

# Current activity in atmospheric Physics in COSMO (for ICON-LAM)

- ✓ Improving cloud-radiation interaction:
  - Implementation of **ecRAD into ICON**
  - revised parameterizations of cloud optical properties: **COSMO-> ICON**
  - offline CAMS-aerosol data and **prognostic 2D AOD approach**
  - **ICON-ART aerosols** including **operational mineral dust-forecast**
- ✓ Introduction of **stochastic components** into the shallow convection
- ✓ More about **Separated Turbulence** Interacting with non-turb. **SGS Circulations**:
  - Operational CAT-forecast for aviation based on EDR from TURBDIFF
  - TKE production and buoyant heat flux by SGS sub-grid **near surface kata- and anabatic circulations**
  - Thinking about turbulence **saturation adjustment embedded into convection**
- ✓ Revised **Surface-to-Atmosphere Coupling** and **Roughness-layer treatment**:
  - Consideration **Roughness by inter-tile variability**
  - **Implicit treatment of surface temperature**
  - Consideration of a **semi-transparent and mass-carrying R-layer (plant canopy)** and about a **vertically resolved atmospheric R-layer**





# Clouds and Aerosols Improvements in ICON Radiation scheme - CAIR PP

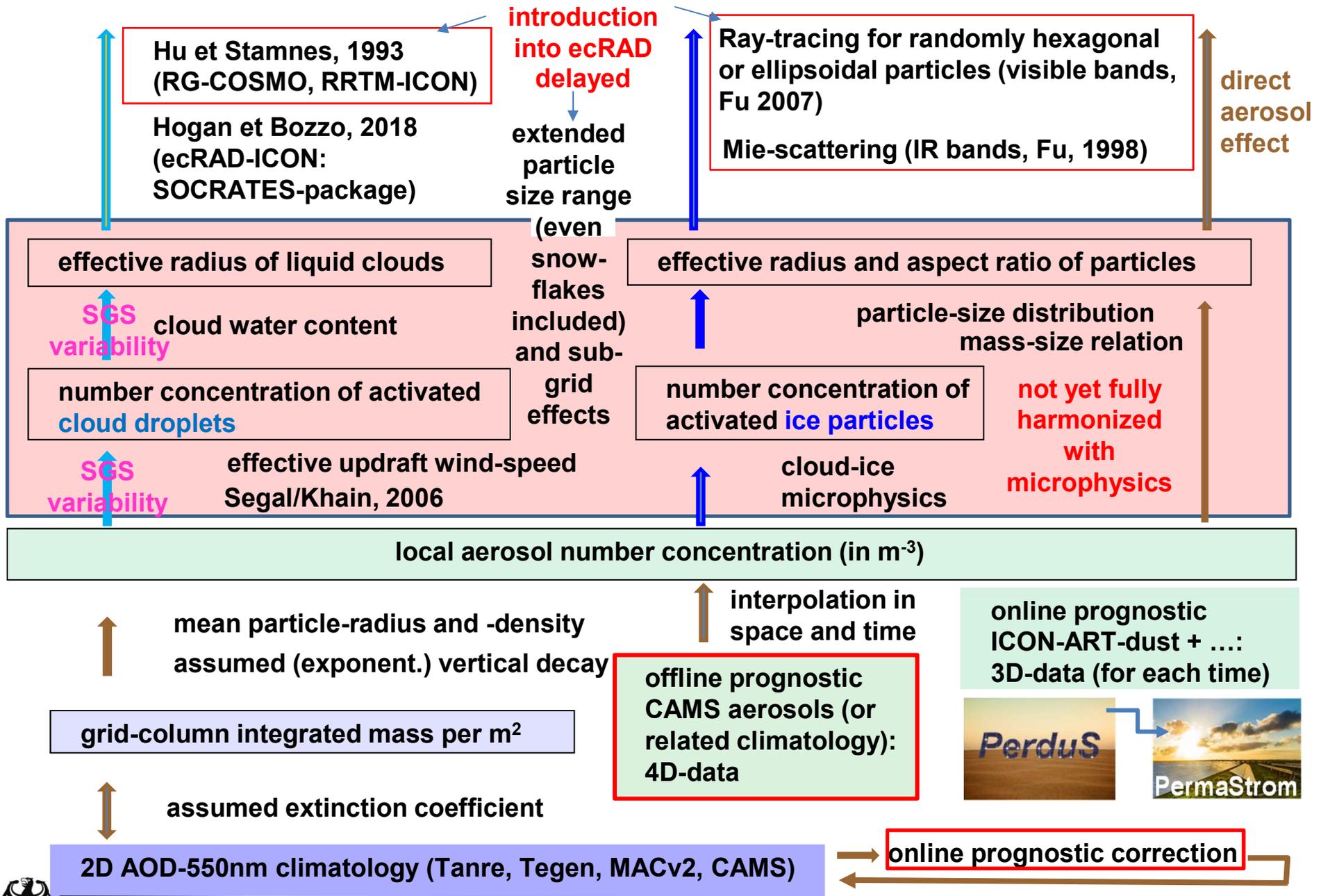
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- Improved parameterizations of **optical cloud properties**
  - Inclusion of **larger and multi-shape particles** (including precipitation)
  - Considering **SGS variability of cloud properties**
- Transfer of development from COSMO-model to **ecRAD**-implementation of ICON-model
- Implementing more-realistic information about **aerosols**



**optical properties (as input for radiation): ext. coeff., single scat. alb., asymm. fact., delta-transm. fact.**



# Simplified 2D quasi-prognostic aerosol scheme based on input by AOD-climatology:

by Günther Zängl -> Daniel Rieger

$$\partial_t \Psi_j(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \langle \mathbf{v}_{-h} \rangle \cdot \nabla_h \Psi_j + \mathbf{S}_{e,j} + \mathbf{S}_{w,j} + \underbrace{f_{\text{diff}} \Delta \Psi_j}_{\text{artificial diffusion}} + \frac{f_{\text{clim},j} \Psi_{\text{clim},j} - \Psi_j}{\tau_{\text{clim},j}}$$

← relaxation towards climatological AOD

$\Psi_j$       2D AOD for aerosol component j

$\langle \mathbf{v}_{-h} \rangle$       2D vertically averaged horizontal wind speed

