

# Reproduction of 10 m-wind and sea level pressure fields during extreme storms with regional and global atmospheric reanalyses in the North Sea and the Baltic

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## Project EXTREMENESS

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- „EXTREME North sEa Storm Surges and their consequences“
- Analysis of wind fields inducing storm surges in atmospheric data [EXTREMENESS-B]
- More details about this project in the presentation of Ralf Weisse:

***„Identification of extreme storm tides with high potential for the German North Sea coast“ – Topic D***



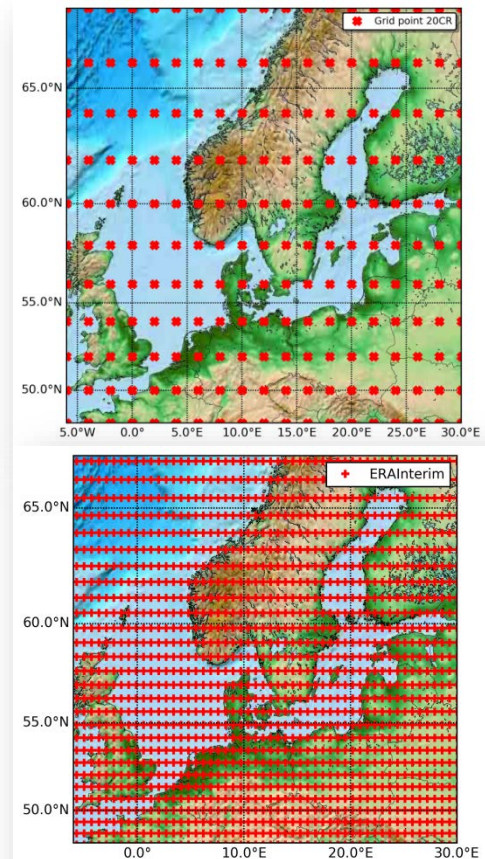
<https://www.hzg.de/ms/extremeness/index.php.de>

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# Global atmospheric reanalyses

- Twentieth Century Reanalysis 20CRv2c (Compo *et al.*, 2011)
- ERAInterim (Dee *et al.*, 2011)



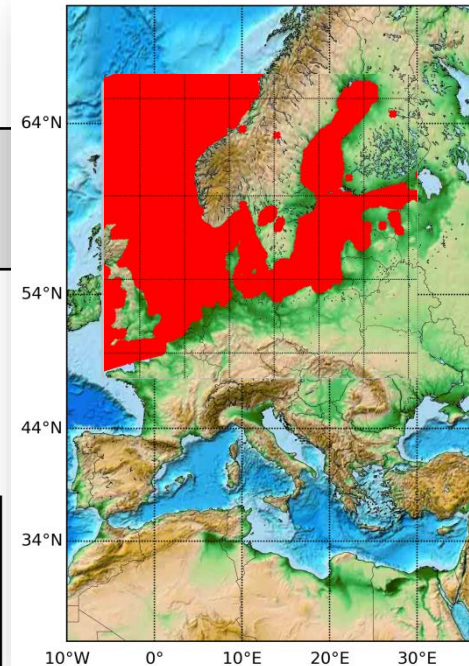
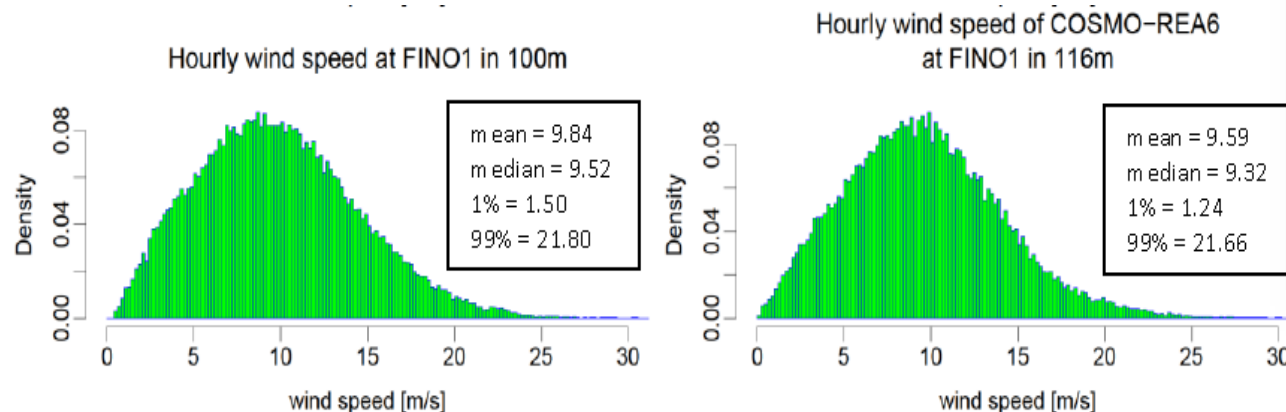
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|-------------|------------|-----|-------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| 20CRv2c     | 1851-2016  | 6 h | 2°    | FF10M, DD, PS | Global, NOAA<br>2D, 56 Ensembles |
| ERA-Interim | 1979-today | 6 h | 0.75° | FF10M, DD, PS | Global, ECMWF<br>2D              |

# The regional atmospheric reanalysis COSMO-REA6

→ Product of the Deutscher Wetterdienst/University of Bonn  
(Bollmeyer *et al.*, 2012)

|            |           |     |                  |            |   |
|------------|-----------|-----|------------------|------------|---|
| COSMO-REA6 | 1995-2015 | 1 h | 0.055°<br>6x6 km | FF, DD, PS | Regional<br>EURO-Cordex domain<br>2D and 3D information |
|------------|-----------|-----|------------------|------------|---|

→ Validation (Borsche *et al.*, 2016)



→ Here, applications for extreme events (storms)

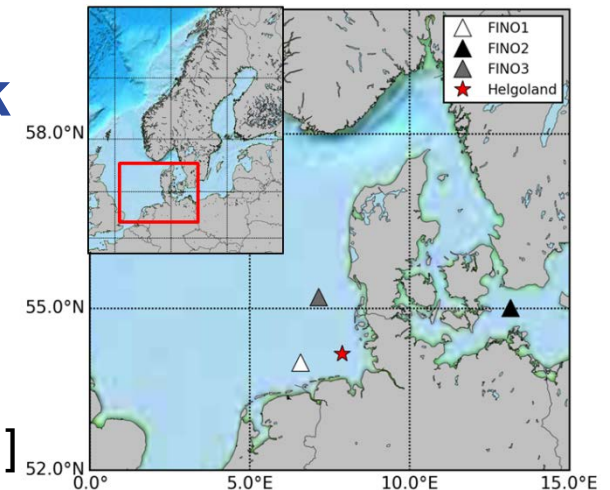
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## Overview of the measurement network

- ➔ Parameters: wind speed / wind direction / pressure
- ➔ FINO research platforms
- ➔ German Naval Observatory
- ➔ DWD Climate Data Centre [CDC <ftp://ftp-cdc.dwd.de/> ]



