

An aerial photograph of a town, likely in the Alps, is shown from a high angle. The town is surrounded by green hills and is partially obscured by a thick layer of white clouds or fog. Overlaid on the bottom left of the image is a white weather map showing isobars (lines of equal atmospheric pressure) and wind vectors (arrows). The isobars are labeled with values such as 1010, 1015, 1020, 1025, 1030, 1035, and 1040. The wind vectors are represented by small white arrows with black outlines, indicating the direction and relative strength of the wind. The background of the entire slide is a dark blue gradient with a stylized sun and cloud icon in the top left corner.

# Development of 4DEnVar at Météo-France

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# Introduction

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- 4D-Var

- ✓ Possible improved representation of  $\mathbf{B}$  with an ensemble of 4D-Vars (Météo-France, ECMWF):  
“flow-dependent” error variances and correlations, with a wavelet  $\mathbf{B}$  (Fisher, 2003; Varella et al, 2011).

- ✓ However, difficult development and maintenance of TL/AD.
- ✓ Low scalability of TL/AD at low resolution.

- 4D-Var based on a 4D ensemble: 4DEnVar

- ✓ Avoids TL/AD forecast models.
- ✓ Similar to 4D-Var ( $\mathbf{H}$ , global analysis, additional terms, outer loops, ...).
- ✓ Localization in model space (versus observation space for EnKF).
- ✓ Lower cost than 4D-Var and parallelization possibilities.



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## Current ARPEGE global assimilation configuration

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- "Deterministic" 4D-Var

- ✓ 6 hour time window.
- ✓ 2 outer loops  
T1198 C2.2 (7.5 km min) L105 / T149 (~135 km), T399 (~ 50 km).
- ✓ Jc-DFI, VarBC.
- ✓  $\mathbf{B}^{1/2} = \mathbf{K}^b \Sigma^b \mathbf{C}^{1/2}$ , wavelet  $\mathbf{C}$ ,  $\mathbf{K}^b =$  spectral + non-linear balances.

- Ensemble assimilation

- ✓ 25 perturbed 4D-Vars.
- ✓ 1 outer loop T479 C1.0 (40 km) / T149 C1.0.
- ✓ Multiplicative inflation of 3h forecast perturbations.
  
- ✓ Gives
  - filtered  $\Sigma^b$  from the last 25 perturbations, updated every 6 h,
  - wavelet  $\mathbf{C}$  from the last 6 x 25 perturbations (last 30 h), updated every 6 h.

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## 4DEnVar formulation

- Minimization of

$$J(\underline{\delta\mathbf{x}}) = \underline{\delta\mathbf{x}}^T \underline{\mathbf{B}}^{-1} \underline{\delta\mathbf{x}} + (\underline{\mathbf{d}} - \underline{\mathbf{H}} \underline{\delta\mathbf{x}})^T \underline{\mathbf{R}}^{-1} (\underline{\mathbf{d}} - \underline{\mathbf{H}} \underline{\delta\mathbf{x}}), \text{ with } \underline{\mathbf{B}} = \underline{\mathbf{X}}^{b'} \underline{\mathbf{X}}^{b'T},$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{X}}^{b'} = (\underline{\mathbf{x}}^{b'}_1, \dots, \underline{\mathbf{x}}^{b'}_{N_e}), \text{ and } \underline{\mathbf{x}}^{b'}_{ne} = \underline{\mathbf{x}}^b_{ne} - \langle \underline{\mathbf{x}}^b \rangle / (N_e - 1)^{1/2}, \text{ ne} = 1, N_e.$$

$\underline{\mathbf{x}}^{b'}$  with dimension  $K+1$  (times)  $\times$   $M$  (3D variables)  $\times$   $N$  (3D dimension)  
(Liu et al, 2008, 2009; Buehner et al, 2010; Lorenc, 2012).

