

Numlab goes OpenIFS

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Numlab 2015

- Numlab is a traditional meteorology course since 1970's
- Relevant job skills
- So far, a new model every time (>> high starting overhead)

- Year 2015, and for the time being, the model is OpenIFS
- Numlab materials will be stored and re-used (a few variants)

- Supportive communities :: ECMWF and Academic groups
- Links closely to EC-Earth and Harmonie



OpenIFS

- Global atmospheric model of ECMWF
- OpenIFS is a portable, up-to-date version for Academic use

The corner stone of all operational activities of the Centre:

- Data-assimilation
 - High-resolution medium-range weather forecasting
 - Ensemble prediction
 - Seasonal prediction
 - Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Services
- www.ecmwf.int >> research >> projects >> openifs



Numlab using OpenIFS

High-performance computing

- Modern computing architectures
- File systems
- Batch queue systems and scripts

Running the model

- Compile and run OpenIFS
- Post-process model output
- Visualise meteorological fields

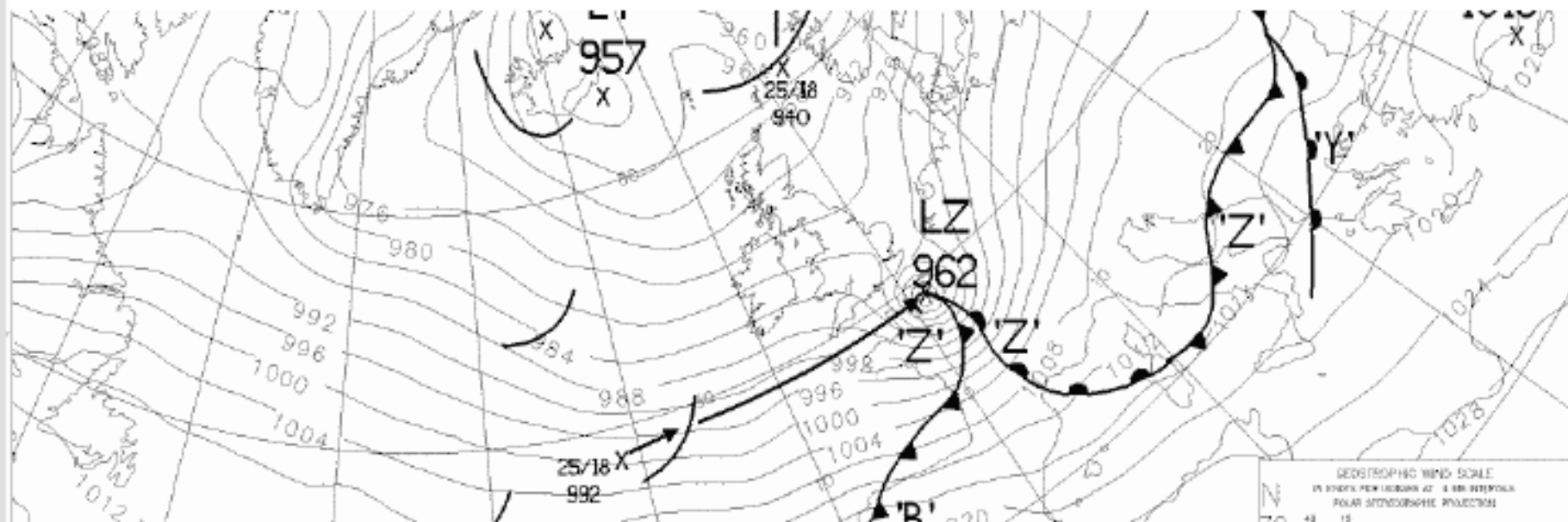
Group work

- One topic per group
- Design of experiments
- Execution and reporting



Numlab using OpenIFS

- The topic this year :: The Lothar storm in December 1999
- A wind storm that hit France and Germany
- Lothar was (and is) very difficult to predict (1-2 day advance)



- Next :: group presentations

Numlab groups

Group 1 (Alexandr Bibov, Vladimir Shemyakin, Uni. Lappeenranta)

Group 2 (Evgeny Kadantsev, Nina Karusto, Mikko Laapas, Ville Siiskonen)

Group 3 (Matti Kämäräinen, Jutta Kesti, Meri Virman, Oleg Stepanyuk)

Group 4 (Teija Seitola, Mona Kurppa, Ville Ilkka, Olle Räty)

Group 5 (Ilari Lehtonen, Sini Myllyviita, Minttu Tuononen, Mika Rantanen)

