



# ALARO experiences@SHMU

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# Outline

- setup of ALARO systems @ SHMU
- upgrade and porting - verification scores
- various issues
  - reproducibility issue (convection related?)
  - CANARI in ALA2
  - ALARO with SURFEX
- new developments
- future plans

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<i>status</i>	operational
<i>code version</i>	CY43T2bf11
<i>physics</i>	ALARO-1vB
<i>dx</i>	4.5 km
<i>pts</i>	625 x 576
<i>vertical levels</i>	63
<i>tstep</i>	180 s
<i>forecast ranges</i>	78/72/72/60 (a' 1h)
<i>coupling model</i>	ARPEGE (long & short cut off), 3h
<i>assimilation</i>	upper air spectral blending by DFI & CANARI surface assimilation
	e-suite BLENDVAR+CANARI
<i>initialization</i>	none
<i>HPC</i>	NEC-LX, 240 nodes

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<i>physics</i>	ALARO-1vB	ALARO-1vB	
<i>dx</i>	4.5 km	2.0 km	
<i>pts</i>	625 x 576	512 x 384	
<i>vertical levels</i>	63	87	
<i>tstep</i>	180 s	120 s	
<i>forecast ranges</i>	78/72/72/60 (a' 1h)	78/72/72/60 (a' 1h)	81/-/81/- (a' 1h)
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<i>status</i>	operational	experimental		operational (common RC LACE)
<i>code version</i>	CY43T2bf11	CY43T2_bf11		CY40t1bf06
<i>physics</i>	ALARO-1vB	ALARO-1vB		ALARO-1 multi-physics + surface stochastic physics (SPPT)
<i>dx</i>	4.5 km	2.0 km		4.8 km
<i>pts</i>	625 x 576	512 x 384		1250 x 750
<i>vertical levels</i>	63	87		60
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<i>HPC</i>	NEC-LX, 240 nodes			ECMWF HPCF, 136 nodes

# ALADIN/SHMU main oper. det. system

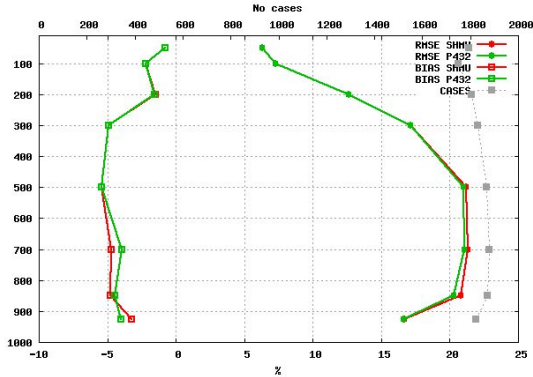
changelog since last ALARO-1 WD

- JAN 2021 - upgrade to CY43t2\_bf11
- APRIL 2021- new diagnostics parameters added: wet snow, visibility
- 2021/2 - porting to new HPC
- MARCH 2022 - operational suite switch to new HPC

# Validations - scores

RH

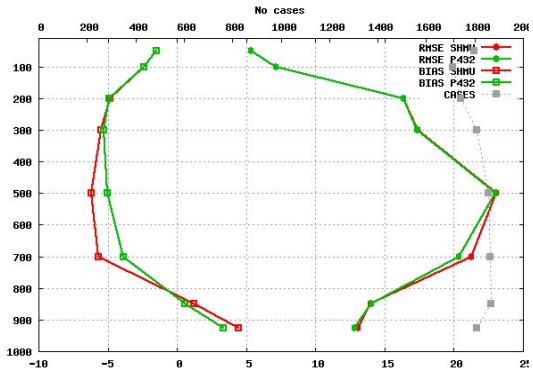
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Relative Humidity Period: 20201031-20201112  
Statistics at 00 UTC Used (00) + 24 48 72



