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New short-range weather forecast products improved by citizen observations

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Ensemble Statistical Interpolation (EnSI) that is an adaptation of Local Ensemble Transform Kalman Filter to spatial analysis

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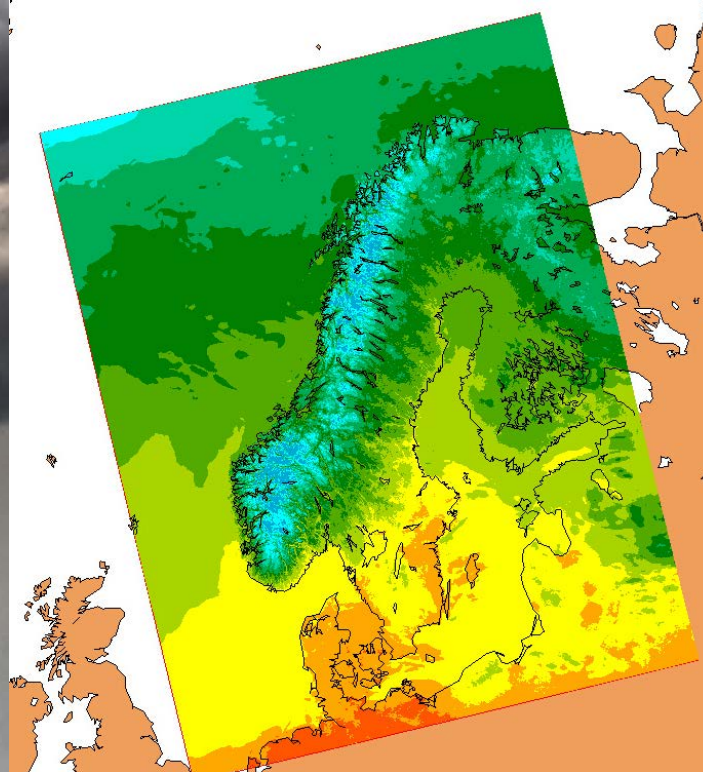
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MET Nordic dataset

not only rain...

1 km grid, Scandinavia

data since 2013



air_temperature_2m

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we would need to run it very-very often and with a massive amount of new 1km-scale observations

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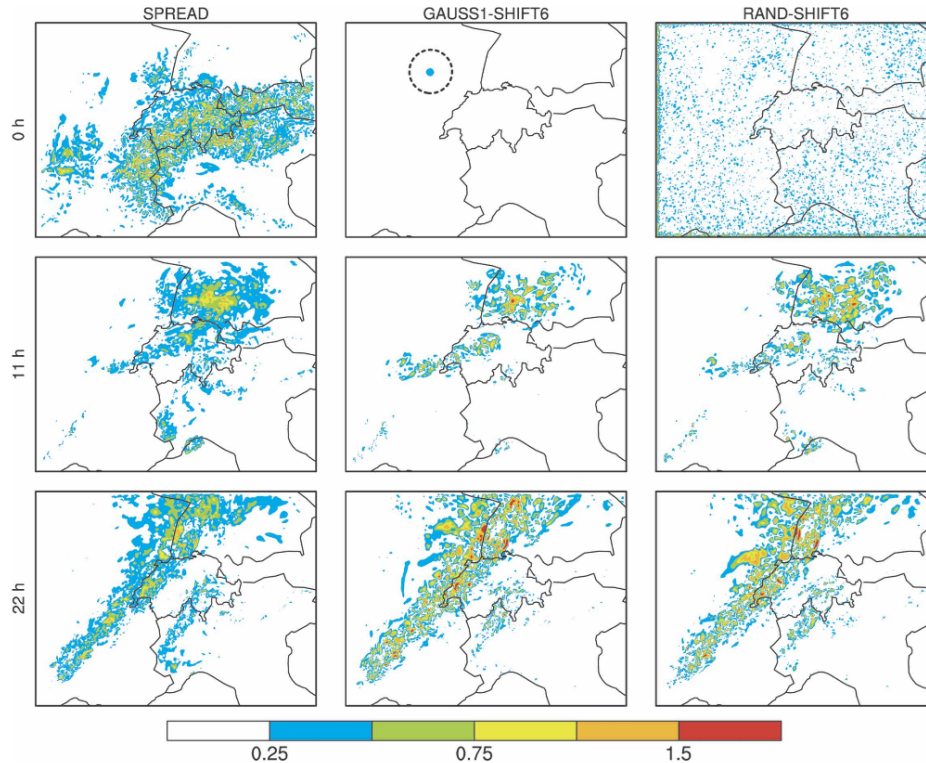


