Verification Overview
(based on CP activity)

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Standard Verification on Common Area- 7km COSMO models and IFS-ECMWF, ICON and ICON-EU
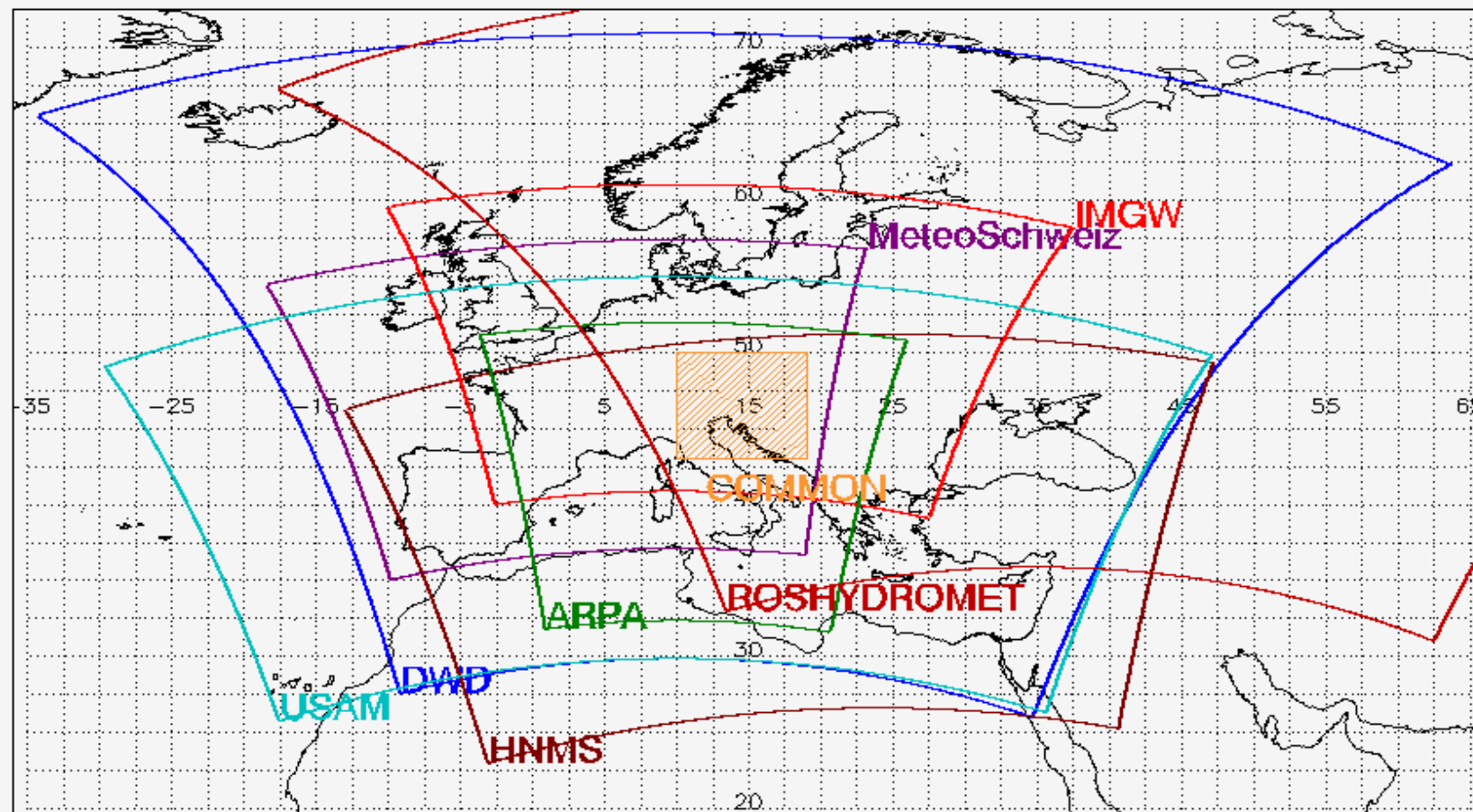
Standard Verification on Common Area

- **Period: JJA 2015, SON 2015, DJF 2015/2016, MAM 2016**
- **Run: 00 UTC run**
- **Continuous parameters - T2m, Td2m, Mslp, Wspeed, TCC**
  - Scores : ME, RMSE
  - Forecasts Step: every 3 hours
- **Dichotomous parameters – Precipitation (15km radius method):**
  - Scores: FBI-POD-FAR-TS with <u>Performance Diagram</u>
  - Cumulating: 6h and 24h
  - Thresholds: 0.2, 2, 5, 10

Weather elements for ComA

June 2015-May2016

JJA : above average warm and dry- some convective precipitation

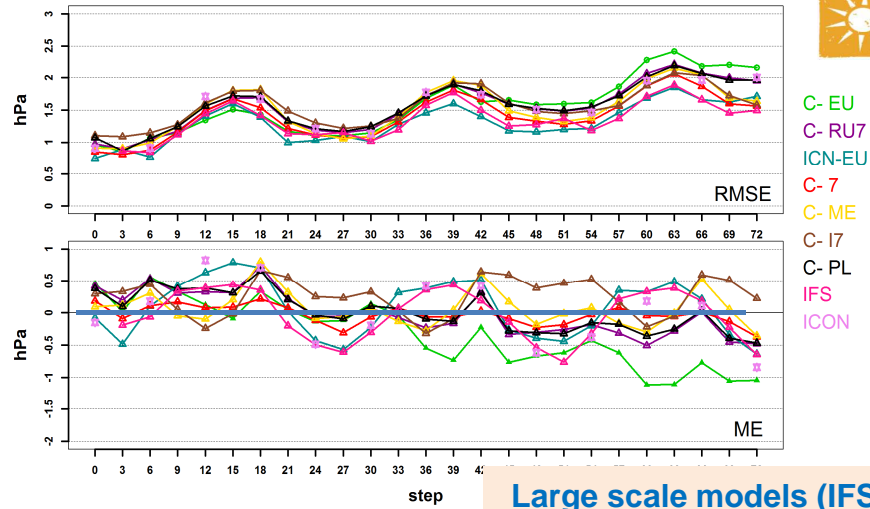**SON**: alteration of warm and dry regime- days with rainfall

DJF : Mild winter with cooler days and rain the second half

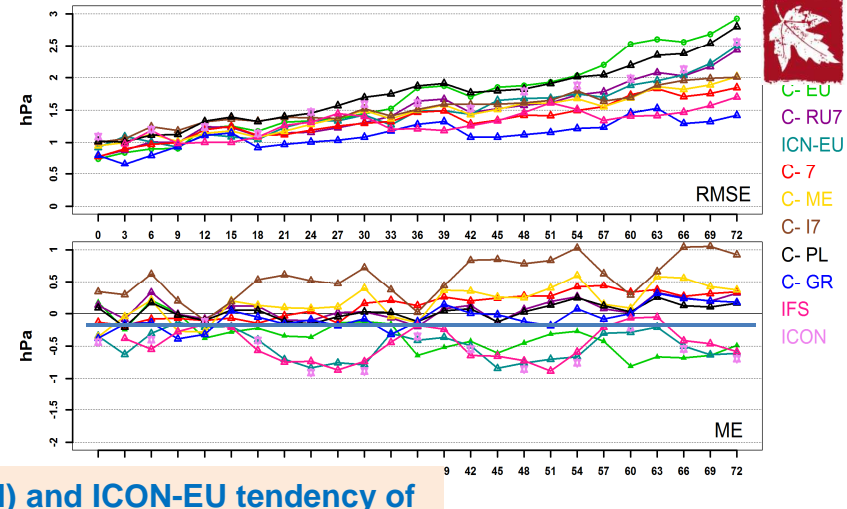**MAM**: alteration of warm and dry regime- days with rainfall

Generally temperatures above average.

MSLP

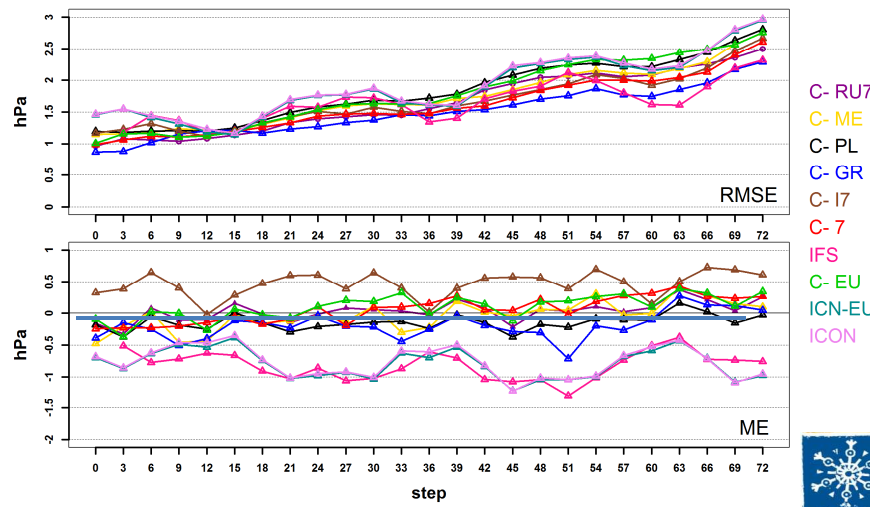Mean Sea Level Pressure JJA 2015 Common Area, All Stations

RMSE

ME

Legend:
- C- EU
- C- RU7
- ICN-EU
- C- 7
- C- ME
- C- I7
- C- PL
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Mean Sea Level Pressure SON 2015 Common Area, All Stations

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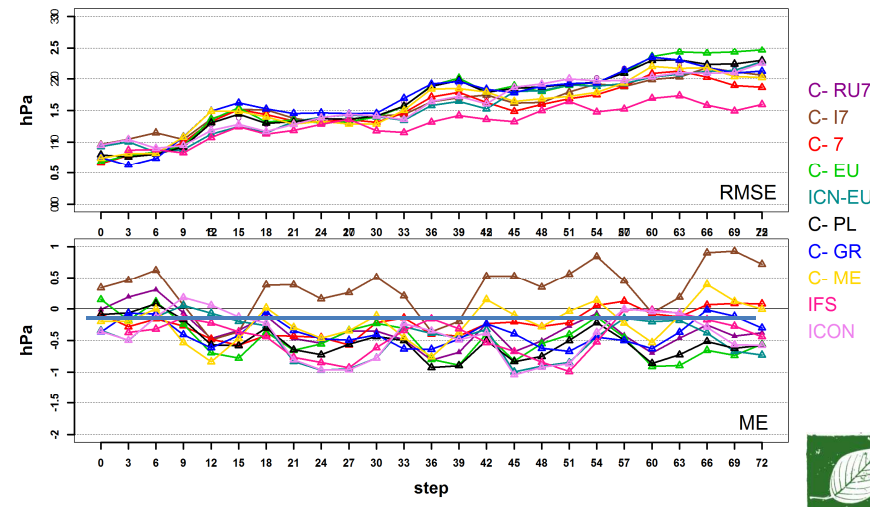- C- 7
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Large scale models (IFS-ICON) and ICON-EU tendency of underestimation almost identical bias values, but IFS lower RMSE. JJA RMSE diurnal cycle. RMSE increases with time lead.
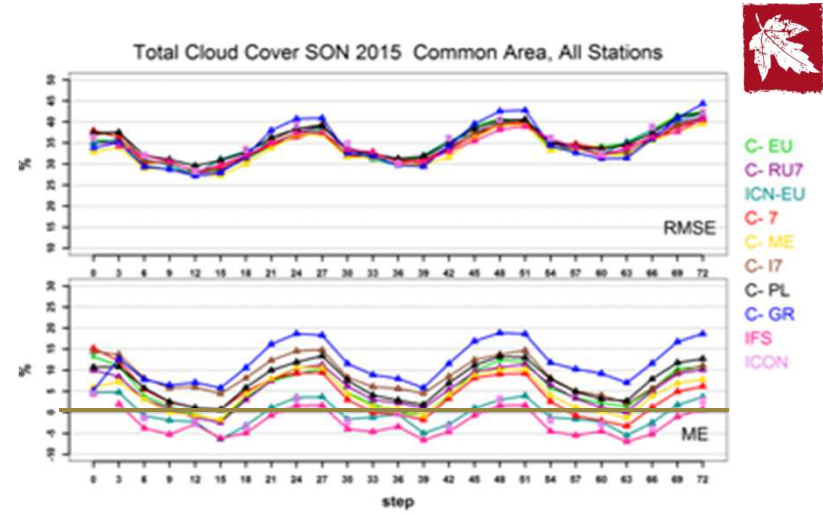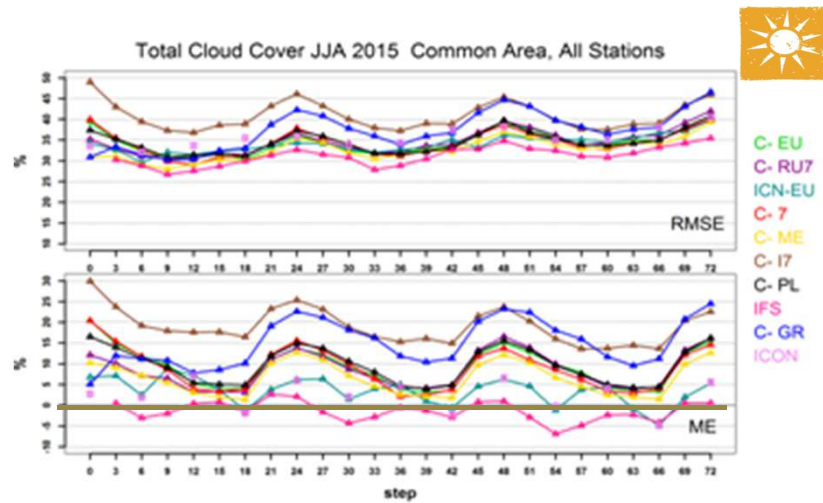
Mean Sea Level Pressure DJF 2016 Common Area, All Stations

