

SMHI NWP modelling – operations, development and research



Main Operational HIRLAM runs

4 analyses and forecasts per day. 00, 06, 12, 18

HIRLAM C 11km – 4D-VAR 2 loop LSMIX +48 h  
2 hours data cut-off

HIRLAM E 11 km – 3D-VAR no LSMIX+72 hours  
1 hour 15 min data cut-off

ECMWF rotated HIRLAM grid boundaries for both  
ECMWF GTS -> BUFR obs preprocessing  
SYNOP,SHIP,TEMP,PILOT,  
BUOY,AIREP,AMDAR  
BUFR AMDAR  
ATOVS AMSU-A radiances – EARS

Other operational and semi-operational HIRLAM

4 analyses and forecasts per day

HIRLAM C 22 km 4D-VAR LSMIX + 48 hours  
Still used as optional tool

HIRLAM G 05 km 3D-VAR + 24 hours  
Used for certain products

HIRLAM E 05 km + 48 hours  
Experimental and HIRLAM 7.3

HARMONIE pre-operational runs

4 analyses and forecasts per day

ALARO E 5.5 km 3D-VAR + 36 hours

Same conventional BUFR observations  
More satellite data used (NOAA18, 19, METOP)

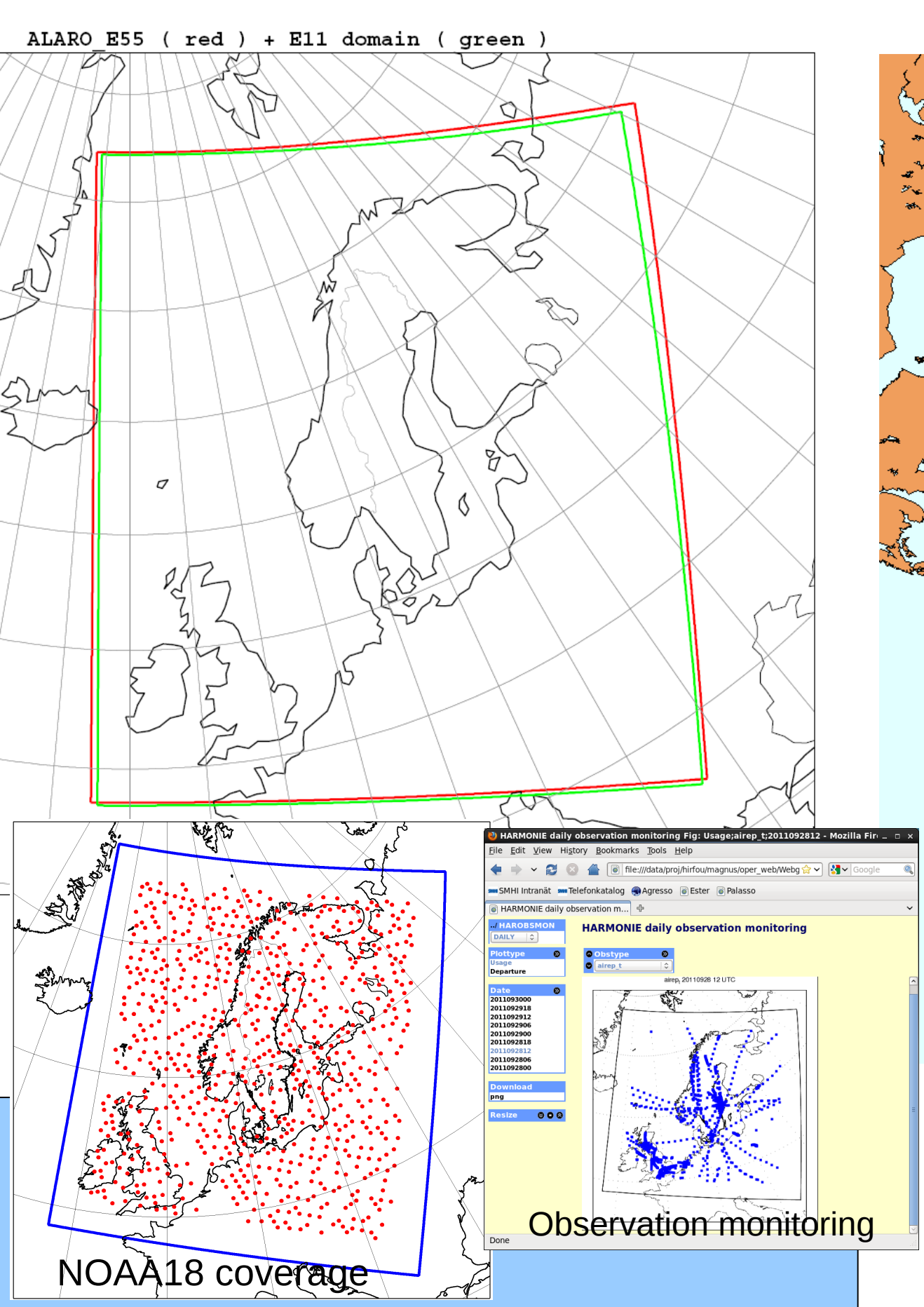
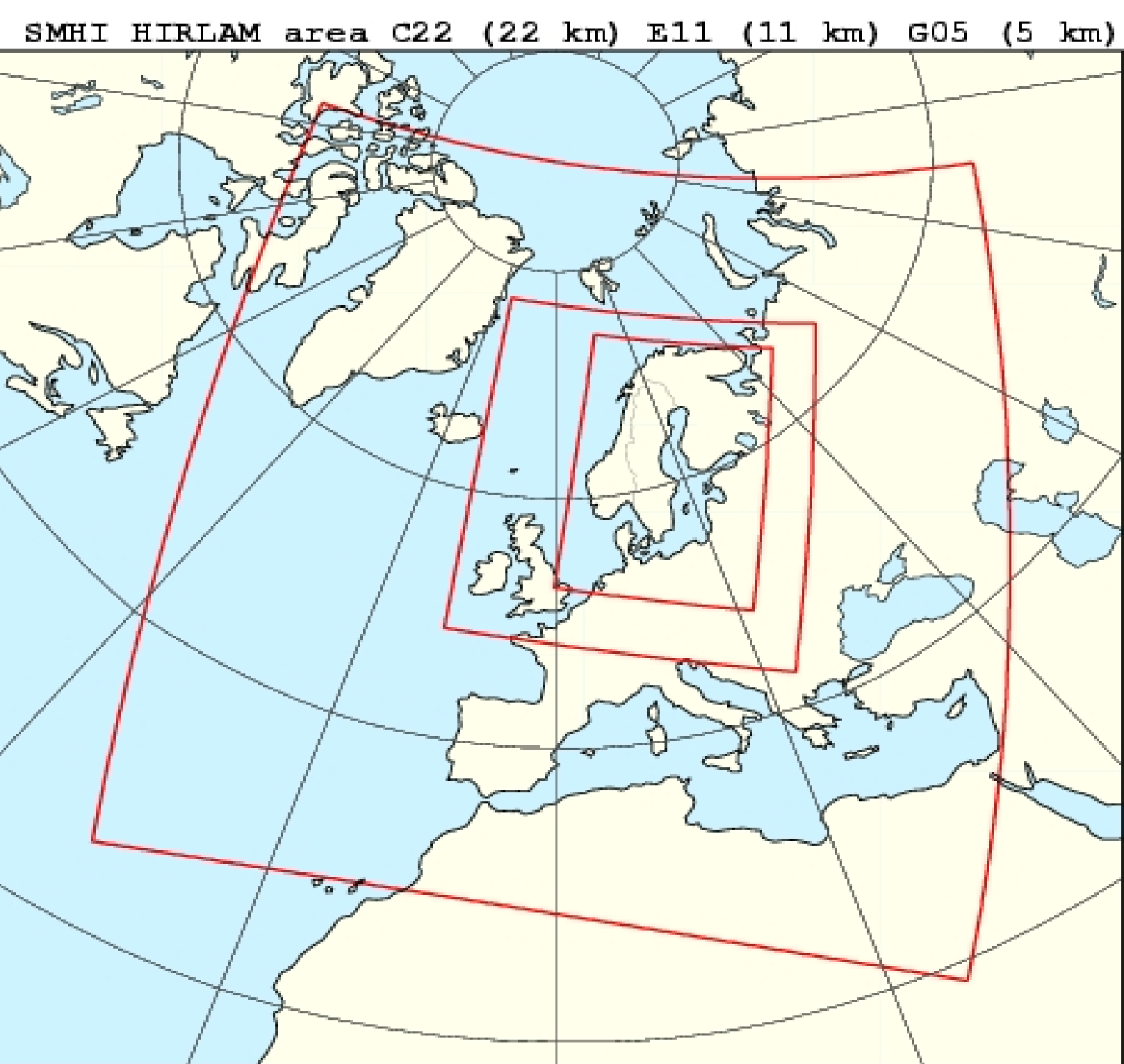
AROME 2.5 km 3D-VAR + 24 hours  
G area (for MetCoOp)  
CY 36h1.3 -> 36h1.4  
3D-VAR (MetCoOp)  
Surface data assimilation

