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## LAM-EPS activities in LACE

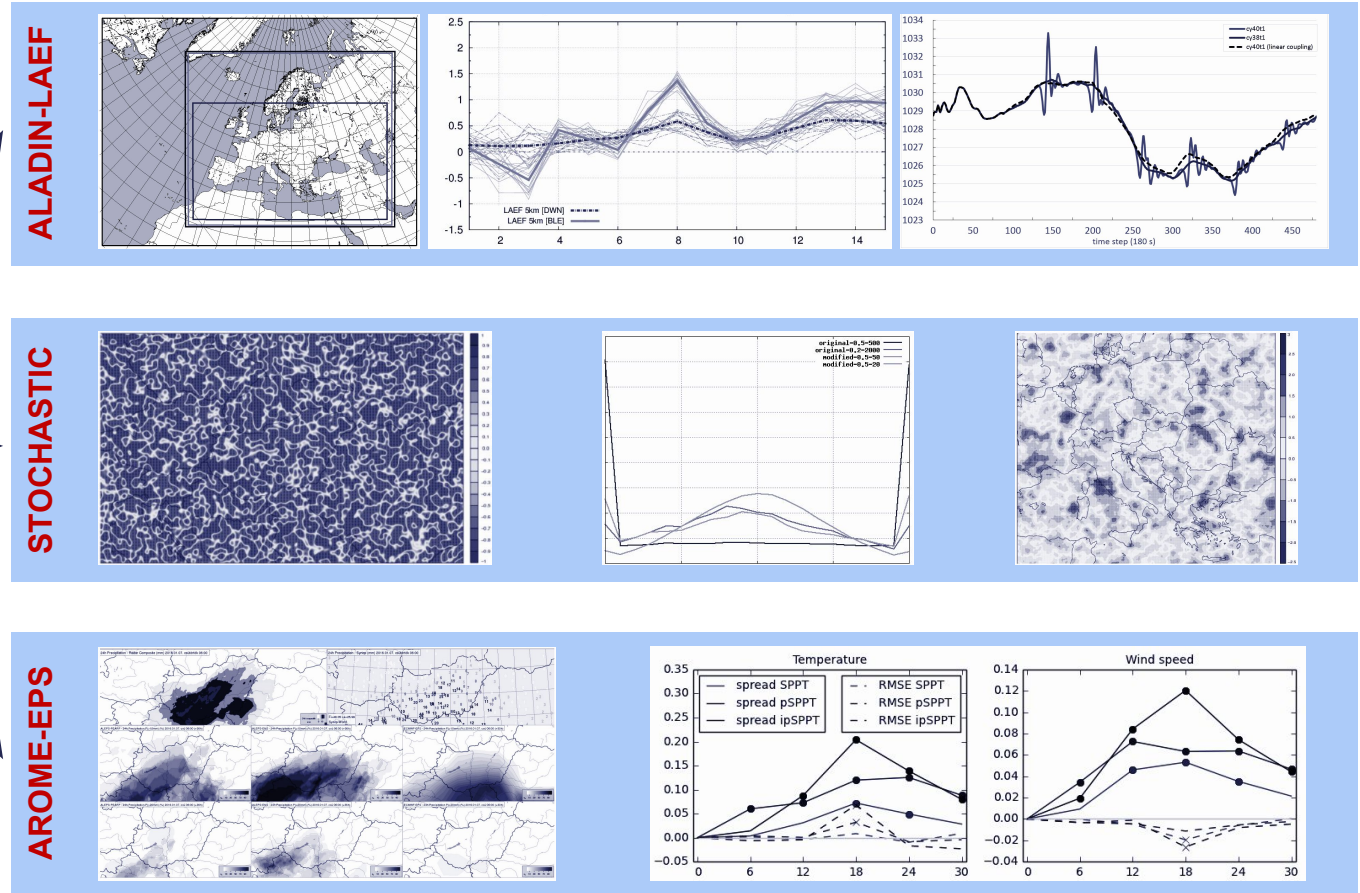
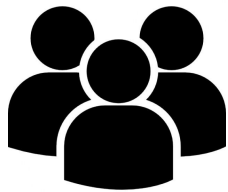
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# Overview of activities since last AHW

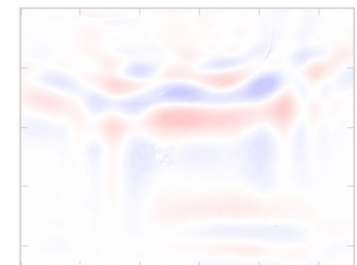
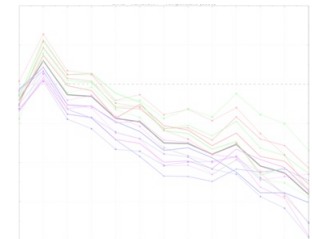
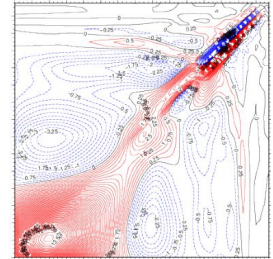


Our research has been mostly focused on the ALADIN-LAEF system upgrade towards the higher resolution LAM EPS, defining new computational domain and implementing new methods for IC uncertainty simulation (ENS BlendVar) and model uncertainty simulation (new multiphysics, new stochastic pattern). Local work on AROME-EPS continued.

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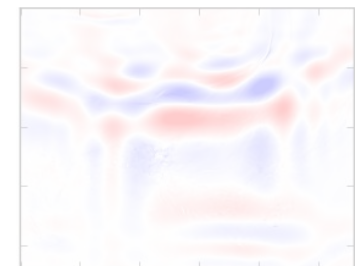
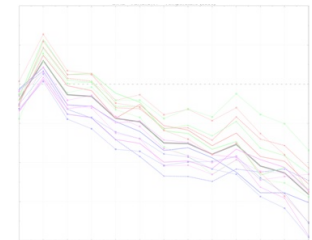
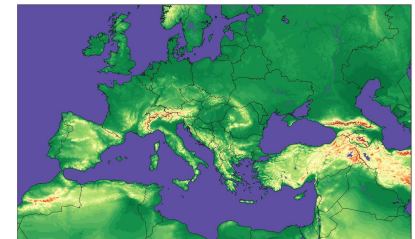
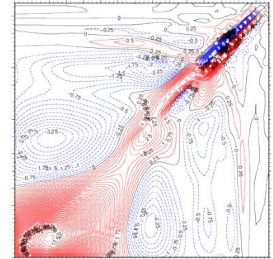
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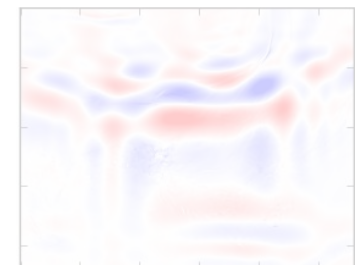
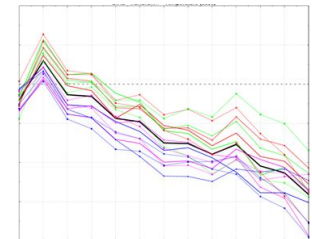
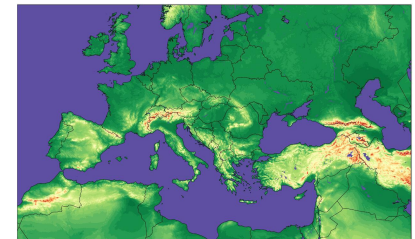
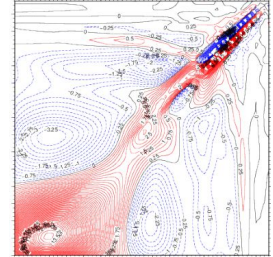




