

*Regional Cooperation for  
Limited Area Modeling in Central Europe*



# RC LACE developments in 2019

Martina Tudor, RC LACE MG and many researchers



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# Who? What?

NMSs of Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia

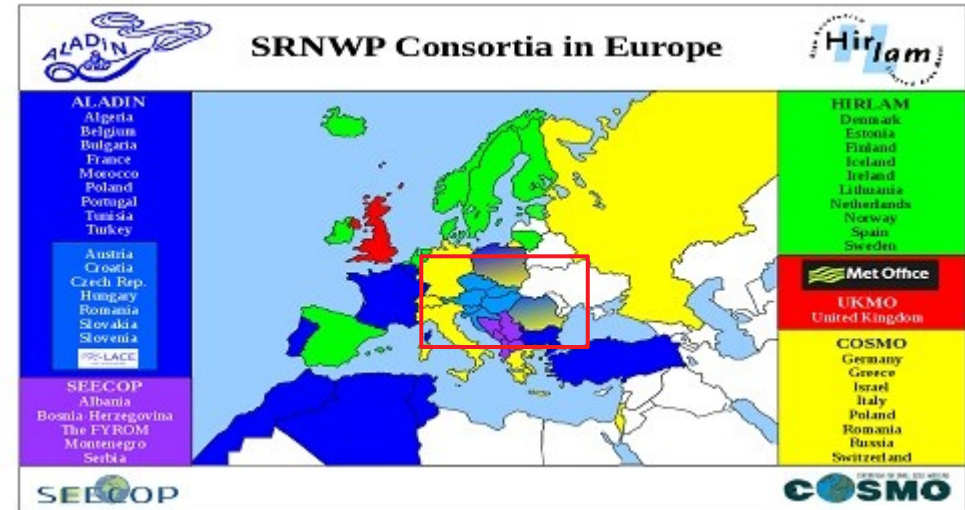
- common operational applications

**LAEF** – Limited Area Ensemble Forecasting system

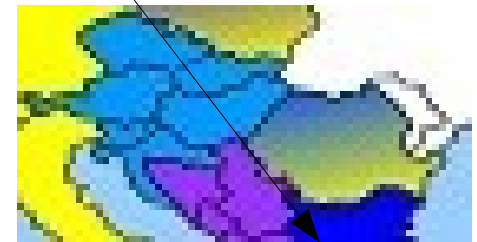
**OPLACE** – observation pre-processing for LACE

- common research activities

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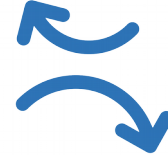
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# Organisational changes

Project Manager: Martina Tudor

Area Leaders:

- Data assimilation (upper air and surface): Benedikt Strajnar
- Dynamics and coupling: Petra Smolíková
- Physics (and surface parametrizations):
- Predictability: Martin Belluš



Data Manager: Alena Trojáčková

ALADIN-LACE System Coordinator: Oldřich Španiel



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# Data Manager activities

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## Observation Preprocessing System for RC LACE (OPLACE)

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**Abstract.** Meteorological observations are indispensable for the initialization of numerical weather prediction (NWP) forecast. To enable the application of observations in NWP models a technical preprocessing is necessary. Within the framework of RC LACE (Regional Cooperation for Limited Area modelling in Central Europe) consortium, a common observation preprocessing system (OPLACE) has been built up to deliver meteorological observations in an appropriate format for data assimilation in the NWP system ALADIN (Air Limiteée Adaptation Dynamique Développement International). The purpose of this paper is to document the OPLACE data sources, preprocessing steps and means to make preprocessed observations available. Furthermore, it describes an exchange of dense national surface synoptic measurements and high-resolution aircraft data in real-time among RC LACE national meteorological services (NMS) of Austria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia.



