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## **The importance of diabatic processes for the dynamics of synoptic-scale extratropical weather systems – a review**

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## Supplement

The following pages contain figures for the four “catalyst cyclones” discussed in the paper. The figures are all produced with ERA5 reanalysis data and serve to illustrate the structure and evolution of the four cyclones with synoptic and PV maps, and vertical cross sections (at selected times). The four catalyst cyclones are:

- QE II storm                                    00 UTC on 09 September – 18 UTC on 12 September 1978
- President’s Day cyclone                        00 UTC on 17 February – 18 UTC on 22 February 1979
- U.K. Great October storm                        00 UTC on 13 October – 18 UTC on 18 October 1987
- Lothar    00 UTC on 23 December – 18 UTC on 28 December 1999

The following fields are shown for each cyclone on horizontal maps at six-hourly intervals during the time periods indicated above:

- left panels: PV on 315 K (colours, in pvu) and MSLP (contours, every 4 hPa)
- middle panels: PV at 850 hPa (colours, in pvu) and MSLP (contours, every 4 hPa)
- right panels: potential temperature at 850 hPa (colours, in K), hourly accumulated total precipitation (light and dark blue contours for 2 and 5 mm h<sup>-1</sup>, respectively), and MSLP (contours, every 4 hPa)

In addition, meridional (left panels, from S to N) and zonal (right panels, from W to E) vertical cross sections are shown through the centre of the cyclones at the time of minimum MSLP and at a few earlier times (as indicated specifically for each cyclone). Cross-sections show PV (colours, in PVU) and equivalent potential temperature (contours, every 3 K).

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# QE II storm

Horizontal maps from 00 UTC on 09 September – 18 UTC on 12 September 1978

Vertical cross sections from 18 UTC on 09 September – 18 UTC on 10 September 1978

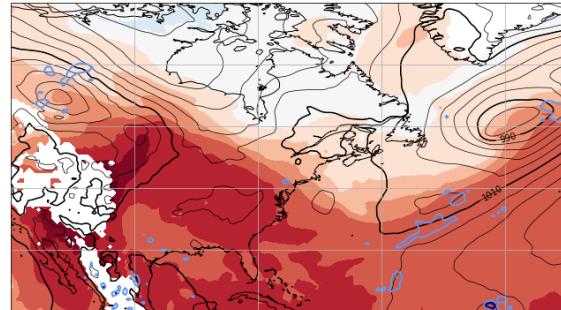
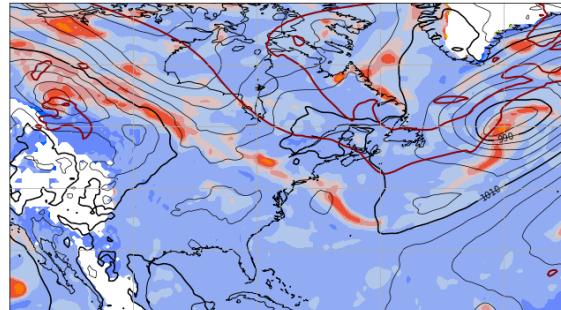
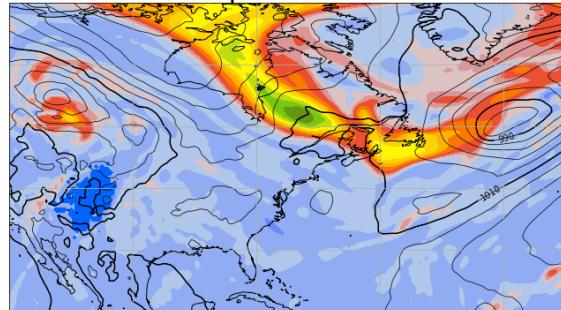
meridional cross sections (S to N)

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19780910_00	58°W / 39.5°N	58°W / 29.5°N	58°W / 49.5°N	986 hPa
19780910_06	55°W / 41.5°N	55°W / 31.5°N	55°E / 51.5°N	970 hPa
19780910_12	51°W / 42.5°N	51°W / 32.5°N	51°W / 52.5°N	958 hPa
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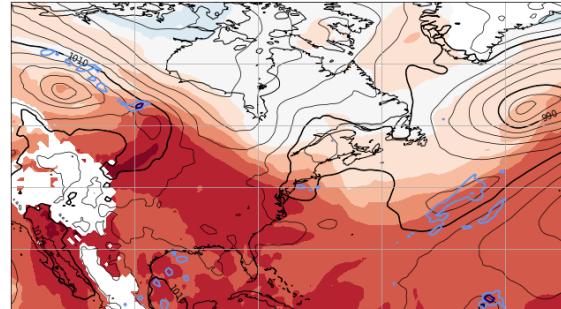
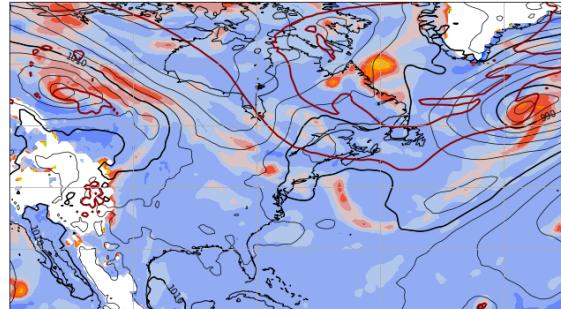
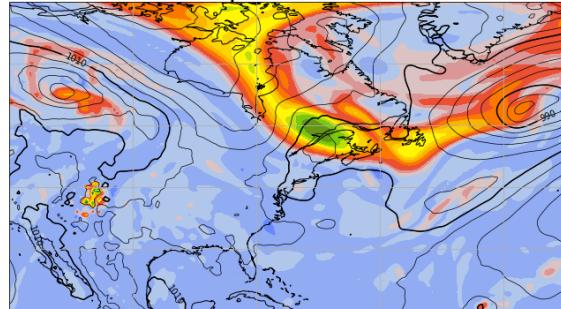
zonal cross sections (W to E)

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19780910_06	55°W / 41.5°N	75°W / 41.5°N	35°W / 41.5°N	970 hPa
19780910_12	51°W / 42.5°N	71°W / 42.5°N	31°W / 42.5°N	958 hPa
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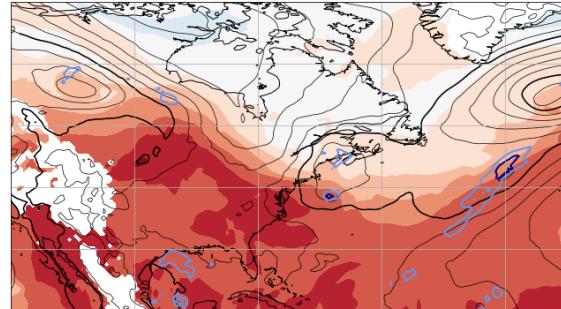
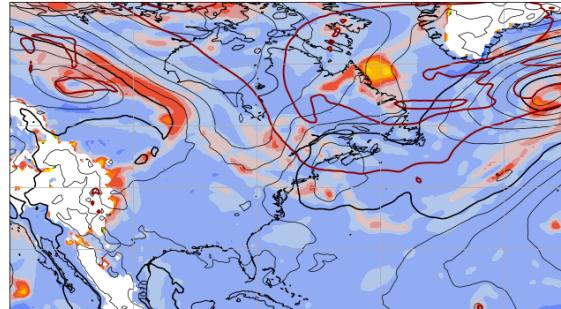
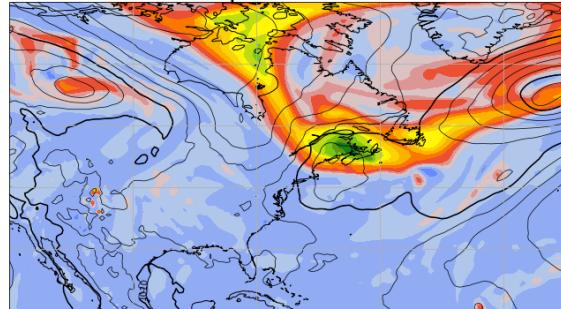
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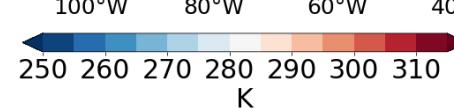
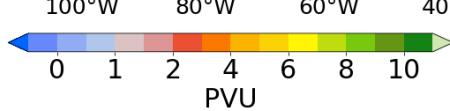
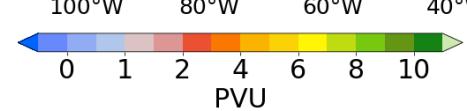
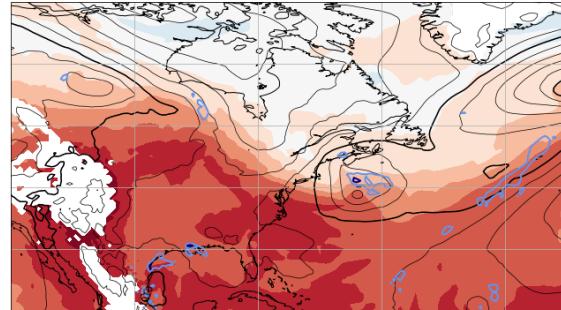
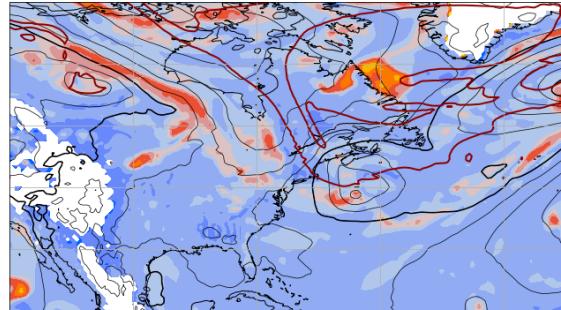
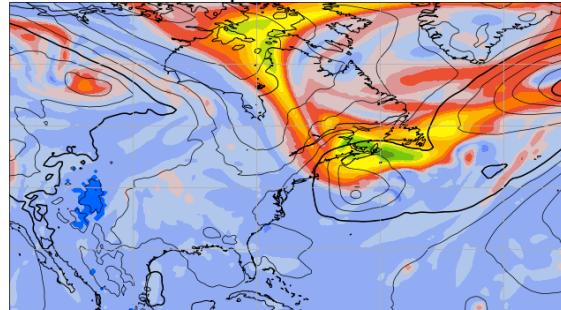
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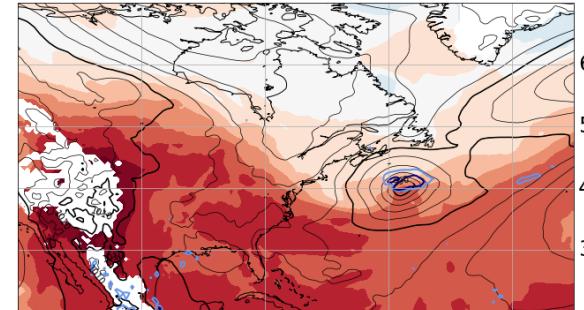
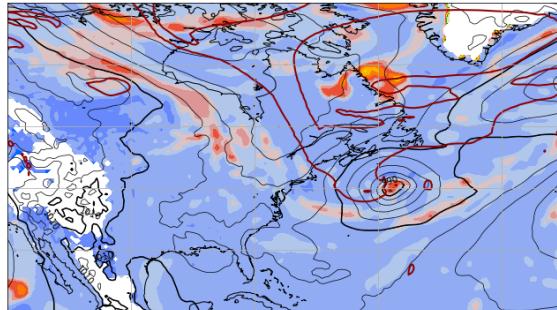
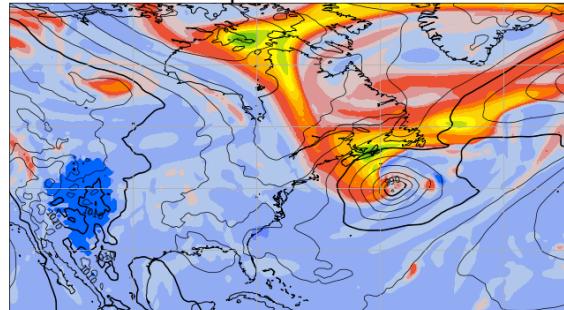
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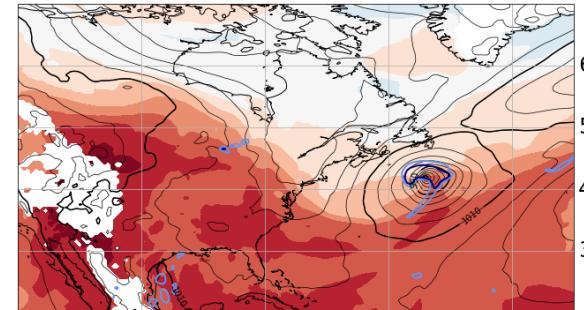
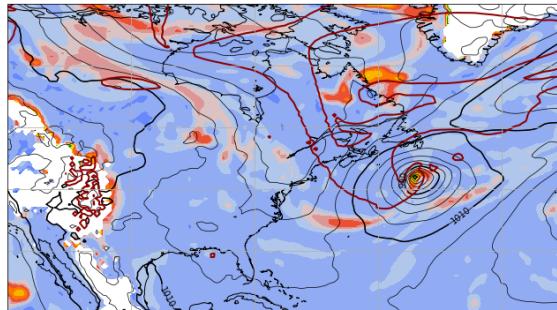
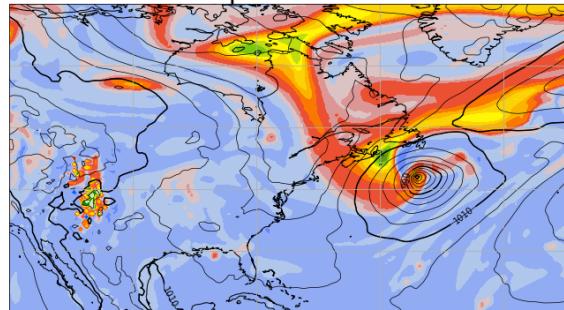
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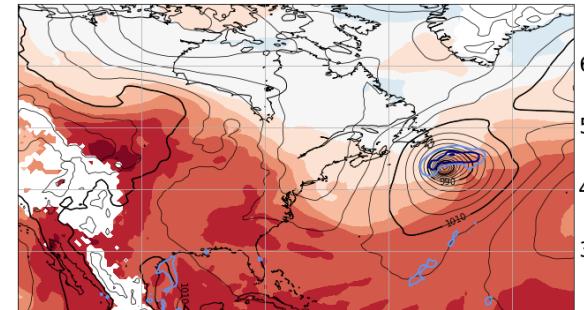
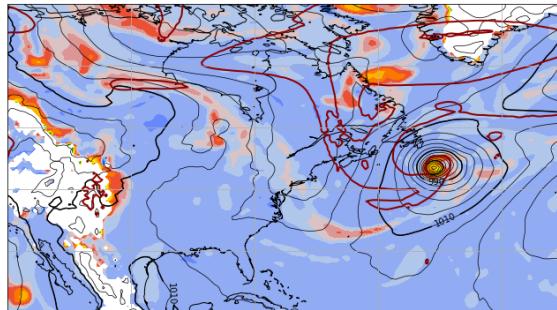
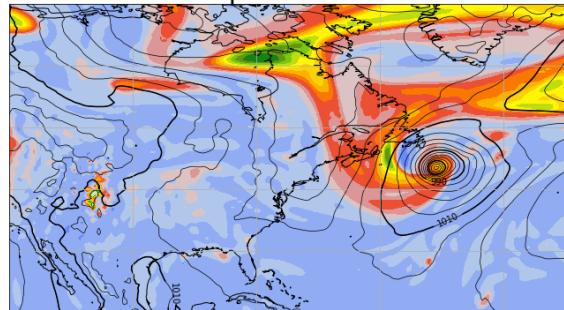
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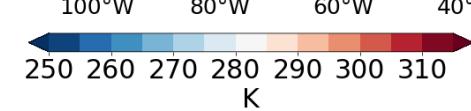
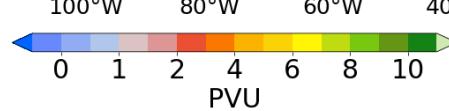
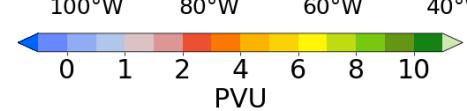
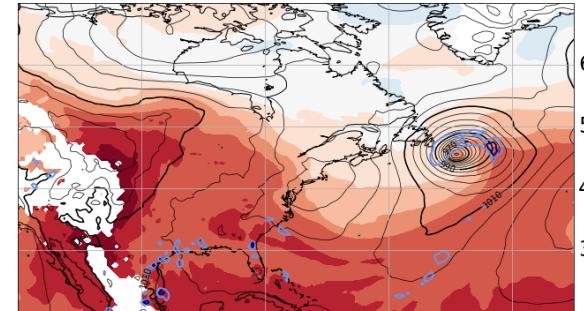
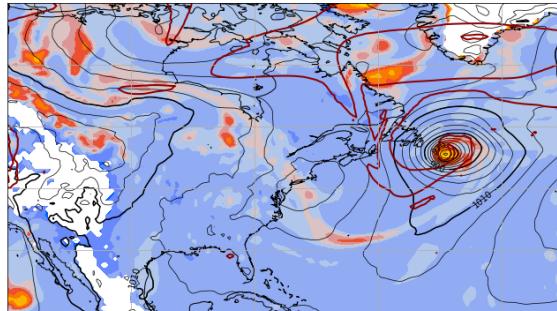
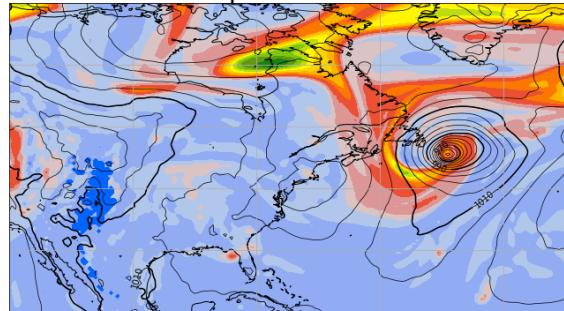
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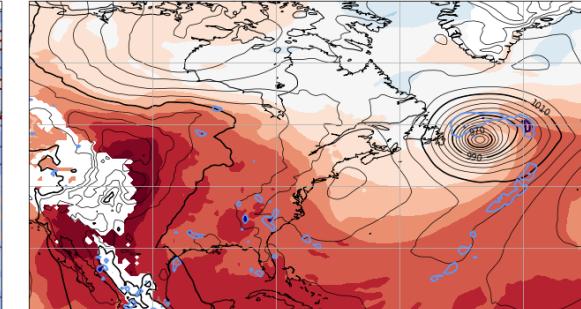
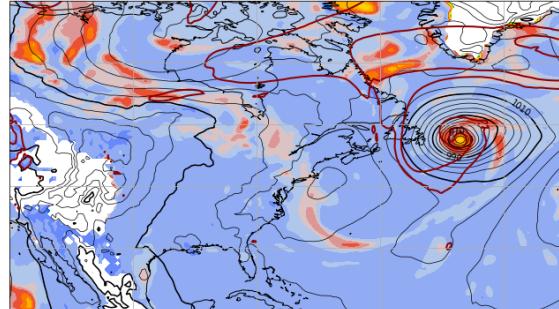
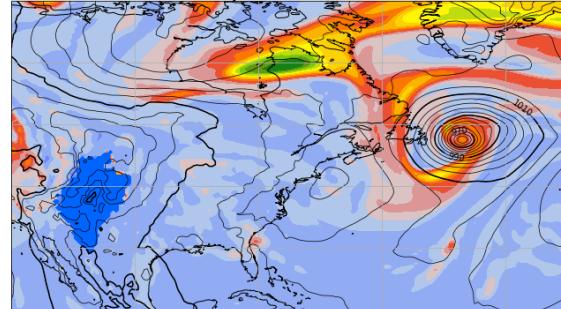
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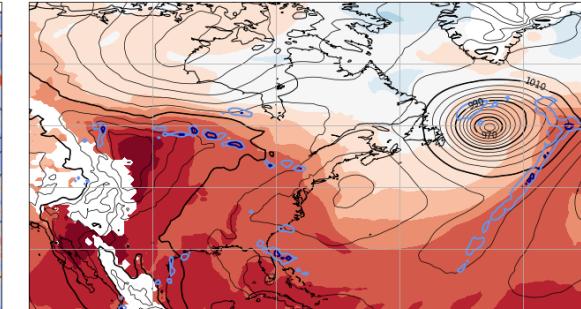
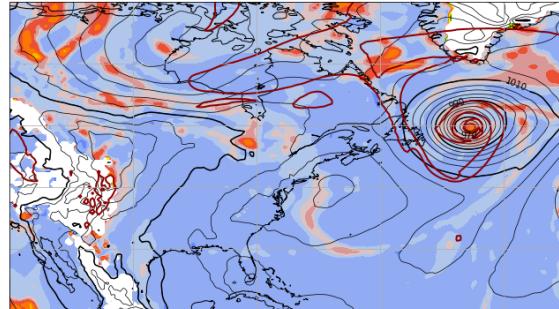
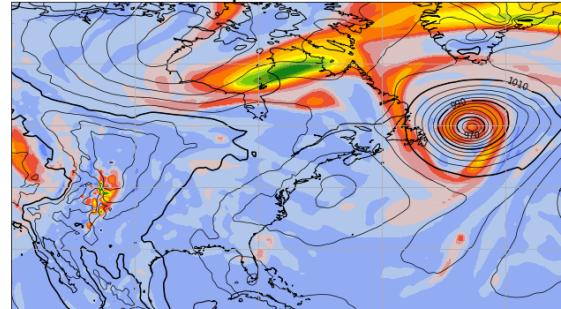
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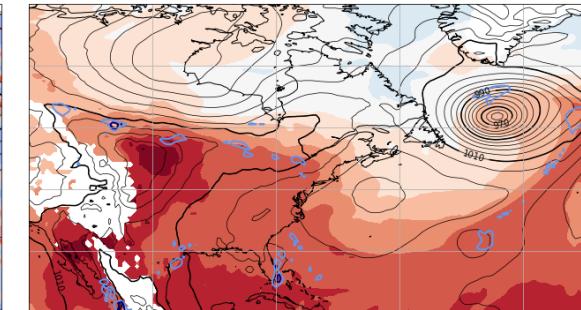
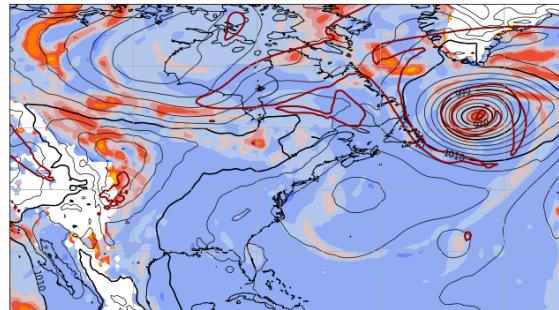
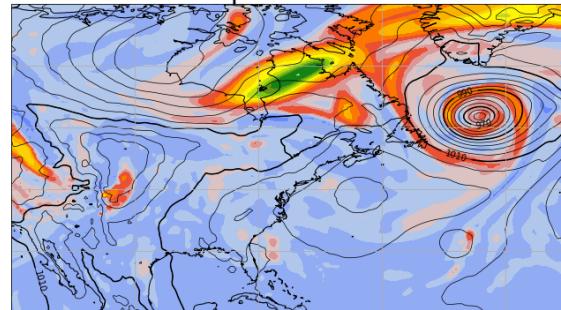
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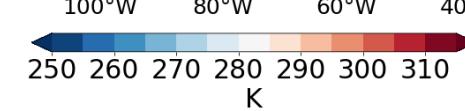
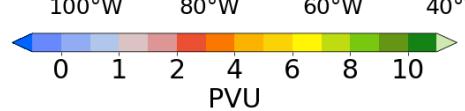
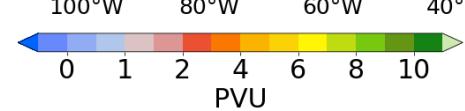
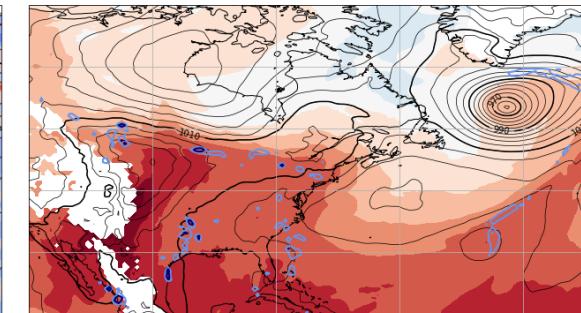
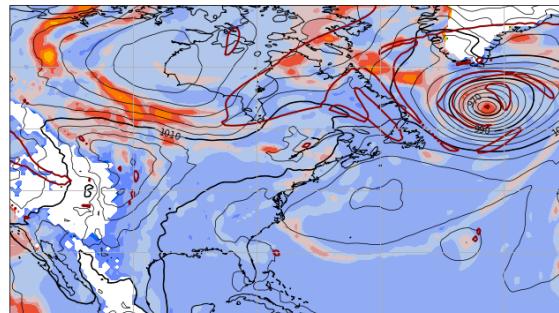
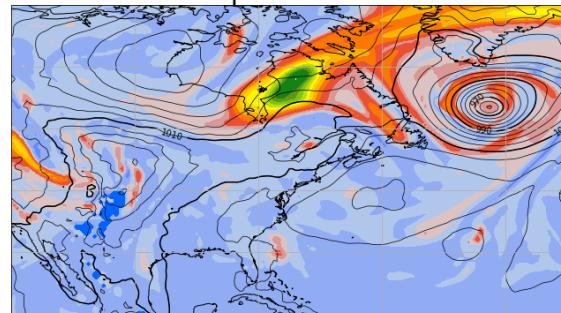
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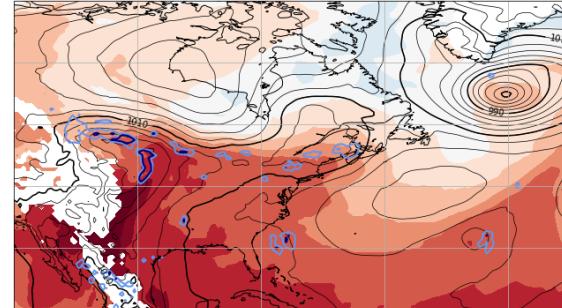
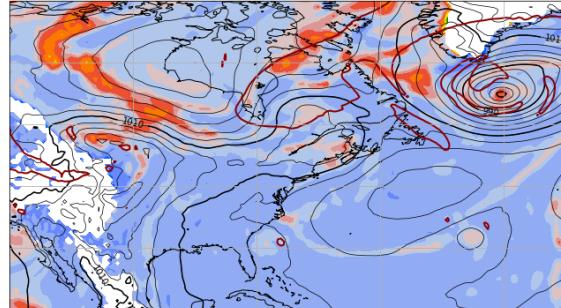
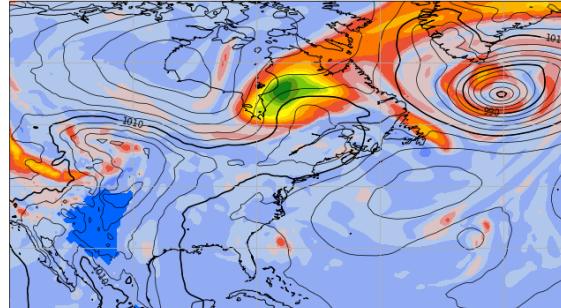
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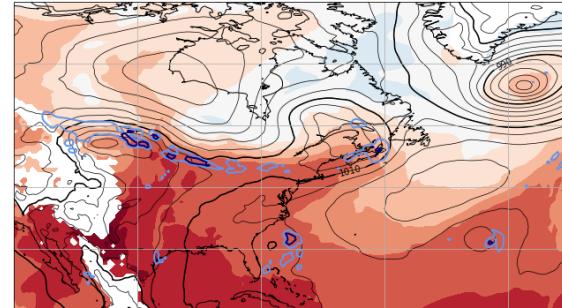
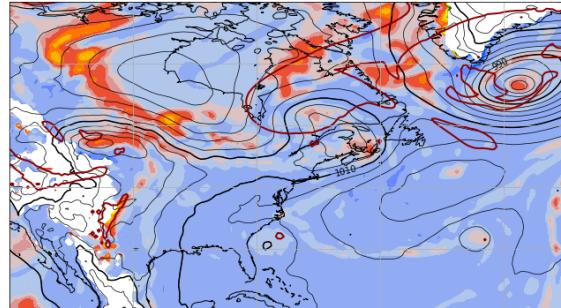
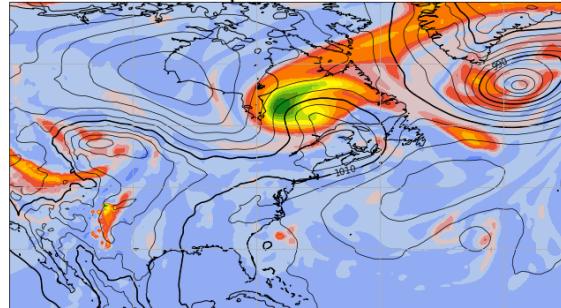
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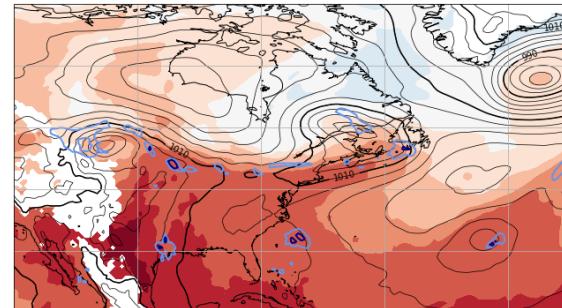
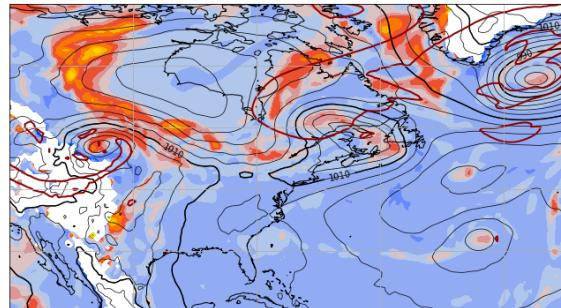
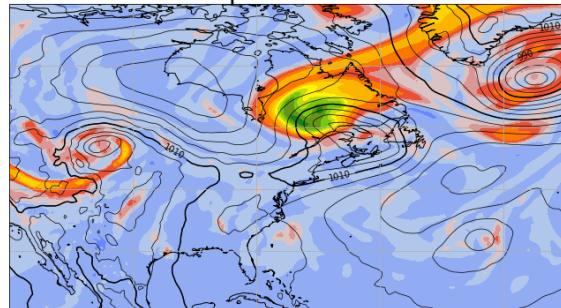
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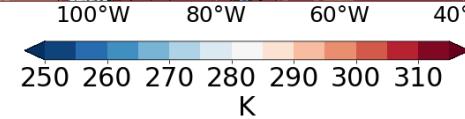
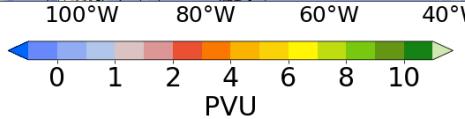
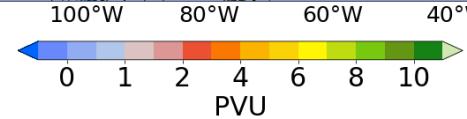
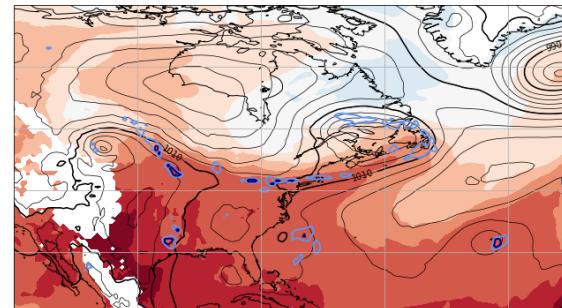
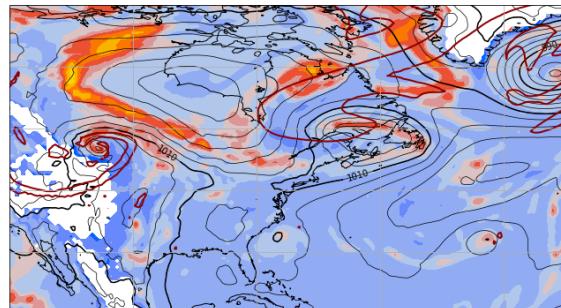
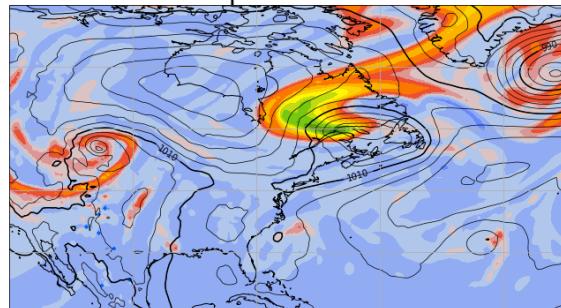
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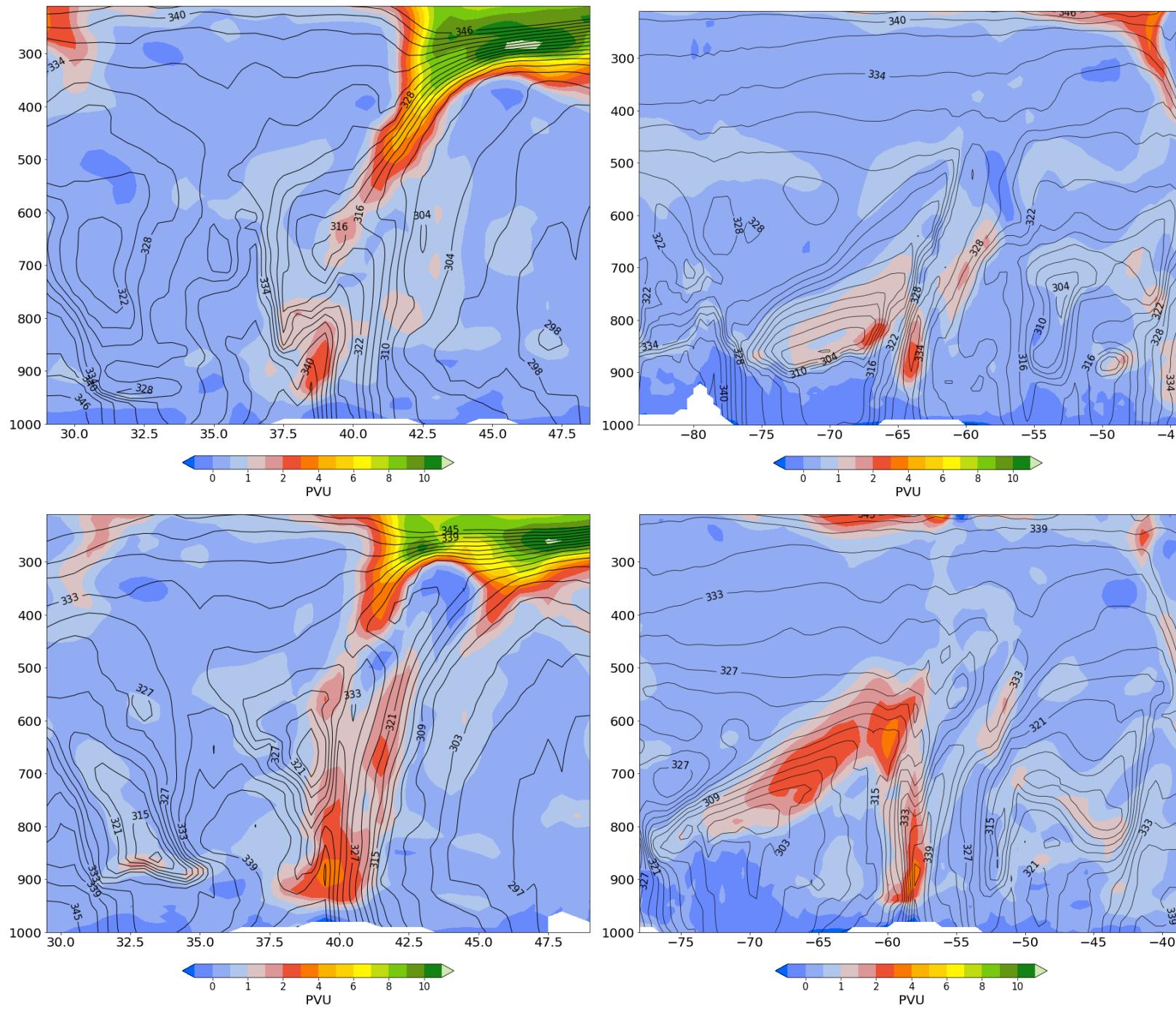
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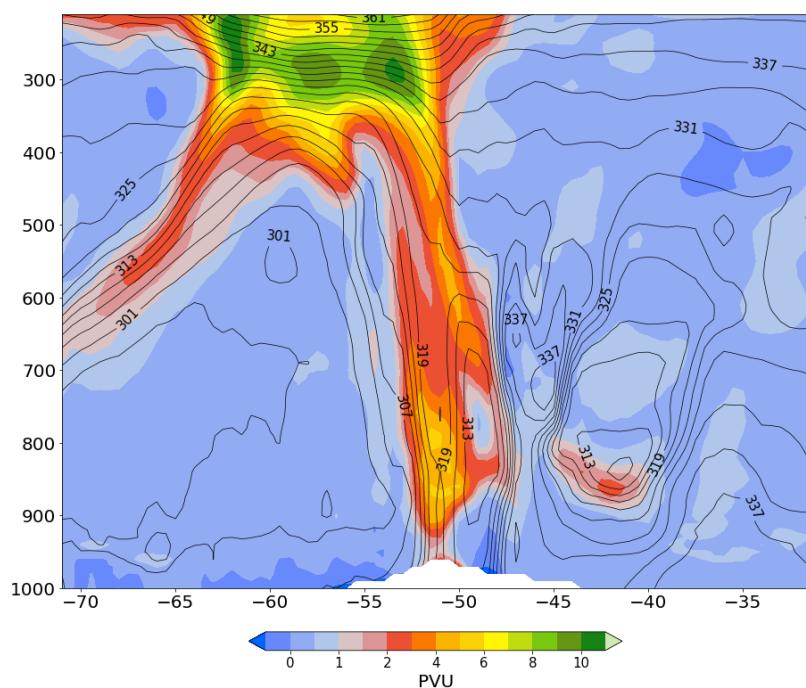
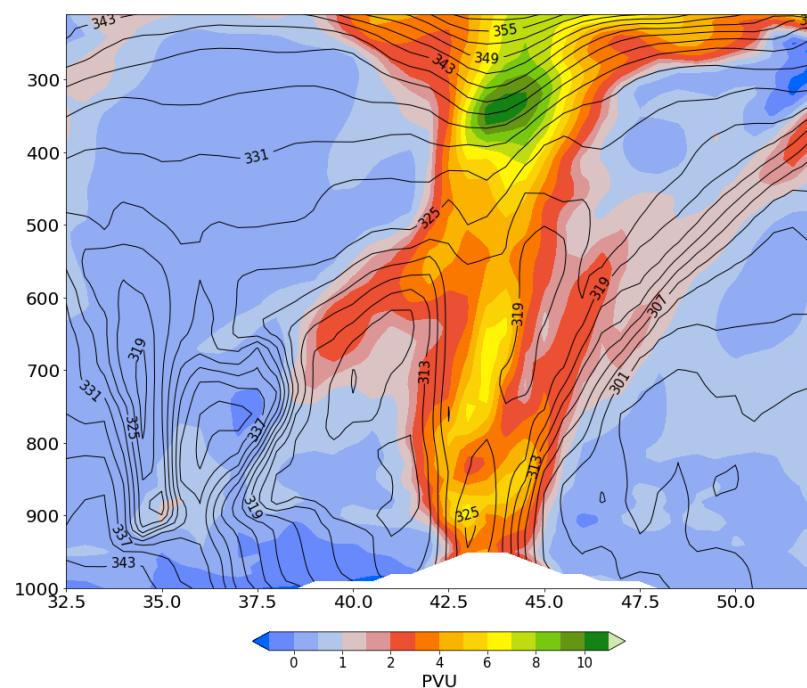
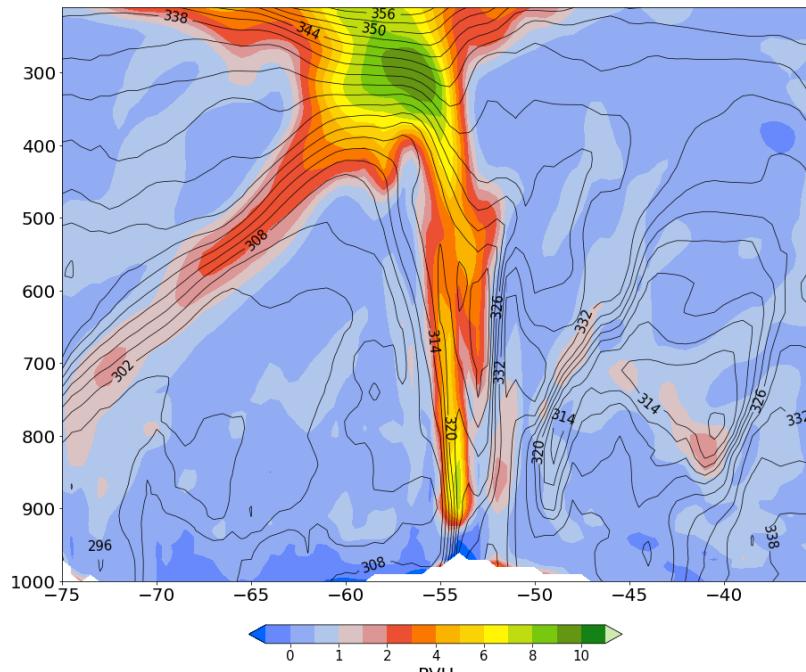
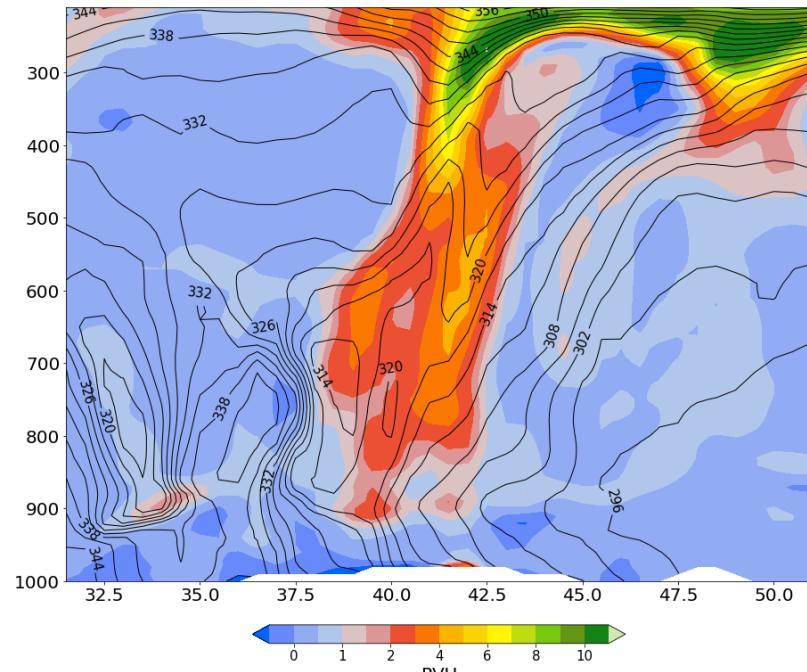


