





Operational
meteorological support
to the Winter Olympic
Games Sochi-2014 and
findings from the
COSMO priority project
CORSO



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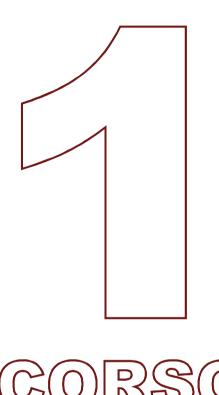
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The important target of PP CORSO for COSMO:

Implementation and development of some COSMO researches permit to improve the whole complex of COSMO based technologies







COSMO - METEOROLOGICAL SUPPORT FOR OLYMPICS "SOCHI-2014"

COSMO Priority Project CORSO:

Consolidation of
Operation and
Research results for the
Sochi
Olympic Games

The main goal:

to enhance and demonstrate the capabilities of COSMO-based systems of short-range numerical weather prediction in winter conditions for mountainous terrain and to assess the effect of practical use of this information during SOCHI-2014 Olympic Games

PP CORSO

is considered as COSMO contribution into WMO project FROST-2014 (Forecast and Research in the Olympic Sochi Testbed) PL FROST-2014 Dmitry Kiktev

Participants:

Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Greece and Russia.



MAIN DIFFICULTIES OF SOCHI METEOROLOGICAL SUPPORT and of PP CORSO

1. Complex geographical conditions

(high mountains near the subtropical Black Sea coast):

- Strong temperature gradients and inhomogeneity
- Powerful influence of high mountains on synoptic processes
- Sport venues were close to the snow boundary
- The local weather on the venues was strongly governed by local orography

Coastal cluster (Sochi)

Mountain cluster (near Biathlon Stadium)



End of Jan 2013



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2. Low observational network density.

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PP CORSO: TIMELINES



Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
2011 / 2012	2012 / 2013	2013 / 2014
 Choice of strategy Proposals for development and modification of algorithms Preliminary tests 	 Tests Pre-operational runs Feedback from forecasters 	 Tuning Operational runs Analysis of results

The main requirement: the newly developed tools and the COSMO-Ru system modifications must be quickly implemented to the operation



PP CORSO



(Project Leaders: G.Rivin, I.Rozinkina (Roshydromet))

TASK 1. High resolution COSMO-modeling for mountainous regions (TL G.Rivin)

- 1.1. Improvement of modeling technology of deterministic forecasting of weather conditions with resolution 2.2.km for the North-Caucasian area (SOCHI-2014) (FDP)
- 1.2. Development of COSMO-So-1km (RDP)

TASK 2. Downscaling / postprocessing for Sochi area and applications (TL I.Rozinkina)

- 2.1. Adapted down-scaling techniques for winter conditions in the mountains and IOC requirements (FDP)
- 2.2. Determination of typical COSMO-model inaccuracies for typical synoptic situations, incl. verification (RDP)

TASK 3. Development and adaptation of COSMO EPSs for Sochi region TLs E. Astakhova, A. Montani

- 3.1. Adaptation of COSMO LEPS 7 km to the Sochi region and to specific requirements of winter Olympics. Operational ensemble forecasts during the Trials and Olympics (FDP)
- 3.2. Development and verification of COSMO-RU-LEPS 2.2 km for the Sochi region (with ICs and BCs from SOCHMEL7) (RDP)





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WG4: PP CORSO

T1. High resolution Modeling and DA WG1, WG2, WG3a, WG3b, WG4, WG6



Operational forecasts of meteorological fields

T2. Postprocessing / Forecast Interpretation WG4, WG5



Downscaling for venues and local specific weather conditions

T3. High resolution EPS

WG5, WG7



Forecasts of probability of local weather events



PP CORSO: EXPERT MEETINGS



Expert meetings were a very important part of PP CORSO!

ARPA-SIMC, 5-10 December 2011

Italy, Bologna

Tasks 1 and 3 Italy: T. Paccagnella, A.Montani, C.Marsigli,

D.Cesari. M.-S.Tesini.

Russia: G.Rivin, E.Astakhova, A.Scherbakov.

DWD, 2-6 July 2012 Germany, Offenbach on Main

Task 1

Germany: D.Majewski, C.Schraff, J.Foerstner.

Russia: G.Rivin. D.Blinov.

DWD, 5-10 December 2013 Germany, Offenbach on Main

Task 1

Germany: D.Majewski, J. Helmert. Russia: I.Rozinkina, M.Shatunova MeteoSwiss: 12-16 December 2011 Switzerland, Zurich-Geneva

- Planning and optimizing PP CORSO

- Tasks 1 and 2

Switzerland: More than 15 participants,

responsible: Ph. Steiner,

M.Arpagaus, P. Eckert

Russia: G.Rivin, I.Rozinkina

An example of the expert meeting agenda

Time	Title	Who		Place		
09:00	COSMO-1: Numerics (Prototype configuration and Code-Improvements for stability)	Guy de Mo Arpagaus	sler, Marco	507		
11:00	COSMO-1: Physics		gaus, Oliver day 13 Decem	507 ber 2011, MeteoSwiss Zurich		
12:30	Lunch	Time	Title		Who	Place
13:30	COSMO-1: synchronization of the developments at Roshydromet and MeteoSwiss	Marcx 09:0	CORSO pro	oject pian (2 nd part)	Marco Arpagaus, Philippe Steiner	507
		11:0	Postproces	pnia	Vanessa Stauch	Ackermannstrasse
14:30	Snow map derived from satellites	Nand 12:0	Lunch			
		(even 13:0) Better analy	1,27	er for COSMO (Kalman modul the coefficients / Fieldextra part em)	Vanessa Stauch	Ackermannstrasse
16:30	CORSO project plan, mainly task 2	Marcx 14:0 Stein	Use of COS	SMO-ART	Philippe Steiner, Pirmin Kaufmann	507
18:30	End	15:0	Additional o	juestions of Roshydromet	Marco Arpagaus, Philippe Steiner, ?	507



Observation network 1/4





Radars_	4
<u>Profilers</u>	3
Video cameras	3+4x2

Meteorological stations

Total number	33
Roshydromet stations	13
Automatic meteo station (AMS)	20

Most of the AMS are located in the mountain cluster next to the sports facilities.

Variables

- Pressure
- · Air temperature at 2 m,
- Dew point temperature at 2 m
- · Relative humidity at 2 m
- Wind speed (mean, min, max) and direction (average period ...)
- Wind gust
- · Lowest cloud base altitude
- Precipitation rate (average period ...)
- Visibility
- · Snow depth
- Snow temperature

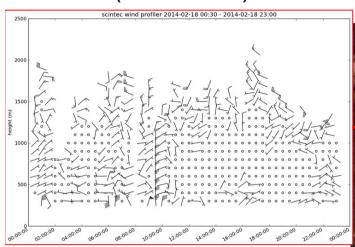


Observation network, 2/4

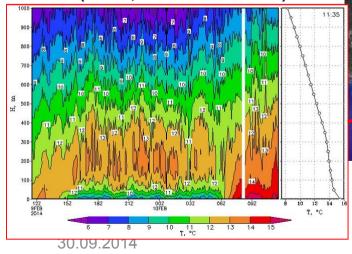


Profilers

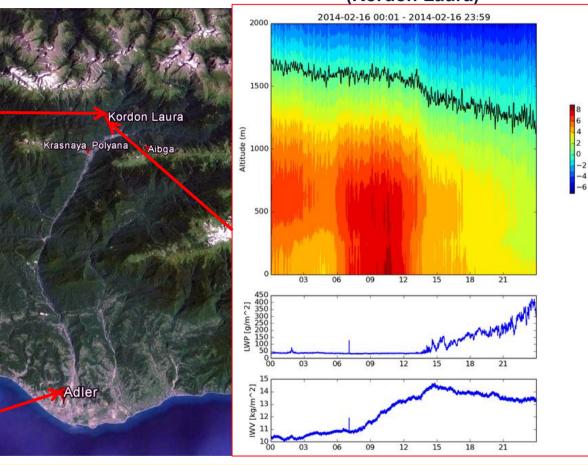
Scintec wind profiler (Kordon Laura)



