

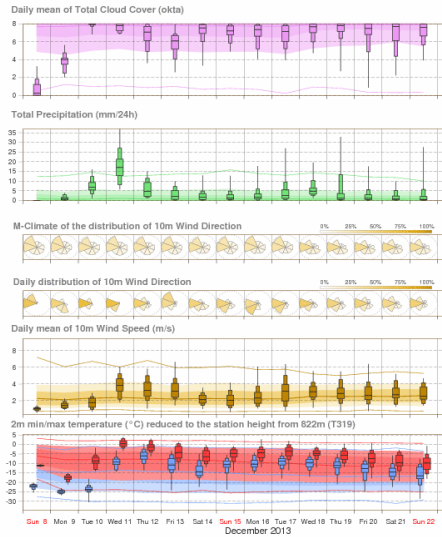
Estimation of the model climate (reforecasts)

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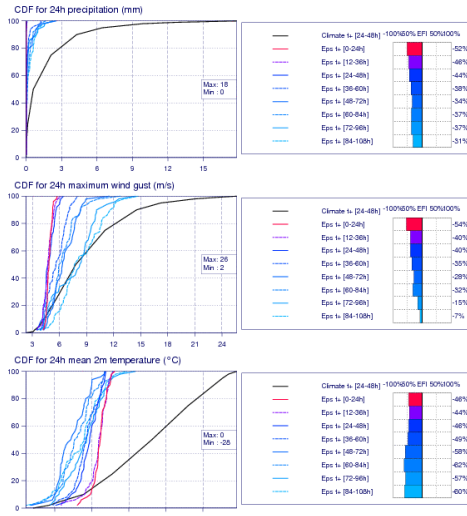
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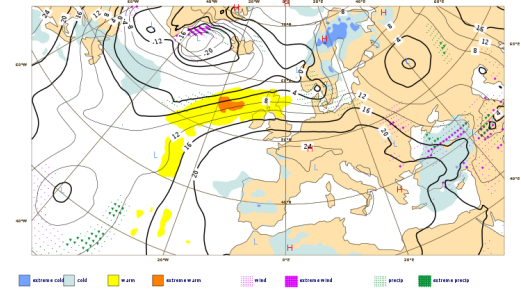
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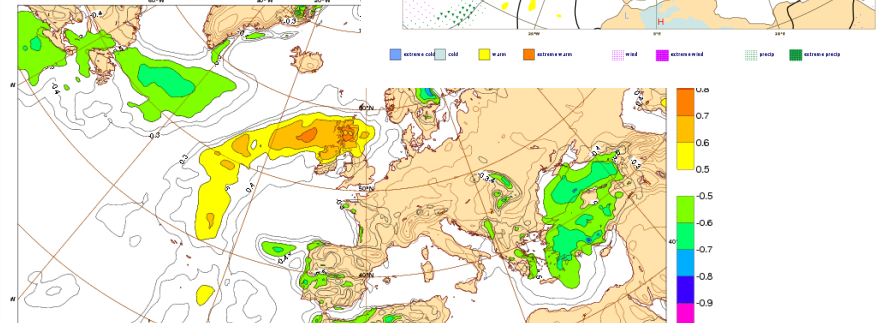
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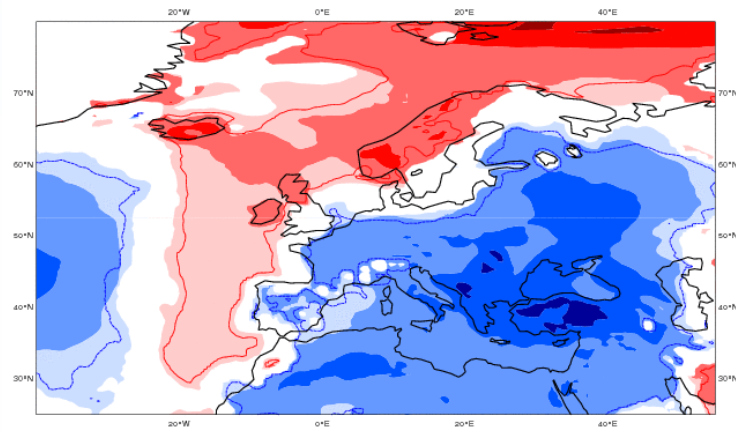


Saturday 7 December 2013 00UTC ©ECMWF Extreme forecast index i-024-04f
Surface: 2 metre temperature index

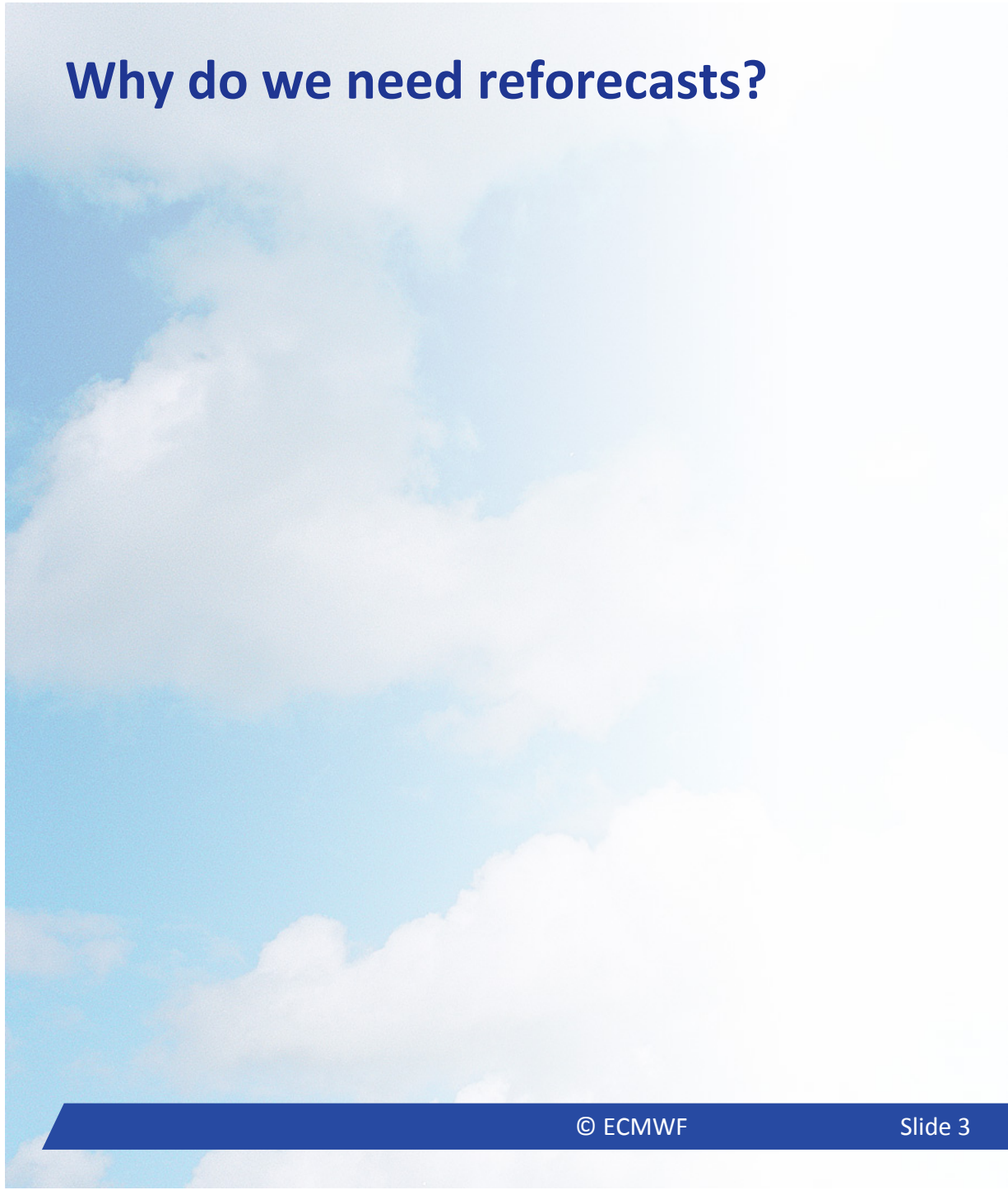


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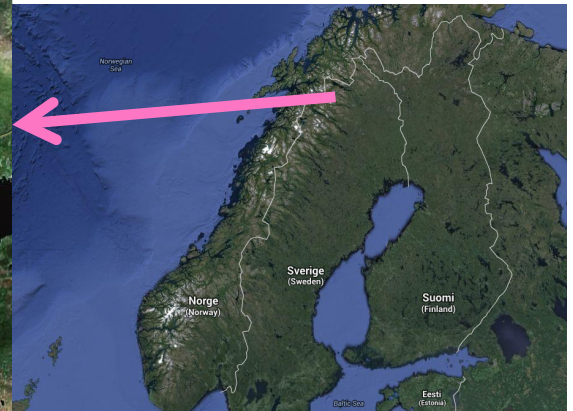
Why do we need reforecasts?



