

European High-Resolution Soil Moisture Analysis

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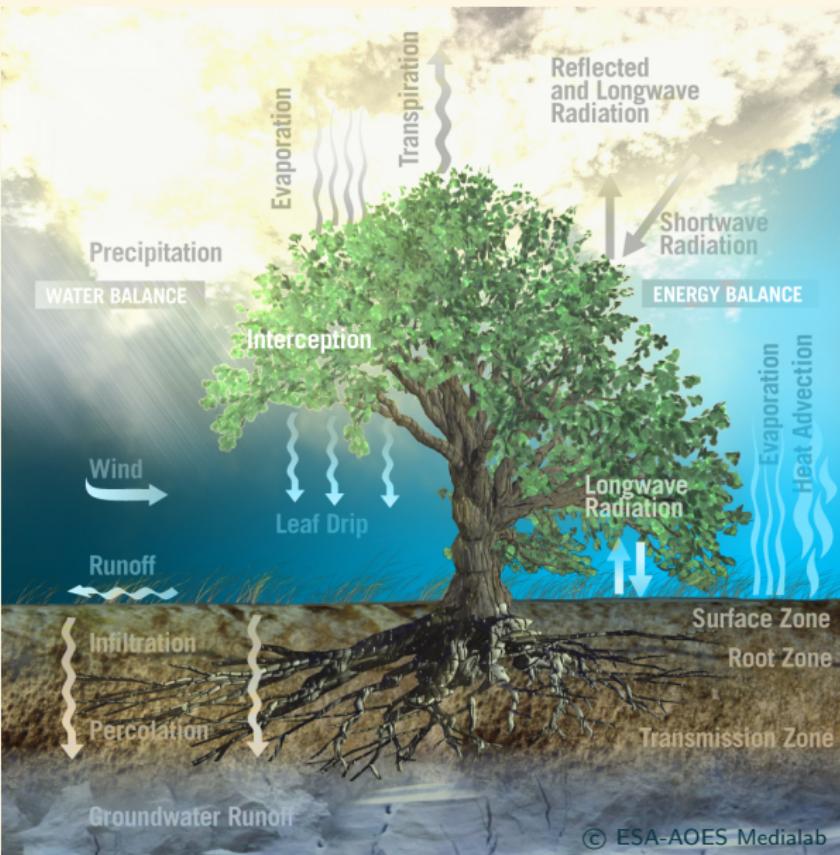
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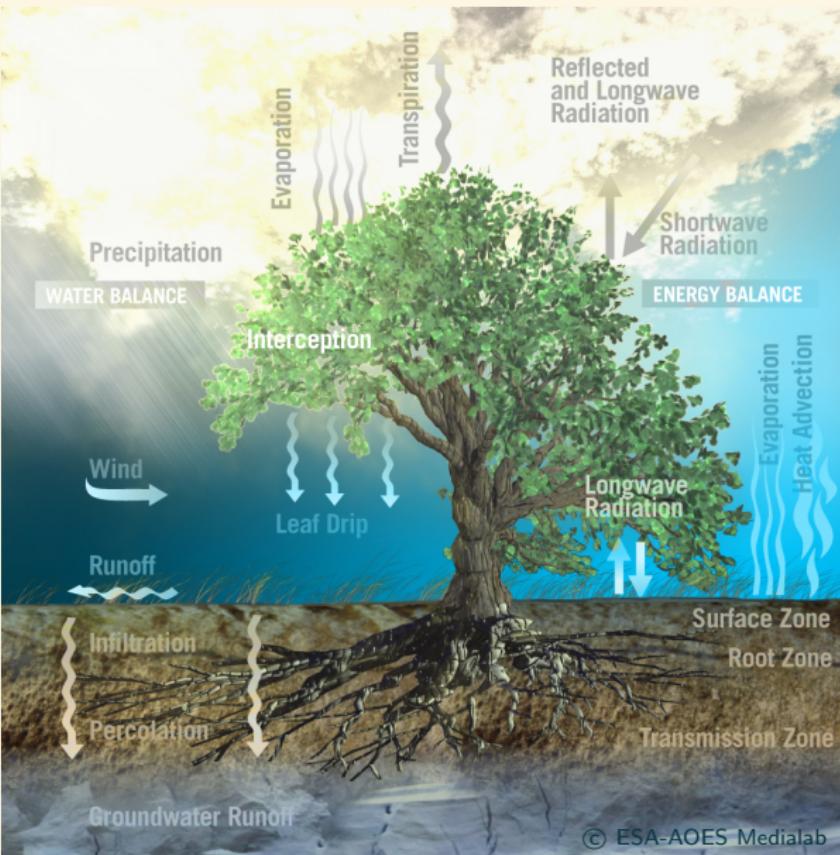
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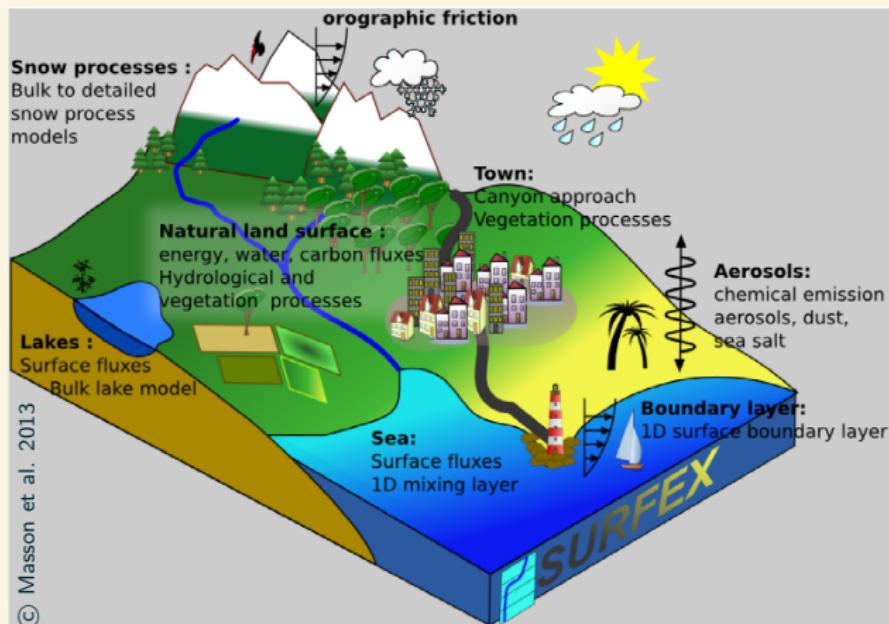
- Data assimilation
- SCATSAR-SWI
- Error estimation
- Resolution experiments
- Comparison with HSAF

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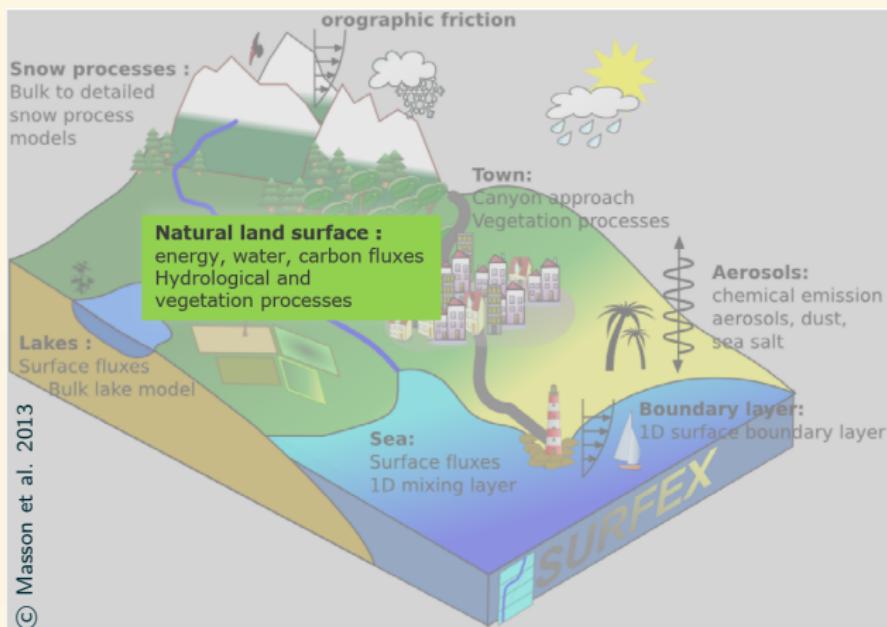
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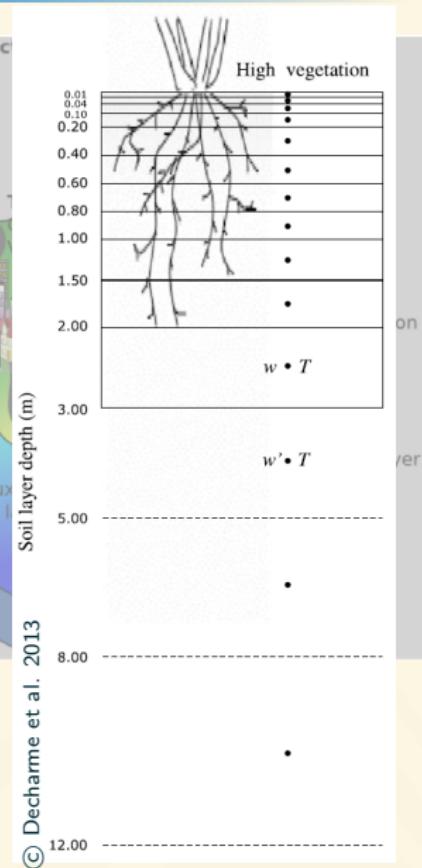
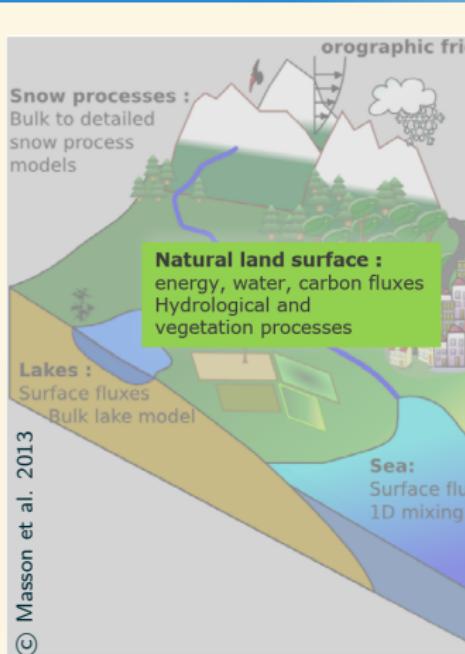
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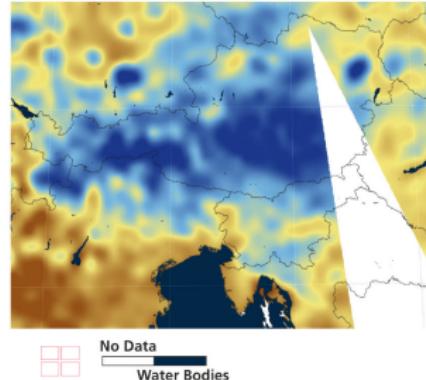
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- Diffusion scheme
- 14 soil layers

