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***TRAM***

**(*Triangle-based Regional Atmospheric Model*)**

**A New Nonhydrostatic Fully Compressible  
Numerical Model**

**... now *WITH PHYSICS***

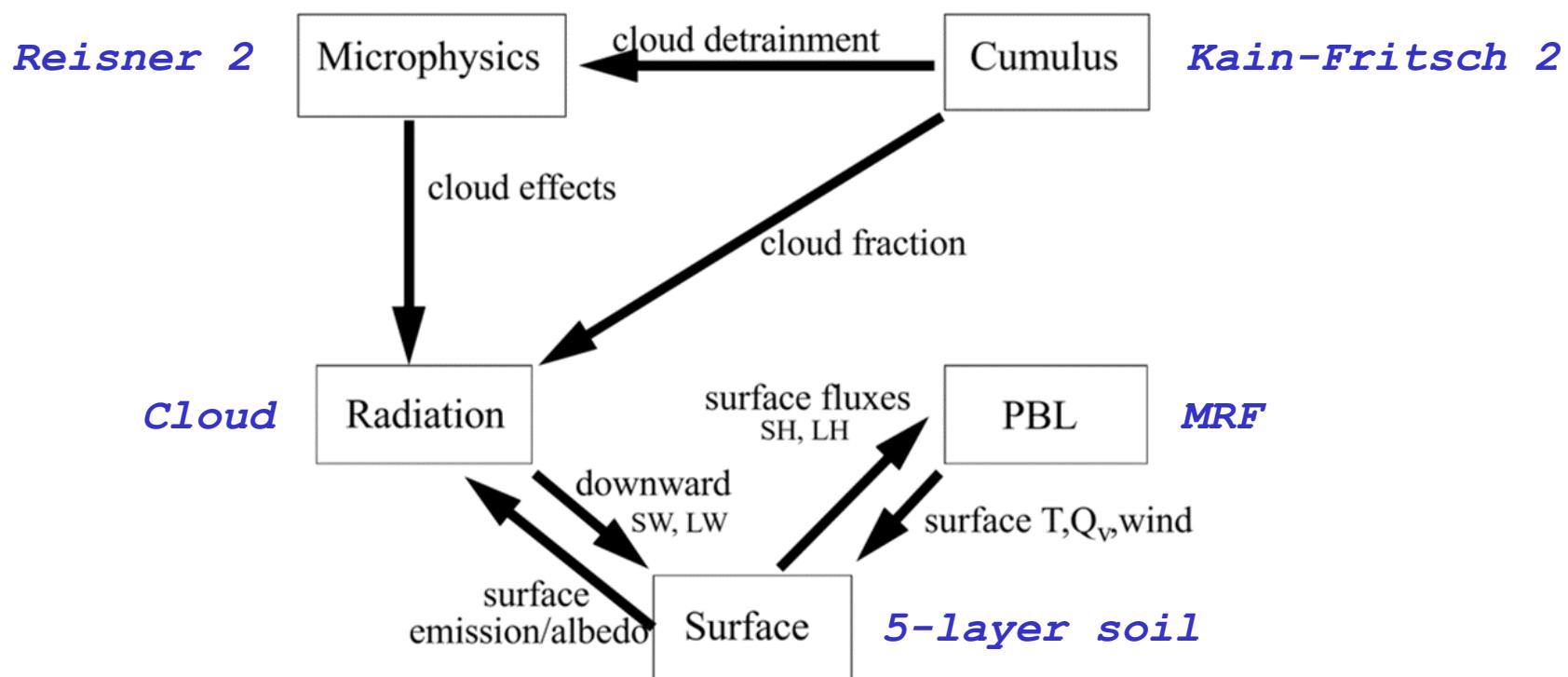
*Romu Romero*

## *CONCLUSIONS . . . from previous talk*

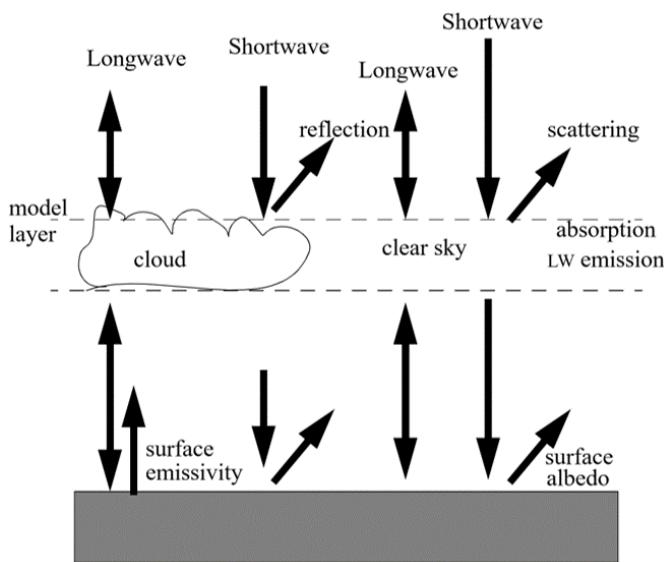
- > NEW MODEL achieved (at present just dynamical core) SUITABLE to simulate processes ranging from small-scale thermal bubbles ( $\approx 10$  m) to synoptic-scale baroclinic cyclones ( $\approx 1000$  km), including orographic circulations
- > MAIN CHARACTERISTICS: Advection form under REA approach (mass & energy not strictly conserved); Fully compressible & Non hydrostatic; Time-splitting strategy; Vertically semi-implicit; Triangle-based horizontal mesh (no staggering); Z-coordinate (no staggering) allowing arbitrary stretching (proper treatment of slopes and bottom BCs); Lambert projection with all Coriolis and curvature terms retained; No explicit filters needed
- > A variety of comparison tests showed that TRAM PERFORMS AT LEAST AS WELL as state-of-the-art models

## NEXT STEPS . . . from previous talk

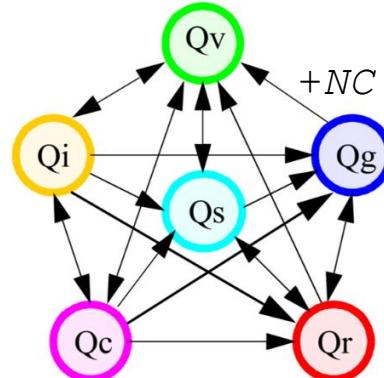
> COMPLETE TRAM with appropriate PHYSICS package  
(fast approach: ~~WRF-based~~ parameterization schemes);  
Reexamine the real cases and consider new tests (e.g.  
simulation of convective & precipitation systems)



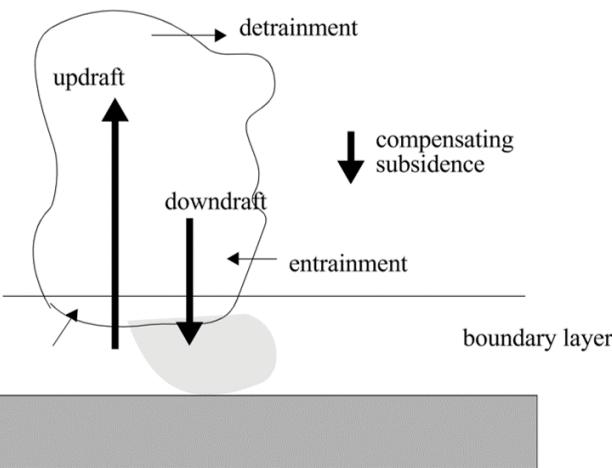
## Radiation



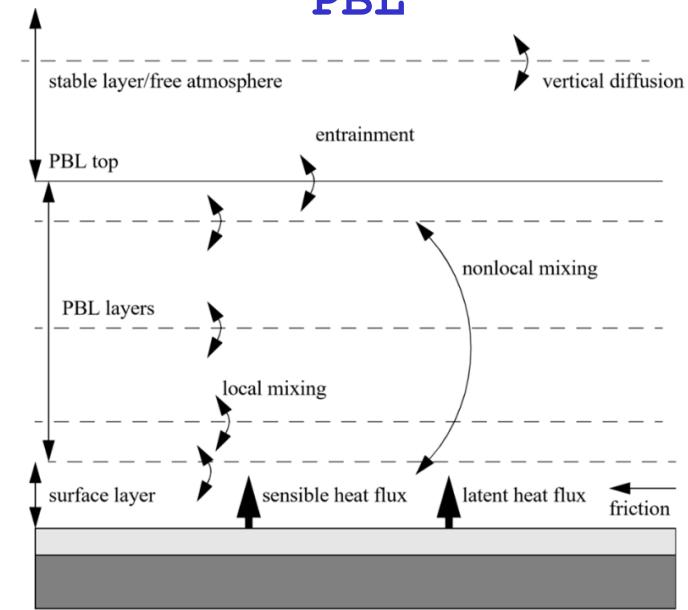
## Microphysics



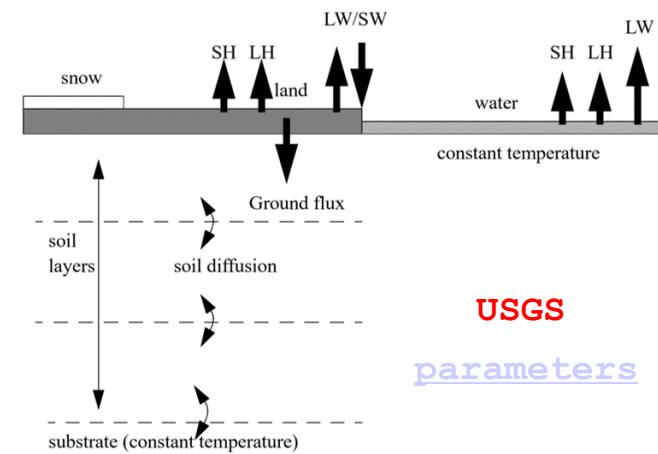
## Cumulus



## PBL



## Surface



# NEW Form of Equations: MESOSCALE-IDEALized

$$\frac{\partial \pi'}{\partial t} = -u \frac{\partial \pi'}{\partial x} - v \frac{\partial \pi'}{\partial y} - w \frac{\partial \pi'}{\partial z} - w \frac{\partial \bar{\pi}}{\partial z} - \frac{R_d}{c_p} \frac{c_{pm}}{c_{vm}} (\bar{\pi} + \pi') \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right] + \frac{R_d}{c_{vm}} \frac{1}{\bar{\theta} + \theta'} F_T$$

**ALL moist effects  
on pressure and  
thermodynamics**

$$\frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial t} = -u \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial x} - v \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial y} - w \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial z} - w \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial z} - \left( \frac{R_m}{c_{vm}} - \frac{R_d}{c_p} \frac{c_{pm}}{c_{vm}} \right) (\bar{\theta} + \theta') \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right]$$

**Physics computed  
in NSTEP-cycle**

$$+ \frac{c_v}{c_{vm}} \frac{1}{\bar{\pi} + \pi'} F_T + \frac{R_v}{c_{vm}} \left( 1 - \frac{R_d}{c_p} \frac{c_{pm}}{R_m} \right) (\bar{\theta} + \theta') F_{Q_v}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - c_p (\bar{\theta}_\rho + \theta'_\rho) \frac{\partial \pi'}{\partial x} + f v - \hat{f} w + F_u$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = -u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} - c_p (\bar{\theta}_\rho + \theta'_\rho) \frac{\partial \pi'}{\partial y} - f u + F_v$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = -u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} - v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} - w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} - c_p (\bar{\theta}_\rho + \theta'_\rho) \frac{\partial \pi'}{\partial z} + g \frac{\theta'_\rho}{\bar{\theta}_\rho} + \hat{f} u - g(Q_{liq} + Q_{ice})$$

$$\frac{\partial Q_\chi}{\partial t} = -u \frac{\partial Q_\chi}{\partial x} - v \frac{\partial Q_\chi}{\partial y} - w \frac{\partial Q_\chi}{\partial z} + F_{Q_\chi}$$

$\pi = \left( \frac{P}{P_0} \right)^{R_d/c_p} \quad \theta = \frac{T}{\pi} \quad P = \rho R_d T \frac{1+Q_v/\varepsilon}{1+Q_v}$
$\theta_\rho = \theta \frac{1+Q_v/\varepsilon}{1+Q_v+Q_{liq}+Q_{ice}} \quad c_p \bar{\theta}_\rho \frac{\partial \bar{\pi}}{\partial z} = -g$

$R_m = R_d + R_v \quad Q_v \quad \varepsilon = R_d / R_v$
$c_{pm} = c_p + c_{pv} \quad Q_v + c_l \quad Q_{liq} + c_i \quad Q_{ice}$
$c_{vm} = c_v + c_{vv} \quad Q_v + c_l \quad Q_{liq} + c_i \quad Q_{ice}$

# NEW Form of Equations: SYNOPTIC-REALcase

$$\frac{\partial \pi'}{\partial t} = -mu \frac{\partial \pi'}{\partial x} - mv \frac{\partial \pi'}{\partial y} - w \frac{\partial \pi'}{\partial z} - w \frac{\partial \bar{\pi}}{\partial z} - \frac{R_d}{c_p} \frac{c_{pm}}{c_{vm}} (\bar{\pi} + \pi') \left[ m^2 \left( \frac{\partial(\frac{u}{m})}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\frac{v}{m})}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right] \\ + \frac{R_d}{c_{vm}} \frac{1}{\bar{\theta} + \theta'} \mathbf{F}_T + \frac{R_d}{c_p} \frac{R_v}{R_m} \frac{c_{pm}}{c_{vm}} (\bar{\pi} + \pi') \mathbf{F}_{Q_v}$$

**ALL Coriolis and curvature terms**

$$\frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial t} = -mu \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial x} - mv \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial y} - w \frac{\partial \theta'}{\partial z} - w \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial z} - \left( \frac{R_m}{c_{vm}} - \frac{R_d}{c_p} \frac{c_{pm}}{c_{vm}} \right) (\bar{\theta} + \theta') \left[ m^2 \left( \frac{\partial(\frac{u}{m})}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\frac{v}{m})}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right] \\ + \frac{c_v}{c_{vm}} \frac{1}{\bar{\pi} + \pi'} \mathbf{F}_T + \frac{R_v}{c_{vm}} \left( 1 - \frac{R_d}{c_p} \frac{c_{pm}}{R_m} \right) (\bar{\theta} + \theta') \mathbf{F}_{Q_v}$$

**LAMBERT projection**

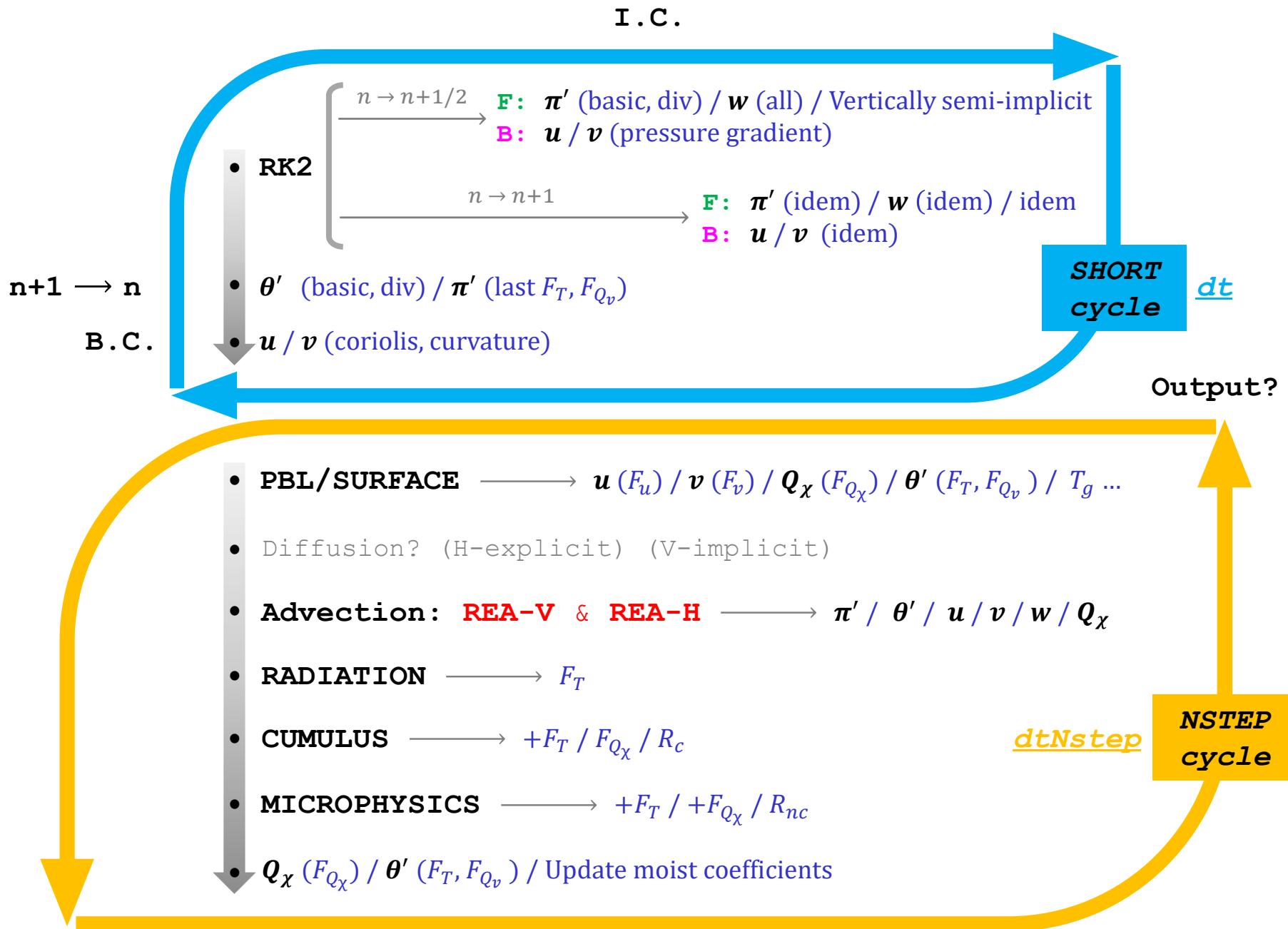
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - mv \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - c_p (\bar{\theta}_\rho + \theta'_\rho) m \frac{\partial \pi'}{\partial x} + v \left( f + u \frac{\partial m}{\partial y} - v \frac{\partial m}{\partial x} \right) - \hat{f} w \cos \alpha \\ - \frac{uw}{a} + \mathbf{F}_u$$

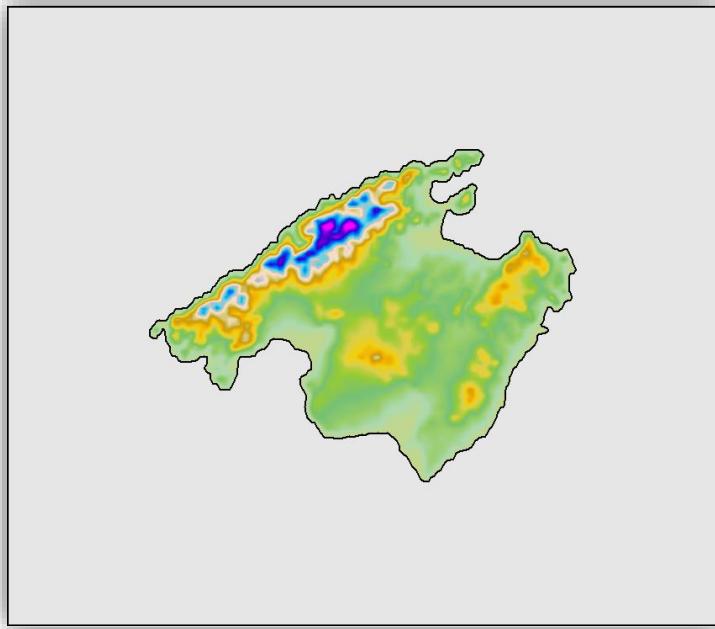
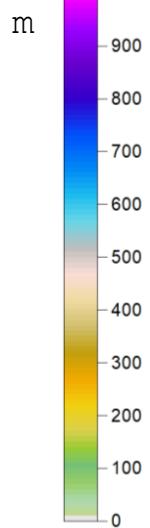
$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = -mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - mv \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} - c_p (\bar{\theta}_\rho + \theta'_\rho) m \frac{\partial \pi'}{\partial y} - u \left( f + u \frac{\partial m}{\partial y} - v \frac{\partial m}{\partial x} \right) + \hat{f} w \sin \alpha \\ - \frac{uw}{a} + \mathbf{F}_v$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = -mu \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} - mv \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} - w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} - c_p (\bar{\theta}_\rho + \theta'_\rho) \frac{\partial \pi'}{\partial z} + g \frac{\theta'_\rho}{\bar{\theta}_\rho} + \hat{f} (u \cos \alpha - v \sin \alpha) \\ + \frac{u^2 + v^2}{a} - g (Q_{liq} + Q_{ice})$$

$$\frac{\partial Q_X}{\partial t} = -mu \frac{\partial Q_X}{\partial x} - mv \frac{\partial Q_X}{\partial y} - w \frac{\partial Q_X}{\partial z} + \mathbf{F}_{Q_X}$$

