Transient aerosols with ICON-CLM

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Introduction

more and more projects aim to utilize the ICON model as working horse:

- joint project ‚RegiKlim': user-specific high-resolution information about climate change for the development of adaptation strategies with respect to different so-called „model regions"







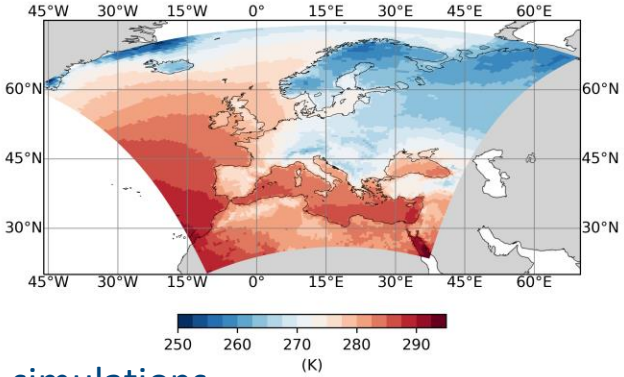
- NUKLEUS: Long-term hindcasts, historical simulations and projections for COSMO-CLM and ICON-CLM in parallel

  Are there systematic differences between both models?
  Is the quality of the ICON-CLM simulations comparable to COSMO-CLM?

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The NUKLEUS simulation setups

2m-temperature field, EURO-CORDEX domain



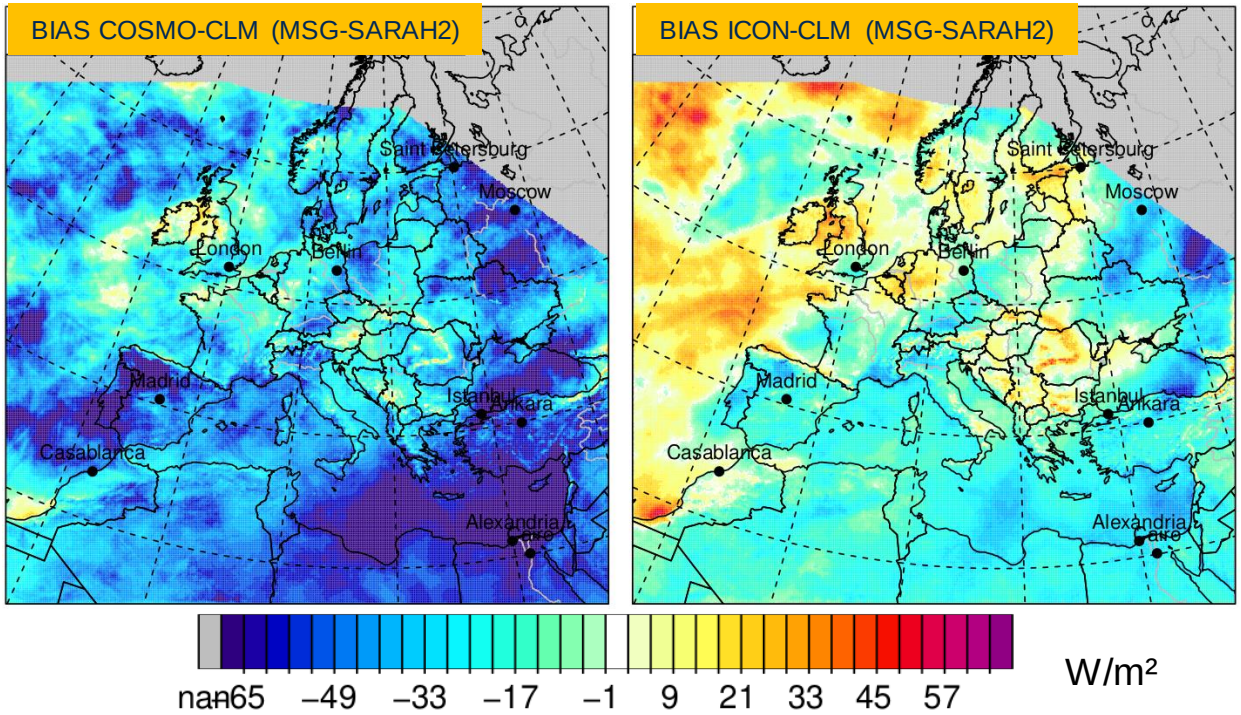
evaluation simulations on EURO-CORDEX (CORDEX) and Central Europe (CEU)

Models:	ICON: 2.6.4 with several extensions for climate simulations
	COSMO: 6.0 (CEU) / 5.10 (CORDEX)
Period:	CORDEX: January 1979 – December 2020
	CEU: January 2005 – December 2015
Forcing:	ERA5 with updates every 3 hours
Resolution:	CORDEX: 12 km resolution (COSMO: 0.11°, ICON: R13B05)
	CEU: 2.8 km resolution (COSMO: 0.0275°, ICON: R13B07)
Aerosols :	**ICON: Tegen**
	COSMO: TanRe
Radiation scheme:	ICON: ecRad
	COSMO: Ritter-Geleyn

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Incoming shortwave radiation – „Bright ages“

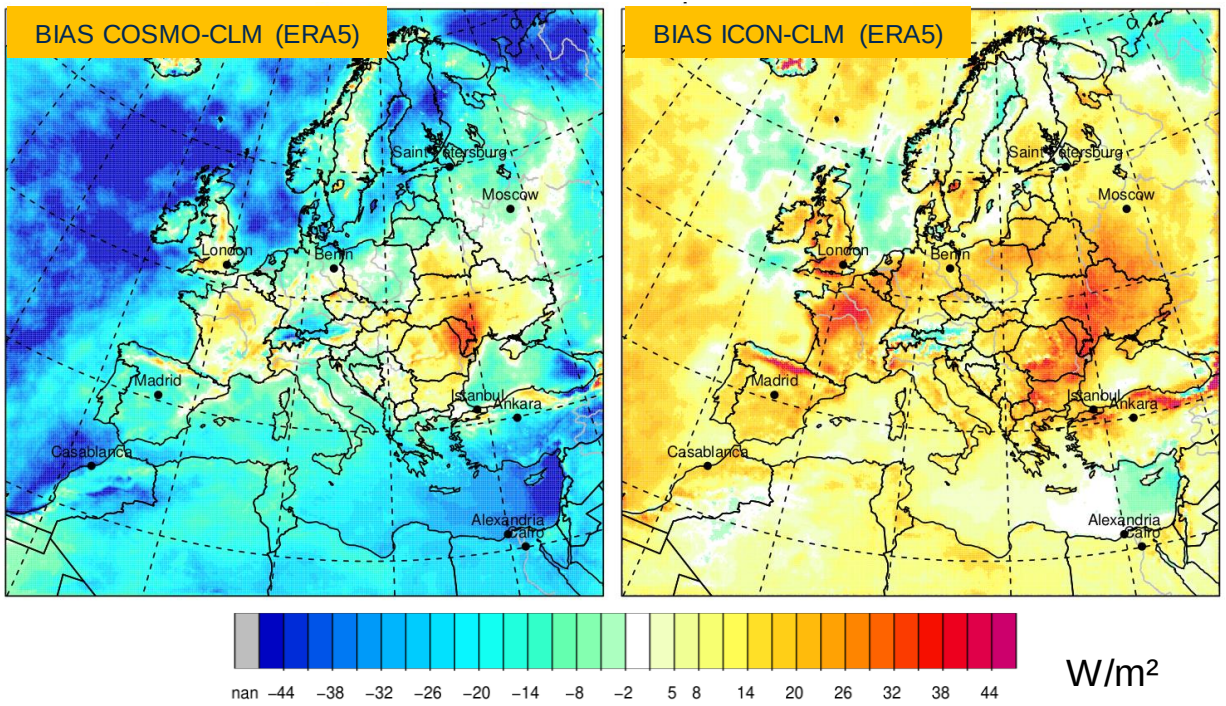
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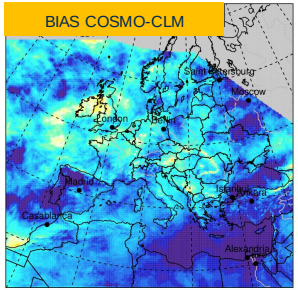


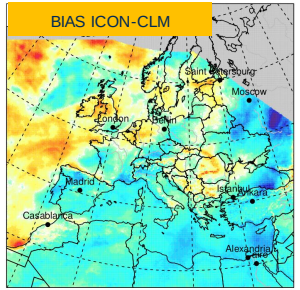
2000s: ICON-CLM outperforms COSMO-CLM in particular southern regions (thanks to more reliable Tegen climatology)

