

# Towards an Operational High Resolution Deterministic Prediction System

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**SPDHR / HRDPS**  
(i.e. “GEM-LAM-2.5 system)

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# Outline of Presentation

1. Background
2. Proposal to upgrade HRDPS
3. Tests and evaluations
4. Future work



## History of the HRDPS

- 1997: Project initiated by CMC/RPN (**HiMAP**)
- Since 1999: Collaboration with **PNR**
- Summer 2001: **ELBOW** project (**MRB and Ontario region**)
- Since 2002: Collaboration with **PYR**
- Since 2004: Collaboration **Quebec region**

### Other related experimental systems:

- 2001: MAP
- 2007: MAP-DPHASE
- 2008-09: UNSTABLE
- 2008-10: Lancaster Sound
- 2010: Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics/Paralympics

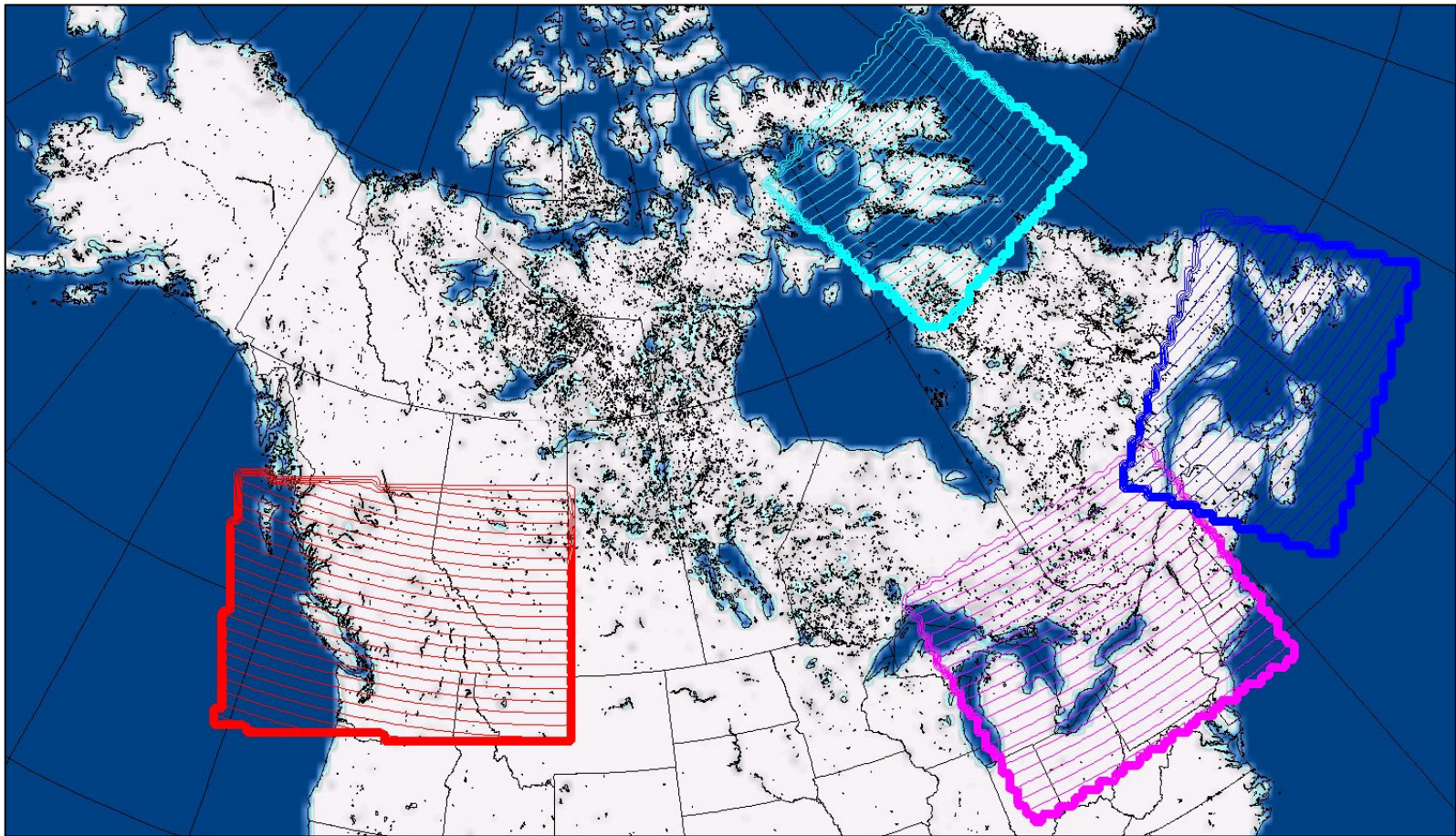


## Current Status of the HRDPS

- 4 grids
- Horizontal grid spacing: 2.5 km
- 58 vertical levels
- Run 24-h, initialized from 00z Reg-15 run
- For each domain, a 15-km LAM is run first
- GEM\_v3.2.2 / PHY\_v4.4 + mods
  - Fouquart-Bonnell / Garand radiative transfer scheme
  - 1-moment Milbrandt-Yau microphysics scheme

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## Motivation for an Operational HRDPS

1. Environment Canada forecasters already use it regularly
2. There is often added forecast value in high-res DPS
  - Better resolution of weather systems
  - Better physics – (e.g. precipitation scheme)
3. “Operational” status means exposure

# Towards an Operational HRDPS

## **Upgrade-1: (this proposal)**

1. Change model version to GEM\_v4.2.0
2. Change physics configuration to that of V-10 system
3. Changes to Maritime domain

## **Upgrade-2:**

- Switch to “operational” status
  - CPOP standards
  - formal verification package
- Further developments





# Proposed Upgrade

## Upgrade-1:

1. Change model version to GEM\_v4.2.0

- • Supported by GEM Development group
- Staggered vertical levels
- More efficient cascading



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1. Change model version to GEM\_v4.2.0
  2. Change physics configuration to that of V-10 system
    - Li and Barker (2005) radiative transfer
- 
- Double-moment microphysics



## New Radiative Transfer Scheme:

### **Correlated k-Distribution Scheme (Li and Barker, 2005)**

#### **Main impacts:** (of scheme change in REG and Global)

- **strong correction to tropical upper troposphere bias**
- **significant reduction in number of false alarms of tropical cyclones**
- **responsible for half of RMSE GZ500 reduction in Gem-Strato implementation**
- **warming of surface related to improved LW fluxes**

Operational in RDPS (Reg-15) since March 2009

Operational in GDPS (Global) since June 2009

Part of Regional Ensembles since fall 2009

Part of next implementation of Global Ensembles



## New Microphysics Scheme:

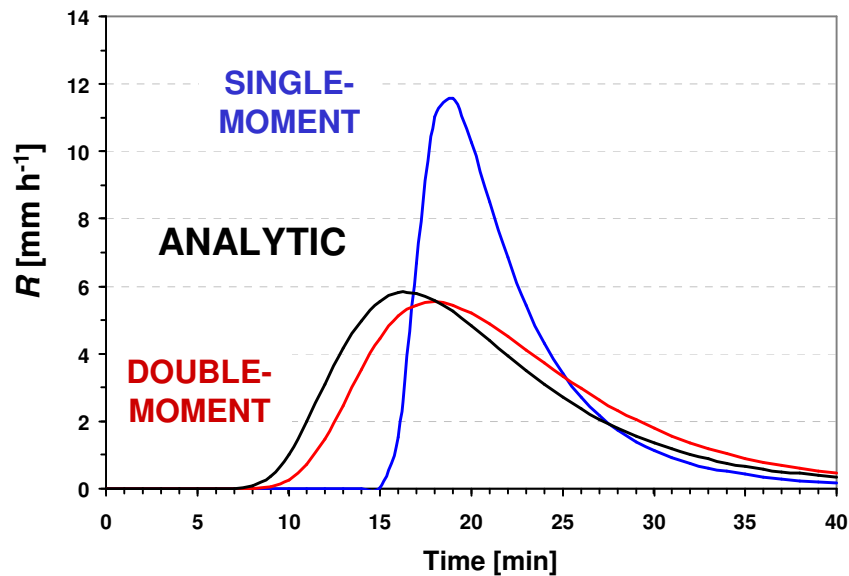
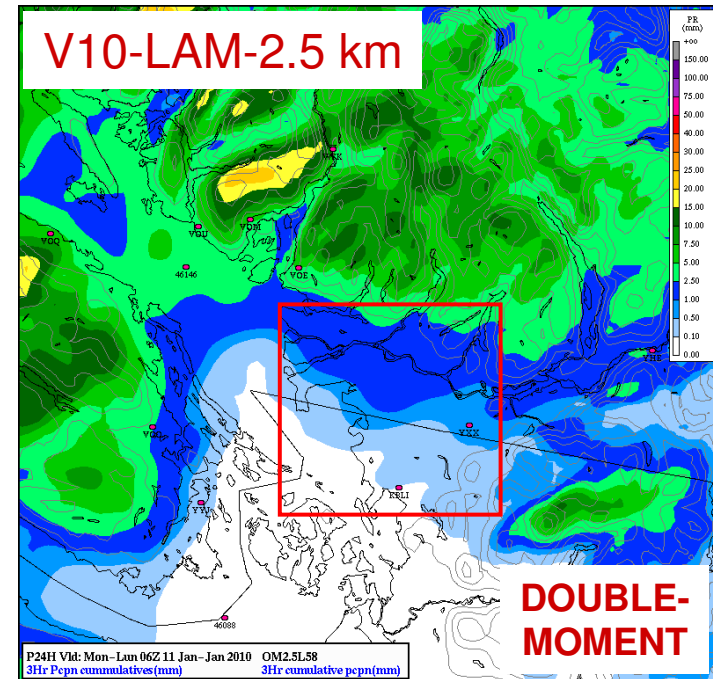
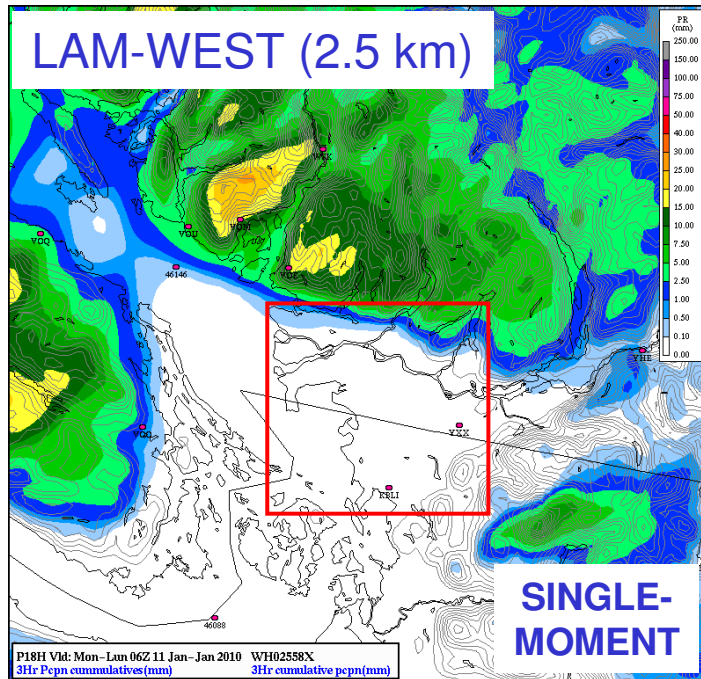
### **Double-Moment Milbrandt-Yau**

**Main differences:** (vs. Single-Moment version, current system)

- **several improvements to parameterizations**
- **better precipitation rates (in principle)**
- **new prognostic and diagnostic fields**
- **V10 + bug fixes**

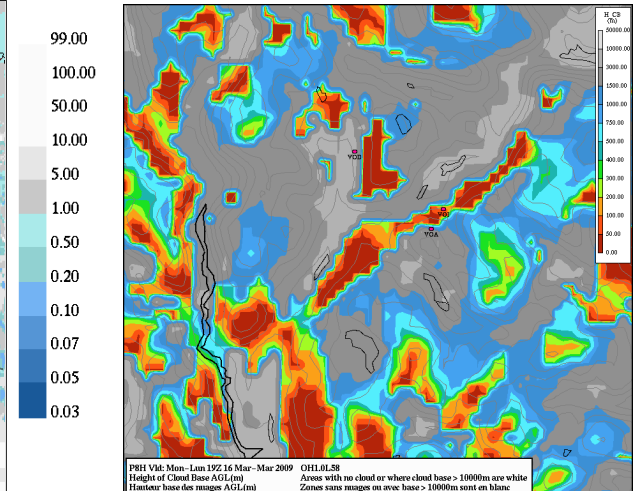
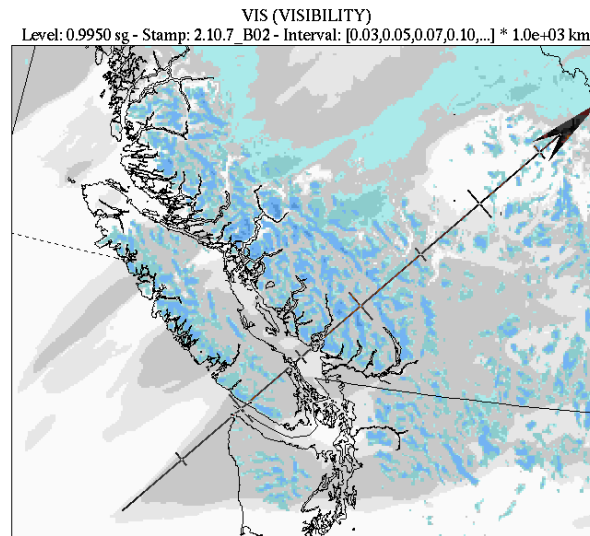
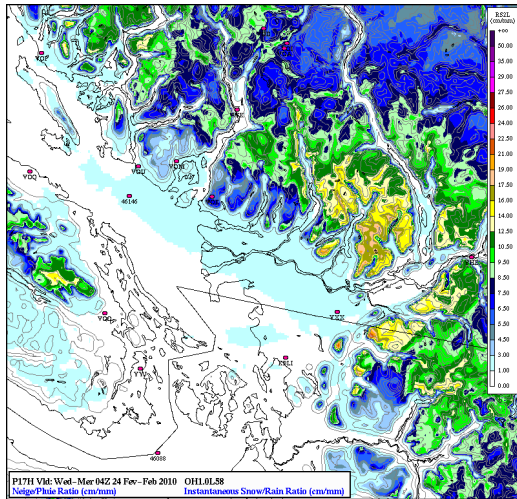
**NOTE:** New scientific developments (variable graupel density, new hail initiation, etc.) will be proposed for Upgrade-2

# Double-Moment Microphysics



→ Improved prediction of light pcp in the Vancouver region  with double-moment scheme

# Double-Moment Microphysics



06 hour fct valid 18:00Z December 03 2007



**Solid-to-Liquid Ratio**

→ improved forecasts of snow amounts

**Visibility**

- through fog, rain, snow

**Cloud base height**



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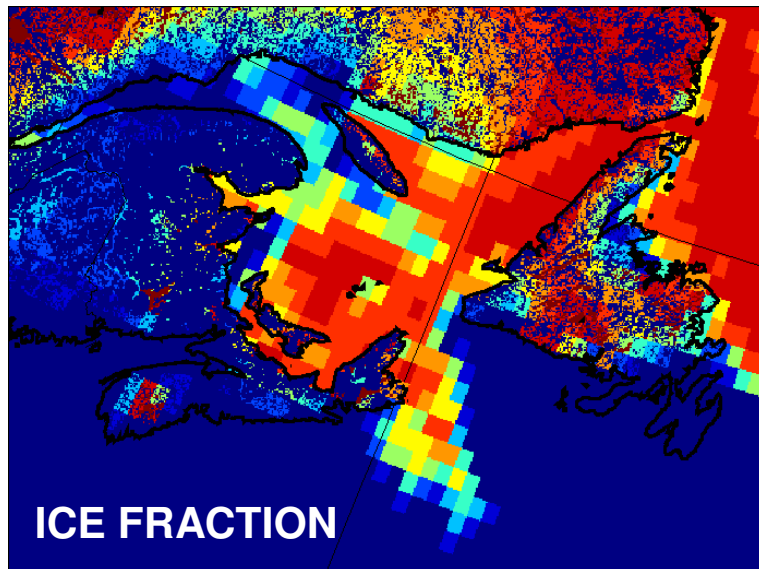


- Surface ICs from GSL coupled system
- Expansion of grid

# Initialization of the **surface fields** with output from the **GSL coupled system**

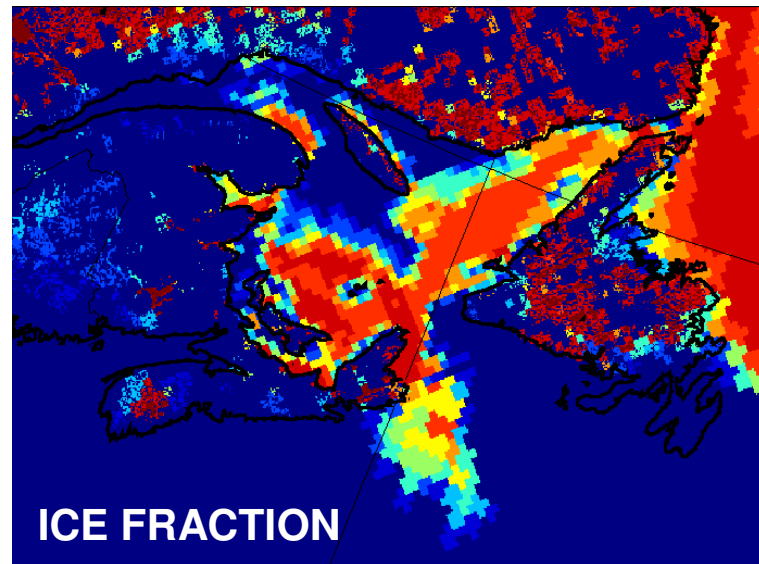
- **SST (TM)**
- **ice fraction (GL)**
- **sea ice temperature (I7)**
- **sea ice thickness (I8 )**

**REGETA1** → LAM-2.5km



00 UTC 25 March 2009

**GSL system** → LAM2.5km



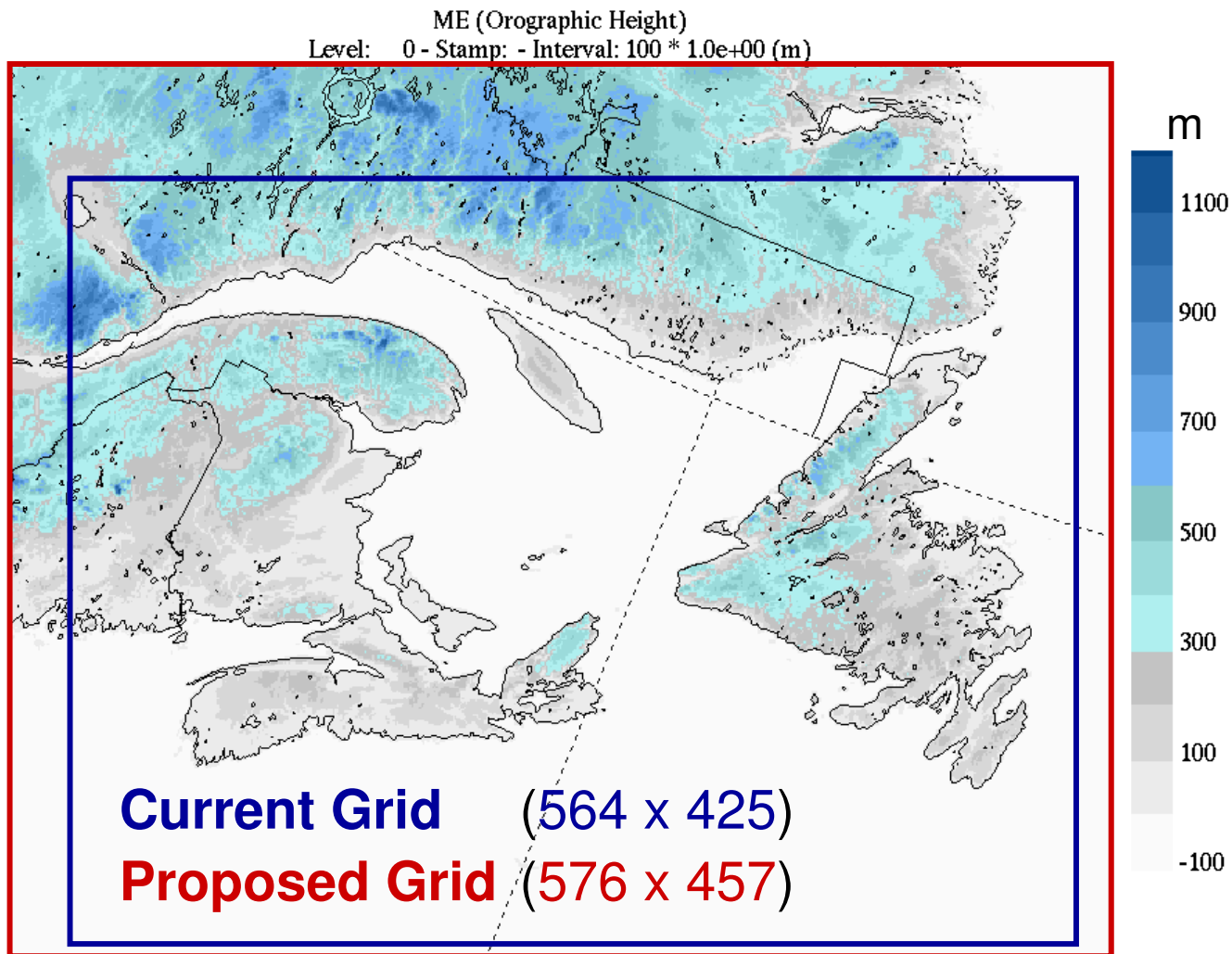
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# Expansion of Grid

## MOTIVATION:

- better location of lateral boundaries



→ Computational domain: **22% larger**

# Tests and Evaluations

- All tests done with OCM\* (for rapid delivery to CMC operations)
- Only new changes (post-V10) were tested (e.g. use of GSL fields)
- Proposed package of changes was tested and evaluated based on 90 benchmark cases

## Benchmark cases:

**90 runs** – 15 winter, 15 summer, 3 grids (*West, East, Maritime*)

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- plus 8 high-impact summer 2008 weather cases (motivated from a PASPC study)

\* Acknowledgments to GEM Development group for help setting up OCM suite

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## Verification / Evaluation

- Subjective evaluation
- $T$  (2 m),  $T_d$  (2 m),  $V\_speed$  (10 m),  $V\_dir$  (10 m) based on EMET verification package
- **6-h QPF**, based on package set up by B. Casati / B. Denis

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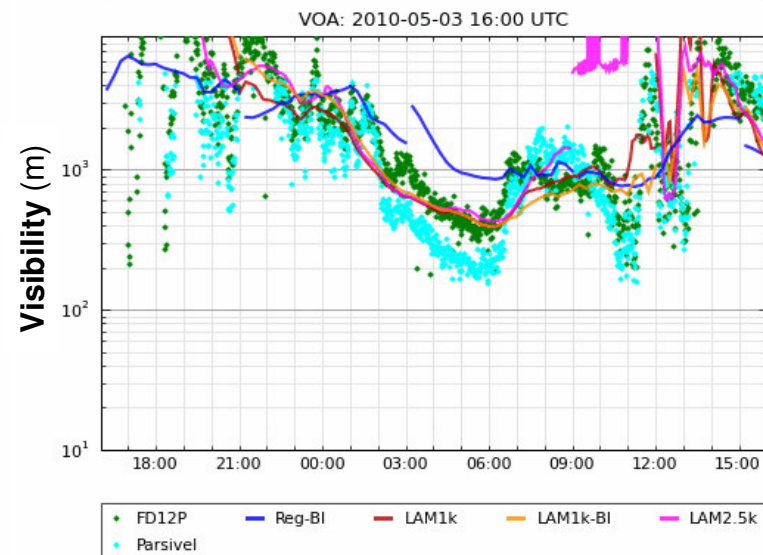
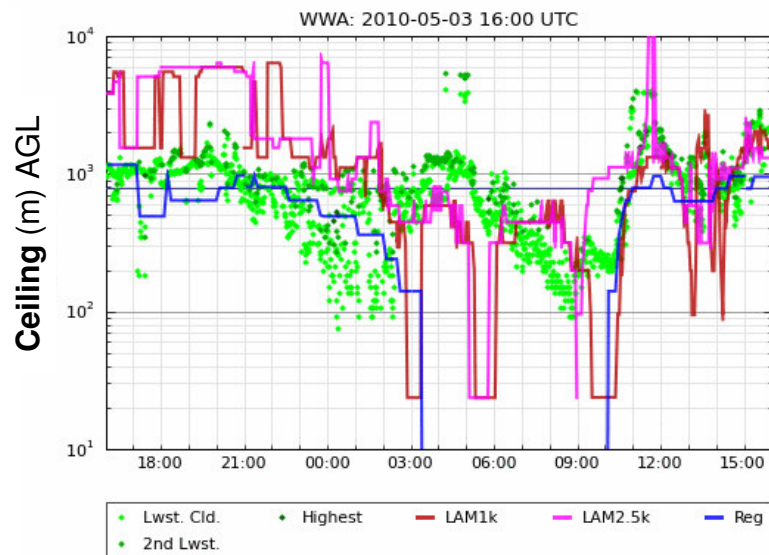
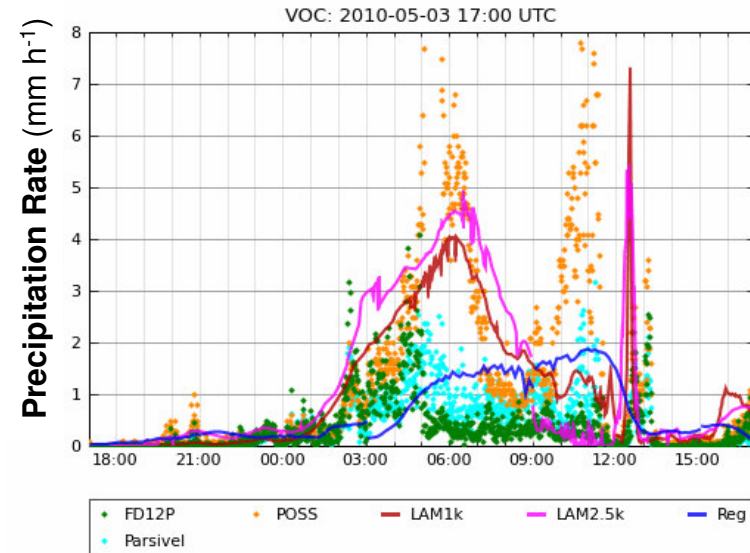
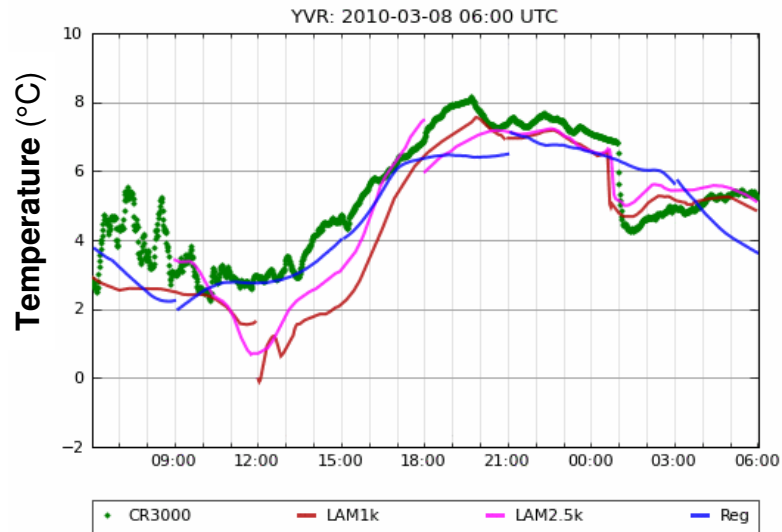


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# From SNOW-V10 website:





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2. V10-LAM runs examined\* during summer 2010 (PYR)

**Conclusions**, comparing **LAM-V10-2.5km** vs. **LAM-West-2.5:**

- For deep convection, there is no systematic change in skill
- For marine winds, there is a systematic improvement

\*Link to Summary Report on wiki

<https://wiki.cmc.ec.gc.ca/wiki/PPS/HRDPS>



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Based on study\* conducted for Edmonton PASPC

→What if the LAM-West had been used for the forecast?

Their conclusion: *Minimal impact* (vs. just using REG-15)

**Our question:** Would their answer have been different using the **proposed** configuration?

\* Presented at CMOS 2010 (Greene et al.)

