

# Deterministic and fuzzy verification of the cloudiness of High Resolution operational models

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# Verification against satellite data

## 3 data types :

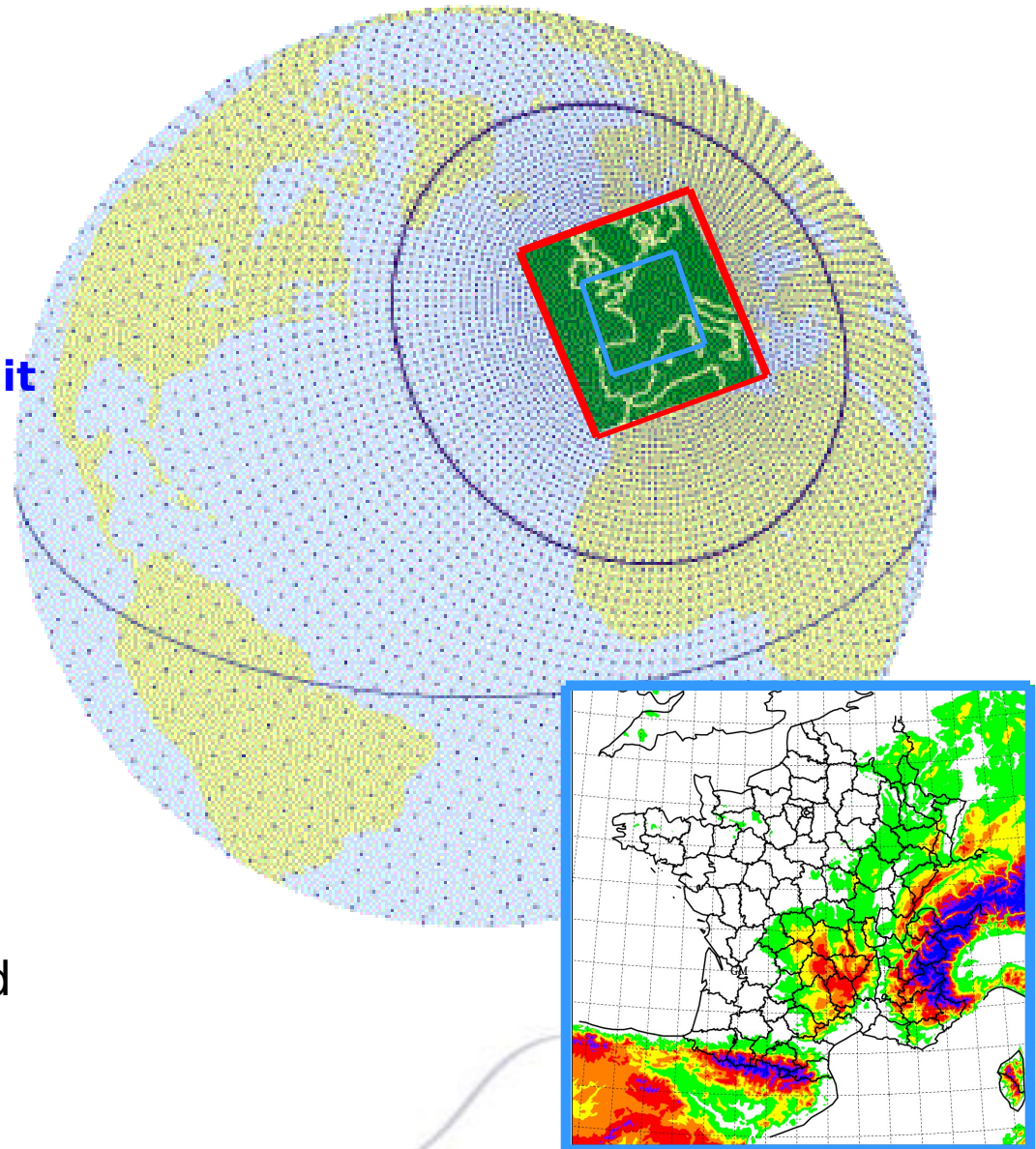
- **ALADIN-FRANCE 0.1 ° and mass flux convection scheme**
- **AROME 0.025 ° and explicit convection**
- SEVIRI METEOSAT 9

## Verification time:

every 6 hours, instantaneous

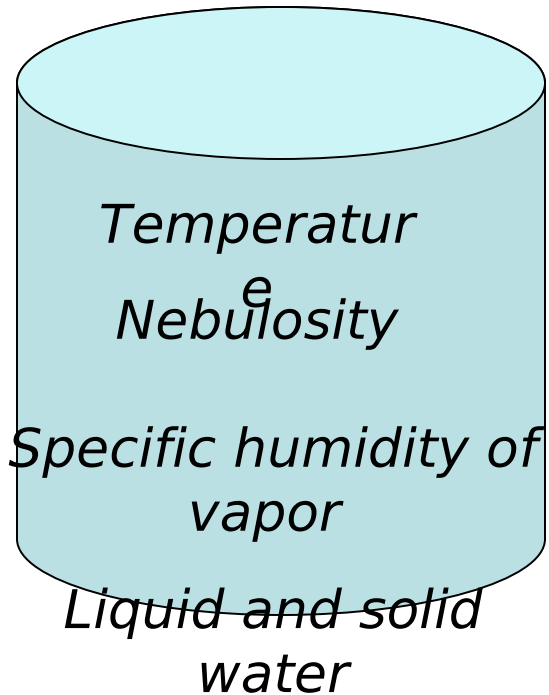
## verification domain

AROME domain with 0.1 ° grid



# Simulated satellite images (SSI)

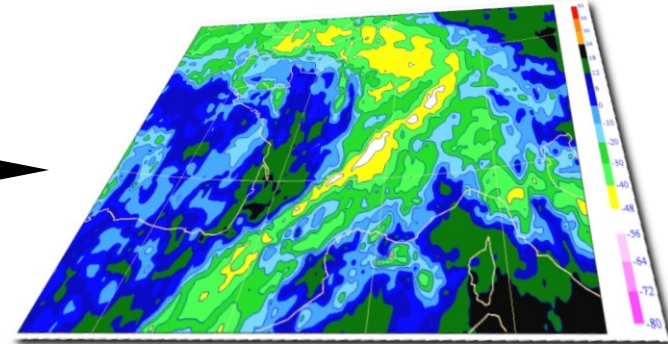
Output of the model  
forecasts



**RTTOV\_CLOUD 8**



Two-dimensional SSI



AROME : explicit clouds

ALADIN : explicit + subgrid clouds

Wavelength of the Infrared channel is 10.8 micrometers



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# Summary

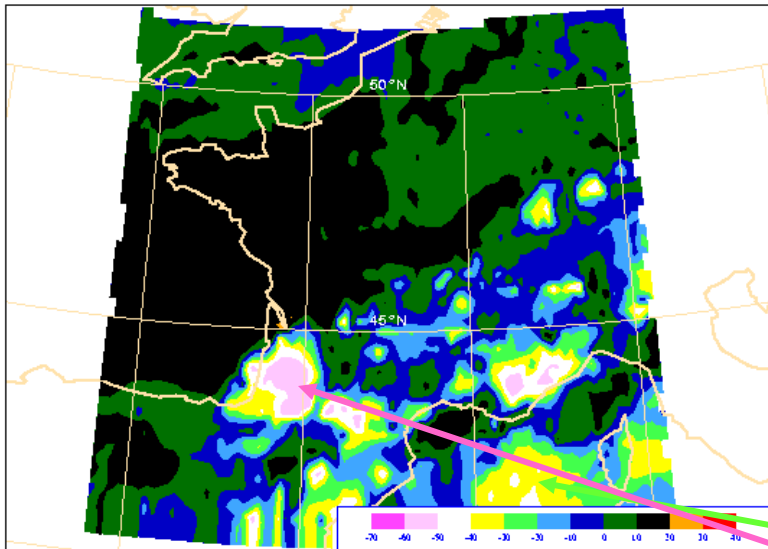
- Introduction
  
- Last Summer :
  - Illustrative example of SSI : 11 June 2008
  - Deterministic scores
  - Probabilistic scores
  - Comparison with QPF
  
- Conclusion



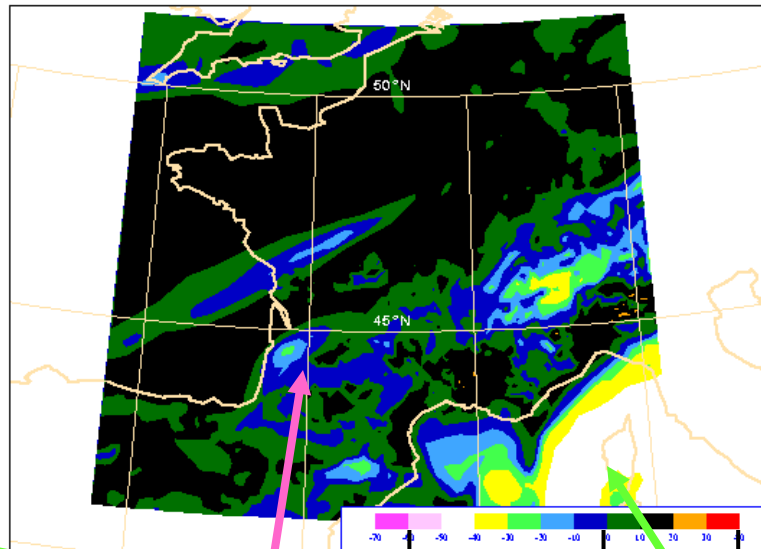
# Simulated satellite images (SSI)

