

# **Development of a limited area NWP model based nowcasting version for Austria**

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# outline

- Setup of AROME-RUC
- Problems faced during setup definition
- Experiments:
  1. radar saturation
  2. FDDA-Nudging
  3. MODE-S-KNMI
  4. debugged B-Matrix

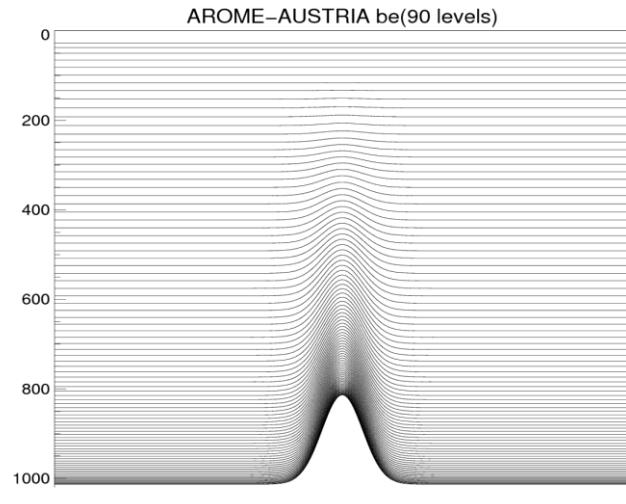
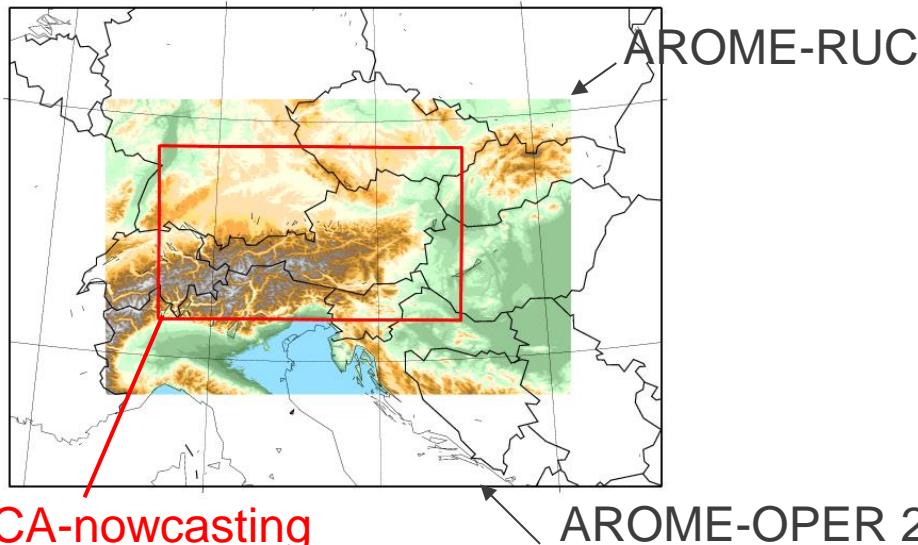
# Technical setup of AROME-RUC for Nowcasting

## Idea:

->fill gap between classical nowcasting systems and short range NWP  
Hourly forecasts up to 12h with hourly 3D-Var analysis and 25 min cutoff time available within 1h

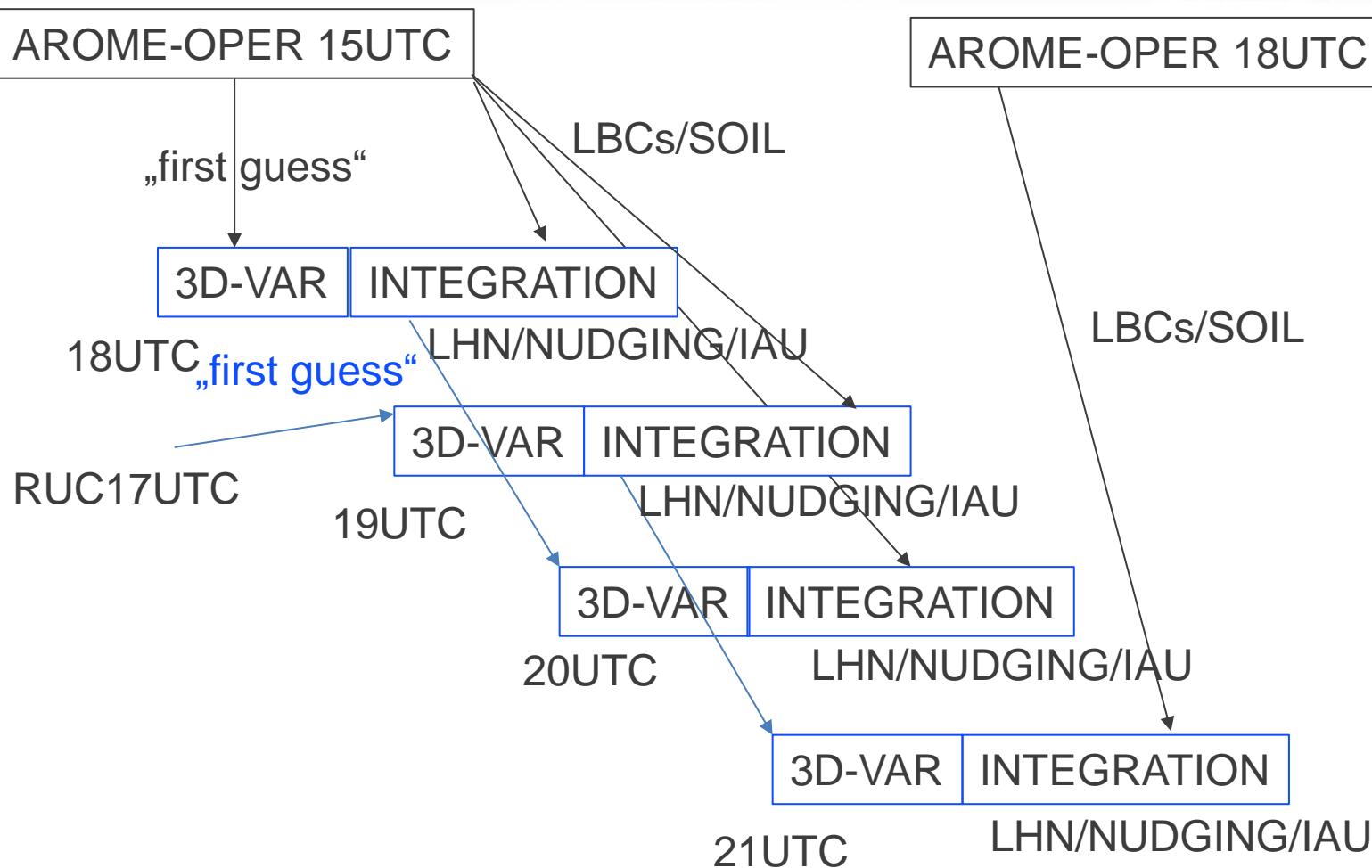
- 900x576x90 GP 1.2km LBC+ soil from AROME-OPER or own CANARI-OI-MAIN
- additional observations (radar reflectivity, Doppler winds, MODE-S aircraft, national SYNOP, AMDAR-Q, **national GNSS ZTD**)
- additional initialisation: latent heat nudging +35min (Stephan 2008), FDDA nudging (Liu et al. 2006) +30min (optional), (cloud analysis), IAU (Brousseau)

AROME-Nowcasting Domain & Topography

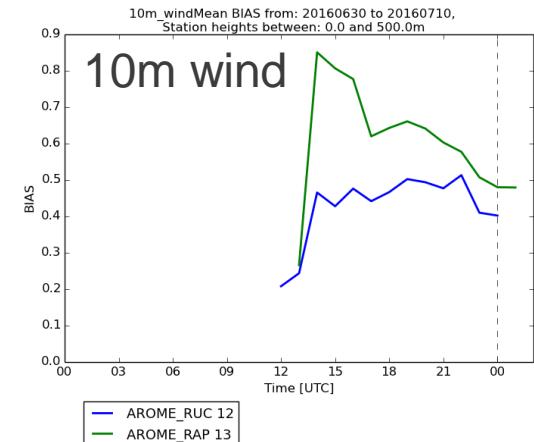
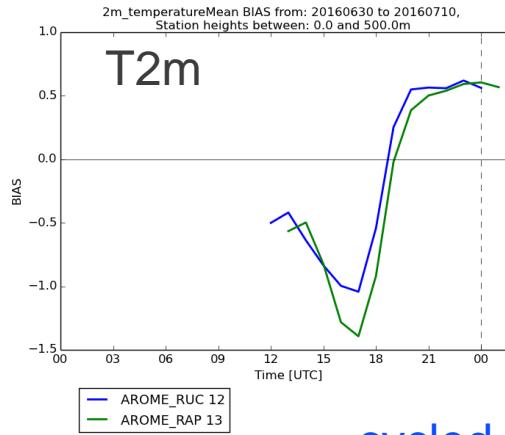
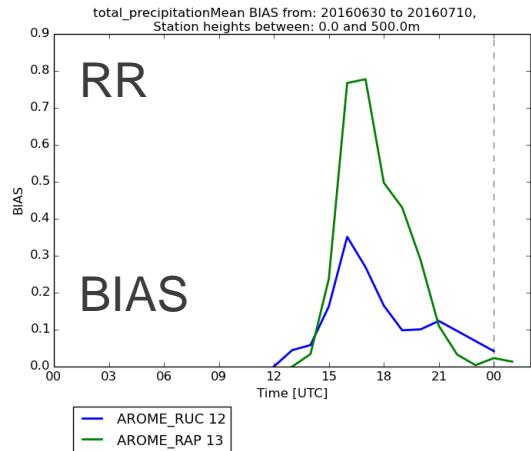


Technical setup of AROME-RUC for Nowcasting 2hourly cycle every hour

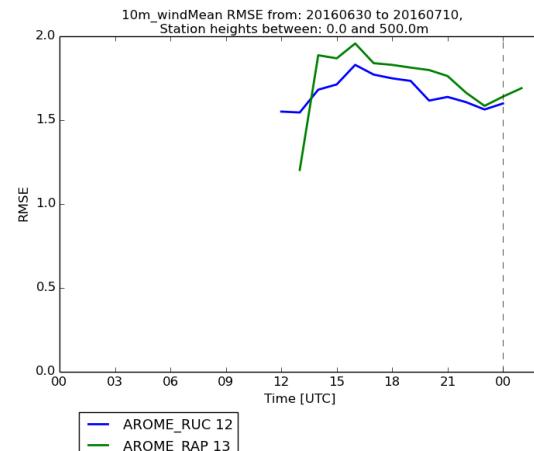
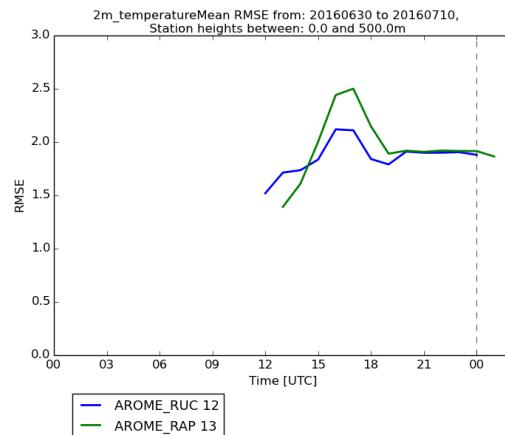
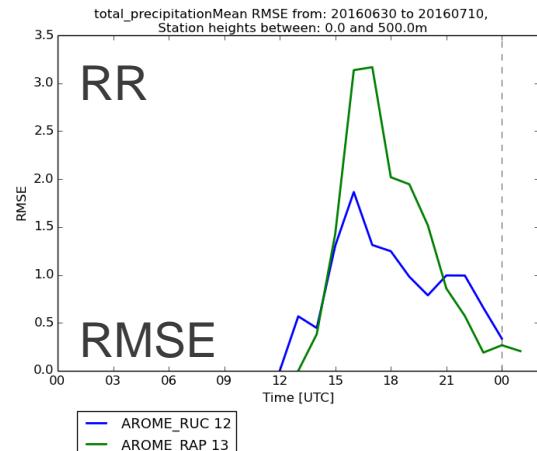
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# 1h cycle versus „open loop“ rapid refresh?

