

Flow-dependent data assimilation from a scientific perspective

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What do we have now in HARMONIE

HARMONIE AROME 4DVAR

– outer and inner loops, multi-incremental
(to resolve weak and moderate non-linearities)

HARMONIE LETKF

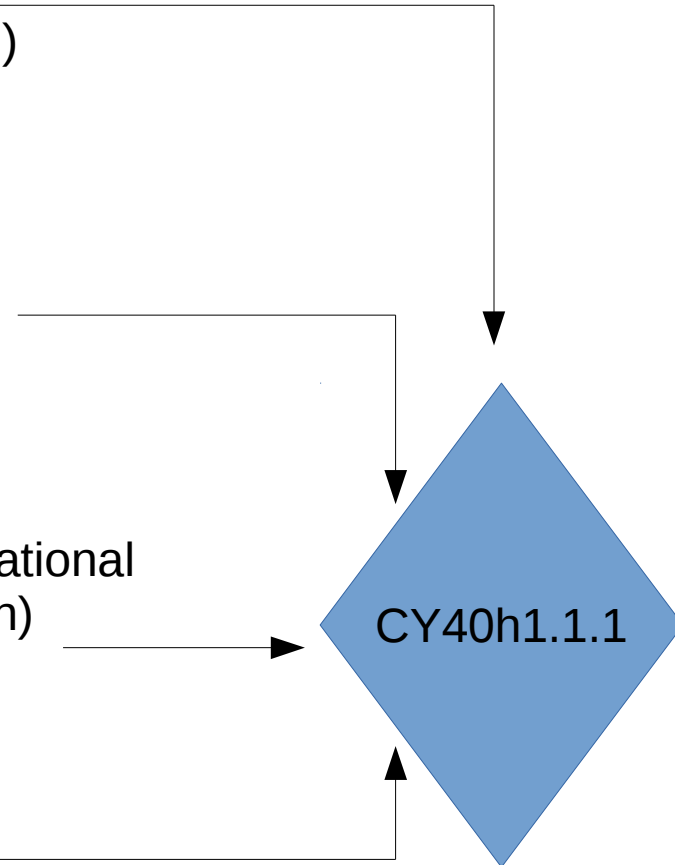
– a grid-point ensemble technique with local selection of observations and local analysis
(non-homogeneity, anisotropy,)

HARMONIE Hybrid EnVAR

– as a regularization constraint
(error-of-the-day ensemble information into variational framework with “global” selection of observation)

EPS branch

– model error uncertainty,
LBC,



Impact of HARMONIE 4D-Var

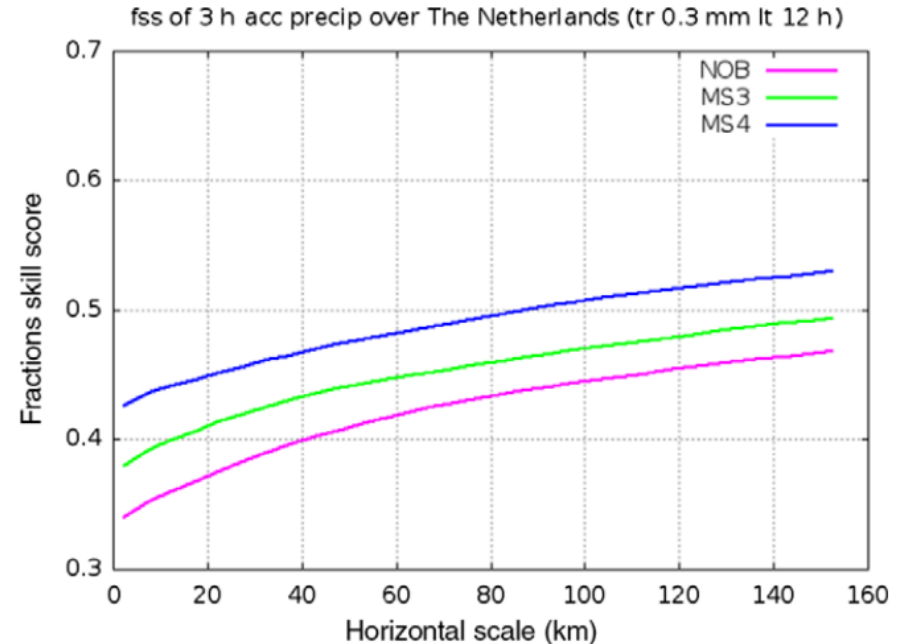
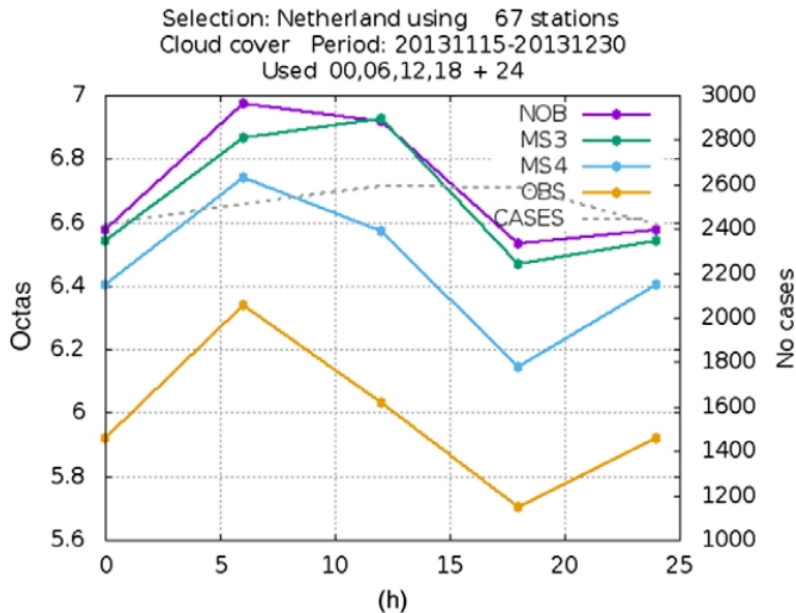
3 h acc. Precipitation

Daily cycle of Cloud cover

- no data assimilation
- 3D-Var
- 4D-Var
- observations

Fraction Scill Score
0.3 mm at 12h

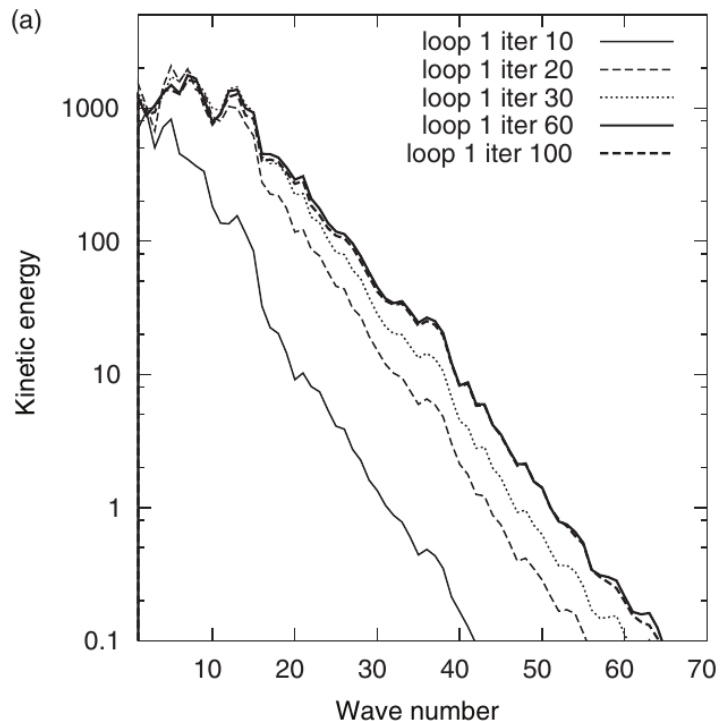
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By Jan Barkmeijer

