Performance of the INM short-range multi-model ensemble using high resolution precipitation observations

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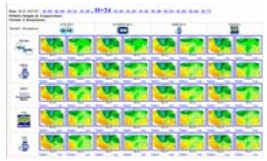
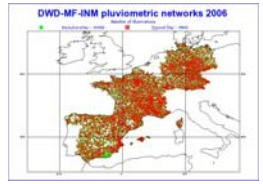
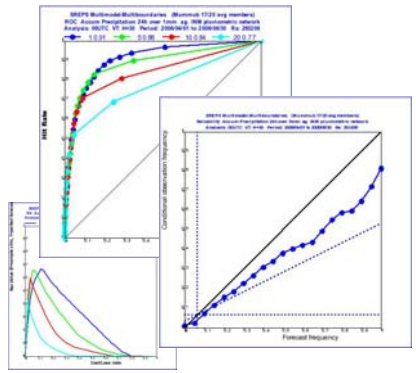
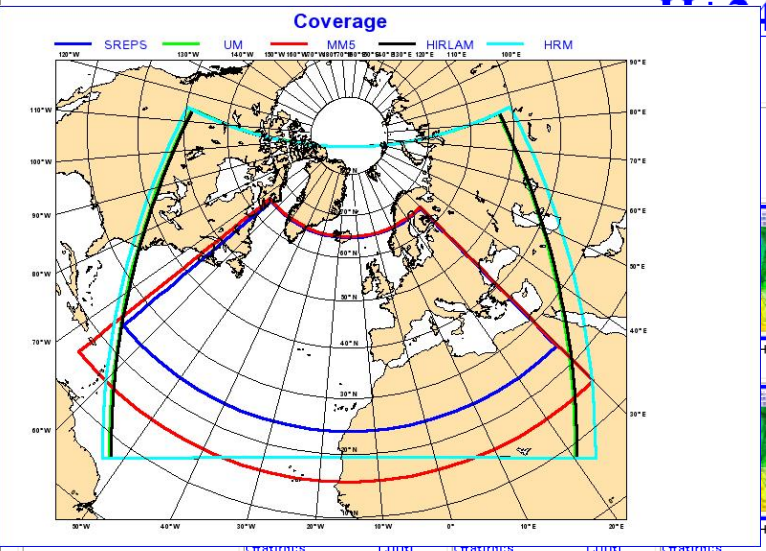
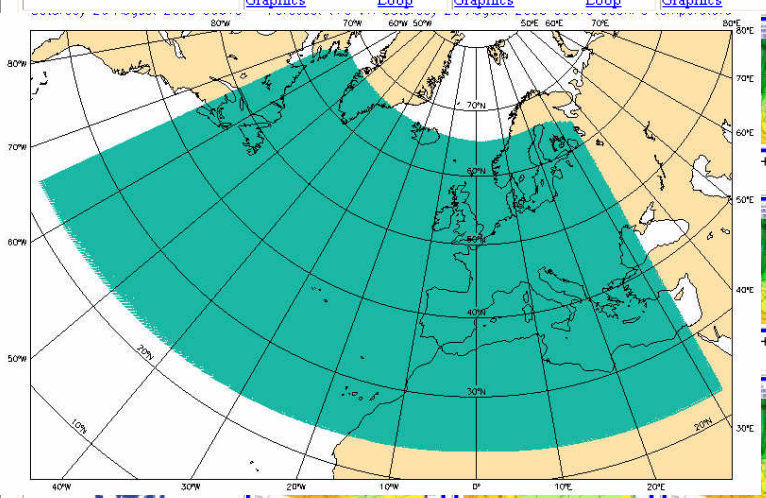






INM SREPS Multimodel





H+30 , H+36 , H+42 , H+48 , H+54 , H+60 , H+66 , H+72

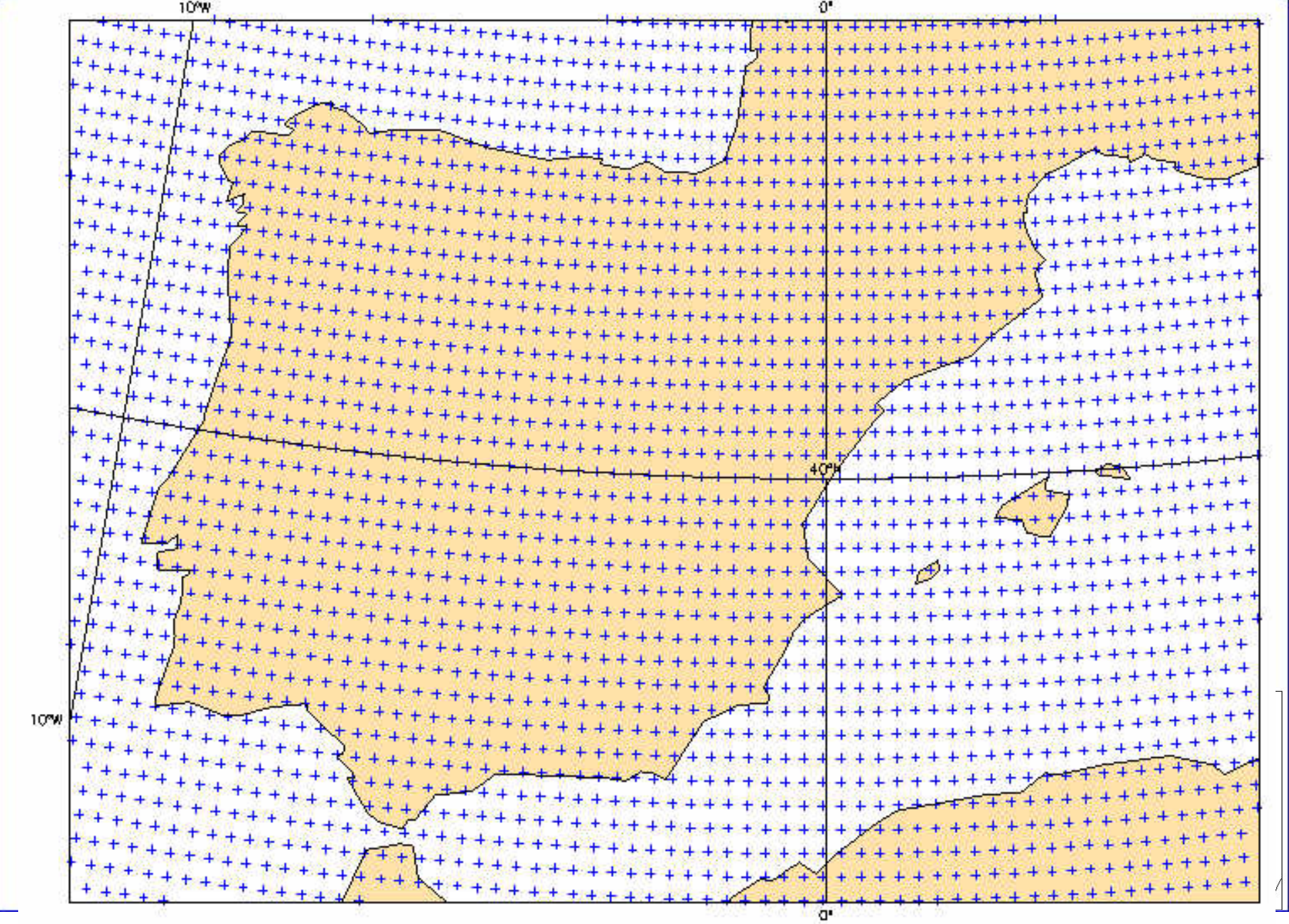
ECMWF-BCs | GME-BCs | UM-BCs

- 72 hours forecast
- Twice a day (00,12 UTC)
- 5x4 = 20 members

(see POSTERS by Callado A., García-Moya JA., Simarro J.)

Verification exercise

- 24h accumulated precipitation forecast 06UTC-06UTC against observed 07UTC-07UTC
  - Checked in HH+30 and HH+54
- ~90 days (Apr1 to Jun30 2006).
- Few different rain gauge networks as references:
  - INM precipitation network (pnw)
  - MeteoFrance pnw
  - DWD pnw
  - Joint pnw
- Verification method
  - Interpolation to observation points
- Verification software
  - ~ ECMWF Metview + Local developments
- Performance scores
  - ECMWF recommendations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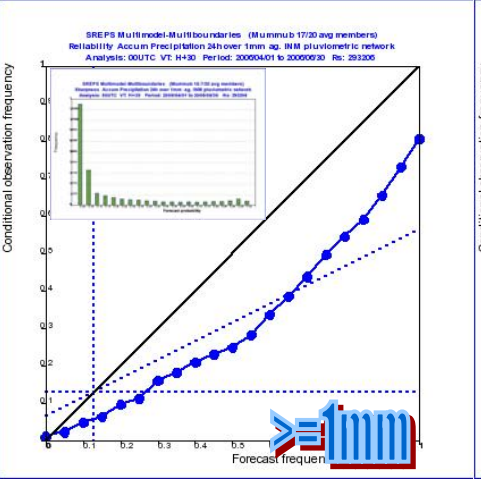

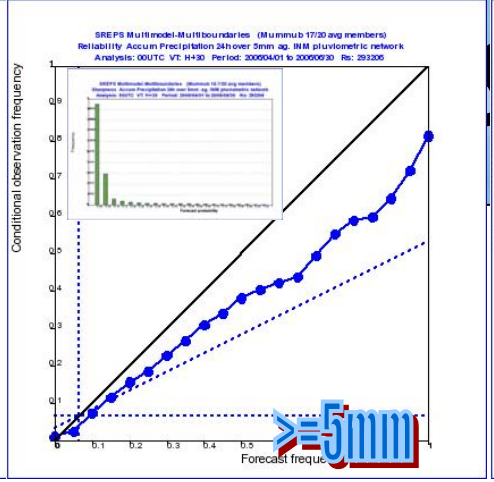

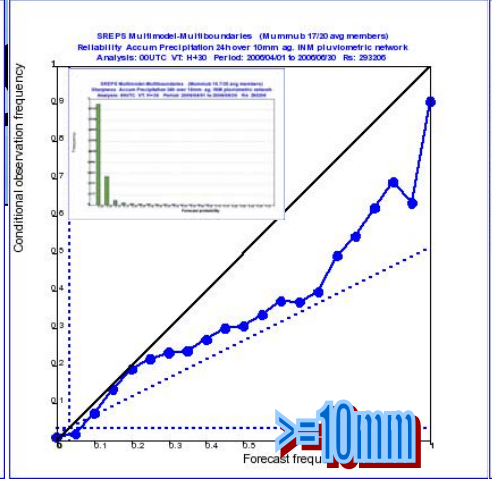

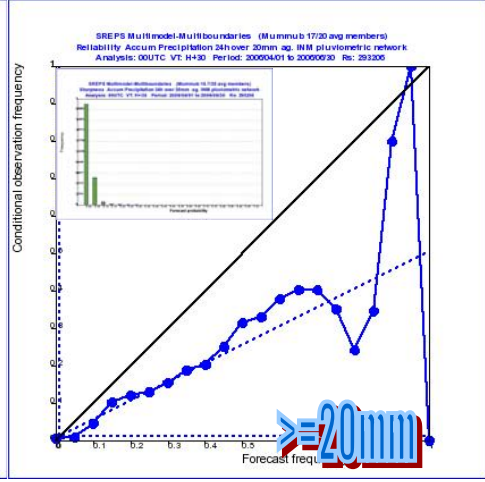

H+30

INM

H+54

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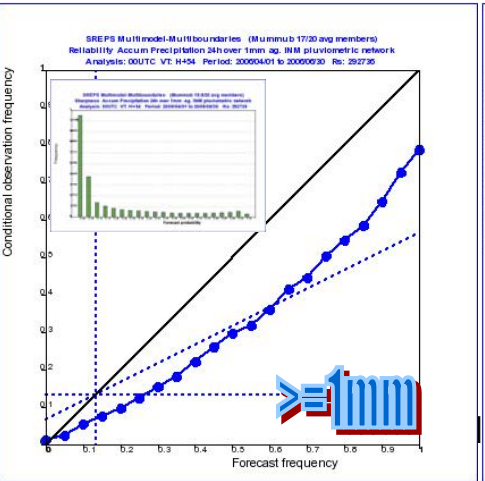

