8th Meso-NH user's meeting



La circulation atmosphérique dans le sud du Portugal et l'effet du réservoir d'Alqueva. Cas d'étude ALEX 2014

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ALEX2014 field campaign



The ALqueva hydro-meteorological EXperiment, ALEX 2014

- An integrated field campaign with measurements of chemical, physical and biological parameters around the Alqueva reservoir;
- With the purpose of studding the lake-atmosphere interactions
- From June to September and comprised a three days Intensive Observation Period (IOP) from 22 to 24 July.

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Include:

- Meteorological and flux measurements
- Solar resource
- Water quality Chemical and phytoplankton composition
- Inwater solar attenuation
- Air quality Atmospheric, aerosols and gases measurements
- Water vapour mapping through GPS network (IOP)
- Radiossondes with Meteorology and Atmospheric Electricity components (IOP)
- Night darkness

Alqueva Region:

- Köppen classification: Csa
- Annual precipitation: 570 mm
- Number of days above 30°C: 77.1

Eddy covariance measurements







1m



Weather stations







- near surface meteorological stations: temperature, humidity, wind, precipitation and pressure.
- 7 automatic weather stations were in place
 - upwind and downwind

Intensive Observation Period



IOP: 22, 23 and 24 of July 2014, during which:

- 18 meteorological balloons with meteorological radiosondes were launched.
- every 3 hours
- 2 daily radiosondes were launched in Lisbon (00 and 12 UTC (by IPMA)









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IOP Observed vertical structure





Characterization of the vertical structure and synoptic conditions

- Anticyclonic conditions
- Boundary layer well developed (more than 2500m deep in 1st day)
- Instable surface layer in the region (over land) with high values of sensible heat flux
- Near surface temperatures greater than 35°C (1st day)

Setup of Meso-NH Simulations





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Numerical surface water fraction



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Validation against radiosondes - TEMP



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25 30 35

15 20

TEMP (C)

10

0 5

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25 30 35

20

TEMP (C)

10 15

20 25

TEMP (C)

10 15

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30 35

- Meso-NH too hot

near surface

Validation against radiosondes - RV



Vertical Profil, ix: 64 iy: 48 2014-7-22 12 UT ical Profil, ix: 64 iy: 48 2014-7-23 15 UT



1st 5 km
Good representation of the moisture during the day time, specially in the afternoon,
Meso-NH is drier
and do not show a decrease as abrupt as in the obs.

Moisture Profile

Vertical Profil, ix: 64 iy: 48 2014-7-23 6 UT



Vertical Profil, ix: 64 iy: 48 2014-7-24 6 UT









- Meso-NH indeed too dry near surface during the night



Simulation results: Examples

22/07/2014 18 TU



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Time-height cross sections (Hovmoller)





Lake breeze 15 TU





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Lake breeze 18 TU





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Sea Breeze 21 TU





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Observed lake breeze (FW days)









- ALEX 2014: A unique data-set of meteorological, hydrological and biological (water quality). 4 months (summer 2014)
 - http://www.alex2014.cge.uevora.pt
 - In particular the IOP 22-25 July 2014, well documented
 - Useful for studies on lake-atmosphere interaction under Mediterranean climate.
- Meso-NH at 1 km resolution represents the evolution of the boundary layer structure and its evolution.
 - Underestimation of the humidity in the boundary layer
- Lake affects the boundary layer at a regional scale
- Sea breeze is clearly visible in observations and in simulations