Incoming shortwave radiation – „dark ages“

Analysis for the summer period in 1981-1986



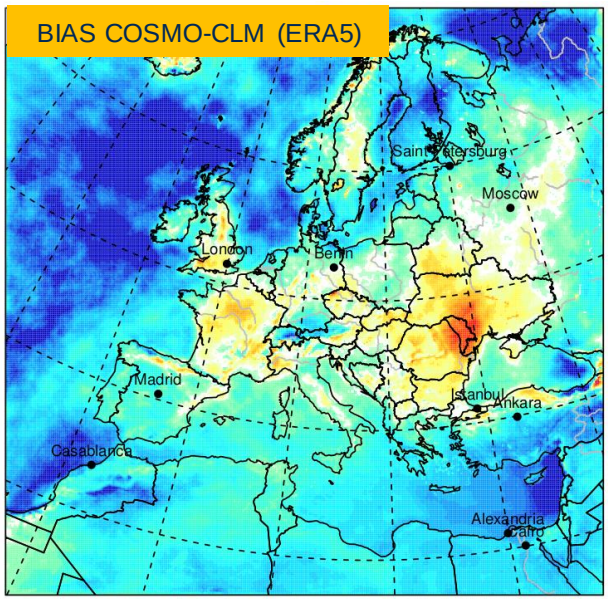


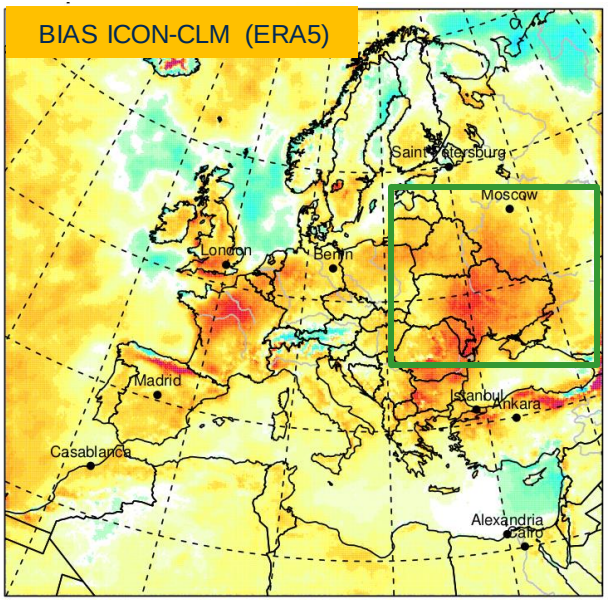


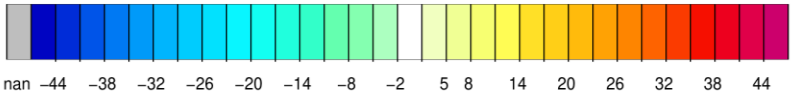
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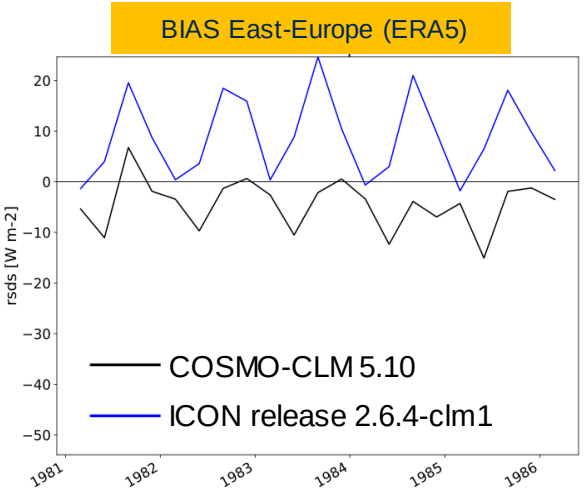
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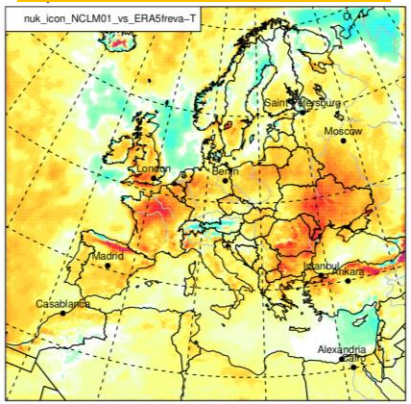


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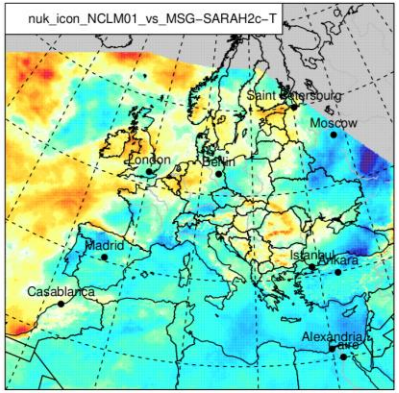
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Setting the scene

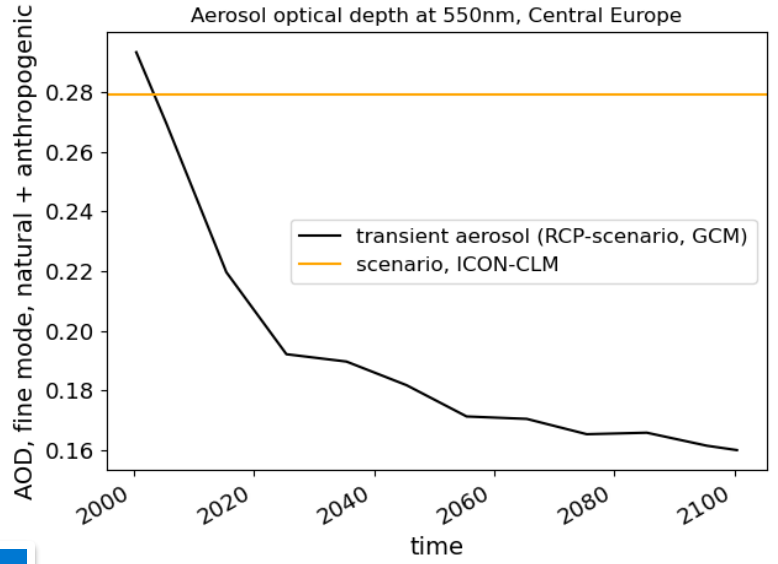
1980s (ERA5)



2000s (MSG-S2)



Future / projections



Need for a transient aerosol climatology due to historical changes in aerosol load **AND** future reduction of aerosol load given by AMIP scenarios

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Characteristics of MACv2 transient aerosols

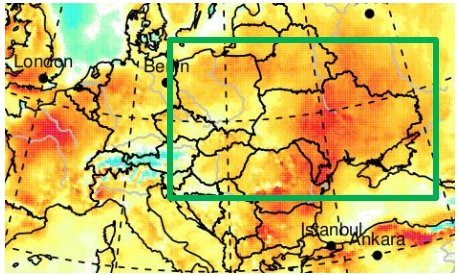
MACv2 (Kinne, 2019) subdivided into different types of aerosols:

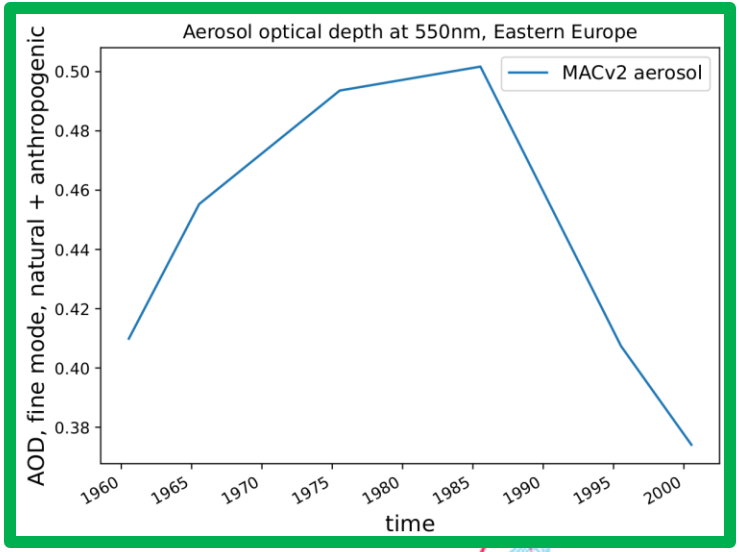
1. **Fine mode background (natural) aerosol – preindustrial (1850)**

2. **Coarse mode background (natural) aerosol – preindustral (1850)**

3. **deviations from 1 and 2: fine mode anthropogenic concentrations – temporally varying for historical and future scenarios**

Volcanic aerosol following Stenchikov – temporally varying





ICON-CLM experiment with transient Kinne Aerosol



Models:	ICON 2.6.5 (release from July 2022 with fix)
Period:	January 1979 – December 2010
Forcing:	ERAinterim
Resolution:	R3B13 over CORDEX domain
Radiation scheme:	ICON: ecRad
Aerosols:	**ICON standard: Tegen** **ICON transient: MACv2**
Aerosol data:	aerosol optical depth, single scattering albedo and symmetry factor with respect to ICONs spectral bands: 14 shortwave and 16 longwave (Kinne und Rast, MPI)
Namelist config:	radiation_nml → irad_aero = 15 (Trang Pham, DWD)