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# ***EMET***

*(de l'hébreu `emet = vérité)*

suite logicielle de vérification  
construite sur SQL et R

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# EMET

OBS (Fichiers burp)+  
Domaine

PROG (fichiers standards)  
+ liste des (LAT,LON)

*burp2rdb*

*prog2rdb*

BASE DE DONNÉES RELATIONNELLE SQL  
Tables OBS et PROG

*Requêtes SQL*  
*Doublets (O,P)*  
*Critères*

Résultat de requête (fichier csv)

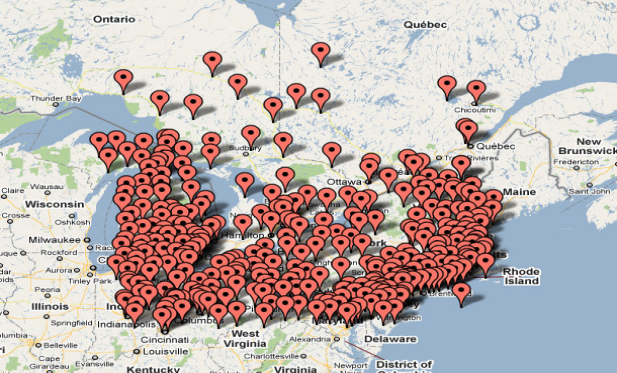
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VÉRIFICATION



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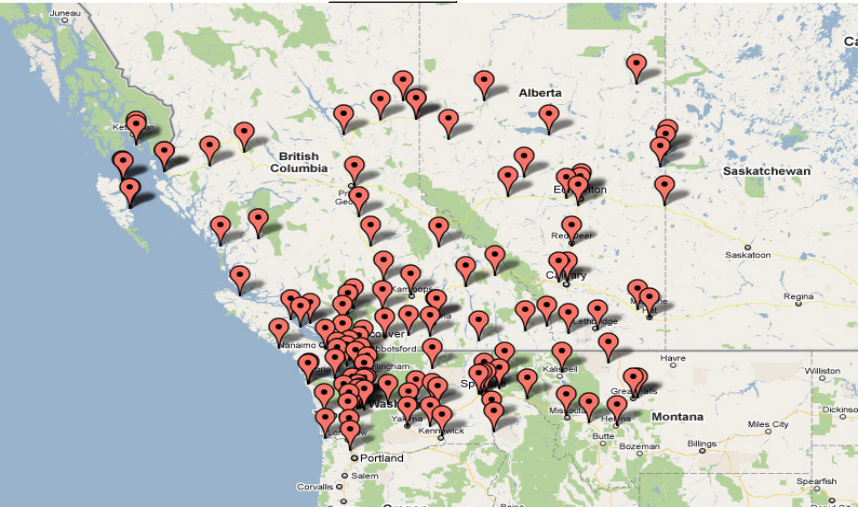
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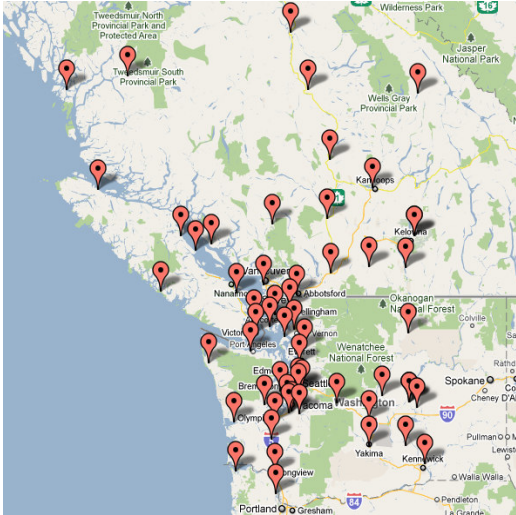
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LAM OUEST



LAM OLYMPIQUE

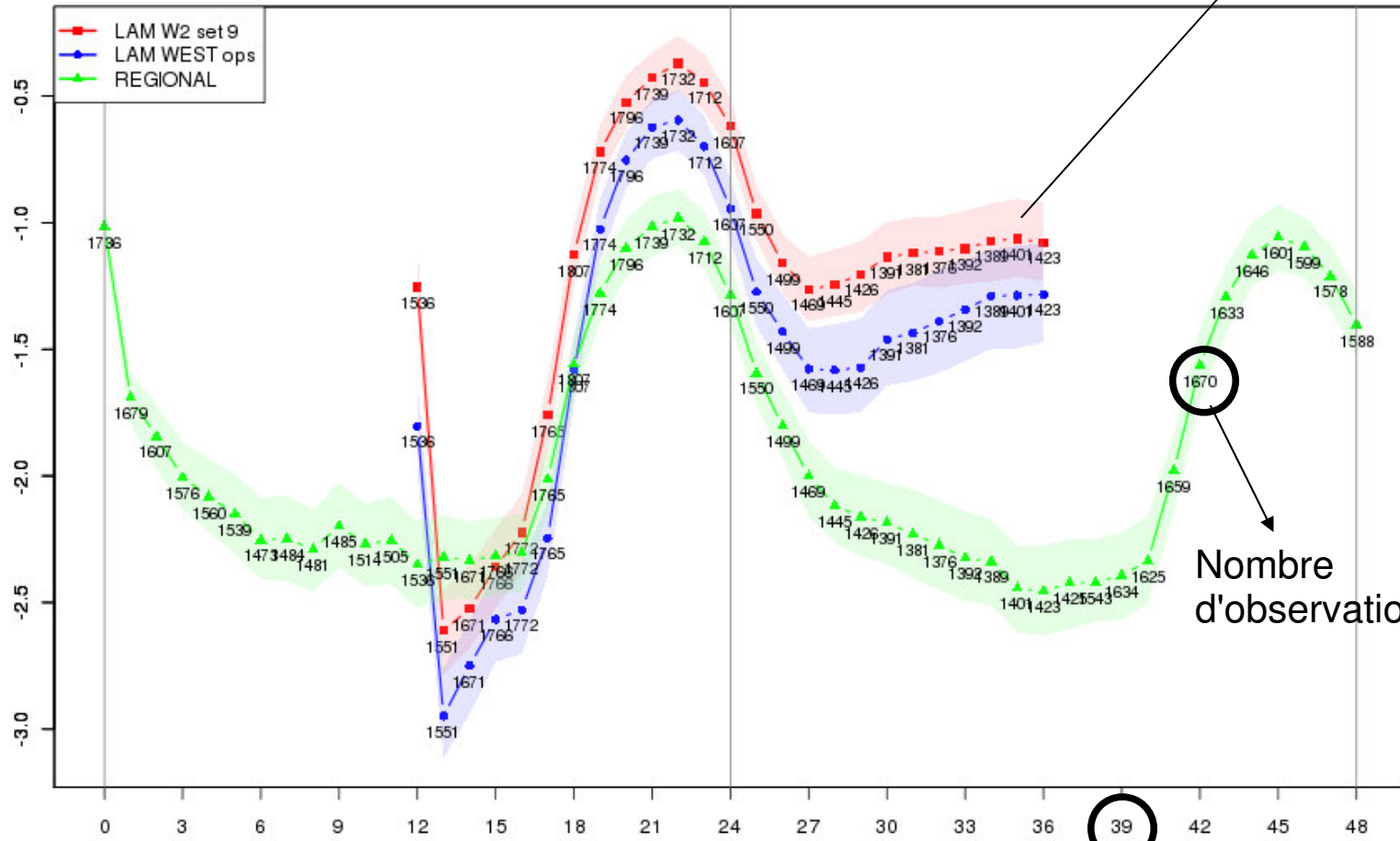




aussi : RMSE, RMSE sans biais,  
coefficient de corrélation linéaire

Intervalle de  
confiance  
(*bootstrap*)

BIAIS (P-O) DE LA TEMPERATURE EN SURFACE (K)  
periode du 2010-01-01 au 2010-02-12



Nombre  
d'observations

39  
Heure de  
validité



# Projets futurs

- Implémentation d'une version opérationnelle
- Publication de la version 1.0 destinée aux usagers
- Recrutement d'usagers
- Utilisation de QC-OBS
- Ajout de nouveaux diagnostics dont scores de précipitation

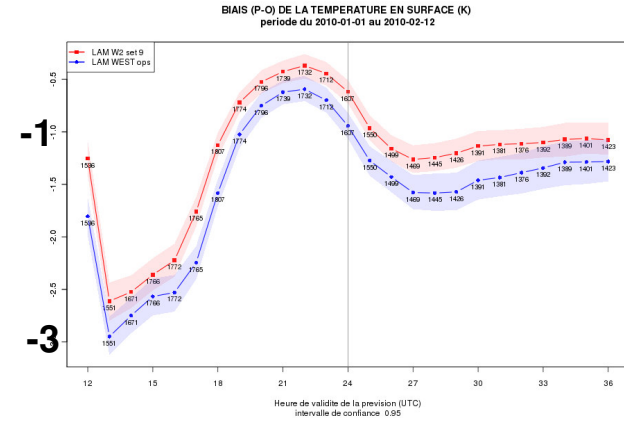
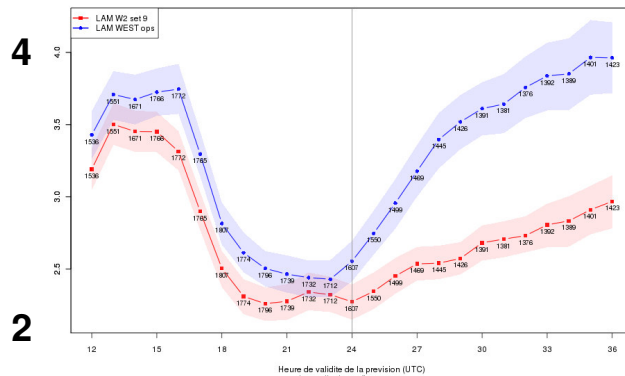
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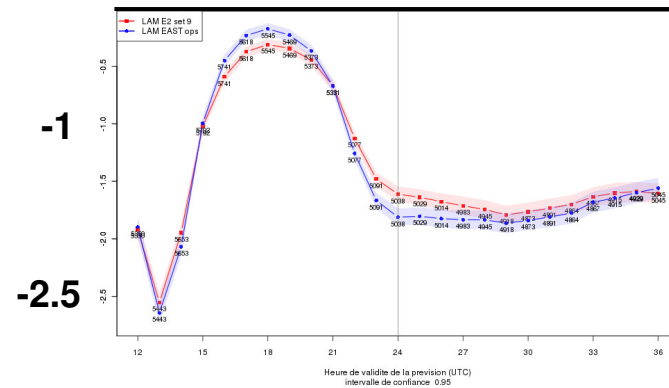
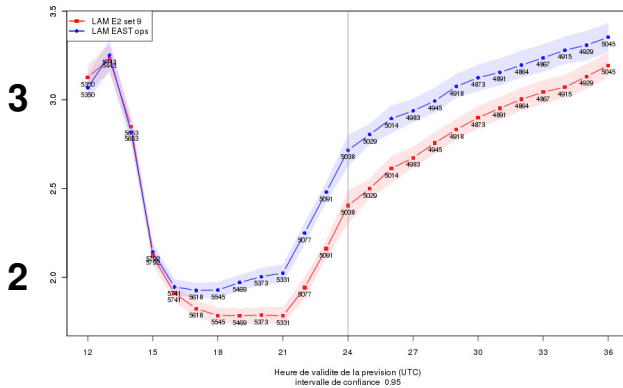
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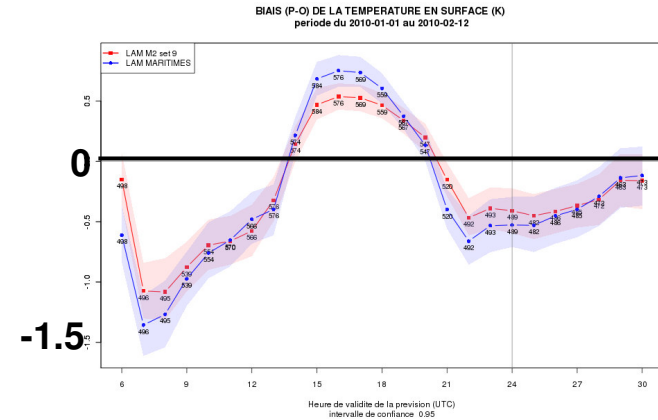
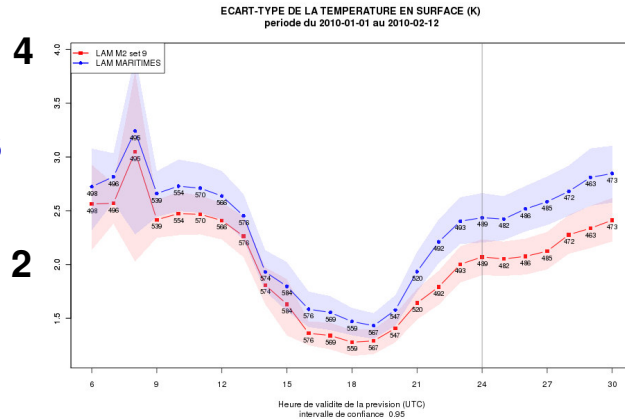
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Maritimes



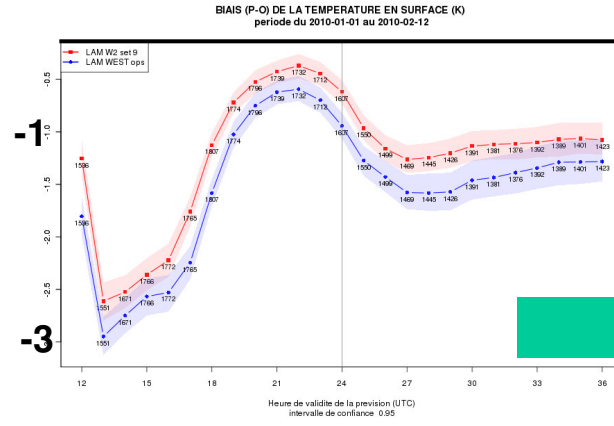
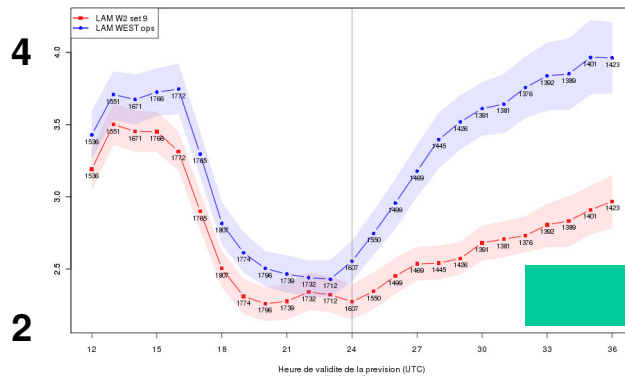
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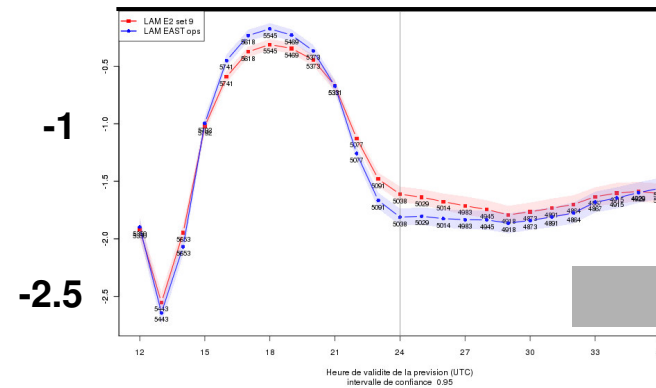
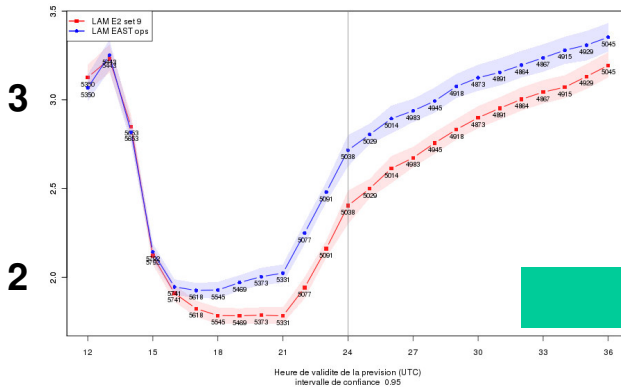
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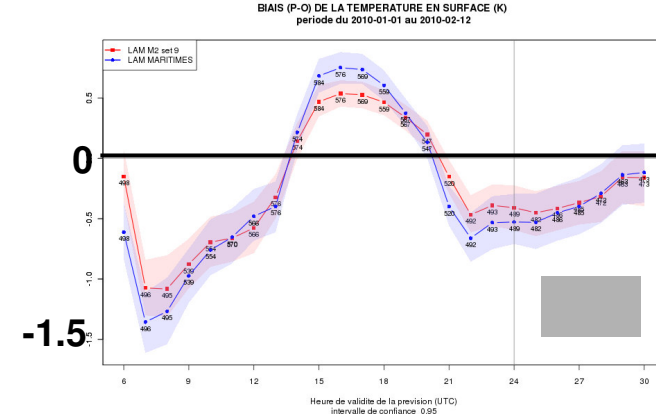
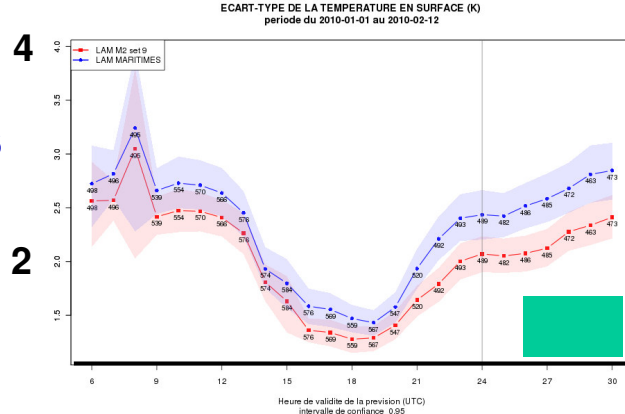


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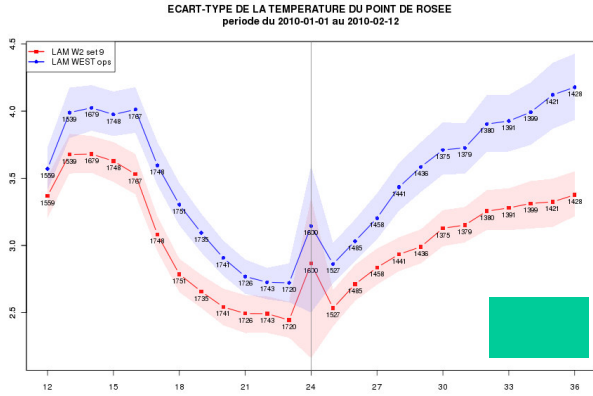
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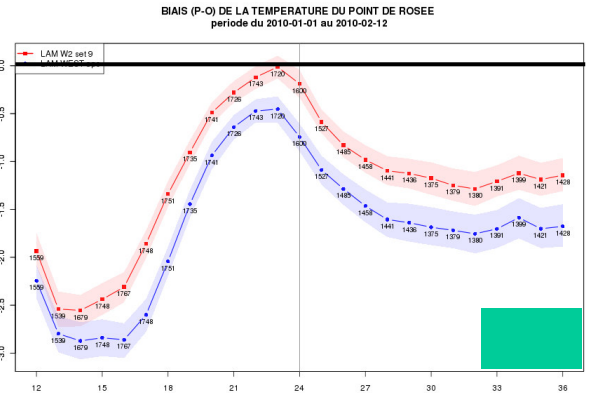
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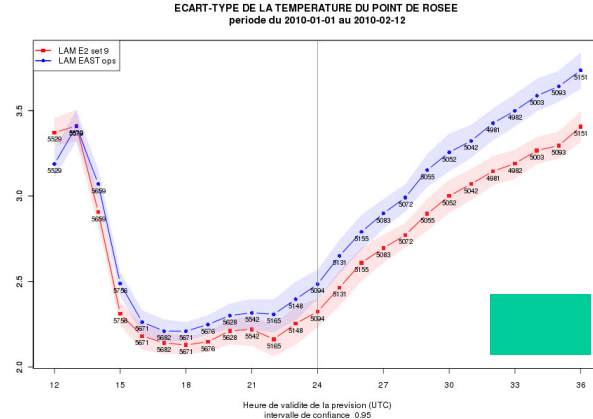
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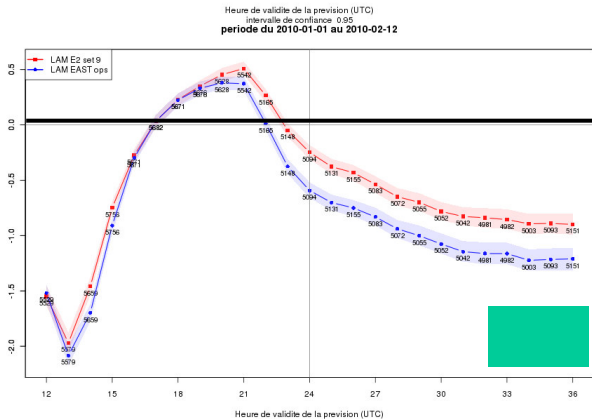
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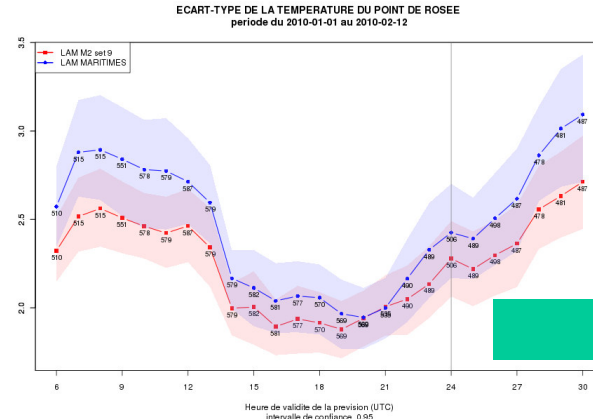
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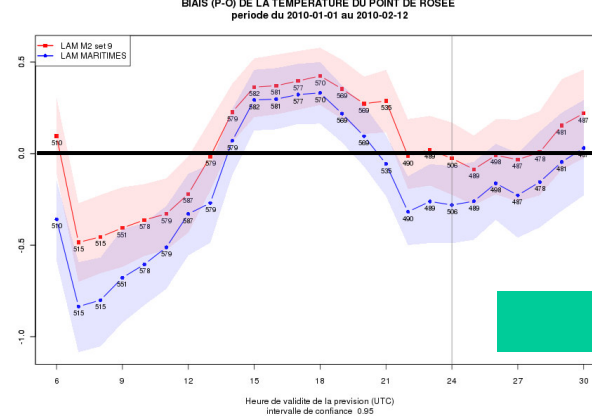
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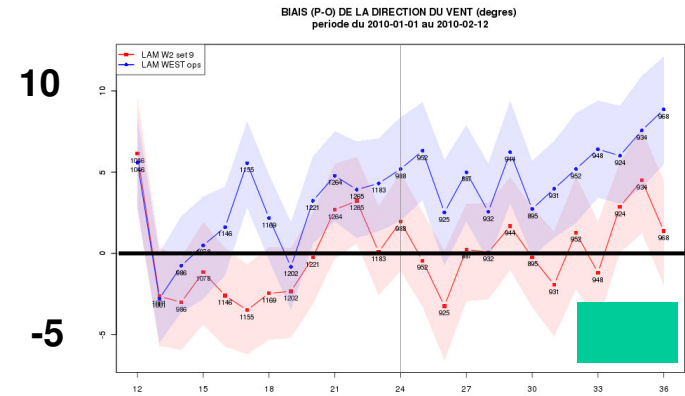
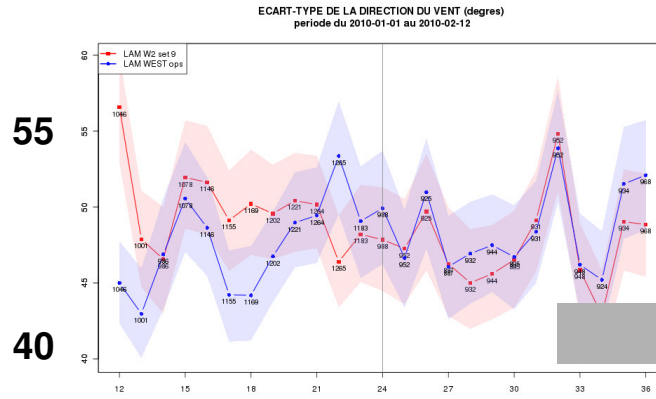
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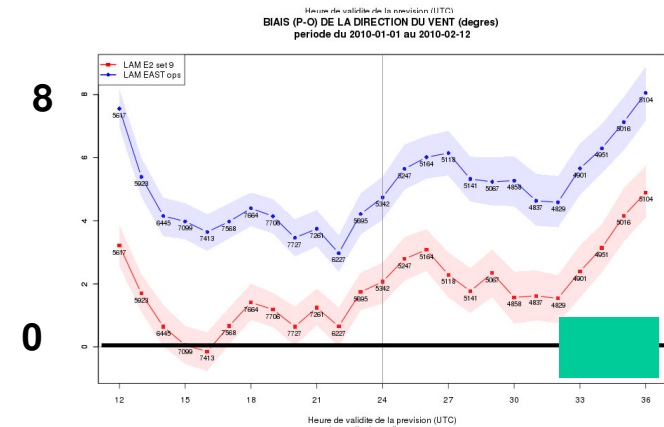
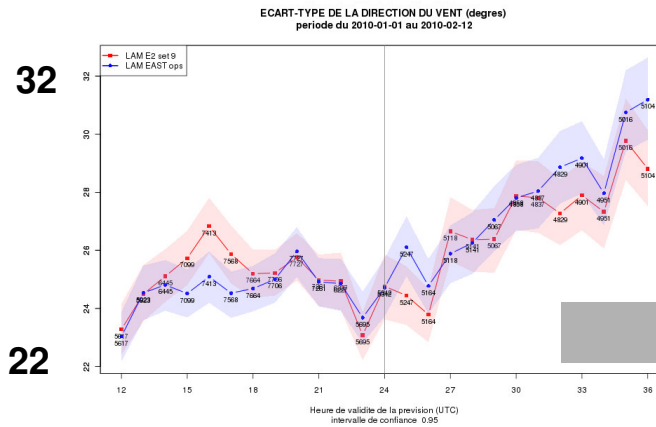
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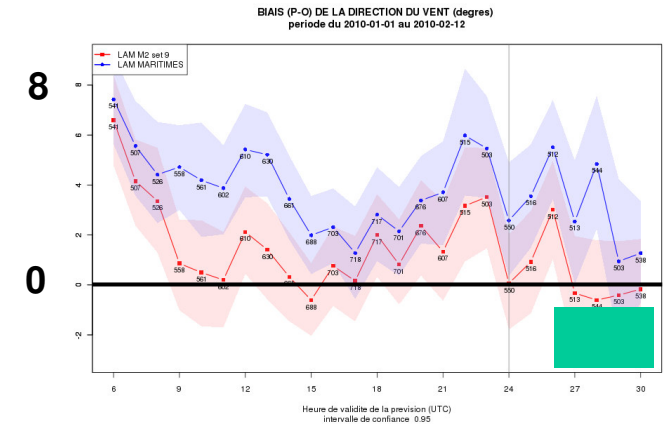
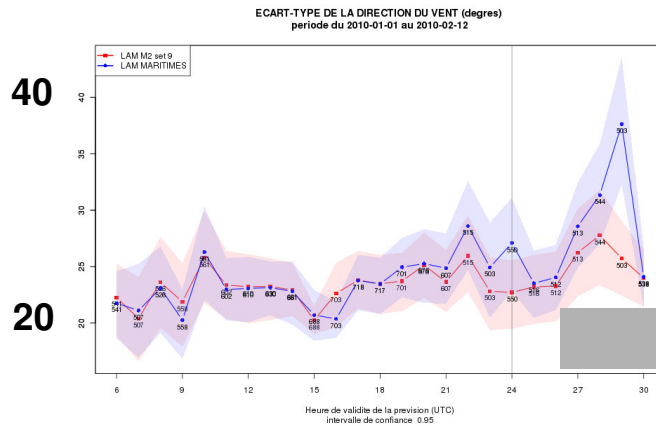
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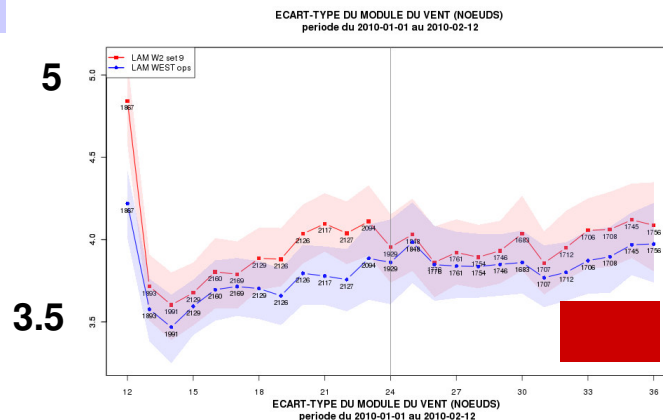
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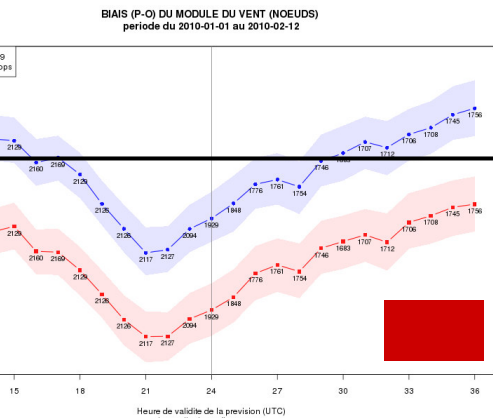
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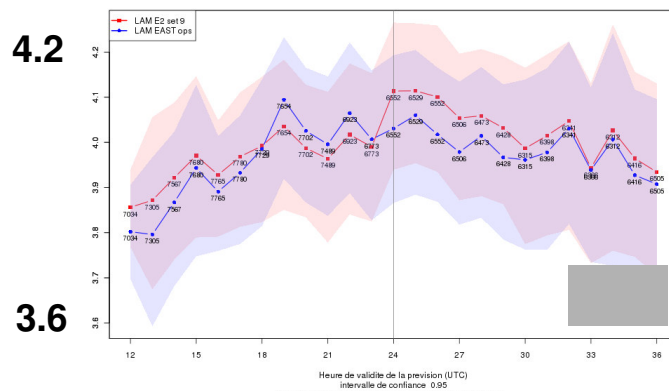


