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Limited Area Modeling in Central Europe*



# ALARO operational experience in Slovenia

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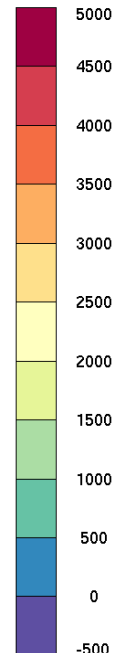
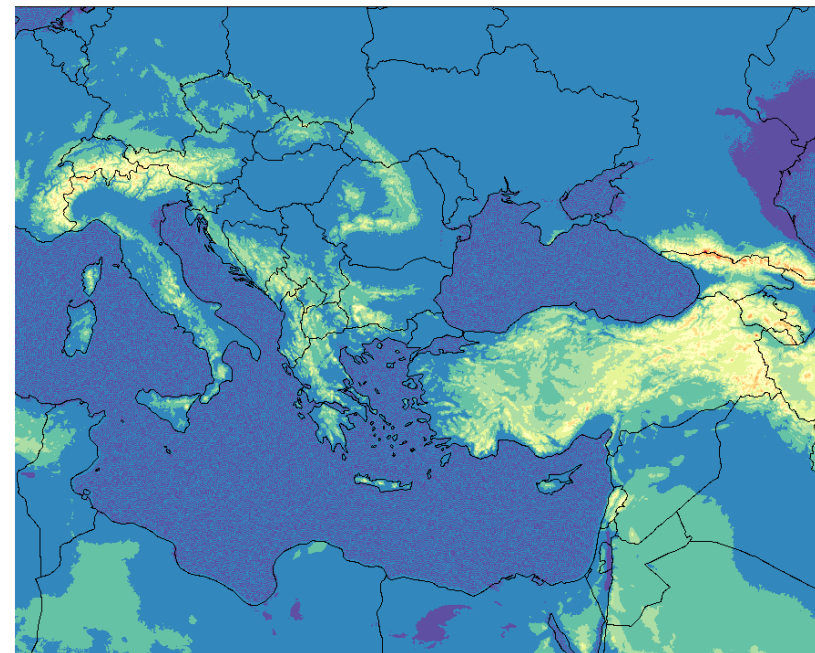
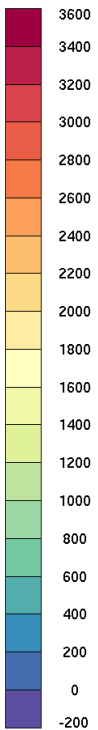
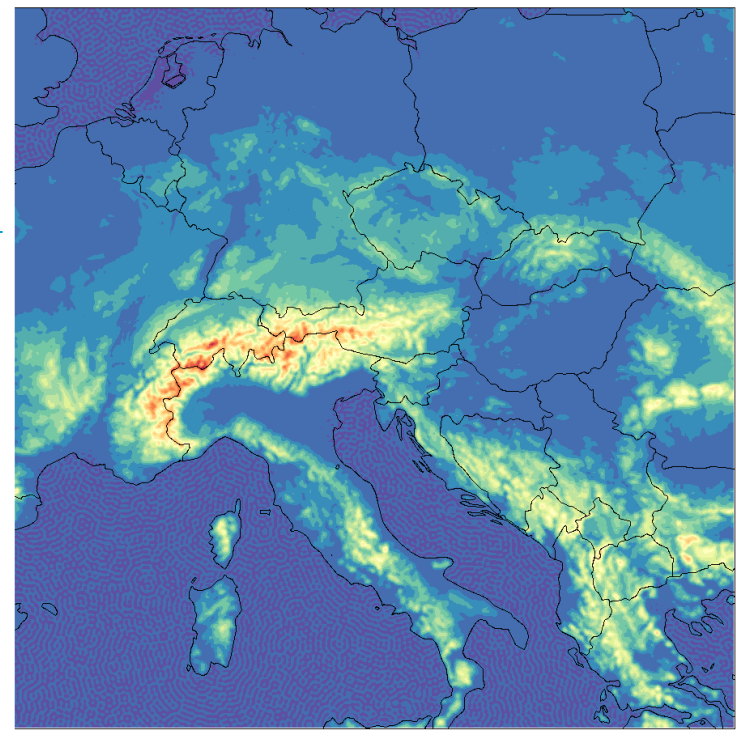
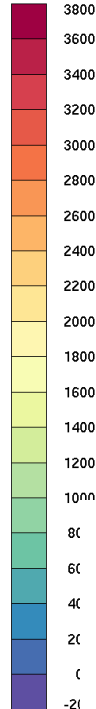
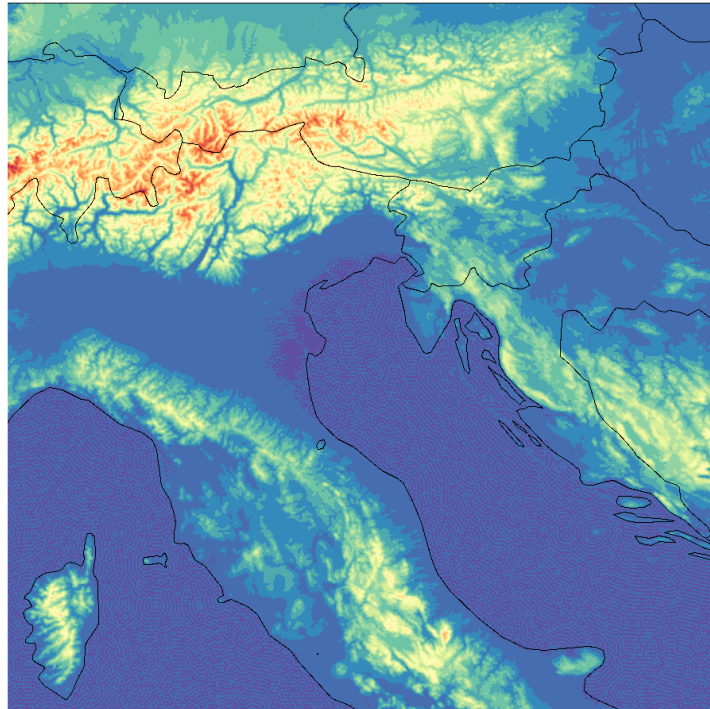
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# Operational systems - domains