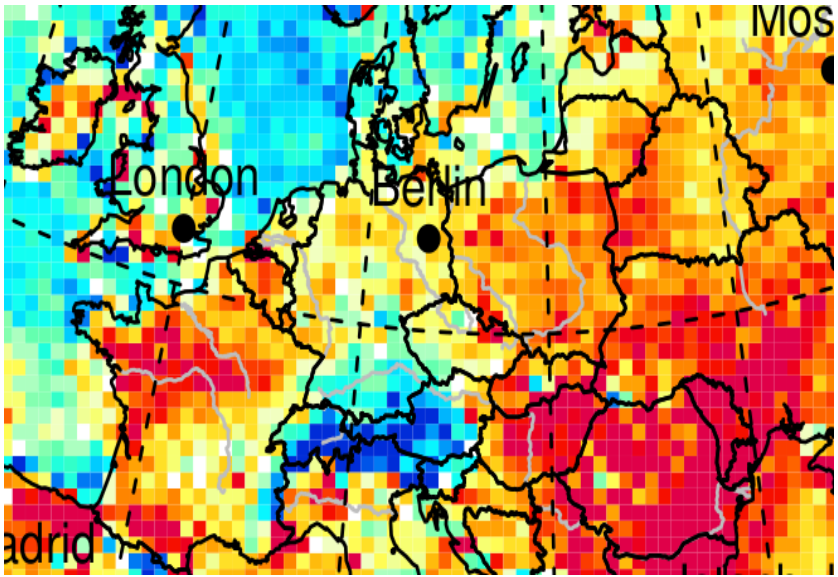
Impact of dimming and brightning over Europe on simulated solar radiation

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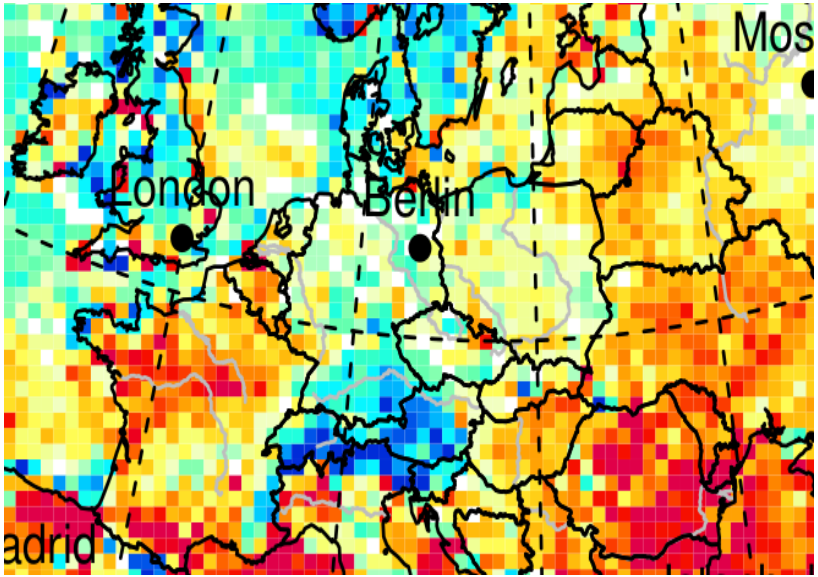
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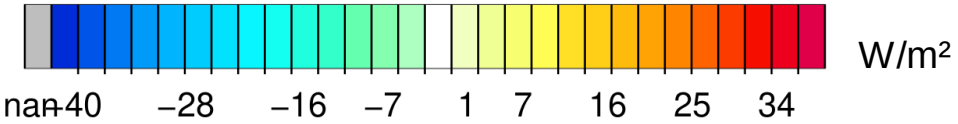
Analysis for the summer period in 1981-1986

BIAS 1981 - 1986 (ICON 2.6.5 standard Tegen vs. ERA5)



BIAS 1981 - 1986 (ICON 2.6.5 Kinne transient vs. ERA5)



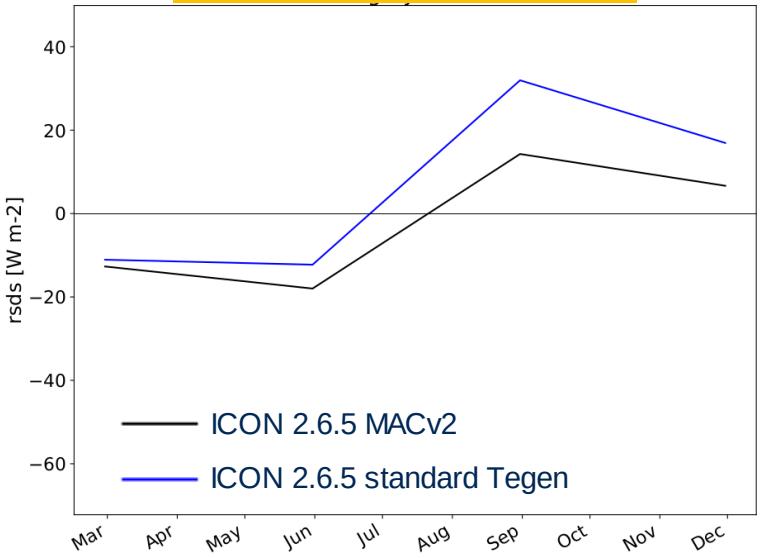


- **Eastern Europe brighter in TEGEN climatology compared to Kinne**

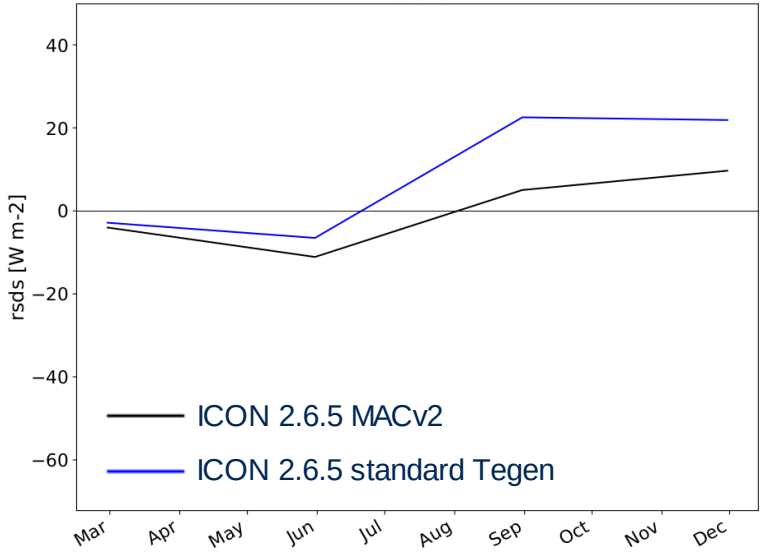
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BIAS Hungary-Slovakia (ERA5)



BIAS Poland (ERA5)



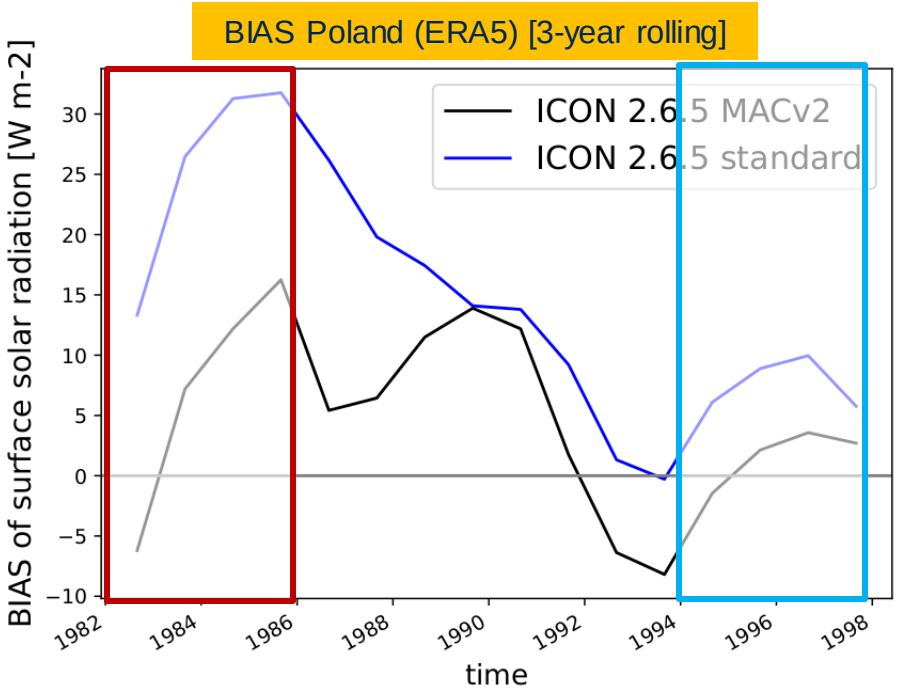
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Transition from dimming to lightning

Analysis for the summer period in 1981-1999

BIAS Tegen, W m-2	1981-1986	1994-1999
Poland	25	10
HungarySlovakia	35	18
Romania	42	20
Ukrain	30	18



- **better transition in MACv2 compared to TEGEN**
- **Transient aerosol more consistent to reanalysis, but also to observations?**

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Conclusions

- dimming and ligthning over Eastern Europe better captured by ICON-CLM with transient aerosol data set (assuming ERA5 to be reliable)
- Redistribution between diffusive solar radiation and direct solar radiation in MACv2 climatology
- Discrepancy between reanalysis (ERA5) and MACv2 over Mediterranean Sea in the 80s

What to do next?