Surface layer parameterization and the effect of roughness length modification

Laboratory Course in Numerical Meteorology 2015

Evgeny Kadantsev, Nina Karusto, Mikko Laapas, Ville Siiskonen

Experimental design

- Lothar storm event: 12 UTC 26.12.1999
- 1 day, 2 day, 3 day and 4 day forecasts
- 20 minutes time step
- 80 km horizontal resolution, 60 vertical levels
- Roughness length:
 - Control run (unmodified)
 - Halved (x0.5)
 - Doubled (x2)
 - Quadruple (x4)
 - Eightfold (x8)

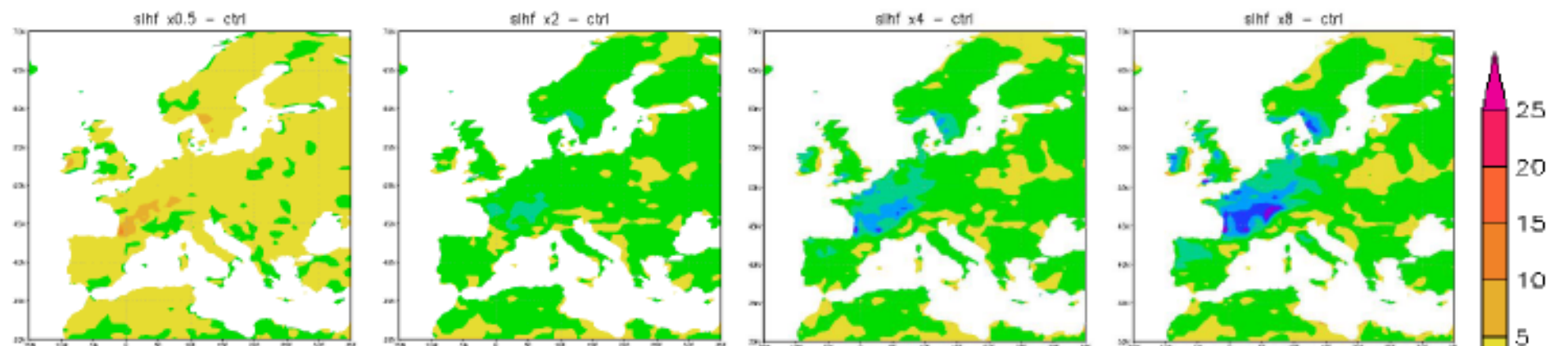
Table 11.4 Roughness lengths for momentum and heat associated with high and low vegetation types.

Index	Vegetation type	H/L veg	z_{0m}	z_{0h}
1	Crops, mixed farming	L	0.25	$0.25 \cdot 10^{-2}$
2	Short grass	L	0.2	$0.2 \cdot 10^{-2}$
3	Evergreen needleleaf trees	H	2.0	2.0
4	Deciduous needleleaf trees	H	2.0	2.0
5	Deciduous broadleaf trees	H	2.0	2.0
6	Evergreen broadleaf trees	H	2.0	2.0
7	Tall grass	L	0.47	$0.47 \cdot 10^{-2}$
8	Desert	-	0.013	$0.013 \cdot 10^{-2}$
9	Tundra	L	0.034	$0.034 \cdot 10^{-2}$
10	Irrigated crops	L	0.5	$0.5 \cdot 10^{-2}$
11	Semi-desert	L	0.17	$0.17 \cdot 10^{-2}$
12	Ice caps and glaciers	-	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$
13	Bogs and marshes	L	0.83	$0.83 \cdot 10^{-2}$
14	Inland water	-	-	-
15	Ocean	-	-	-
16	Evergreen shrubs	L	0.100	$0.1 \cdot 10^{-2}$
17	Deciduous shrubs	L	0.25	$0.25 \cdot 10^{-2}$
18	Mixed forest/woodland	H	2.0	2.0
19	Interrupted forest	H	1.1	1.1
20	Water and land mixtures	L	-	-

