

Recent Results on the Impact of Reconnaissance Data on TC Forecasts in both the Basin-Scale HWRF and GFSv16

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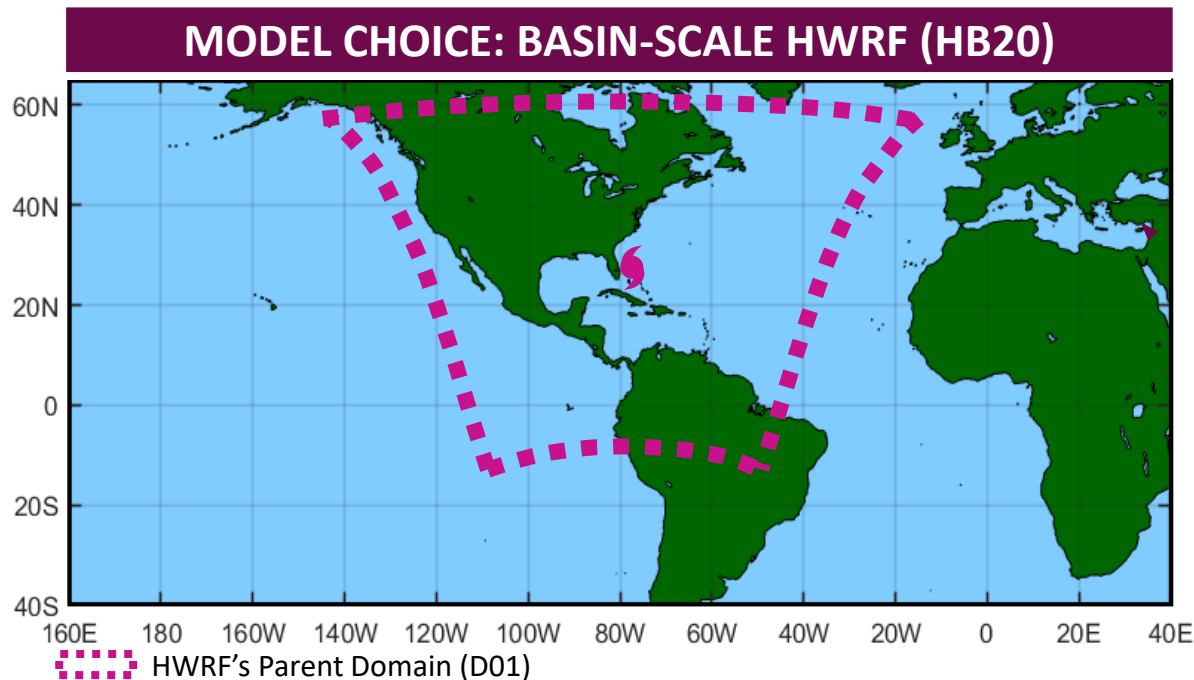
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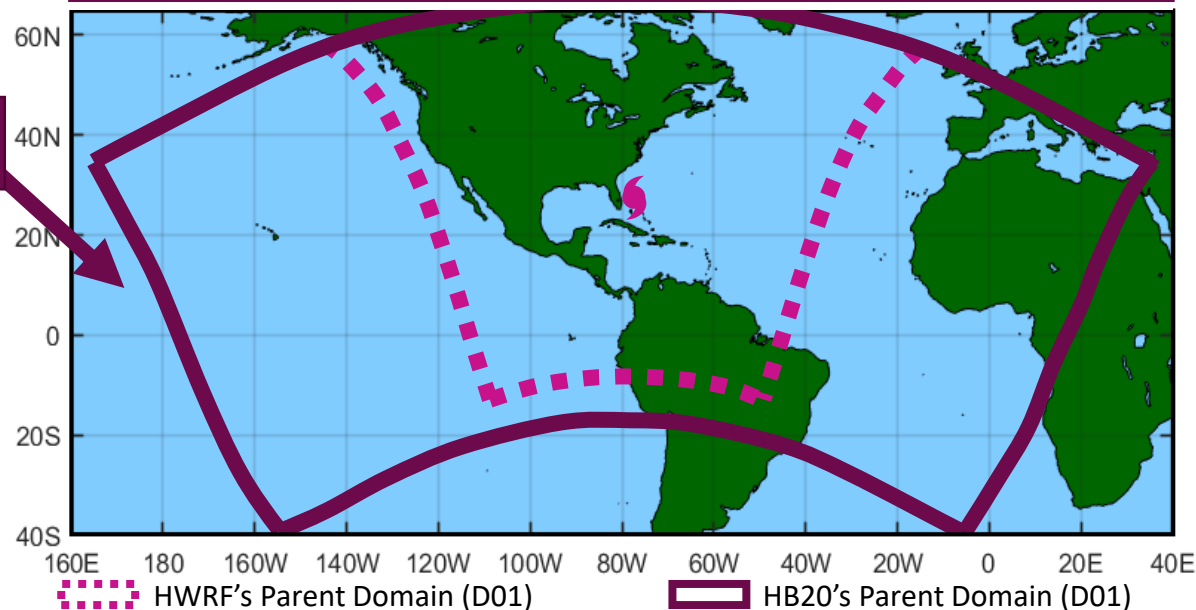
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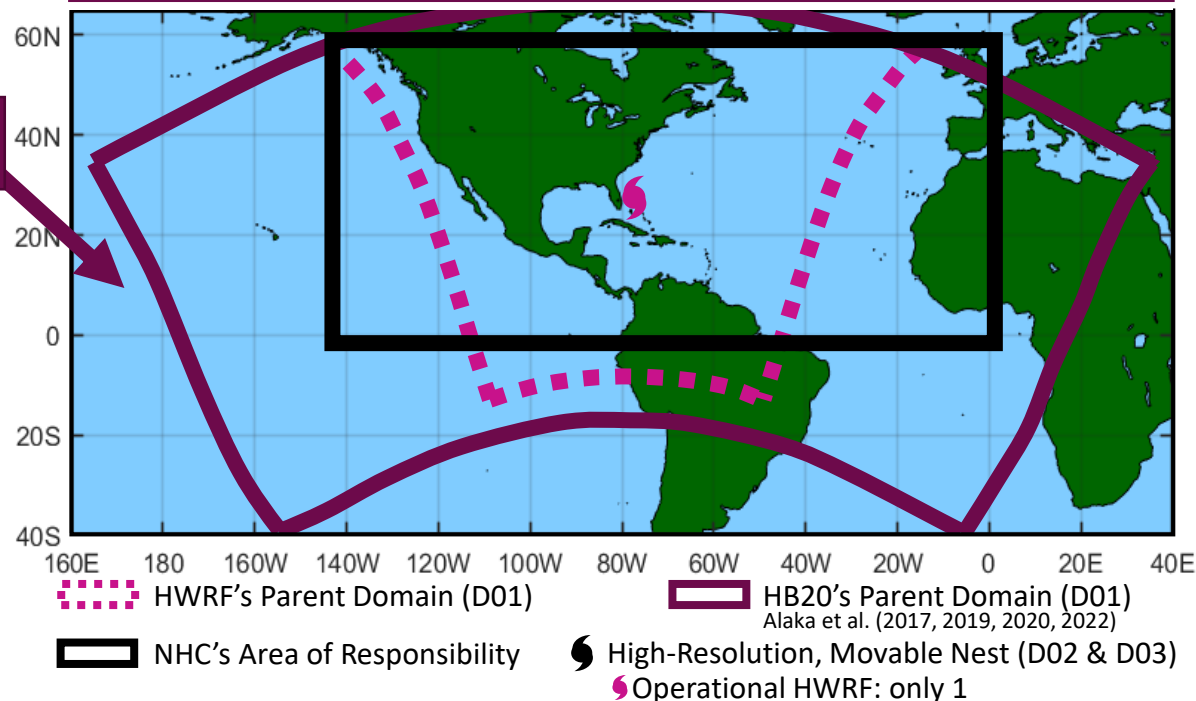