~winter

**SHMU** - oper; **P432** - CY43T2

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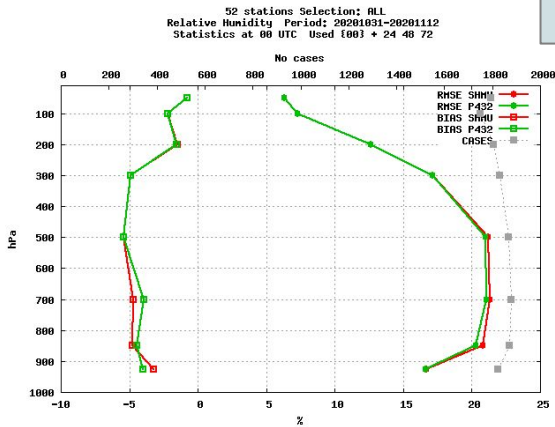


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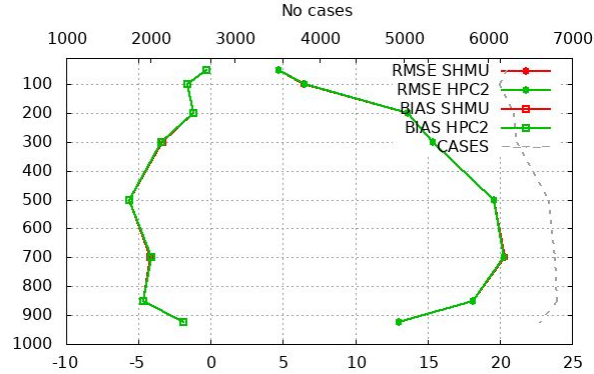
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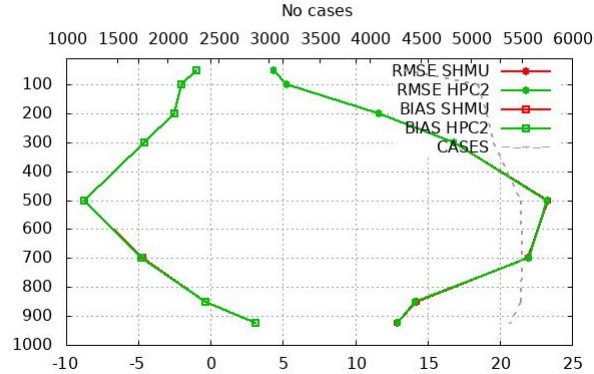
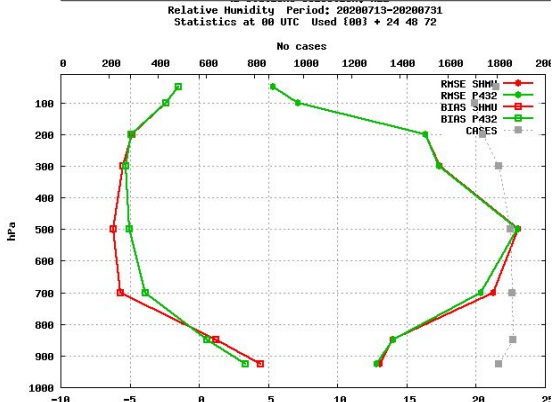
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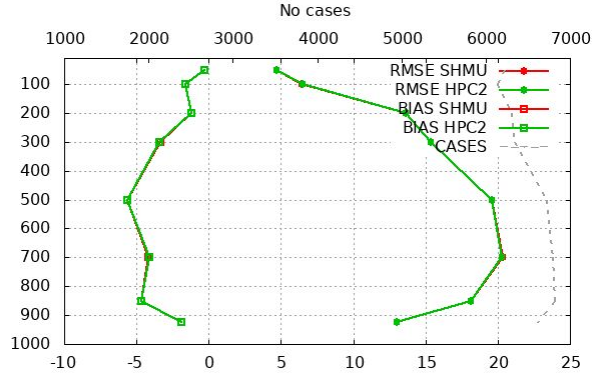
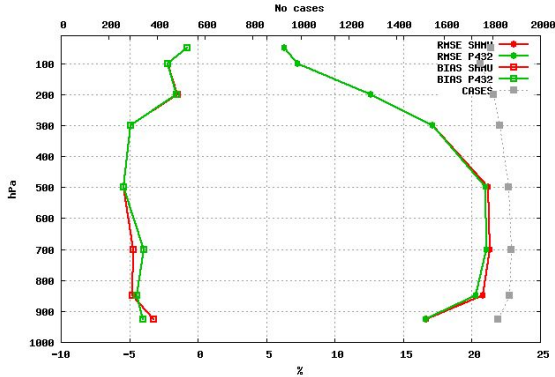