# TIME-MARCHING ALGORITHM



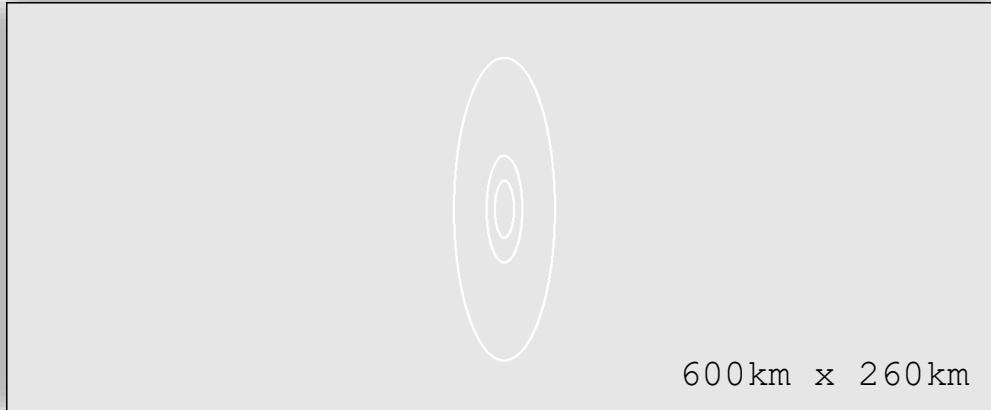


Breeze Circulation  
in MALLORCA  $dx=1.5\text{ km}$

**RECALL**

$$dx_{\square} \approx \frac{2}{3} dx_{\triangle}$$

Squall-Line  $dx=1.5\text{ km}$

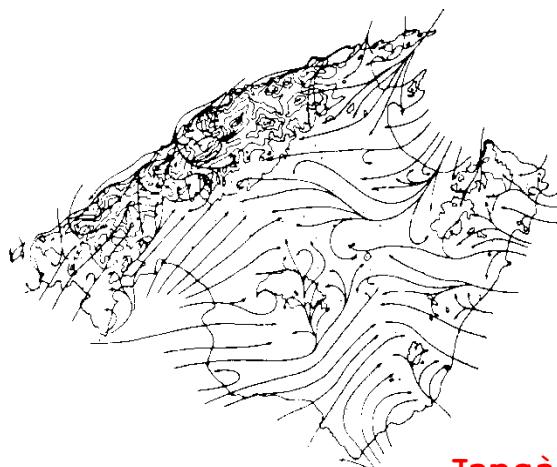
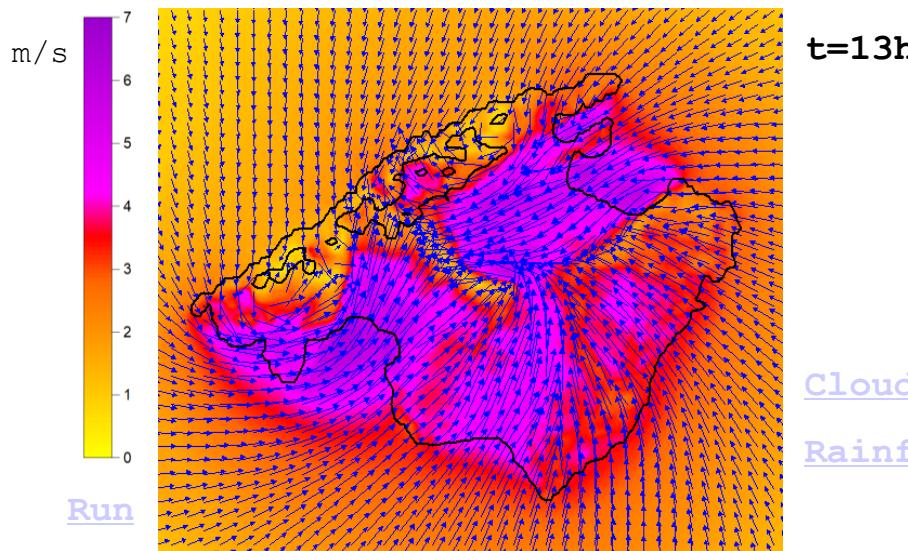
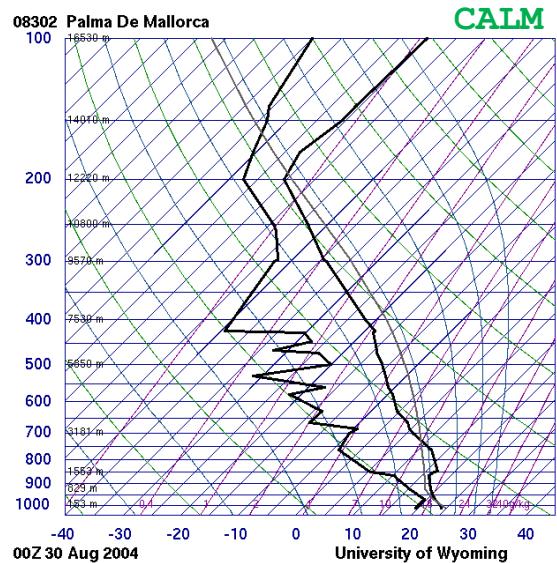
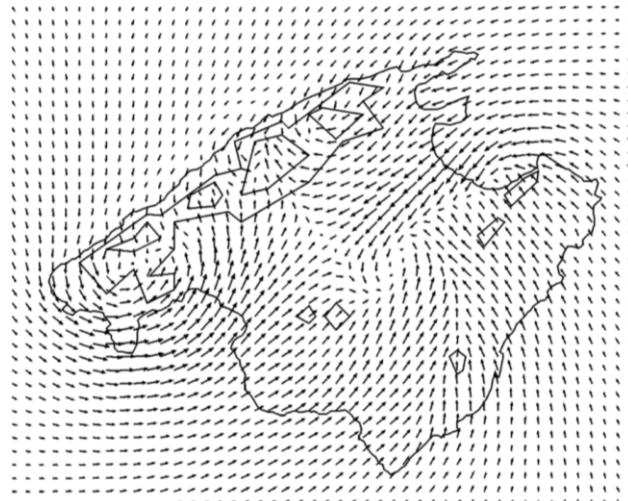
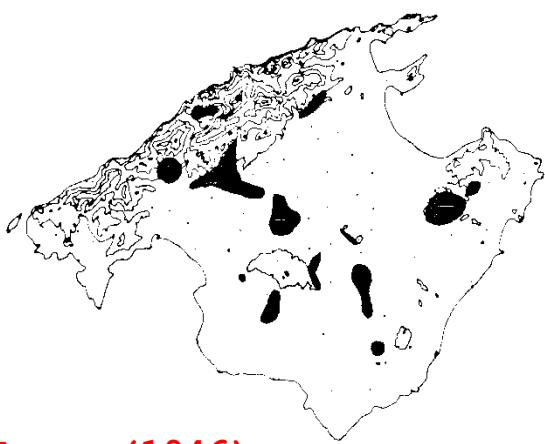


Supercell  $dx=0.75\text{ km}$



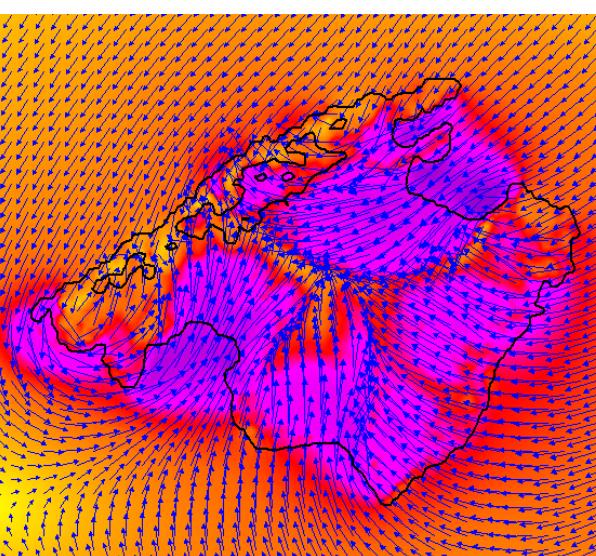
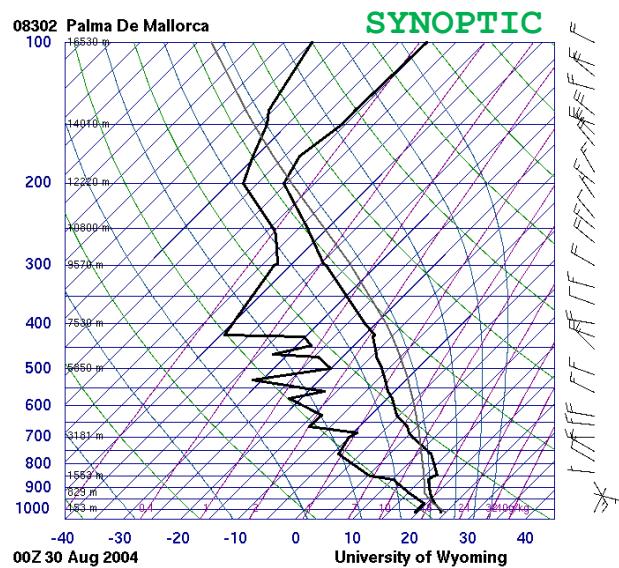
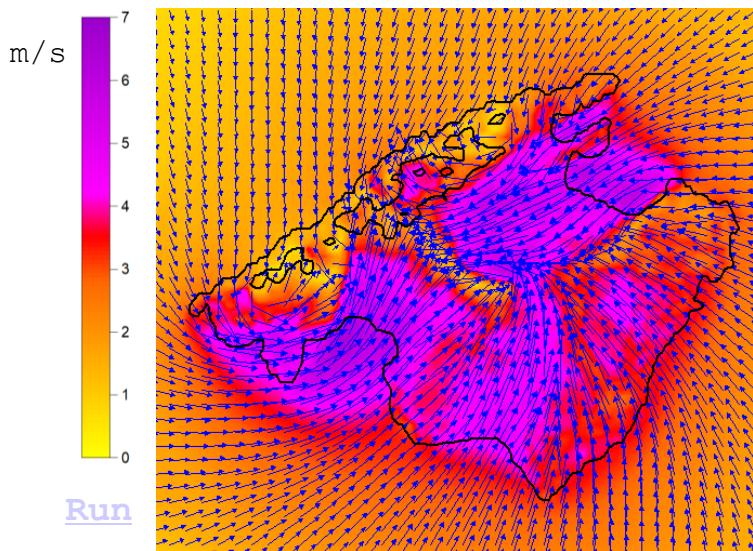
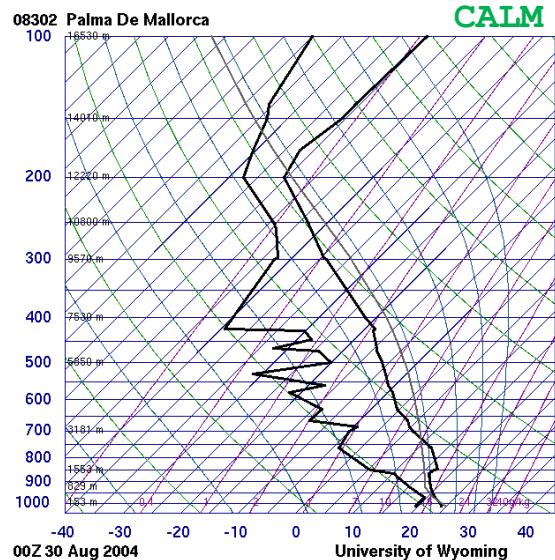
## &gt; Breeze Circulation in Mallorca (IC: Sounding 00 UTC 30 Ago 2004)

(dx=1.5km, dzm=400m, stretch=20, dt=3s, Nstep=10, 30h)

**Jansà & Jaume (1946)****Ramis & Romero (1995)**

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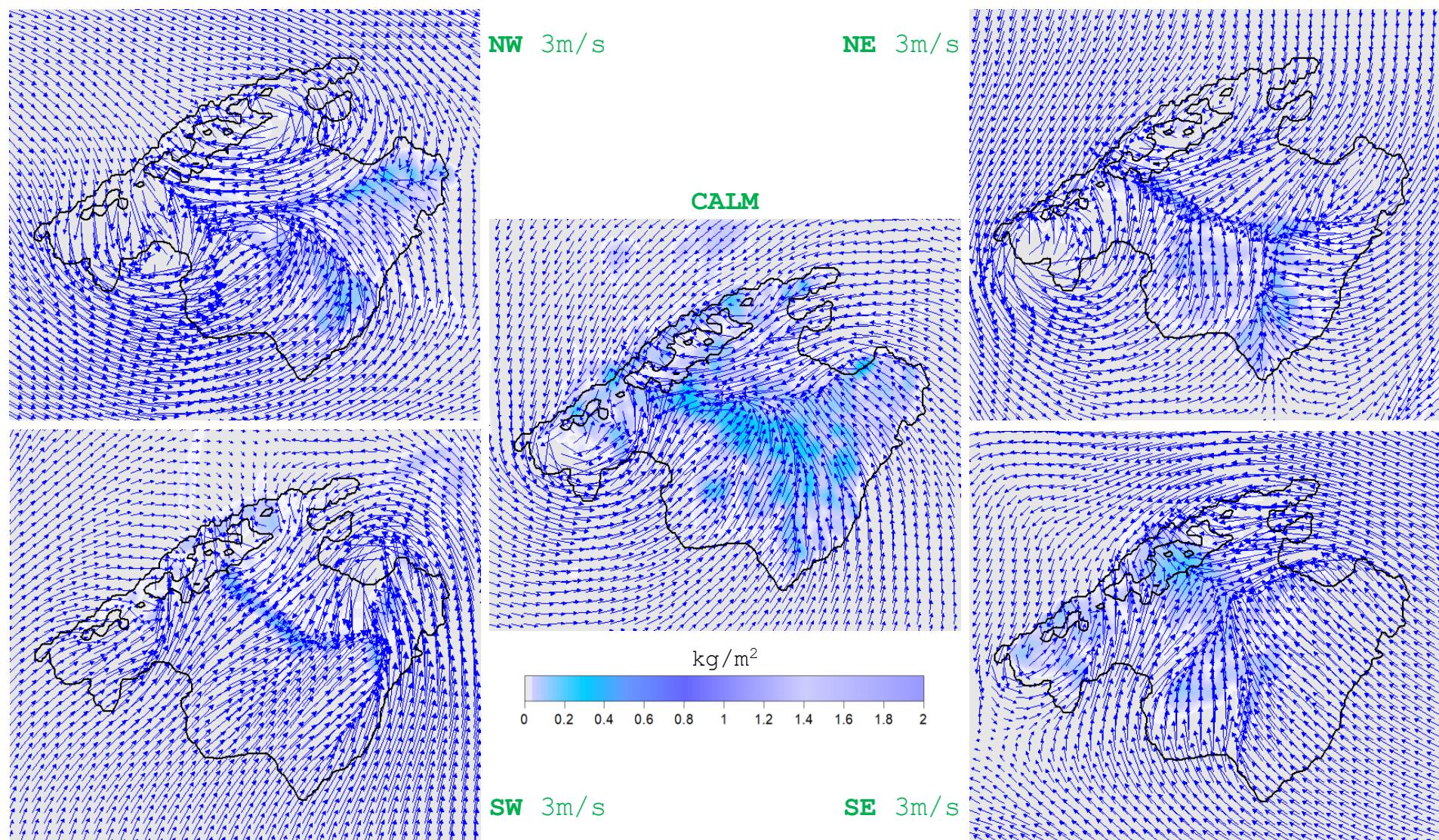
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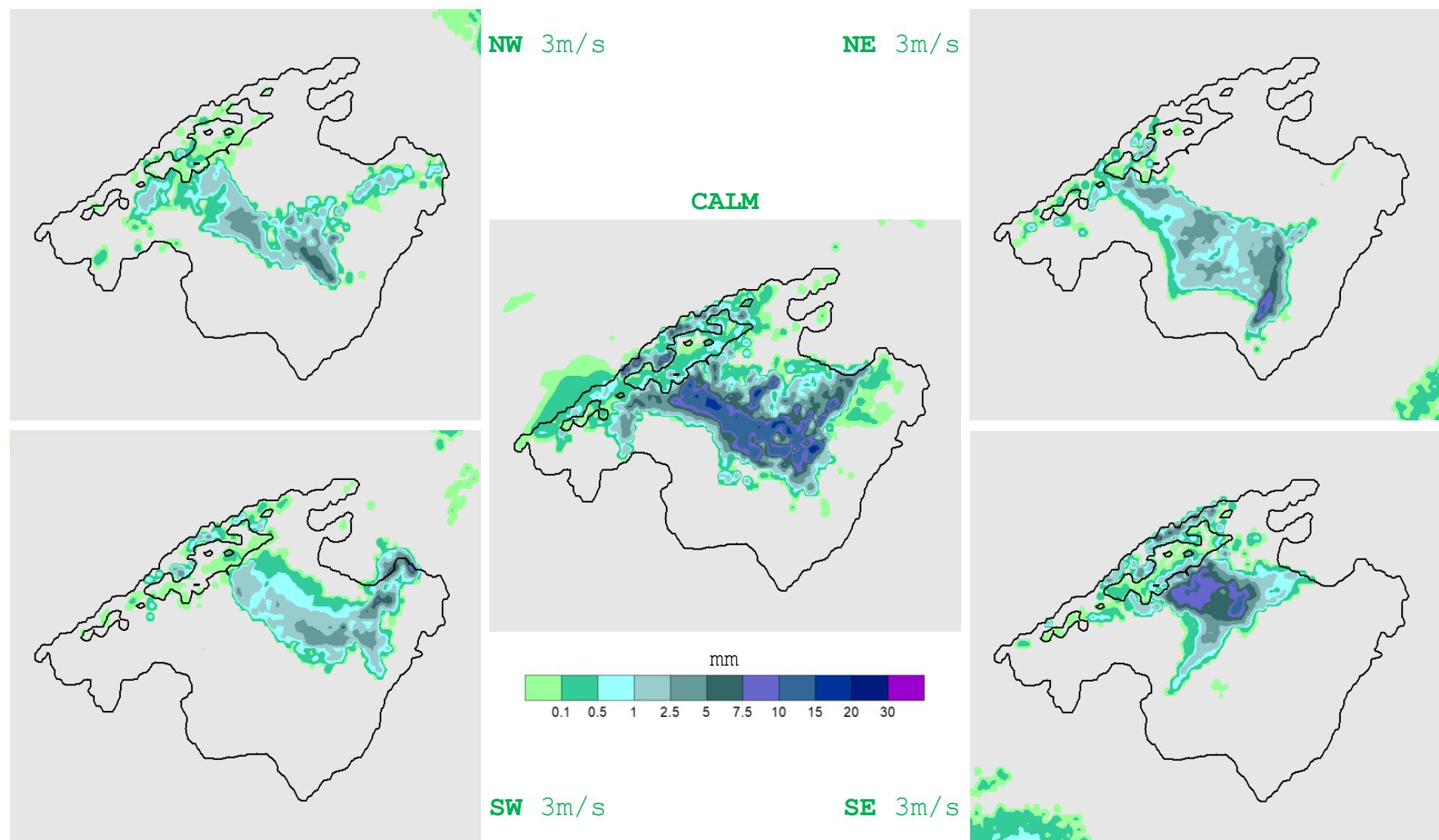
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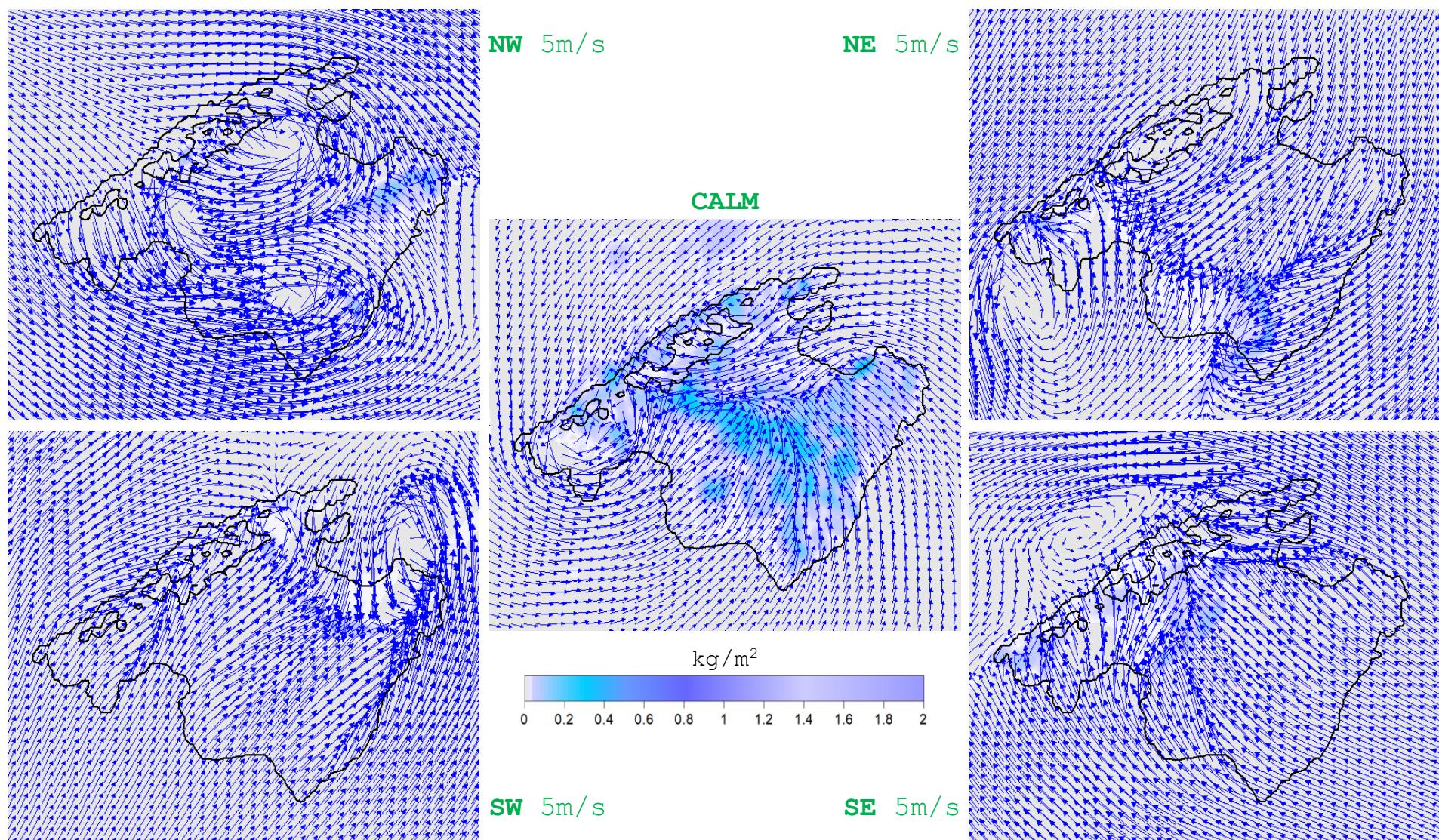
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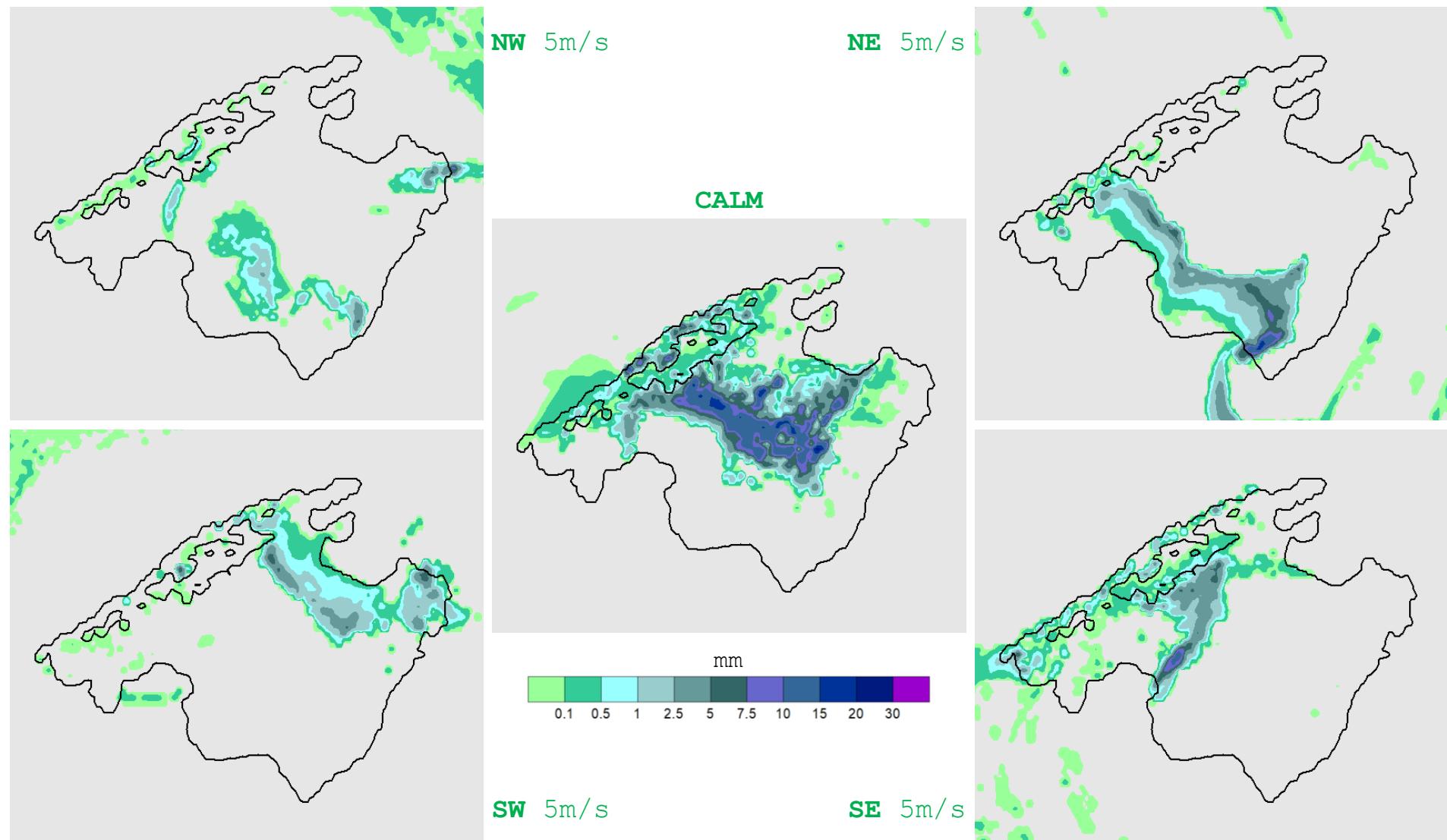
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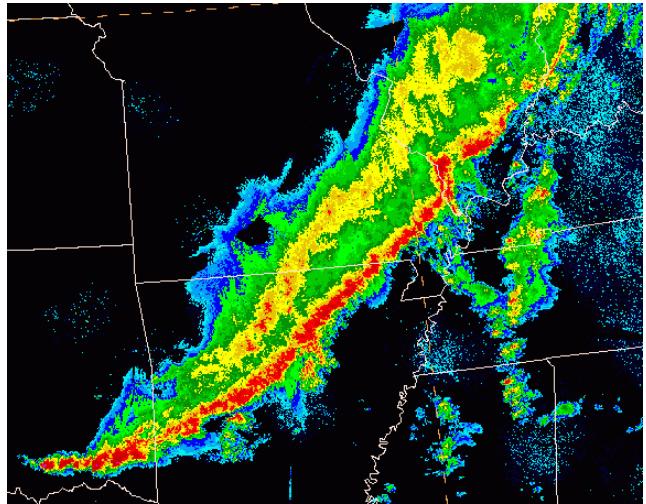
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$t=30\text{h}$