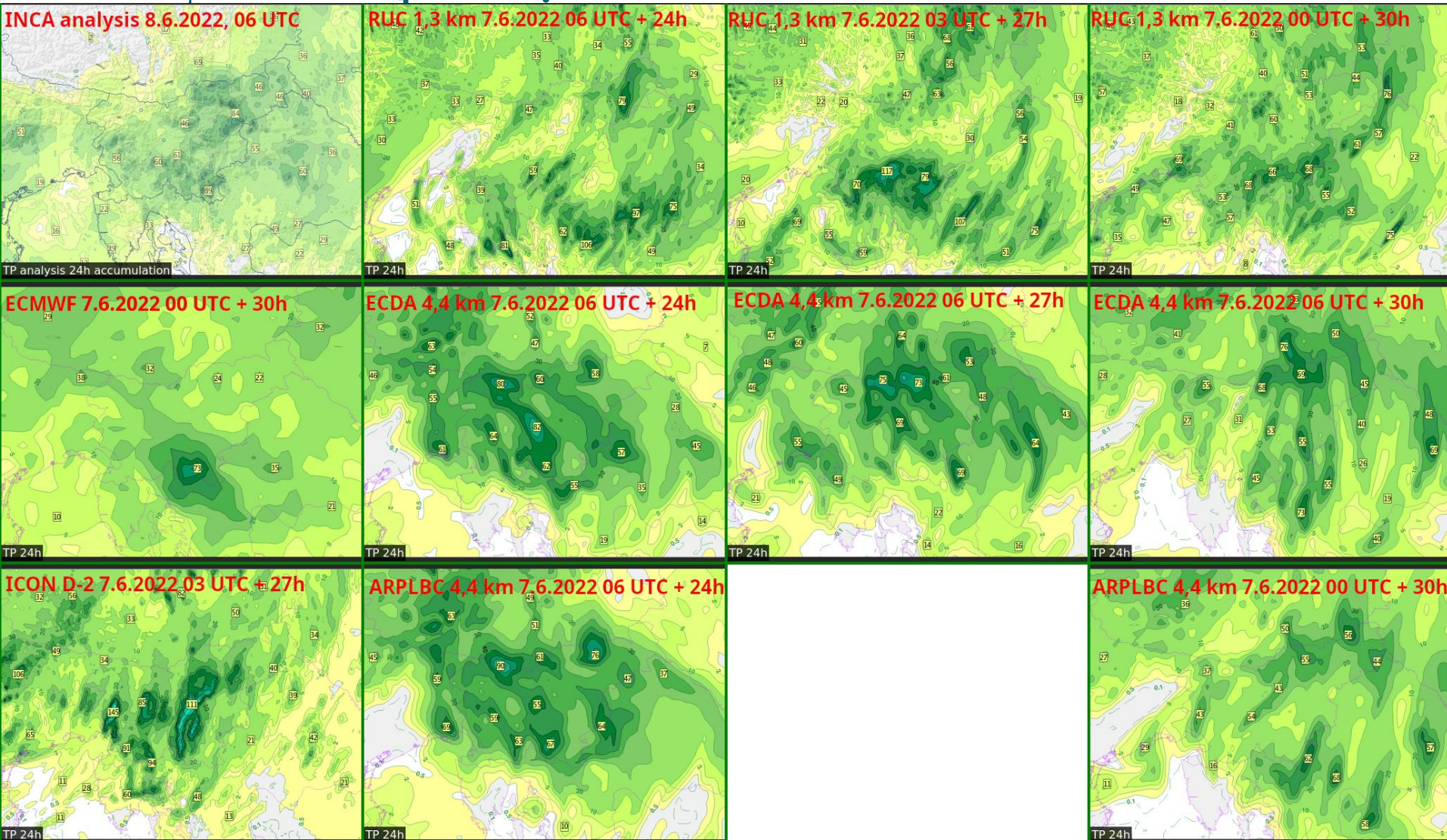
# Operational systems

	<b>aosruc04ec</b>	<b>aos01ruc</b>	<b>seemhews</b>
Model code version	cy43t2	cy43t2	cy43t2
Resolution	<b>4.4 km</b>	<b>1.3 km</b>	<b>2.5 km</b>
Levels	87	87	87
Grid points	432 x 432	589 x 589	<b>1429 x 1141</b>
Initial conditions	CANARI,3DVAR	CANARI,3DVAR	CANARI,3DVAR
initialization	none/SCC	none/SCC	none/SCC
Physics	ALARO	ALARO	ALARO
Dynamics	hydrostatic	<b>NH</b>	<b>NH</b>
time step	180 s	60 s	90 s
Boundaries	ECMWF HRES	ECMWF HRES	ECMWF HRES
Forecast length	72/36 hours	36 hours	72 hours
Cycle interval	3 hours	1 hour	3 hours
Frequency of output	1 hour	5 min for selected fields, otherwise 1 hour	1 hour
Initial times	00, 03, 06, ... UTC	<b>Every hour</b>	00 and 12 UTC
Computing site	ARSO (SGI ICE forman)	ARSO (SGI ICE ventus)	cca/ccb@ECMWF
status	operational	pre-operational	operational (not yet TC)
Observations	SYNOP + AWS,AMDAR/MODE-S MRAR/EHS,AMV,TEMP,SEVIRI,AMSU-A/MHS/IASI, ASCAT/OSCAT,ZTD EGVAP(passive.)		&SEE-MHEWS surface observations
		<b>&amp; radar reflectivity</b>	
Cut-off	2h5min	35 min	9h15min

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- ▶ A nowcasting-oriented setup NWCRUC (aos01ruc)
    - ▶ Technical issues
      - ▶ Occasionally increased CPU time in the steps of time integration
    - ▶ Validation of radar assimilation
      - ▶ Reach satisfactory performance of reflectivity DA
      - ▶ excessive drying by radar DA analysed and solved
    - ▶ Verification of forecast

# Model comparison

24h precipitation



# Convective case

Single convective storm  
(large hail)

11UTC

13UTC

15UTC

23UTC

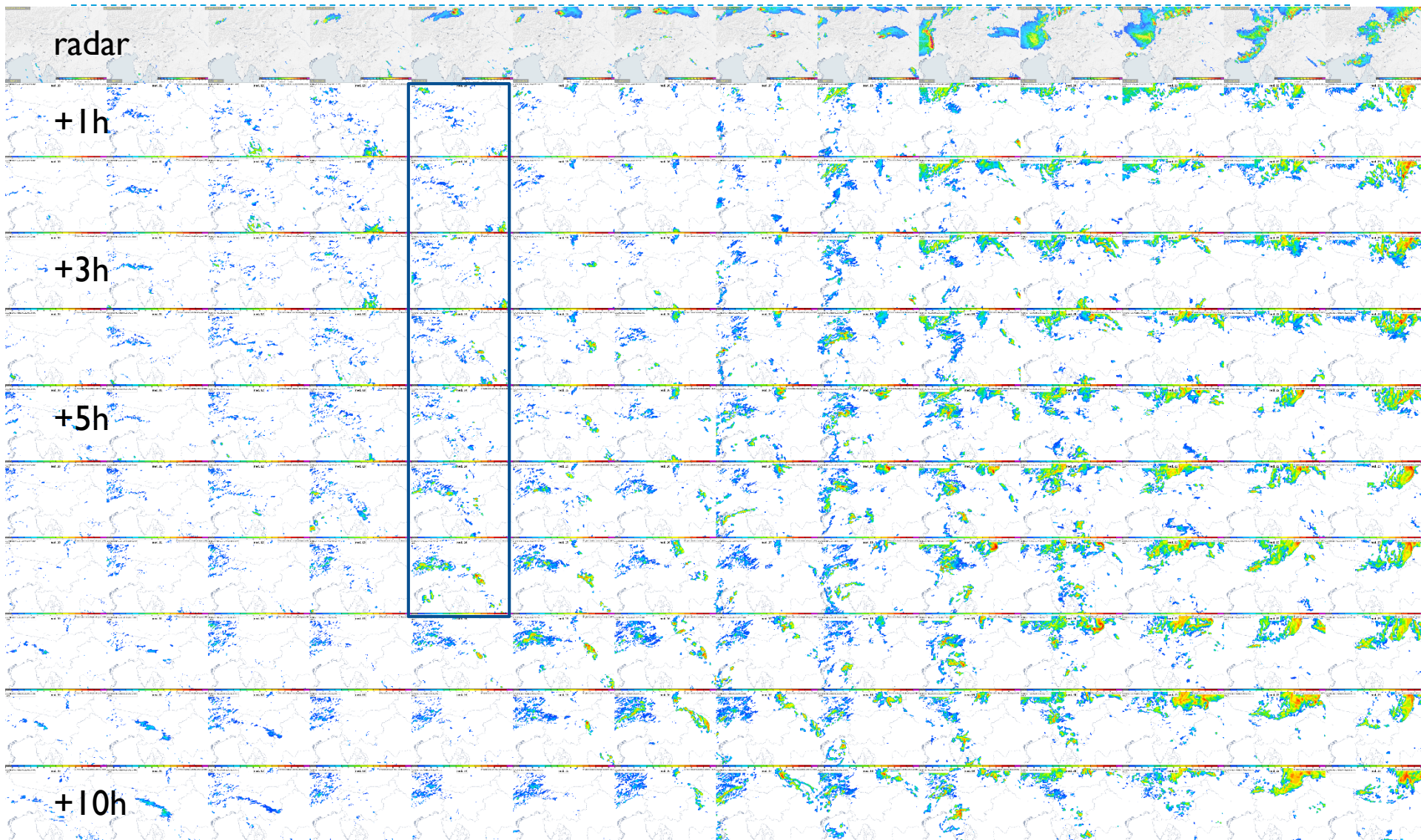
radar

+1h

+3h

+5h

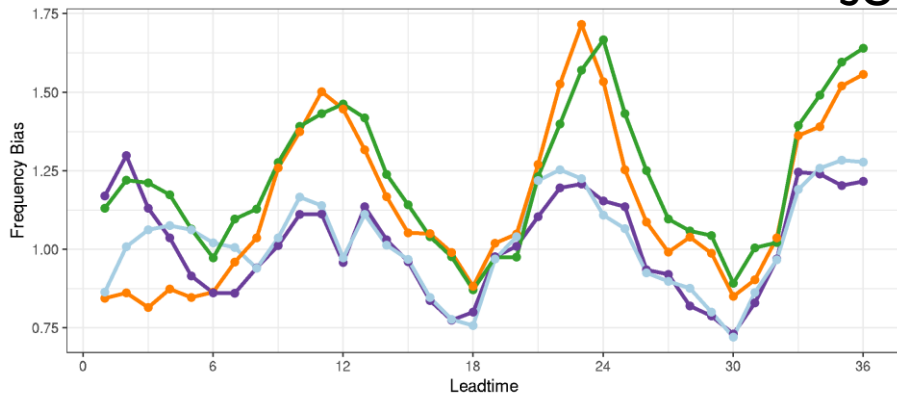
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# Performance of RUC & impact of radar data