HARMONIE research runs

4 analyses and 2 forecasts per day September-April (cold climate potential icing)

AROME 2.5 km + 24 hours twice a day  
Sweden – Norway  
AROME 1 km + 24 hours twice a day

Interpolated HIRLAM E11 initial conditions  
Or 3D-VAR (MetCoOp)  
Surface data assimilation



**HIRLAM system**  
Based on HIRLAM version 7.1.2

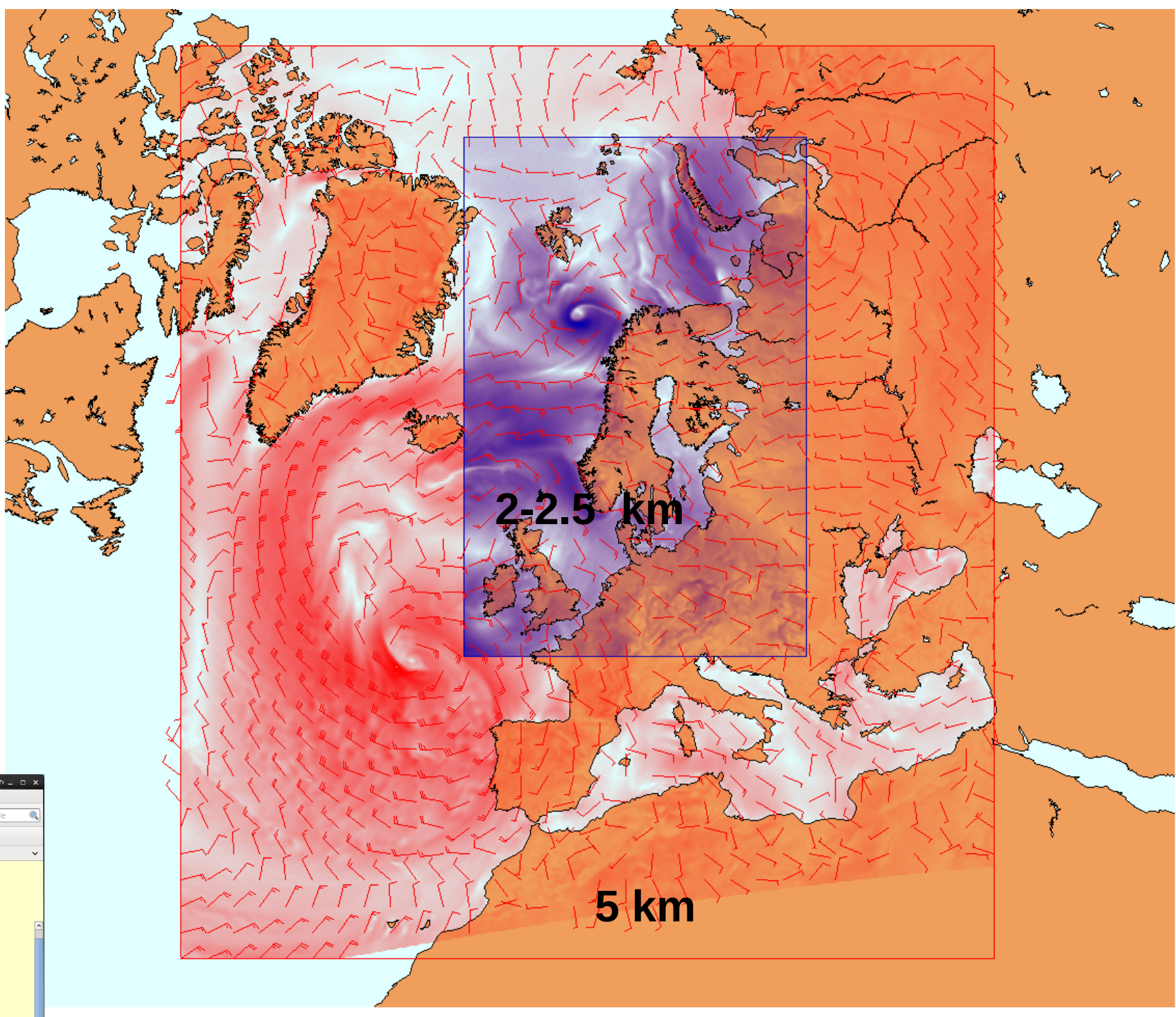
Large Scale Mixing (LSMIX)  
4DVAR on C11-domain. 2 outer loops.  
3D-VAR FGAT on E05-domain  
Incremental DFI (initialisation)  
ISBA (surface scheme)  
moist CBR (turbulence)  
Kain-Fritsch from CAM3 (convvection)  
Rasch-Kristjansson (large scale)