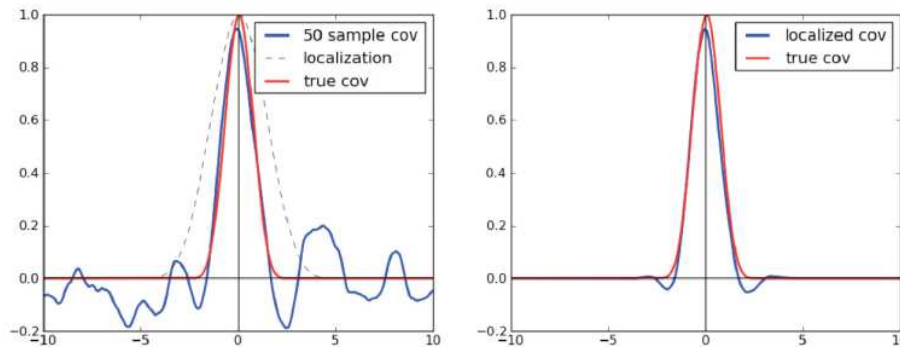
- Formulation developed at Météo-France

- ✓  $\underline{\delta\mathbf{x}}$  as a control variable (no  $\alpha$  or  $\chi$  variables) (Desroziers et al, 2014).
- ✓ DPCG minimizer (Derber and Rosati, 1989) with  $\underline{\mathbf{h}} = \underline{\mathbf{B}} \underline{\mathbf{g}}$  operations.
- ✓ Also possible in observation space with  $\underline{\mathbf{h}}^y = \underline{\mathbf{H}} \underline{\mathbf{B}} \underline{\mathbf{H}}^T \underline{\mathbf{g}}^y$  operations.



# Localization of ensemble covariances

- Need for localization



(Whitaker, 2011)

- Simplification of the localization

Same  $\mathbf{L}$  for all 3D variables and times:  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{X}^{b'} \mathbf{X}^{b'T} \circ \mathbf{L}$ , with

$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{L} & \mathbf{L} & & \\ & \mathbf{L} & & \\ & & \mathbf{L} & \\ & & & \mathbf{L} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ & \mathbf{I} \\ & & \mathbf{I} \\ & & & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{L} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & & & \\ & \mathbf{I} & & \\ & & \mathbf{I} & \\ & & & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{1} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{1}^T, \text{ and } \mathbf{I} \text{ is the } N \times N \text{ identity matrix.}$$

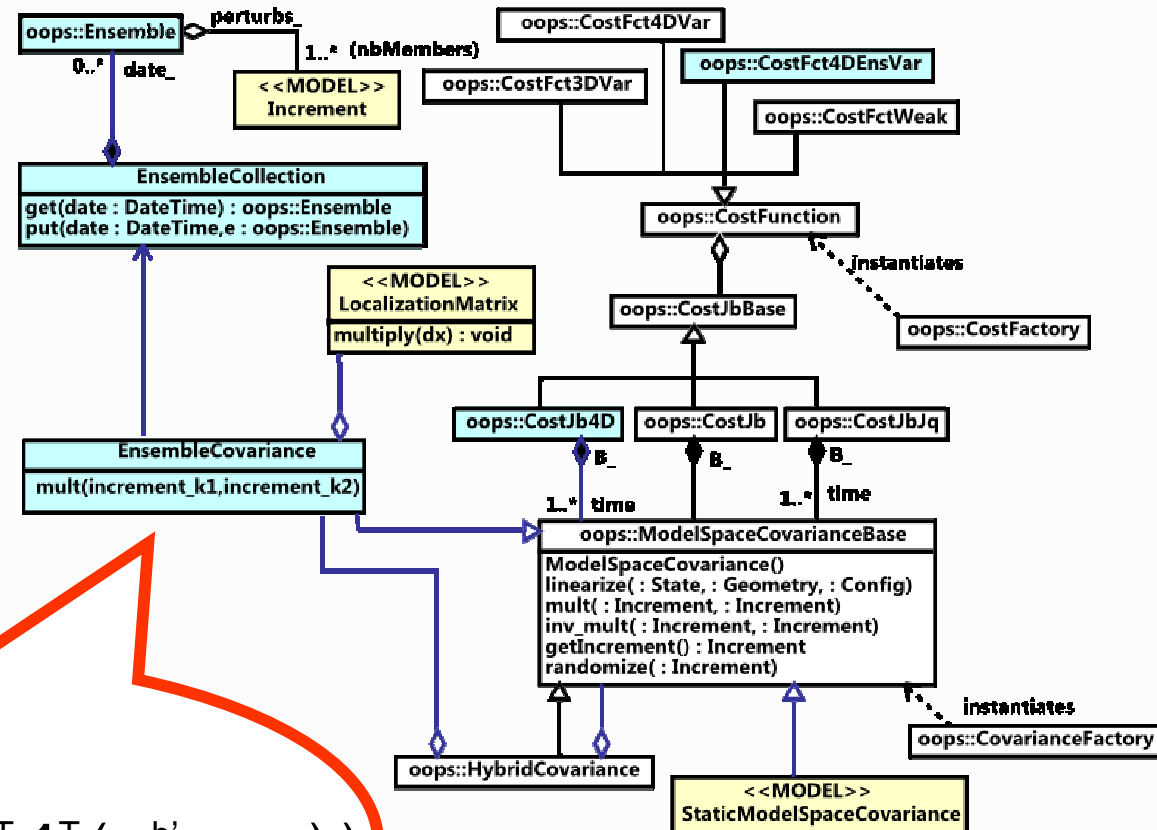
Matrix  $\mathbf{1}$  contains  $K+1$  (times)  $\times$   $M$  (var.) blocks  $\mathbf{I}$  and  $\mathbf{L}$  is a  $N \times N$  correl. matrix.