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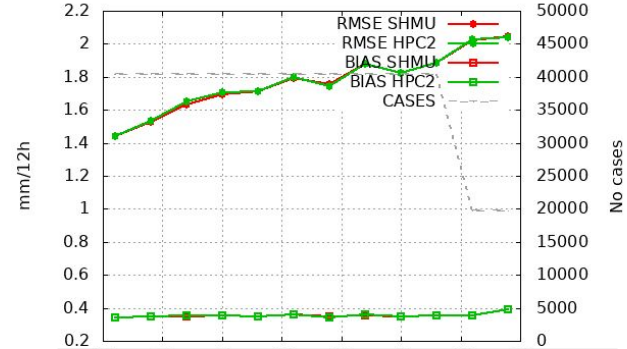
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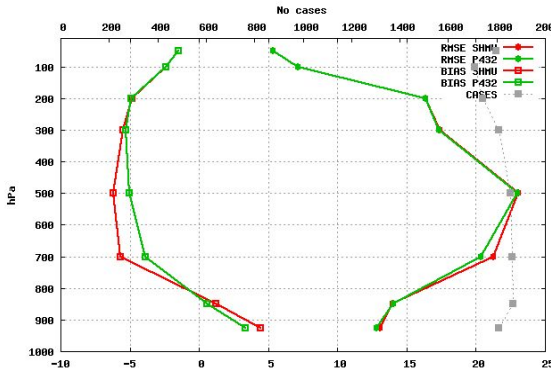


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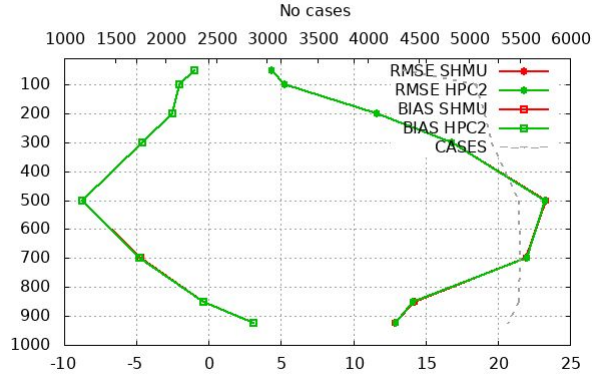
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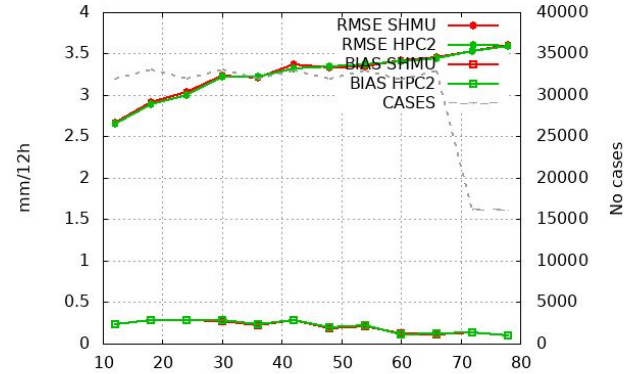
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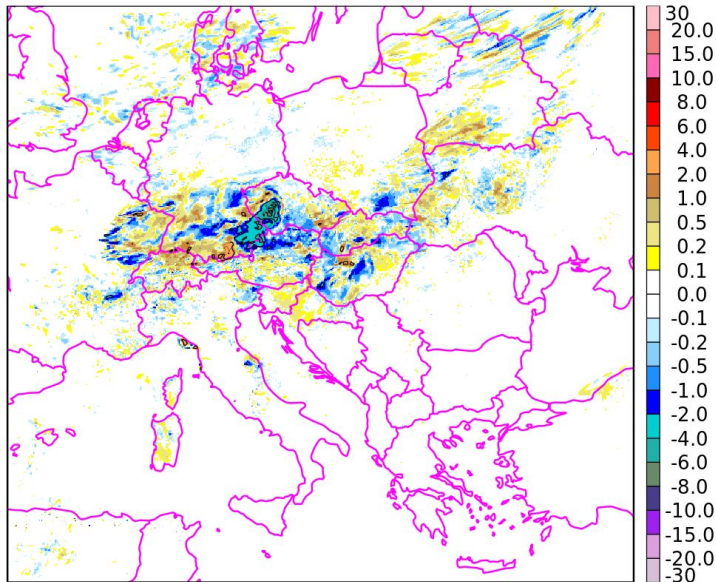
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# Validation new vs old HPC - case study