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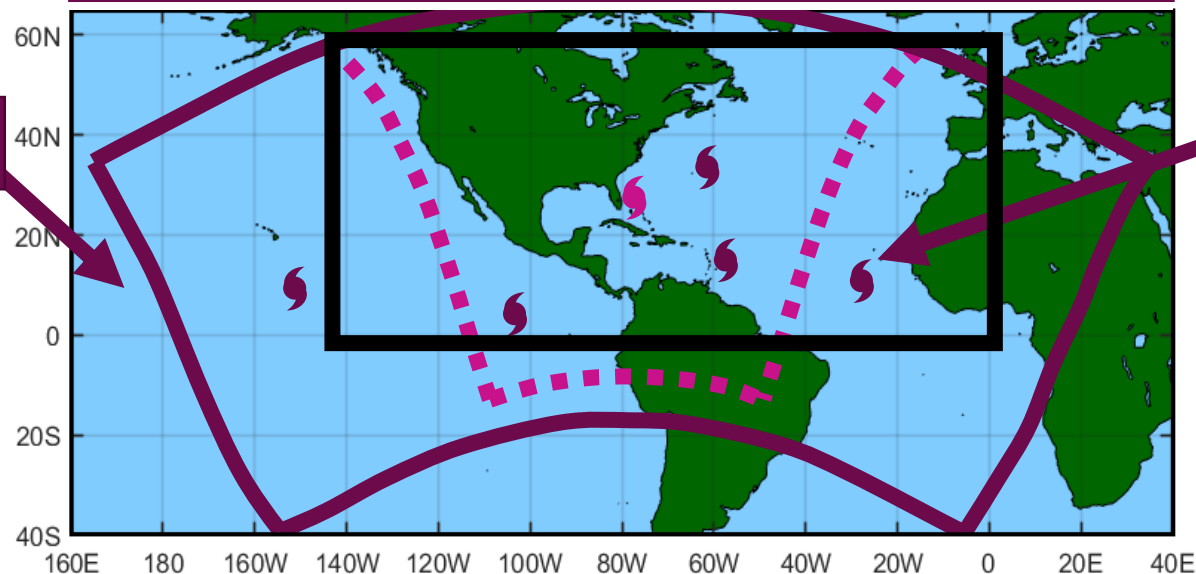


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HWRF's Parent Domain (D01)

HB20's Parent Domain (D01)
Alaka et al. (2017, 2019, 2020, 2022)

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Manuscript currently in HRD's Internal Review

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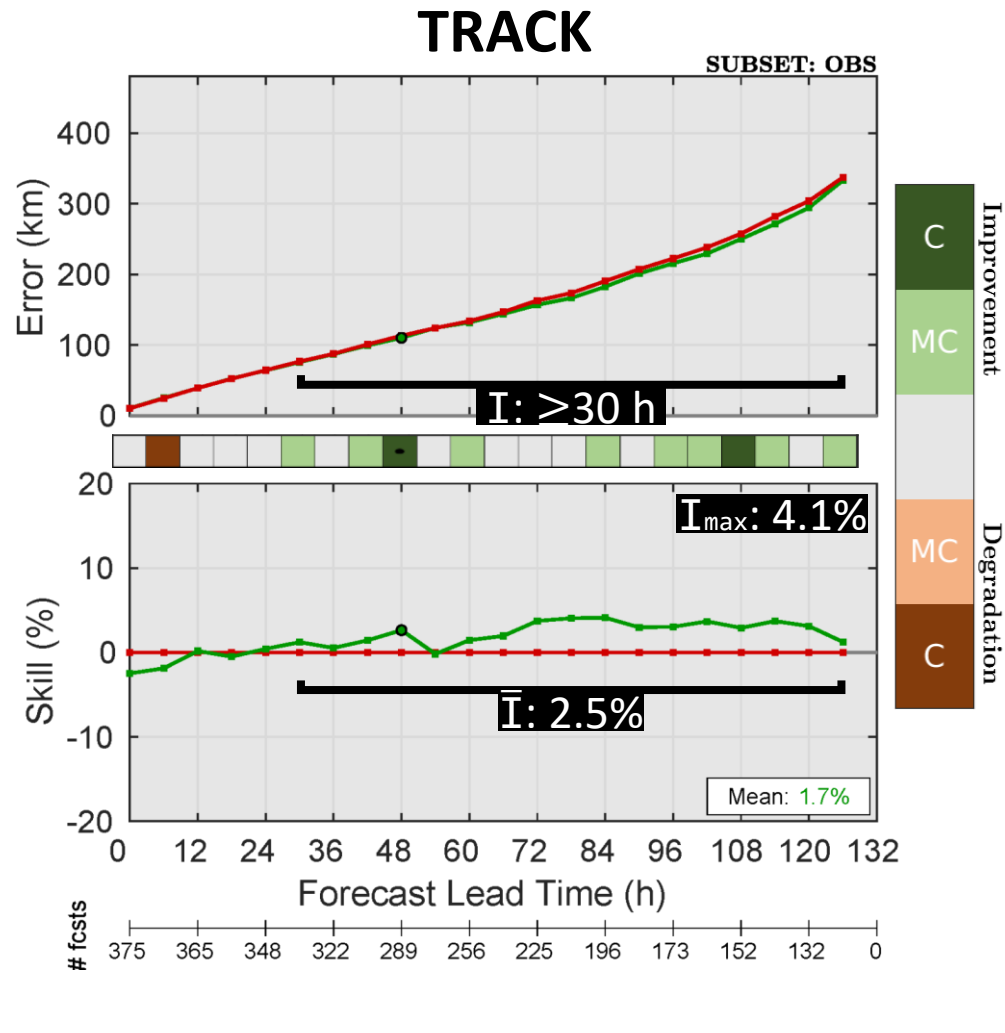