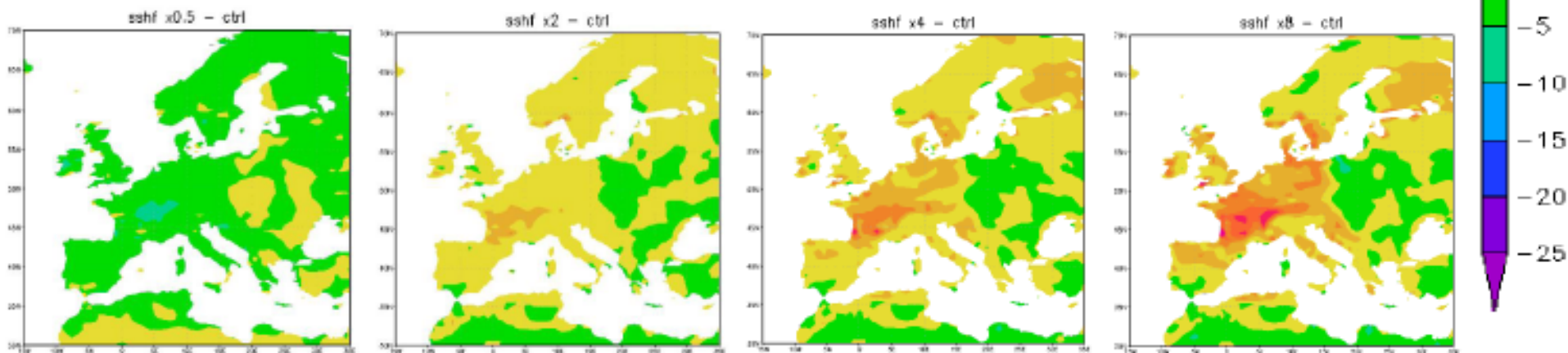
Surface heat fluxes [W/m²] at 26.12.1999 12 UTC

24 hours forecast

Latent heat flux



Sensible heat flux

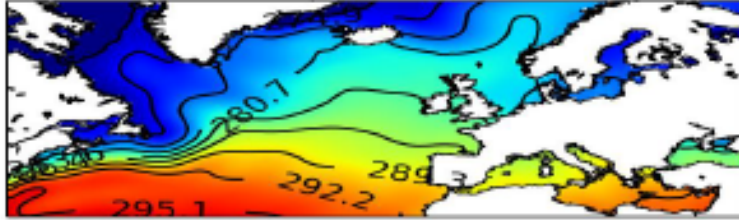


Difference between modified and control runs

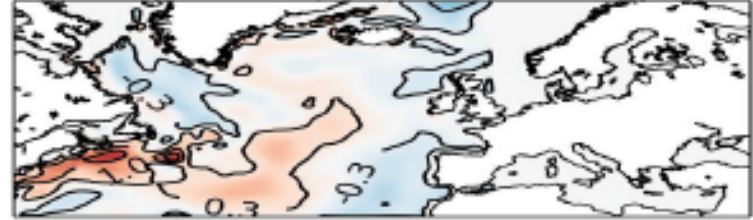
Effect of SST on the evolution of the Lothar storm

Matti Kämäräinen, Jutta Kesti, Oleg Stepanyuk and Meri Virman
22.4.2015

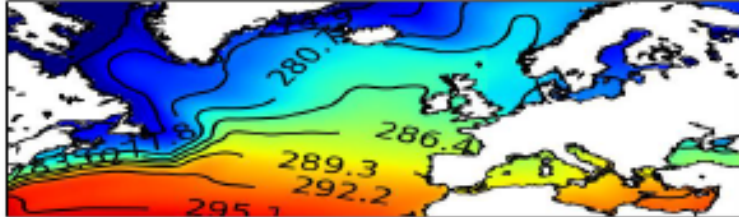
SST of the CONTROL RUN



Difference to CLIMATOLOGY



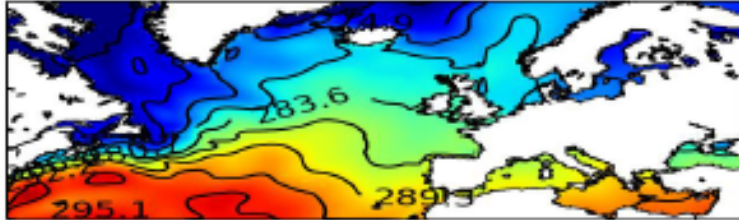
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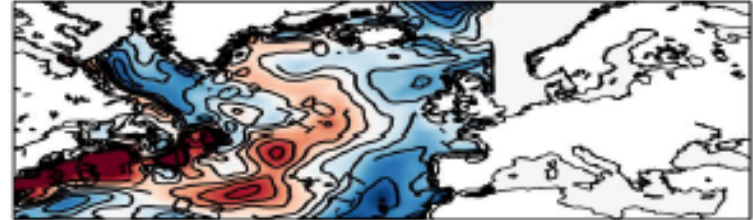
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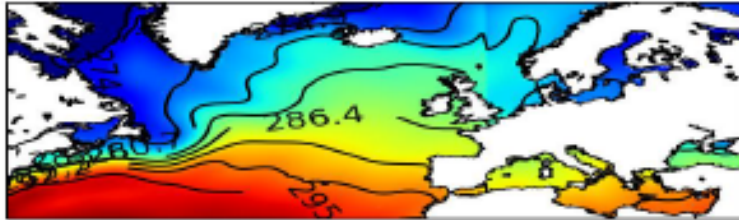
SST of the 2-FOLD AMP RUN