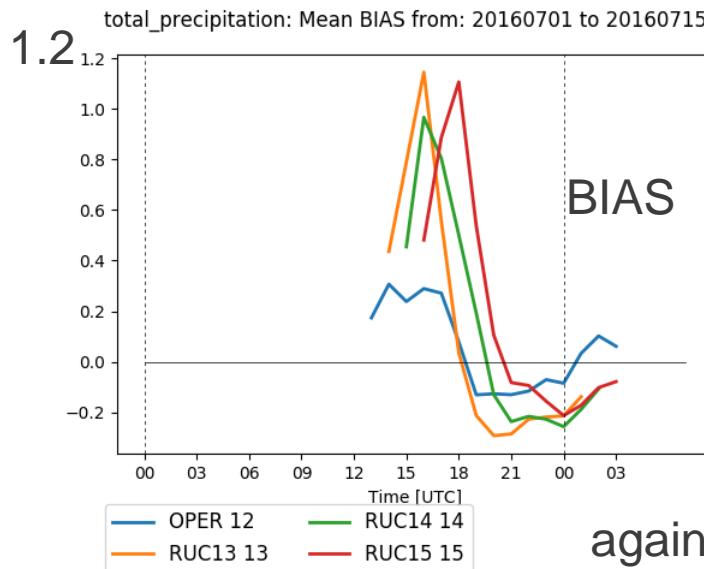


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open loop

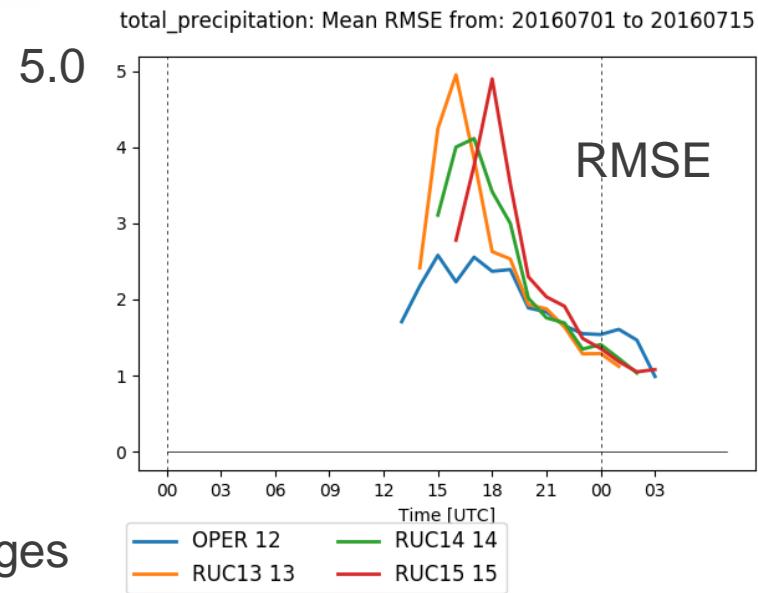


Based on old 2.5km version

# Validation July 2016: precipitation 1h vs 2h cycle



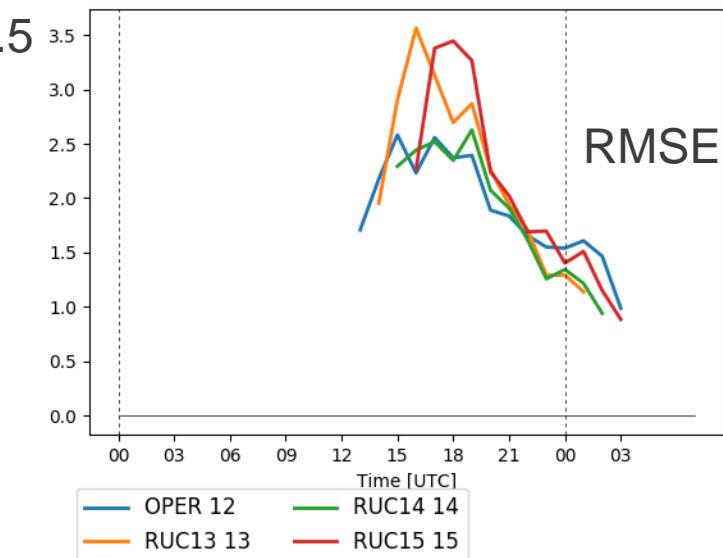
against 1h rain gauges



1h cycle

2h cycle

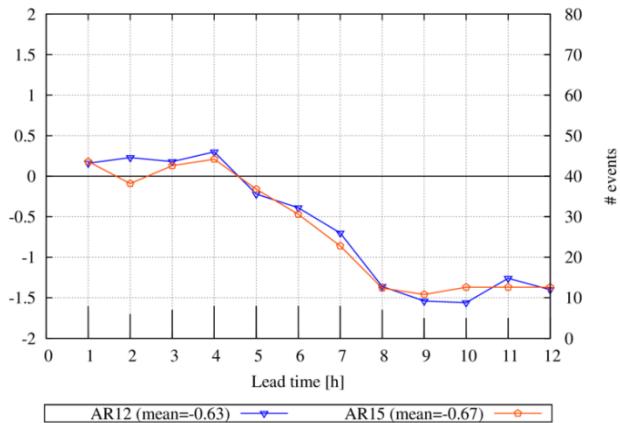
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NWC 14/15



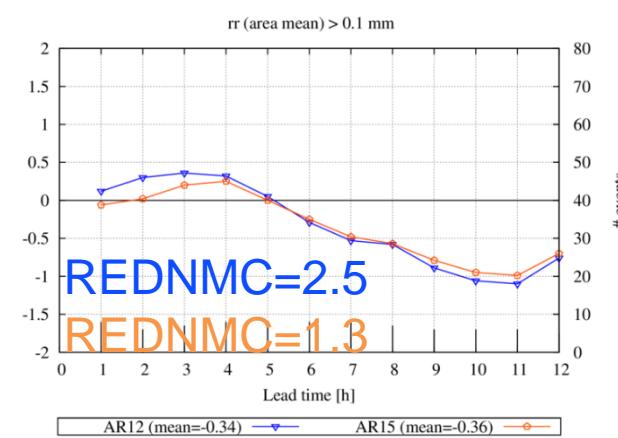
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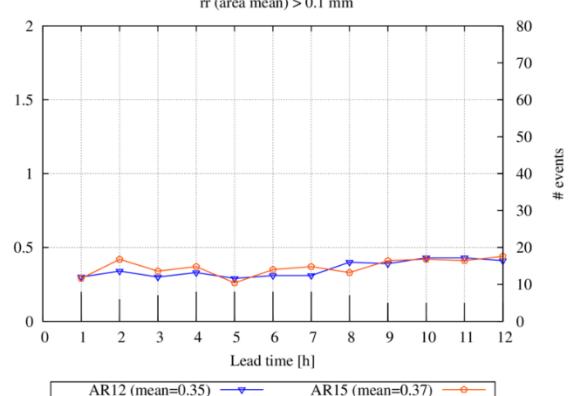
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rr (area mean) > 0.1 mm



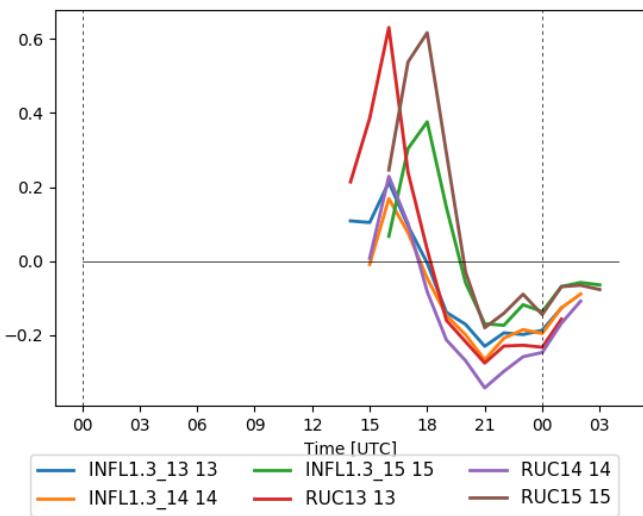
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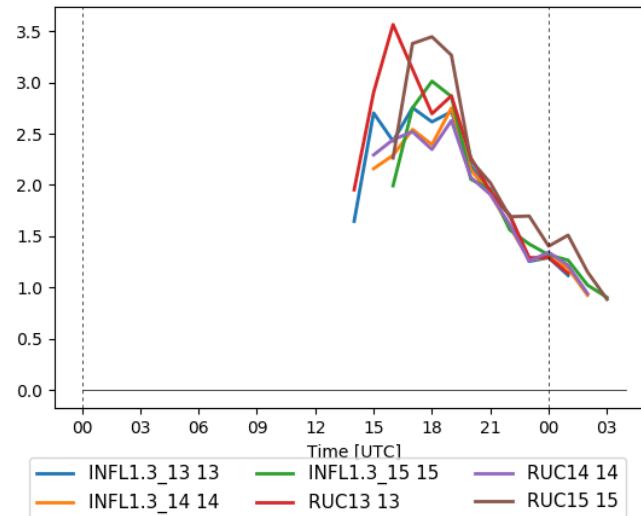
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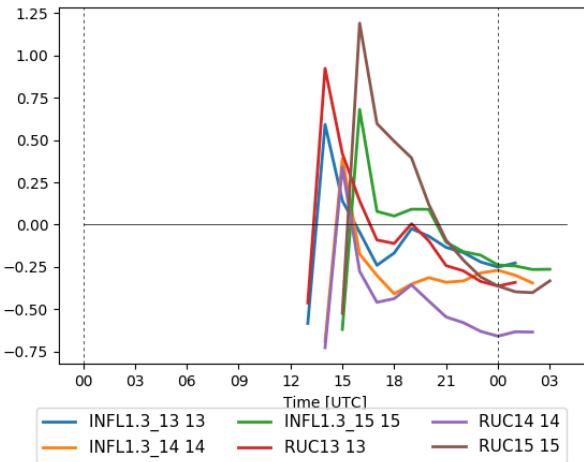
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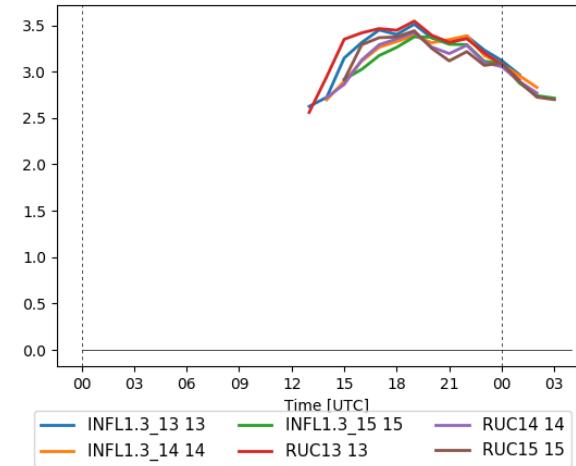
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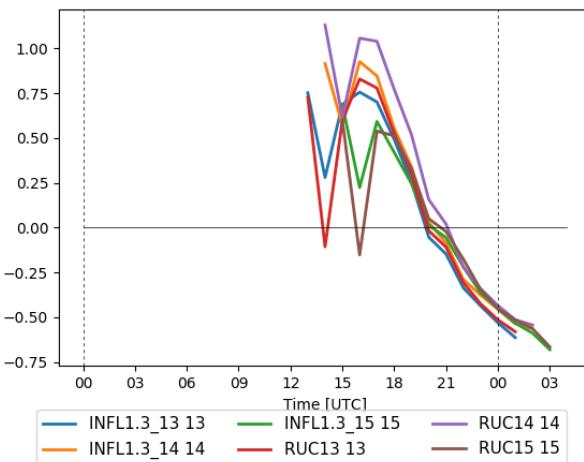
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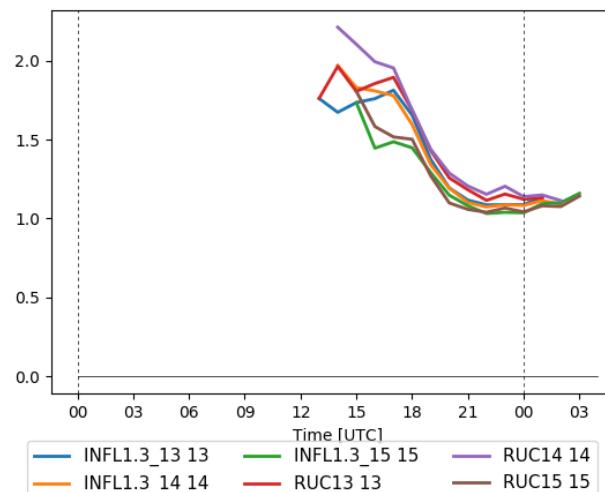
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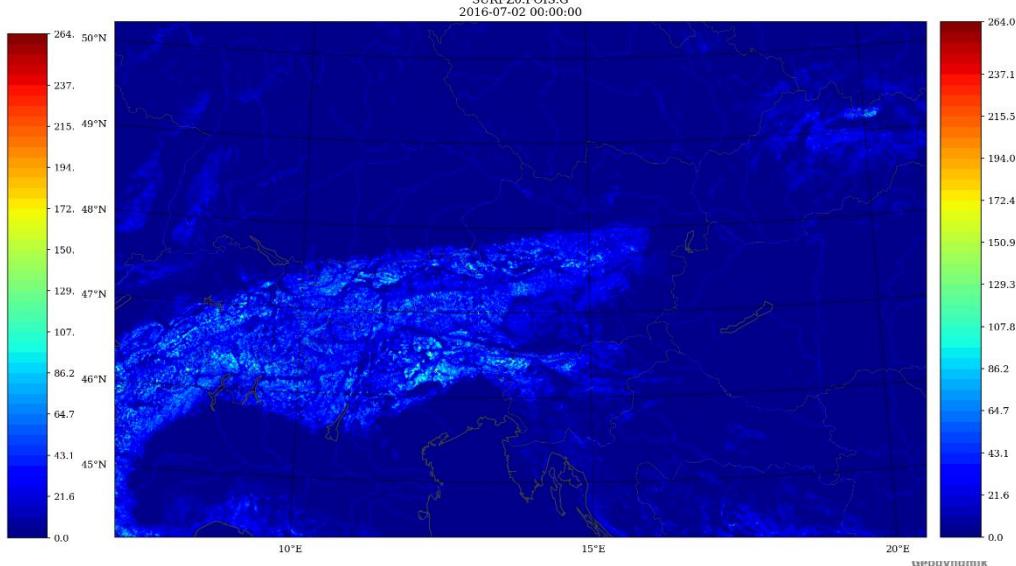
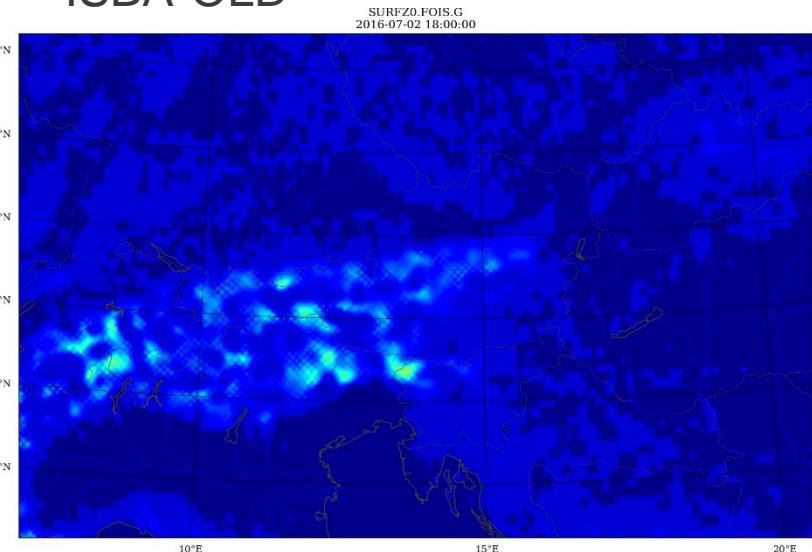
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# Crashes without abort in minimization - NaN cost function

