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OUTLINE

- EURRA project :
 - Presentation
 - Interest
- Tools for EURRA available at Meteo-France :
 - Diagpack
 - Varpack
 - SIM



EURRA

- Eurra is a project from EEA (European Environmental Agency) for a mesoscale reanalysis to provide Meteorological and climatological data.
- The project is not yet clearly defined nor funded.
- Requires to find a coordinator
- Historical background :
 - 1995-2002 : ERA-40 reanalysis much used for climate and environmental research
 - EU wants more public mesoscale weather data available, ECMWF suggests EEA to fund EURRA program.
 - 2005 EEA and different partners started to reflect about requirements for a mesoscale analysis.



EEA requirements for EURRA

- Data needs by EEA :
 - Low-level wind
 - T2m, Hu2m
 - Clouds
 - rr, rr24 from radar data + rain gauges.
 - Soil humidity/temperature/runoff
 - Ground snow
 - ...
- System for analysis, 3dvar/4dvar/OI ? => depending on the parameter
- Grid size for the analysis :
 - 10 km for the first reanalysis
 - Downscaling to 2km later



Interest for the ALADIN/HIRLAM community

- Climate change studies
- Nowcasting applications
- Use of more elaborated data inside NWP systems (ex : bogus)
- Link with surface analysis
- More resources by joining forces with the climate and nowcasting communities



Diagnostic tools for mesoscale analysis in Meteo-France

- SIM : daily analysis providing surface parameters
- Diagpack : based on OI algorithm, adapted for screen level diagnostics
- Varpack : similar to diagpack with 3dvar algorithm



Varpack

- Diagnostic analysis based on variational method : minimization of a cost function
- Cost function :

$$\delta x^t B^{-1} \delta x^t + (H \delta x - y)^t R^{-1} (H \delta x - y)$$

- Algorithm similar to our 3-dvar system for LAM model ALADIN
- Minor changes :
 - screen-level observation operators
 - B matrix (2 more levels)



Varpack versus Diagpack

Advantages :

- possibility to use more observations (satellite)=> better upper-air
- Analysis benefits improvement of 3dvar system (multivariate aspect)
- Drawback : more expensive (x4 computational time on the same domain)



Varpack Observations

- SYNOP observation (T2m, Hu2m)
- TEMP
- AIREP
- Satellite radiances (SEVIRI,NOAA...)

Same as diagpack





T2m+Hu2m observations

Varpack/Diagpack T2m 07/10/2006, 15H00 UTC



Diagpack



Varpack

Varpack/Diagpack Hu2m, 07/10/2006, 15H00 UTC





Diagpack



Varpack

SAFRAN-ISBA-MODCOU Analysis

Stage I : SAFRAN ANALYSIS







- ISBA model gives ground water content
- Information used by hydrologic model MODCOU



Initialization of Wp with SIM

- Deep Water content from SIM interesting to use
- We use the soil wetness index (SWI) (under our latitudes humidity fluxes are mainly due to transpiration).

$$SWI = \frac{W - W_{wilt}}{W_{fc} - W_{wilt}}$$

Wilting point and field capacity depends on ground parameters.



SWI for aladin/SIM

01/07/2006 at 06H00 UTC



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Thank you for your attention...