MTP-5 Temperature Profiler Data (Adler, altitude 6+1.5 m)



PRG Temperature/Humidity Profiler (Kordon Laura)



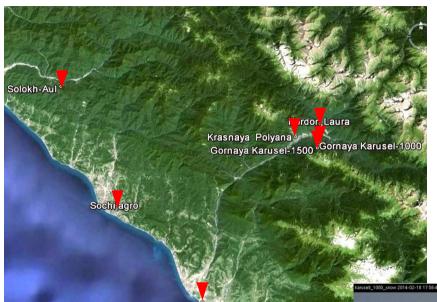
Update rate – 20 min for MTP-5 data / 15 min for Scintec



Observation network, 3/4

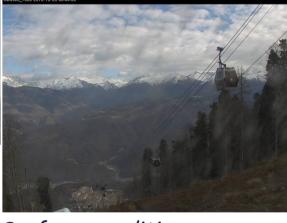


Video cameras





Sky conditions and development of the clouds



Surface conditions

Single cam – 3 sites
(2 at the seashore and one at
11 km from the sea)
Paired cam – 4 sites, all within
the valley at different altitude
(560, 570, 980, 1400 m)

fresh snow



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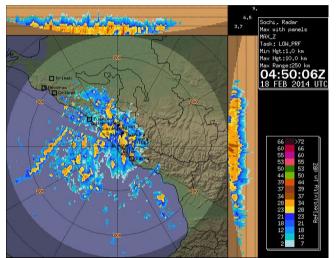
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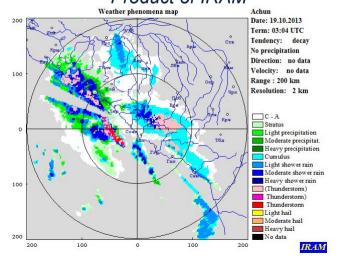
Radar

Max Reflictivity (Akhun Radar)

Product of Central Aerological Observatory

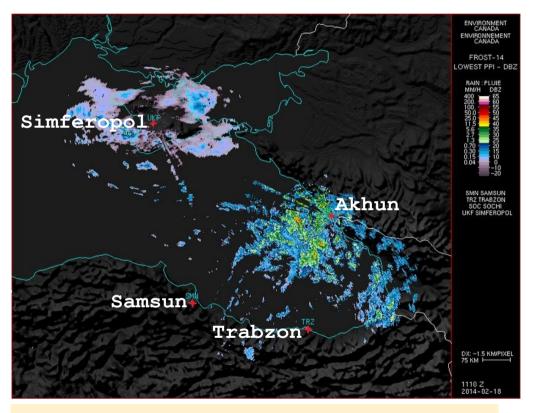


Weather phenomena map (Akhun Radar) Product of IRAM



Black Sea Composite map (Akhun+Simferopol+Samsun+Trabzon) Rain Intensity (mm/h) / Reflectivity (DBZ)

Product of Envaronment Canada



Update rate – 10 min





Task 1. High resolution COSMO-modelling for mountains regions





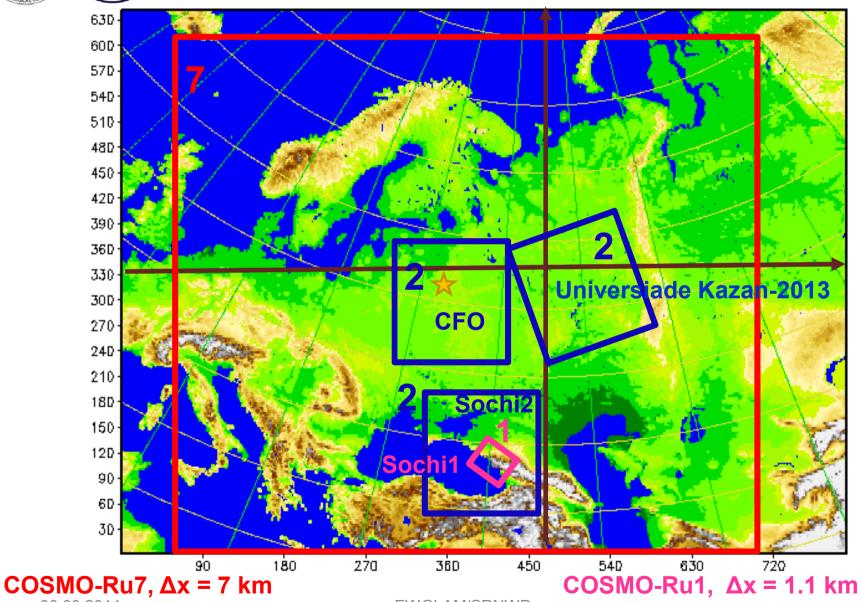
- The new version of operational technology COSMO-Ru7/2 including the nudging-assimilation was developed for Caucasian region
- The technology of modeling of accumulated snow WE as initial fields for COSMO-Ru was proposed and tested for the different weather conditions of Russia & The TERRA codes were adapted with respect to partial snow cover. It was detected the stable improvement of forecasts of T2m in case of artificial decreasing of snow covering
- COSMO-Ru1, Δ x = 1.1 km, was installed on cluster-based architecture Tornado in Roshydromet. From January, 29, 2014 COSMO-Ru1 runs in operational mode 4 times per day. COSMO-Ru1 forecast were used by forecasters along with COSMO-Ru2 during SOCHI-2014 Olympic Games.

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COSMO-Ru domains in 2013-2014



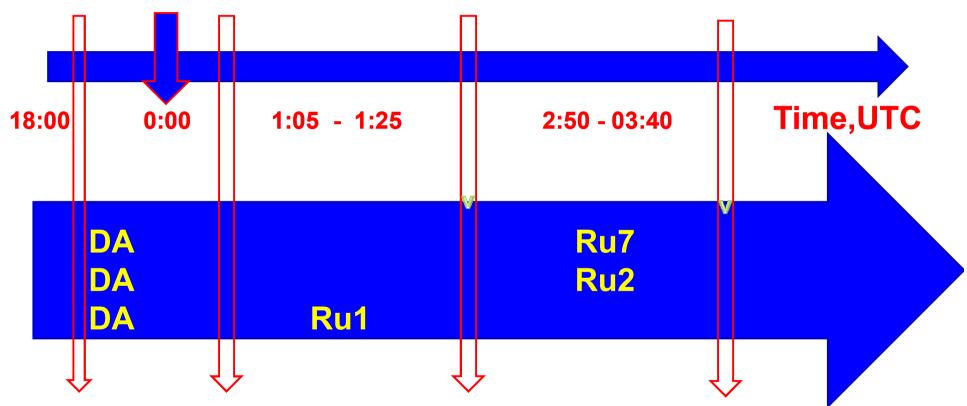
30.09 COSMO-Ru2 (CFO, Universiade, Sochi-2014), Δx =2.2 km





COSMO-Ru system for Sochi-2014: technological line

Start and end times of the nested models runs for 00 UTC analysis



Forecasts by different nested models (COSMO-Ru7/2/1)

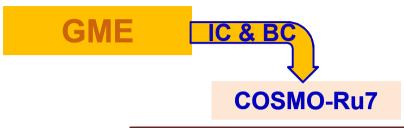
The structure of forecast runs was so complicated because of strict time requirements

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COSMO-Ru system:Initial & Boundary Conditions





Domain: 4900 km x 4340

km

Grid: 700 x 620 x 40

Grid size: 7 km Time step: 40 s Forecast: 78 h

Runtime 50 min



RSK Tornado:
Cluster-based architecture,
peak performance 35 TFLOPS, 1536 PEs
COSMO-Ru uses 288 PEs