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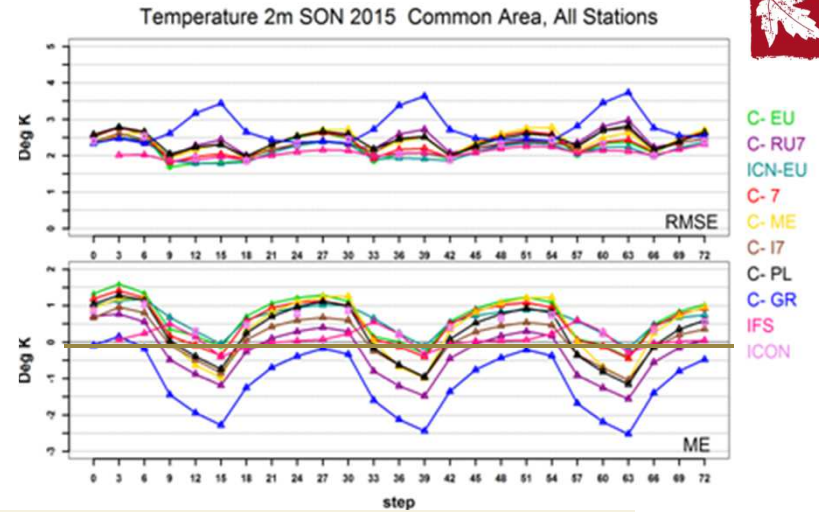- C- 7
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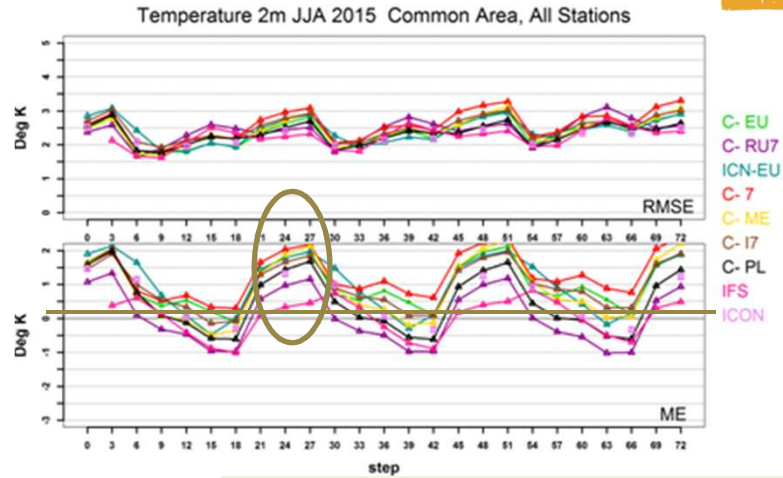- C- GR
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Total Cloud Cover


COSMO models follow similar cycle. Overestimation especially at night. IFS, ICON, ICON-EU lower bias

Temperature 2m

Temperature 2m JJA 2015 Common Area, All Stations

Temperature 2m SON 2015 Common Area, All Stations
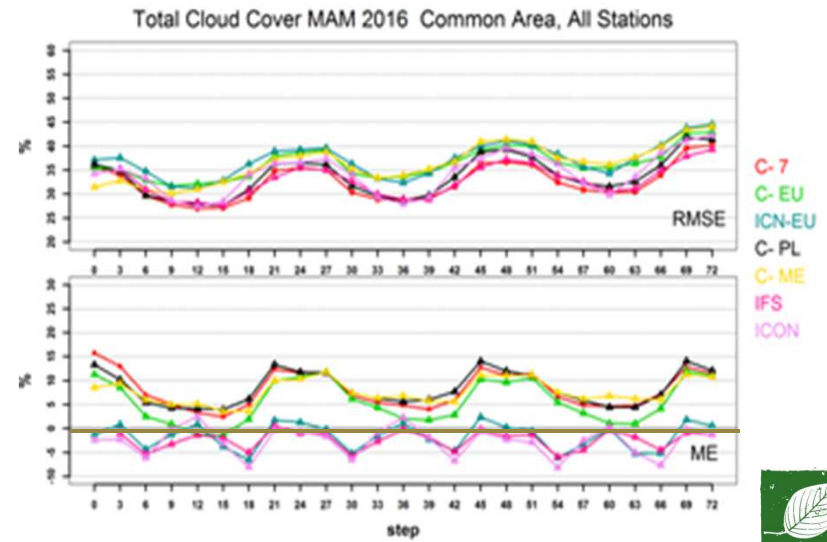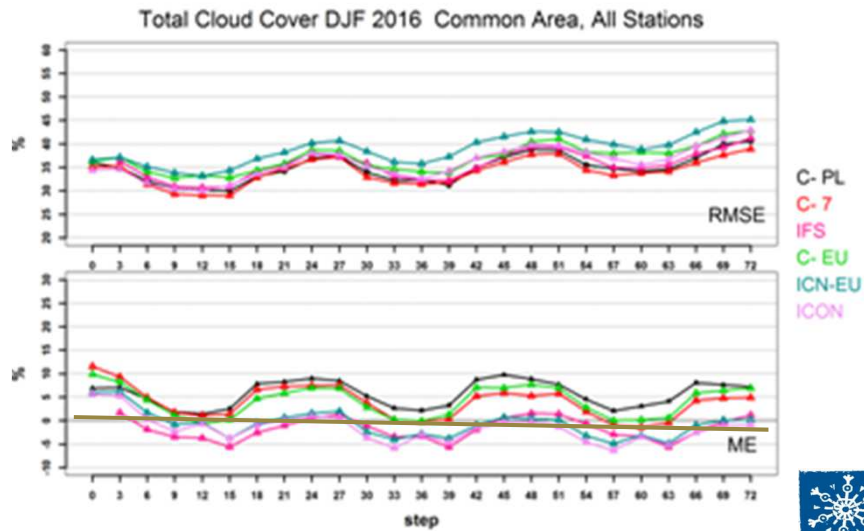
Clear bias diurnal variability with **overstimation at night** and **understimation in the day**. JJA high bias at night and less negative in the day. (warm and dry season) .

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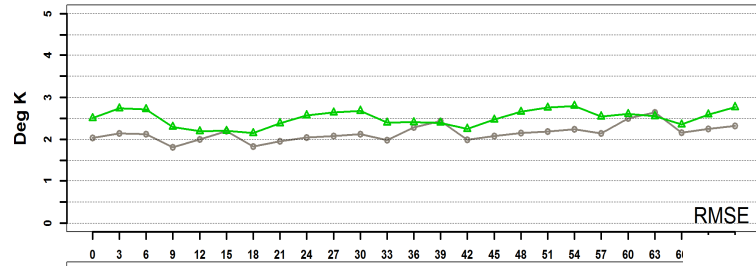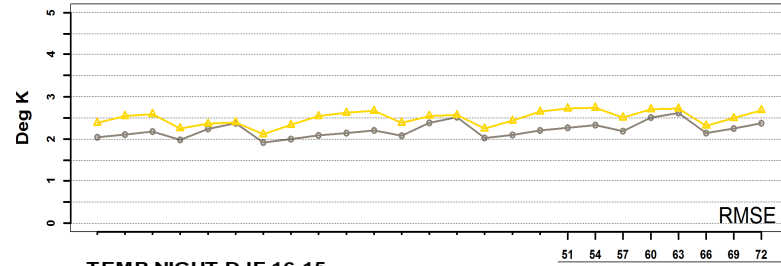
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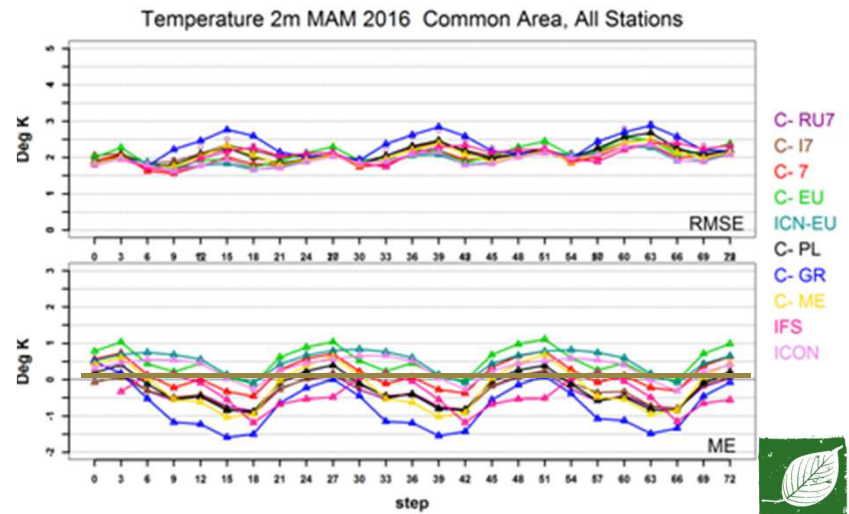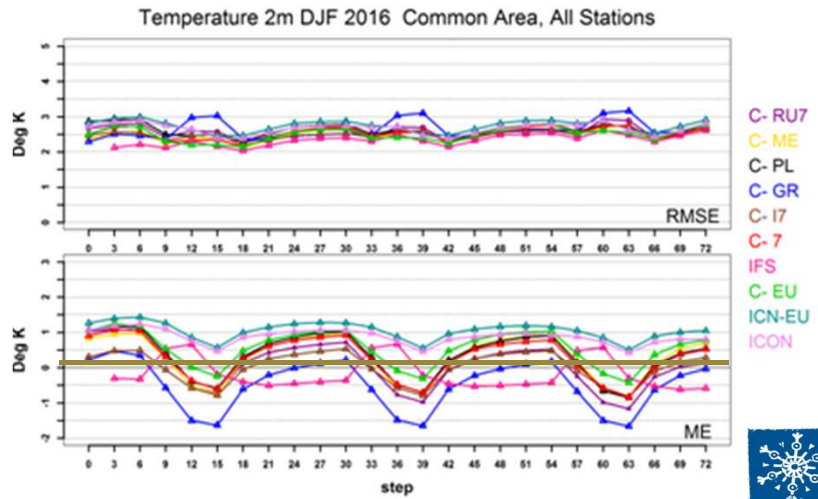
2m Temp DJF 16 and 15

Temperature 2m Comparison DJF 15-16 Common Area, C- EU

Deg K

RMSE   15

Temperature 2m Comparison DJF 15-16 Common Area, C- ME

Deg K

RMSE   15
        16

TEMP NIGHT DJF 16-15

Deg K

METREND

step
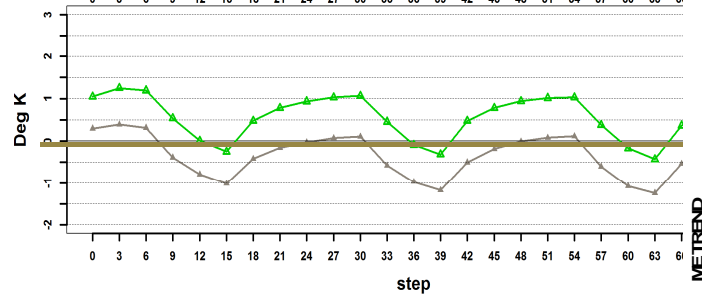
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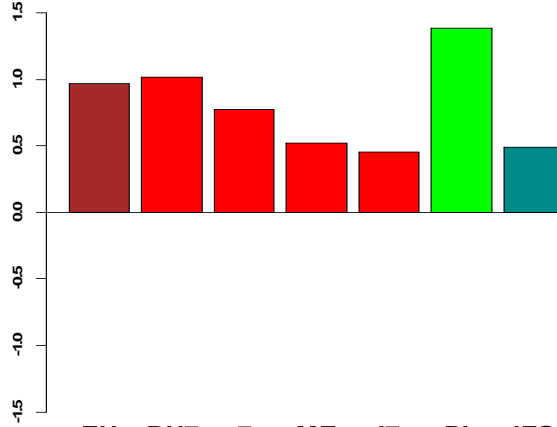
■ (blue)	<-0.5
■ (teal)	-0.5--0.1
■ (green)	-0.1-0.1
■ (red)	0.1-0.5
■ (dark red)	>0.5

EU   RU7   7   ME   I7   PL   IFS

Temperature 2m Comparison DJF 15-16 Common Area, C

Deg K

RMSE   15
        16

Deg K

ME

step

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RMSE   15
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WIND SPEED 10m

