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## More information...

Verification results are also available on internal web pages

- <http://metcoop.smhi.se/> - MetCoOp verification portal
- <http://verif/vmap/> - timeseries and windroses - on Google map

## Models

The following models are verified in this report.

ECMWF	Global model (IFS) at the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts. From 26 January 2010 horizontal resolution approximately $16 \times 16 \text{ km}^2$ . From 8 March 2016 cycle 41r2 with horizontal resolution about $9\text{km}$ . ECMWF is available about 5 hours later than models run at MET.
AROME-Norway	HARMONIE cycle 37h1.1 with AROME physics and non-hydrostatic dynamics, horizontal resolution defined by a $2.5 \times 2.5 \text{ km}^2$ grid. Experimental since 25 October 2012, replacing Harmonie2.5 from 26 February 2013, on Yr from 1 October 2013.
AROME-MetCoOp (AM25)	HARMONIE with AROME physics, horizontal resolution defined by a $2.5 \times 2.5 \text{ km}^2$ grid on same domain as AROME-Norway. Run in cooperation with Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI). Experimental with cycle 38h1.1 since 9 December 2013, operational since 12 March 2014, cycle 38h1.2 since 8 December 2014.
AROME-Arctic (AA25)	HARMONIE with AROME physics, horizontal resolution defined by a $2.5 \times 2.5 \text{ km}^2$ grid, same domain size as AROME-MetCoOp. Experimental with cycle 38h1.2 since 15 October 2015, on Yr from 14 December 2016.
MetCoOp ensemble system (MEPSctrl)	MEPS has 10 ensemble members, only member 0, the control, is verified in this report. MEPS is based on HARMONIE cycle 40h1.1 with AROME physics and non-hydrostatic dynamics, horizontal resolution defined by a $2.5 \times 2.5 \text{ km}^2$ grid. Experimental since 25 May 2016. Operational status since 8 November 2016.

Analysis and lead times of forecasts are denoted by e.g. 00+30 UTC which indicates forecast generated at 00 UTC and valid 30 hours later.

## Post processed forecasts

Most of the raw model data are post processed before being published on Yr.

For 2m temperature, the raw data is first adjusted to a fine scale (500 m) topography applying a vertical temperature gradient of -1.6 degrees pr. 100 m. The “height corrected” 2m temperature forecasts (PPHC) are in a next step adapted to observations by a Kalman filter at all observing stations. The Kalman filter corrections are interpolated horizontally to the 500 m grid by kriging, using weights which decrease with increasing distance from the observing stations, both horizontally and vertically. The interpolated Kalman filter corrections are finally added to the height corrected field, giving PPKF.

10 m wind speed is statistically post processed to represent maximum wind speed 10m last hour, and called PP.

The precipitation forecasts are post processed by a neighbourhood method giving a median field. This field is used to determine the precipitation symbol on Yr.

ECMWF provides probabilistic forecasts based on a 51 member ensemble system at 30 km resolution. Consensus forecasts (ECens) are calibrated (ECensPP) before being presented on Yr.

## **The HARMONIE system**

HARMONIE is the acronym for HIRLAM's meso-scale forecast system (Hirlam Aladin Regional/Meso-scale Operational NWP In Europe). The HARMONIE system includes several configuration options. This section presents some of the main components and setups that are used at MET. More documentation is available on <http://www.cnrm.meteo.fr/gmapdoc/> and <http://hirlam.org/>. A change log for HARMONIE AROME is found on <https://metcoop.smhi.se/dokuwiki/nwp/metcoop/changelog/start>.

### **ALARO-0 physics**

ALARO-0 has physical parameterizations targeted for grey scale resolutions ( 4-10 km). It is a spin-off of the Météo-France physical parameterizations used in the globale ARPEGE, but with a separate radiation scheme, 3MT micro-physical frame work, and the Toucans turbulence scheme. Much of the development has been done by the RC LACE (Regional Cooperation for Limited Area modeling in Central Europe) community.

### **AROME physics**

AROME (Applications of Research to Operations at MEsoscale) is targeted for horizontal resolution 2.5 km or finer. It uses physical parameterizations based on the French academia model Meso-NH and the external surface model SURFEX. AROME has been operational at Météo-France since 18 December 2008, with a horizontal resolution of 2.5 km.

### **SURFEX as surface model**

SURFEX (Surface externalisée) is developed at Météo-France and academia for offline experiments and introduced in NWP models to ensure consistent treatment of processes related to surface. Météo-France is already using SURFEX for some of their configurations and is planning to use it for all their configurations. Surface modelling and assimilation will benefit from the possibility of running offline experiments. SURFEX is also used for offline applications in e.g. hydrology, vegetation monitoring and snow avalanche forecasts.

SURFEX includes routines to simulate the exchange of energy and water between the atmosphere and 4 surface types (tiles); land, sea (ocean), lake (inland water) and town. The land or nature tile can be divided further into 12 vegetation types (patches). ISBA (Interaction between Soil Biosphere and Atmosphere) is used for modelling the land surface processes. There are 3 ISBA options; 2- and 3-layer force restore and a diffusive approach, where the first one is used in HIRLAM. Towns may be treated by a separate TEB (Town Energy Balance) module. Seas and lakes are also treated separately. The lake model, FLAKE (Freshwater LAKE), has recently been introduced in SURFEX. A global ECOCLIMAP database which combines land cover maps and satellite information gives information about surface properties. The orography is taken from gtopo30.

“SURFEX Scientific Documentation” and “User’s Guide” are available on <http://www.cnrm.meteo.fr/surfex/>

## **Data assimilation**

NWP models are updated regularly using observations received in real-time from the global observing system. MEPS is updated each third hour; at 00, 03, 06, 09, 12, 15, 18 and 21 UTC.

### **Surface analysis**

Surface analysis is performed by CANARI (Code d’Analyse Nécessaire à ARPEGE pour ses Rejets et son Initialisation) (Taillefer, 2002). The analysis method is Optimal Interpolation and only conventional synoptic observations are used. 2 meter temperature and relative humidity observations are used to update the surface and soil temperature and moisture.

The snow analysis is also performed with CANARI in analogy with the HIRLAM snow analysis. Snow depth observations are used to update Snow Water Equivalent. The snow fields are analysed only at 06 and 18 UTC as there are very few snow depth observations at 00, 03, 09, 12, 15 and 21.

The Sea Surface Temperature (SST) and Sea Ice Concentration (SIC) is not analysed, but taken from the boundaries. ECMWF uses the OSTIA (Operational Sea Surface Temperature and Sea Ice Analysis) product, including SST from UK Met Office and SIC from MET. SST and SIC for the Baltic Sea have since 26 November 2015 been taken from the ocean model HIROMB run at SMHI.

The surface temperature over sea ice was taken from the boundary model and remained unchanged through the forecast. A simple thermodynamical sea ice scheme (SICE) giving prognostic sea ice temperatures in 4 fixed layers was introduced 26 November 2015.

### **Upper air analysis**

MEPS runs three dimensional variational (3D VAR) data assimilation using conventional observations from synop stations, ships, radiosondes and aircrafts and AMSU-A and AMSU-B/MHS data from polar orbiting NOAA and METOP satellites. GNSS were introduced 17 February 2015, radar reflectivities 16 June 2015 and IASI data 26 November 2015.

### **Boundary fields**

MEPS gets its boundary values (1-hourly) from the ECMWF model at approximately 16 km resolution, and has currently 65 vertical levels. None of the HARMONIE configurations at MET have applied digital filter initialization (DFI).

## Verification measures

All model forecasts in this report are verified against observations by interpolating (linear) the grid based forecasts to the observational sites. As a consequence, it should be noted that it is the models' abilities to forecast the observations that is being quantified and assessed. Thus, there is no attempt in this report to verify area averaged precipitation for example.

Verification is carried out both for raw and categorized forecasts. In the following, let  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  denote the forecasts and  $o_1, \dots, o_n$  the corresponding observations.

### Forecasts of continuous variables

The verification statistics applied to continuous variables are defined in the table below

Statistic	Acronym	Formula	Range	Optimal score
Mean Error	ME	$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (f_i - o_i)$	$-\infty$ to $\infty$	0
Mean Absolute Error	MAE	$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n  f_i - o_i $	0 to $\infty$	0
Standard Deviation of Error	SDE	$\left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (f_i - o_i - ME)^2 \right)^{1/2}$	0 to $\infty$	0
Root Mean Square Error	RMSE	$\left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (f_i - o_i)^2 \right)^{1/2}$	0 to $\infty$	0
Correlation	COR	$\frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (f_i - \bar{f})(o_i - \bar{o})}{\text{SD}(f)\text{SD}(o)}$	-1 to 1	1

In the formula for COR the following definitions are used

$$\bar{f} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f_i, \quad \bar{o} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n o_i$$

$$\text{SD}(f) = \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (f_i - \bar{f})^2 \right)^{1/2}, \quad \text{SD}(o) = \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (o_i - \bar{o})^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

for the means and standard deviations of the forecasts and observations.

## Forecasts of categorical variables

All variables in this report are continuous in raw form, but it is possible to categorize them and verify these. For example, wind speed above a given threshold could be of interest which would result in two possible outcomes (yes and no). The verification is then completely summarized by a contingency table as the one shown below

		event observed	
		yes	no
event forecasted	yes	$a$	$b$
	no	$c$	$d$

Verification statistics for such forecasts are listed in the following table

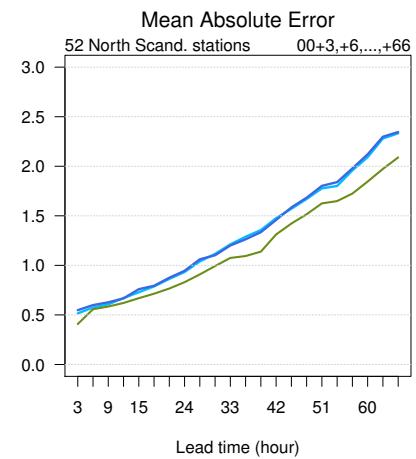
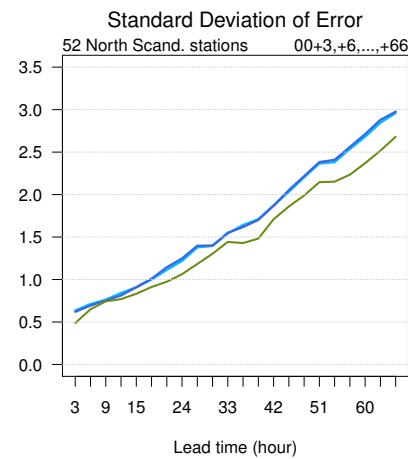
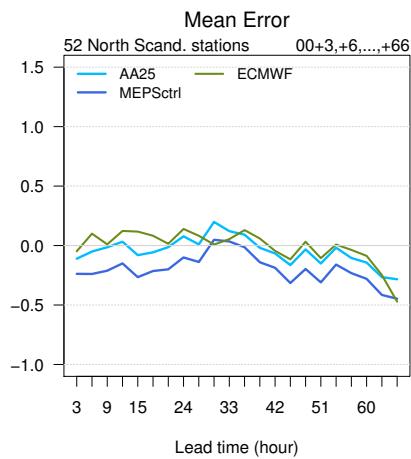
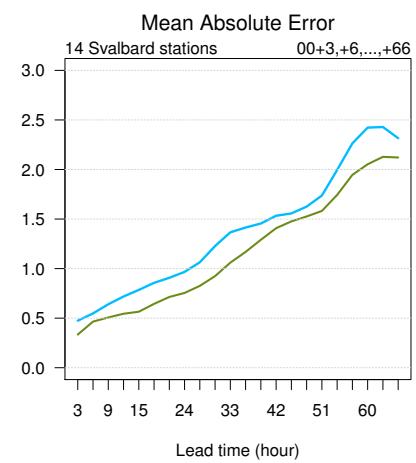
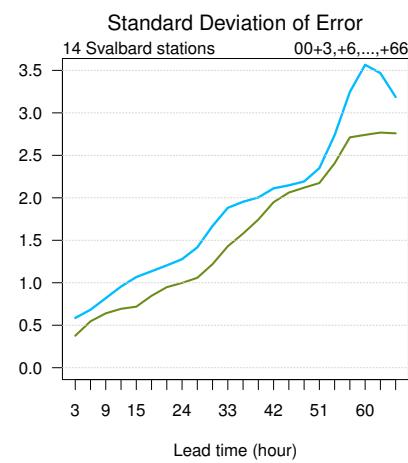
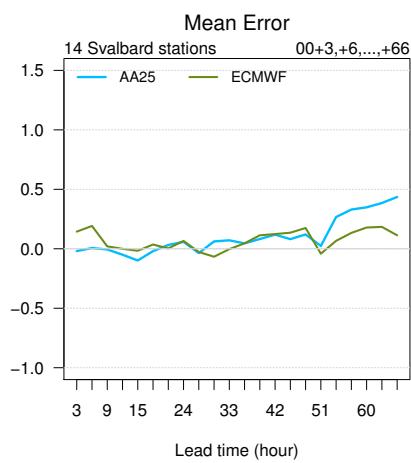
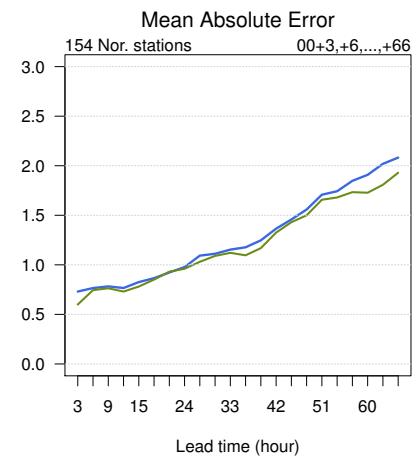
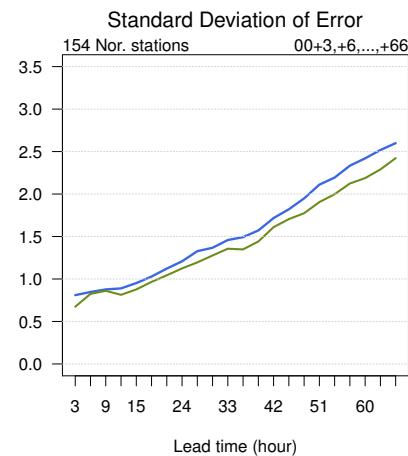
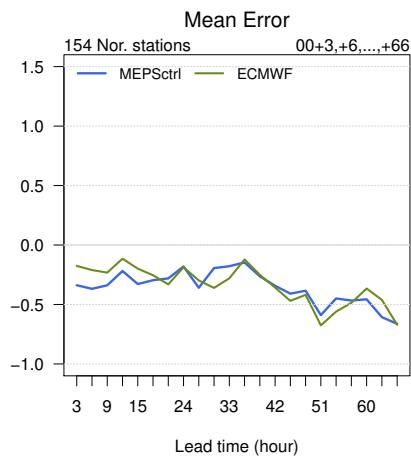
Statistic	Acronym	Formula	Range	Optimal score
Hit rate	HR	$\frac{a}{a+c}$	0 to 1	1
False alarm rate	F	$\frac{b}{b+d}$	0 to 1	0
False alarm ratio	FAR	$\frac{b}{a+b}$	0 to 1	0
Equitable threat score	ETS	$\frac{a - ar}{a + b + c - ar}$	-1/3 to 1	1 (0 = no skill)
Hanssen-Kuipers skill score	KSS	HR - F	-1 to 1	1 (0 = no skill)
Heidke skill score	HSS	$\frac{(a+d)/n - ssf}{1 - ssf}$	$-\infty$ to 1	1 (0 = no skill)

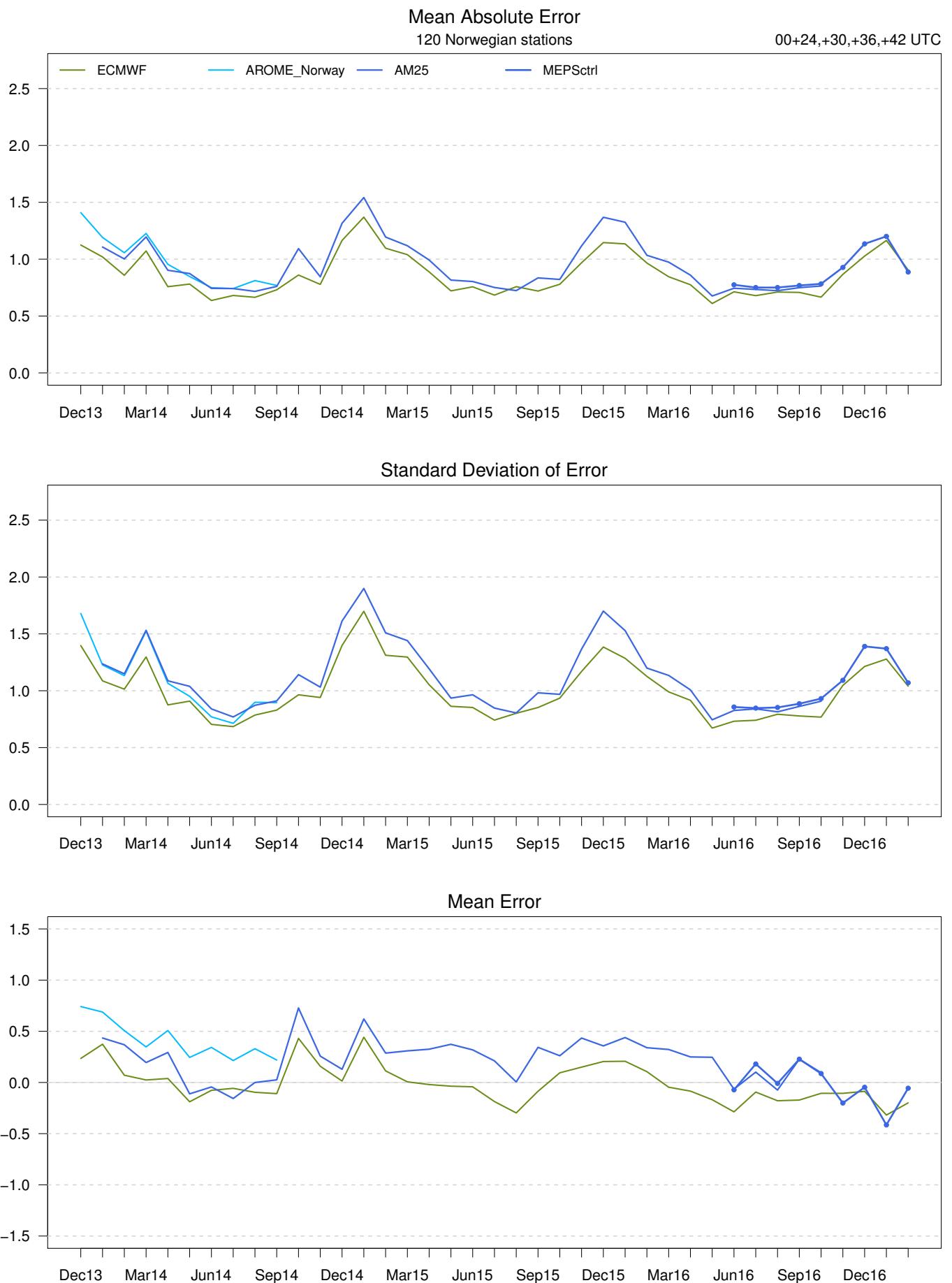
In the formula for ETS  $ar = (a+b)(a+c)/n$ .

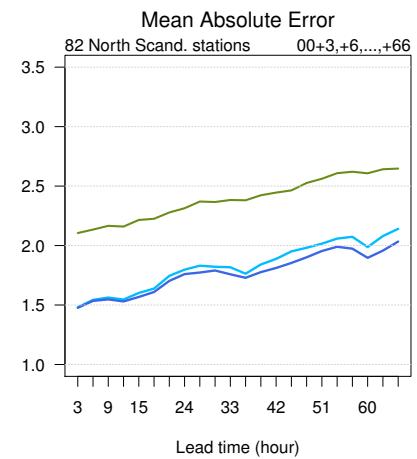
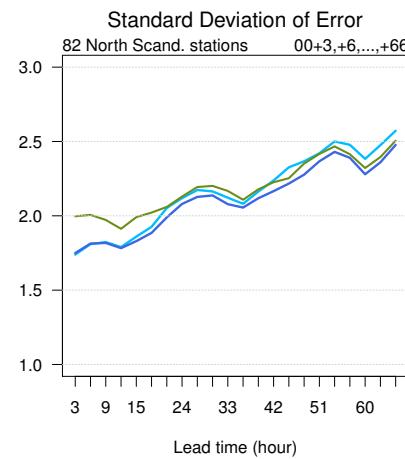
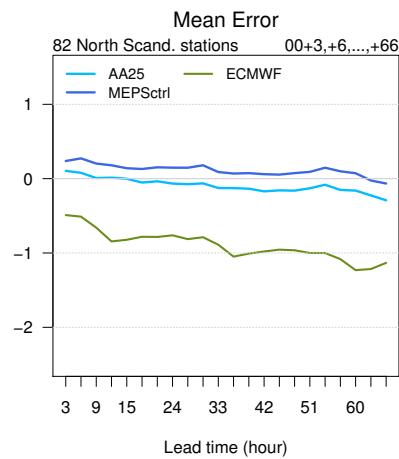
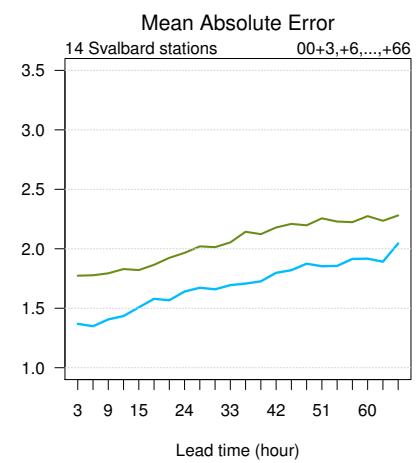
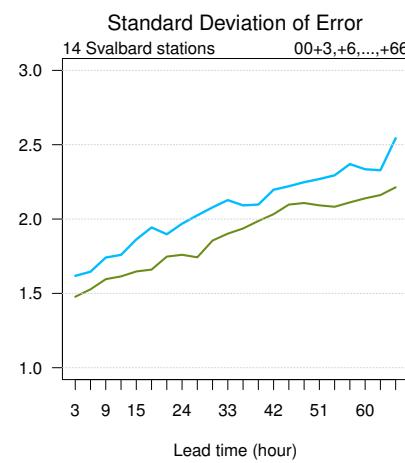
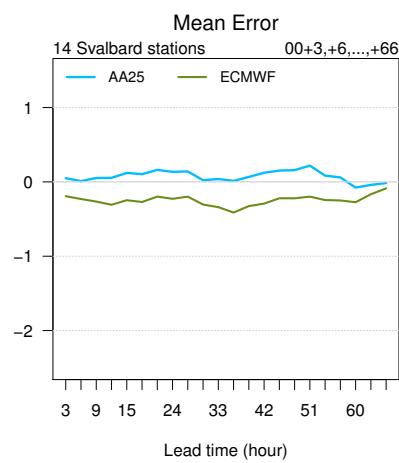
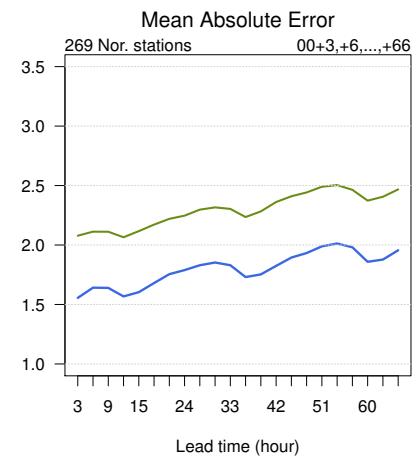
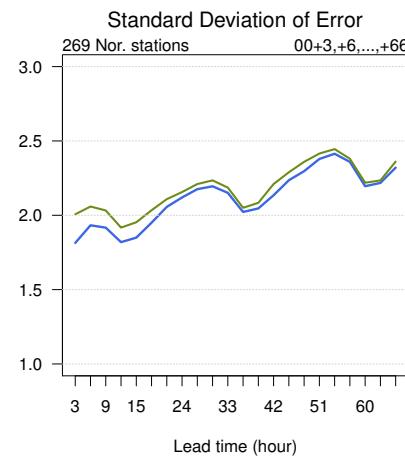
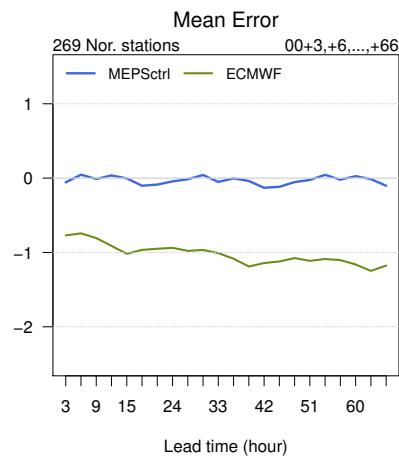
In the formula for HSS the score for the standard forecast  $ssf = [(a+b)(a+c) + (b+d)(c+d)]/n^2$ .

## Observations

All observations come from Klimadatavarehuset at MET. Only synop stations are used. The model wind speed is verified against mean wind observations, FF. The post processed wind speed is intended to represent maximum wind speed 10m last hour, and is verified against FX.



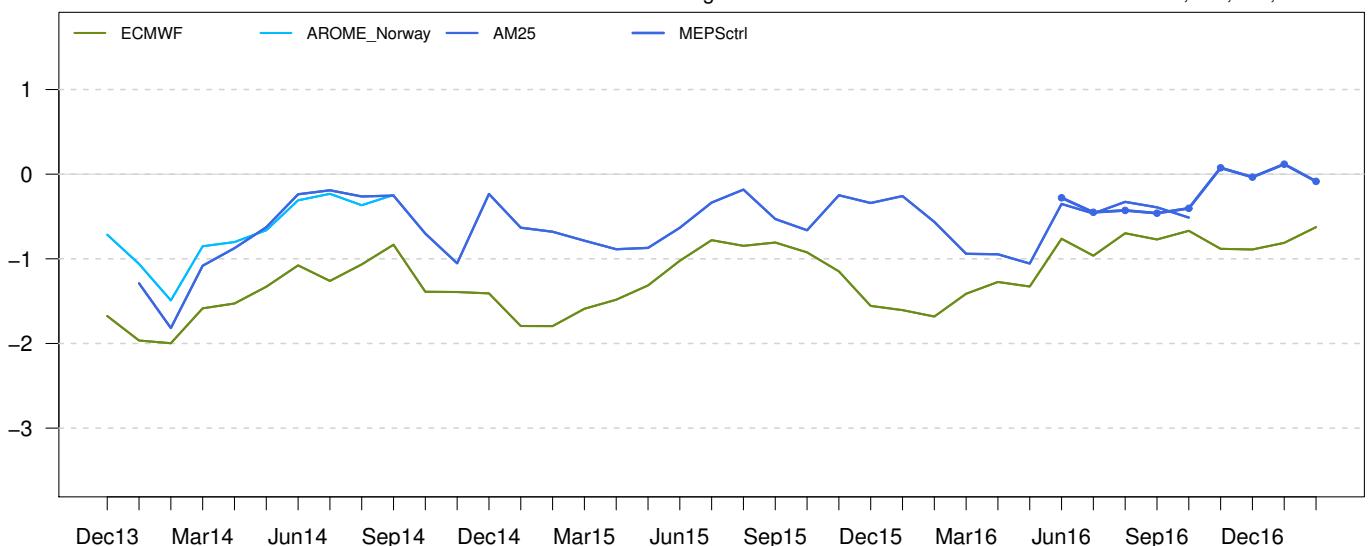




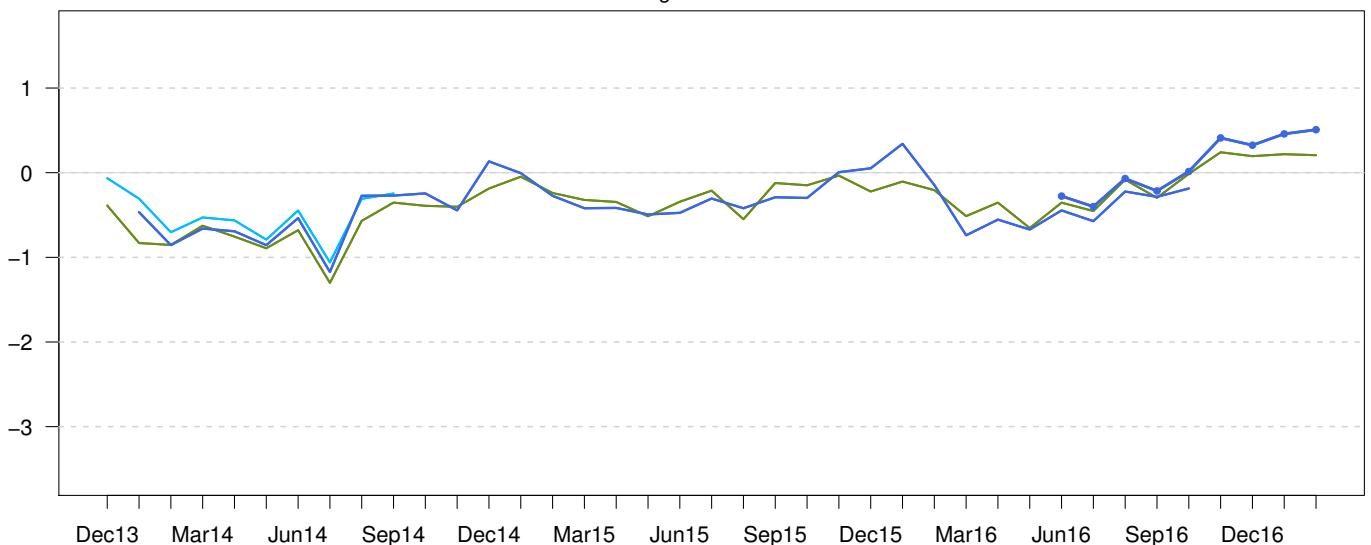
## Mean Error

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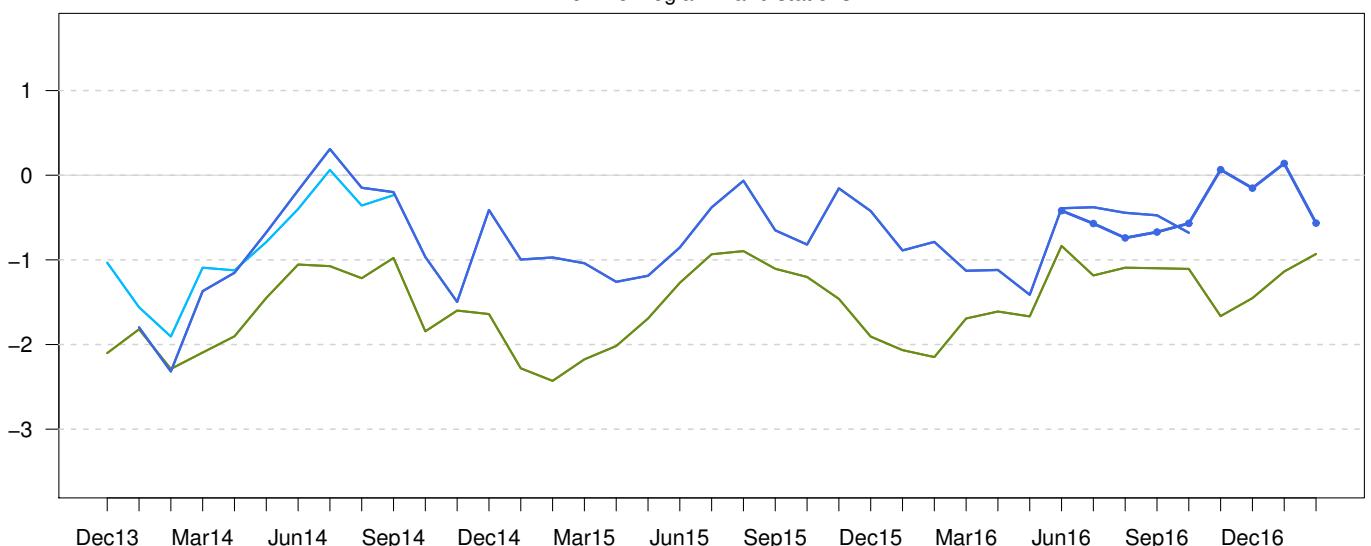
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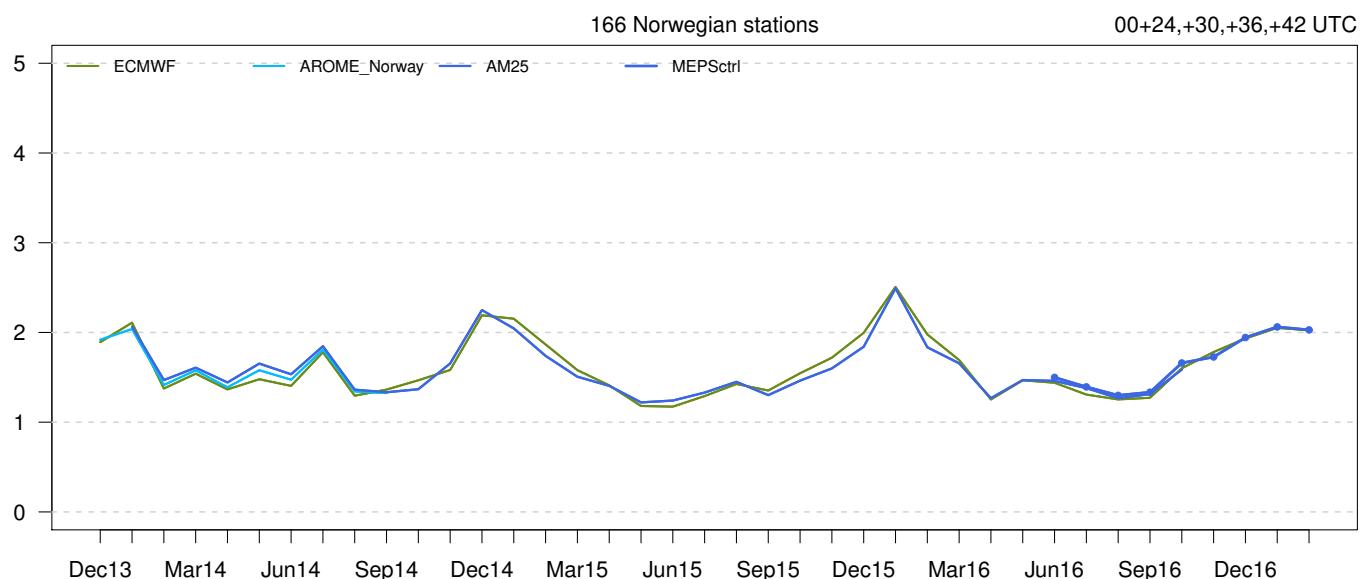
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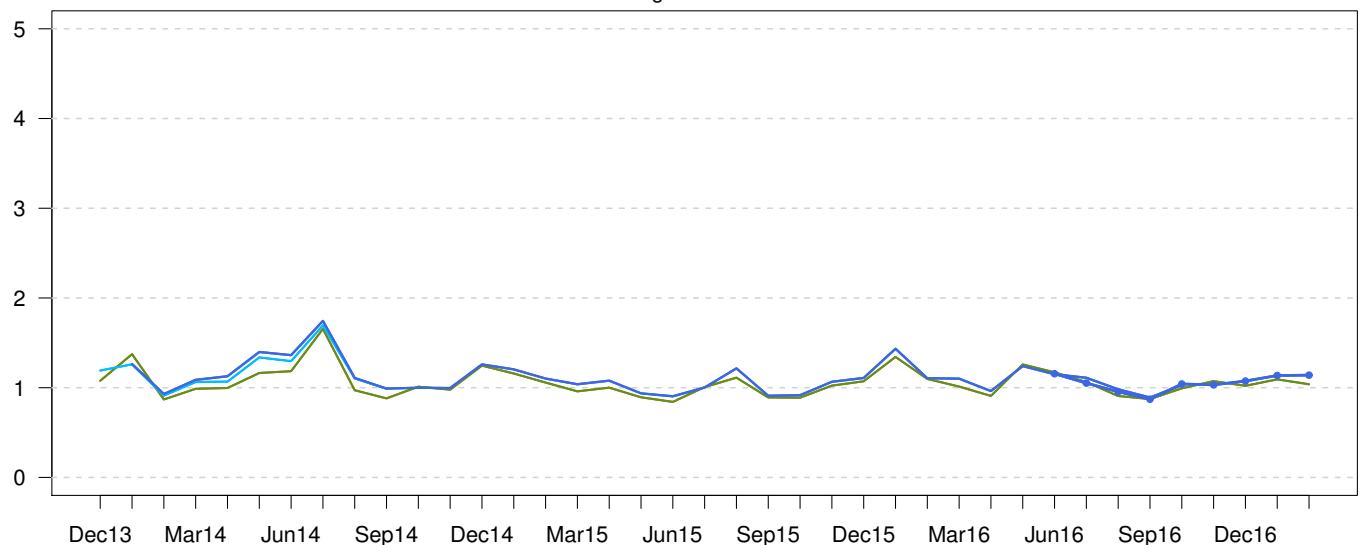
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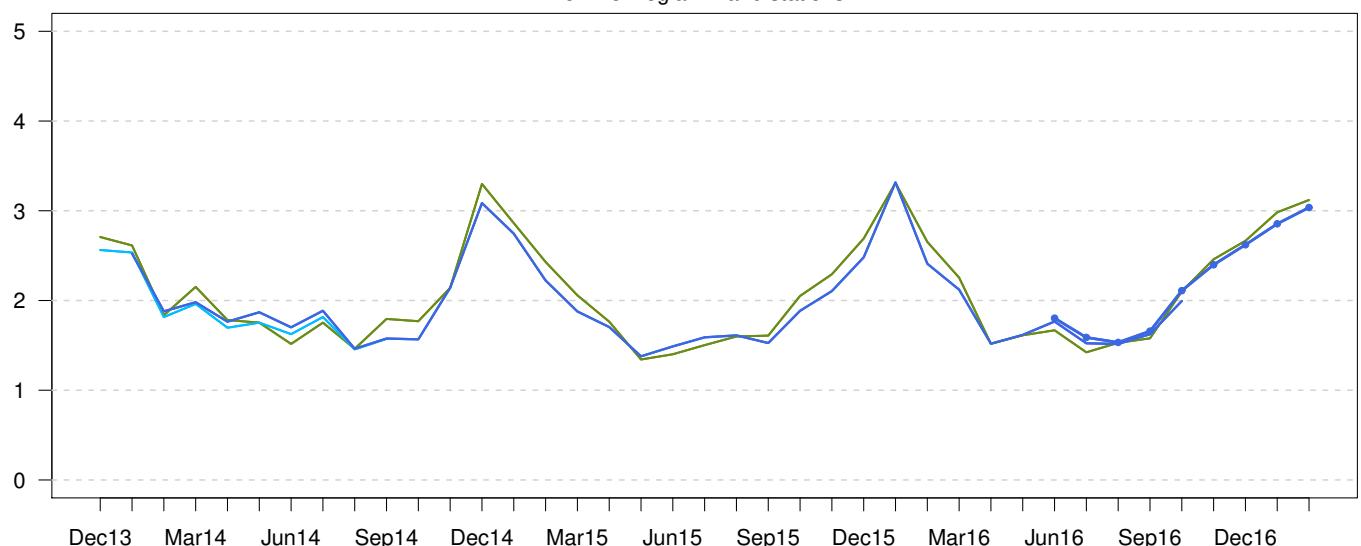
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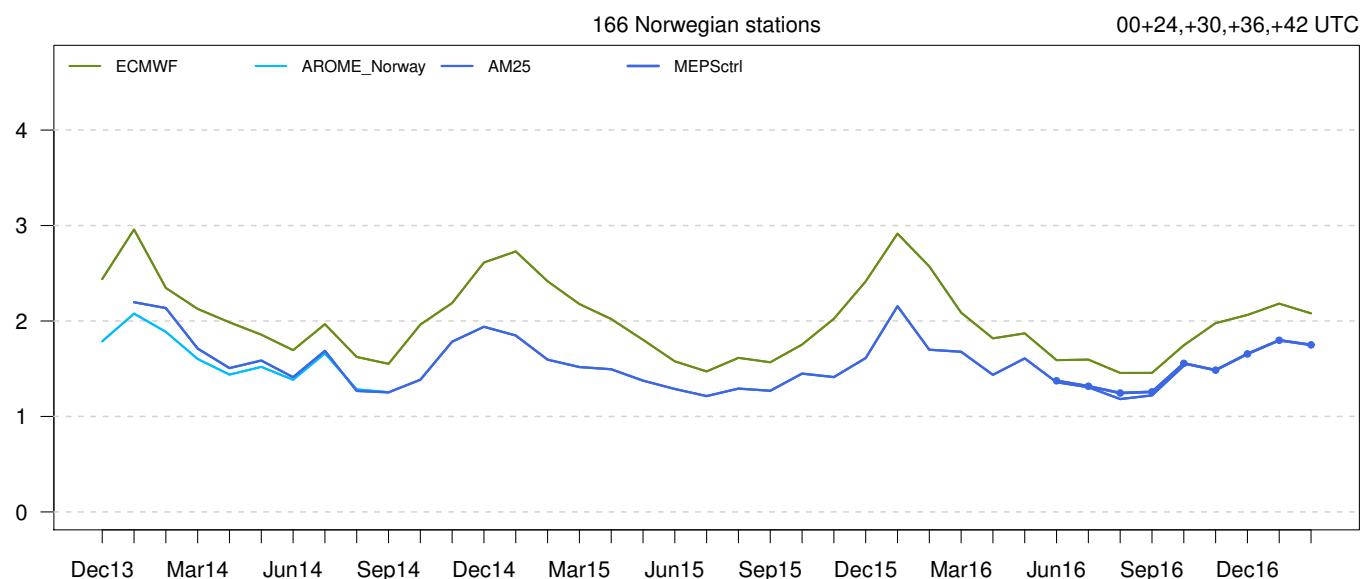
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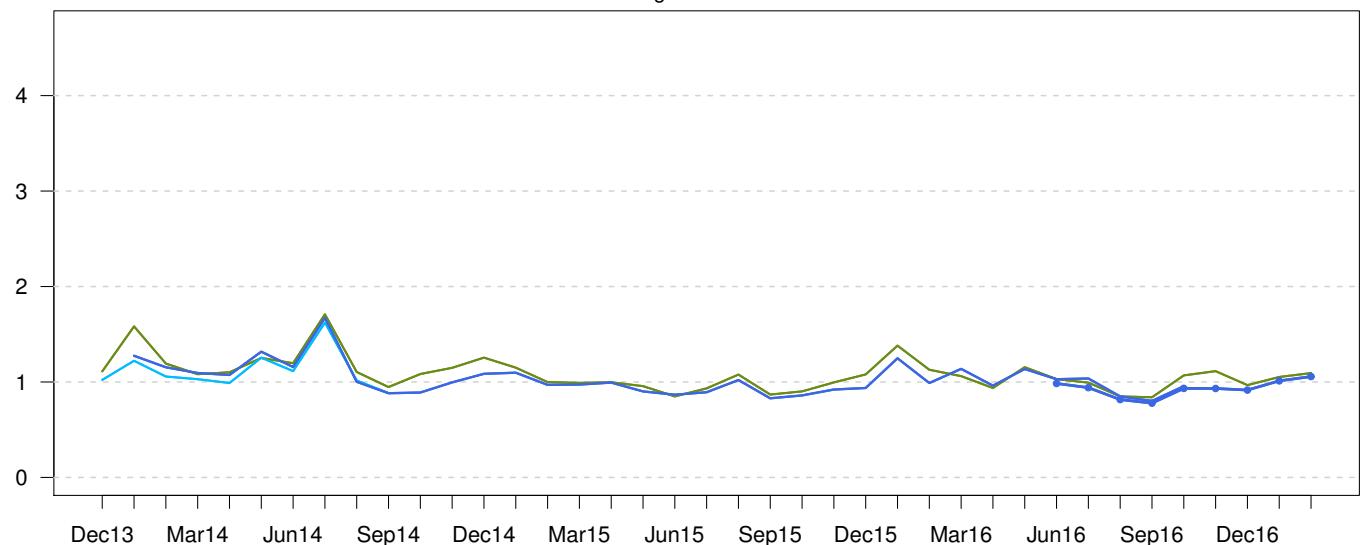
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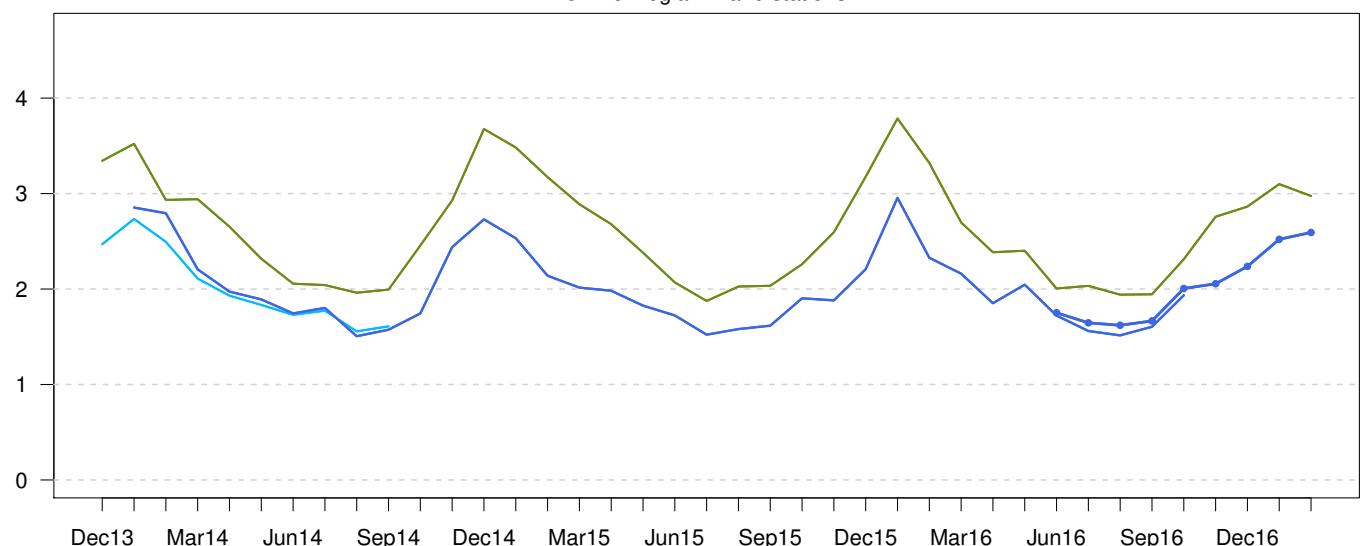
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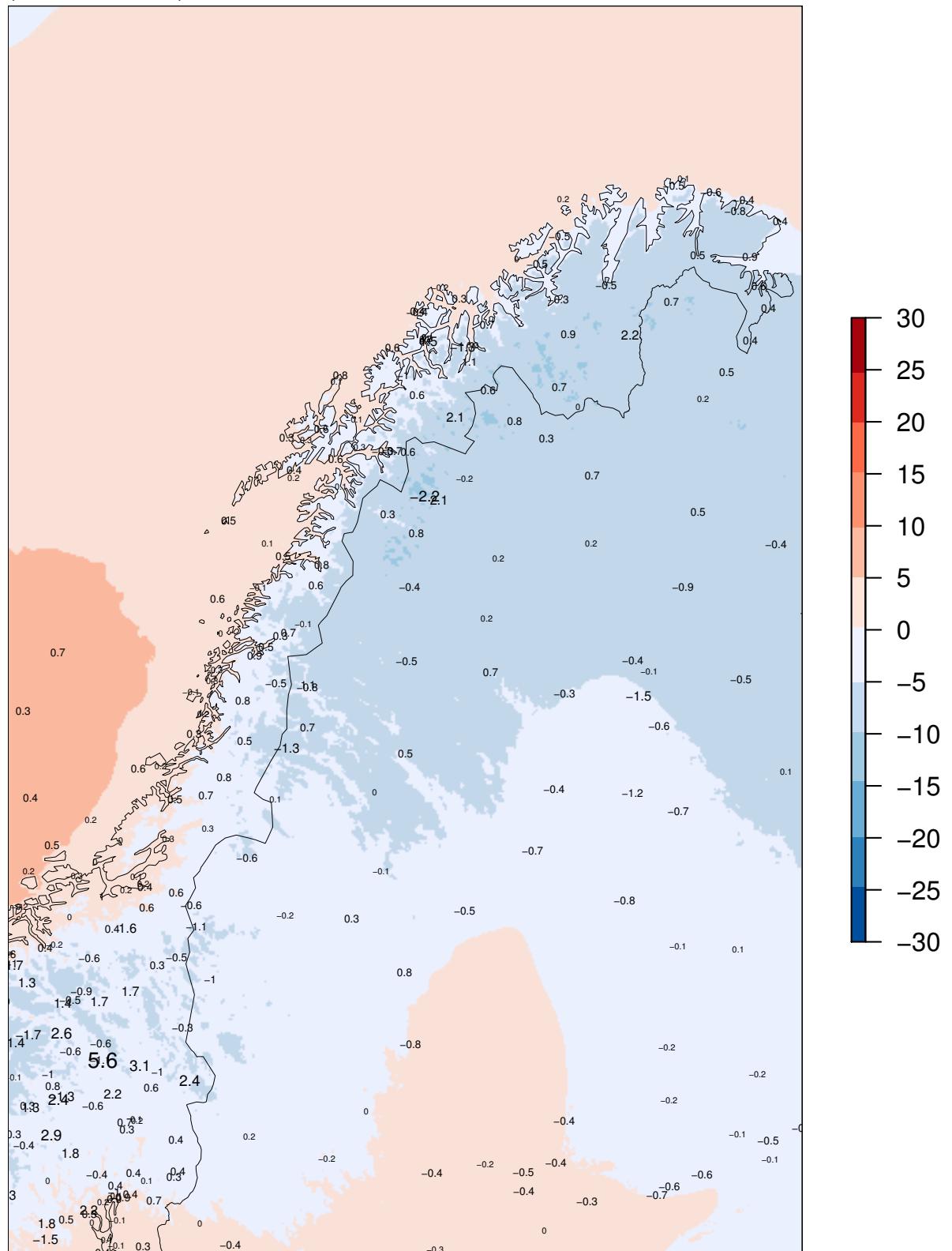