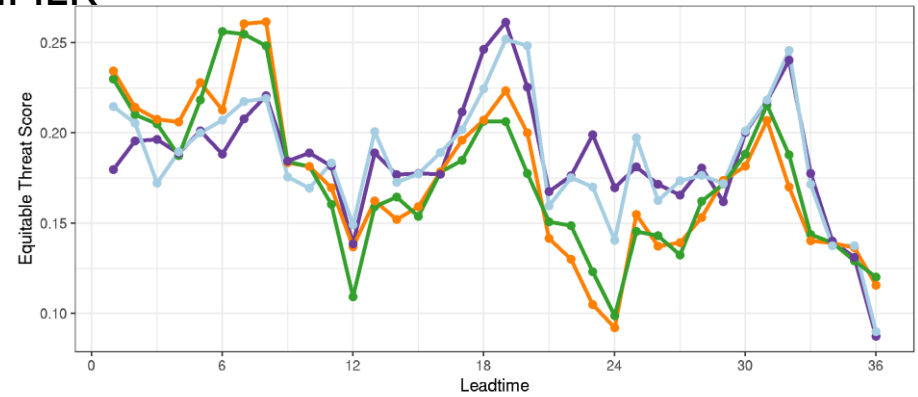
Frequency Bias : 00:00 01 Aug 2020 - 12:00 31 Aug 2020

366 stations



Equitable Threat Score : 00:00 01 Aug 2020 - 12:00 31 Aug 2020

366 stations



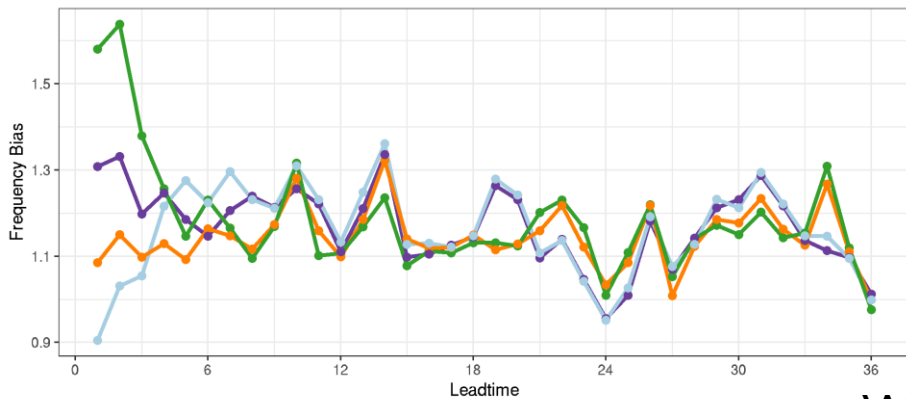
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RUC RUC+RADAR OPER OPER+ RADAR

Verification for AccPcp1h

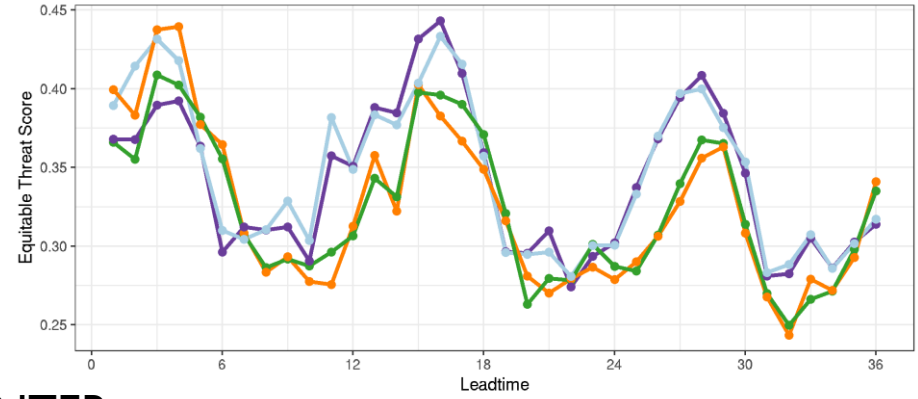
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WINTER

nwc1 nwr1 rad4 ref4

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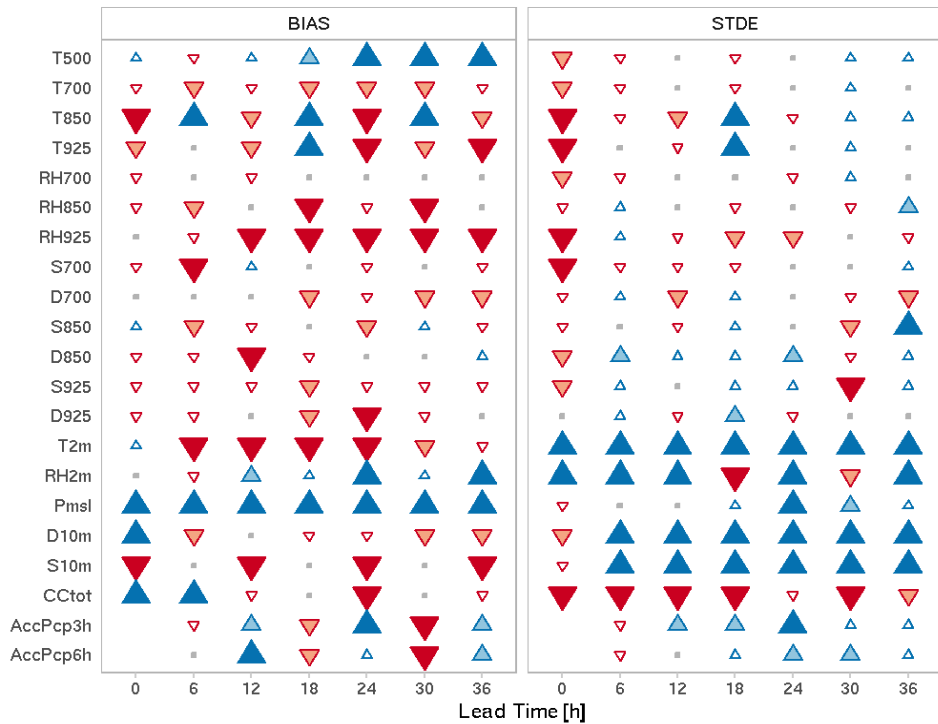
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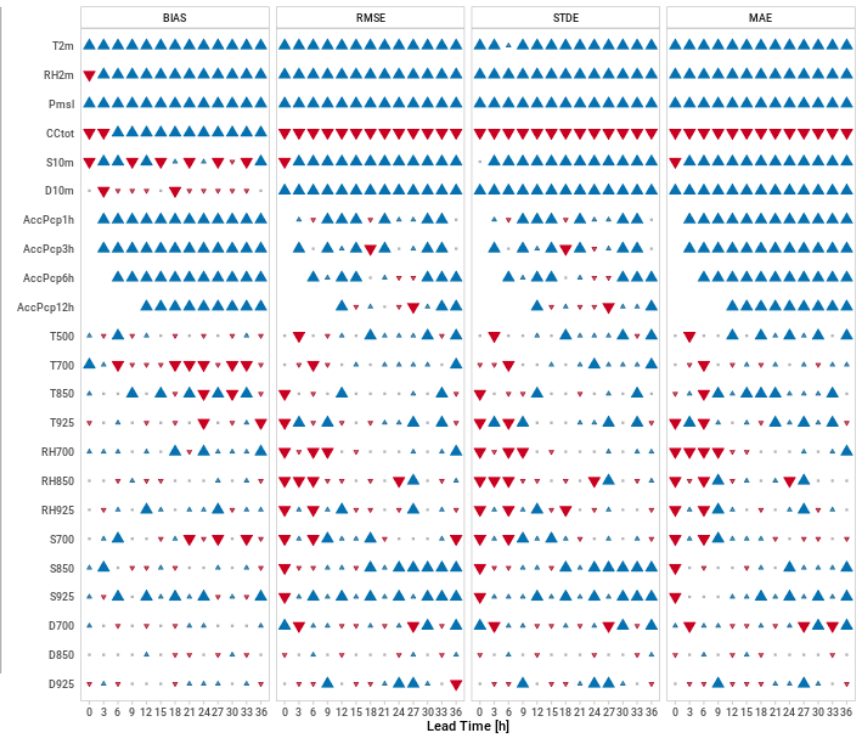
# Performance of RUC

