



# *Flexible dataflow for diagnostics (DDH): application to DDH in Arome*

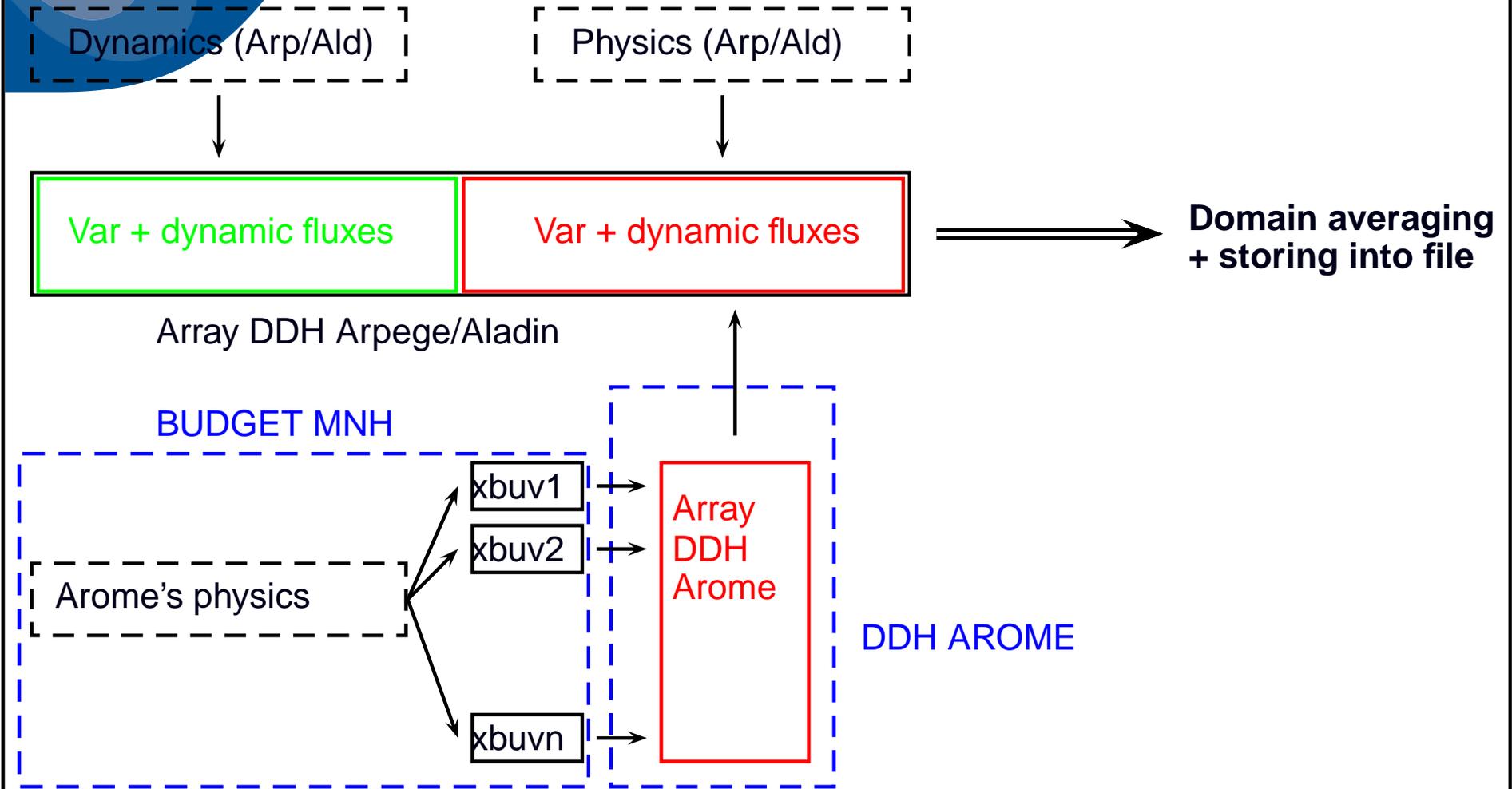
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# Previous state of art of data flow for DDH in various models



- Different data flow according to used model
- Use of arrays with predefined shape

## Motivations for a flexible dataflow

- Interoperability: the same data flow should be common to Arpege/Aladin/Alaro/Arome (and possibly externalized)
- Multiplication of terms to be extracted from various physical parametrizations due to increasing number of represented processes  
⇒ complication of setups for arrays initialization and difficult maintenance of the code
- Users may be able to add easily requested fields to the diagnostics
- Reduction of necessary maintenance for the part of code specific to DDH
- A proposition has been submitted in March 08 to all Aladin partners with the following objectives:
  - Transparency for existing DDH users
  - Disparition of setup of DDH arrays (200 fields in Arome !!!)
  - Compability with all existing different types of physics
  - Possible use of this structures for other diagnostics than DDH
  - Keeping the structure open for future needs



## Description of new dataflow

● Utilisation of a self allocatable array of type structures:

```
TYPE DDH_MNH
  CHARACTER(LEN=11)::CNAME !name of field
  CHARACTER(LEN=1)::CFLUX ! flux/tend/var
  !.... other possible attributes.....
  LOGICAL:: LKDDH ! .TRUE. for output in DDH
  REAL(KIND=JPRB),DIMENSION(:,:):: PFIELD
END TYPE DDH_MNH
```

```
TYPE(DDH_MNH),ALLOCATABLE,DIMENSION(:):: DDH_DESCR
```

- Self documented structure allocated "on the fly" during 1st call ⇒ no setups
- Fields retrieved through call to a specific subroutine:

```
CALL ADD_FIELD(array,name,attributes...)
```

which performs:

- allocation of DDH arrays at 1st time step
- storage of field's values
- operation on the input fields according to values of attributes  
(this operation may be model dependent)



## Application to Arome's DDH

- The actual code (difficult to maintain and debug) was replaced by the above described flexible structures (with an interface developed for compability with Meso-NH subroutines)  
⇒ one single data flow for all models
- New version is working and beeing validated in order to enter cy35t1 (early October)
- Important decrease of lines of codes and number of subroutines specific to DDH  
=> the code will be easier to maintain
- Increased efficiency of the code



## Conclusion

- New flexible dataflow coded (still sharing for the moment common subroutines with old dataflow which is still maintained in the code) and being validated
- Fields can be added “on demand” into DDH files.
- If satisfying results: possible use of this dataflow in Arpege/Aladin/Alaro
- Other possible uses of this dataflow (output into ICMSH files...) ?