

# On the ensemble mode in HirLam 7.1

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# Introduction



## Hirlam-A scientific plan 2006

- "As a first step, existing LAM EPS systems in member countries should be the starting point for a careful design of a computational framework for short-range HIRLAM EPS."
- "The HIRLAM EPS framework should include probabilistic validation and verification tools that should be applied for evaluation of initial, as well as new when the become available, components of the system"
- "A possible starting point for HIRLAM EPS could be the `met.no` down-scaling approach combined with INM multi-boundary/multi-model approach and possibly also lagged averaging techniques"

## Hirlam/Aladin EPS working weeks: Hirlam related work

- Norrköping June 2006
  - LAM EPS scripts from `met.no` as starting point
  - script adaptation to run in downscaling mode from ECMWF-EPS data
  - MARS retrieval of online EPS boundaries
  - 3-member test case
  - SLAF started
- Reading January 2007
  - update to trunk version
  - 3DVAR option for control run
  - random choice of convection scheme for perturbed members
  - GLAMEPS domain defined
  - work on TEPS
  - archiving strategy
- Reading March 2007 on post-processing and SLAF

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## Main Characteristics

- allows for both **deterministic** and **ensemble** runs
- use of online ECMWF-EPS **boundaries**
- **analysis** in control run
- ensemble member **specific** environment **settings**
  - fixed settings
  - random settings
- ⇒ currently implemented: choice of convection/condensation scheme
- processing **single** member or **group** of members
- administration of up to 999 members

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## Available ensemble methods

- boundary perturbation
  - ensemble downscaling of ECMWF-EPS (12h frequency)
  - norwegian TEPS (24h frequency) to be implemented
- initial perturbation
  - simple perturbed analysis
  - SLAF to be implemented
- model error treatment
  - stochastic choice between KFRK and STRACO scheme

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## Possible ensemble modes

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## Implementation and data flow

- build process and climate generation in common for all members
- boundary preparation separately for each member
- observations processed for each member separately
- cycling for each member separately
- archiving of ensemble member output in member sub-directory
- common post-processing\*

\*INM ensemble postprocessing to be included still



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## Relevant code and scripts

- `grdy/pertana.F` analysis perturbation
- `scripts/EnsInit` initiation of ensemble run (e.g. random lists)
- `scripts/Env_domain` GLAMEPS domain definition (0.2° mesh)
- `scripts/Env_ensmbr` ensemble member specific environmet
- `scripts/EnsListener.pl` ensemble forecast listener
- `scripts/EnsStrategy.pl` boundary strategy process
- `scripts/PertAna` analysis perturbation
- `scripts/hireps.tdf` mSMS template
- `scripts/*` existing scripts include option to process ensemble members

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## Relevant namelists and tunables

### → Env\_expdesc

- ENSSIZE number of perturbed members (3-digits!)
- ENSFIRST number-ID of the first ensemble member (3-digits!)
- RND\_EVENTTYPES list of random events  
currently: :con:
- BDSTRATEGY boundary strategy  
currently: eps\_ec or teps\_no

### → Env\_ensmbr

- specification of ensemble member specific environment
- definition of random event types and usage

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## scripts/Env\_ensmbr 1

```
#===== explicit settings

case $ENSMBR in
  001) COND_SCHEME=KF
      ;;
  002) COND_SCHEME=STRACO
      ;;
  *)  COND_SCHEME=STRACO
      ;;
esac
```

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## scripts/Env\_ensmbr 2

```
#===== random settings

for eventtype in `echo $RND_EVENTTYPES | tr : ' '`; do
  random_list="${HL_DATA}/${CYCLEDIR}/../ensemble/random_${eventtype}_${ENSSIZE}.list"
  if [ -f $random_list ]; then
    case $eventtype in
      con) i=`expr $ENSMBR + 0` # choice of convection/condensation scheme
          random_number=`cat $random_list | cut -d ' ' -f $i`
          case $random_number in
            0) COND_SCHEME=STRACO
               ;;
            1) COND_SCHEME=KF
               ;;
            ...
          esac
          ...
        ...
      esac
    fi
  done
```

# Running a HIRLAM ensemble experiment



## An Example: overview

- GLAMEPS domain
- ECMWF-EPS forecasts boundaries
- 10 perturbed Hirlam members plus 1 control
- 3DVAR data assimilation in the control
- perturbed analysis in the perturbed members
- random choice of convection scheme (KFRK ↔ STRACO) for each perturbed member

# Running a HIRLAM ensemble experiment



## An Example: specifications and run

### Env\_expdesc :

- DOMAIN=EPS71
- ENSSIZE=020
- ENSFIRST=000
- RND\_EVENTTYPES=:con:
- BDSTRATEGY=eps\_ec

GLAMEPS domain 0.2°  
20 perturbed members  
zero includes control  
(KFRK ↔ STRACO)  
ECMWF-EPS boundaries

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⇒ Hirlam start PLAYFILE=hireps DTG=2007031800 DTGEN=2007032000 LLMAIN=48

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## EnsInit log

```
.../EnsInit: random list for event type con  
.../EnsInit: creating 2-event random list with 020 elements
```

or

```
.../EnsInit: reusing existing random number list in file ↵  
20070318_00/ensemble/random_con_020.list
```

## Env\_ensmbr log

```
ensemble member 000, no specific setting
```

```
ensemble member 007, specific settings  
Mbr007: COND_SCHEME = KF
```

```
ensemble member 011, specific settings  
Mbr011: COND_SCHEME = STRACO
```



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## Computational performance and cost

### EPS71T\_15

- Test domain (GLAMEPS area) with 60x52x40 grid
- 15+1 member ensemble experiment over 7 days with 12h cycling

### EPS71\_20

- GLAMEPS domain 0.2 degree, 306x250x40 grid
- 20+1 member ensemble experiment over 3 days with 12h cycling

experiment	elapsed time				SBUs			
	forecast	cycle	3 d	7 d	forecast	cycle	3 d	7 d
EPS_71T_15	35 – 47s	≈ 45M		10h	5	80		1200
EPS71_20	550 – 650s	≈ 160M	≈ 15h	1.5d*	60 – 70	1400	8500	20000*

\*estimated

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## HeXnet wiki pages

- <https://hirlam.org/trac/wiki/HirlamSystemDocumentation/Configure/EnsemblePrediction>
- [https://hirlam.org/trac/wiki/Hirlam\\_7.1#PerformingexperimentswithHIRLAM7.1](https://hirlam.org/trac/wiki/Hirlam_7.1#PerformingexperimentswithHIRLAM7.1)  
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