

# Multiscale version of the global atmospheric SL-AV model

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# The use of global atmospheric models

- Climate change modelling (*boundary value problem*).
- Numerical weather prediction (*initial value problem*):
  - Deterministic (2-10 days). Also providing boundary conditions.
  - Probabilistic (ensemble medium- and long-range (month-season) forecasts).

Emerging: prediction for 1-10 years, a combination of boundary and initial value problem

# Seamless prediction

- There is no artificial boundaries between the time scales (Shukla, 2006), (Hoskins QJ 2013).
- The model should be good in reproducing all time scales.
- UK Met Office – Unified Model since 198x
- Cost of model development and code maintenance

However:

- NWP and climate models have different error metrics.
- Different parameterizations can be used fro NWP and climate modeling.

Forecast Centre (Country)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>ECMWF (Europe)</b>	T <sub>L</sub> 1279L137	T <sub>L</sub> 2047 L137	T <sub>L</sub> 2047 L137	T <sub>L</sub> 2047 L137	
<b>Met Office (UK)</b>	17 km L70	17 km L70	Coupled O-A 12/25?km L120-200	Coupled O-A 12/25?km L120-200	Coupled O-A 12/25?km L120-200
<b>Météo France (France)</b>	T799c2.4 L70	T1198c2.2 L105	T1198c2.2 L105	tbd	tbd
<b>DWD (Germany)</b>	13 km L90 (6.5 km in Europe)	13 km L90 (6.5km in Europe)	13 km L90 (6.5km in Europe)	tbd	tbd
<b>HMC Russia</b>	0.72°x0.9° L28 T169 L31;	0.18°x0.225°L51 T339 L31;	0.18°x0.225°L51 T339 L63;	0.18°x0.225°L51 T339 L63;	tbd
<b>NCEP (USA)</b>	T878 L91 (7.5) T574 L91 (16)	T878 L91 (7.5) T574 L91 (16)			
<b>CMC (Canada)</b>	(0.35°x0.23°) L80 Ying-Yang (0.14°x0.14°) L80	Ying-Yang (0.09°x0.09°) L125	Ying-Yang (0.09°x0.09°) L165	Ying-Yang (0.09°x0.09°) L200	
<b>CPTEC/INPE (Brazil)</b>	20 km L96	20 km L96	10 km L96	10 km L128	
<b>JMA (Japan)</b>	T <sub>L</sub> 959 L60	T <sub>L</sub> 959 L100	T <sub>L</sub> 959 L100		
<b>CMA (China)</b>	T <sub>L</sub> 639 L60 GRAPES 50 km L31	GRAPES 25 km L70	GRAPES 0.25 L70	GRAPES 0.25 L90	
<b>KMA (Korea)</b>	25 km L70	17 km L70	17 km L70		
<b>BoM (Australia)</b>	ACCESS 25 km L70	17 km L85	17 km L85		

# Global NWP models

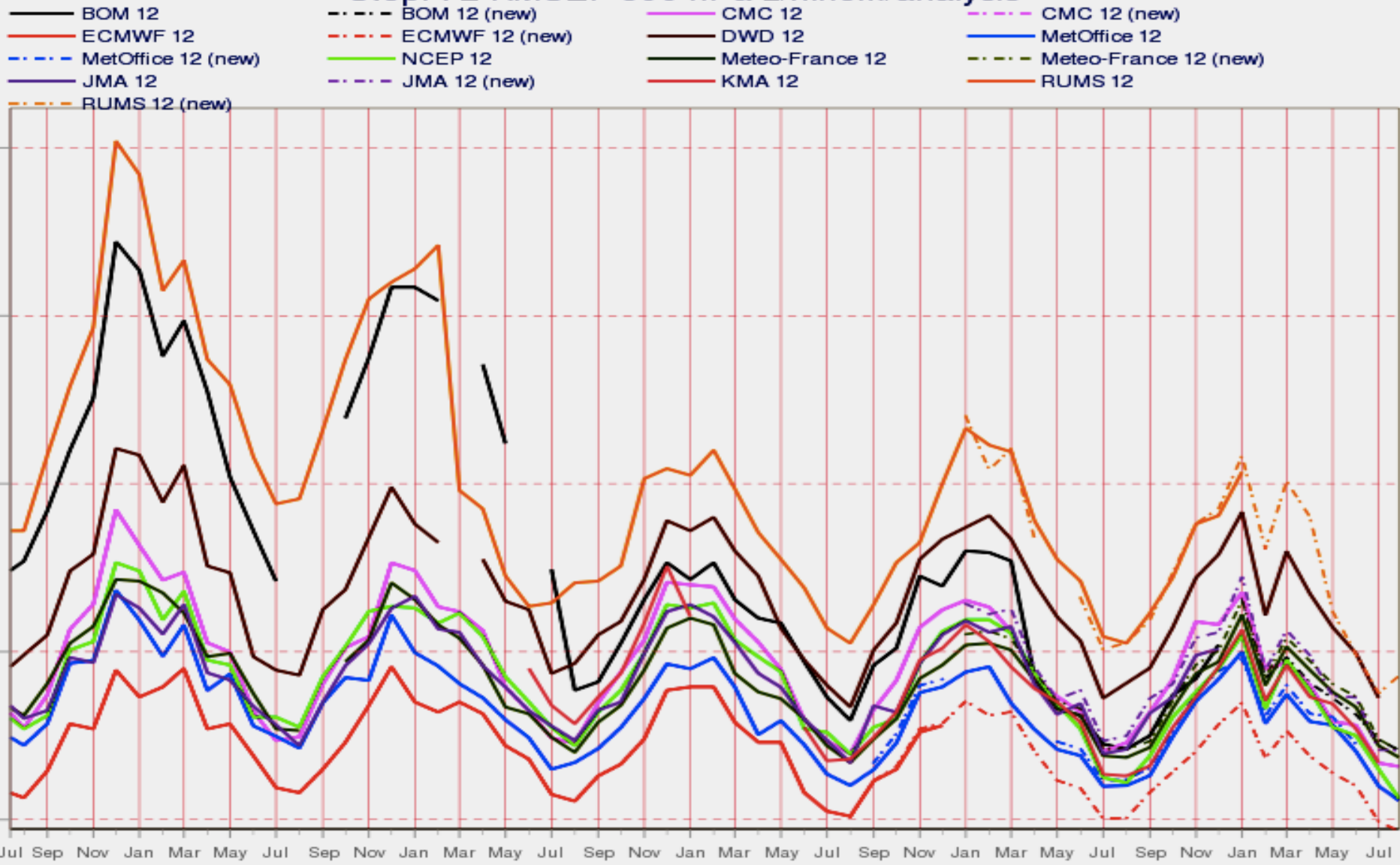
- 15 in total (13 in the preceding slide + India and NRL (USA))
- 8 original (of own development)
- NCEP model is used in India, UKMO model is used in Australia and S. Korea, ECMWF model is used in China. ECMWF and Meteo-France model are of joint development with different parameterizations.
- Gradual reduction in number of spectral models. In 5 years, 3 spectral models disappeared models less (Australia, Brazil, S. Korea), China plans to switch to own non-spectral model soon.
- ECMWF declares transition to non-spectral model after 2020.
- 7 original models are semi-Lagrangian (recently NCEP )
- Typical horizontal resolution in 2015 - 20-30 km
- The leader is ECMWF with 15 km and 137 levels (planning 10 km this year )

