

NWP Activities at the AEMET (Spain)

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- HARMONIE-AROME v40h1.1 is **Regular Cycle of Reference, RCR** used by HIRLAM Consortium to monitor the quality of the reference system:
- 2.5 km runs 8 times per day with a forecast length of 48 hours for 2 geographical domains (Iberian Peninsula and Canary Islands).
- ALADIN NH dynamics and 1-hr boundaries from ECMWF
- 3DVar analysis with 3hr cycle incl. ATOVS and GNSS obs.

The wind gust estimation is based on 10 m wind and the Turbulent Kinetic Energy





The rafagosity factor, α , has been decreased from 3.5 to 2.5 to decrease the positive bias and avoid to many false alarms. (a) STDV and BIAS of Reference and new setup, plots events observation-forecast for Reference (b) and new setup (c).

Snow analysis follow an OI method using only SYNOP observations that are scarce over our domain. The parametrization follows Douville (95) with 2 forecast



- **AROME physics**: Explicit deep convection, SURFEX and ICE3 microphysics
- Unified scheme for shallow convection (EDMFM)
- Run in **BULL-ATOS** supercomputer 7760 processors with hyperthreading
- Comparison of simulated satellite images with MSG IR 10.8 observation. Despite the strong forcing of the case, the local errors are big.
- Two versions of HARMONE-AROME and the corresponding ECMWF forecast are shown (right panels). Cycle 38 seems to be too whereas cycle 40 may active underestimate its intensity. ECMWF clearly underestimates the convective activity.









Lightning activity. On the other hand if we go to a larger scale (24 hr accumulation) we see that the convection representation is quite good in this case of strong forcing (left paneles)





 $\overline{w_s - w_f}$ $W_f - W_W$

Soil moisture indexes relate soil moisture (w) to soil characteristic points (wilting point, field capacity, saturation). These are plot operationally for the three soil layers in order to monitor the soil status in the model and its possible relation to atmospheric biases.

The figure on the right shows humidity indexes in the root layer on April 11 2018, when snow-melt in Ebro river catchment area and a period of heavy rain caused major floodings in NE Spain.

Humidity data of E-AMDAR are been tested. Results:

- Neutral impact in surface.
- Not clear in precipitation or in the vertical profile.



Use of CAMS aerosol to obtain Cloud Condensation Nuclei (CCN) in HARMONIE-AROME.

Impact of the assimilation of radar reflectivity observation on AEMET Harmonie-AROME

- Microphysical parametrization scheme.
- Currently the number of CCN in HARMONIE-AROME is constant depending on wheather the point is over sea or over land.
- Four aerosol mixing ratio (MR) fields (three sea salt bins and one sulphate) from CAMS are included in the first guess and boundary conditions.
- The MR fields are advedted by the model.
- From the MR, using a log normal distribution, the number of CCN is calculated.
- The processes affected by this change are: autoconversion(cloud droplets \rightarrow rain droplets), cloud droplet sedimentation and collision of cloud liquid.

Radiation scheme:

- Currently a prescribe vertical profile of AOD's is considered.
- From the 11 aerosol types, near real time profiles of AODs can be obtained







24 H accumulated rain compared

Impact:

- In general, there is an increment of the precipitation.
- Increment of high clouds
- Removal of low clouds of uncertain origin in the model.

• Spin-up period: 2-16 feb 2018. Bias coeff GNSS ZTD adjustment

Future work:

- It is needed a simple parametrization for rain out of aerosols.











• 3h Acc pcp Pcp :

(RMSE_{CTRL} – RMSE_{REFL}) /RMSE_{CTRL}

to a decreasing of FA rate.

Positive impact for 3h acc pcp for H+3 and H+6 fc, due

e alarme ratio for 3h Precipitation Selection: ALL 767 stations Period: 20180226-20180305 Used [00,03,...,21] + 03-00 06-03

OBS

with that from RADAR obser.

There is a band of precipitation higher when the condensation nuclei are modified with CAMS data and agrees better with Radar.

Removal of low clouds of uncertain	
origin in the model.	

- low cloud cover reference
- Cloud type from SAFNWC
- low cloud cover with CAMS

Sea Salt Aerosol (5 - 20 um) Mixing Ratio	aermr03	kg kg-1	210003
Dust Aerosol (0.03 - 0.55 um) Mixing Ratio	aermr04	kg kg-1	210004
Dust Aerosol (0.55 - 0.9 um) Mixing Ratio	aermr05	kg kg-1	210005
Dust Aerosol (0.9 - 20 um) Mixing Ratio	aermr06	kg kg-1	210006
Hydrophobic Organic Matter Aerosol Mixing Ratio	aermr07	kg kg-1	210007
Hydrophilic Organic Matter Aerosol Mixing Ratio	aermr08	kg kg-1	210008
Hydrophobic Black Carbon Aerosol Mixing Ratio	aermr09	kg kg-1	210009
Hydrophilic Black Carbon Aerosol Mixing Ratio	aermr10	kg kg-1	210010
Sulphate Aerosol Mixing Ratio	aermr11	kg kg-1	210011
SO2 precursor mixing ratio	aermr12	kg kg-1	210012
Volcanic ash aerosol mixing ratio	aermr13	kg kg-1	210013
Volcanic sulphate aerosol mixing ratio	aermr14	kg kg-1	210014
Volcanic SO2 precursor mixing ratio	aermr15	kg kg-1	210015

Sfc variables

Positive impact

pmsl

• TEMP q variables Neutral impact



RH2m



Fit of obs to fg and

The analysis reduces the distance to obs for all humidity variables, and radar rh has no bias.