11 June 2008 18 UTC

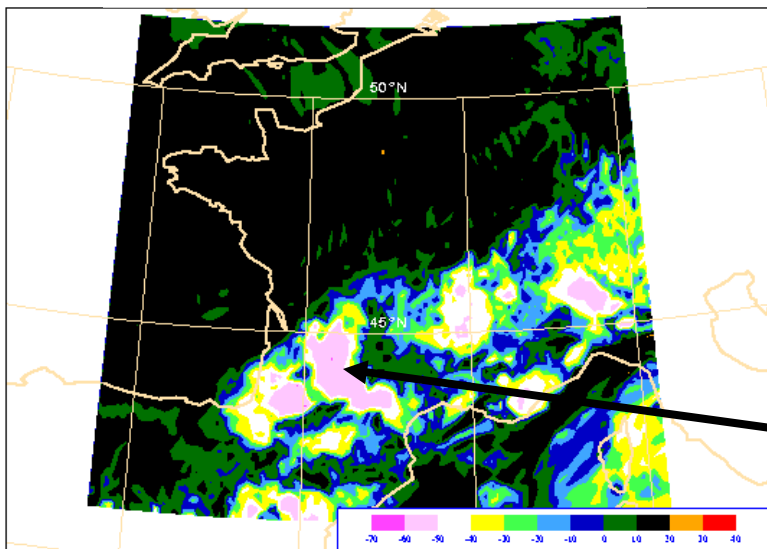
### Observation



### ALADIN



### AROME



213 K    273 K    313 K

No convective subgrid clouds

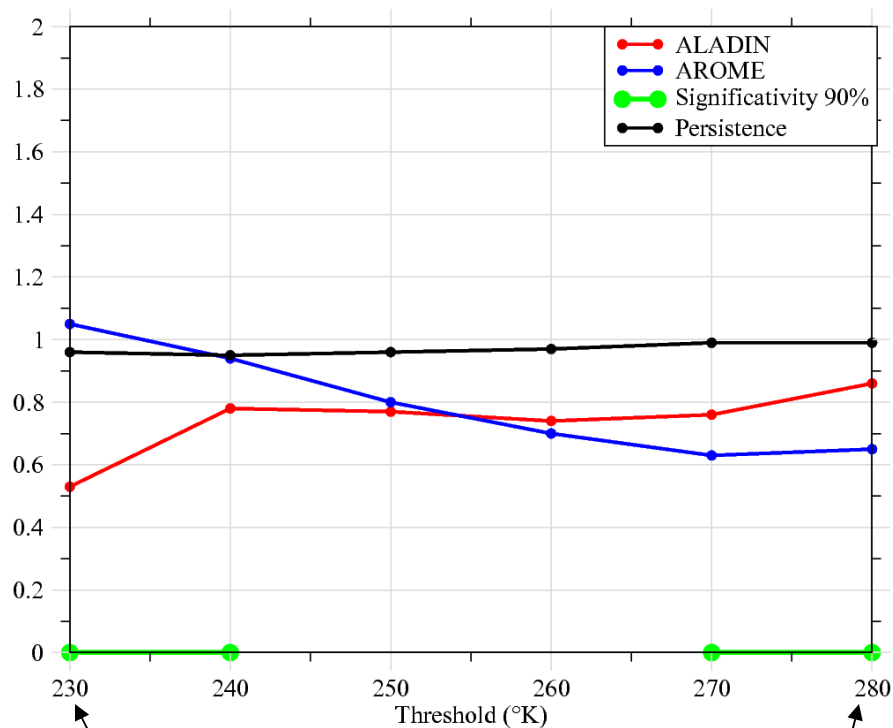
Explicit clouds

Correct development of the convection

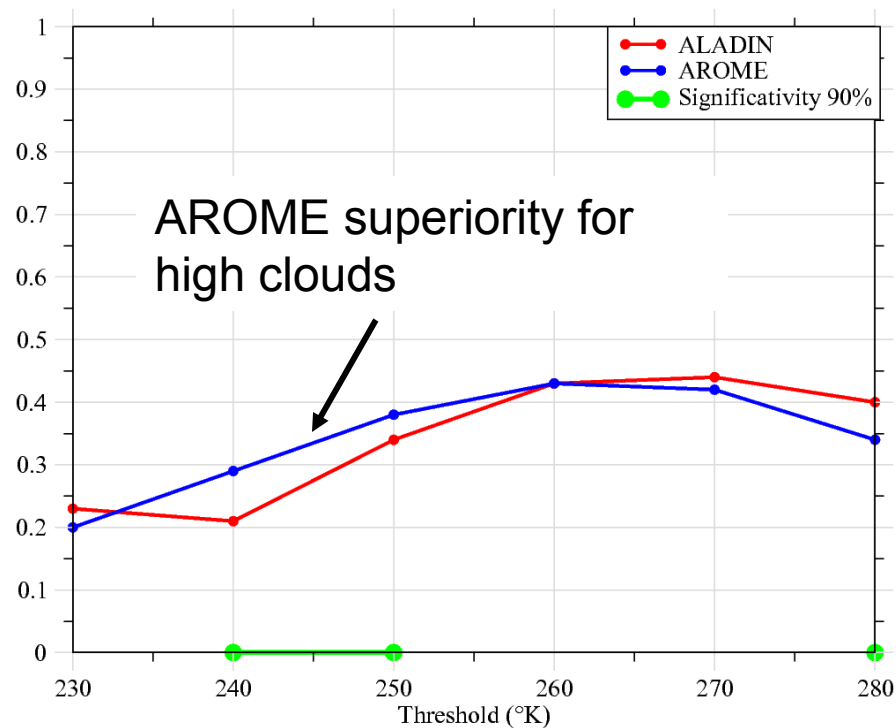
# SUMMER 18 UTC

2 June – 10 September 2008

## BIAS



## Heidke skill score



3%

~5000 events

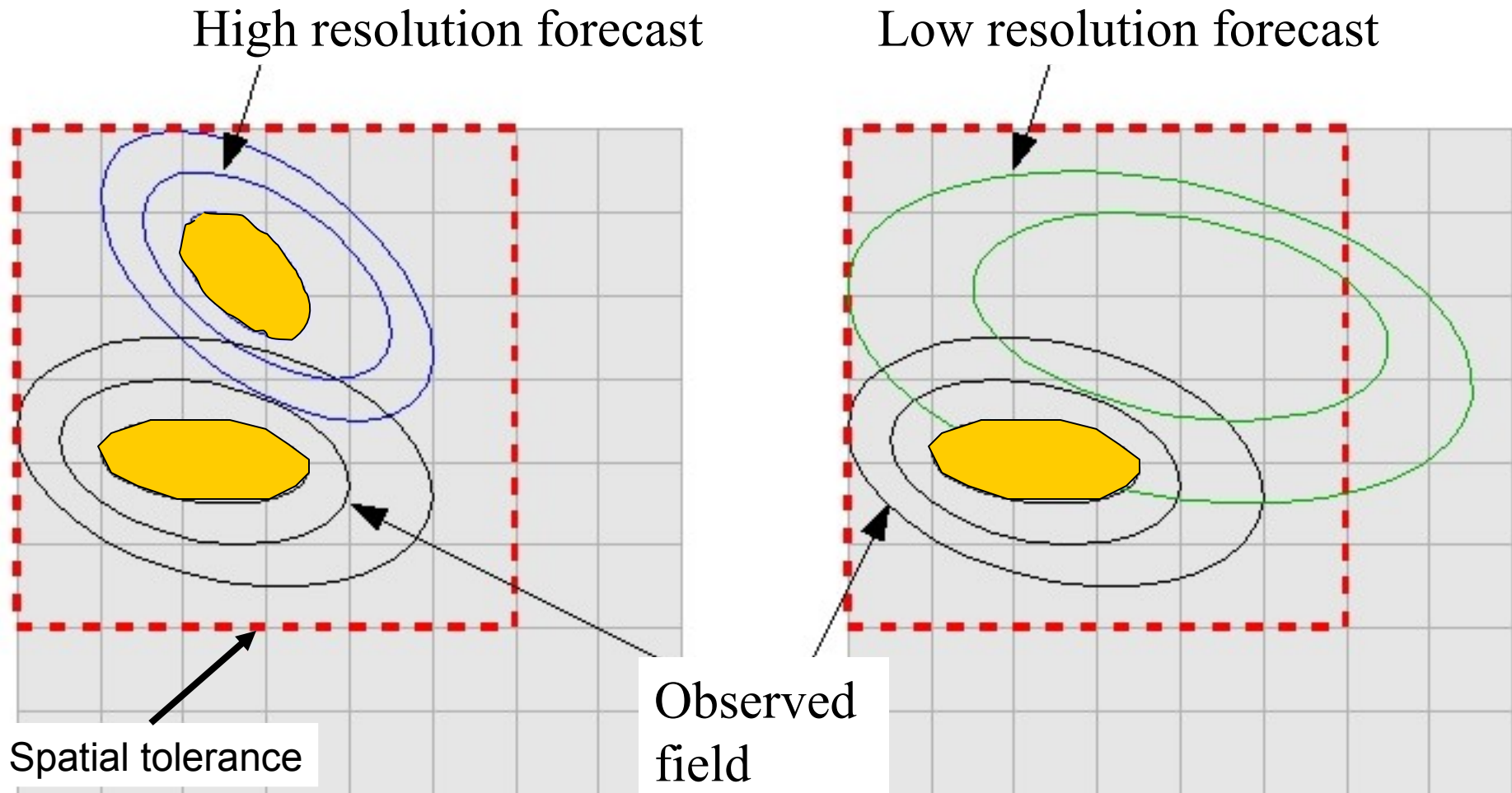
40%

~91000 events



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# double-penalty and neighborhood



Deterministic forecast



Probabilistic forecast

# Fuzzy approach

- **Brier Score (BS):**

$$BS = \frac{1}{Nobs} \sum_{k=1}^{Nobs} (pk - ok)^2$$

- **Brier Skill Score(BSS):**

$$BSS = 1 - \frac{BS}{BSref} \quad \text{Ref = persistence}$$

- **2 interesting limits :**

1- Neighbourhood size = 0 :

$$BSS \xrightarrow{v \rightarrow 0} HSS$$

2- Neighborhood = simulation domain

$$BS \xrightarrow{v \rightarrow L} \frac{1}{Nday} \sum_{d=1}^{Nday} \alpha(d) \times (1 - BIAS(d))^2$$

( further details in Amodei and Stein (2009) )





