

# HARMONIE DATA ASSIMILATION

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# Overview

## HARMONIE data assimilation system

- **Introduced into mini-sms**

- **Analysis is composed of:**

AnSFC-Canari surface assimilation

AnUA-ALADIN 3D-VAR analysis

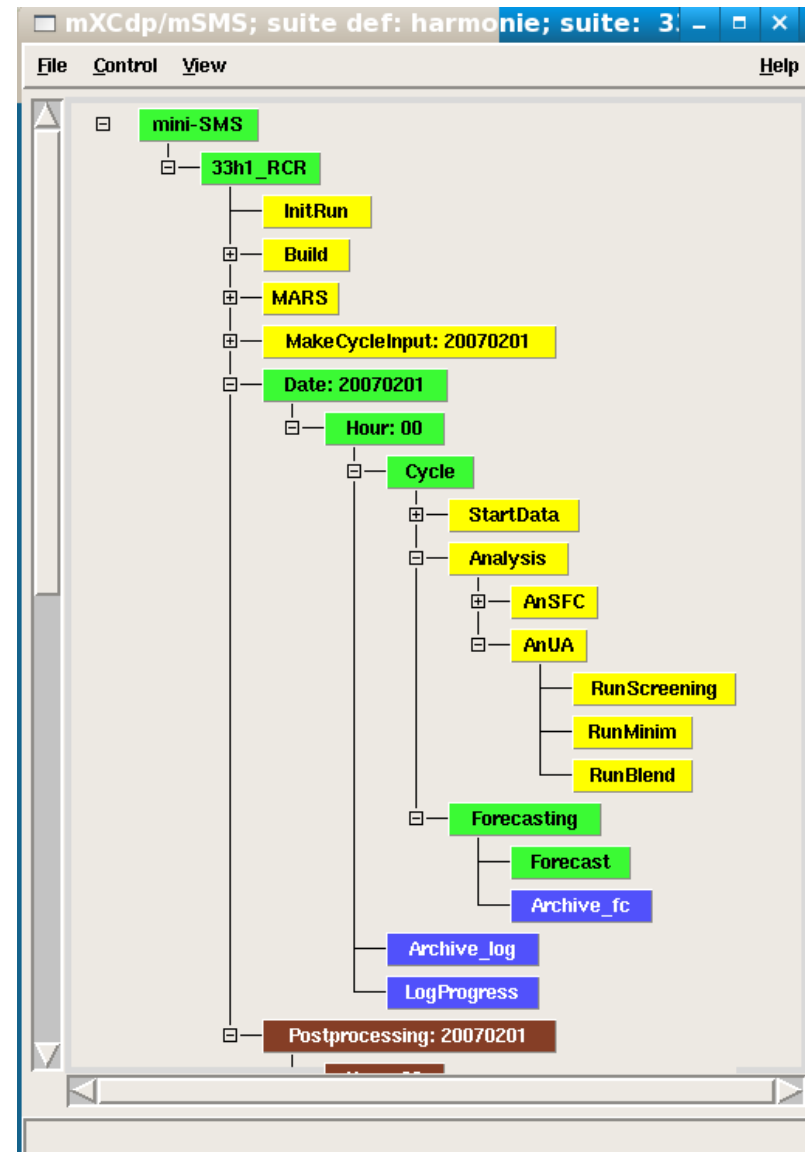
(including SCREENING, Minimization and a BLENDING step)

- **Pre- and Post-processing for DA:**

Extraction of observations

Calculation of observation fit statistics

Geographical maps of observation usage

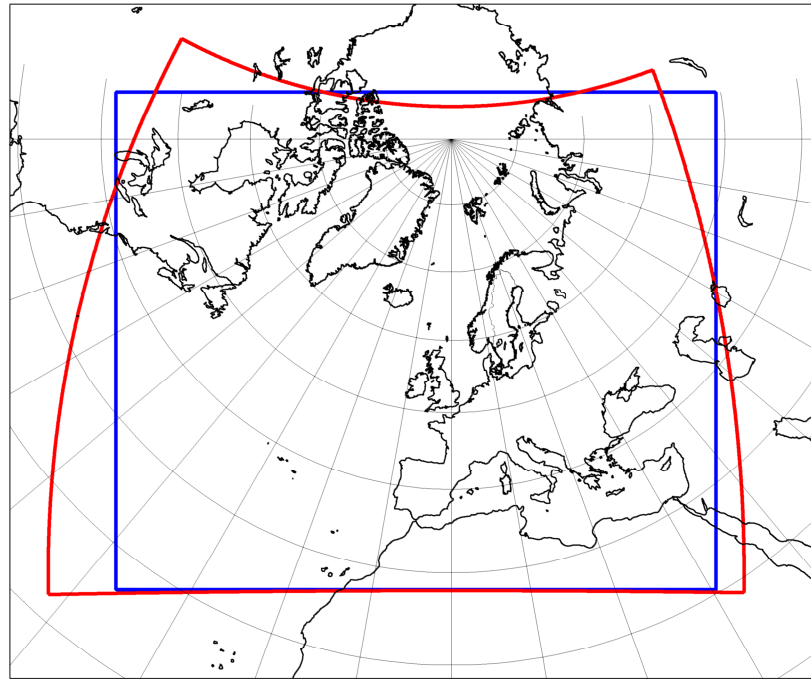


# HARMONIE reference set-up

- 16 km horizontal resolution
- 60 vertical levels
- Polar stereographic projection
- 648 x 540 grid-points