## RUC (1.3 km) vs. OPER (4.4 km)



- ▽ nwc1 worse than ref4 with significance > 99.7%
- ▽ nwc1 worse than ref4 with significance > 95%
- ▽ nwc1 worse than ref4 with significance > 68%
- No significant difference between nwc1 and ref4
- △ nwc1 better than ref4 with significance > 68%
- △ nwc1 better than ref4 with significance > 95%
- △ nwc1 better than ref4 with significance > 99.7%

## RUC (1.3 km) vs. OPER (4.4 km) April and May 2022



- ▽ si01 worse than oper with significance > 99.7%
- ▽ si01 worse than oper with significance > 95%
- ▽ si01 worse than oper with significance > 68%
- No significant difference between si01 and oper
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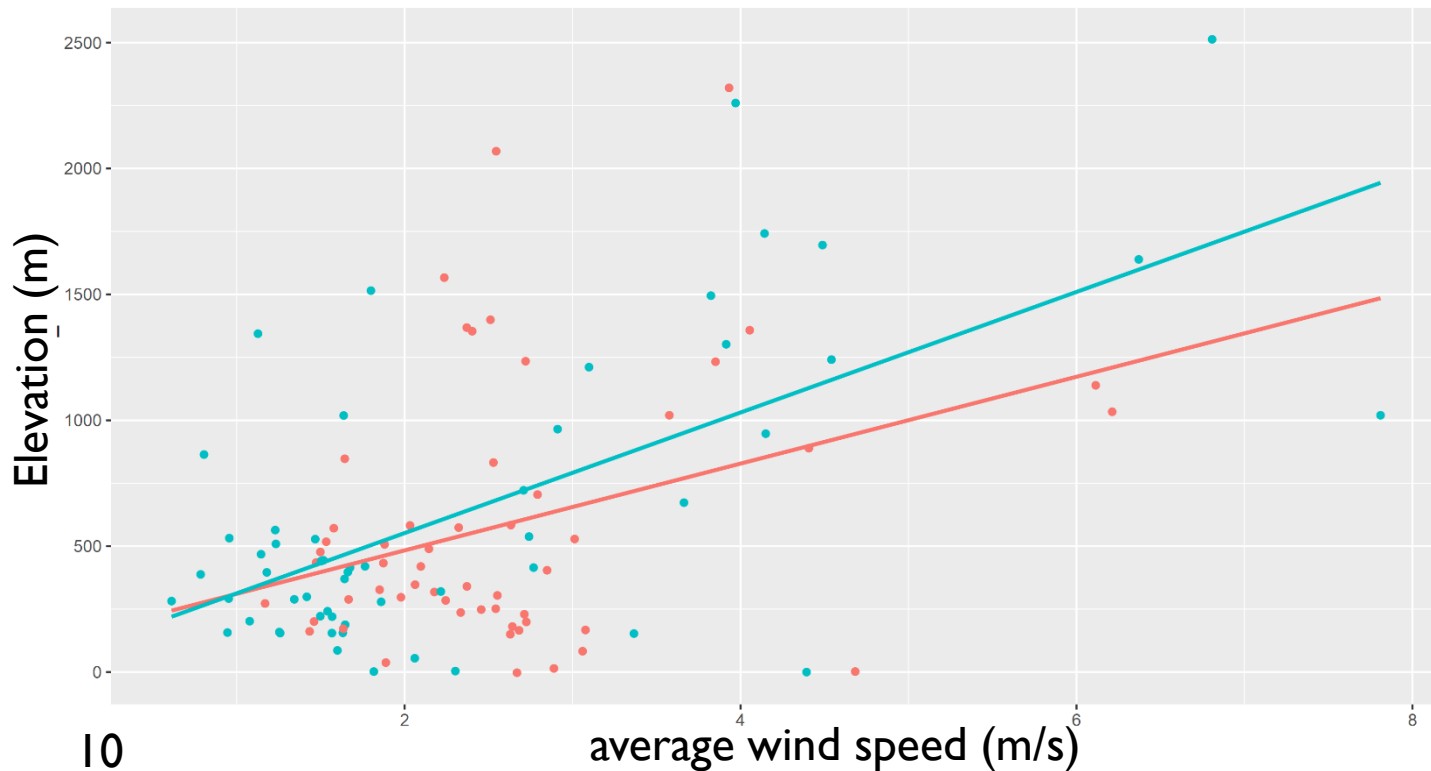
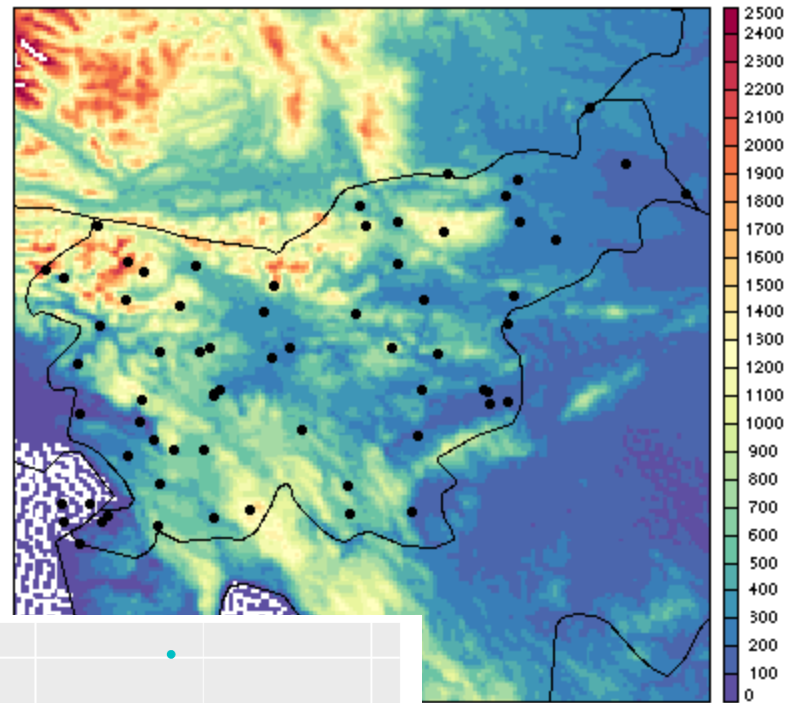
# 10 m wind verification

7 months (Nov21-May22)

