

# Update on AROME-RUC (ZAMG)

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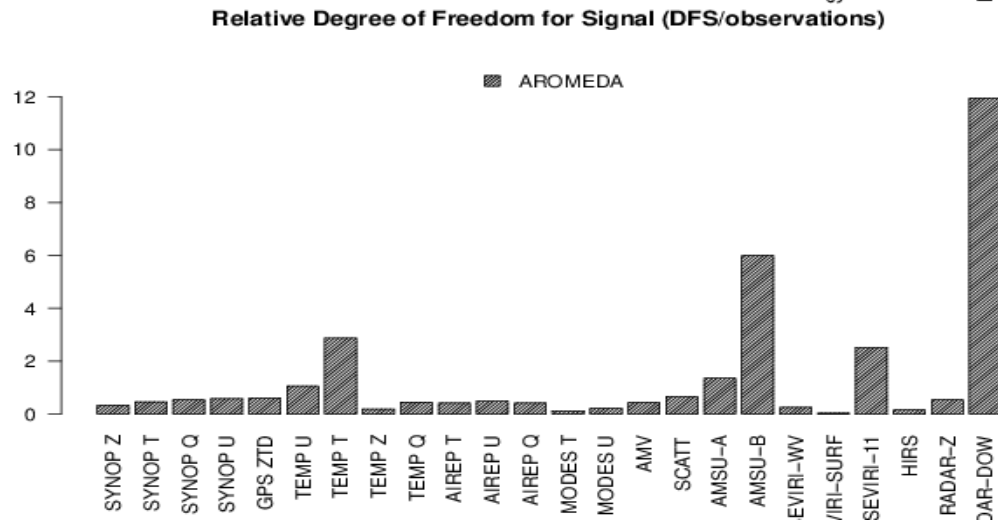
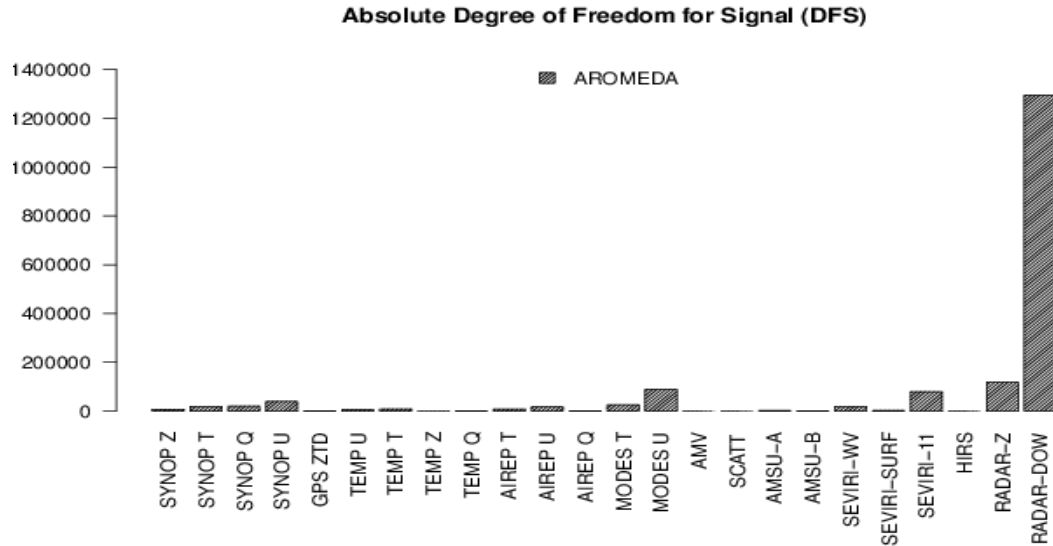


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# Outline

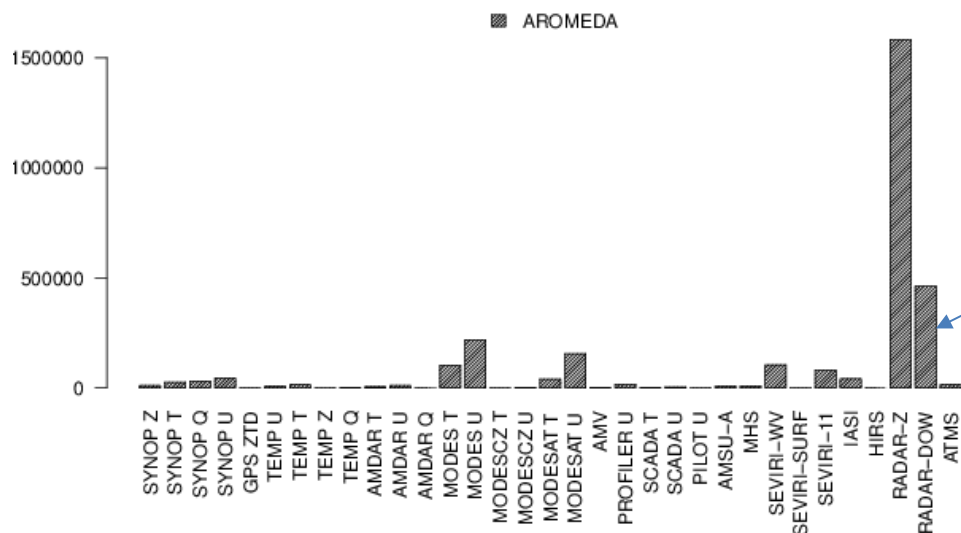
- Observation impact
- Spin\_up
- wind profiler
- radar + bator cy40t1->cy43t2
- Assimilation of private weather stations

# DFS in AROME-RUC (old setting noVARQC, larger rejection limit for DOW)

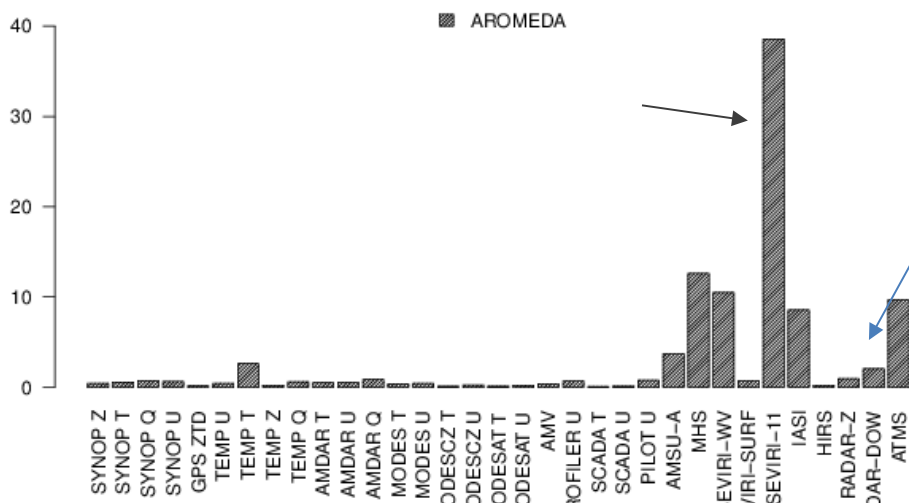


# DFS in AROME-RUC current setting:

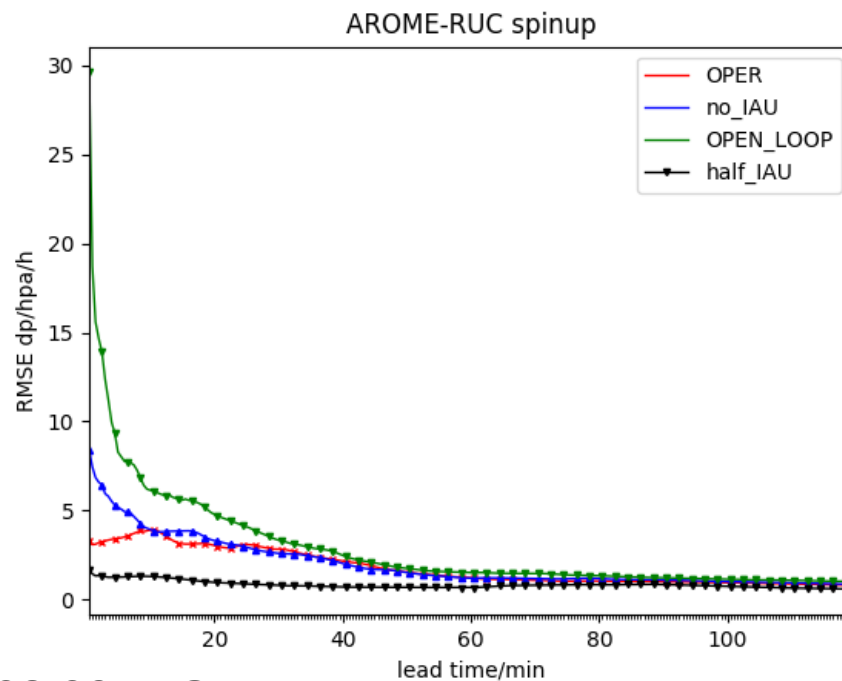
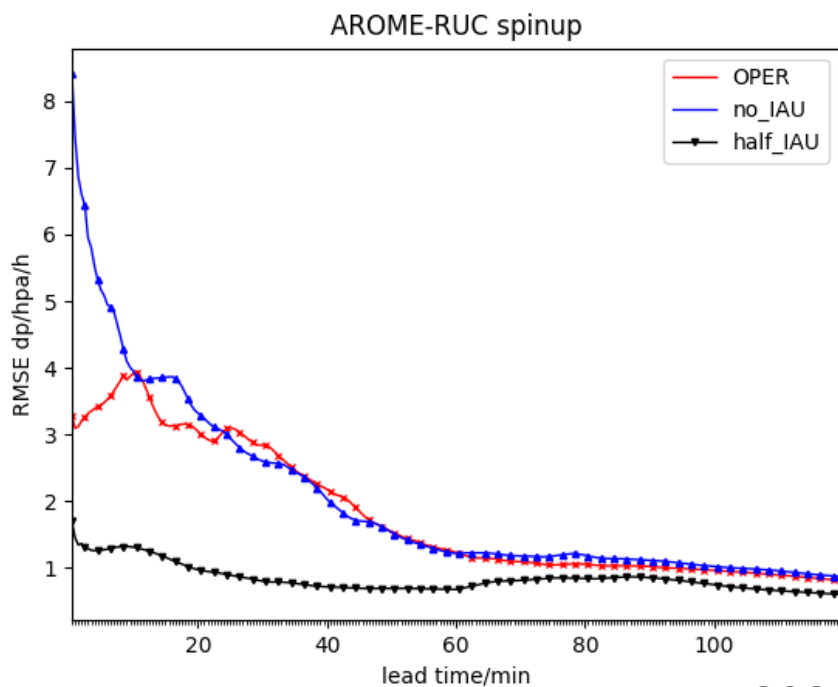
Absolute Degree of Freedom for Signal (DFS)



Relative Degree of Freedom for Signal (DFS/observations)



# Spin-Up



20200908 09UTC

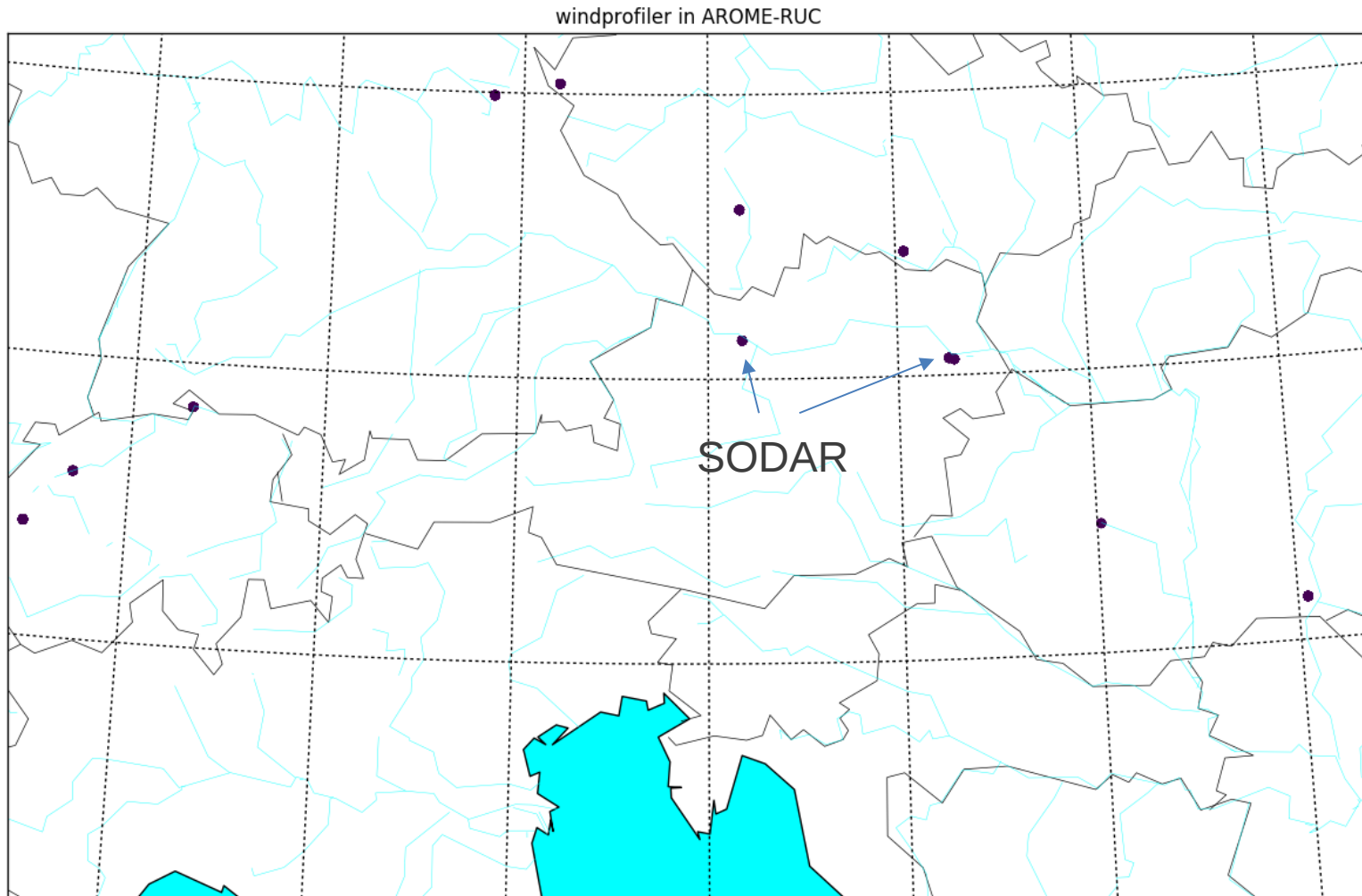
- -45min to 0 min IAU is very efficient in filtering (black); accuracy?
- no\_IAU: directly started from Minimization output
- 2x IAU (OPER) still better than without IAU especially till +20min, but not so much at +1h
- Open loop has most spin-up issues as there is interpolation of FG 2.5 -> 1.2km
- Most of the spin up until +60min gone

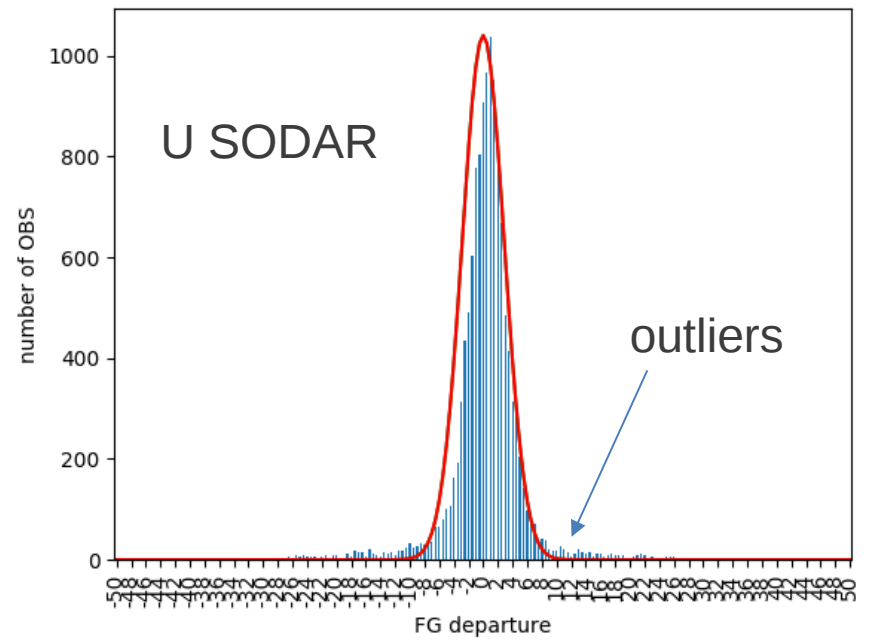
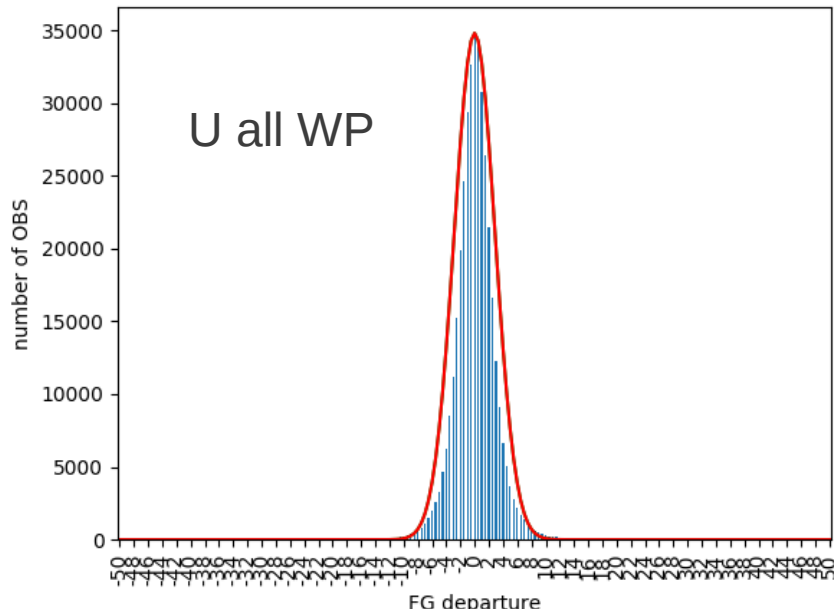
# Assimilation of wind profilers / wind turbines/ SODAR