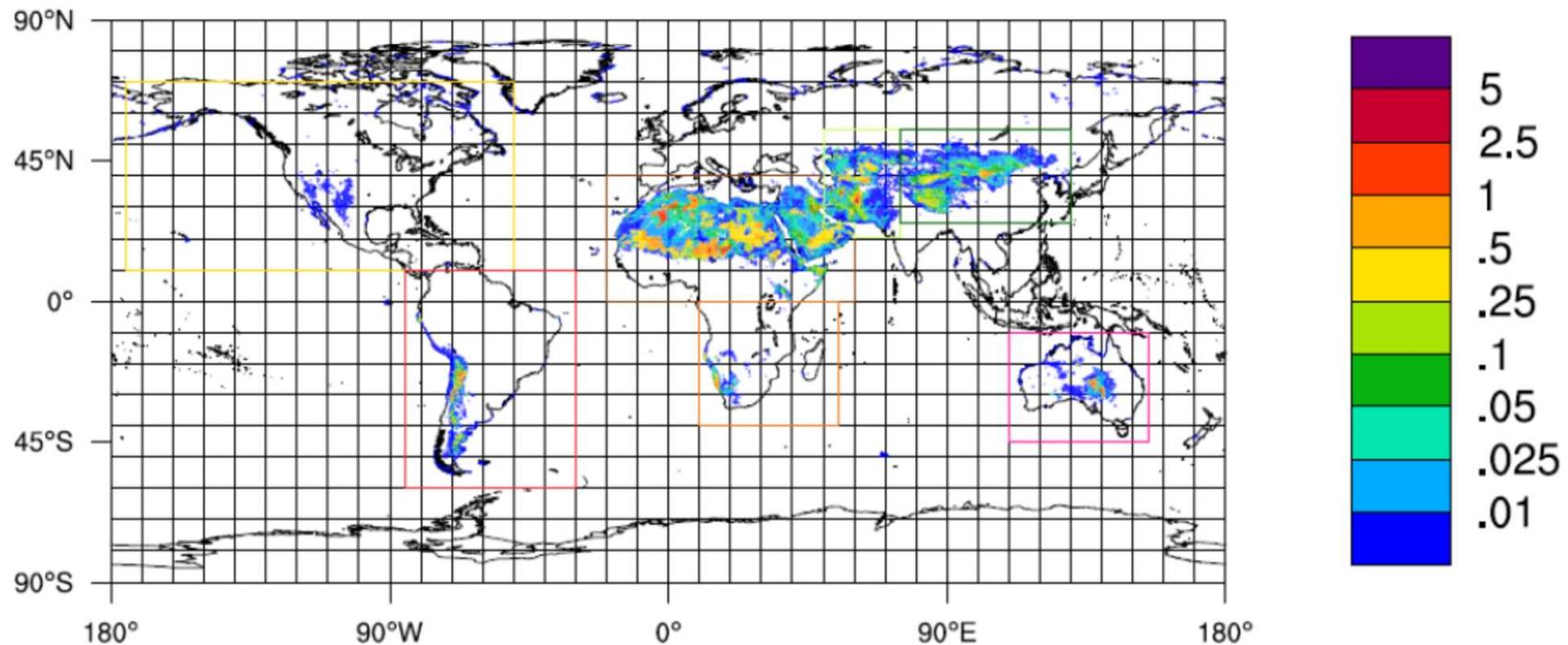
$\mathbf{S}_{e,j}$       2D emission with some **new** implementations (by **Daniel Rieger**):

- mineral dust (j=d) emission according to Kok (2014), with the computational cheap assumption of size distributions being independent on wind speed
- sea spray aerosol (j=ssa) emission according to Grythe et al. (2014)
- anthropogenic aerosol (j=anth) to be parameterized by means of land-use fractions or an emission climatology

$\mathbf{S}_{w,j}$       2D wet deposition      → related AOD through Mie-calculations



## Accumulated Mineral Dust Emission Flux ( $\text{kg m}^{-2} \text{yr}^{-1}$ )



- Cheap approximation of a full 3D aerosol model
- Is able to add a significant benefit compared to a pure climatology
- Improves radiation output of the model
- Impact to 2m temperature mainly neutral (possibly due to previous tuning)

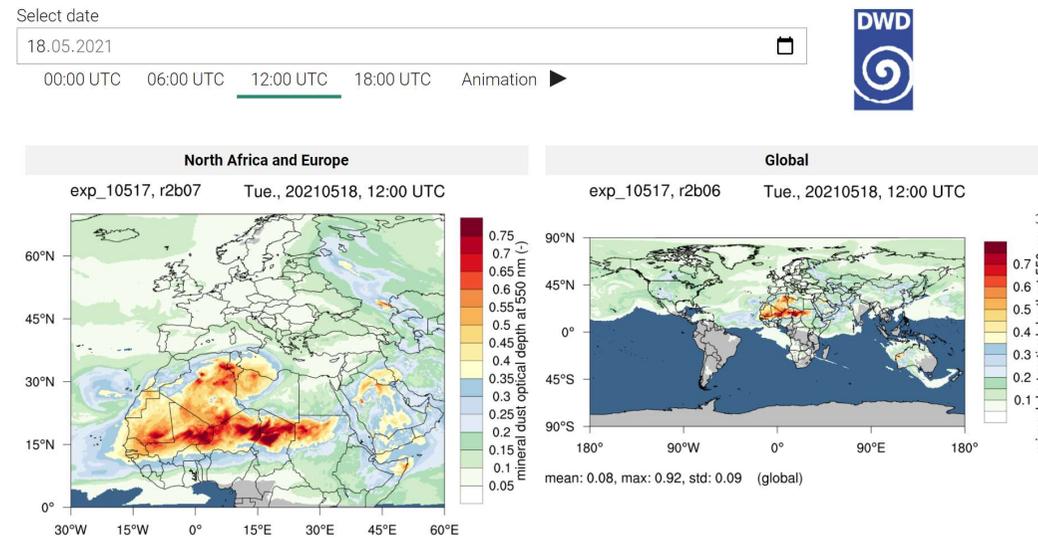
# ICON-ART dust forecast

KIT Dust dashboard:

<https://www.imk-tro.kit.edu/english/10581.php>

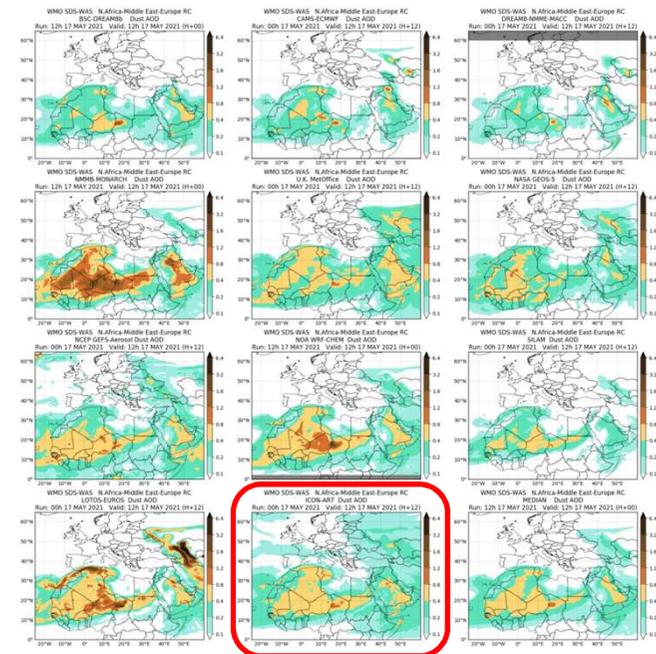
## Dust Forecast

The German Weather Service (DWD) performs quasi-operational forecasts of mineral dust concentration using the ICON-ART forecast system developed jointly with KIT. From these predictions, the Aerosol Optical Thickness of Mineral Dust (AOD) can be calculated. This quantity is a measure of the attenuation of solar irradiation at the earth's surface.