Significant 2m temperature differences (up to 6°C) were discovered in certain situations (V. Tarjáni, A. Simon) related to deep convection.

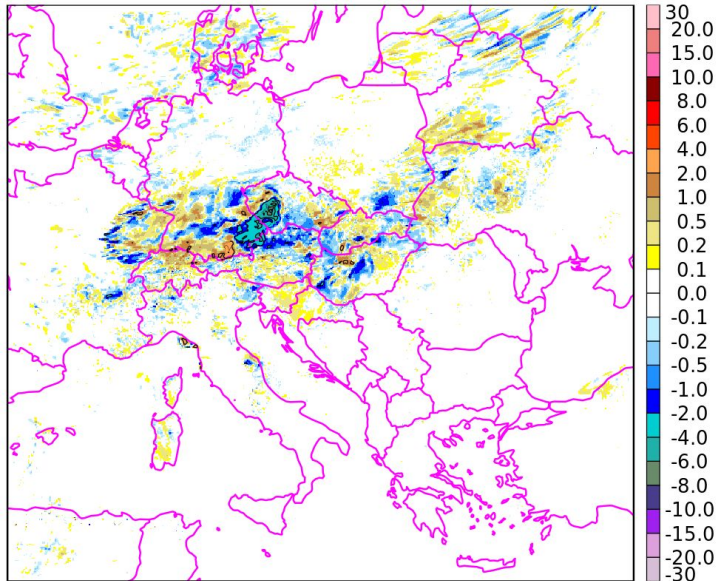
**T2m:HPC3-HPC2, fc:20h, MIN=-7.07 MAX=4.1 AVG=-0.01**



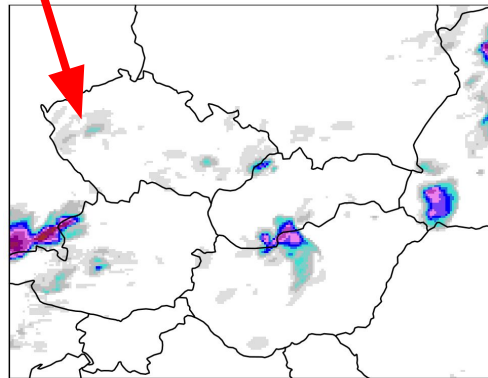
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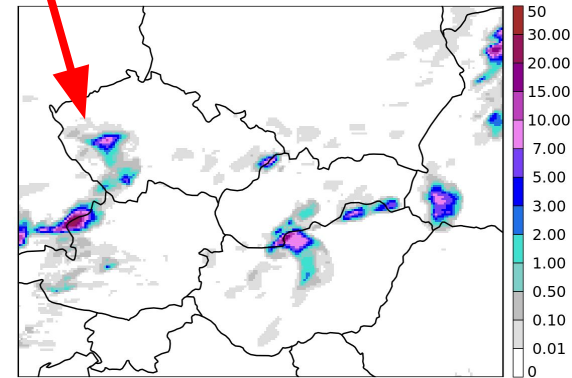
*T2m:HPC3-HPC2, fc:20h, MIN=-7.07 MAX=4.1 AVG=-0.01*