- Applicat. of  $\mathbf{B}$ :  $\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{B} \mathbf{g} = (\mathbf{X}^{b'} \mathbf{X}^{b'T} \circ \mathbf{L}) \mathbf{g} = \sum_{ne} \mathbf{x}_{ne}^{b'} \circ (\mathbf{1} \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{S}^{-T} \mathbf{1}^T (\mathbf{x}_{ne}^{b'} \circ \mathbf{g}))$ .

# 4DEnVar under OOPS

(Object Oriented Prediction System, ECMWF/Météo-France)

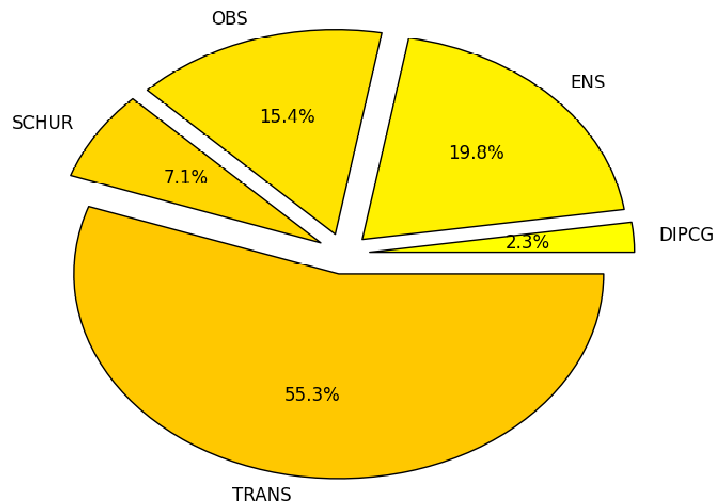
## Jb classes



$$\Sigma_{ne} \mathbf{x}'_{ne} \mathbf{O} \left( \mathbf{1} \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{S}^{-T} \mathbf{1}^T \left( \mathbf{x}'_{ne} \mathbf{O} \mathbf{g} \right) \right)$$

# Optimization of the computations

- Geographical parallelization with **MPI**.
- Gridpoint and spectral parallelization with **OpenMP**.
- $\underline{x}^b$  reading parallelization with **a pool of C++ threads**.
- Computation cost with  $N^e = 200$ , T399, 40 it,  
75 nodes, 150 MPI tasks, 12 OpenMP threads by task: **9'**  
with conventional observations only.



# Optimization of the localization

- Transform  $\psi$ ,  $\chi$  and  $P_s$  to have better agreement between all variables