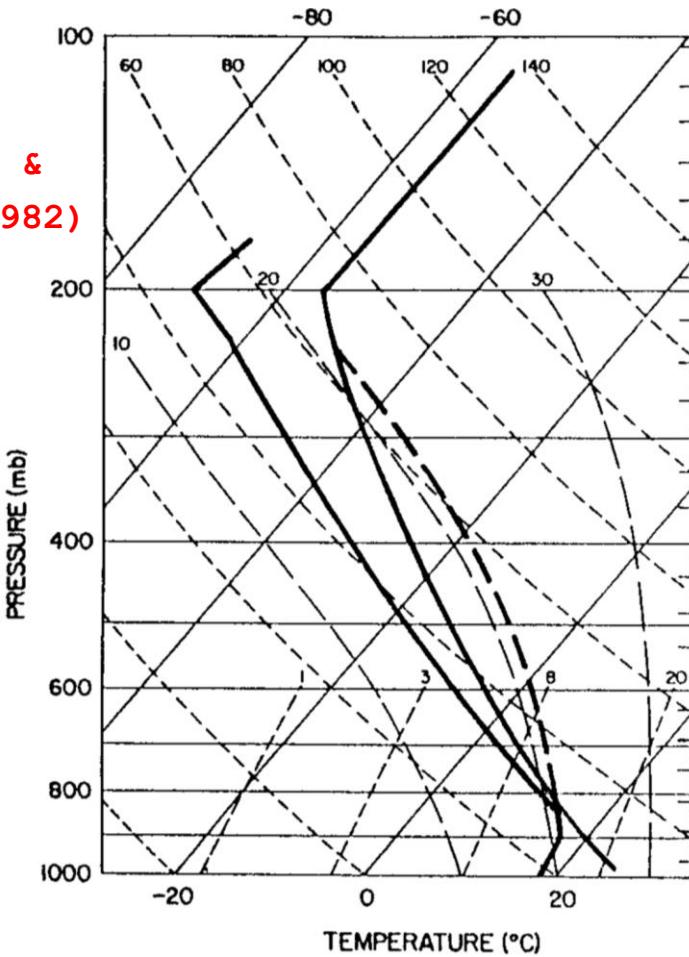
> Squall-Line Simulation (**NO** Coriolis, Radiation, PBL and Cumulus)

( $\text{dx}=1.5\text{km}$ ,  $\text{dzm}=200\text{m}$ ,  $\text{stretch}=10$ ,  $\text{dt}=3\text{s}$ ,  $\text{Nstep}=5$ , **10h**)



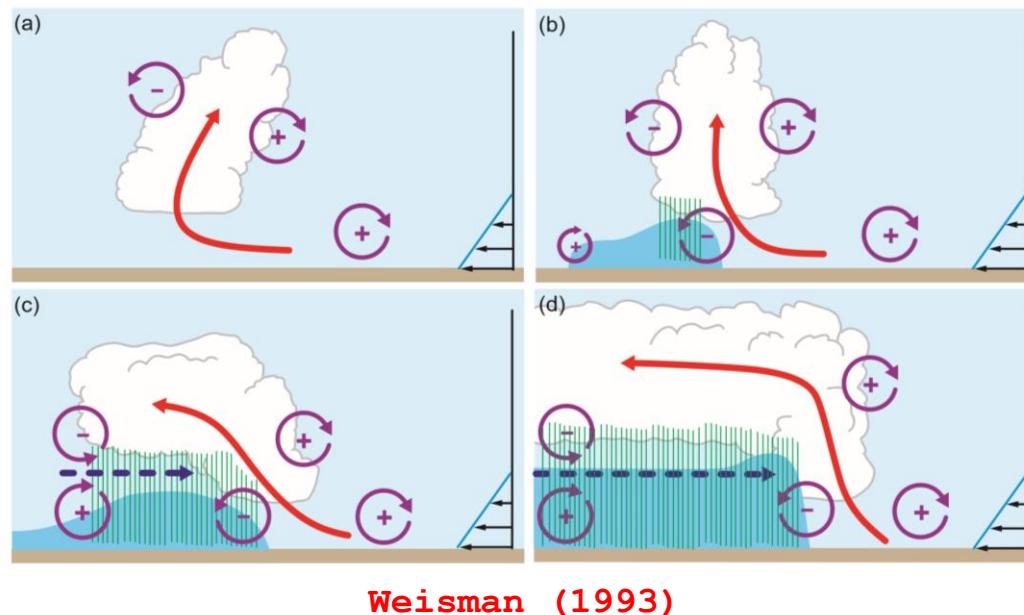
IC: WK82 SOUNDING + 8K Surface Cold Pool  
... and 3 different wind profiles

Weisman &  
Klemp (1982)

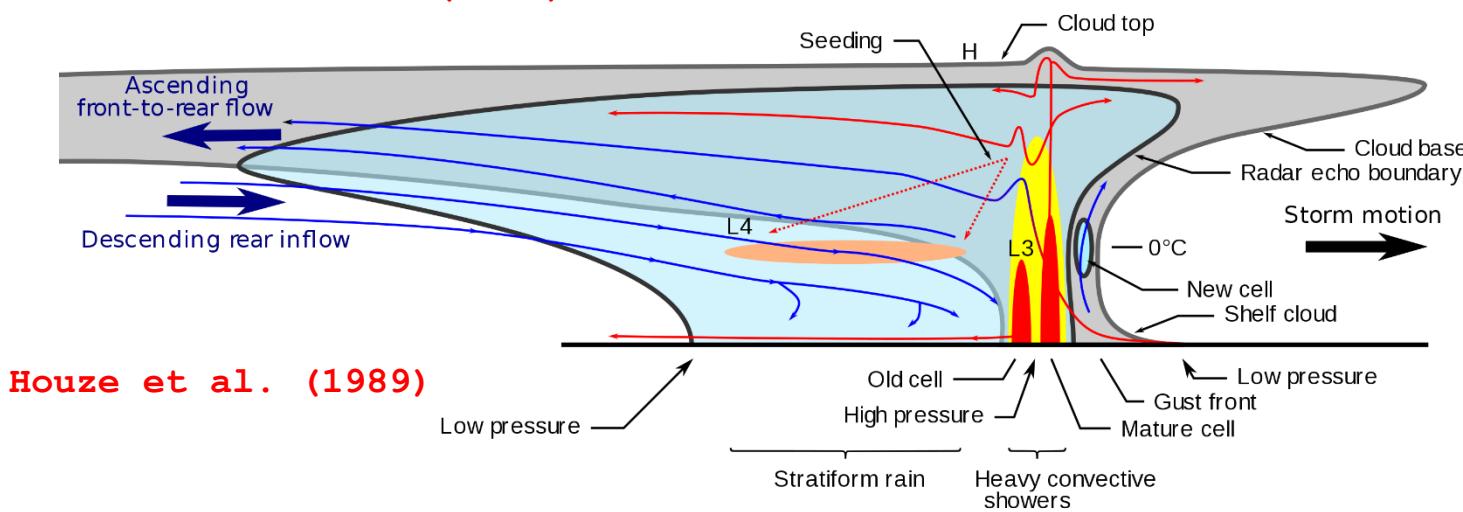
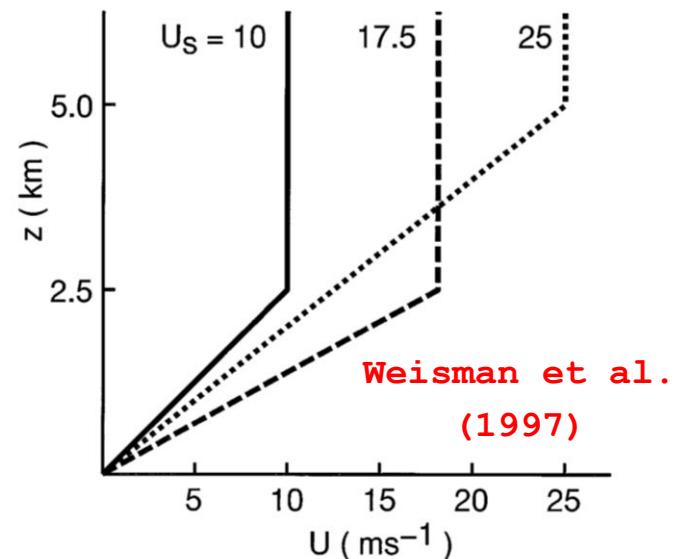


## &gt; Squall-Line Simulation (NO Coriolis, Radiation, PBL and Cumulus)

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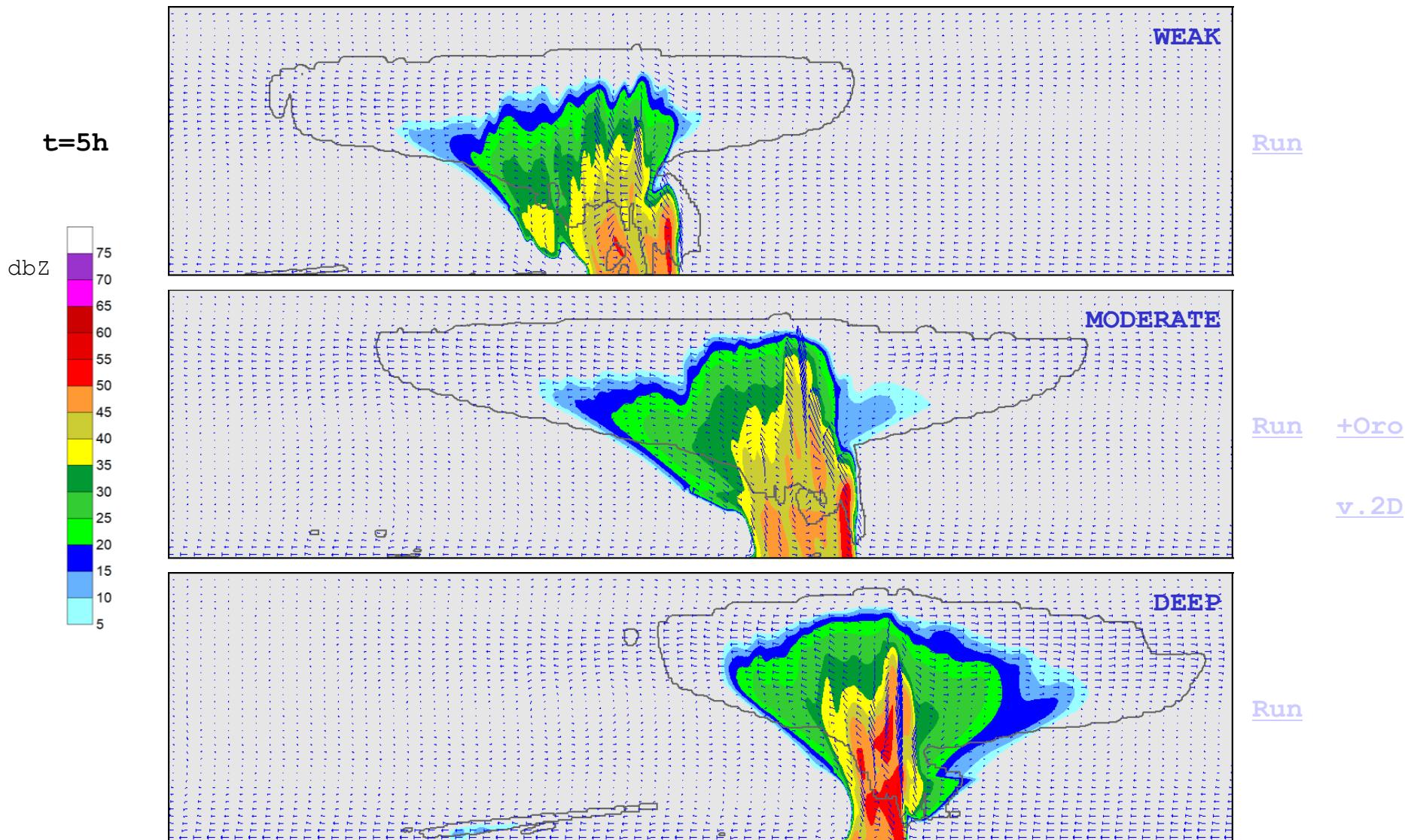


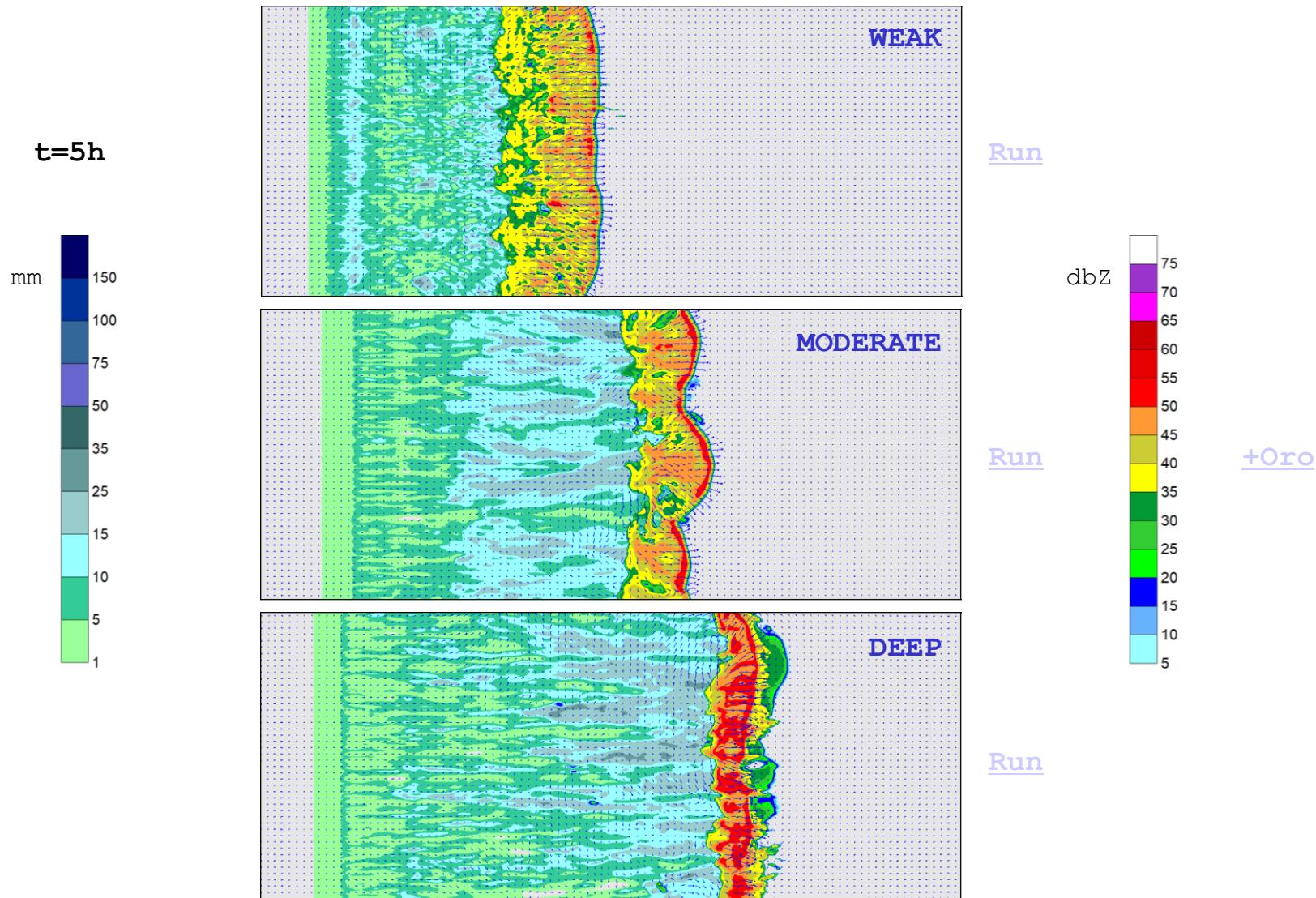
SHEAR: Weak Moderate Deep



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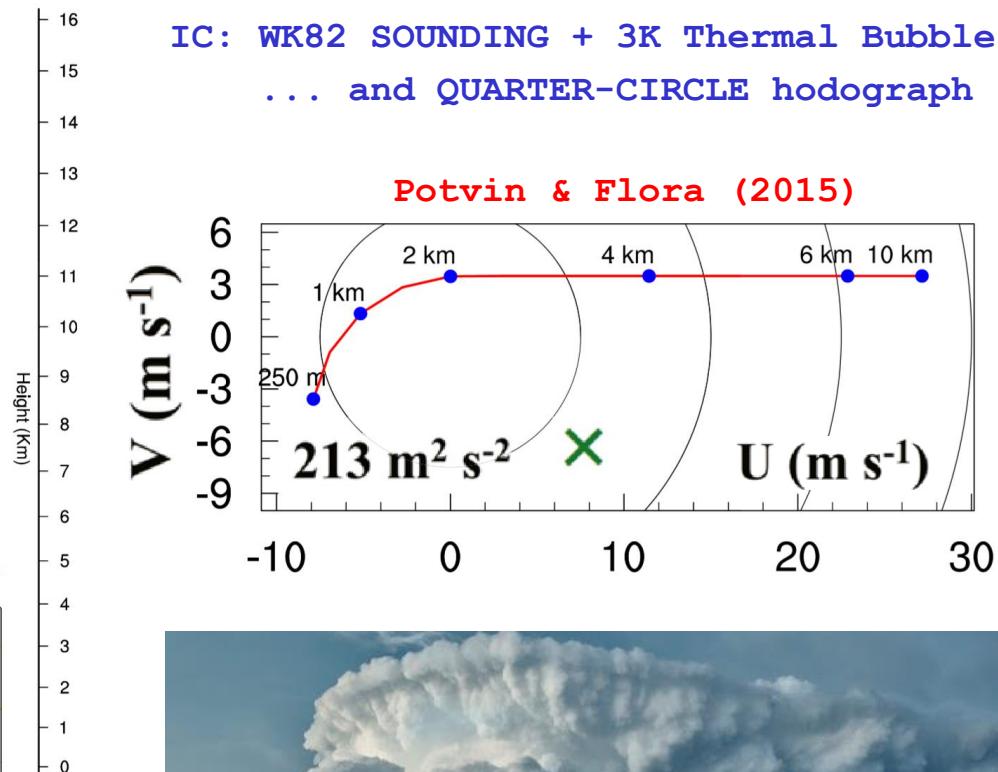
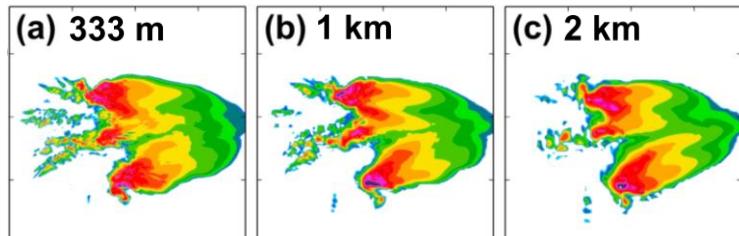
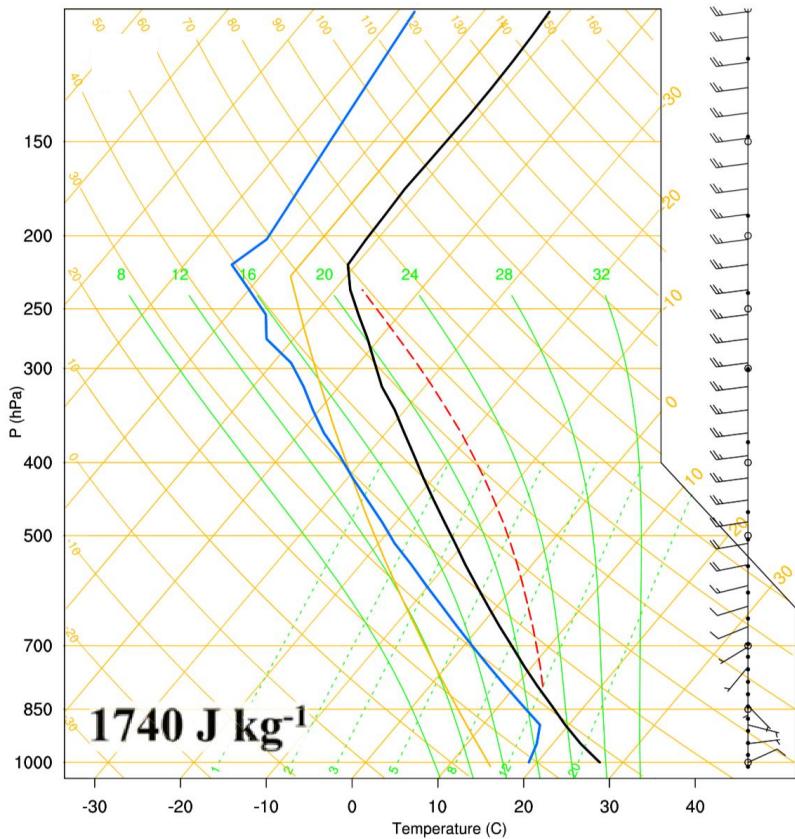
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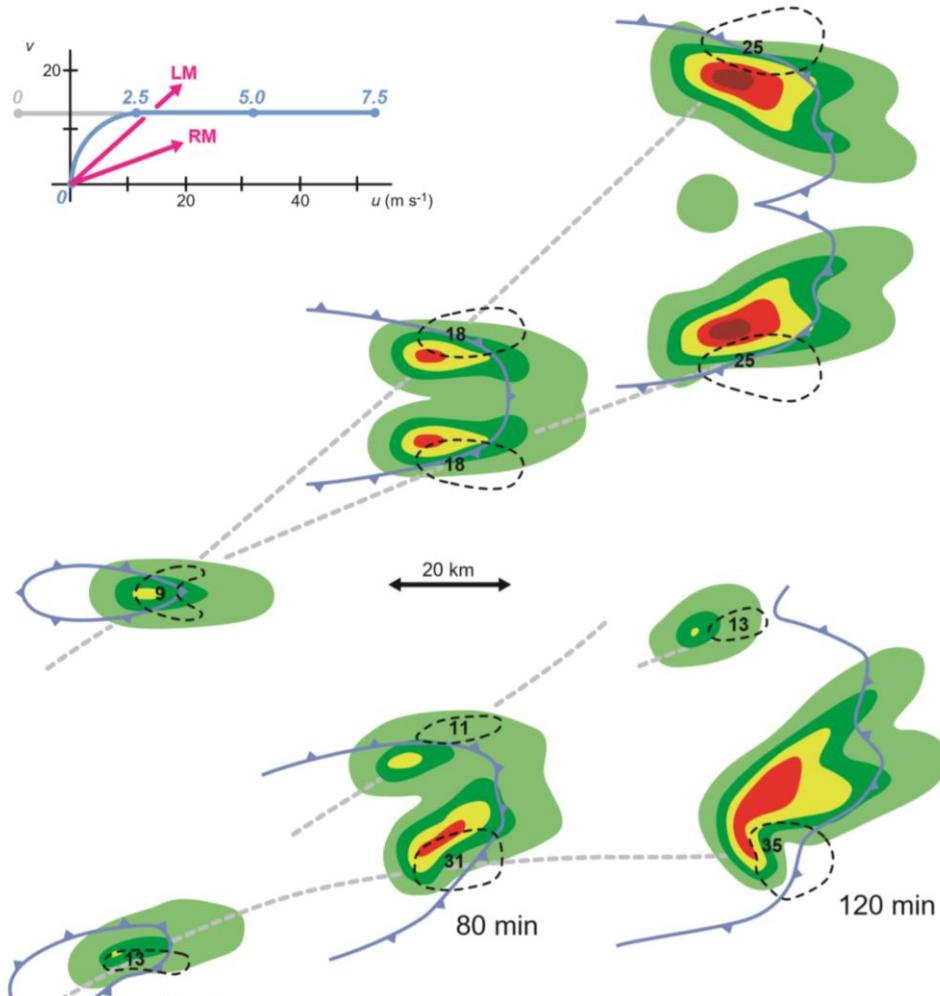
## &gt; Supercell Simulation (NO Coriolis, Radiation, PBL and Cumulus)

