

AROME Data Assimilation Activities at Hungary



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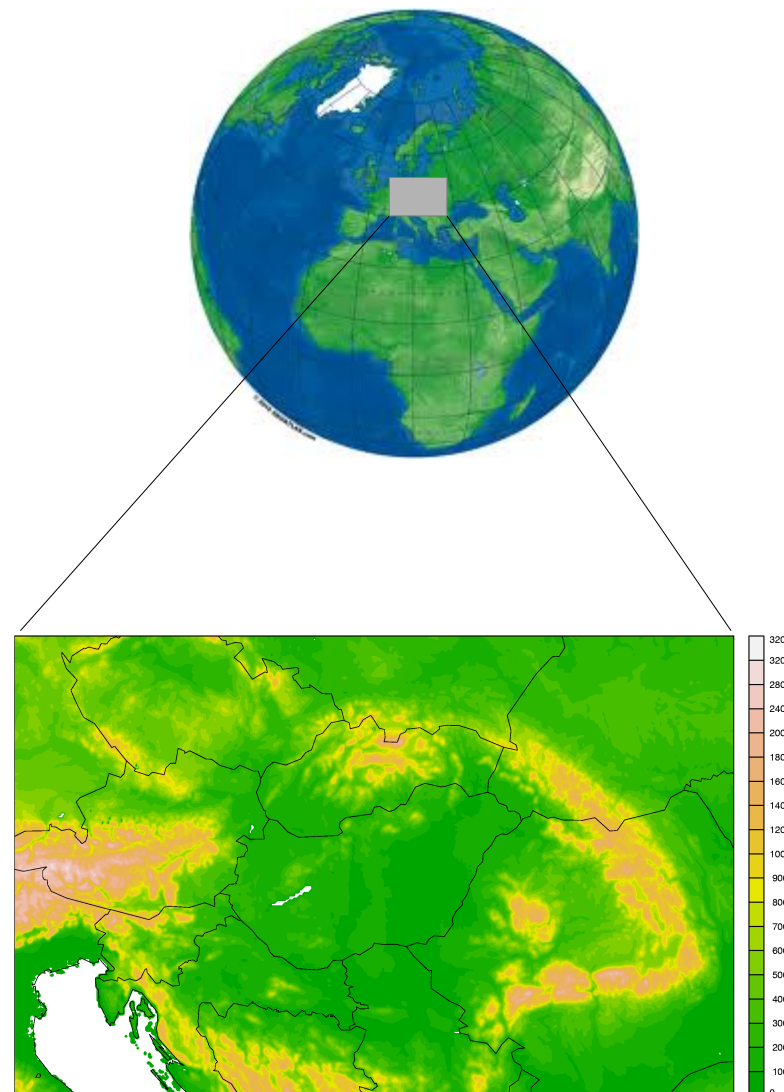


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AROME at Hungary

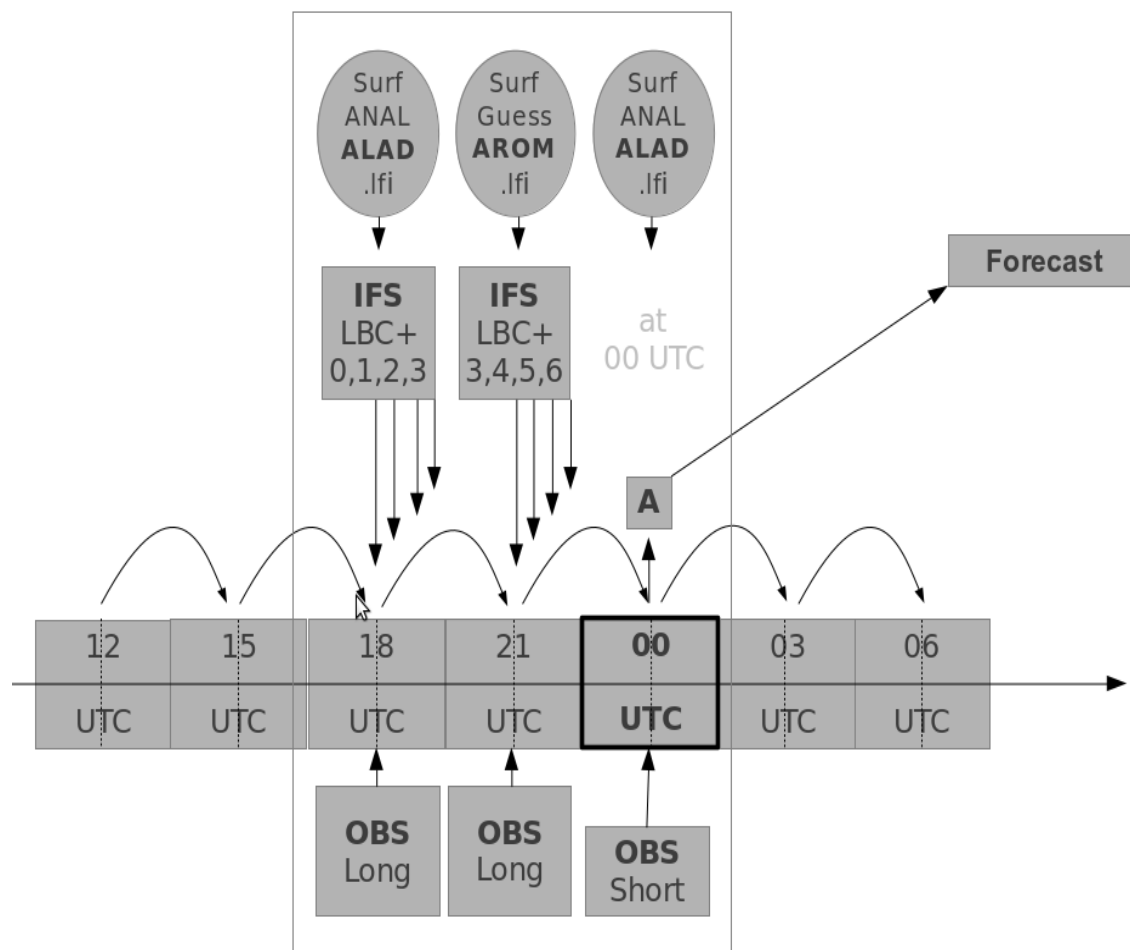
- Model version: **CY36T1**
- **2.5 km** horizontal resolution (500*320 points)
- **60** vertical model levels
- Four production runs a day: 00 UTC (48h); 06 UTC (36h); 12 UTC (48h); 18 UTC (36h)
- Initial conditions: from **AROME/DA** and **ALADIN/DA** at the surface
- Lateral Boundary conditions from **ECMWF/IFS** with 1h coupling freq.
- To calculate the screen level fields we use the SBL scheme over nature and sea