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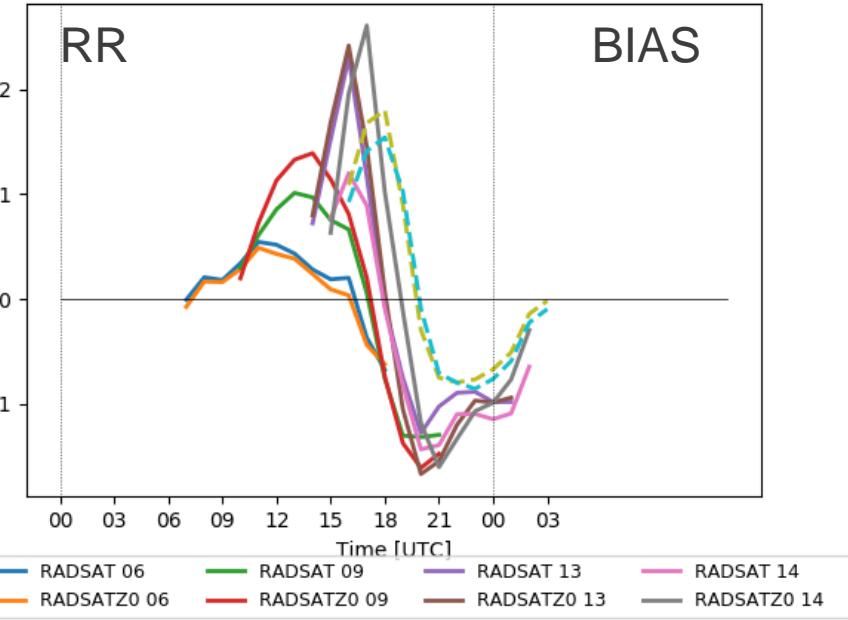
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- GOM arrays NaN (simulated synop observations) due to negative exchange coefficients PCH/PCD(5) in achmttl.F90/acntclstl.F90
- Most crashes avoidable, if synop stations Leiser Berge, Ptuj and Kostelní Myslová blacklisted
- MF-Solution (P. Brousseau) 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  
ISBA-OLD → SURFEX: SPXZOREL G  
all crashes avoided so far

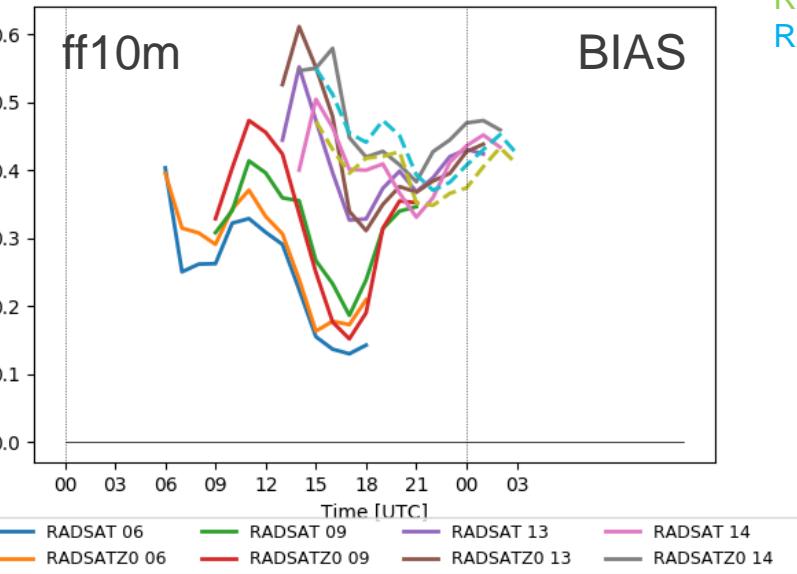
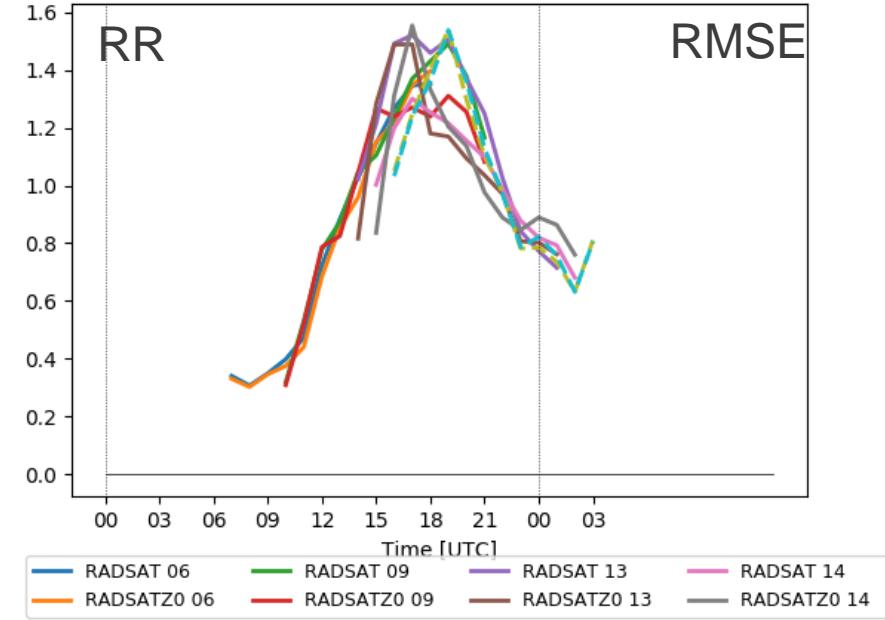


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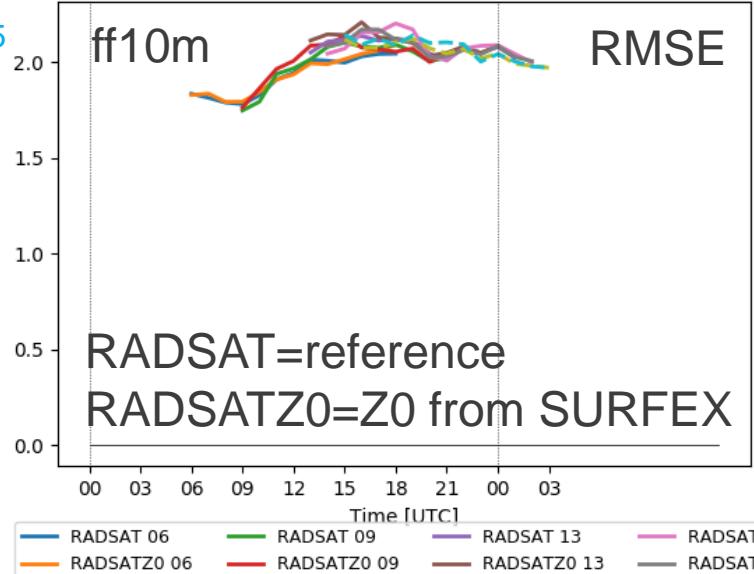
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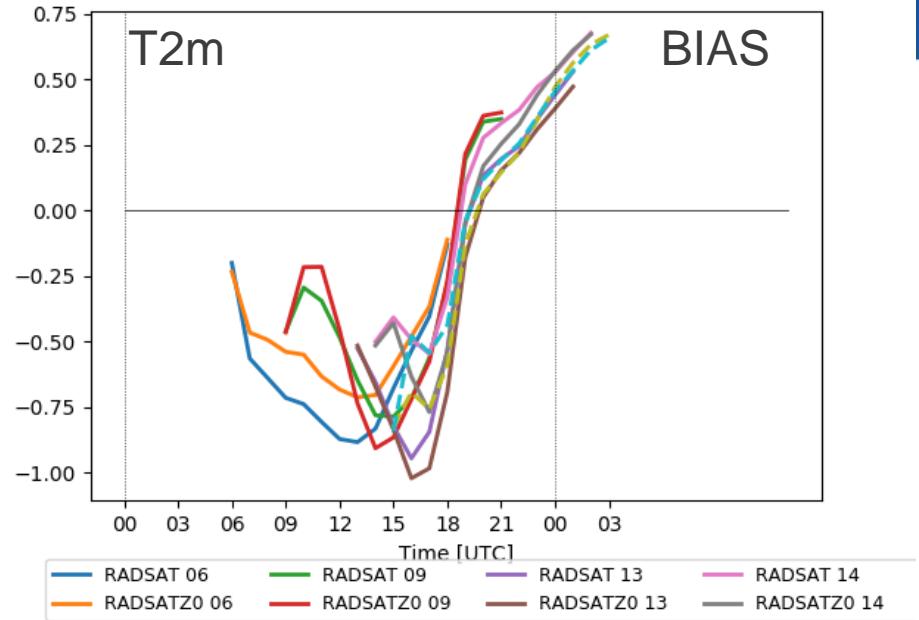