$$\psi \longrightarrow \Delta^{1/2}\psi$$

$$\chi \longrightarrow \Delta^{1/2}\chi$$

T

q

$$P_s \longrightarrow \Delta^{1/2} P_s$$

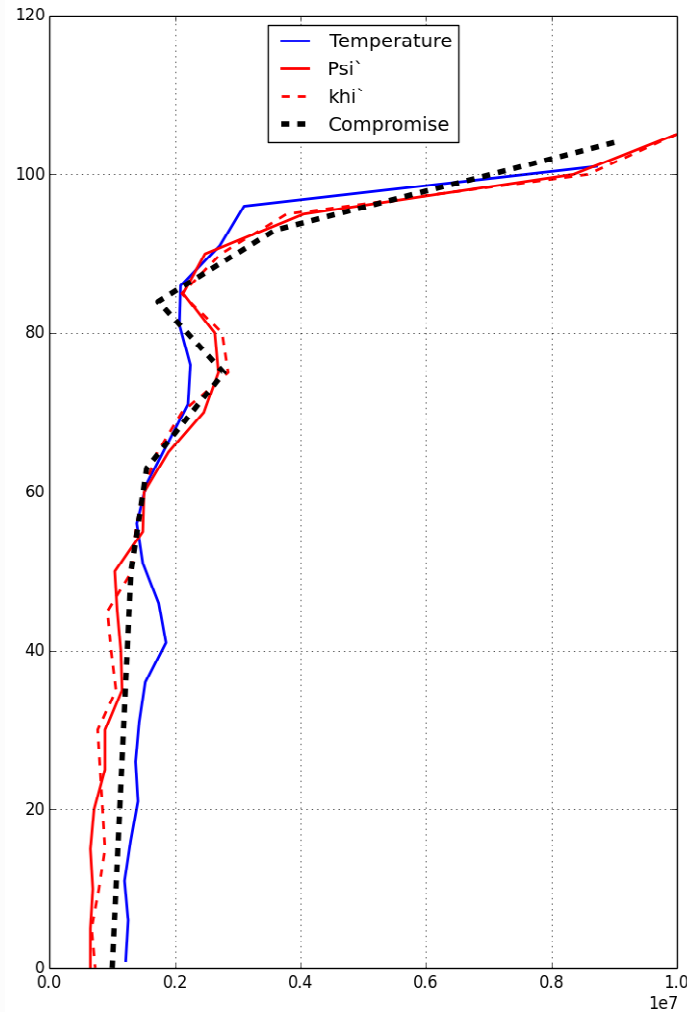
- Localized matrix with transformed variables

$$\underline{\mathbf{B}} = \underline{\mathbf{U}}^{-1} \left( (\underline{\mathbf{U}} \underline{\mathbf{X}}^{b'}) (\underline{\mathbf{U}} \underline{\mathbf{X}}^{b'})^T \circ \underline{\mathbf{L}} \right) \underline{\mathbf{U}}^{-T},$$

where  $\underline{\mathbf{U}}$  is the change of variables.

