CANARI "summer problem"

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Introduction

- Description of "problem"
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- Results
- Summary & Questions





Model setup





ALADIN HR domain

- 8 km horizontal resolution
- 37 levels, 229x205 (240x216) grid points
- 32T3: ALARO0-3MT, old radiation scheme, DFI
- 72 hours forecast, 1-3 hourly output

ALADIN HR22 domain

- 2 km horizontal resolution: 439x439 (450x450) grid points
- hourly 2 km dynamical adaptation up to 72 hrs
 (a) 15 levels for 10 m wind forecast, model version AL29T2-mxl
- 24 hrs **2 km full NH** model run @ 37 levels, started from 00UTC 6h forecast, model version AL36T1, ALARO0 set-up (operational since July 2011.)





Assimilation cycle



- Cy35t1: CANARI, BATOR, screening, minimization
- Cy32t3: e001, e927
- Observations: OPLACE, Slovenian and Croatian automatic stations





Verification

Experiments:

- Alar dynamical adaptation => no assimilation, surface and upper air fields obtained by interpolation from ARPEGE short cut off analysis and forecast;
- **CV00** assimilation; CANARI for surface, 3DVar for upper-air





Verification – 00 UTC run

- BIAS: dashed
- RMSE: full line
- STD: dotted
- EXP: Alar, CV00





Verification – 00 UTC run







SWI evolution







SWI evolution

April-July 2011

March 2011

May 2011



Mean SWI analysis increments at 00 and 12 UTC





SWI evolution

- CV00 dryer than Alar in "winter period" (SWI domain average)
 - Beneficial for 2m scores
- CV00 bigger SWI than Alar in "summer period" (SWI domain average)
 - 2m scores show degradation in BIAS when compared with Alar
- SWI increments in March smaller than increments in May and in both ways at 00 and 12 UTC compared to one-way increments in May





Testing period – May 2011



Testing period – May 2011







CANARI

Changing settings in CANARI analysis:

- reference horizontal length scale for T2m and RH2m (REF_A_H2, REF_A_T2)
- model error standard deviation for T2m and RH2m (REF_S_H2, REF_S_T2)
- maximum distance for horizontal selection (QDSTRA)
- maximum number of observations per quadrant (NMXGQA)
- smoothing radius (RA_SM_WP)
- maximum obs altitude for SYNOP use (OROLIM)
- maximum difference allowed between SYNOP altitude and corresponding model orography (ORODIF)
- blacklisting suspicious observations







Changing horizontal length scale & model standard deviation







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Changing horizontal length scale & model standard deviation

Time	00		12		06 and 18	
Variable	T2m	RH2m	T2m	RH2m	T2m	RH2m
D [km]	90	90	120	120	60	60
Standard deviation	1.7	0.1	1.8	0.135	1.6	0.09

Original settings: REF_A_H2=55000., REF_A_T2=50000., REF_S_H2=0.18, REF_S_T2=1.6





- Cat 1:
 - reference horizontal length scale for T2m and RH2m (REF_A_H2, REF_A_T2) according to previous Table
 - model error standard deviation for T2m and RH2m (REF_S_H2, REF_S_T2) according to previous Table
 - maximum distance for horizontal selection (QDSTRA) was changed from original settings of 1000km to 150km
 - maximum number of observations per quadrant (NMXGQA) was reduced from 50 to 7
 - smoothing radius (RA_SM_WP) was changed from 5km to 8km
 - Same in production
- NO impact on verification scores







- Cat 4: same as Cat1 but at 00 no RH2m analysis. Same in production.
- Cat5: same as Cat1 but at 00 no RH2m analysis. At the beginning of May soil was taken from OPER (restart); normal cycling afterwards. Same in production.
- Cat6: No RH2m analysis at 00UTC; horizontal length scale and standard deviation from Table 3 but doubled. At the beginning of May soil was taken from OPER (restart); normal cycling afterwards. Same in production.











- Switching off RH2m analysis at 00 UTC brings improvement in BIAS verification scores for T2m and RH2m in afternoon hours, degradation in night hours
- Increasing horizontal length scale and model standard deviation small impact on verification scores
- Soil characteristics that are responsible for bad verification scores are not accumulated during winter months – 20 days period is enough for soil analysis to change soil in "bad" way
- Cat7 and Cat8 same as Cat5 and Cat6 respectively but they started for regular assimilation cycle (not restart) and ISBA polynomes version 3 used almost identical results as Cat5 and Cat6





- Test impact analysis at initialization time
 - experiments where CANARI settings only in production were changed
 - Build on top of Cat7 cycle
- Cat7: **no** RH2m, **yes** T2m analysis at 00UTC
- Cat9: yes RH2m, yes T2m analysis at 00UTC
- CatA: no RH2m, noT2m analysis at 00UTC











- analysis at the time of initialization of model forecast has big influence on verification scores
- run without T2m and RH2m assimilation brings most of improvement in verification scores but also at some forecast hours it deteriorates forecast more then others setups
- compromising solution is performing CANARI analysis for 00UTC with RH2m switched off and T2m switched on (Cat7).





- CatC: same as Cat4; some stations blacklisted, OROLIM=800m, ORODIF=200m. Same in production.
- CatD: same as CatC but also RH2m analysis turned of at 06 UTC





CYCLE 20110531 12UTC

OPER 20110531 12UTC

NEW 20110531 12UTC







CYCLE 20110630 12UTC



OPER 20110630 12UTC



NEW 20110630 12UTC















- tuning of thermal inertia coefficient
- RCTVEG(3)=RCTVEG(4)=0.8 E-5 changed to 0.9 E-5







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Summary & Questions

- changing reference horizontal length scale for T2m and RH2m and model error standard deviation for T2m and RH2m both in cycling and production had little influence on verification scores
 - one possible reason could for that be to short time of cycling (~20 days)
 - other may be that parameters like standard deviation of model error was not changed too much
- biggest influence on SWI evolution and verification scores had shutting off RH2m analysis (at 00UTC)
 - when RH2m analysis was turned also at 06 UTC better verification scores were obtained for afternoon hours but results deteriorates for morning/night hours







Summary & Questions

- turning on and off analysis just in production has big impact on verification scores
 - magnitude of influence is comparable to changing settings in assimilation cycle => assimilation in production very important
- some stations can be unrepresentative, even if because they are badly positioned or model forecast is unrepresentative for that area
 - how to handle those stations ?
- stations are present only few times at day (e.g. one or two times) and if this is at 00 and 06 UTC than increments at those stations can always go in same direction (because of model bias)





Questions

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Model bias



●-5 ●-2 ●-1 ●-0.5 0.1 0.1 0.5 ■ 1 ● 2 ● 5 ●

CYT8 6 UTC: t2m bias (model-obs)

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CYT8 12 UTC: t2m bias (model-obs) mean: -0.4435 | min: -5.382 | max: 9.252

CYT8 0 UTC: t2m bias (model-obs)



blacklisted:0 | suspicous: 146



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CYT8 18 UTC: t2m bias (model-obs) mean: -0.06291 | min: -7.666 | max: 9.352



CYT8 0 UTC: t2m bias (model-obs)

mean: 0.7153 | min: -3.793 | max: 6.59

Stations with bias in same direction on average (threshold 3 times)







blacklisted:0 | suspicous: 146

Questions

- When to turn on/off RH2m or T2m analysis?
- How to handle unrepresentative stations or stations that point in same direction (on average) in all analysis times?
- What to do with stations that are present only few times a day (taking into account model bias)?
- Should we use same blacklist for CANARI and 3DVar?
- Include modifications of thermal coefficient in cycling?





