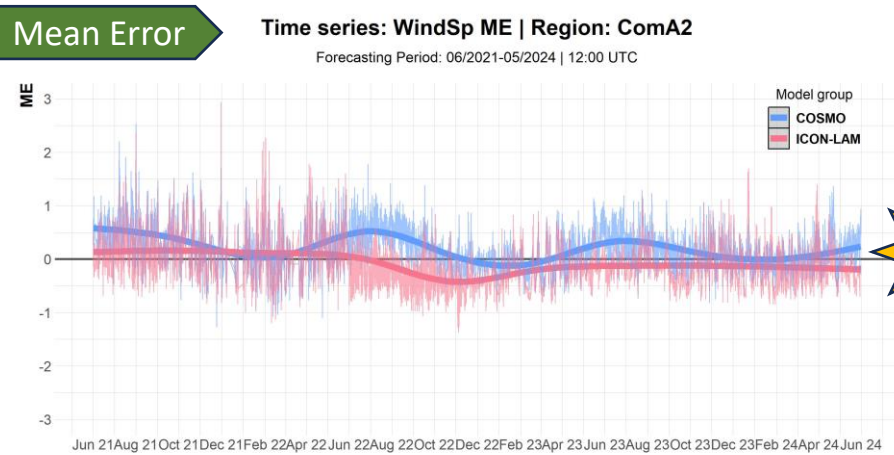
ComA3



ComA2

WindSp @12+24UTC: all COSMO/ICON ComA2, 2021-2024

Factorial timeseries linked to ME and RMSE, thicker lines represent the smoothed average. Used: geom_smooth() that adds a regression line to a plot, and it uses a loess smooth when there are fewer than 1000 observations, and a GAM when there are more.



Not clear change in performance with wind speed , tendency to underestimate mainly at night

2m Temp

WINTER

Driving models: ICON error smaller than COSMO+IFS, less evident diurnal cycle in ME, overestimation (winter)

HighRes LAM: consistency in performance among CA regions

SysEr: Diurnal cycle (DC) of **RMSE** is present in all models.

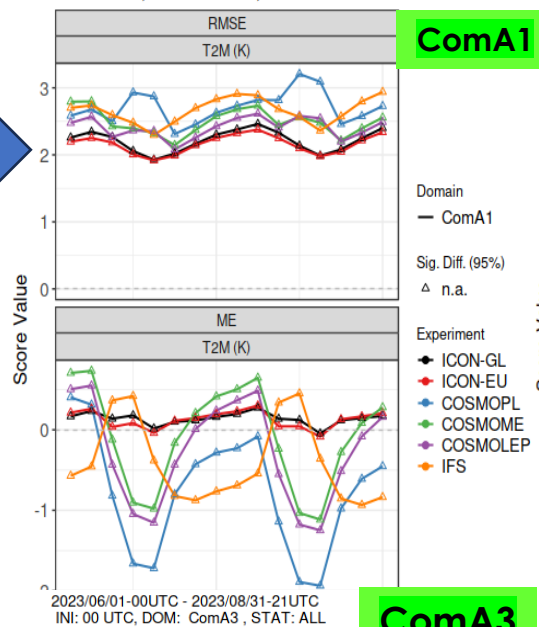
Large Errors from **initialization** of run. Reduced **RMSE DC** with ICON models especially reduction in **BIAS DC** (black+red+yellow).

SysEr: Larger error of 2mT at **night** and early morning in **winter** and at **midday** in the **summer**.

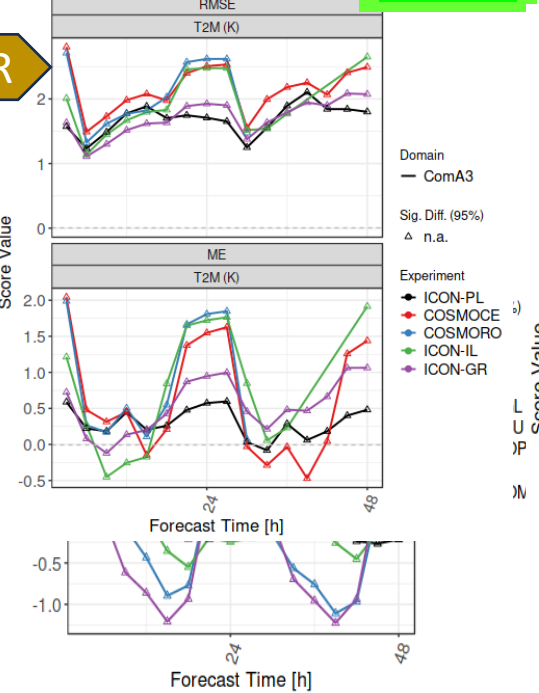
SysEr: Underestimation during **summer** warm hours. Overestimation during summer at night hour, but reduced with ICON

SysEr : Systematic
ModDp: Model dependant

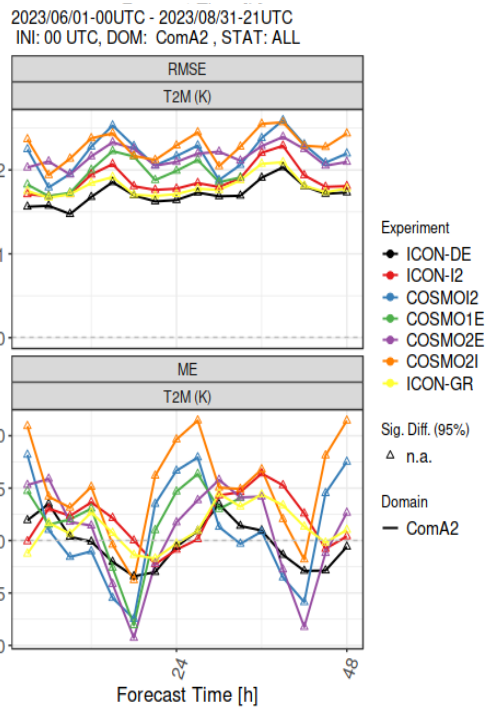
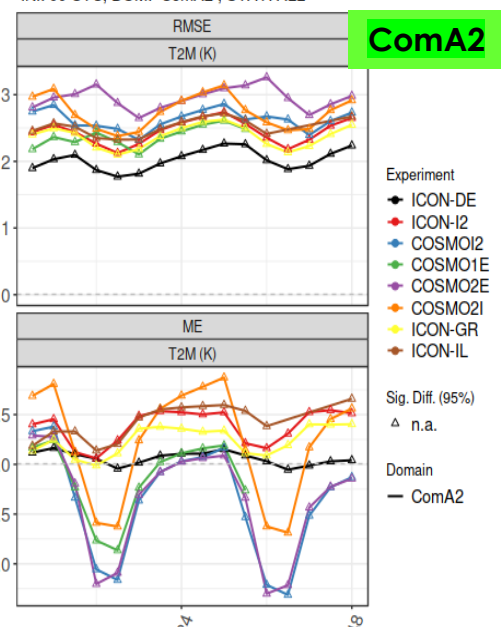
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ComA3



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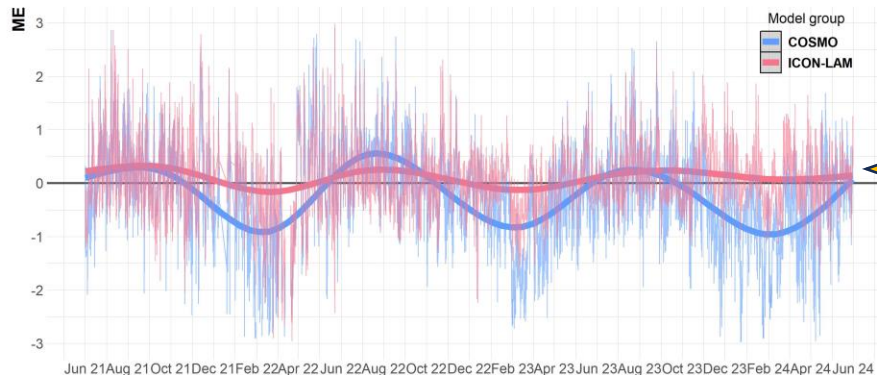
2mT @12+24UTC: all COSMO/ICON ComA2. 2021-2024

Factorial timeseries linked to ME and RMSE, thicker lines represent the smoothed average. Used: `geom_smooth()` that adds a regression line to a plot, and it uses a `loess smooth` when there are fewer than 1000 observations, and a `GAM` when there are more.