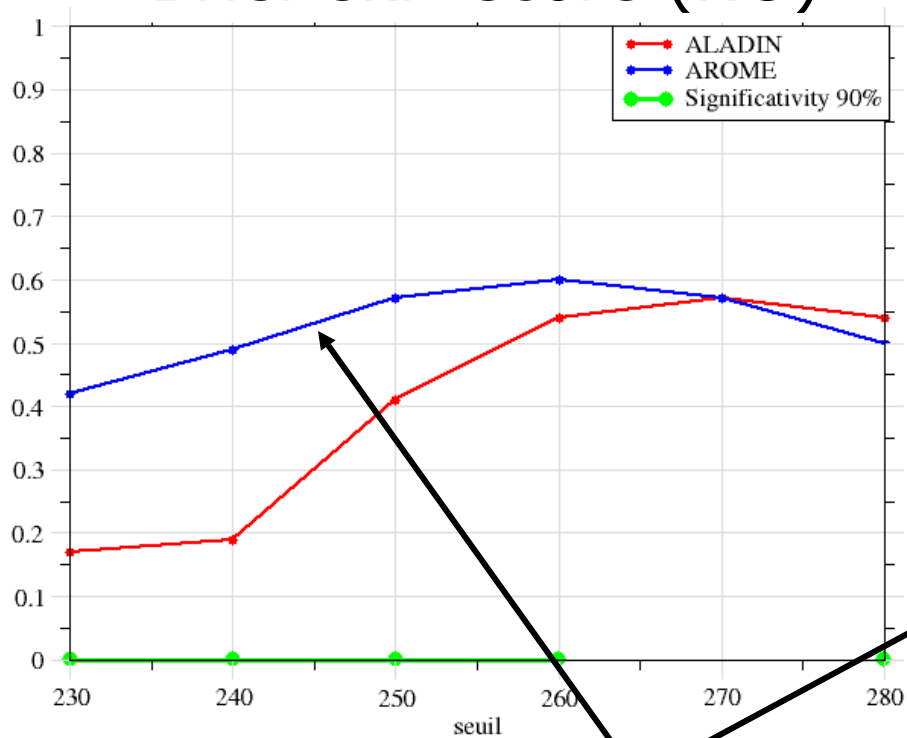
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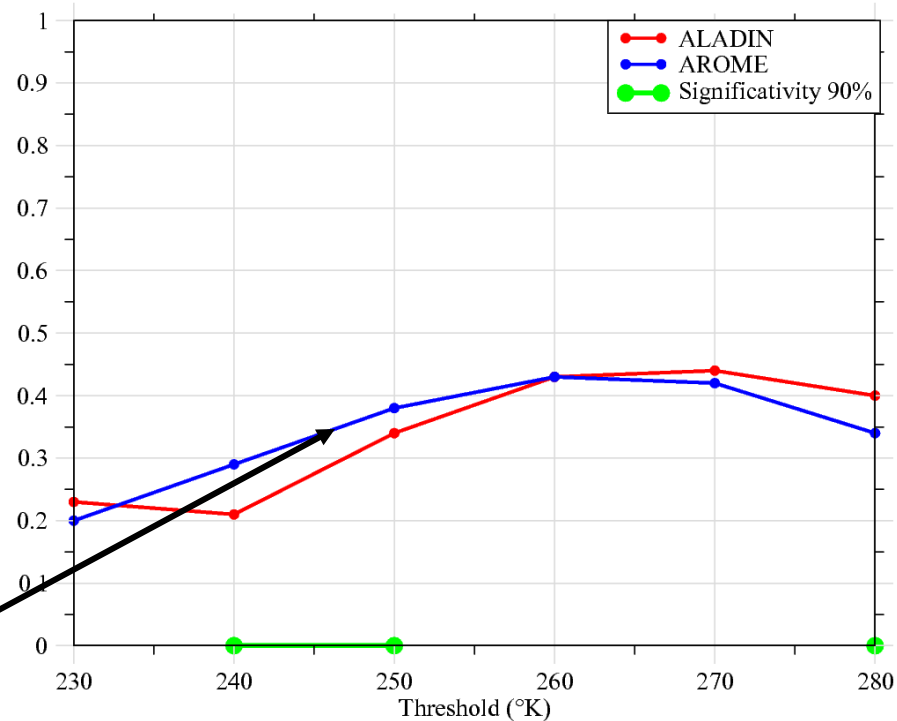
2 June – 10 September 2008

Neighborhood 76 Km

Brier skill score (NO)



Heidke skill score



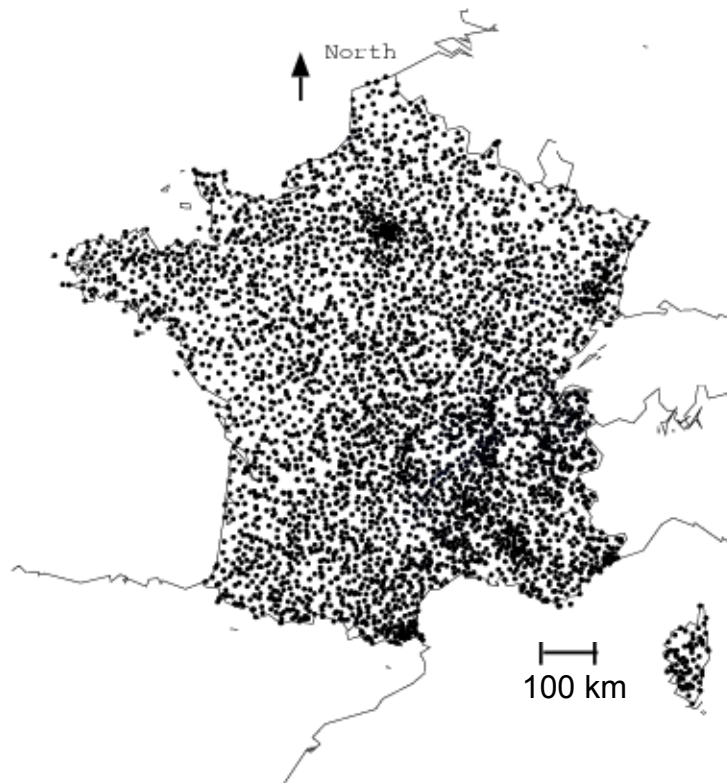
More impact of the double penalty for high clouds in AROME



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# QPF verification

- Average the data and the models QPF at  $0.2^{\circ} \times 0.2^{\circ}$



Climatological state network

~4000 raingauges giving 24 hours accumulated rain every day

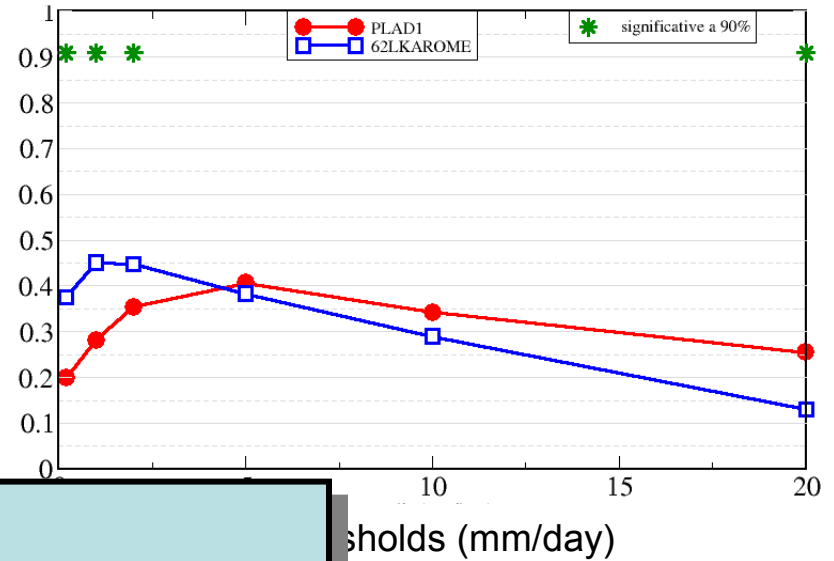


# QPF verification during SUMMER 2008

2 June - 10 September 2008

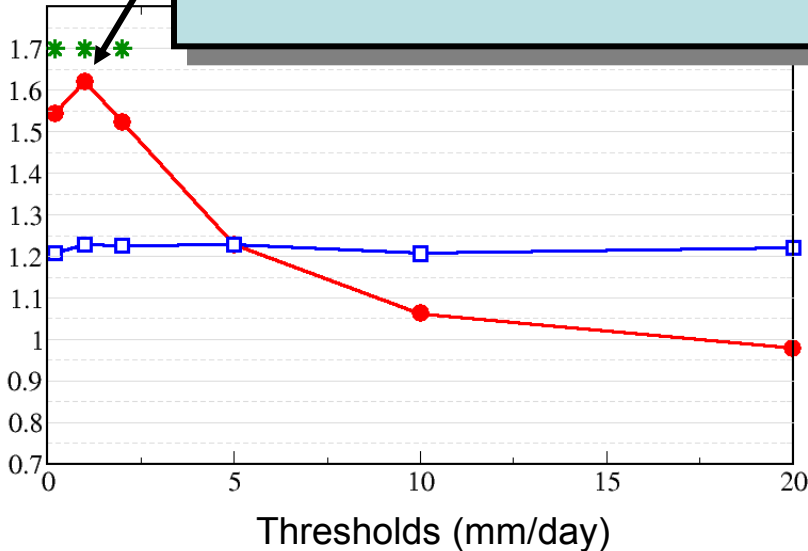
## 24 hours accumulated rain

### Heidke skill score

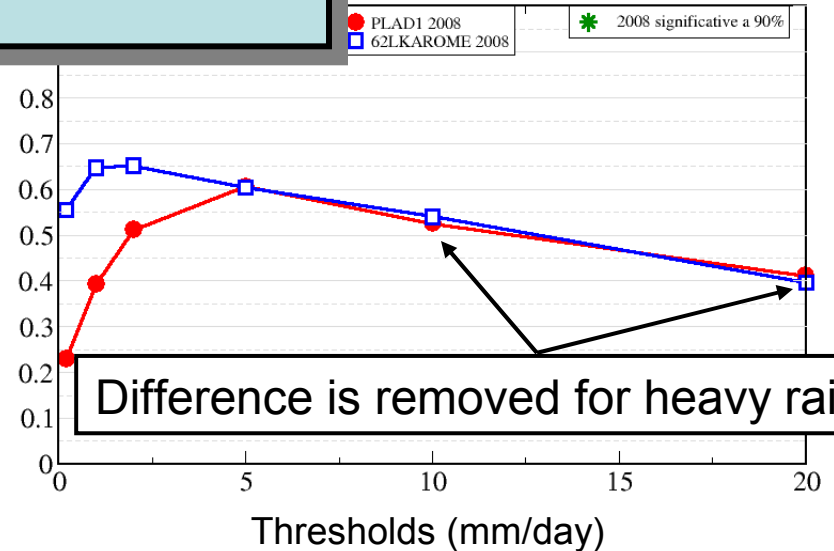


Known draw  
ALADIN co  
scheme

We recover the same improvement of the scores for heavy rains and cold SSI due to the removal of the double penalty