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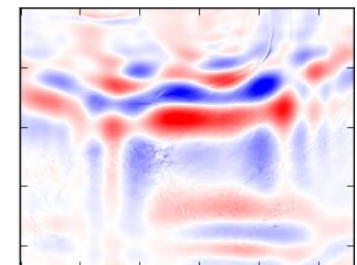
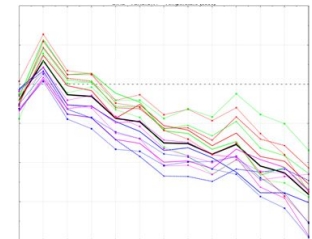
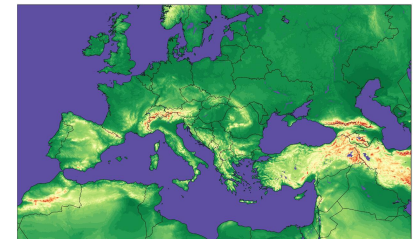
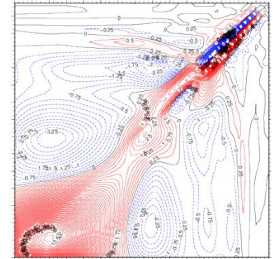
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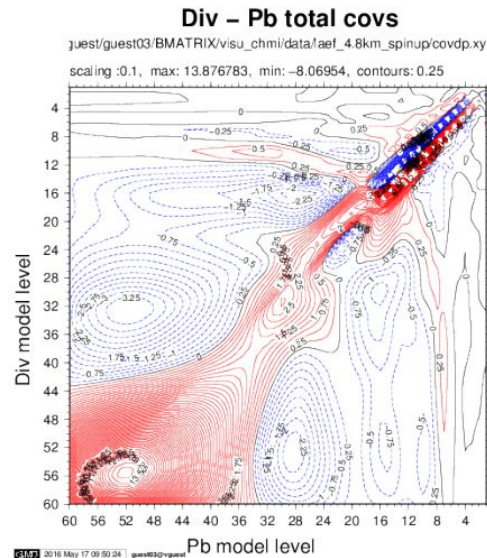
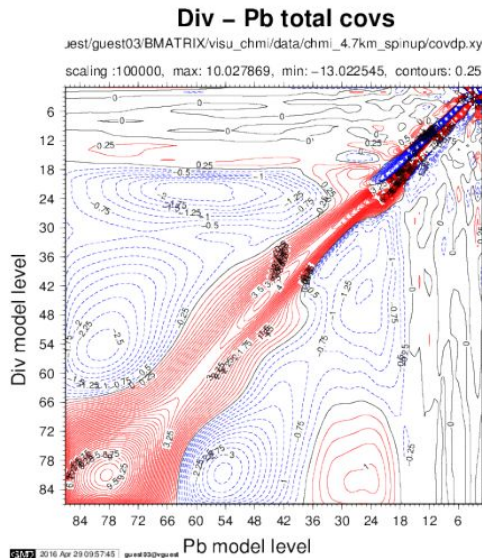
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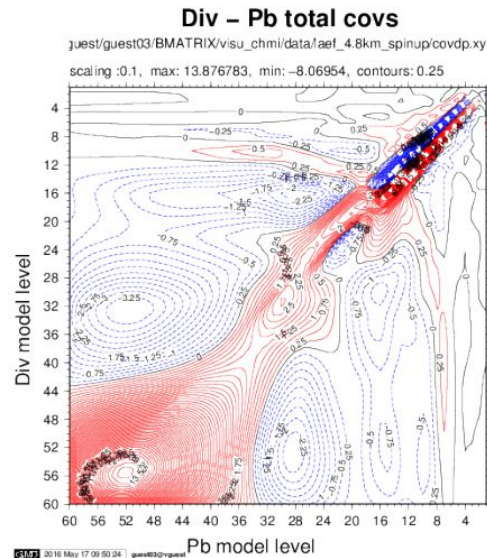
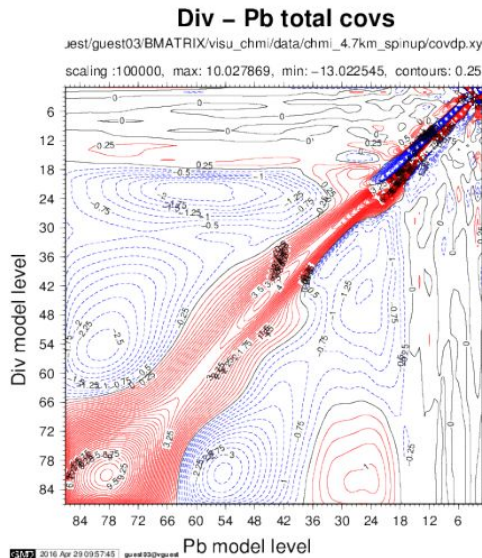
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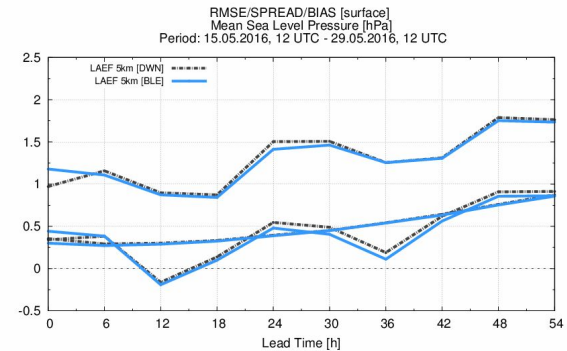
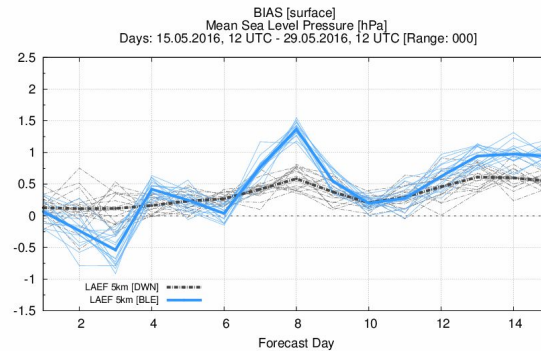
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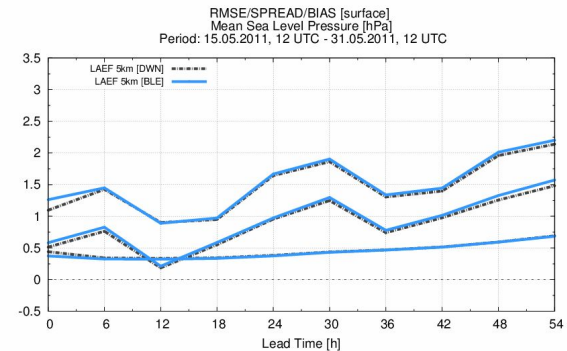
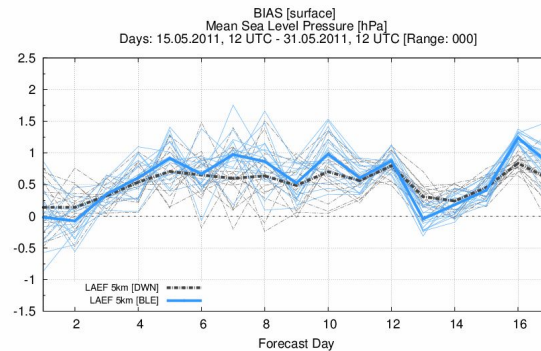
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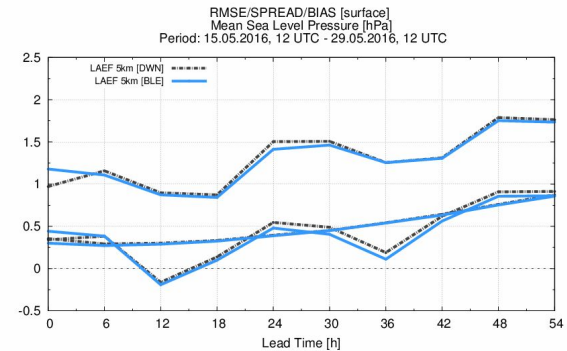
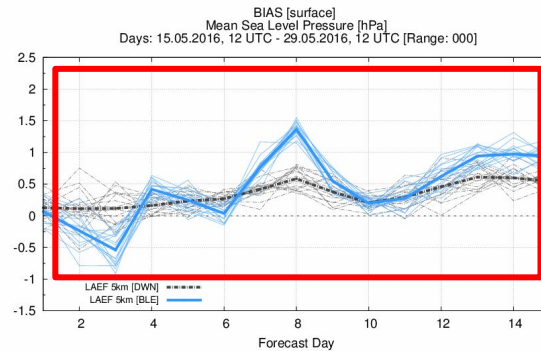
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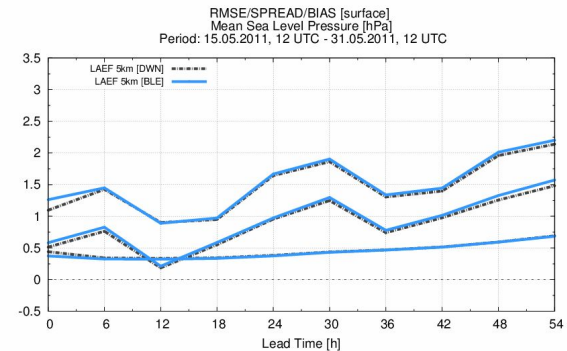
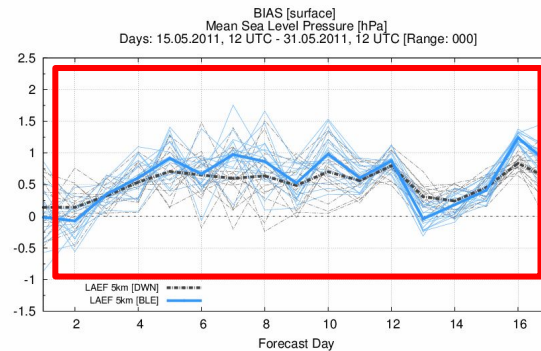
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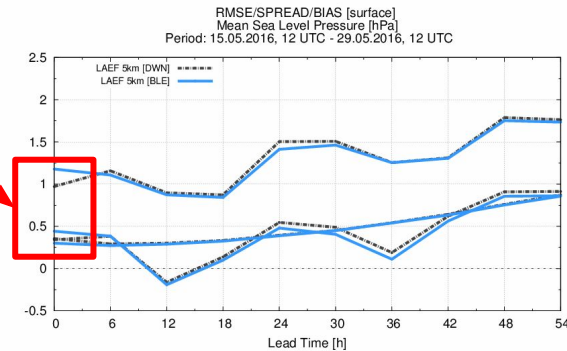
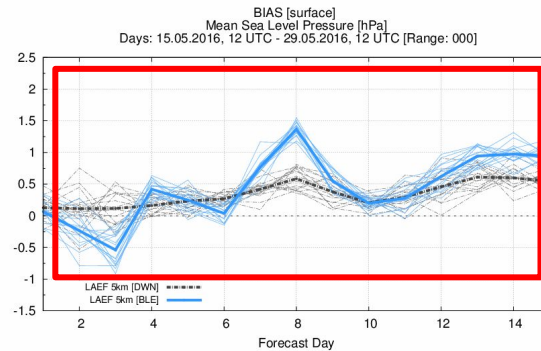


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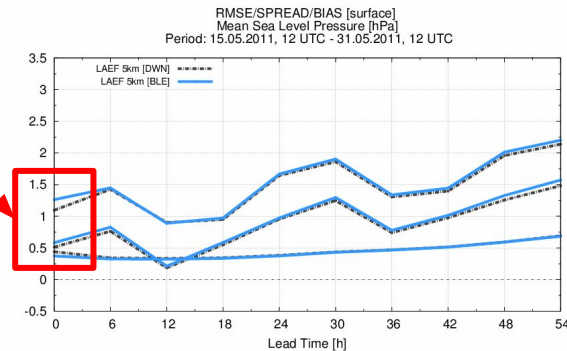
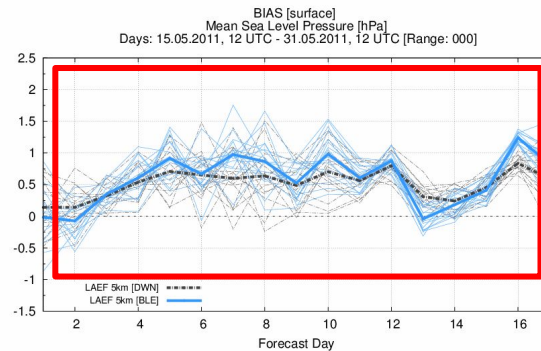
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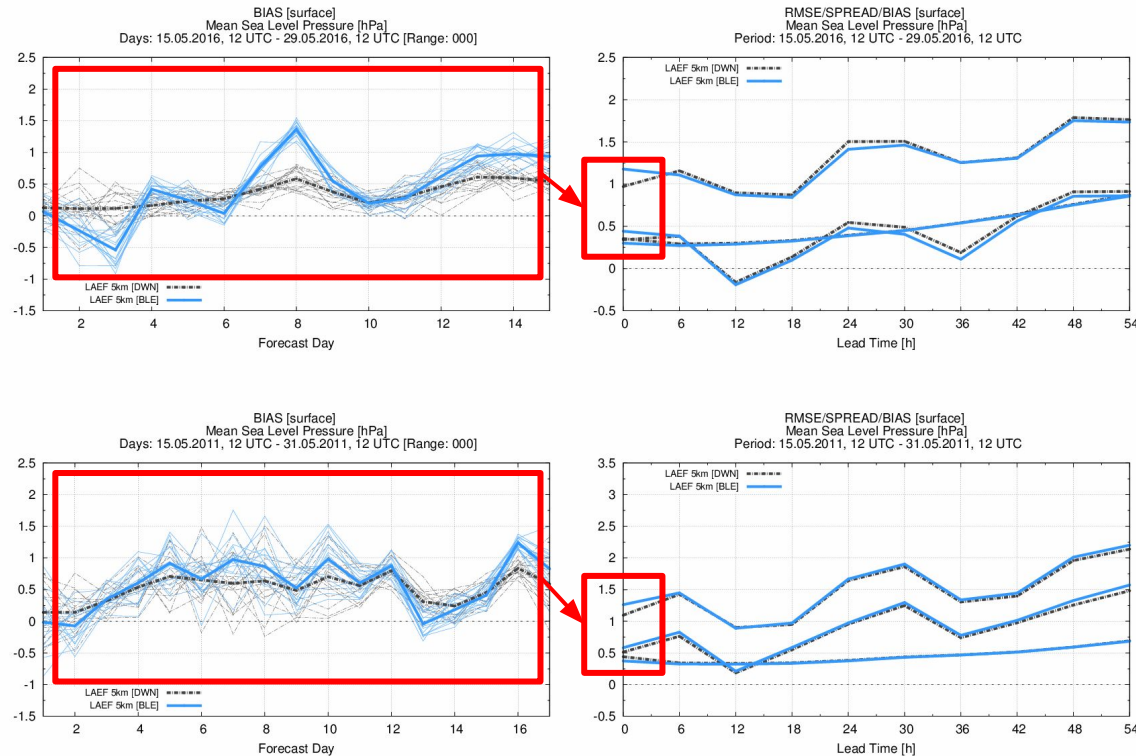
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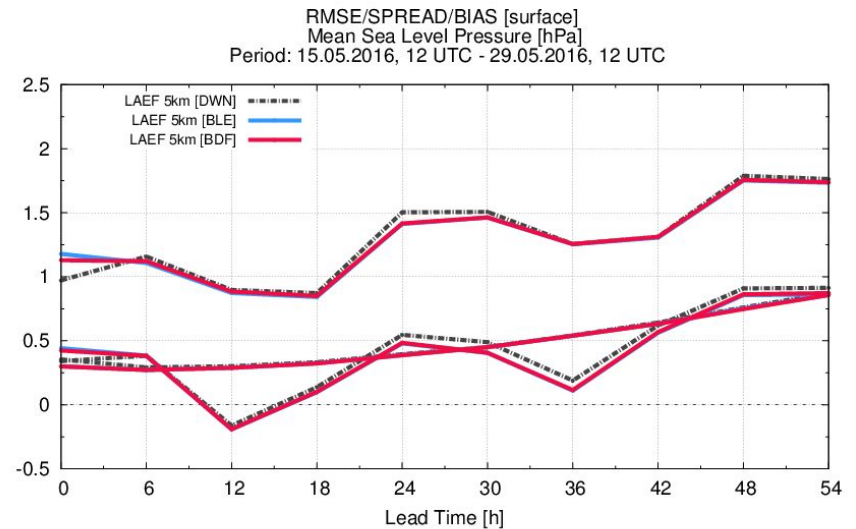
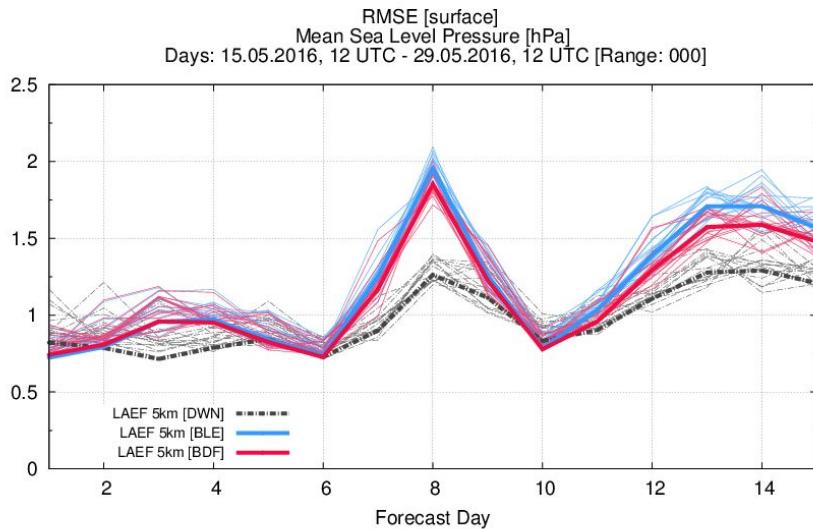
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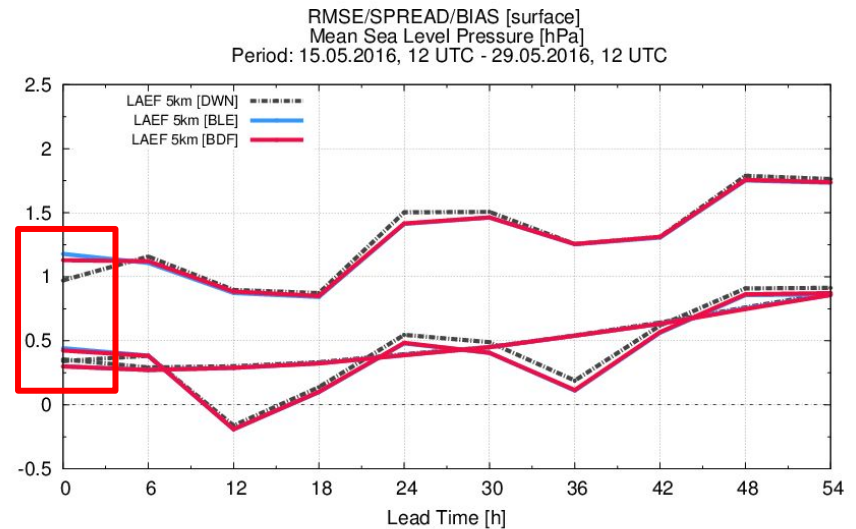
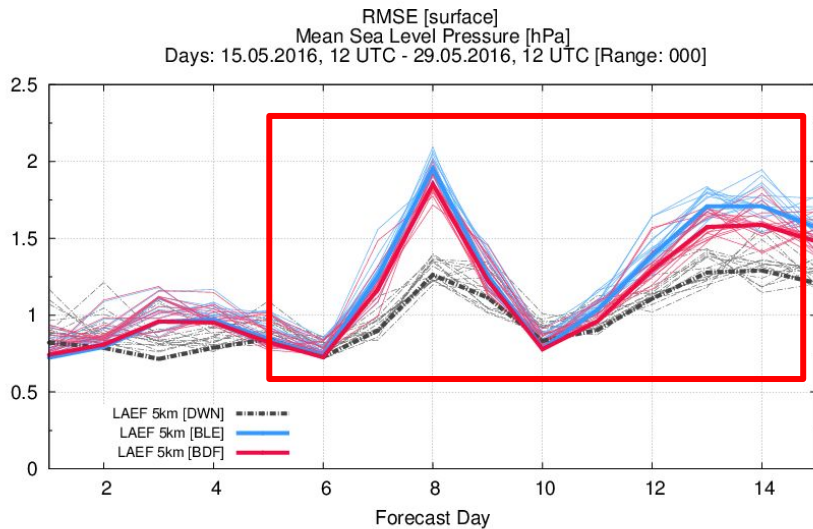