# Среднеквадратическая ошибка прогноза H500 на 3 суток. Период: июль 2008 – август 2013.

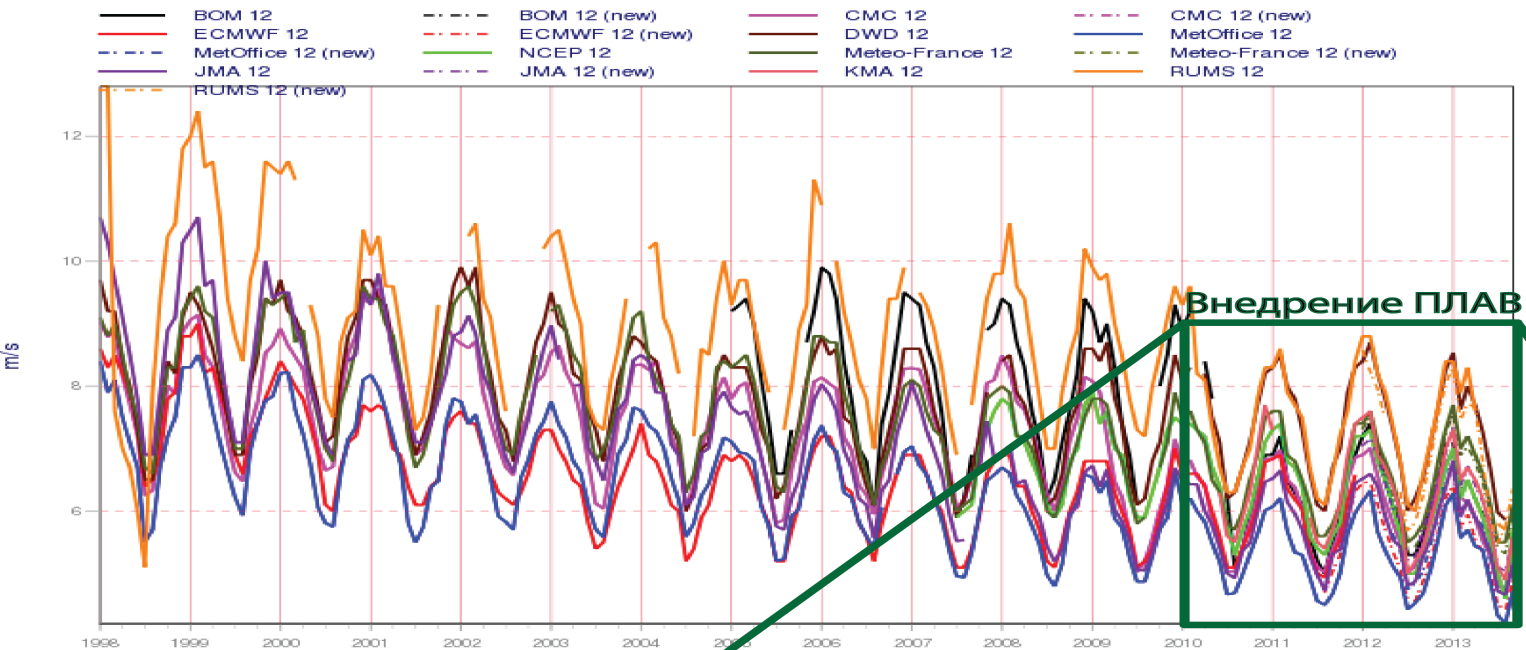
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Июнь-июль 2013: догнали DWD. Источник: <http://apps.ecmwf.int/wmolcdnv/>

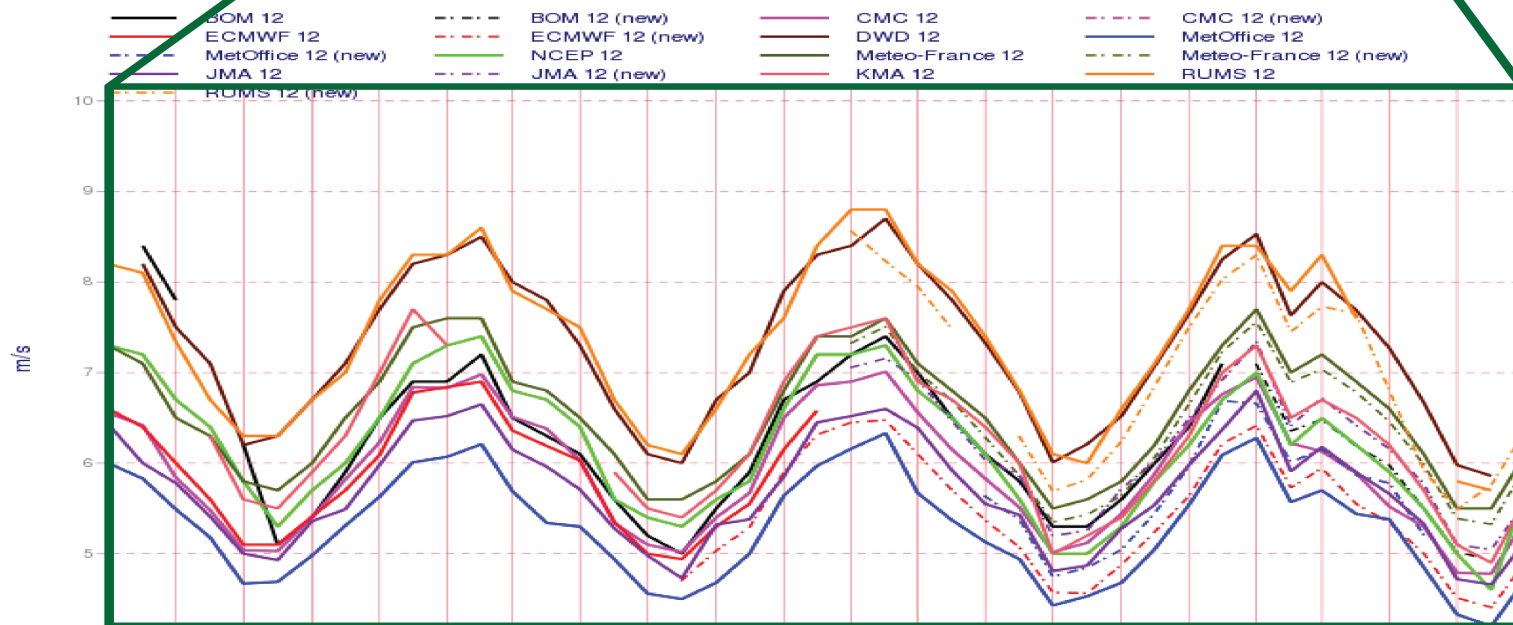
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## From preceding 2 slides:

- Borrowed models (S. Korea, Australia) always worse than originals in terms of forecast errors. Some borrowed models do not report their errors
- Introduction of SL-AV model into RHMC operational practice at the beginning of 2010 allowed to reduce the gap in errors between Russia and leading centres by factor of 2.



# Global semi-Lagrangian atmosphere model SL-AV

(Semi-Lagrangian based on Absolute Vorticity equation)

- Finite-difference semi-implicit semi-Lagrangian dynamical core of own development: vorticity-divergence formulation, 4<sup>th</sup> order finite-differences at the unstaggered grid (Tolstykh J Comput Phys 2002)
- + set of parameterizations for subgrid-scale processes developed by ALADIN/ALARO consortium. In new versions, some freeware parameterizations are used – SW and LW radiation ( CLIRAD SW and RRTM LW)
- **Codevelopment of Institute of Numerical Mathematics Russian Academy of Sciences and Hydrometcentre of Russia**
- More coauthors: + A.V.Shlyayeva, N.N. Bogoslovskii, A.Yu. Yurova



<b>Model version</b>	<b>Resolution</b>	<b>S E T T L S</b>	<b>Local mass - cons.</b>	<b>Radiation RRTM+ CLIRAD; aerosols</b>	<b>Microp hysics</b>	<b>Parallel.</b>	<b>Daily update of Bounda ry fields</b>	<b>Output fields</b>
<b>Operational «Seasonal»</b>	<b>1.4°x1.1° , 28 levels</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>OpenMP</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>CLIM</b>
<b>Operational «medium- range»</b>	<b>0.9°x 0.72° , 28 levels</b>	<b>+</b>	-	-	-	<b>OpenMP</b>	-	<b>OPER</b>
<b>Operational SibNIGHMI</b>	<b>0.5625° lon; from 28 to 80 km in latitude, 50 levels</b>	<b>+</b>	-	-	-	<b>MPI+ OpenMP</b>	-	<b>OPER</b>
<b>New «medium- range»</b>	<b>0.225° lon, from 27 km in South.Hem. to 18 km in North. Hem., 51 levels</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>MPI+ OpenMP</b>	-	<b>OPER</b>
<b>Unified</b>	<b>Arbitrary, choice from predefined</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>MPI+ OpenMP</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>CLIM or OPER</b>

# New NWP version of SL-AV model

\* Resolution  $0.225^\circ$  in longitude, in latitude form 27 km (South. Hem.) to 18 km (North. Hem.). The grid is generated by R.Yu. Fadeev (Russ. Comp.Math. Math.Phys.2013).

\* Orography is prepared at the reduced lat-lon grid.

- 51 vertical levels, 5 hPa top.

- **For the first time in Russia, the world medium level of horizontal resolution is achieved in Northern hemisphere.**

- Support of RFBR, RSCF, Mis. Of Educ. Grants.