AROME DA system

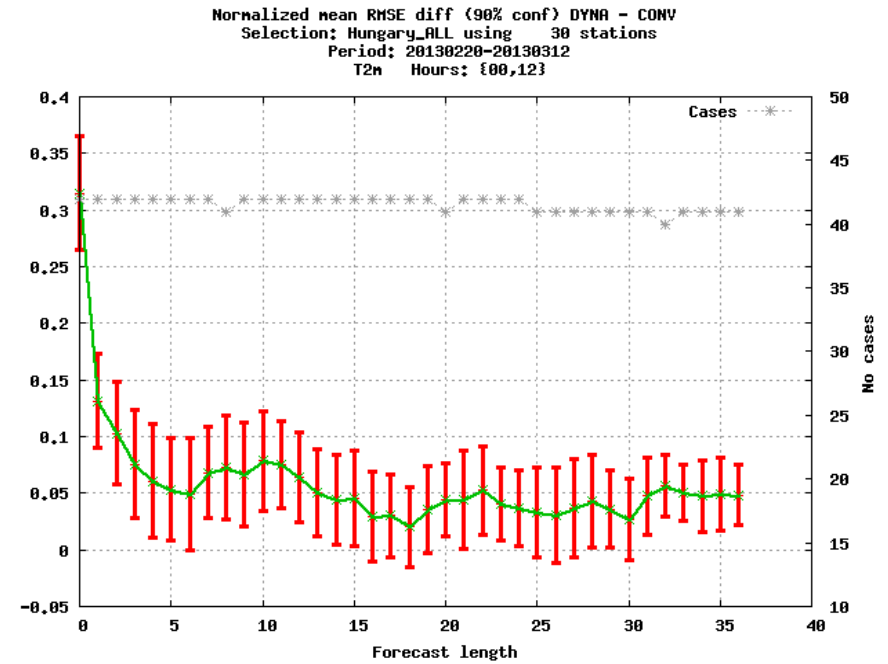
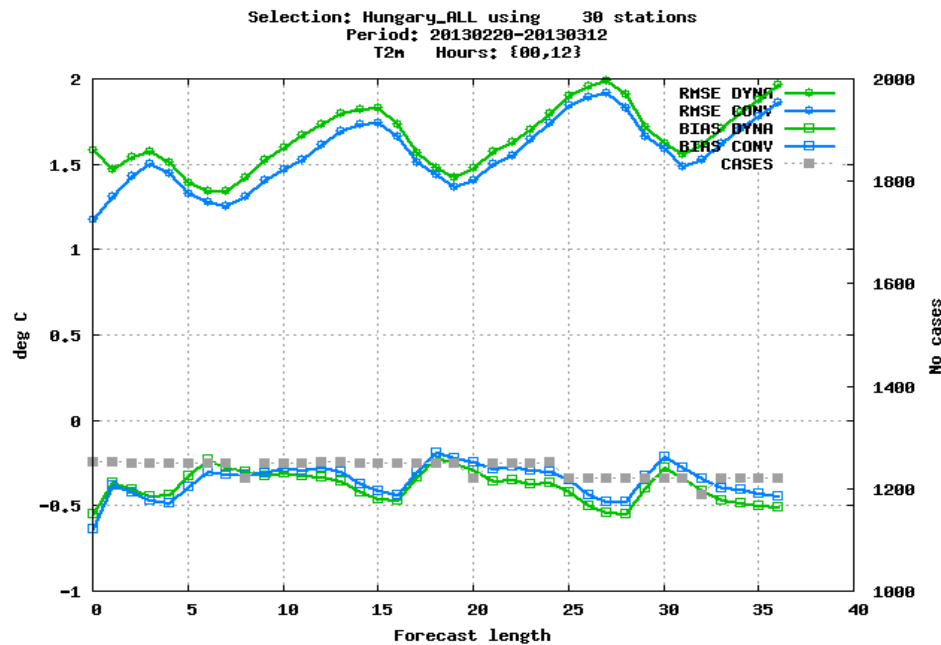
(design and settings)