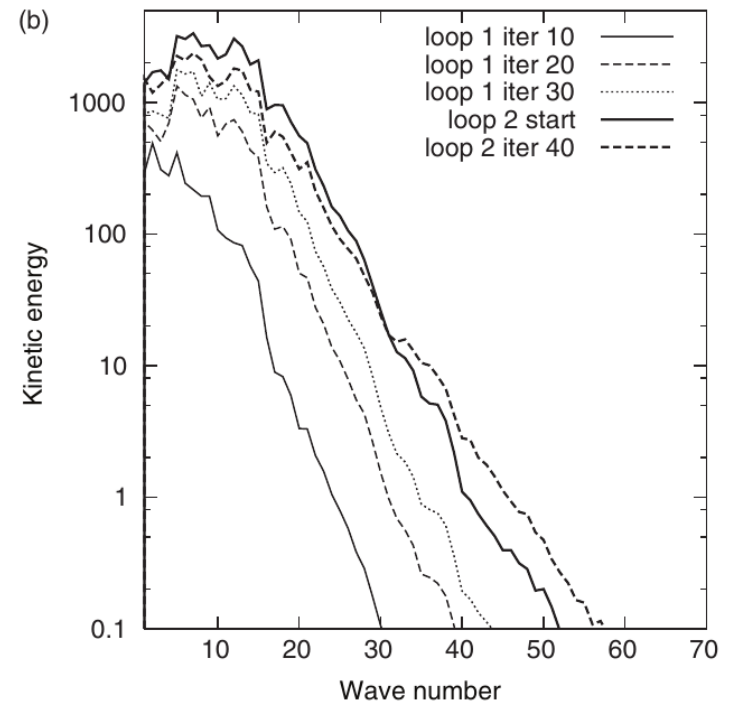
Importance of outer-loops and coarse-resolution DA

Kinetic energy spectra of assimilation increment for different iteration numbers; HIRLAM 4D-Var 24 km model



1 outer loop iteration
100 iterations at 48 km

(Gustafsson et al 2012)

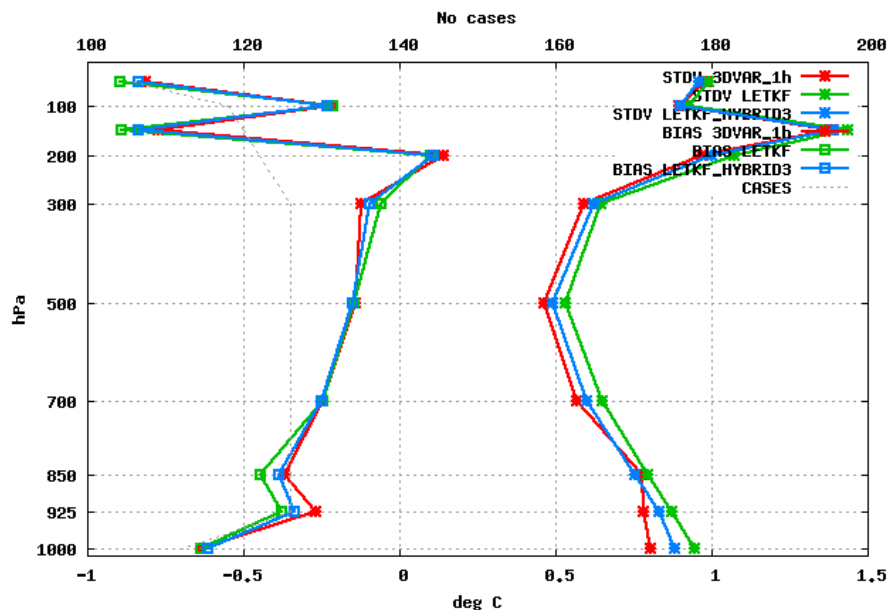


2 outer loop iterations
60 iterations at 96 km
40 iterations at 48 km

Hybrid 3DVAR/LETKF in HARMONIE

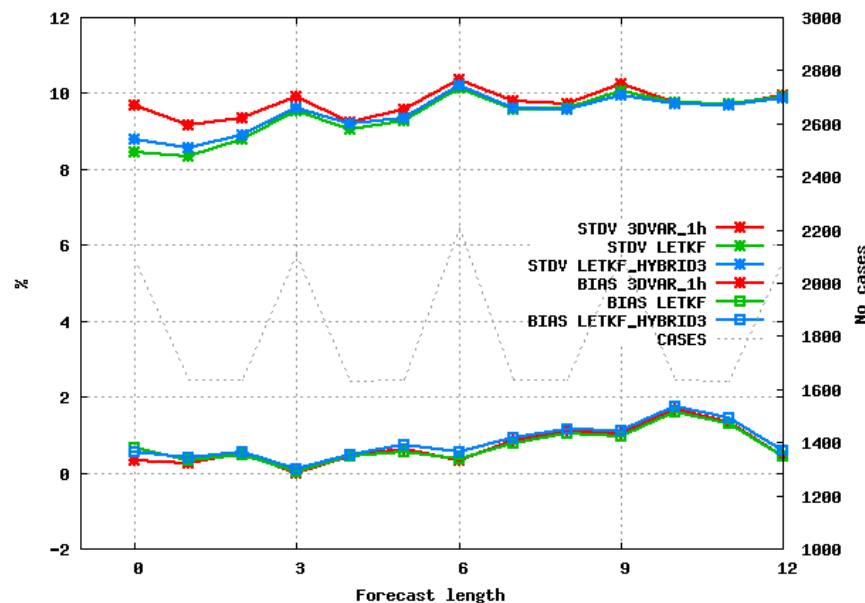
Temperature

9 stations Selection: ALL
 Temperature Period: 20170401-20170408
 Statistics at 00 UTC Used {00,12} + 00 12



RH2m

Selection: ALL using 163 stations
 Rh2m Period: 20170401-20170408
 Hours: {00,12}



(By Pau Escribá)

$$AnHyb = K * AnLETKF + (1-K) * An3DVAR$$

$$K = 0.5$$

HARMONIE Hybrid EnVAR finally works !

Implementation as in

A hybrid variational ensemble data assimilation for the High Resolution Limited Area Model (HIRLAM)

N. Gustafsson¹, J. Bojarova², and O. Vignes²

$$J(\delta\mathbf{x}_{\text{var}}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \beta_{\text{var}} J_{\text{var}}(\delta\mathbf{x}_{\text{var}}) + \beta_{\text{ens}} J_{\text{ens}}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) + J_0 \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{1}{\beta_{\text{var}}} + \frac{1}{\beta_{\text{ens}}} = 1.$$

$$J_{\text{ens}} = \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{A}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\alpha}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{\text{ens}} = \mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{B}_{\text{raw-ens}}$$

