# Status of AROME news since Bratislava '05

based on contributions from CNRM GMAP & GMME teams, Lab. Aérologie, aladinists

- 1. System & workforce
- 2. Model & software
- 3. Assimilation
- 4. The Future



## 1. Multiscale NWP in 2007/2008

AROME on small domains resolution 2.5km forecast ranges 1-24h + nowcasting

coupling

ALADIN/ALARO on big domains resolution close to 10km forecast ranges 6-48h + ensembles

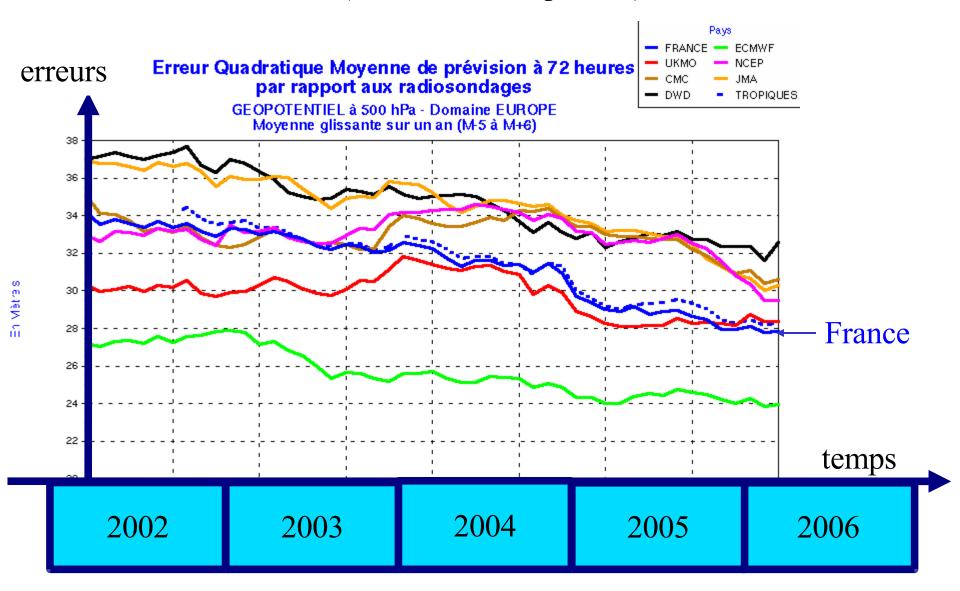
coupling

ARPEGE global resolution 15km (T539) ranges up to 3 days + ensembles

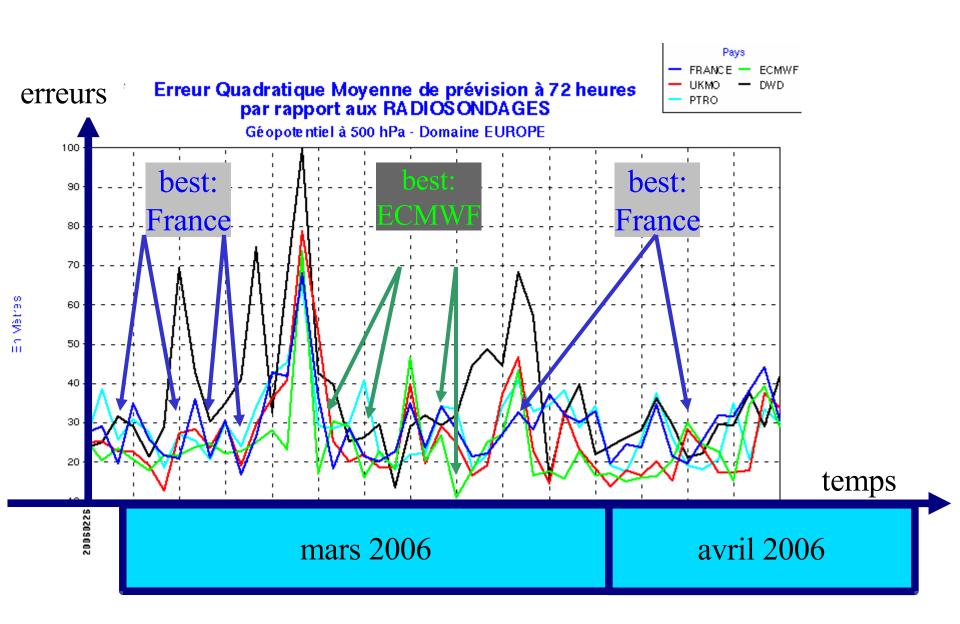
ECMWF's IFS resolution 25km, up to 7 days + ensembles

## ARPEGE forecast quality, lately

in 2006: L46, much improved radiation & clouds (see Y. Bouteloup's talk)