(dx=0.75km, dzm=400m, stretch=20, dt=1.5s, Nstep=5, 8h)

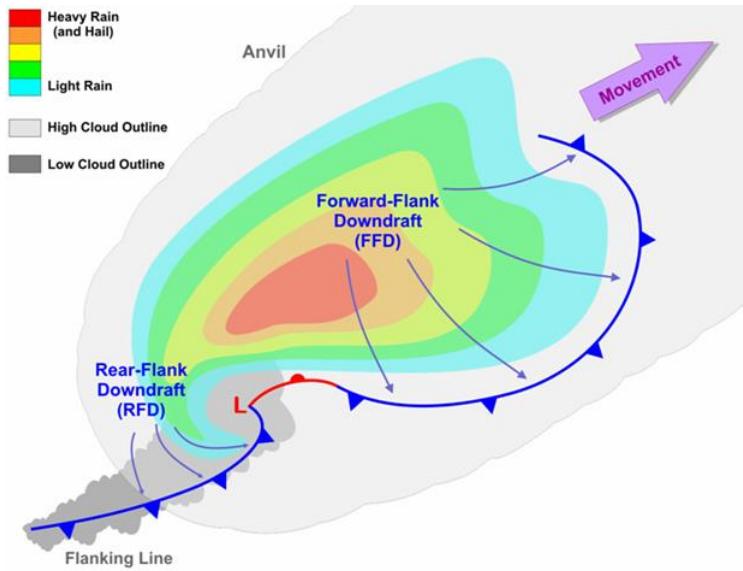


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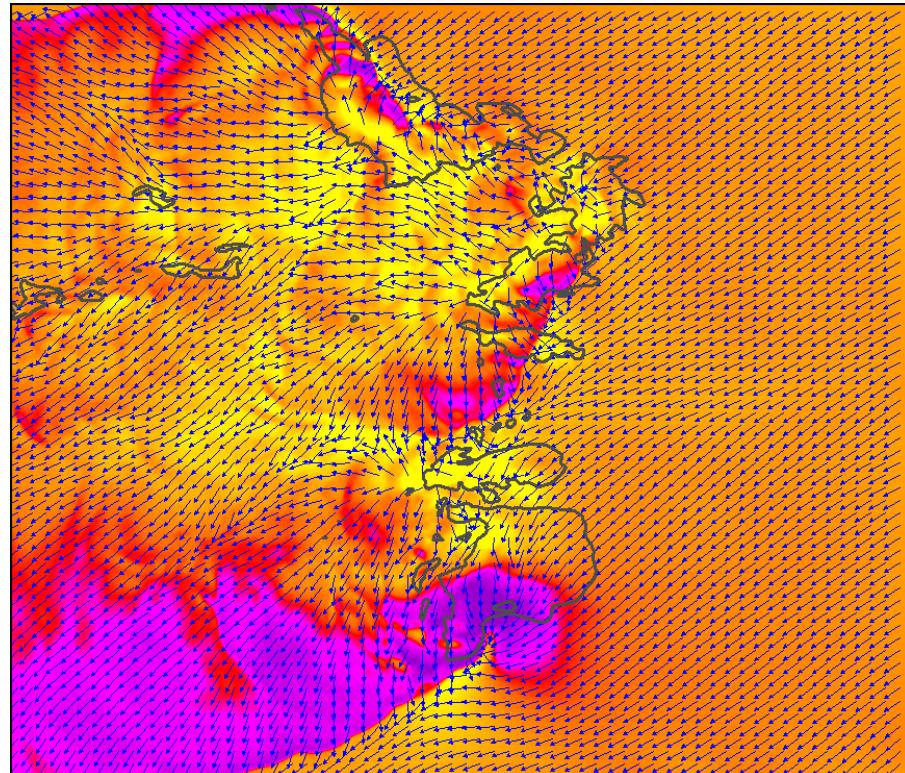
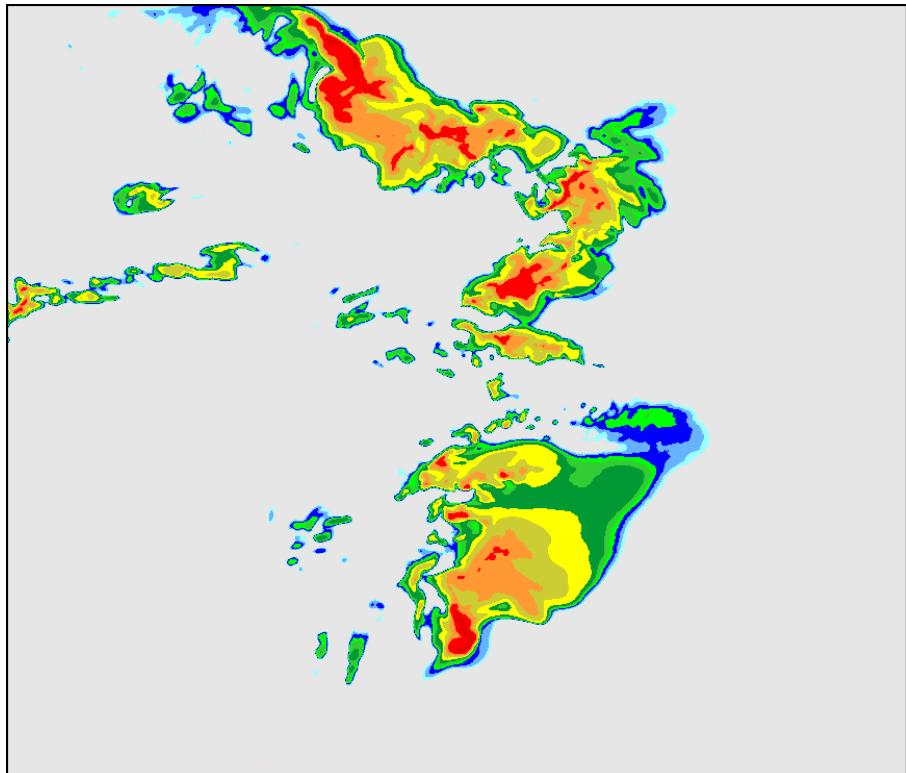


Klemp (1987)



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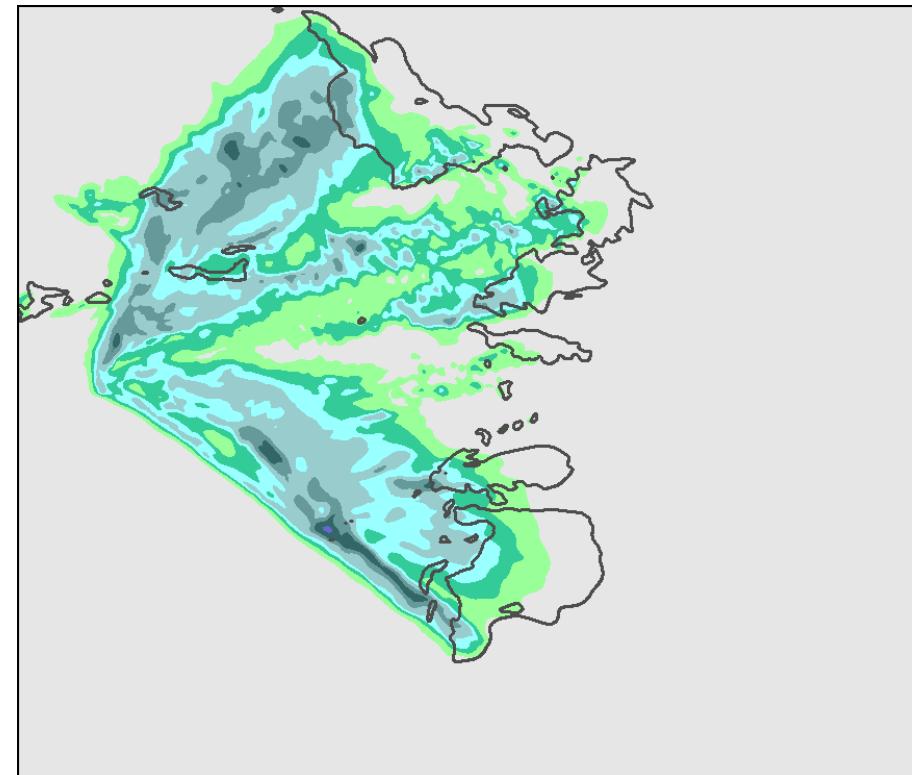
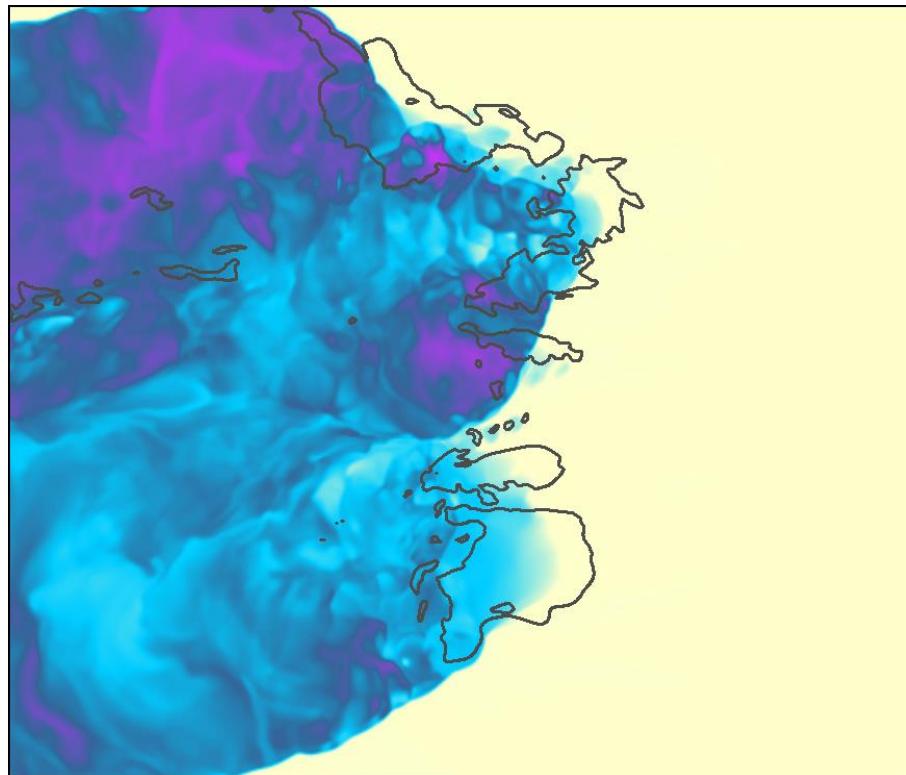
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 $t=4.5\text{h}$ 

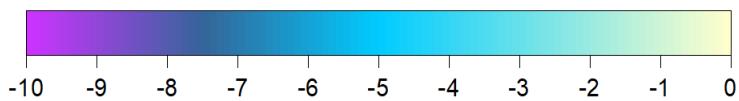
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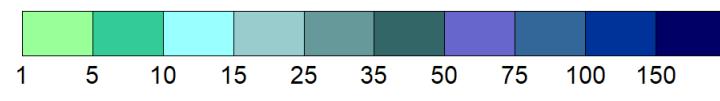
t=4.5h



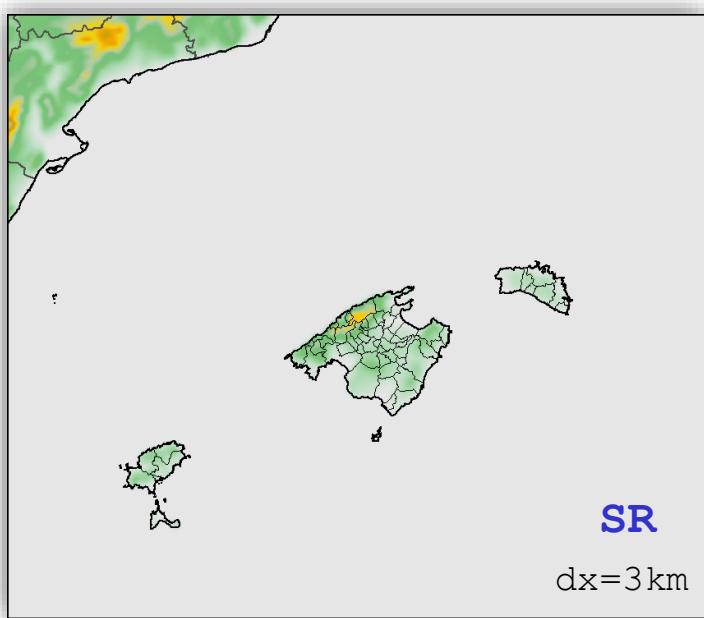
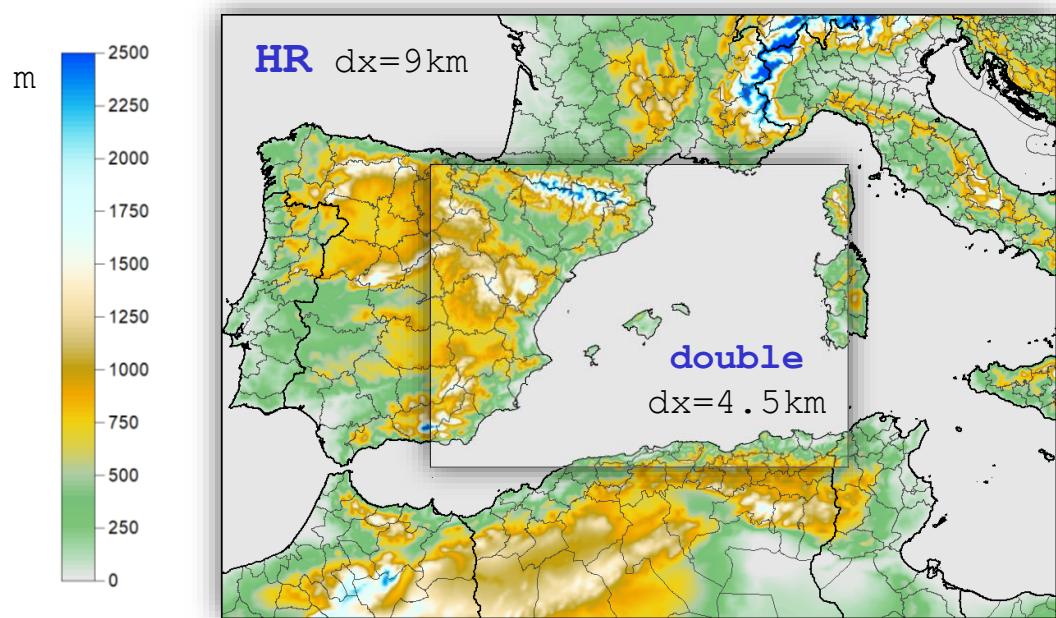
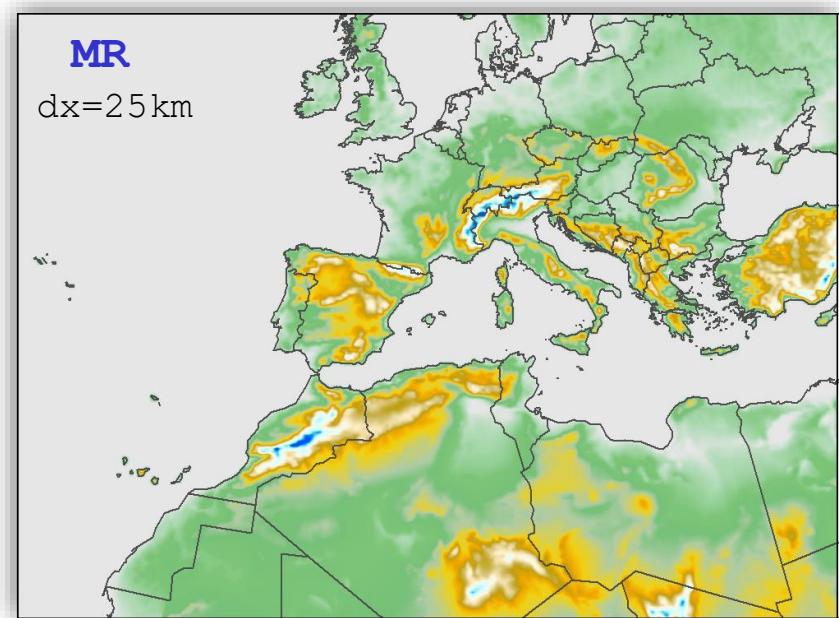
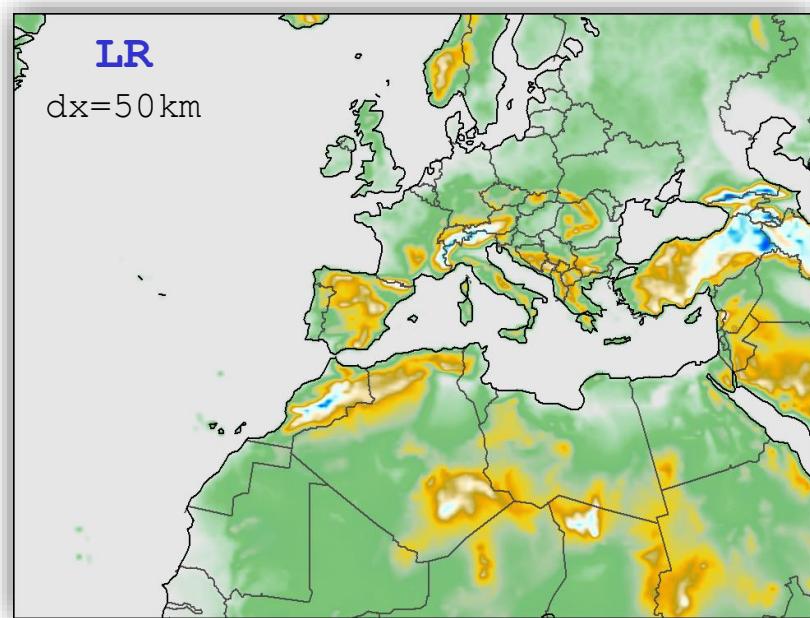
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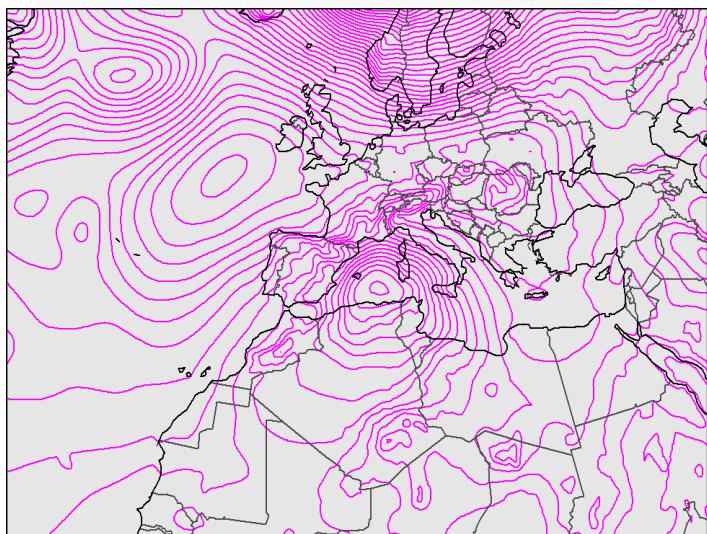
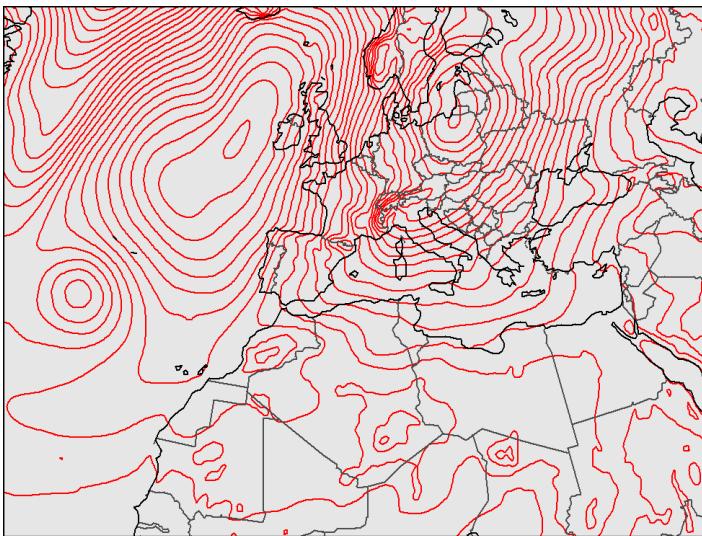
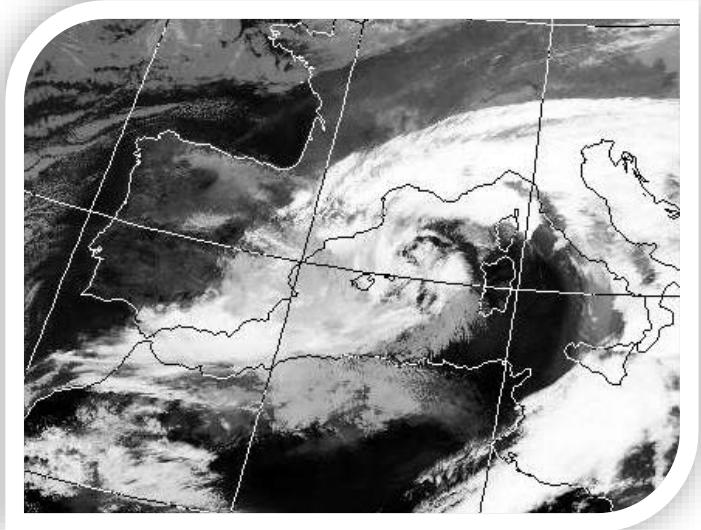