Ensemble : 20 members of BRAND perturbations

Localisation : spectrum of unbalanced surface pressure

Convergence of Hybrid EnVar

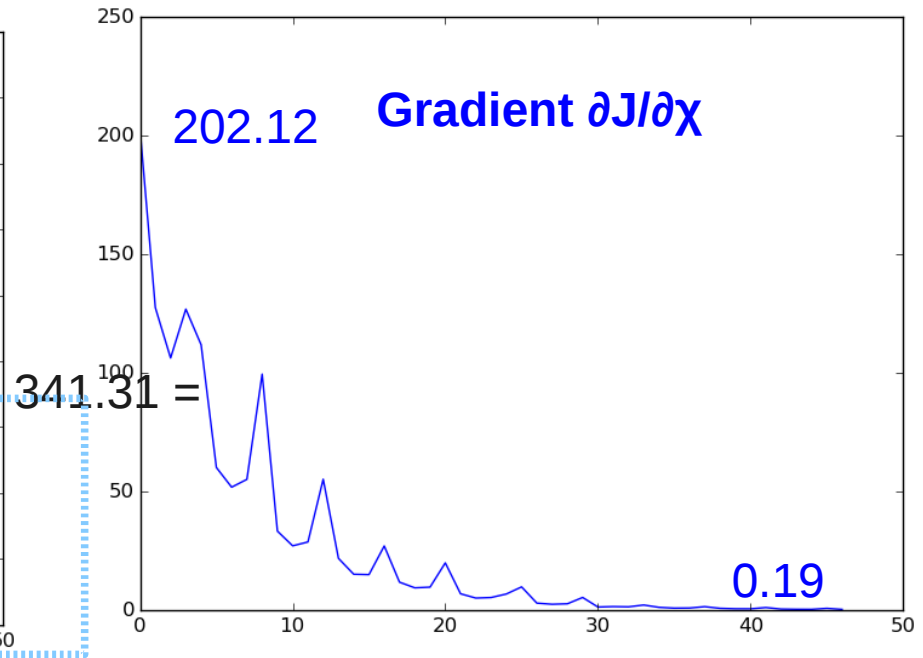
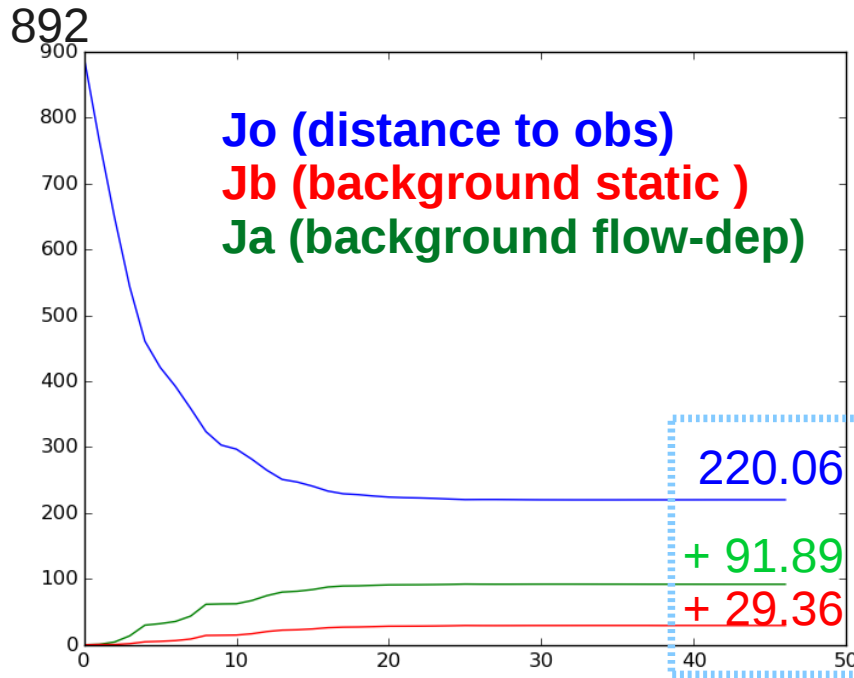
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$$J(\chi) = 2J_b + 2J_a + J_o$$

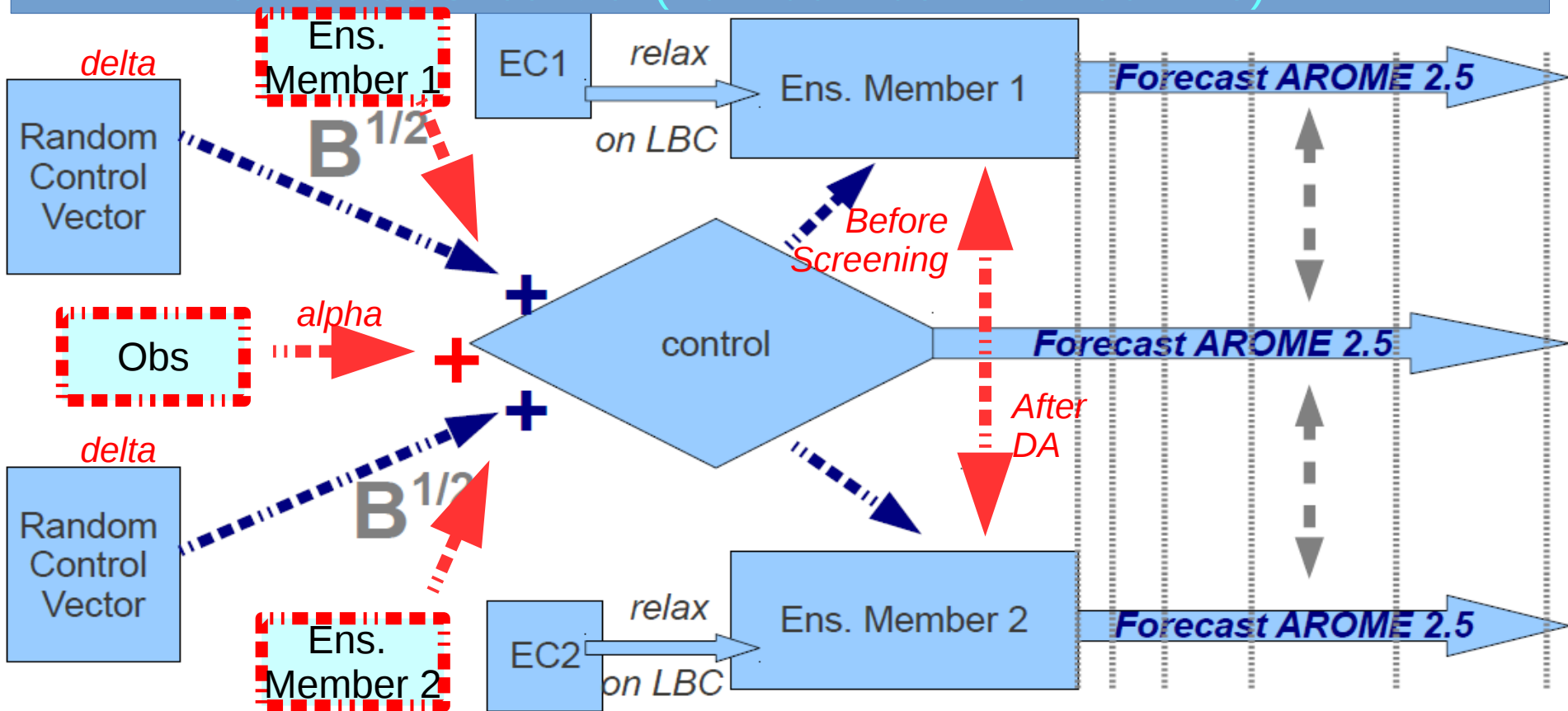
$$\min_{\chi} J(\chi) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial J}{\partial \chi} = 0$$

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Example 20120613_21 DKCOEXP (10 members)