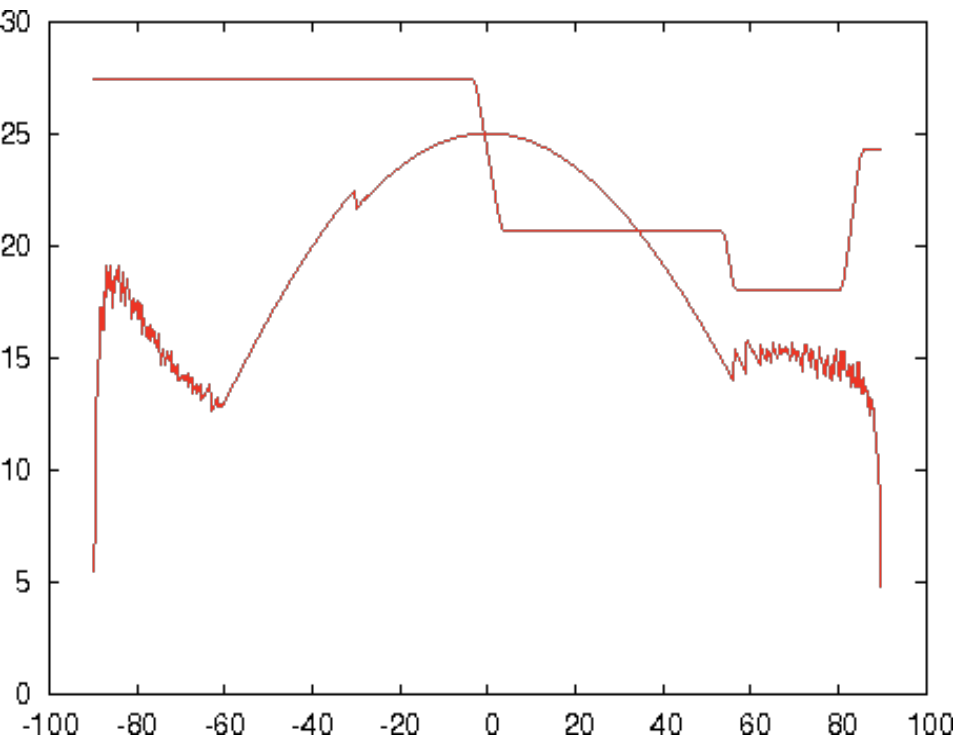
- Time to calculate 24h forecast at RSC Tornado (Roshydromet): 24 min at 224 procs, 6 min at 864 procs.

- Accepted by Roshydromet commission 25/05/15.

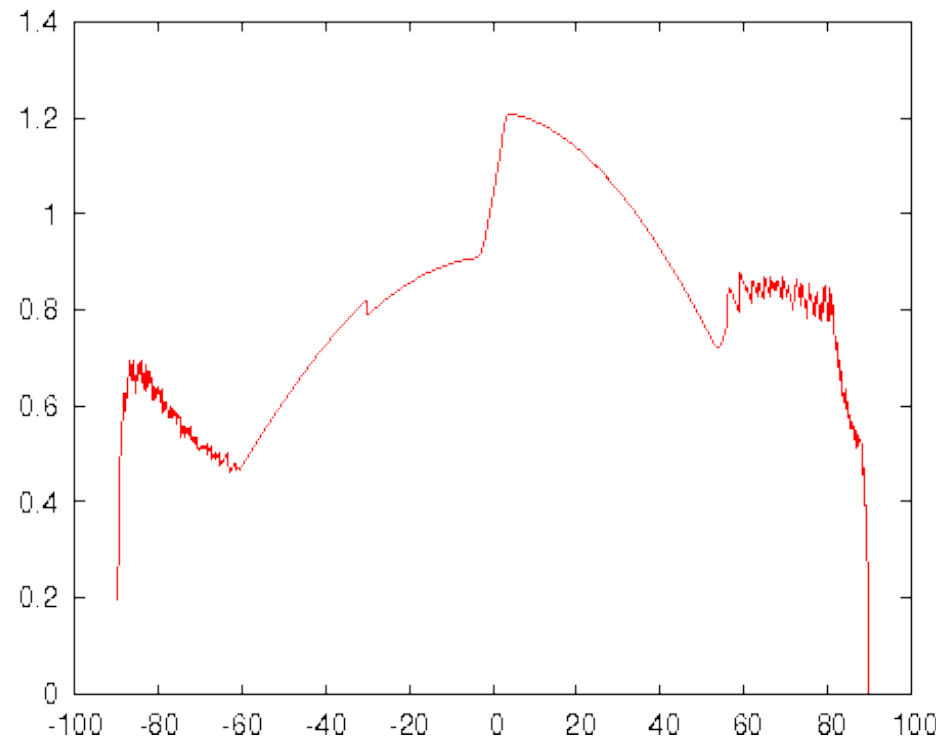
# Changes in new SL-AV model

- Locally-conservative approximations for gradient and divergence; accuracy near the poles is increased
- Parameterization of shortwave radiation CLIRAD SW (freeware).
- Parameterization of longwave radiation RRTM LW (freeware).
- 3D Ozone monthly mean climatology (ERA Interim).
- Sea salt, sand dust aerosol GISS climatology.
- Microphysics in non-convective clouds (ALARO).
- Vertical resolution is taken into account in clouds parameterization (ALARO).

