

# Scatterometer Assimilation Experiments with HARMONIE-AROME Mesoscale Model over south-western Europe

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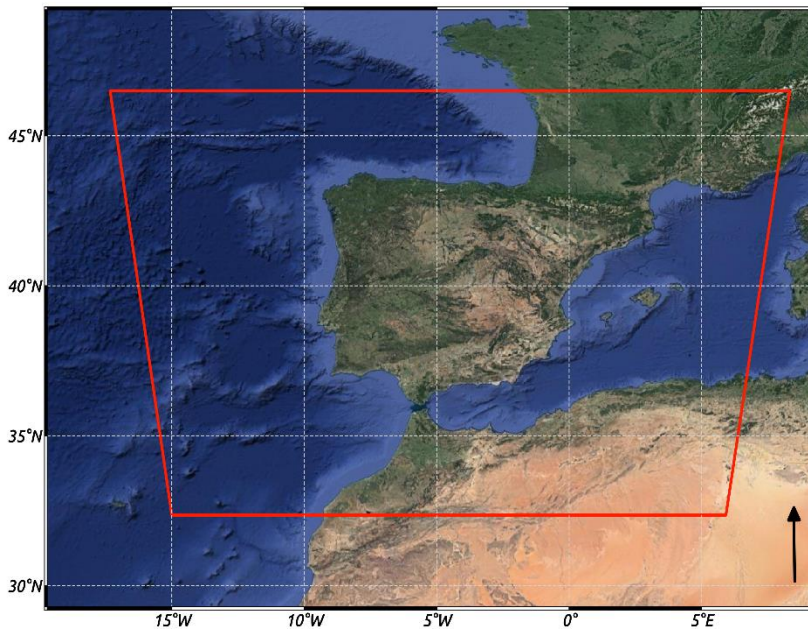
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- meso-scale HARMONIE-AROME model
- Observing System Experiments (OSE)
- Verification over the ocean
- Conclusions and future work

## model

### Domain IBERIAxxm\_2.5

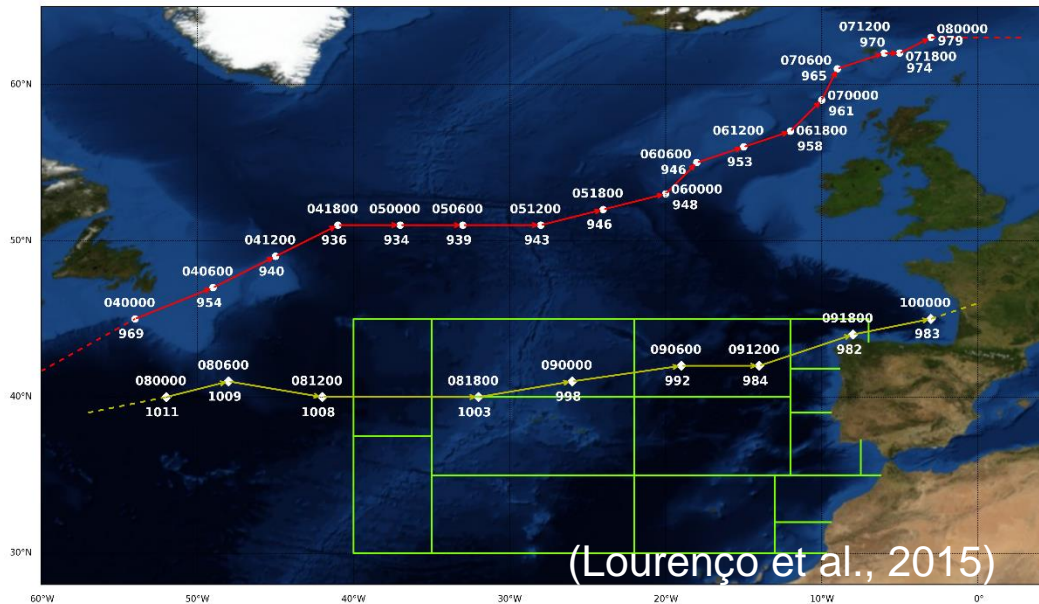


### HARMONIE -AROME- Cy40h1.1

- Non-Hydrostatic
- 800 (lon) X 648 (lat) grid, 65 levels
- 2.5 km grid size
- 3D-Var, Assimilation 8 times/day
- 24-hour forecast
- ECMWF boundaries
- Time step 60s

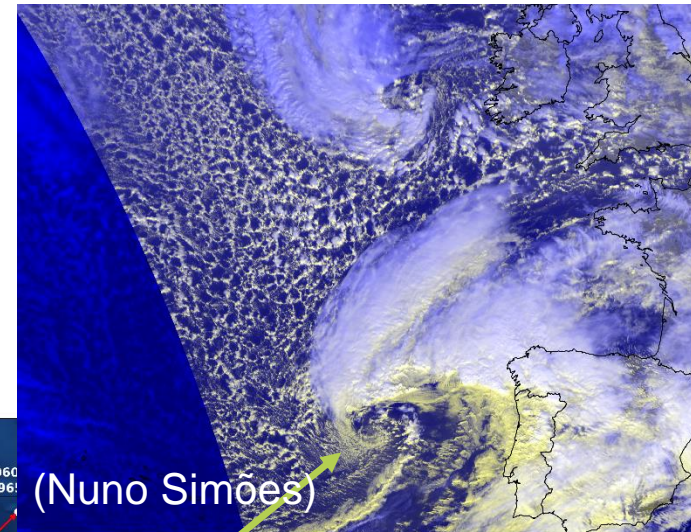
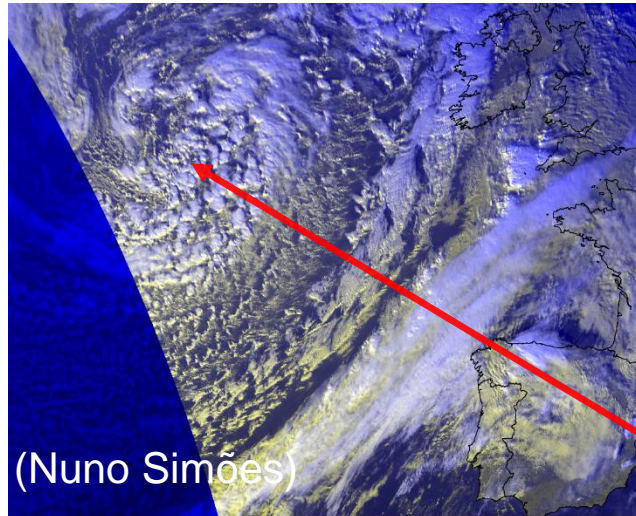


- **Experimentation period** 1 January to 15 February 2014 during stormy 2013-2014 winter. Including “**Christine**” (6-7 January) and “**Stephanie**” (9-10 February) storms.