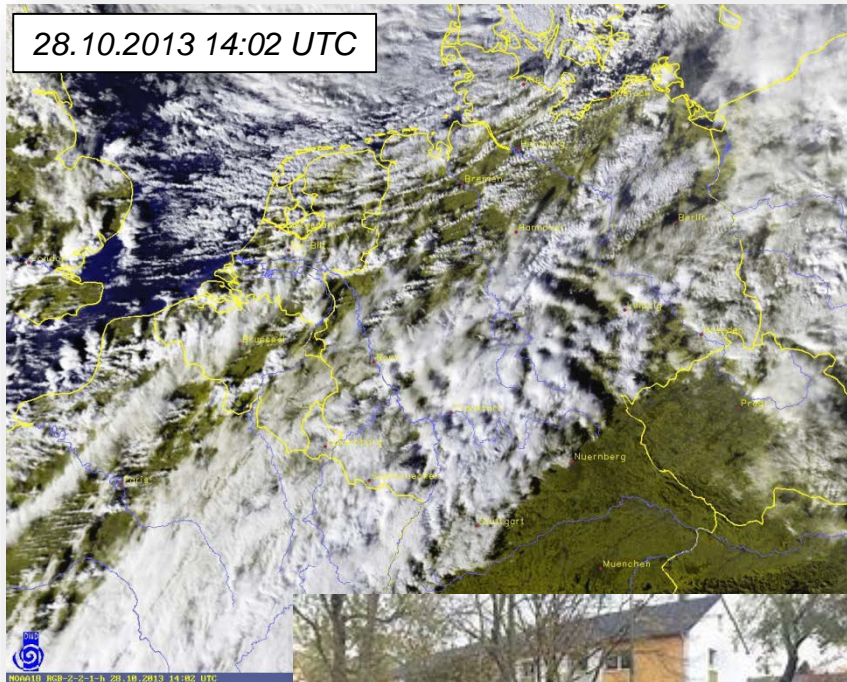
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| FINO1 [North Sea]             | 2004-2015  | 10 min |
| FINO2 [Baltic Sea]            | 2007-2015  | 10 min |
| FINO3 [North Sea]             | 2009-2015  | 10 min |
| German Naval Observatory      | Borkum (1883-1991)<br>Cuxhaven<br>Heligoland                         | 6 h    |
| DWD Climate Data Centre (CDC) | Borkum (1967-2016)<br>Cuxhaven (1969-2016)<br>Heligoland (1959-2016) | 1 h    |



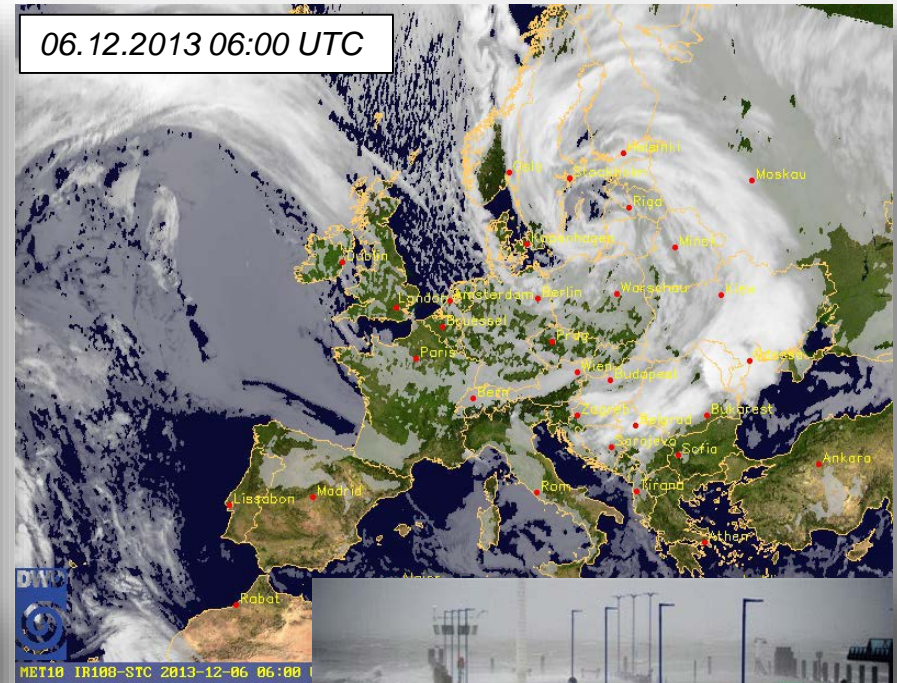
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# Validation for case studies – Storms in 2013

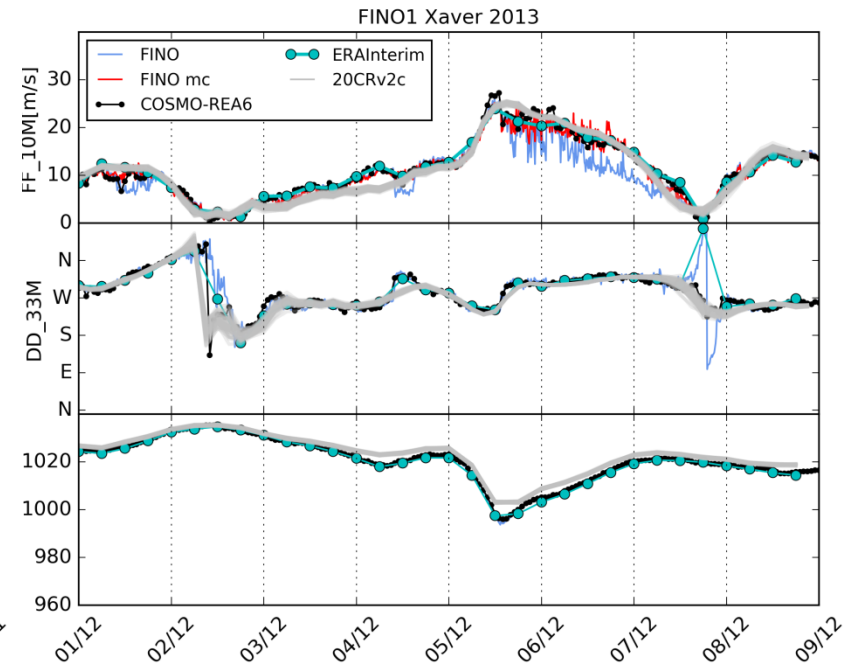
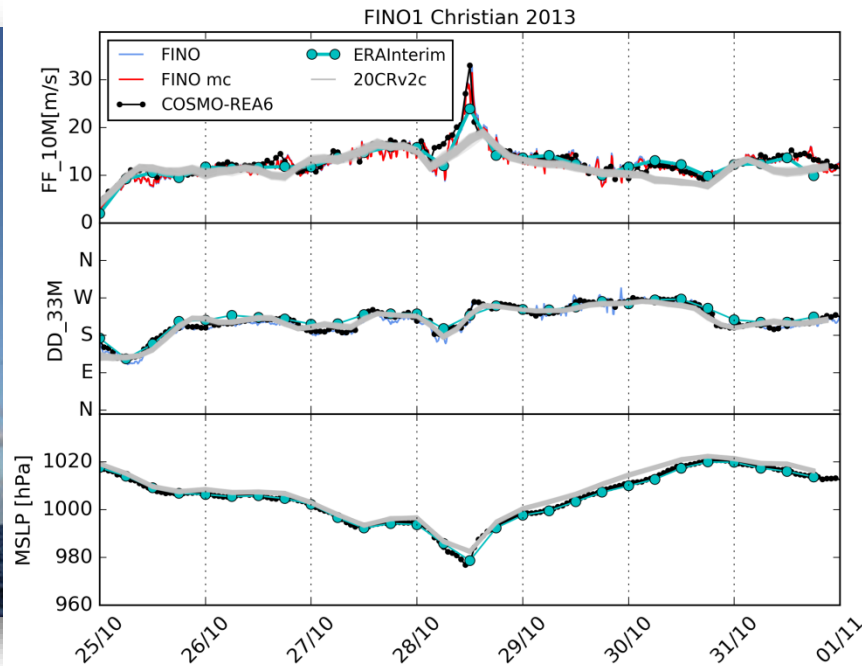
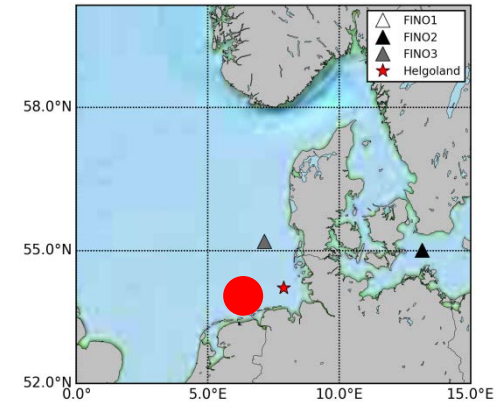