Mean Error

Time series: 2mT ME | Region: ComA2

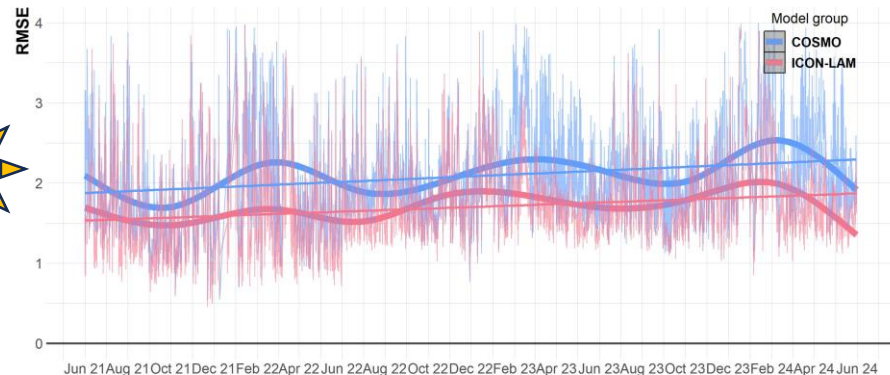
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RMSE

Time series: 2mT RMSE | Region: ComA2

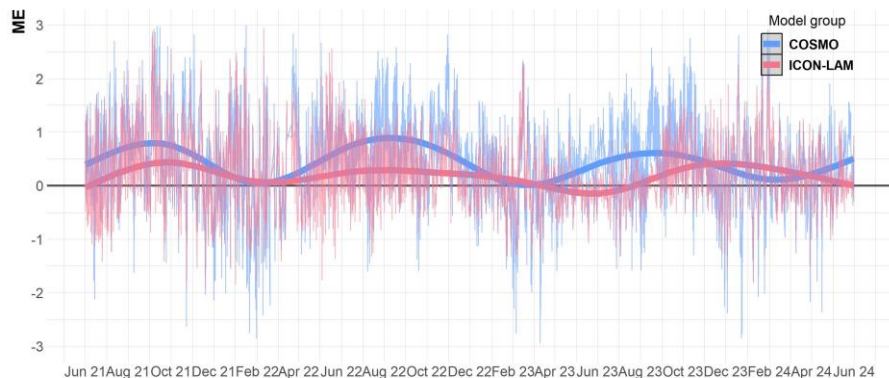
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Mean Error

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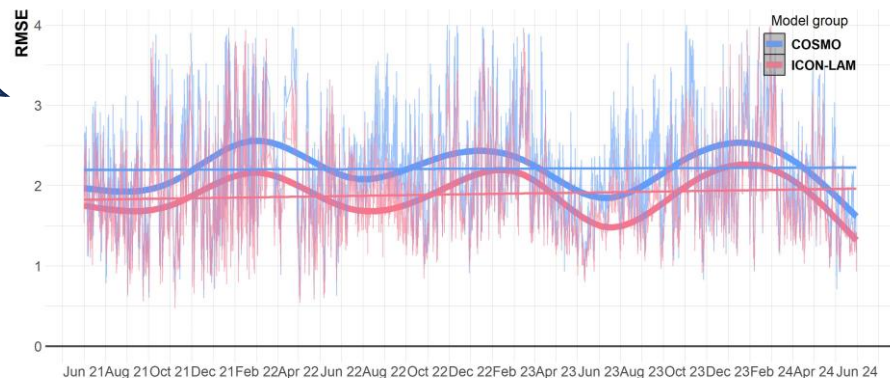
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RMSE

Time series: 2mT RMSE | Region: ComA2

Forecasting Period: 06/2021-05/2024 | 24:00 UTC



ICON tendency to underestimate mainly in the winter night hours, much less than COSMO that underestimates at noon and overestimates at night (diurnal cycle minimized)

Cloud Cover

SysEr : Large errors (2.5-3oct) **winter**, larger errors in **summer** (up to 4 oct)

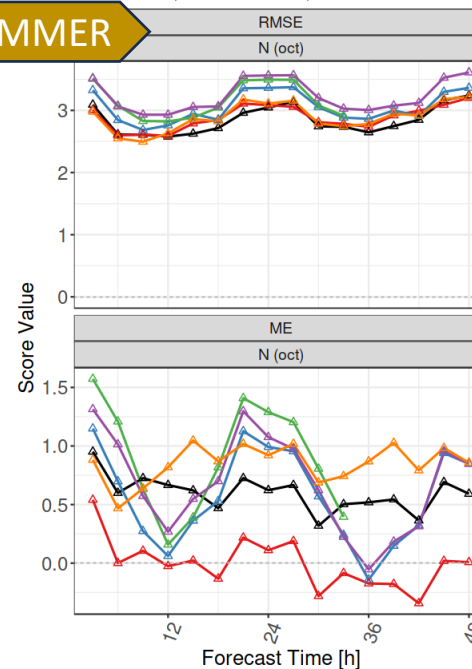
SysEr : Higher errors during **nighttime** for all models

SysEr : TCC performance in **winter** is similar but improved with ICON especially w.r.t. to the **overestimation at night**.

ModDp : Higher **underestimation in warm hours** of the day with ICON in **winter**

ModDp : In the **summer** larger variability of ME and min/max among models

SUMMER



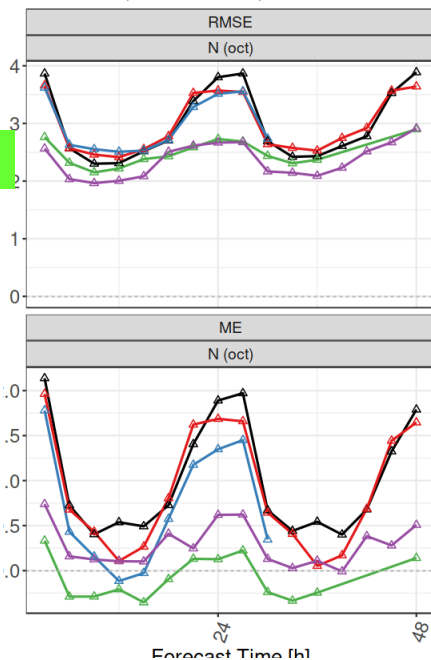
ComA2

△ n.a.

Experiment
● ICON-DE
● ICON-I2
● COSMOI2
● COSMO1E
● COSMO2I
● ICON-GR

Domain
— ComA2

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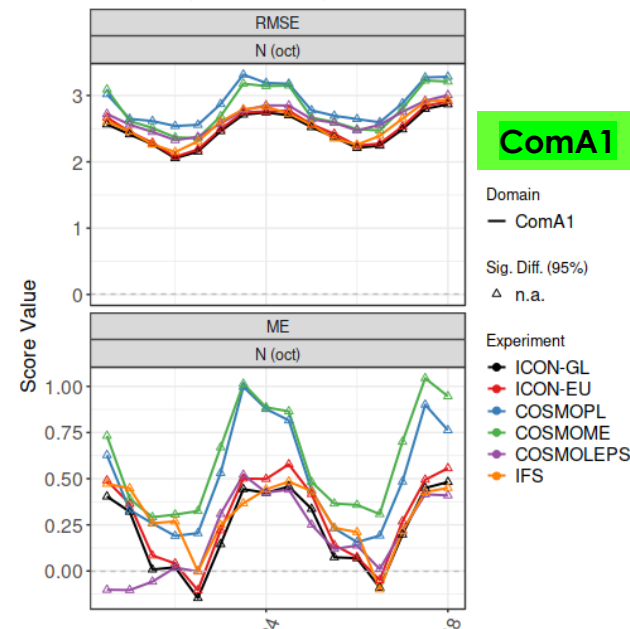
ComA3

Domain
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Sig. Diff. (95%)
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Experiment
● ICON-PL
● COSMOCE
● COSMORO
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● ICON-GR

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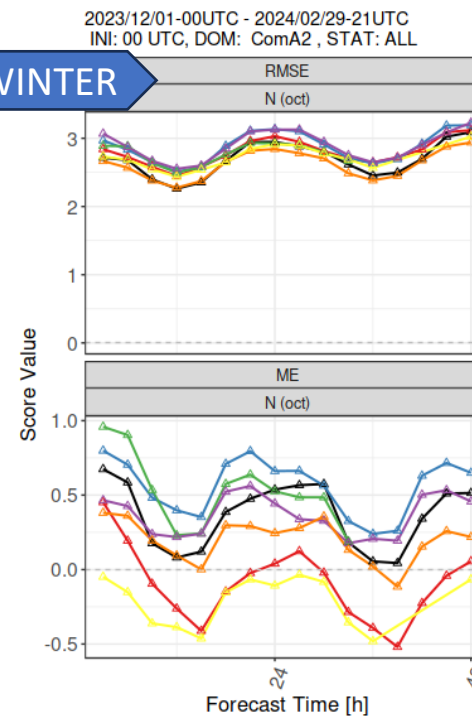
ComA1

Domain
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Sig. Diff. (95%)
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Experiment
● ICON-GL
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● COSMOPL
● COSMOME
● COSMOLEPS
● IFS

WINTER



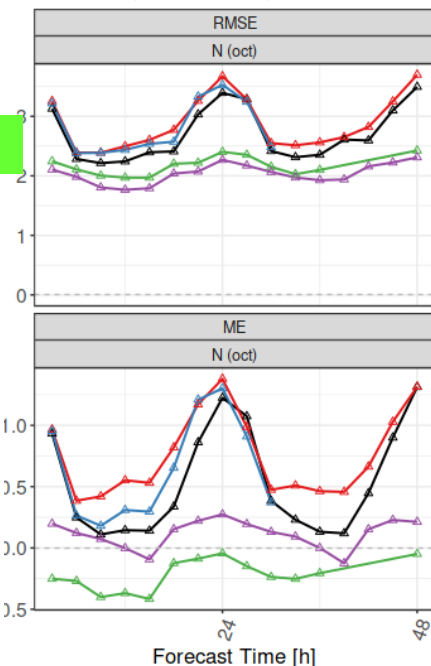
ComA2

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Experiment
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● ICON-I2
● COSMOI2
● COSMO1E
● COSMO2I
● ICON-GR
● ICON-IL

Domain
— ComA2

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ComA3

Domain
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Sig. Diff. (95%)
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Experiment
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● COSMORO
● ICON-IL
● ICON-GR