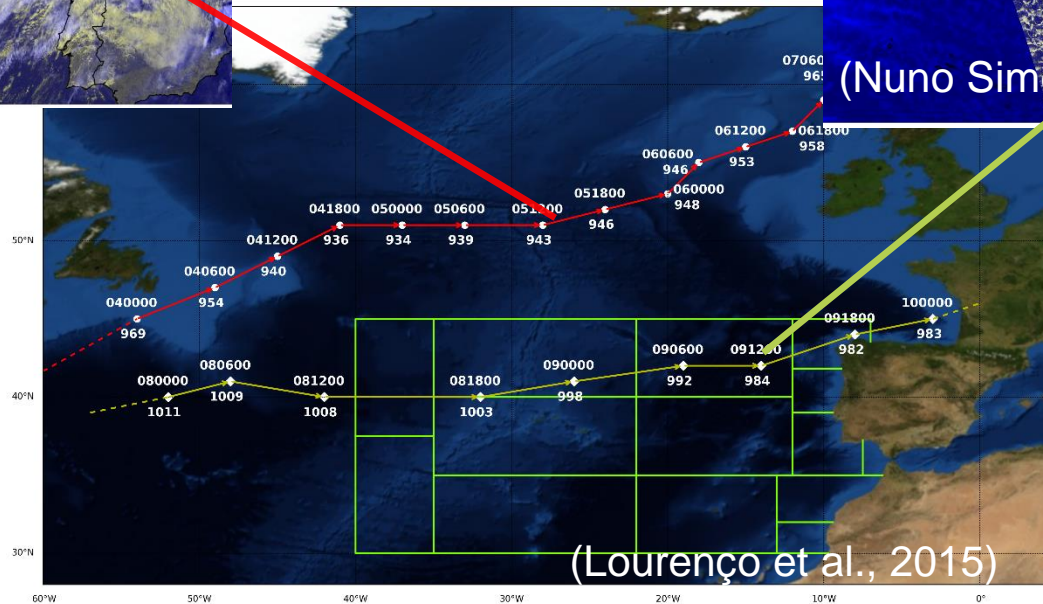
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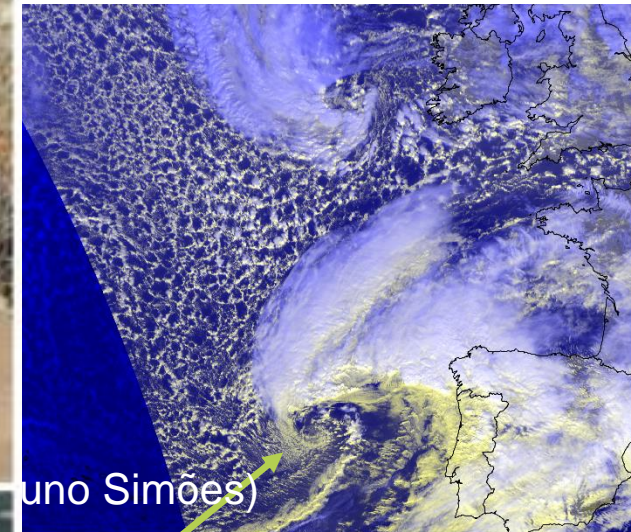
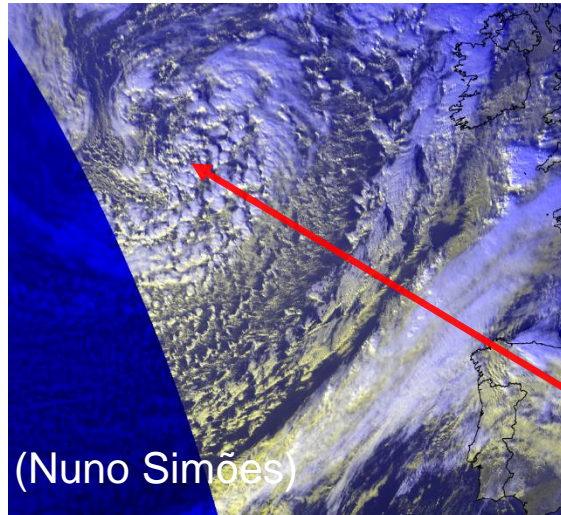


(Lourenço et al., 2015)

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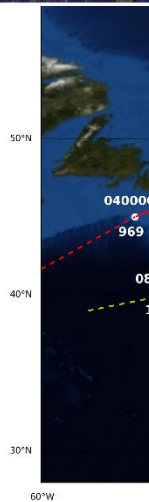
Before 2013/2014 winter

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## OSEs

### **EXP0 (control) - Conventional observations:**

surface observations: synoptic stations, ships, and drifting buoys.

upper air observations: radiosondes and aircraft reports.

**EXP2 - Conventional + ASCAT-coastal** default Harmonie thinning (100 km) inherit from Météo France and ECMWF settings

**EXP2\_no thinning - conventional + ASCAT-coastal no thinning**  
ASCAT-coastal in the original grid spacing (12.5 km)

**Verification** over the ocean **against independent observations:**

- **HSCAT** Chinese Ku-band scatterometer on-board Haiyang-2A  
sun-syn ~**0600 LTAN/1800 LTDN** @25 km sampling and **50 km effective resolution**
- **OSCAT** Indian Ku-band scatterometer on-board OceanSat-2  
sun-syn ~**0000 LTDN/1200 LTAN** @25 km sampling and **50 km effective resolution.**

## Sampling ≠ Resolution

- **ASCAT-coastal** @12.5 km sampling -> **28 km effective resolution**  
(Vogelzang et al., 2011)
- **HARMONIE** @2.5 km grid -> **15- 25 km effective resolution**  
(7-10 grid resolution, Skamarock, 2004)