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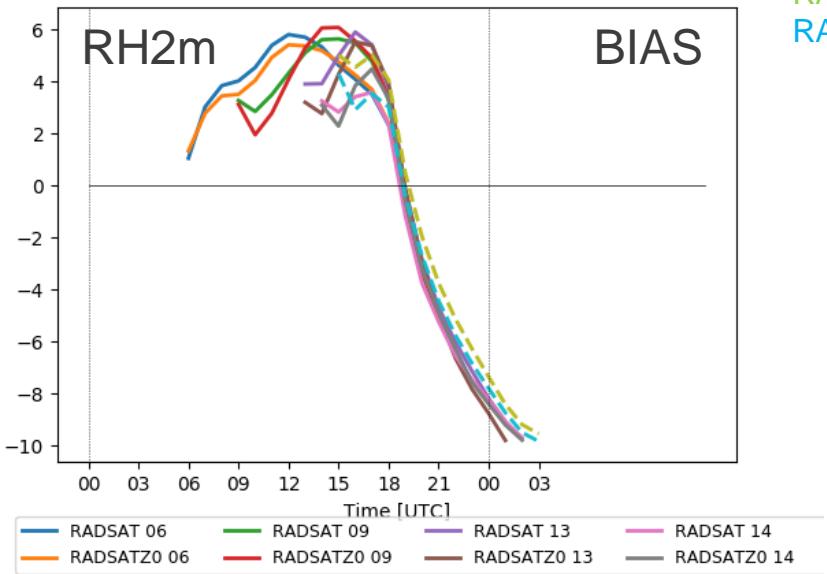
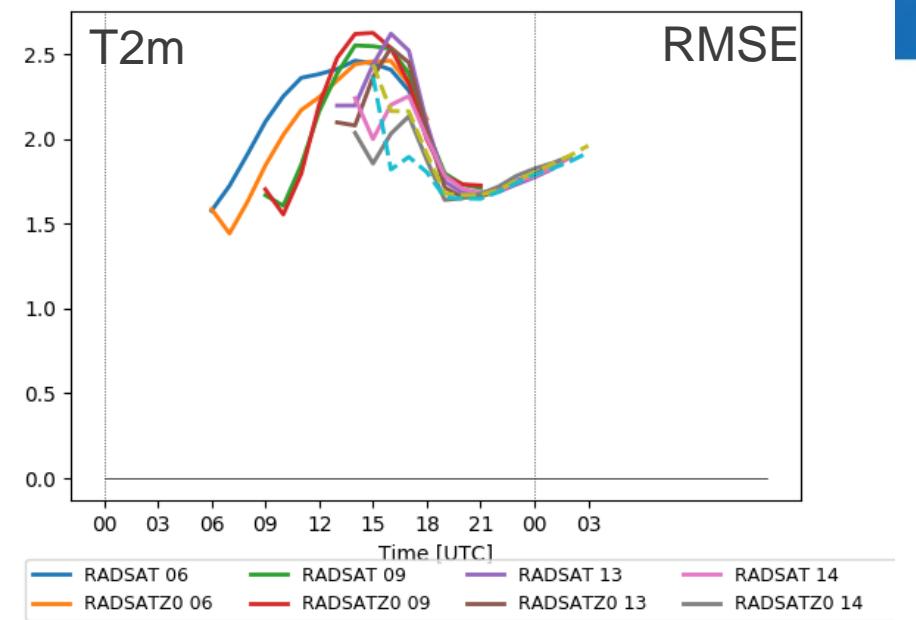


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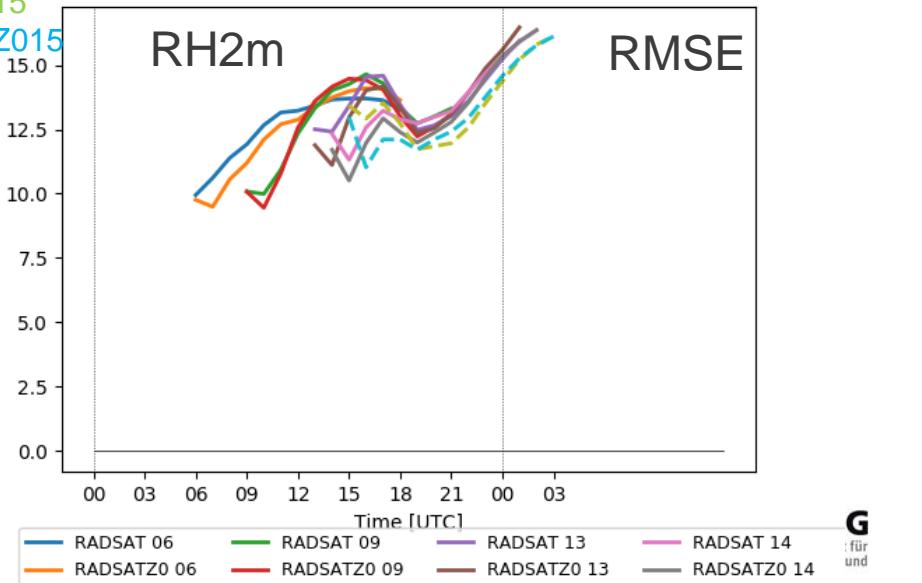
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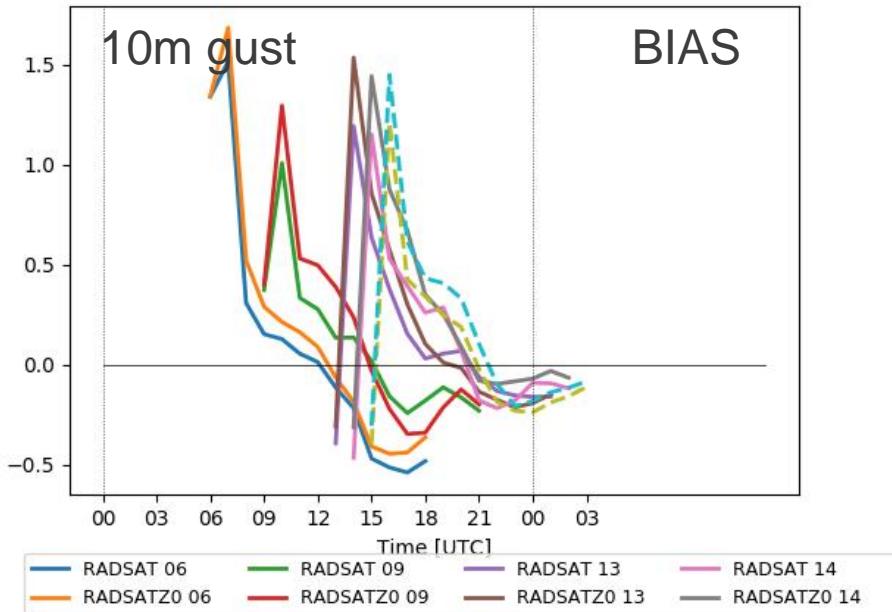


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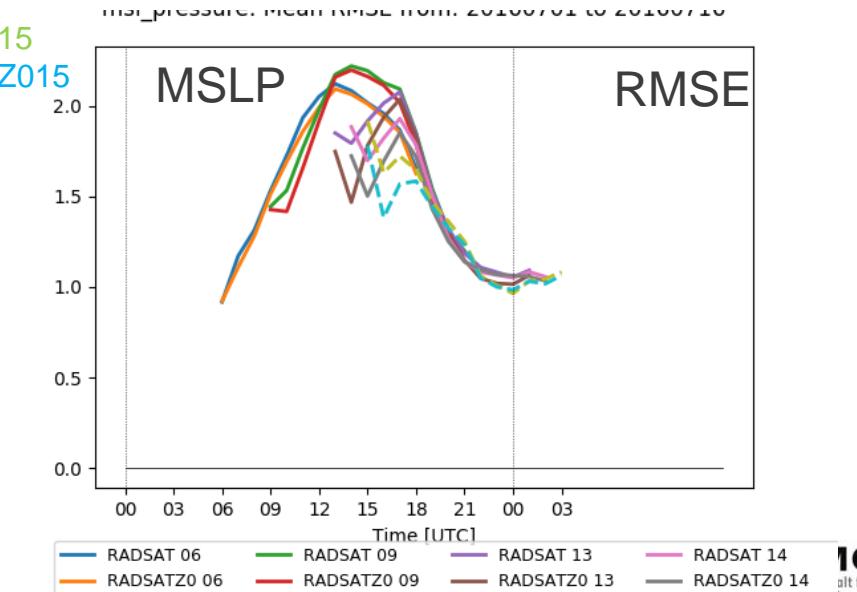
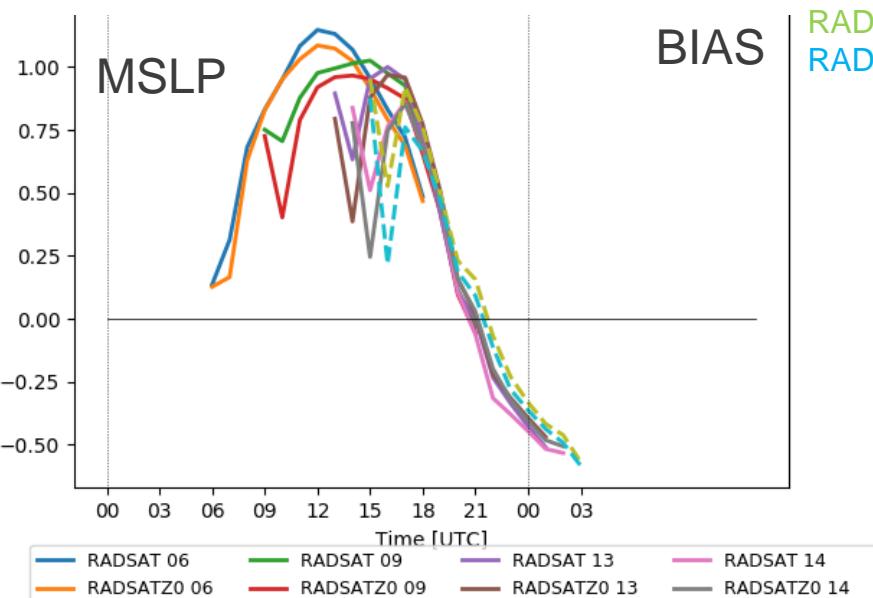
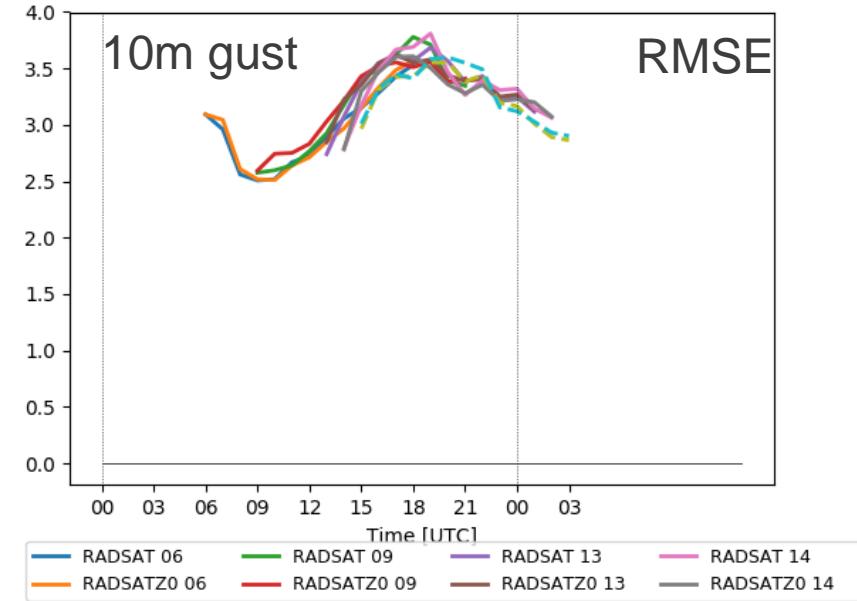


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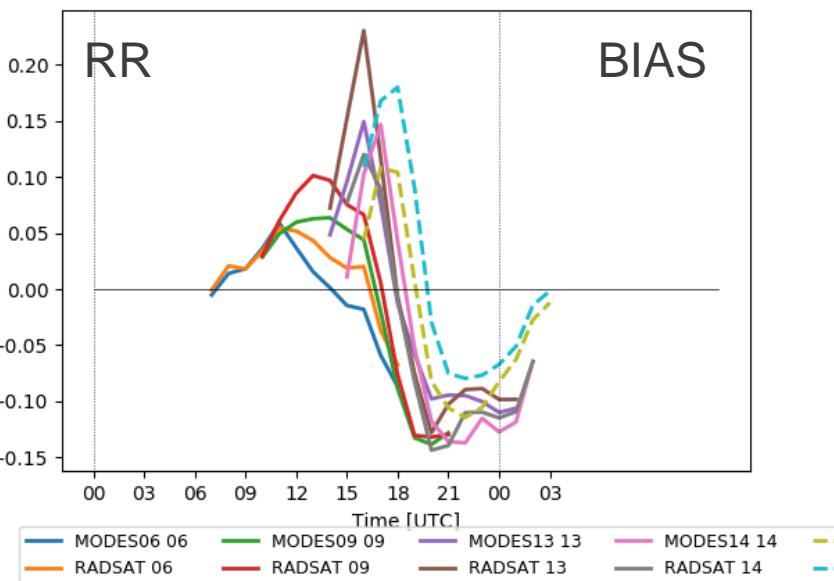
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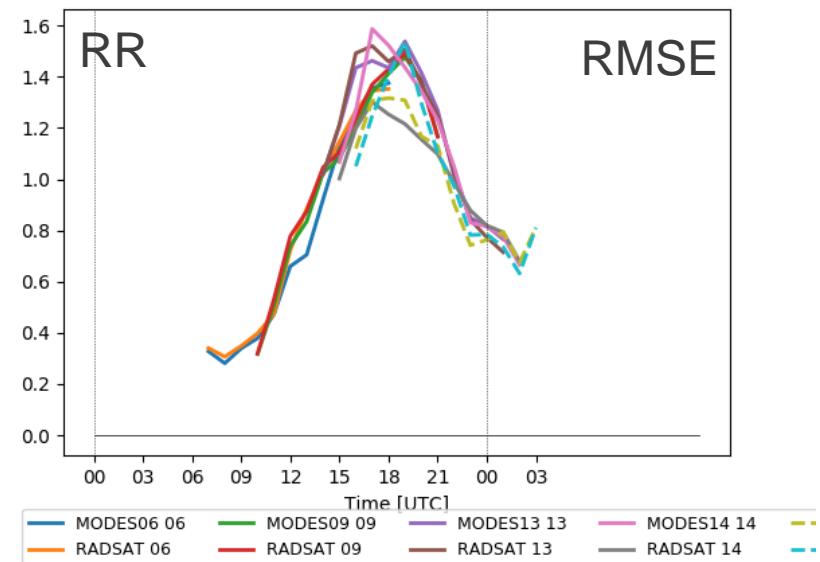
Radar saturation: standard reflectivity assimilation cannot do anything if model simulates nothing in the surrounding area (radius: 100km/200km)