**Grid step in latitude (upper curve)  
and longitude (lower curve), in km**

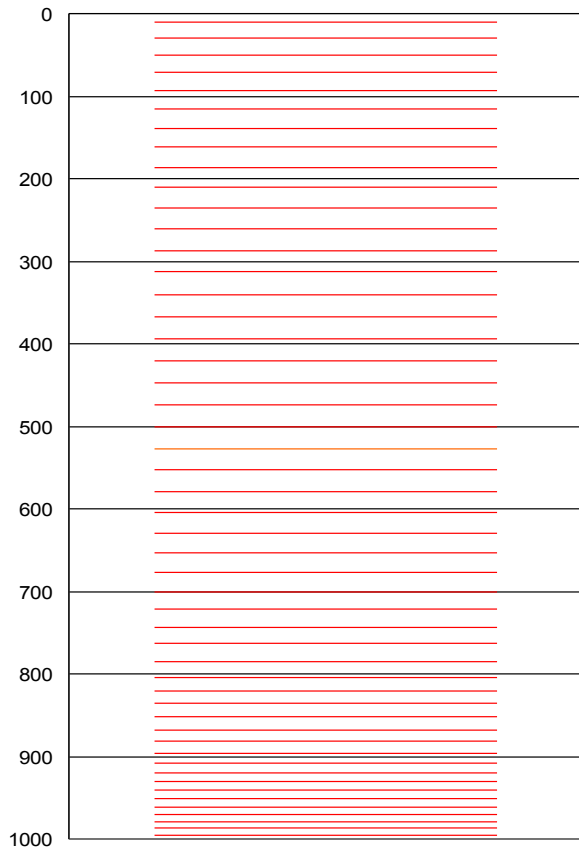


**Proportion of 'physical' grid steps  
 $\text{Max}(dx/dy, dy/dx)$**

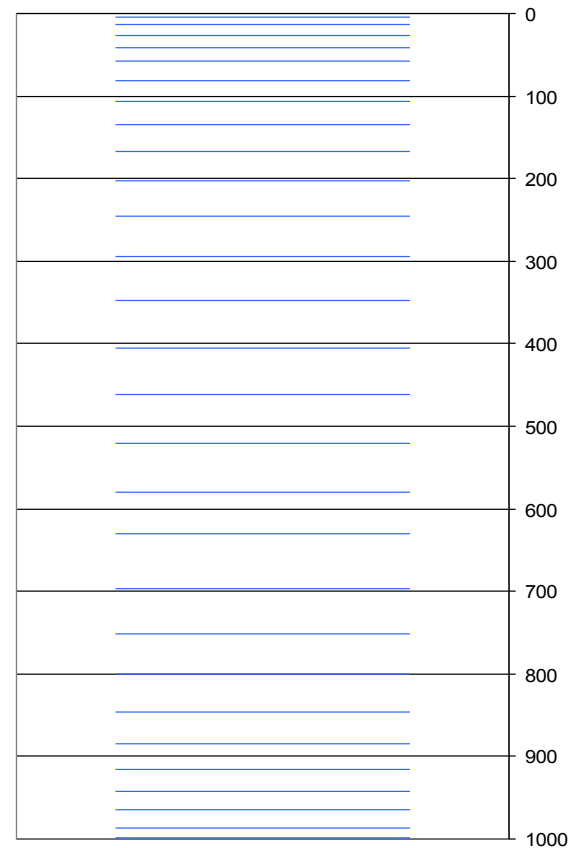


# Vertical levels distribution: 50 levels (left), 28 levels (right).

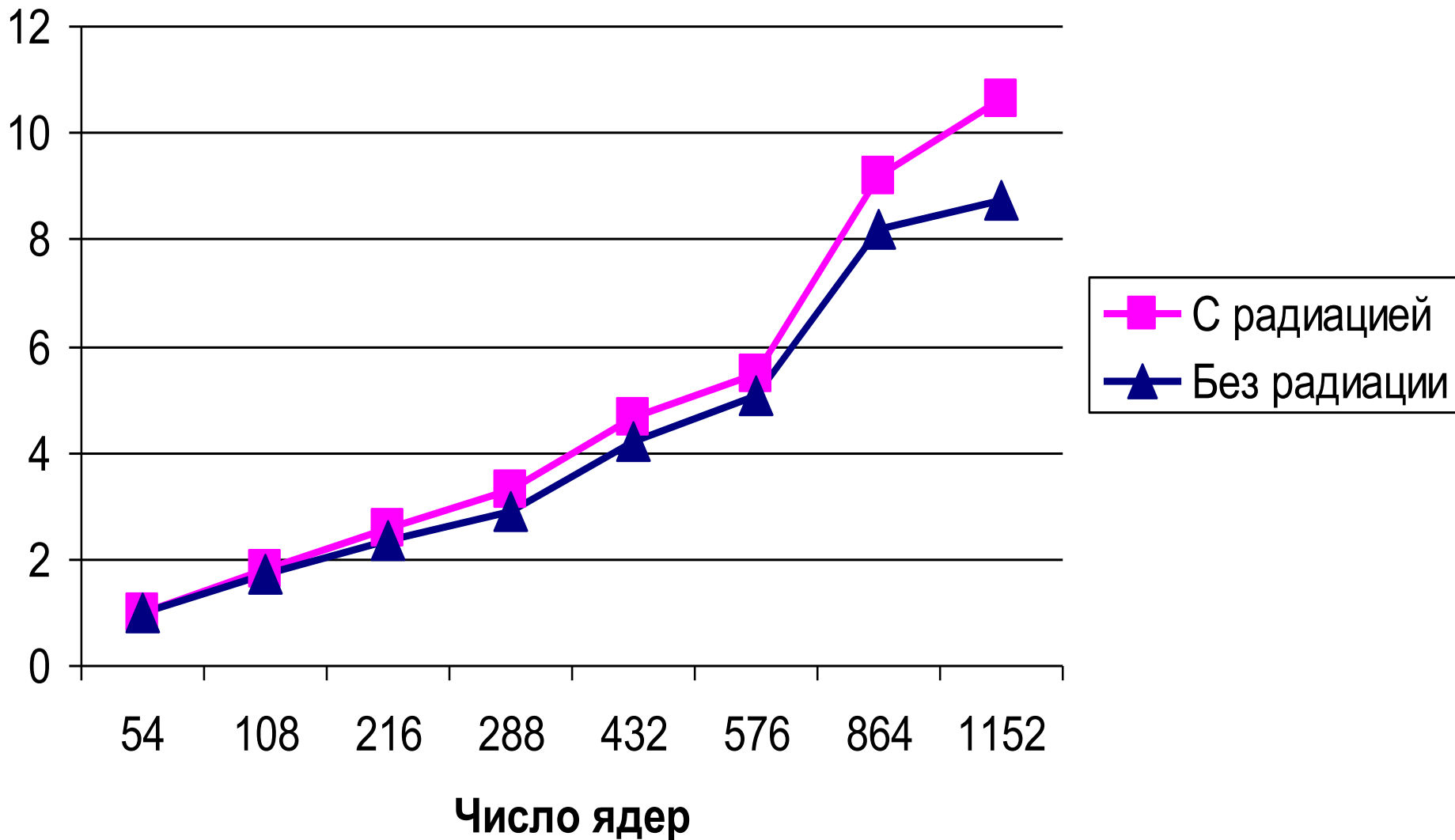
p, hPa



p, hPa



# Parallel acceleration of the SL-AV model with the resolution $(0.16-0.24)^\circ \times 0.225^\circ$ , 51 levels (w.r.t. time at 54 procs). RSC Tornado



# Developing multiscale version

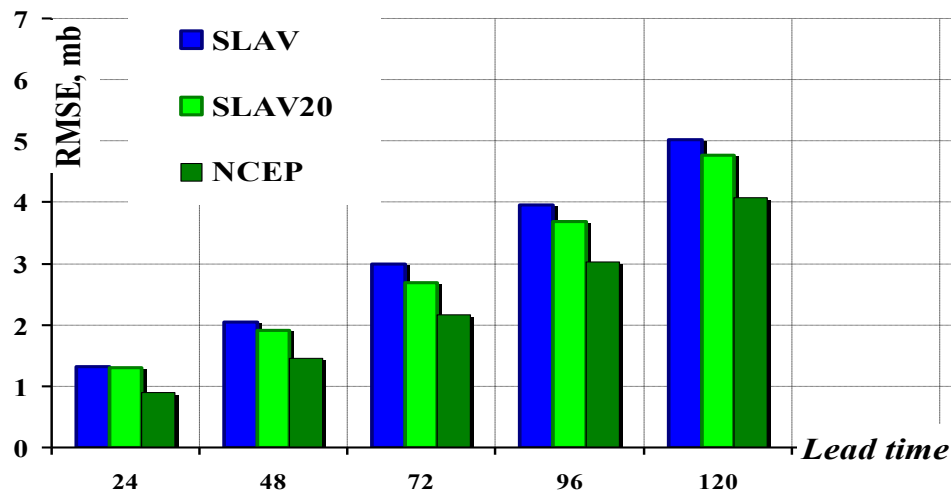
- Merging different options and resolutions into a single code.
- Unified multiscale version has parameterization set from the new NWP version
- Two input/output options, for NWP and for climate changes modelling.
- Verification on medium range NWP- OK.
- First runs according to AMIP2 protocol.



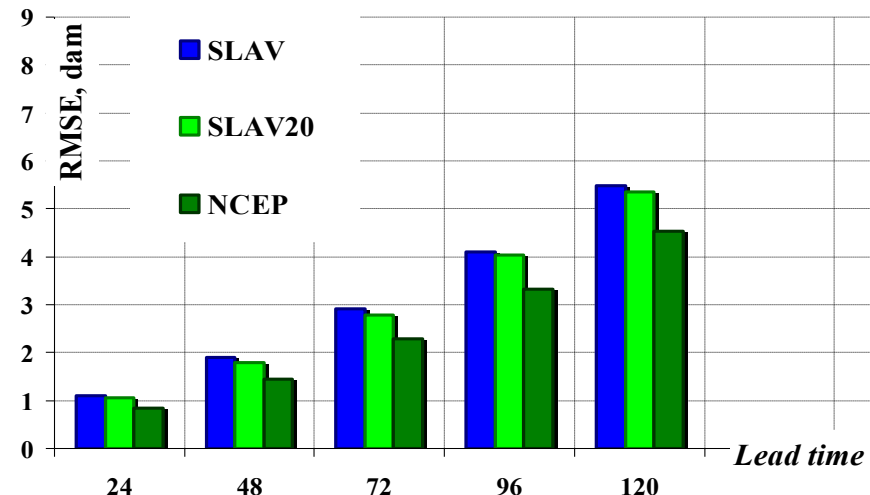
# RMS forecast errors for 11.04.2014-14.06.2015 with respect to analysis . Region: Europe, 12 UTC

(SLAV – operational version, SLAV20 – new version)