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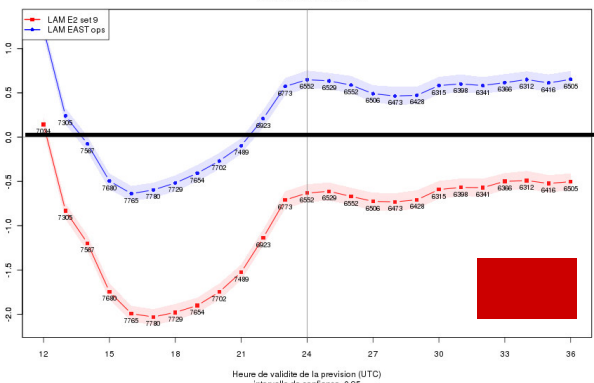


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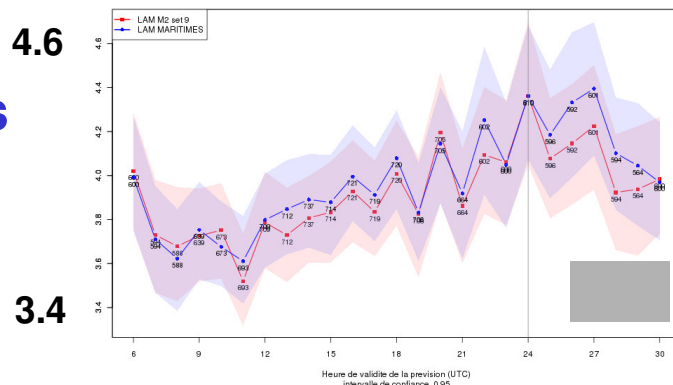


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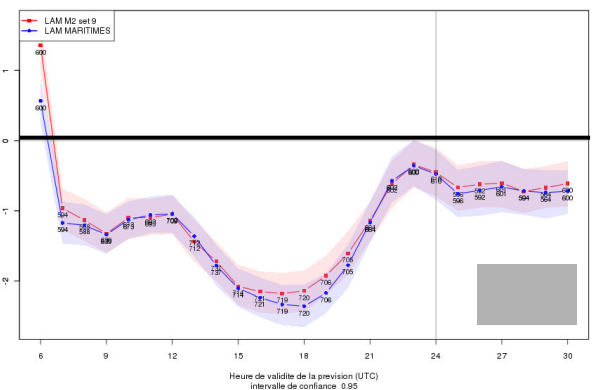
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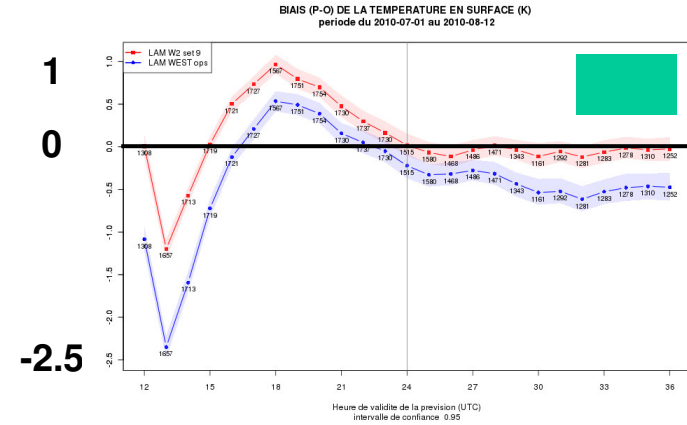
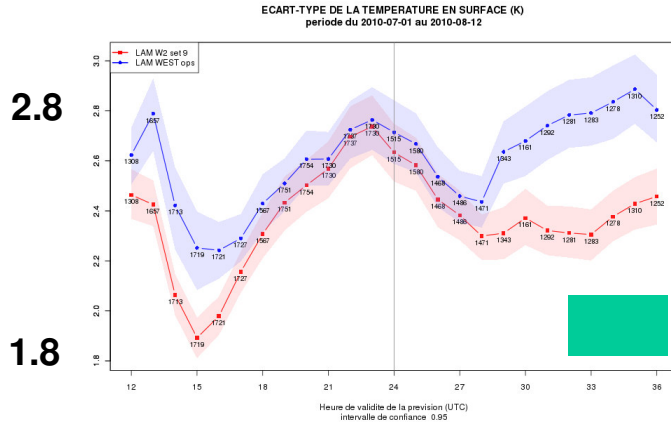
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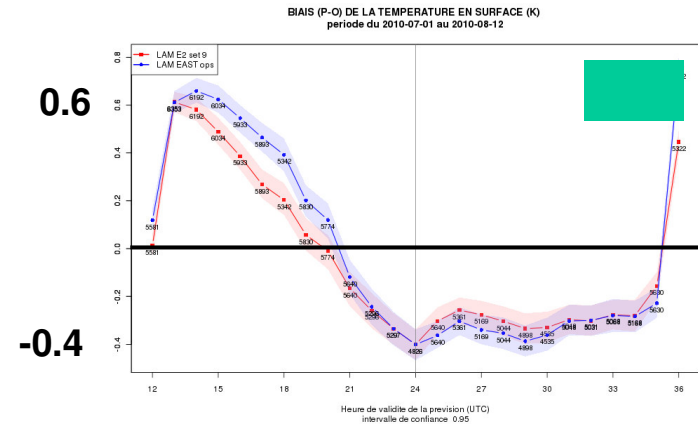
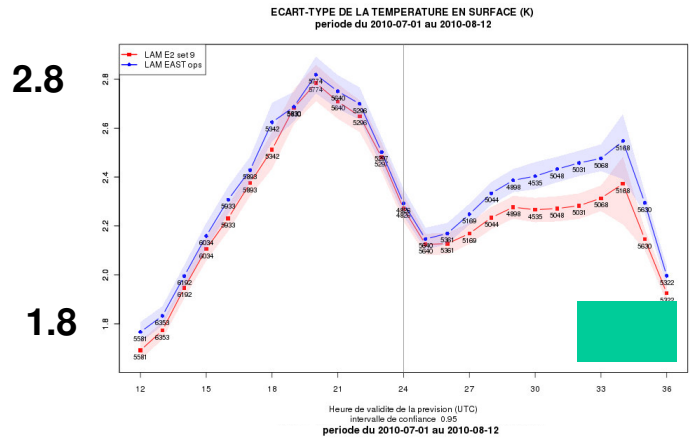
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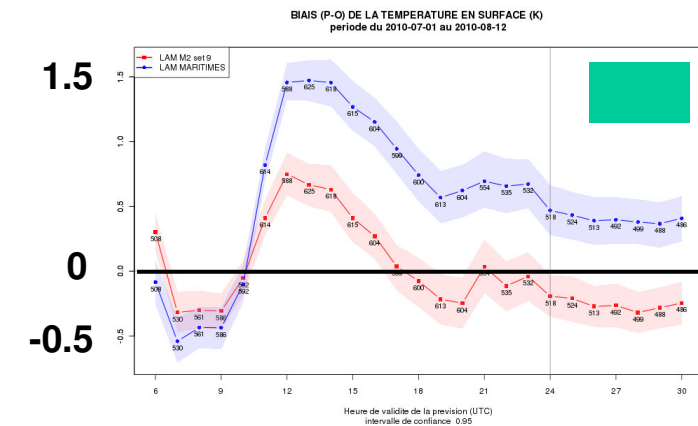
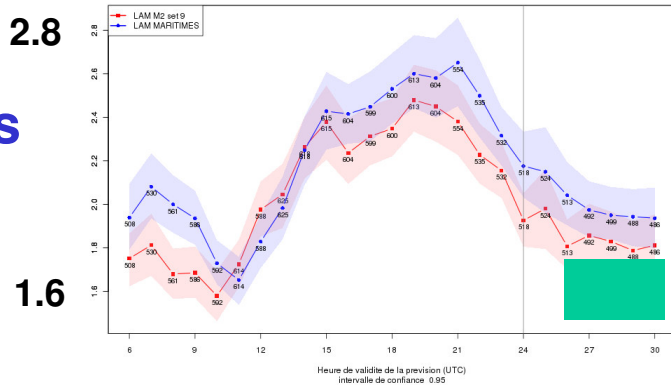
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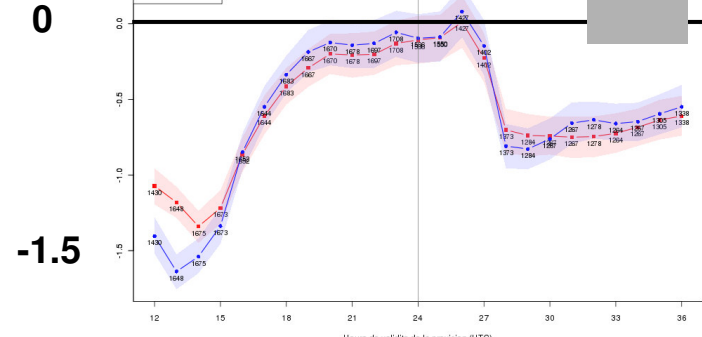
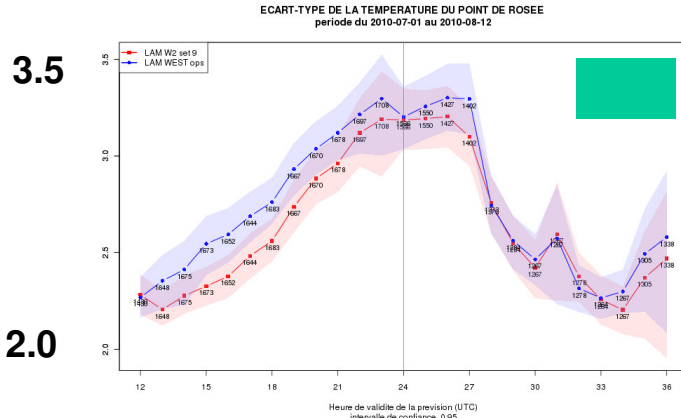


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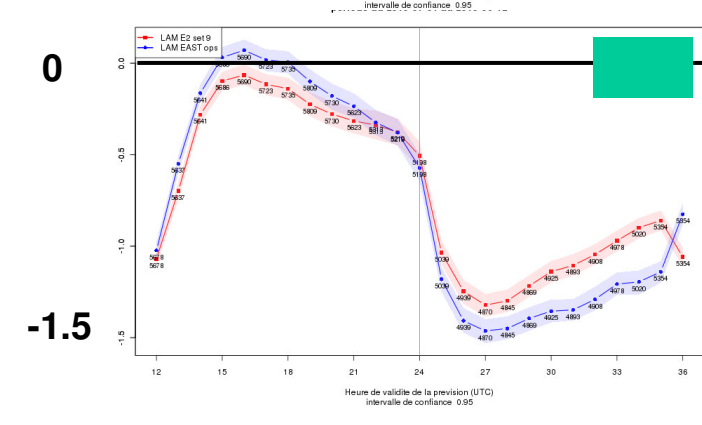
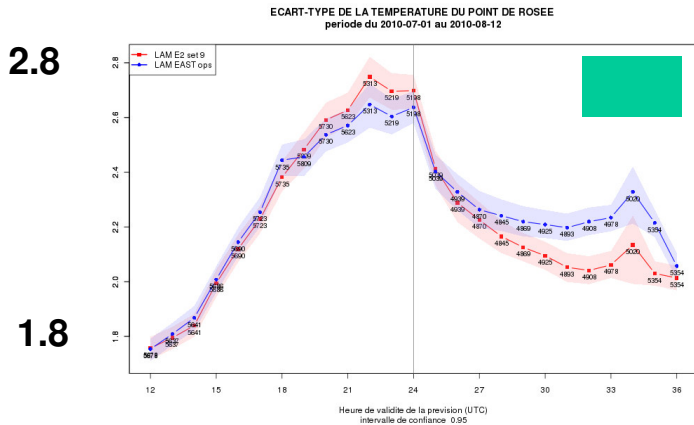
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Biais / Bias  
Été Summer

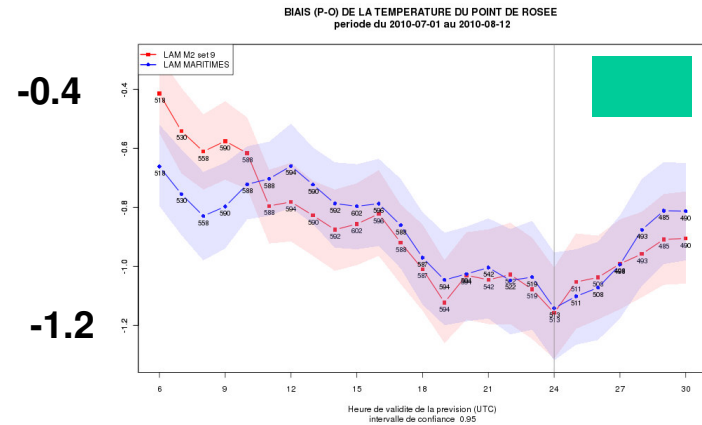
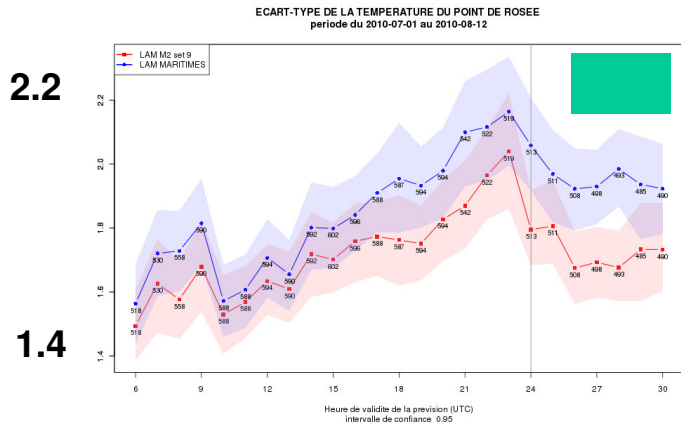
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West



Est  
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Maritimes

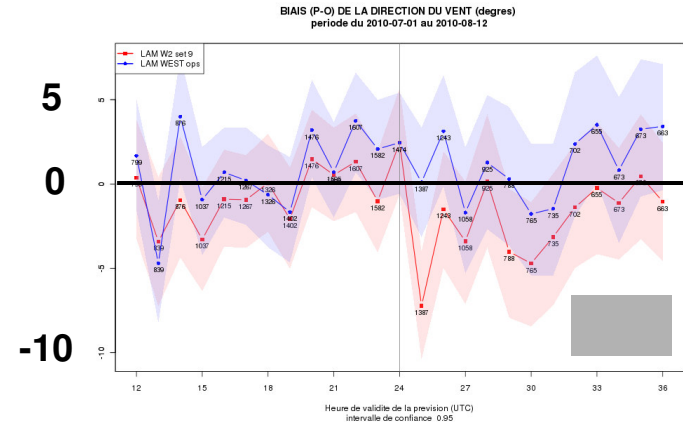
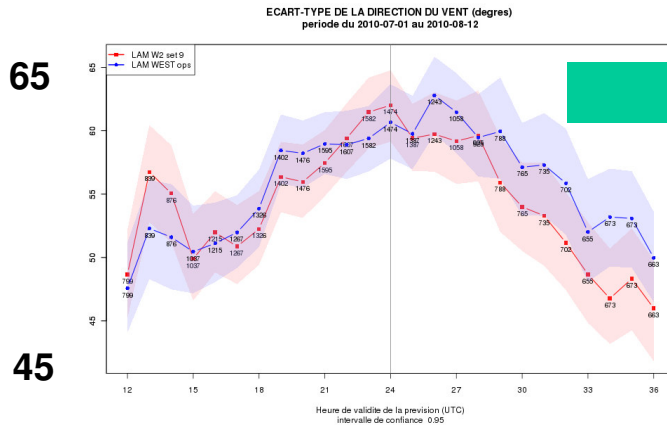


UV- dir  
(10 m)

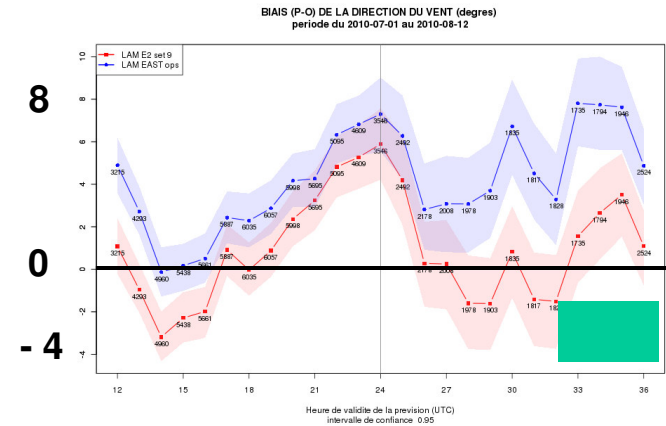
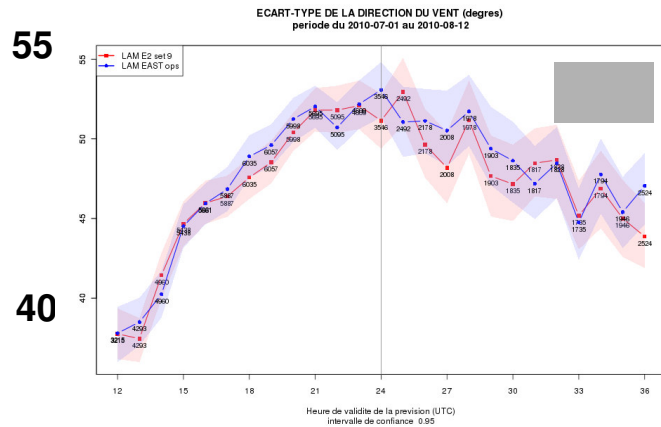
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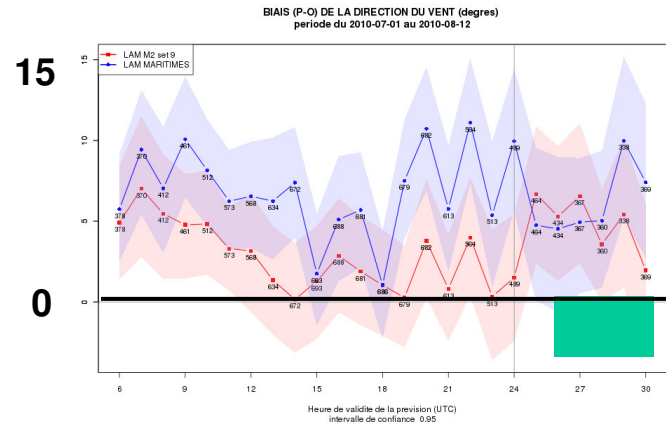
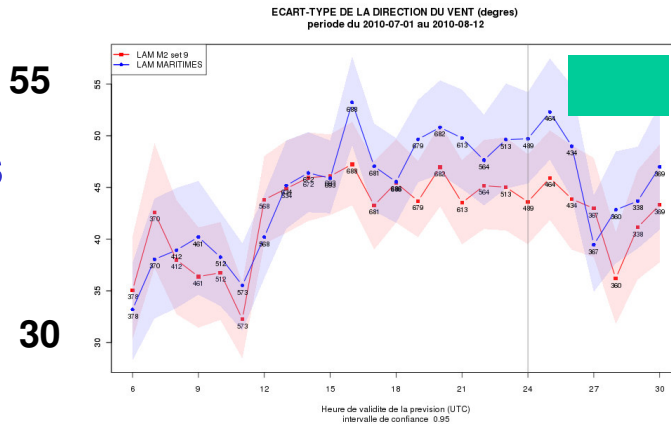
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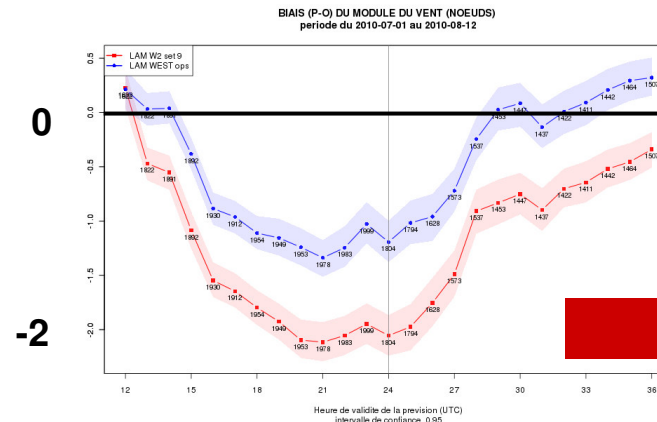
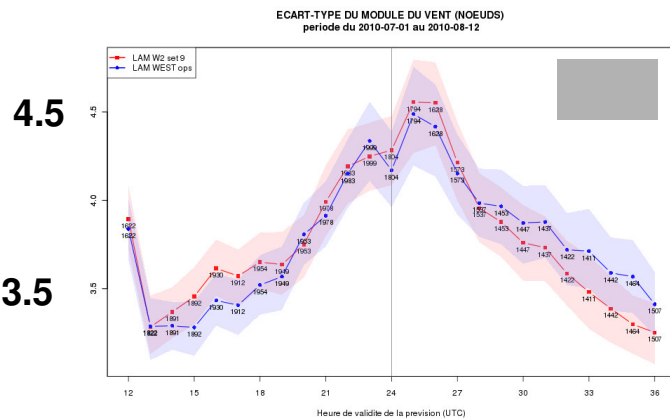
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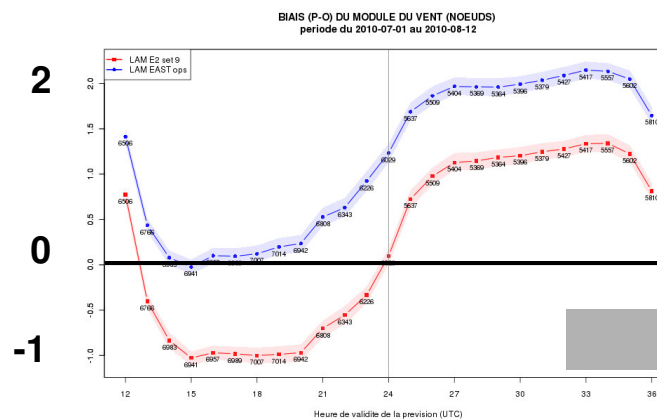
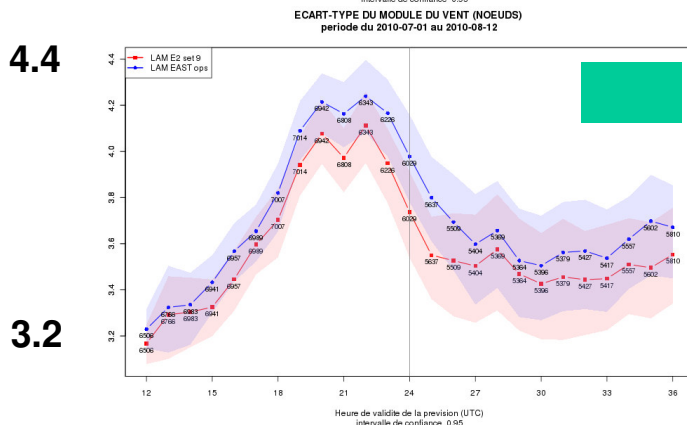
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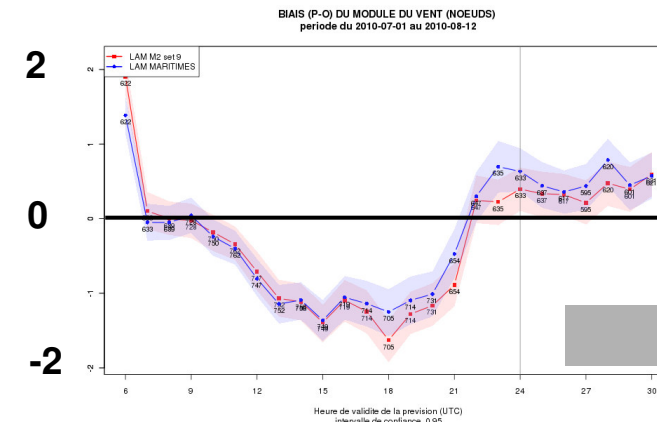
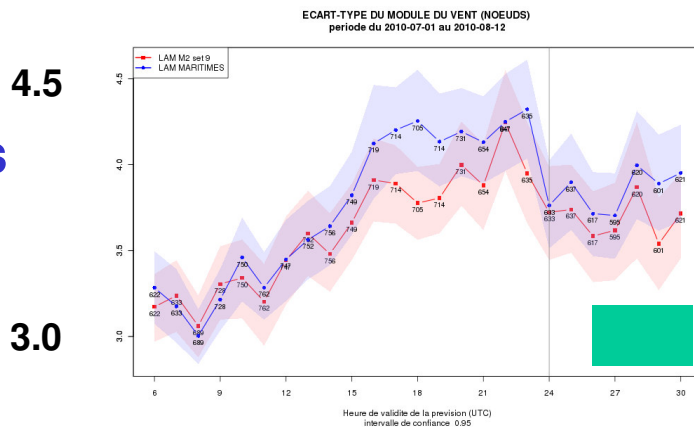
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Maritimes



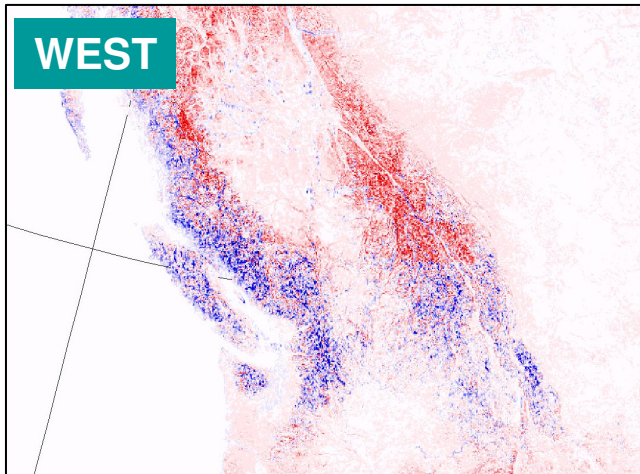
# Tests and Evaluations

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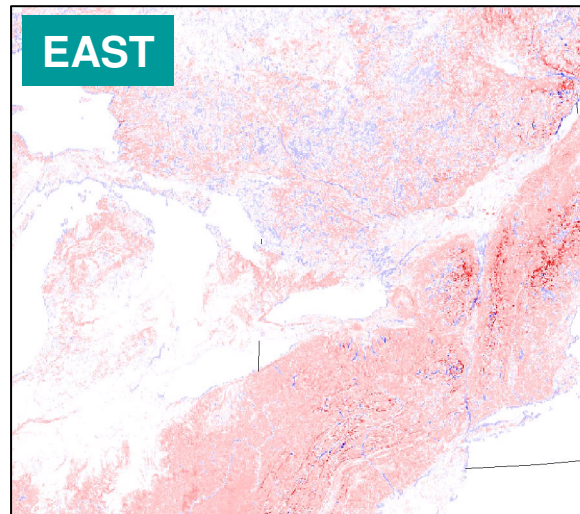
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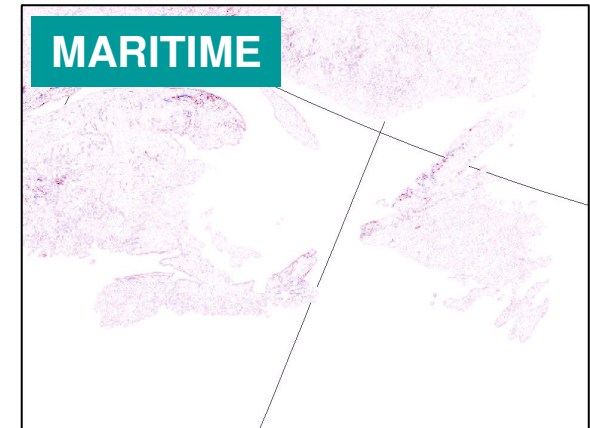
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**GenPhysX (2010) -  
Genesis (2006)**