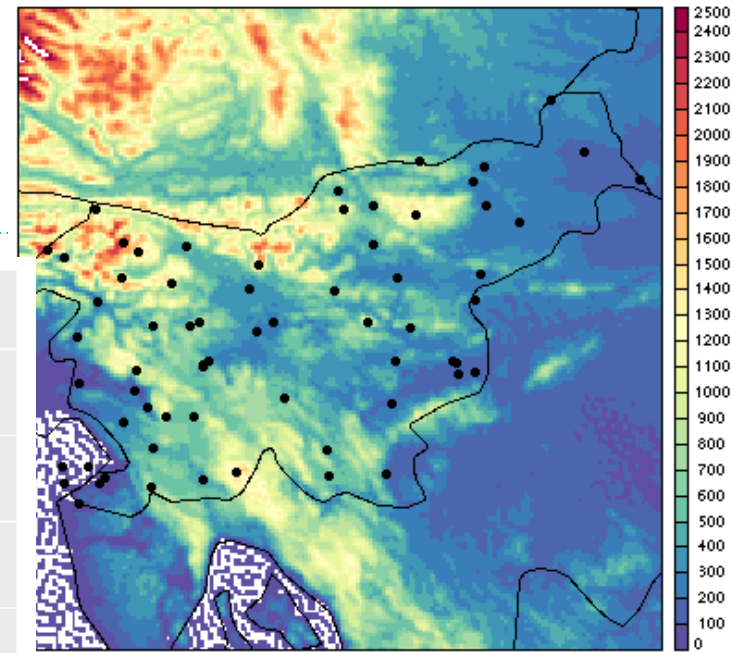
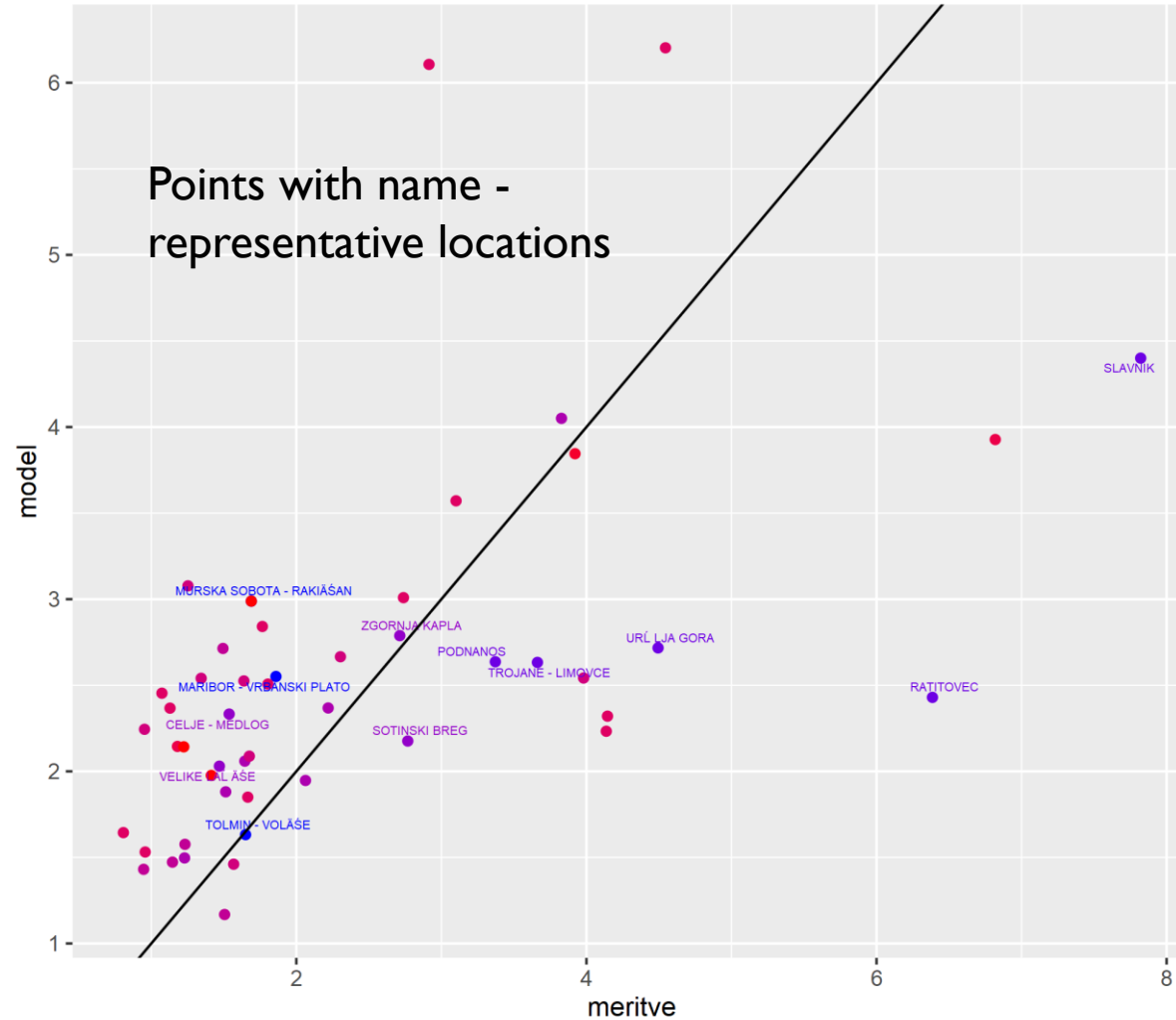
Daily average 10 m wind

Model: 1h forecast from hourly runs  
(lowest model level)

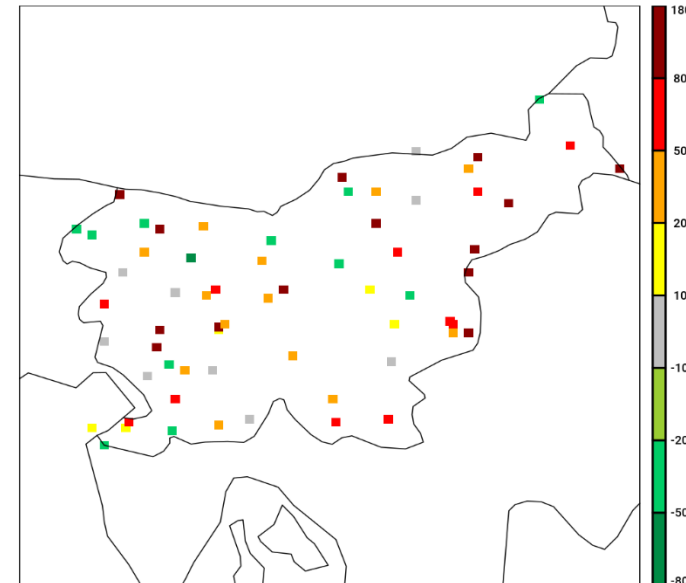
Observations: automatic stations



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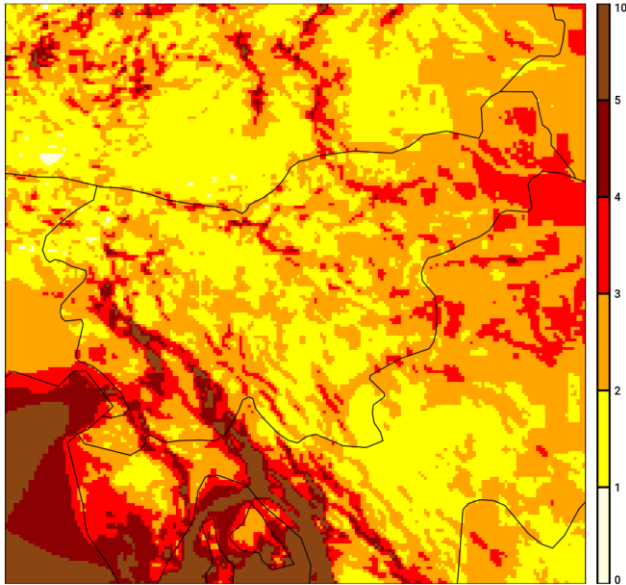


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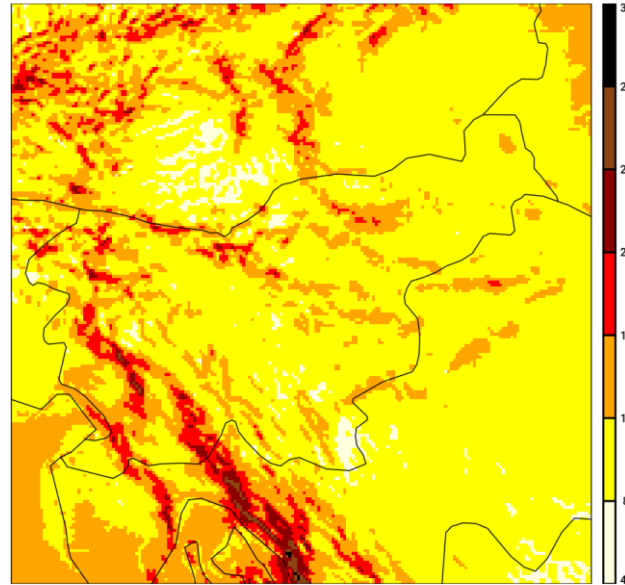


# 10 m Wind verification

Povprečni veter [m/s]



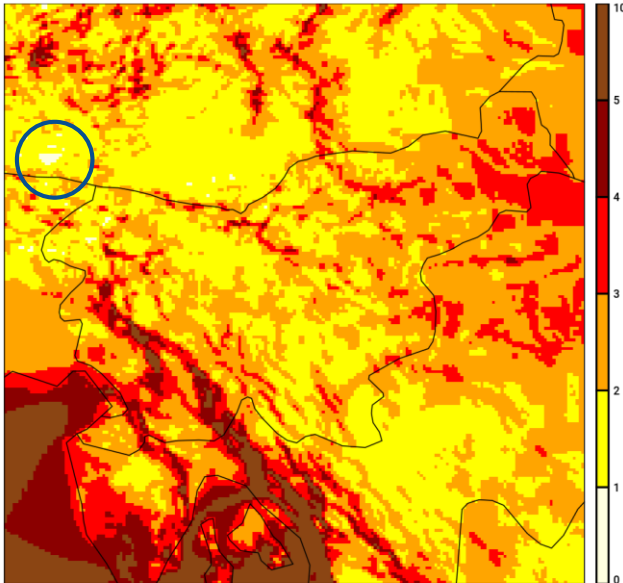
Povprečni dnevni maksimalni sunek [m/s]