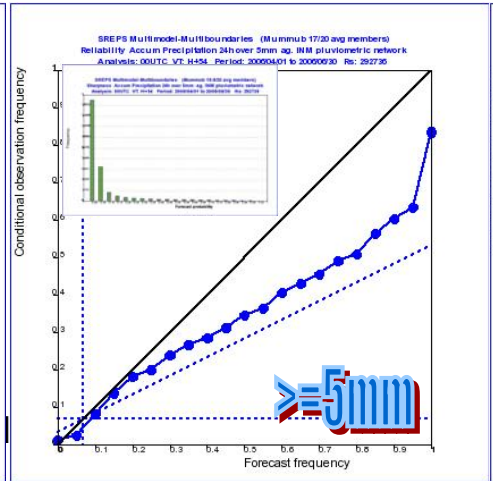

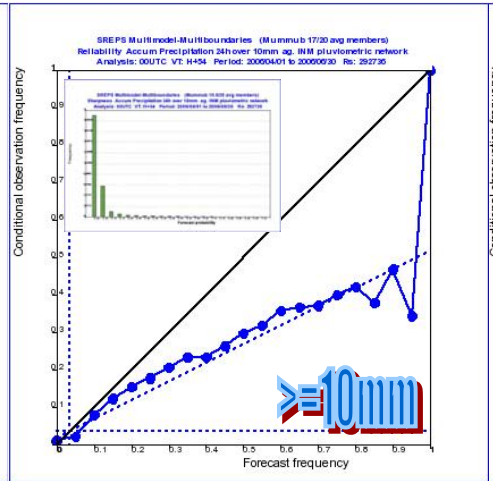

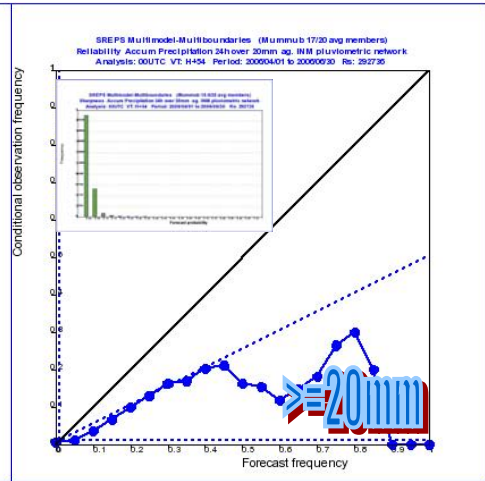

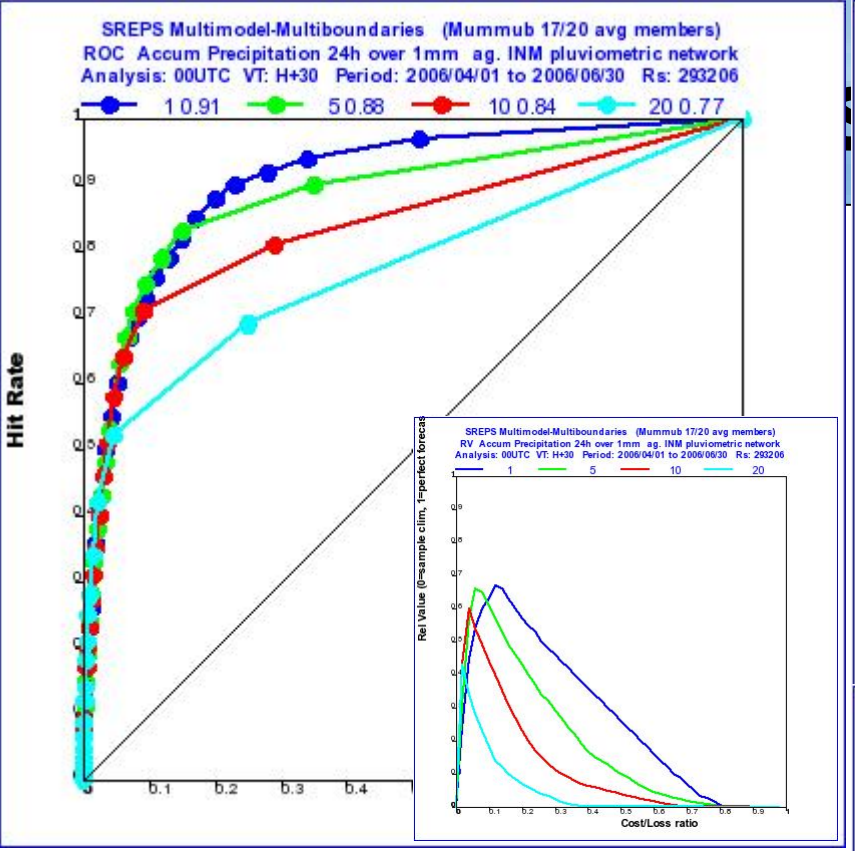

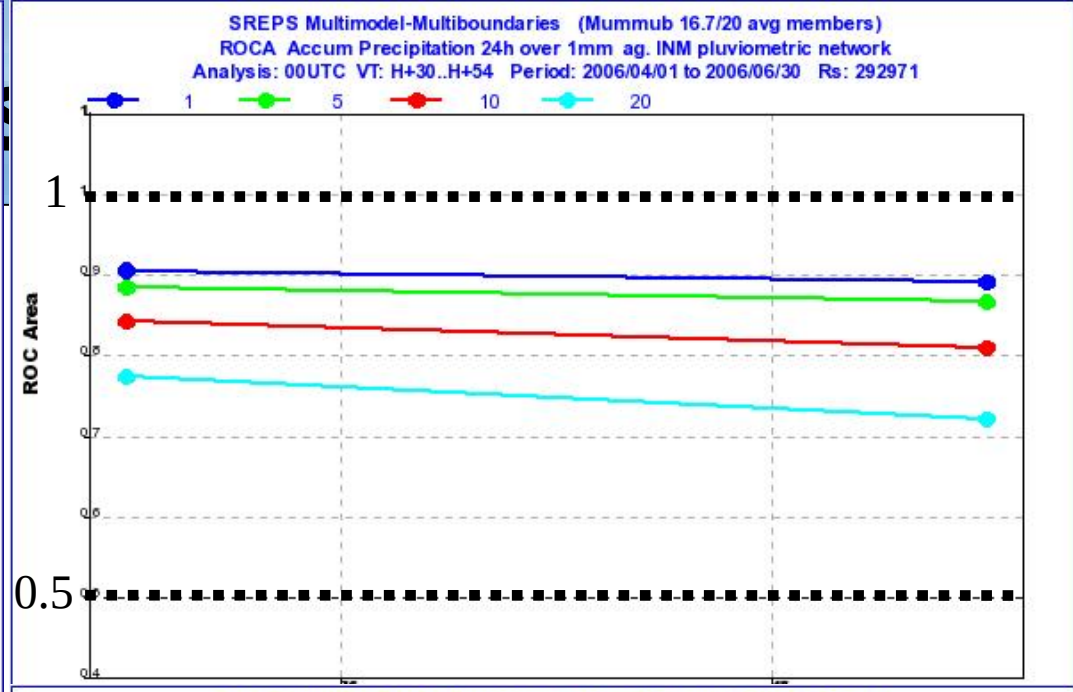

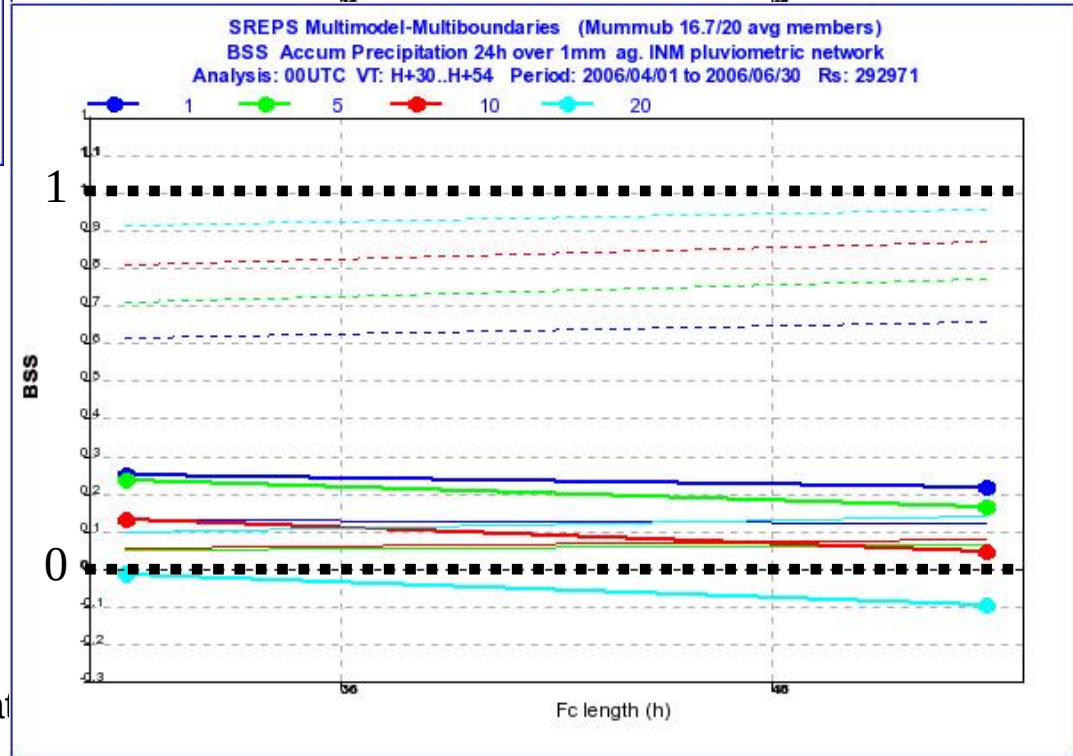

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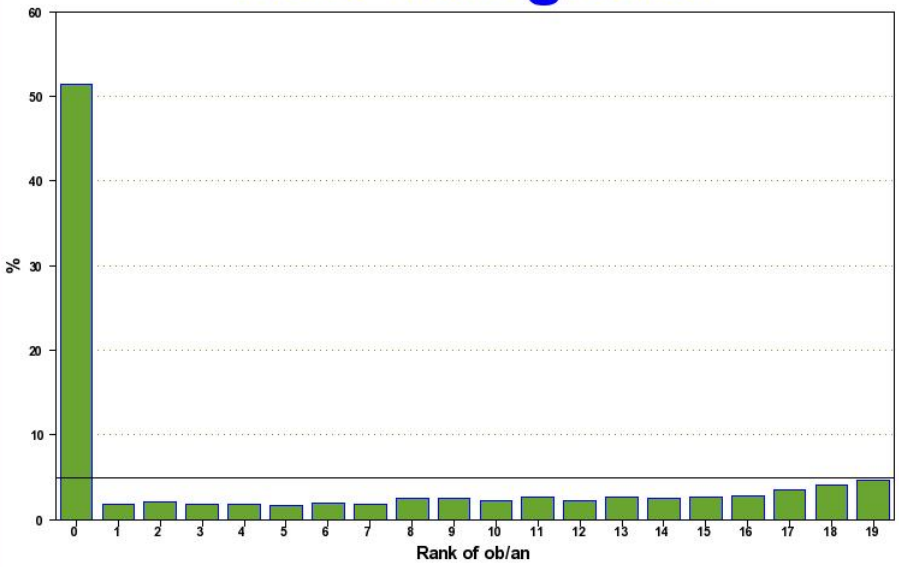
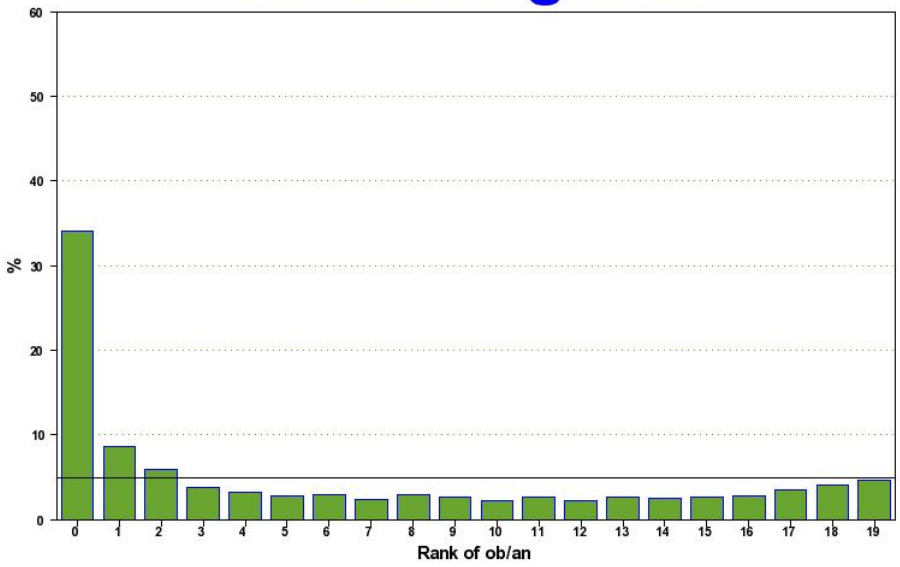
Raw Talagrand

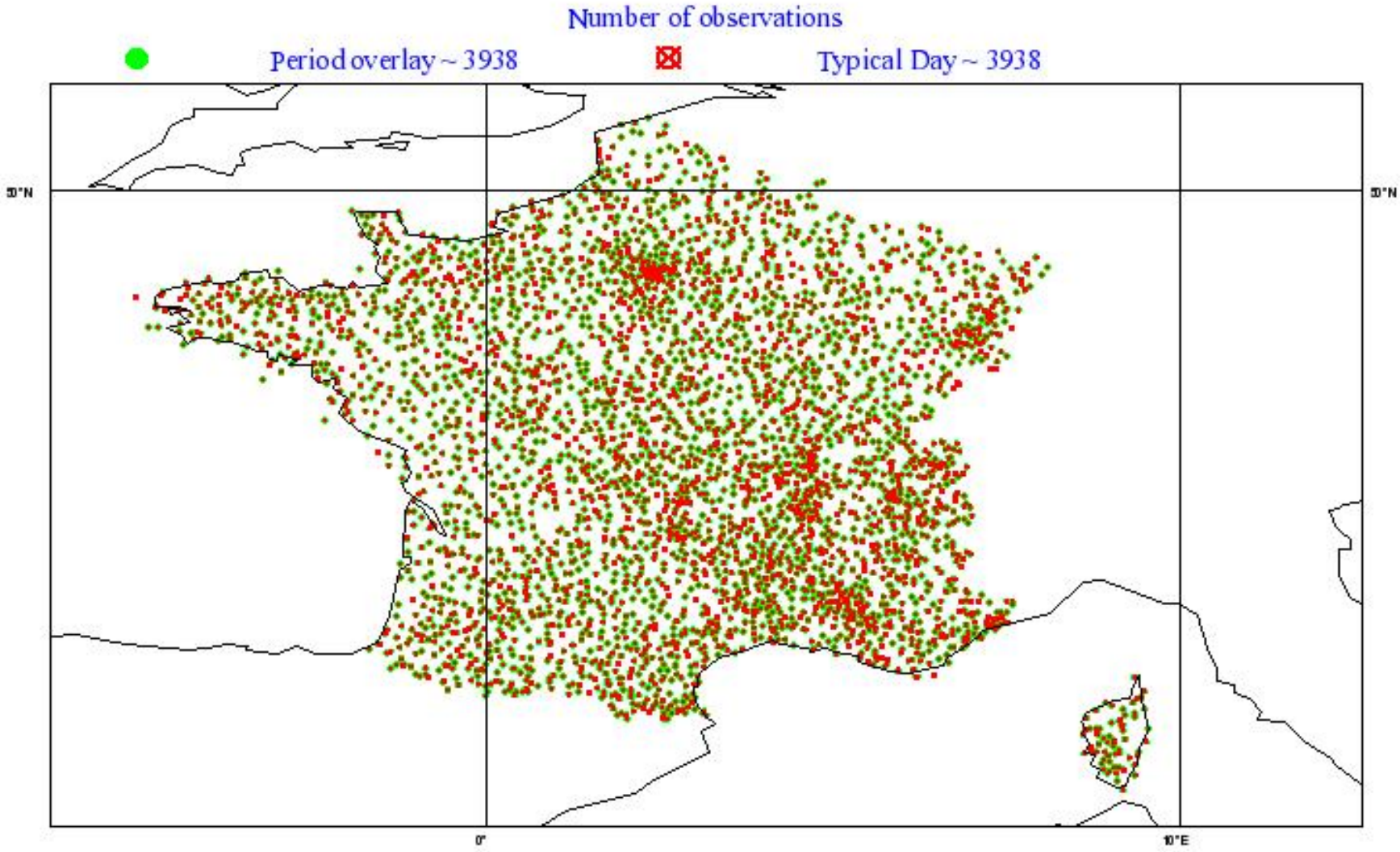


New Talagrand



- We use a simple algorythm to compute acc pcp rank histograms avoiding "zero problems"
- Over all those points with obs=0 and M of N fcs=0 the rank of the observation is not really zero (though it is in some algorythms which plot a spurious overload of "zero ranks")
- In those cases, a random rank {0..M} can be assigned, which is the same that to add 1/M to all bins in {0,M}. Always under the assumption that the number of realizations is large enough
- With this method more realistic rank histograms can be achieved