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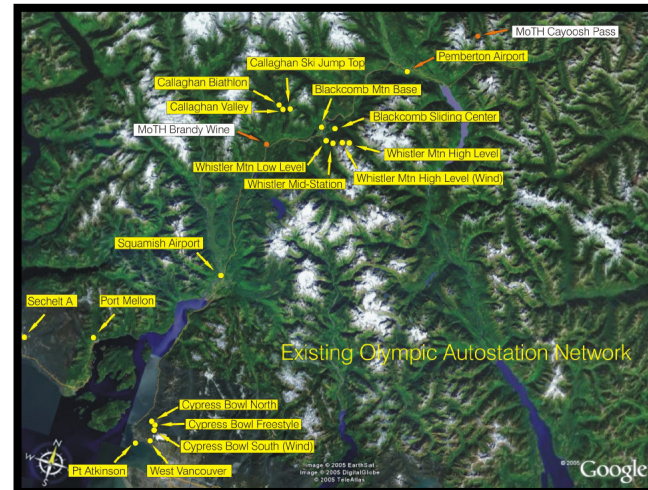
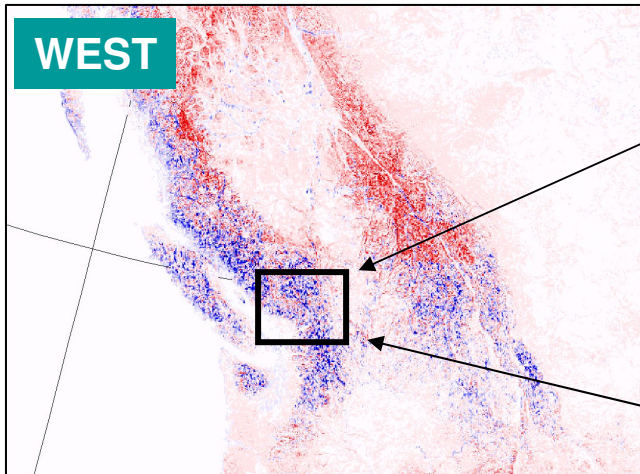
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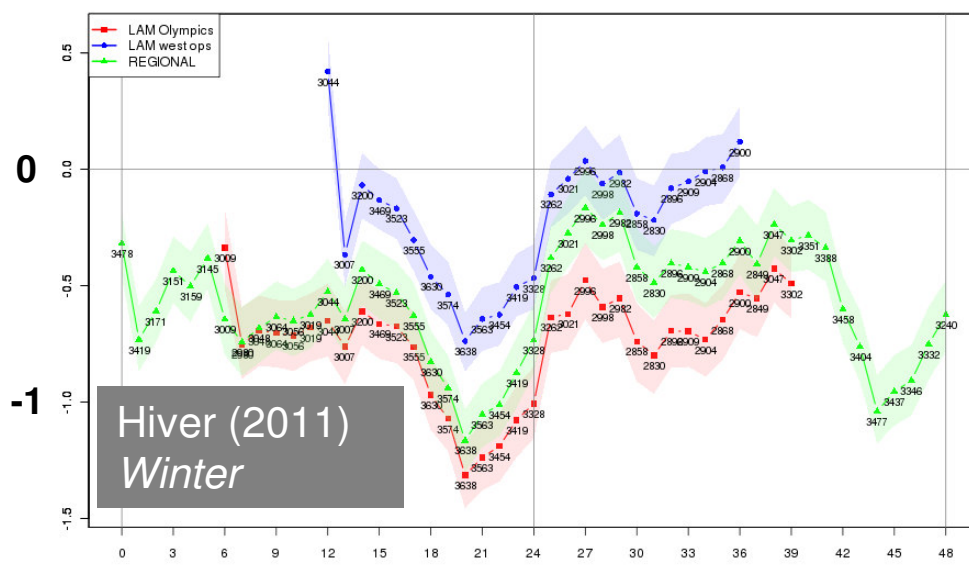
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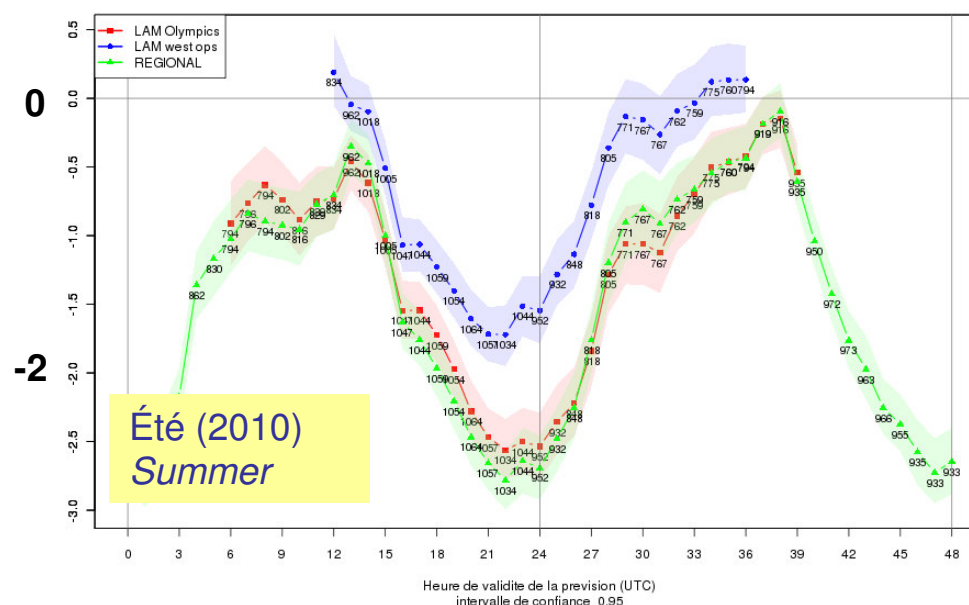
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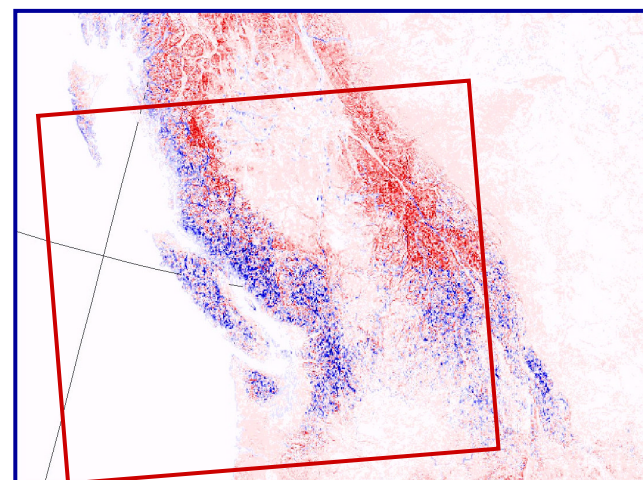
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**LAM-2.5-Olympics**

**LAM-2.5-West (current)**

**REG-15**

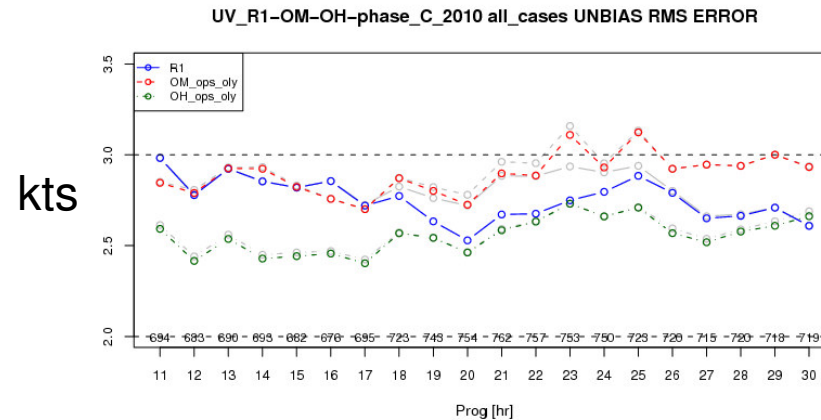


**→ The systematic reduction in  $V\_spd\_2m$  was always there**

**Phase C**  
(Feb. 12 - March 23, 2010)

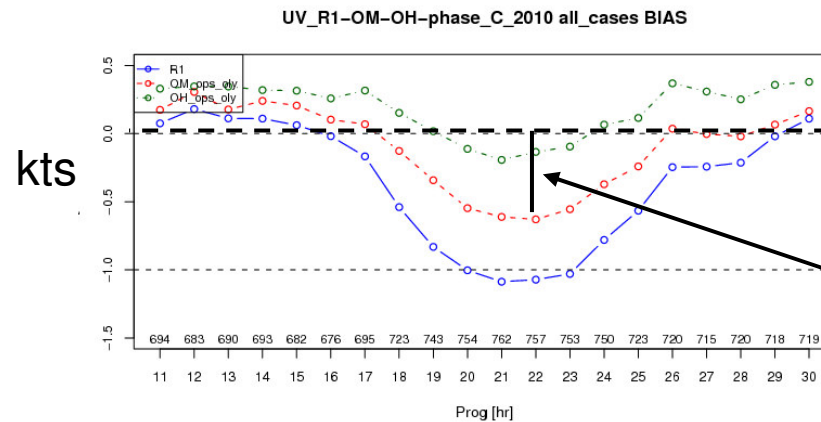
**Wind Speeds (10 m)**

**REG-15km**  
**LAM-2.5 km**  
**LAM-1 km**



**RMSE**

c/o M. Vallée



**BIAS**

→ Even during V-10, the wind speed bias was present in the V10-LAM-2.5 (evaluated on the Olympic network)

# Tests and Evaluations

## Verification / Evaluation

- Subjective evaluation
- $T$  (2 m),  $T_d$  (2 m),  $V\_speed$  (10 m),  $V\_dir$  (10 m) based on EMET verification package
- **6-h QPF**, based on package set up by B. Casati / B. Denis

### Benchmark cases:

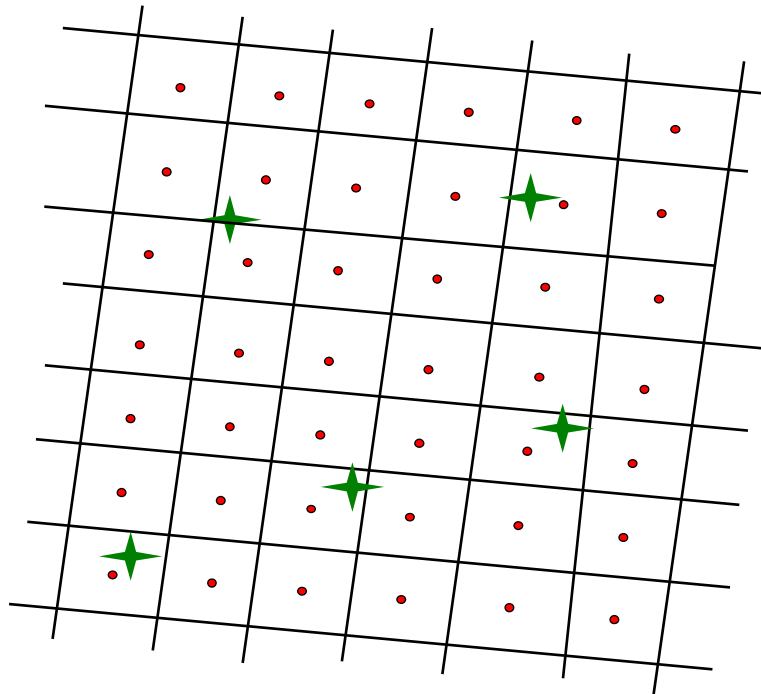
**90 runs** – 15 winter, 15 summer, 3 grids (*West, East, Maritime*)

Winter: January 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, 28, 31, February 3, 6, 9, 12 (2010)

Summer: July 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, 28, 31, August 3, 6, 9, 12 (2010)

# QPF verification : methodology

- Verification at the GEM-LAM 2.5 km grid-scale



LAM 2.5, gauges

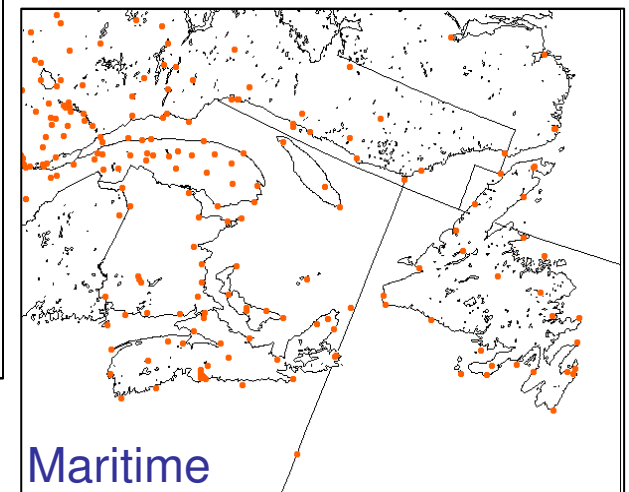
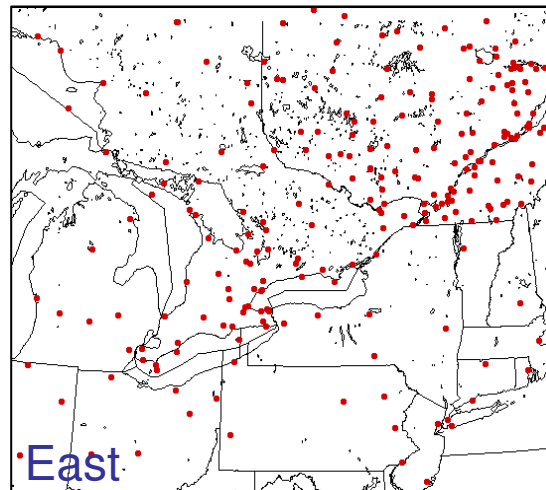
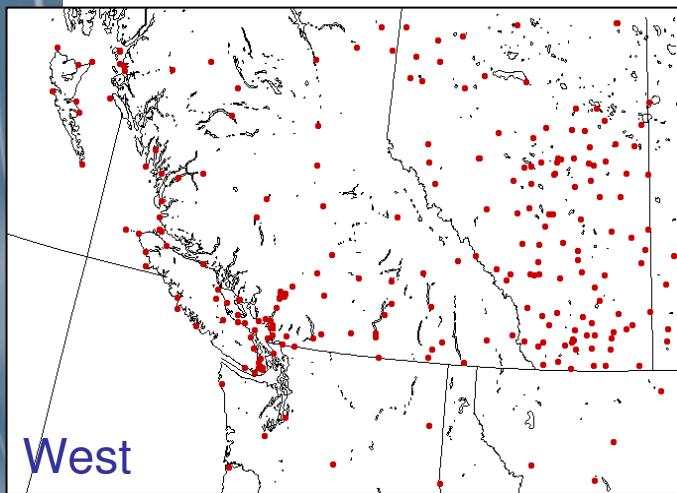
1. Average pcp of gauges within LAM 2.5 km grid-box if more than one gauge
2. Mask out grid-boxes outside LAM and without observation
3. Compute QPF summary scores
4. Compute confidence intervals by bootstrapping

Method from B. Casati / B. Denis

# QPF verification: Gauge Distribution

- From the Canadian Precipitation Analysis project (CaPA ) (Mahfouf *et al.* 2007)
- Uses SYNOP/METAR and RMCQ (Réseau météo coopératif du Québec)
- Number of stations for sub-domains:

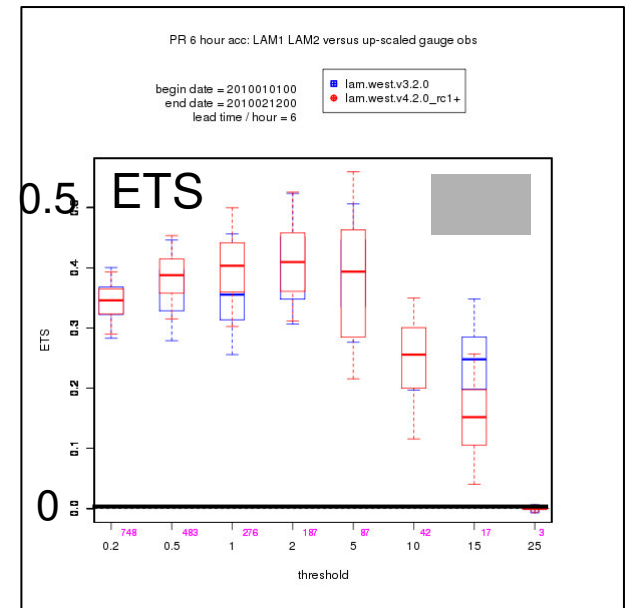
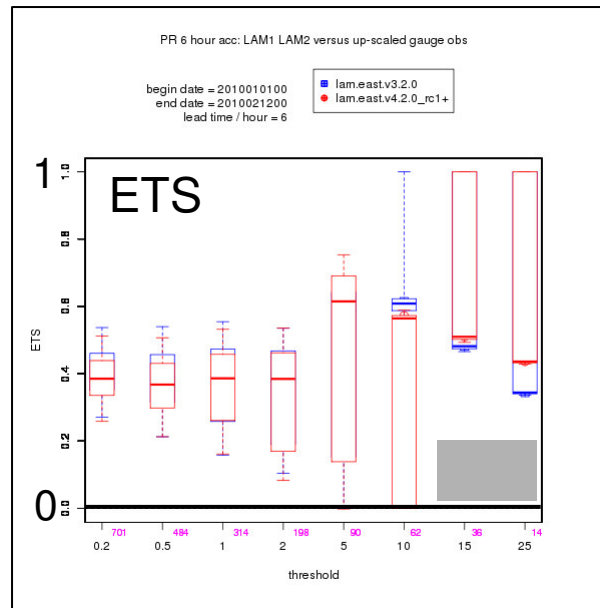
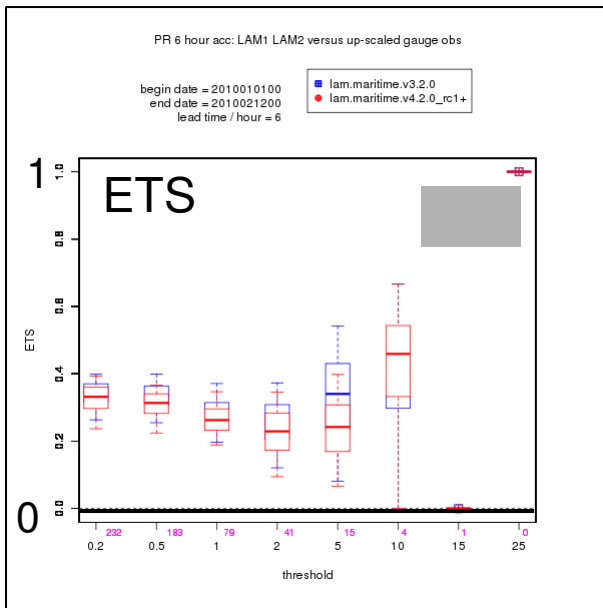
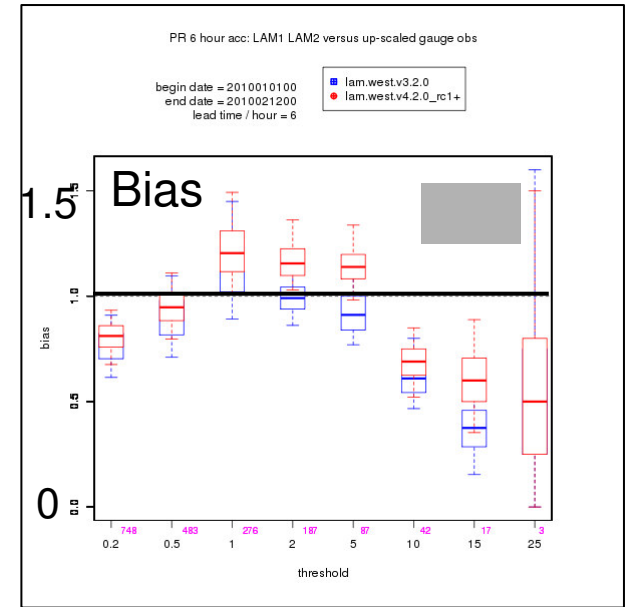
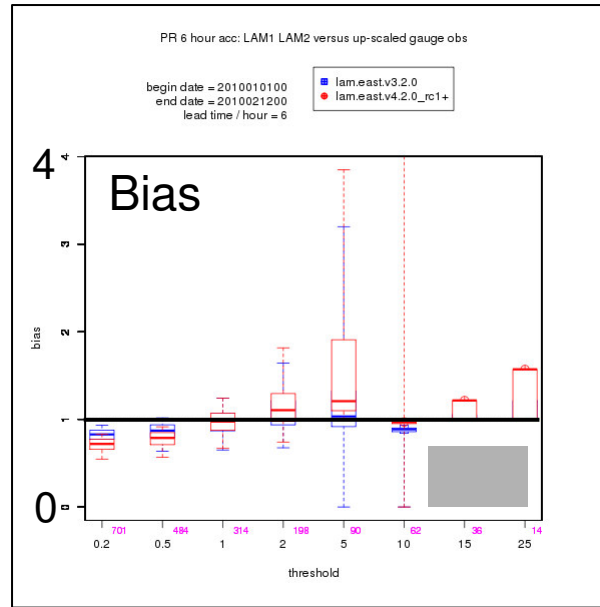
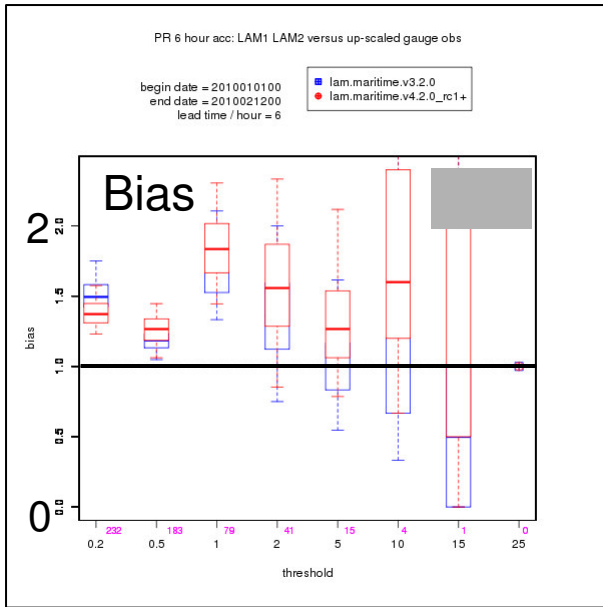
West: 254, East: 259, Maritime: 284



# Maritime

# East

# West



Winter 2010 – 06h

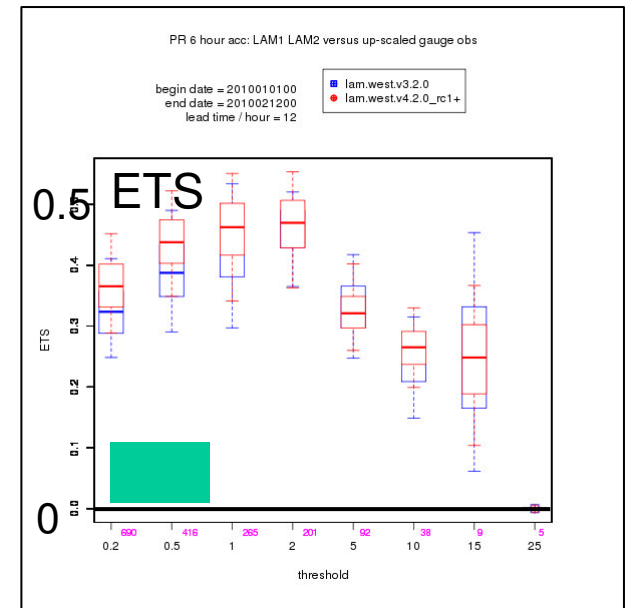
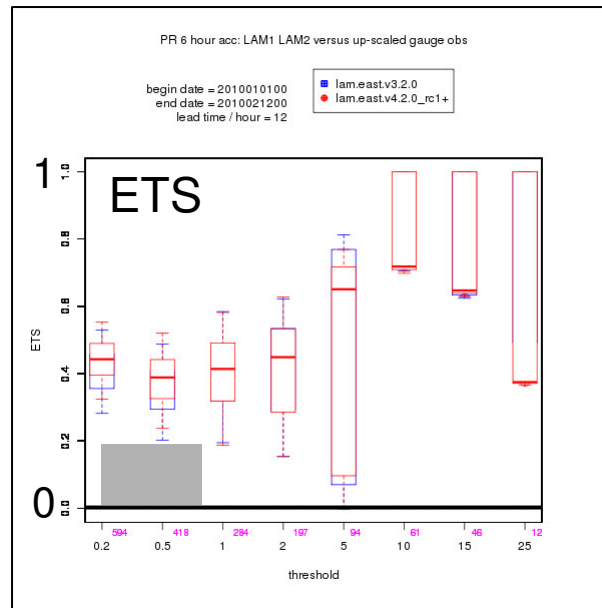
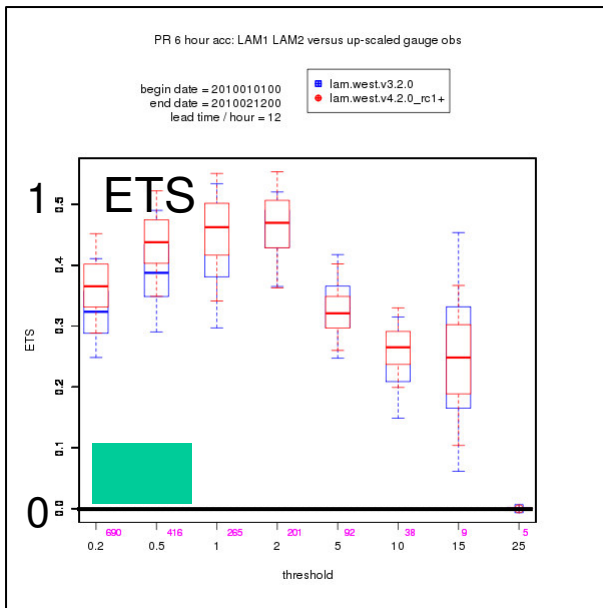
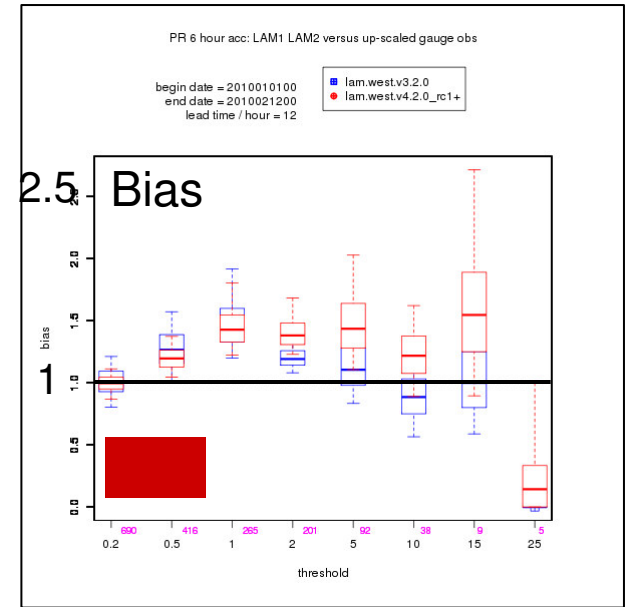
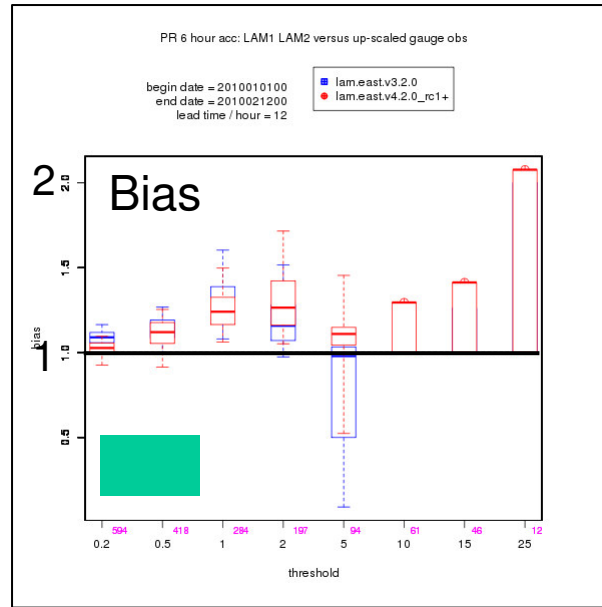
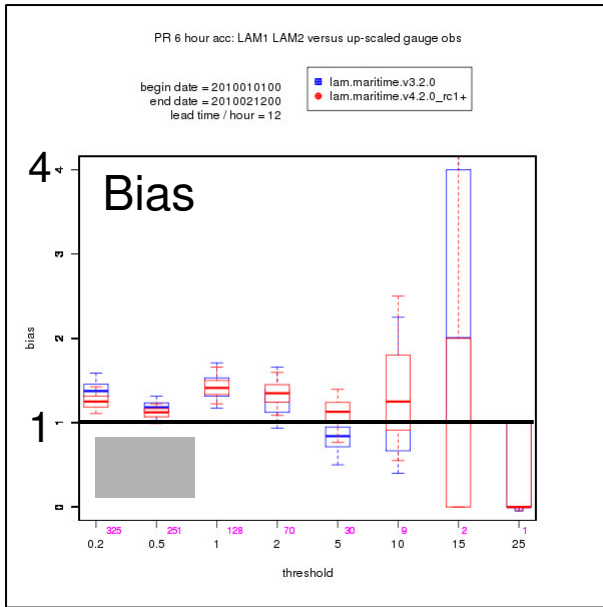
Current