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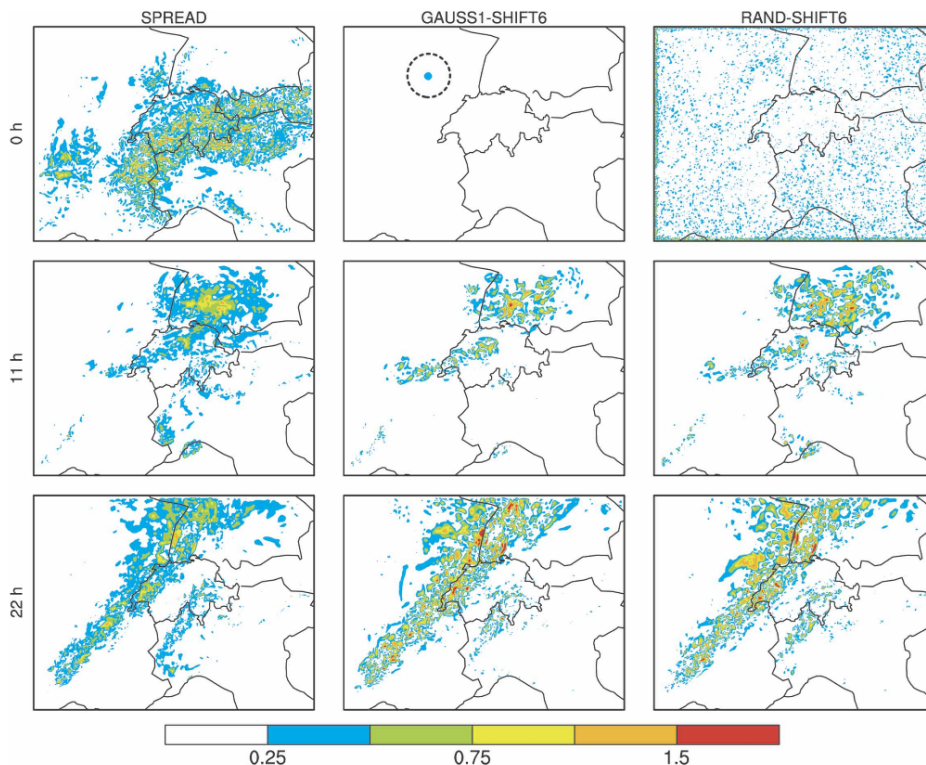
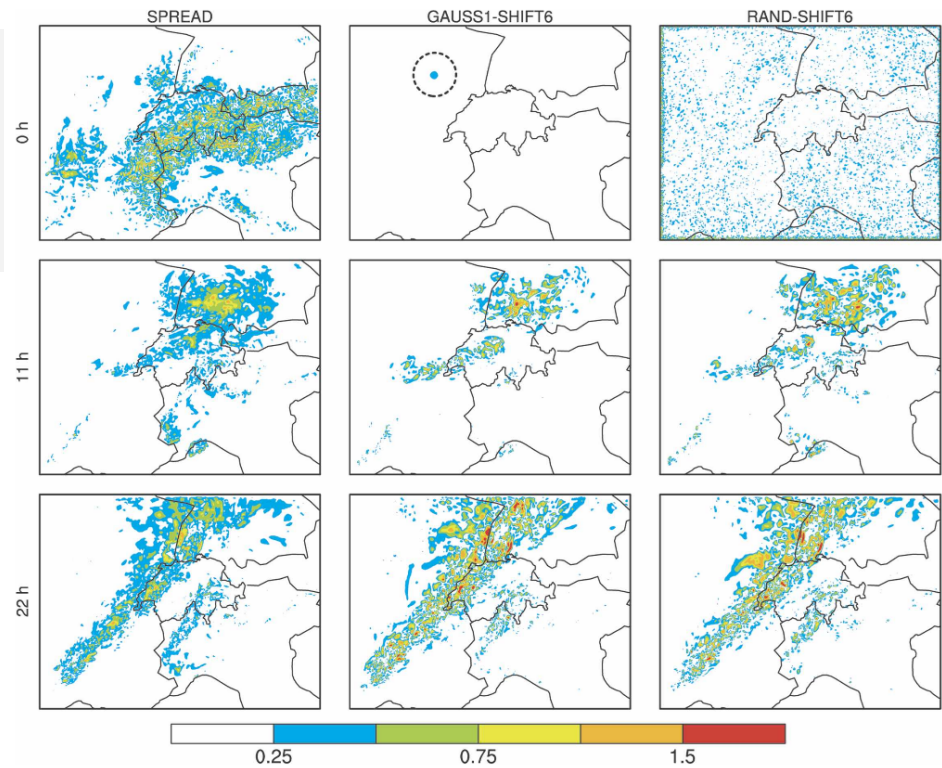


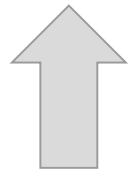
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Lost memory of the local information
The model evolution is forced by something else (boundary conditions ...)