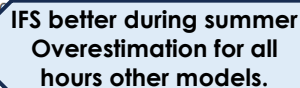
Cloud Cover

WINTER



**Overestimation both seasons
stronger @night in winter**

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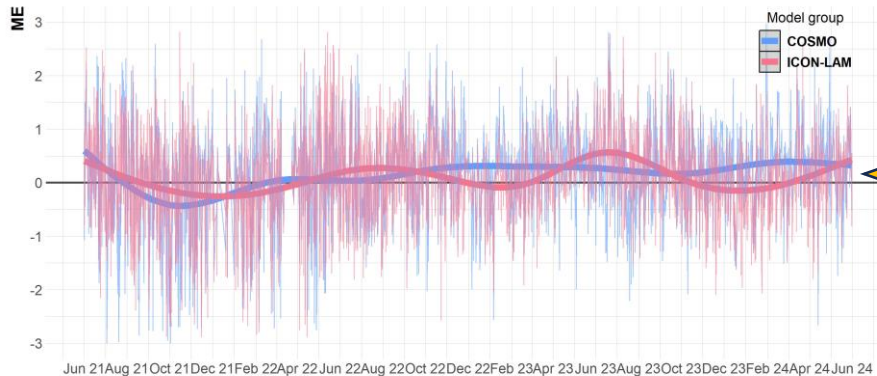
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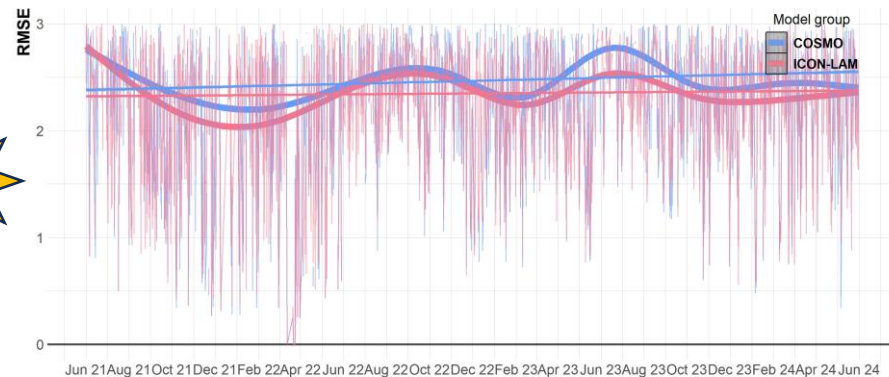
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RMSE

Time series: TCC RMSE | Region: ComA2

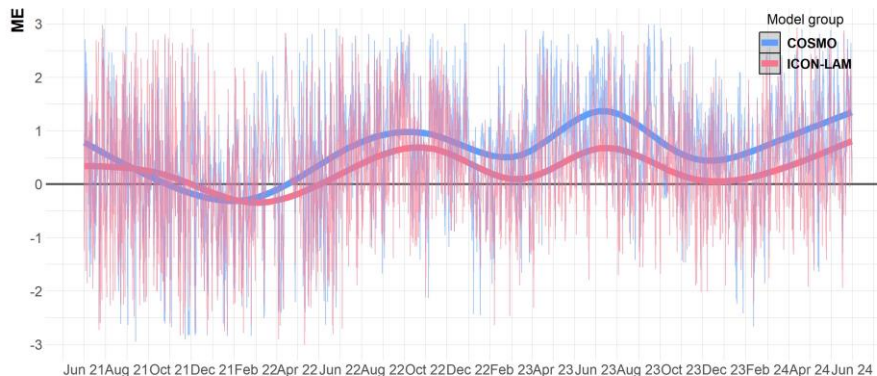
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Mean Error

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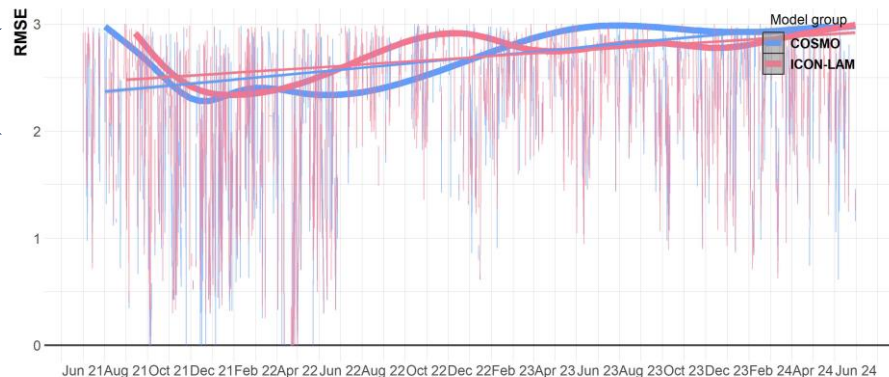
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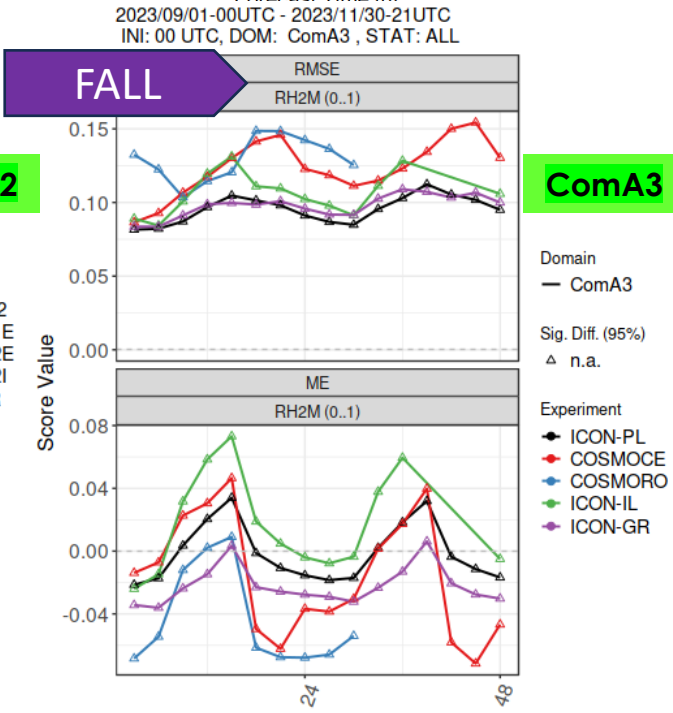
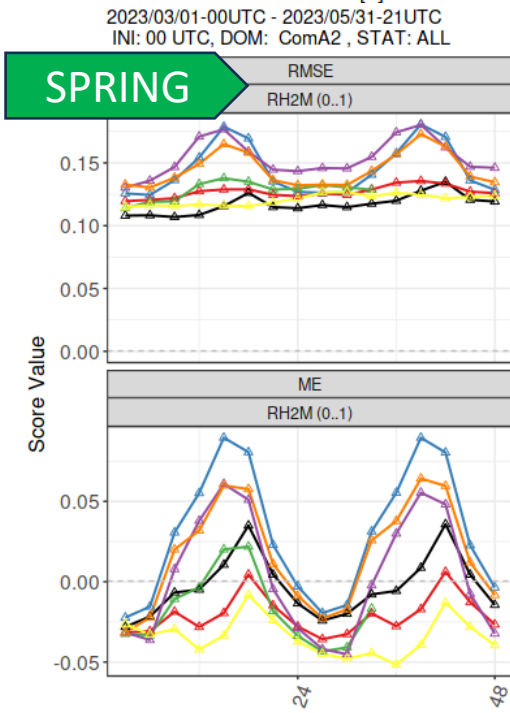
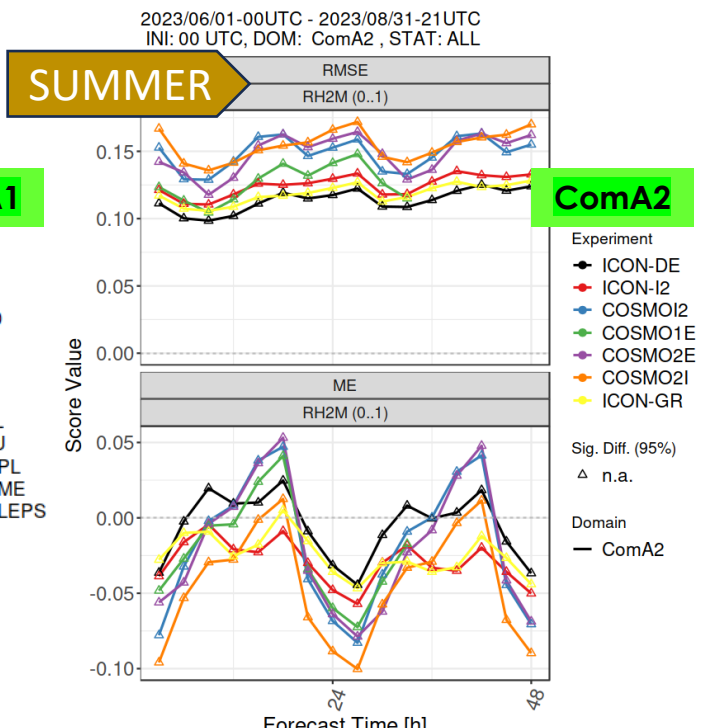
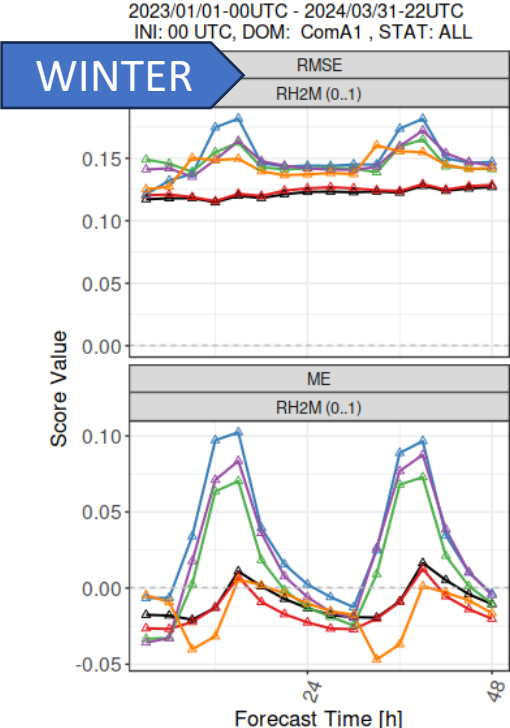
Ambiguous performance in RMSE TS (higher errors at night) with a tendency to overestimation during warm months night hours.