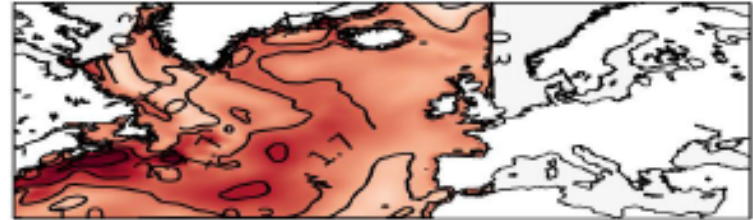
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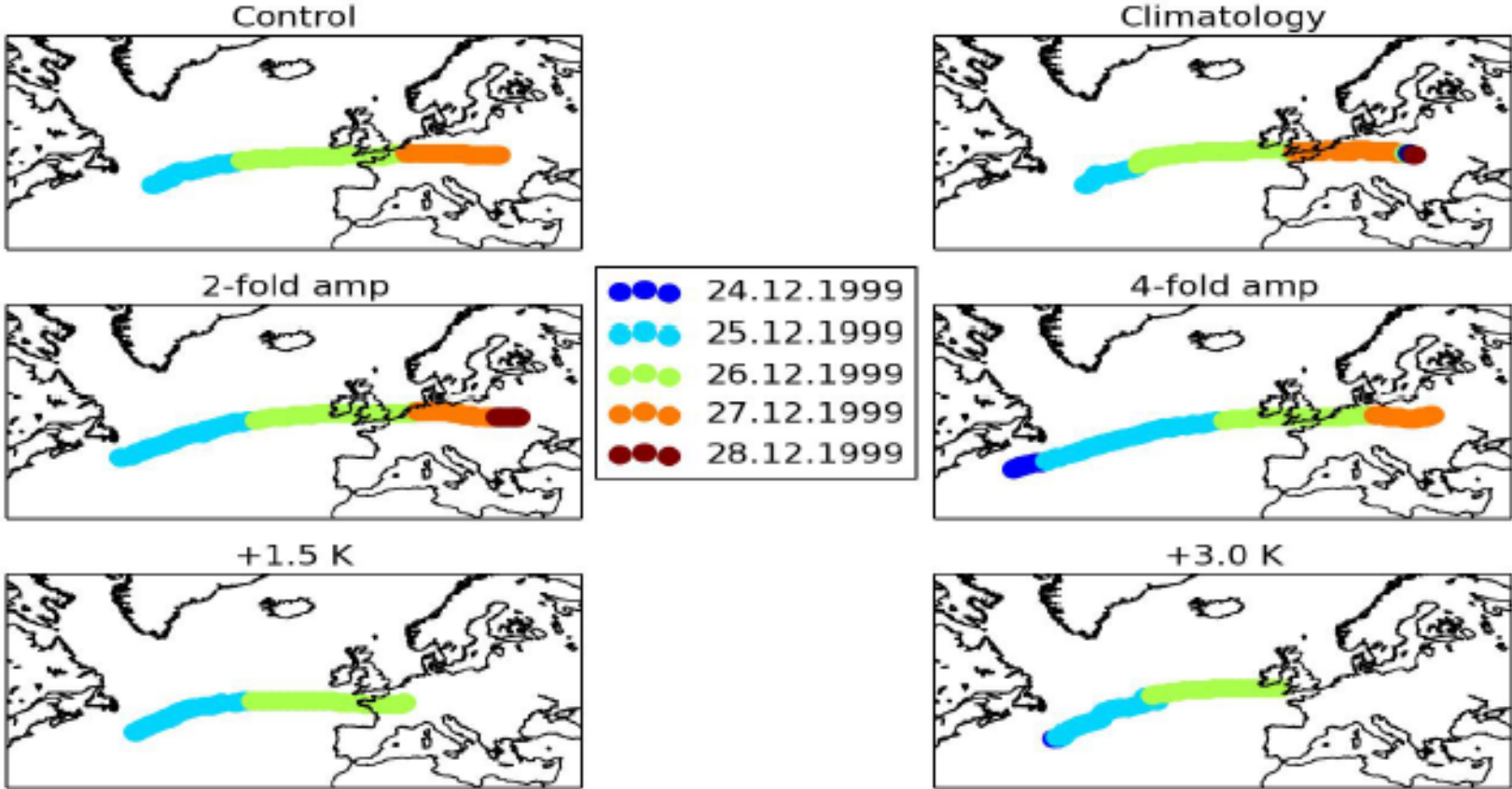
SST of the +1.5 K RUN



