

# THE ECMWF PERSPECTIVE

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# ECMWF activities: the atmosphere

- Forecasts for the medium range (10 days). Deterministic forecast and ensemble forecasts.
- The deterministic forecast is made twice per day at TL511.
- An ensemble of forecasts are made at TL255 twice per day. (51 members to provide a pdf).
- Forecasts for a month ahead (coupled atmosphere-ocean model). These are made weekly, 51 member ensemble at TL159.
- Forecasts for seasons ahead (coupled model). These are made monthly, 40 member ensemble at TL95.
- Atmospheric reanalyses (ERA15 1979-1993, ERA40 Sept1957-Aug2002). ERA provides atmospheric initial conditions for both monthly and seasonal hindcasts (needed for calibration and validation). For seasonal, the effect is more indirect than direct. (ERA provides better fluxes for producing better ocean analyses.)
- Ocean reanalyses spanning ERA period. See ENACT later. Ocean reanalyses are needed for calibrating the monthly and seasonal forecasting systems, because of model drift (error).

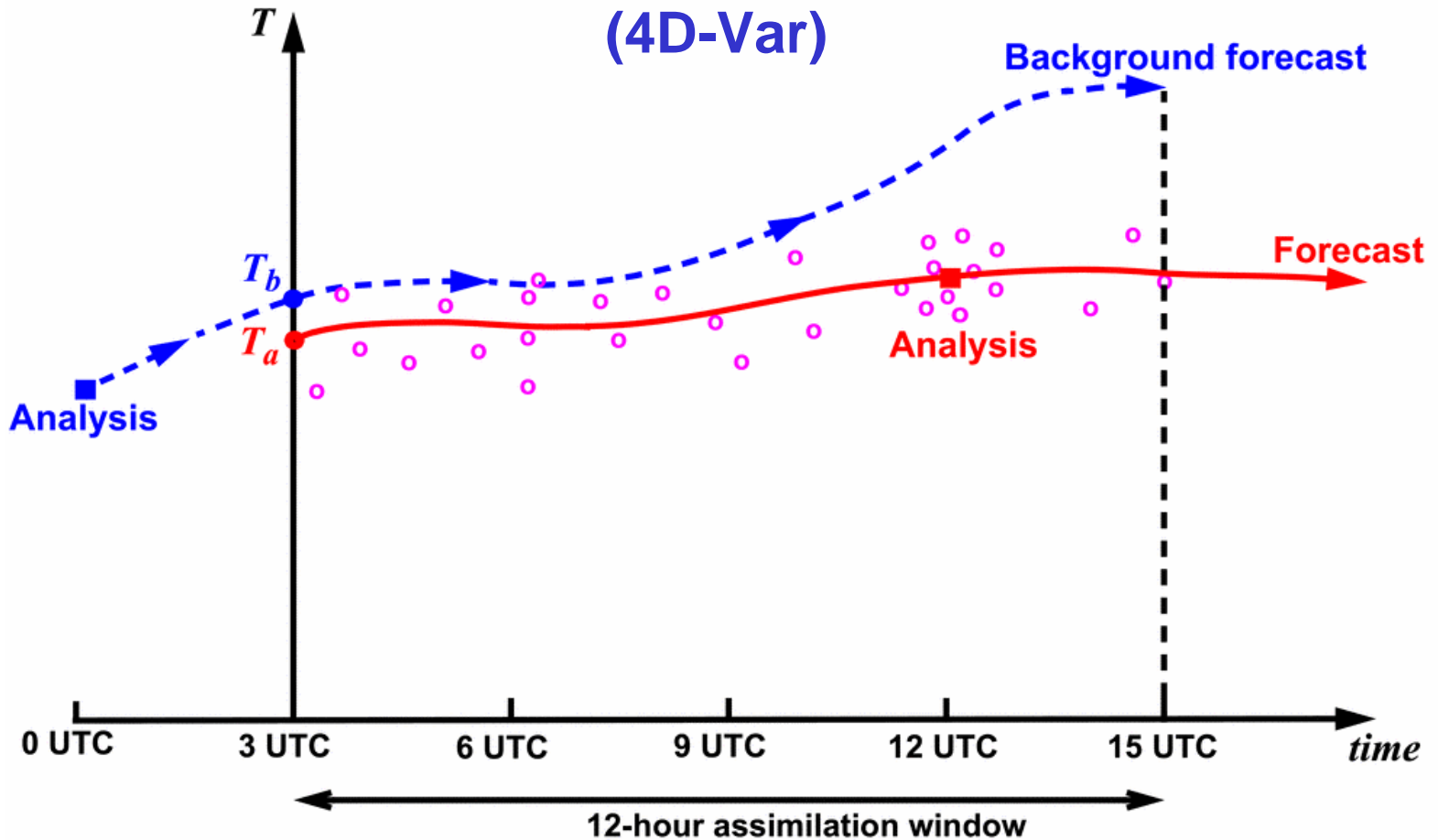
- The atmospheric analysis system is 4d-var.
- This is cutting edge, though some weather centres are now following e.g. Meteo France, UKMO.
- It is expensive. So simplifications have to be made: an incremental approach is used.
- The same atmospheric analyses are used for medium range, EPS, monthly and seasonal forecasts, suitably truncated from T511 to T255, T159, T95 respectively.

- In the early 80's, the forecast system used 3x as much power as the analysis.
- Now, the analysis takes 3x as much power as the forecast (deterministic, high resolution).
- Of course analysis is also used for EPS, monthly, seasonal, (decadal).

# The 4d-var incremental system

- This consists of outer and inner loops.
  - The outer loop defines the trajectory. This is done using the full nonlinear model at highest resolution, currently TL511.
- A tangent linear model is derived, based on the full model but somewhat simplified. An adjoint is derived which is an exact adjoint of the the TL model.
- The cost function is minimised using the TL and its adjoint. The nonlinear outer loop is done only twice (big difference from the ocean strategy).
- The cost function is quadratic, giving faster minimisation.
- The TL and adjoint are at lower resolution. Currently TL159. Estimates are made of the Hessian.
- The window is 12 hours. (There are variants on this which I will not discuss).

# Four Dimensional variational data assimilation (4D-Var)



Forecast TL511 (~40km) 60 levels analysis TL159 (~80km)

- Using spectral space makes it more difficult to have a spatially varying correlations e.g. different scales for tropics from extra-tropics.
- Can get low frequency variability generated by changes in the model, the assimilation system or the observing network. Reanalyses can reduce the former two but not the latter since the same version of the model and assimilation system are used throughout. Observing system changes e.g. new satellites coming on stream, can cause problems. See later.
- The strategy for 4d-var is different from e.g. ECCO which uses a long window (10-40 years) but includes other control variables than initial conditions, e.g. forcing fields in the cost function.

- **Is 4d var worth the extra effort-computational and manpower?** I will show later the impact.
- ERA15 used an OI scheme. (T106)
- ERA40 used a 3d-Var scheme with FGAT (First guess at appropriate time).  
Resolution is TL159 which gives same surface grid as ERA15.

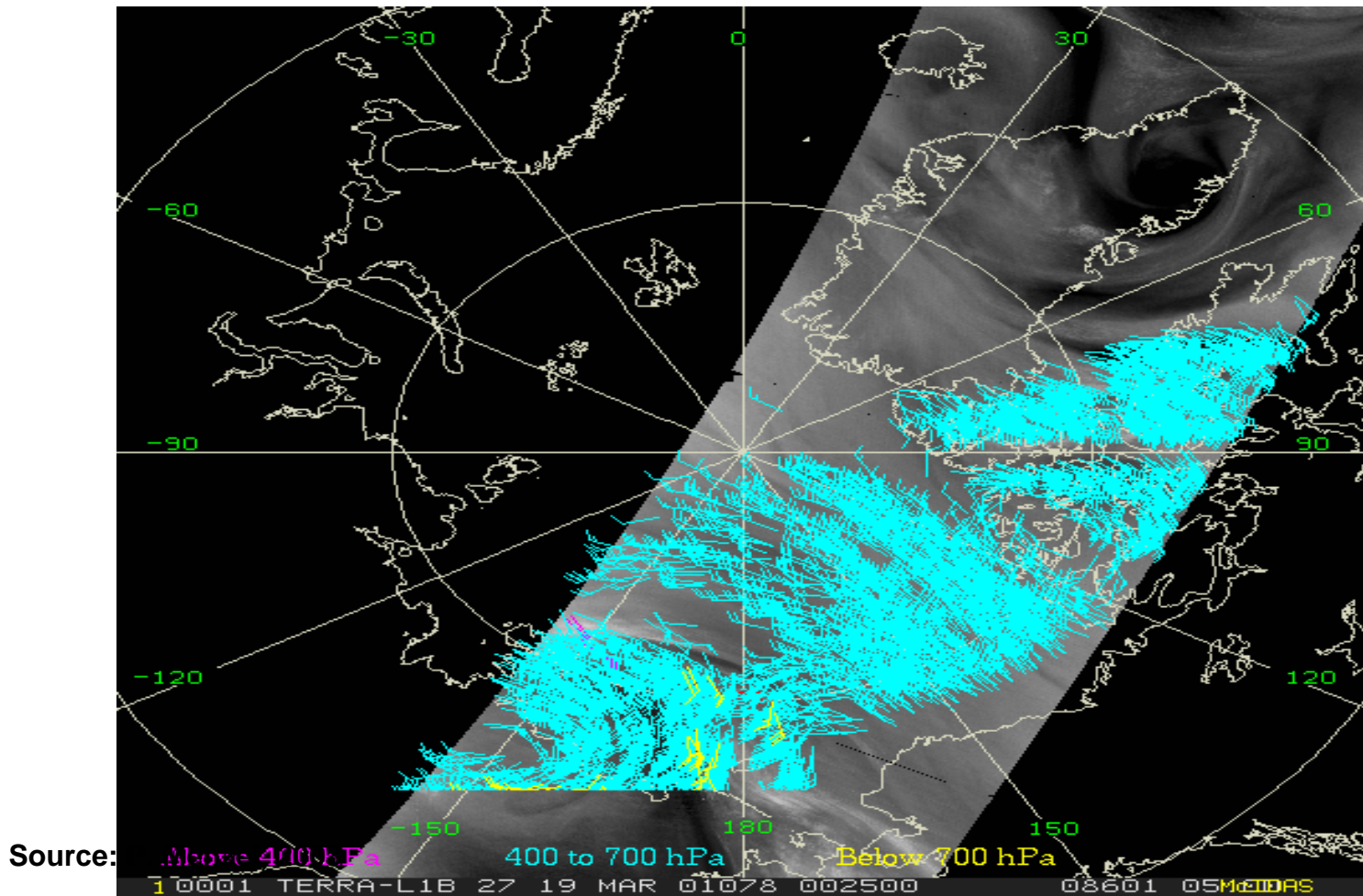


- Quality control
- This is a highly nonlinear process and an important one. Selecting which observations to accept and with what weight. See tropical cyclone example.
- The analysis system is effectively lower resolution than the forecast model, even when formally the resolution may be the same. As mentioned the analysis resolution is in fact considerably lower than that of the forecast model.
- You also have to deal with sampling error.

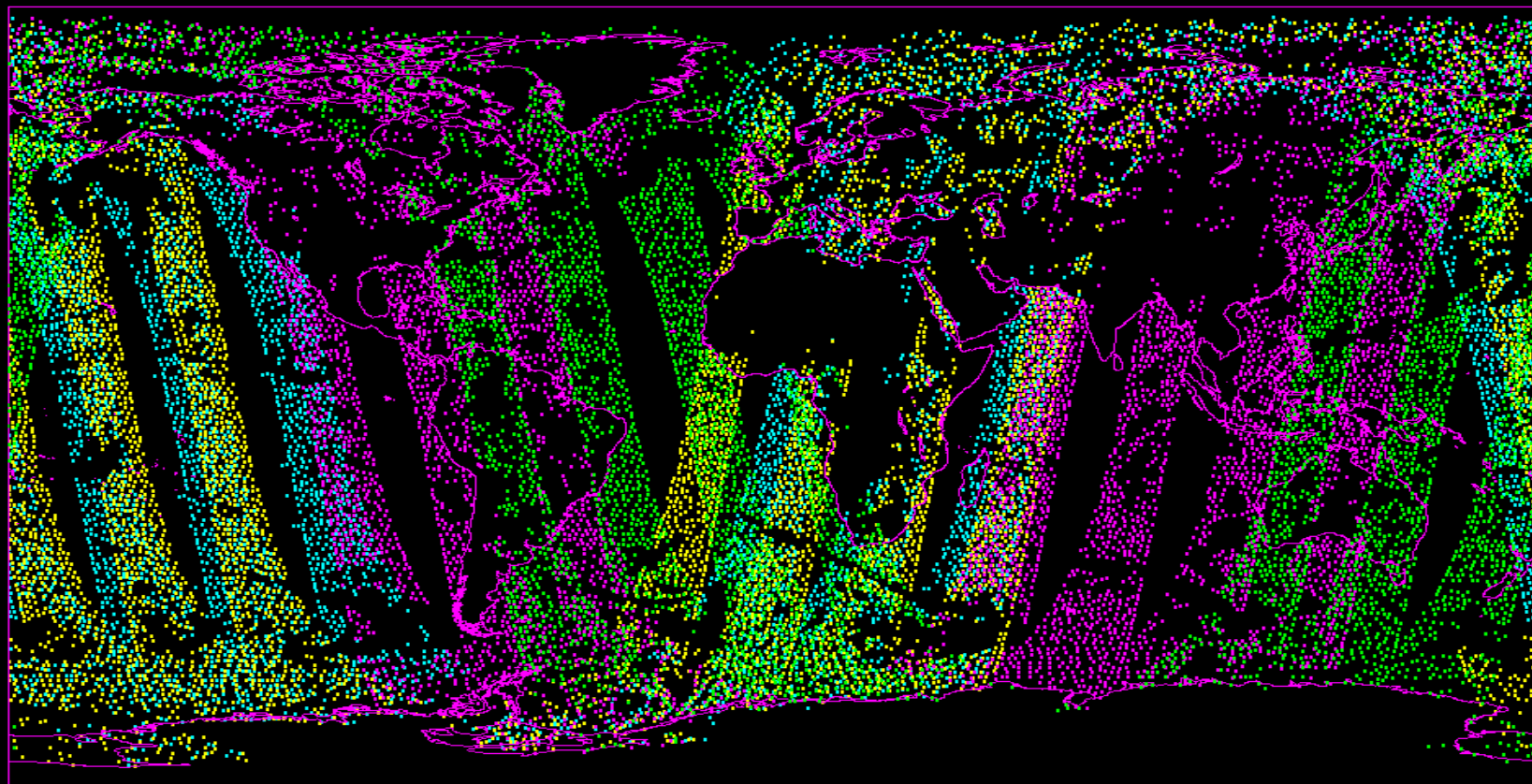
# Medium range

- Currently there is an atmospheric analysis at ‘T511’, approximately 40 km but the atmospheric structure functions are broader than this).
- This is 4d-var using an incremental approach. The outer loop uses the full nonlinear model. There is then an inner loop which uses a tangent linear which is a smoother version of the full model and which runs at a reduced resolution. The adjoint must be the exact adjoint of the TL. Typically one has 50 inner loops to an outer loop. The outer loop updates the trajectory.

# Polar WV winds from MODIS



# Four AMSU-A instruments

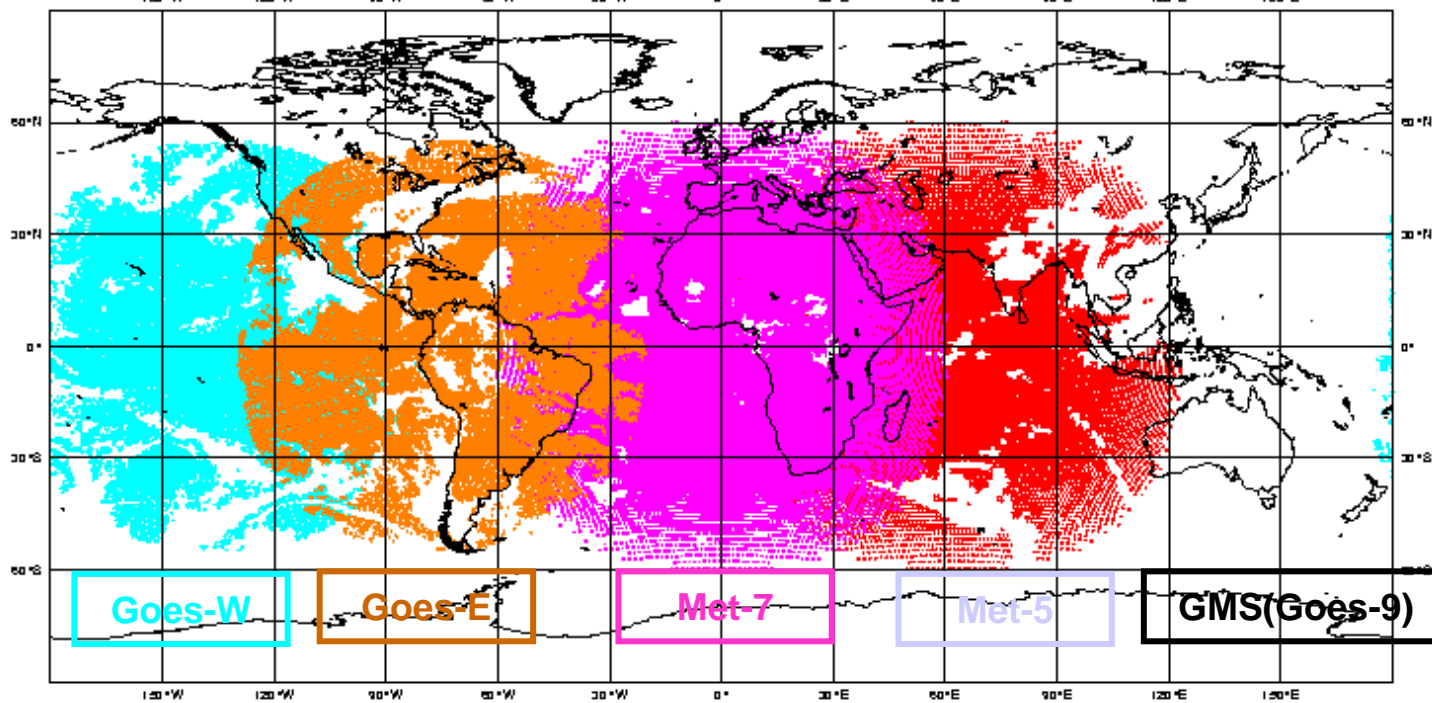
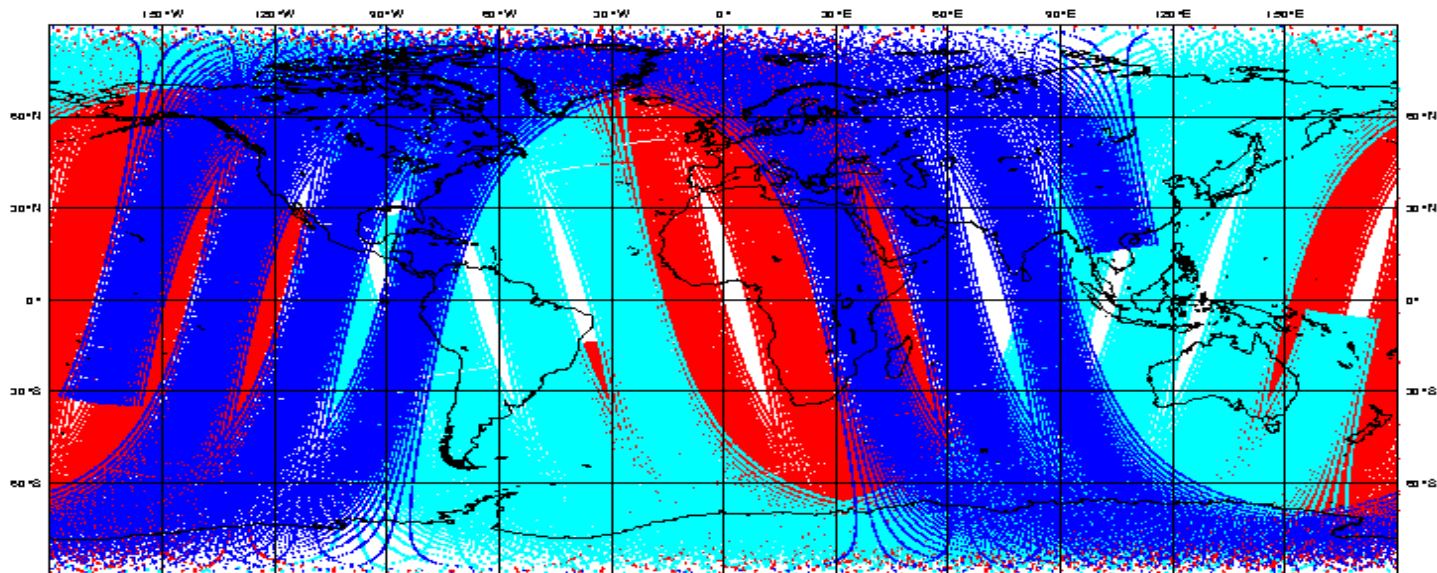


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NOAA-15

NOAA-16

NOAA-17



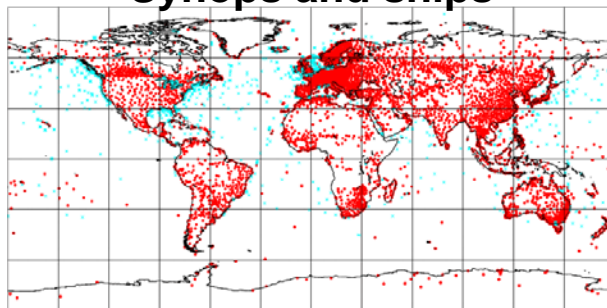
# Data coverage

09 – 15 UTC5

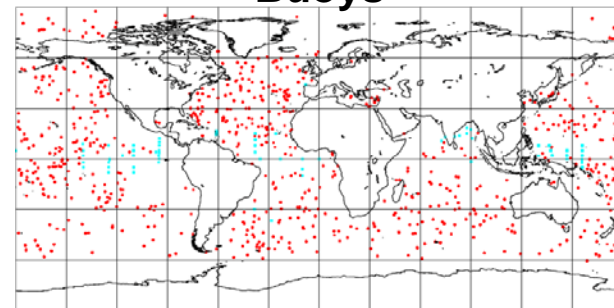
September 2003 +

AQUA (Airs,AMSUA)  
and 5 geo rads.

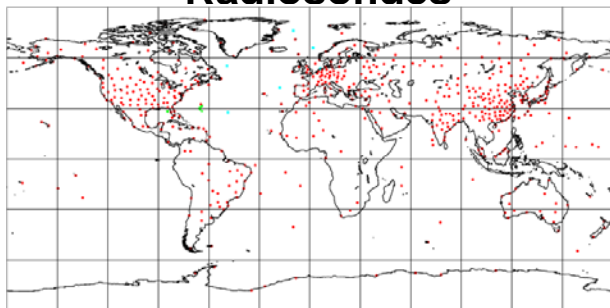
### Synops and ships



### Buoys



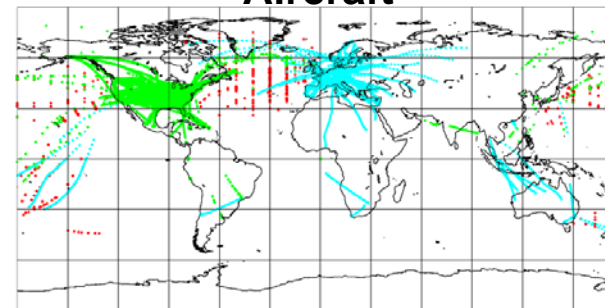
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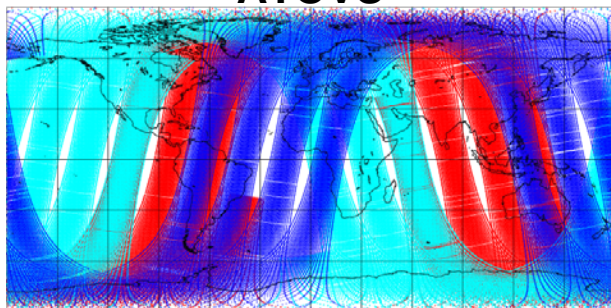
### Pilots and profilers



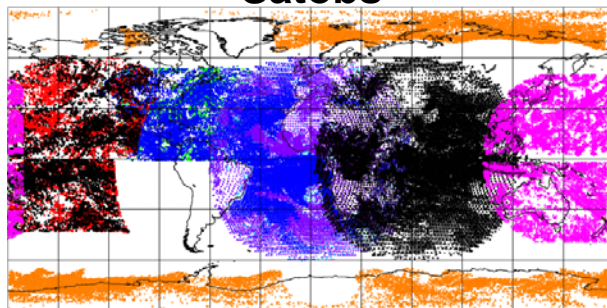
### Aircraft



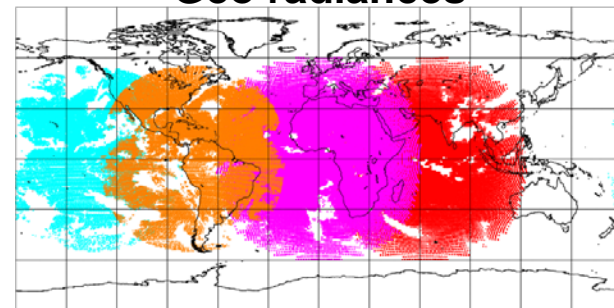
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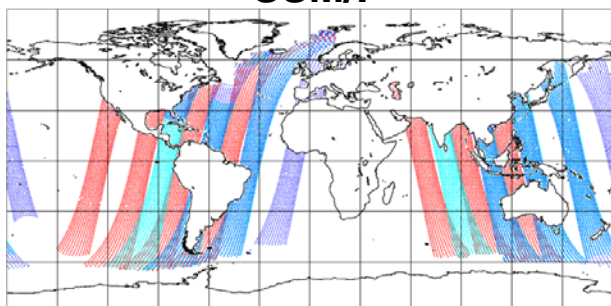
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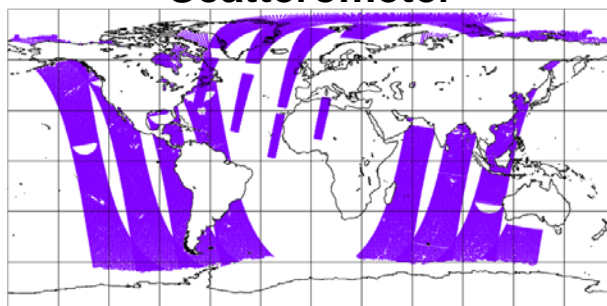
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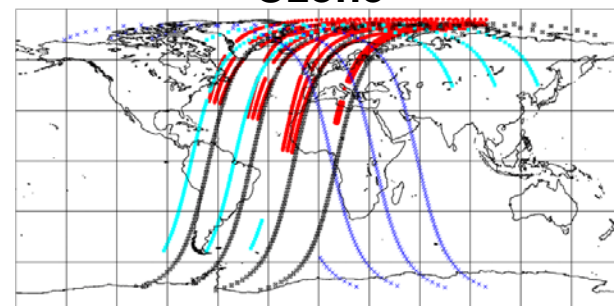
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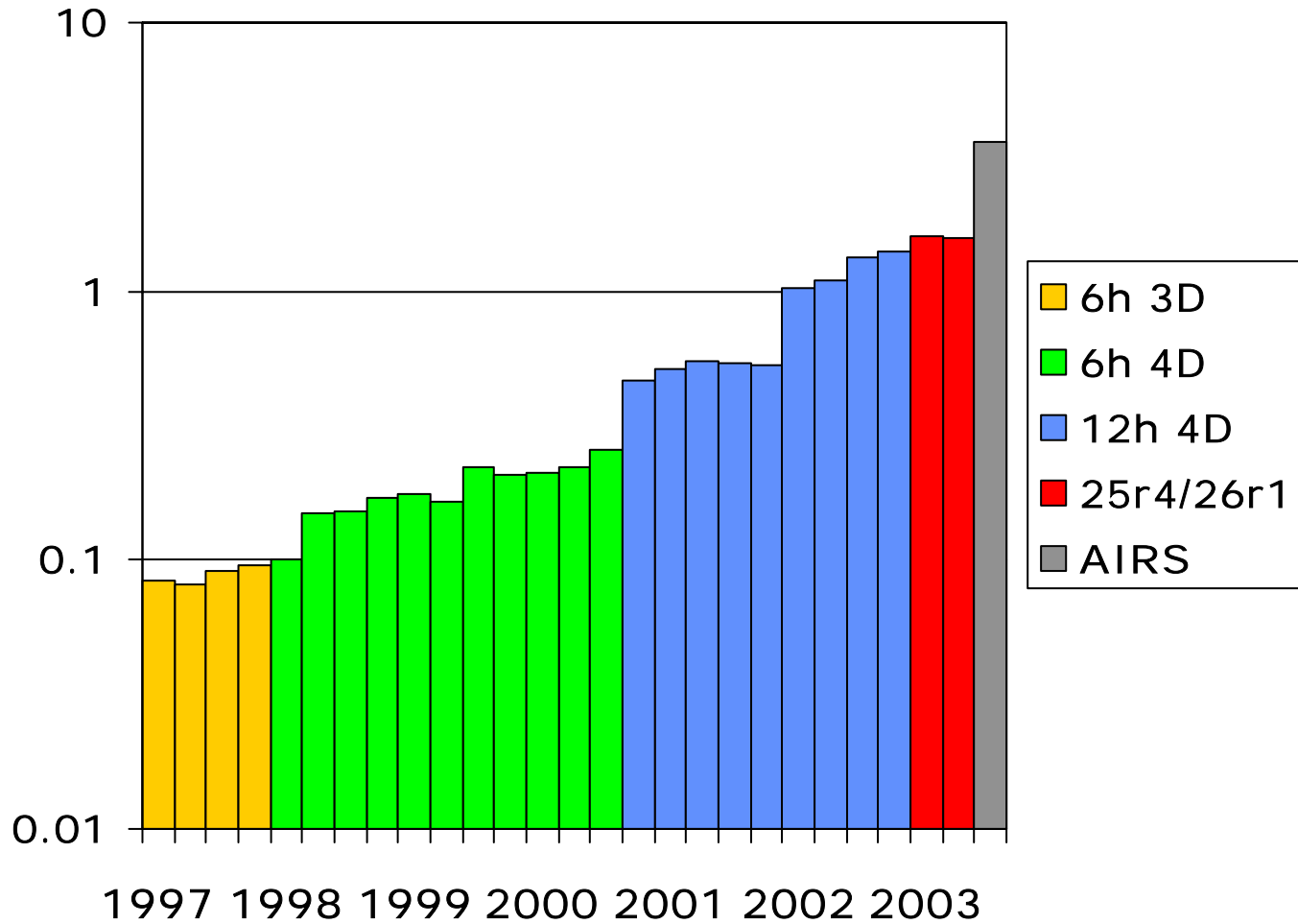
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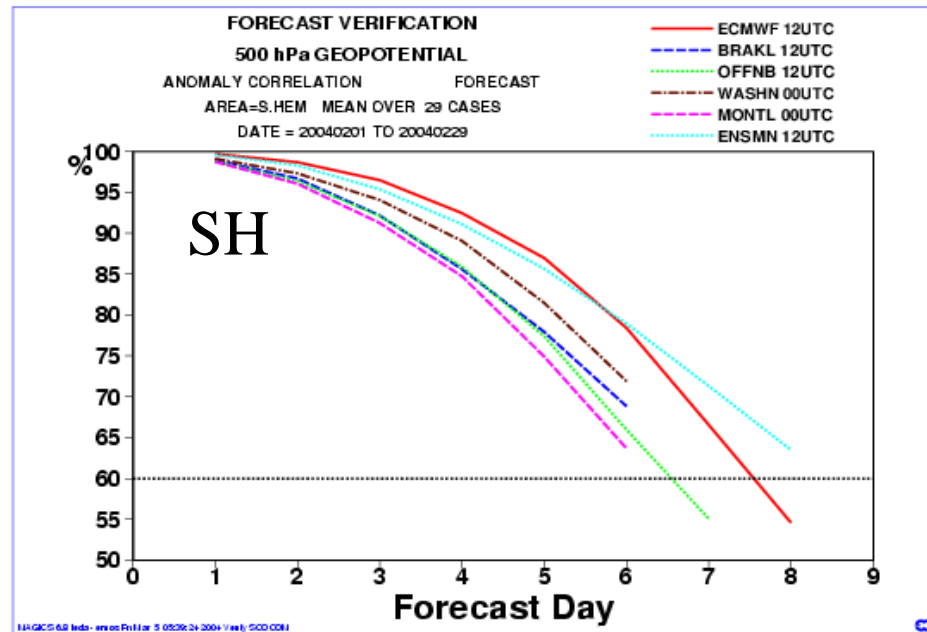
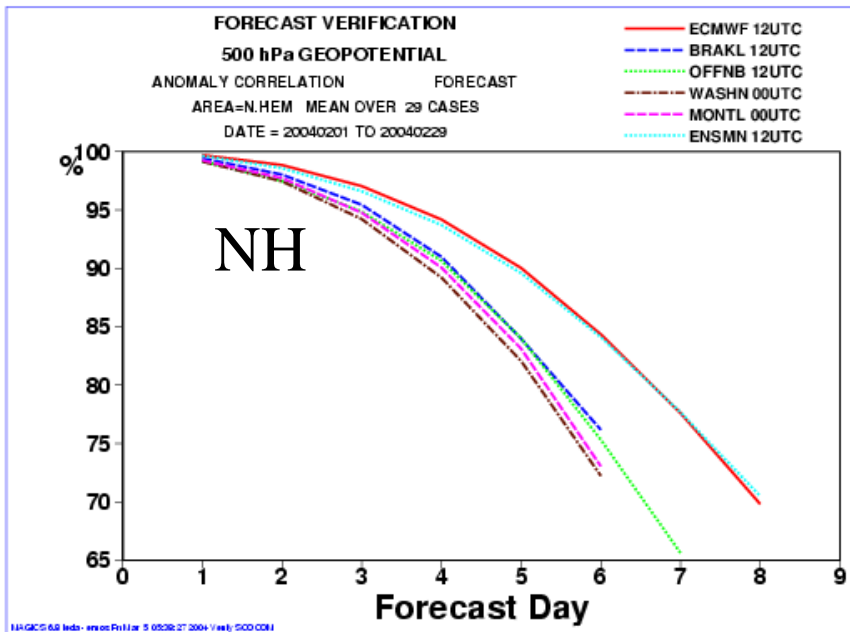
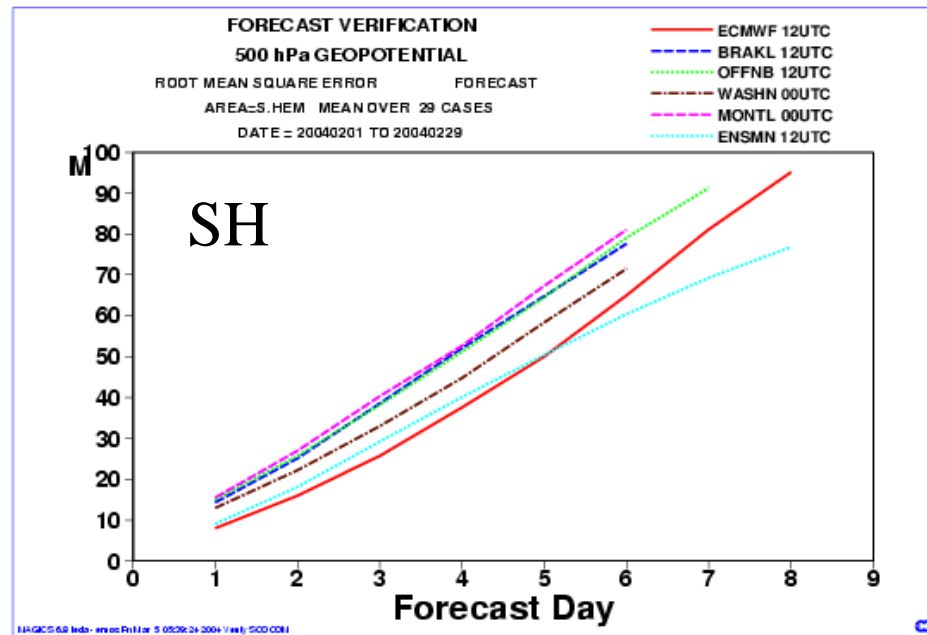
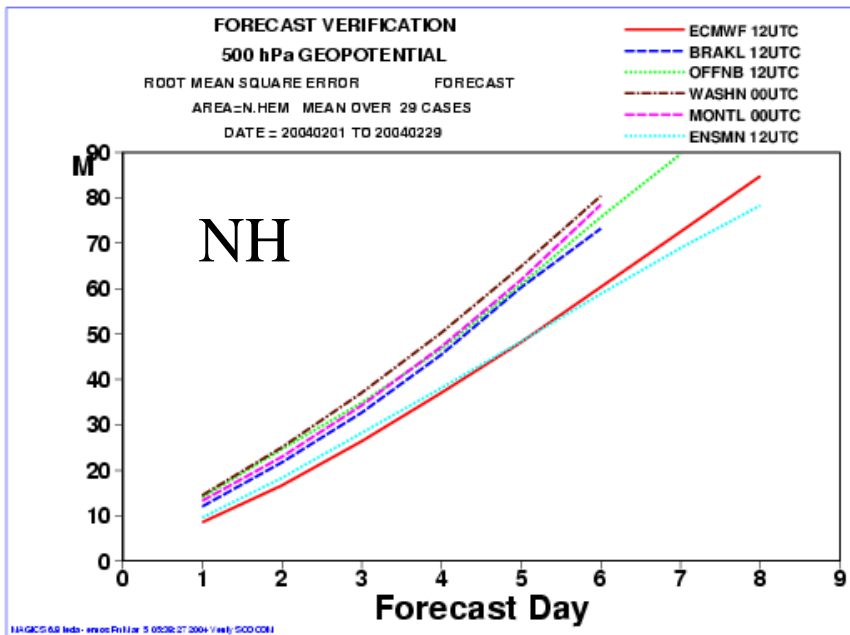
### Ozone