*PCP:HPC2, fc:20h, MAX=41.88 AVG=0.05*

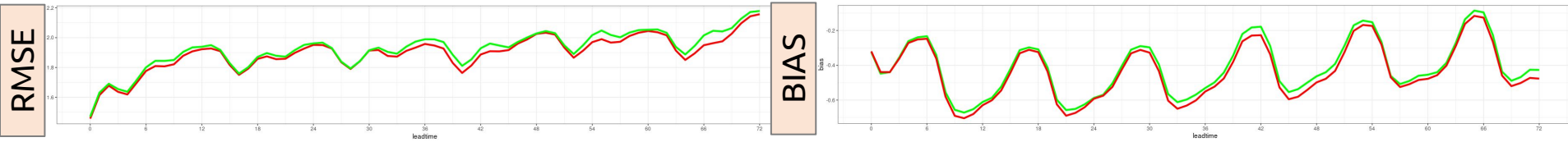


*PCP:HPC3, fc:20h, MAX=29.92 AVG=0.05*



Absence of precipitation in the western part of CR

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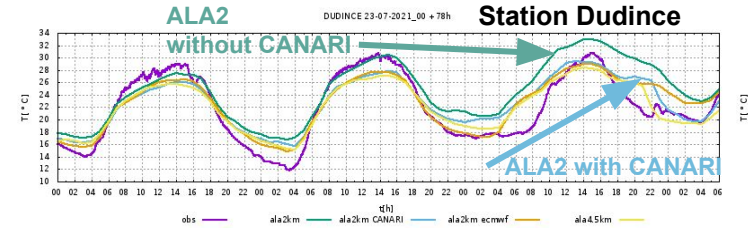


*HARP SURFACE scores (M. Petras) - 2m T scores for 20/01-21/02/2022 over 95 Slovak AWS: new HPC vs old HPC : ~neutral*

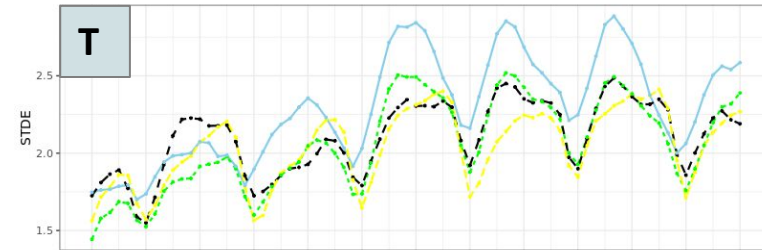
- Tests on the MF computer (Belenos) showed different results to both old/new HPCs.
- Non-hydrostatic runs (ALARO/2km) were provided as well, showing still differences (although smaller) when using explicit convection.
- Optimization tests (operational vs debugging mode) revealed temperature differences up to 4°C even on the same HPC (new) and again closely related to deep convection.
- It seems that the model forecast is extremely **sensitive** in deep convection cases, even to small numerical perturbations.

# ALARO/2km summer issue

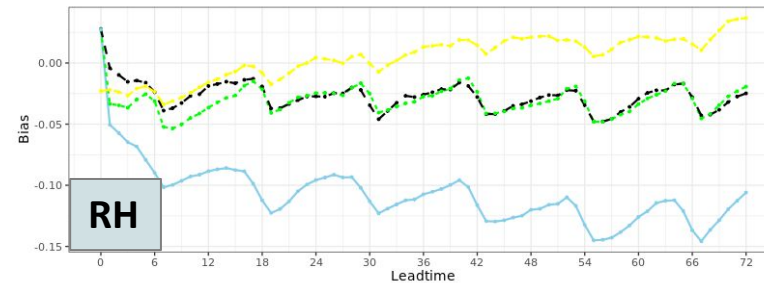
A deterioration of the 2m T and RH forecasts has been identified during summer 2021 in ALARO2 configuration with ISBA, coupled to ARPEGE in the dynamical downscaling mode (light blue). Utilization of analysis of surface parameters based on CANARI optimal interpolation showed to be sufficient to alleviate the deficiencies (green). Simple technical cycling approach was applied - the analyzed temperature and soil moisture fields are replaced in the initial conditions file - an ARPEGE analysis so that the upper air fields of the driving model analysis are preserved.