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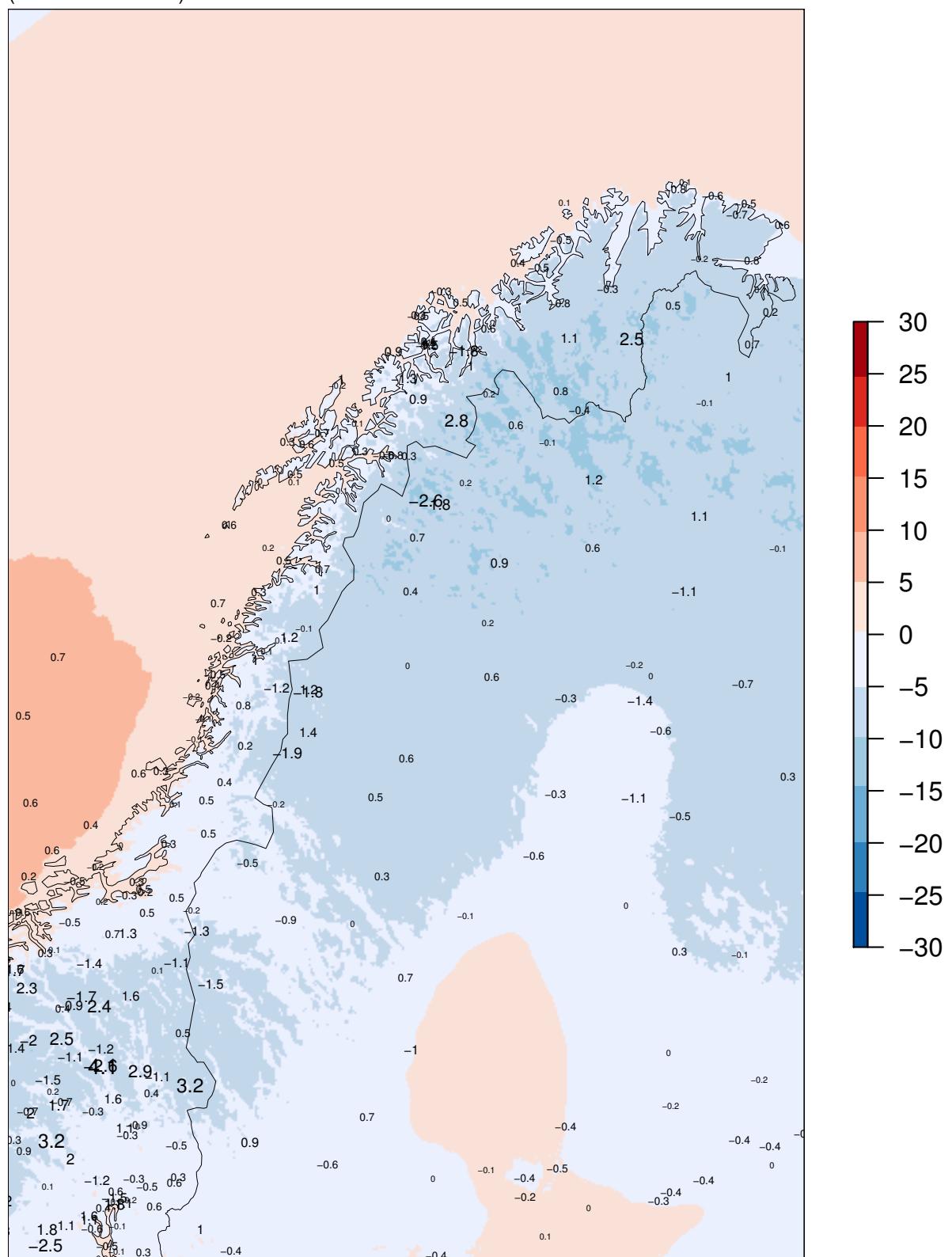
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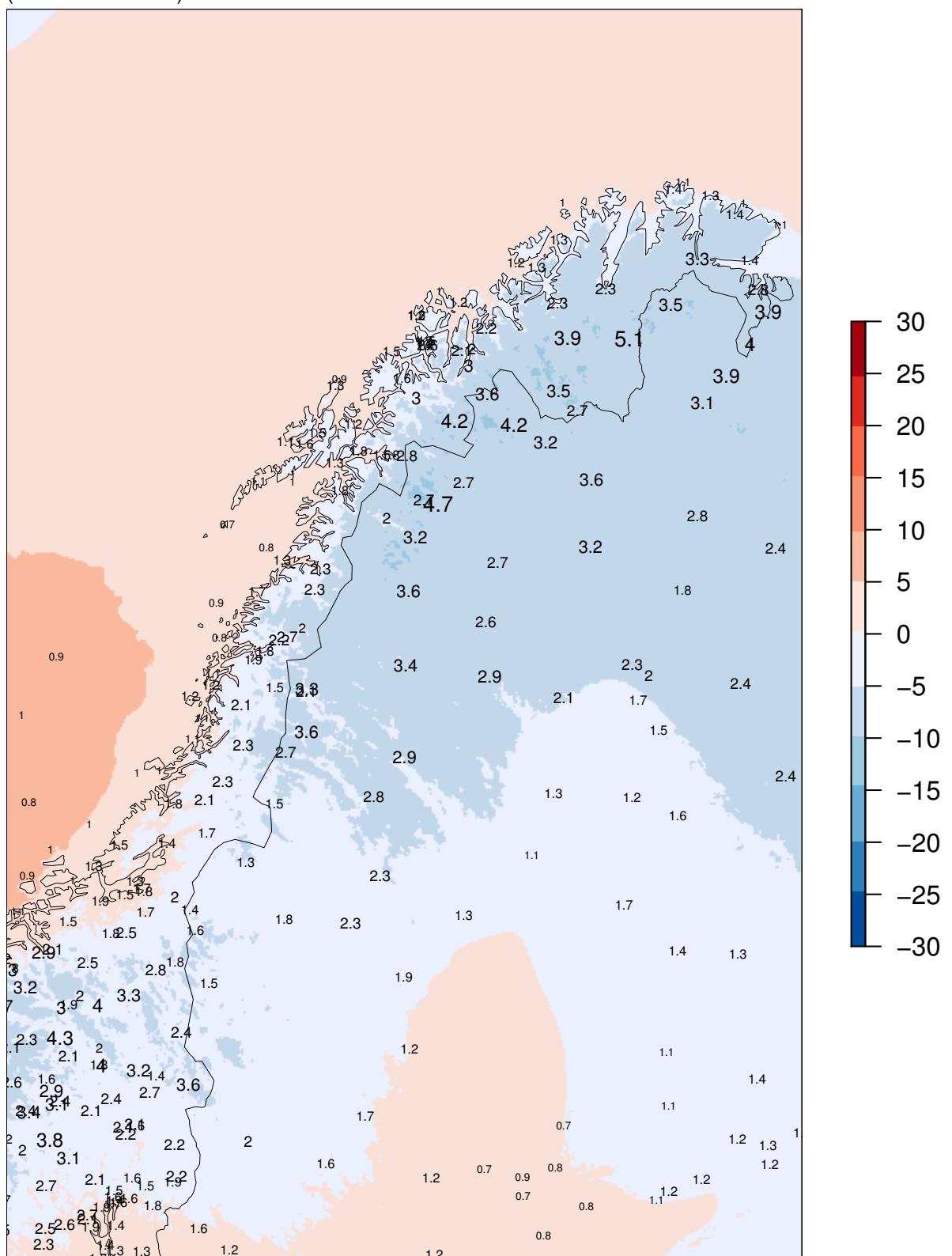
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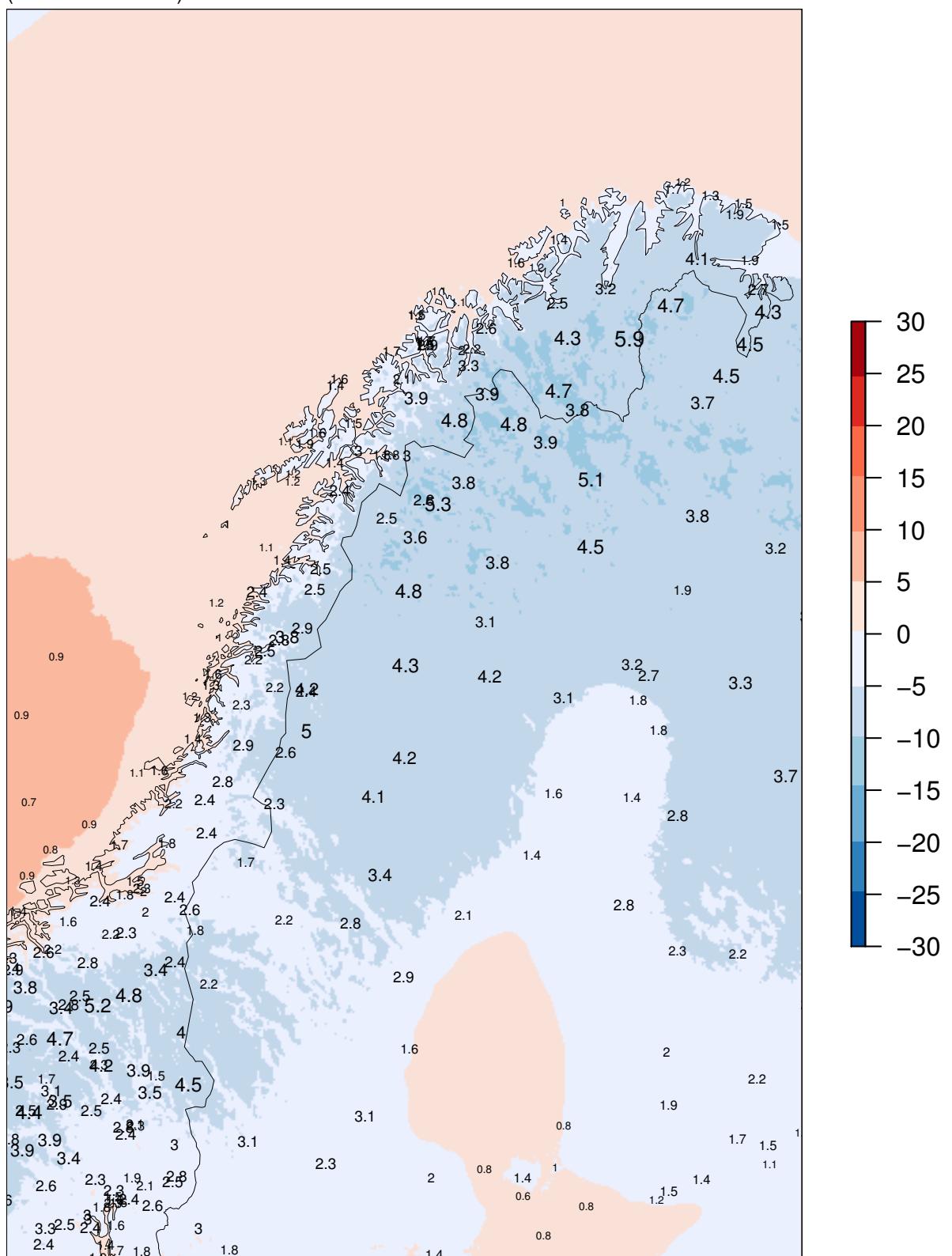
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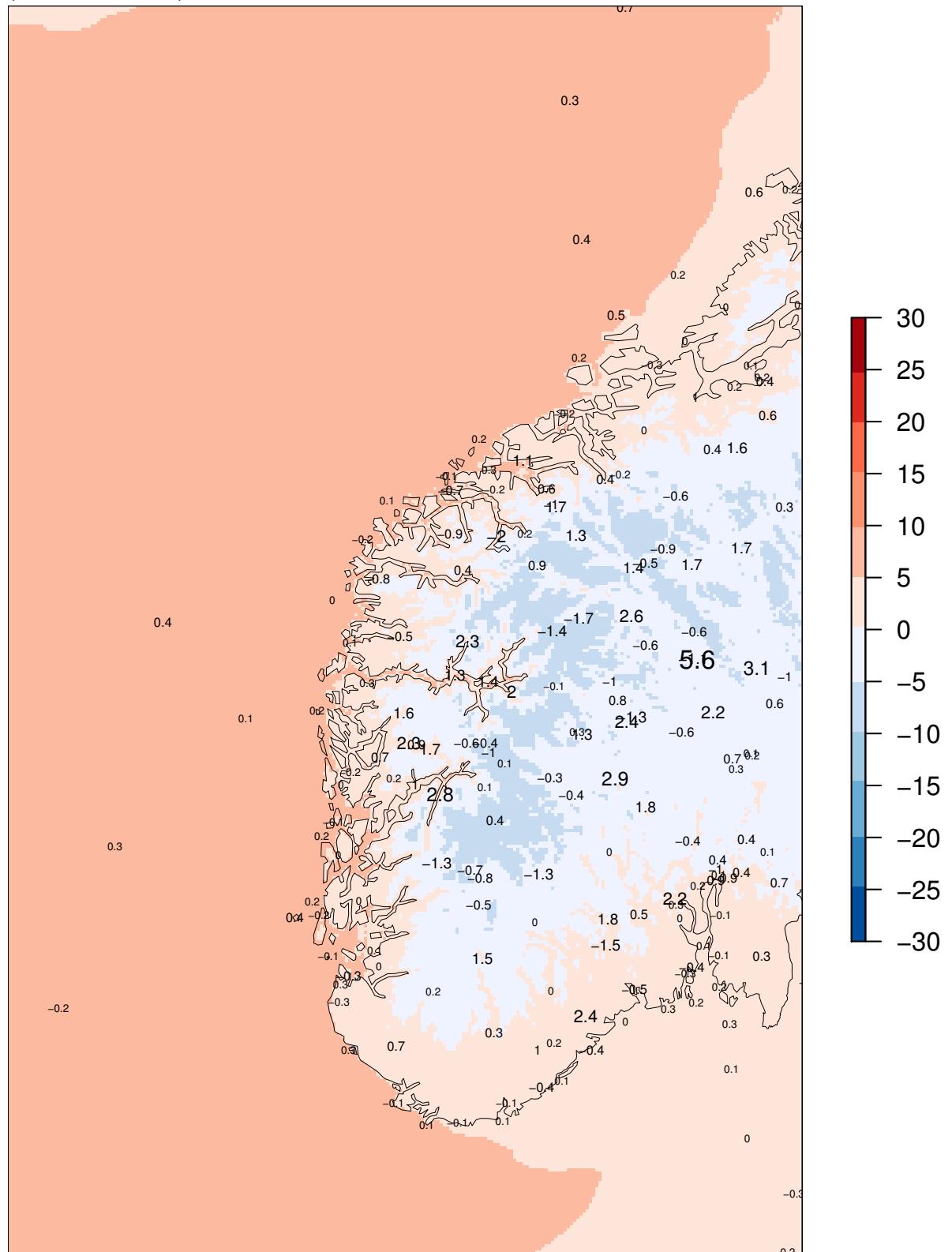
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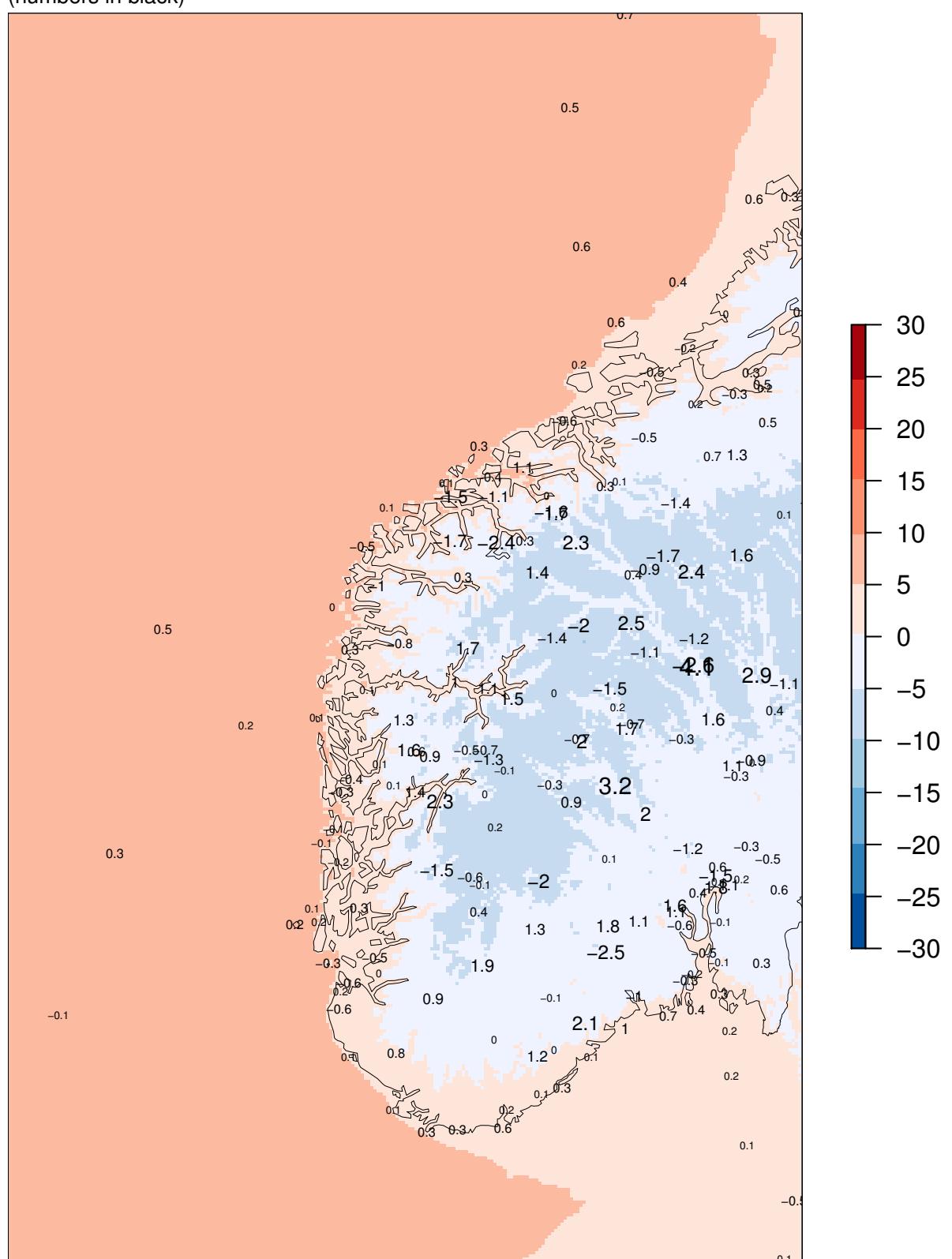
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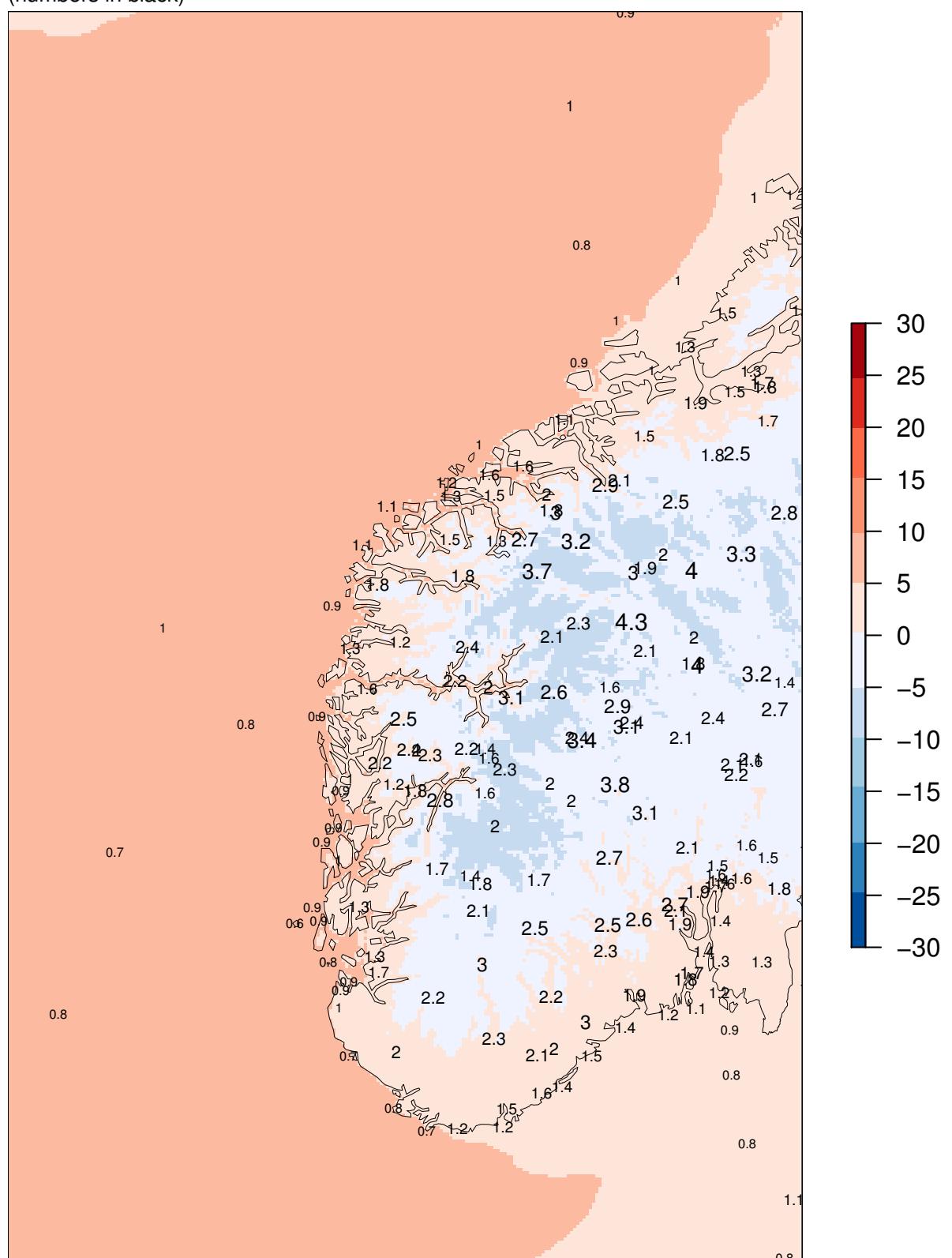
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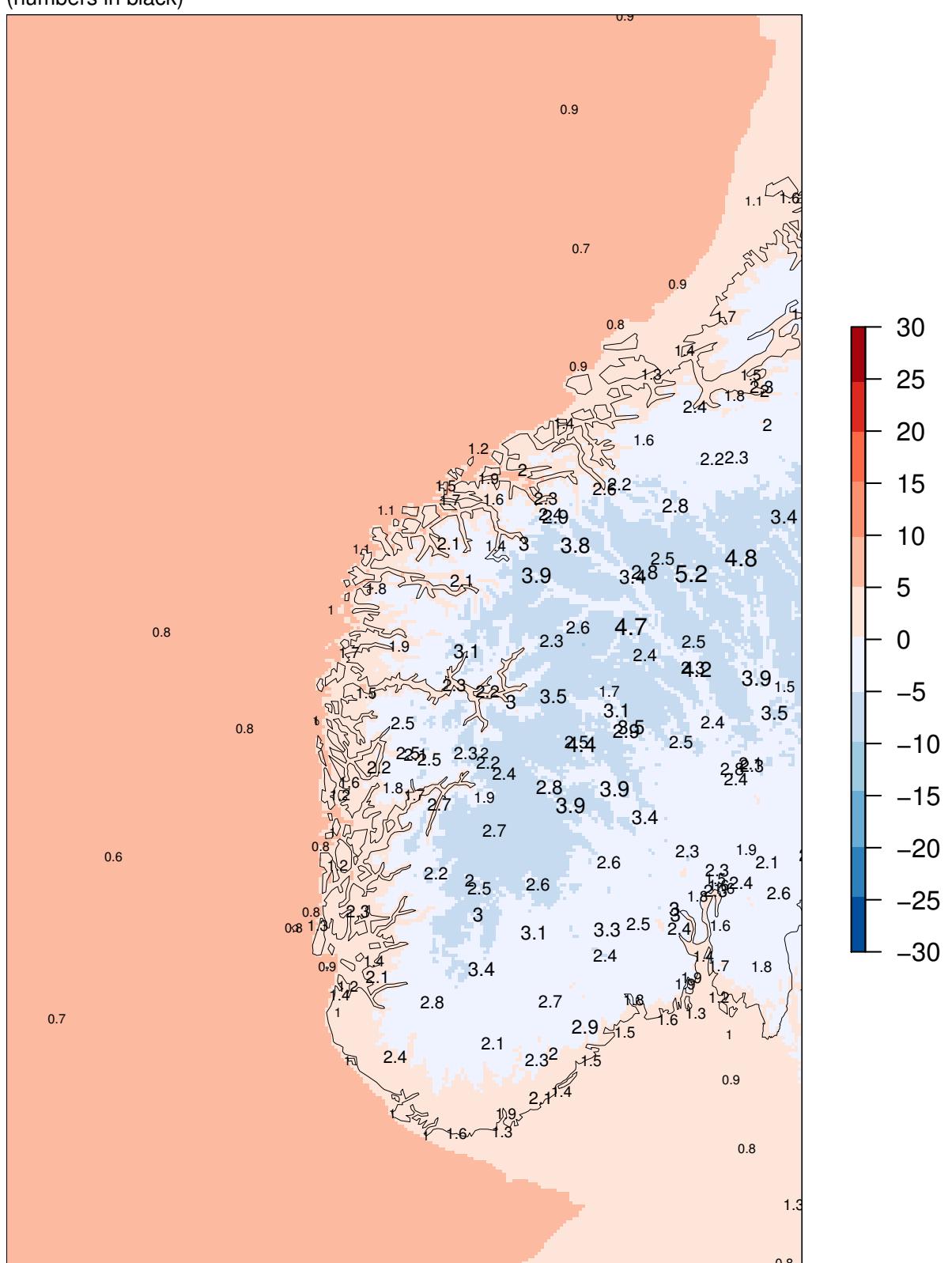
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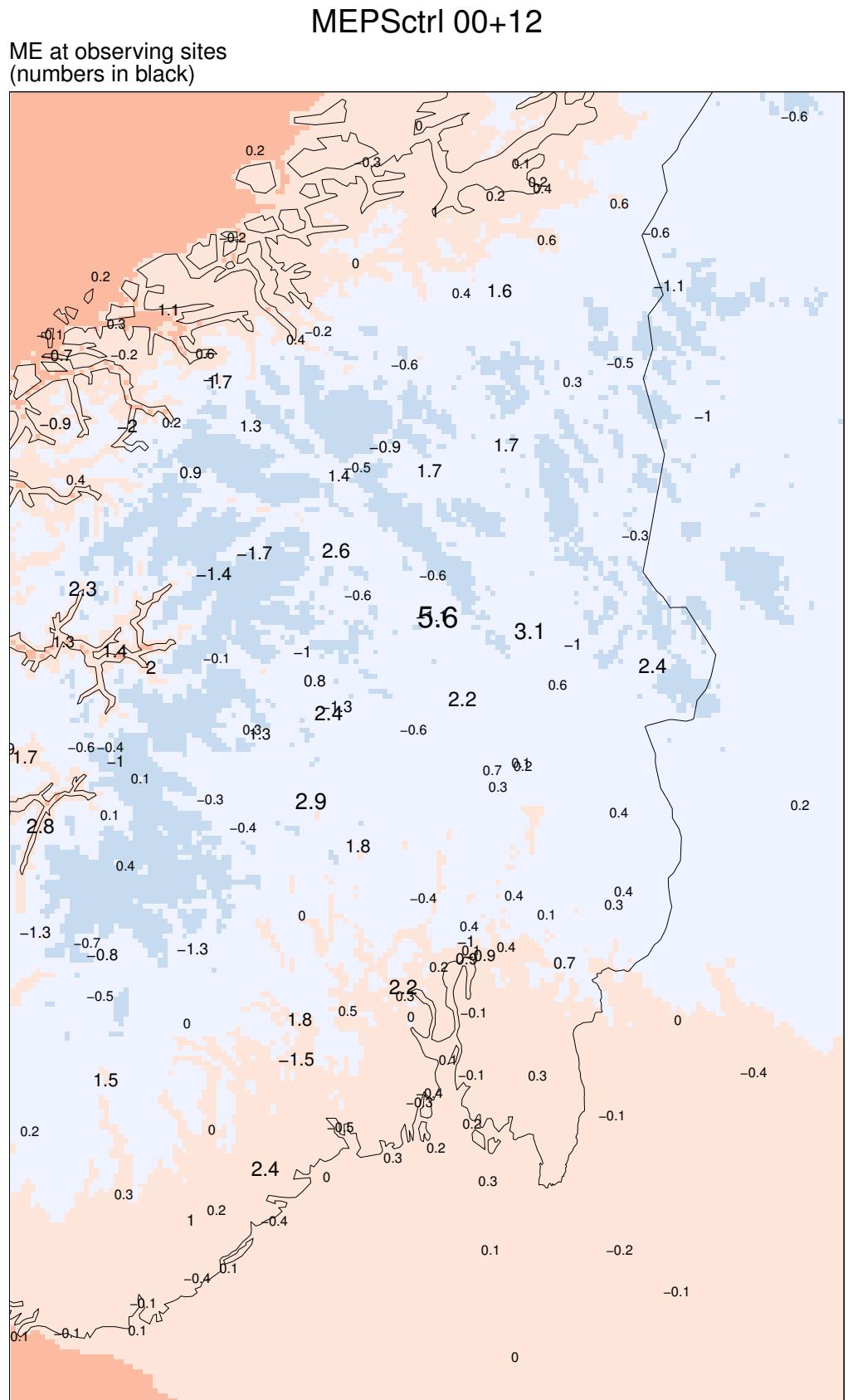


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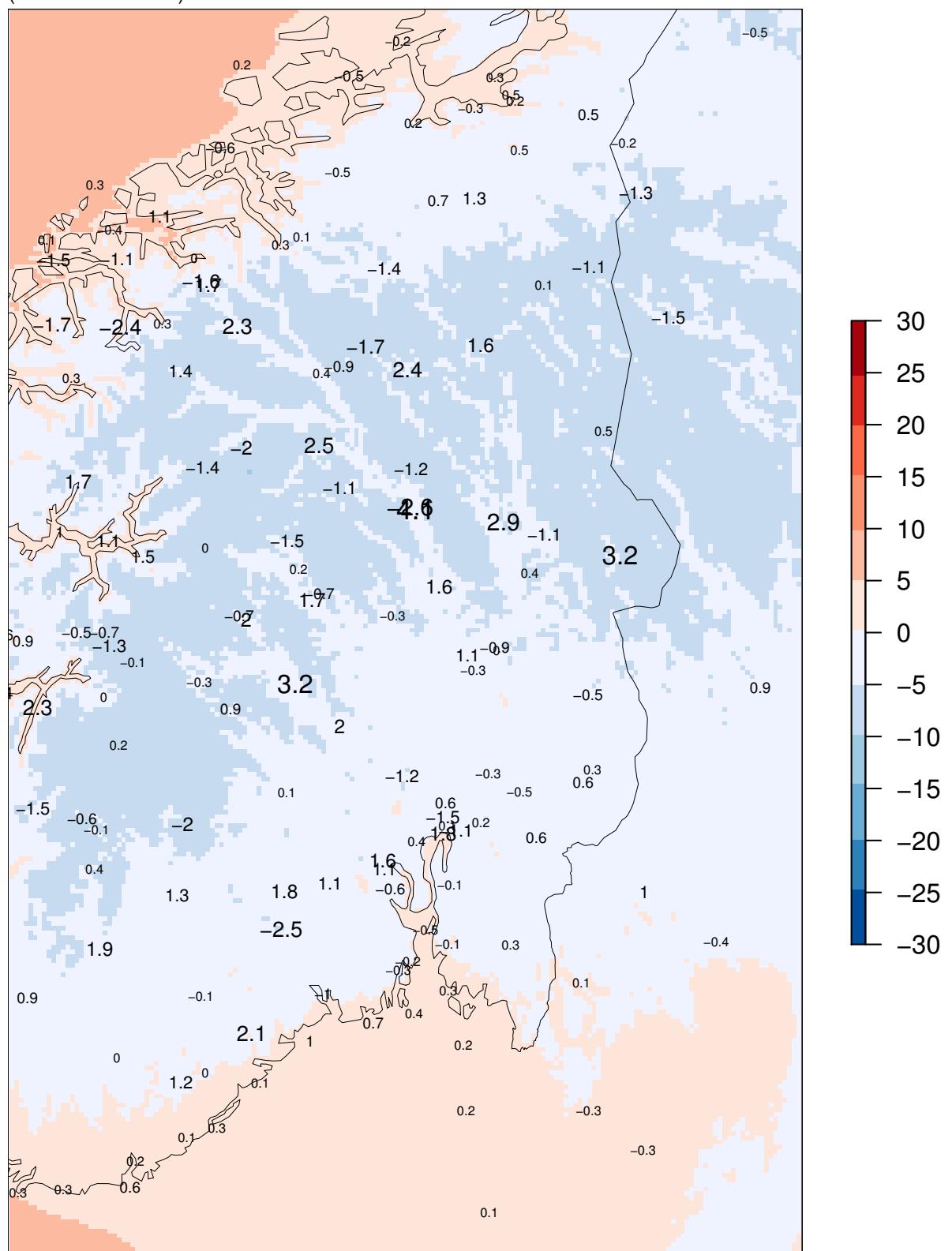
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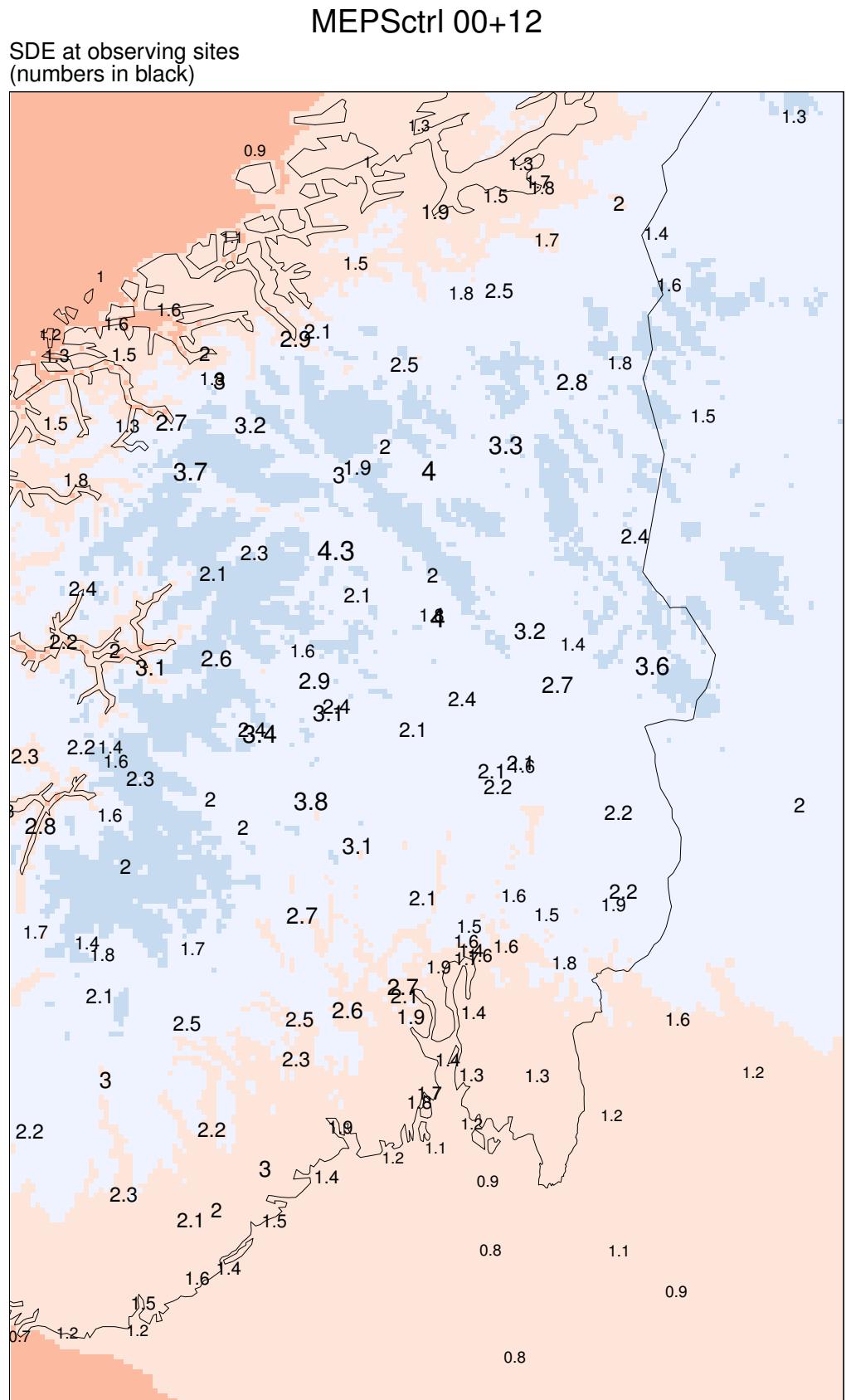
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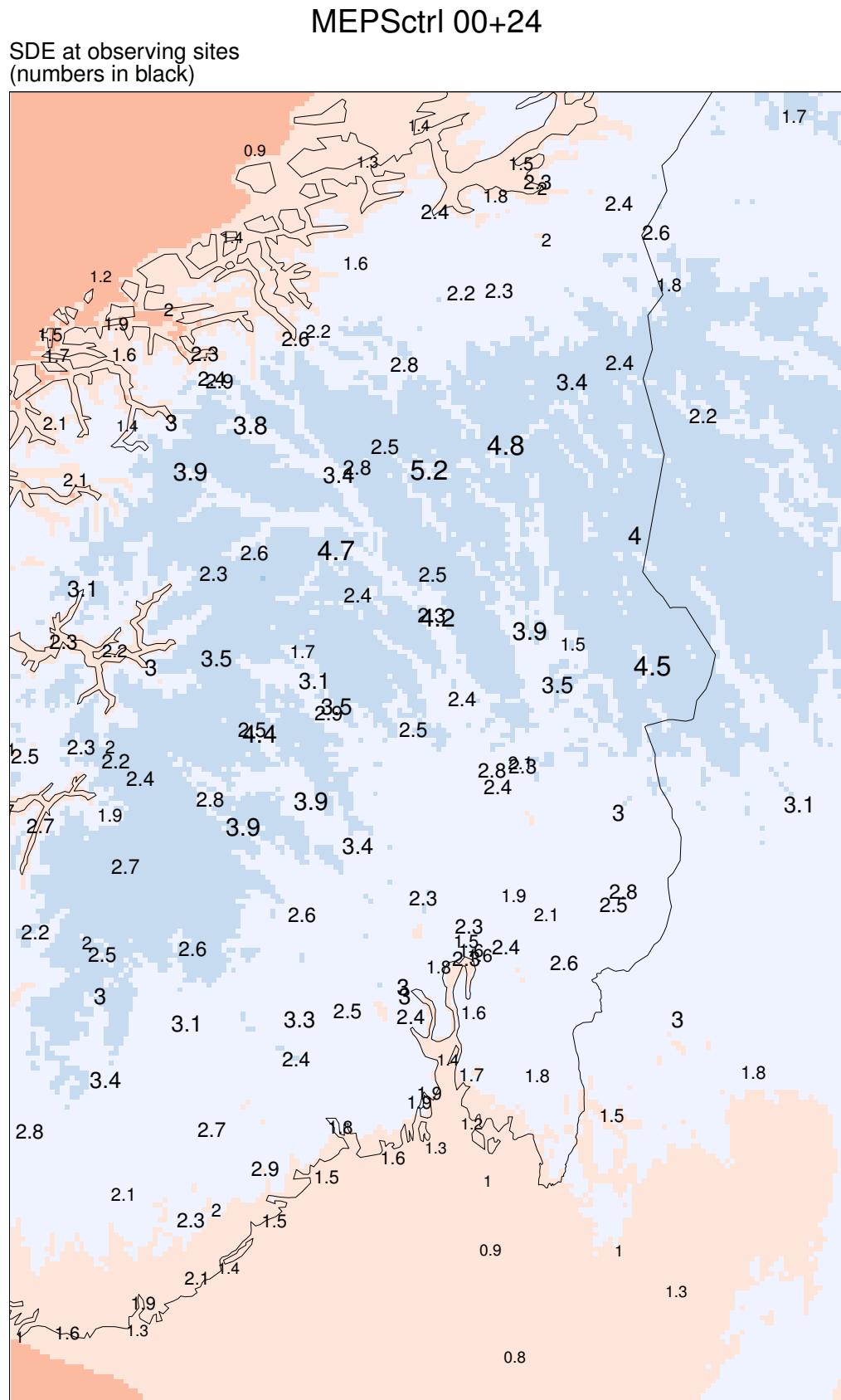
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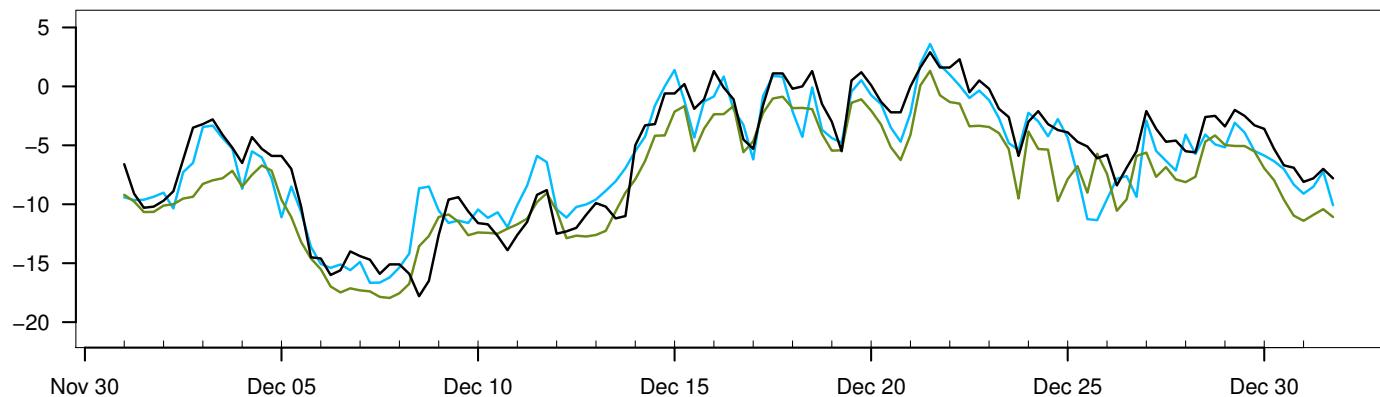
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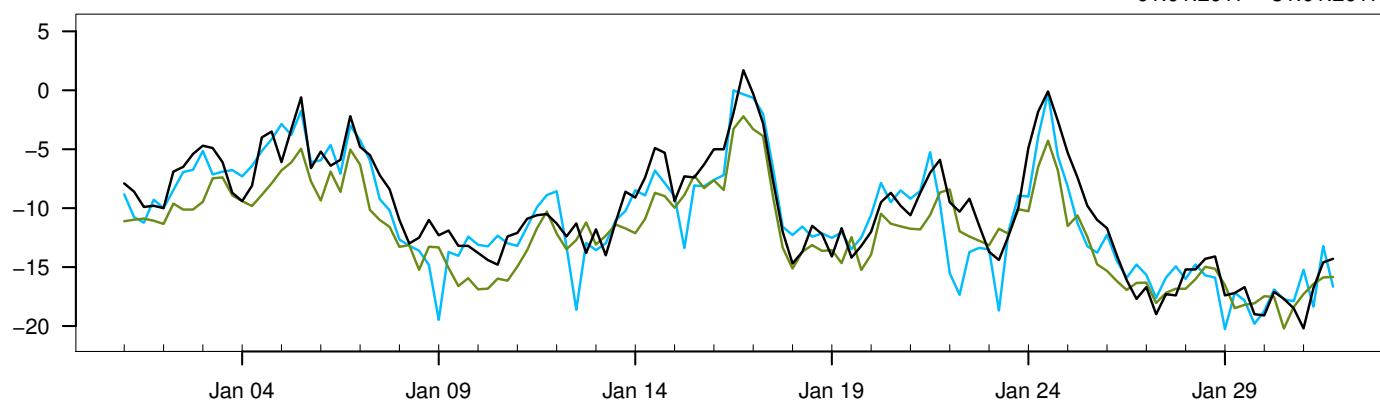
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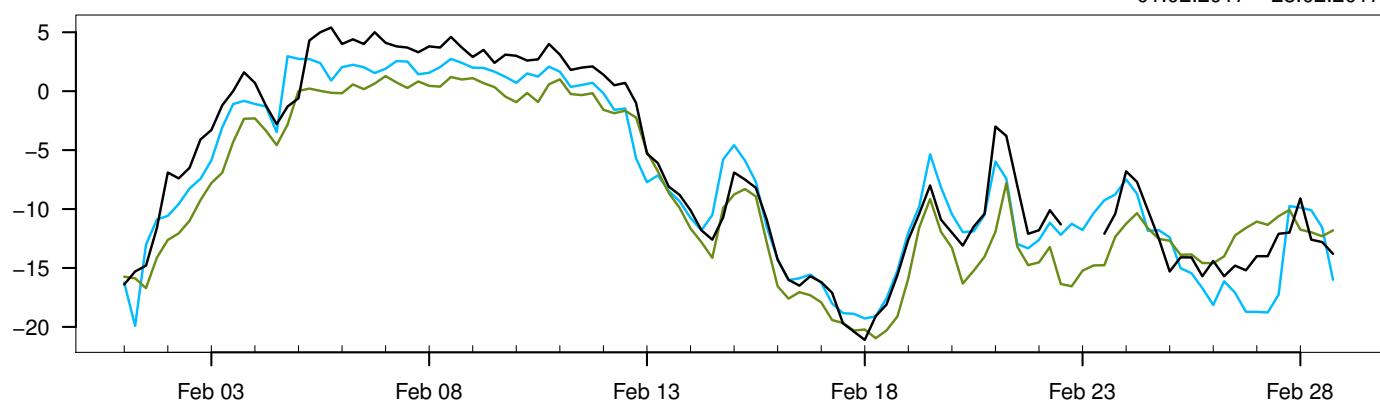
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01.01.2017 – 31.01.2017



01.02.2017 – 28.02.2017



01.12.2016 – 28.02.2017

	Min	Mean	Max	Std	N
— synop: 00,06,12,18	-21.1	-7.7	5.4	6.2	357
— AA25: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	-20.3	-8.3	3.6	5.9	360
— ECMWF: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	-21	-9.7	1.3	5.4	360

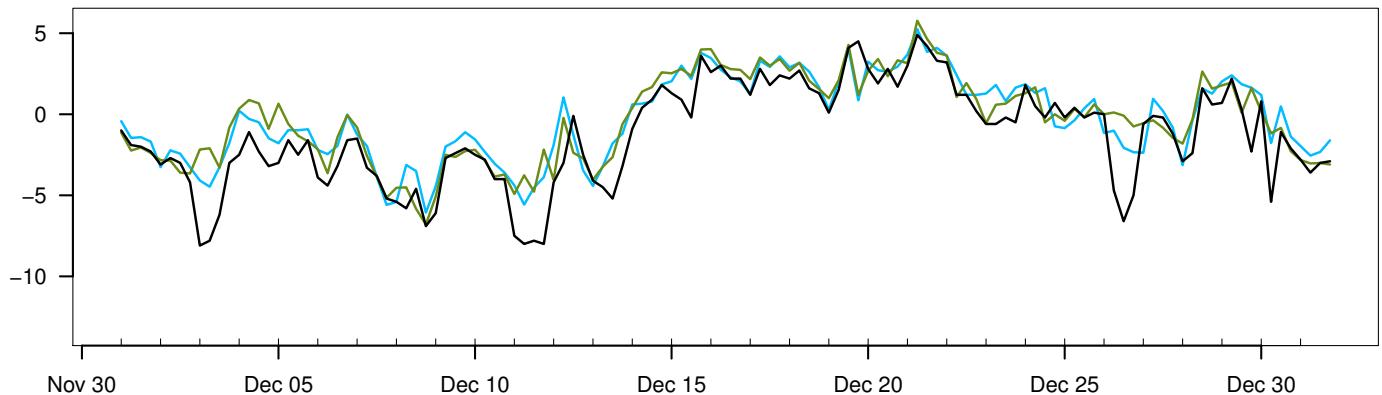
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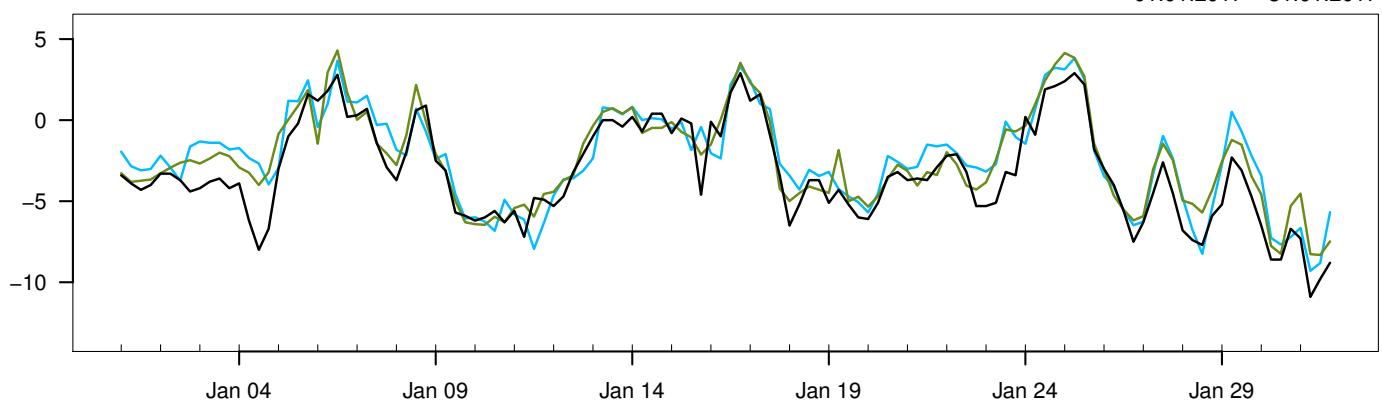
Temperature 2m

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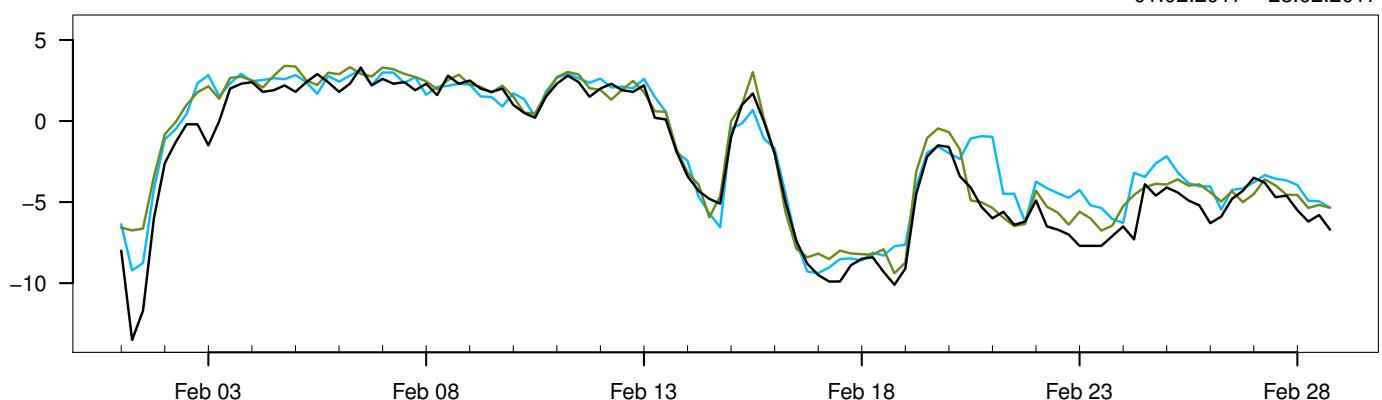
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01.02.2017 – 28.02.2017



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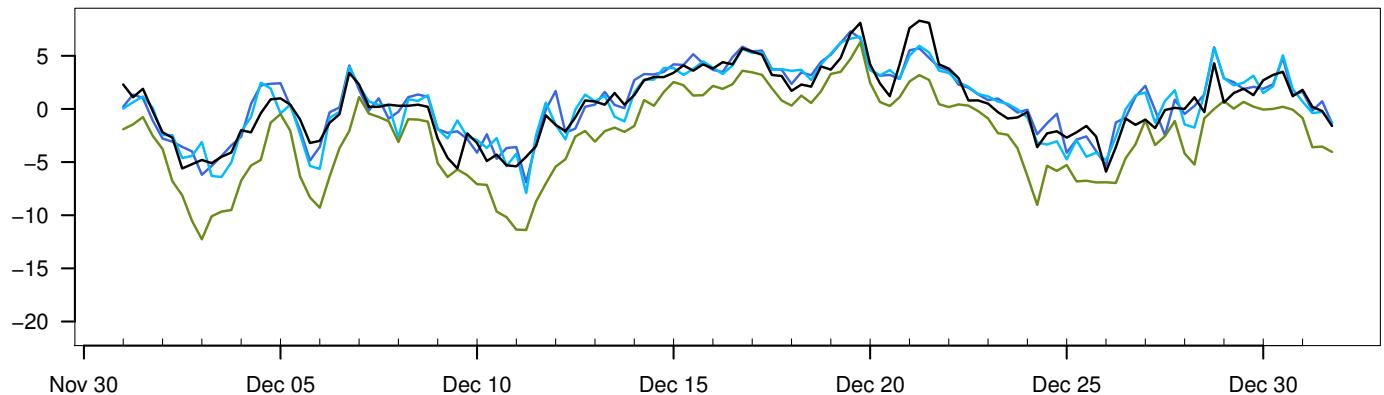
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ECMWF: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	-9.4	-1.6	5.8	3.3	360

