# **Phasing Report**

# Cycle 41.t1

# STUDIES ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN ARPEGE/IFS

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## I. AROME 3DVar

#### 1. RTTOV coefficients Validation for the IASI observations

After noticing a decrease in the number of IASI assimilated observations using the 41\_t1.03 pack (compared to the 40\_op2), new RTTOV coefficients files were produced in order to test if the difference was due to the change in the RTTOV coefficients. My task was to build a new experience, based on 41\_t1.03 and using a new set of coefficients, and compare the impact on the assimilated observations in term of number and cost function JO.

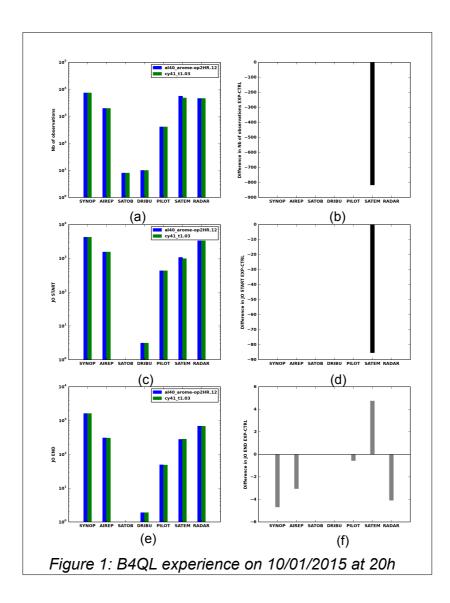
The different Olive experiences used in this validation are summarized on the table bellow. B4QL and B4QT experiences were built by Philippe CHAMBON.

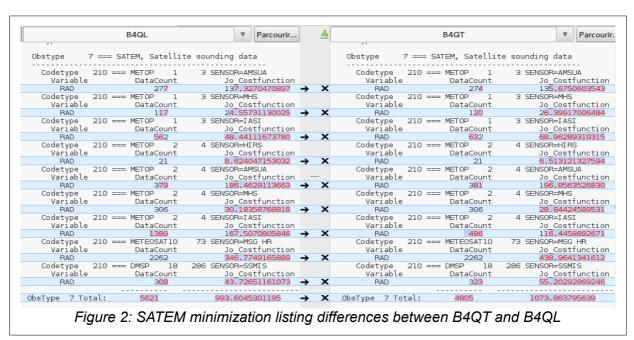
Table 1: Olive experiences used in RTTOV coefficients validation for the IASI observations

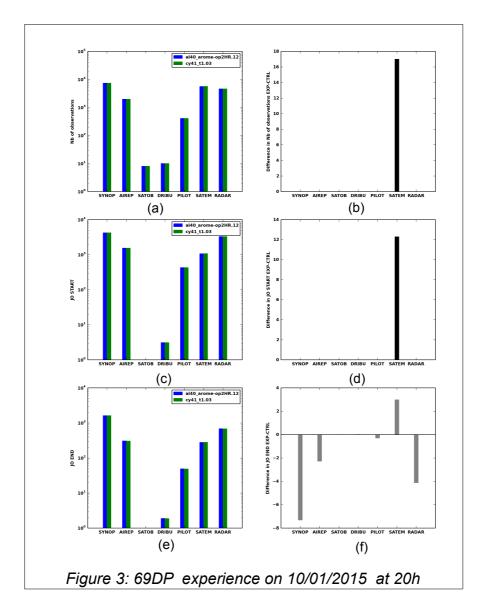
Experience ID Date	B4QL ( Reference)	B4QT (RTTOV version2) 10/01/2015	69DP (RTTOV version3)
Cycle	al40_arome-op2HR.12	al40_arome-op2HR.12	al40_arome-op2HR.12
ARPEGE Cycle	cy40_op2HR.12	cy40_op2HR.12	cy40_op2HR.12
Assimilation Binaries (on beaufix)	al40_arome-op2HR.12	<b>t.03</b> .IMPI411IFC1301.	home/gmap/mrpa/cha mbonp/pack/ <b>41_t1_tes</b> <b>t.03</b> .IMPI411IFC1301.2 x/bin
Assimilation Namelists (on beaufix)	cy40_op2HR.12	<b>1t1</b> _based_on_CY41_ based_on_al40_arome	mbonp/namelists/ <b>CY41</b> <b>t1</b> _based_on_CY41_b
RTTOV coefficient (on beaufix)	home/gmap/mrmn/mich ely/RTCOEF/rtcoef.19_t owardsrttov11_BIN_ <b>v2</b> .t gz	hely/RTCOEF/rtcoef.1	home/gmap/mrpa/cha mbonp/RTCOEF/rtcoef. 19_towardsrttov11_BIN _ <b>v3</b> .tgz