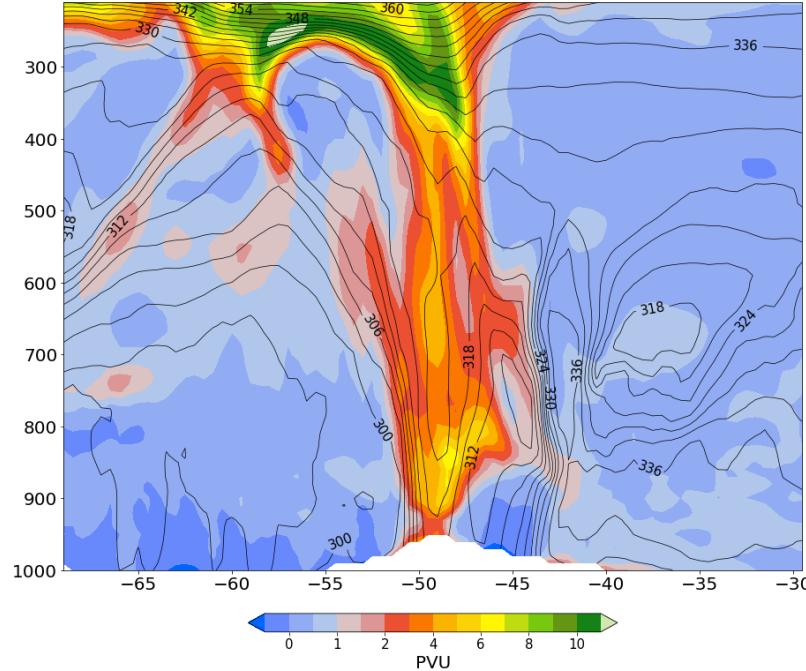
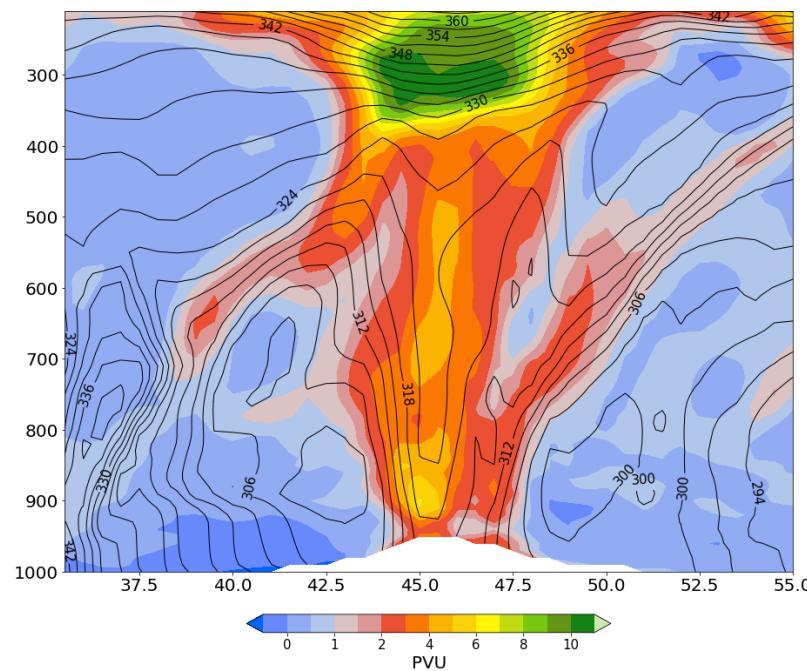
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## QE II Storm 18 UTC 09 Sep to 18 UTC 10 Sep 1978







# President's Day cyclone

Horizontal maps from 00 UTC on 17 February – 18 UTC on 22 February 1979

Vertical cross sections from 12 UTC on 19 February – 18 UTC on 20 February 1979

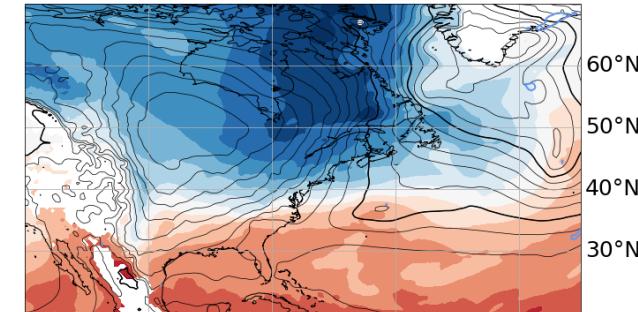
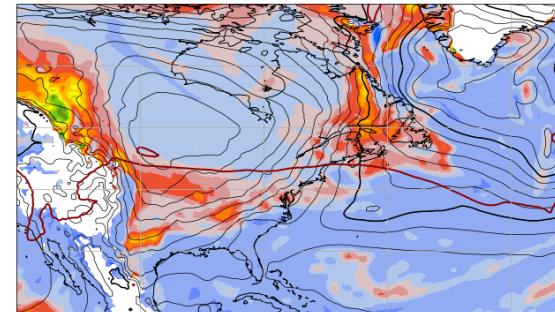
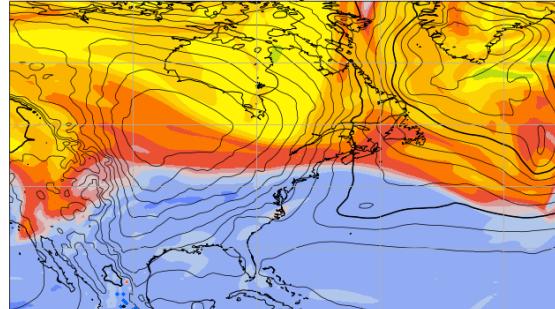
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19790220_00	69°W / 37.5°N	69°W / 27.5°N	69°W / 47.5°N	994 hPa
19790220_06	65°W / 37°N	65°W / 27°N	65°W / 47°N	994 hPa
19790220_12	59°W / 37°N	59°W / 27°N	59°W / 47°N	990 hPa
19790220_18	55°W / 38°N	55°W / 28°N	55°W / 48°N	990 hPa

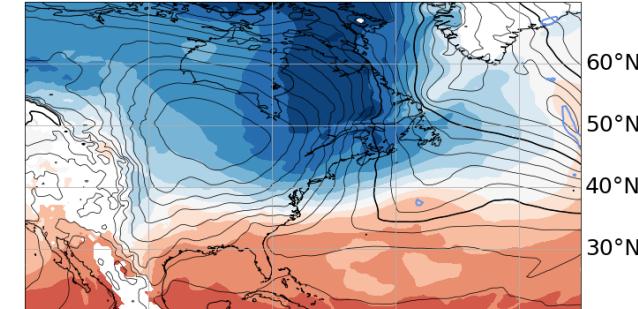
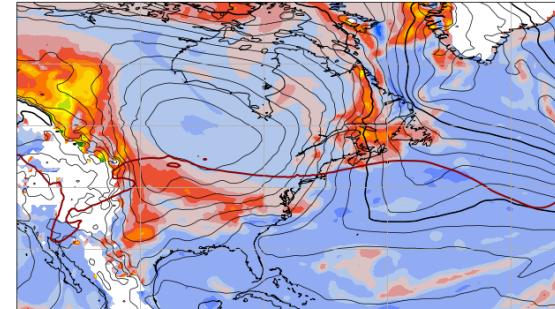
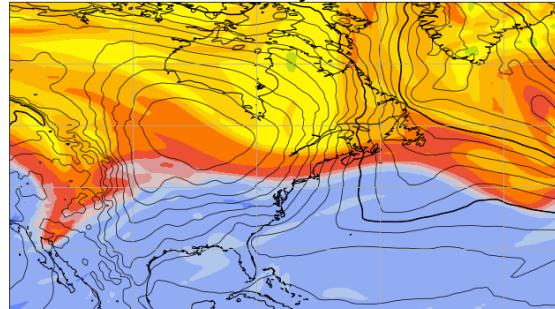
zonal cross sections (W to E)