	ME	SDE	RMSE	MAE	Max.abs.err.	N
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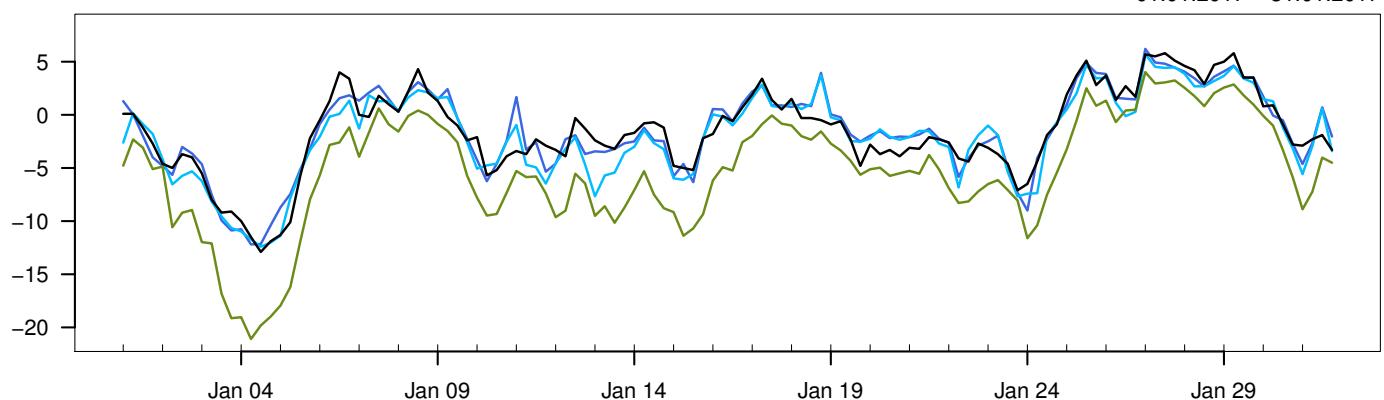
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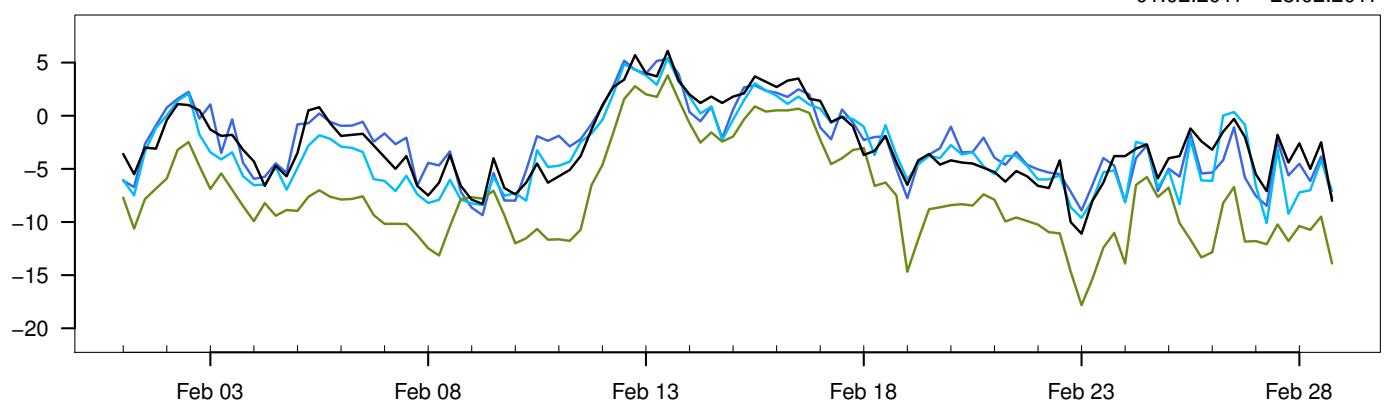
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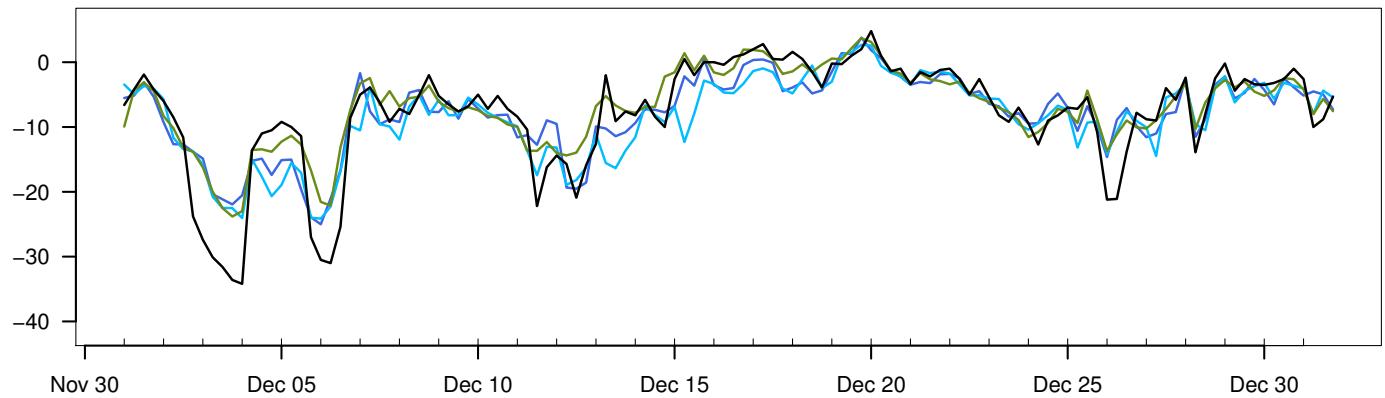
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AA25: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	-12.4	-1.6	6.8	4	360
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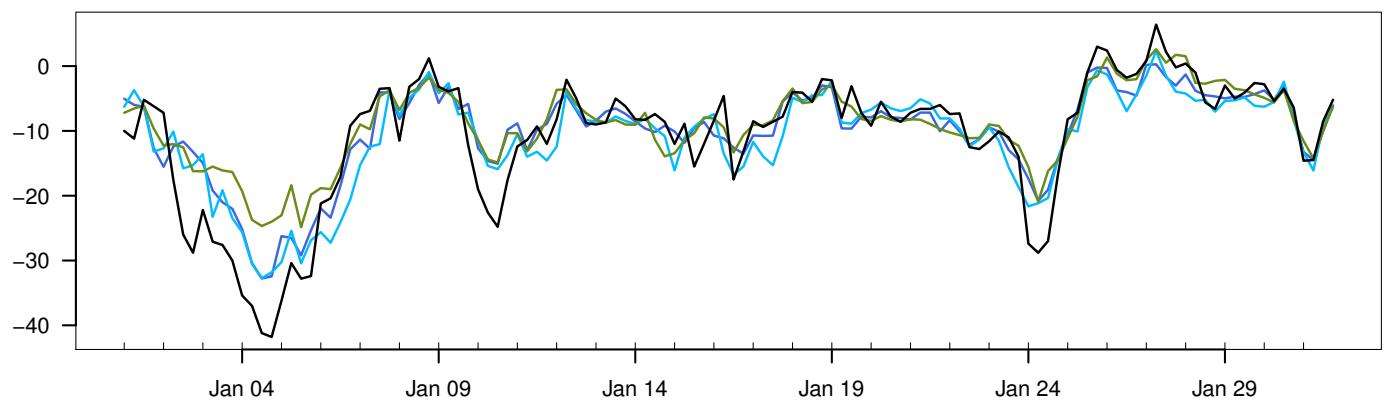
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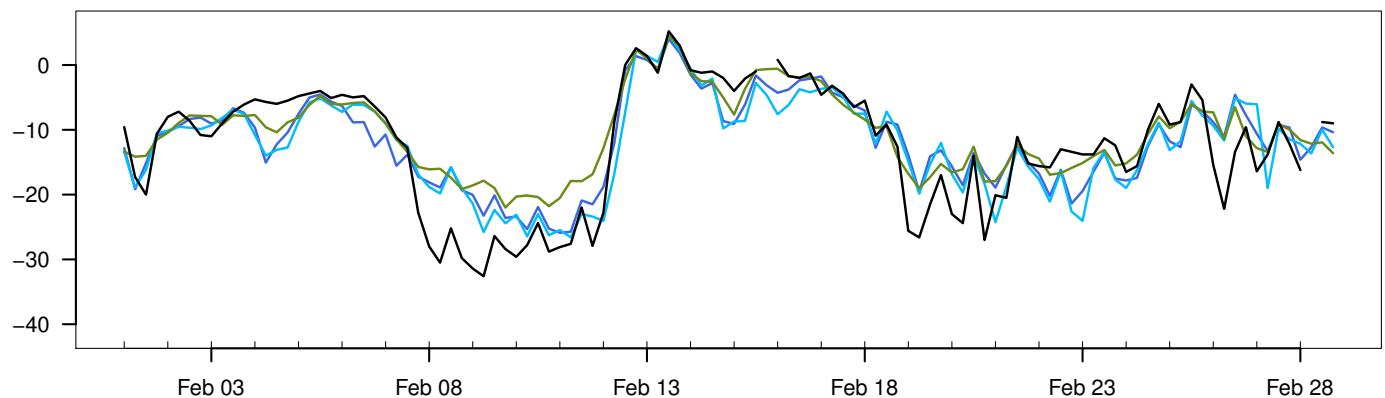
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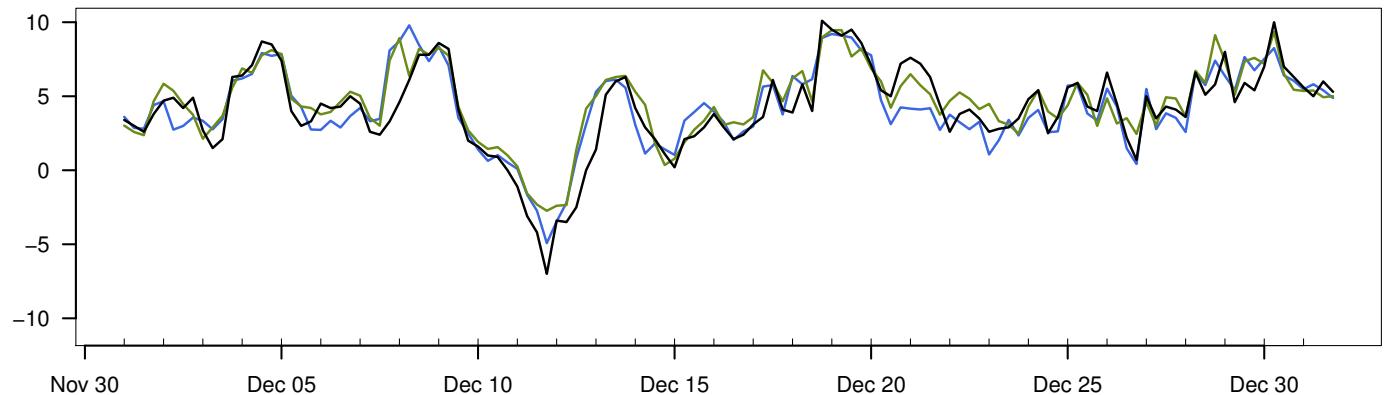
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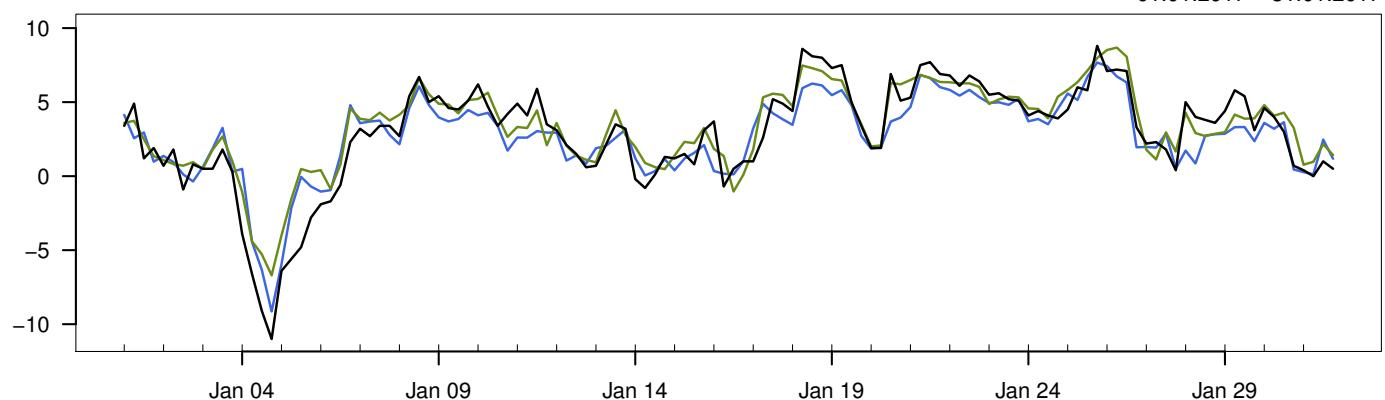
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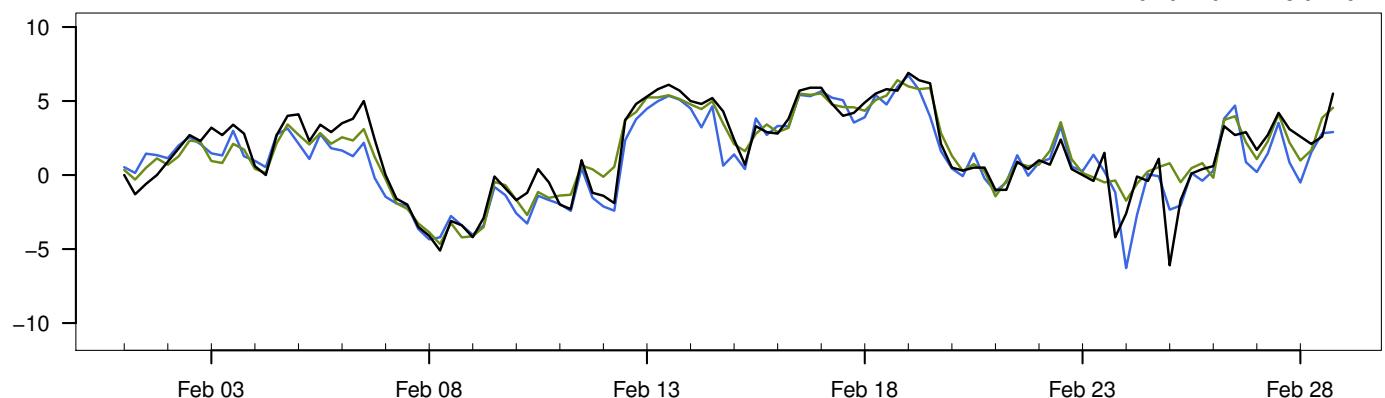
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01.02.2017 – 28.02.2017



01.12.2016 – 28.02.2017

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MEPSctrl: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	-9.1	2.7	9.8	3	360
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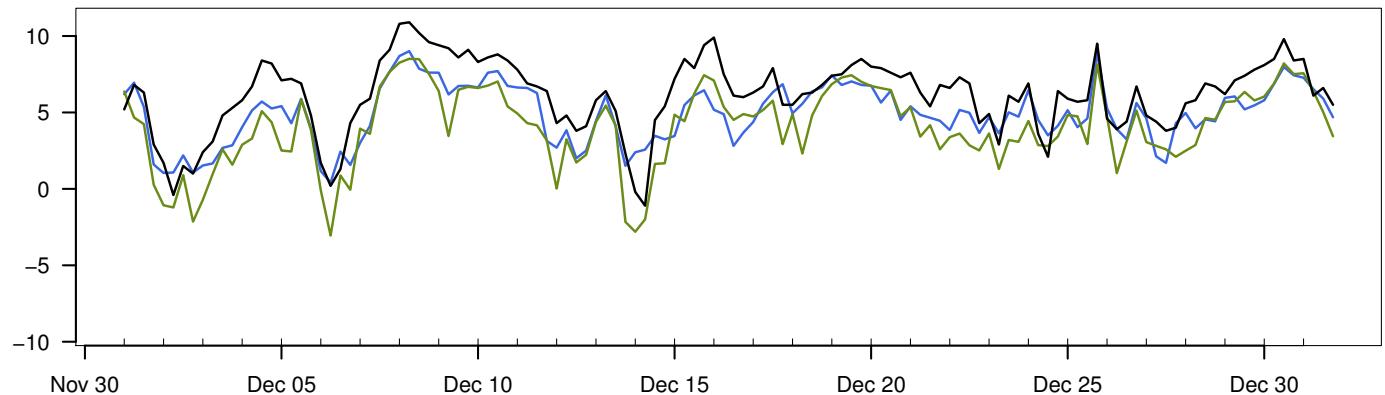
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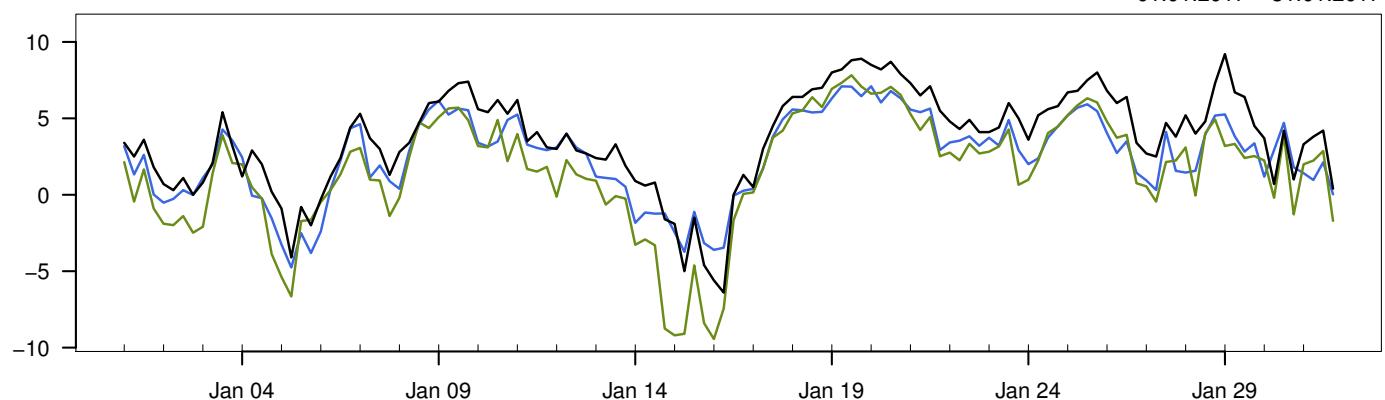
Temperature 2m

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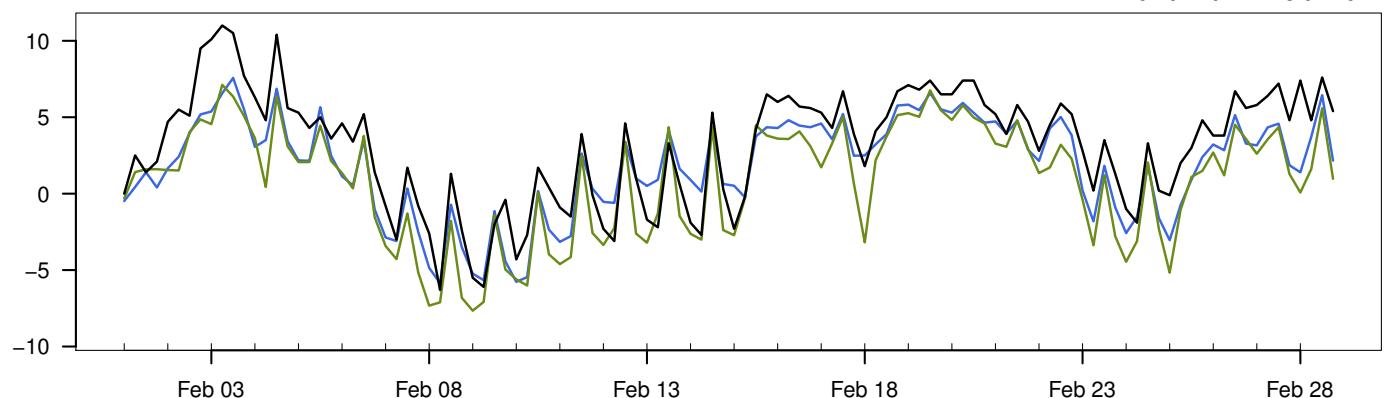
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01.02.2017 – 28.02.2017



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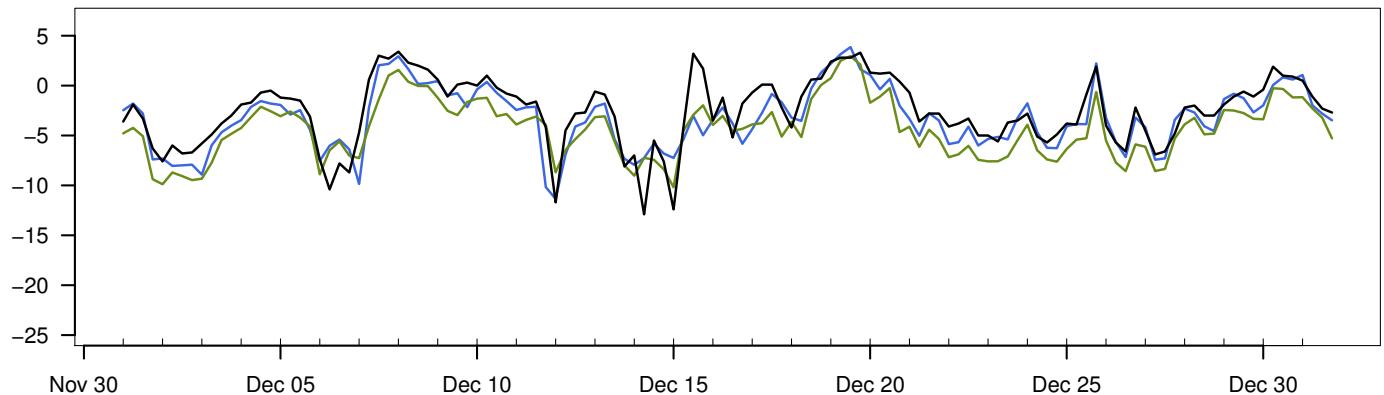
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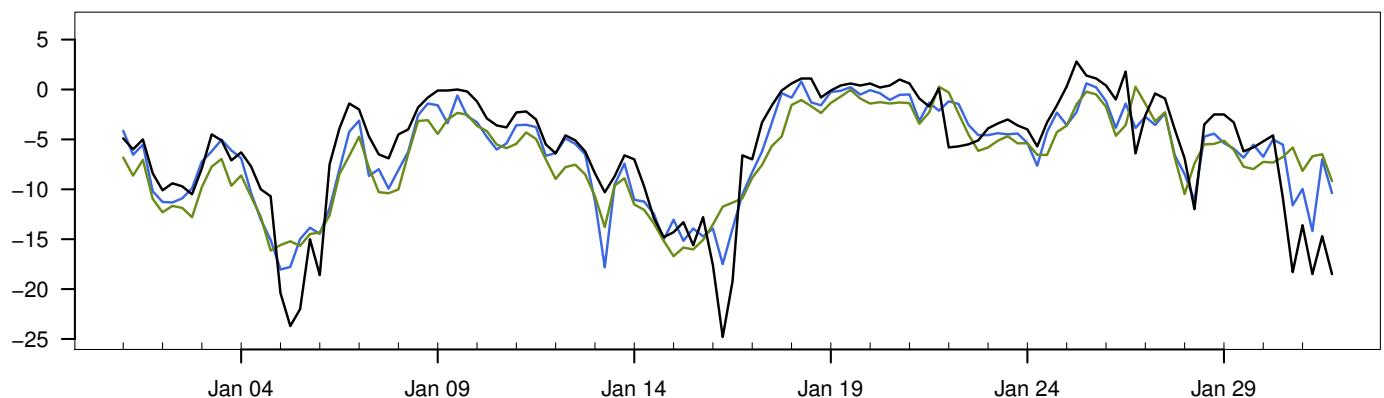
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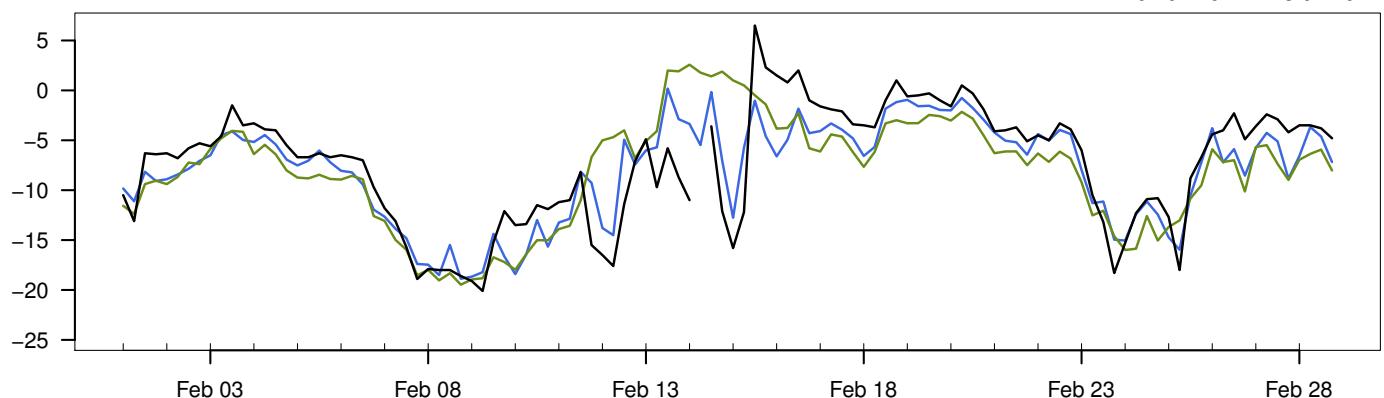
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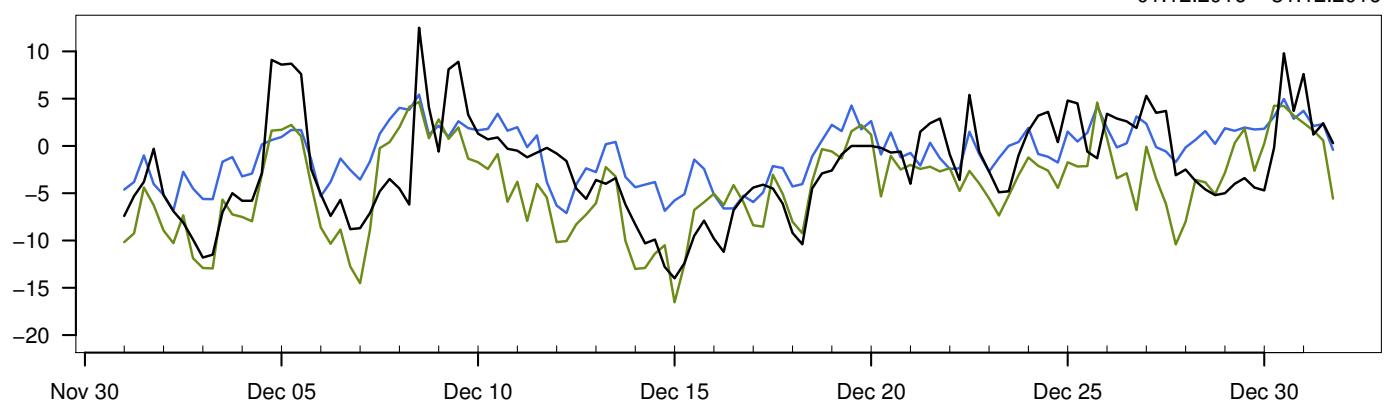
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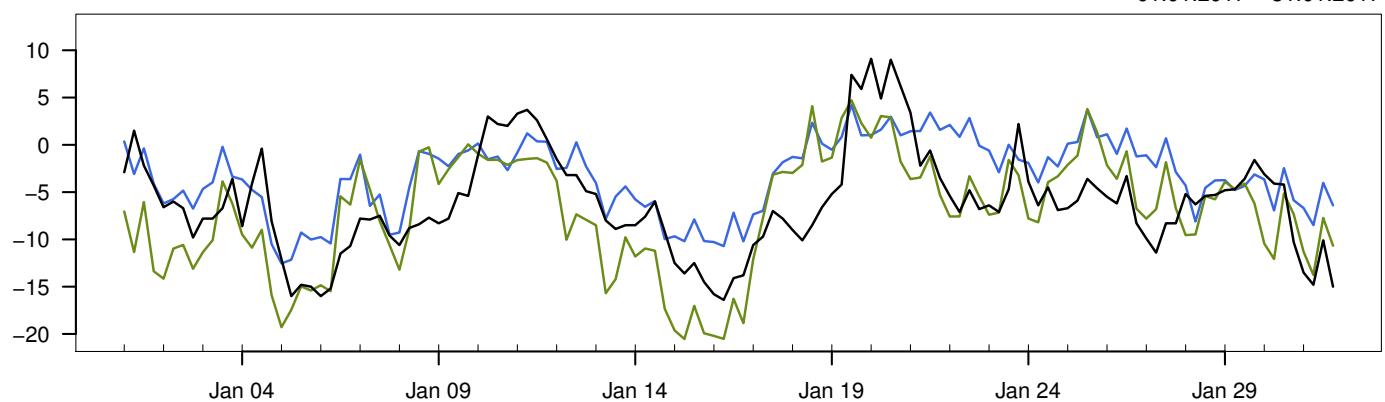
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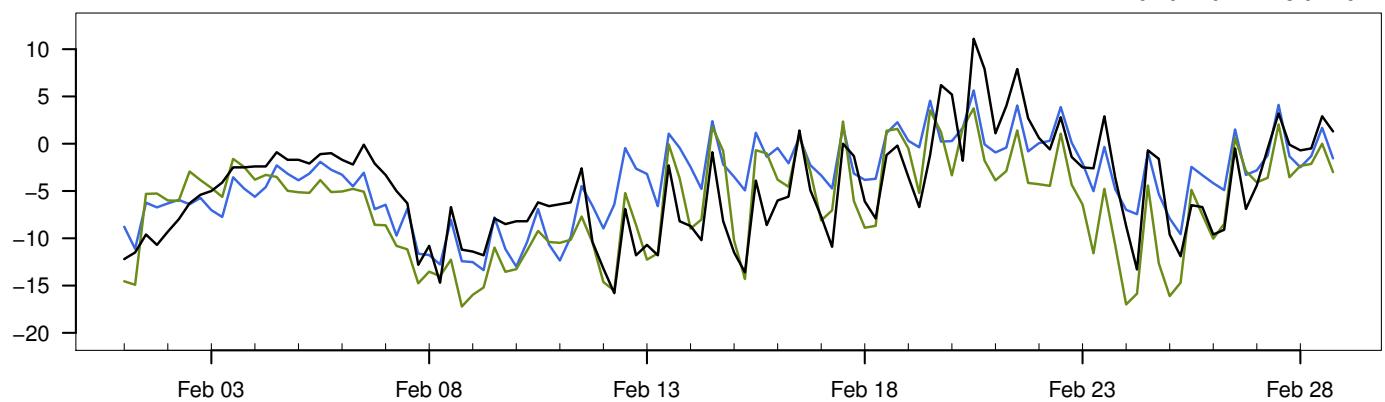
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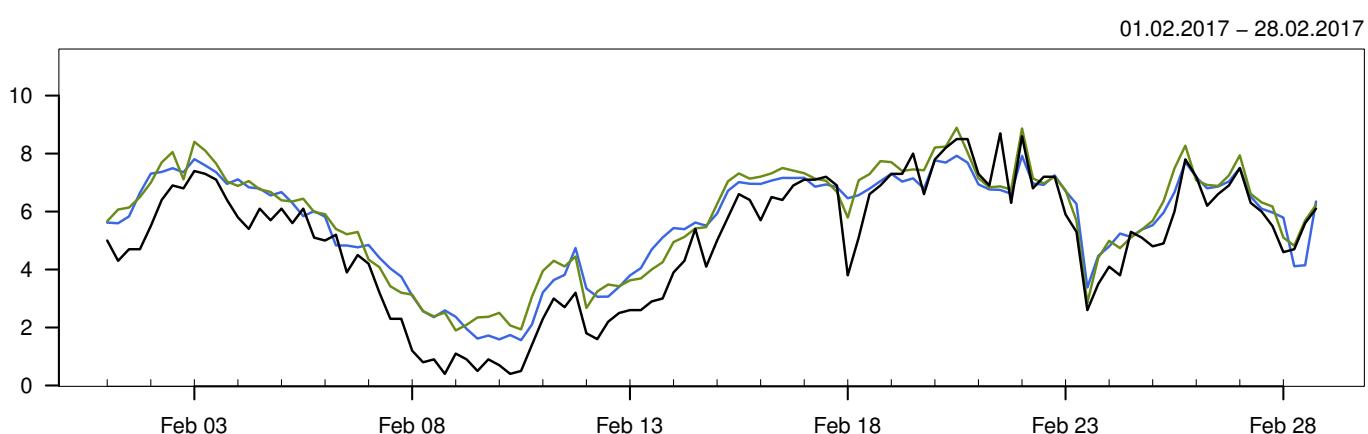
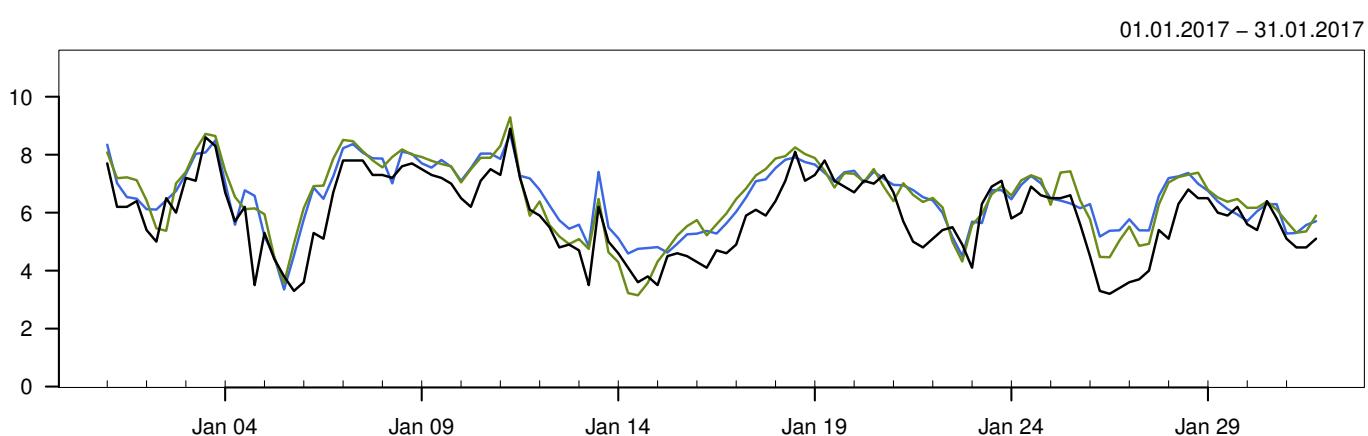
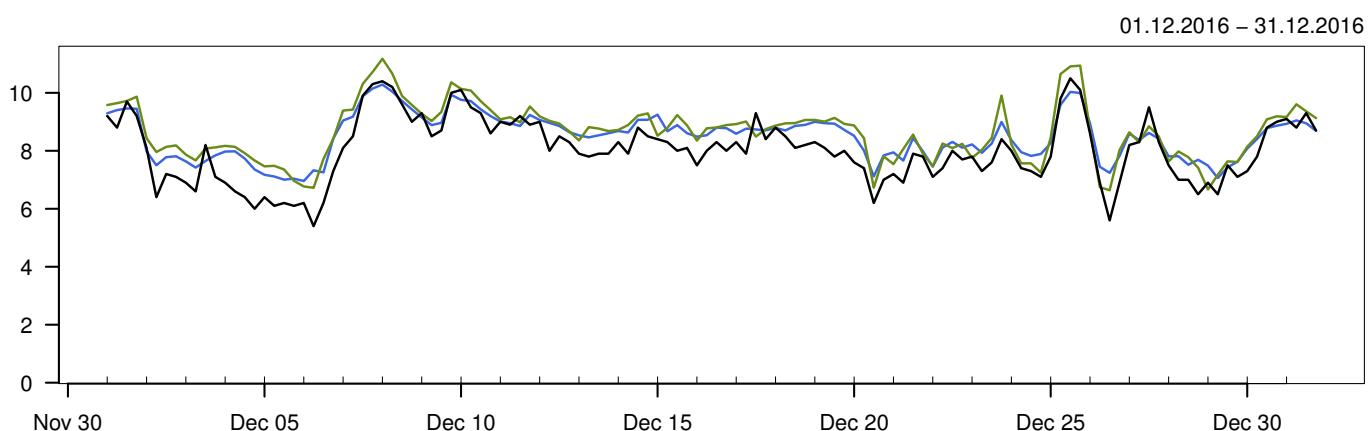
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	ME	SDE	RMSE	MAE	Max.abs.err.	N
MEPSctrl – synop	1.7	4	4.4	3.7	10.8	360
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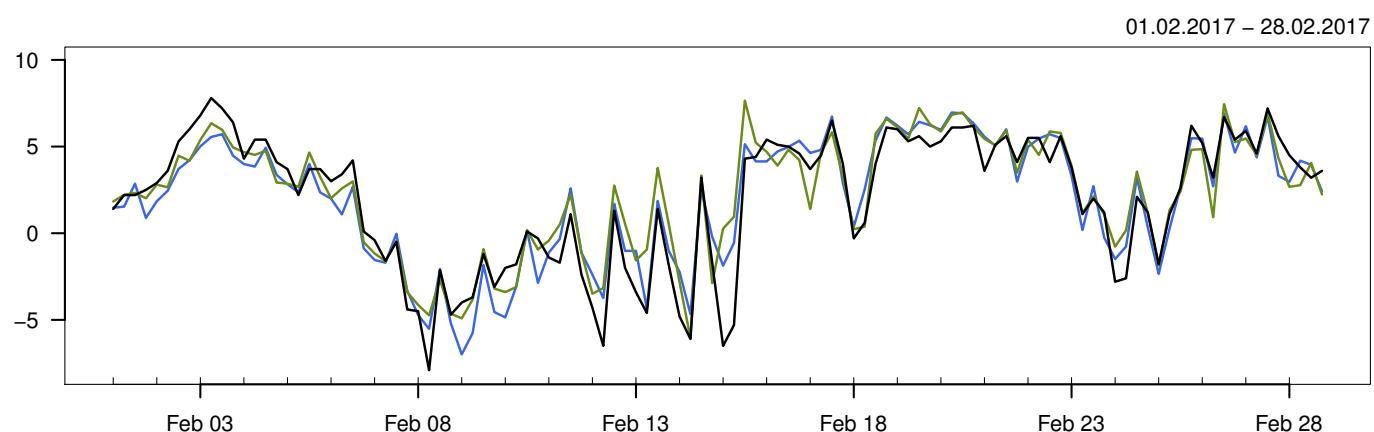
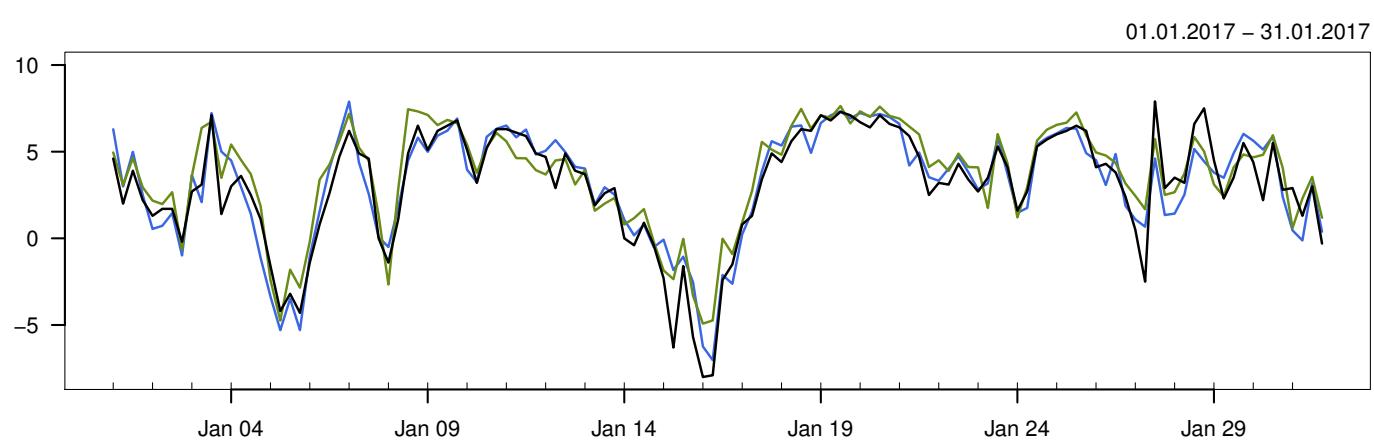
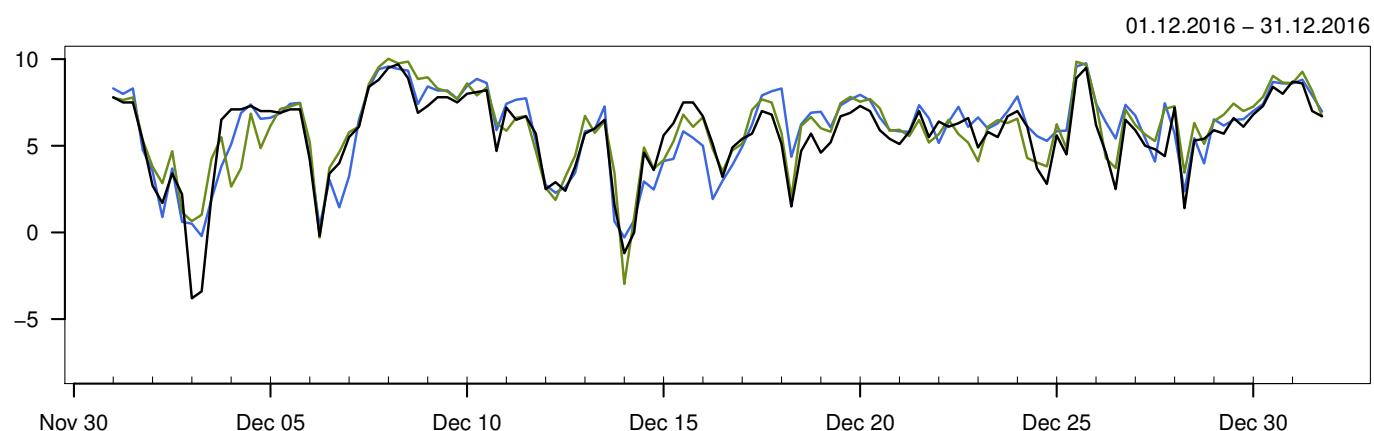
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ECMWF: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	1.9	7	11.2	1.8	360

	ME	SDE	RMSE	MAE	Max.abs.err.	N
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Temperature 2m

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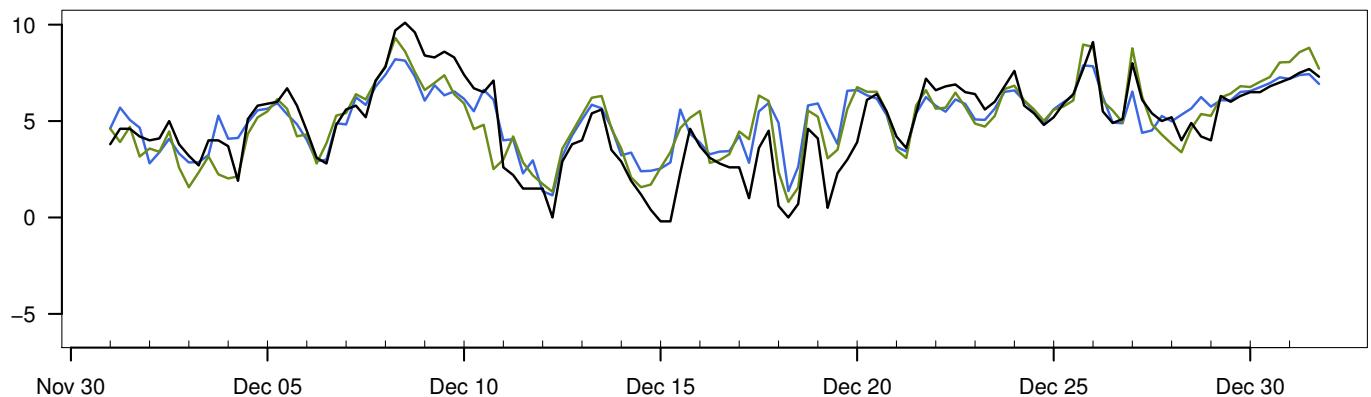


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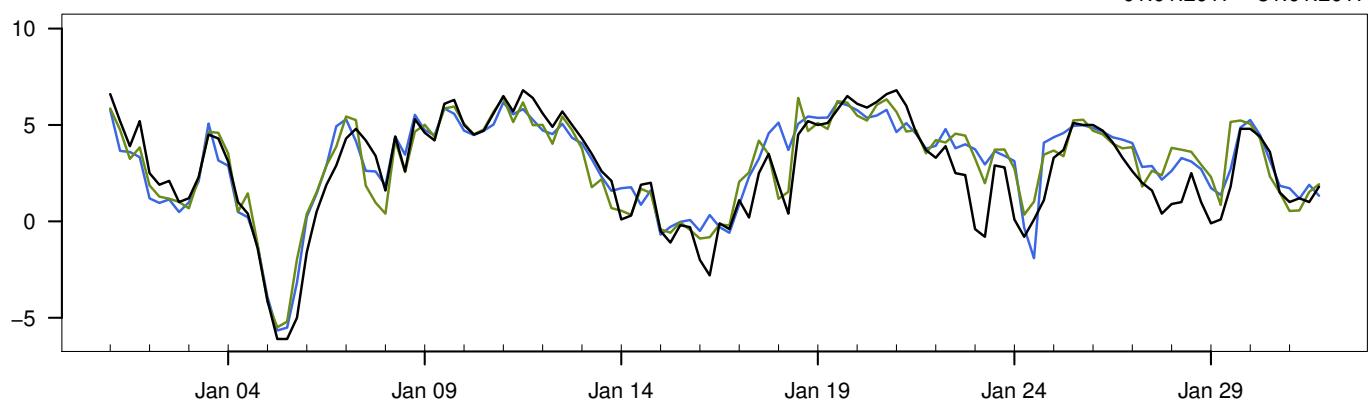
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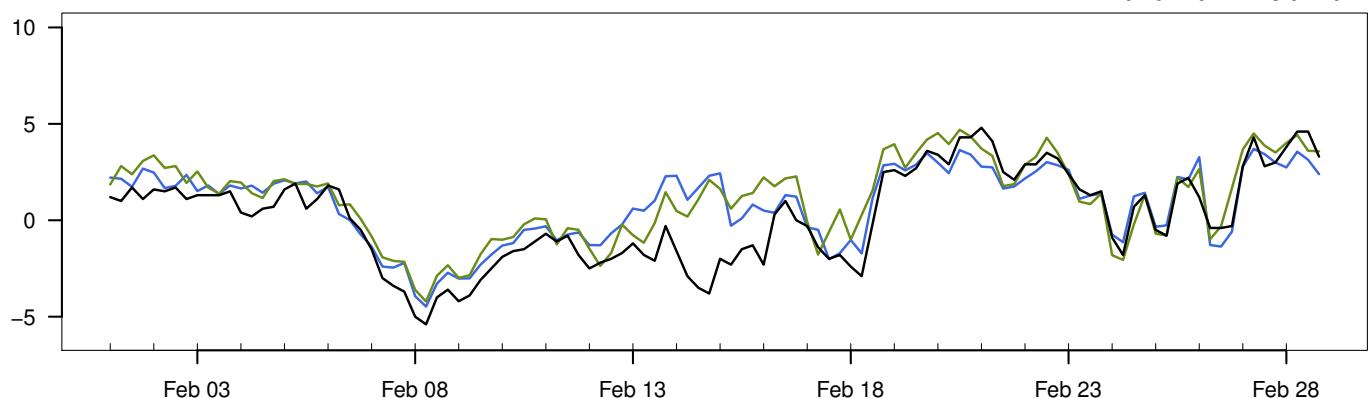
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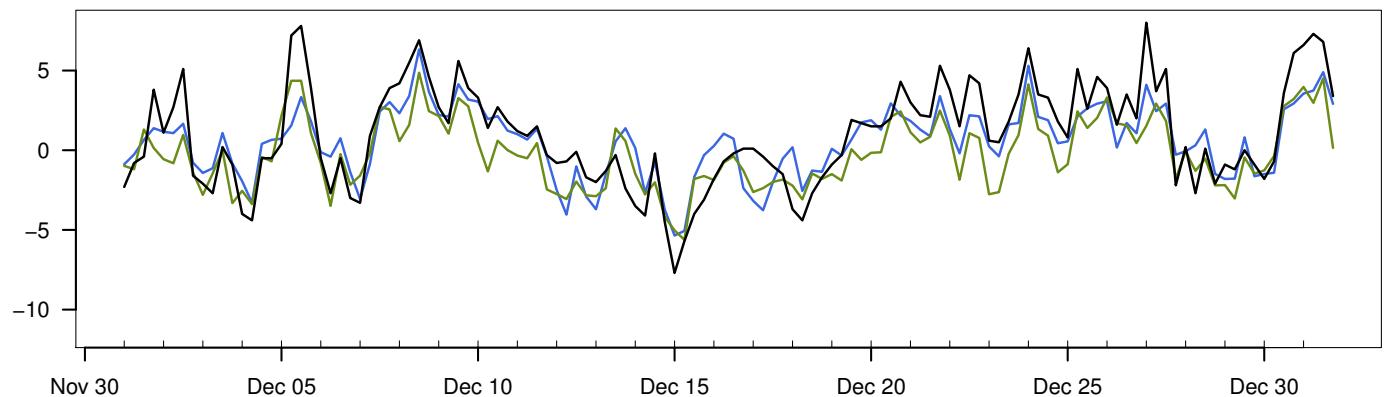
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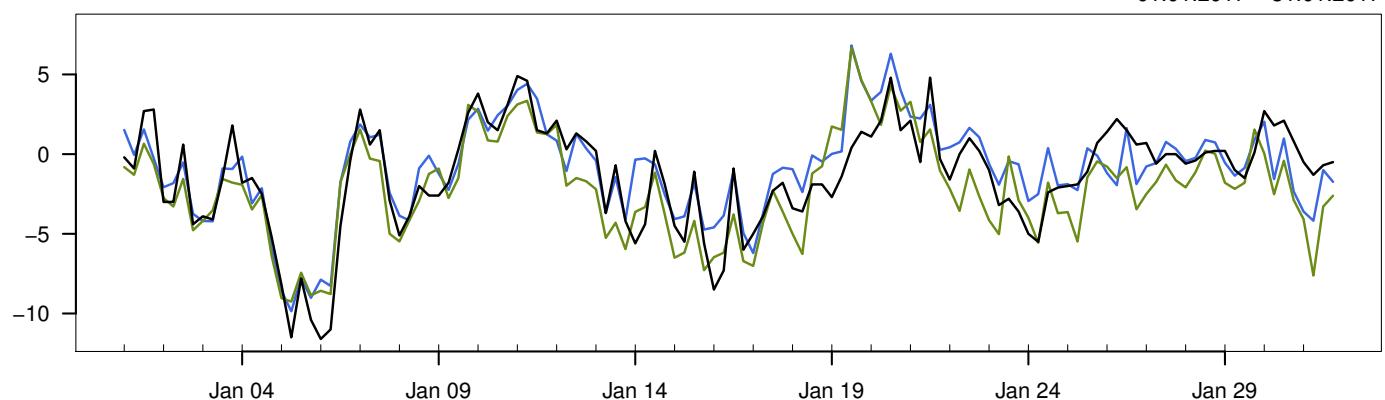
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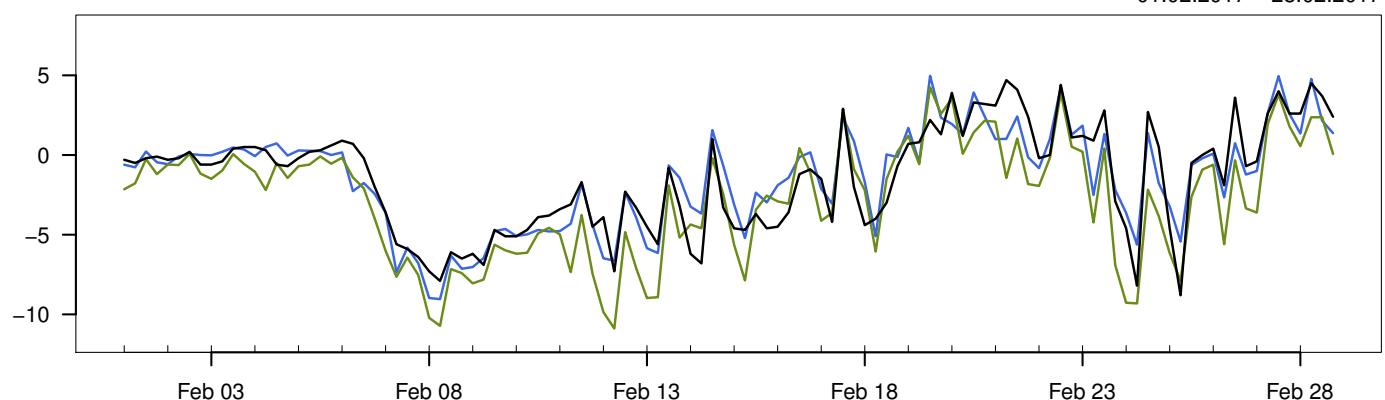
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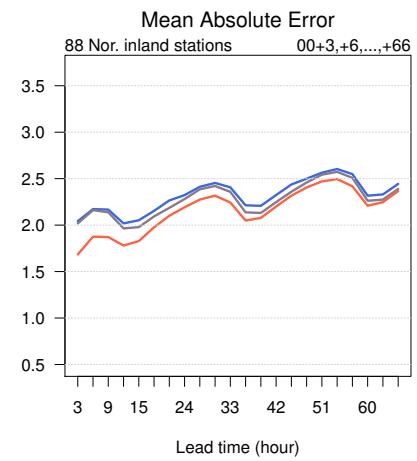
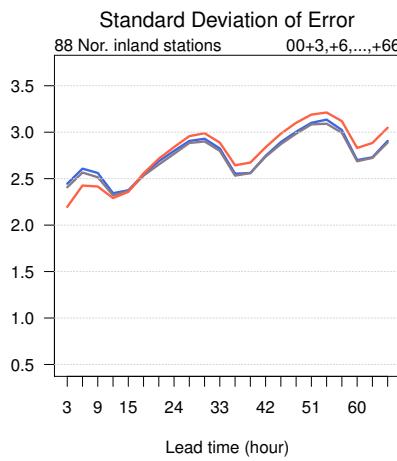
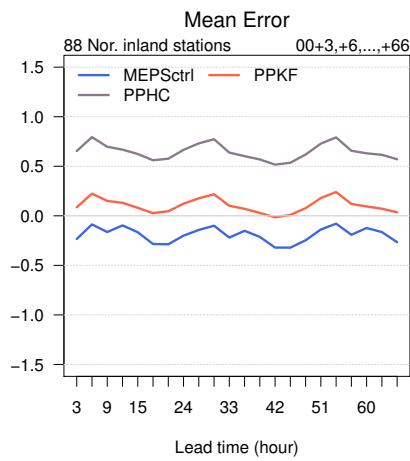
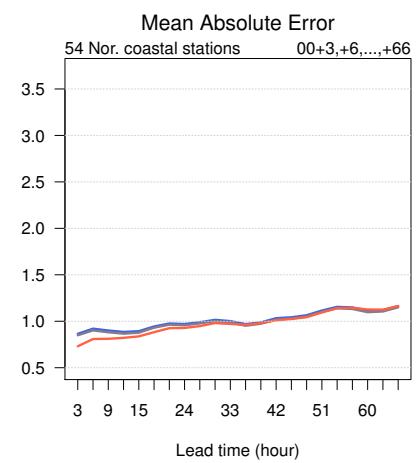
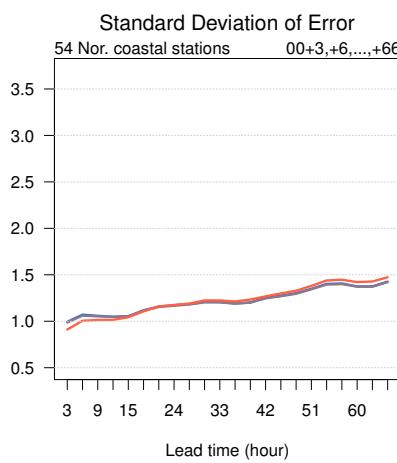
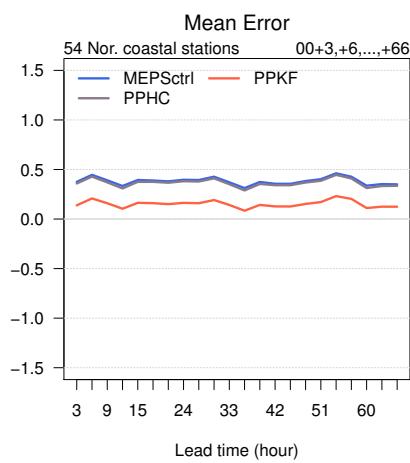
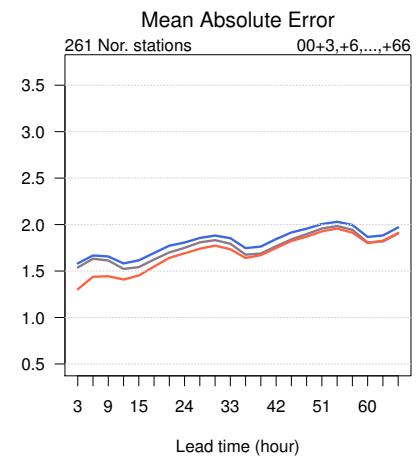
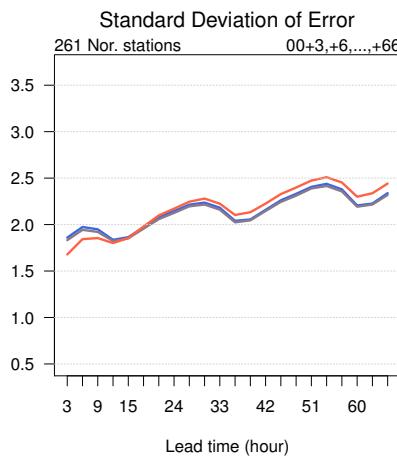
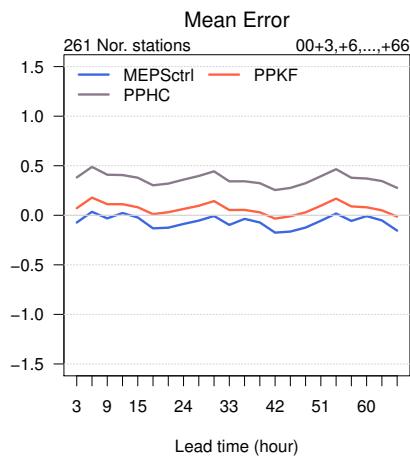
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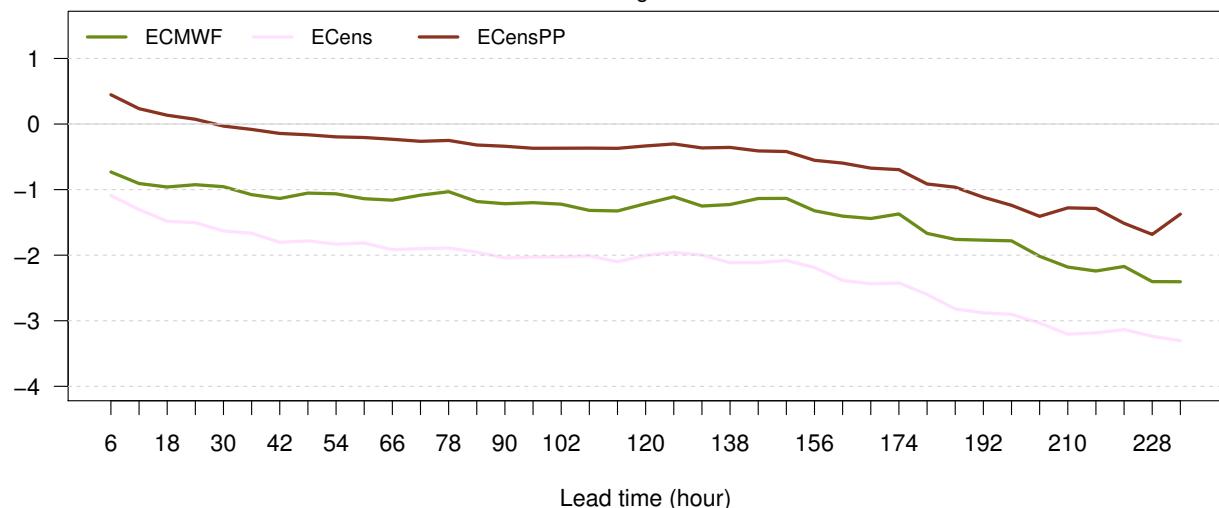
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	ME	SDE	RMSE	MAE	Max.abs.err.	N
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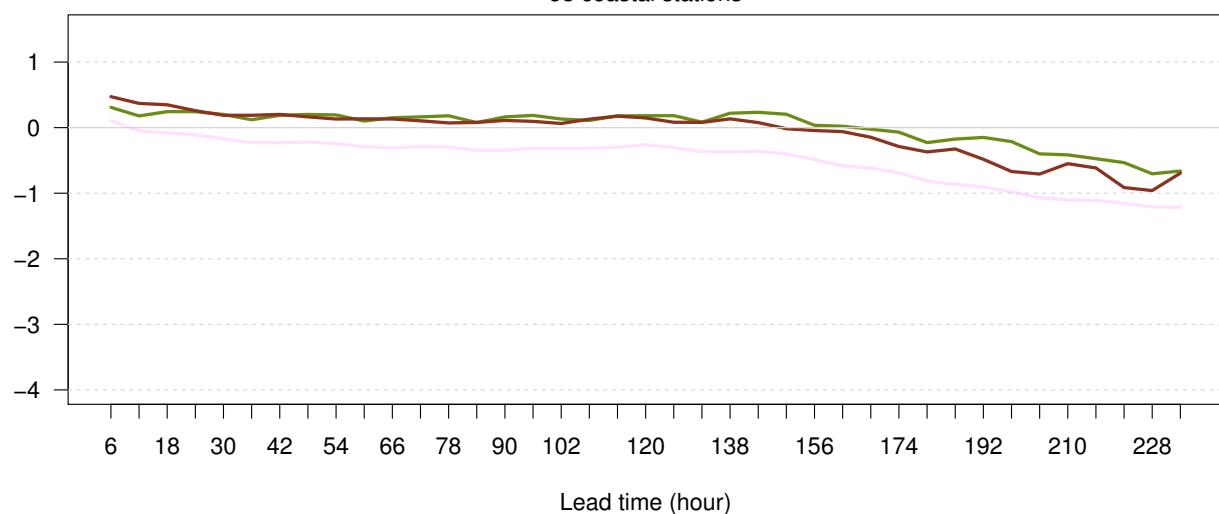