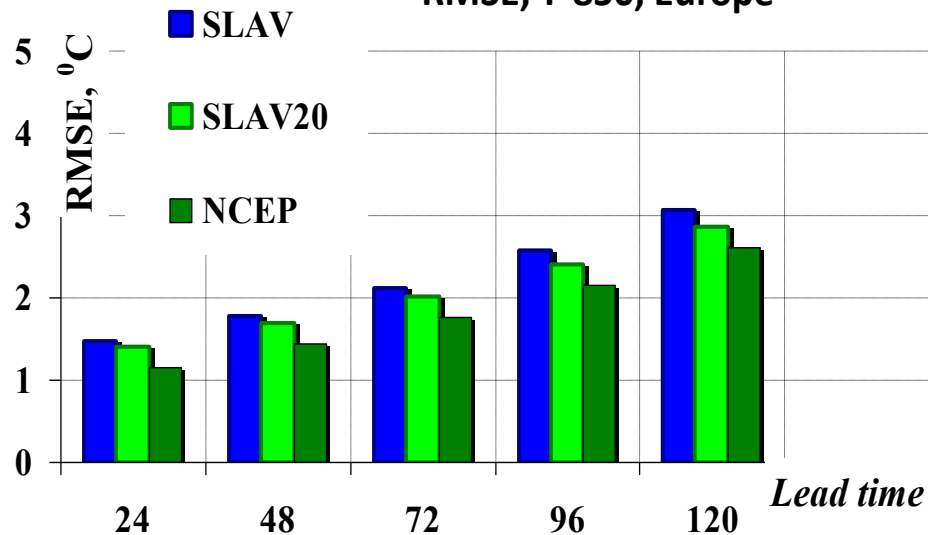
### RMSE, Po, Europe



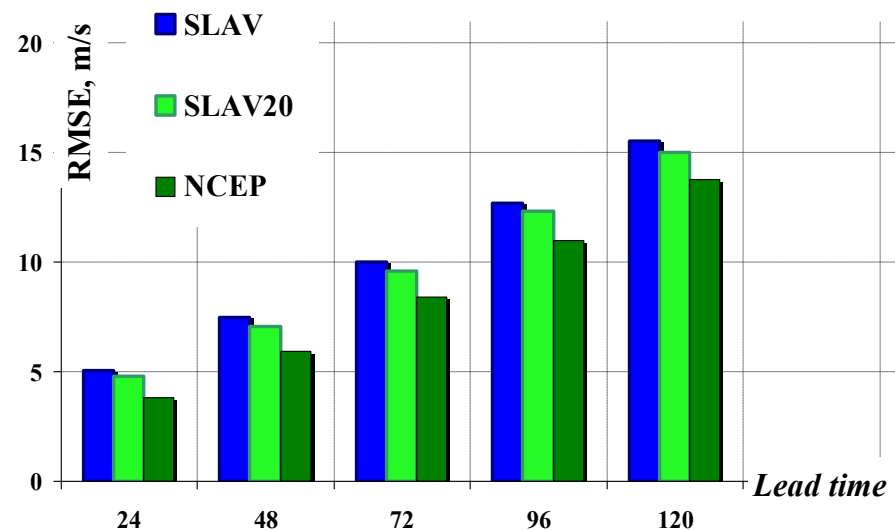
### RMSE, H-500, Europe



### RMSE, T-850, Europe

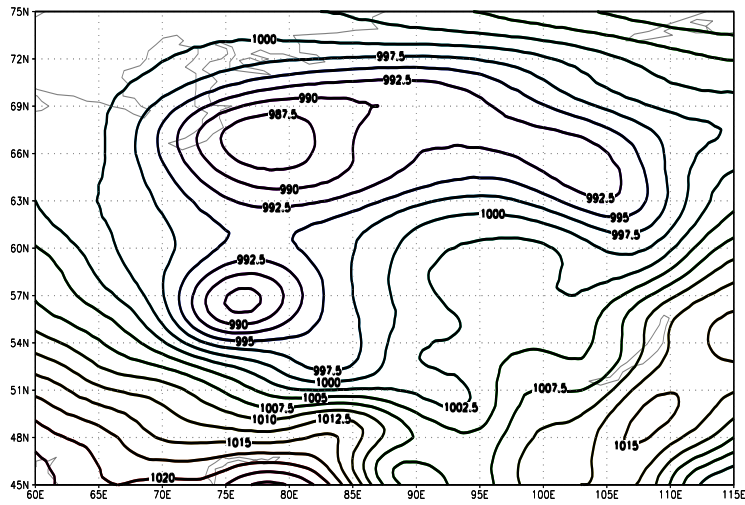


### RMSE, W-250, Europe



# Analysis at 27.04.2015 00UTC and 24-h forecasts from 26.04.2015 00UTC

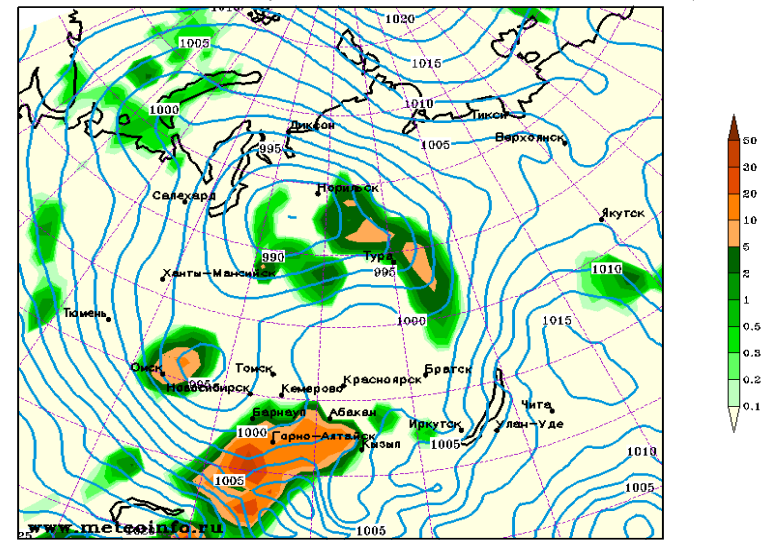
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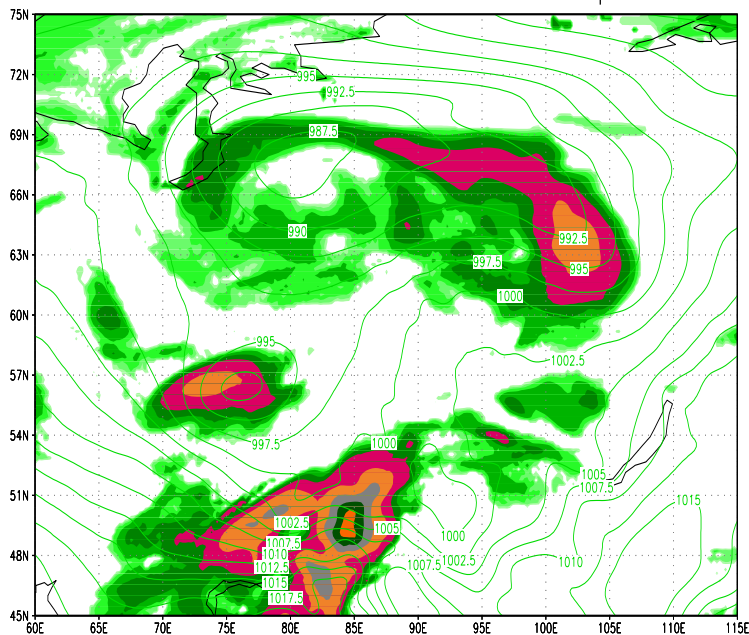
Осадки и давление на уровне моря  
Зчас. МСК 27.04.2015 (от 26.04.2015 00 ВСУ на 24час.)



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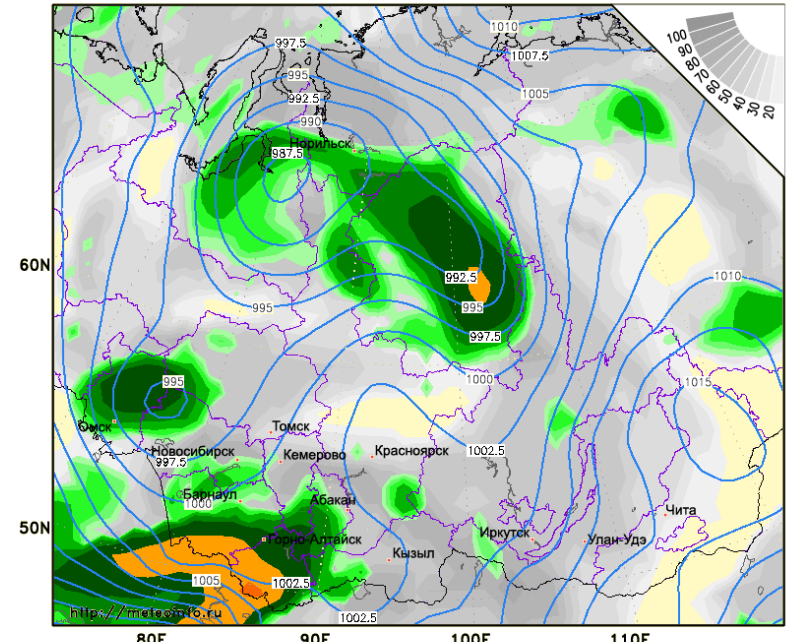
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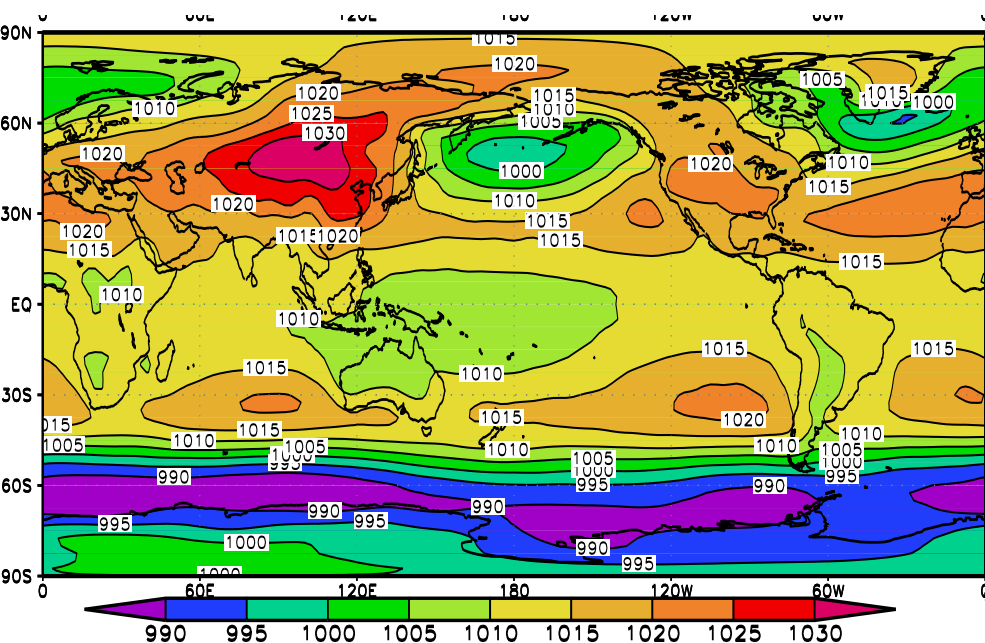
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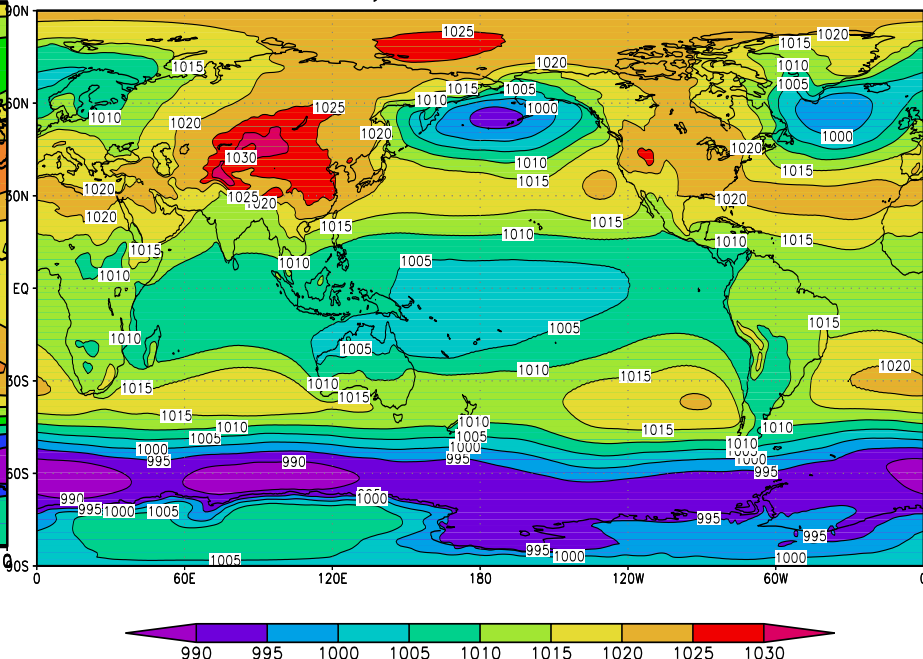
# Current (intermediary) results of climate modelling