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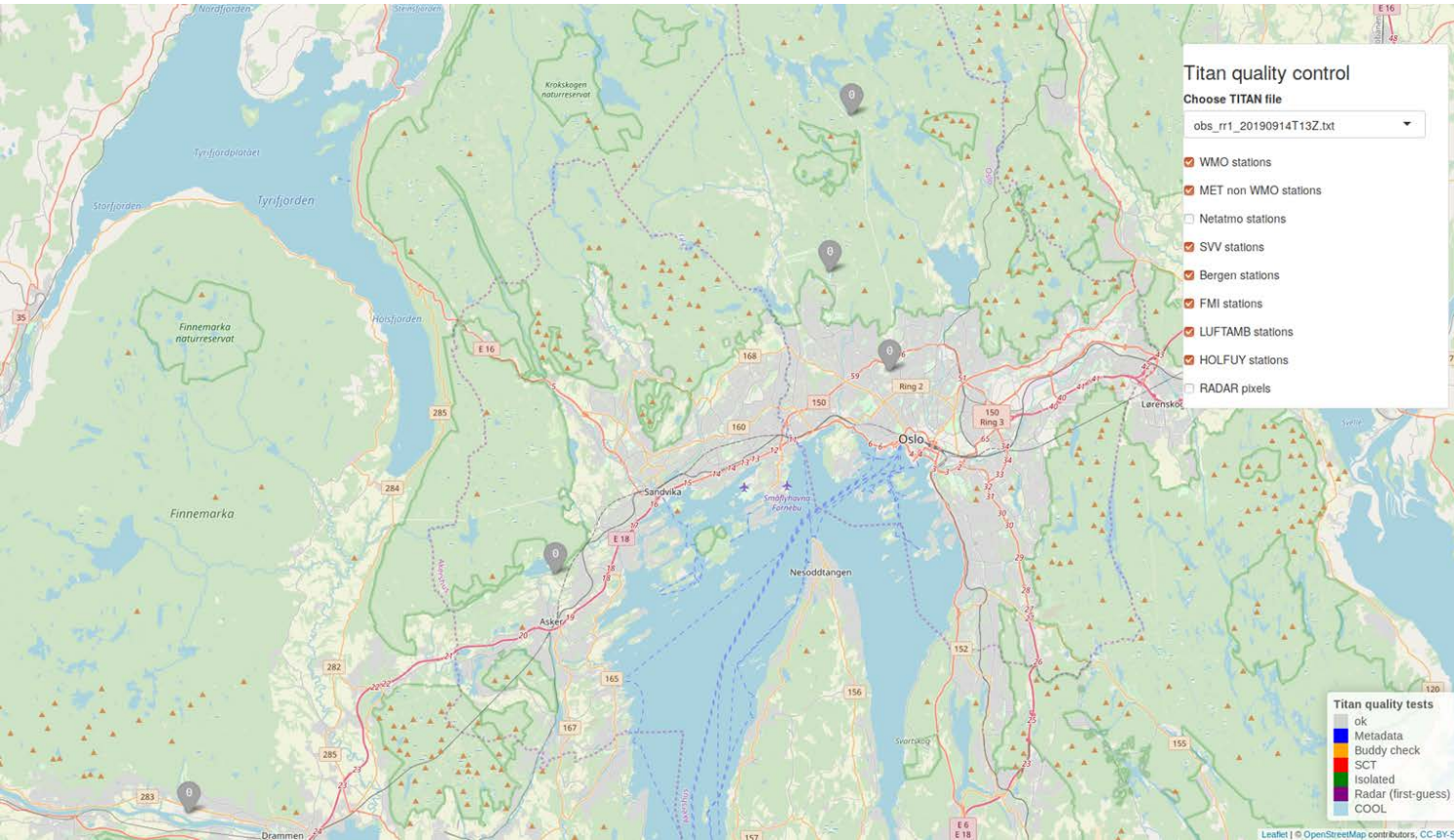
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statistical post-processing for nowcasting



remedy for short term memory loss in NWP

Why use citizen observations?