Proposed

# Maritime

# East

# West



Winter 2010 – 12h

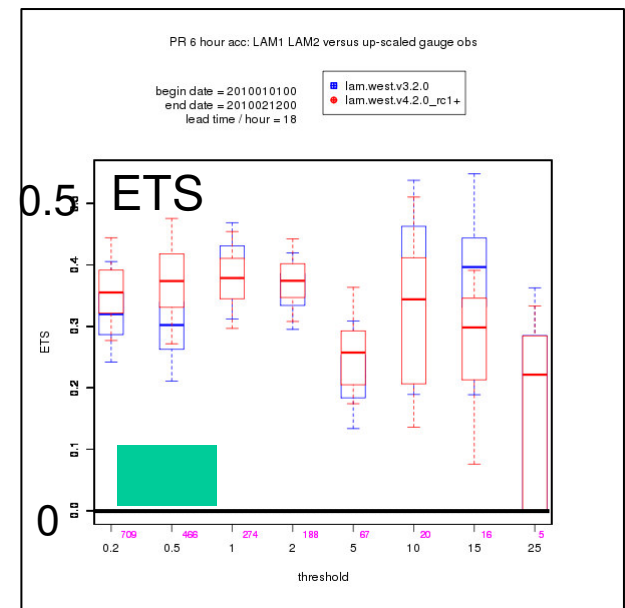
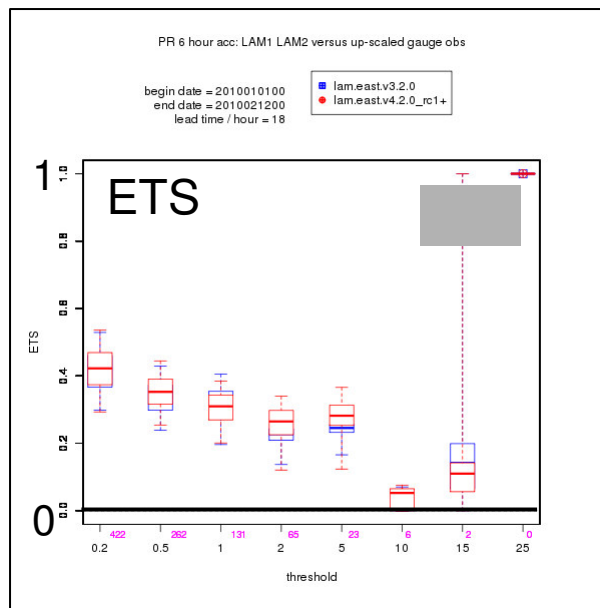
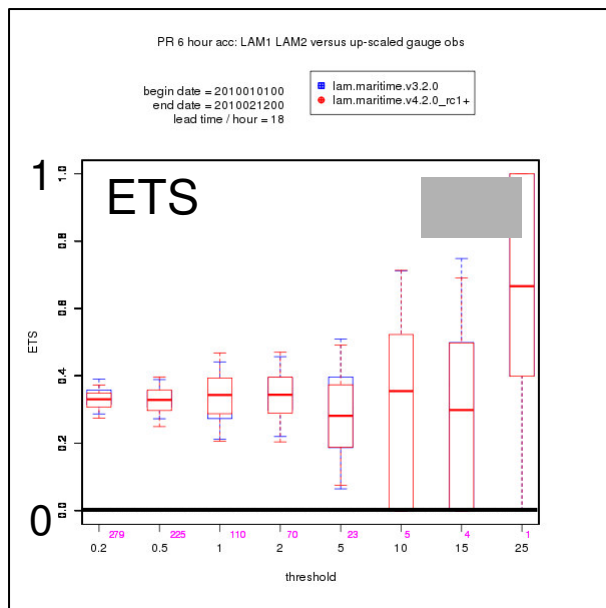
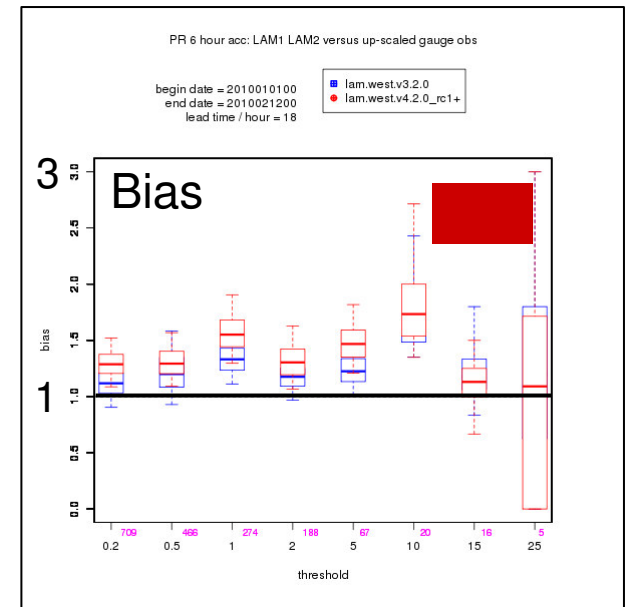
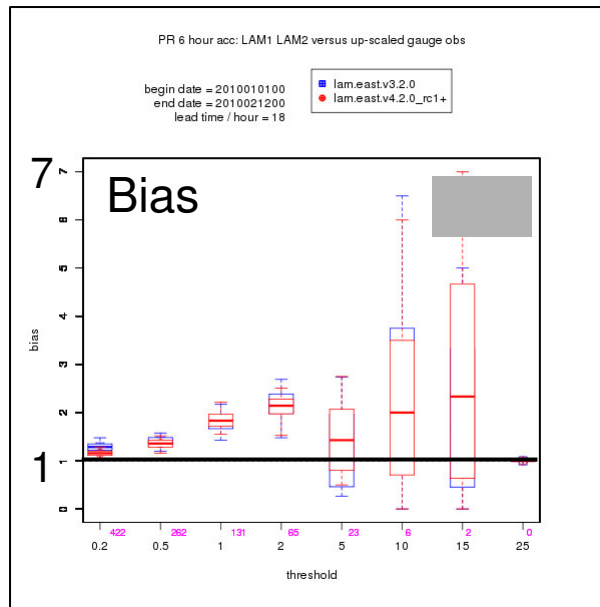
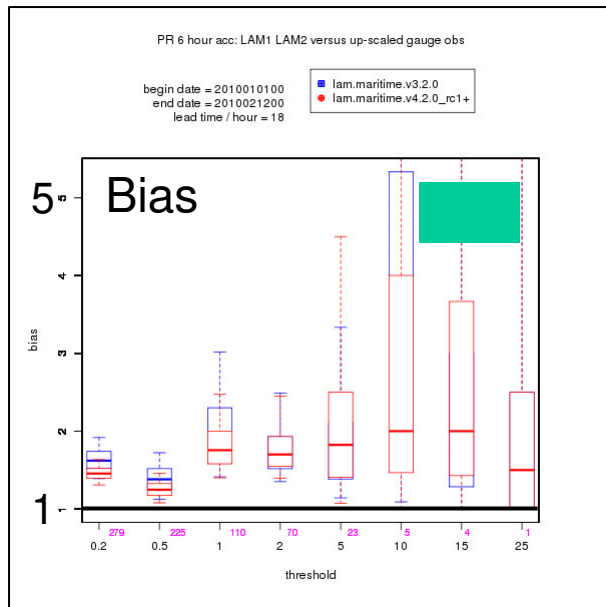
Current

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# Maritime

# East

# West



Winter 2010 – 18h

Current

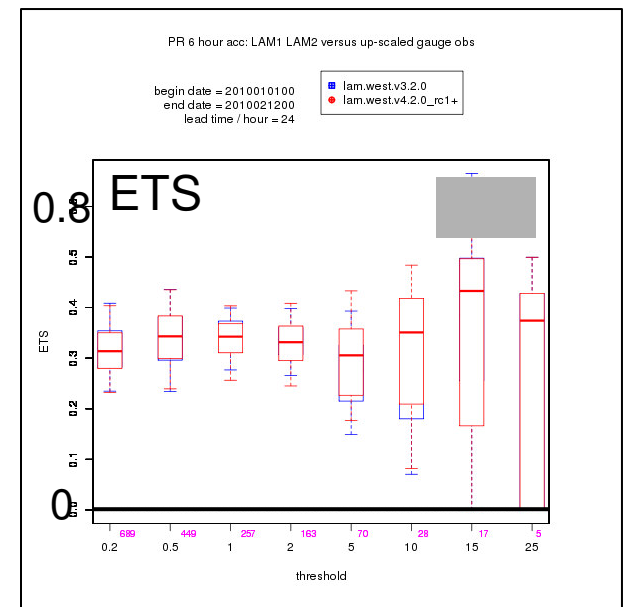
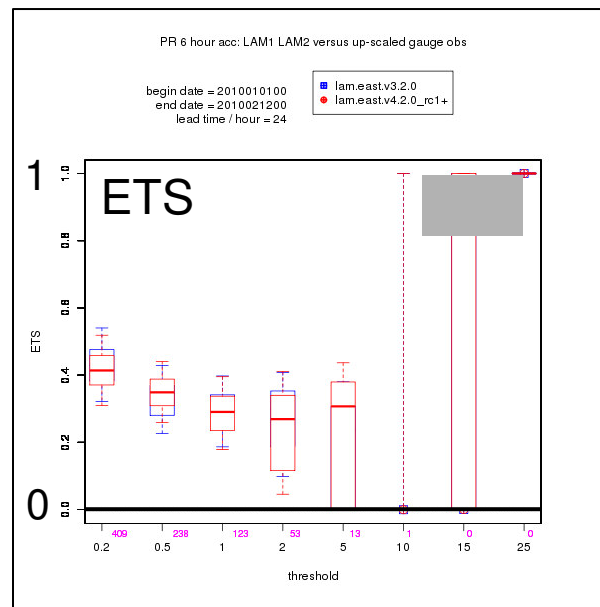
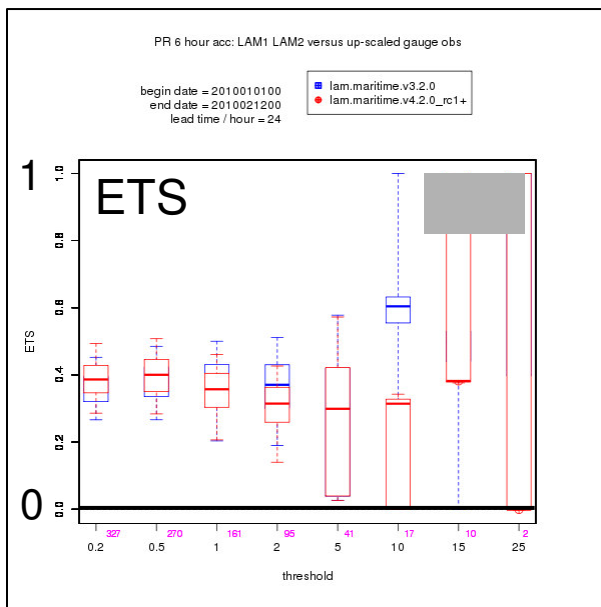
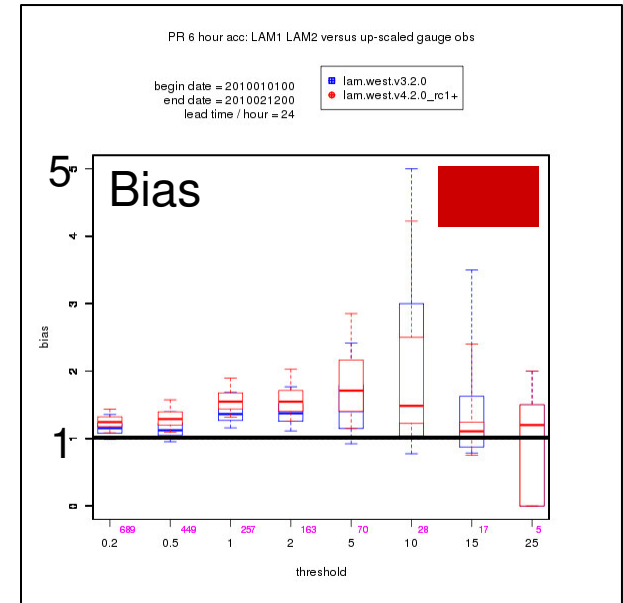
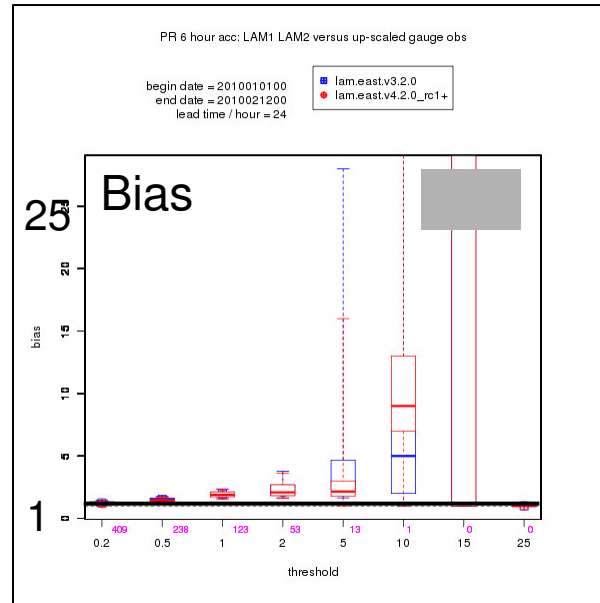
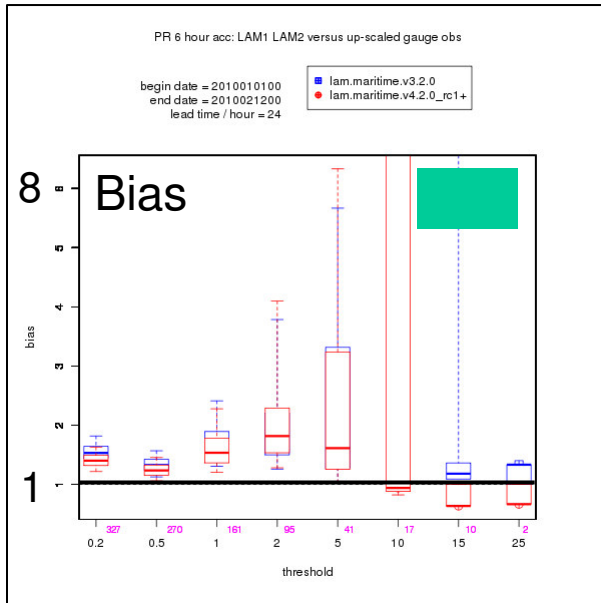
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# Maritime

# East

# West



Winter 2010 – 24h

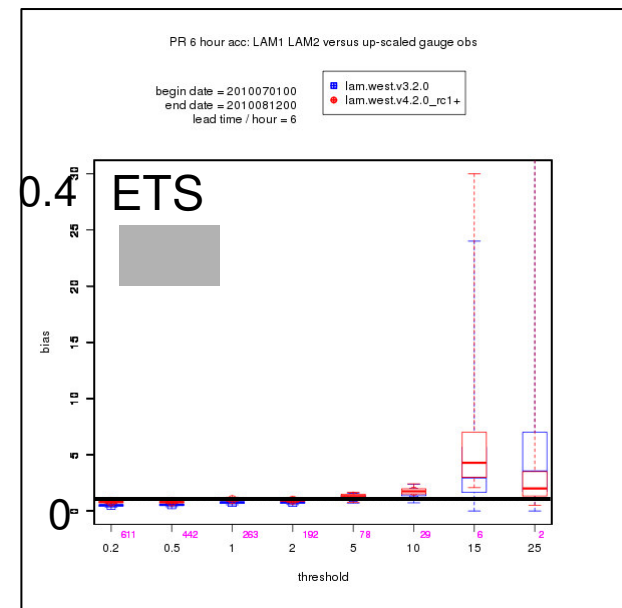
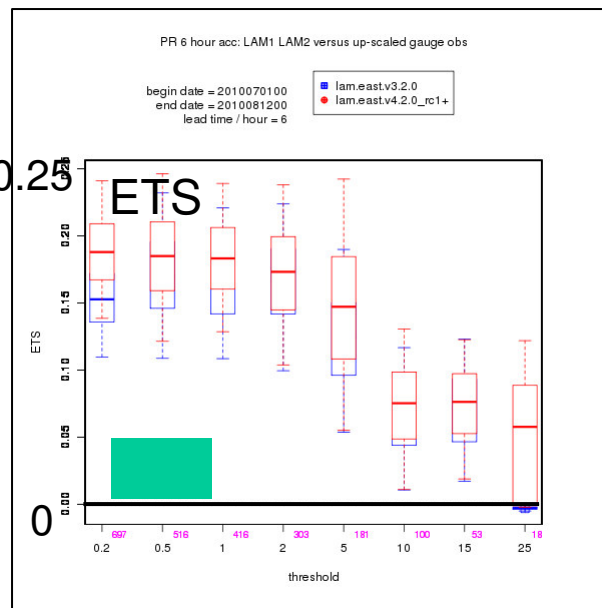
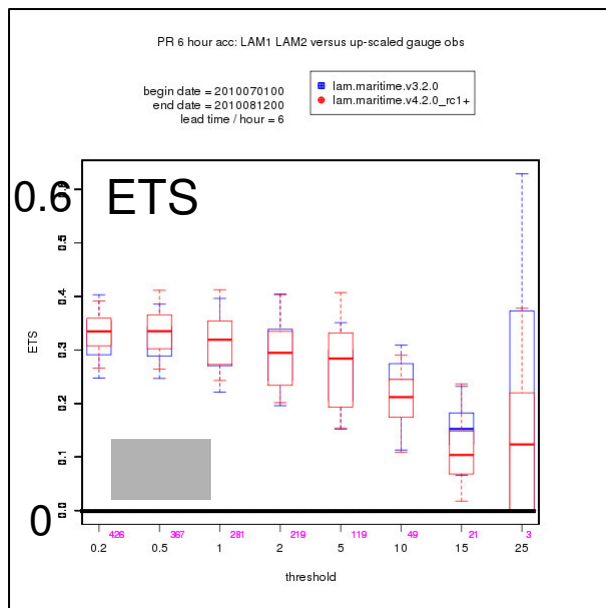
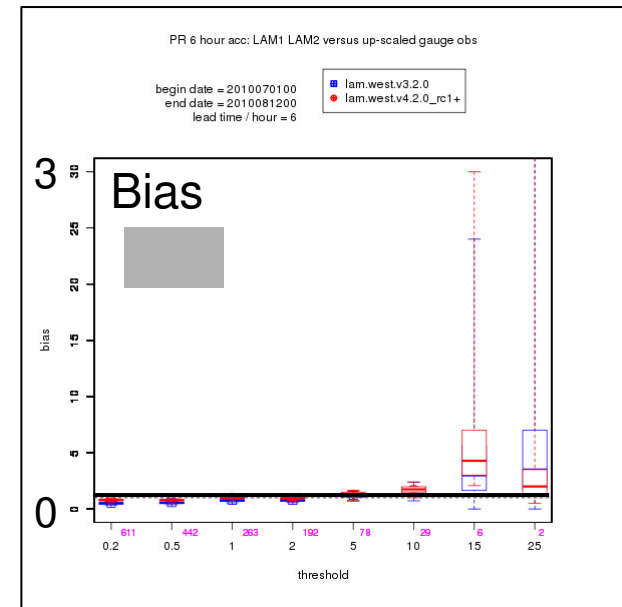
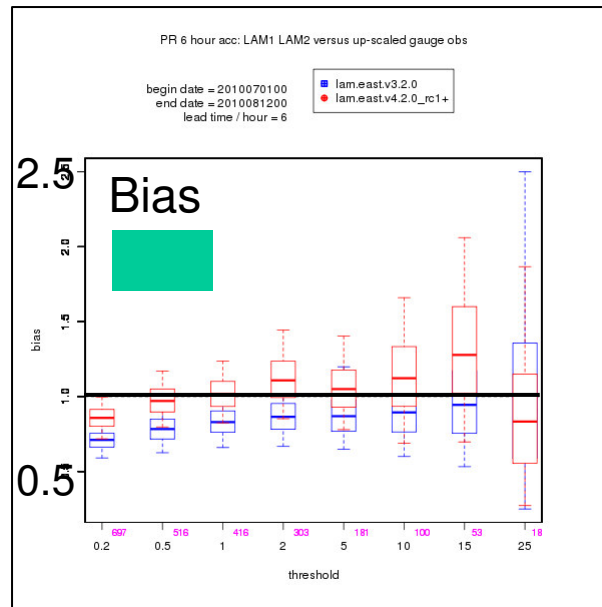
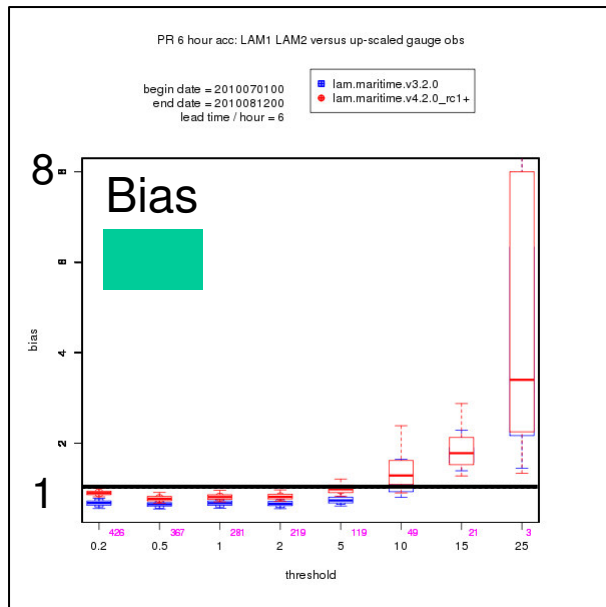
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# Maritime

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Summer 2010 – 06h

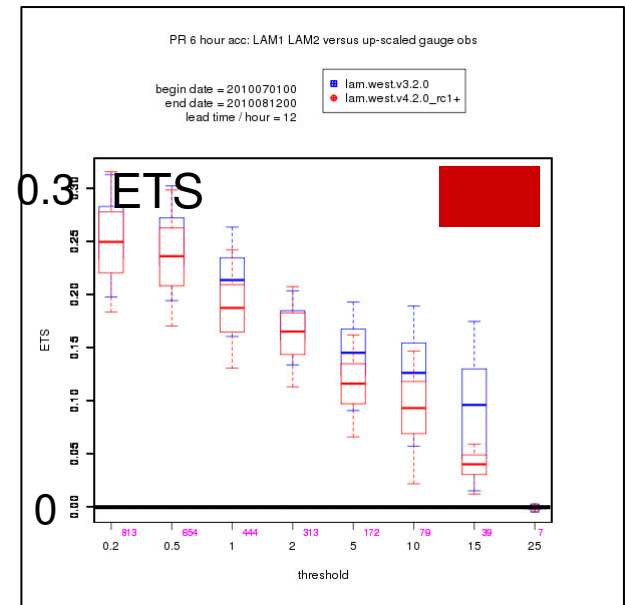
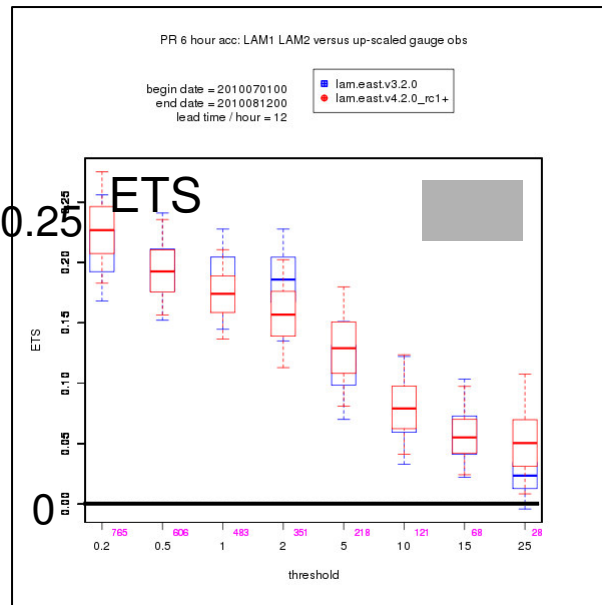
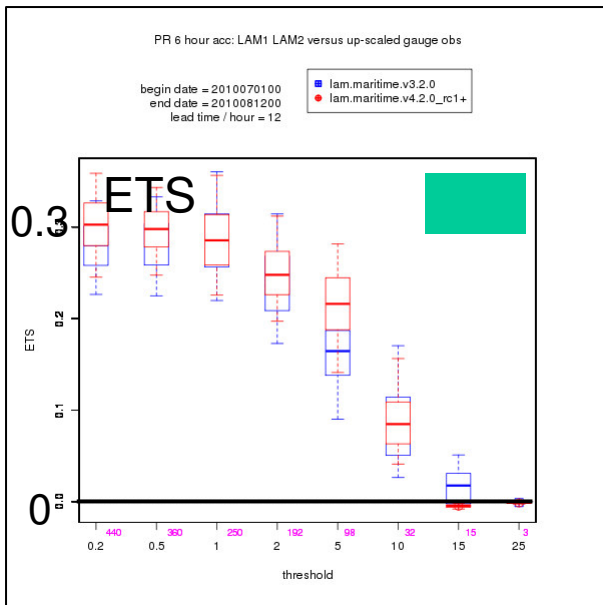
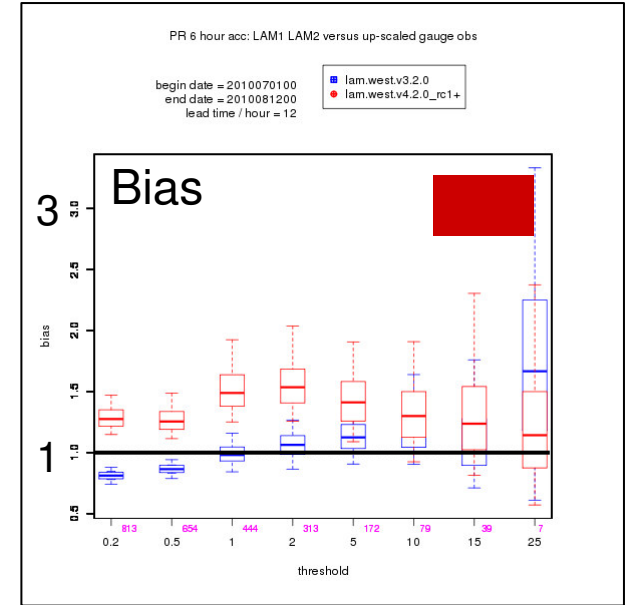
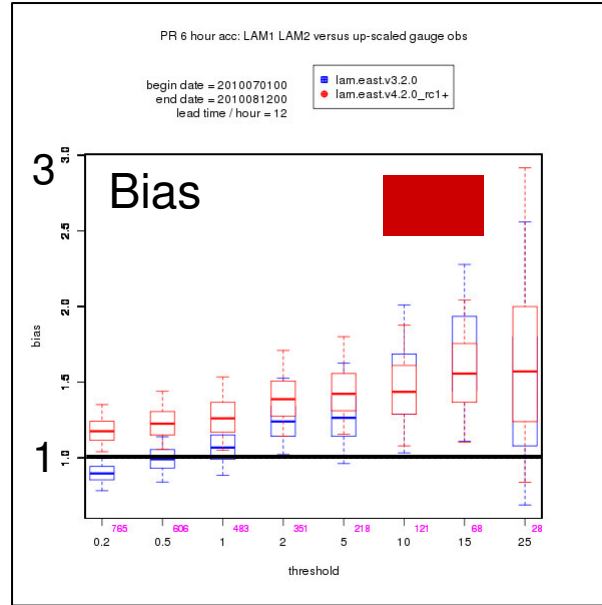
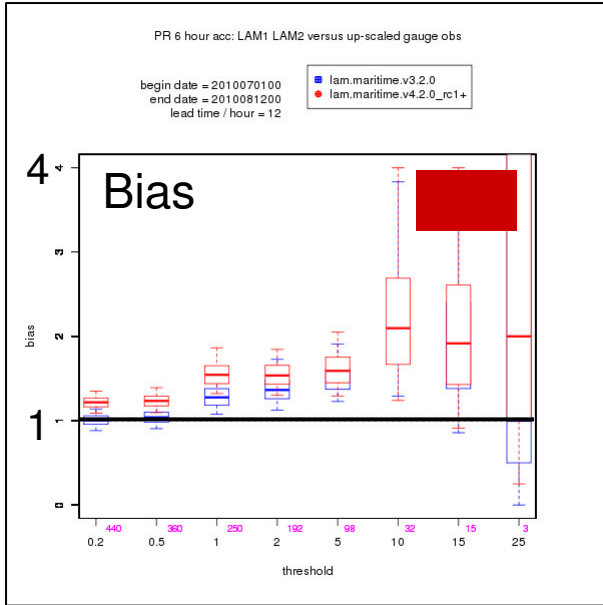
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# Maritime

