



Highlights and challenges - Looking back at the past year

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Last year: Scientific challenges (a personal selection)

- ✓ How to make the best use of hi-res observations (preprocessing, assimilation and cycling strategies, ...)
- ✓ Description of low clouds/fog, and winter stable boundary layer
- ✓ Convection-permitting EPS
 - Not merely constructing a workable EPS, but how to guarantee that it is constructed optimally and provides useful results?
- ✓ Transversal activities: more interaction between DA, EPS and UA/SU physics needed, how to organize?
- ✓ Computational efficiency on all of our HPC platforms
- ✓ OOPS/COPE developments => wider need for C++ expertise than originally envisaged
- ✓ And so on and so forth...

Last year:

...plus plenty of challenges other than purely scientific

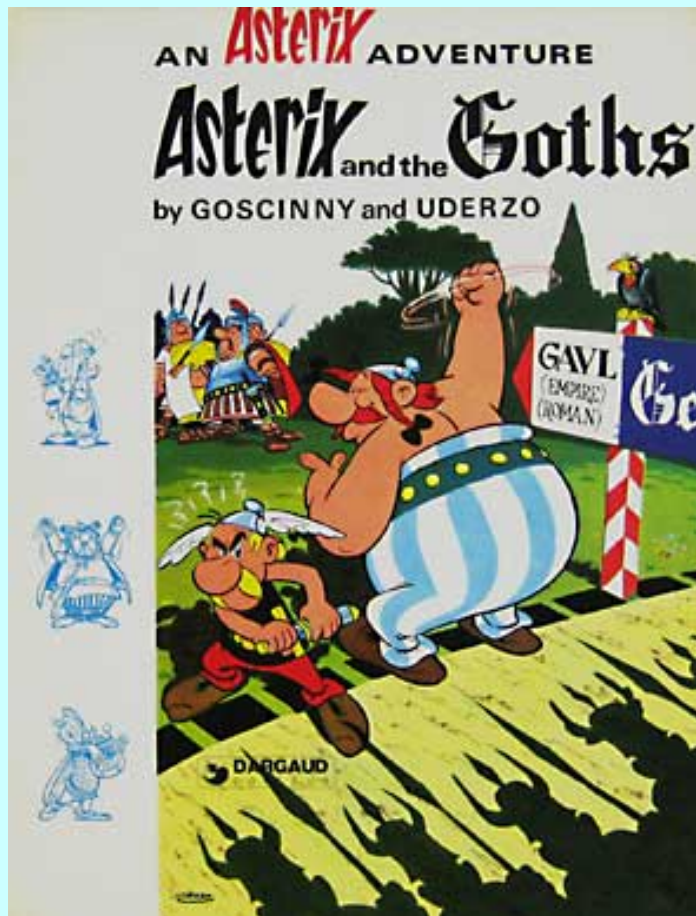
- ✓ Ensuring international exchange/access to high-resolution observations
 - Should be an SEP (Someone Else's Problem), really...
 - But we are the ones that suffer, so...
- ✓ Operational cooperation:
new task – but no prospects of additional man power ☹ ??
- ✓ Securing working together in hard economic times
 - make use of videoconferencing
 - ensure that meeting places alternate fairly
- ✓ Training, training, training...

So, how have we dealt with all of this in the past year?

Highlights of the past year (a personal view)

- ✓ **Data assimilation and use of observations:**
Progress made in the access to and quality control of high-resolution observations (radar, Mode-S, ATOVS, IASI,...) and in the algorithms to assimilate them (4DEnsVar, field alignment, cloud initialization...)
OOPS/COPE: the implications for our work are gradually becoming clearer...
- ✓ **Forecast model:**
Stable boundary layer work and workshop
Cloud and convection working group
Progress on handling of high-resolution orographic/physiographic data
- ✓ **GLAMEPS/HarmonEPS:**
Better embedding in Reference and monitoring/verification system
“Transversal” DA/physics/EPS activities: start made, but needs to be taken further...
- ✓ **Verification/system:**
HARP: a common effort on spatial and probabilistic verification
Discussions HIRLAM-ALADIN on common pre-validation of cycles
Towards a RCR for Harmonie
- ✓ **Training, C++, working more with videoconferencing, ...**

The struggle to get radar data across borders...