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# Data Manager activities



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upgrades on internal netCDF databases  
- to include string station names  
- more data from high resolution BUFR  
TEMPS

more wind observations over the oceans  
- from Indian (OSCAT) and Chinese (HSCAT)  
scatterometers (resolution 25km)

E-GVAP (EUMETNET GNSS Water Vapour  
Programme) - ongoing  
- provides GNSS signal delay & WV  
measurements for operational meteorology

redesign of the OPLACE scripts - ongoing  
new OPLACE ECF suite development  
- parallel since December 2018, new ecFlow  
suite  
- processing of BUFR data added  
- prototype of E-GVAP data processing  
added

TO DO  
Technical upgrade for SEVIRI  
TAC2BUFR migration  
SAPP (Scalable Acquisition and  
PreProcessing System)

OPLACE access for non-LACE countries  
- currently two non-LACE users (Tunisia,  
Poland)



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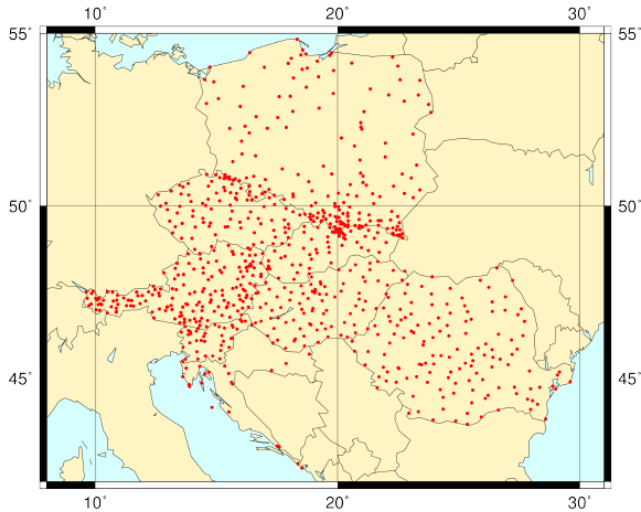


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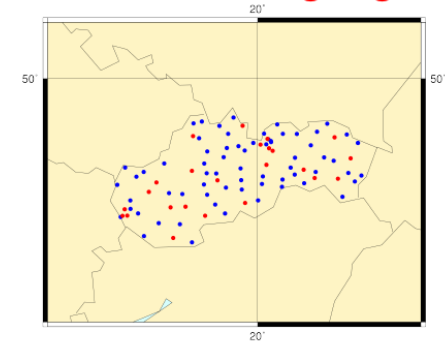


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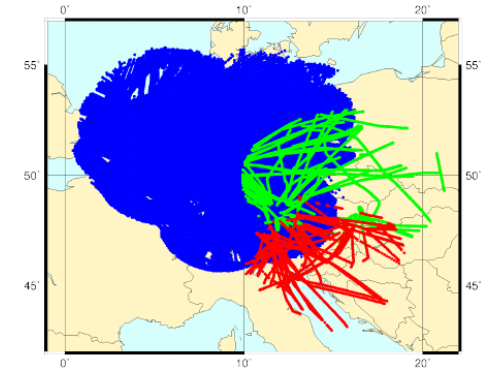
# Data Manager activities III



- extension by high resolution synoptic data from Slovakia - **ongoing**
- data preparation almost completed
  - 60 new **national** stations
  - **GTS** data



- high resolution aircraft data exchange from modern air surveillance systems
- stable and reliable data provision
  - Mode-S **EHS** from KNMI/Netherlands
  - Mode-S **MRAR** from ARSO/Slovenia
  - new **MRAR** from CHMI/Czech Rep available via OPLACE since July 2019



- All Members are kindly encouraged to explore availability of Mode-S data.



# Data Manager activities IV

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- **Data Assimilation training (Budapest, February)**

- lessons and exercises by Alena Trojakova, Antonin Bucanek, Benedikt Strajnar
- 34 participants



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- **ALADIN data assimilation starters kit (DAsKIT)**

- ALADIN coordinated activities to enhance implementation for ALADIN Members without operational DA, (Al, Be, Bu, Mo, Po, Pt, Ro, Tu, Tk)
- considerable manpower (cca 10 FTE) is being gathered for DA R&D
- opportunity for RC LACE support & to gain permanently missing manpower
- RC LACE collaborations and tools were promoted
- common meeting LACE DA WD and DAsKIT WD organized in Prague



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# ALADIN-LACE System Coordinator

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- Code training week 9-13 September 2019, Toulouse, Meteo France (1 participant per LACE country + few from the MG)
- Phasing of common cy47
- Preparation of the new bugfix cy43t2\_bf10 for current export version cy43t2 and porting support
- Validation of the cy46t1\_v07 as reference for prepared version cy47
- Production of common verification scores from LACE Members operational model outputs
- Administration and maintenance of the RC LACE web site and forum