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19790219_18	74°W / 37.5°N	94°W / 37.5°N	54°W / 37.5°N	994 hPa
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19790220_06	65°W / 37°N	85°W / 37°N	45°W / 37°N	994 hPa
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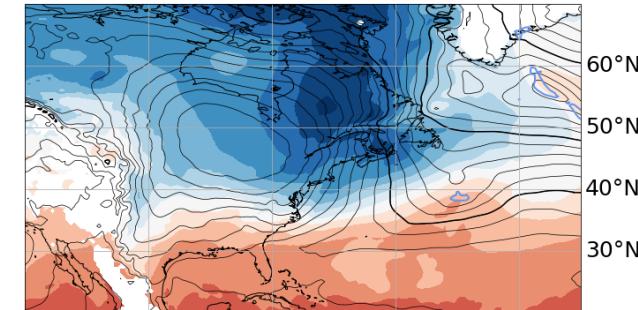
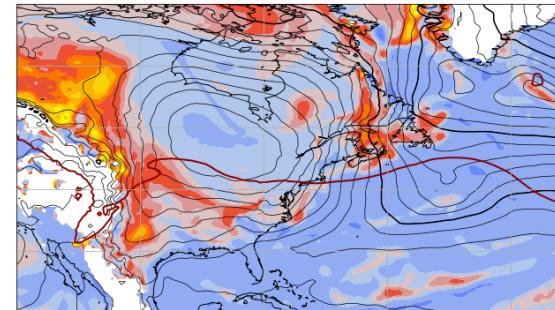
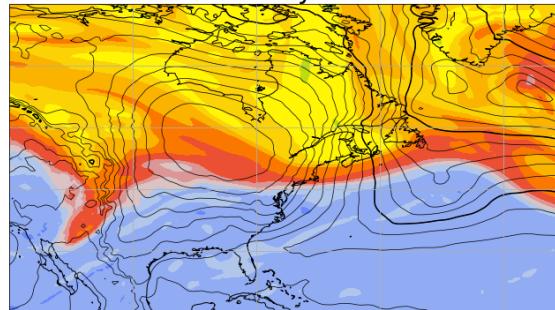
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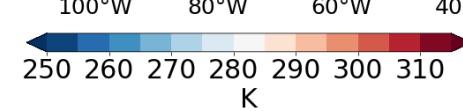
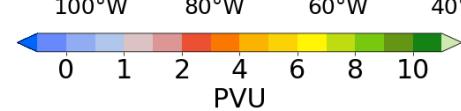
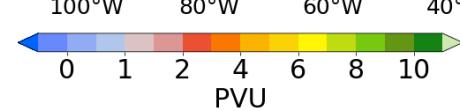
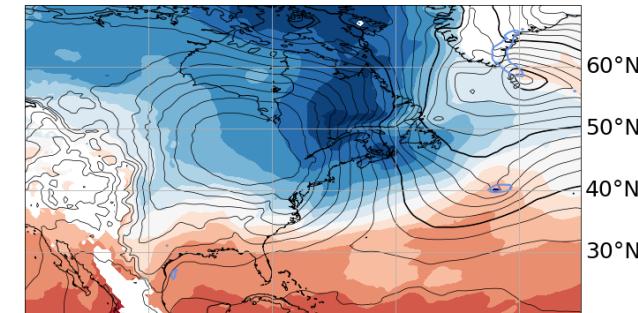
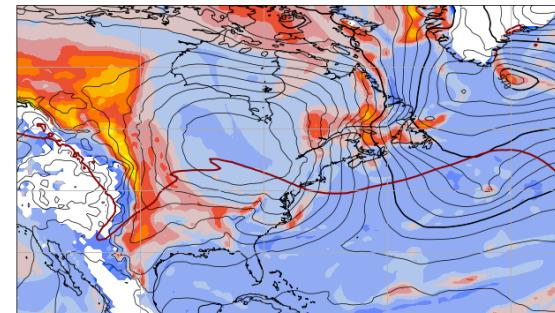
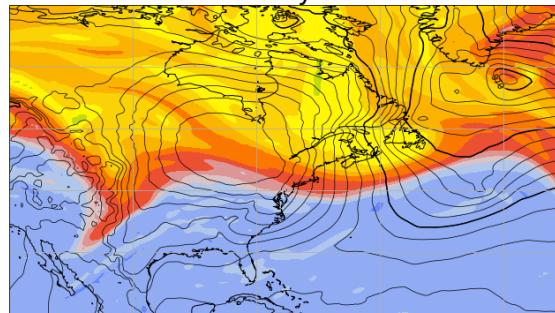
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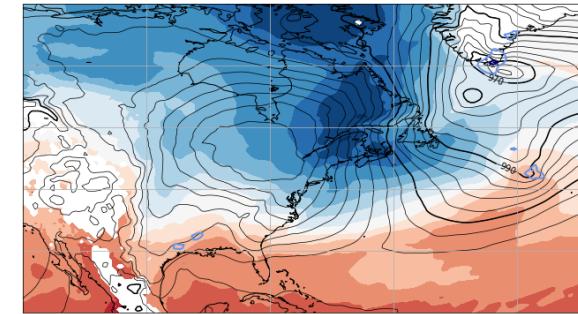
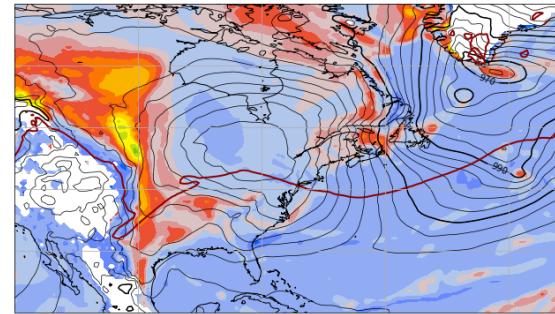
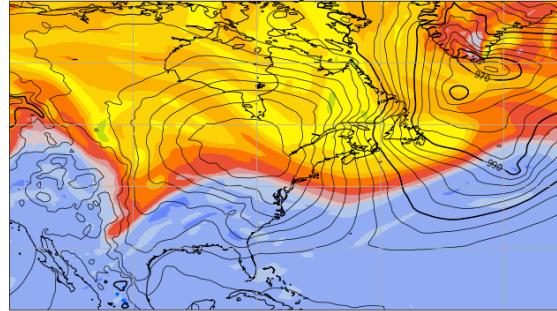
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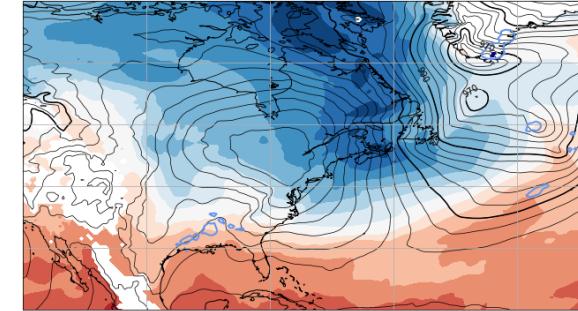
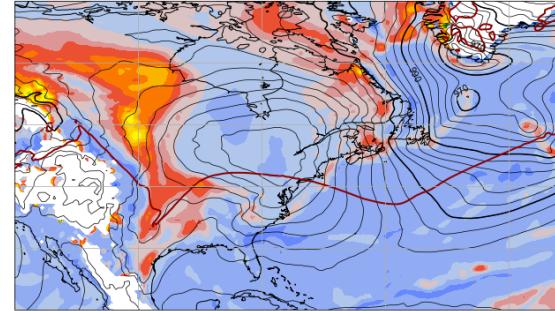
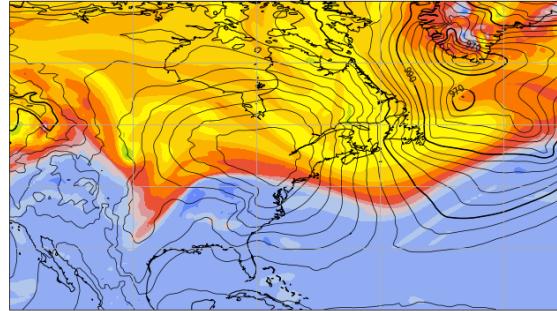
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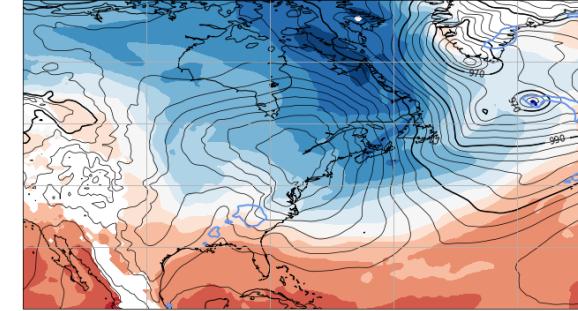
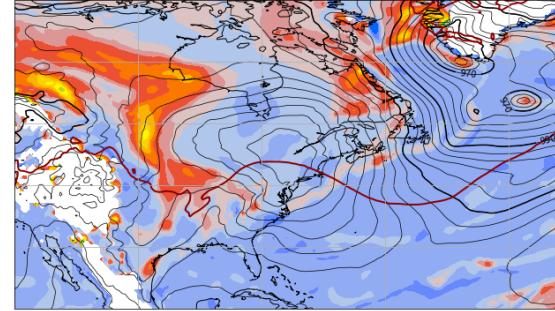
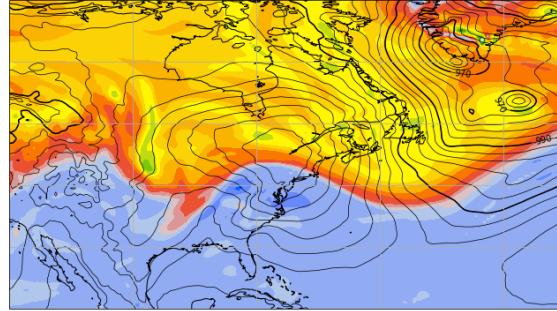
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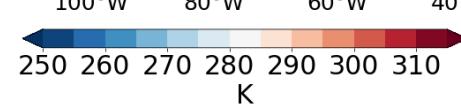
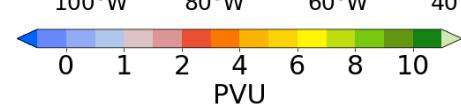
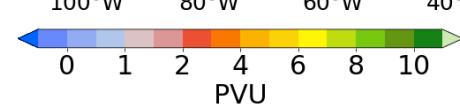
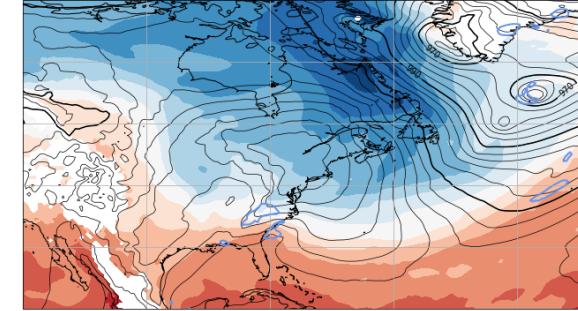
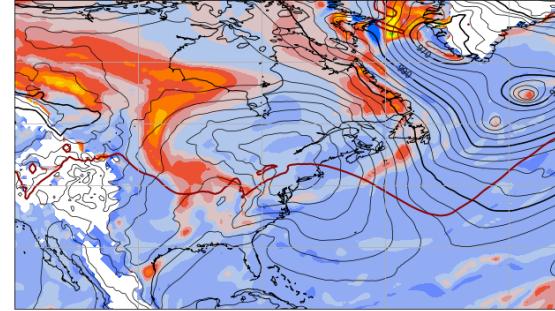
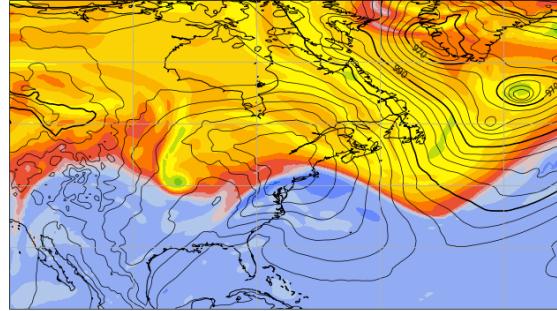
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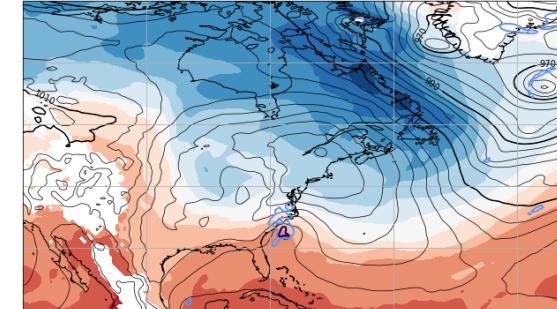
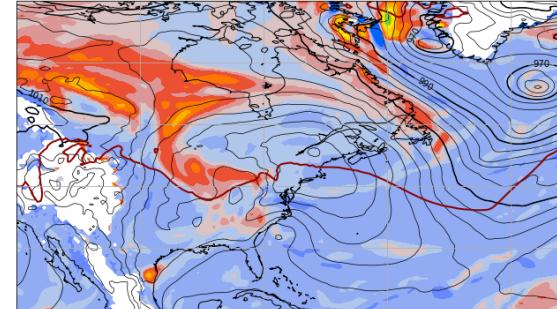
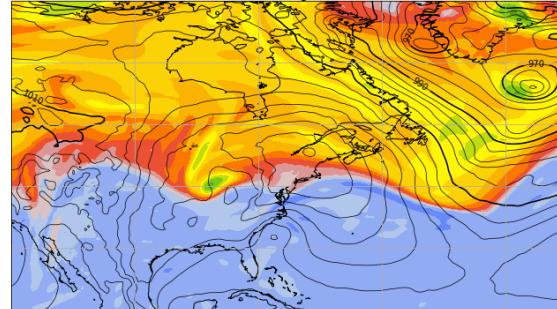
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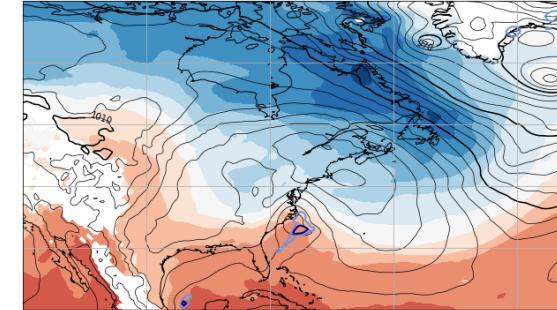
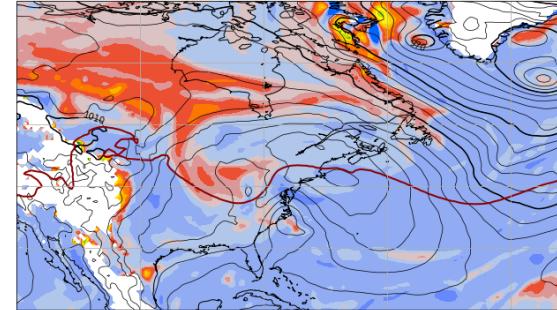
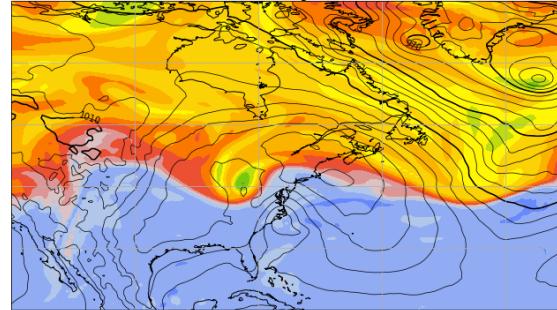
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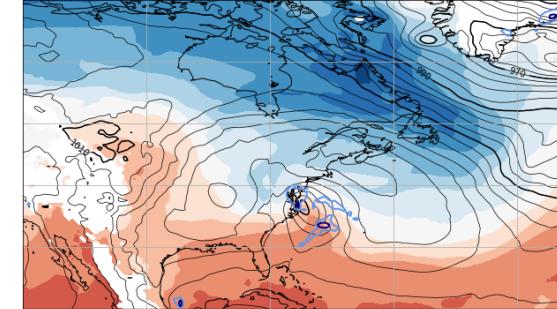
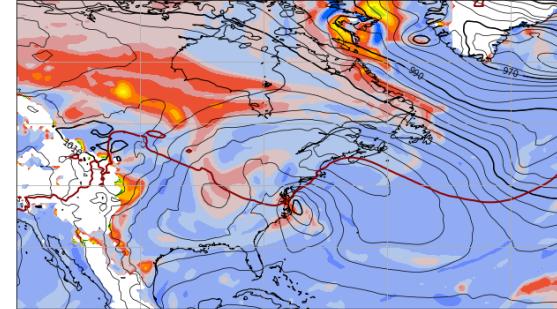
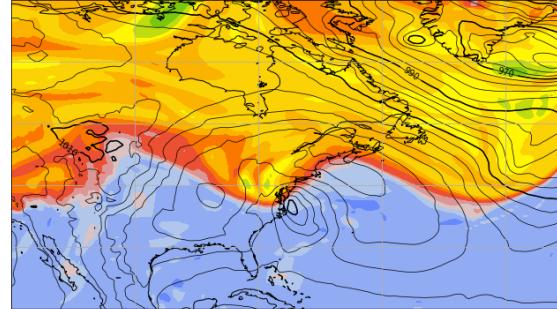
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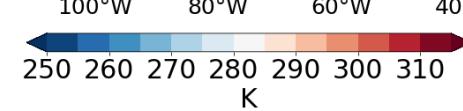
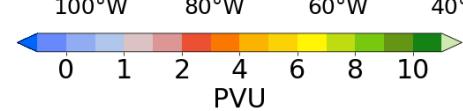
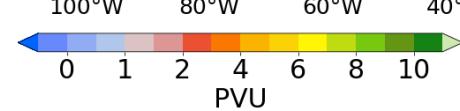
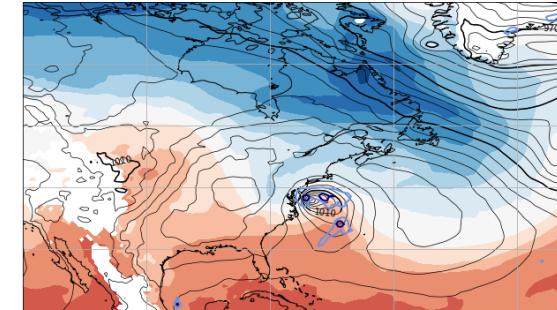
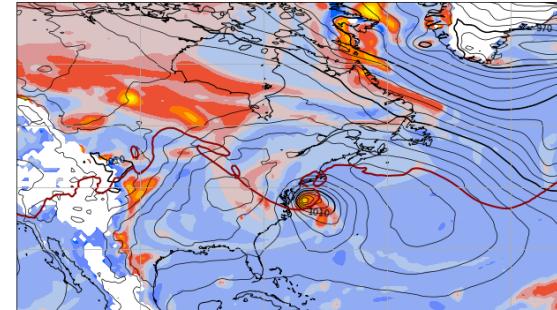
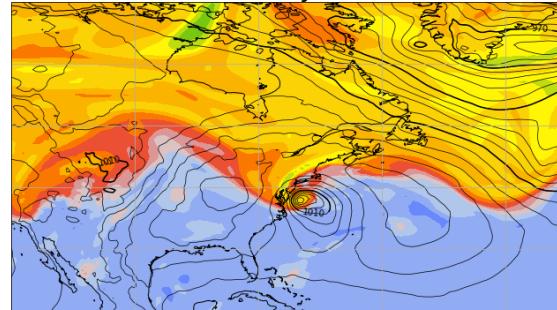
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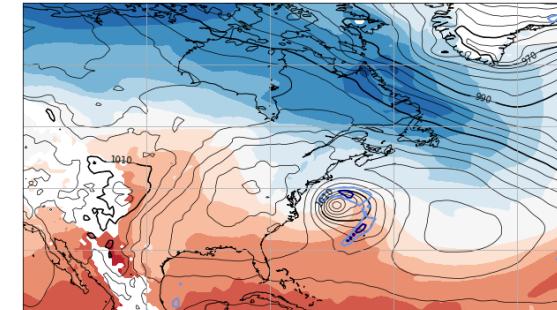
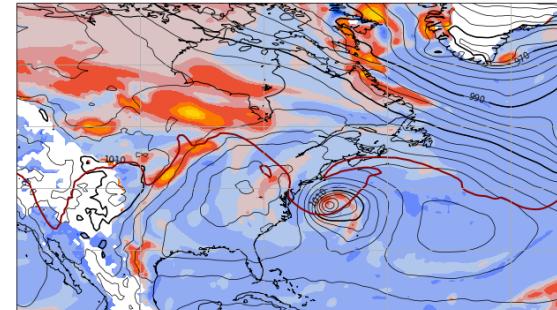
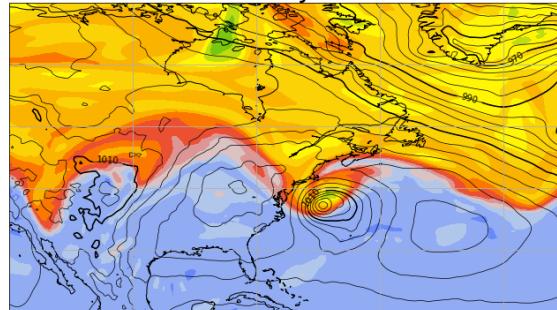
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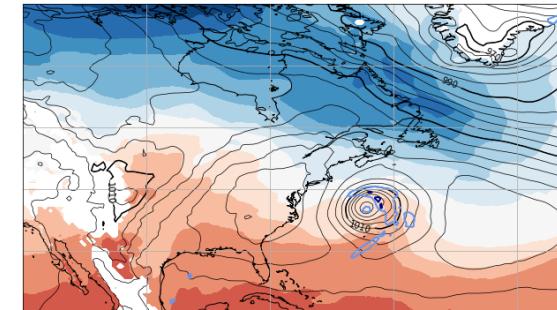
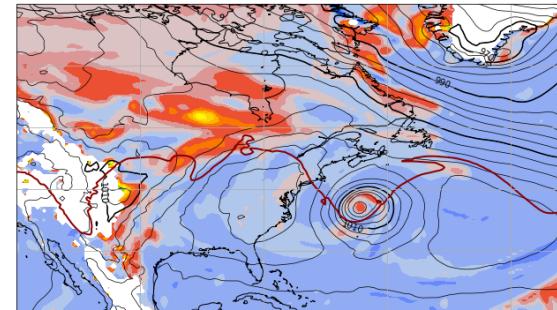
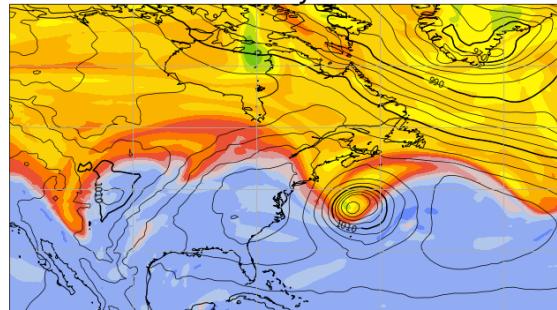
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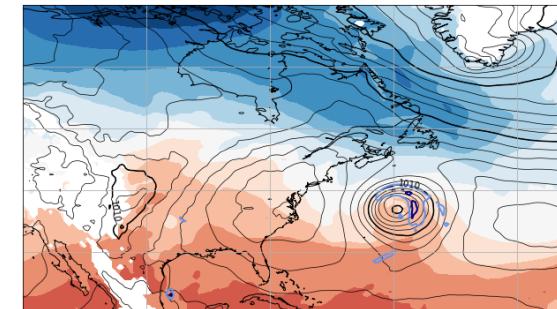
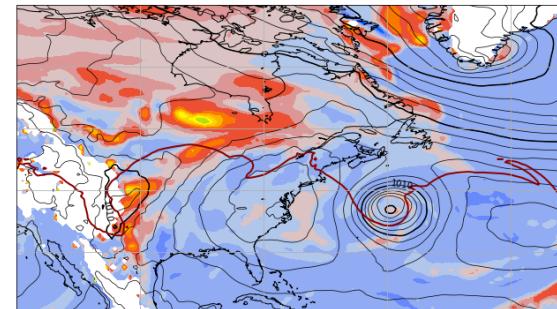
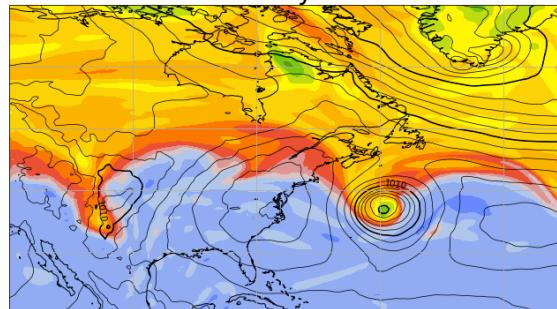
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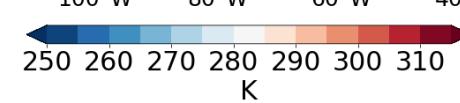
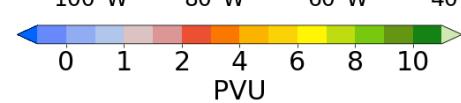
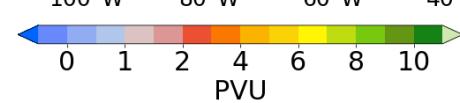
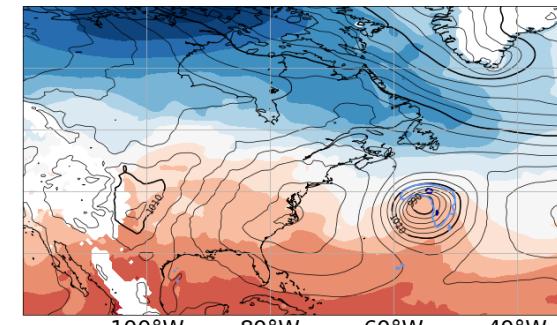
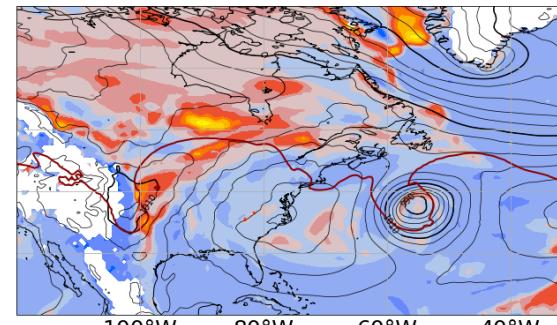
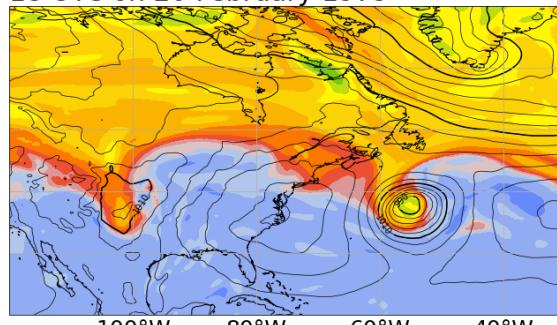
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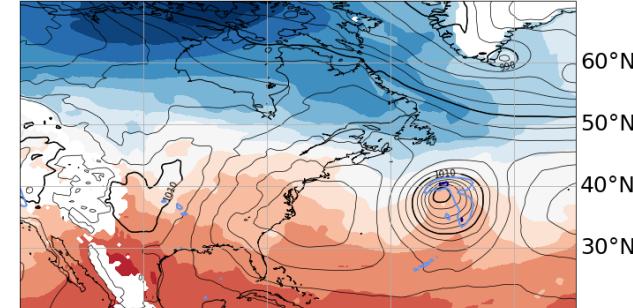
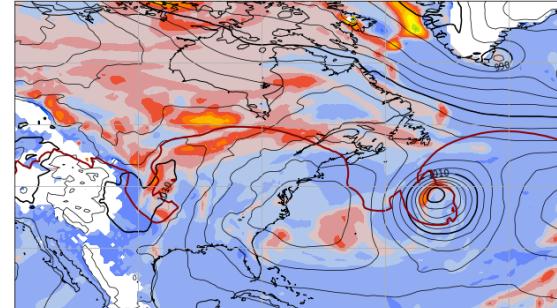
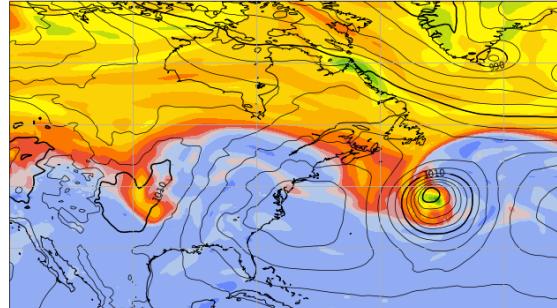
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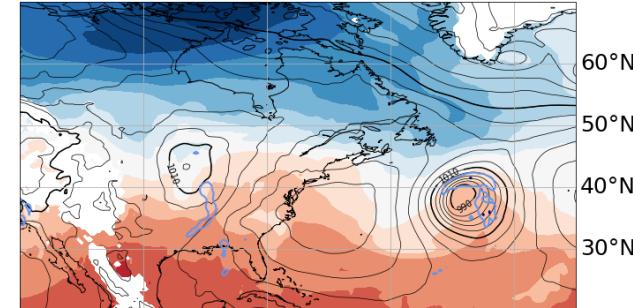
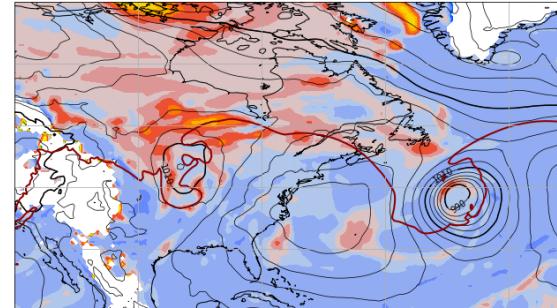
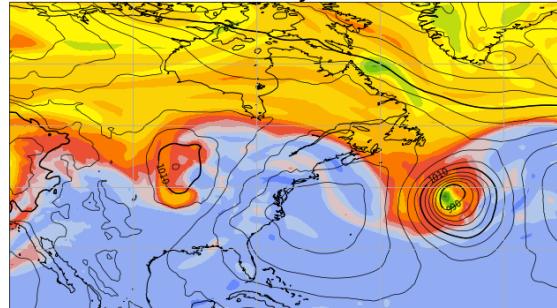
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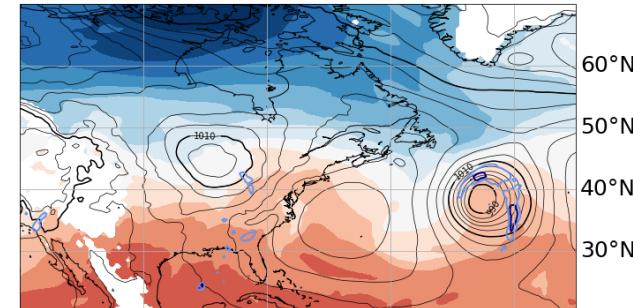
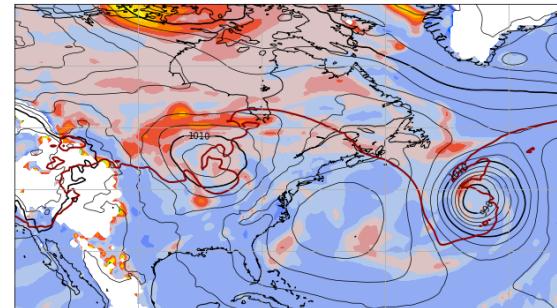
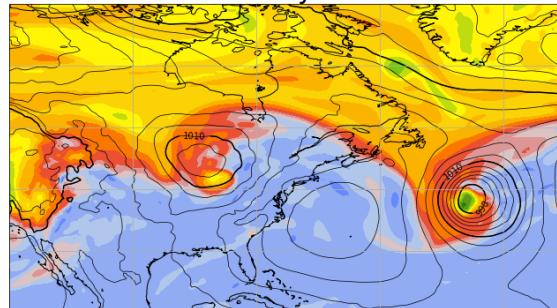
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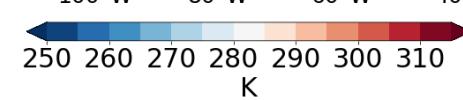
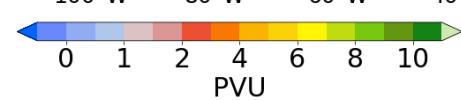
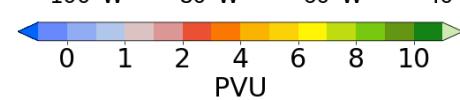
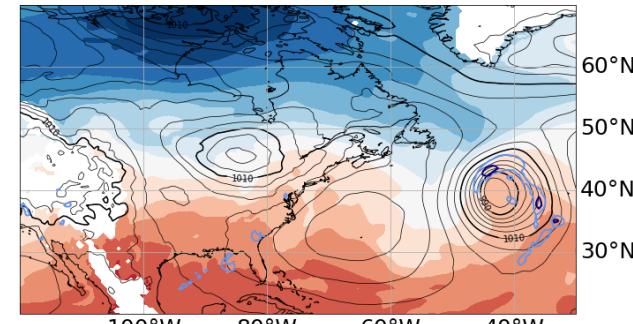
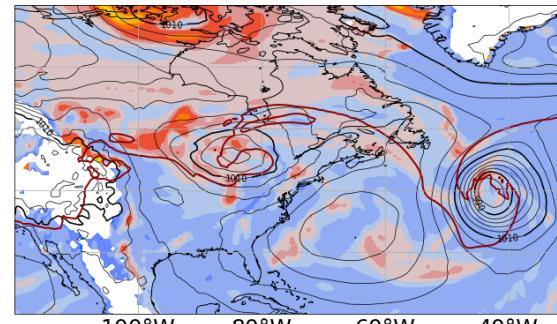
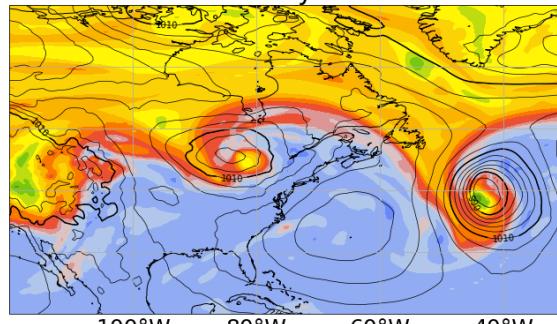
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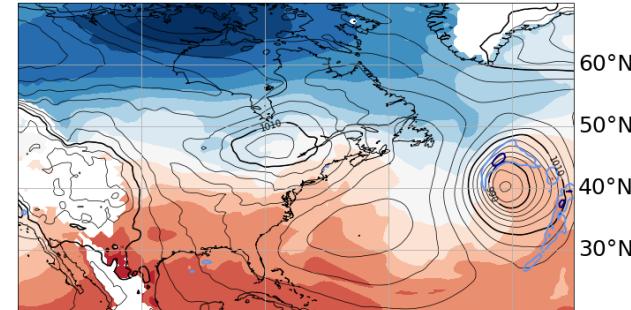
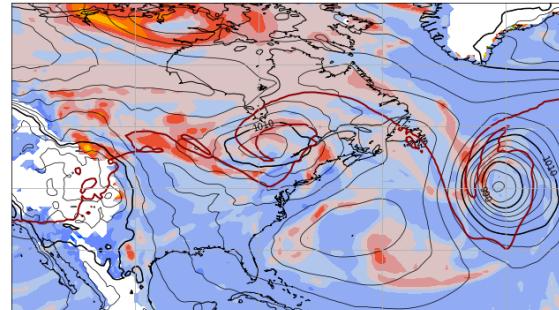
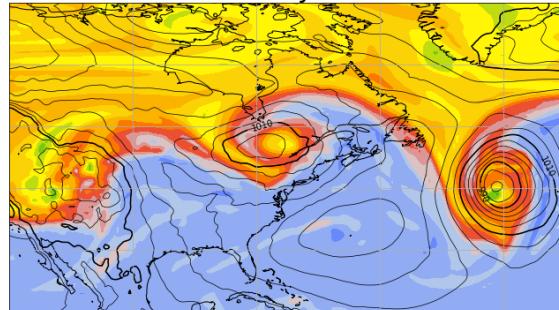
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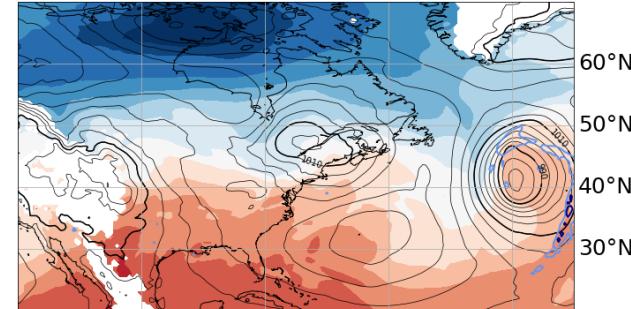
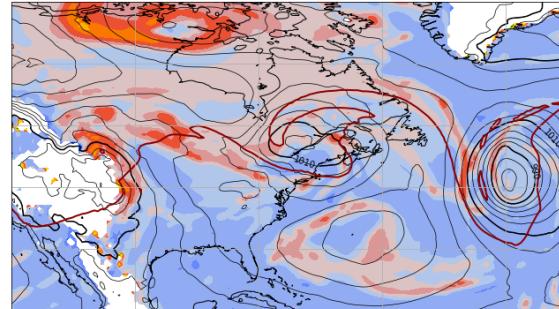
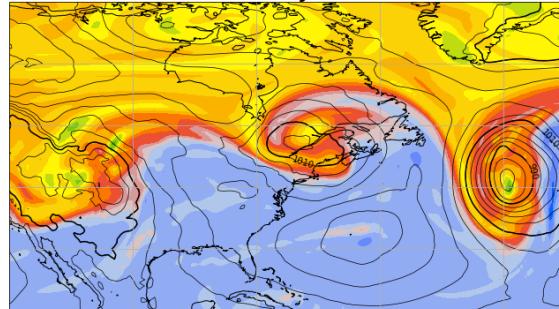
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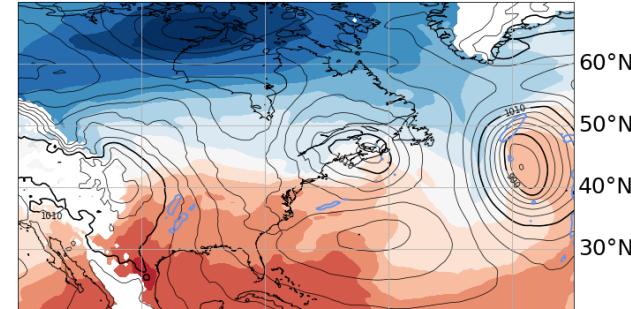
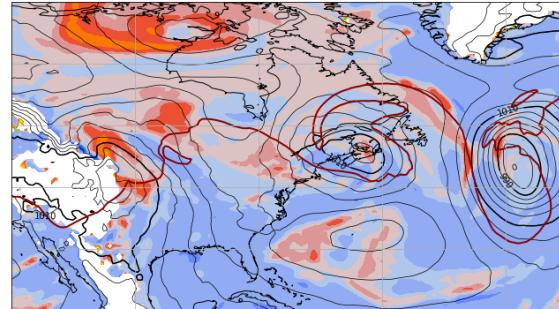
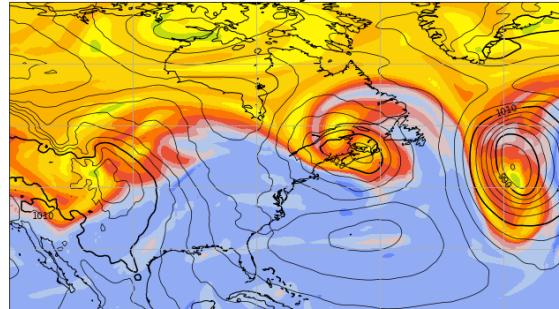
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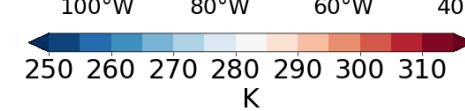
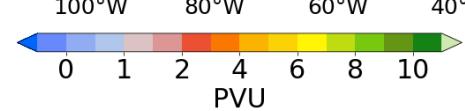
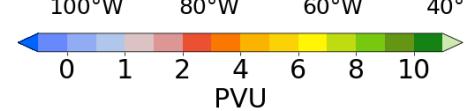
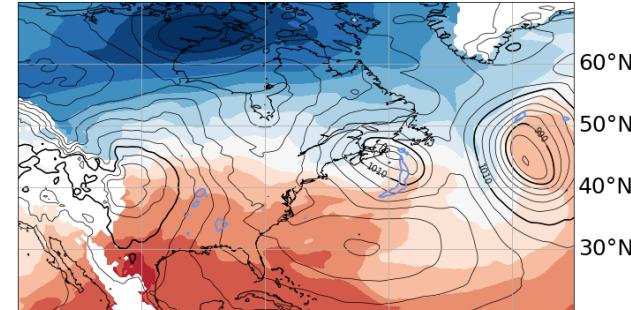
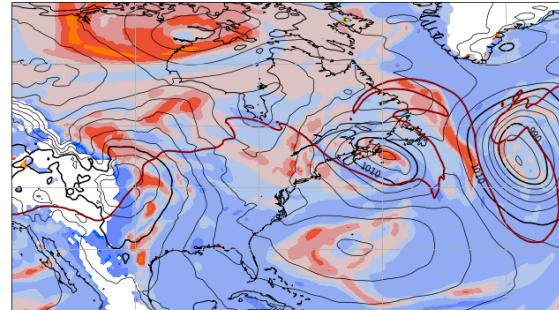
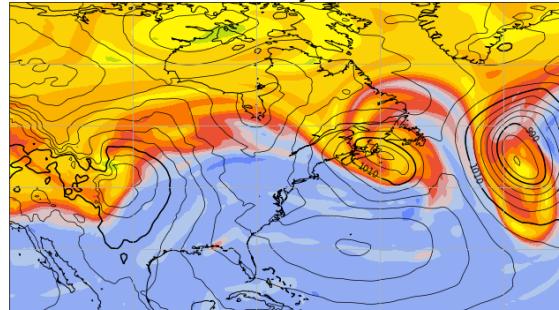
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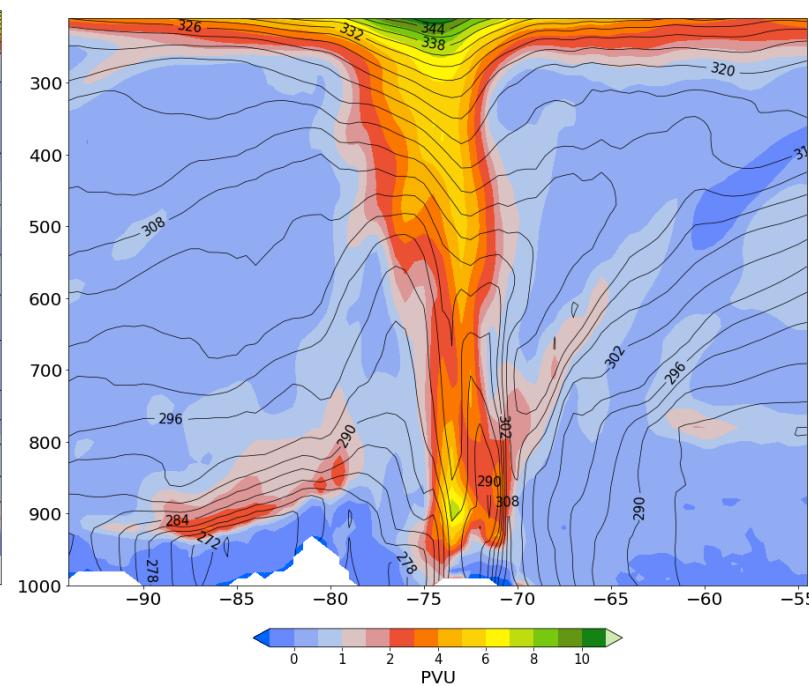
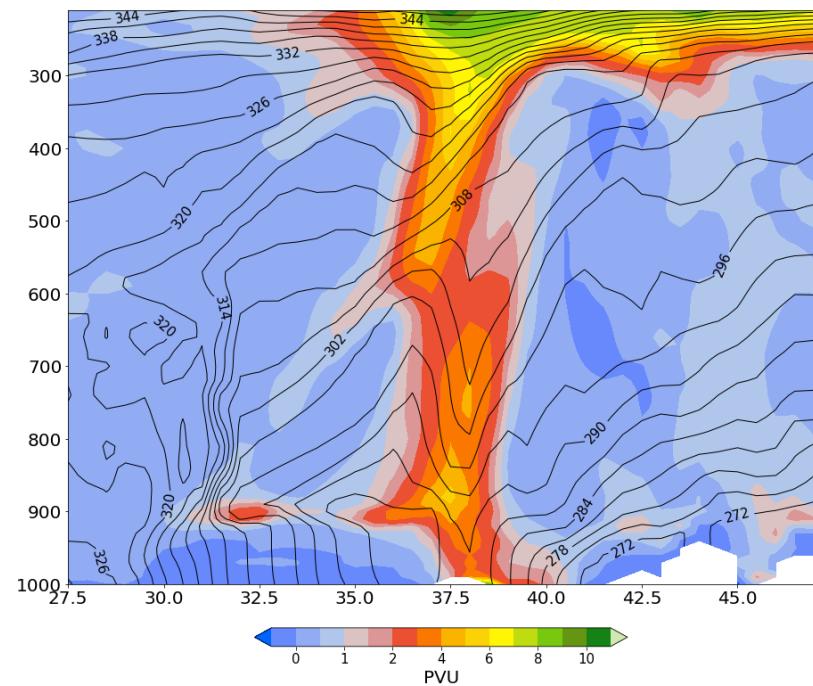
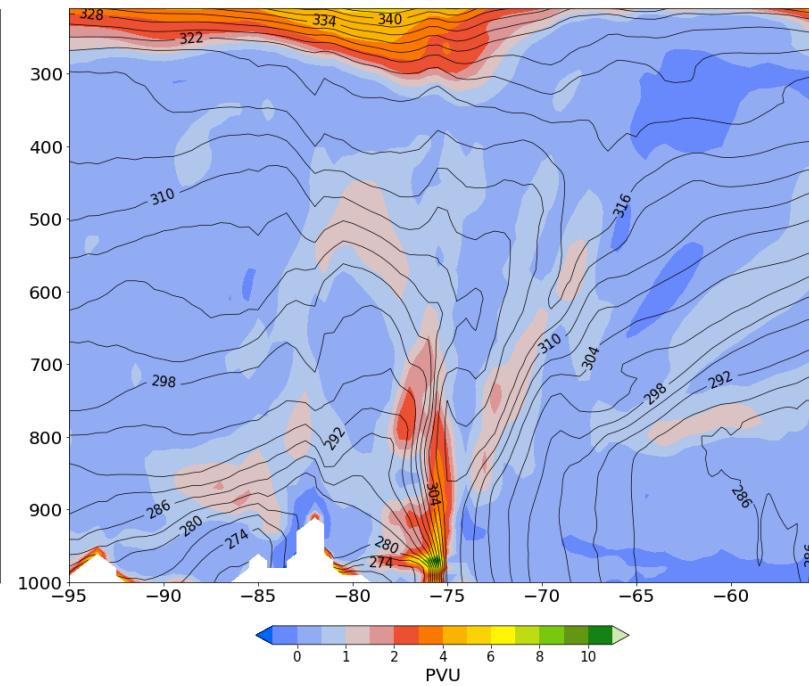
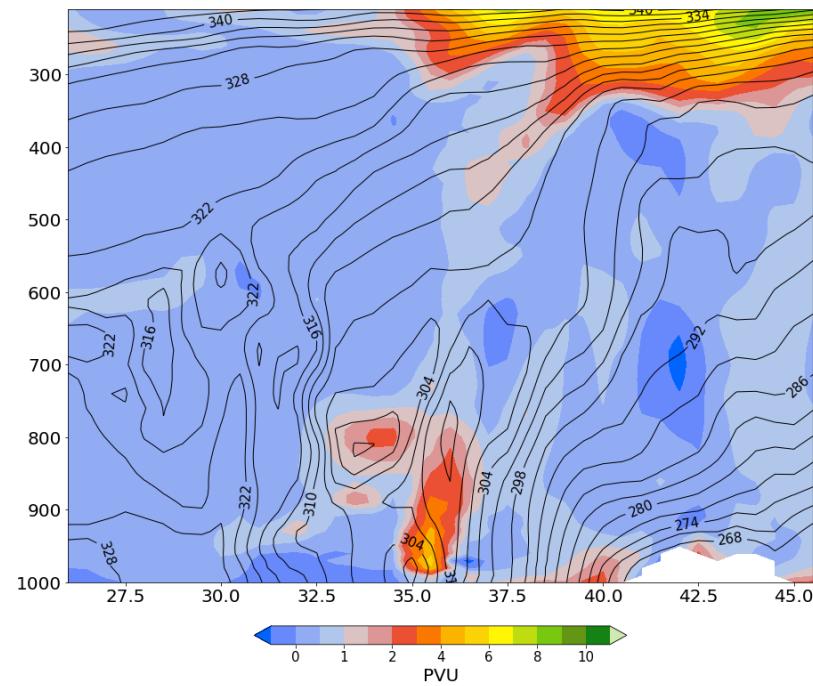
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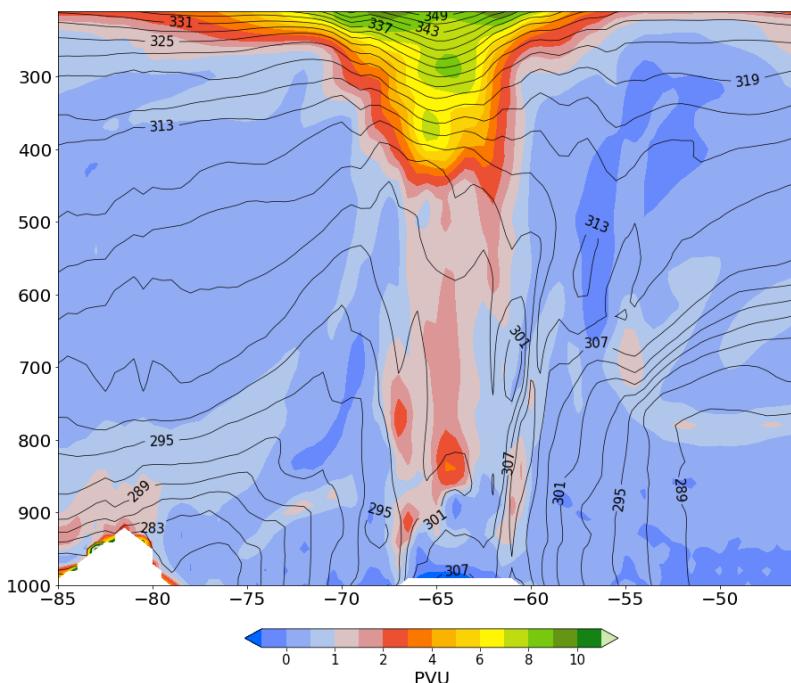
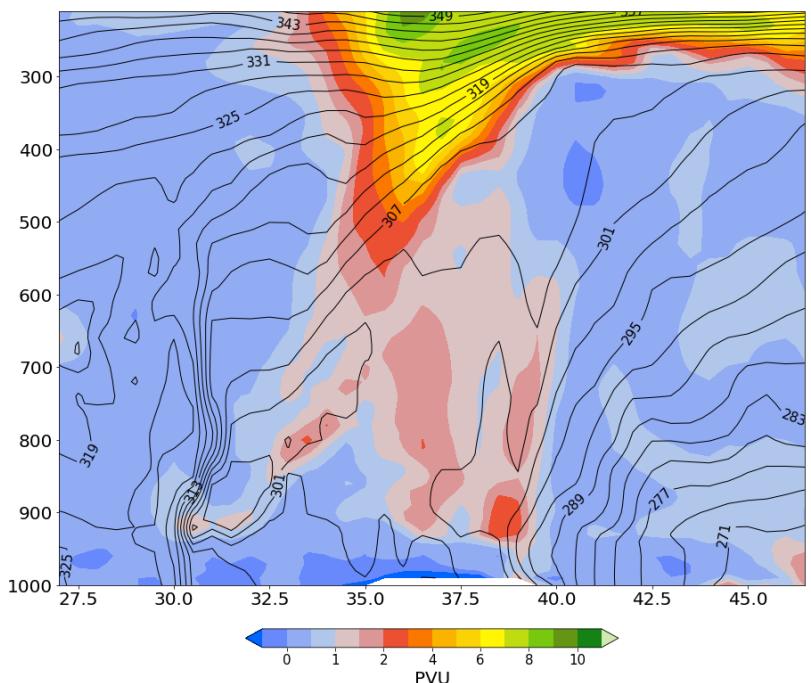
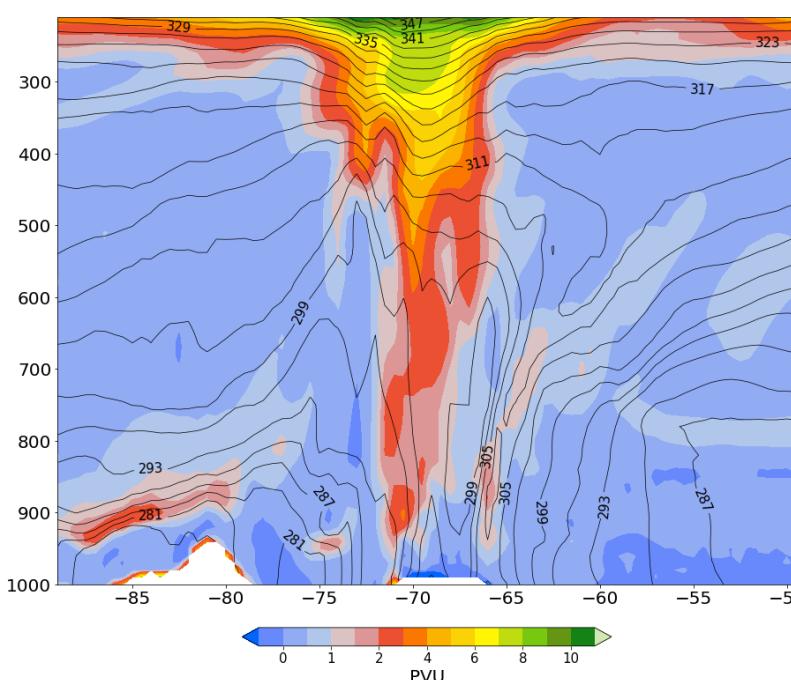
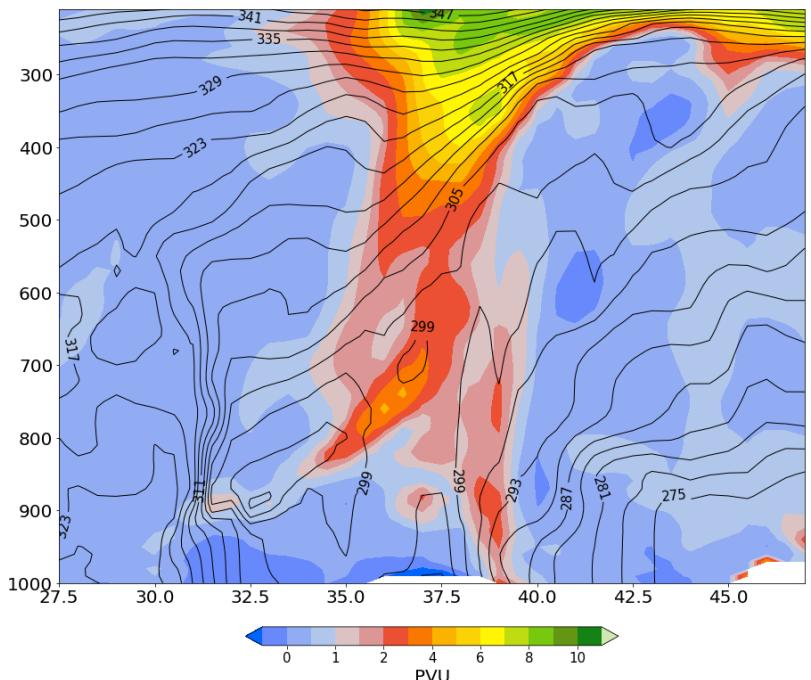