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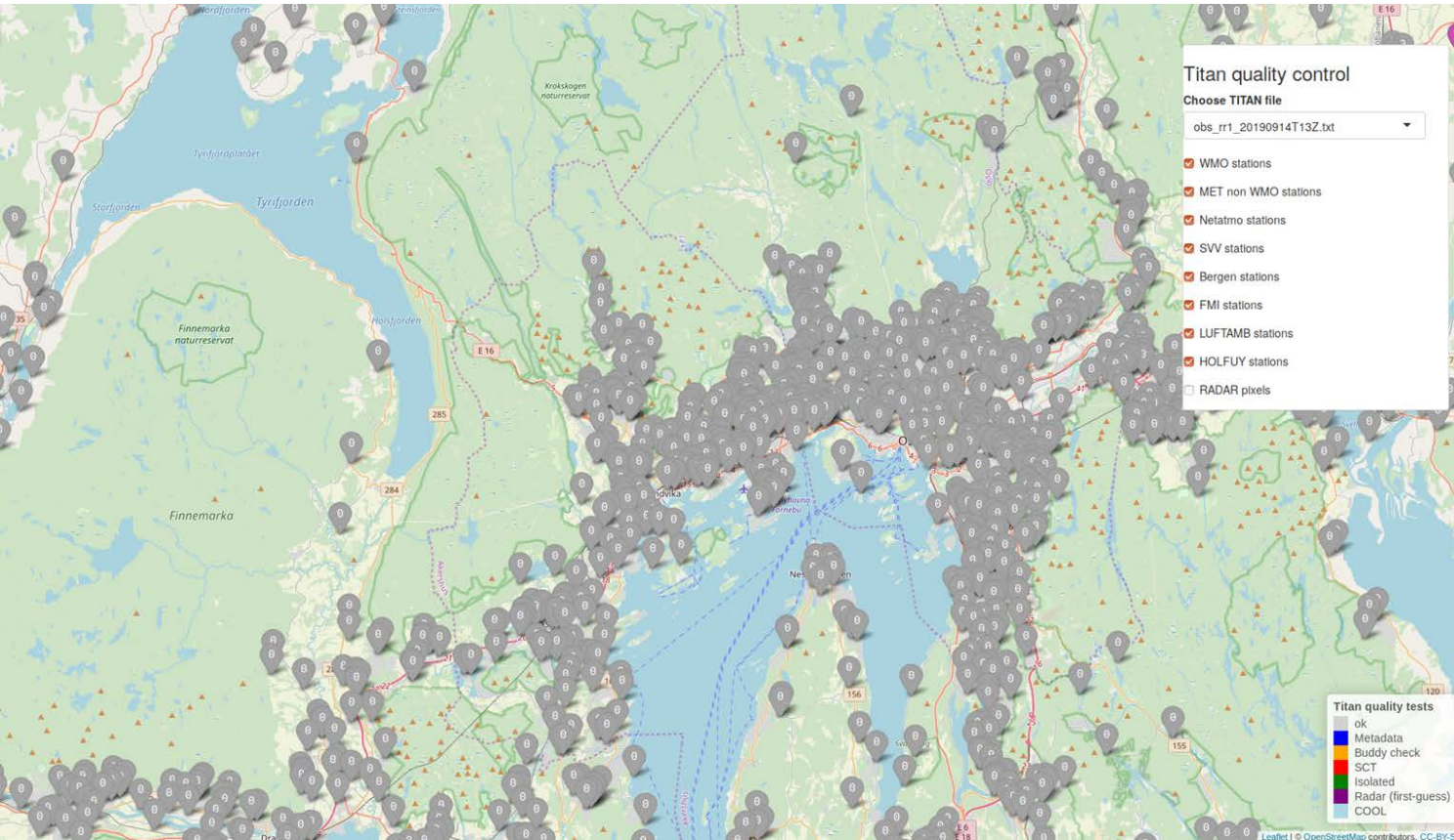
Oslo

1-hour precipitation tot

most likely, no rain over most part of the region



to gain confidence in our predictions



2019-09-14 13:00 UTC

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1-hour precipitation tot

citizen observations

no rain over Oslo, Drammen and the coast of the Oslo fjord. Most likely, no rain in the forests



...even better if we have multiple sources



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1-hour precipitation tot

citizen observations

radar estimates

no rain.



...citizen observations turn out to be useful even when it is raining...