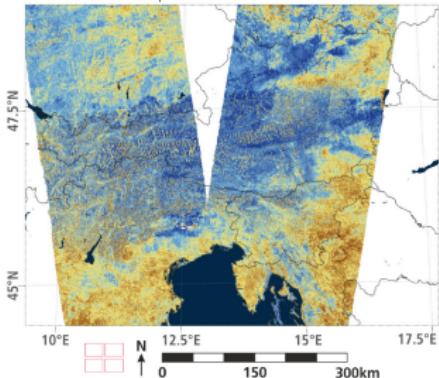


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MetOp-A ASCAT | 2017 07 23



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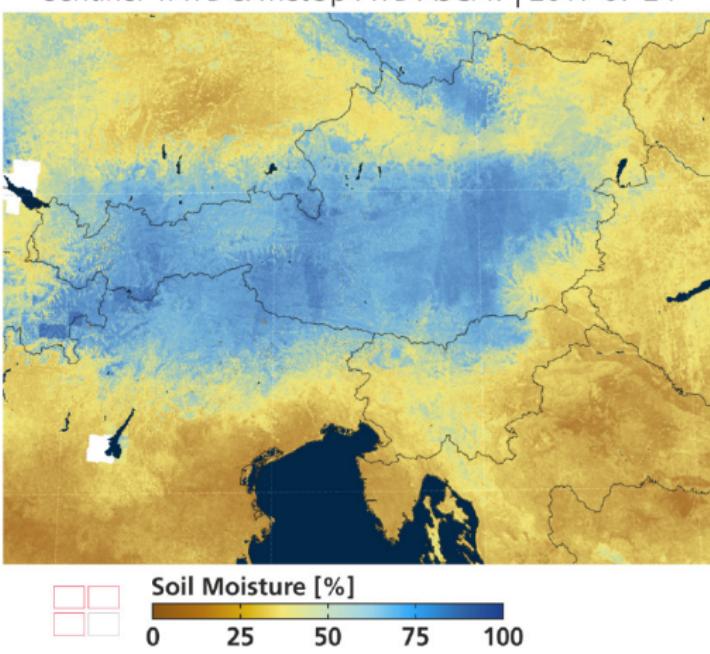


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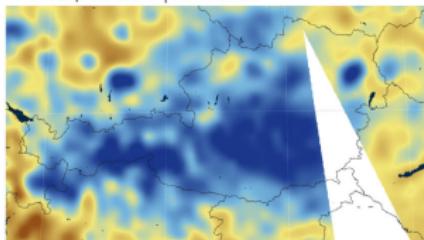
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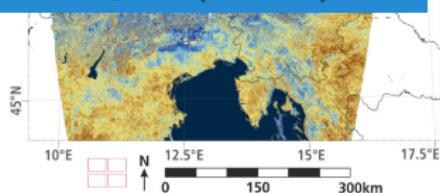
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SCATSAR-SWI

- spatial resolution: 1 km
- temporal resolution: 1 day
- vertical resolution: 8 layers (6 used)

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constant observation error over whole domain: $\text{STD} = 0.2$
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⇒ Kalman gain

$$\mathbf{K}' = \mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{H}_k^T (\mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{H}_k^T + \mathbf{R}_k)^{-1}$$

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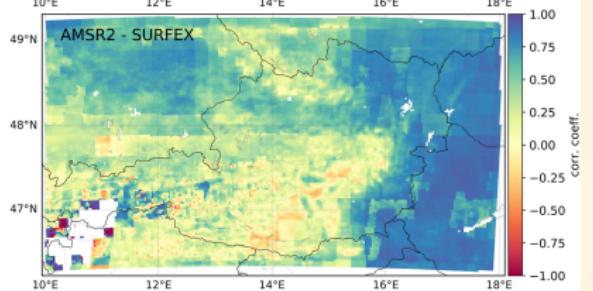
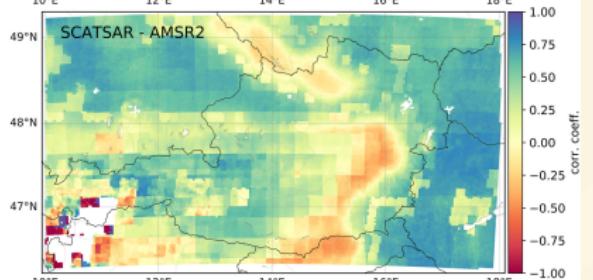
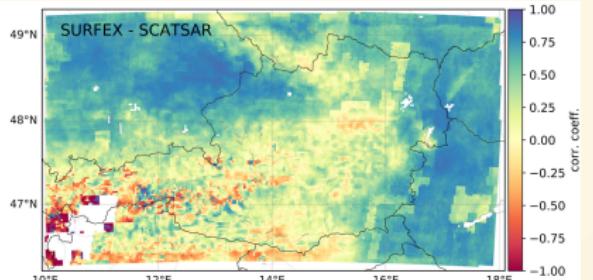
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Assumptions*:

- Signal stationarity \Leftarrow same seasonal patterns
- Error stationarity \Leftarrow long data samples
- Independency between Θ and ϵ \Leftarrow effects negligible
- Zero error cross-correlation \Leftarrow different type of data sets:
 - ▷ SCATSAR (active satellite data)
 - ▷ AMSR2 (passive satellite data)
 - ▷ SURFEX model as reference

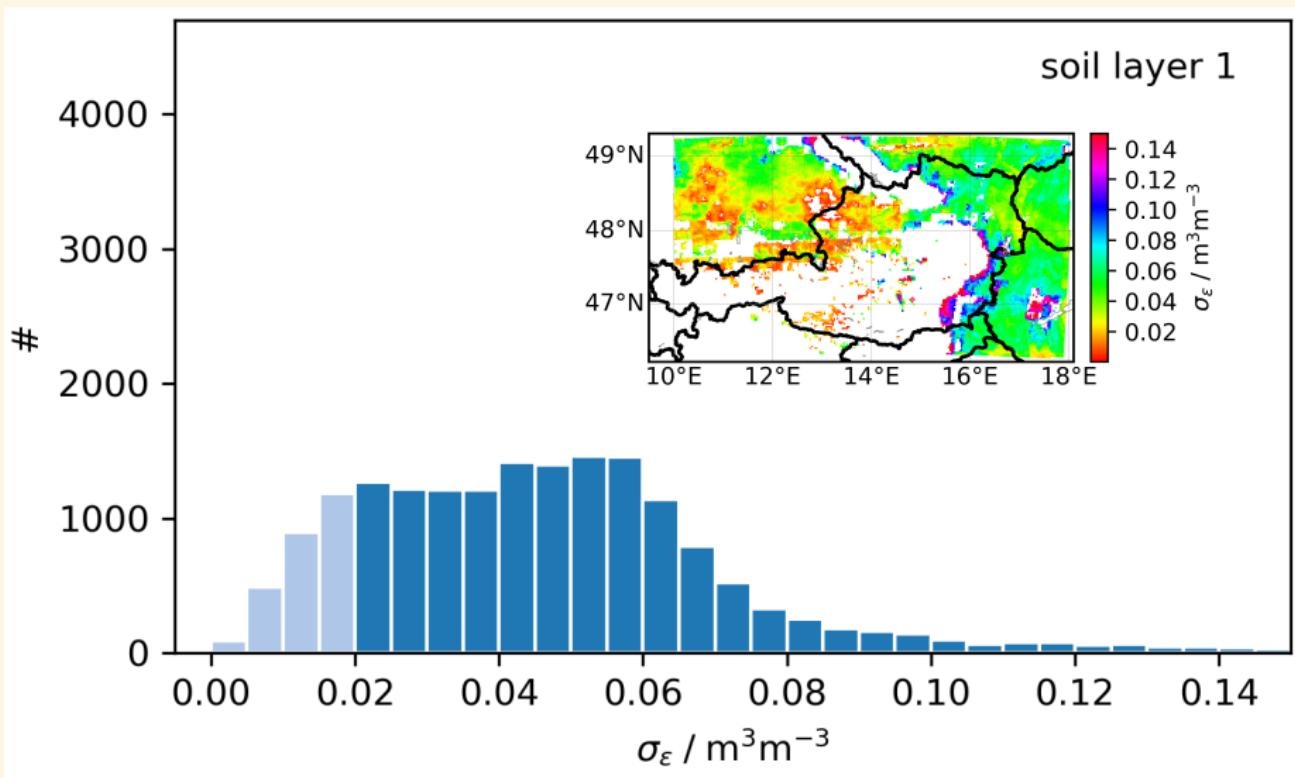
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Correlation between datasets

