

Status of a HARMONIC(A) system

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(with input from the system group)



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Four things to remember

- Why a common system
- What's in the current HARMONIE
- What's in the future HARMONIE
- How do I handle problems

Why a common transparent and open system?

- Science (as love) is not restricted to one language (fortran)
- NWP is very much about logistics.
Assimilation with SURFEX and 3DVAR:
 - Fg -> Addsurf -> Canari -> OI_MAIN -> Minimization -> Blending -> Forecast
- Distributed research and developement
- The open repository allows the same information for
 - Everyone
 - Everywhere
 - Anytime.
- Should serve as an operational system as well.

What has happened since Utrecht

Highlights of cy35h3

- Stable
 - Aladin 3DVAR
 - AROME
 - ALARO (assimilation with some tweaking)
- Less stable
 - SURFEX assimilation
 - 4DVAR
 - EKF SURFEX
 - HIRALD
- ECMWF SST in CANARI
- Incremental DFI
- VARBC bookkeeping
- Spectral smoothing of orography
- Various satellite observation enabled and tested
- Configurations for TL/AD test
- No intermediate interpolation
(BD_METHOD=gl_only, BDNLON/BDNLAT obsolete)

What has happened since Utrecht

Highlights of cy35h3

- Separation of the graphical interface, mXCdp and the mSMS server
- Postprocessing during forecast
(HarmonieListener)
- Variable forecast length for 00/12 and 06/18
cycle:LLMAIN
- Locking of an experiment by the “experiment_is_locked” file. Prohibits the experiment to change under your feet.

What is in cy36h1 (which actually doesn't exist yet)

- 3DVAR and CANARI (+ SURFEX) for
 - ALADIN
 - AROME
 - ALARO (not with SURFEX yet)
- Gmckpack is updated
- Namelist cleaning especially for assimilation namelists. 4DVAR remains to be cleaned
- GI
 - Rotated mercator
 - Bitmap GRIB
 - More postprocessing
- Harmonie setup -r REVISION -h HOST -c CONFIG
- Verification
 - Skill scores in the verification package
 - More variables in the verification

Things in the pipeline

(contributions from everyone)

- More stable and developed 4DVAR
- ECMWF physics
- 901 interpolations
- Spectral blending
- Arpege boundaries
- FMI speedup updates
- Field verification using xtool. End of experiment/month diagnostics
- Perturbation of observations
- Makeup
- LSM treatment, SWI interpolation for LBC
- Significance test in the verification

Outstanding problems

- B-level parallelisation
- Loads of uninitialized variables
- Performance issues in SURFEX
- Harmonie troublesome to use for benchmarking
- FA -> GRIB and LFI -> GRIB conversions is becoming a nightmare.

Adaptation to new cycles

- CY35T1 was introduced in autumn 2008. Harmonie-35h1.2 was tagged in May 2009
- CY35T2 was introduced in the trunk in may 2009 but the adaptation never finished. The trunk was broken until...
- More aggressive strategy for cy36.
- Harmonie certainly benefits of a closer connection to the phasing.
- Phasing or adaptation?
- **Most grateful for all help and patience of Meteo France!**

Towards a continuous integration

- New rootpack is build on demand every night at ECMWF and SMHI.
- Testbed runs nightly on demand at SMHI since start of cy36.
- Norway is following. Time to have daily runs at ECMWF!
- Frequent testing is crucial for the way we are managing our repository.

Local adaptation

- Local adaptation necessary for compilation and for computational efficiency,
- Including adjustment of namelist things such as mailbox size, resource requests
- Local branches are encouraged. Good way to document local solutions.
- We shall seek general solutions when possible.

Support and user friendliness

- Offering a system adds some responsibilities, offering a system with options even more...
- Lately we have failed to respond quick enough and to solve simple problems quick enough. But the system group is not a helpdesk...
- Some hints when things goes wrong...
 - Read the log file!
 - Ask you neighbour
 - Ask the community



At last

Remember to have fun and stay in HARMONIE