



Verification Against Multiple Analyses

	Forecast							Own Analysis	Others Analysis	
	JMA	ECMWF	UKMO	NCEP	DWD	KMA	CMC	CMA	BOM	
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Motivation

- Analysis fields are often used as reference fields (i.e. ‘truth’) for verification because they are easy to handle.
 - But they include analysis error, therefore not ‘truth’ value.
- The influence of analysis to scores can be estimated by **verifying forecasts from multiple centers against analyses from multiple centers.**
 - If the results are insensitive to analysis choice, the metric is reliable.
 - If not, it is difficult to draw any conclusion by just comparing own-analysis verification results.
 - Also, this may suggest analysis error is as large as forecast error.

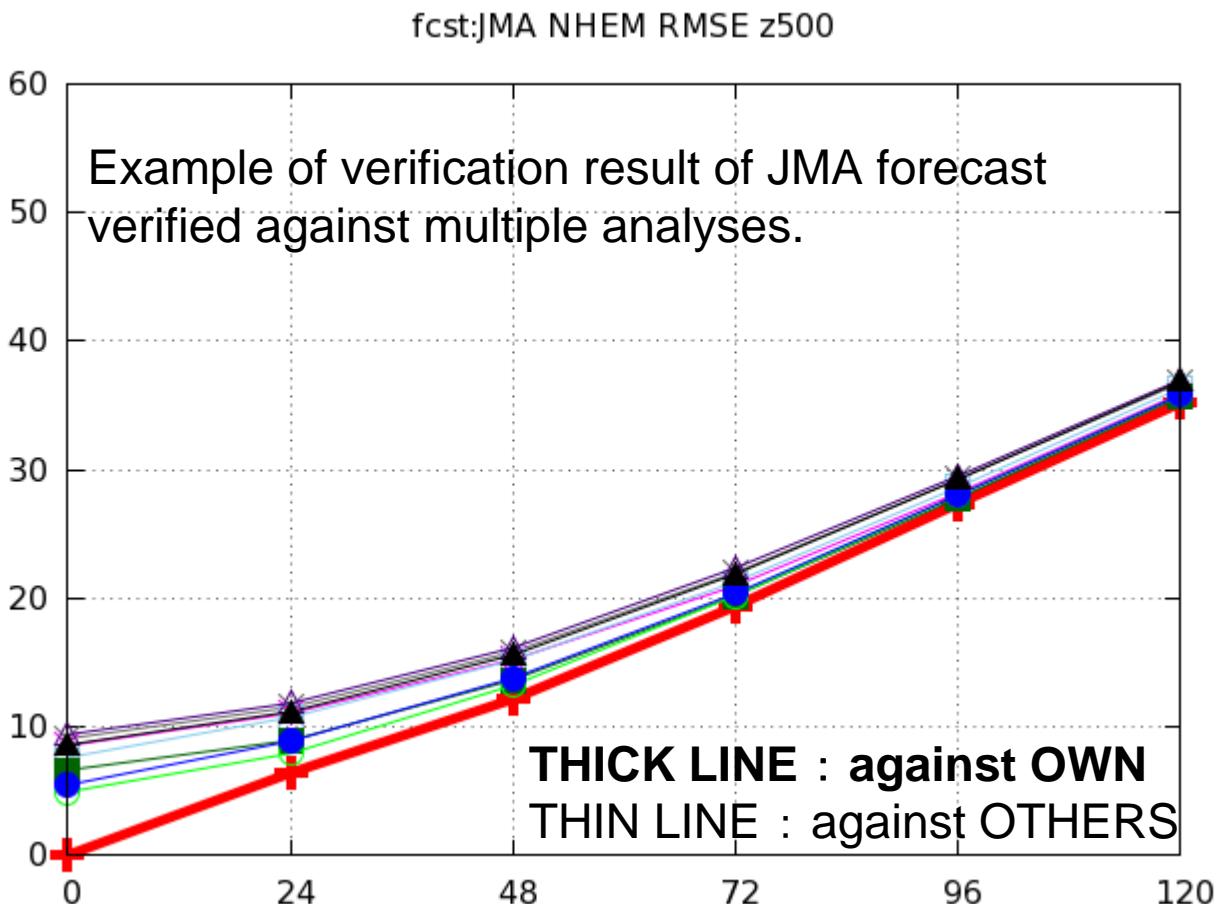
Method

- Verification of multiple forecasts against multiple analyses
 - Using JMA DB :
 - 9 forecasts x 9 analyses : Z500, PSEA
 - 3 forecasts x 3 analyses : Z500, PSEA, T850, WS850 (or VW850)
- Period : 2012 July 01-30, 12UTC (30 samples)
 - 29 samples for verification using KMA data because of one missing data in DB
- Forecast Hour : T+120 hours
- Region : NH, TR, SH
- Score : RMSE, ACC, STDVE
- Climatology for ACC : ERA-Interim daily climatology (distributed by ECMWF as WMO LC-DNV)
- Resolution : interpolated to the coarsest resolution among forecast, analysis and climatology data
- Average : arithmetic average

9 X 9

(JMA, BOM, CMA, CMC, DWD, ECM, NCP, UKM, KMA)