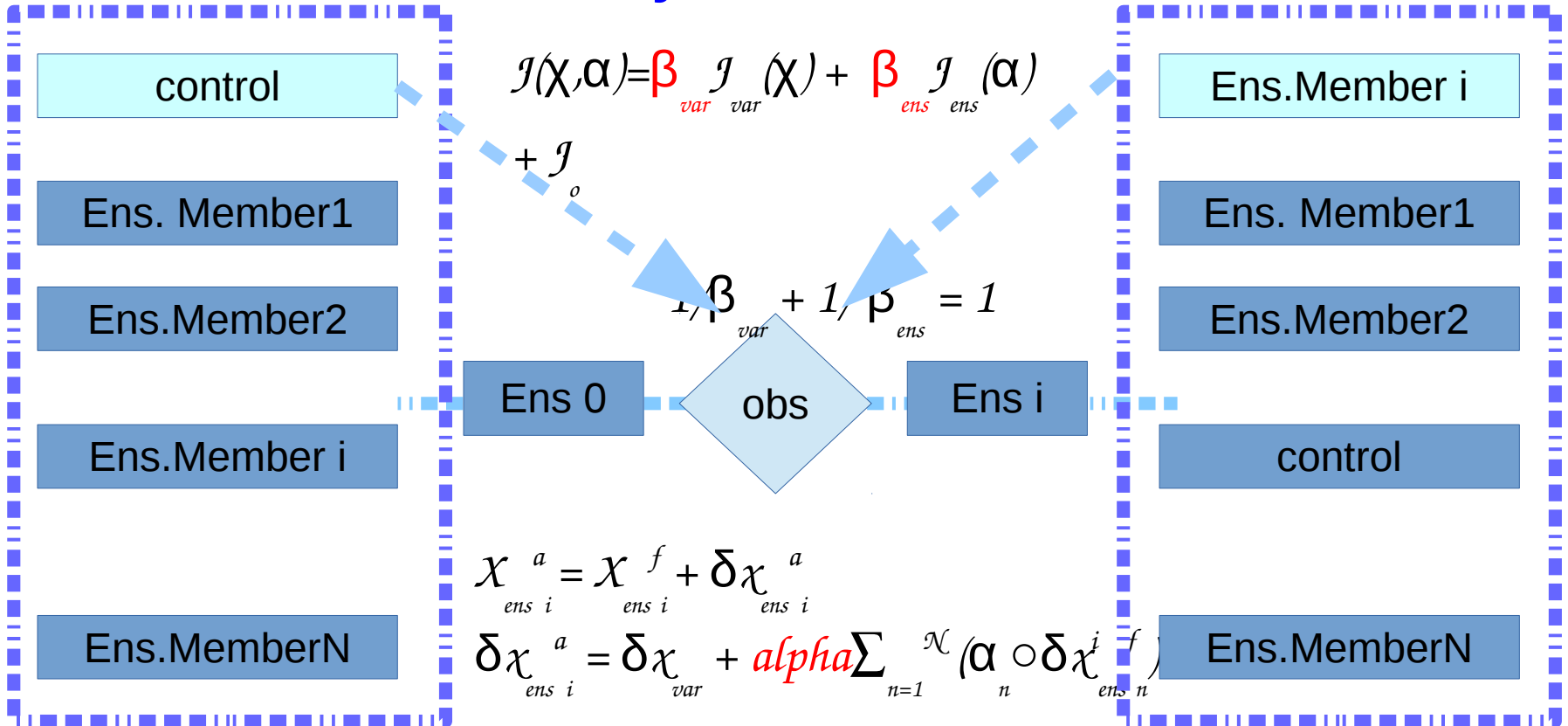
“Brand” perturbations

10 members+control (2012061203 - 2012062718)



The Scheme: generation of perturbations with the structure of B-matrix covariance. (depends on configuration)

N+1 Hybrid EnVAR runs

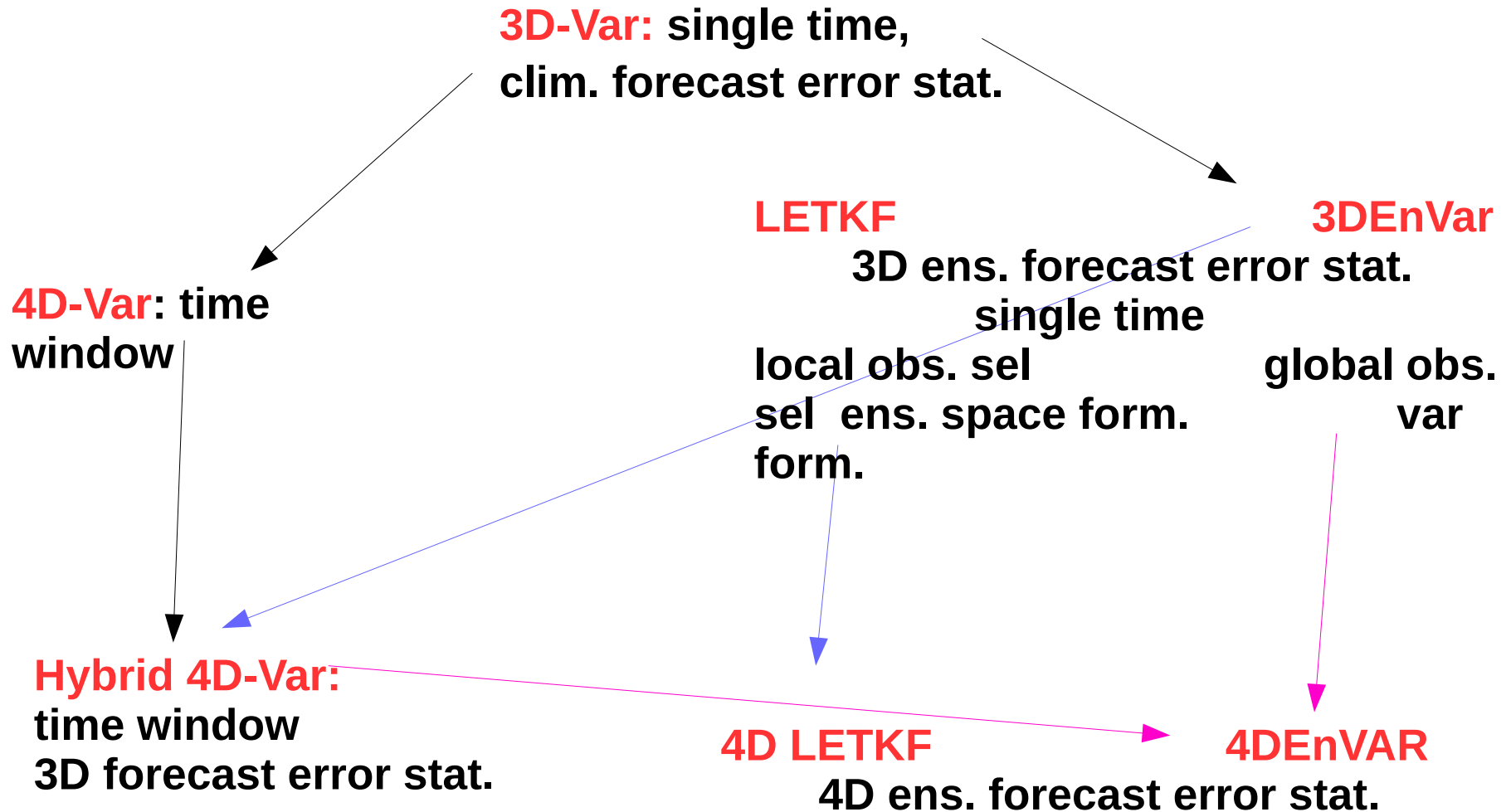


$\chi_{ens}^{0,f}$

values of tunable parameters might be different for control and ensemble members

$\chi_{ens}^{i,f}$

Genealogical Tree of DA Algorithms **SMHI**



Hybrids: Mixed clim. and ens. forecast error statistics

Different perturbation generation techniques **SMHI**

Samples forecast model error space : **BRAND**

$$\delta x_i = B^{1/2} \delta \xi_i, \quad \xi_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1) \quad i = 1, \dots, N^{\text{ens}}$$

Mimics analysis error behaviour : **EDA**

$$H(x^f + \delta x_i) + HBH^T (HBH^T + R)^{-1} (y + \varepsilon_i - Hx^f - H\delta x_i) - Hx^f - HBH^T (HBH^T + R)^{-1} (y - Hx^f) \Rightarrow$$

$$\delta x_i^a = \delta x_i + BH^T (HBH^T + R)^{-1} (\varepsilon_i - H\delta x_i), \quad \varepsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$$

Quantifies analysis error uncertainty : **ETKF**

$$B^a = B - BH^T (HBH^T + R)^{-1} HB; \quad U = (\delta x_1, \dots, \delta x_i, \dots, \delta x_{N^{\text{ens}}})$$