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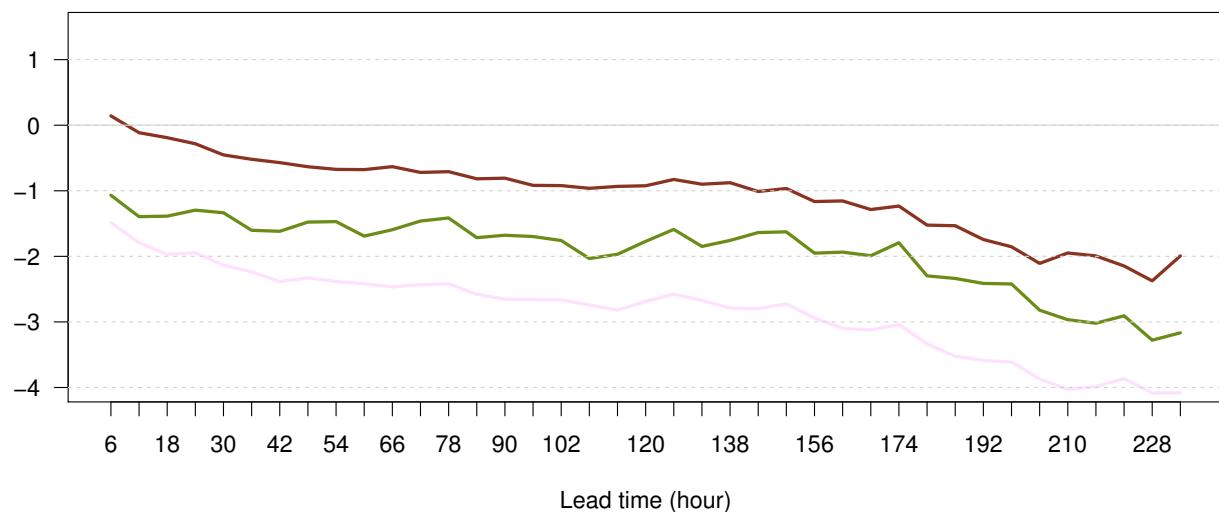
269 Norwegian stations



58 coastal stations

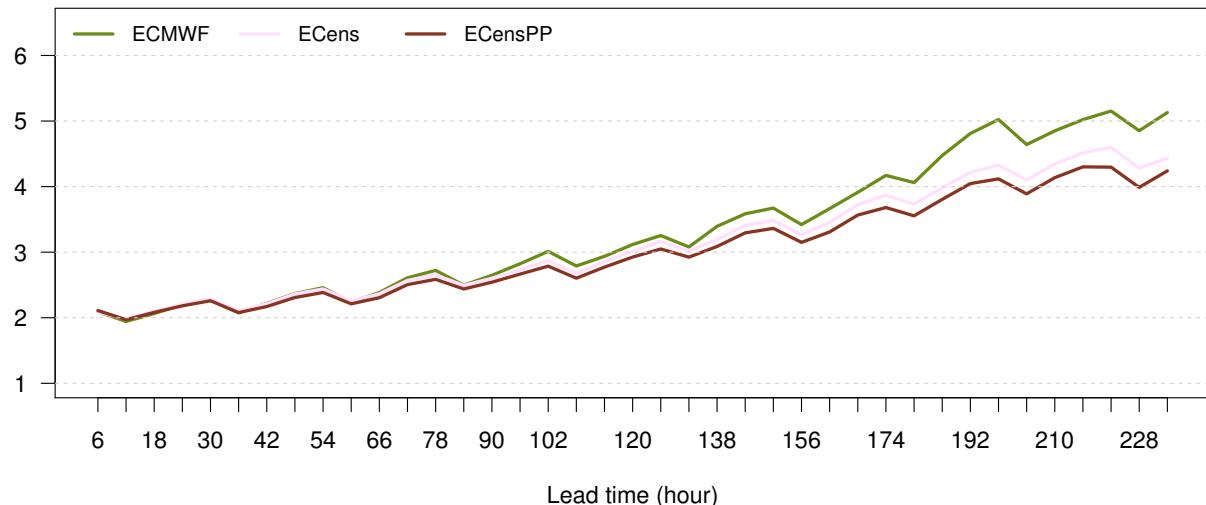


88 inland stations

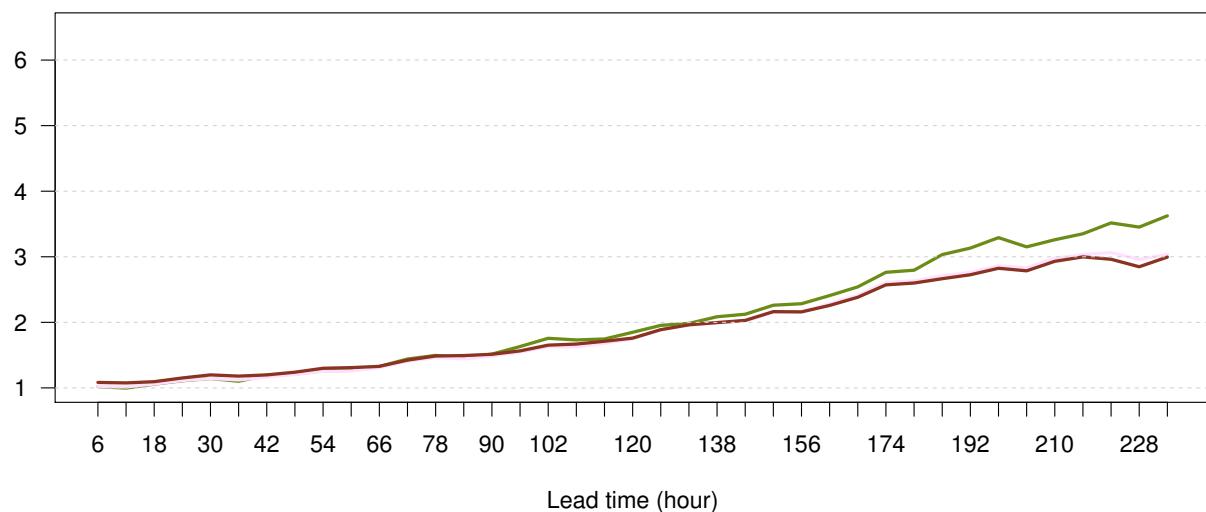


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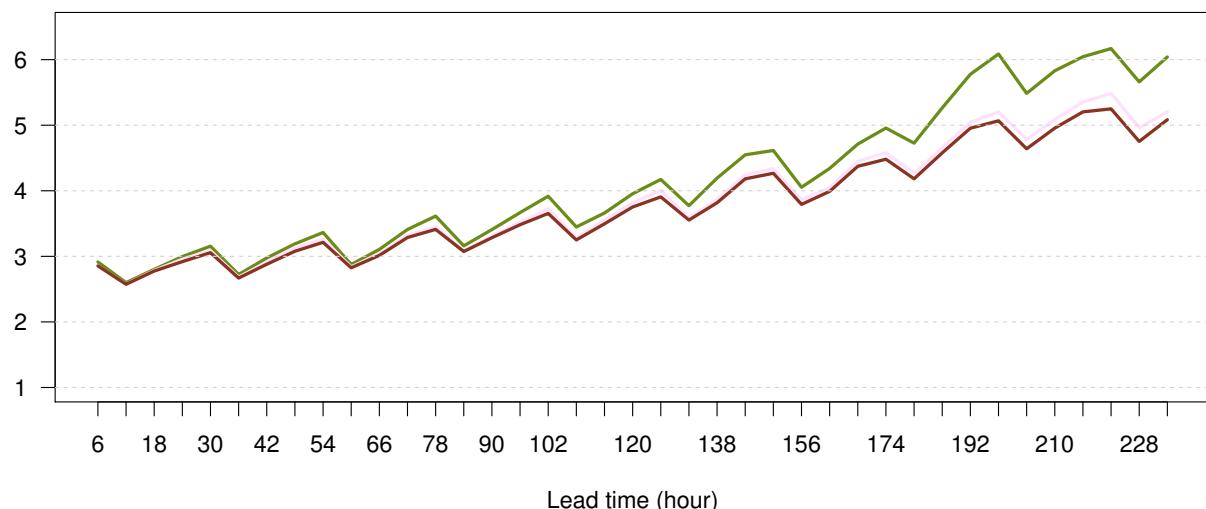
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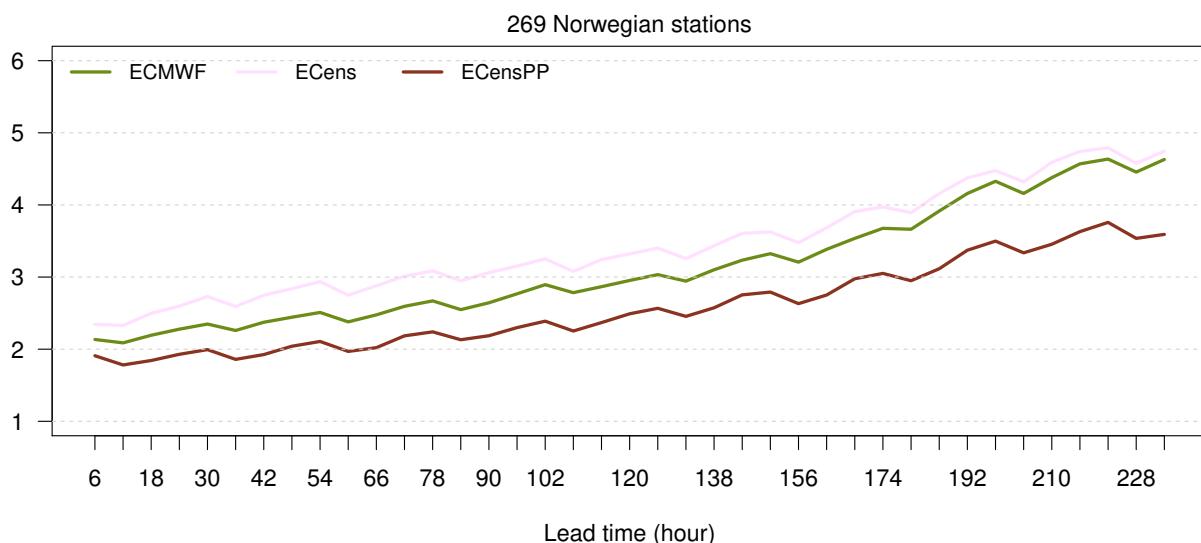
58 coastal stations



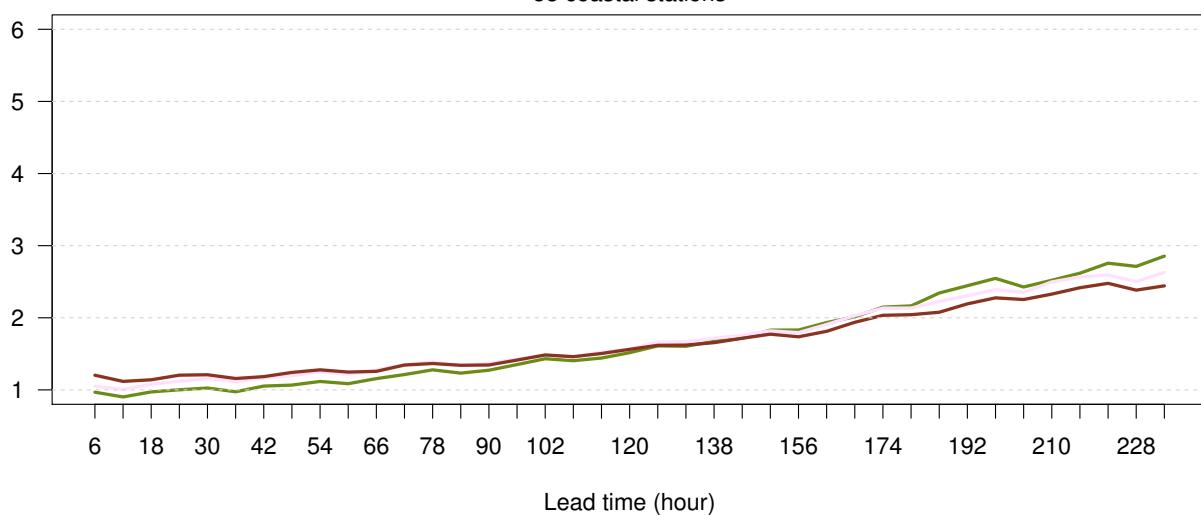
88 inland stations



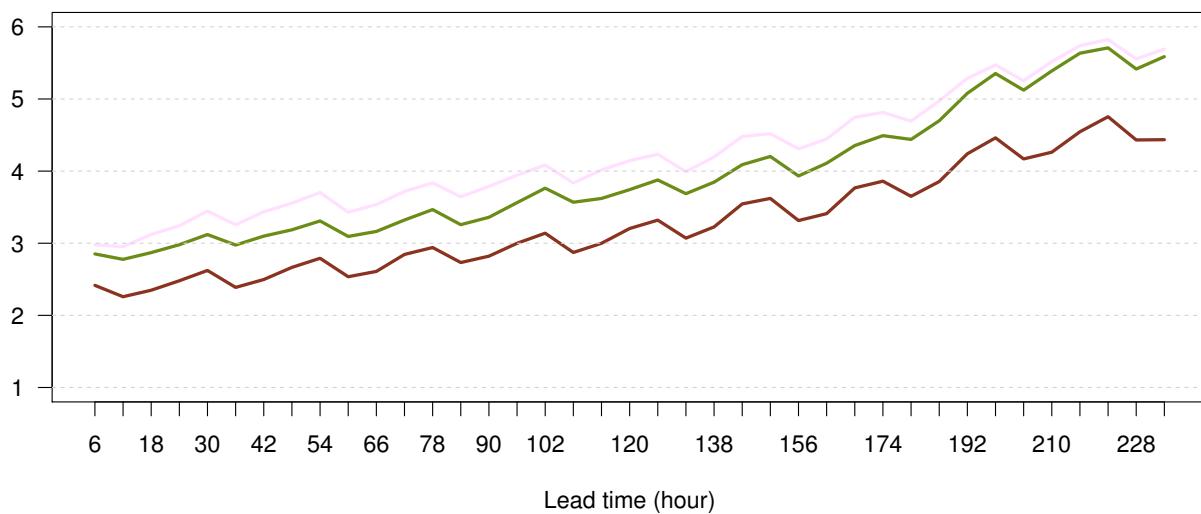
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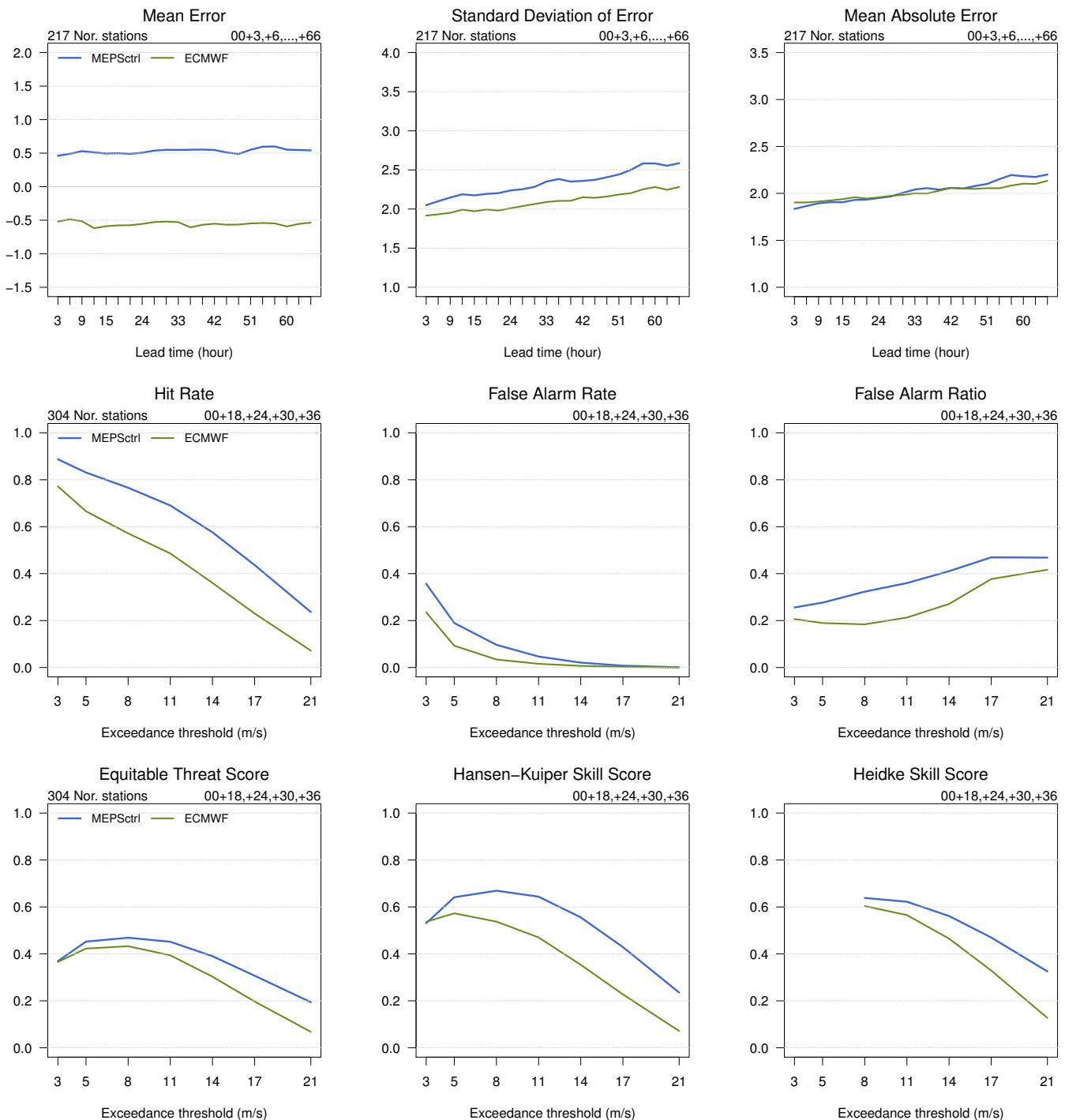


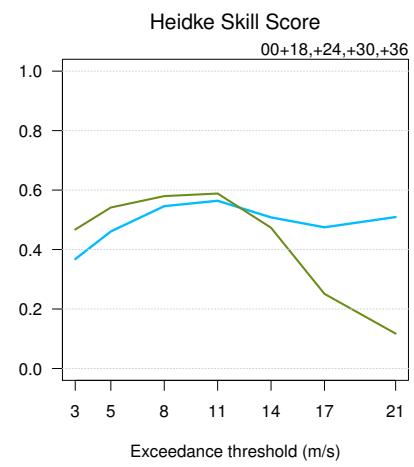
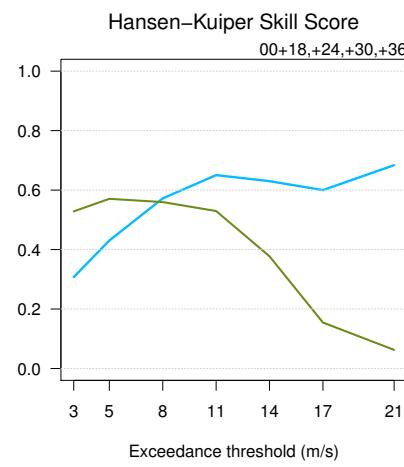
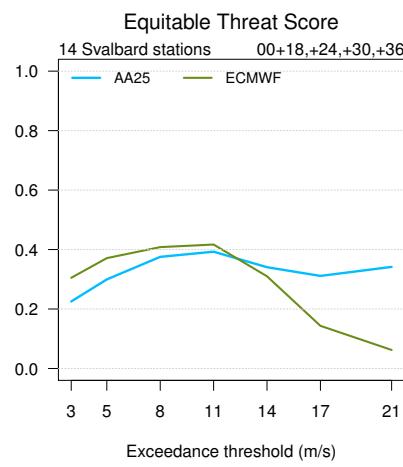
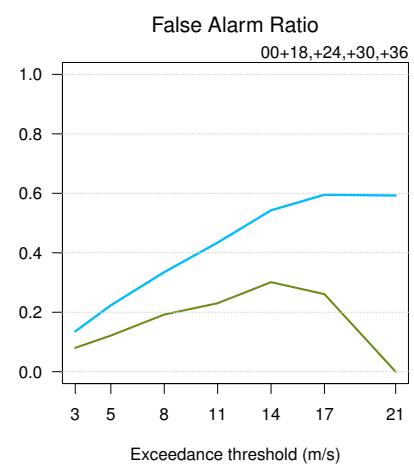
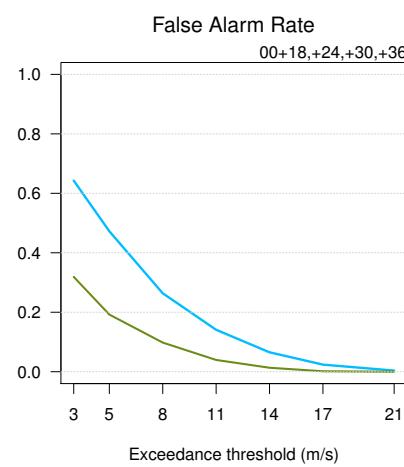
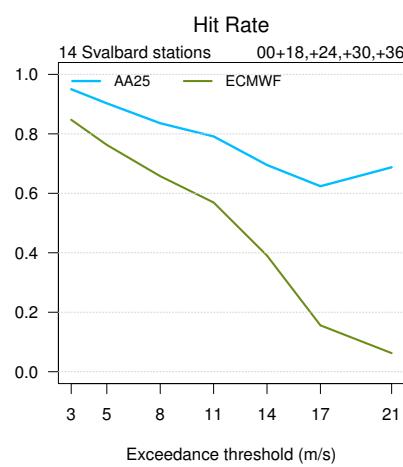
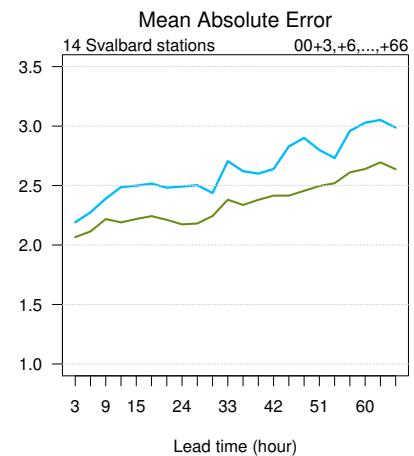
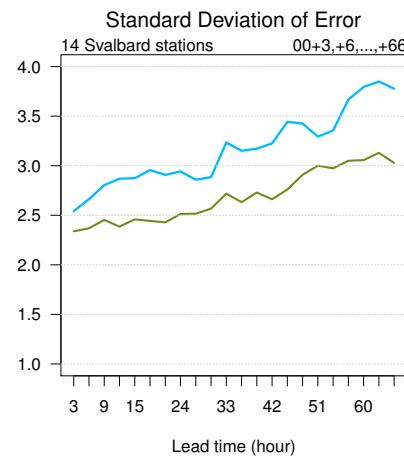
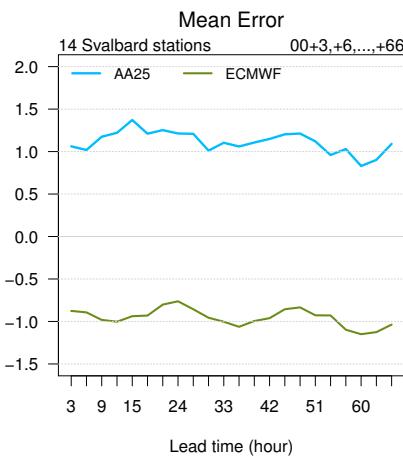
58 coastal stations

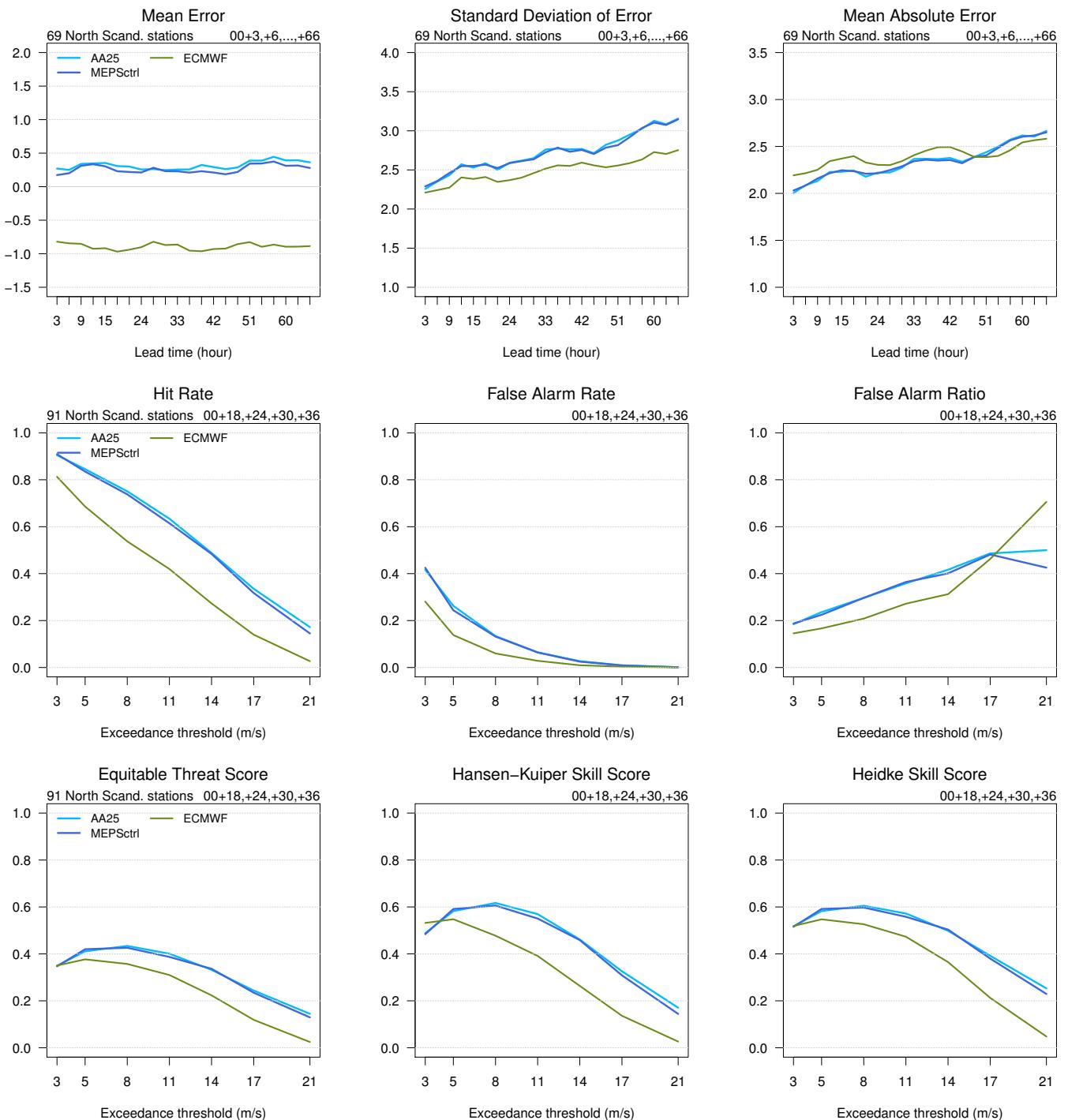


88 inland stations





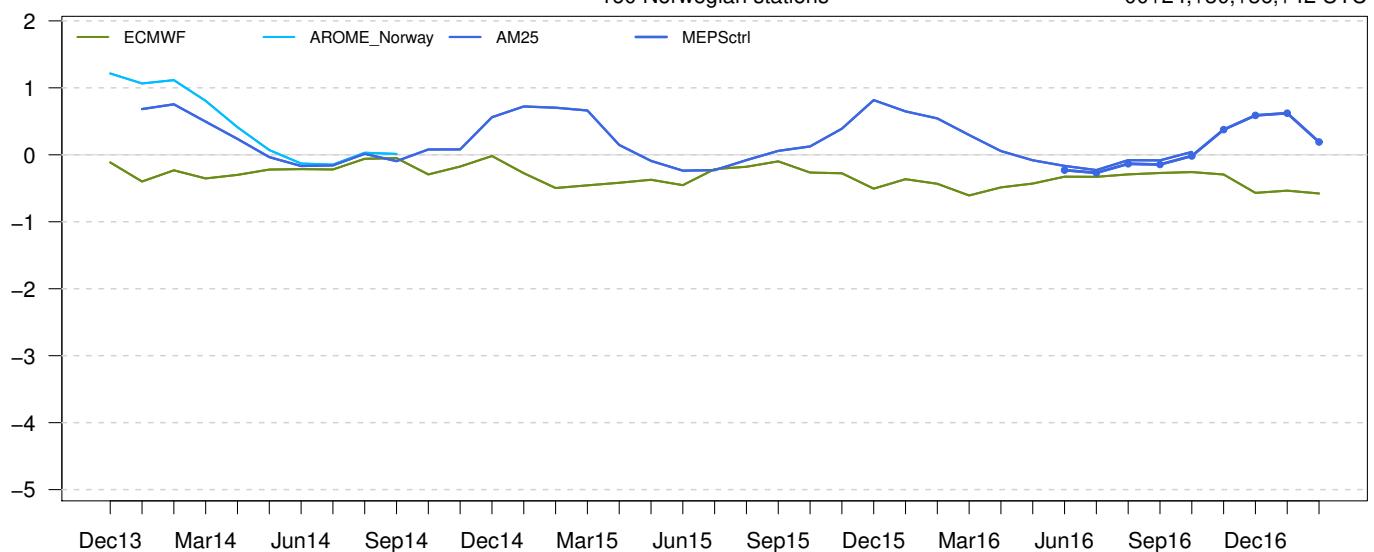




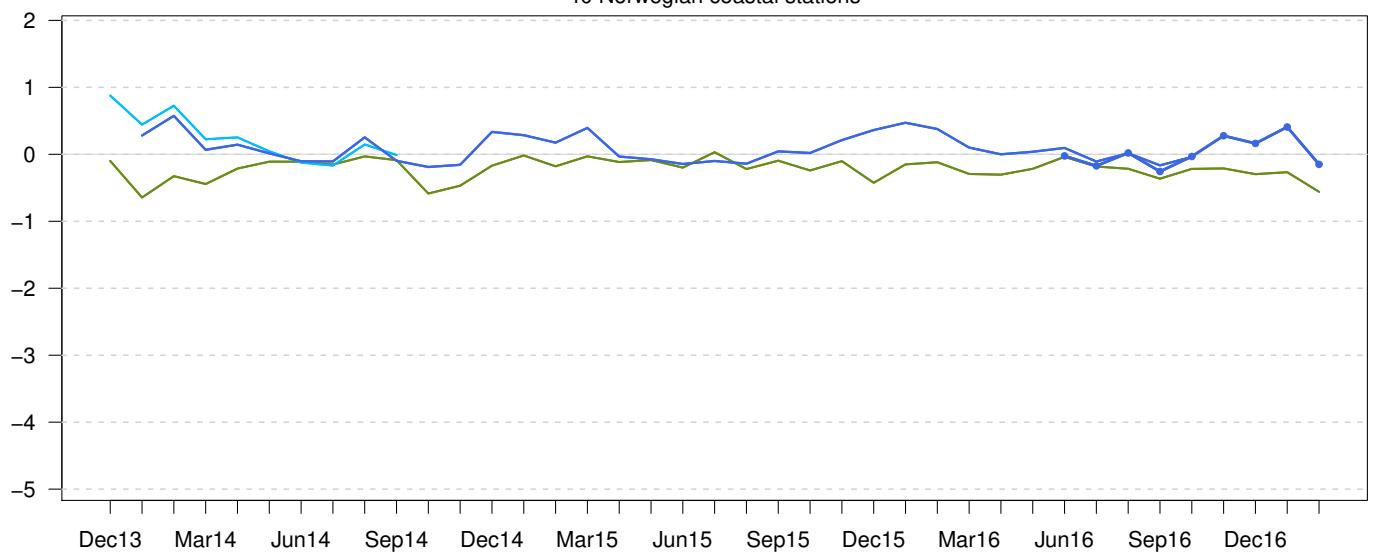
## Mean Error

160 Norwegian stations

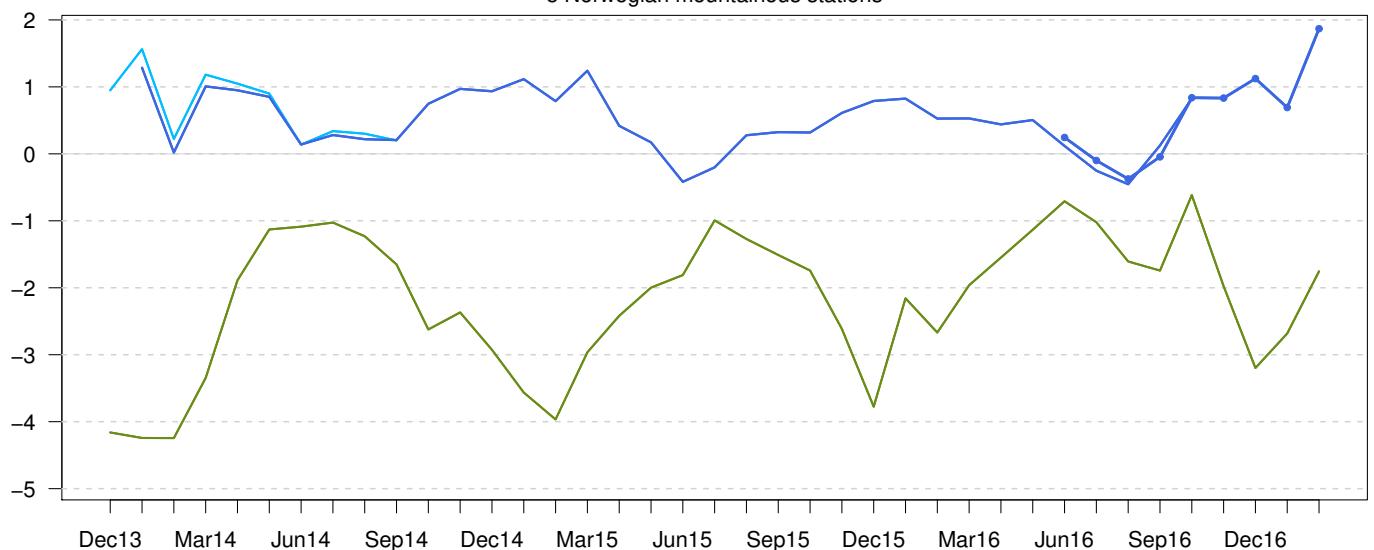
00+24,+30,+36,+42 UTC



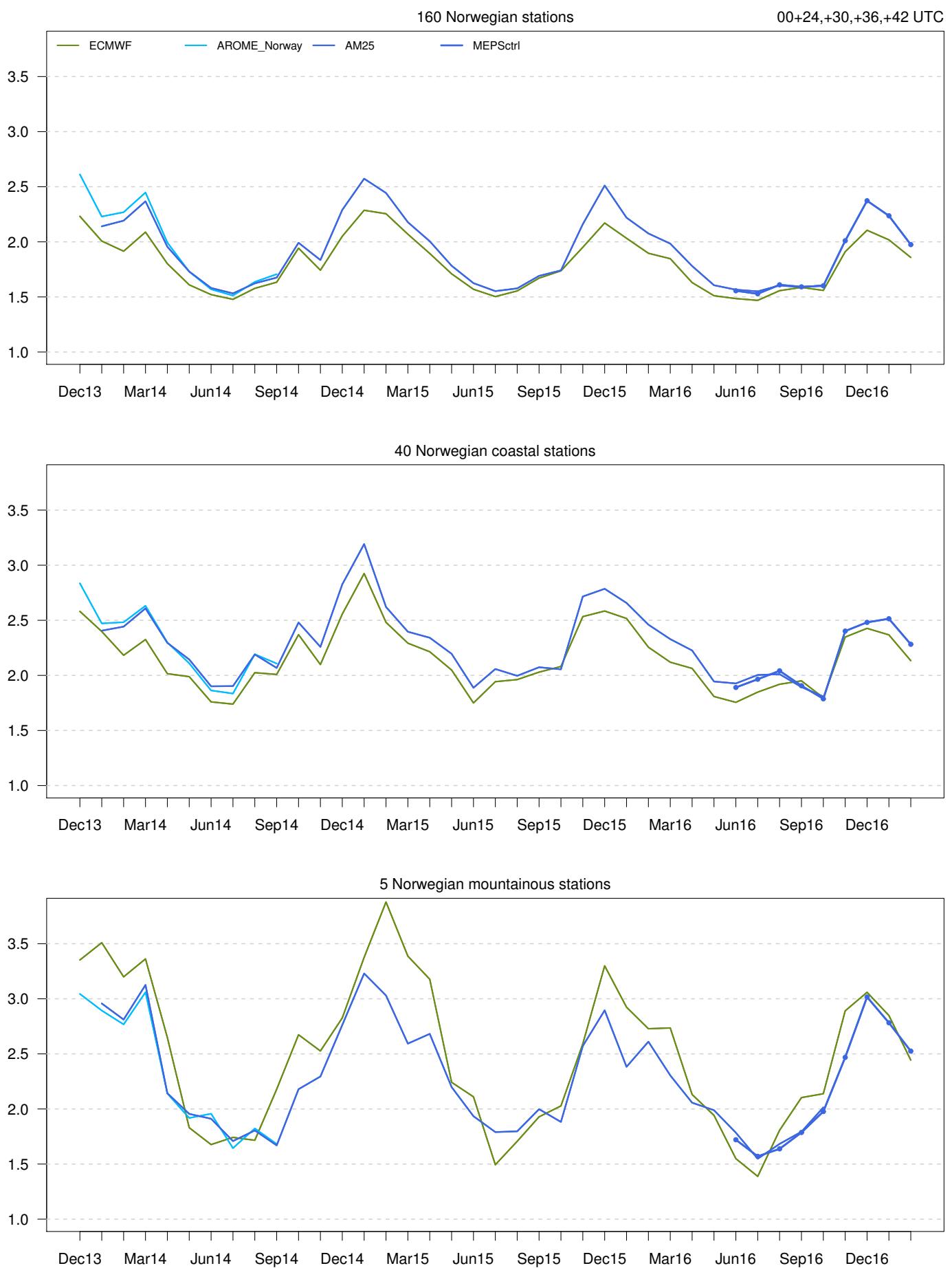
40 Norwegian coastal stations



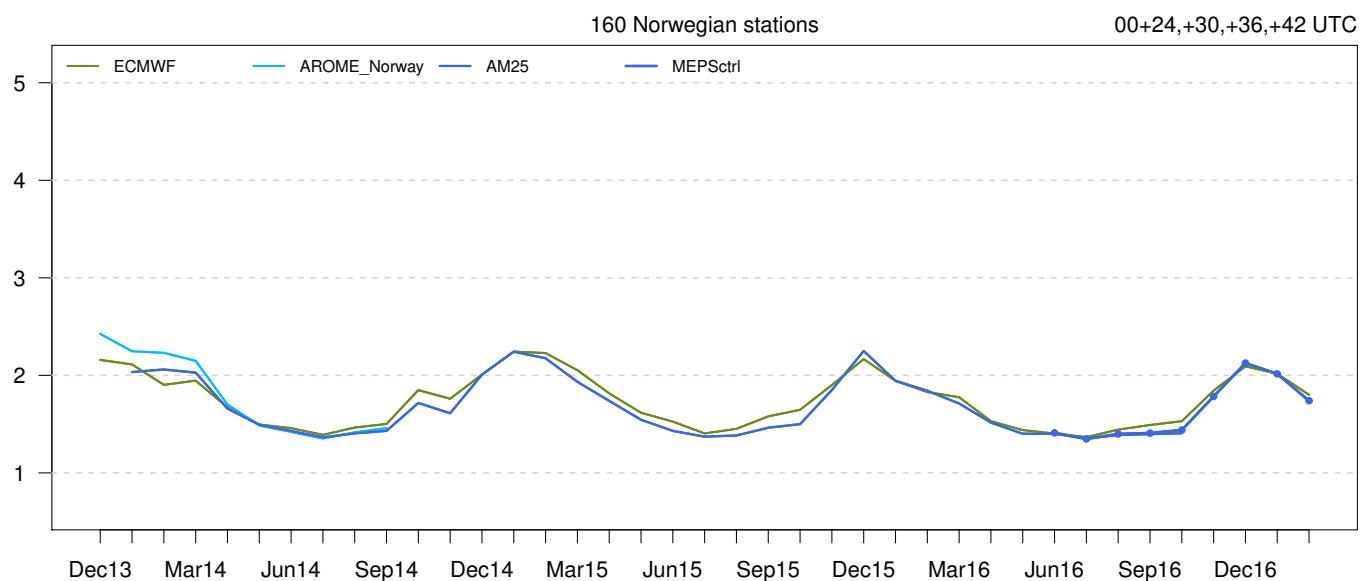
5 Norwegian mountainous stations



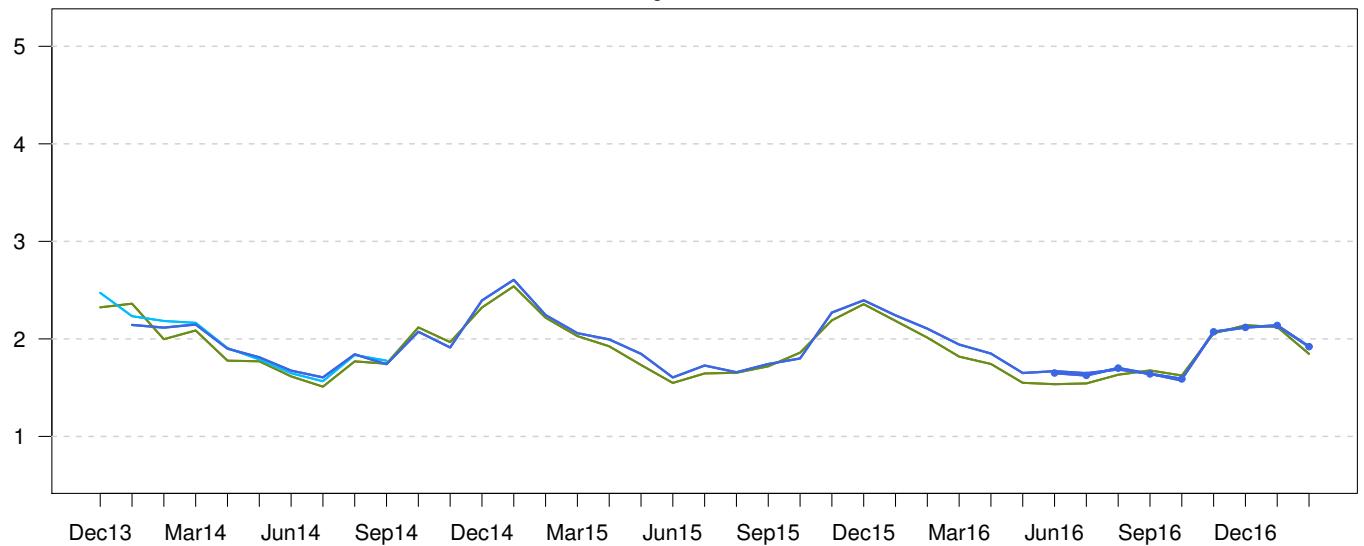
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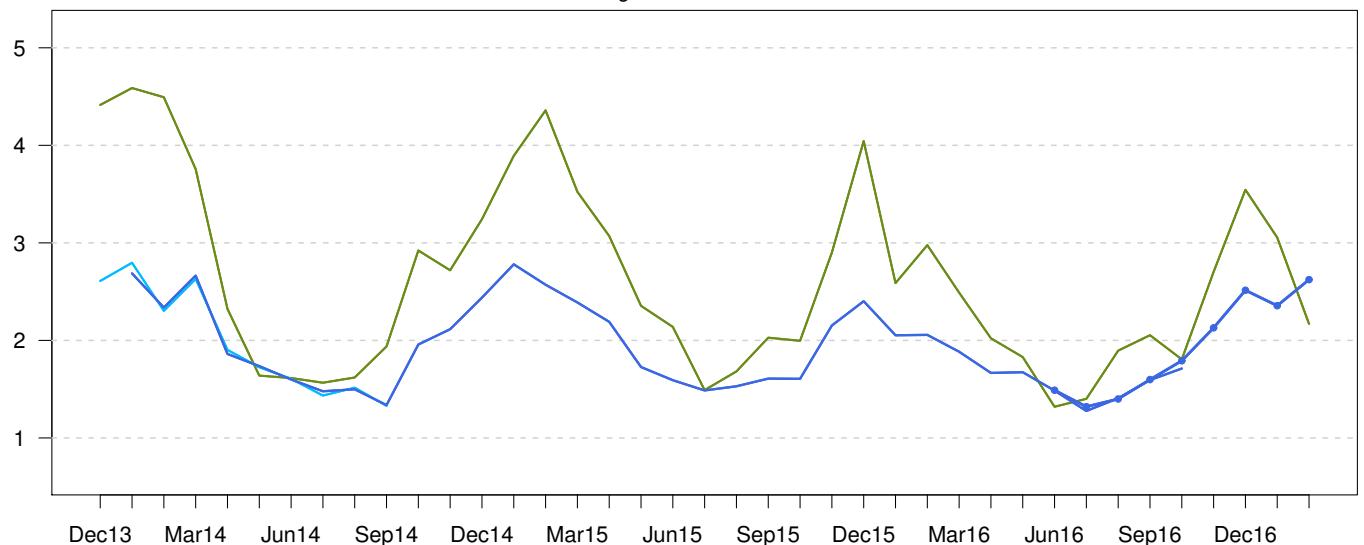
## Mean Absolute Error