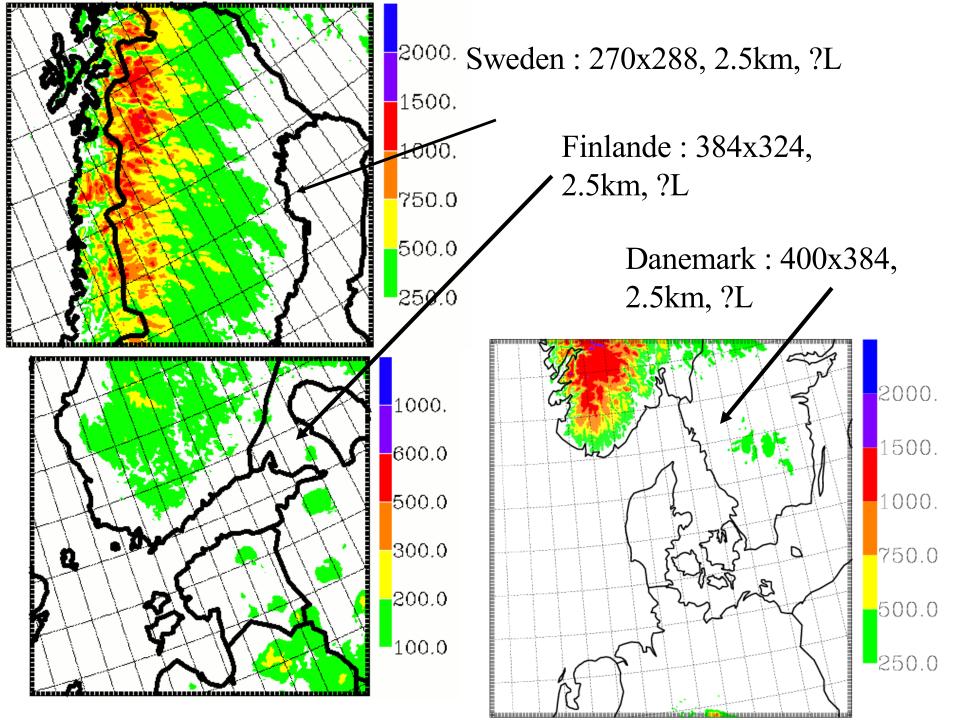
## No global model is always the best



## System & workforce

- Arome NWP-oriented modelling: mostly in **GMAP** team: embedding (clim files, 927, postprocessing, DDH diags, Surfex interfacing, APLXXX interface), case studies with forecasters. *see talk by G. Hello & JD. Gril, T. Kovacic*
- Arome **assimilation**: common with ALADIN 3DVar, plus radar work.
- Arome **upstream R&D**: mostly in GMME. Current priority on improving clouds (shallow convection, 3MT, fog) and SURFEX. *see talks by S. Malardel, E. Martin, L. Kraljevic*
- **the rest of NWP in Toulouse**: roughly 10% on ARPEGE/ALADIN, 10% on AROME/MésoNH, 80% on transversal activities (software, assimilation, Aladin support) see P. Pottier's statistics and Aladin web site
- Aladin partners' contribution: NH cleaning, code phasing, phys/dyn interfacing. Most Aladin work is good for Arome. *e.g. see talk by J. Vivoda*
- Increasing **deported testing** of Arome in several Aladin & Hirlam centres (Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Hungary, Austria, Czech Rep...) *see talk by L. Kullmann*

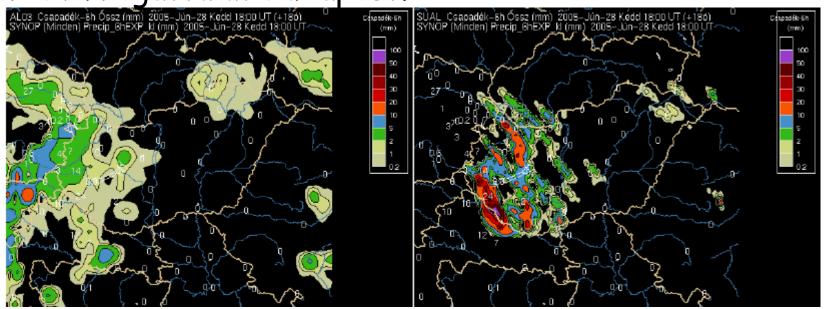




## New Arome domains

## Hungary (Laszlo Kullmann):

on IBM regatta at Budapest.