**Parallel run next HIRLAM system**  
Based on HIRLAM 7.3 or 7.4 soon

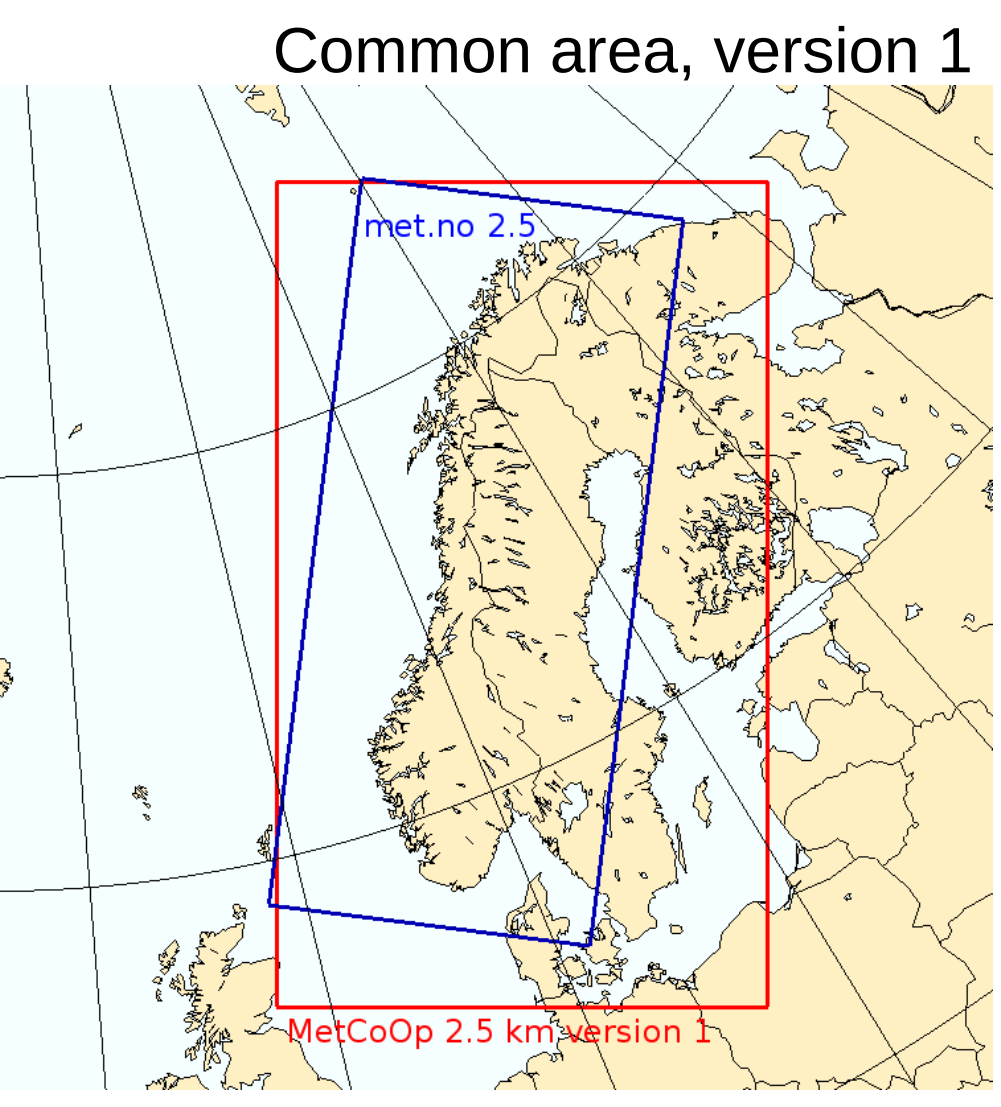
Meso-scale sub scale orography  
New snow and soil scheme  
RTTOV-8 and more satellites  
4D-VAR optimisations  
65 levels in 7.4 !