- Resolution 0.9x0.72 degrees lon-lat, 28 levels
- AMIP2 protocol (SST and sea-ice fields prescribed, changing in time).
- Initial conditions for 01.01.1979 (ERA Interim).
- 5 years calculated so far.

# Mean January 1979-1983 MSLP field



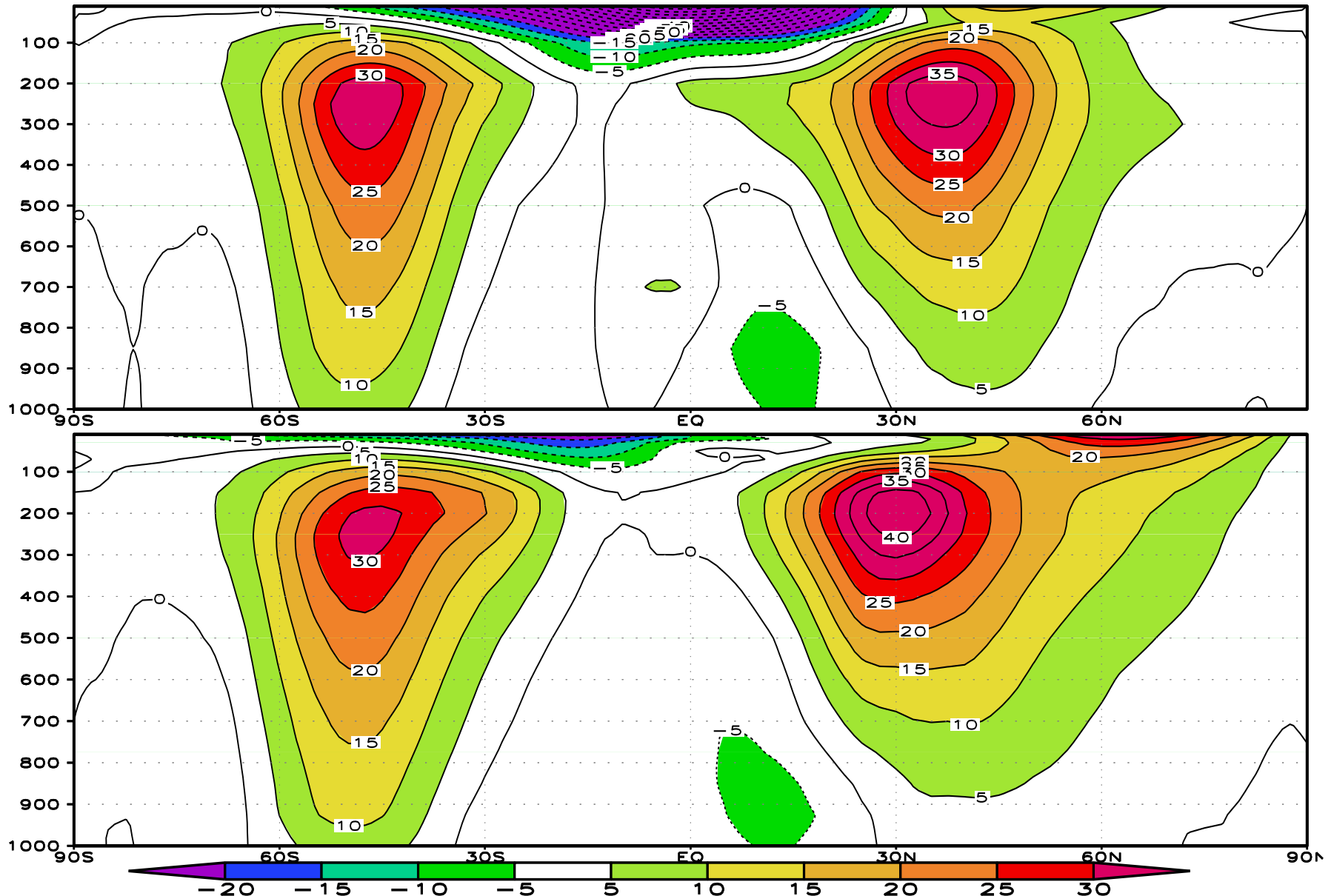
Mean January MSLP 1979-1983 nam45



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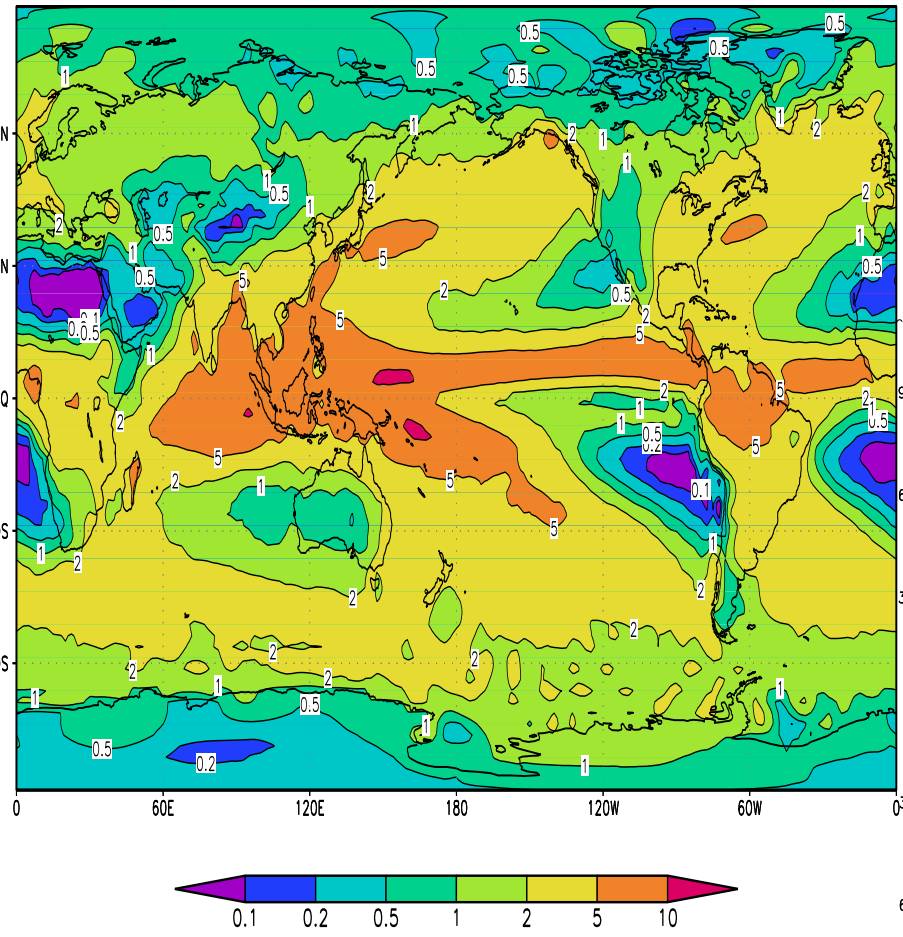
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# Mean January zonal wind: model (top), ERA (bottom)