Motivation 1:

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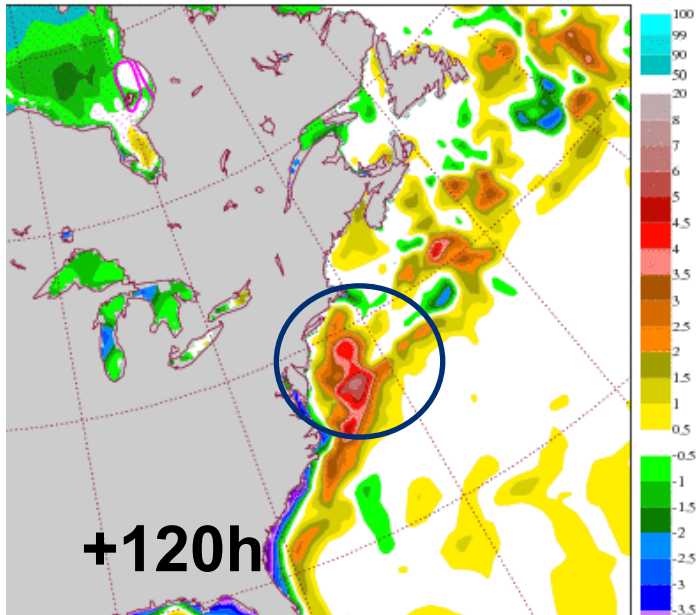
Nikkaloukta



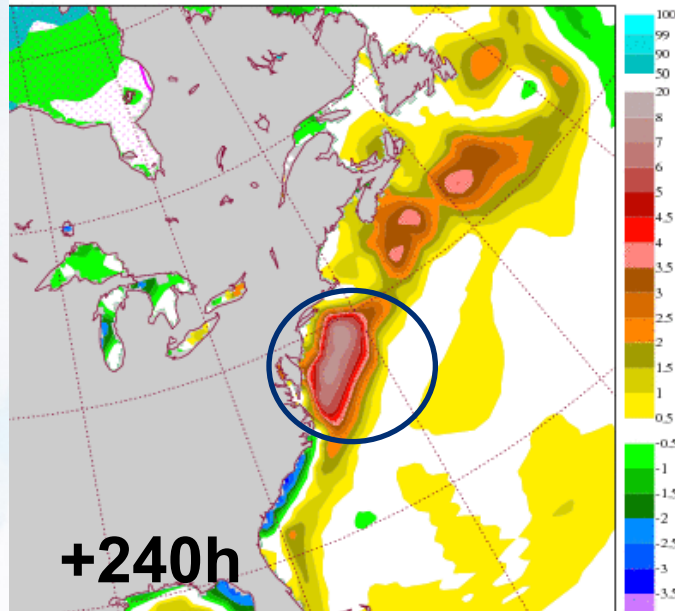
17 km between the stations, ENS resolution 18 km..

Motivation 2:

28 November 2013 00UTC T+120 VT: Tuesday 3 December 2013 00 UTC
control run (bottom legend, 2C contour interval near extrema).
30% only). climatological sea ice cover in magenta (>= 50%).



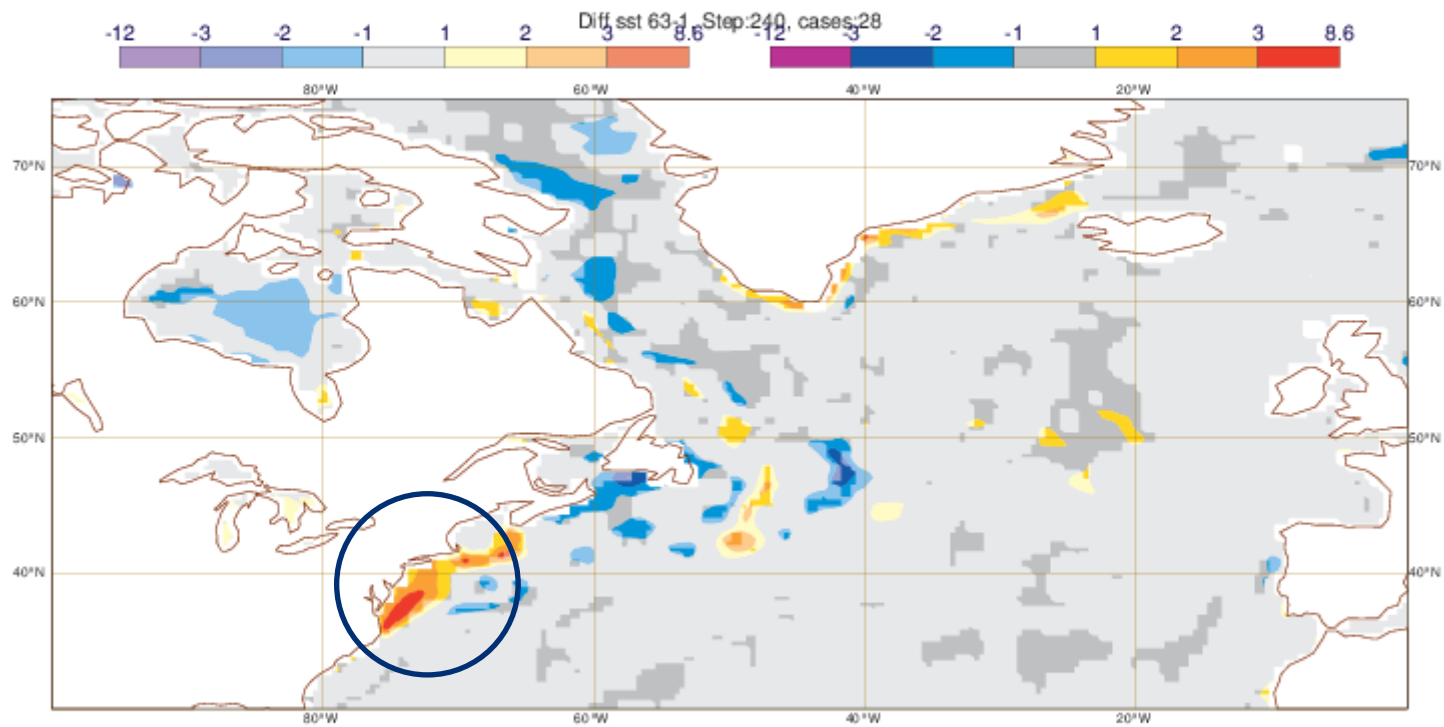
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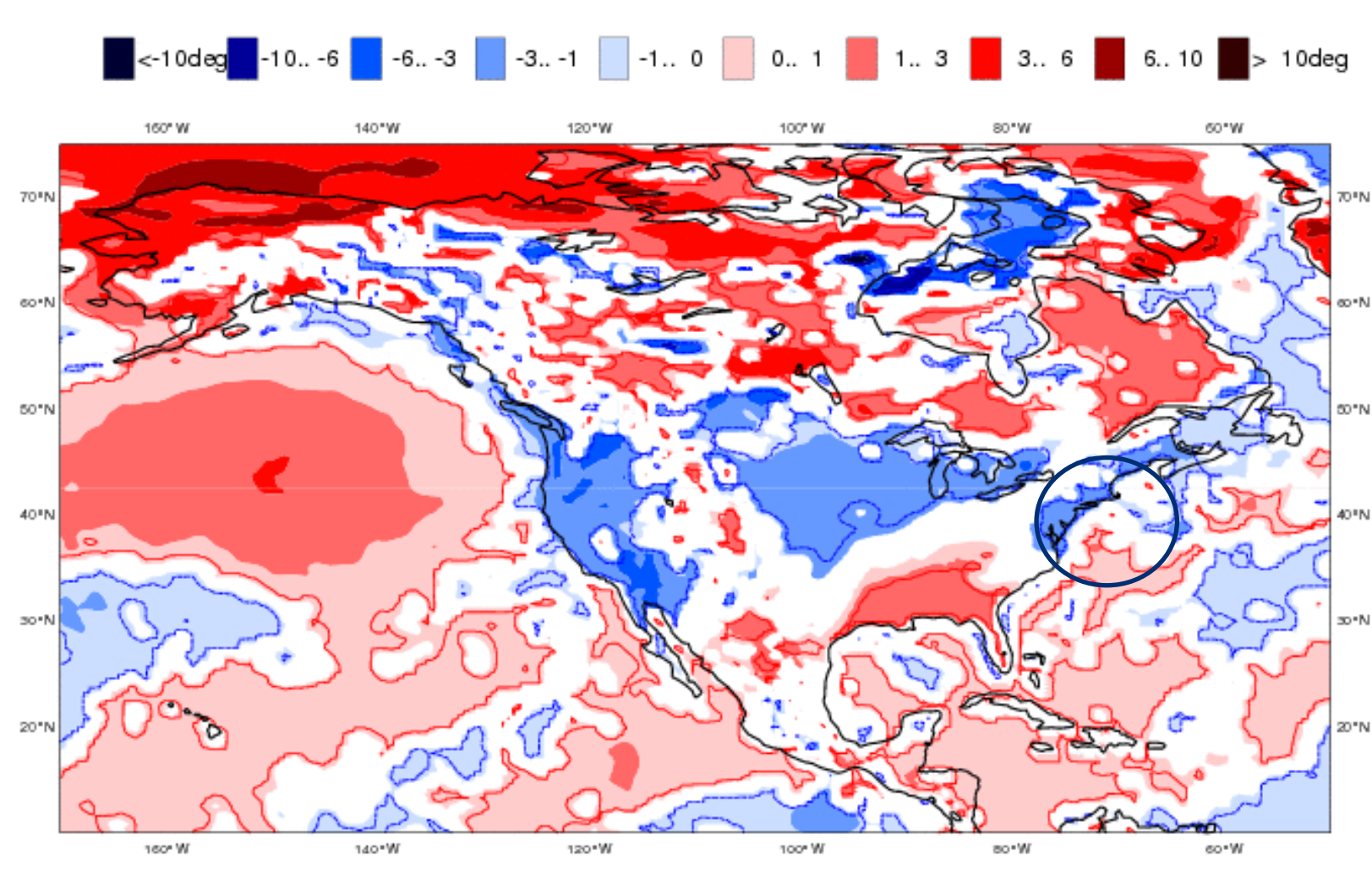
SST anomaly
(from the obs.
climatology)

Forecasts from 28
Nov 0 UTC

Model bias day 10



Anomaly in respect to model climate (weekly mean)



Why do we need reforecasts?

