



## **Steps forward in the COSMO ensembles**

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### Outline

- The COSMO ensembles
- What is more relevant: Increasing the model resolution or increasing the number of ensemble members?
- **Recent developments** 
  - Model perturbation
  - Boundary condition perturbation
- Conclusions and future plans











### The performance of an ensemble (or: again trying to get a good coffee ...)

- Are we sure that among 20 different coffees we will find the one satisfying our taste?
  - Add milk
  - Add sugar
  - Change the brewing time
  - Stir very fast!



If the basis is not good, nothing can help!







Higher resolution versus higher number of ensemble members – can the smaller COSMO-1E ensemble with 11 members beat the bigger COSMO-2E ensemble with 22 members?



with COSMO 5.07 (single precision) -> model improvement! Based on:

Jan-Peter Schulz and Gerd Vogel, 2020: Improving the Processes in the Land Surface Scheme TERRA: Bare Soil Evaporation and Skin Temperature, *Atmosphere*, **11**, 513





### COSMO-IE vs COSMO-2E

### Ranked Probability Skill Score (RPSS)



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### COSMO-IE vs COSMO-2E

#### **Outliers**

The smaller ensemble size of COSMO-1E leads to a larger number of outliers

Example: T 2 m, summer 2019



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### COSMO-IE vs COSMO-2E

### Spread/error relation

The spread/error relation for the 1.1 km model COSMO-1E is similar for most parameters and for some even better than for the 2.2 km models COSMO-2E and COSMO-E

Example: wind speed, summer 2019



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### ICON-D2-EPS

ICON-D2-EPS (pre-operational)

• ~ 2.1 km icosahedral grid

can be interpolated to the rotated lat-lon grid of COSMO-D2

- 20 members
- 00, 03, 06, 09, 12, 15, 18, 21 UTC
- 27 hours (45 hours for 03 UTC) (planned: 48 hours)
- perturbation of
  - BC ICON-EU-EPS
  - physics randomized perturbed parameters
  - IC KENDA
- operational in Q1 2021





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### **ICON-D2-EPS vs COSMO-D2-EPS**

#### Reliability diagram 00 & 12 UTC fc range: 1 – 27h











#### AMPT: Additive Model-error perturbations scaled by Physical Tendencies

The AMPT perturbations  $\mathcal{P}(x, y, \mu, t)$  are spatio-temporal random fields scaled by the area averaged (in the horizontal) modulus of the physical tendency  $P(x, y, \mu, t)$ .

$$\mathcal{P}(x, y, \mu, t) = \sigma \left[ \frac{2}{\sqrt{e}} \frac{2}{\sqrt{$$

where  $\sigma$  determines the perturbation of the overbar denotes the perturbation of the overbar denotes the previous of the prev

Now averaging can be over the **whole** domain (for Gaussian variables) or over a **sliding subdomain** (for non-Gaussian variables).

Tsyrulnikov M. and Gayfulin D., 2017: A limited-area spatio-temporal stochastic pattern generator for simulation of uncertainties in ensemble applications. *Meteorol. Zeitschrift*, **26(5)**, 549-566





#### **Application of AMPT to perturbation of soil characteristics**

#### Which elements are perturbed?

Soil temperature and soil water content at all model levels are perturbed at each model time step. In addition, initial perturbations are introduced to T\_soil and soil moisture index (SMI).

#### Does the perturbation pattern change from level to level?

No, the same random field is used for all levels but perturbations have different magnitudes. The pseudo-random field  $\xi$  is 2D for soil.

#### Do the perturbations decay downward?

Yes, their magnitude is specified for the uppermost level k=1. At level k>1 the magnitude equals that at level k-1 divided by a number greater than one (from 1.5 to 3, subject for tuning).

#### Are the temperature and moisture perturbations related to each other?

No. But the temporal scales of W and T soil perturbations are the same (and significantly greater than in the atmosphere).

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### COSMO-Ru2-EPS

### Spread/error relation: 2m T





No model perturbations SPPT with MeteoSwiss settings AMPT only in the atmosphere AMPT atmosphere & soil T05=20 AMPT atmosphere & soil T05=12

- no tapering
- σ=0.75 (soil & atmosphere)
- random field atm.: spatial scale 50 km temporal scale ~1h

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### **COSMO-IL-ENS**

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Molteni F. et al, 2001. and Marsigli C. et al., 2001. "A strategy for high-resolution ensemble prediction. I and II". *Quarterly Journal of the Royal Meteorol. Soc.*, **127**, 2069-2094 and 2095-2115.



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#### **Cluster Analysis**

### **COSMO-IL-ENS**

Suggest 12 methods for selection of driving EC-ENS sub-ensemble (20 members)







Ability to

discriminate



### Verification of precipitation









### Keep at home message

- The first COSMO 1km ensemble is operational, with 1km KENDA data assimilation (MCH)
- The first ICON-LAM ensemble is pre-operational (DWD)
- Israel joined the ensemble development group of COSMO!
- Added value of higher resolution ensemble is (again) demonstrated
- Future plan:
  - More on model perturbation:
    - implement iSPPT, extend PP
    - model for the model error
    - AMPT with Stochastic Pattern Generator (RHM)
  - Cluster Analysis for BCs
  - Stochastic parametrization: Workshop in February/March

On-going: stochastic shallow convection (M.Ahlgrimm, DWD)