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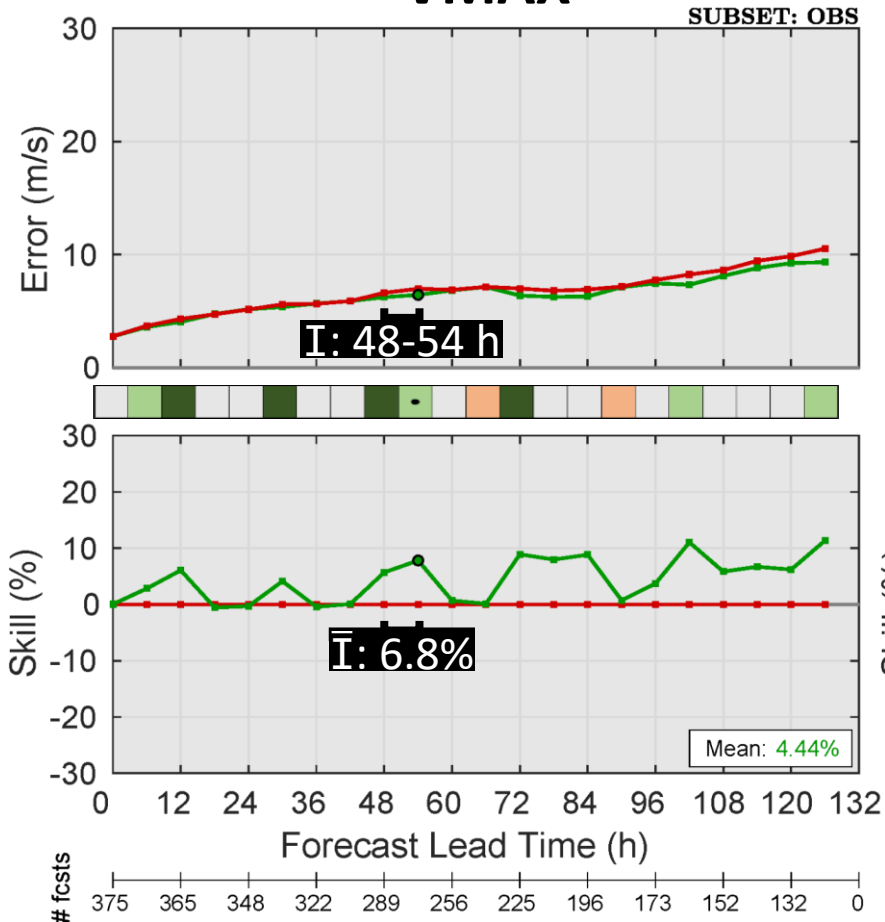


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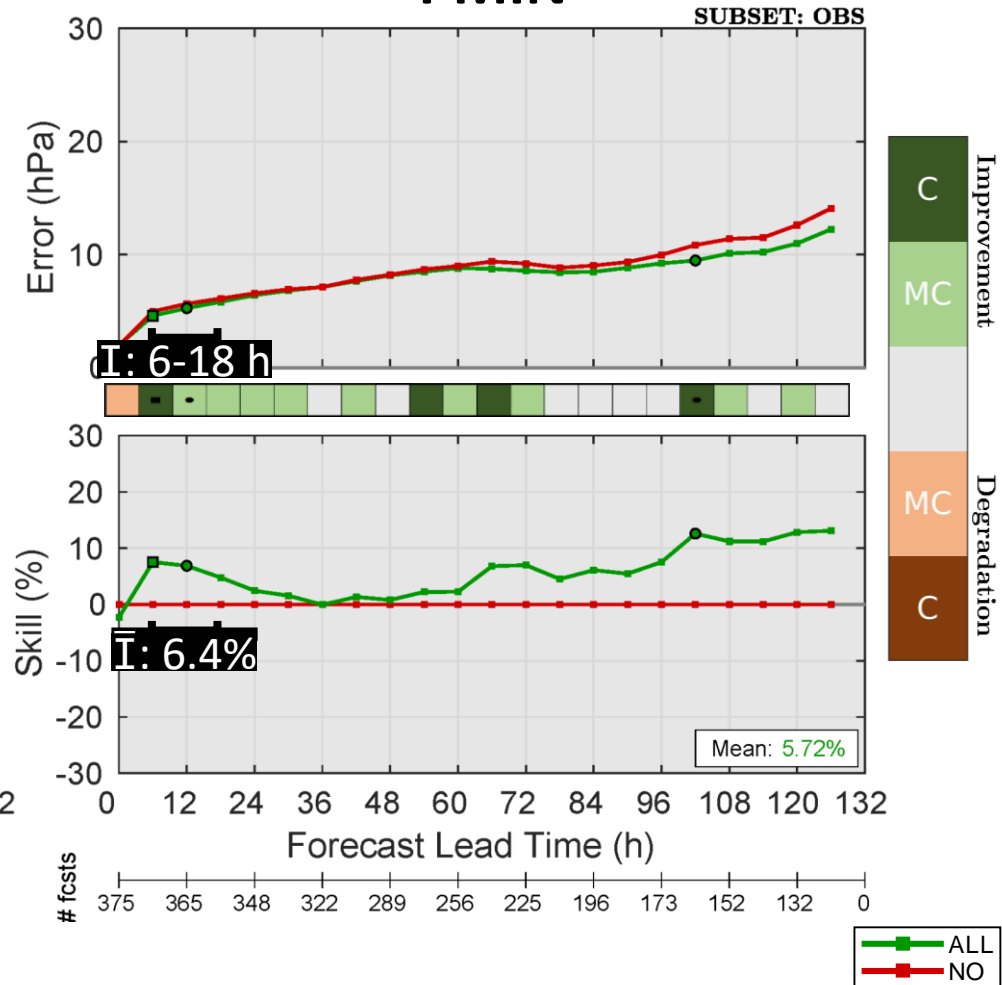
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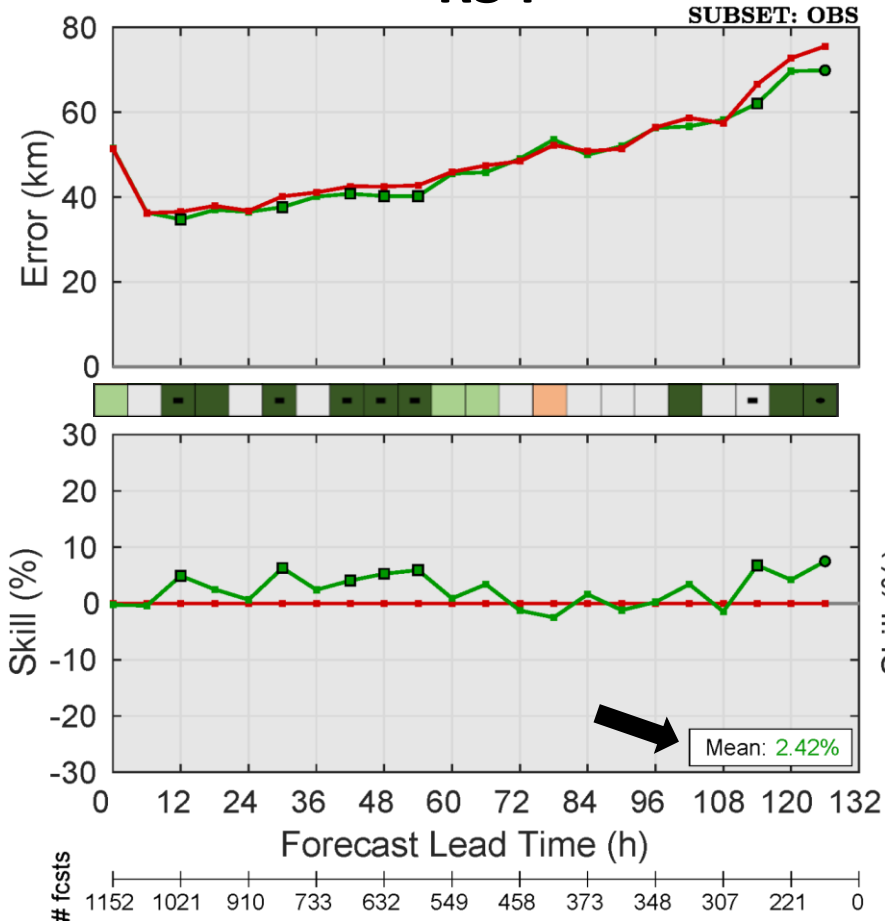


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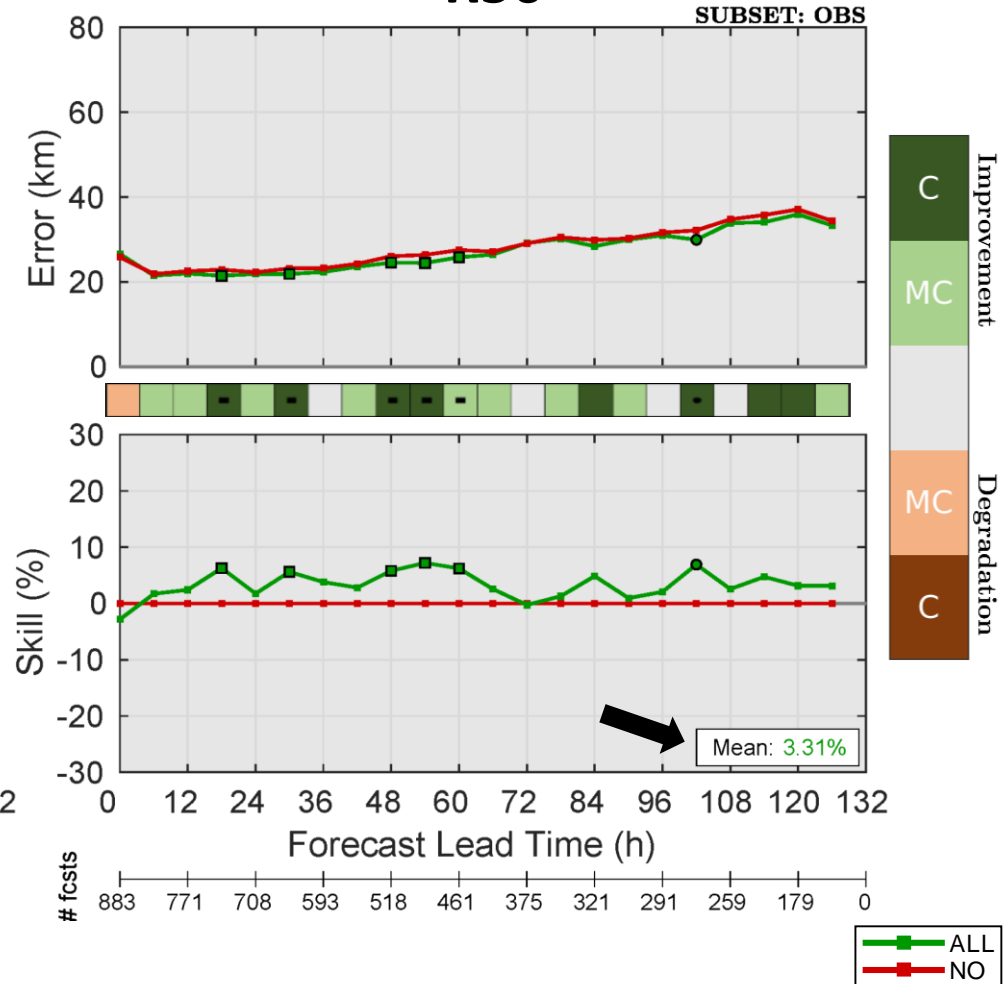