Difference to CLIMATOLOGY



Results



deterministic predictions



verification



ensemble forecast of Lothar (surface pressure)
start date 24 December 1999 : forecast time $T+42h$

Ensemble forecasts using stochastically perturbed physical tendencies (SPPT): Lothar storm case study

forecast 1



forecast 2



forecast 3



forecast 4



forecast 5



forecast 6



forecast 7



forecast 8



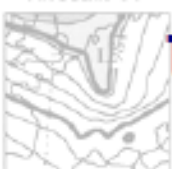
forecast 9



forecast 10



forecast 11



forecast 12



forecast 13



forecast 14



forecast 15



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forecast 17



forecast 18



forecast 19



forecast 20



forecast 21



forecast 22



forecast 23



forecast 24



forecast 25



forecast 26



forecast 27



forecast 28



forecast 29



forecast 30



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forecast 31



forecast 32



forecast 33



forecast 34



forecast 35



forecast 36



forecast 37



forecast 38



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forecast 40



forecast 41



forecast 42



forecast 43



forecast 44



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forecast 48



forecast 49

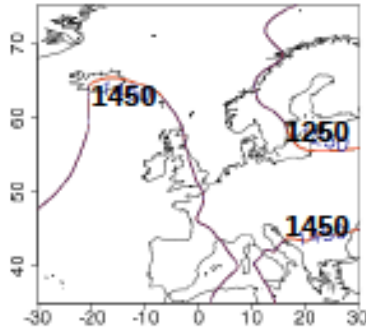


forecast 50

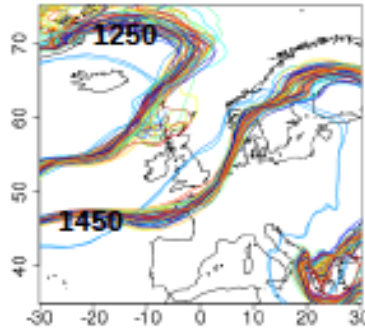


Evolution of the 7-day ensemble forecast at 850 hPa

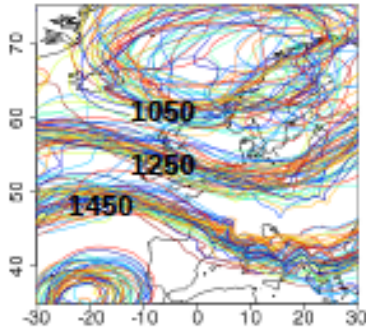
T511
19.12. 12UTC



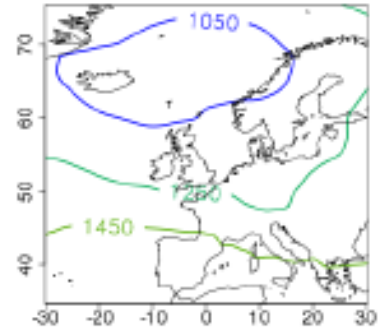
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T511
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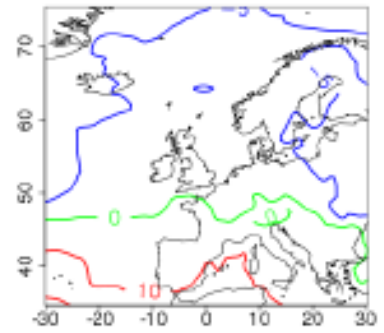
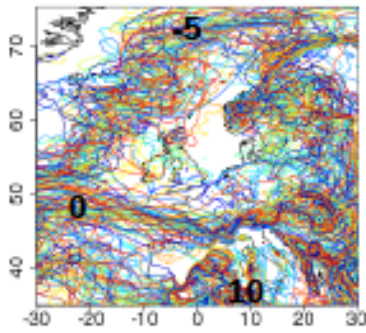
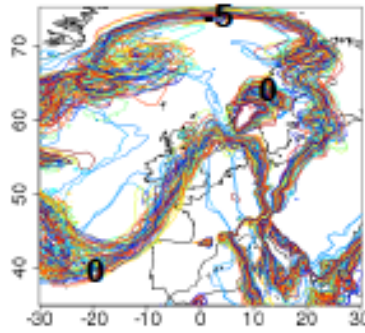
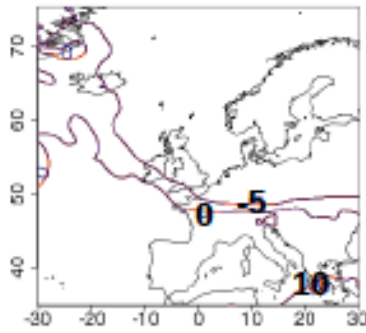