## 40 Norwegian coastal stations

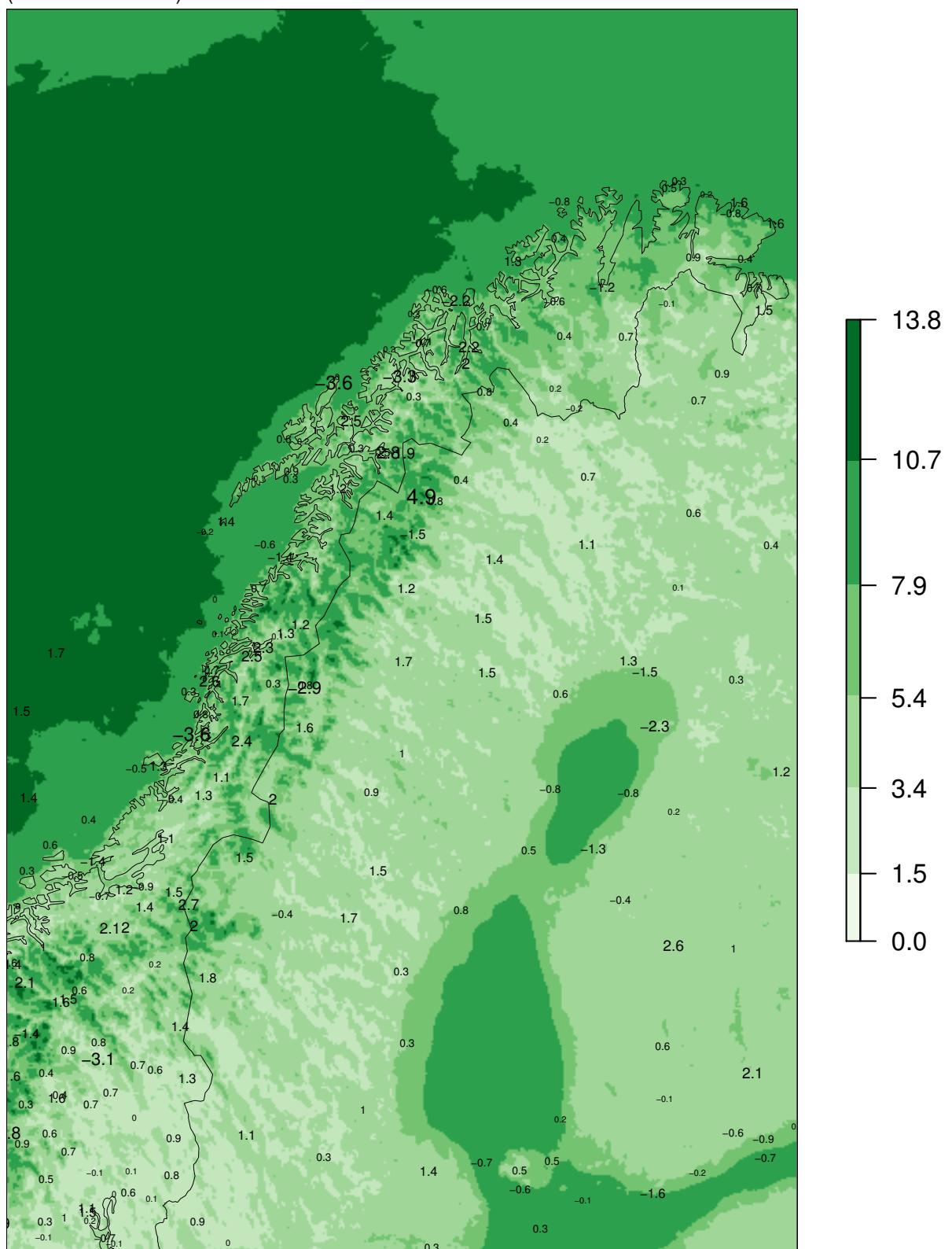


## 5 Norwegian mountainous stations



## MEPSctrl 00+12

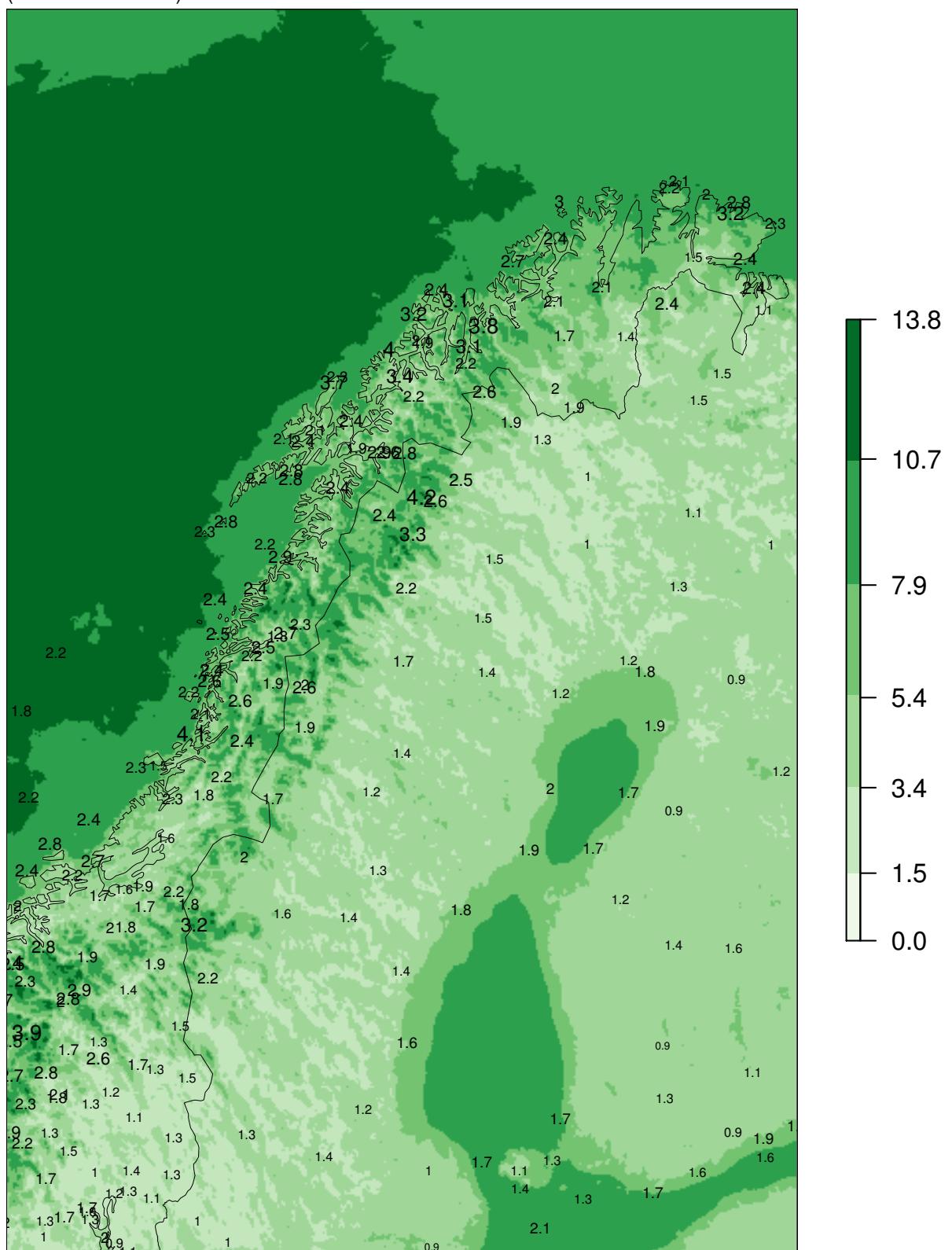
ME at observing sites  
(numbers in black)



Model "climatology" 01.12.2016 – 28.02.2017

## MEPSctrl 00+12

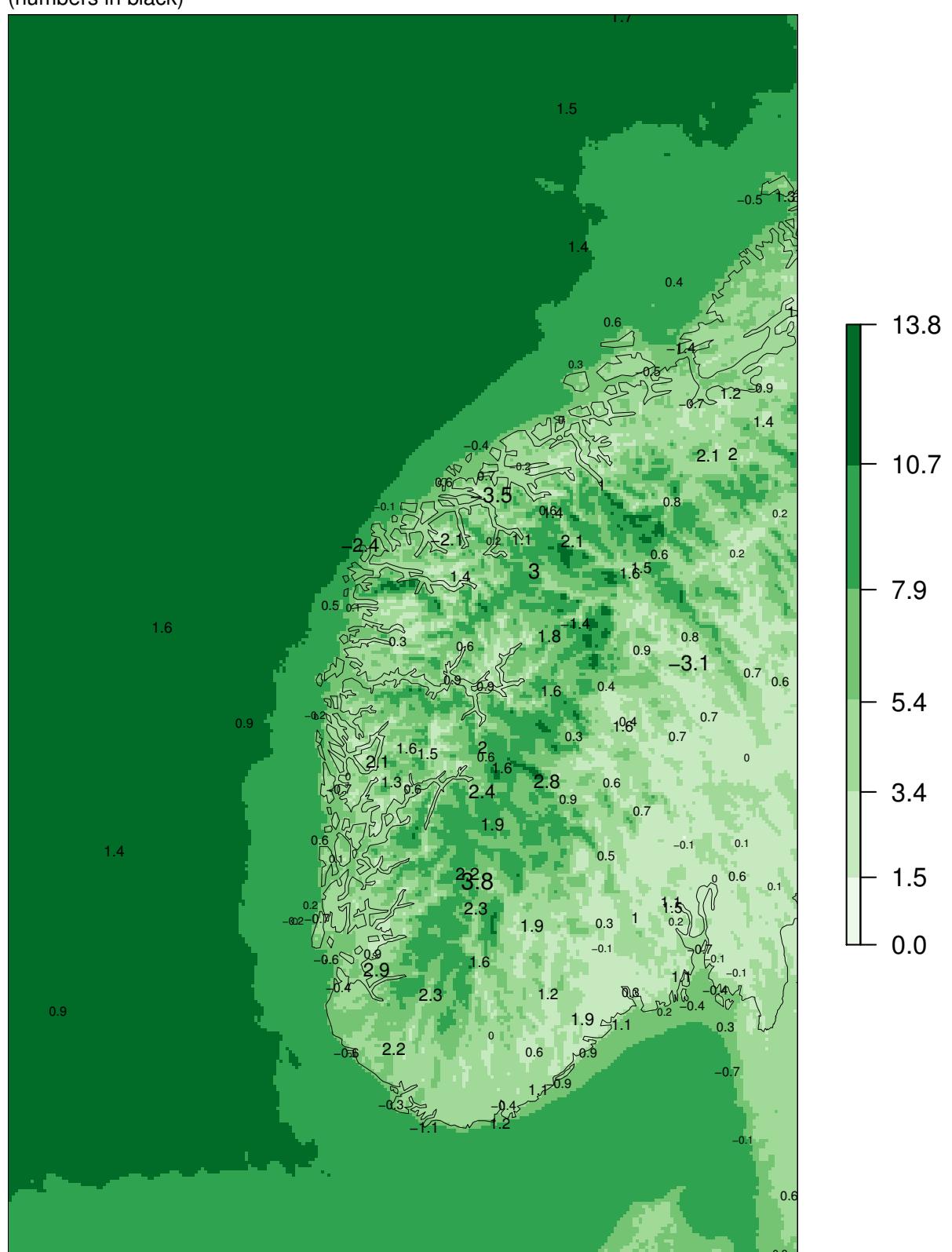
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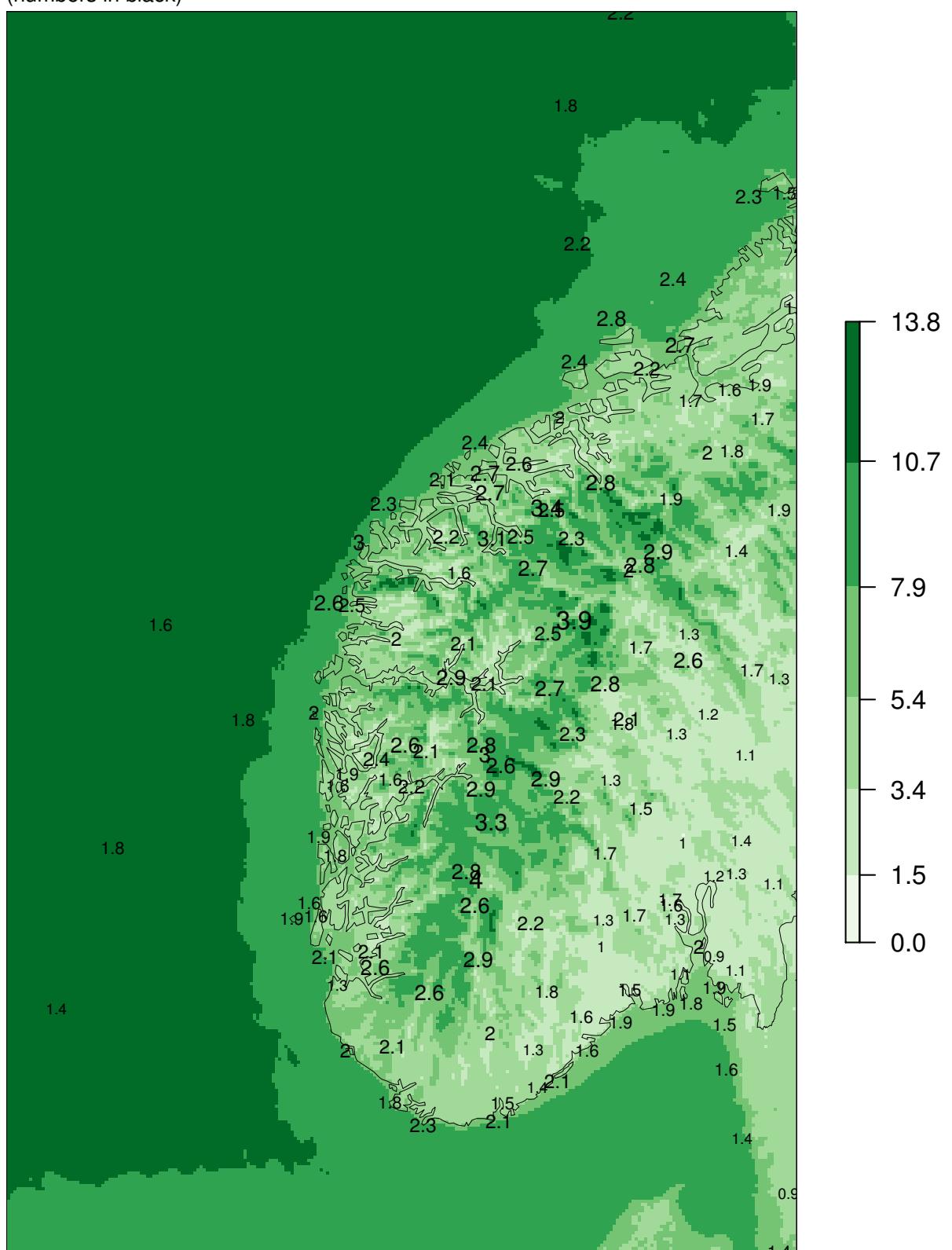
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### MEPSctrl 00+12



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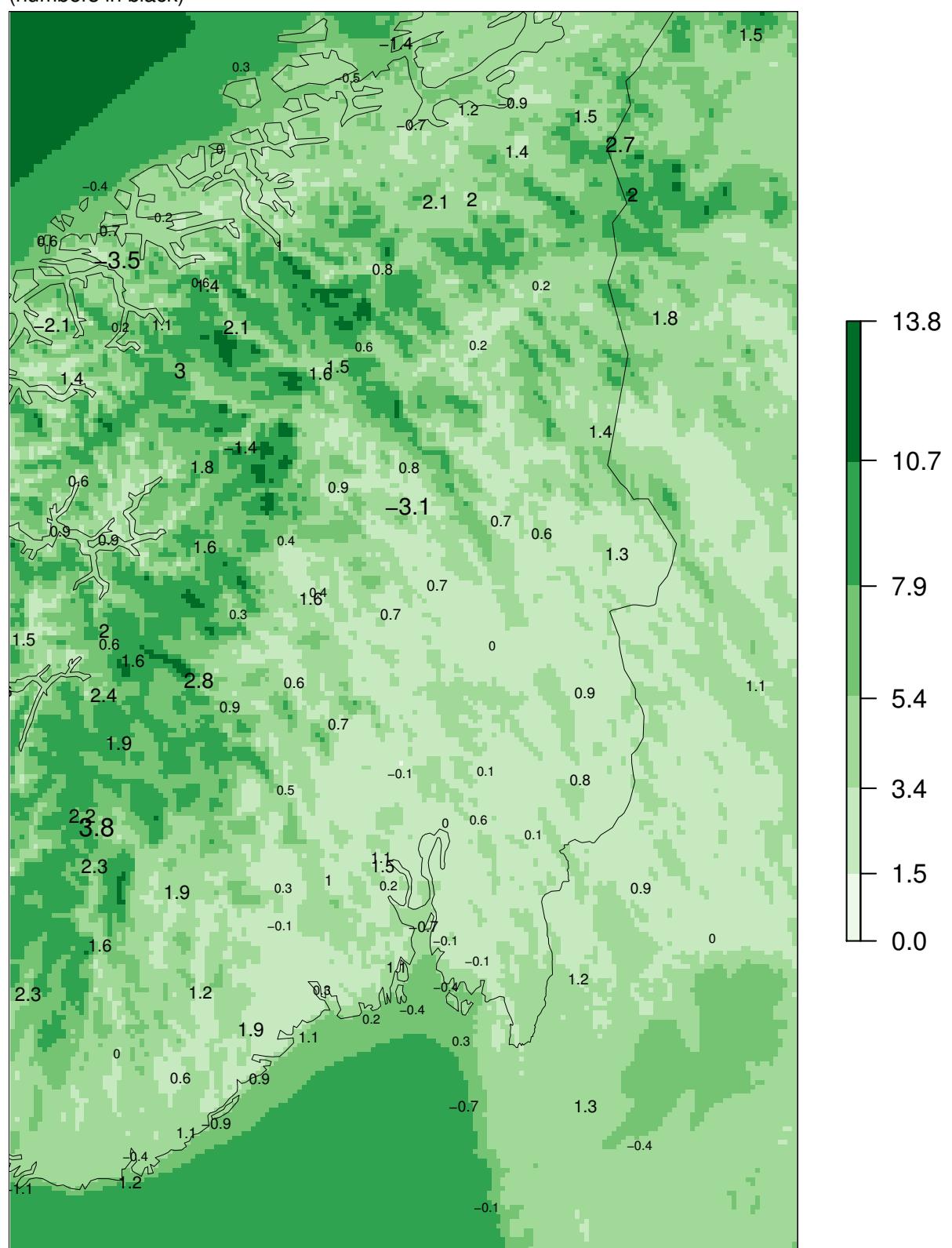
## MEPSctrl 00+12

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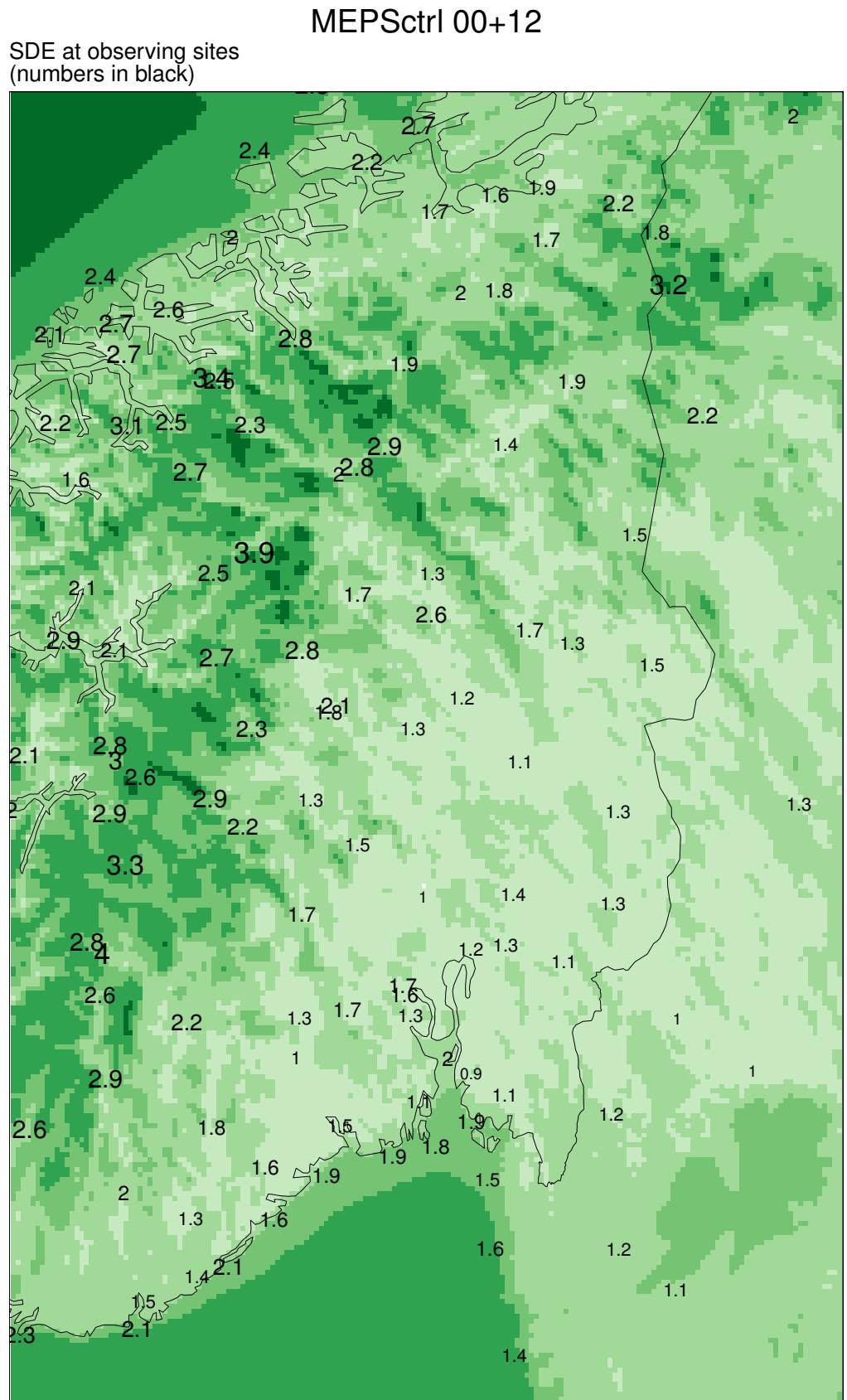
Model "climatology" 01.12.2016 – 28.02.2017

MEPSctrl 00+12  
ME at observing sites  
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### MEPSctrl 00+12



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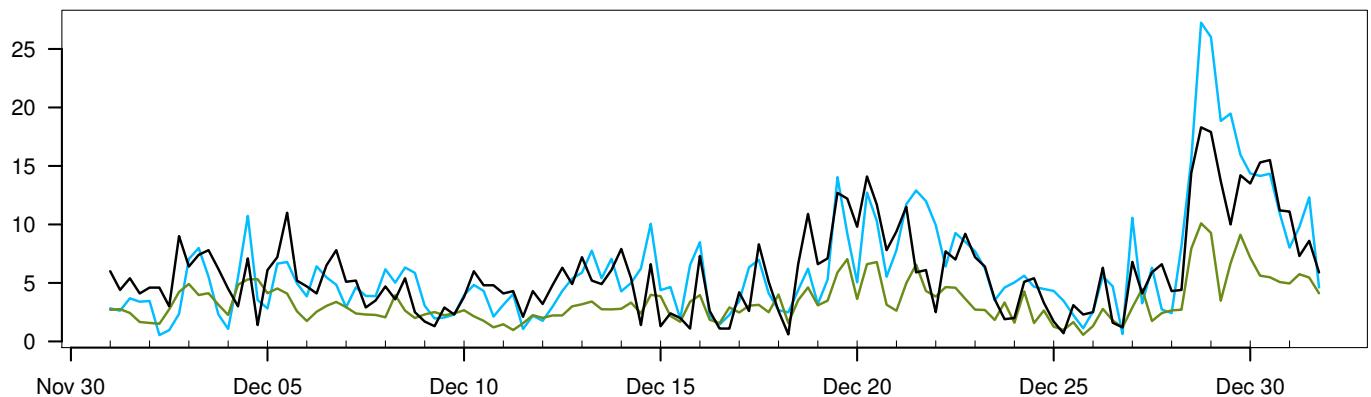
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Dec 2016 to Feb 2017

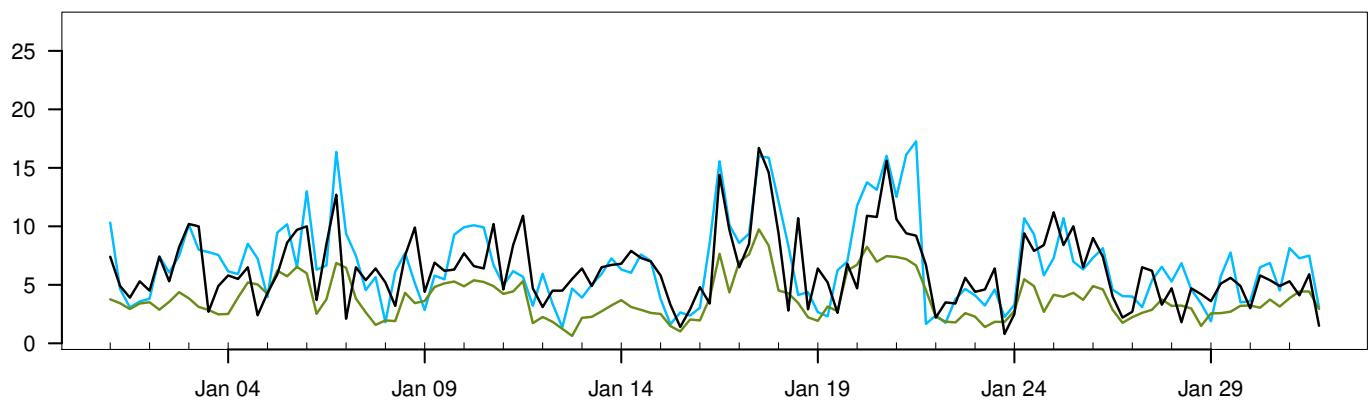
Wind speed 10m

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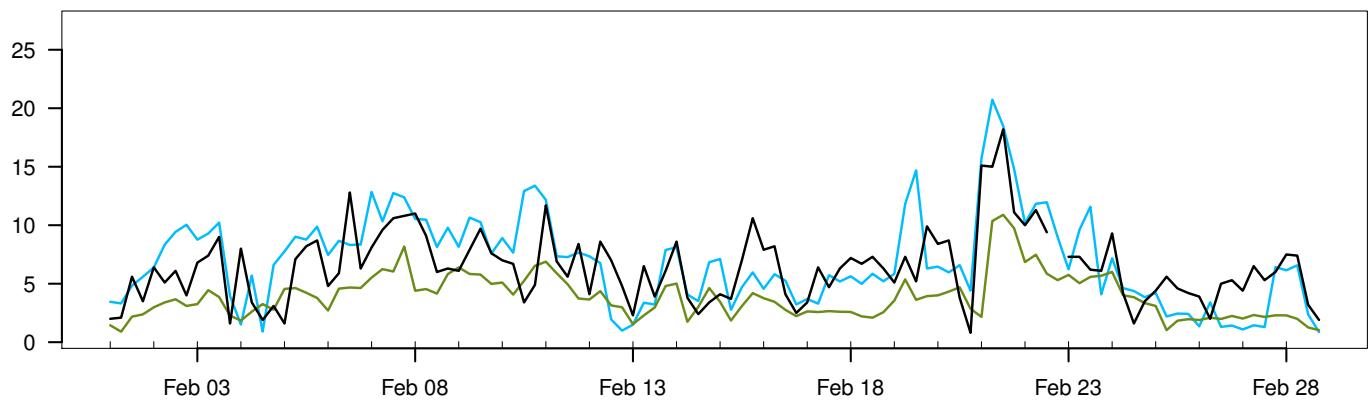
01.12.2016 – 31.12.2016



01.01.2017 – 31.01.2017



01.02.2017 – 28.02.2017



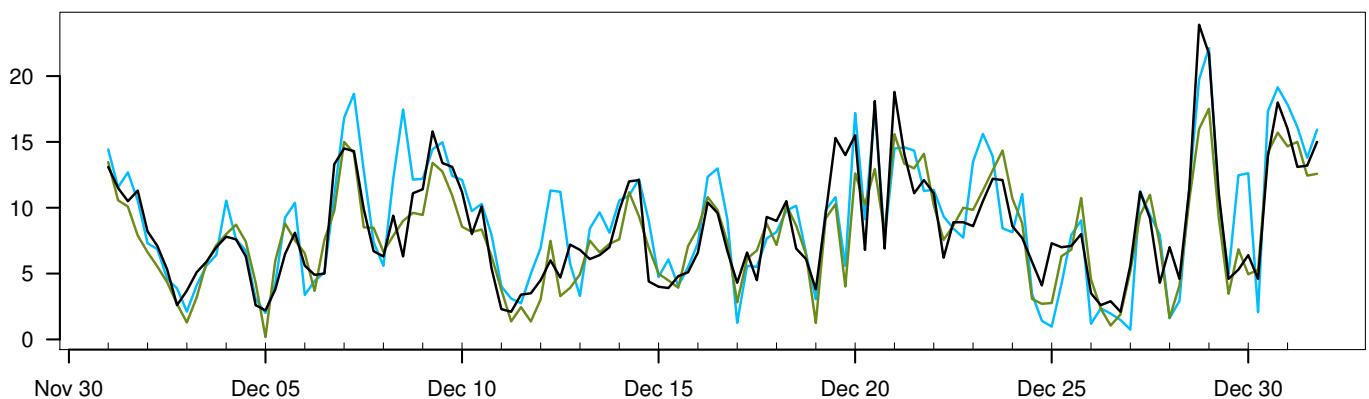
01.12.2016 – 28.02.2017

	Min	Mean	Max	Std	N
synop: 00,06,12,18	0.6	6.2	18.3	3.3	359
AA25: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	0.5	6.6	27.2	4.1	360
ECMWF: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	0.6	3.7	10.9	1.8	360

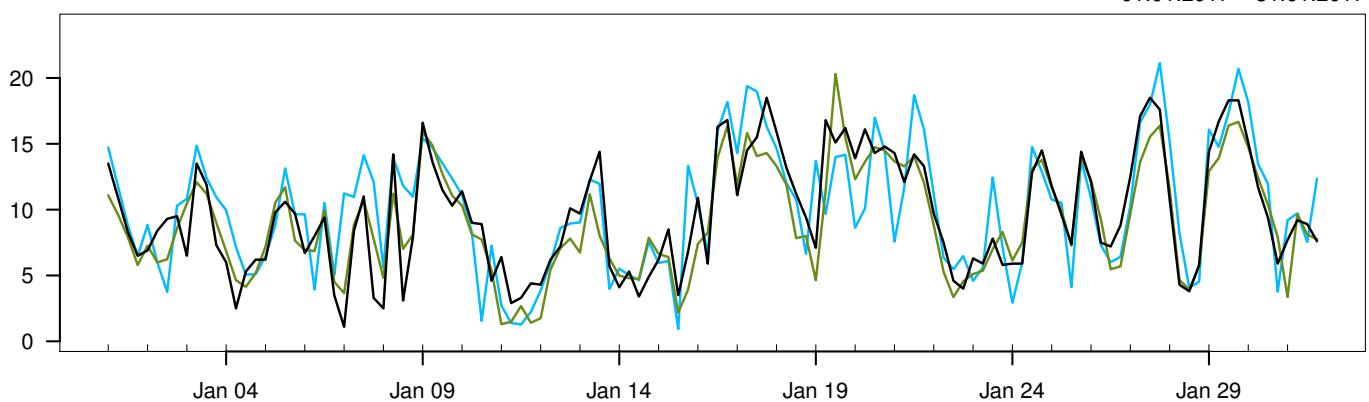
	ME	SDE	RMSE	MAE	Max.abs.err.	N
AA25 – synop	0.4	2.8	2.8	2.1	9.5	359
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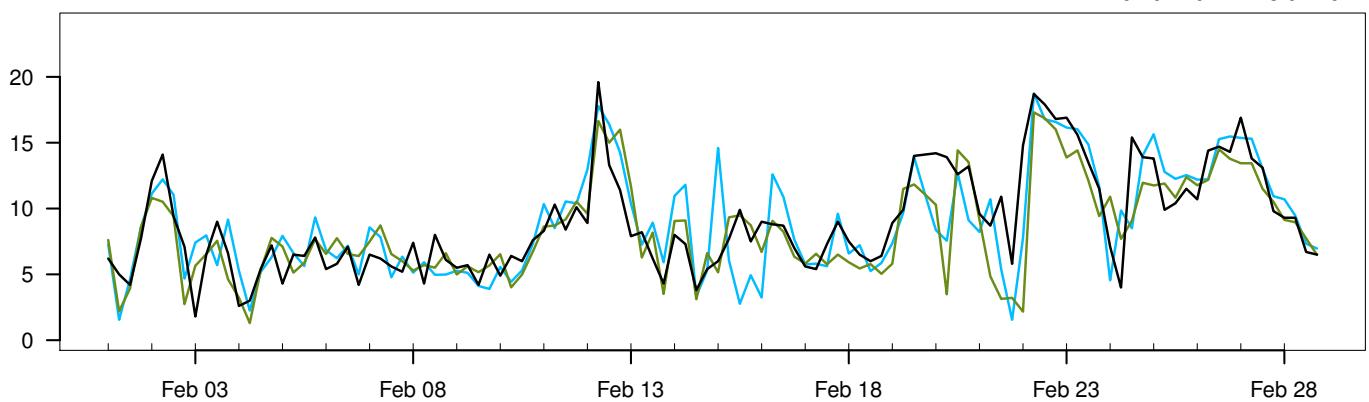
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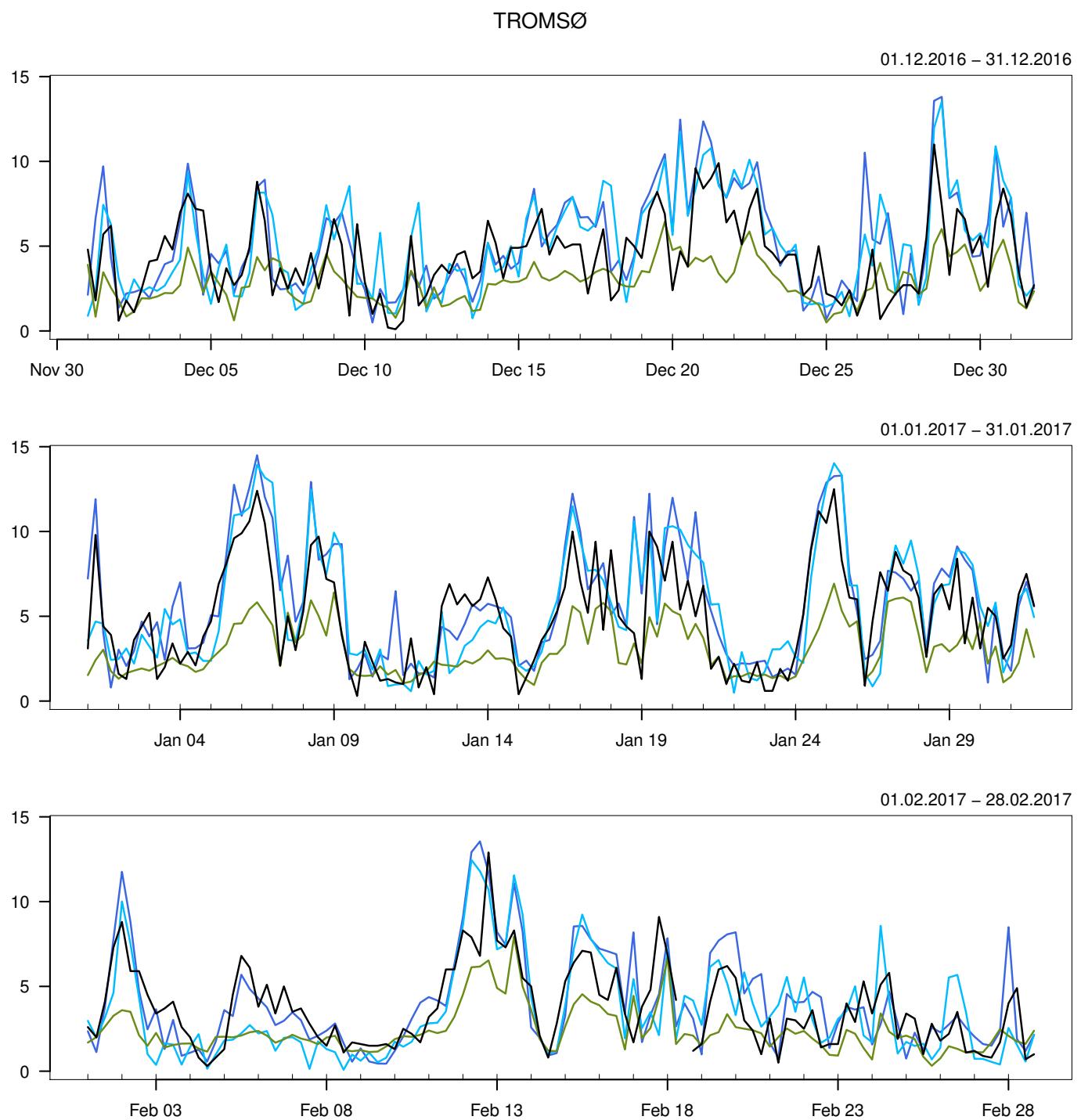
01.02.2017 – 28.02.2017



01.12.2016 – 28.02.2017

	Min	Mean	Max	Std	N
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AA25: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	0.8	9.3	22.1	4.5	360
ECMWF: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	0.2	8.4	20.3	3.9	360

	ME	SDE	RMSE	MAE	Max.abs.err.	N
AA25 – synop	0.3	2.8	2.8	2	11.2	360
ECMWF – synop	-0.6	2.2	2.3	1.7	12.6	360

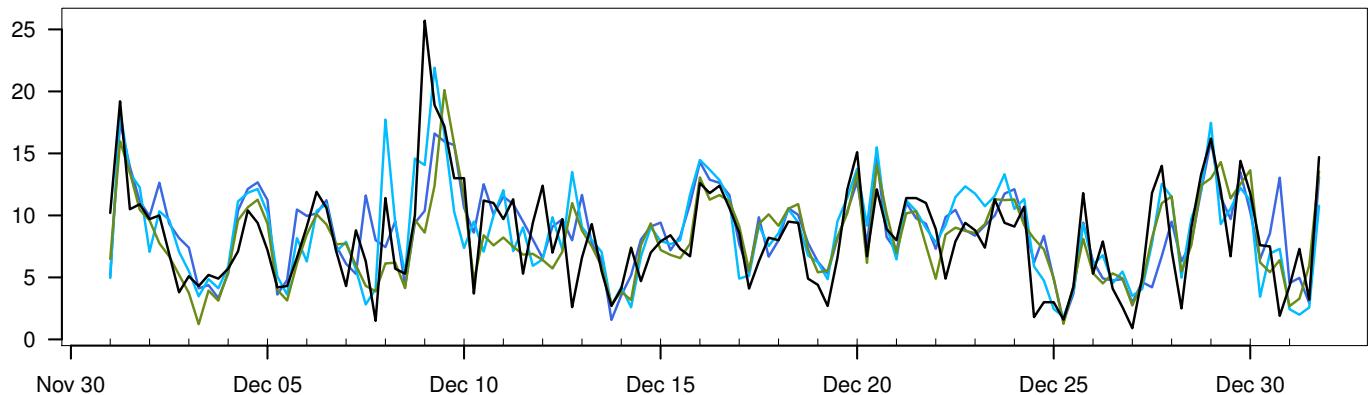


	Min	Mean	Max	Std	N
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MEPSctrl: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	0.4	5.1	14.5	3.2	360
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ECMWF: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	0.3	2.8	7.9	1.4	360

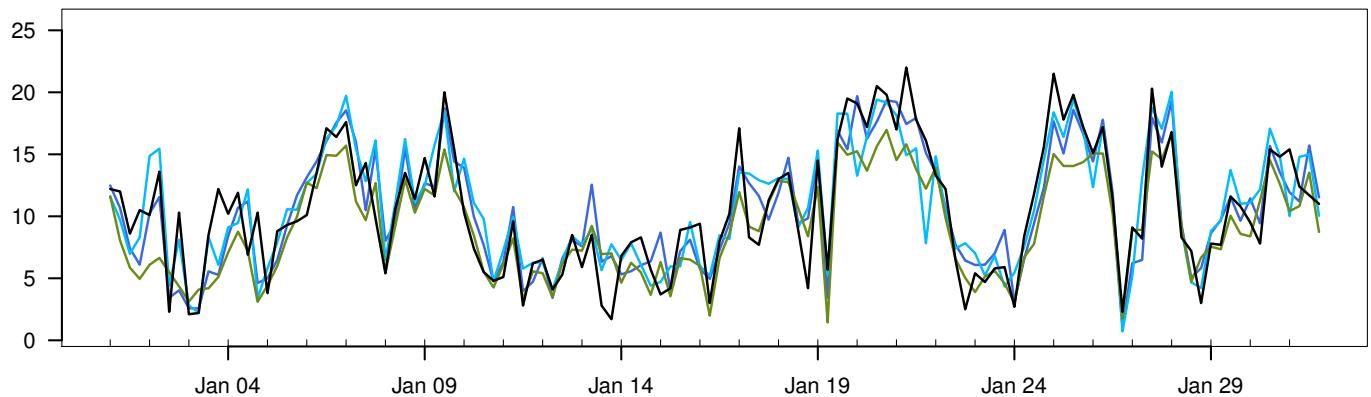
	ME	SDE	RMSE	MAE	Max.abs.err.	N
MEPSctrl – synop	0.7	2.1	2.2	1.6	8.4	359
AA25 – synop	0.4	2.3	2.3	1.8	7.6	359
ECMWF – synop	-1.6	1.9	2.5	1.9	7.4	359

## SLETTNES FYR

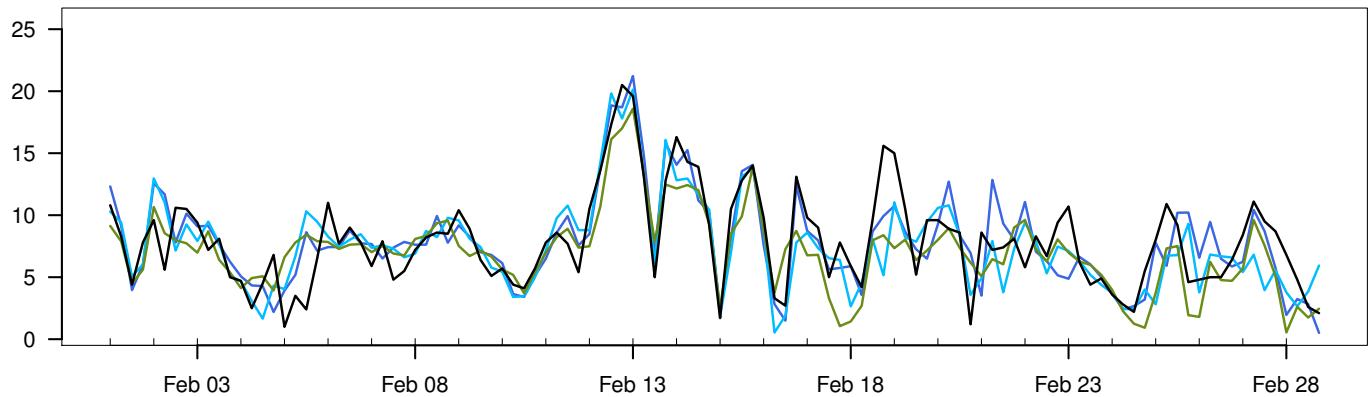
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01.02.2017 – 28.02.2017



01.12.2016 – 28.02.2017

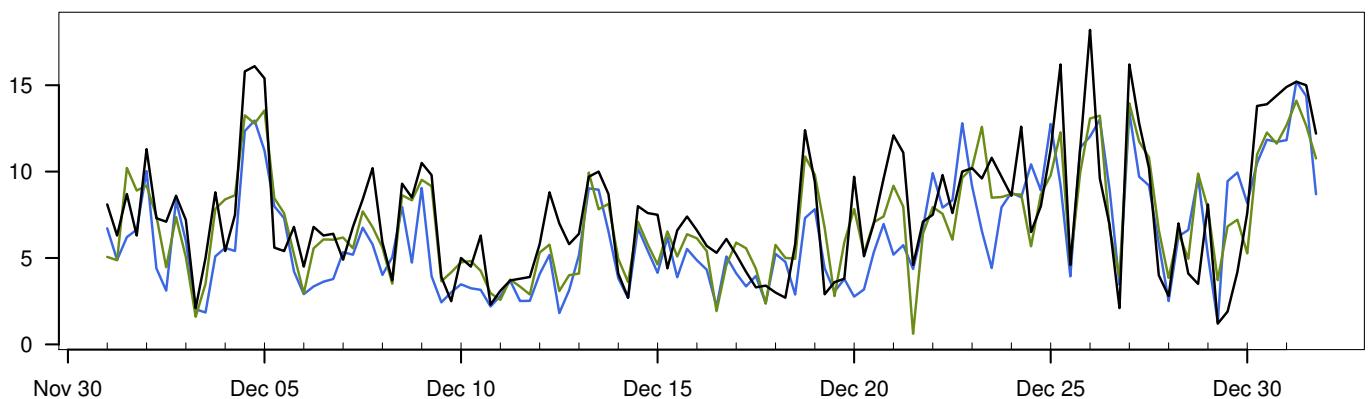
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AA25: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	0.5	9	21.9	4.3	360
ECMWF: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	0.5	8.1	20.1	3.6	360
MEPSctrl – synop	0.2	2.7	2.7	2	15.3
AA25 – synop	0.1	2.8	2.8	2.1	11.6
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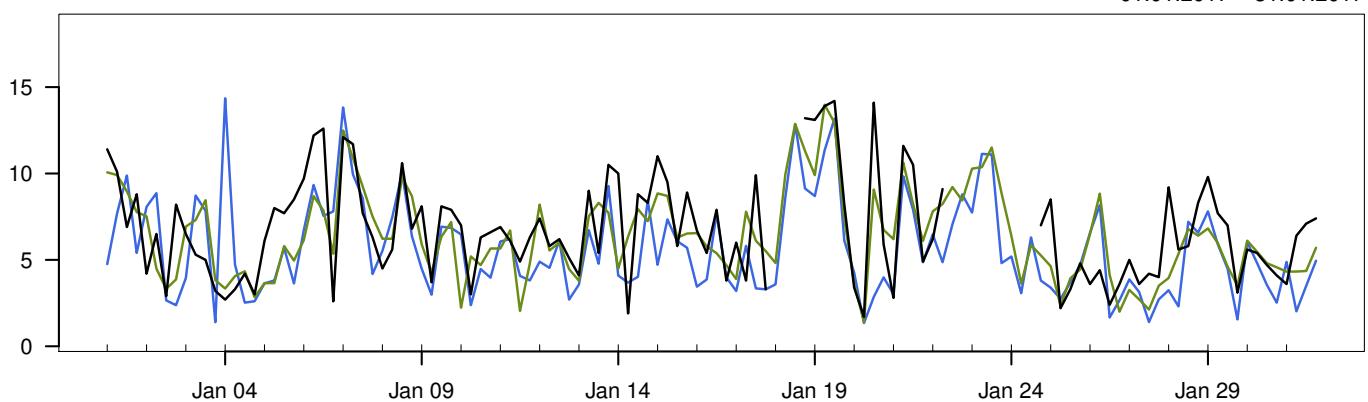
Wind speed 10m

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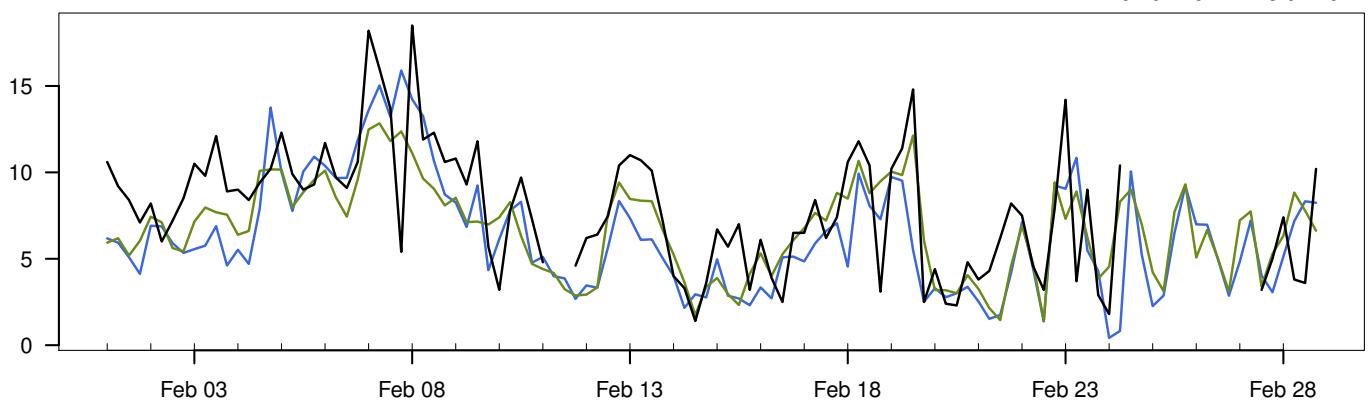
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01.01.2017 – 31.01.2017



01.02.2017 – 28.02.2017



01.12.2016 – 28.02.2017

	Min	Mean	Max	Std	N
synop: 00,06,12,18	1.2	7.4	18.5	3.5	334
MEPSctrl: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	0.4	6.1	15.9	3.1	360
ECMWF: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	0.6	6.7	14.1	2.8	360

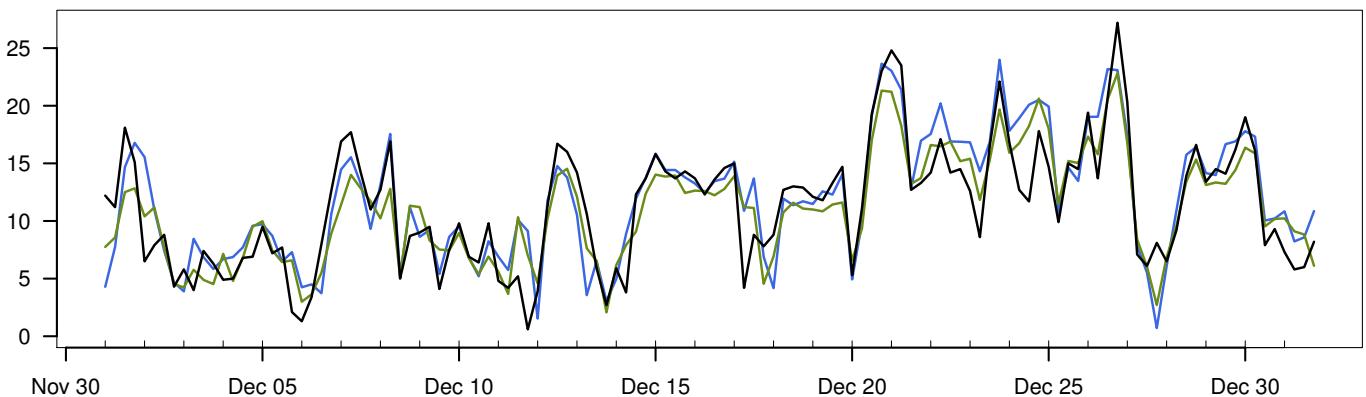
	ME	SDE	RMSE	MAE	Max.abs.err.	N
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ECMWF – synop	-0.7	2.2	2.3	1.8	7.4	334