We took the assimilation cycle of 20h as an example to show the IASI assimilated observations anomaly. Figures 1 and 3 represent the assessment of observations number and cost function as well as the differences (taking the B4QL as a reference) of respectively the B4QT and the 69DP experiences. Almost 800 SATEM observations in B4QT were not assimilated using the RTTOV coefficients version 2 (Figure1 (b) ). IASI (Metop1 and Metop2) is the main cause of this loss of 800 observations as shown on Figure 2. After changing the RTTOV files coefficients in the 69DP experience, we were able to catch up the missing observations (Figures 3 & 4). So the IASI RTTOV coefficients would be responsible of this assimilated observations anomaly.

In order to investigate more the reason behind the cut of nearly 800 observations after the minimization, the bias and the standard deviation of the simulated brightness temperature error between 69DP (rtcoef pack version 3) and B4QT (rtcoef pack version 2) were calculated . For IASI Metop1, bias and standard deviation are equal to zero which is expected as there is no change in IASI Metop1 RTTOV coefficients between the two packs. Nevertheless, for IASI Metop2, the bias has a range of [-2 , 3] with an average equal to 0.031 and the bias has a range of [0 , 0.6] with an average equal to 0.2. Thus, the missing observations would be related to the assimilation observation selection. The Bias and RMSE ranges being quite large, it gives us confidence in the cloud detection procedure.







	B4QL	▼ Parcourir		69DP	▼ Parcourir
Obstype 7 ===	SATEM, Satellit	e sounding data	Obstype 7 ===	SATEM, Satellit	e sounding data
Codetype 210 = Variable RAD Codetype 210 =	== METOP 1 DataCount	3 SENSOR=AMSUA Jo Costfunction	Codetype 210 Variable RAD Codetype 210	=== METOP 1 DataCount	3 SENSOR=AMSUA Jo Costfunction
RAD	27 <mark>7</mark>	152.0736739013	RAD	274	150.4585842304
Codetype 210 = Variable	=== METOP 1 DataCount 1 <mark>17</mark>	3 SENSOR=MHS Jo_Costfunction	Codetype 210 Variable	=== METOP 1 DataCount	Jo_Costfunction
RAD	117	31.56298287291	RAD	120	26.57508961845
		3 SENSOR=IASI Jo_Costfunction	Codetype 210 Variable	=== METOP 1 DataCount	3 SENSOR=IASI Jo_Costfunction 108.1574159179 4 SENSOR=HIRS
RAD	562	108.15 <mark>31162145</mark>	RAD	562	108.1574159179
Codetype 210 = Variable	== METOP 2 DataCount	4 SENSOR=HIRS Jo Costfunction	Codetype 210 Variable	=== METOP 2 DataCount 21	4 SENSOR=HIRS Jo Costfunction
RAD	21	Jo_Costfunction 13.160141192 <mark>20</mark>	RAD	21	13.16014119217
Codetype 210 = Variable	== METOP 2 DataCount	4 SENSOR=AMSUA Jo Costfunction	Codetype 210 Variable	=== METOP 2	4 SENSOR=AMSUA
RAD	379	196.8920763068	RAD	DataCount 3 <mark>81</mark>	208.4081363861
Codetype 210 = Variable	== METOP 2 DataCount	4 SENSOR=MHS Jo_Costfunction	Codetype 210	=== MFTOP 2	4 SENSOR=MHS
RAD	306	35.51625742708	RAD	306	28.60218421123
Codetype 210 = Variable	== METOP 2 DataCount	Jo_Costfunction 35.51625742708 4 SENSOR=IASI Jo_Costfunction 209.1796491311	Codetype 210 Variable	=== METOP 2 DataCount	Jo Costfunction 28.60218421123 4 SENSOR=IASI Jo Costfunction 209.1659115527
RAD	1389	209.1796491311	RAD	1389	209.1659115527
Codetype 210 = Variable	== METEOSAT10	73 SENSOR=MSG HR Jo_Costfunction 266.5750030340	Codetype 210 Variable	=== METEOSAT10 DataCount	73 SENSOR=MSG HR
RAD	2262	266.5 <mark>750030340</mark>	RAD	2262	266.5476272919
Codetype 210 = Variable	DataCount	286 SENSOR=SSMIS Jo Costfunction	Codetype 210 Variable	=== DMSP 18 DataCount	286 SENSOR=SSMIS Jo Costfunctio
RAD	308	48.99205467035	RAD	3 <mark>23</mark>	63.31872722293
bsType 7 Total:	5621	1062.104954750	ObsType 7 Total:	5638	1074.393817624