STDE : 00:00 23 Jul 2021 - 12:00 05 Aug 2021  
95 stations



Bias : 00:00 23 Jul 2021 - 12:00 05 Aug 2021  
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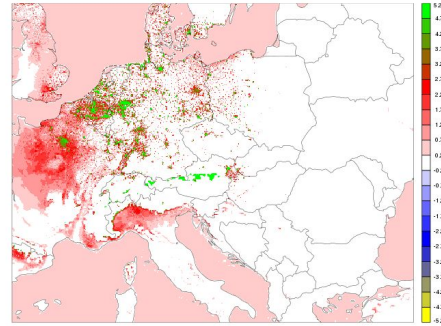




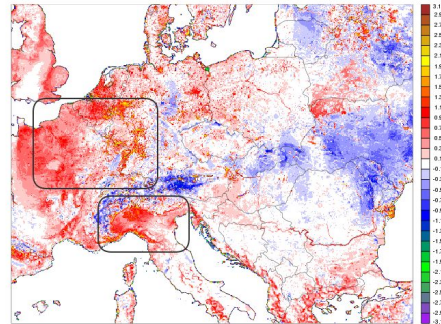
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X001DG2 +0000 - INIT



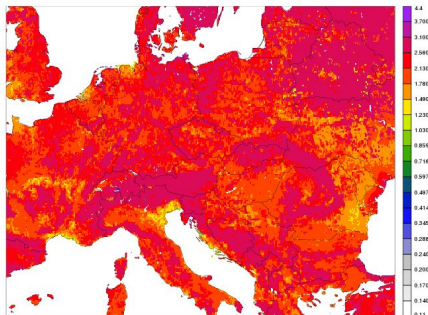
+03h SURFTEMPERATURE SURFEX vs ISBA



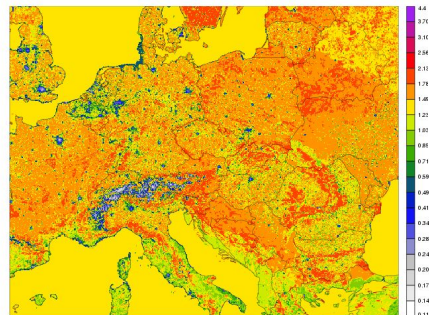
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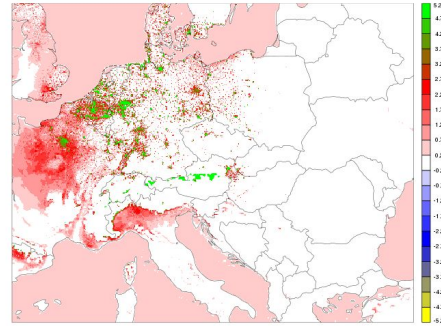
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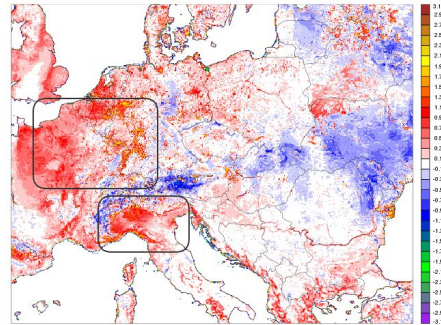
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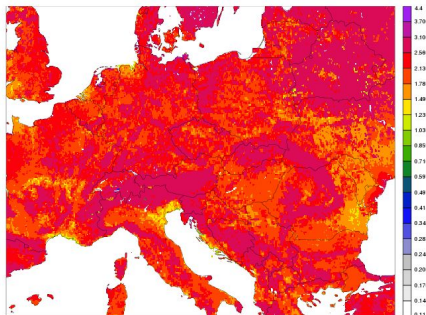
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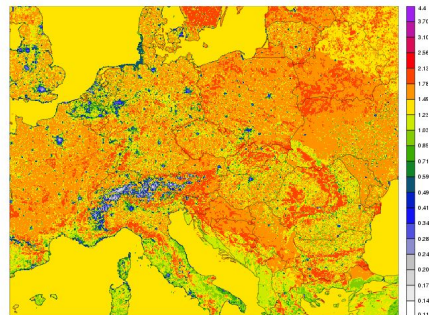
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- Dirty Fix: Hard coded depth SURFEPAIS.SOL in SURFEX routine ice\_soilfr from aplpar routine
- Issue still open