**4DVAR** – operational since 2008013006

3 (or 2) dx linear grid (66 or 33 km grid)  
SL, SETTLS  
vert. diff. + large scale cond. Linerised simplified physics  
weak digital constraint  
linear propagation off assimilation increments  
statistical balance background constraints  
2 outer loops  
[NOW developed and performs in ALADIN / ALARO](#)



Operational co-operation for common NWP production with met.no - MetCoOp



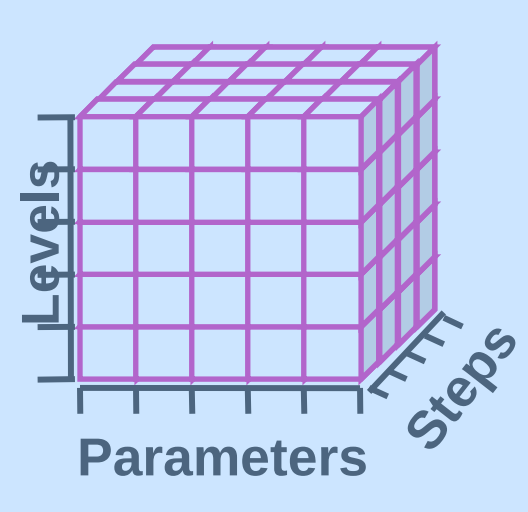
MetCoOp proposed operational areas						
Version/res	status	gridpoints	levels	timestep	Assimilation	Boundaries
C22	Old oper	306x306	40	600-450	4D-VAR	ECMWF
C11	New oper	606x606	60	300 s	4D-Var	ECMWF
E11	Oper	256x288	60	150 s	3D-Var	ECMWF
G05	Limit oper	294x441	60	150 s	3D-Var	HIRLAM
E05	pre-oper	506x574	60 (->65)	150 s	3D-Var	HIRLAM
ALA 05	pre-oper	540x600	60	150 s	3D-Var	HIRLAM
ARO 02	New test	540x900	65	60 s	3D-Var	HIRLAM