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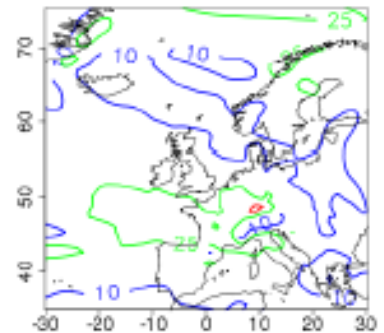
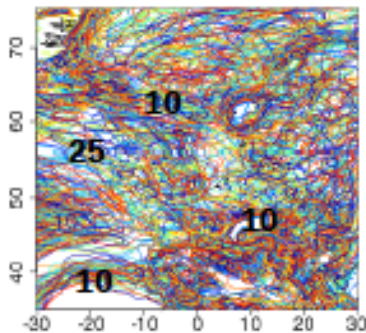
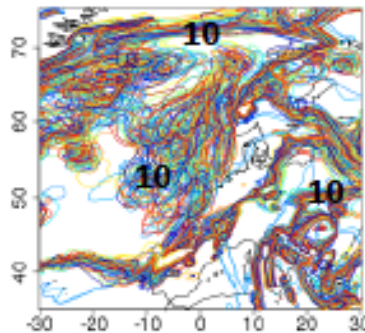
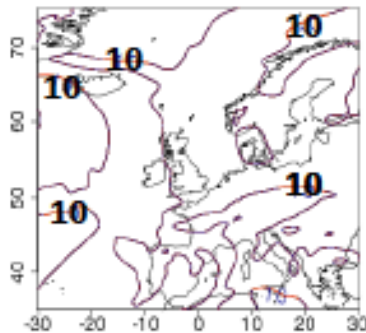


gph (m)

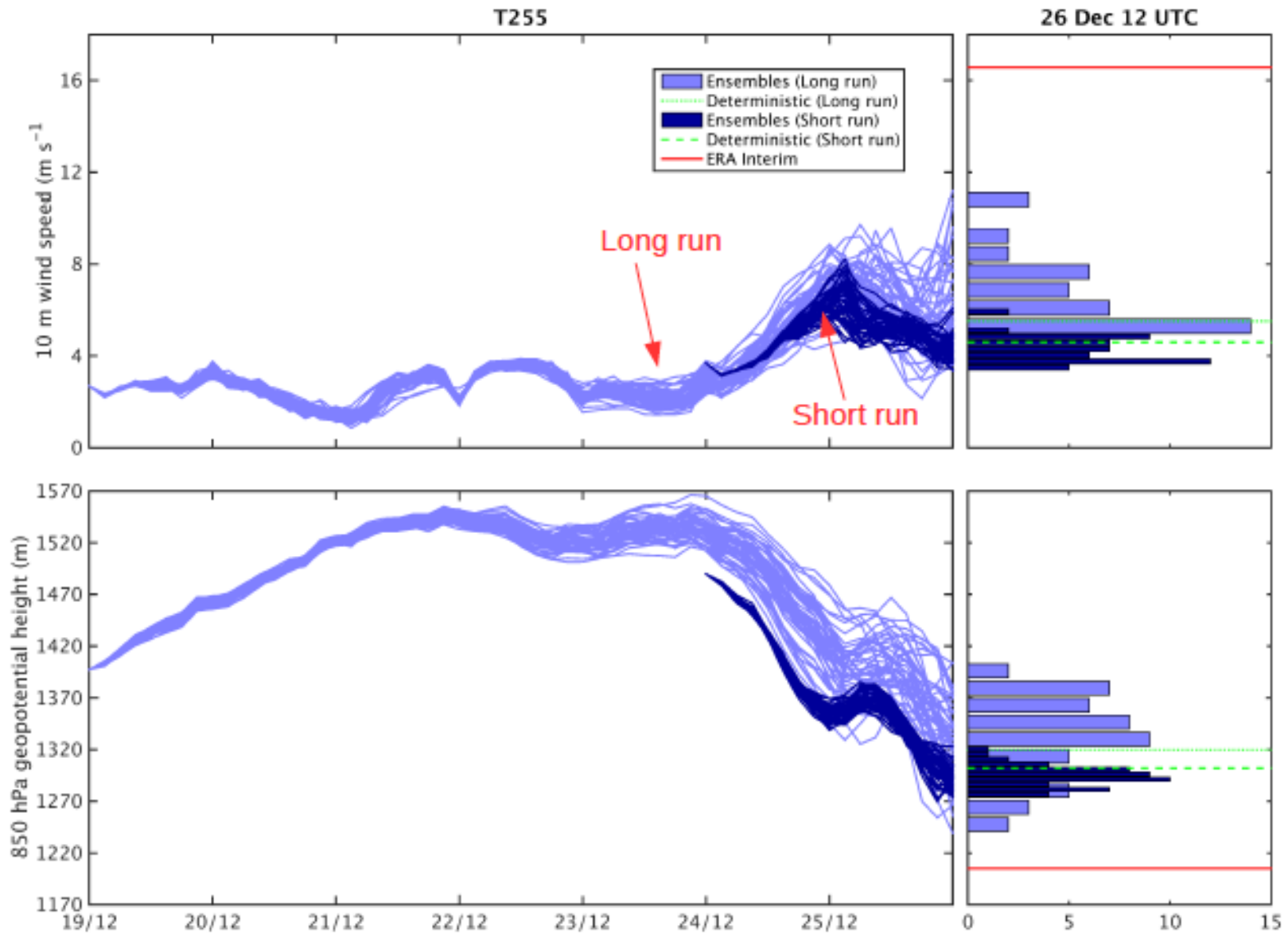
T (°C)