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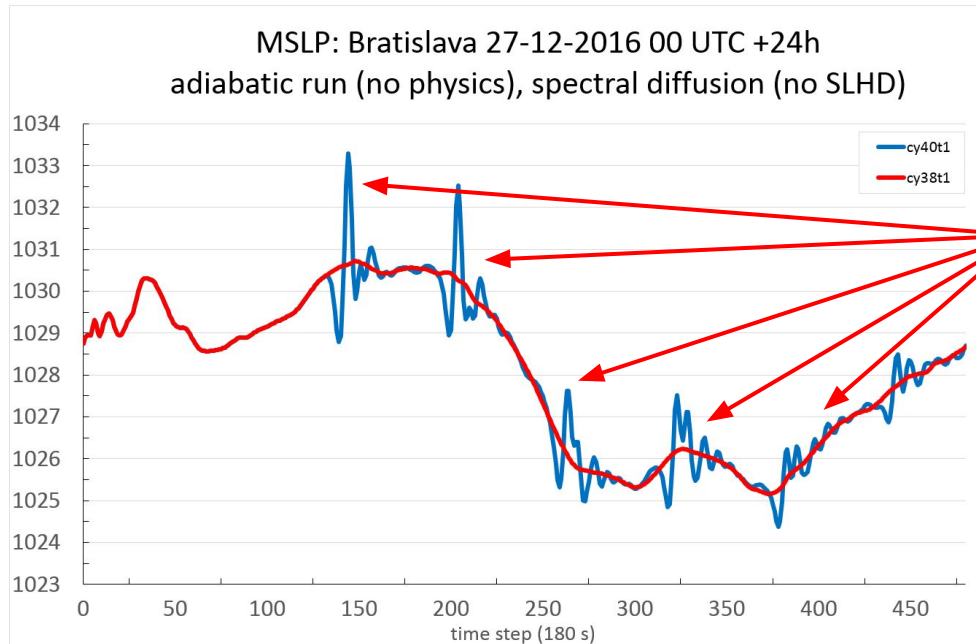


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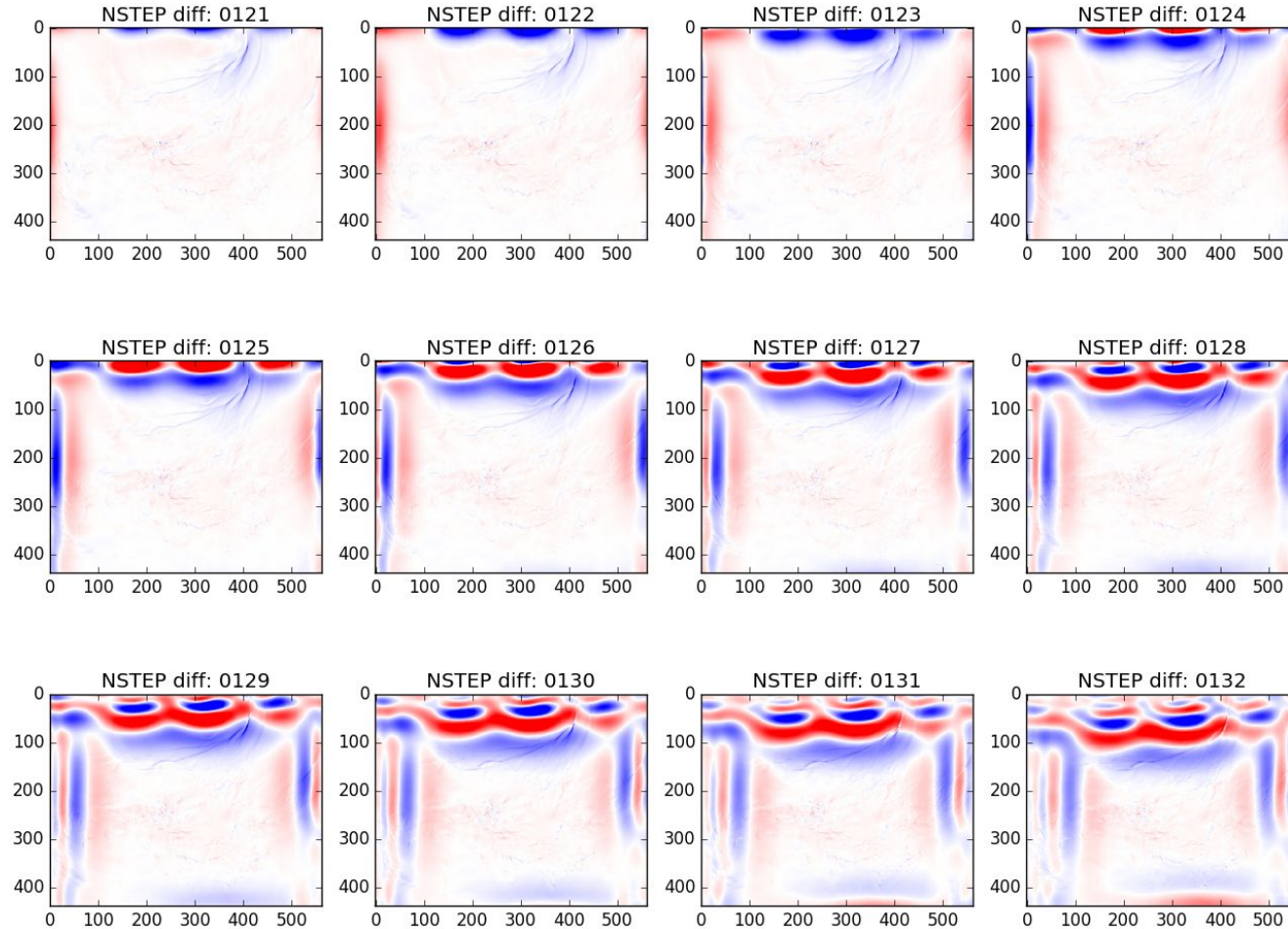
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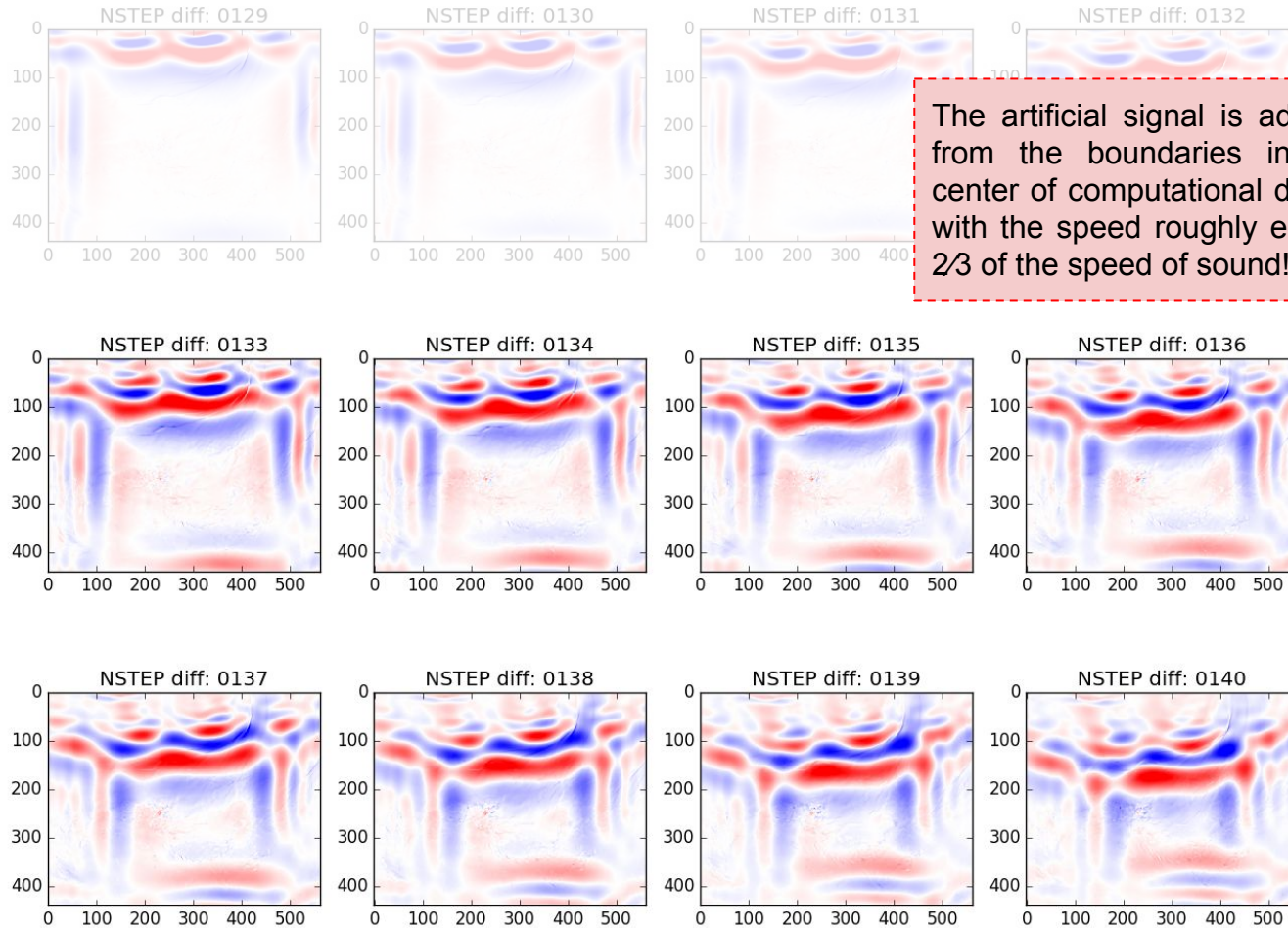
*The inter-step oscillations of MSLP for one selected case at Bratislava airport up to 24 hours (TSTEP = 180 s, TEFRCCL = 3 h), blue line is CY40T1, red line is CY38T1.*

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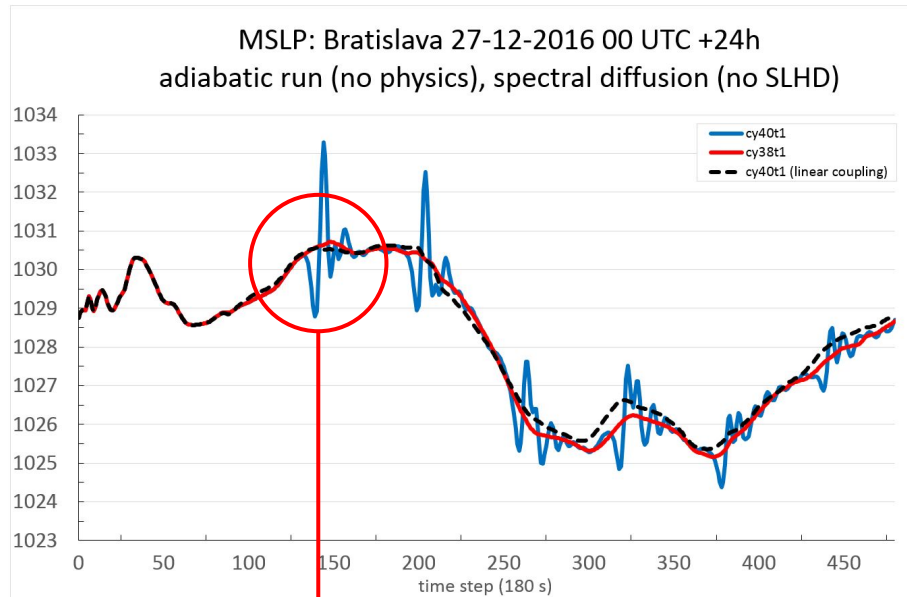


The artificial signal is advected from the boundaries into the center of computational domain, with the speed roughly equal to 2/3 of the speed of sound!