Domain: 900 km x 1000

COSMO-Ru2

IC & BC

km

Grid: 420 x 470 x 50

Grid size: 2.2 km Time step: 20 s Forecast: 48 h

Runtime 50 min

IC & BC

COSMO-Ru1

Domain: 210 km x 210 km

Grid: 190 x 190 x 50

Grid size: 1.1 km Time step: 5 s Forecast: 36 h

Runtime 24 min

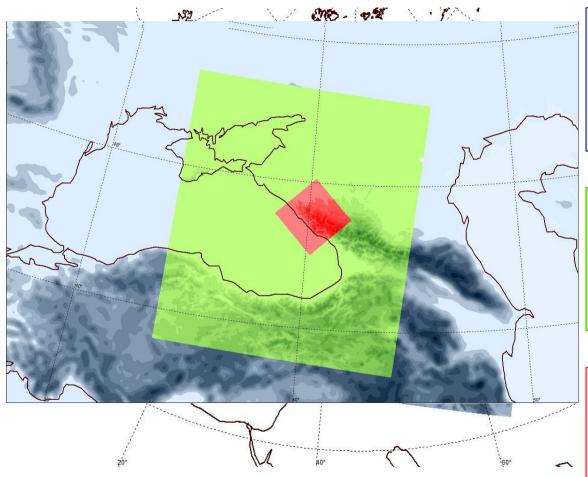
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OSMO-Ru1: Model overview SMO



Model domain



COSMO-Ru7

4900 km x 4340 km Domain:

Grid: 700 x 620 x 40

Space step: 7 km Time step: 40 s Forecast: 78 h

IC&BC

COSMO-Ru2

Domain: 900 km x 1000 km

Grid: 420 x 470 x 50

Space step: 2.2 km Time step: 20 s Forecast: 48 h

IC&BC

COSMO-Ru1

Domain: 495 km x 495 km

Grid: 450 x 450 x 50

Space step: 1.1 km Time step: 5 s Forecast: 36 h



COSMO-Ru1



New: model orography (ASTER) + dynamic core (M.Baldauf)

Initially model orography was based on the **GLOBE** (The Global Land One-km Base Elevation Project) data (NOAA/NGDC).

Rather large difference between model's gribheight and observation points height, and

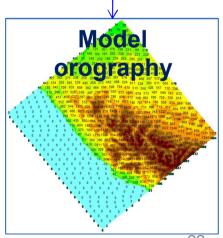
ASTER data also, forced us to correct model orography.

New orography is based on the **ASTER** (Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emission and Reflection Radiometer) data that has resolution 1" (~ 30 m) (METI/NASA).

With new orography:

- T2m and wind forecast have been improved for the most sites;
- slightly improvement of the precipitation forecast was noticed;
- there are changes in the precipitation amount, its space and time distribution.





software



Case study



□ On February, 16-18, 2014 in mountain cluster low visibility conditions were observed. The first reason was in high humidity and formation of cloud on the mountain slopes (February, 16-17). The second reason was in heavy snowfall during cold front passing (February, 18).

☐ Another case of low visibility (March, 11) was connected with cold front.

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Low visibility on February, 16-17, 2014



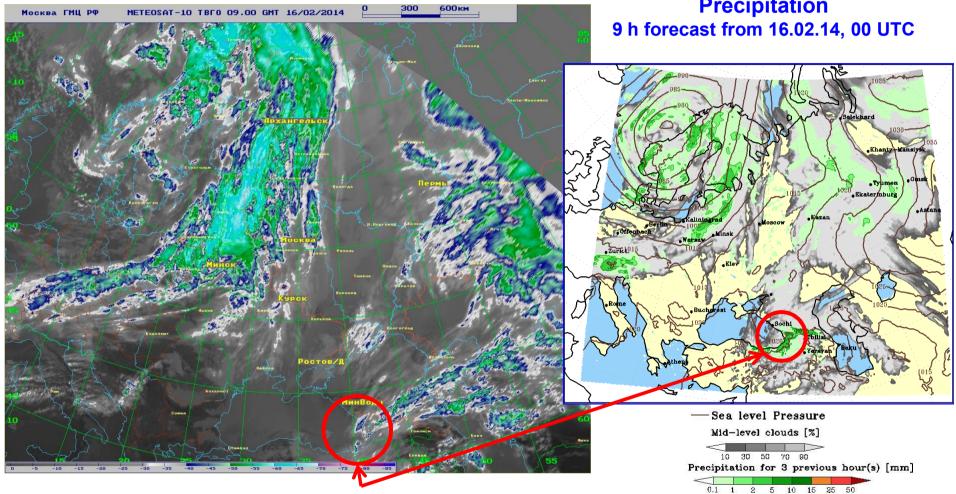
METEOSAT-10. Cloud top temperature 16.02.2014, 09 UTC

COSMO-Ru7 forecast.

PMSL, Midlevel Cloud &

Precipitation

9 h forecast from 16.02.14, 00 UTO



Local cyclone existed during first half the day on February, 16. Instability zone was observed on satellite images till 15 UTC, 16.02.



Low visibility on February, 16-17, 2014

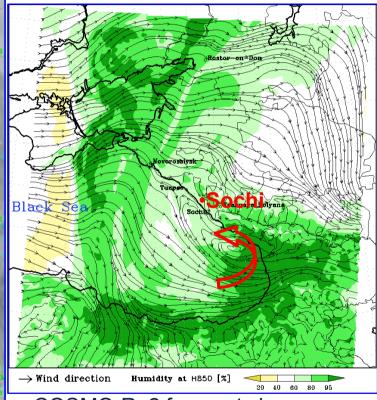


METEOSAT-7. Cloudiness and precipitation rate 16.02.2014, 00-22 UTC

MOCKBA FMU PP METEOSAT-7 HK HHTCHC.OCARKOB MM/Y 00.00 GMT 16/02/2014 кчрск Саратов Харьков Soch Тбилиси

COSMO-Ru2 forecast Stream lines and relative humidity at 850 hPa

12 h forecast from 16.02.14, 00 UTC



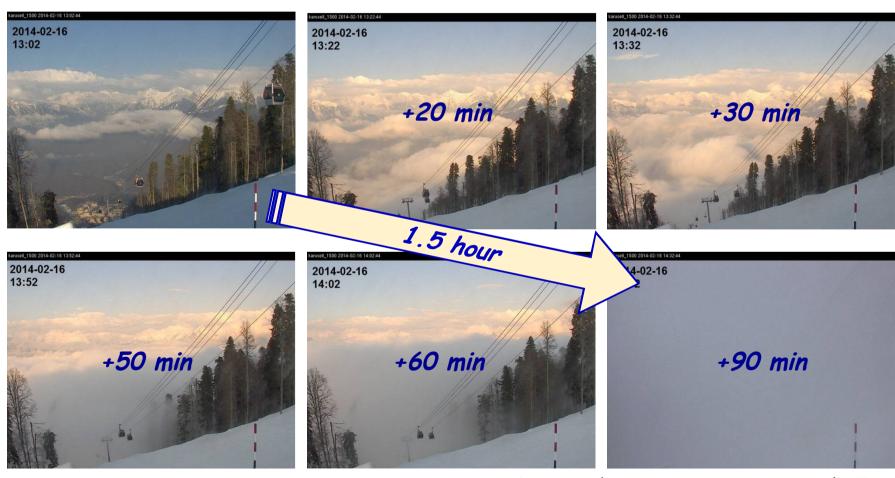
COSMO-Ru2 forecast shows movement of humid air towards Sochi region along the coastline



Low visibility on February, 16-17, 2014



Cloudiness formation due to adiabatic cooling of the moisture air during it rise along the slope of the valley



Camera shots at Gornaya Karusel-1500
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On February, 17 at 12:00-12:30 UTC (for Biathlon Stadium) visibility conditions improved. COSMO-Ru1 forecast of the wind direction and relative humidity allowed forecasters to predict changes in visibility and determine the time for competition.