- Local conditions that is not covered by the model grid (look at anomalies to the model climate)
- Account for systematic errors in the model
- Account for model drift (change in systematic error with lead time)



**Aim of reforecasts:
Sampling the climatology of the current model version**

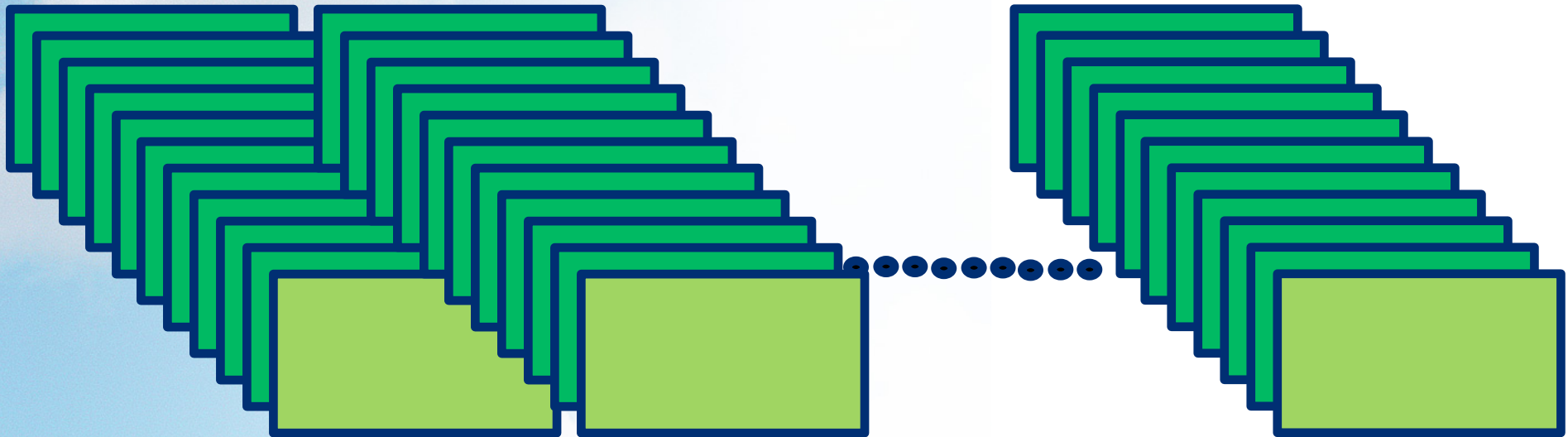
Configuration of reforecasts

Example: Thursday 28 January 2016:

28 January 2016 :

28 January 1997 :

28 January 2015:



20 years x 11 forecasts = 220 forecasts

Present model version

Ensemble configuration to 45 days

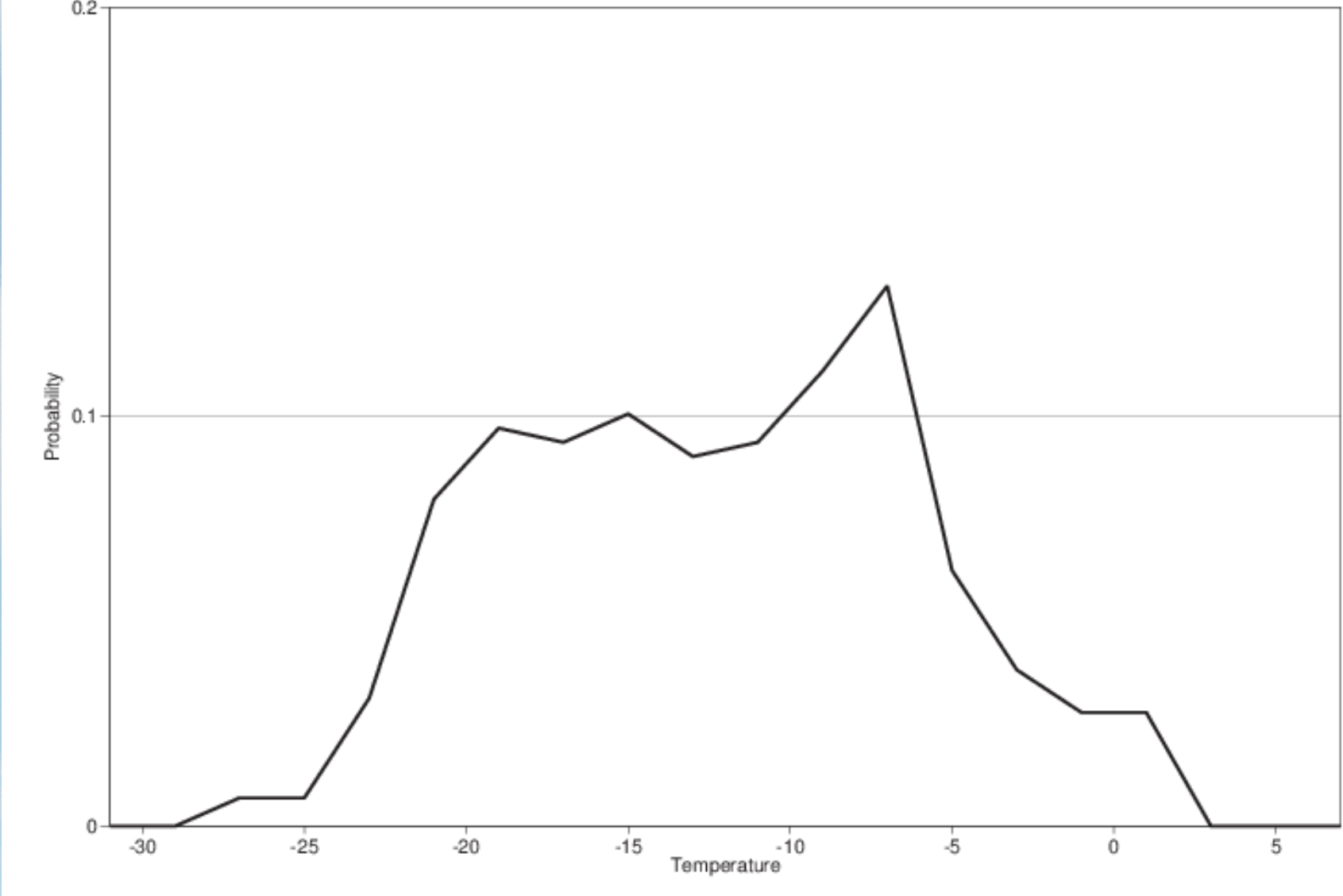
Initialised from ERA Interim

Twice a week + 5 weeks window for EFI
= 1980 forecasts

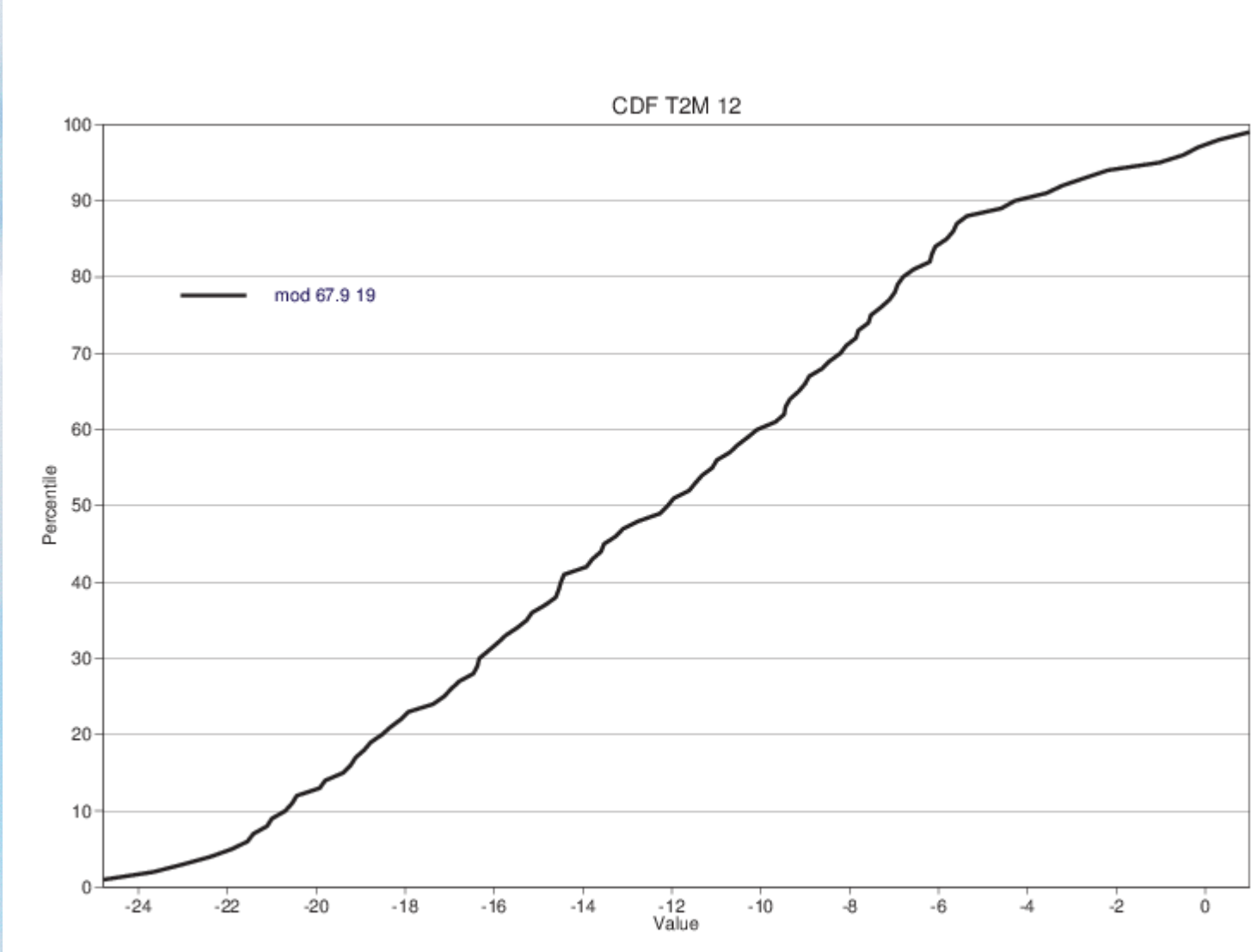
Example: 2-metre temperature values for 132-hour reforecasts

