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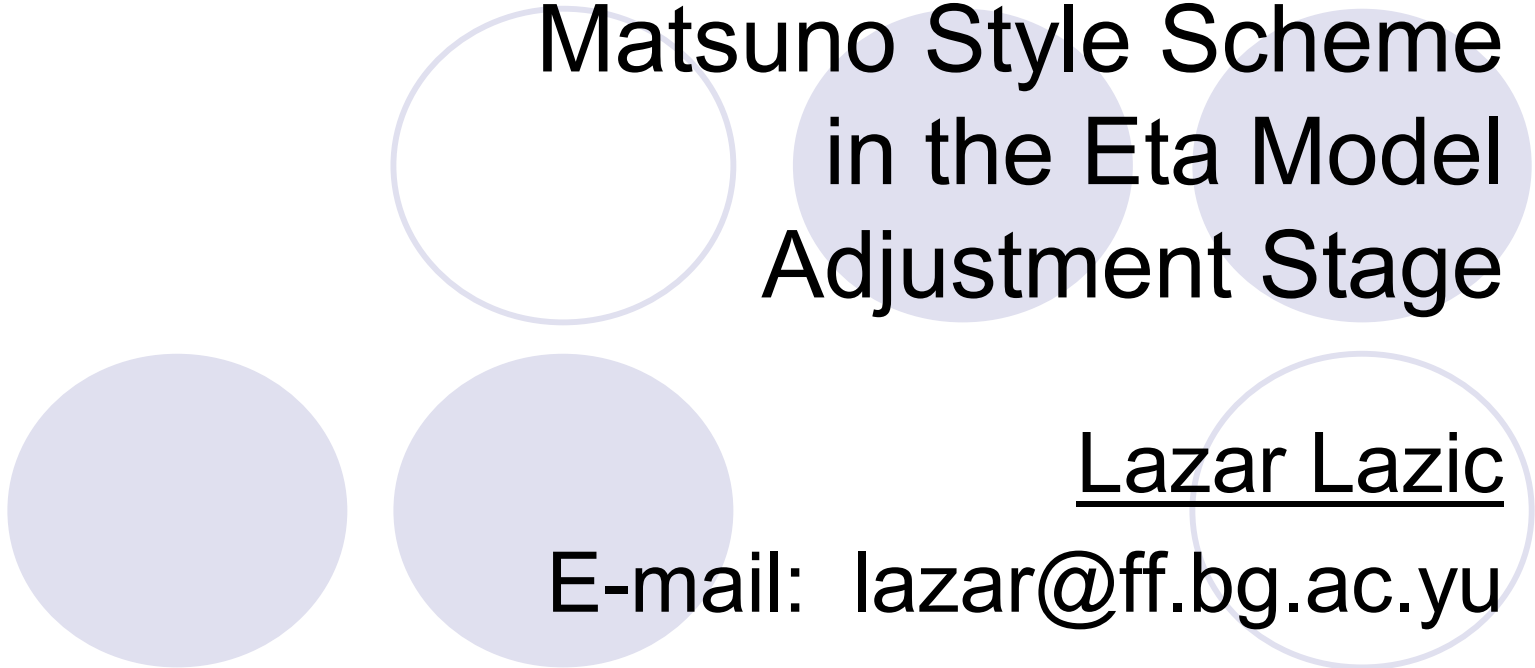
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**"Initialization" using an Iterative Matsuno Style Scheme in  
the Eta Model Adjustment Stage**

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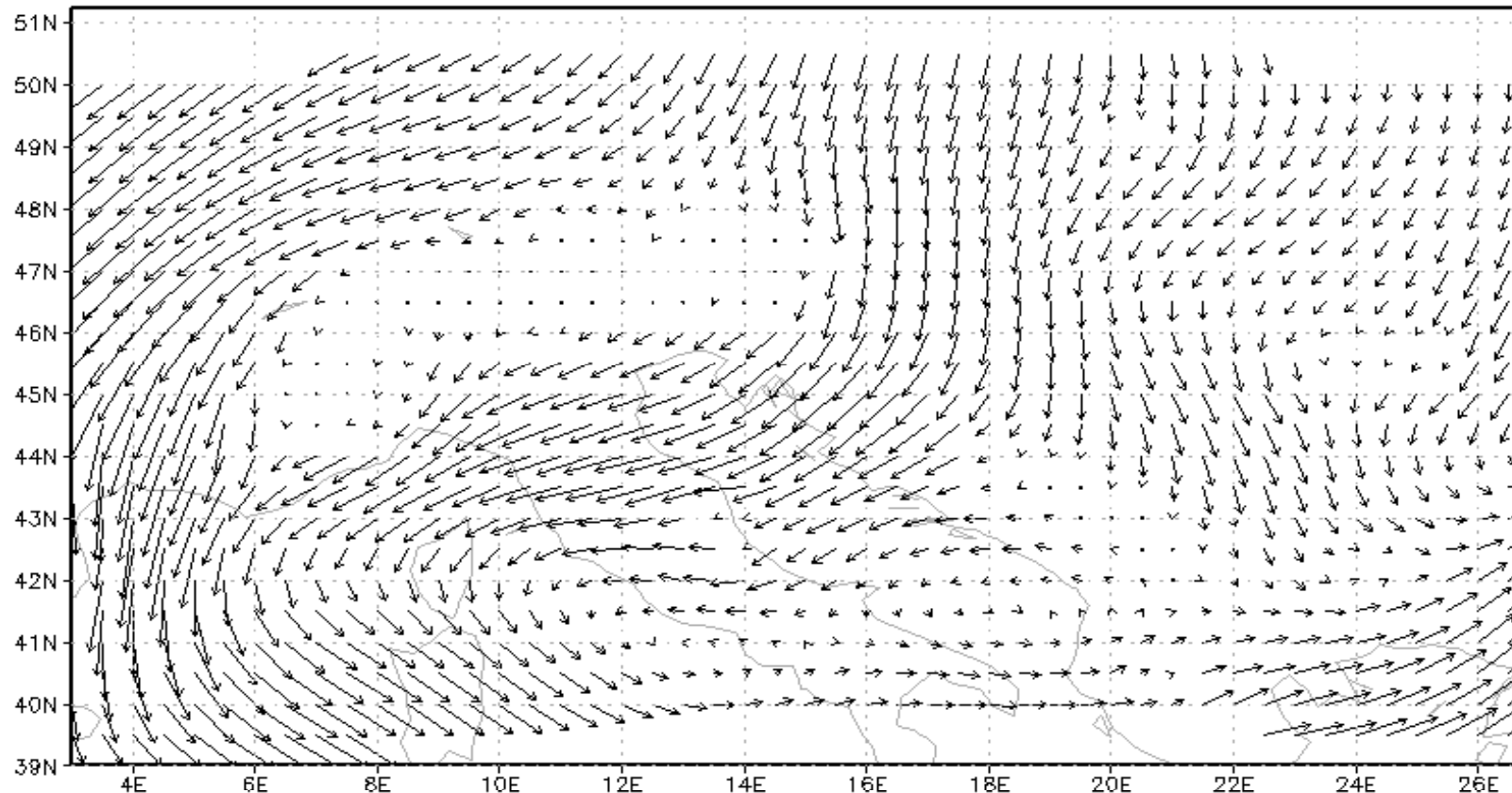
# Introduction



- An iterative Matsuno or a *"super-Matsuno" style scheme* is applied as a *filter* in the Eta Model.
- The scheme is applied for the model's *adjustment terms only*.
- During *two hours* (one backward and one forward) "initialization" procedure includes full/diabatic model except convection.
- After this **iterative dynamic diabatic "initialization"**, standard model integration is continued, now *very much free of noise*.
- *The super-Matsuno style scheme* is found to *balance* initially unbalanced external and internal modes and to significantly *reduce* the high-frequency.

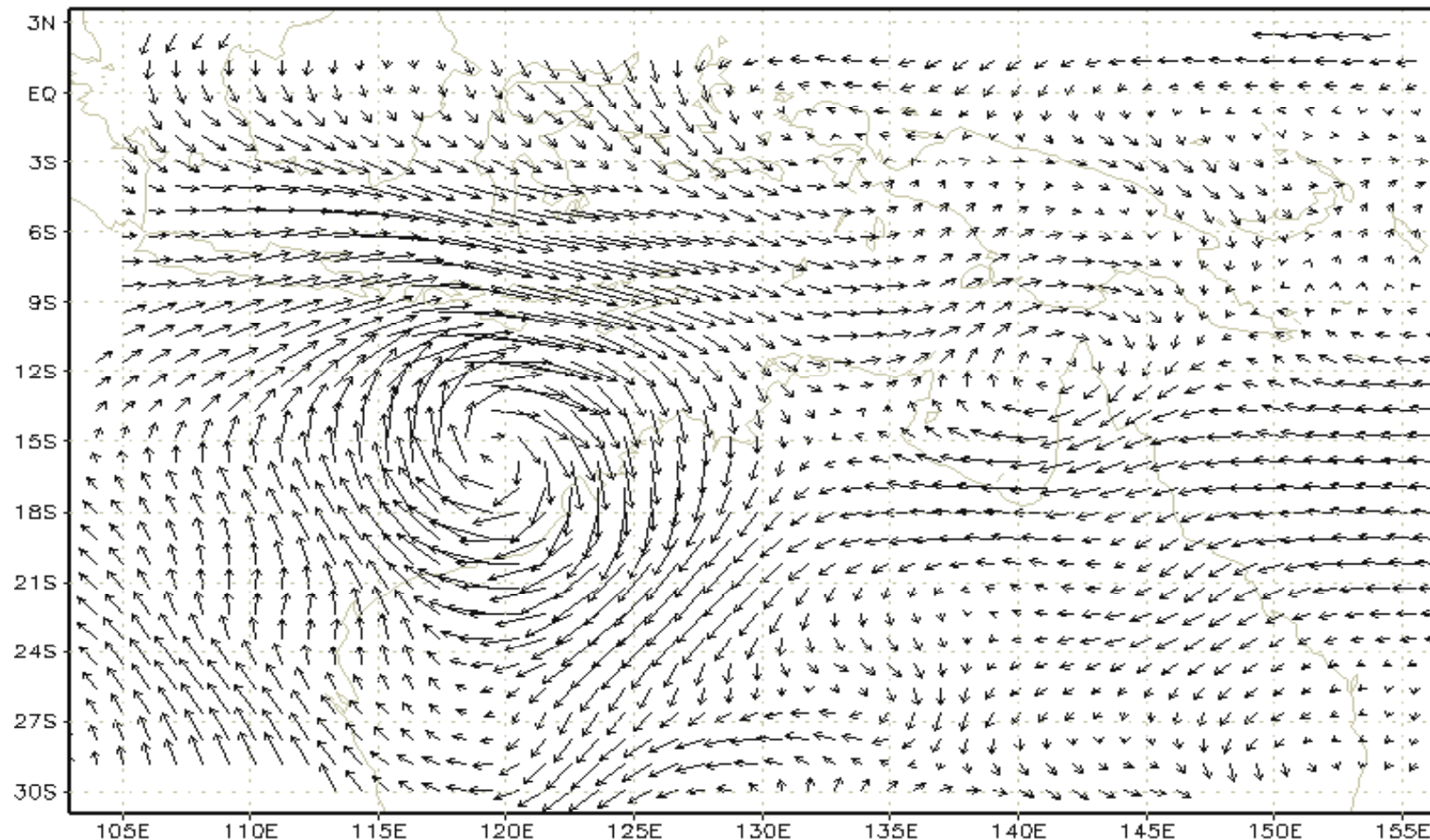
# Experiments Set-Up

- *Initial conditions for local bora wind are of 0000 UTC 01 December 1990.*
- Bora is a local, cold, strong, north or north-east low-level wind over the Adriatic coast.



