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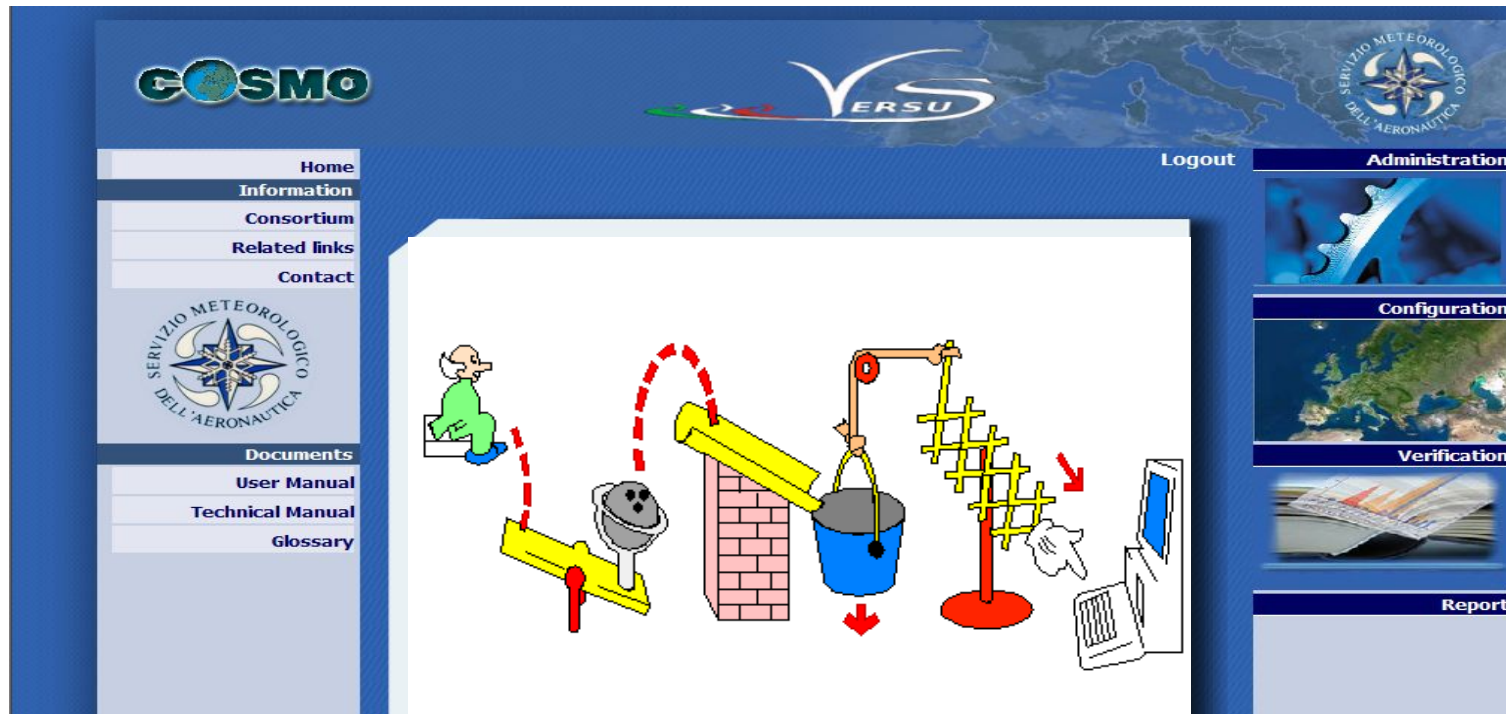**Federal Office of Meteorology and Climatology MeteoSwiss**

Limbering up VERSUS for operational use

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Furthest possible automation of VERSUS