- Operational since March 2013 (brand new)
- 3h Rapid Update Cycle (8 3DVAR analyses per a day)
- No surface assimilation => SURFEX LFI: ALADIN anal & AROME surface guess
- Background error statistics: Downscaled ALADIN-EDA
- Recently Conventional obs. are used (SYNOP,TEMP,AMDAR)



AROME/DA vs AROME/DYNA (1)

- In order to estimate the skill of the AROME DA several verification studies were made (summer, spring and winter period)
- Better performance was obtained mainly for short-ranges, biggest improvement in the temperature, humidity and wind



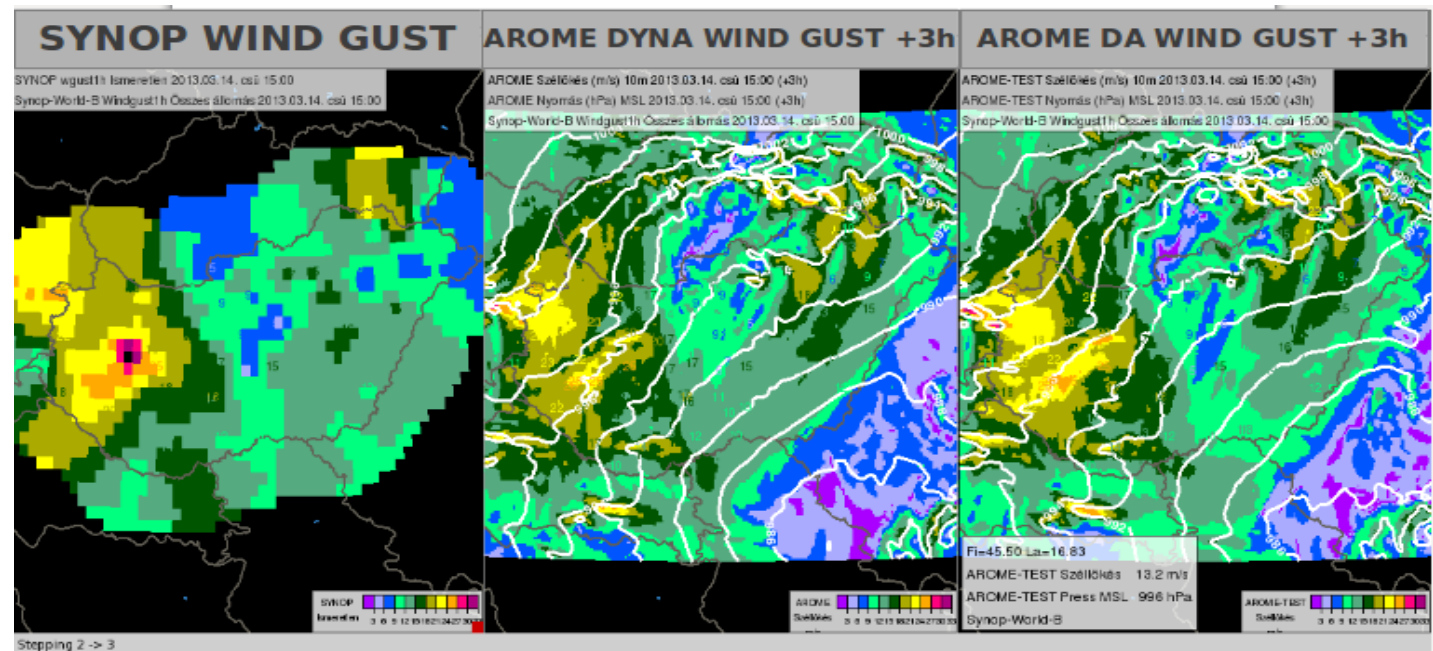
AROME DYNA - Green
AROME DA - Blue

AROME/DA vs AROME/DYNA (2)

