AROME-Norway

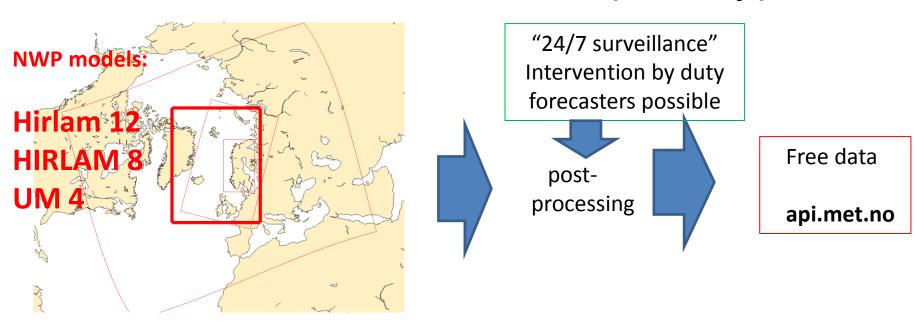
From experiments to official public forecasts for the whole wide world

Trygve Aspelien and Morten Køltzow

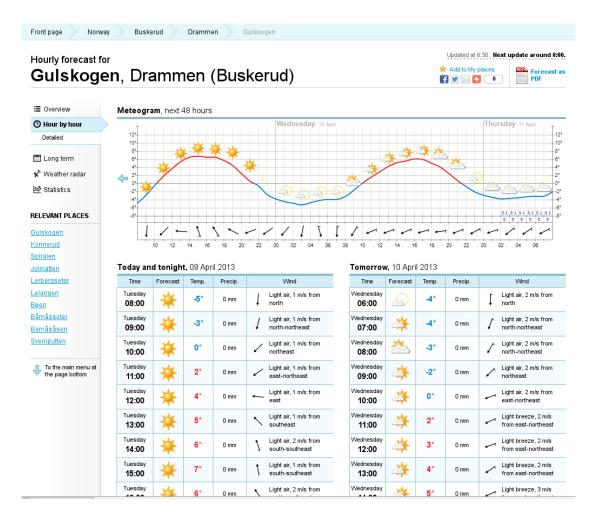
and a lot of help from our friends

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Production chain (today)

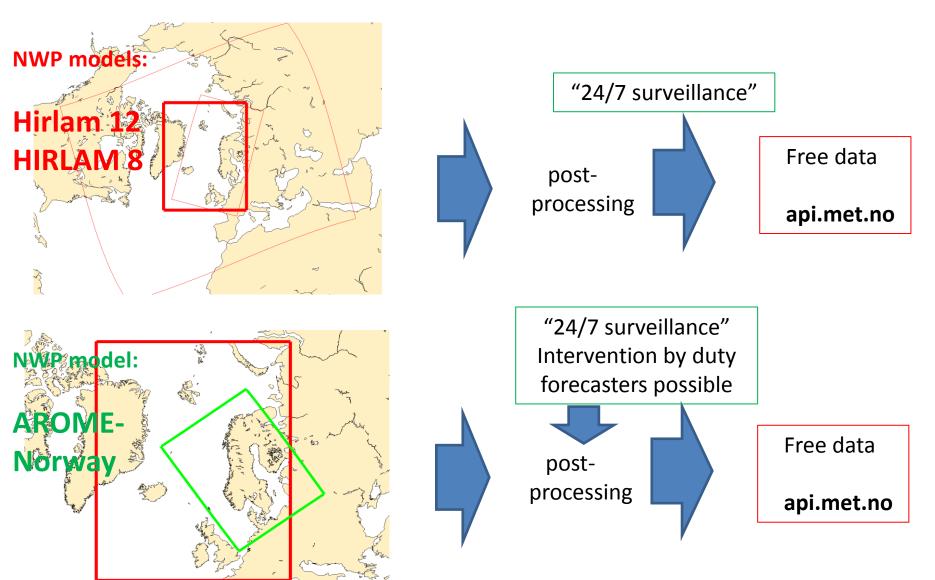


Example using api.met.no: www.yr.no



Yr.no is a collaboration between met.no and the Norwegian state broadcasting company (NRK)

New production chain(s) (Summer 2013)



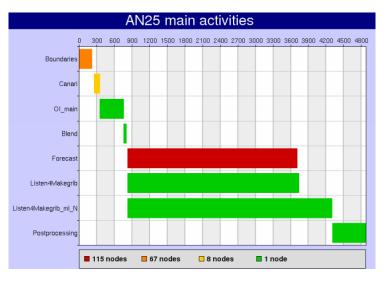
AROME-Norway

- branches/METNO/harmonie-37h1.1_oper
- AROME physical parameterization
- Resolution: 2.5 km (750 x 960) / 65 levels
- Hourly ECMWF boundaries (~16 km)
- Surface data assimilation
- Blending of ECMWF upper air fields
- +66 hour lead times
- Four cycles a day (00,06,12,18)
- Preparation for MetCoOp (March 2014)