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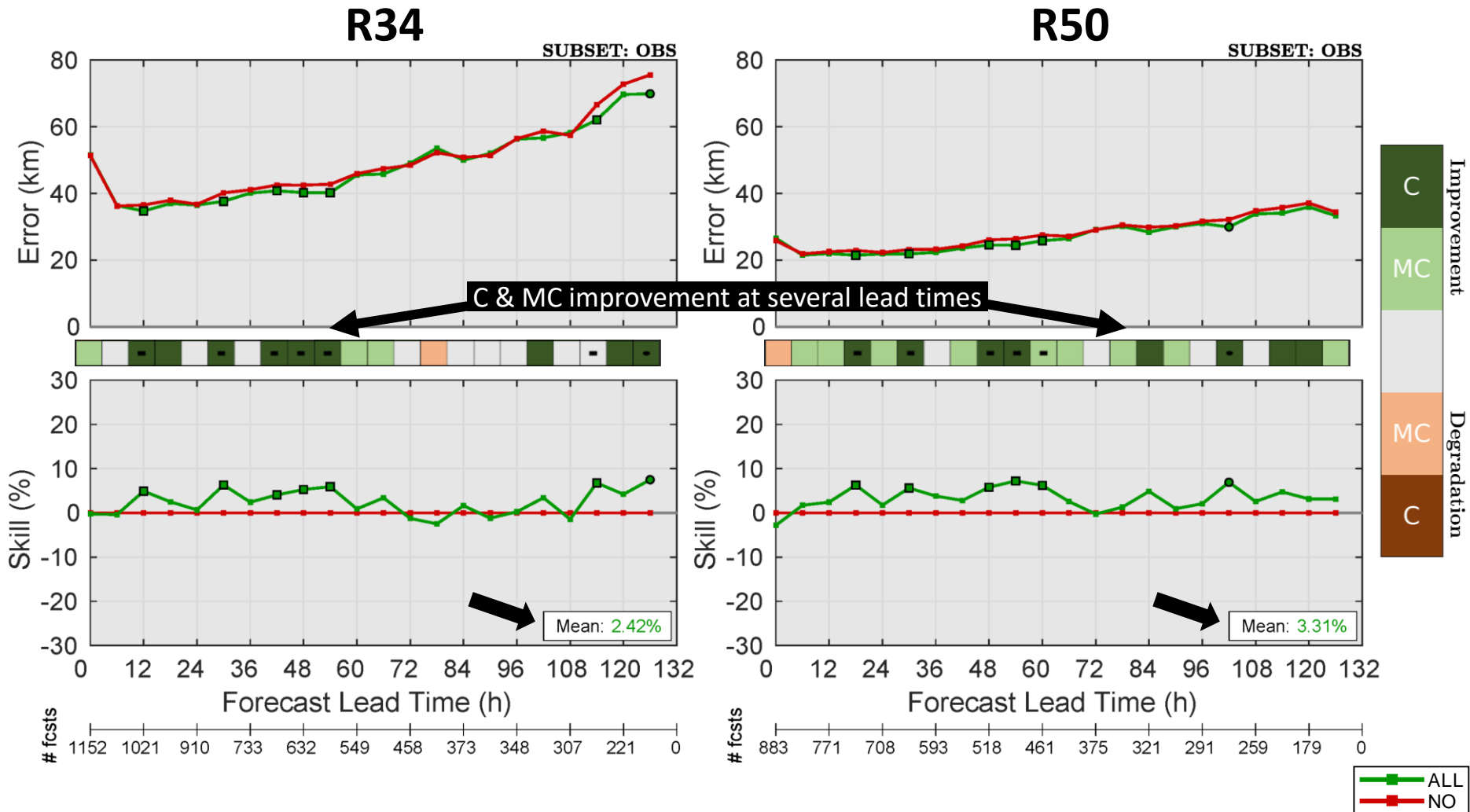
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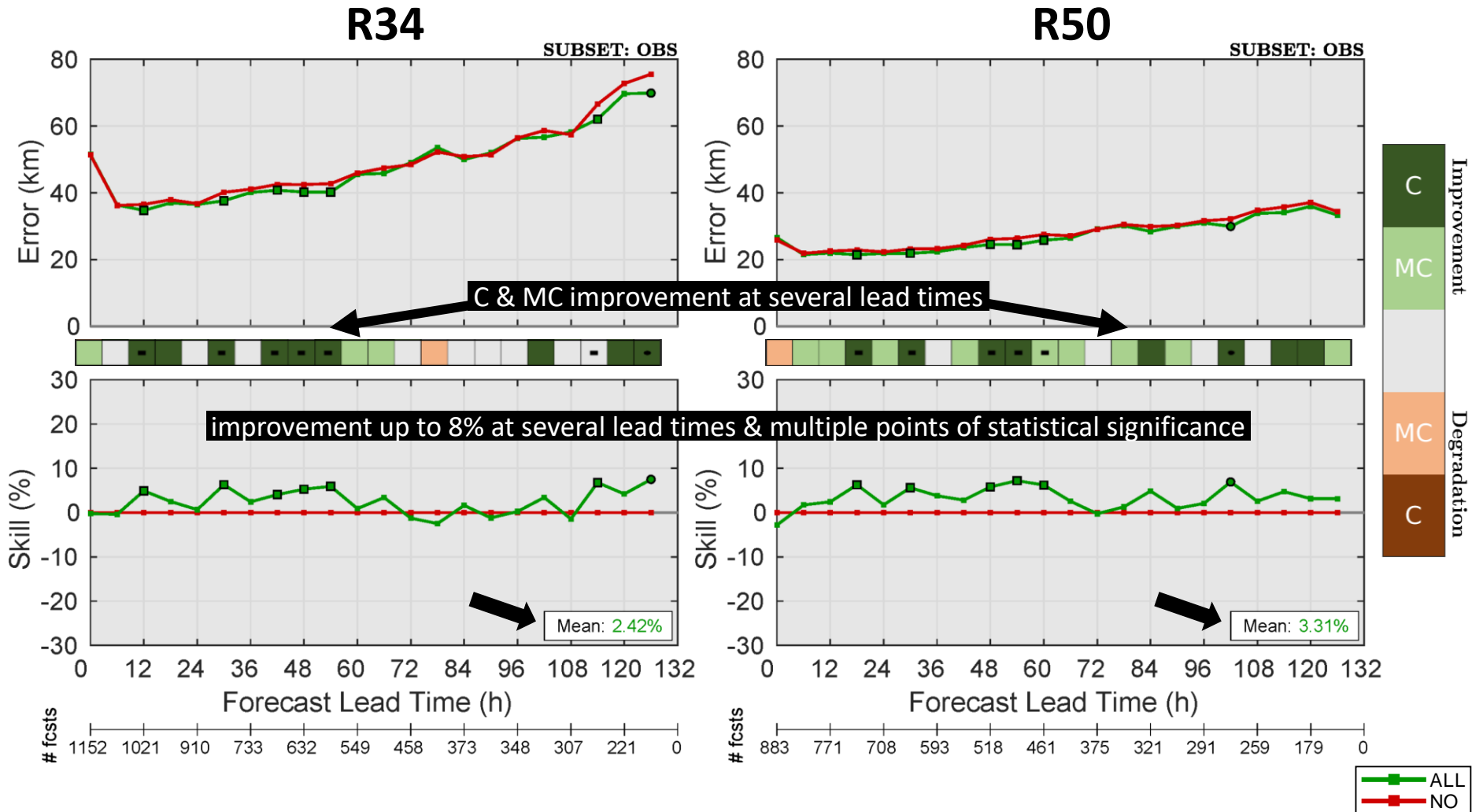
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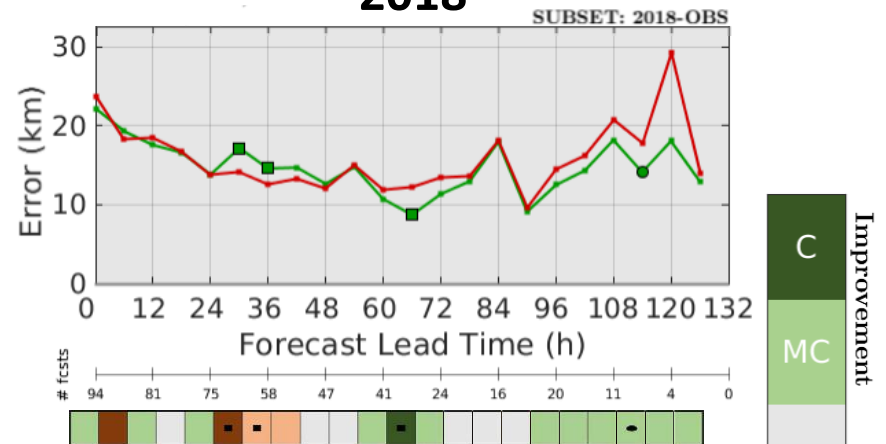
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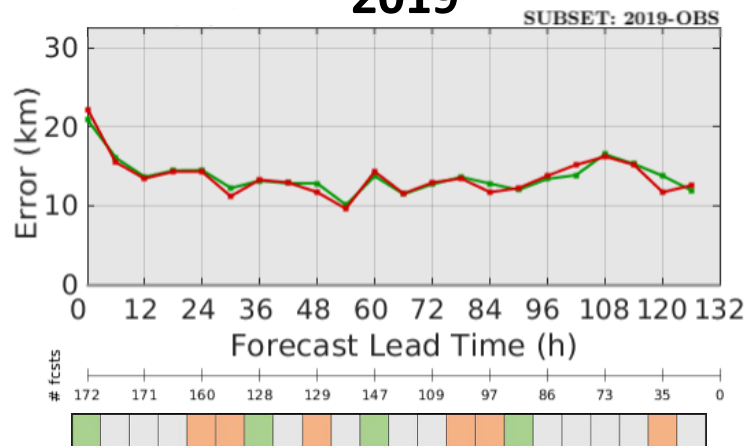