# Optimization of horizontal localization length scales

Vertical level



$N^e = 200$

10 000 km

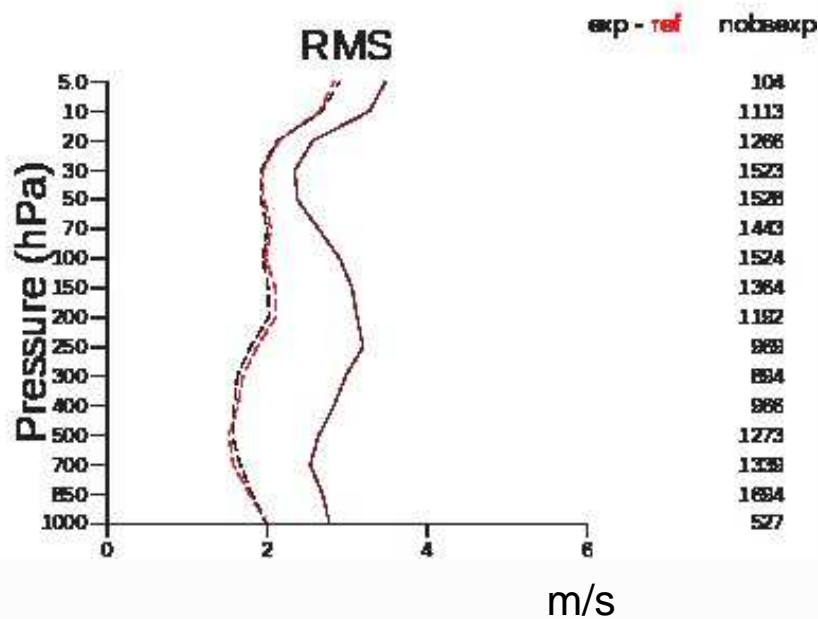


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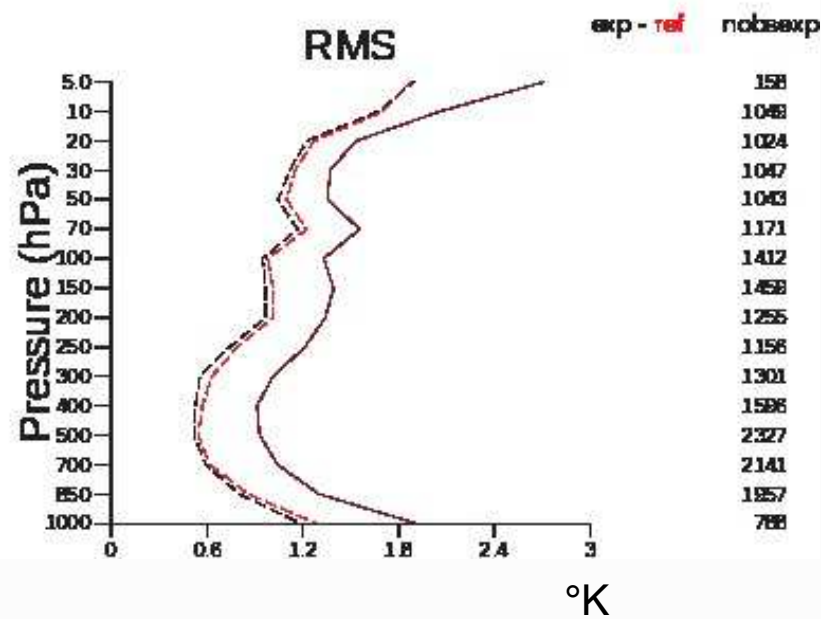
# Results with conventional data

## 4D-Var / 4DEnVar ( $N^e = 200$ )

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 TEMP-Uwind N.Hemis  
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85T8 \ ref: 85T7 2014052500  
 TEMP-T N.Hemis  
 used T



solid lines:  $\text{RMS } y^o - H(x^b)$   
 dashed lines:  $\text{RMS } y^o - H(x^a)$



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# Advection of the localization

- Static  $\underline{\underline{L}}$

$$\underline{\underline{L}} = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{\underline{L}} & \underline{\underline{L}} \\ \underline{\underline{L}} & \underline{\underline{L}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{\underline{I}} \\ \underline{\underline{I}} \end{pmatrix} \underline{\underline{L}} \begin{pmatrix} \underline{\underline{I}} & \underline{\underline{I}} \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\underline{1}} \underline{\underline{L}} \underline{\underline{1}}^T .$$