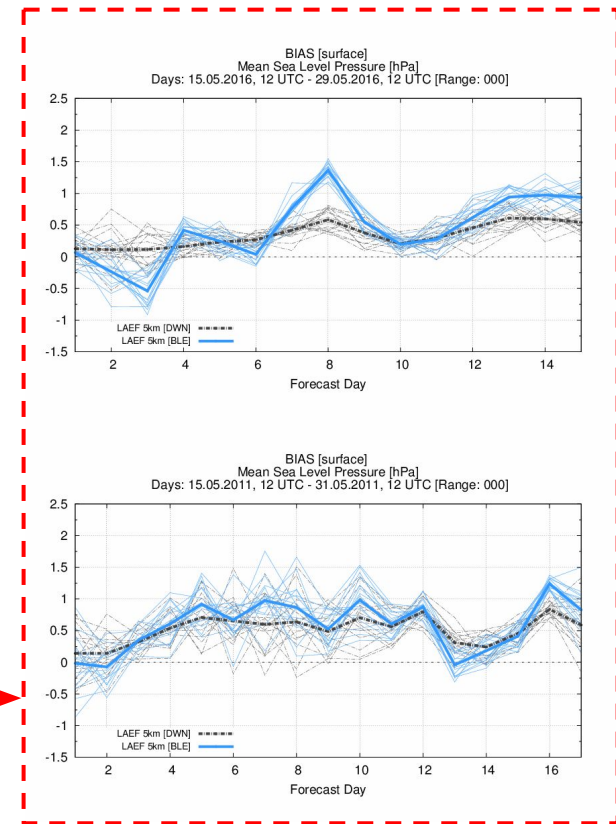
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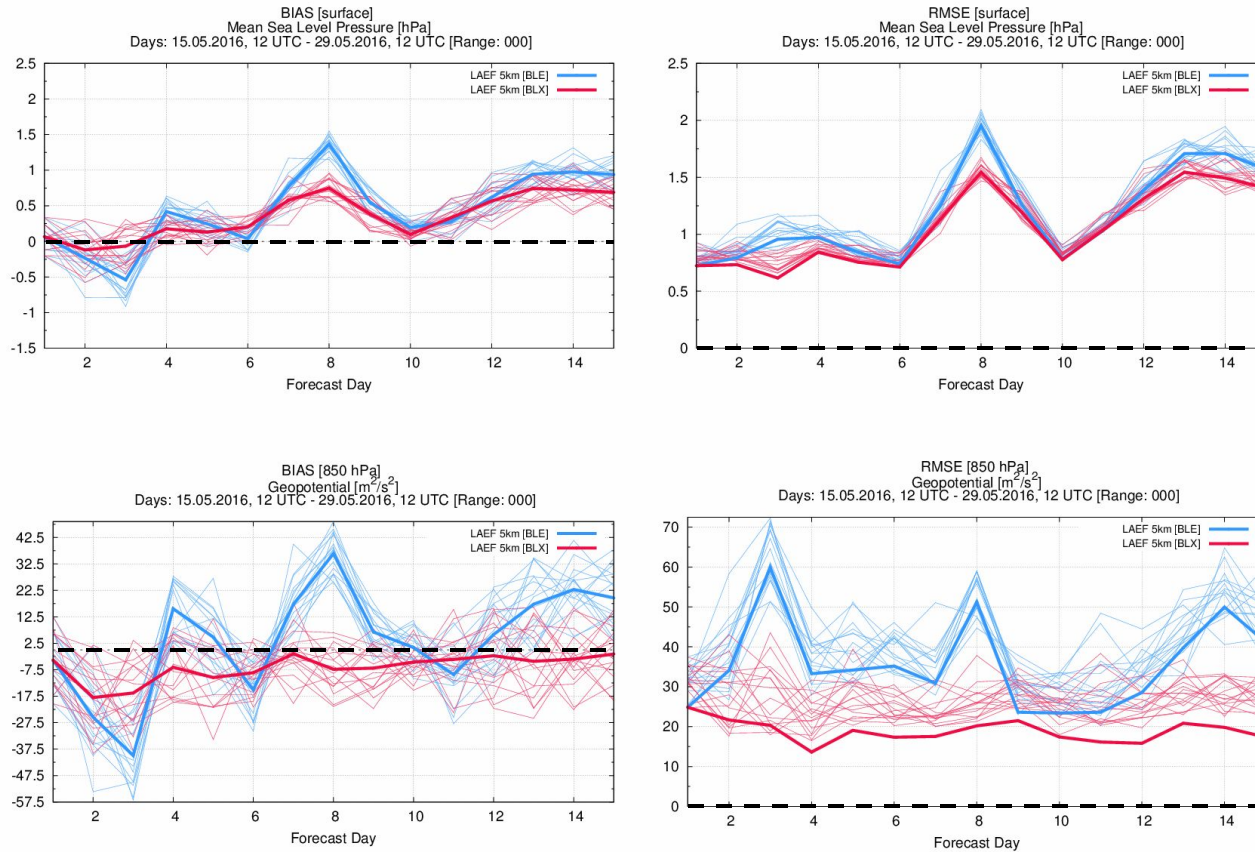
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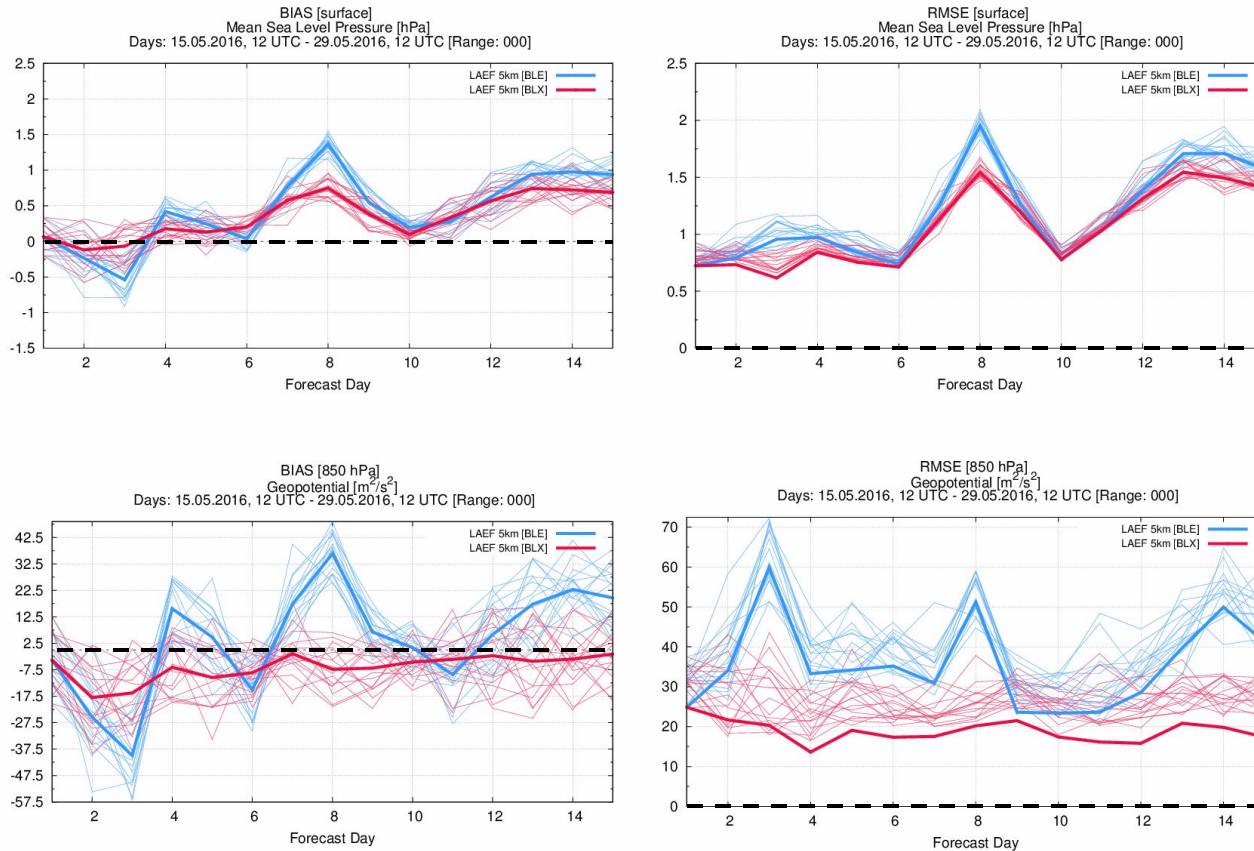
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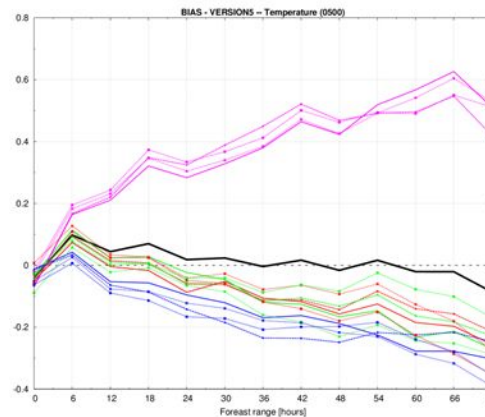
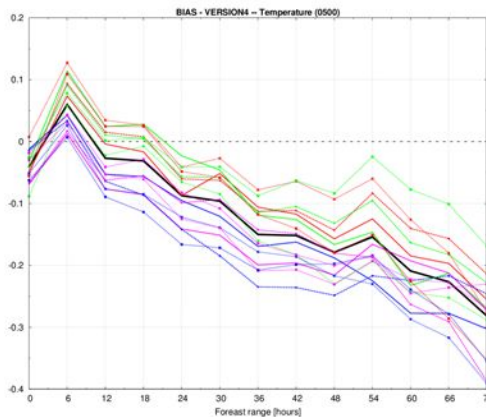
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EXP58	04	08	12	16	EXP00	04	08	12	16

16 EPS members

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- EXP00 – ALARO-0 reference



Temperature BIAS at 500 hPa for the ensemble version 4 (left) and version 5 (right).

# ALADIN-LAEF (new multi physics)

## Optimization of ALADIN-LAEF at 5 km horizontal resolution:

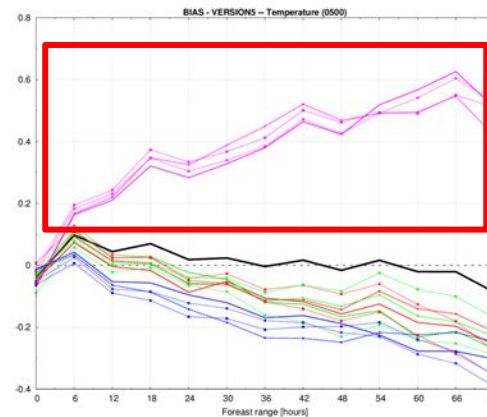
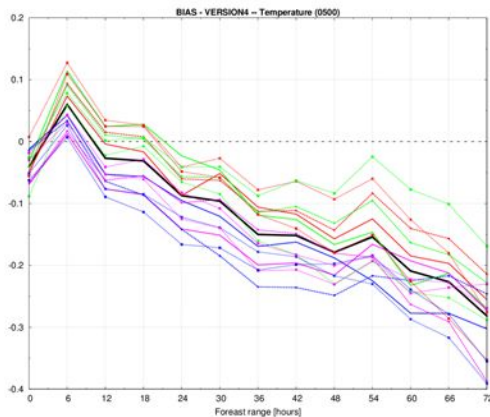
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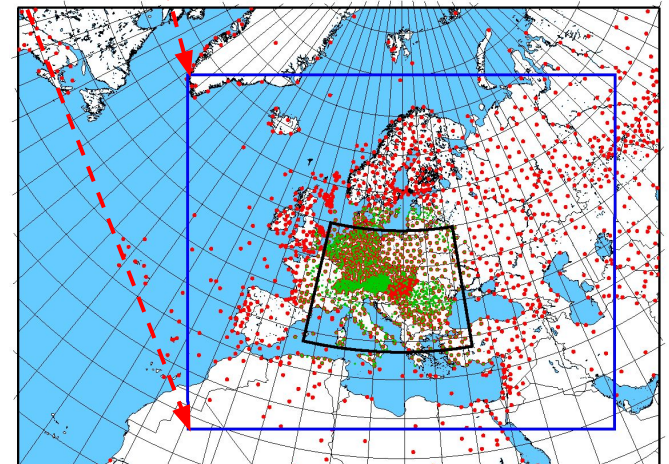
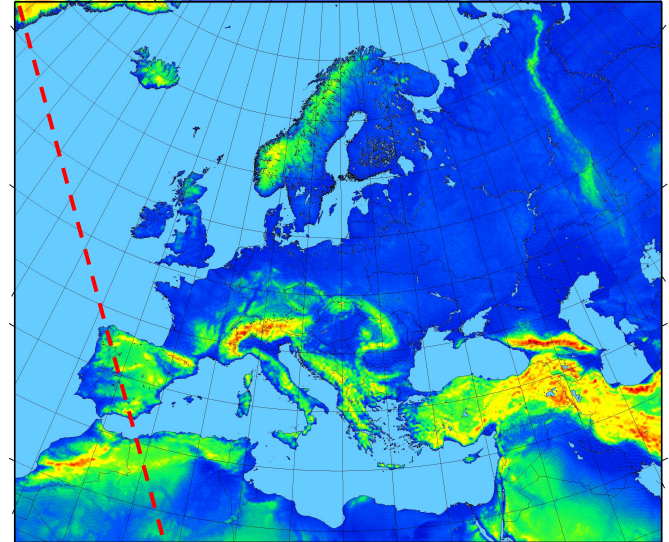
ALARO-0 physics will be excluded due to discrepant behaviour.