Wind Speed 10m JJA 2015 Common Area, All Stations

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ICON

Wind Speed 10m SON 2015 Common Area, All Stations

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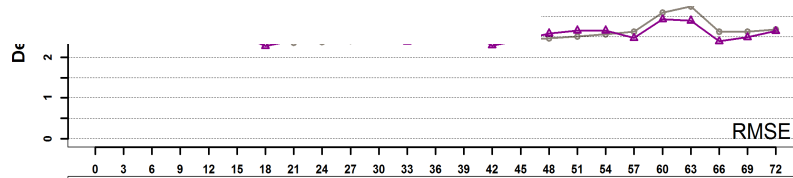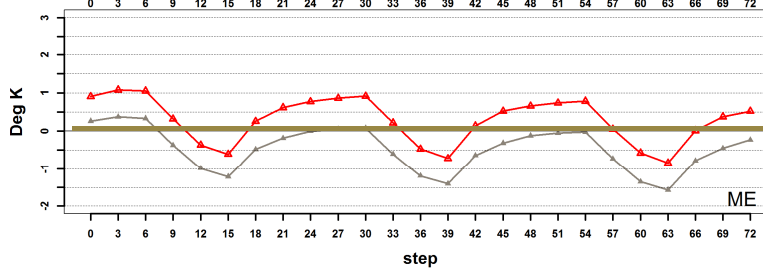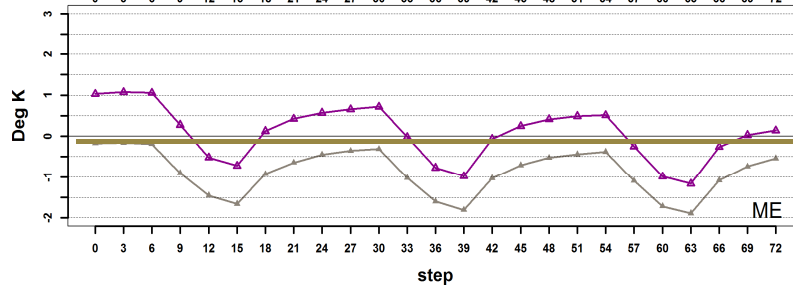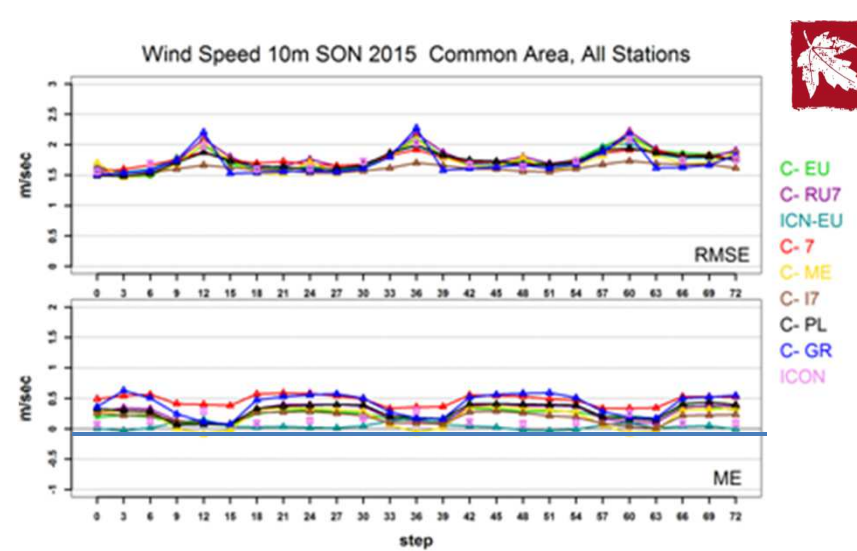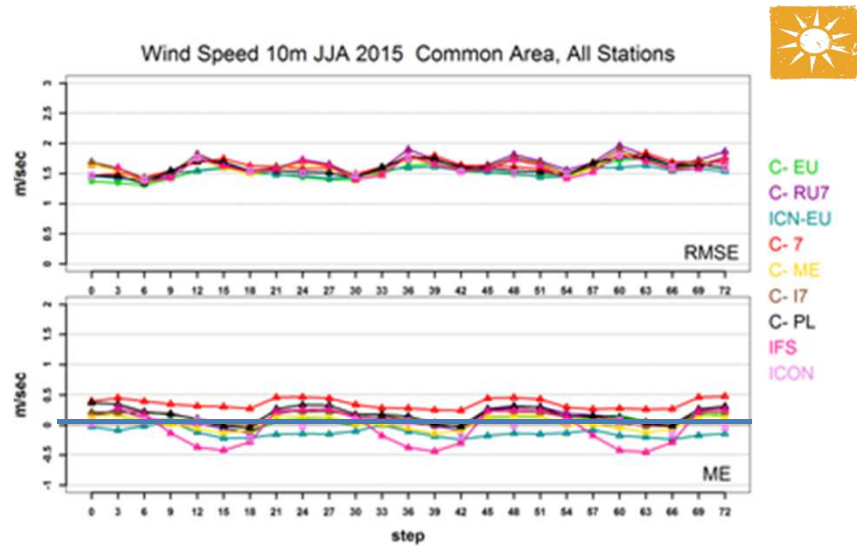
Minimum of diurnal cycle. Tendency of overestimation especially at night

WS NIGHT DJF 16-15

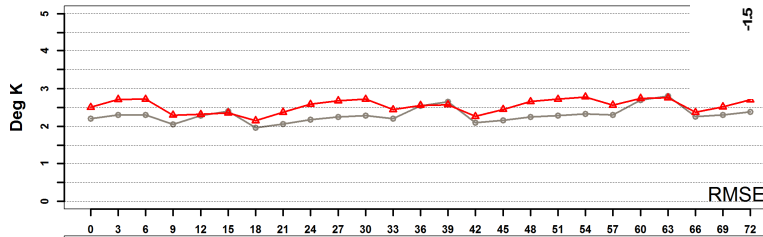Wind Speed 10m DJF 2016 Common Area, All Stations

RMSE TREND

■ (blue)	<-0.2
■ (teal)	-0.2--0.1
■ (green)	-0.1-0.1
■ (red)	0.1-0.2
■ (brown)	>0.2

EU RU7 7 ME I7 PL IFS GR

JJA2015-CA: Precipitation in 6h - 0.2mm threshold

DJF2016-CA: Precipitation in 6h - 0.2mm threshold
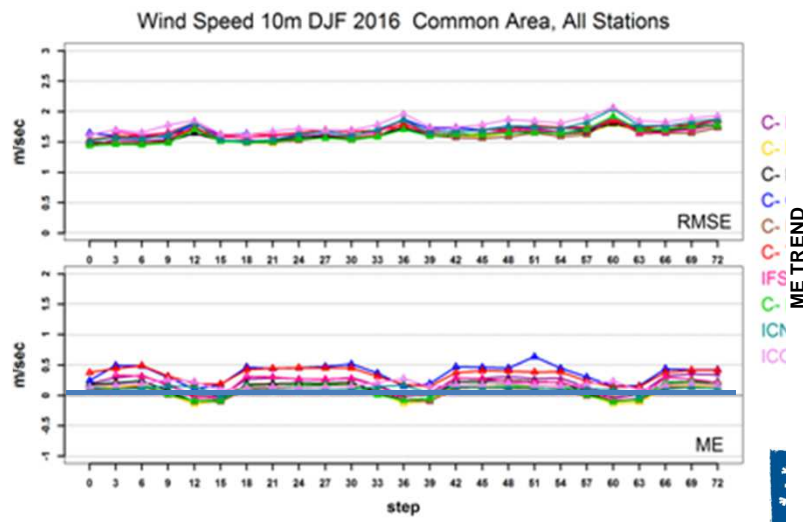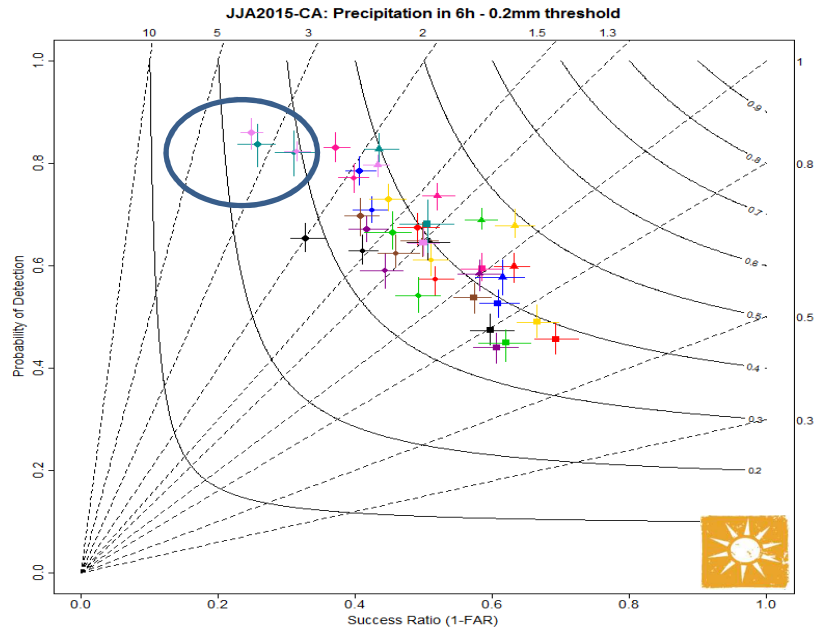
JJA and DJF different : JJA clear FBI diurnal cycle with overestimation especially 12h, but underestimation at 24h. DJF models grouped together with FBI >1. ICON and ICON-EU FBI >>1 POD >>0

6h > 0.2mm

FORECAST DAY 1
- COSMO-7 + 06
- COSMO-7 + 12
- COSMO-7 + 18
- COSMO-7 + 24
- COSMO-GR + 06
- COSMO-GR + 12
- COSMO-GR + 18
- COSMO-GR + 24
- COSMO-I7 + 06
- COSMO-I7 + 12
- COSMO-I7 + 18
- COSMO-I7 + 24
- COSMO-ME + 06
- COSMO-ME + 12
- COSMO-ME + 18
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- COSMO-PL + 24
- ECMWF-IFS + 06
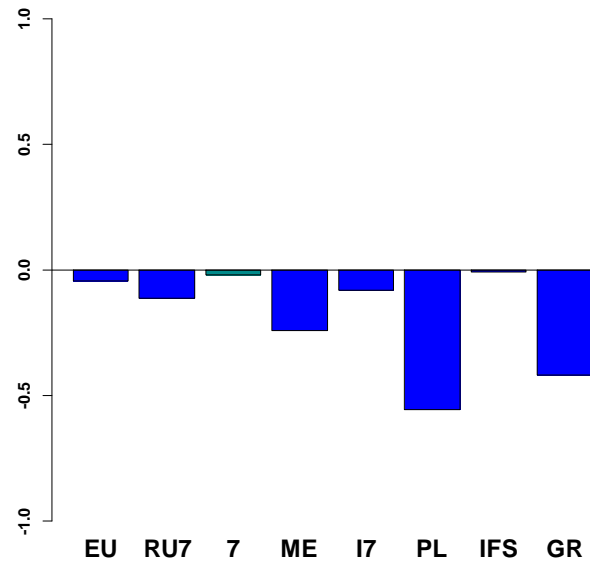- ECMWF-IFS + 12
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- COSMO-EU + 06
- COSMO-EU + 12
- COSMO-EU + 18
- COSMO-EU + 24
- ICN-EU + 06
- ICN-EU + 12
- ICN-EU + 18
- ICN-EU + 24
- ICON + 06
- ICON + 12
- ICON + 18
- ICON + 24

