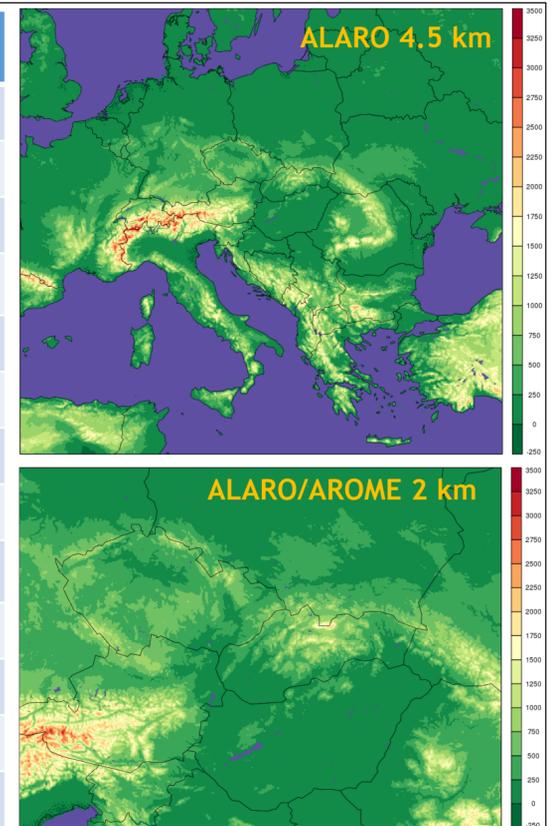
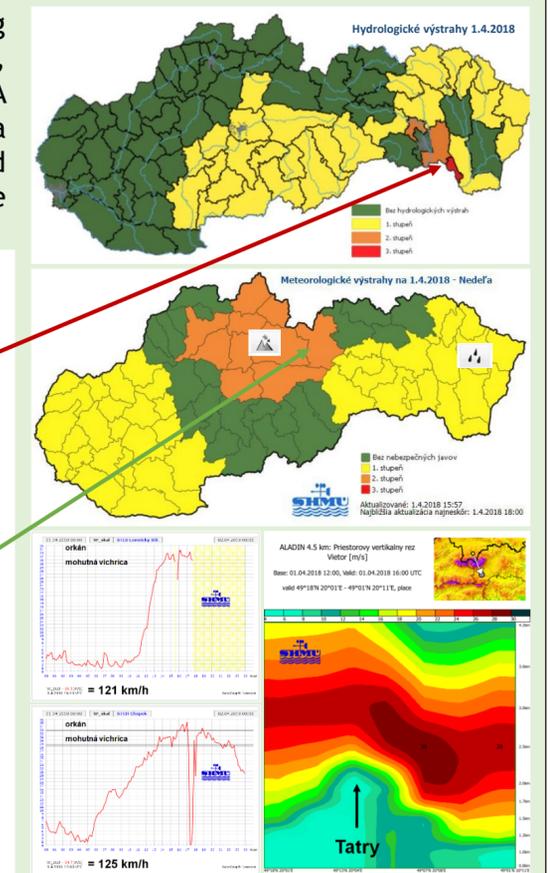
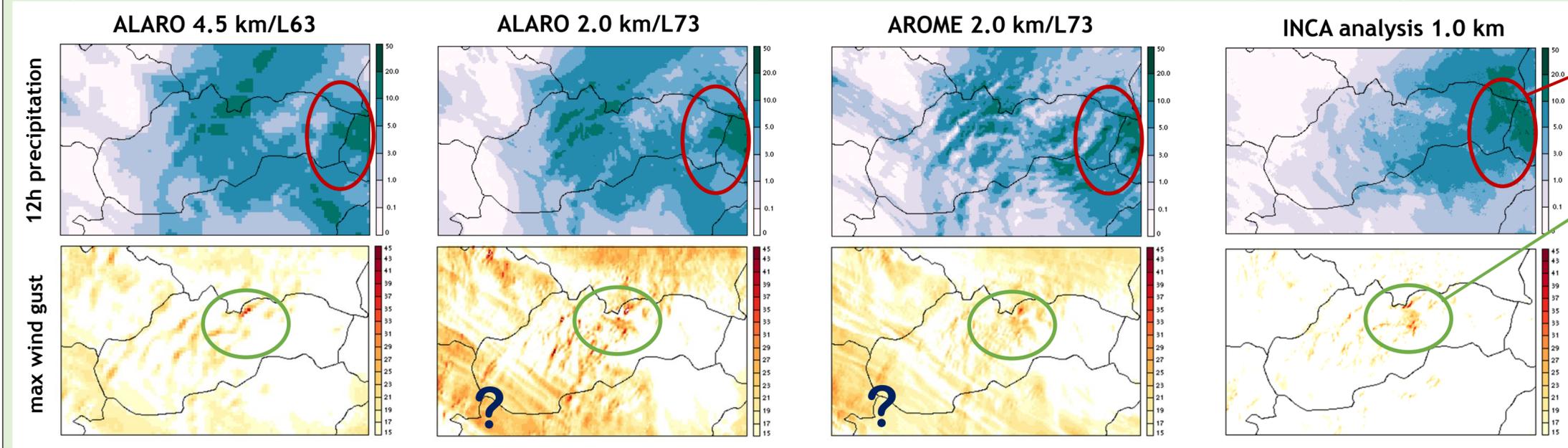