HARMONIE

HIRLAM RCR



# Background error statistics

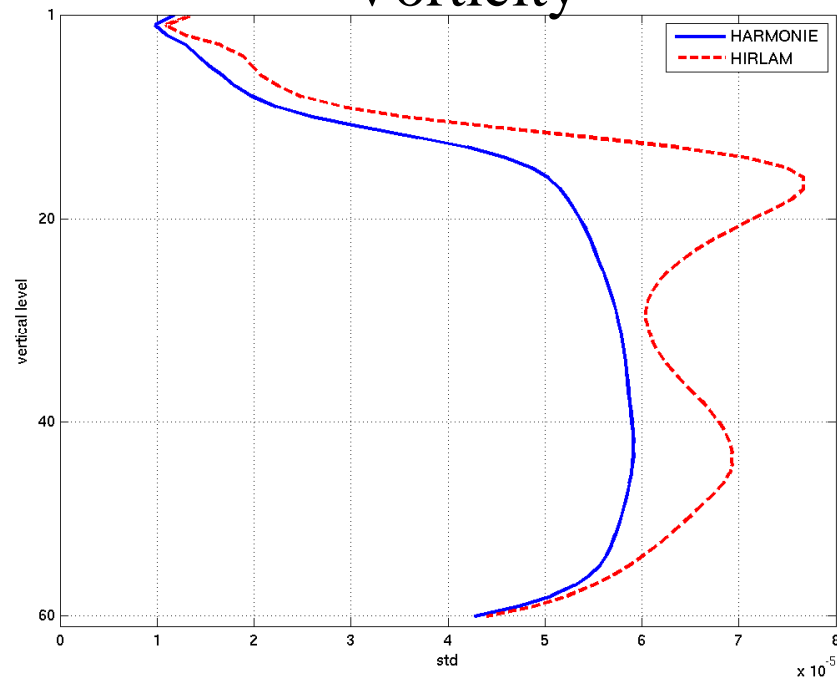
- Ensemble based background error statistics.
- Differences of a sample (124 cases) of 6 h ALADIN forecasts.
- Analyses and boundaries from ECMWF ensemble data assimilation experiment with perturbed observations and model physics.
- A statistical balance formulation with a constant Coriolis parameter was applied.