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# ASC – Single Precision Code

One practical reason – run time reduction of 22-47% (depends on configuration, ALARO-0 30%)

The data volume is smaller

- Memory cache can hold larger part of data array
- Amount of data going through MPI is smaller

How to compile, practical notes:

- ▶ same code
- ▶ just compilation option changed
- ▶ + library (mostly just lapack without -r8)
- ▶ Two MASTERS – Single and Double MASTERODB
- ▶ same LBC, init file

	Double	Single
N. of bits	64	32
Max value	1.7E+308	3.4E+38
Min value	2.2E-308	1.1E-38
N. of decimal digits	15	7

gcc	Double	Single
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GMK_FCFLAGS_MSE	-fdefault-real-8	
GMK_FCFLAGS_SURFEX	-fdefault-real-8	
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# ASC – Single Precision Code

ALAR01

- Technical motivation (division by zero & security constant)

```
arpifs/phys_dmn/acmrip.F90
arpifs/phys_dmn/actkecls.F90
arpifs/phys_dmn/suphy3.F90
arpifs/phys_dmn/tridifv1.F90
arpifs/phys_dmn/aplmini.F90
```

arpifs/phys\_dmn/acmrip.F90 – division by zero

```
+ ZPHI3TA(JLON,JLEV) = SIGN(MAX(ZEPS,ABS(ZPHI3TA(JLON,JLEV))),ZPHI3TA(JLON,JLEV))
ZTKE_LAM5T=(C3TKFREE+ZCHI3TA(JLON,JLEV)/ZPHI3TA(JLON,JLEV) ...
```

arpifs/phys\_dmn/actkecls.F90 – security constant

```
!ZEPS1=1.E-80_JPRB
ZEPS1=EPSILON(1.0_JPRB)
```

arpifs/phys\_dmn/tridifv1.F90 ! vectorisation performance -> maybe JPRD would be faster ?

```
DO JLEV=KTDIA+1,KLEV-1
  DO JLON=KIDIA,KFDIA
    !ZMUL(JLON)      = 1._JPRB/(PB(JLON,JLEV)+PA(JLON,JLEV)*PCFA(JLON,JLEV-1))
    ZAUX = PB(JLON,JLEV)+PA(JLON,JLEV)*PCFA(JLON,JLEV-1)
    ZMUL(JLON)      = 1._JPRB/SIGN(MAX(ZEPS,ABS(ZAUX)),ZAUX)
```

Not only compilation options

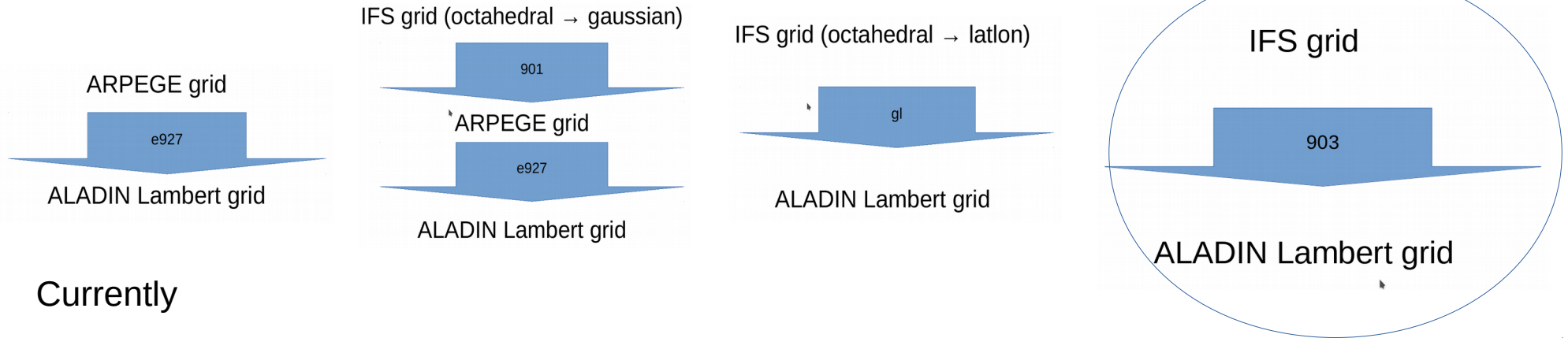


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# Operational LACE LBCs from IFS