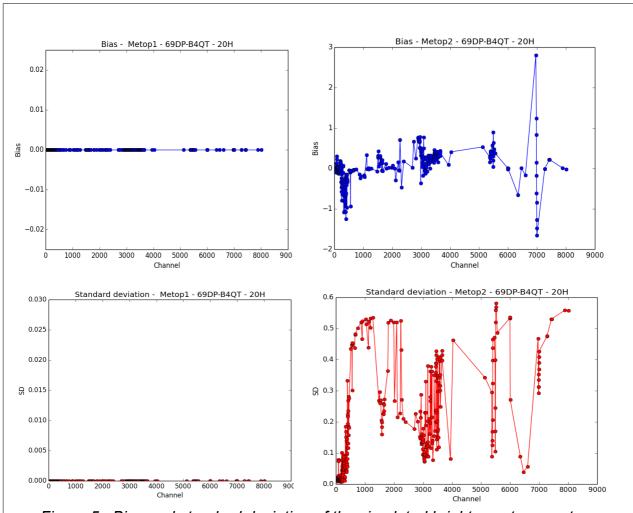


Figure 5: Bias and standard deviation of the simulated brightness temperature difference of IASI Metop1 & Metop2 between 69DP & B4QT experiences on 2015/10/01 at 20H

## 2. Surfex Troubles

Surfex was behind several aborts due to "Surfex Field Not Found". Actually, in surfex 7.3 used in 41t1 (cycle 40 uses surfex 7.2), some field names changed and other fields were added or removed (Table 2).

We were able to bypass the names modification issue by turning off the fields selection option in the the namelist namel\_previ\_surfex, but this workaround was not enough to deal with the added fields. The ultimate solution for the Surfex issue (thanks to the efforts of Françoise TAILLEFER) was to use a new PGD file for the 41t1 that worked just fine with the selection field in the namelist.

A Surfex reproductibility test was performed by changing the processors number in the surface coupling job (couplingsurf in Olive). There was no difference between the fa files using 48 and 24 processors.

Table 2: Fields Changes from Surfex 7.2 to 7.3 in AROME

	Modification	New Fields	Removed Fields
Surfex 7.2 SN_VEG_TYPE	Surfex 7.3 SN_VEG_TYP	TROOF* (* 4-5)	SSO_CANOPY
SN ROOF TYPE	SN RF TYP	SSO CAN Z0* (*1-6)	
T_ROOF*	TROOF*	TROAD* (* 4-5)	SN_ROOF_TYPE
ASNOW_VEG	ASN_VEG	TWALL* (* 4-5)	SN_ROAD_TYPE
RSNOW_VEG1	RSN_VEG1	T_WIN1	
T_ROAD*	TROAD*	GLACIER	
T_WALL*	TWALL*	TEMPARP	
WSNOW_ROOF1	WSN_RF1	ROAD_DIR	
RSNOW_ROOF1	RSN_RF1	WALL_OPT	
TSNOW_ROOF1	TSN_RF1	_FBUF_MASK	
ASNOW_ROAD	ASN_RF		
WSNOW_ROAD1	WSN_RD1		
RSNOW_ROAD1	RSN_RD1		
TSNOW_ROAD1	TSN_RD1		
ASNOW_ROAD	ASN_RD		
T_CANYON	TCANYON		
Q_CANYON	QCANYON		
SN_ROOF_N	SN_RF_N		
SN_ROOF	SN_RF		
SN_ROAD_N	SN_RD_N		
SN_ROAD	SN_RD		