Humidity

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BIAS diurnal cycle,
strongly reduced in ICON
models.

SysEr : **ICON** RMSE values
are attributed to the
overestimation during
daylight hours and the
underestimation at night
during almost all seasons

SysEr : ICON models
generally **drier especially**
in winter

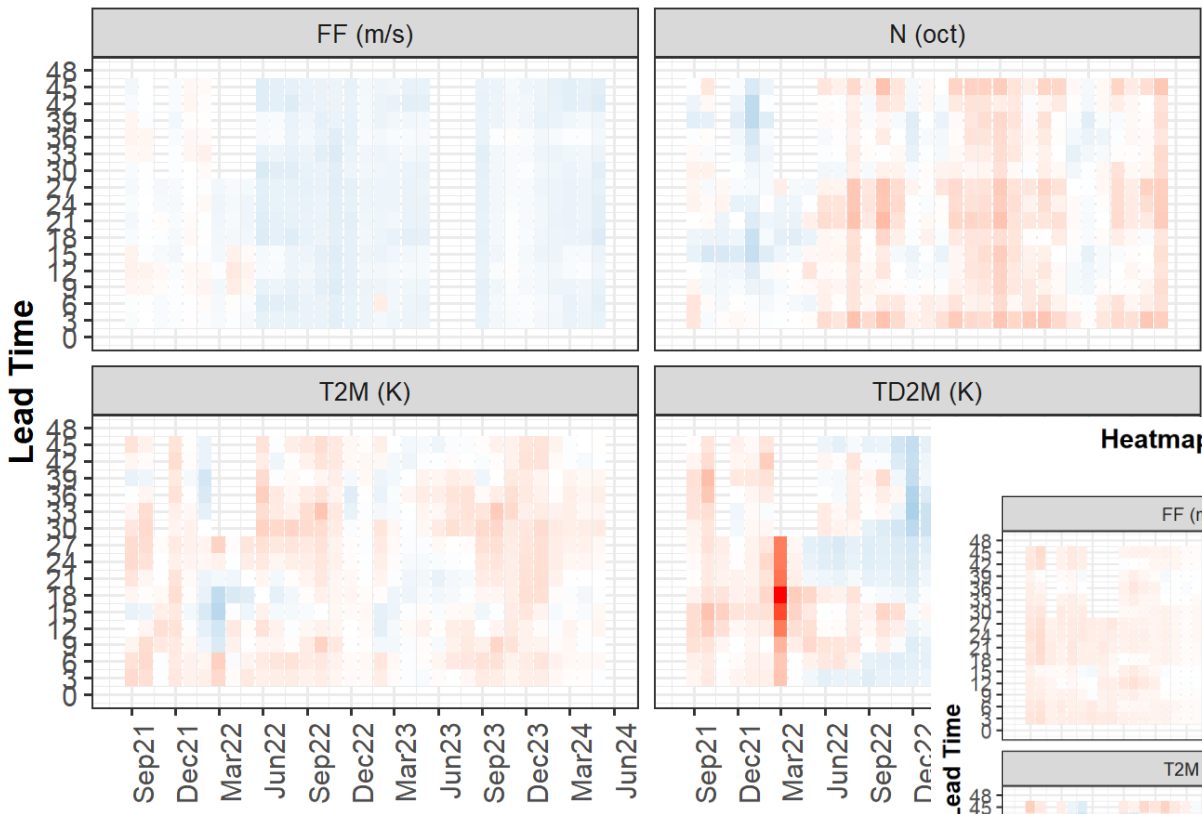


HeatMaps all **ICON** ComA2, 2021-2024

Mean Error

Heatmap-ME | Region: ComA2 | Model: ICON-LAM

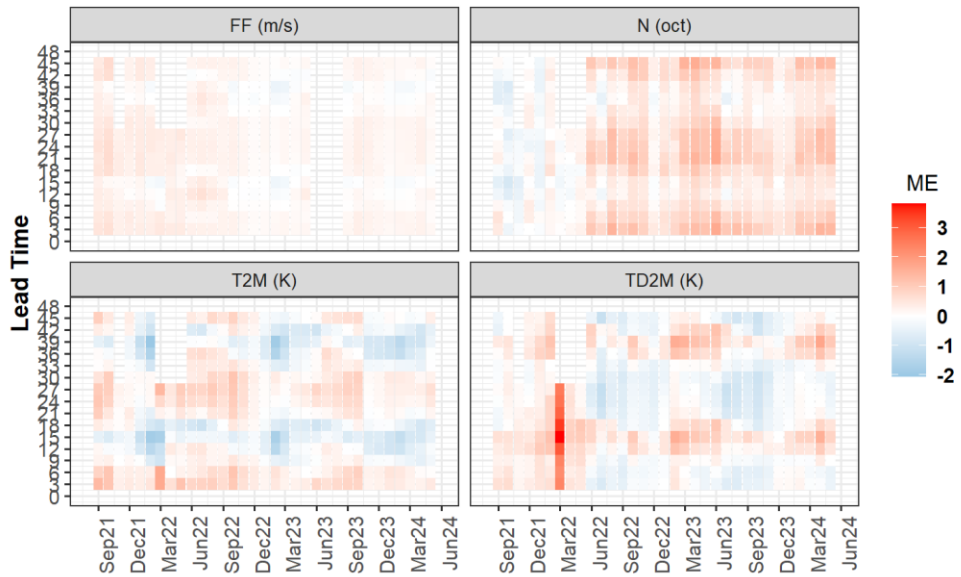
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WSp: Slight but steady underestimation of ICON-LAM
2mT: Overestimation n warm months, underestimation in winter months midday.
TCC: Manly overestimation at night and in warm months
2mTd: Underestimation mainly in winter and night hours.