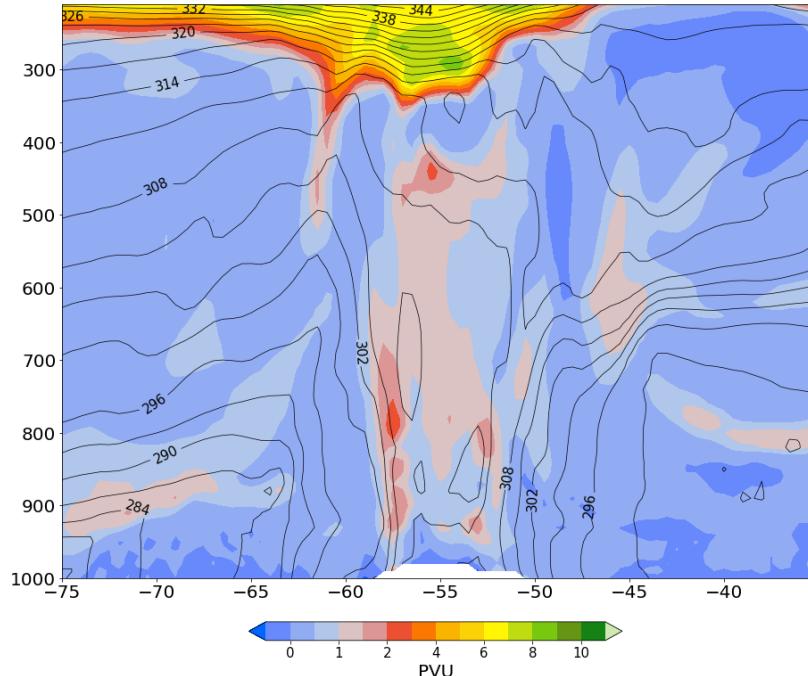
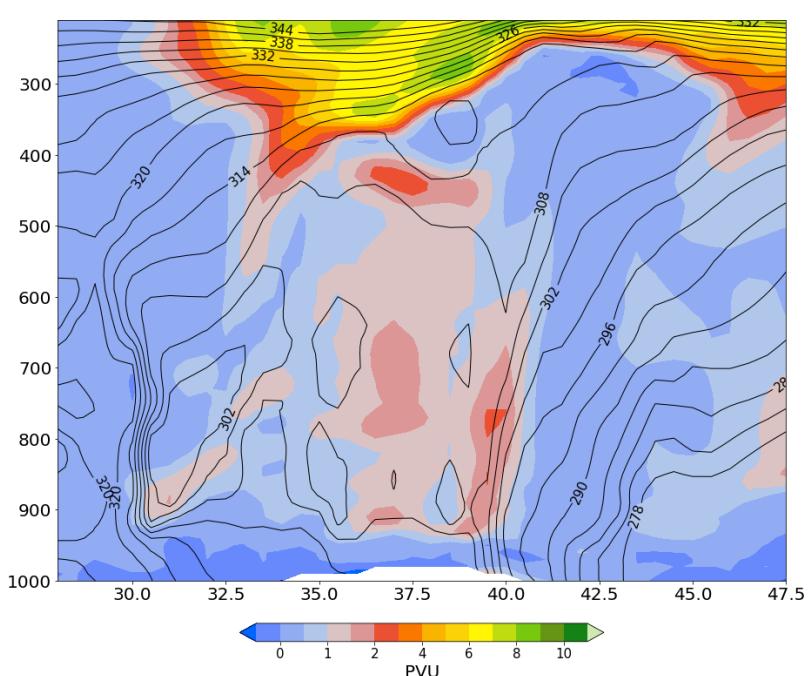
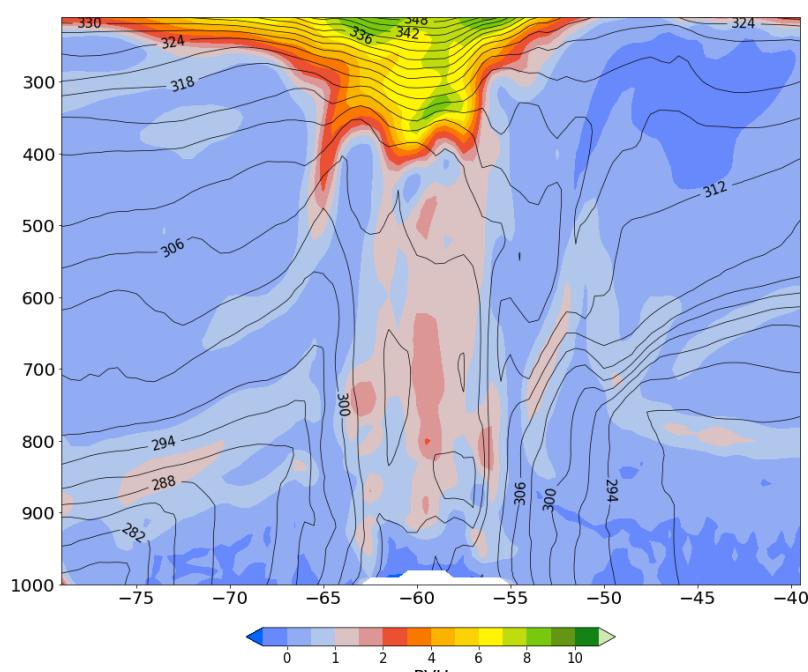
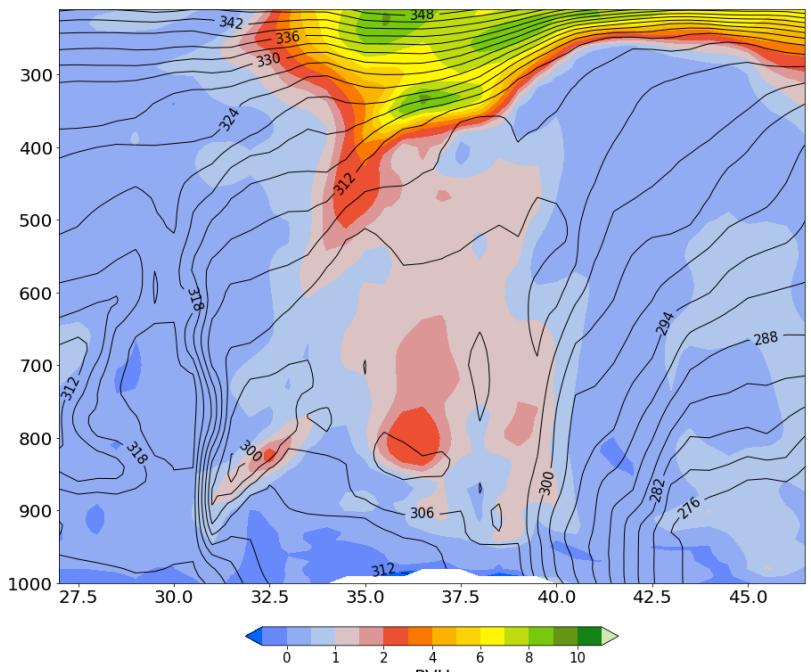
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Horizontal maps from 00 UTC on 13 October – 18 UTC on 18 October 1987

Vertical cross sections from 12 UTC on 15 October – 06 UTC on 16 October 1987

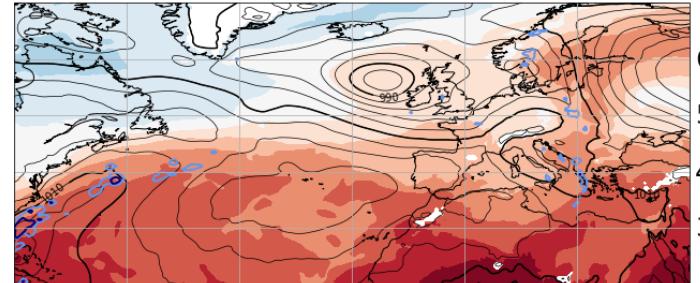
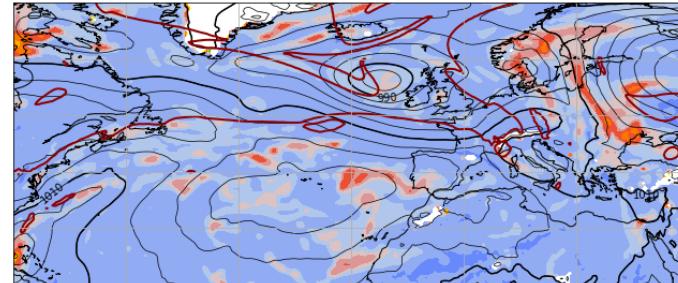
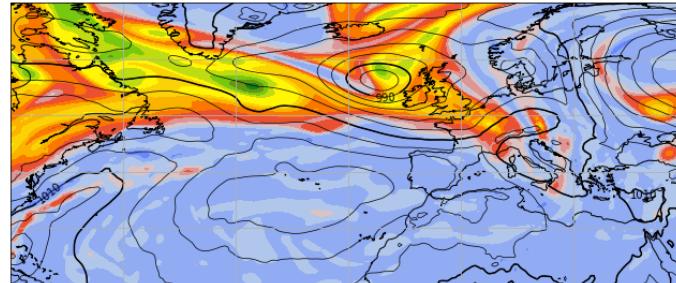
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date	cyclone center	cross sections		minimum MSLP
		from	to	
19871015_12	14°W / 44°N	14°W / 34°N	14°W / 54°N	970 hPa
19871015_18	9°W / 46°N	9°W / 36°N	9°W / 56°N	962 hPa
19871016_00	4°W / 49°N	4°W / 39°N	4°W / 59°N	958 hPa
19871016_06	0.5°W / 53°N	0.5°W / 43°N	0.5°W / 63°N	958 hPa