# Experiments Set-Up (cont.)

- Initial conditions for tropical cyclones are of 0000 UTC 18 January 1987, selected for the tropical cyclones *Connie* and *Irma* from the AMEX (Australian Monsoon Experiment).



# Adjustment Process in the Eta model

- The *forward-backward time integration scheme* for the *adjustment terms*.

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -g \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + fv,$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = -g \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} - fu,$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = -H \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right).$$

- The *mass field* is updated first using *the forward scheme*, and *then* the values of the pressure gradient terms are used to update *the velocity components* using *the backward scheme*.

## Adjustment Process in the Eta model (cont.)

- For the Coriolis terms the trapezoidal implicit scheme is used, which is always neutral.

$$u^{n+1} = u^n - \Delta t g \delta_x h^{n+1} + \frac{\Delta t}{2} f(v^n + v^{n+1})$$

$$v^{n+1} = v^n - \Delta t g \delta_y h^{n+1} - \frac{\Delta t}{2} f(u^n + u^{n+1})$$

$$h^{n+1} = h^n - \Delta t H (\delta_x u + \delta_y v)^n + (\Delta t)^2 w g H (\nabla_x^2 - \nabla_+^2) h^n$$

# Super-Matsuno Style Time Differencing Scheme

- *Scheme definition:*
- *The super-Matsuno scheme* (Fox-Rabinovitz, 1996) is a generalization of the Euler backward (Matsuno) scheme, to include *additional corrector iterations*.
- Applying this scheme with the backward scheme for the Coriolis terms:



# Super-Matsuno Style Time Differencing Scheme (cont.)

- - *predictor:*

$$u_*^{n+1} = u^n - \Delta t g \delta_x h^n + \Delta t f v_*^{n+1}$$

$$v_*^{n+1} = v^n - \Delta t g \delta_y h^n - \Delta t f u_*^{n+1}$$

$$h_*^{n+1} = h^n - \Delta t H (\delta_x u + \delta_y v)^n$$

- - *corrector:*

$$u_1^{n+1} = u^n - \Delta t g \delta_x h_*^{n+1} + \Delta t f v_1^{n+1}$$

$$v_1^{n+1} = v^n - \Delta t g \delta_y h_*^{n+1} - \Delta t f u_1^{n+1}$$

$$h_1^{n+1} = h^n - \Delta t H (\delta_x u_* + \delta_y v_*)^{n+1}$$

# Super-Matsuno Style Time Differencing Scheme (cont.)

- along with *iterations of the corrector step*

$$u_2^{n+1} = u^n - \Delta t g \delta_x h_1^{n+1} + \Delta t f v_2^{n+1}$$

$$v_2^{n+1} = v^n - \Delta t g \delta_y h_1^{n+1} - \Delta t f u_2^{n+1}$$

$$h_2^{n+1} = h^n - \Delta t H (\delta_x u_1 + \delta_y v_1)^{n+1}$$

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$$u_k^{n+1} = u^n - \Delta t g \delta_x h_{k-1}^{n+1} + \Delta t f v_k^{n+1}$$

$$v_k^{n+1} = v^n - \Delta t g \delta_y h_{k-1}^{n+1} - \Delta t f u_k^{n+1}$$

$$h_k^{n+1} = h^n - \Delta t H (\delta_x u_{k-1} + \delta_y v_{k-1})^{n+1}$$

- where  $k$  is the *iteration number*.

# Super-Matsuno Style Time Differencing Scheme (cont.)

- *Computational diffusion:*
- Let us consider *1D gravity wave system* for the second iteration from the corrector step *simple written*

$$u_2^{n+1} = u^n - \Delta t g \delta_x h_1^{n+1} = u^n - (\Phi_1)_x^{n+1} \Delta t,$$

$$\Phi_2^{n+1} = \Phi^n - C^2 (u_1)_x^{n+1} \Delta t.$$

- Using the first iteration from the corrector

$$u_2^{n+1} = u^n - \Phi_x^n \Delta t + C^2 u_{xx}^n (\Delta t)^2 - C^2 \Phi_{xxx}^n (\Delta t)^3,$$

$$\Phi_2^{n+1} = \Phi^n - C^2 u_x^n \Delta t + C^2 \Phi_{xx}^n (\Delta t)^2 - (C^2)^2 u_{xxx}^n (\Delta t)^3.$$

# Super-Matsuno Style Time Differencing Scheme (cont.)

- The *first two terms* in rhs represent the *predictor*, or  $\Phi_*^{n+1}$  and  $u_*^{n+1}$
- The *first three terms* of rhs represent the *first corrector*.
- The *third rhs term* has the form of a *positive second-order computational diffusion*.
- One more iteration:

$$u_3^{n+1} = u^n - \Phi_x^n \Delta t + C^2 u_{xx}^n (\Delta t)^2 - C^2 \Phi_{xxx}^n (\Delta t)^3 + (C^2)^2 u_{xxxx}^n (\Delta t)^4$$

$$\Phi_3^{n+1} = \Phi^n - C^2 u_x^n \Delta t + C^2 \Phi_{xx}^n (\Delta t)^2 - (C^2)^2 u_{xxx}^n (\Delta t)^3 + (C^2)^2 \Phi_{xxxx}^n (\Delta t)^4$$

# Super-Matsuno Style Time Differencing Scheme (cont.)

- Using definitions of  $u_*^{n+1}$  and  $\Phi_*^{n+1}$

$$u_2^{n+1} = u_*^{n+1} + (C\Delta t)^2 (u_*^{n+1})_{xx}$$

$$\Phi_2^{n+1} = \Phi_*^{n+1} + (C\Delta t)^2 (\Phi_*^{n+1})_{xx}$$

- Expressions for *third iteration*

$$u_3^{n+1} = u_2^{n+1} + (C\Delta t)^4 u_{xxxx}^n$$

$$\Phi_3^{n+1} = \Phi_2^{n+1} + (C\Delta t)^4 \Phi_{xxxx}^n$$

# Super-Matsuno Style Time Differencing Scheme (cont.)

- *Final expressions:*

- *odd iterations,  $k = 2l - 1 \geq 1$ :*

$$u_k^{n+1} = (C\Delta t)^{k+1} u_{(k+1)x}^n + \sum_{l=1}^{(k+1)/2} (C\Delta t)^{2l-2} u_{*(2l-2)x}^{n+1},$$

$$\Phi_k^{n+1} = (C\Delta t)^{k+1} \Phi_{(k+1)x}^n + \sum_{l=1}^{(k+1)/2} (C\Delta t)^{2l-2} \Phi_{*(2l-2)x}^{n+1},$$

- *even iterations,  $k = 2l \geq 2$ :*

$$u_k^{n+1} = \sum_{l=1}^{(k+2)/2-1} (C\Delta t)^{2l-2} u_{*(2l-2)x}^{n+1},$$

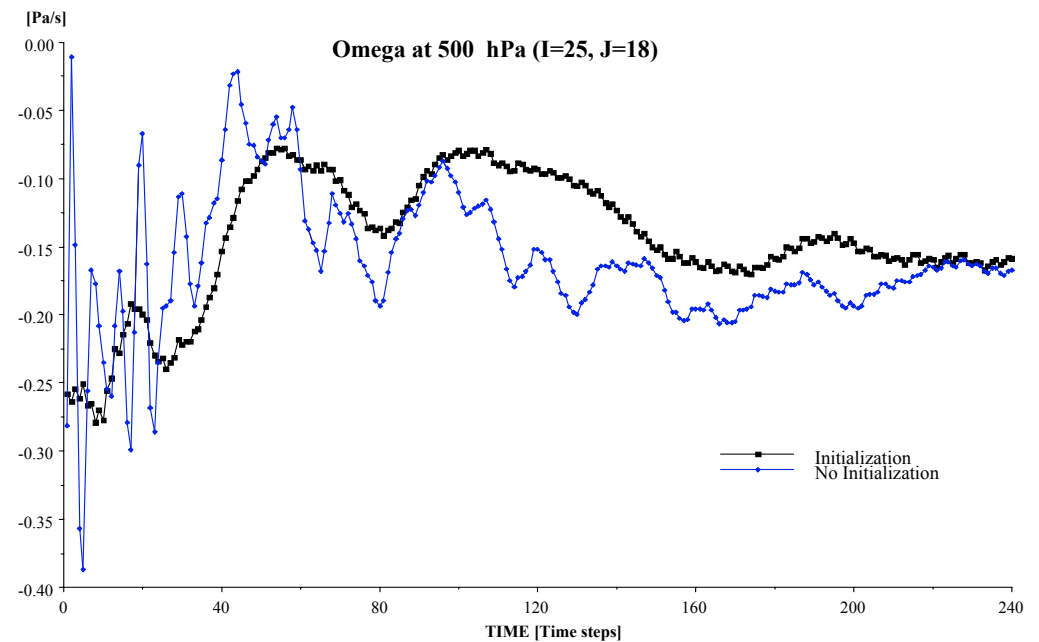
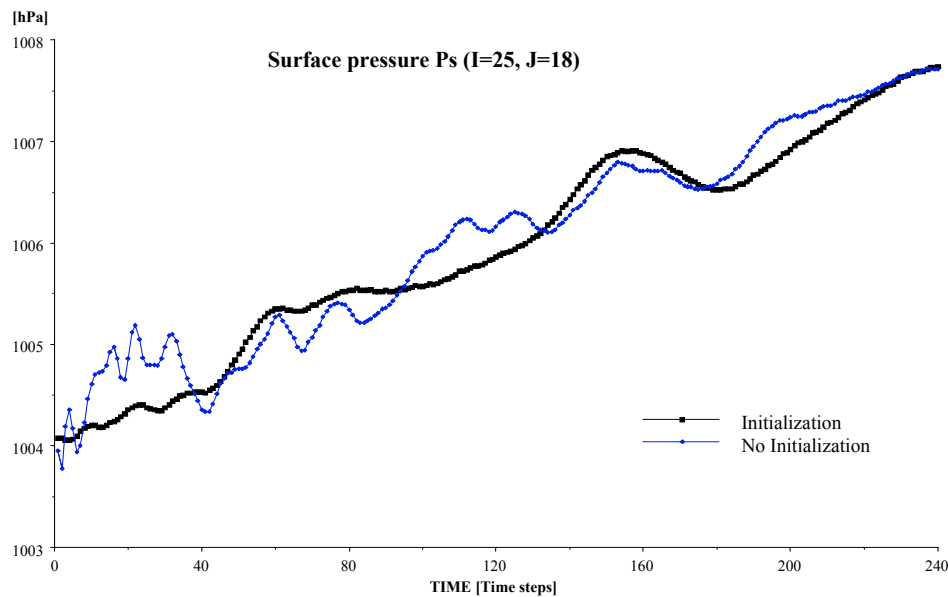
$$\Phi_k^{n+1} = \sum_{l=1}^{(k+2)/2-1} (C\Delta t)^{2l-2} \Phi_{*(2l-2)x}^{n+1},$$

