

WRF-ARW based systems for nowcasting and very-short range forecasts at the Meteorological Service of Catalonia

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WRFDA

- WRF Data Assimilation module (3DVAR)
- Minimisation of the cost function $J(x)$:
$$J(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x - x_b)^T B^{-1}(x - x_b) + \frac{1}{2}(y - H[x])^T R^{-1}(y - H[x])$$
- Where B can be:

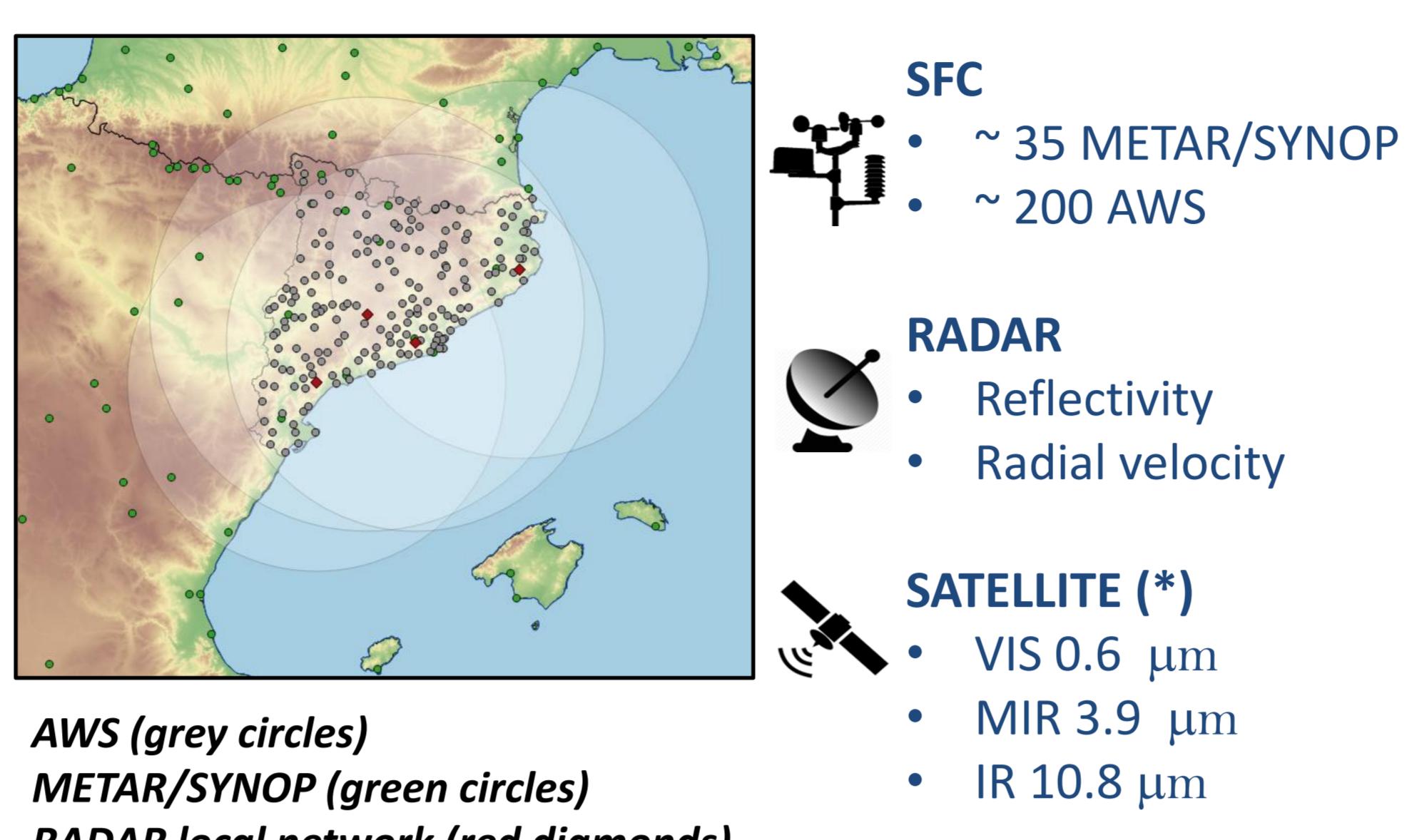
 - $B = B_s$
 - $B = \frac{1}{2} B_s + \frac{1}{2} B_e$

- And:

