Operational Report

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ARPEGE operations

- 9th May: Météo-France operations migrated to the new supercomputer NEC SX-8
  - no change of ARPEGE configuration and schedule
  - semi-transparent for ALADIN operational models
  - successful lesson: coordinated testing and evaluation before the event => a smooth switch
- the march towards higher-resolution ARPEGE has started

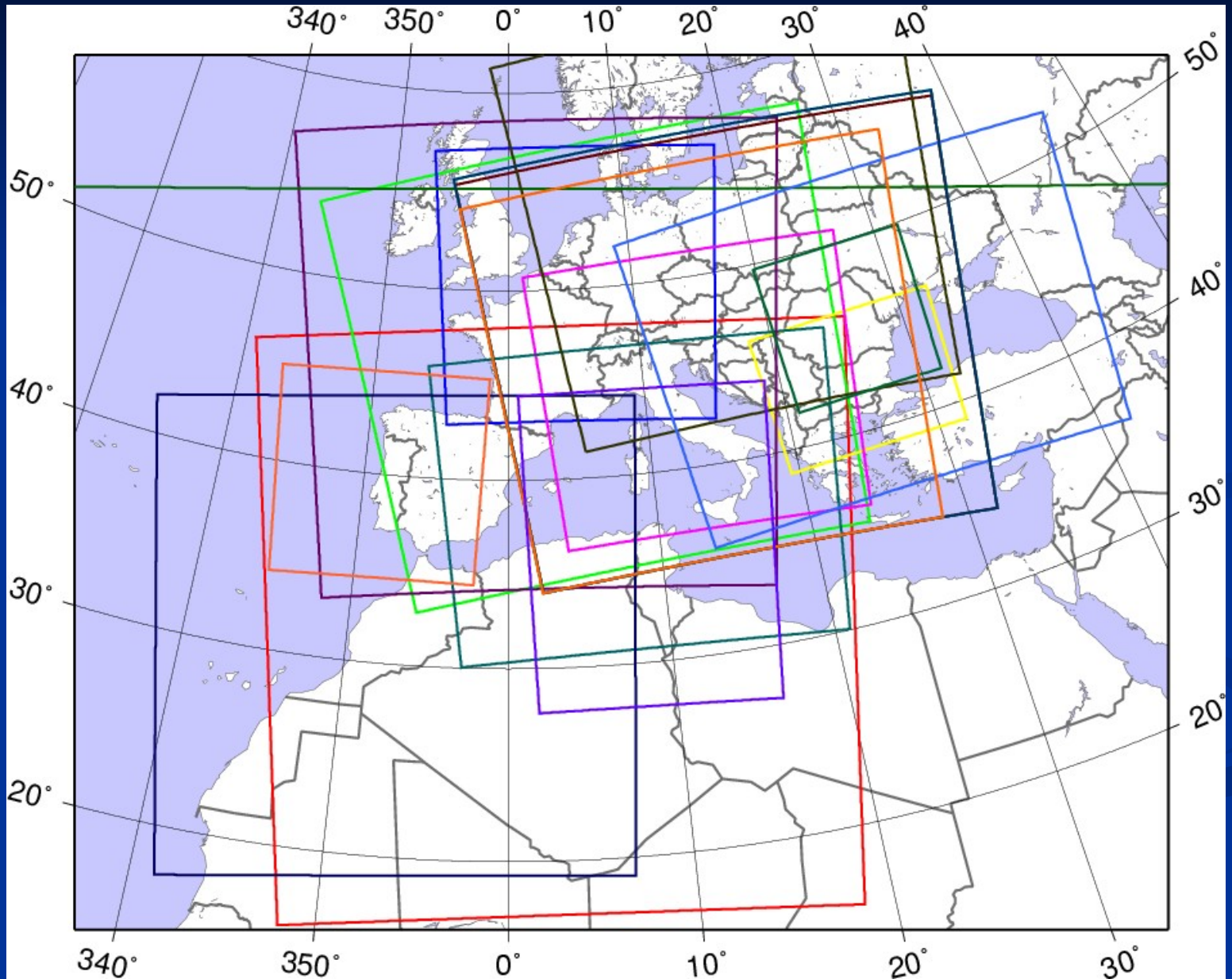
ARPEGE resolution increase

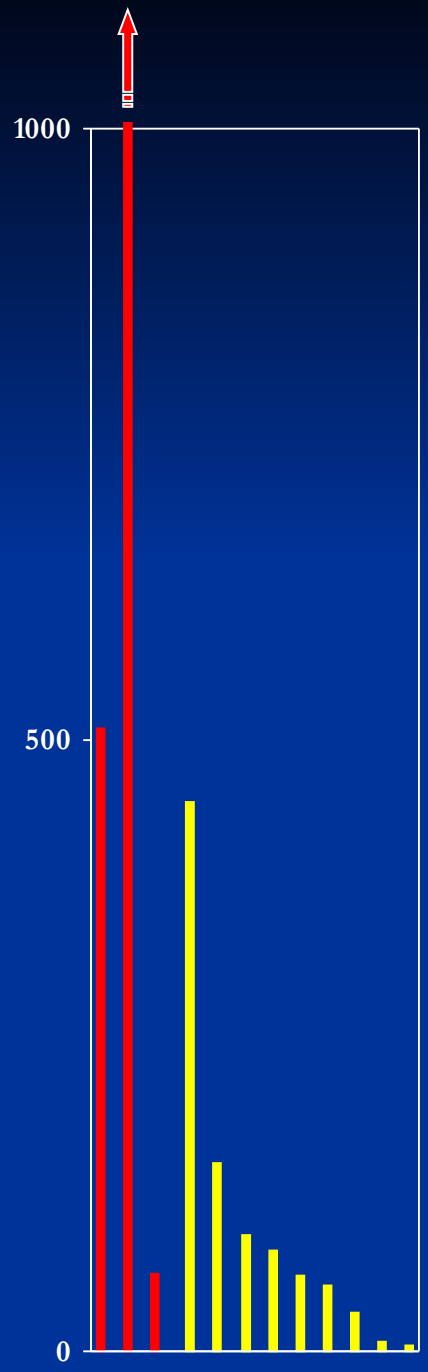
- from 23 km (in France), 46 levels to 15.5 km, 60 levels
- scheduled to December '07 – January '08
- increase of resolution of coupling files for ALADIN applications
  - file size increase (factor of 2) – impact on data transfer
  - careful preparation and tests necessary (starting soon)
  - Partners are asked for their plans on the coupling files resolution upgrades

ALADIN operational systems

- 19 ARPEGE-driven ALADIN operational implementations