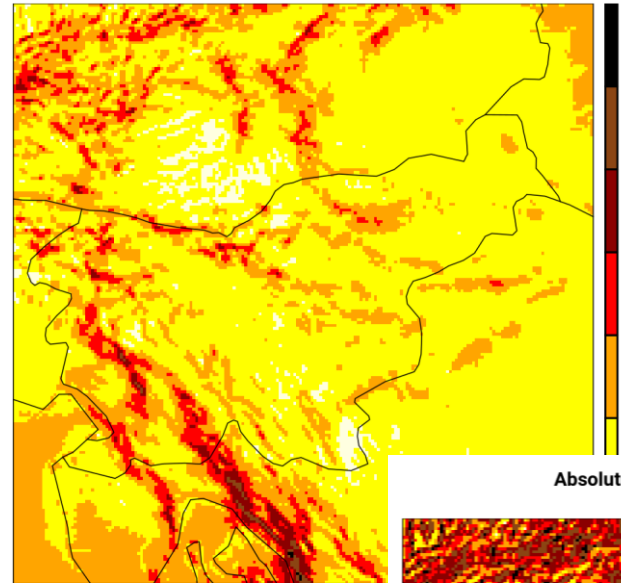
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- ▶ NE region: wind speed and gusts too high
- ▶ Bora: mixed

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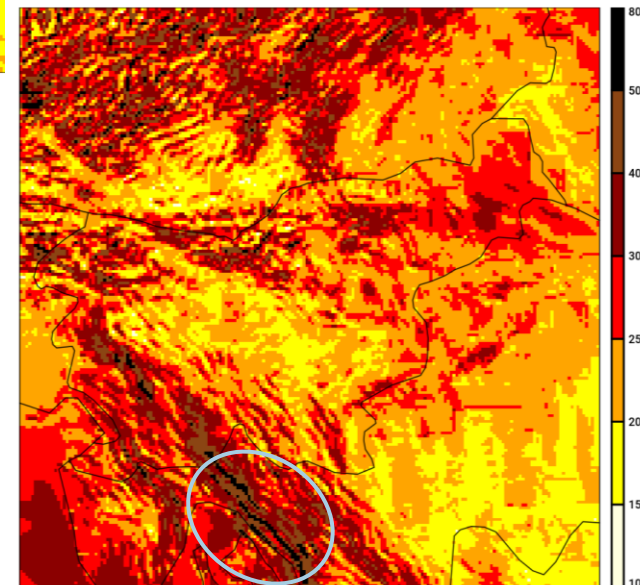
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Povprečni dnevni maksimalni sunek [m/s]



Absolutno maksimalen sunek [m/s]

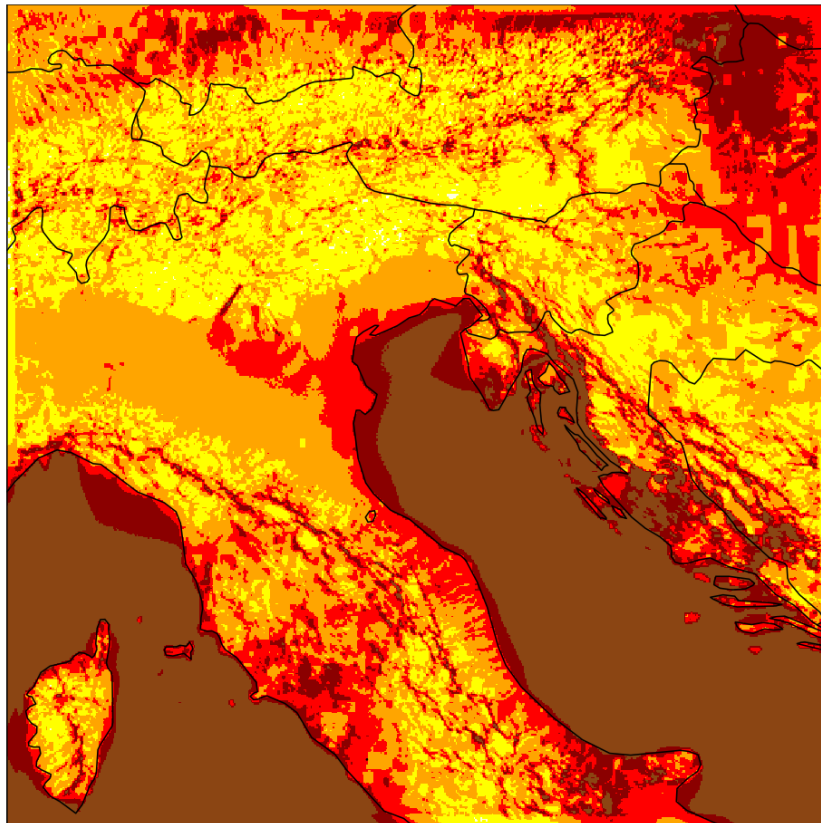


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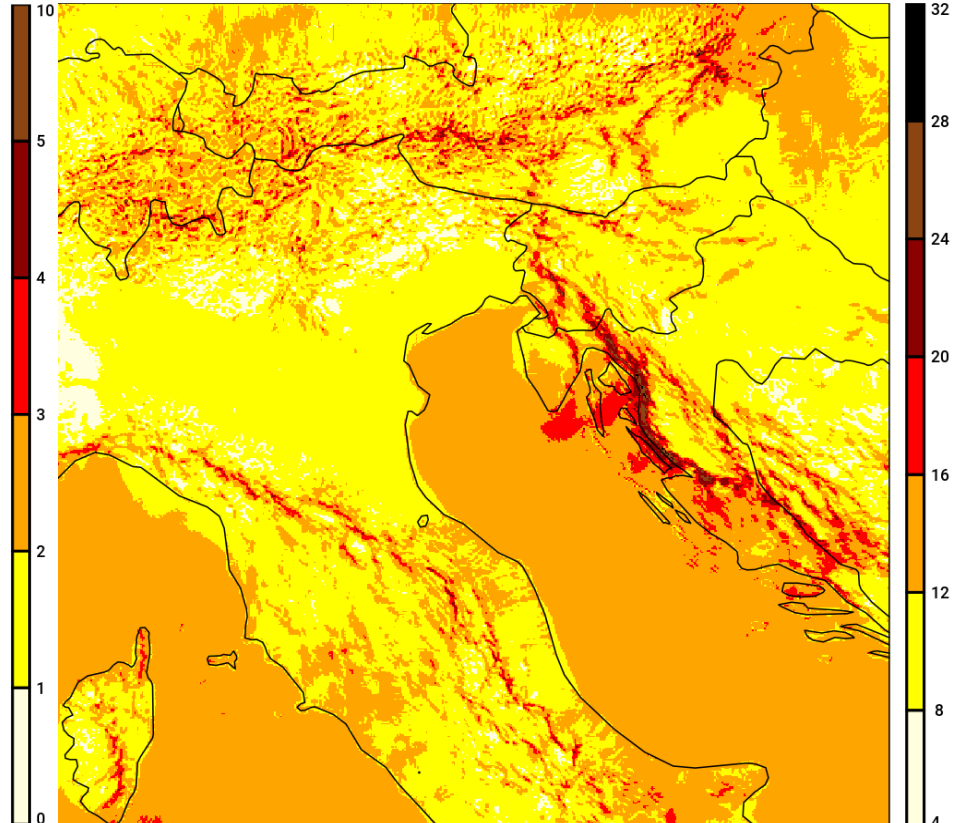
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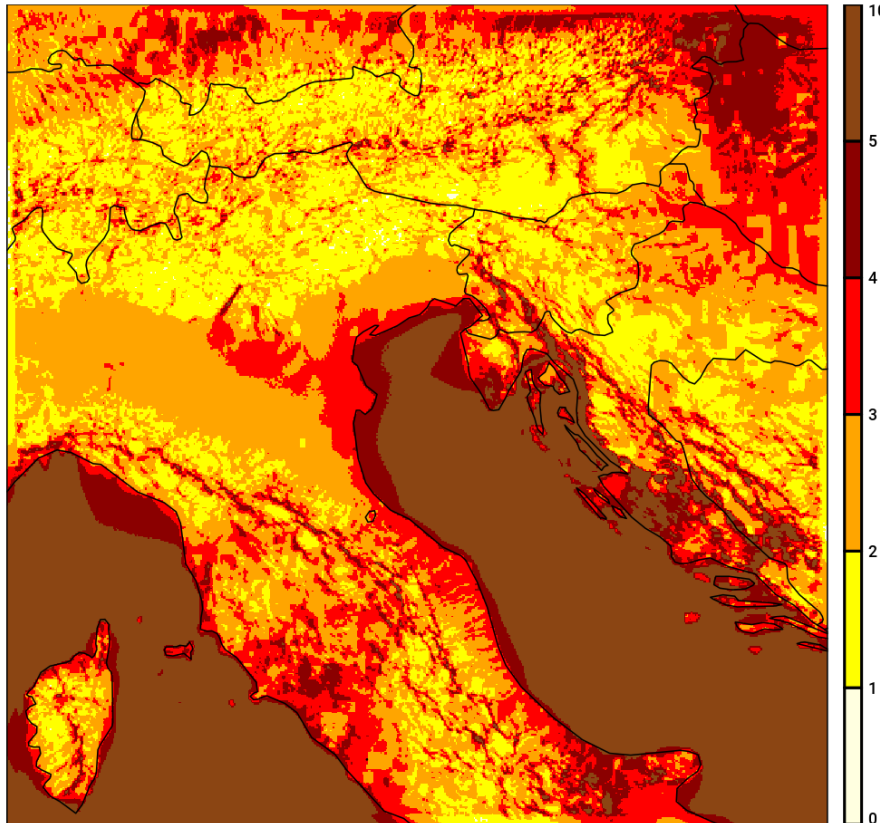