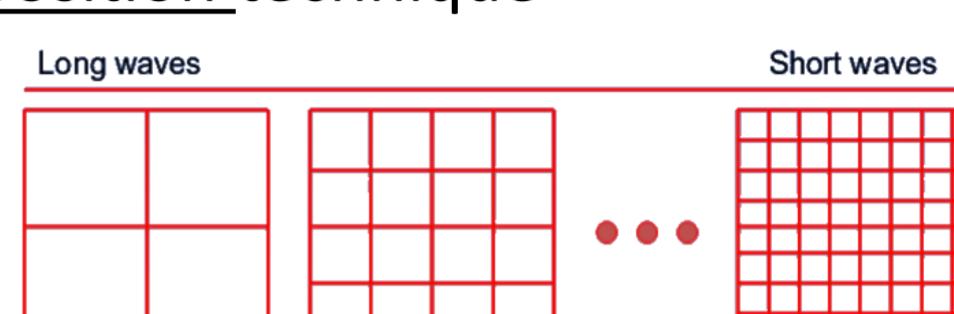
 - B_s = static (climatological) background error matrix
 - B_e = ensemble background error (flow of the day)

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OBSERVATIONS



LAPS/STMAS

- Space and Time Multiscale Analysis System (Variational LAPS)
- Sequential variational analysis based on a multigrid decomposition technique
 
- Minimisation of the cost function $J^{(n)}$ at every grid level:

$$J^{(n)}[X^{(n)}] = \frac{1}{2} X^{(n)T} X^{(n)} + \frac{1}{2} [H^{(n)} X^{(n)} - Y^{(n)}]^T O^{(n)-1} [H^{(n)} X^{(n)} - Y^{(n)}]$$
- Final analysis from the obtained analyses at all grid levels:

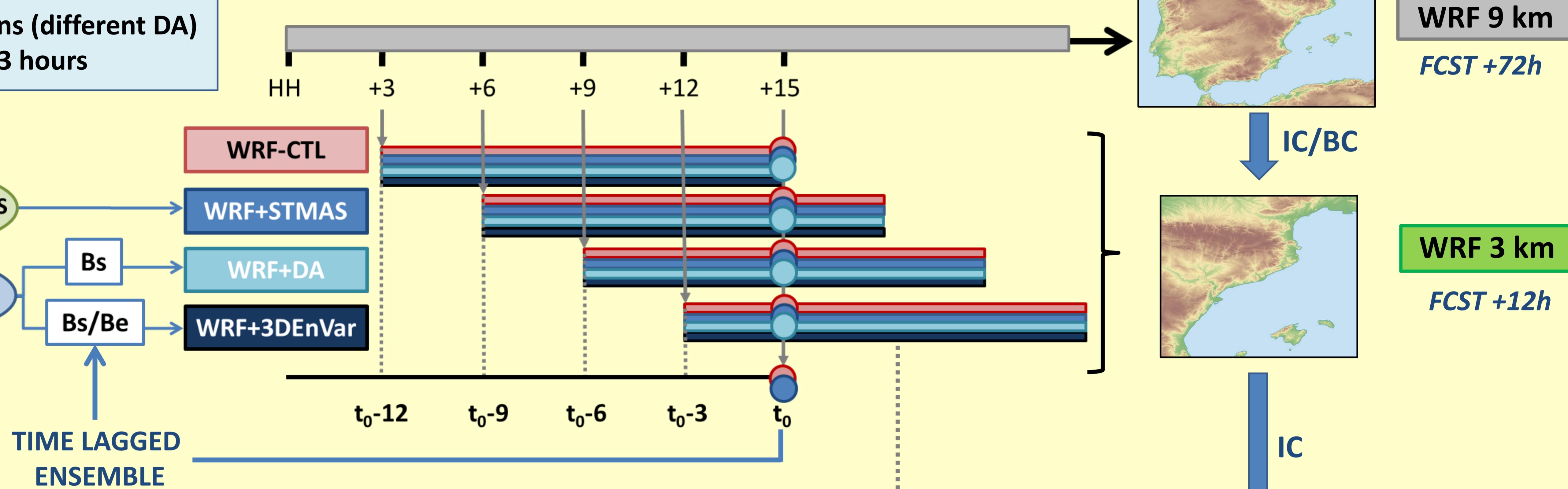
$$X = X^b + \sum_{n=1}^N X^{(n)}$$

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SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