- Advectiond  $\underline{\underline{L}}$

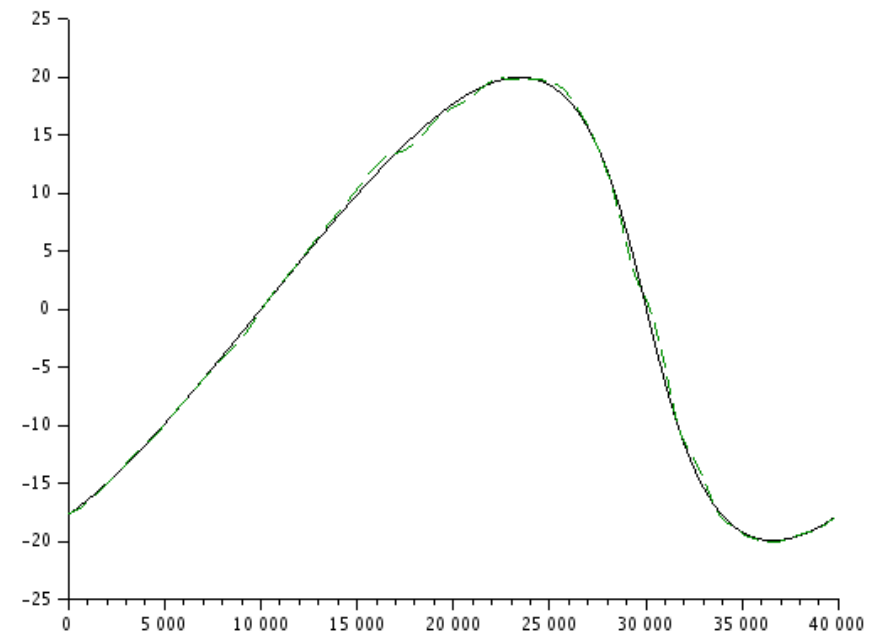
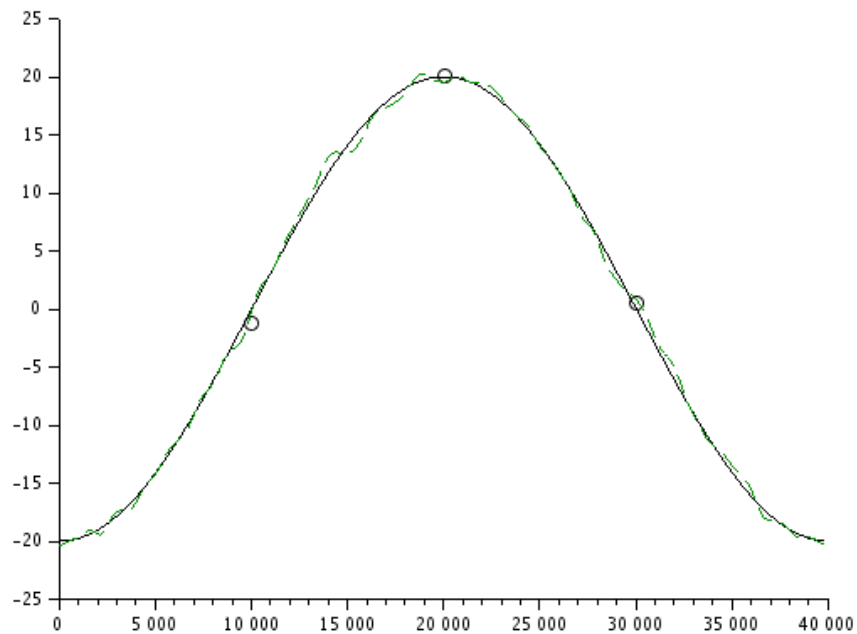
$$\underline{\underline{L}} = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{\underline{L}} & \underline{\underline{L}} \underline{\underline{A}}_1^T & \underline{\underline{L}} \underline{\underline{A}}_K^T \\ \underline{\underline{A}}_1 \underline{\underline{L}} & & \\ \underline{\underline{A}}_K \underline{\underline{L}} & \underline{\underline{A}}_K \underline{\underline{L}} \underline{\underline{A}}_K^T & \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{\underline{I}} \\ \underline{\underline{A}}_1 \\ \underline{\underline{A}}_K \end{pmatrix} \underline{\underline{L}} \begin{pmatrix} \underline{\underline{I}} & \underline{\underline{A}}_1^T & \underline{\underline{A}}_K^T \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\underline{A}} \underline{\underline{L}} \underline{\underline{A}}^T .$$



# Burgers' model

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

m/s



$t_0$

km

$t_f=48h$

—  $u^t$  : true wind

- - -  $u^b$  : simulated background



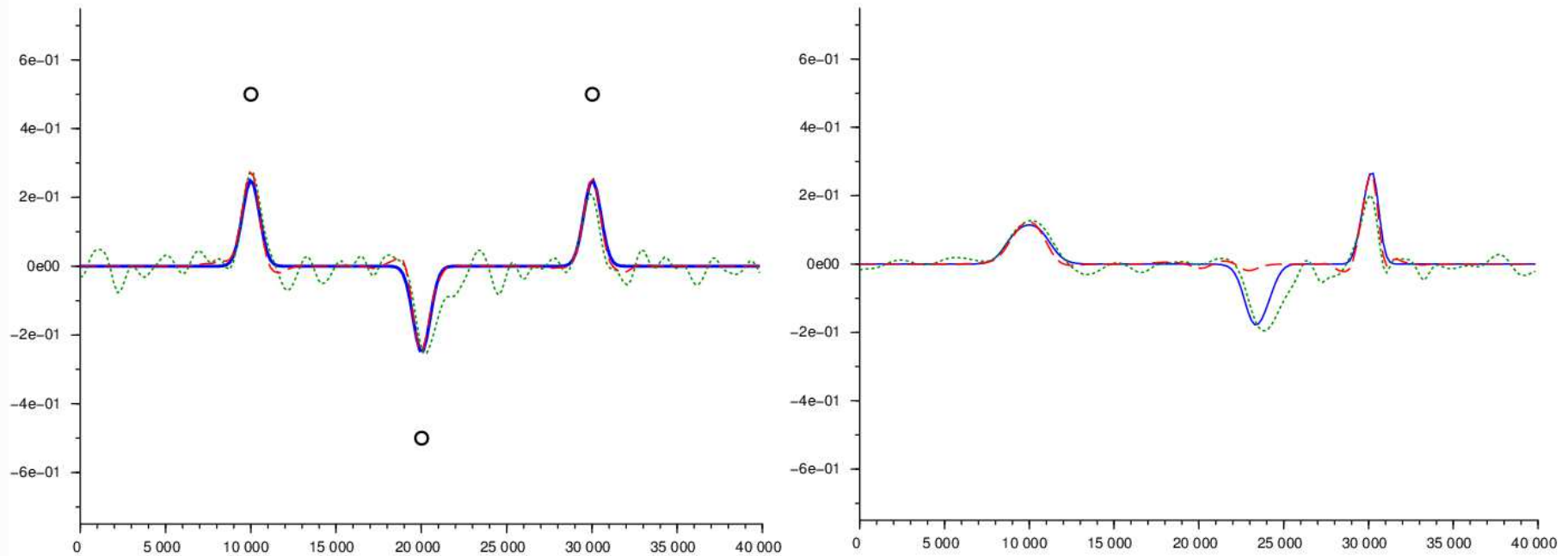
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# Static L