## 3. 41\_t1.04 Cycling test

## 3.1 Modifications listing

Details of Olive experience used in the cycling test are summarized in Table 3. A namelist pack prepared by Philippe CHAMBON (THANKS Philippe for all the help and the support) for the cycle 41.t1 was used in the experience. Few modifications in some namelist were necessary (Table 3) to get trough the cycling test.

Table 3: Olive Cycling Experience

Experienxe ID	69HT
Date	01-10/02/2015
Cycle	al40_arome-op2HR.12
ARPEGE Cycle	cy40_op2HR.12
Pack (beaufix)	home/gmap/mrpa/chambonp/pack/41_t1 _test.05.IMPI500IFC1301.2x
Namelist (beaufix)	home/gmap/mrpa/chambonp/namelists/C Y41t1_based_on_CY41_based_on_al40 _arome-op2HR.07.nam
RTTOV coefficients	home/gmap/mrpa/chambonp/RTCOEF/rt
(beaufix)	coef.19_towardsrttov11_BIN_v4.tgz
PGDFILE	scratch/work/tailefer/SURFEX_FILES/PG
(beaufix)	D_franmg_cy41t1.lfi_conv.fa
ecoclimap_covers_param	home/gmap/mrmn/michely/ECOCLIMAP/
(beaufix)	7.3/eco.tgz

Table 4: Namelist modifications

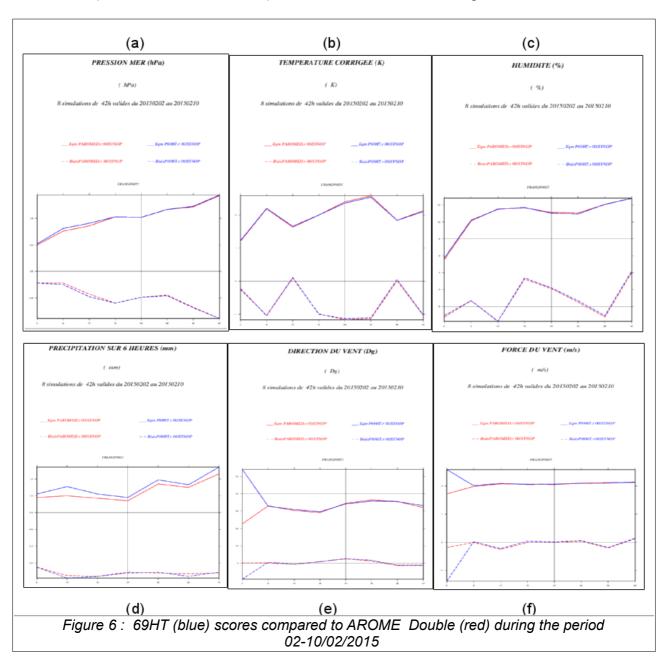
Namelist	Modifications
All	LUSE_TELSEM=.FALSE.
namel_previ_prod namel_previ_assim namel_previ_dyn_prod namel_previ_dyn_assim	add LWIDER_DOM=.TRUE. in &NAMFPC
namel_previ_prod select_fp	rename SURFREFLECT.MAX on SIM_REFLECT.MAX
namel_previ_surfex (for the forecast_int)	Surfex field selection modified (Table 2)
namel_e927_surf (couplinsurf in coldinit)	Add LRAY=.FALSE. In &NAMPHY

## 3.2 Results

69 HT score results compared to AROME Double suite from the  $2^{sd}$  to the  $10^{th}$  of February 2015 show :

- a degradation in the 6H accumulated precipitation score (Figure 6.(d))
- an important difference in the rms and the bias for both wind direction (Figure 6.
   (e)) and wind speed (Figure 6. (f)) at 00H

To see clearer in the precipitation score results, we ran a scores\_indicateur diagnostic under Olive (BSS, FAR, POD scores) that confirmed the score degradation.