-11	-16	-16	-23	-22	-19	-19	-12
-17	-11	-13	-18	-18	-21	-18	-20
-12	-17	-22	-22	-21	-19	-7.6	-6.2
-8.9	-6.7	-24	-21	-26	-18	-8.2	-8.4
-11	-13	-19	-11	-13	-9.7	-24	-18
-20	-25	-6.8	-9.1	-6.9	-6.9	-15	-15
-15	-16	-21	-11	-15	-19	-24	-21
-26	-22	-15	-15	-17	-15	-18	-21
-5.4	-20	-3	-5.7	-8.8	-5.4	-21	-12
-9.4	-17	-8.6	-7.3	-9	-10	-17	-21
-16	-19	-19	-23	-16	-18	-22	-21
-20	-24	-15	-16	-13	-21	-17	-20
-21	-19	-4.6	-3.7	-6.8	-5.9	-8.1	-11
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-20	-15	-9.5	-19	-12	-14		

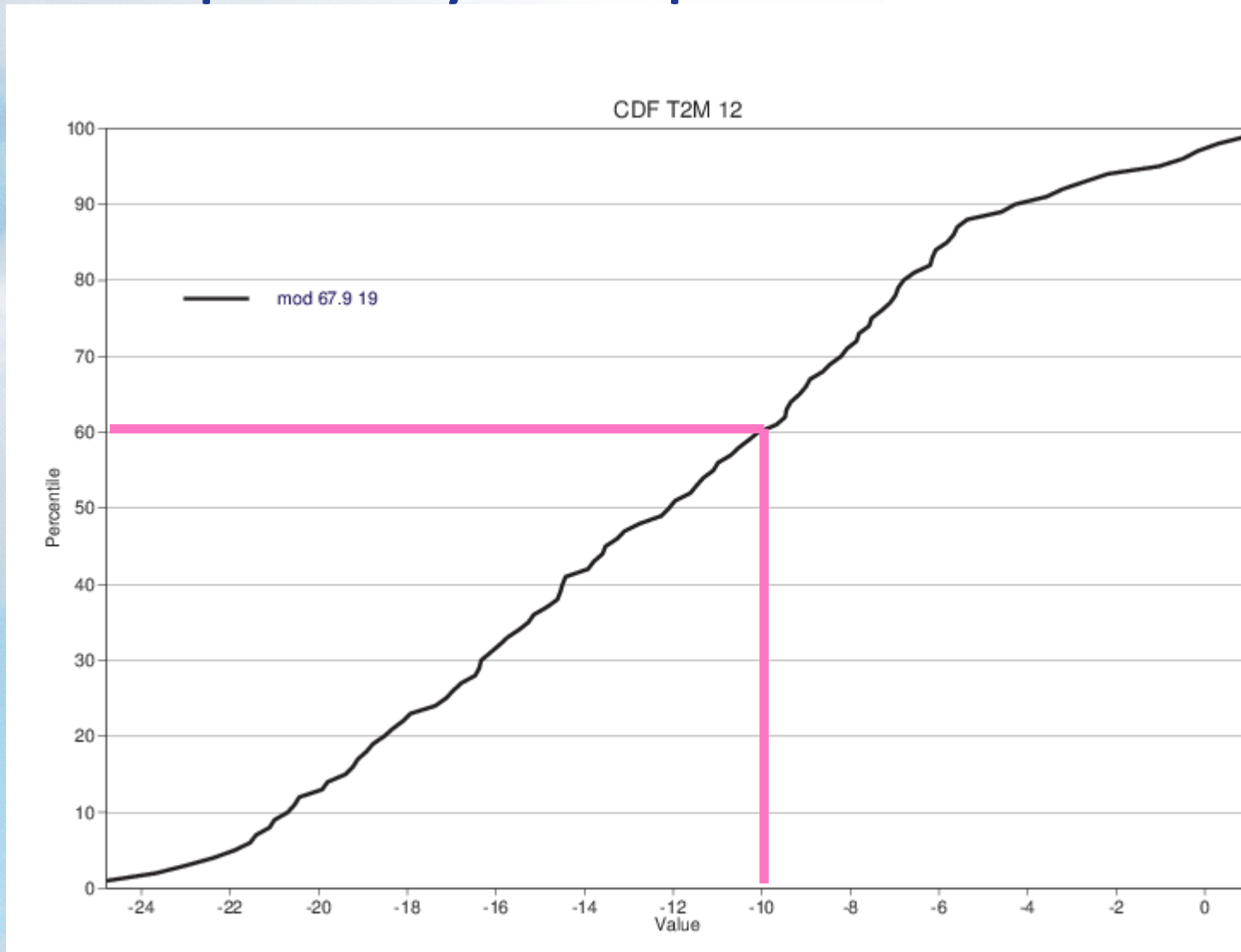
Probability distribution function (PDF)



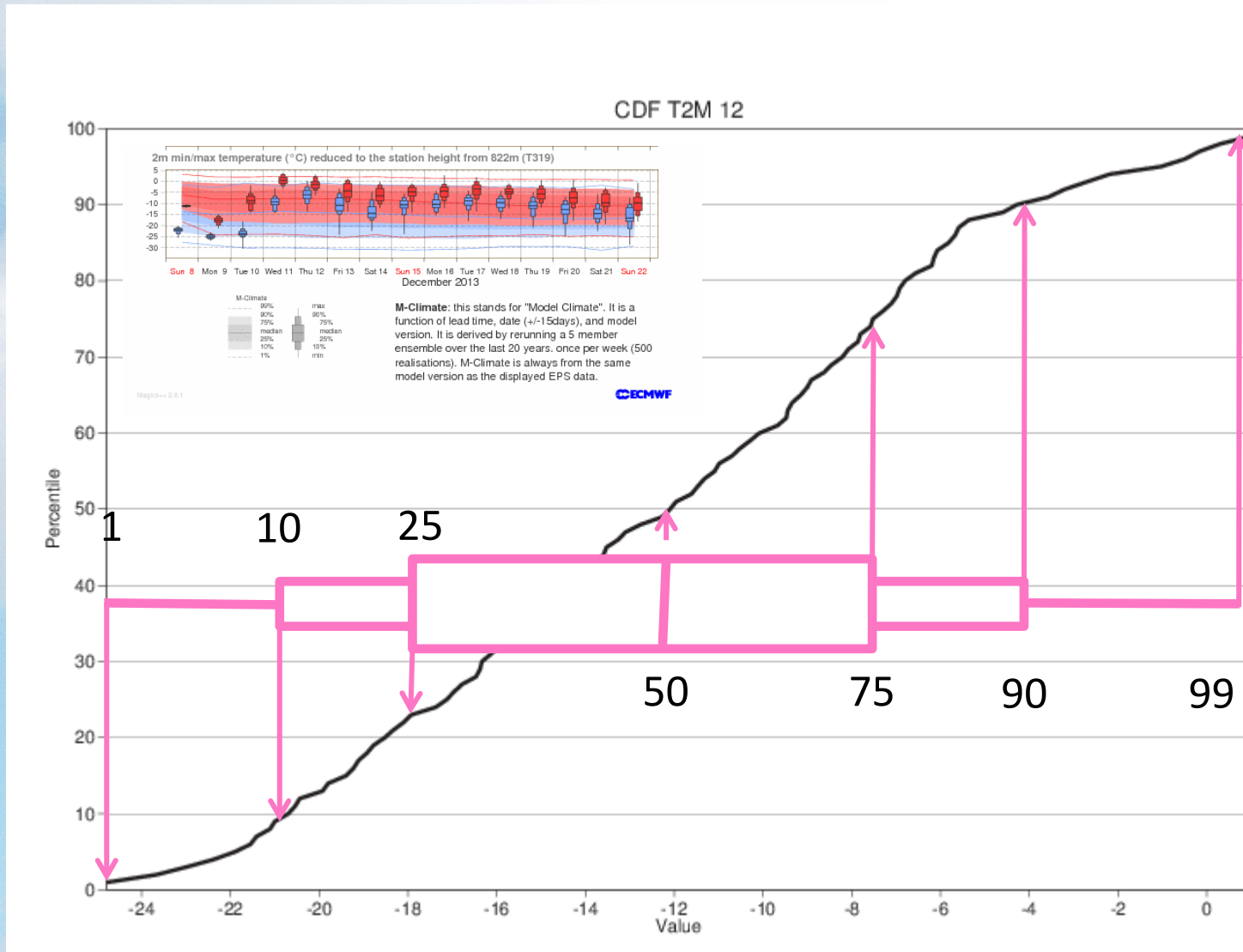
Cumulative distribution function (CDF)