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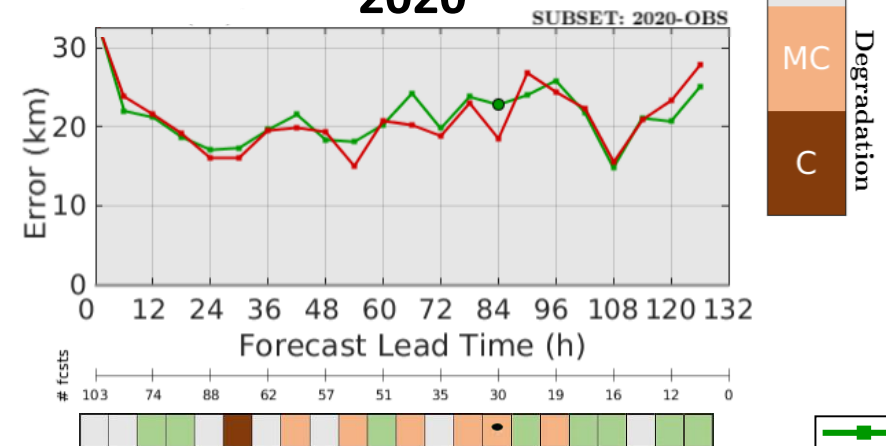
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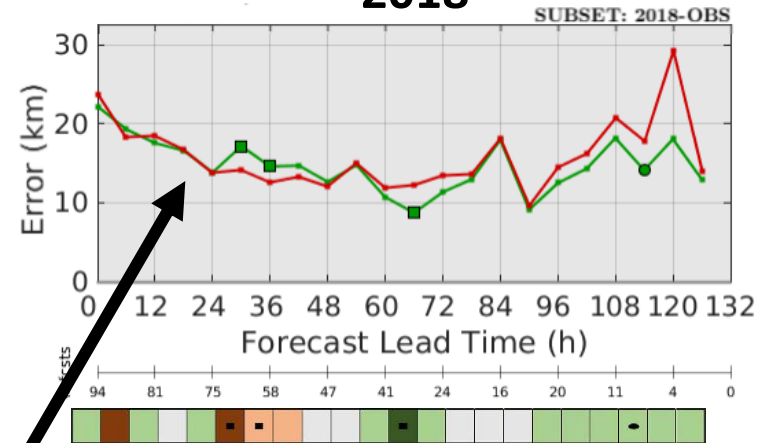
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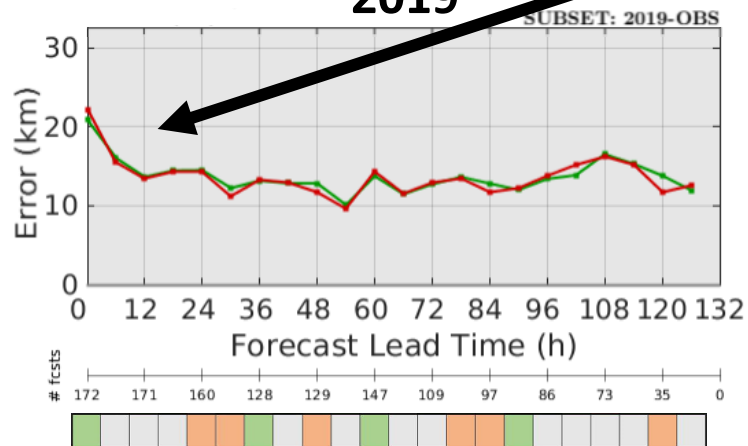
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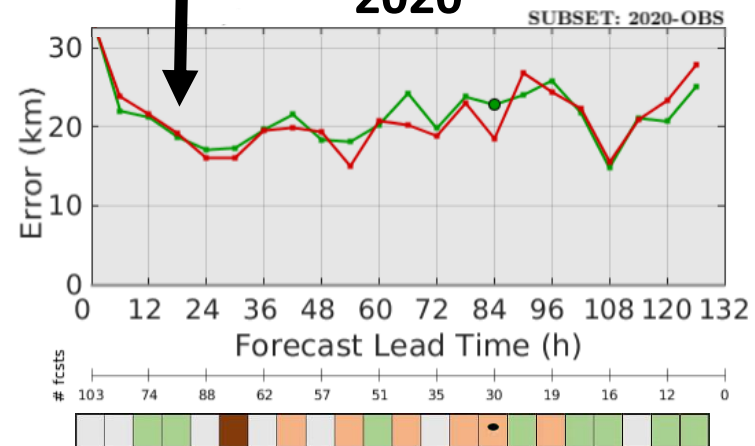


2019