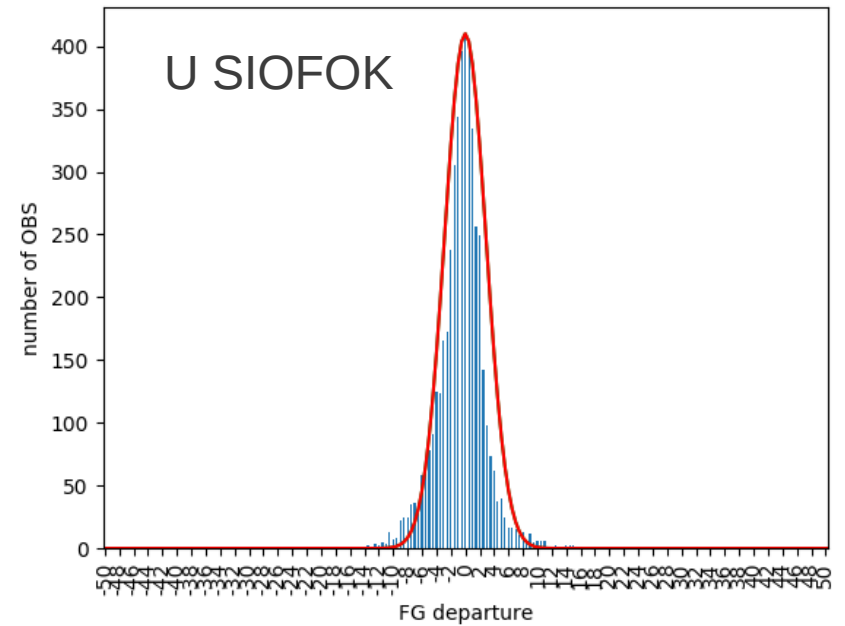
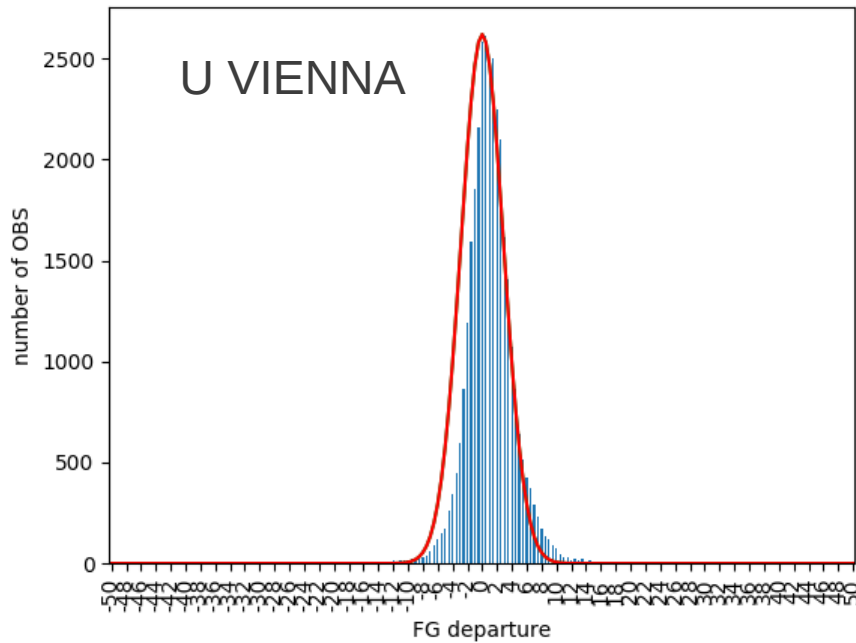
- KNMI reported problem with height attribution (Videomeeting, no details)
- Observation is function of height, but model needs pressure
  - >BATOR ecriture: „conversion altitude en pression si necessaire“assumes standard atmosphere, which can be far from reality especially in PBL error of 20m and more
- Take pressure/temperature/height relation from FG instead (barometric equation)
  - > coded in hretr.F90/hretr\_conv.F90 (cy43t2) (see LACE forum)
  - > KNMI has different solution in hop.F90
- Depending on FG, which is not so nice, if FG is incorrect, but assumption of standard atmosphere can deviate even more (T inversion etc.)
- Profiler data from OPLACE -> adaptation of [param.cfg](#) „WARNING - template inconnu“
  - in BATOR many different bufr templates
- [blacklist VAD profiles in LISTE\\_NOIR\\_DIAP](#)
- SODAR to obsoul

# Assimilation of wind profilers / SODAR





FG-departures 20200819-20200831

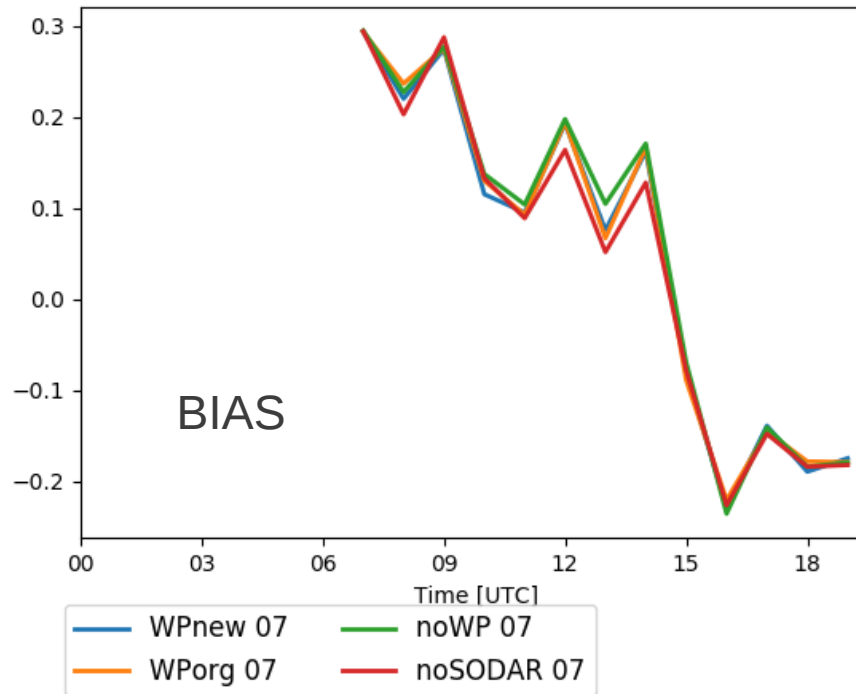




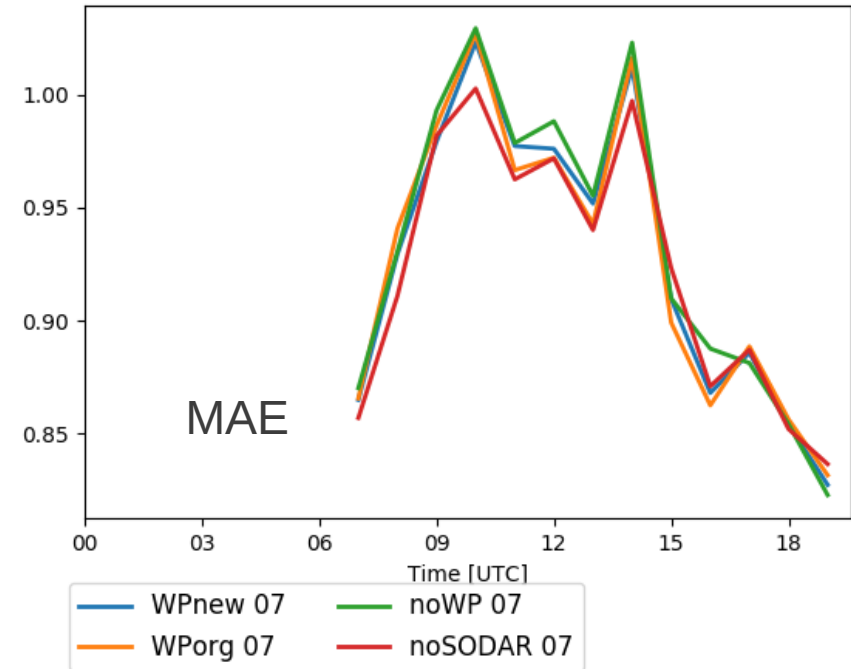
# Assimilation of wind profilers / SODAR case study



10m\_wind: Mean BIAS from: 20200908 to 20200908

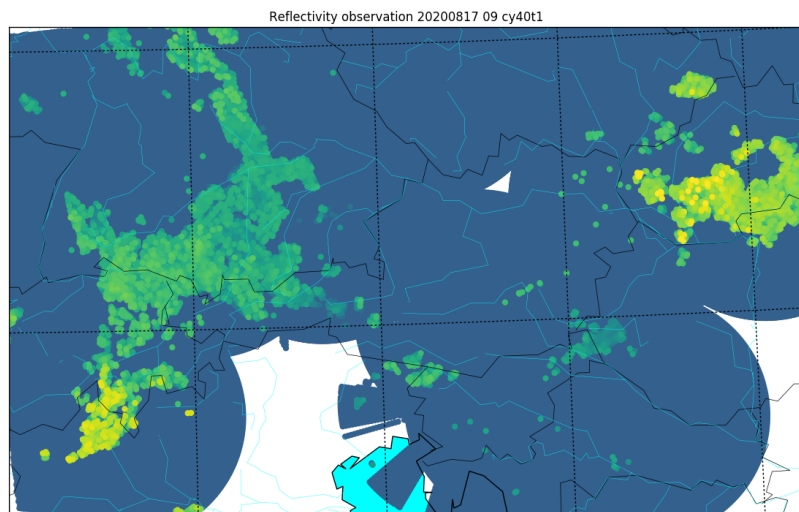


10m\_wind: Mean MAE from: 20200908 to 20200908



- Yellow WP+SODAR with height attribution from standard atmosphere
  - Blue as yellow, but height attribution from First Guess
  - Red as blue, but without SODAR only WP assimilated
  - Green: reference without WP and SODAR
- > in principle nice impact, but SODAR needs better quality checks

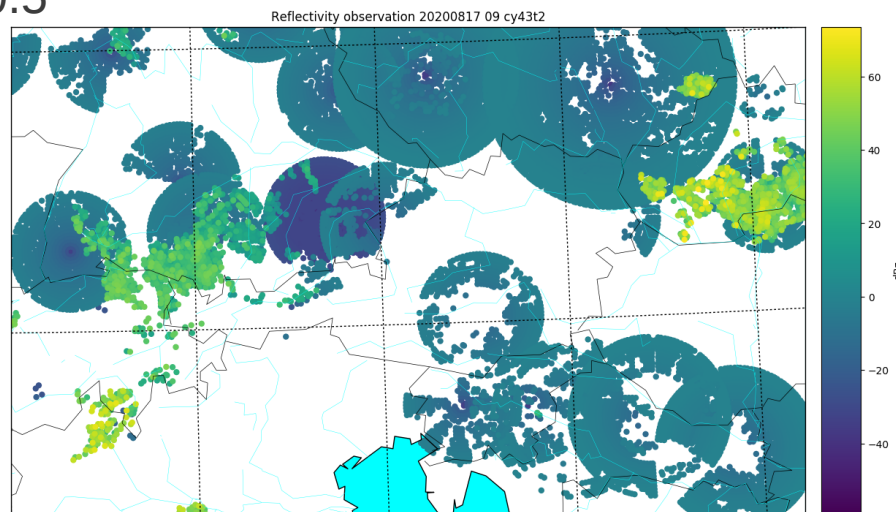
# Reflectivity in BATOR cy40t1 (HIRLAM modified) vs cy43t2 MF



cy40t1

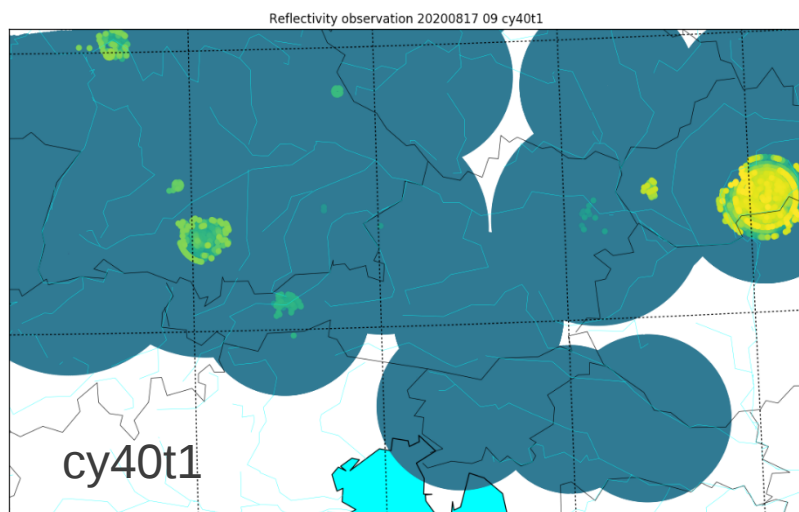
17th August 09UTC

Elev=0.5

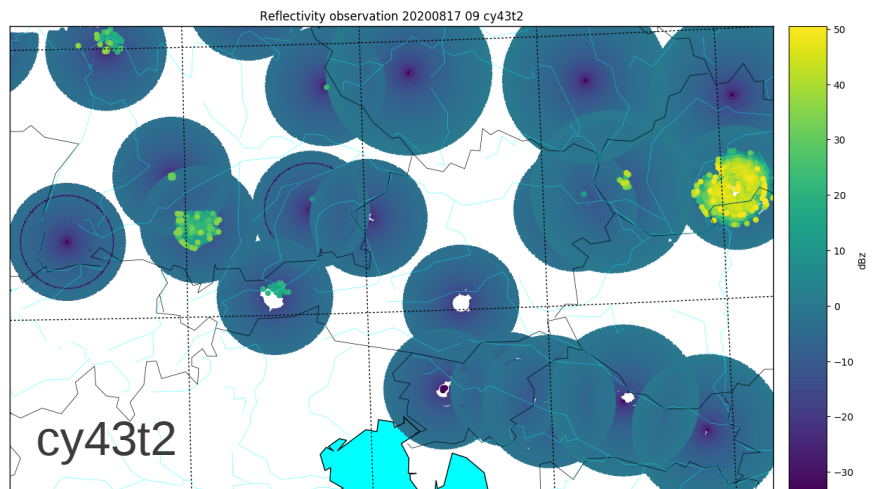


cy43t2

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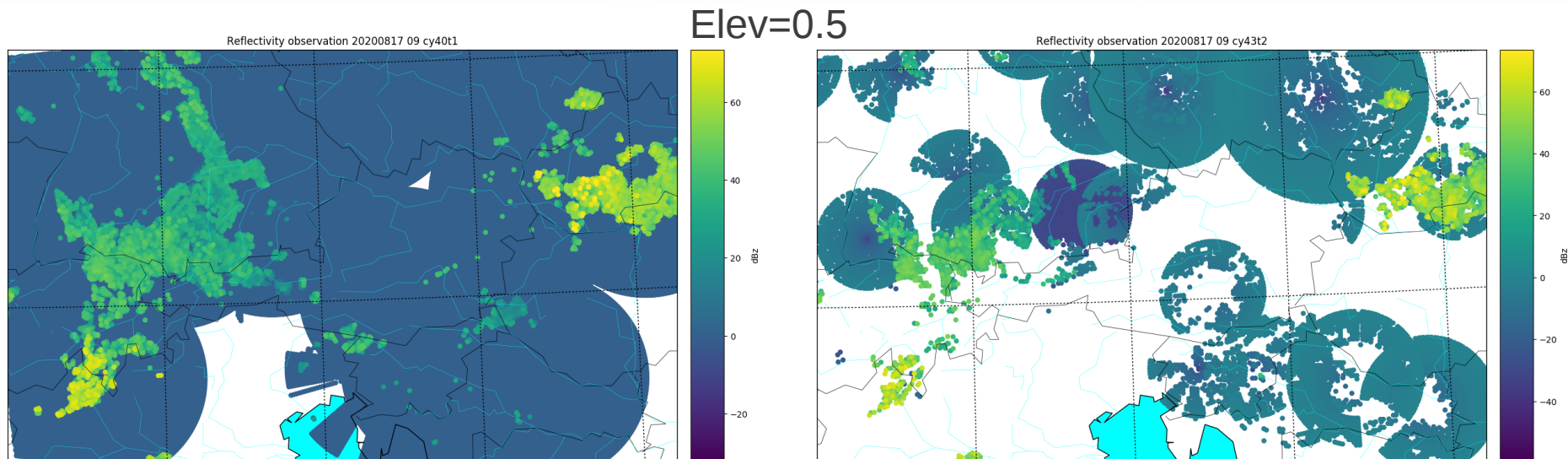