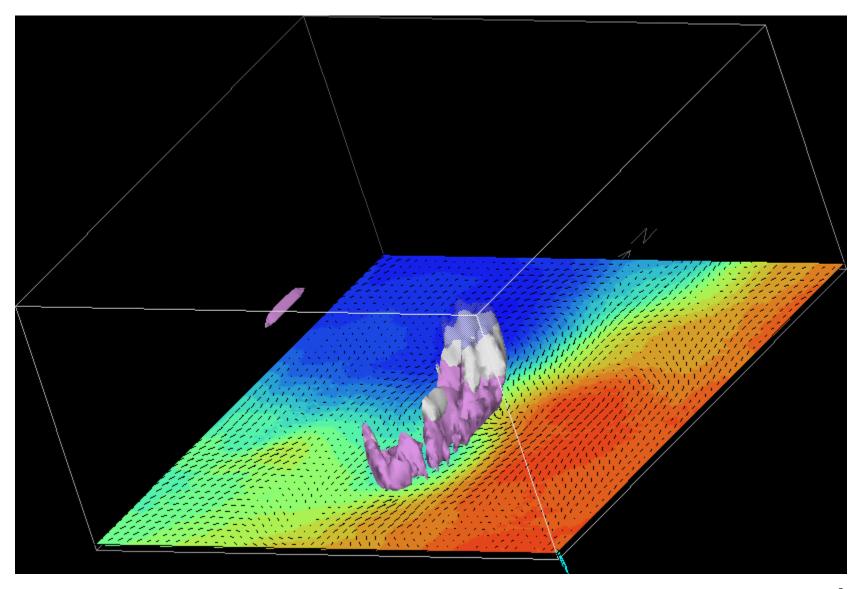


#### 2. Model work

- **Prototype** is fully included in the joint cycles (with MésoNH & SURFEX bits) and available at ECMWF (gmkpack) *see talk by Ryad El Khatib*
- One year of successful daily runs over various weather types, tests on ocean, T1 storm, snowstorms, AMMA, precipitation studies...
- Thematic studies on fog, ocean fluxes, wind power, shallow clouds, snowfalls, mountain weather
- activated use of **SLHD** (still tricky dyn in deep valleys)
- activated subgrid cloudiness
- activated KFB shallow convection (still needs improvement)
- developed flux budget diagnostics, Arome FullPOS,
- developed full interactive chemistry, dust & aerosols option
- bugfixes on soil initialization, physiographies, NH cleaning

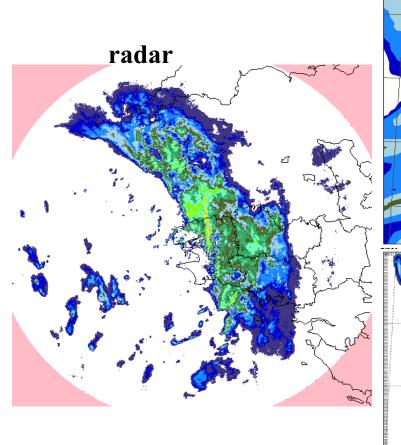


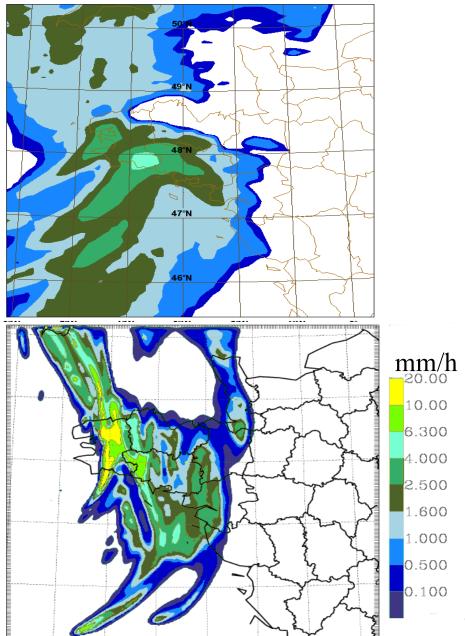
## Resolved convection in Arome (04-08-94, 15 à 18h UTC) couleurs: glace, eau nuageuse, pluie





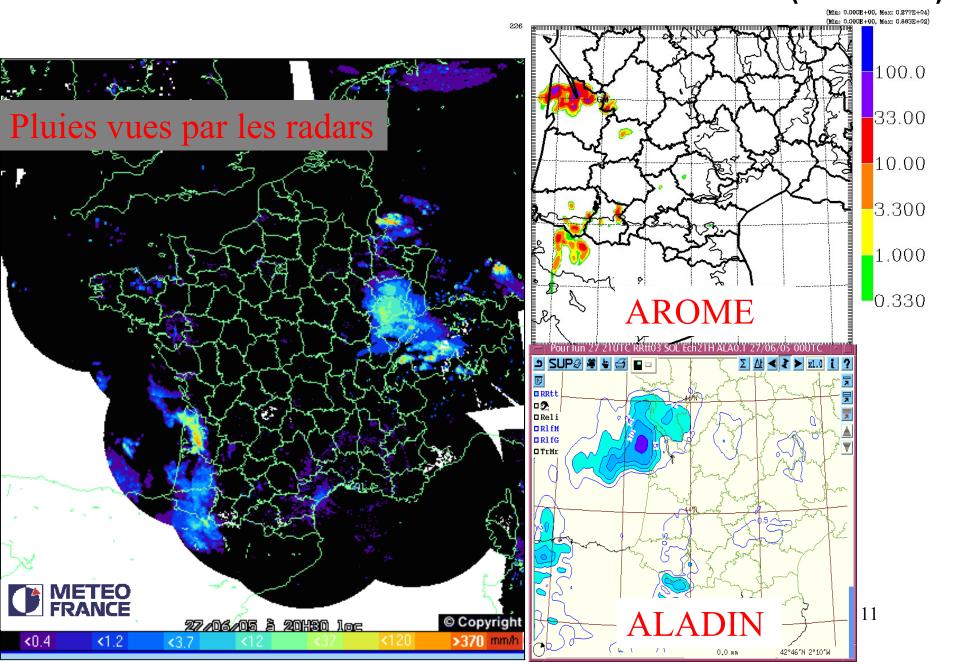
## Winter synoptic weather: ALADIN (top) vs AROME (bottom)