Saturate pseudo profile, if reflectivity exceeds threshold (idea of E. Wattrelot)  
Reduce QC check in inv\_refl1dstat.F90

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



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



Higher positive Bias except 14UTC; RMSE mixed

change cy40t1->cy43t1: zdist=100km->200km in radar\_profs.F90;  
NOBSPROFS(13)=81->225 (in SCREENING namelist don't use it in minimization!)  
More memory in screening needed if NOBSPROFS=225

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



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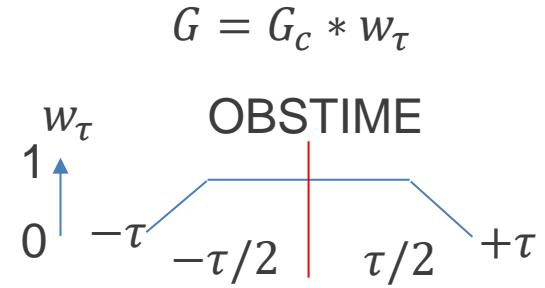
$$DISTANCE' = DISTANCE + R \frac{|z_{OBS} - z_{GP}|}{dzthres = 300m}$$

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

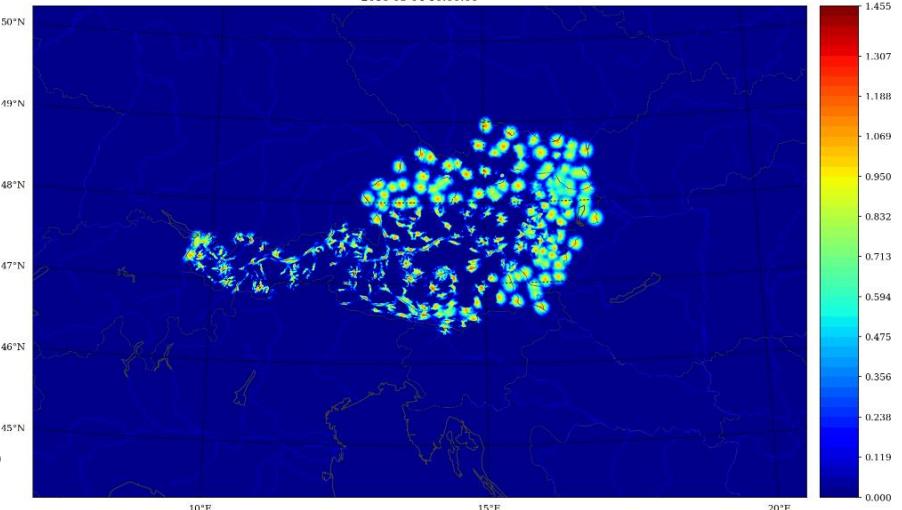
$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial t_{phys}} + G \frac{\sum_i w_{x yi}^2 (y_{iobs} - x_{model})}{\sum_i w_{x yi}}$$

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

$R=20km$   
 $G_c=0.00433$   
 $\tau=6$   
(namelist switches)



S001 TEMPERATURE  
2016-03-04 10:00:00

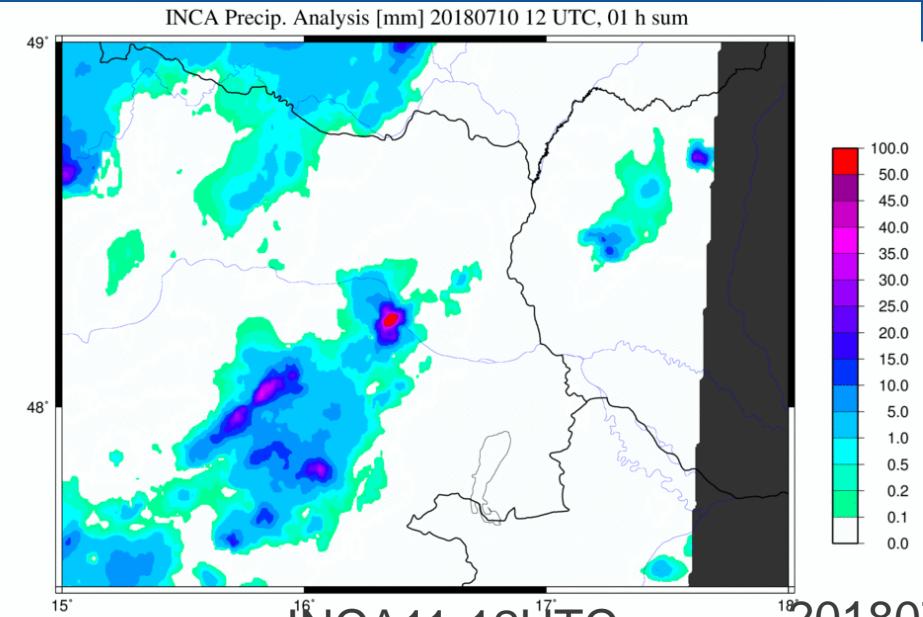


Observations at: +10 / 20 / 30min

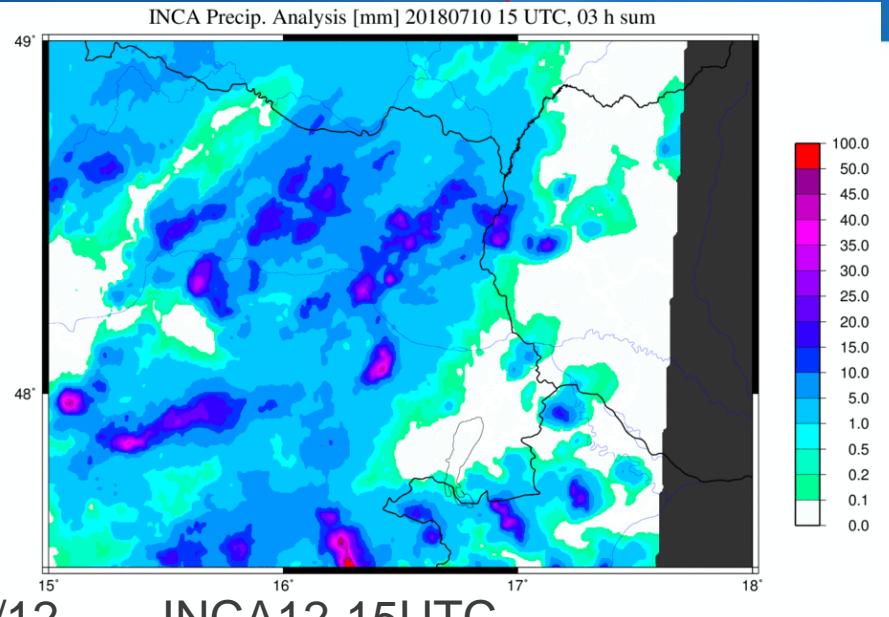
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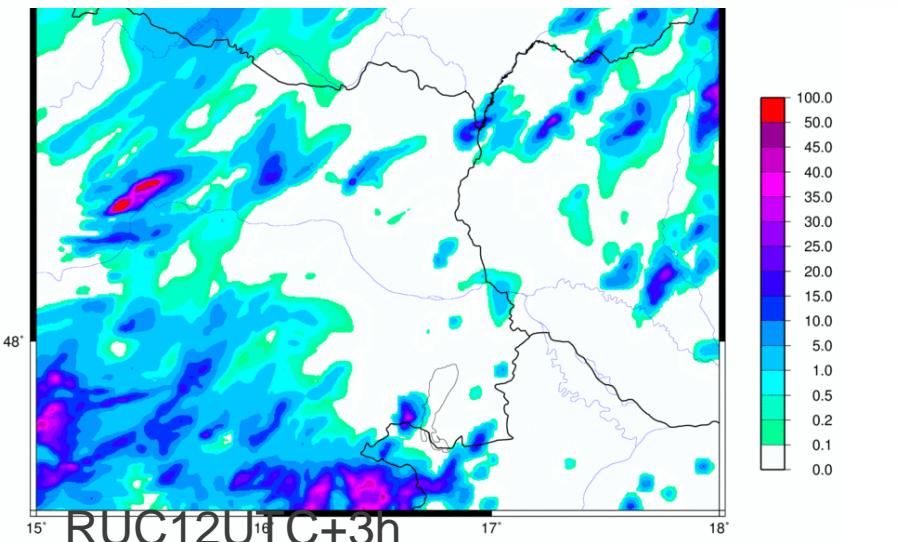


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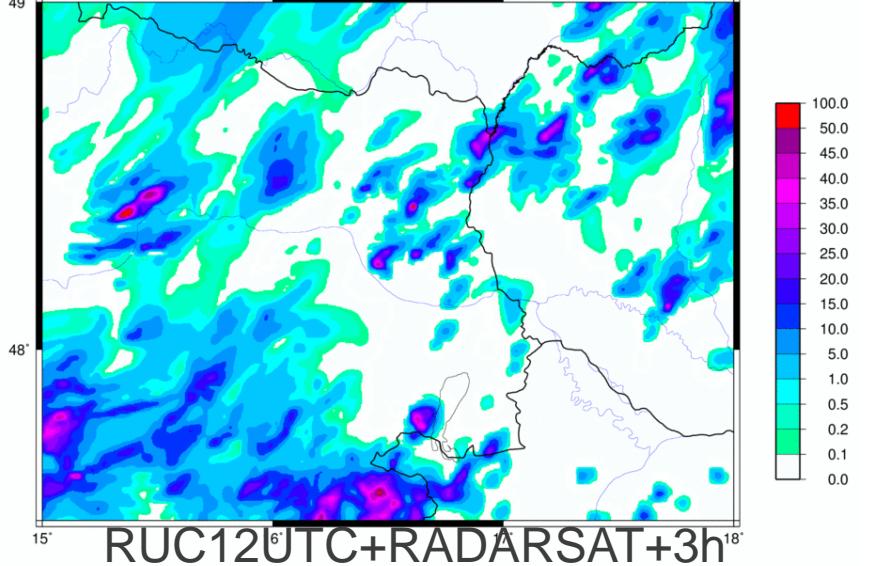