Currently

IFS HRES LBCs use a combination of configurations 901 and e927, but 901 requires data on reduced GG for input

IFS ENS LBCs use gl (and e927 for vertical interpolations)

Configuration 903 is working (Ryad El Khatib)

Tested, TC1 suite, implemented in LAEF

TO DO: TC3



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# Data assimilation area

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## Operational implementation of full data assimilation systems

- combined upper air and surface data assimilation in all countries

**(Two-)hourly updated data assimilation systems** - AROME 1.2 km in At

**Background error statistics in 3DVar** - ensemble based B matrix (Sk, Cr)

**Surface data assimilation using extended Kalman filter (At, Sk)**

**Radiance observations in DA systems**

- a new configuration of VarBC suitable for LAM

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**Radar reflectivity and radial wind**

- back-phased BATOR, quality check OPERA, homogenisation pre-processor

**Assimilation of GNSS path delays and Mode-S observations**



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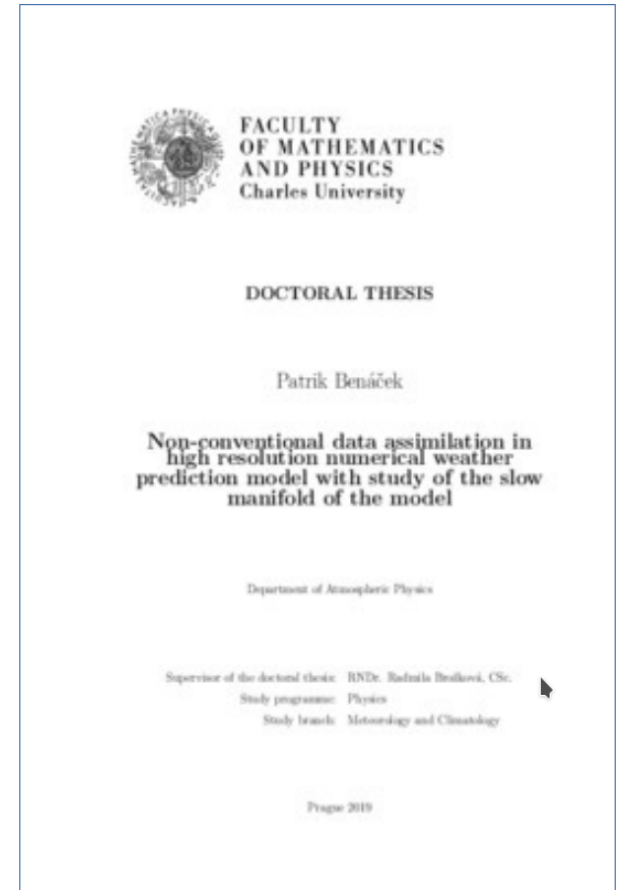


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Diagnosis of VarBC for LAM, PhD (and published paper): P. Benáček (CZ)



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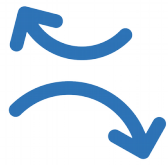
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# Dynamics and coupling area

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## Design of vertical finite elements scheme for NH version of the model

- Jozef Vivoda, Petra Smolíková, Juan Simarro, “Finite elements used in the vertical discretization of the fully compressible core of the ALADIN system”, published in MWR, 2018.

## Tuning and redesign of the horizontal diffusion depending on the scale

- sensitivity study for the available tuning parameters for SLHD was prepared tested in the cascade of resolutions: 4km, 2km and 1km on the domain covering Central Europe with Alps, with 87 vertical levels.