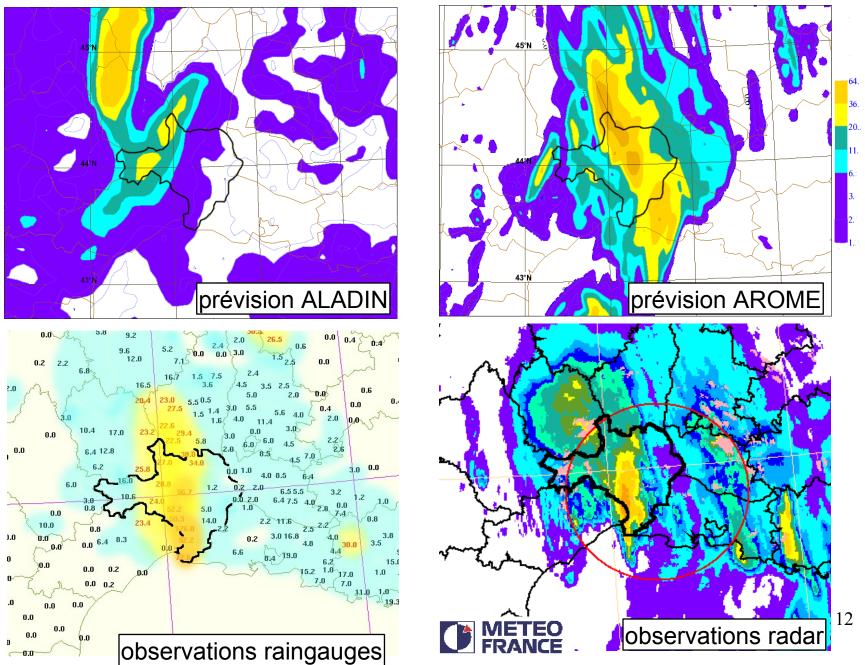




## Real-time AROME forecast of isolated thunderstorm (27/6/2005)



## Mediterranean flash flood event on 6/9/2005



## **Verification: Hydrological** validation

1-month

precip over

**Austria** 

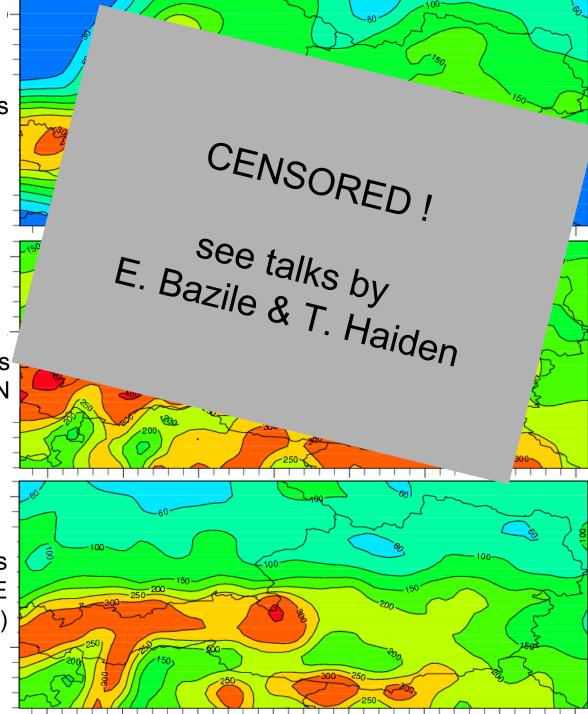
(work done

with ZAMG)

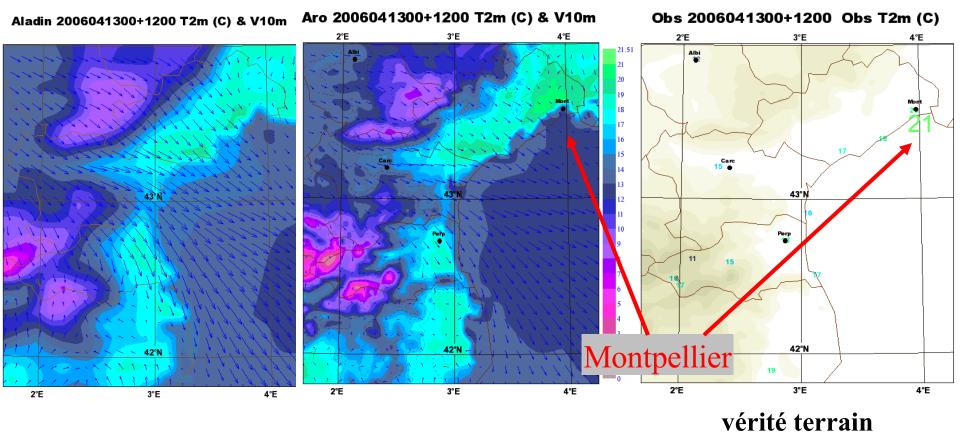
Observations Prévisions<sup>1</sup> **ALADIN Prévisions AROME** 

(prototype)