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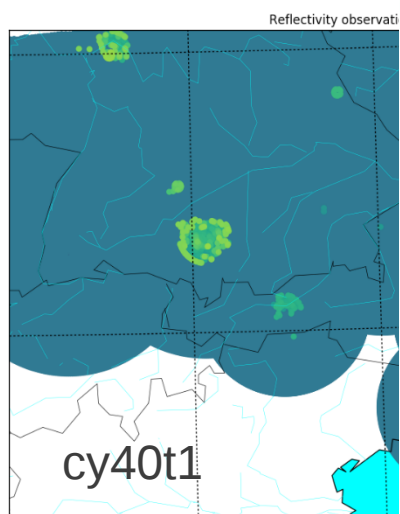
cy43t2

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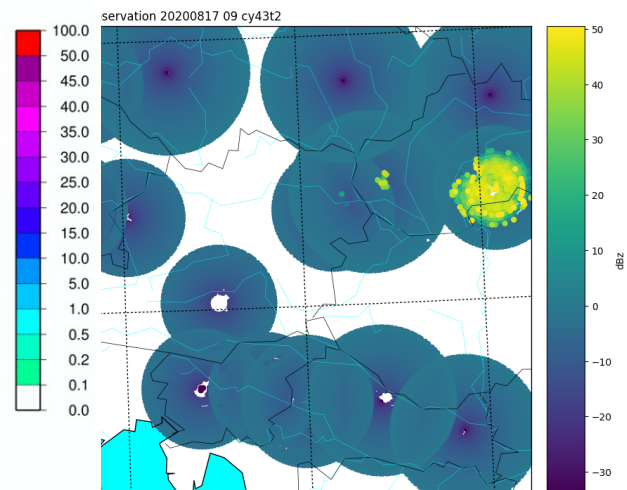
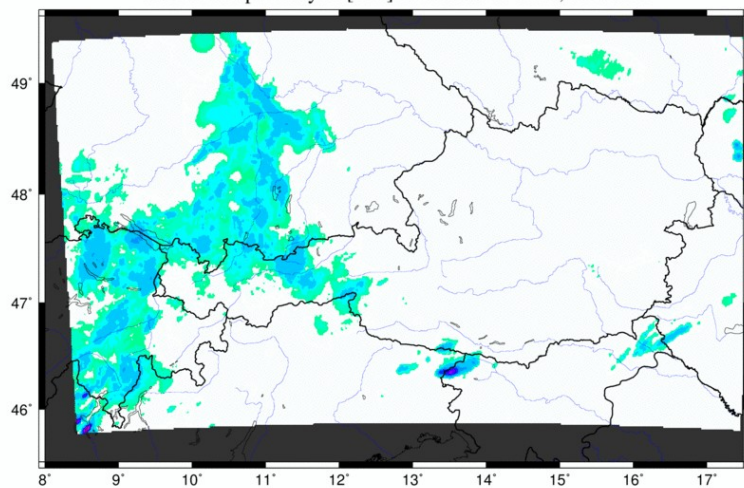


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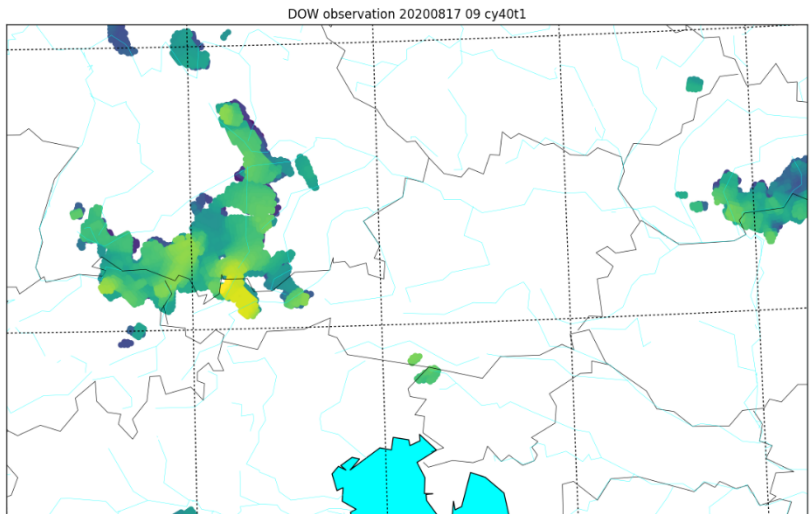
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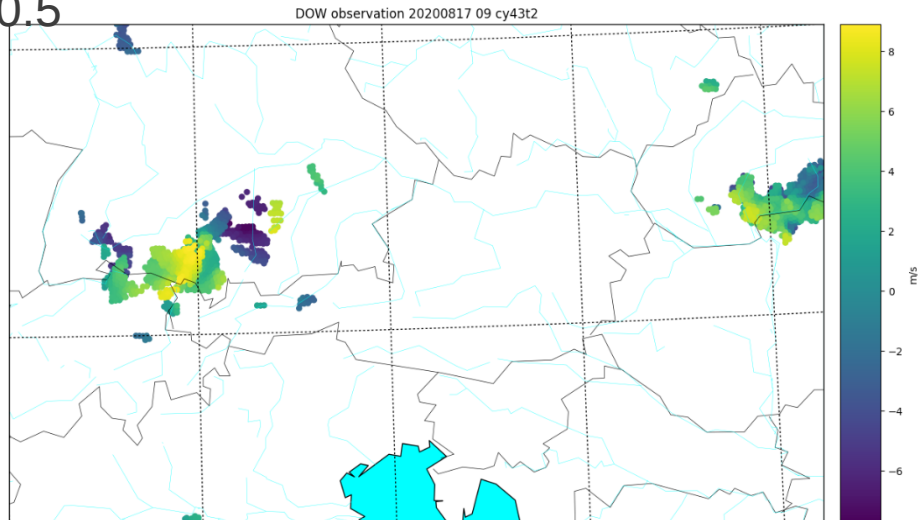
INCA Precip. Analysis [mm] 20200817 09 UTC, 01 h sum



# Doppler wind in BATOR cy40t1 (HIRLAM modified) vs cy43t2 MF



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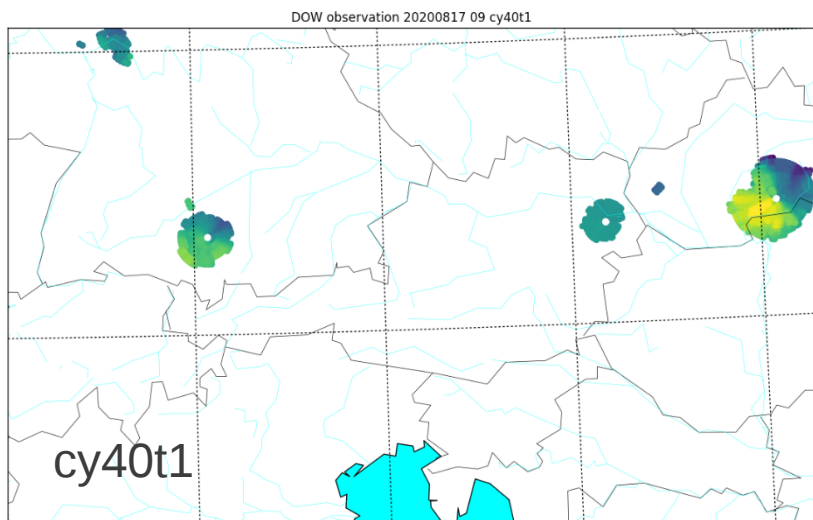


cy40t1

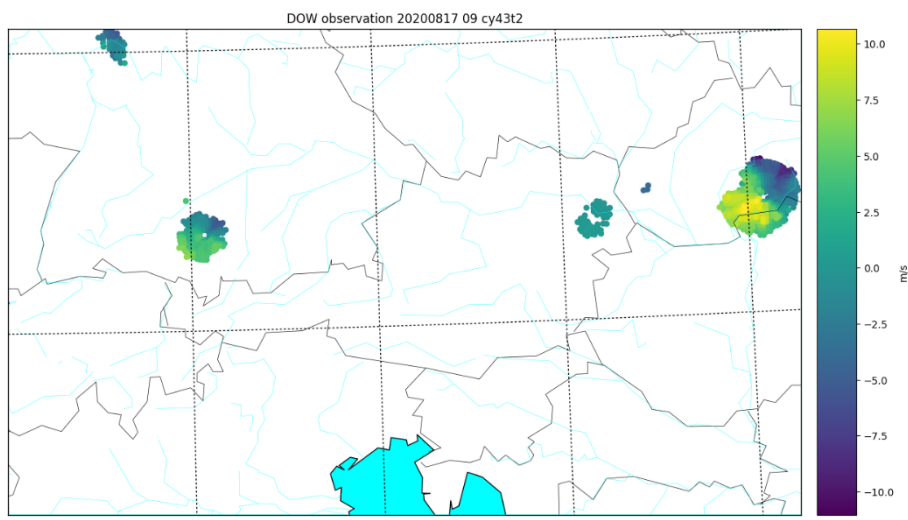
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cy43t2

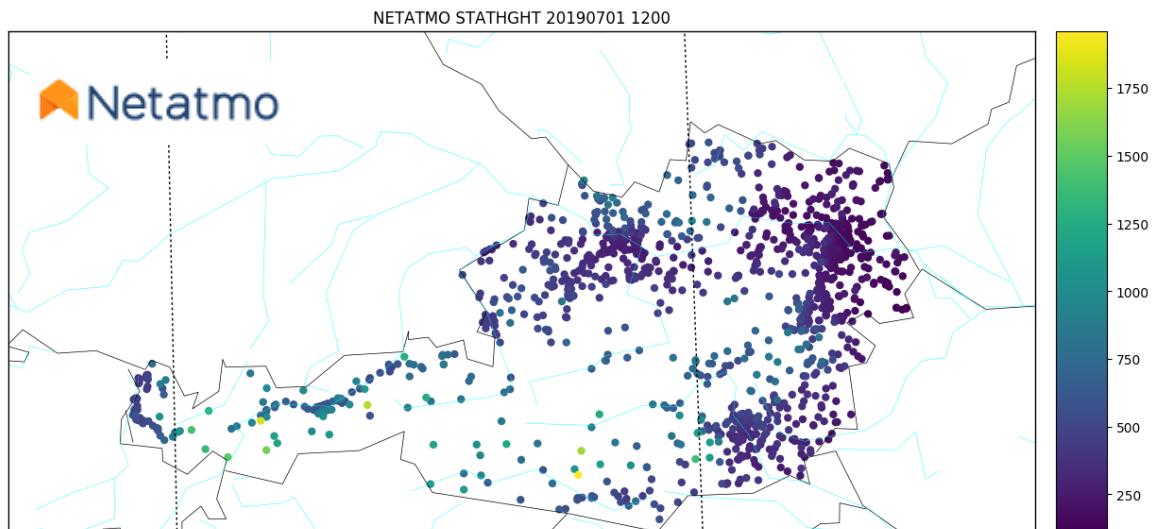
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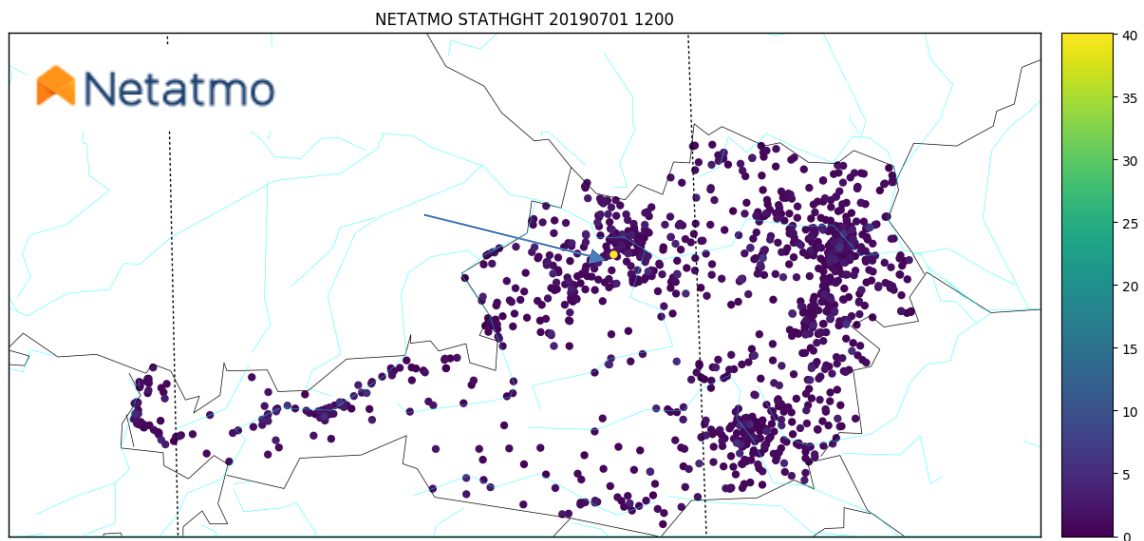
cy40t1



# Private weather stations about 8000 stations



Stationheight

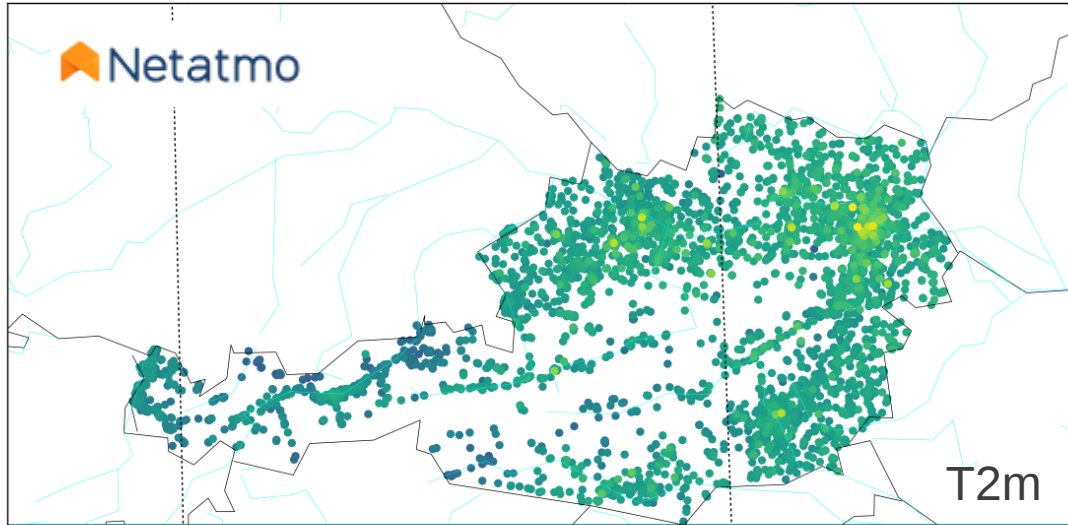


10m wind

# Private weather stations about 8000 stations



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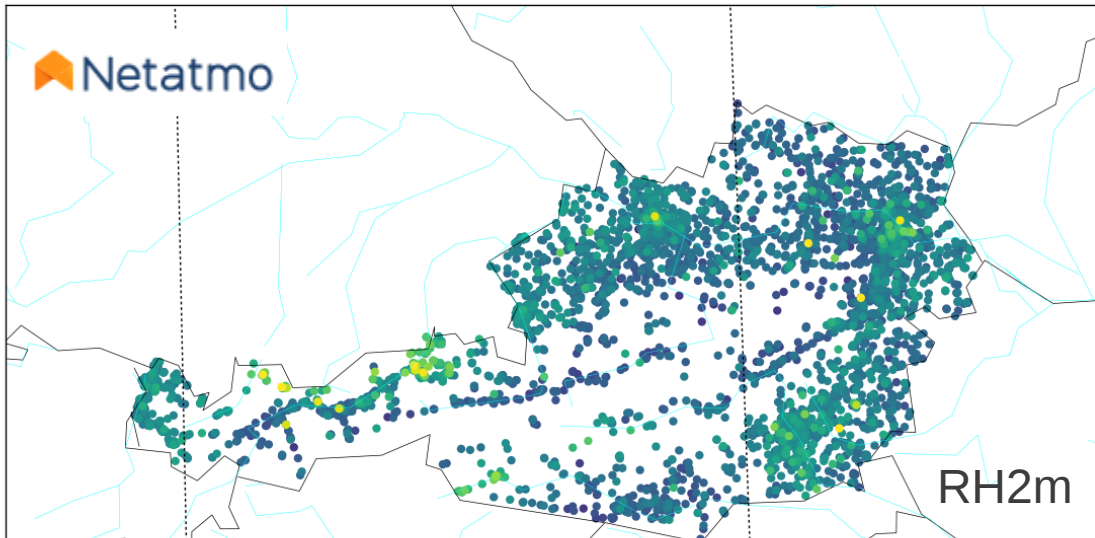


T2m

QC is crucial



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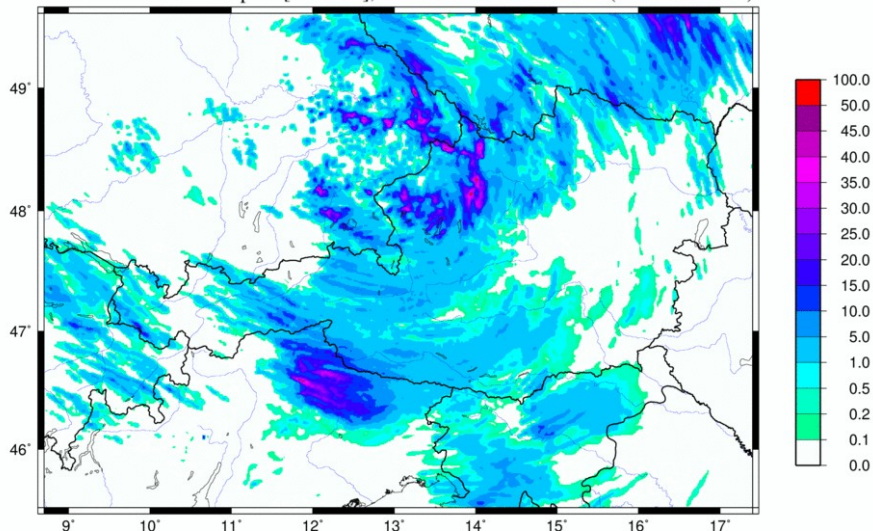
RH2m