**Christian**  
10.2013

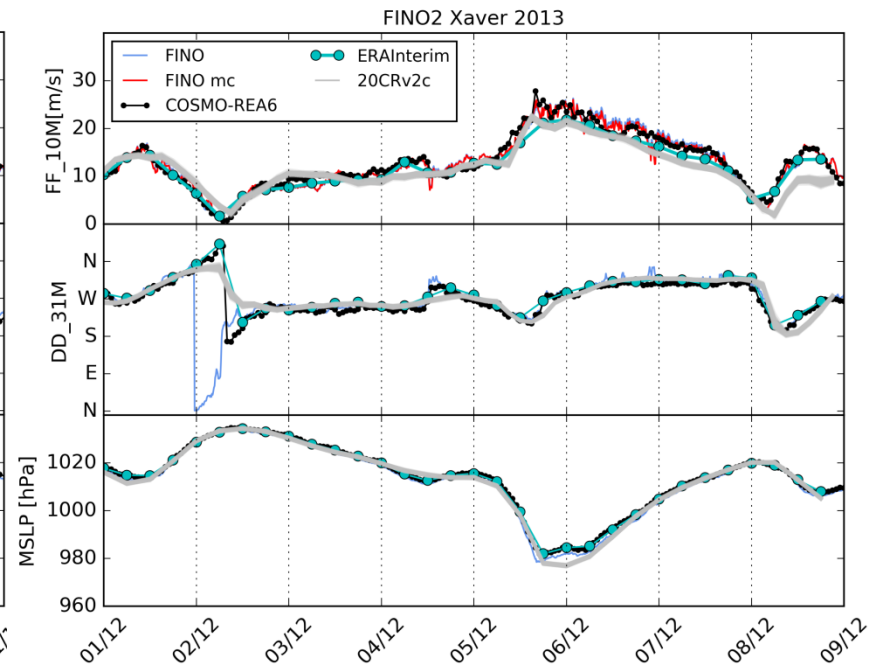
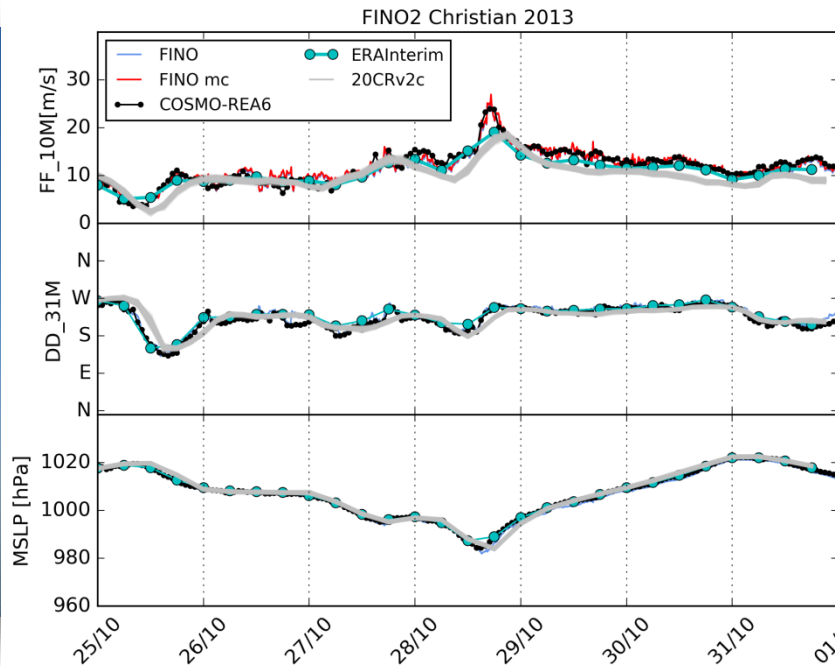
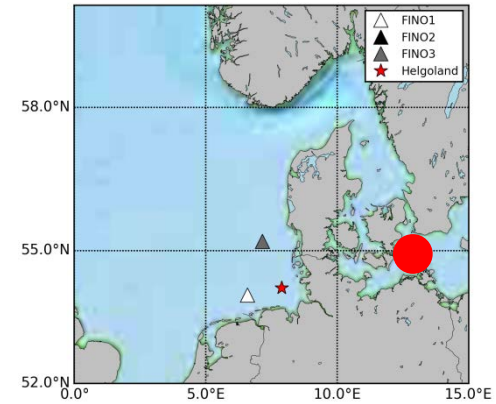


**Xaver**  
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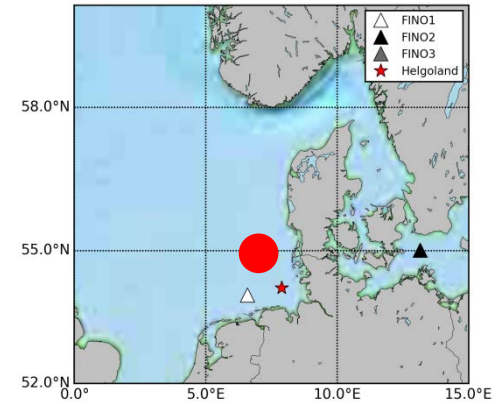
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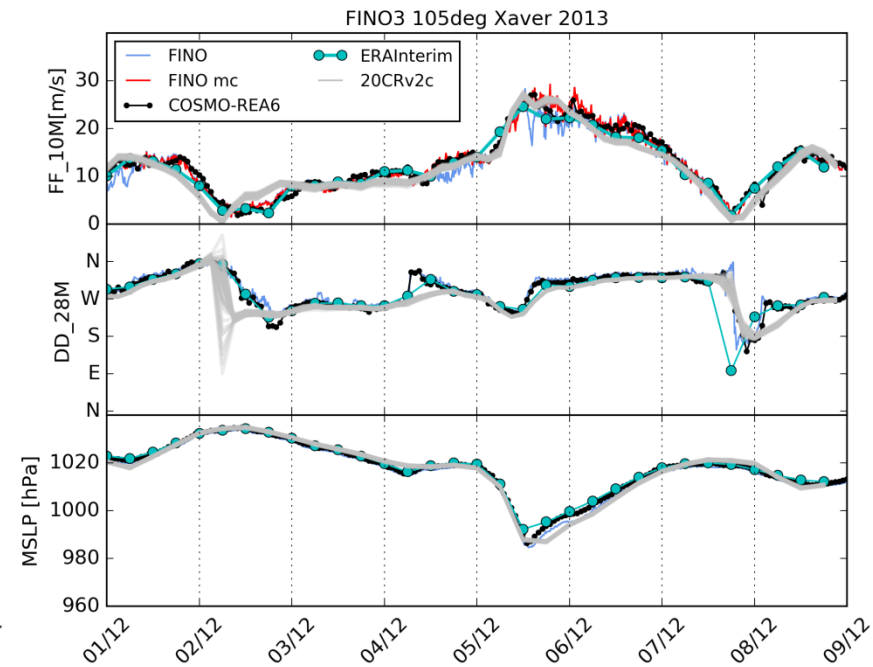
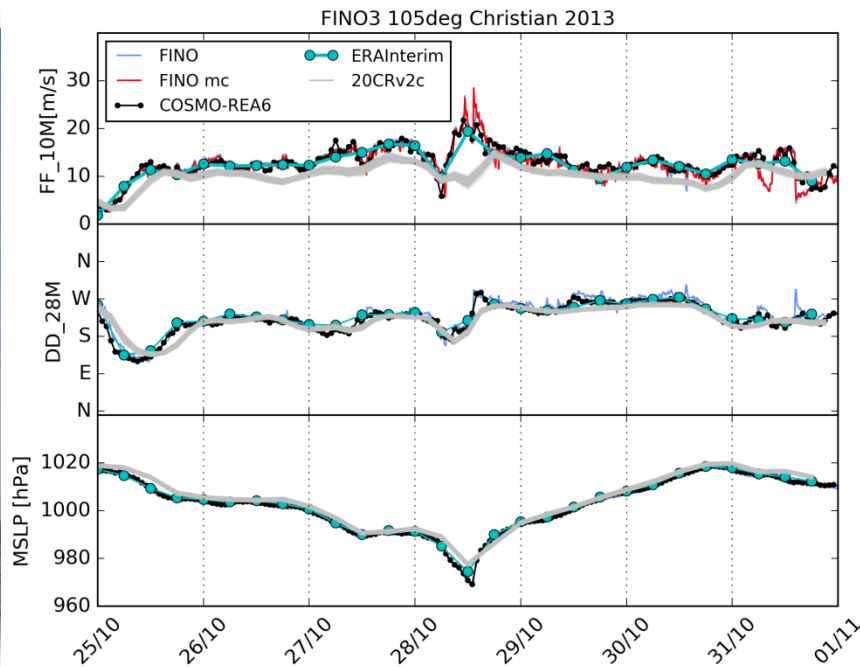
# Validation for case studies – FINO2