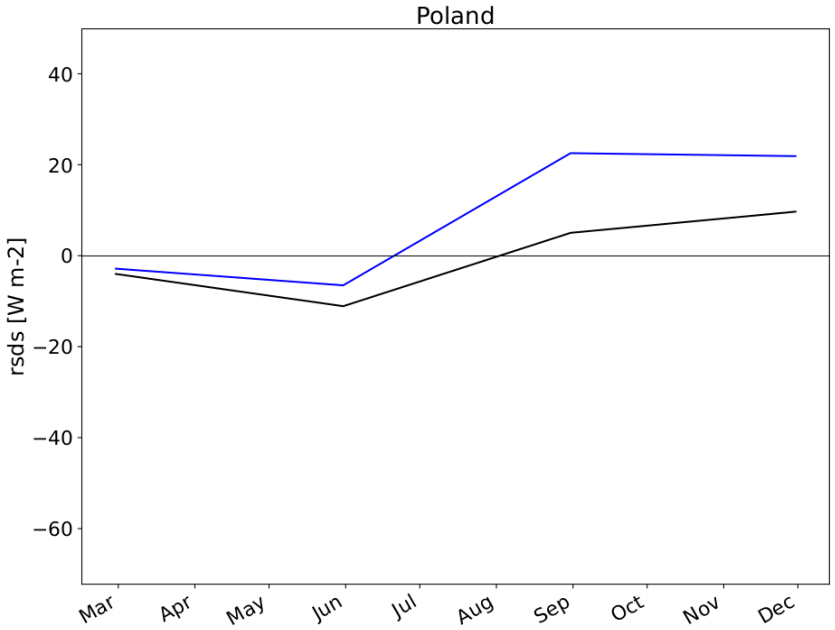
- Higher model resolution aiming to improve cloud-radiation feedbacks
- Analysis of radiation fluxes and budgets for recent day climate using data from ground stations and the satellite area
- Investigation of TOA radiation budget in future climate using transient and constant aerosol climatology

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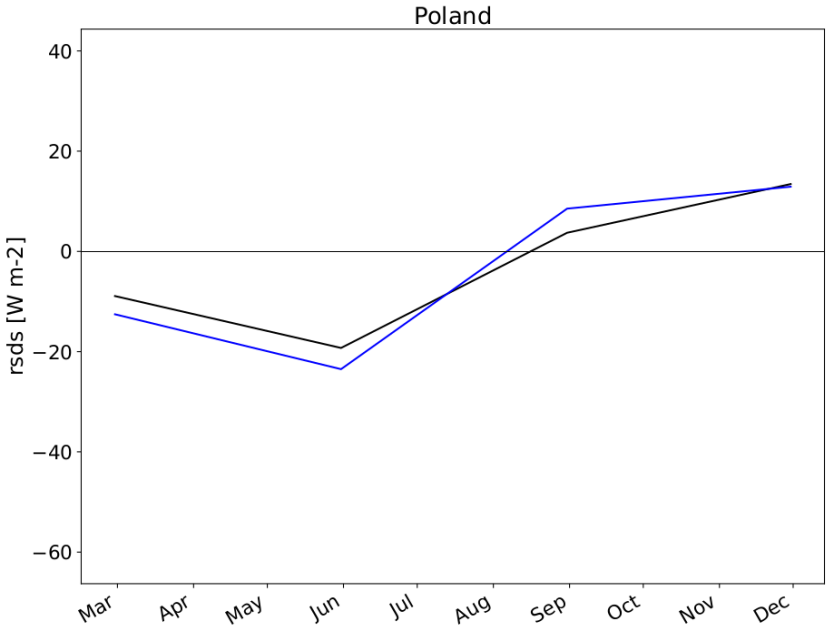
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1981 to 1986



1994 to 1999

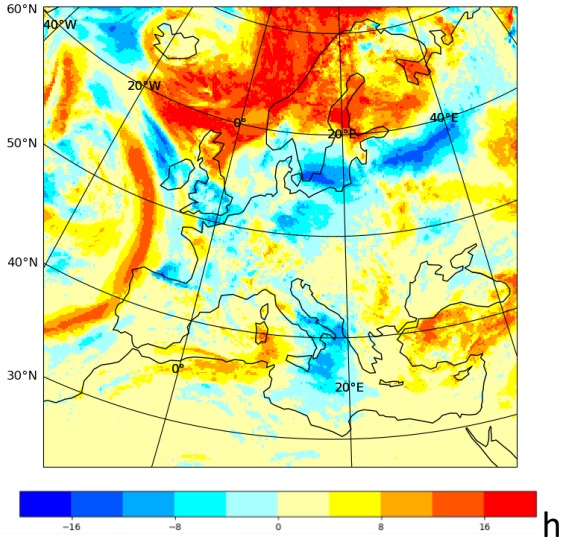


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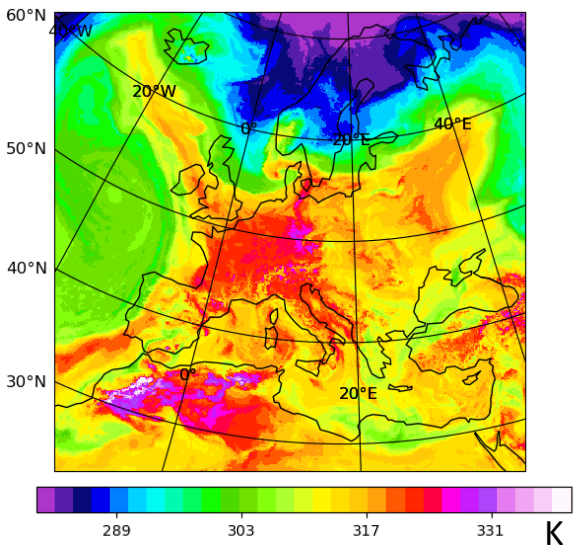
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Event based verification (6.6.1982)

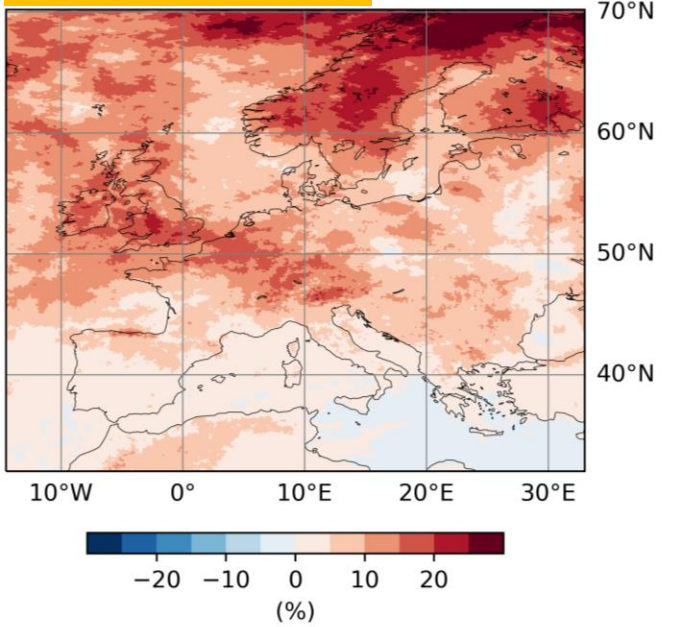
DURSUN, ICON – COSMO

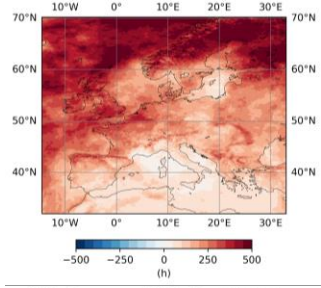


ICON, θ_{ae} 925hPa



DURSUN of SGS, Koehler – COSMO





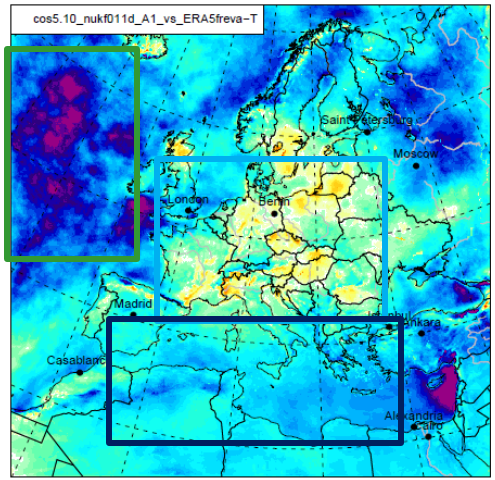
- strongly increased DURSUN in ICON-CLM under same forcing conditions → impact of subgrid cloud cover scheme (SGS)
- DURSUN differences also caused by radiation code and aerosols

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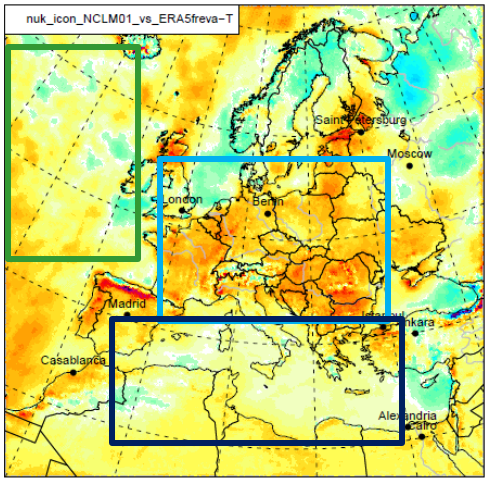
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Analysis for the summer period in 1982 (representative for all summer seasons)

BIAS ASOD_S, COSMO (ERA 5)