1 km AROME

2.5 km AROME

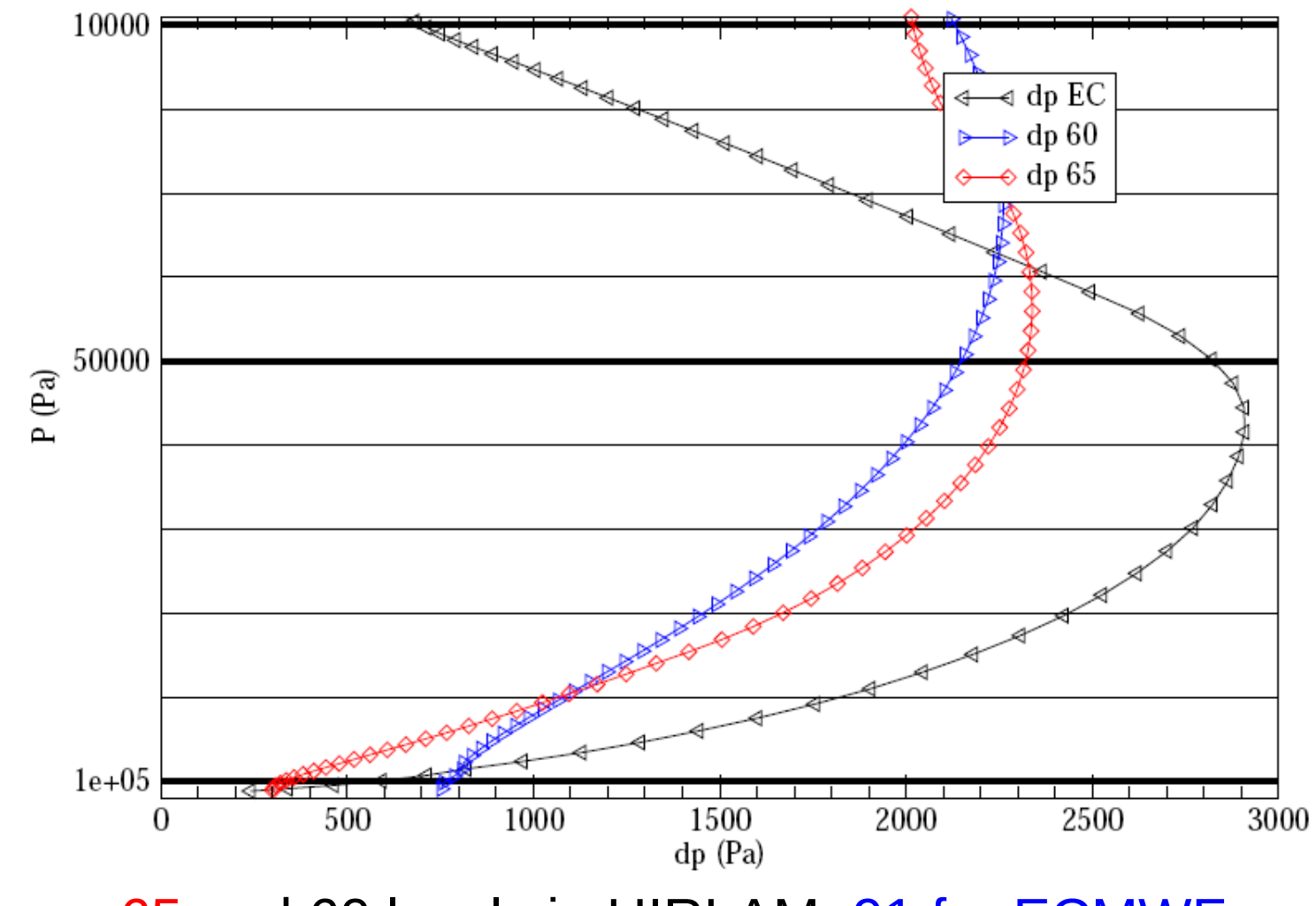
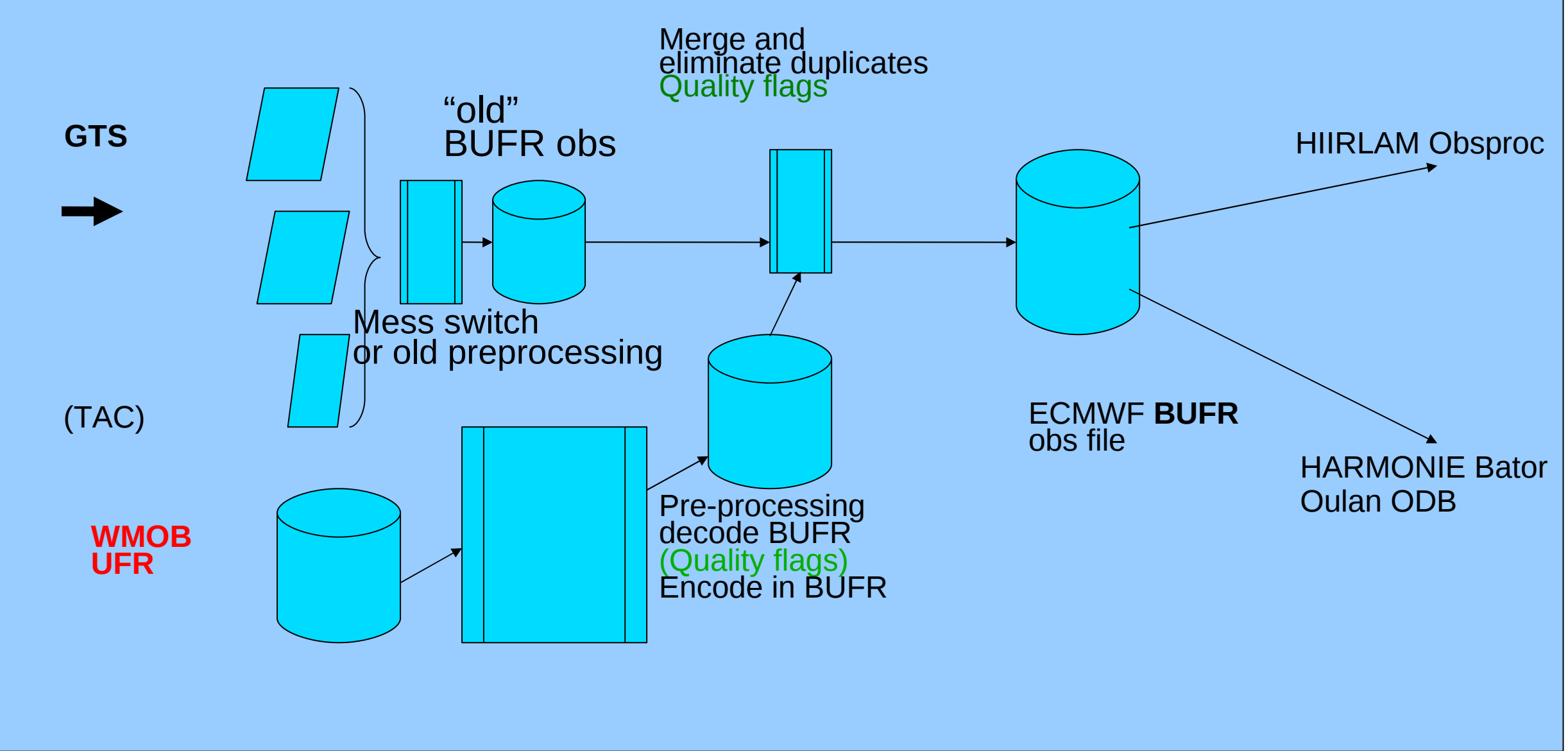
For local mapping of icing on wind turbines aiming for climatologies