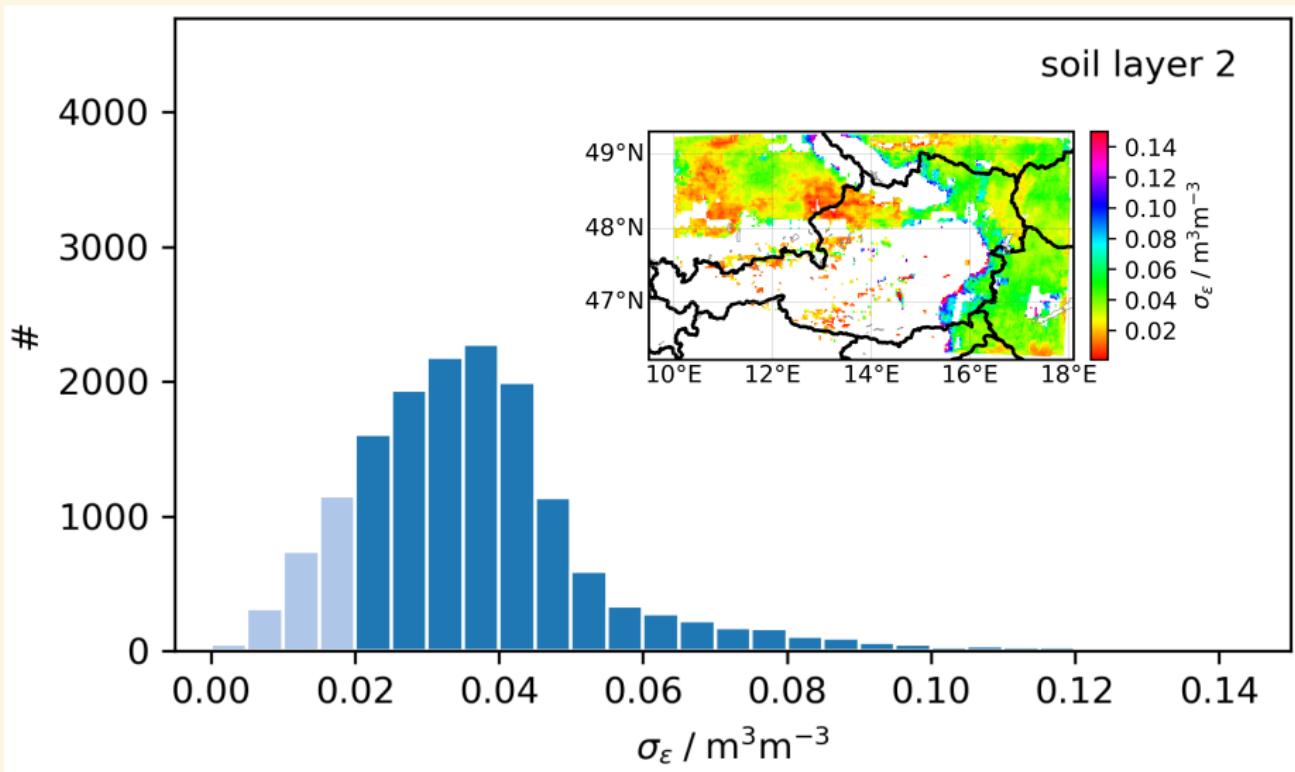


- best correlation in flatlands
- correlation between SCATSAR and AMSR2 worse with increasing depth
- edgy structures due to masked regions (frozen conditions)