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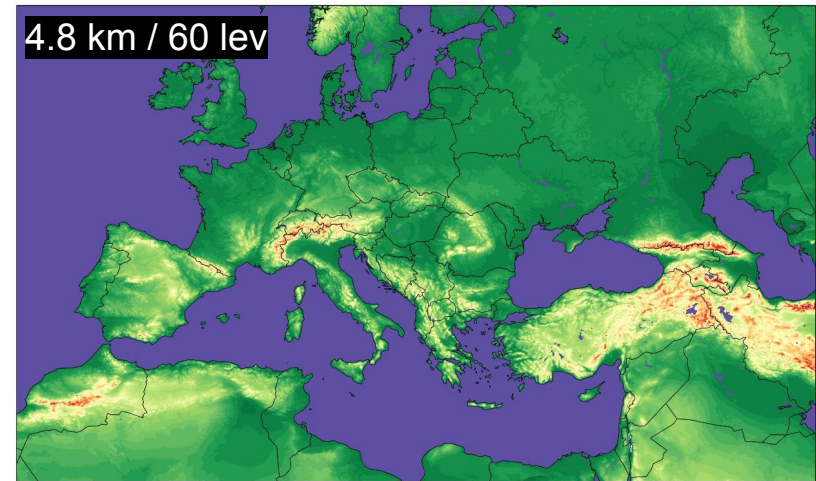
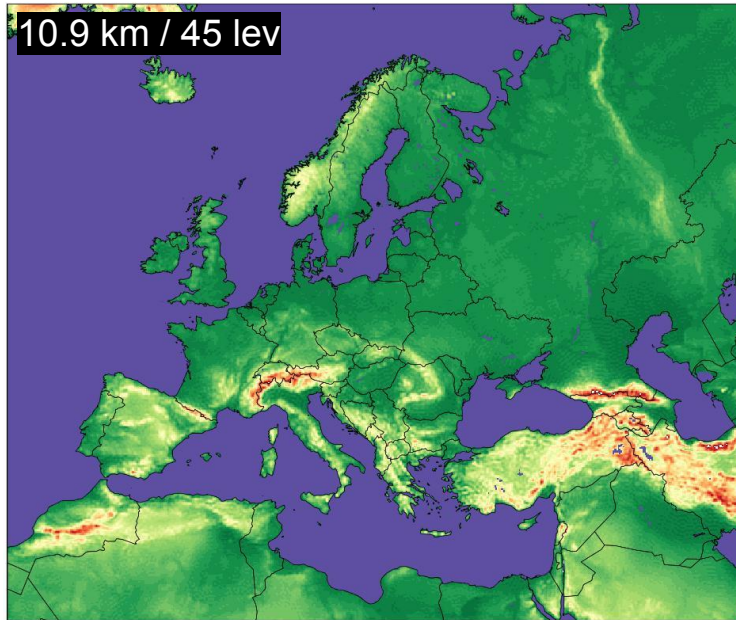
# ALADIN-LAEF (operational - no change yet)

<b>ALADIN-LAEF</b> (running at ECMWF)	
ensemble size	16 + 1
$\Delta x$ / vertical levels	10.9 km / 45
time-lagged coupling	ECMWF EPS (6h frequency)
runs per day	00 and 12 UTC (+72h forecast)
IC perturbation	surface: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ESDA by CANARI (<math>T_{2m}</math>, <math>H_{2m}</math>)</li> </ul> upper-air: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>breeding-blending</li> </ul>
model perturbation	multi-physics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>micro-physics</li> <li>deep/shallow convection</li> <li>radiation</li> <li>turbulence</li> </ul>





# ALADIN-LAEF (upgrade)



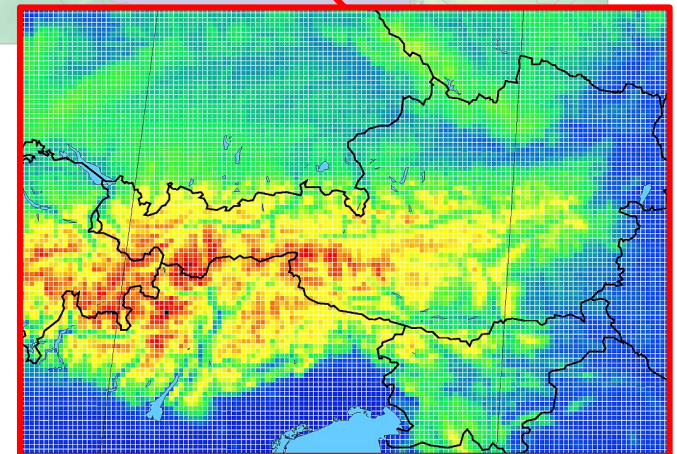
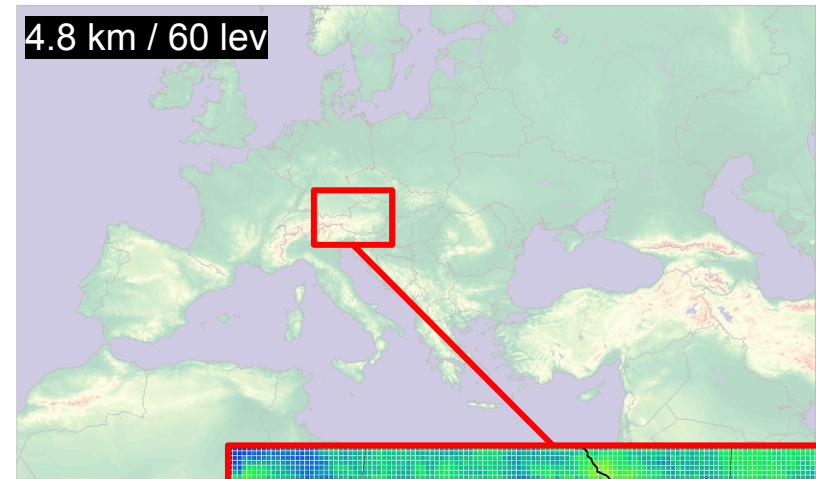
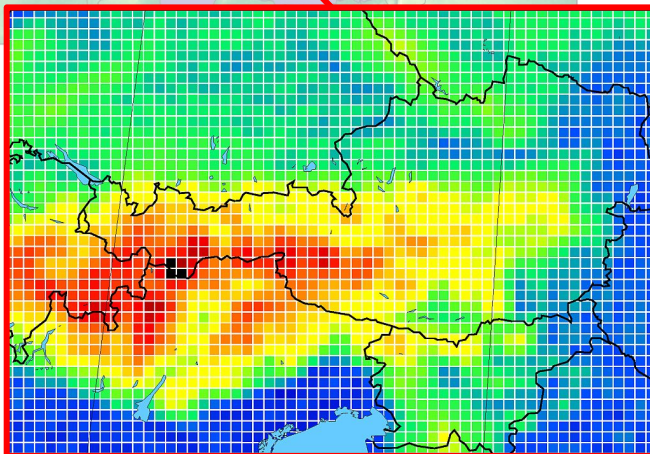
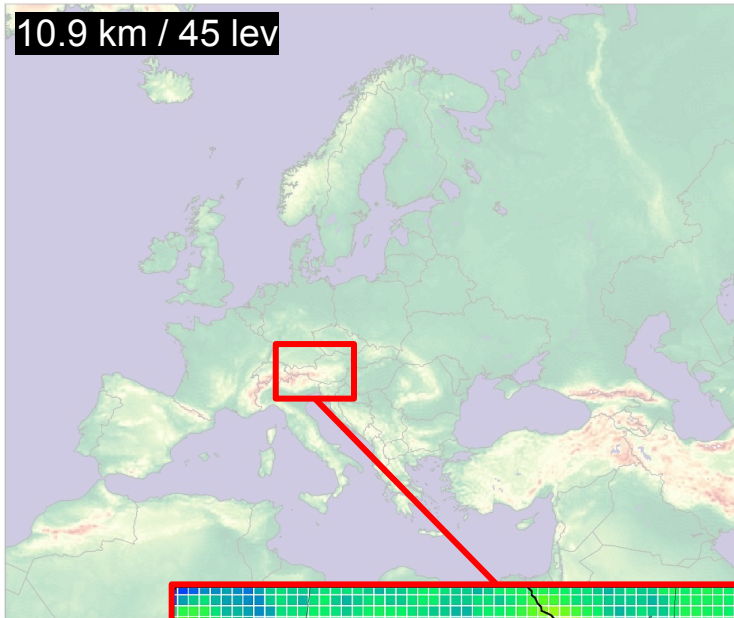
## Upgrade in two steps:

ALADIN-LAEF 5 km / 60 lev  
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- phase I: ESDA+BB (IC); SPPT+ALARO-1 MP (model)
- phase II: ENS BlendVar (instead of BB)



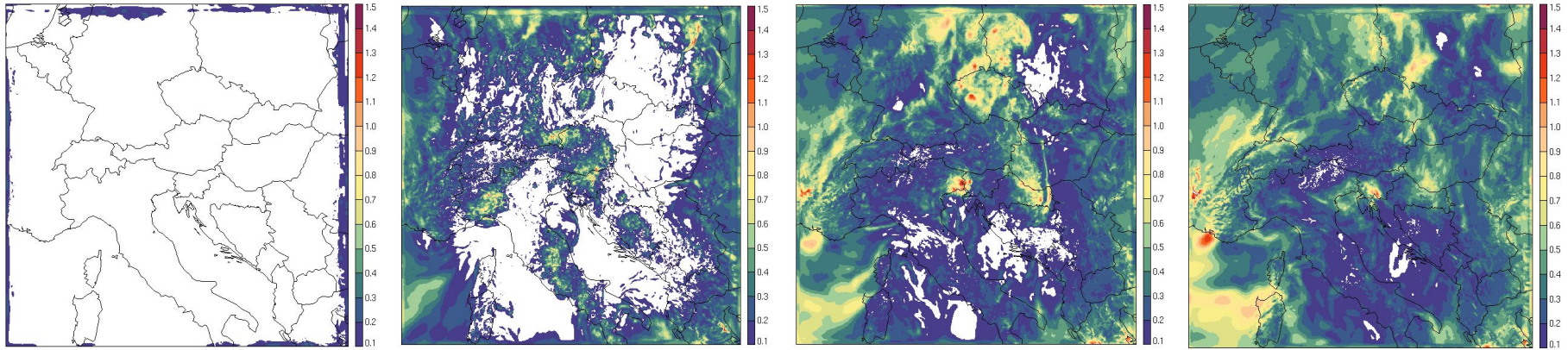
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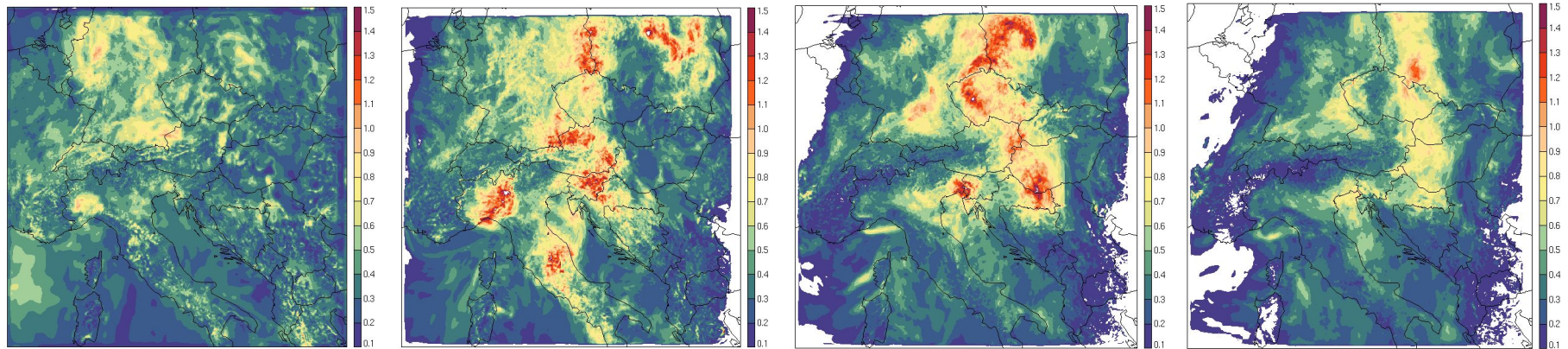