# Background error standard deviations

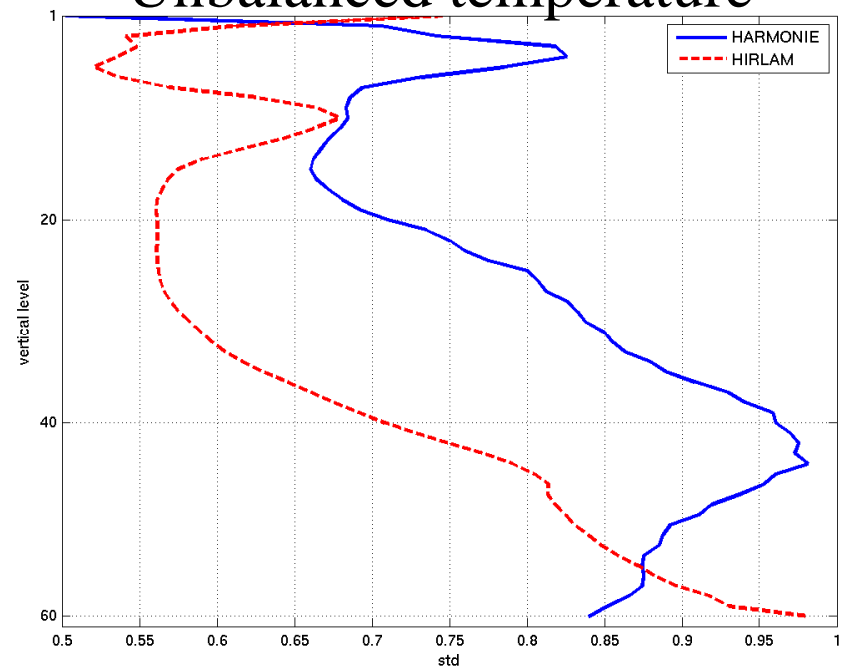
**HARMONIE (REDNMC=1.9)**

**HIRLAM (REDNMC=0.9)**

Vorticity

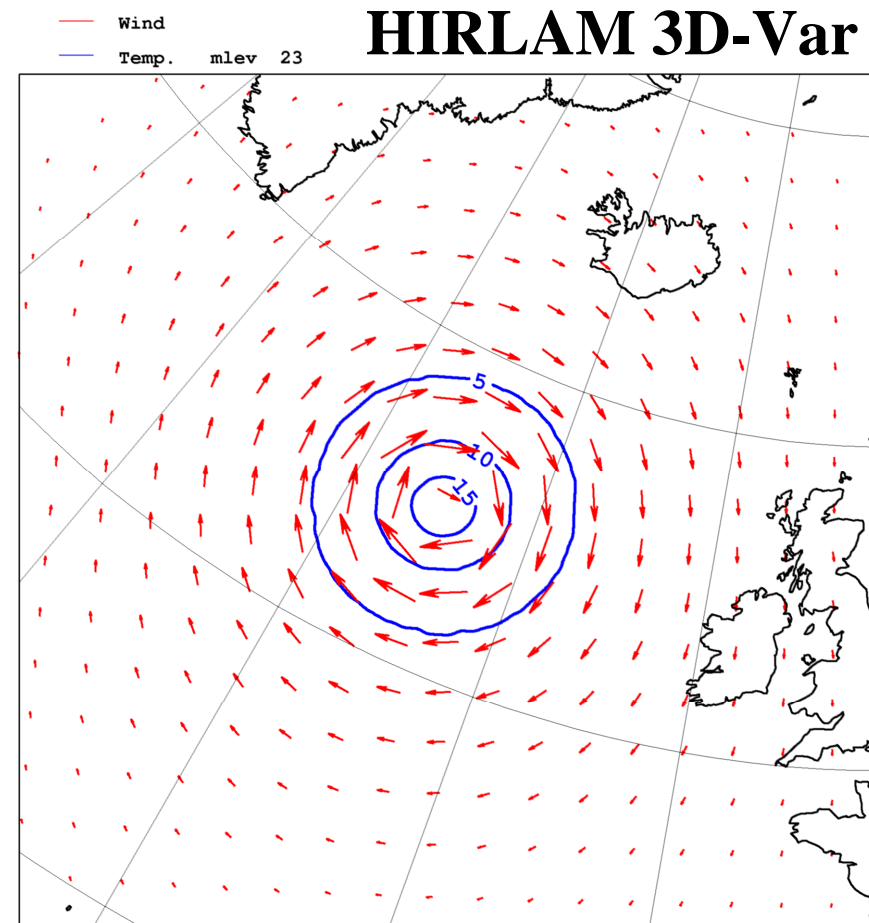
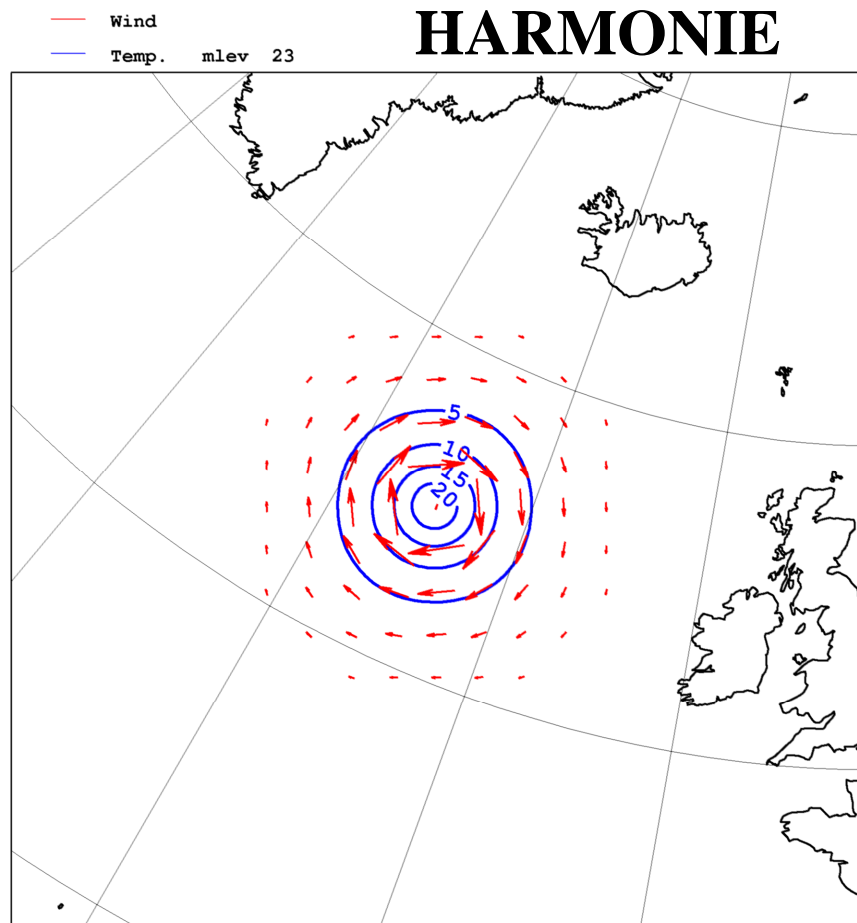