# SYNOPTIC-*REAL*case TESTS



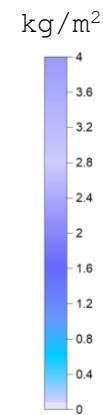
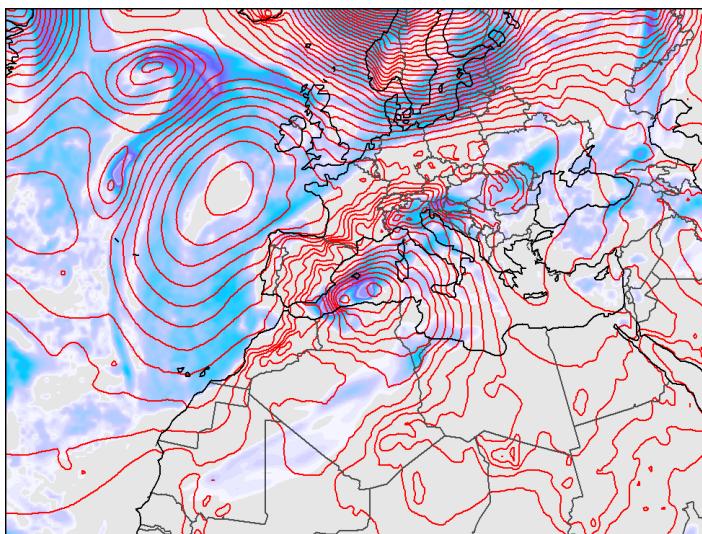
## &gt; "SUPERSTORM" Baroclinic Cyclone (IC: 00 UTC 9 Nov 2001)

(LR: dx=50km, dzm=200m, stretch=1, dt=75s, Nstep=6, 120h)



t=48h

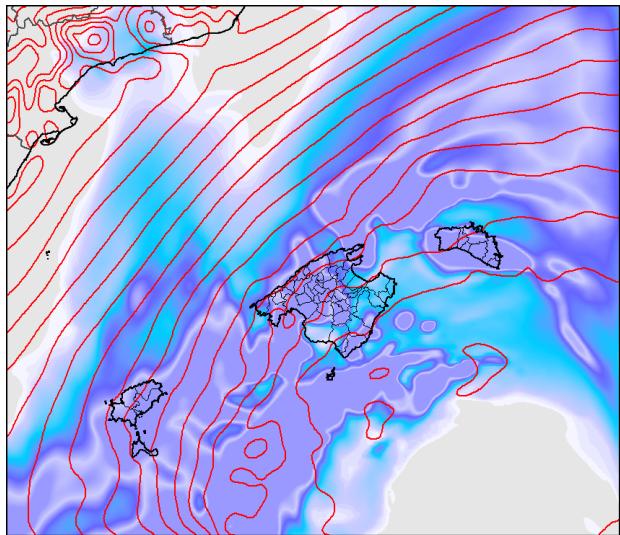
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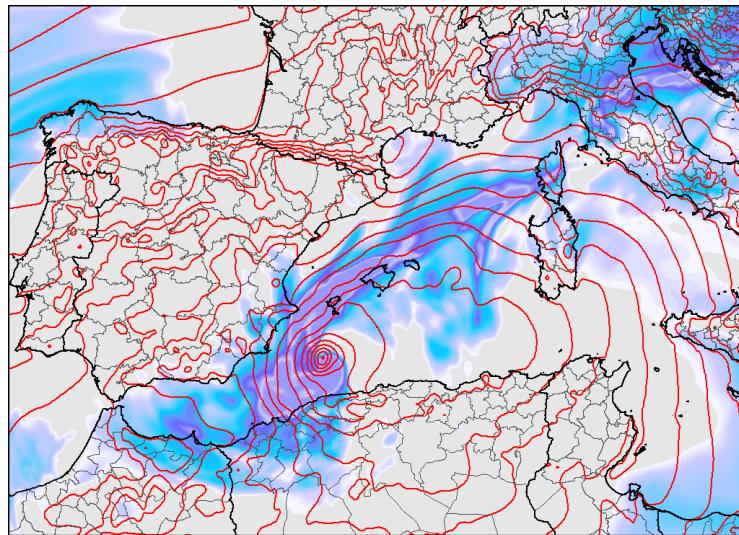
TRAM

Winds

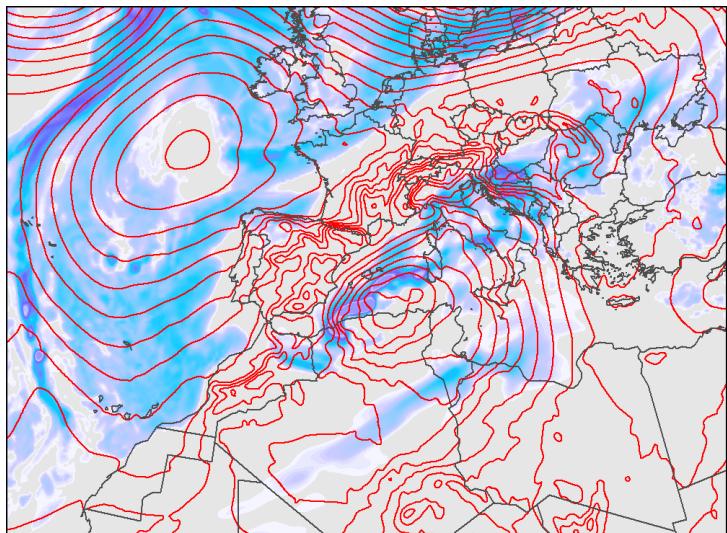
Rainfall

> "SUPERSTORM" Baroclinic Cyclone (IC: 00 UTC 9 Nov 2001)(Influence of **DOMAIN** & **RESOLUTION** on predicted **SLP/CLOUD** field) $t = 48\text{h}$ 

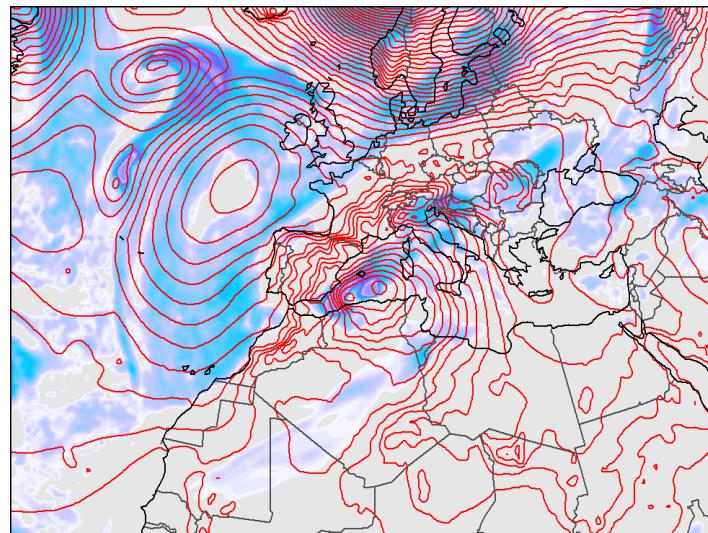
SR



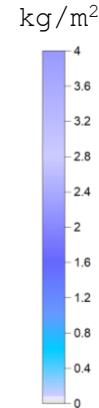
HR

 $t = 48\text{h}$ 

MR

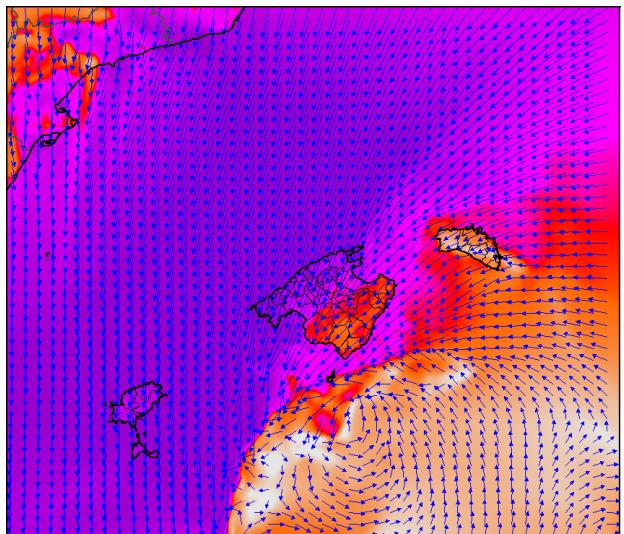


LR

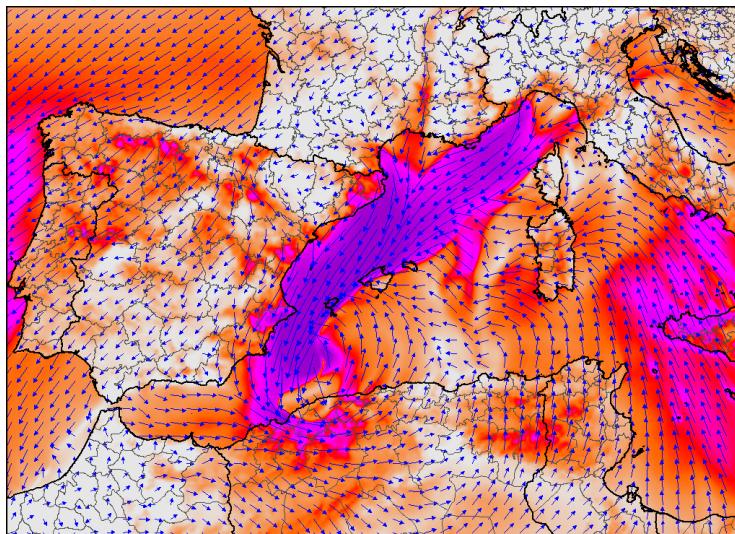


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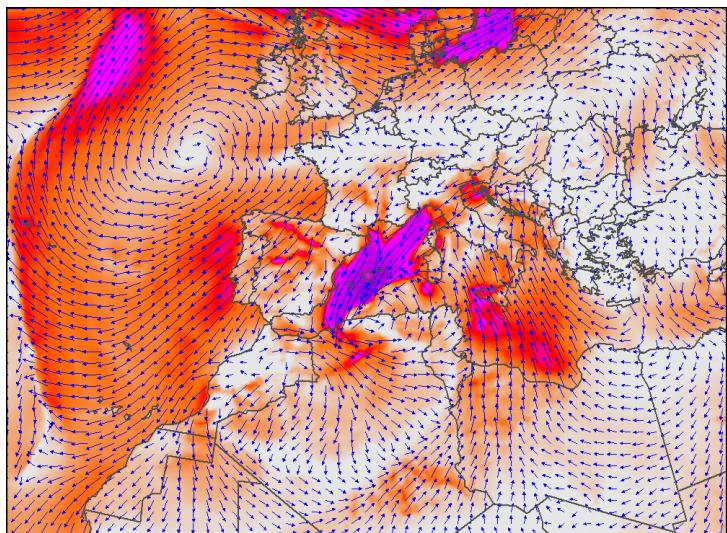
(Influence of DOMAIN &amp; RESOLUTION on predicted WIND field)

 $t = 48\text{h}$ 

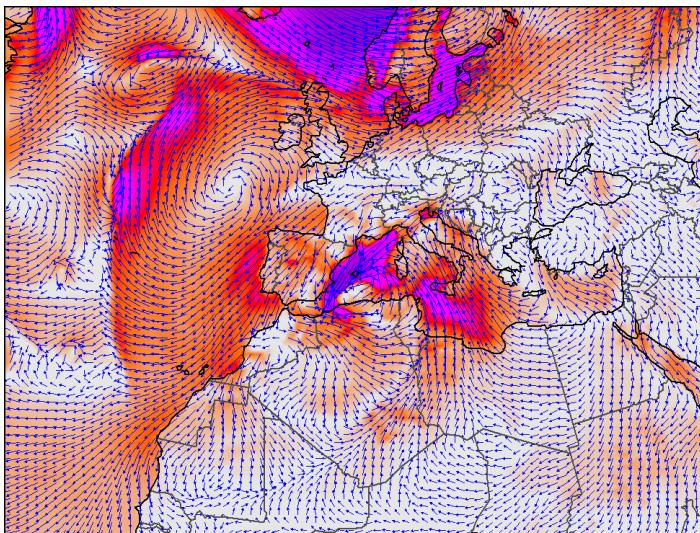
SR



HR

 $t = 48\text{h}$ 

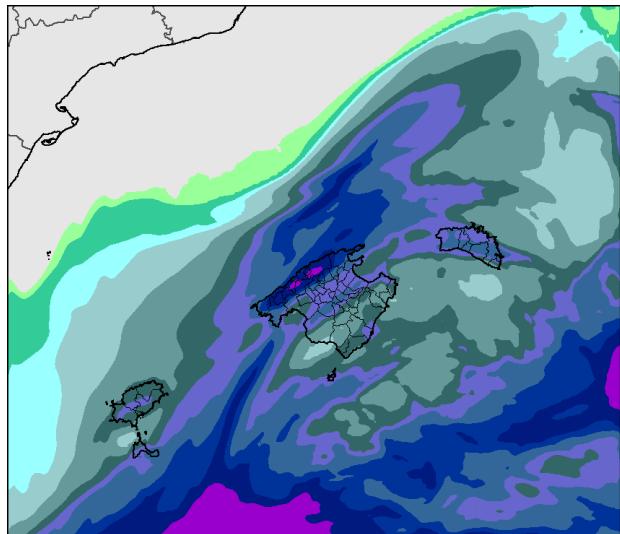
MR



LR

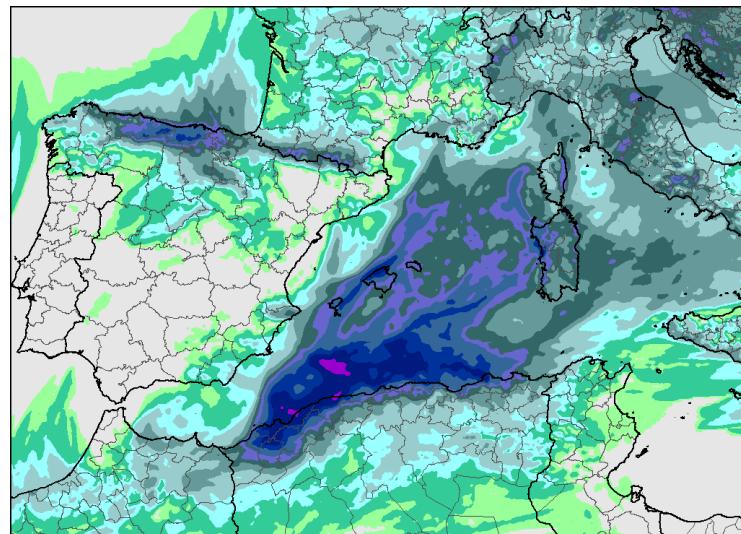
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(Influence of DOMAIN &amp; RESOLUTION on predicted RAINFALL field)

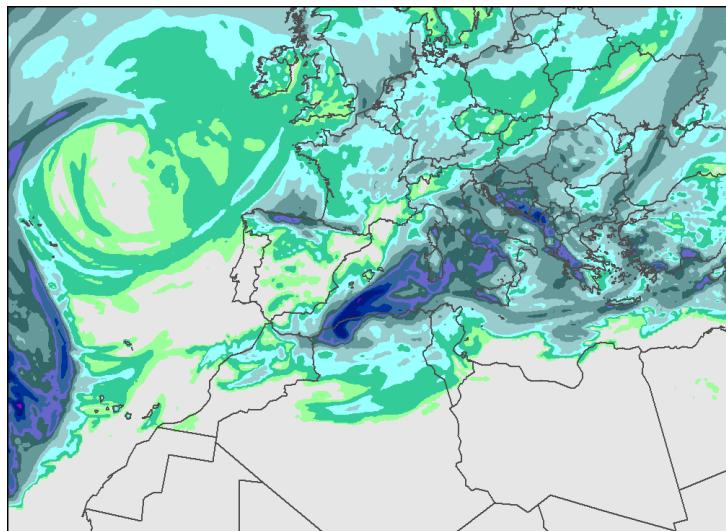


total

SR

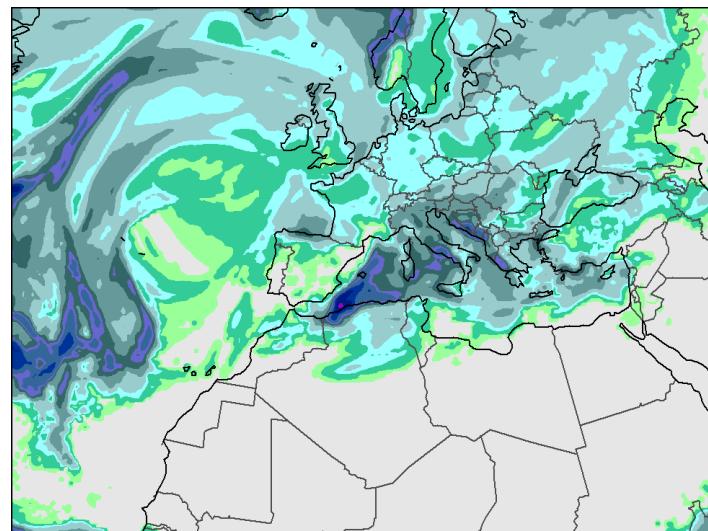


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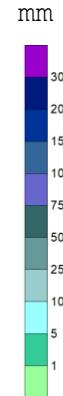


total

MR



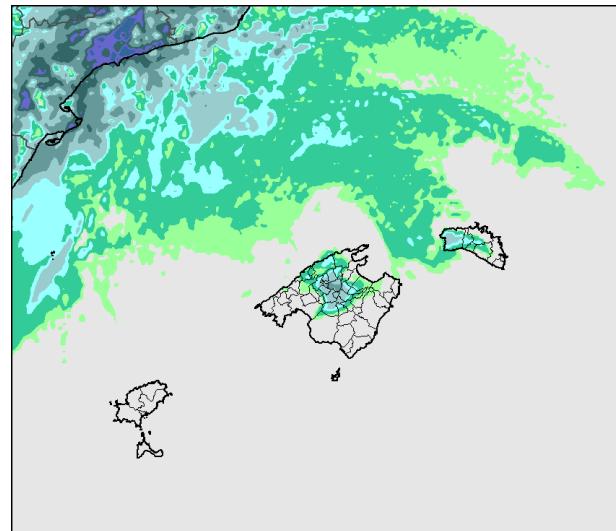
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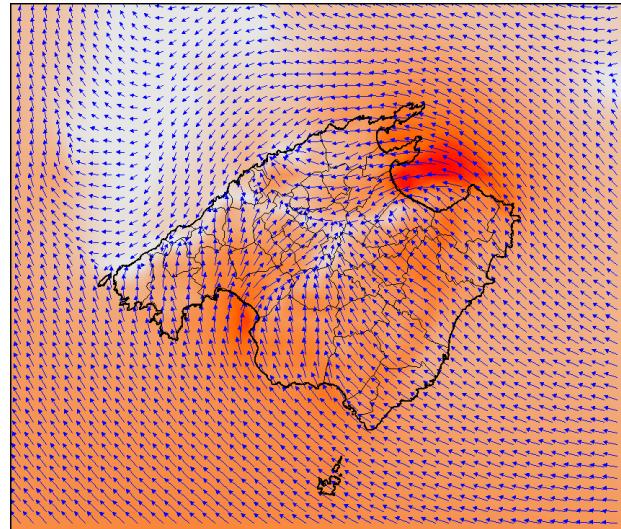
## &gt; "BREEZE-CONVECTION" in Mallorca (IC: 00 UTC 30 Ago 2004)

(SR:  $dx=3\text{km}$ ,  $dzm=200\text{m}$ ,  $\text{stretch}=10$ ,  $dt=6\text{s}$ ,  $N_{\text{step}}=6$ , **42h**)30 Ago31 Ago

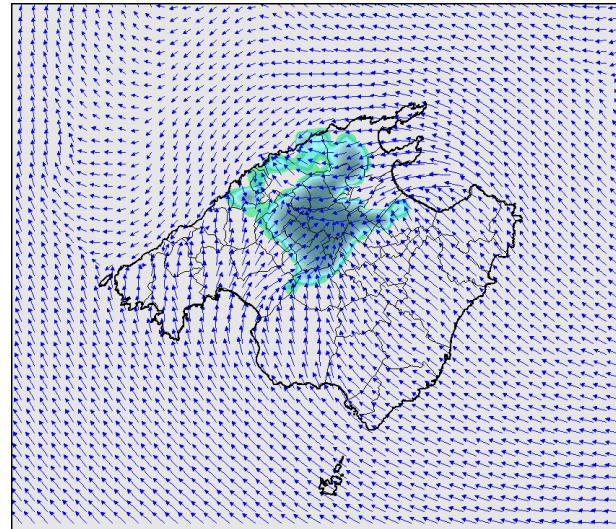
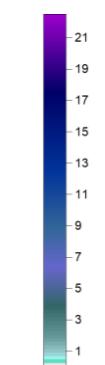
mm

SR

m/s



t=15h

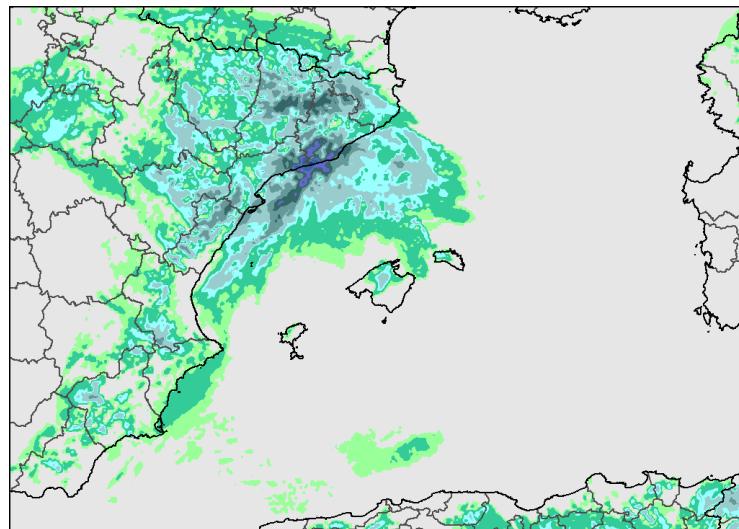
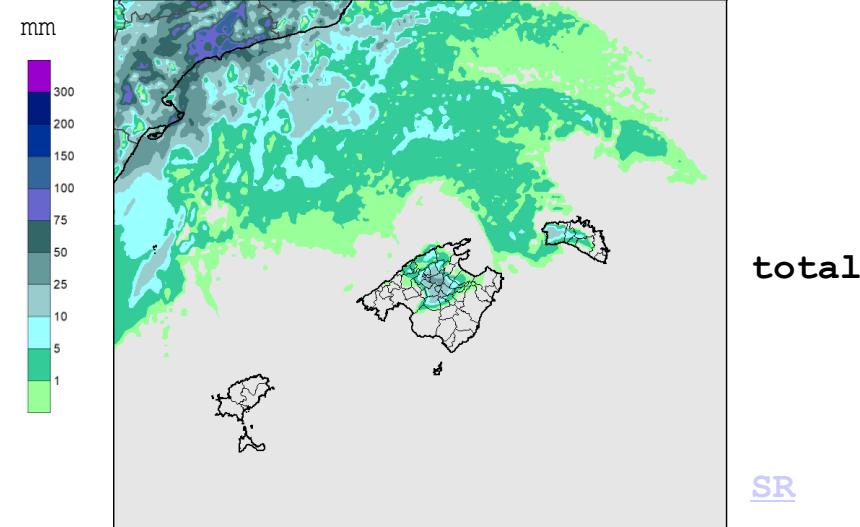
mm ( $^{1/2}\text{h}$ )Wind-Clouds