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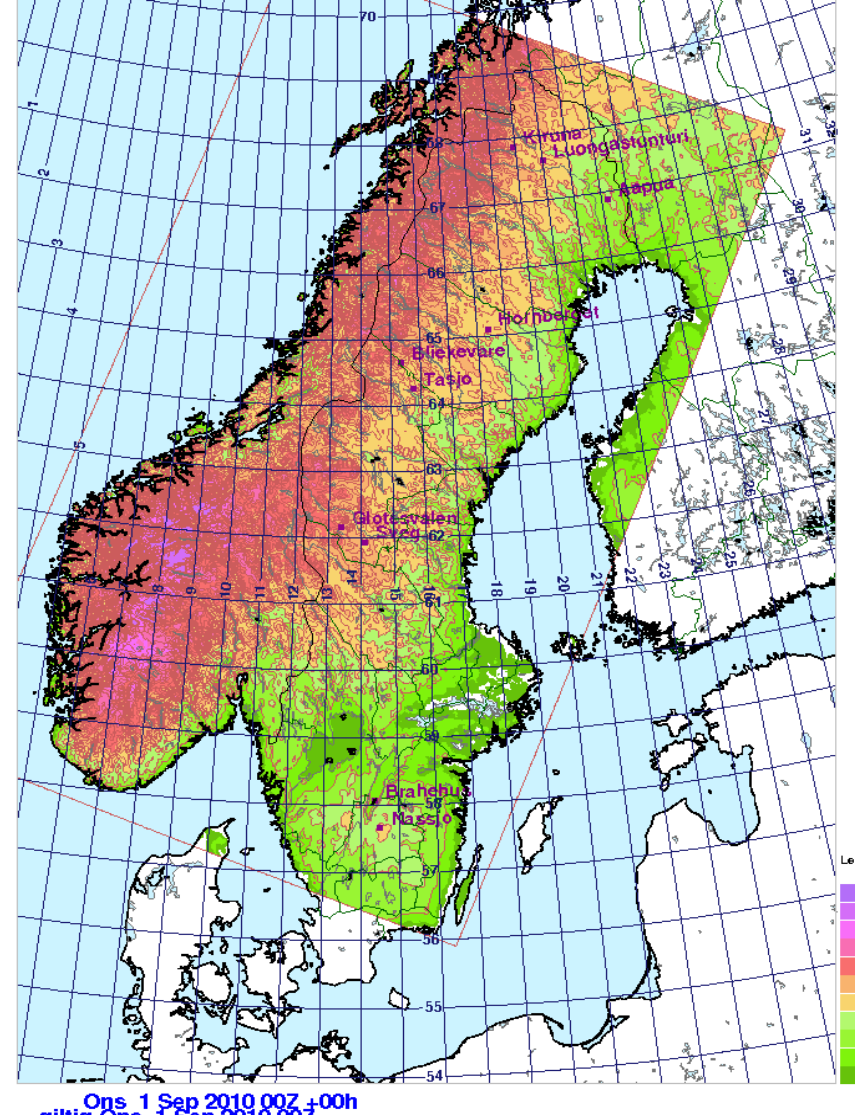


MARS

SMHI implementation of ECMWF MARS @NSC.liu.se  
Linux servers, discs and tape robots  
Co-operation and merge with ECMWF