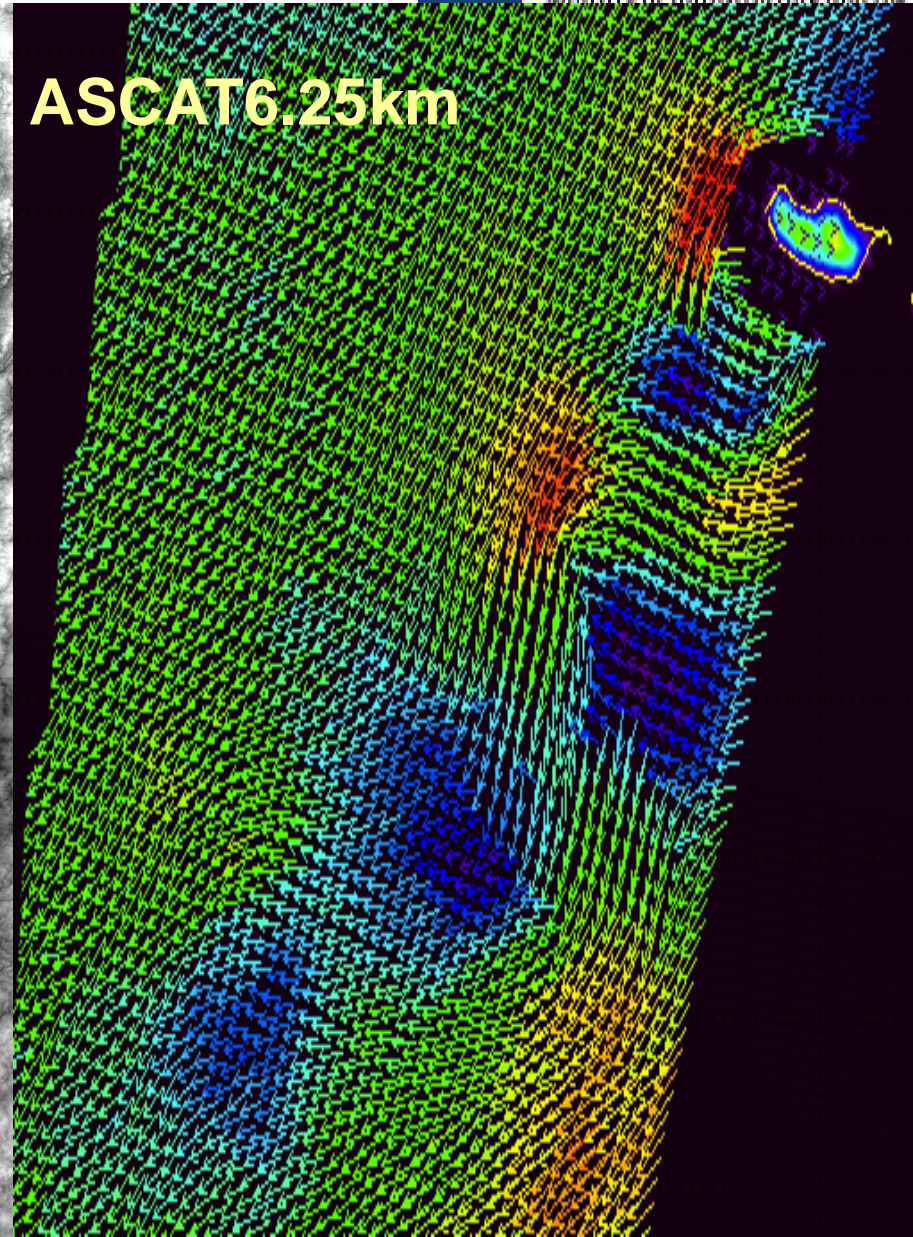
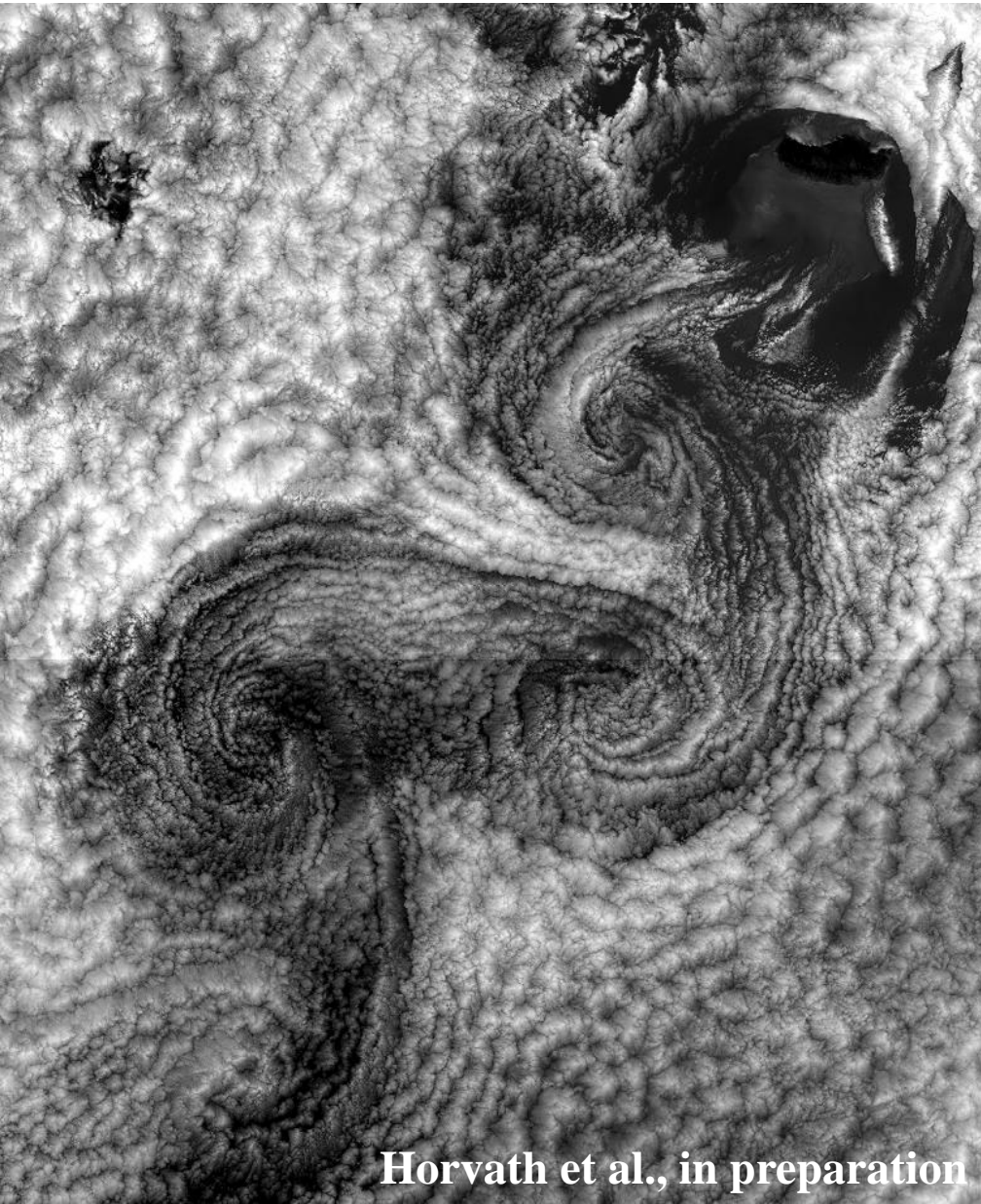


# Observations and models?

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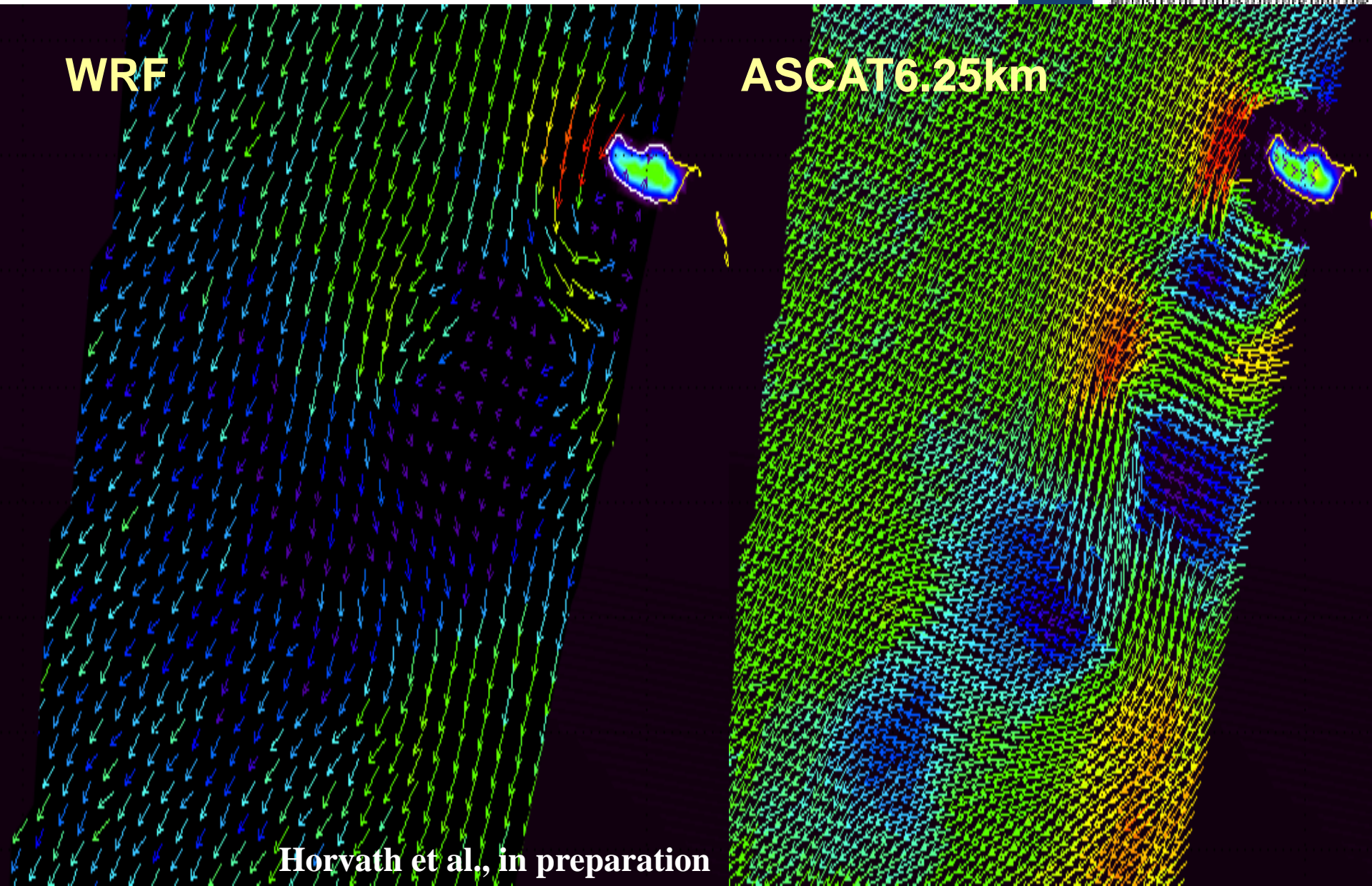