Heatmap-ME | Region: ComA2 | Model: COSMO

Forecasting Period: 08/2021-05/2024

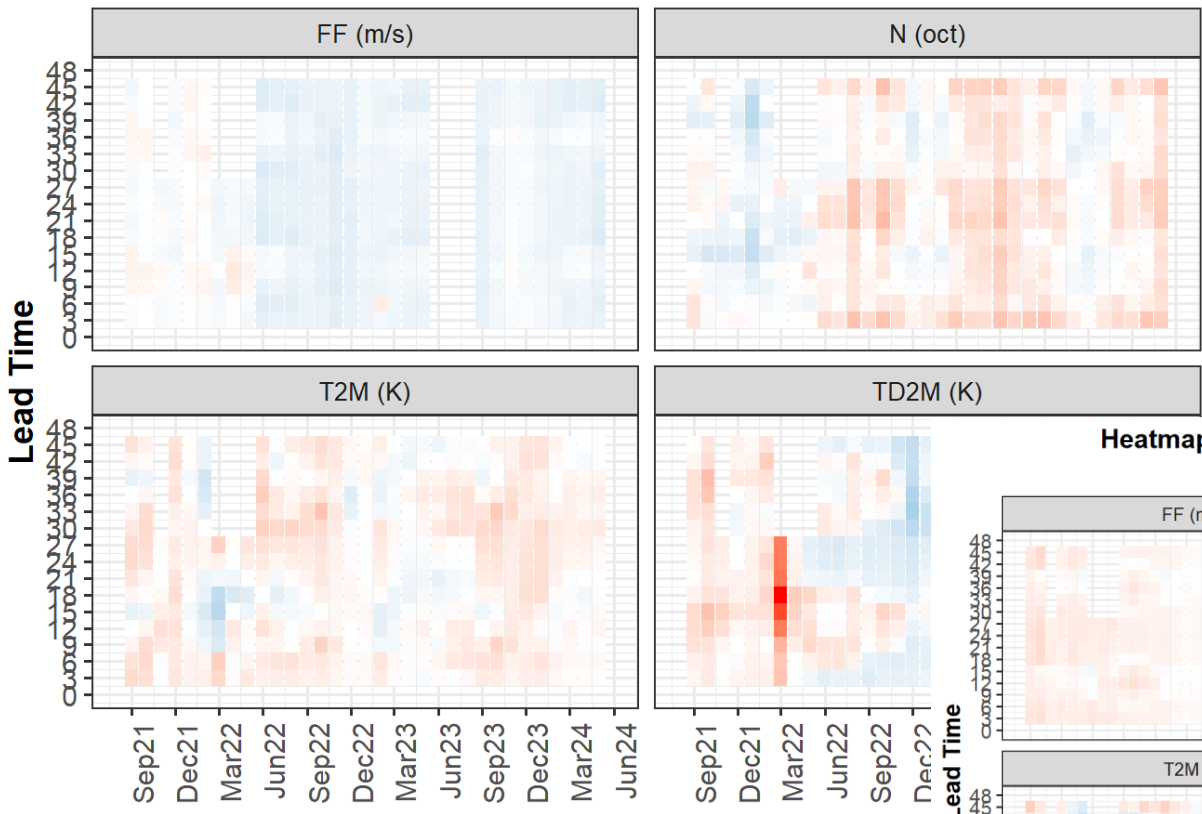


HeatMaps all **ICON** ComA2, 2021-2024

Mean Error

Heatmap-ME | Region: ComA2 | Model: ICON-LAM

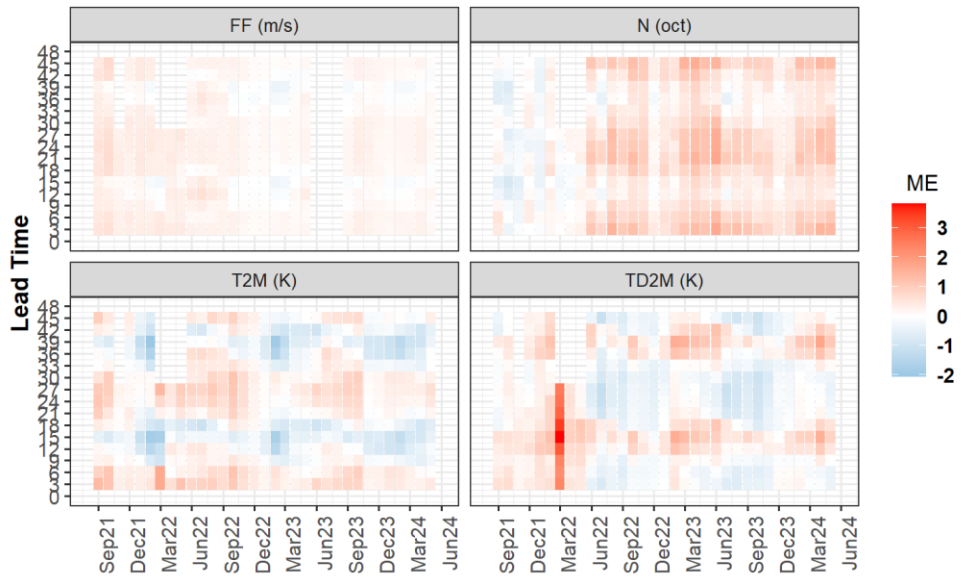
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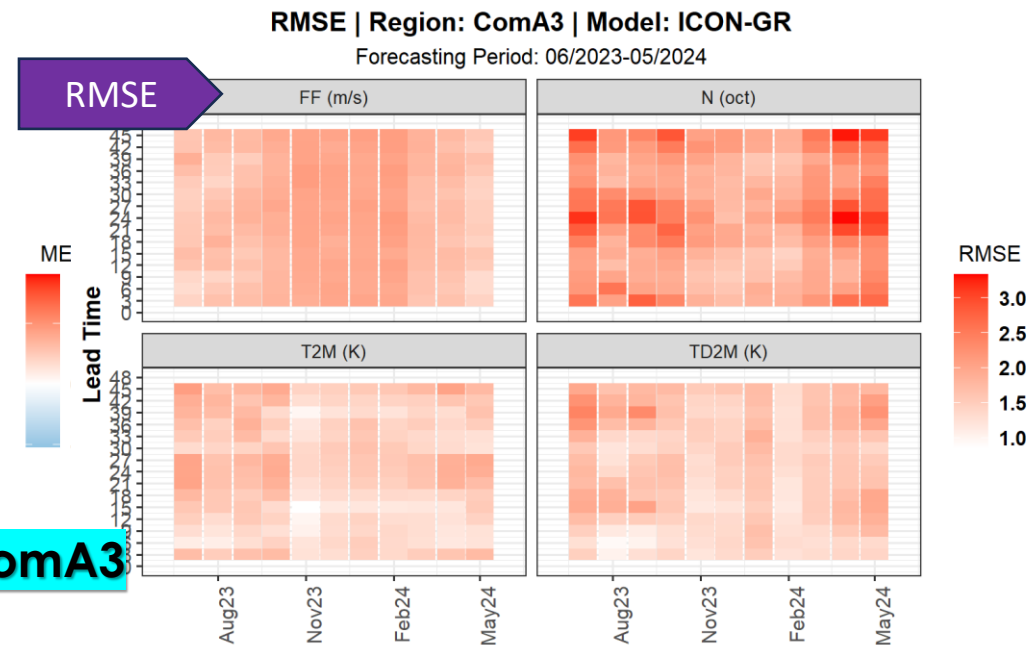
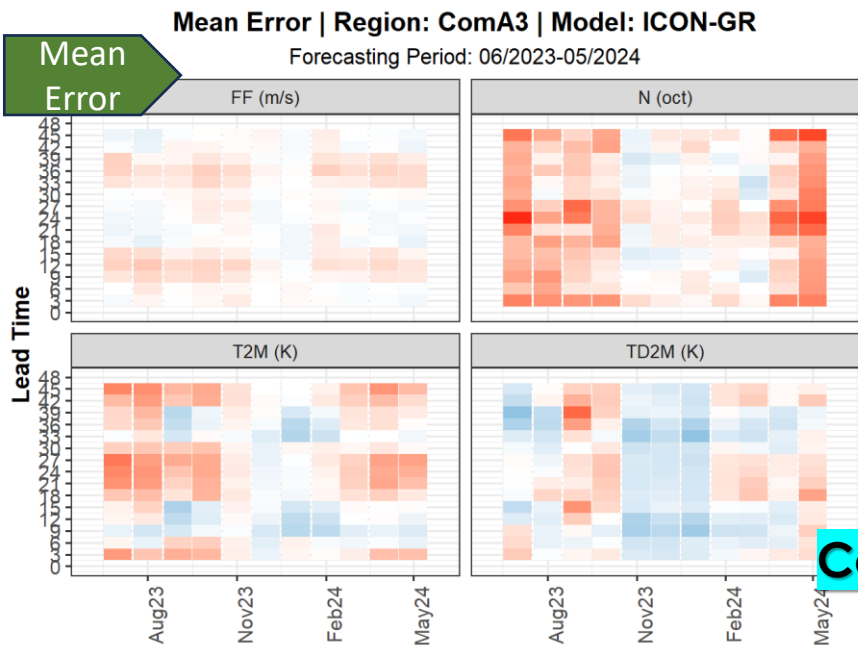
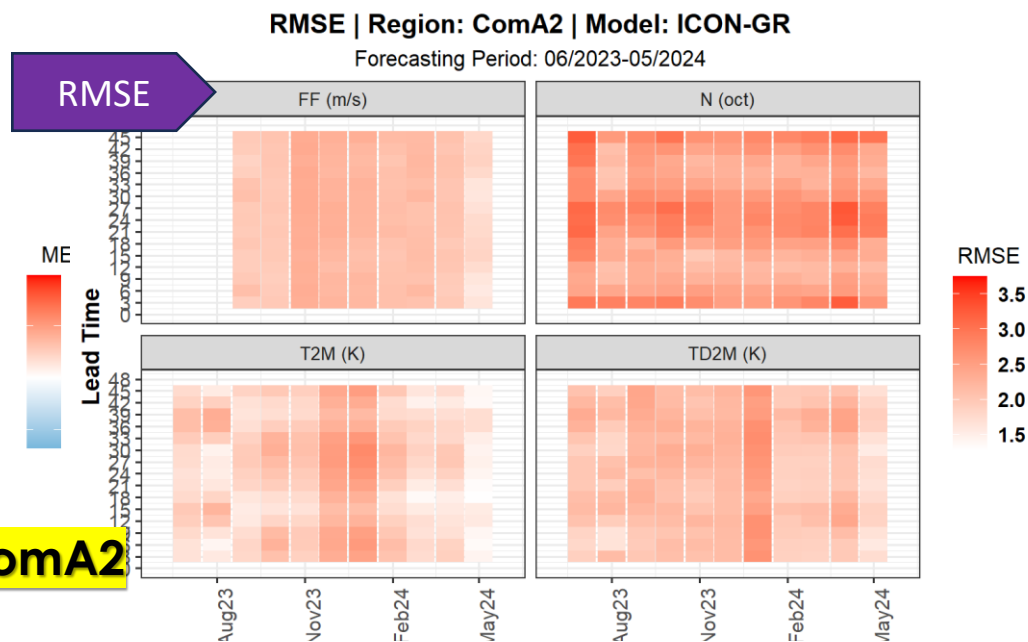
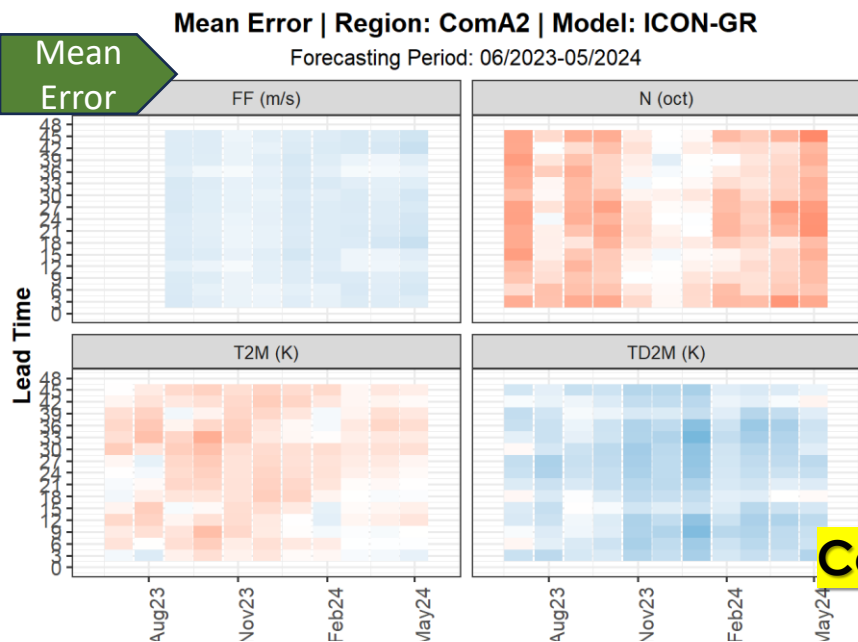
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Heatmap-ME | Region: ComA2 | Model: COSMO