# Number of observational data used in the ECMWF assimilation system (with AIRS)



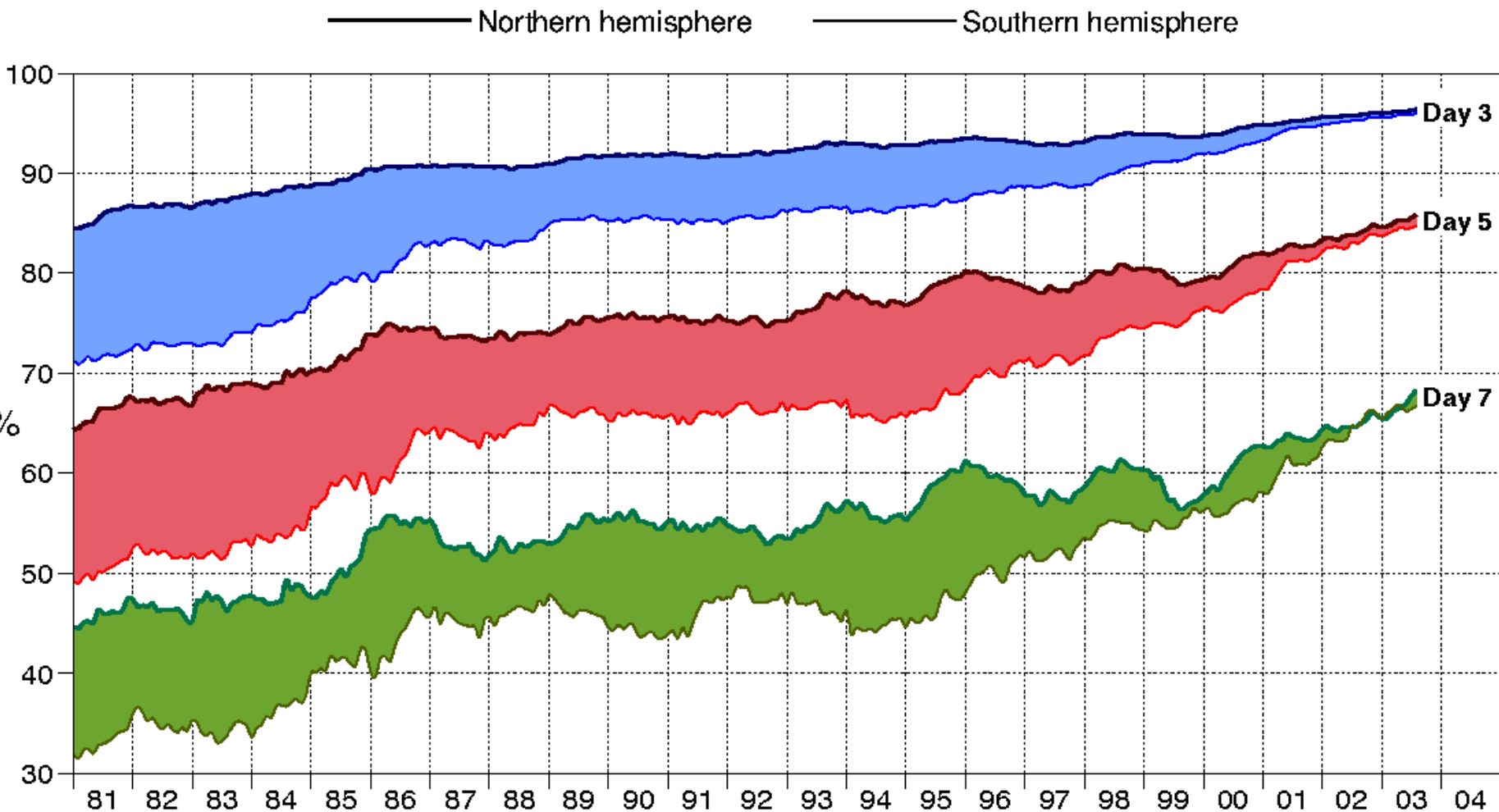
# Comparison between centres of 500 hPa ht scores (Feb. 2004)





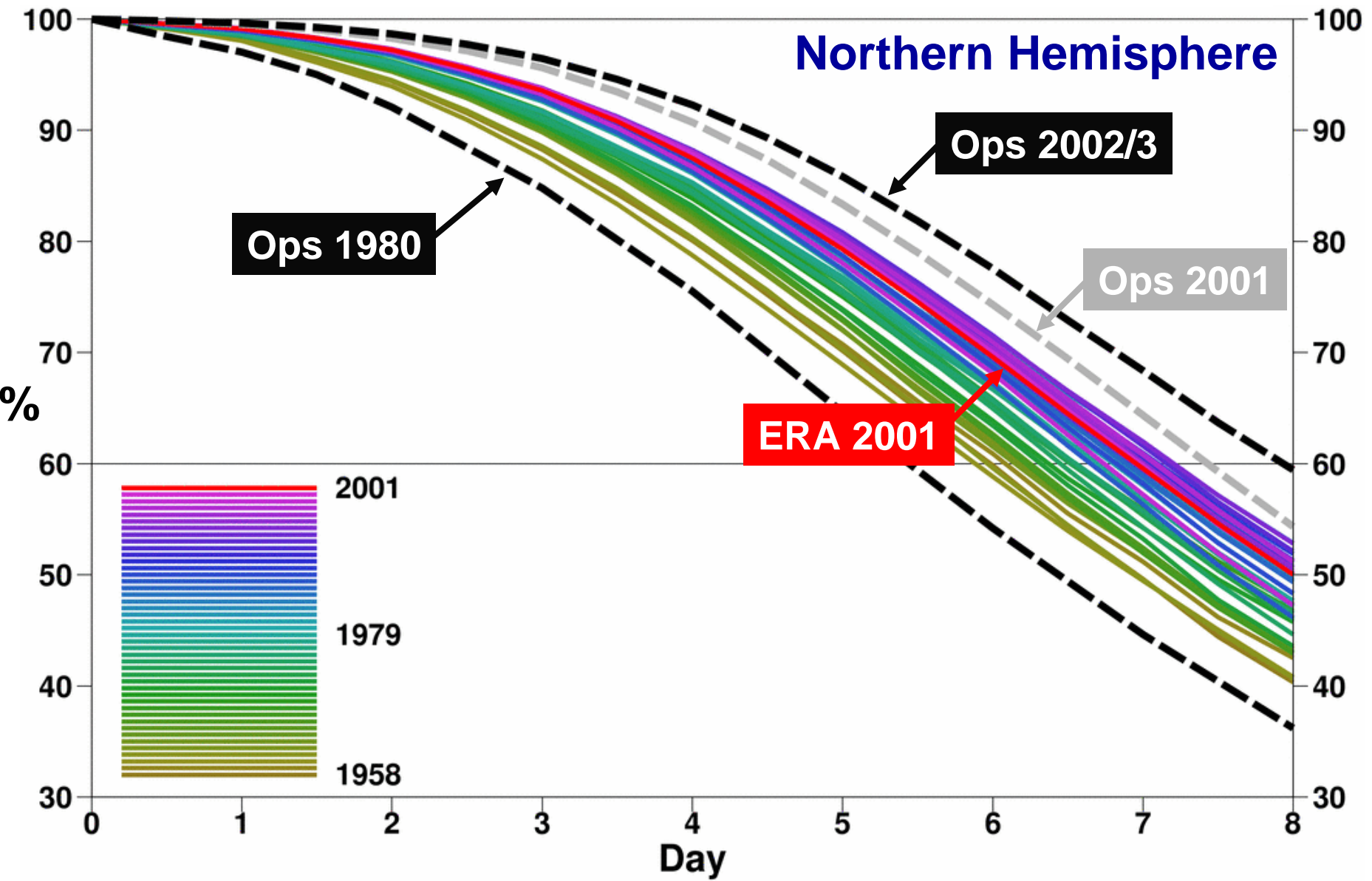
# ECMWF forecasts 1981-2003

## Anomaly correlation of 500hPa height forecasts



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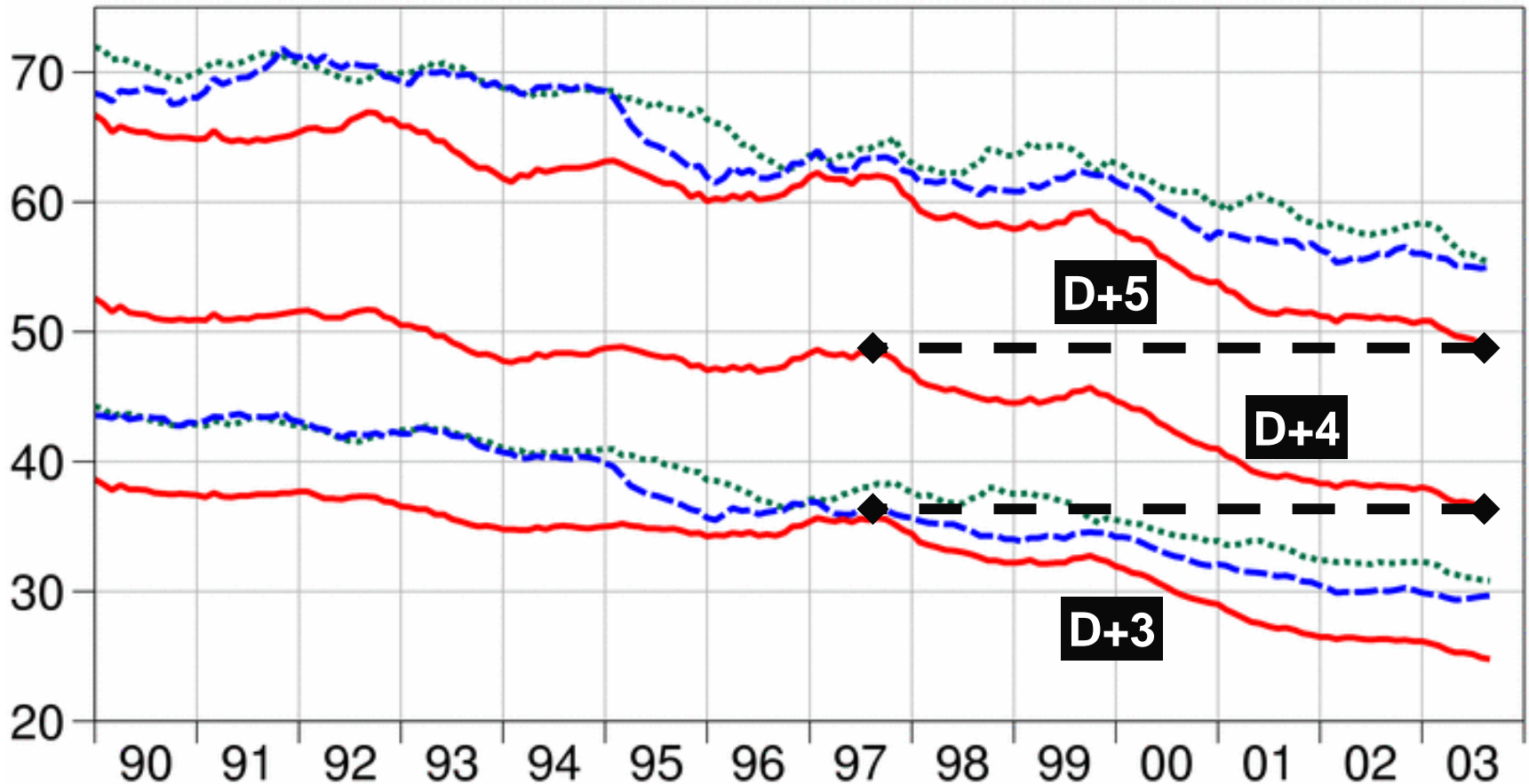
Northern Hemisphere



# Recent improvement in the accuracy of forecasts

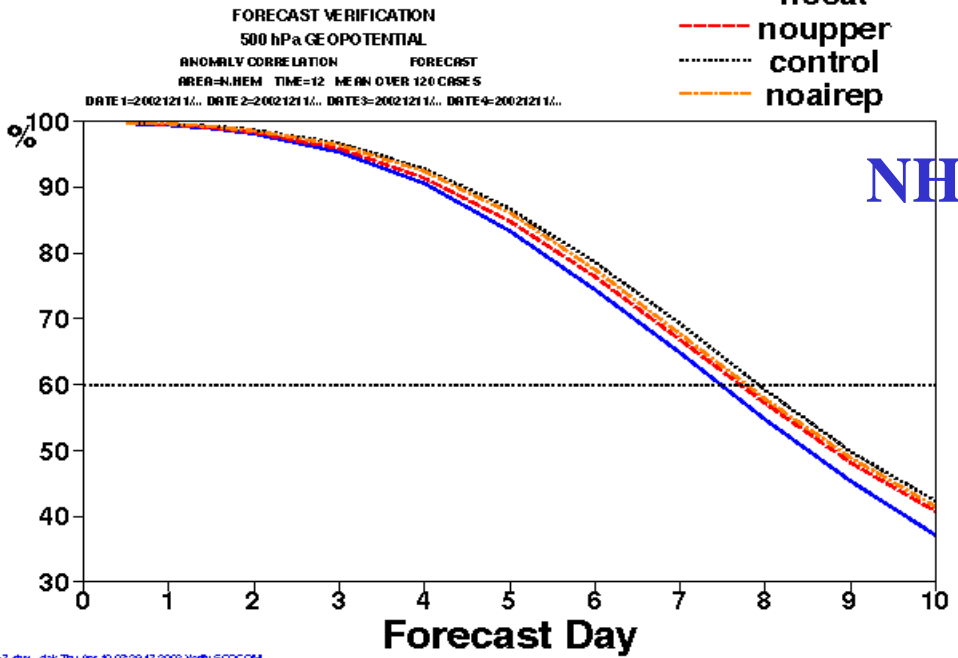
Annual-mean r.m.s. errors against analyses from WMO scores  
500hPa height (m) Northern hemisphere

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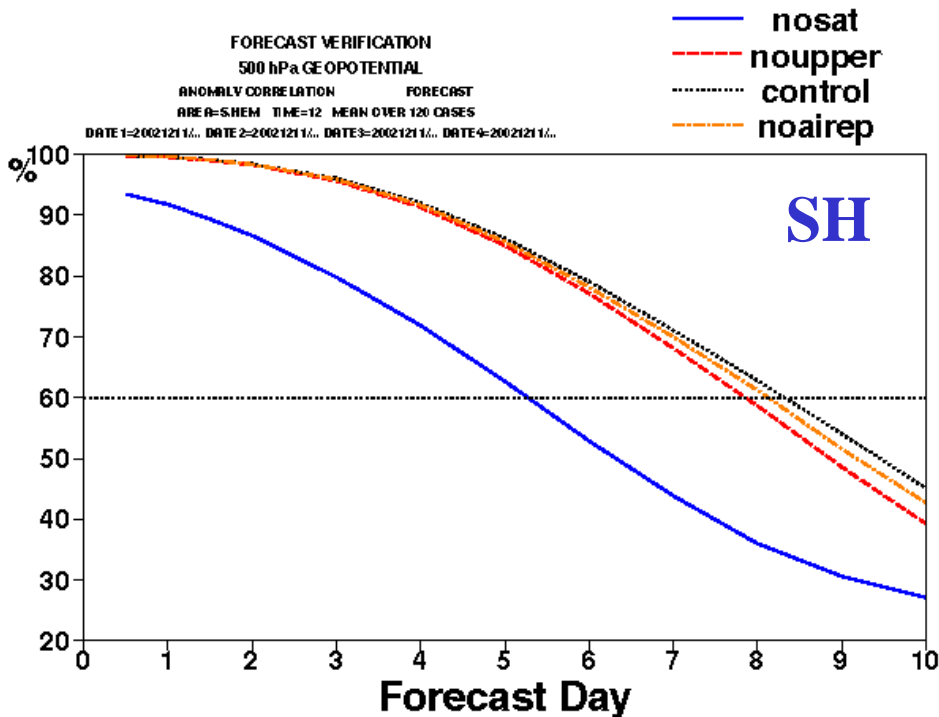
# OSE SCORES

(2 summer months  
+ 2 winter months)



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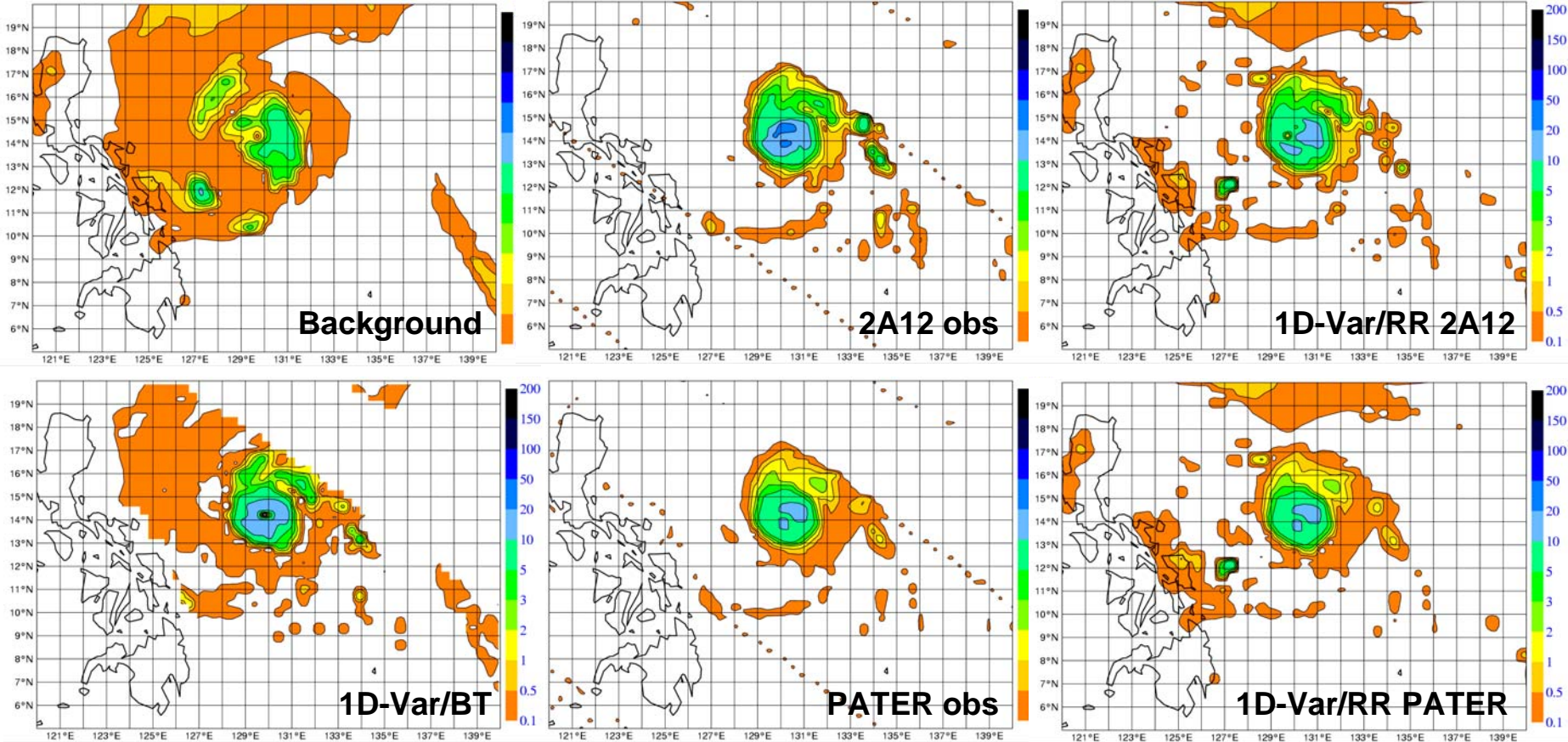


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Satellites are now the  
main source of  
information even in NH

# 1D-Var results

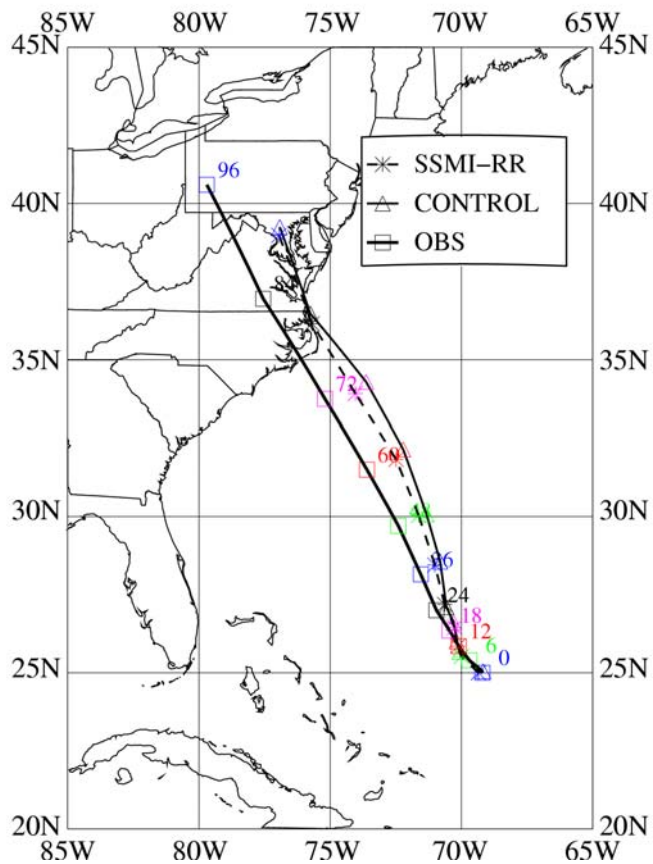


Case of super-typhoon MITAG (5 March 2002 @1200 UTC)  
TMI data  
Surface rainfall rates (mm hr<sup>-1</sup>)

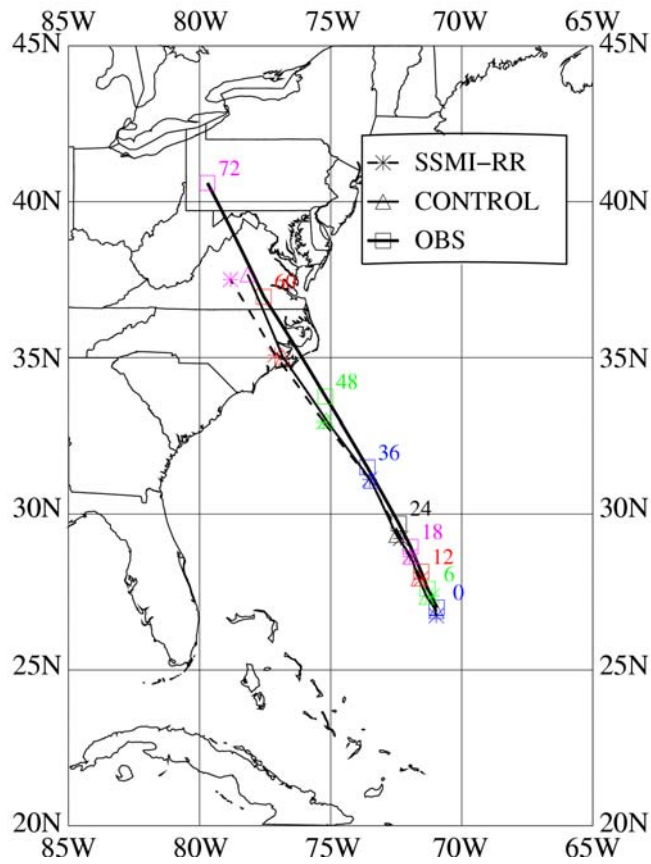
# *1D-Var+4D-Var SSM/I-RR Assimilation*

## Hurricane ISABEL

ISABEL TRACK FORECAST (BASE: 2003091512)



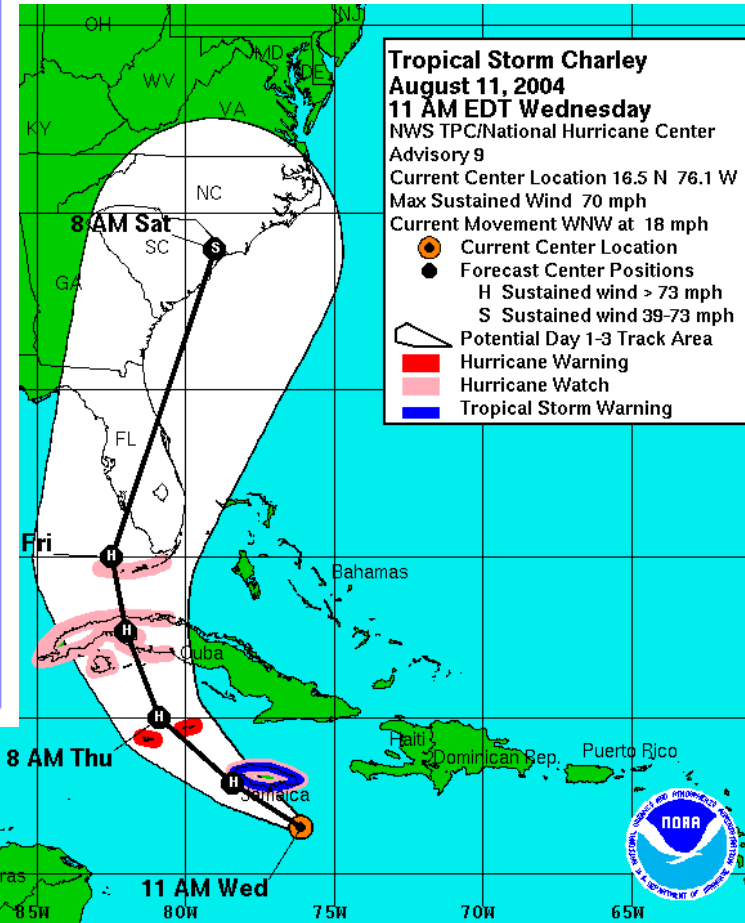
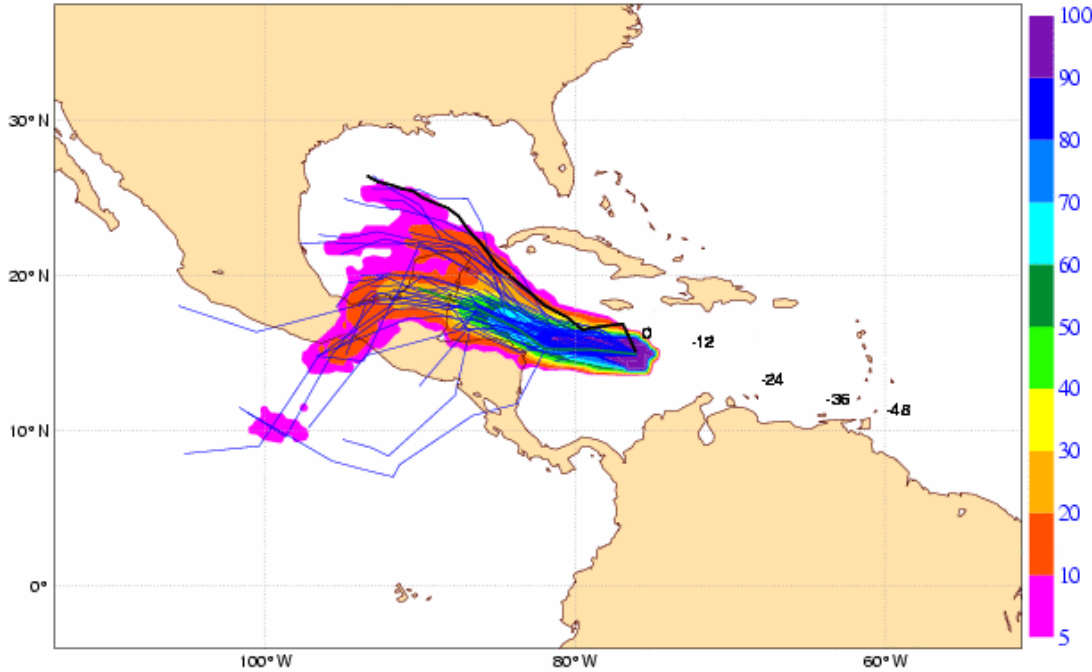
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# Verification of TCs Charley

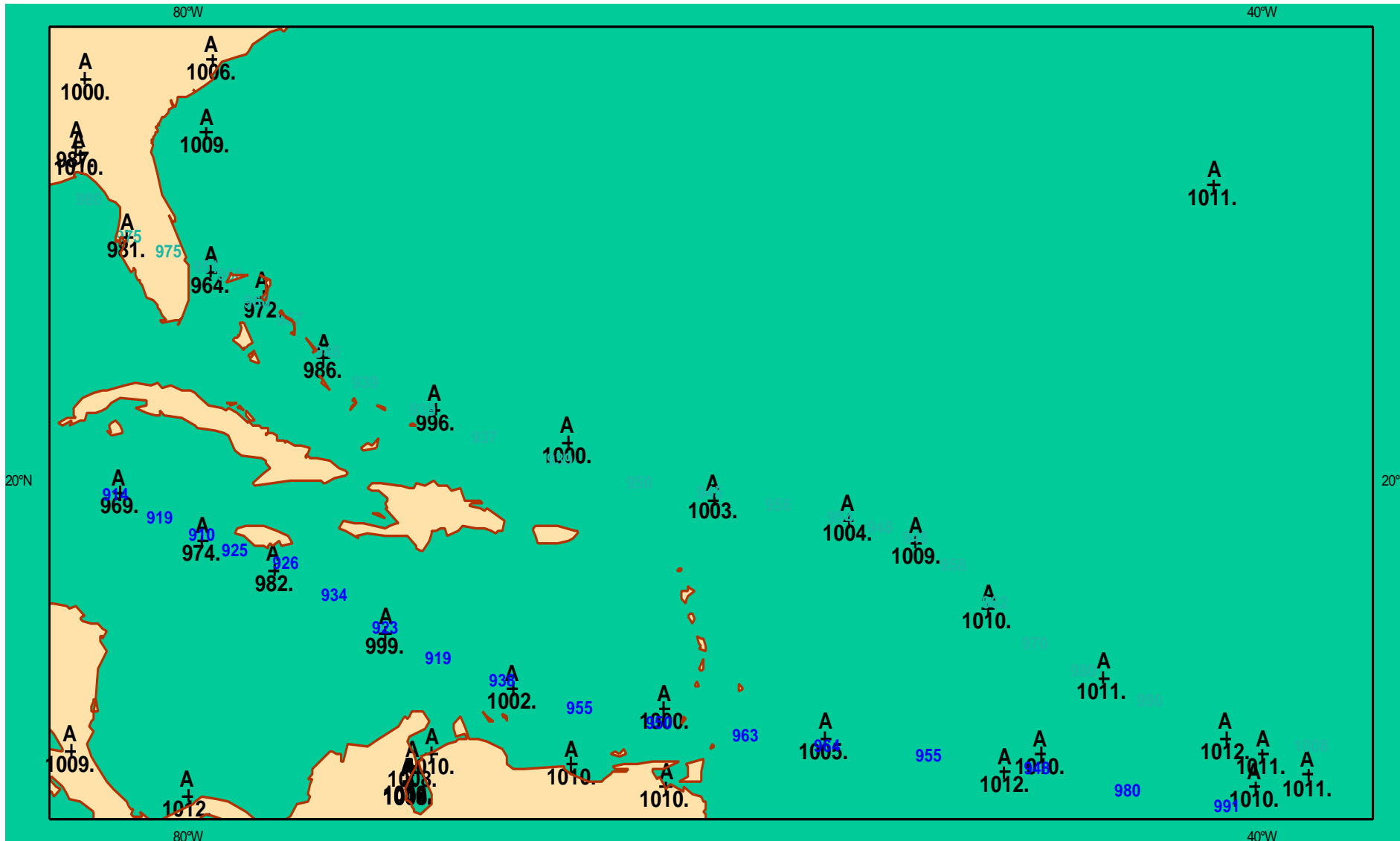
20040811 12 UTC

Probability that CHARLEY will pass within 120km radius during the next 120 hours  
tracks: black=OPER, green=CTRL, blue=EPS numbers: observed positions at t+.h



From Federico Grazzini. Slide shows poor forecast trajectory of TC cyclone Charley (small scale TC). Why?