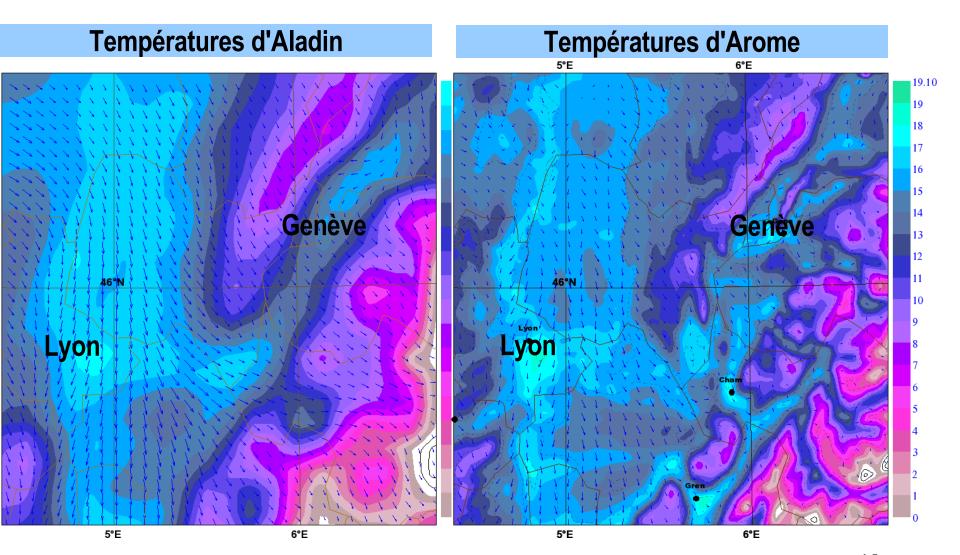
## T2m validation on ALADIN (left) and AROME (right)



Better in valleys, on mountains, in big cities



## T/wind in mountain regions (Alps)



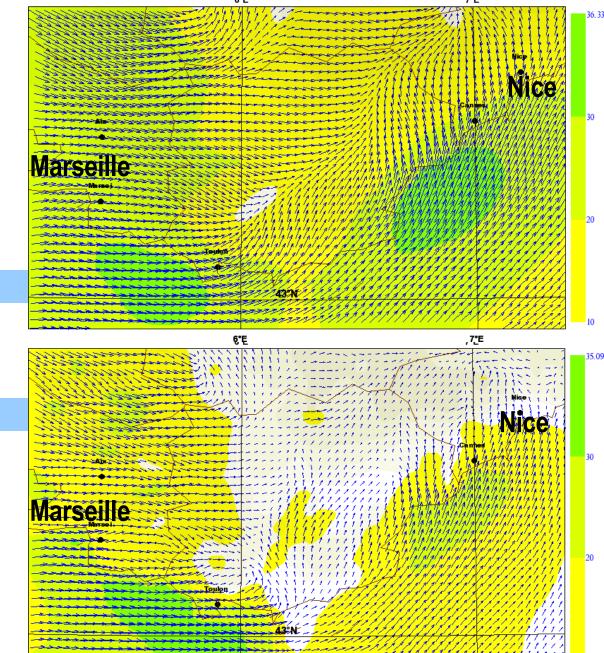


**Better wind modelling:** 

application on forest fires, pollution events, air quality, coastal ocean modelling, air traffic safety