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2020

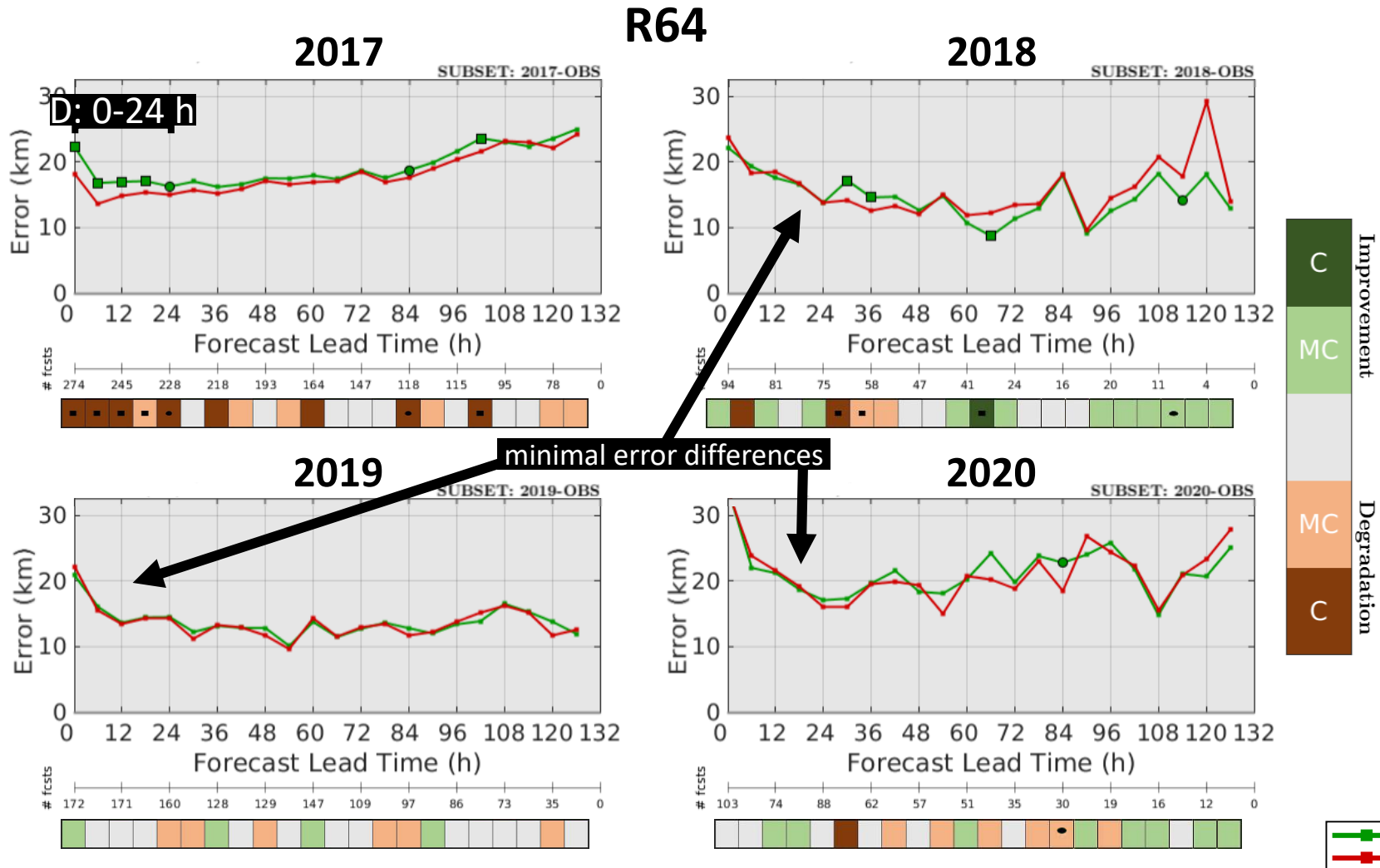


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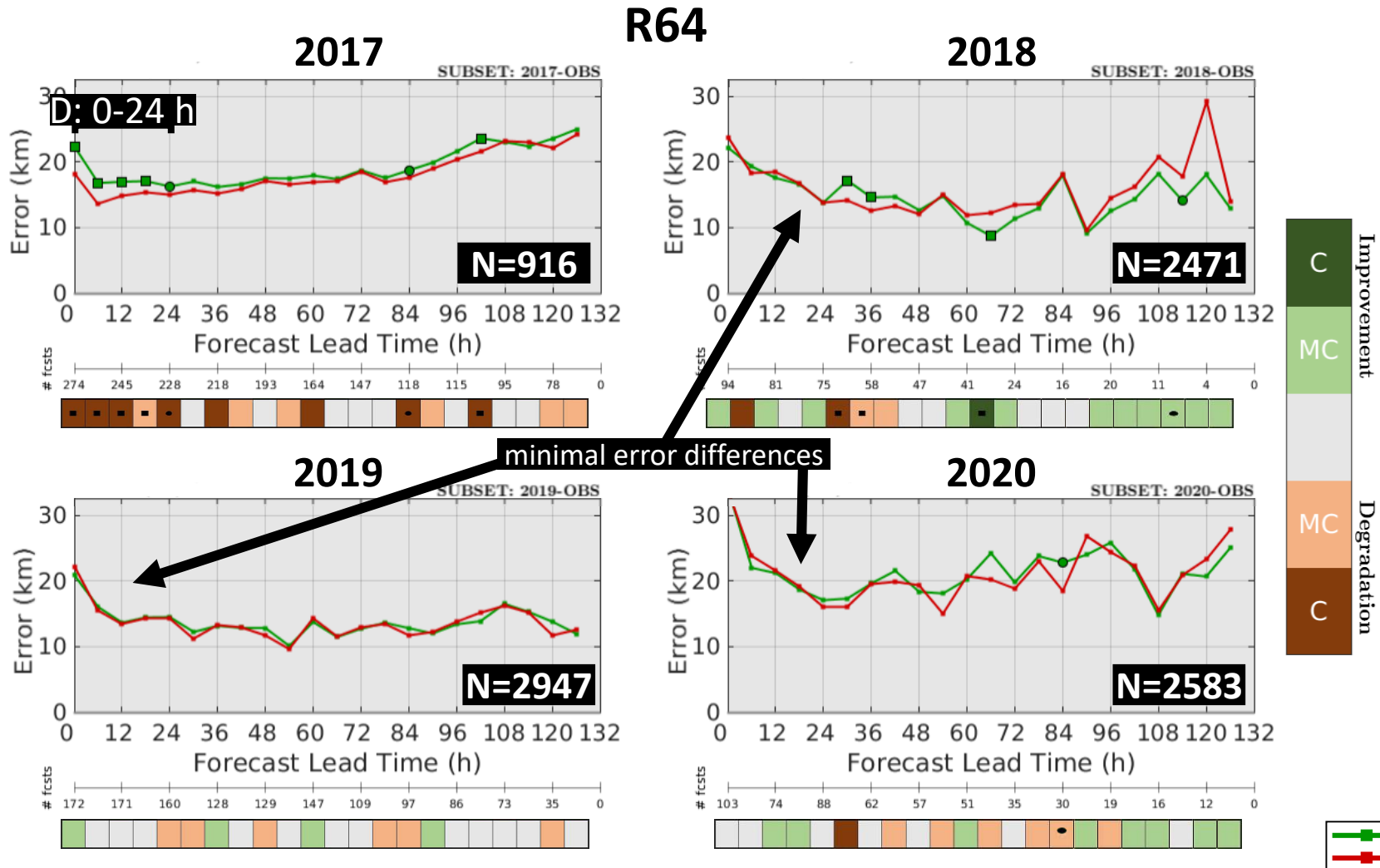
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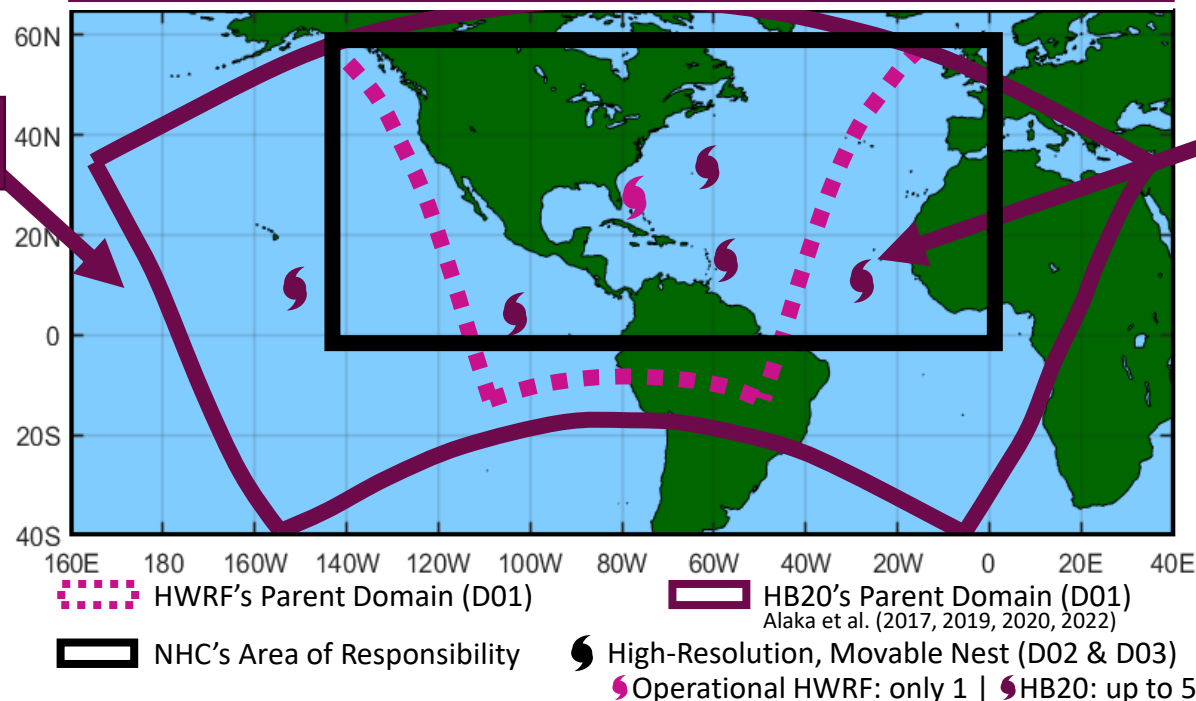
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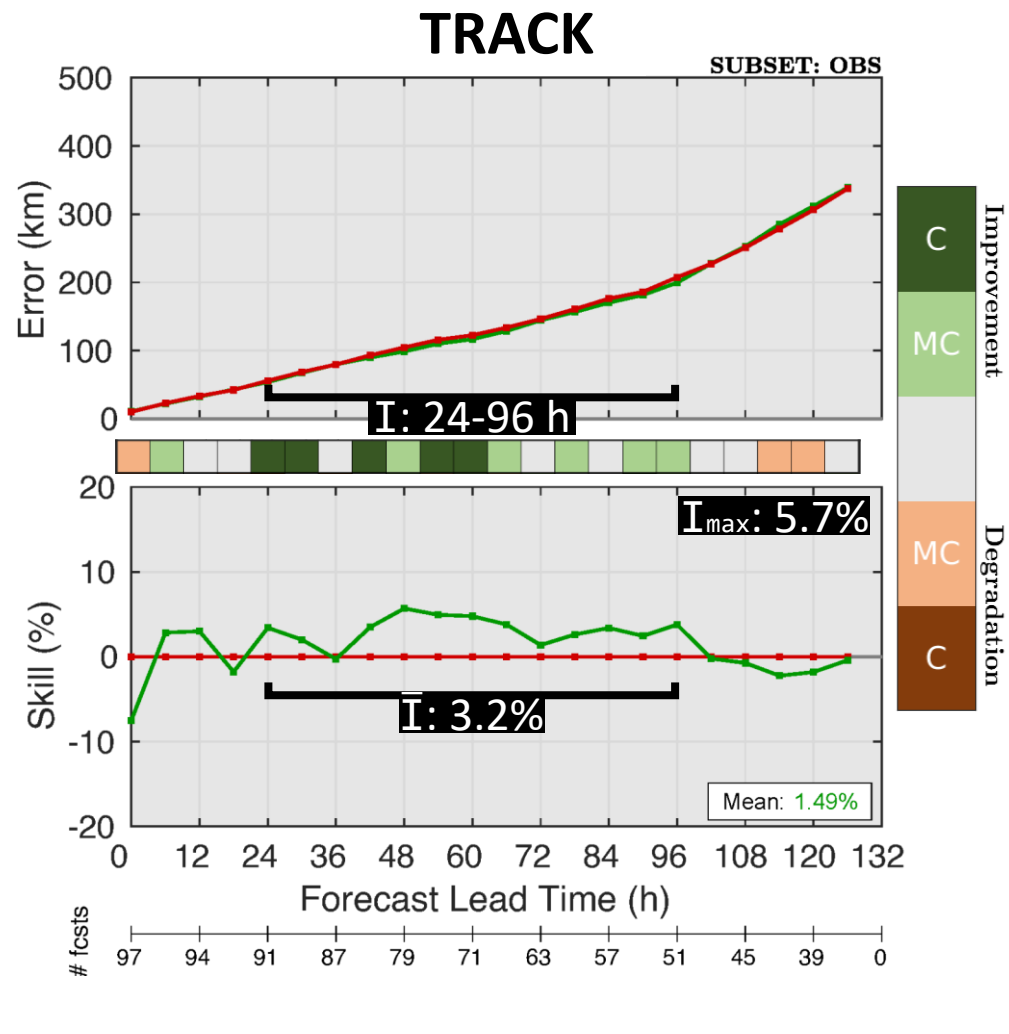