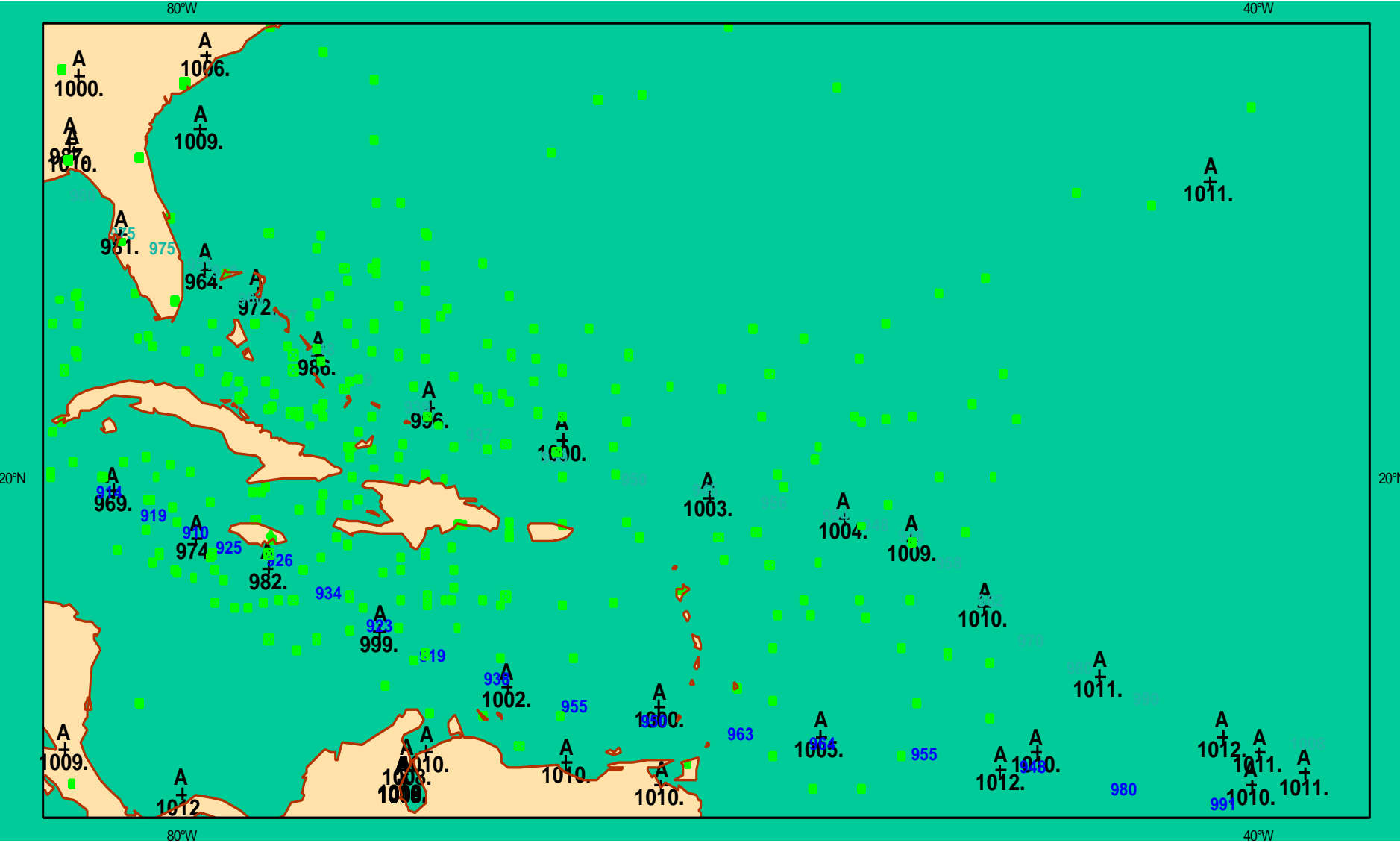
# Observed (green/blue) and analysed (A) positions of Frances and Ivan



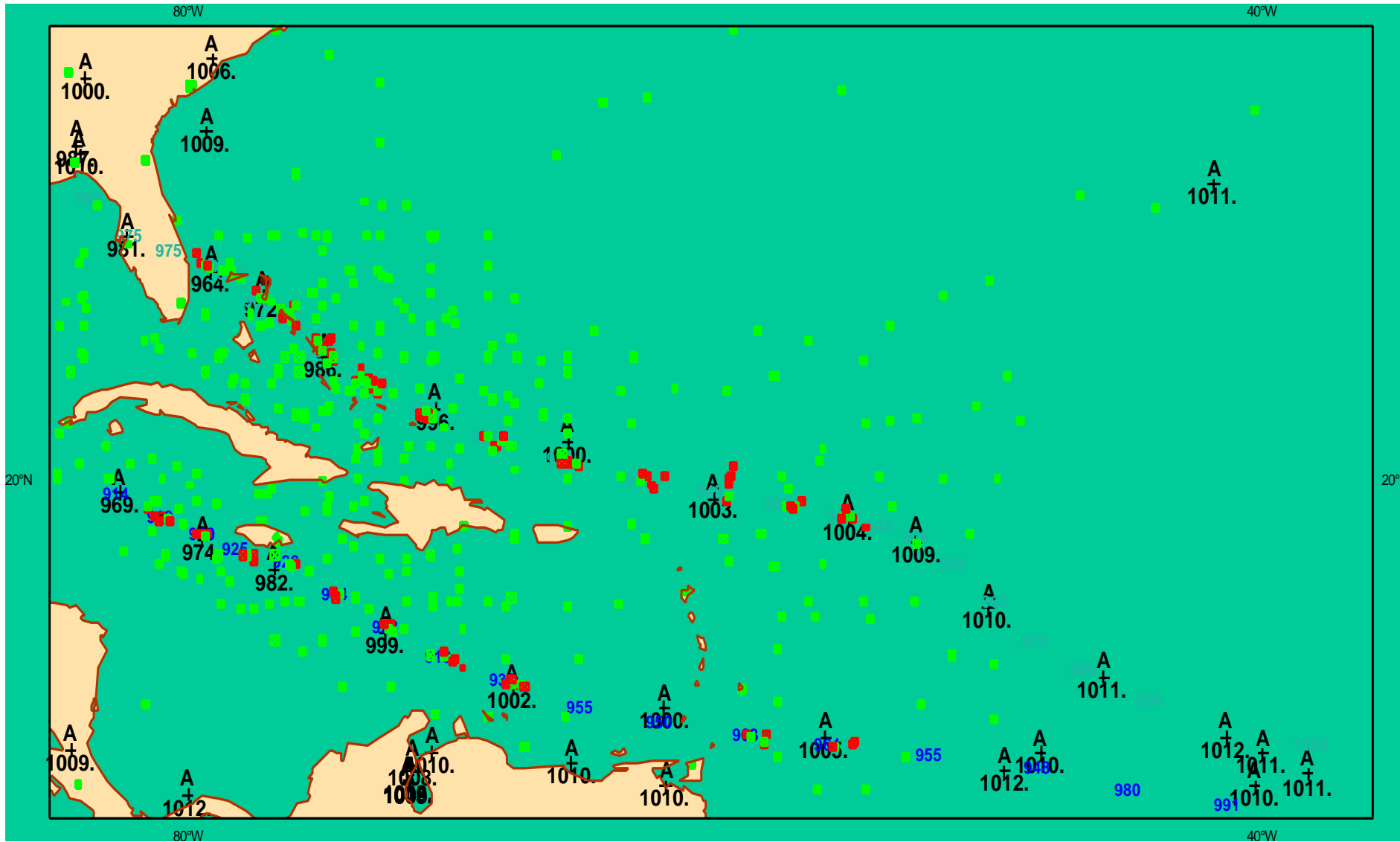
Central pressure not deep enough. Scale of analysis leads to rejection of data. Also central pressure is point value, model is box-average. Difference can be 76mb.



# Frances and Ivan plus dropsondes coverage at 250 hPa (25/08 – 13/09)



# Frances and Ivan plus dropsondes coverage at 700 hPa (25/08 – 13/09)



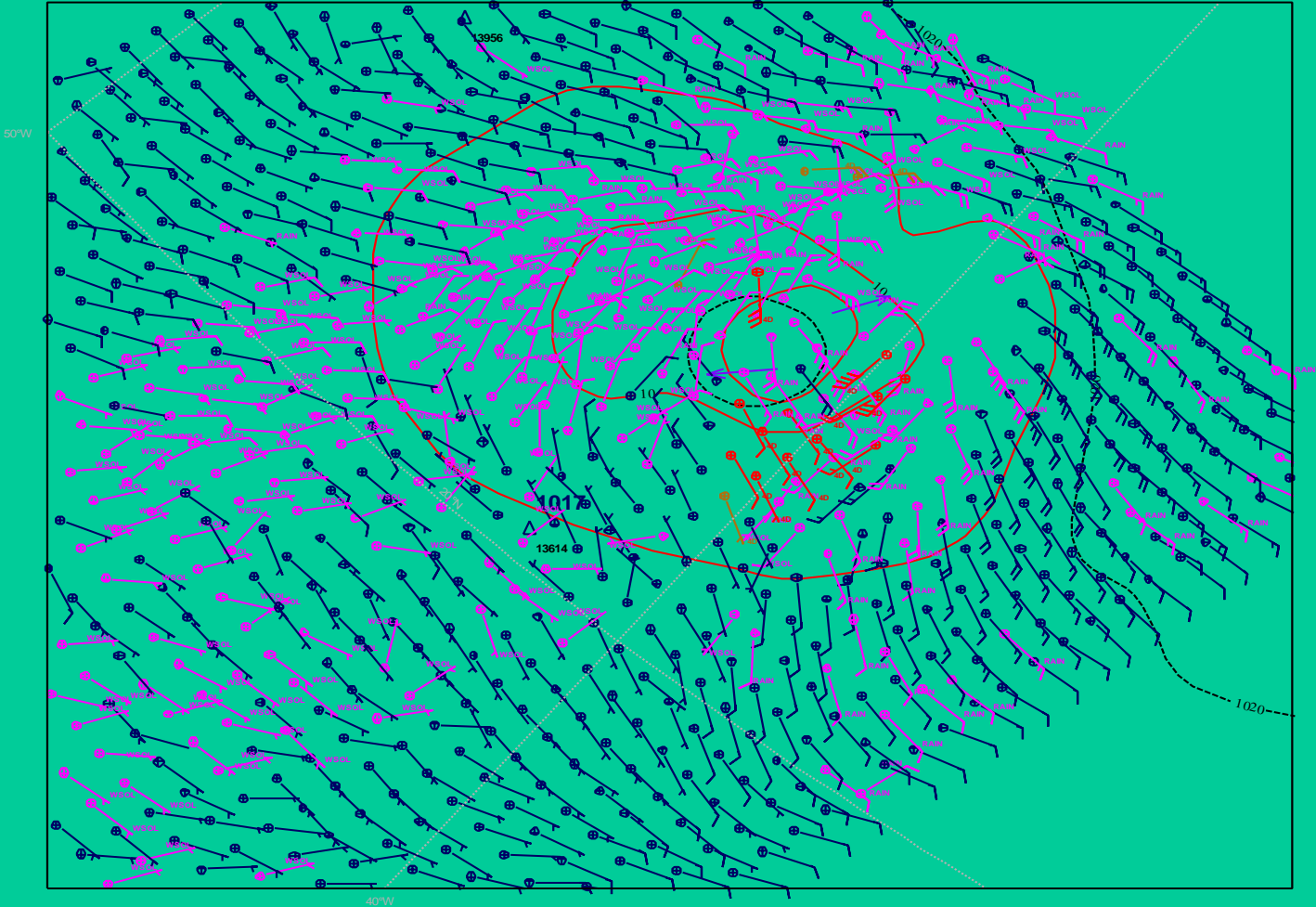
Red indicates rejected data.

# QSCAT passage on the same system

20040818 0utc exp=01 1000hPa INCR (z:10m w:5m/s t:1K) FG (dash black) OBS (+/-50hPa) used not flagged:navyflagged but used:ochre rejected:red  
AN: stream=da time=0 date=20040818 -- FG: stream=dcda time=12 date=20040817 step=12

○ SYNOP: 0    △ DRIBU: 2    ◇ AIREP: 0    ▽ SATOB: 0    ⊠ TEMP: 0    ⊕ PILOT: 0    ⊕ SATEM: 0    ■ CORRECT: 2  
■ POSS ERR: 0    ■ PROB ERR: 0    ■ ERROR: 0

5.0m/s

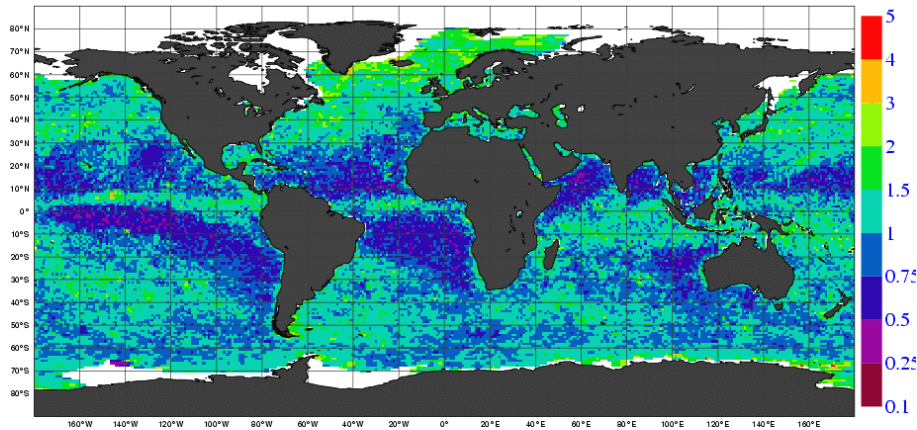


# Discussion/Summary

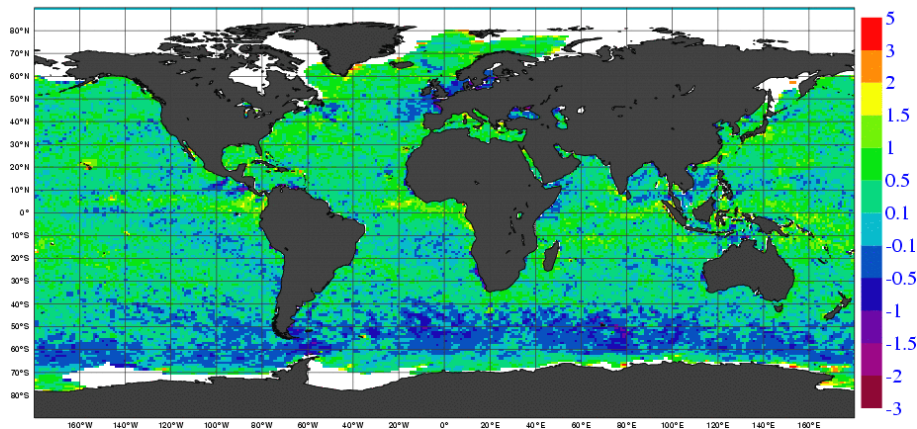
- Dropsonde coverage is increasing and for the last three cyclones was very large.
- Upper level obs were all successfully assimilated
- Eyewall low level observations were rejected by large departures with the FG (some with potential high influence)
  
- Often the analysis is weakening the system already present in FG. Sometimes minimization problems are evident.
- For Frances and Ivan (very large and intense cyclones) it took ~7days to have a cyclone below 1000 hPa in the analysis

# 50-km QuikSCAT versus ECMWF Analysis

STDV ( QSCA50 vs ANALYSIS ), 10-metre 30min, in m/s.  
average from 2002020200 to 2002022818  
GLOB:1.06 NHEM:1.23 TROP:0.96 SHEM:1.07



BIAS ( QSCA50 vs ANALYSIS ), 10-metre 30min, in m/s.  
average from 2002020200 to 2002022818  
GLOB:0.25 NHEM:0.39 TROP:0.34 SHEM:0.09



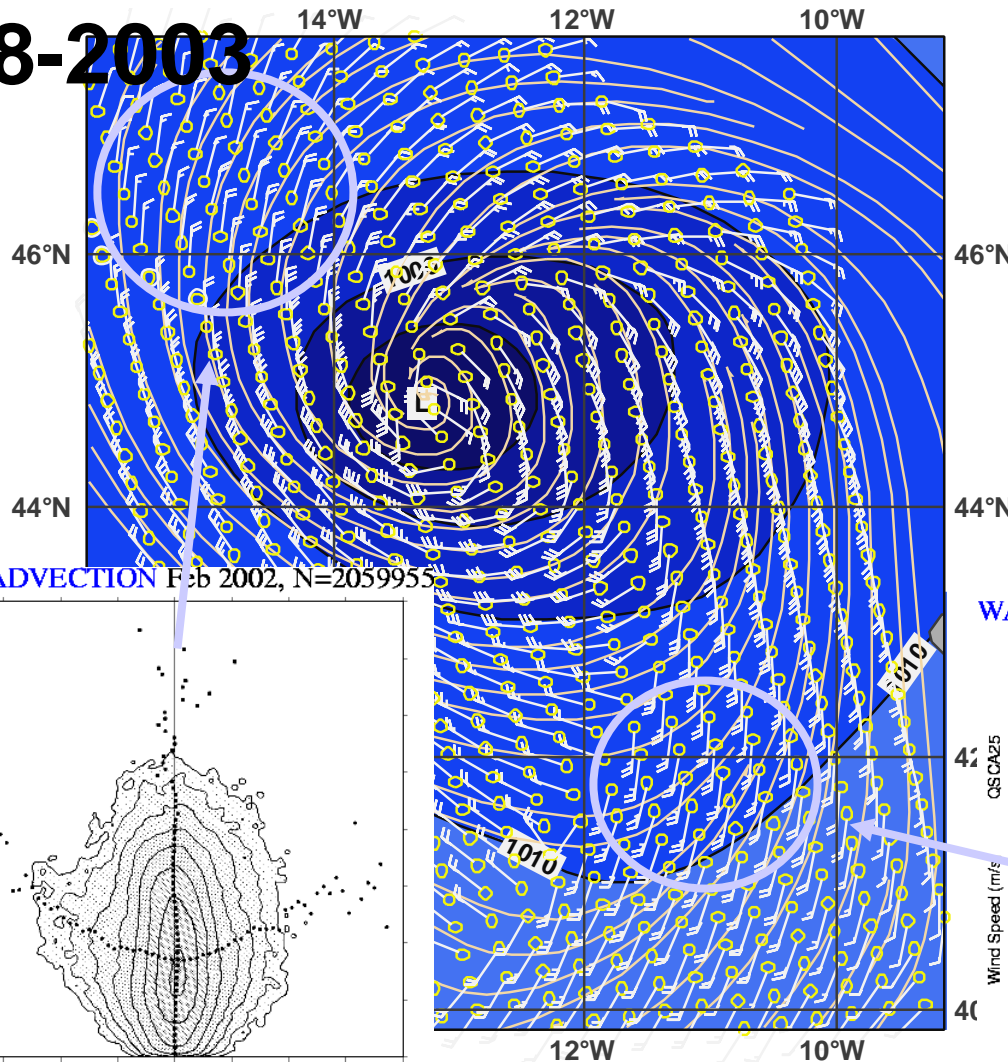
- **February 2002**
- **Collocation error:**  
**15 minutes**  
**20 km**
- **50km product:**  
**Winds 4% Reduced**
- **Data is assimilated:**  
**Cost reduced by 32 %**
- **Large regional differences**  
**ITCZ + 2m/s**  
**ACC - 1m/s**

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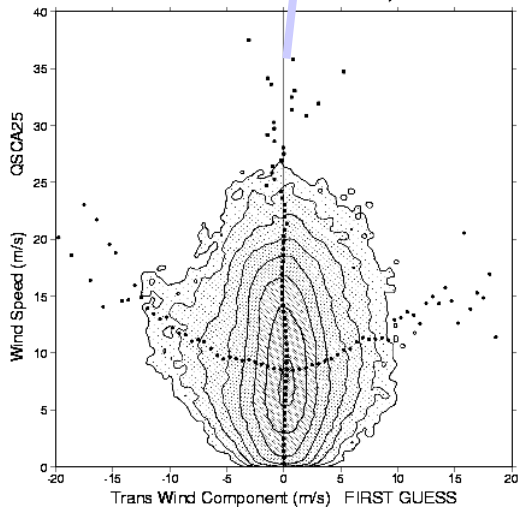
# Lack of cross-isobar flow

ERS-2 27-

08-2003



COLD ADVECTION Feb 2002, N=2059955

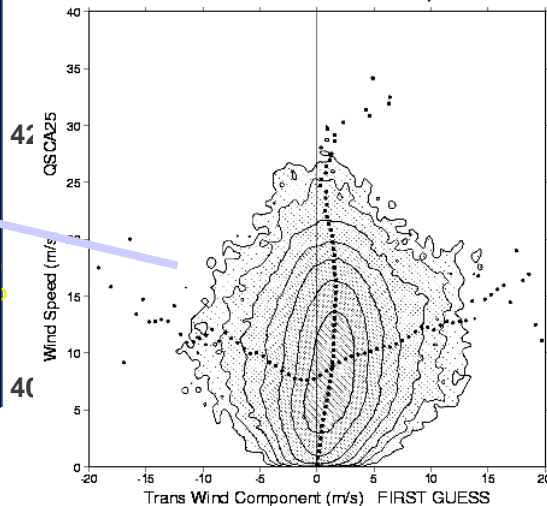


Present in ECMWF model  
Lack of sondes veer, backing  
*Hollingsworth 1994*

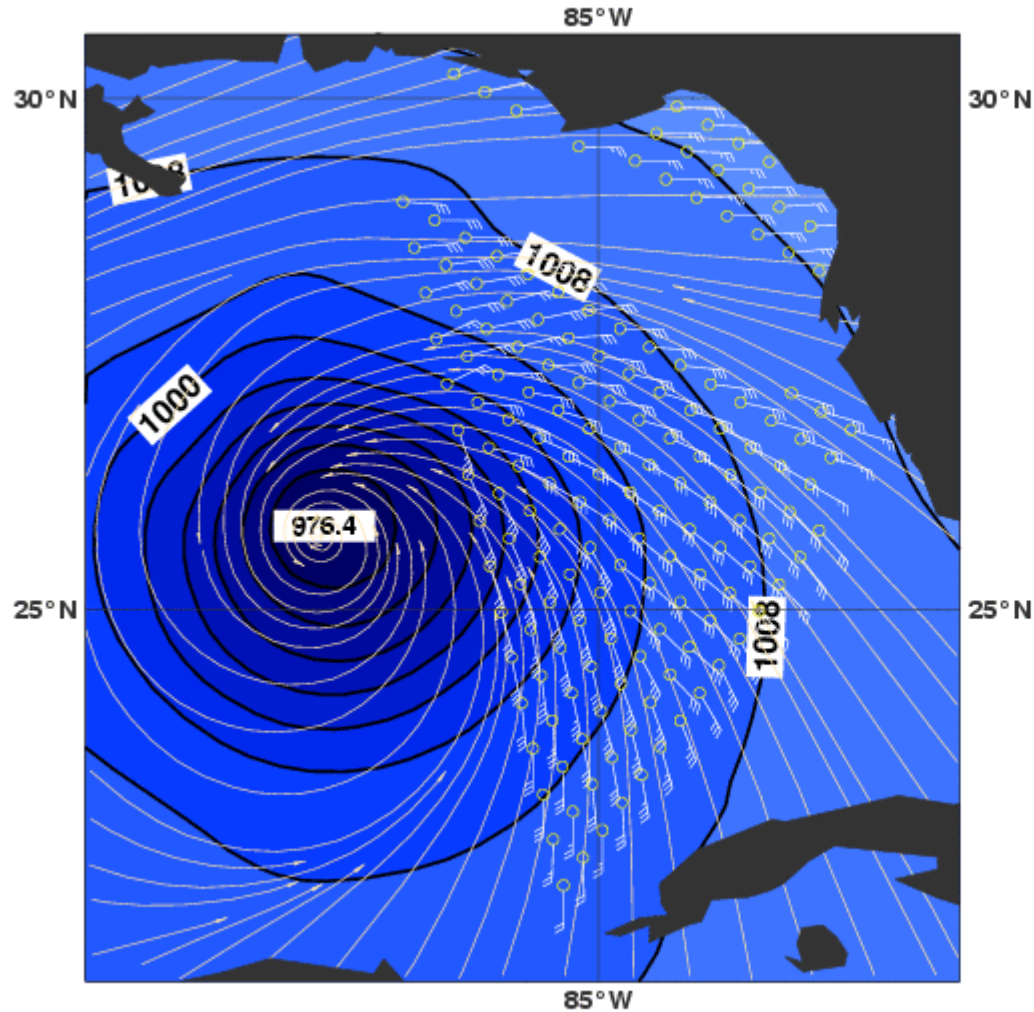
Also for MetOffice,  
Charlie, Sable (*Andrew Brown*)

QuikSCAT, vs ECMWF & NCEP  
Difference warm/cold advection

WARM ADVECTION Feb 2002, N=1883131



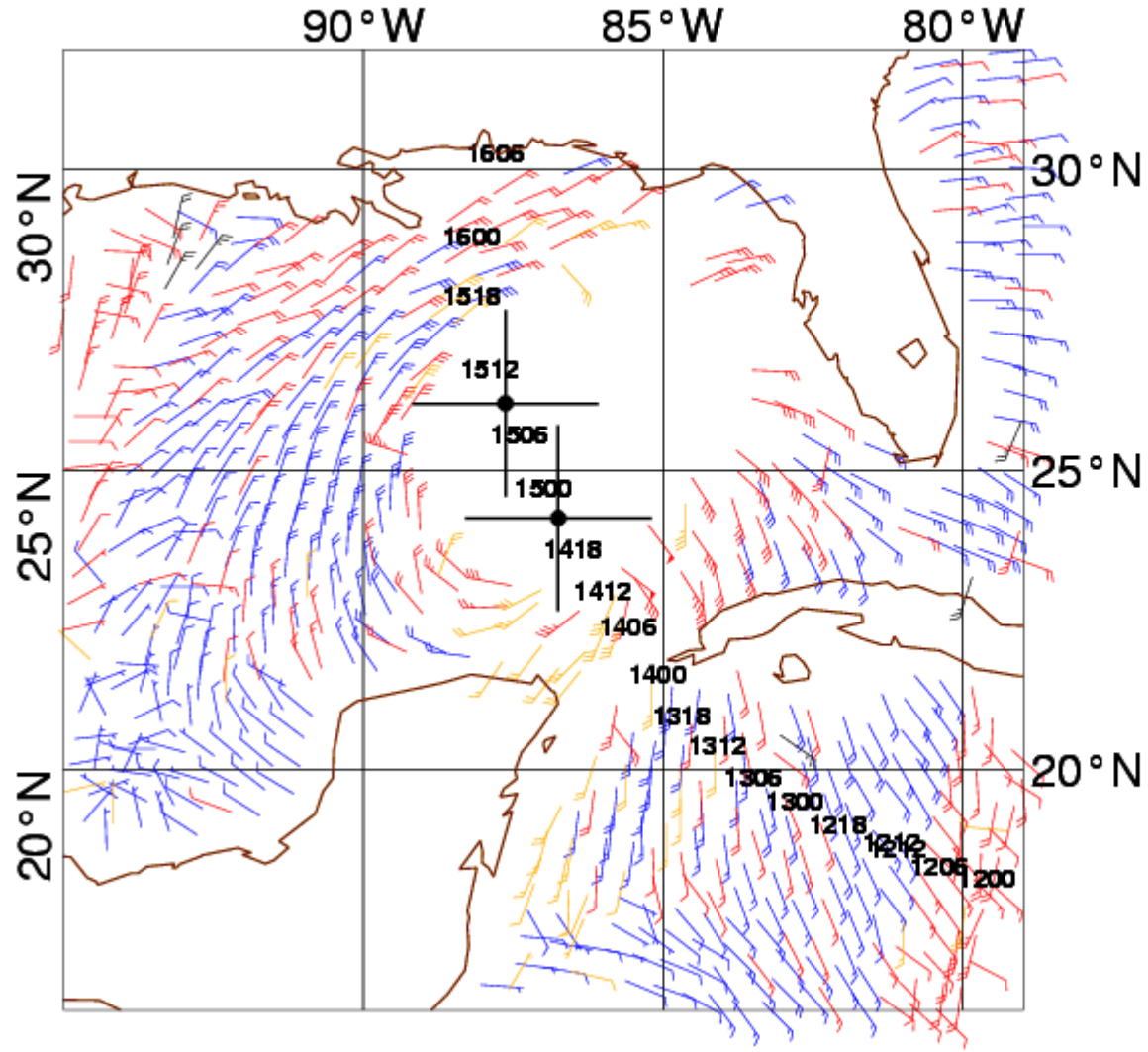
ECMWF Analysis VT: Wednesday 15 September 2004 06 UTC Surface: mean sea level pressure/Surf: 10 mtr v  
Obs: Wednesday 15 September 2004 04 UTC Surf/synop



ERS-2 is still working in limited regions. Less rain contamination than Q-scat.