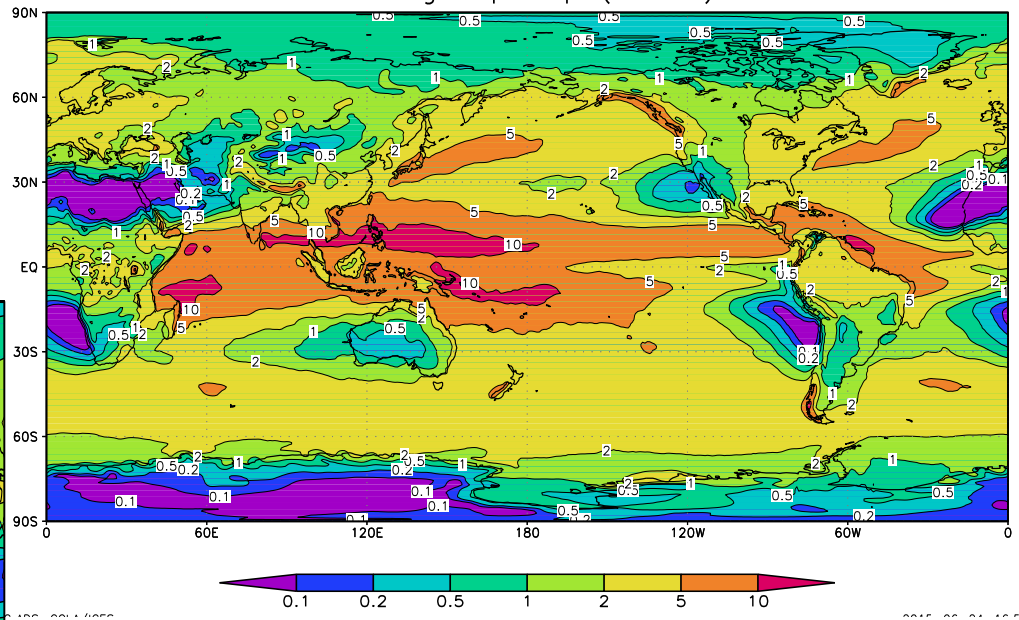


# Precipitation

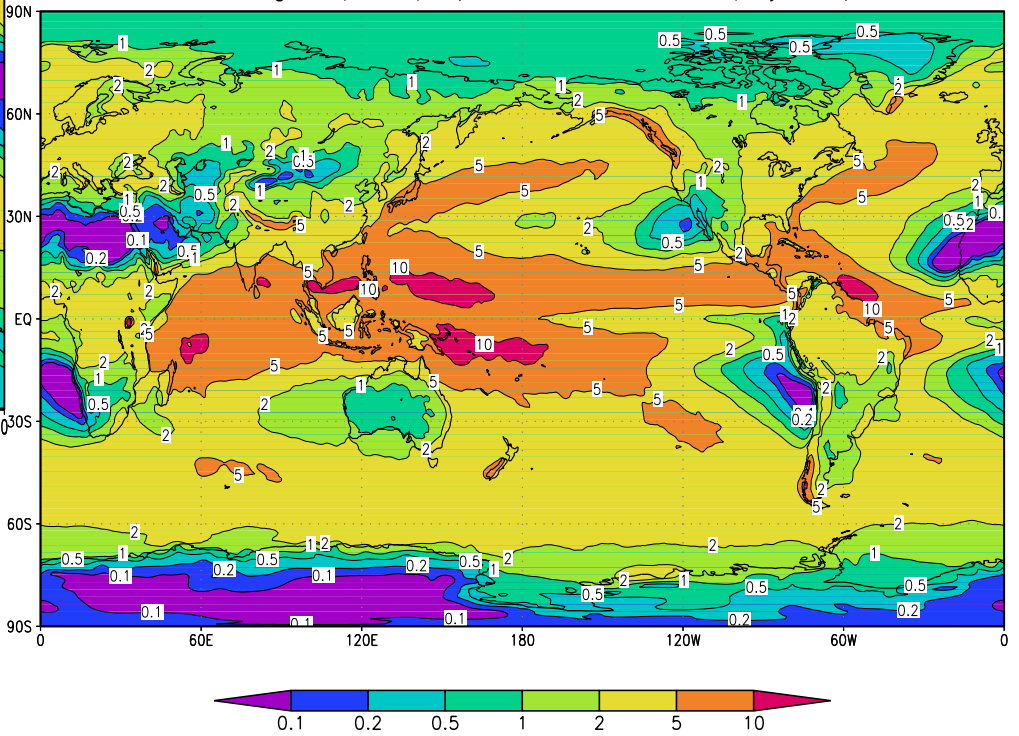
Averaged precip (Xie-Arkin)



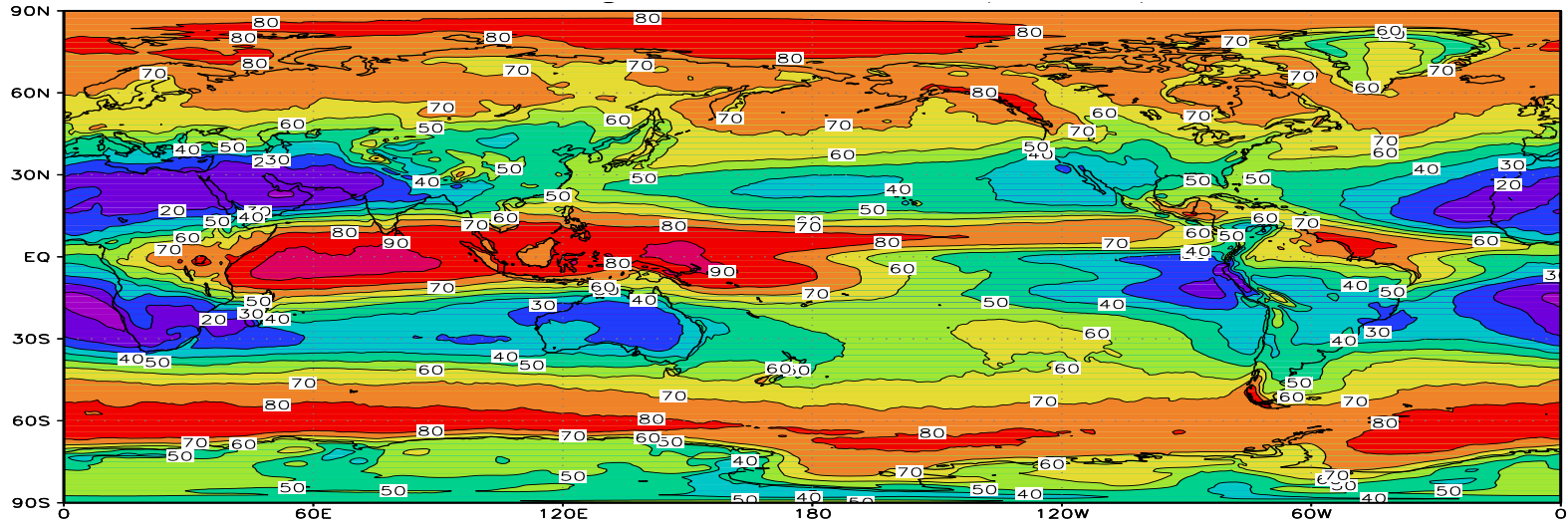
Averaged precip (model)



Averaged precip (model with microphysics)