The wind inconsistency at 00H might be related to the observations. In fact, after examining 69HT obstat diagnostic, we noticed some significant differences in TEMP and EUprofiler observation numbers (Figures 7 & 8). These incoherence seems to be related to contributions added to 41\_t1.05 pack (while we are cycling with 41\_t1.04) dealing with HR observations. Thus Philippe CHAMBON launched an experience with the latest pack that we had, that's to say 41\_t1.06, in order to pinpoint the wind anomaly. As the latest modifications in AROME Double suite were undertaken in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Mars, starting the new cycling experience on 10/03/2015 was more suitable (The new pack cycling test results are not available yet ... Keep on following for more details).

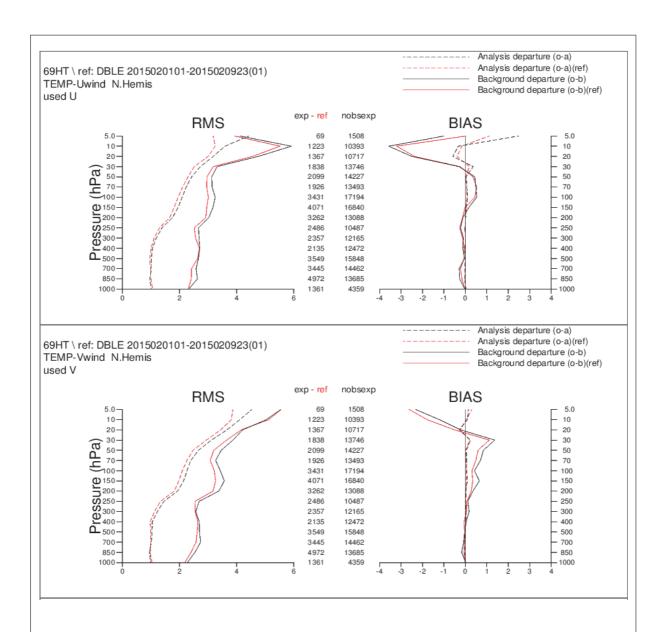


Figure 7: 69HT obstat diagnostic for TEMP observations during the period 01-10/02/2015

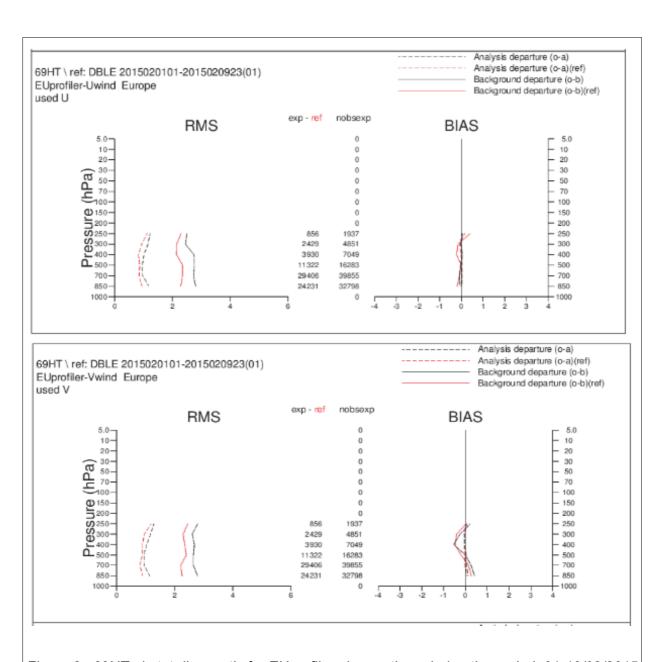


Figure 8 : 69HT obstat diagnostic for EUprofiler observations during the period 01-10/02/2015