# Further plans

- Assimilation tests with private weather stations
- Poor man's ensemble
- Optimise quality control
- GNSS on trains
- Switch to cy43t2 -> include more radar stations
- Test of lead time /domain size extension
- Initialisation of Hydrometeors

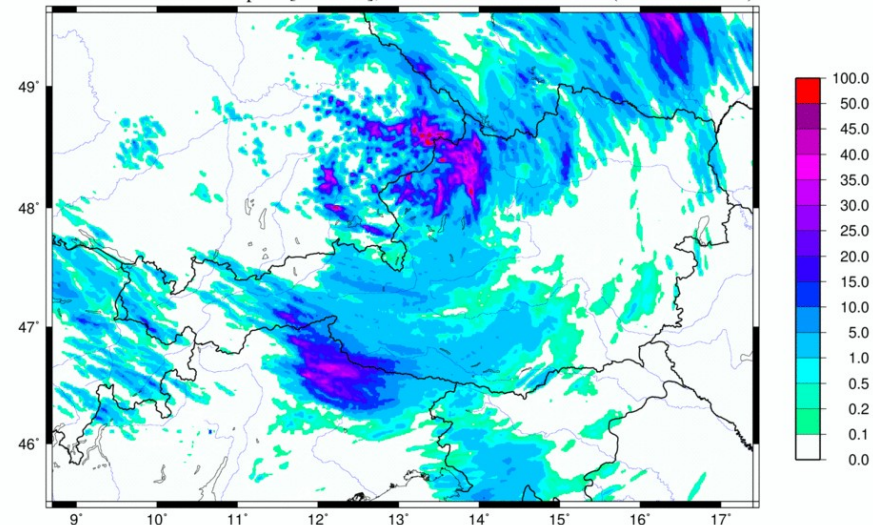
# Case study effect of LHN 25th june 2020 12-15UTC

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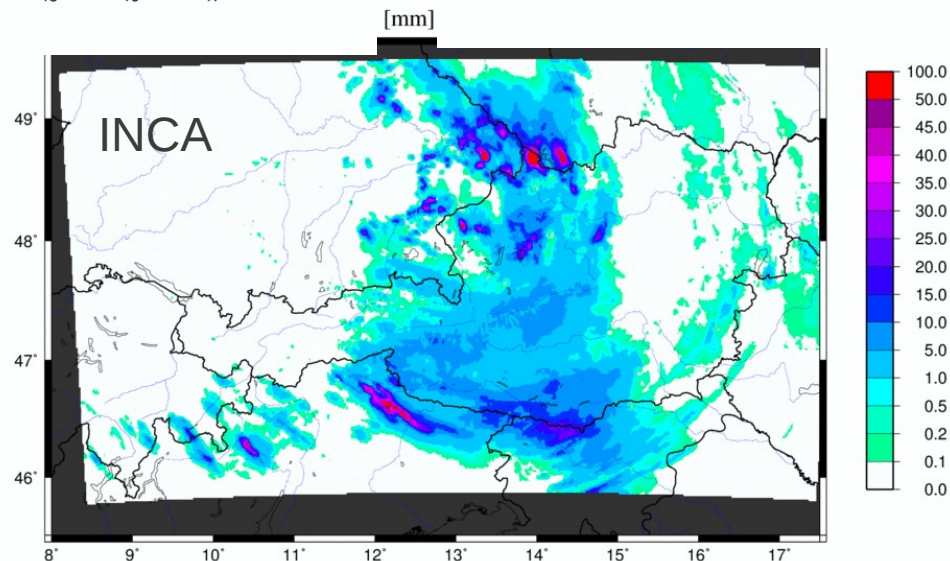


RUC+LHN

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RUC noLHN



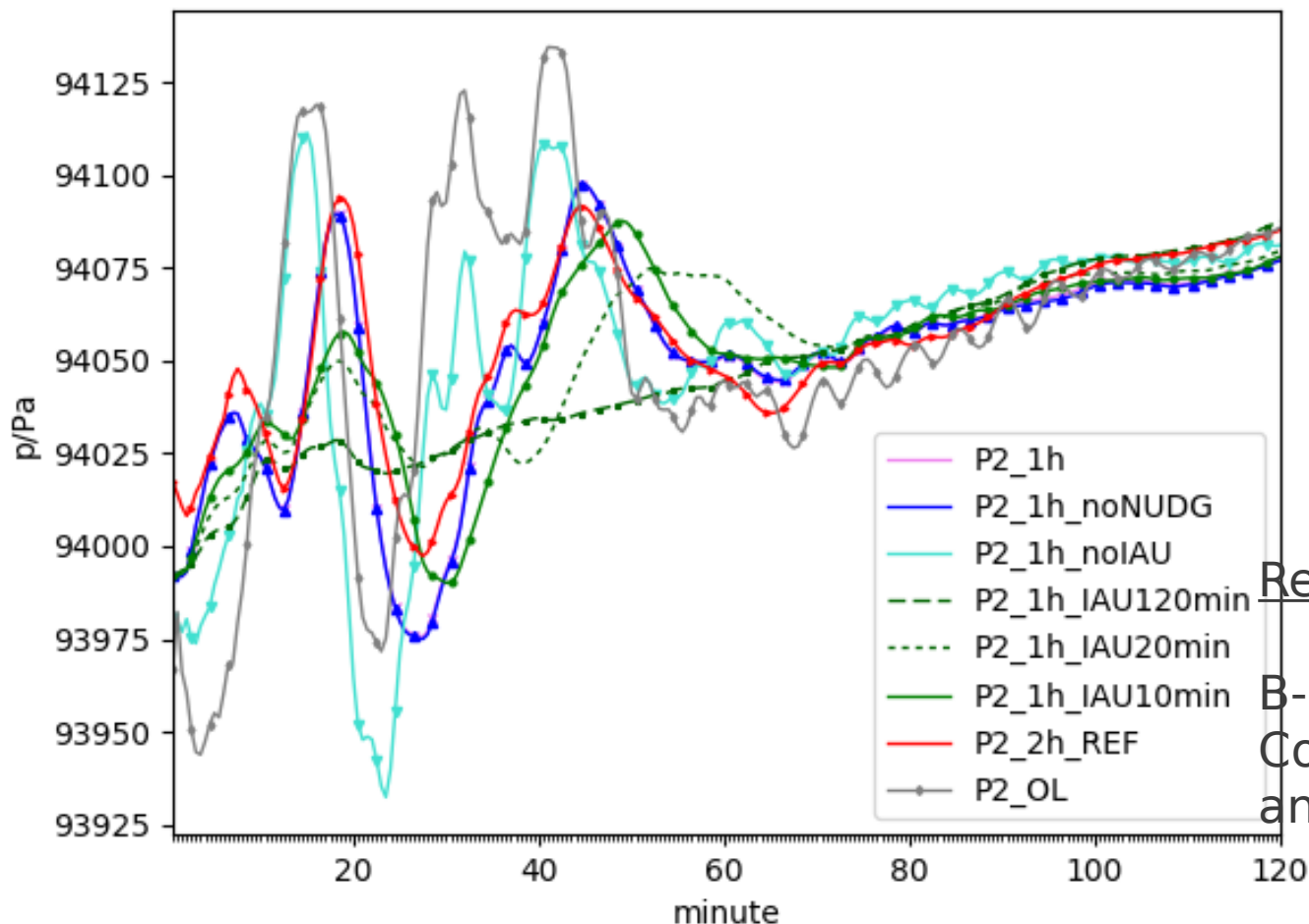




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# Spin-up and cycling strategy

## ECHKEVO spin-up diagnostics



- Spin-up >1h
- 2 hourly slightly better than 1 hourly
- Nudging/LHN has no significant impact here
- IAU filtering works
- „Open loop“ is especially problematic 2.5km

Reasons: 1.2km

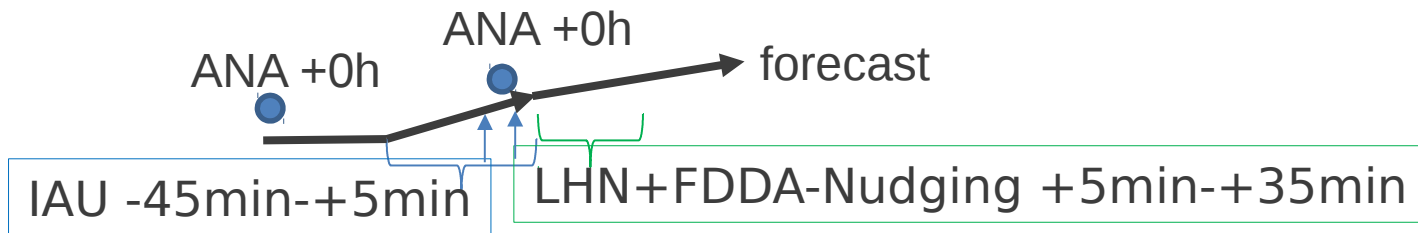
B-Matrix not well defined?  
Complex orography  
and domain not optimal?

Lead time →

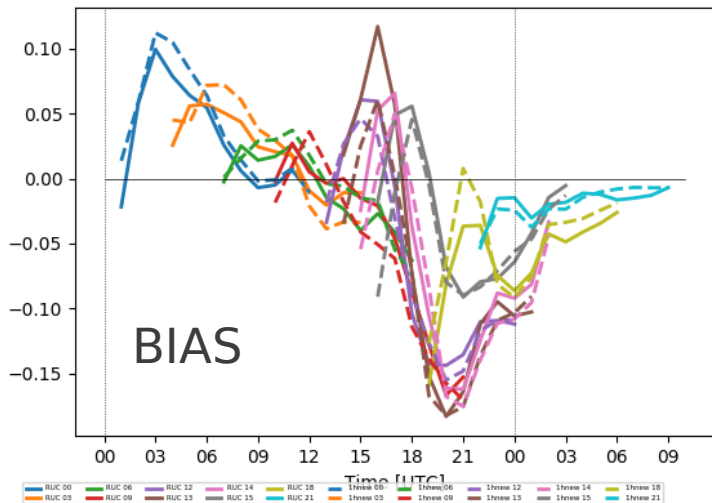
# Hourly or 2 hourly cycling?

1 hourly cycling performed extremely bad compared to two hourly (Bias+RMSE)

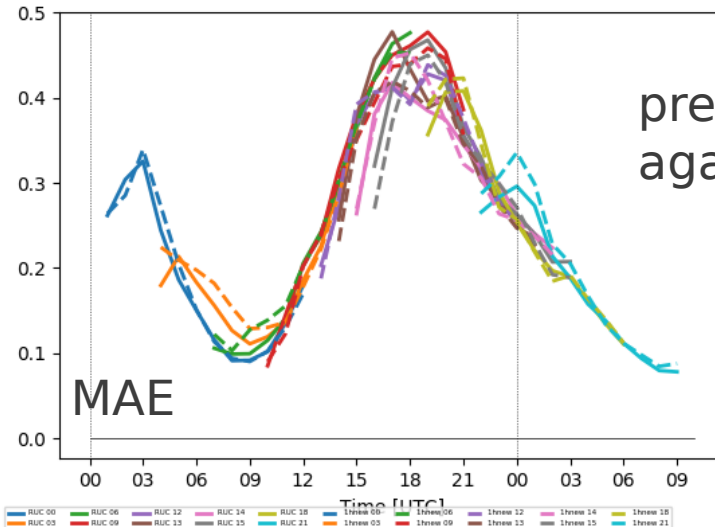
one hour in advance and push forecast towards analysis to reduce spin-up time  
competition of IAU and Nudging



total\_precipitation\_area: Mean BIAS from: 20160701 to 20160716



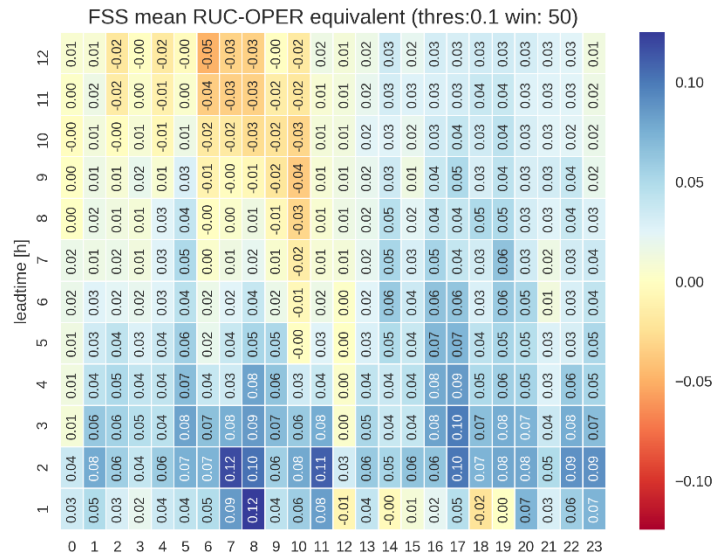
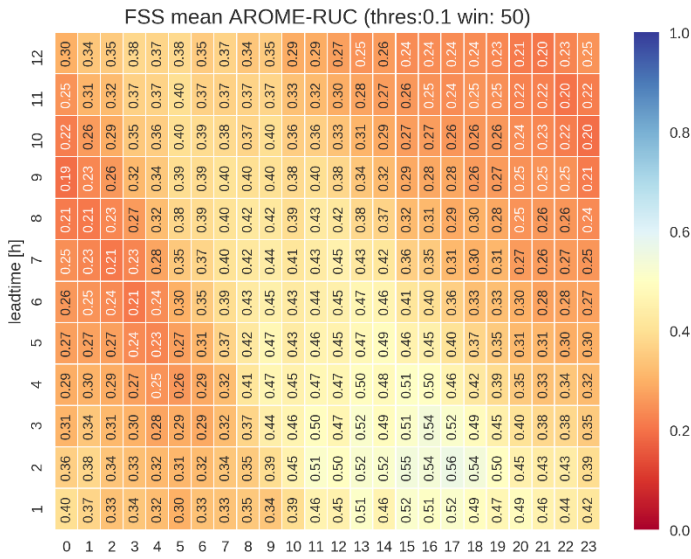
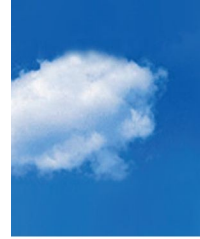
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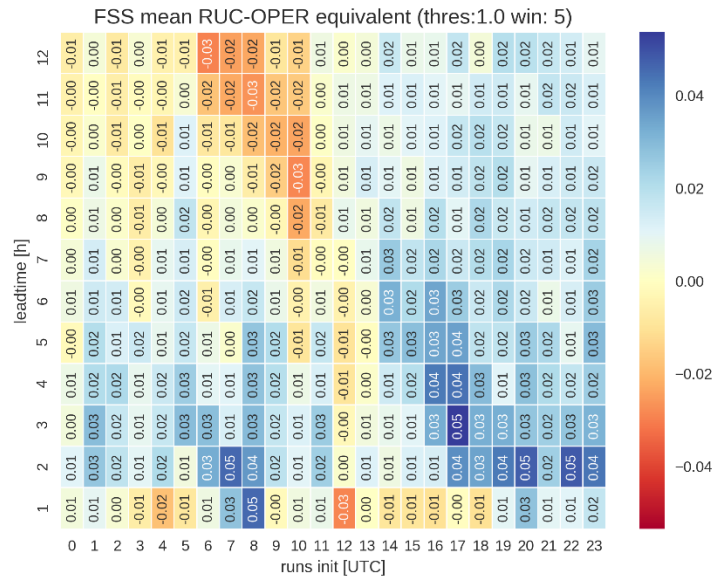
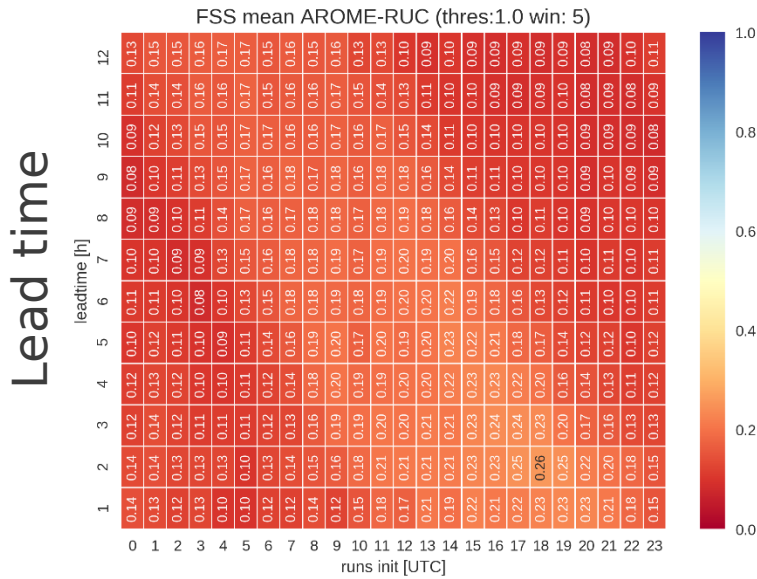
precip.  
against INCA