Meteo-France pluviometric network 2006



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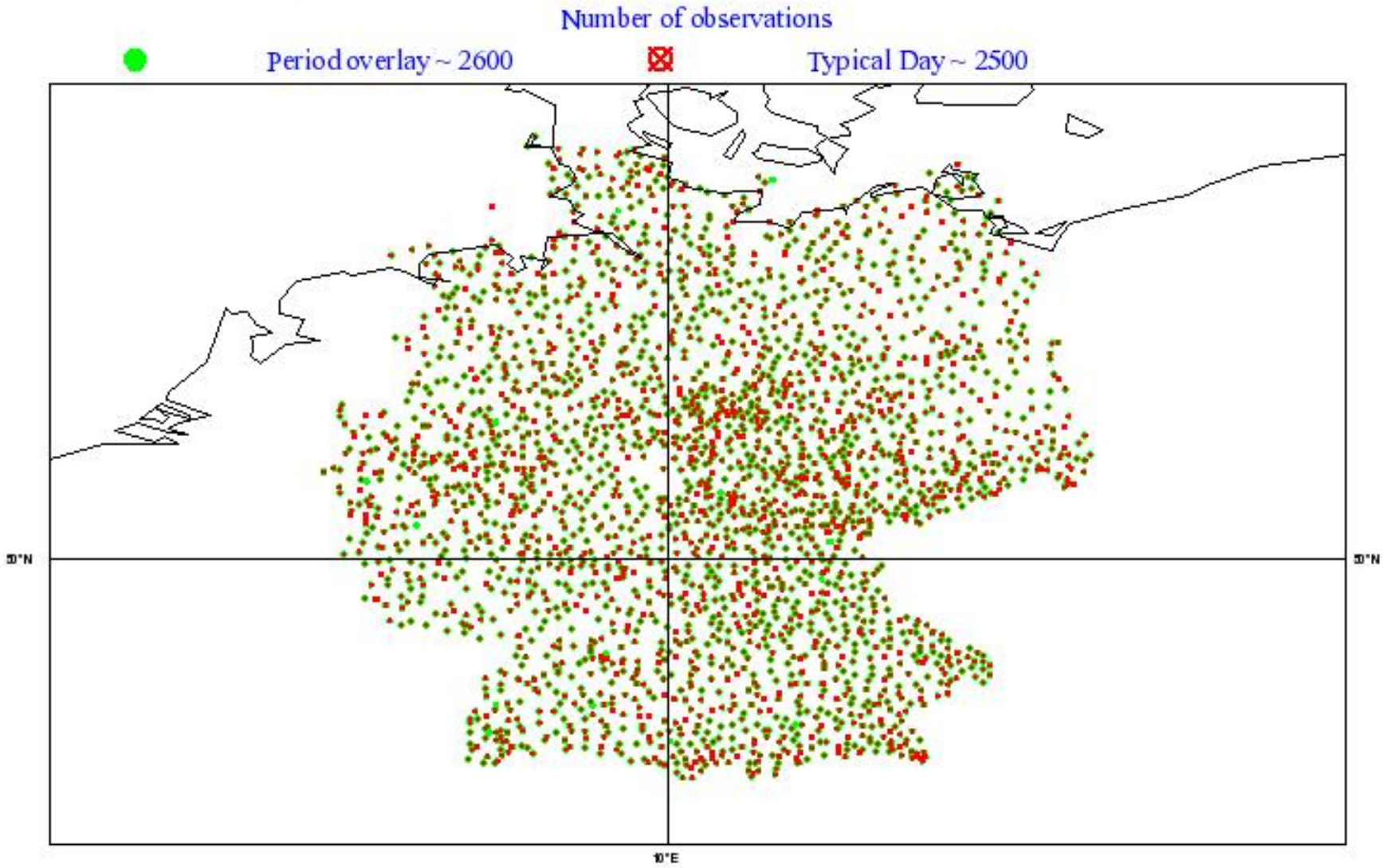

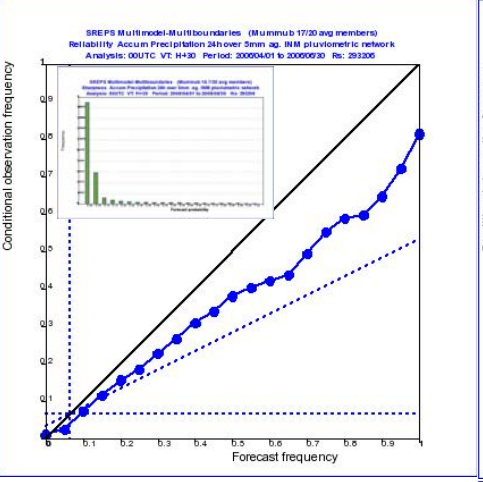
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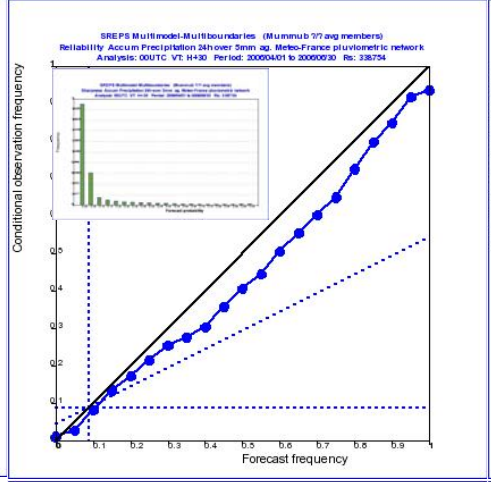
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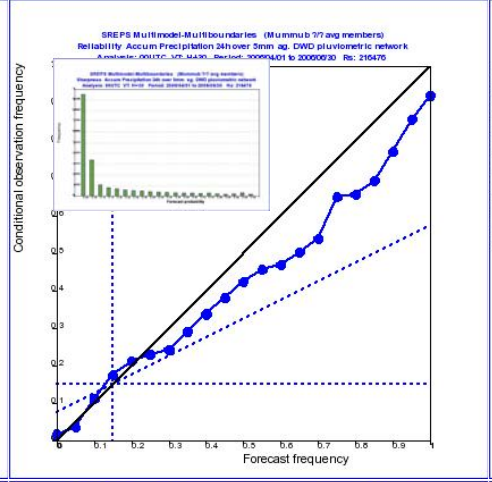
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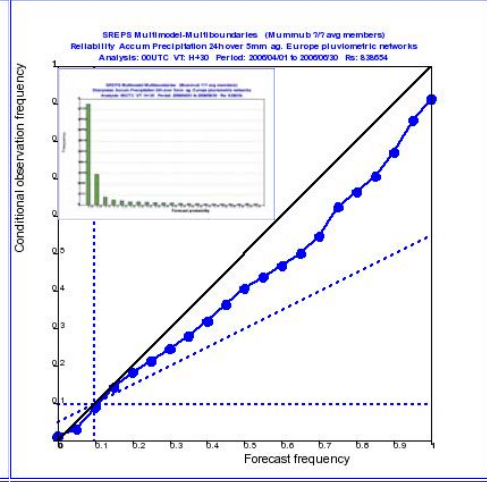
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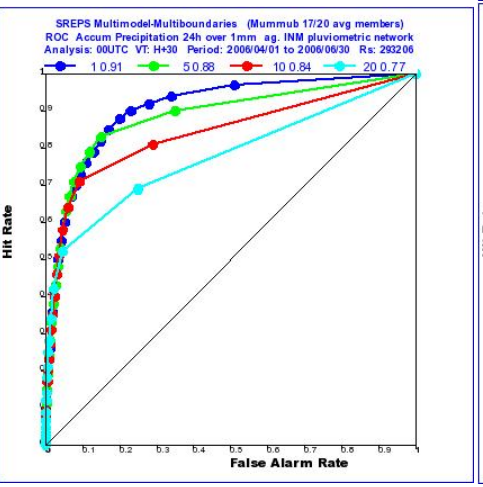
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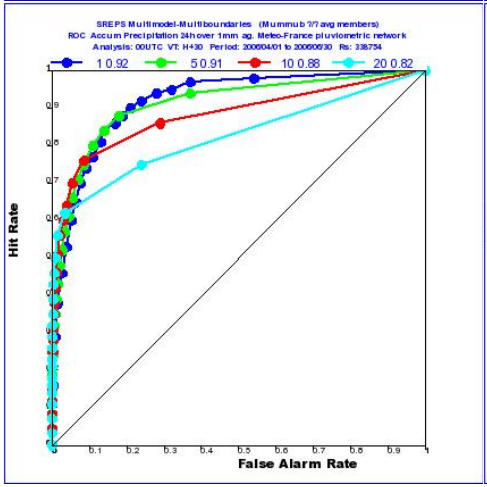
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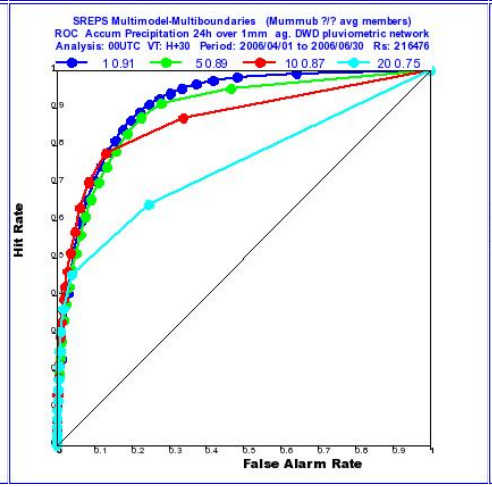
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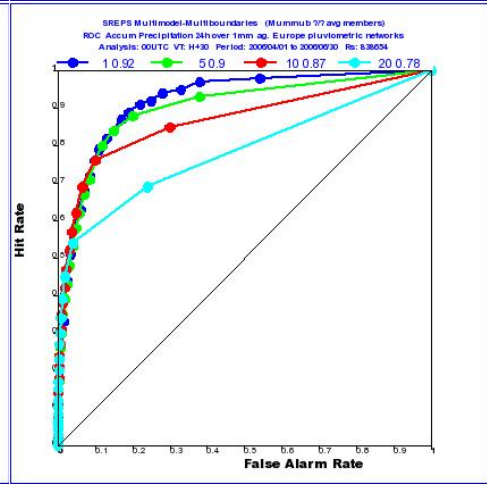
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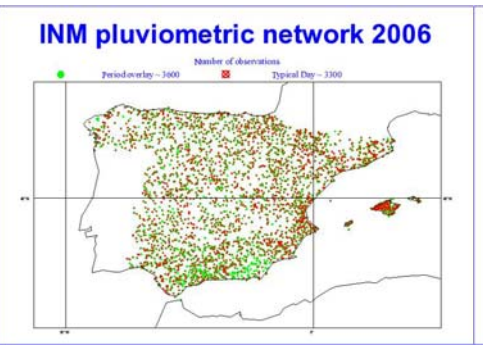
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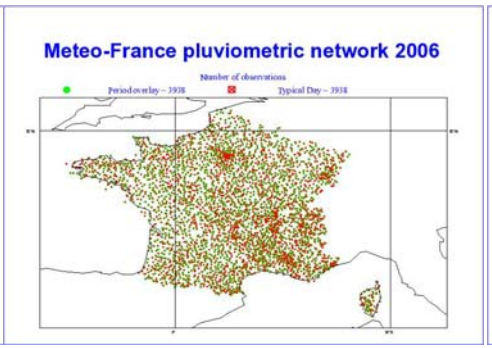
Number of observations
Period overlay ~ 3600
Typical Day ~ 3300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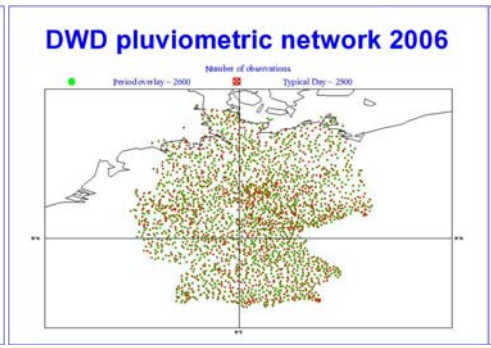
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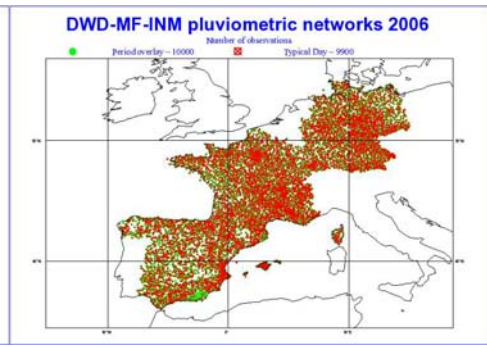
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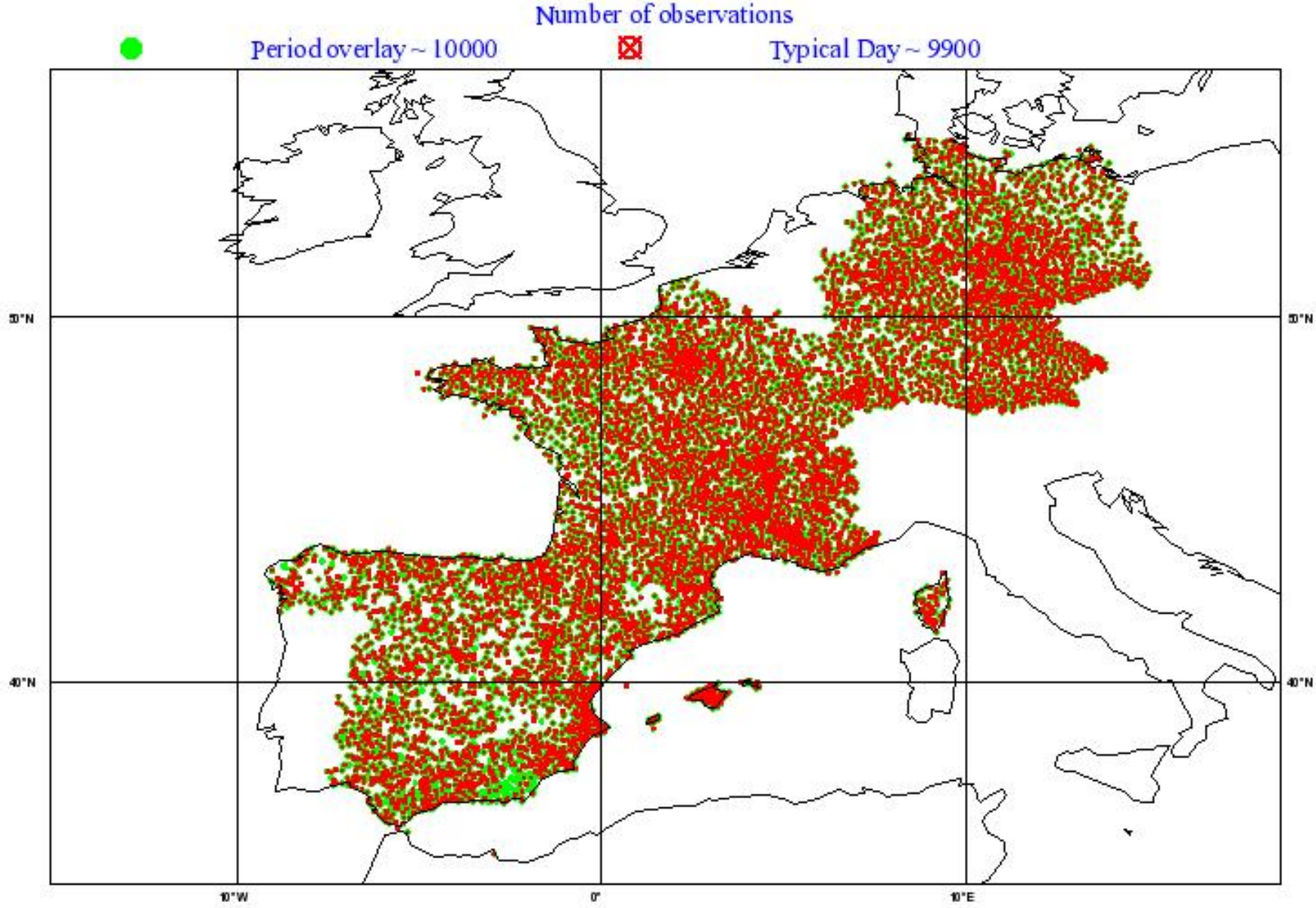