Note left-most vectors

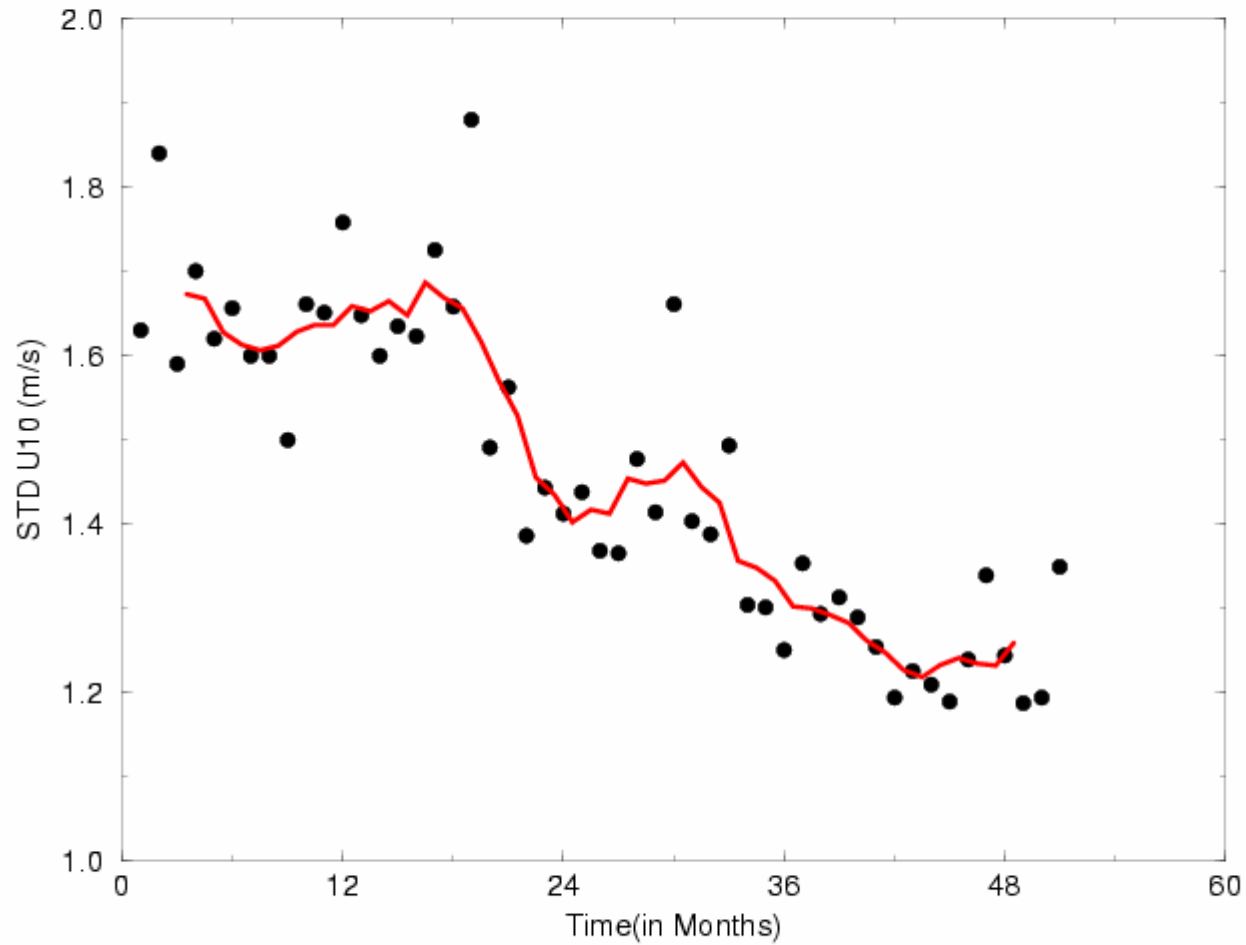
**QSCAT 50km (0001, DCDA): IVAN**  
Ambig. closest to ana, from 2004 09 14 2259 to 2004 09 15 0001





# Tropical random wind speed error versus time

Period: August 1995 until December 1999

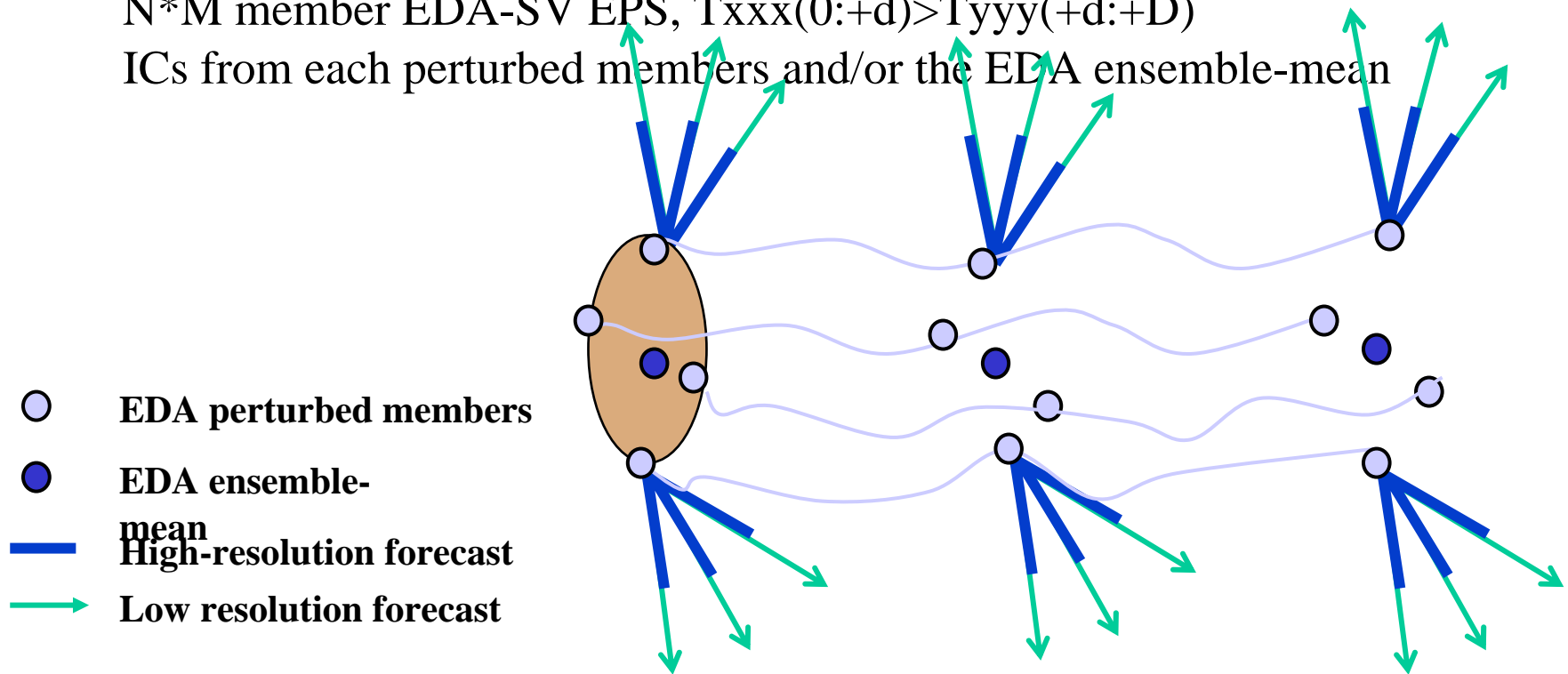


# EDA: towards a probabilistic analysis & forecast system?

N-member EDA

$N * M$  member EDA-SV EPS,  $T_{xxx}(0:+d) > T_{yyy}(+d:+D)$

ICs from each perturbed members and/or the EDA ensemble-mean



# Ensemble Data Assimilation

**The objectives of the study (based on 14-days TL159L31 3D- and 4D-Var) were:**

- to investigate the impact of perturbations on the initial state, the observation and the diabatic tendencies on analysis fields;
- to analyze the possible use of initial perturbations generated from Ensemble Data Assimilation in the EPS.

**Results have indicated that:**

- the average distance between each perturbed analysis and the ensemble-mean of an 11-member OBST-EDA is about 30% smaller than the corresponding distance between analyses from 4 different centers (ECMWF, UKMO, DWD, NCEP).
- the use of only EDA-based perturbations would deteriorate the EPS performance. The joint use of EDA- and SV-based perturbations EPS did not improve the results.

# ECMWF perspective: the ocean

- Ocean analyses and reanalyses used for
- Forecasts for a month ahead
- Forecasts for seasons ahead
- Forecasts for years ahead (ENACT, ENSEMBLES)
- Forecasts of medium range using a coupled model (to be assessed as part of MERSEA)

# Coupled model initialisation.

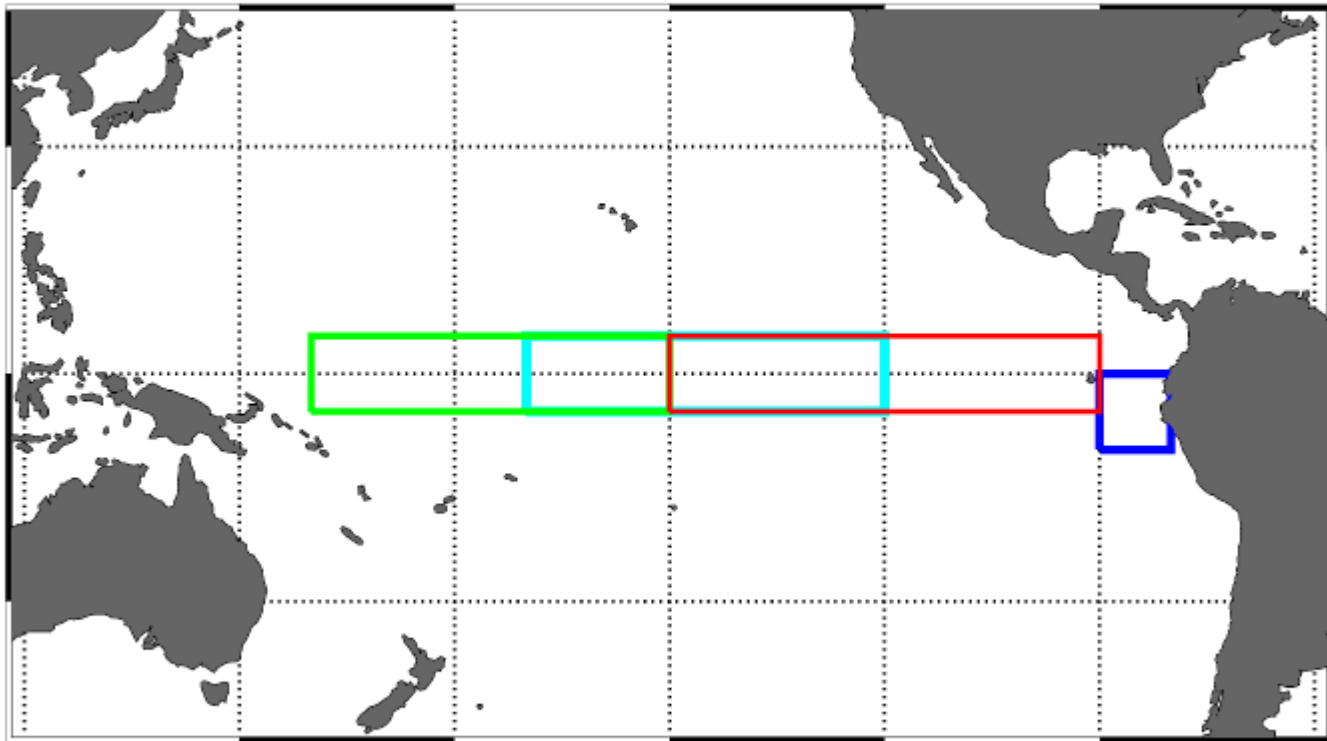
- Currently this is done by a data analysis of both media separately. Maybe it should be done together.
- Maybe the reanalysis should involve an adjustment to SST.
- Multi-annual forecasts might need a different strategy to monthly forecasts. (Deeper ocean with fewer data).

Nino3.4, Lon = [-170, -120], Lat = [-5, 5]

Nino12, Lon = [-90, -80], Lat = [-10, 0]

Nino4, Lon = [ 160, -150], Lat = [-5, 5]

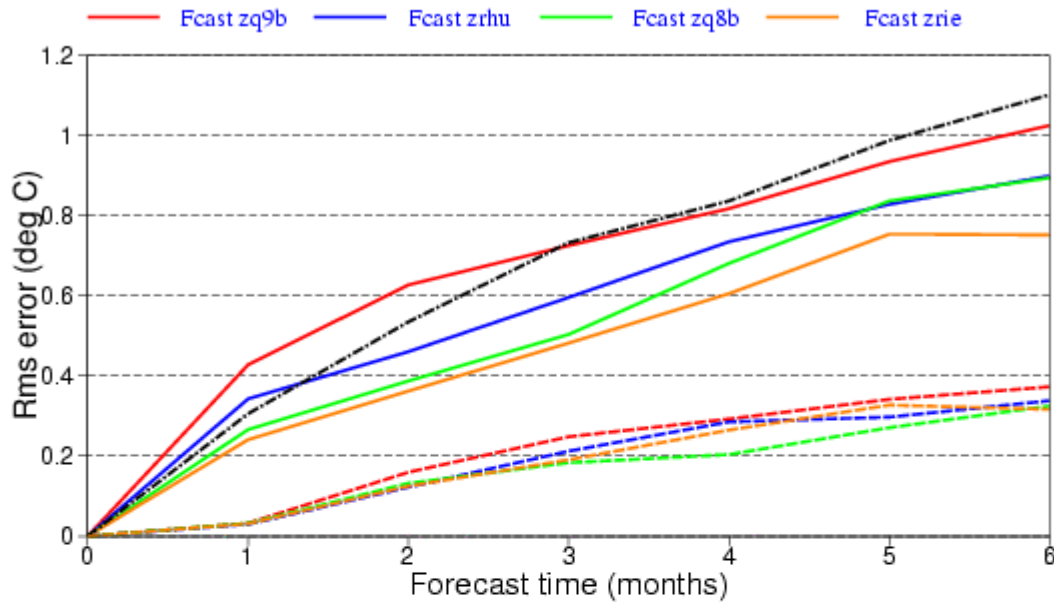
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## NINO3 SST rms errors

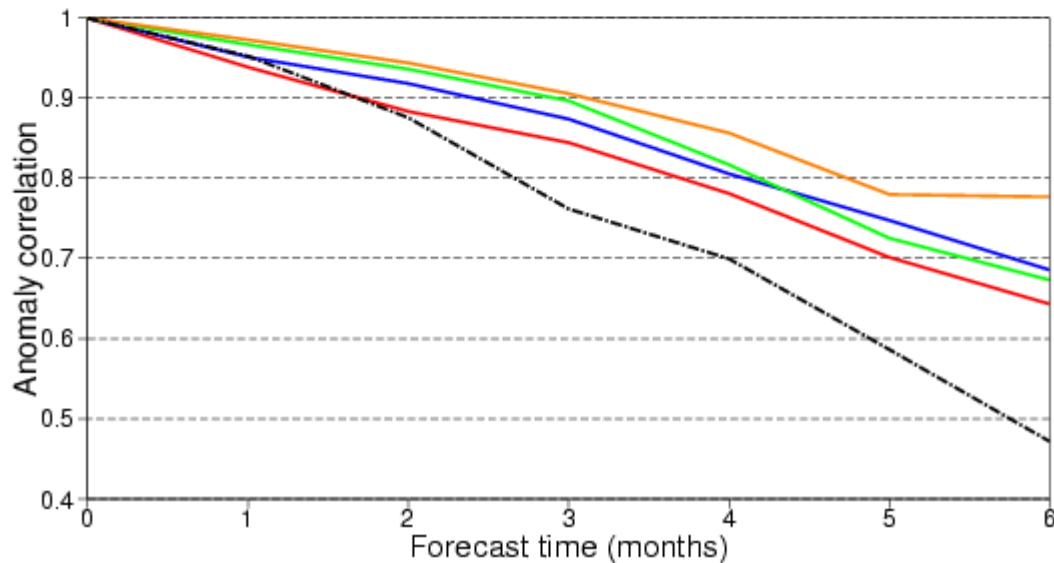
28 start dates from 19910101 to 19971001

Ensemble sizes are 5 (zq9b), 5 (zrhu), 5 (zq8b) and 5 (zrie)



## NINO3 SST anomaly correlation

wrt NCEP adjusted Olv2 1971-2000 climatology

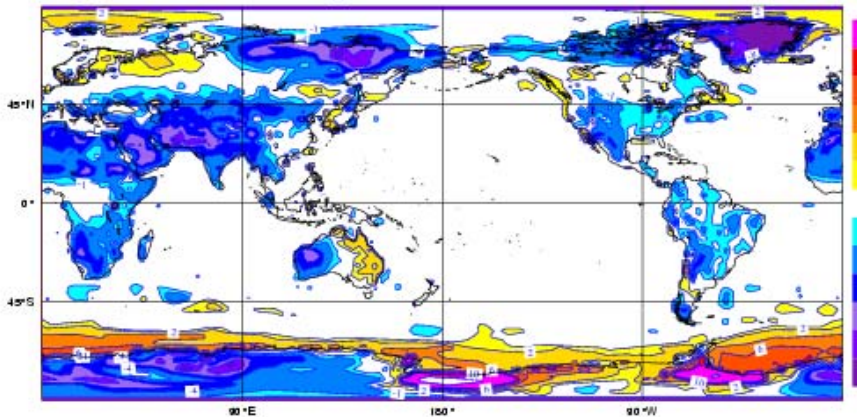


- Spread and rms error for 4 different sets of experiments. The red and blue have no data assimilation, the other two (green and gold do). This system underestimated the uncertainty in ocean initial conditions: only one analysis stream was run.

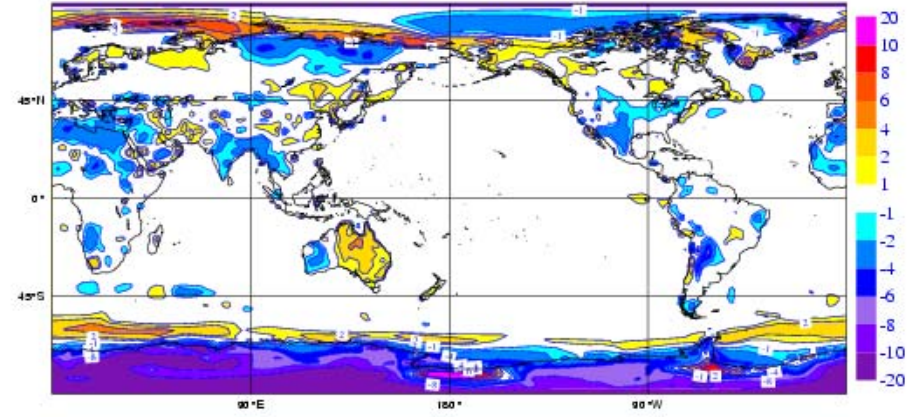
- Previous slide seems like good news vis-à-vis ocean data assimilation.
- **Forecasts are better with d.a. than without.**
- The impact of different wind products is less with d.a. than without: i.e. data assimilation can offset errors in the winds.



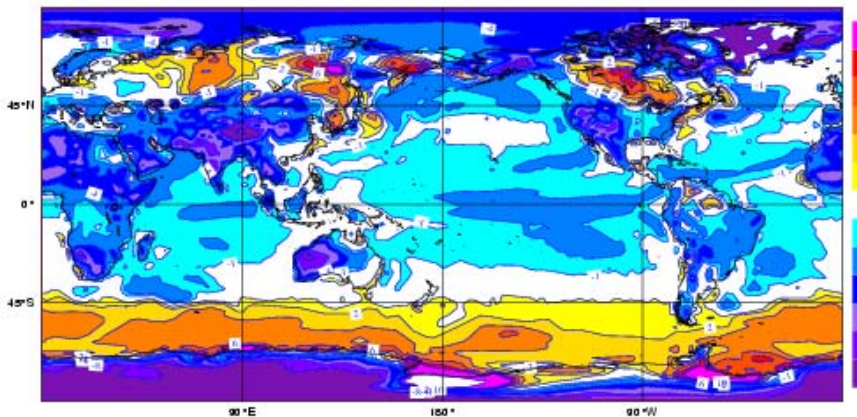
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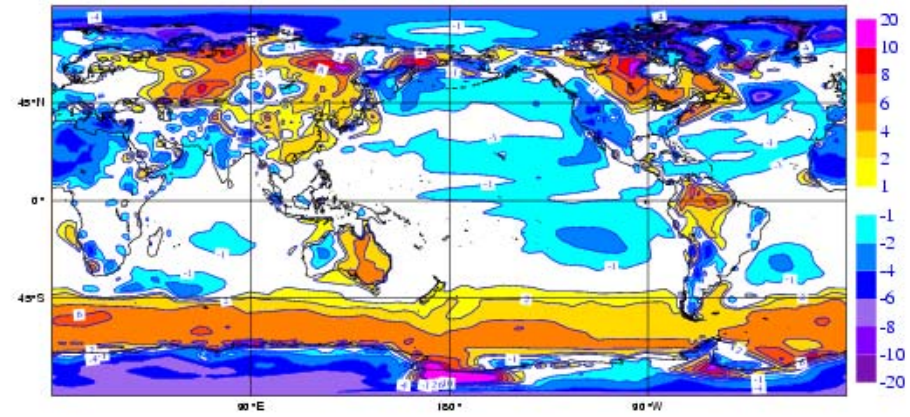
System 2 coupled - month 1 - sstbias



System 1 coupled - month 6 - sstbias



System 2 coupled - month 6 - sstbias



# Seasonal Forecast INITIALIZATION

## OCEAN INITIALIZATION

- Relaxation to observed SST (~2 days)
- OI of subsurface T, every 10 days
- 10 days assimilation window
- Salinity Updates (T-S scheme)
- Velocity Updates (geostrophy)
- Subsurface 3D relaxation to T and S Levitus 98 (~18 months)
- Daily forcing for mass, momentum, and heat from NWP
- Wind perturbations (SOC-ERA, monthly values)
- 11 days behind real time

## ENSEMBLE GENERATION

- 40-member ensemble forecast
- 5 different ocean analysis
  - Perturbations to the subsurface
- 40 SST perturbations
  - Reynolds 2dvar-OI
  - Temporal resolution
- Stochastic physics

## Atmosphere Initialization

- ERA 15 (1987-1993)
- NWP 1994 onwards

# Ensemble generation strategy

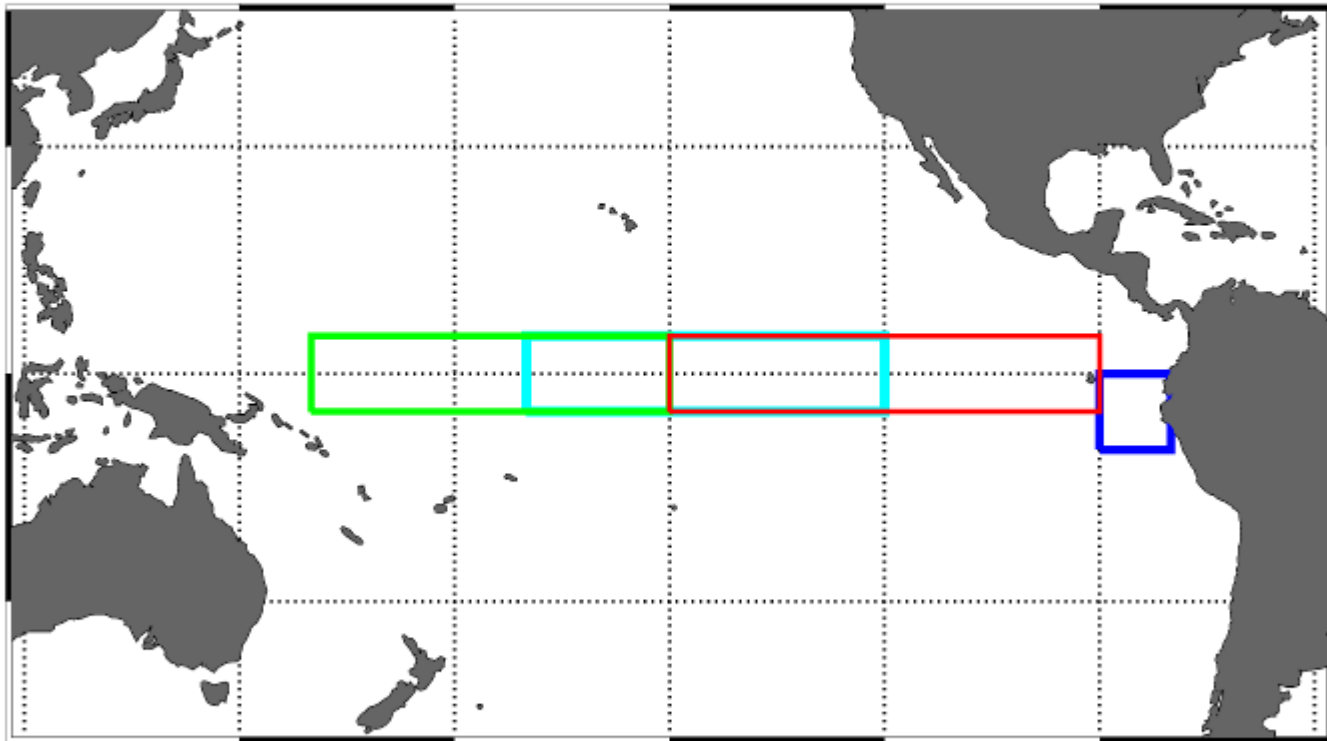
- Perturb winds during analysis
- Perturb SSTs at start of forecasts
- Include stochastic physics throughout integration
- How do these compare individually and collectively and with the LA (lagged average) approach used for example in S1?
- **How much does data assimilation control spread?**
- **Is the ensemble spread large enough?**
- Is there skill in the ensemble spread?

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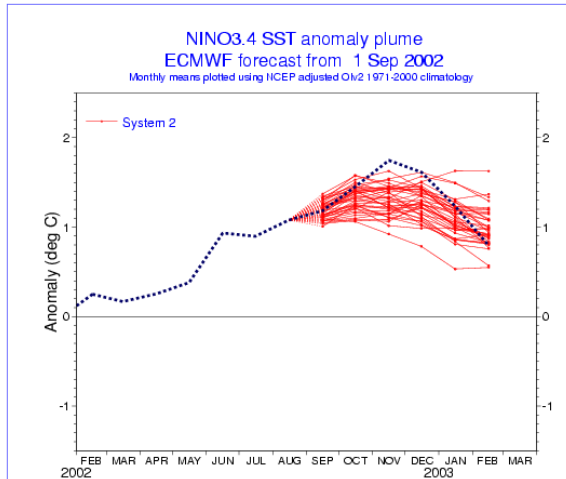
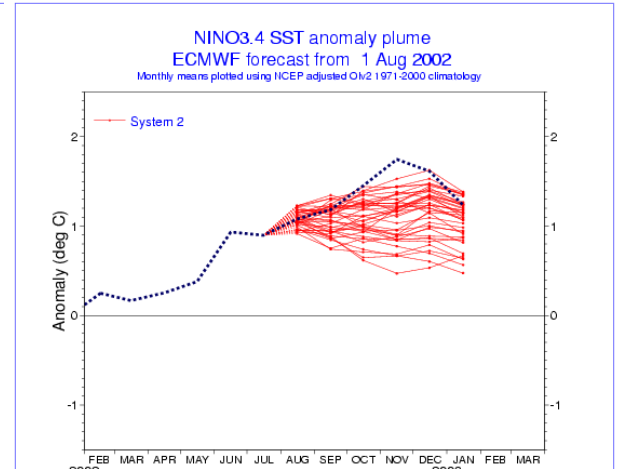
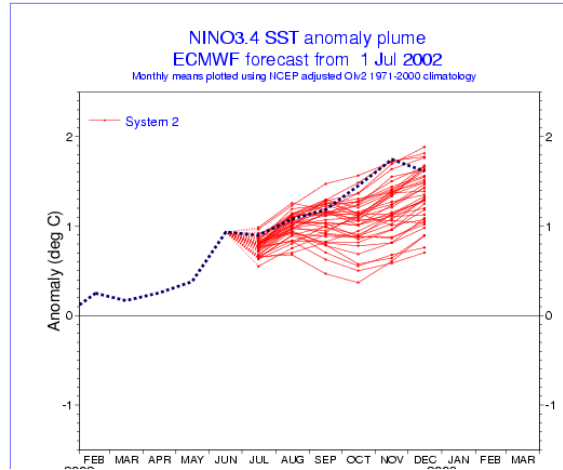
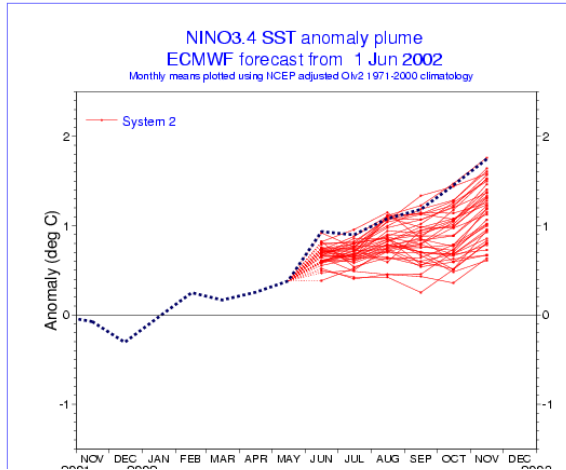
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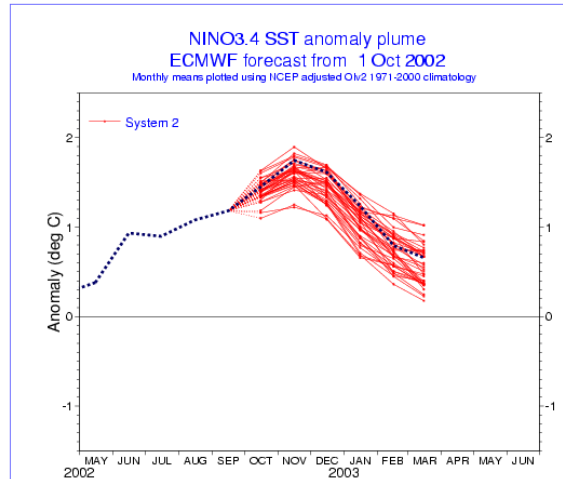
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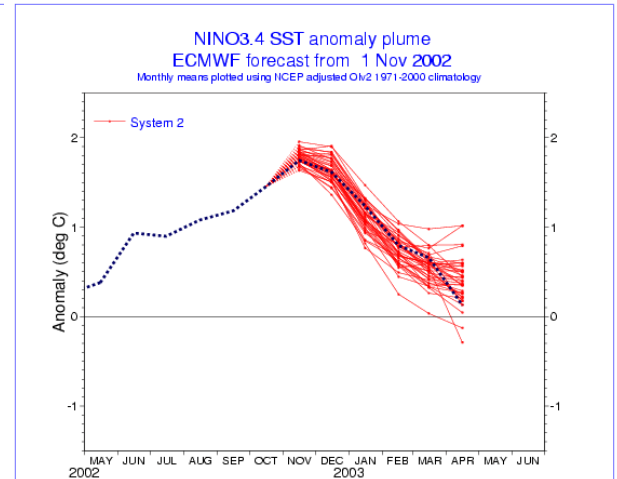
# Validation of Nino3.4 forecasts from System-2



Forecast production date: 14 Sep 2002



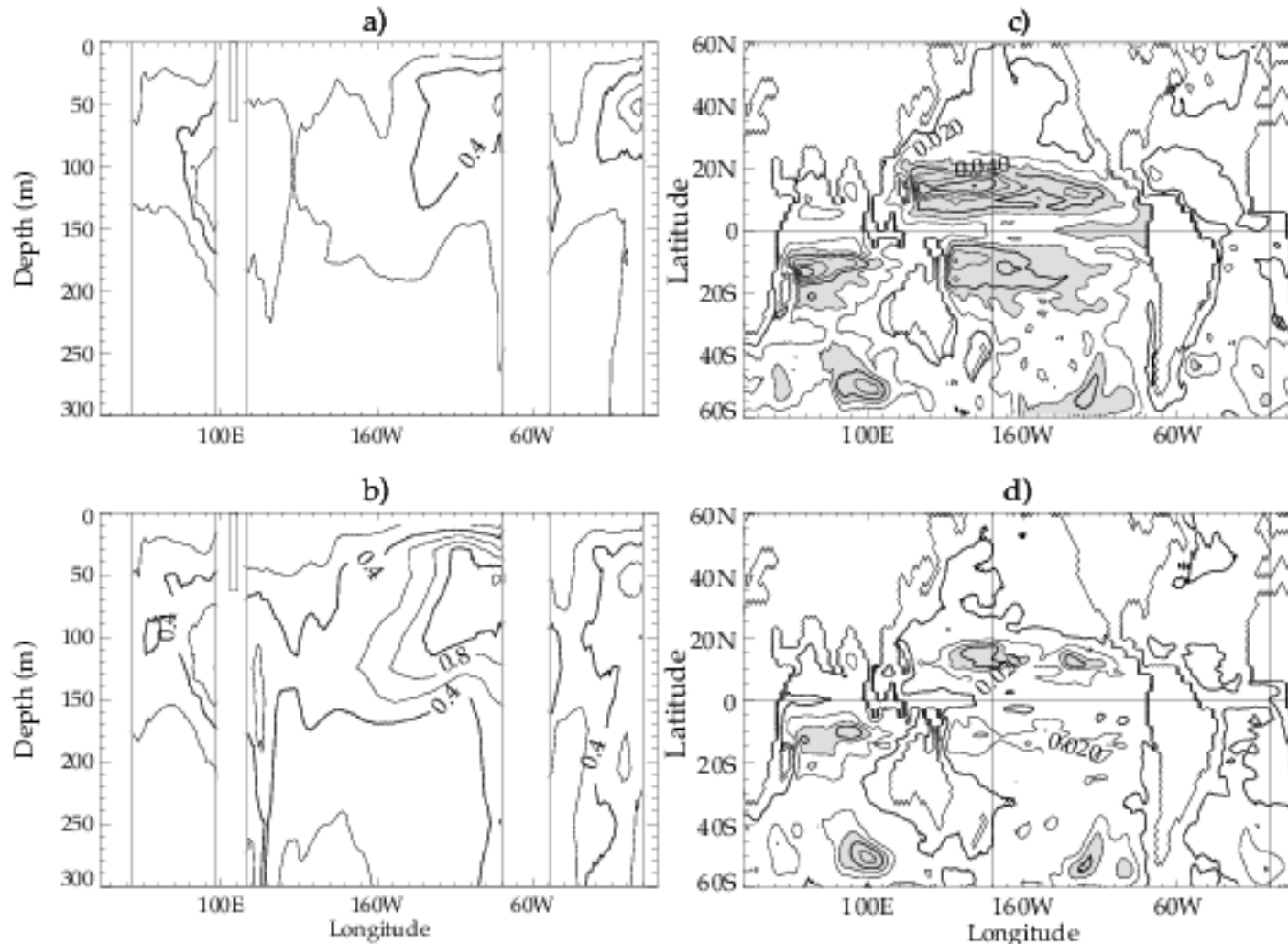
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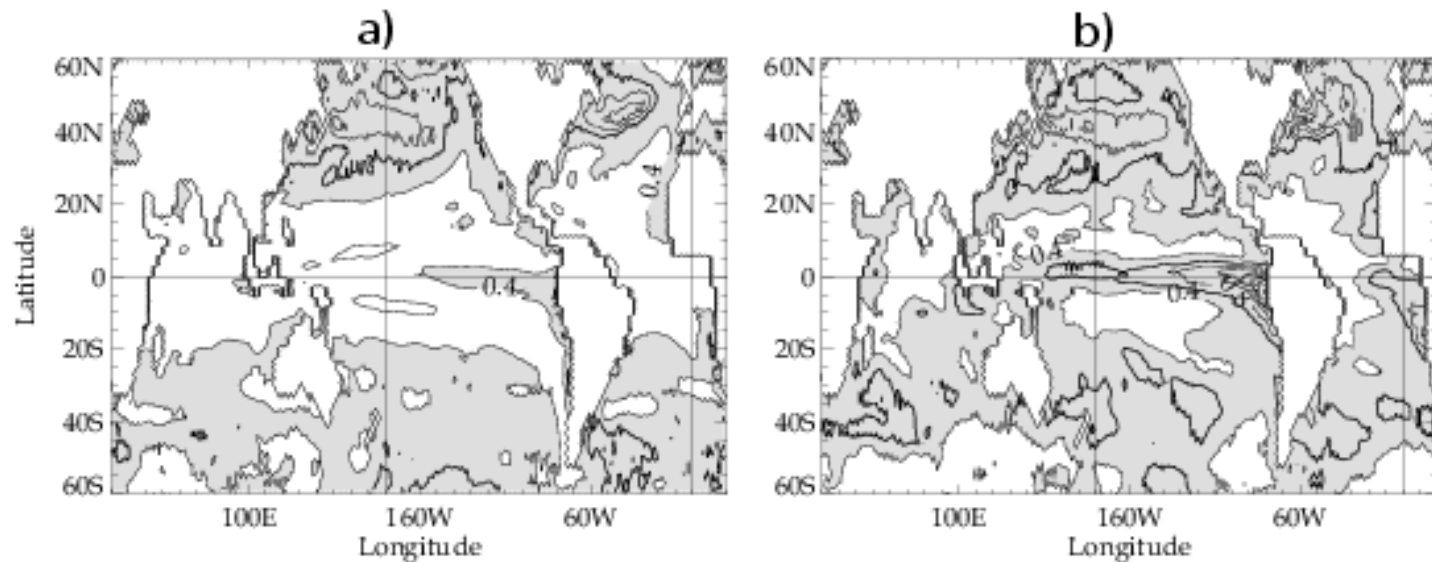
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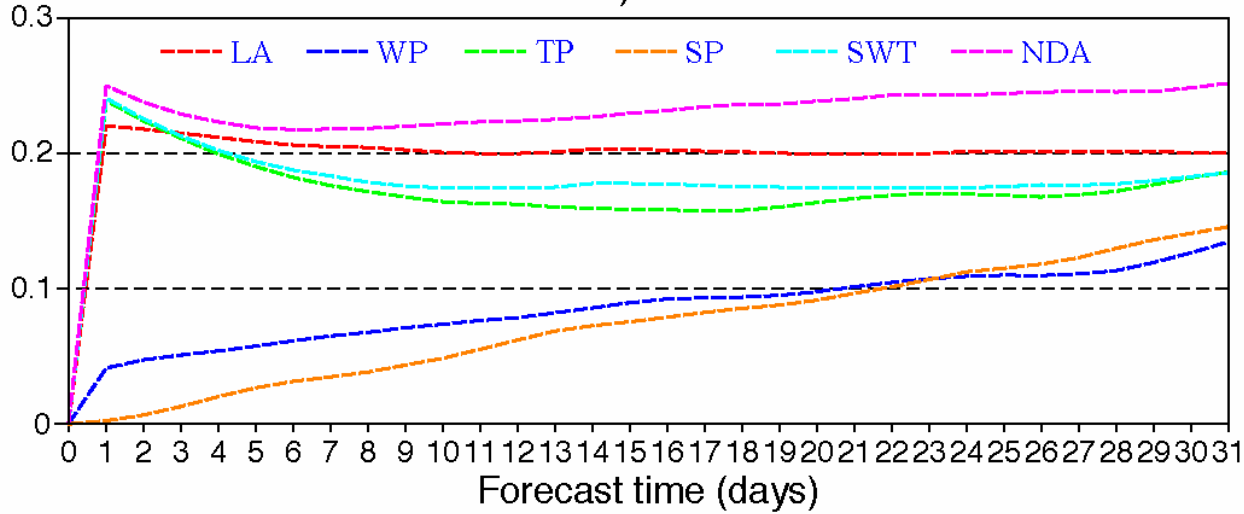
# Plot of rms from analyses using wind perturbations with and without ocean data assimilation