WMO Dust forecast:

<https://sds-was.aemet.es>



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# Pollen forecast using ICON-ART

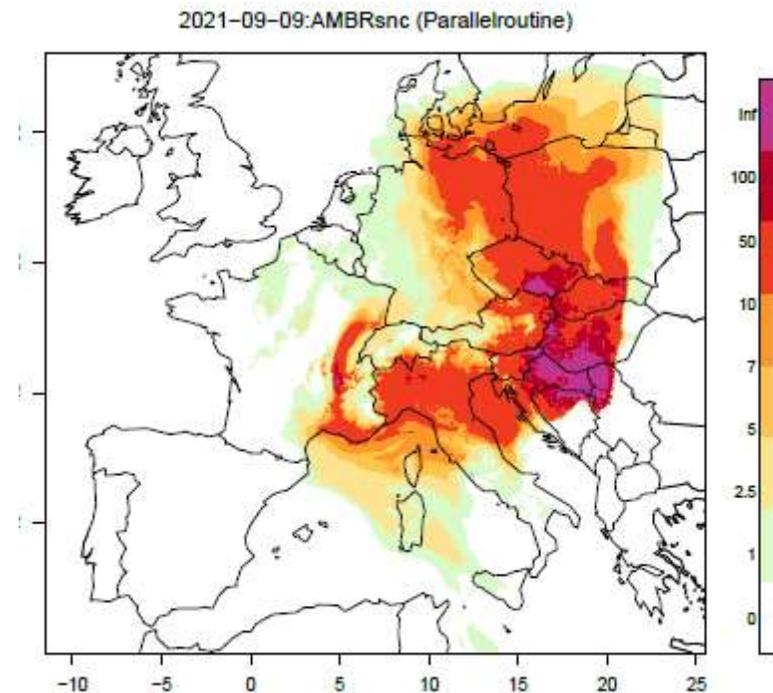
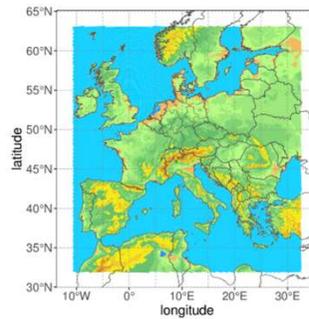


ICON-ART-LAM: 6.5 km

144h-forecast (00 UTC)

4 species: alder, birch, grasses, ragweed

operational in 2021

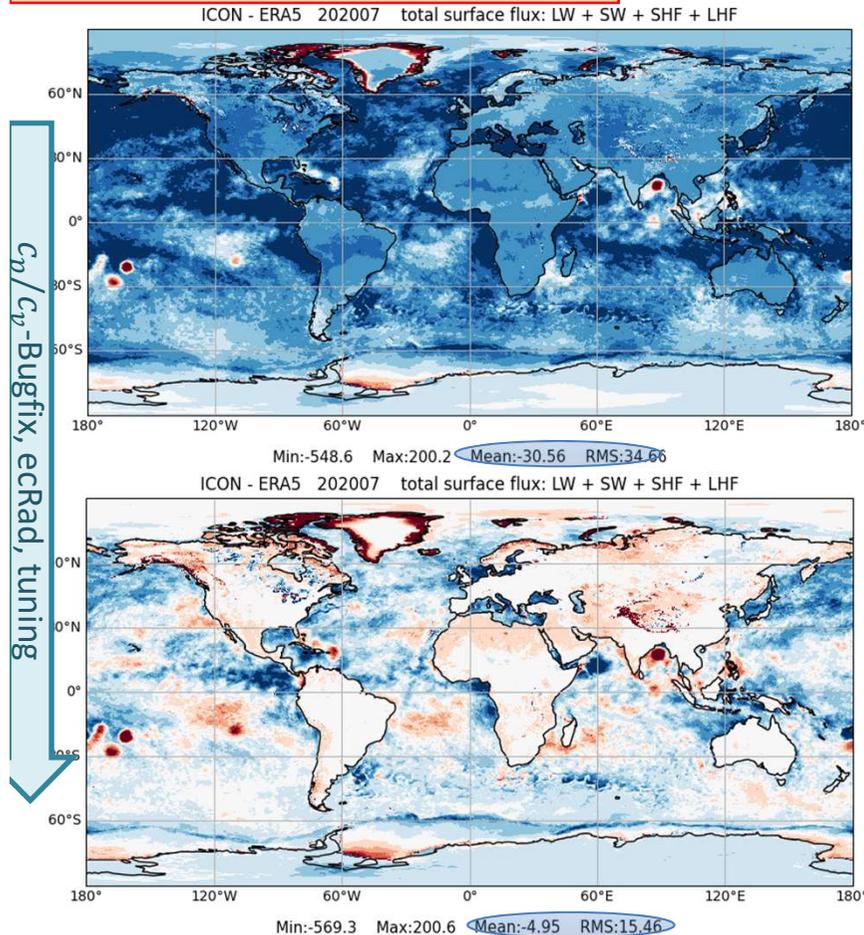


Jochen Förstner, Christina Endler, Stefan Muthers et al.

Side by **Bernhard Vogel**, KIT

- ecRAD-could much better be adapted to the corrected  $c_p/c_v$ -bug (with regard to the turbulent tendencies used in ICONs isochoric T-equation):

Old routine:  $c_p/c_v$ -Bug, tuned RRTM



Bias of ICON total surface flux July 2020 vs. Era5, plots by M. Köhler

- Surface flux bias reduced by  $26 \text{ W/m}^2$ , mainly due to  $20 \text{ W/m}^2$  radiation bias reduction; improved sensible heat flux

- New radiation scheme **ecRad** improves **ICON** model, especially clouds and radiation, still some regional biases.