Z500, PSEA

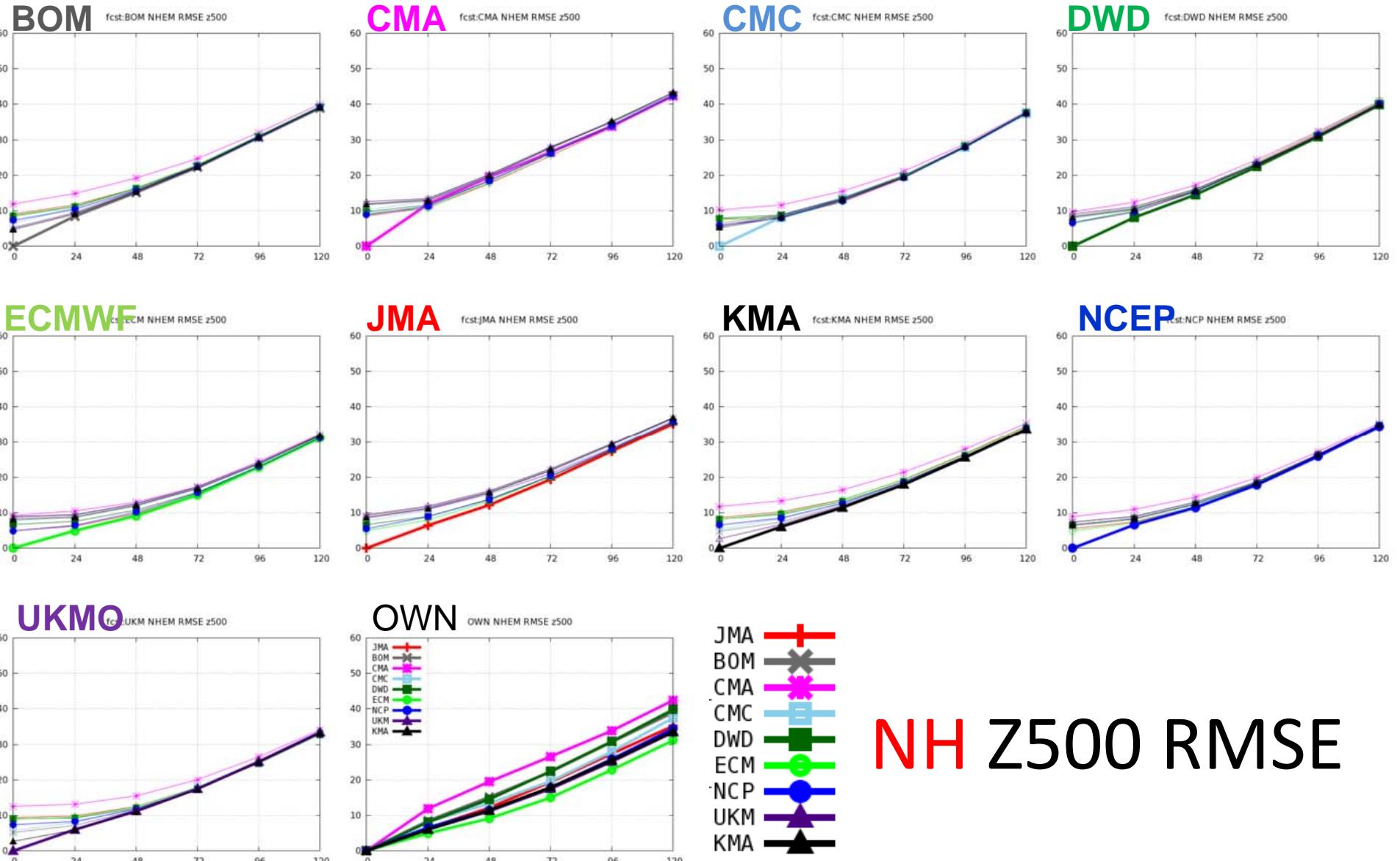


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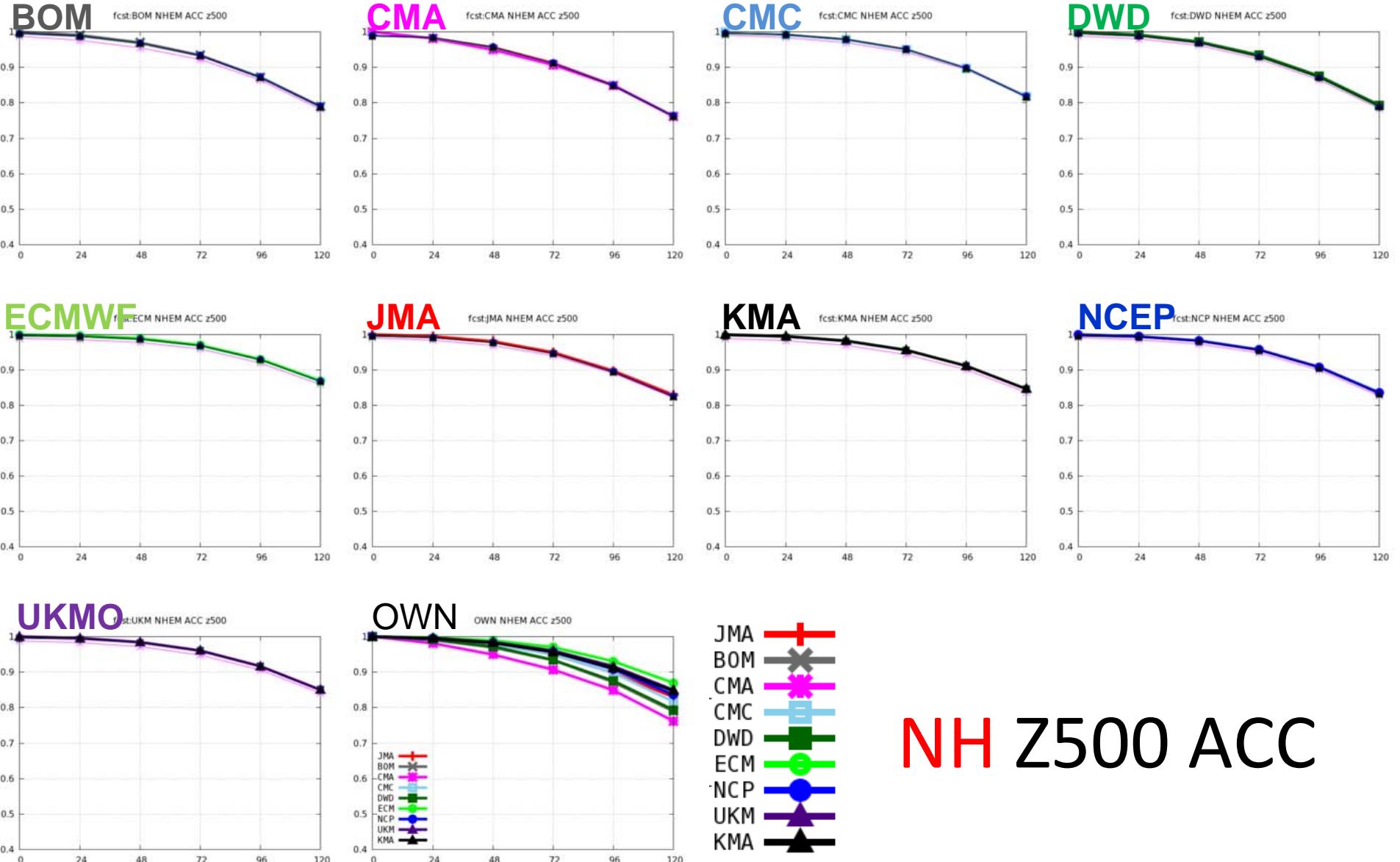
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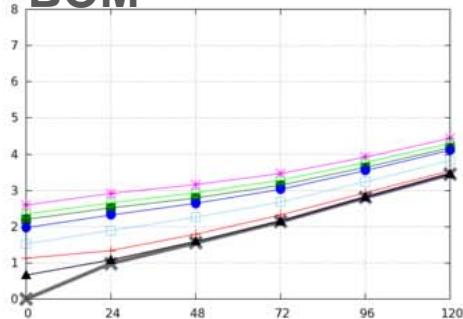
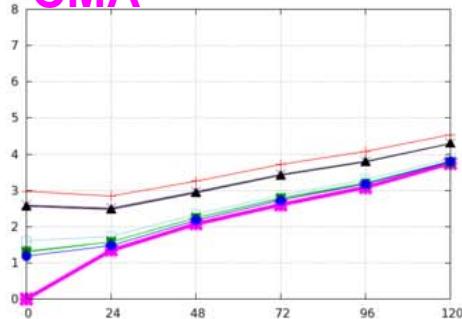
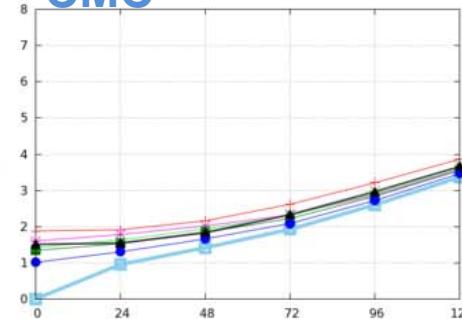
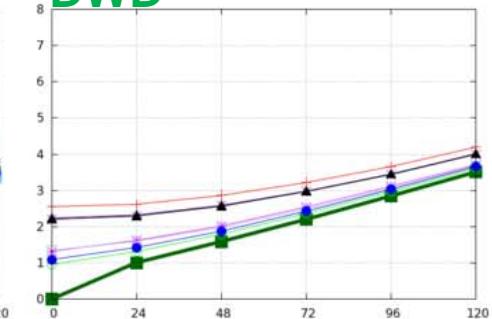
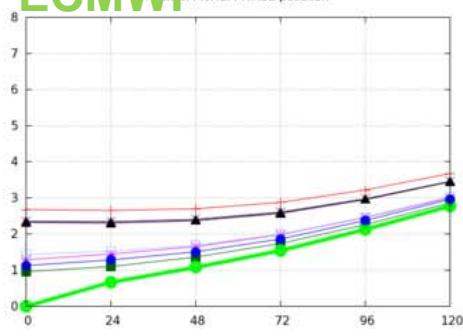
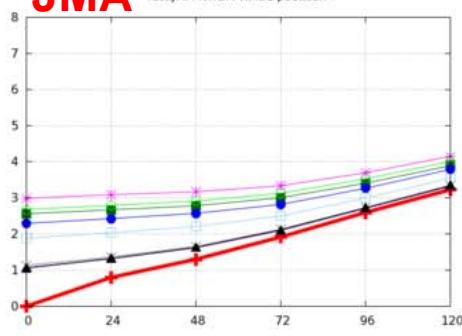
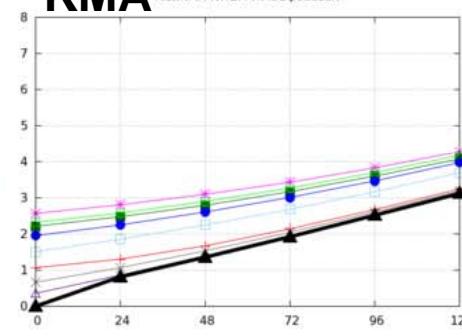
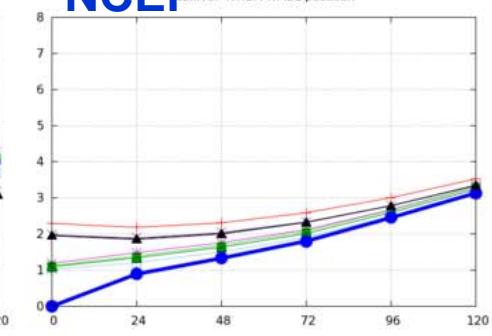
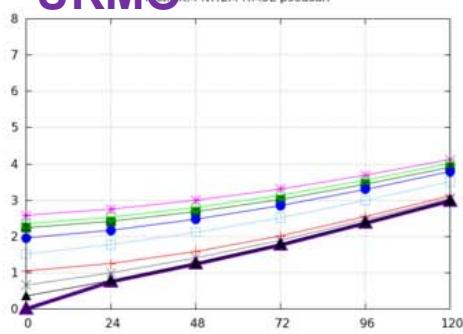
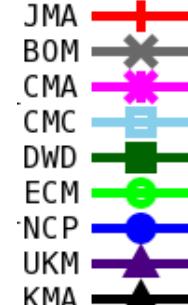
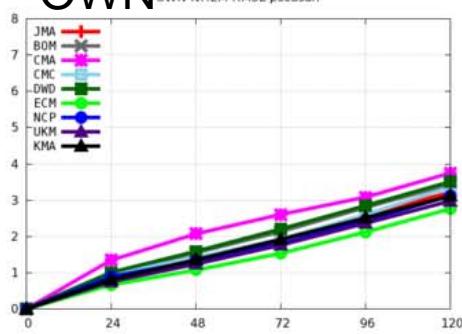
EXTRA-TROPICS



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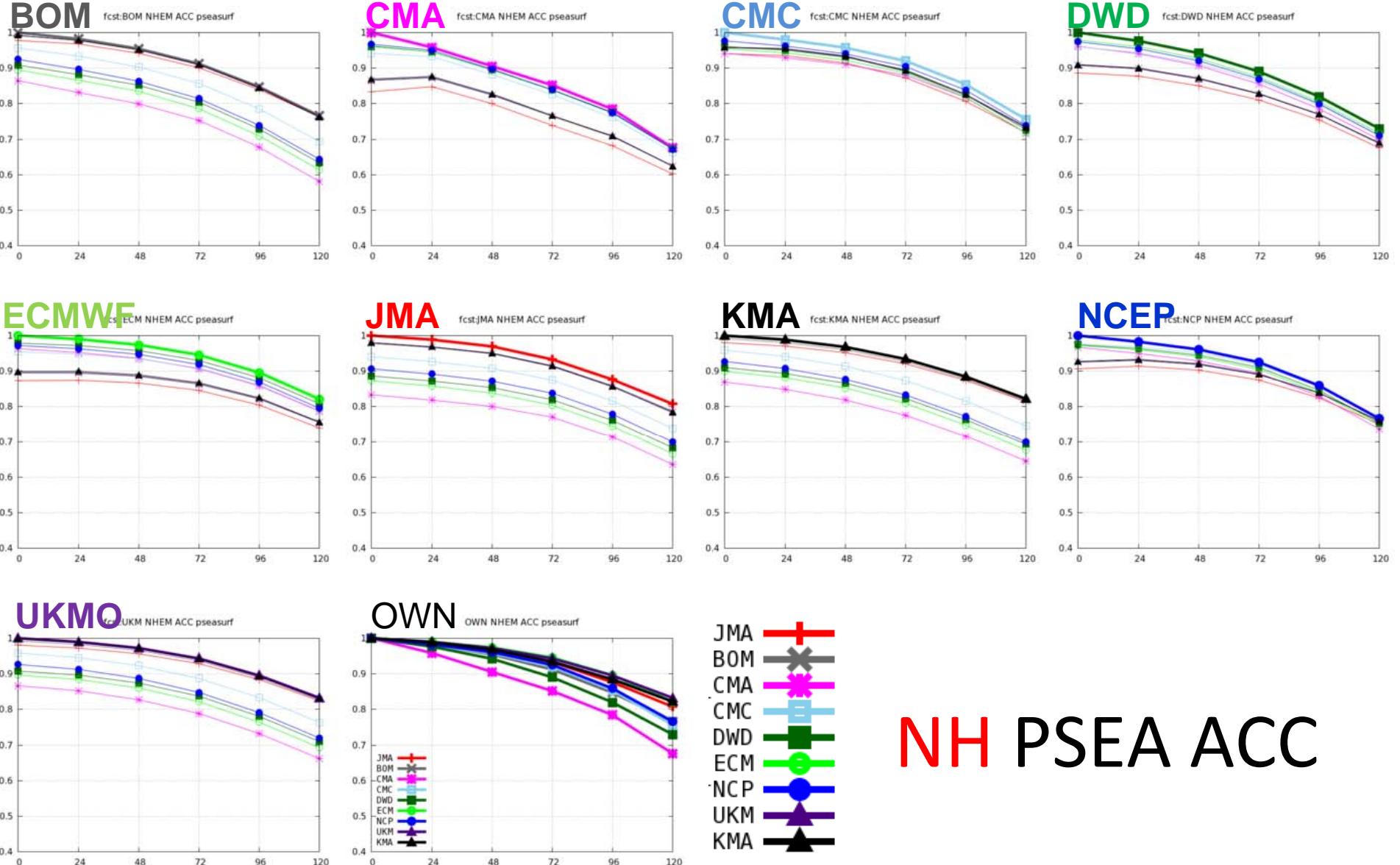


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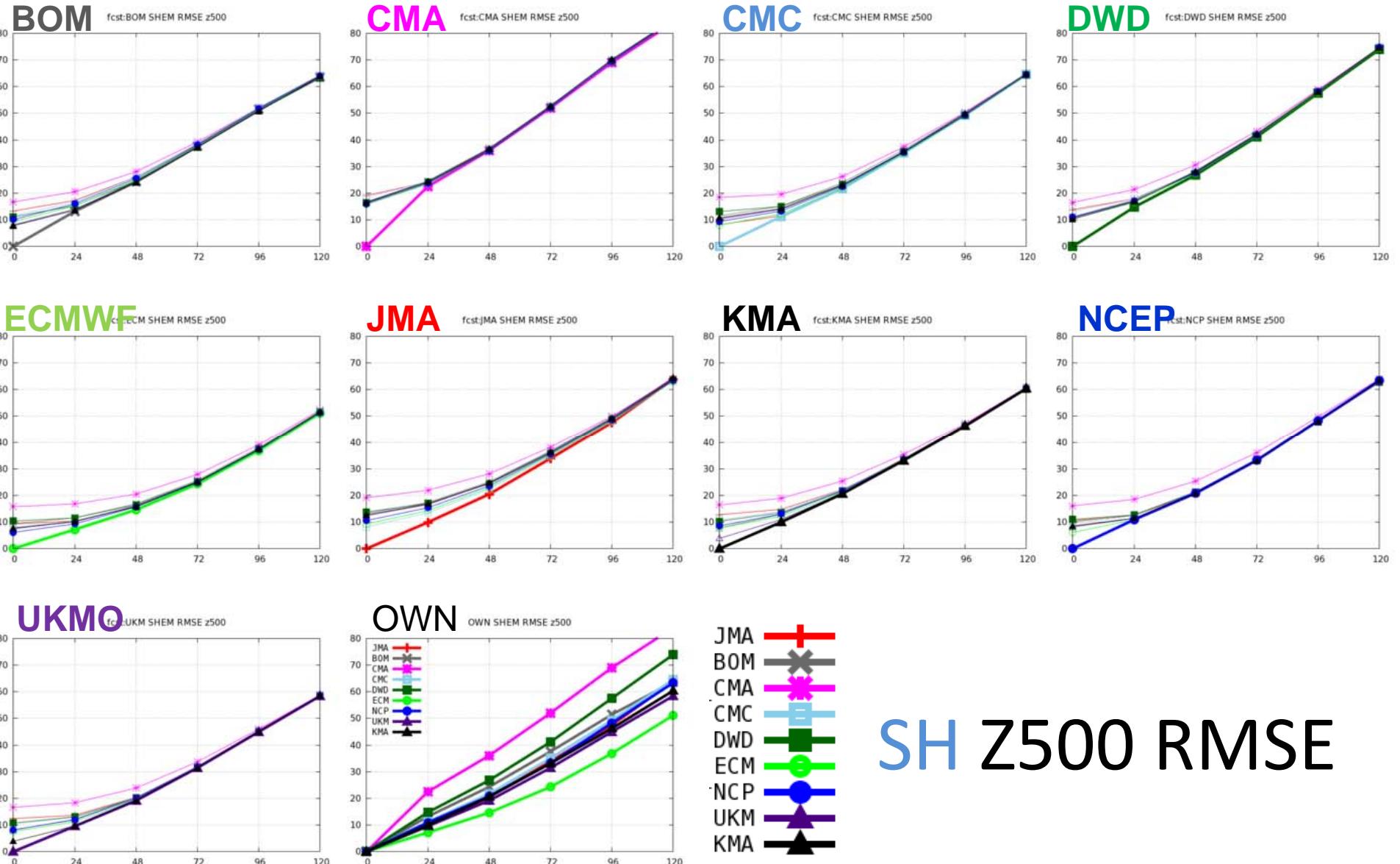
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NH PSEA RMSE