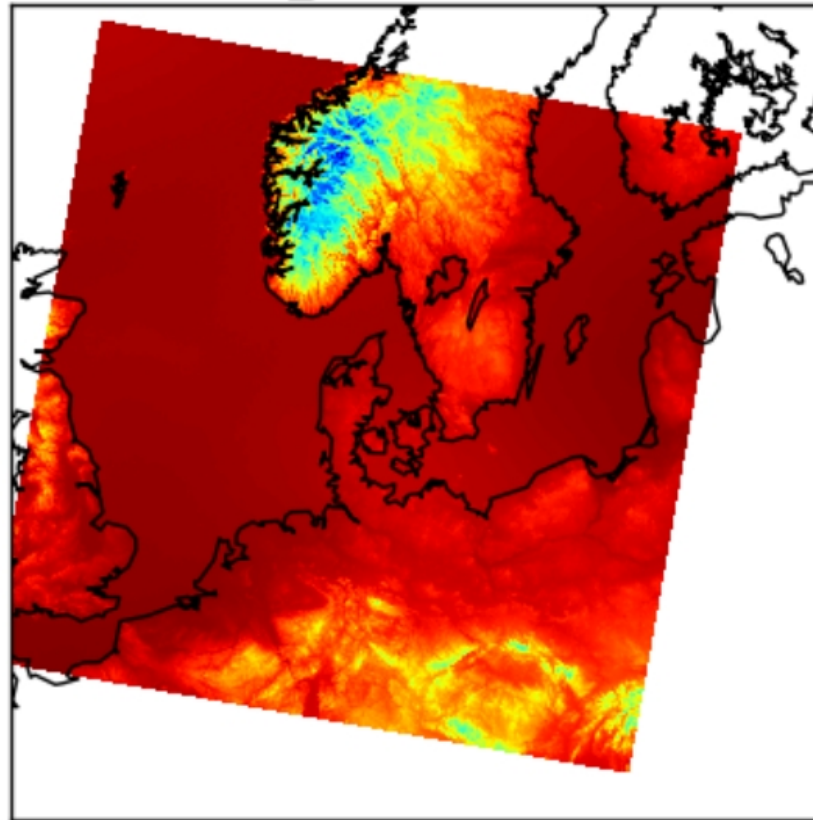
$$B = UU^T, \quad B^a = U^a (U^a)^T, \quad U^a = UV; \quad U_{m \times N^{\text{ens}}}, \quad V_{N^{\text{ens}} \times N^{\text{ens}}} \Rightarrow$$

LETKF

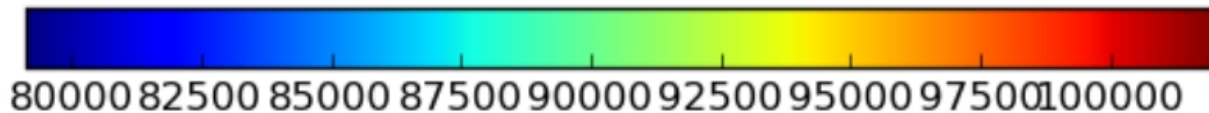
$$H \rightarrow H(z)_{\text{loc}}, \quad V \rightarrow V(z)_{\text{loc}}, \quad U^a(z)_{\text{loc}} = U V(z)_{\text{loc}}$$

Domain and orographic conditions

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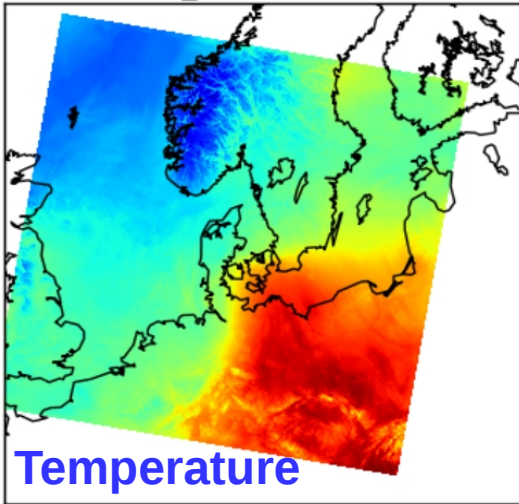


Surface pressure



The weather situation

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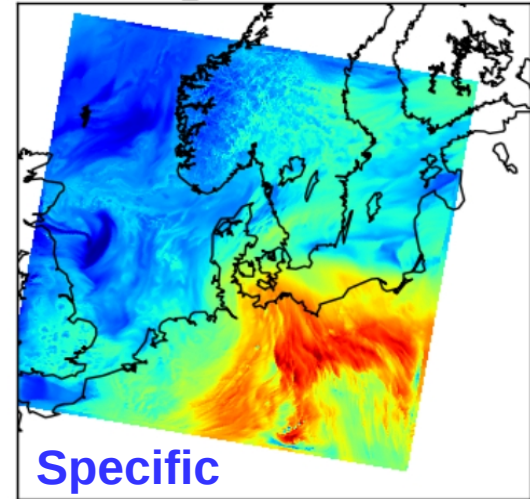


Strong front
(around 850hPa):
warm and wet air meets
cold and dry air.

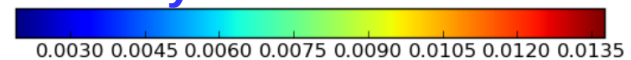
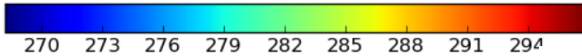
Valid time
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Forecast +03h

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**Specific
humidity**

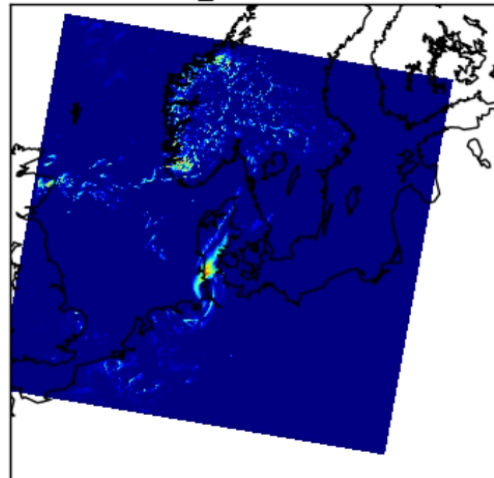


***We impose
perturbations***

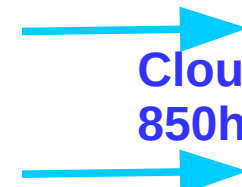


Temperature, humidity,
u- and v- winds
components, surface
pressure

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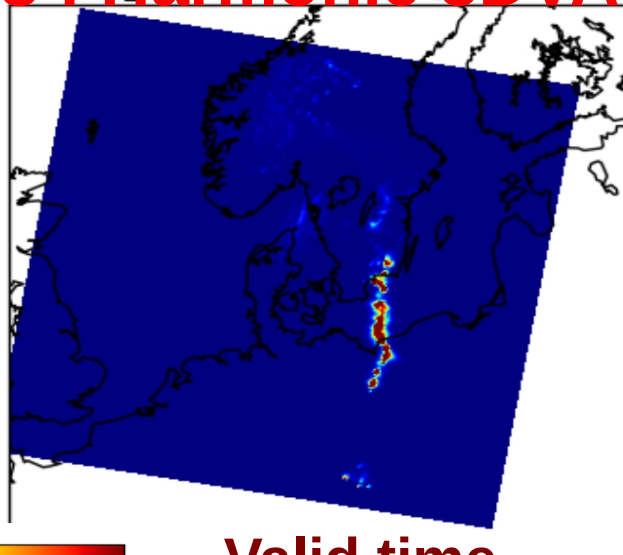
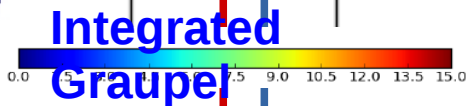
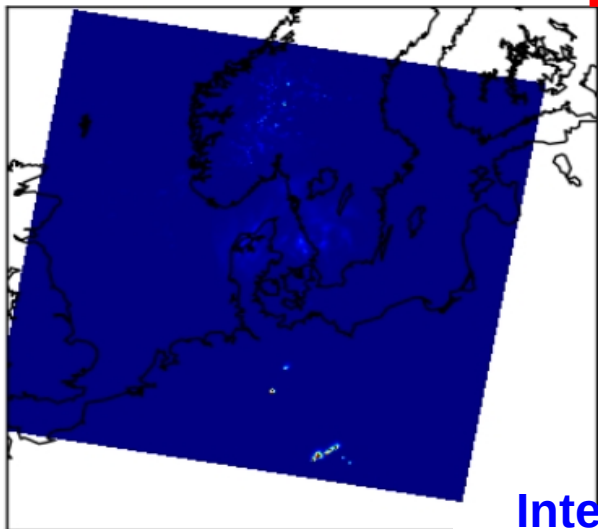
***We obtain
response***