- Radiation uncertainties:** solver, cloud (ice) optics, cloud inhomogeneity, 3D:  $1\text{-}2 \text{ W/m}^2$  in global fluxes; vertical overlap:  $5 \text{ W/m}^2$

New routine:  $c_p/c_v$ -Bugfix, ecRad + LW scat., new CAMEL emissivity

Slide by **Sophia Schäfer**, DWD



Physical Process in COSMO ICON-LAM		Method	Name	Authors
Local Parameteriz. of atmospheric source terms	Radiation Transport	$\delta$ two-stream (in COSMO only)	RRTM	Ritter/Geleyn (1992)
	Aerosols and Reactive Tracers (ART)	Rapid Radiative Transfer		Mlawer et al. (1997)
		Microphysics	1-moment; 3 prognostic ice phases; prognostic rain and snow	ecRAD
			opt. 2-mom. version (with ML-based ext.)	
SGS cloud generation	Not yet completely considered sub-grid scale processes such as: Separated Horizontal Shear circulations, Thermal Sub-grid Scale Orography (TSSO) circulations			
Grid-scale Parameteriz. of sub-grid scale atmospheric processes  (dependent on horizontal resolution)	Convection	deep	2-class (updraft-downdraft) mass-flux equations with moisture convergence closure and simplified microphysics and a stochastic component for shallow conv.	Tiedke (1989) / Bechthold et al. (2008),  Plant/Craig (2008)
		shallow (stochastic)		
	Mechanical Sub-grid Scale Orography (MSSO) impact	orographic blocking and breaking of vertically propag. Gravity Waves (GW)		Lott and Miller (1997)
	Quasi-Isotropic Turbulence	2-nd order closure; progn. TKE with addit. scale-interaction terms (STIC); horizont. BL-approx. with opt. 3D-extens.; turbulent saturation-adjustment		TURBDIFF  Raschendorfer (2003,->)
Surface-to-Atmosphere Transfer and Roughness- Layer effects	transfer-resistances based on vertically const. turbulent/lamin. near-surface fluxes normal to roughness-covering surfaces (direct application of turbulence scheme)		TURBTRAN	
Below surface processes	surface tiling	Implicit treatment of surface-temperature; substantial and semi-transparent canopy layer [COSMO_tst->ICON]		TERRA (incl. partial sl/ml snow cover), FLAKE

utilization of different aerosol input; revised optical cloud properties [COSMO\_nwp->ICON] new cloud activation

## Some other related promising general activity:

(partly still rather basic research)

- Consistent treatment of sub-grid cloud processes

- SGS Convection based on conditional domain closure and STIC
- Turbulent **Saturation Adjustment** embedded in convective sub-domains

Matthias Raschendorfer, Martin Köhler

- Turbulence-Interaction with **Micro-Physics** beyond pure SA:

- Consideration of turbulent statistics in MP
- Deriving missing correlations between model variables and MP-source-terms in 2-nd order budgets for turbulence

Dimitrii Mironov, Axel Seifert

- Increasing the range of scales included to turbulence closure:

- coherent structures with skewed distributions, TKESV

Dimitrii Mironov, Ekatarina Maschulskaya

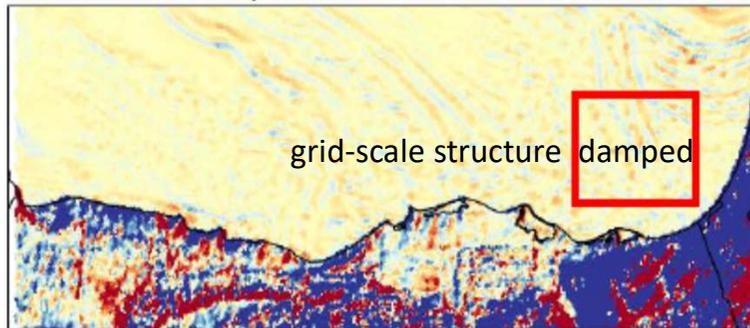
# Effect of shallow convection parameterization on resolved precipitation :

Pave Khain (Israeli Met Service), Maike Ahlgrimm (DWD), ...

ICON-simulation (about 2km resolution)

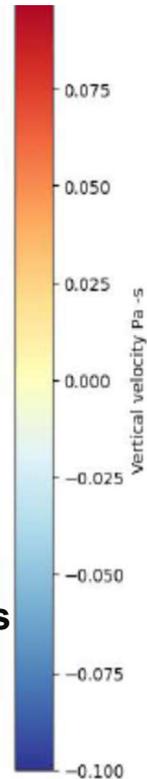
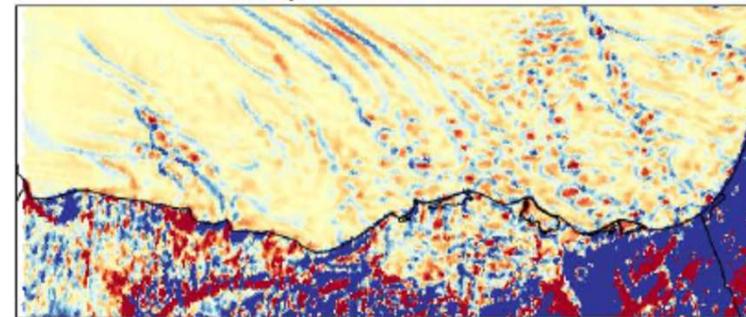
Fully active shallow convection

Vertical velocity, devrain3e4rd600, 20210218 1200UTC



Shallow convection switched off

Vertical velocity, devnoconv, 20210218 1200UTC



- Parameterized Shallow Convection (PSC) is still necessary, particularly at convective regimes
- But at more advective regimes (mainly at wintertime) with mainly shallow cumulus clouds, PSC **considerably reduces resolved vertical motion**, and with it, **overall precipitation**
- PSC **can't be tuned in order to produce the needed complementary SGS rain**. Rather it needs to be **artificially suppressed** for those regimes: new stochastic version performs a bit better
- Some **necessary interaction with grid-scale dynamics seems to be missing**, which may be:
  - **Insufficient scale-adaptation** of PSC against turbulence and Grid-Scale (GS) motions
  - **Inconsistent thermodynamics in connection with SGS cloud-processes** (related condensation heat becomes not (completely) active for grid scale dynamics)
  - **Missing effect on dynamics by SGS motions** apart from turbulence and convection

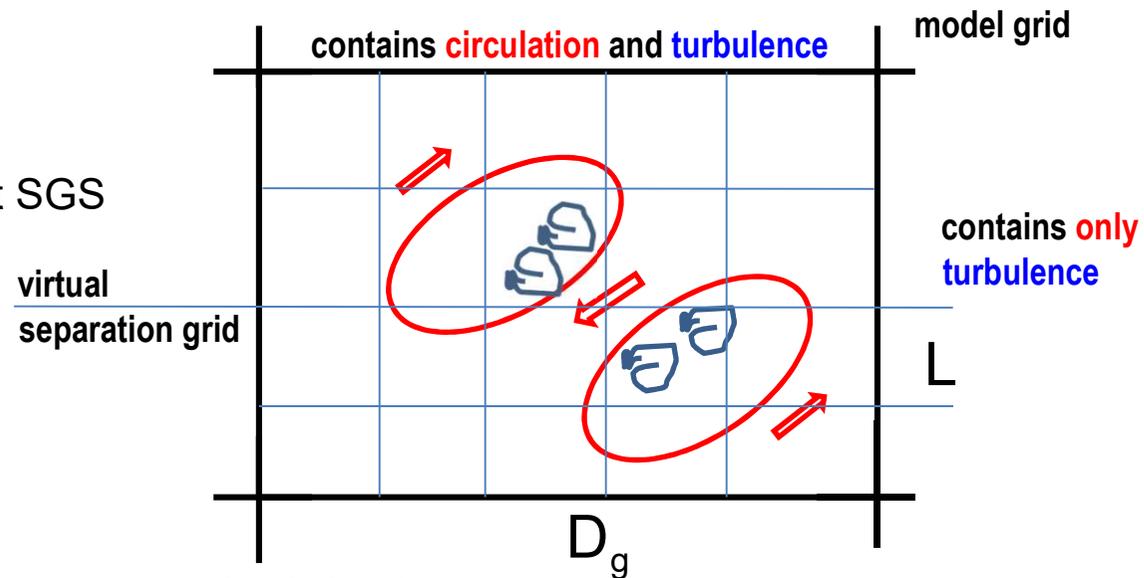
# The STIC-impact on turbulence :