# Validation for case studies – FINO3 [105°]

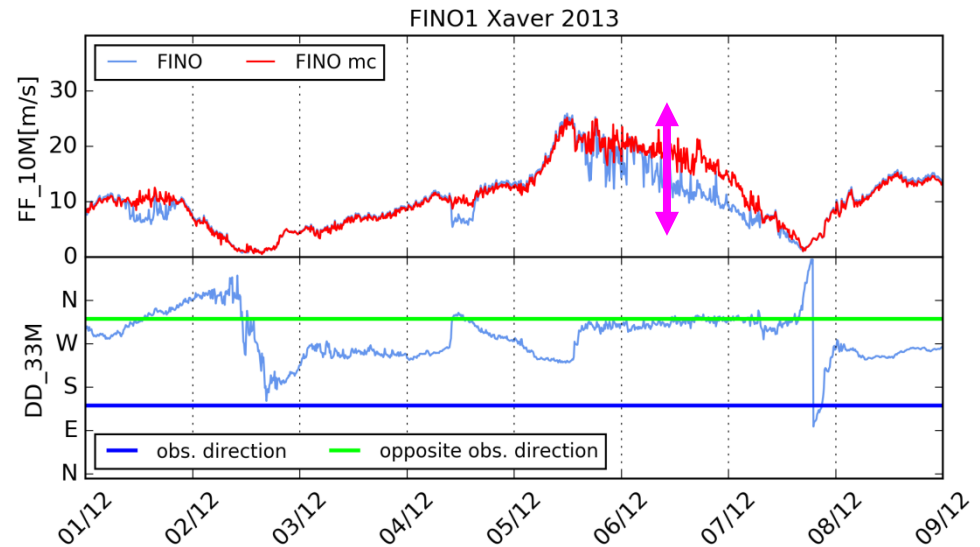
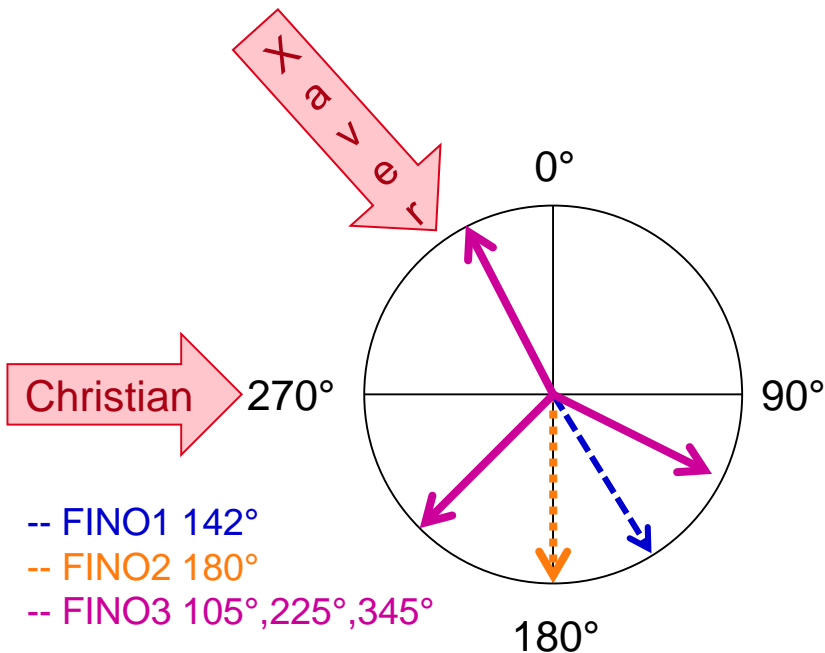