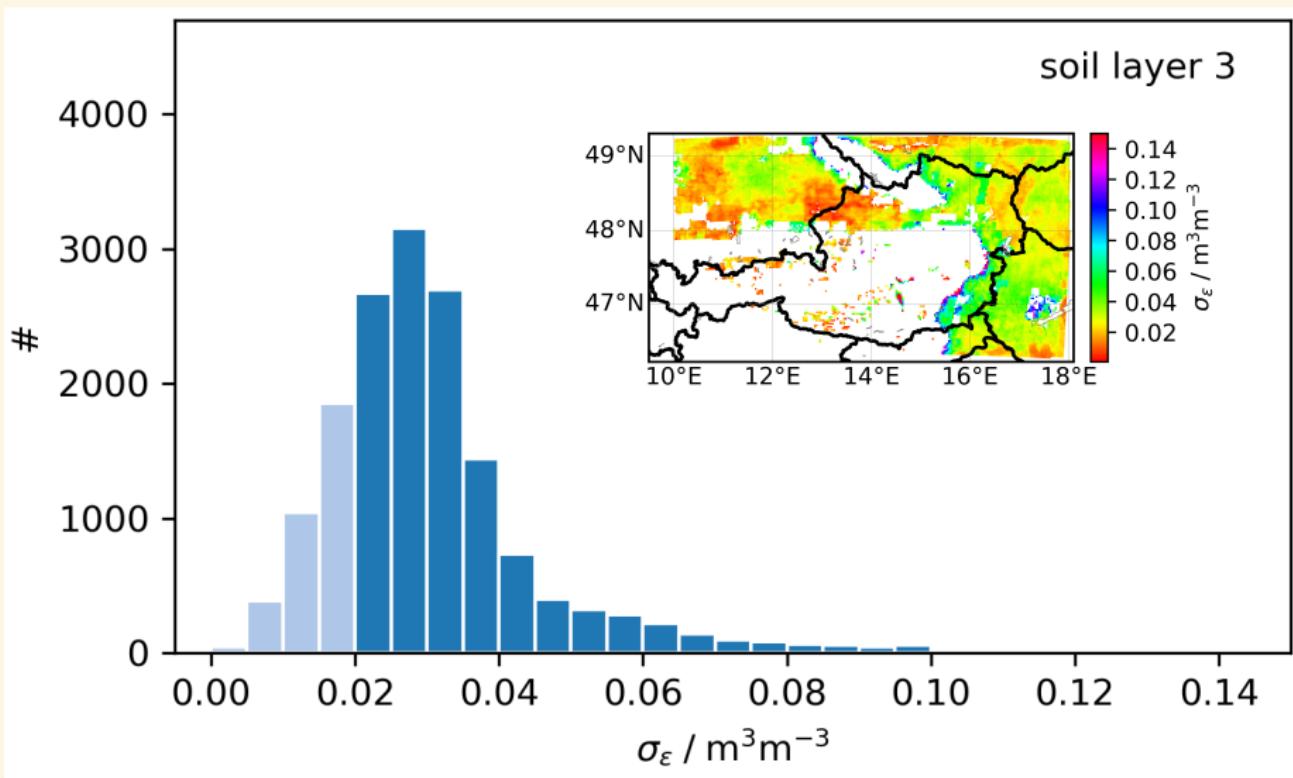
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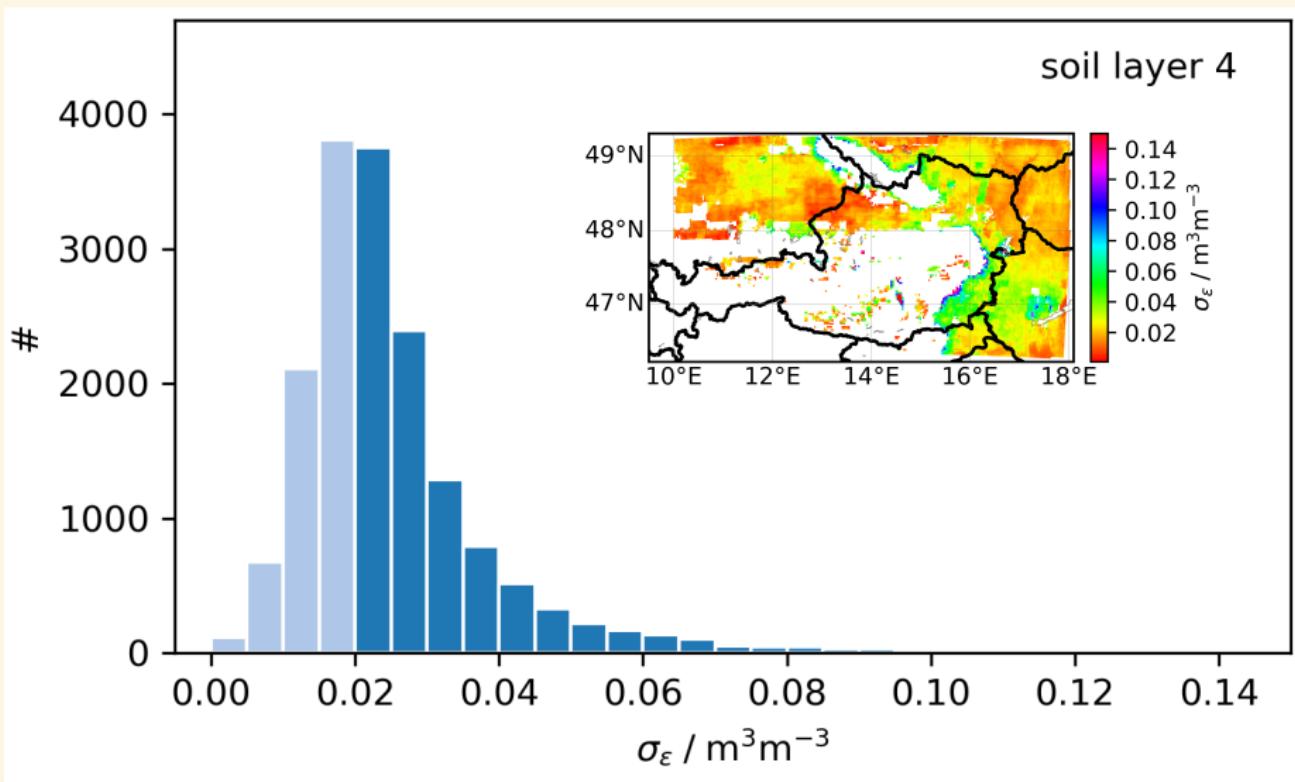
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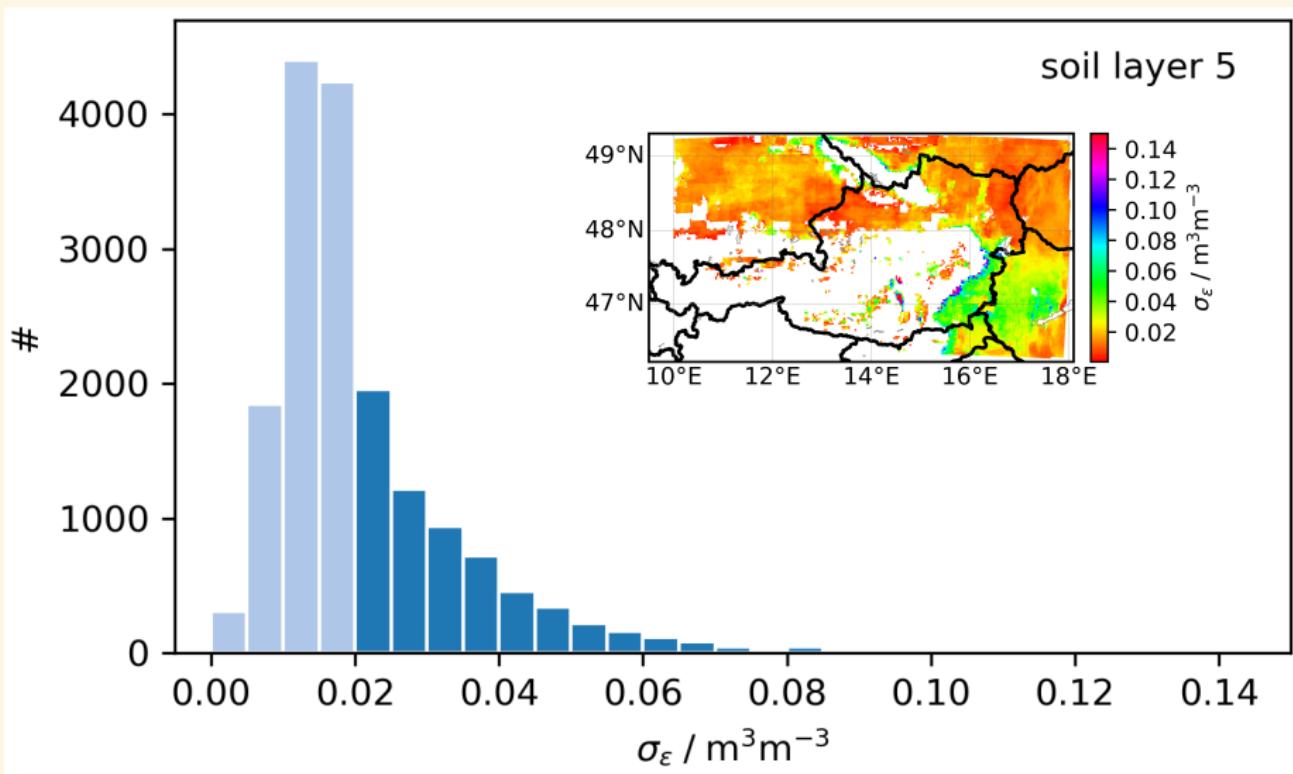
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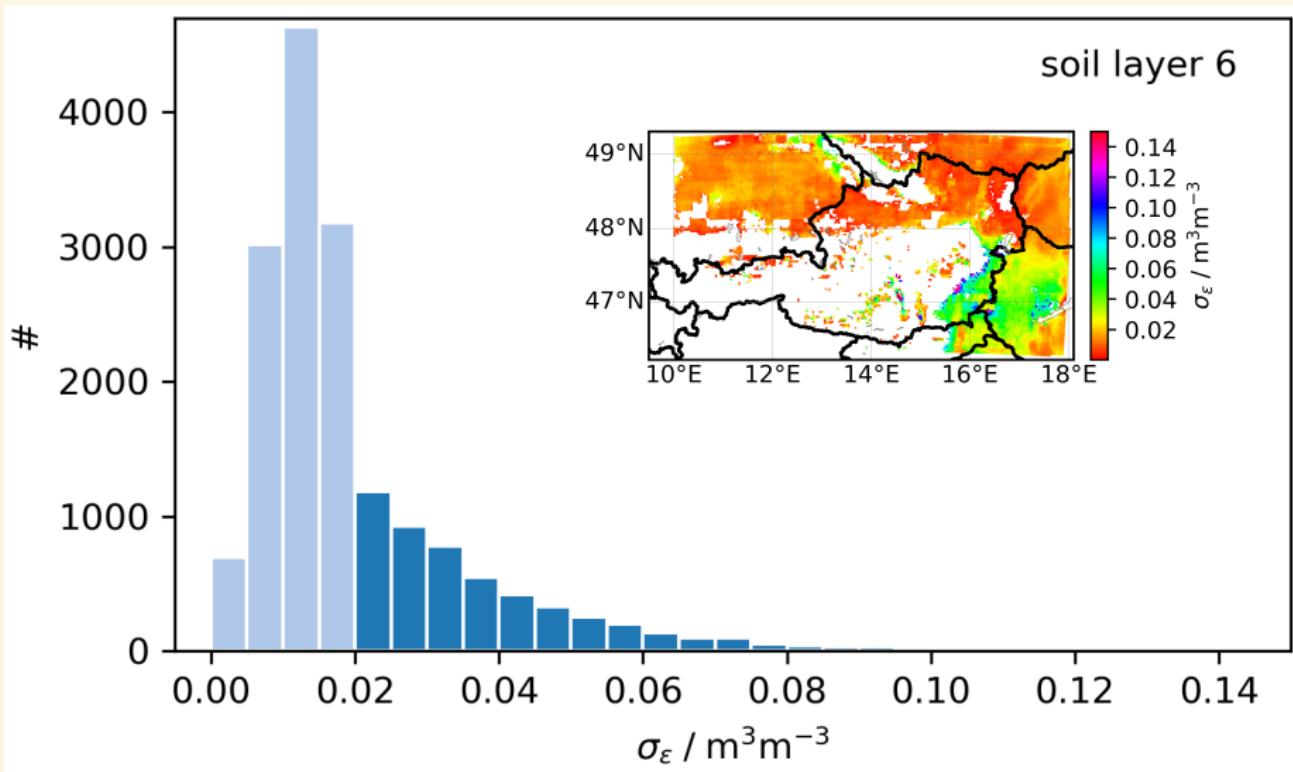
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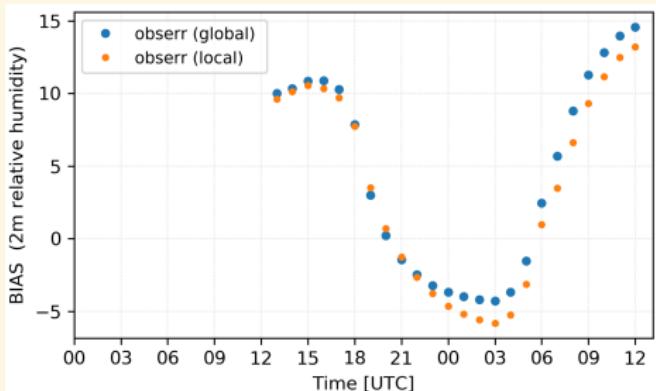
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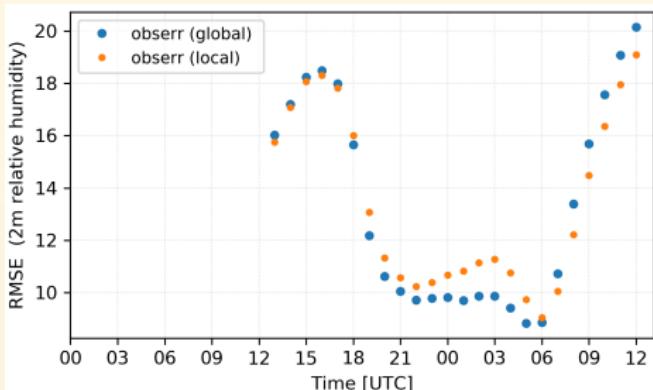
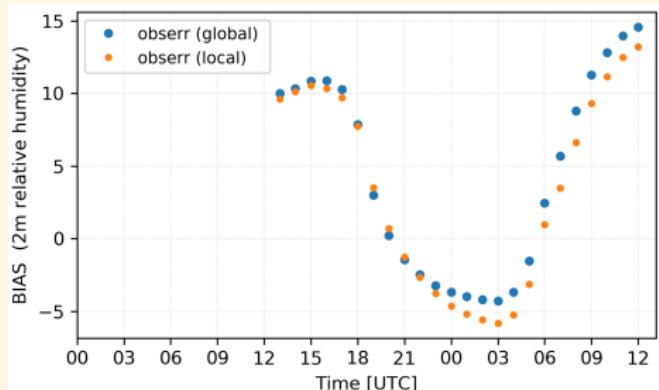
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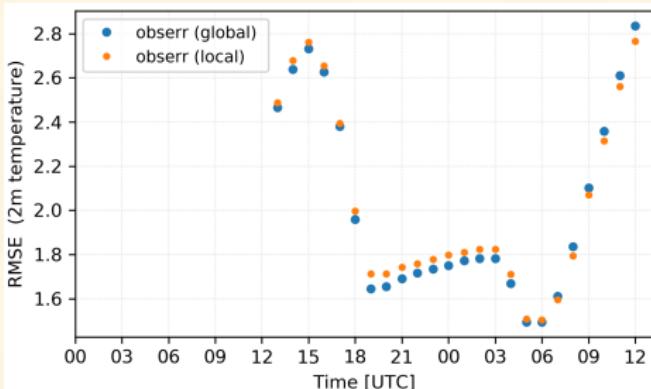
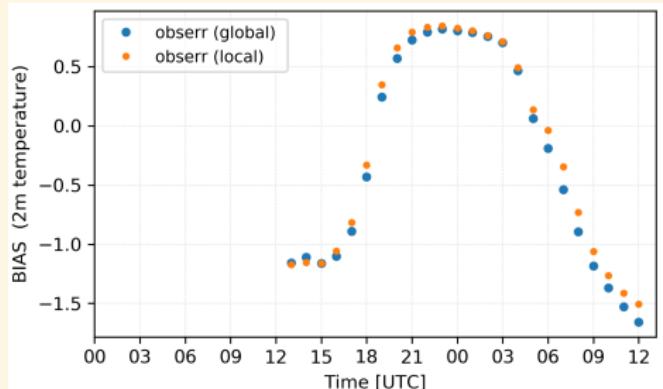
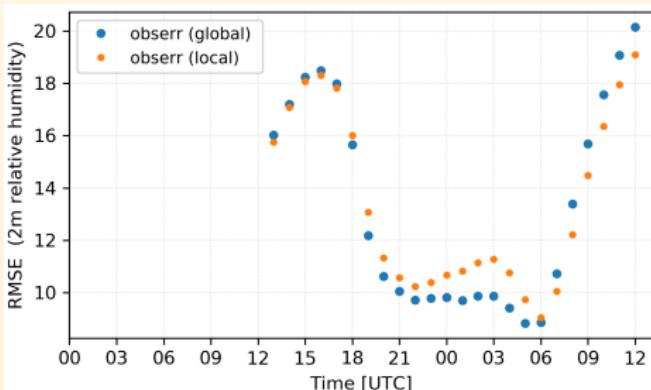
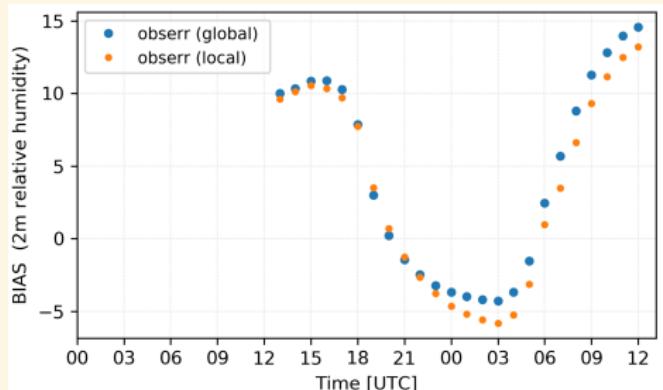
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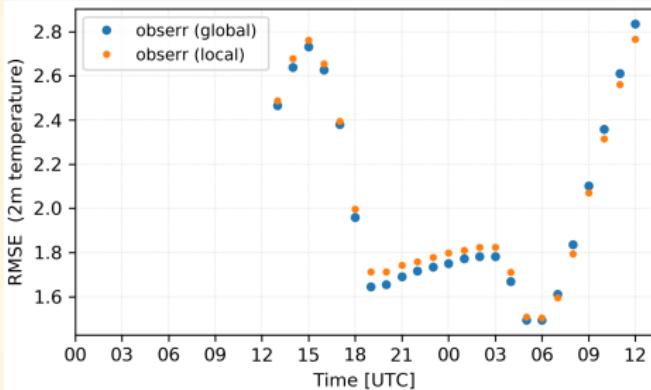
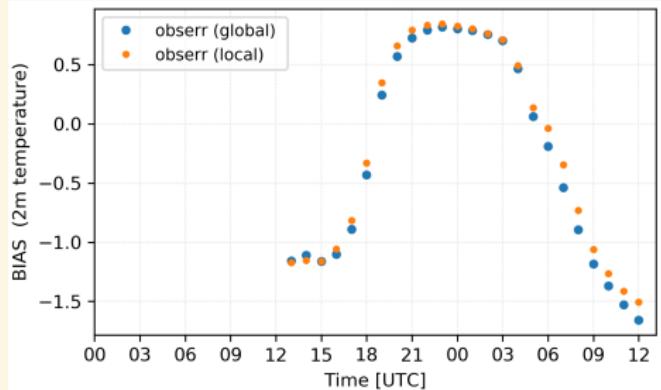
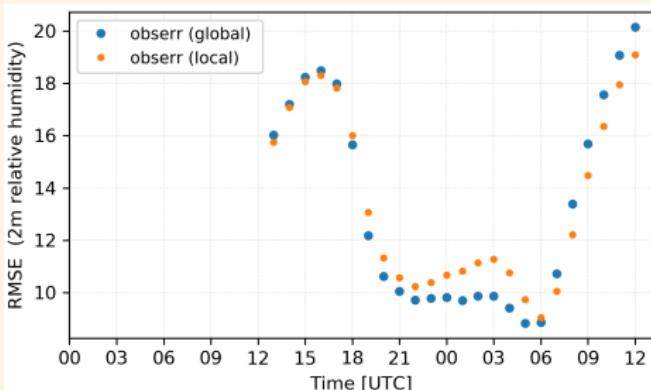
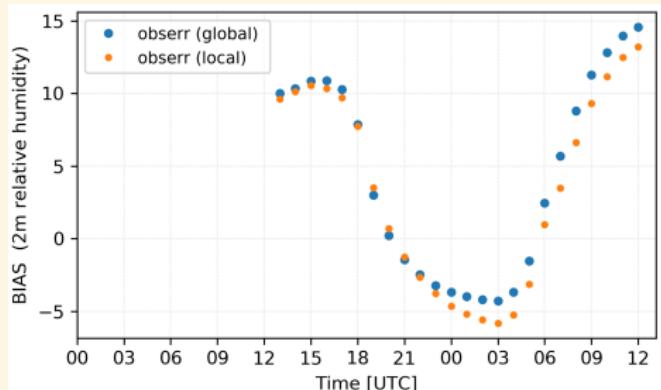
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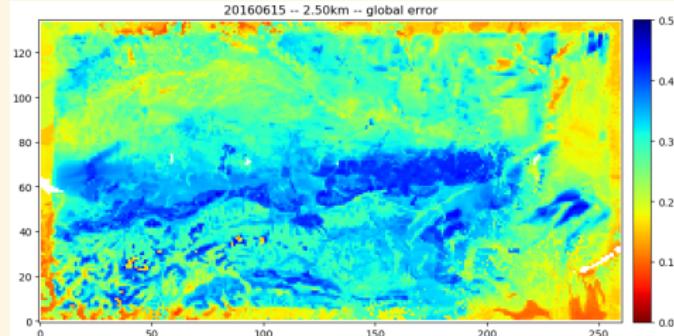