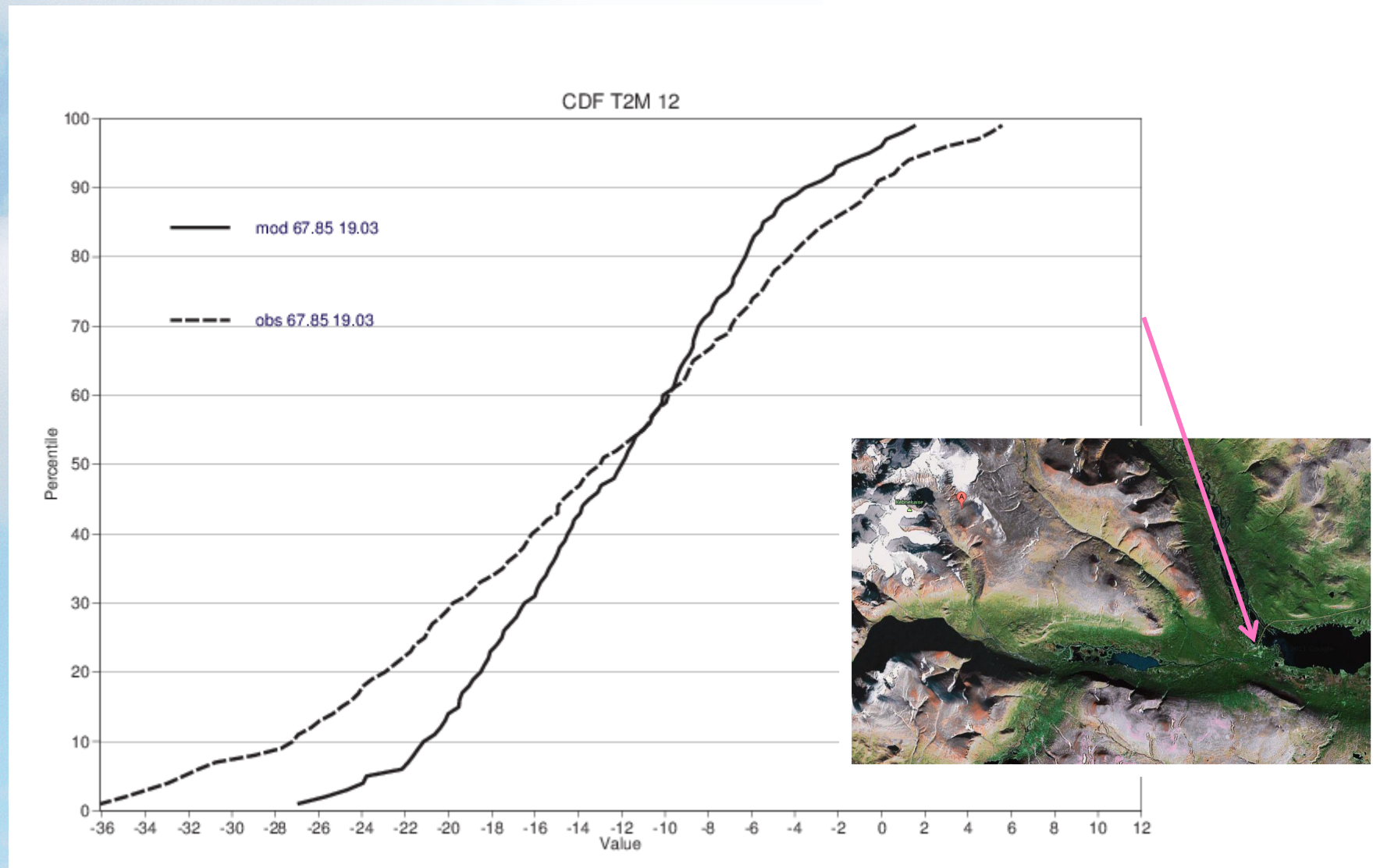
What is the probability for temperature < -10 ?



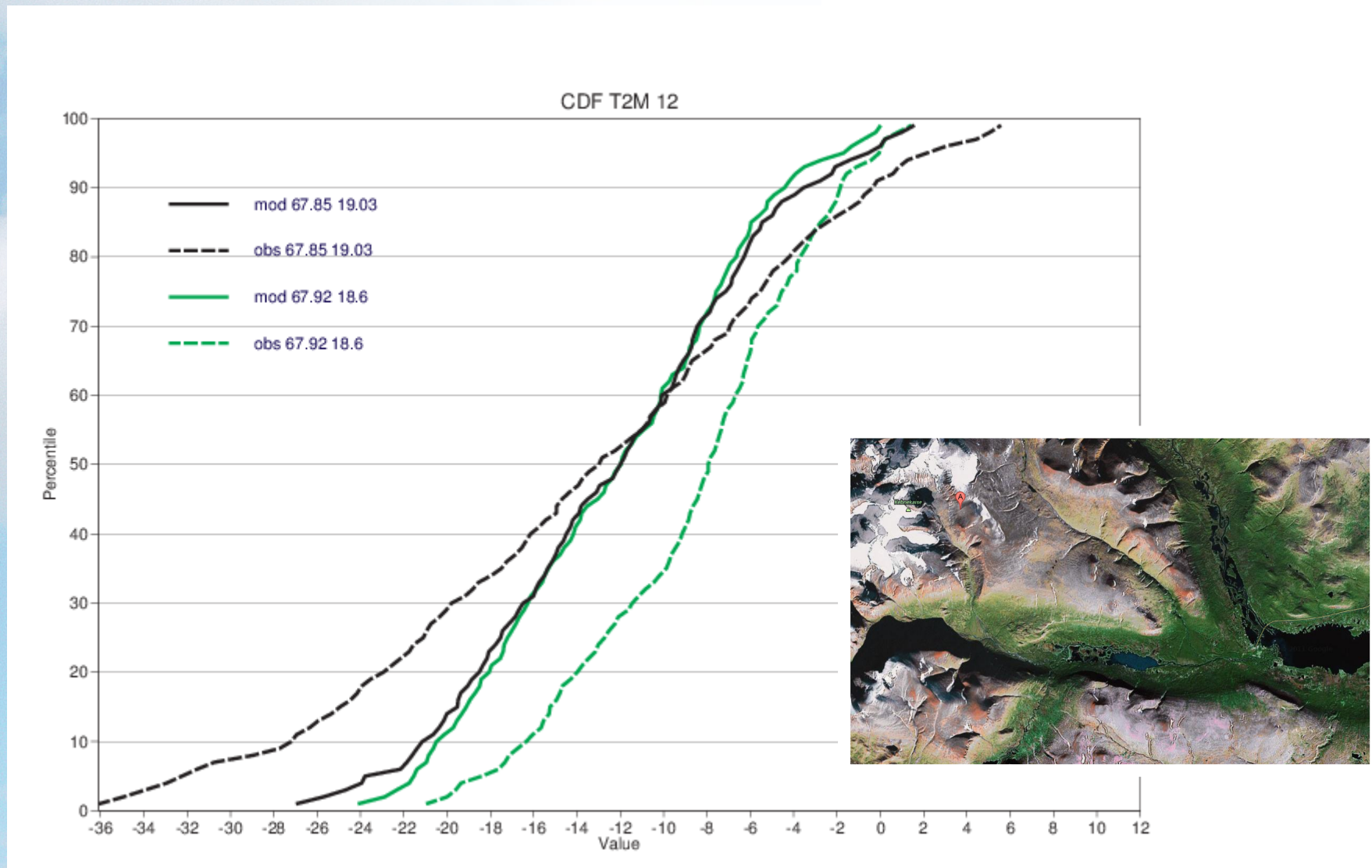
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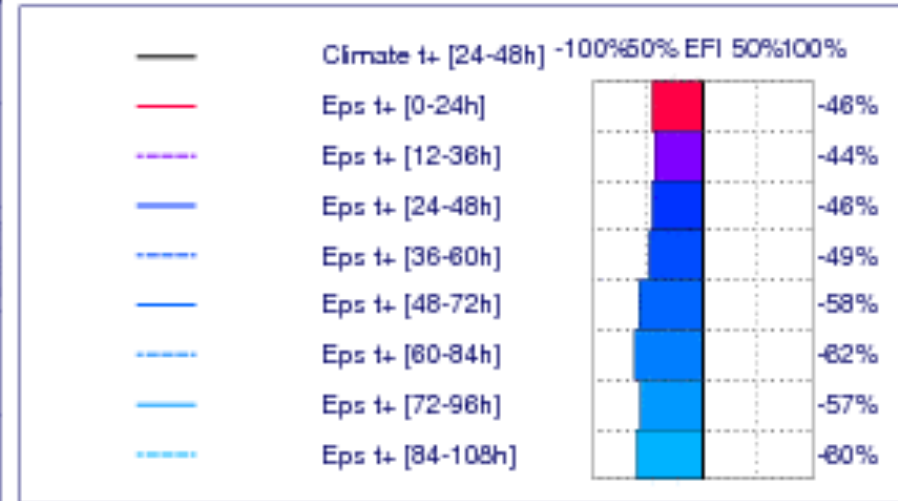
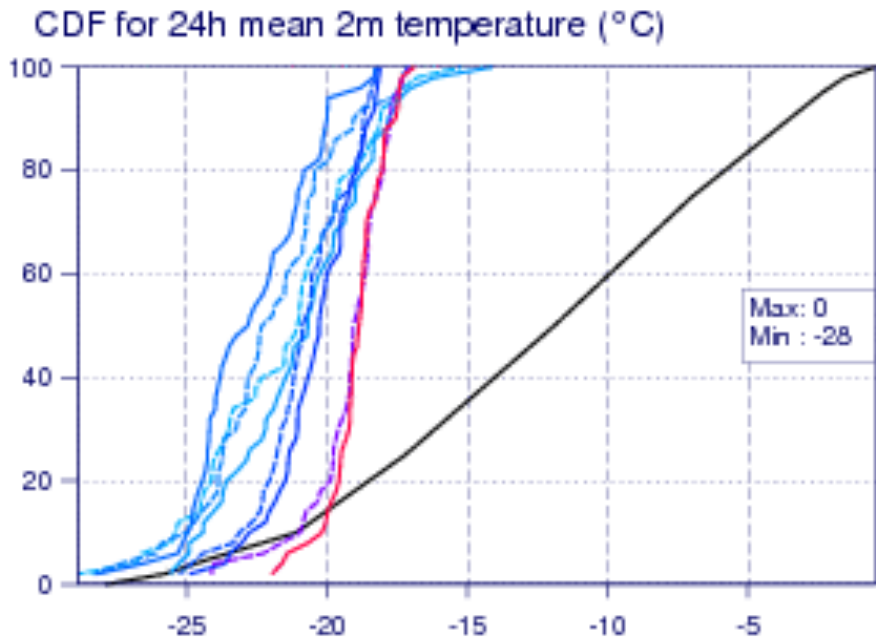
Model climate and observed climate (Nikkaloukta)



Nearby stations (Nikkaloukta –black, Tarfala – green)



How to use the reforecast data set?