Unbalanced temperature



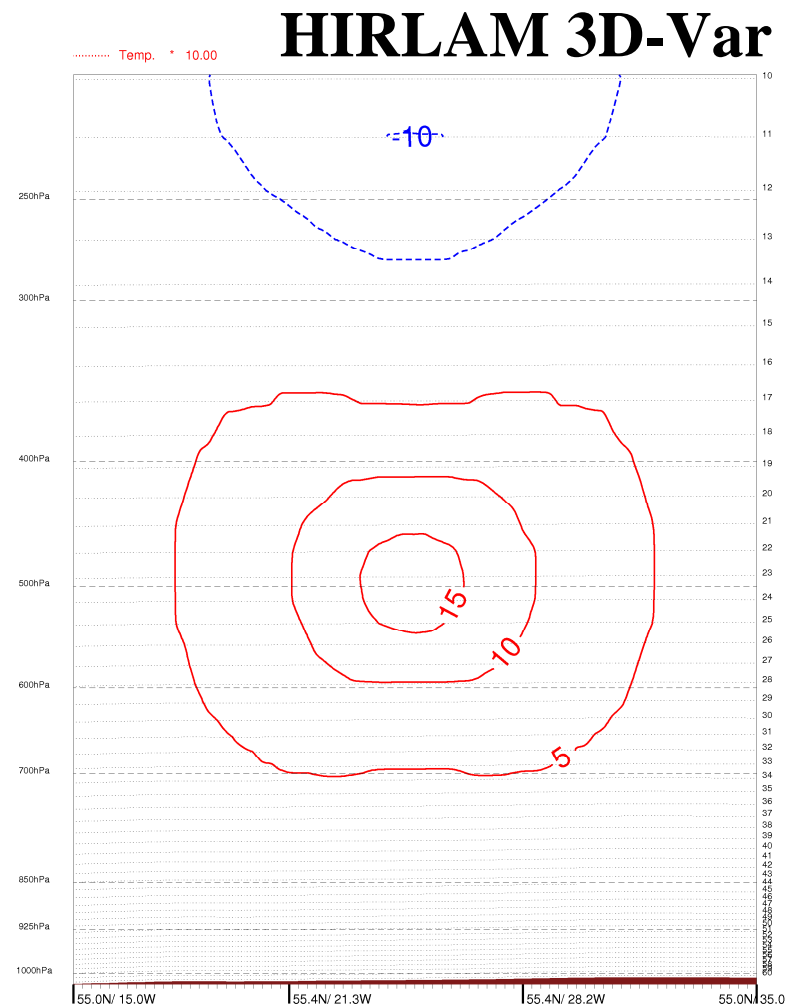
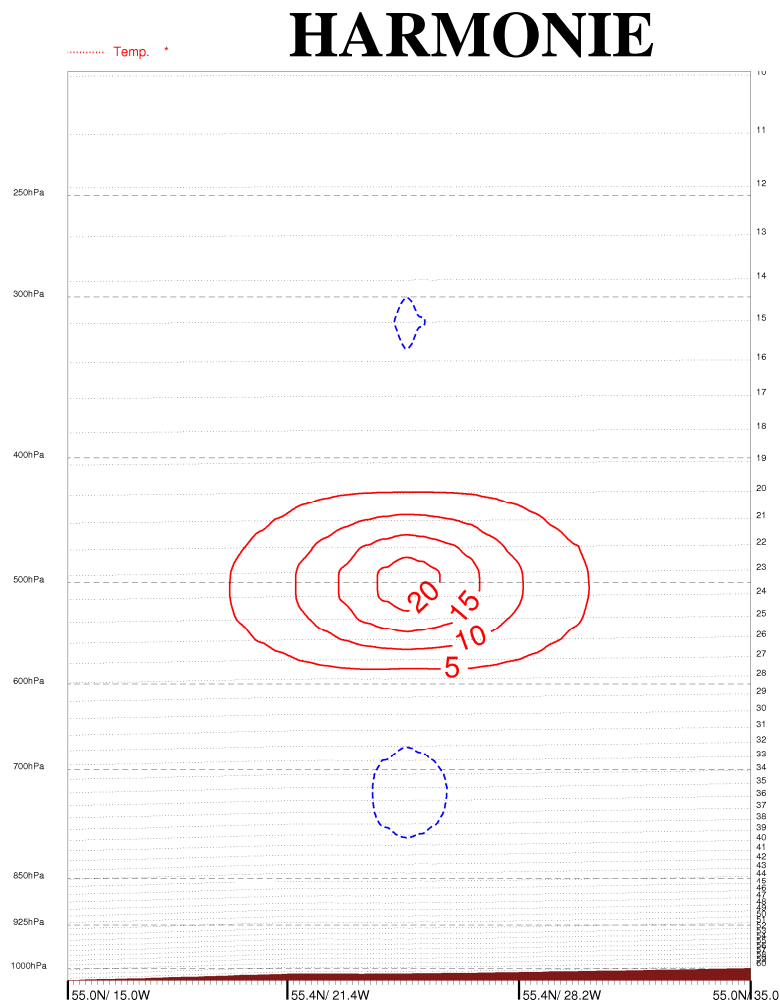
# Single-observation impact experiment

Horizontal impact due to one single temperature observation at 500 hPa and 3 K warmer than the corresponding background value.



# Single-observation impact experiment

Vertical impact due to one single temperature observation at 500 hPa and 3 K warmer than the corresponding background value.