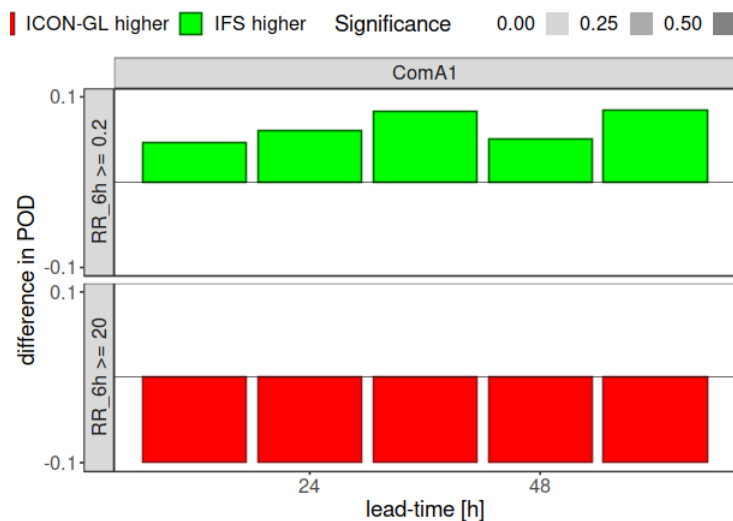
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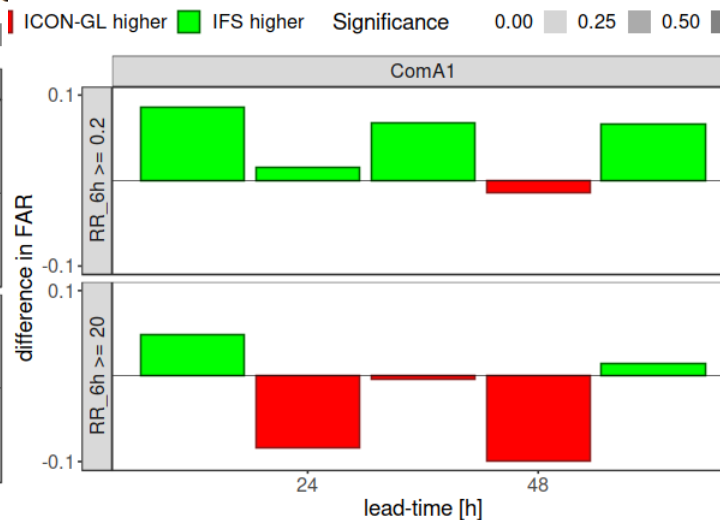
HeatMaps **ICON-GR** **ComA2** **ComA3**, 2023-2024



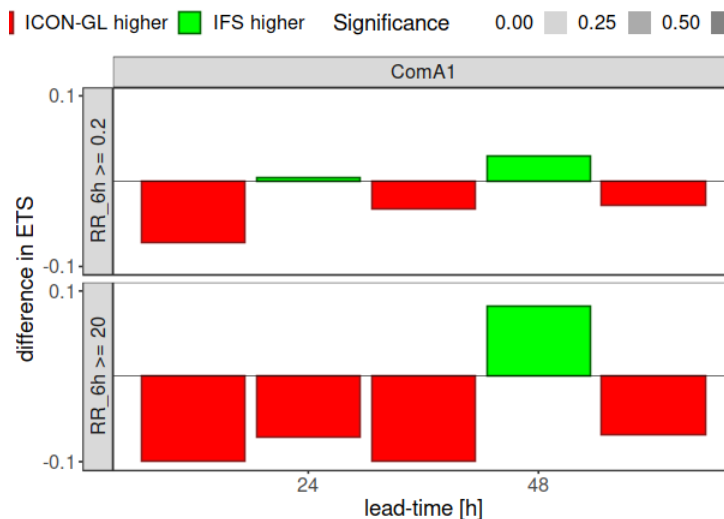
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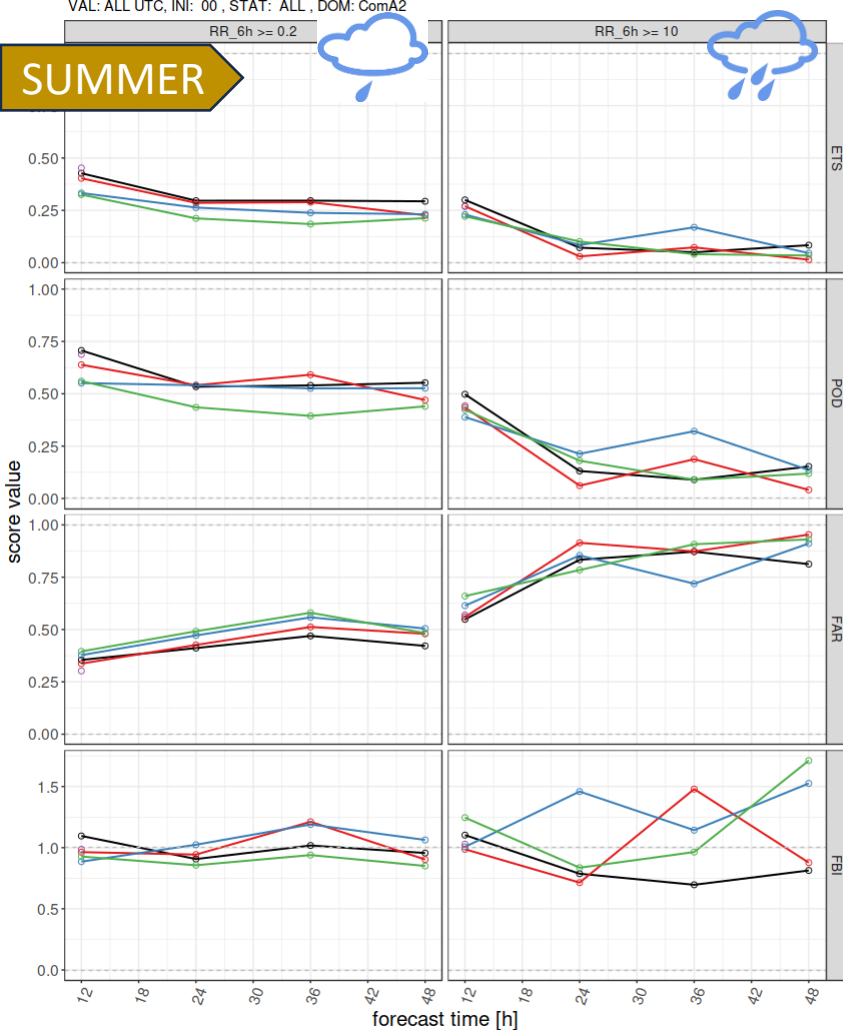
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6h Precipitation