Max:
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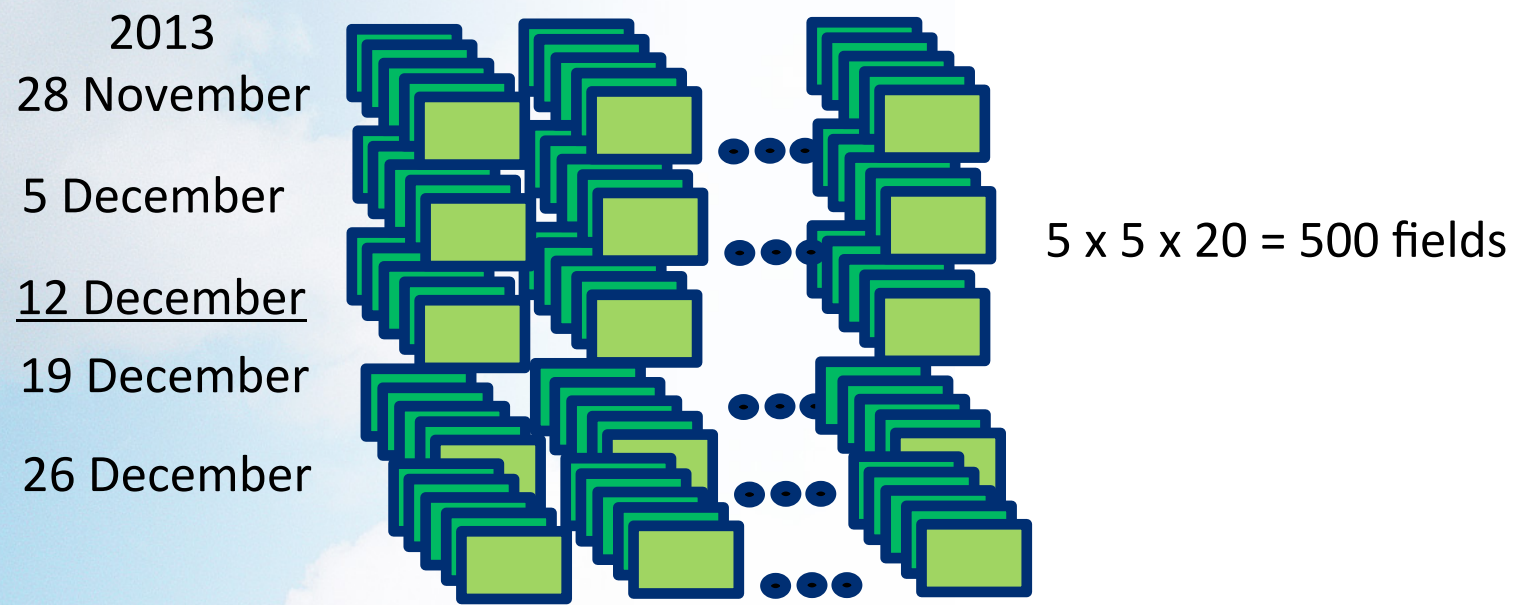
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Sampling issues: Extreme forecasts (example from old configuration – motivation for the new)

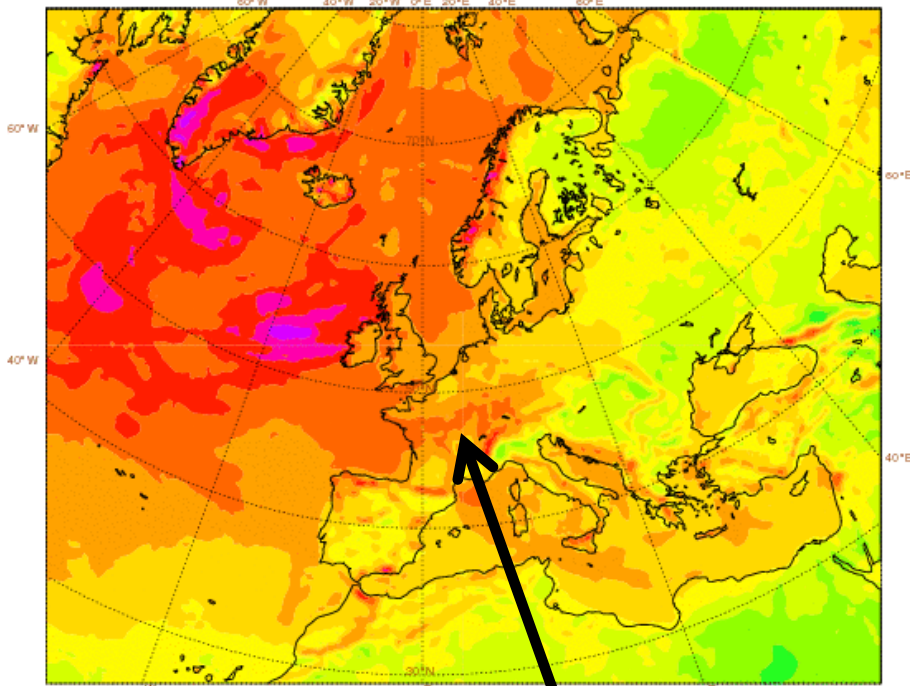
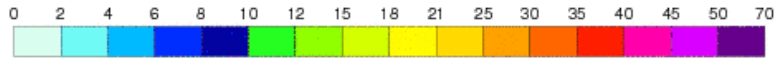
- Need to sample the tails of the distribution
- Focus on short to medium range
- Problems with correlated forecasts (members, steps)



99th percentile of climate (24-hour max. wind gusts)

Day 1

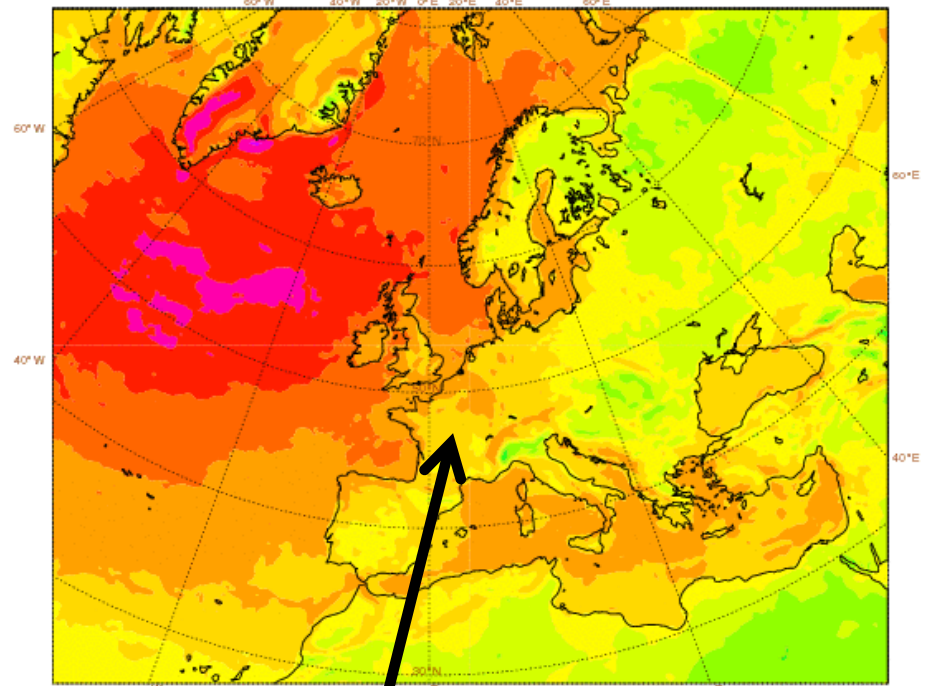
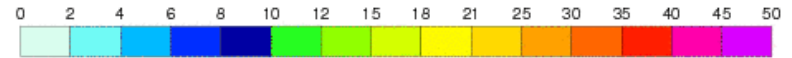
Thu 19 Dec 2013 00UTC ©ECMWF VT: Fri 20 Dec 2013 00UTC - Sat 21 Dec 2013 00UTC 0-24h
10m wind gusts (in m/s) Model climate Q99 (one in 100 occasions realises more than value shown)