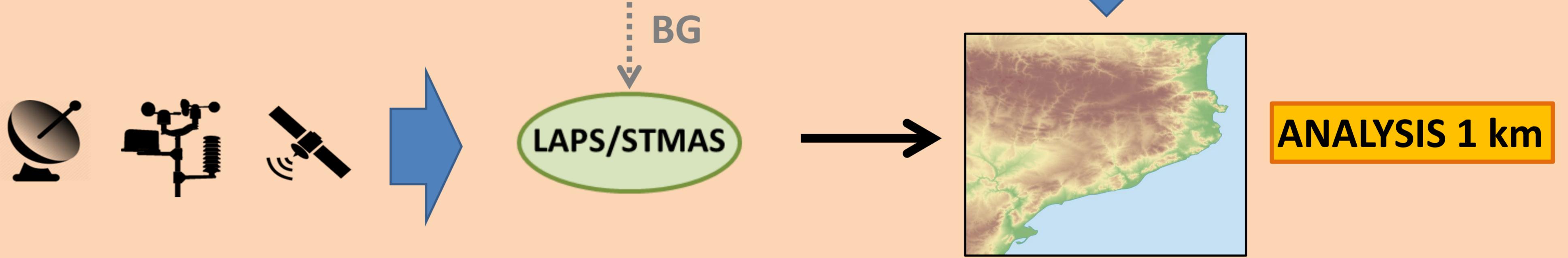
VSF (WRF 3 km)

- WRF 3 km: 4 runs (different DA)
- Updated every 3 hours



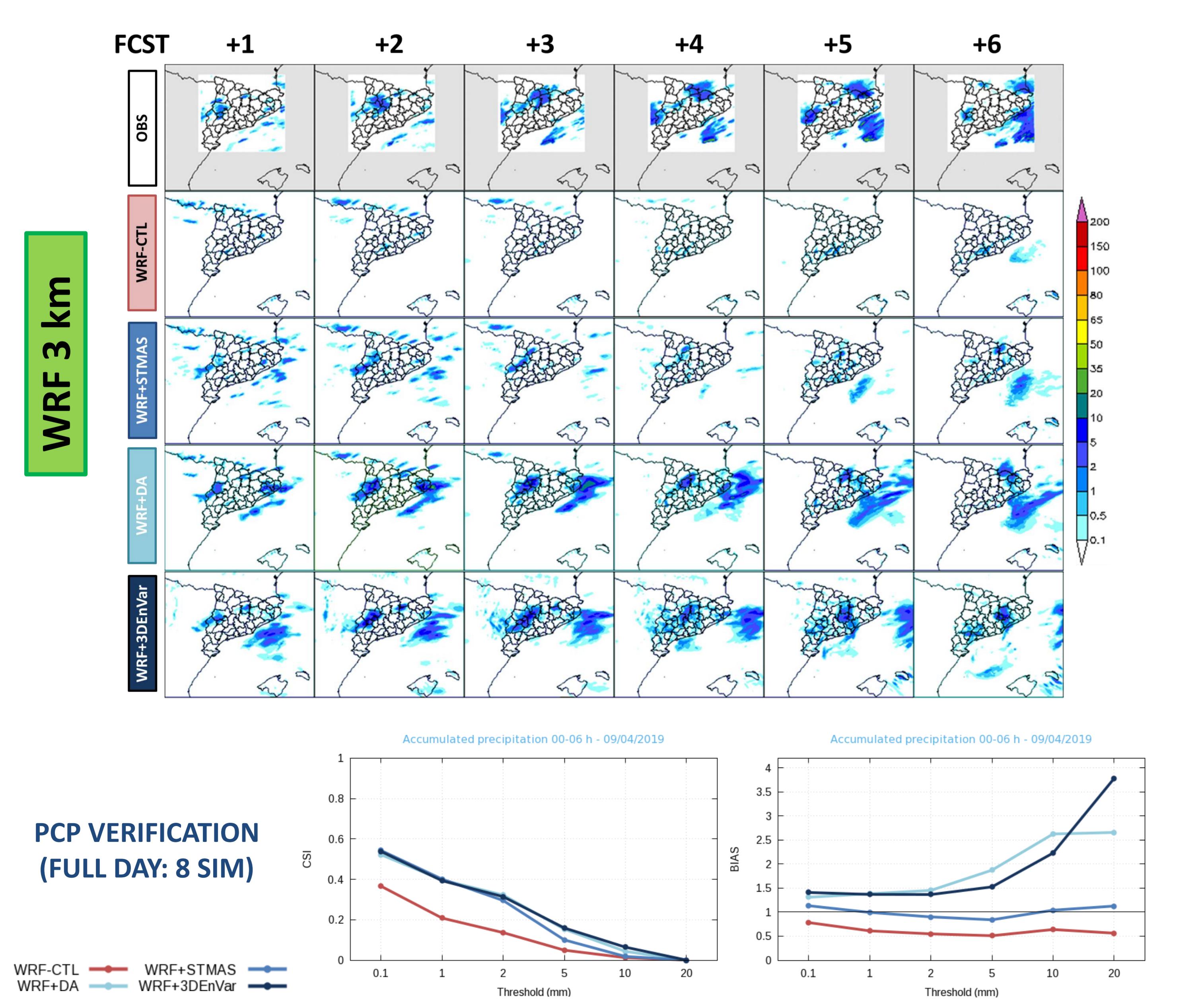
HI-RES 3D ANALYSES (STMAS 1 km)