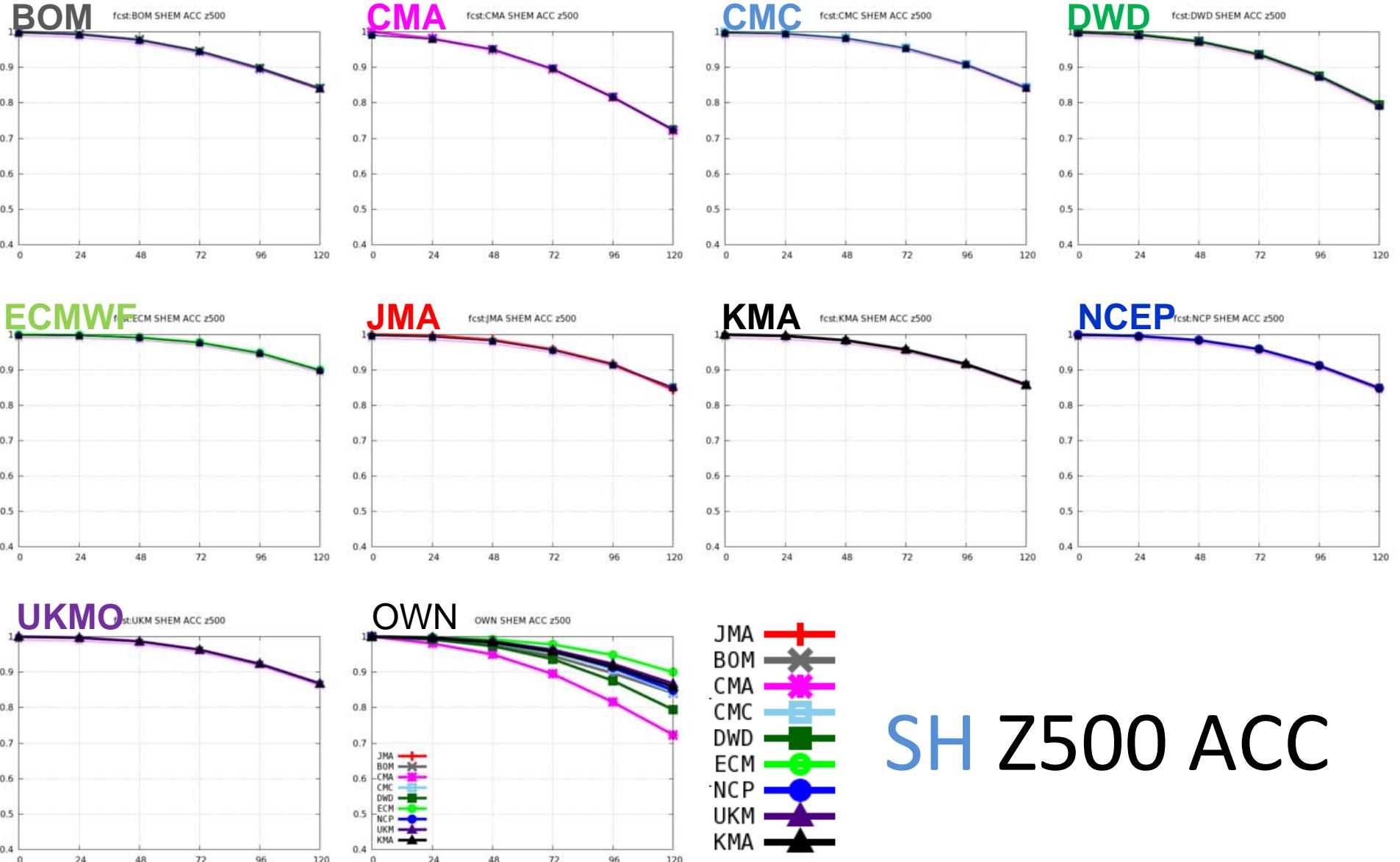
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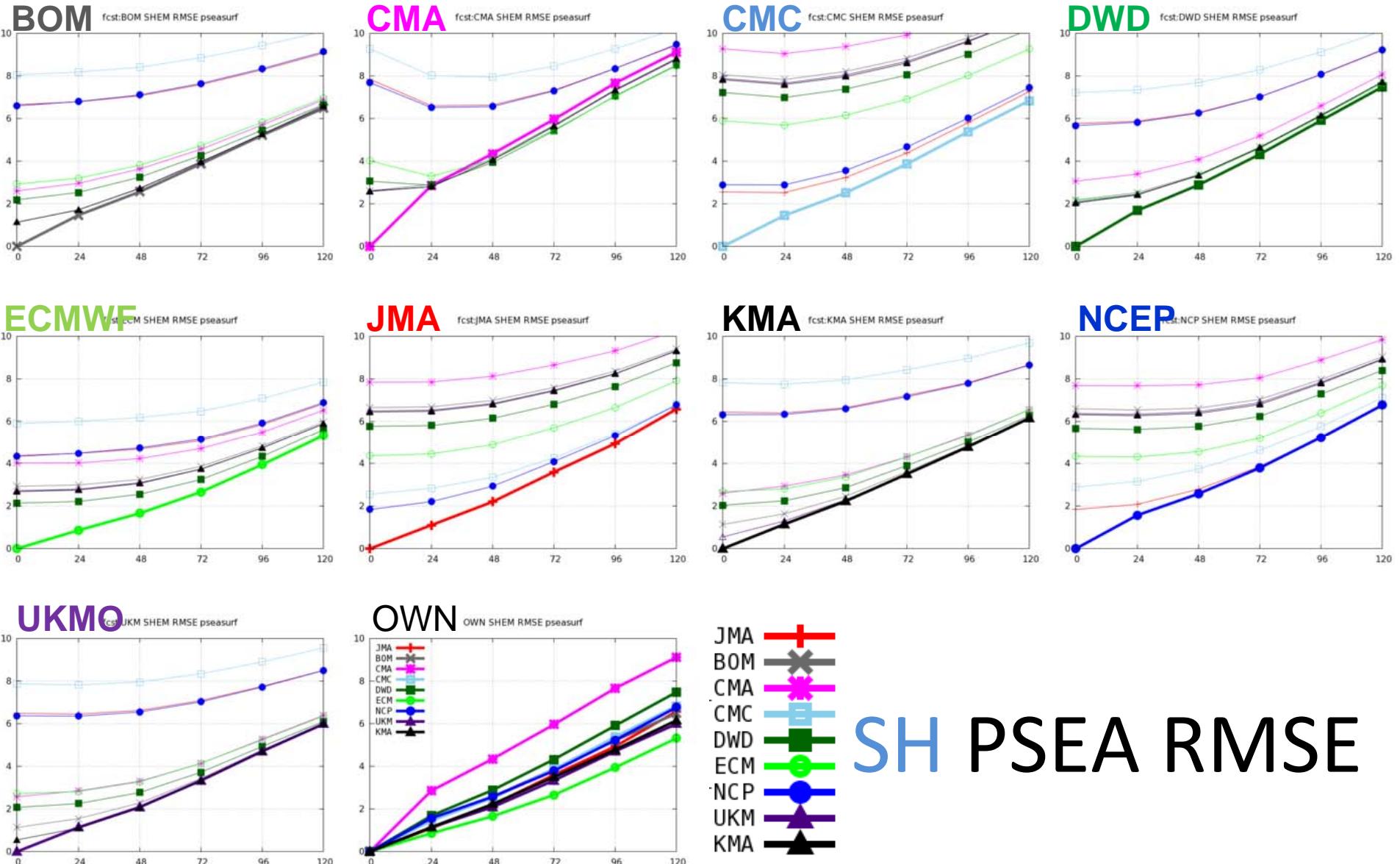
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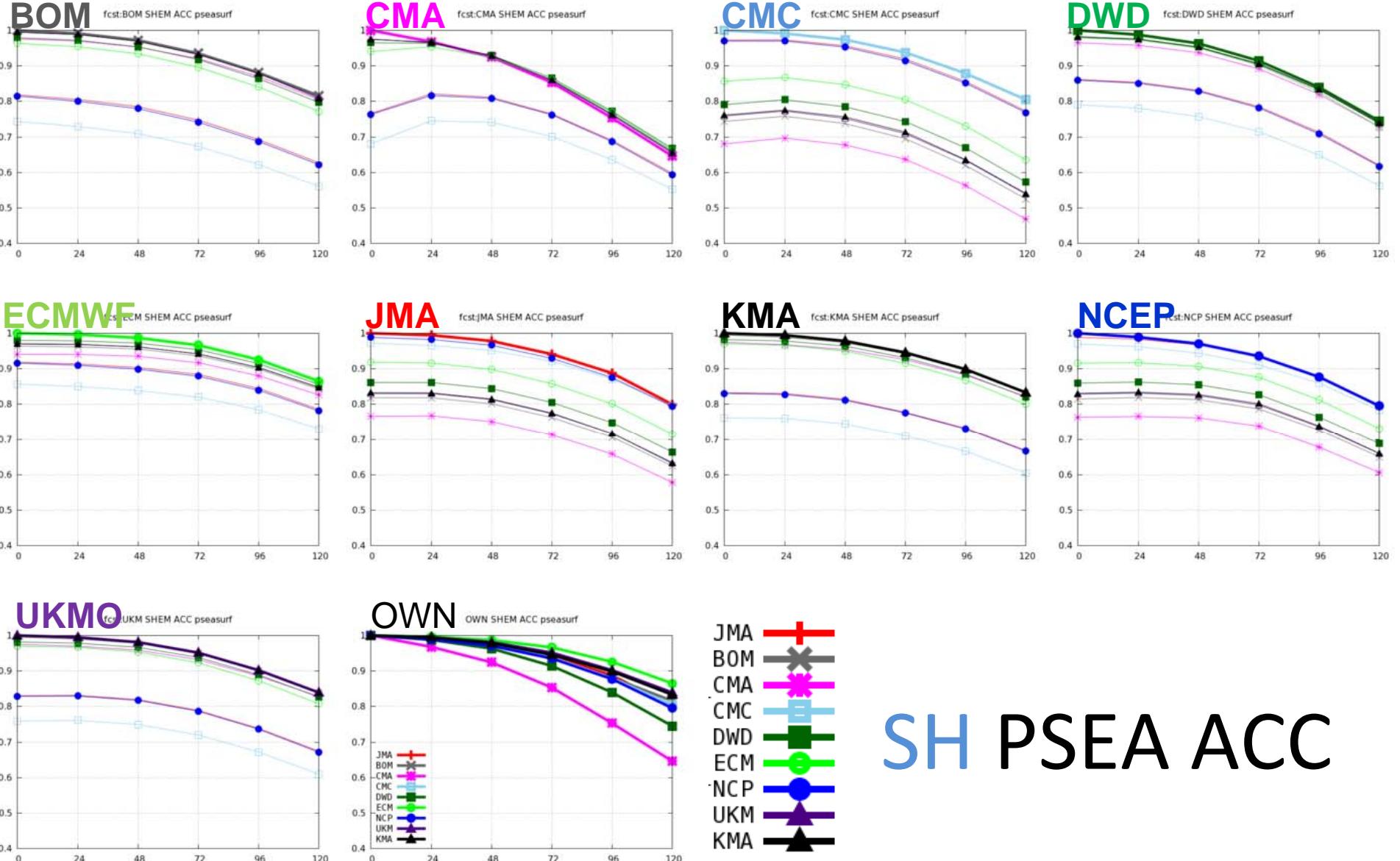
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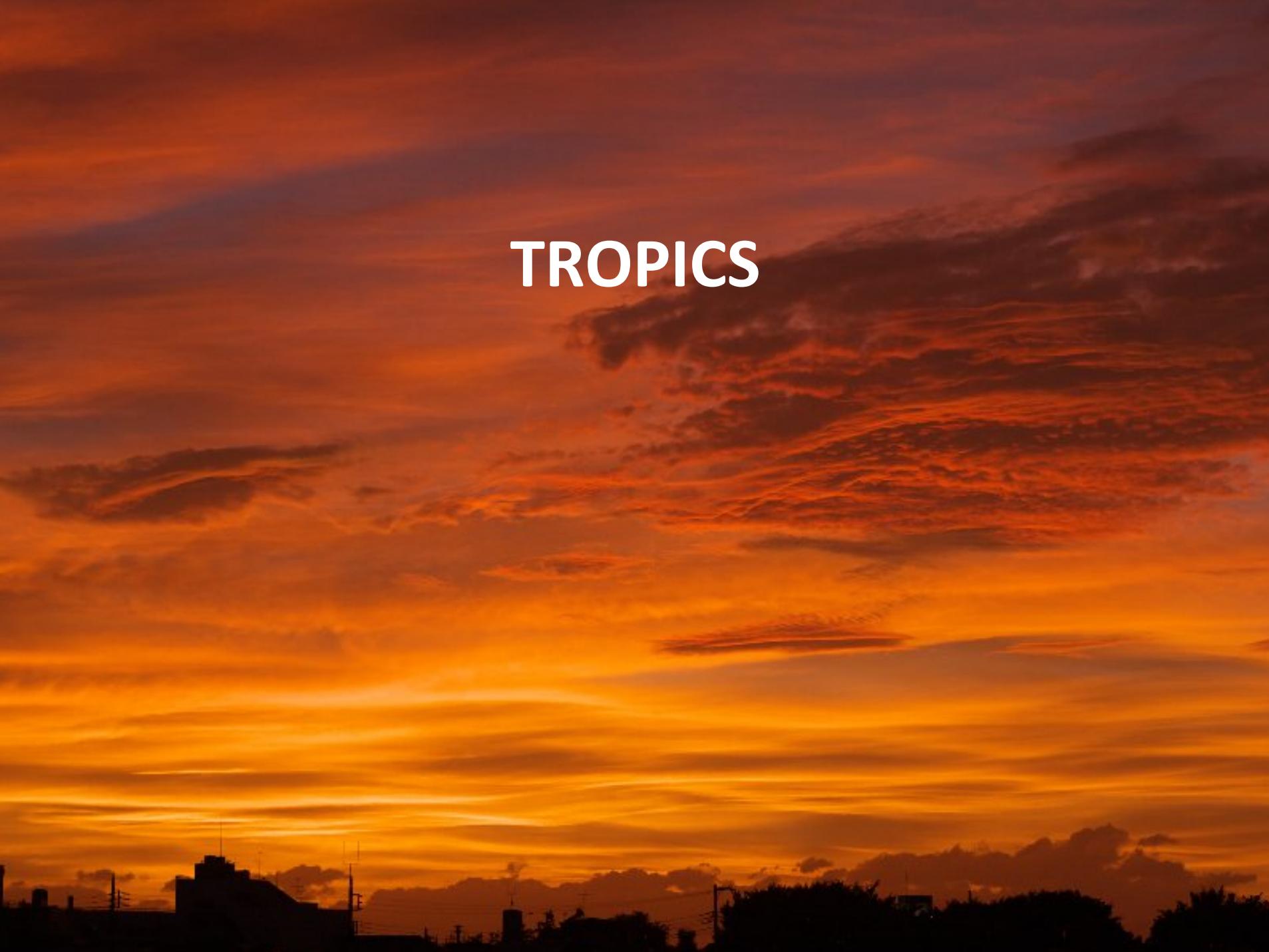
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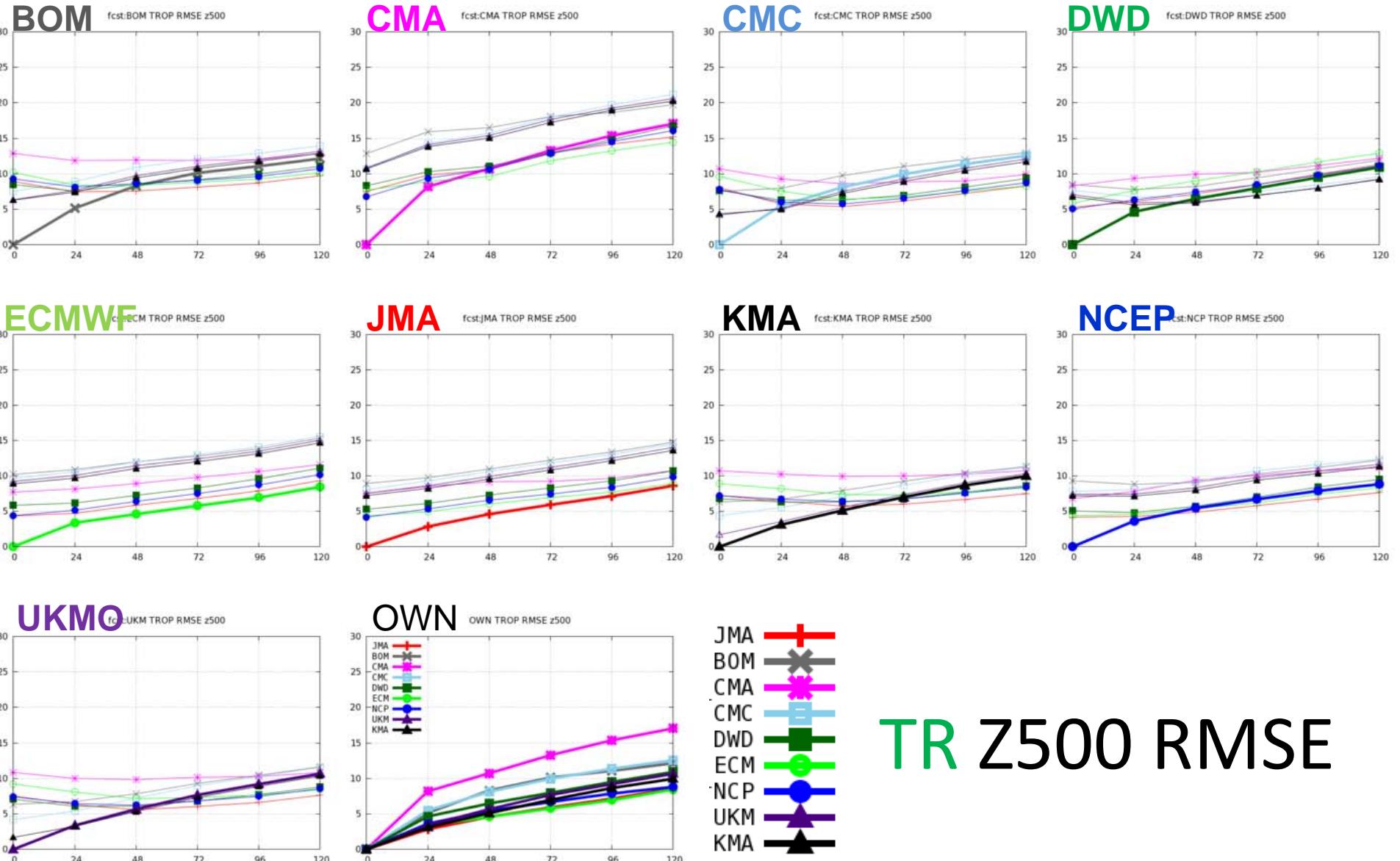
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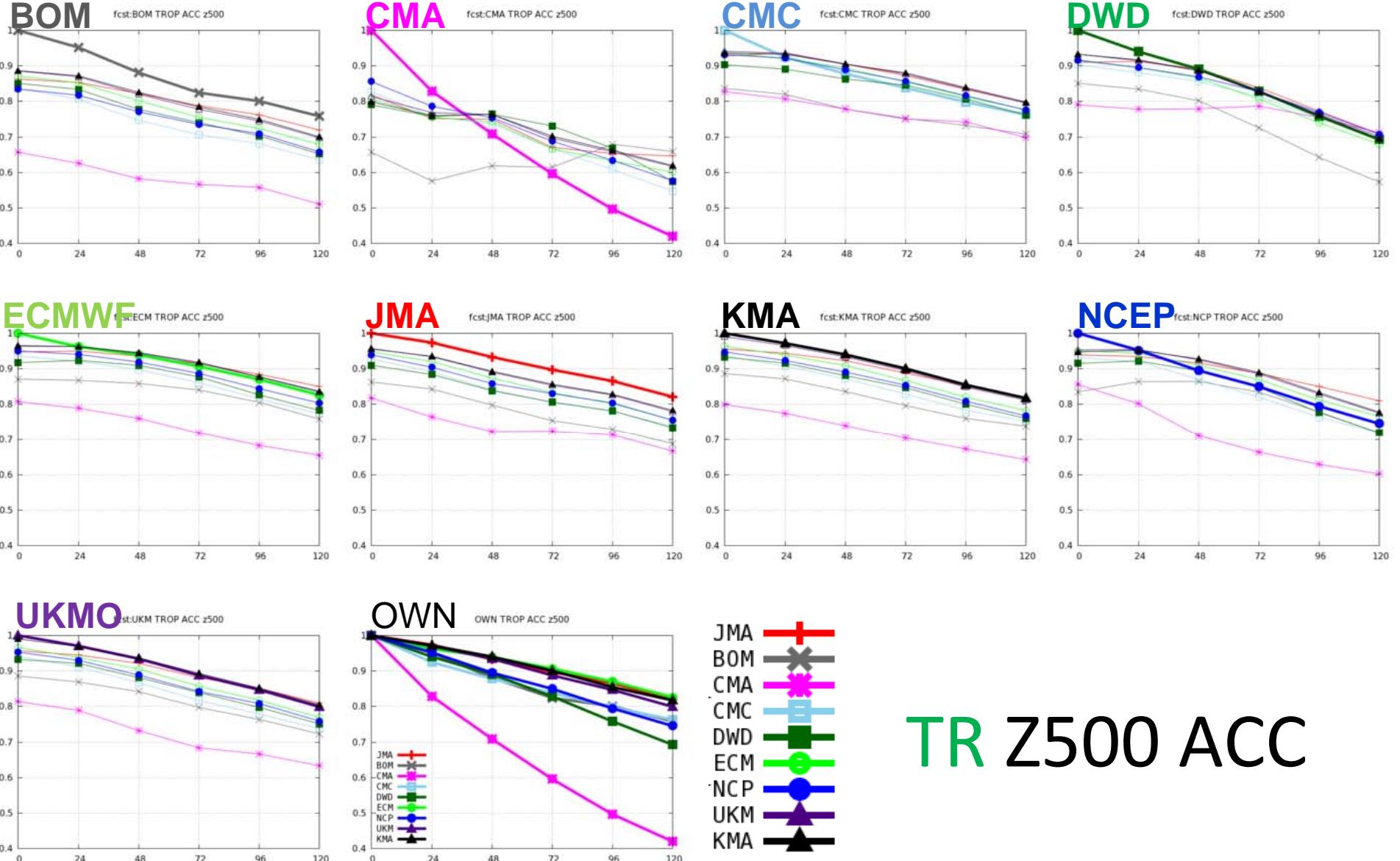
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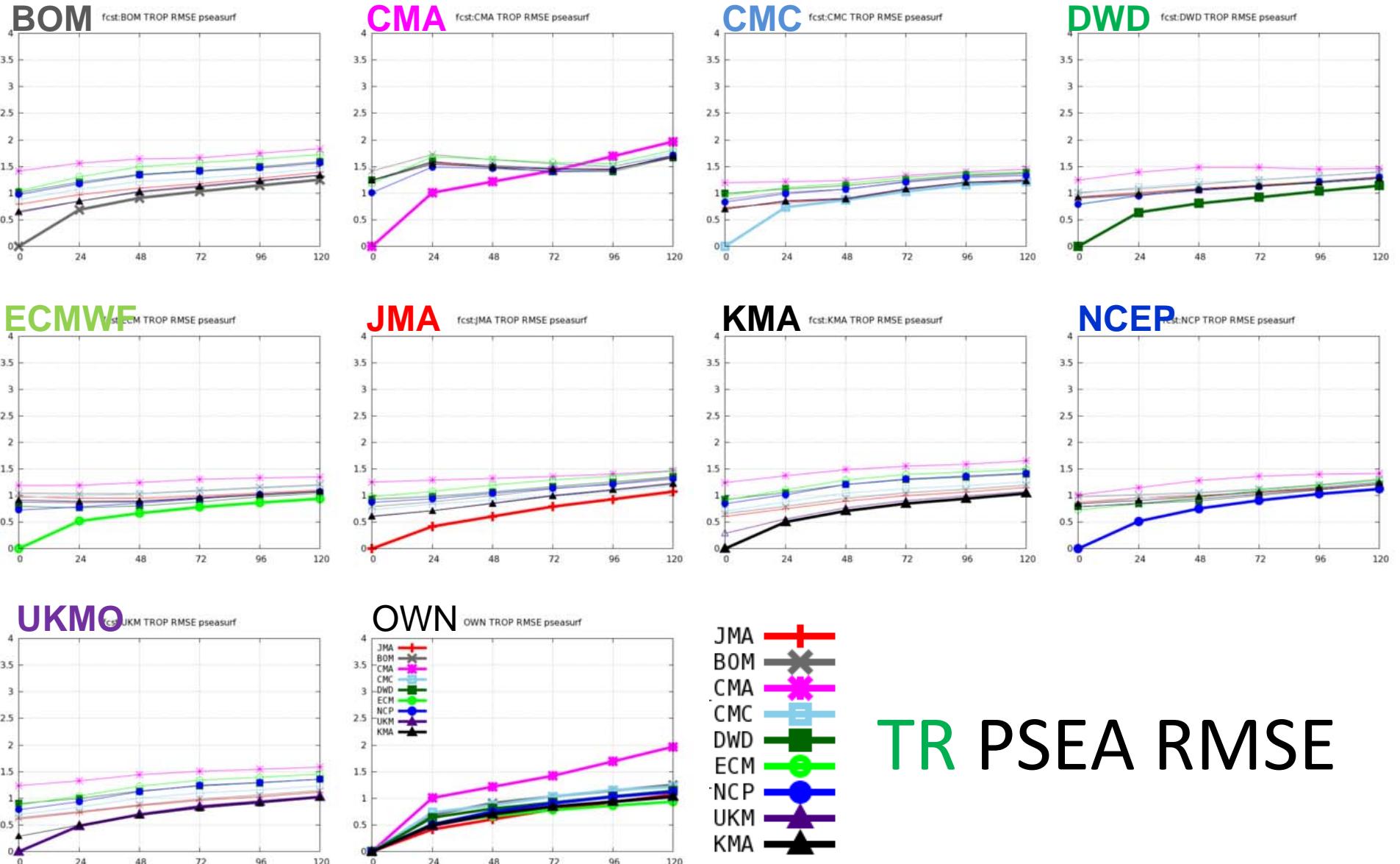
TROPICS