$N^e = 100$ .  $L_c = 1500$  km

$$\underline{C} = \underline{X}^{b'} \underline{X}^{b'T} \circ \underline{1} \underline{L} \underline{1}^T$$

m/s



$t_0$

km

$t_f=48h$

— 4D-Var  $\delta u$

.... 4D-EnVar  $\delta u$  without localization

---- 4D-EnVar  $\delta u$  with localization



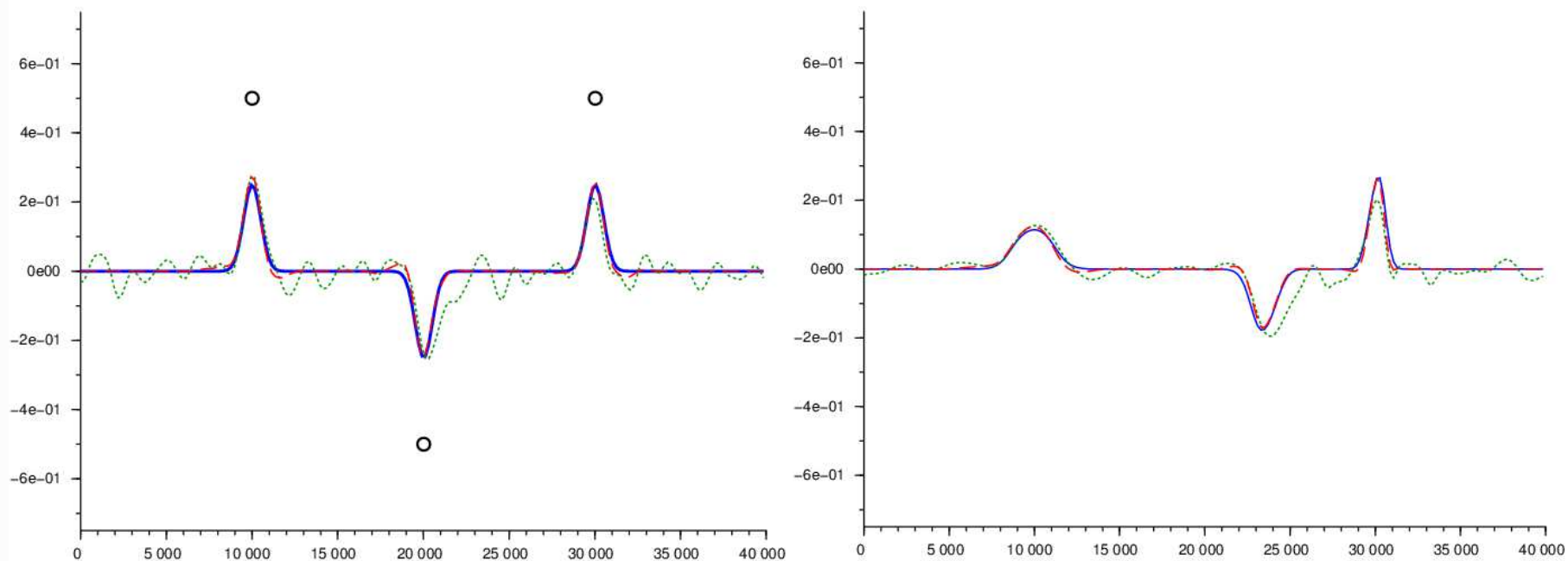
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# Advection L