(Raschendorfer 2011 ->)

**S** cale-separated SGS  
**T** urbulence  
**I** nteracting with non-turbulent SGS  
**C** irculations

➤ **3D-shear production of turbulence**

- From the grid-scale flow
- From non-turbulent sub-grid flow patterns (**circulations**)
  - Connected with **coherent structures** being not in accordance with turbulence closure
  - Would be expressed by grid-scale 3D-shear, if the patterns were resolved by a **smaller grid**
  - Extracts kinetic energy from the **circulation** flow and feeds **turbulence** representing the spectral kinetic-energy cascade
  - **Additional shear production terms in TKE-equation due to scale interaction**
  - **Missing link with particular value for the stable BL**
- Often connected with the destruction of coherent **circulation** structures (de- and en-trainment)

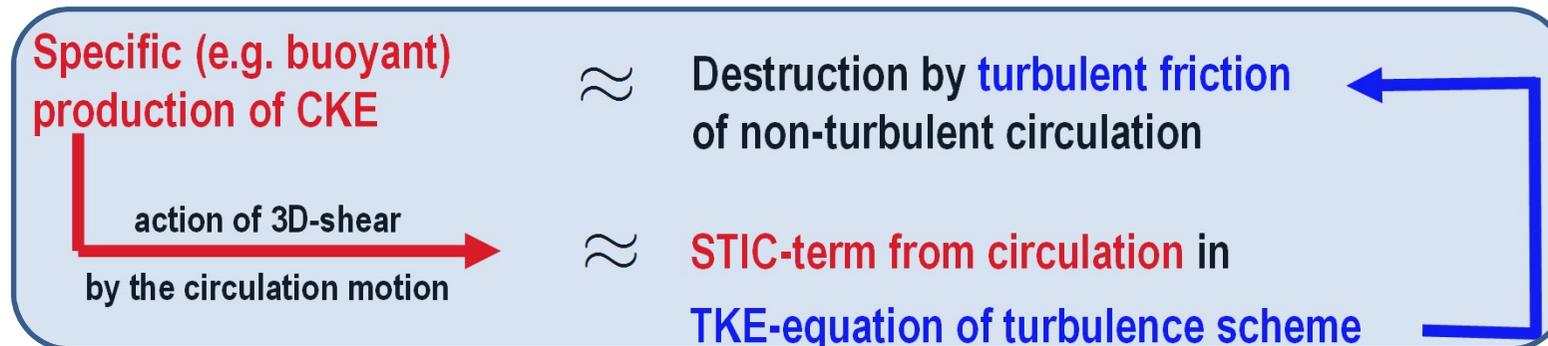


# The related new parameterization-paradigm:

(Raschendorfer 2011 ->)

- By means of the STIC-approach:

- Source-term equilibrium for **Circulation Kinetic Energy (CKE)**:



- Due to the impact of **non-turbulent SGS circulations**, STIC-terms allow for a physical solution of the turbulence scheme, even if shear production of TKE by the grid-scale flow is negligible:

additional Shear -Production of TKE by:

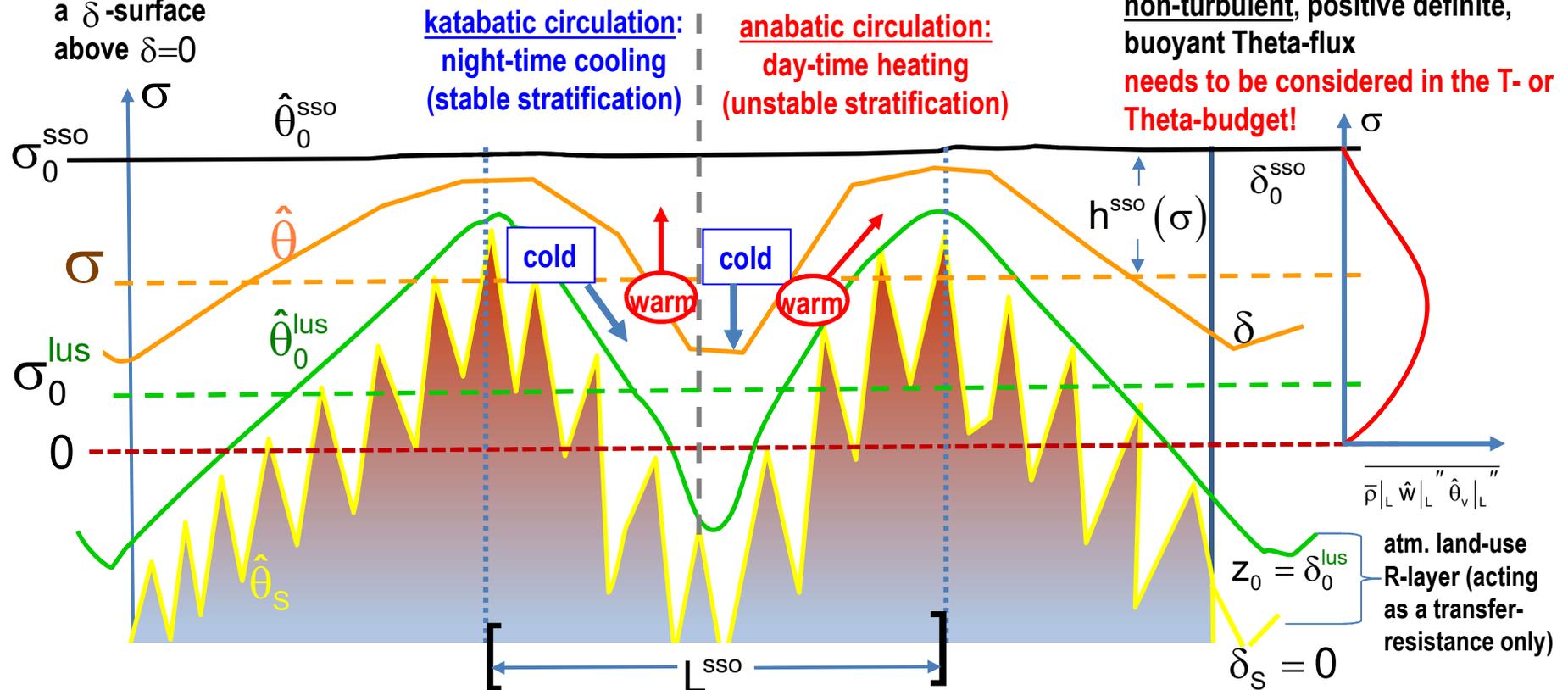
- **near surface density circul.** <-> in the SBL with vanishing wind shear
  - **SSO wake-eddies** <-> within the BL close to SSO-wakes
  - **separated horiz. shear eddies** <-> above the BL within the stable stratosphere
  - **vertical convective currents** <-> above the BL close to convective plumes
- } essential for aviation- turbulence forecast