30-35 m/s

Day 7

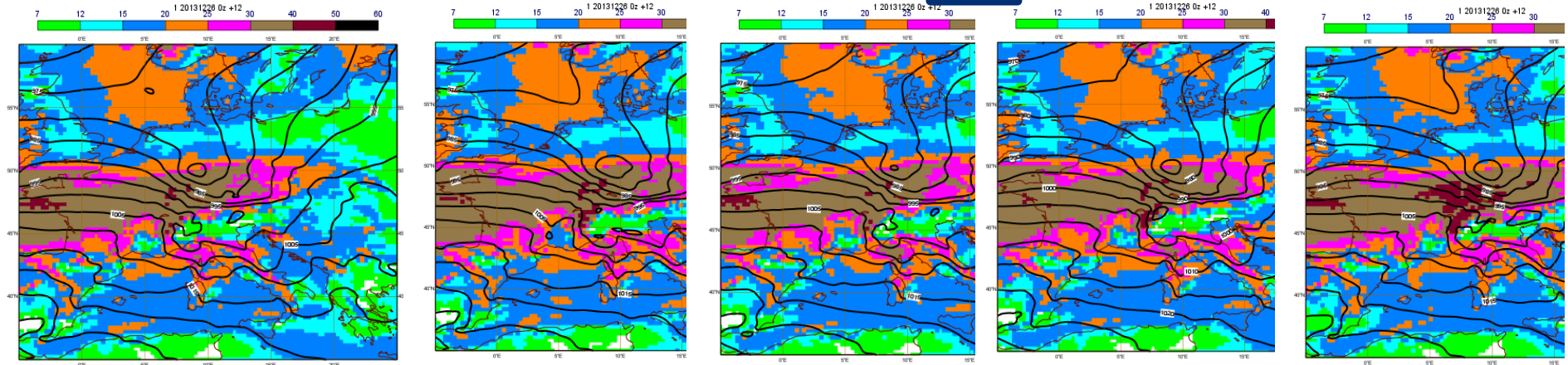
Thu 19 Dec 2013 00UTC ©ECMWF VT: Thu 26 Dec 2013 00UTC - Fri 27 Dec 2013 00UTC 144-168h
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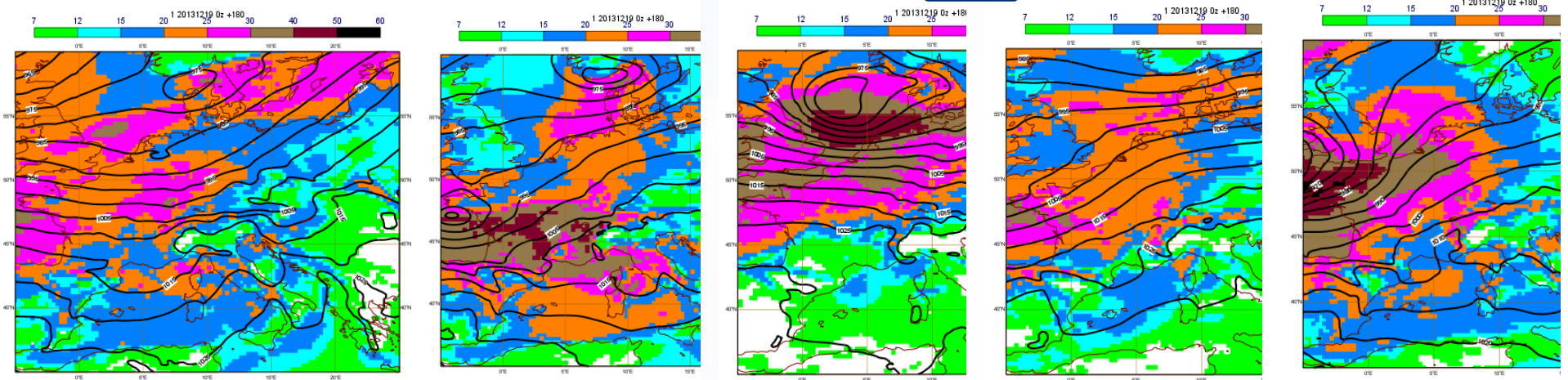
21-25 m/s

Reforecasts valid 26 December 1999 (Max. wind gusts and MSLP)

From 26 December 1999 +12h

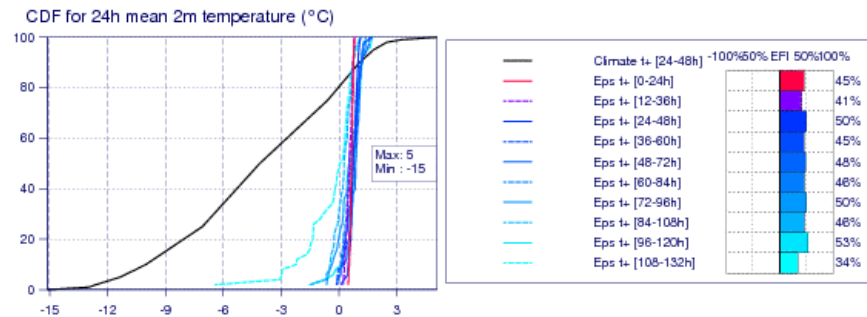
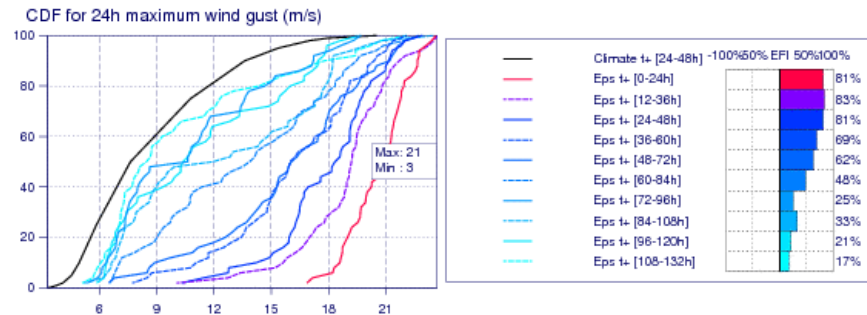
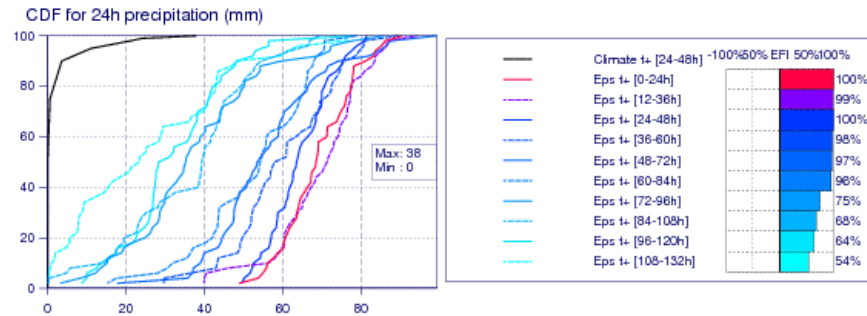


From 19 December 1999 +180h



Forecast outside the model climate:

Forecast and M-Climate cumulative distribution functions with EFI values at 46.33°N/12.48°E valid for 24 hours from Friday 31 January 2014 00 UTC to Saturday 1 February 2014 00 UTC



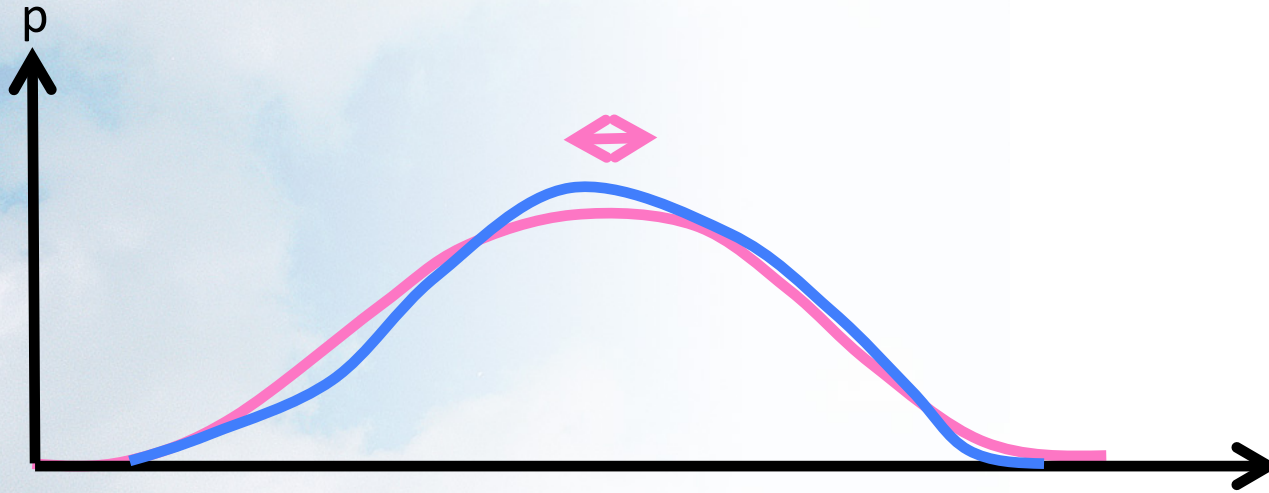
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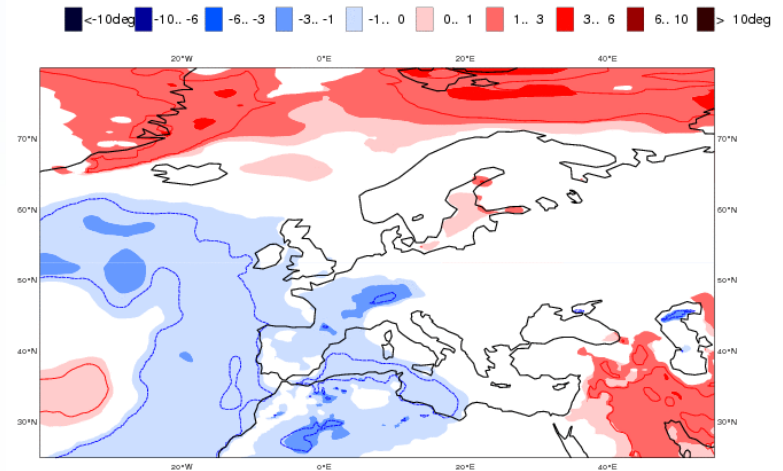
Long forecast (monthly, seasonal)