Video camera shots from Gornaya Karusel-1500 for 17.02.2014 Relative humidity at 2m forecasts and observation at Biathlon Stadium 11:00 UTC 11:30 UTC 12:00 UTC -forecast 20140216 00 -forecast 20140216 06 —forecast 20140216_12 —forecast 20140216_18 ---forecast 20140217_00 ---forecast 20140217_06 -forecast 20140217 12 Wind and relative humidity at 850 hPa. Forecast from 16.02, 12 UTC February, 16 February, 17 February, 18 11:00 UTC 12:00 UTC 13:00 UTC Biathlon Stadium Biathlon Stadium Biathlon Stadium

Thanks to the operational runs of COSMO-Ru1 the forecasters received the new quality NWP products



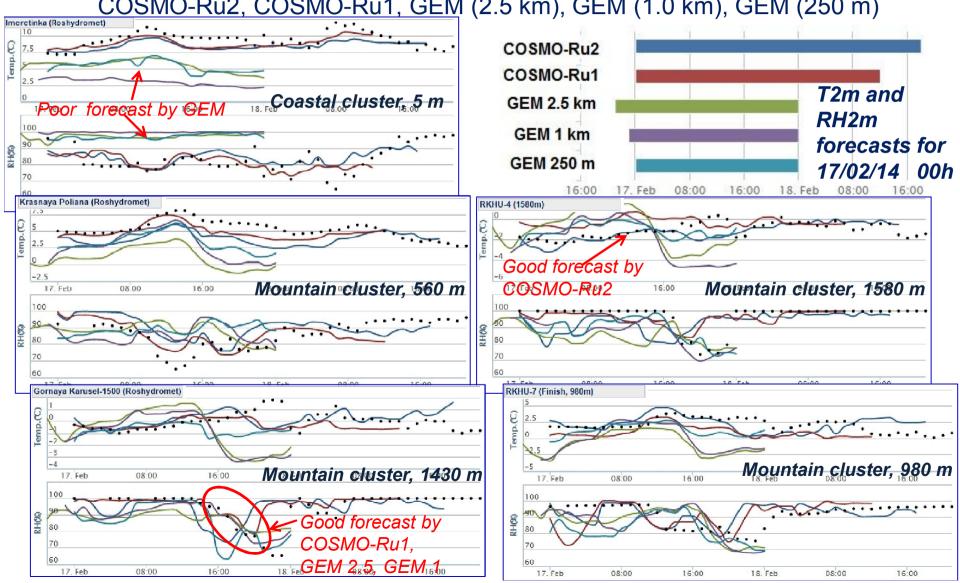




Olympics and Paralympics

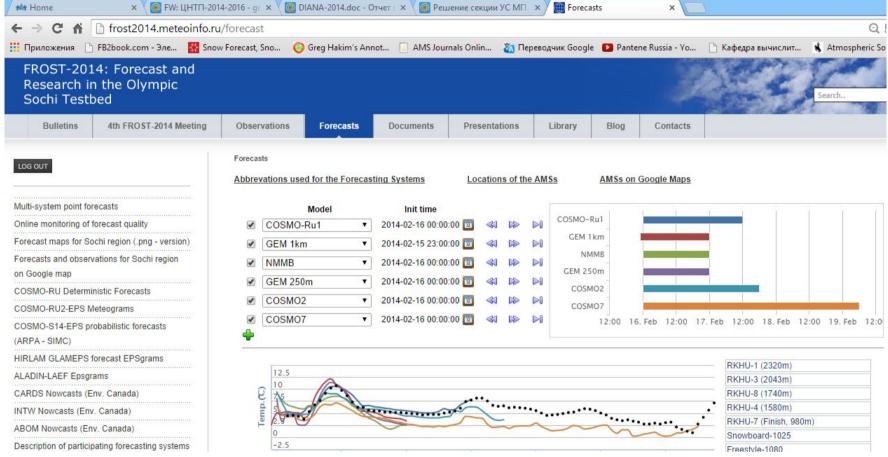
Intercomparison High-resolution models intercomparison

COSMO-Ru2, COSMO-Ru1, GEM (2.5 km), GEM (1.0 km), GEM (250 m)



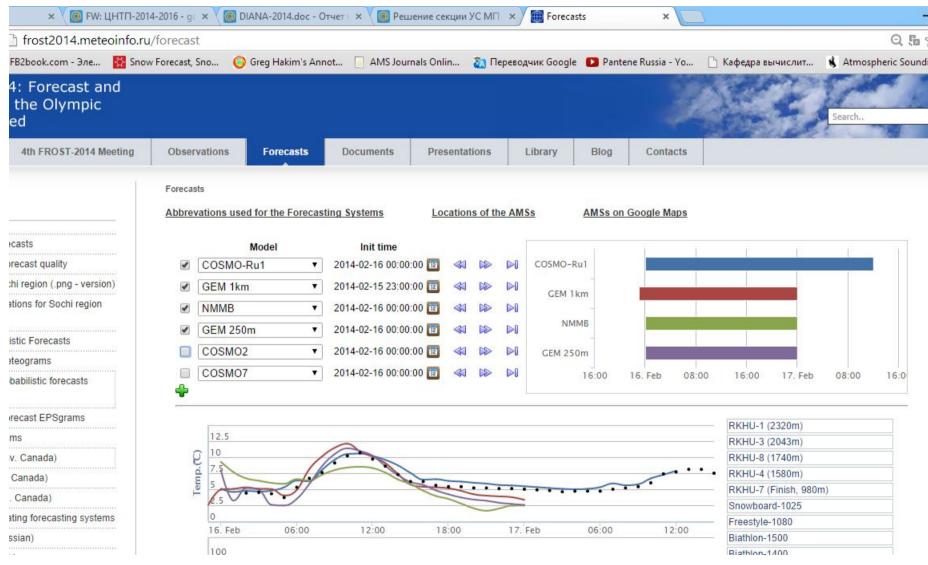
















- High resolution model $\Delta x \sim 1$ km produces a potential for visibility forecast for mountain area having most of the necessary predictors (e.g. temperature, humidity and wind speed at different level, precipitation intensity and phase).
- But! It is necessary to have high vertical resolution within near surface layer and not forget about high precision of the prescribed model orography, especially for mountain regions!
- Today error in determining the beginning of the event is about 1-2 hours in daily forecasts





Task 2. Downscaling / postprocessing for Sochi area and applications





TASK2:

- Postprocessing for Sochi-2014:
 - Tools for correction of forecasts
 - Tools for calculation of new products (For example, fresh snow depth)
- Feedback from forecasters:
 - Trainings
 - Selection of more important forecast elements & Visualisation
 - Guidelines



Main results of TASK 2

- The calculations of fresh-snow depth were included in the operational technology and were available for forecasters from meteograms and form charts. In Nov/ 2013 the algorithm was implemented in FieldExtra (release 11.2.0) by Jean-Marie Bettems (http://www.cosmo-model.org/content/support/software/default.htm#fieldextra)
- The operational corrections of forecasts for points of venues based the forecasts of lapse rate + the KF statistics was realized. Results of tests for the forecasts archives was received
- During the Olympics some in-situ trainings and Guidelinesrecommendations for forecasters for specifics of interpretation of mesoscale products were performed
- The verification of operational forecasts was performed

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T2m forecasts



Main factors of T2m inaccuracies in mountain areas:

Discrepancy of model and real height of soil levels (smoothed and averaged orography).