Each month/season/year, the calculation and visualisation of the desired verification scores for the desired forecast models is executed with one "jump"
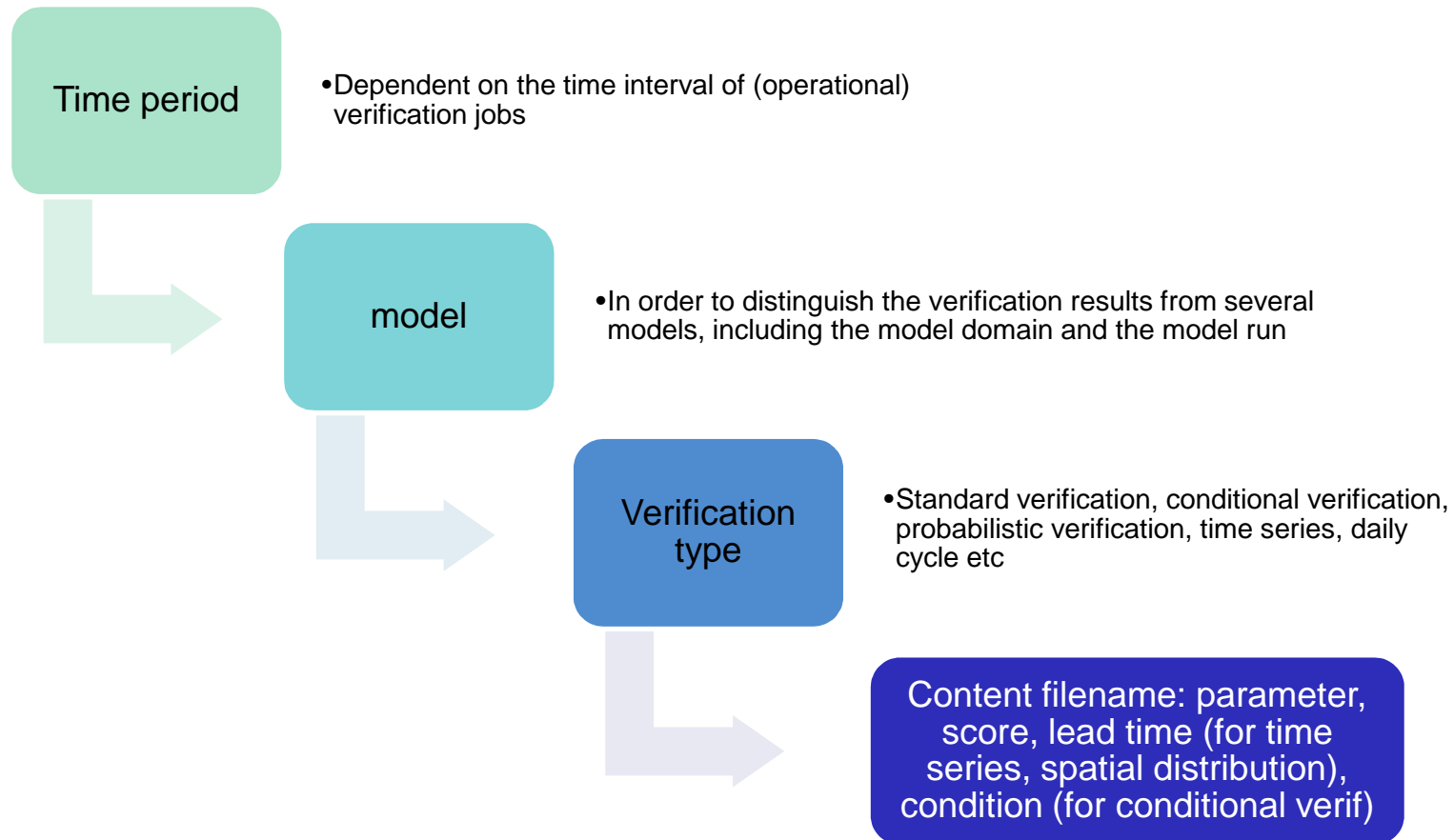
Maximal automation

- ✓ Precious VERSUS functionality: batch jobs

- ✓ Further component for automation: cronjobs for running php scripts to start verifications → guidance of the PL very welcome!

- ✓ Registration of verifications script based? E.g. time series for PREC6: 1 form for each parameter, run, day, model → 35 klicks per form

- ✓ Include automatic storage of figures with reasonable names for unambiguous identification, distribute files in different folders in order to reduce length of filenames → definition needed

- ✓ Maximal performance of VERSUS: guidance for DB partitioning and tuning of the PL very welcome!