# Super-Matsuno Style Time Differencing Scheme (cont.)

- The *super-Matsuno scheme* contain *higher-order diffusion operators*.
- The *Matsuno scheme* ( $k=1$ ) contain a *second-order* diffusion operators.
- The *super-Matsuno scheme* with  $k=3$  contains a *fourth-order* diffusion operators.
- In our experiments we use  $k=3$ .

# Results – Bora Wind

- *The time evolution for the first 6 h of the forecast of the surface pressure and 500 hPa vertical velocity at a model grid point I=25, J=18, without (“No initialization”) and with “initialization”*





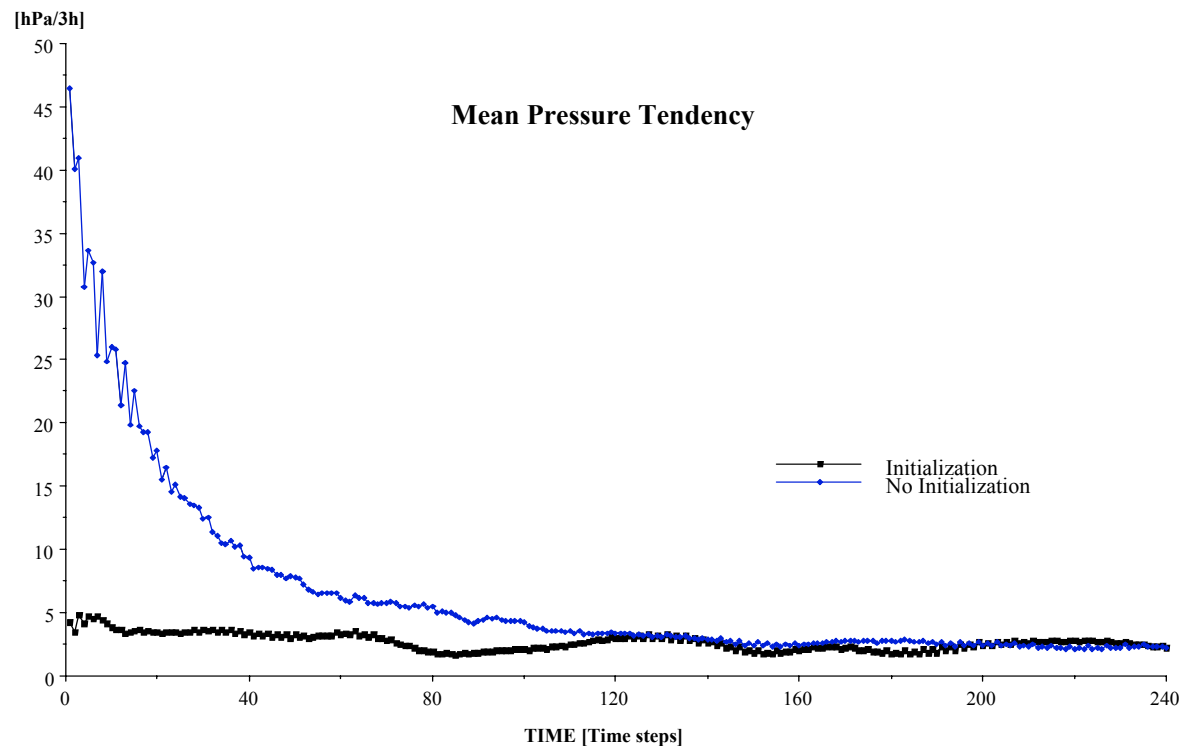
# Results – Bora Wind (cont.)

- The mean absolute surface pressure tendency (MPT) is chosen to measure the global noise level.

- The MPT is defined as

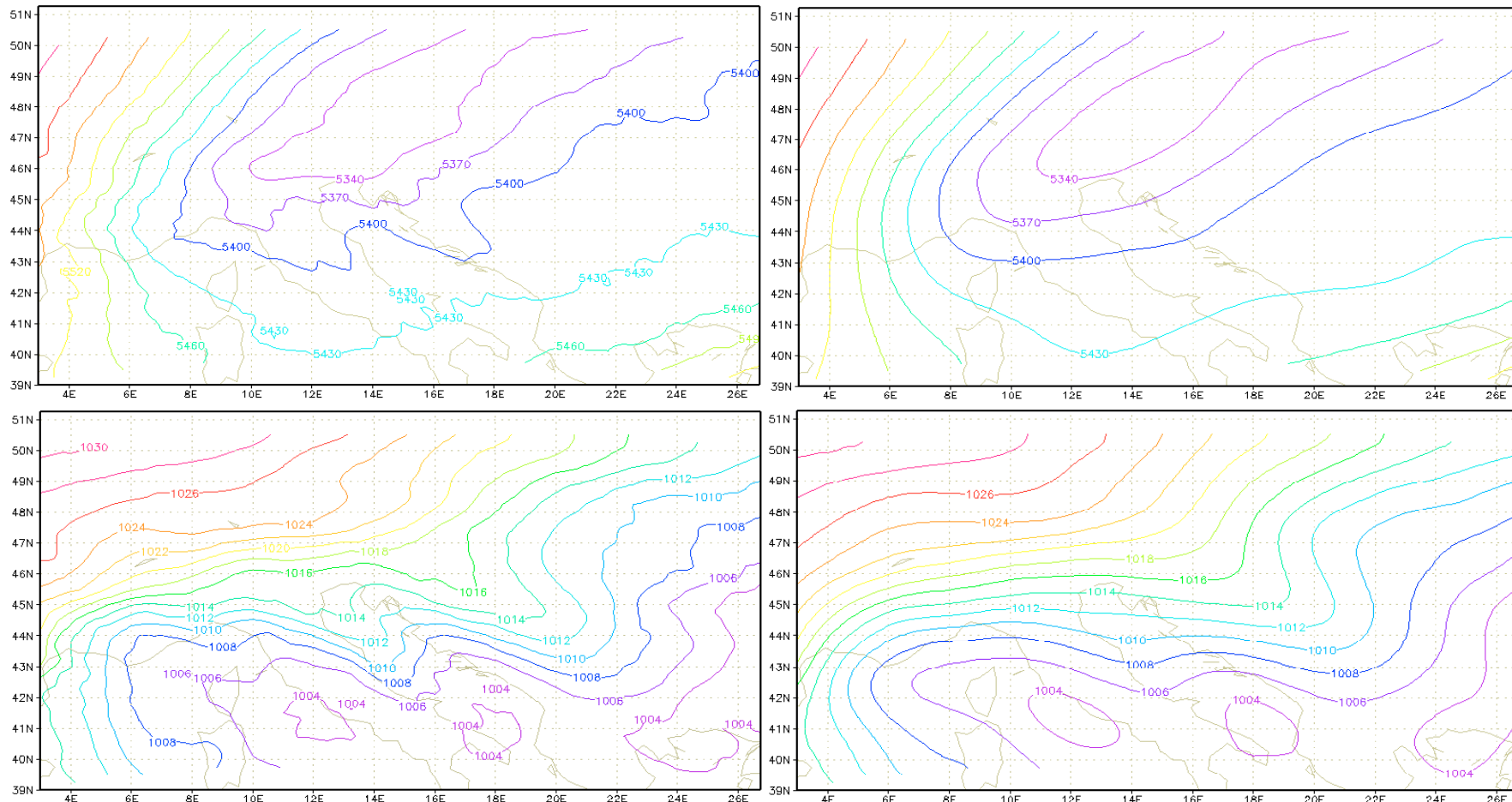
$$MPT = \frac{1}{IMJM} \sum_{K=1}^{IMJM} \left| \frac{\partial p_s}{\partial t} \right|_K$$