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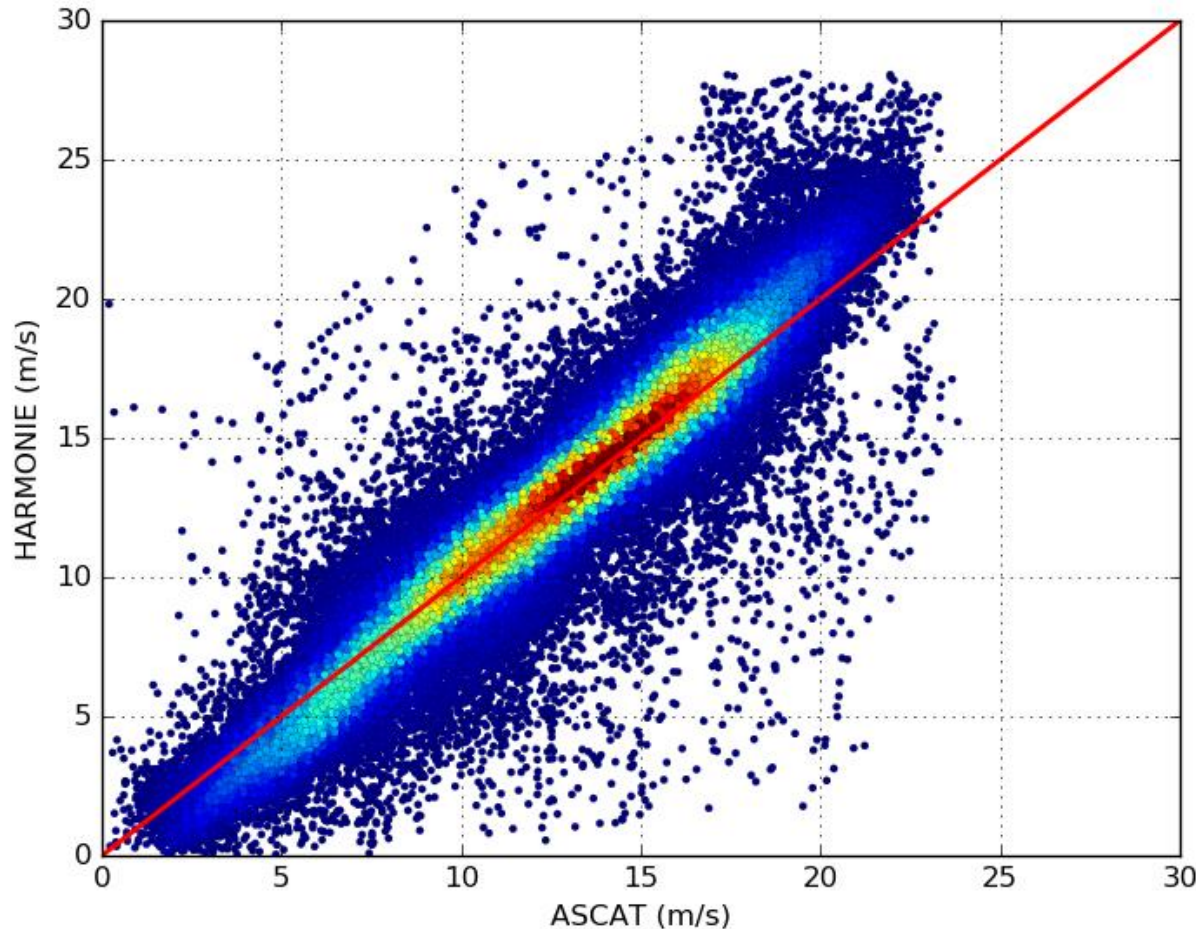
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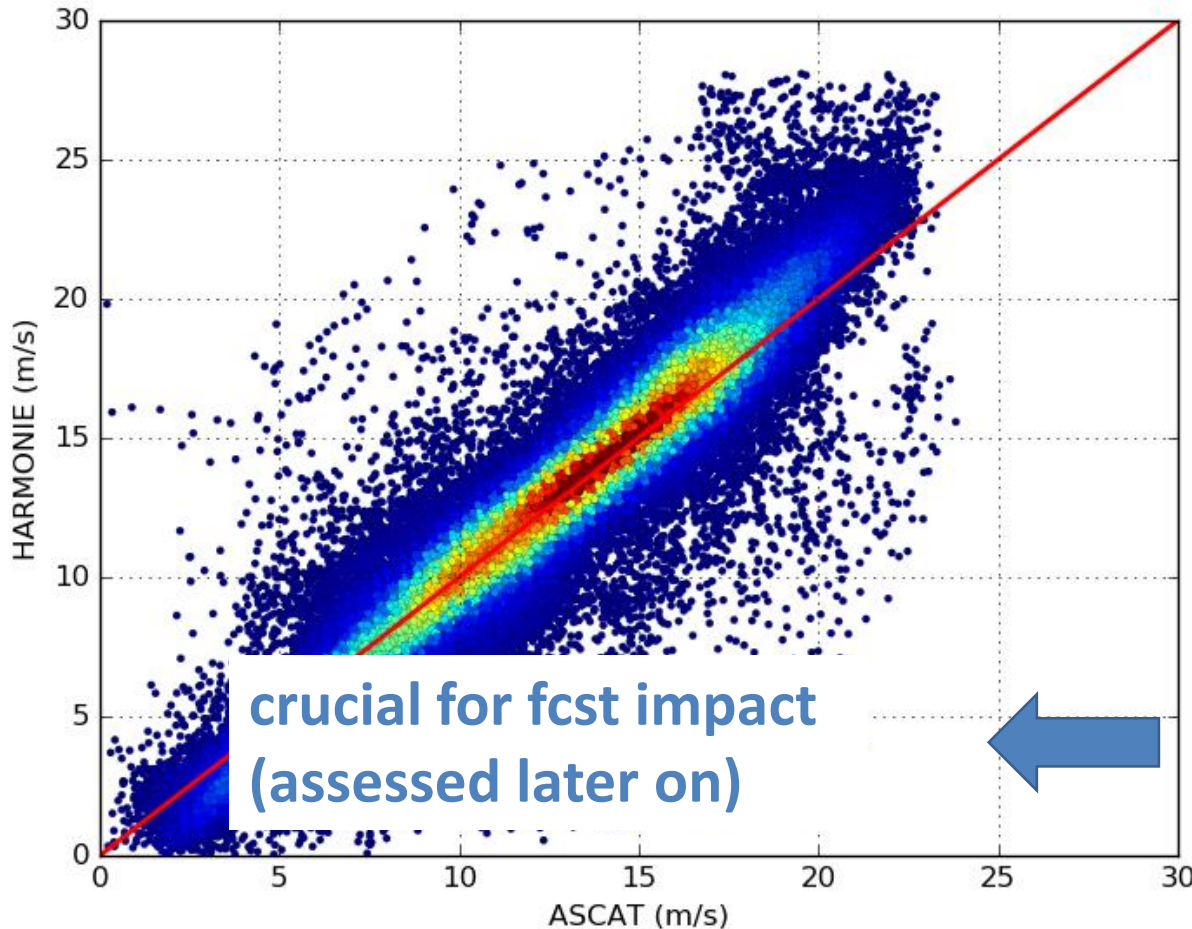
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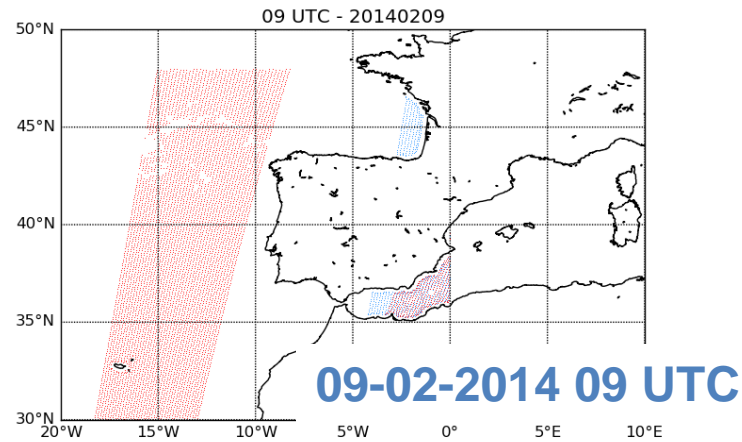