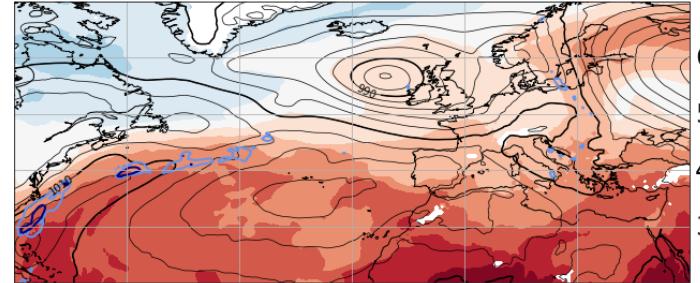
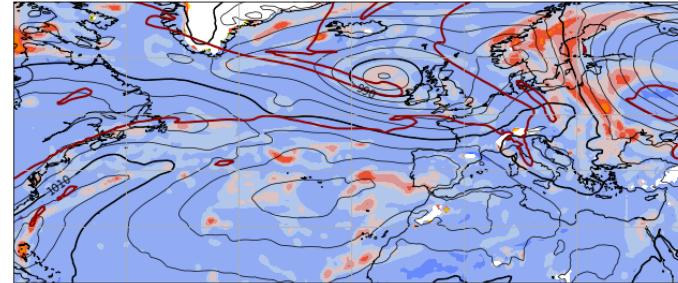
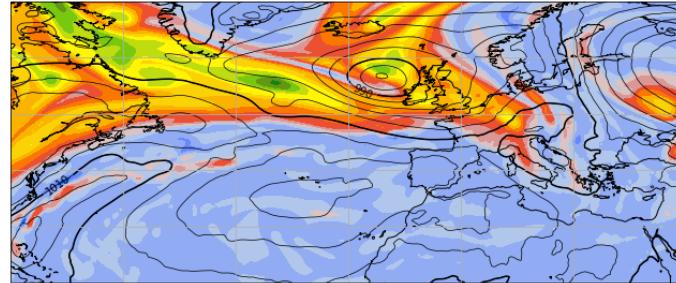
zonal cross sections (W to E)