Hungarian forecasters said:
(AROME DA Parallel Suite)

“...in the first 6 hours the precipitation and temperature field were better represented than the operational AROME”

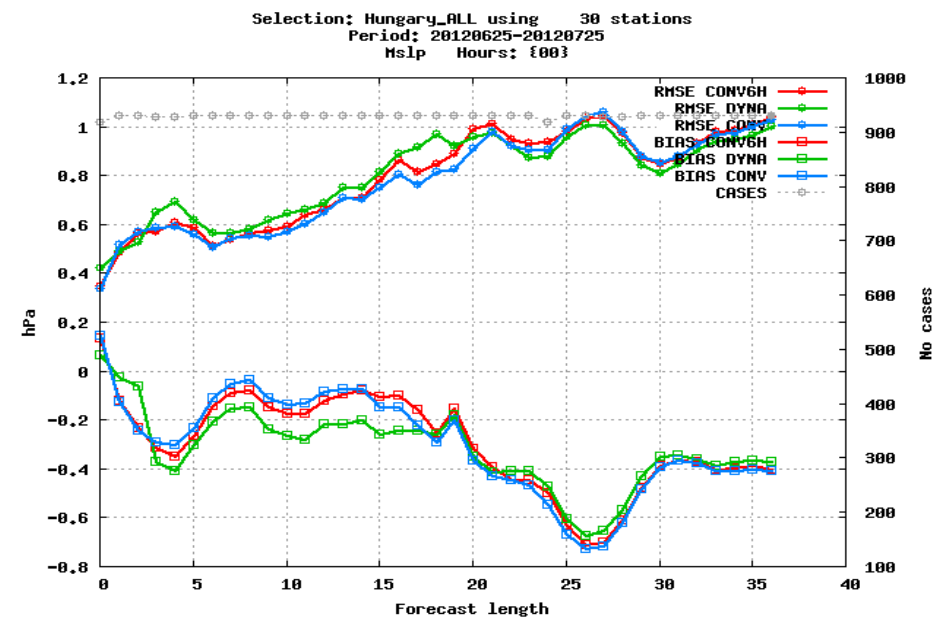
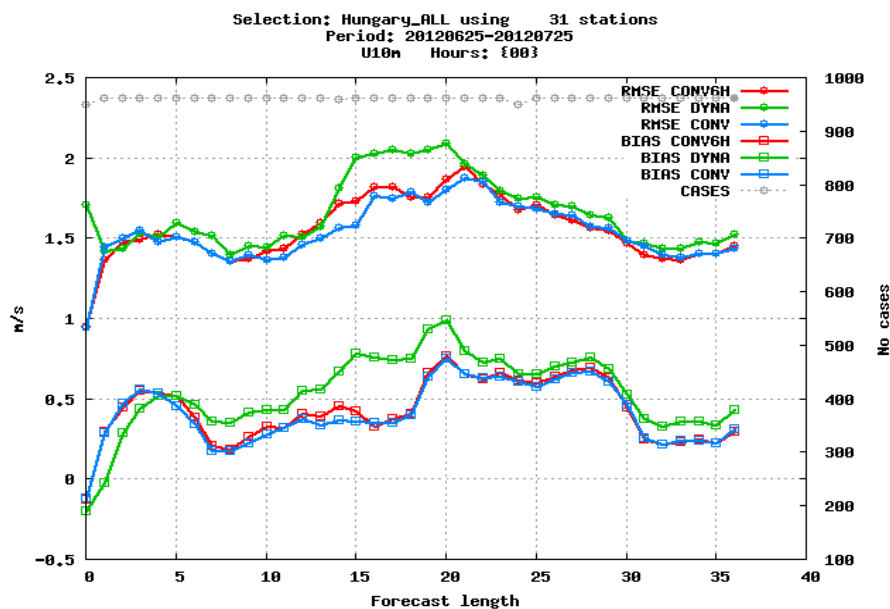
“...the low level absolute humidity was overestimated in the operational. The AROME DA could improve it.”



Act1.1 RUC why?

- To use more available observations
- For future development to implement non-conventional observations with high temporal and spatial coverage in the system (e.g. Radar assimilation purposes)
- Slightly better RMSE, BIAS scores, mainly for wind speed and MSLP (neutral for temperature and humidity).