1 Hourly with extended IAU dashed vs 2 hourly solid

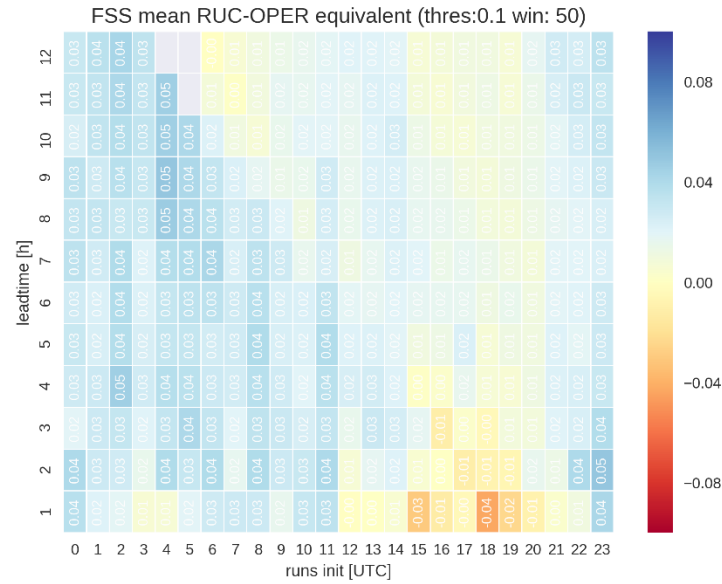
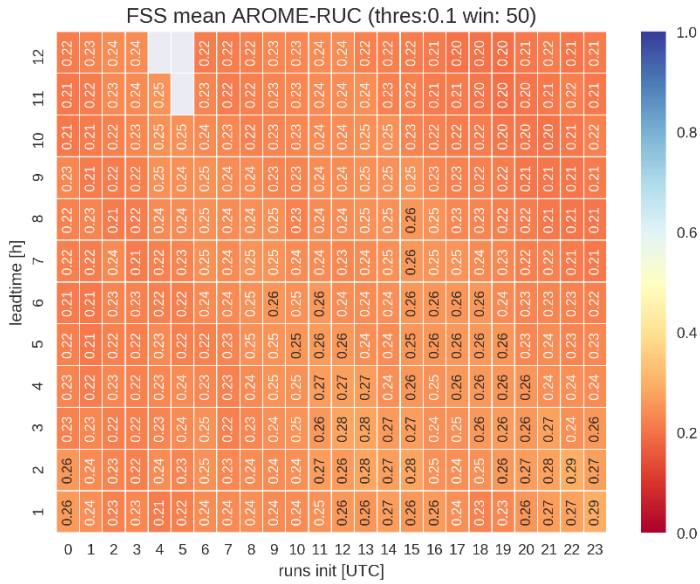
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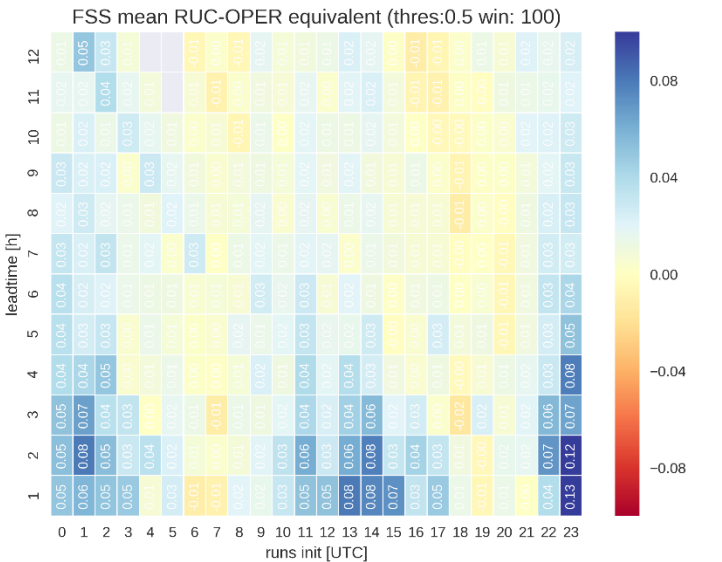
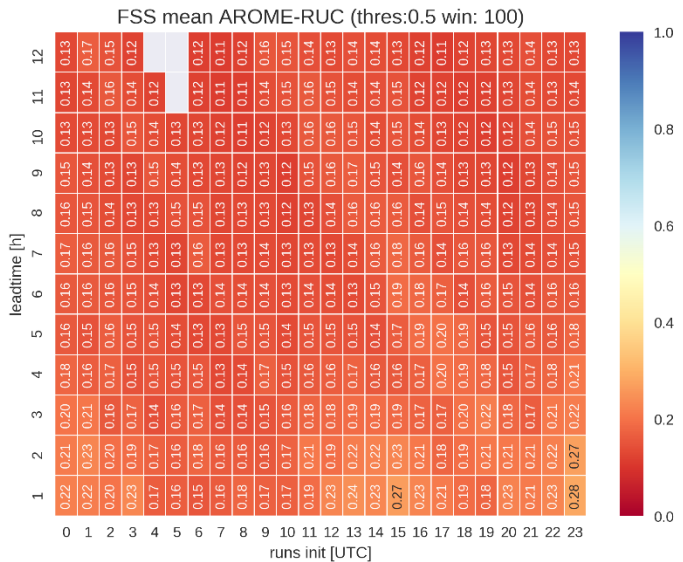
## Fraction Skill Score FSS July 2016 difference in FSS to freshest AROME 2.5km



# Validation of precipitation winter



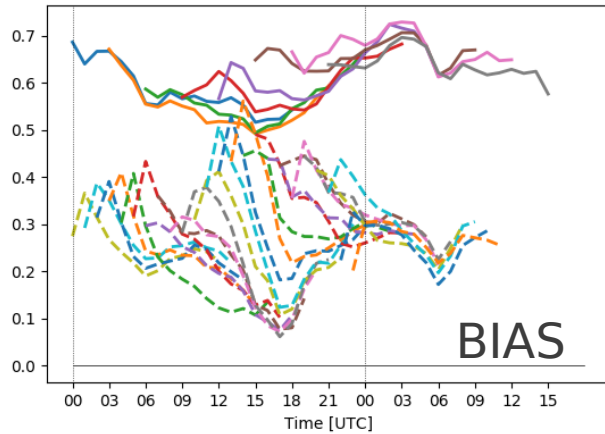
## Fraction Skill Score FSS January 2017 Difference in FSS to freshest AROME 2.5km



# Validation July 2016, January 2017 wind

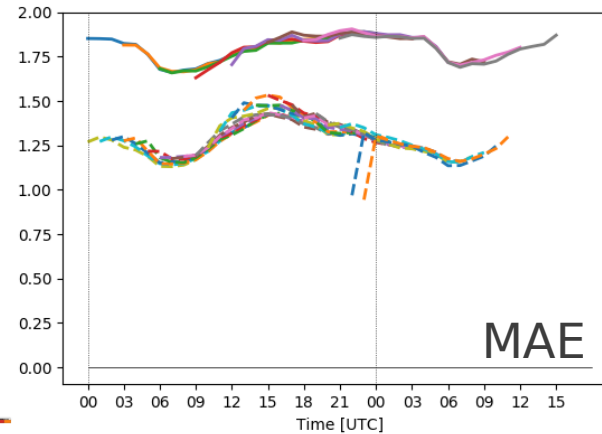


10m\_wind: Mean BIAS from: 20160701 to 20160731



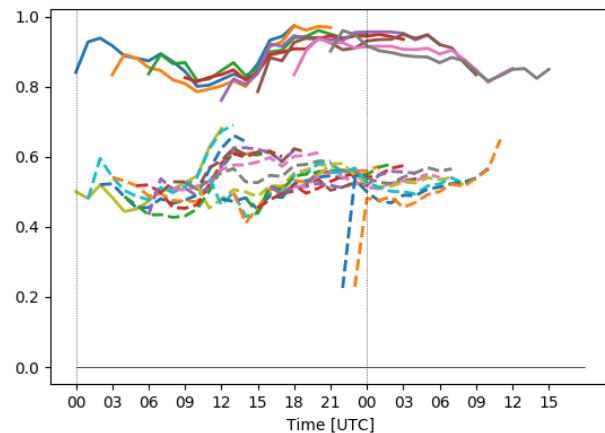
July

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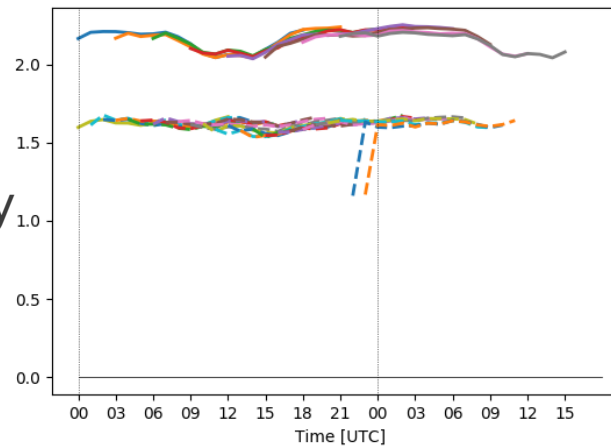
AROME 2.5km soild; AROME-RUC dashed

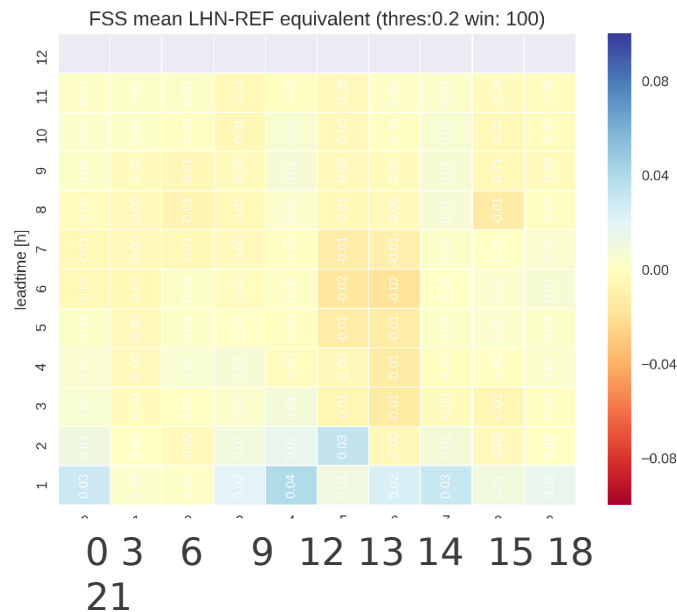
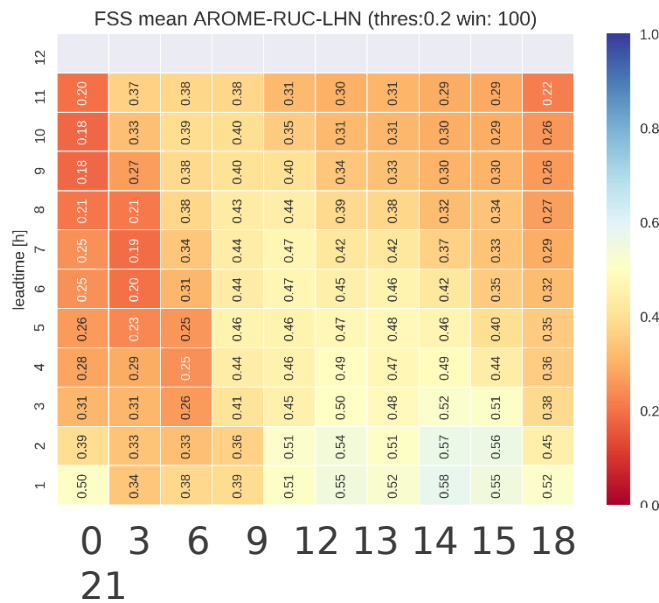
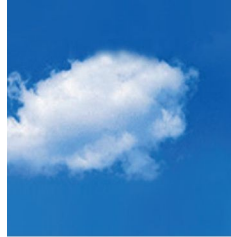
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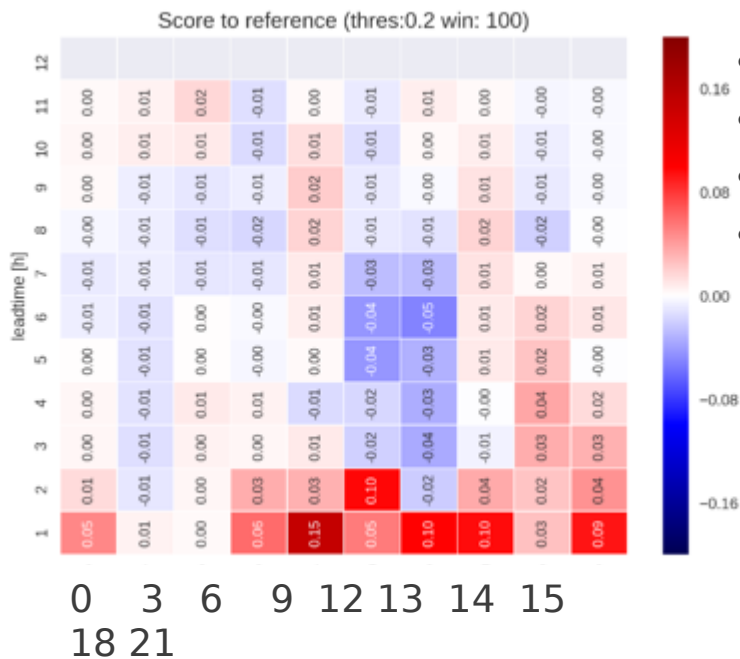
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## Validation of Latent Heat Nudging 1st-16th July 2010

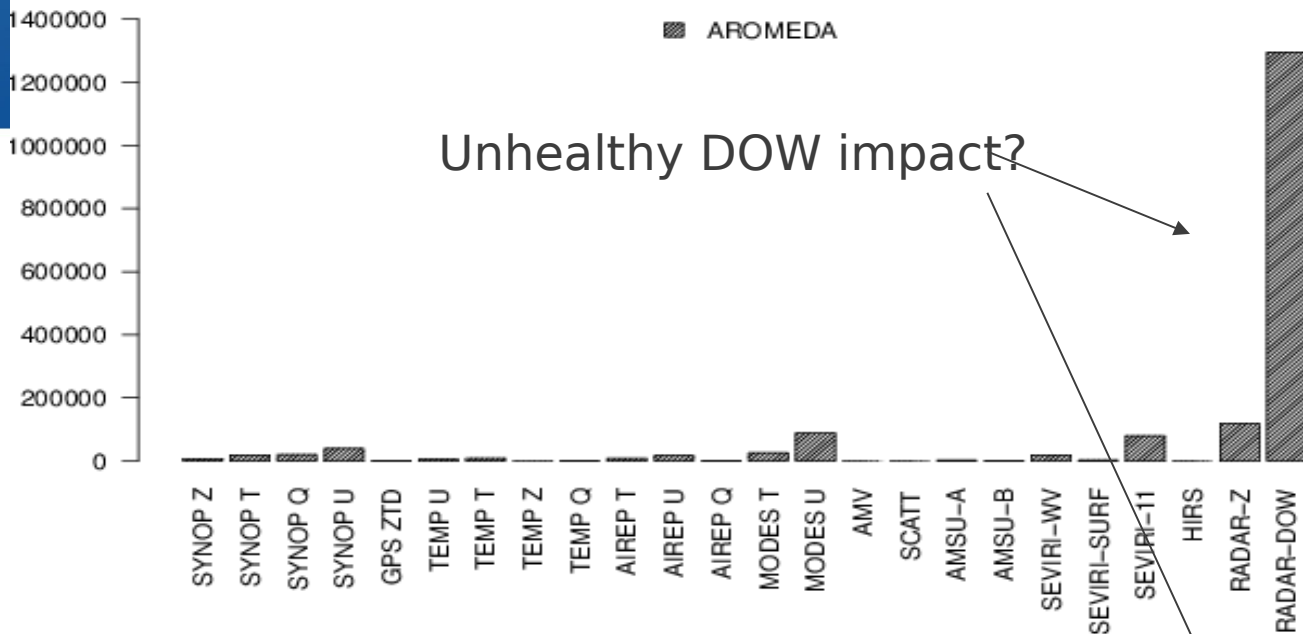


- slight improvement up to +2h
- expectation from literature about +6h
- poor statistics (16 days) and small domain
- further tuning necessary

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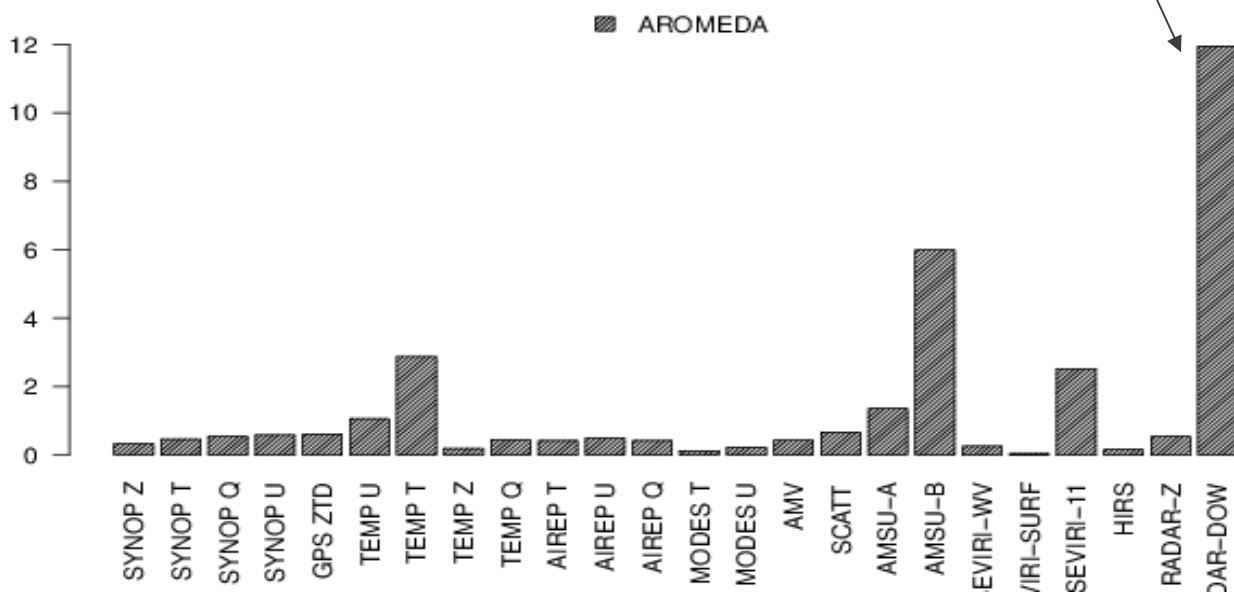
$$+ \sum \frac{FSS_{exp} - FSS_{ref}}{1 - FSS_{exp}} \quad \text{else}$$

### Absolute Degree of Freedom for Signal (DFS)



Unhealthy DOW impact?