| ALADIN/SHMU systems | | | | |
|---------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| CMC | ALARO | ALARO | ALARO | AROME |
| status | operational | obsolete | experimental | |
| code version | CY40T1bf07_export | CY36T1_bf10 | CY40T1bf07_export | |
| physics | ALARO-1vB | ALARO 3MT, SLHD | ALARO-1vB | AROME-FRANCE |
| dx | 4.5 km | 9.0 km | 2.0 km | |
| pts | 625 x 576 | 320 x 288 | 512 x 384 | |
| vertical levels | 63 | 37 | 73 | |
| tstep | 180 s | 400 s | 100 s | 144 s |
| forecast ranges | 78/72/72/60 (a' 1h) | 72/72/72/60 (a' 1h) | +78h at 00UTC/+72h at 12UTC (a' 1h) | |
| coupling model | ARPEGE (long- & short cut off), 3h | | ALARO-1vB (4.5 km), 1h | |
| assimilation | upper air spectral blending with CANARI surface assimilation | | downscaling | |
| initialization | no initialization | | DFI | no initialization |
| HPC | IBM Flex System p460, linux | IBM p755, AIX | IBM p755, AIX | IBM Flex System p460 |



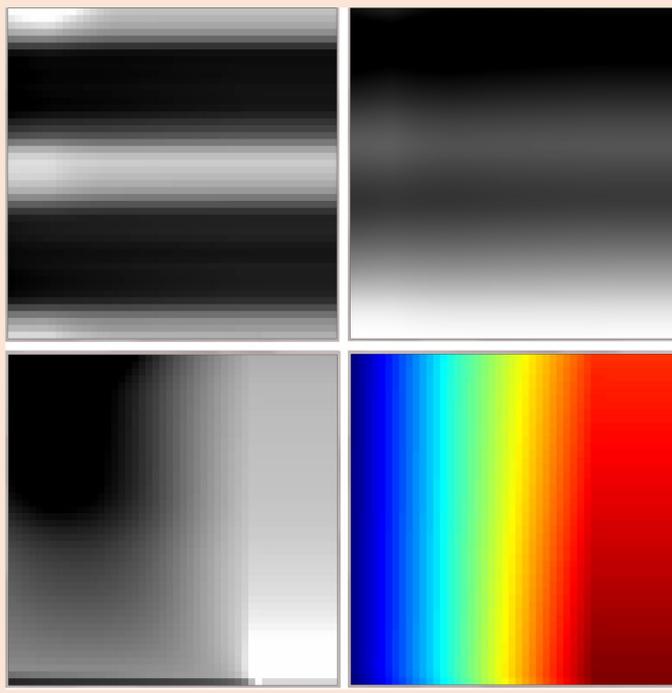
Easter case study - 01/04/2018 (no joke): low pressure system passing over Slovakia towards NE brought high precipitation totals => floods in East Slovakia and strong wind in the mountains. An interesting case of the downslope wind was recorded, with maximum wind gust in Skalnaté pleso, 205 km/h. Models gave correct warnings, see on the 1st row the 12h precipitation 06-18 UTC from the 01/04/2018 00 UTC run, for ALARO 4.5 km, ALARO 2 km, AROME 2 km from left to right, and verifying INCA analysis. The windward precipitation amounts in northern Slovakia are overestimated. The wind gust for 01/04/2018 at 17 UTC is displayed on the second row. Maxima over the mountains tops are correctly indicated. Strange wind speed patterns for 2km NH models in SW Slovakia are not explained. The issued meteorological and hydrological warnings are displayed on the top right. On the bottom right the anemometer measurement from Lomnický štít and Chopok mountain stations illustrate the wind speed. The ALARO 4.5 km vertical cross-section shows the maximum wind speed on the leeward of the Tatra mountains (courtesy of miroslav.singer@shmu.sk).