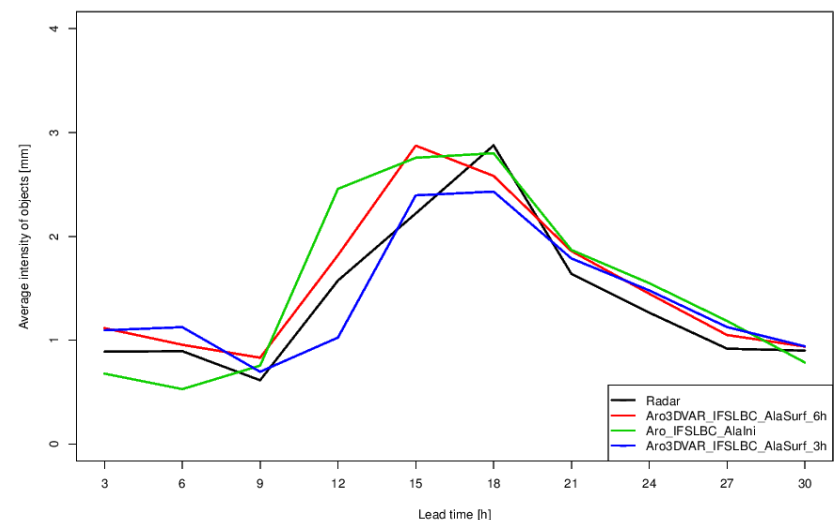
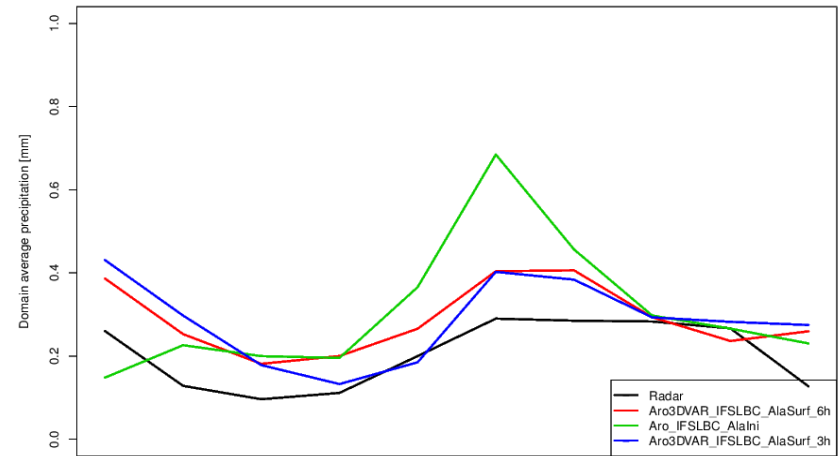
AROME DA 6h - Red
AROME DYNA - Green
AROME DA - Blue



Act1.2 RUC why?

AROME DA 6h - Red
AROME DYNA - Green
AROME DA - Blue

- In verification against RADAR precipitation objects the 3h RUC has better performance than 6h
- Domain average precipitation is a bit closer to RADAR obs at daytime hours (upper figure →)
- Average intensity of objects are also better represented (lower figure →)



Act2.1

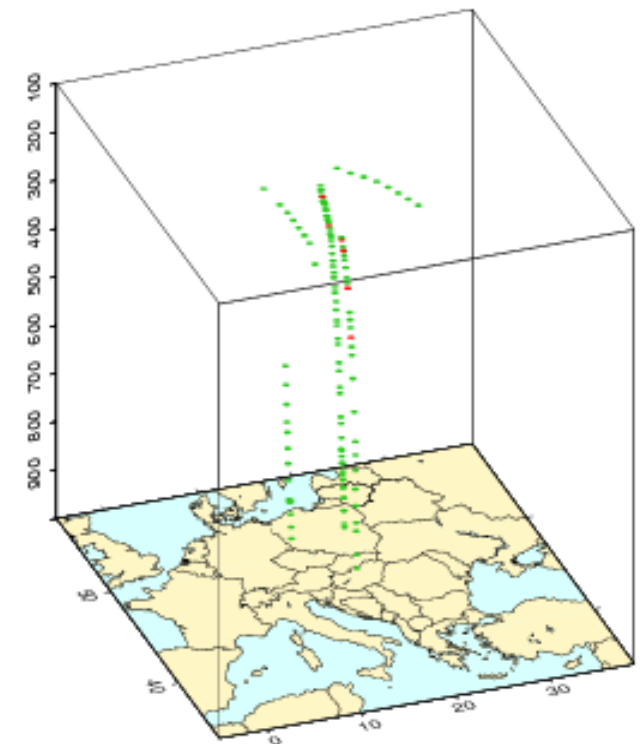
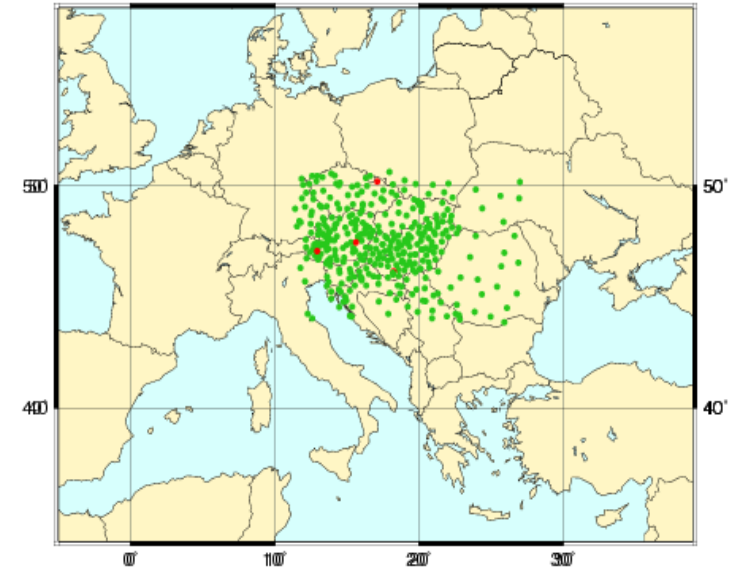
Observations