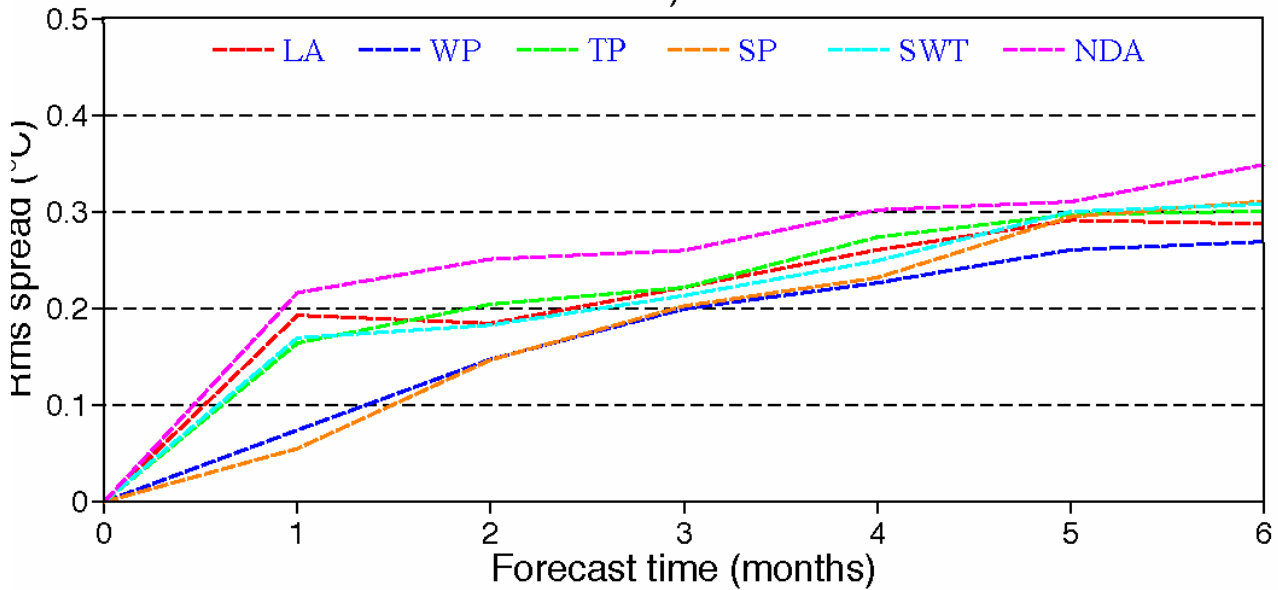
Plot of rms spread and error in SST for months 3-5.  
Spread is too small



a)



b)



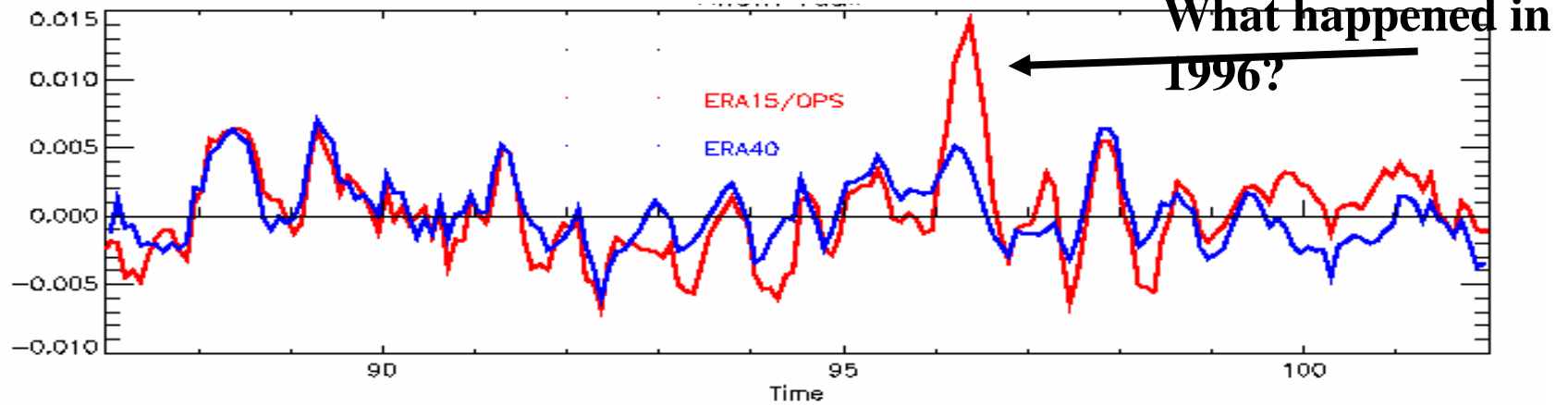
Spread from various contributions: wind, SST stochastic physics, all of above, LA, data assimilation



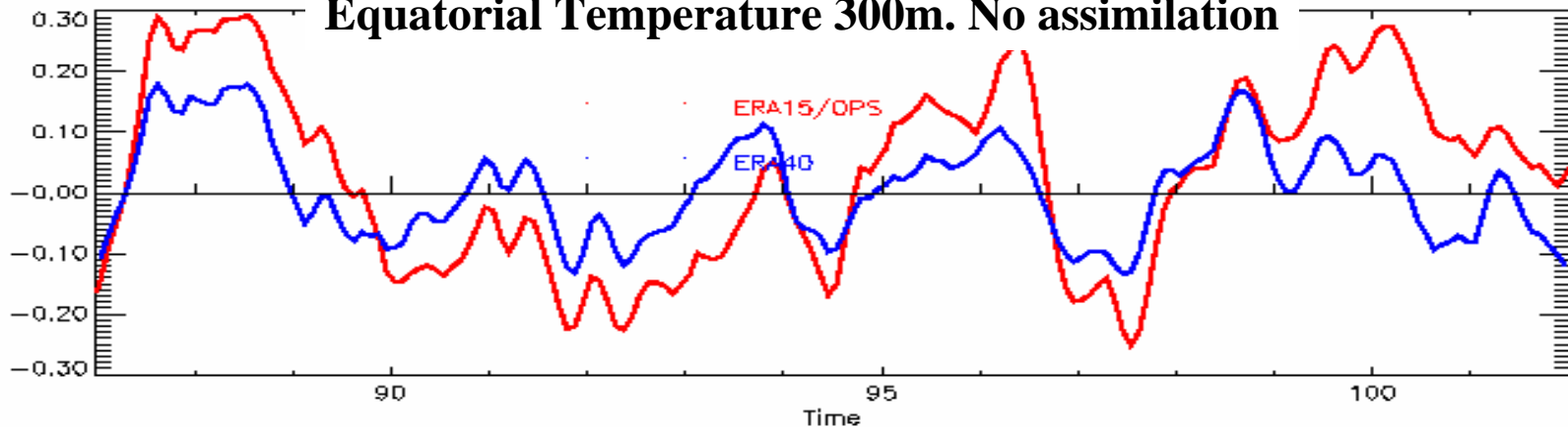
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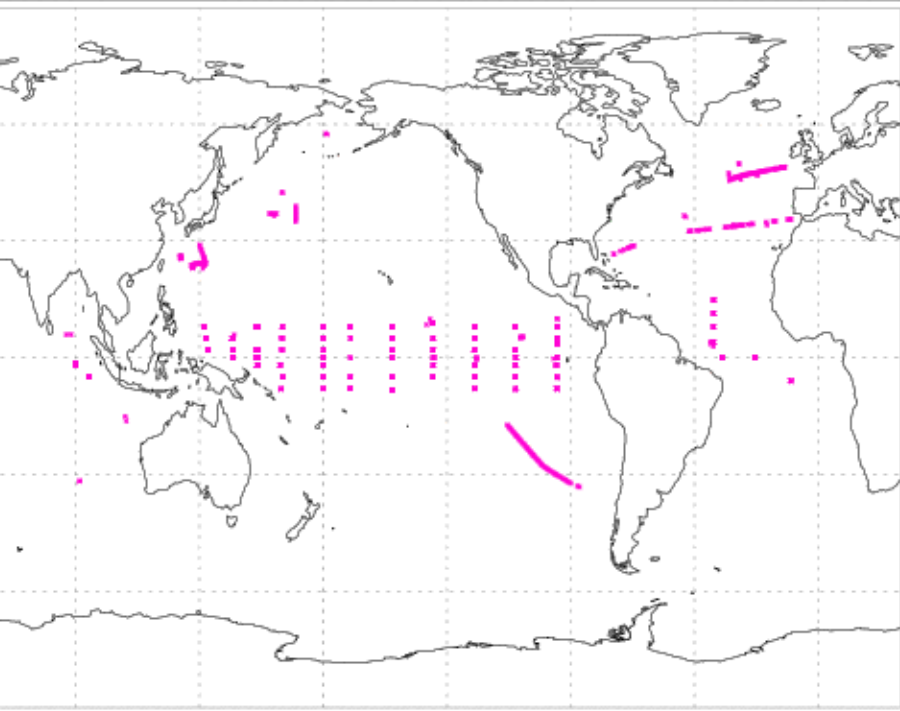
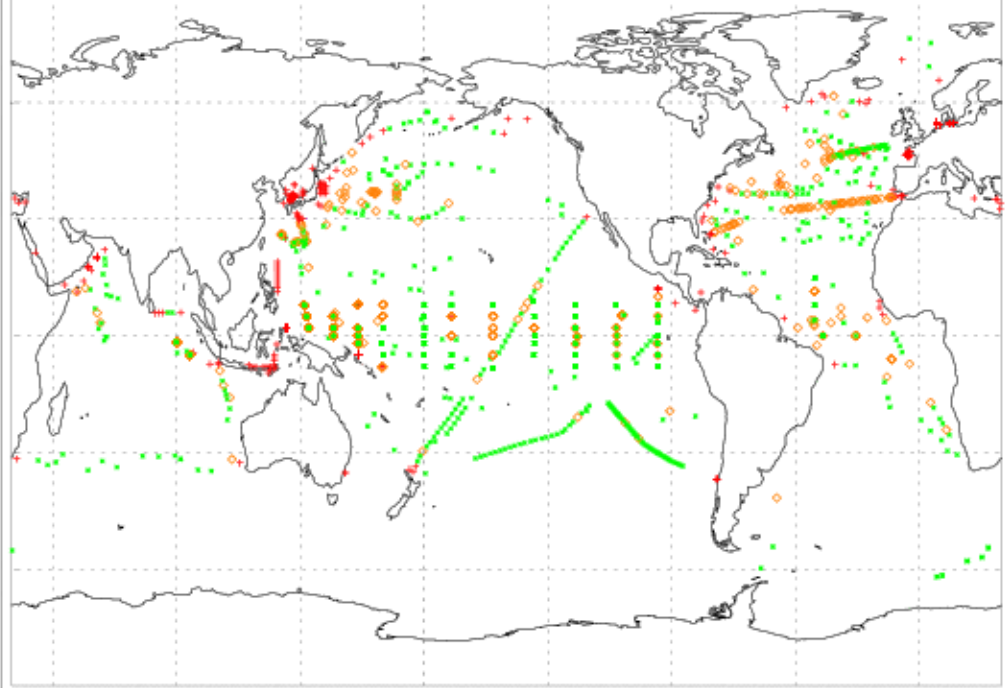
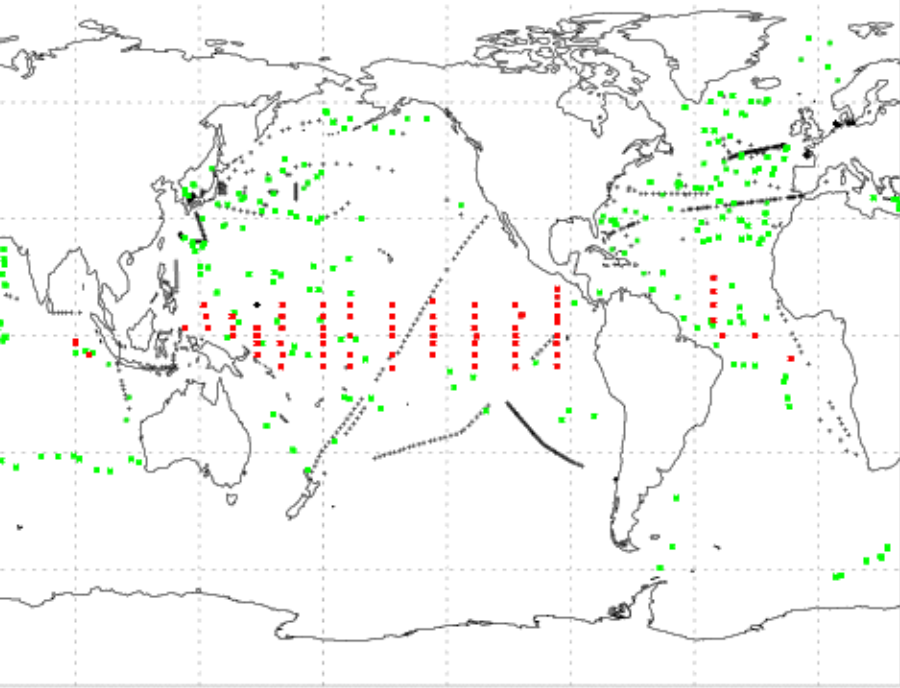
Uncertainty in Surface fluxes=Uncertainty in ocean state

Equatorial Wind Stress Anomaly



Equatorial Temperature 300m. No assimilation





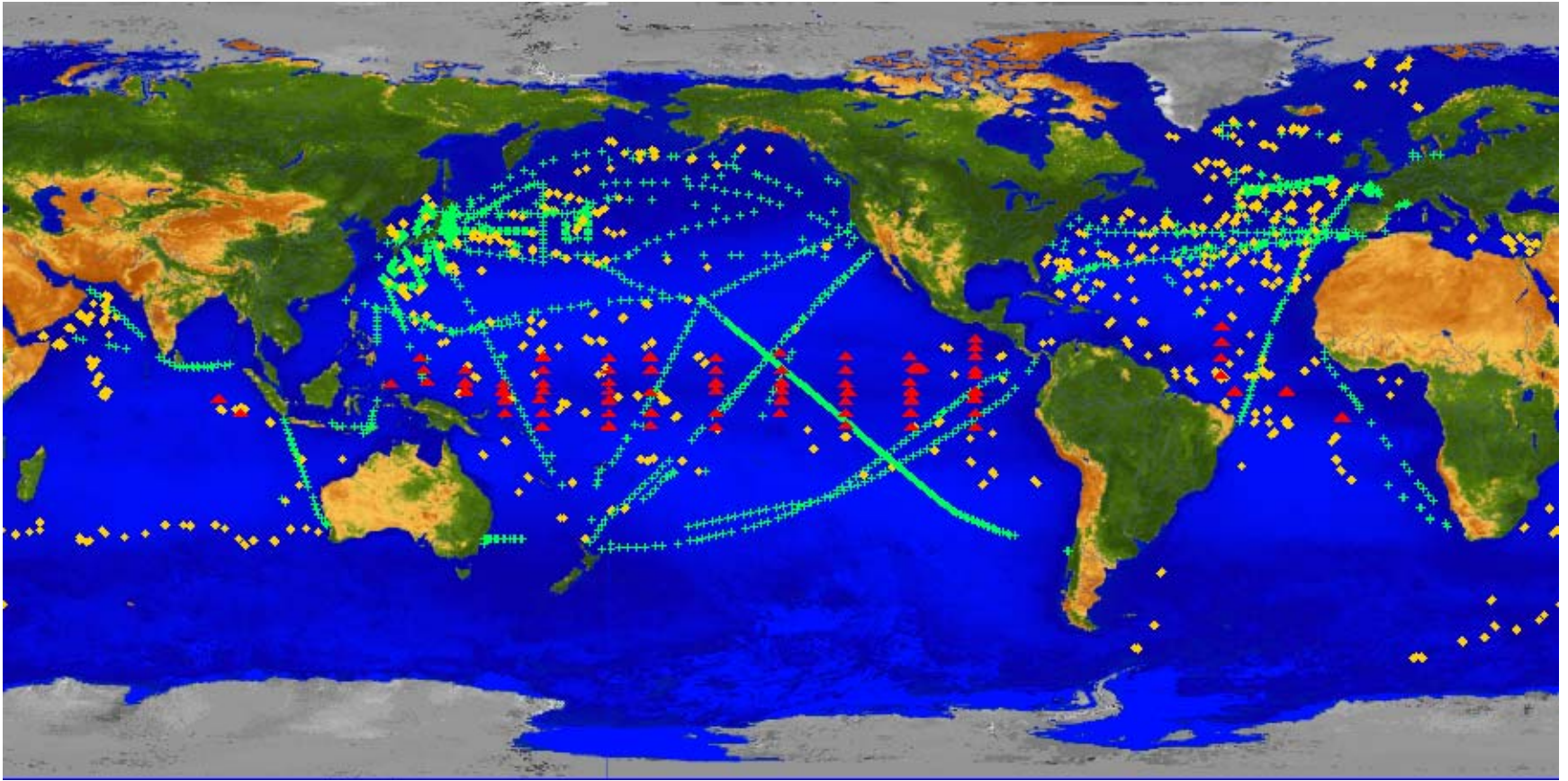
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 o partially accepted profile (948)

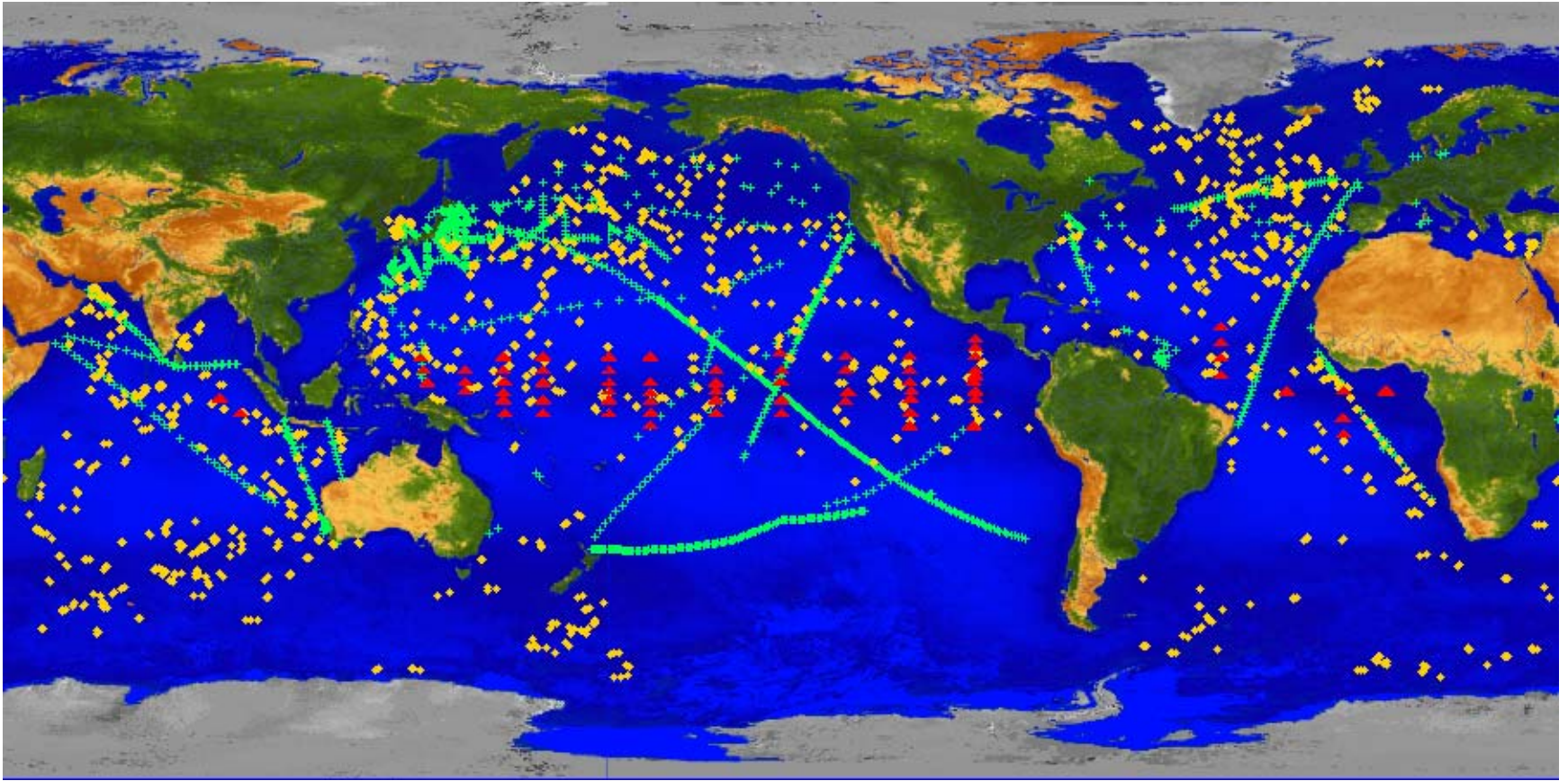
x Superobs (2325)  
 (at least one of the profile)

Position of in-situ observations that entered the ECMWF operational system from date 20020528 to 20020528

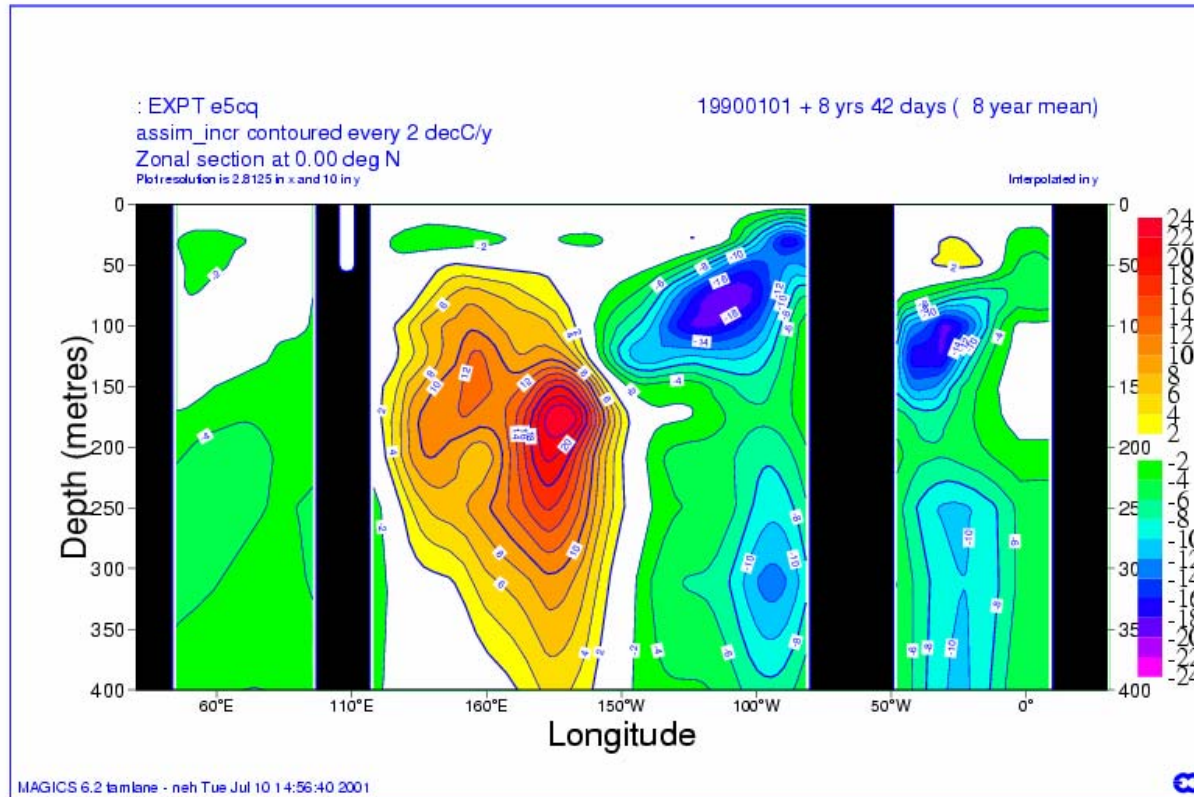
# Data coverage for May 2002



# Data coverage for May 2003

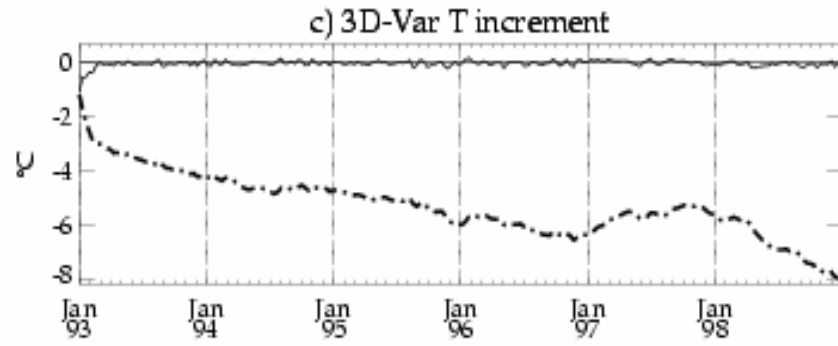
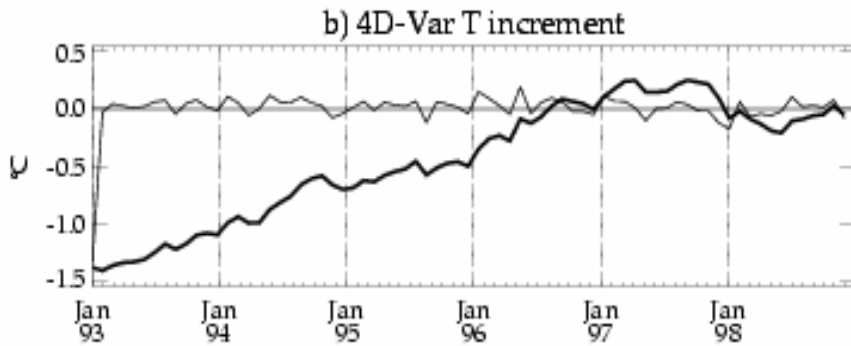
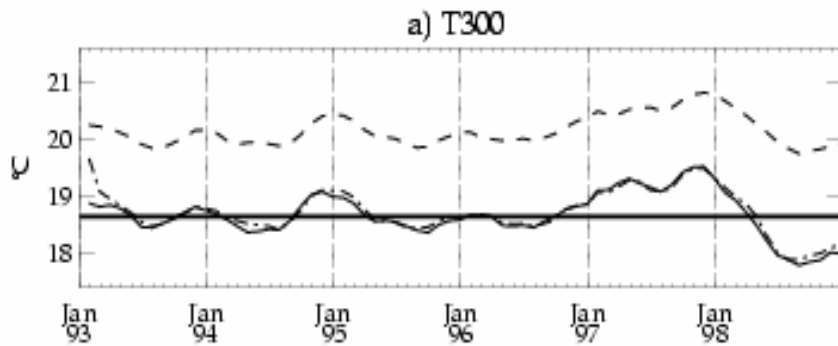


# Assimilation Increments



# Systematic error in other systems

Weaver et al, MWR 2003



Time

Time evolution of increment:

OPA 4D-var

OPA 3D-var

# Balanced Currents Method *Burgers et al,*

*JPO 2002*

$$\eta_a = \eta_b + Q; \vec{u}_a = \vec{u}_b + \delta\vec{u}$$

- To update currents / the velocity increment is partially in geostrophic balance with the density increments:

$$Q = Q_\eta + Q_e; Q_e = \alpha Q; 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$$

$$\delta u = -\frac{g}{f} \frac{\partial \alpha Q}{\partial y} \quad ; \quad \delta v = \frac{g}{f} \frac{\partial \alpha Q}{\partial x}$$

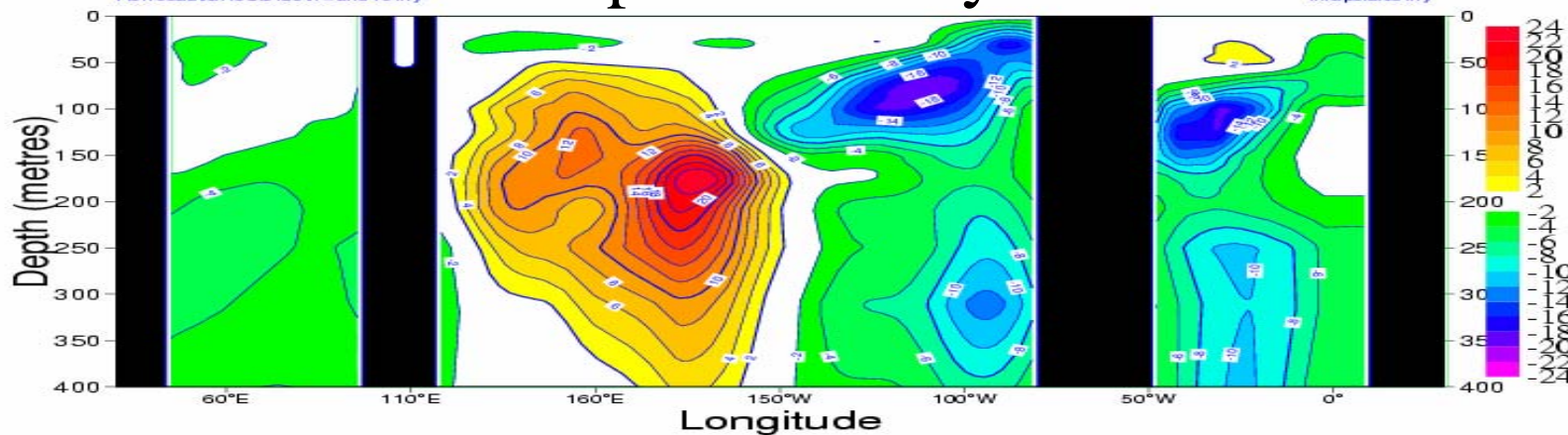
- At the Equator:

$\alpha$  may depend  
on  $z$

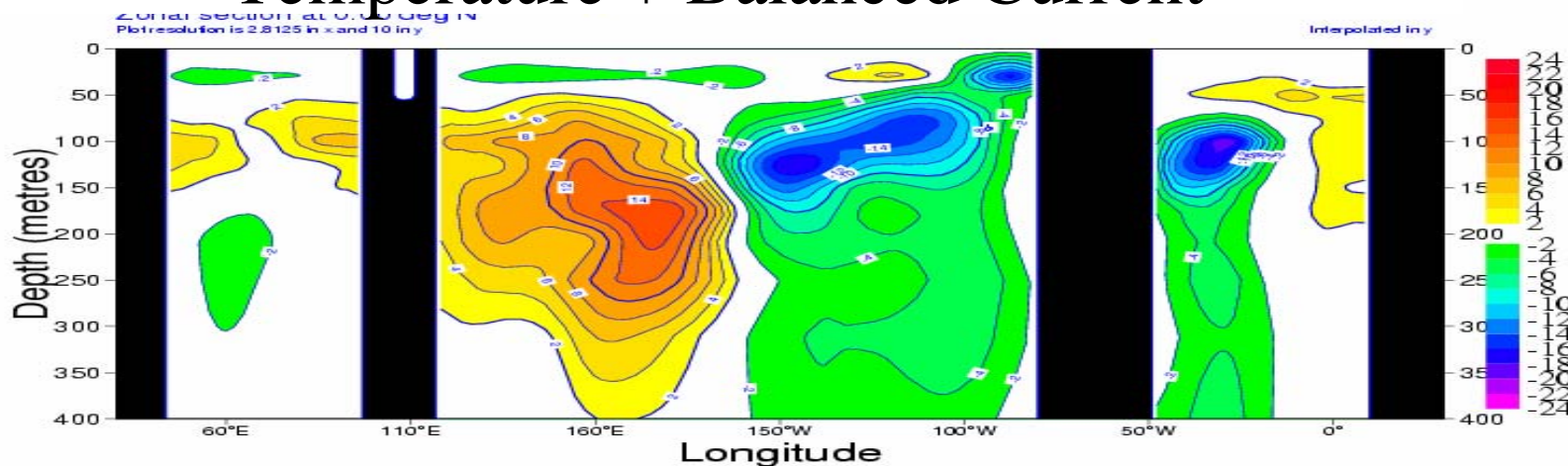
$$\delta u = -\frac{g}{\beta} \frac{\partial^2 \alpha Q}{\partial y^2} \quad ; \quad \delta v = 0$$