## The trajectory search in the SL advection scheme

## Terms redistribution through new vertical motion variables

## Tuning the wind field dynamical adaptation in very high resolutions



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# Predictability area



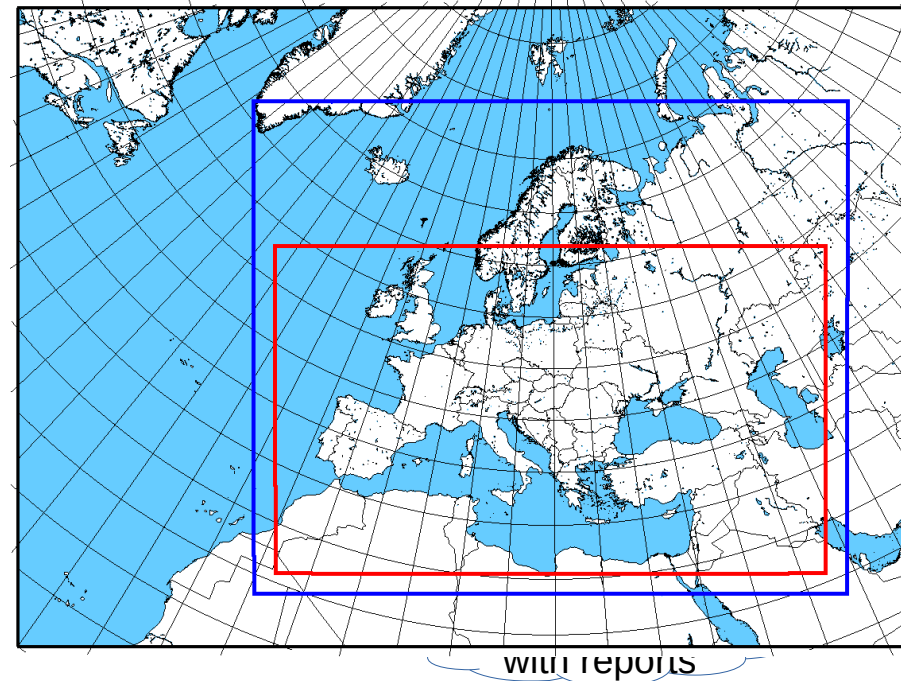
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We have currently three independent systems:

- Common RC LACE EPS with 4.8 km horizontal resolution based on ALARO-1 physics running on a big European domain (A-LAEF).
- Austrian convection-permitting EPS with 2.5 km horizontal resolution utilizing AROME model on a middle European domain (C-LAEF).
- Hungarian convection-permitting EPS which is going to replace their former ALARO-EPS.

Publications

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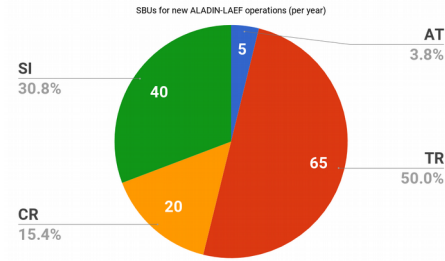
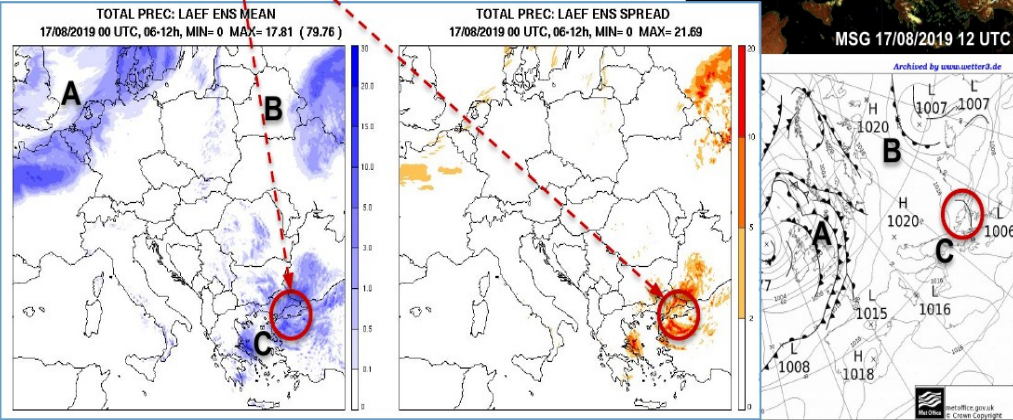
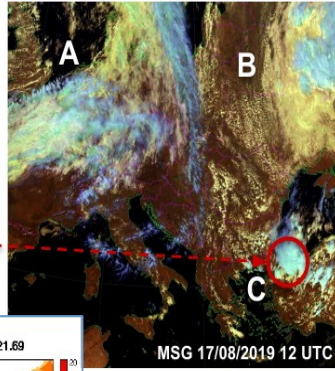
# Predictability area