Extreme local precipitation in Oslo

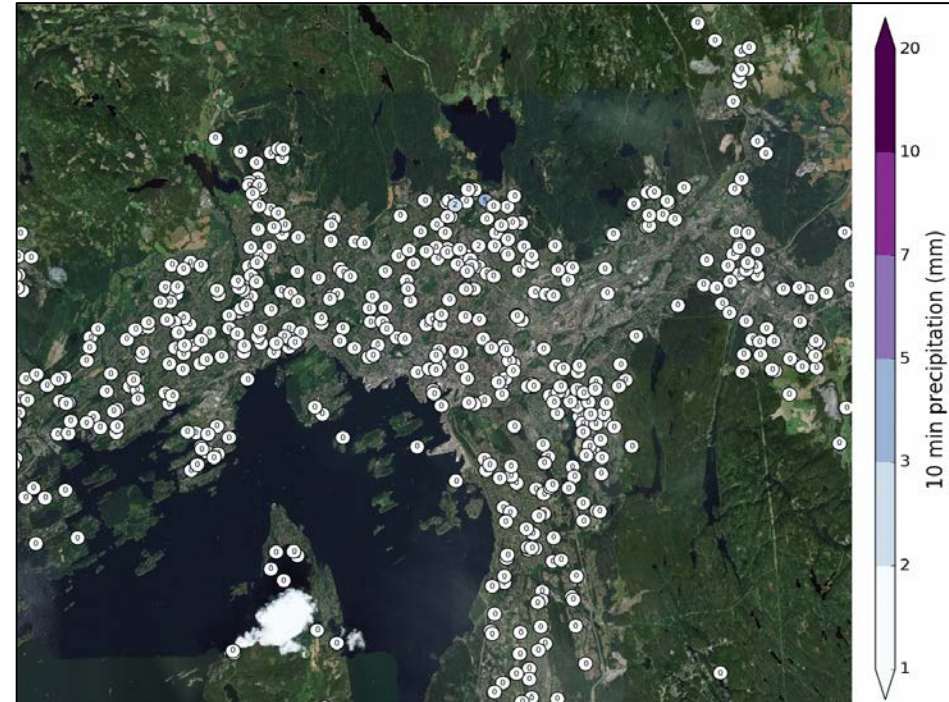
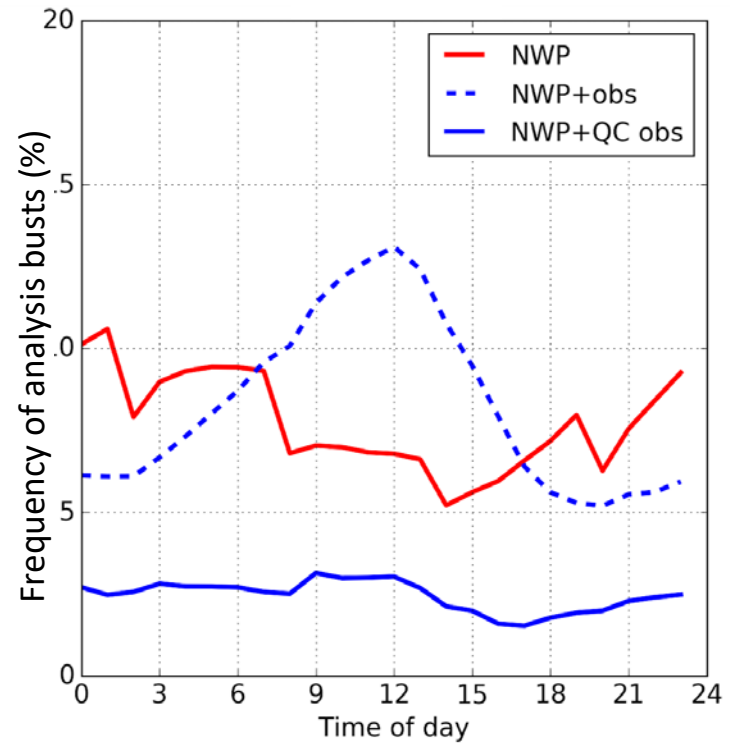
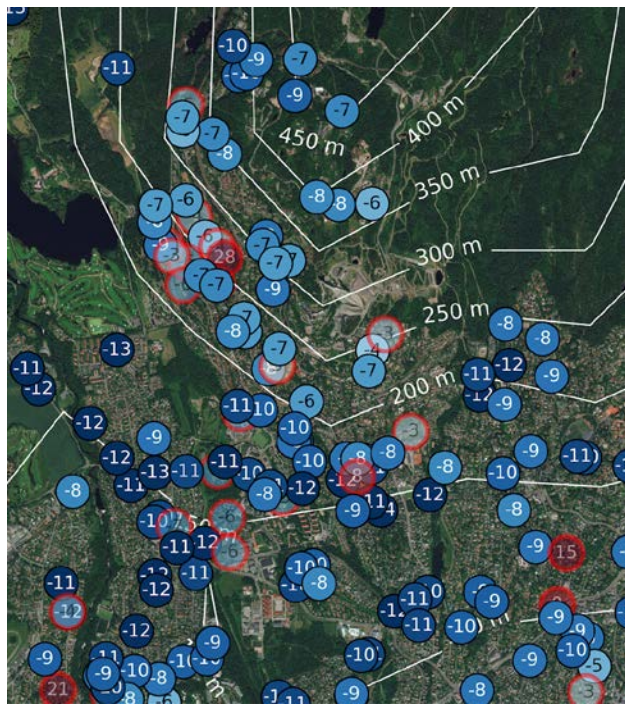


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Quality control is essential to get value!

Network should be treated as a whole, not as individual stations

Only 20% are removed in our conservative QC



TITAN

automatic data quality control software

check out
the wiki!