**Aladin** 

**Arome** 



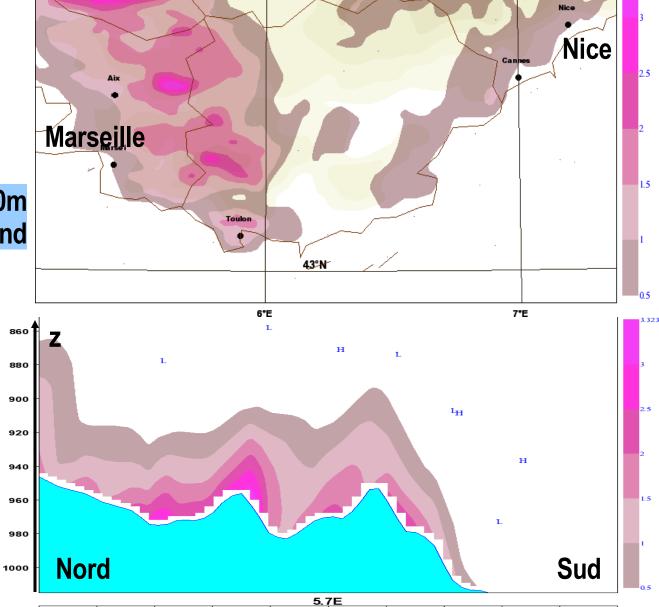


New AROME product: 3D TKE with NH effects

Turbulence at 140m above ground

vertical

cross-section

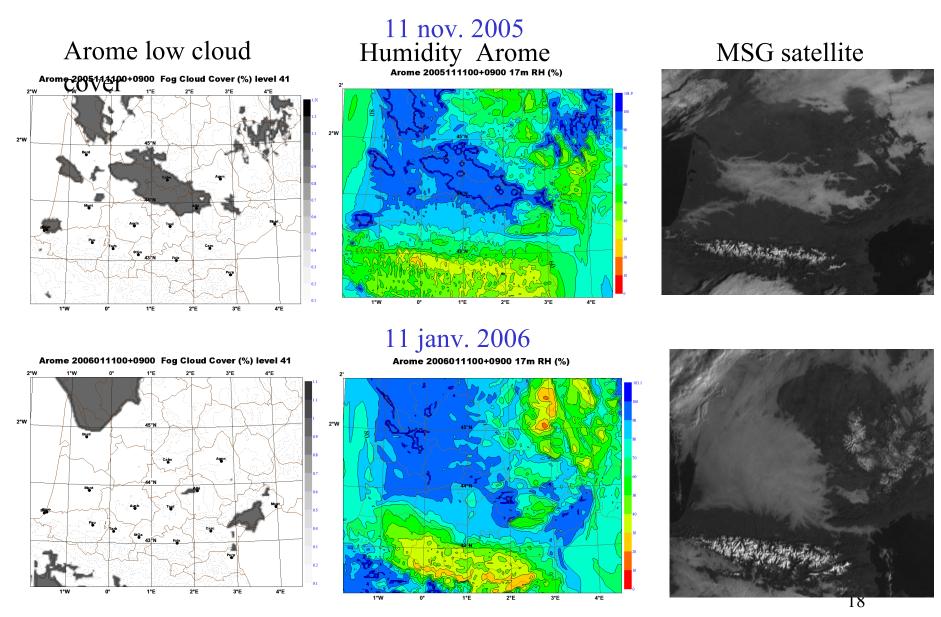


7°E

6°E



#### Validation of fog forecast by AROME

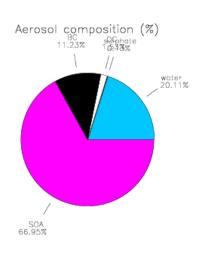


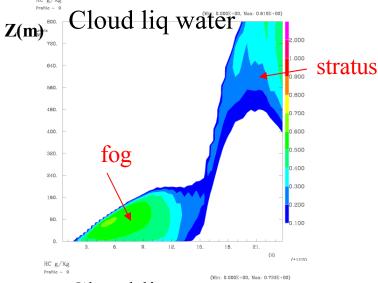
(communication Y. Seity et G. Hello,)

#### Fog sensitivity to the aerosol specification

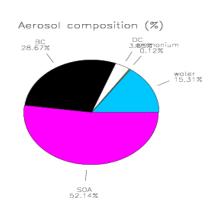
(research tests with Méso-NH & ORILAM physics)

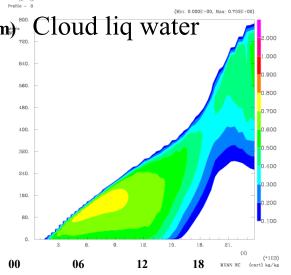
countryside aerosols





urban aerosols

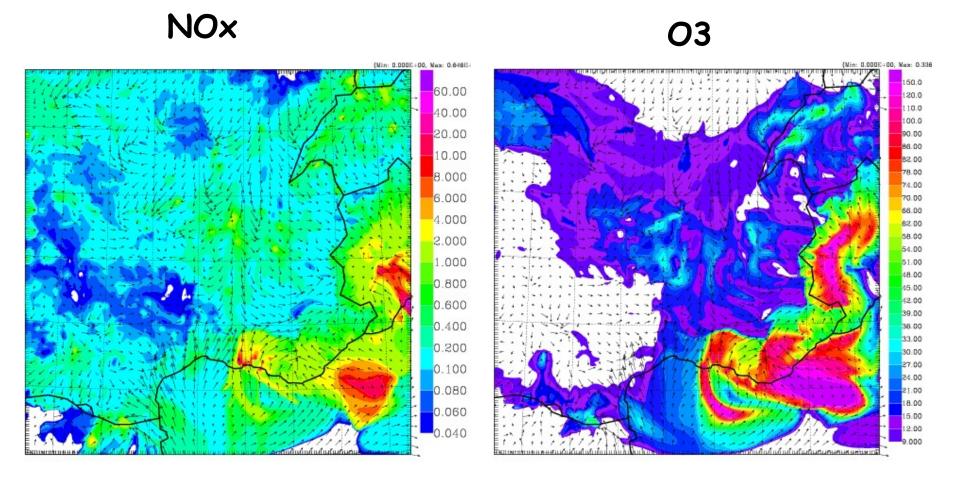




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(communication P. Tulet)