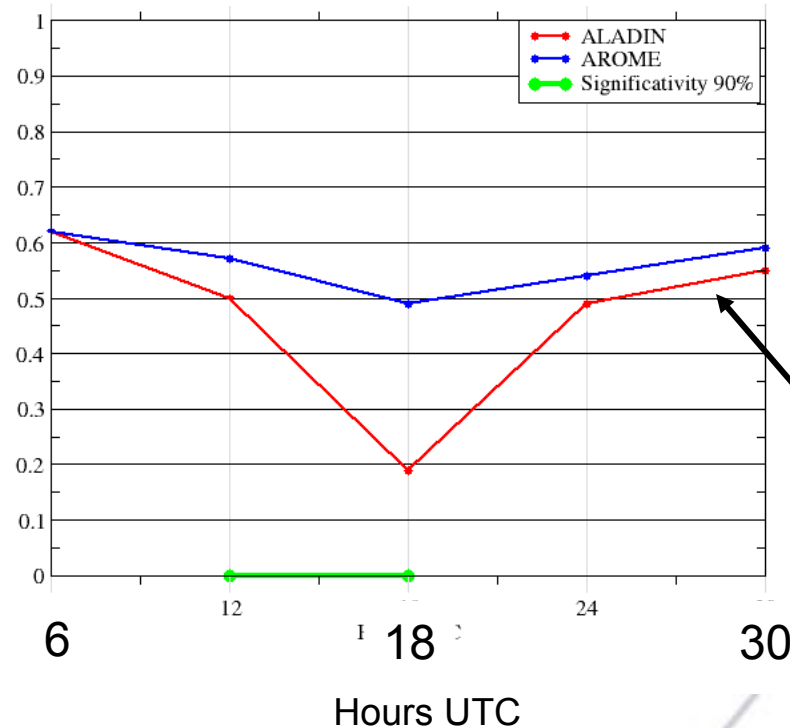
ill score (NO)  
rhood 76 Km



Difference is removed for heavy rains

# Daily evolution of SSI

BSS SSI every 6 hours  
high clouds 240°K  
Neighborhood 76 Km



During the night  
convective clouds are  
likely replaced by large  
scale cloudy  
phenomena

Difficulties to forecast  
convective clouds

# Conclusion

- SSI allow to document the forecast quality of the all types of clouds
- ALADIN and AROME under-estimate low and medium clouds.
- High-tropospheric clouds are quasi-absent in ALADIN forecasts.
- The fuzzy approach corrects the double penalty for the convection simulation for AROME but not for ALADIN.
- QPF and SSI verifications provide complementary information for convective events



## Future plans

- Define a temporal tolerance (Theis *et al* 2005) to reduce the double penalty for temporal misplacement
- Perform the QPF verification for 6 hours accumulated precipitation.
- Compare both information provided by these new verifications for SSI and QPF
- Operational use of both verifications



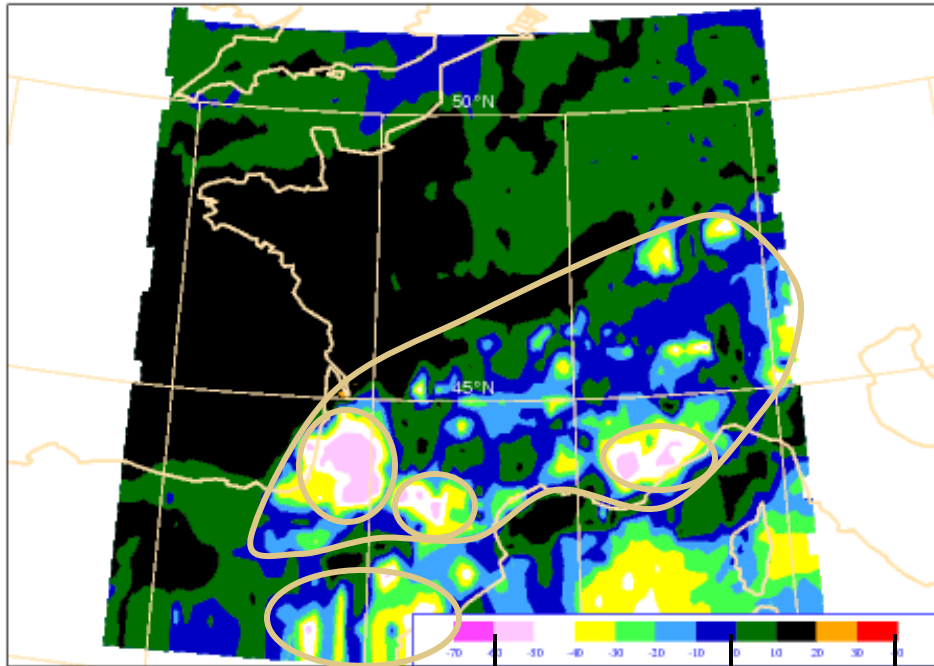
# The End



# 11 JUNE 2008 18 UTC

## SEVIRI

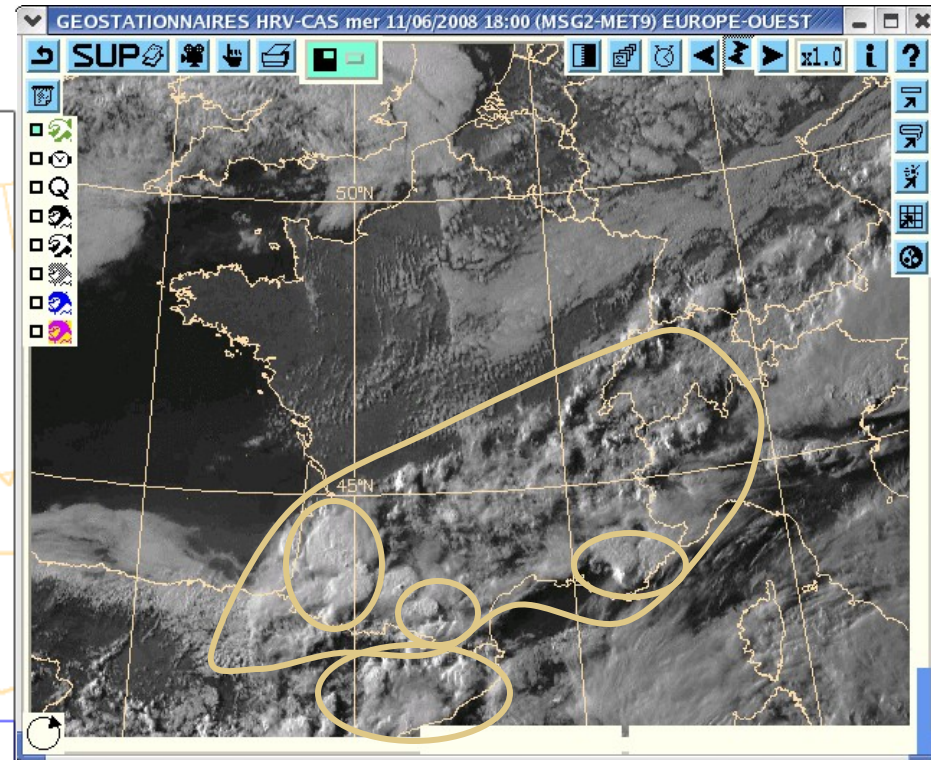
### 10.8 micrometers



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Different kind of clouds could be separated

## High-resolution visible image



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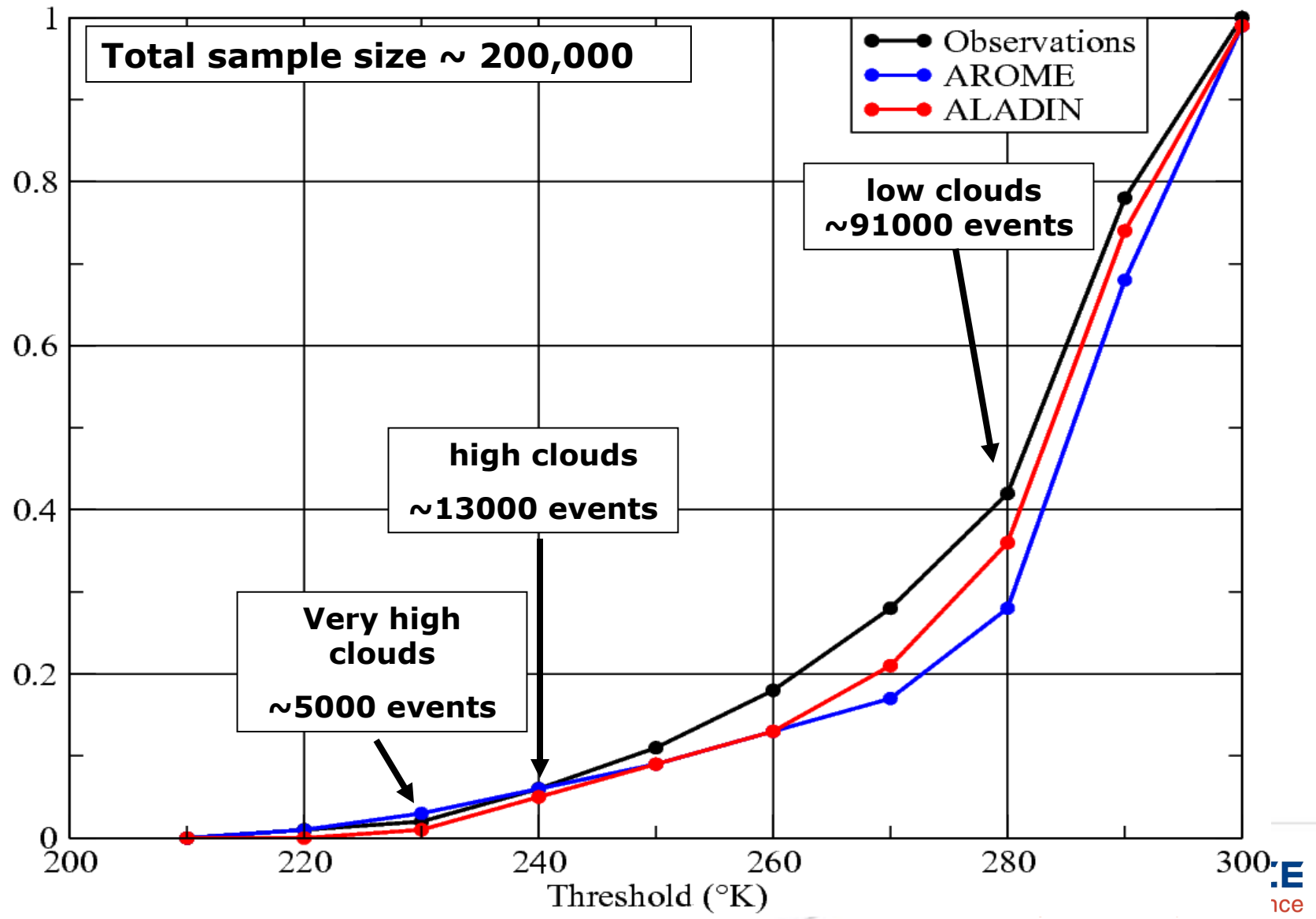