# Single assimilation cycle

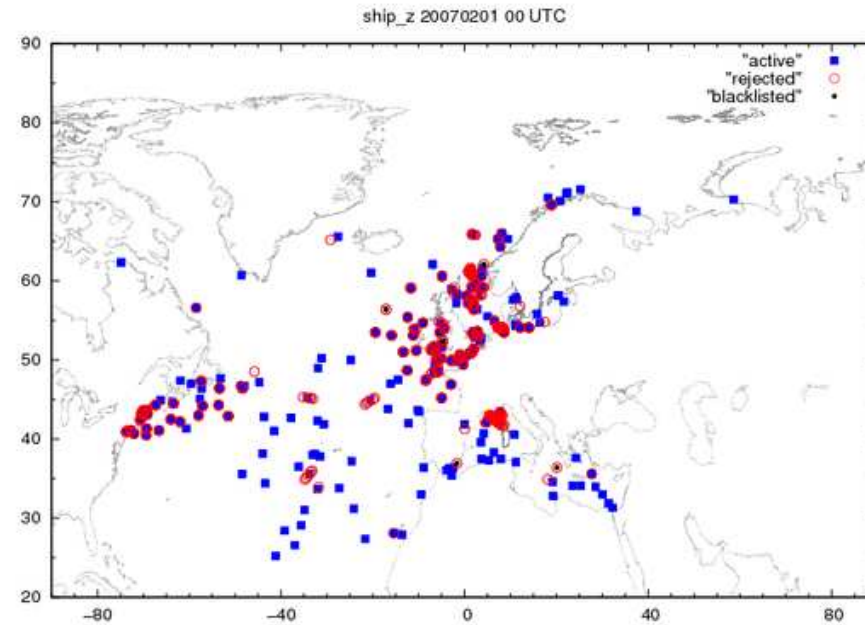
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<b>OBSERVATION TYPE</b>	<b>HARMONIE (number)</b>	<b>HIRLAM 3D-Var (number)</b>
SYNOP z	2132	2155
SHIP z	219	298
DRIBU z	78	195
TEMP T	7048	7258
TEMP u/v	6866	7239
TEMP q	3521	6433
PILOT u/v	490	420
AIREP T	9298	7782
AIREP u/v	9268	7715

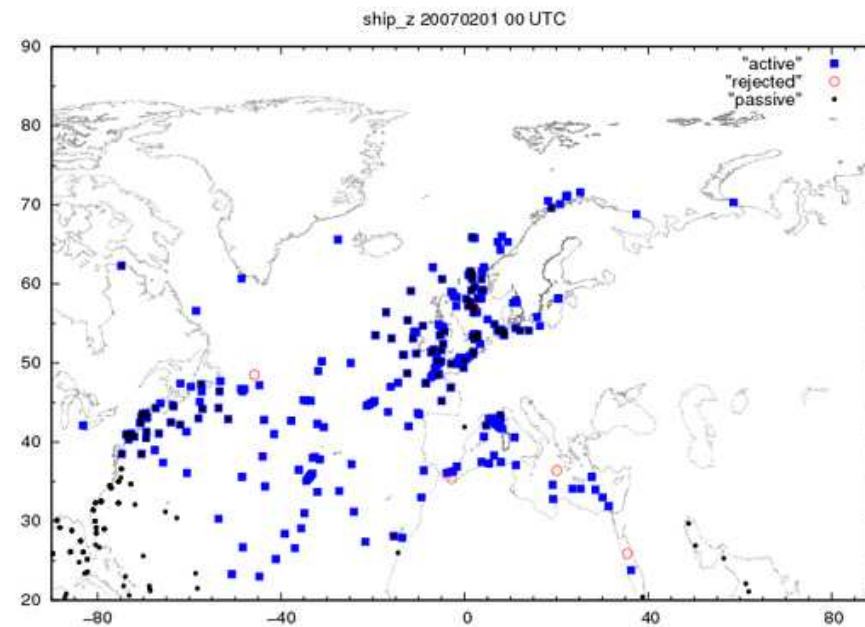
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SHIP Z observation usage  
and rejections

**HARMONIE**



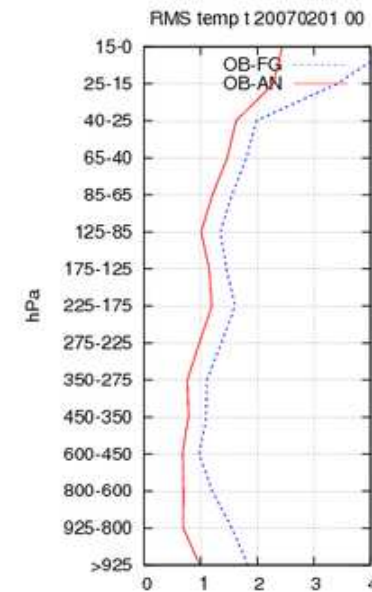
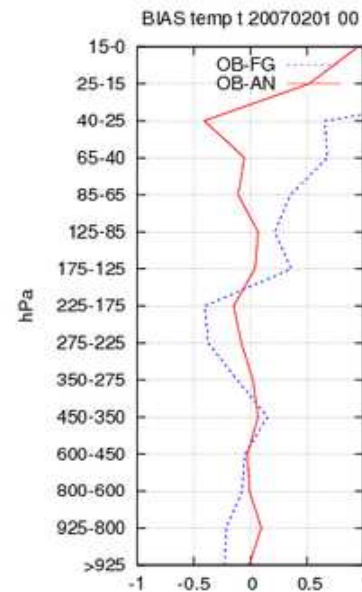
**HIRLAM  
3D-Var**