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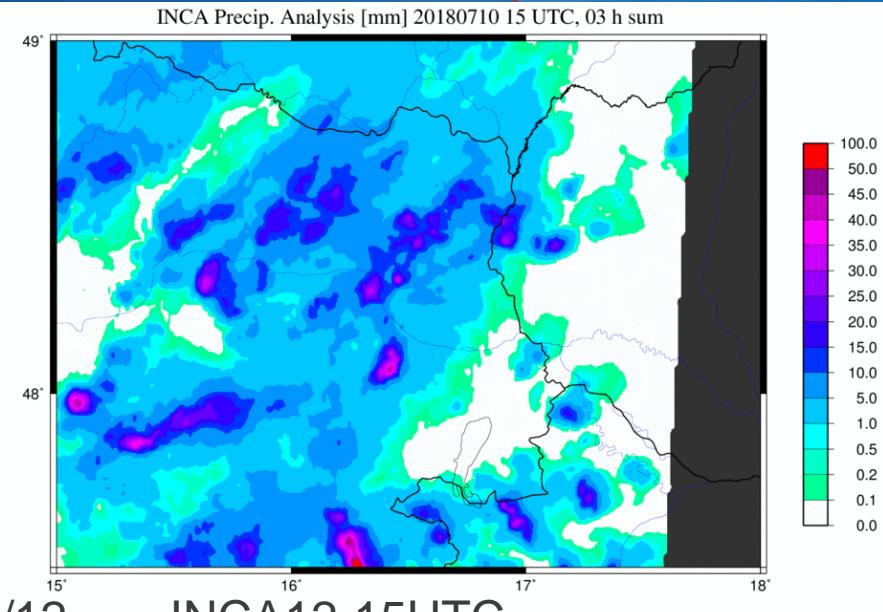
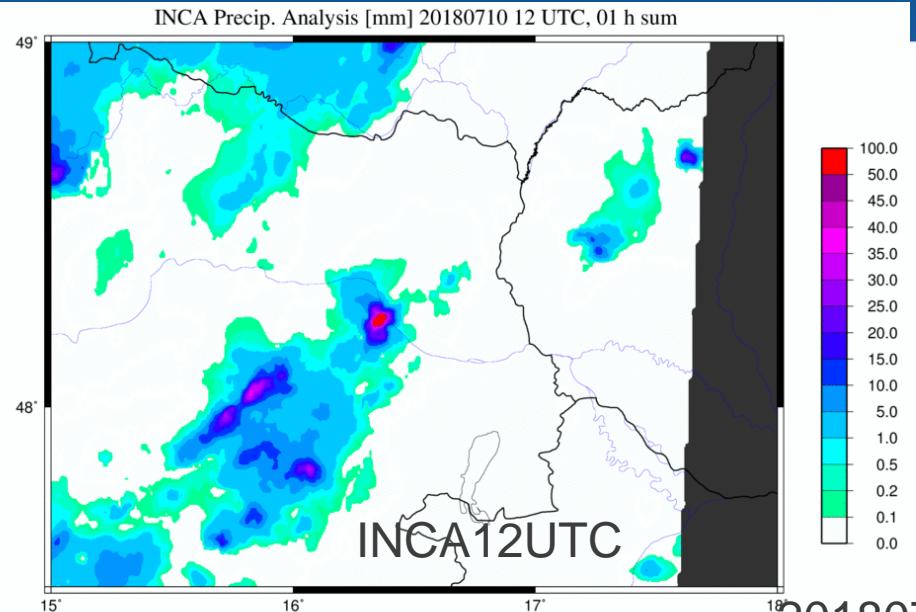


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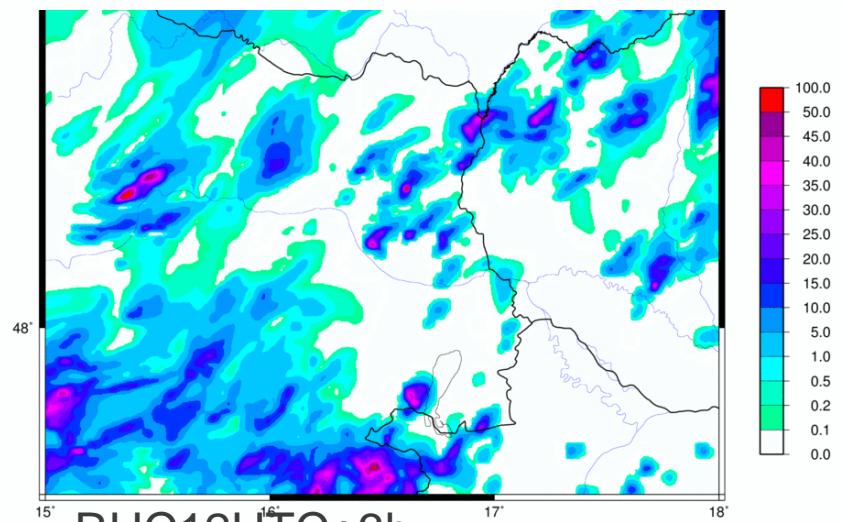
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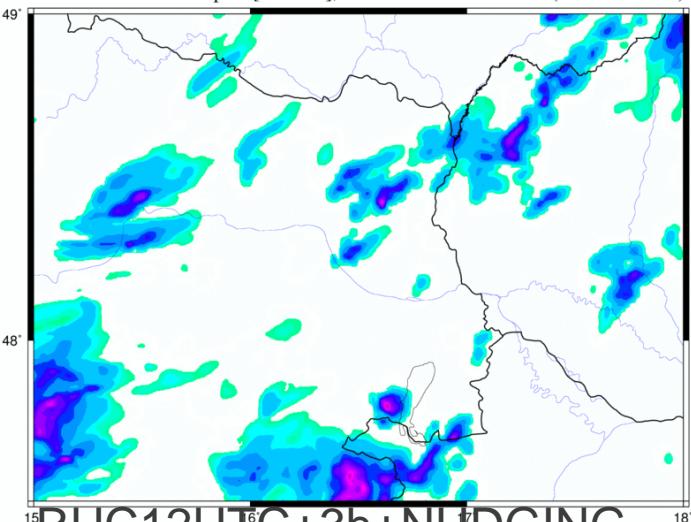


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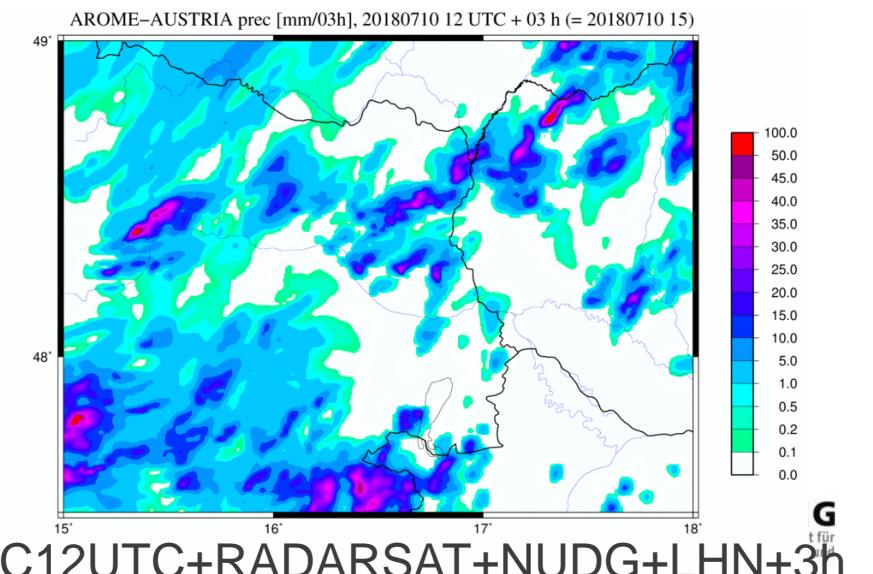
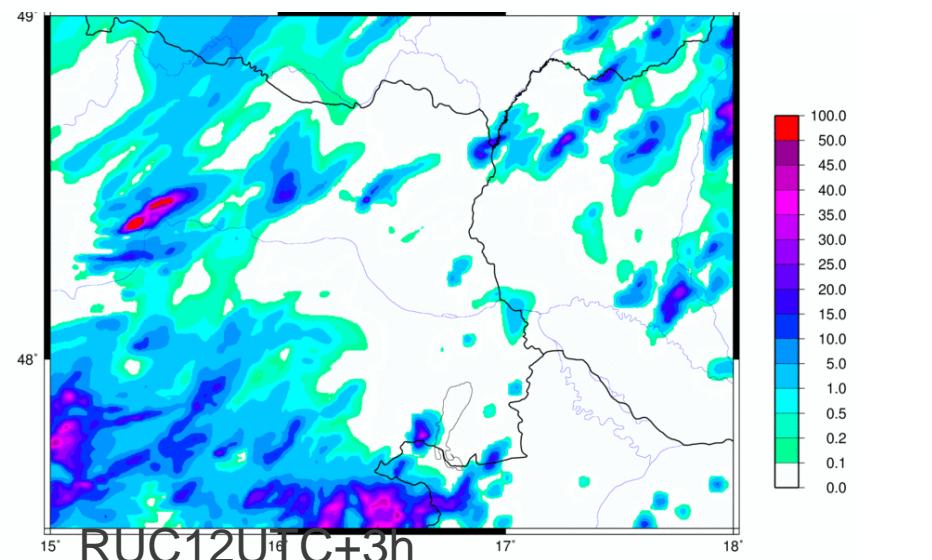
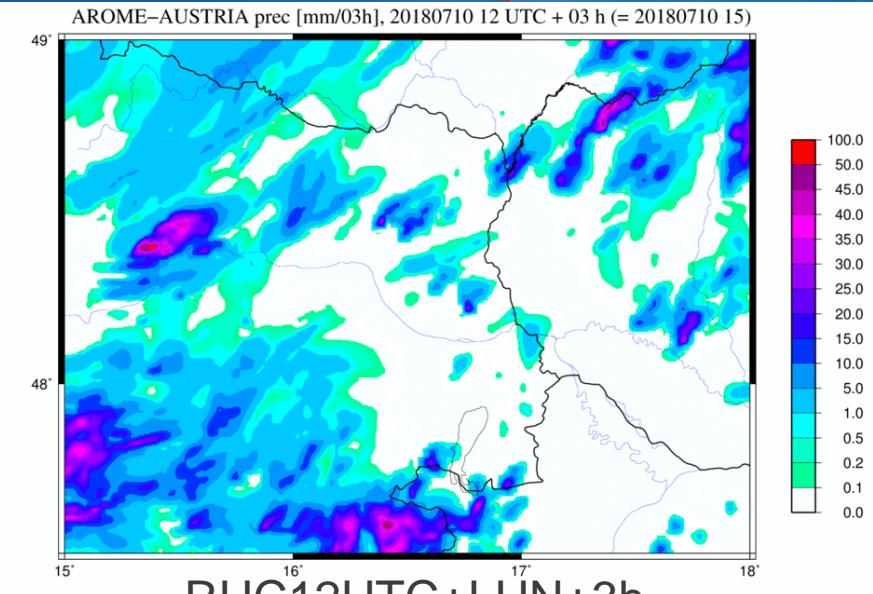
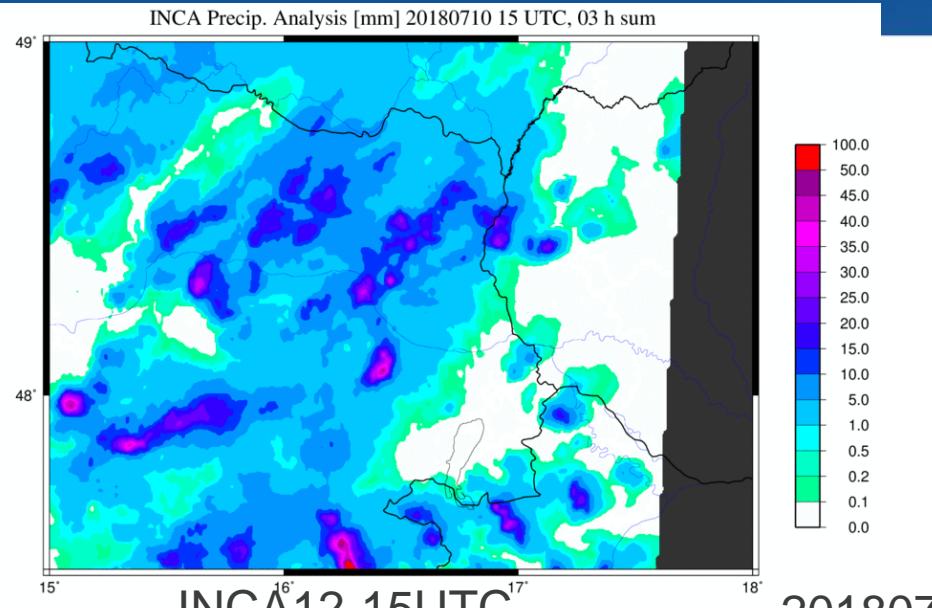
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AROME-AUSTRIA prec [mm/01h], 2018/10 12 UTC + 0.5 h (= 2018/10 15)