SON2015-CA: Precipitation in 6h - 0.2mm threshold

6h >0.2mm

SON2015-CA: Precipitation in 6h - 5mm threshold

6h >5mm

SON

With increasing Threshold, FBI decreases. TS differences among hours increase. IFS, ICON, ICON-EU difference from other models decreases with threshold
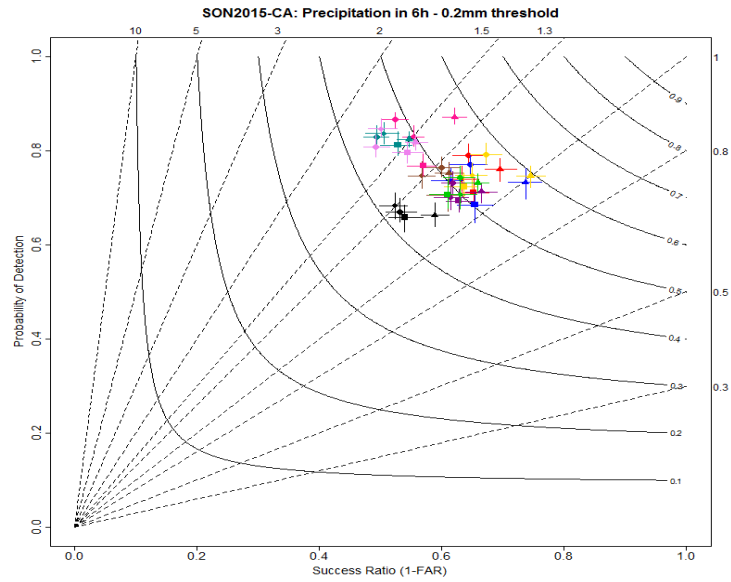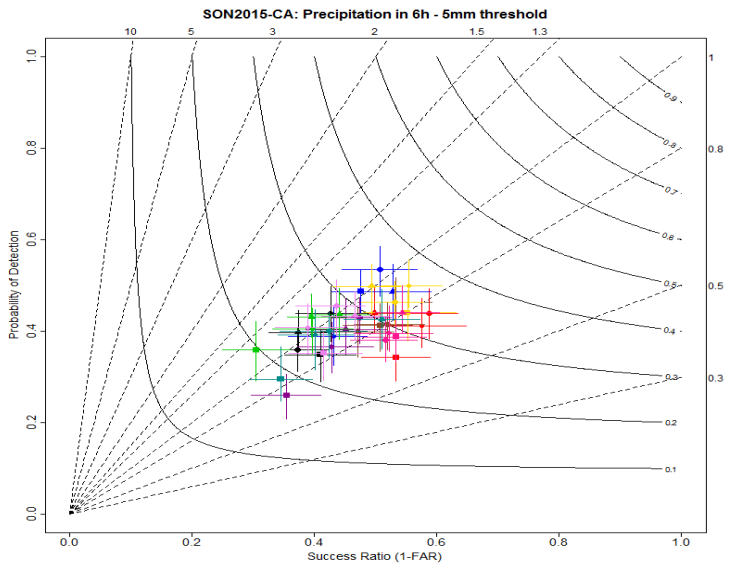
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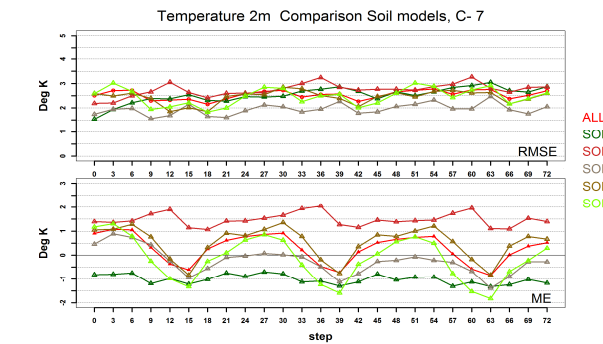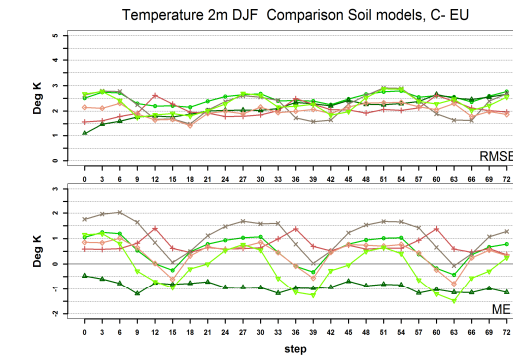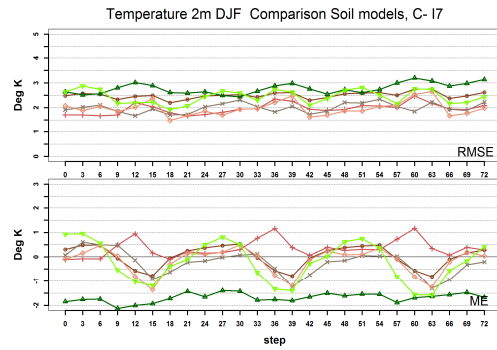- ■ ICON + 24
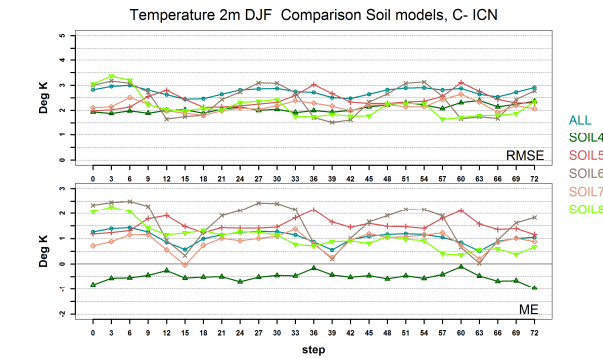
Conditional Verification tests 2015-2016 (T2m Td2m)

Reasoning: The soil representation in the model involves the fluxes of energy and water at the surface and **determines the exchange of heat, moisture and momentum between the surface and the atmosphere**. Study th

Soil Types (used in COSMO model)	
Soil Type 1	Ice
Soil Type 2	Rock
Soil Type 3	Sand
Soil Type 4	Sandy Loam
Soil Type 5	Loam
Soil Type 6	Clay loam
Soil Type 7	Clay
Soil Type 8	Peat
Soil Type 9	Sea water
Soil Type 10	Sea Ice

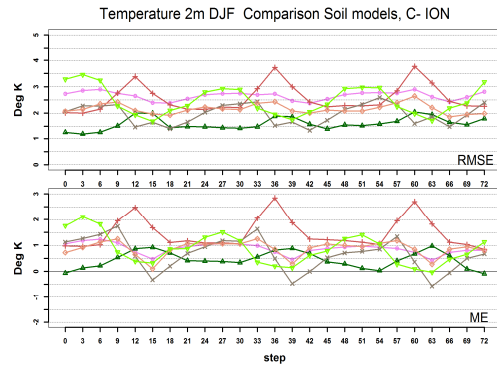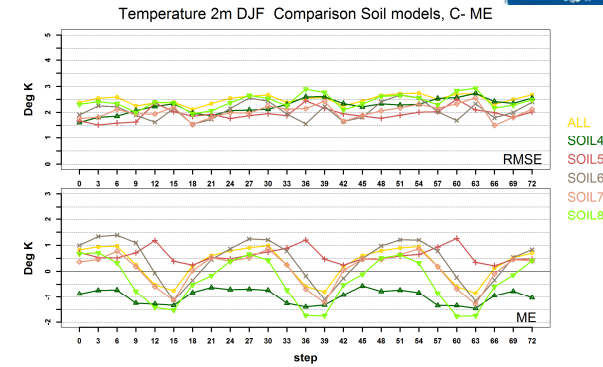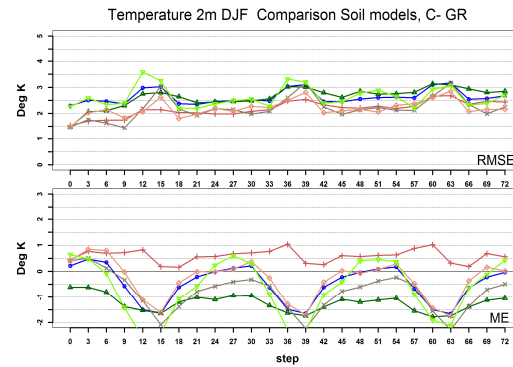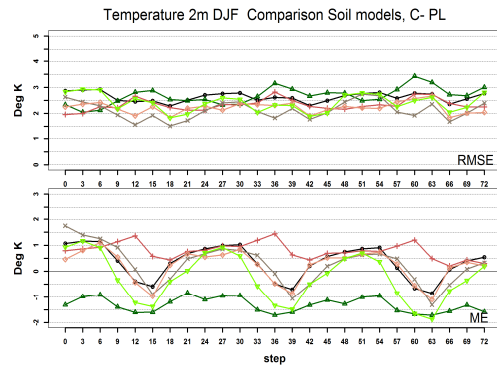|	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
soil type	ice	rock	sand	sandy loam	loam	loamy clay	clay	peat
volume of voids w_{PV} [1]	-	-	0.364	0.445	0.455	0.475	0.507	0.863
field capacity w_{FC} [1]	-	-	0.196	0.260	0.340	0.370	0.463	0.763
permanent wilting point w_{PWP} [1]	-	-	0.042	0.100	0.110	0.185	0.257	0.265
air dryness point w_{ADP} [1]	-	-	0.012	0.030	0.035	0.060	0.065	0.098
minimum infiltration rate I_{K2} [kg/(m² s)]	-	-	0.0035	0.0023	0.0010	0.0006	0.0001	0.0002
hydraulic diffusivity parameter D_0 [10^{-9} m²/s]	-	-	18400	3460	3570	1180	442	106
hydraulic diffusivity parameter D_1 [1]	-	-	-8.45	-9.47	-7.44	-7.76	-6.74	-5.97
hydraulic conductivity parameter K_0 [10^{-9} m/s]	-	-	47900	9430	5310	764	17	58
hydraulic conductivity parameter K_1 [1]	-	-	-19.27	-20.86	-19.66	-18.52	-16.32	-16.48
heat capacity $\rho_0 c_0$ [10^6 J/(m³ K)]	1.92	2.10	1.28	1.35	1.42	1.50	1.63	0.58
heat conductivity λ_0 [W/(K m)]	2.26	2.41	0.30	0.28	0.25	0.21	0.18	0.06
$\Delta\lambda$ [W/(K m)]	0.0	0.0	2.40	2.40	1.58	1.55	1.50	0.50
exponent B [1]	1.0	1.0	3.5	4.8	6.1	8.6	10.0	9.0

- After a preliminary analysis, it represented from the 97 Com

- For the purpose of this experiment, one only station was chosen to represent each category.(station with same soil type for all participating models)

- For Soil Type 5 that is the most populated, a stratification based on the station height (<200m, >800m) is applied.

2m T -All models – All Soil Types

Temperature 2m DJF Comparison Soil models, C- PL

Temperature 2m DJF Comparison Soil models, C- GR

Temperature 2m DJF Comparison Soil models, C- ME

Temperature 2m DJF Comparison Soil models, C- ION

Temperature 2m DJF Comparison Soil models, C- RU7

Temperature 2m DJF Comparison Soil models, C- ICN

Temperature 2m DJF Comparison Soil models, C- I7

Temperature 2m DJF Comparison Soil models, C- EU

Temperature 2m Comparison Soil models, C- 7

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2m Dew T -All models – All Soil Types

Dew Point Temperature 2m Comparison Soil models MAM C- PL

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Operational Verification at DWD
Comparison
ICON-EU vs. COSMO-EU

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Percentage Difference of RMSE $(PD_{RMSE}$ in [%])

$$PD_{RMSE} = \frac{(RMSE_{COSMO-EU} - RMSE_{ICON-EU}) * 100}{(RMSE_{COSMO-EU} + RMSE_{ICON-EU}) * 0.5}$$

Model names in some figures		
ieu_icon	=	ICON-EU
lme_icon	=	COSMO-EU

	+	ICON-EU	better
	-	ICON-EU	worse

Time Series of Percentage Difference of RMSE

DD_10M

ICON-EU

■ better
■ worse

FF_10M

T_2M

Percentage difference RMSE [%]
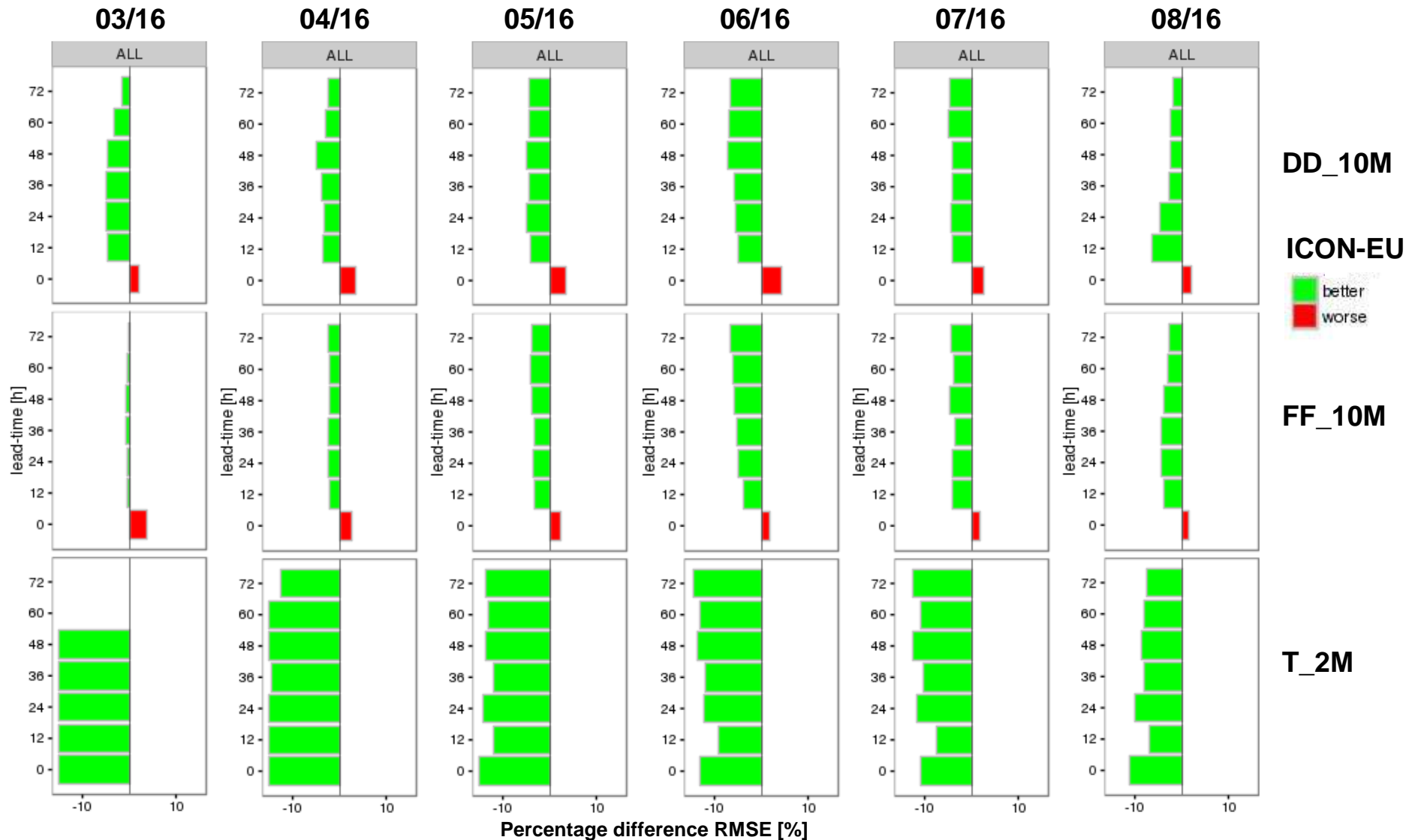
Spatial and day/night variation of ∆RMSE of T_2m (May 2016)