Unclear trend, problems with indefinite matrix in EKF

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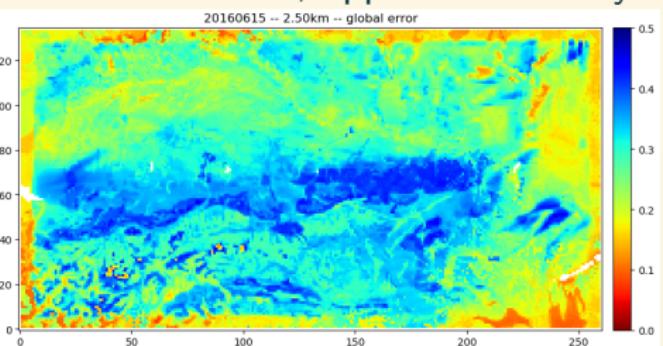
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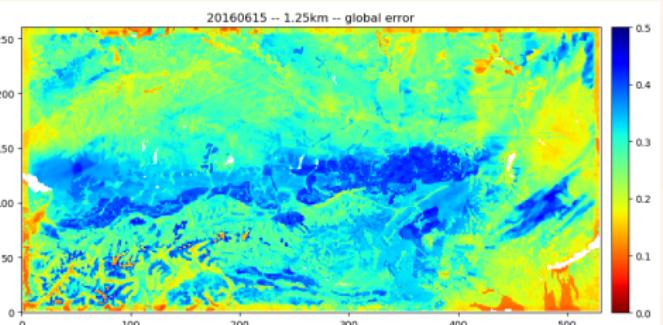


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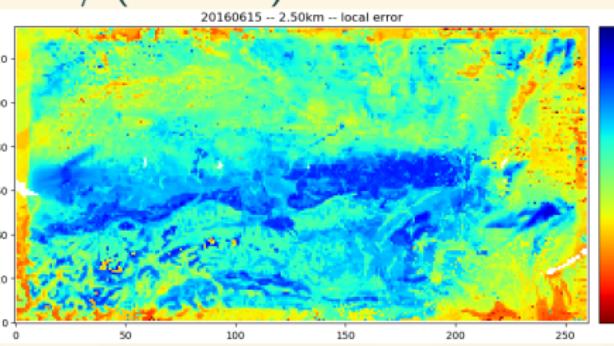
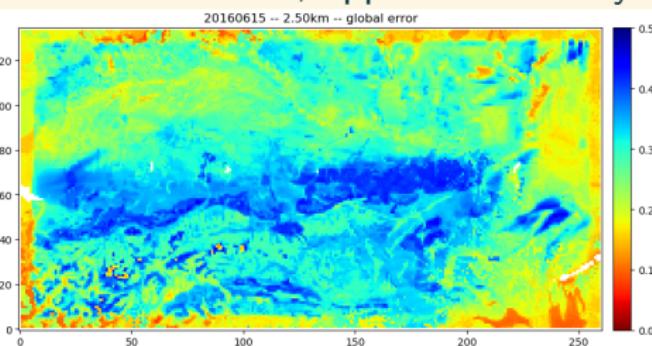


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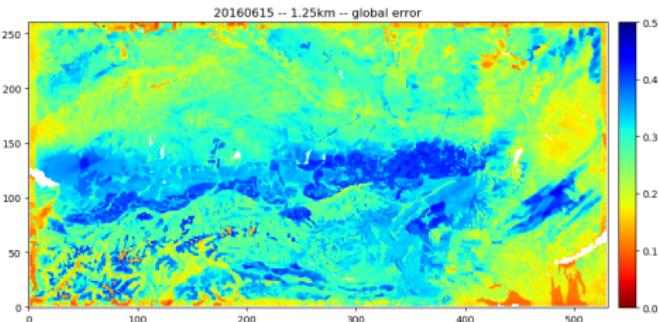


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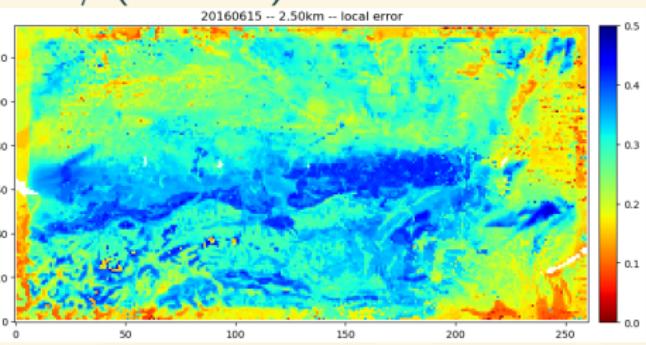
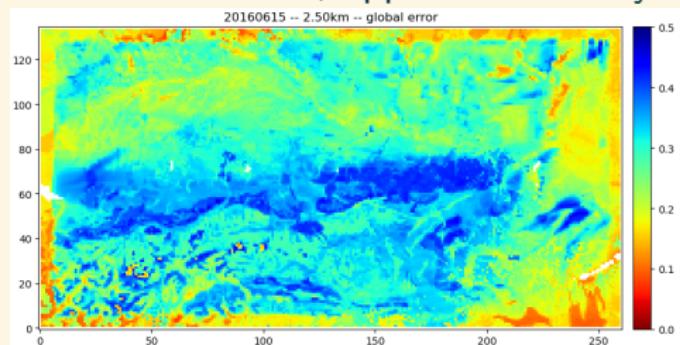