# SUMMER

## Frequency of observed and forecasted events

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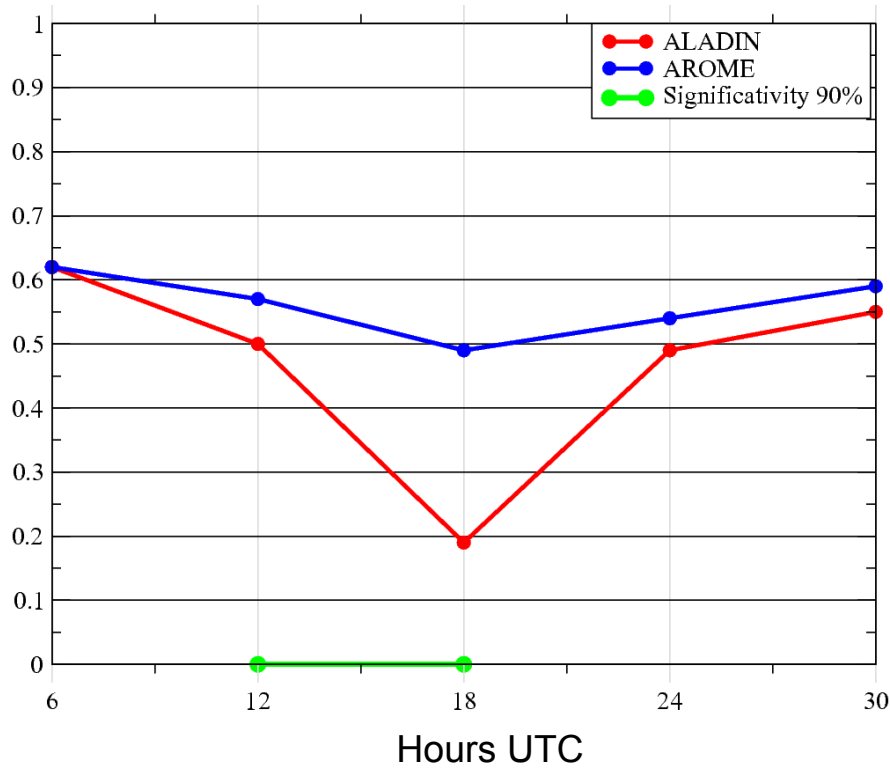
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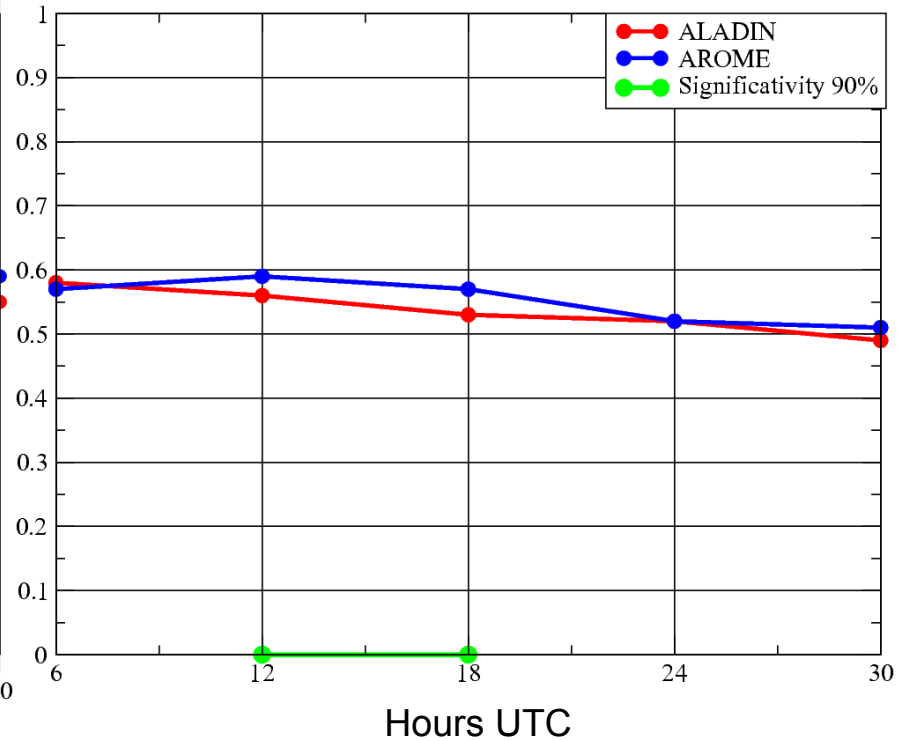
# BSS SSI