Variation of MPT during the first 6h of the forecast



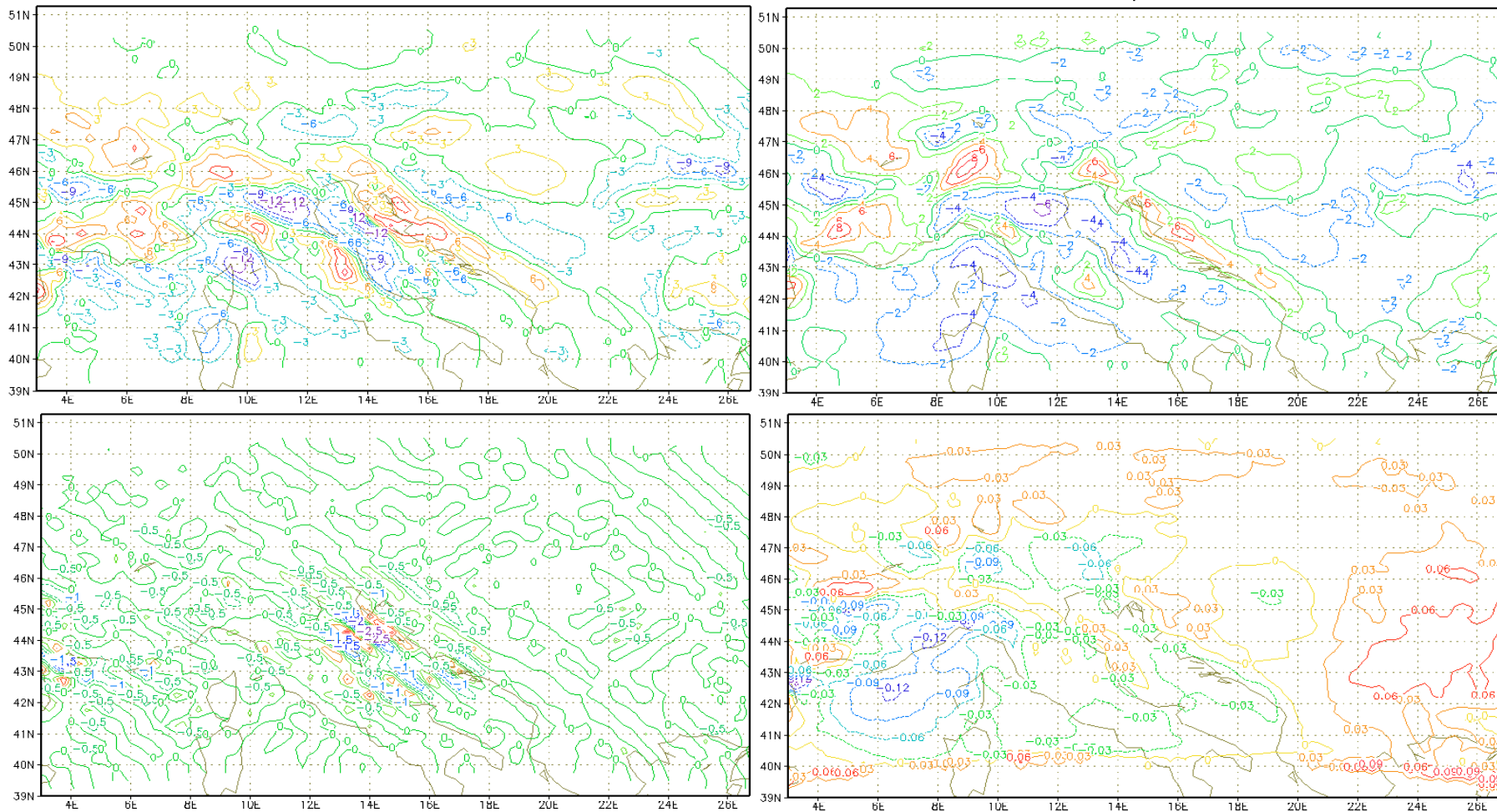
# Results – Bora Wind (cont.)

- *Uninitialized and initialized* 500 hPa geopotential height and sea level pressure fields at *the initial time*



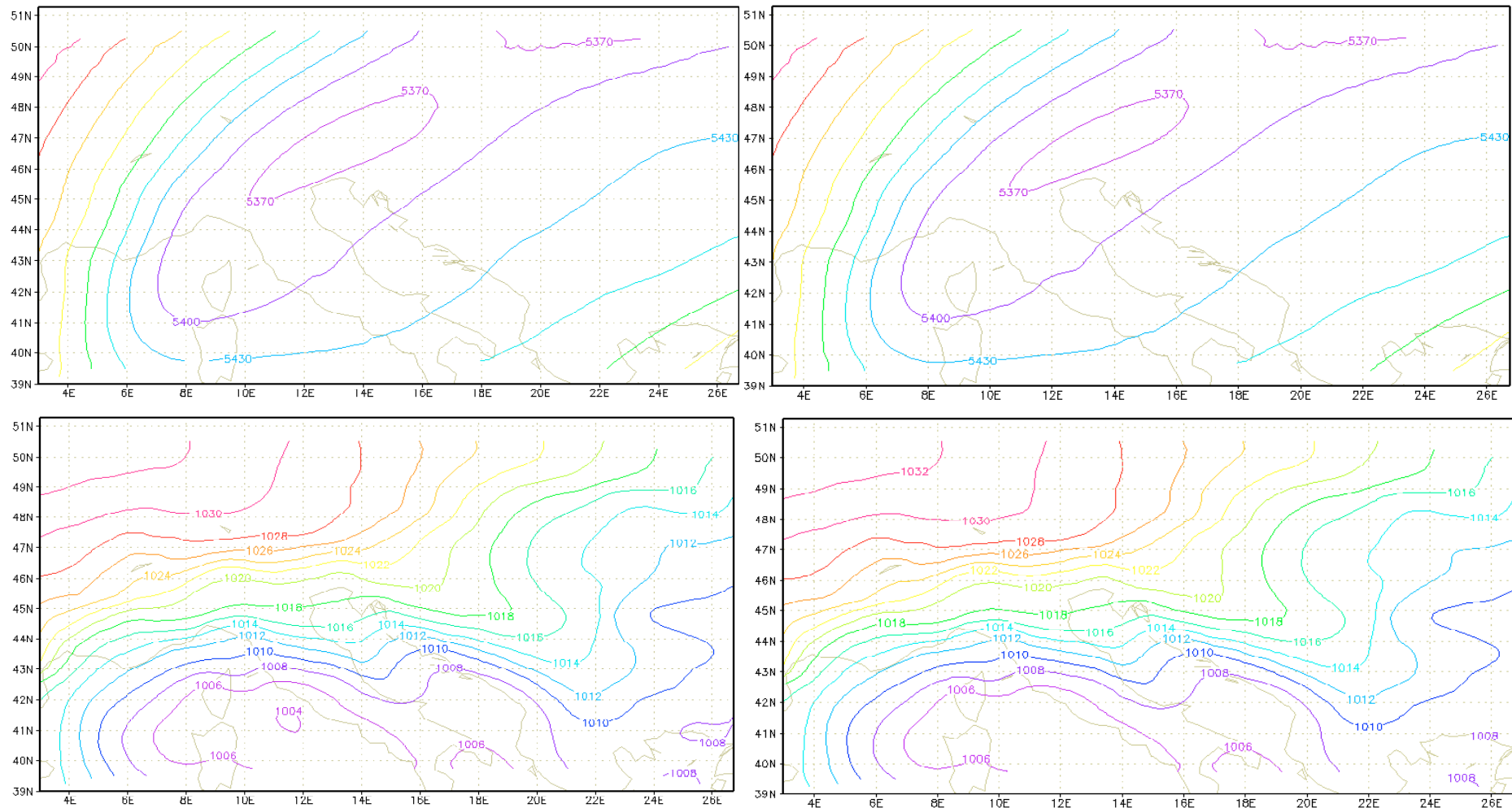
# Results – Bora Wind (cont.)

- *Surface pressure tendency and the 500 hPa vertical velocity, with and without initialization, at the initial time*



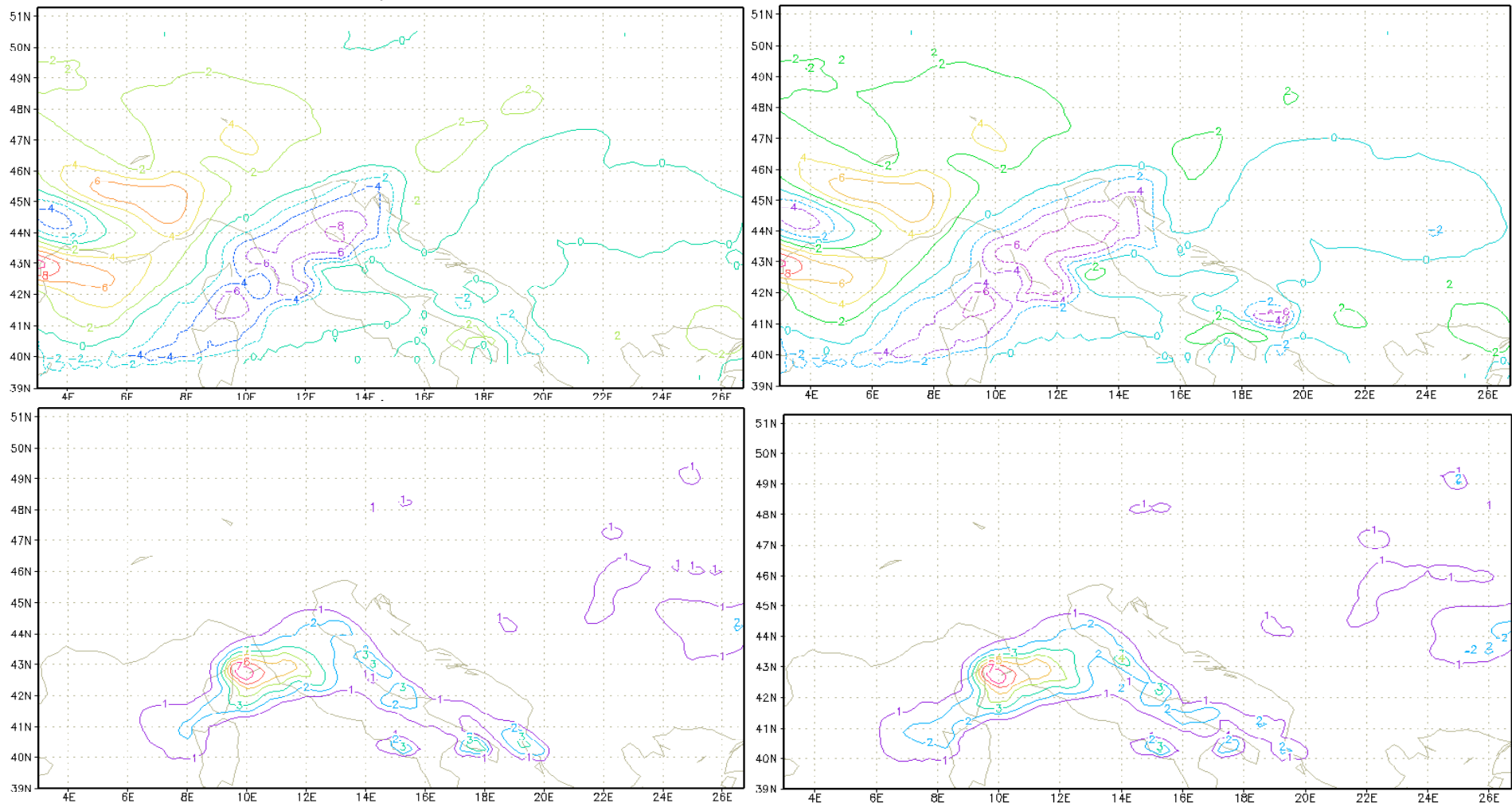
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- *The 500 hPa geopotential height and the sea level pressure maps with and without initialization after 6 h*