ws (m/s)



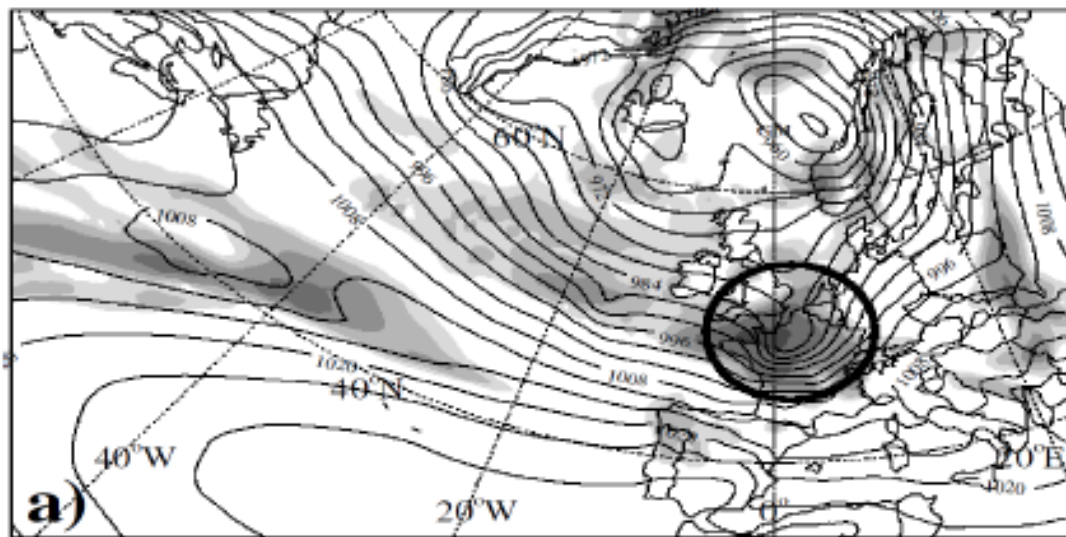
Distribution of forecast at 47-50 N, 8-11 E



High resolution simulations of Lothar storm

Group 5

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Minttu Tuononen



26.12.1999 06 UTC

Source: Dynamical aspects of the life cycle of
the winter storm 'Lothar' (Wernli etc., 2002)

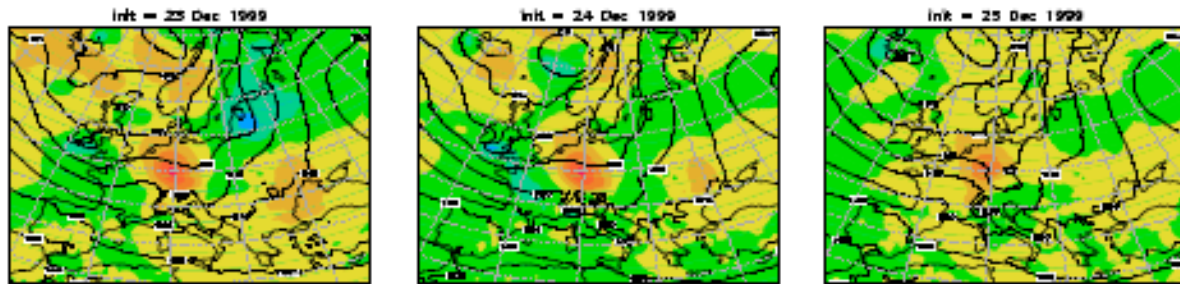
Motivation:

Is Lothar simulated better in the higher resolution models?