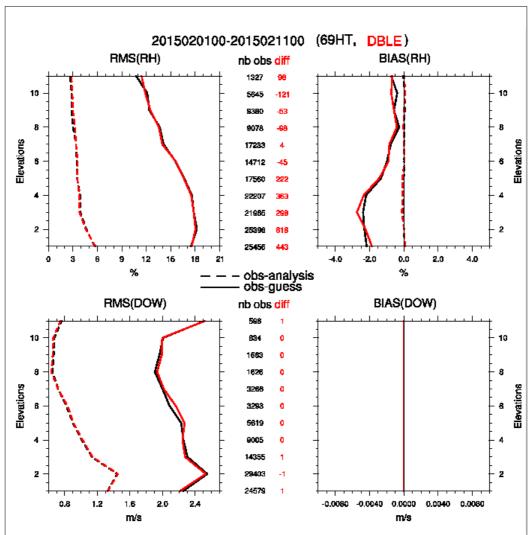


Figure 9: RMS and BIAS scores for radar observations for 69HT experience compared to AROME Double suite during the period 01-10/02/2015

#### II. ALADIN Reunion 3DVar

## 1. Minimization bug

Minimization run with the 41t1 binary and the namelist from the double suite (with some changes related to the 41t1 cycle) aborted with the error message "ABORT Error matching spectral fields" called by spectral\_fields\_mod.F90 subroutine when LREADGPTRAJ was initialized to TRUE. Turning <u>LREADGPTRAJ</u> to <u>FALSE</u> in the namel\_minim was necessary in ALADIN minimization ( for information, LREADGPTRAJ=TRUE in AROME & LREADGPTRAJ=FALSE in ARPEGE).

Once we had the first run results, a minimization listing comparison between the experience and the reference showed a considerable difference of gradient and a low JB cost function indicating a problem in the minimization. As we encountered a problem with the trajectory before (with the *LREADGTRAJ*), we were tempted to try different keys combinations dealing with the trajectory Grid Point / Spectral Space management (Table 5) which was a false trail to follow as the problem persisted.

After examining the subroutines that caused the abort due to the trajectory management, we noticed that the error was related the humidity field representation (GP or SP). So in an attempt to follow the AROME lead, we tested a minimization with the Humidity on Grid Point Field and the *LREADGPTRAJ* to TRUE.

## 1.1 Humidity on Grid Point

Changing the humidity from the spectral to the grid point field was possible using a "trick" on Olive. The trick consists on adding the job called "coupling\_Qpdg" (with the appropriate namelist) before the minimization (with some changes on the namelist namel\_minim). We were not able to run the Coupling\_Qpdg with the 41t1\_test\_4 pack so we kept the 38 cycle as binary. The two namelists needed, that is to say namel\_fpos\_frangp\_qpdg and namel\_minim\_AROME for respectively the Coupling\_Qpdg and the minim jobs on Olive, can be found on beaufix under the path: /home/gmap/mrpm/khalfaouiw/namelist/cyc41t1\_based\_on\_al40\_reunion-op2.02.nam/namelist\_Humidity\_on\_GP.

This is said, changing the humidity on GP didn't solve the problem either even though we tried to turn off some minimization keys proper to ALADIN (*CONF %REDNMC\_Q* for example) in order to isolate the part of the code responsible of the minimization bug. The results of these tests are shown in Table 5.

## 1.2 openmp <> 1

It seems that running the minimization with openmp different from 1 introduces an error noise. I had the misfortune to change the default openmp value which amplified considerably the gradient. So to prevent such a pointless accident, <a href="keep openmp=1">keep openmp=1 in the minimization.</a>

Table 5: Summary of experiences results with CONFIG%LSPFCE = FALSE

Combination		linimization Resu	ılts	Comments
LREADGPTRAJ LTRAJGP	F	C%MAIN:NOT YET		Exp 69ET
LREADGPTRAJ LTRAJGP LSPRT	T ABORT Error n	natching spectral t	ields	Exp 69ET
	Initial GRAD	JO (Start / End )	JB	
LREADGPTRAJ LTRAJGP LSPRT	F T 0.8814141 E+05	56702.7514025	0.464358803588	Exp 69ET
LREADGPTRAJ LTRAJGP LSPRT	T T 0.3655097 E+09 F	56702.7514025 / 56799.5441869	0.19426422 E-13	Exp 69ET !!! ABORT removed from spectral_fields.F90
LREADGPTRAJ LTRAJGP LSPRT	F T 0.358946 E+09 T	56711.8213670 / 56691.7839267	0.4695687 E-12	Exp 69ET
LREADGPTRAJ LTRAJGP LSPRT	T T 0.9189032 +22 T	56246.5632755 / 0.7601061 E+27	0.144029 E-14	Exp 69G8 !! With Specific Humidity or Grid Point Field
LREADGPTRAJ LTRAJGP LSPRT	T T 0.1228388 E+09 T	56246.5632755 / 66309.7826149	0.34418529 E-11	Exp 69G8 !! With Specific Humidity of Grid Point Field !! AROME namel_minim + &NAMJG ALADIN
LREADGPTRAJ LTRAJGP LSPRT	T T 0.1543693 E+09 T	56246.5632755 / 56268.3410335	0.3940464 E-12	Exp 69G8 !! With Specific Humidity of Grid Point Field AROME namel_minim + &NAMJG ALADIN with CONF%REDNMC_Q=
ALADIN Referen	ce 69EU LSPFC	E=TRUE		<del>-</del>
INITIAL GRADIEI CE FINAL GRADIE JO 55534.9 JB 1012.08	:NT 0.21674280 938400 / 39041.			