<https://github.com/metno/TITAN>

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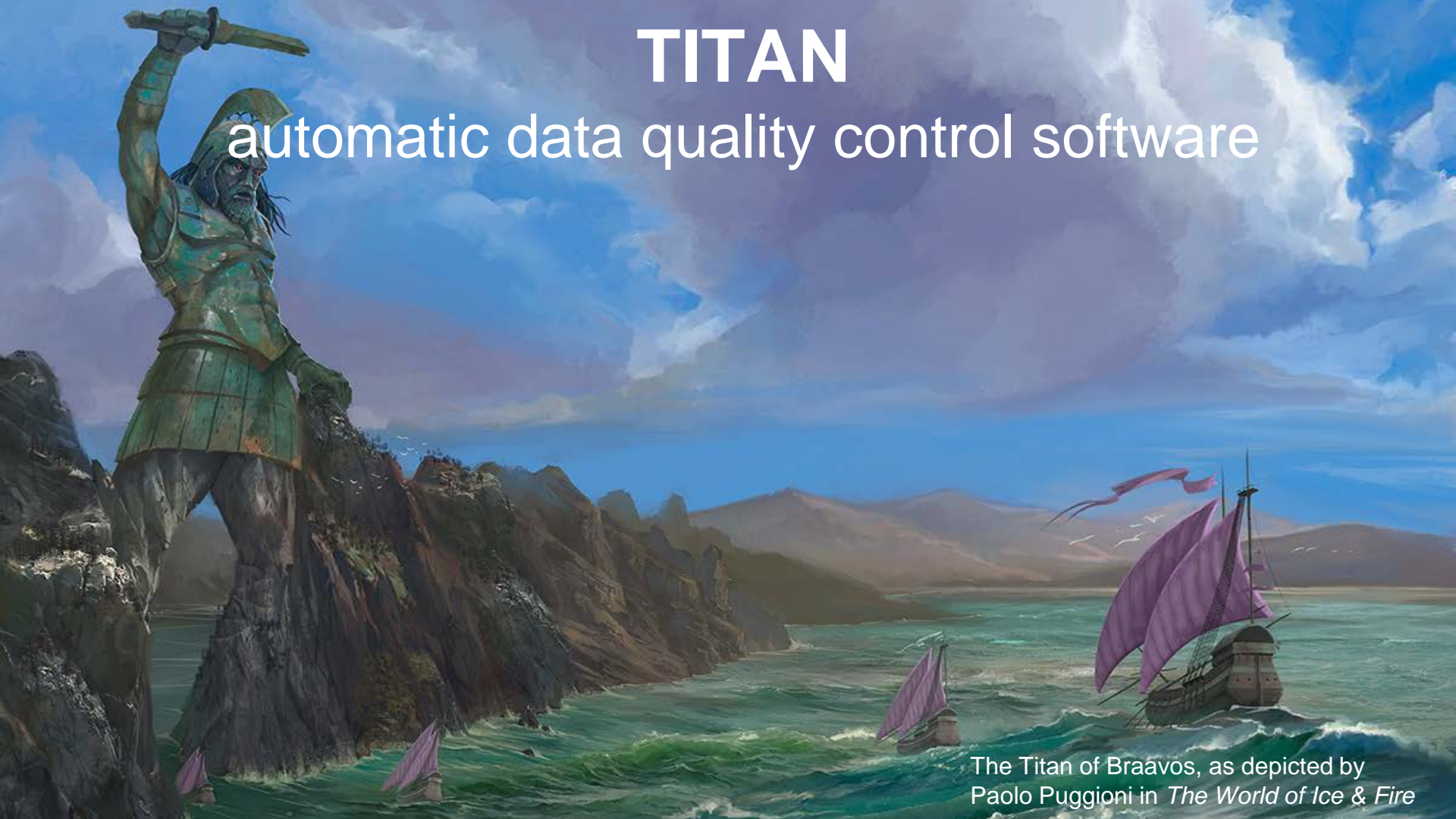
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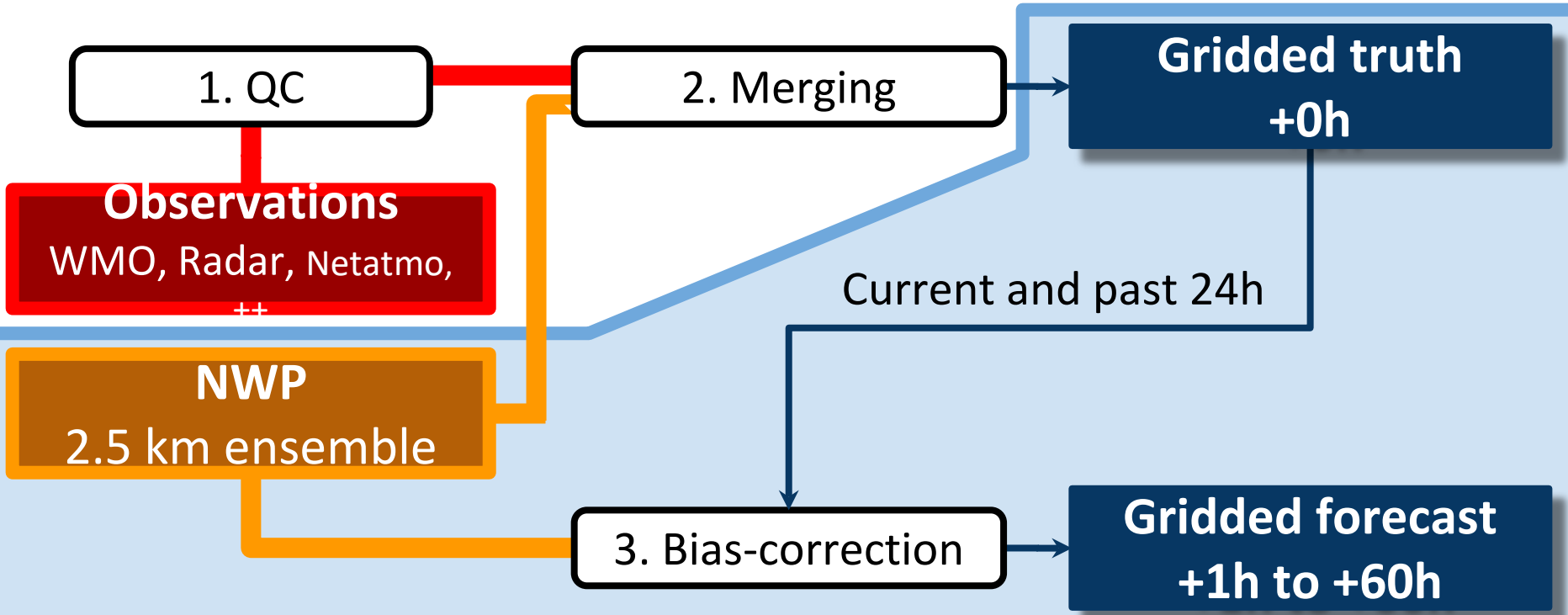