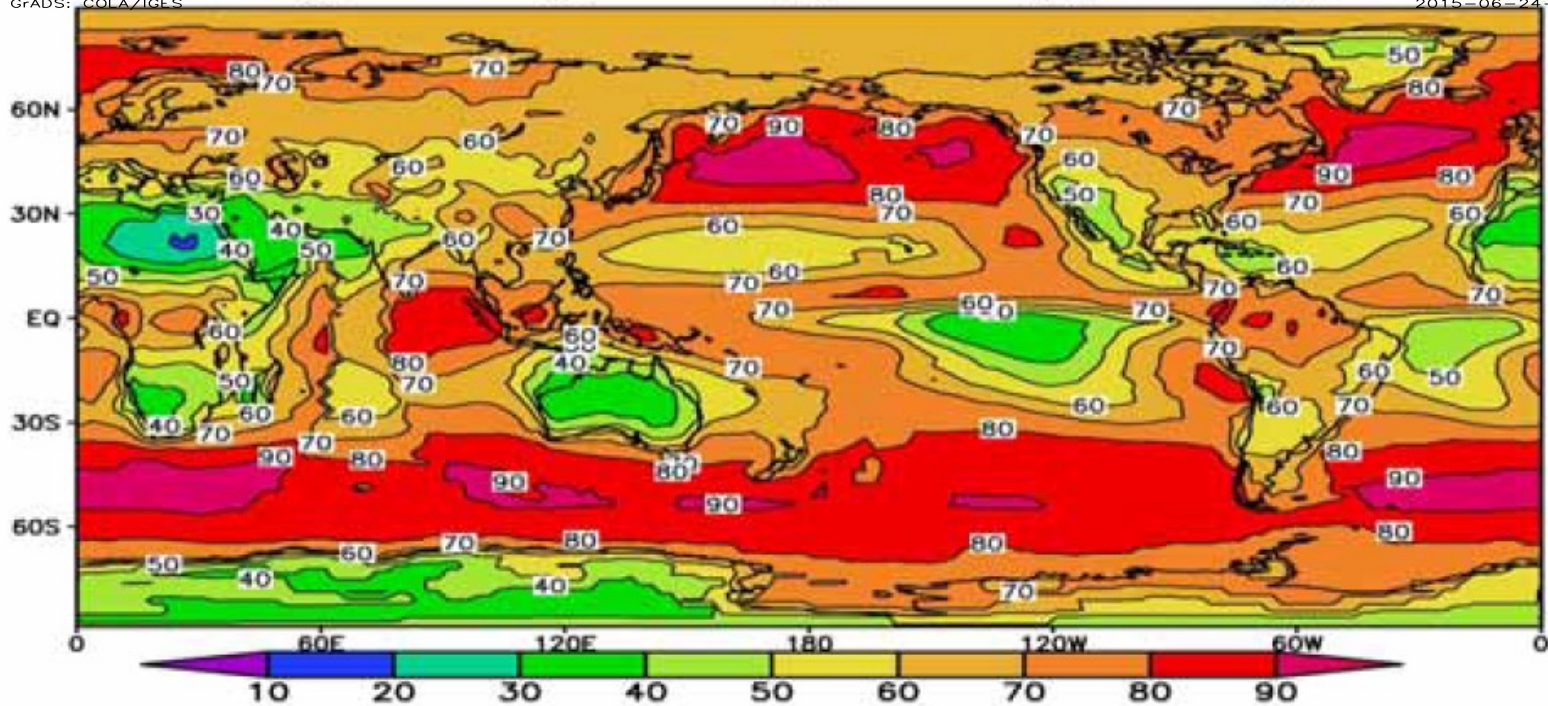


# Mean cloudiness: model (top), reanalysis (bottom)

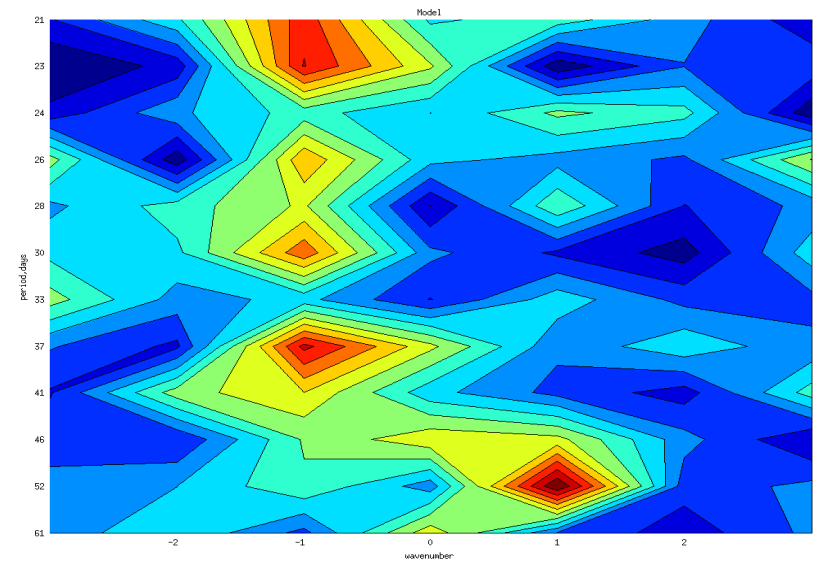
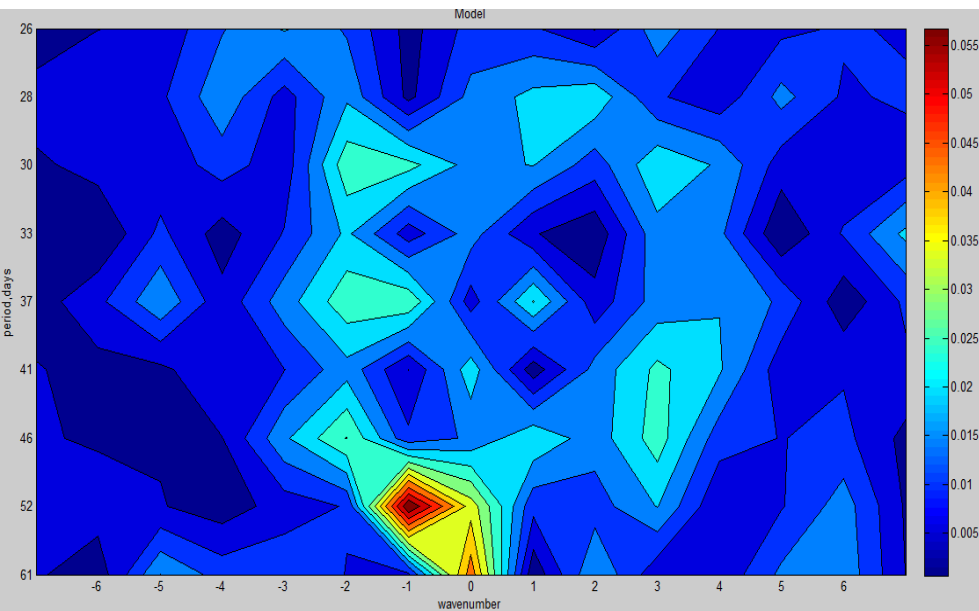
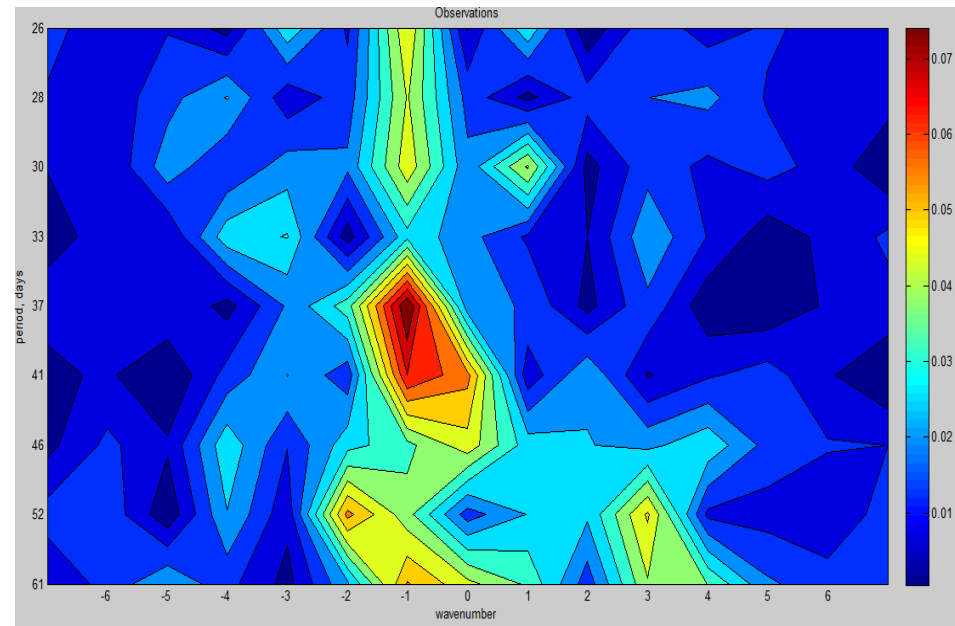


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MJO spectra:  
observations (top), INM  
climate model (bottom  
left), SL-AV model  
(bottom right)





# Further plans

- Hybrid vertical coordinate, higher model top (up to 0.5 hPa)
- Cloud parameterization for climate changes modelling mode.
- Coupling to the INM global ocean models

# Conclusions

- Multiscale (unified) version of the global atmosphere model SL-AV has been developed.
- NWP mode works reasonably well
- Further improvements are needed for climate changes modelling.

# Thank you for attention!

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