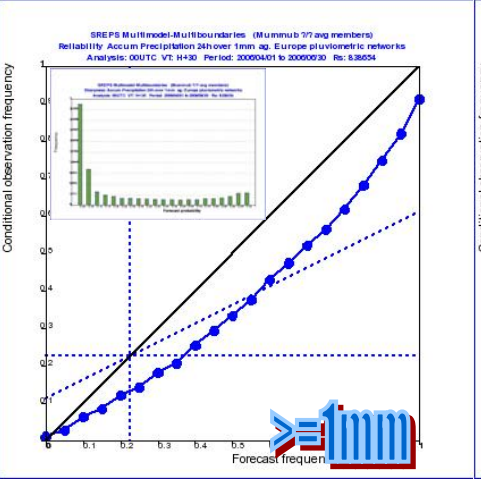

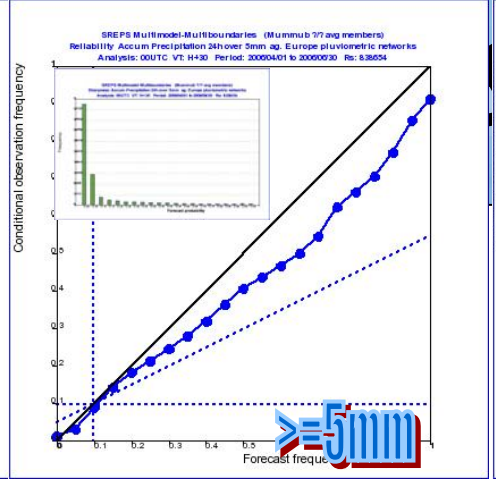

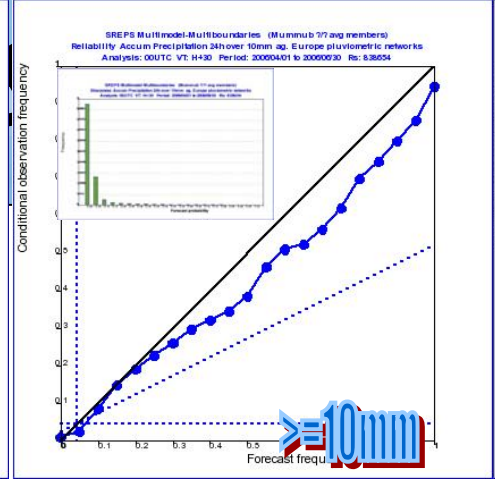

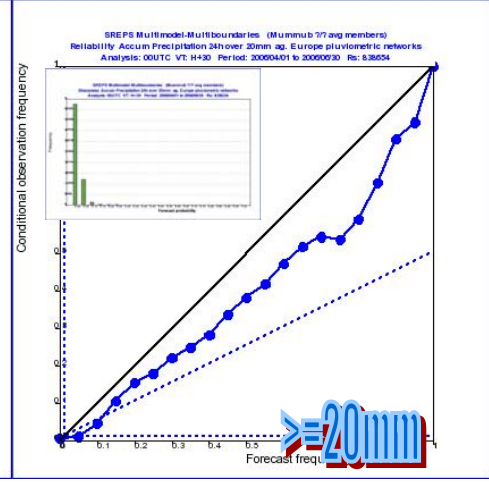

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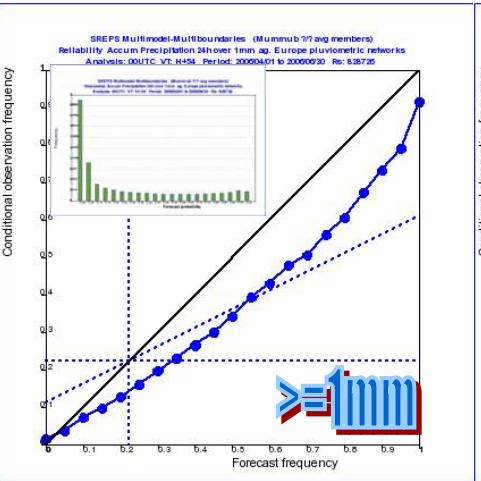

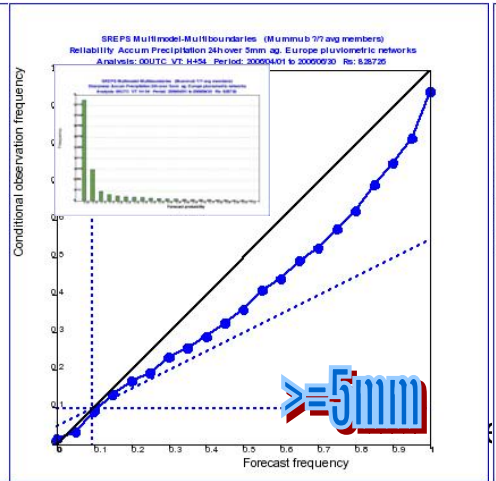

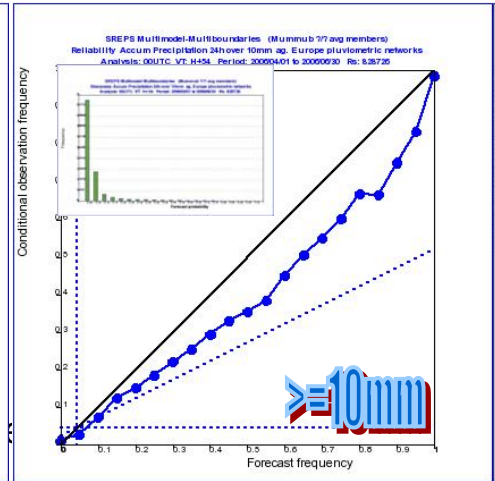

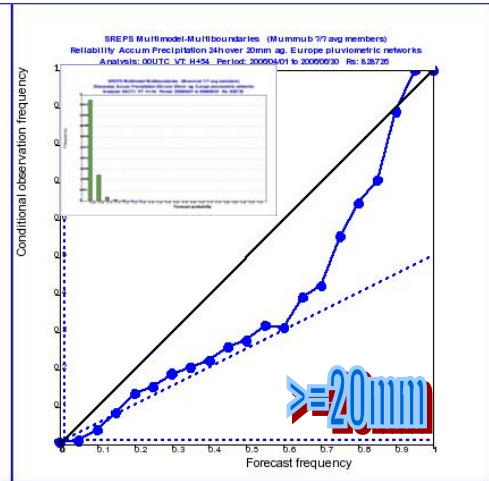

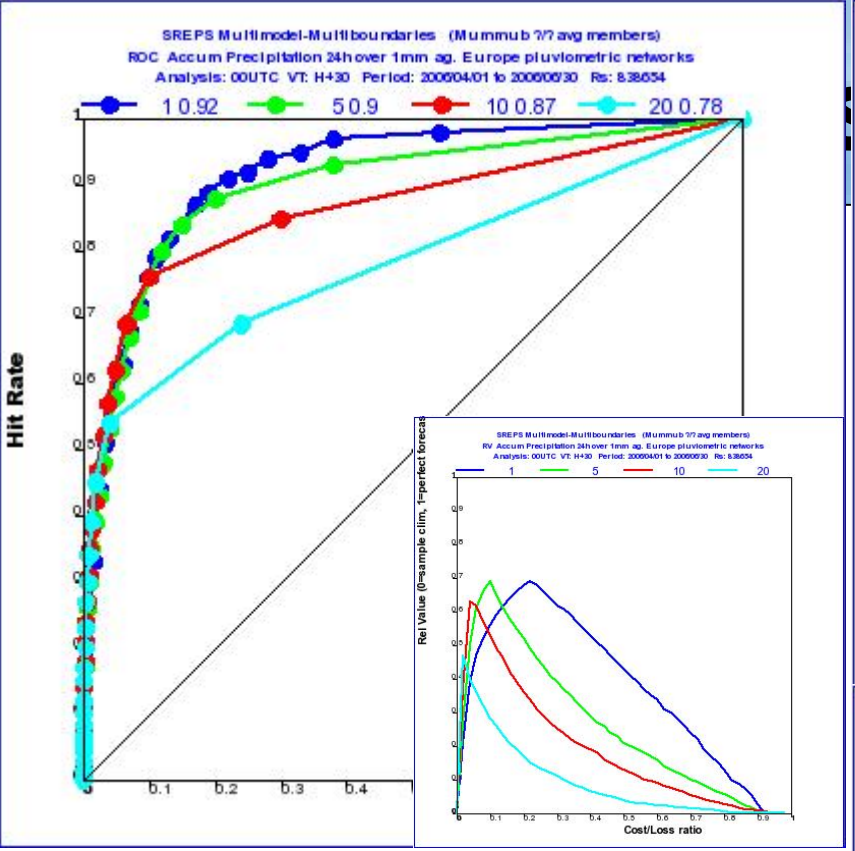

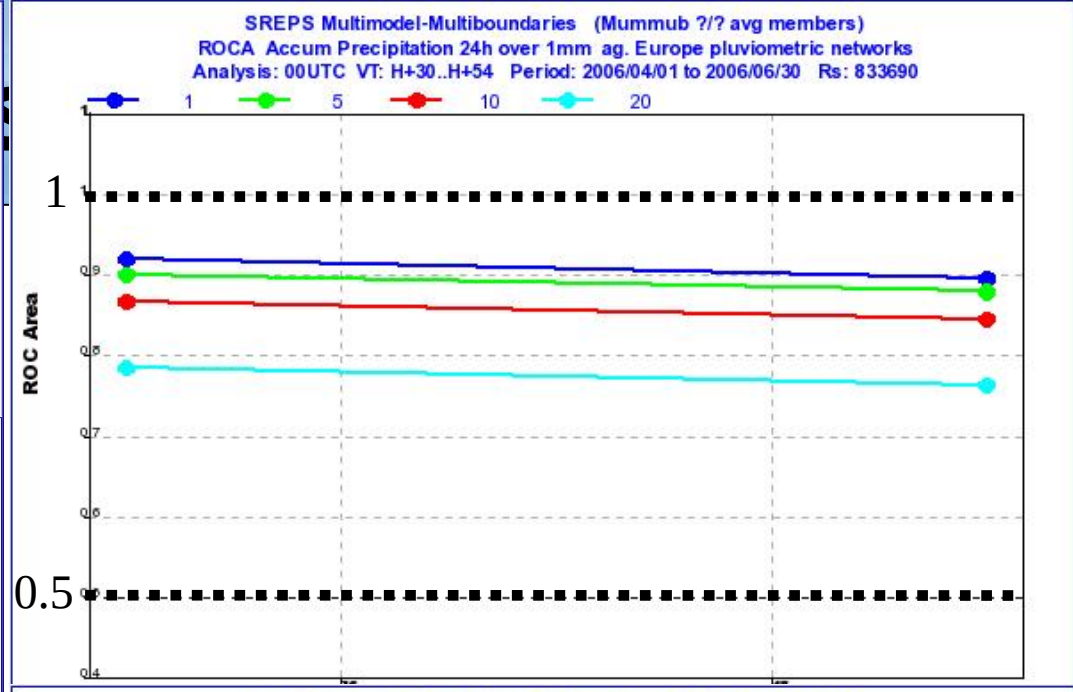

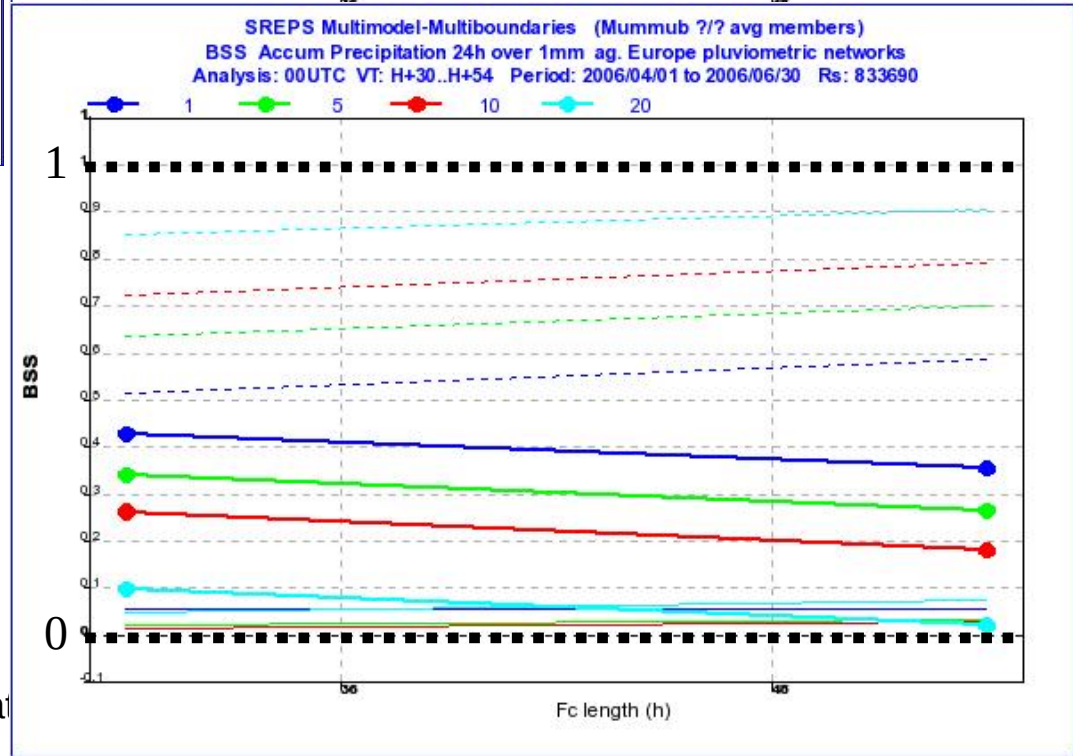

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Conclusions & near future

- According to this exercise, the performance of the INM short-range multi-model ensemble 24h accumulated precipitation forecasts using high resolution pcp observations is very good
  - INM, MF, DWD & joint pnw show high performance (reliability & resolution), independently on the different frequency of occurrence (base rate) on each network, thus overcoming different skill difficulties