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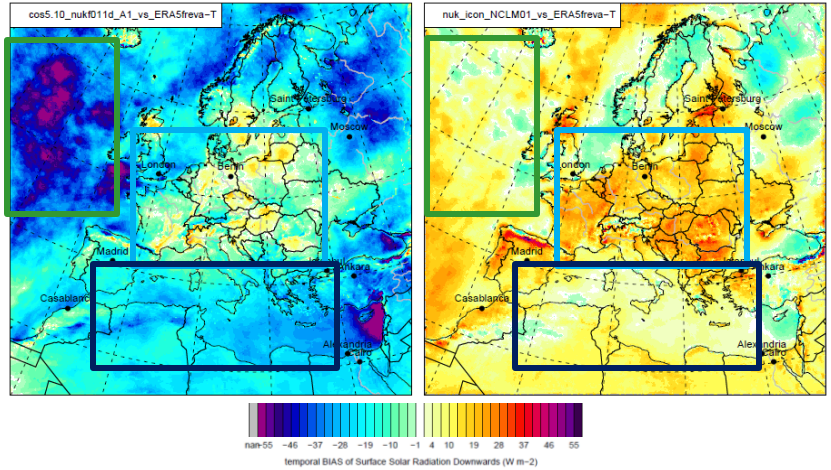
temporal BIAS of Surface Solar Radiation Downwards (W m-2)

- Regional dependency → different ‚error' characteristics
- Input for radiation transfer scheme? (Cloud water path, sub-grid cloud cover, aerosols, …)

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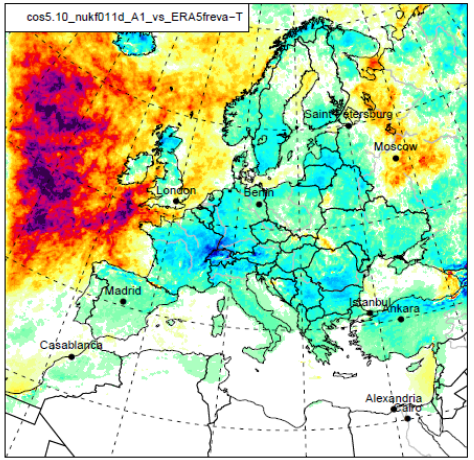
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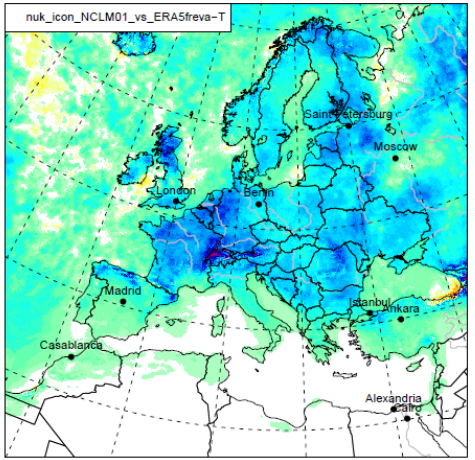


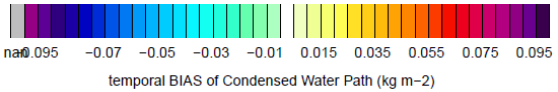
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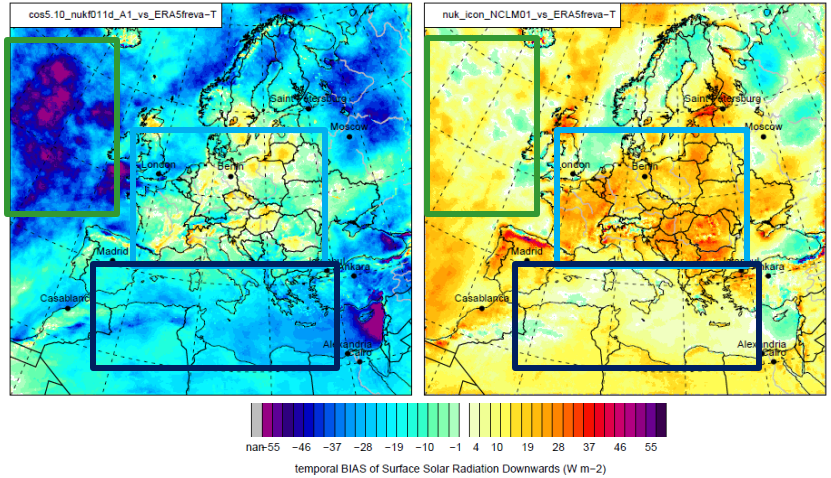


- Cloud water path: deficits for ICON over land and for COSMO over East Atlantic
- Physically plausible relationship between CWP and solar irradiance

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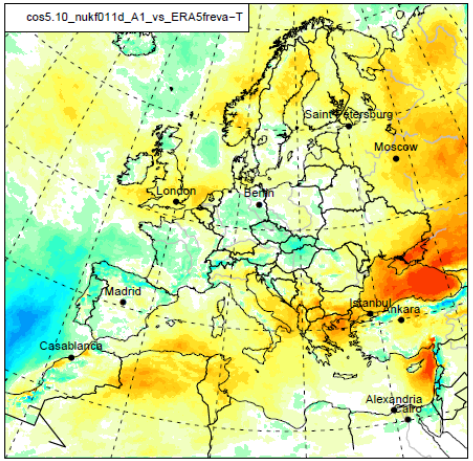
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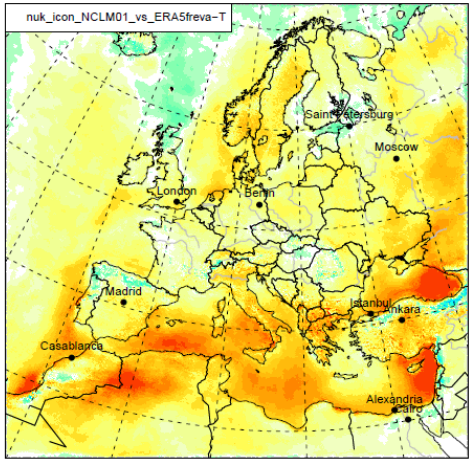
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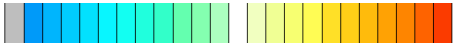
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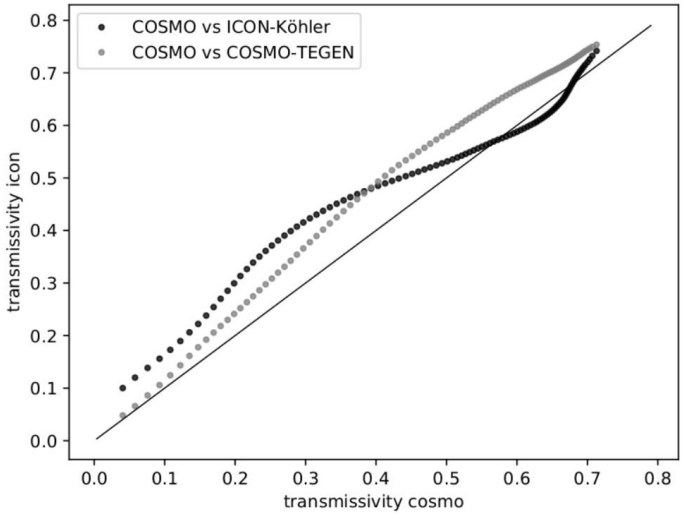
temporal BIAS of Total Cloud Fraction (%)

- Total Cloud cover: slightly positive BIAS over land and much more over Mediterranean (dependent on SGS scheme)
- questionable relationship between CLCT and solar irradiance / cloud water path / sunshine duration **??**

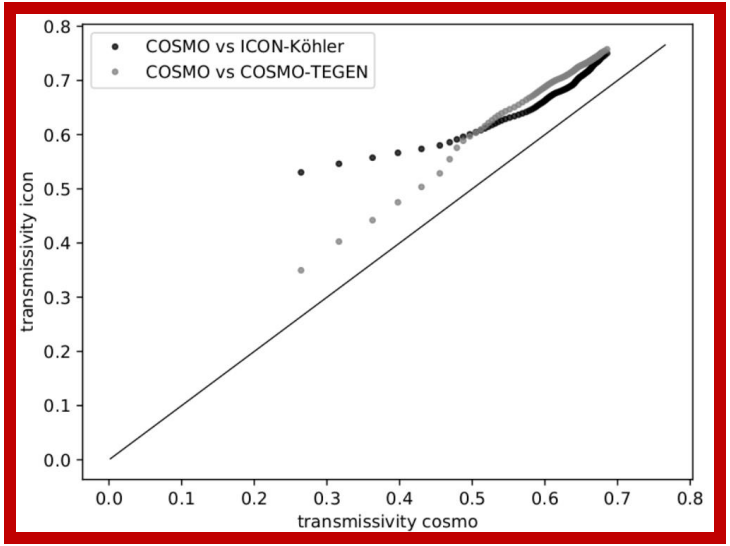
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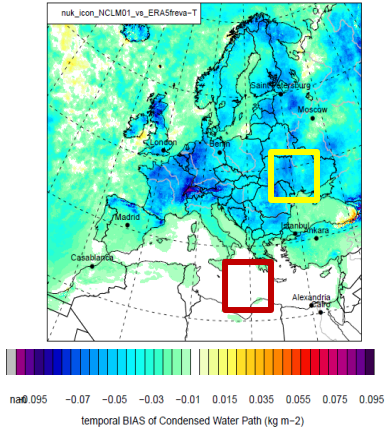
Quantile analysis for summer 1982 (surface radiation vs TOA radiation)