### Relative Degree of Freedom for Signal (DFS/observations)

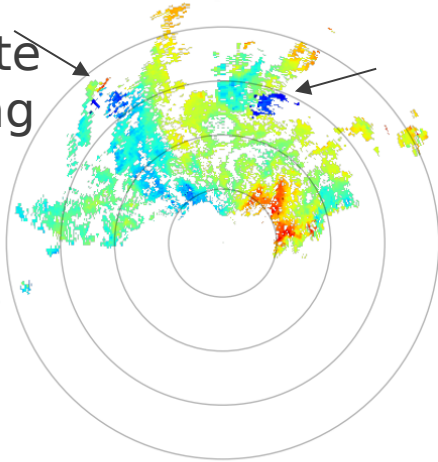




# Radar DOW assimilation still problematic

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VRAD - 0.5deg

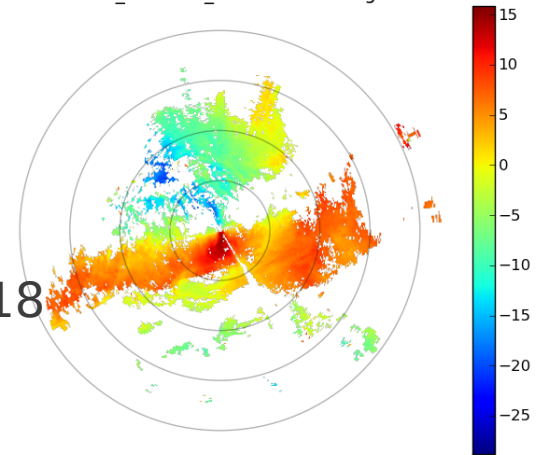
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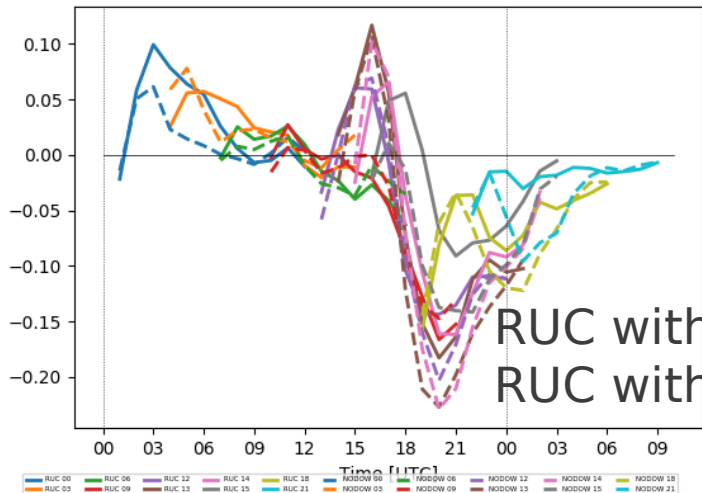
signal processor  
upgrade in Austria  
summer/autumn 2018



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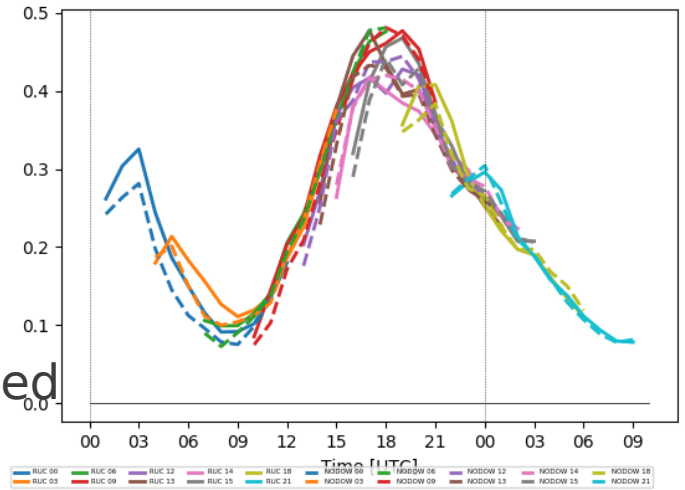


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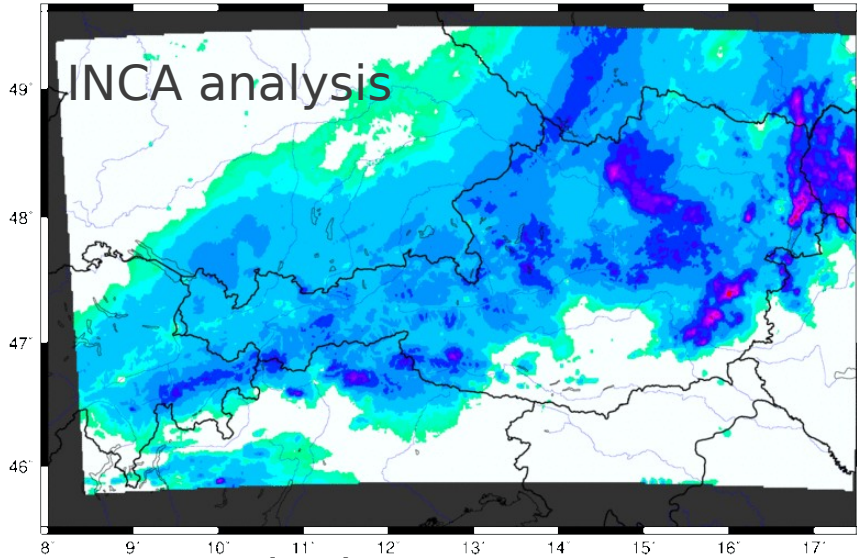


RUC with Doppler solid  
RUC without Doppler dashed

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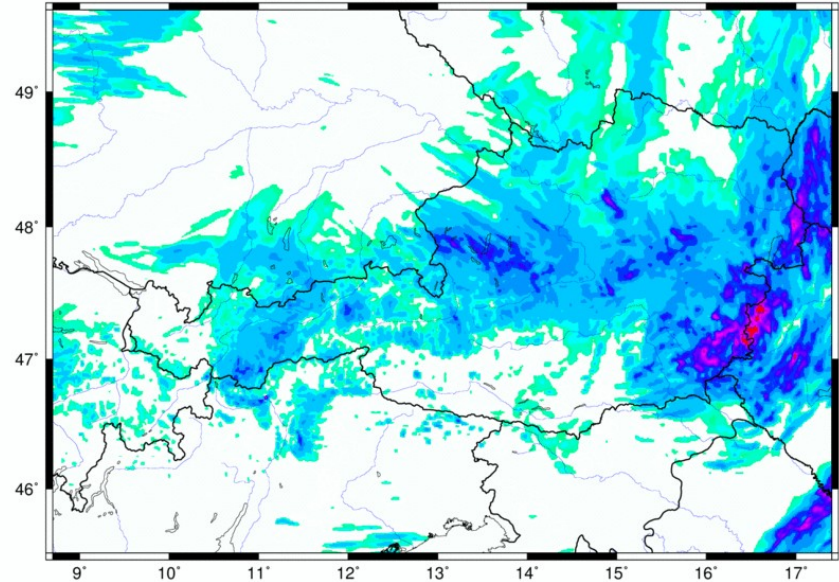


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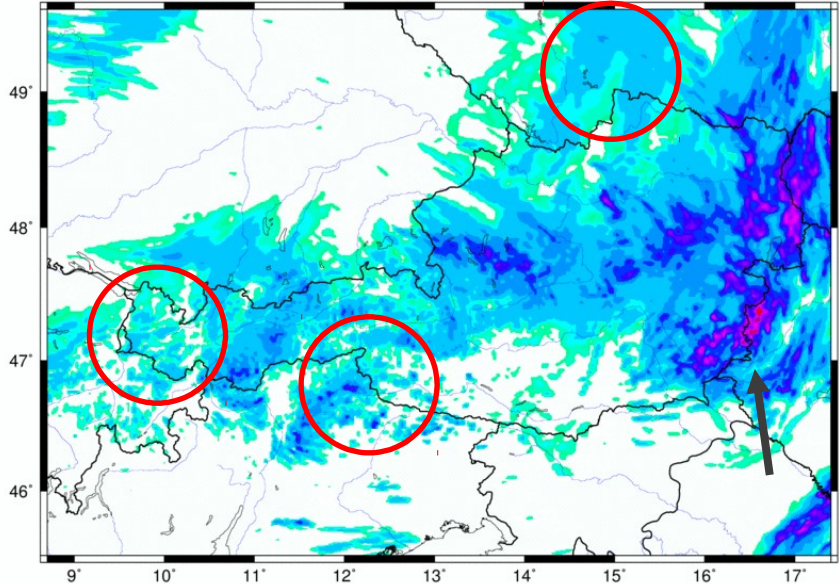
2nd July 2016 RR 18UTC + 3h

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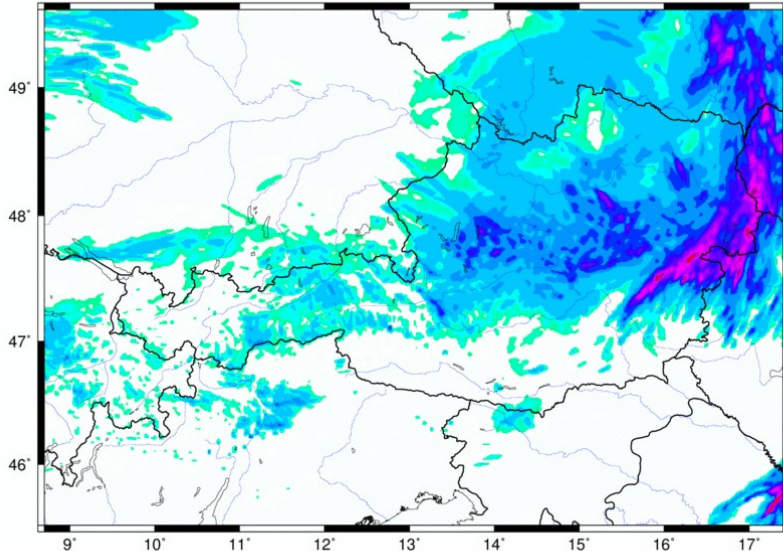


AROME-RUC with radar DOW+REF

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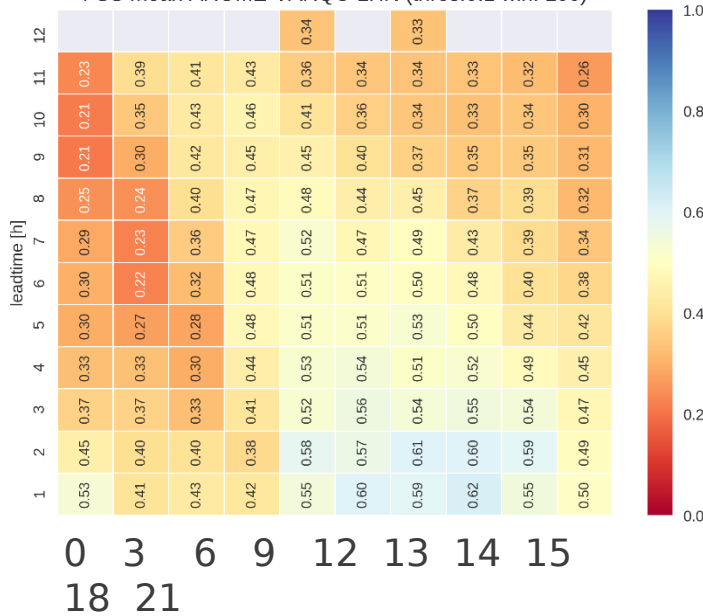
AROME-RUC without Doppler wind assim

AROME-RUC+DOW+VARQC



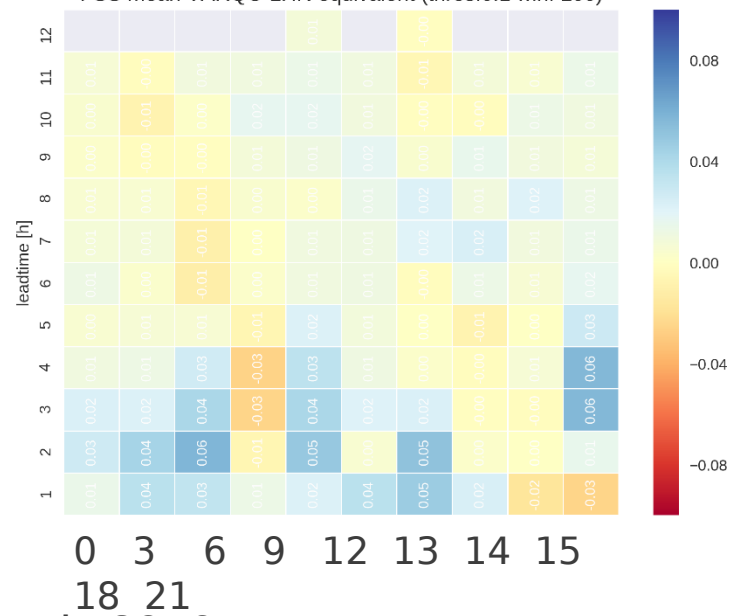
# FSS AROME-RUC+VARQC

FSS mean AROME-VARQC-LHN (thres:0.1 win: 100)



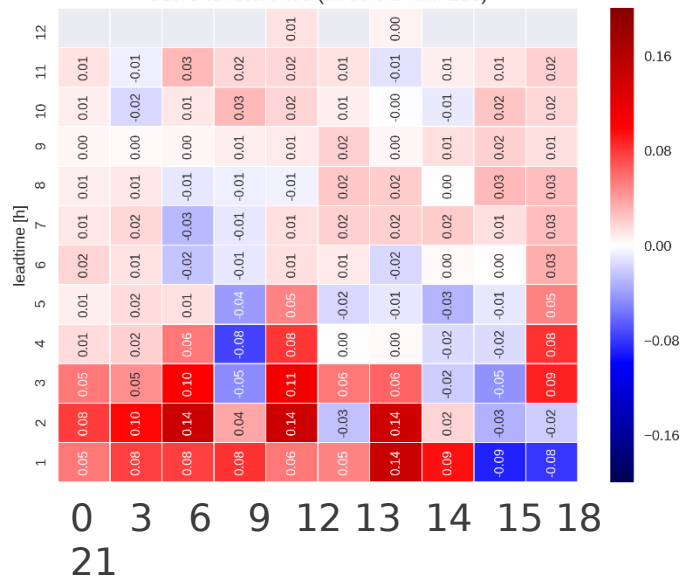
# FSS AROME-RUC+VARQC-noVARQC

FSS mean VARQC-LHN equivalent (thres:0.1 win: 100)



1st-16th July 2016

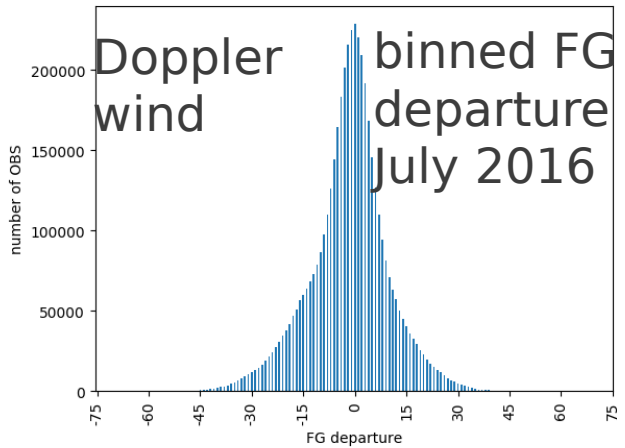
Score to reference (thres:0.1 win: 100)



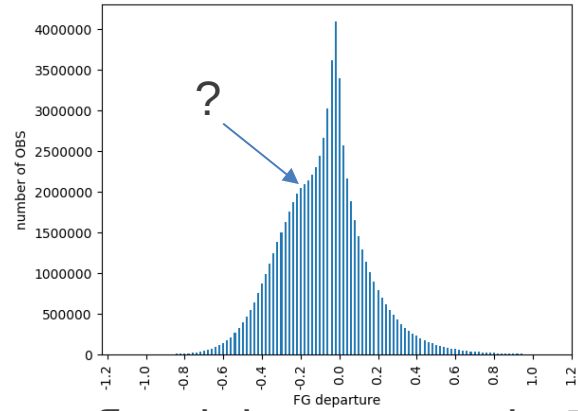
- even the not tuned VARQC can improve the precip. forecast
- difficult to switch on VARQC for only one obstype