# Thermal effect of SSO (TSSO):

(M. Raschendorfer)

- grid levels according to the **turbulent distance**  $\delta = \ell/\kappa$  from the rigid surface as a **generalized vertical coordinate**

mean height of a  $\delta$ -surface above  $\delta=0$



$s^{SSO}(\sigma) = \frac{h^{SSO}(\sigma)}{L^{SSO}/4}$  mean slope of a  $\sigma$ -surface due to SSO

$h^{SSO}(\sigma) = 0 = s^{SSO}(\sigma)$  at  $\sigma \geq \sigma_0^{SSO}$

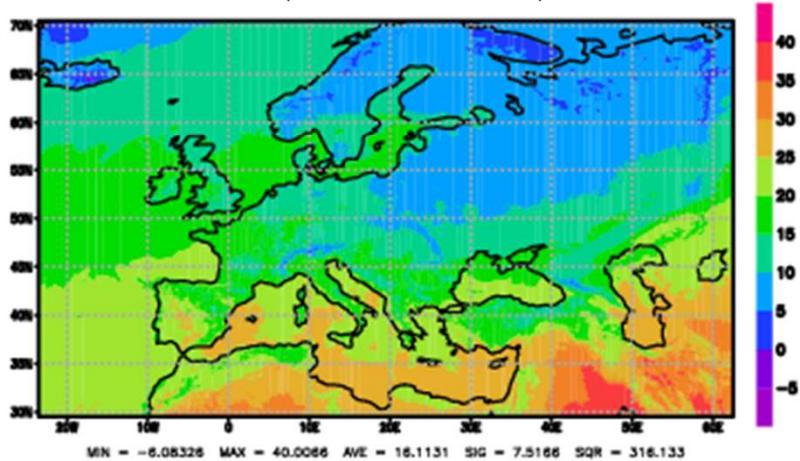
**external SSO-parameter**  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} h_0^{SSO} := h^{SSO}(\sigma_0^{lus}) \\ s_0^{SSO} := s^{SSO}(\sigma_0^{lus}) \end{array} \right. \xrightarrow{\text{(linearly)}} \begin{array}{l} h^{SSO}(\sigma_0^{SSO}) = 0 \\ s^{SSO}(\sigma_0^{SSO}) = 0 \end{array} \rightarrow \frac{g}{\hat{\theta}_v} \overline{\rho|_L \hat{w}|_L \hat{\theta}_v|_L} \approx Q_{TKE}^{tso}$

**separation-scale between turbulence and circulations**

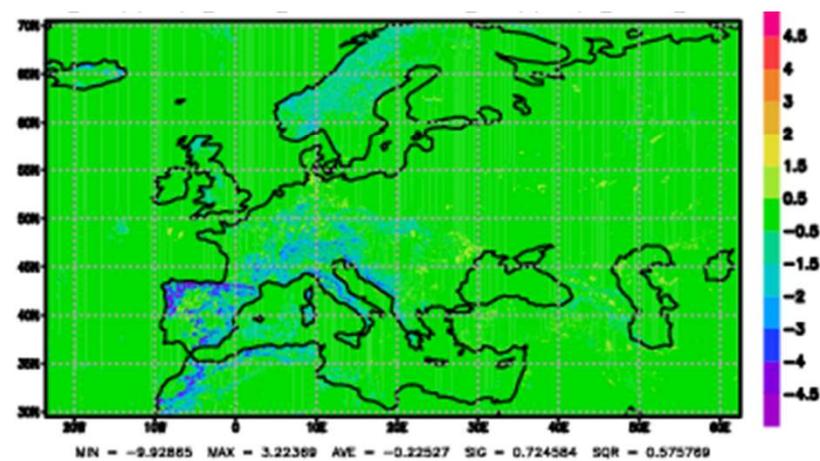


## 2m-temperature [C] (at nocturnal conditions)

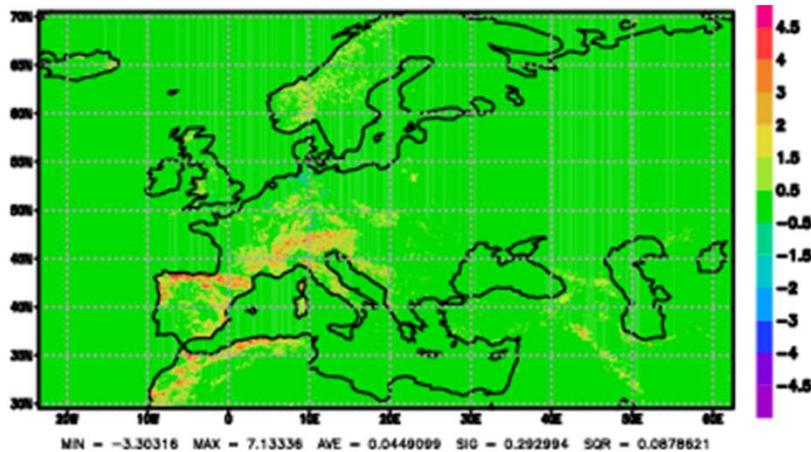
reference (old circulation term)



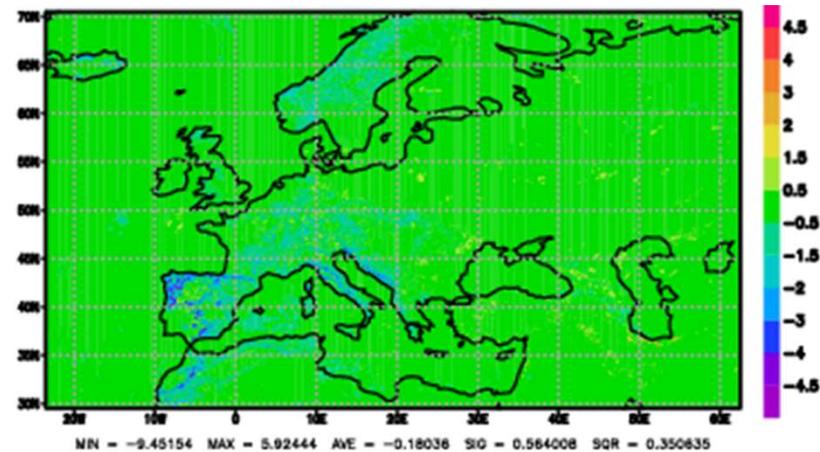
TSSO with circ. heat-flux - SSO without circ. heat-flux