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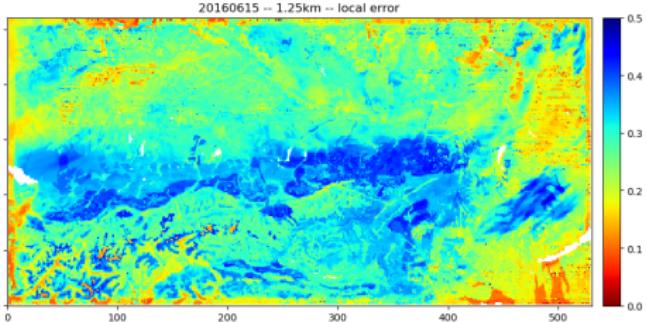
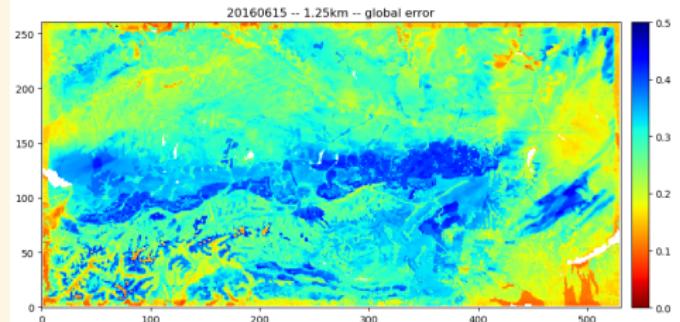


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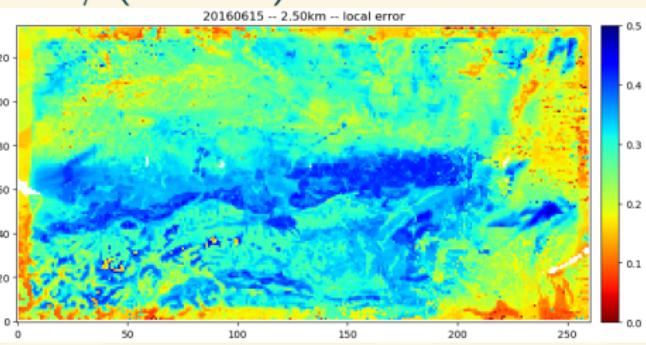
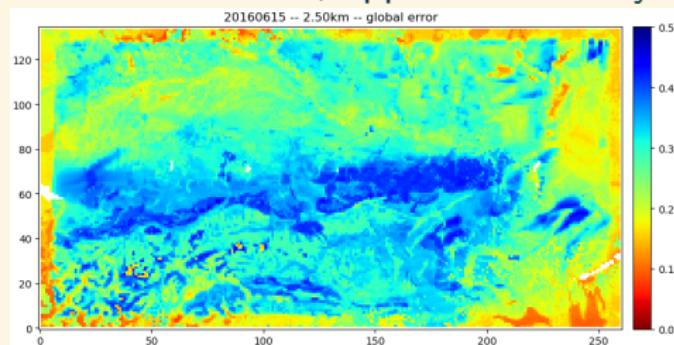


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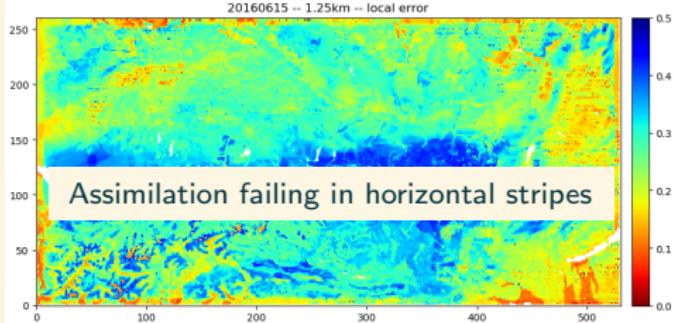
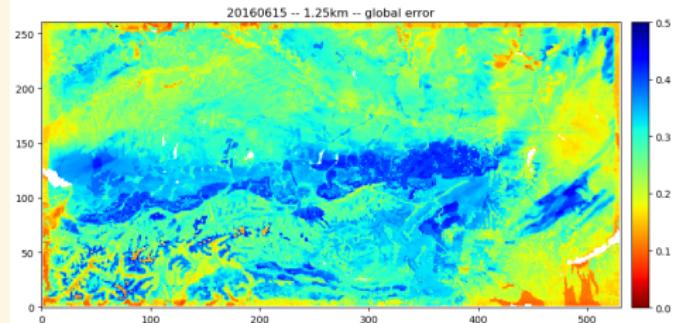


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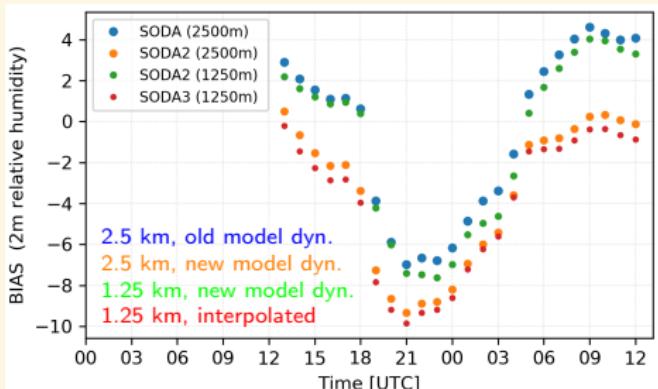
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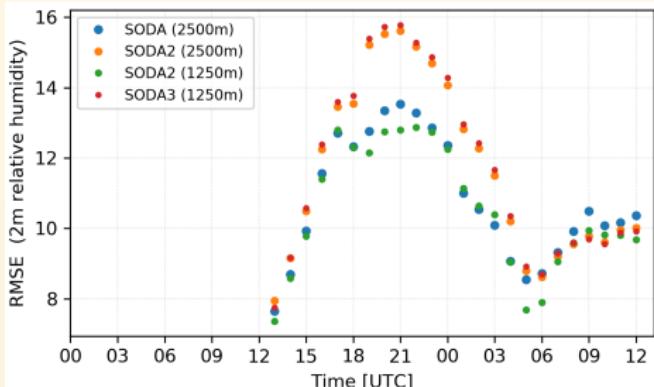
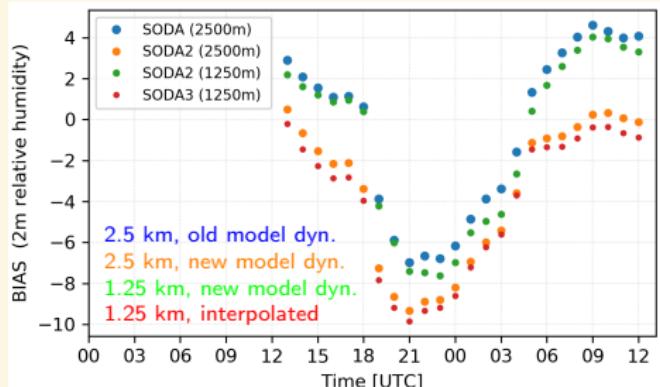
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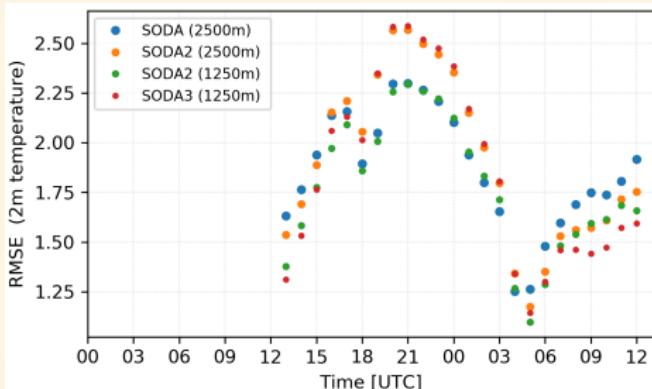
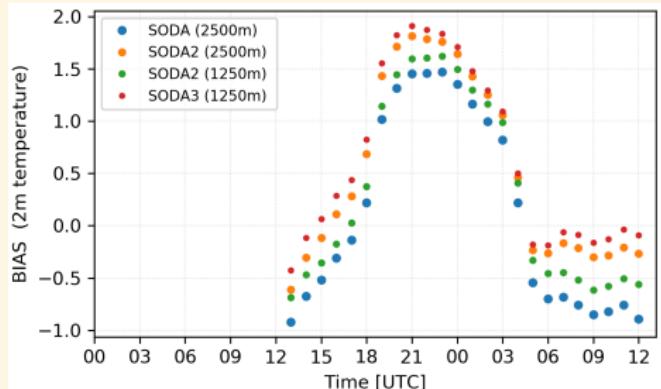
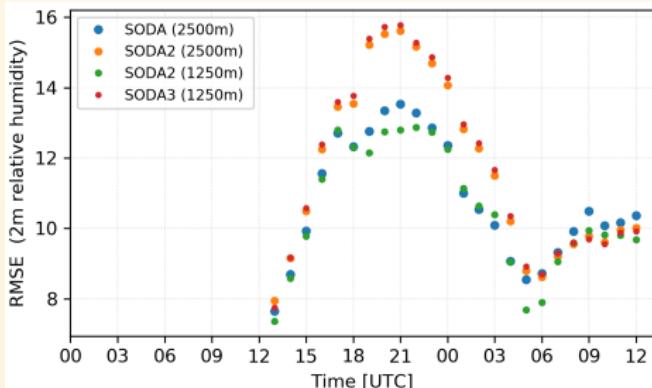
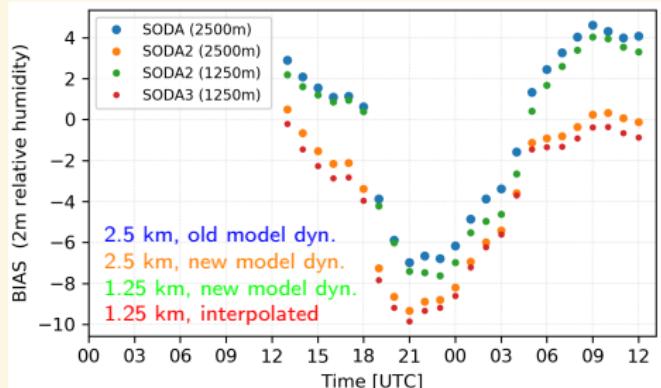
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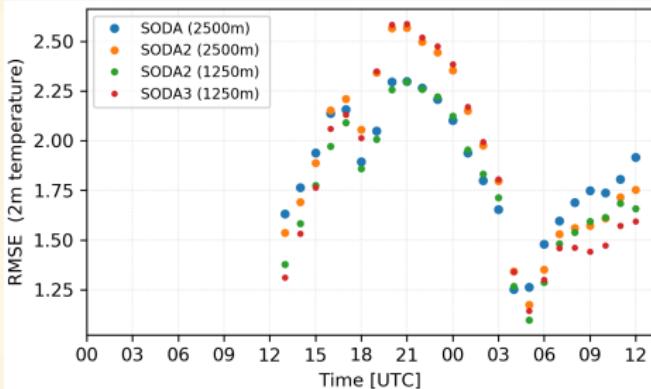
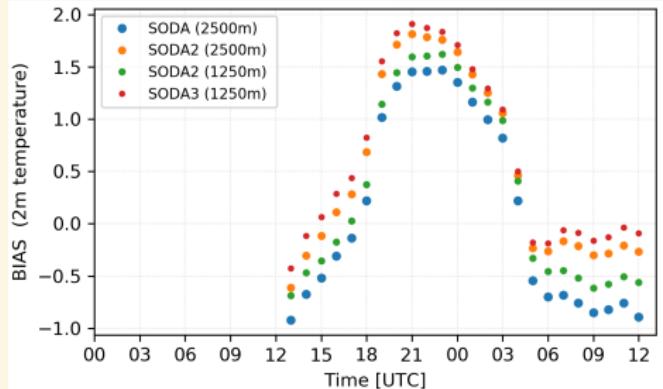
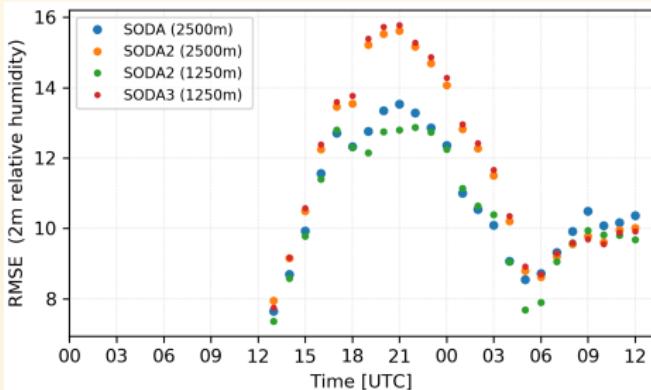
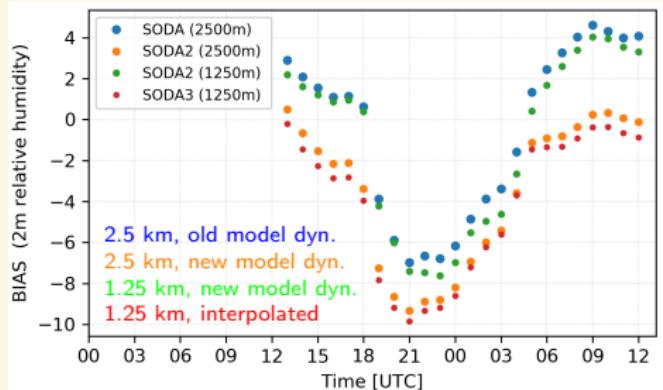
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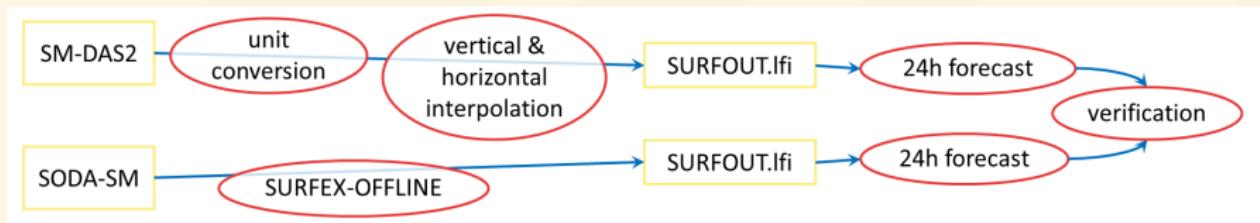
Positive trend for 1.25 km assimilation, but new model dynamics worse