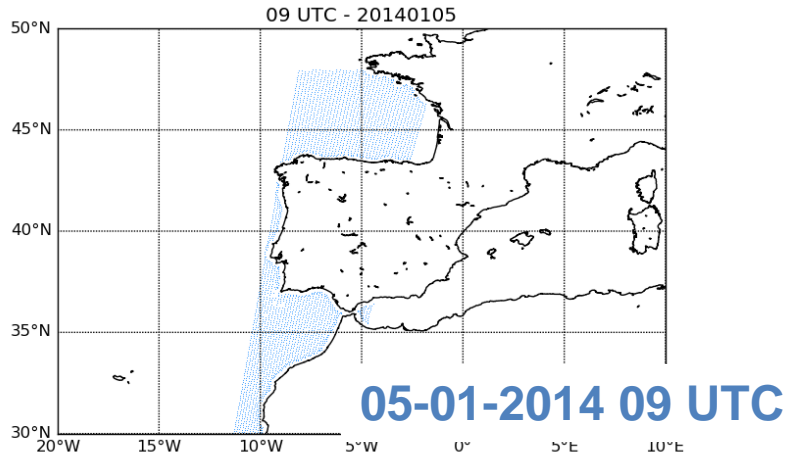
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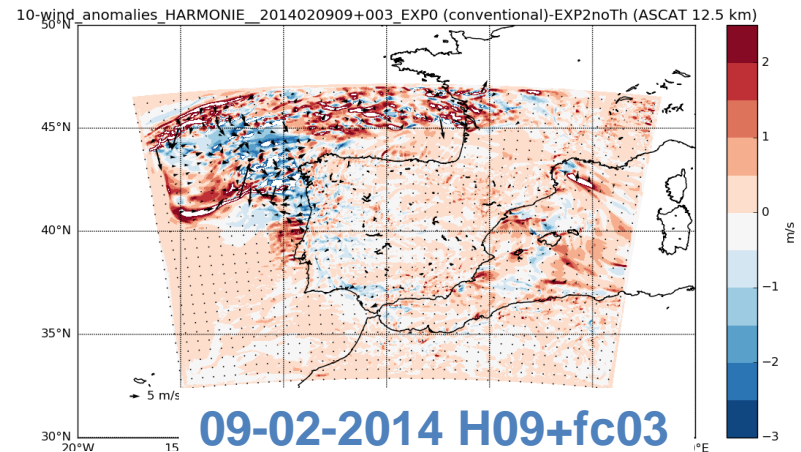
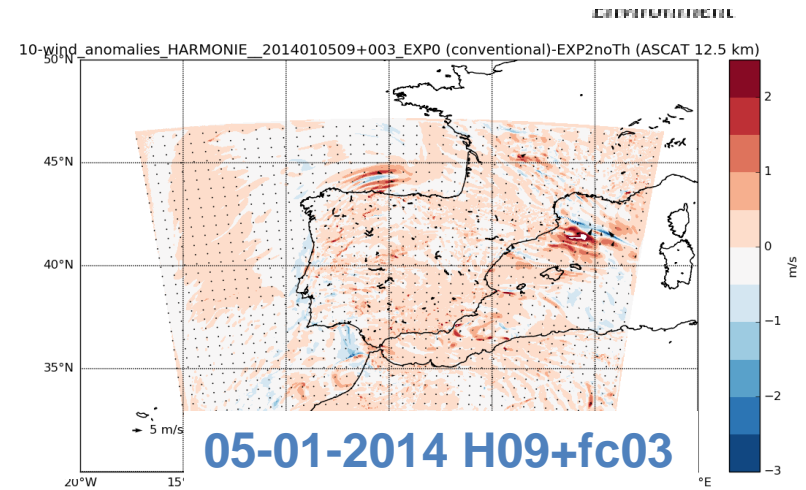
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# ASCAT-A/B coverage at analysis time