∆RMSE (ICON-EU – COSMO-EU)

+ 12 h

+ 24 h

day

night

∆RMSE (ICON-EU – COSMO-EU)
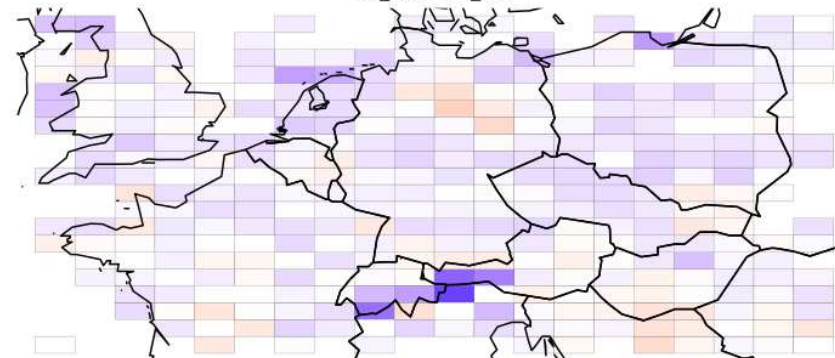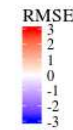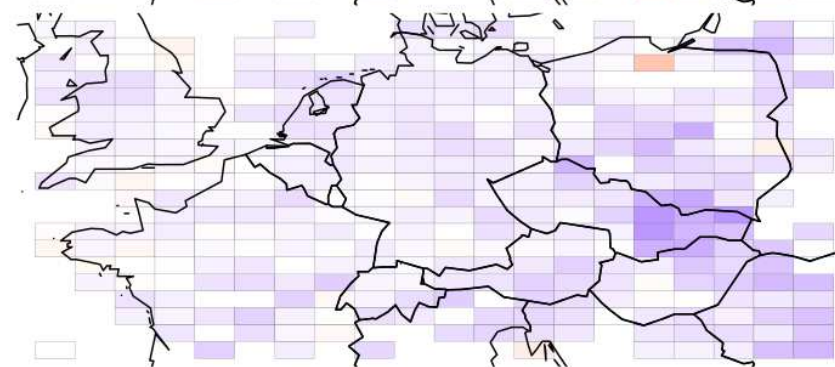
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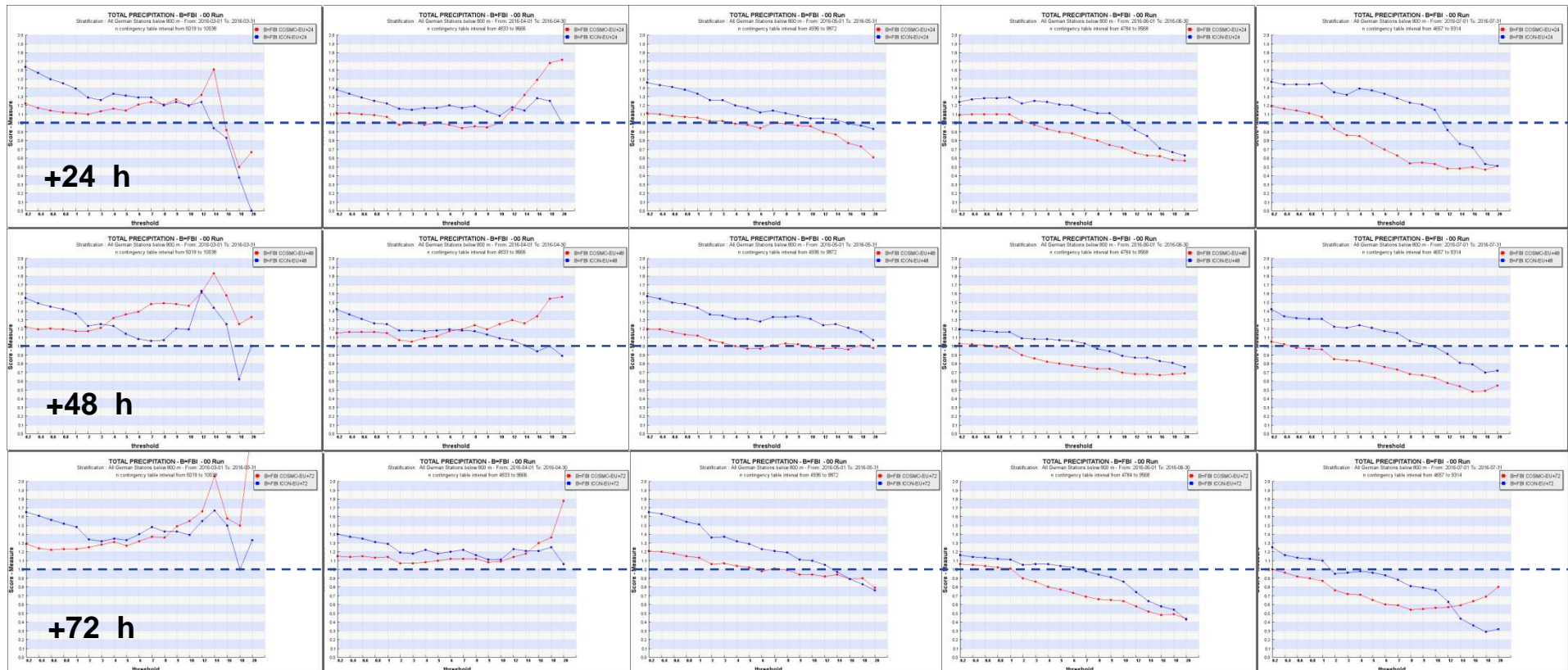
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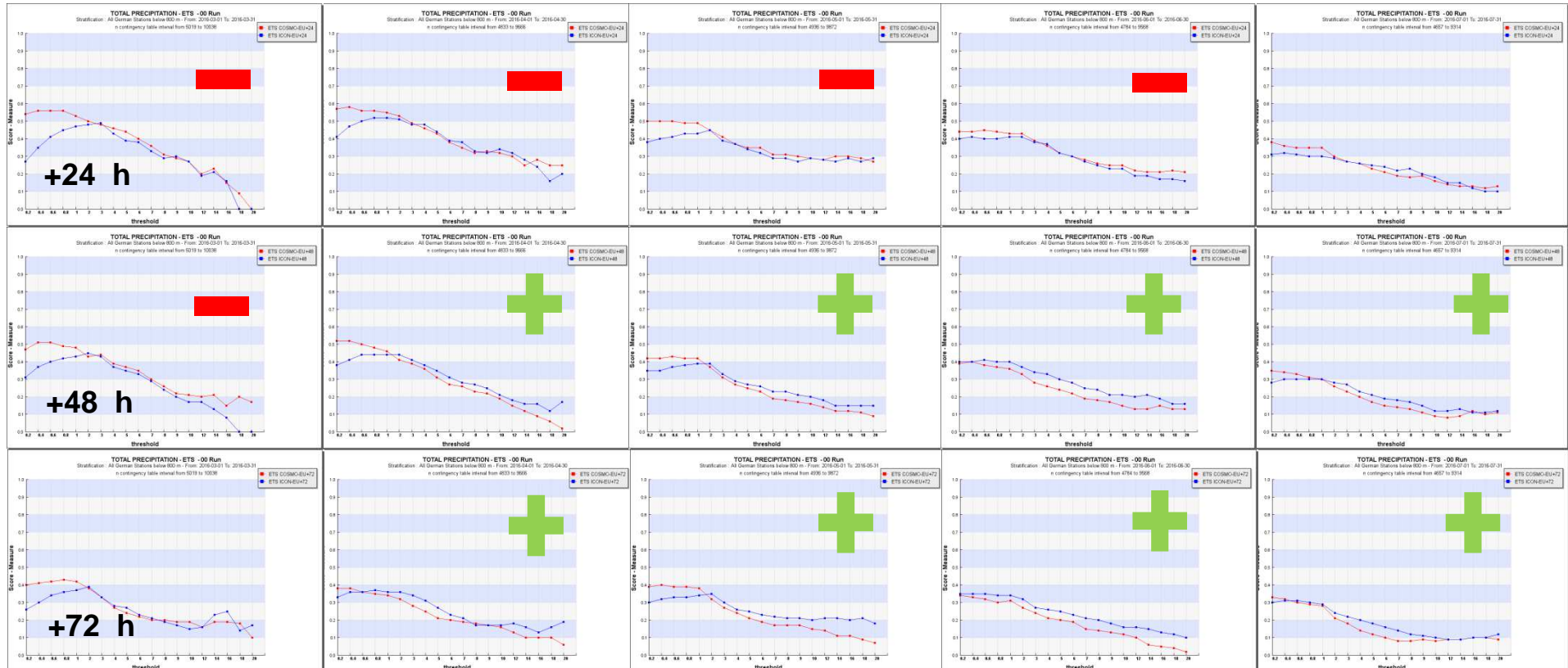
Upper-air Verification

Time Series of Percentage Difference of RMSE

ICON-EU
- better (green)
- worse (red)

Geop.

Rel. H.

Temp.