> “BREEZE-CONVECTION” in Mallorca (IC: 00 UTC 30 Ago 2004)

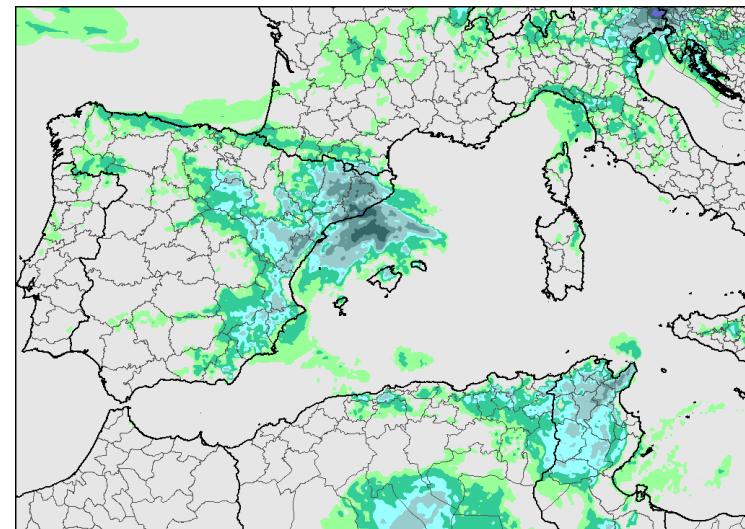
(Influence of **DOMAIN** & **RESOLUTION** on predicted **RAINFALL** field)

30 Ago

31 Ago

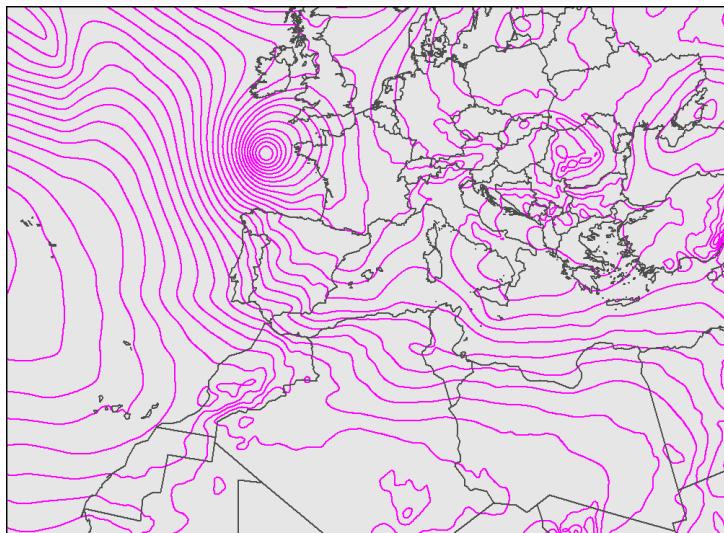
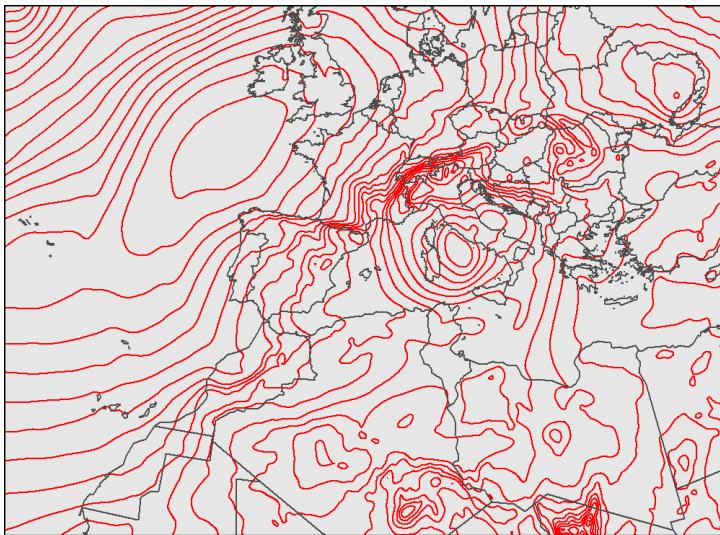
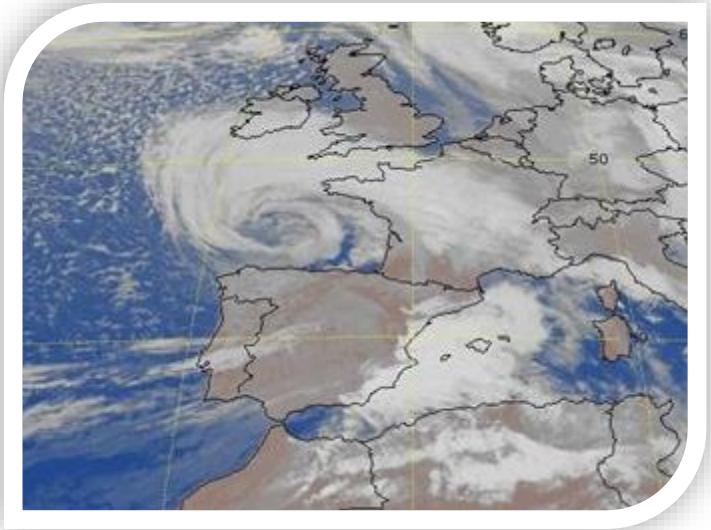


HR-double

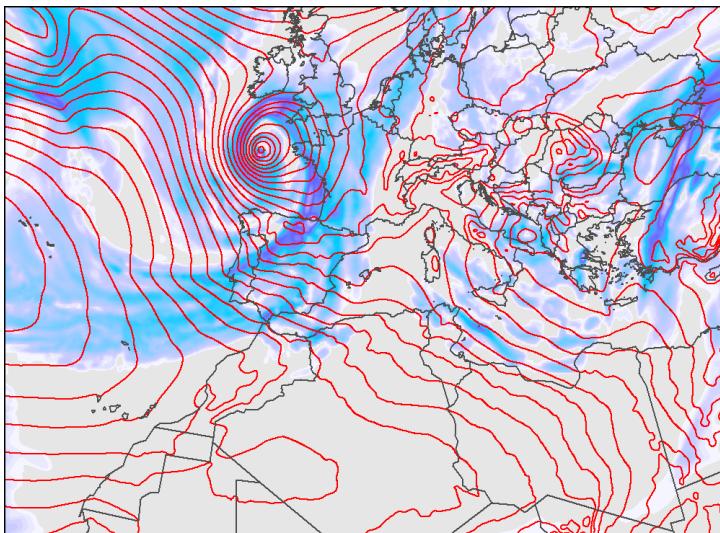


HR

## &gt; "HUGO" Intense Cyclonic Storm (IC: 00 UTC 21 Mar 2018)

(MR:  $dx=25\text{km}$ ,  $dzm=200\text{m}$ ,  $\text{stretch}=10$ ,  $dt=45\text{s}$ ,  $N_{\text{step}}=5$ ,  $90\text{h}$ ) $t=72\text{h}$ 

Winds

 $\text{kg/m}^2$   
A vertical color bar ranging from 0 to 4  $\text{kg/m}^2$ , with intermediate ticks at 0.4, 0.8, 1.2, 1.6, 2.0, 2.4, 2.8, and 3.6. The colors transition from light blue to dark blue.

TRAM

Rainfall

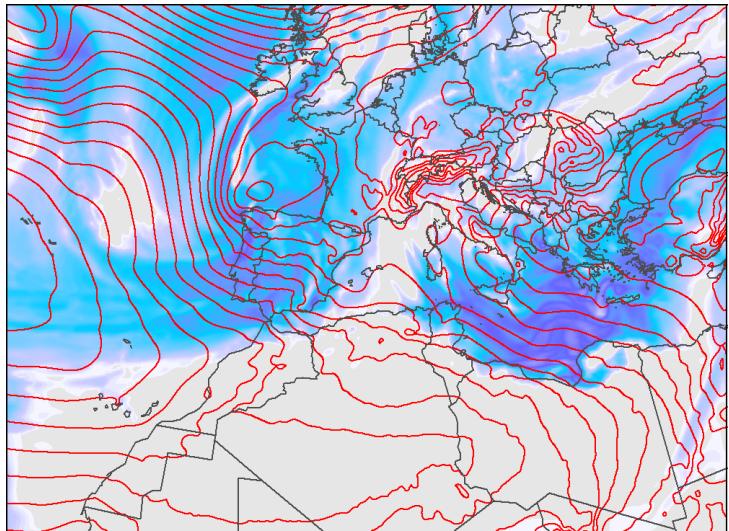
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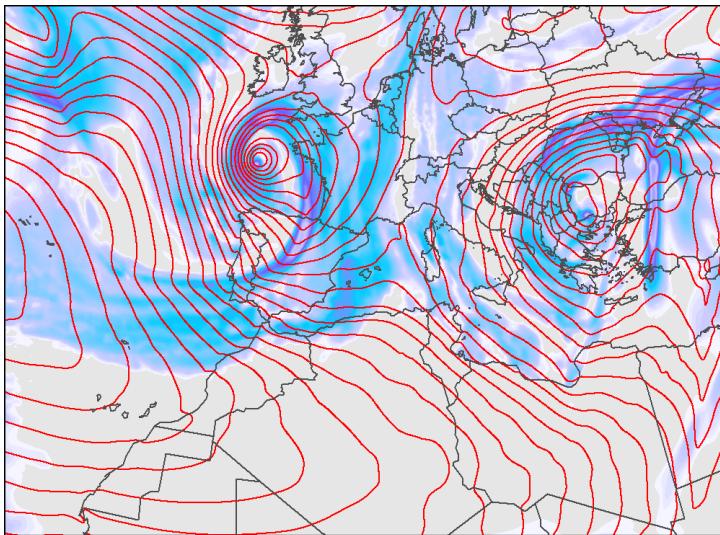
Role of  
**FACTORS**

NO ORO

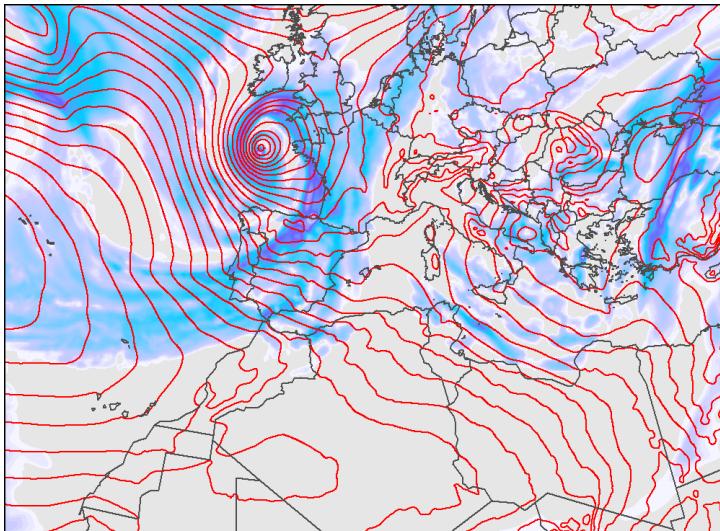
NO LH



t=72h



t=72h



kg/m<sup>2</sup>

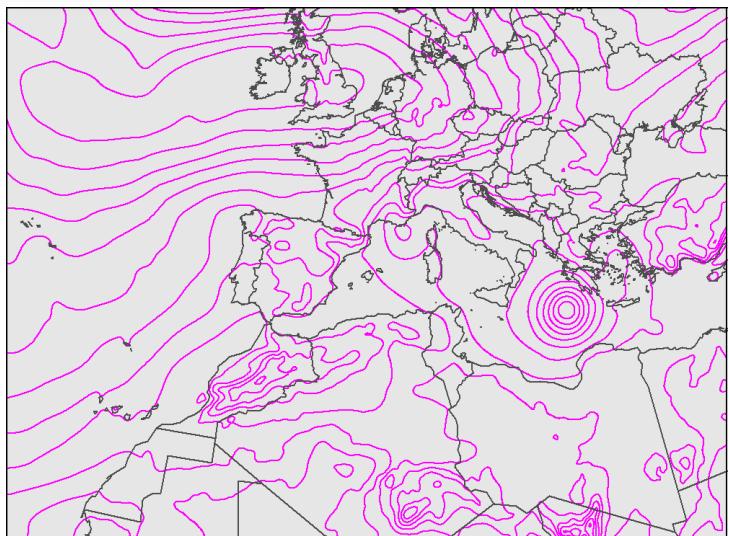
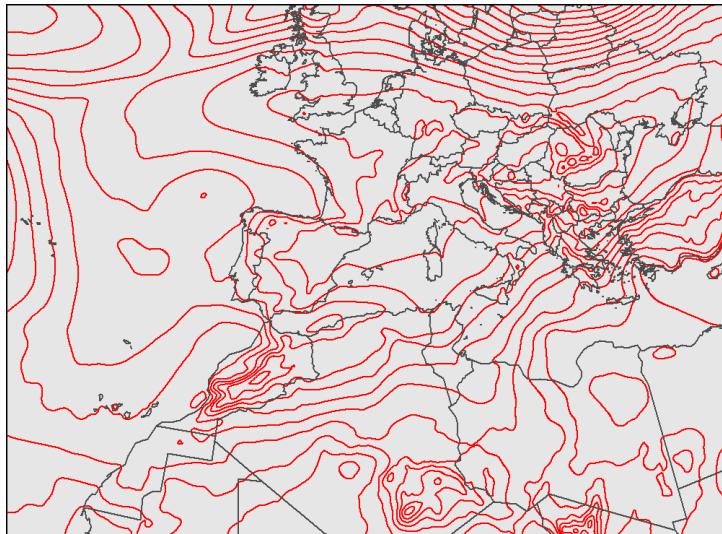
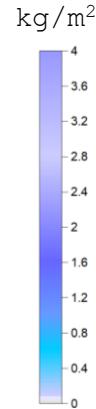
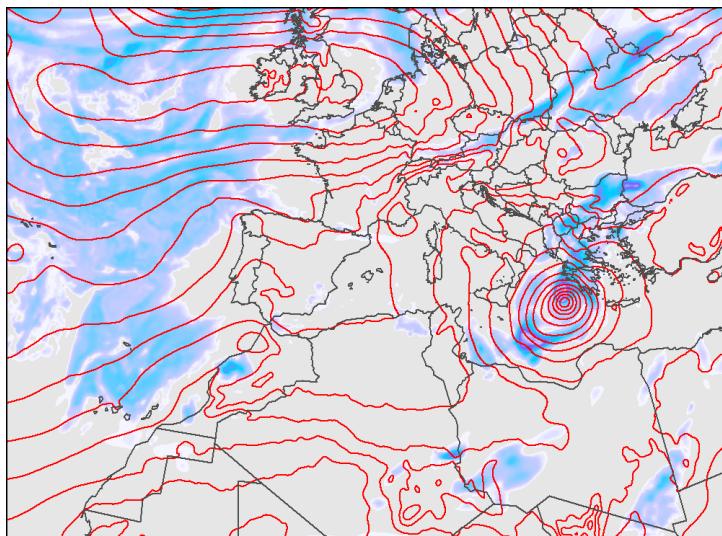
4
3.6
3.2
2.4
1.6
1.2
0.8
0.4
0

TRAM

Winds

Rainfall

## &gt; "ZORBAS" Ionian Sea Medicane (IC: 00 UTC 27 Sept 2018)

(MR:  $dx=25\text{km}$ ,  $dzm=200\text{m}$ ,  $\text{stretch}=10$ ,  $\text{dt}=45\text{s}$ ,  $N_{\text{step}}=5$ ,  $90\text{h}$ ) $t=48\text{h}$ 

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Winds

Rainfall

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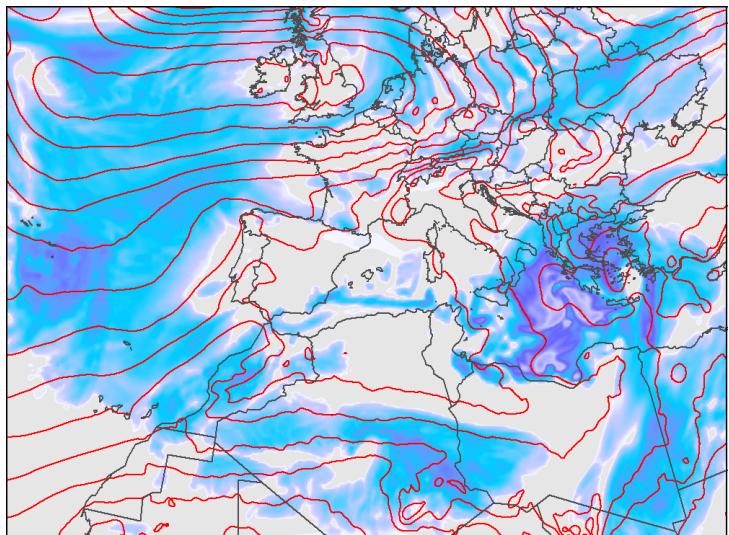
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(MR: dx=25km, dzm=200m, stretch=10, dt=45s, Nstep=5, 90h)

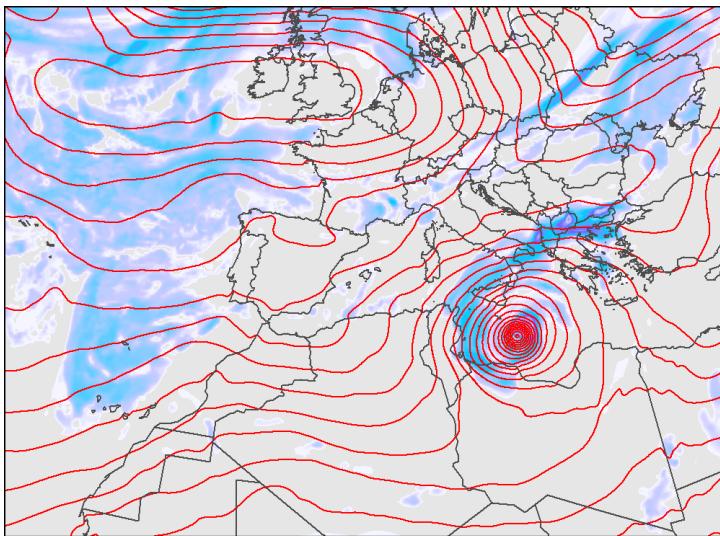
Role of  
**FACTORS**

NO ORO

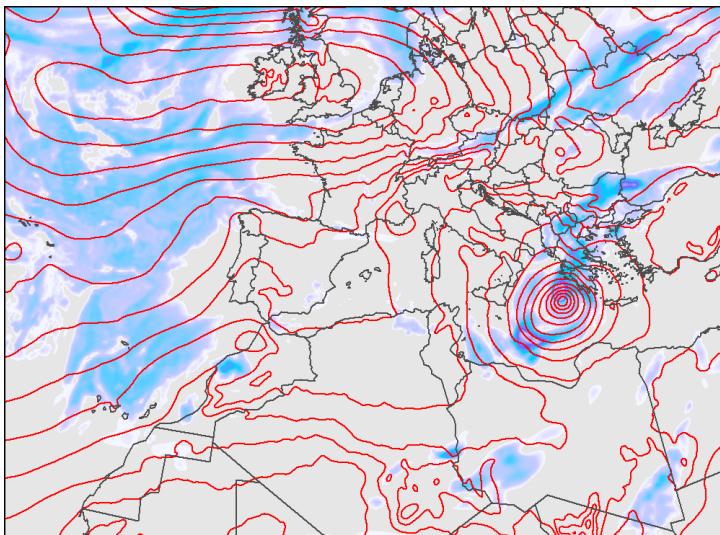
NO LH



t=48h



t=48h



kg/m<sup>2</sup>

4
3.6
3.2
2.8
2.4
2.0
1.6
1.2
0.8
0.4
0

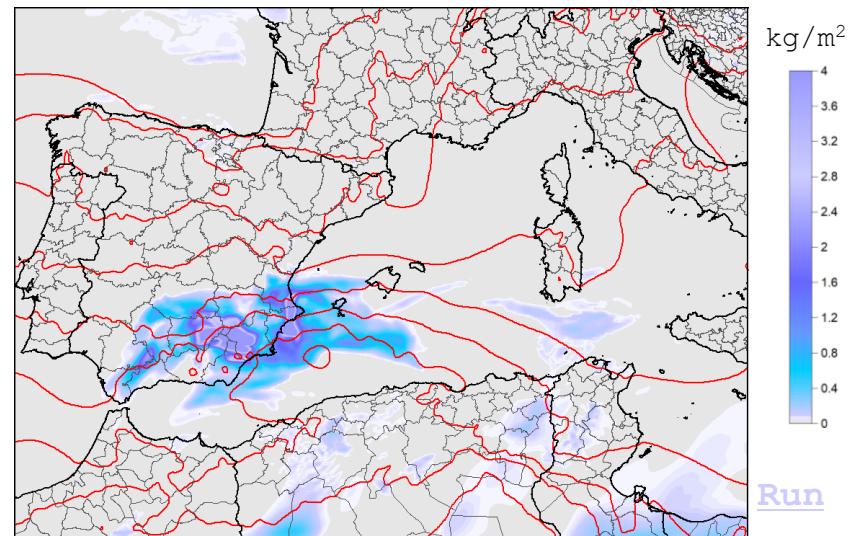
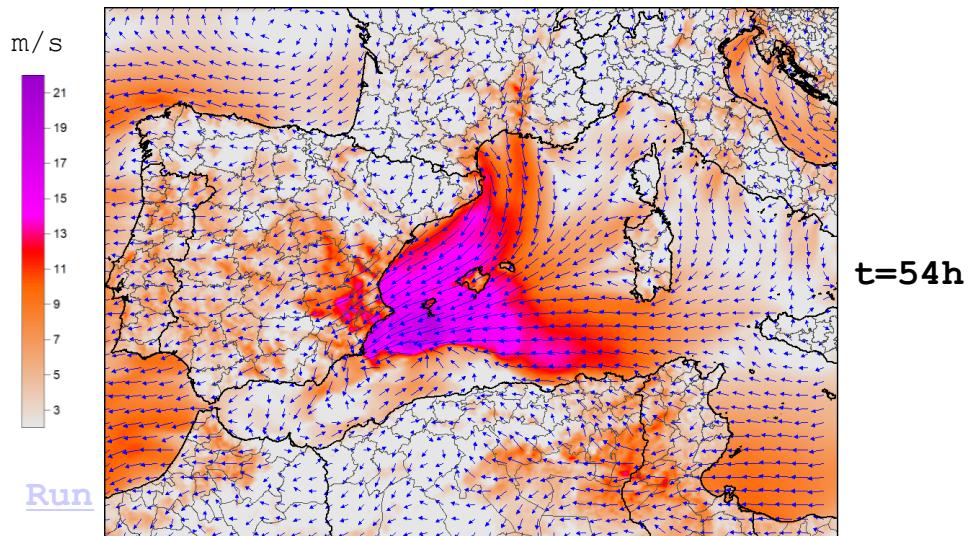
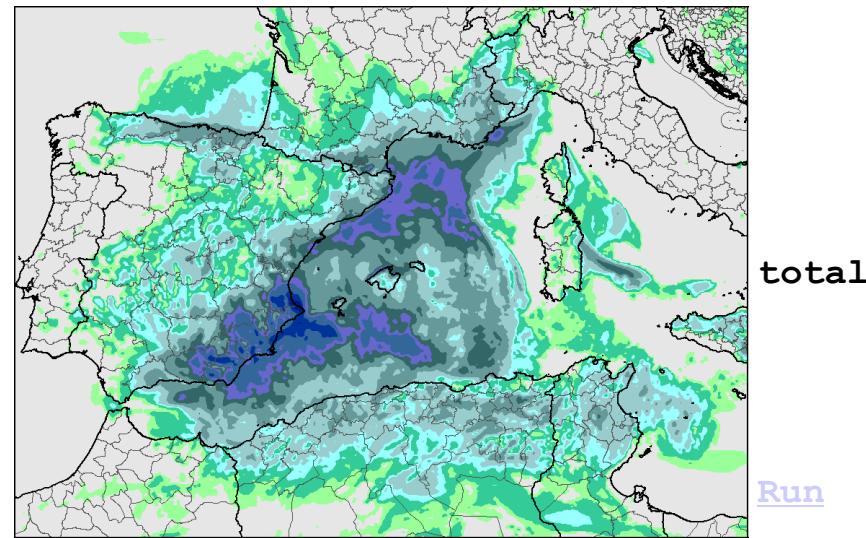
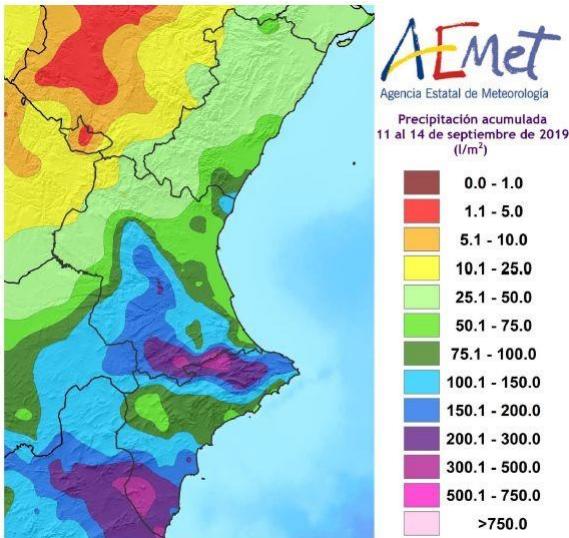
TRAM