# Air pollution: ESCOMPTE field exp. (AROME/CHEMISTRY)



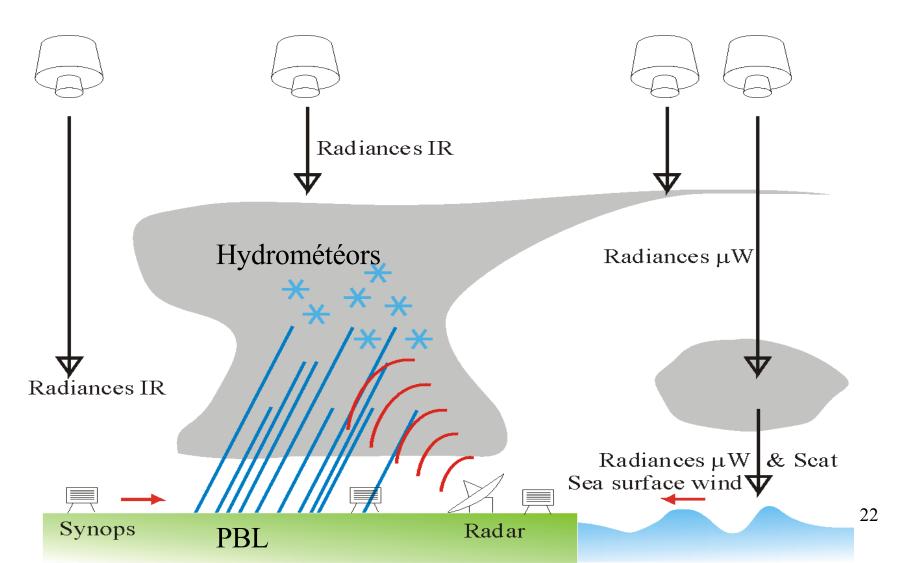
Low-level fields: 24 June 2001 at 14 UTC (38 hours of simulation)

#### 3. Assimilation work

- **ALADIN 3DVar** now operational in France, Hungary, Africa, proven beneficial impact *see C. Fischer*
- **hybrid Méso-NH**/3DVar assimilation tests on Mediterranean convection showed good behaviour but need to improve Jb
- successful **Arome 3DVar 2.5km hourly assimilation** tests show very good impact, even with fixed obs network
- 3DVar diagnostic analysis, hi-res in PBL. Supersedes CANARI
- need to calibrate 2.5km native Jb using ensemble of Arome runs
- radar reflectivity work is proceeding: Bayesian inversion technique, work on data management
- growing Doppler radar team in Toulouse. Screening works.
- ground zenithal GPS assimilation works.
- more work planned on **scripts** (OLIVE interface), high-resolution use of radiances, bogus cloud data. (*P. Brousseau, E. Sevault*)



# Conceptual model of data assimilation for convective scales

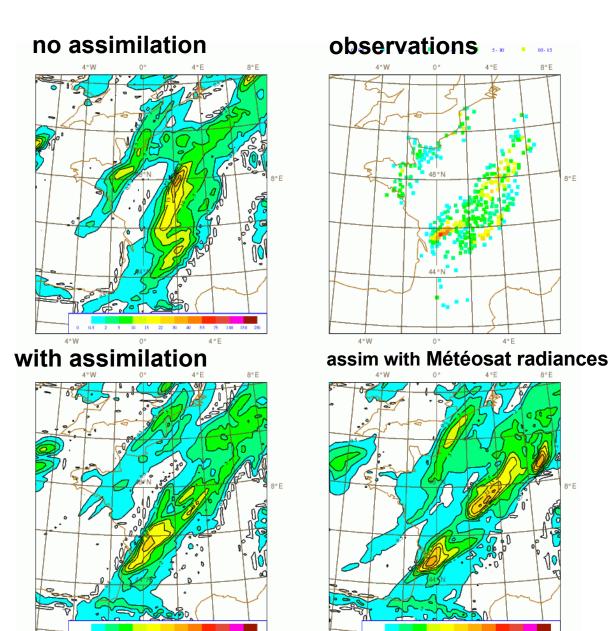


Impact of 3DVar assimilation on ALADIN forecasts: frontal convection

only works if enough hi-res obs e.g. radiances

see talk by C.Fischer etc.

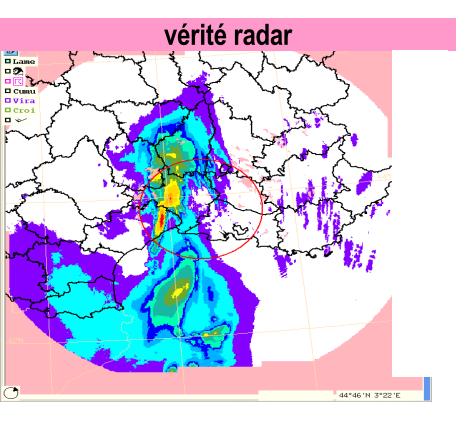
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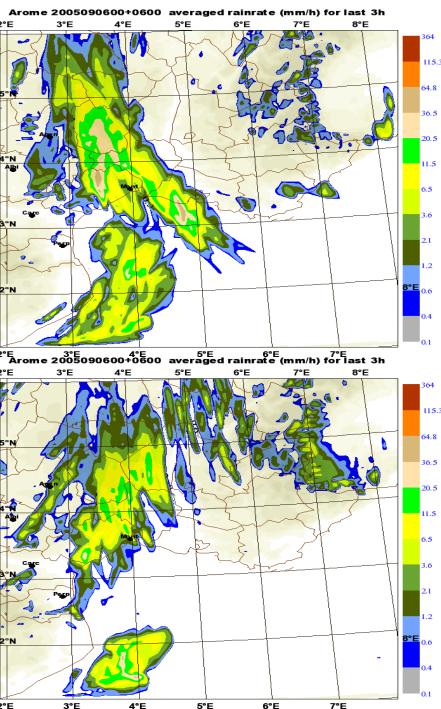