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19871015_18	9°W / 46°N	29°W / 46°N	11°E / 46°N	962 hPa
19871016_00	4°W / 49°N	24°W / 49°N	16°E / 49°N	958 hPa
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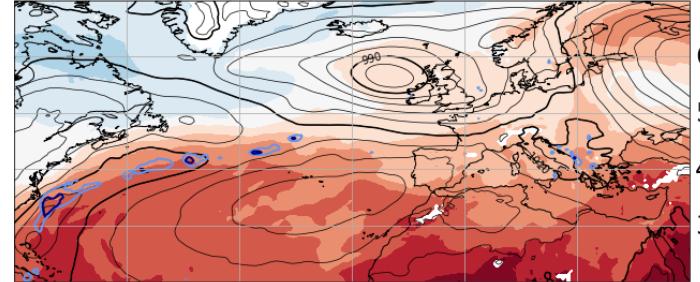
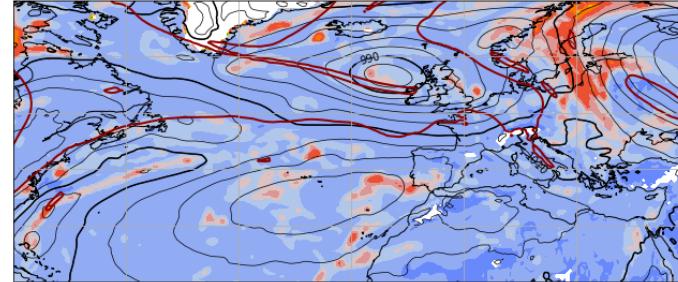
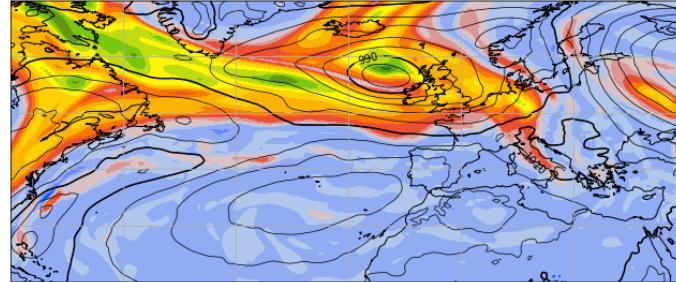
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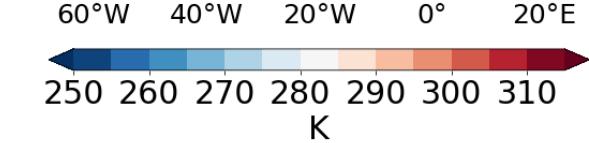
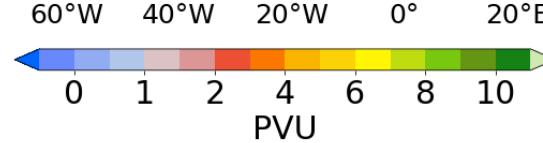
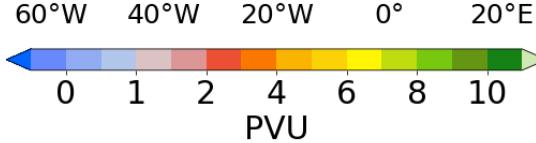
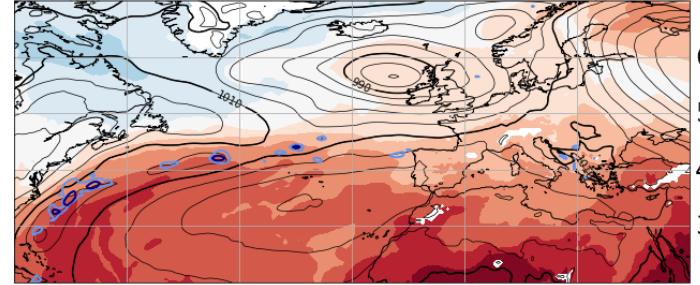
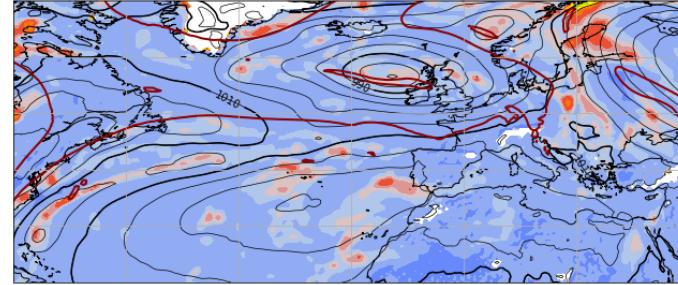
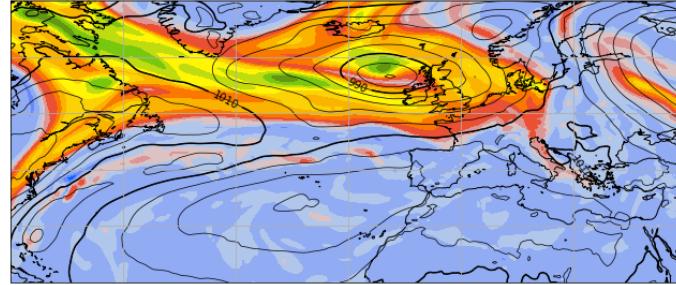
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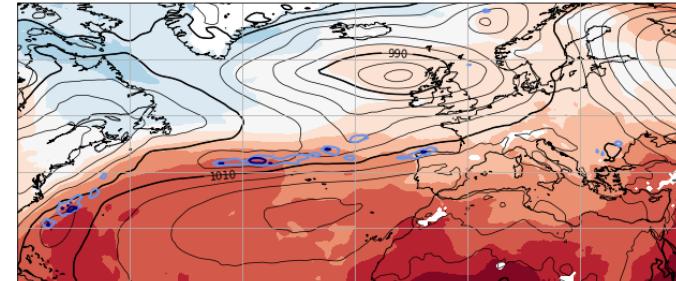
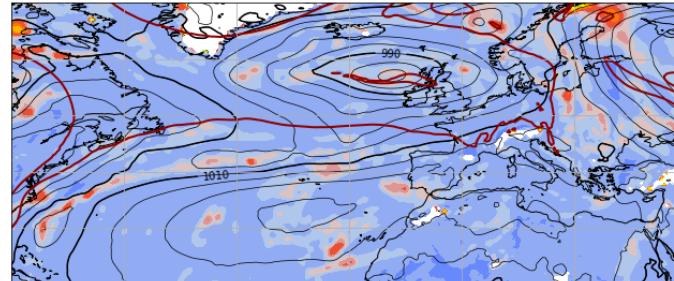
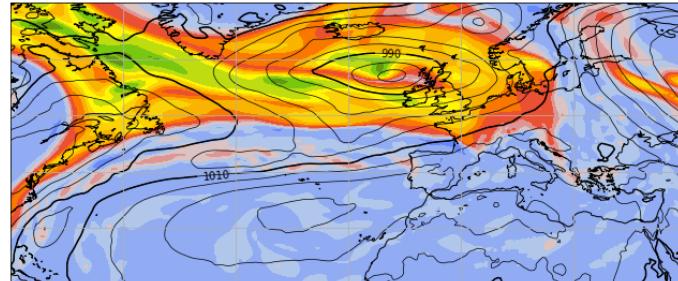
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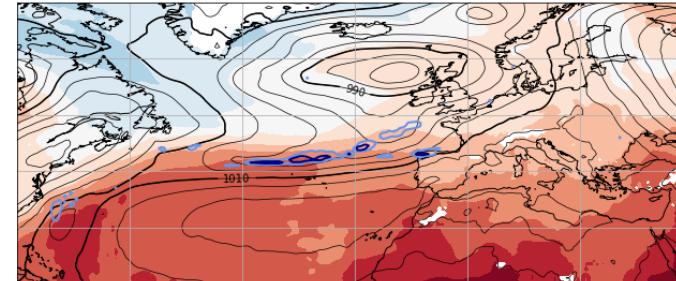
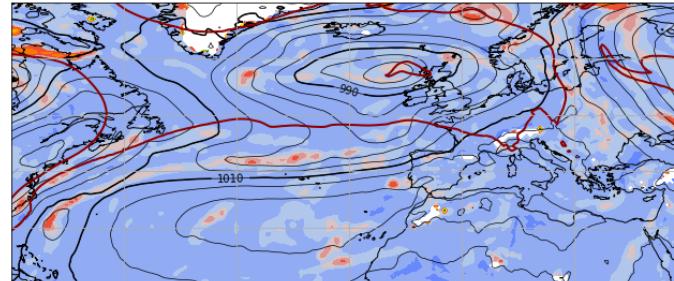
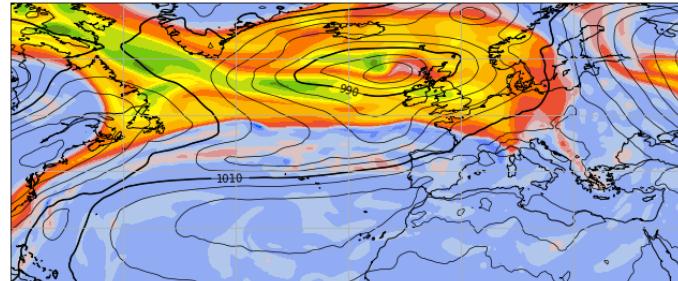
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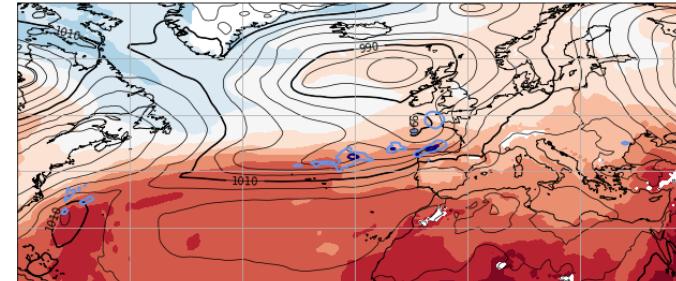
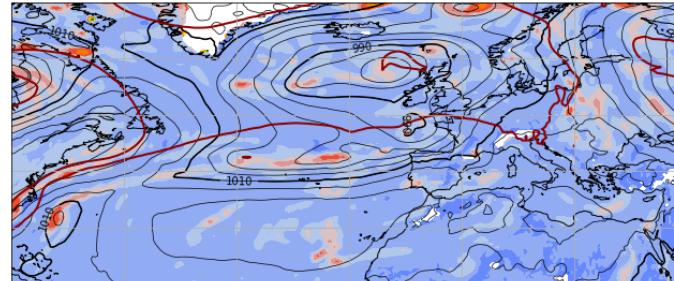
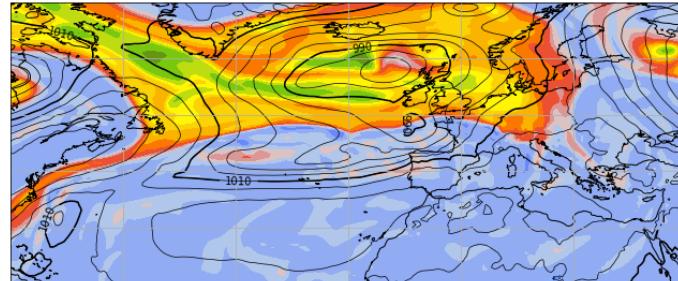
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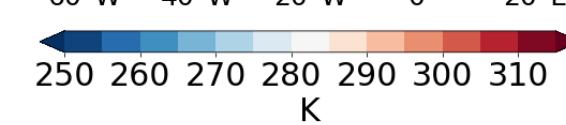
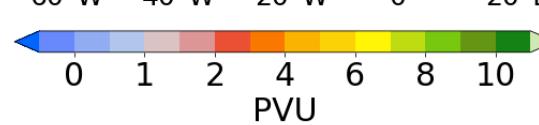
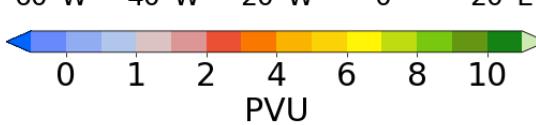
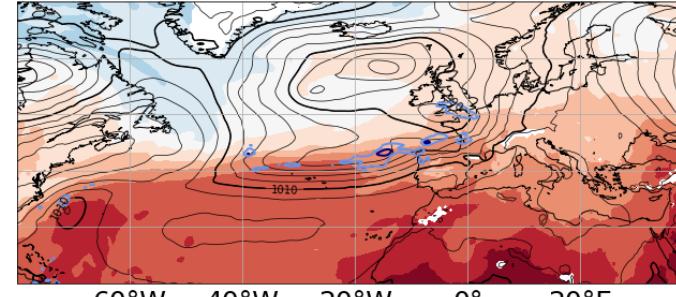
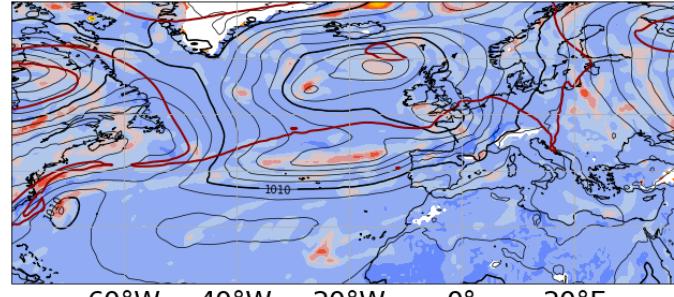
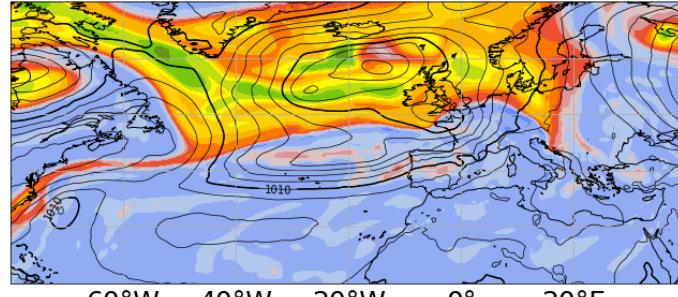
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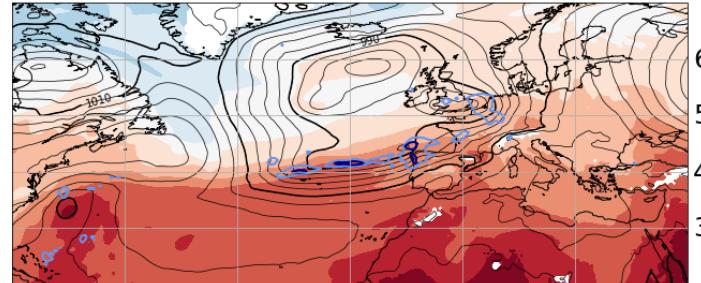
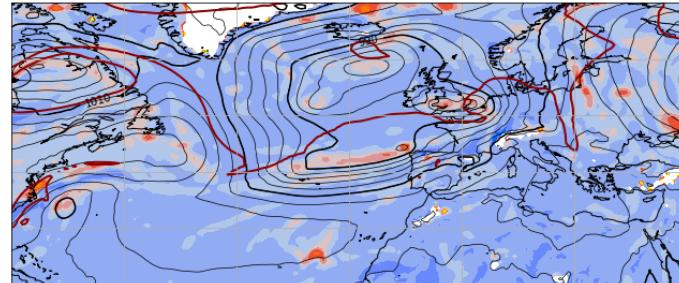
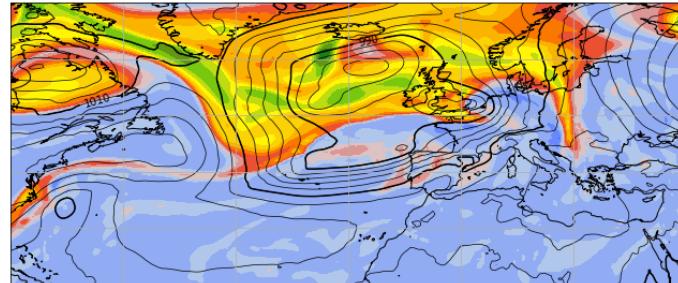
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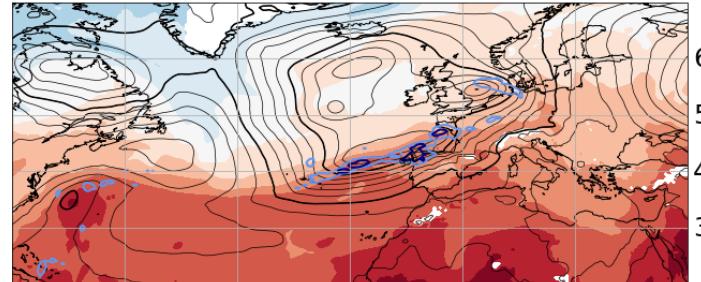
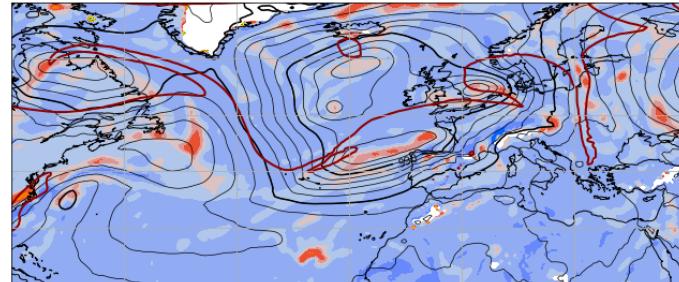
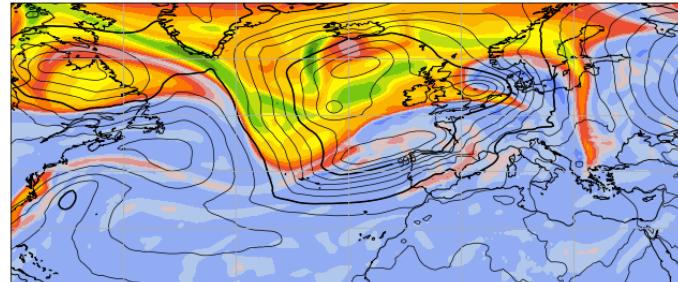
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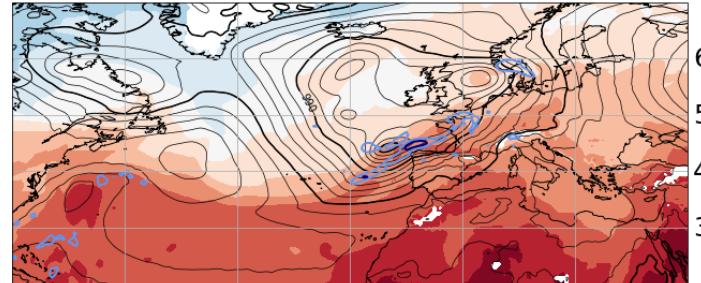
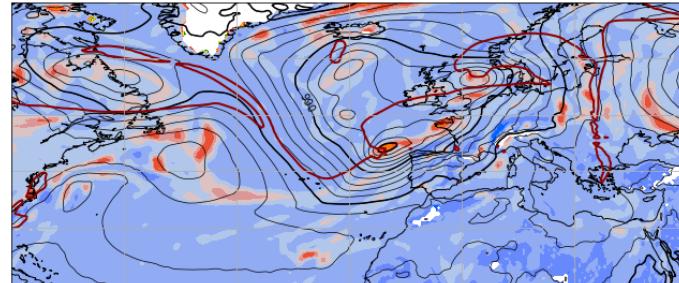
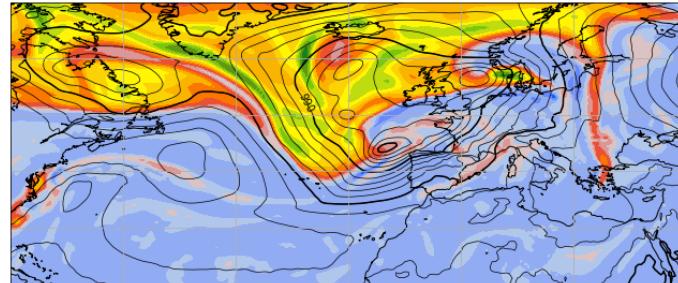
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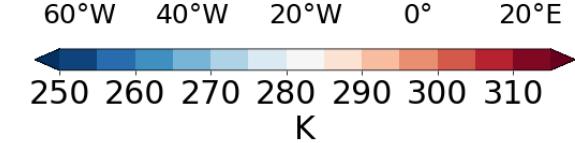
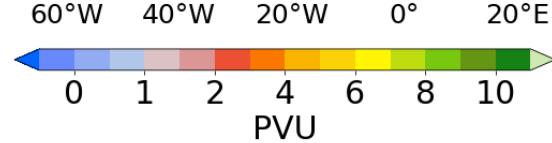
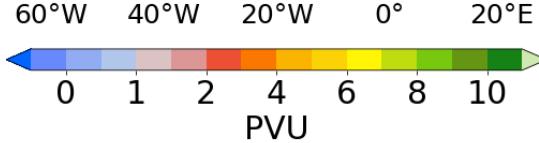
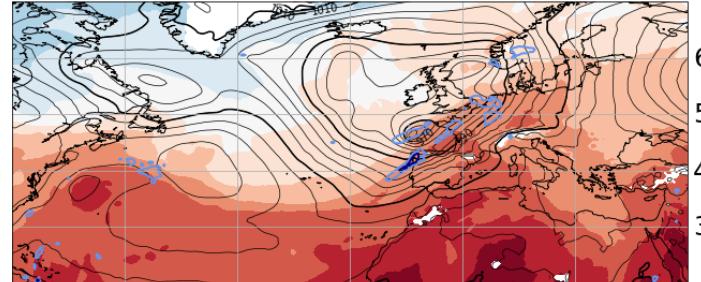
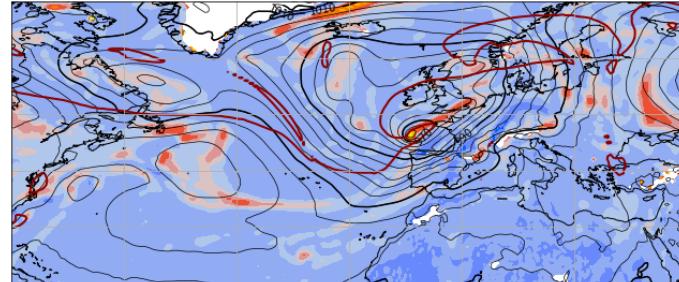
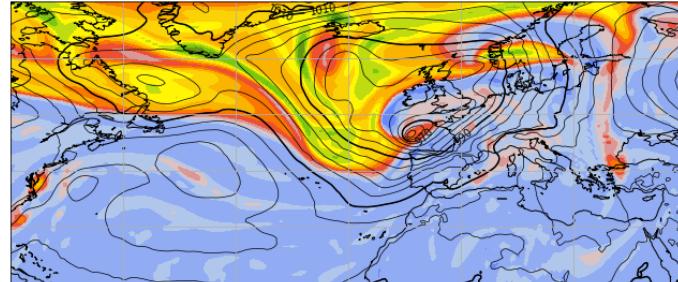
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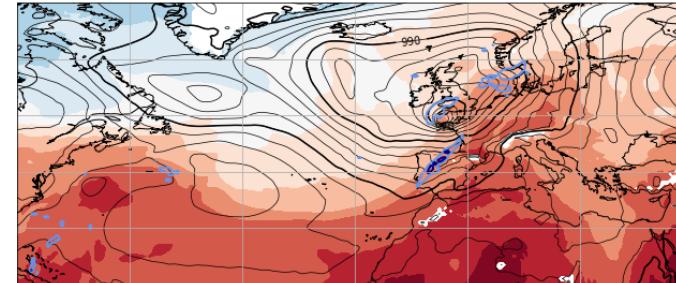
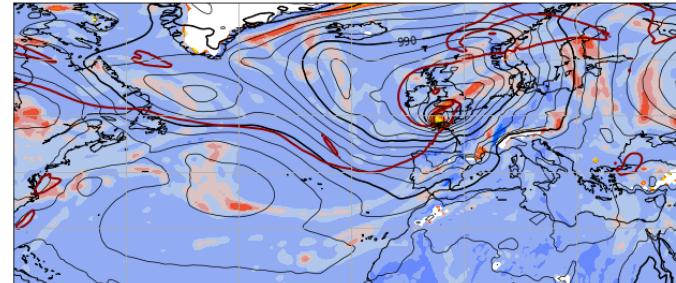
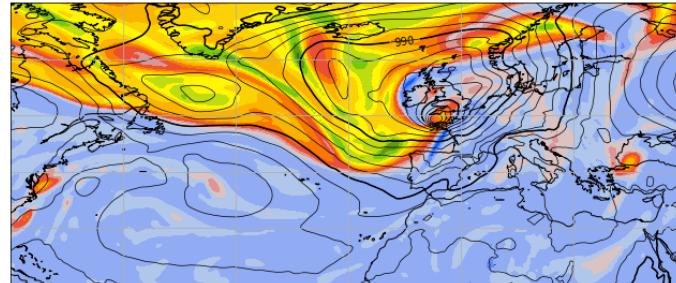
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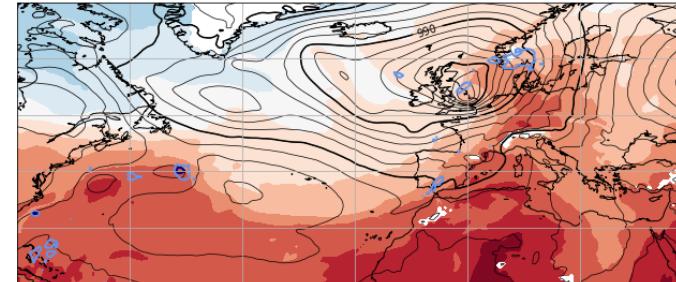
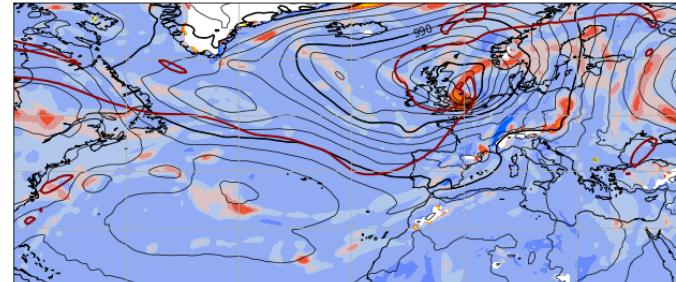