- only 3 data assimilation systems operational
- new ALADIN implementation coming soon: Turkey
- increasing diversity in physical parameterization (ALADIN/France, 2 versions of ALARO-0)

ALADIN operational domains

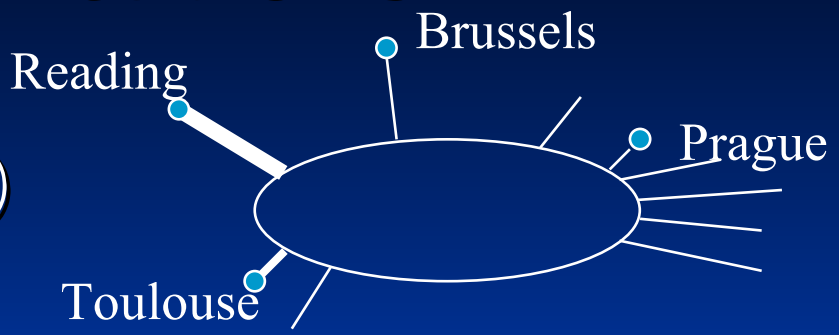




Operational hardware

- large variety of HPC: from a PC-size Linux box to a 5 TFlops/s vector system
  - 3 major upgrades in 2007
  - AROME used in benchmarks
- archiving systems varies 0.5-300 TB
  - lack of capacity limits R&D
  - e.g. ALADIN/CZ: +9 TB/year
  - more demands from ensemble forecasting

Telecommunications



- new **RMDCN** (since June)
  - "meteorological Internet"
  - CZ: good stability and bandwidth for ALADIN data
  - LACE: backup coupling files stored at ECMWF
  - open option for all connected Partners, with care
- most of Partners use **Internet**
  - cheap, fast (often faster then the model)
  - no backtrack in case of problems, vulnerable in the severe weather situation