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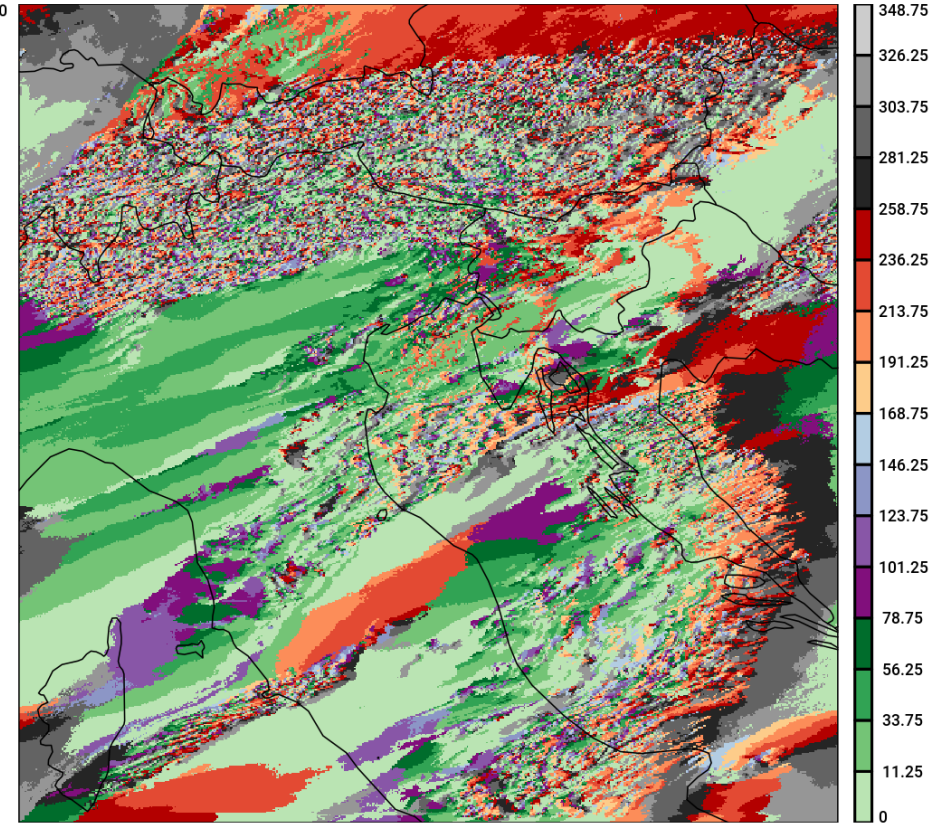


# 10 m Wind verification

Povprečni veter [m/s]



prevailing wind direction

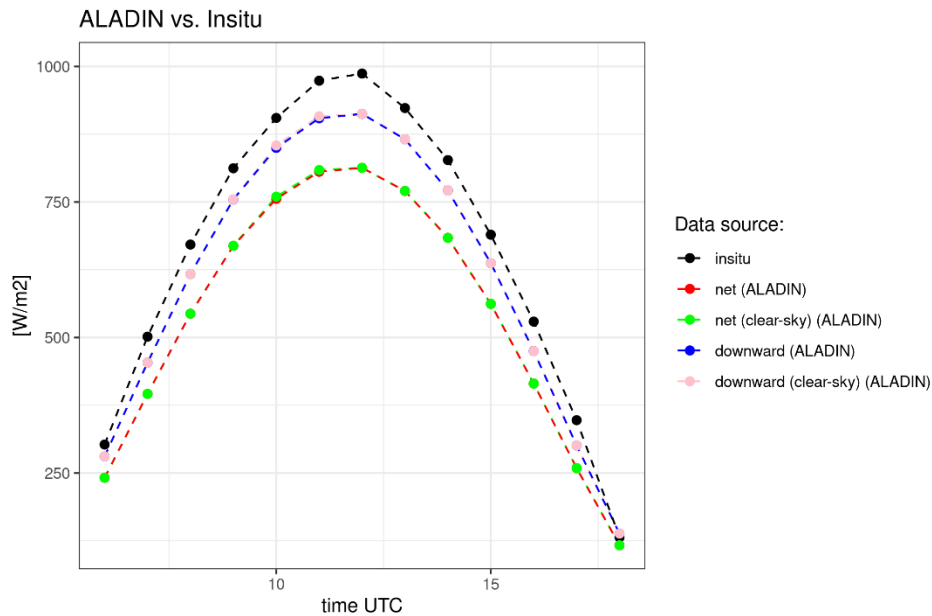


# Short wave radiation

Global solar radiation:

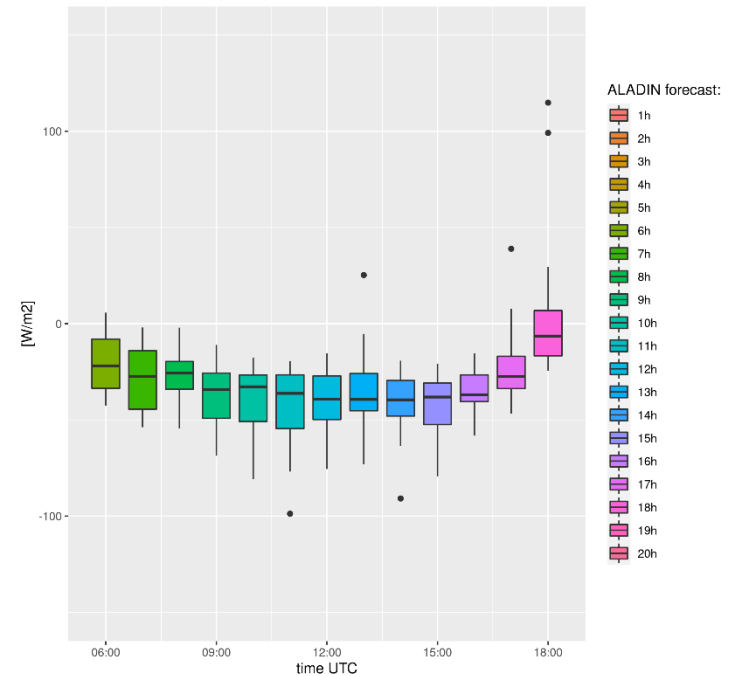
- selected days with clear sky
- model: oper 4.4 km