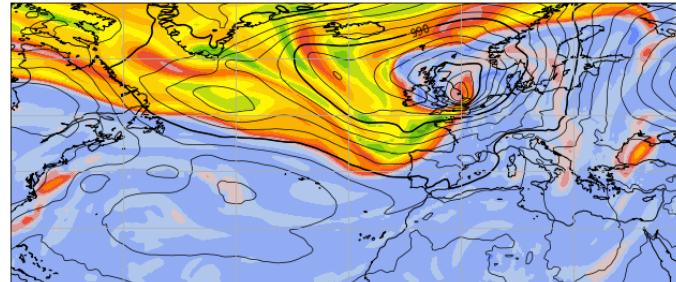
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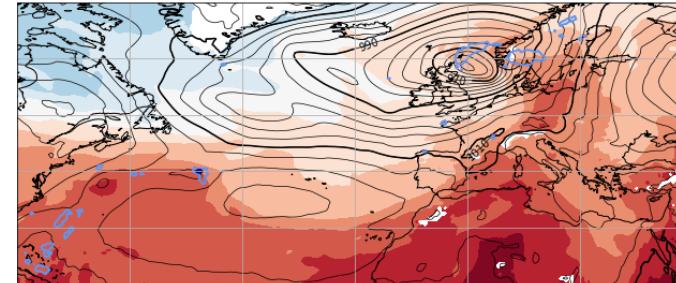
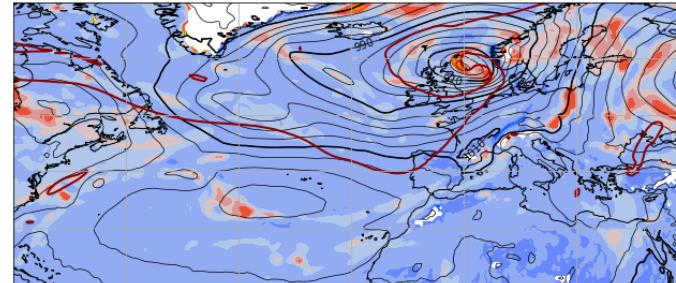
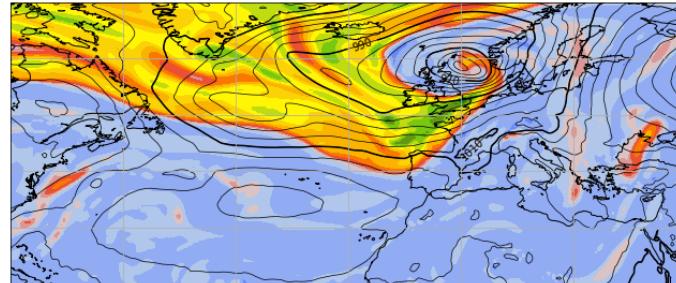
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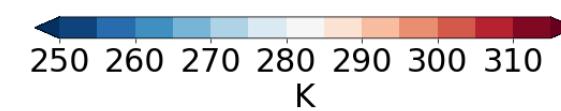
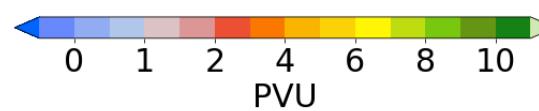
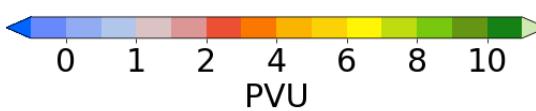
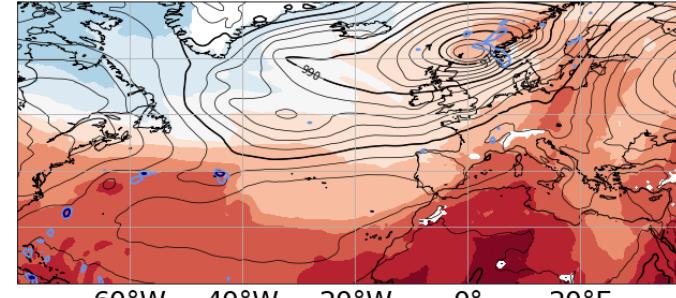
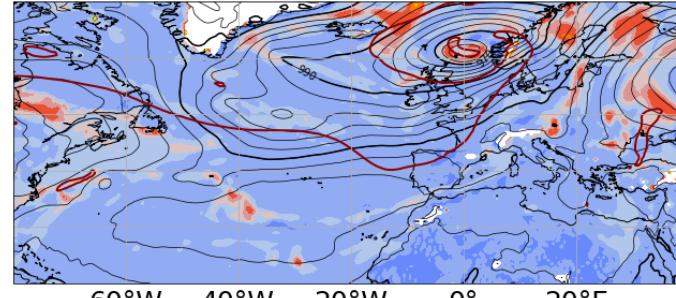
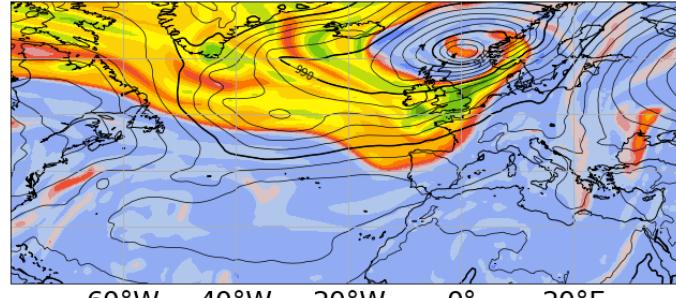
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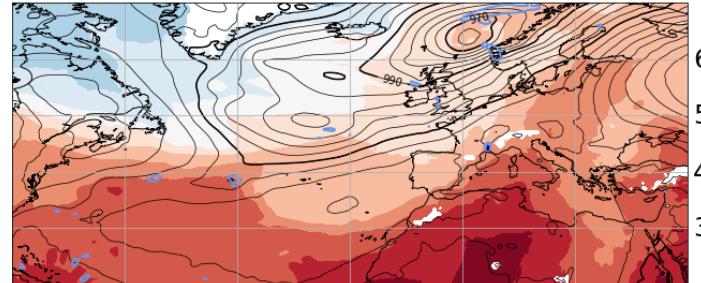
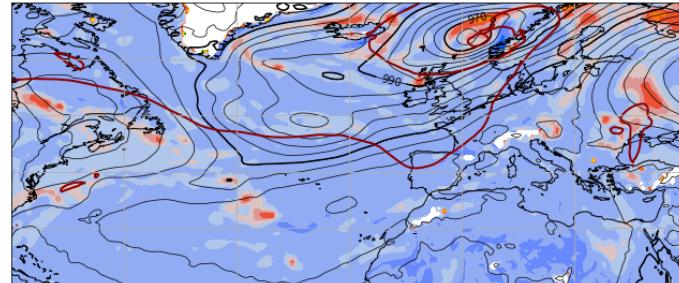
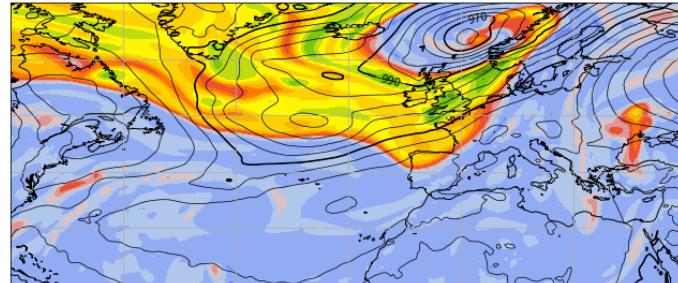
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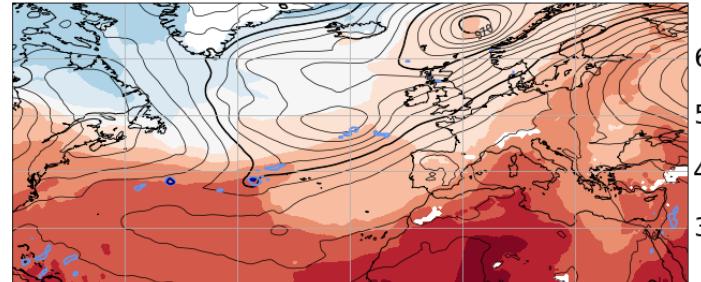
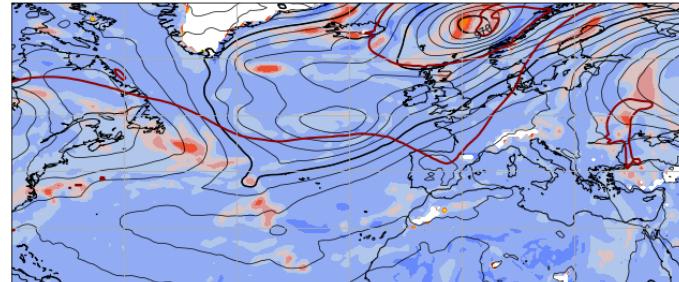
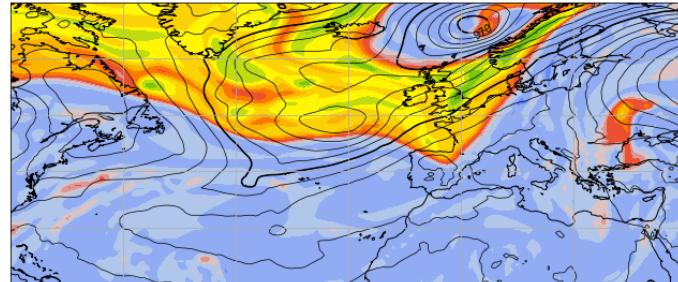
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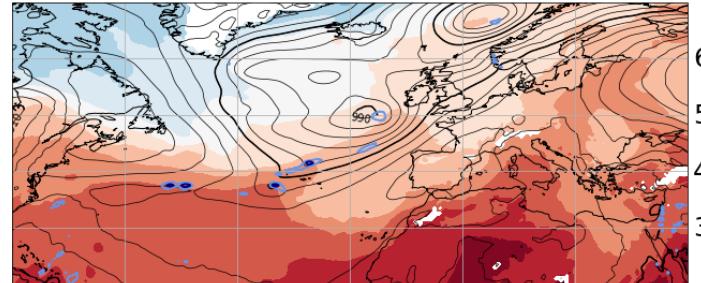
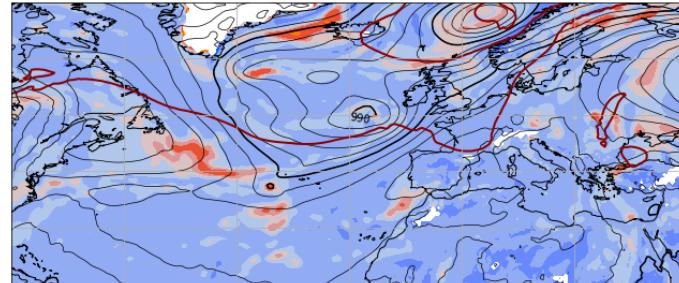
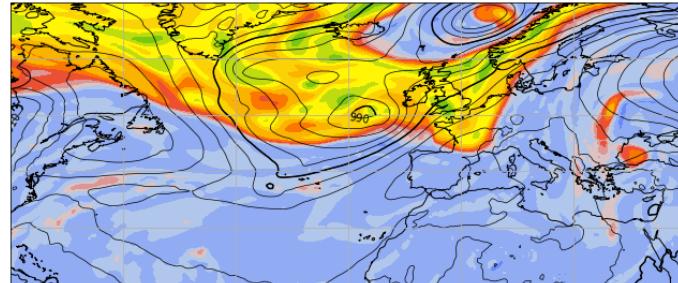
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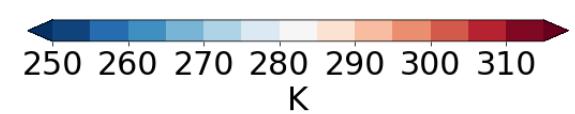
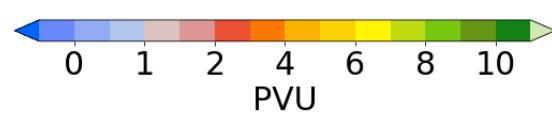
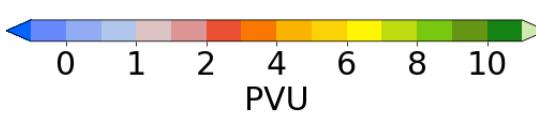
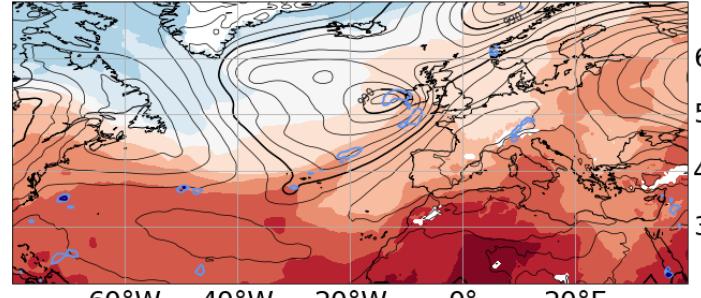
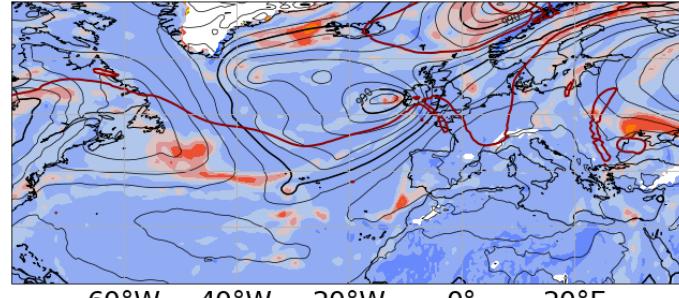
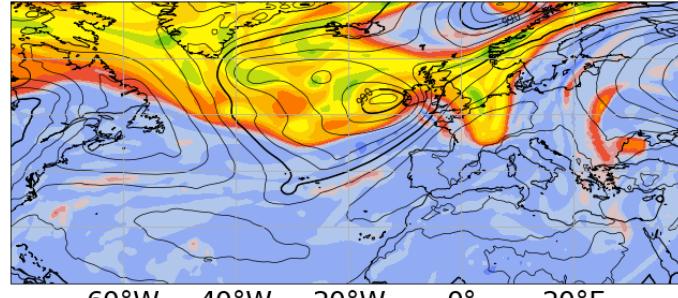
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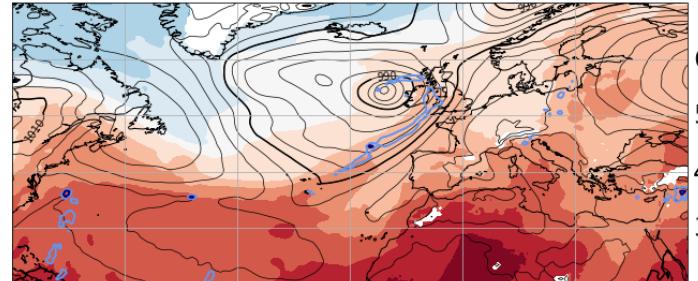
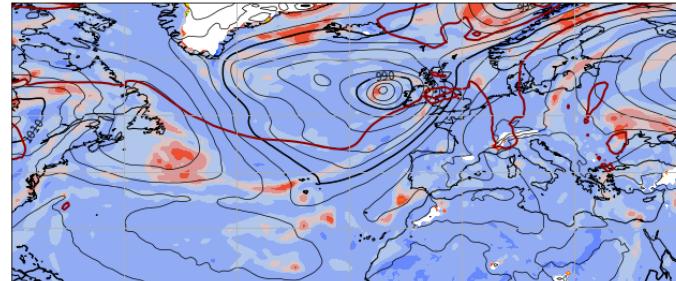
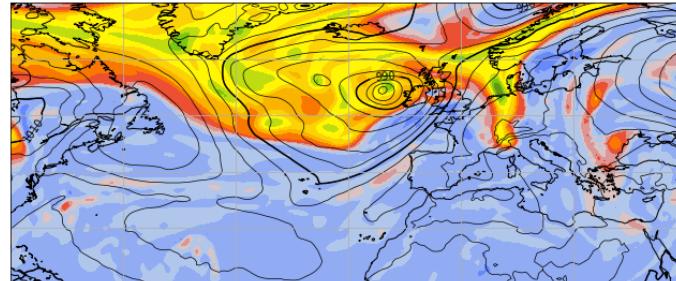
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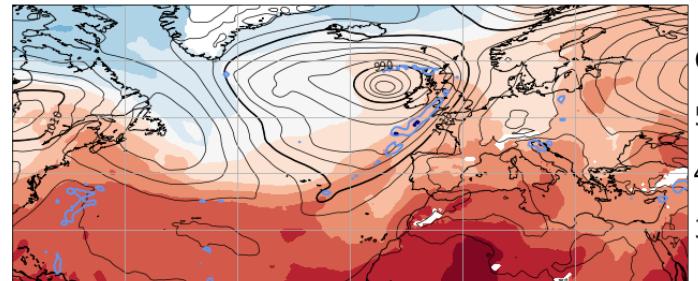
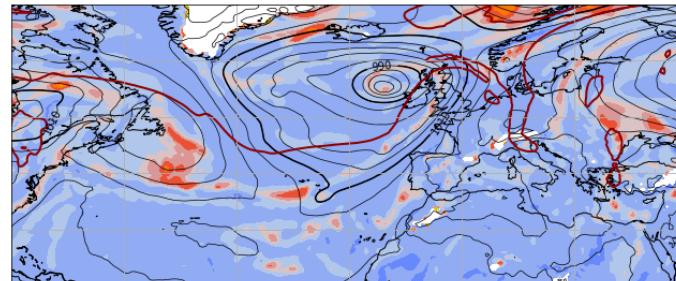
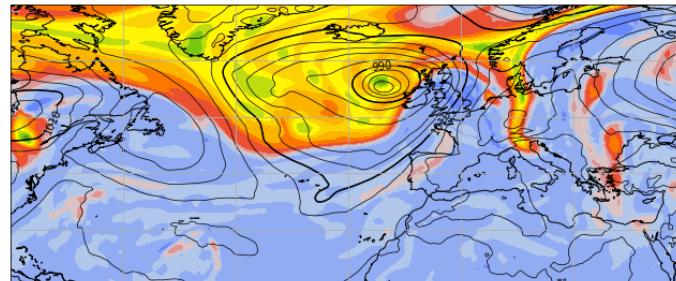
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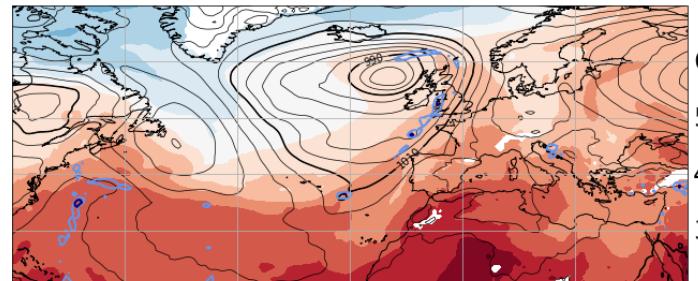
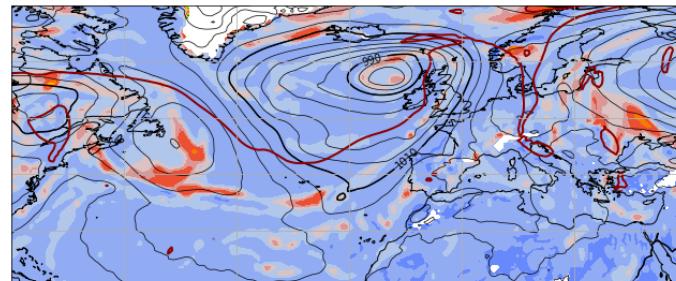
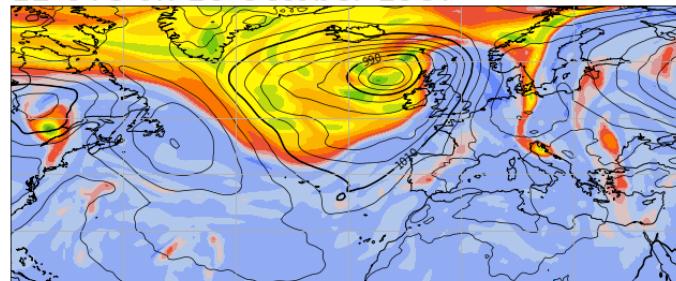
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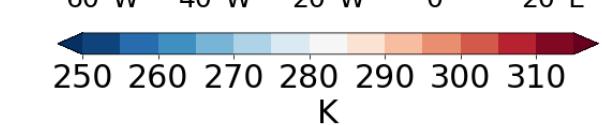
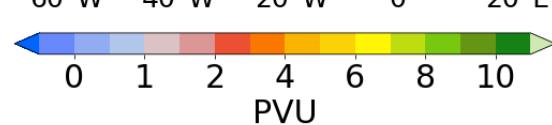
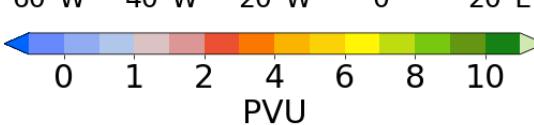
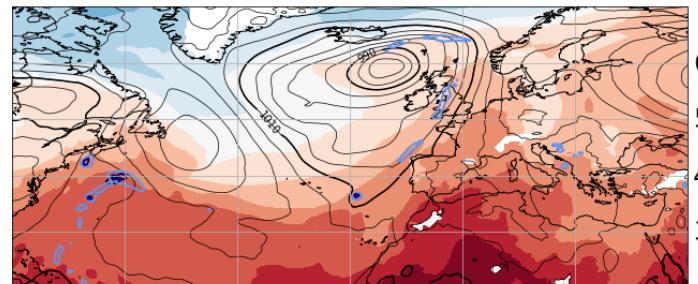
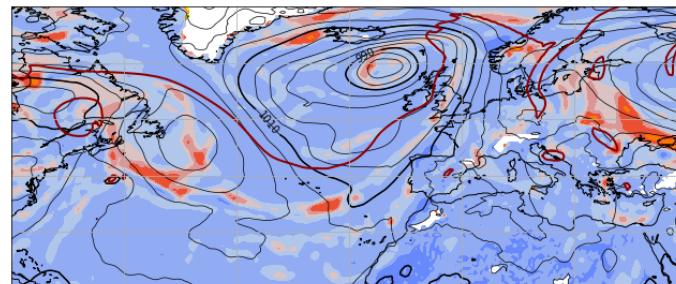
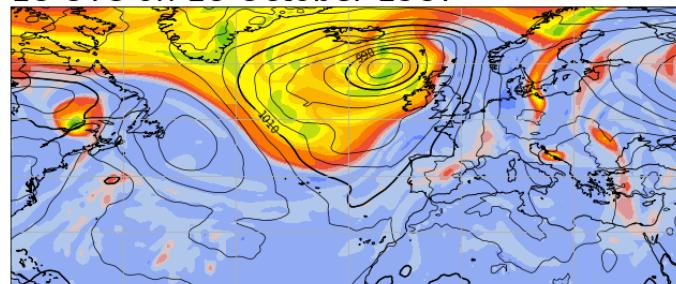
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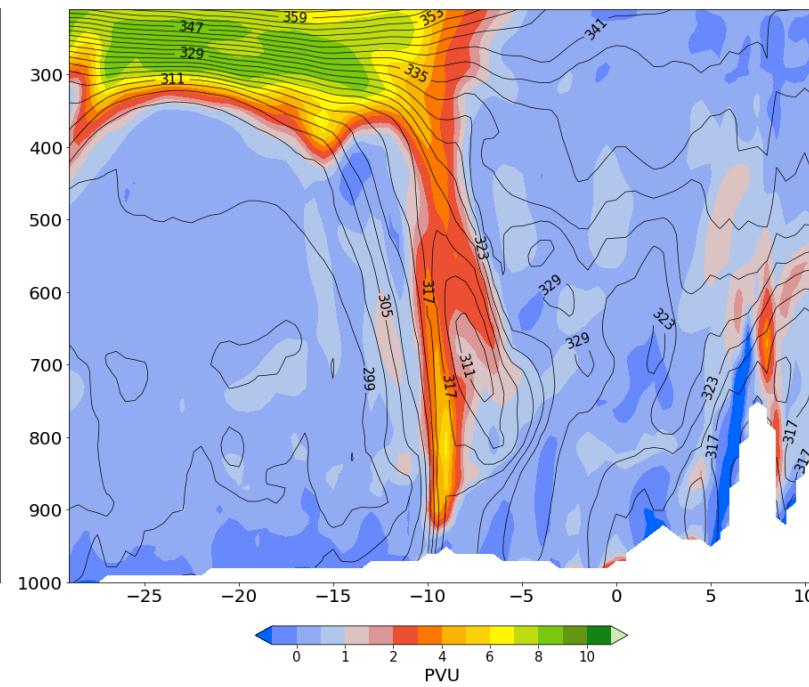
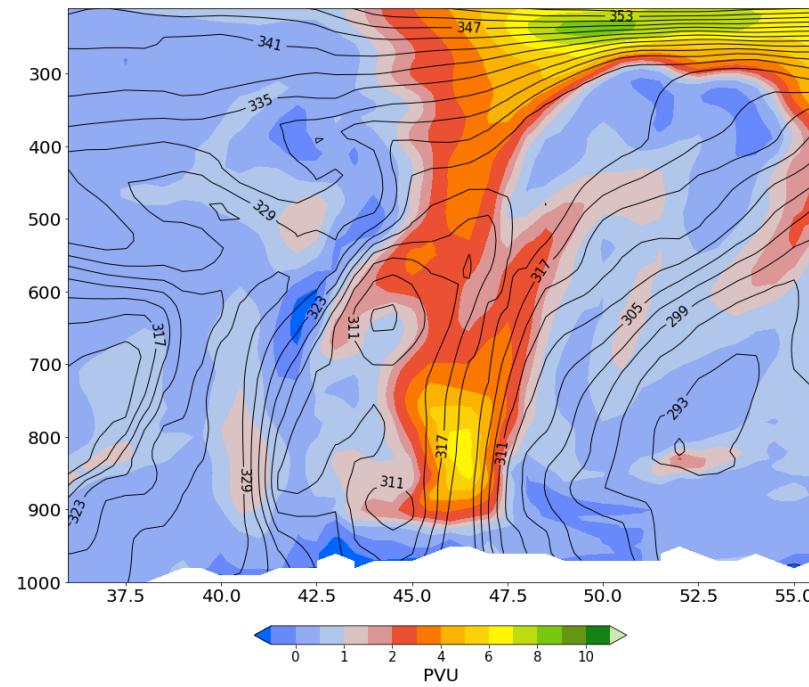
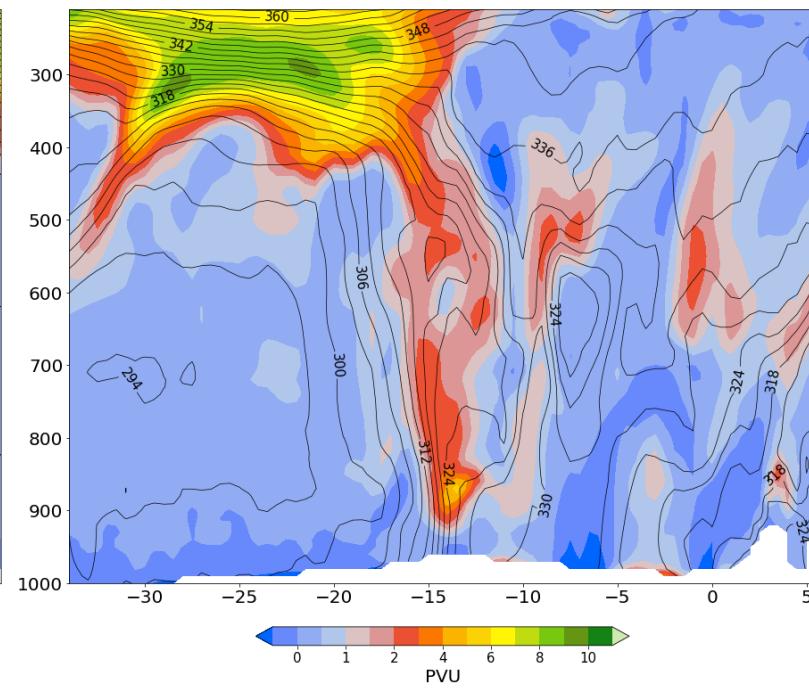
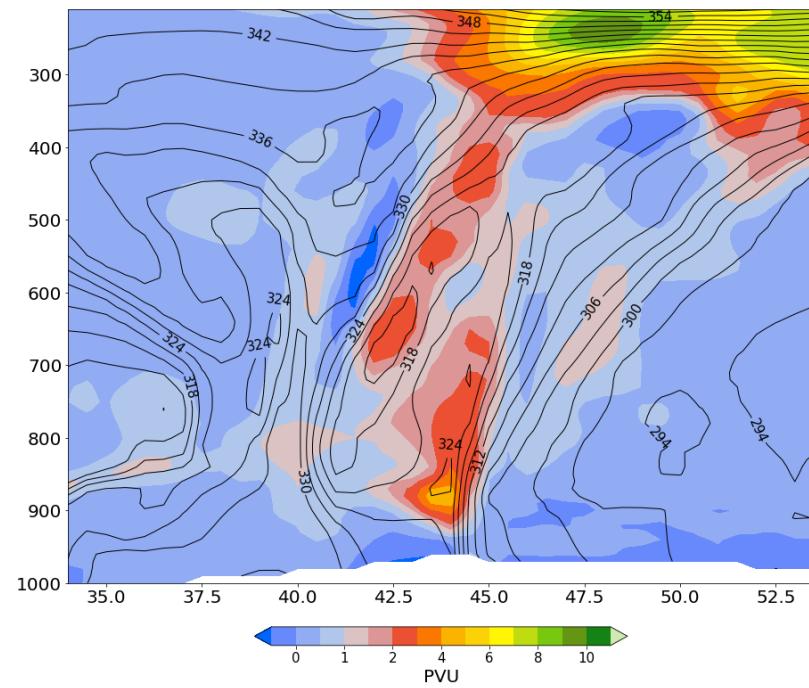
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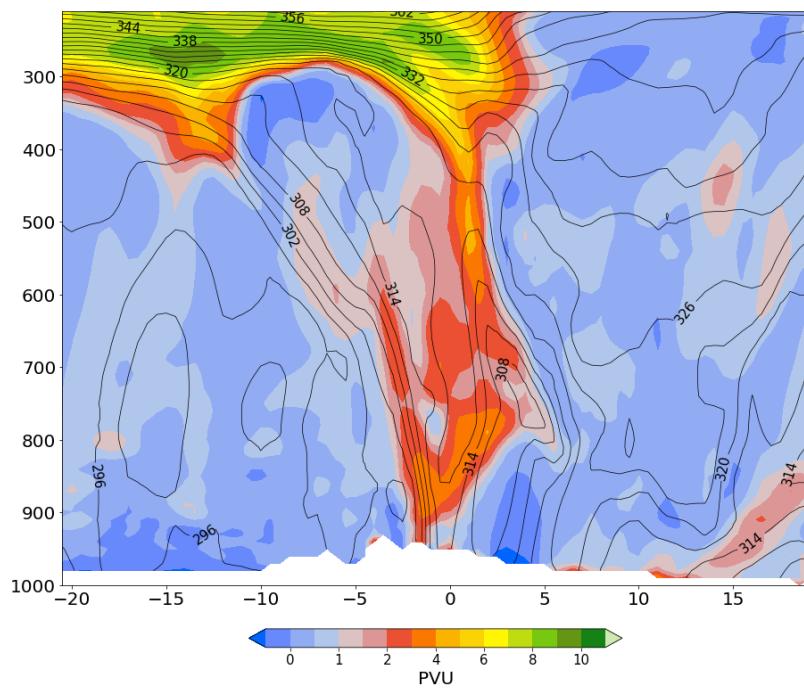
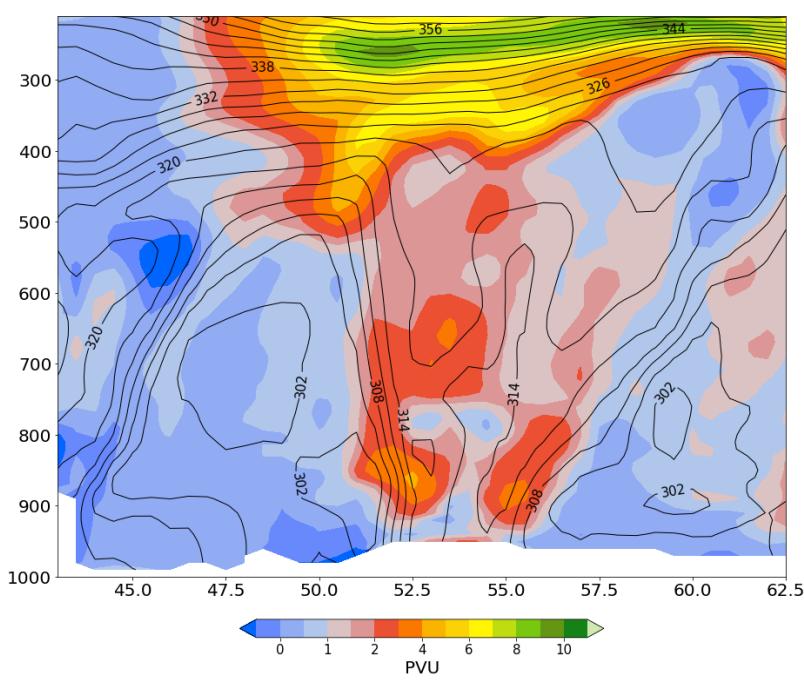
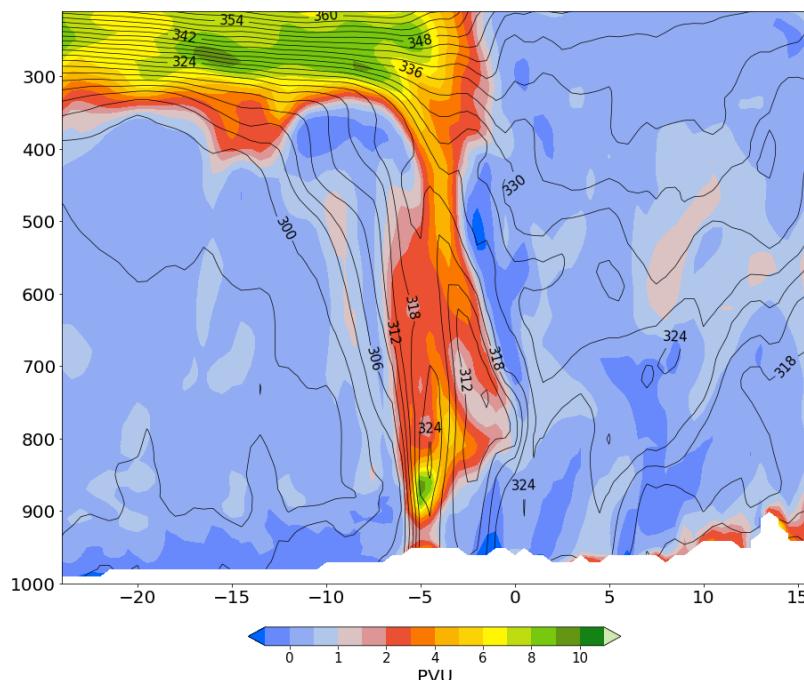
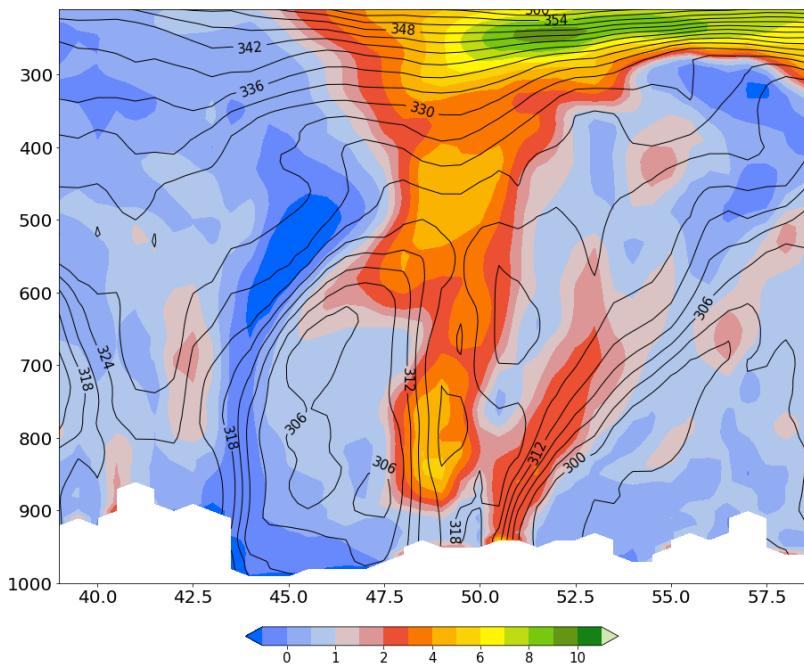