# Temperature Increments

## Temperature only

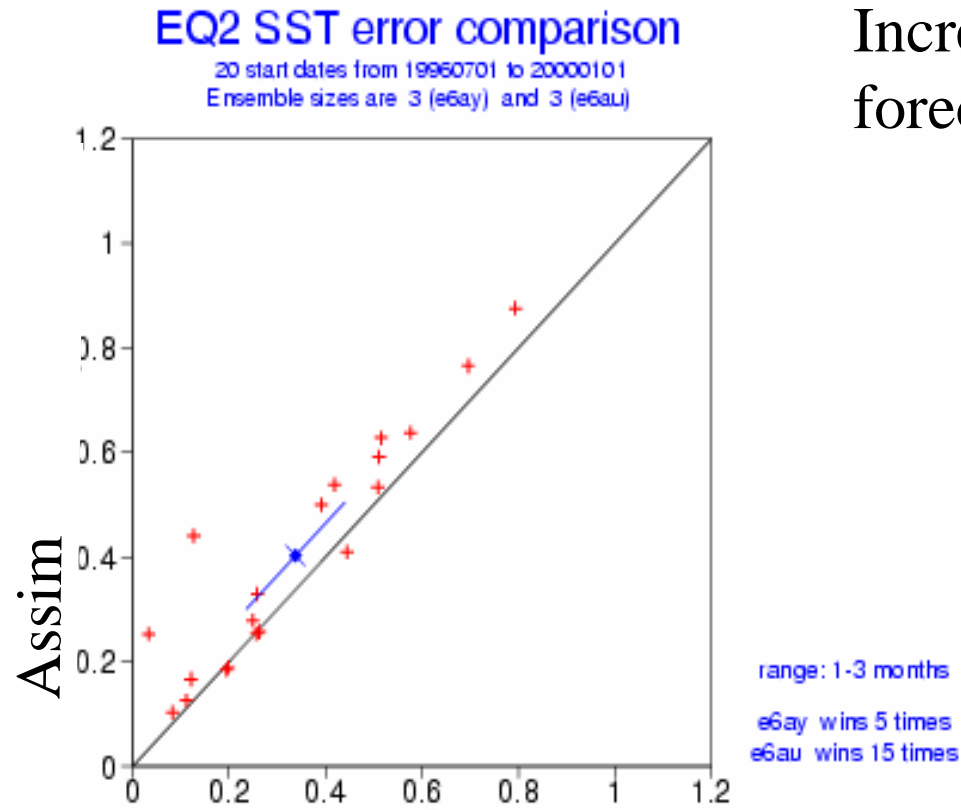


## Temperature + Balanced Current





Velocity  
Increments help  
forecast statistics



Assim + Velocity  
increments

# MERSEA

- An EU project to develop high resolution global and regional ocean analyses for operational applications.
- Science:
- Use a global 0.25 deg ocean model and analysis for seasonal forecasting (T159). (Quite expensive)  
Test the impact of ocean resolution. (MF, INGV, ECMWF)
- Use a global 0.25 deg ocean model and analysis for medium range forecasting (T511). ECMWF

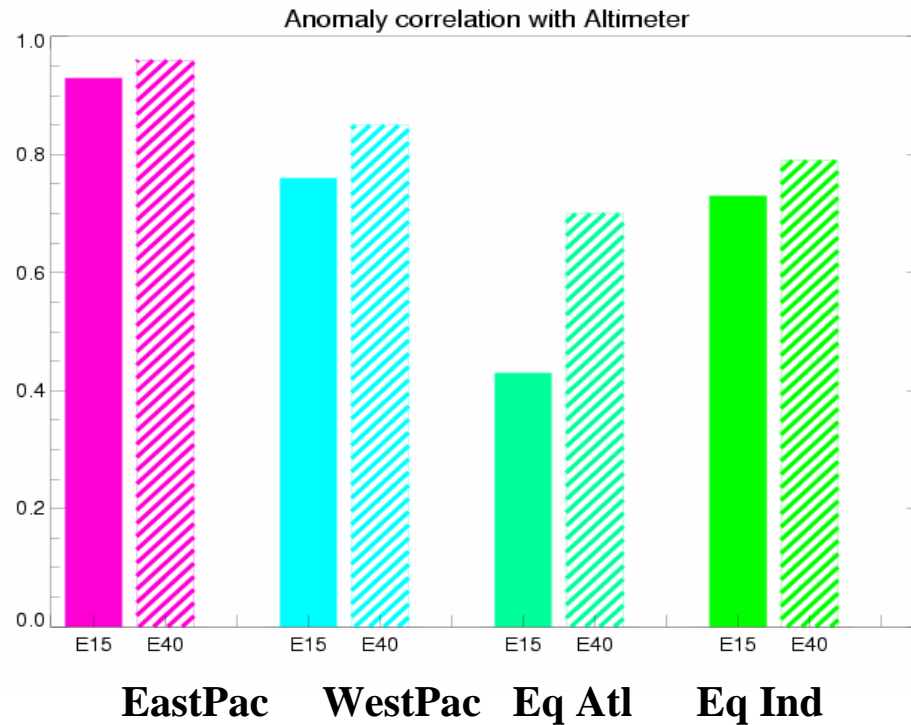
# Quality of interannual variability: ERA40 v ERA15/OPS

## Correlation of SL with Altimeter data

### Equatorial Areas

**ERA15/OPS** = solid bars

**ERA40** = dashed bars



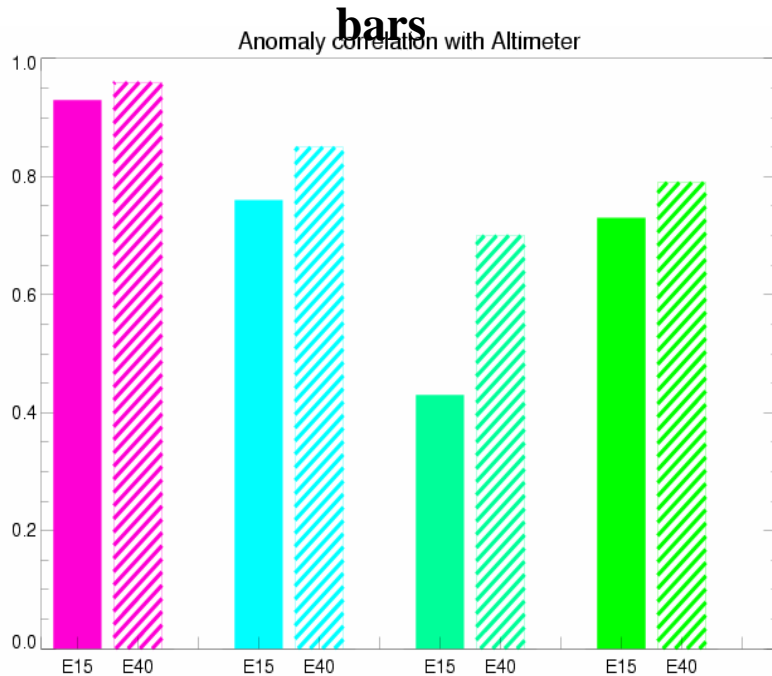
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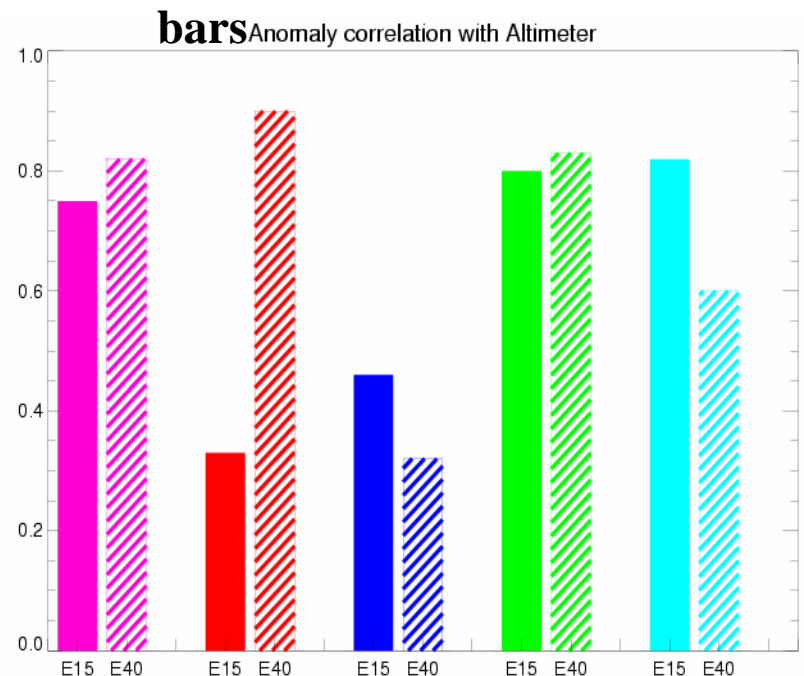


EastPac    WestPac Ind    Eq Atl    Eq

### Atlantic Ocean

ERA15/OPS = solid bars

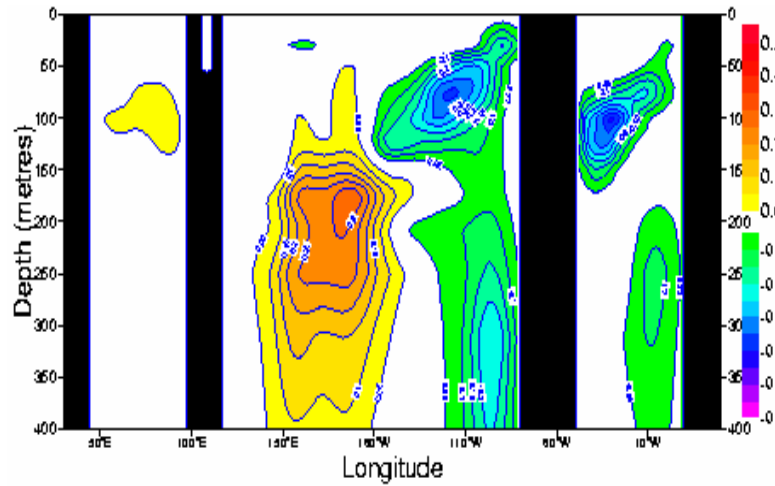
ERA40 = dashed bars



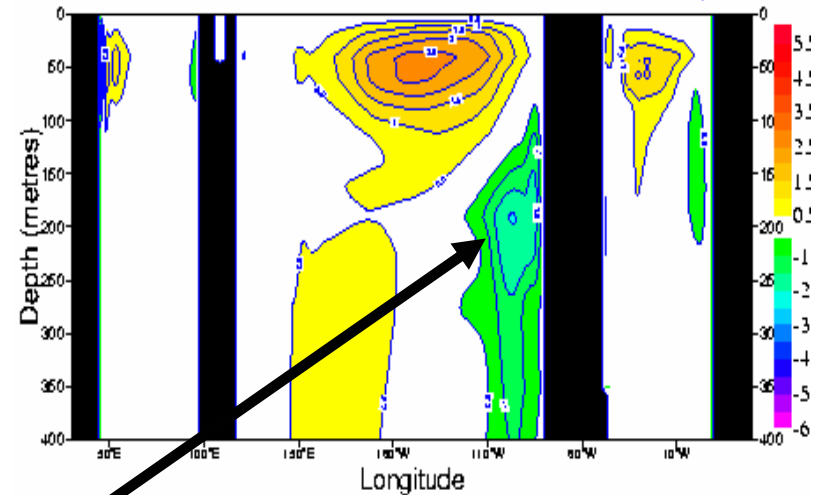
Atl3    NsTrAtl    SsTrAtl    Natl DIPOLE

# BIAS correction schemes

Average Assimilation Increment



Vertical Velocity



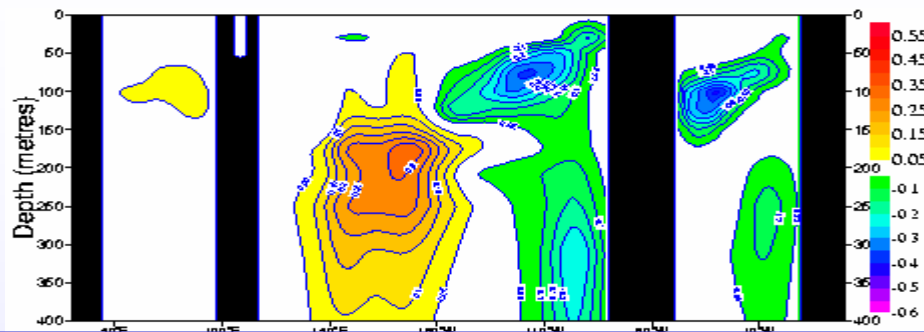
1. Presence of Systematic error
2. Part of the error is induced by the DA method
3. Possibility of bias estimation and on-line correction?

- A generalized bias correction scheme has been formulated
- It allows a slow time evolution of the “bias-term”.
- Tests with different covariance formulations

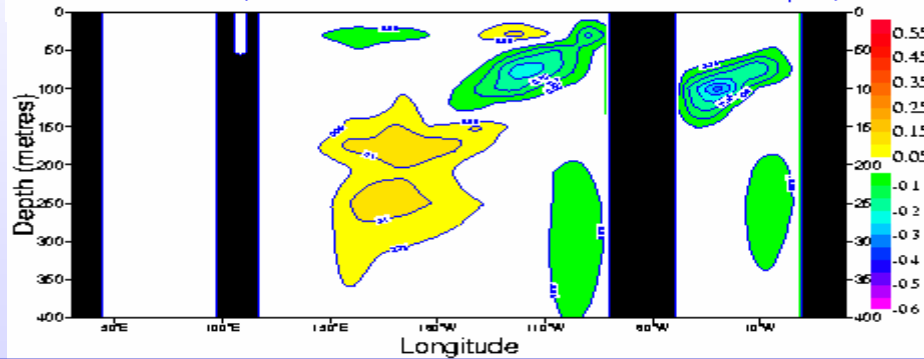
# a) Impact of Gain Matrix and Balance

## Constraints Assim incr (C.I=0.05 C/10 days)

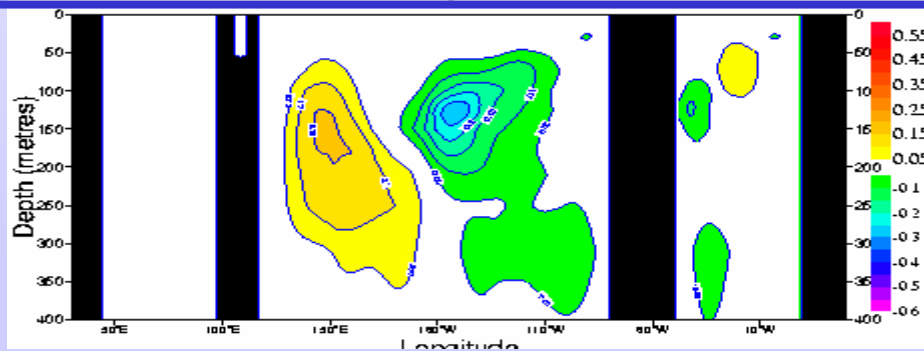
Experiment E0  
No bias correction



Experiment Eu  
Correcting bias  
in pressure  
gradient



Experiment ET  
Correcting bias in  
Temperature

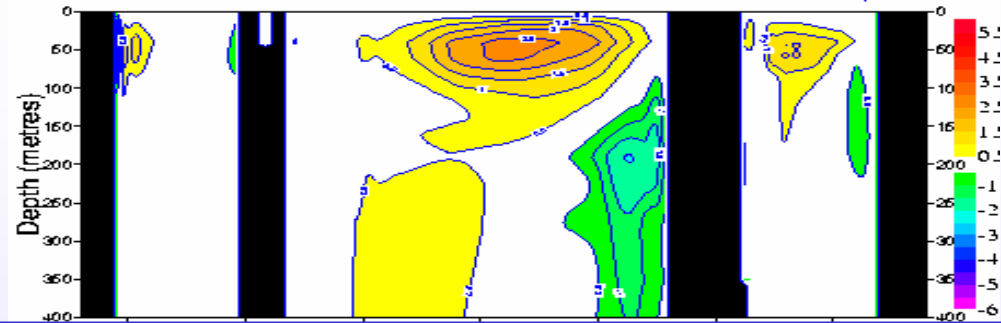


# b) Impact of Gain Matrix and Balance

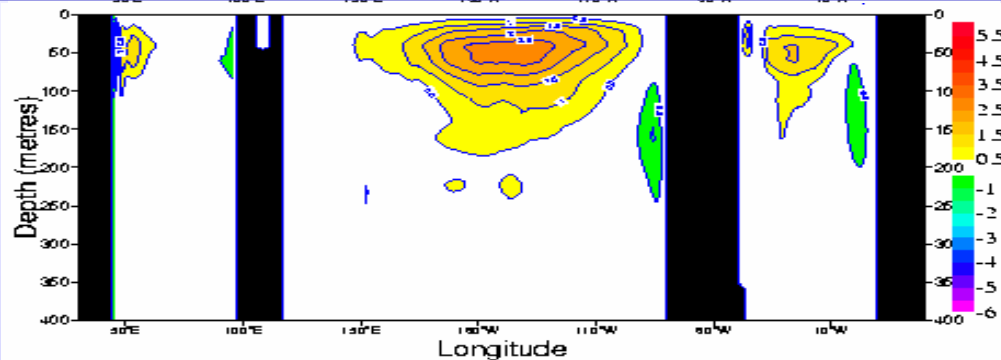
## Constraints

Vertical velocity (C.I.=0.5m/day)

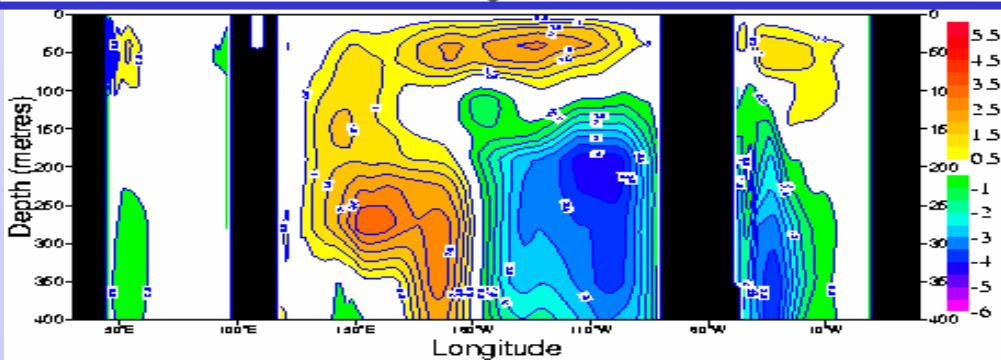
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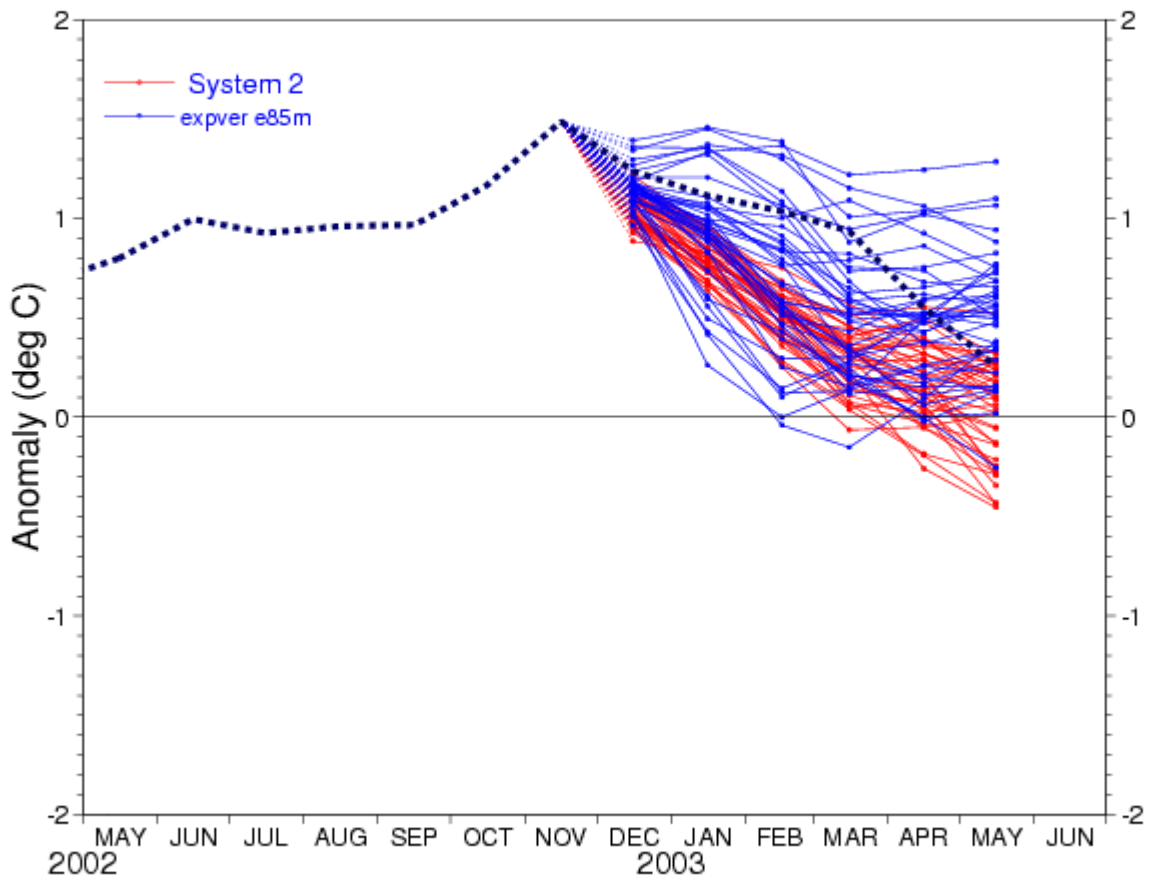
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# NINO4 SST anomaly plume

## ECMWF forecasts from 1 Dec 2002

Monthly means plotted using NCEP adjusted Olv2 1971-2000 climatology



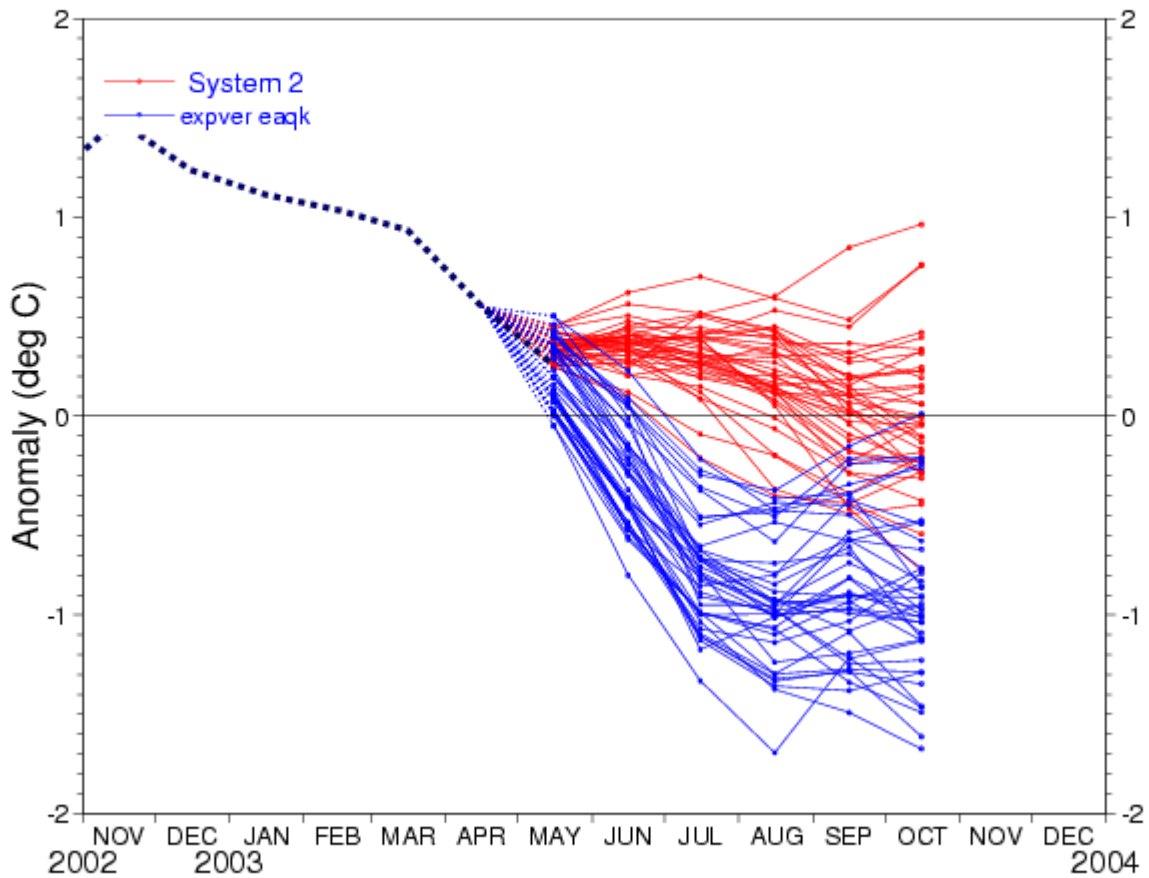
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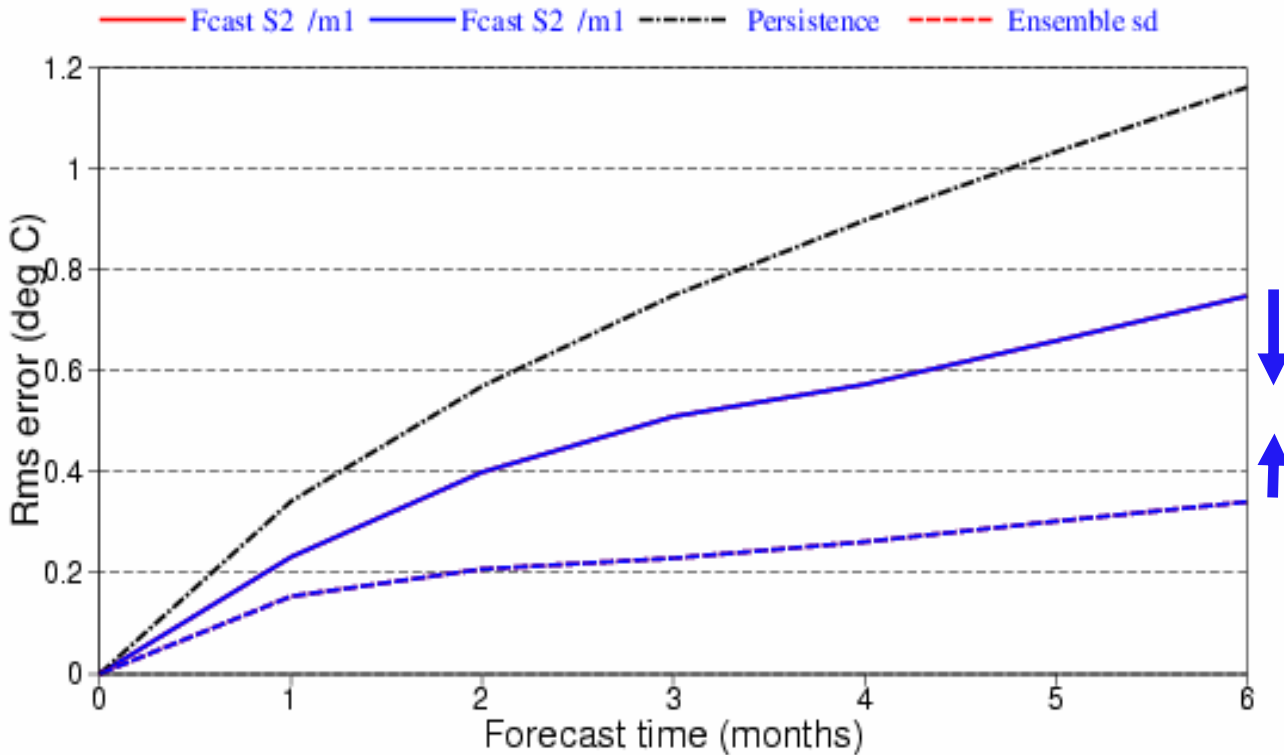


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# NINO3 SST rms errors

176 start dates from 19870101 to 20010601  
Ensemble sizes are 5 (0001) and 5 (0001)



**Forecast System is not reliable:**

**RMS > Spread**

**A) Can we reduce the error? How much?**

**(Predictability limit)**

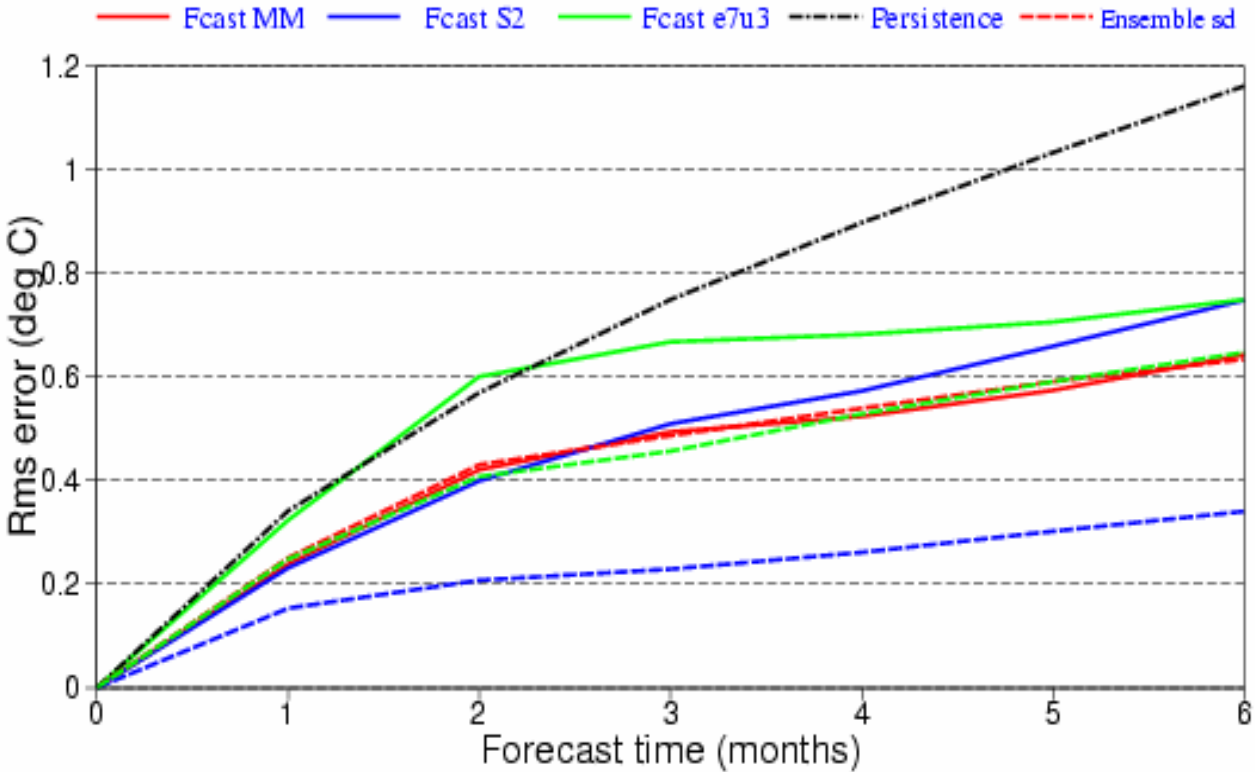
**B) Or can we only increase the spread?**

**A) Improve the ensemble generation: Need to sample model error**

**B) Improve calibration: A posteriori use of all available information**

# NINO3 SST rms errors

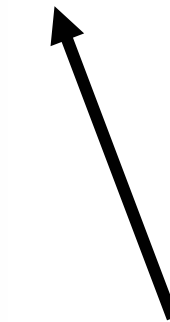
176 start dates from 19870101 to 20010601  
Ensemble sizes are 10 (MM), 5 (0001) and 5 (e7u3)



**ECMWF**

**UKMO**

**Multi-Model**



**Multi-model:**

**RMS=SPREAD**

**!!**

and RMS is reduced

# DEMETER

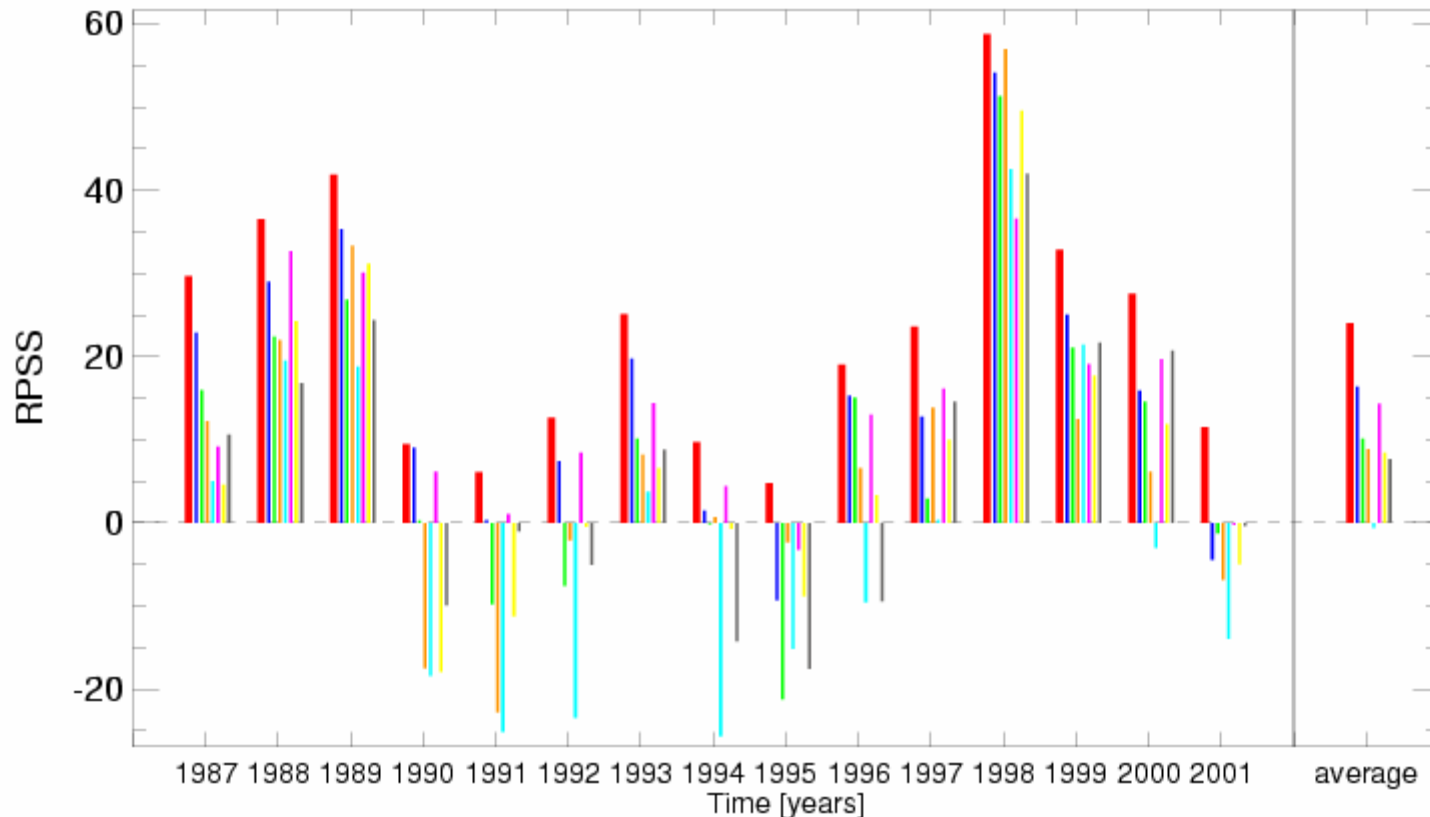
## Development of a European Multi-Model Ensemble System for Seasonal to Interannual Prediction