Wind Direction

Wind Speed

Percentage difference RMSE [%]
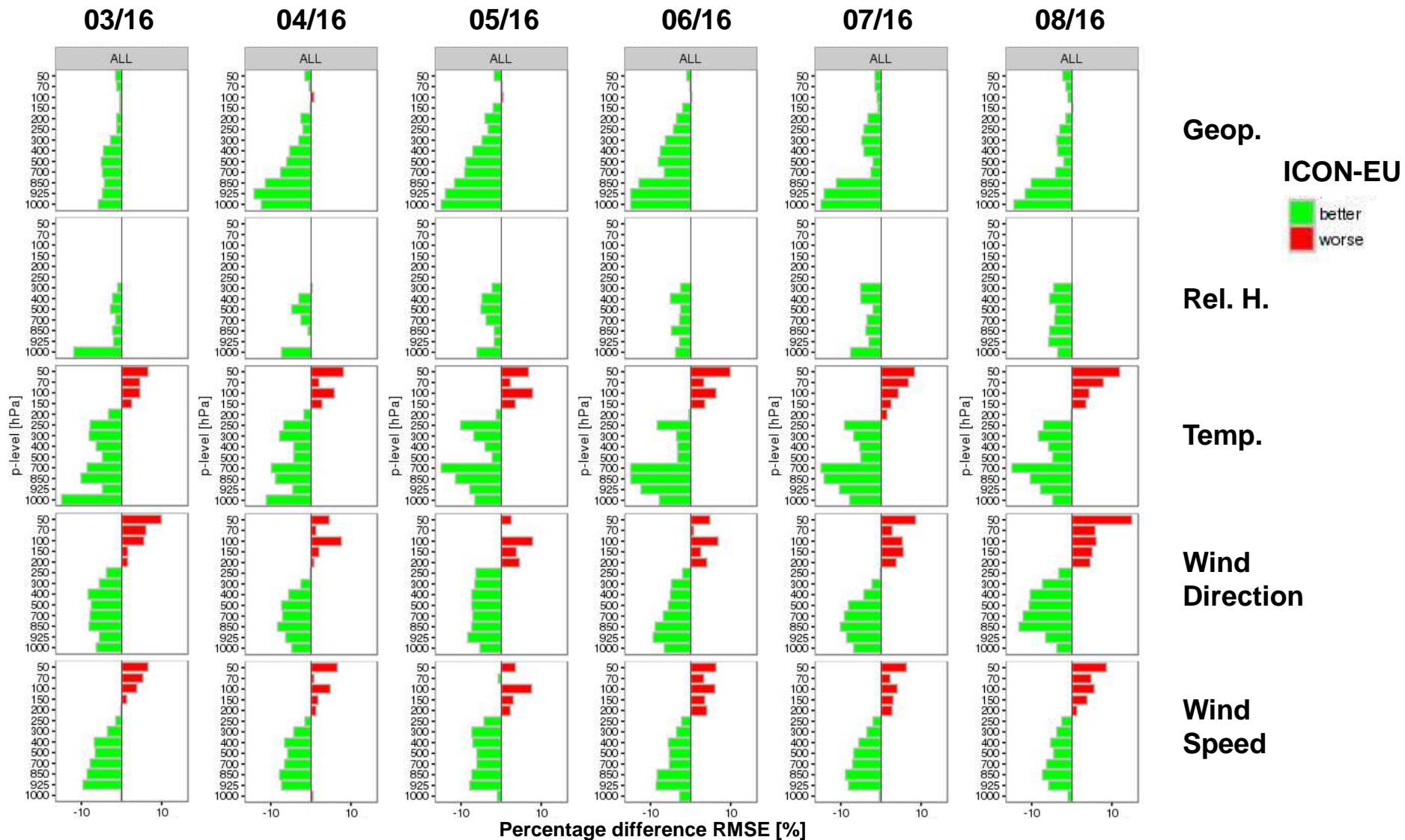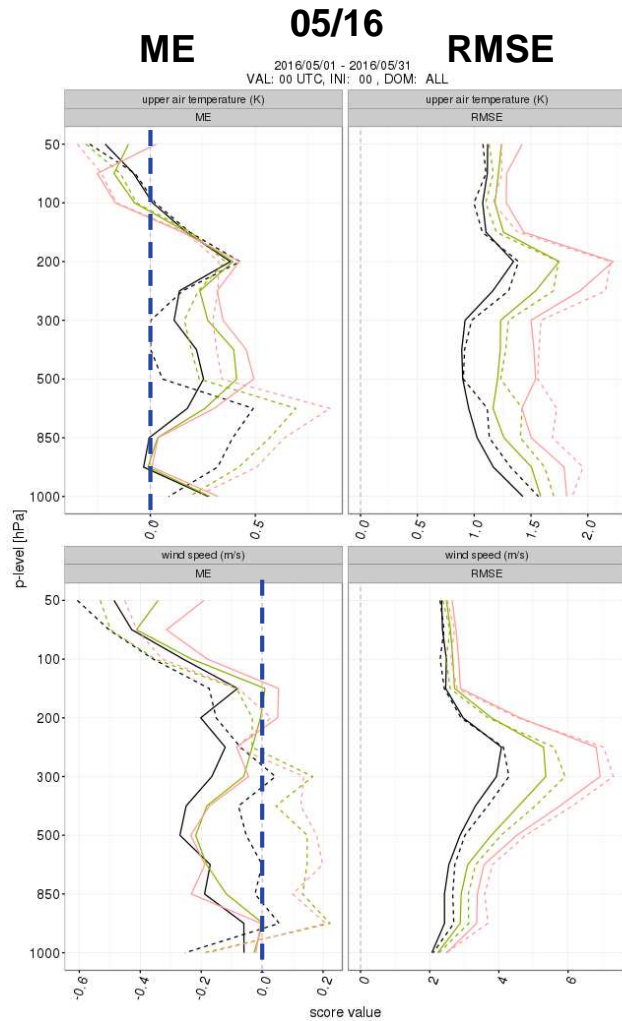
above 200 hPa:

- Raleigh damping at the model top of COSMO-EU causes smoother wind and temperature fields

- gravity waves are damped in COSMO-EU

- =>less variance => smaller RMSE

Summary of results I

- **Total cloud cover:**
  - *Positive BIAS especially at night. IFS, ICON, ICON-EU similar behavior with weaker variability and small negative values.*

- **Temperature 2m:**
  - *Clear diurnal cycle of BIAS with higher values during night . JJA overestimation greater than other seasons. In DJF nightime overestimation (in contrast to underestimation of last year). ICON and ICON-EU weaker variability.*

- **Dew point temperature 2m:**
  - *Weaker variability in SON and DJF. Overestimation for ICON and ICON-EU.*

- **Mean surface level pressure:**
  - *Large Scale models have similar BIAS diurnal variability with tendency of underestimation, but RMSE lower for IFS.*
  - *All models (also IFS, ICON, ICON-EU) show a maximum of RMSE during summer at late afternoon.*

- **Wind speed 10m:**
  - *Positive BIAS and diurnal cycle with low amplitude and minimal values during late afternoon*
  - *Lower BIAS amplitudes for ICON, ICON-EU.*
  - *Improvement of wind scores from last year.*

- **Precipitation:**
  - *Summer: Overestimation for occurences of low precipitation amounts during day especially for 06 - 12 UTC,– Underestimation for 18 – 24 UTC. (FBI decreases for higher precipitation amounts) .*
  - *Winter: Overestimation for occurences of low precipitation during the whole day. For higher precipitation amounts frequency bias is slightly greater than 1 with worse quality compared to low precipitation amounts*
  - *Overestimation for ICON, ICON-EU, IFS for low precipitation amounts.*

Summary of results III

- **ICON-EU-COSMO-EU Comparison**
  - *Δ(RMSE) percentage difference time series showed that ICON-EU performed better except for initial time steps for wind parameters*
  - *COSMO-EU performed better over 200hPa for wind and Tempetrature due to gravity wave damping.*
  - *ICON-EU FBI is high (overestimation of cases) especially for low thresholds , ETS ICON-EU score improves with higher thresholds and forecast day.*

Common Plots for COSMO year 2015-2016

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Continuous line plots

	MSLP	TCC	TEMP	TD	WS
JJA	see	see	see	see	see
SON	see	see	see	see	see
DJF	see	see	see	see	see
MAM	see	see	see	see	see

Precipitation performance diagrams 6h

	0.2		2		5		10	
	day-1	day-2	day-1	day-2	day-1	day-2	day-1	day-2
JJA	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
SON	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
DJF	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
MAM	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see

Precipitation performance diagrams 24h

	0.2	2	5	10
JJA	see	see	see	see
SON	see	see	see	see
DJF	see	see	see	see
MAM	see	see	see	see

Conditional Soil Type Plots for T and Td

		SOIL						
		4	5	5< 200m	5> 800m	6	7	8
SON	T	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
	Td	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
DJF	T	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
	Td	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
MAM	T	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
	Td	see	see	see	see	see	see	see

Verification Overview, COSMO GM, 5-8 Sept 2016, Offenbach

Common soil conditional scores comparison

Note: images show conditional scores for all soil types for each model

					MODEL					
		C-7	C-EU	C-PL	C-RU	C-GR	C-ME	C-I7	ICON-EU	ICON
SON	T	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	N/A
	TD	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	N/A
DJF	T	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
	TD	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
MAM	T	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
	TD	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see

Local domain HR line plots

	MSLP	TCC	TEMP	TD	WS	PRECI 6h	PRECI 24h
JJA	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
SON	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
DJF	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
MAM	see	see	see	see	see	see	see

Common area scores comparison

Note: images show the differences from last year (2014/2015) for each model

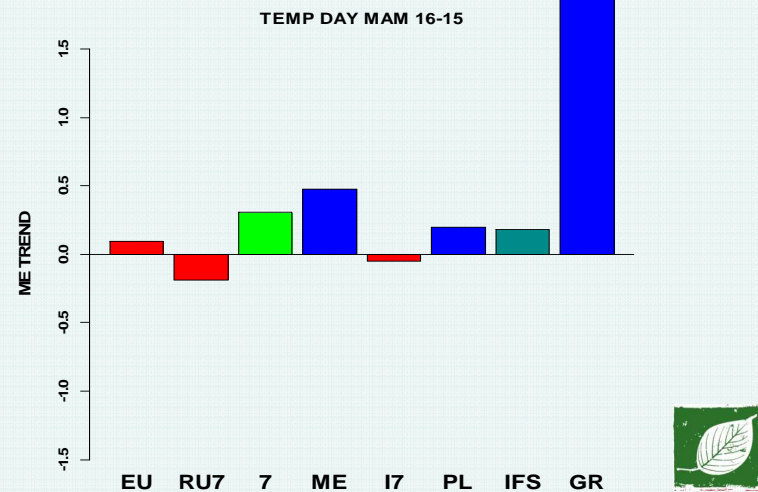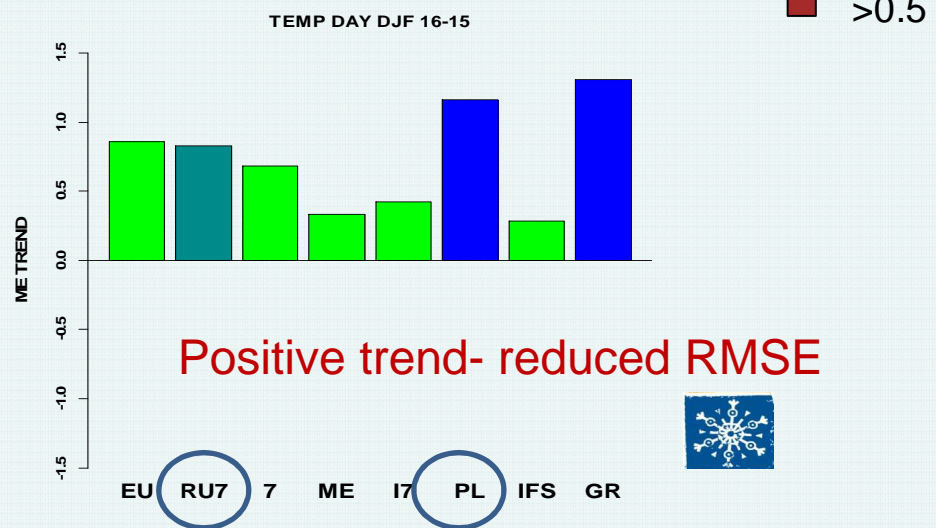|		C-7	C-EU	C-PL	C-RU	C-GR	C-ME	C-I7	IFS
MSLP	JJA	see	see	see	see	N/A	see	see	see
	SON	see	see	see	see	N/A	see	see	see
	DJF	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
	MAM	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
TCC	JJA	see	see	see	see	N/A	see	see	see
	SON	see	see	see	see	N/A	see	see	see
	DJF	see	see	see	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	see
	MAM	see	see	see	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	see
TEMP	JJA	see	see	see	see	N/A	see	see	see
	SON	see	see	see	see	N/A	see	see	see
	DJF	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
	MAM	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
TDEW	JJA	see	see	see	see	N/A	see	see	see
	SON	see	see	see	see	N/A	see	see	see
	DJF	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
	MAM	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
WS	JJA	see	see	see	see	N/A	see	see	see
	SON	see	see	see	see	N/A	see	see	N/A
	DJF	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
	MAM	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
PRECI 6h (0.2mm day1)	JJA	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
	SON	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
	DJF	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see
	MAM	see	see	see	see	see	see	see	see