# Ensemble spread evolution experiment

## Unperturbed ICs vs perturbed LBCs:



## Perturbed ICs vs unperturbed LBCs:



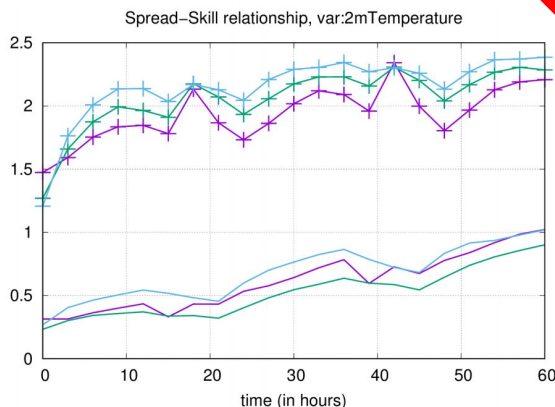
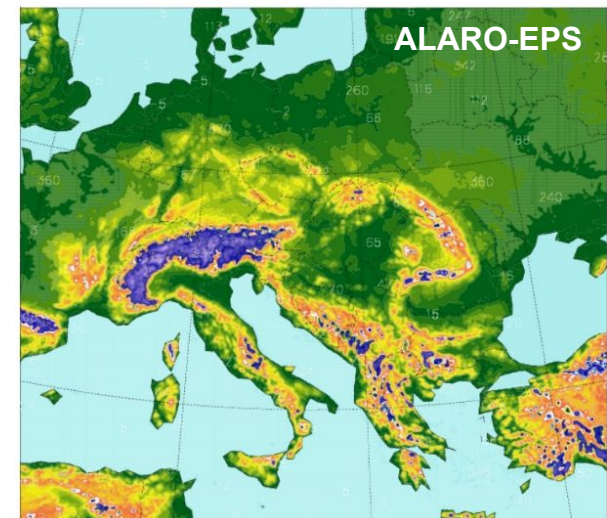
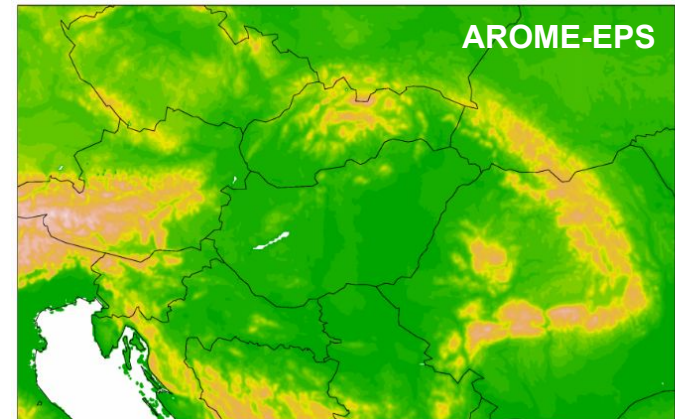
Temperature spread at 850 hPa for forecast length of 1, 6, 12 and 18 hours.

# AROME-EPS (OMSZ)

## Developments at OMSZ related to ensemble systems:

Ensembles running by OMSZ:

- AROME-EPS
  - test version
  - running at ECMWF on cca ('SPFRBOUT' special project)
  - 11 members starting at 18 UTC +36 h
  - coupled to PEARP (Meteo-France)
  
- ALARO-EPS (8 km)
  - operational version
  - running at OMSZ
  - 11 members starting at 18 UTC +60 h
  - coupled to PEARP (ECMWF EPS since October 2016)



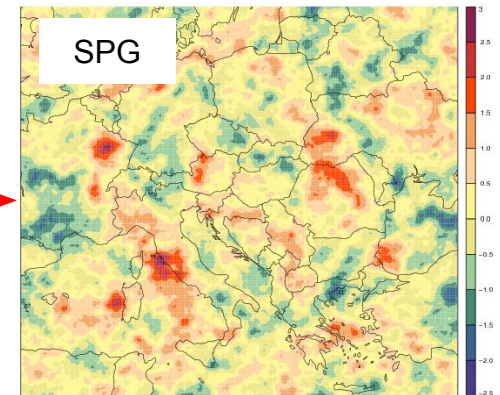
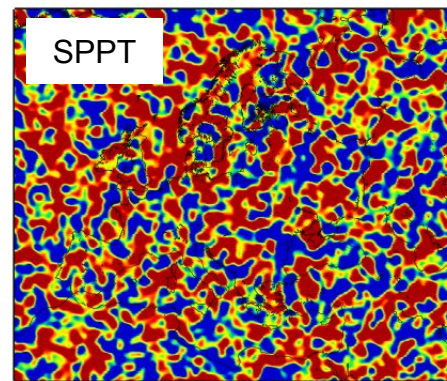
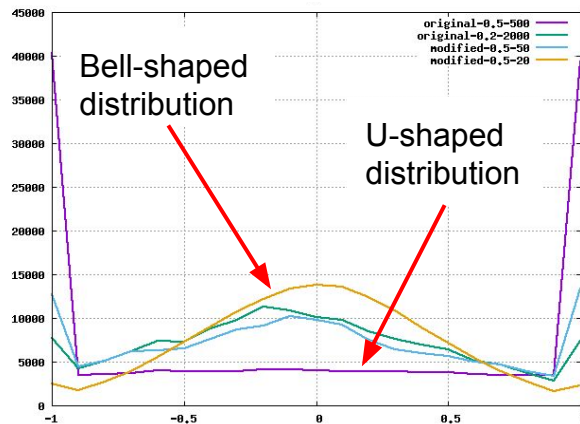
*Spread-skill relationship of T2m. ECMWF EPS with 11 members (purple), ALARO-EPS coupled to ECMWF (green), ALARO-EPS coupled to PEARP (blue). Verification period: 11 Dec, 2015 - 31 Jan, 2016.*



# AROME-EPS (OMSZ)

## Stochastic perturbation:

- modification of current SPPT (in order to have better horizontal correlation and Gaussian distribution)
- implementation of new stochastic pattern generator (SPG, Tsyrlunikov and Gayfulin, 2016)

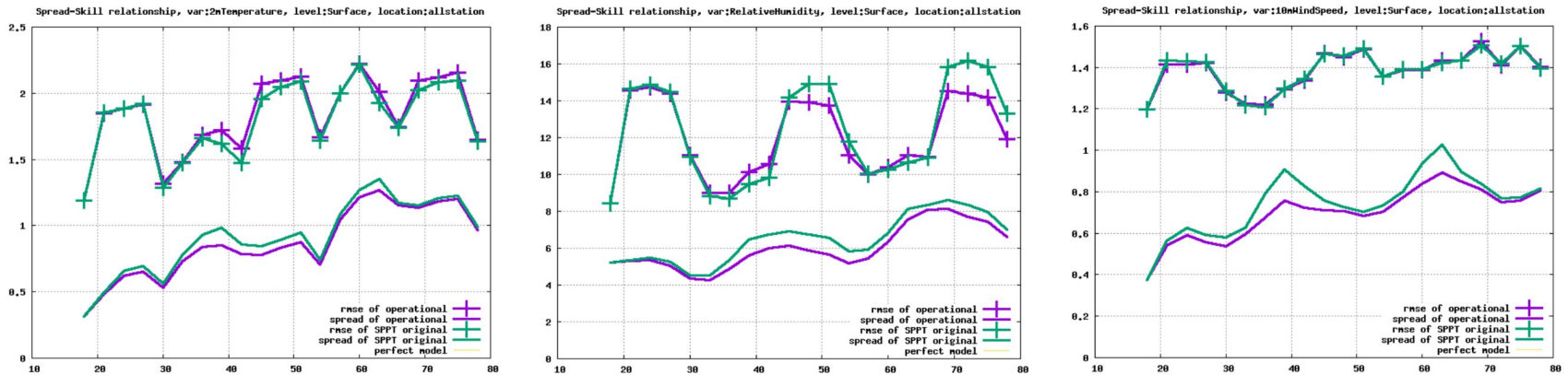


*Histogram of random numbers for current SPPT version with default settings (purple), with revised setting (green) compared to the modified version with very-long horizontal correlation length (blue) and moderate horizontal correlation length (orange) - left, and random field generated by SPPT and SPG with the LACE domain specific configuration - right.*

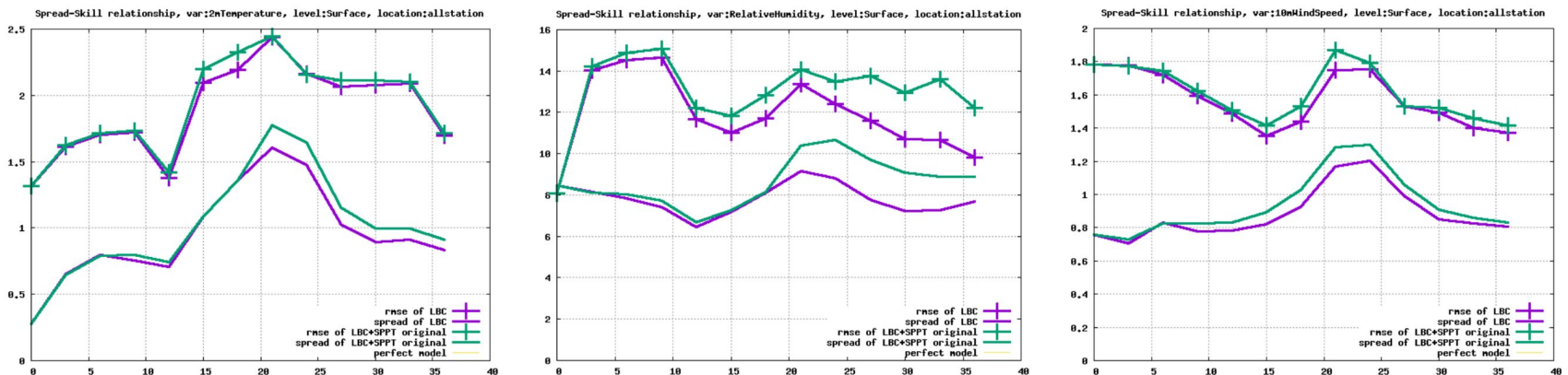
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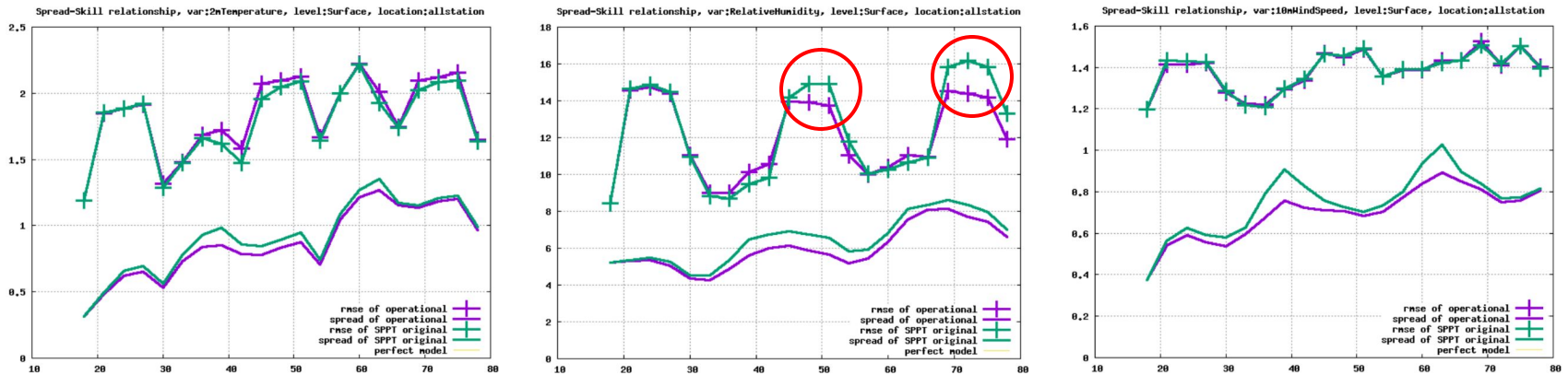