every 6 hours for high clouds 240°K Neighborhood 76 Km

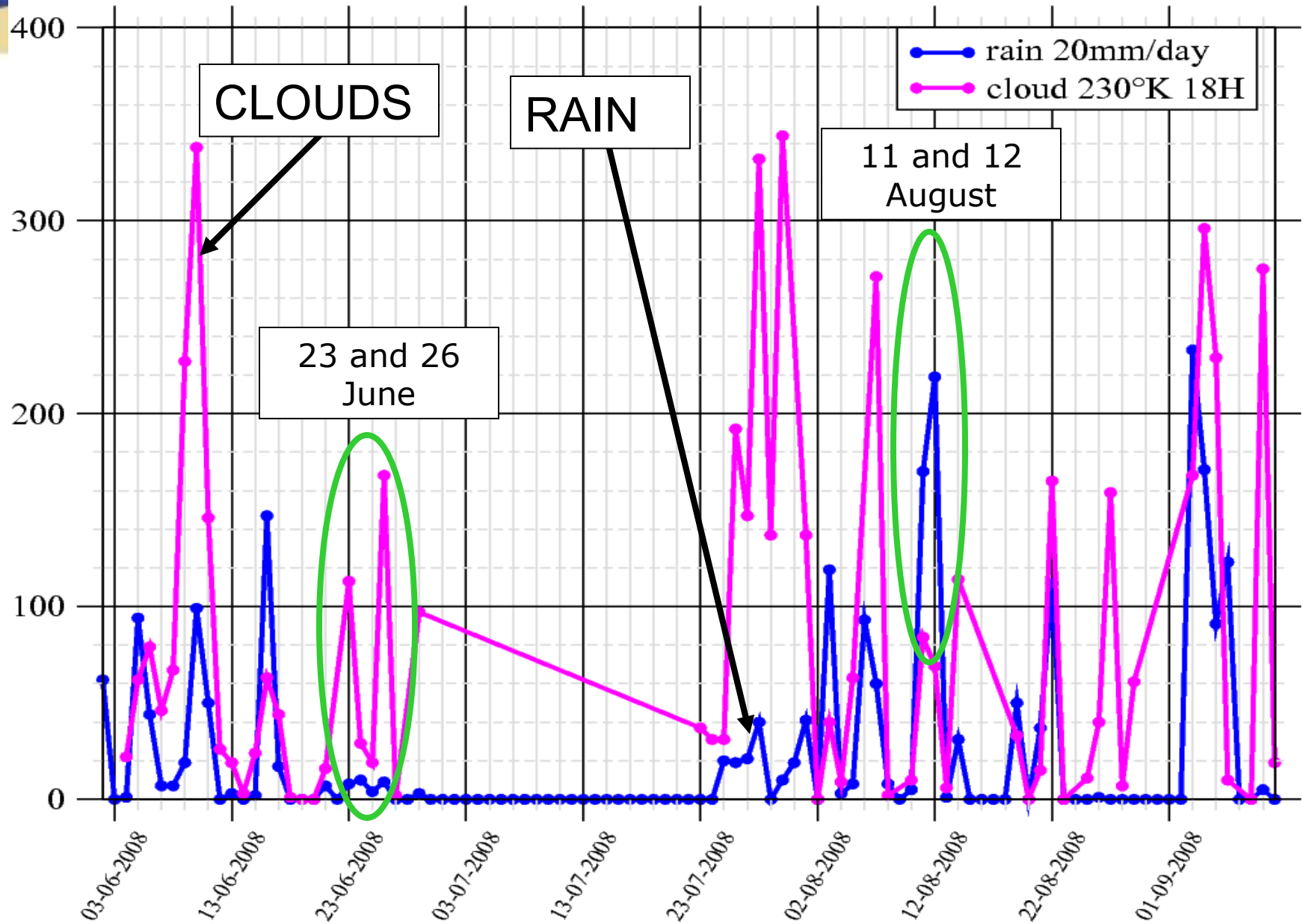
## SUMMER 2008



## AUTUMN 2008

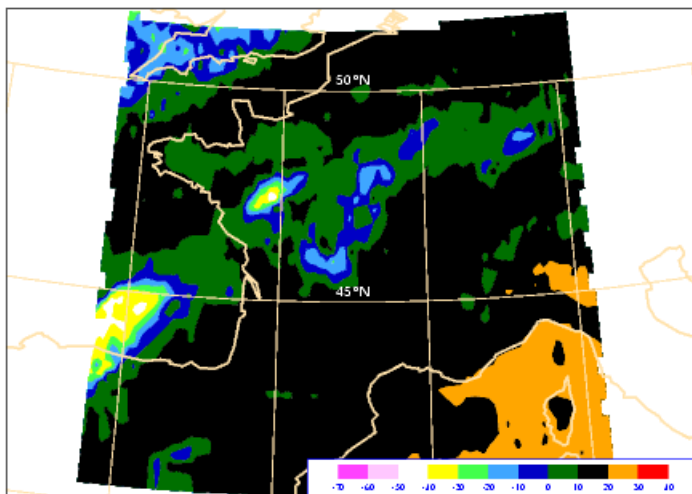


# Number of observed events

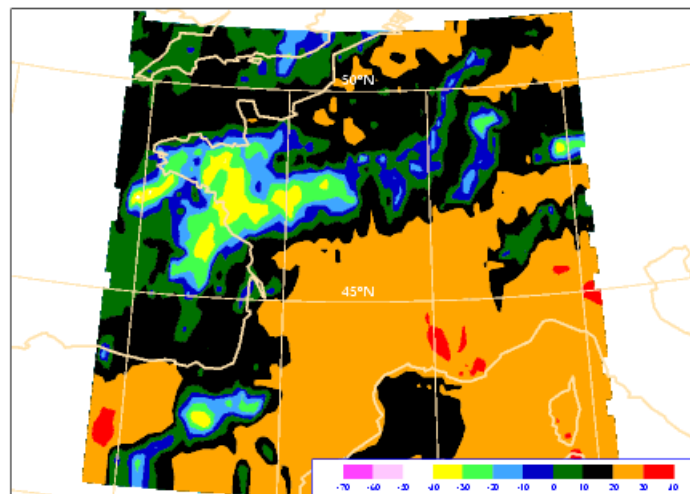


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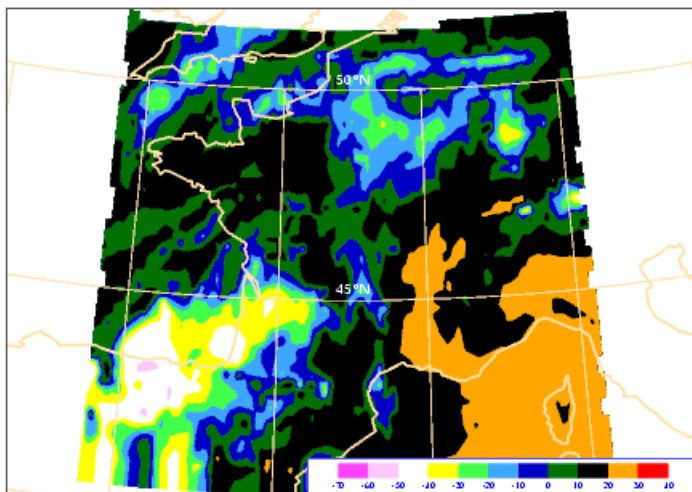
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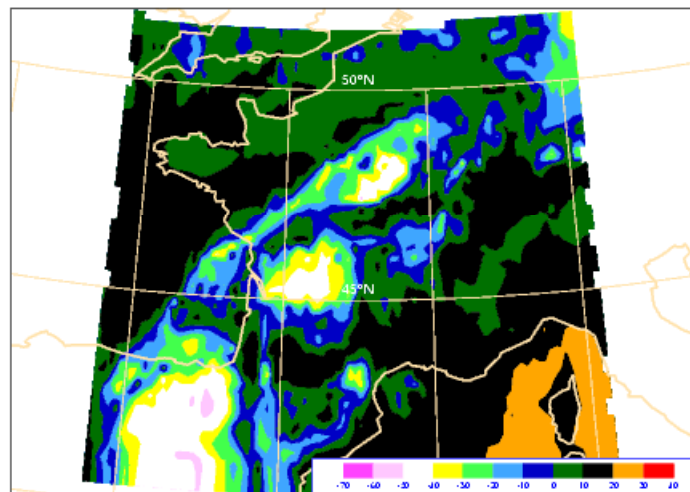
12 UTC



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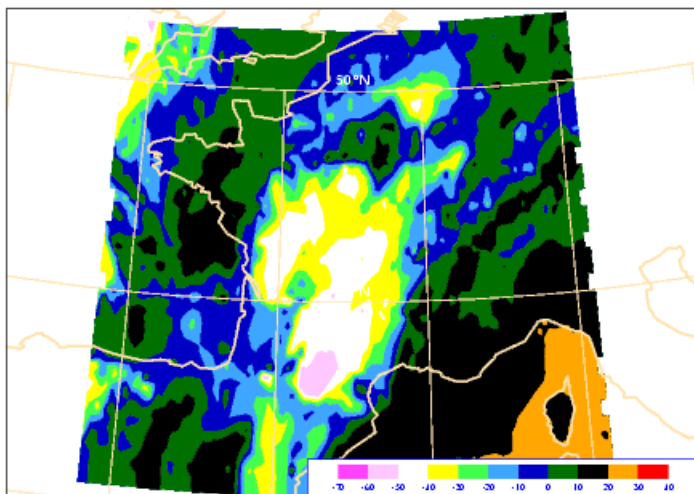
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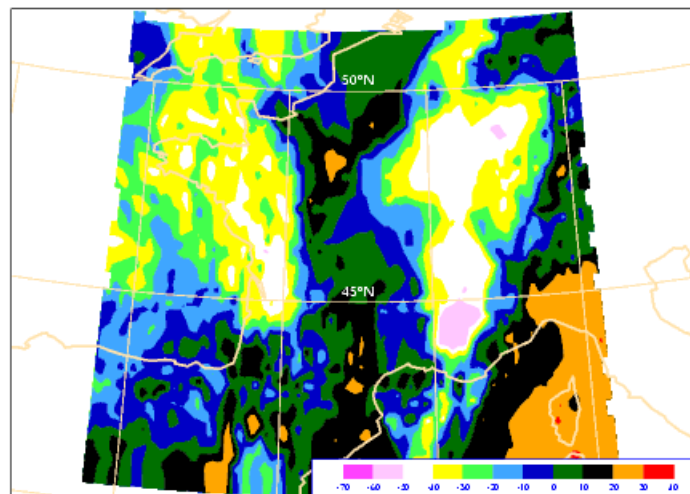
# 11 AUGUST 2008

## SEVIRI

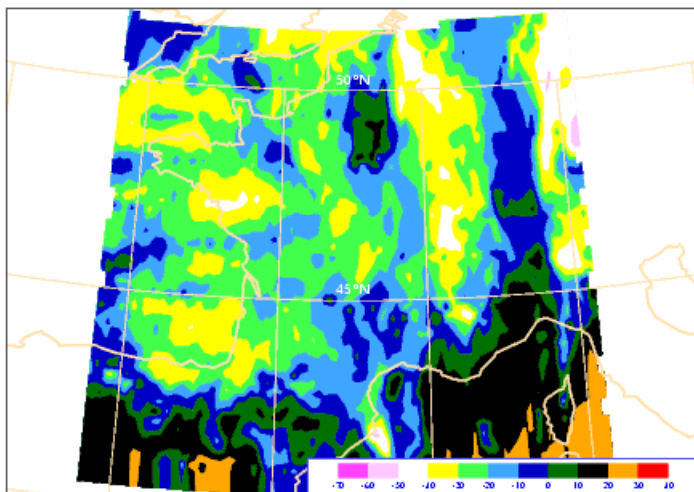
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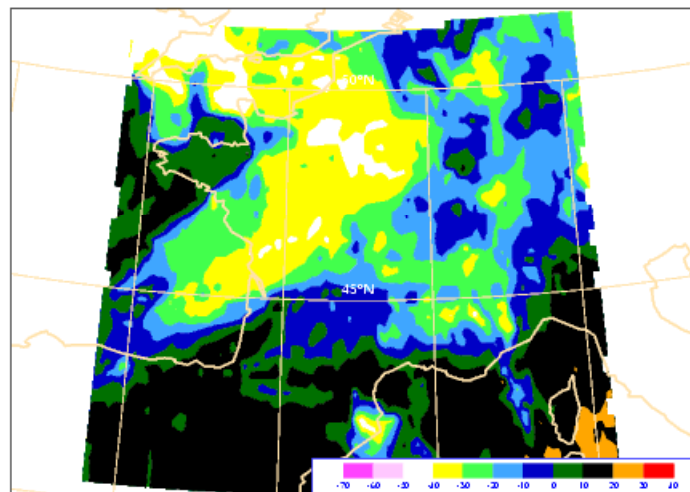
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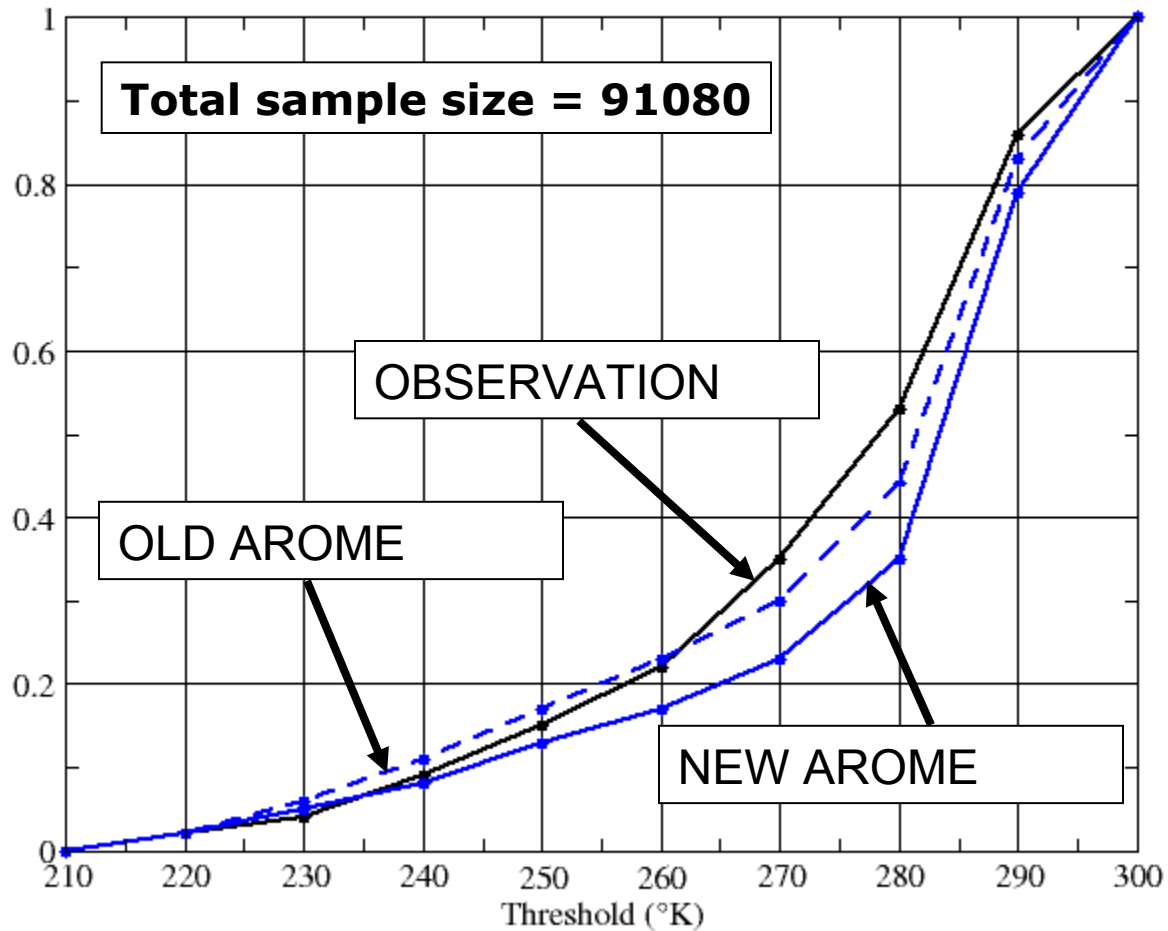


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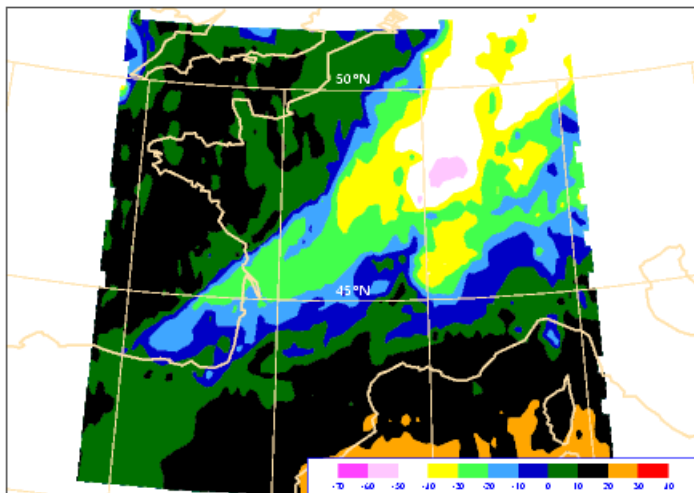
Base rate