## 1.3 Sigma B of the day

A sound advice suggesting to disactivate sigmab of the day (thanks Ghislain FAURE) resolved the minimization problem. Putting *CONFIG%LSPFCE = TRUE in &NAMJG* in the namel\_minim was enough to reproduce quite accurately the initial gradient of the reference (Table 6).

Actually, in ALADIN Reunion Double suite, *CONFIG%LSPFCE* was changed to TRUE a week after we started working on the minimization problem which helped us to follow the trail of sigmab of the day. More happy news came from ARPEGE when Vincent GUIDARD was able to trace a bug in 4DVar thanks to the sigmab of the day problem encountered in ALADIN.

Table 6: Summary of experiences with CONFIG%LSPFCE = TRUE

AROME	Combination LREADGPTRAJ LTRAJGP LSPRT			inimization Resu	ılts	Comments Exp 69EC
			Initial GRAD	JO (Start / End )	JB	
ALADIN Reunion	LREADGPTRAJ LTRAJGP LSPRT	F T F	0.223743 E+04	56702.7514025 / 39964.0525535	1001.78990099	Exp 69ET
Reamon	LREADGPTRAJ LTRAJGP LSPRT		0.2270043 E+04	56711.8213670 / 39828.3519465	964.526103768	Ехр 69ЕТ
	ALADIN Reference 69EU					
Reference	INITIAL GRADIENT 0.223634497285 E+04 <b>Reference</b> FINAL GRADIENT 0.21674280767 E+03  JO 55534.9938400 / 39041.9877717  JB 1012.08354794					

## 2. 41\_t1.04 Cycling test

## 2.1 Modifications listing

- **Date Choice:** Due to sigmab deactivation in the Double suite on 18/02/2015, we preferred to begin the cycling test in 15/02/2015 and then start diagnostics in 18/02/2015.
- **Surfex**: a new PGD file for the 41t1 cycle for ALADIN Reunion was necessary to get trough the surfex changes. This is said, it is worth noticing that we had less challenges with Surfex in ALADIN Reunion as we do not have a Surfex selection field in the namelist (when we started the 69l4 experience).

Details of Olive experience used in the cycling test are summarized in Table 7. We started the experience with the namelist pack of the Double suite to which we added progressively the necessary modifications. Namelist Changes are reported in the Table 9.

Keep in mind that, as we switched off the sigmab day and giving that we had an abort related to the errgribvor file, we removed errgribvor box in the minimization job in the Olive experience (6914).

Table 7: Olive Experience

Experienxe ID Date	69I4 15/02>11/03/2015
Cycle	al40_arome-op2HR.12
ARPEGE Cycle	cy40_op2HR.12
Pack (beaufix)	home/gmap/mrpa/chambonp/pack/41_ t1_test.05.IMPI500IFC1301.2x
Namelist (beaufix)	home/gmap/mrpm/khalfaouiw/namelist/cyc41t1_based_on_al40_reunion-op2.02.nam
RTTOV coefficients	home/gmap/mrpa/chambonp/RTCOEF
(beaufix)	/rtcoef.19_towardsrttov11_BIN_v4.tgz
PGDFILE	scratch/work/tailefer/SURFEX_FILES/
(beaufix)	PGD_reunion_cy41t1.lfi_conv.fa
ecoclimap_covers_parar	nhome/gmap/mrmn/michely/ECOCLIMA
(beaufix)	P/7.3/eco.tgz

