

Miscellaneous

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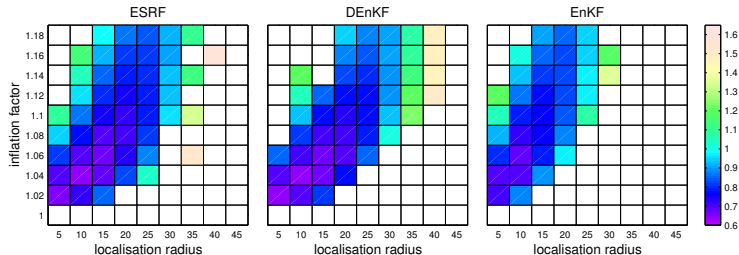
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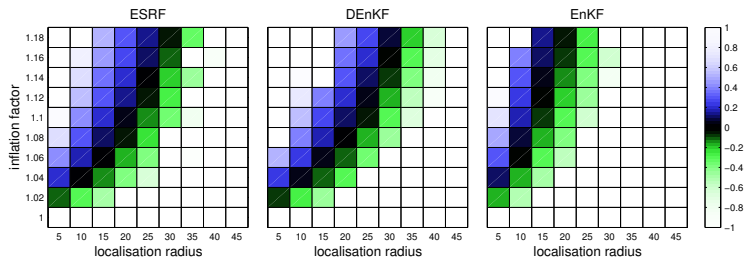
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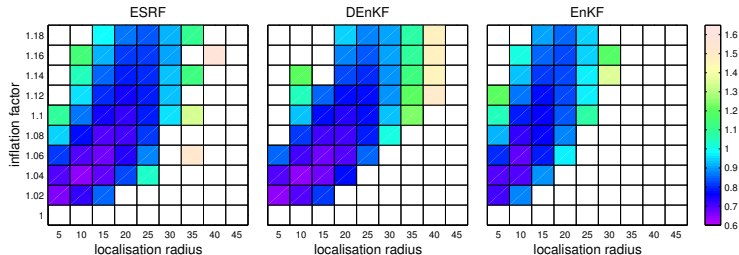
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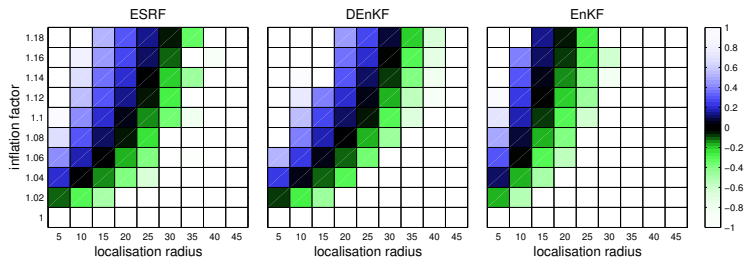
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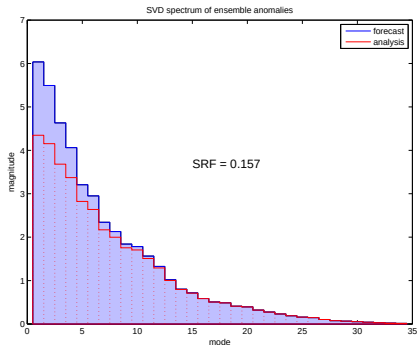
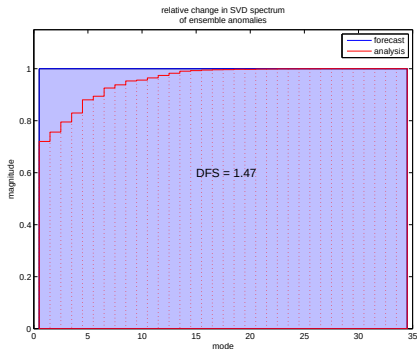
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(Rodgers, 2000; Cardinali et al., 2004)

$$\text{DFS} = \text{tr}(\mathbf{KH})$$

SRF = “Spread Reduction Factor”

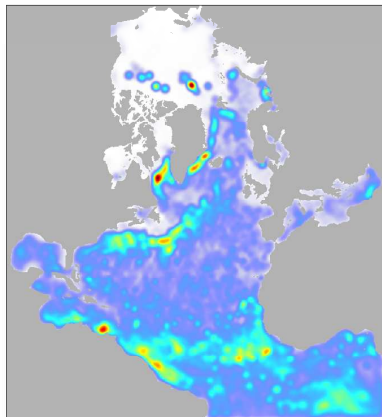
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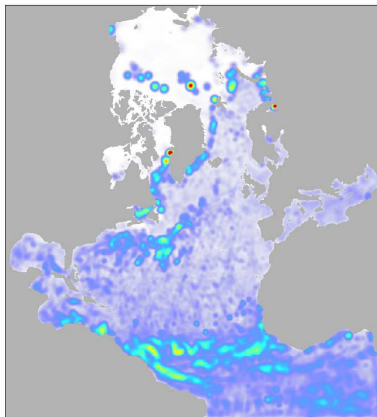
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(PilotTOPAZ reanalysis, 24 April 2008)

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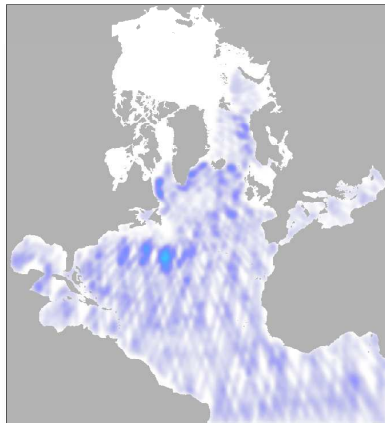


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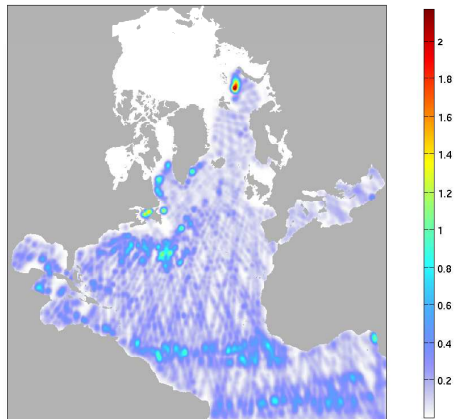


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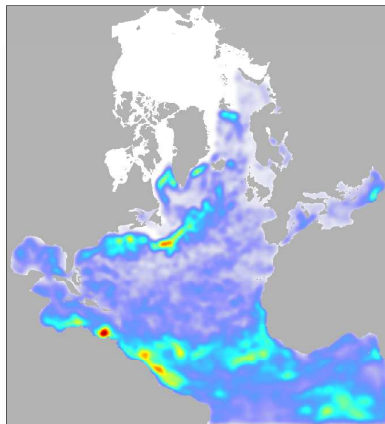


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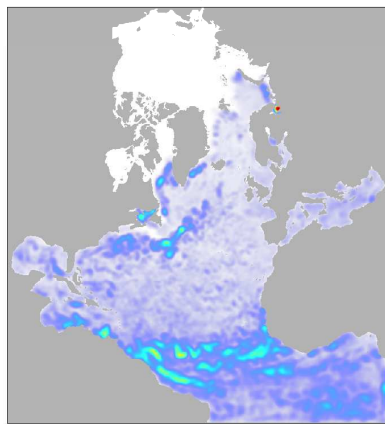


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