The Titan of Braavos, as depicted by
Paolo Puggioni in *The World of Ice & Fire*

MET Nordic Forecast

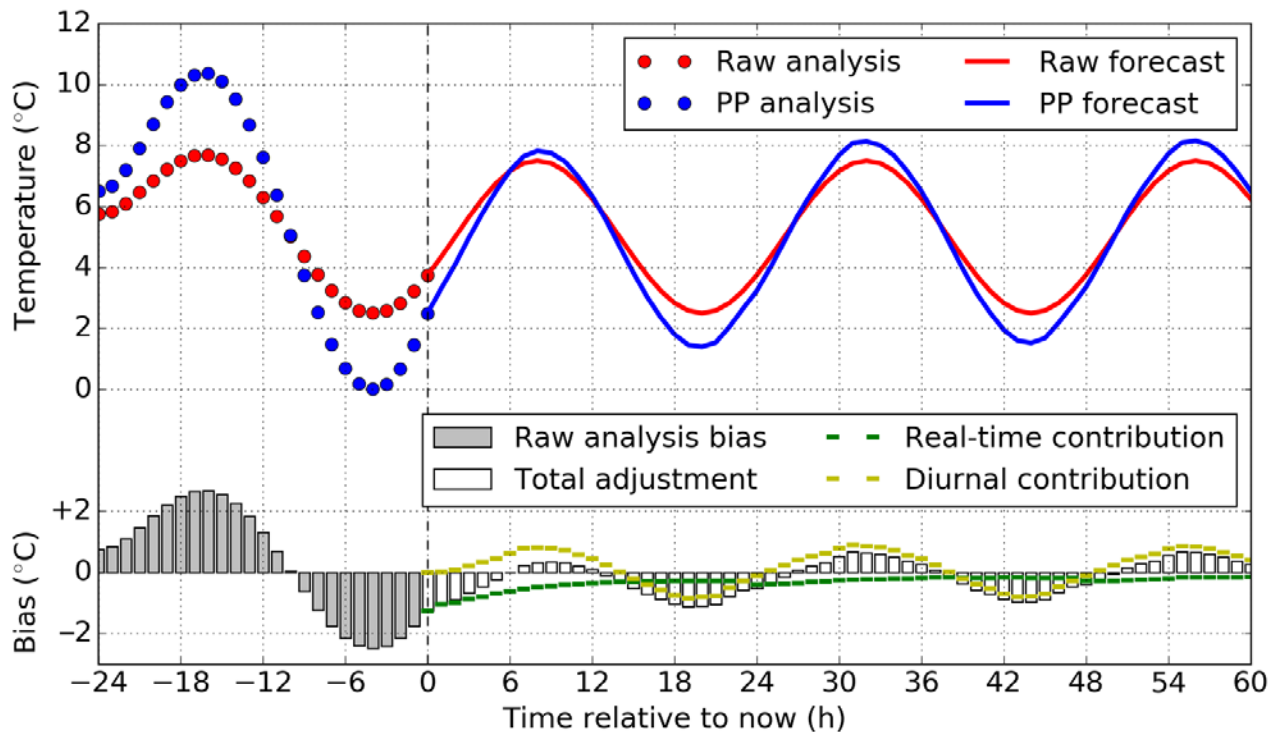
- ❑ Used in post-processing of temperature & precip from NWP
- ❑ System is run every hour
- ❑ Seamless transition from +0h to +1h