Normally weak signals

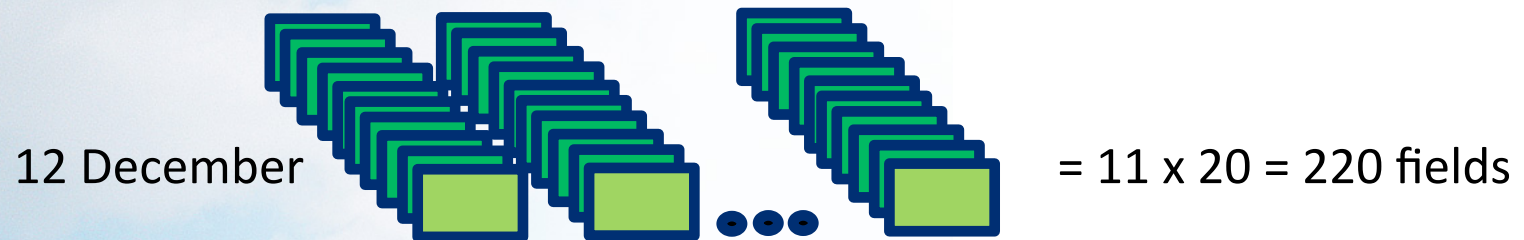
ECMWF EPS-Monthly Forecasting System
2-meter Temperature anomaly
Forecast start reference is 22-01-2015
ensemble size = 51 climate size = 200

Day 26-32
16-02-2015/TO/22-02-2015
Shaded areas significant at 10% level
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Sampling issues: Monthly forecasts

- Need to sample the mean
- Model drift
- Sensitive to subtle difference between real time forecast and reforecast configuration



Monthly forecast anomalies

Monday Thursday Monday



20 years x 11 forecasts x 3 dates = 660 forecasts

Difficulties in constructing reforecasts

Aim: Simulate climate of the real time forecasts...

ECMWF EPS-Monthly Forecasting System

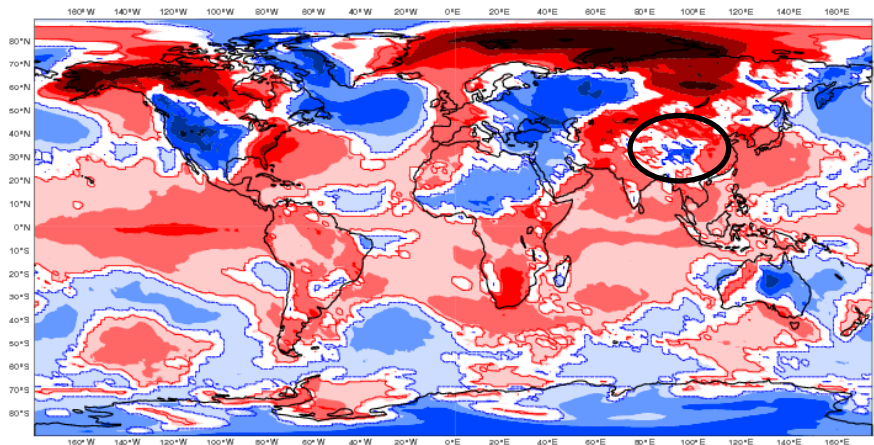
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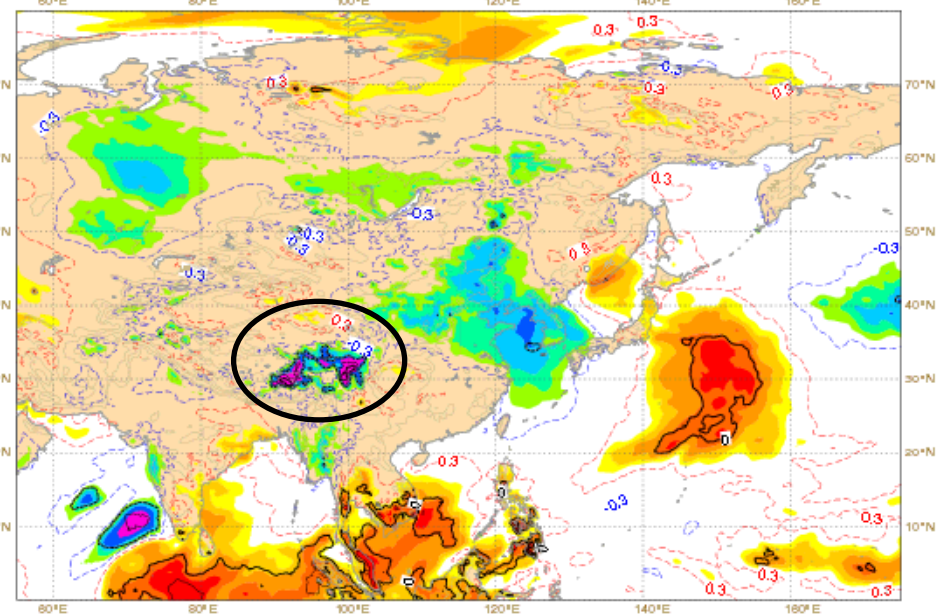
Day 1-7

28-12-2015/TO/03-01-2016

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Sun 17 Jan 2016 12UTC @ECMWF t+12-36h VT: Mon 18 Jan 2016 00UTC - Tue 19 Jan 2016 00UTC
Extreme forecast index and Shift of Tails (black contours 0,1,2,5,8) for 2m mean temperature



Configuration of reforecasts for seasonal forecasts

Example: 1 November

1 November 1981:

1 November 1982:

1 November 2010:



30 years x 15 forecasts = 450 forecasts

Run once for System 4, Initialised from ERA Interim

Bias correction and estimate of skill

Summary

- The model climate can be different from the observed climate
- We need the model climate to determine whether the forecast is anomalous
- Twice a week, forecasts for the 20 last years are rerun to build up the model climate
- Used for several forecast products

Configuration of reforecasts

Example: Thursday 12 December 2013:

12 December 1993:

12 December 1994:

12 December 2012:



20 years x 5 forecasts = 100 forecasts

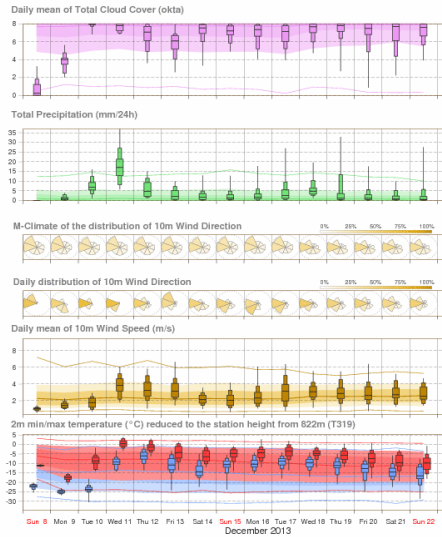
Present model version

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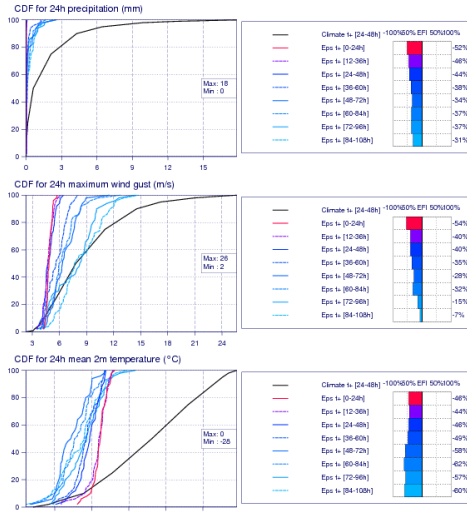
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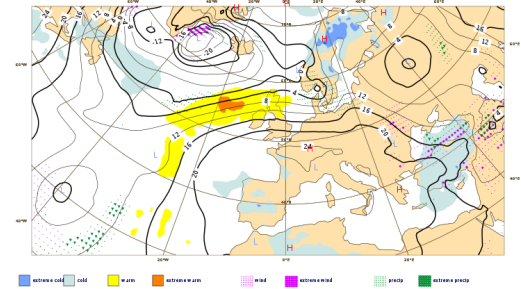
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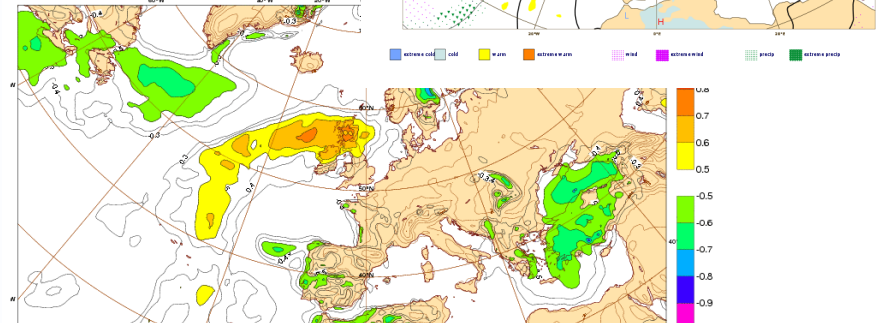


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