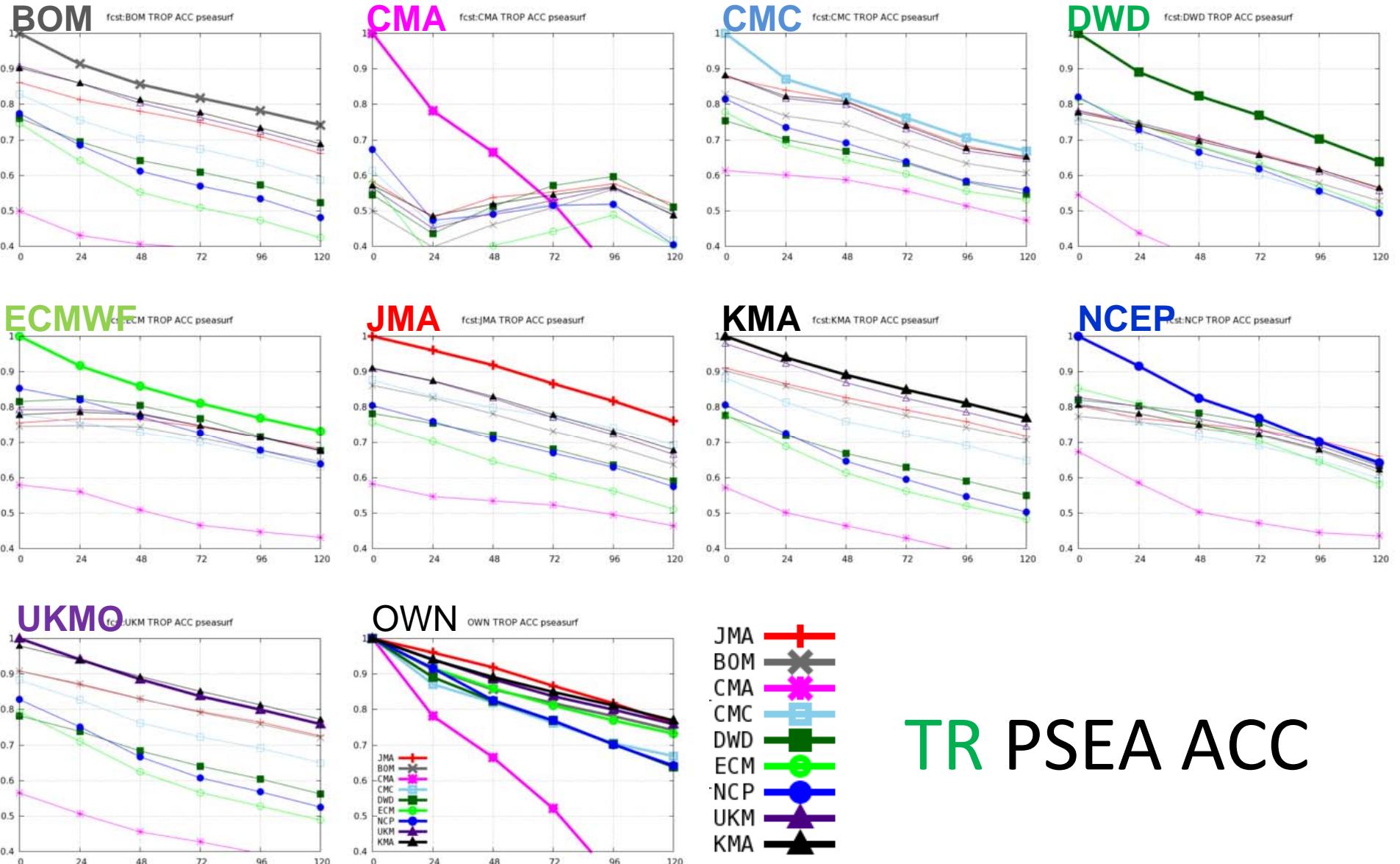
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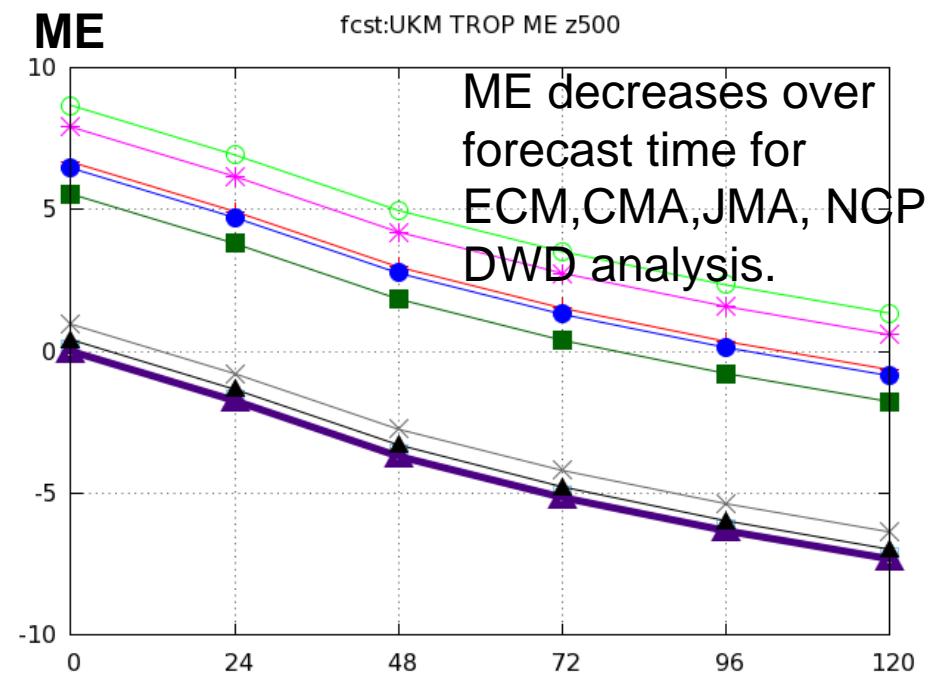
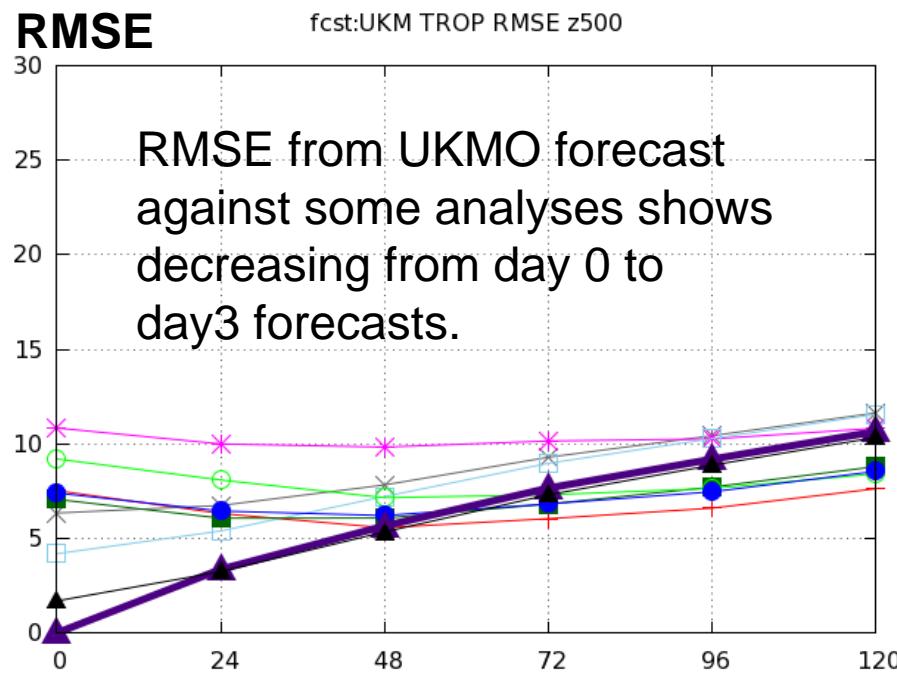