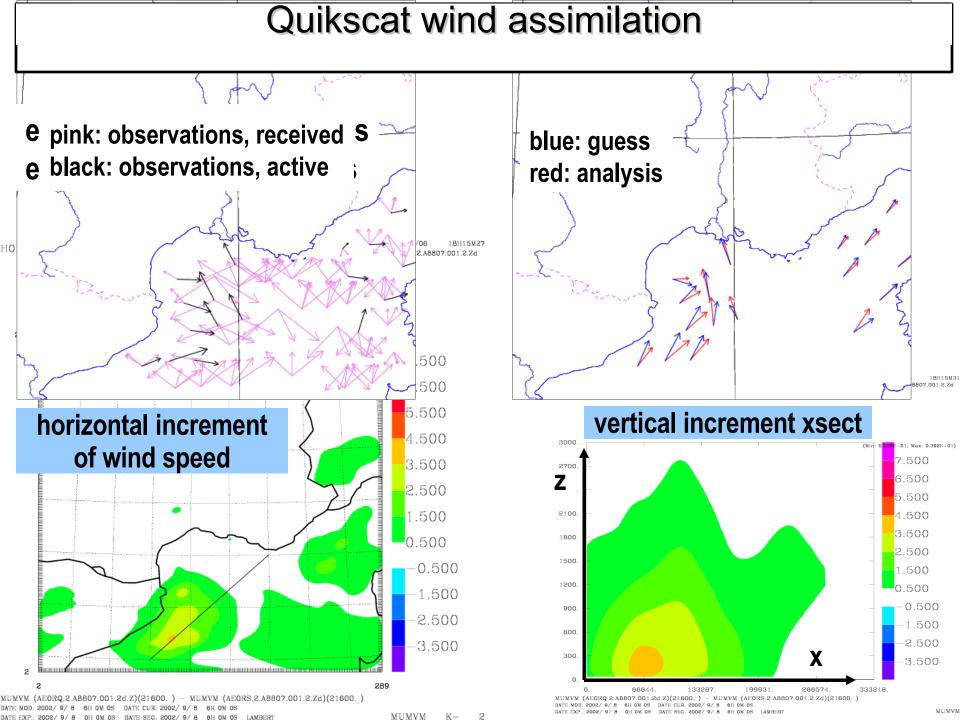
# 4-h extreme precip forecasts: impact of assimilation

pluies du modèle Arome no assimilation



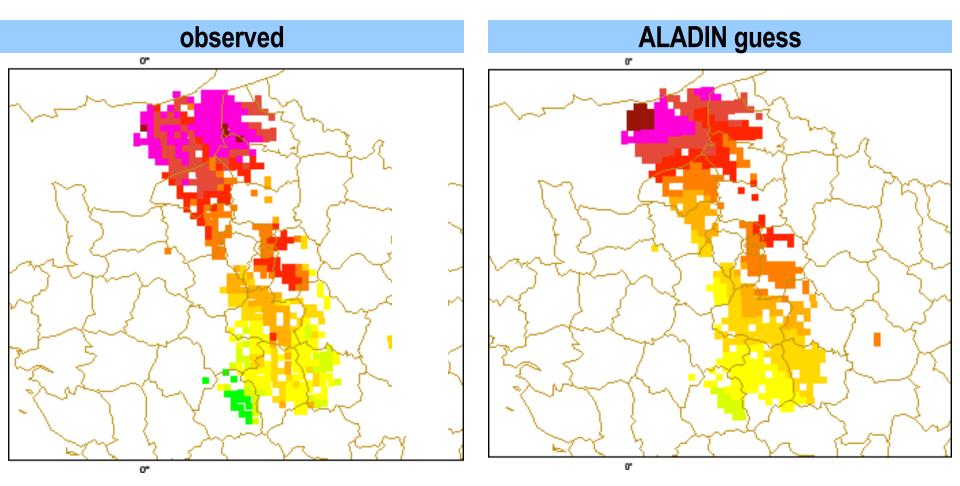
forecast with assimilation





#### **Doppler radar observation operator:**

radial wind component in the PBL





## 4. The future (i.e. 2006/2007)

- computer optimization (NEC, IBM, Linux)
- data assimilation: used for all daily runs, compute improved Jb
- short-range hourly forecasts for nowcasting
- test of Saharian dust modelling & SURFEX advanced features
- increase vertical resolution for fog & low clouds
- even more coupling file compression
- even more work on radar & satellite cloud data
- continuing phys/dyn interface cleaning (for all new devs.)
- development of **3MT deep convection** with ALARO (see L Gérard)
- improvement of Soares EDMF new shallow convection
- · critical review of all physics schemes & more verification
- preparing the post-AROME work: adaptive discretization, vertical slopes, 3D turbulence, interactive gridnesting, better large-scale coupling, mesoscale predictability, 4DVar/KF, toolbox of physics, merge with ALARO & HARMONIE?