Thank you for your attention

T NIGHTIME SCORE TRENDS vs LAST YEAR

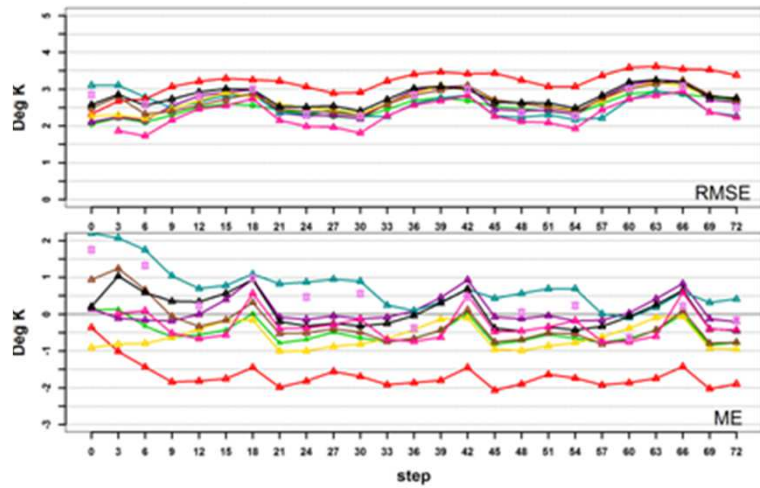**TEMP NIGHT JJA 15-14**

TEMP NIGHT SON 15-14

TEMP NIGHT DJF 16-15

TEMP NIGHT MAM 16-15

RMSE TREND

- <-0.5
- -0.5--0.1
- -0.1-0.1
- 0.1-0.5
- >0.5

Positive ME trend

T DAYTIME SCORE TRENDS vs LAST YEAR

TEMP DAY JJA 15-14

TEMP DAY SON 15-14

RMSE TREND

- ■ <-0.5
- ■ -0.5--0.1
- ■ -0.1-0.1
- ■ 0.1-0.5
- ■ >0.5

TEMP DAY DJF 16-15

TEMP DAY MAM 16-15

Positive trend- reduced RMSE
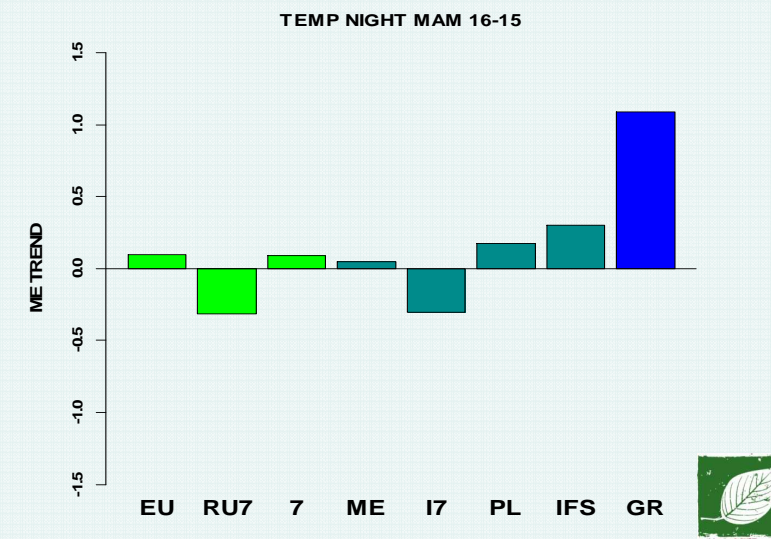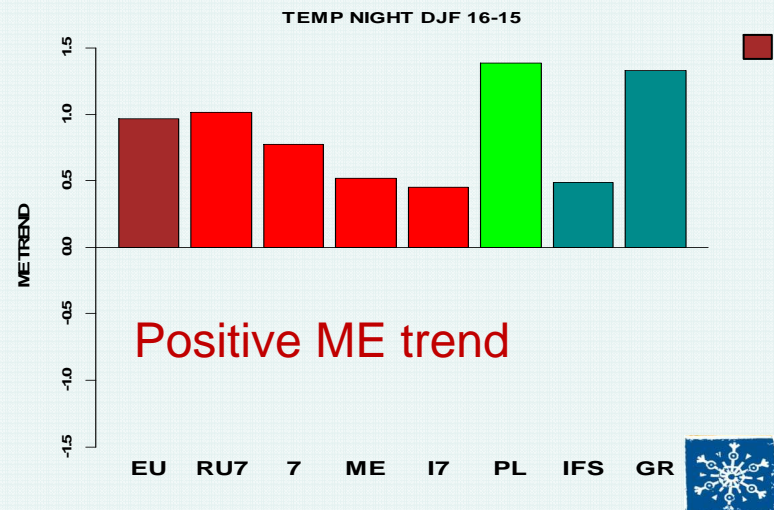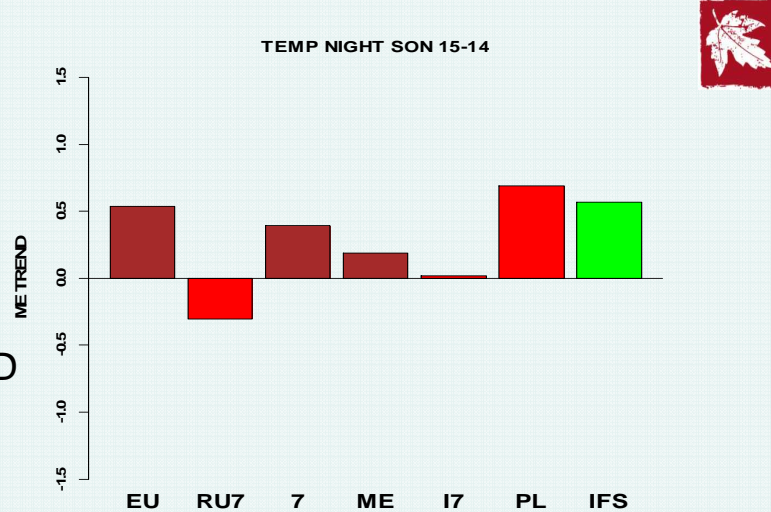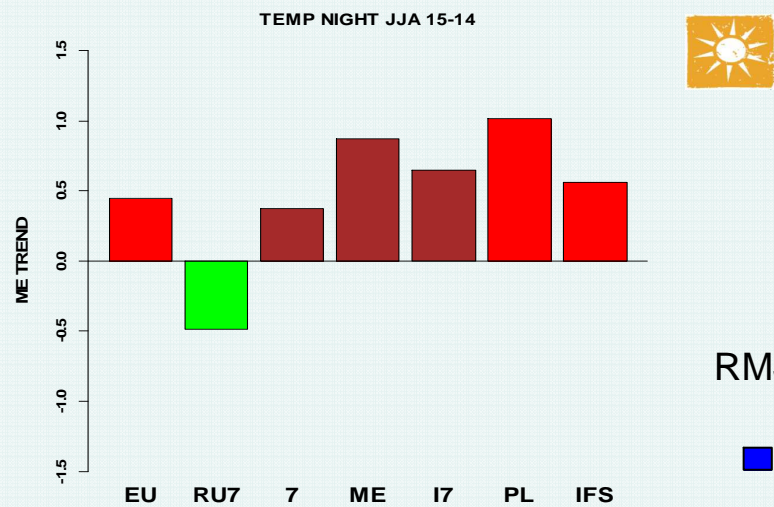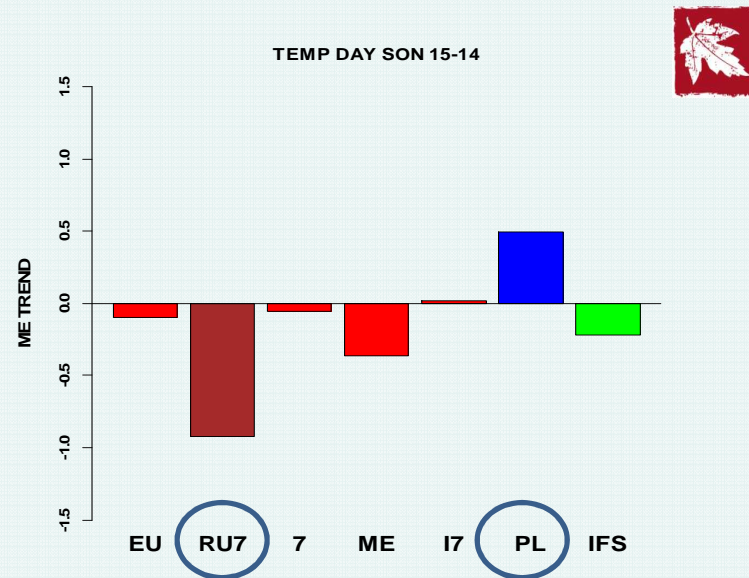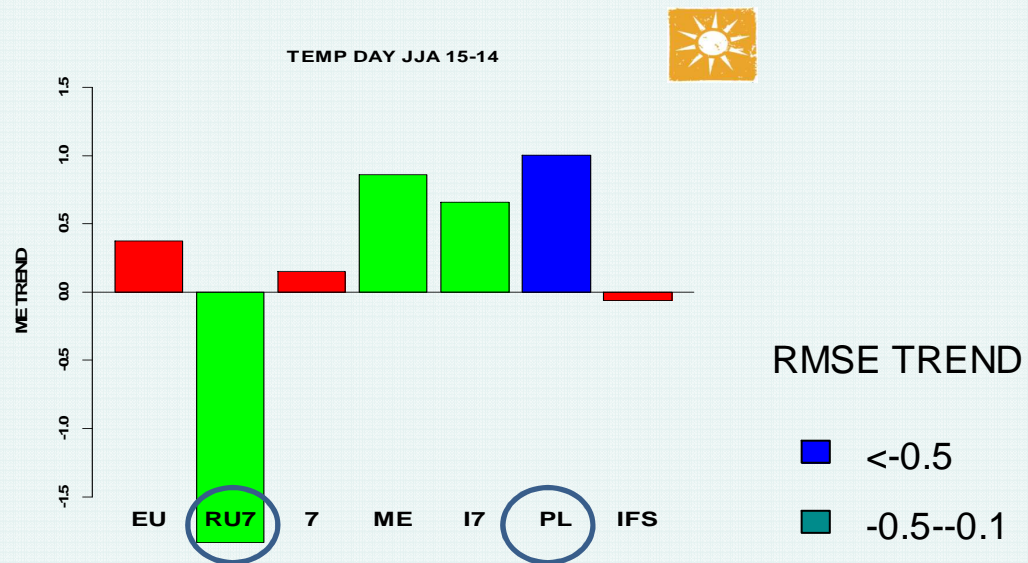
T DEW 2m

Dew Point Temperature 2m JJA 2015 Common Area, All Stations

C- EU
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C- 7
C- ME
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IFS
ICON

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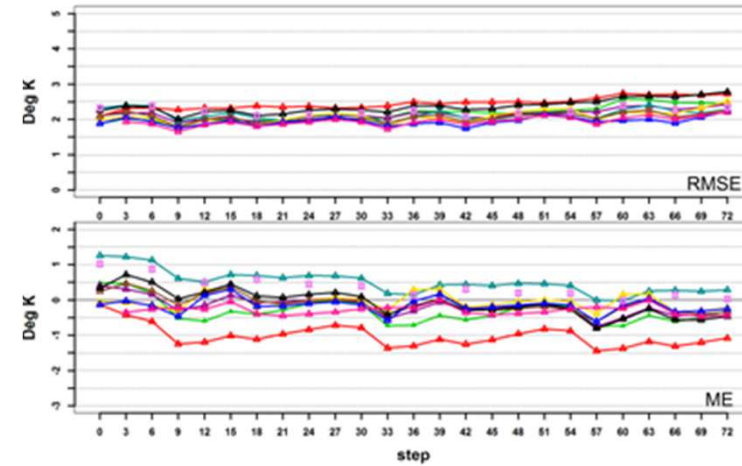
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IFS
ICON

JJA , MAM ME RMSE diurnal cycle. ICON, ICON-EU bias >0

Dew Point Temperature 2m DJF 2016 Common Area, All Stations
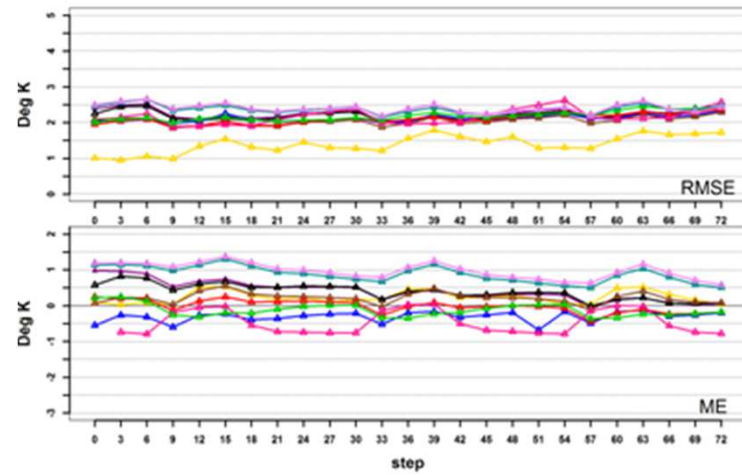
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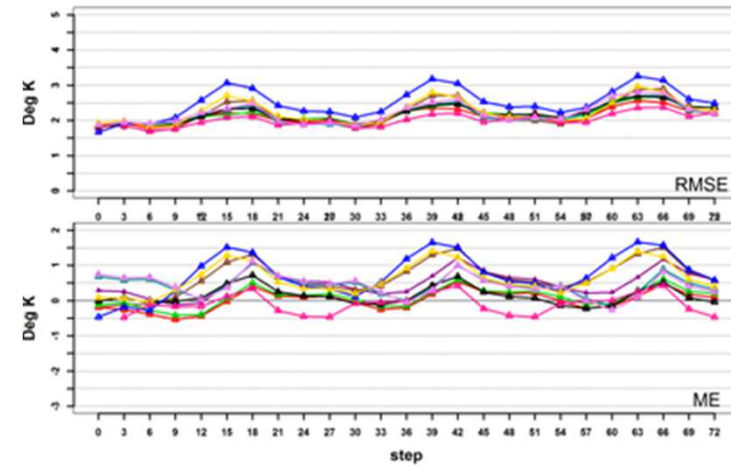
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C- EU
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C- PL
C- GR
C- ME
IFS
ICON