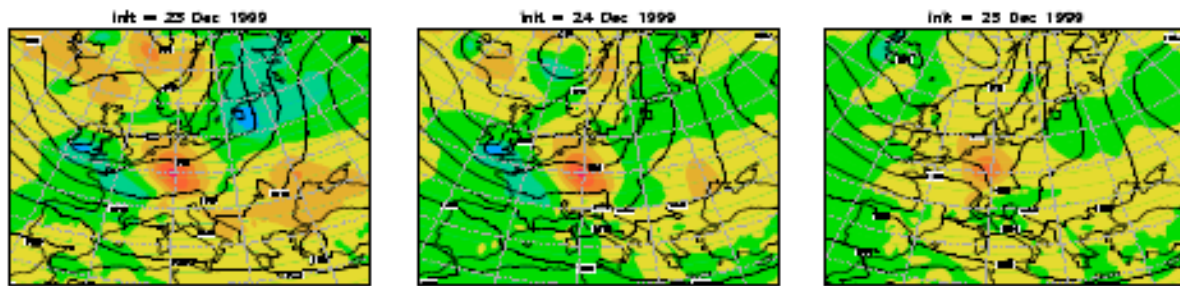
Simulations:

- **Low resolution: T255, L60**
 - Horizontal grid resolution ~ 80 km, vertical resolution 60 levels
 - Timestep 20 minutes
 - 1 day, 2 days and 3 days forecasts
- **Medium resolution: T511, L60**
 - Horizontal grid resolution ~ 40 km, vertical resolution 60 levels
 - Timestep 10 minutes
 - 1 day, 2 days and 3 days forecasts
- **High resolution: T1279, L60**
 - Horizontal grid resolution ~ 16 km, vertical resolution 60 levels
 - Timestep 10 minutes
 - 1 day, 2 days and 3 days forecasts

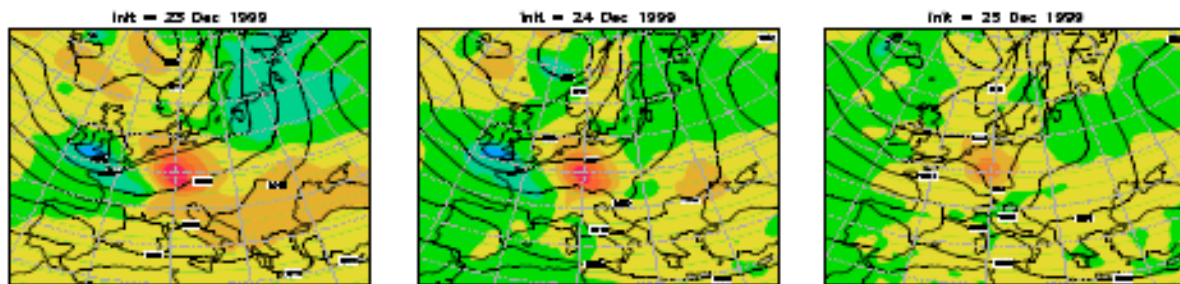
Forecasted mean sea level pressure in hPa (contours) for 12z26Dec1999 and the forecast error in hPa (shading) in T1279 simulation



Forecasted mean sea level pressure in hPa (contours) for 12z26Dec1999 and the forecast error in hPa (shading) in T511 simulation



Forecasted mean sea level pressure in hPa (contours) for 12z26Dec1999 and the forecast error in hPa (shading) in T255 simulation



Forecasted MSLP and the forecast error

Left: 3 day forecasts

Middle: 2 day forecasts

Right: 1 day forecasts

- Large scale errors are very similar among the T1279, T511 and T255 simulations

- There are more small-scale structure visible in high resolution simulations

Remarks

- We are happy with OpenIFS - fit for purpose
- Mixture of GRIB1/2 and gg/sh obstacles
- Metview installation – we used mostly Grads
- Students have variable skills in Linux, scripts, etc.
- Lothar weakly predictable – could try with a more predictable system (St Jude)
- New topics jointly :: tropical meteorology, numerical synoptics, general circulation