# East

# West



Summer 2010 – 12h

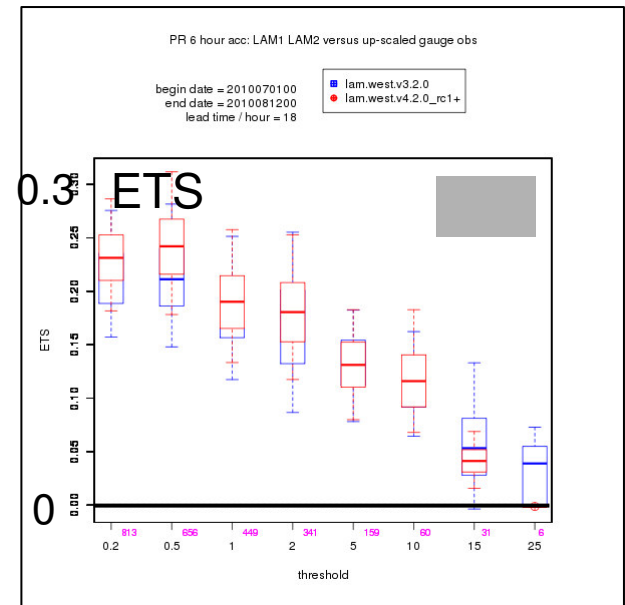
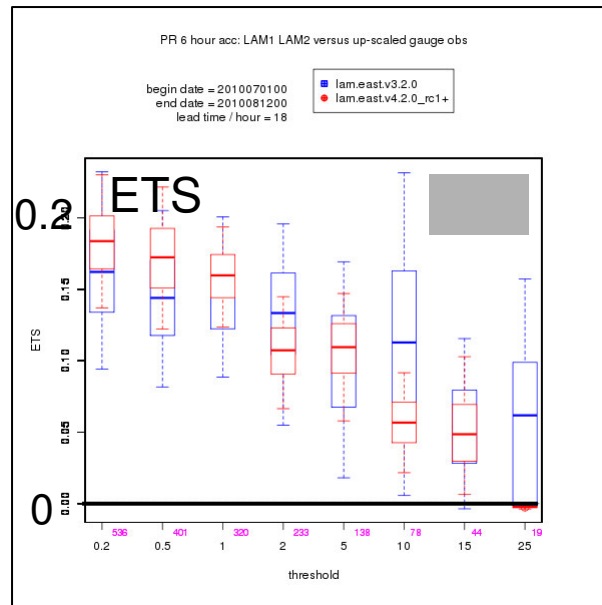
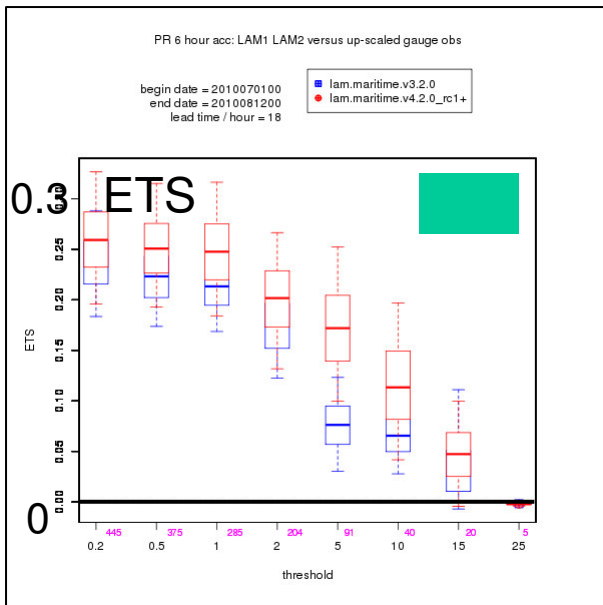
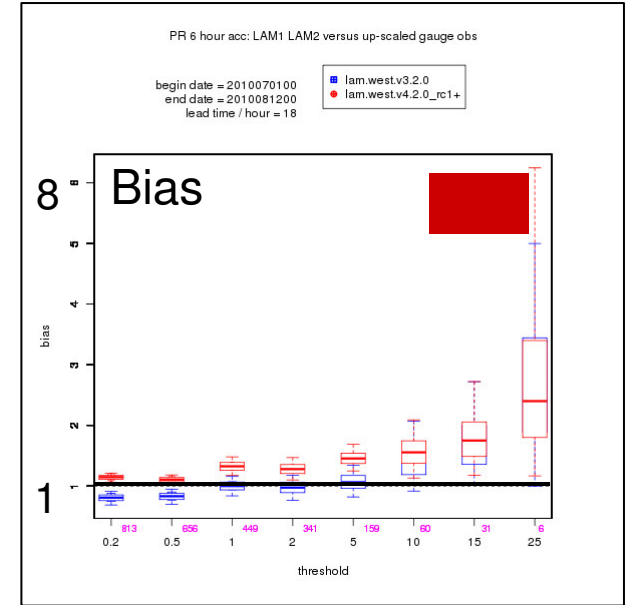
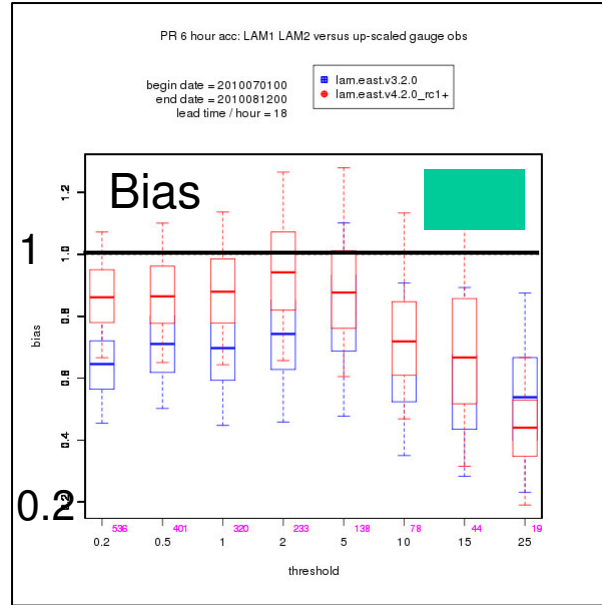
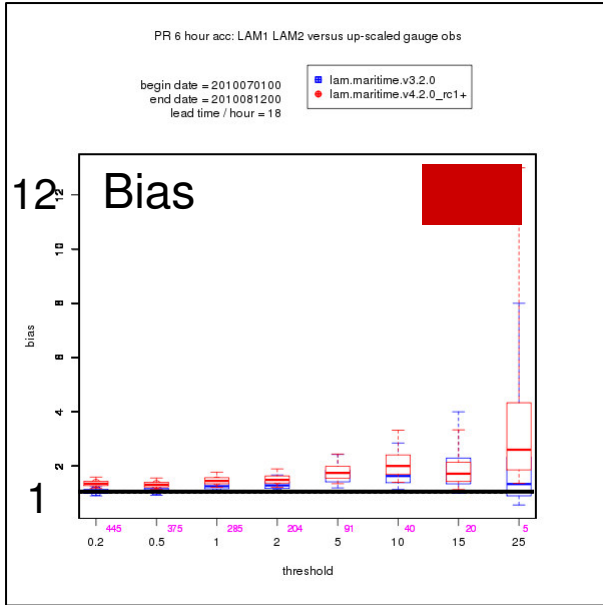
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# Maritime

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Summer 2010 – 18h

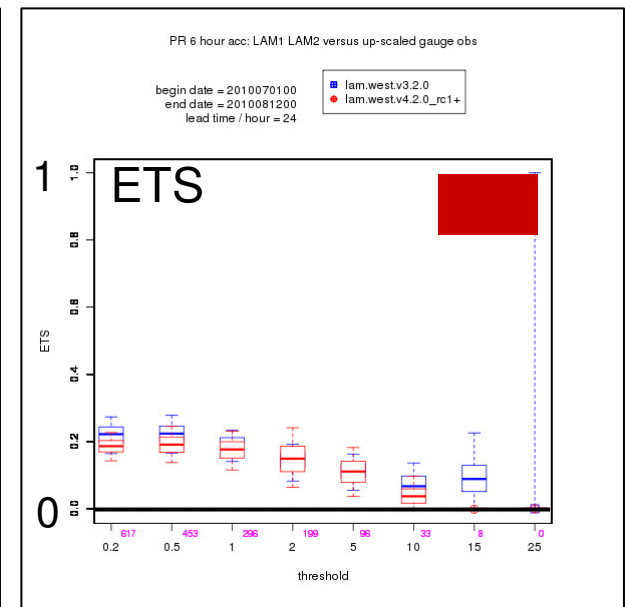
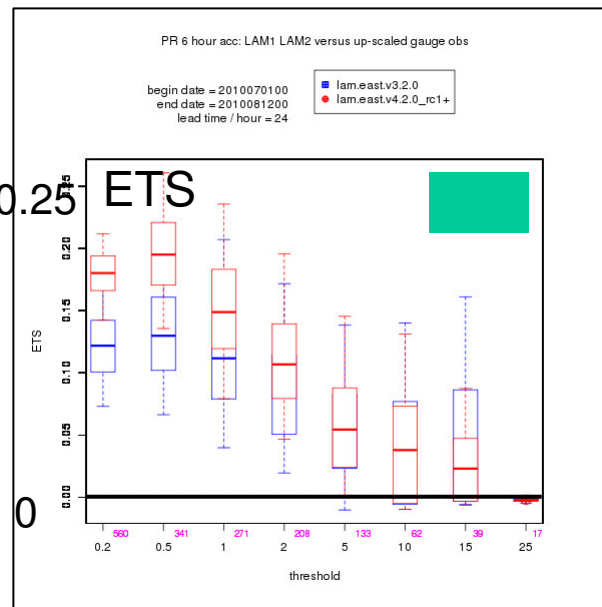
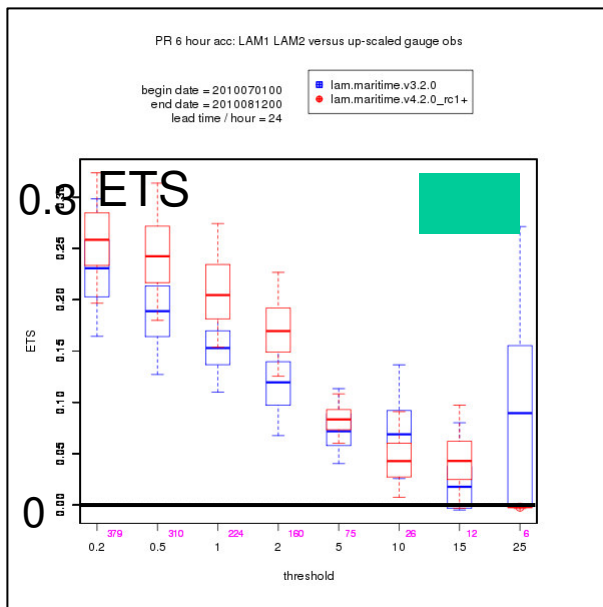
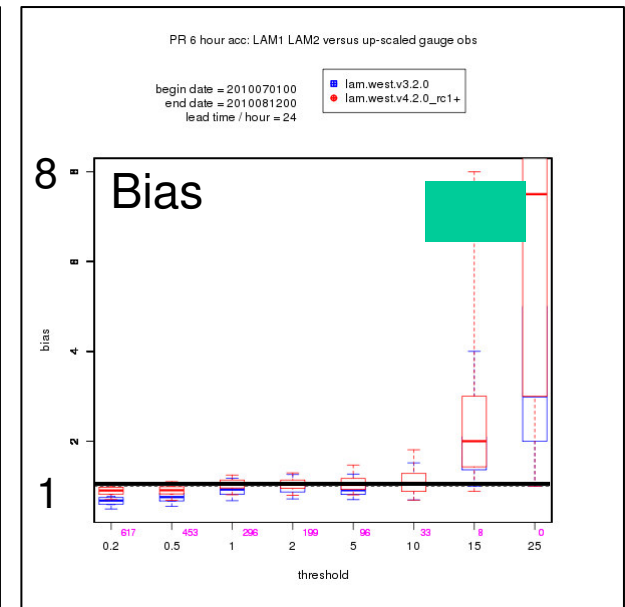
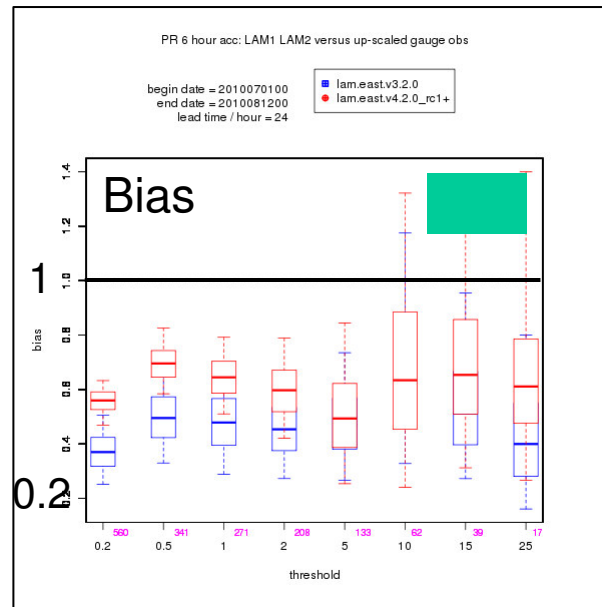
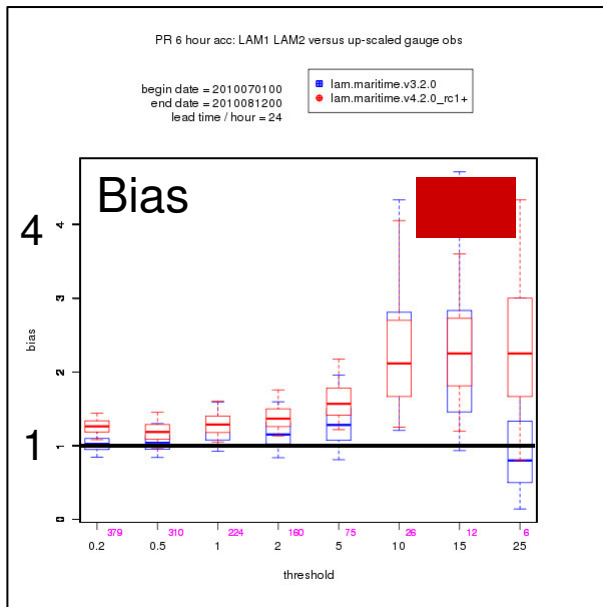
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Summer 2010 – 24h

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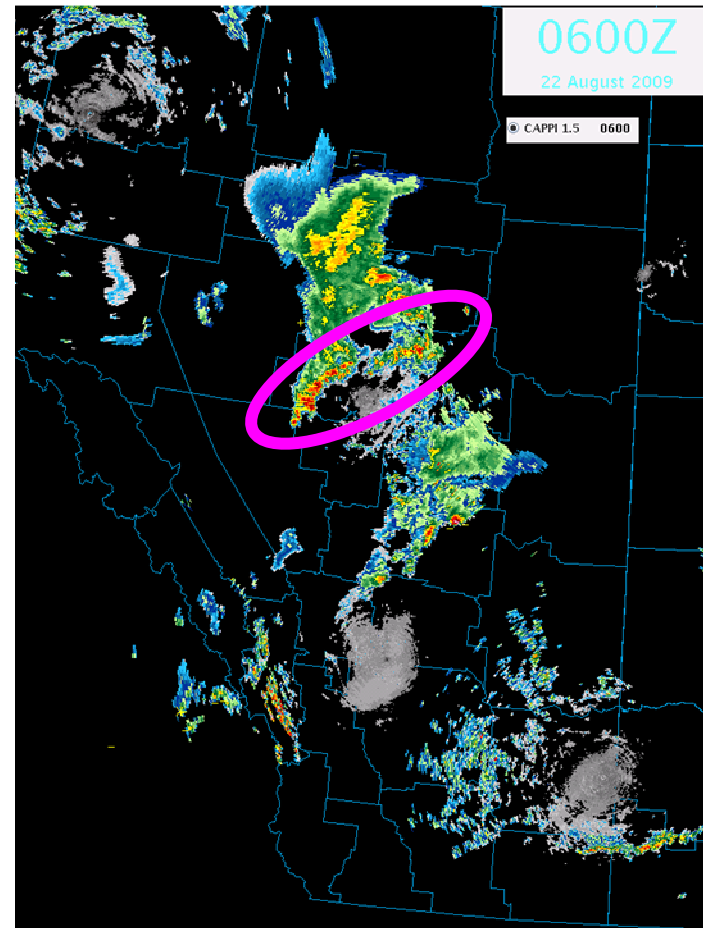
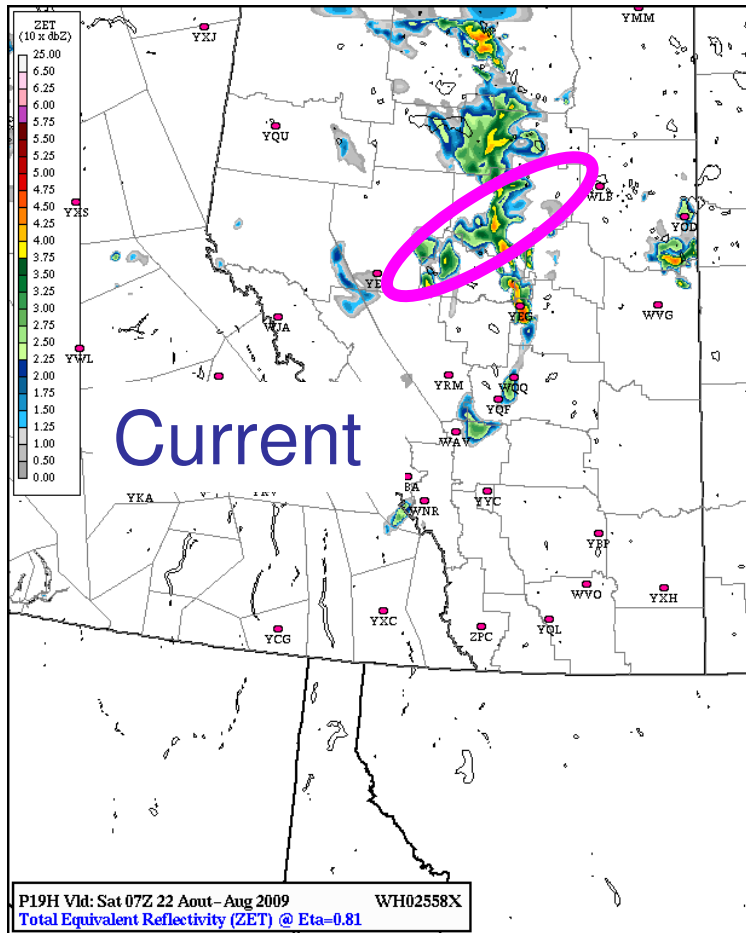
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- gauge density and temporal resolution is insufficient
- small timing errors can heavily penalize model
- measuring snow precipitation quantity is very problematic

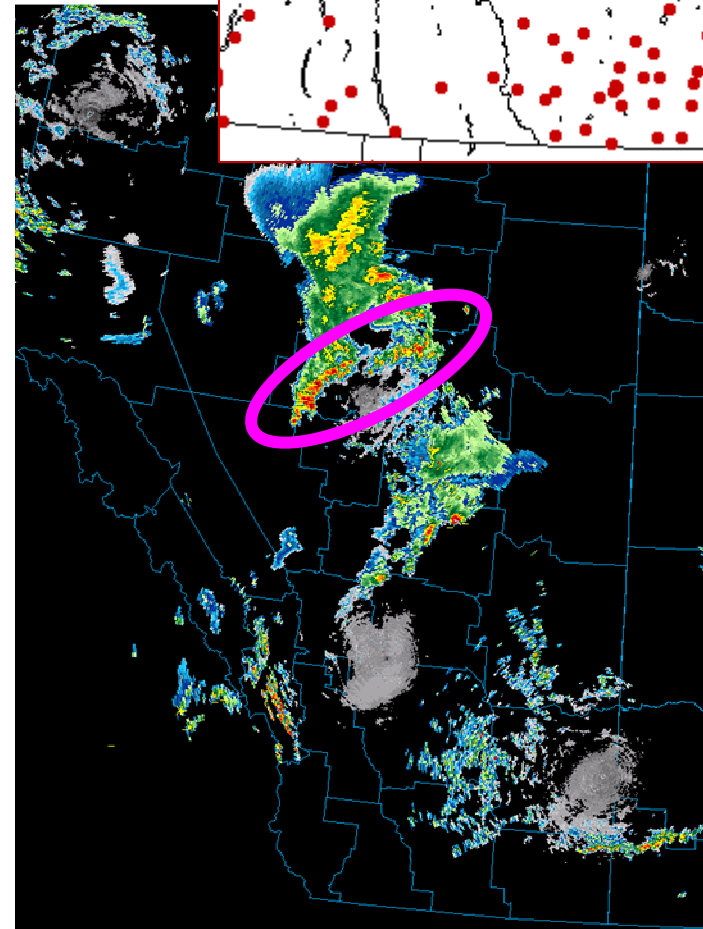
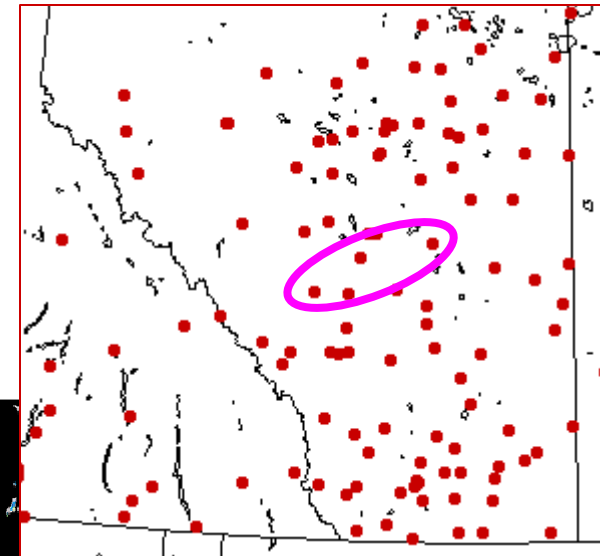
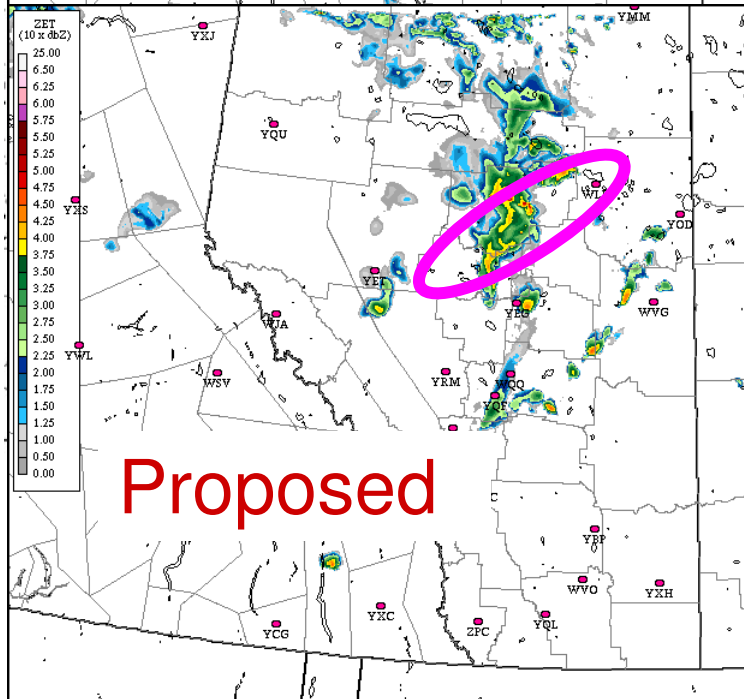
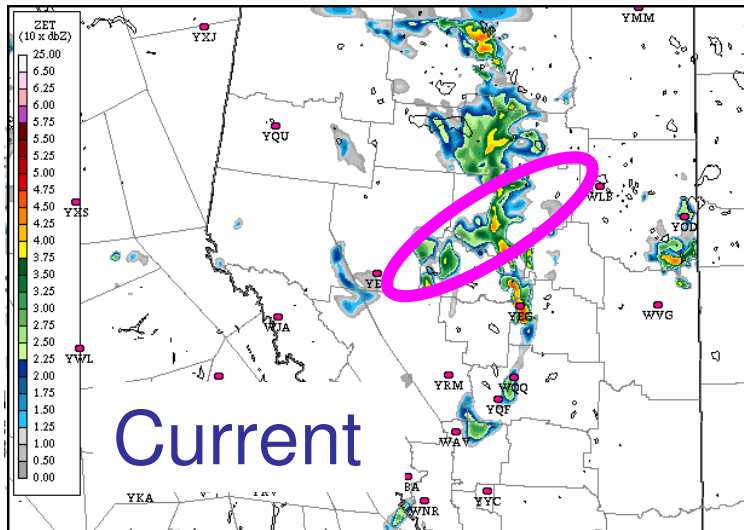
**BUT:**

- Major problems with proposed configuration would probably have been spotted
- This is a step towards proper QPF verification (for high-res)

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## Verification / Evaluation

- **Subjective evaluation**

1. V-10 LAM runs scrutinized every day during Olympics and Paralympics
2. V10-LAM runs examined during summer 2010 (PYR)
3. 8 summer high-impact weather cases were examined (PASPC)

What is the change in the forecast value between the **current** and the **proposed** configuration?

