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Comparison of highresolution HARMONIE-AROME heatwave results to a vast observation network in Turku, Finland



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High-resolution HARMONIE-AROME experiment

• Cy43h2.1

- 750 m spatial, 1 h temporal resolution
- Nested into operational analyses of the ECMWF
- 6-hourly forecasts
- 2018 July heatwave (25.-31.7.)
- Focus on the city of Turku



Sea and lakes

Nature

Town

LCZ8: large low-rise LCZ10: heavy industry Suomi et al. 2024



TURCLIM weather data logger network



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Temperature in different land-use areas





The weighted average daily max., daily mean, and daily min. temperatures for each tile type and for urban covers. The weighted average temperatures are calculated from daily temperatures of the one week period 25.-31.7.2018 using grid cell tile/cover percentages as weights. (Suomi et al. 2024)

Diurnal ranges of observed and modelled temperatures



2018-07-25 2018-07-26 2018-07-27 2018-07-28 2018-07-29 2018-07-30 2018-07-31 2018-08-01



Diurnal ranges of observed temperatures from TURCLIM stations and simulated HARMONIE-AROME temperatures of the corresponding grid cells. (Suomi et al. 2024)



ILMATIETEEN LAITOS METEOROLOGISKA INSTITUTET FINNISH METEOROLOGICAL INSTITUTE Suomi et al. 2024 Average differences (obs. - mod.) and average absolute differences between the town (TEB), nature (ISBA), and grid cell averages of the modelled and observed temperatures of selected stations: Mylly (urban), Valkiasvuori and Jäkärlä (semi-urban), Hiiriluoto mäki (rural), Kuuva (sea). (Suomi et al. 2024)

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Physiography at Mylly and Jäkärlä sites





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Mylly: Located at a small green area. Model: 100% LCZ8: 'large low-rise'. Jäkärlä: Suburban area. Model: 93.3 % 'sparsely built', 6.7 % 'winter C3 crops'





Mylly



Jäkärlä



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Temperature variation at Mylly and Jäkärlä sites





Modelled temperatures at 'Mylly' site are warmer than the observed throughout the period, while at 'Jäkärlä' site the modelled temperatures correspond to the observed temperatures more clearly. (Suomi et al. 2024)

Conclusions

- HARMONIE-AROME performs well at 750 m resolution and captures the daily variation during a heat-wave in Turku
- Night-time temperatures are too warm in the model
- The performance of the model is greatly affected by the accuracy of the physiographic description

Reference:

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Thank you for listening!