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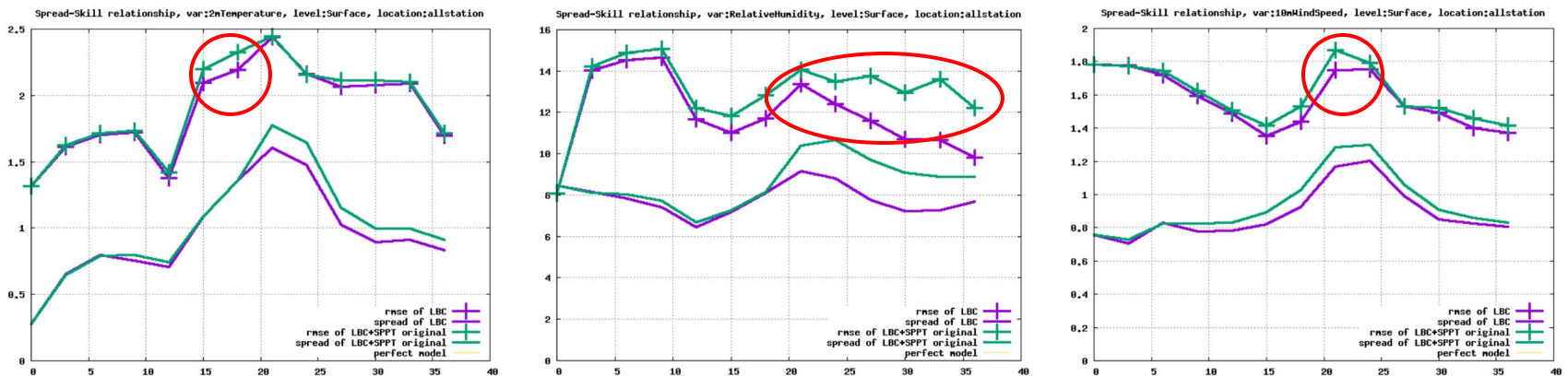
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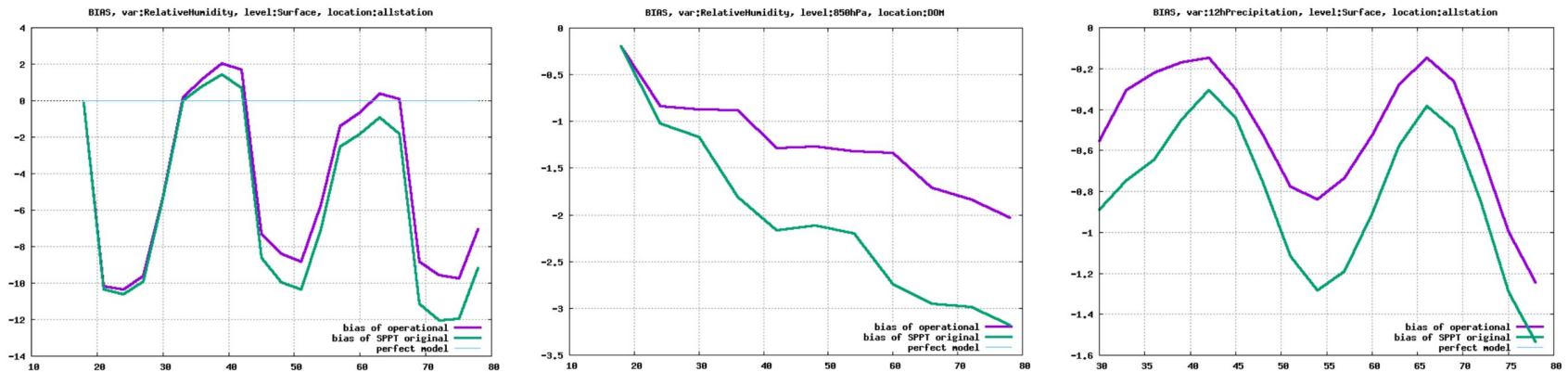


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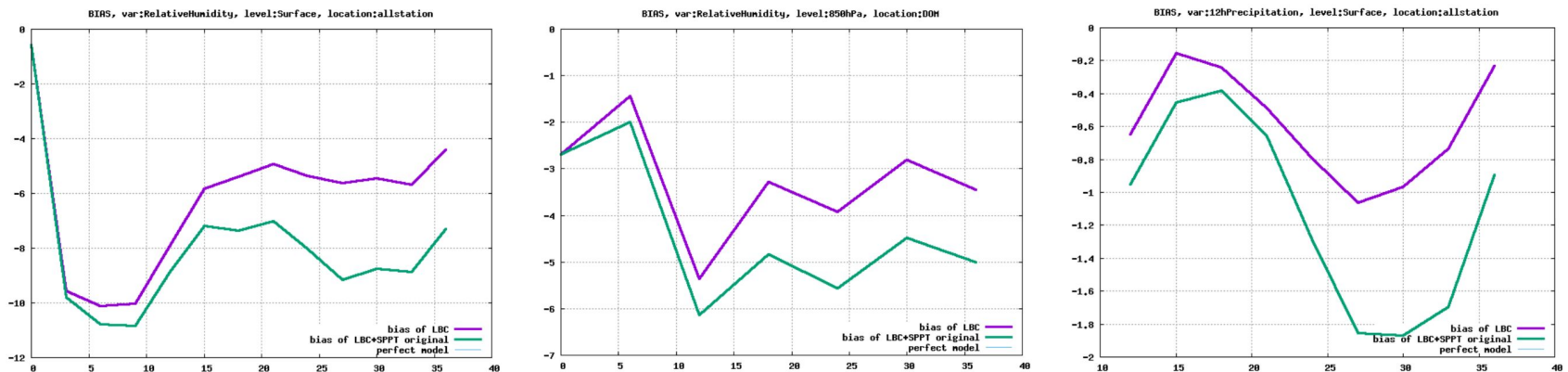
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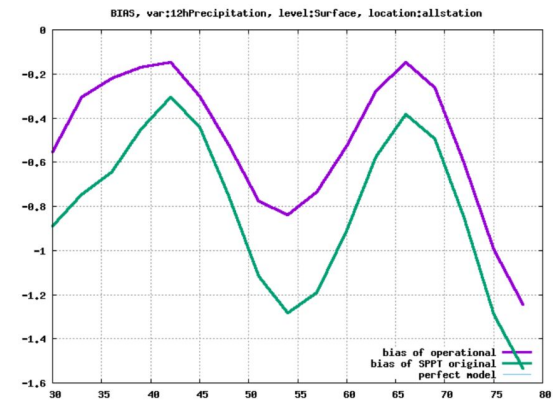
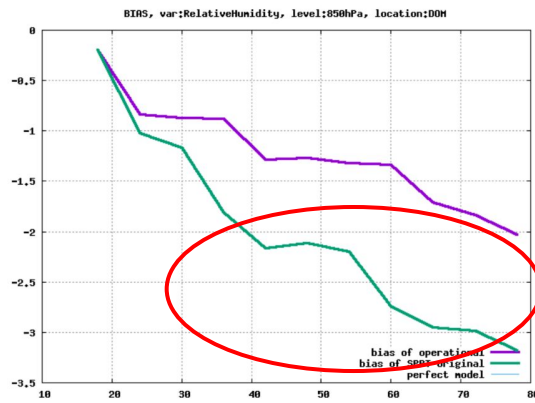
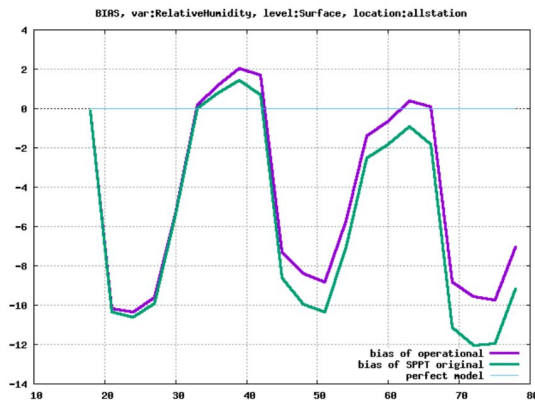
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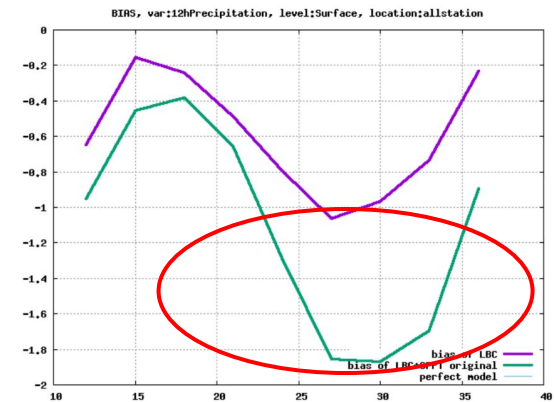
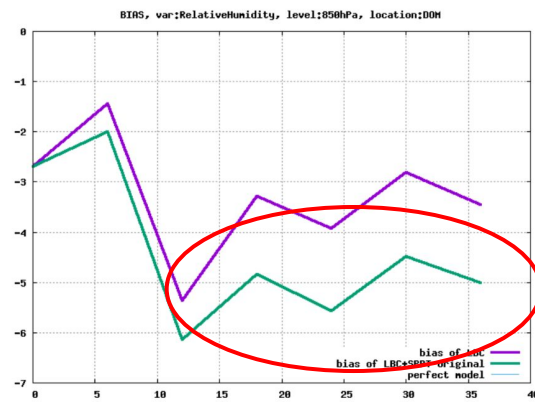
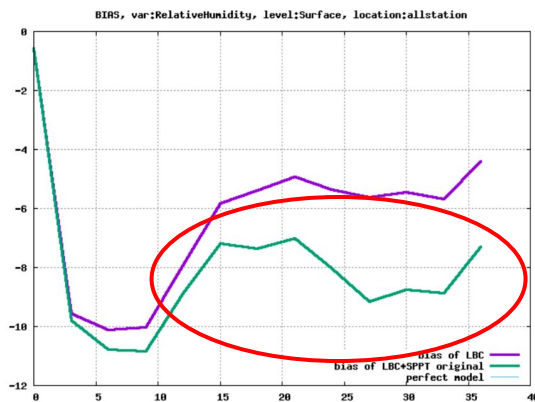
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More annoying thing is the "drying effect" - negative BIAS for RH near surface and in upper-air, negative PP BIAS.



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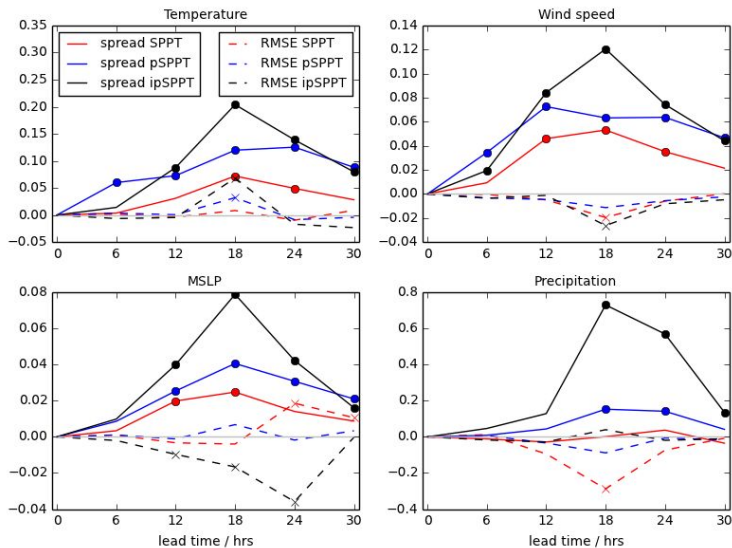
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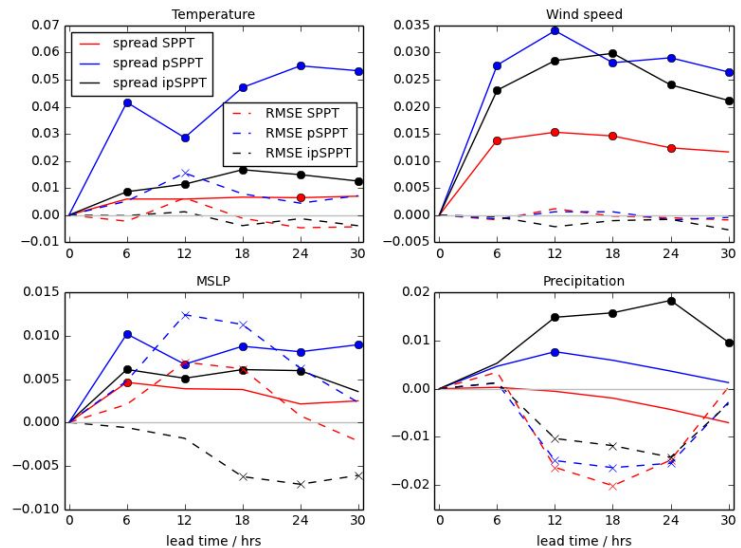
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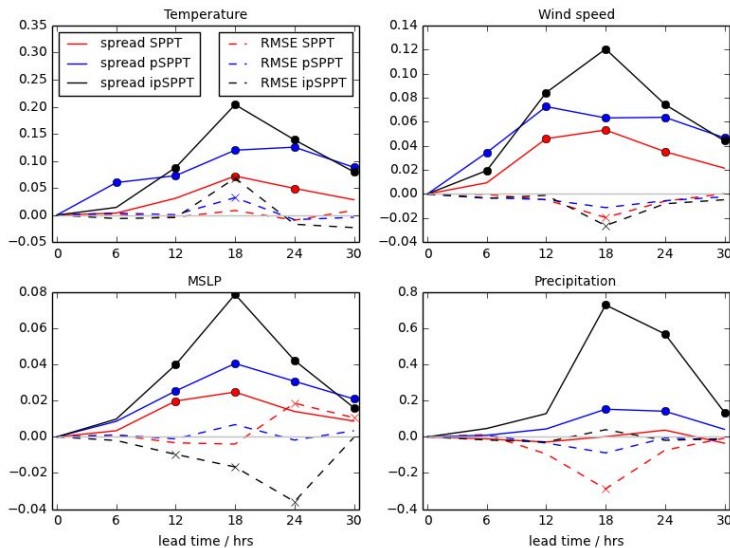
Especially ipSPPT produces higher spread and lower RMSE compared to the reference AROME-EPS.

