

ICON-LEM SIMULATION OVER SOUTHERN-ITALY REGION AT 600M GRID RESOLUTION

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- Domain and Period definition
- ICON LAM/LEM Numerical Settings
- Observational Data sources
- LAM vs LEM: Results
 - 3D data: Radiosonde profiles
 - 2D data: Ground stations

SUMMARY

CIRA - METEOROLOGY LAB LES APPLICATIONS



• Wind characterization of baloon launching Site

- accurate wind forecasts in the early stage of ascending trajectory of a stratospheric balloons
- AIM: support a future mission of the stratospheric platform developed at the Italian Aerospace Research Center (CIRA), scheduled in October 2024 at the Tortolì military airport (Sardinia, Italy)
- Numerical experiment of urban parametrization scheme available in ICON model (COSMO project CITTA)
 - evaluation results of the Terra Urb scheme in highresolution simulations over the Italian regions of Campania-Lazio (focus on Naples)
 - AIM: capturing the UHI intensity and improving air temperature forecasts for urban areas.





DOMAIN AND PERIOD

Domain:

- Lazio-Campania Southern Italy regions
- Horizontal resolution = ~ 0,6 Km (R02B12)
- ncells = 109860; vertical levels: 65
- First level: 20m; Top height: 22.000 m

Simulated Period:

- Heat waves hit Europe from June to August 2022
- July 2022: severe heat waves over Italy
- ICON forecast run from 18/7 to 24/7 2022





ICON model:

- exact local mass conservation and mass consistent tracer transport.
- The dynamical core is formulated on an icosahedral-triangular Arakawa C-grid.
- Time integration is performed with a two-time level predictor–corrector fully explicit scheme

ICON LAM/LEM :

BC's and IC's:

- IC: ECMWF-IFS Analysis @ 18:00
- Forecast time: 30h
- BCs reads @ ECMWF-IFS forecast every 3h
- Timestep size= 6 s
- Iterra_urb Parameters
 - Antropogenic Heat Flux contribution active

Turbulence models comparison:

- COSMO diffusion and transfer vs 3D Smagorinsky-Lilly model (LES)
 - COSMO diffusion and transfer: TURBDIFF and TURBTRAN (Raschendorfer (2001))
 - Smagorinsky-Lilly model (Dipankar A., (2015)): 3D sub-grid model of Smagorinsky (1963) with the stability correction of Lilly (1962)

Parameterization schemes

- Shallow convection parameterization active
- Deep and mid-level convection switched off
- Single moment cloud microphysics
- Diagnostic Kohler cloud cover



- Radiosounding
 - Data range: 18/7 24/7 2022
 - For each day, data at 00 and 12 UTC are considered
 - Format: WMO BUFR
 - Source: ECMWF, archived at NOAA NCEI (National Centers for Environmental Information).
 - Data include also time, latitude and longitude displacement.

Sonde description:

- type: Vaisala RS41 with pressure derived from GPS height/AUTOSONDE (Finland)
- Serial no: U2221312
- Frequency: 405.8 MHz
- SW version: MW41 2.17.0
- humidity correction: Solar radiation and time lag correction provided by the manufacturer
- humidity sensor: Humicap capacitance sensor with active de-icing method
- Temperature sensor: Resistive sensor
- geopotential height: calculated from GPS height





Site description:

- Pratica di mare (LIRE)
- WMO code: 16245
- Lat = 41,65
- Lon = 12,45
- Alt = 32 m

OBSERVATIONAL DATA



- Ground Stations
- Model evaluation: comparison with ground observations downloaded from MISTRAL portal:
 - data provided by Italian Environmental Protection Agencies (ARPA)
 - T data loss in the week: 1.3 %
 - WS data loss in the week: 11%
 - RH data loss in the week: 2.9 %





Source: https://www.mistralportal.it/it/ Meteo Italian Supercomputing Portal



• T, Wind speed on horizontal plane





• Profiles averaged over the week, by time





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ZOOM: Wind Speed Averaged radiosounding

00:00



12:00





12:00

ZOOM: Temperature Averaged radiosounding

00:00





• 3D Error Estimation

- metrics:
 - Pearson's coeff (RHO); MAE and MSE
- Space sets:
 - Full profile, (0 22 km)
 - higher profile (> 7 km),
 - Lower profile (< 7 km)
- Run time sets:
 - +17h (12:00)
 - + 29h (00:00)
- Variables:
 - 3D T
 - 3D Wind Speed (on plane xy)
- Comments:
 - Better behavior of LES for WS
 - Lower MAE, higher RHO
 - COSMO is quite better for T, in the early forecast hours













• 3D Summary

	12:00		
	full	>7 km	< 7 Km
RHO T	COSMO	COSMO	COSMO
mae T	COSMO	LES	COSMO
mse T	LES	LES	COSMO
rho WS	LES	COSMO	LES
mae WS	LES	LES	LES
mse WS	LES	LES	LES

	00:00		
	full	>7 km	< 7 Km
RHO T	LES	LES	LES
mae T	LES	LES	LES
mse T	LES	LES	LES
rho WS	LES	LES	LES
mae WS	LES	LES	LES
mse WS	LES	LES	LES

- Best metrics comparison:
 - 3D Temperature metrics shows better behaviour of COSMO turb in the lowest atmosphere layer.
 - Longer forecast run shows a better behaviour for LES turb model (00:00 @ 29h forecast time).
 - 3D wind speed LES metrics overperforms COSMO



• Diurnal Cycles of 2D variables

T @ 2m

Wind Speed @ 10m

RH @ 2m



- T @ 2m: LES underpredicts during nighttime; slightly better in the morning (up to 12:00)
- Wind Speed @ 10m: LES overpredicts during nighttime; better in the afternoon (only in terms of decreasing rate)
- RH @ 2m : LES overperforms from 6:00 to 18:00, then underestimates



• Diurnal Cycle metrics



highlights of LES better performance metrics: 🤙

Wind Speed @ 10m





- Comparison of ICON LAM vs ICON-LEM performed over a region in Southern Italy
 - 7-day simulation, considering a week with a severe heat wave in July 2022
 - Observational data considered to quantify models error:
 - Good performance of LES with 3D profiles
 - Some investigations are due on ground stations comparison



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!