Dec 2016 to Feb 2017

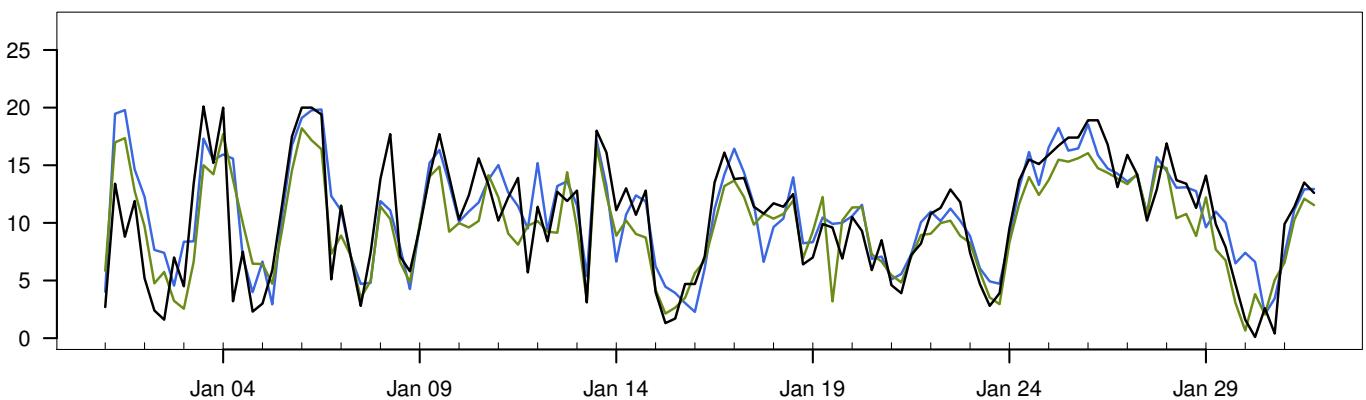
Wind speed 10m

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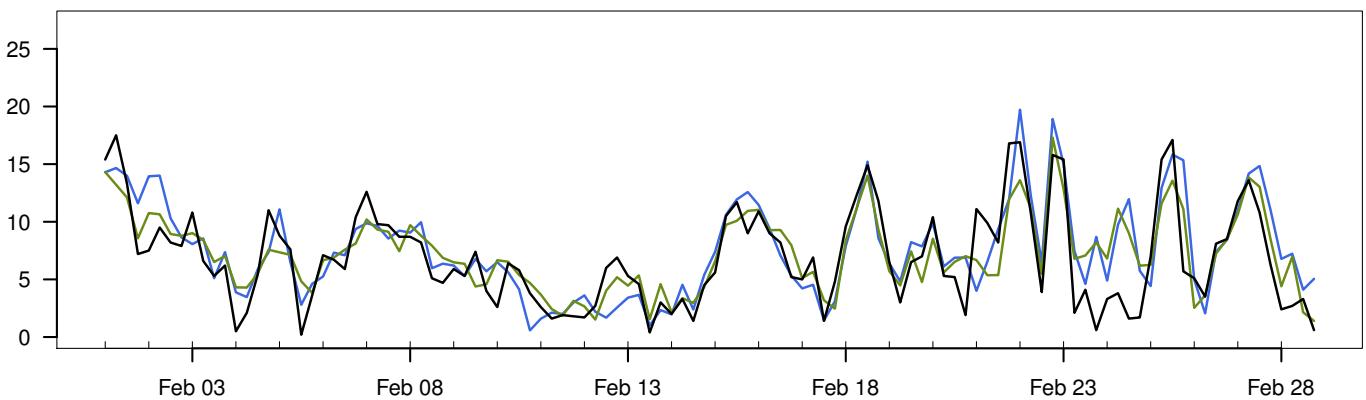
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01.02.2017 – 28.02.2017



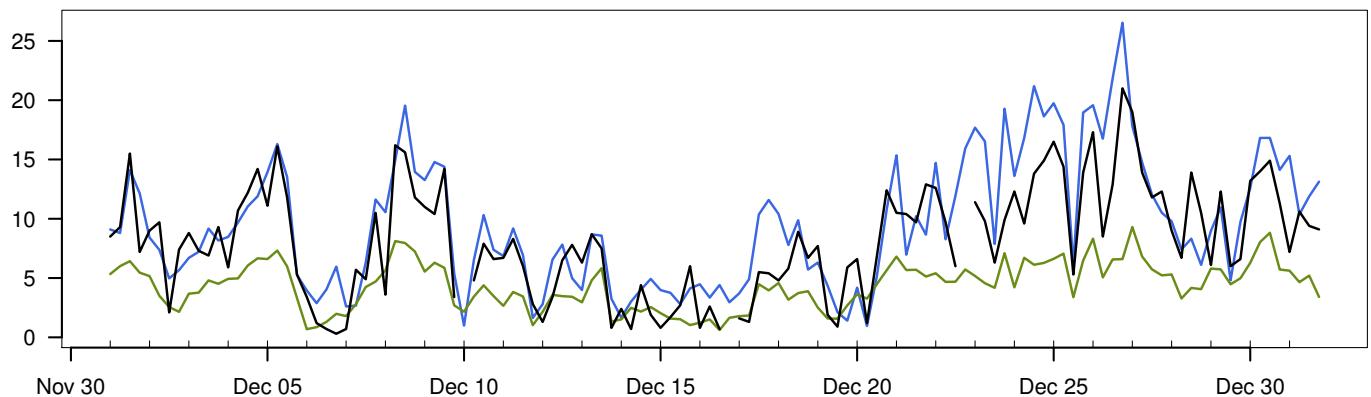
01.12.2016 – 28.02.2017

	Min	Mean	Max	Std	N
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MEPSctrl: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	0.6	10.2	24	4.9	360
ECMWF: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	0.7	9.4	22.8	4.3	360

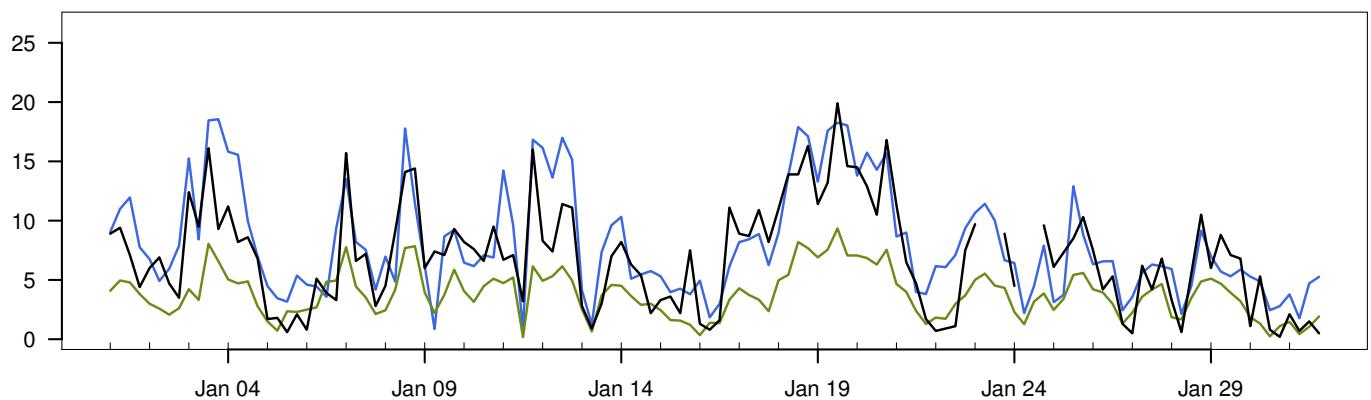
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MEPSctrl – synop	0.6	2.8	2.9	2.1	12.4	360
ECMWF – synop	-0.2	2.6	2.6	2	10.5	360

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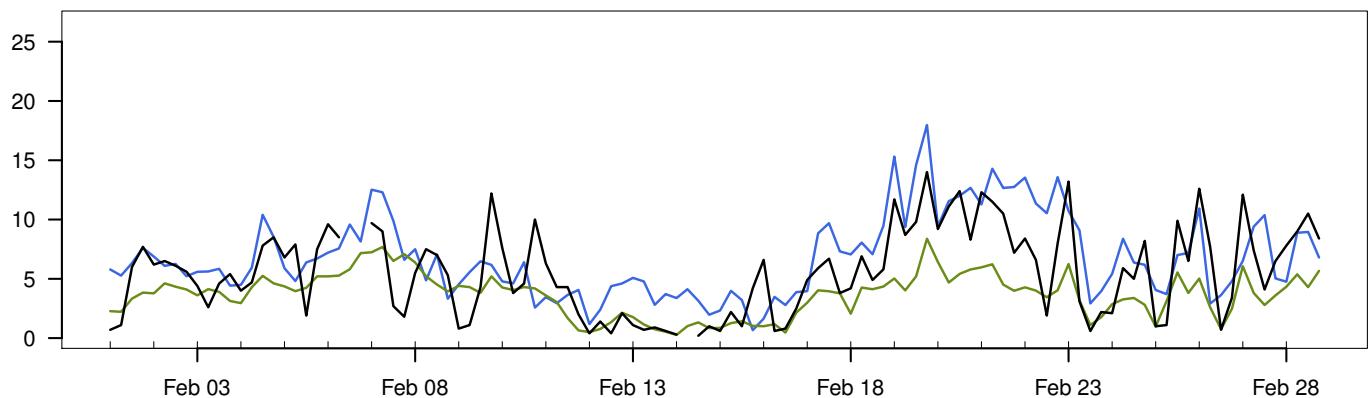
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01.01.2017 – 31.01.2017



01.02.2017 – 28.02.2017



01.12.2016 – 28.02.2017

	Min	Mean	Max	Std	N
— synop: 00,06,12,18	0.2	6.9	21	4.4	350
— MEPSctrl: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	0.7	8.2	26.5	4.7	360
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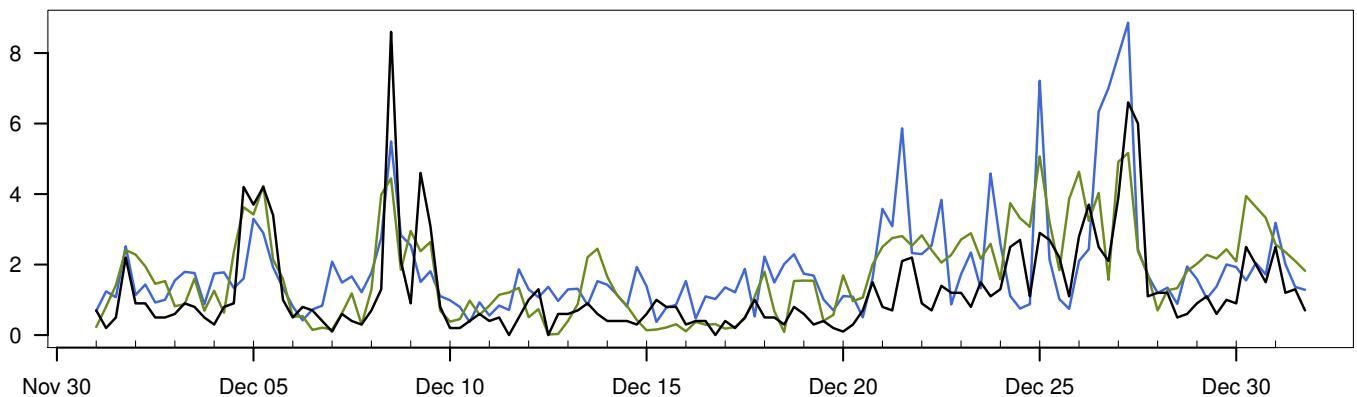
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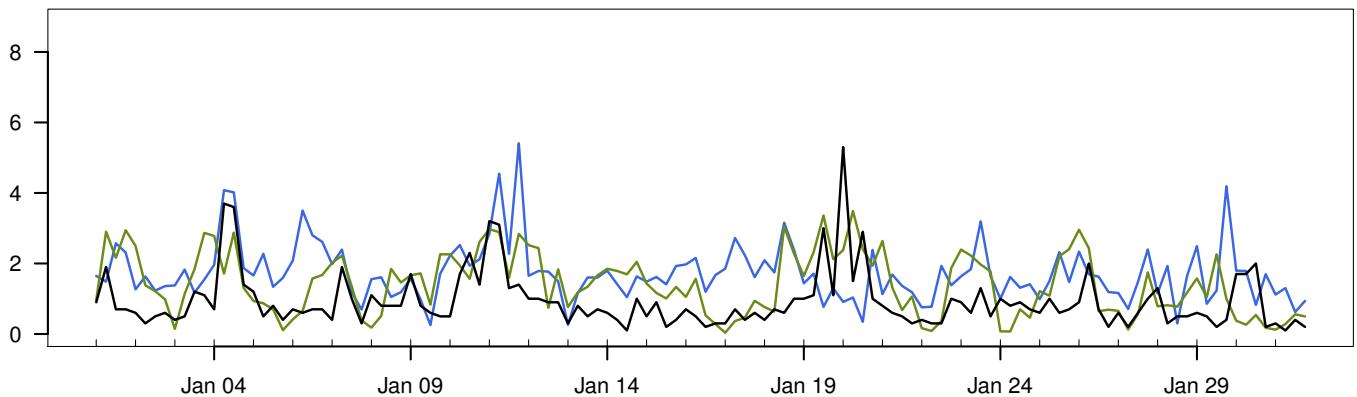
Wind speed 10m

## NESBYEN – TODOKK

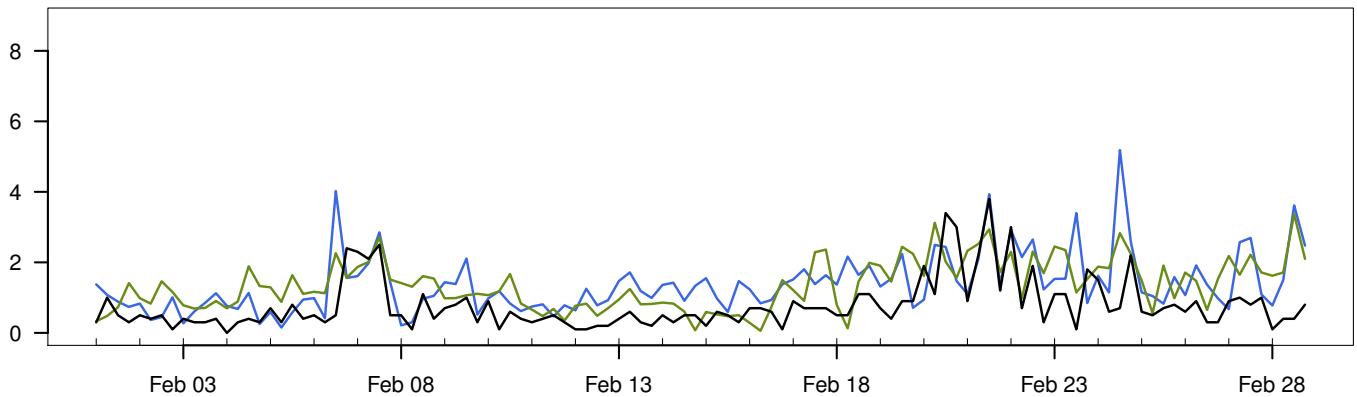
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01.02.2017 – 28.02.2017

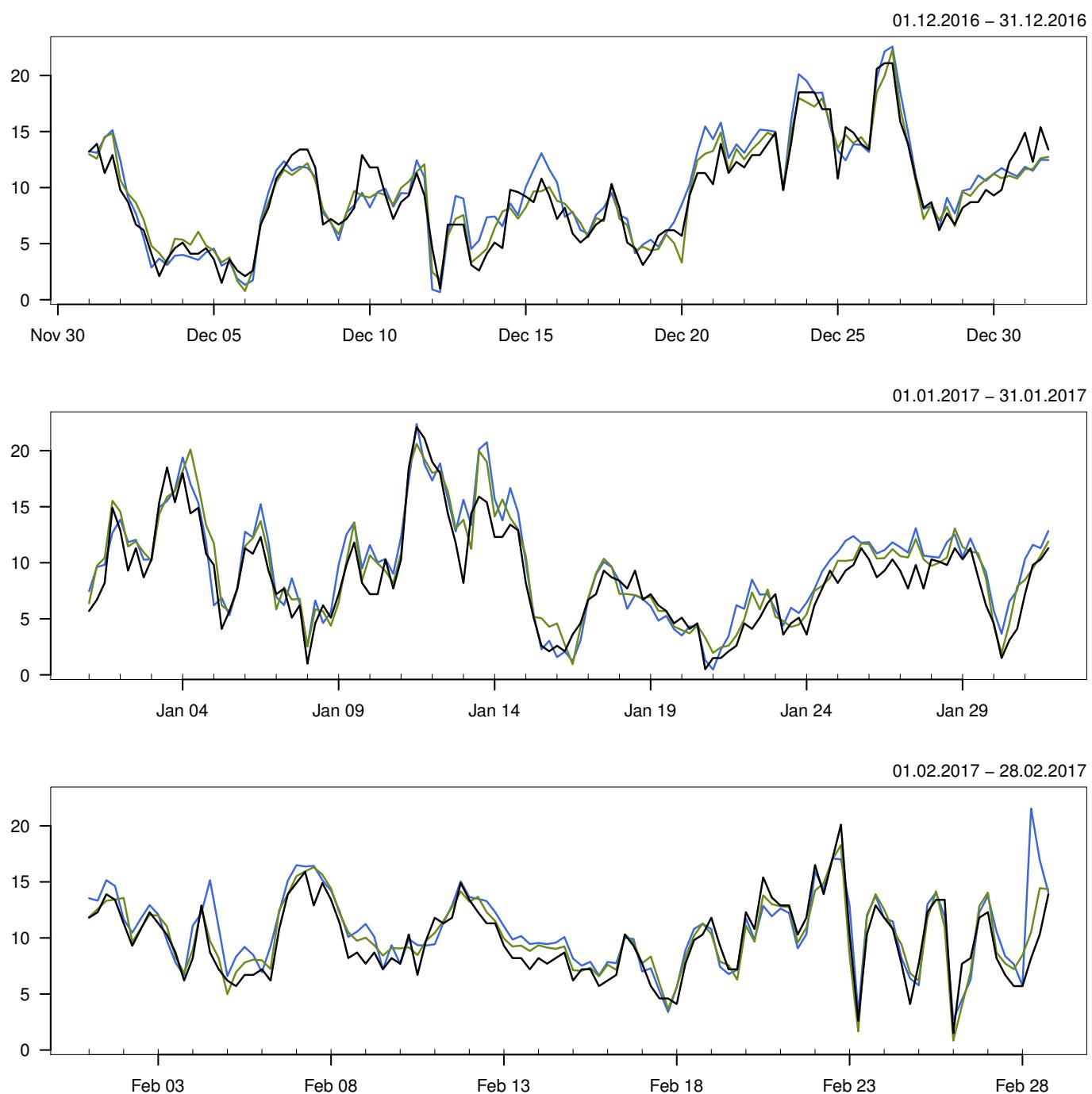


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	Min	Mean	Max	Std	N
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	ME	SDE	RMSE	MAE	Max.abs.err.	N
MEPSctrl – synop	0.7	1.1	1.3	0.9	4.9	360
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**Wind speed 10m****EKOFISK**

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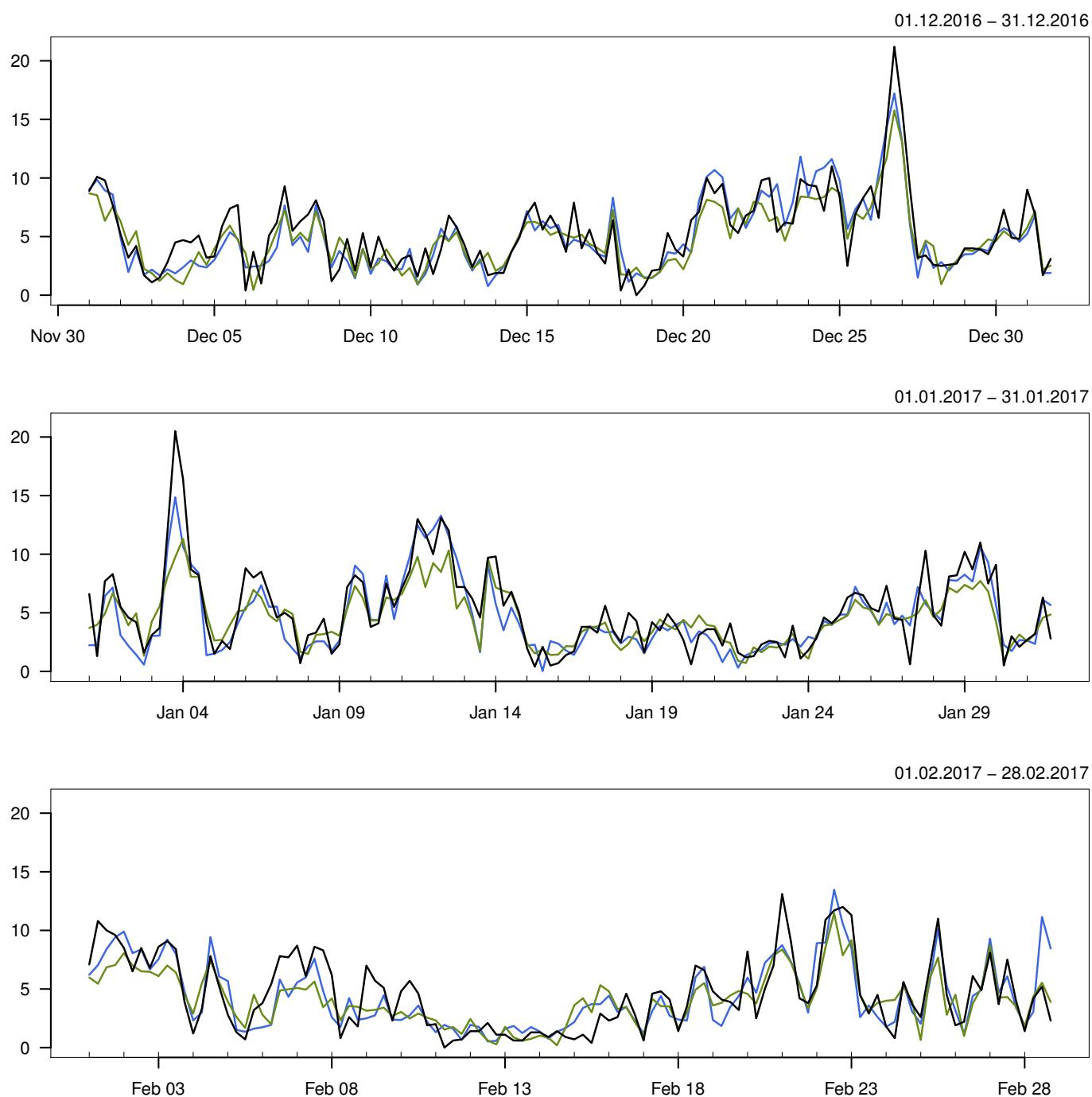
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MEPSctrl: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	0.5	10.1	22.6	4.2	360
ECMWF: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	0.8	9.7	22.3	4	360

	ME	SDE	RMSE	MAE	Max.abs.err.	N
MEPSctrl – synop	0.8	1.8	2	1.5	13.3	360
ECMWF – synop	0.5	1.4	1.5	1.2	5.7	360

Dec 2016 to Feb 2017

Wind speed 10m

## SOLA

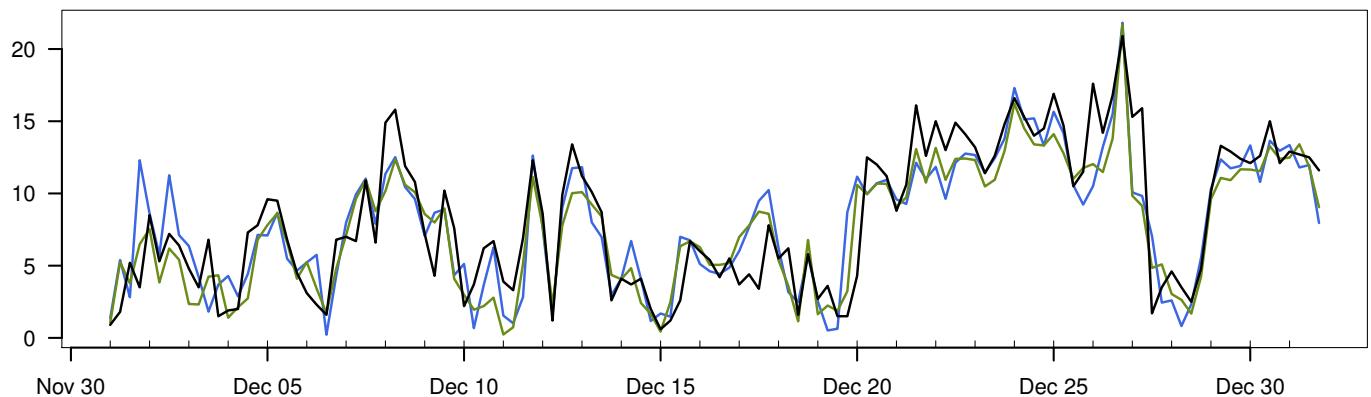


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— synop: 00,06,12,18	0	5	21.2	3.3	360
— MEPSctrl: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	0	4.7	17.2	3	360
— ECMWF: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	0.2	4.5	15.8	2.4	360
	ME	SDE	RMSE	MAE	Max.abs.err.
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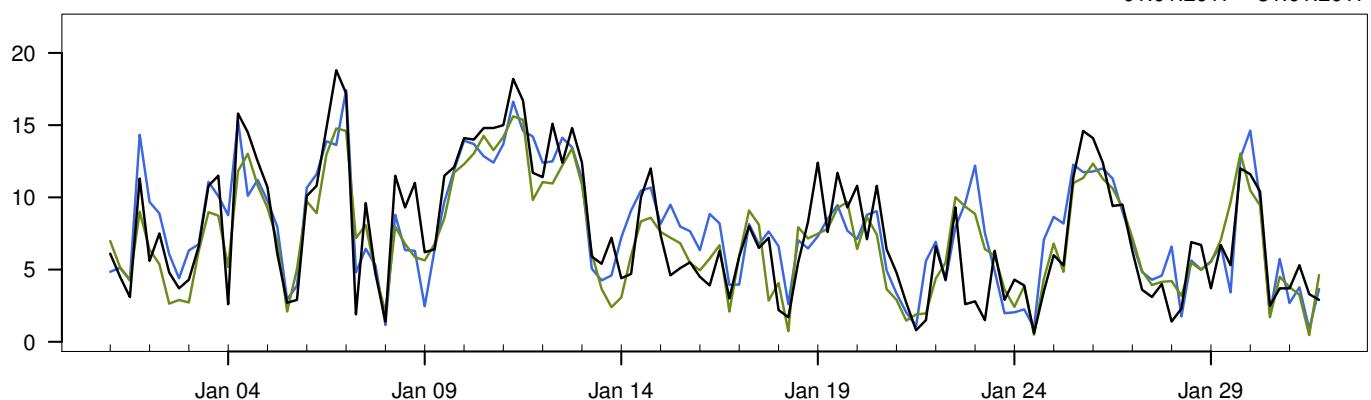
Dec 2016 to Feb 2017

**Wind speed 10m****FÆRDER FYR**

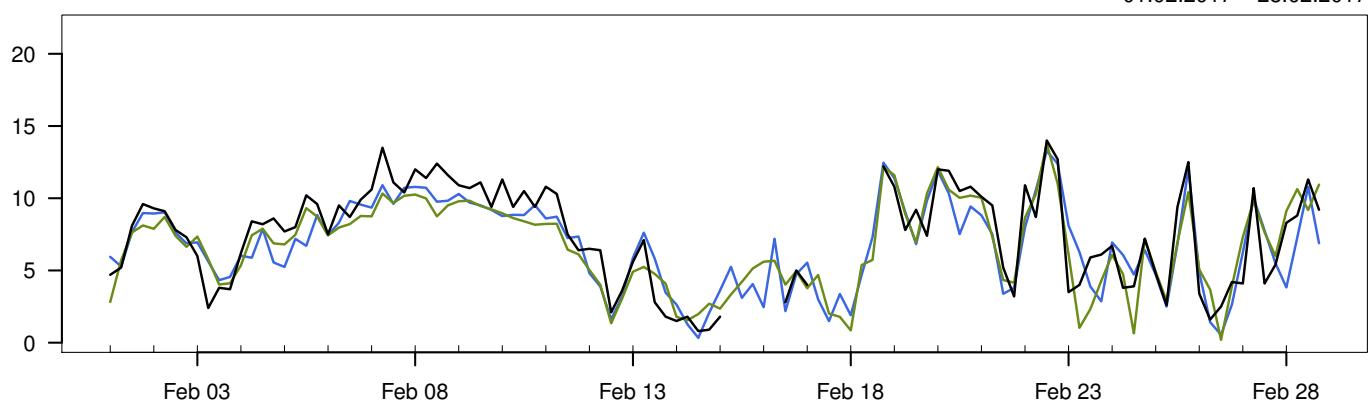
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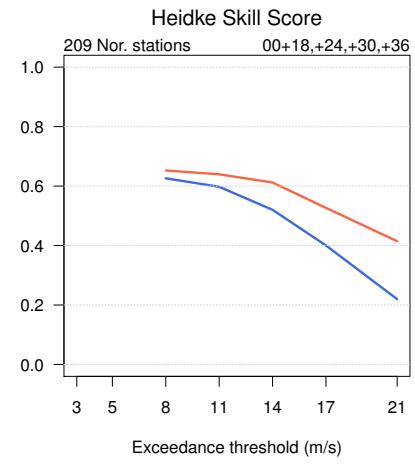
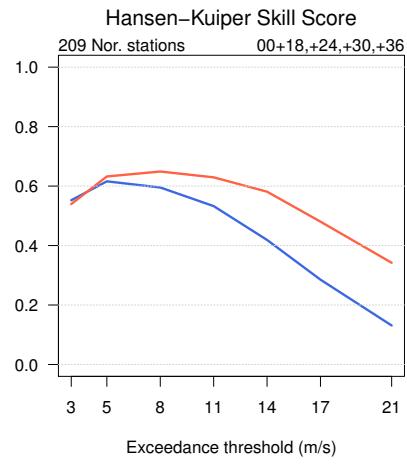
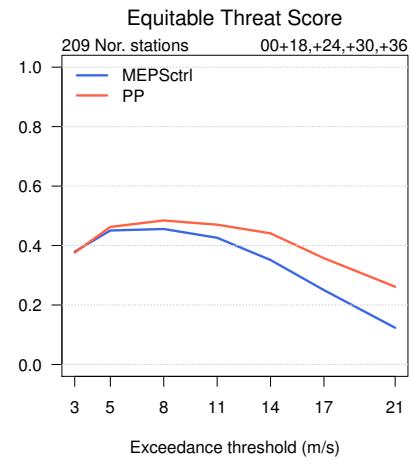
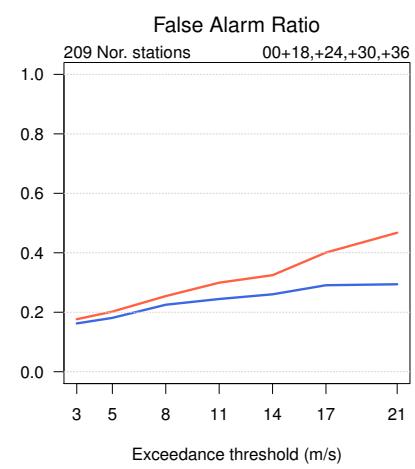
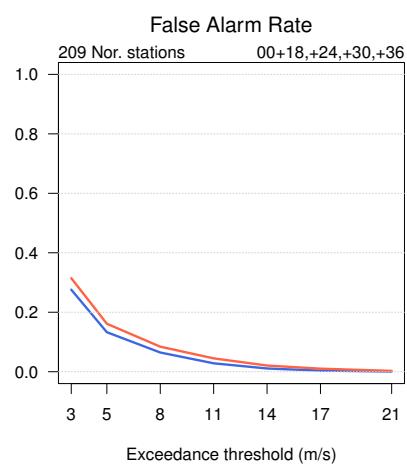
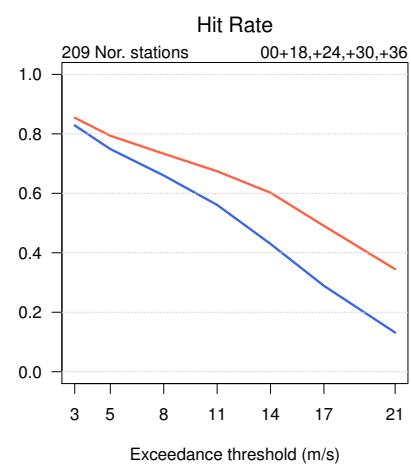
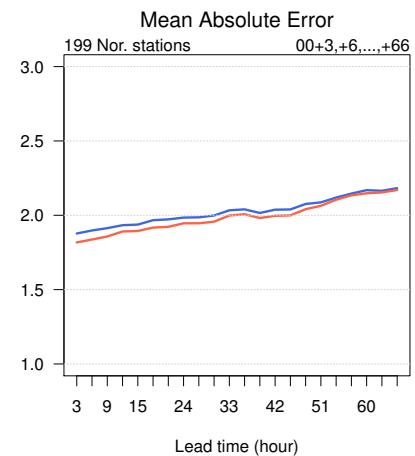
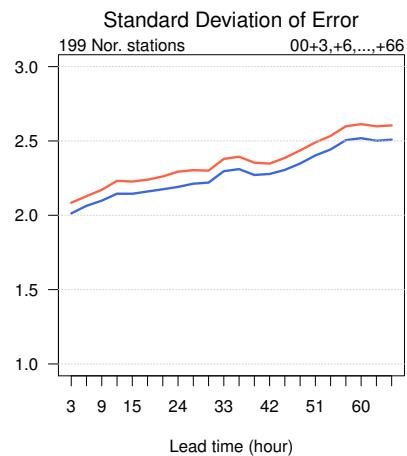
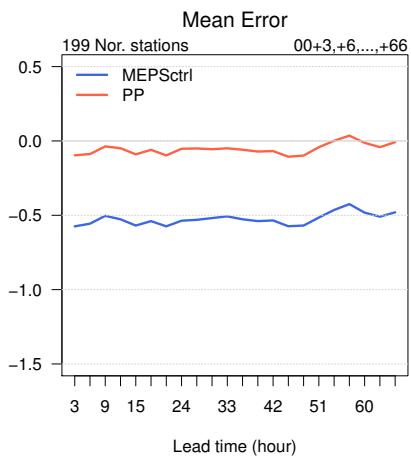
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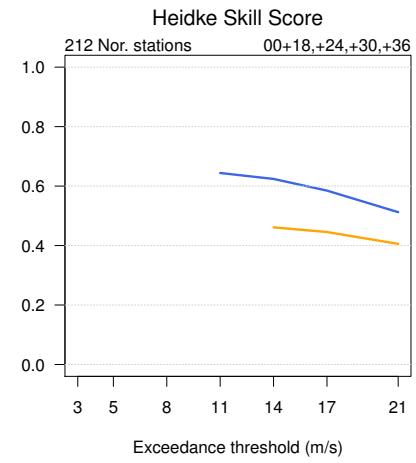
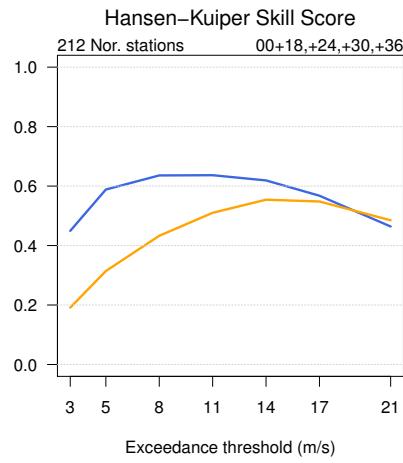
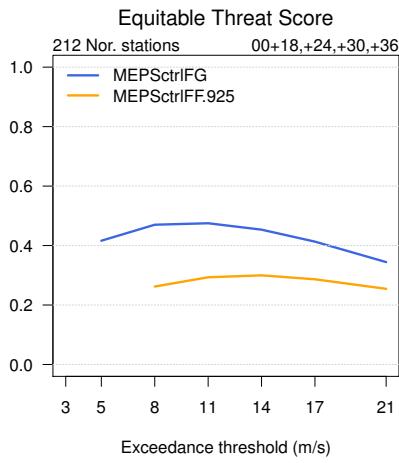
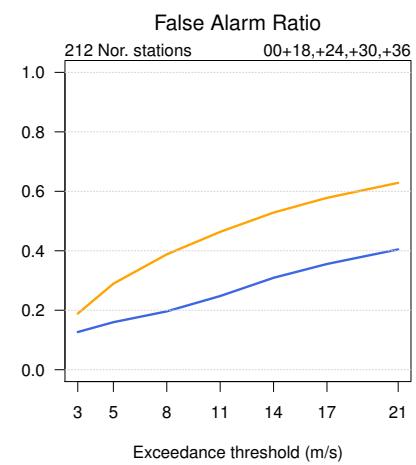
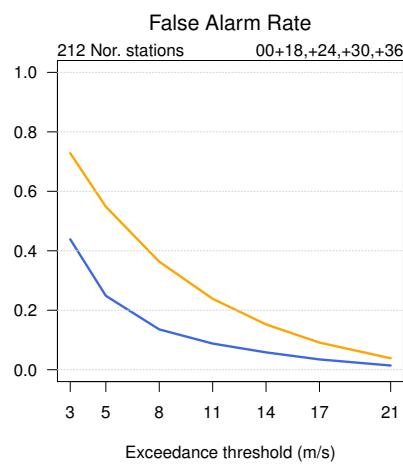
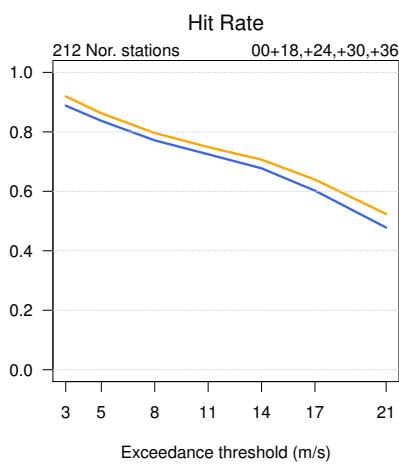
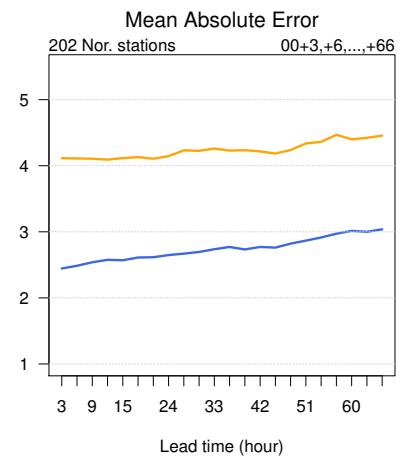
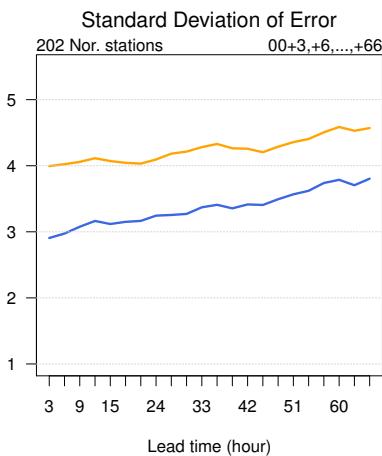
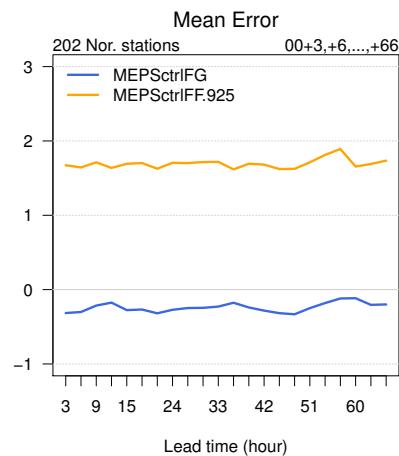


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	Min	Mean	Max	Std	N
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ECMWF: 12+18,+24,+30,+36	0.2	7.2	21.7	3.7	360

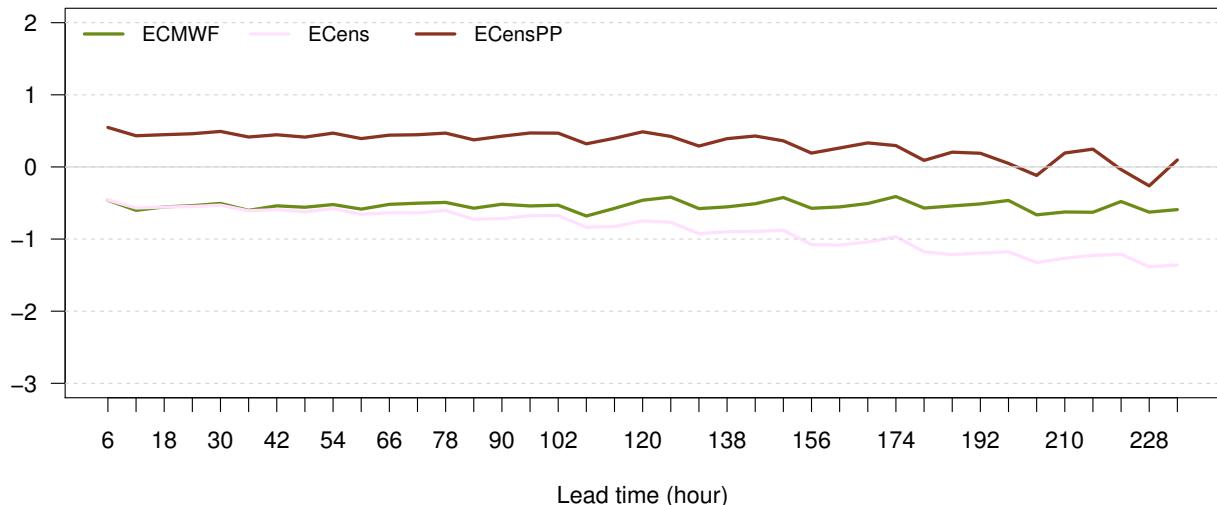
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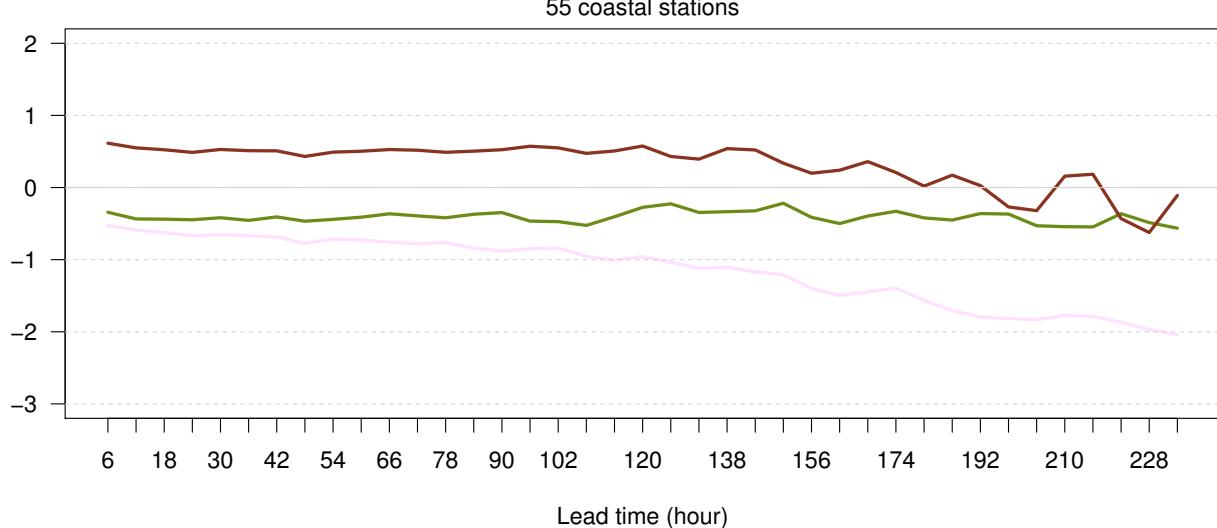


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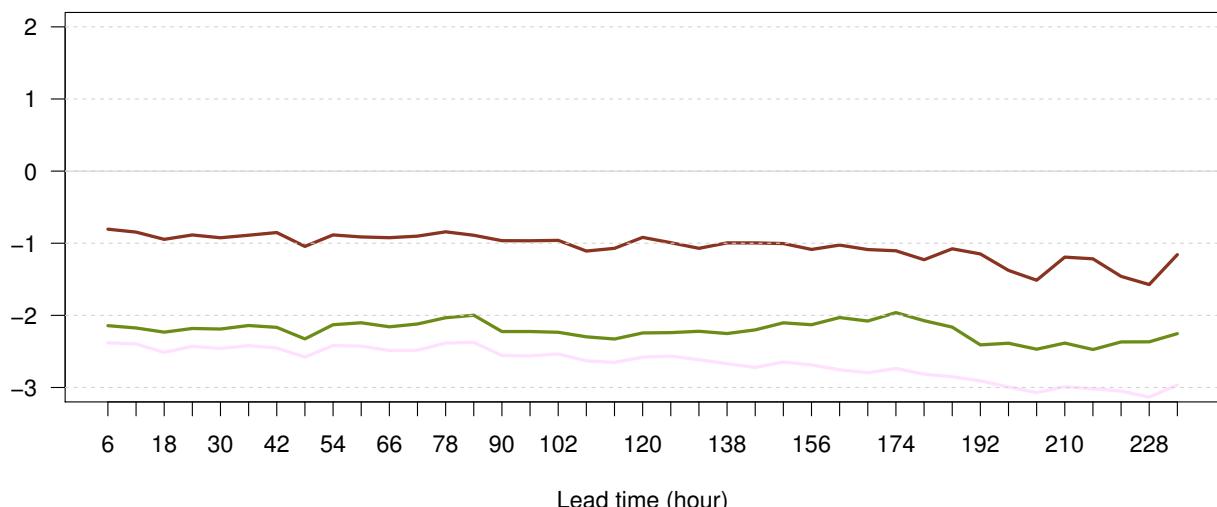
216 Norwegian stations