Validation of EKF surface assimilation scheme

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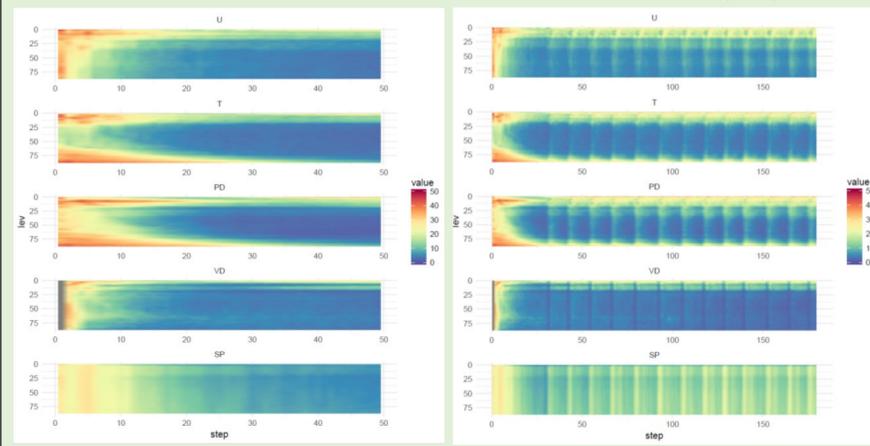
Sensitivity analysis of 2-L and 3-L ISBA force restore scheme for soil volumetric water content has been started using the offline SURFEX and 1-column setup. New method was proposed which allows for efficient computation of EKF Jacobian matrices H and M in 1-column runs. This method was used to investigate the nonlinear behaviour of coupled ISBA-CANOPY (ISBA-DIAG) scheme acting effectively as observation operator in EKF analysis of soil moisture. Nonlinear behaviour was expected in the vicinity of extreme soil states as saturation, field capacity and wilting point, when linear approximation of extended Kalman filter may be violated resulting in wrong analysis increments. Preliminary results are shown in figure below for ISBA_CANOPY=F, ISBA=2-L. On y-axis is time from t_0 till $t_0 + 48$ hours, on x-axis is initial value of volumetric water content $WG2(0)$ i.e. in bulk layer of 2-layer force-restore scheme <0.1 to 0.57 m^3/m^3 . Top-left: TG1, top-right: TG2, bottom-left: WG1, bottom-right: WG2. Qualitative change can be seen on both WG1 and WG2 near the soil saturation ~ 0.454 m^3/m^3 . Soil moisture responds only slightly to further increase of initial soil moisture when soil is saturated. In WG1 plot another change in behaviour is visible when $WG2(0)$ is approximately equal to field capacity (~ 0.249 m^3/m^3). In TG1 plot qualitative change can be seen near the wilting point (~ 0.161 m^3/m^3) especially for later times (top-left corner). All these qualitative changes in behaviour are quite obvious in view of physical processes in the soil and soil-vegetation-air interface (grid box was covered mostly by crops).