- Future plans to improve acc pcp SREPS forecasts
  - Increase model resolution of individual members (currently ~ 0.25°x40)
  - Promising BMA on acc pcp (see Santos, D. presentation)

- Future improvements on the verification method
  - Fuzzy verification methods (shown in this workshop Casati, Ebert) might show a more realistic information about performance (e.g. better representativeness of actual pcp)
  - Focus on Proper skill scores (Broecker), bootstrap (Wilson)

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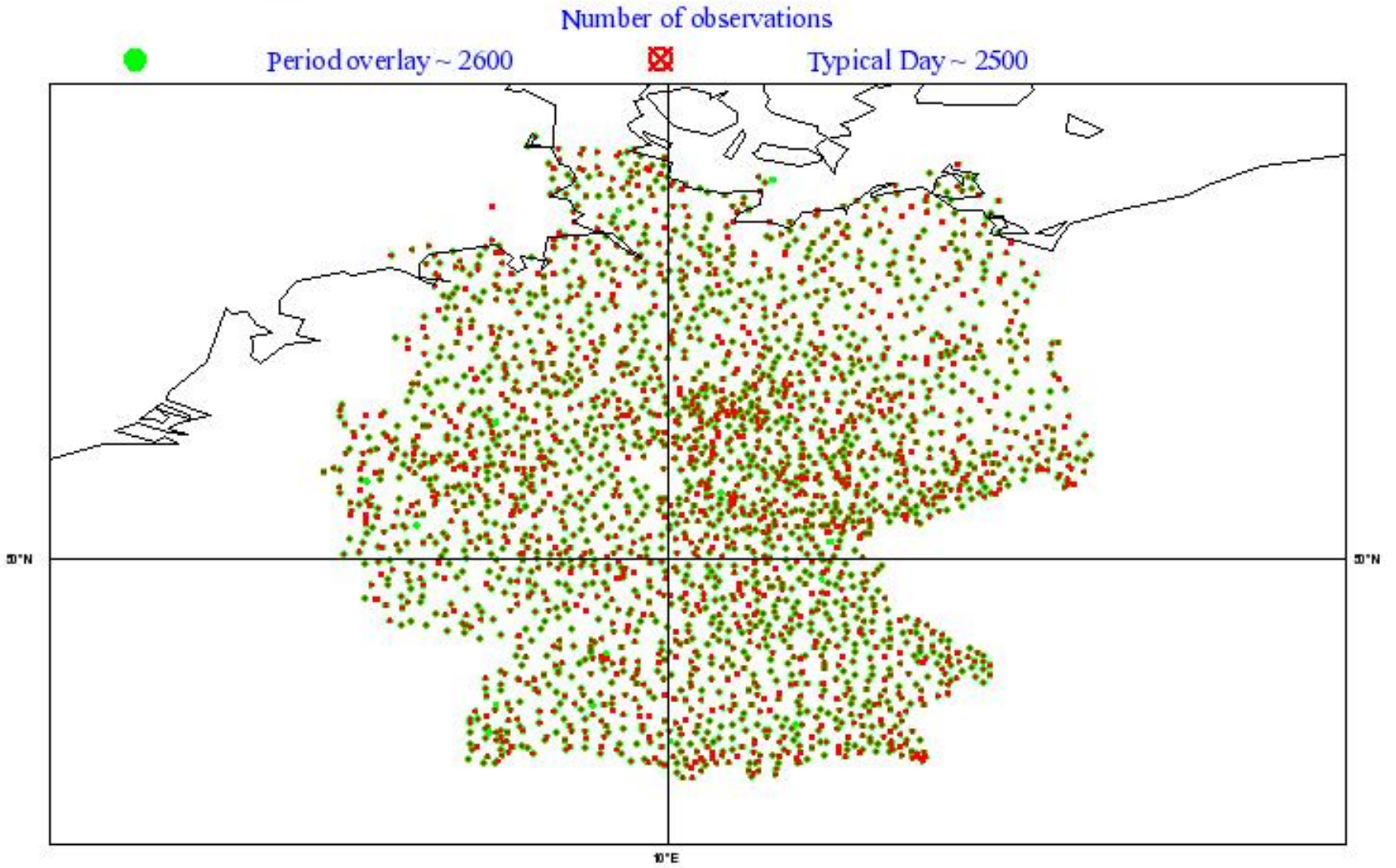

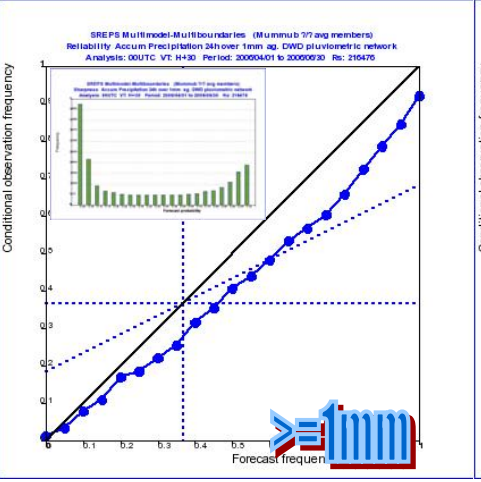

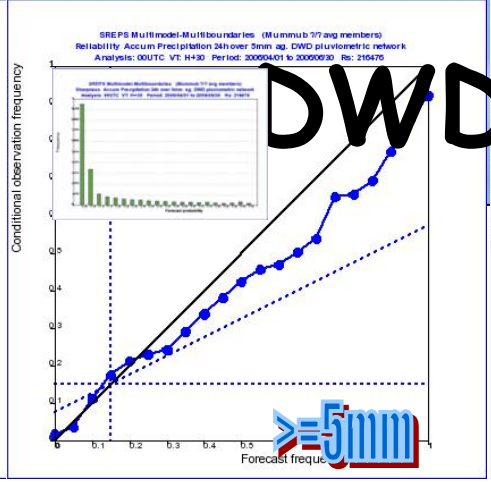

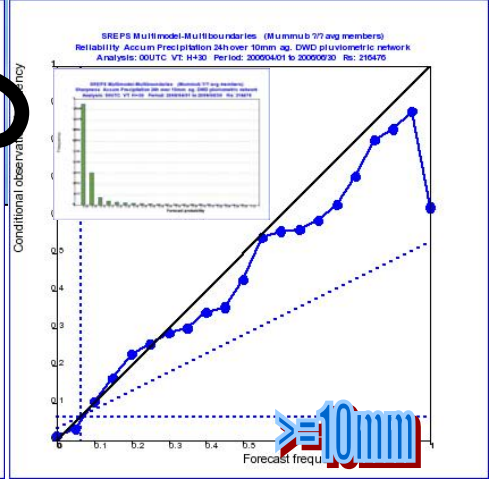

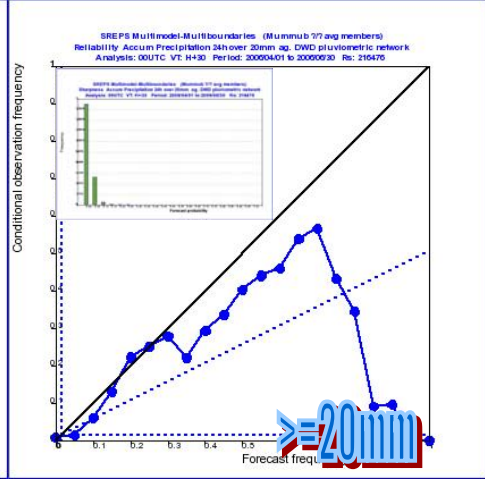

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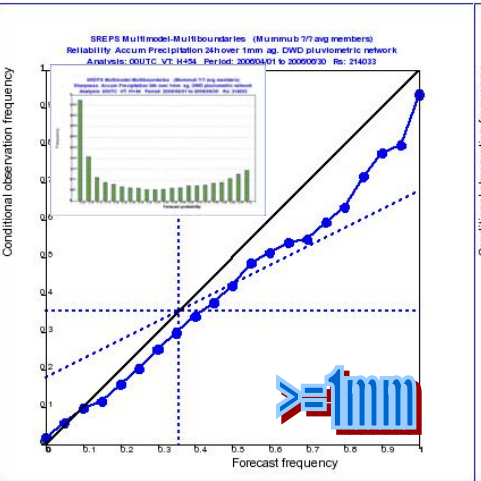