55 coastal stations

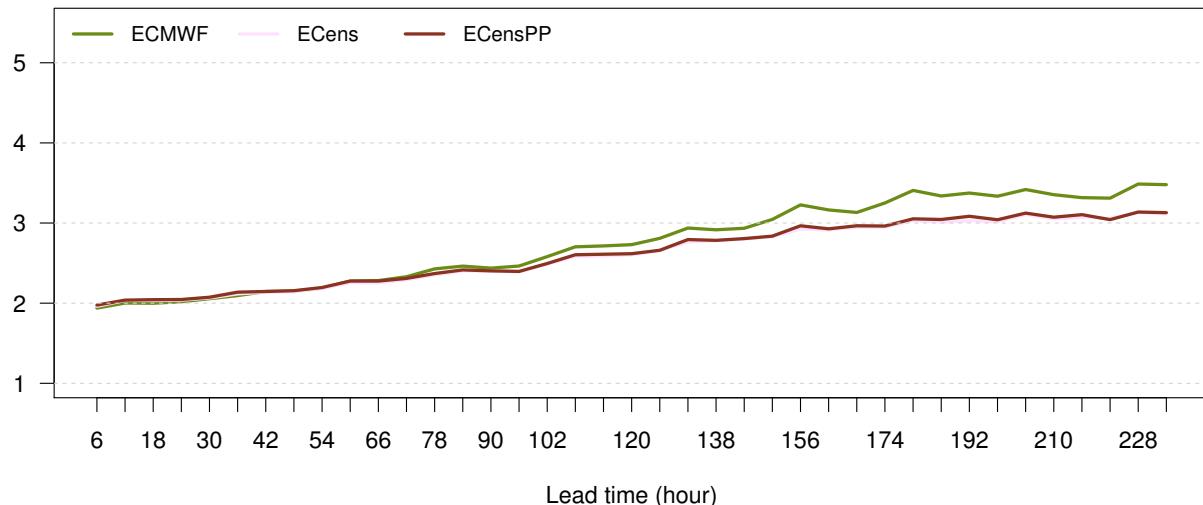


9 mountainous stations

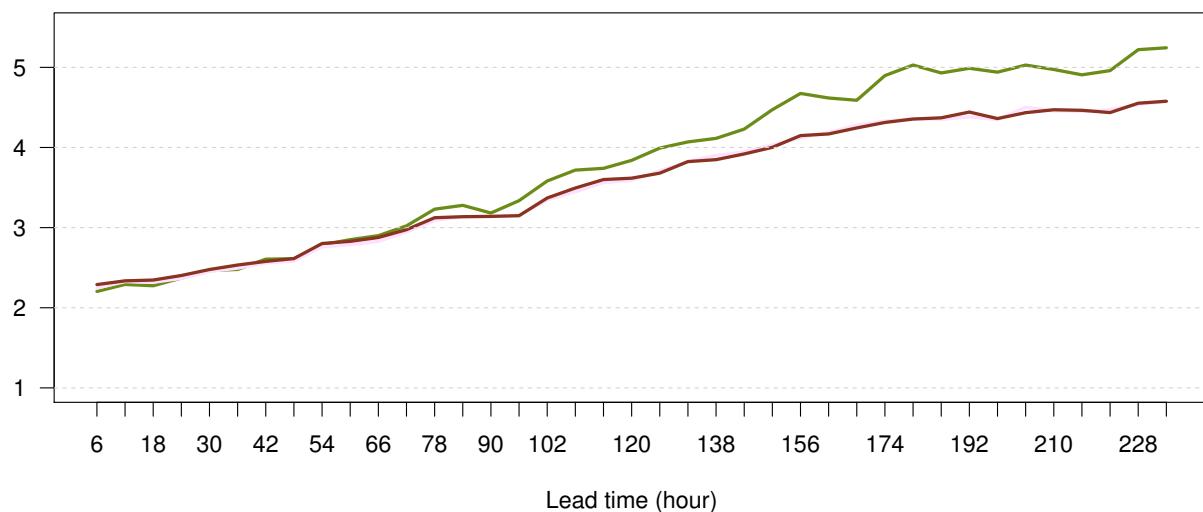


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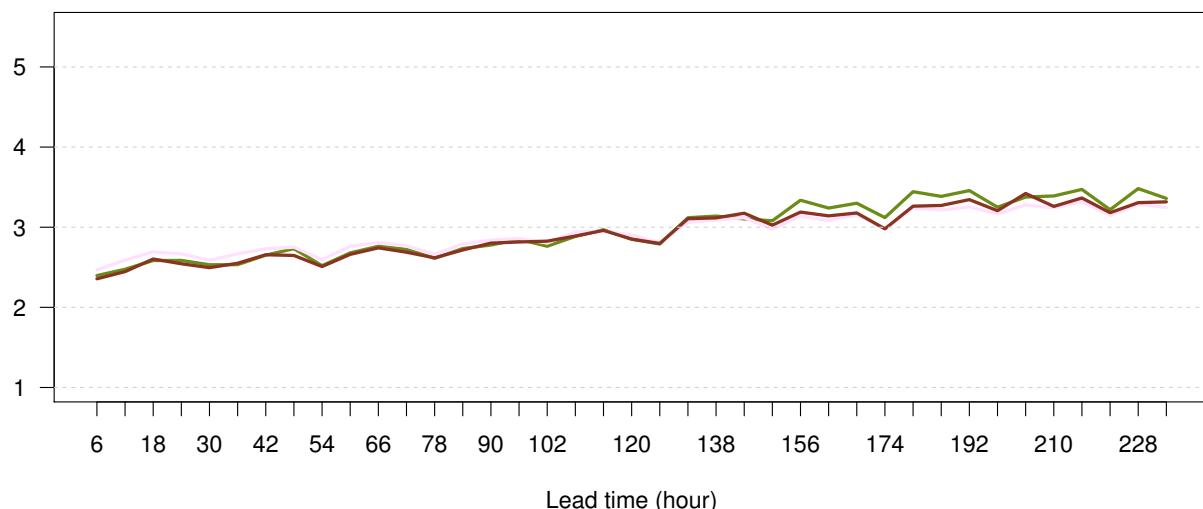
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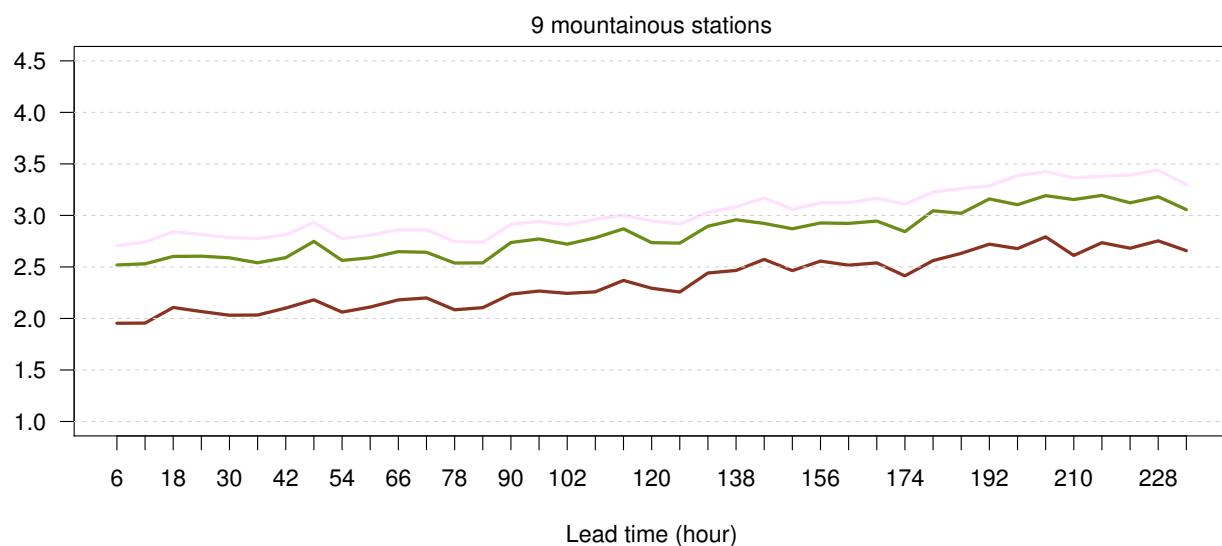
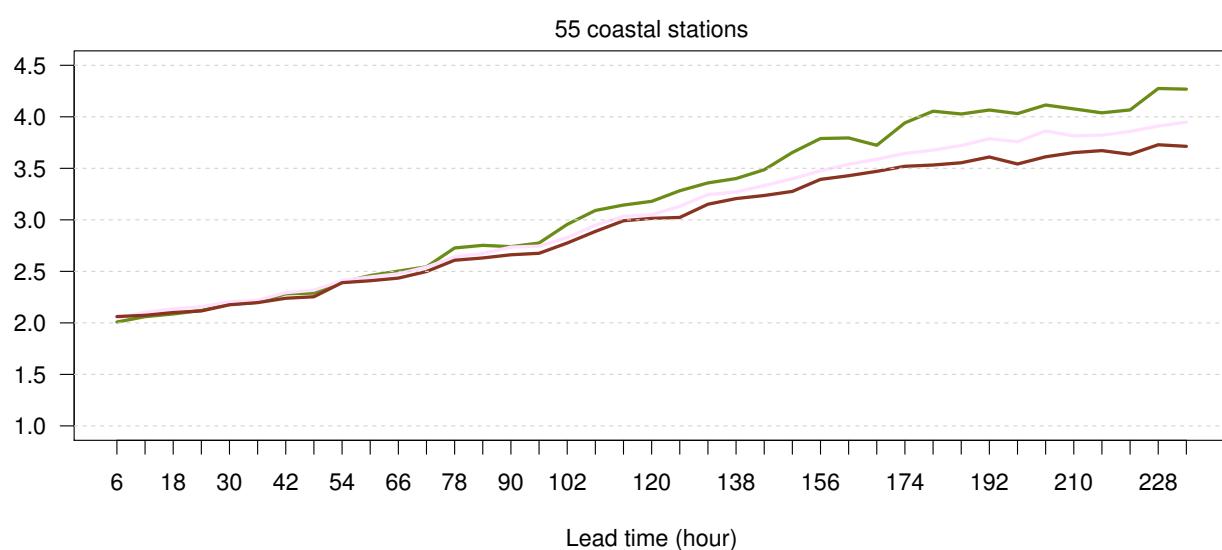
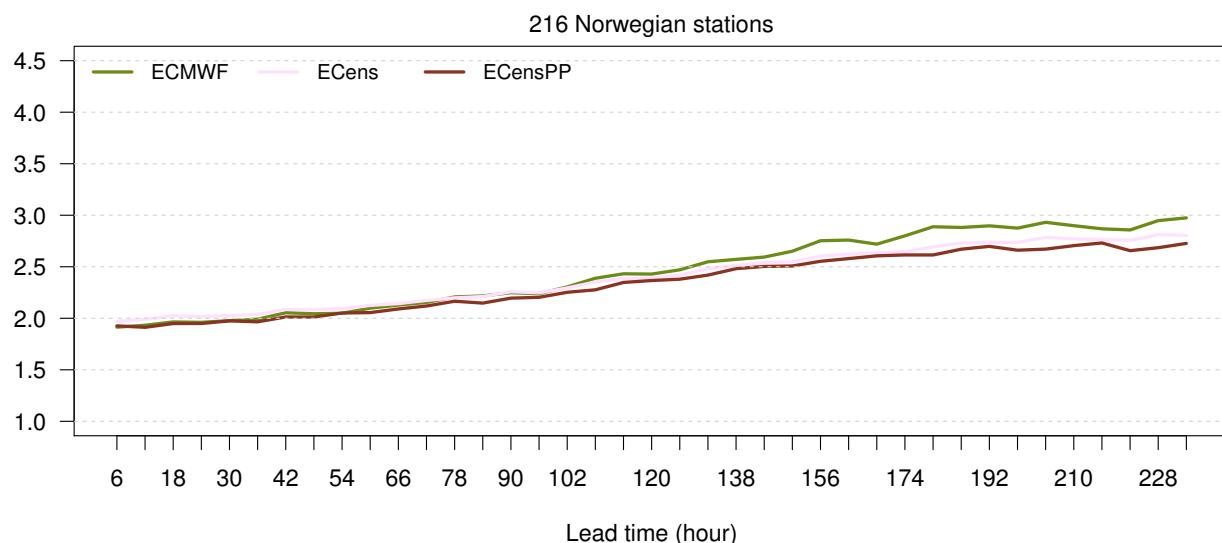
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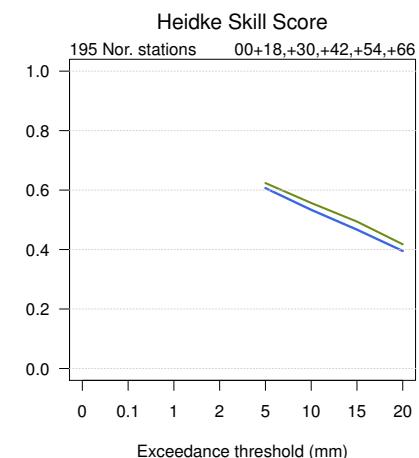
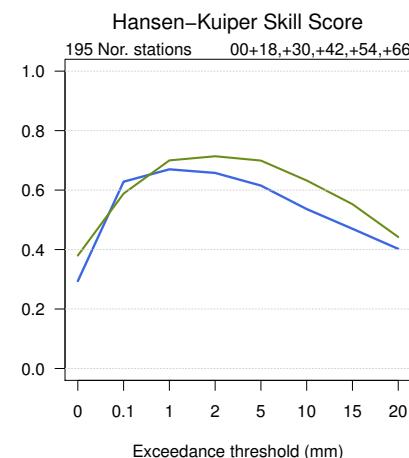
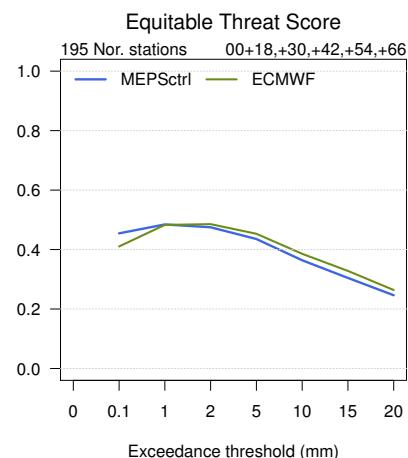
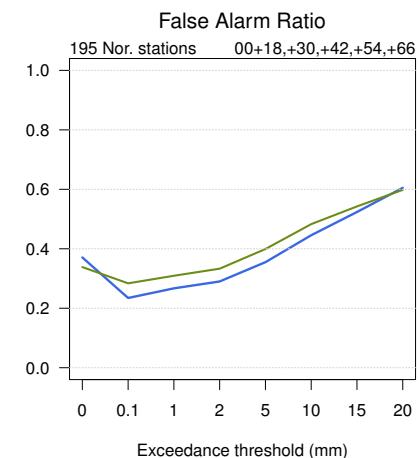
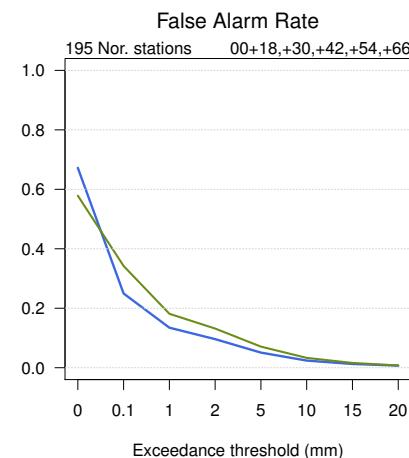
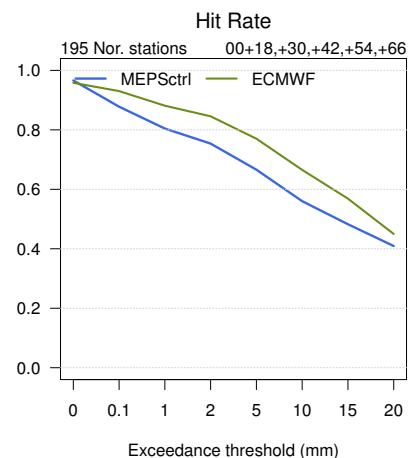
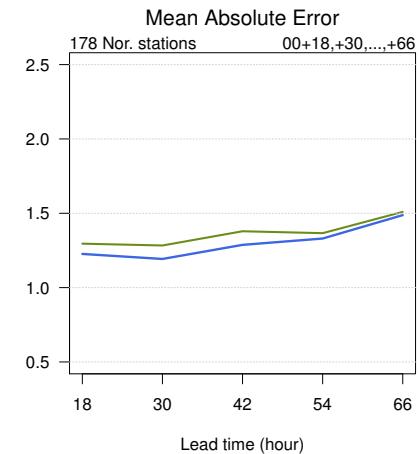
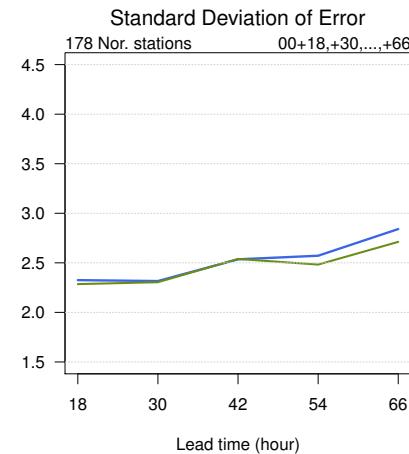
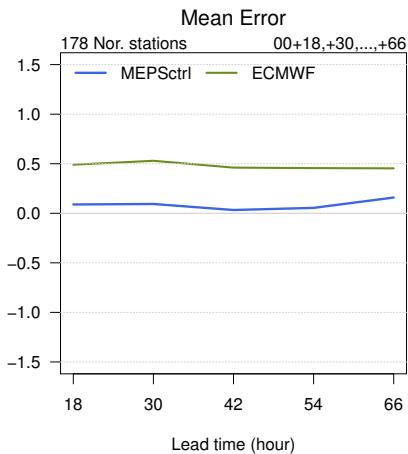


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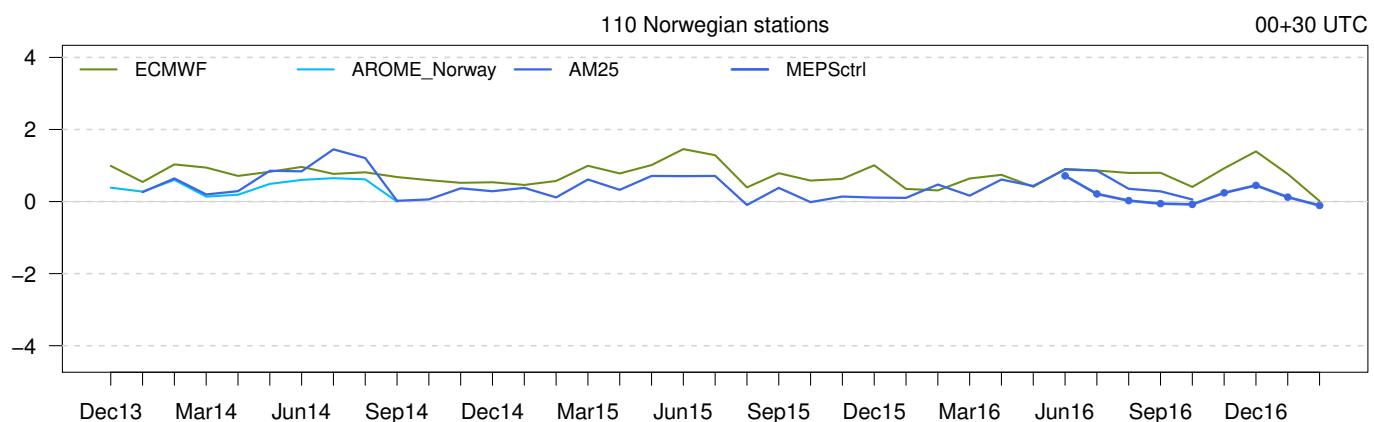


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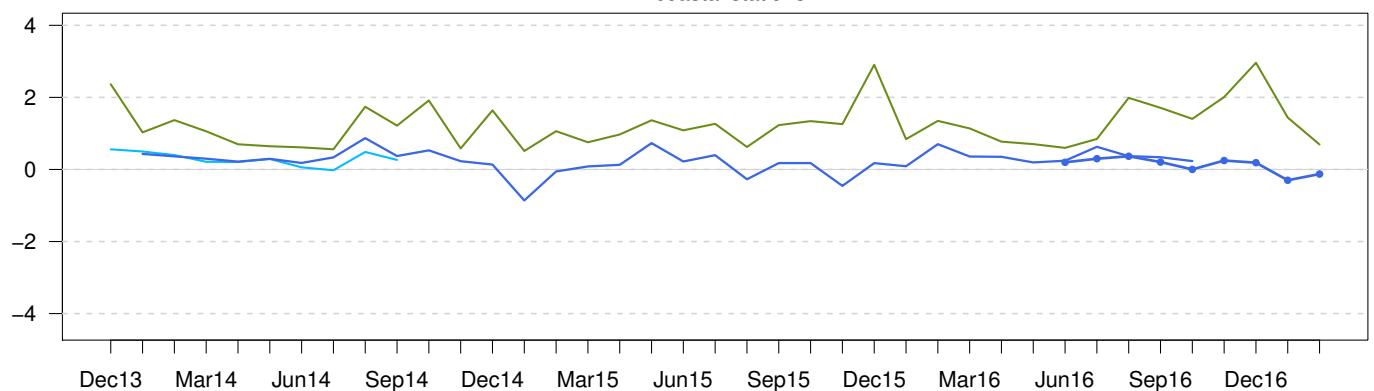




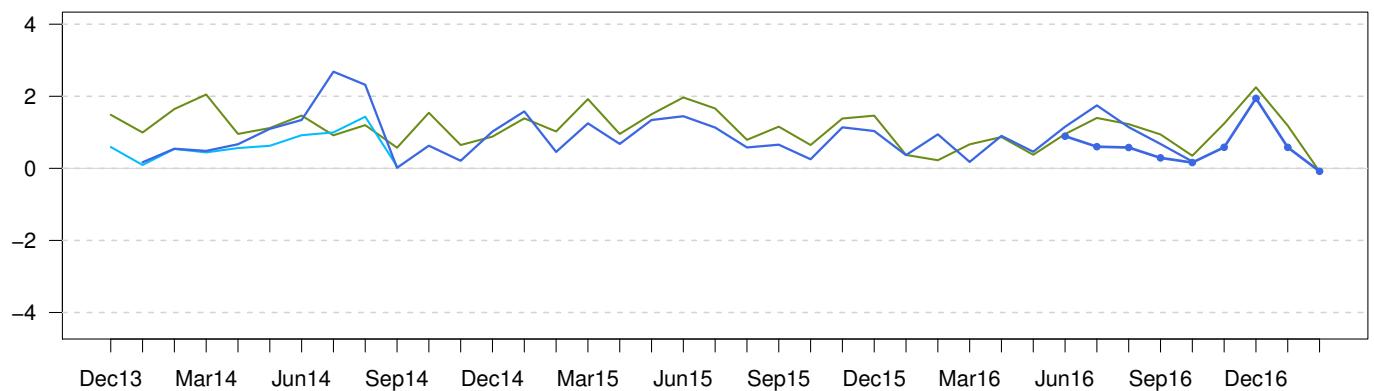
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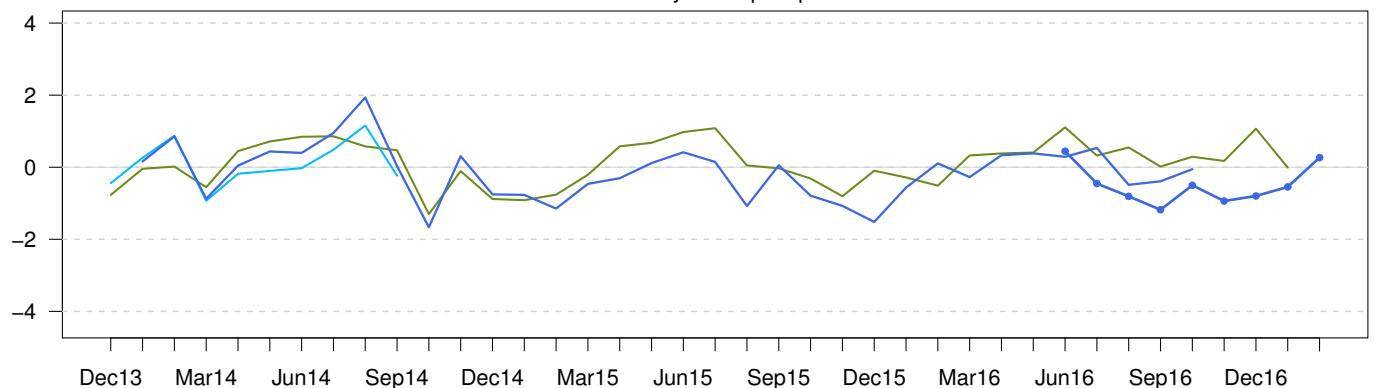
## 14 coastal stations



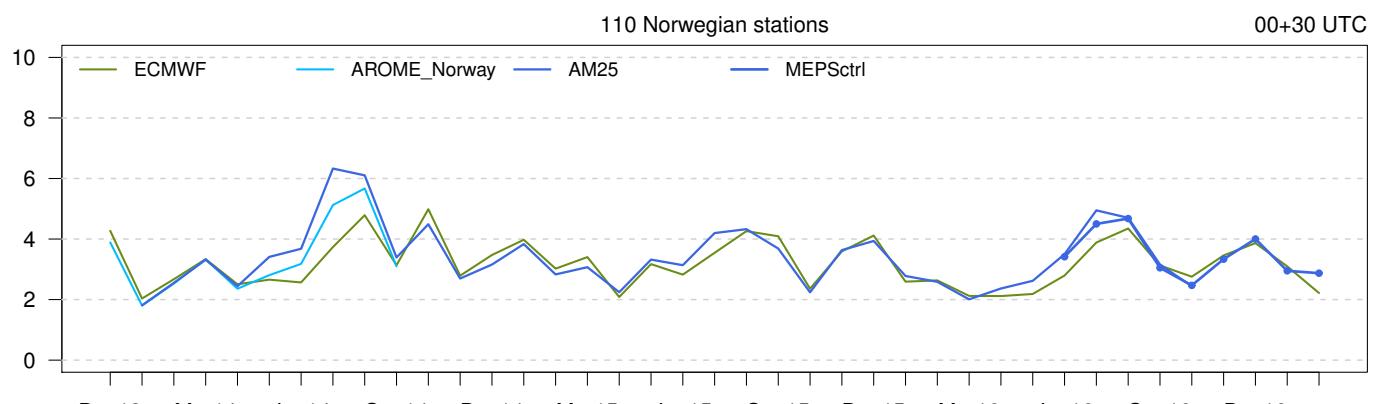
## 38 stations more than 500 m above sea level



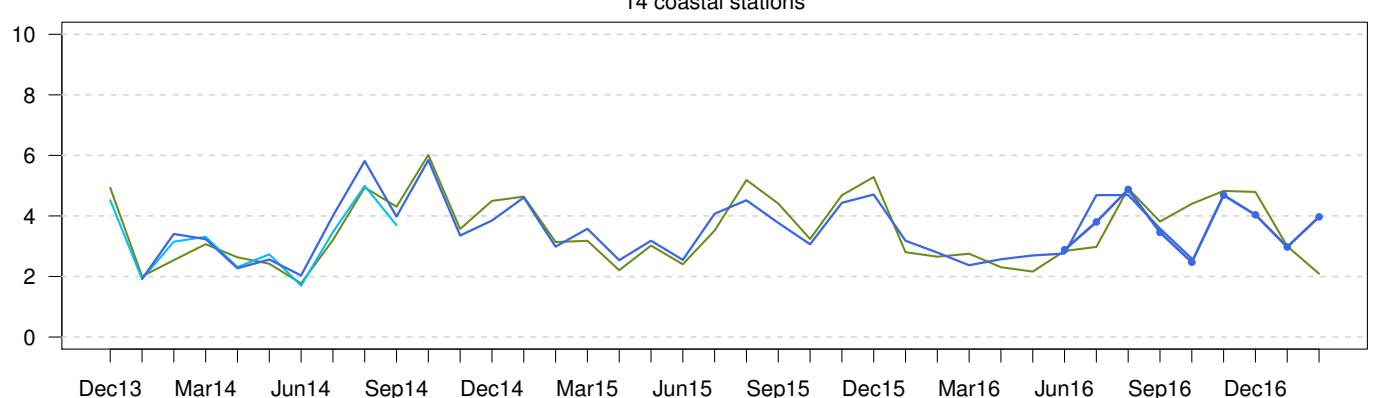
## 17 stations with daily mean precipitation &gt; 4 mm



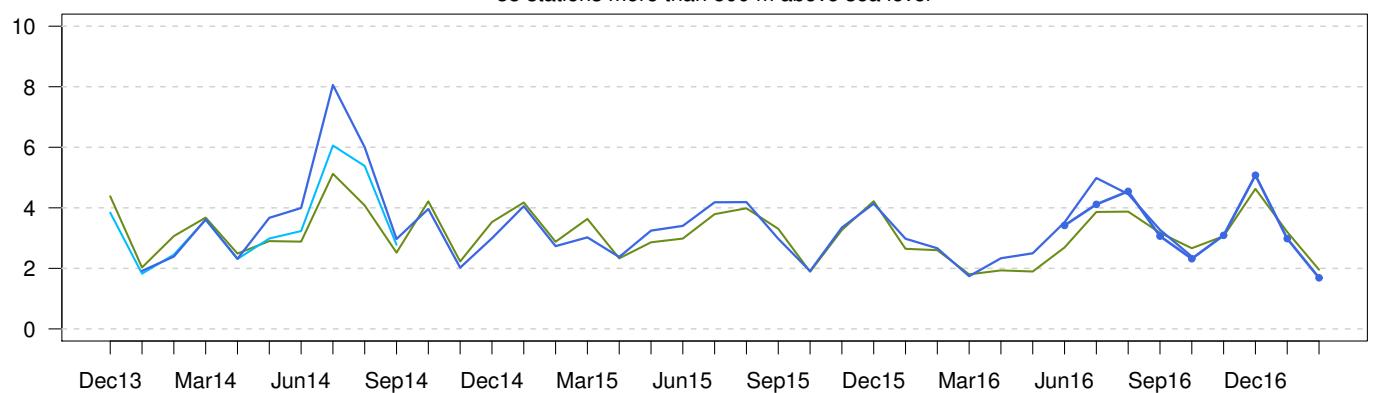
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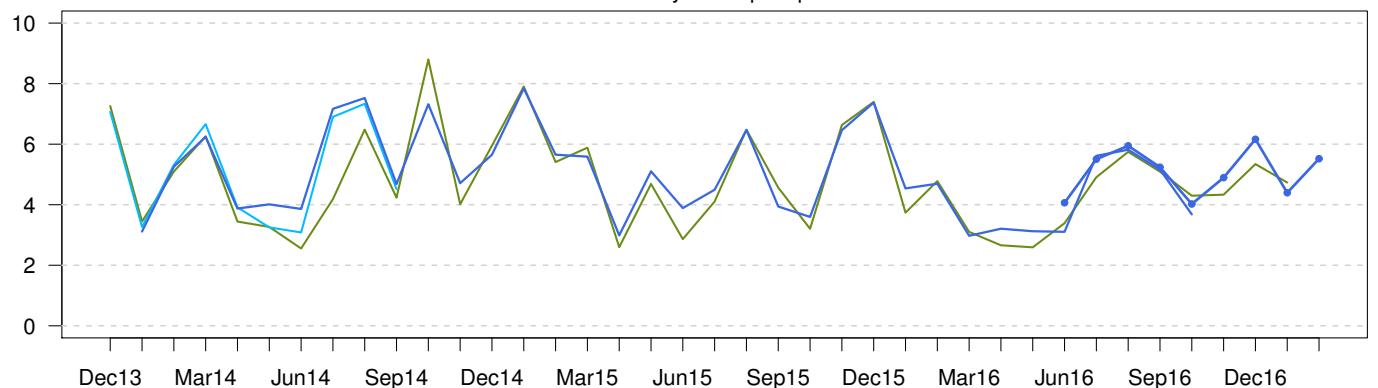
## 14 coastal stations



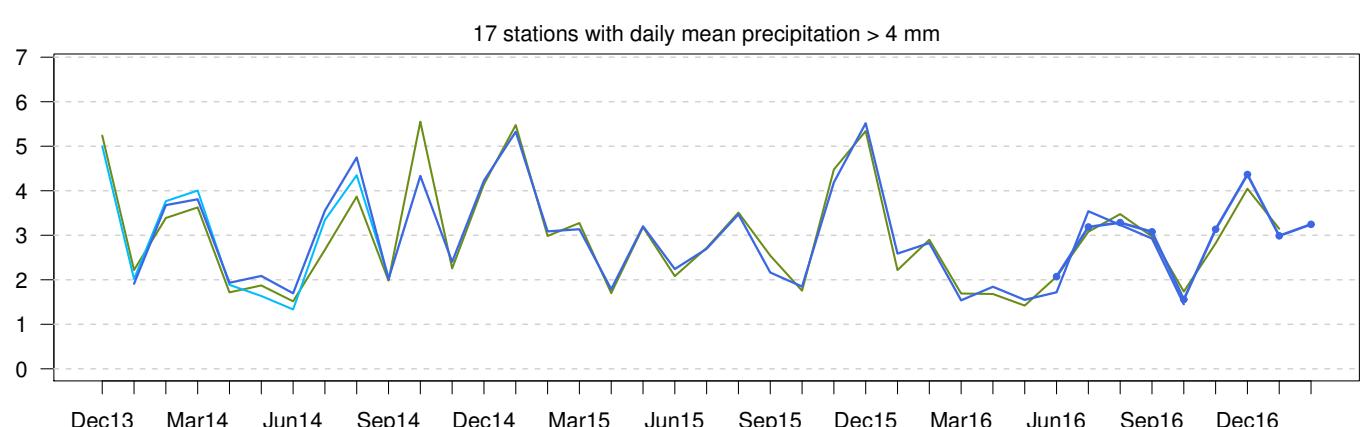
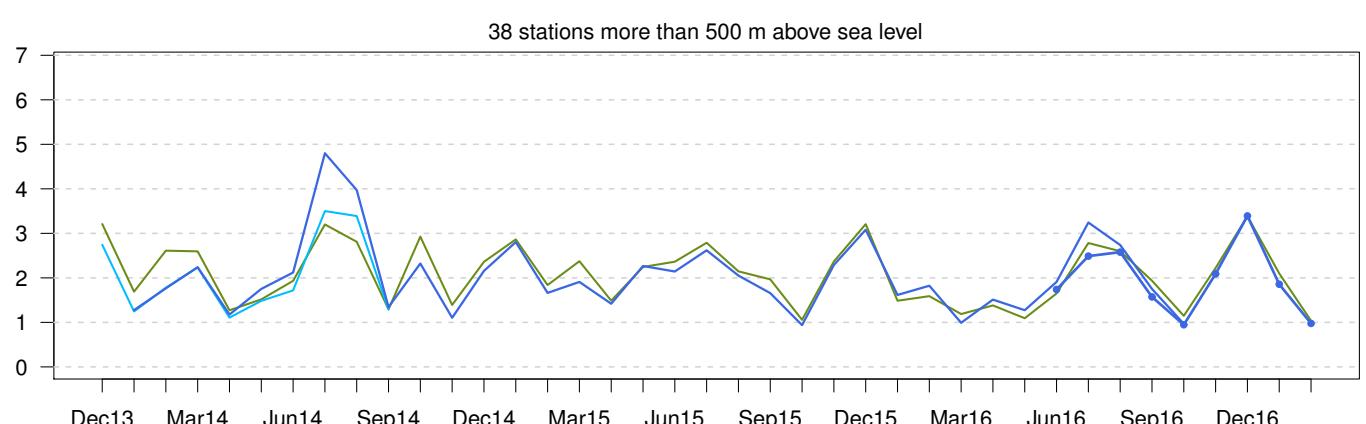
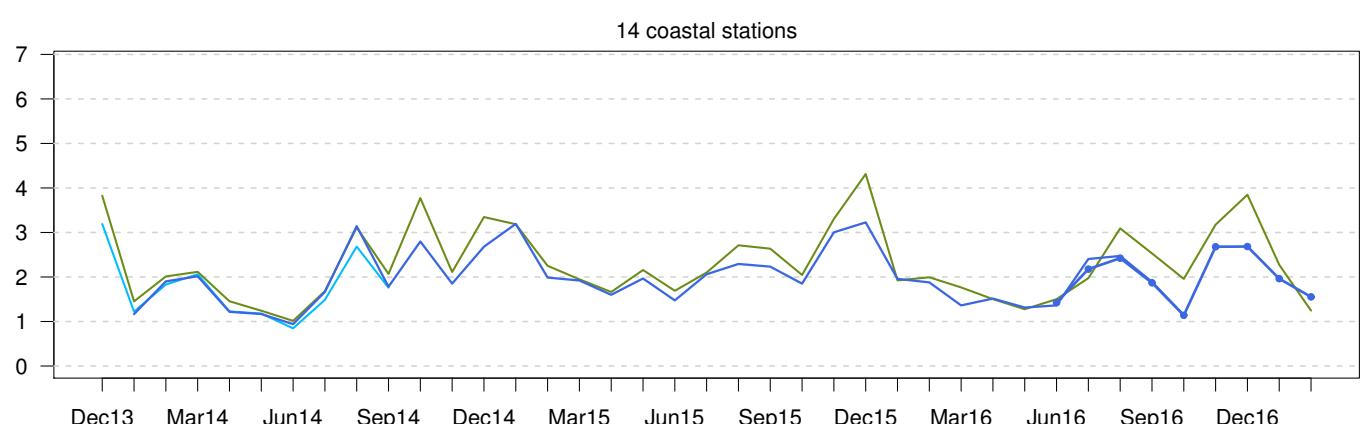
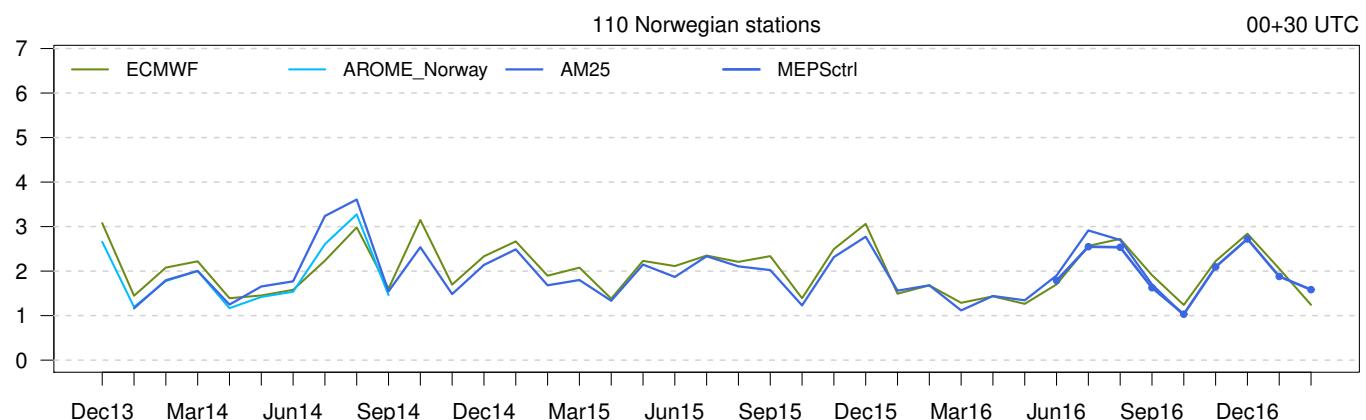
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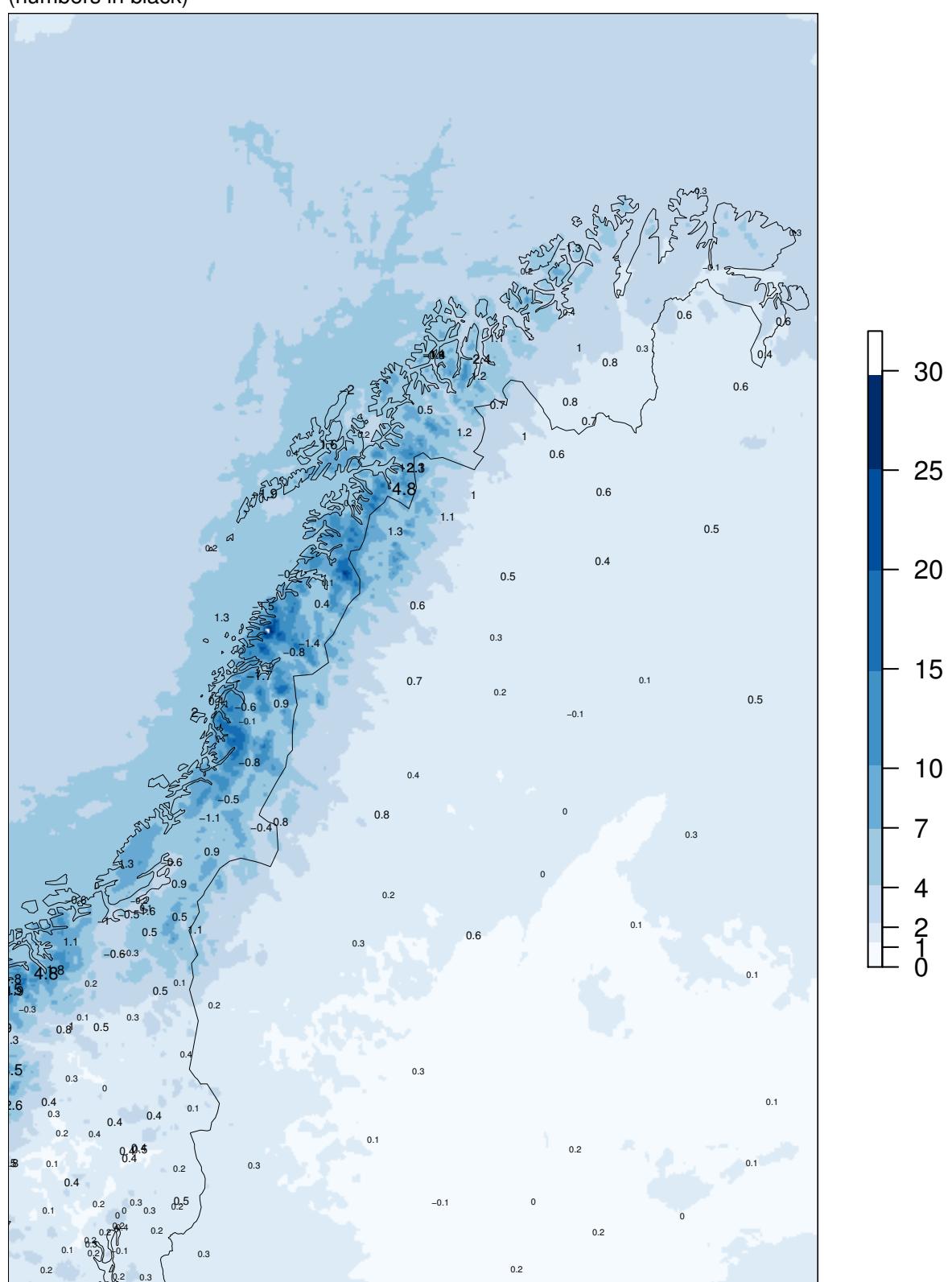


## Mean Absolute Error



MEPSctrl 00+30  
ME at observing sites  
(numbers in black)

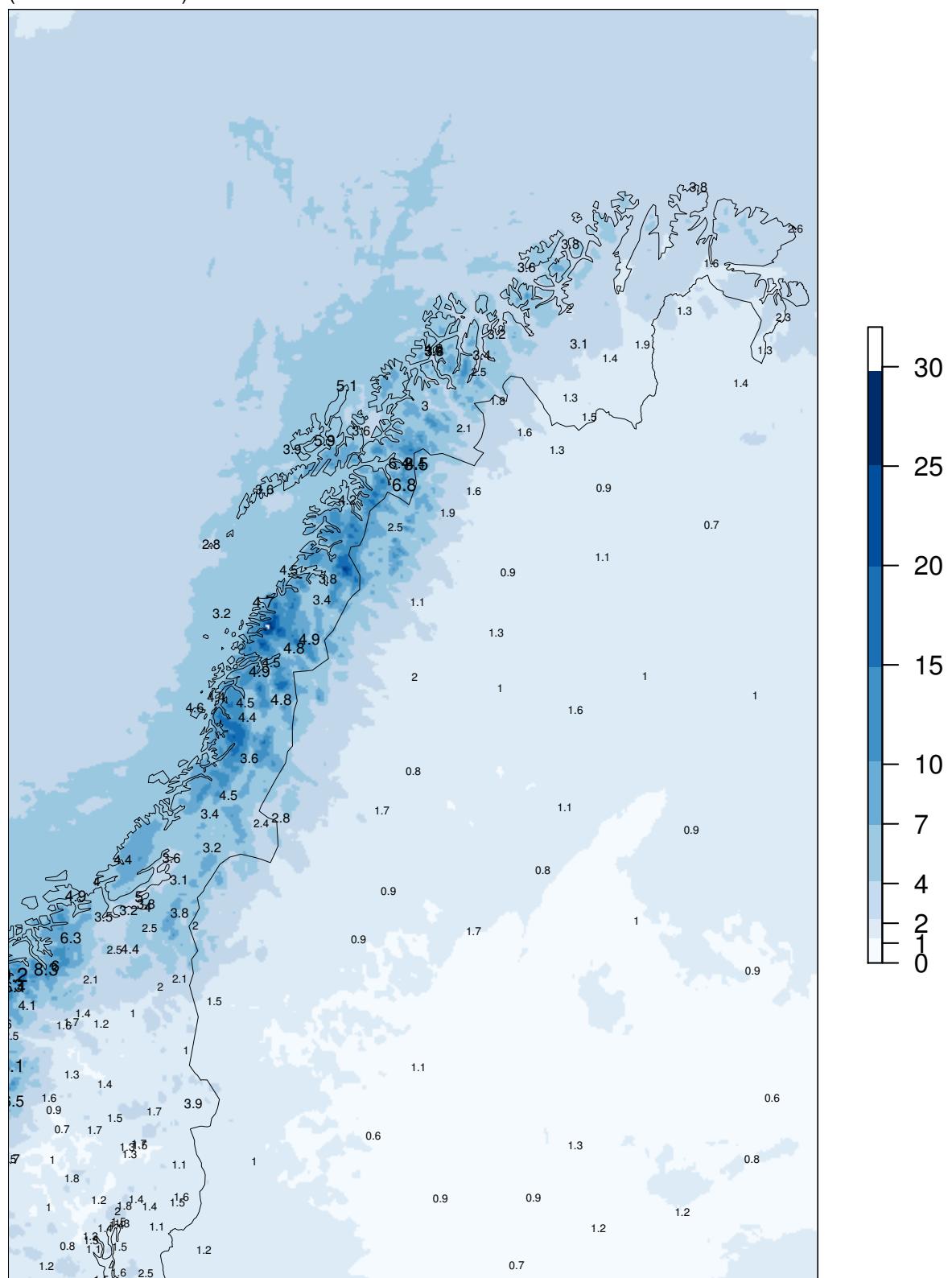
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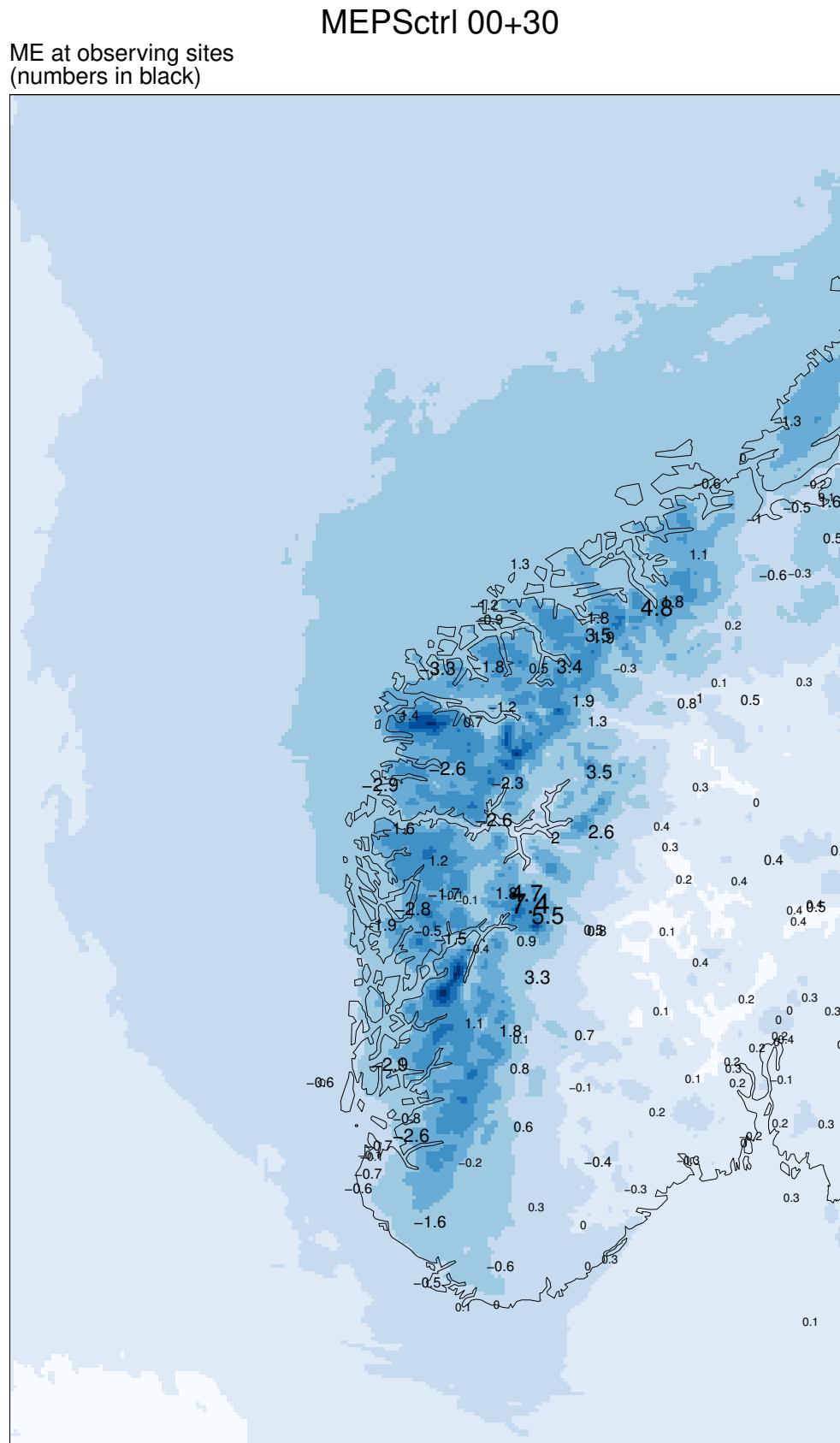
Model "climatology" 01.12.2016 – 28.02.2017

## MEPSctrl 00+30

SDE at observing sites  
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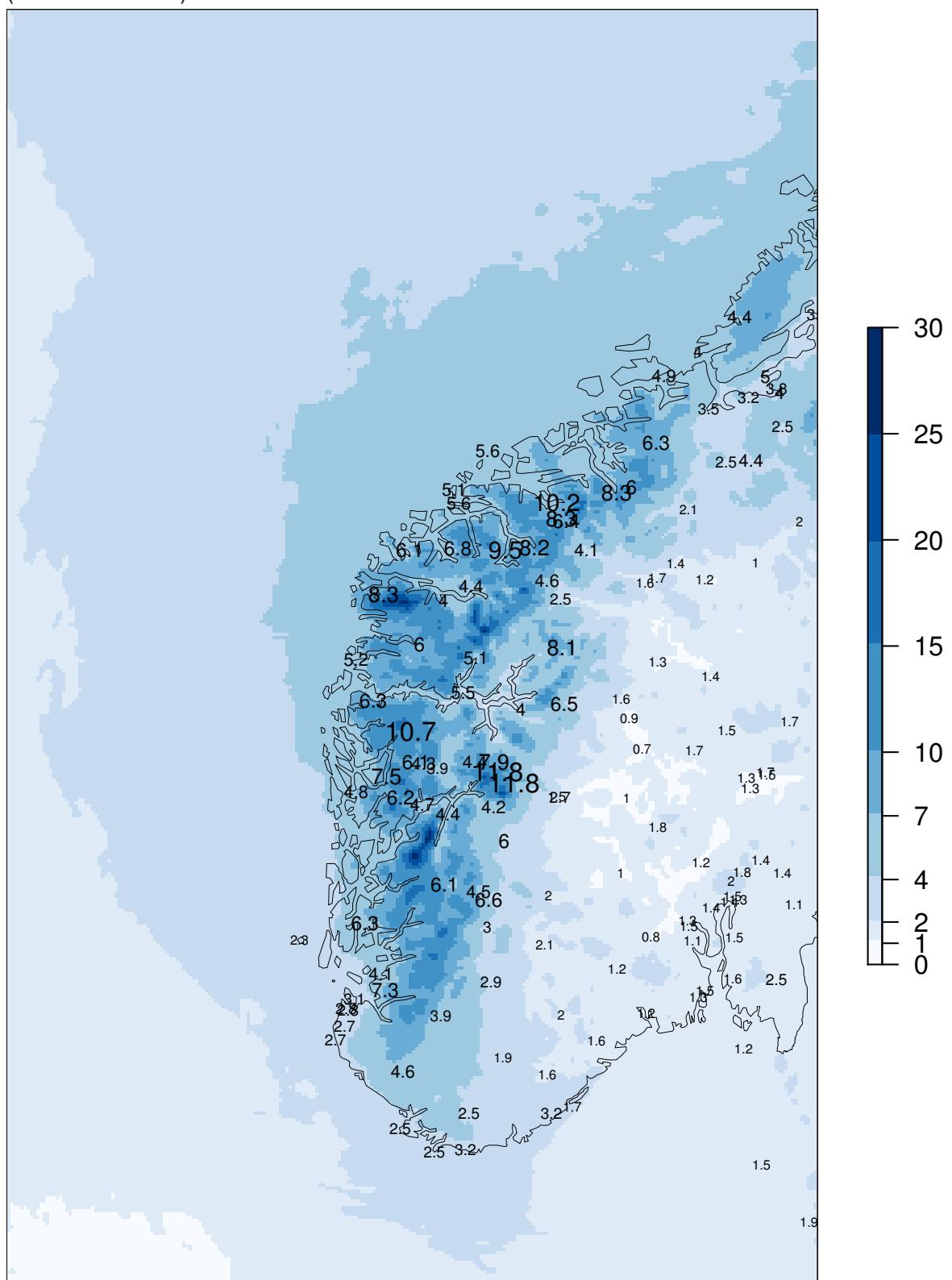
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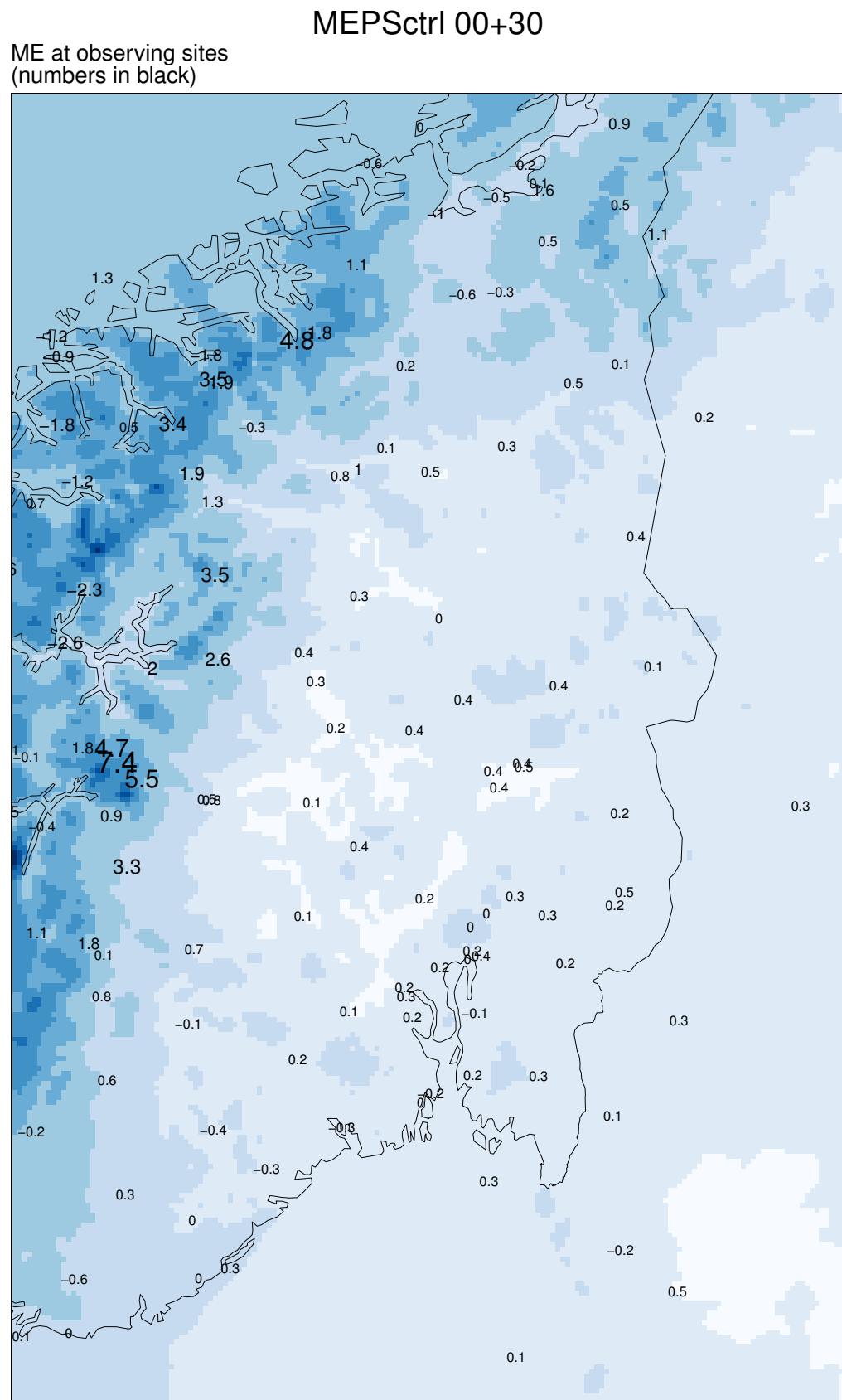
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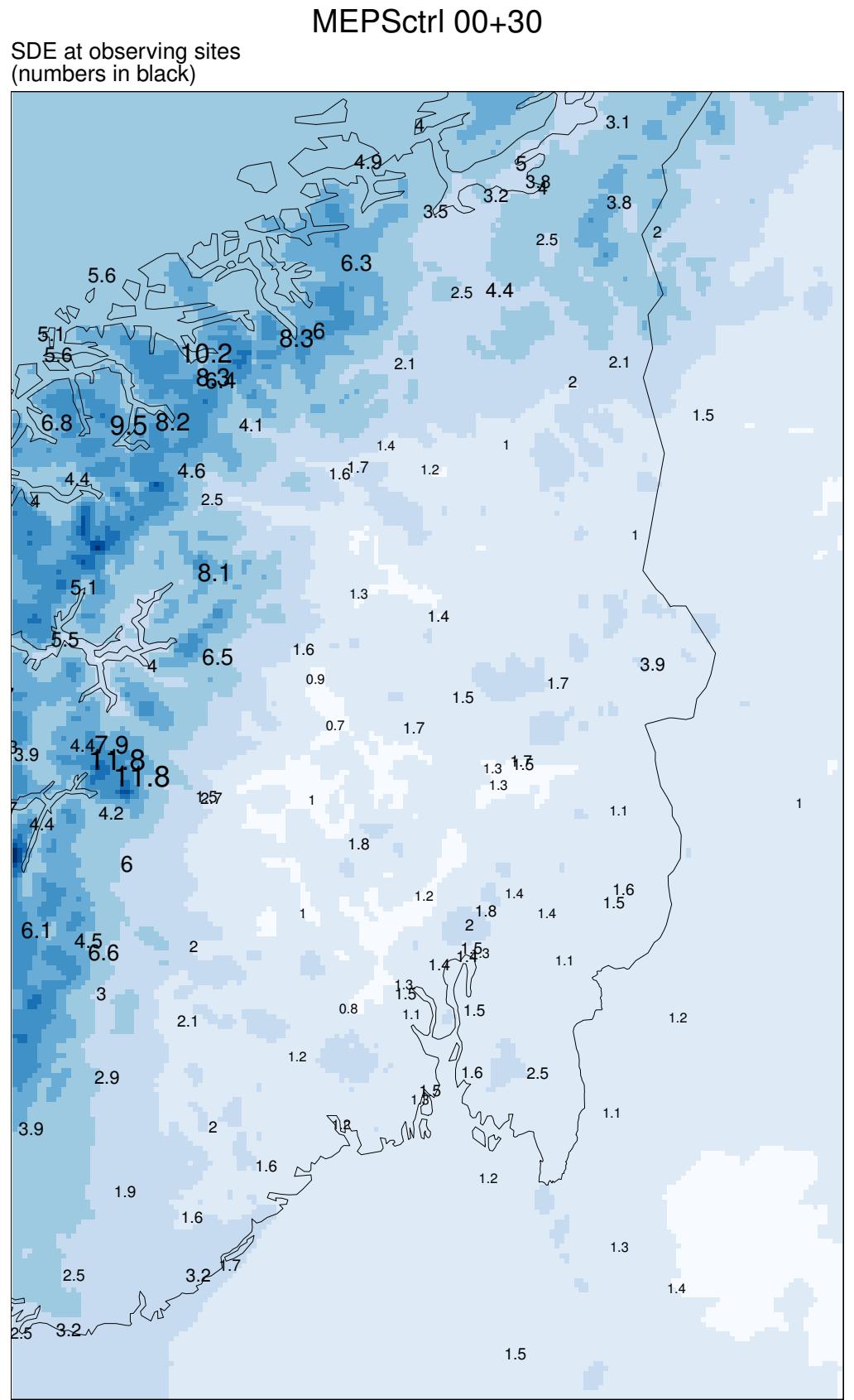
MEPSctrl 00+30