TSSO without circ. heat-flux - reference



TSSO with circ. heat-flux - reference



ICON-EU

Pr.-Time = 06Z06SEP2021

Pr.-hour = 6

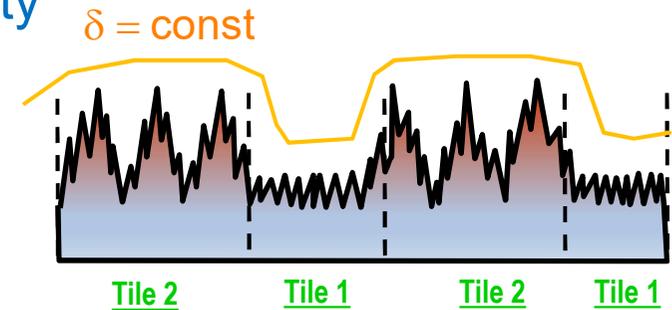
Reference <-> TSSO +/- circ.-flux

- TSSO increases low-level mixing: warmer at night near the surface
- Additional upward heat-flux overcompensates the turbulent warming at night

# Running development related to the roughness-layer: (Matthias Raschendorfer)

## ■ Consideration of roughness from inter-tile variability

- Somewhat **reduced Prandtl-layer resistance for momentum**
- Could be employed as a contribution to SSO as well
- **Not yet fully implemented**



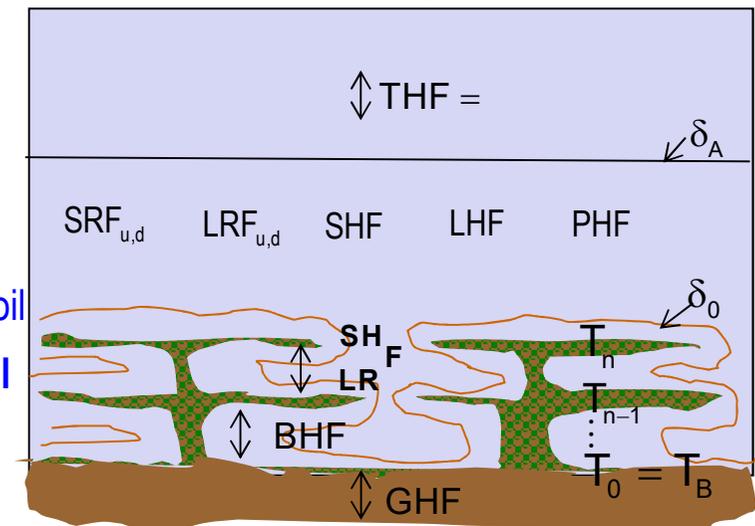
## ■ Implicit treatment of surface-temperature

- **Linearization of surface processes** with respect to temperature and linearly coupled to  $T_{\text{soil}}$ - and (multi-layer)  $T_{\text{snow}}$ -profiles of a partial snow-cover
- **Vertical diffusion between atm. model layers** is forced by the **tile-aggregated surface fluxes**
- Solves the problem of **oscillating  $T_{\text{surf}}$  and  $T_{\text{snow}}$**  at time steps of several minutes
- **Being merged from an ICON side branch**

## ■ Semi-transparent and mass-carrying R-cover

- Number of semi-transparent material R-sublayers above the compact soil dependent on the total **surface area index**
- **Material R-sublayers vertically coupled by LRF and SHF**
- **Partial shading** of material R-sublayers further down and the soil
- **Evapotranspiration** with regard to  $T_0, \dots, T_n$  and a **semi-parallel resistance chain**
- **Interception, dripping and phase transitions of precip. prepared**
- **Being integrated into ICON from a COSMO test-version**

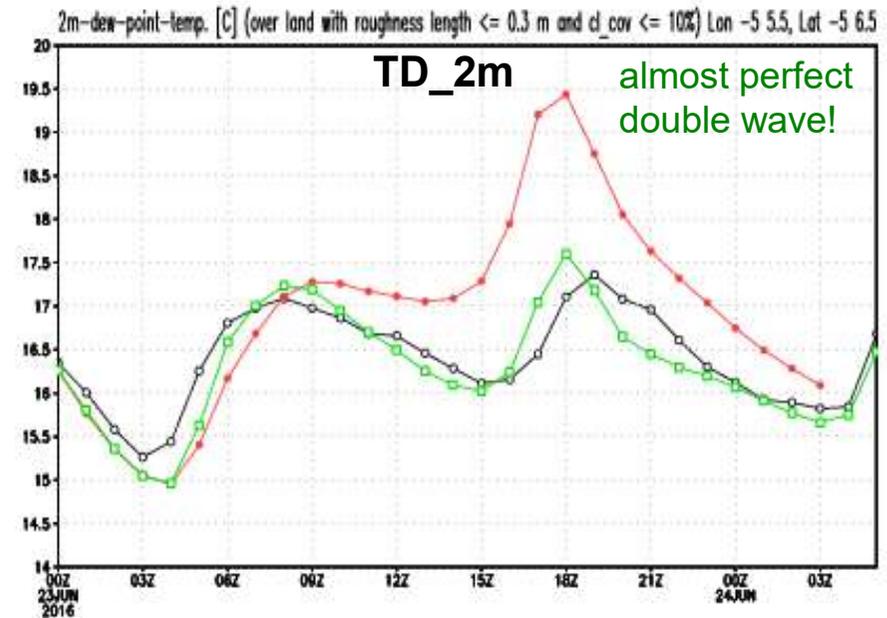
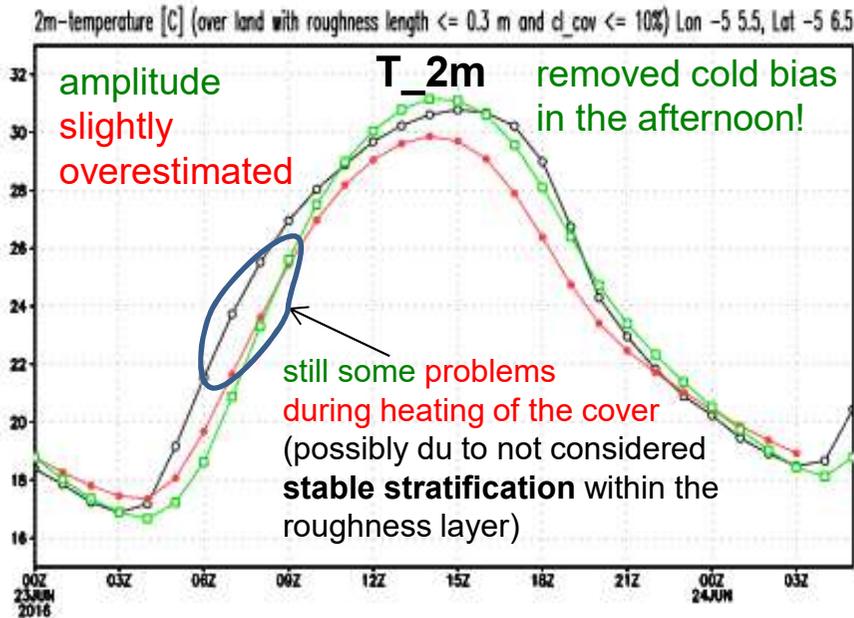
**Strong impact on diurnal cycle of T2m and Td2m !!**