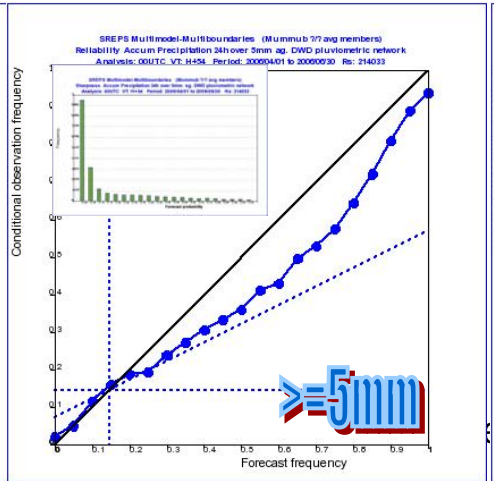

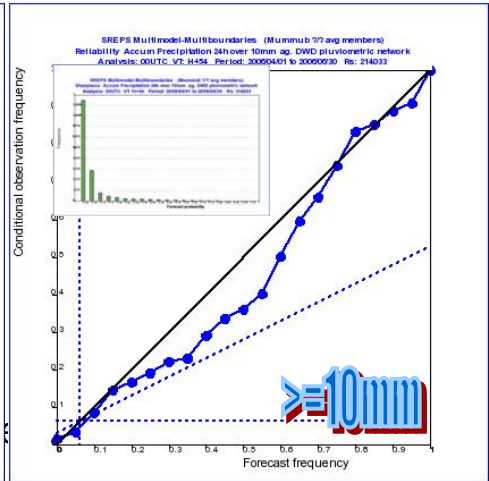

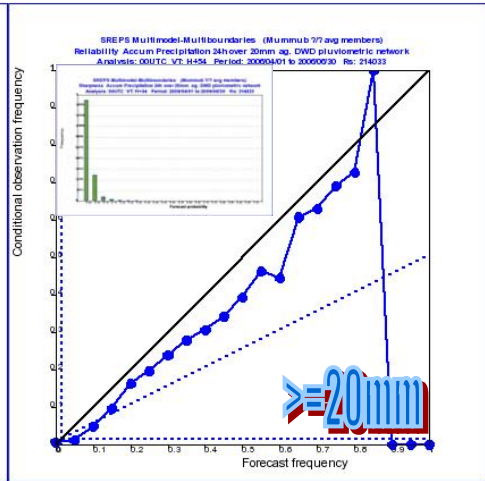

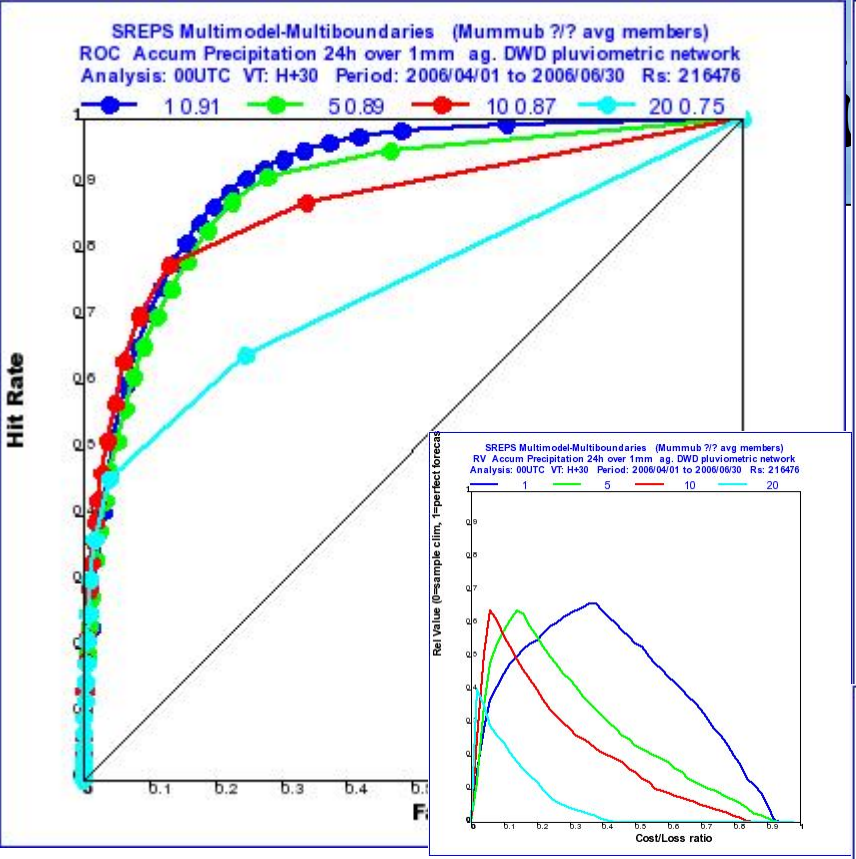
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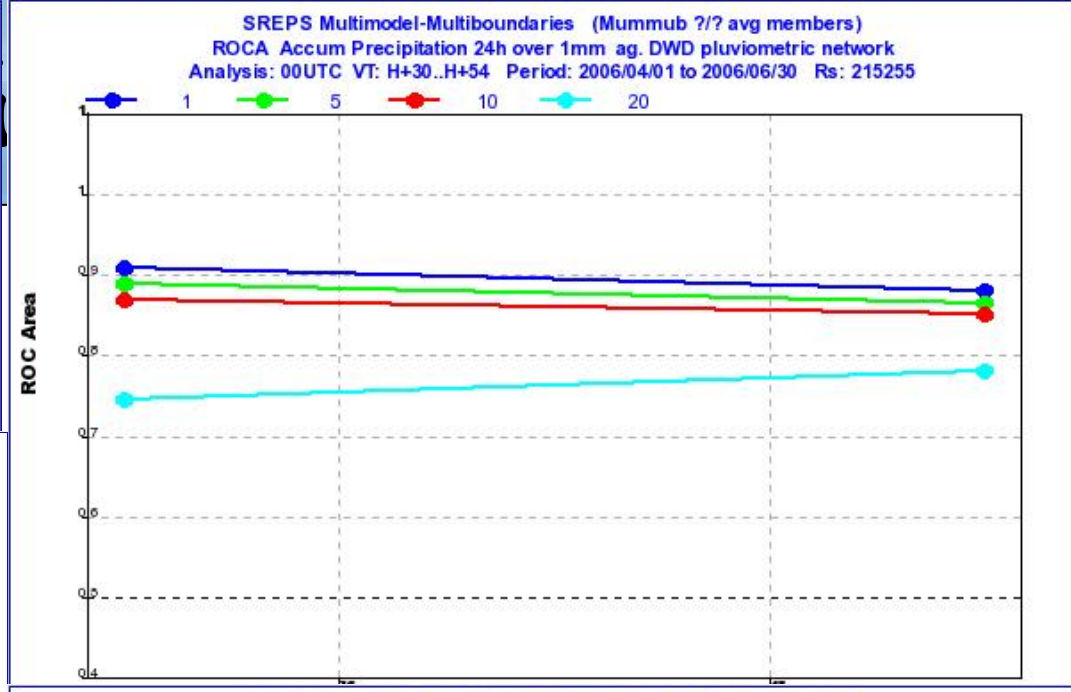
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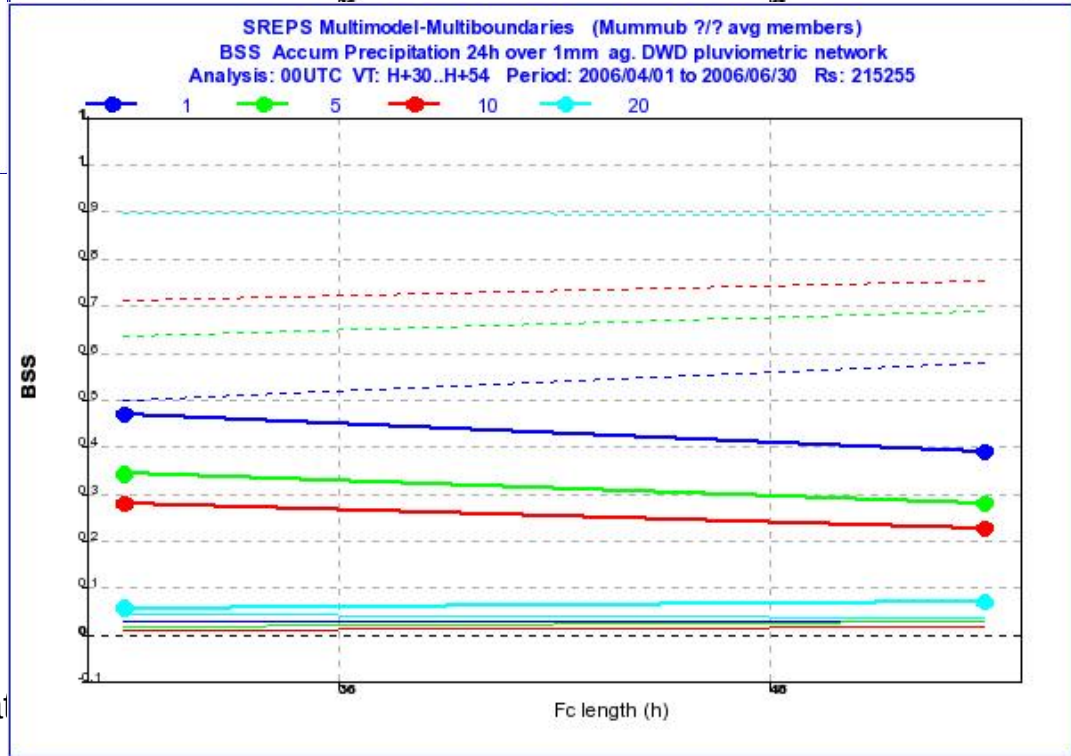
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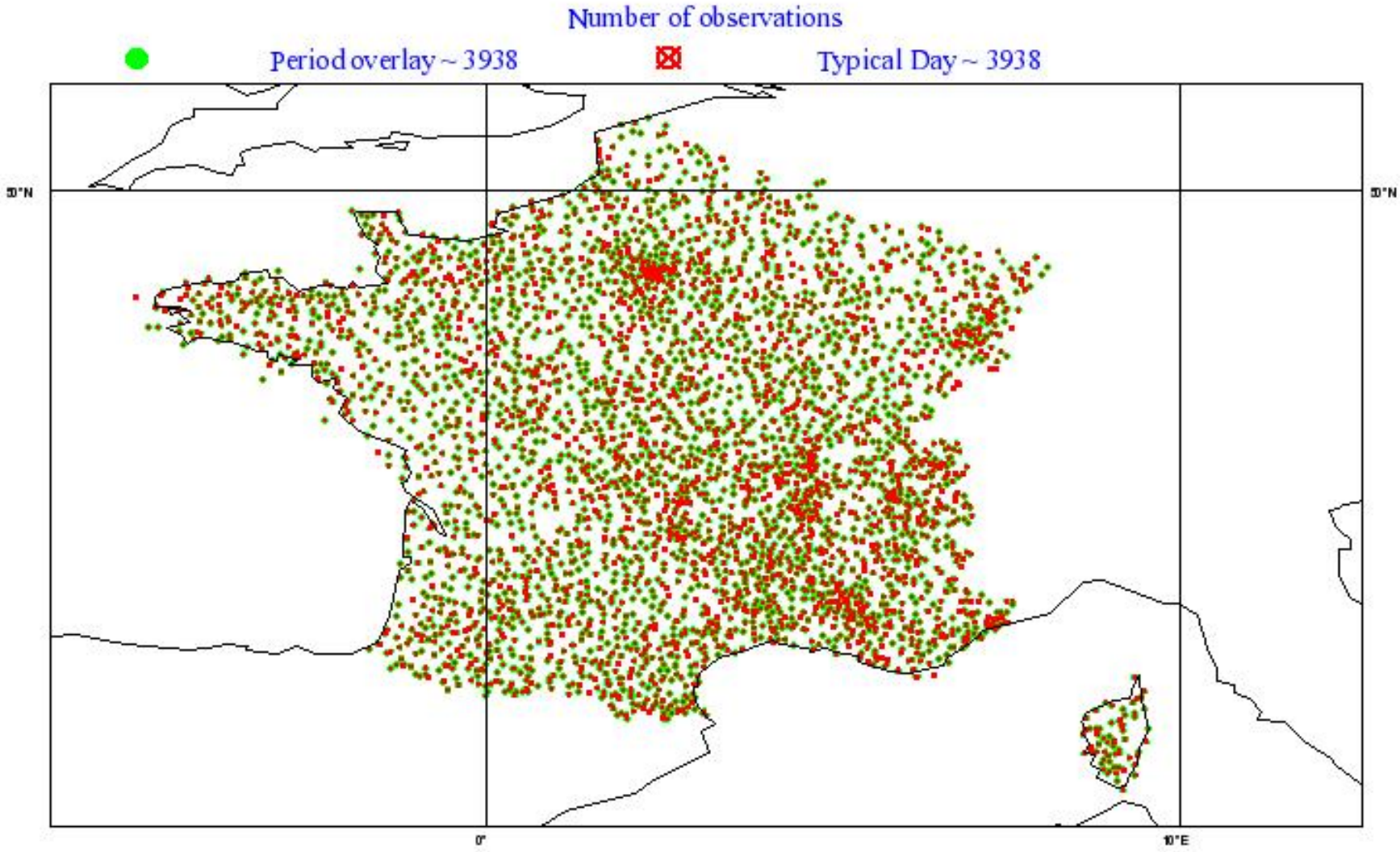

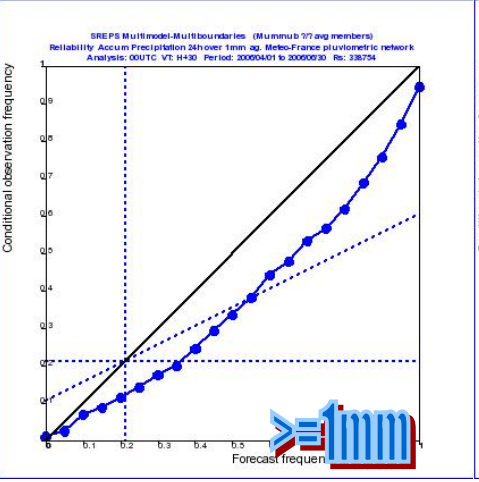
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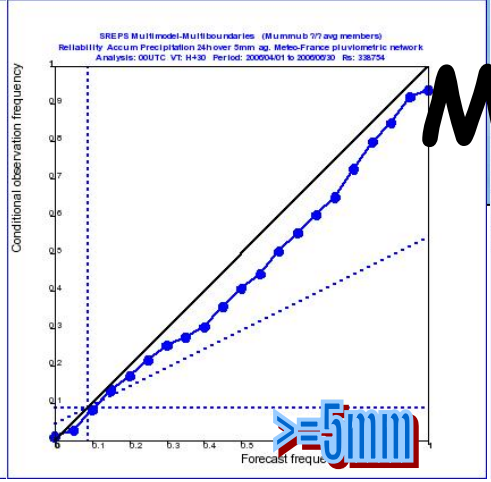
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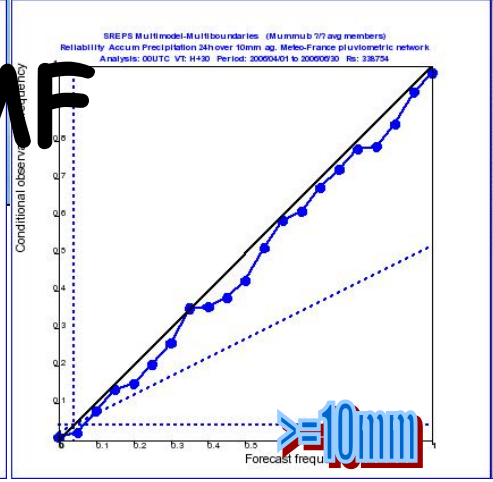
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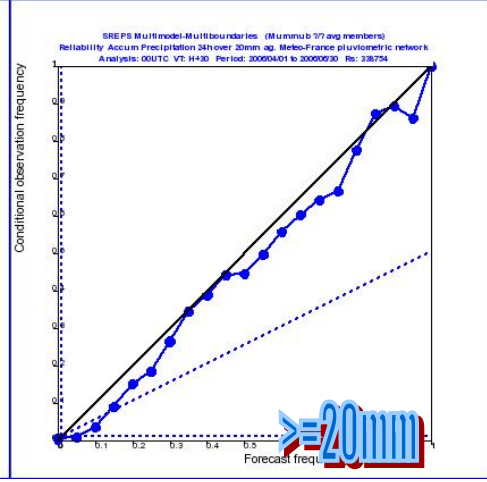
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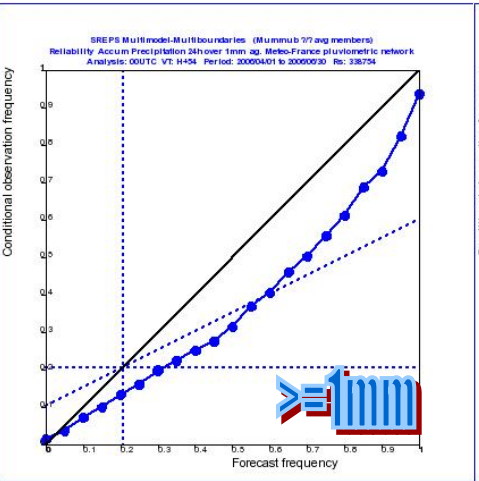
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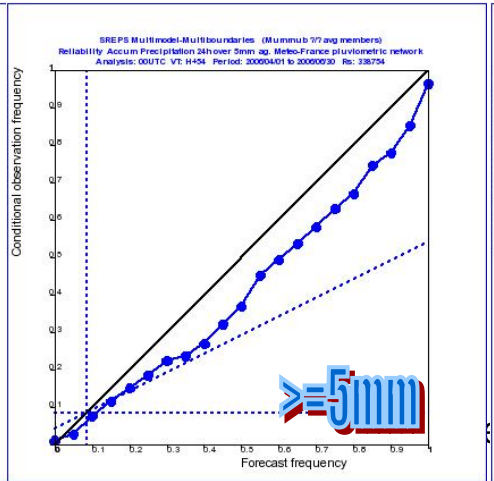
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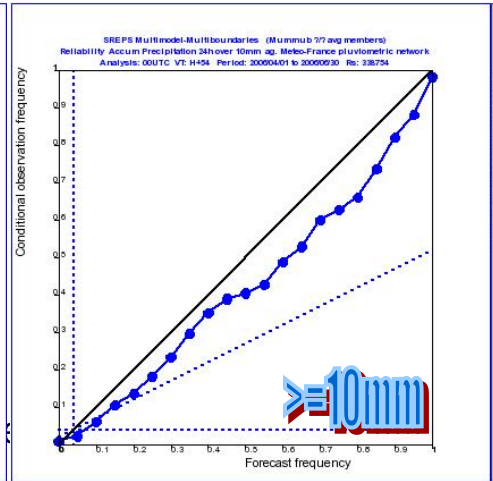
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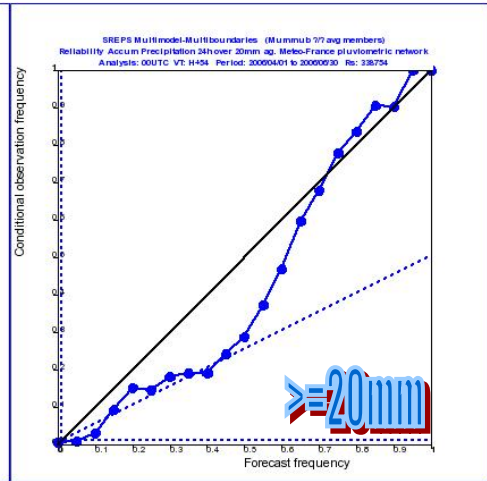
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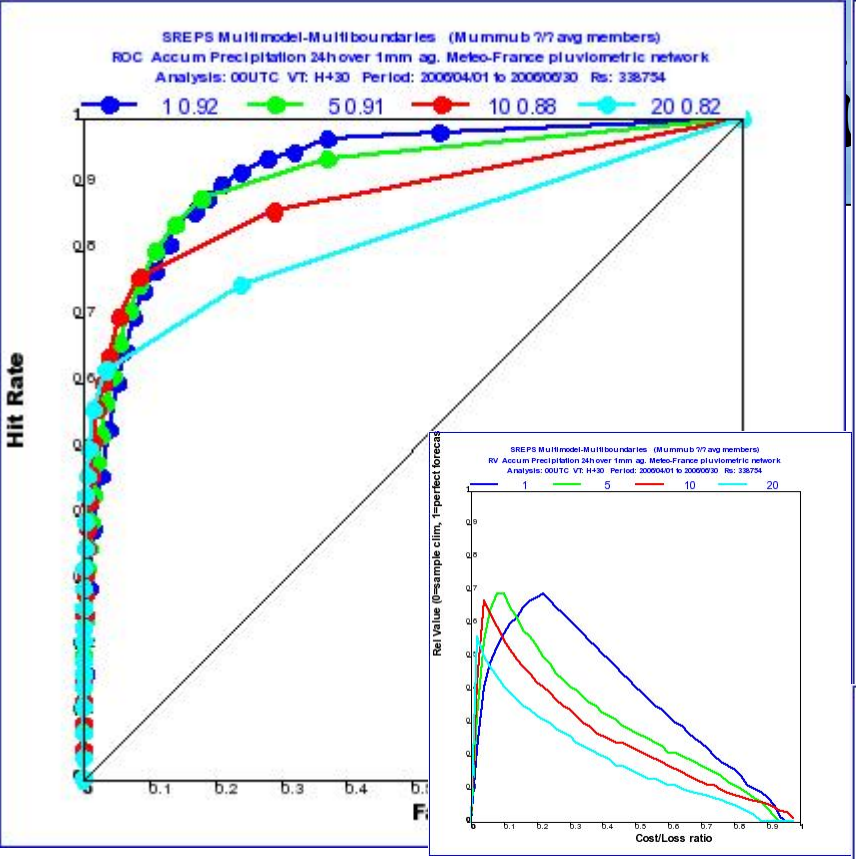