### SDE at observing sites (numbers in black)



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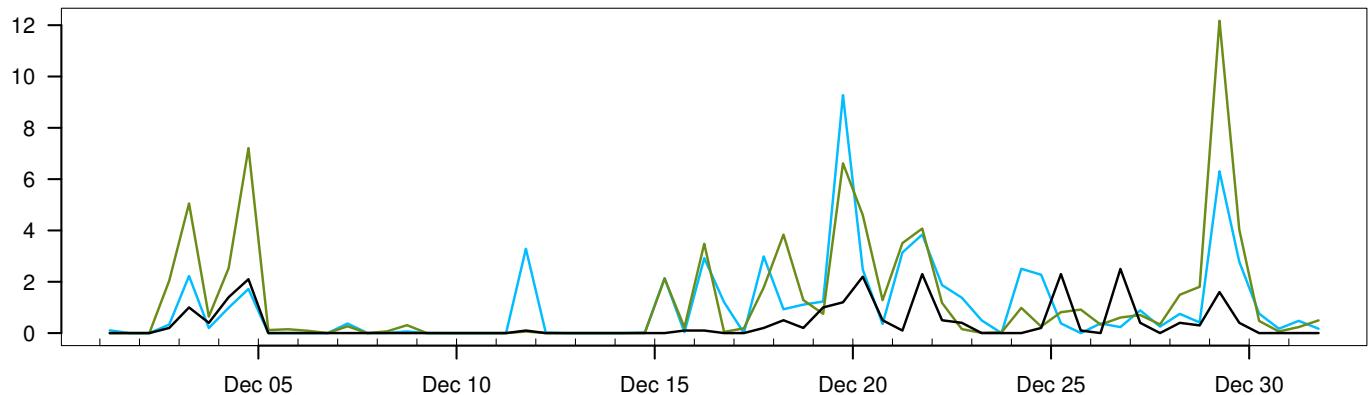




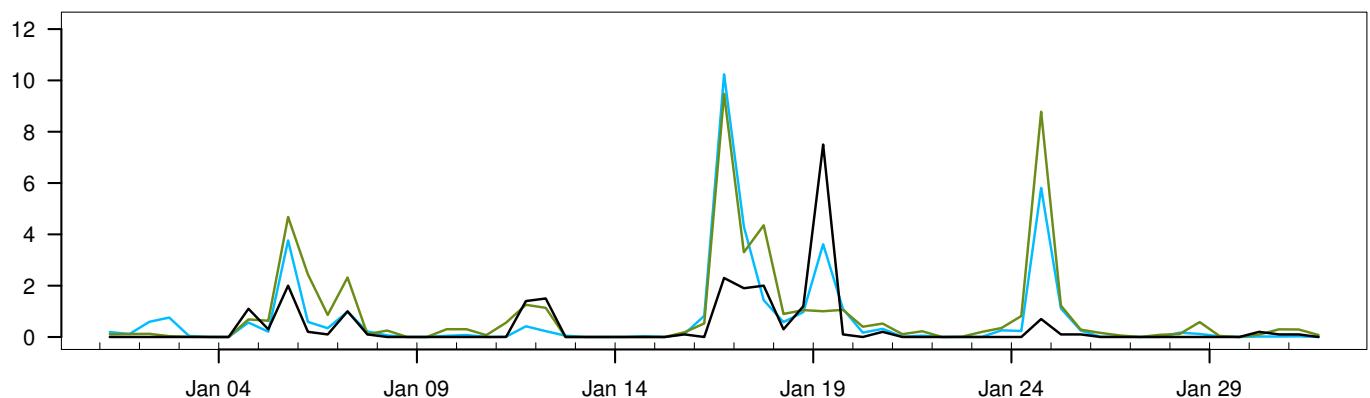
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**12 hour precipitation****SVALBARD LUFTHAVN**

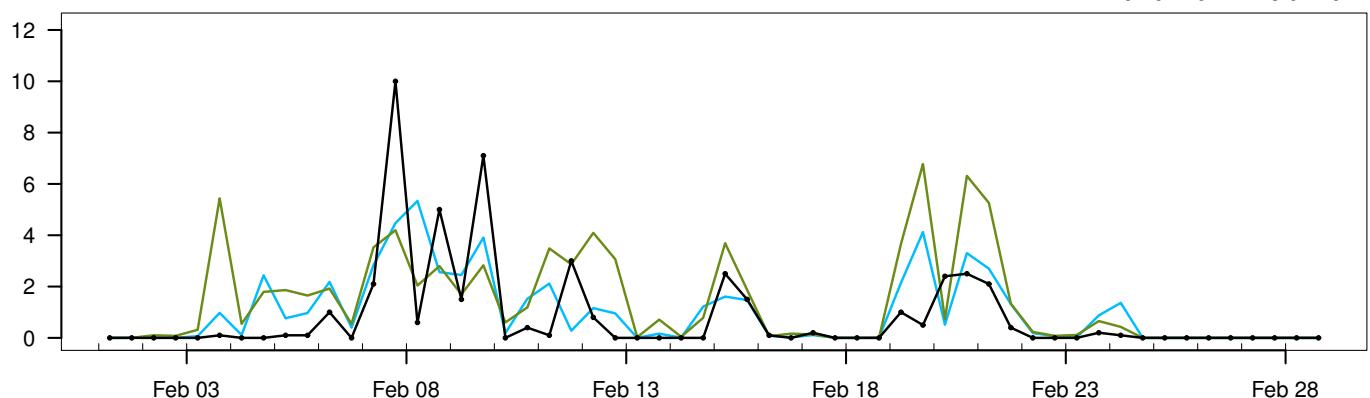
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01.01.2017 – 31.01.2017



01.02.2017 – 28.02.2017



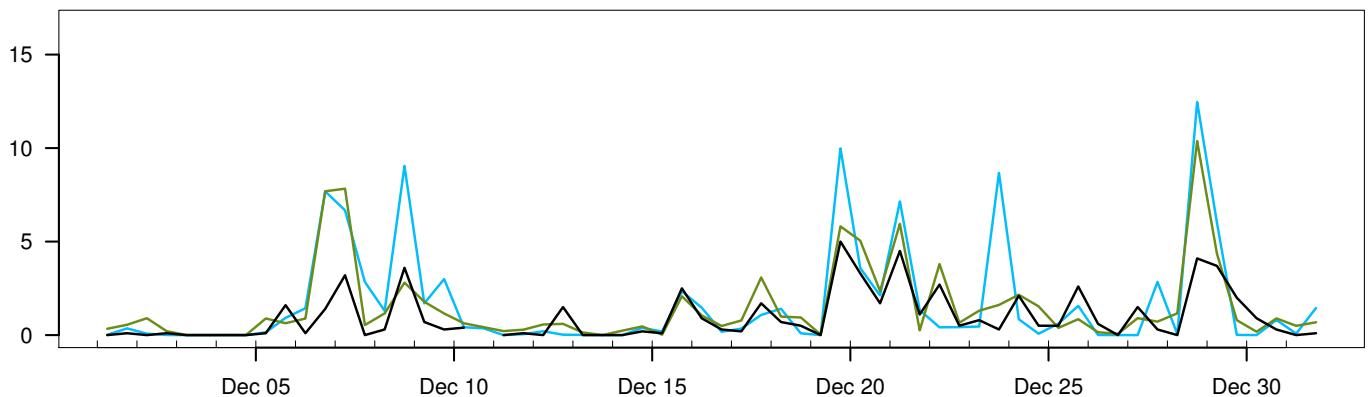
01.12.2016 – 28.02.2017

	Min	Mean	Max	Std	N	
synop: 06,18	0	0.5	10	1.3	180	
AA25: 12+18,+30	0	0.9	10.2	1.6	180	
ECMWF: 12+18,+30	0	1.2	12.2	2	180	
	ME	SDE	RMSE	MAE	Max.abs.err.	N
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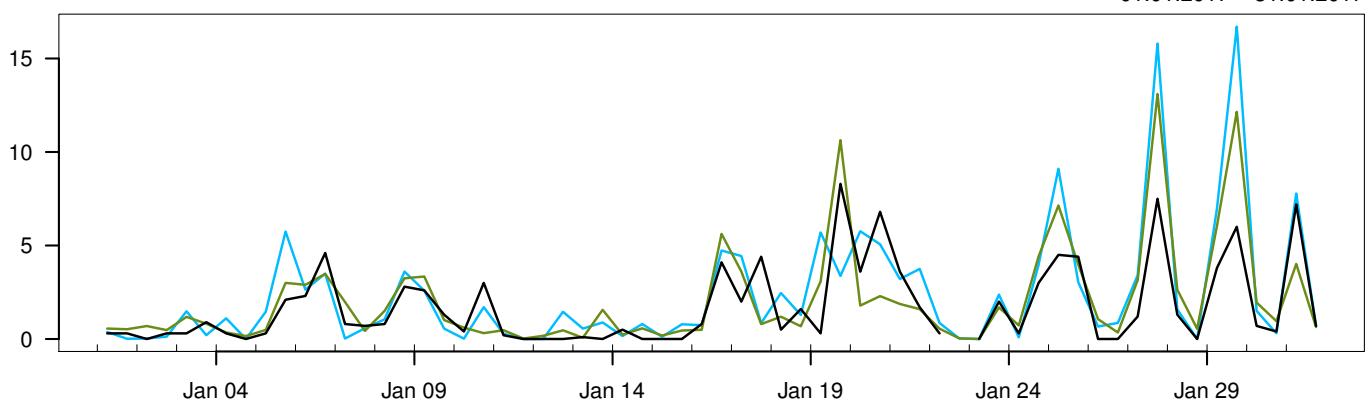
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**12 hour precipitation****BJØRNØYA**

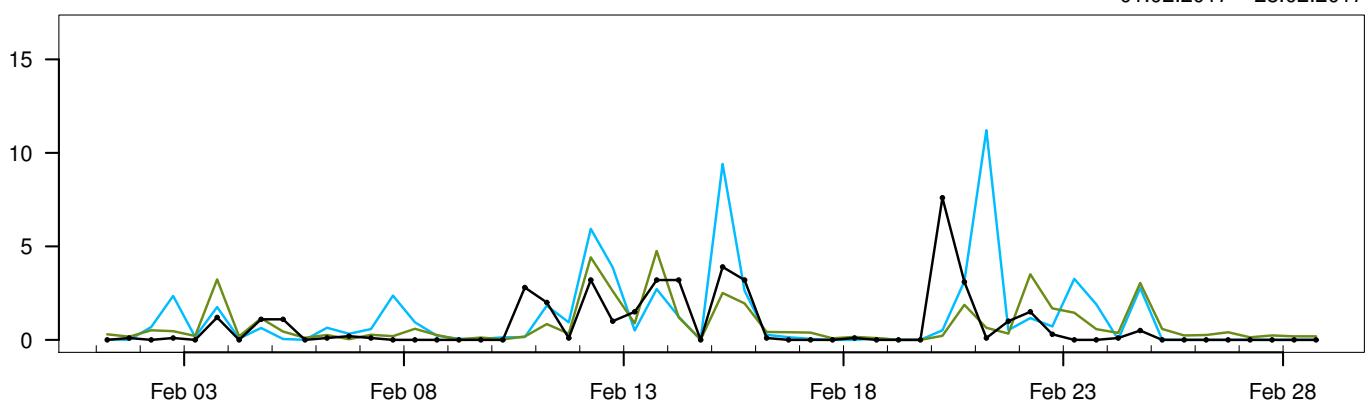
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01.02.2017 – 28.02.2017



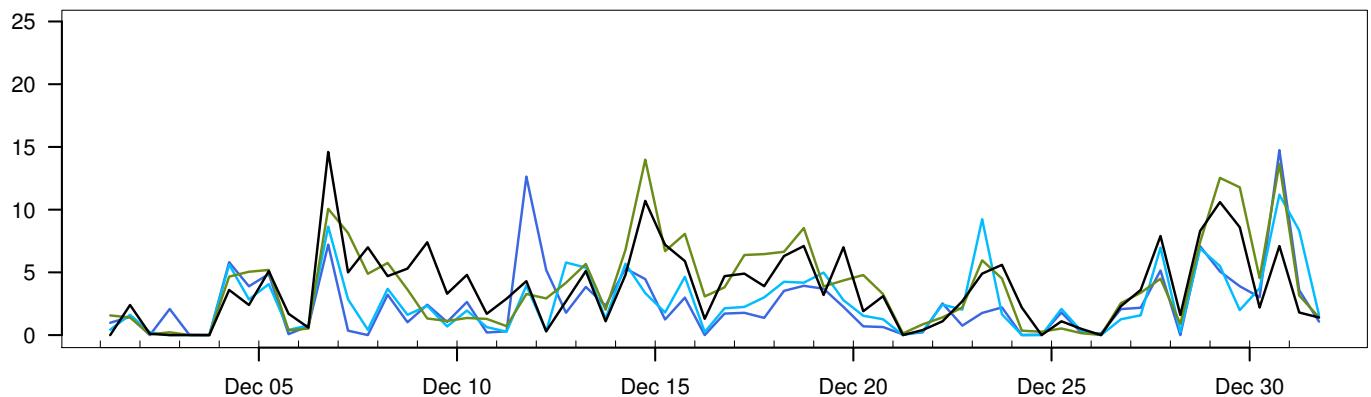
01.12.2016 – 28.02.2017

	Min	Mean	Max	Std	N
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ECMWF: 12+18,+30	0	1.5	13.1	2.2	180

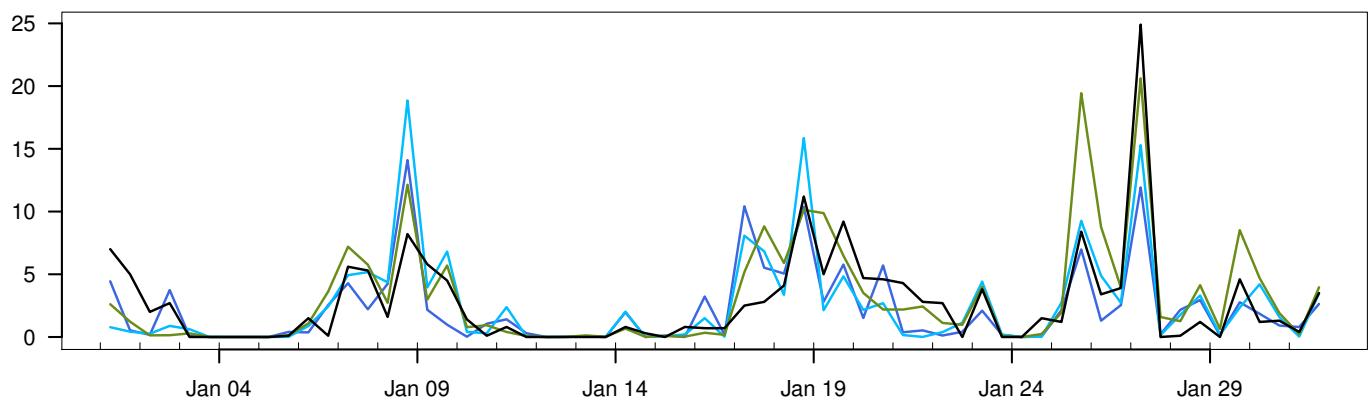
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ECMWF – synop	0.3	1.5	1.5	0.9	7.4	178

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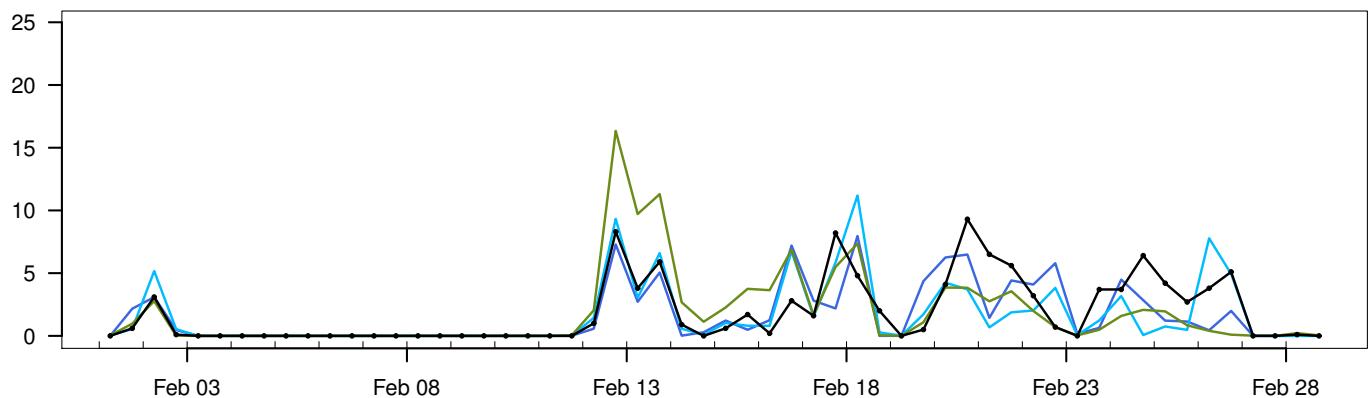
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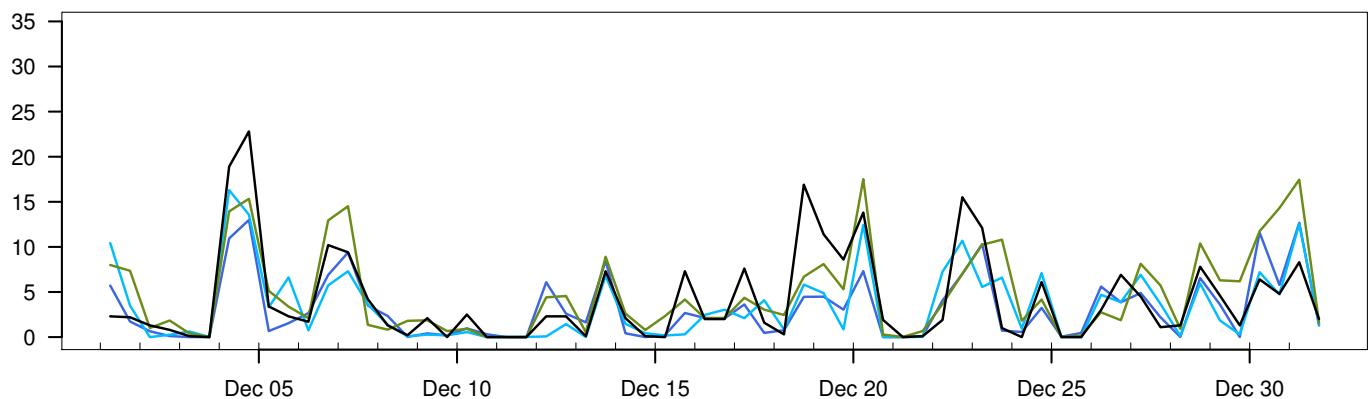
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AA25: 12+18,+30	0	2.3	18.8	3.1	180
ECMWF: 12+18,+30	0	3	20.6	3.8	180

	ME	SDE	RMSE	MAE	Max.abs.err.	N
MEPSctrl – synop	-0.7	2.6	2.7	1.8	13	180
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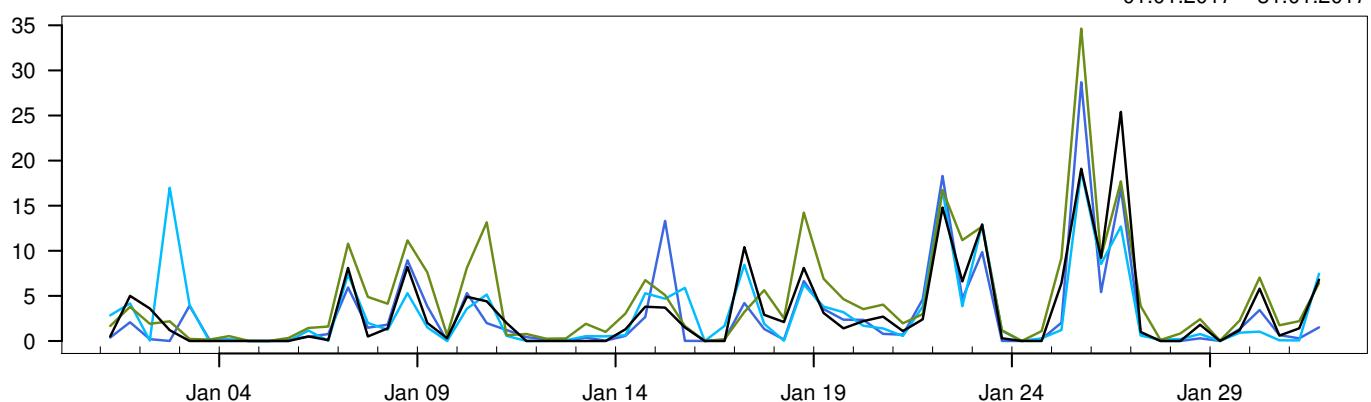
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**12 hour precipitation****BODØ VI**

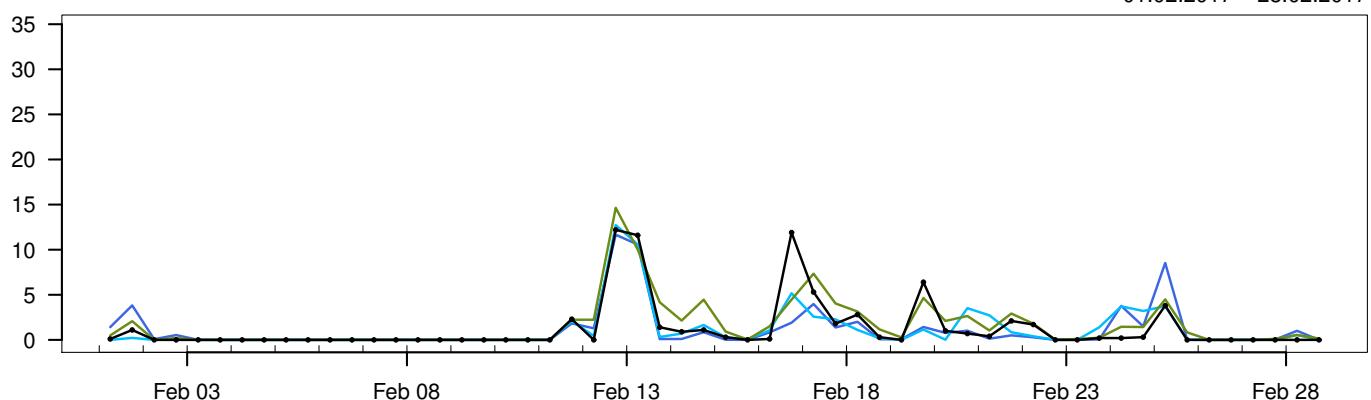
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01.02.2017 – 28.02.2017



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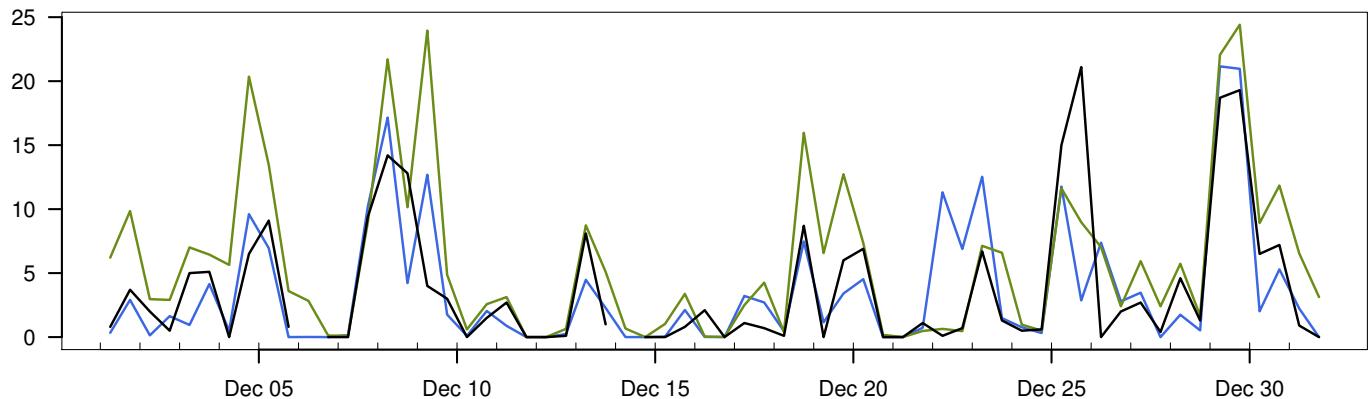
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AA25: 12+18,+30	0	2.6	18.9	3.9	180
ECMWF: 12+18,+30	0	3.8	34.6	4.9	180

	ME	SDE	RMSE	MAE	Max.abs.err.	N
MEPSctrl – synop	-0.6	2.7	2.7	1.5	12.4	180
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ECMWF – synop	0.8	2.9	3	1.8	15.5	180

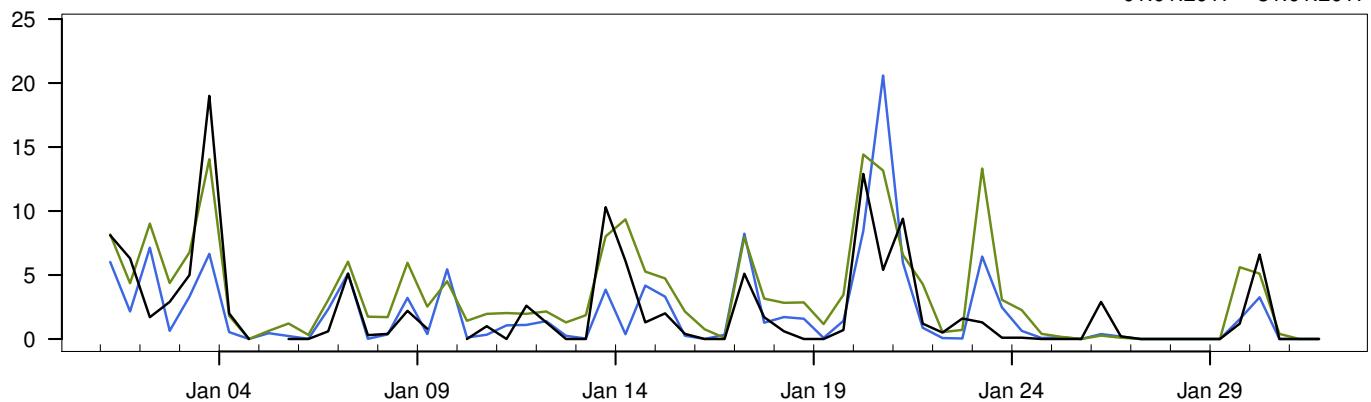
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**12 hour precipitation****ØRLAND III**

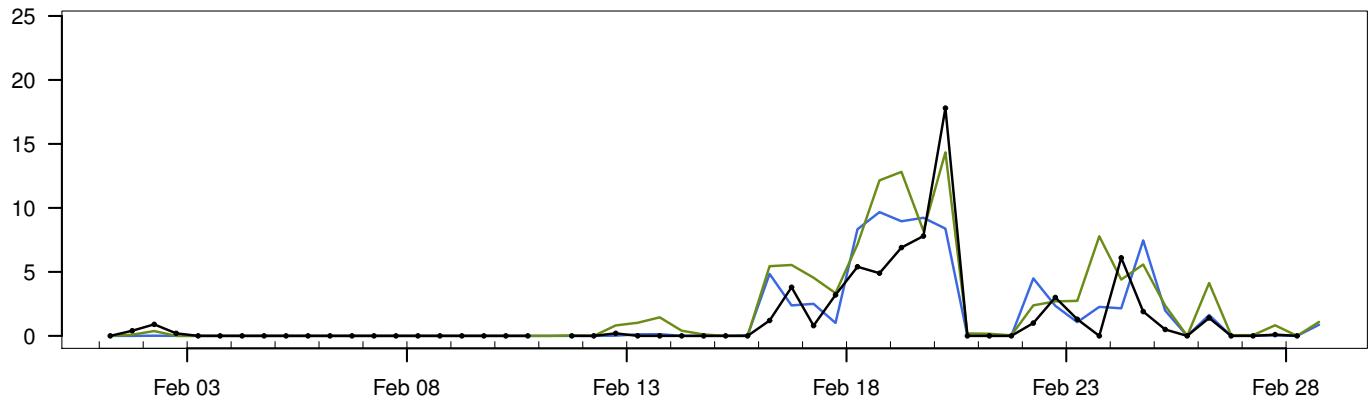
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01.02.2017 – 28.02.2017



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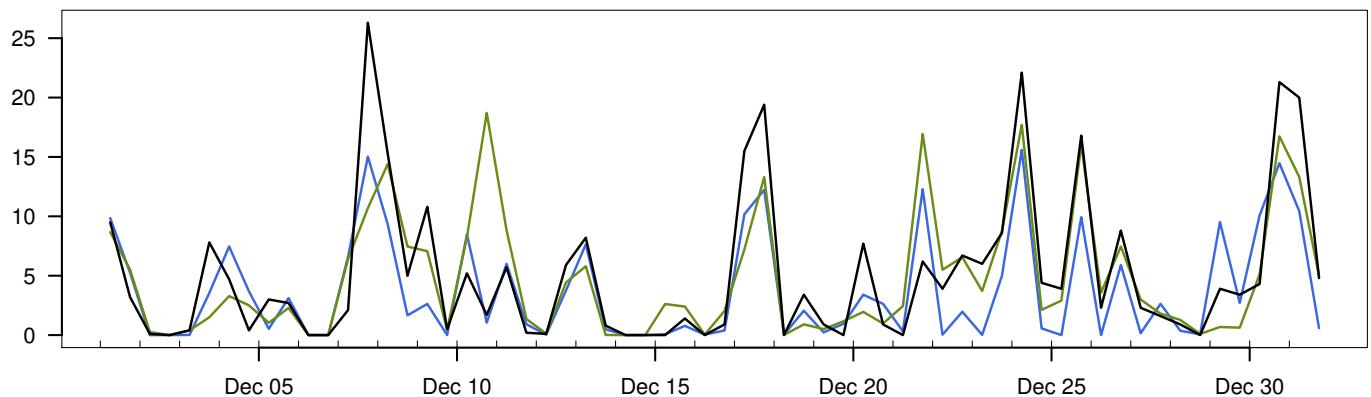
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MEPSctrl: 12+18,+30	0	2.4	21.2	4	180
ECMWF: 12+18,+30	0	3.8	24.4	5	180

	ME	SDE	RMSE	MAE	Max.abs.err.	N
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ECMWF – synop	1.5	3.1	3.4	2	20	174

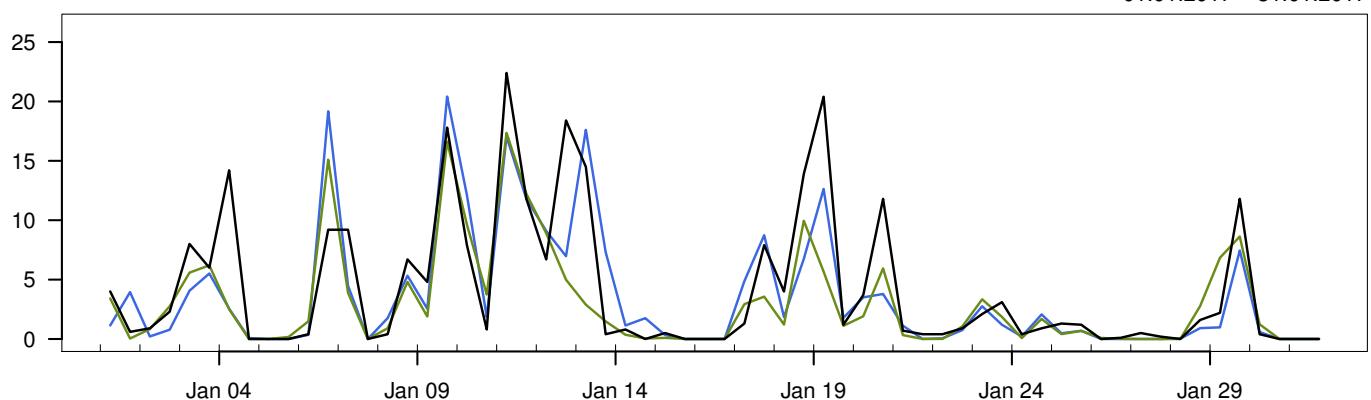
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**12 hour precipitation****BERGEN – FLORIDA**

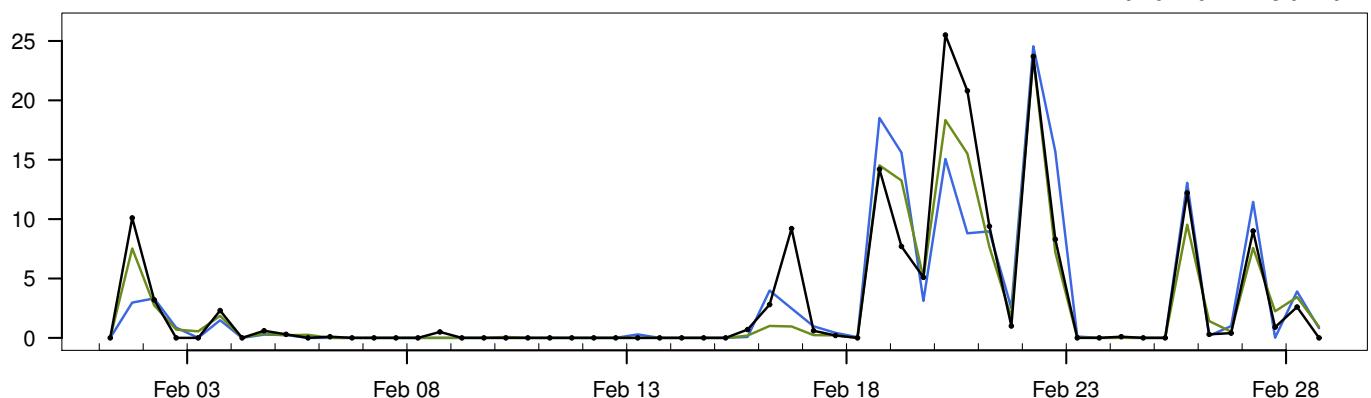
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01.12.2016 – 28.02.2017

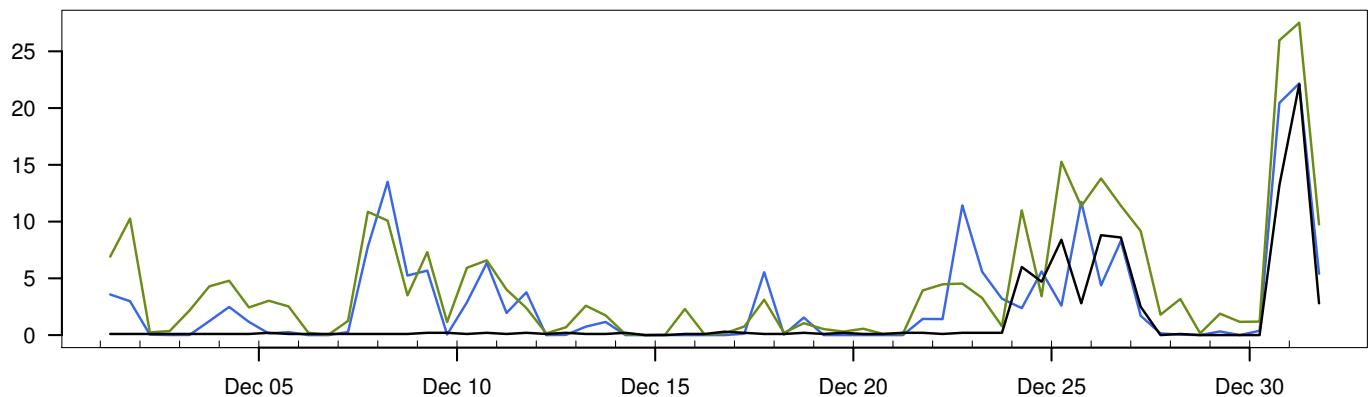
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— ECMWF: 12+18,+30	0	3.5	23.6	4.9	180

	ME	SDE	RMSE	MAE	Max.abs.err.	N
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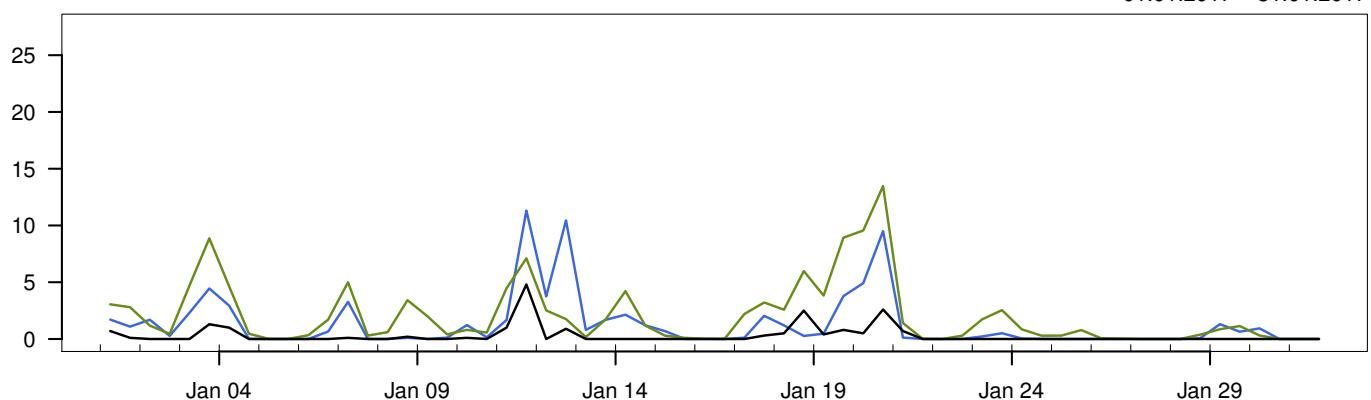
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**12 hour precipitation****LÆRDAL IV**

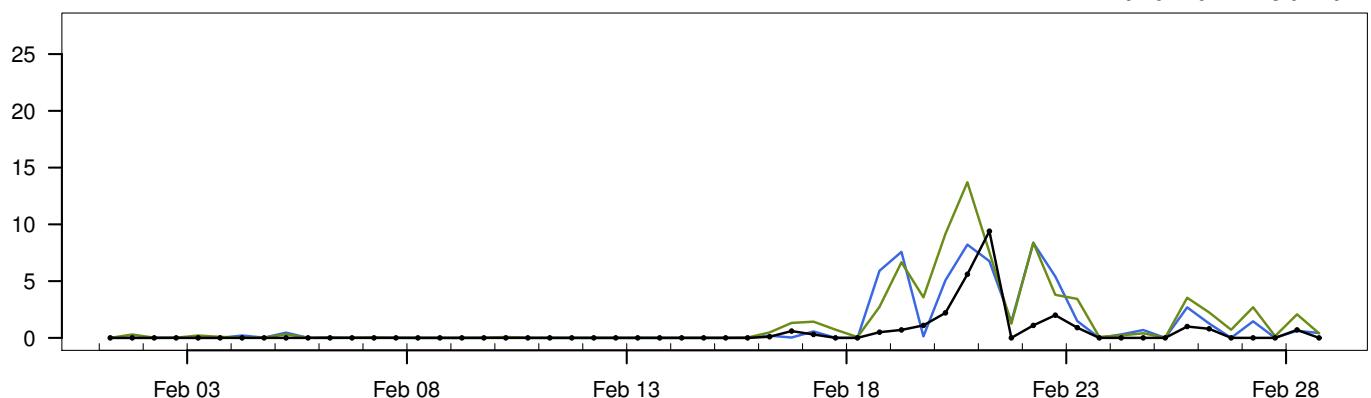
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01.02.2017 – 28.02.2017



01.12.2016 – 28.02.2017

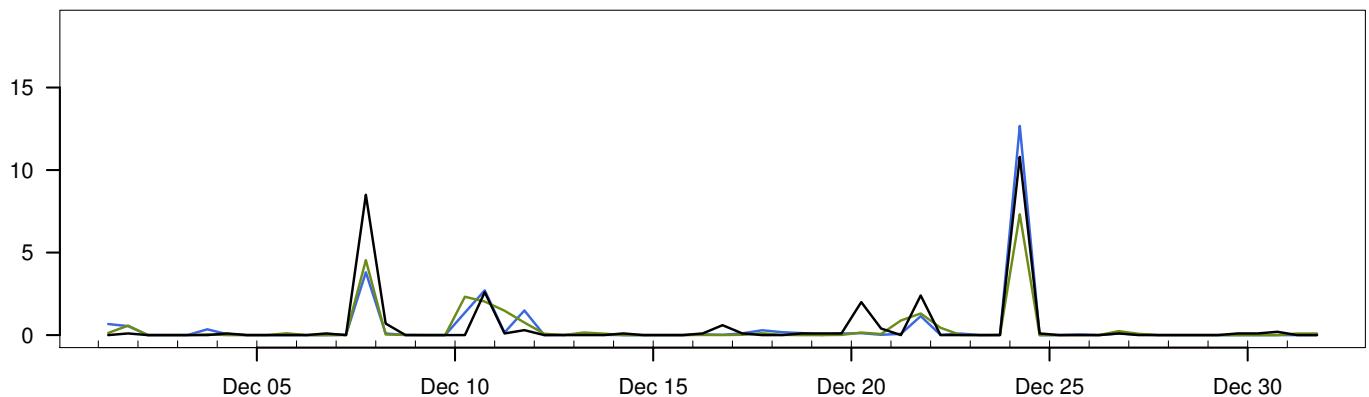
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ECMWF: 12+18,+30	0	2.6	27.5	4.2	180

	ME	SDE	RMSE	MAE	Max.abs.err.	N
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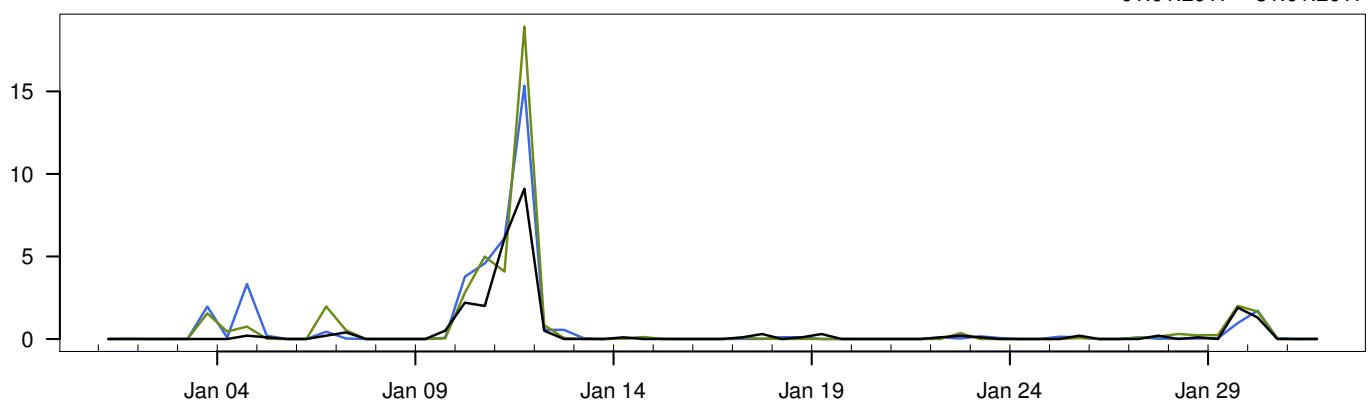
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**12 hour precipitation****GARDERMOEN**

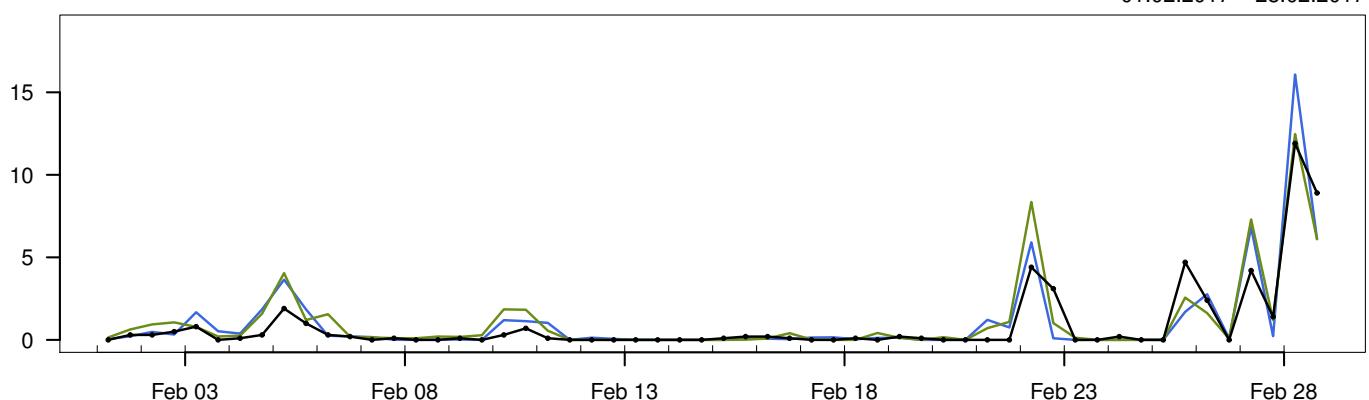
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01.01.2017 – 31.01.2017



01.02.2017 – 28.02.2017



01.12.2016 – 28.02.2017

	Min	Mean	Max	Std	N
synop: 06,18	0	0.6	11.9	1.8	180
MEPSctrl: 12+18,+30	0	0.7	16.1	2.2	180
ECMWF: 12+18,+30	0	0.7	18.9	2.1	180

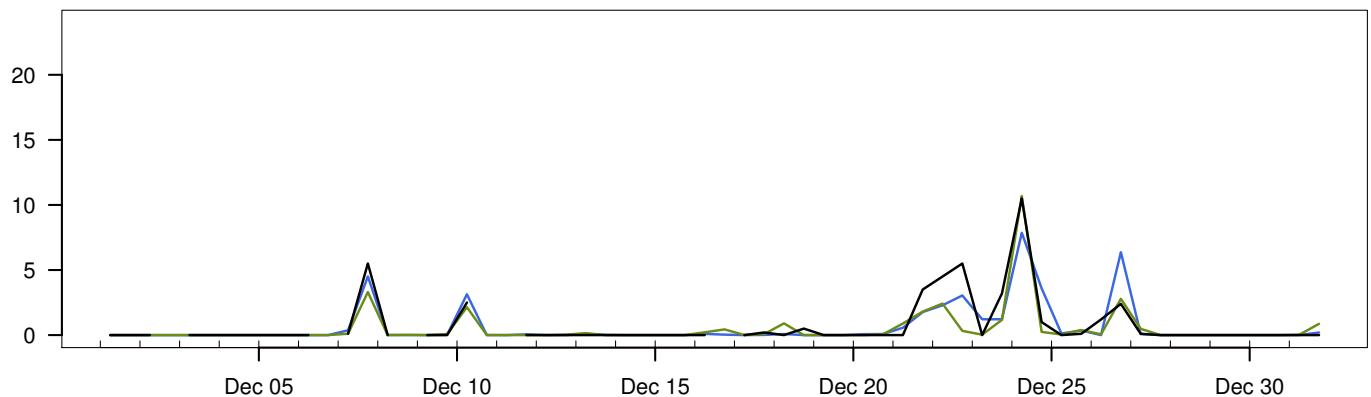
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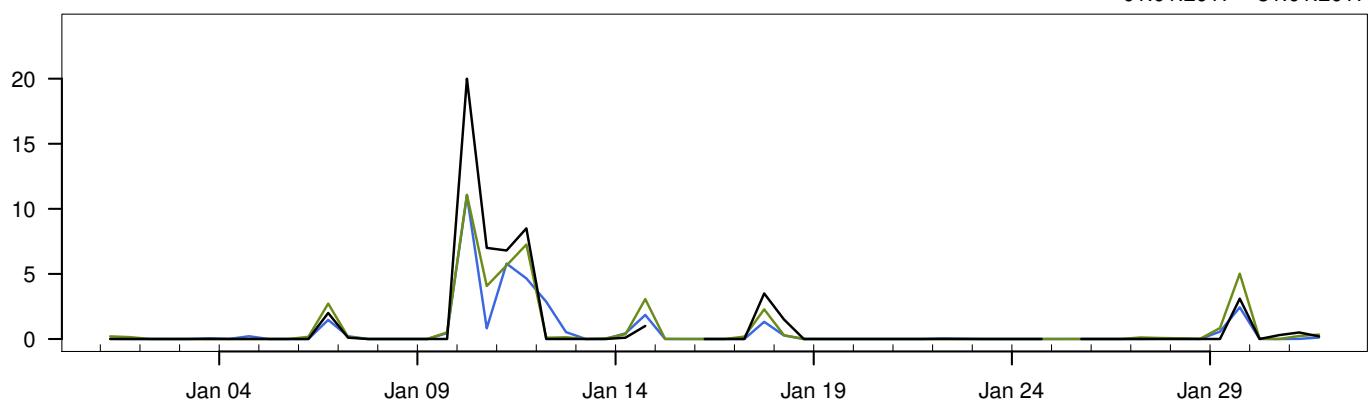
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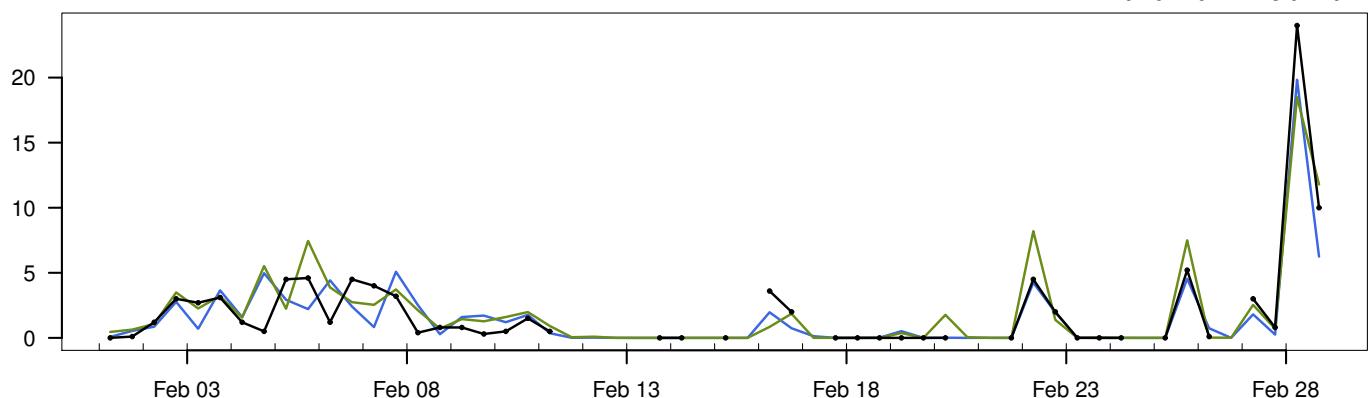
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01.02.2017 – 28.02.2017



01.12.2016 – 28.02.2017

	Min	Mean	Max	Std	N
synop: 06,18	0	1.2	24	3	160
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ECMWF: 12+18,+30	0	1	18.5	2.4	180

	ME	SDE	RMSE	MAE	Max.abs.err.	N
MEPSctrl – synop	-0.2	1.4	1.4	0.6	9	160
ECMWF – synop	-0.1	1.3	1.3	0.6	8.9	160