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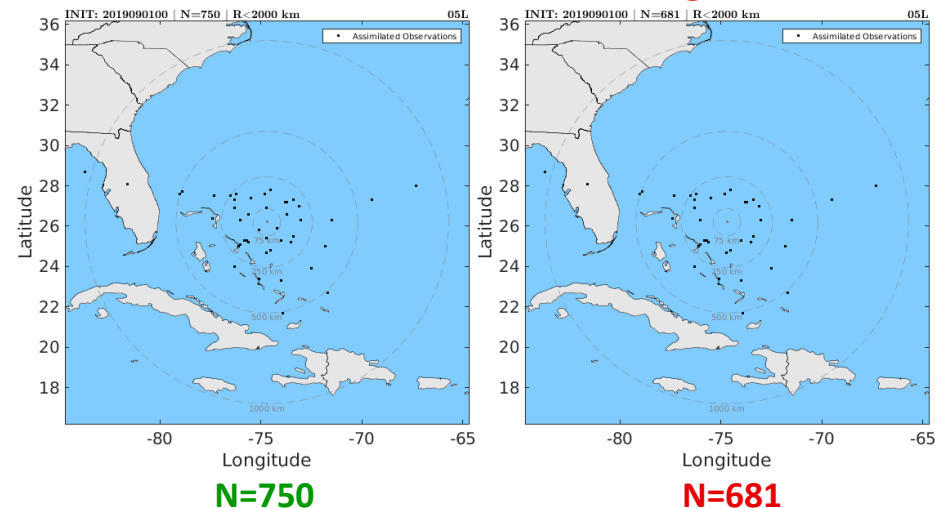
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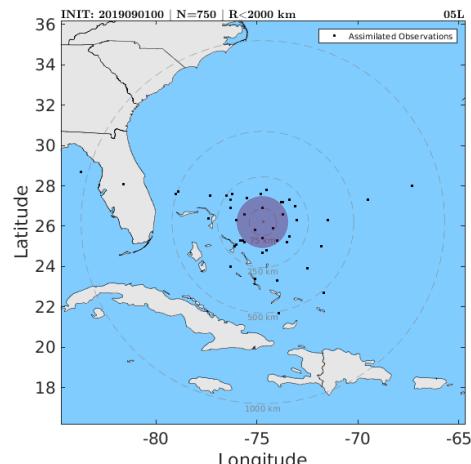
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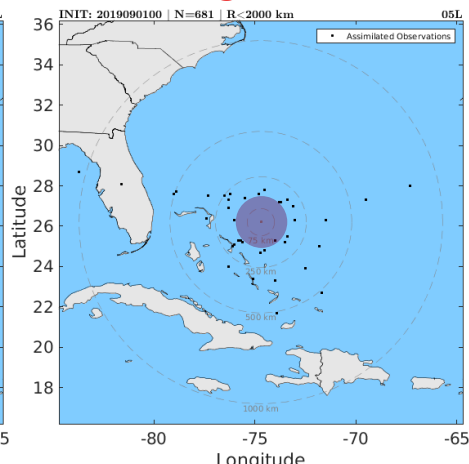
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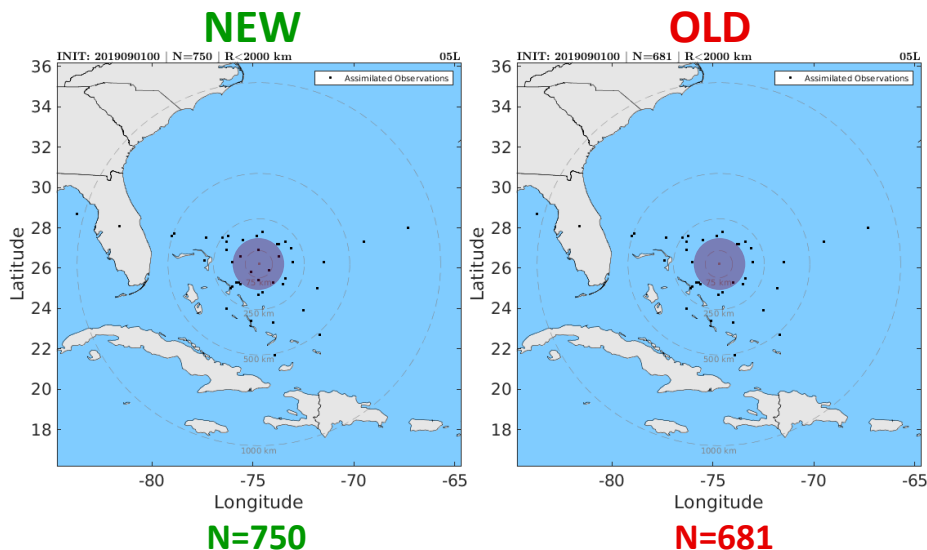