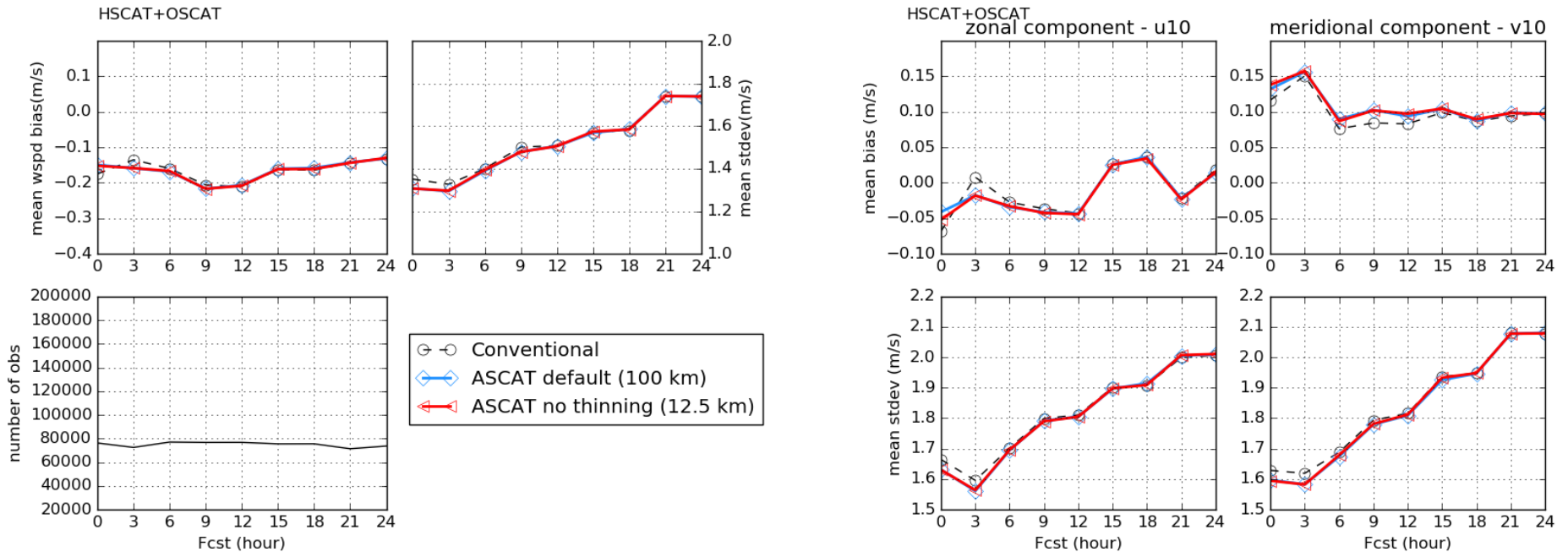


**Blue** - ASCAT-A **Red** - ASCAT-B

# HARMONIE CONTROL - ASCAT(12.5 km)



## 10 m wind verified against HSCAT and OSCAT

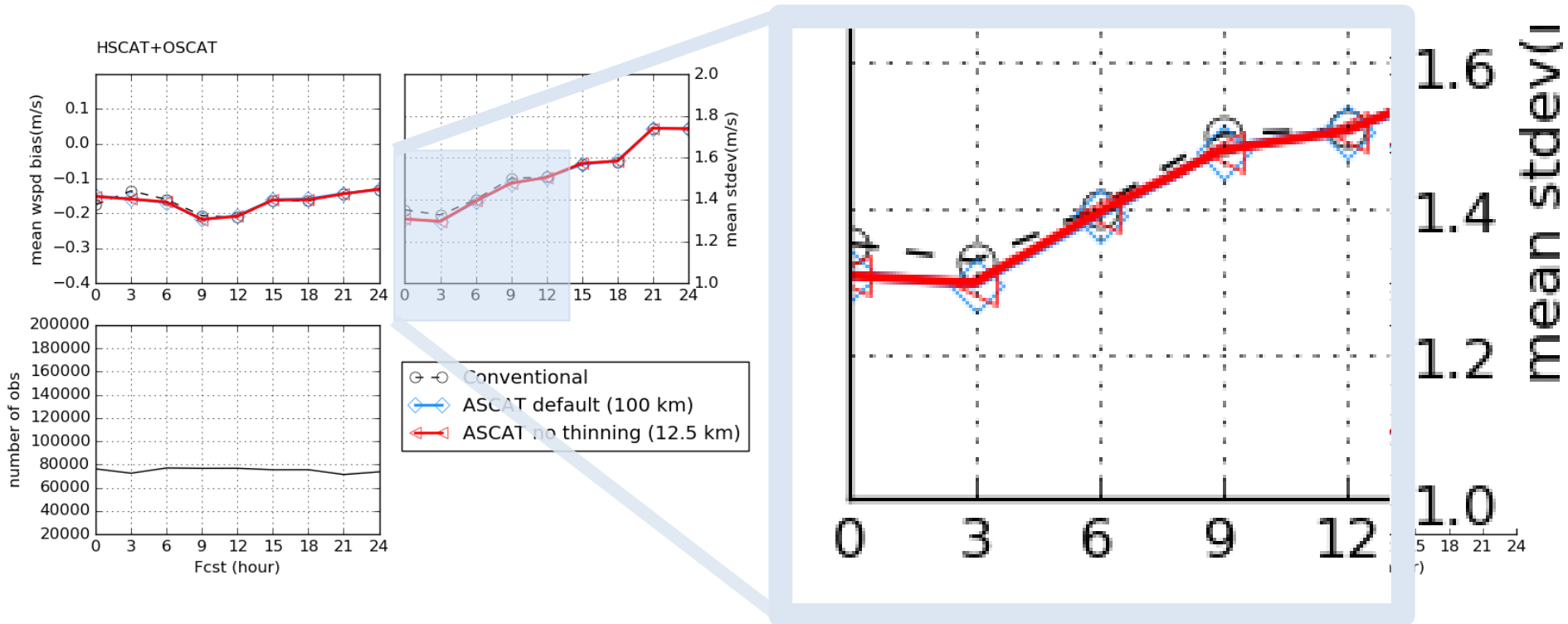


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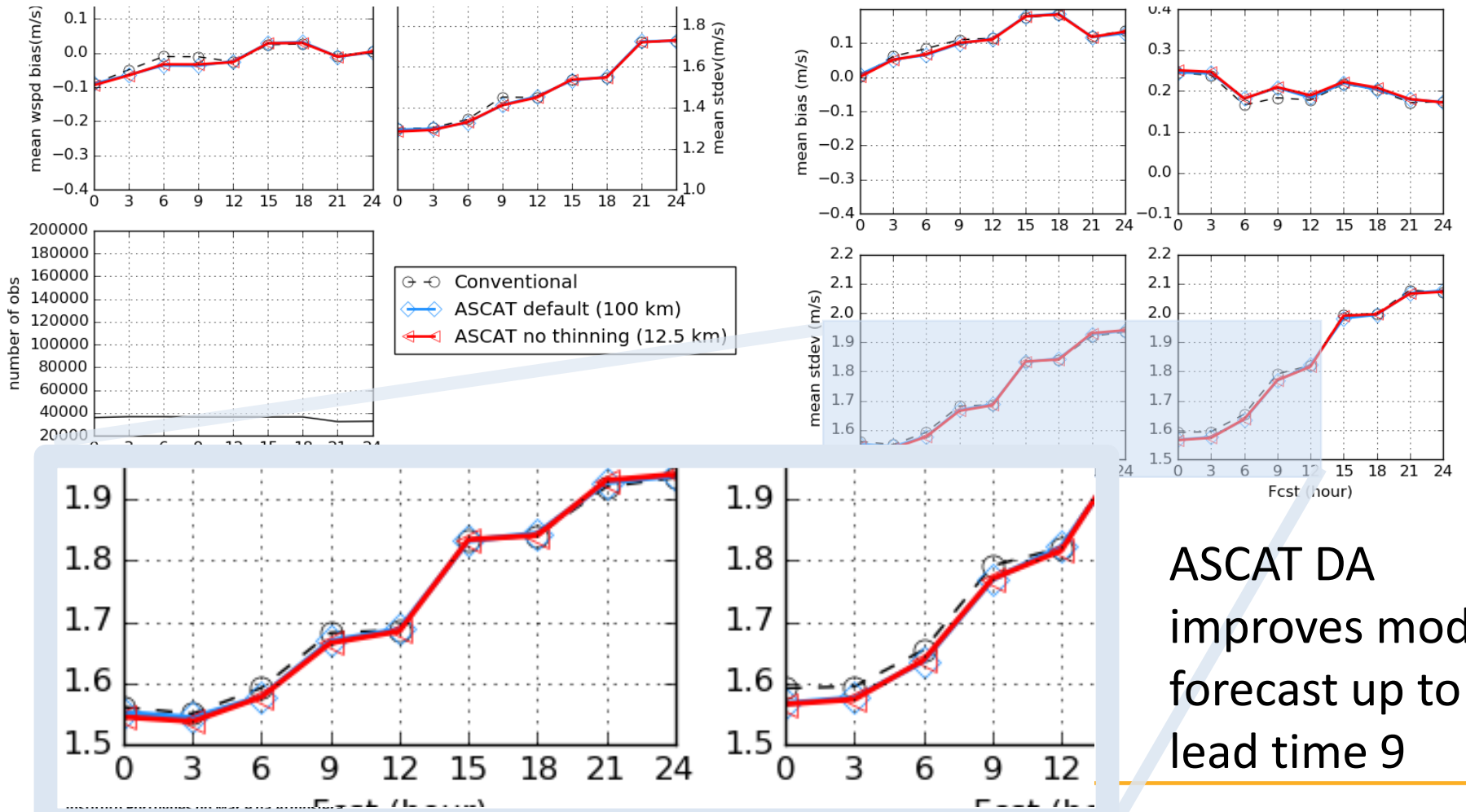
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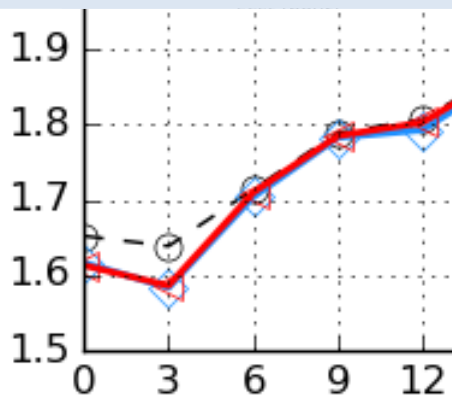
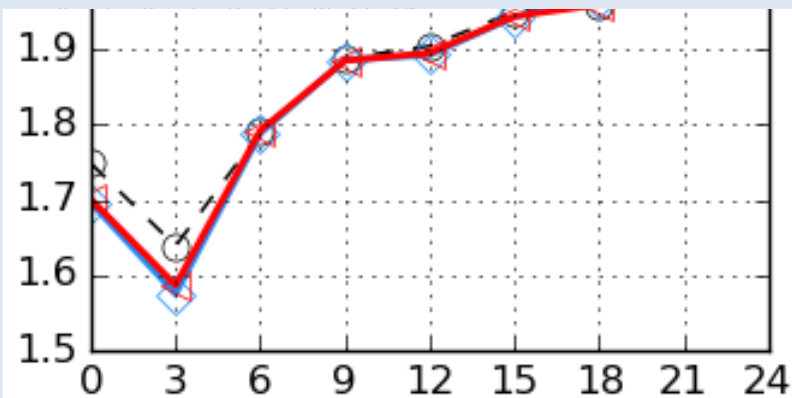
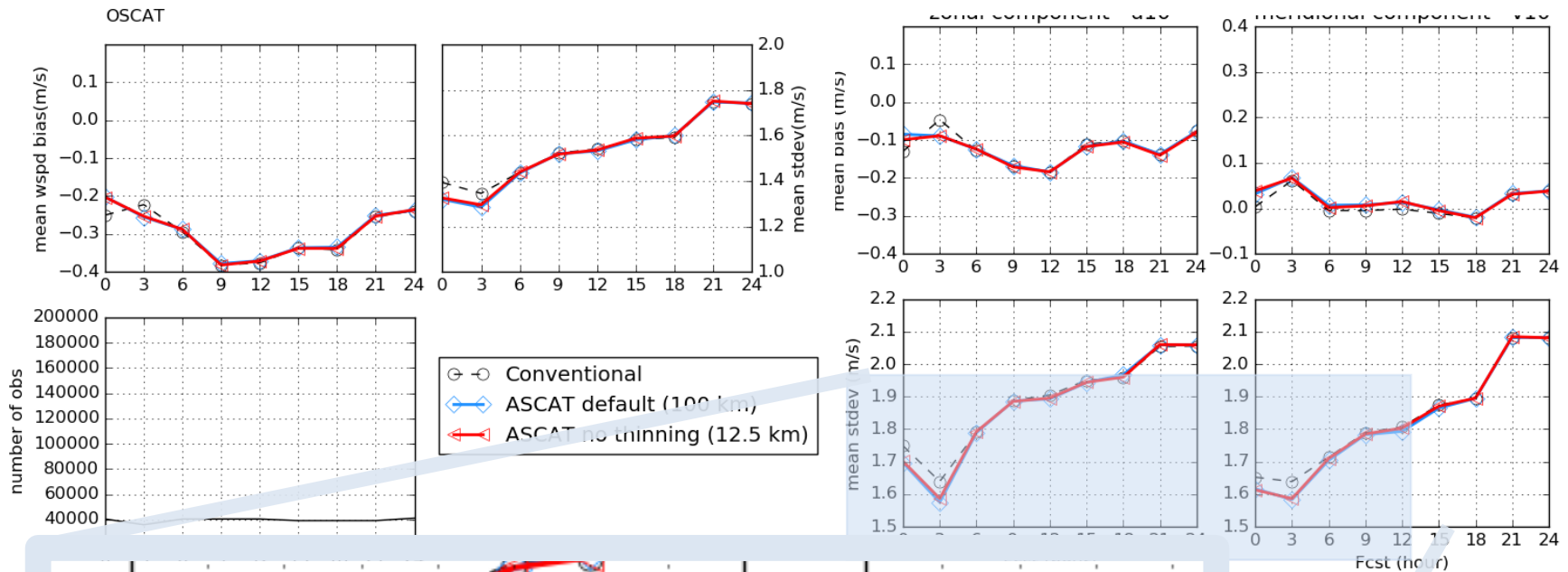
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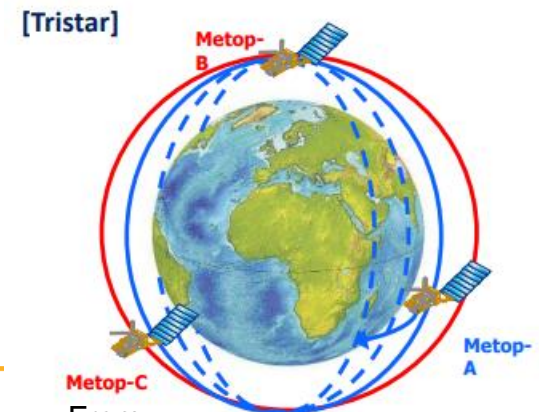
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- Model simulations using **ASCAT DA** present **reduced (o-f) bias** and **stddev** when compared with **HSCAT** and **OSCAT** observations.
- **Better scores** than presented in Marseille and Stoffelen (2017) are likely the **combined effect of ASCAT DA** and the **improved cy40** relative to **cy38**.
  - **ASCAT experiments show impact up to fc+09!**

- **Extend the assessment of ASCAT impact** on analysis and forecasts to other model variables (SLP, T, etc..) and over land.
- Include latest **developments for accounting the ASCAT footprint size** in first-guess departure. Work is ongoing at **KNMI** by **Mate Mile** from **Met No** in the context of the ALERTNESS project.
- **Assess impact of scatterometer DA in different weather regimes.**
- Assess the **impact** of having 3 Metops on **Tri-star phasing**

(TBC: Dec 2018 -March 2019 :