FINO 3



# Mast corrections at the FINO platforms

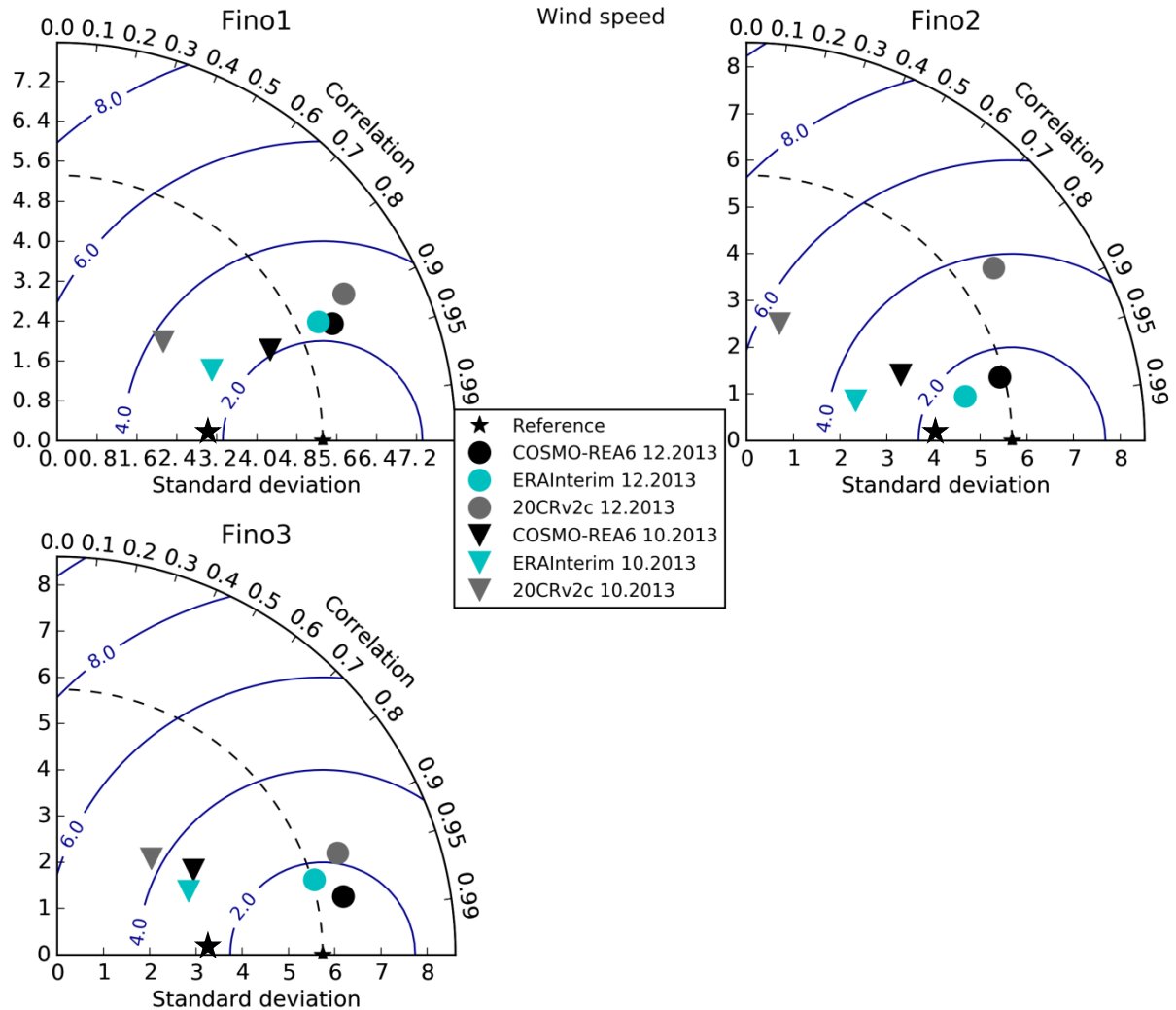
➔ Algorithm developed during the project FINO Wind to correct the mast effect



- Example of correction at FINO1 during Xaver

# Statistics

→ Wind speed

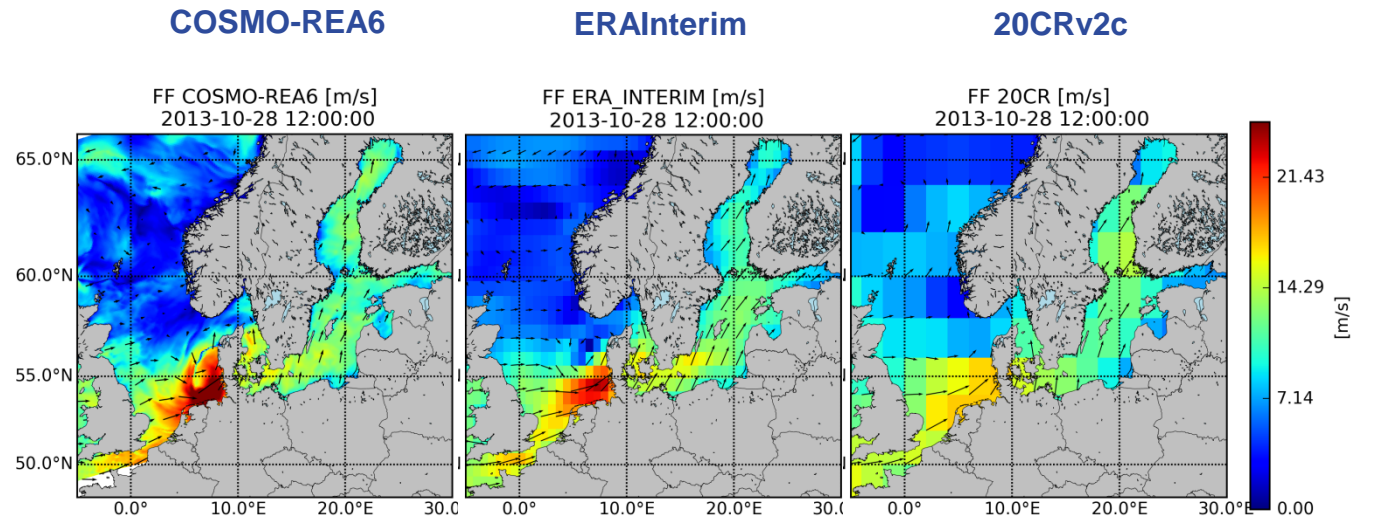




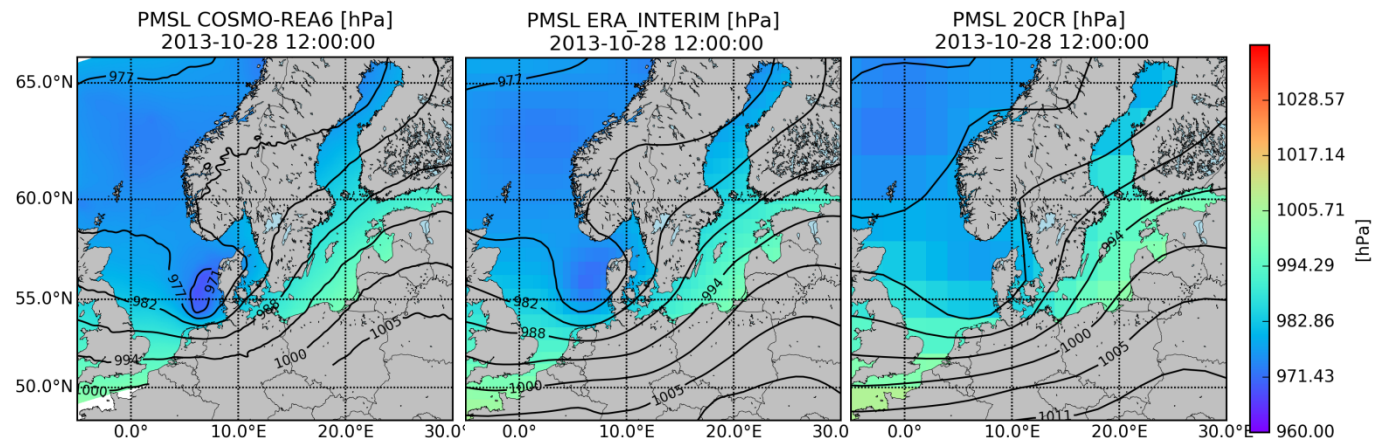
# Spatial distribution

→ Oct. 2013

Wind speed [FF]



Pressure at Mean Sea Level [PMSL]