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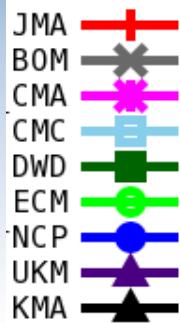
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Decrease of RMSE in Tropics

Example of UKMO case.



UKMO has negative forecast bias in TR.

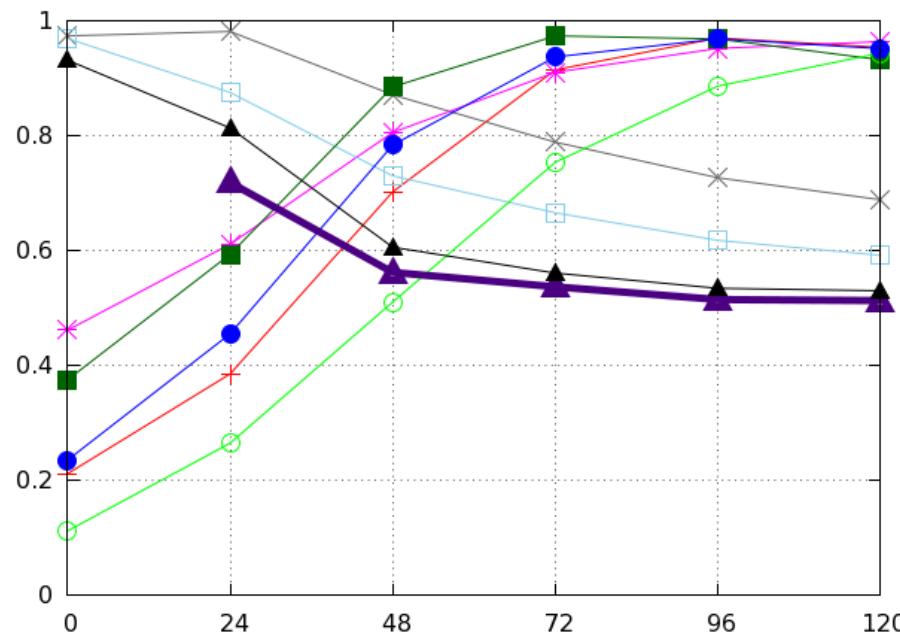


Decrease of RMSE in Tropics

In TR, contributions of ME^2 to $RMSE^2$ account for 40% for RMSE against OWN analysis.

STDVE 2 /RMSE 2

fcst:UKM STDVE 2 /RMSE 2 TROP z500



ME 2 contribution is becoming small for ME decreasing combinations over forecast time.

STDVE is monotonically increasing in this case (not shown).

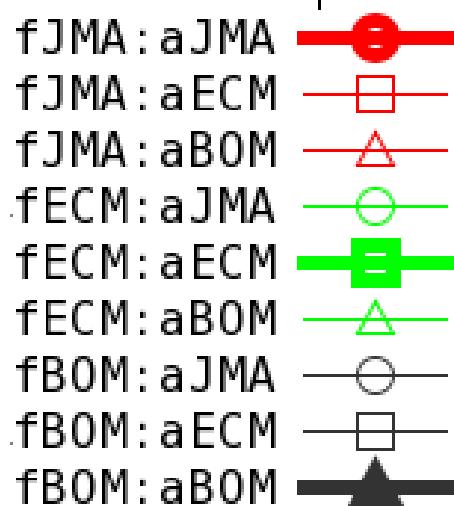
Therefore RMSE can be decreasing over forecast time depending on forecast and analysis characteristics.

Summary of 9x9 verification

- In extra-tropics :
 - Most reliable : Z500/ACC
 - Reliable : Z500/RMSE (beyond day 2)
 - Sensitive : PSEA/ACC, RMSE and Z500/RMSE (up to day 2)
- In tropics :
 - Both of Z500 and PSEA for RMSE and ACC are sensitive and analysis-changed variability is larger than own-score variability.
 - Strange time-variation of score can be seen in some forecast-analysis combinations according to model bias.
- Among these forecast – analysis combinations, there are ‘better’ and ‘worse’ combinations which show less score appearance changes.
 - But they can differ depending on regions.

3 X 3 (JMA, ECM, BOM)

T850, VW850



Forecasts are distinguished by color.

Red : JMA

Green : ECMWF

Gray : BOM

Analyses are distinguished by symbol.

Circle : JMA

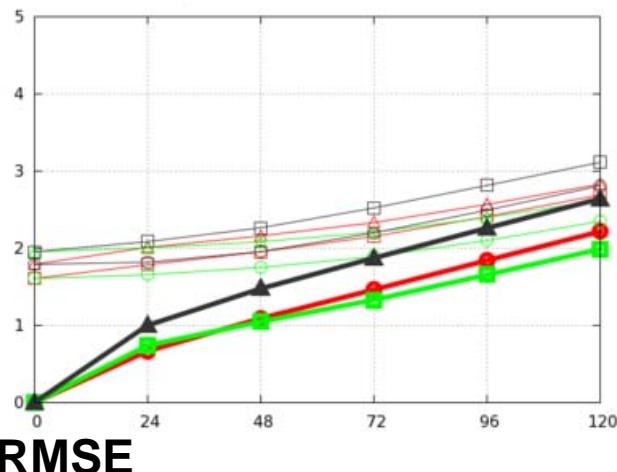
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Triangle : BOM

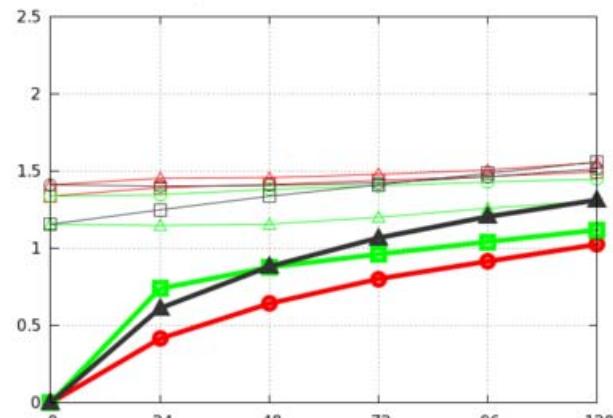
- Verification against own analysis is drawn with a **THICK** line.
- Score
 - T850 : RMSE, ACC
 - VW850 : RMSVE, ACC(WS)
- Y-range of RMSE(RMSVE) in TR is half of those in NH and SH.