• Period of study: 16 feb -5 mar 2018



CASE of study: 28 feb 2018 09UTC REFL exp is more realistic in some cases than CONTROL



Conclusions:

- The impact of the assimilation of opera radar reflectivity obs has been tested in the operational Harmonie-AROME in AEMET for a period of study in Winter 2018.
- A small positive impact has been obtained mainly at 3h acc pcp for short range forecasts, mainly due to the reduction of False Alarm Rate.
- These observations contribute to get a better analysis and help to the VarBC scheme to correct the satellite humidity observations also assimilated by this run. This result makes this observation to be useful for Nowcasting with this operational suite in Aemet.

This study will continue with longer period and more case studies.

Simulated MSG SEVIRI imagery from the HARMONIE-AROME high-resolution NWP model: applications in AEMET

 γ SREPS Mesoscale convection-permitting LAM-EPS at 2.5 km resolution based on a Multi-model and multi-BC approach



nowcRadiation is a project developed by AEMET for the Spanish Transmission System Operator, Red Eléctrica de España, to improve hourly Global Horizontal and Direct Normal Irradiances (GHI and DNI) forecasts in solar power plants.

analysis:





- HALSSI: HARMONIE-AROME Simulated Satellite Imagery
- Applications in NWP model development.
- Applications in operational forecasting.



nulated BT - MSG-4 / SEVIRI / WV6.2 - AN: 2018032312 FC:+18 ARMONIE-AROME cycle 40h1.1.1.rc1 - Domain: IBERIAxI_2.5 Sat geometry - view: MSG at 0 lon - pixels: ncols 960 / nrows 50



Multi-boundaries: ECMWF, GFS, CMC, JMA, ARPEGE

Multi-model:

HARMONIE-AROME, HARMONIE-ALARO, WRF-ARW, NEMS(WRF NMMB)

Daily run, 48 hours forecast at 00 & 12 UTC at ECMWF Cray from March 2016 over Iberian Peninsula

To run over Canary Islands in autumn 2018 in the new AEMET BULL Computer two times a day (00 & 12 UTC)

Iberian collaboration with the Portuguese Met Service (IPMA) and with MétéoFrance AROME-EPS group

Pre-operational interactive web page for operational forecasters



Model	н	low they a	ire	What we get					
	Hor Res (km)	Vert Levels	Type of levels	Hor Res (Km)	Vert Levels	Type of levels	Run	Int	
ECMWF	9	137	Hybrid	11 (0.10 deg.)	137	Hybrid	00 06 12 18	1	
GFS	13	64	Sigma	26 (0.25 deg.)	37	Pressure	00 06 12 18	1	
смс	25	80	Hybrid	25 (0.24 deg.)	28	Pressure	00 12	3	
Arpege	7	105	Hybrid	10	60	Hybrid	00 06 12 18	3	
JMA	20	100	Hybrid	25 (0.25 deg)	86	Hybrid	00 06 12 18	3	

Future:

- LETKF for IC perturbations Upgrade WRF-ARW to version 3.9 Upgrade NEMS to version 3.0
- SPPT for model perturbations
- Statistical Calibration for surface parameters
- Special calibration using Machine Learning Techniques

•MSG/SAF-HARMONIE hourly GHI/DNI seamless-nowcasting up to 4 hs every 15 mins.



DNI Validation with AEMET Radiation Network, for June – September 2018, shows NRMSE around 20% and 40% for hourly accumulated values of GHI and DNI respectively. GHI and DNI 📷 RED Arenosillo (37.1N, 6.73W) example: nowcRadiation performs better than Satellite and HARMONIE-AROME modules.



Radar assimilation using reflectivities from OPERA.

- Operational setup achieving a small positive impact on the precipitation forecasts during the first hours of the integration.
- > 'Assimilation' of CAMS aerosols in the model.
 - 4 types passed to the microphysics as condensation nuclei having a small but positive impact on low clouds and precipitation. 11 types for the radiation under study.
- > Simulated MSG SEVIRI imagery from HARMONIE-AROME forecasts, using RTTOV v12 radiative transfer model. The tool is in development, and seems promising for diagnostic and verification. Focus on IR10.8 and WV6.2, but supports the 12 channels.
- > In order to validate snow forecast the snow cover anlysis from IMS NOAA and the snow observations from a reference mountain station has been used. Despite the simple snow analysis and parameterization, the model produces good results.
- > A nowcasting tool for radiation has been developed combining NOWSAF products and HARMONIE-AROME forecasts.