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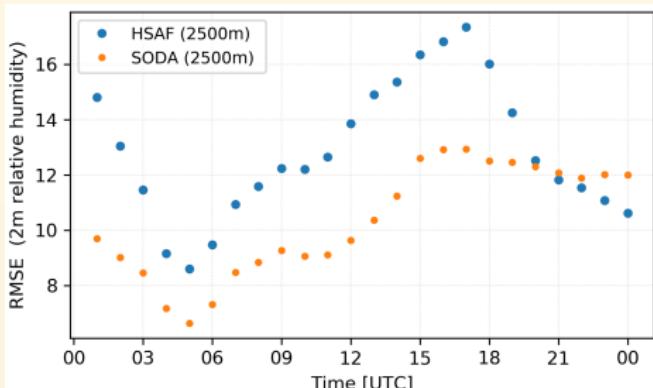
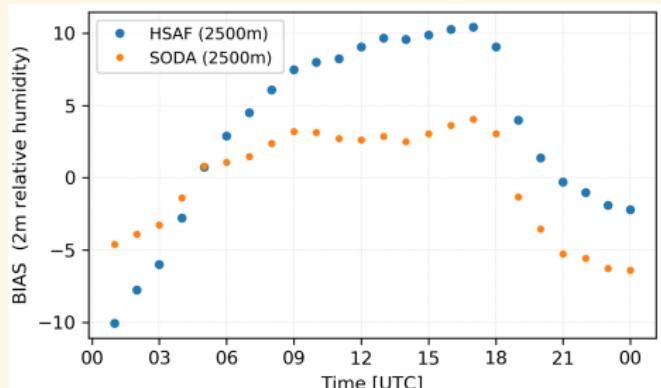
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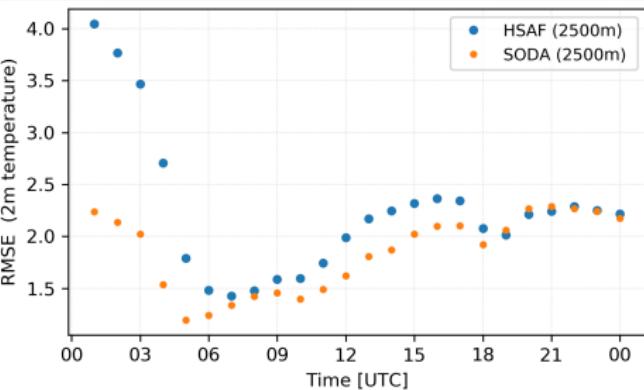
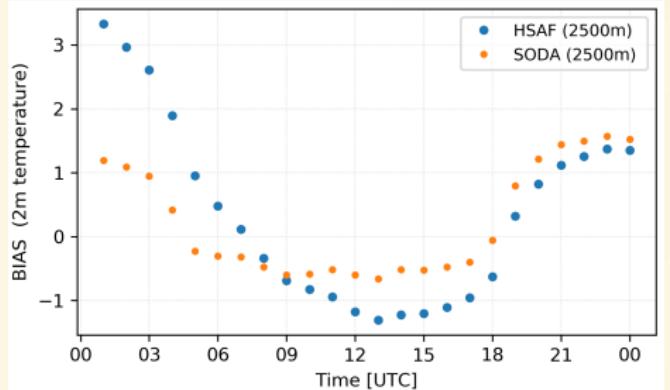
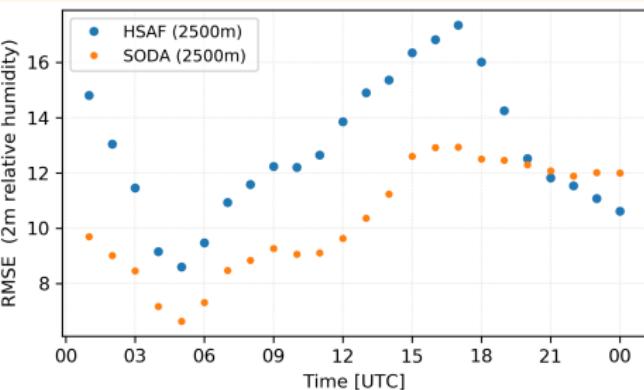
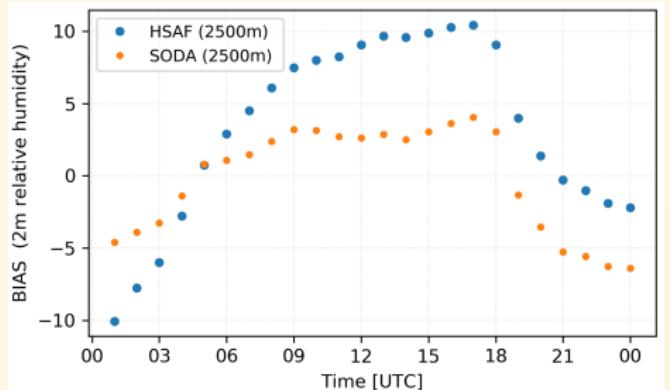
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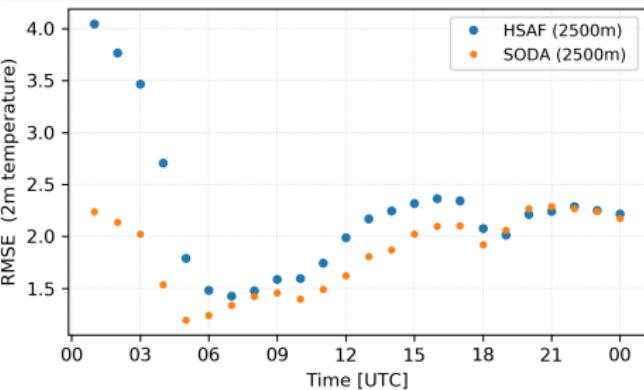
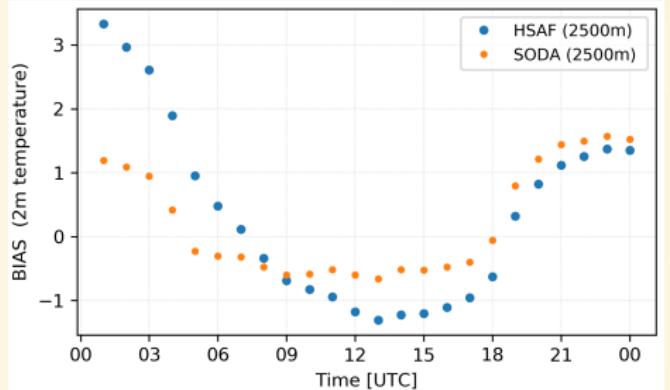
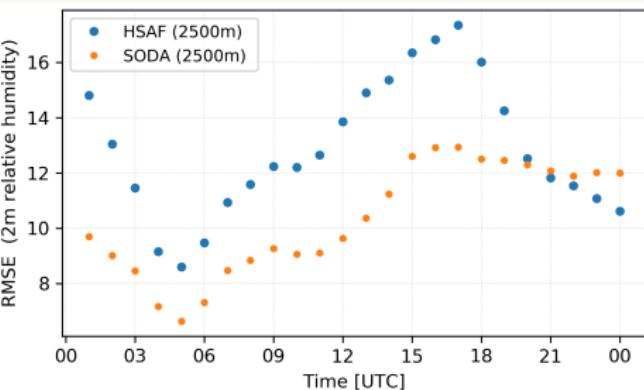
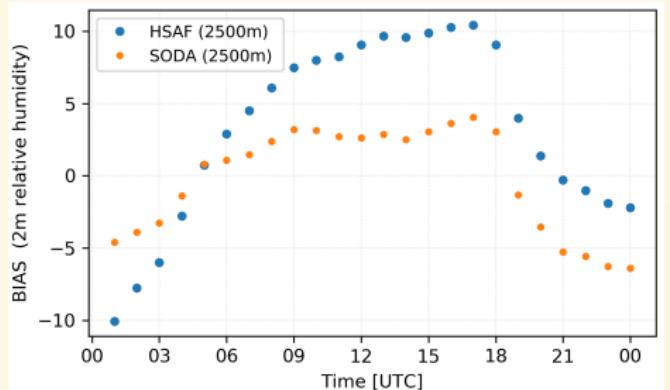
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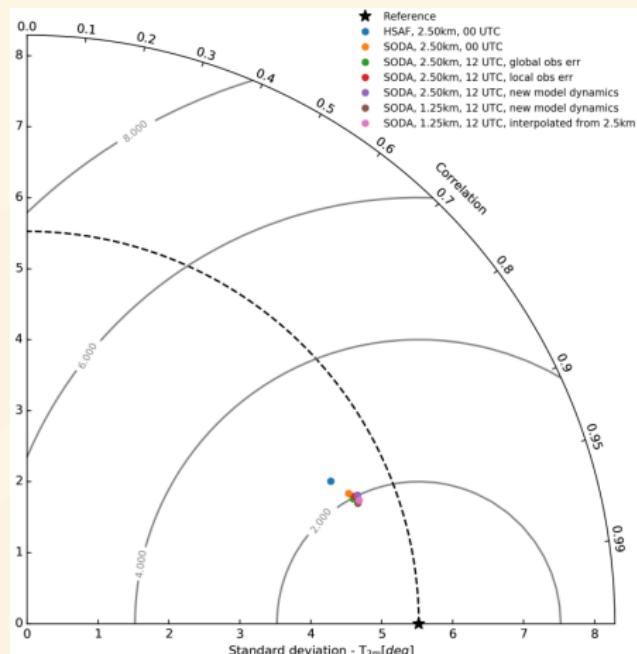
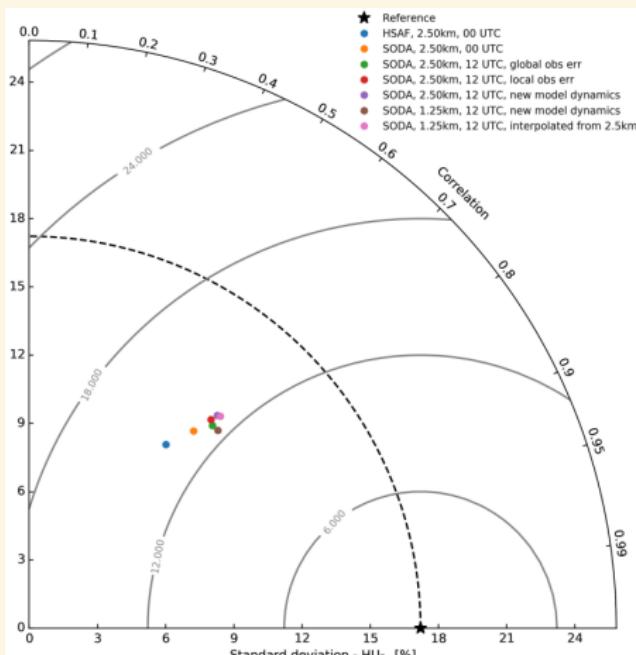


