Evaluation of the 1st AROME-WMED reanalysis of HYMEX-SOP1, plans for the 2nd AROME-WMED reanalysis

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Introduction

- AROME-WMED (west mediterranean) developped for the real-time analyses and forecasts during the SOPs (1&2) of HyMeX ,and delivered to the Hymex Operational Centre (HOC) each day a 48-hour forecast
- Operational mode from September 2012 to March 2013

➔Tool for some studies of atmospheric data assimilation HyMeX

- Based on the operational AROME-FRANCE model, horiz. resolution 2.5 km, 60 vertical levels from 10m to 1 hPa, time step 60s
- <u>Domain</u>: 34° N -9° W/ 48° N-20° E

AROME_WMED = +11% points vs AROME_FRANCE



AROME-WMED: Description

•Atmospheric initial conditions: 3D-Var with an assimilation window of 3h

•Background error covariance matrix computed with DA ensemble (Brousseau et al, 2011) over the rainy period **from 2010-09-10 to 2010-10-14** (analysis times 00 and 12UTC).



•Lateral boundary conditions provided by the French global model ARPEGE

•48h forecast range on 00UTC

AROME-WMED: Data usage

Assimilated observations

- Conventional data: surface data, wind profilers, radiosondes
- Ground-based GPS stations
- Satellite radiances from geostationnary and polar-orbiting satellites
- Wind derived from satellite imagery, Ascat winds
- Radar doppler winds and reflectivities
- Assimilation of additional Spanish surface observations



•Surface initial conditions: surface analysis (T and water content of the 2 reservoirs of the surface scheme) with optimal interpolation every 3h from T2m and Hu2m. SST: OSTIA analysis from UKMO

1st AROME-WMED reanalysis

- <u>Period</u>: SOP1 (05/09/2012 → 05/11/2013) = 2 months
- Forecast range: +54hr range (+48 h for « oper » version) on 00UTC
- Unique software version
- Run on the previous NEC supercomputer
- **Observations new-extraction** (cut-off) implies more data available
- <u>Coupling</u>: ARPEGE « long » cut-off (instead of ARPEGE « short » version → more observations in the coupling flux)
- Assimilation of some experimental mobile soundings not assimilated in real-time (not assimilated before 10/10 in « oper »)
- Activation of several wind profilers
- <u>Boundary Layer Pressurized Balloons</u> (BLPB, Alex Dorenbecher et al.), humidity data (Q) assimilated, (wind and T already used in « oper »)

1st AROME-WMED reanalysis





Launch of B47 and B48 on 2013/03/14 at 09h16 (courtesy BAMED website - Ph. Cocquerez)



1st AROME-WMED reanalysis



Spanish « golden case » : IOP8

1st AROME-WMED reanalysis wrt AROME-WMED oper.

- Boundary pressurised balloons BAMED: ~ 400 observations (Hu)
- Wind Profiler: +64%
- Radiosonde: +4%
- Synop: +2%



QPF: <u>impact > 0 first period (cycle change)</u>

Comparison to observations: 24-h accumulated precipitation scores



1st reanalysis evaluation : conclusions

- Computed on the previous NEC computer, replaced by BULL
- More data assimilated, some improvement (e.g. QPF, geopotential and wind at 24-h range), neutral for temperature and humidity.
- but overall ~ *neutral impact on the forecast quality*
- available in the HyMeX database

1st reanalysis :DTS experiment

About 850 radiosoundings (research and oper. stations), most sent as TEMP BUFR messages to GTS:

➡ 447 from HyMeX sites: ~ 250 RS in Corsica (San Giulano, Corte), ~160 RS along the French coast (Vias, Candillargues, Marseille, Fréjus), ~15 RS in Bologna, L'Aquila, Campoformido, ~ 30 RS from ship

⇒ 403 additional oper soundings at 06 & 18UTC (EUCOS funding), using the DTS system



1st reanalysis :DTS experiment



Extra (DTS) soundings have a **<u>neutral impact</u>** on short term forecast

Validation: 06UTC(J)-06UTC(J+1) ie forecast +30hr - +06hr Sample size ~ 6000 comparisons/day x 50days

1st reanalysis :DTS experiment



DTS Temp ~0.5% data

Towards a new AROME-WMED (2nd) reanalysis of the HyMeX SOP1 (5 September 2012 - 5 November 2012)

- New BULL computer + new version of AROME
- New background error matrix, computed over a 2 week period of October 2012 from an ensemble data assimilation of 6 members
- New orography (same as AROME_France oper.)
- <u>Enhanced observations flux</u> vs the first reanalysis AROME-WMED: More observations from the HyMeX will be assimilated
 - → high resolution radiosounding (France, Espagne, RS/4M, KIT, L'Aquilla, Biscarosse, italian?...)
 - ➔ dropsondes F20
 - → *reprocessed GPS* and bias correction scheme adapted
 - → reprocessed wind profilers
 - → ground-based *lidar* (Candillargues, Minorque) + airborne
 - → research aircraft measurements (F20, ATR, Dornier)
 - → *surface stations* (Candillargues, ...)
 - → last but not least ... Spanish doppler radars

GPS (2nd AROME_WMED reanalysis)



Period 1 Sep 2012 - 31 Mar 2013

Assimilation of 6 AEMET radars

Courtesy, T. Montmerle

Period end of sept/oct 2012 : 26 sept r21 -> 8 oct r0

6 radars of Palma de Mallorca, Madrid, Barcelona, Almeria, Murcia and Valencia Assimilation of doppler wind and reflectivity

Improvement of the probality of detection and decrease of the false alarm rate over this period

Radar noradar

Précipitations RR24 en mm/24h Taux de détection Réseau de 00 heure Période 20120927 – 20121008 Grille de contrôle FRGP-HYMEX Echéance+Réseau 30h





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Conclusions and further developments

 \rightarrow Similar performance of AROME WMED oper and 1st reanalysis

2nd reanalysis in progress.

- Evaluation of the new background error matrix
- Test of experimental observations assimilation
- Availability in HyMeX database by mid-2015

Improved quality is expected ...

Use of L'Aquila radiosonde



Example of increased resolution radiosonde assimilation

Finer vertical structures found in the analysis.