T850**NH**

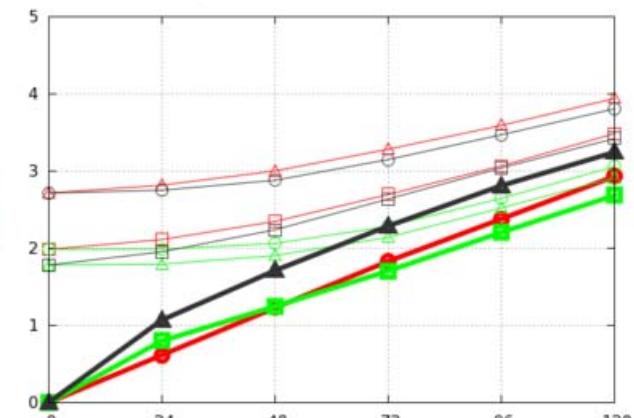
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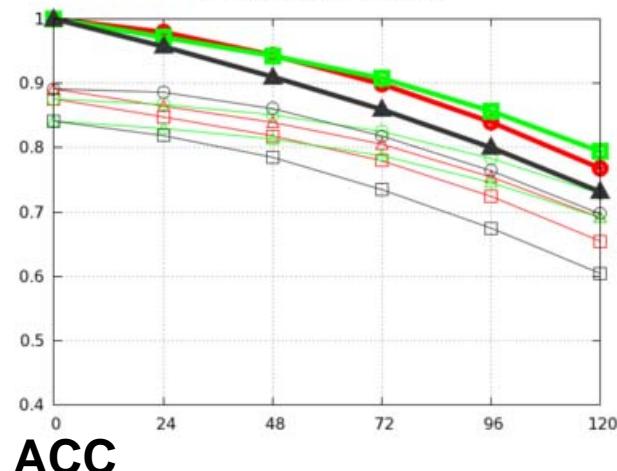
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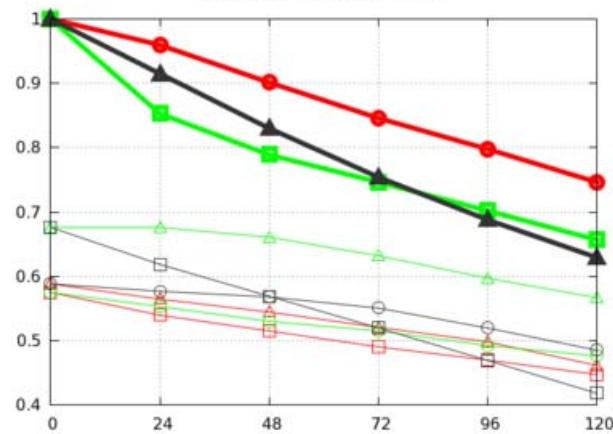
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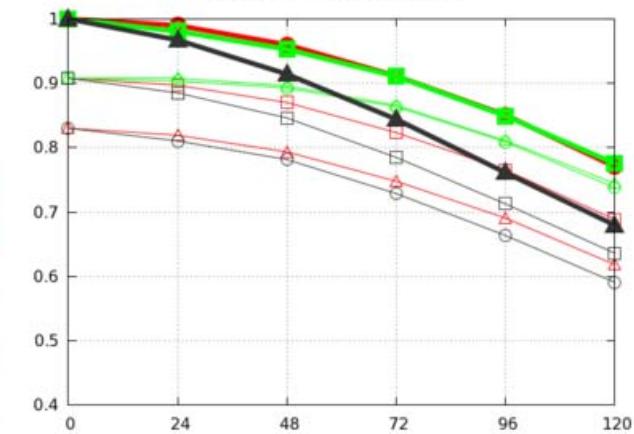
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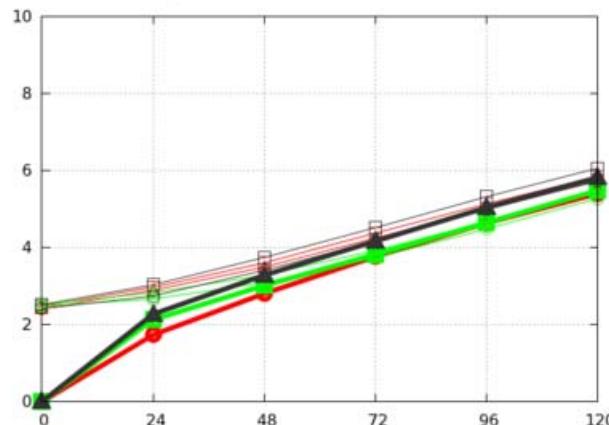
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- Differences between analysis-changed scores and OWN-analysis scores are not converged even at day 5 in all regions .

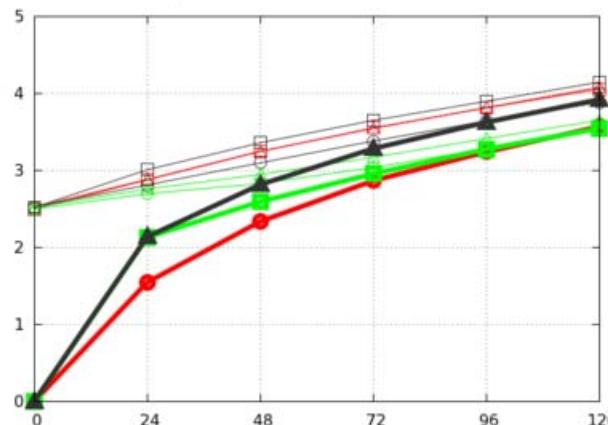
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VW850**NH**

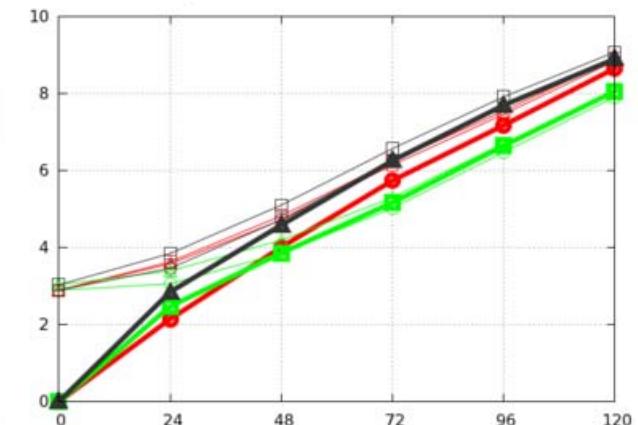
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**RMSVE****TR**

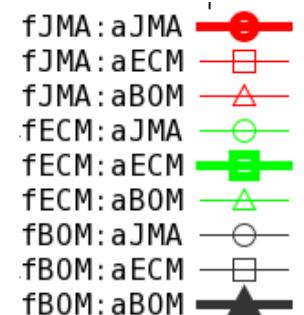
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**SH**

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**ACC**

- ECMWF forecasts show good convergence even if verified against other analyses.
- In NH and SH, differences of RMSVE are converged at day 5, but ACC are not.
- In TR, analysis-changed scores look different from own-analysis scores.



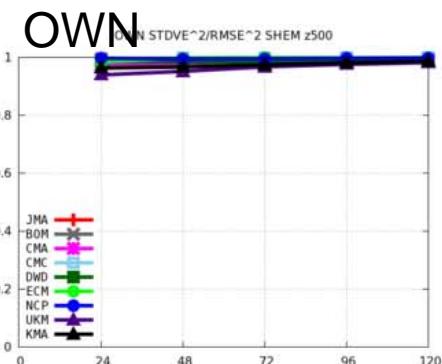
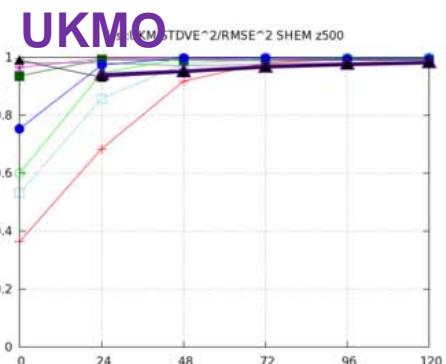
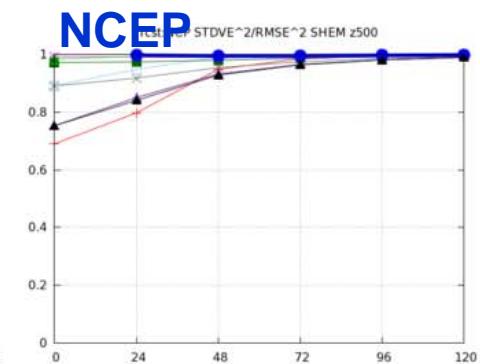
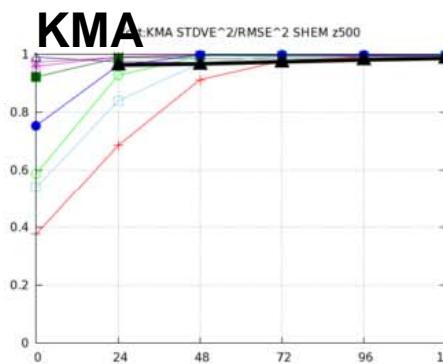
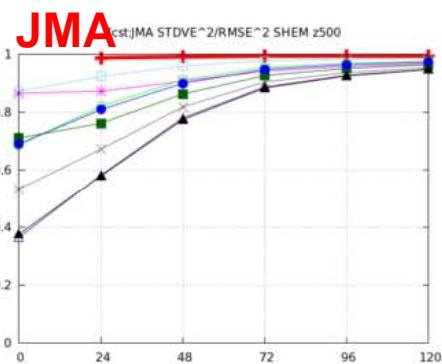
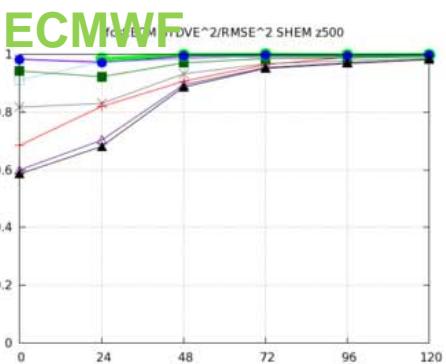
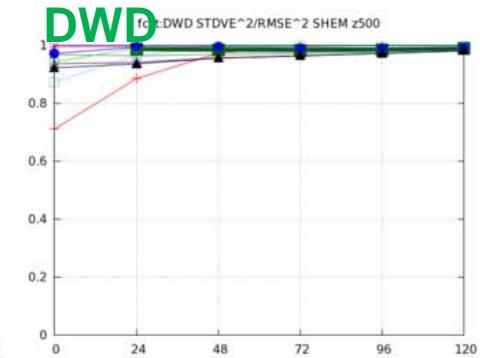
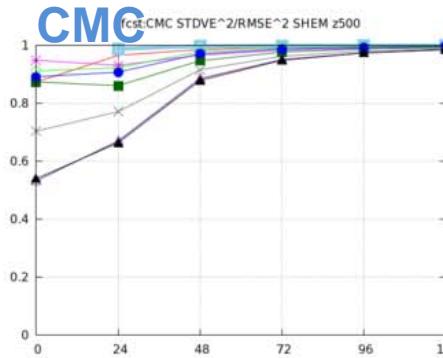
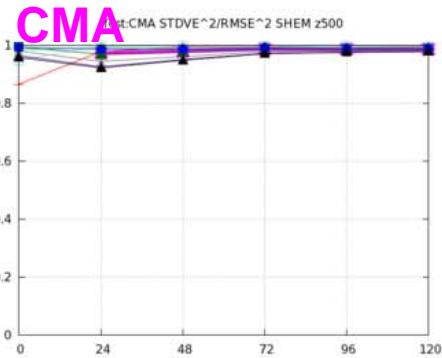
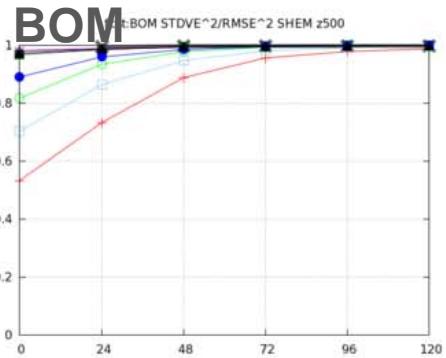
Total Summary

- In extra-tropics :
 - Z500/ACC is most reliable score to measure forecast accuracy.
 - For over day 2 forecast ranges, Z500/RMSE and VW850/RMSVE, ACC can be used.
 - But careful comparison and interpretations are necessary.
 - Score of PSEA, T850 are sensitive to choice of analysis.
- In tropics :
 - score behavior looks strange. The influences of analysis fields to verification results are large and differences between analyses are not negligible when we compare scores verified against own analysis.