- Recently conventional observations are assimilated in AROME DA.
- AMDAR thinning: 10km
- using 10m wind obs above land (LSLRW10=.FALSE.)
- OPLACE system observations

SYNOP	Z	T2	H2	U
TEMP	Z	T	Q	U
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DA: ALD/3DVAR Exp: A3D1
 Date: 2013.04.07. HH: 09 UTC
 Obs: Synop Reports (373)

● Active (369) ● Passive(0) ● Rejected (4) ● Blacklisted (0)



Act2.2

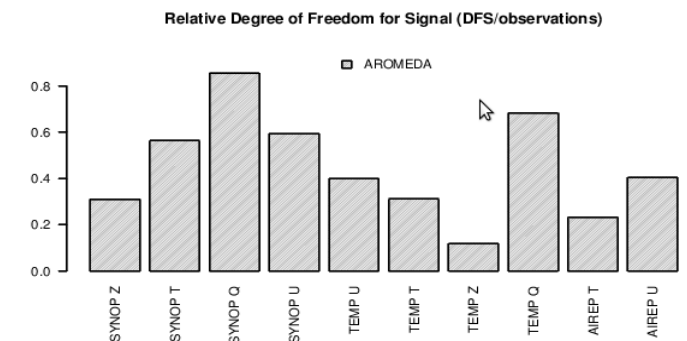
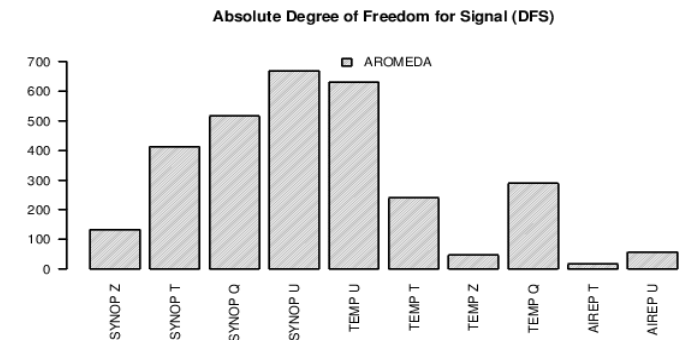
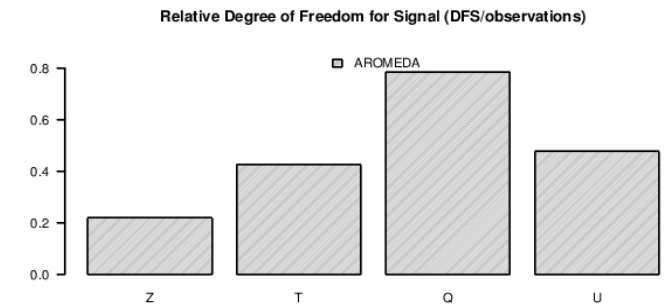
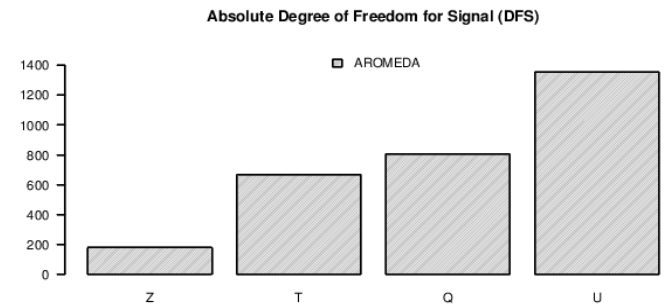
Observations

- To evaluate the impact of obs on analysis, DFS was computed (2013041012, 2013041200UTC)
- Absolute DFS is the biggest for wind obs → Important to use LSLRW10!
- Relative importance of humidity obs

DFS computation:
(Chapnik et al., 2006) Girard's method

$$\text{DFS} = \text{Trace}(\mathbf{HK})$$

$$\text{Trace}(\mathbf{HK}) \approx (\mathbf{y}' - \mathbf{y})^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}'_a - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_a)$$