Example filing system graphical output

Time period
- Dependent on the time interval of (operational) verification jobs

model
- In order to distinguish the verification results from several models, including the model domain and the model run

Verification type
- Standard verification, conditional verification, probabilistic verification, time series, daily cycle etc

Content filename: parameter, score, lead time (for time series, spatial distribution), condition (for conditional verif)

System transparency

Readability and information content of the log files:

identify process steps that might go wrong and add useful information about processing activities around these steps (e.g. always define/explain log file output, allow for monitoring the tracking of the processes, please in English ☺)

Make sure no log file is overwritten (e.g. enable more than one log file of the same process a day)
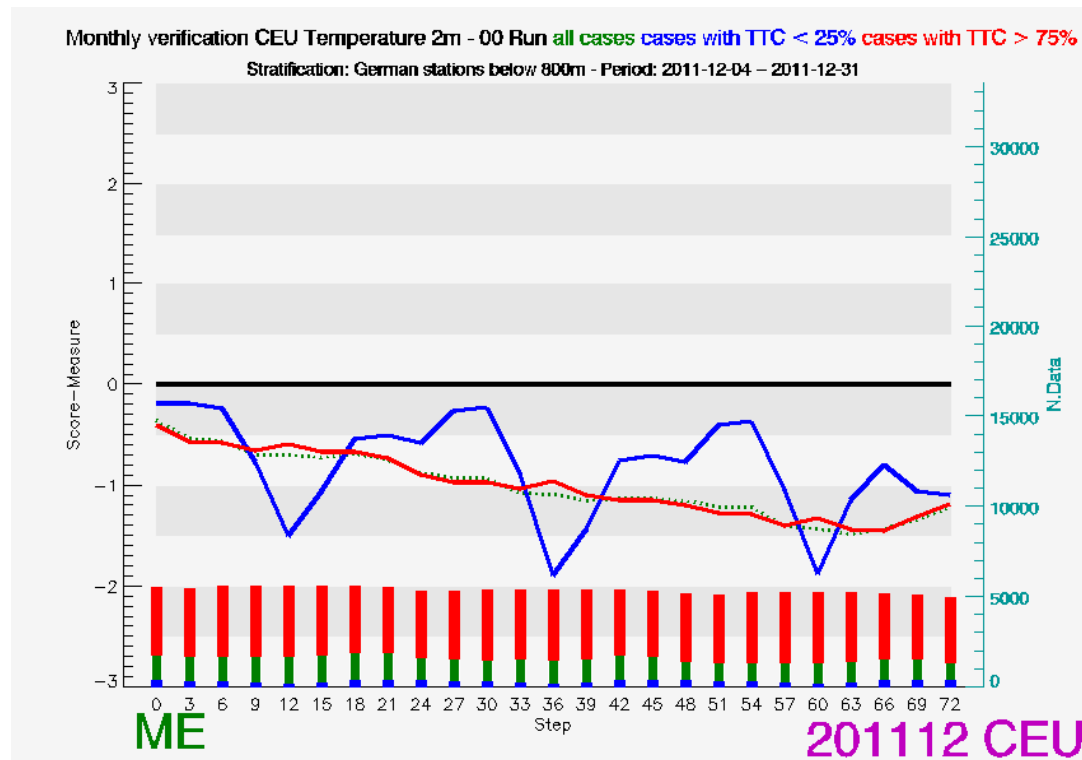
Non-instantaneous parameters

- ✓ Not only desired for parameters that are verified (e.g. precipitation) but also needed for the parameters in the forecast conditions

- ✓ Precipitation: enable all runs and reasonable accumulation periods: preferably not hard coded but taken from the grib file meta information

- ✓ Same for wind gusts or global radiation or CAPE etc…

Display sample size for plots

✓ Precipitation: to be added dependent on the thresholds

✓ Conditional verification cross model graphs:

Ulis solution:

Suspect observations (input Uli)

✓ Clear definition for default suspect observations/suspect observation-forecast pairs to be used for common plots

Technical problems & suggestions

- ✓ Weather type registration/append functionality:
    - Facility to delete parts of the registered dates missing
    - Delete weather type registration does not work
- ✓ Batch job execution:
    - interruption of process should be possible
- ✓ Graphics registration:
    - If given scales for plot are smaller than needed, returning to the modification page is not possible

- ✓ More on the forum…