**Ruping Mo's** (BC National Lab; experienced forecaster) conclusion:

→ Though somewhat different, **there is no real change in the forecast value**

# Computational Cost

## Proposed vs. Current configuration:

- Total run time (start of LAM-15 to end of LAM-2.5):  
**Reduced by ~ 45%** (no GEMNTR for 2.5-km run)
- Change in computational cost\*: **~25% extra**
- Topology yet to be optimized (→ *time/cost will improve*)
- Maritime grid: 22% extra → **4% extra for entire system**

\* Estimated from wall clock time for GEMDM task on East-2.5 km grid (identical computational domain), with the same processor topology (6x12x4)

# Summary of Proposal

## Upgrade-1

1. Change model version to GEM\_v4.2.0
2. Change to V-10 physics configuration
  - CKD radiative transfer scheme
  - Double-moment microphysics scheme
3. Changes to Maritime domain
  - - Sfc ICs from GSL coupled system
  - - Expansion of grid



## Towards an Operational HRDPS

### Upgrade-1: (this proposal)

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- Switch to “operational” status
  - CPOP standards
  - formal verification package
- Further developments to improve system

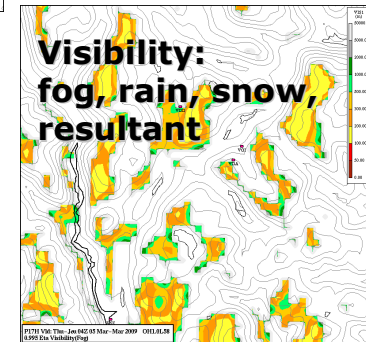
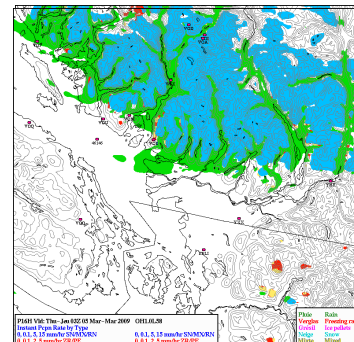
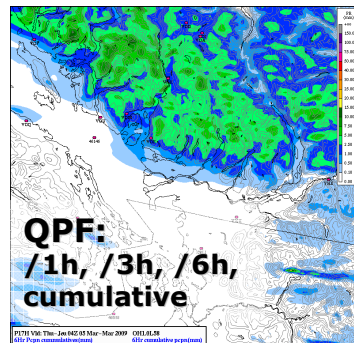
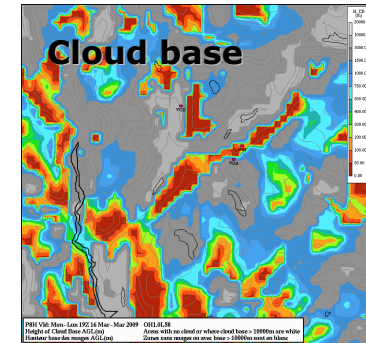
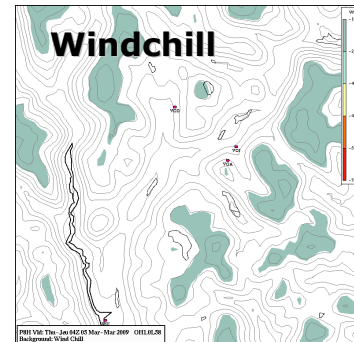
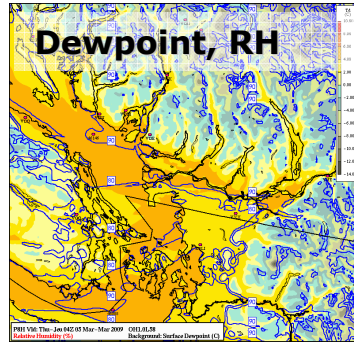
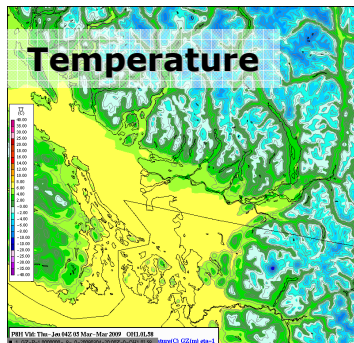
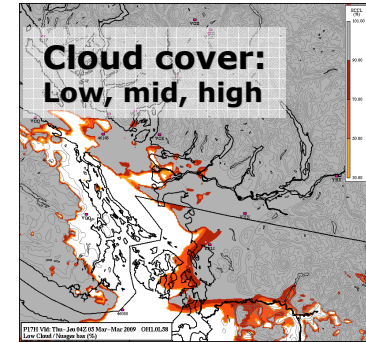
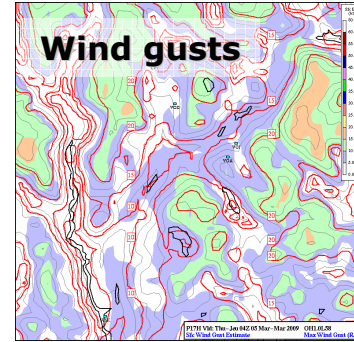
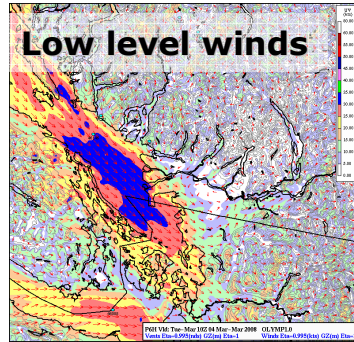
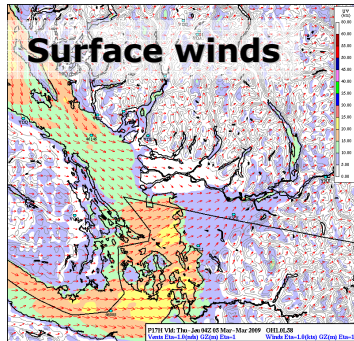


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### Further developments to improve system:

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- Redistribution of vertical levels
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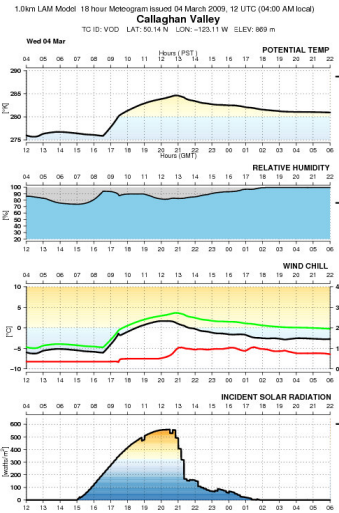
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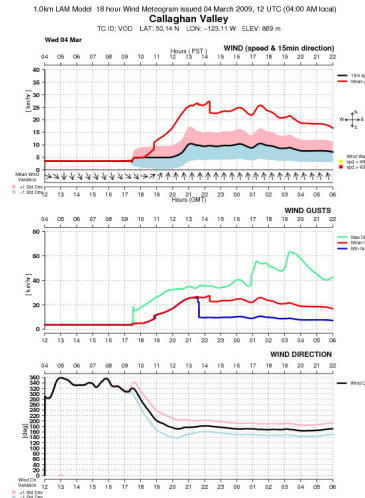
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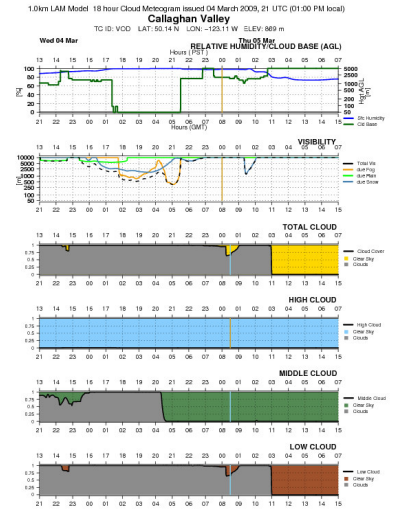
→ **VIZAWEB**



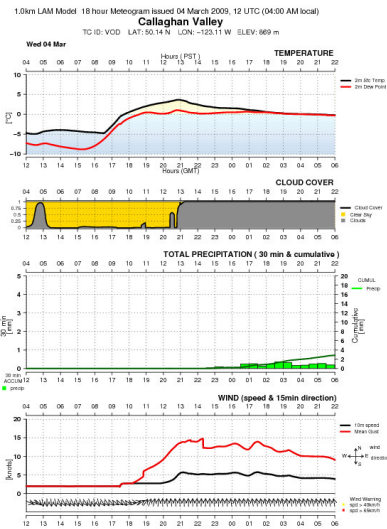
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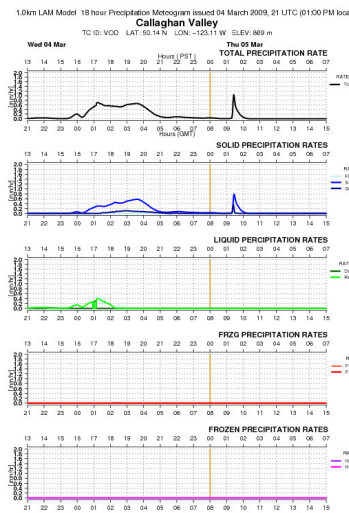
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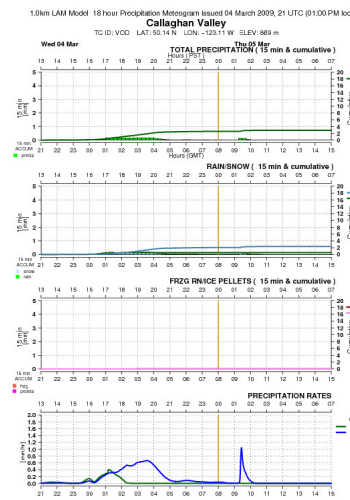
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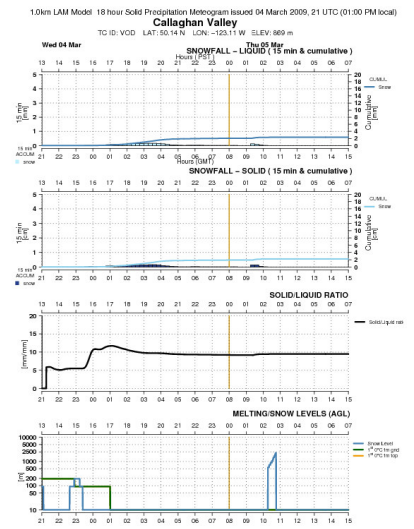
**General Wx**



**PCP Rates**



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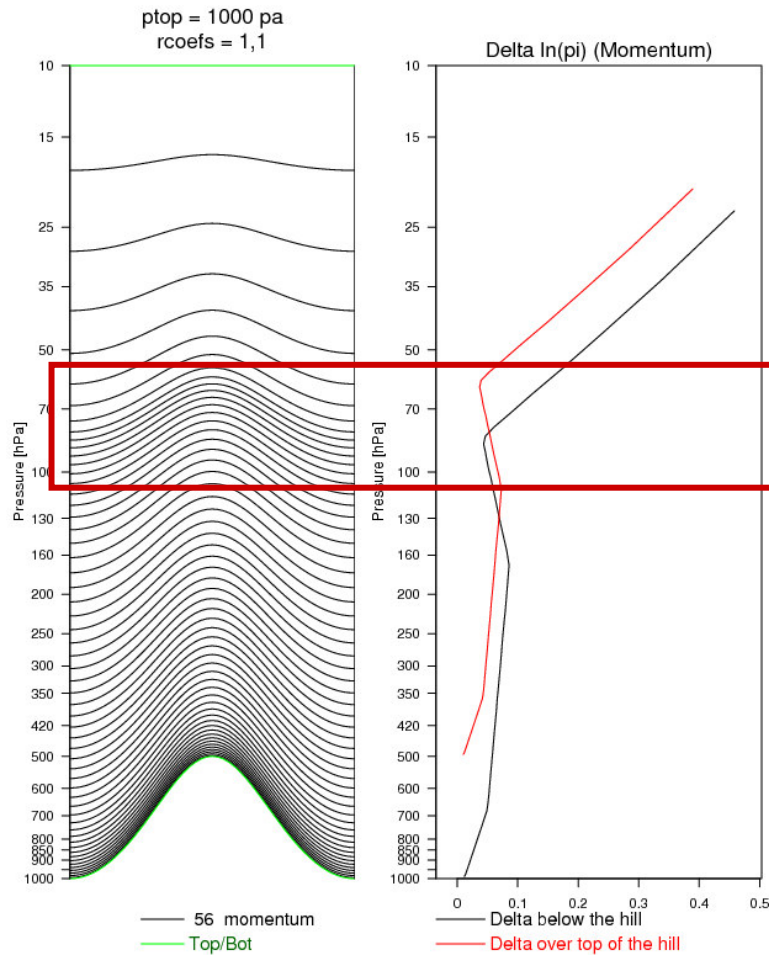
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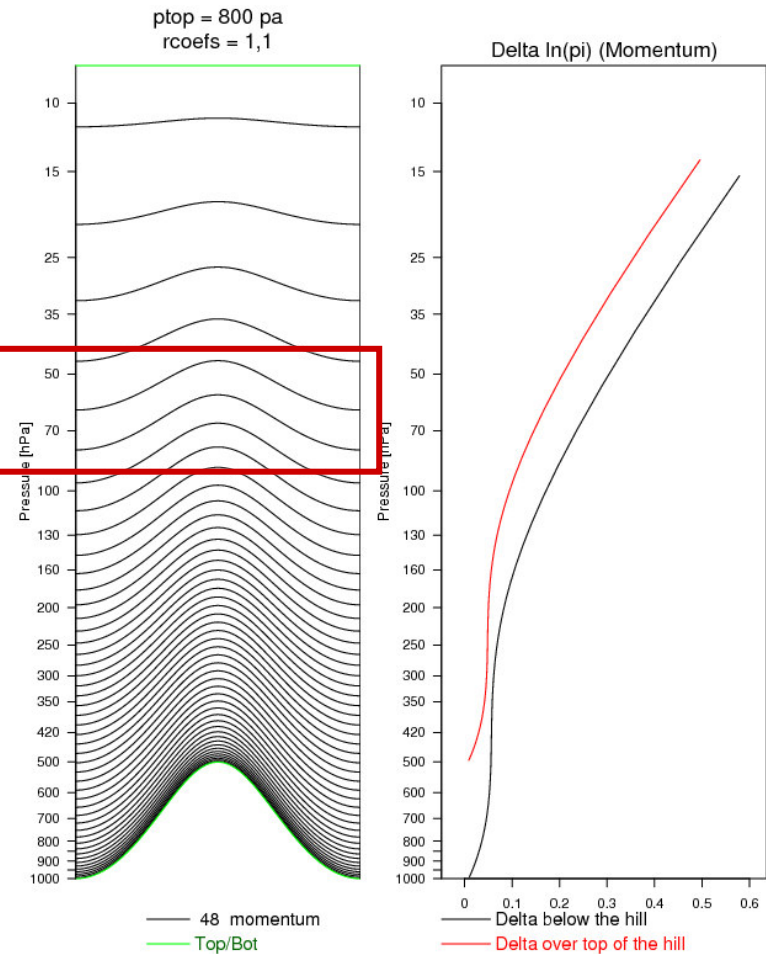
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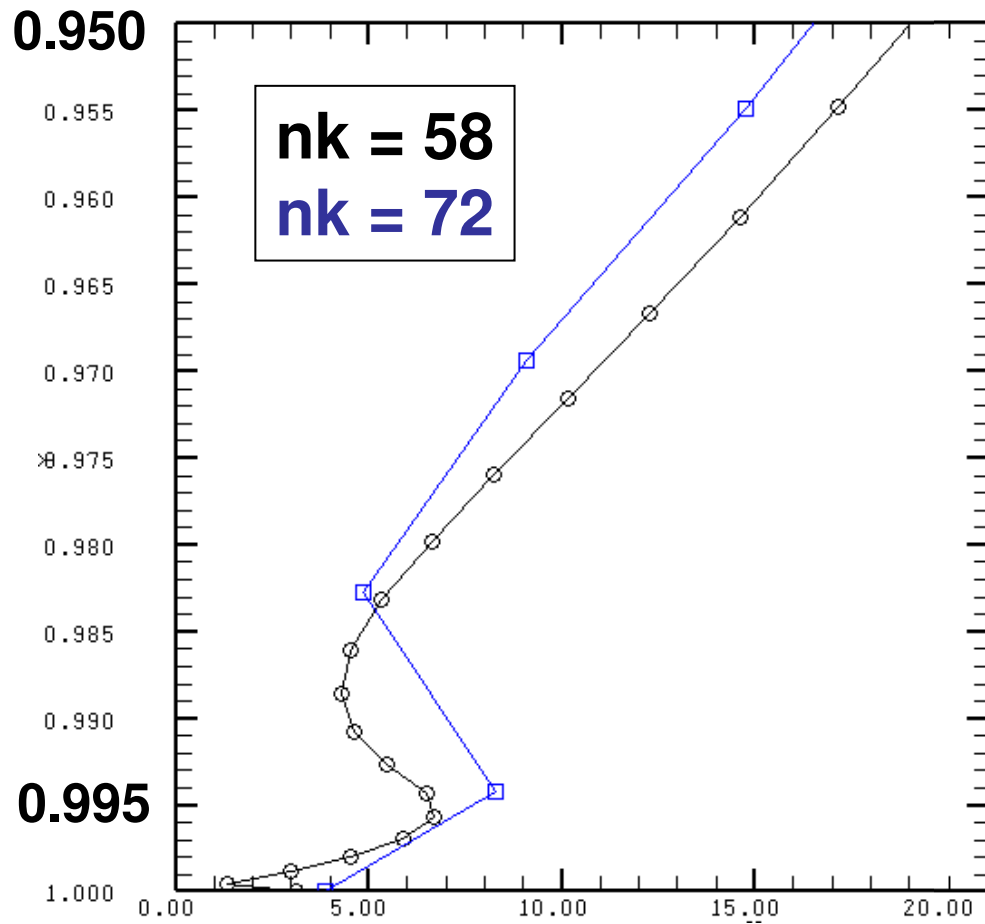
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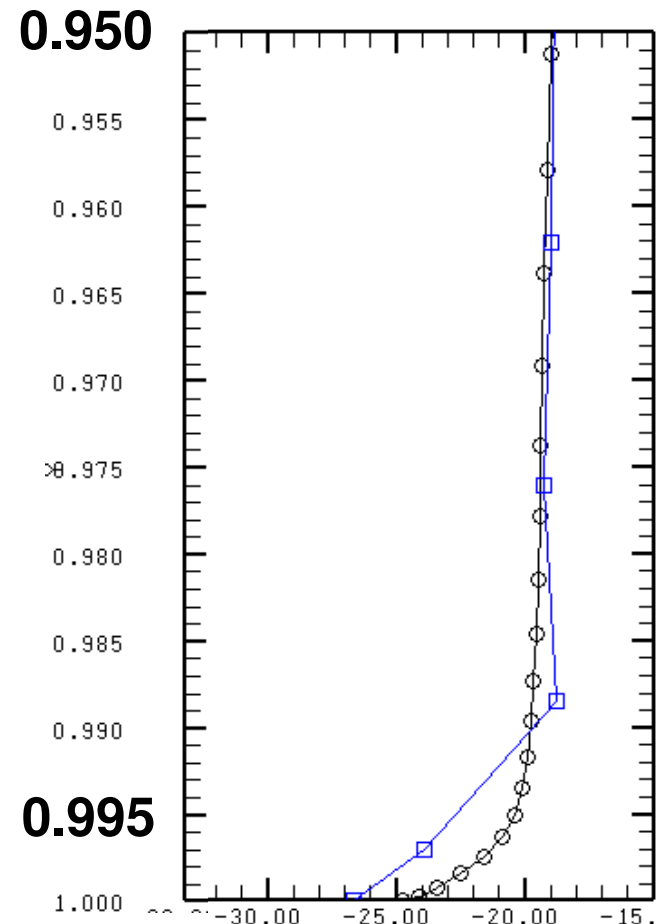


# Testing increased vertical resolution in PBL:

→ Possible improvements to winds and temperature



Wind Speed (knots)

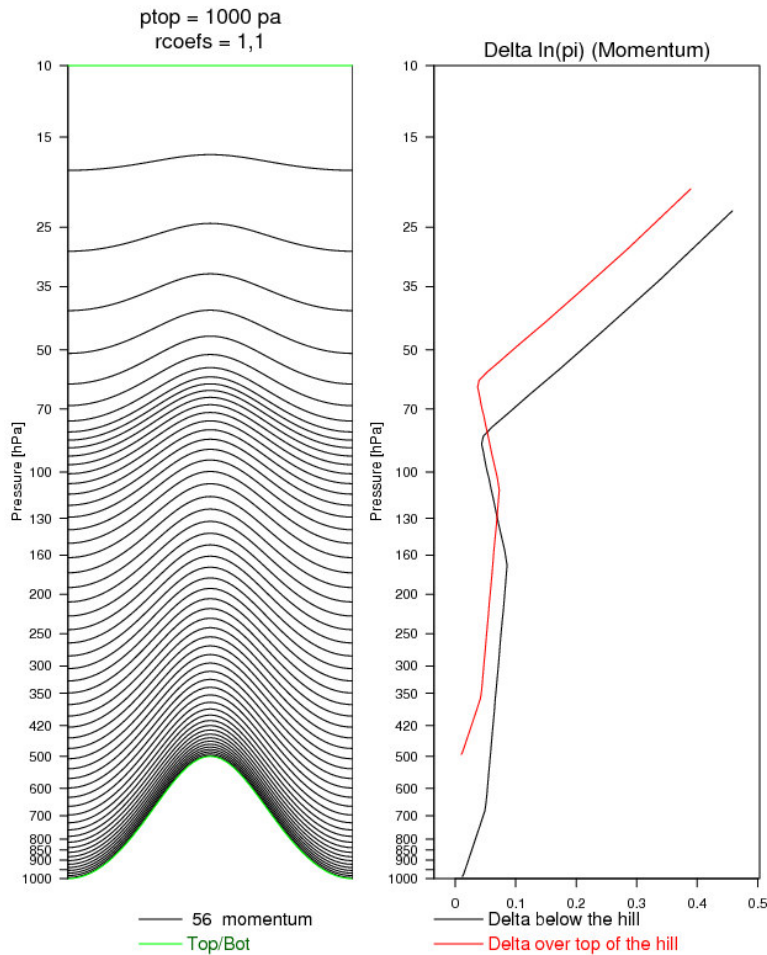


Temperature (°C)

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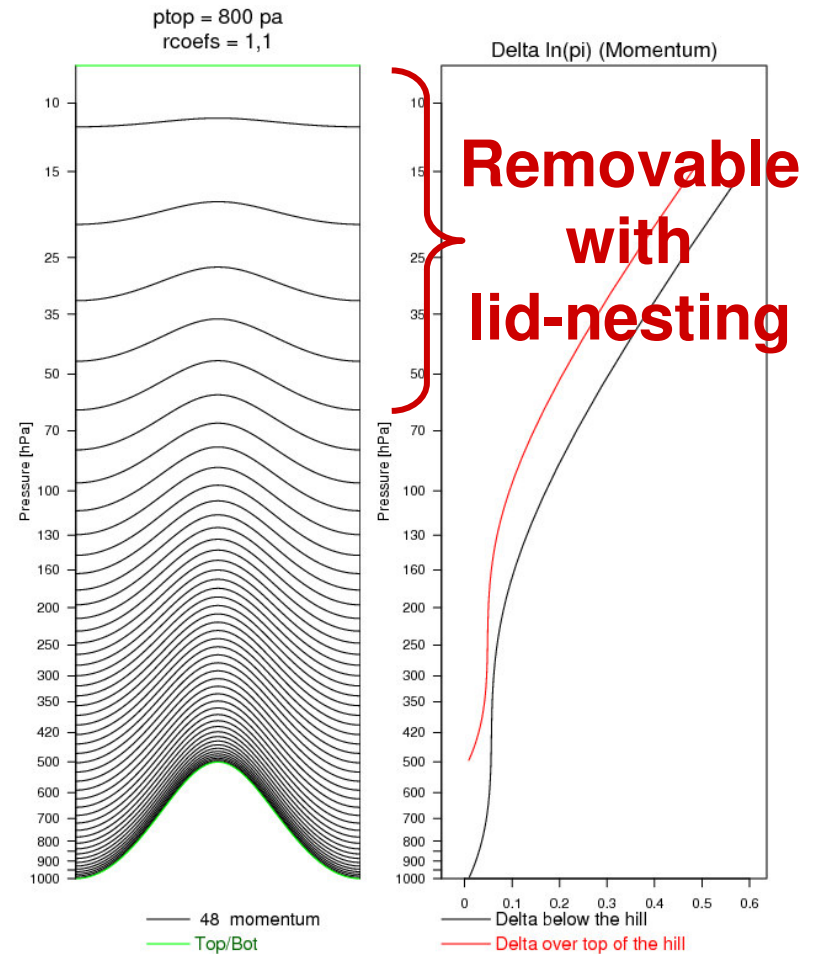
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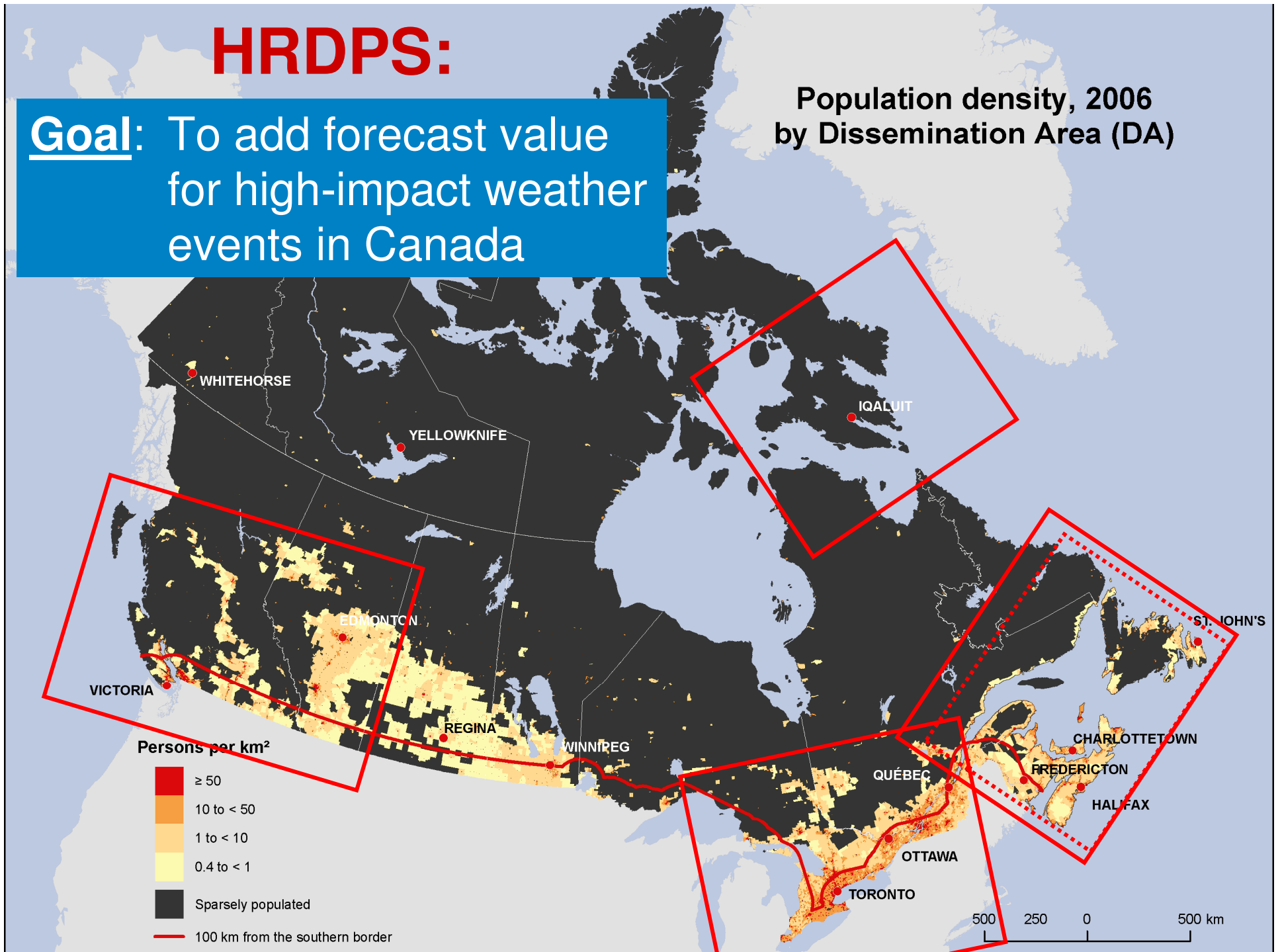
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# HRDPS:

Goal: To add forecast value for high-impact weather events in Canada

Population density, 2006 by Dissemination Area (DA)





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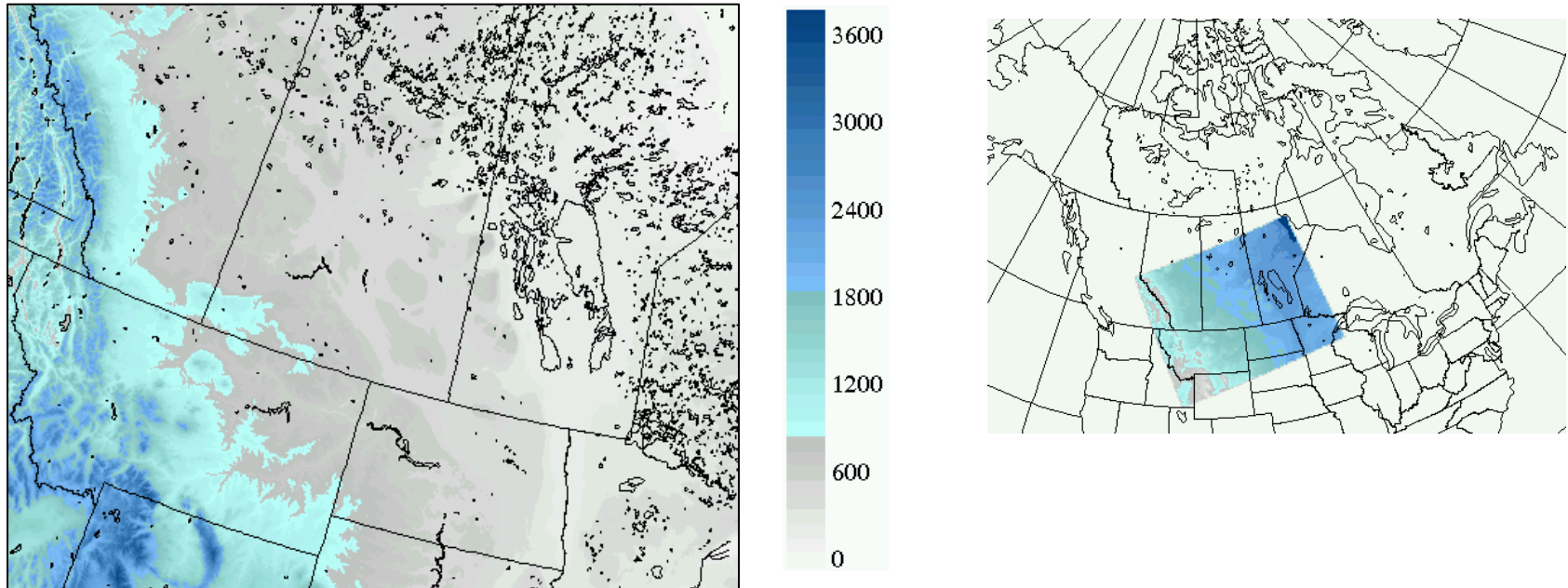
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**EXTRA SLIDES**