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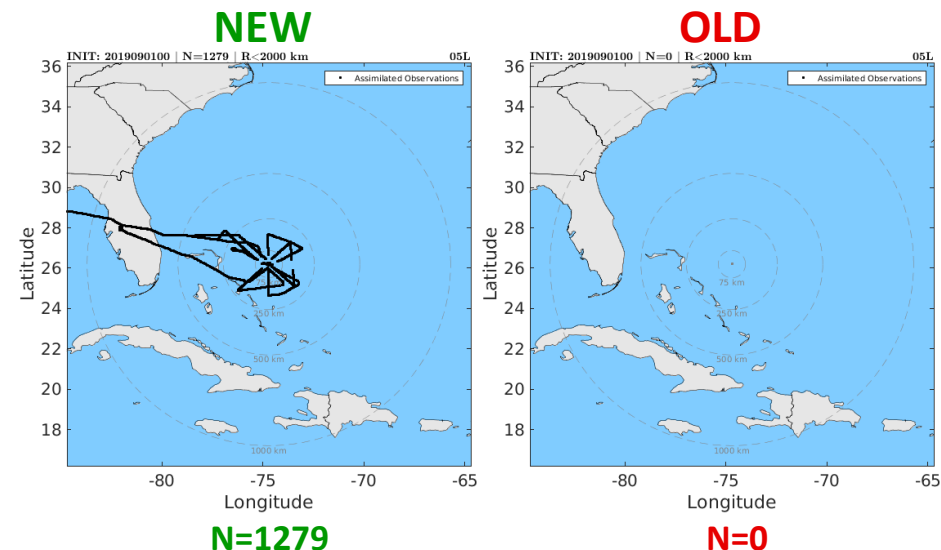
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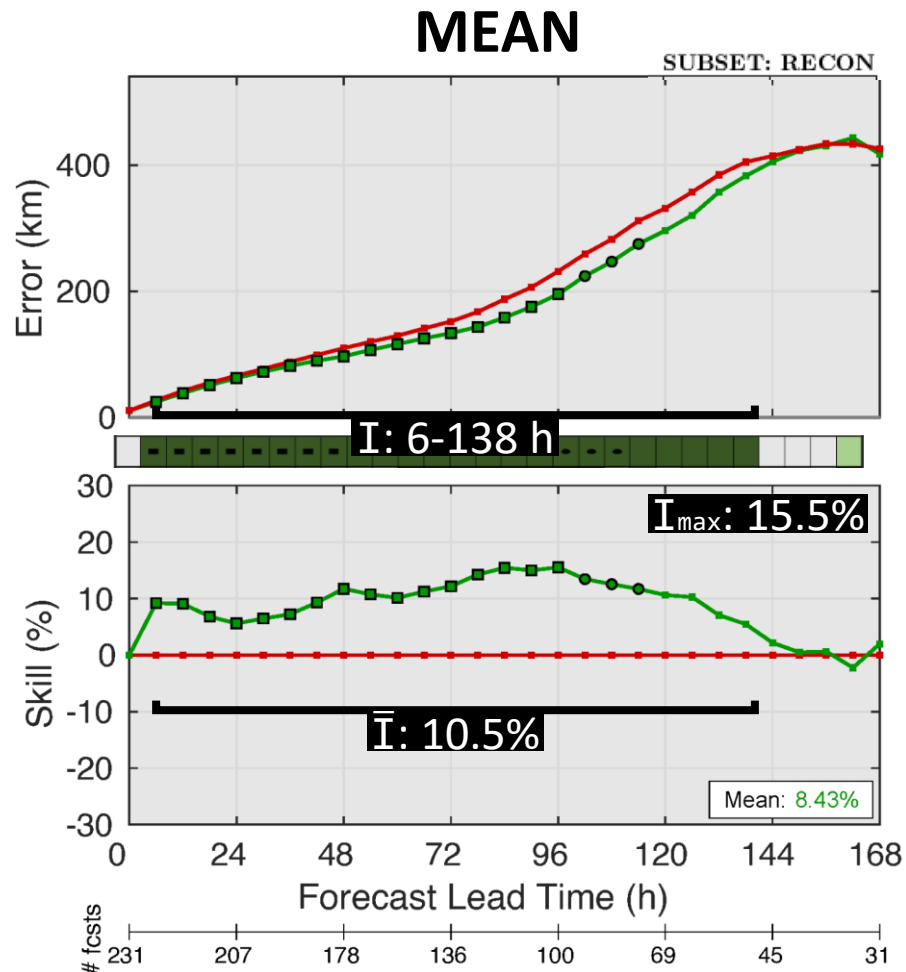
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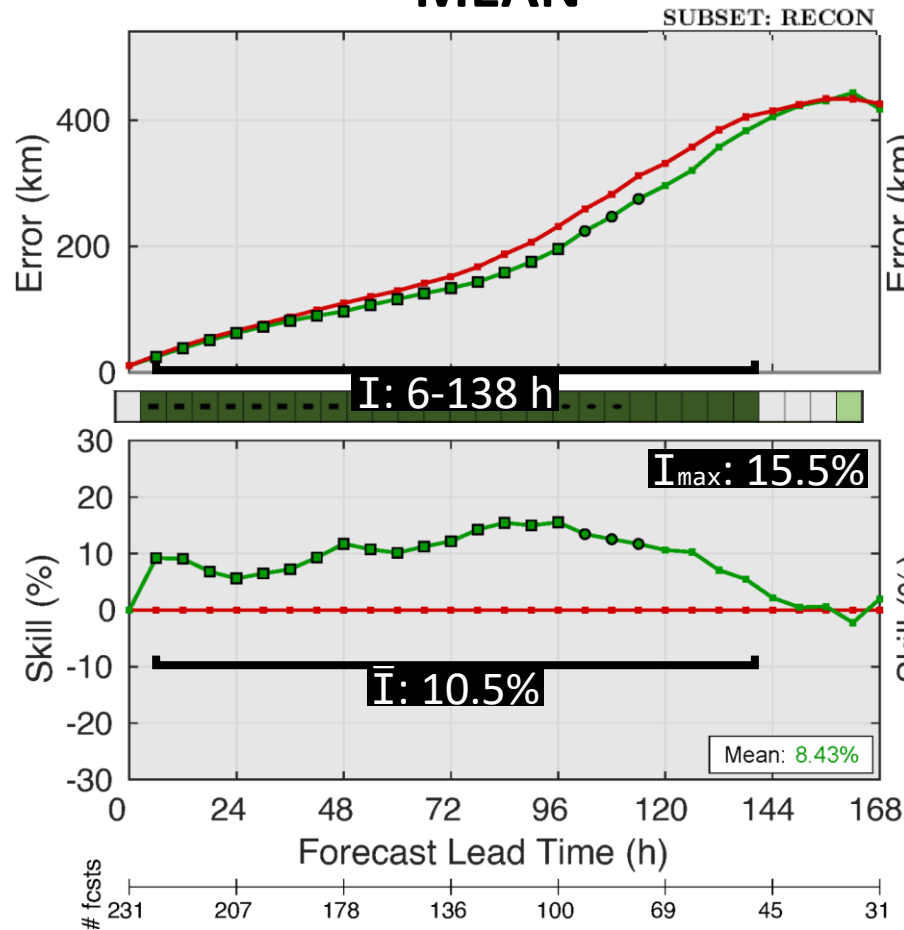


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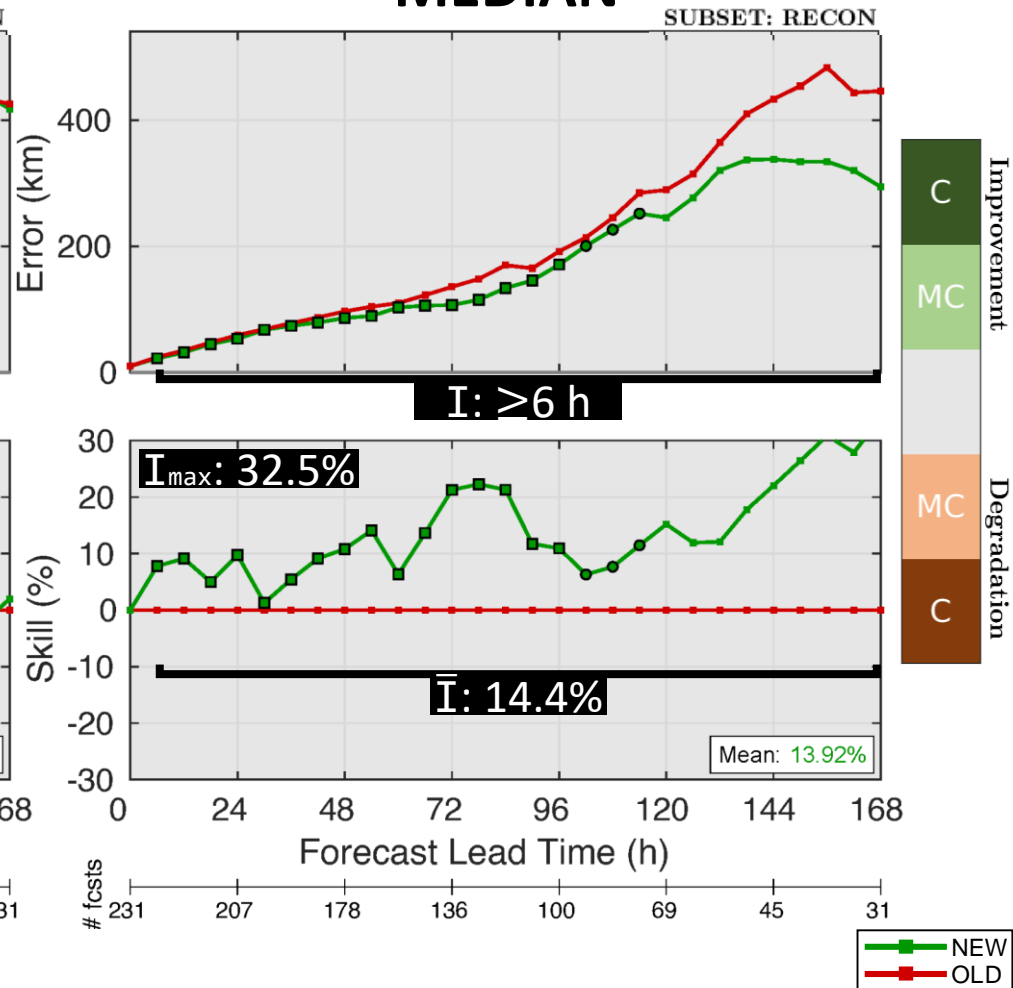
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