Operational setup





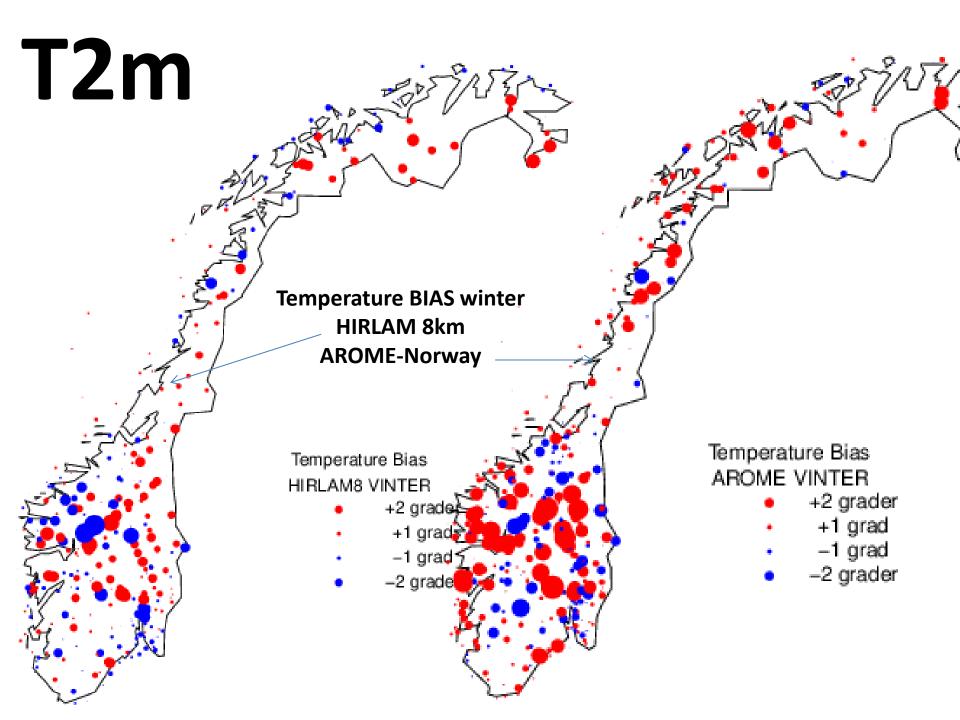
Routine setup (model + post-processing)

- Complex setup of AROME-Norway production.
- Some bottlenecks to be improved

HARMONIE: time usage for some tasks

Verification and diagnostics of model and post-processed forecasts:

- Near surface temperature
 - 10m wind speed
 - Precipitation
 - Clouds

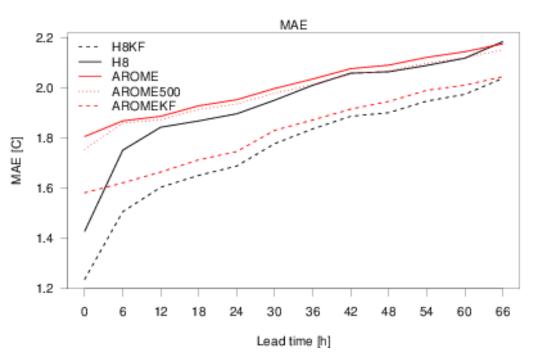


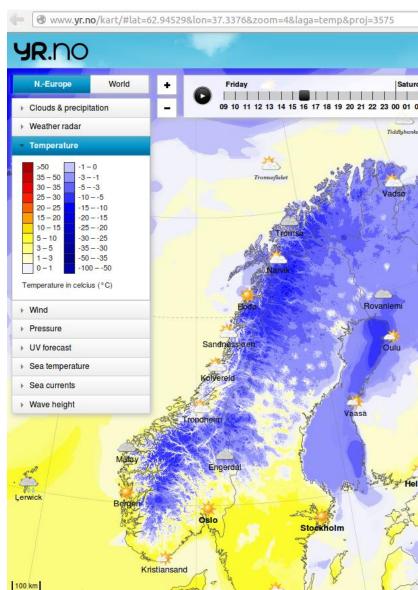
Near surface temperature (t2m):

Post-processing of AROME-Norway t2m:

Norway (and northern parts of Sweden).

- (1) Re-gridding to 500m horizontal resolution. Simple height adjustment and an «inversion filter».
- (2) Kalman Filter correction (appr. 320 Nor. Stations). Krieging of corrections in grid (L<25km, z < 200m).