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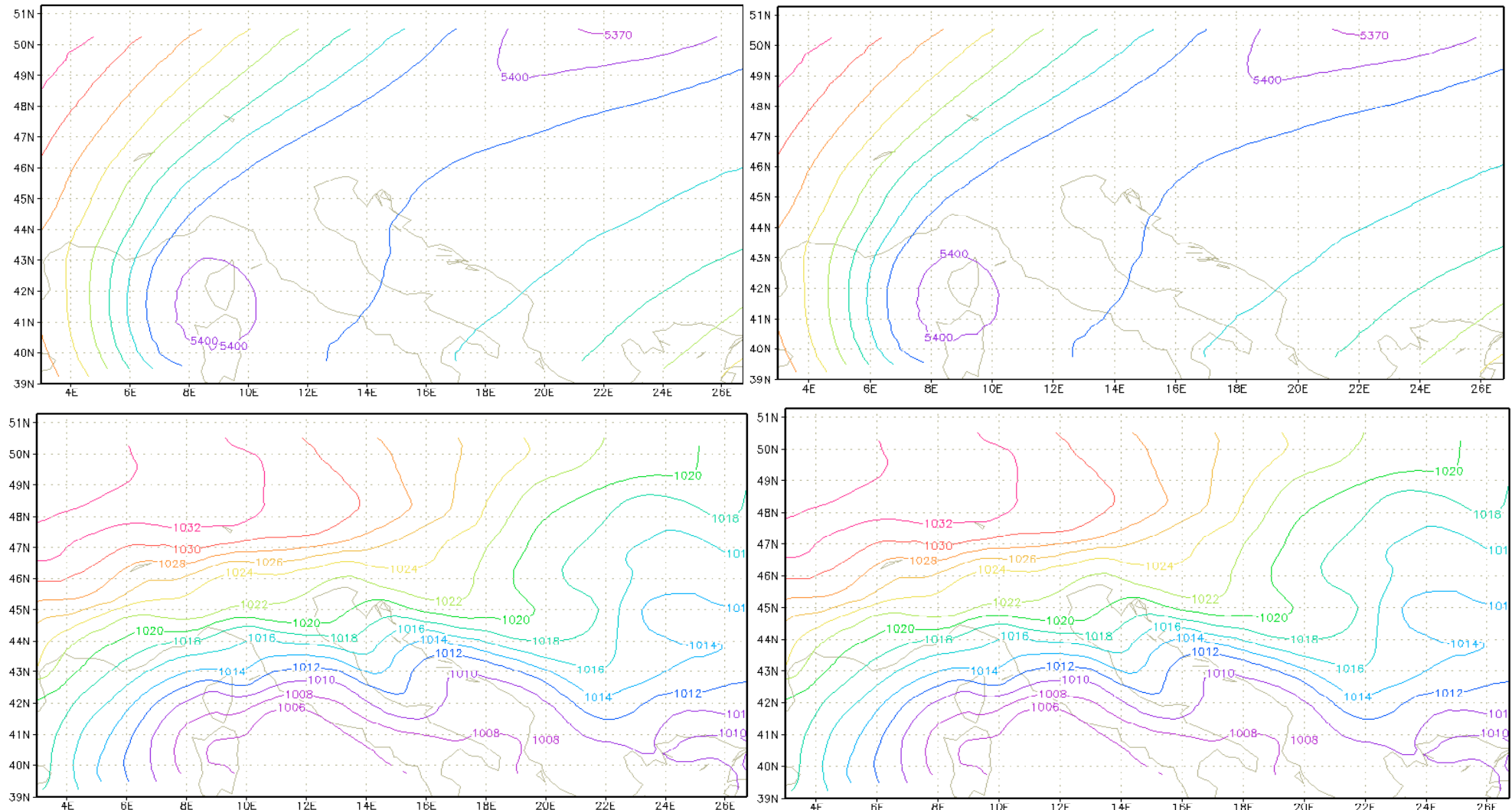
- *The 500 hPa vertical velocity and the 12-h accumulated precipitation, with and without initialization, after 6 h*





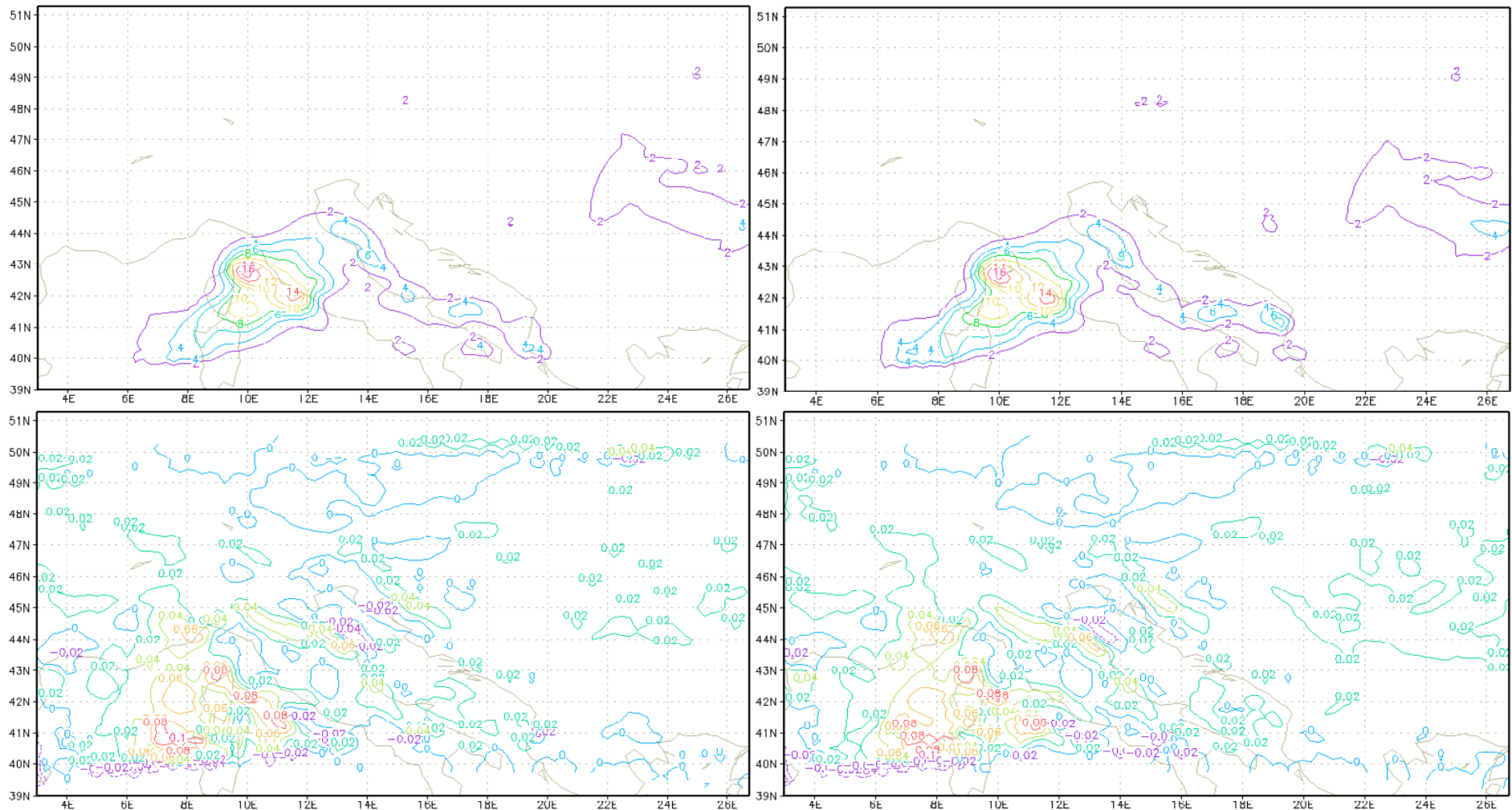
# Results – Bora Wind (cont.)

- *The 500 hPa geopotential height and the sea level pressure maps with and without initialization after 12 h*