Percentiles 7-15 UTC, COSMO vs ICON, Ukraine



Percentiles 7-15 UTC, COSMO vs ICON, MED



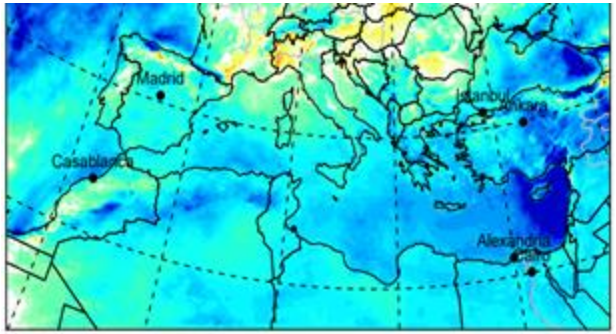


- ICON allows for more transmissivity / ‚brighter' atmosphere because of (i) radiation scheme, (ii) missing cloud water, (iii) aerosols
- May explain increased sunshine duration in the high latitudes

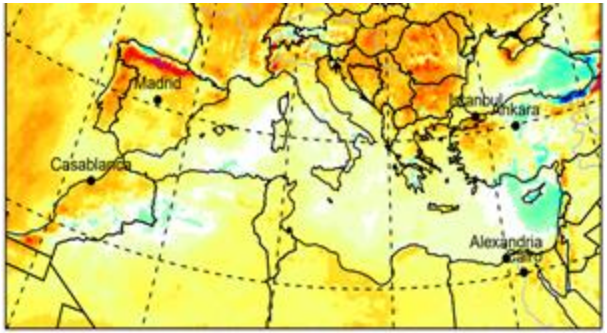
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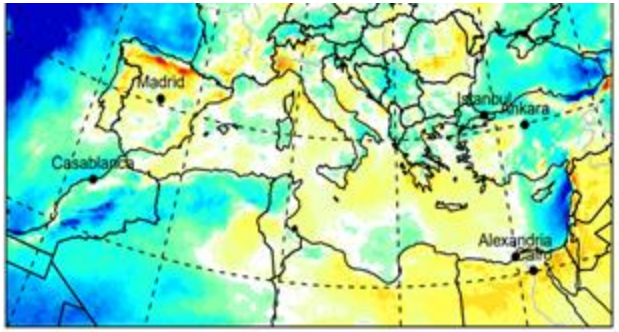
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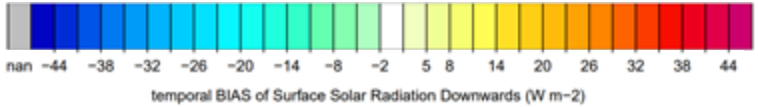


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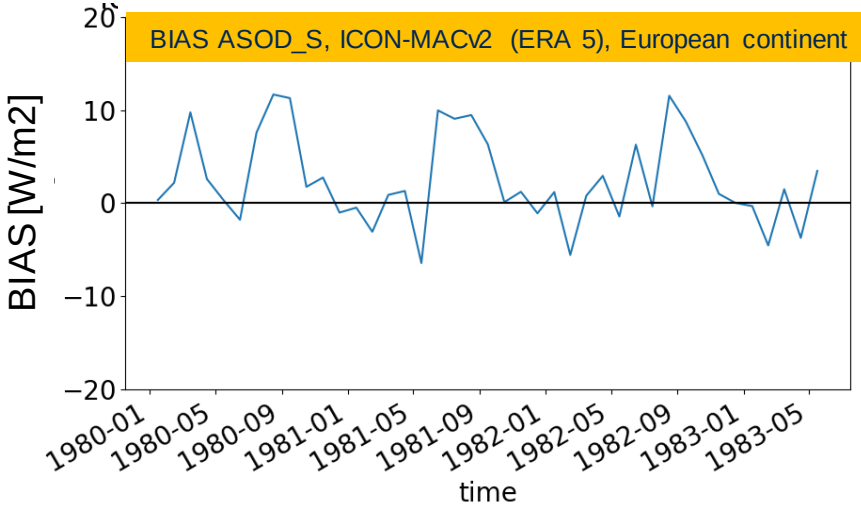


BIAS ASOD_S, COSMO-MAC (ERA 5)



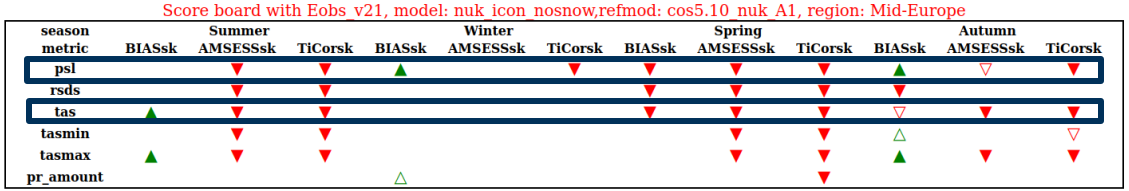


BIAS ASOD_S, ICON-MACv2 (ERA 5), European continent



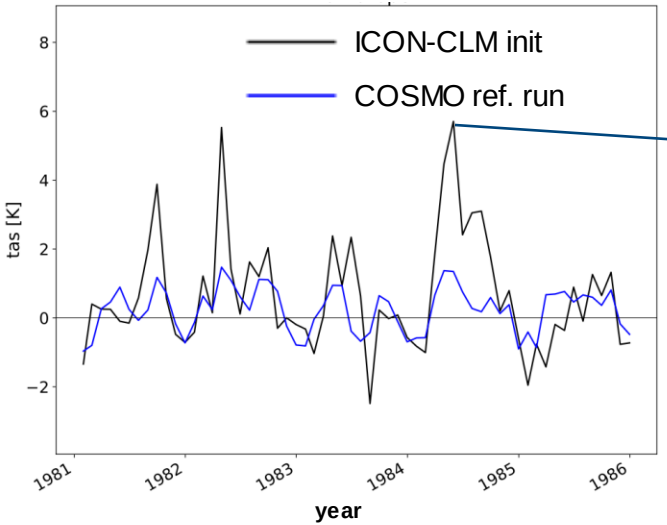
Transient aerosols (MACv2 + volcanoes) implemented in ICON

Part B) Atmospheric transport – evaluation of initial ICON-CLM runs

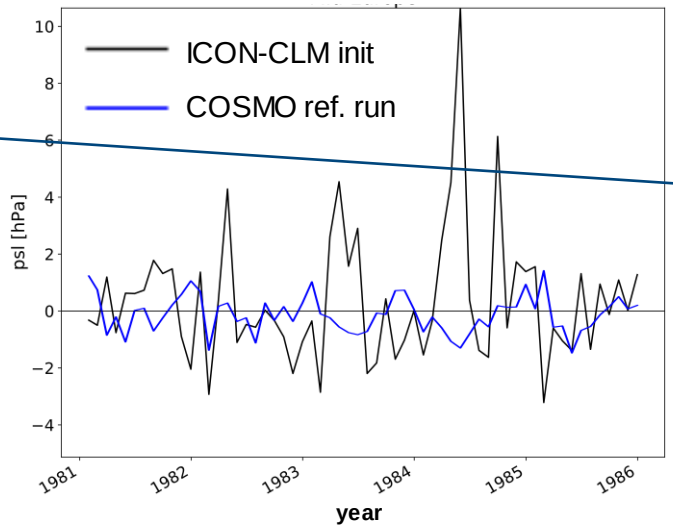


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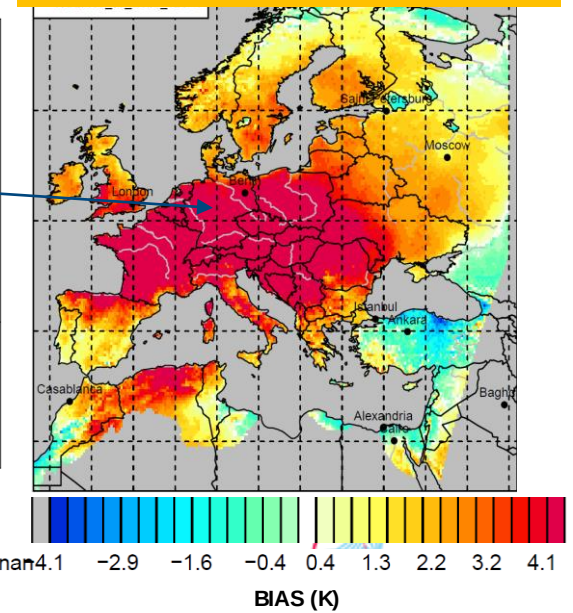
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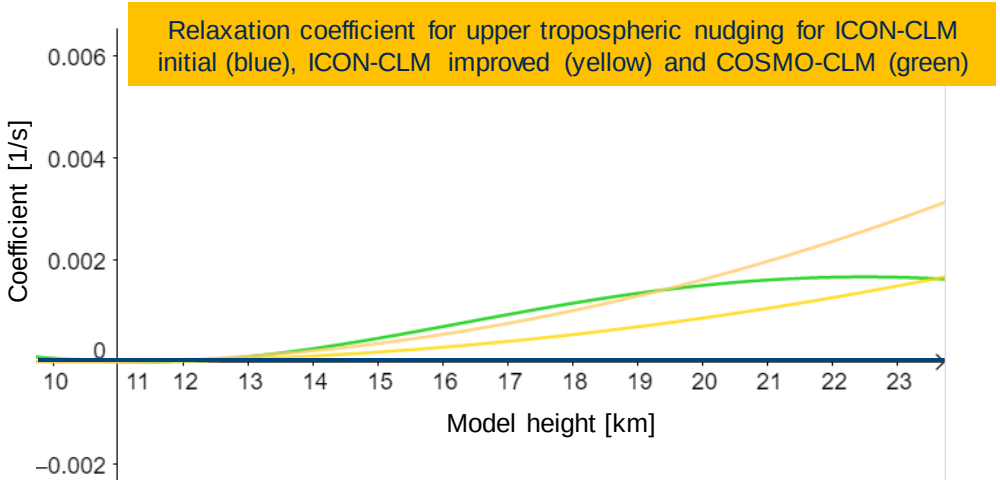
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- **impact of relaxation on troposphere expected to be high for increased tropospheric height**



