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INM/AEMET Short Range Ensemble Prediction System: Tropical Storm Delta

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- The theoretical and numerical formulations of a probabilistic approach to weather forecasting have been developed by Epstein (1969), Gleeson (1970), Fleming (1971a,b) and Leith (1974).
- Probabilistic weather predictions by means EPS have been produced on the global scale at NCEP(Toth and Kalnay,1993), at the ECMWF (Molteni et al., 1996) and at the RPN (Houtekamer et al., 1996).
- The successful application of the EPS technique to estimate the time evolution of the PDFs of plausible individual atmospheric states on the global and medium-range scales, has motivated exploration of ensemble forecasting for shorter lead times on the mesoscale.

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- Multimodel short-range ensemble prediction systems have been tested at NCEP (Hamill and Colucci, 1997, 1998; Stensrud et al., 1999; Du and Tracton, 2001, Wandishin et al., 2001) also by a research community during Storm and Mesoscale Ensemble Experiment (SAMEX, Hou et al., 2001) over United States. Also, over the Pacific North West (Grimit and Mass, 2002) and over the Northeast (Jones et al., 2007) probabilistic forecasts have been produced.
- A combined multimodel multianalisys technique has been part of the operational NCEP's production suite (Du and Tracton, 2001) and the main idea of the University of Washington SREPS (Grimit and Mass, 2002).

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AEMET is producing probabilistic forecasts by means of a short range multimodel multianalysis ensemble.



INM/AEMET-SREPS



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- SREPS is multi-model multi-analysis system
- The system is running twice a day at 00 and 12 UTC with 72-hours forecast lead time





INM/AEMET-SREPS



- 0.25 ° horizontal resolution and 40 vertical levels
- Model output is codified in GRIB







SREPS EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCTS

AEMet



MSL Pressure & 6h Accumulated Precipitation Models X Boundaries



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SREPS EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCTS



Probability Maps 6h Accumulated Precipitation Forecast range (HH+06..HH+72) X Thresholds (1,5,10,20)



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SREPS PERFORMANCE



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- 24h accumulated precipitation forecast 06UTC-06UTC against observed 07UTC-07UTC
 - Checked in HH+030 and HH+054
 - 90 days (Apr1 to Jun30 2006)
 - References:
 - INM network
 - European network
- Verification method
 - Interpolation to observation points
- Verification software
 - ~ ECMWF Metview + Local developments

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- Performance scores
 - ECMWF recommendations

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SREPS CALIBRATION



- Bayesian Model Averaging technique has been tested trying to improve the SREPS performance.
- The BMA predictive PDF of any quantity of interest is a weighted average of PDFs centered on the individual bias-corrected forecasts, where the weights are equal to posterior probabilities of the models generating the forecasts and reflect the models' relative contributions to predictive skill over the training period (Raftery et al, 2005).

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TROPICAL STORM DELTA



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- The SREPS has been re-run using the current configuration of the system for 27-29 November 2005 period. (HINDCAST).
- Global models underestimated the central pressure of the cyclone, this led to an insufficient re-intensification of Delta on 27 November.
- Global models quality control refused the observations from the British Merchant (call sign VQIB9), which reported 60-kt winds and a pressure of 990.8 mb northwest of the center during the re-intensification of Delta on 27 November.







TROPICAL STORM DELTA



10m Wind Speed Probability (2005112800 UTC + 18 H)

Prob S10m > 10m/s



Prob S10m > 15m/s









HURRICANE GORDON



 10m Wind Speed Probability (2005112800 UTC + 18 H) Prob S10m > 10m/s
Prob S10m > 15 m/s



Hummub (Mummub 20/20 members) Prob 10m Surface Wind Speed over 15m/s (Legend) Analysis: 2006/09/20 00/UTC H-030 VT: 2006/09/21 06 UTC

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Prob S10m > 20m/s





DELTA vs GORDON



 The analysis of global models generated a clear drift of the SREPS due to assimilation of the satellite data and the black listing of surface data.





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SUMMARY



- The AEMET Short-Range EPS is a useful tool to characterize low predictability areas on severe weather events.
- The system exhibit a good performance according to the different probabilistic scores using observations.
- The calibration results exhibit a good spread-skill relationship, reduction of outliers in rank histograms, better reliability diagrams and brier skill scores than multimodel.
- The extratropical transitions of DELTA and GORDON shown a different behaviour of the system.

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- Less spread for the PMSL and small values of winds than observed on DELTA transition were found.
- The analysis of global models generated a clear drift of the SREPS due to assimilation of the satellite data and the black listing of surface data.
- Although the initialization of the ensemble members is not optimum, the system has the potential of give information of less predictable areas by means spread patterns.

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