# VARQC of radar? (gross errors get reduced weight)

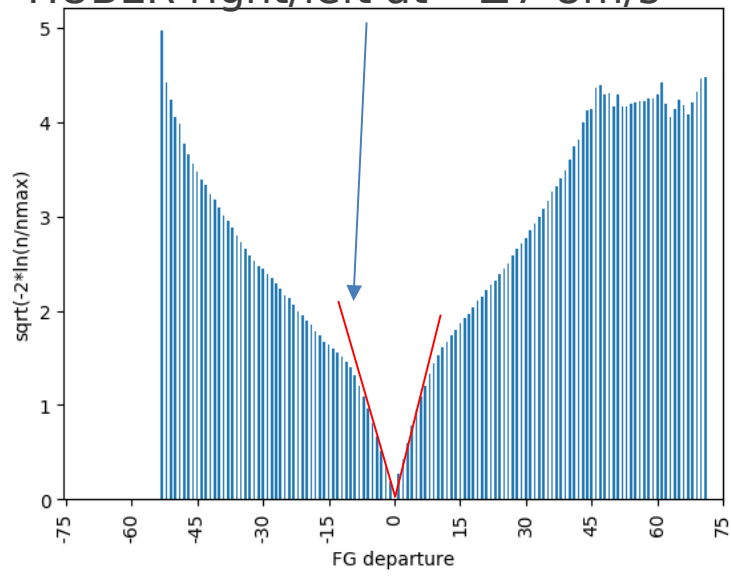
Ingleby & Lorenc 1993



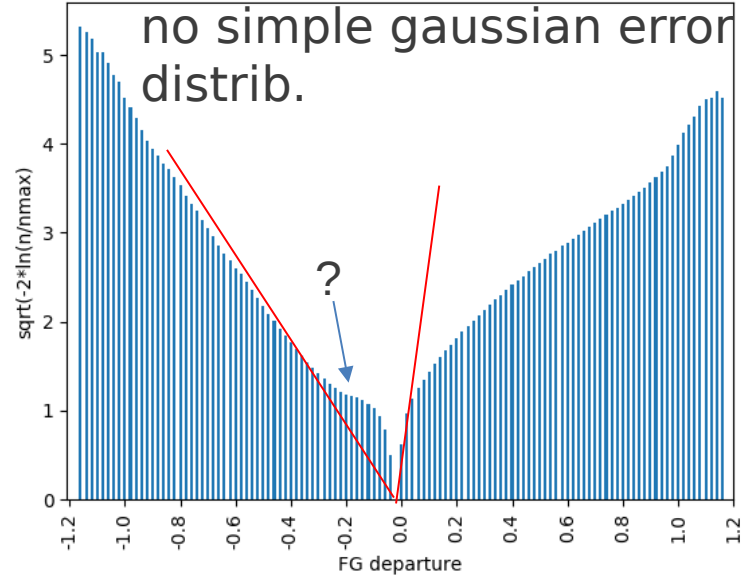
Austrian radars only



switch from gaussian to gross error  
HUBER right/left at  $\sim \pm 7-8\text{m/s}$



reflectivity -> pseudo RH obs



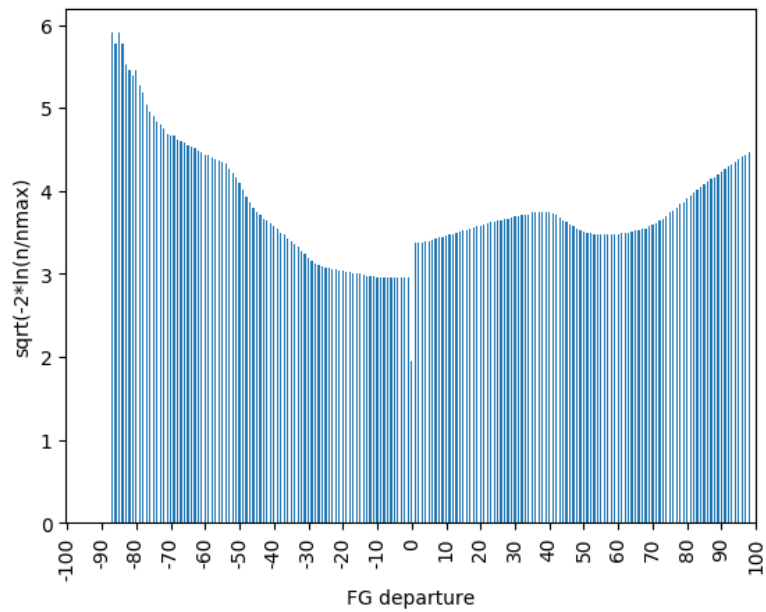
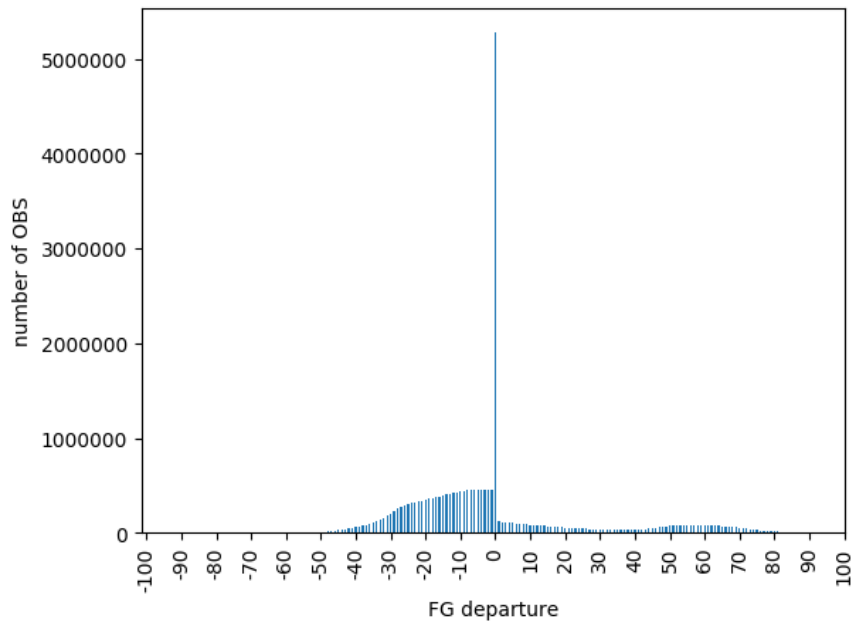
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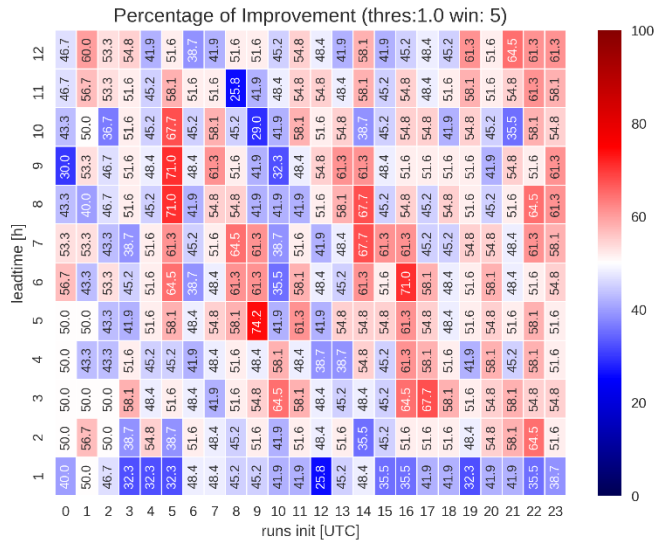
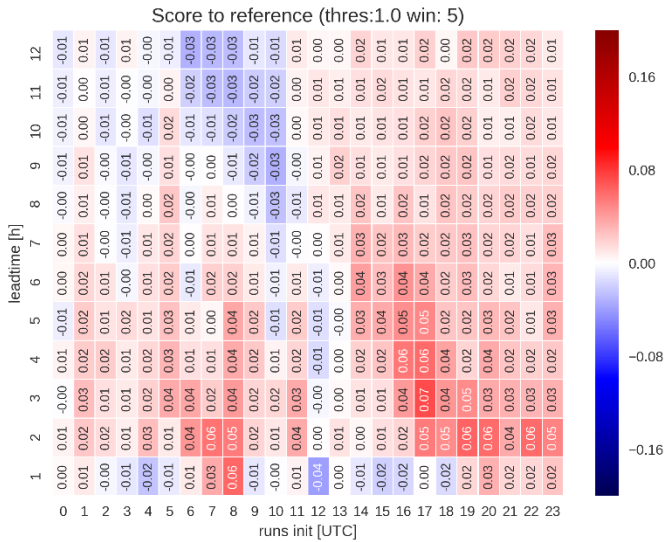
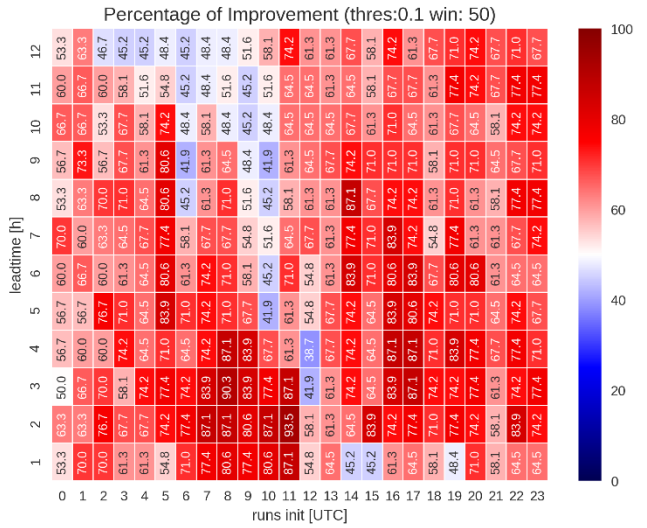
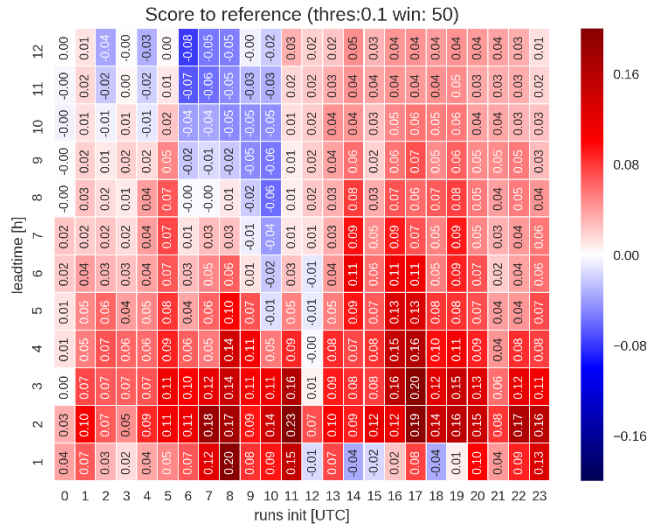
# Conclusions and plans

- AROME-based Nowcasting is feasible
- Improvement in 10m wind (and gusts) (BIAS+MAE) and summer precipitation (FSS until +6h)
- Latent heat nudging improves mostly up to +2h, in single case more
- for us: hourly cycling only possible with long IAU filtering (complex terrain+B-Matrix?)
- Doppler wind has too much impact (aliasing remnants) -> VARQC might help
- Radar assimilation struggles, if no fitting feature is included in the first guess in the surrounding of an observation -> saturation of profile can help, but is dangerous if OBS has error, LHN can also help
- Put AROME-RUC to operations within this year
- Consider post-processing and visualisation
- B-Matrix is currently updated with EDA approach coupled to C-LAEF ->tests
- Quality control, especially for Doppler wind has to be re-considered
- Inclusion of further observations:  
wind profiler, cloud assimilation, private weather stations, HRV

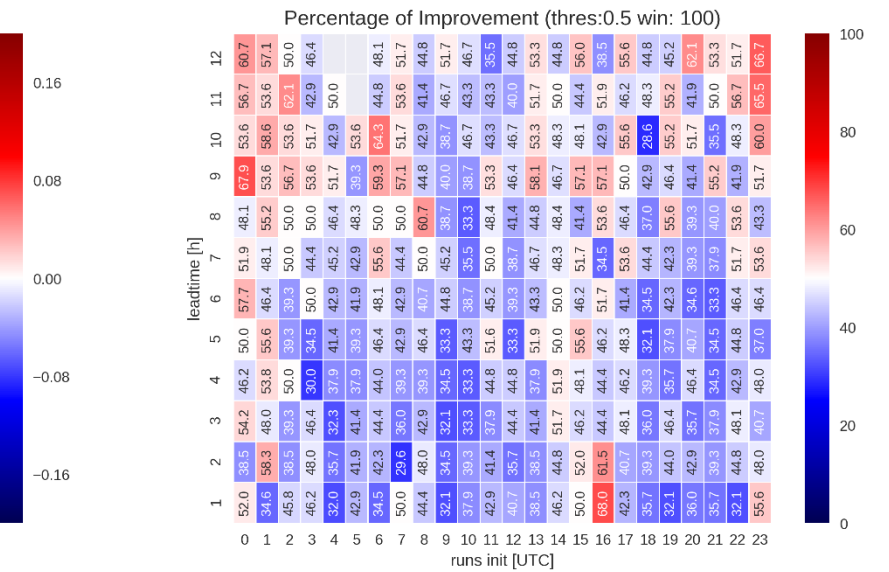
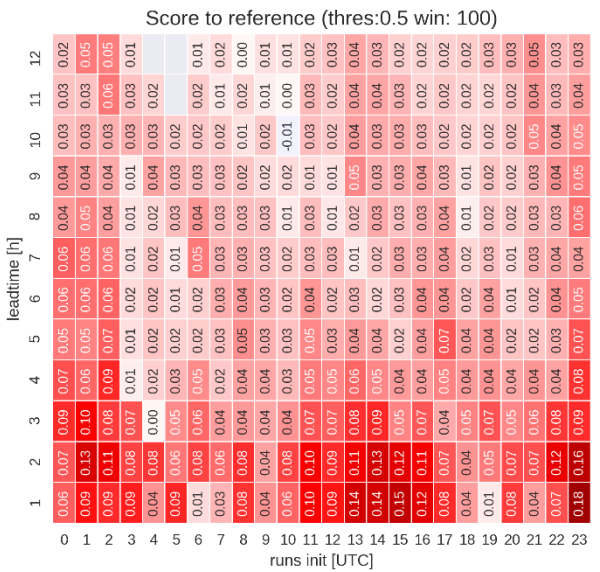
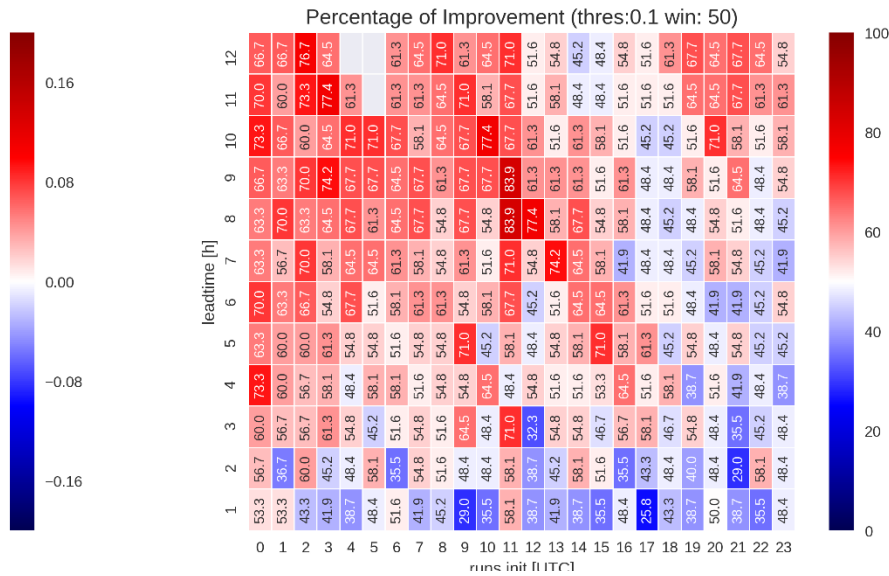
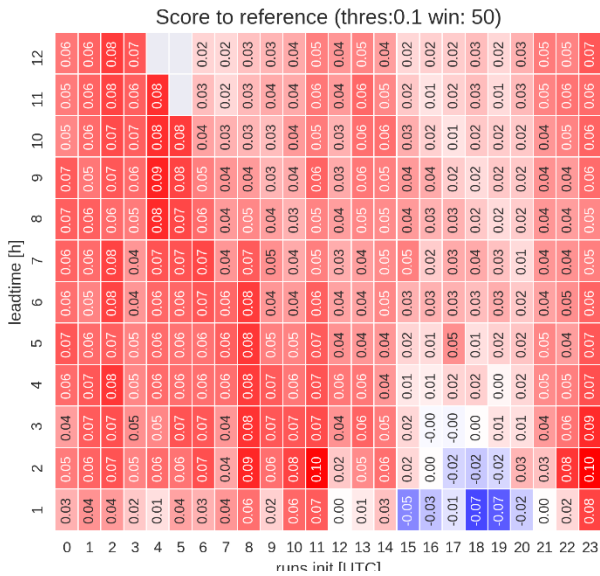
AMVs