Table 8: Input files

File	Path on beaufix
ecoclimap_covers_param	/home/gmap/mrmn/michely/ECOCLIMAP/7.3/eco.tgz
	scratch/work/tailefer/SURFEX_FILES/PGD_reunion_cy41t1.lfi_conv.fa
	home/gmap/mrpa/chambonp/RTCOEF/rtcoef.19_tow ardsrttov11_BIN_v4.t

Table 9: Namelist modifications

Namelist	Modifications
namel_e927_assim namel_e927_surf namel_e927_cplsurf_def namel_e927 namel_fpos_reunion_addsurf1 namel_fpos_reunion_addsurf2	Add: &NAMARG &NAMINTFLEX &NAMOOPS
namel_reunion_champ_tsurf	Add NAMARG NAMOOPSARG In NAMEMIS_CONF add LUSE_TELSEM=.FALSE
namel_canari_surf	Add NAMARG NAMINTFLEX NAMOOPS
namel_screen	Add NAMARG NAMINTFLEX NAMOOPS In NAMEMIS_CONF add LUSE_TELSEM=.FALSE.
namel_screen_dfs	In NAMEMIS_CONF add LUSE_TELSEM=.FALSE.
namel_minim	Add NAMARG NAMINTFLEX NAMOOPS In NAMEMIS_CONF add LUSE_TELSEM=.FALSE. In NAMVAR put LREADGPTRAJ=.FALSE.
namel_biasdfi namel_incrdfi namel_previ_prod namel_previ namel_previ_dyn	Add NAMARG  NAMINTFLEX  NAMOOPS In NAMGEM REFLKUO= IN NAMPHY0 add REFLKUO=5000.
namel_previ namel_previ_dyn namel_previ_prod select_fp *	Remove all lines with *METEOSAT_severi7_*

Table 10: Profile modifications

JOB	Modifications
canari	Cpu:200> 400 (abort due to time limit)
idfi	Cpu 200> 600 (abort due to time limit)
screening	Cpu 200> 400 (abort due to time limit)

## 2.2 Results

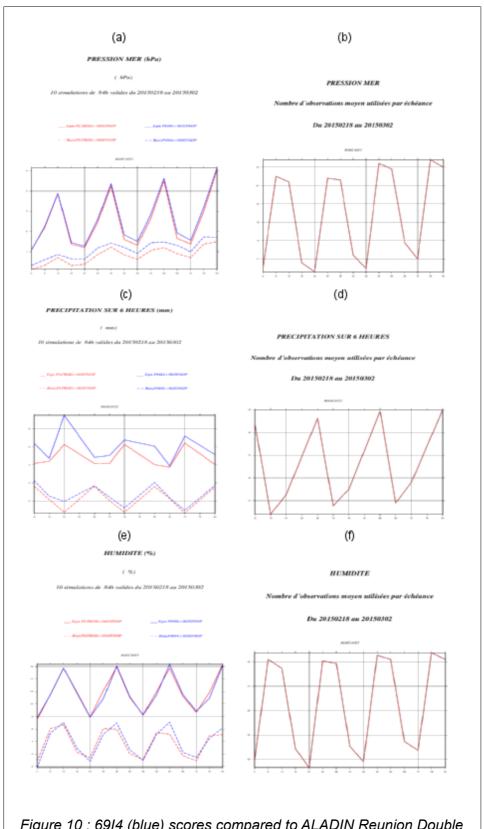


Figure 10 : 69I4 (blue) scores compared to ALADIN Reunion Double (red) of Sea Pressure (a), 6H accumulated Precipitation (c) and Humidity (e) and their respective observation counts (b), (d) and (f) during the period 18/02 – 02/03/2015

ALADIN Reunion scores results for Sea Pressure, 6h accumulated Precipitation and Humidity as well as their respective observation counts are characterized by a distinguished periodic signal for both 69l4 experience and the Double suite (Figure 10). This behavior might be related to the observation fluctuations and the choice of the test period (18/02–02/03/2015) but further investigations need to be done.