Commissioning Phase 1) with **almost complete coverage over the domain.**



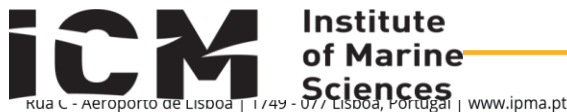


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- Research position (starting in Feb/Mar 2019; up to 3 years)
- Topic: Satellite wind retrievals & data assimilation into regional NWP models
- Host: Institute of Marine Sciences (Barcelona, Spain)
- Partners: AEMET, KNMI, IPMA
- Vacancy: To be issued very soon (deadline: Dec'18/Jan'19)
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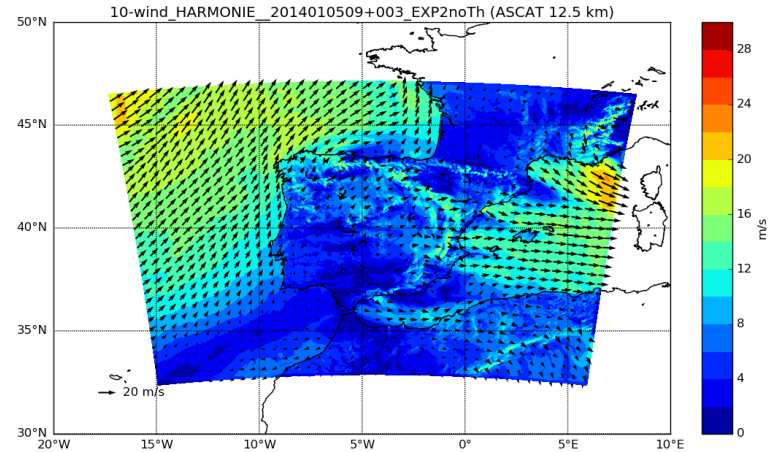
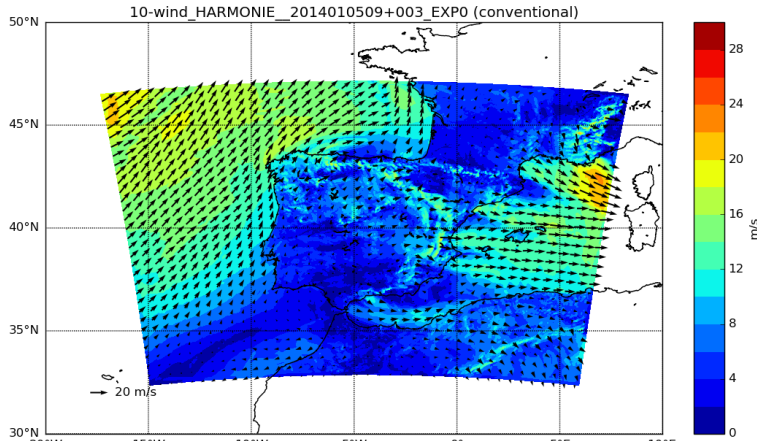
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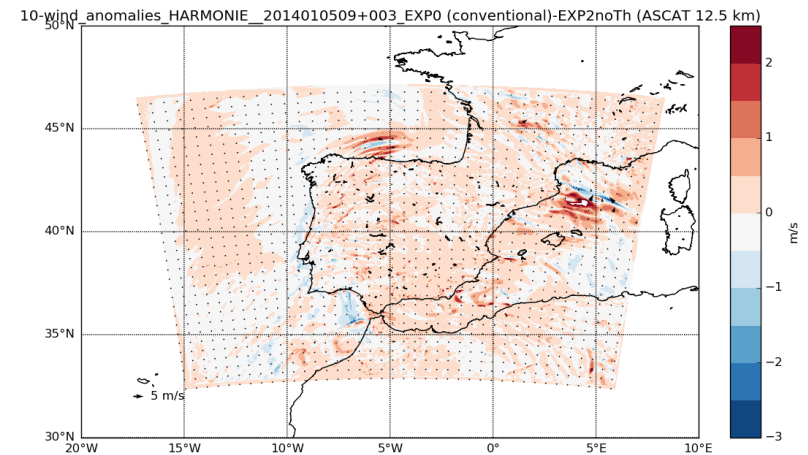
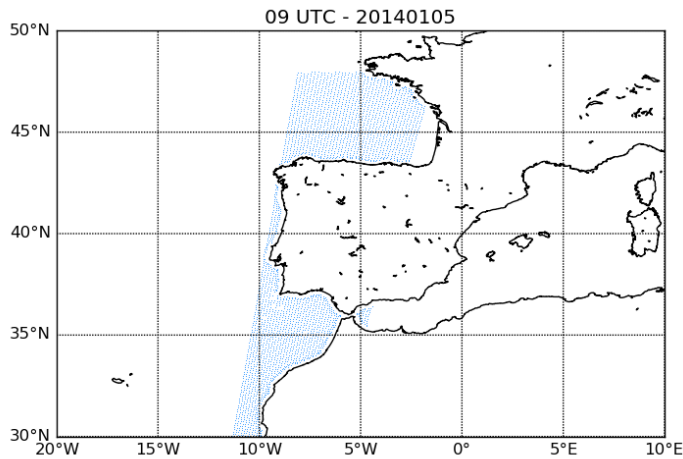
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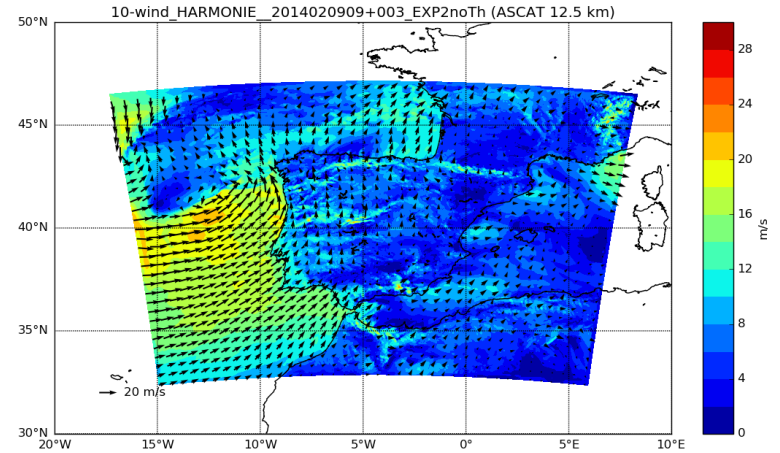
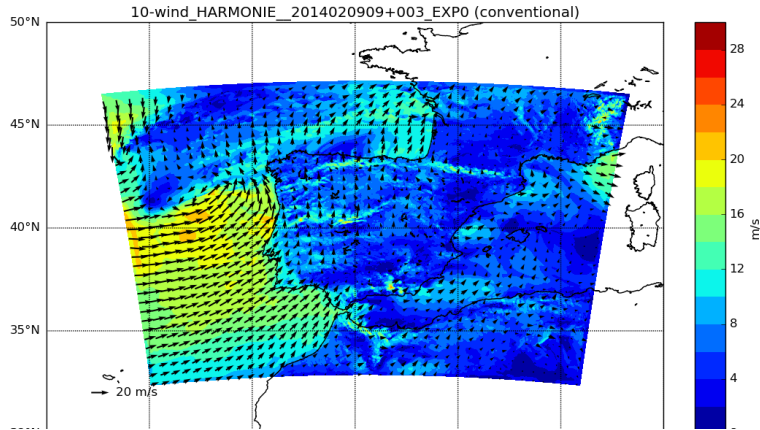
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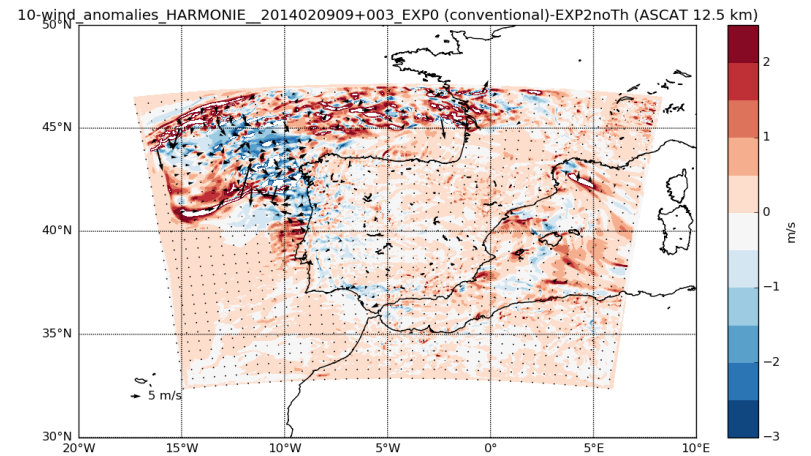
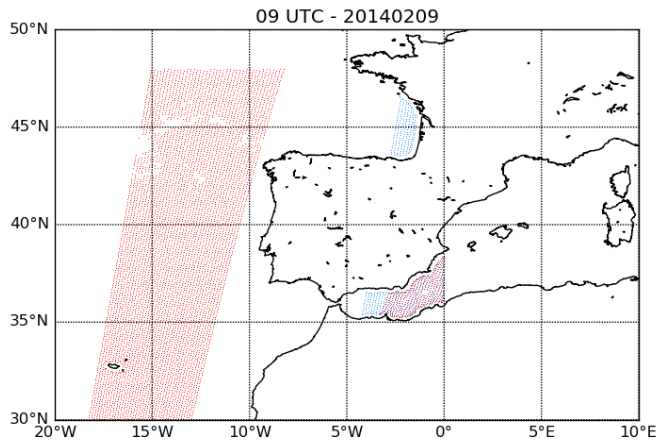
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