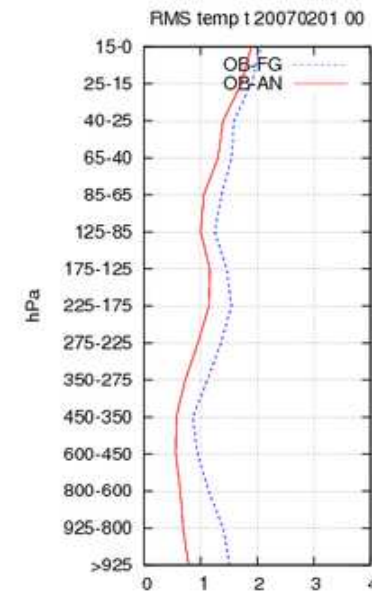
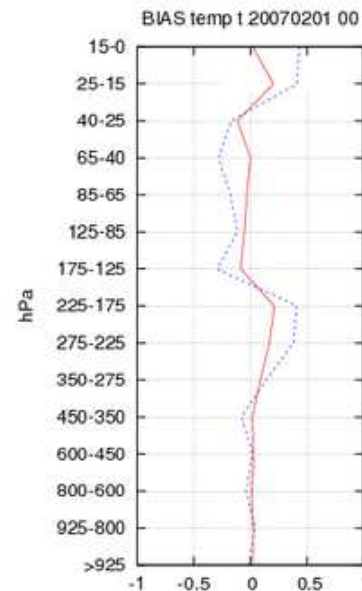
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observation fit statistics

**HARMONIE**



**HIRLAM  
3D-Var**

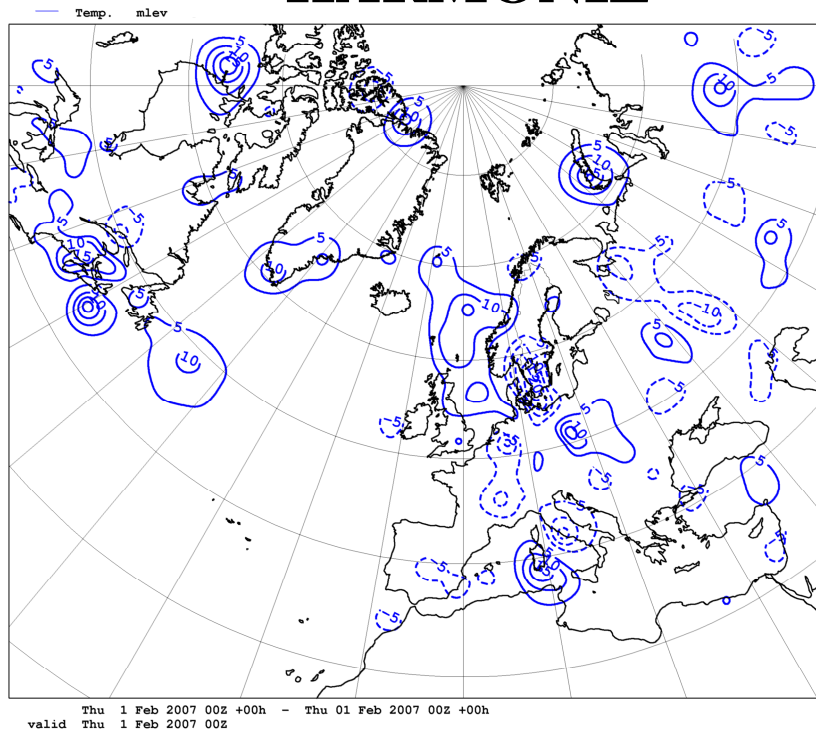


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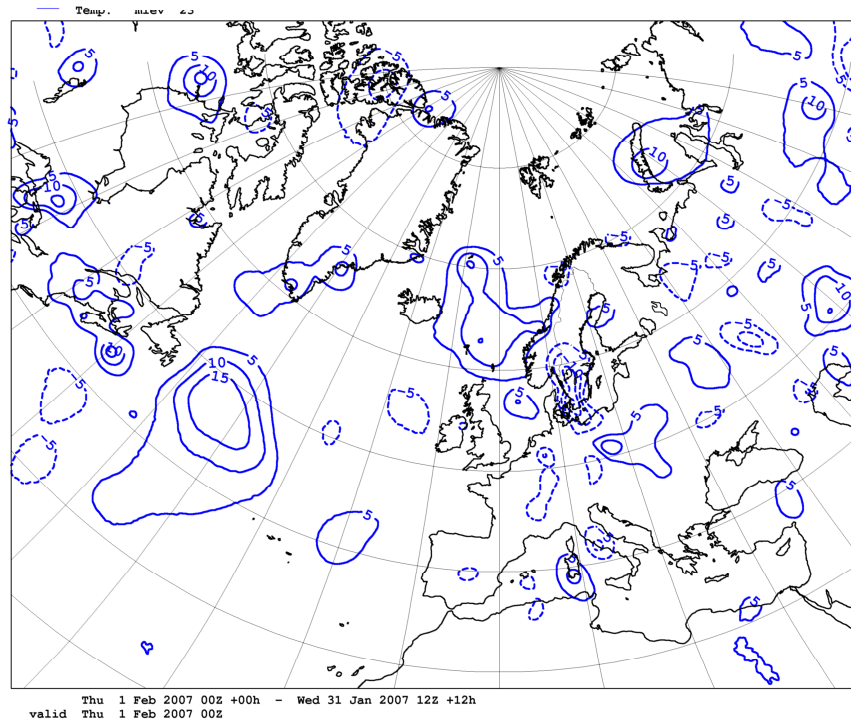
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## 500 hPa temperature analysis increments