For Sochi-2014 mountain cluster the differences of heights of COSMO-Ru attempt to 1000 m

Inadequate work of parameterizations schemes

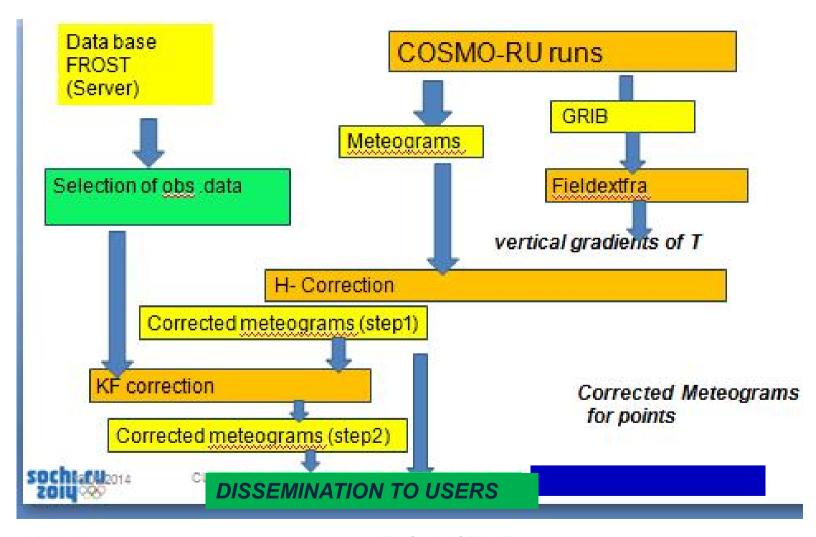
Two-step correction of forecasts for points (meteograms)

Correction based on the forecasts of vertical T gradient of bottom levels (h- correction)

Statistical correction based KF

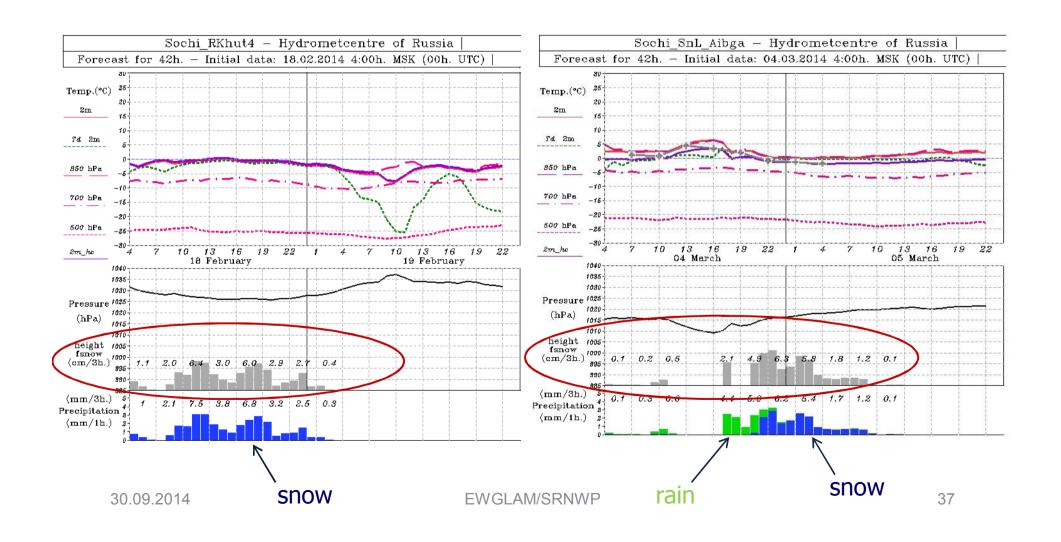


The 2-step correction: realization for the Sochi-2014 meteorological support





Meteograms for stations Roza Khutor 4 and Aibga by COSMO-Ru2 (2.2 km)





Example of new COSMO products:

fresh snow depth 24h- forecast for 6 March 2014

7x7 km



16:00 05MAR 2014 (MSK): Height of fresh snow for 6h.



Forecast on 12 hours from 04h 05MAR 2014 (Msk) Postprocessing of COSMO-RU 7km







Forecast on 12 hours from 04h 05MAR 2014 (Msk) Postprocessing of COSMO-RU 1.1km

2x2 km



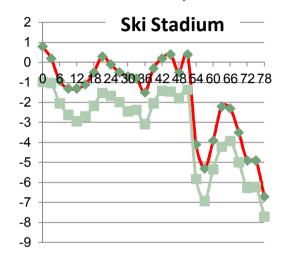
Verification activities

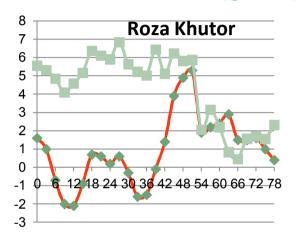


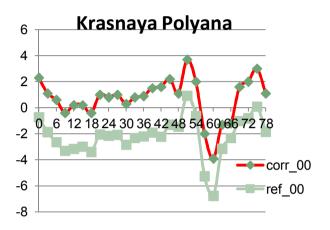
- Traditional scores aggregated over the Sochi region show overall prevalence of COSMO-Ru2 wrt COSMO-Ru7 and COSMO-Ru1
- However, some cases of intense precipitation and visibility are better predicted by COSMO-Ru1
- Wind is also better in COSMO-Ru1
- Precipitation is best forecasted in the late afternoon



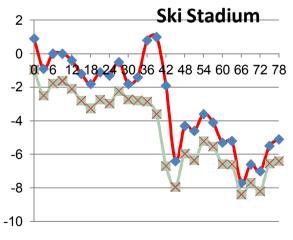
dT2m =Tref-THcorr, dT2m before correction (green), dT2m after correction (red)

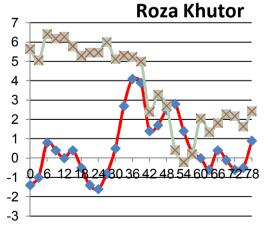


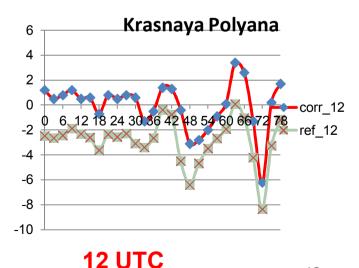




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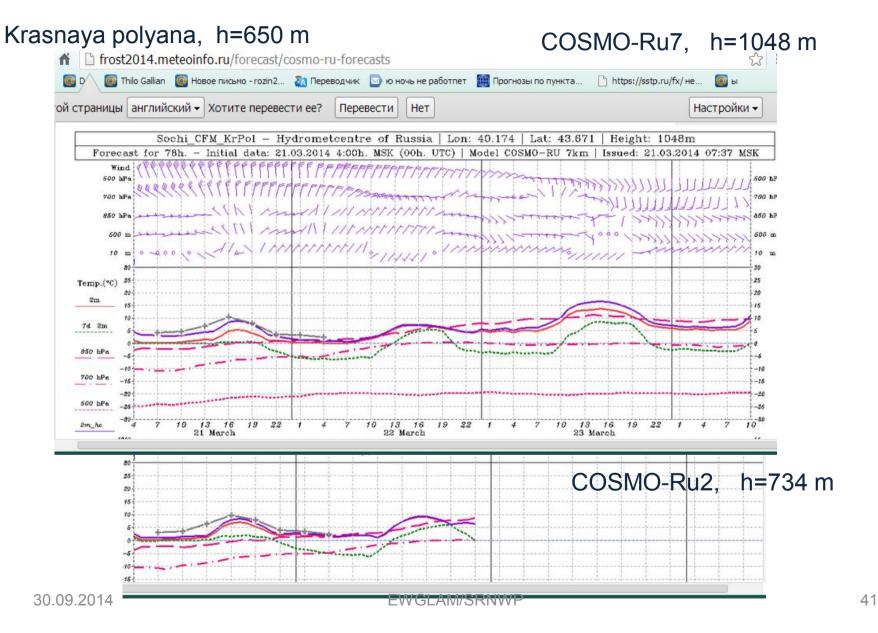


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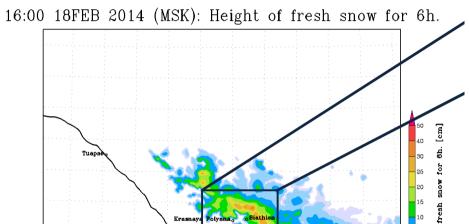




Development of postprocessing: new products



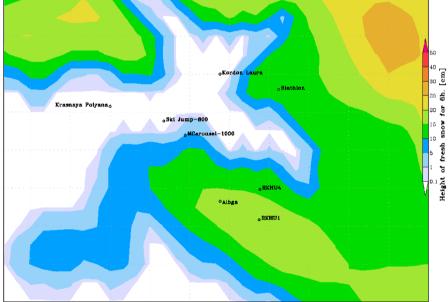
Map of fresh snow depth (cm). COSMO-Ru 1.1 36-hour forecast from 00 UTC 17 February 2014.