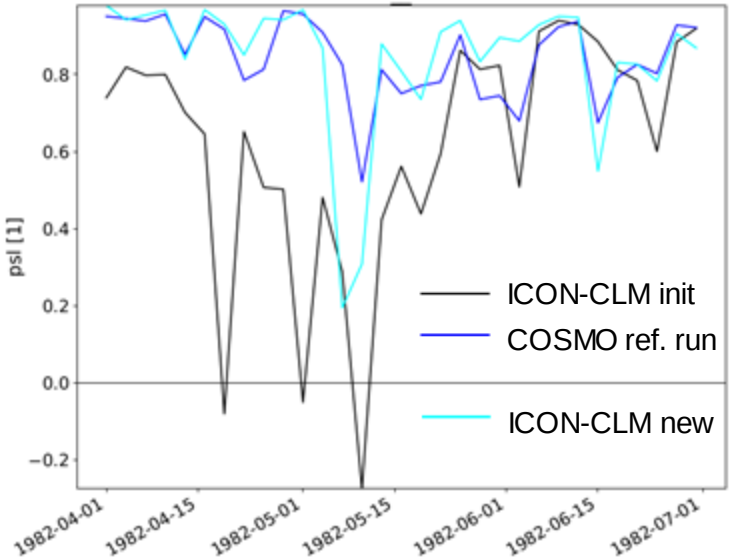
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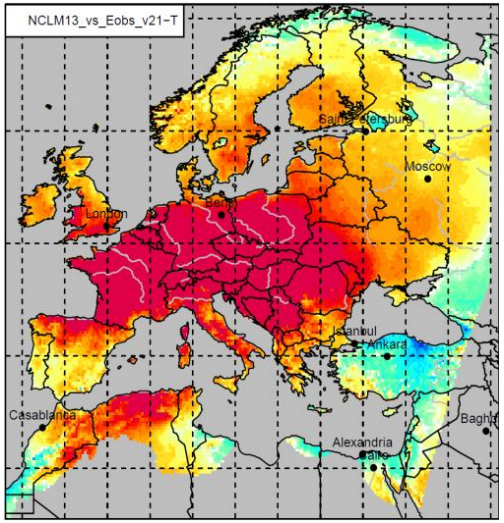
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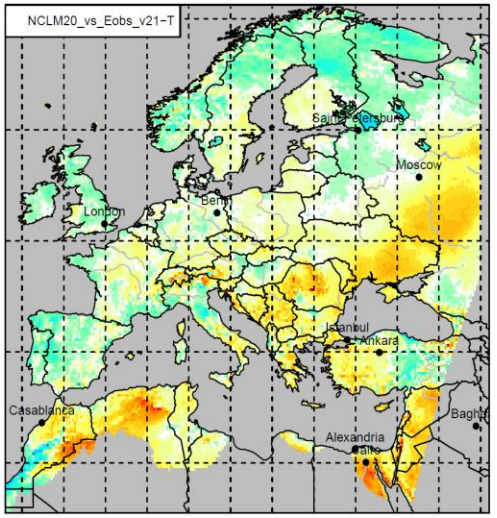
Correlation pattern, MidEurope (EObsv21)



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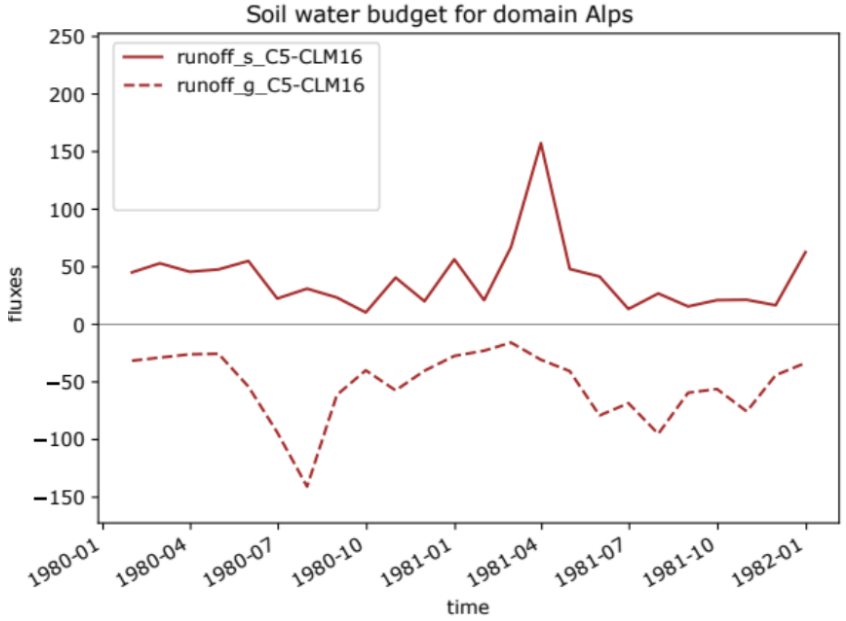
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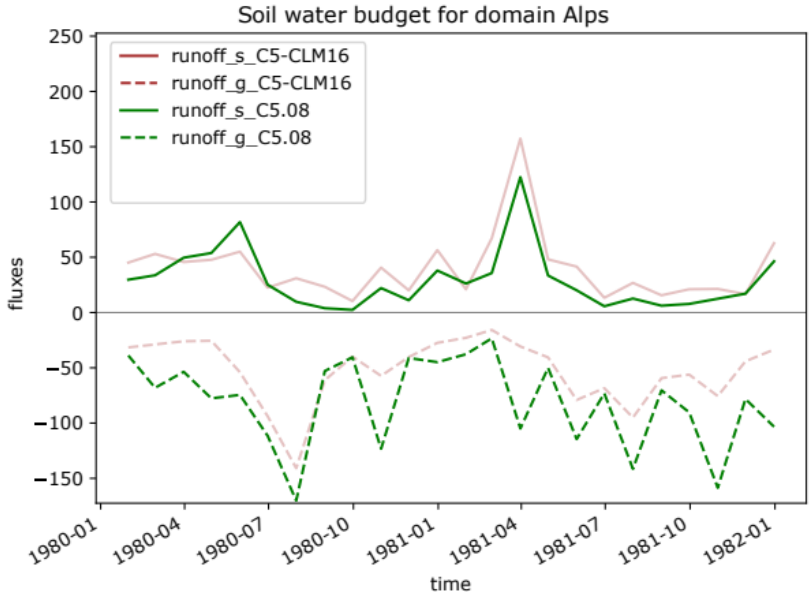
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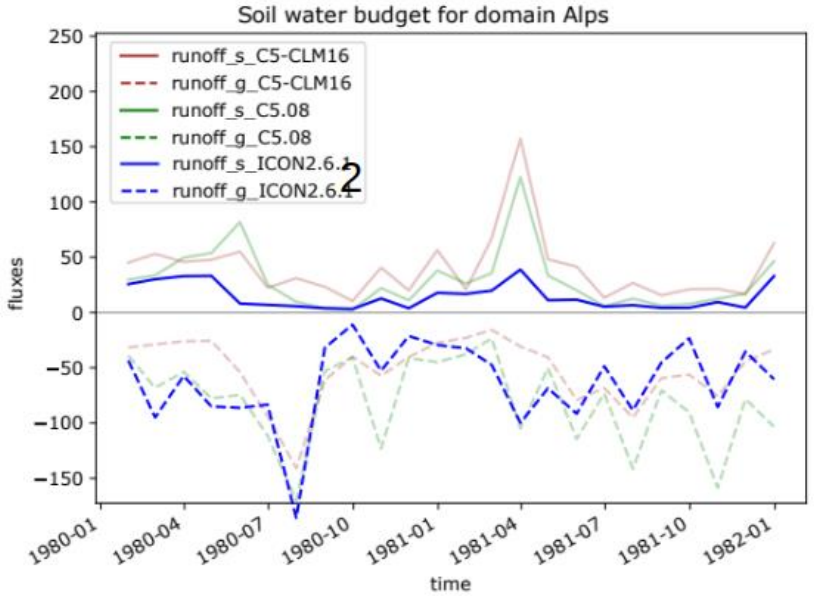
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What is the characteristics of all fluxes and source terms related to the mass content of water in soil? Are there artificial sources and sinks?