Holoptics and Ice Monitor



Re-analysis with HIRLAM 3D-Var (60 lev, 22 km) 1989-2010, 1961– 1989

Re-analysis with MESAN 2D-OI (5 km) 1961 – 1989 – 2010

Develop (with MF) new spatialization tool based on CANARI and MESAN

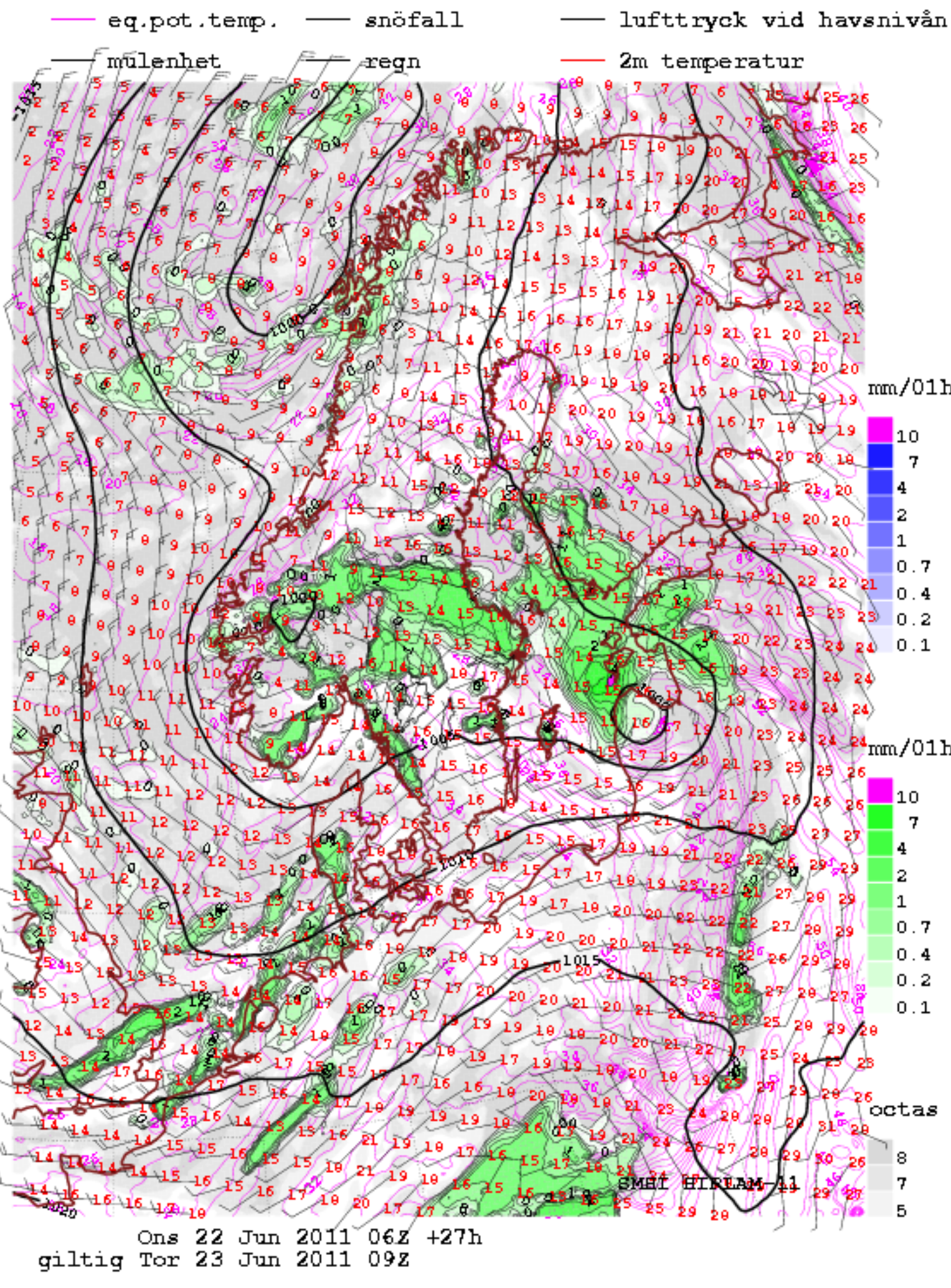
Plans:

- Intensive work for common production with met.no, **MetCoOp**
- Upgrading HIRLAM models to 7.4 with 65 levels (gives better ABL performance) and introduce more AMSU-A data and AMSU-B, MHS
- Trials of new pre-processing system with HIRLAM
- Corrections and upgrade of ALARO to 36h1.4
- Attention to snow and lake issues with ALARO – soil assimilation improvements even before EKF is in place
- Blending to be introduced
- HARMONIE ensemble assimilation background error statistics , seasonal dependence
- Introduce ALARO-1
- Continue 4D-VAR development and compare Rapid Update Cycle
- Hybrid assimilation and ETKF in HARMONIE
- Making ALARO real operational (until 2012, 2013 until MetCoOp 2014)
- Work on AROME for the common area
- AND:** Co-ordination with met.no research throughout the period

BYVIND cabinets



Example of ALARO 5.5 km real time forecast



Computer systems at SMHI (Norrköping) and NSC(Linköping) [www.nsc.liu.se](http://www.nsc.liu.se)



**BYVIND** – dedicated to operational models  
NWP, oceanographic and dispersion models

- Linux
- 2 system nodes
- 140 computing nodes
  - 1 node – 2 INTEL X5550 processors each with 4 cores. 2.66 GHz and 3GB memory
- 1120 cores
- InfiniBand QDR
- IntelMPI, OpenMPI, OpenMP
- Intel compilers

BORE for backup and research

- Linux
- 70 nodes
- Intel Harpertown 2.8 GHz, each with 8 cores
- 16 GB memory
- InfiniBand interconnect
- ScaMPI, OpenMP
- Intel compilers
- CentOS 5
- 25 nodes available to met.no for backup**