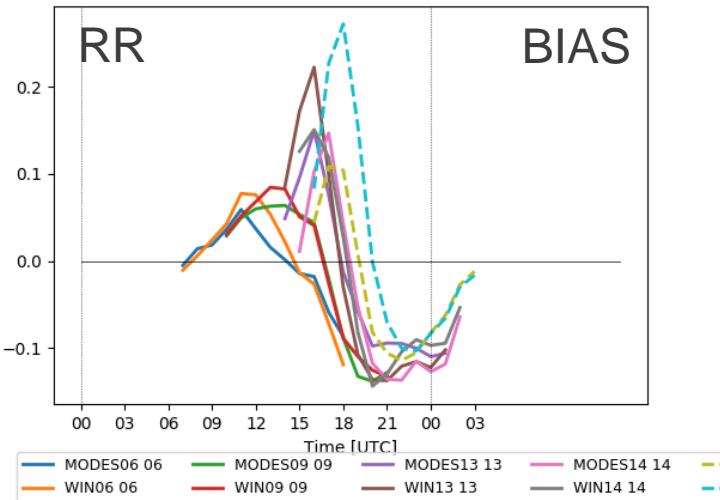
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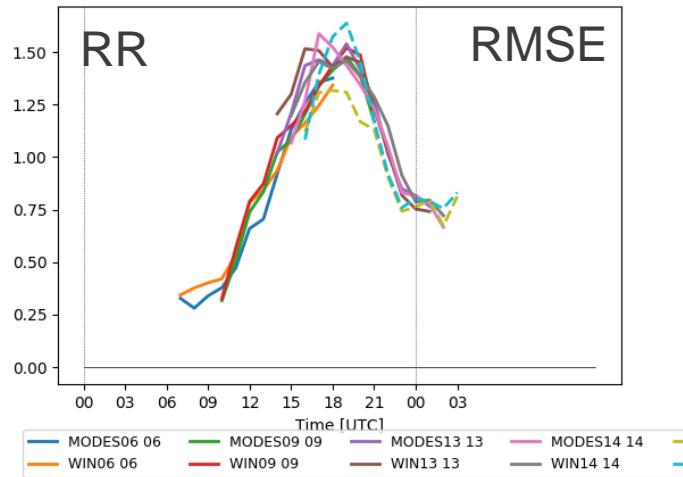
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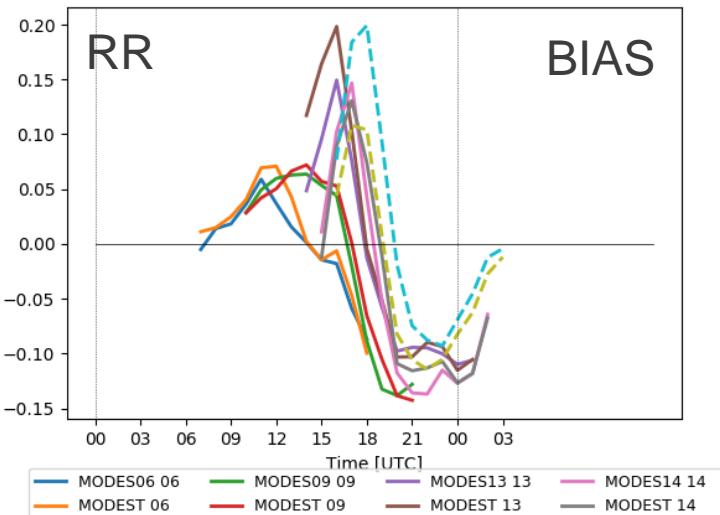
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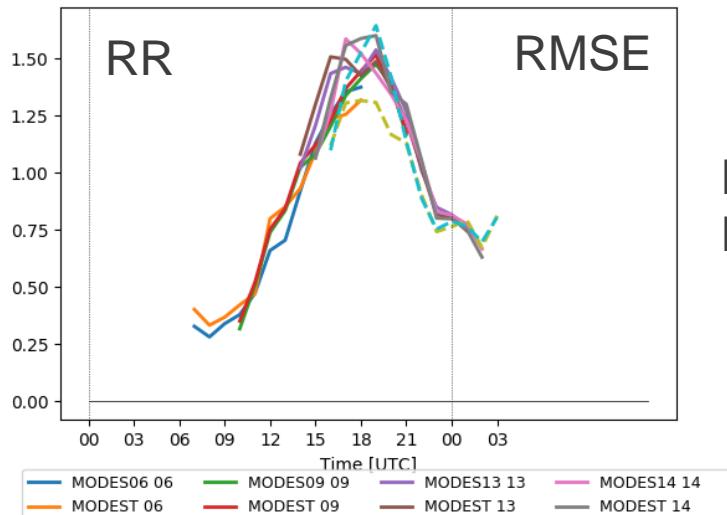
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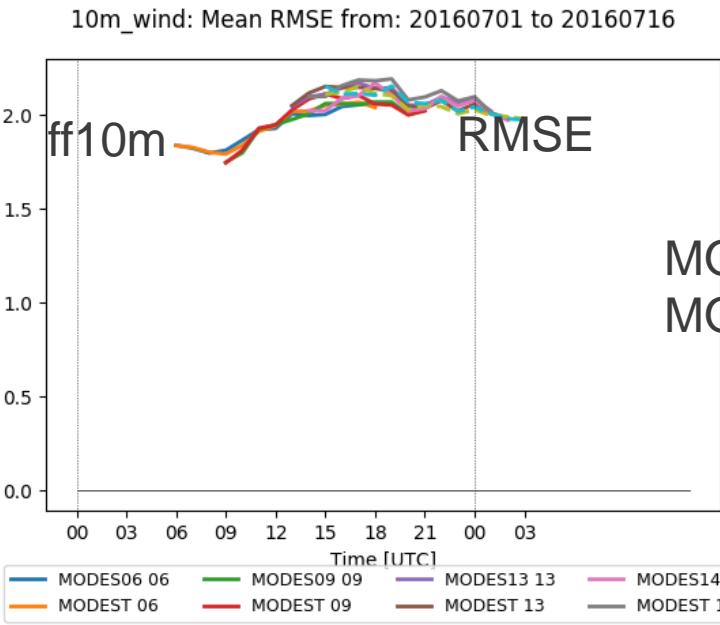
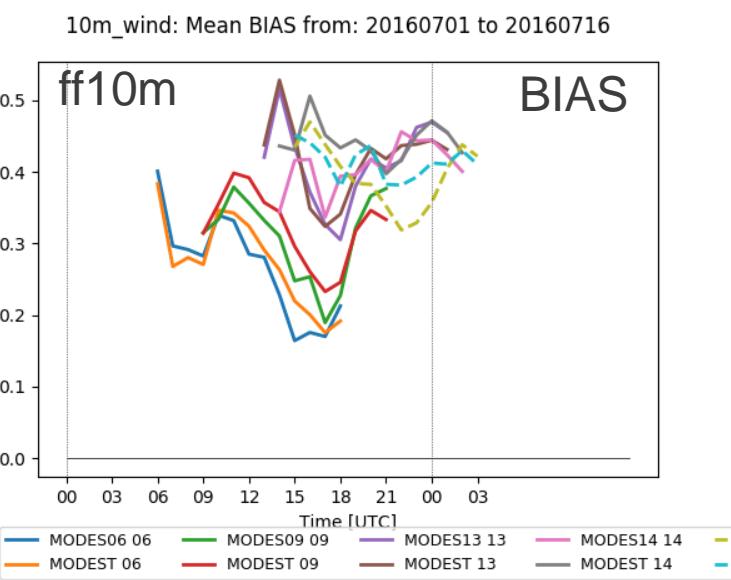
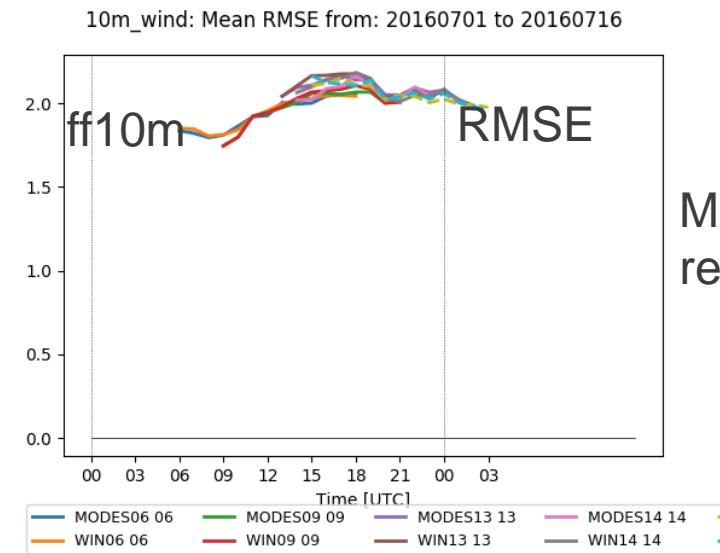
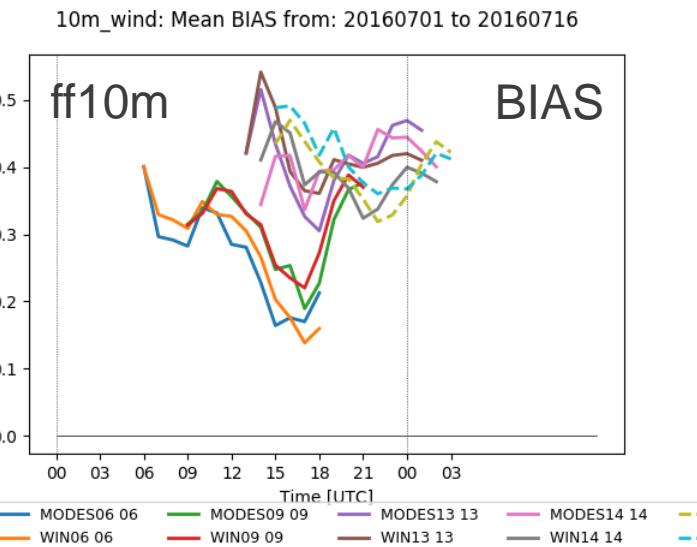
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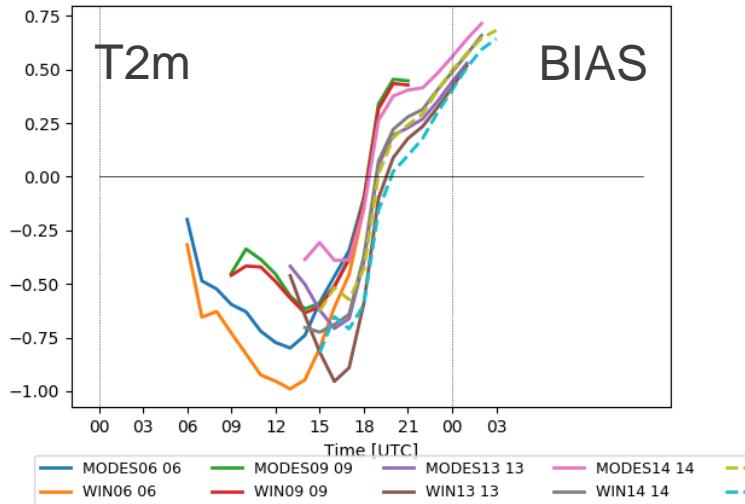
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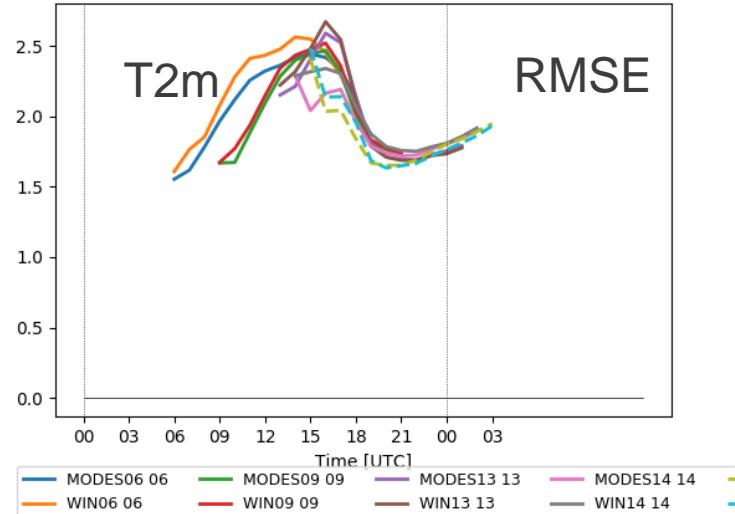
-> impact positive mostly from winds, but also T