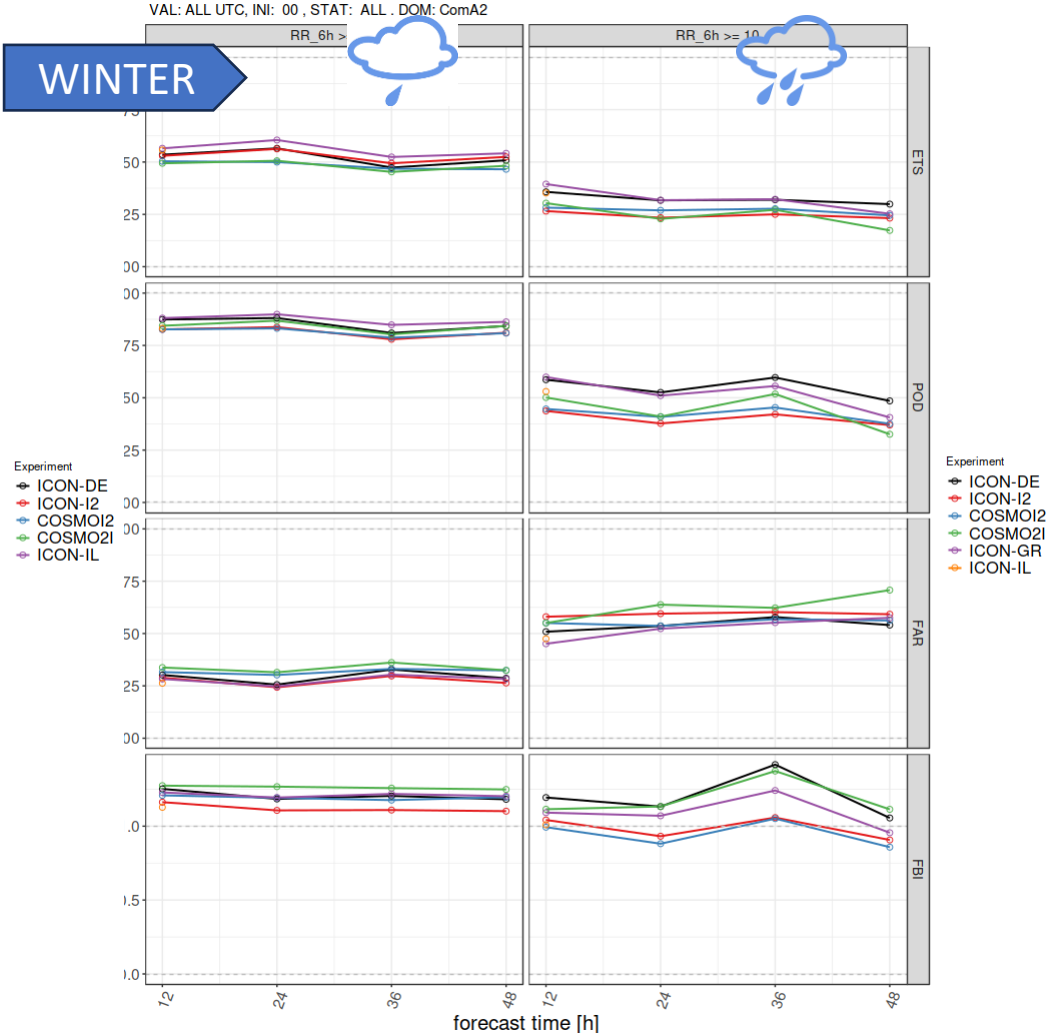
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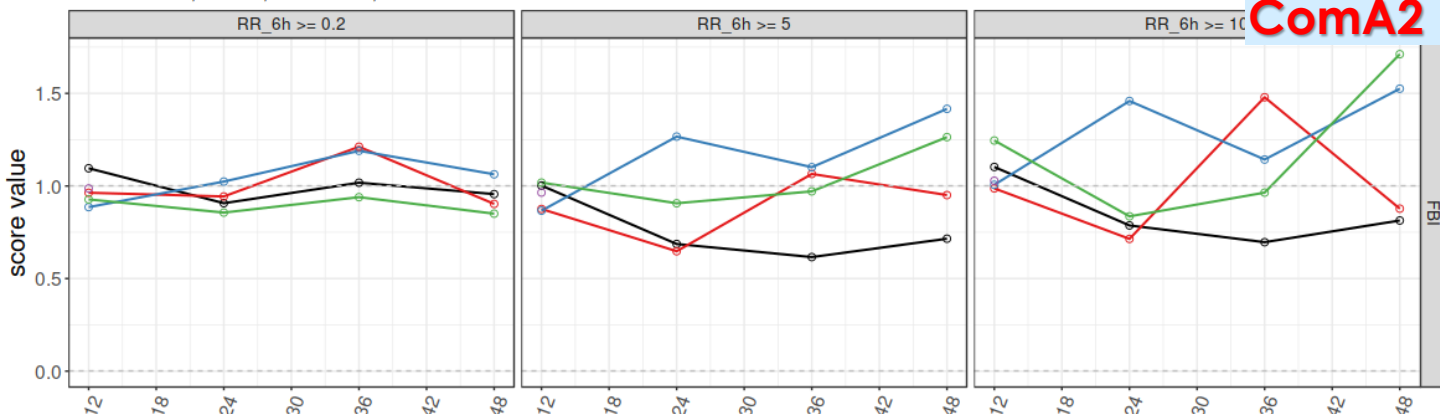
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WINTER



- Clearer differences in performance in higher precipitation amounts
- MOD:** ETS, FAR are higher for **ICON** but with a tendency to underestimate small preci amounts

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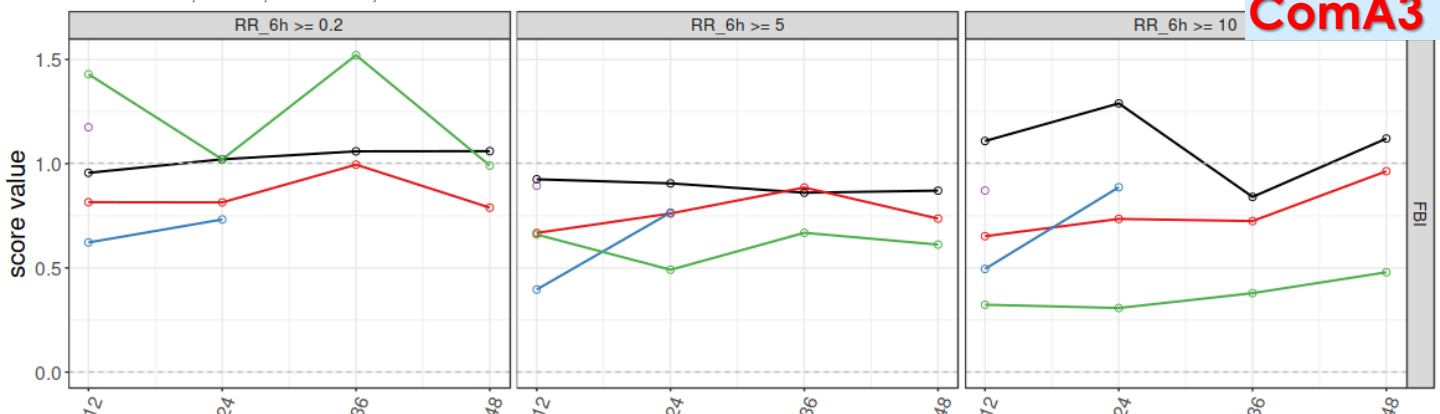


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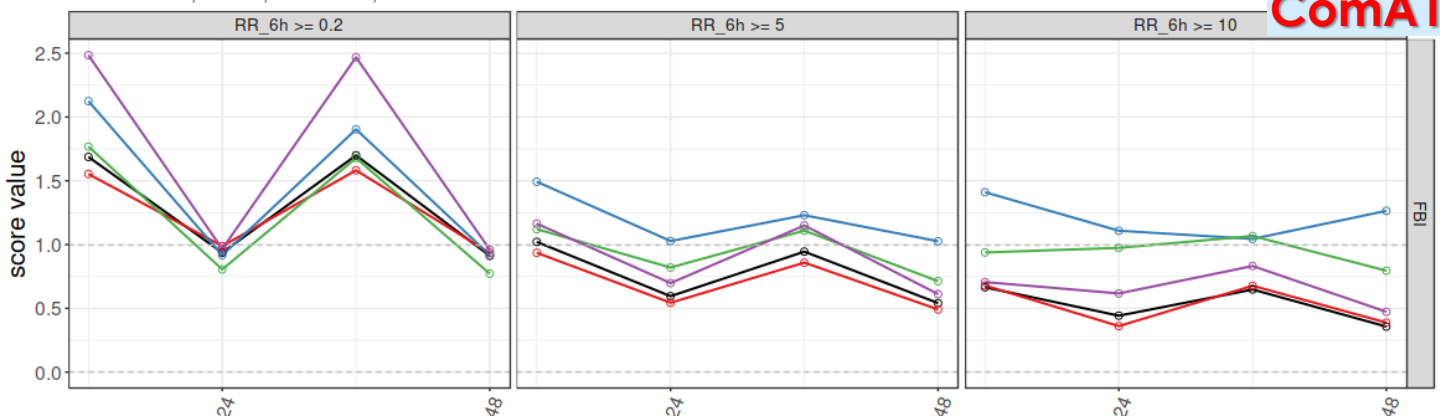
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Underestimation
of significant
precipitation
amounts from
driving models.
Variable tendency
in high resolution
models

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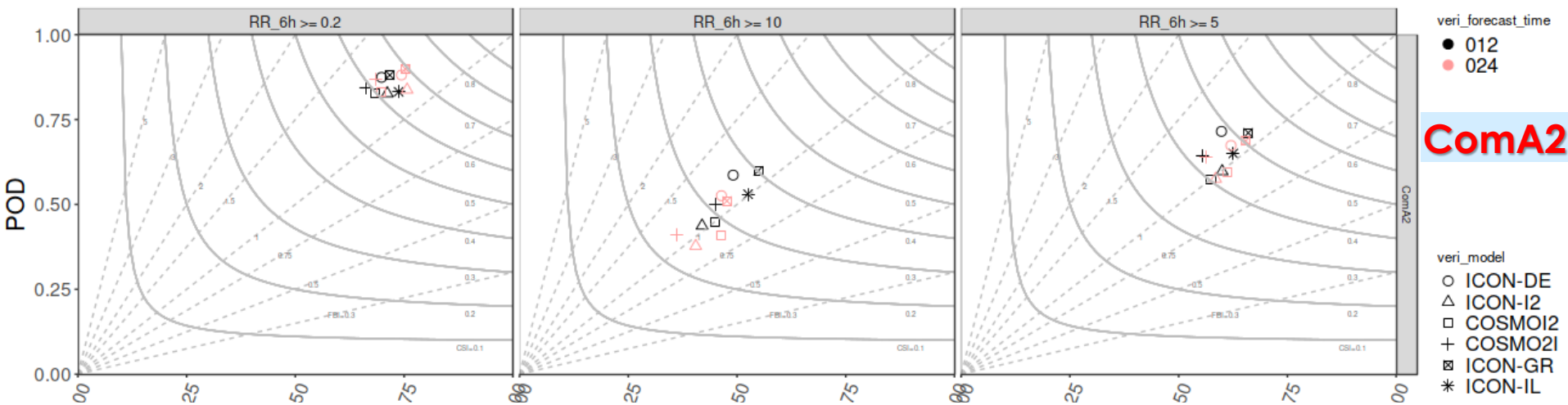