Act3.1

Question of Initialization

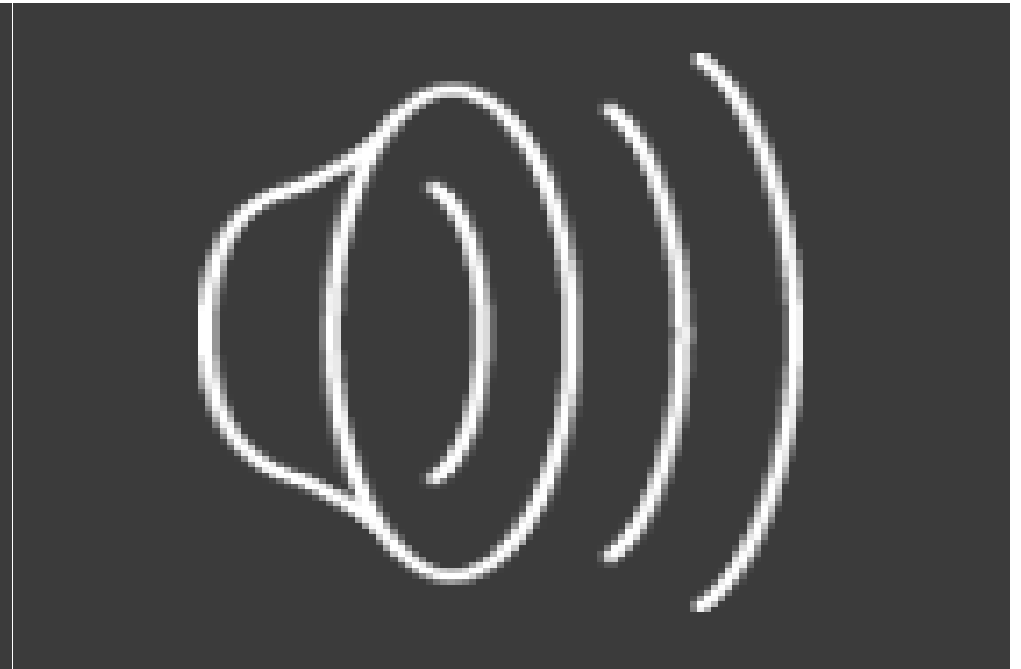
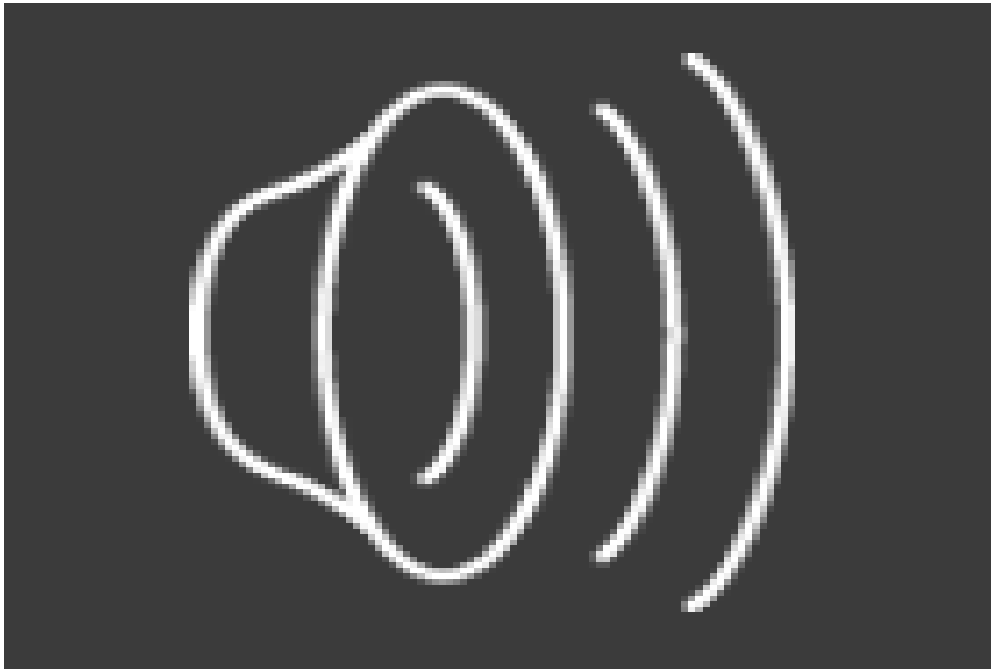
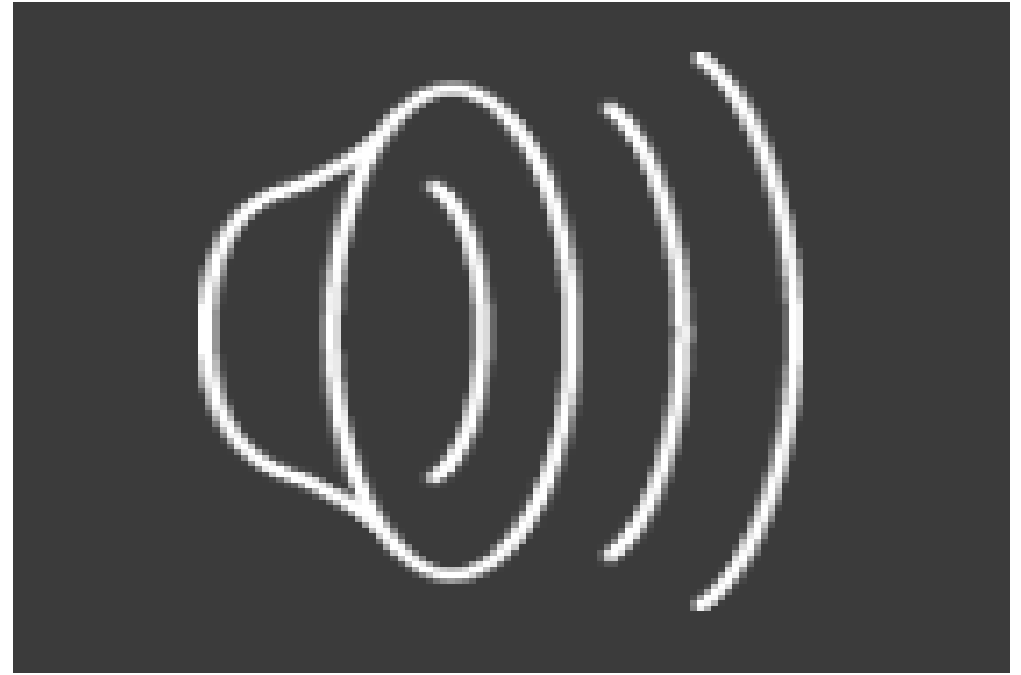
- No Digital Filter Initialization in AROME Hungary
- Spurious noises were observed at the very beginning of the integration
- Using AROME analysis as LBC at initial time → **Space Consistency Coupling** helps to reduce noises and equilibrates more quickly
- To verify the phenomena surface pressure differences were plotted step by step