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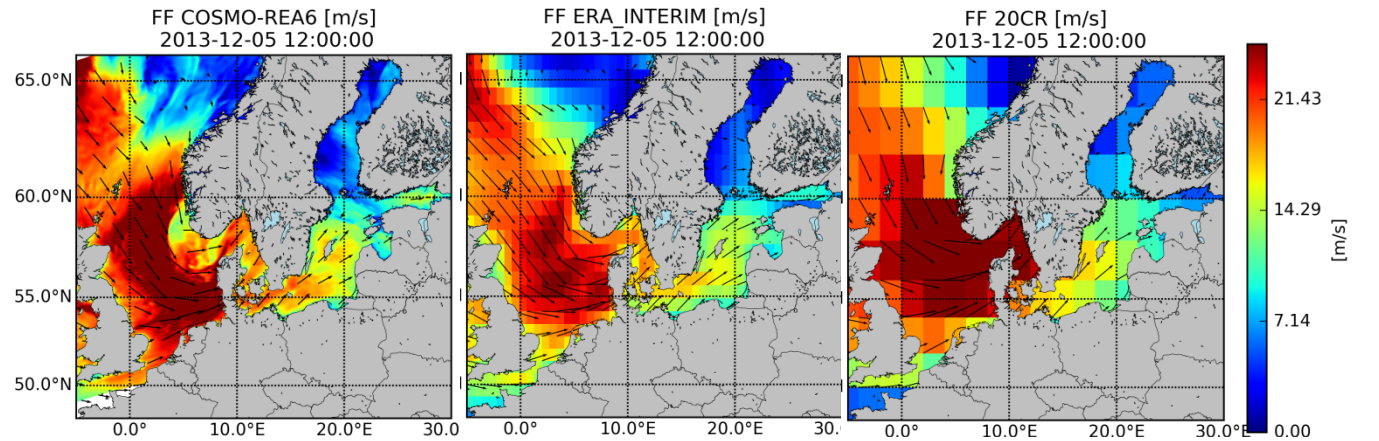
→ Dec. 2013

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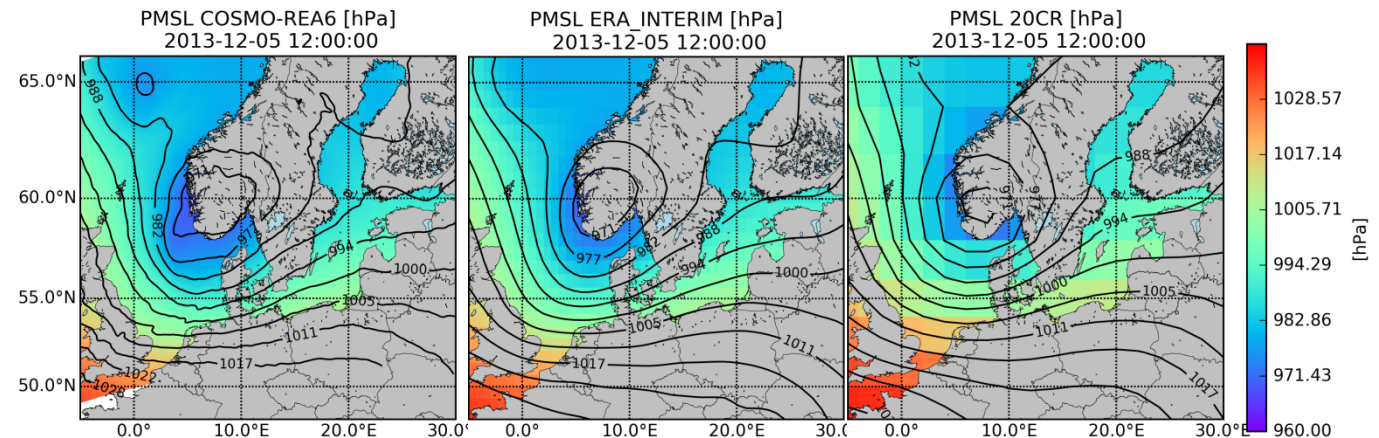
ERAInterim

20CRv2c

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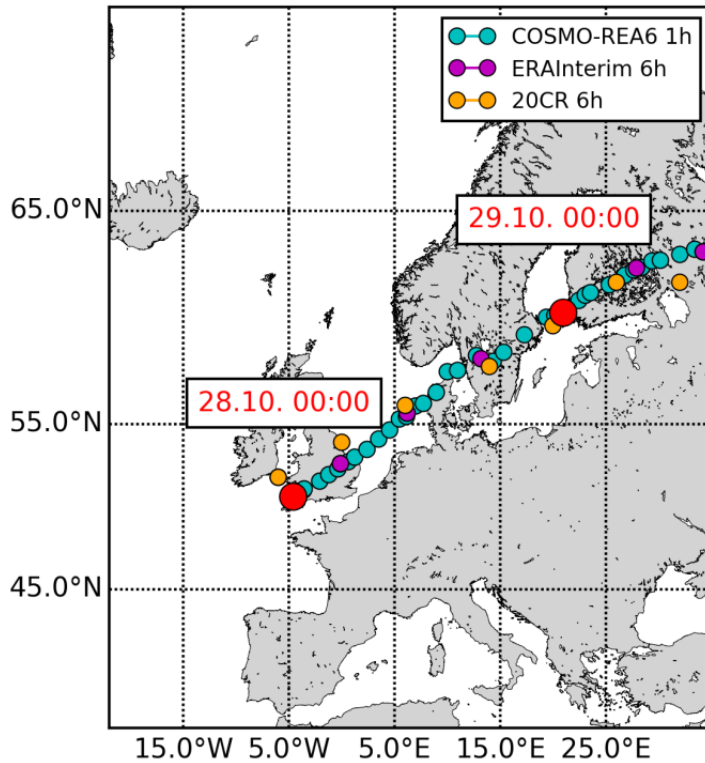


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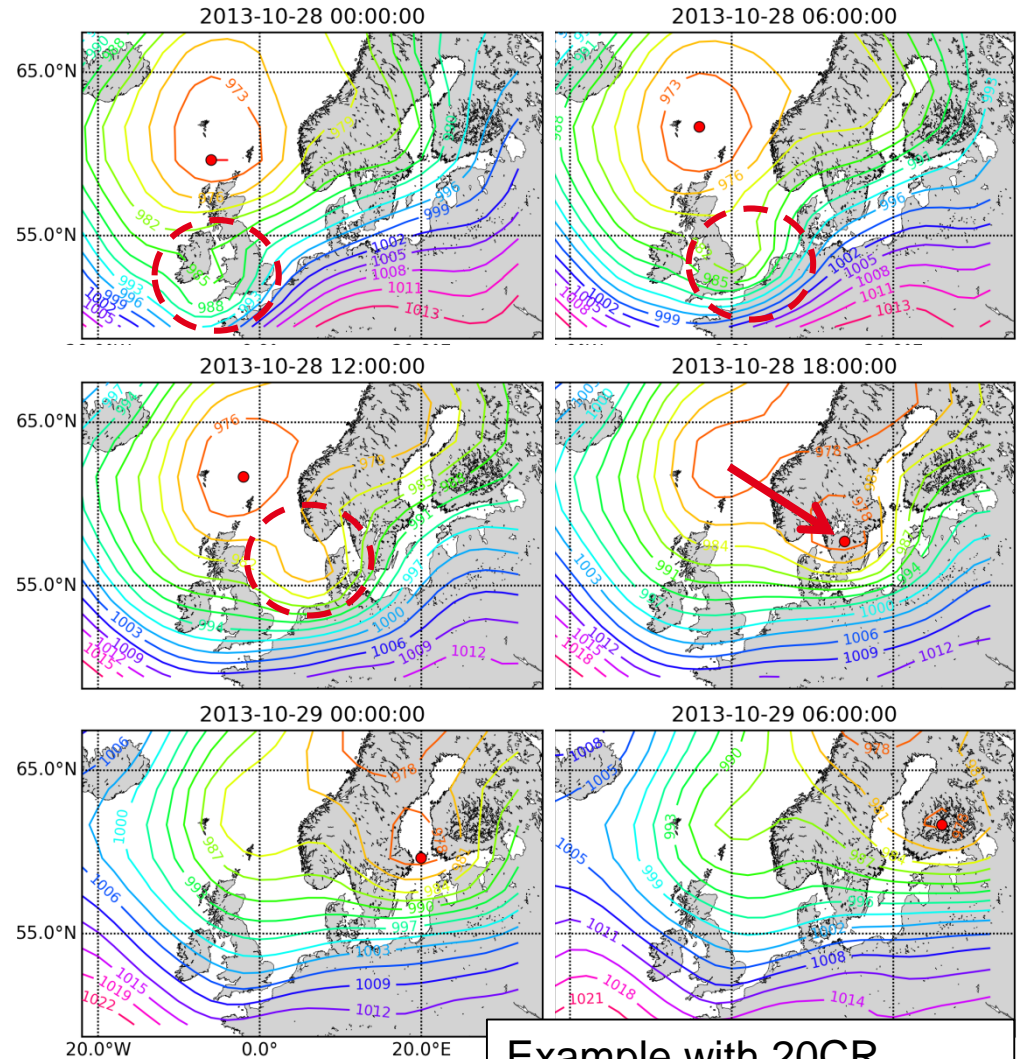