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Horizontal maps from 00 UTC on 23 December – 18 UTC on 28 December 1999

Vertical cross sections from 06 UTC on 25 December – 12 UTC on 26 December 1999

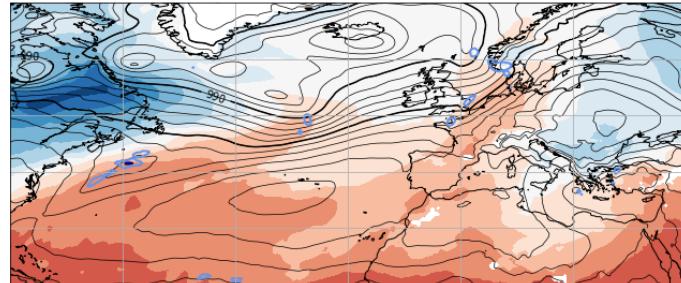
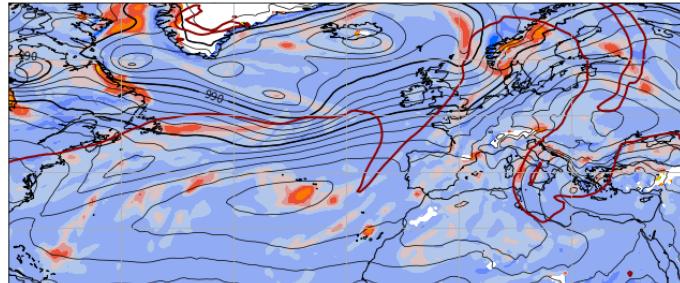
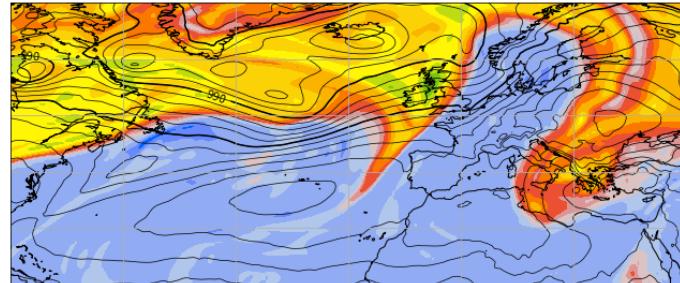
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		from	to	
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19991225_12	29°W / 46°N	29°W / 36°N	29°W / 56°N	998 hPa
19991225_18	20°W / 47°N	20°W / 37°N	20°W / 57°N	994 hPa
19991226_00	9°W / 48°N	9°W / 38°N	9°W / 58°N	986 hPa
19991226_06	2°E / 49°N	2°E / 39°N	2°E / 59°N	978 hPa
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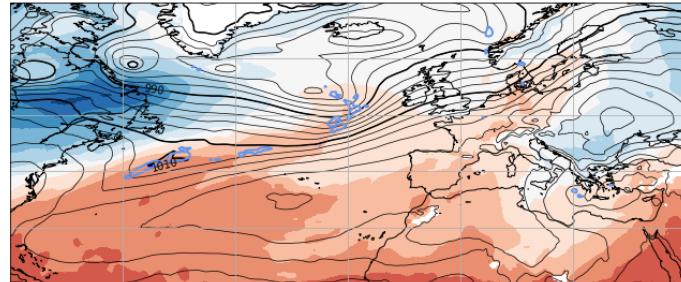
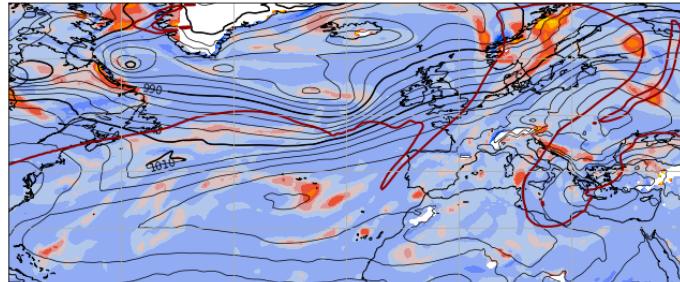
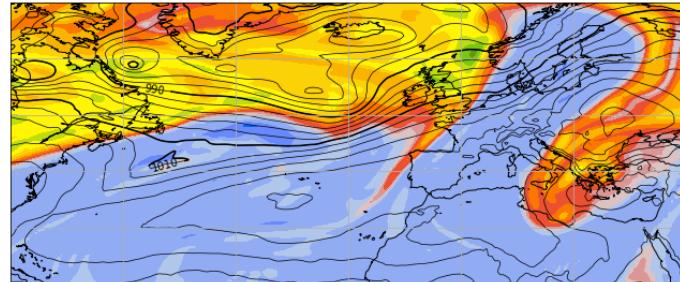
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19991225_12	29°W / 46°N	49°W / 46°N	9°W / 46°N	998 hPa
19991225_18	20°W / 47°N	40°W / 47°N	0°E / 47°N	994 hPa
19991226_00	9°W / 48°N	29°W / 48°N	11°E / 48°N	986 hPa
19991226_06	2°E / 49°N	18°W / 49°N	22°E / 49°N	978 hPa
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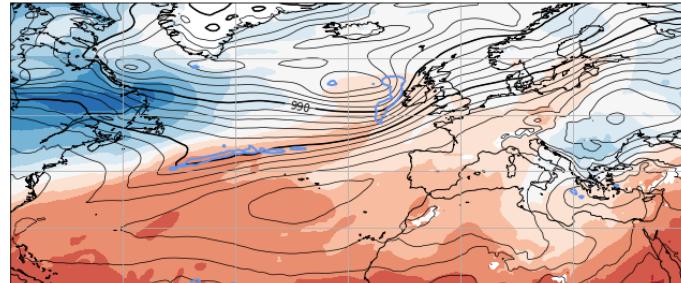
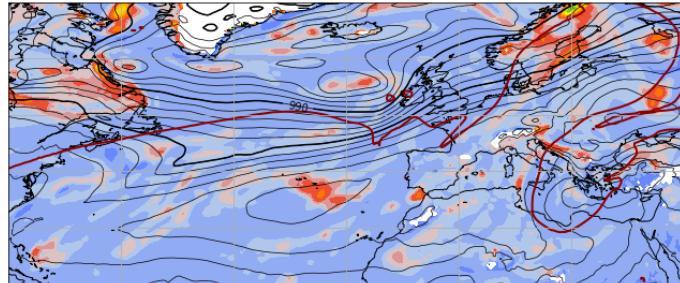
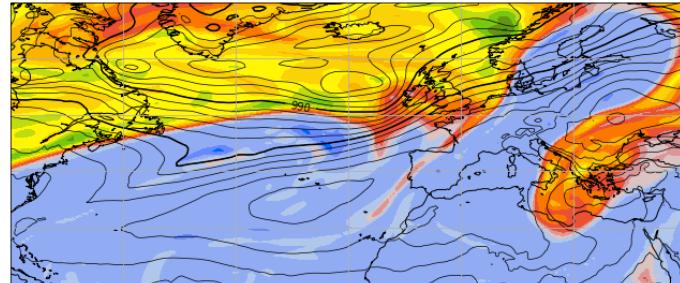
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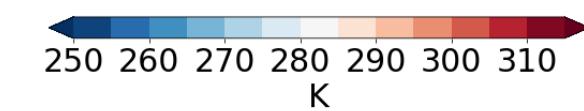
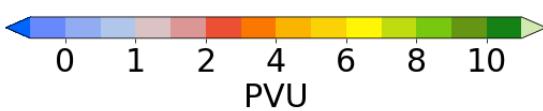
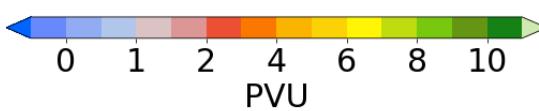
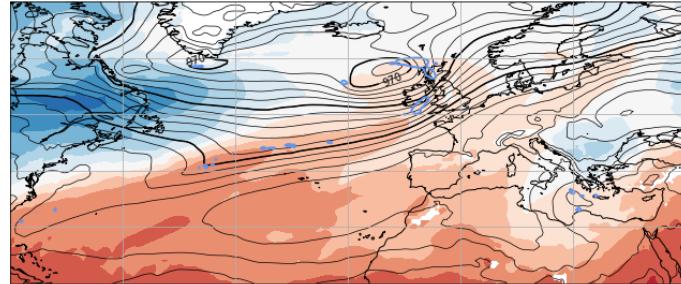
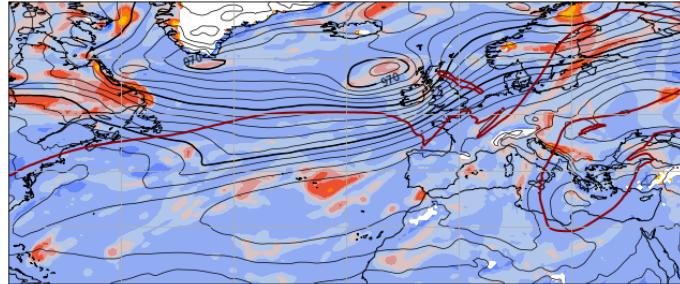
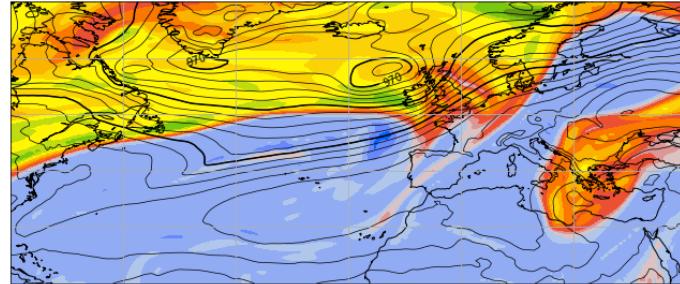
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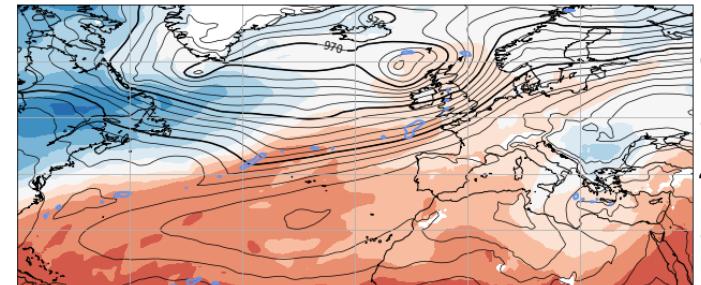
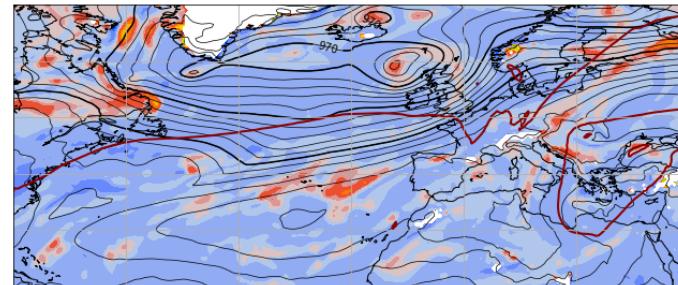
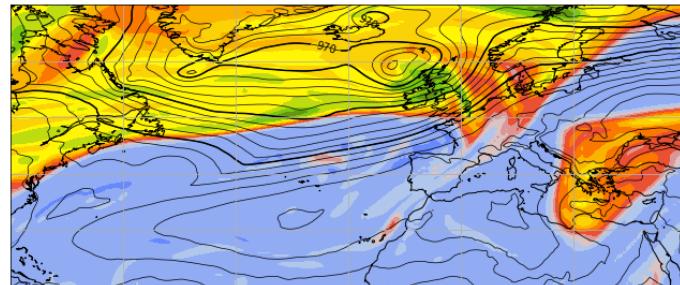
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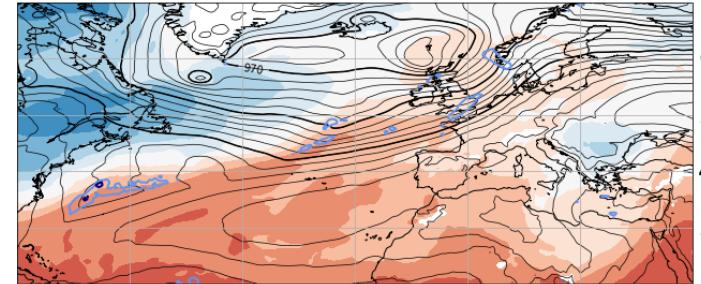
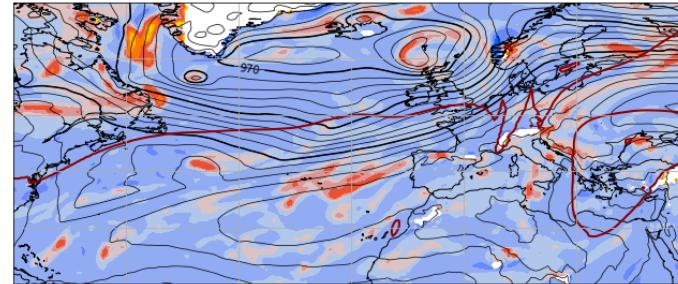
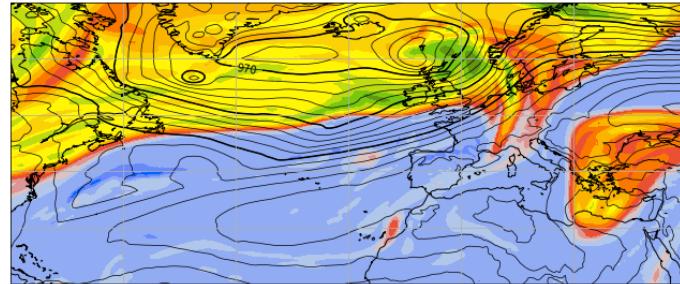
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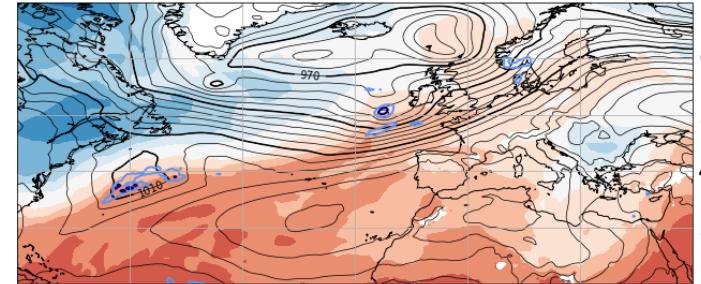
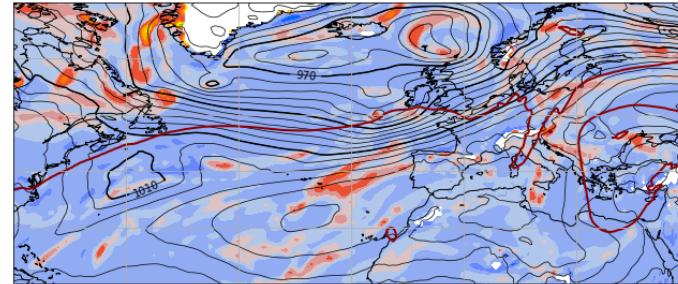
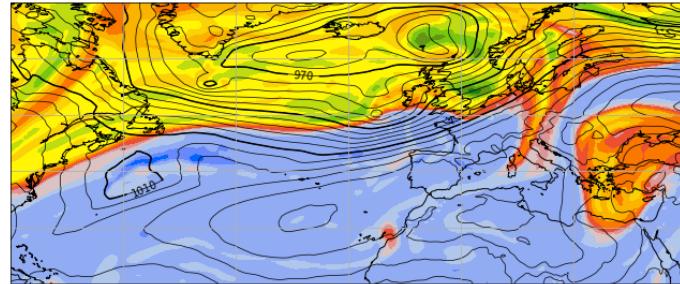
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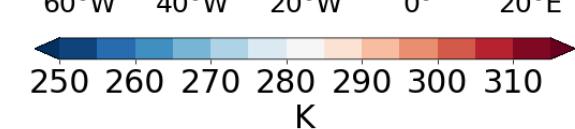
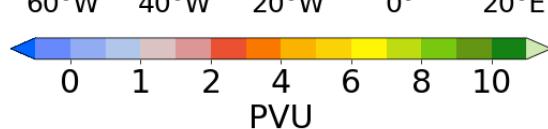
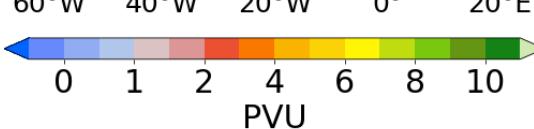
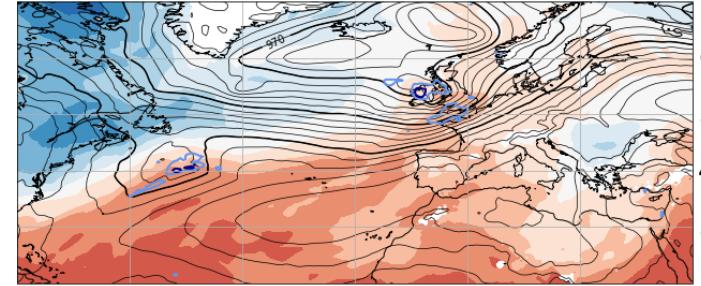
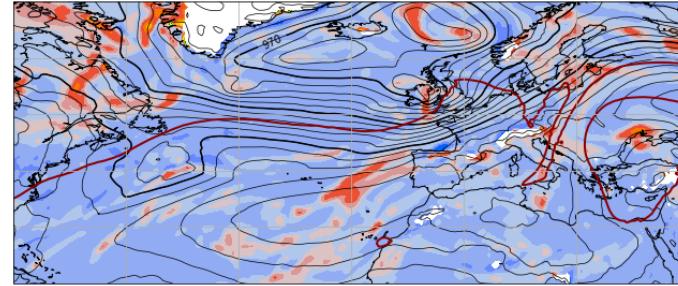
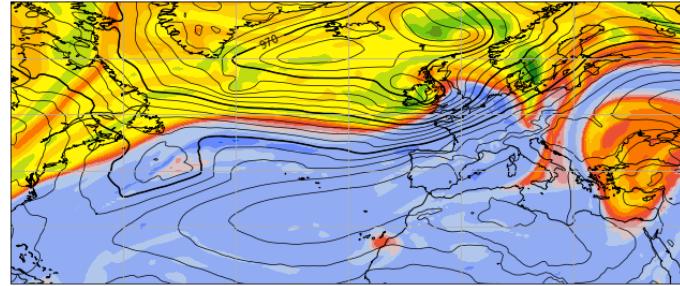
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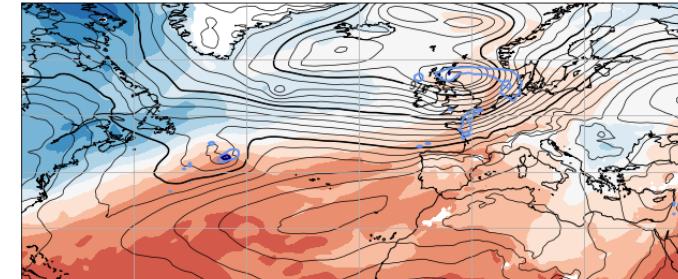
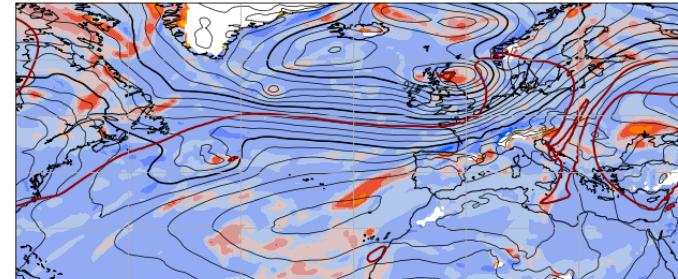
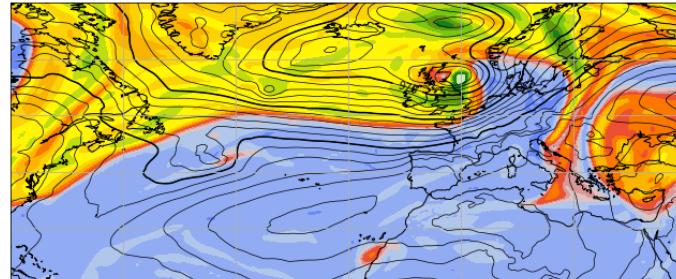
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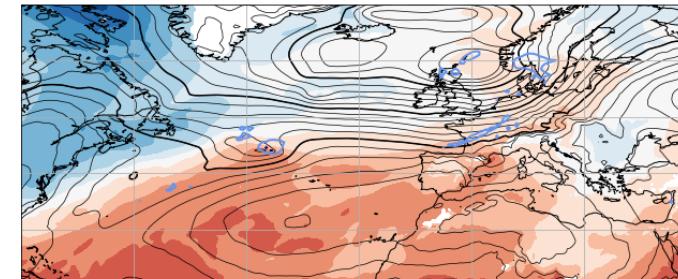
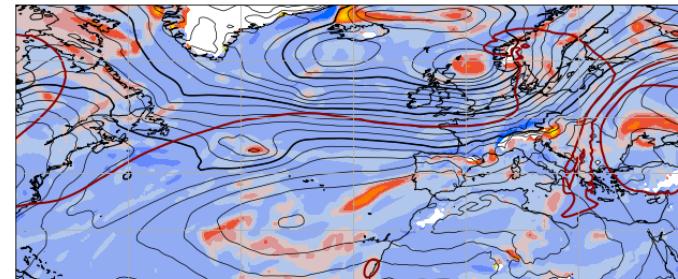
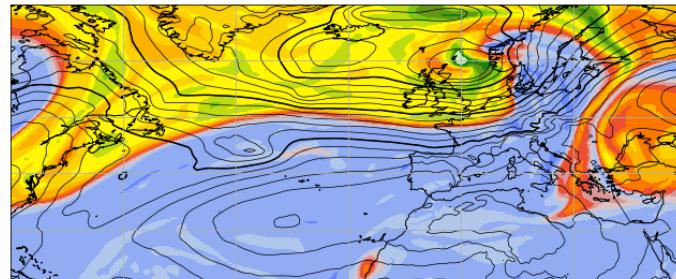
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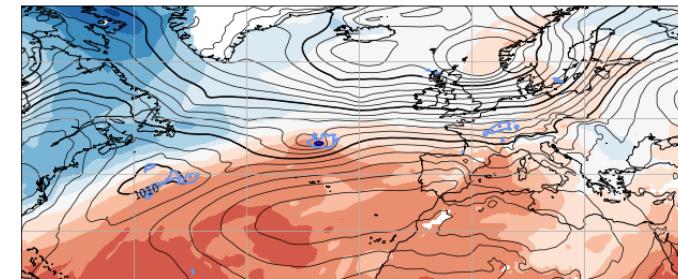
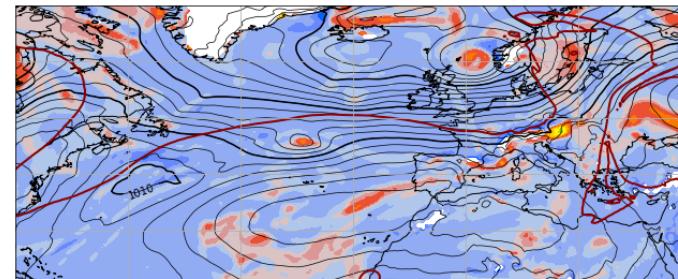
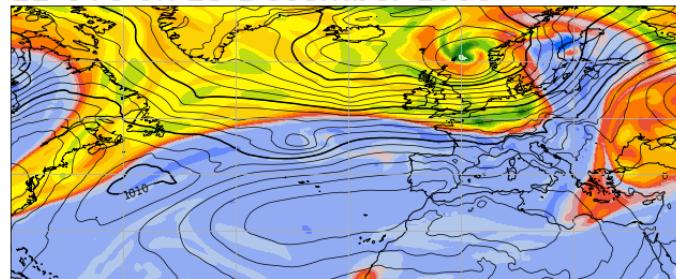
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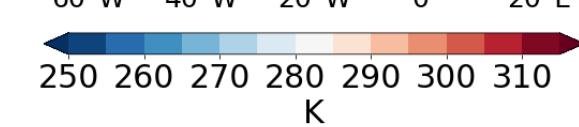
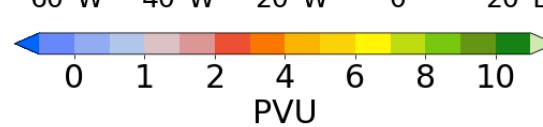
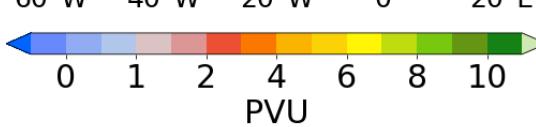
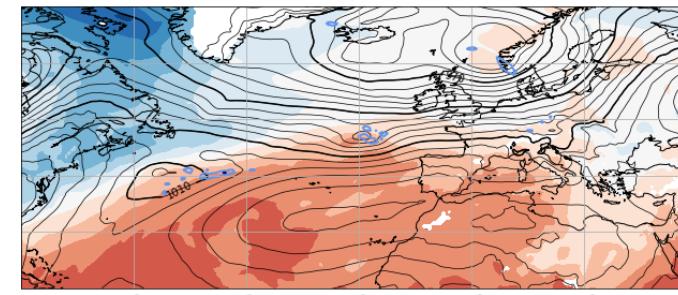
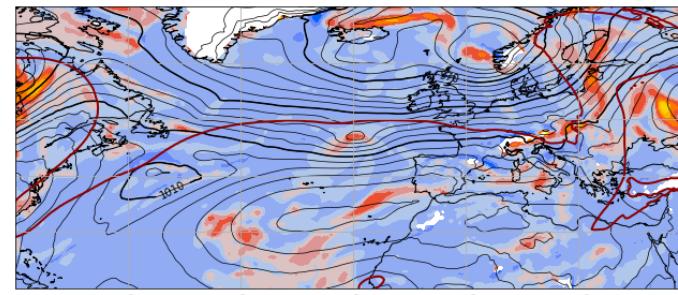
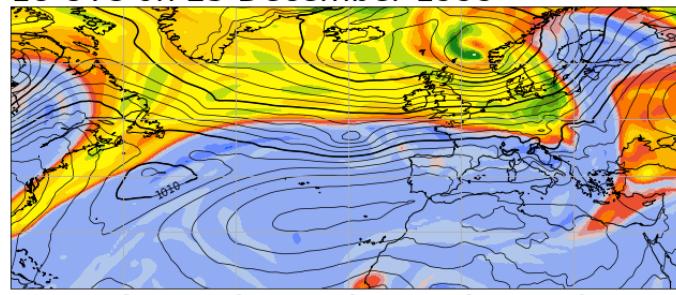
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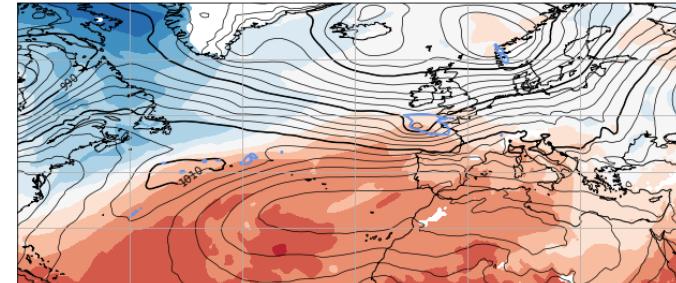
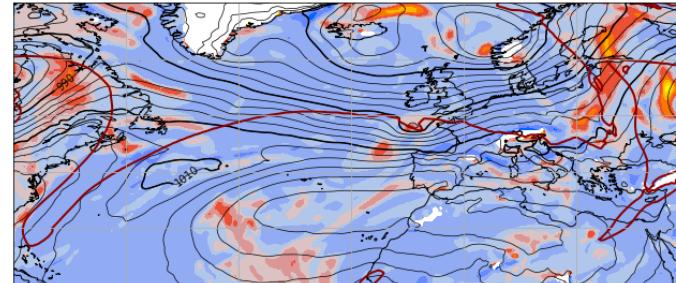
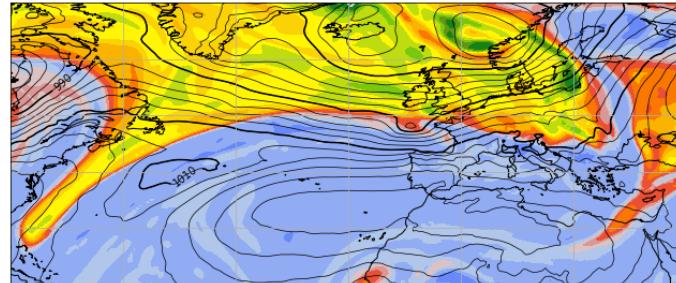
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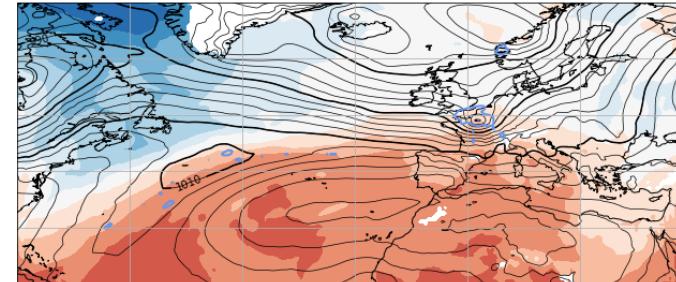
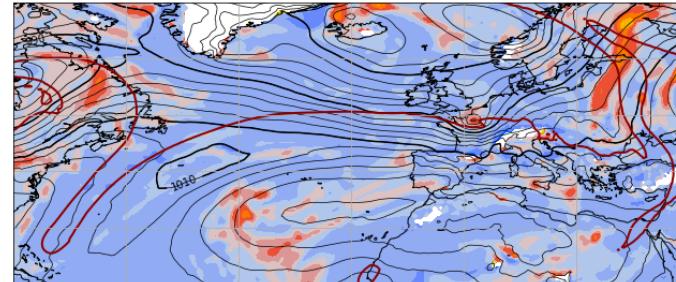
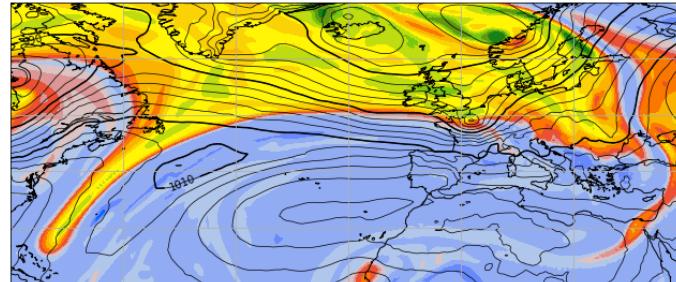
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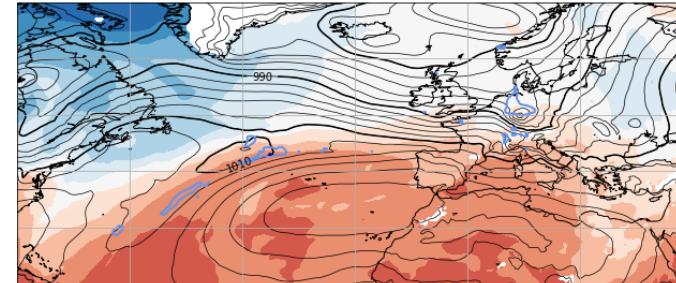
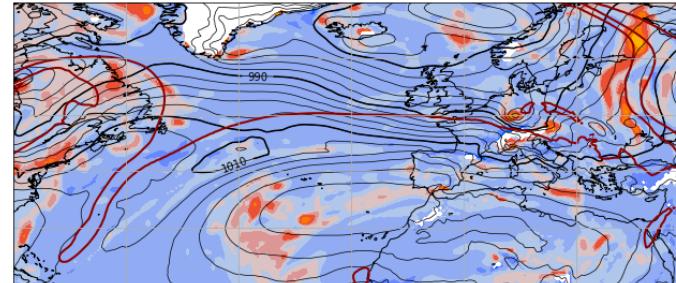
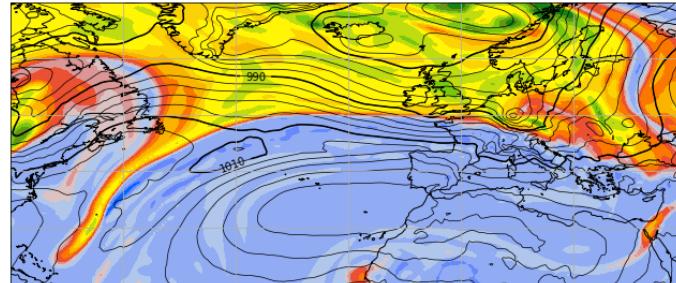
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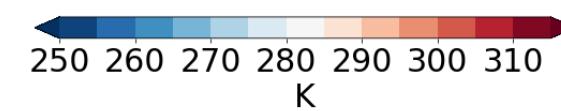
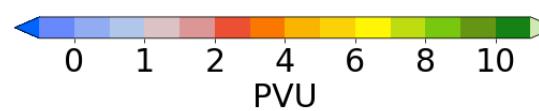
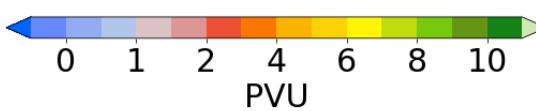
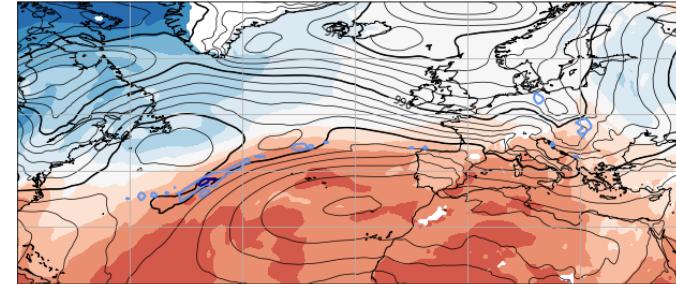
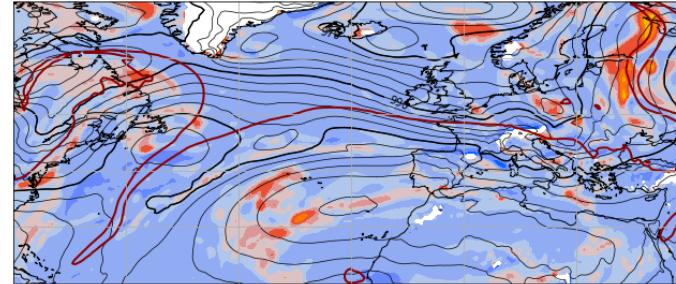
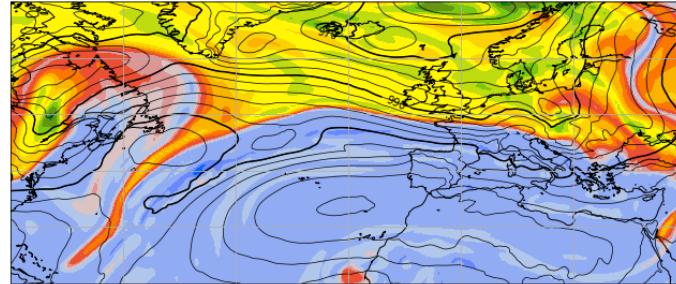
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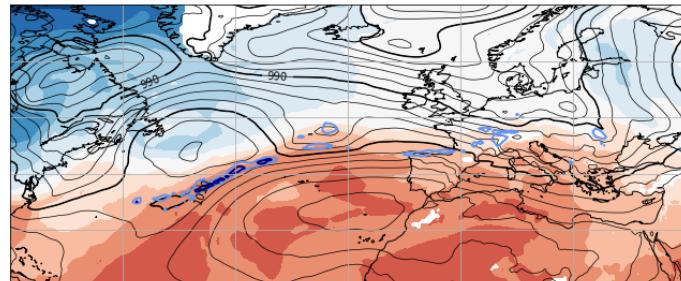
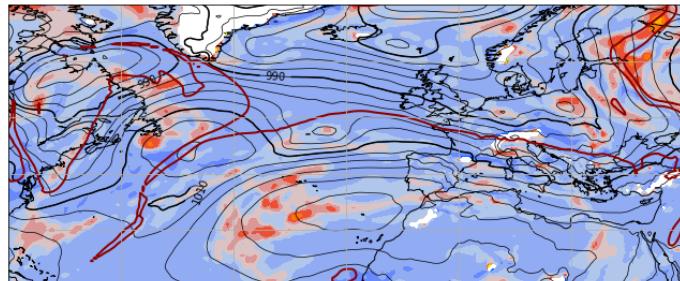
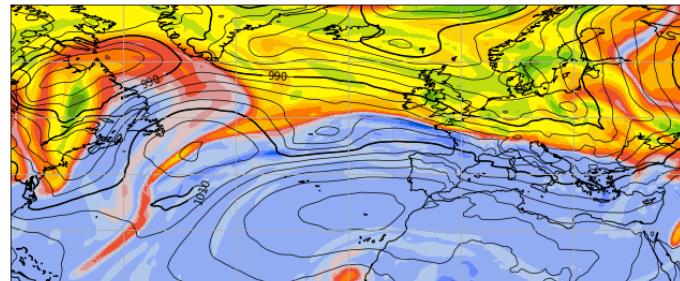
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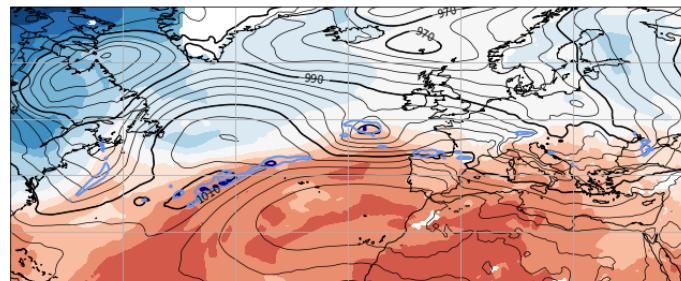
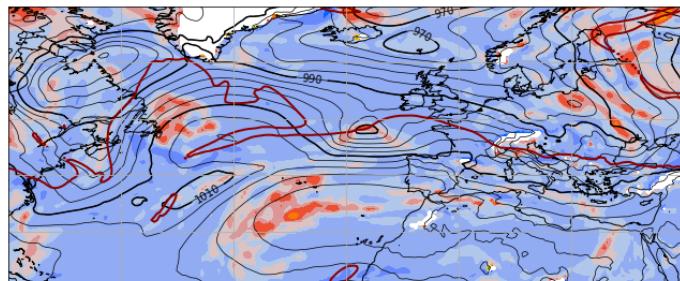
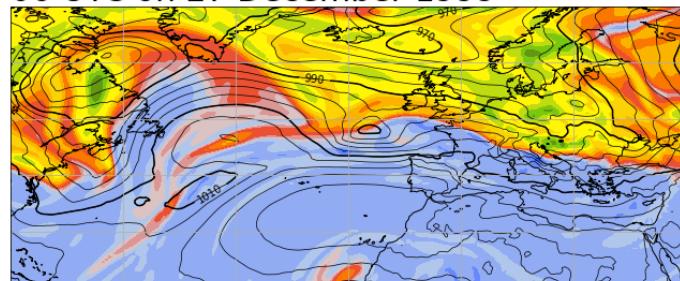
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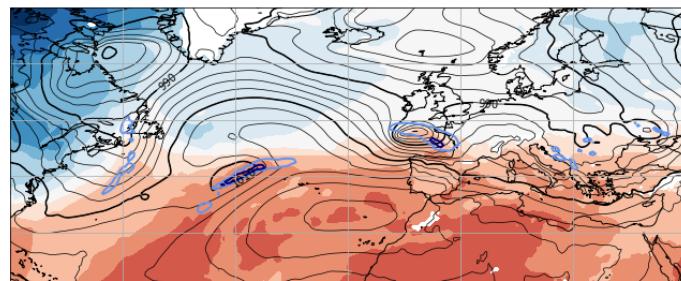
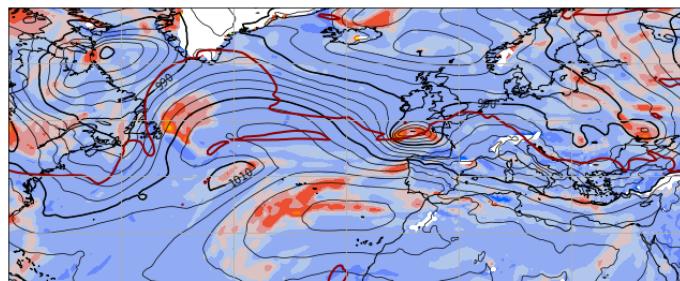
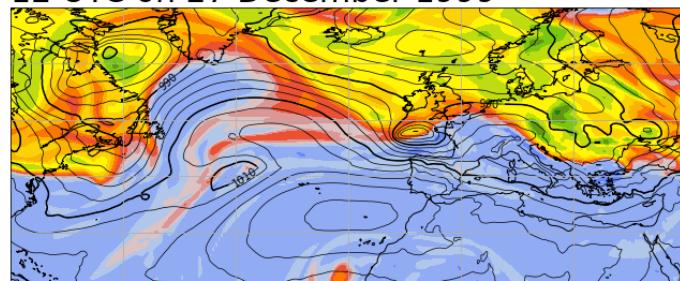
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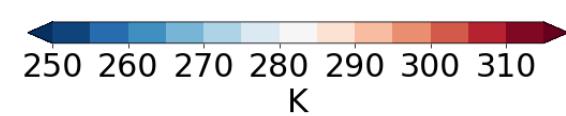
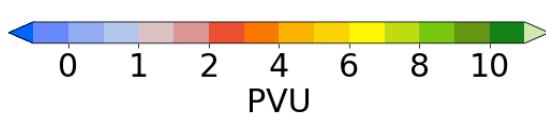
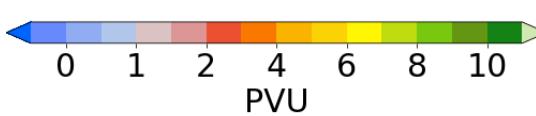
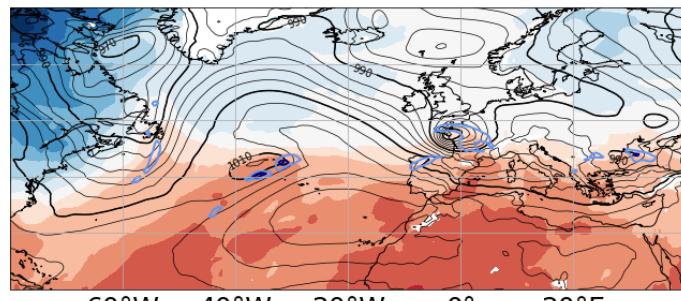
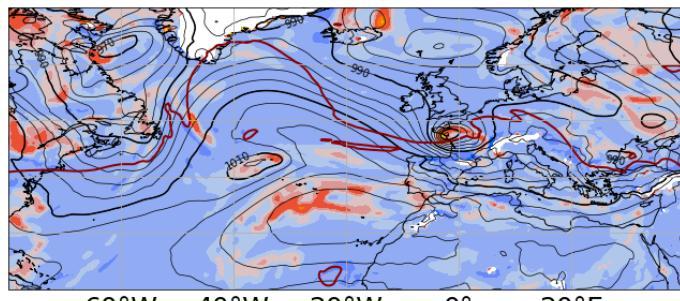
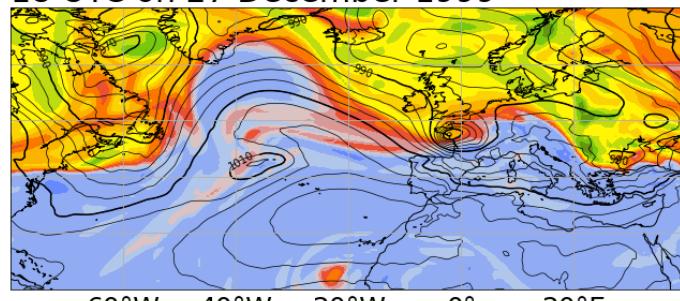
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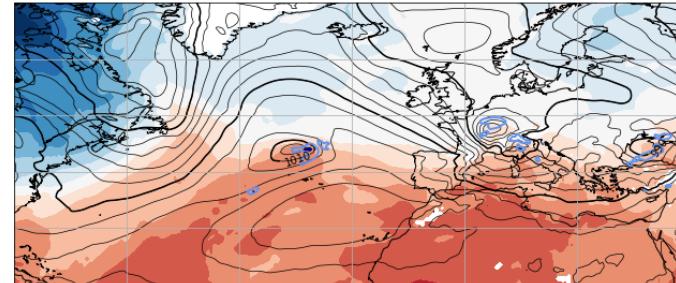
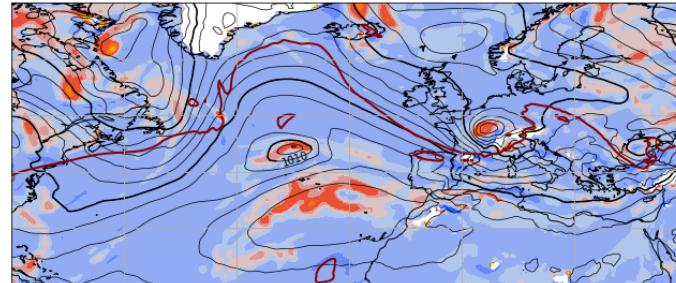
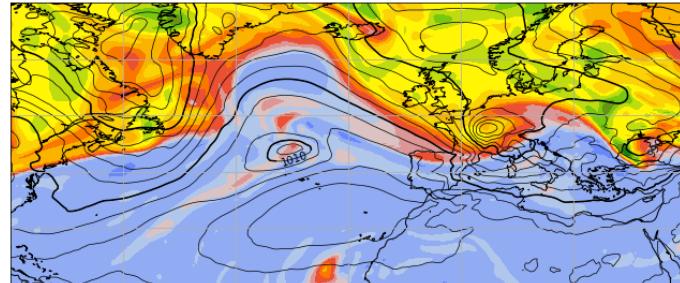
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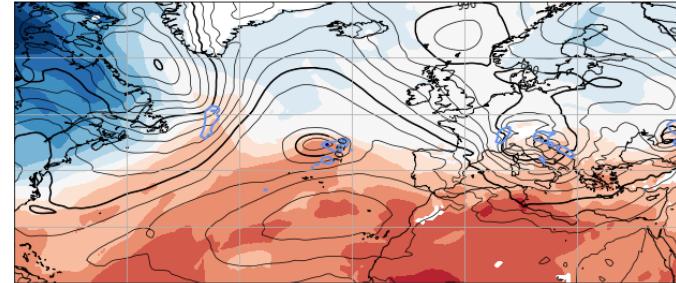
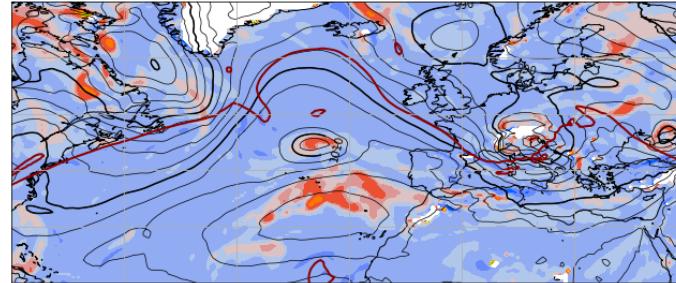
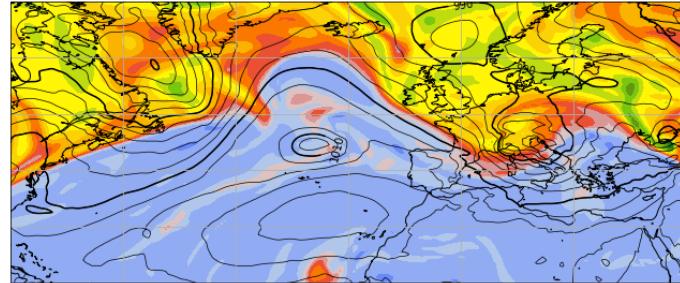
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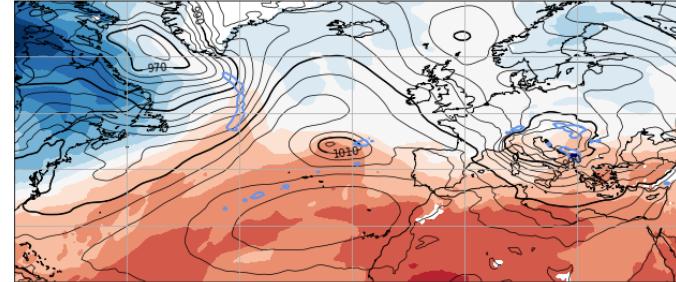
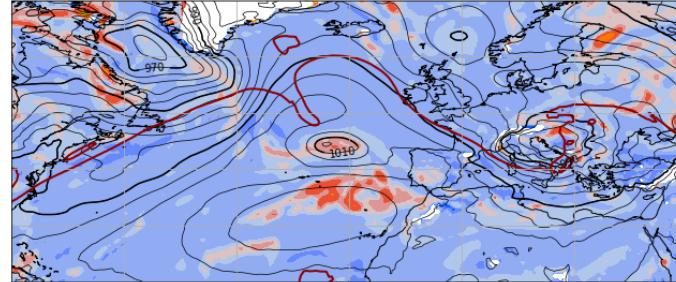
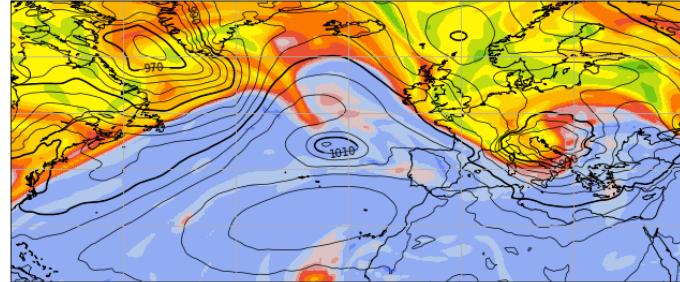
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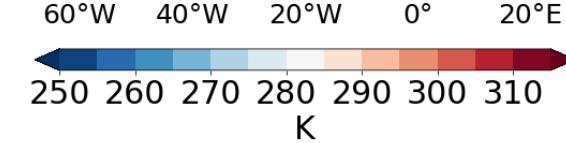
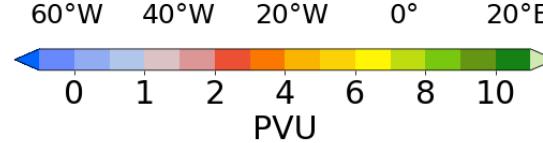
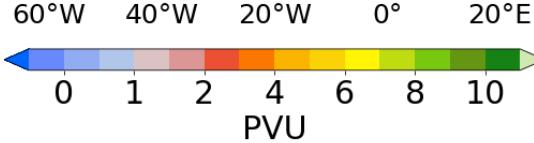
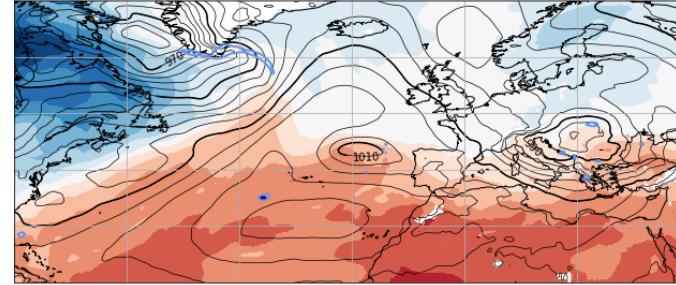
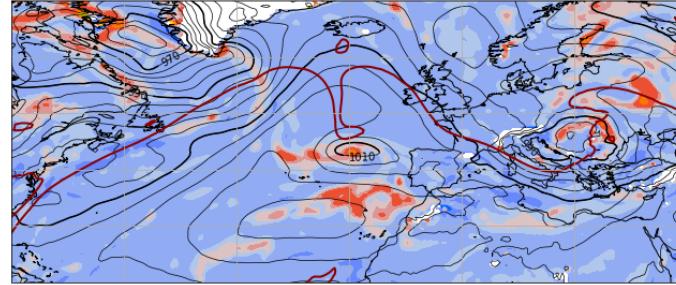
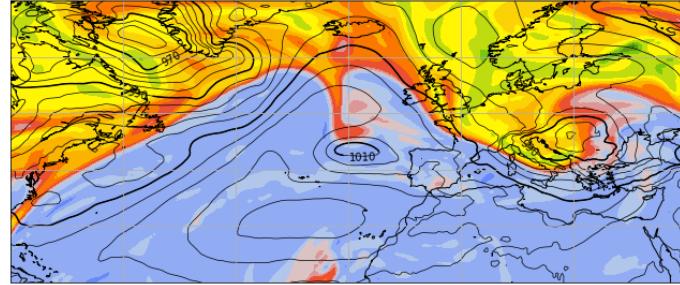
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