Act3.2

Question of Initialization

*Time Consistency Coup.
Init: AROME analysis
LBC0: Downscaled IFS*

Dynamical Adaptation

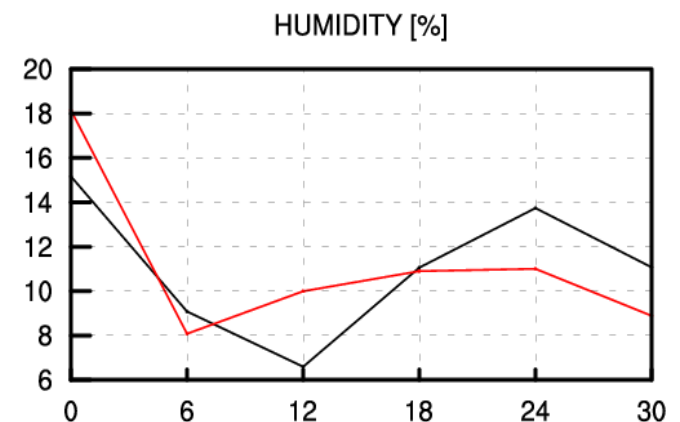
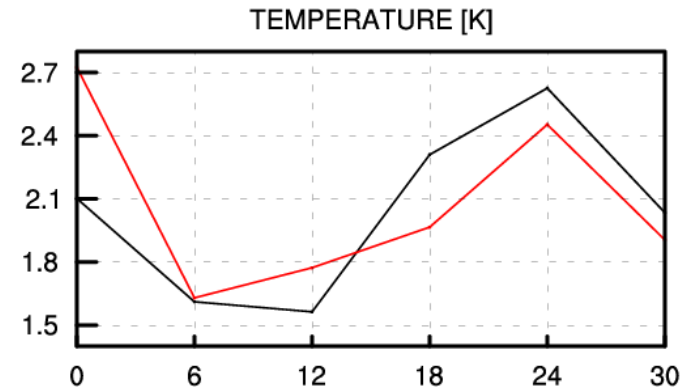


Act4. Surface Assimilation

- AROME OI_main (alone) was tested for winter and summer period
- In dry regimes OI_main could improve wet and cold bias present in AROME dynamical adaptation at first 12 hours
- In wet regimes OI_main alone is not able to beat DYNA
- RMSE scores for 2m temperature and humidity in figures →

A part of this study was conducted in the framework of a French-Hungarian bilateral project; Project numbers TET_11-2-2012-0003 (Hungary) and 27855UD (France)

AROME OI_main - Black
AROME DYNA - Red



Conclusion & Plans

(What's next in AROME DA?)

- AROME Rapid Update Cycle has added value and efficient to use more obs
- The 10m wind observations are an important part of AROME DA Hungary
- Space Consistency Coupling can avoid spurious noises at initial time

- RADAR data assimilation
- Test and implement other non-conventional observations (satellite observations)
- Find reasonable solution for surface assimilation OI_main (move towards the EKF in the future)
- Make better representation of background error statistics(AROME EDA)

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