- High frequency: updated every 30'
- Last available forecast used as analysis BG



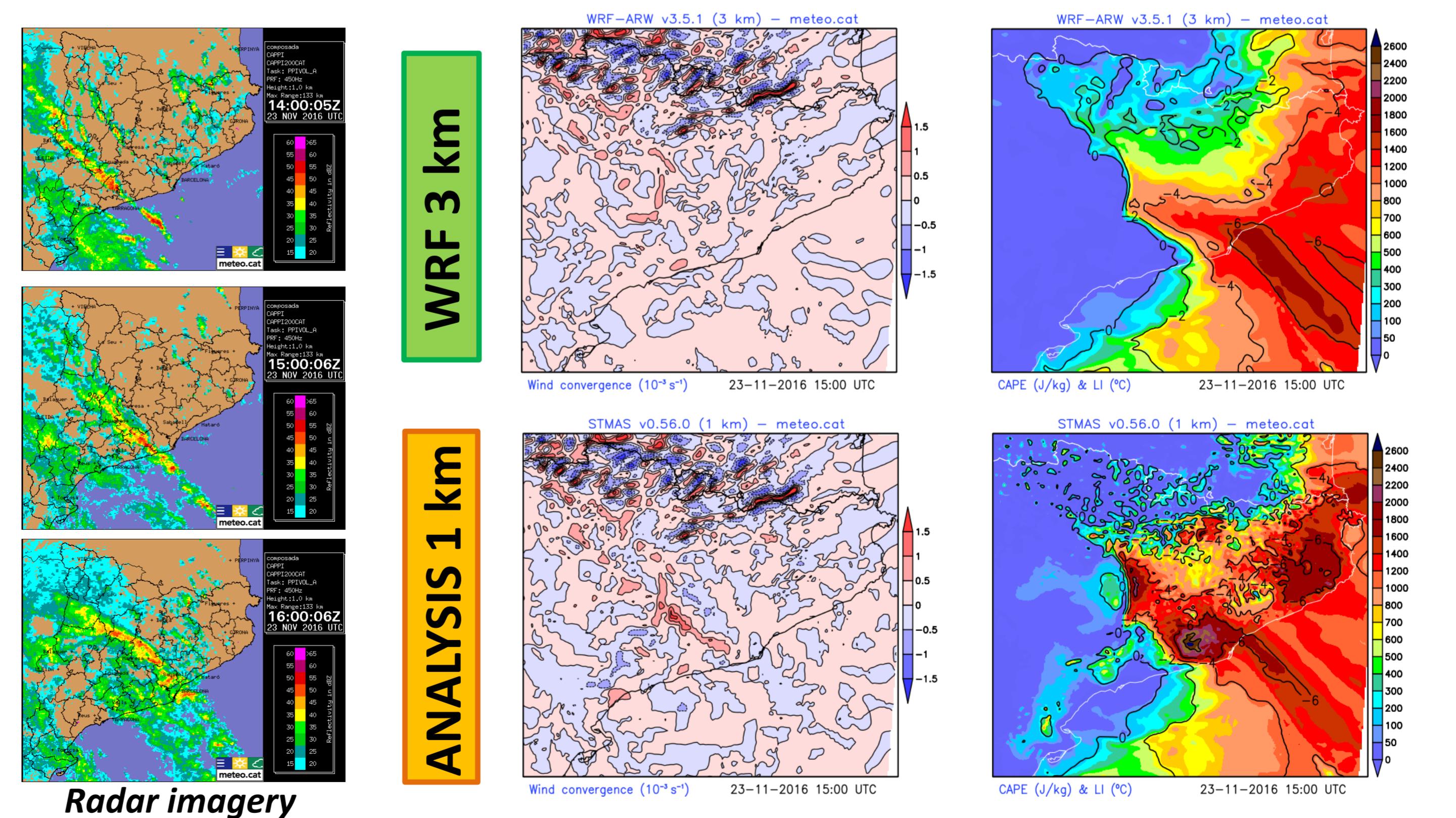
EXAMPLE 1

SIM: 09/04/2019 00 TU



EXAMPLE 2

23/11/2016 15 TU



FUTURE WORK

- Compute probabilistic outputs from VSF (WRF 3 km)
- Test the impact of other observations and different cycling methodologies in VSF (WRF 3 km)
- Integrate VSF (WRF 3 km) and HI-RES 3D analyses (STMAS 1 km) in a seamless prediction system