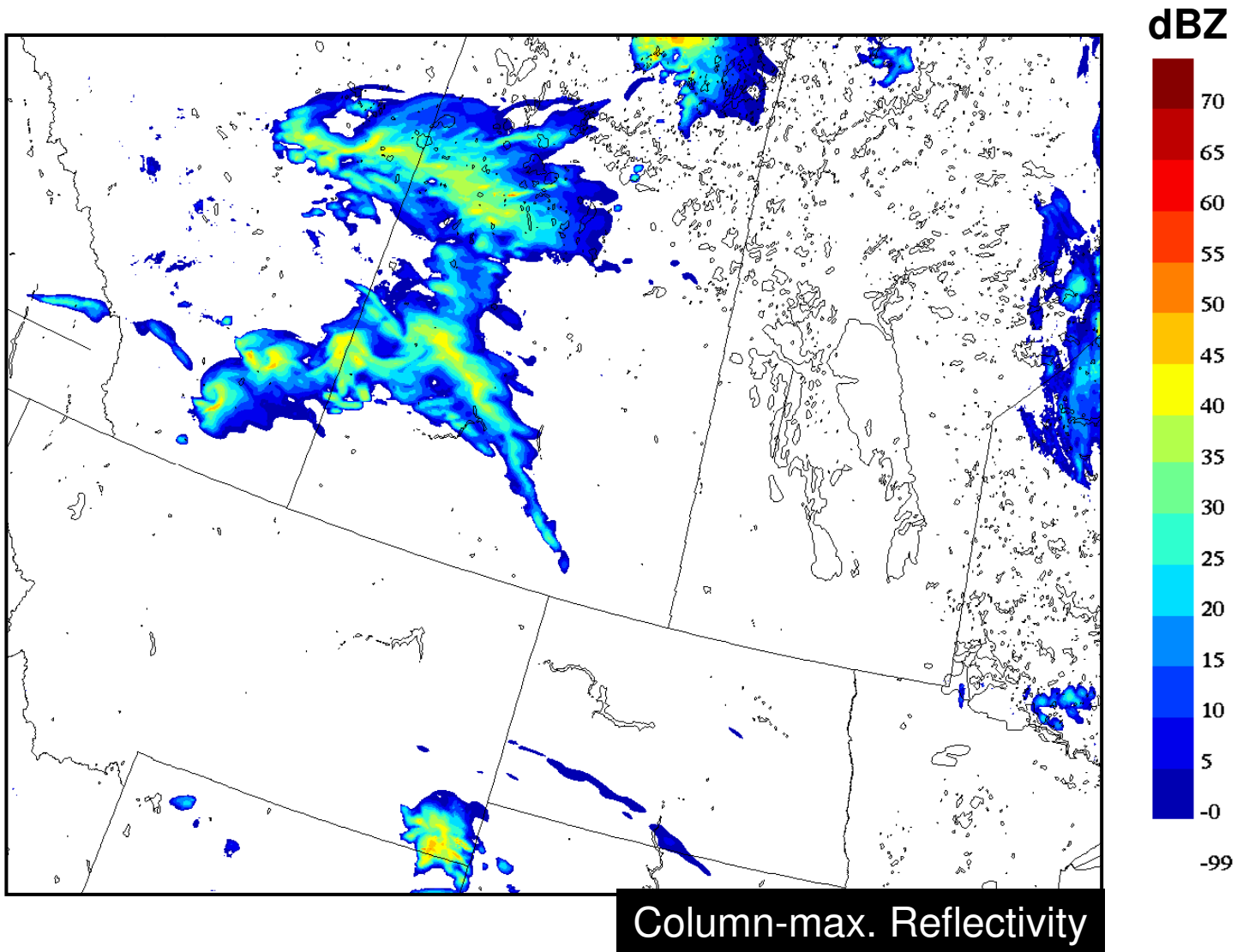
## Examining usefulness of a Prairie deterministic grid



- To be run in user account (Ron Goodson), starting very soon
- Images will be available on VIZAWEB
- **Feedback from users requested! Is this grid useful?**

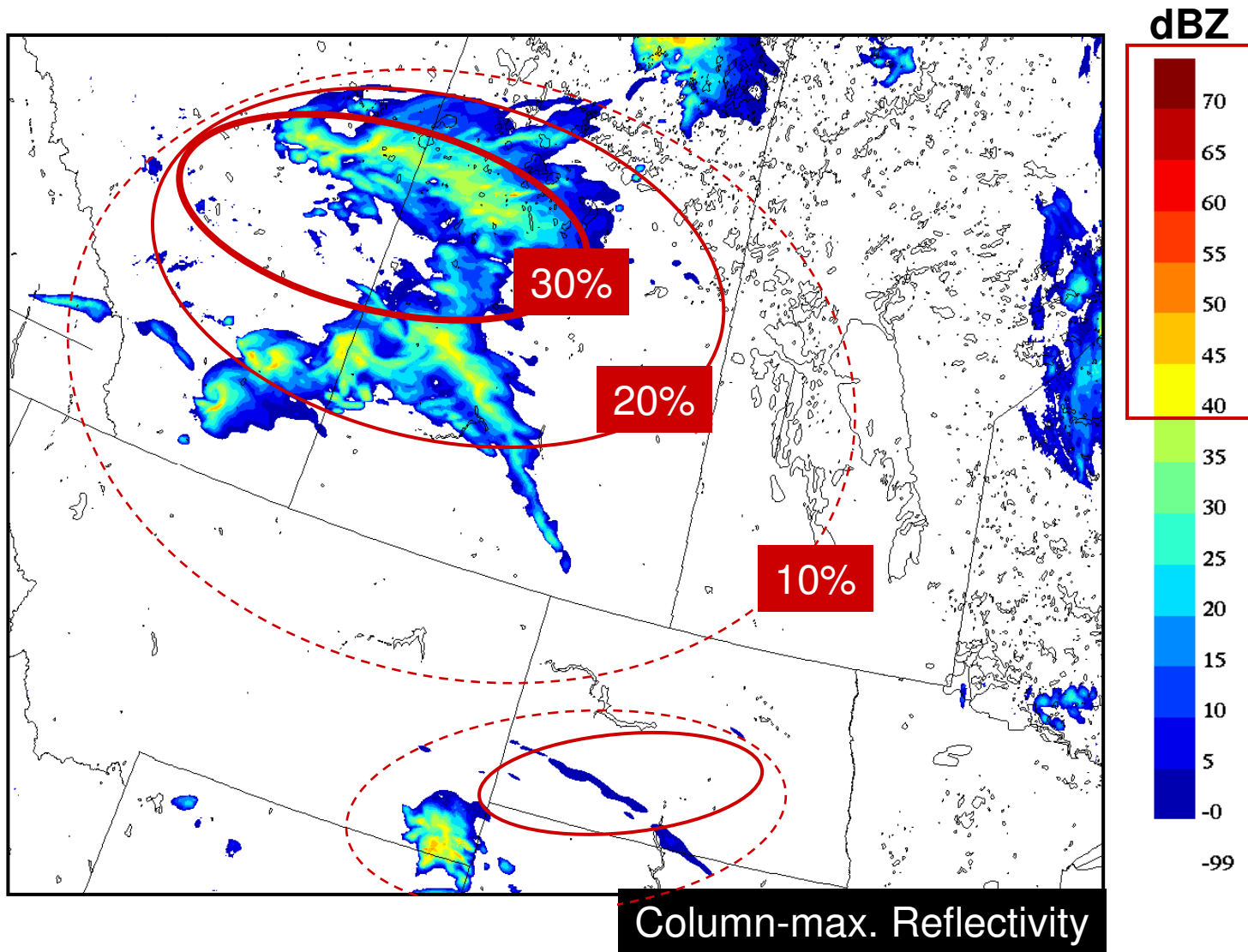
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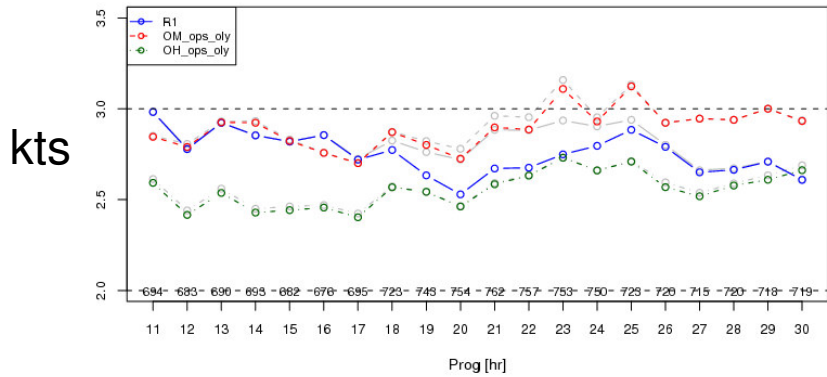
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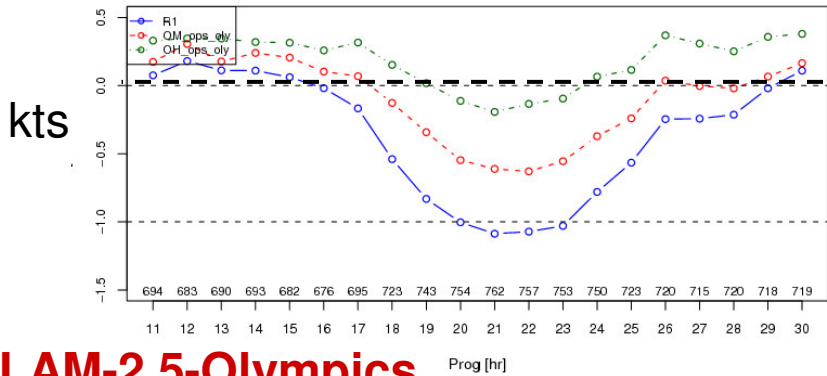


## Wind Speeds (10 m)

UV\_R1-OM-OH-phase\_C\_2010 all\_cases UNBIAS RMS ERROR



UV\_R1-OM-OH-phase\_C\_2010 all\_cases BIAS

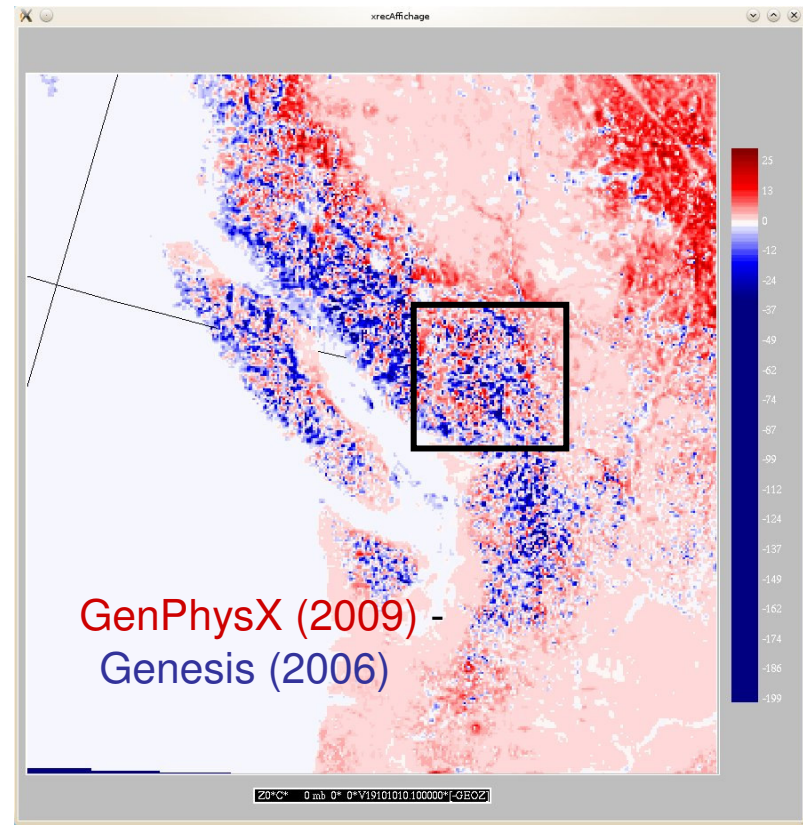
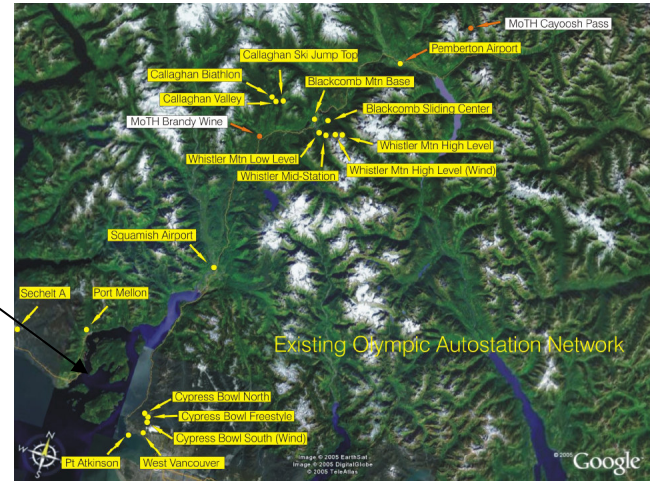


## LAM-2.5-Olympics

**Phase C**  
(Feb. 12 - March 23, 2010)

## Howe Sound

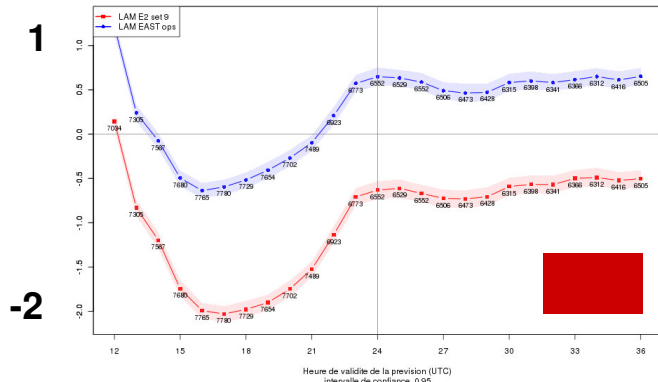
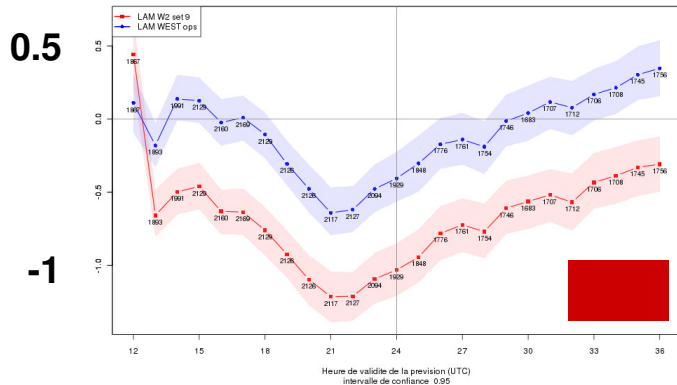
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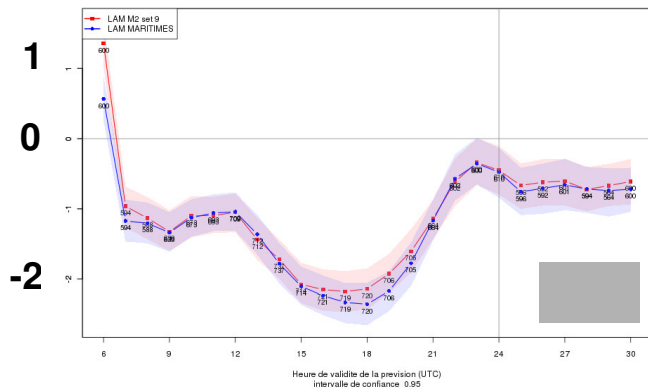
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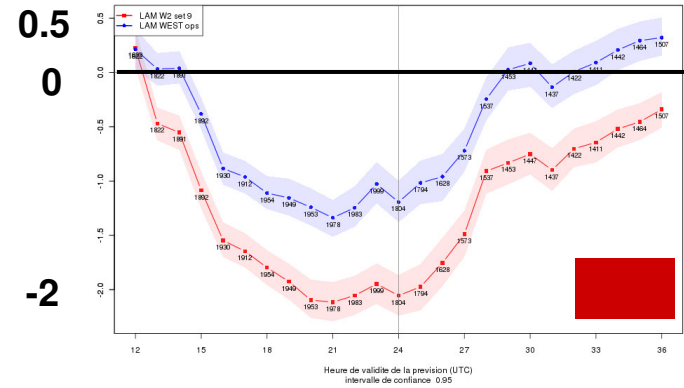
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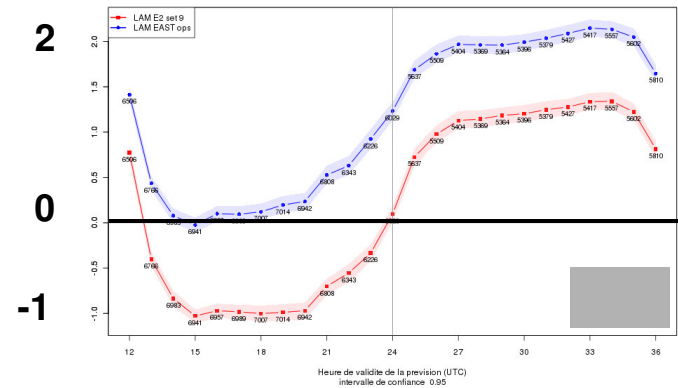
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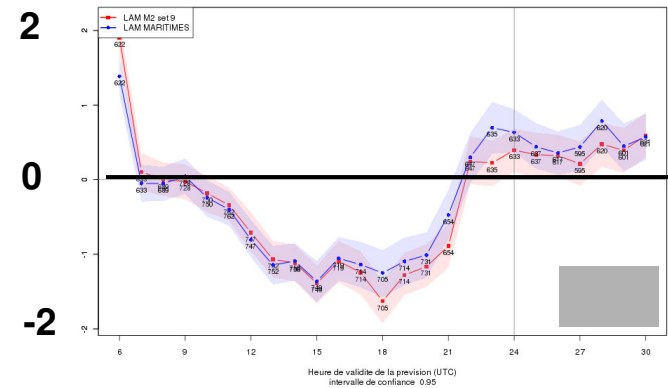
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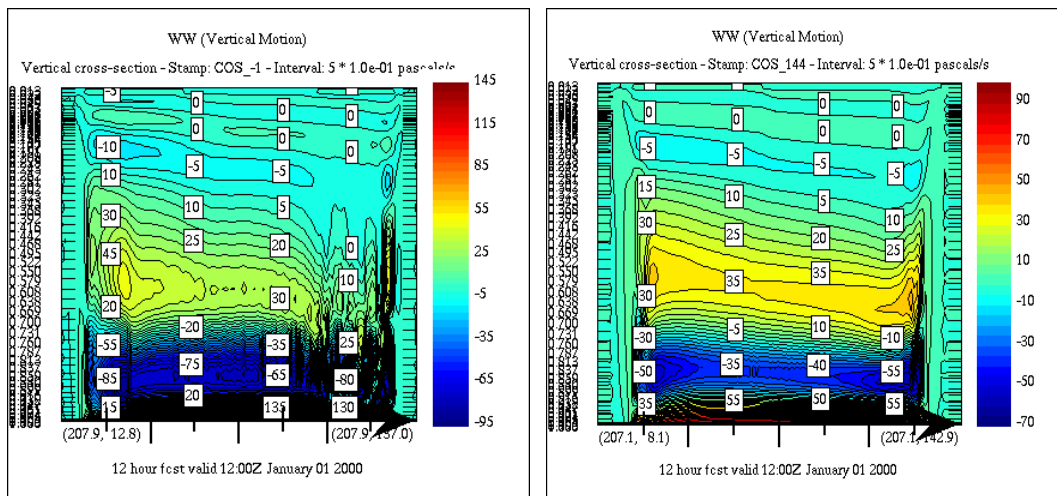


# Growing Orography

Nesting increments 15km : 2.5km (<1800 m) and 2.5km : 1km (<600 m) involve orographic changes that cause imbalances during nesting:

Gravity waves are generated as the dynamics come into balance (left)

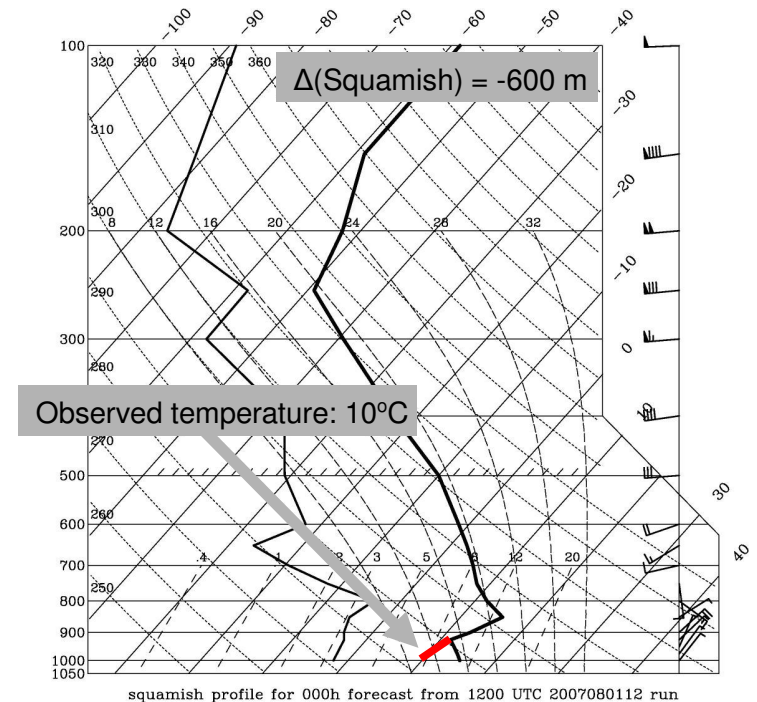
Effects of subterranean extrapolation can be long-lived (right)



Vertical motion (different colour scales) along an isolated ridge in an idealized simulation. No growing orography (left) is compared with the final step of a 12-h growth period (right).

c/o Ron McTaggart-Cowan

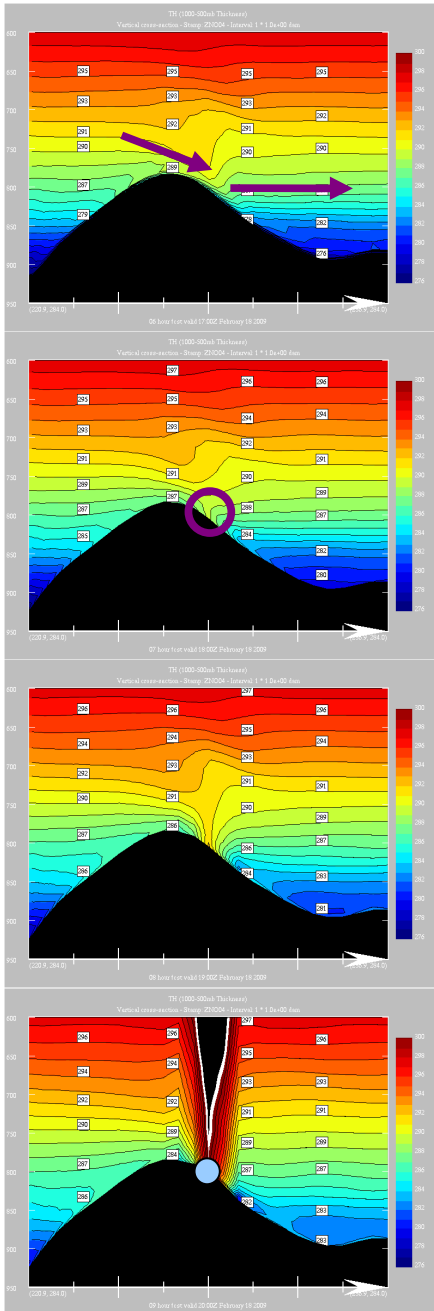
Extrapolated 6.5°C/km lapse rate and constant winds cause an initial error of 6-7°C at Squamish on the OM grid. This nocturnal inversion cannot be re-established before sunrise in the model.



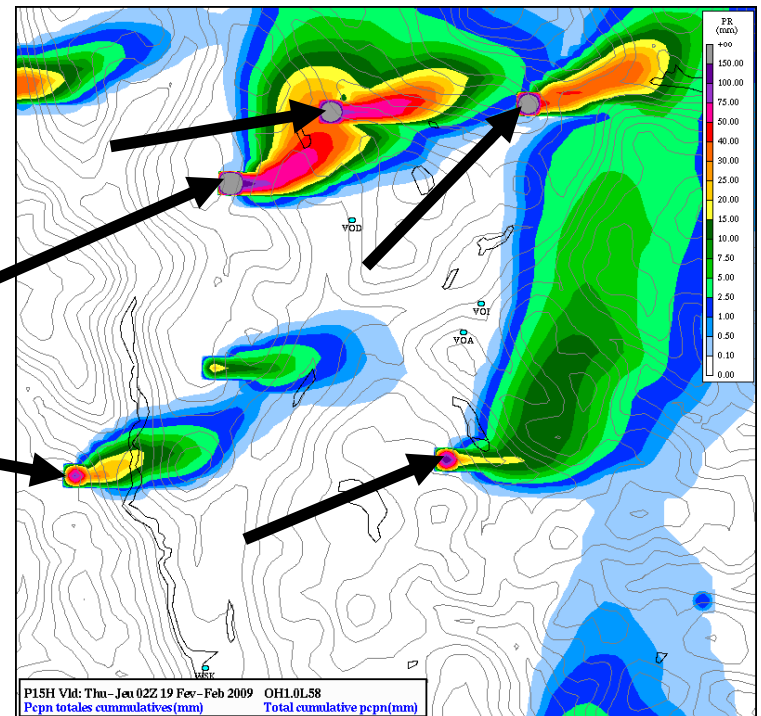


# Gridpoint Storms

- Gridpoint storms occurred occasionally on the 1 km domain (OH) during the 2009 Practicum period:
- under light wind conditions (downwind slopes) with strong nocturnal inversions in the valleys
- progressive warming of the lowest model layers leads to static instability at isolated gridpoints
- GEM v4 (“staggering”) with prognostic thermodynamic level near the surface eliminates the source of instability

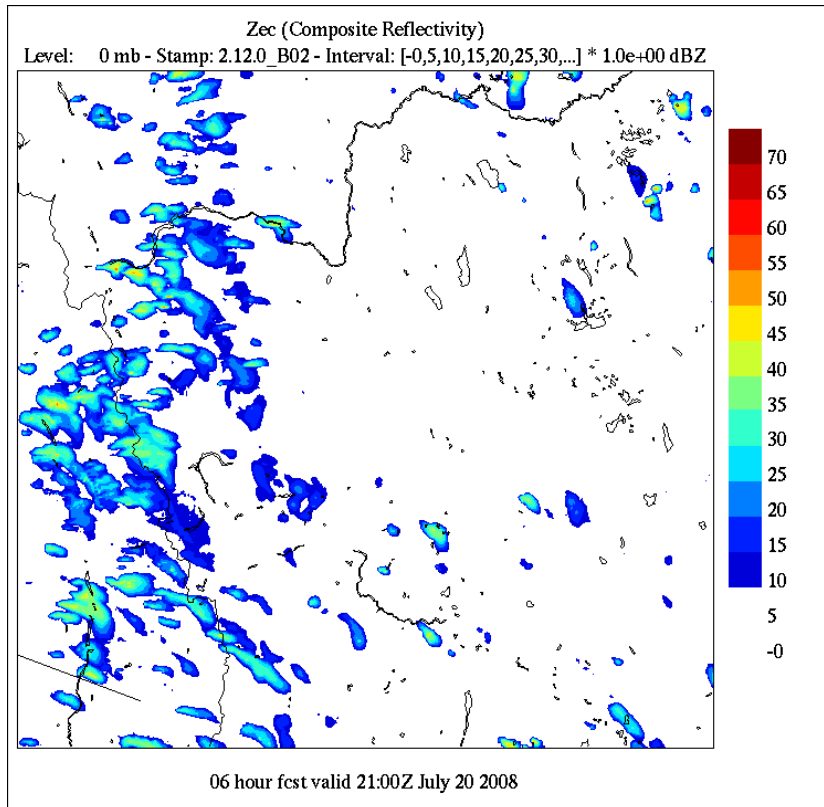


15-hr accumulation of the precipitation field (points with accumulation in excess of 150mm)

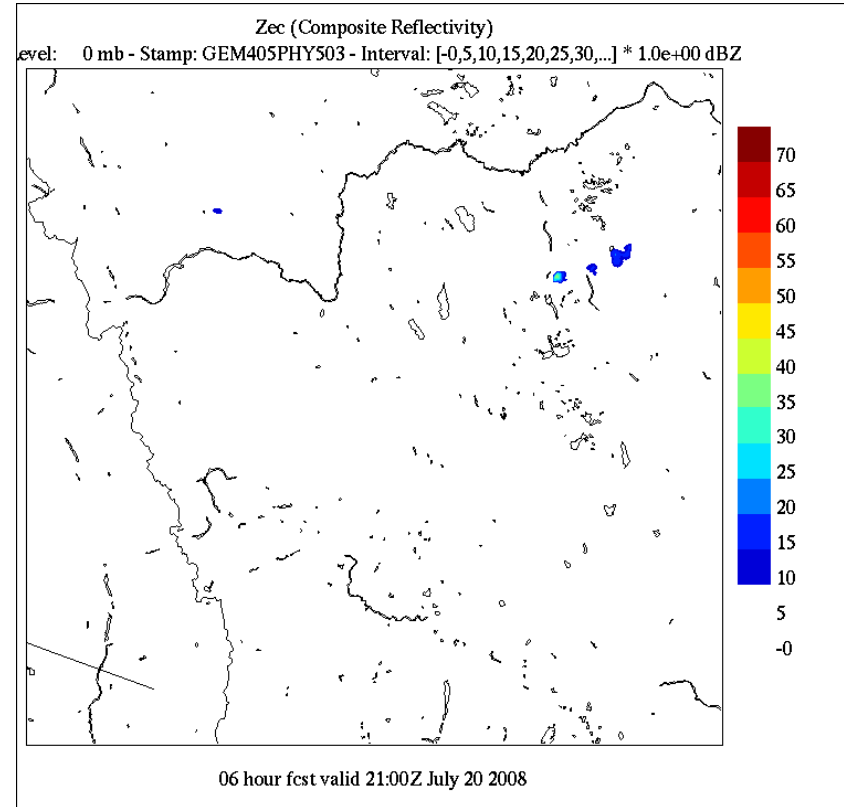


# 1-km runs from UNSTABLE

**GEM\_v3.3.0**



**GEM\_v4.0.5**



**Observed: It was a very clear day, no storms**

Soon to be operational – CONSIDER DELETING!

# The GSL coupled system