Forecast on 36 hours from 04h 17FEB 2014 (Msk) Postprocessing of COSMO-RU 1.1km

Black Sea





Forecast on 36 hours from 04h 17FEB 2014 (Msk) Postprocessing of COSMO-RU 1.1km





Task 3. Development and adaptation of COSMO EPSs for Sochi region



Main results of TASK 1

- During the Olympics, COSMO-S14-EPS forecasts were issued in operational mode twice a day (00UTC, 12UTC). The standard probabilistic products were prepared, visualized and presented to the Olympic forecasters' team via e-mail and on the FROST-2014 web-site.
- During the Olympics, COSMO-Ru2-EPS nested into COSMO-S14-EPS issued forecasts in operational mode twice a day (00UTC, 12UTC). The standard probabilistic products were prepared using Fieldextra, visualized using Grads, and presented on the FROST-2014 web-site.

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Ensemble organization





ECMWF-EPS

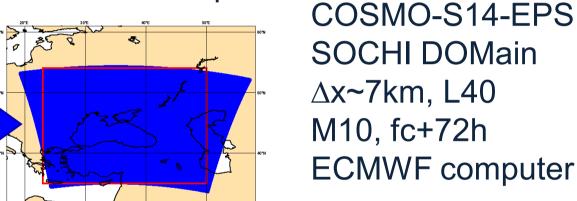
Globe

T779L61 ($\Delta x \sim 30 \text{ km}$)

M51, fc+14d

ECMWF computer

Clustering Nesting



Nesting

COSMO-Ru2-EPS
Sochi region

∆x~2.2 km, L51

M10, fc+48h

RHMC computer



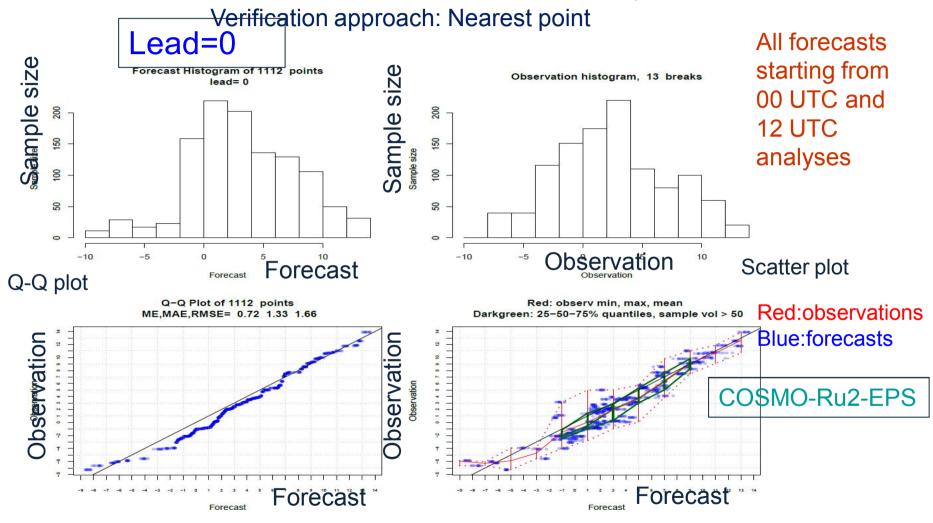


DISTRIBUTION ANALYSIS:



HISTOGRAMS AND QUANTILE-QUANTILE PLOTS Parameter: T2m, Location: Biathlon Stadium (1455 m),

Verification Period: 15.1.2014-15.3.2014,

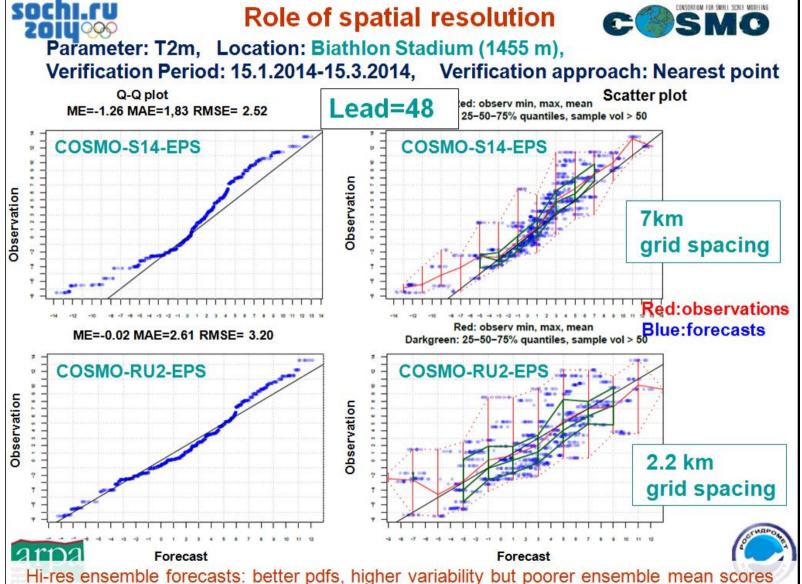


If the two datasets come from the same distribution, the points 2should lie roughly on a line through the origin with slope 1













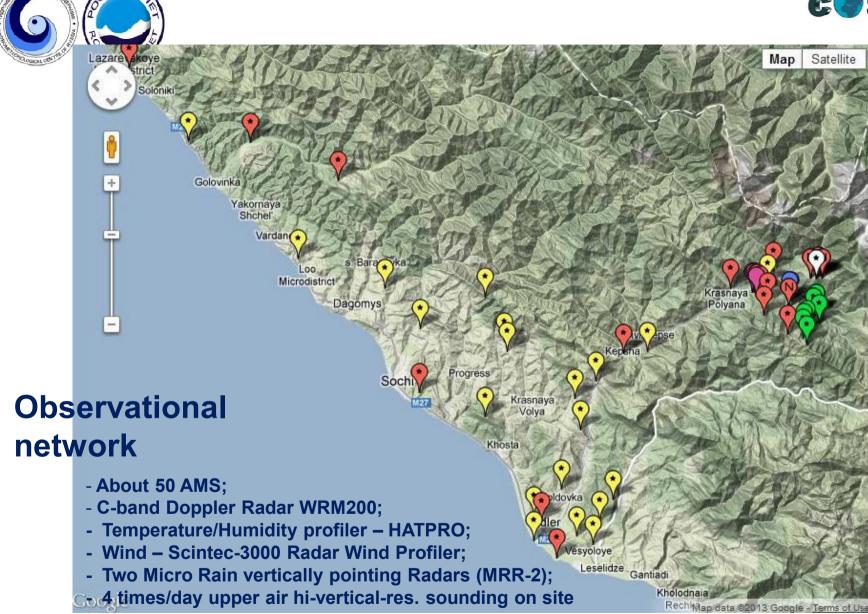


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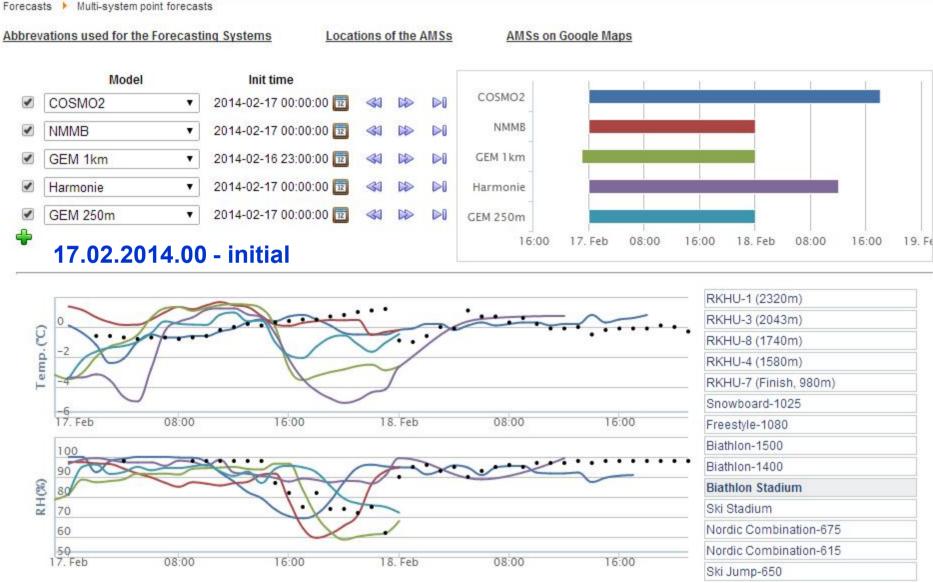