# Storm tracks

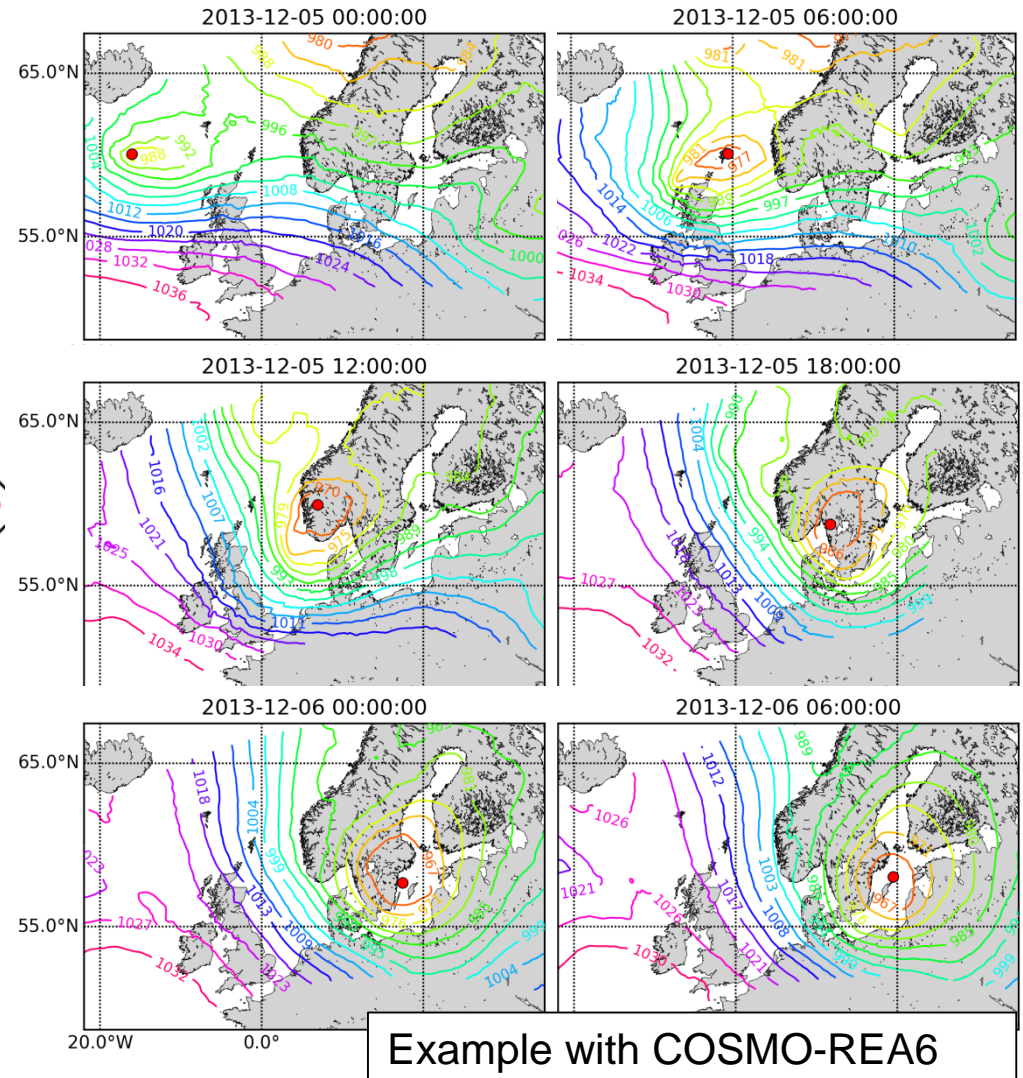
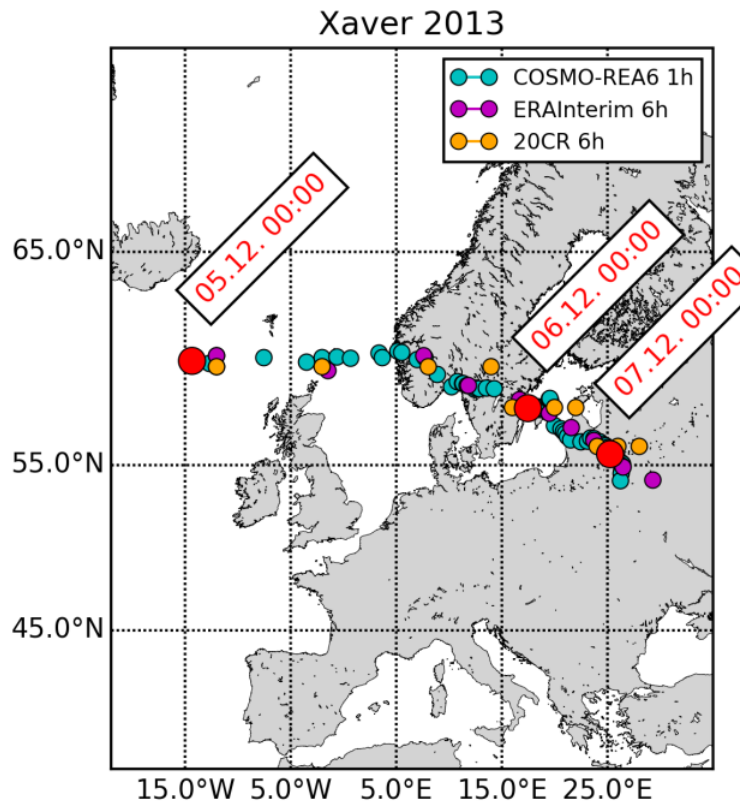
Christian 2013