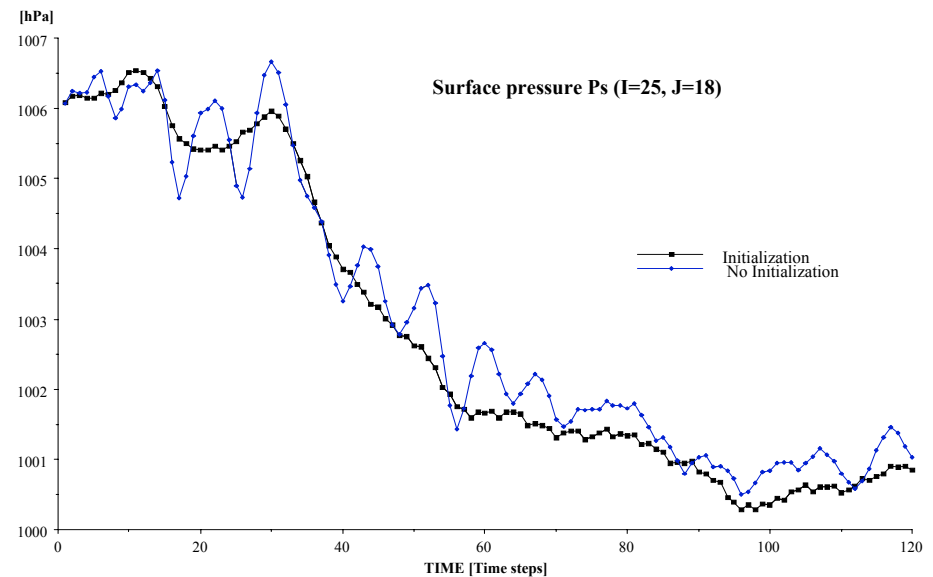
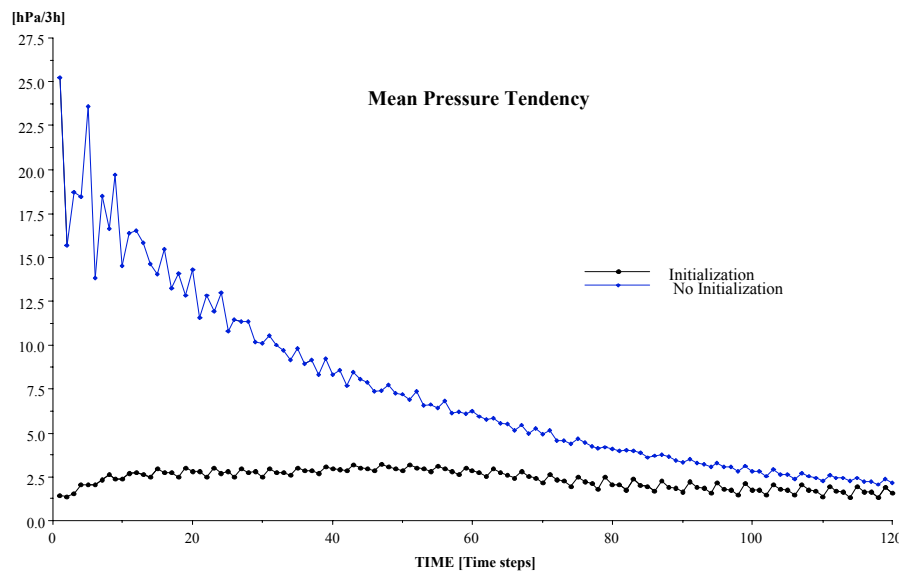
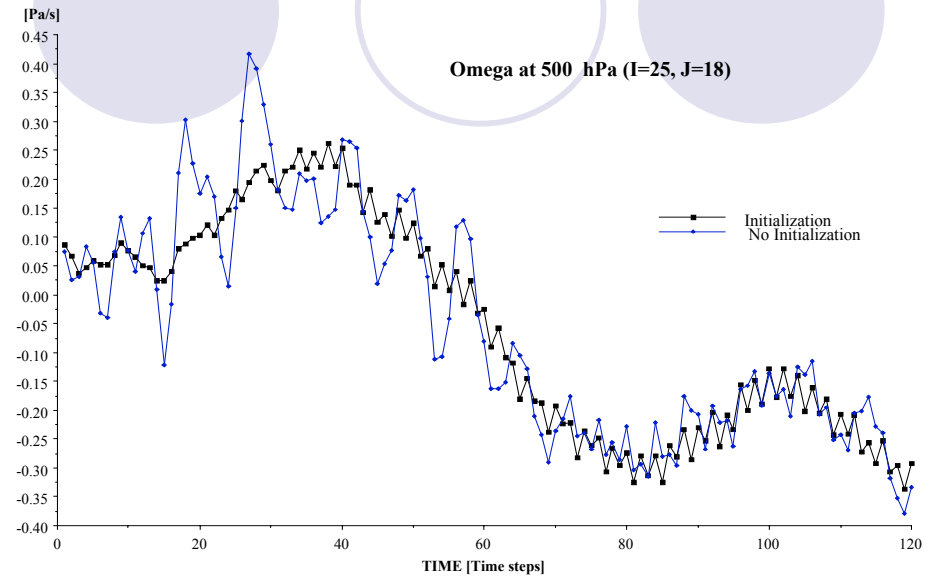
# Results – Bora Wind (cont.)

- *Surface pressure tendency and the 12-h accumulated precipitation, with and without initialization, after 12 h*



# Results – Tropical Cyclone (cont.)

- *The time evolution for the first 6 h of the forecast of:*
- *Mean pressure tendency,*
- *The 500 hPa vertical velocity and surface pressure at a model grid point I=25, J=18, without and with “initialization”*

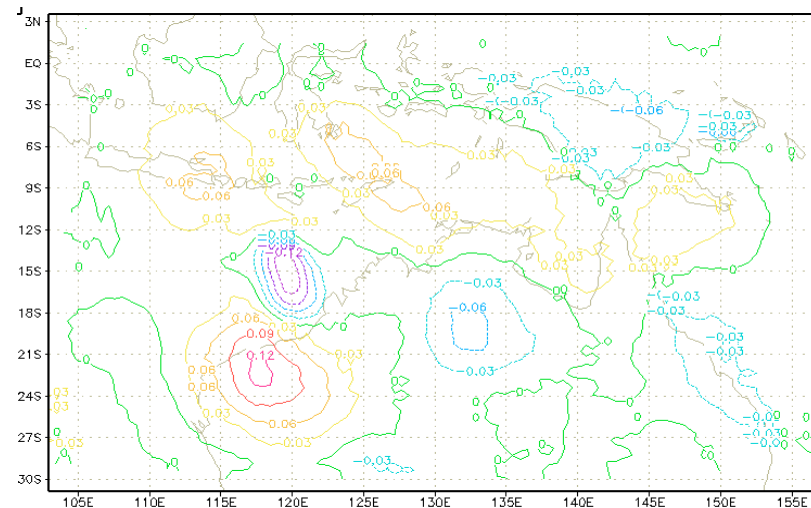
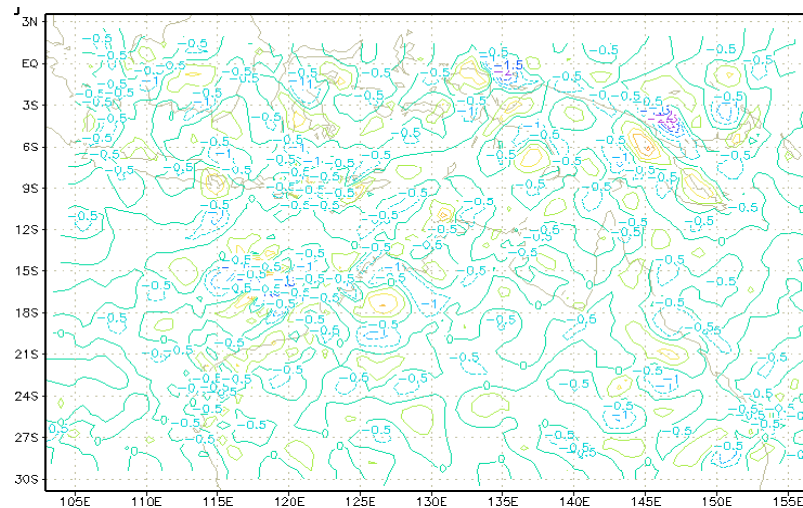
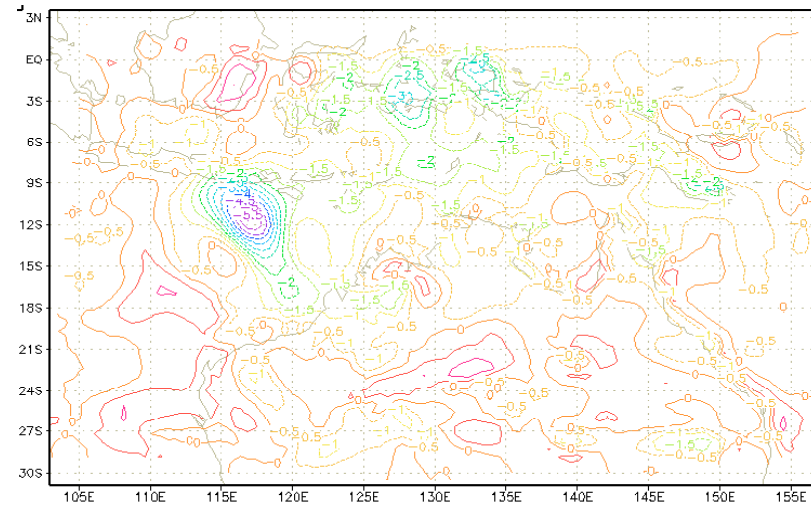
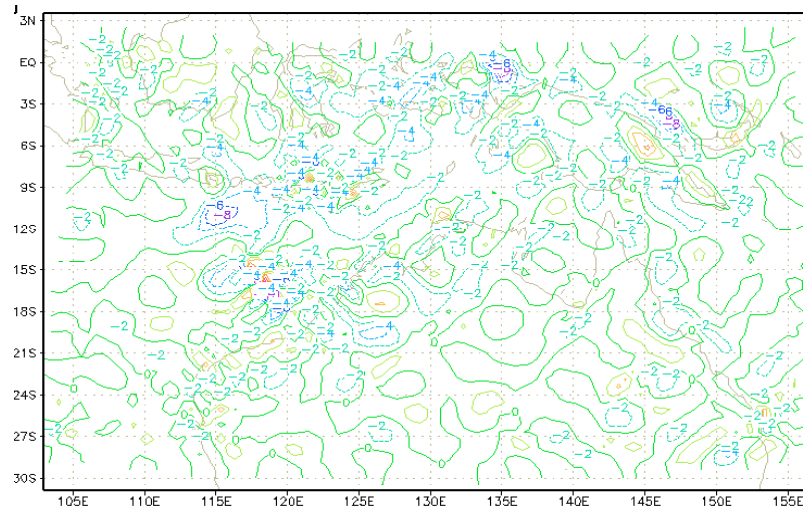