BACKUP

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

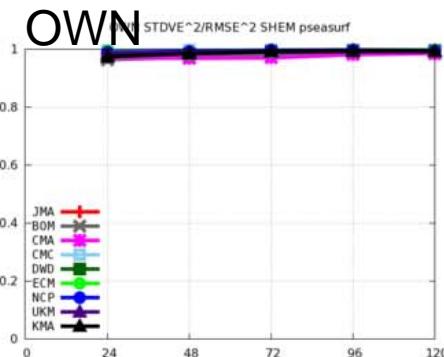
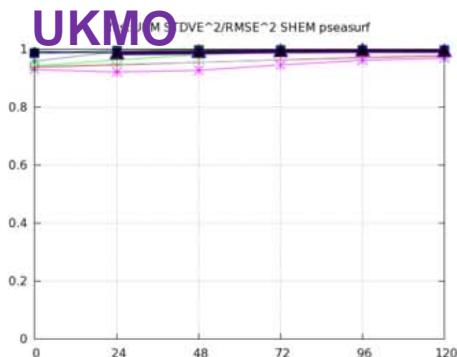
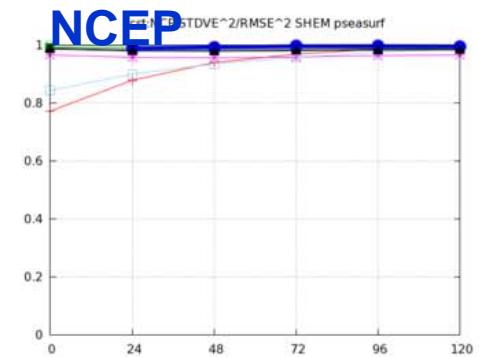
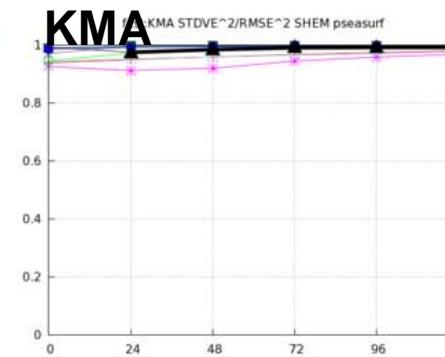
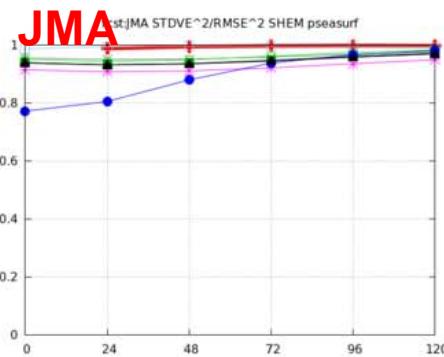
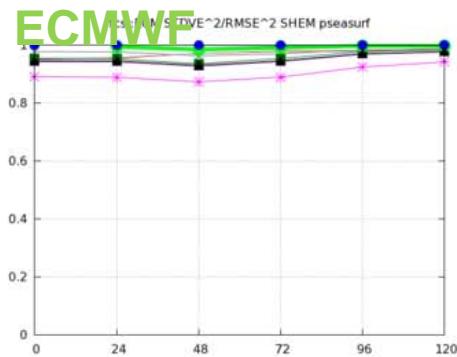
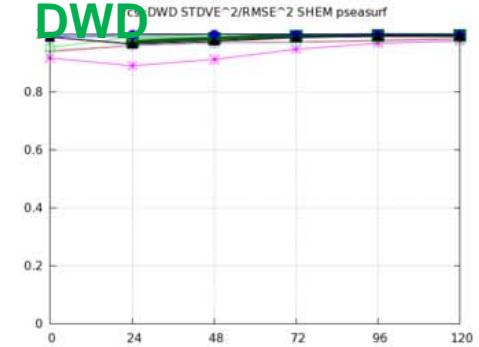
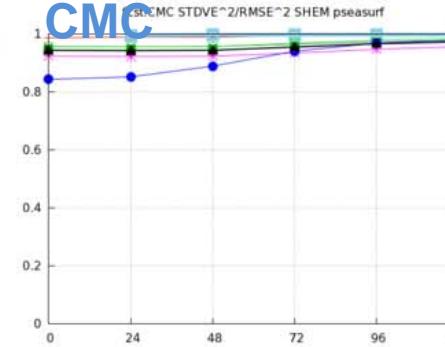
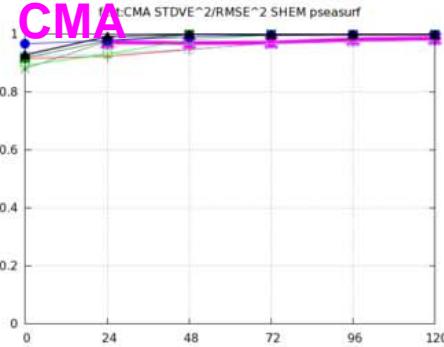
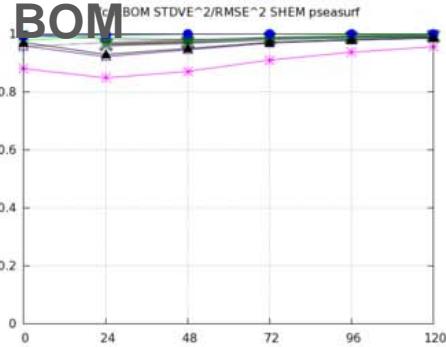
A landscape photograph showing a dark silhouette of a forest in the foreground. Above the forest, the sky is filled with large, billowing clouds. The clouds are illuminated from below by a bright, orange glow, likely from a sunset or sunrise. In the upper right corner, a single, bright lightning bolt strikes down from the clouds. The overall atmosphere is dramatic and moody.