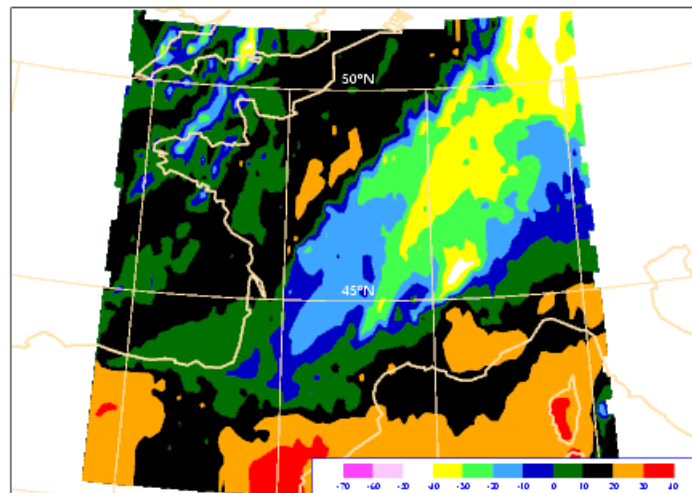
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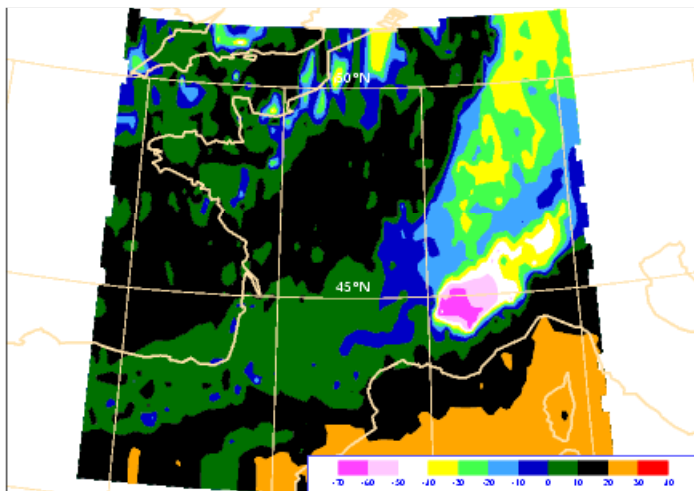
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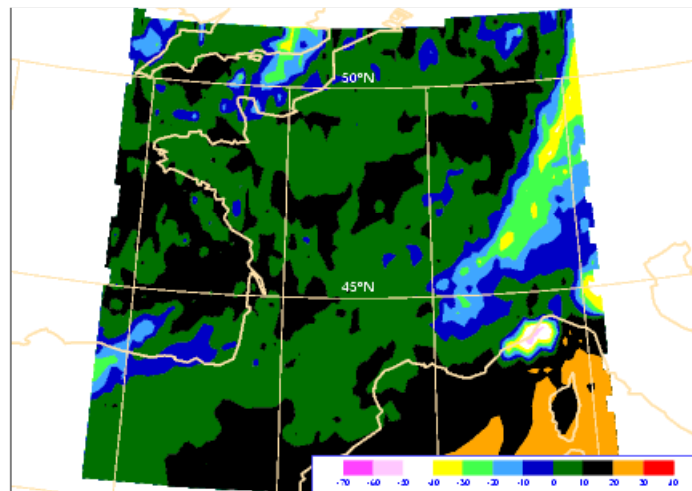
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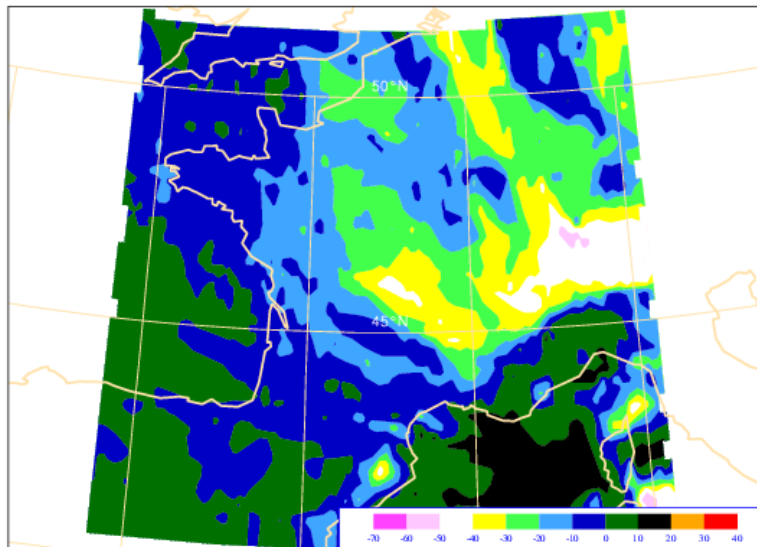
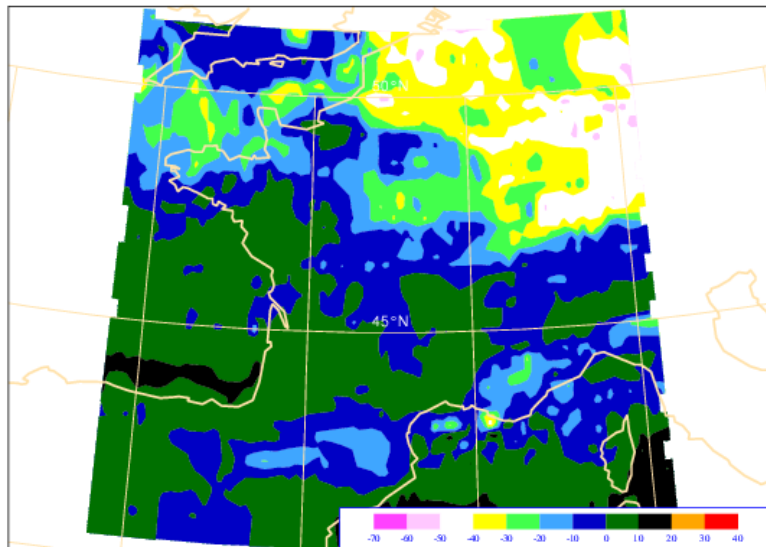
AUTUMN 2008

SSI ALADIN

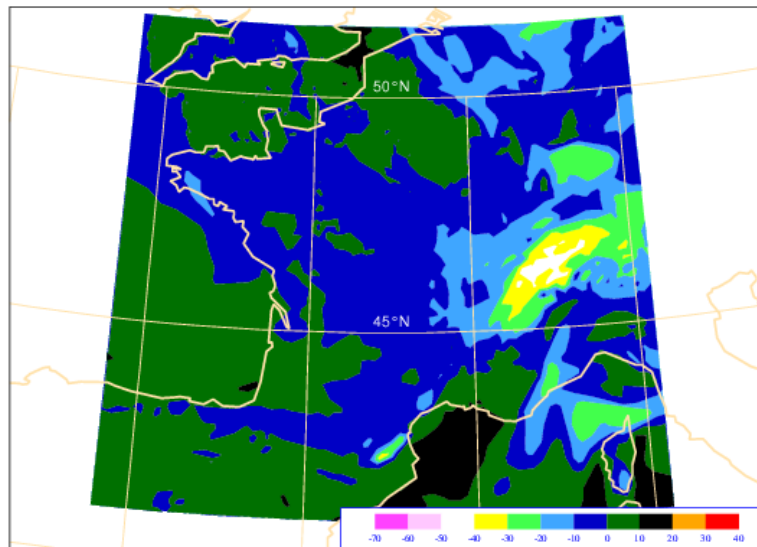
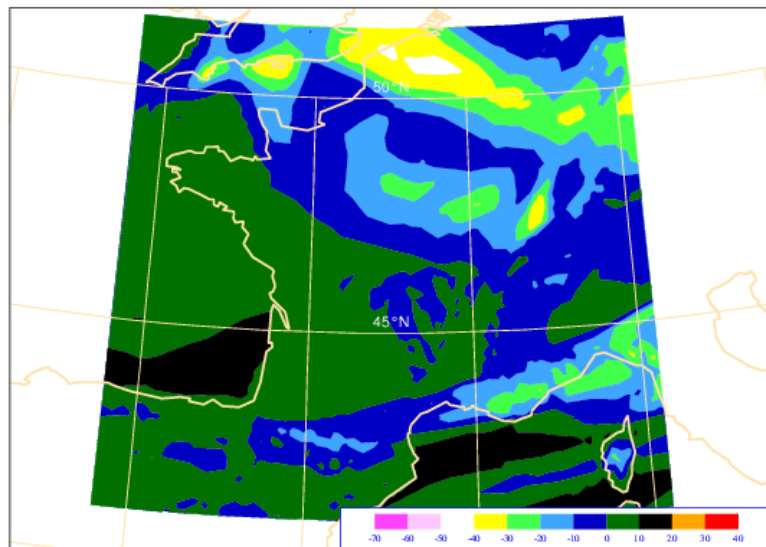
10.8 micrometers