Dynamical PC scheme for NH kernel of AAA models

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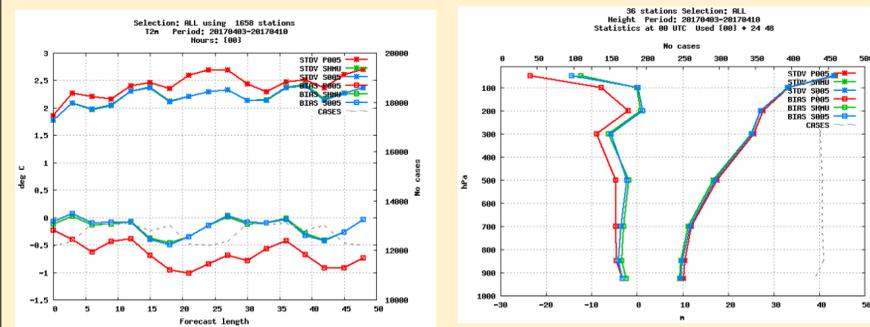
In calm non-convective weather conditions the NH effects are rather negligible => the cheaper SI scheme can be used for model integration. More expensive PC scheme is to be used only when its usage is dynamically identified. Such approach is suitable for small domains only where NH activity can be supposed to be uniform over whole domain. To test this hypothesis an implementation of SETTLS scheme with LPC_CHEAP in NH dynamics has been completed together with the development of mixed scheme with extrapolation and non-extrapolation predictor with dynamical determination of iterations of ICI scheme (NESC). The decision factor is being determined. Left figure below illustrates the percentage of points where SETTLS scheme was switched off for various parameters (U, V, PD, VD, SP). Right figure shows % of points with PC_NESC scheme switched off and replaced by SI SETTLS - happening dynamically during integration when decision factor reaches critical value for 90% of gridpoints.



Tests of LBC from ARPEGE with SURFEX

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Final technical testing of the last setup of the LBC form ARPEGE_sfx before becoming operational on Dec 05 2017. The treatment of soil frozen water and snow cover as proposed by D. Degrauwe and F. Bouyssel works reasonably well and is ready for operational implementation. Figures below show the scores of T2m and geopotential profile for the final solution **S005** compared to the initial version of the conversion algorithm **P005** and the reference **SHMU** operational scores



Exploration of non-GTS weather stations

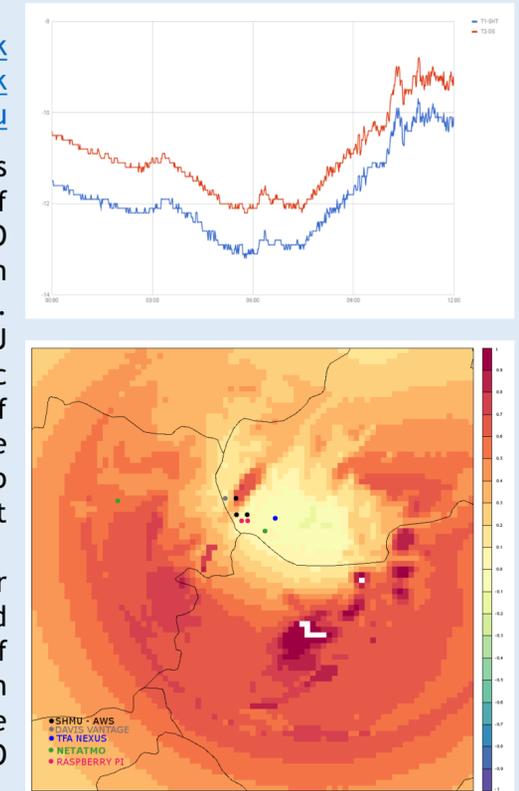
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A network of amateur meteorologists stations is growing in Slovakia, consisting of commercial stations like DAVIS or NETATMO as well as the home-built solutions based on cheap sensors ensembled on Raspberry Pi. Such self-made station built by SHMU colleagues has been placed on the Inovec hill (1042m a.s.l.). The comparison of measurements of two different temperature sensors installed there displayed on the top figure points out the importance of correct sensors calibration.

A regular data collection from amateur stations network has started at SHMU and their usage is being assessed. An example of temperature analysis increment based on CANARI+MESCAN with and without the amateur stations is shown for VHR ALARO configuration on the right bottom figure.



New ALADIN-LAEF, phase I

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New ALADIN-LAEF phase I configuration was finally put together, tested and verified against the reference (corresponding 16 ECMWF-EPS members downscaled). It contains ensemble of surface data assimilation (ESDA) with internally perturbed screen-level observations, upper-air spectral blending, stochastic perturbation of physics tendencies (SPPT) for ISBA prognostic fields and new ALARO-1 multiphysics (additionally to the model upgrade from cy36 to cy40, increased horizontal and vertical resolution and redefined domain). The added value of new LAEF over the downscaled ECMWF-EPS is obvious for the surface parameters (see figure below), while it is rather neutral for the upper-air (see the stay report on www.rclace.eu). Due to the technical aspects (mostly due to enormous increase of consumed SBUs for its integration) the plans for its operational exploitations are delayed.