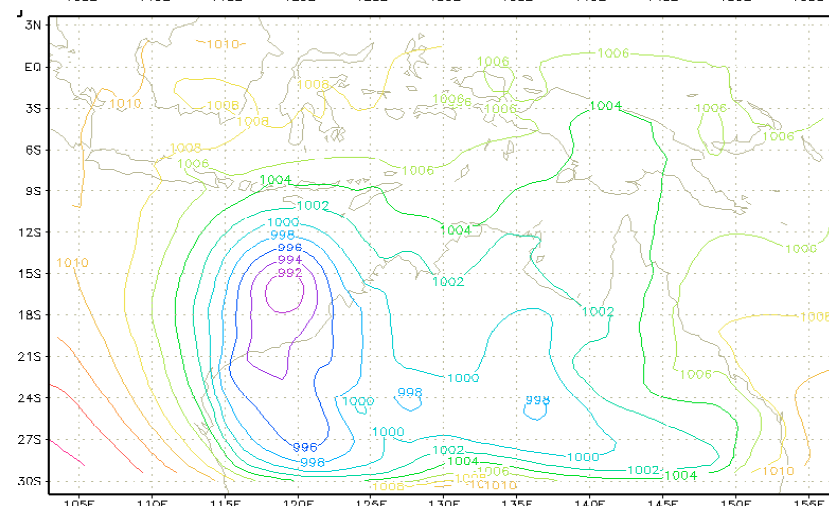
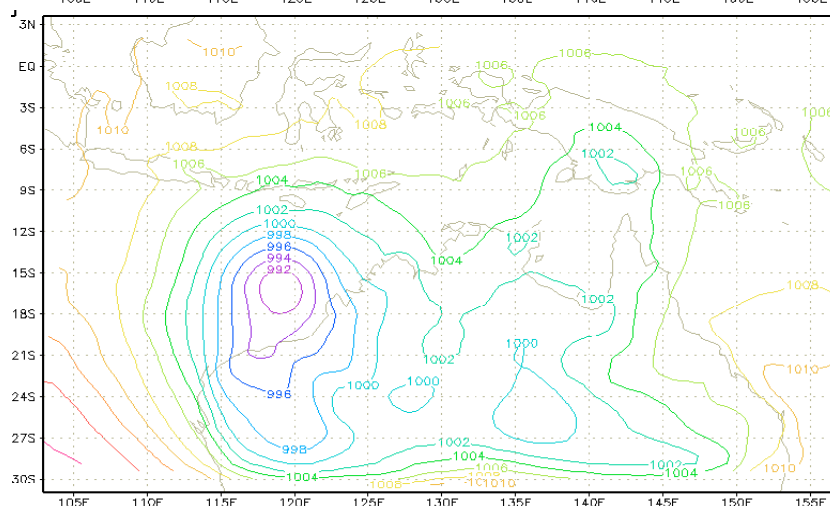
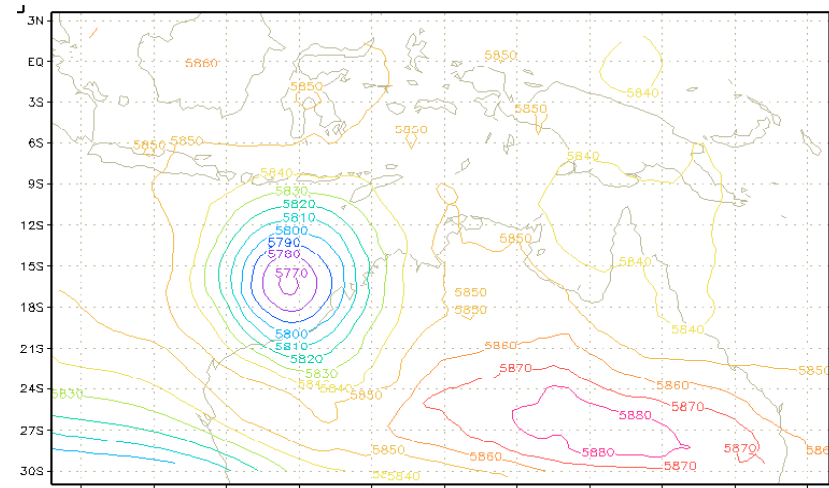
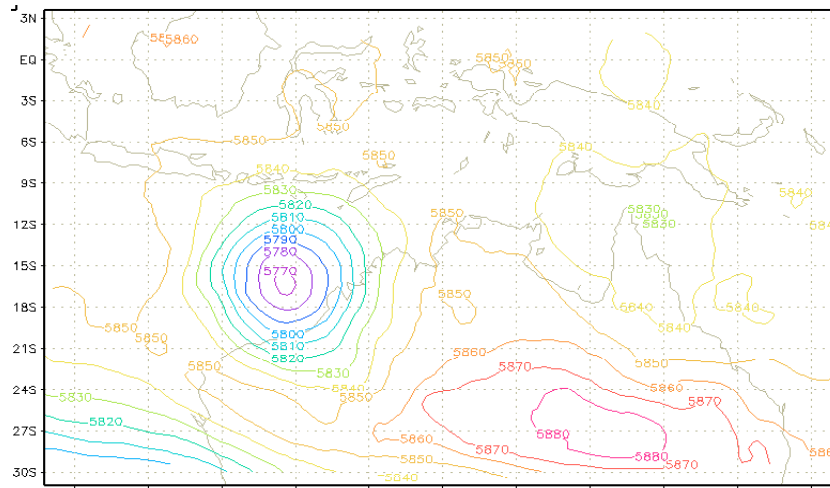
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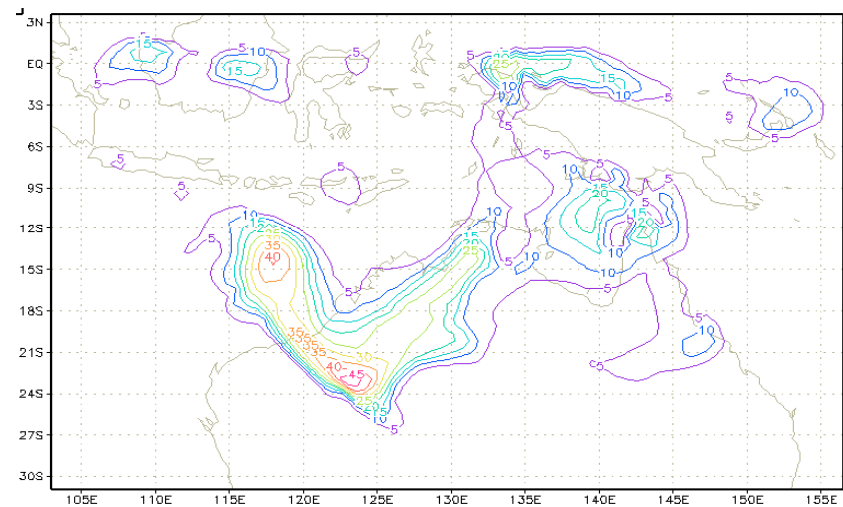
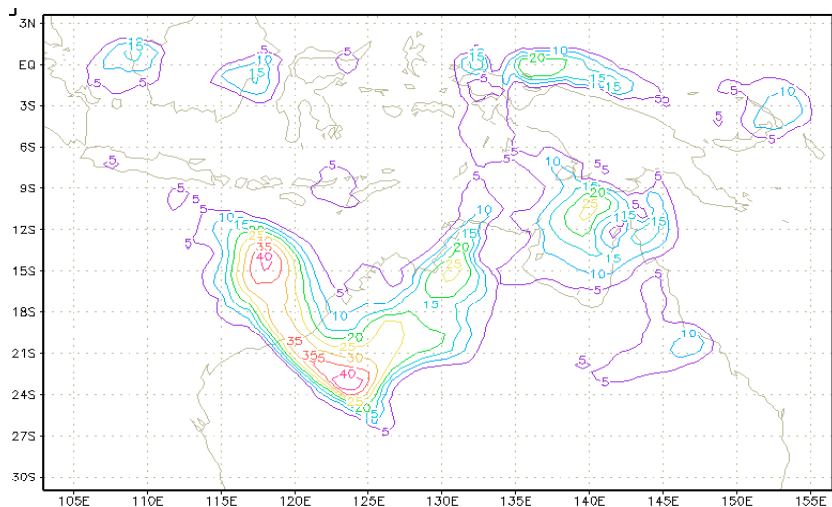
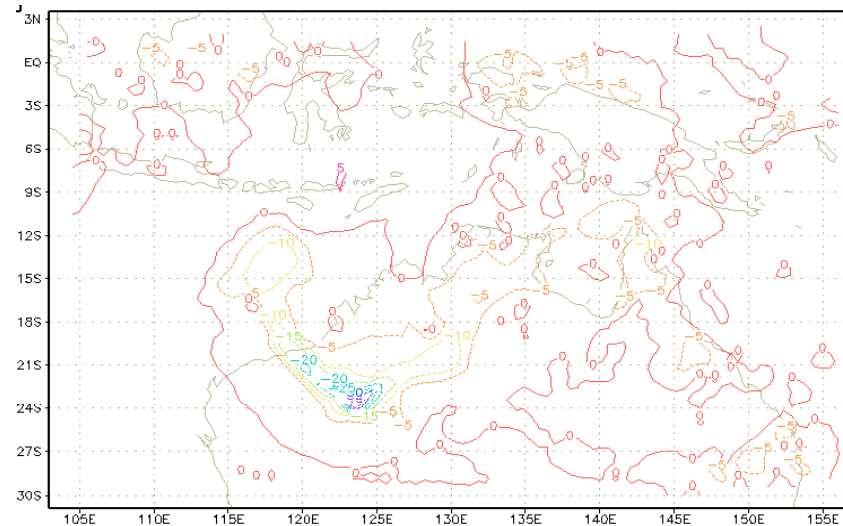
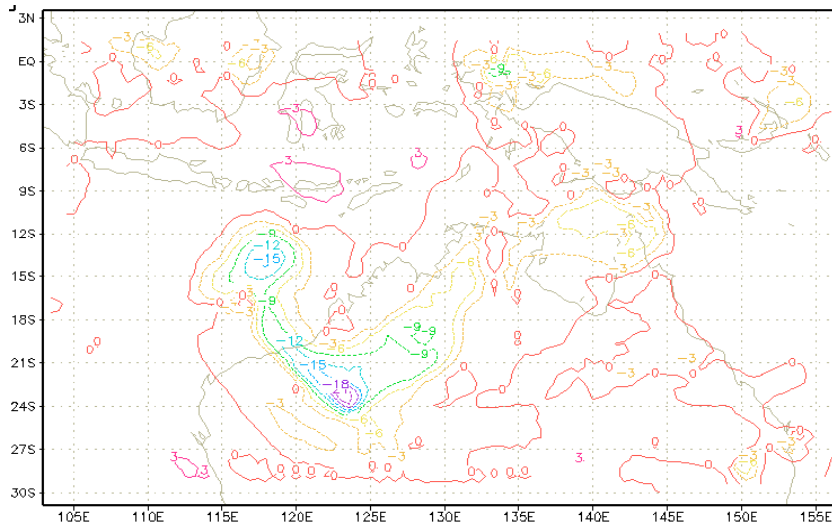
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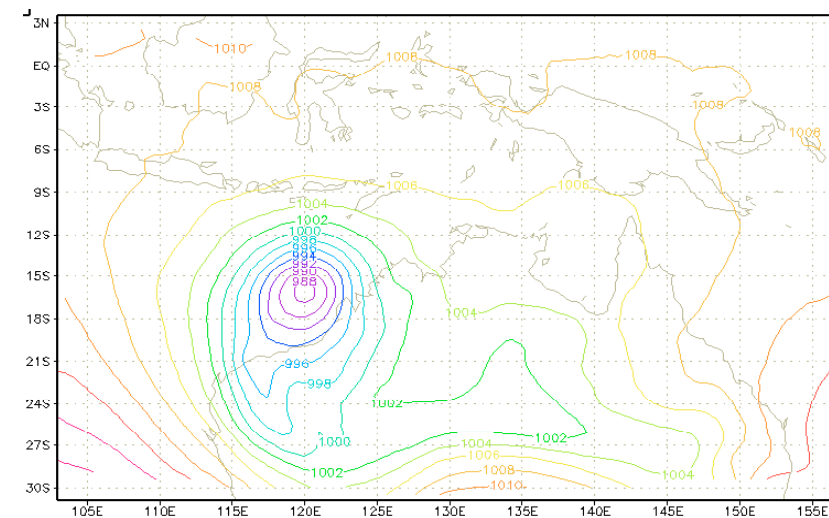
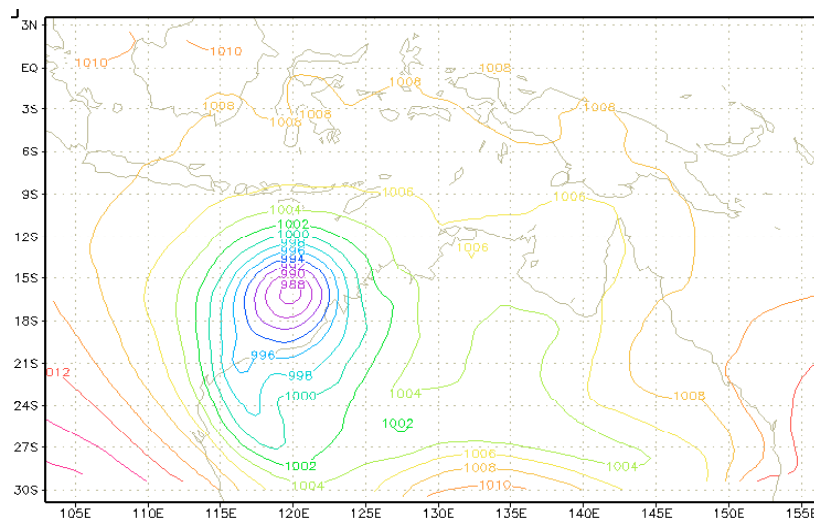
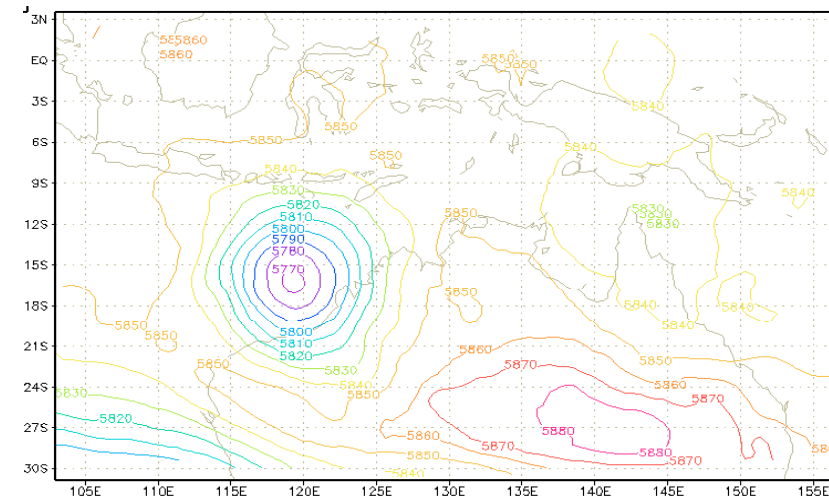
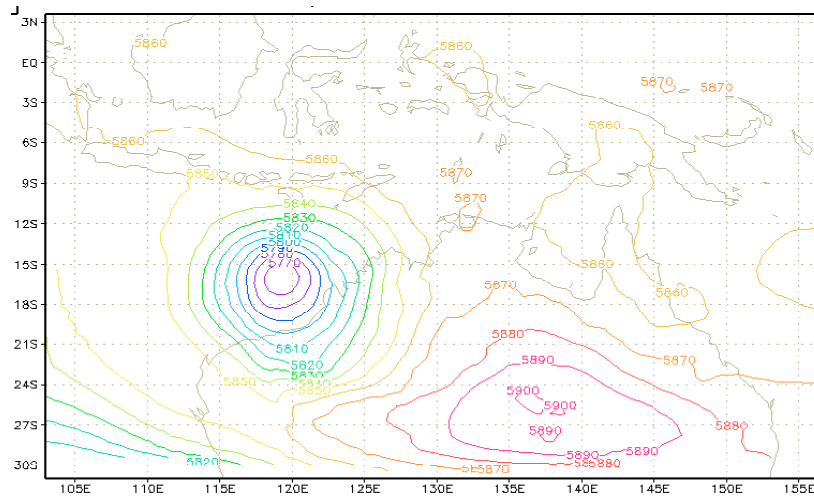
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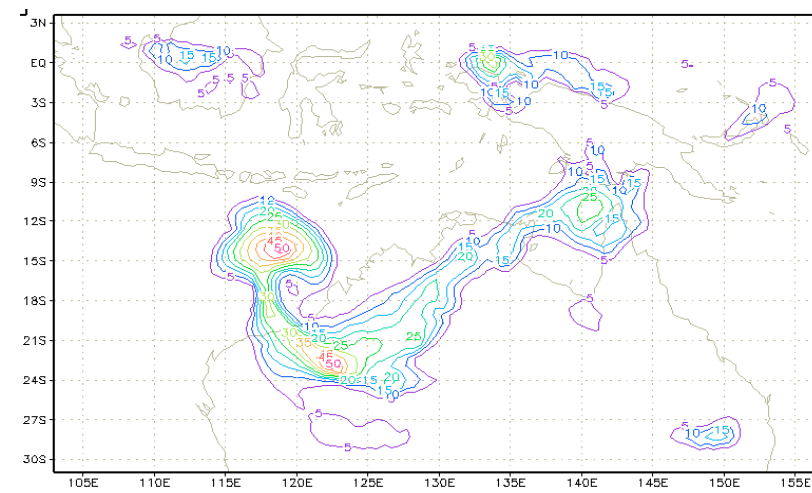
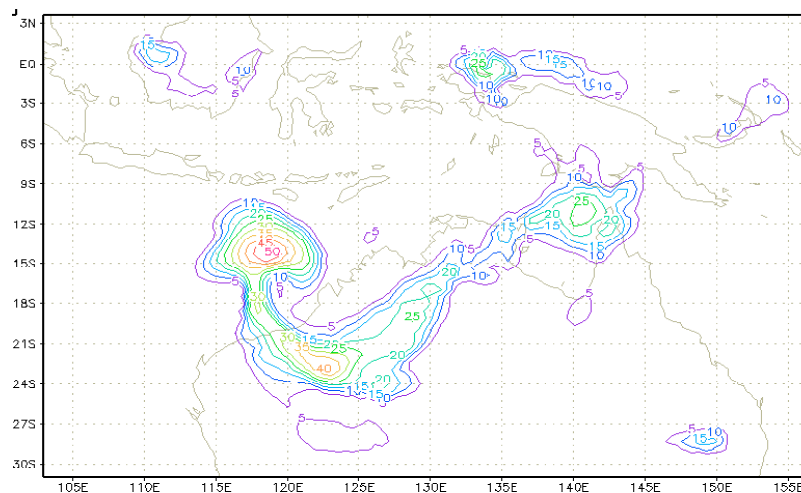
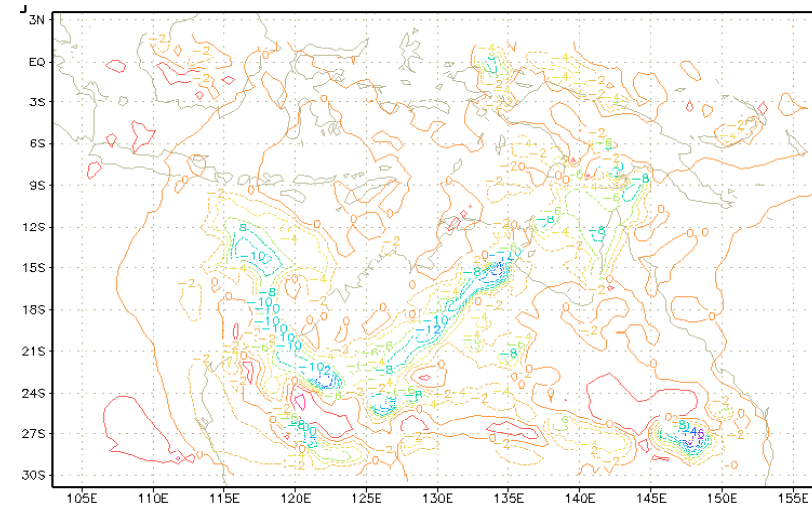
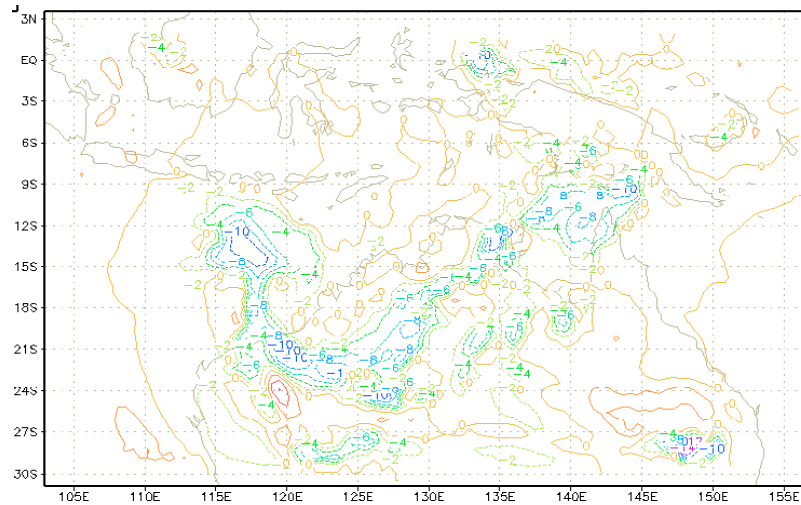
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- *The 500 hPa geopotential height and the sea level pressure maps with and without initialization after 12 h*



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## Conclusions

- The *super-Matsuno style time differencing scheme* removes the spurious high-frequency oscillations *very efficiently*.
- After initialization fields are *adjusted* and *without noise*. In the control case fields display a high level of noise.
- In the *control case* with a standard forward-backward scheme for the adjustment stage the *noise reduces with time* as well.

## Conclusions (cont.)

- The *integration results* with and without initialization after 6 h are *similar*. They are very similar after 12 h and later until the end of the 48-h integration performed.
- It is to be expected that *small differences*, given that they have resulted from the removal of spurious initial noise have *to be beneficial*, especially in the data assimilation.