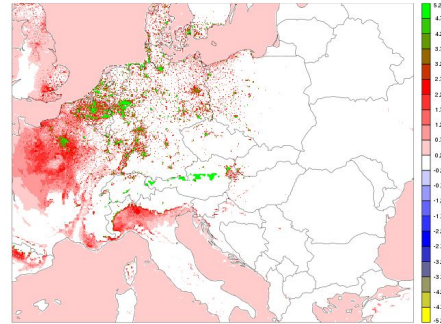
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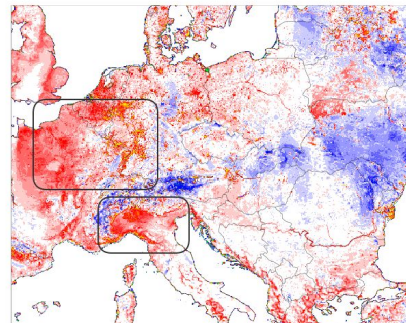
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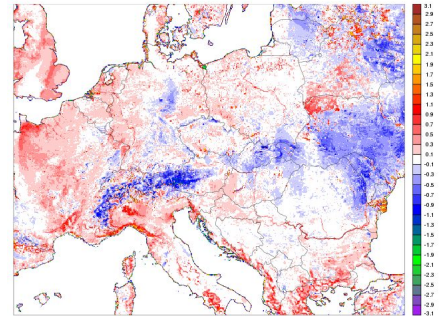
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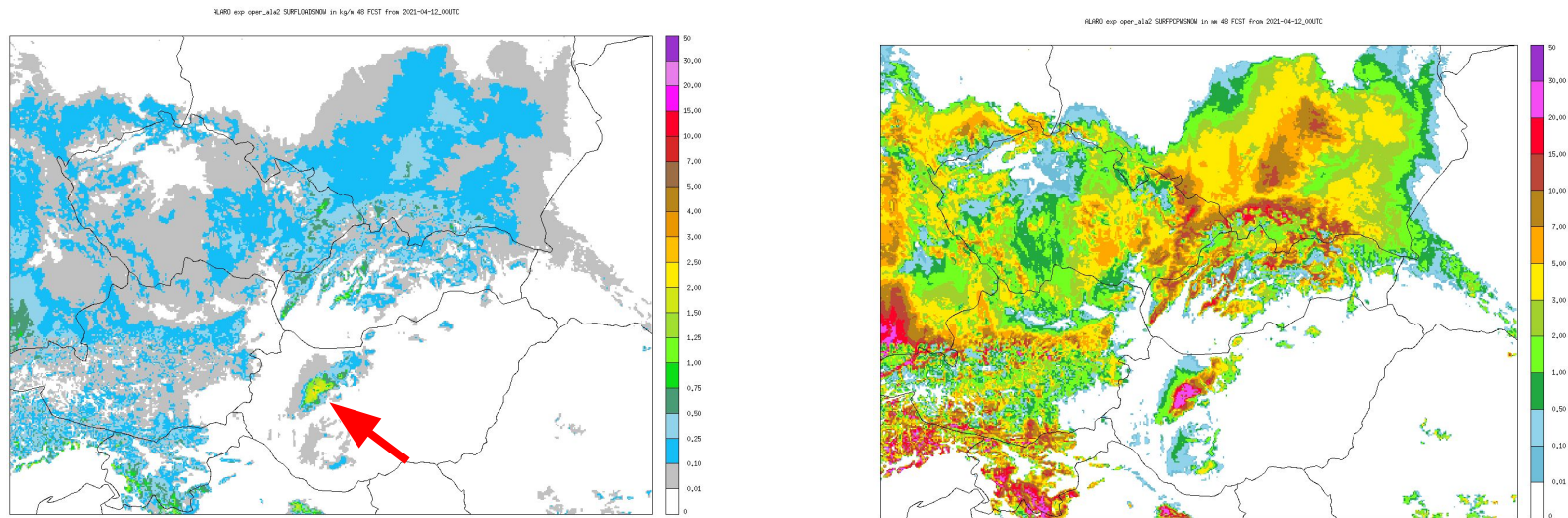
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# Diagnostic parameters: wet snow, freezing rain