WS NIGHTIME SCORE TRENDS vs LAST YEAR

WS NIGHT JJA 15-14

WS NIGHT SON 15-14

WS NIGHT DJF 16-15

WS NIGHT MAM 16-15
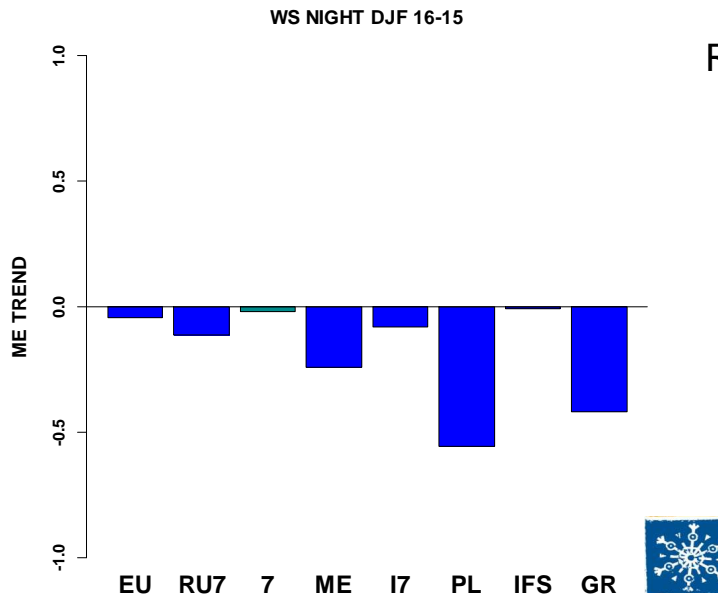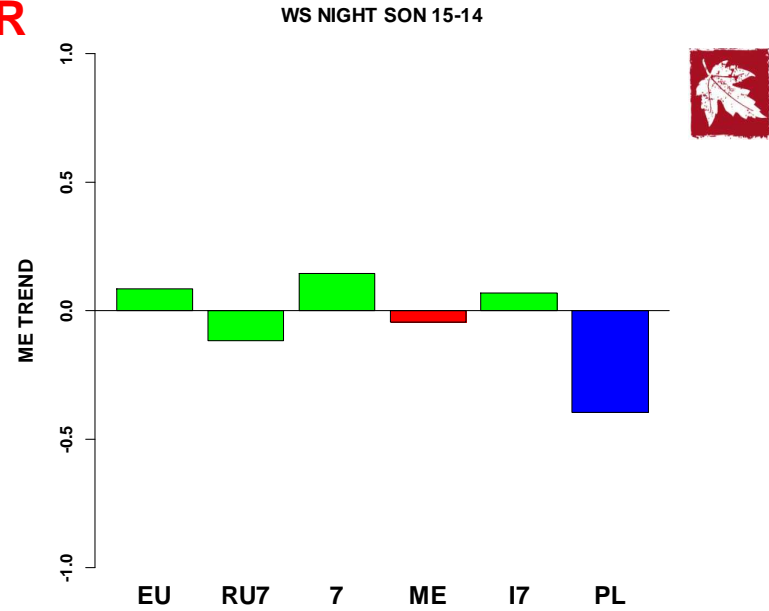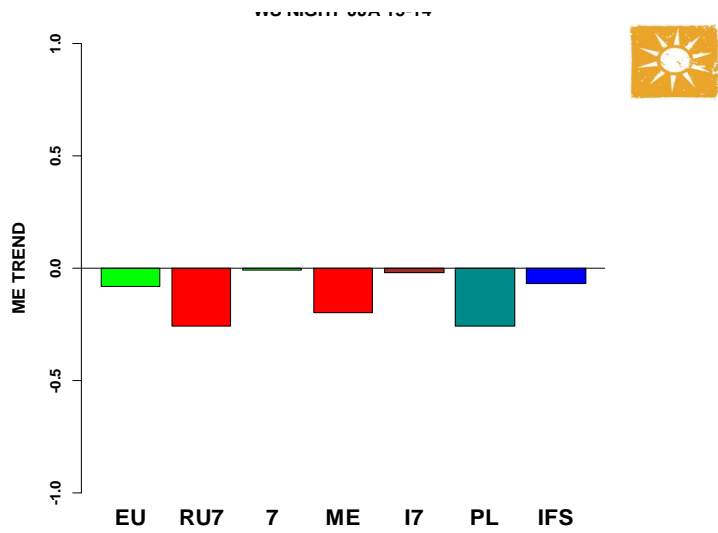
RMSE TREND

🟦	<-0.2
🟩	-0.2--0.1
🟢	-0.1-0.1
🟥	0.1-0.2
🟫	>0.2

WS DAYTIME SCORE TRENDS vs LAST YEAR

JJA-EU: Precipitation in 6h - 0.2mm threshold

JJA-7: Precipitation in 6h - 0.2mm threshold

JJA-EU: Precipitation in 6h - 2mm threshold

JJA-7: Precipitation in 6h - 2mm threshold

6h >0.2mm

6h > 2mm
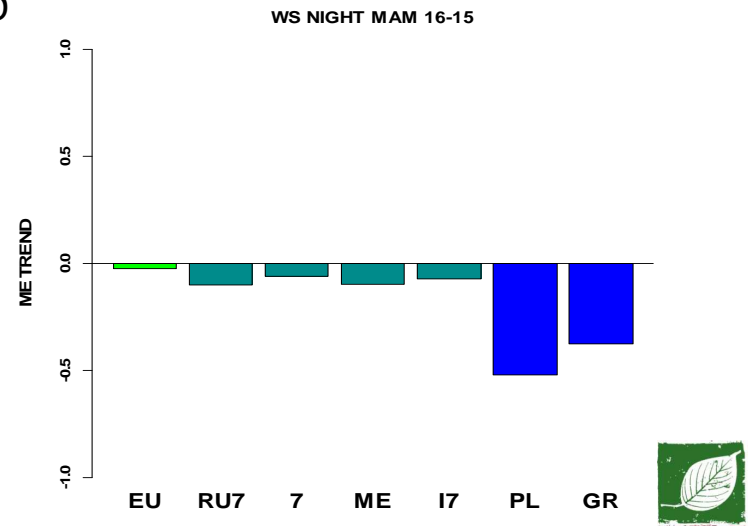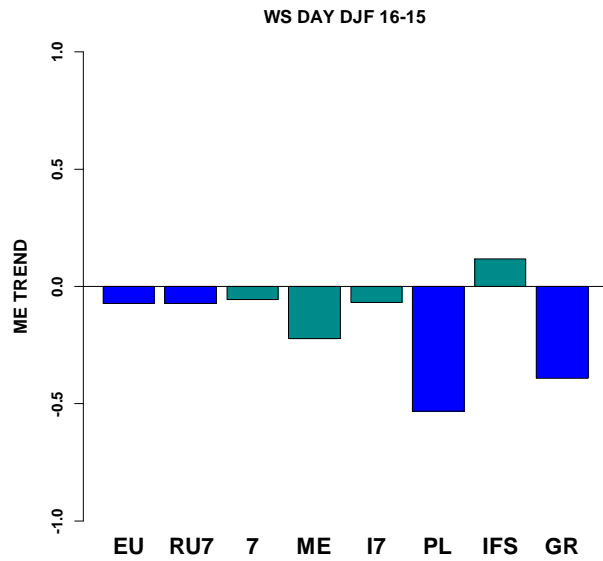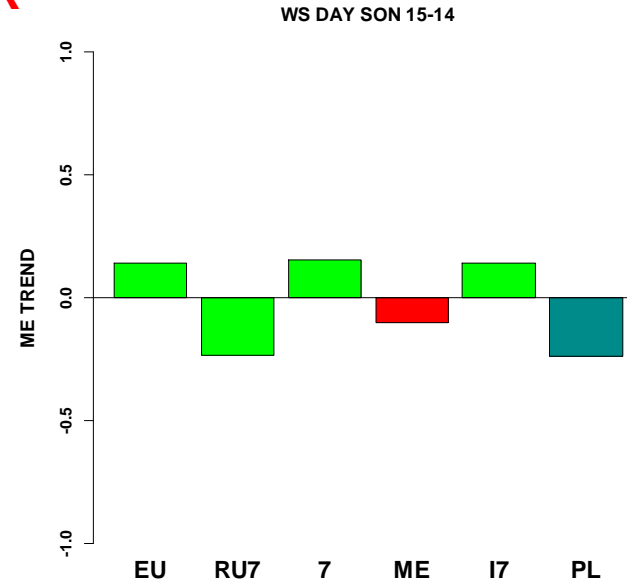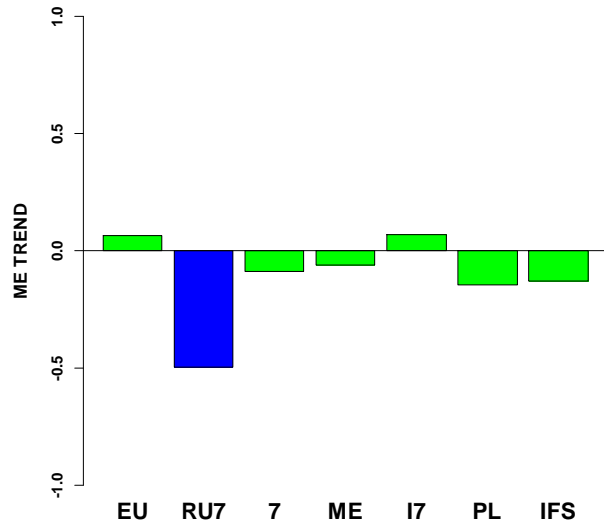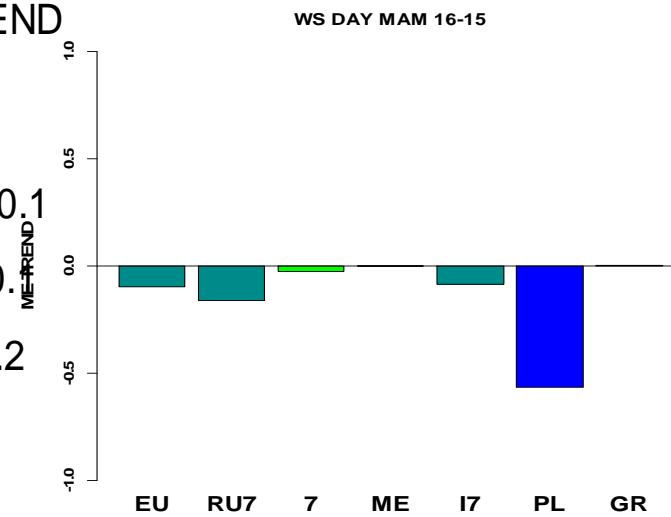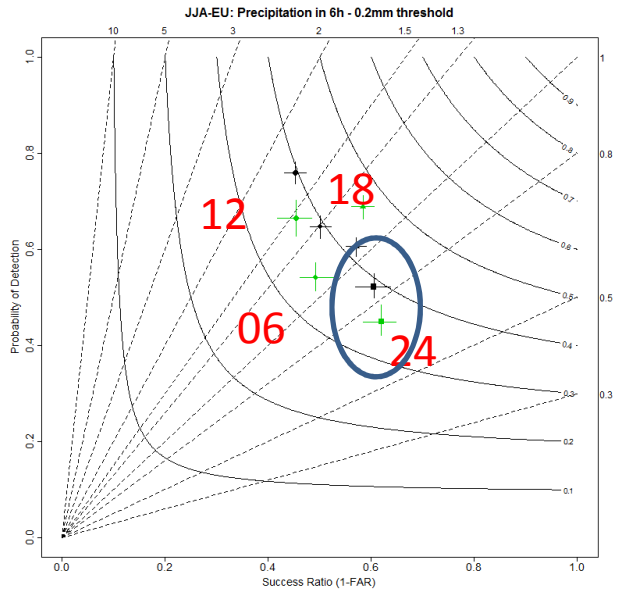
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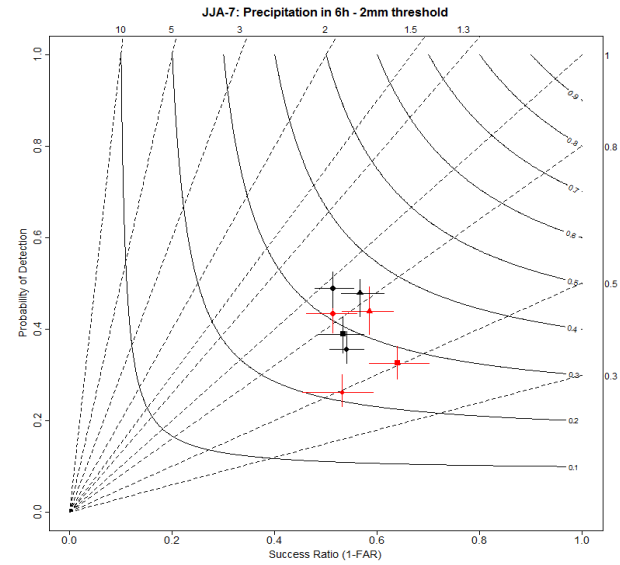COSMOEU-15 + 24
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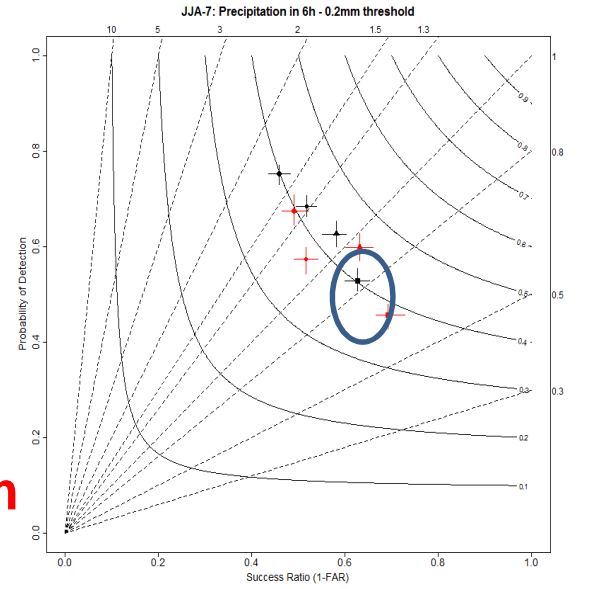
FORECAST DAY 1
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