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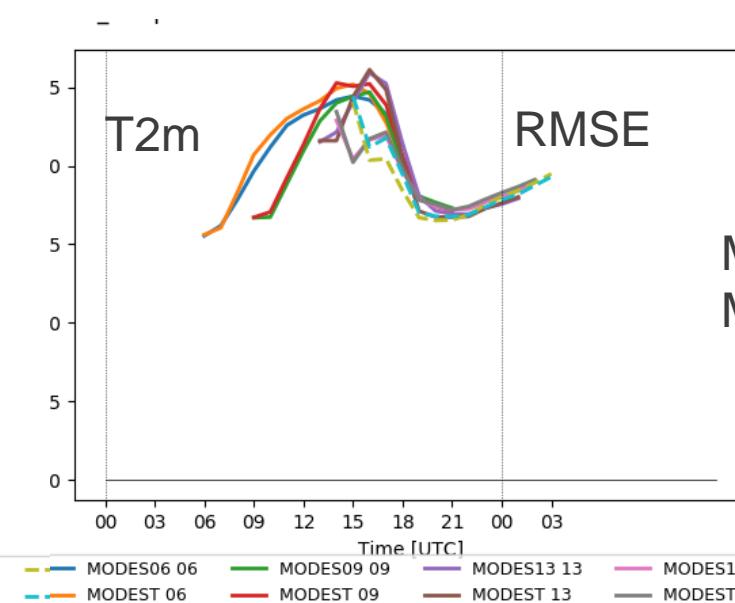
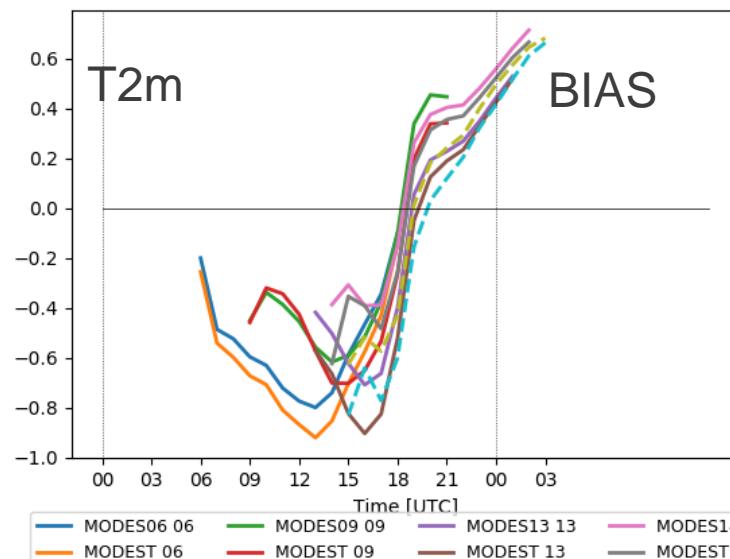


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2m\_temperature: Mean BIAS from: 20160701 to 20160716



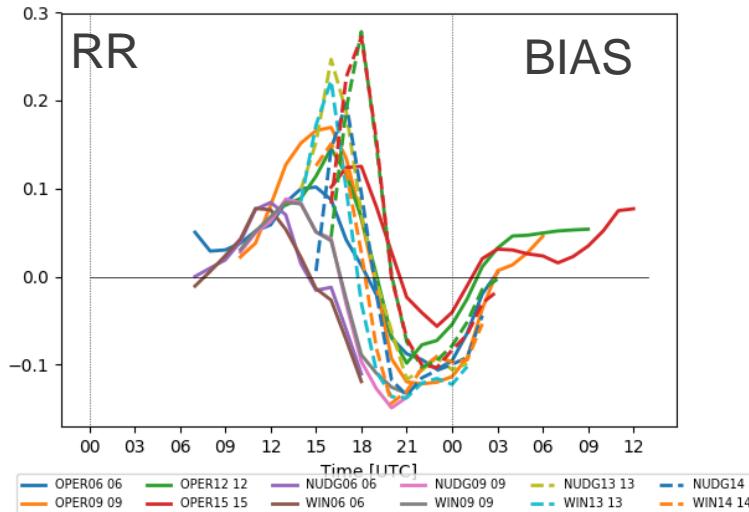
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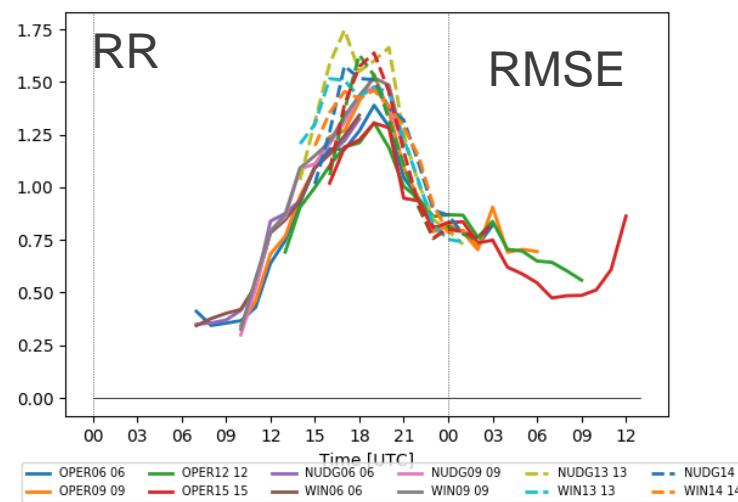
# Extended assimilation window -90-+30min instead -30-+30min -> mixed results



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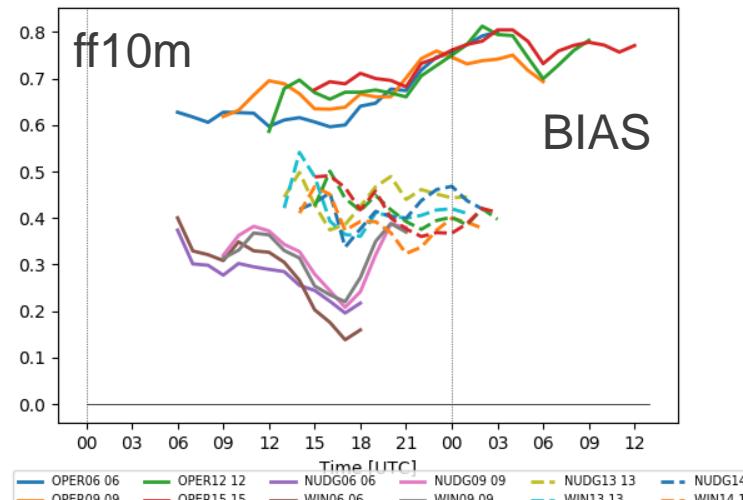


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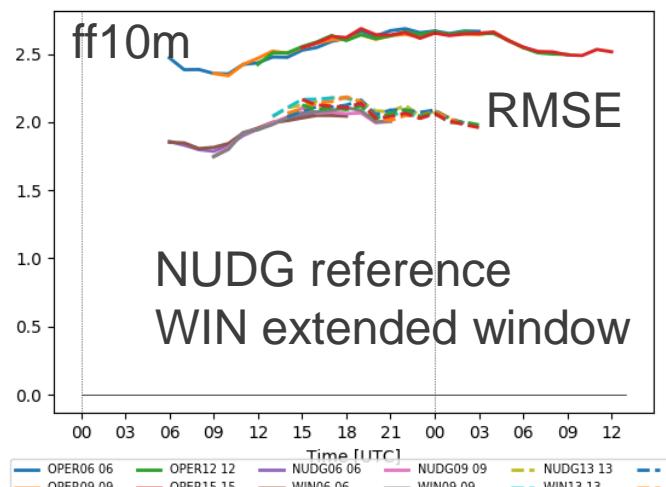


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10m\_wind: Mean BIAS from: 20160701 to 20160716



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# BUG in FESTAT cy40t1 use cy43t1 instead (report on LACE forum)

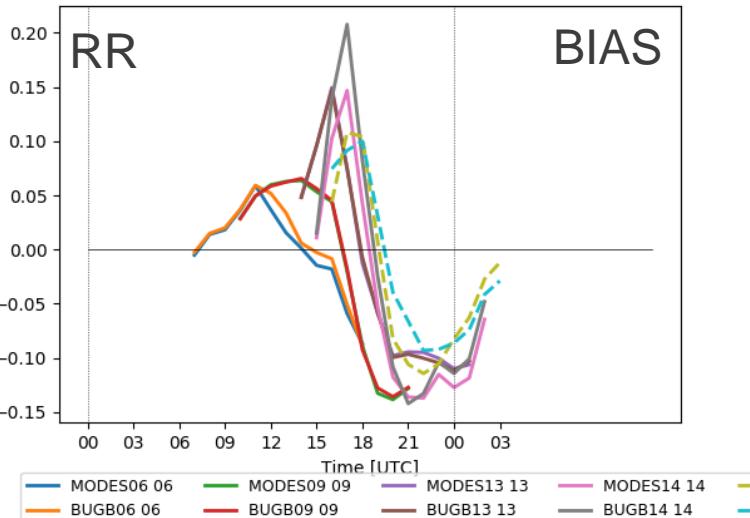


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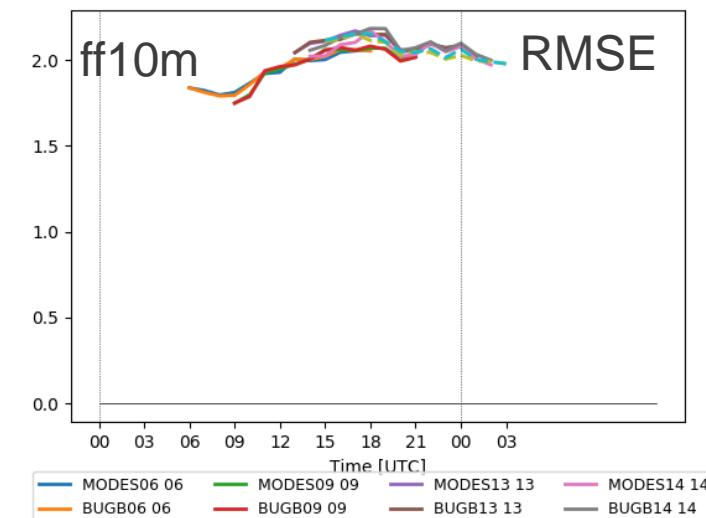
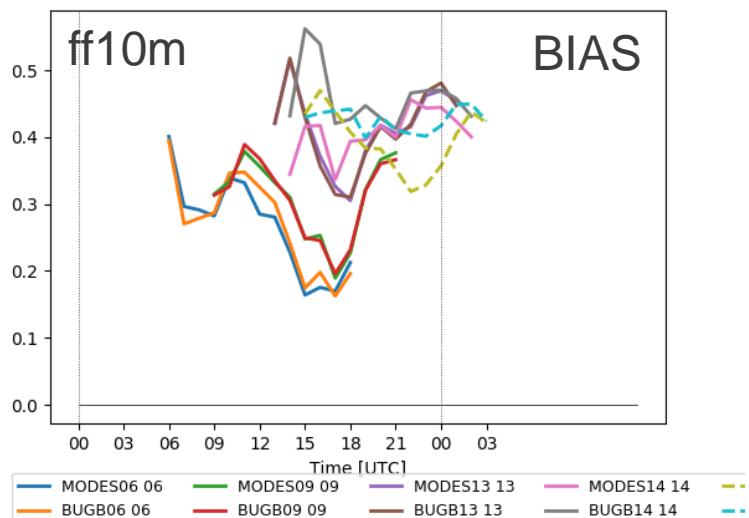
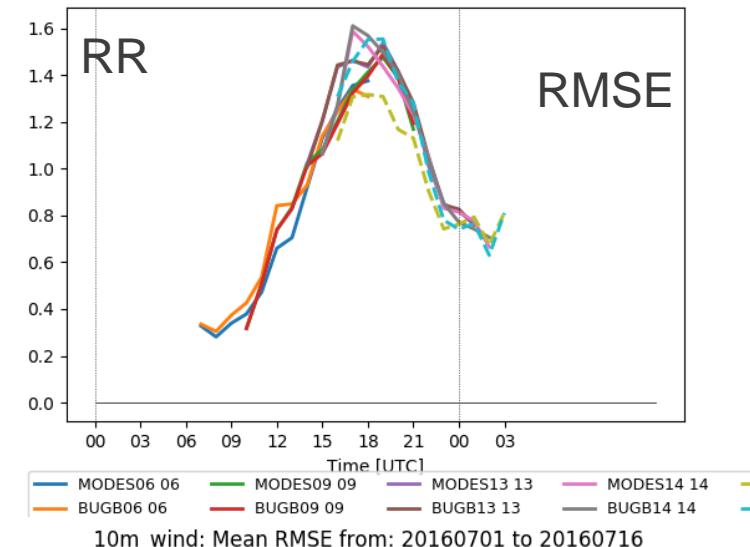
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## T2m/RH2m/MSLP mostly neutral impact

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



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



# Conclusions



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- Switch to 2h cycle and reduced REDNMC significantly improved results
- RUC improves so far mostly wind forecast
- MODE-S-KNMI has slight positive impact
- Roughness length and other old ISBA fields should be reconsidered for DA
  - >long term; avoid NFPCLI=1 for ISBA interpolation
- Switch from bugged FESTAT cy40t1 to cy43t1 slightly improved the results
- Own surface assimilation for AROME-RUC leads to slight degradation of scores, but „cheaper“ due to slow PREP offline

Finalisation of two test months planned till end of 2018

Nudging, LHN and cloud initialisation need some more investigation