An ongoing quest:

- Discussions with OPERA/Odyssey
- Testing of Baltrad QC toolbox
- Request to Eumetnet Assembly
- Asking NMS's for radial velocity data and soon:
- Test of "other" radar data
- Feasibility test of real-time exchange

It's not easy to get radar data to cross borders and in good shape
- but we're getting there!

The stable boundary layer workshop

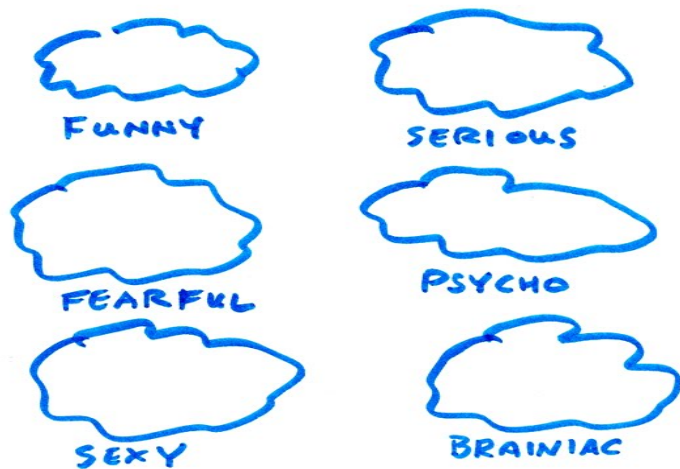


Discussions, presentations and working groups:

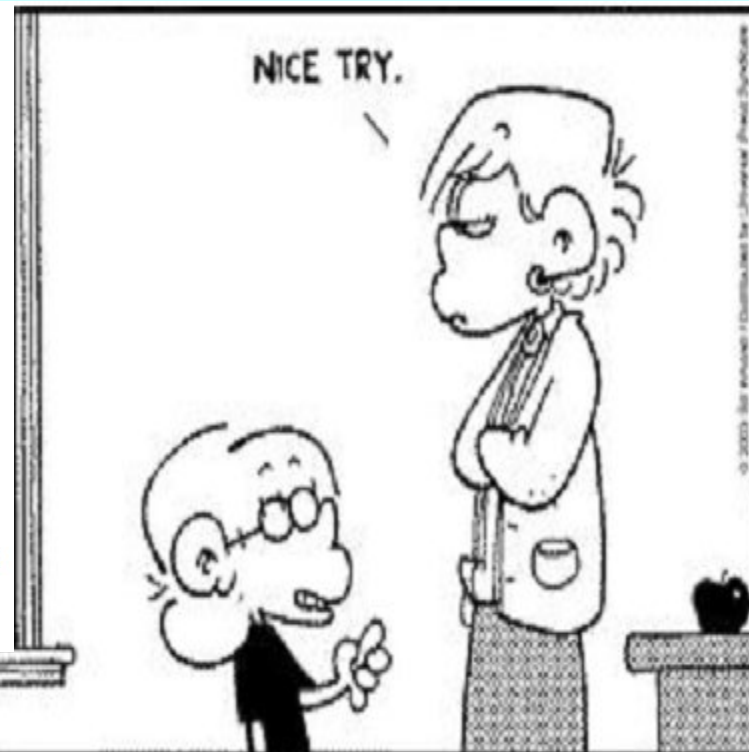
- Alternative turbulence concepts for the SBL
- Preparations for GABLS-4
- Practical arrangements for developing EFB scheme

Clouds/convection wg: aiming to better understand/describe clouds in the model

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The take-off of HARP...



Relaxed surroundings certainly help!
This bodes well for the future, because...

...there are also plenty of nice pools in Iceland!



Have a productive and fun meeting!