**Cloud Water around
850hPa**

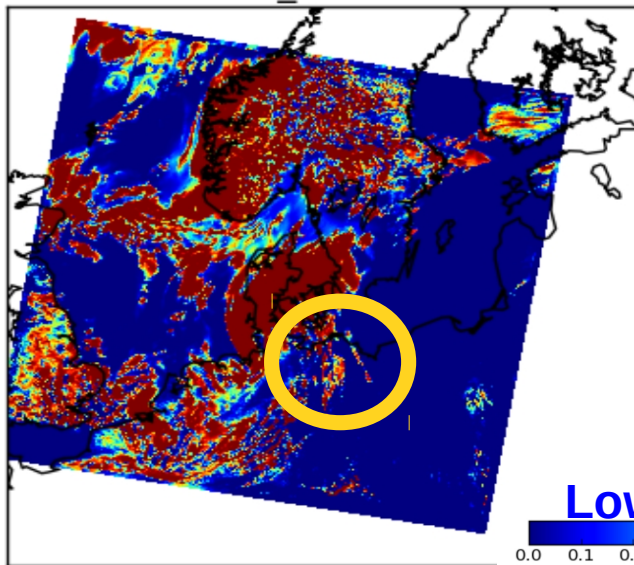
Cloud water is a small
scale field that depends
on spatial derivatives of
temperature and humidity

Convective developments : Harmonie 3DVAR

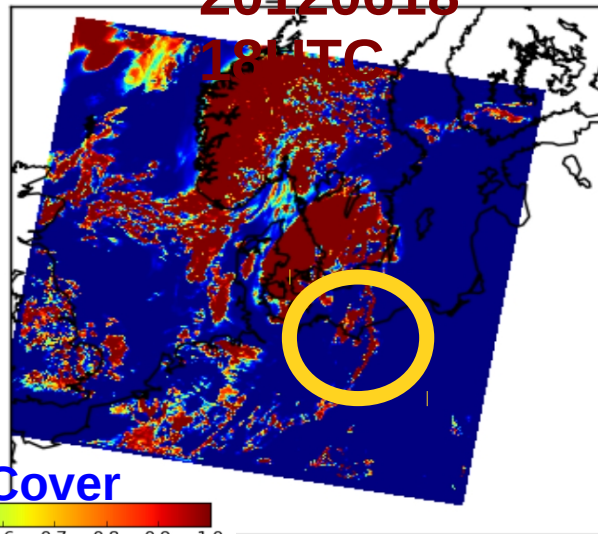


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+09h



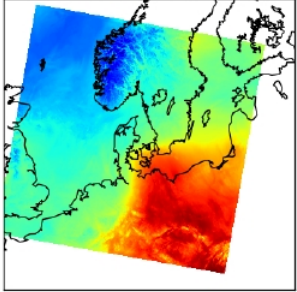
Low Cloud Cover



Ensemble of Temperature 850 hPa **SMHI**

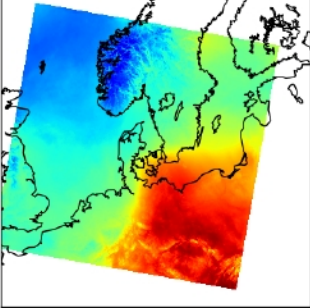
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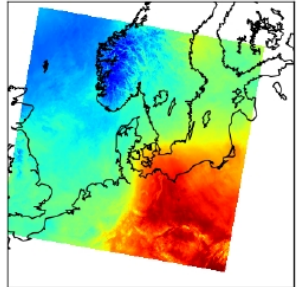
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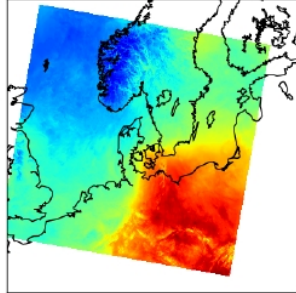


ensemble

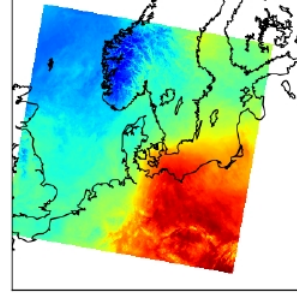
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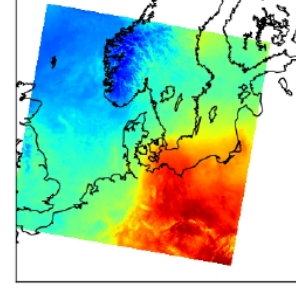
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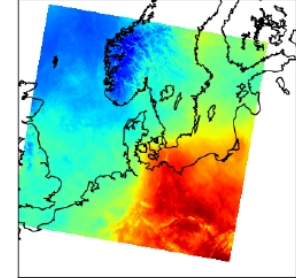


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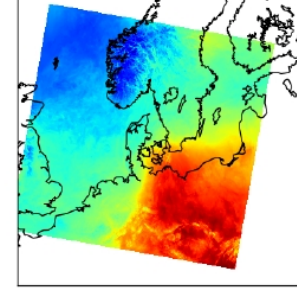