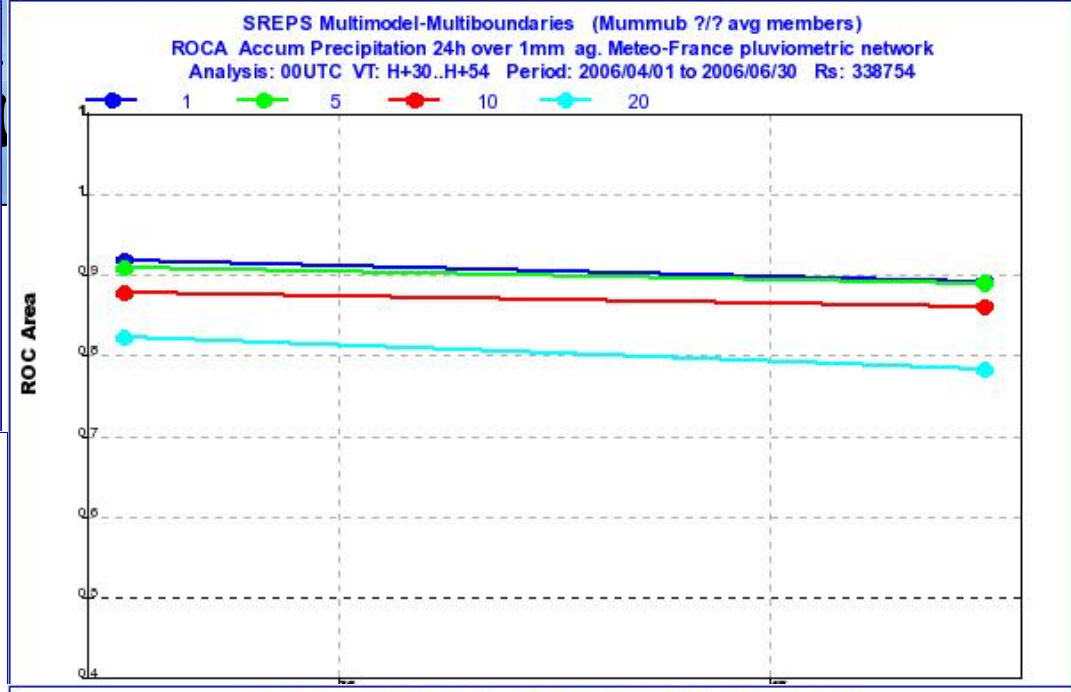

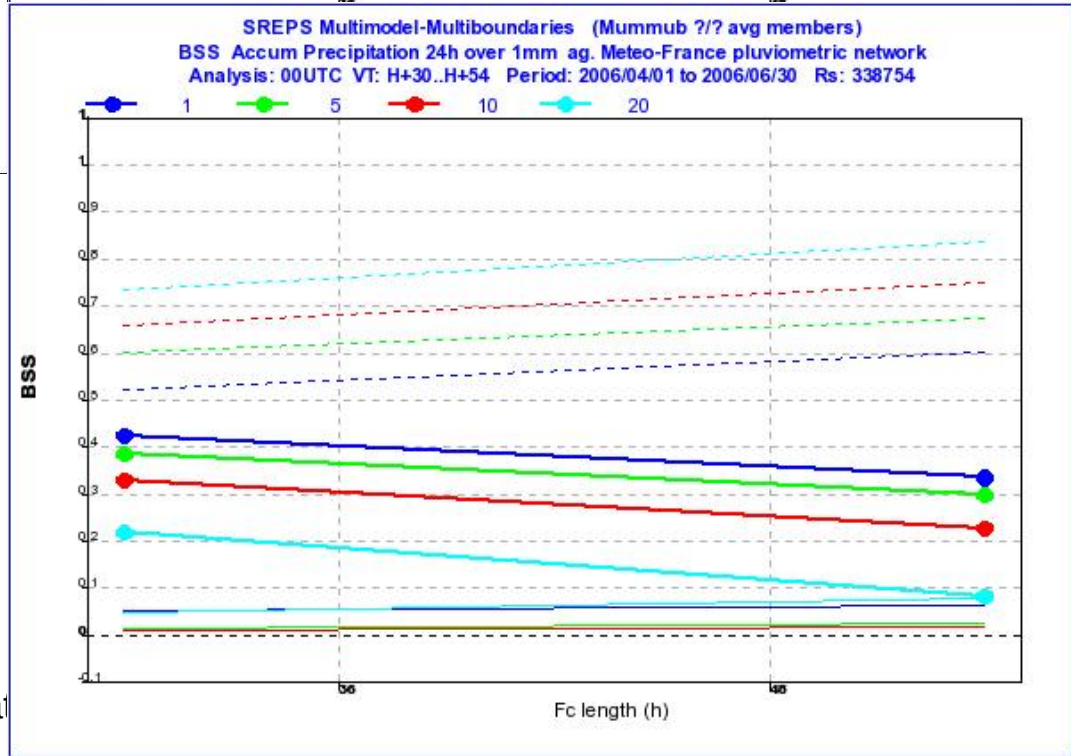

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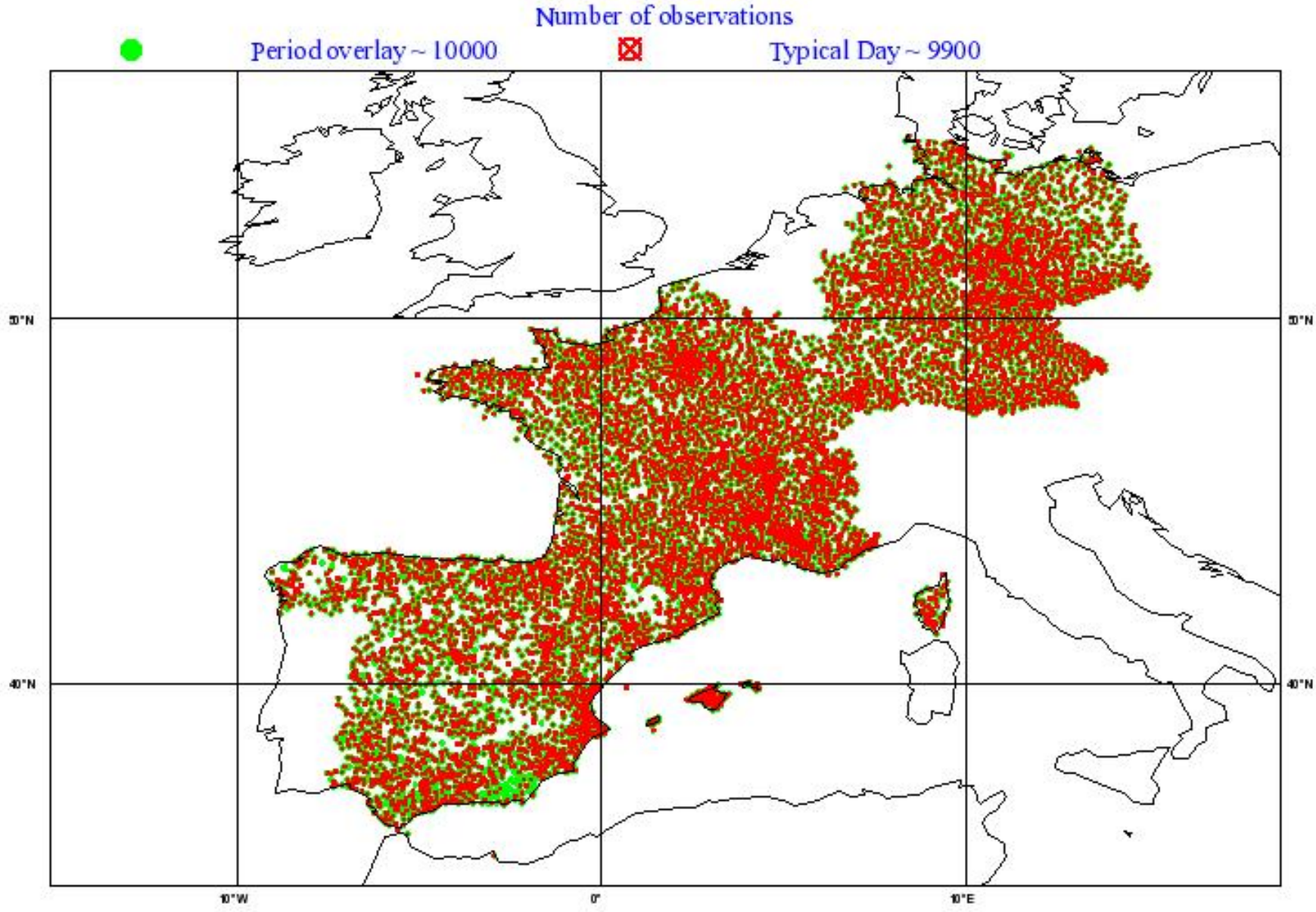

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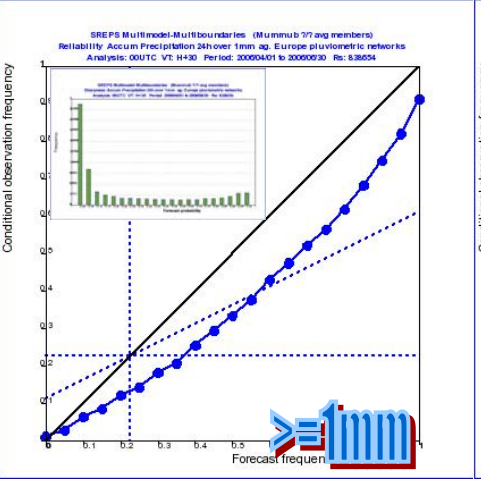

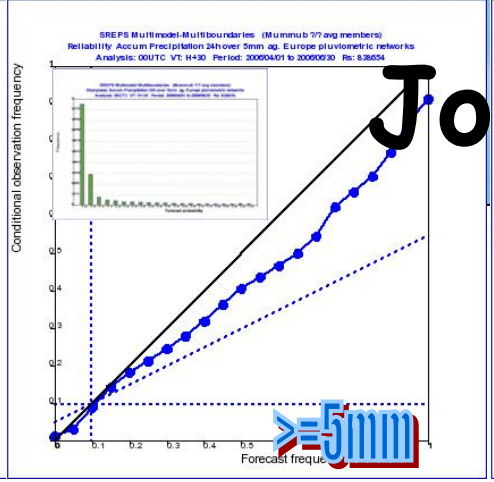

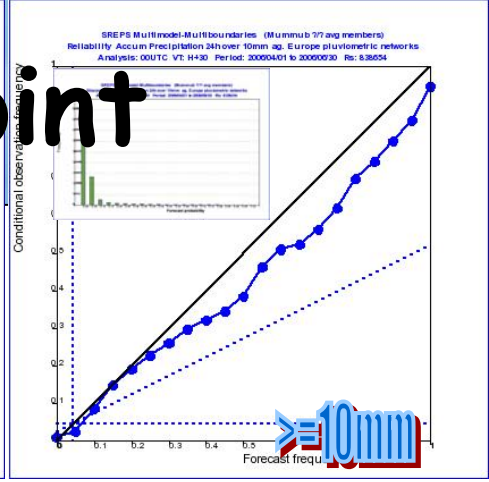

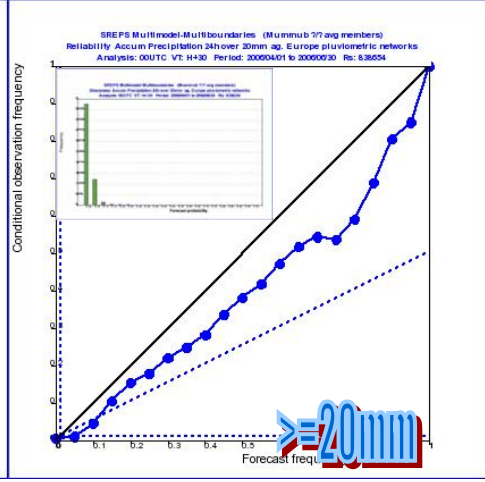

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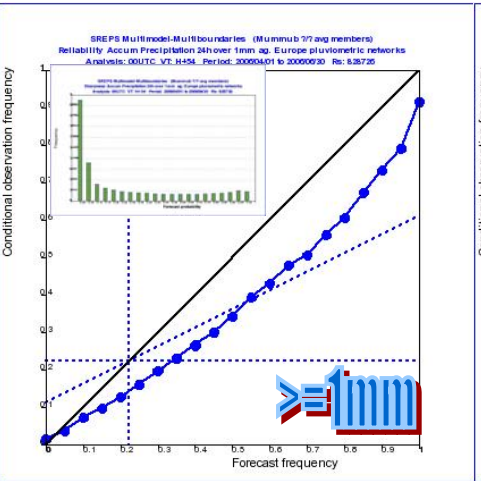