Winds

Rainfall

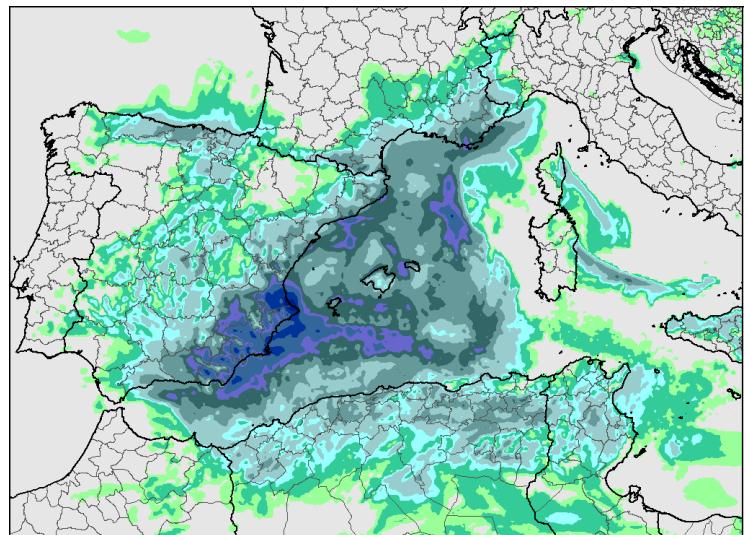
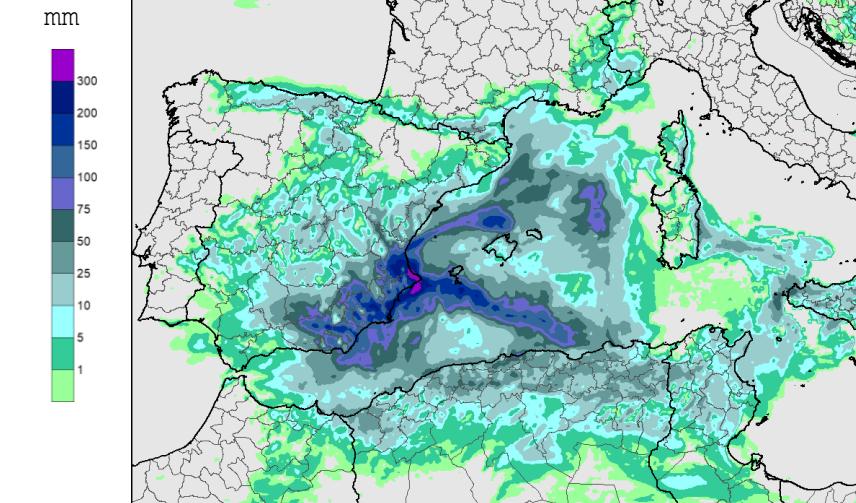
## &gt; "DANA" Valencia-Murcia Floods (IC: 00 UTC 10 Sept 2019)

(HR: dx=9km, dzm=200m, stretch=10, dt=15s, Nstep=6, 90h)

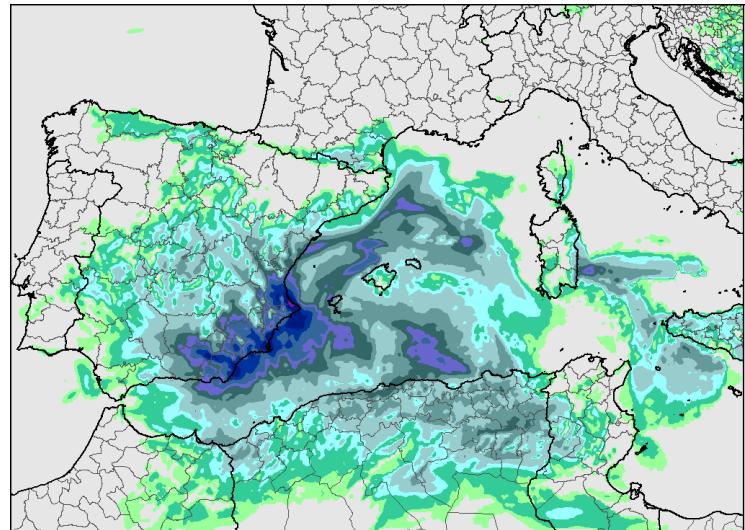
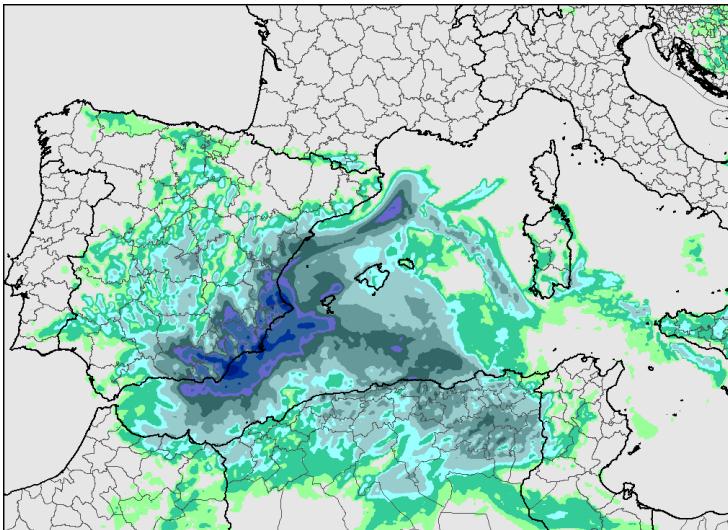


## &gt; "DANA" Valencia-Murcia Floods (IC: 06 to 24 UTC 10 Sept 2019)

(Influence of START TIME on predicted RAINFALL field)

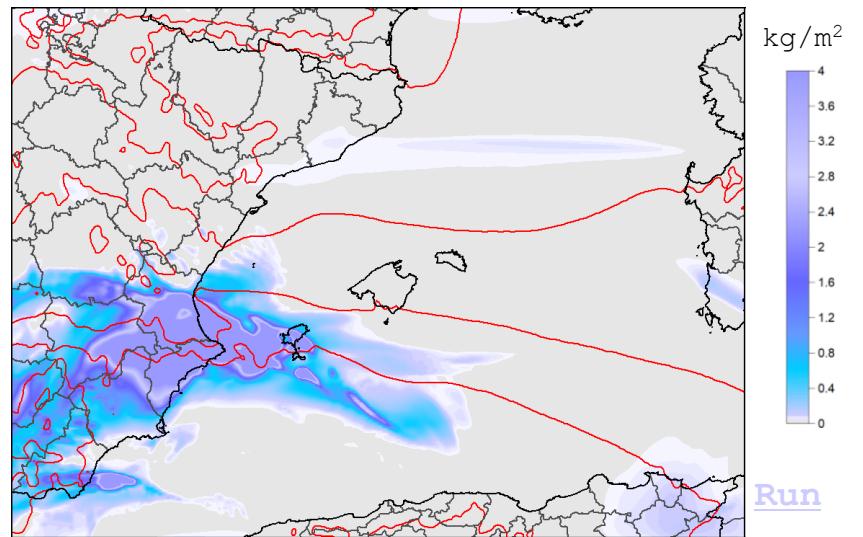
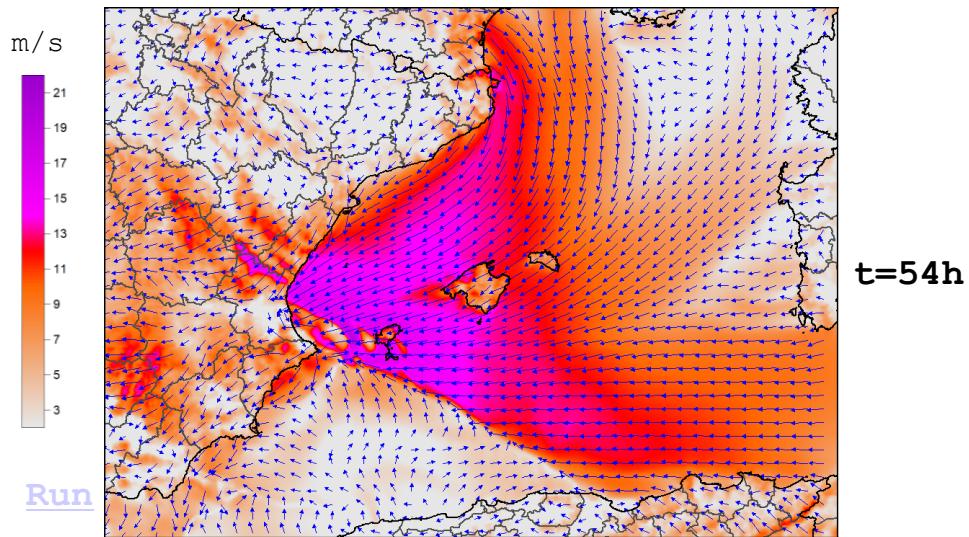
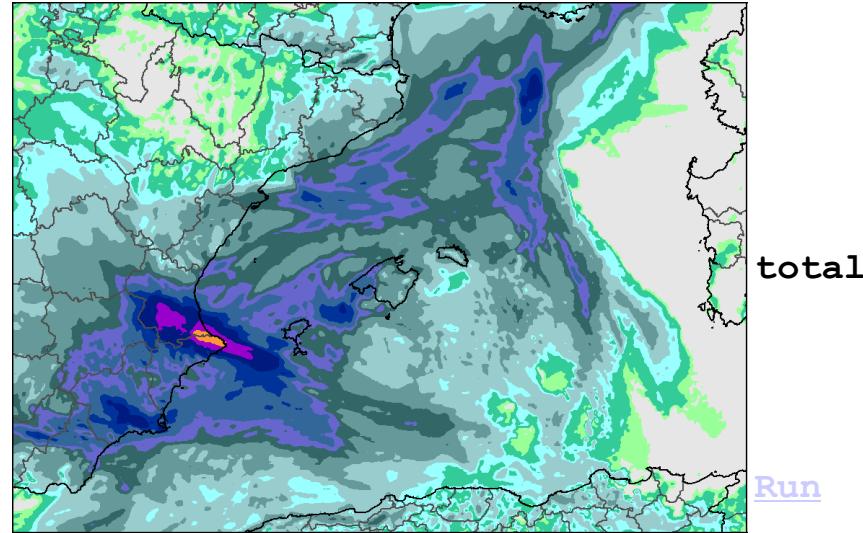
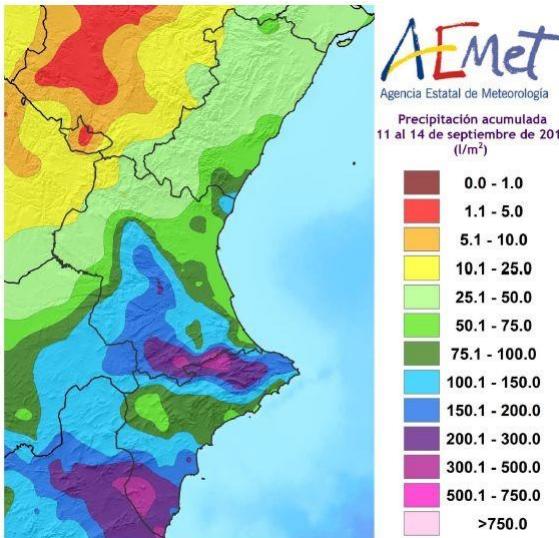
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total

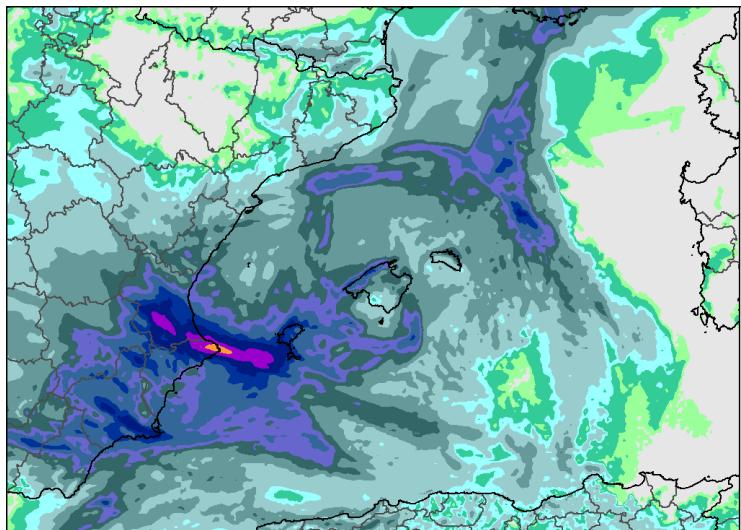
10/1811/00

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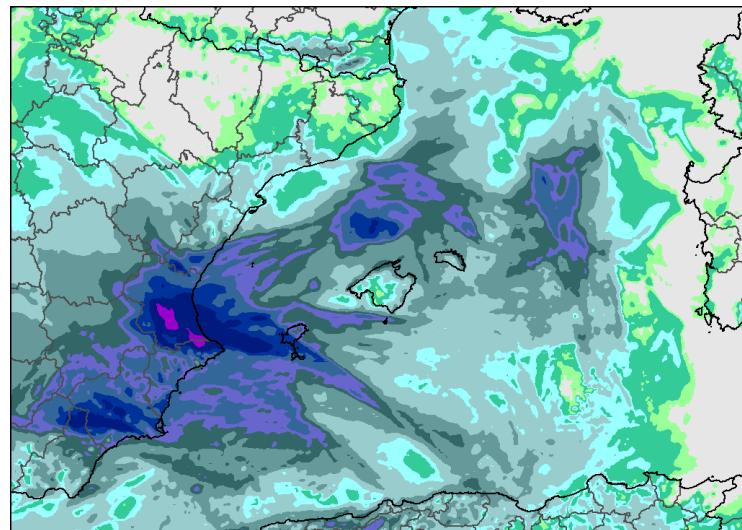
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## &gt; "DANA" Valencia-Murcia Floods (IC: 06 to 24 UTC 10 Sept 2019)

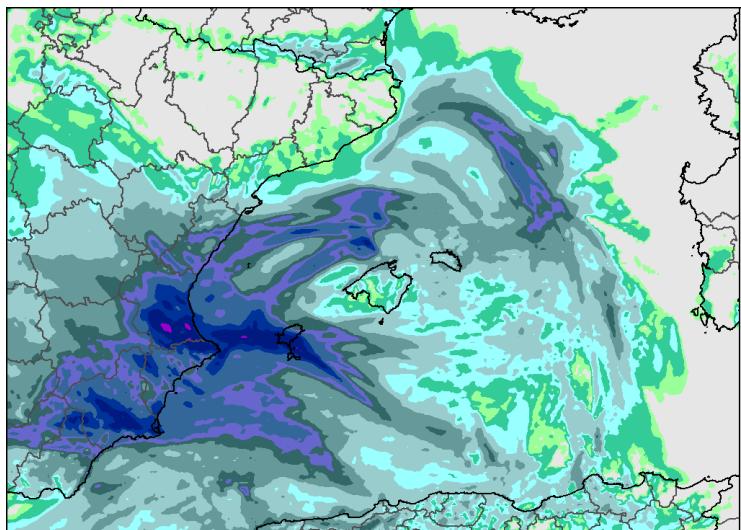
(Influence of **START TIME** on predicted **RAINFALL** field)

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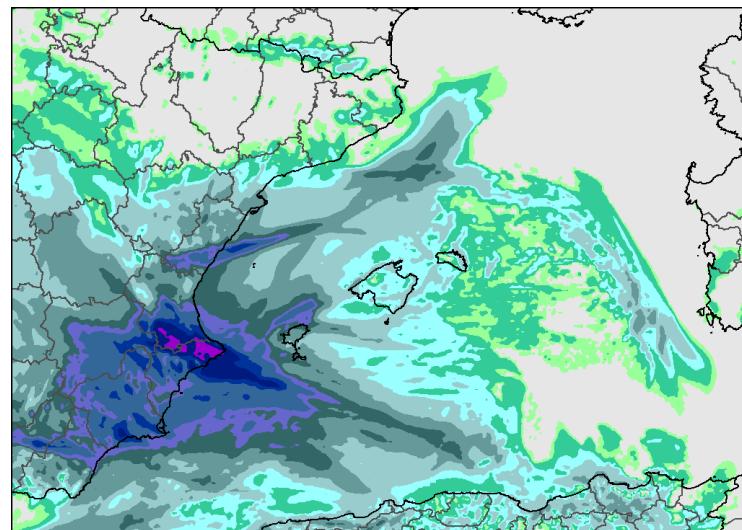


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total

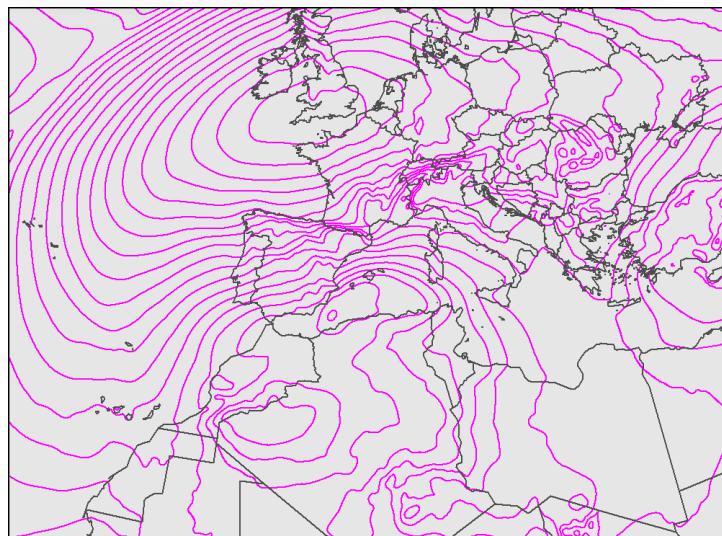
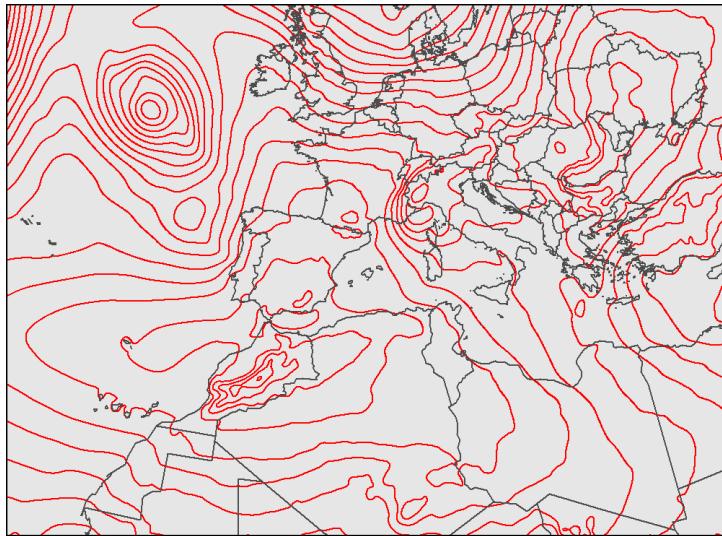
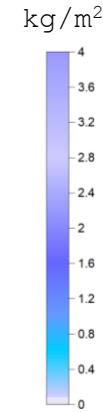
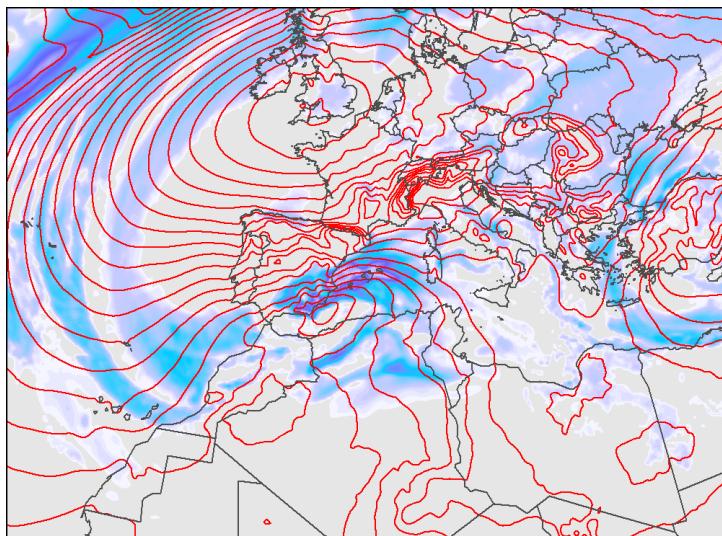