# Case study in COSMO-DE: Testing an existing prototype of a mass-carrying and semi-transparent canopy:

- Experiment with the existing test-version in COSMO for an quasi-ideal test case:
  - COSMO-DE with lateral boundaries from ICON-EU
  - domain averaged daily cycles of near-surface variables
  - almost saturated soil due to long standing rain period before
  - only for rather smooth surfaces: **applied filter**
  - almost no clouds due to high pressure situation + **applied filter**

**conditional diagnostic**



direct analysis of T<sub>2m</sub> and TD<sub>2m</sub>

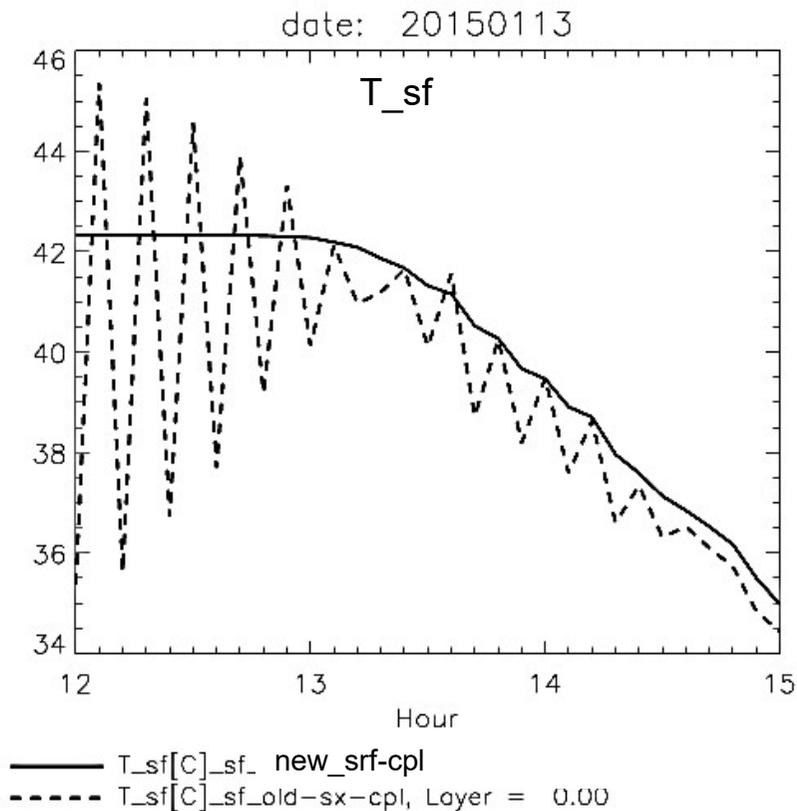
revised TURBDIFF imported from ICON

full C-layer treatment : semi-transparent + loosely coupled + heat-storage + adapted evapo-transpiration

## Coupled system of linearized heat equations with implicit temperature treatment:

### Test-grid-point Kenia (+33.71 +7.89) (already shown earlier) :

- After-noon situation; tropical hot with strong radiation forcing
- 3 hour ICON-global test-run (R2B6) with defaults of the new SAT/TERRA-scheme (dt=6 min)
- **Non-default settings only for the special grid-point:**



- **Oscillations** almost completely **eliminated** by new implicit treatment of surface processes.
- So far **operational flux-limiter** **switched off** only for new treatment.

# Prepared development related to the roughness-layer:

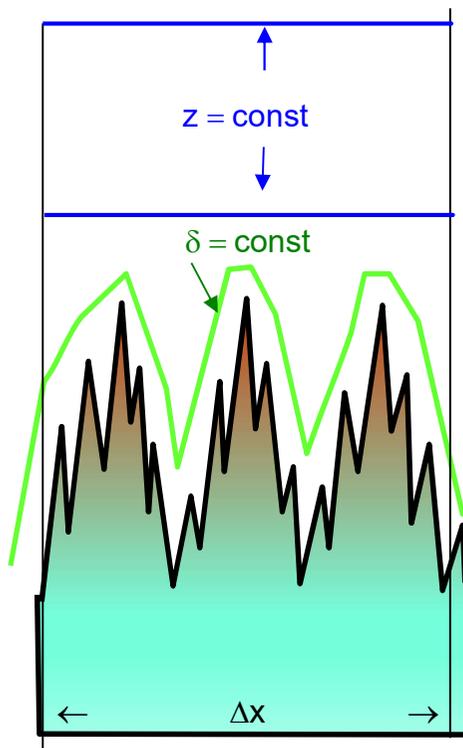
## Vertically resolved atmospheric land-use R-layer

- Principal related problem for numerical simulation:

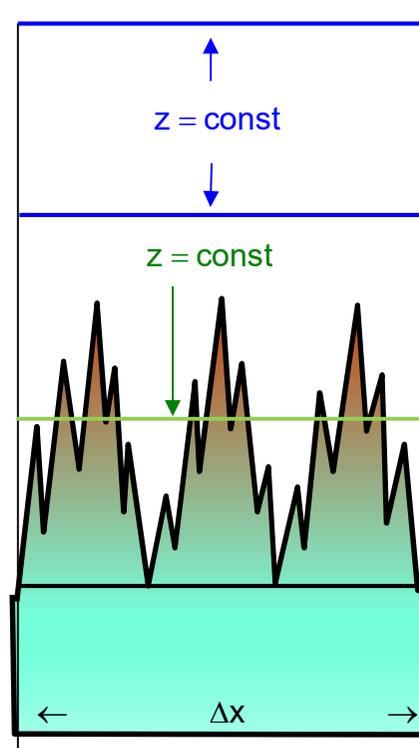
$$\overline{\nabla \zeta} = \nabla \overline{\zeta} + \overline{\nabla' \zeta'}$$

$\downarrow$   
 e.g. **form-drag** in case of pressure-gradient  $\longleftrightarrow$  **wake-production of TKE**

- Two Paradigms:



- i. Prognostic atmospheric  $\delta$  layers **excluding** R-elements
- Layering according to (turbulent) distance from surface
  - Generalized BL-approximation (similar treatment like SSO)



- ii. Prognostic atmospheric z-layers **intersected** by land-use R-elements
- Surface transfer for all intersected layers
  - Flow through porous medium

Thank you for your attention!