### HARMONIE



### HIRLAM 3D-Var

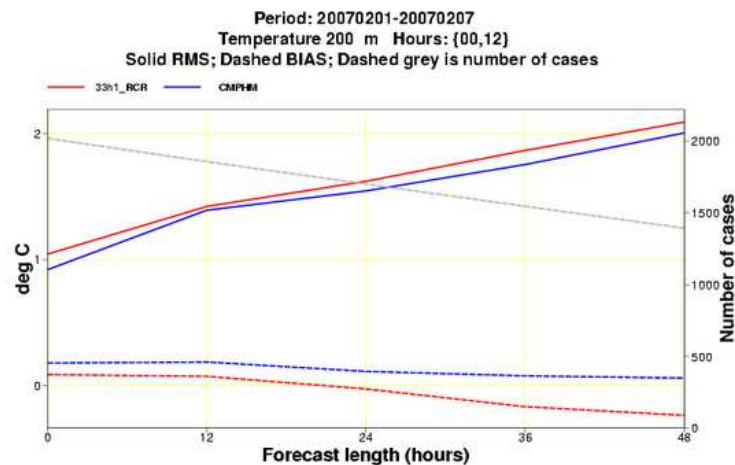


# One week parallel assimilation and forecast experiment

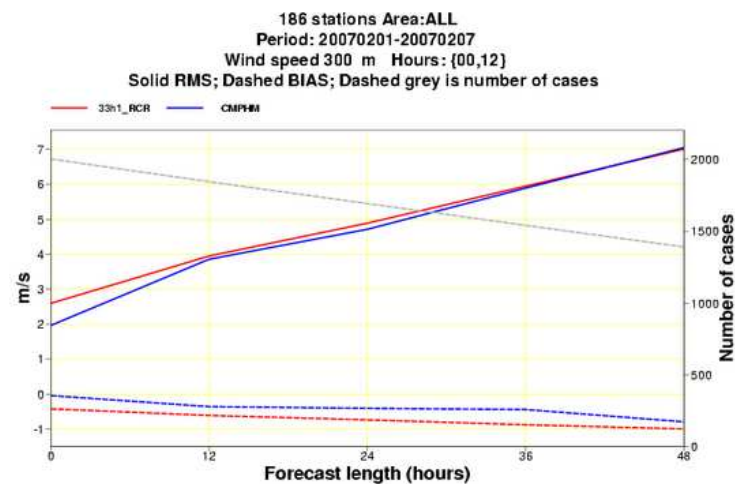
(20070201 to 20070207)

Scores for verification of **HARMONIE** and **HIRLAM** forecasts against observations