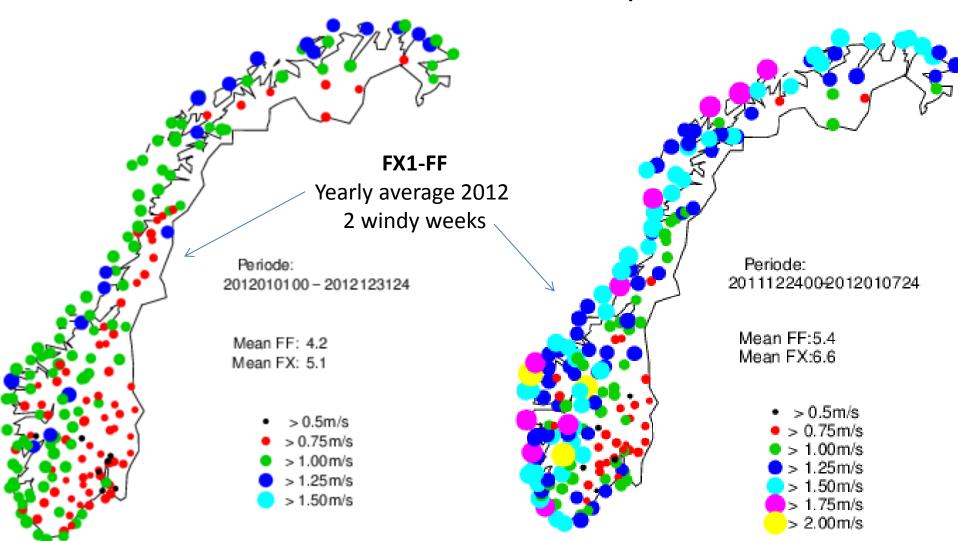




10m wind speed — what to verify against?

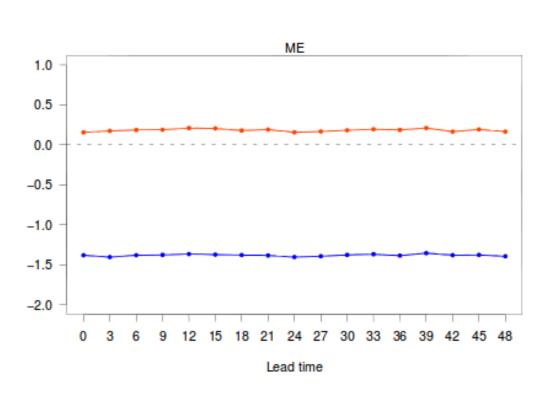
FF: 10min mean wind speed on hour?

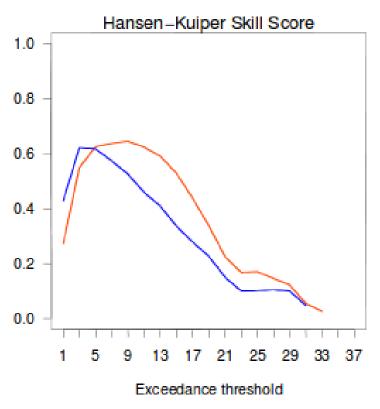
FX1: maximum 10min mean wind speed last hour?



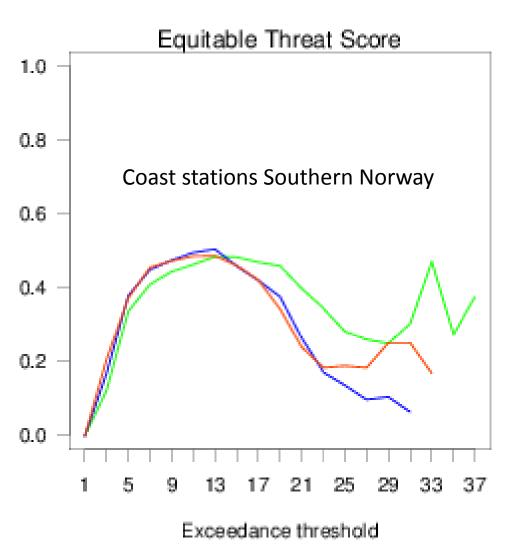
10m wind speed (FX1), BE04 vs Z01D

All Norwegian stations





10m wind speed (FX1)