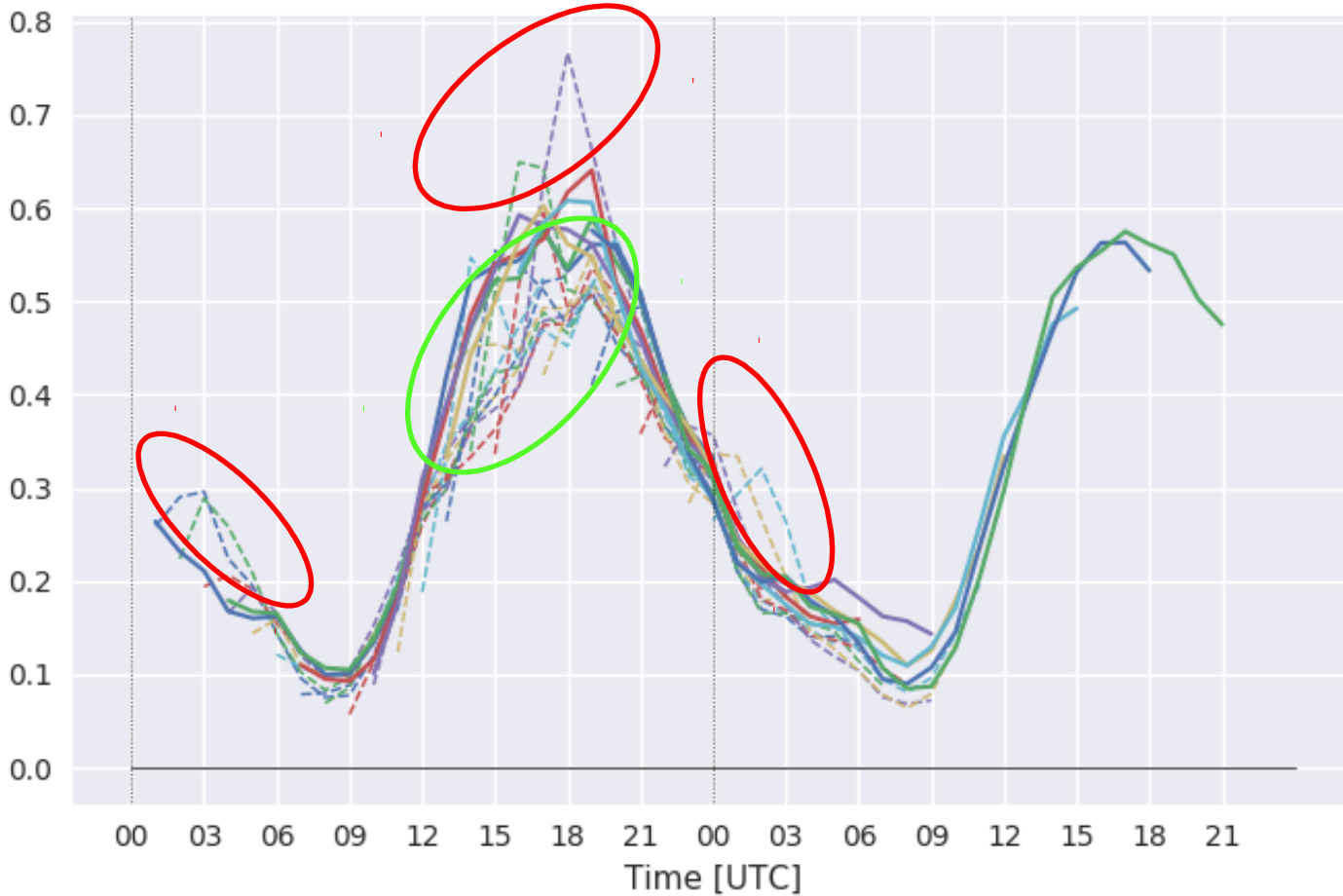






# MAE (area mean)

total\_precipitation\_area: Mean MAE from: 20160701 to 20160731

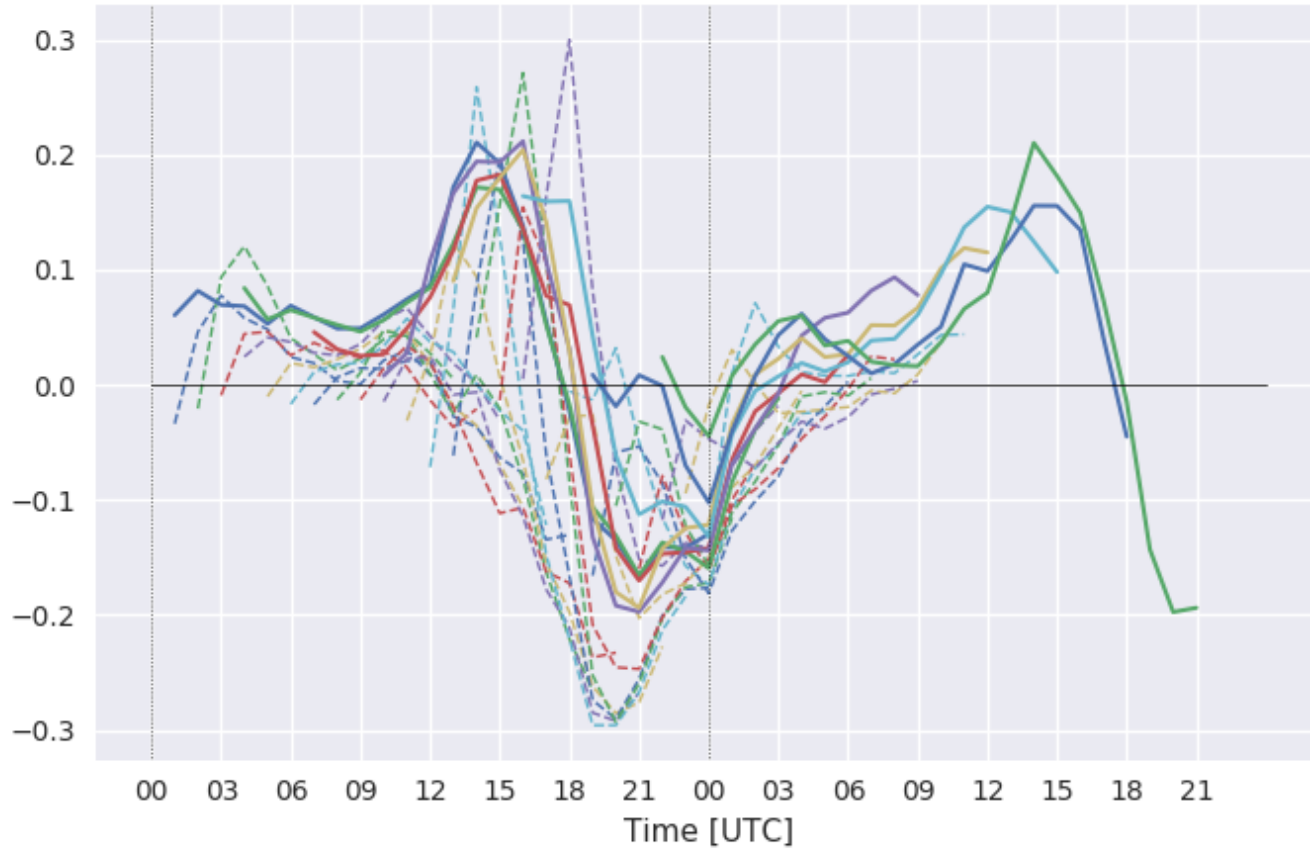


AROME-OPER: thick lines  
AROME-RUC: dashed lines

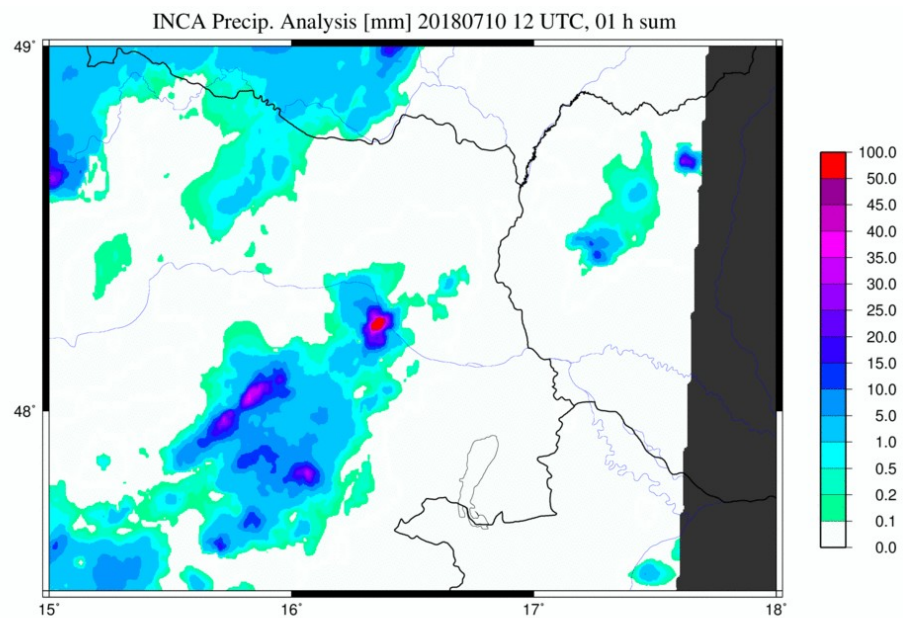
# BIAS (area mean)



total\_precipitation\_area: Mean BIAS from: 20160701 to 20160731



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# FDDA nudging in AROME (TAWES observations; Liu et al. 2006)

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$$DISTANCE' = DISTANCE + R \frac{|z_{OBS} - z_{GP}|}{dzthres = 300m}$$

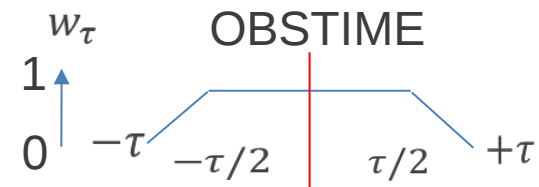
$$w_{xy} = \frac{R^2 0.75^2 - DISTANCE'^2}{R^2 0.75^2 + DISTANCE'^2} \left( \frac{p_{SGP}}{500hPa} + 1 \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial t_{phys}} + G \frac{\sum_i w_{xyi}^2 (y_{iobs} - x_{model})}{\sum_i w_{xyi}}$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial t_{phys}} + G \frac{\sum_i w_{xyi}^2 y_{iobs}}{\sum_i w_{xyi}} - G \frac{\sum_i w_{xyi} x_{model}}{\sum_i w_{xyi}}$$

**R=20km**  
~~G<sub>c</sub>=0.000433~~  
 ~~$\tau=6$~~   
 (namelist switches)

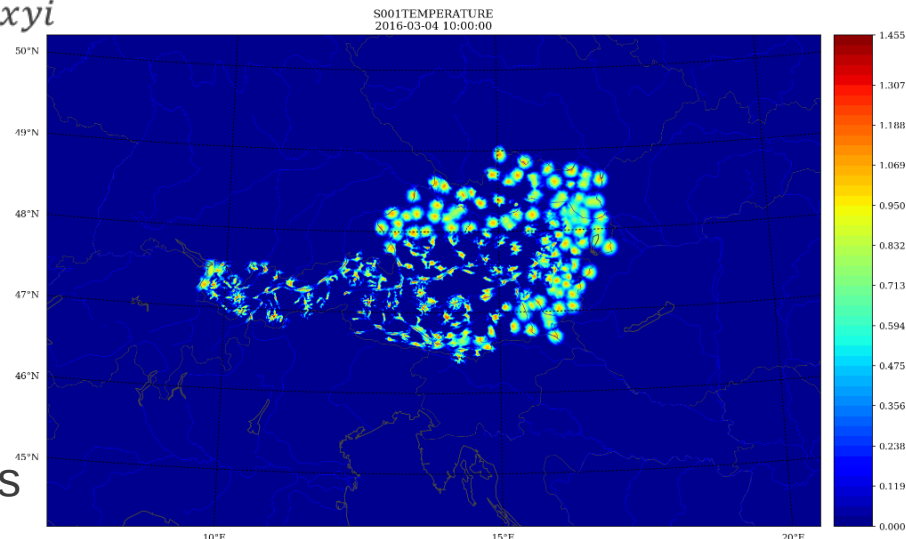
$$G = G_c * w_\tau$$



Observations at: +10 / 20 / 30min

x=T2m/RH2m/U10m

called from apl\_arome.F90 after microphysics



# Crashes without abort in minimization - NaN cost function



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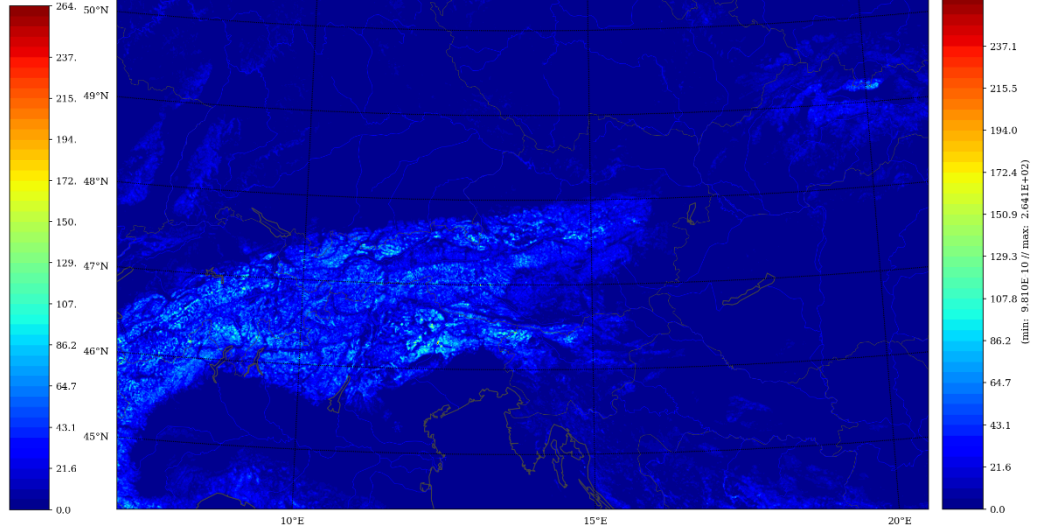
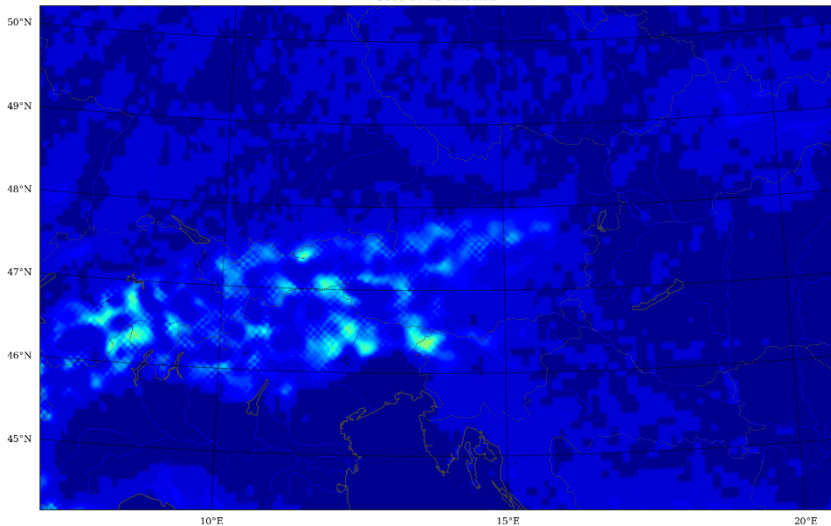
- GOM arrays NaN (simulated synop observations) due to negative exchange coefficients PCH/PCD(5) in achmttl.F90/acntclstl.F90
- Most crashes avoidable, if synop stations Leiser Berge, Ptuj and Kostelní Myslová blacklisted
- MF-Solution (P. Brousseau) NFPCLI =3 in 927 for old ISBA fields else NFPCLI =1
- old ISBA surface fields (ADDSURF) are still used (roughness, vegetation, emissivity?)!
- Idea: exchange fields with SURFEX values  $\rightarrow$  all crashes avoided

ISBA-OLD

SURFEX: SFXZOREL\*G

SURFZO.FOIS.G  
2016-07-02 18:00:00

SURFZO.FOIS.G  
2016-07-02 00:00:00



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# Why AROME-Nowcasting?

## Classical Nowcasting (at ZAMG INCA)

- fast (within few minutes)
- high resolution ( $\leq 1\text{km}$ )
- frequent: every 15/5min
- simple combination of observations + NWP
- simple dynamics (motion vectors)
- struggles to predict rapidly evolving non-linear events

3h FC

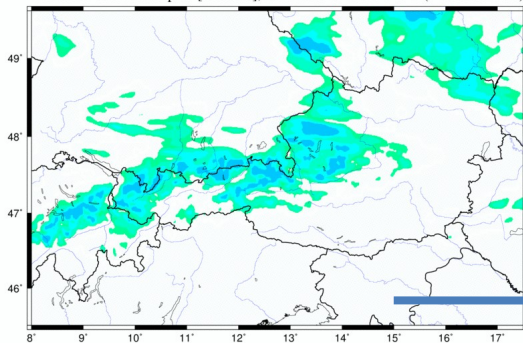
## LAM-NWP (at ZAMG AROME 2.5km)

- Slower: available within several hours
- coarser resolved
- less frequent (3 hourly)
- 3D-VAR + OI soil
- Full 3D-dynamics/complex physics
- Long lead time beyond nowcasting range (+60h)

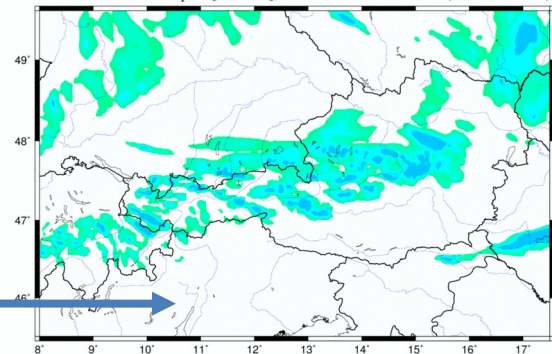
6h FCST

reference

AROME-AUSTRIA prec [mm/01h], 20190325 03 UTC + 03 h (= 20190325 06)



AROME-AUSTRIA prec [mm/01h], 20190325 03 UTC + 06 h (= 20190325 09)



INCA Precip. Analysis [mm] 20190325 09 UTC, 01 h sum