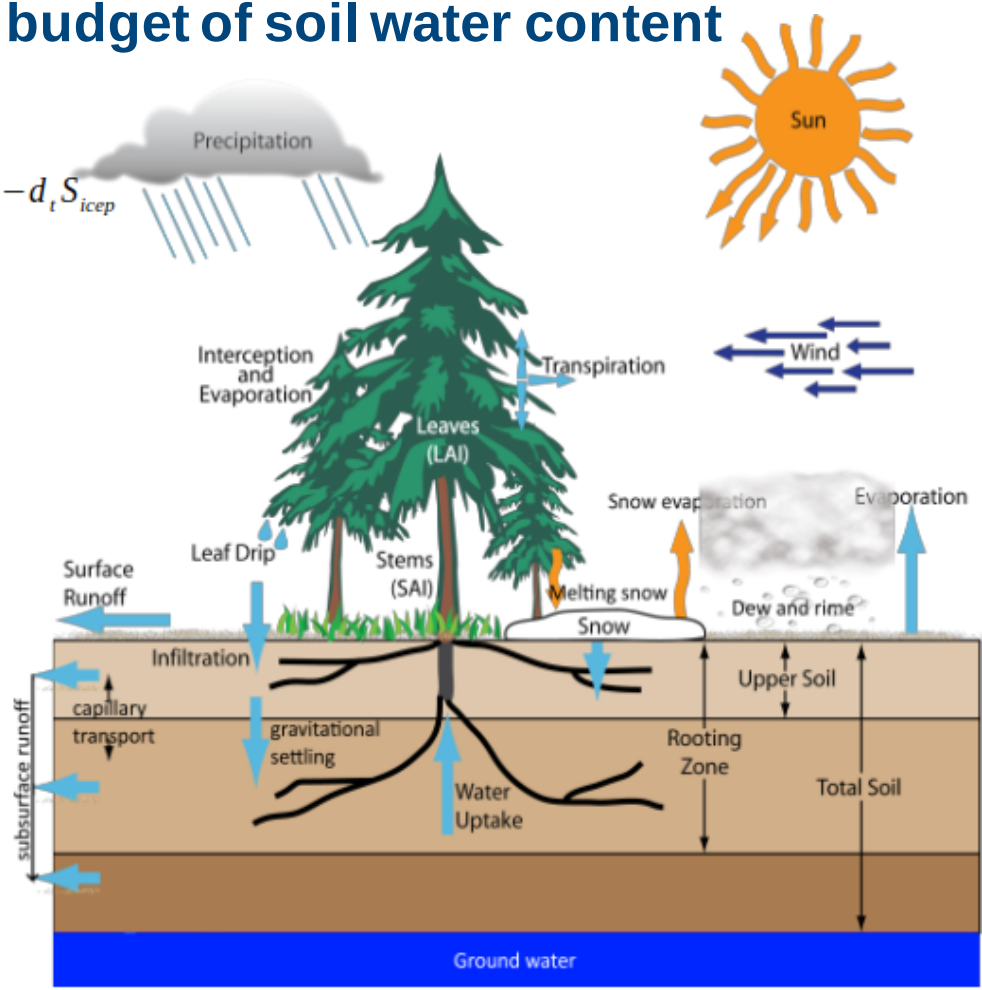


Part C) Transport along the rivers – budget of soil water content

$$BSW = d_t P_r + d_t P_s - d_t R_g - d_t R_s + d_t E_{grd} + d_t E_{snw} - d_t S_{snow} - d_t S_{icep}$$

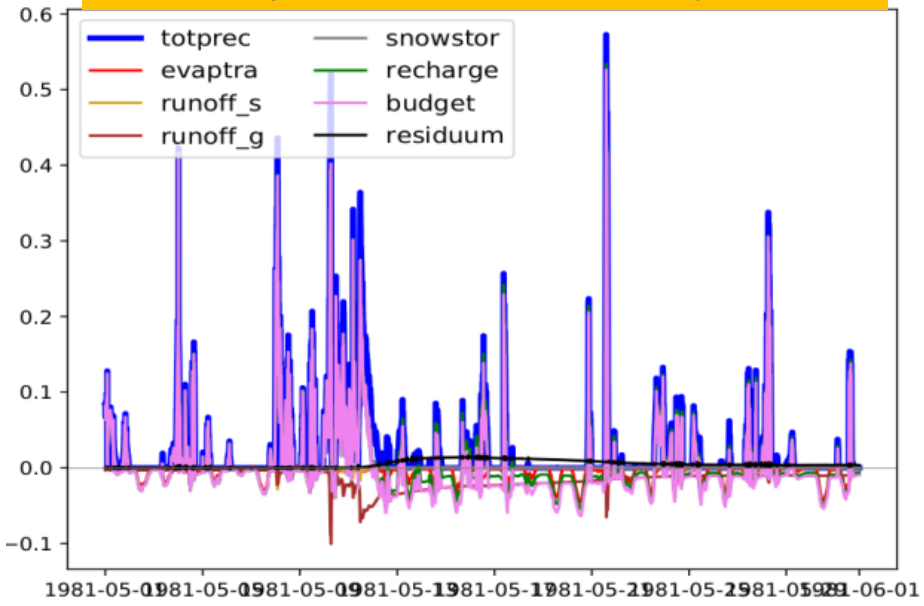
$$RC = \frac{\partial q_{sw}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial q_{si}}{\partial t}$$

- P_r / P_s: Sedimentation flux of liquid / frozen hydrometeors
- R_g / R_s: Surface / subsurface runoff flux
- E_{grd} / E_{snw}: Evaporation flux over ground / snow
- S_{snow}: Snow storage (accu./melt.)
- S_{icep}: Interception water storage
- q_{sw}, q_{si}: Liquid / frozen Soil water content
- $RC - BSW = R$: Residuum of soil water budget (recharge - budget_soil_water)

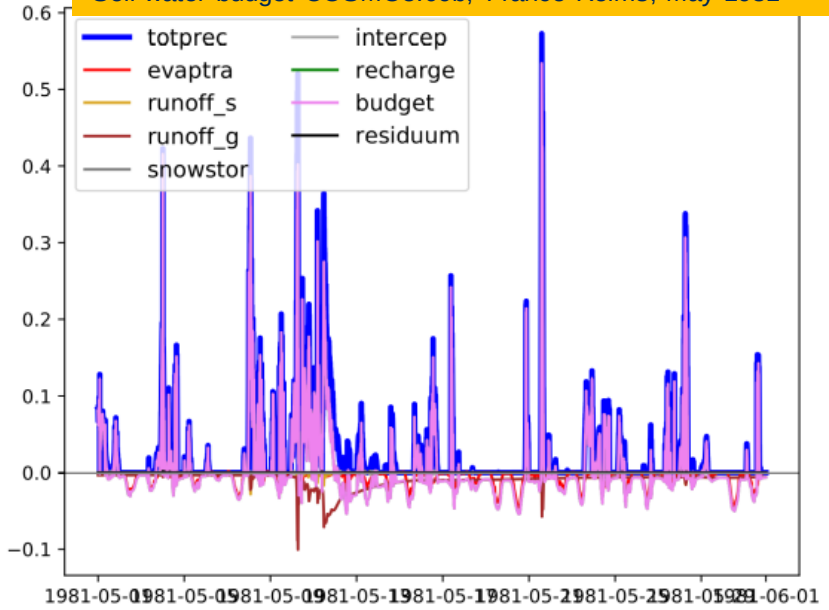


Part C) Transport along the rivers – closed soil water budget

Soil water budget COSMO5.09, France Reims, May 1981



Soil water budget COSMO5.09b, France Reims, May 1981



Runoff re-calculation: hydrologically active layers only + lower boundary dispersive to gravitational settling

ICON 2.6.4
+
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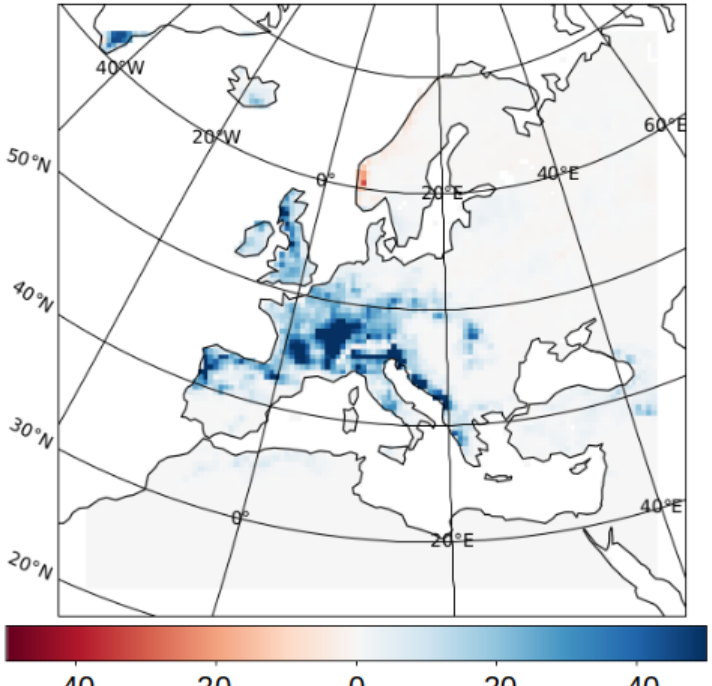
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Consolidated runoff calculation + consolidated aggregation of weighted aggregations over tiles

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Soil water budget ICON-release 2.6.3, March 1979



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