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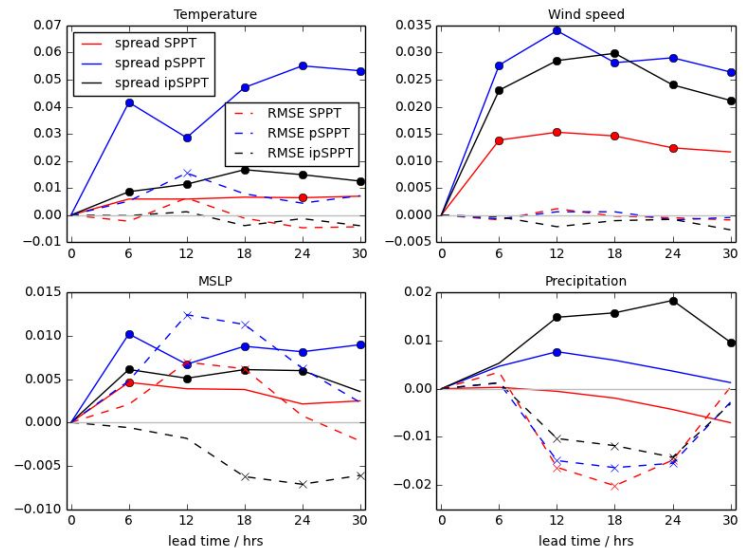
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16 ECMWF EPS members interpolated into AROME 2.5 km domain, 2 weeks in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct (annual variability), 896 differences used.

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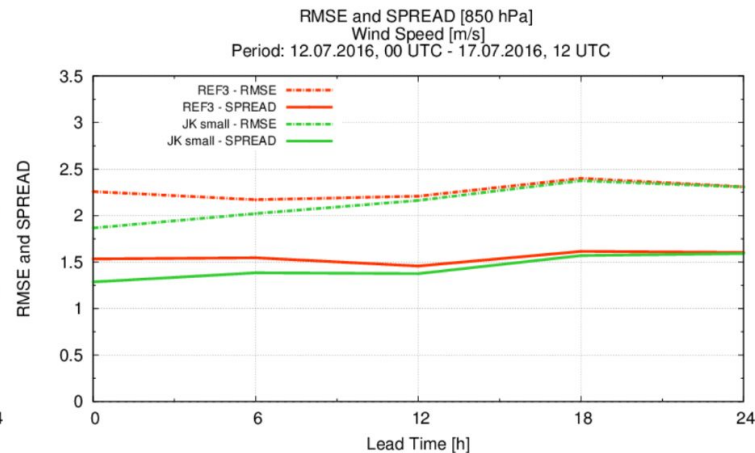
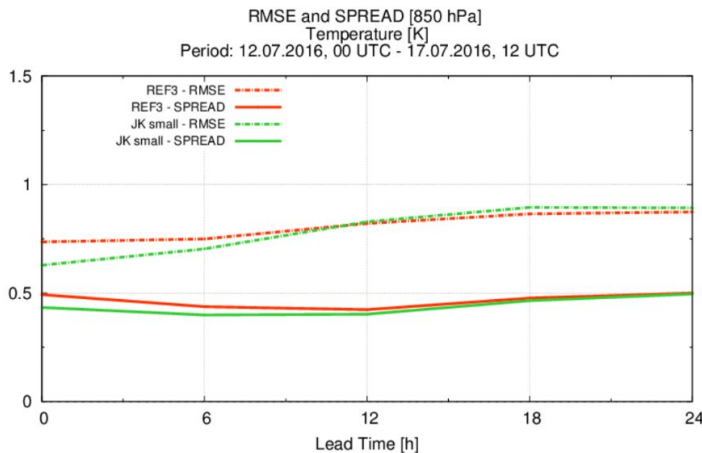
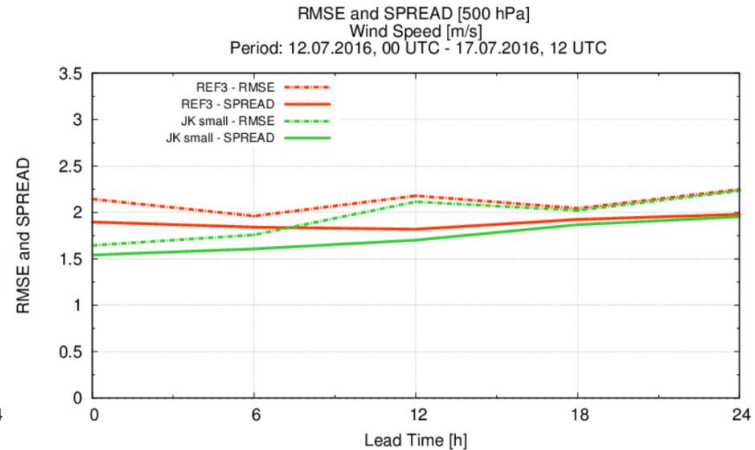
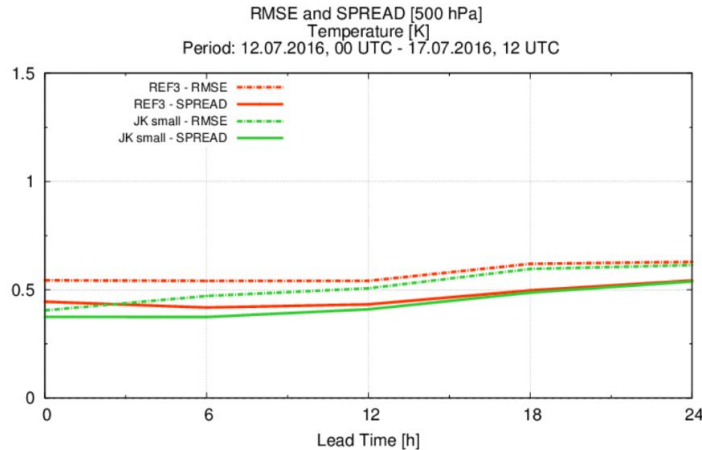
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Large scale perturbations.

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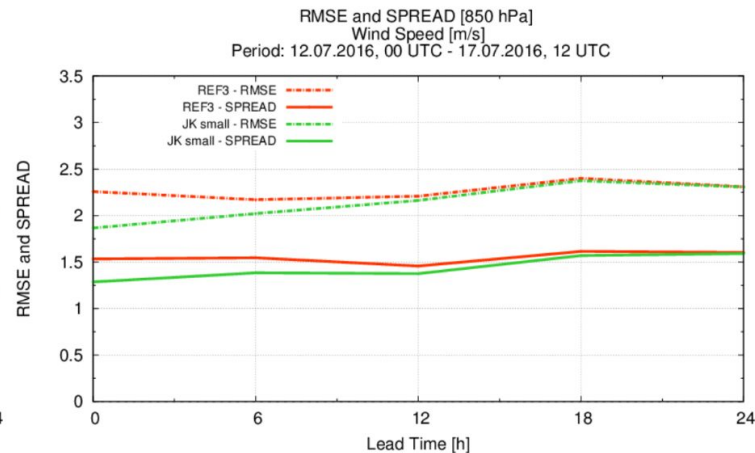
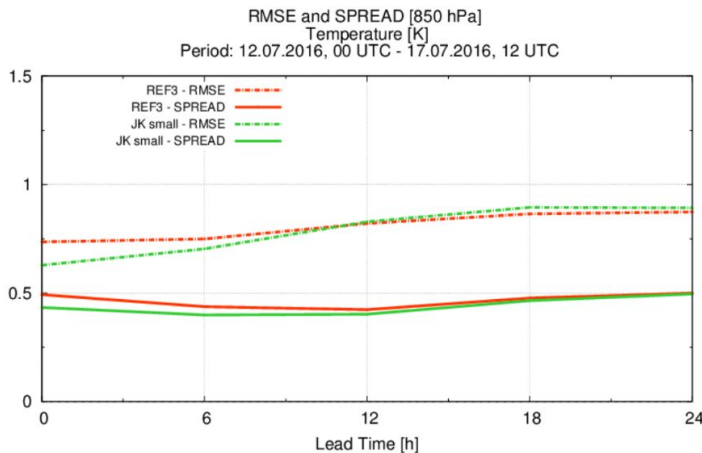
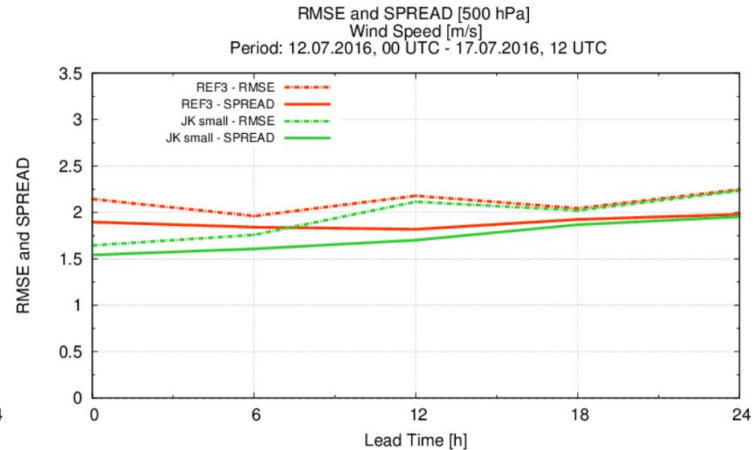
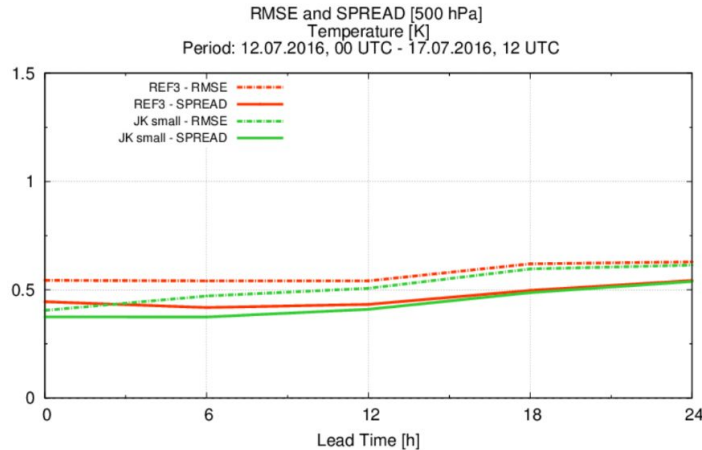


*RMSE and SPREAD at 500 hPa (top) and 850 hPa (bottom) for temperature (left) and wind speed (right).  
The Jk experiment is green and the reference is red (AROME-EPS with 3DVar without Jk term).*

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Positive impact on upper air variables, neutral for the surface (not shown).

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# Publications

## Published papers:

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- Wang Y., M. Belluš, Ch. Wittmann, J. Tang, F. Weidle, F. Meier, F. Xia, E. Keresturi: “**Impact of land surface stochastic physics in ALADIN-LAEF**”, in preparation for Quarterly Journal of the Royal Meteorological Society



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- Simona Taşcu, 2016: Optimization of ALADIN-LAEF at 5 km horizontal resolution, Report on stay at ZAMG, 04/07 - 26/08/2016, Vienna, Austria (in preparation)
- Mihály Szűcs, 2016: Stochastic pattern generators, Report on stay at ZAMG, 23/05 - 17/06/2016, Vienna, Austria
- Martin Belluš, 2016: Spectral blending on high resolution issue, Report on stay at ZAMG, 24/10~18/11, 2016, Vienna, Austria

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# Outlook

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## Ongoing topics:

- provide the probabilistic forecasts based on ALADIN-LAEF for all RC LACE partners (twice a day up to 72 hrs)
- experiment with convection-permitting EPS
- collaborate with HIRLAM EPS group

## Current topics:

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- implement quality control for OBS used in 3DVar
- investigate different possibilities for B-matrix sampling (flow-dependent B)
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- ensemble calibration of high resolution wind
- investigate the drying effect (supersaturation check) in SPPT

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