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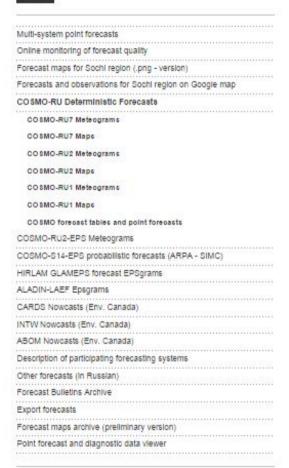


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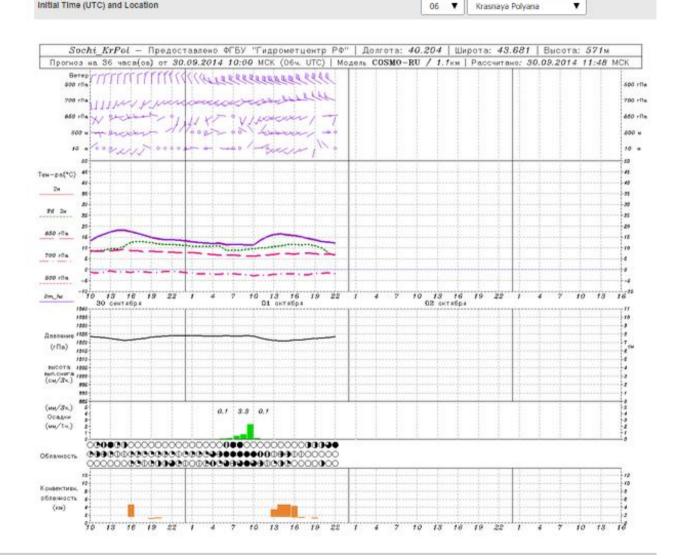
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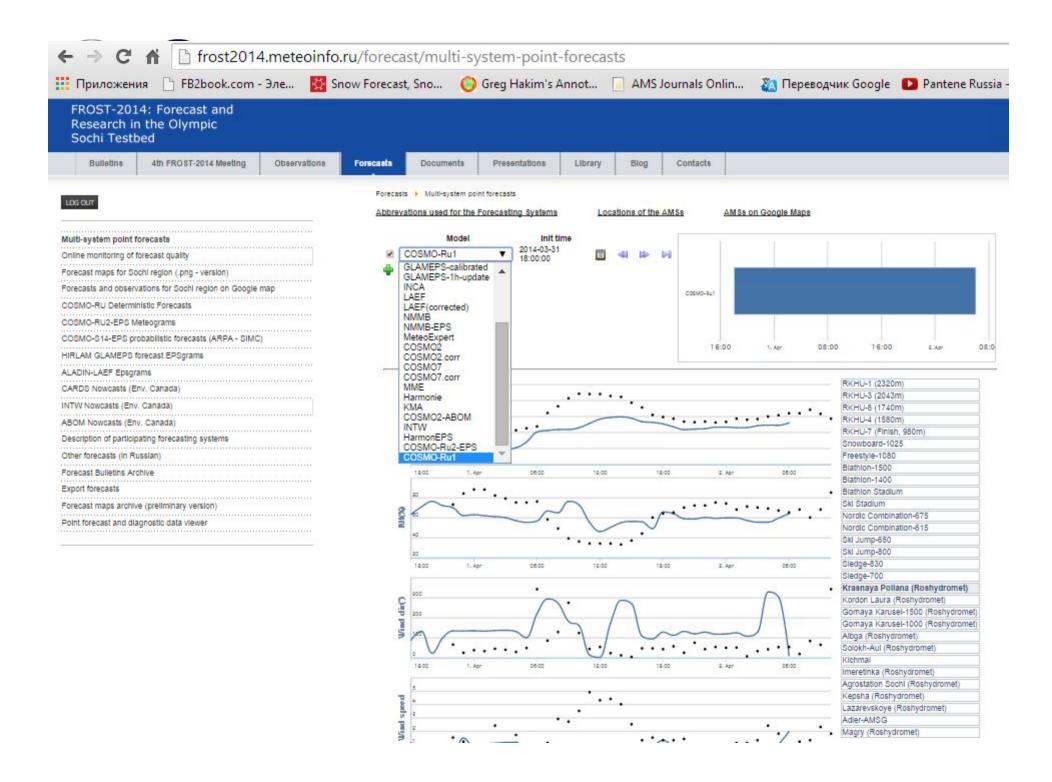
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COSMO-Ru, Sept 2014

COSMO-Ru:

Ru1, Ru2, Ru7, Ru7-ART, Ru14, Ru13, Universiade Kazan-2013



Forecast system COSMO-Ru7/2/1/14/13



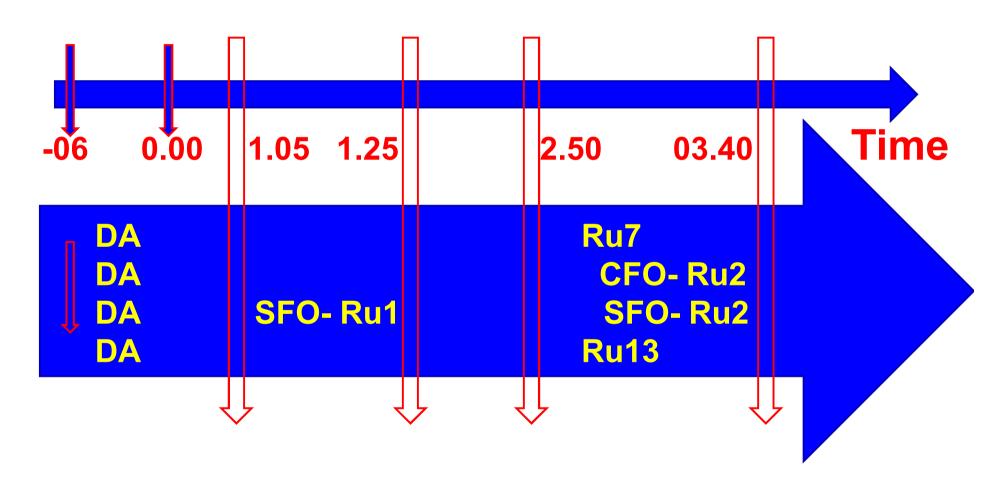
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- prepares more than 8000 (total for 1 day) weather forecast maps and about 1000 (total for 1 day) meteograms (images)
- sends these maps and meteograms to the weather forecasting offices of Roshydromet
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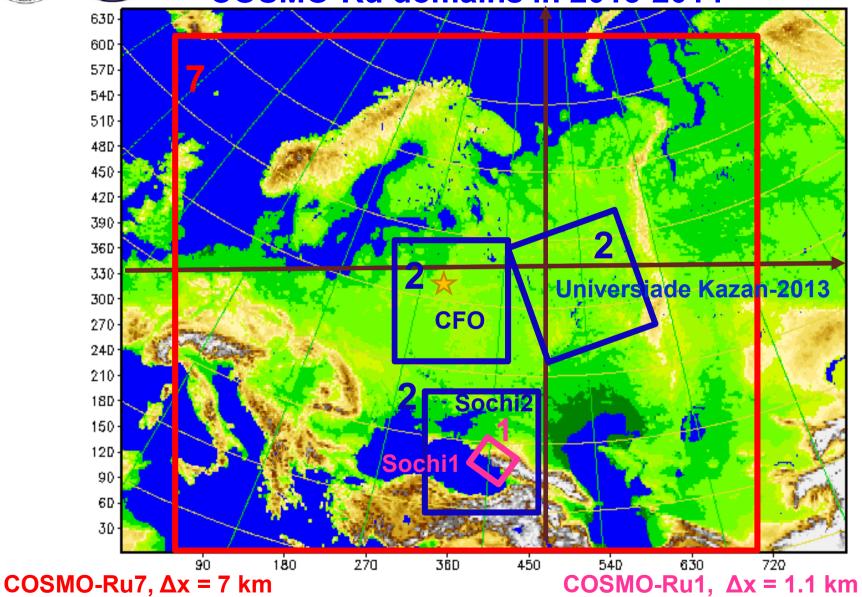
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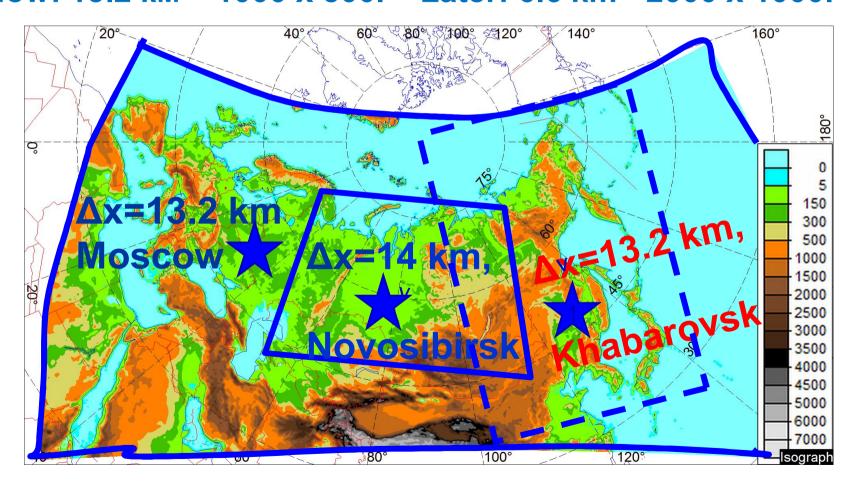
COSMO-Ru domains in 2013-2014