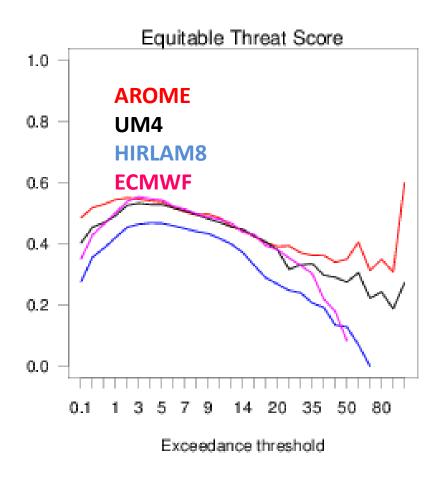


1hr updates of LBC

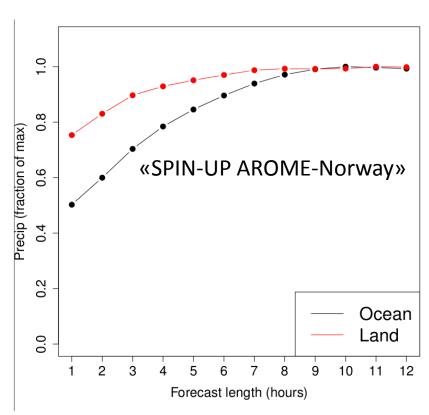
gives better forecasts than 3hr LBS updates (both BE04).

AROME-Norway verifies better than HIRLAM8, but we still need some post-processing to beat posprocessed HIRLAM8 wind speed.

Precipitation winter



Uncertainty due to undercatch of observed solid precipitation.



Long spin-up time over ocean in winter. (no differences between land/ocean spin-up in summer)

AROME-Norway verifies very well, but too dry?

From model output to forecasts at yr.no:

Precipitation forecasts on yr.no use information from a neighborhood (NBH) approach (Roberts & Lean 2008).

Size of neighborhood area?

Tuesday

13:00 Tuesday

14:00 Tuesday

15:00

Tuesday

16:00

Tuesday

17:00 Tuesday

18:00 Tuesday

19:00 Tuesday

20:00

21:00 Tuesday

22:00 Tuesday

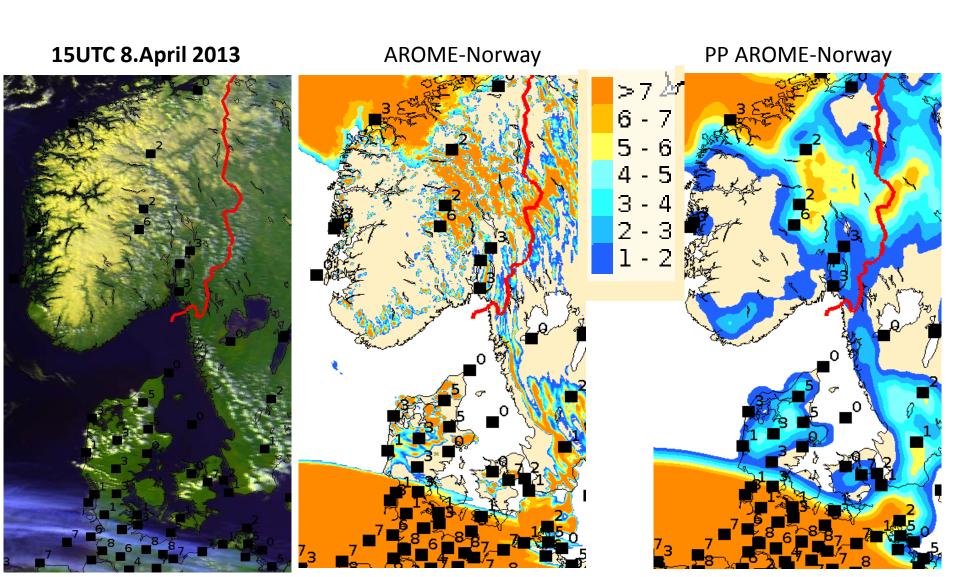
Presentation? Chose some high/low percentiles of Precipitation amounts and forecast precipitation within intervals.

Brier Score RR1 > 1.0 mm/tGentle breeze, 5 m/s -2° 0.2 - 0.9 mm-1° 0.2 - 1.6 mm0.1 - 2.0 mmNeighborhood size (grid cells) Moderate breeze, 6 -1° 0.1 - 2.7 mmWednesday 10 April Gentle breeze, 5 m/s -1° 0 - 1.3 mm-1° 0.1 - 1.3 mm0.1 - 2.3 mmModerate breeze, 7 0.1 - 1.7 mm 0.2 - 1.7 mmFresh breeze, 9 m/s 0.5 - 1.7 mm0.4 - 1.8 mm

RR1 > 0 mm/t

Total cloud cover

- Too many forecasts of "no clouds" or total overcast compared with manual synop
- Averaging over NBH area improved model climatology and verification score



Summary

- AROME-Norway with additional postprocessing will this summer be the official met.no product for continental Norwegian areas (hopefully³)
- Quality is on average improved or equal to previous setup. Largest quality improvement seen for precipitation.