Parameterization of the wet snow and ice accretion on power lines (Simon et al., 2020) was introduced to both ALARO2 and ALADIN/SHMU, operational from 2021. Several characteristics (load, diameter of accreted precipitation) can be derived.

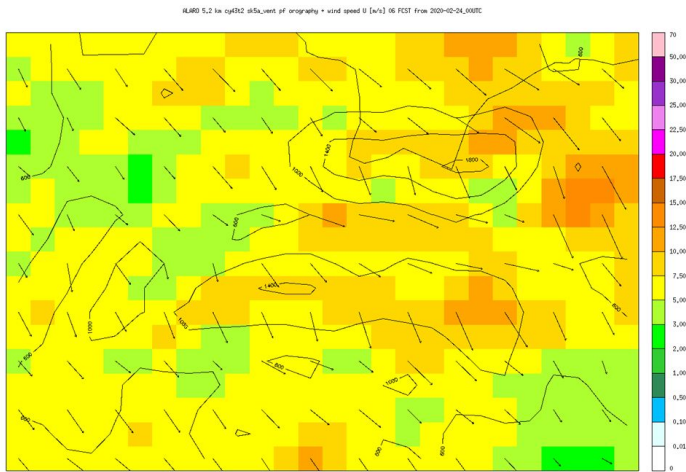


*48h forecast of cumulated wet snow load (kg/m, left) and precipitation (mm, right) from the 12 April 2021 00 UTC run. Minor problems occurred in western Hungary as indicated by forecasts.*

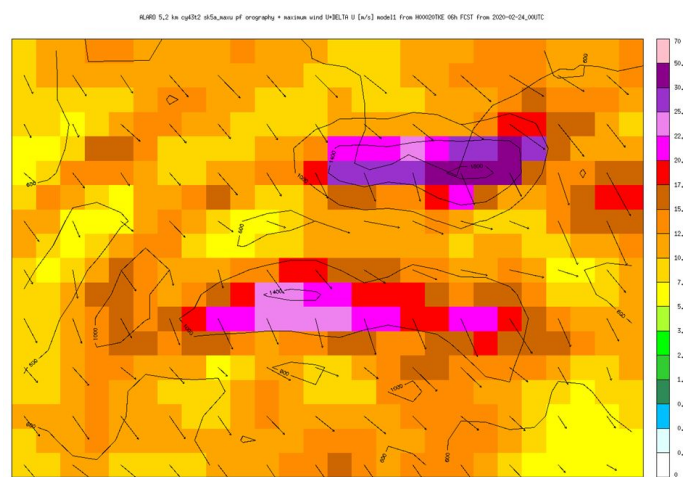
# Maximum subgrid wind estimation

Purpose: Improve underestimated wind forecasts, above all in mountain areas and for models of ~ 5 km horizontal resolution (with lower model orography)

Method: Series of dynamic adaptation forecasts with 325m horizontal resolution (training set), study of possible wind distribution in the “subgrid” area. (Multi) linear regression used, coded in cy43t2 (currently tuned).



*6h forecast of 10m wind of 5.2 km resolution  
ALARO from 24 February 2020 00 UTC*



*The same, but for estimated maximum subgrid  
wind*

# Ongoing work and future plans

- building of 1km ALARO version
  - RUC nowcasting (hourly runs up to +12 h)
  - high resolution real-time analysis (surface)
- convection-permitting EPS ~2km, smaller domain, coupled to A-LAEF

# References

- Simon et al., 2020: [Forecasting of wet snow and freezing rain accretion on power lines](#). Joint 30th ALADIN Workshop and HIRLAM ASM 2020 online
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