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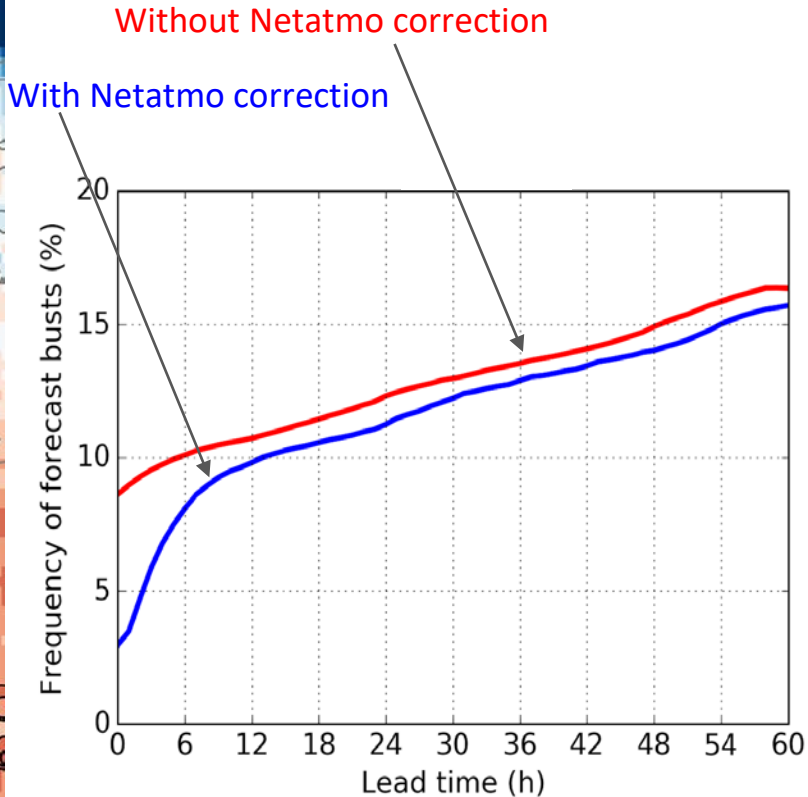
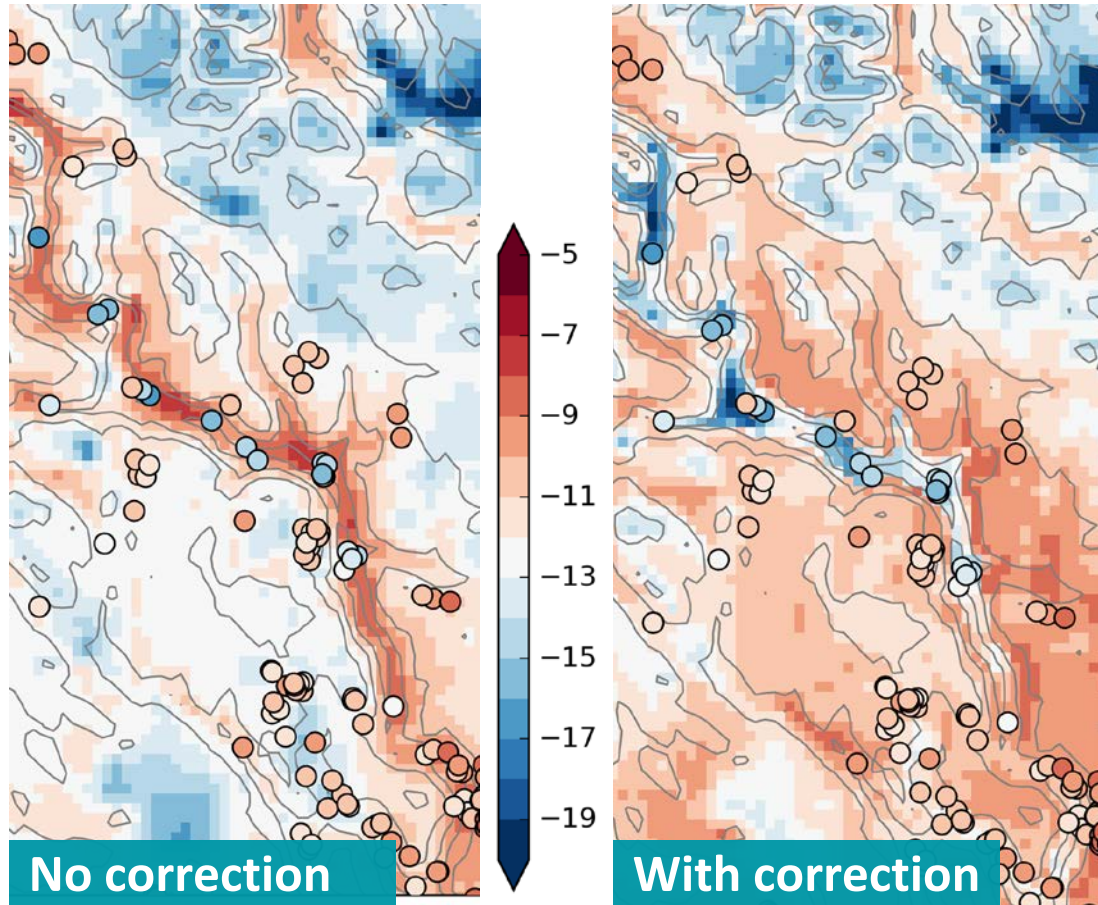


3. Bias-correction

- ❑ Gridpoint by gridpoint correction
- ❑ Seamless transition from gridded truth to gridded forecast
- ❑ Diurnally varying bias based on last 24 hours



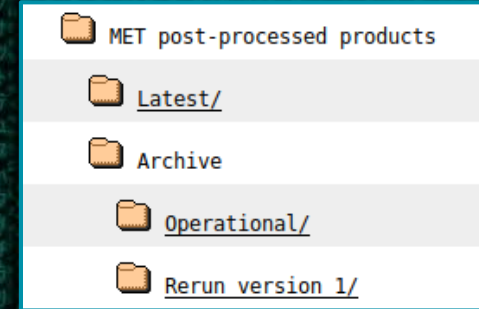
Impact on operational forecasts



MET Nordic Analysis and Forecasts

Production strategy:

- Hourly updates
- Reruns when significant improvements on
 - observational data
 - data quality control methods
 - statistical post-processing methods
- OpenData access on thredds.met.no
- Wiki <https://github.com/metno/NWPdocs/wiki/Post-processed-products>





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