^{30.09}COSMO-Ru2 (CFO, Universiade, "Sochi-2014"), Δx =2.2 km



COSMO-Ru14 for Siberia: 14 km - 360 x 250 COSMO-Ru13/6 для ENA (<u>E</u>urope & <u>N</u>orth <u>A</u>sia) Now: 13.2 км – 1000 x 500. Later: 6.6 km - 2000 x 1000.

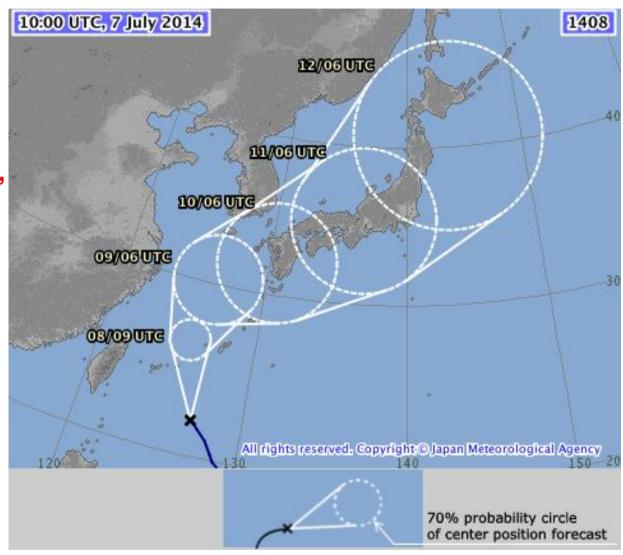






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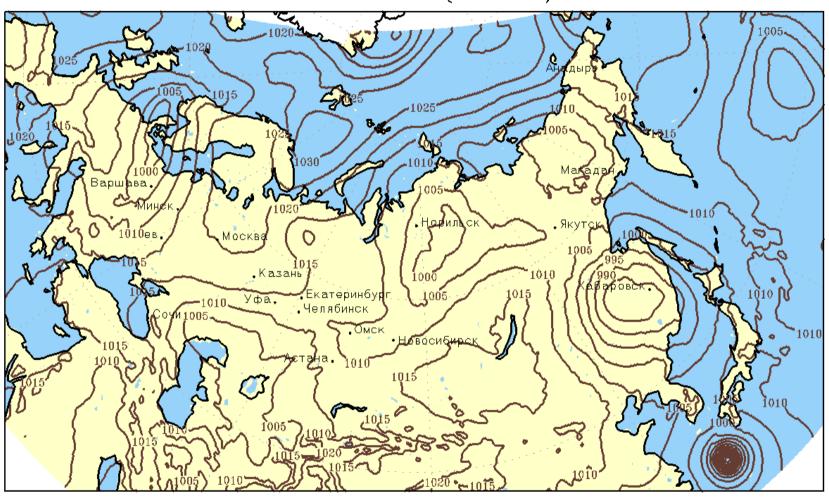


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COSMO-RU 13KM

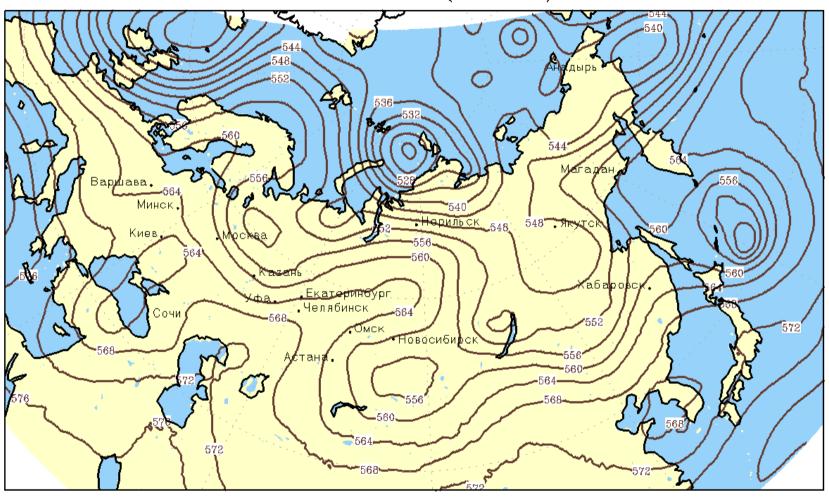
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COSMO-Ru13 for Europe and North Asia (ENA13)). Forecast from 2014070600 until 2014071003

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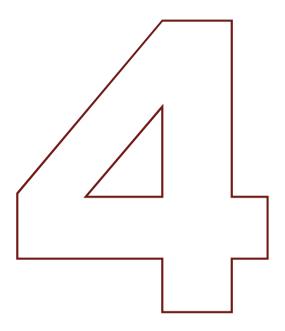
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CONCLUSIONS



HIGHLIGHTS



- ➤ COSMO-based technologies succeeded in meteorological support for the Sochi-2014 Winter Olympics and other important sport events in Russia in 2013-2014 (for example, Universiade Kazan-2013).
- ➤ Sochi and Kazan forecasters considered COSMO-based products to be the primary material for preparing detailed weather forecasts
- ➤ High-resolution deterministic COSMO-Ru systems (7km/2.2km/1.1km) and COSMO-EPS systems (7km/2.2km) were developed and tested for the region of sport events. Higher-resolution systems added value.
- ➤ Usage of very high-resolution orography and assimilation of additional data improved the forecasts considerably.
- ➤ Development and implementation of temperature h-correction in postprocessing and fresh-snow parameterization schemes improved forecasts in the high-mountains region.
- Introduction of Flake model was useful for the Volga region.



GENERAL CONCLUSIONS



- The PP CORSO is a successful example of international fruitful scientific and technologic cooperation within the COSMO consortium
- The project leaders and Olympic forecasters are grateful to all scientists from COSMO countries who participated in the project
- The main results of the project, including down-scaling postprocessing algorithms, the new fresh snow parameterization scheme, experience in very high resolution and ensemble prediction, nudging-assimilation, the data archives, could be useful for further research and operation in COSMO countries







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