SH Z500

STDVE²/RMSE²

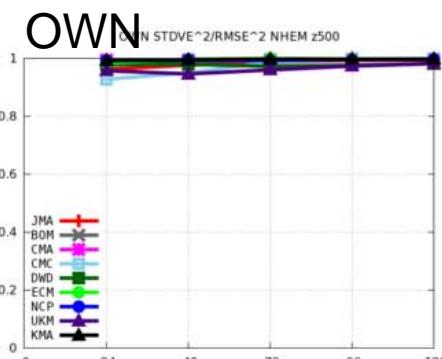
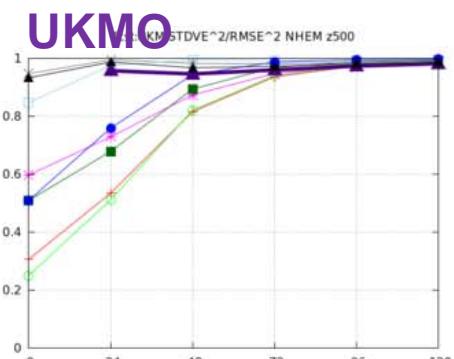
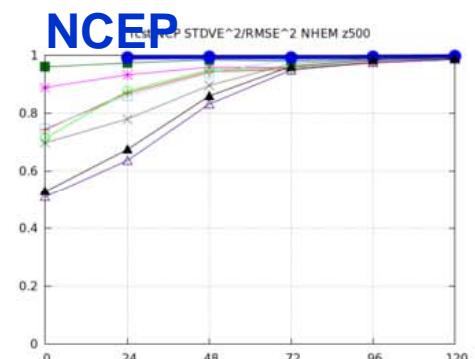
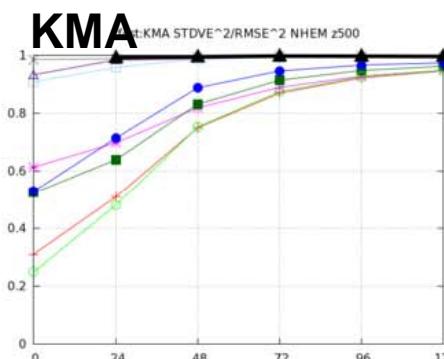
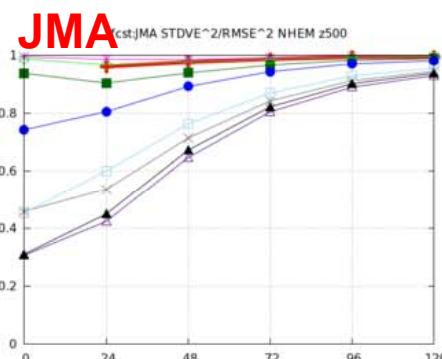
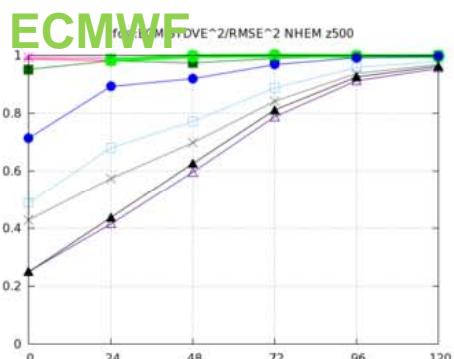
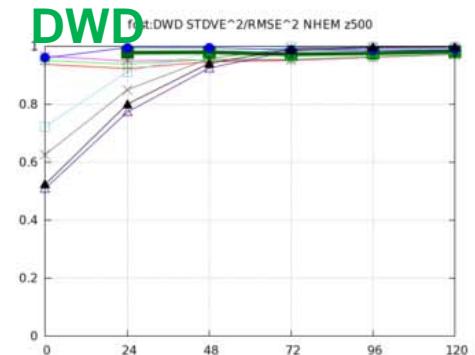
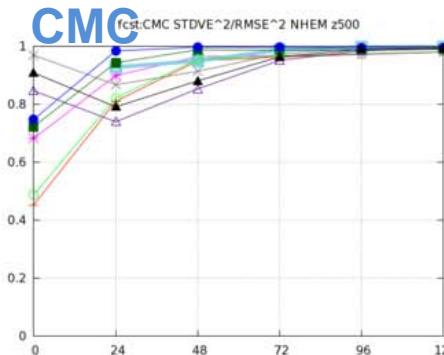
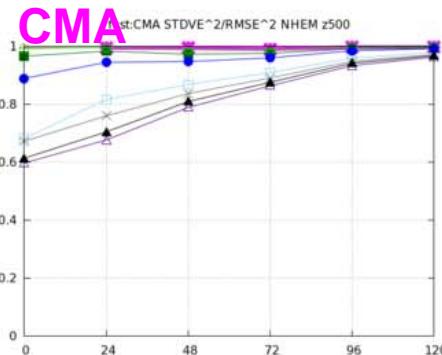
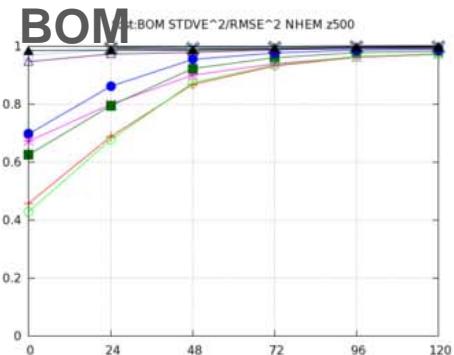
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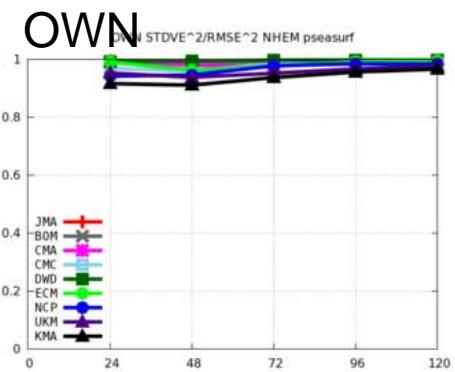
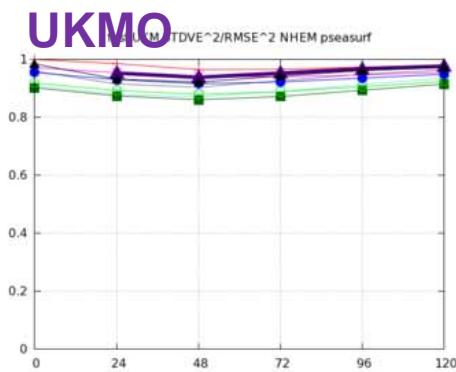
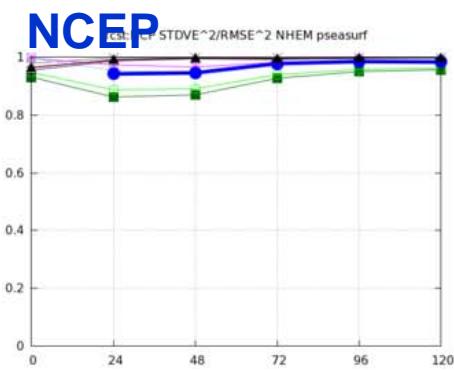
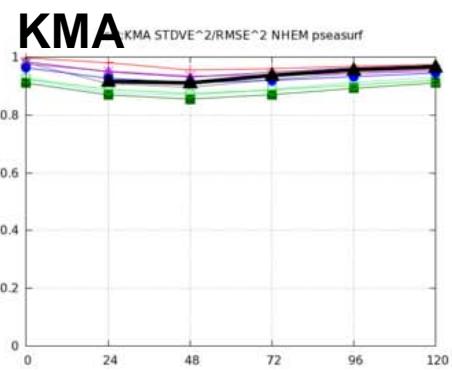
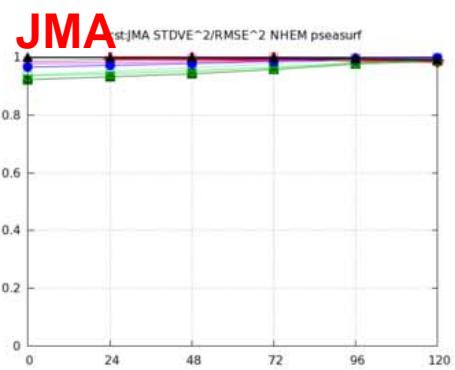
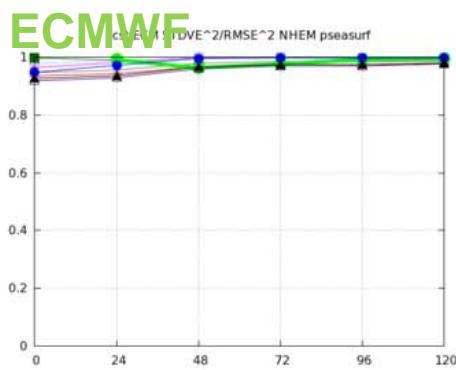
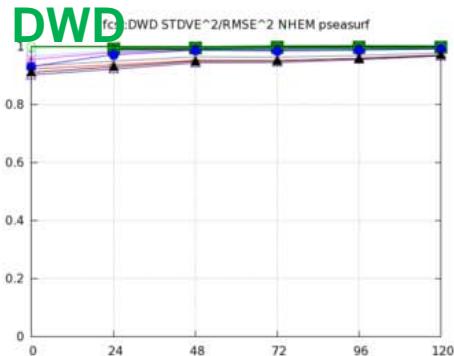
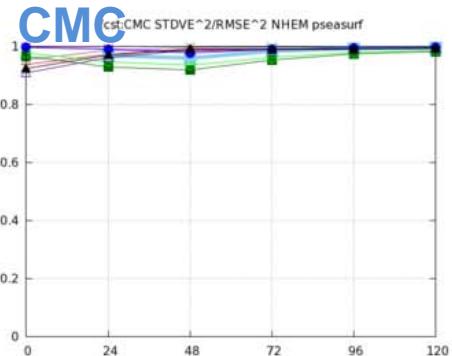
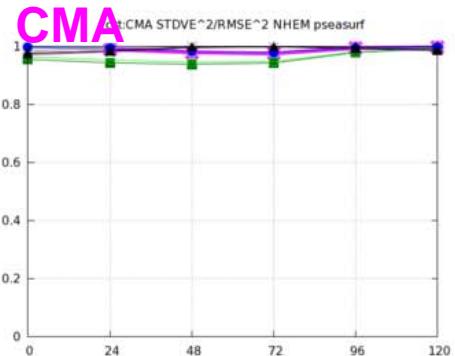
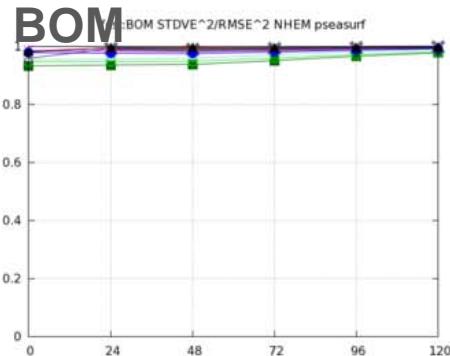
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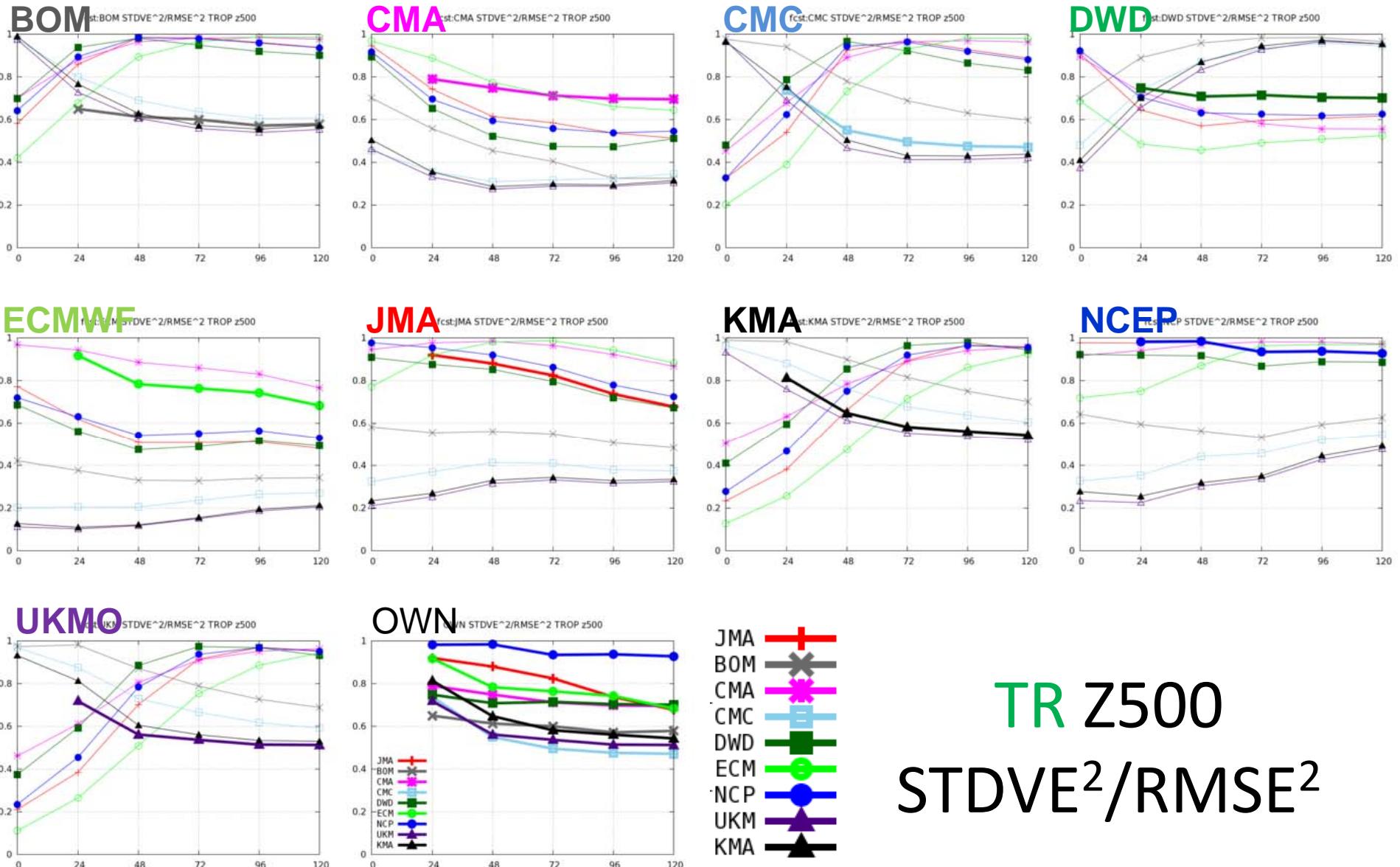
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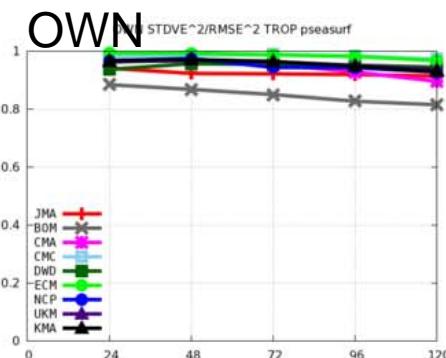
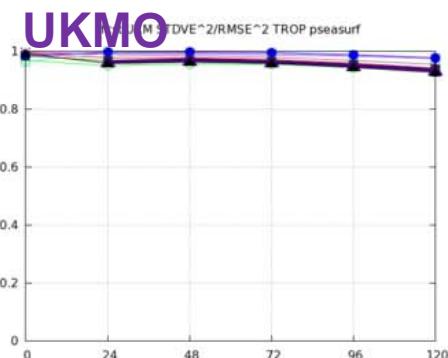
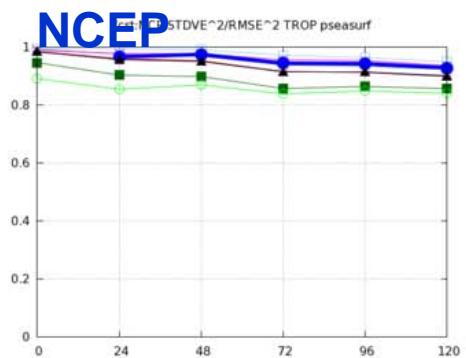
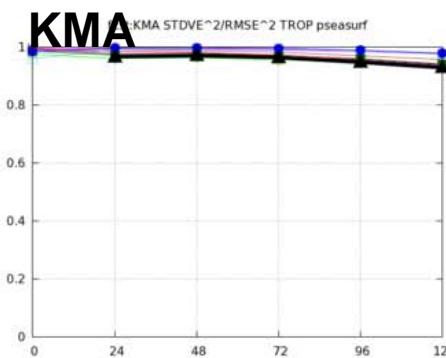
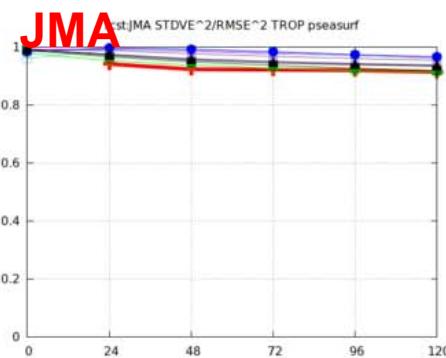
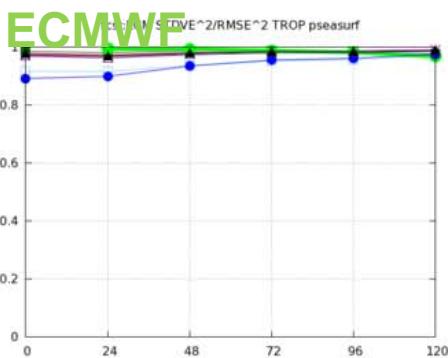
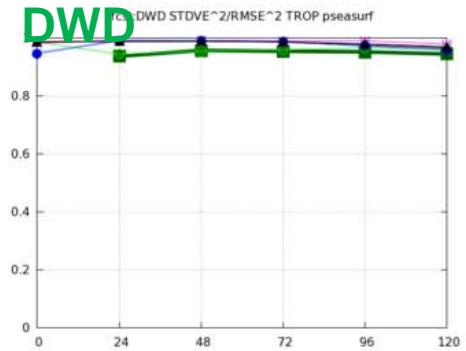
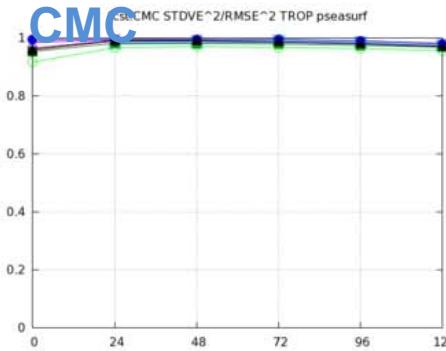
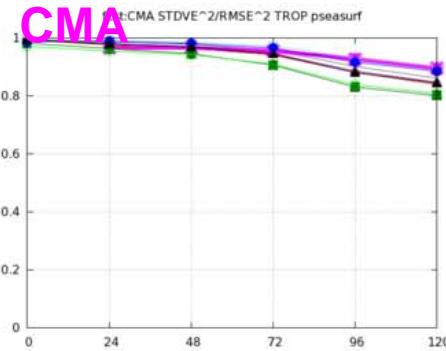
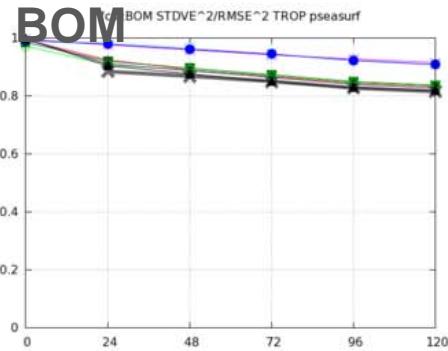


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