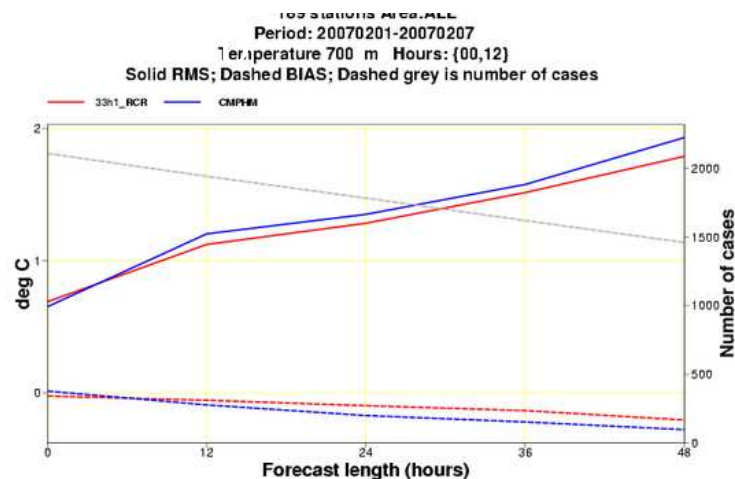
## Temperature at 200 hPa



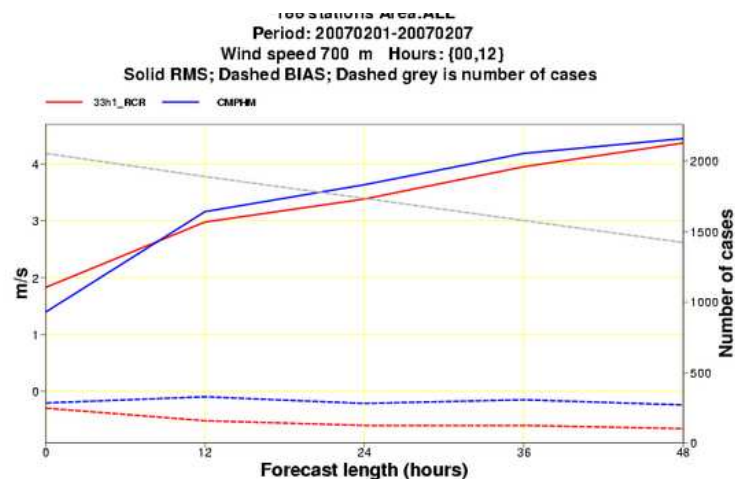
## Wind speed at 300 hPa



## Temperature at 700 hPa



## Wind speed at 700 hPa

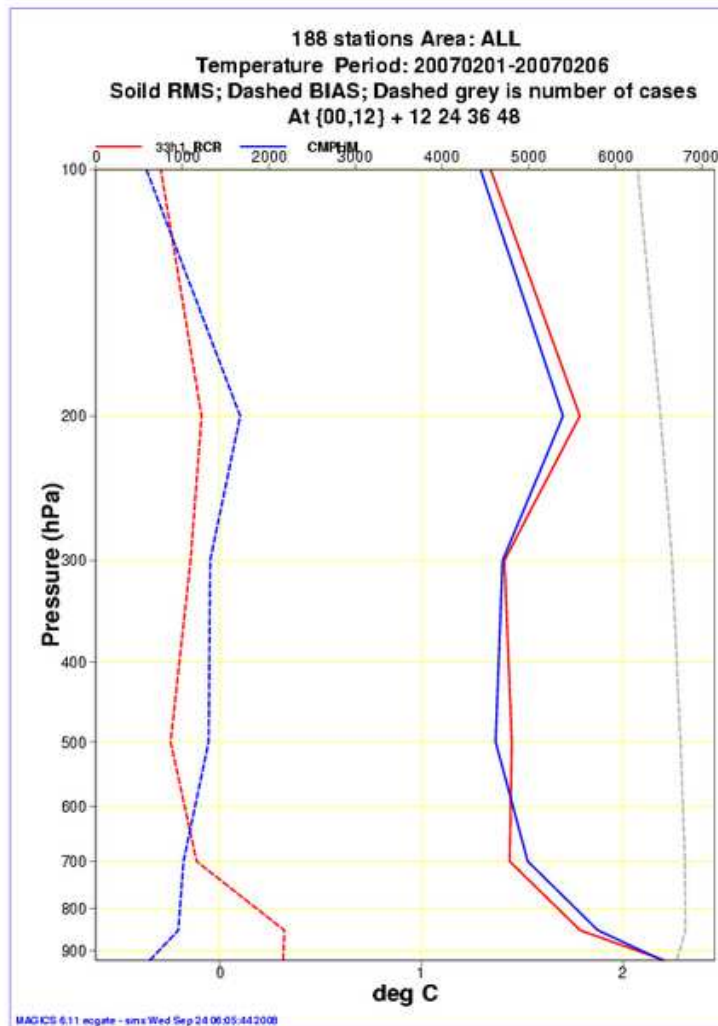


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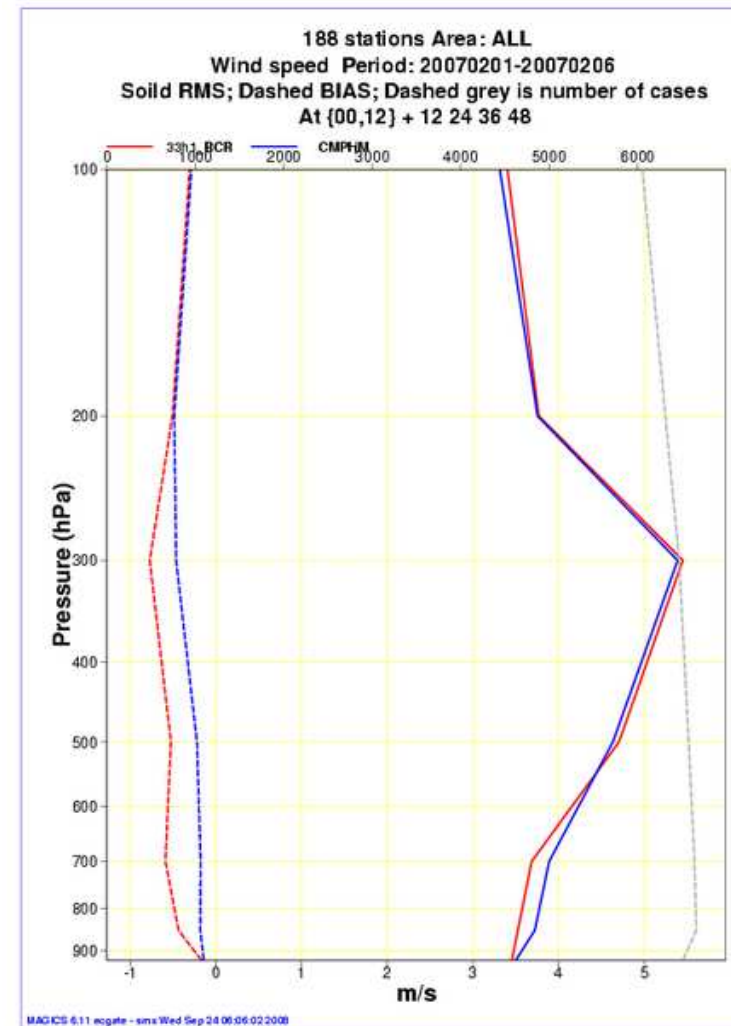
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**Temperature score vertical profile**



**Wind speed score vertical profile**





# Conclusions

- HARMONIE data assimilation system, including observation pre-processing, quality control, assimilation and monitoring, has been introduced to mini-sms system.
- The HARMONIE upper-air analysis has been set-up over a reference area and is being compared with HIRLAM 3D-Var.
- Results of recent studies indicate a properly working HARMONIE upper-air analysis.
- Future work include introduction of improved ECMWF to HARMONIE surface variable conversion, an improved SST analysis, as well as extended parallel runs.