## One station



## Error distribution 10 days (summer 2021) 13 selected stations

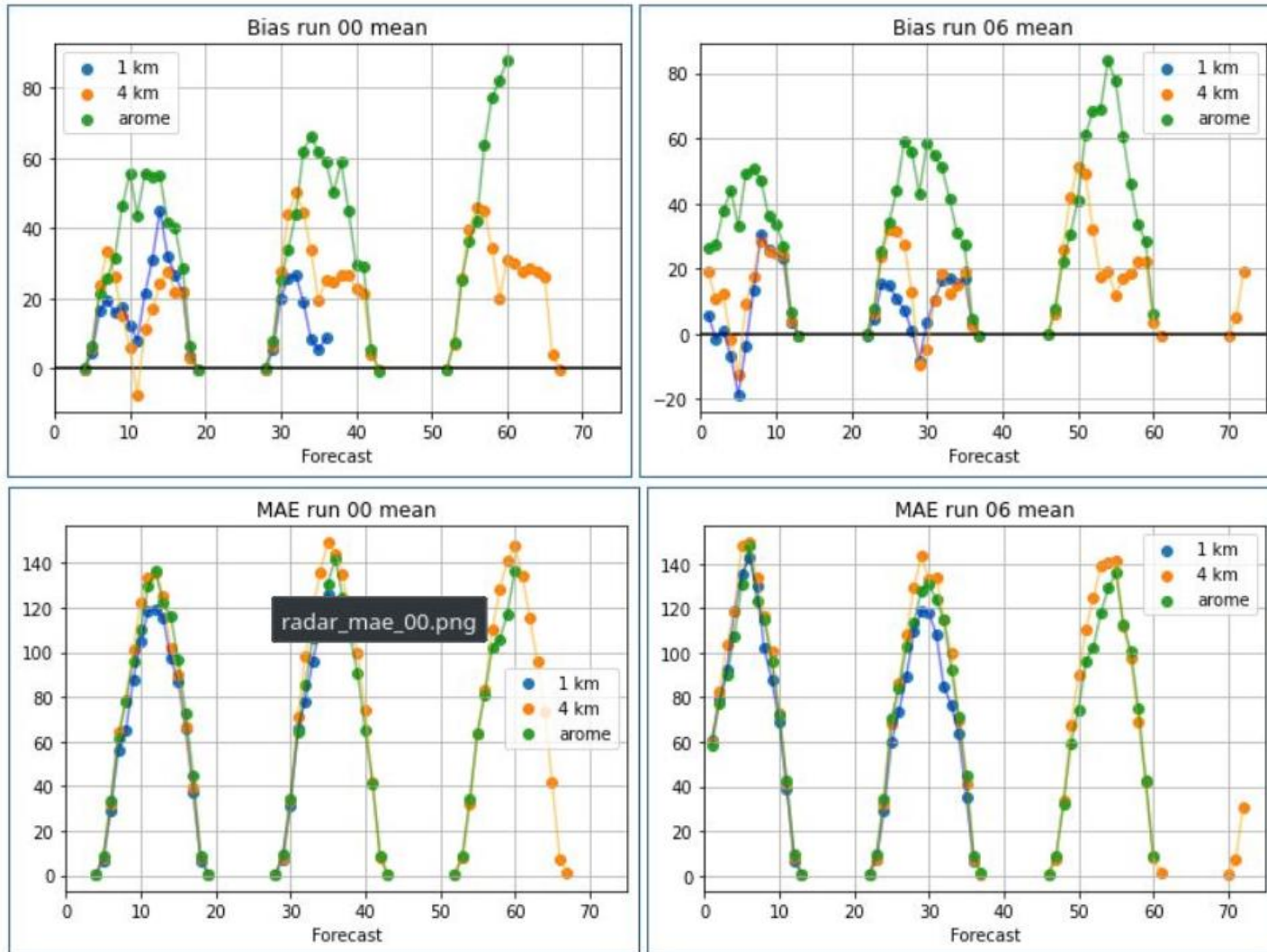
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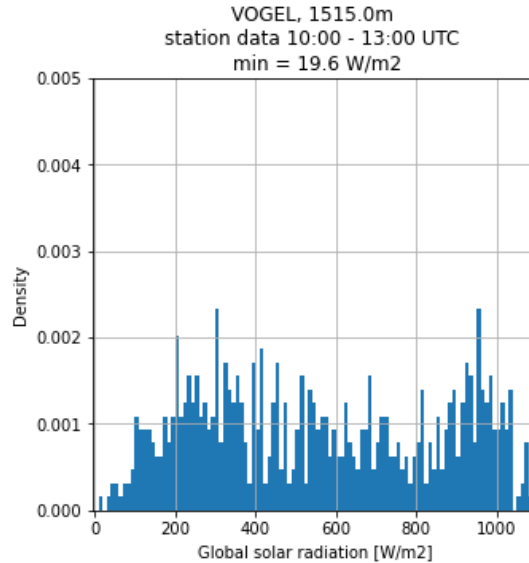
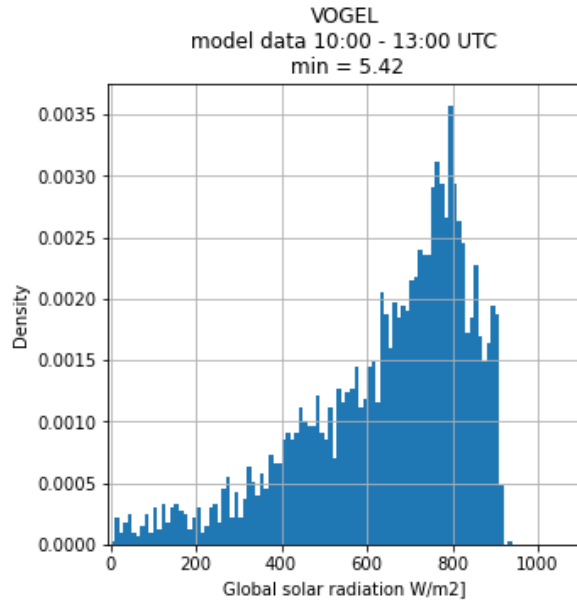


# Short wave radiation

global solar radiation  
1.4.-9.5.2022, 10 stations

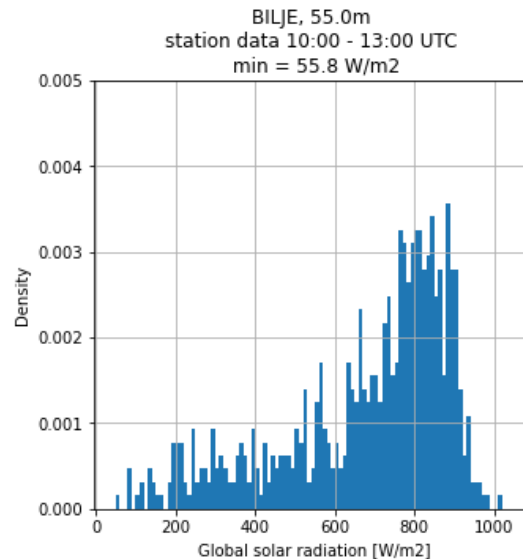
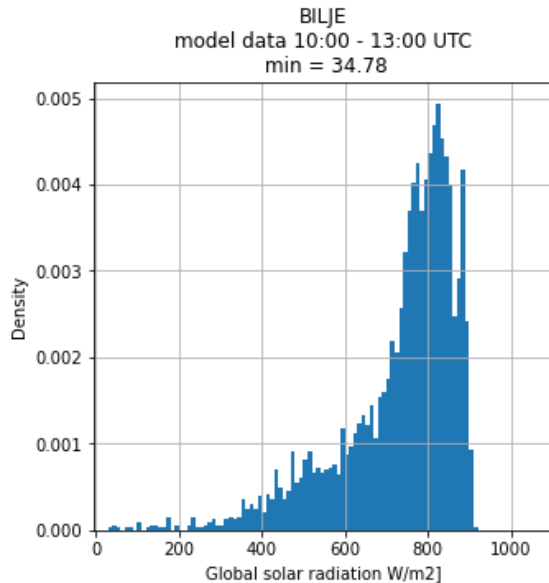


# Short wave radiation



Distribution of global solar radiation:

- 3 months (Jun Jul Aug 2021)
- for 3 hours in mid-day
- model: oper 4.4 km



# Conclusions and plan

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- ▶ NWCRUC: optimization and operationalization
  - ▶ Reach satisfactory performance of reflectivity DA
  - ▶ Presentation of products
- ▶ Roughness treatment in ISBA scheme (2019)
- ▶ ALARO using SURFEX
- ▶ Prognostic graupel
- ▶ Validation