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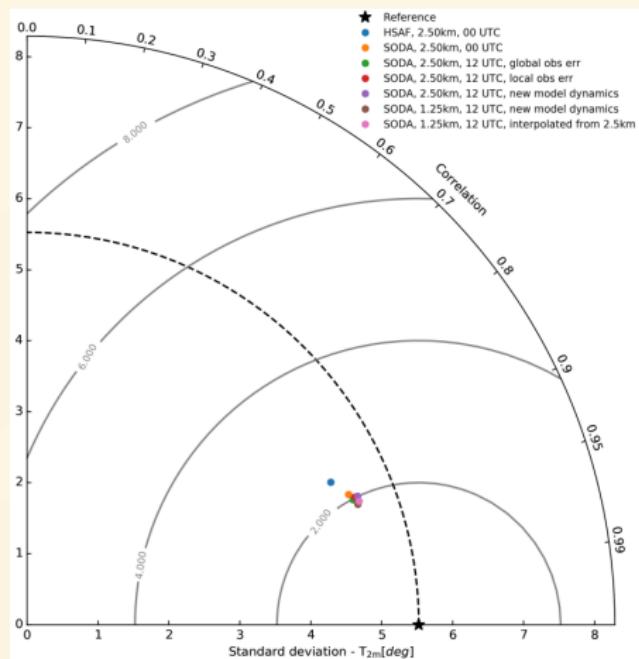
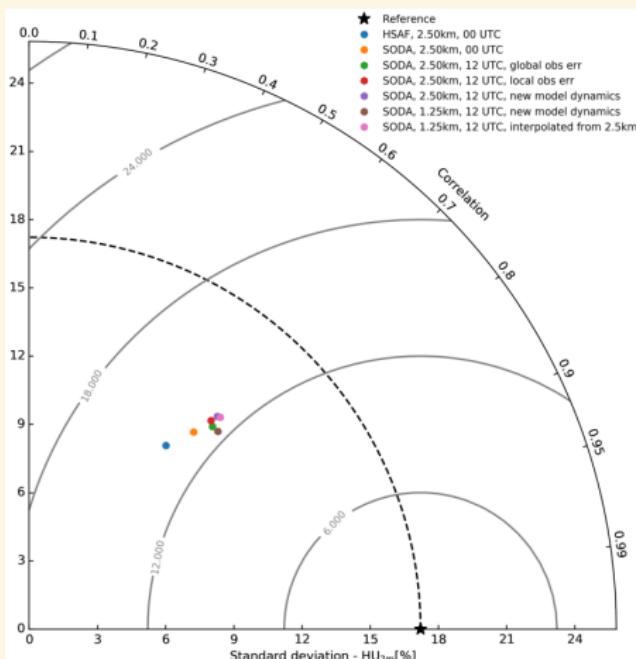


Clear improvement, especially for flatland stations

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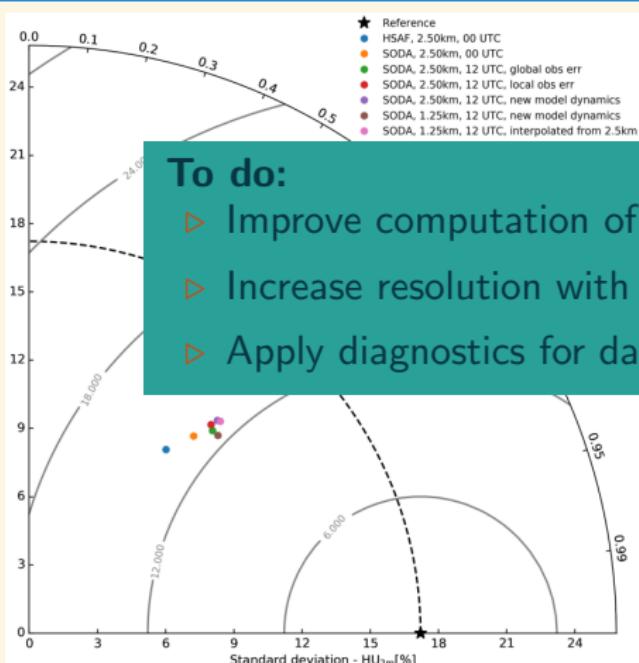


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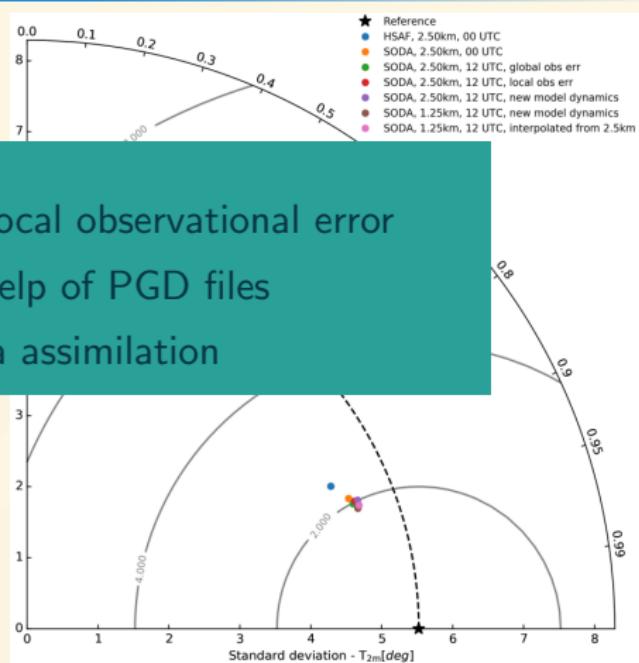
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- ▷ Increase resolution with help of PGD files
- ▷ Apply diagnostics for data assimilation



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