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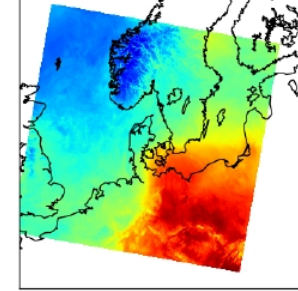
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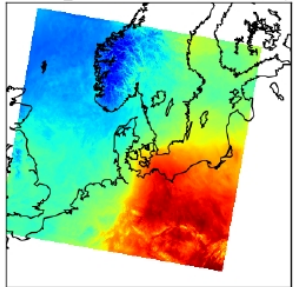
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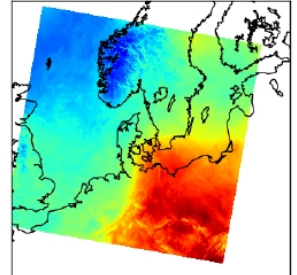
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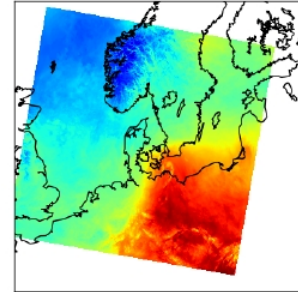
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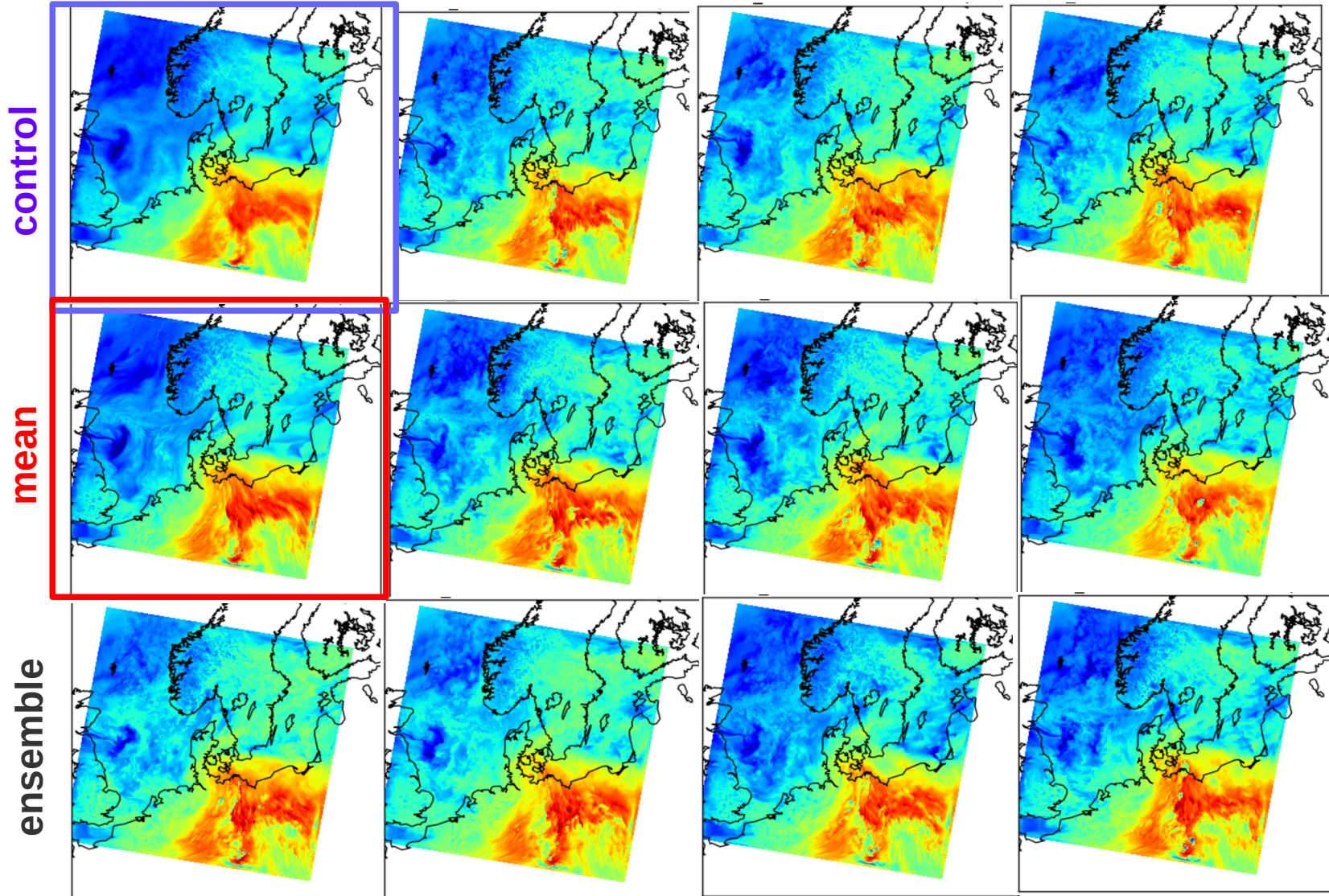
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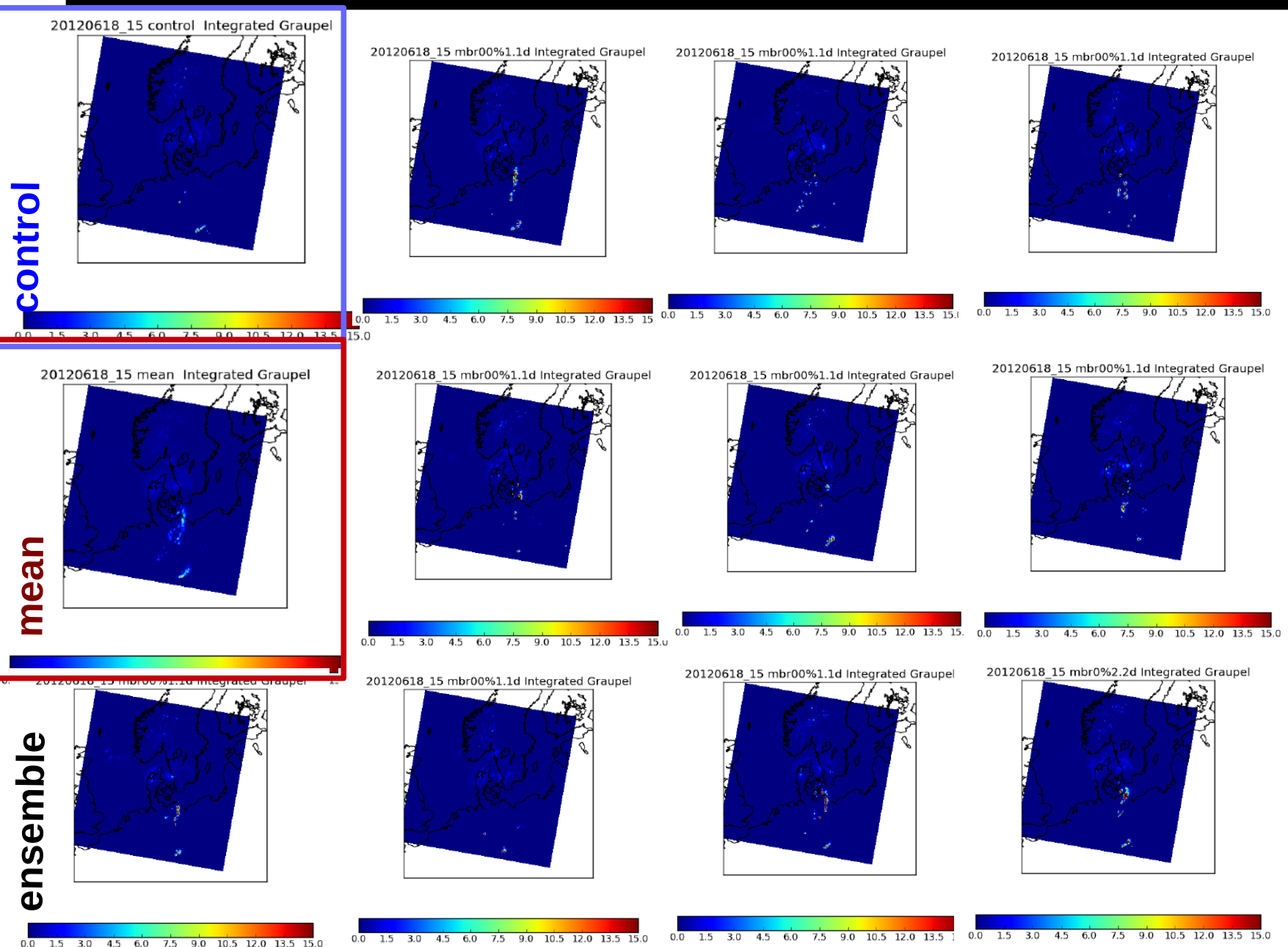
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Ensemble of Specific Humidity 850 hPa +3h



Ensemble of Integrated Graupel +3h

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Climatological

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{B}^{1/2} \boldsymbol{\xi}$$

$$\mathbf{B}^{-1/2} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{F}$$

where

$\mathbf{B}^{-1/2}$ is the inverse of square-root of the background error covariance,
 \mathbf{F} is horizontal 2-dimensional Fourier transform from physical grid-point space to spectral space,
 \mathbf{D}^{-1} is a de-correlation operator,
 \mathbf{V} is a vertical transform utilizing the eigenvectors of vertical covariance matrices.

Ensemble estimate

$$\mathbf{B}_{\text{ens}} = \mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{B}_{\text{raw-ens}}$$

(Powerful diagnostic tool)

It is assumed that background error statistics are homogeneous => the spectral component for different wave-numbers are statistically uncorrelated
It is assumed that background error statistics are isotropic in horizontal => the horizontal correlations can be represented via 1D spectra for control variables

The balance operator D is derived in spectral space through step-wise multivariate statistical regression technique for each wave number component separately

$$\begin{aligned}\zeta &= \zeta \\ \eta &= MH\zeta + \eta_u \\ (T, P_s) &= NH\zeta + P\eta_u + (T, P_s)_u \\ q &= QH\zeta + R\eta_u + S(T, P_s)_u + q_u\end{aligned}$$

Inertia-Gravity waves (IGW)