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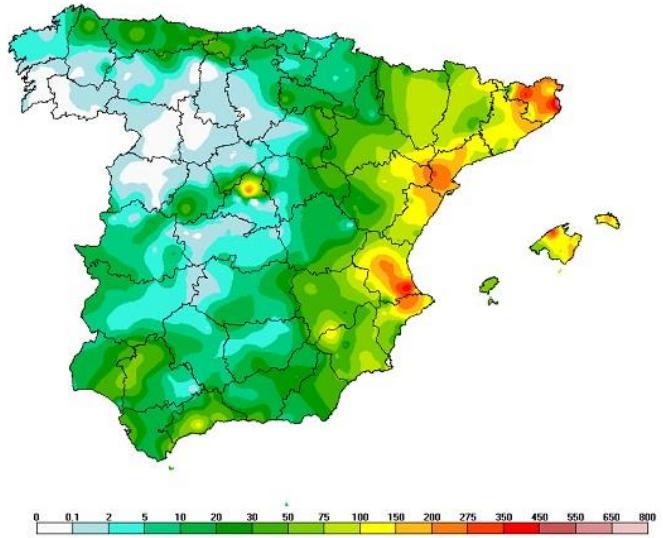
(MR:  $dx=25\text{km}$ ,  $dzm=200\text{m}$ ,  $\text{stretch}=10$ ,  $dt=45\text{s}$ ,  $N_{\text{step}}=5$ , **138h**) $t=48\text{h}$ 

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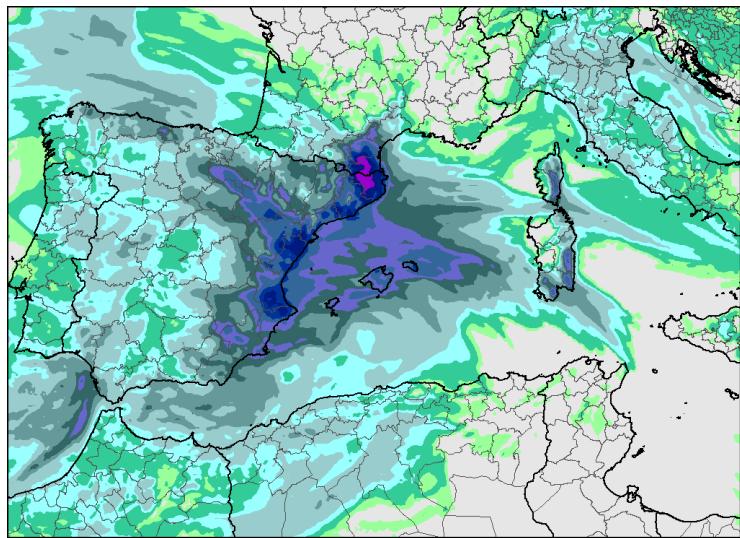
Winds

Rainfall

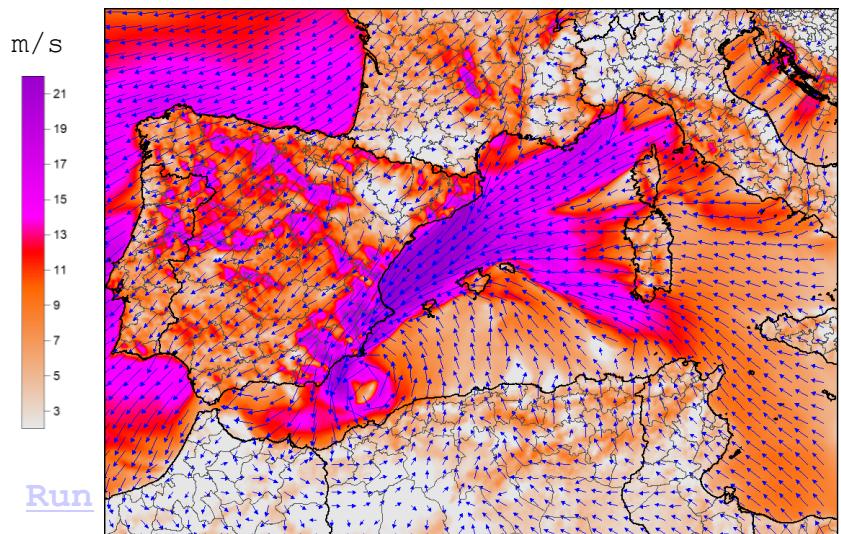
## &gt; "GLORIA" Extraordinary Storm (IC: 00 UTC 18 Jan 2020)

(HR:  $dx=9\text{km}$ ,  $dzm=200\text{m}$ ,  $\text{stretch}=10$ ,  $dt=15\text{s}$ ,  $N_{\text{step}}=6$ , **138h**)

mm

300  
200  
150  
100  
75  
50  
25  
10  
5  
1

total

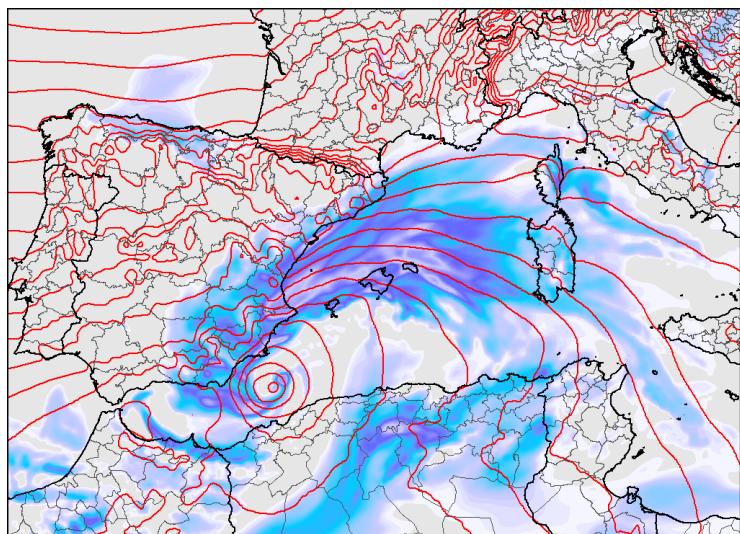


m/s

21  
19  
17  
15  
13  
11  
9  
7  
5  
3

t=48h

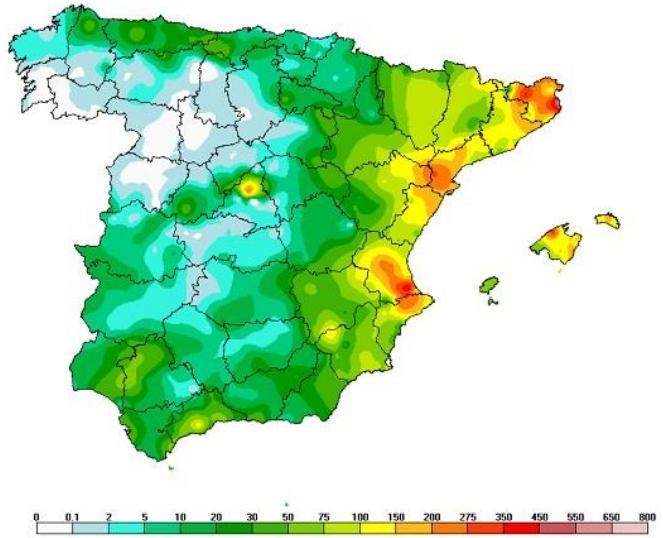
Run

kg/m<sup>2</sup>4  
3.6  
3.2  
2.4  
2  
1.6  
1.2  
0.8  
0.4  
0

Run

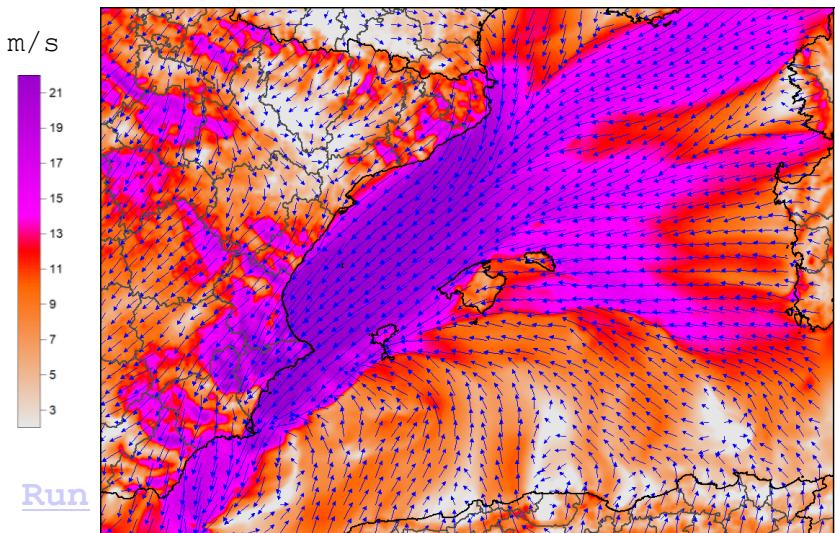
## &gt; "GLORIA" Extraordinary Storm (IC: 00 UTC 18 Jan 2020)

(HR\_double: dx=4.5km, dzm=200m, stretch=10, dt=9s, Nstep=6, 138h)



mm

	500
	400
	300
	200
	150
	100
	75
	50
	25
	10
	5
	1

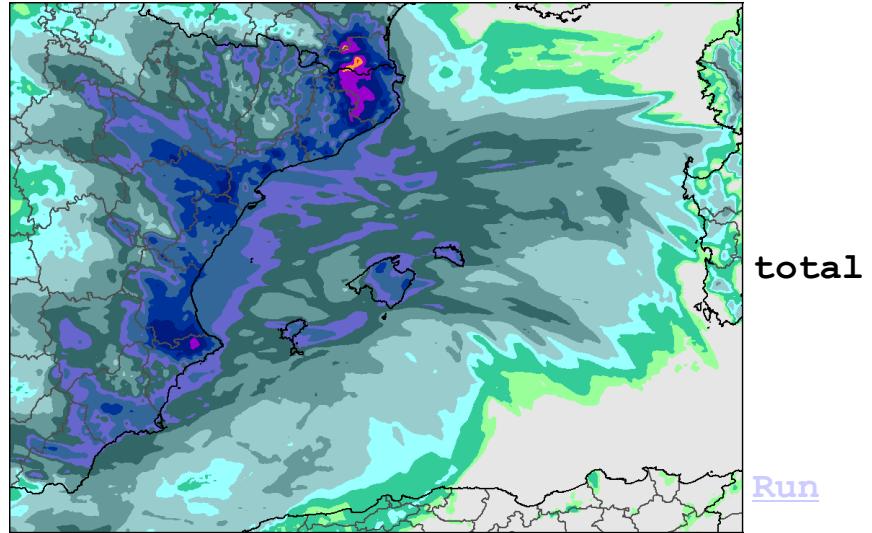


Run

 $t = 48\text{h}$ 

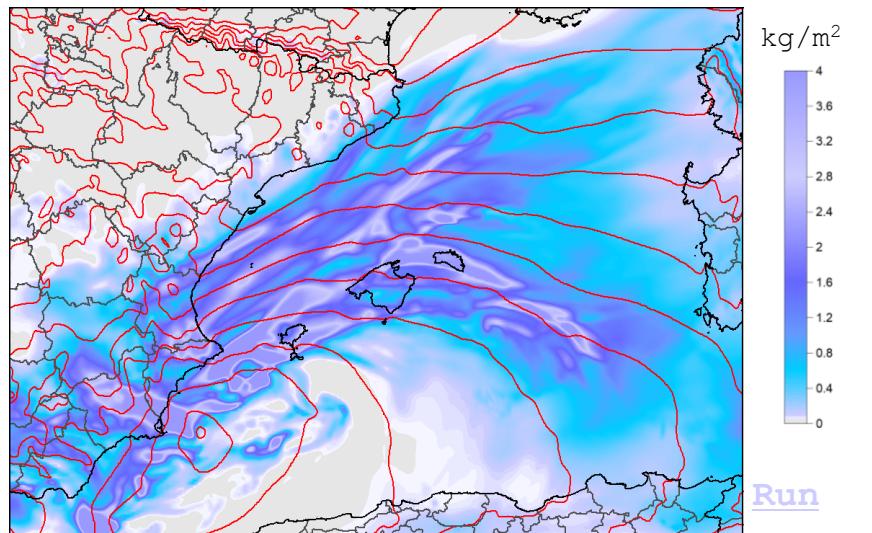
m/s

	21
	19
	17
	15
	13
	11
	9
	7
	5
	3



total

Run

kg/m<sup>2</sup>

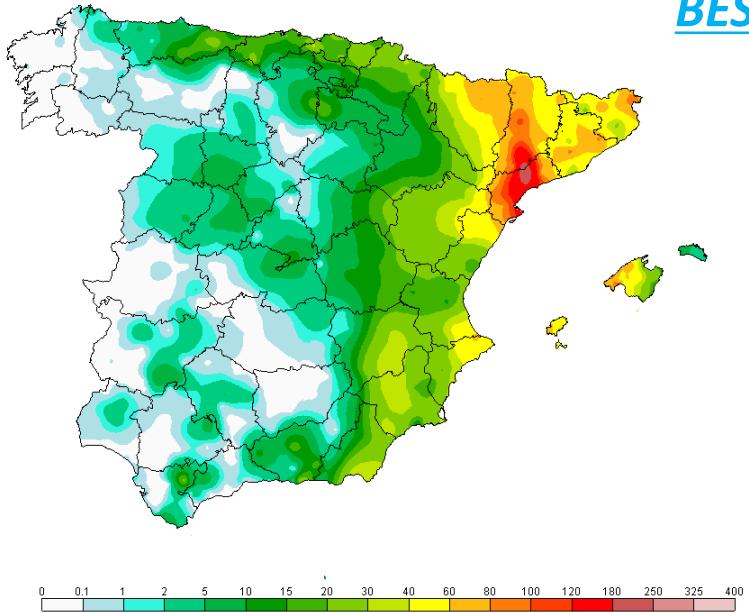
	4
	3.6
	3.2
	2.4
	2
	1.6
	1.2
	0.8
	0.4
	0

Run

- > TRAM HAS BEEN COMPLETED with a proper set of physical parameterizations of the effects of cloud microphysics, cumulus convection, short and long-wave radiation, PBL processes and surface fluxes
- > Now we have a MODEL SUITED to simulate all kinds of atmospheric circulations, from small-scale thermal bubbles ( $\approx 100$  m scale) to synoptic-scale baroclinic cyclones ( $> 1000$  km size), including orographic circulations, thermally-driven flows, squall lines, supercells, precipitation systems, medicanes, etc...
- > Besides opening a myriad of academic and research applications, TRAM REGIONAL FORECASTS at different resolutions are already being disseminated in the web: see <http://meteo.uib.es/tram>

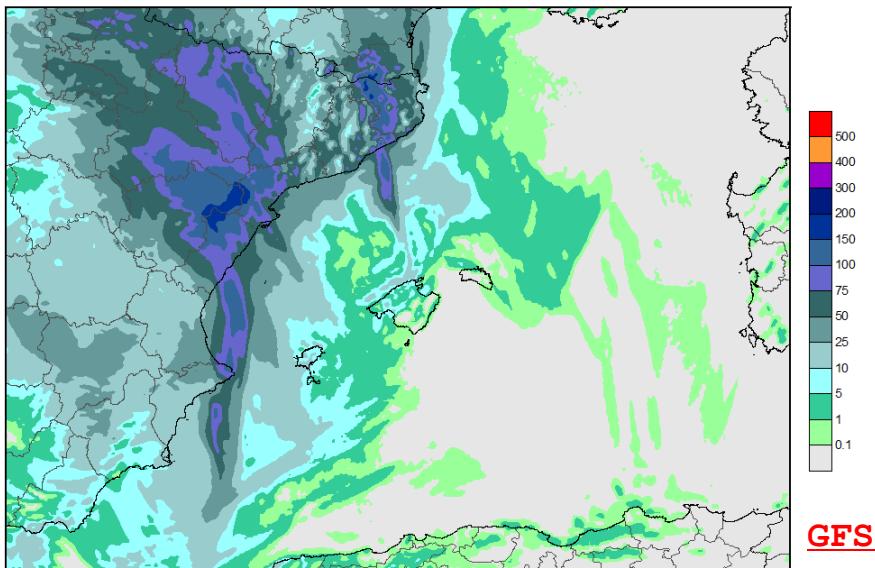
> 22/06-23/06 24h PRECIP (START TIME is 22/00)

**BEST**



TOTAL ACCUM PRECIP (mm)

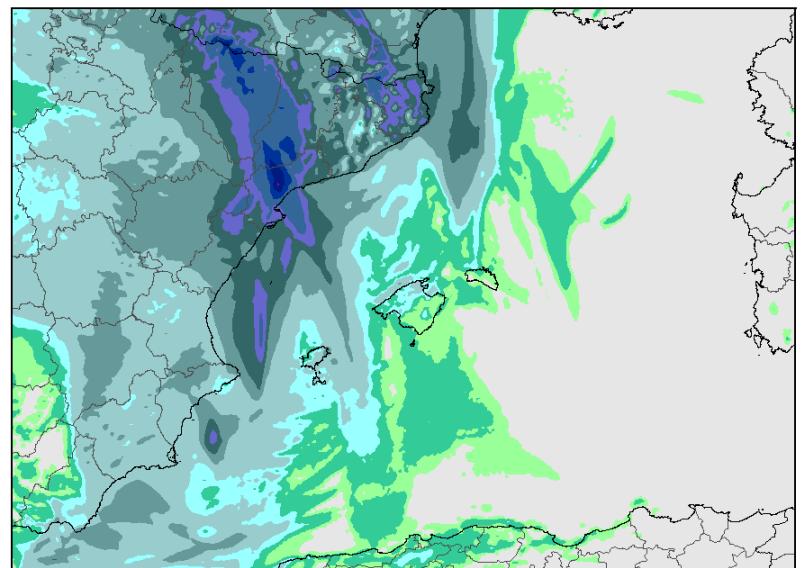
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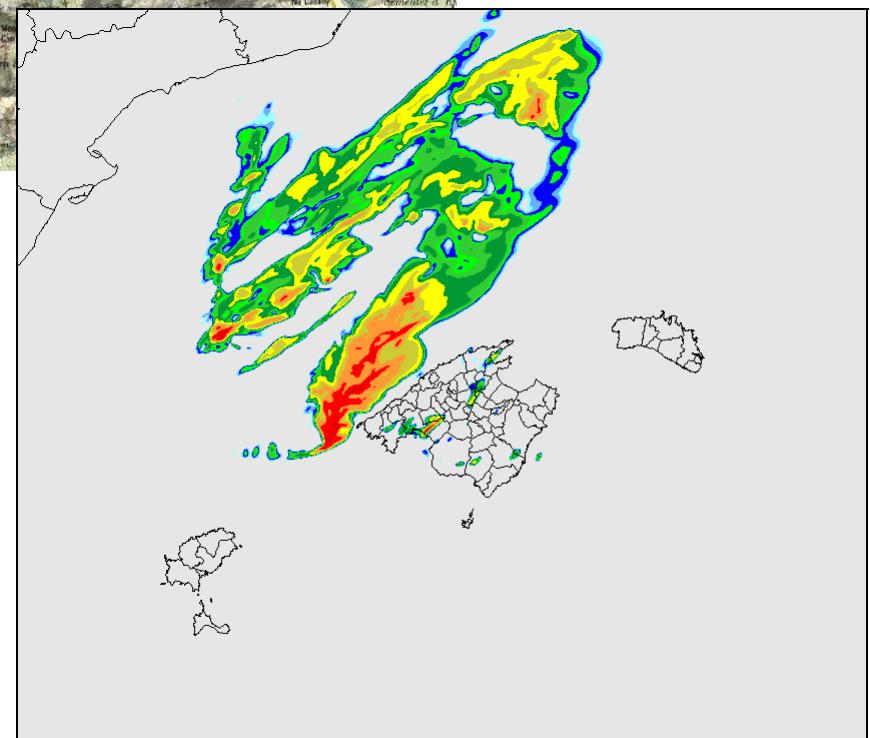
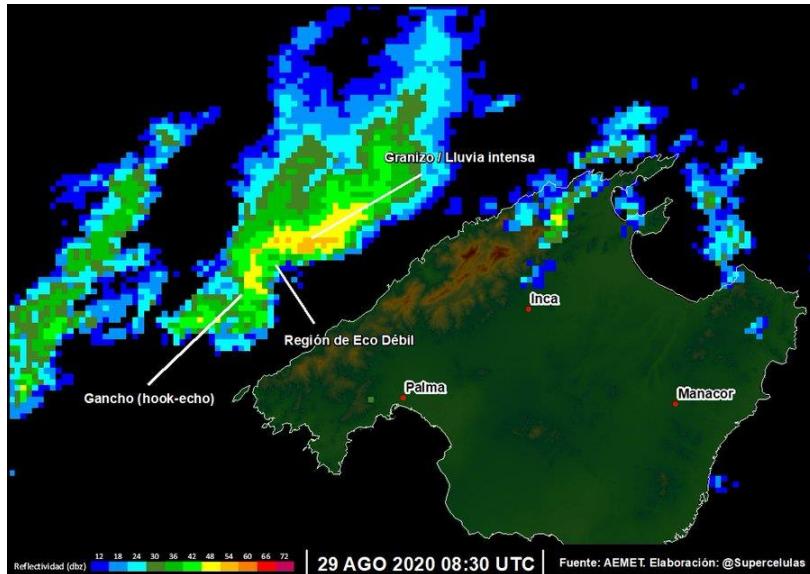
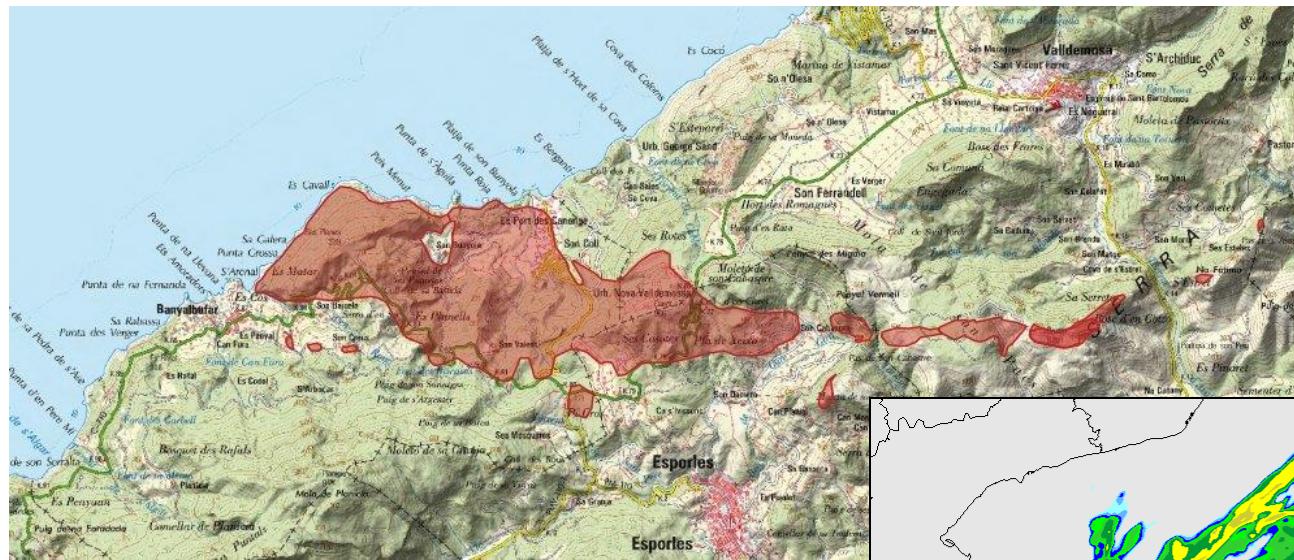
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> 29/00-29/18 TRAM Simulation ( $\text{dx}=0.75\text{km}$ , GFS-fcst)



Wind

Speed

Rainfall

Temperature

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