20 november 2008 18 UTC

21 November 2008 18 UTC



Observation



ALADIN



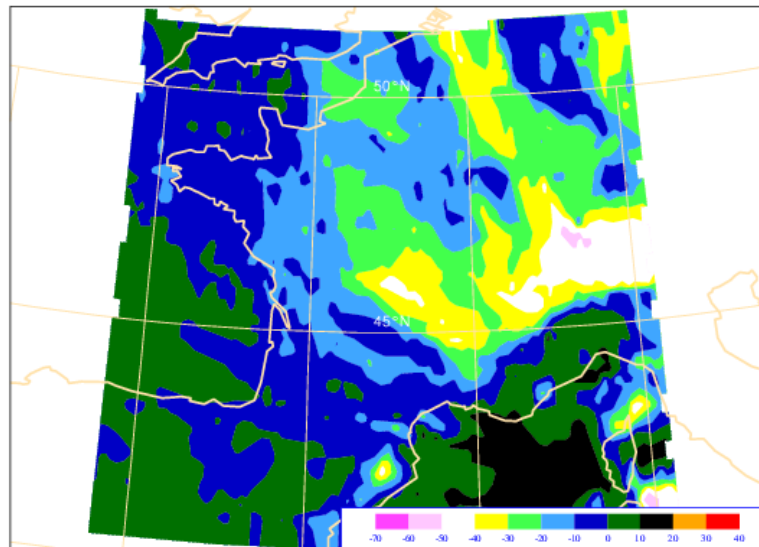
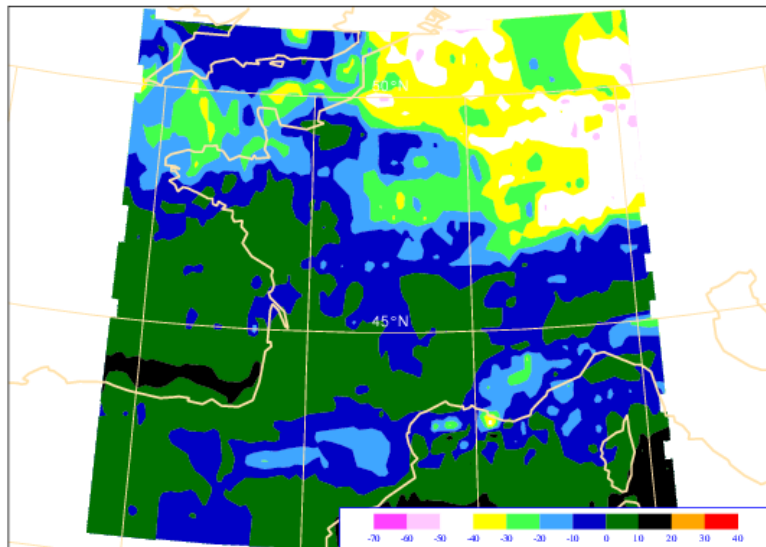
AUTUMN

SSI AROME

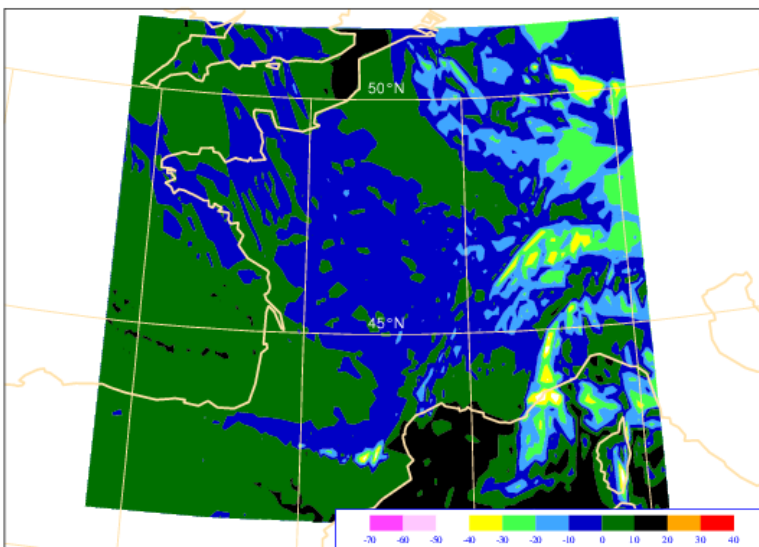
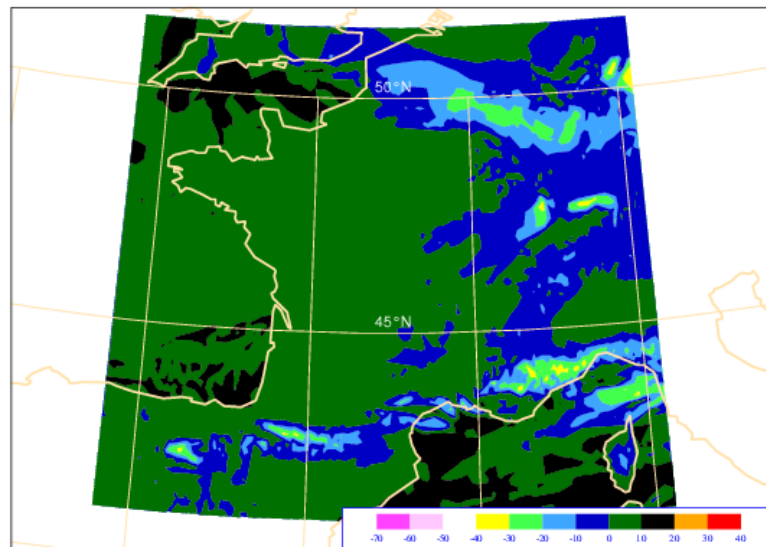
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Observation



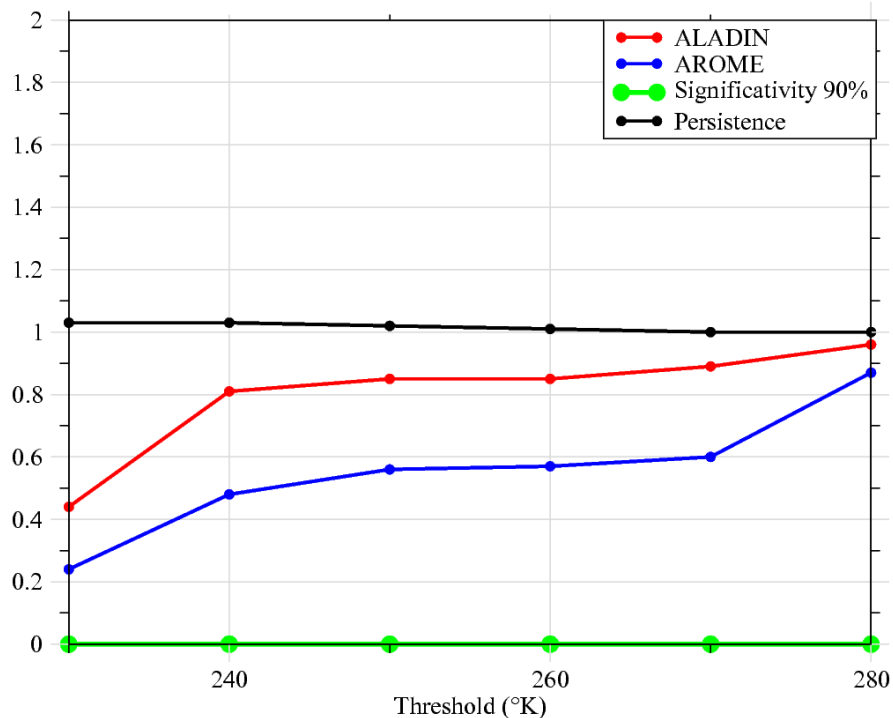
AROME

AUTUMN

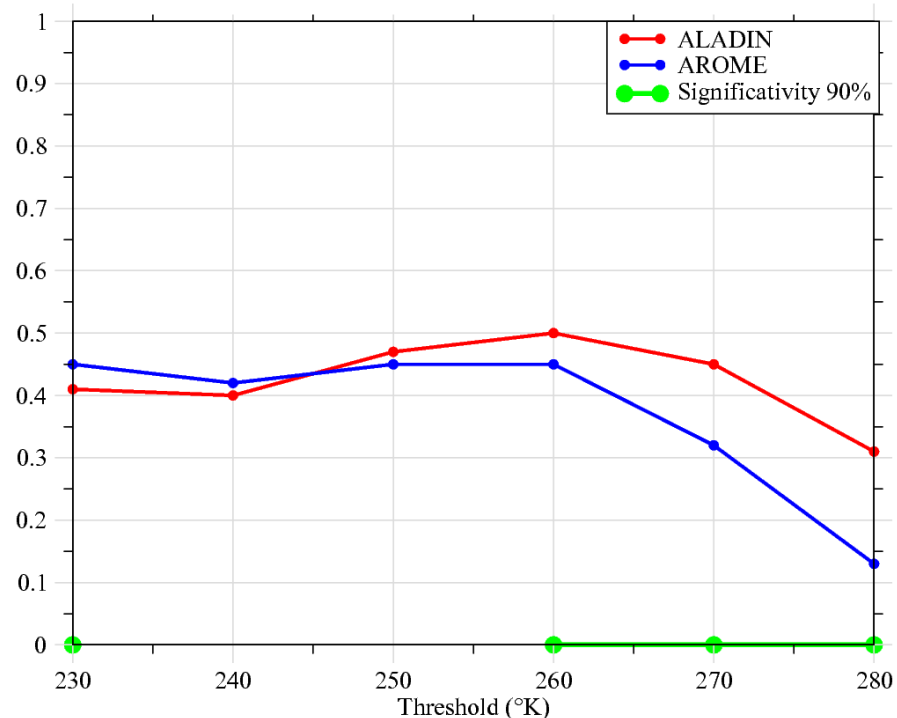
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## BIAIS



## Heidke skill score

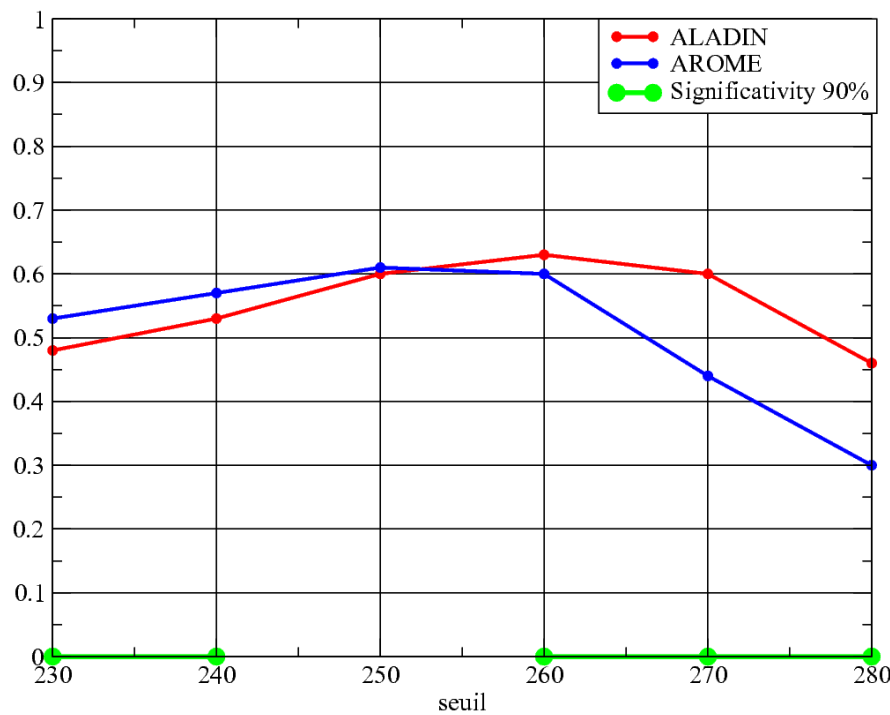


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## BSS 76 km



## Heidke skill score