Rossby waves

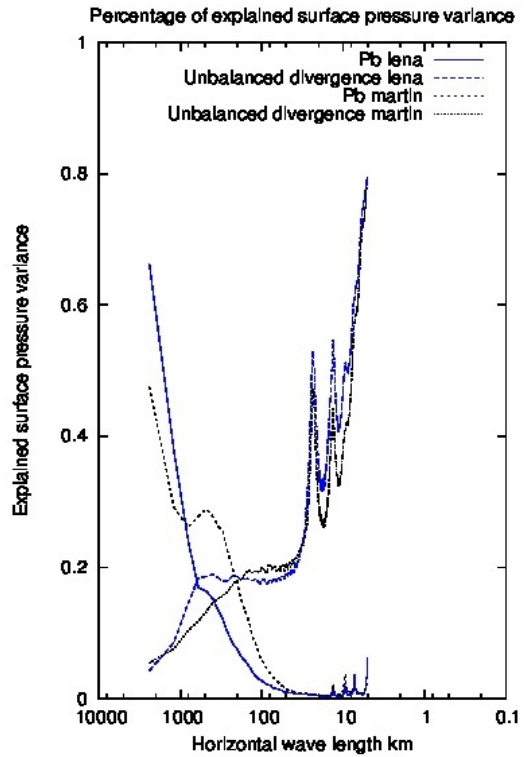
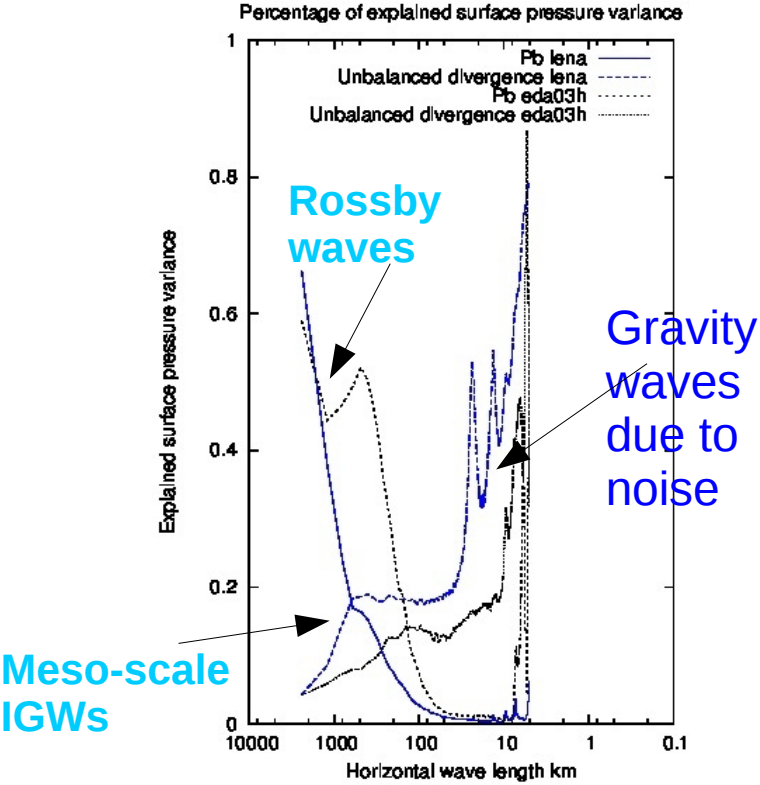
EDA with perturbed observations

BRAND: additive inflation to control BG

- Surface pressure variance explained by
- vorticity (solid line)
- unbalanced divergence (dashed line)

EDA conv (6 hour DA cycle)

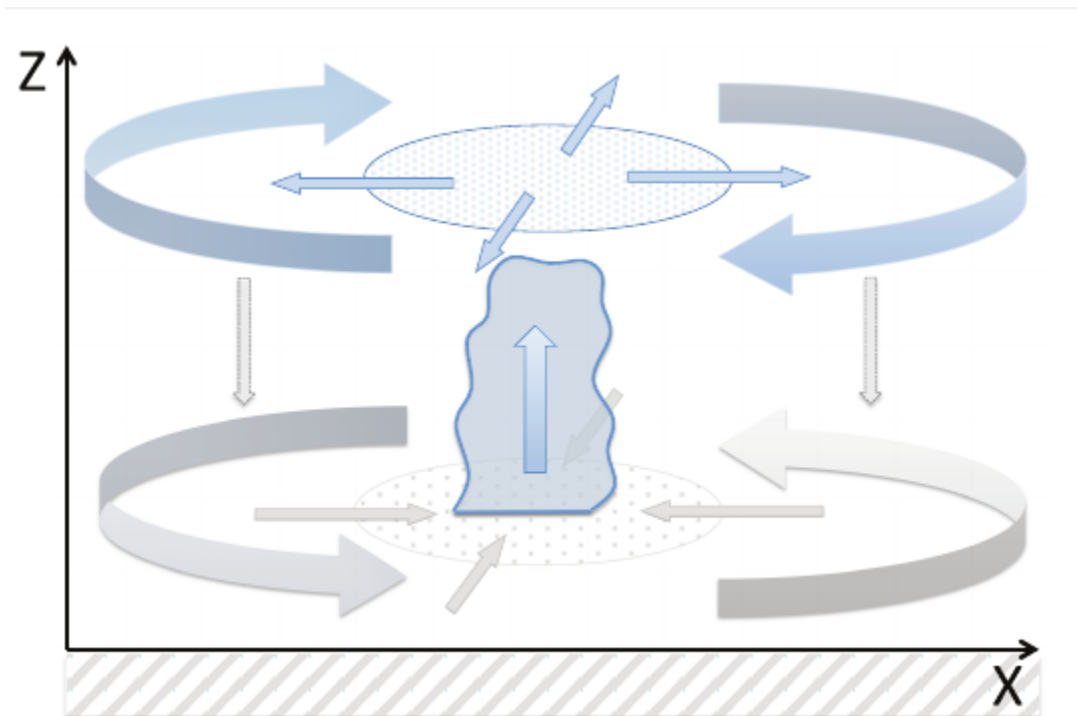
EDA MetCoOp (3 hour DA cycle)



(thanks to
Nils Gustafsson
and Martin Ridal)

What is the origin of mesoscale inertia-gravity waves? **SMHI**

One example of a source: Schematic illustration of the geostrophic adjustment process governing upscale growth of errors from the convective scales:



From **Bierdel, Selz and Craig, 2017**, Theoretical aspects of upscale error growth through the mesoscales: an analytical model

Jean-Francois Geleyn, 2006, during joint HIRLAM-ALADIN planning of mesoscale data assimilation:

“How to project on a good estimate of the moist attractor before it anyhow moves away?”

Very different time scales of convective processes and inertia-gravity waves => learn from turbulence and sub-grid variability

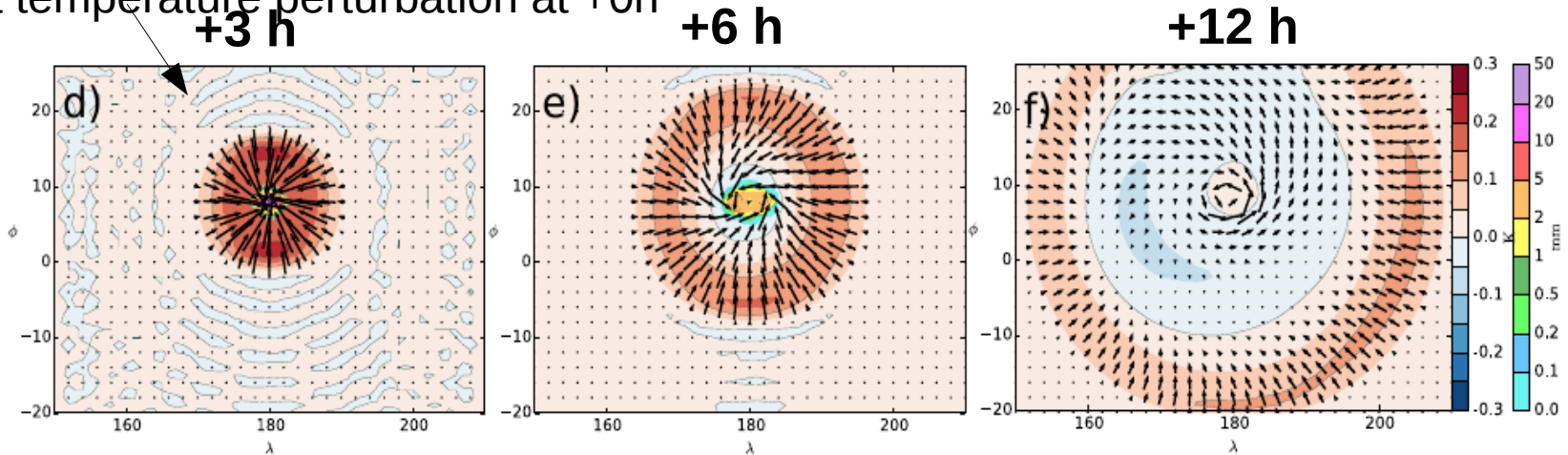
Are variational techniques still appropriate? Should we put more efforts in alternative data assimilation schemes (particle filters)?

Could 4D-EnVAR help (“a simple exercise”)?

Equatorial domain shallow water model; moisture and condensation added.

Forward non-linear model sensitivity experiment from a temperature perturbation at +0h

By Ziga Zaplotnik et al 2018



4D-Var data assimilation experiment with a temperature observation at +12h