2m Temperature, RPSS over Tropics

Model: DEMETER I ECMWF UKMO CNRM MPI LODYC CERFACS INGV

Start dates: February

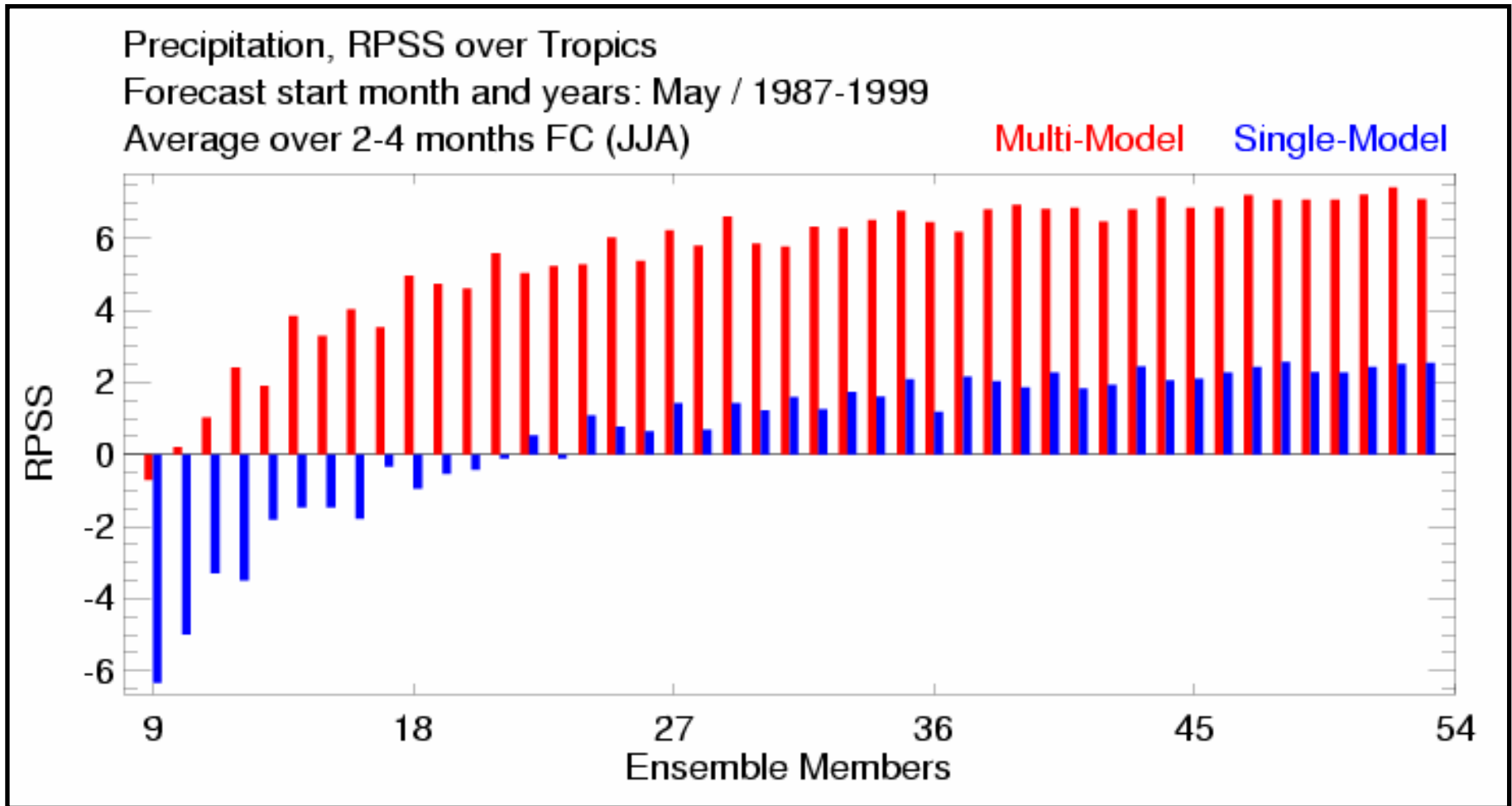
Avg. over 2-4 months FC (MAM)



<http://www.ecmwf.int/research/demeter>

# ensemble size versus multimodel

*From DEMETER*



*Provided by Doblas-Reyes*

# Comparison with Persistence of day 5-11 probabilities

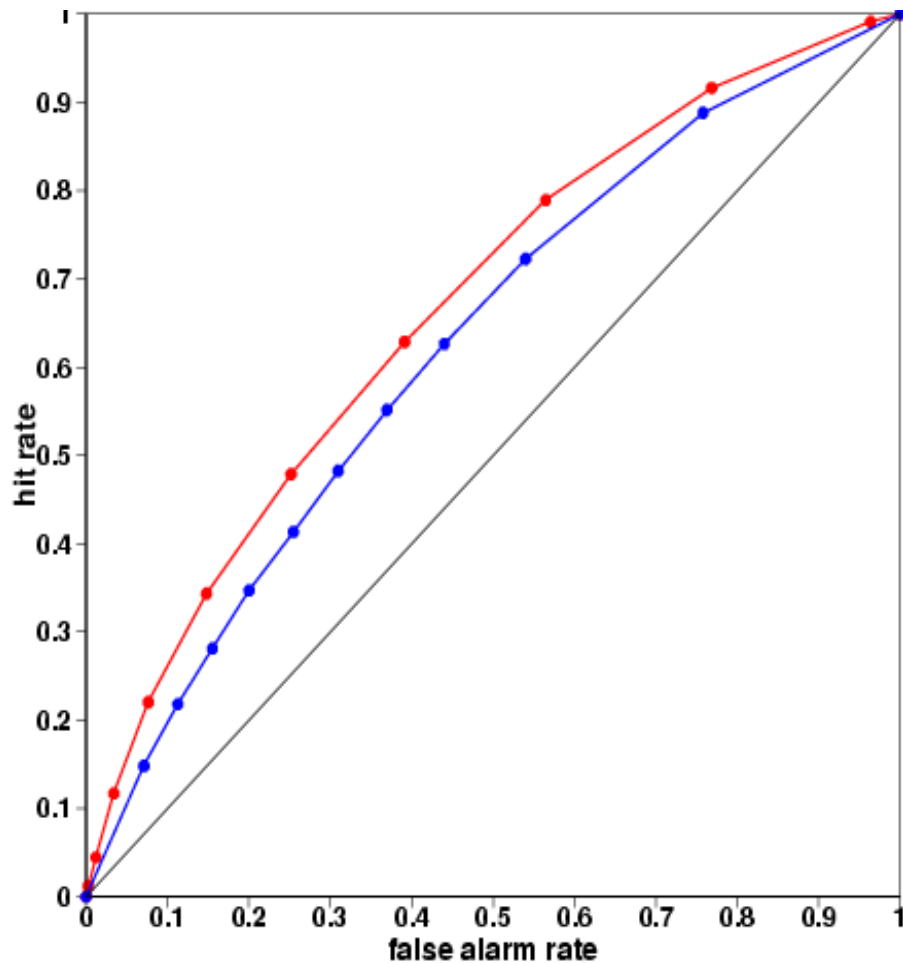
Days 12-18

N. Extratropics

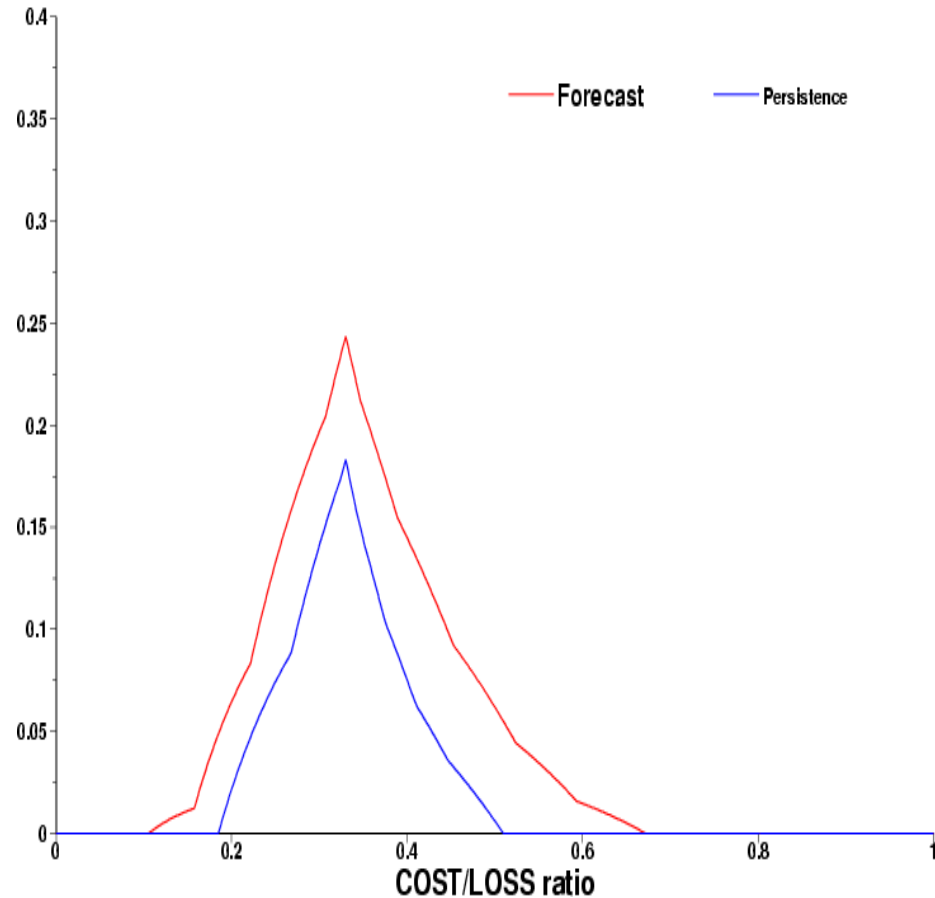
2mtm in upper tercile

ROC score: **0.67** **0.62**

Potential Economic Value



**Monthly  
Forecast**



**Persistence**

# Potential Economic Value.

## Days 12-18

2m-temp in upper tercile

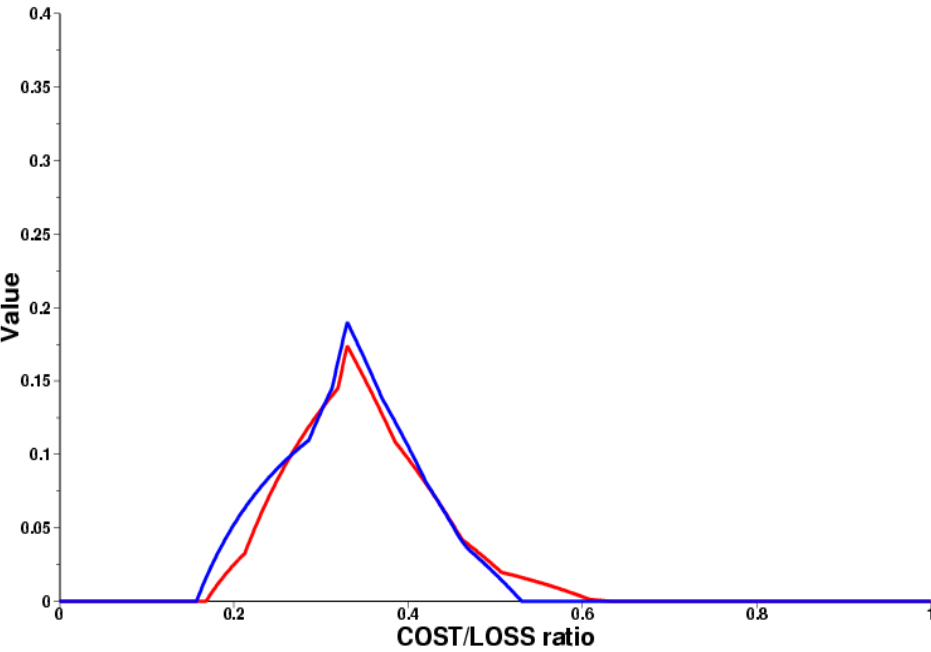


**Monthly Forecast**

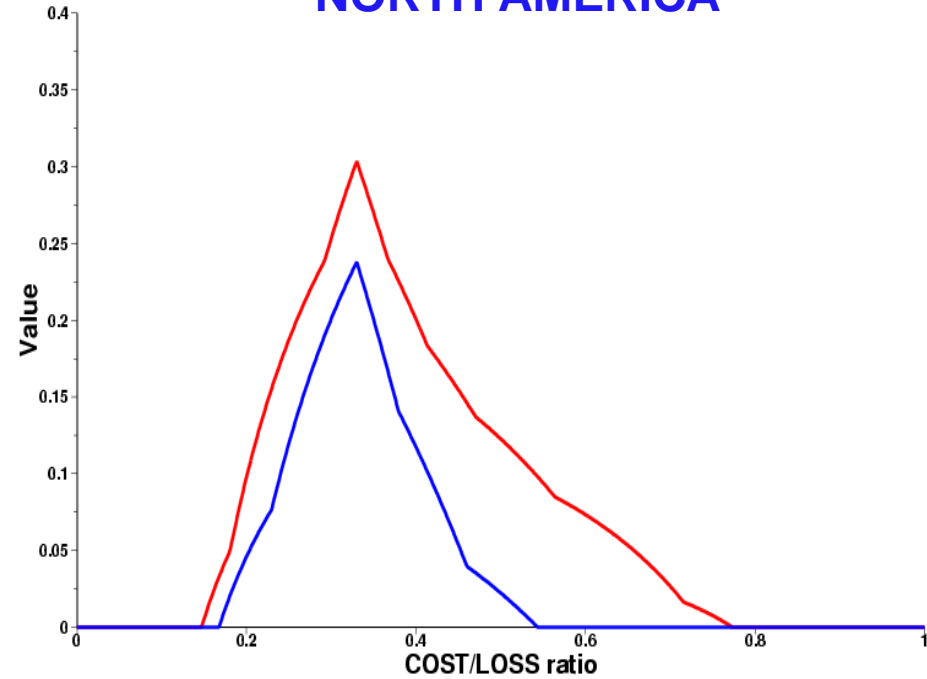


**Persistence of days 5-11 probabilities**

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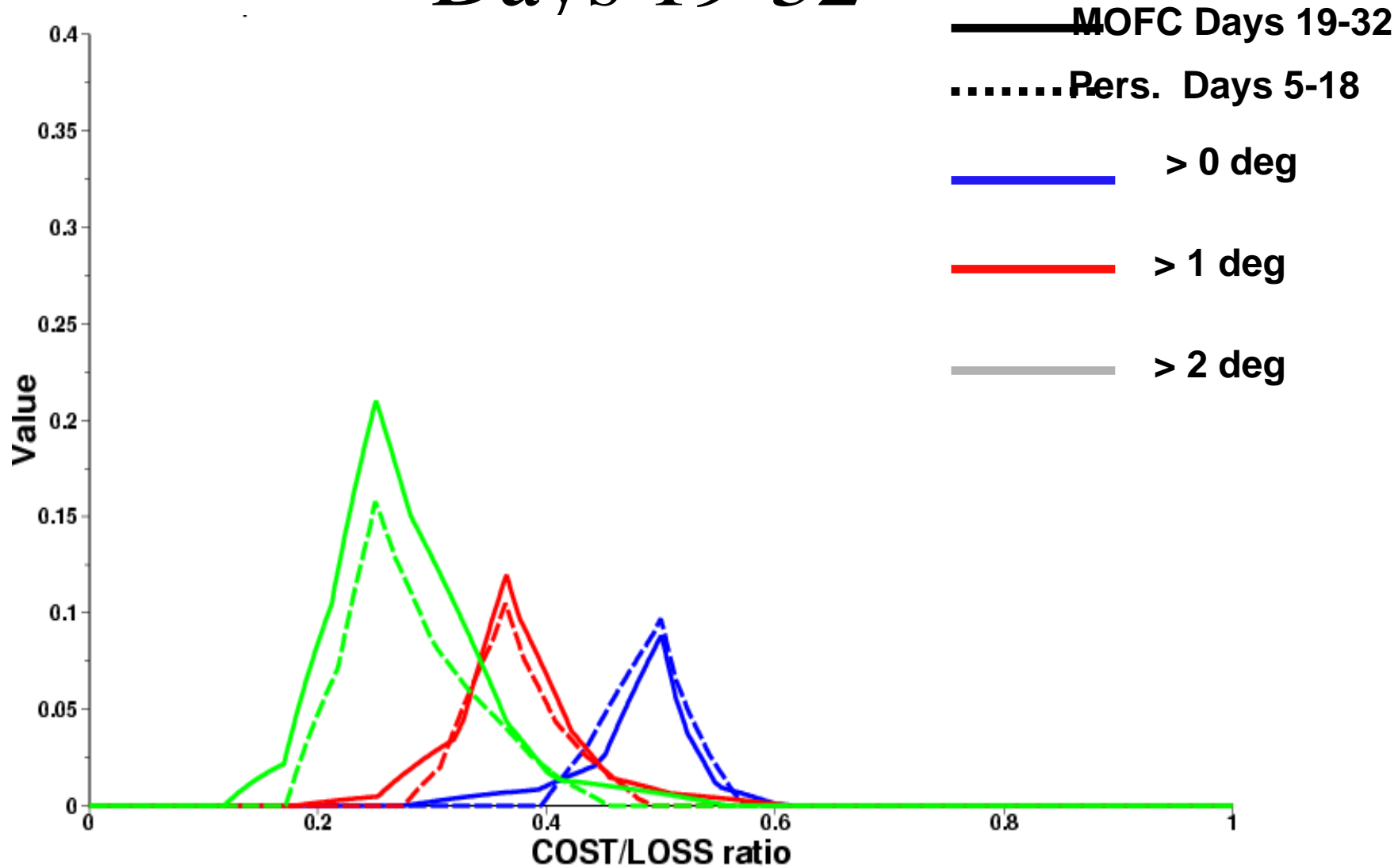


### NORTH AMERICA



2m-temperature. N. Extra.

# Days 19-32





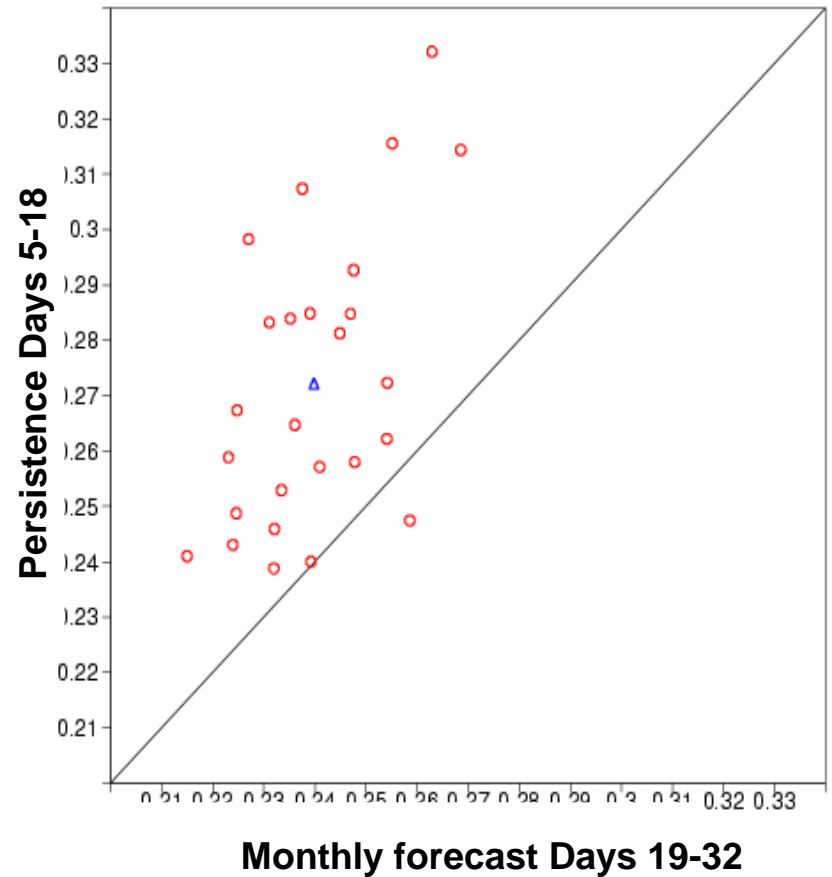
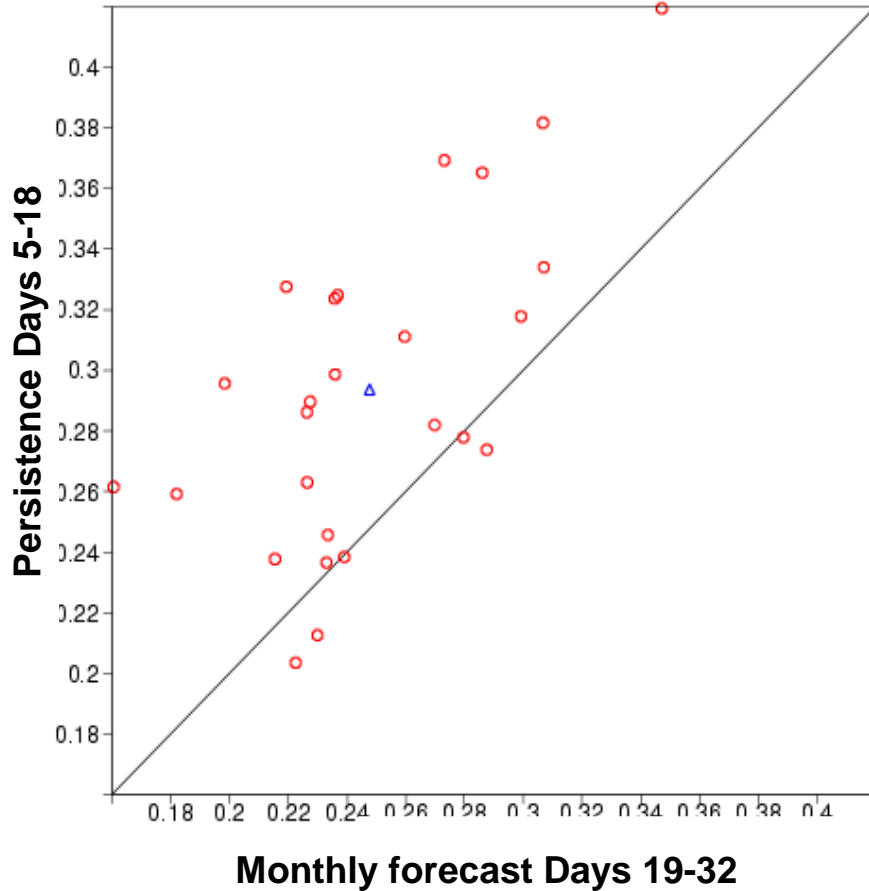
2m Temp in upper tercile

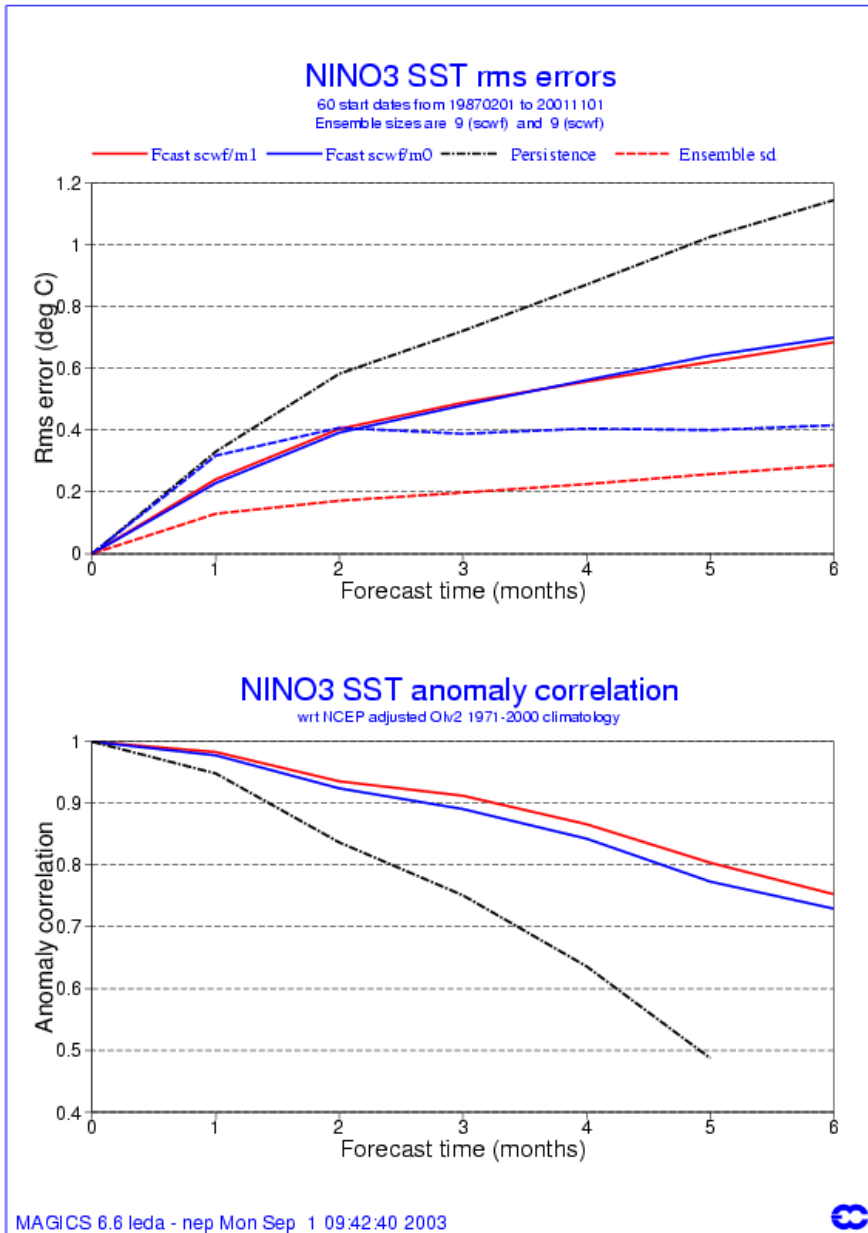
Precip in upper tercile

# Brier Score N. Extratropics

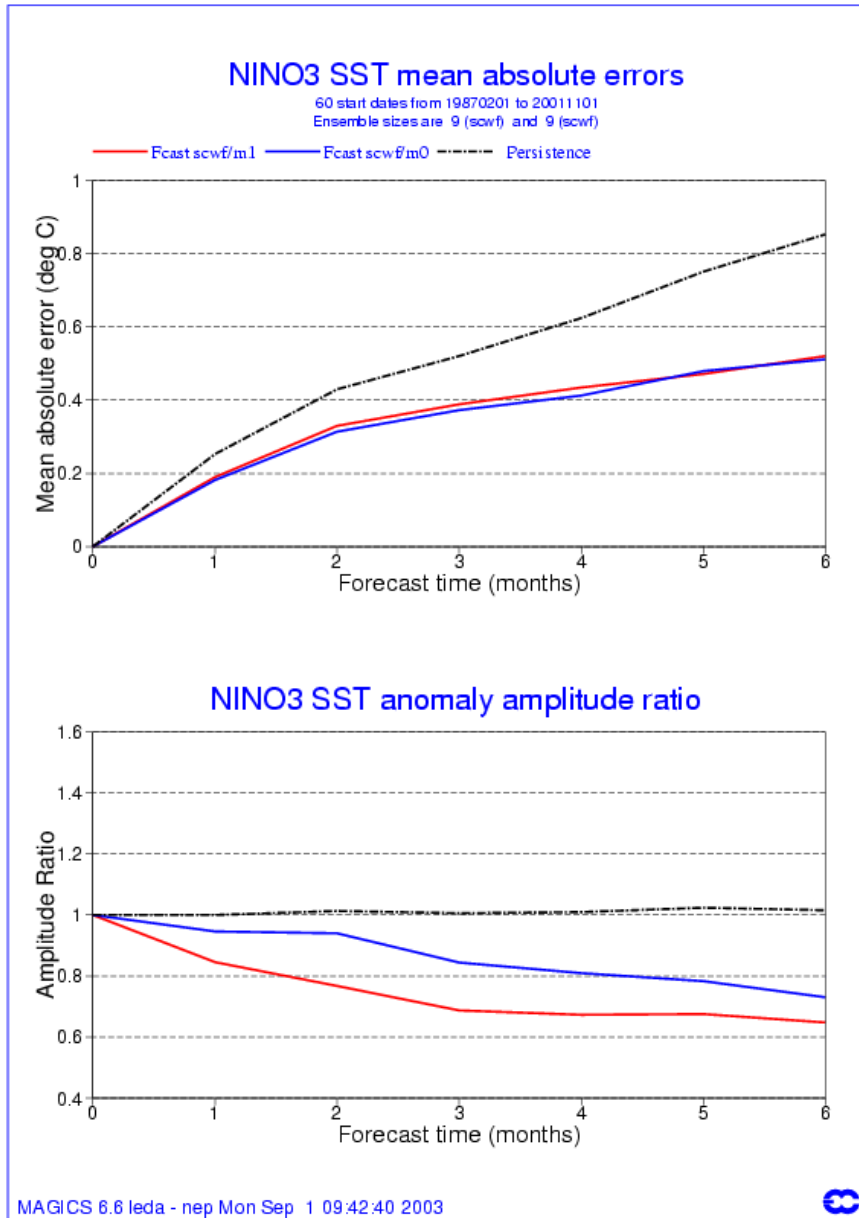
MOFC/PERS: 21/5

MOFC/PERS: 25/1 (sign:99%)



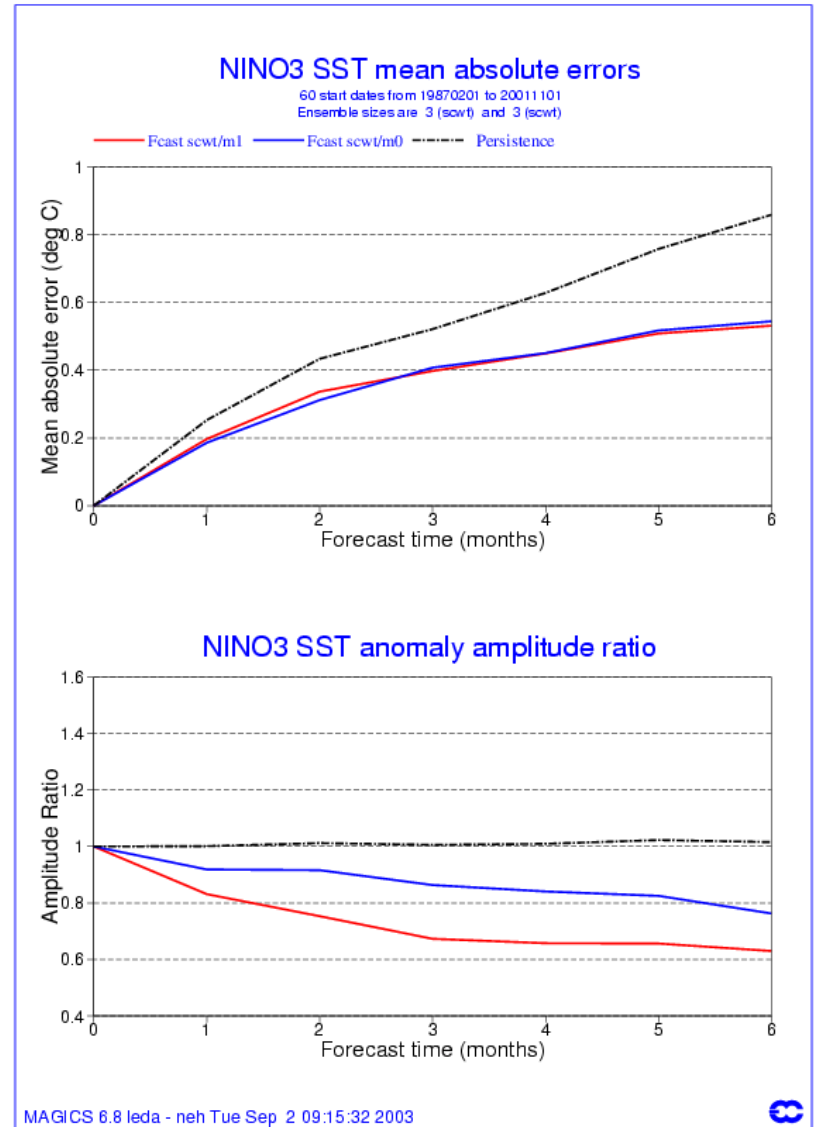
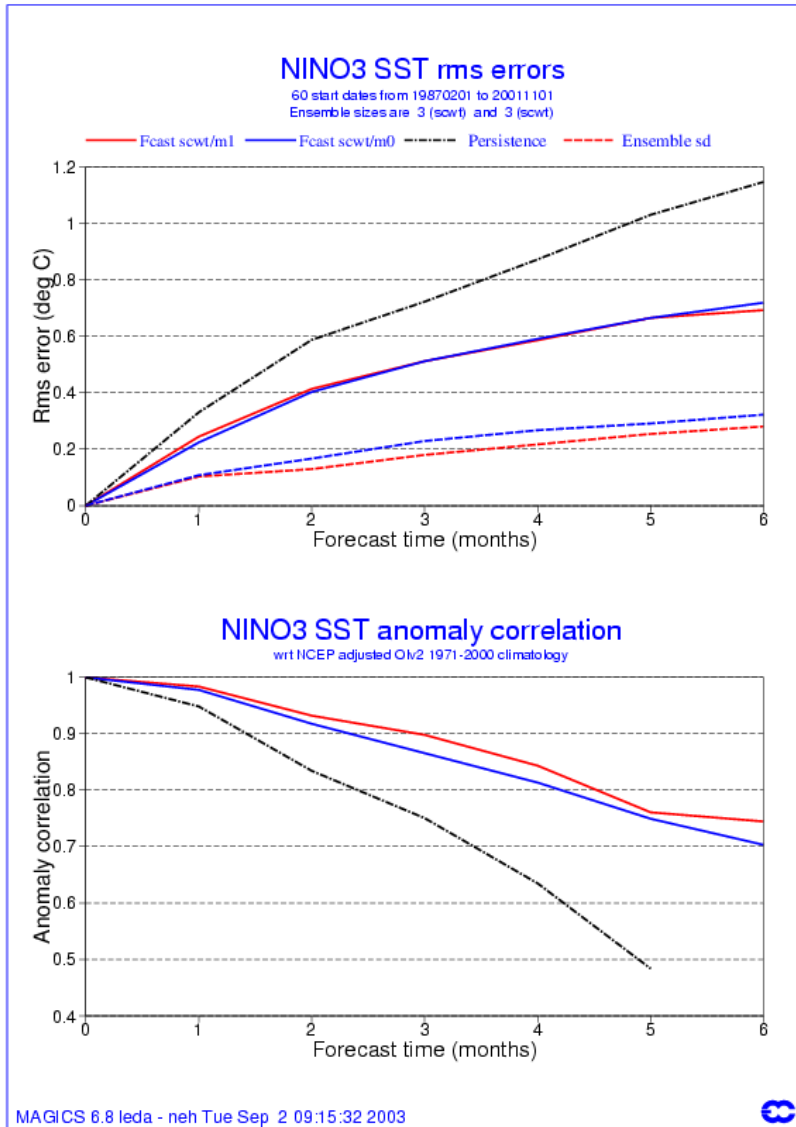


- Comparison of da and no da forecast skill for the Nino3 region.
- The skill is comparable, but the spread is much larger in the case of no da.
- Demeter ensemble: 9 members, 3 with no wind perturbations, 3+, 3-



- The amplitude ratio is reduced in the case of data assimilation. Is this because the spread in the no data assimilation case is too large? This can be checked by looking only at hindcasts without wind perturbations.