## Turkey - Flash floods of 17 August 2019

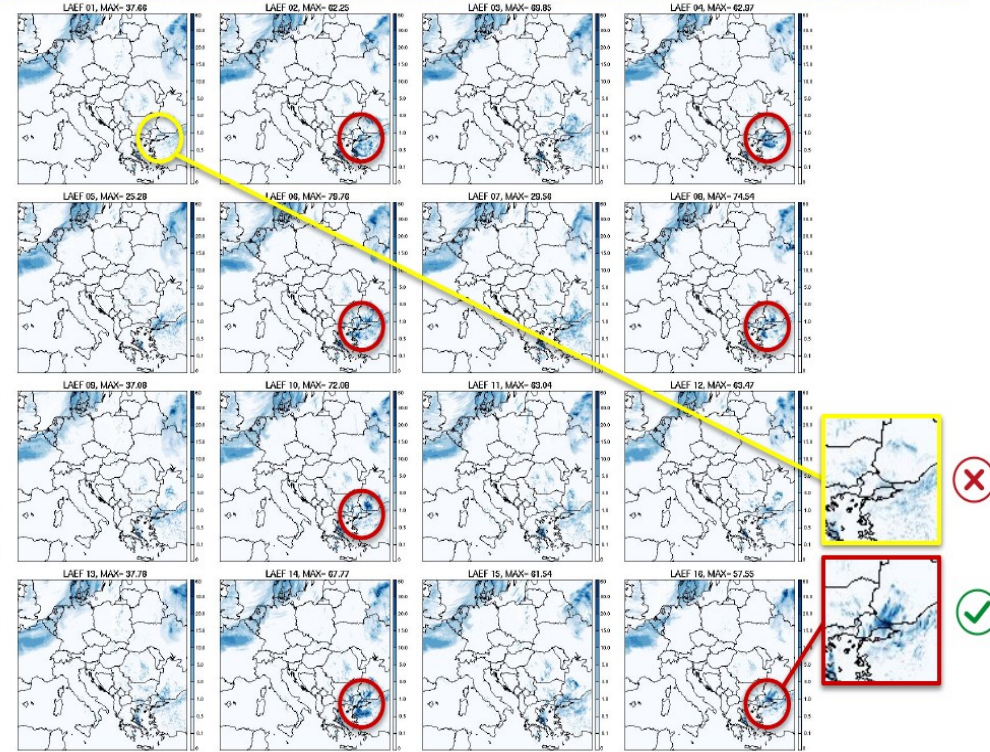
(pre-oper) A-LAEF precipitation forecast:

A, B: synoptic scale systems

C: mesoscale convective system (MCS)



(pre-oper) A-LAEF precipitation forecast:



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# Physics area

## **TOUCANS turbulence scheme**

- shallow convection closure: tuning, possible improvement in the vertical profile definition,
- analysis of numerical protection algorithm for the equation solver
- implementation of TKE-based length scales
- DDH for TOUCANS – put prog. eqs. for TKE and TTE terms into DDH arrays

## **Radiation scheme**

- Cheap calculation of clear sky fluxes, optimized intermittent storage, further improvement in calculation of direct solar flux is planned to be done in September with aim to enter cy46t1.

## **Cloud scheme (ALARO-1)**

- the harmonisation of radiative clouds and condensates with the microphysics cloud fraction and prognostic condensates

## **Microphysics (AROME and ALARO-1)**

- aerosol initialization in LIMA, hail diagnostics and super cooled rain validation in ICE3, validation of prognostic graupel in ALARO-1



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# Physics area

## Operational applications from ALARO-0 to ALARO-1 and SURFEX

- validation and operational use of ALARO-1vB in local applications (Cz, Hu, Ro)
- scientifically consistent ALARO transition from ISBA to SURFEX surface scheme ensured

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## The ALARO-1vB version

### Maintenance of ALARO CMC

### Products for users

- hail probability, aviation related diagnostics, visibility, convective diagnostics pack

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## Off-line SURFEX

- ImagineS system based on offline SURFEX with ISBA-Ags (currently with 10 day time lag) - Hu
- Crocus snow pack model based on INCA analysis and ALADIN DLW – Si
- downscaling tool – Si, Sk

## Coupling with waves/ocean

- operational wave modelling with Wind Wave Model (paper)
- Impact of two-way coupling and sea surface temperature on precipitation forecast in regional atmosphere (paper)



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# Thank you

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