➤ **Secondary low**



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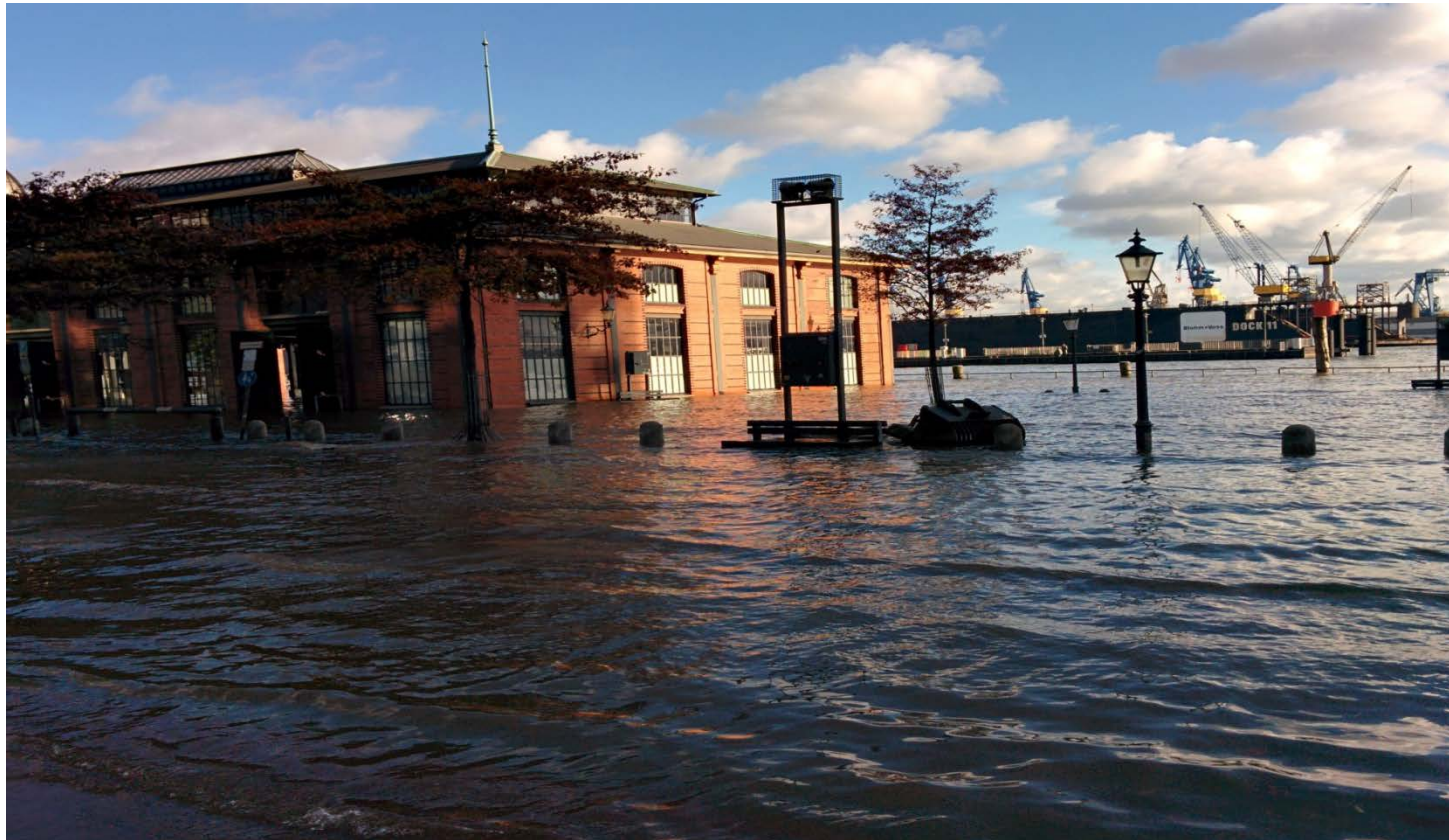
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## Conclusions

- Global atmospheric reanalyses are suitable to describe the main characteristics of storms in the North Sea and the Baltic
- Emphasis was given to 2 recent storms to which wind information is available at locations with the best data coverage
- Global reanalyses => only long lasting storms (often leading to storm surges along the coasts)
- Regional reanalyses => short and long lasting storms
- Similar results were found for additional analysed storms (i.e 2006, 2007)
- Importance of atmospheric observations over sea for calibration/validation of the numerical models (i.e reanalyses)
- Overall, the mast correction of the measurements at the FINO research platforms performs well

Thank you for your attention



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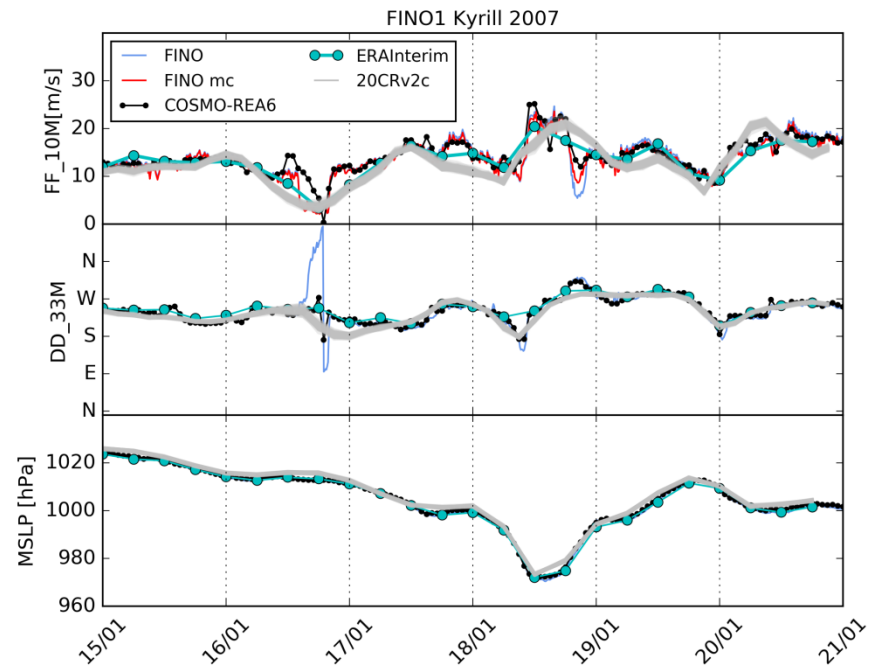
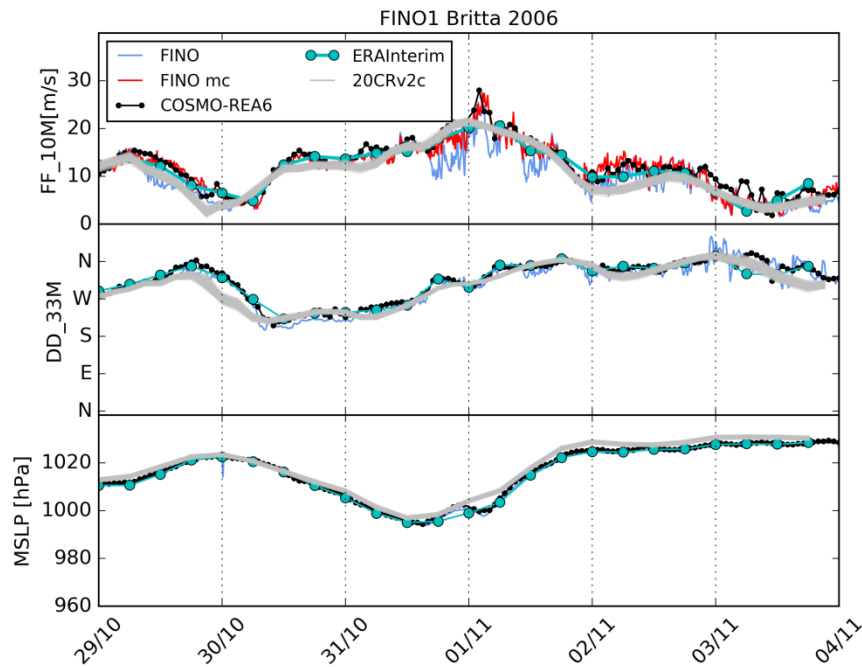
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## Other storms

➔ Britta 11.2006 and Kyrill 2007 (measured by FINO1 only)



# Coastal station Heligoland (North Sea)