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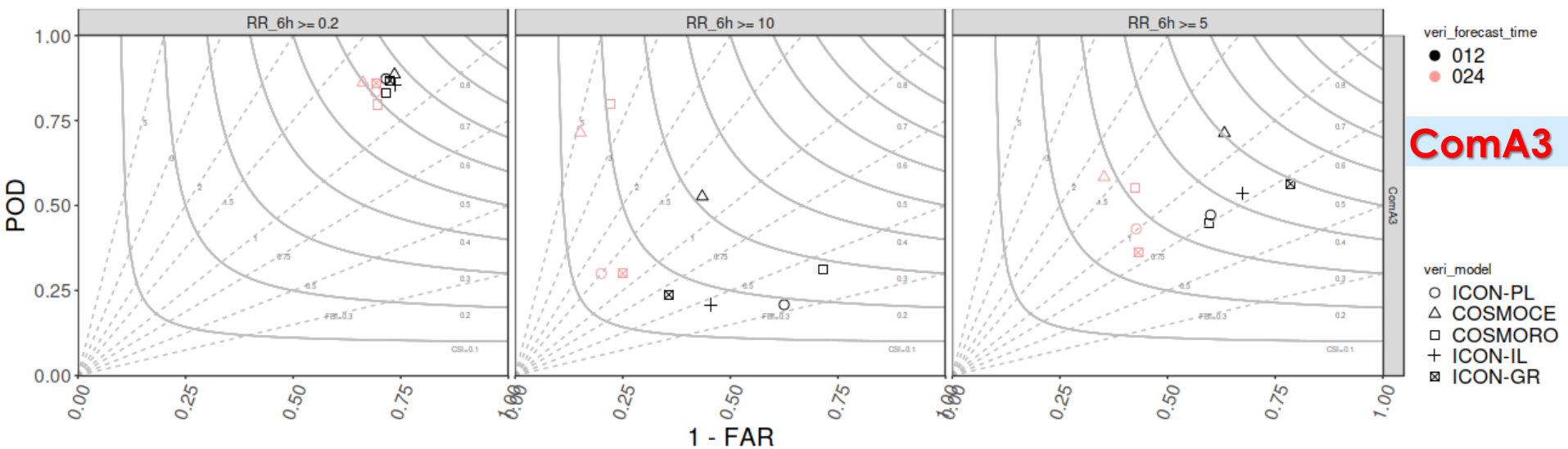


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Performance of models variable with region and time

Remarks based on CP verification

• 2mT

Driving models: ICON error smaller than COSMO+IFS, less evident diurnal cycle in ME, overestimation (winter)

SysEr: RMSE diurnal cycle is present in all models. Large errors in run initialization. Reduced RMSE DC with ICON models especially reduction in BIAS DC.

SysEr: Larger errors at night and early morning in winter and at midday in the summer.

SysEr: Underestimation during summer warm hours. Overestimation during summer at night

SysEr: ICON tendency to underestimate mainly in the winter night hours

Possible Model Error attributes: issues in the surface energy budget, representation of land-atmosphere interactions, errors in cloud cover or radiation schemes, incorrect representation of soil moisture or boundary Layer parameterization.

• WindSp

Driving models: Underestimation in ALL models (winter) more evident with ICON/IFS

HighRes LAM: No differences in RMSE variability among models. Underestimation mainly from ICON-LAMs

SysEr: Larger error cycle in summer

ModDep: negative bias in all seasons with max during nighttime in ICON-LAMs for winter/summer

Possible Model Error attributes: errors in the momentum fluxes or frictional effects in the boundary layer, inaccuracies in the pressure field, particularly in the simulation of high and low-pressure systems (wind direction)

Remarks based on CP verification

• TCC

Overestimation both seasons stronger @night

SysEr: Diurnal cycle of both ME/RMSE for TCC remains strong

SysEr: Large errors in winter, larger errors in summer

SysEr: Higher errors during nighttime for all models (overestimation)

ModDp: Higher underestimation in warm hours of the day with ICON in winter

ModDp: Ambiguous performance in RMSE (higher errors at night) with a tendency to overestimation during warm months night hours.

Model Error attributes: shortcomings in cloud parameterization, radiation errors

• Humidity

Driving models: ICON is general drier

SysEr: RelHum and Td BIAS diurnal cycle, strongly reduced in ICON models.

SysEr: While RMSE is reduced with ICON, errors are attributed to the overestimation during daylight hours and the underestimation at night during almost all seasons

SysEr: ICON models generally drier, esp. in winter

limitations in the moisture transport and cloud microphysics parameterizations. **Possible**

Model Error attributes: issues with cloud formation, representation of boundary layer processes, while underestimations could be linked to the model's inability to capture subtle moisture sources

Remarks based on CP verification

- **Precipitation**

Clearer differences in performance in higher precipitation amounts

MOD: ETS, FAR are higher for ICON but with a tendency to underestimate small precipitation amounts

Possible Model Error attributes: convective parameterization, small-scale convective or orographic precipitation processes (moisture transport, cloud formation, etc,)

- **General Remarks**

Same model, different errors extent and performance characteristics in different geographical area




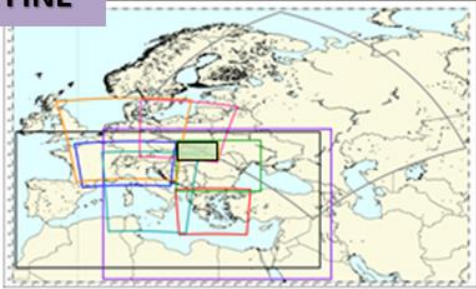

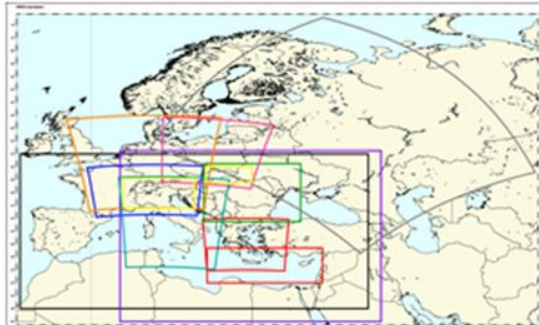
Addressing Systematic Errors

Model Tuning/Calibration

Higher-Resolution Runs/update version

Improved Parameterizations

Common Plots: redefined areas

	ComA-1	ComA-2	NoComA (National Domains)
Specs	COARSE  <p>Forecast run: <u>00UTC</u> Forecast Horizon: <u>48h</u> Seasons: JJA22, SON22, DJF23, MAM23</p>	FINE  <p>Forecast run: <u>00UTC</u> Forecast Horizon: <u>48h</u> Seasons: JJA22, SON22, DJF23, MAM23 Area: 43.5/5.0/48.2/16.0</p>	MIX  <p>Area: national domains Forecast Horizon: <u>variable</u> Seasons: JJA22, SON22, DJF23, MAM23</p>
Models	<p>Global: ICON, IFS LAMs: DWD: ICON-EU, COMET: COSMO-ME IMGW-PIB: COSMO-PL7</p>	<p>Driving models: ICON-EU, IFS, ICON LAMs: DWD: ICON-D2, MCH: COSMO-1E (control), COSMO-2E, HNMS: ICON-GR COMET: COSMO-I2, ICON-I2, ARPA-E: COSMO-2I IMS: ICON_IL2p5</p>	<p>COSMO and ICON-LAM DWD, MCH, COMET, HNMS, IMGW-PIB, NMA, RHM, IMS, ARPA-E</p>
	ComA-3	ComA-TCC	ComA-OnDemand
Specs	FINE  <p>Forecast run: <u>00UTC</u> Forecast Horizon: <u>48h</u> Seasons: JJA22, SON22, DJF23, MAM23 Area: 47.5/17.7/50.0/25.0</p>	MIX  <p>Forecast run: <u>00UTC</u> Forecast Horizon: <u>48h</u> Period: June2022, Dec2022, Apr2023 Area: 31.0/18.0/37.4/32.0</p>	Optional 
Models	<p>Driving models: ICON-EU, IFS, ICON LAMs: HNMS: ICONGR2.5, NMA: COSMO-NMA/ICON- NMA, IMGW-PIB: ICON-PL, IMS: ICON-IL2.5</p>	<p>Driving models: IFS, ICON LAMs: HNMS: ICONGR2.5, IMS: ICON_IL2p5, ICON- EU</p>	<p>Area and LAMs, Specs based on specific experiment</p>