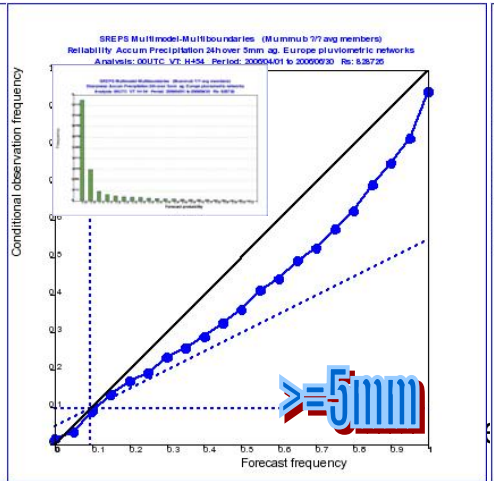

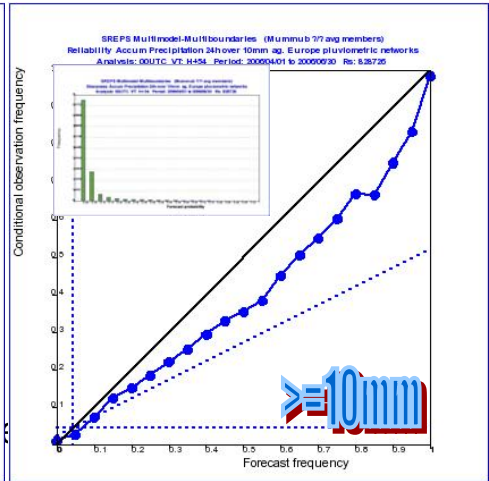

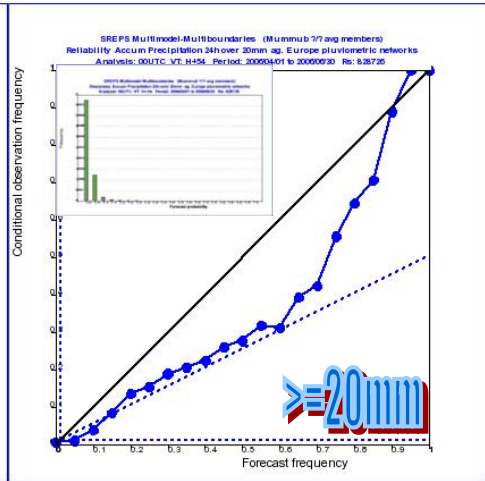

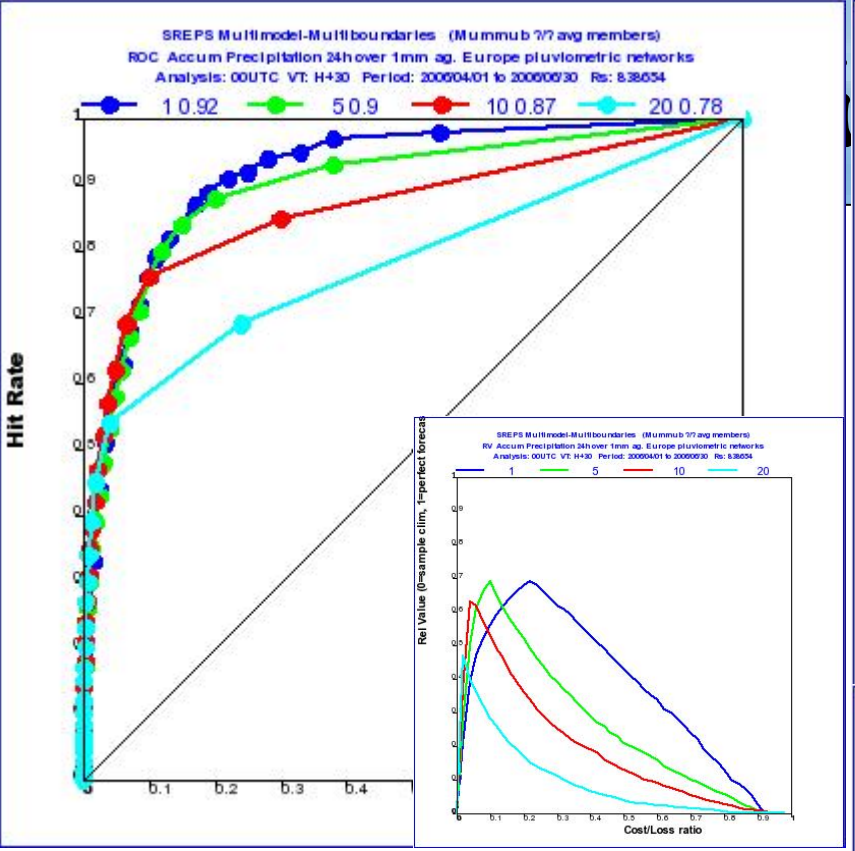
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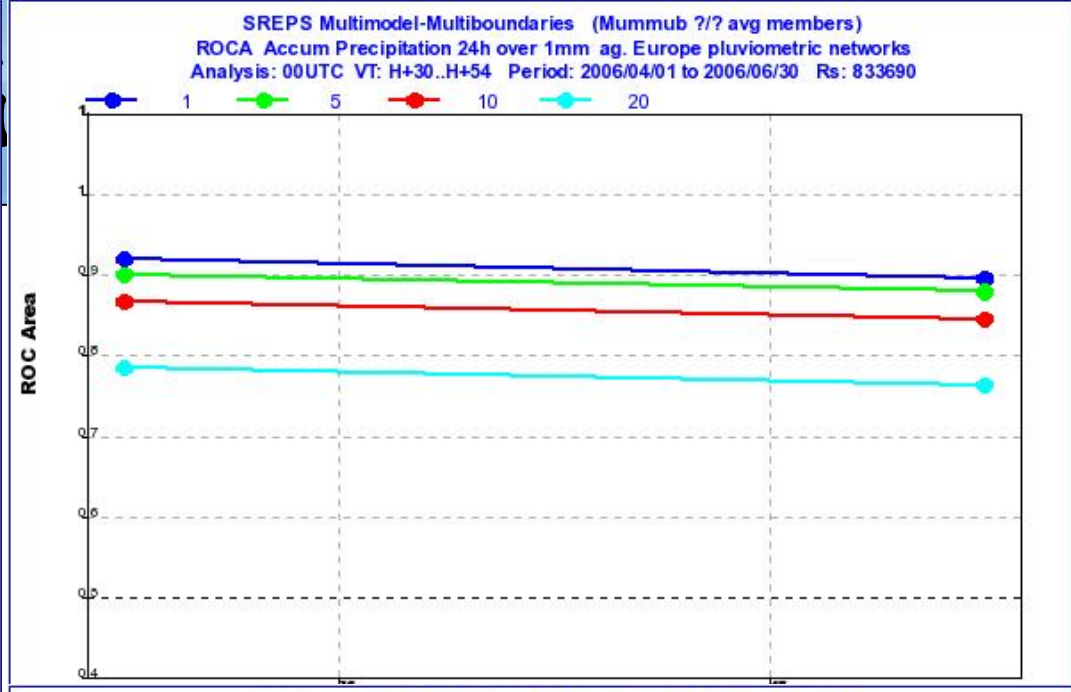
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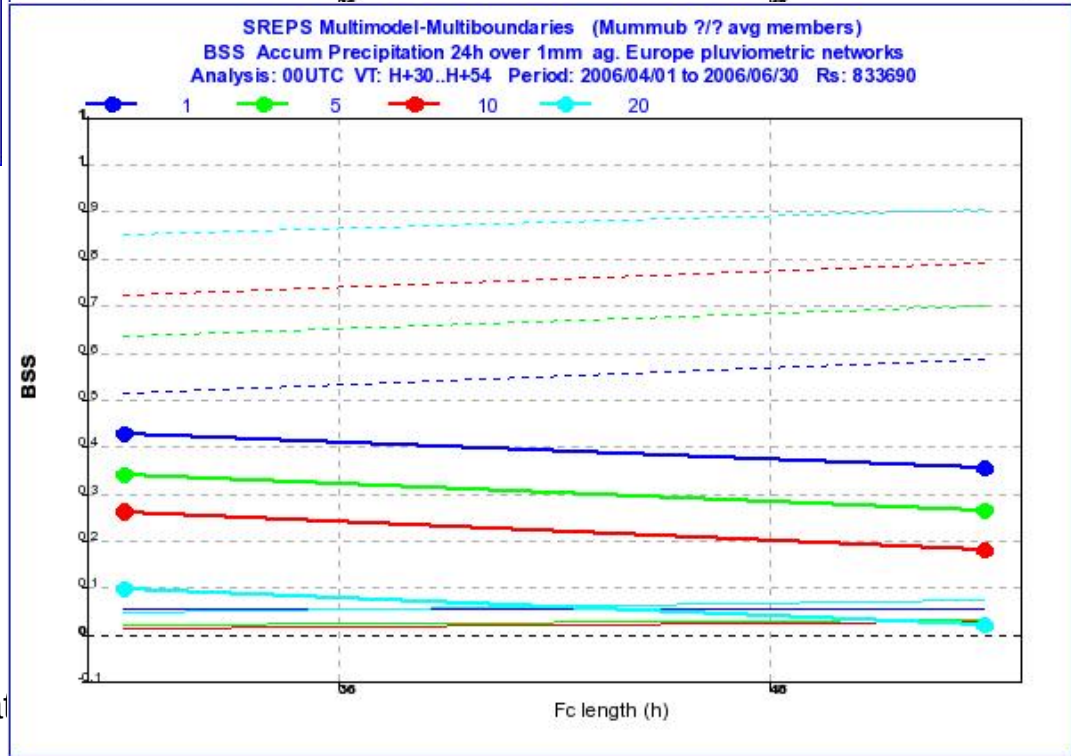
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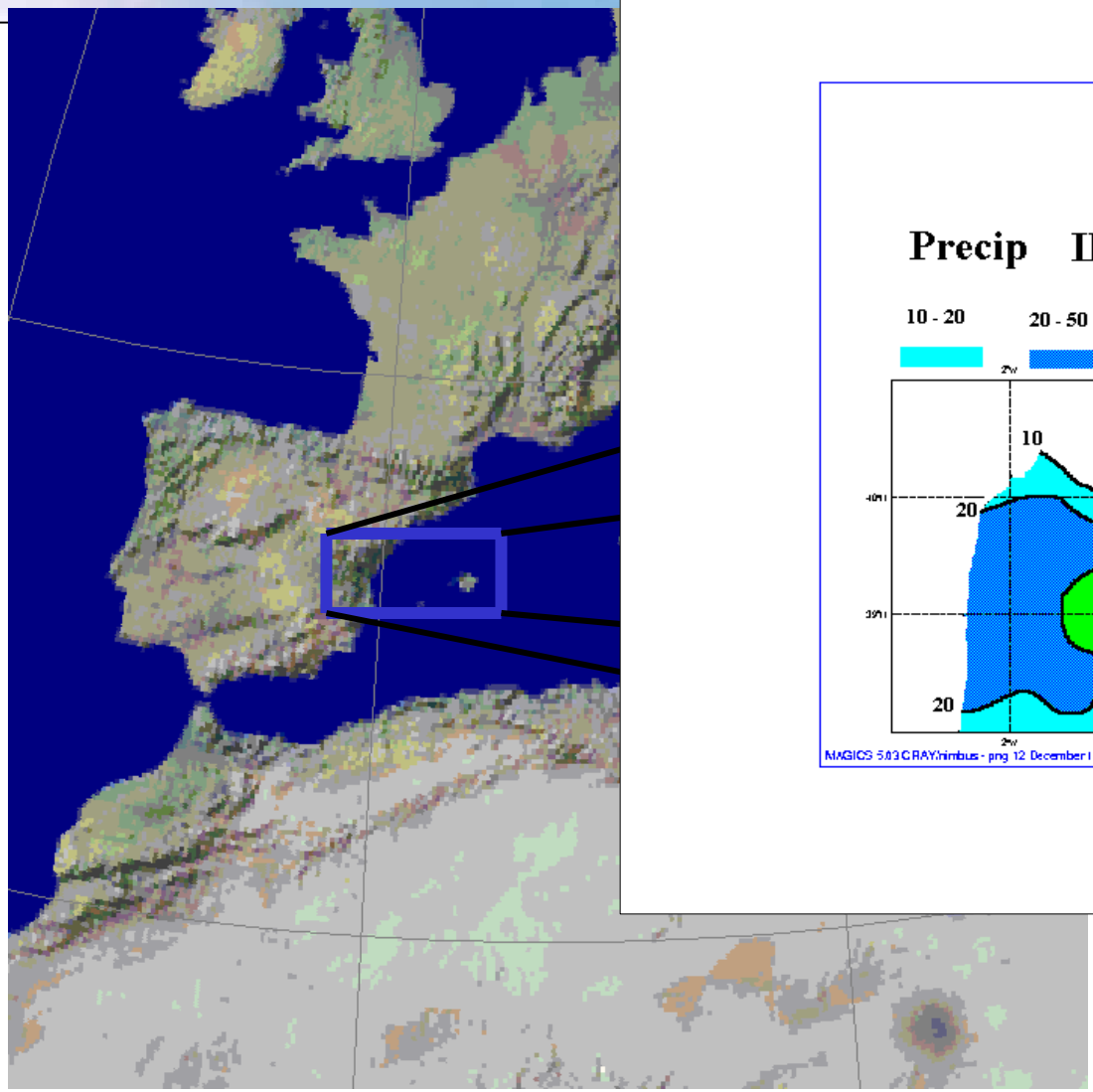
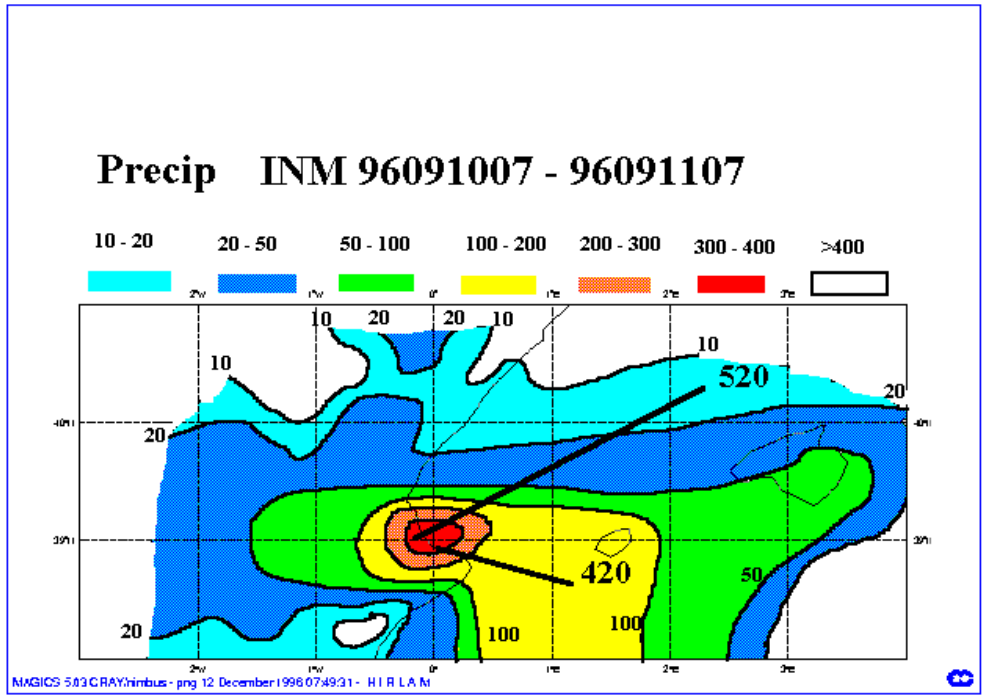
Introduction

- Predictability is flow dependent
- Extreme weather events have a low predictability, uncertainties can grow critically even in the Short Range (less than 72 hours),
- Convection is highly non-linear and it shows a chaotic behaviour.
- Then a probabilistic apprach may help to improve the prediction of such phenomena.

Ensemble for short range

- Surface parameters are the most important ones for weather forecast.
- Forecast of extreme events (convective precip, gales,…) is probabilistic.
- Short Range Ensemble prediction can help to forecast these events.
- Forecast risk (Palmer, ECMWF Seminar 2002) is the goal for both Medium- and, also, Short-Range Prediction.

Meteorological Framework

- Main Weather Forecast issues are related with Short-Range extreme events.
- Convective precipitation is the most dangerous weather event in Spain.
- Western Mediterranean is a close sea rounded by high mountains, in autumn sea is warmer than air.
- Several cases of more than 200 mm/few hours every year. Some fast cyclogenesis like "tropical cyclones".

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