The spread is comparable between the two experiments (da, no da), but still the amplitude ratio is reduced in the da case, likely showing the impact of mean state. The correlation is higher in the da case.



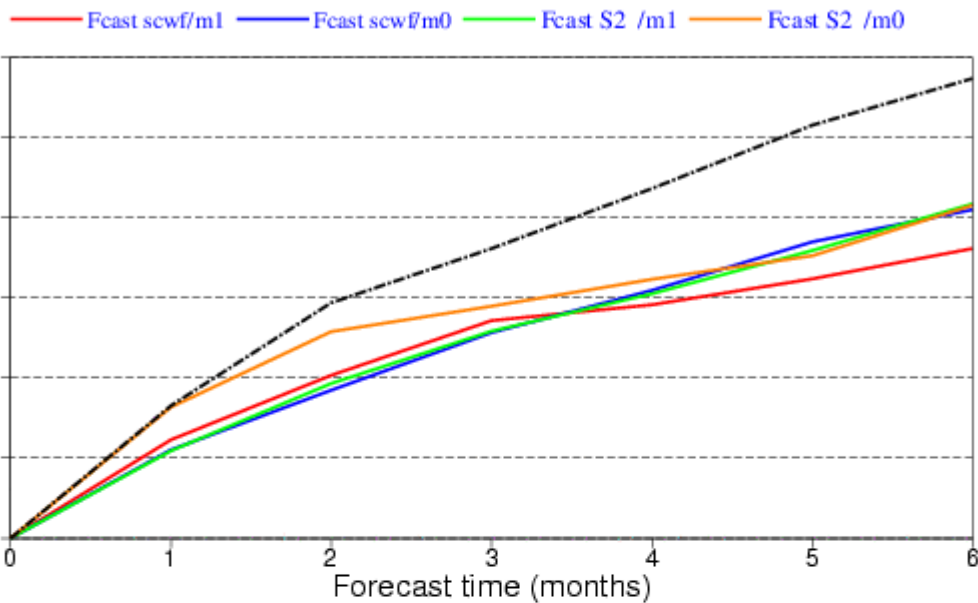
# Data assimilation, no da revisited using S2 and Demeter

- The next slide will compare S2 and Demeter hindcasts. The coupled models are the same.
- The ocean initial conditions are different: S2 uses ERA15/Ops winds while Demeter uses ERA40 stresses. The latter is thought to be the better product since it is a more uniform product produced using the same atmospheric assimilation system throughout.

- For S2, the data assimilation (green) leads to better forecasts than the no-da case (gold).
- For Demeter, using ERA40 winds, the importance of data assimilation is reduced.

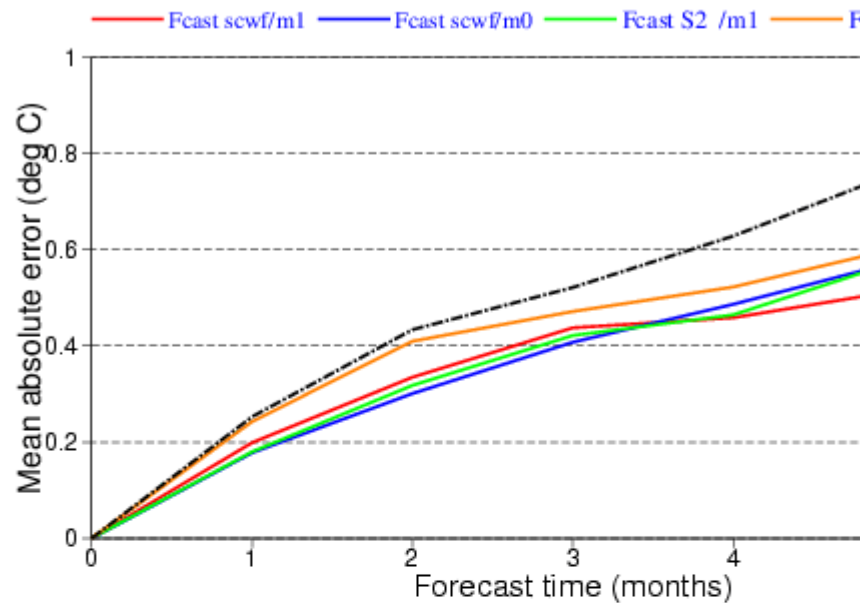
### NINO3 SST rms errors

60 start dates from 19870201 to 20011101  
Ensemble sizes are 1 (scwf), 1 (scwf), 1 (0001) and 1 (0001)



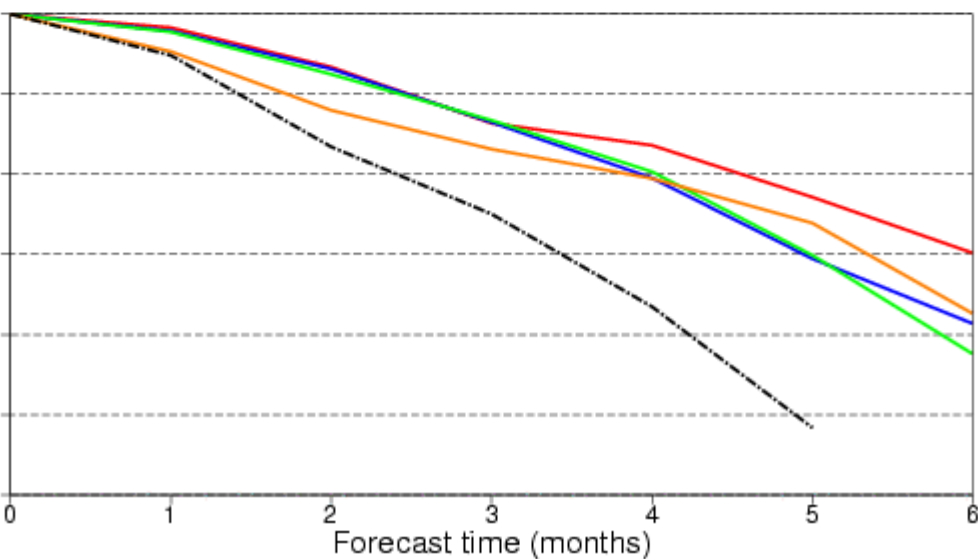
### NINO3 SST mean absolute errors

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Ensemble sizes are 1 (scwf), 1 (scwf), 1 (0001) and 1 (0001)

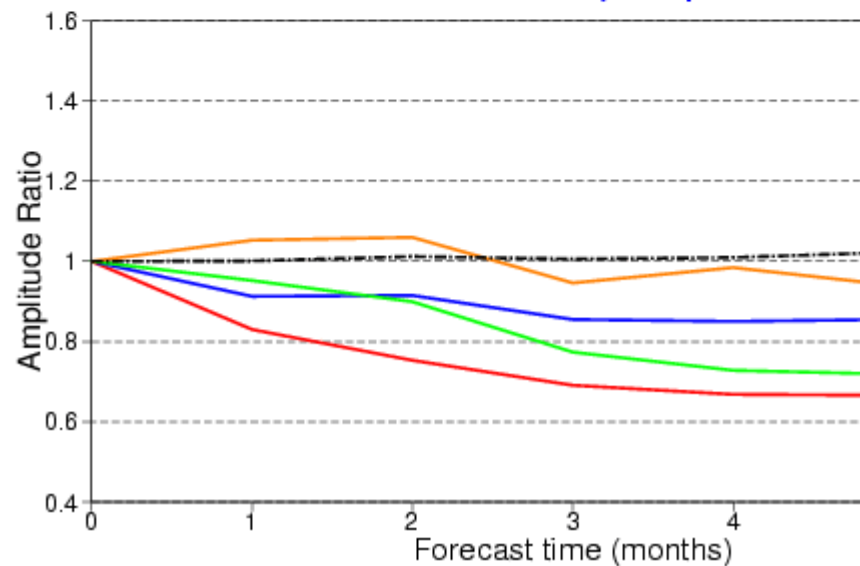


### NINO3 SST anomaly correlation

wrt NCEP adjusted Olv2 1971-2000 climatology



### NINO3 SST anomaly amplitude ratio



# Problems in existing ocean DA systems:

- Systematic error:
  - How optimal is the analysis?
  - spurious time variability: If observations are not homogeneous in space/time
  - Can it be estimated and corrected?
- Deficient multivariate covariances:
  - Unconstrained variables can get worse

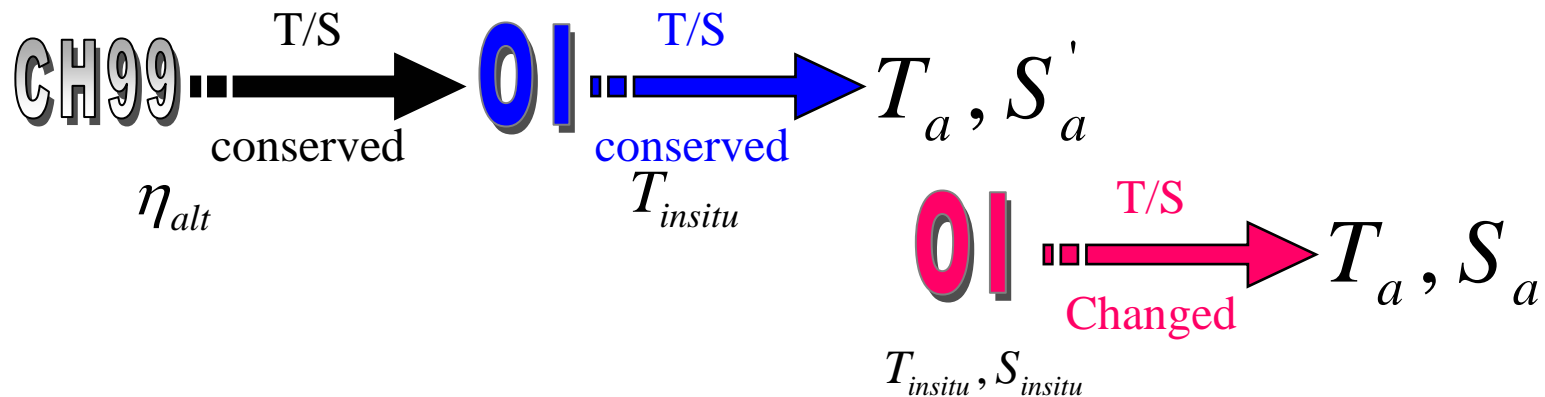


# assimilation of Salinity

Motivations:

- Known drift in salinity
- SofT scheme has improved not enough
- Number of salinity data recently increased (ARGO)

Idea: perform a second OI using T+S data to correct the T/S relationship



Assimilation of  $S(T)$  not  $S(z)$

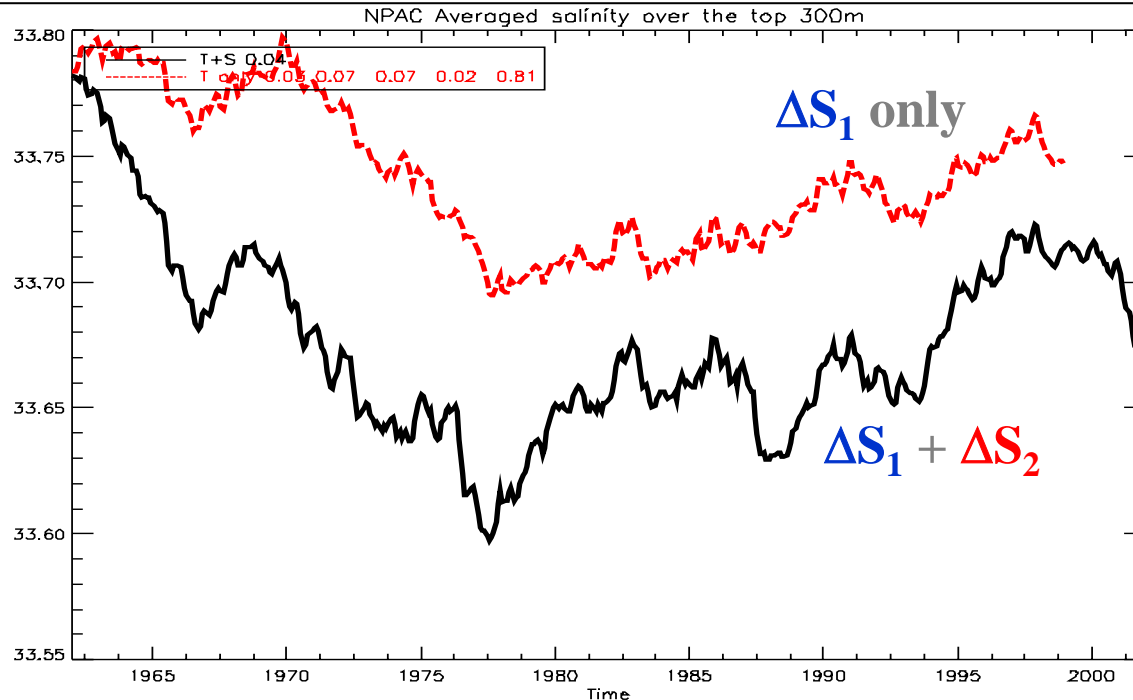
$$S_a(T_a) = S'_a(T_a) + K' (S_o(T_o) - HS_b(T_o))$$

$$K' \approx e^{-\frac{r^2}{R^2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(T_a - T_o)^2}{T_R^2}}$$

# assimilation of Salinity

New S(T) assimilation leads to 2 increments

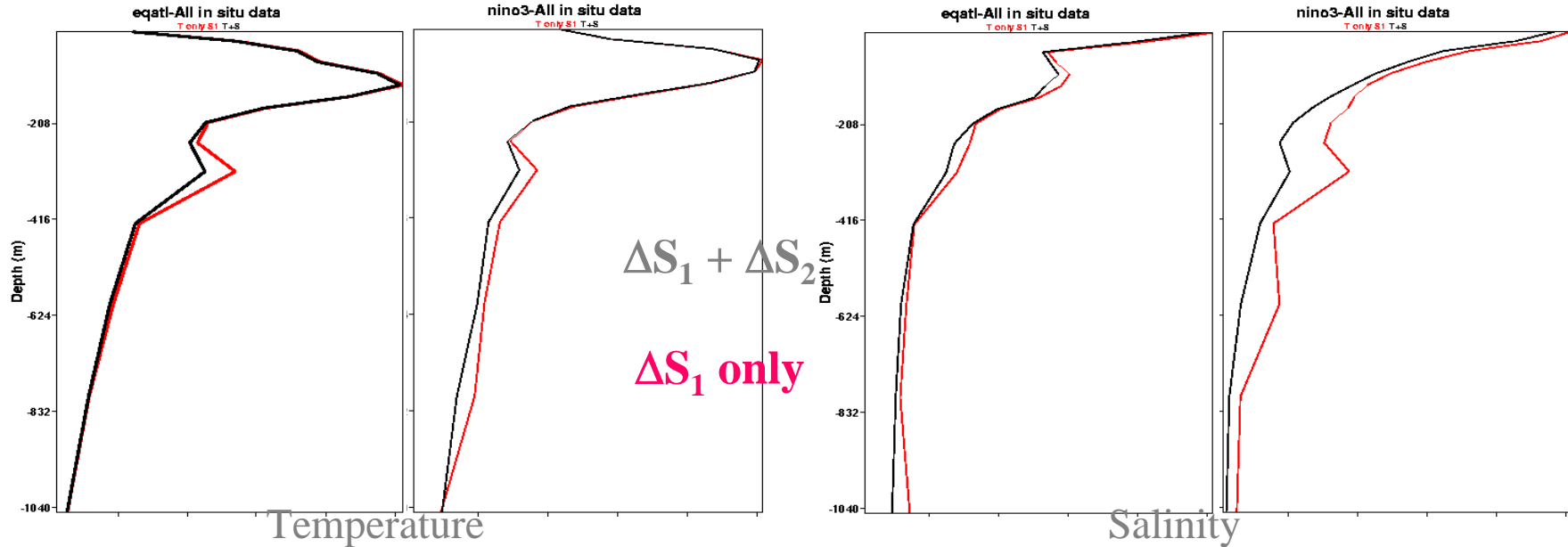
- (1) Balancing increment  $\Delta S_1$  associated with T assimilation keeps S(T) unchanged (already operational in system II, Troccoli et al 2002)
- (2) Salinity assimilation increment  $\Delta S_2$  associated with observed S(T) changes (under test, 40 year assimilation complete)



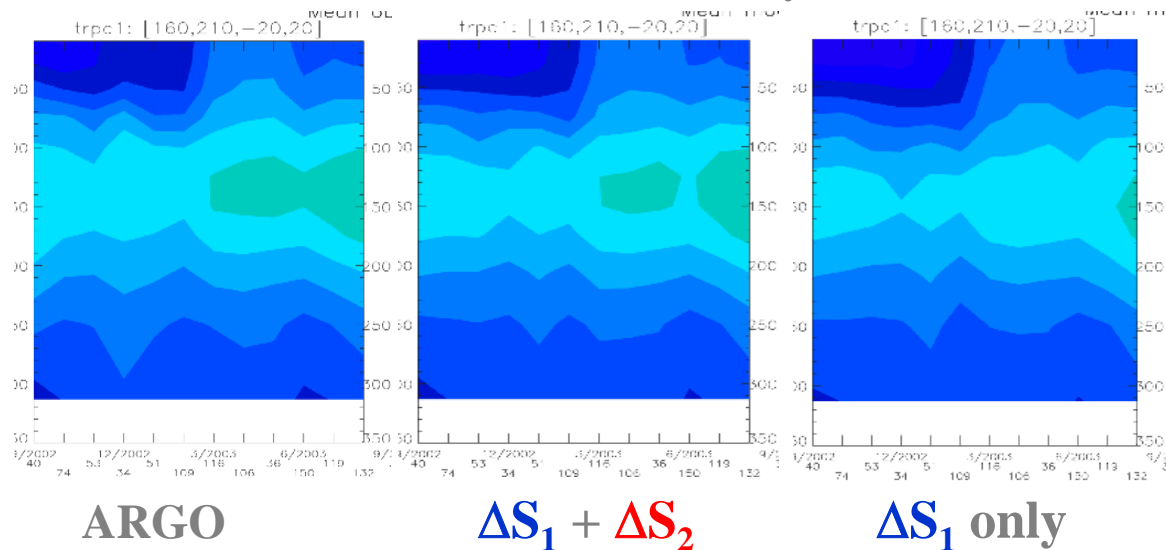
Mean  
Salinity  
Top 300m

# assimilation of Salinity

Rms difference with data over 15 years:



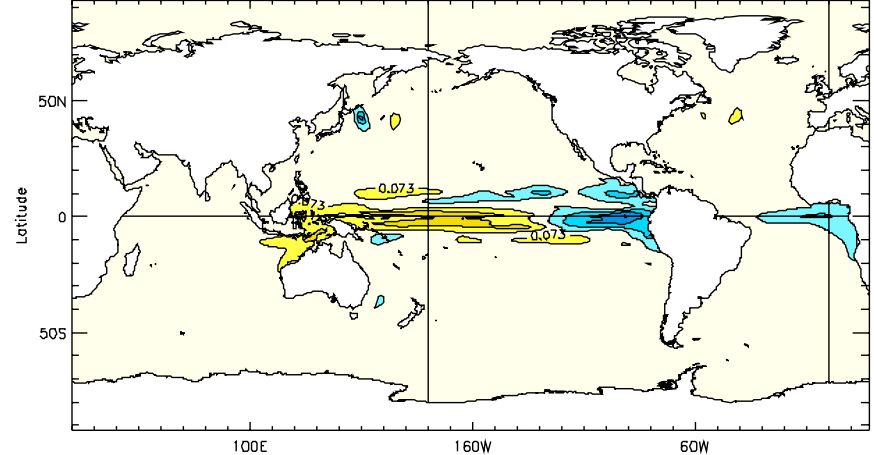
Mean Salinity  
top 300m  
Trop Pac box



# Observing System Experiments

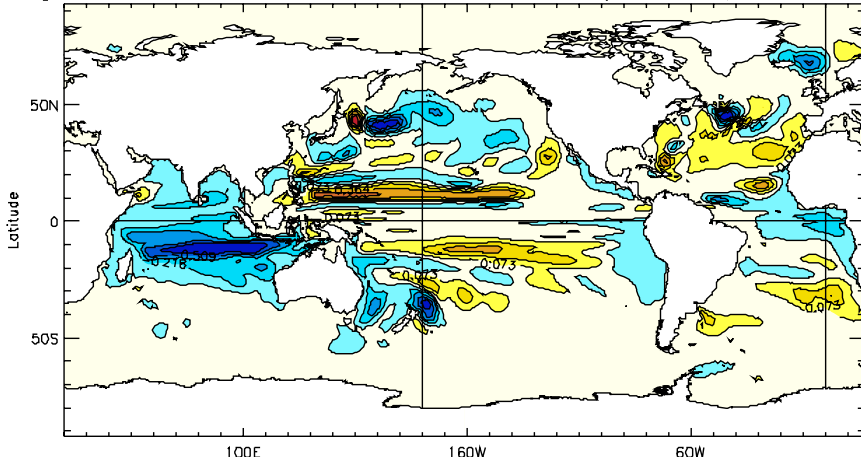
The Three main components of the in situ observing network have been withdrawn one after the other from our system, in order to assess their impact. Figures show the impact on the mean temperature over the first 300m from:

Averaged Temperature over the first 300 m.: All - NoMOORING 11 years mean (19930101-20040101)



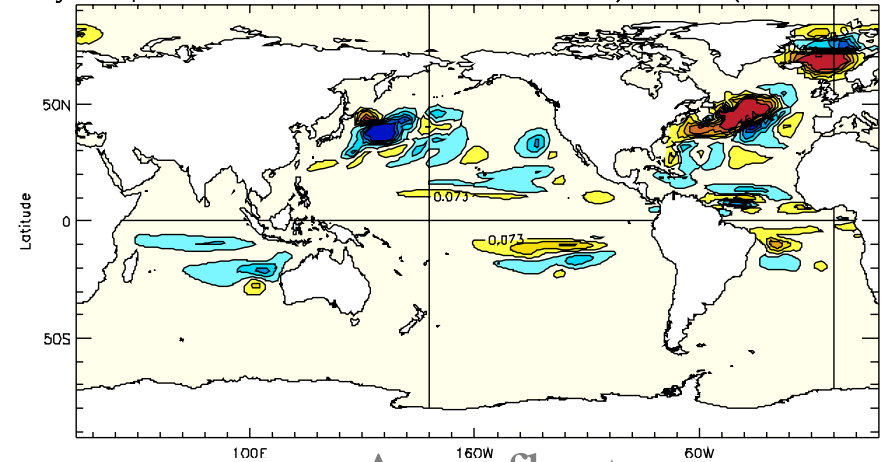
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Averaged Temperature over the first 300 m.: All - NoXBT 11 years mean (19930101-20040101)



XBTs

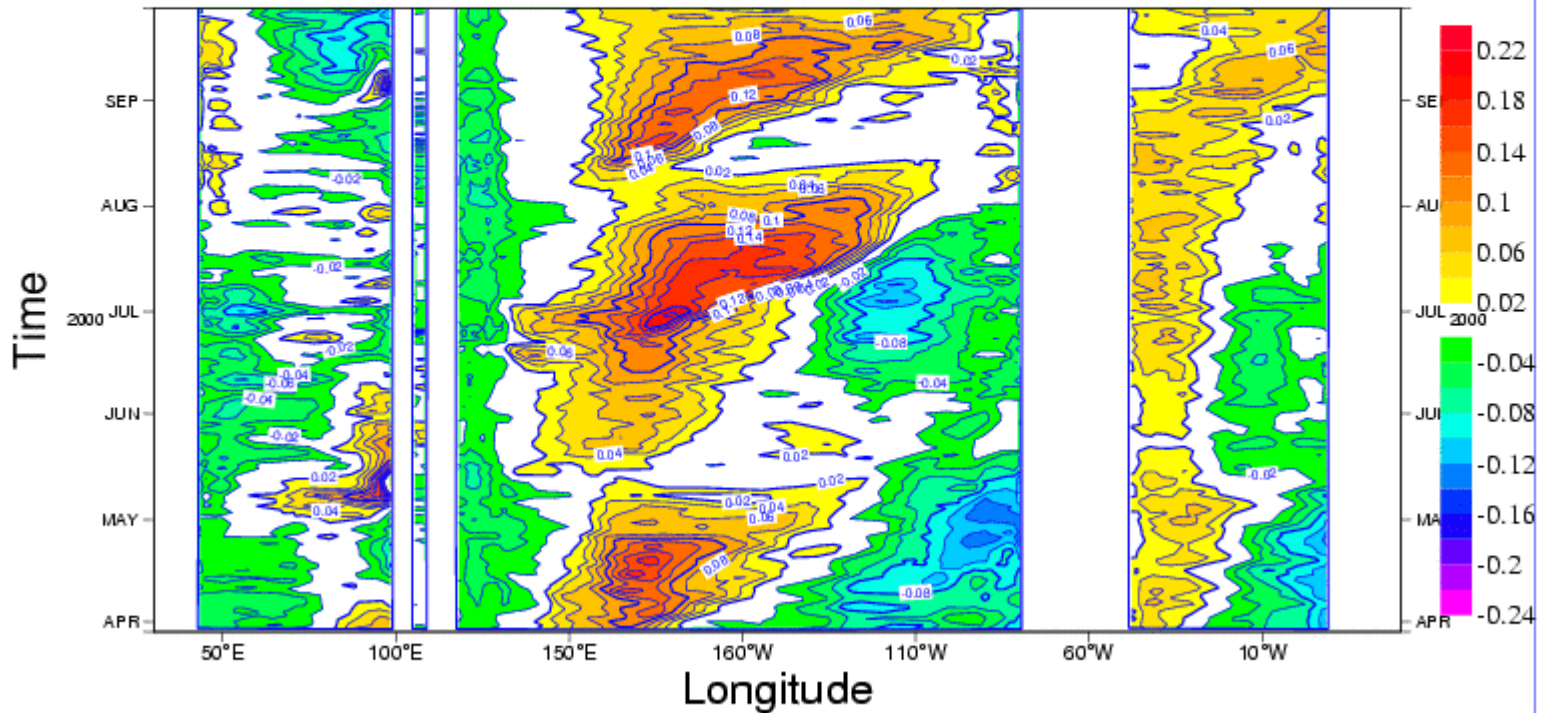
Averaged Temperature over the first 300 m.: MA- minus M-- 2 years mean (20020101-20040101)



Argo floats

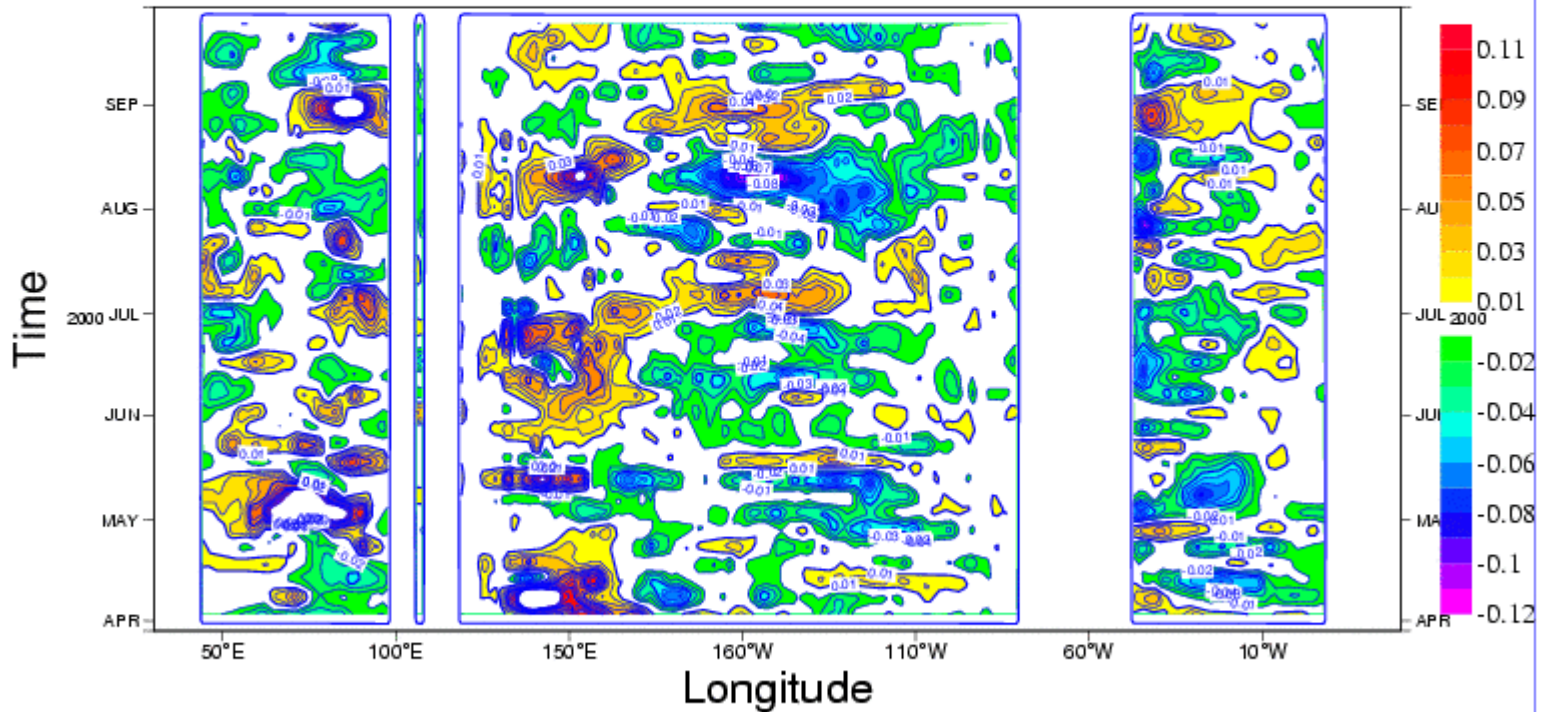
Anomaly  
Sea level contoured every 0.02 m  
Time-longitude plot at .00 deg N  
Plot resolution is 1.4082 in x and 12 in y

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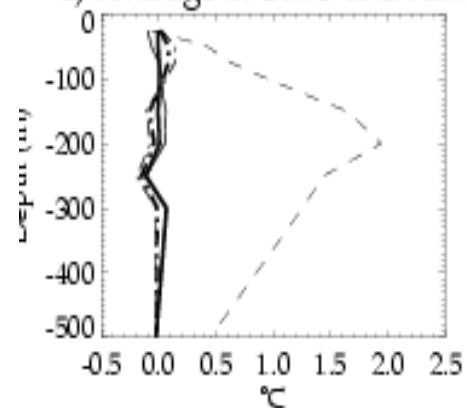


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X-Surface stress contoured every 0.01 N/m<sup>2</sup>  
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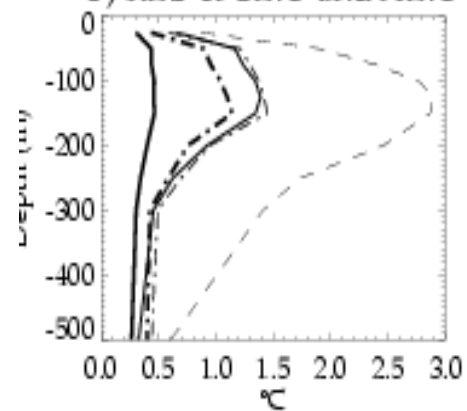
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a) Average of BmO and AmO



b) Rms of BmO and AmO



c) Rms of AmO and residual