$N^e = 100$ .  $L_c = 1500$  km

$$\underline{C} = \underline{X}^{b'} \underline{X}^{b'T} \circ \underline{A} \underline{L} \underline{A}^T$$

m/s



$t_0$  km  $t_f=48h$   
 — 4D-Var  $\delta u$   
 .... 4D-EnVar  $\delta u$  without localization  
 ---- 4D-EnVar  $\delta u$  with adv localization



## Advection from $t_0$ to $t_k$ A Lagrangian point of view

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- Lagrangian point of view

$$\alpha(s, t_k) = \alpha(s(t_0), t_0)$$

- Computation of deformed grid  $s(t_0)$

$$s(t_k - \delta t) = s$$

for  $k' = k-1 : -1 : 0$

$$s(t_{k'} - \delta t) = s(t_{k'} - \delta t) - u(s(t_{k'} - \delta t), t_{k'} - \delta t) * \delta t$$

end

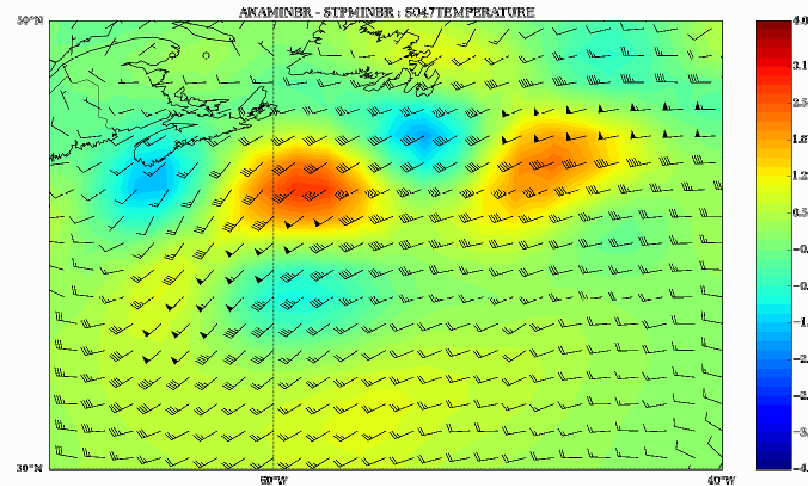
- Advection as a simple interpolation of  $\alpha(t_0)$  at  $s(t_0)$

$$\alpha(s, t_k) = \alpha(s(t_0), t_0) = I^{nt}(s(t_0)) \alpha(s, t_0),$$

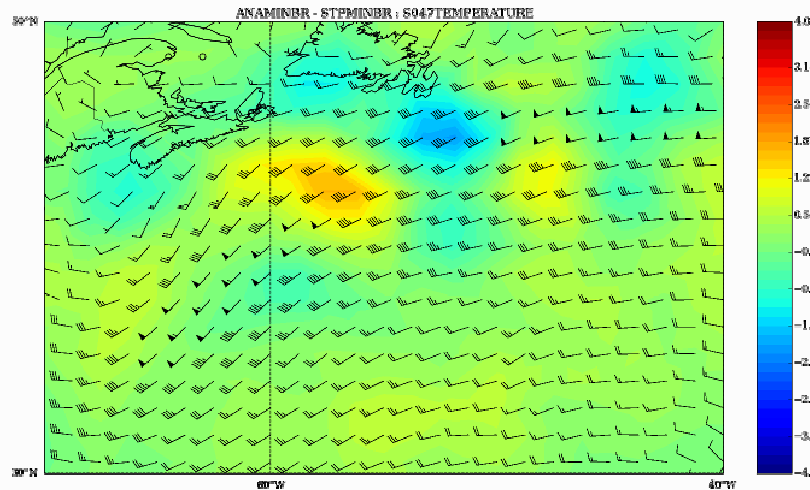
where  $I^{nt}(s(t_0))$  are interpolation coefficients.

# 4D-Var / 4DEnVar

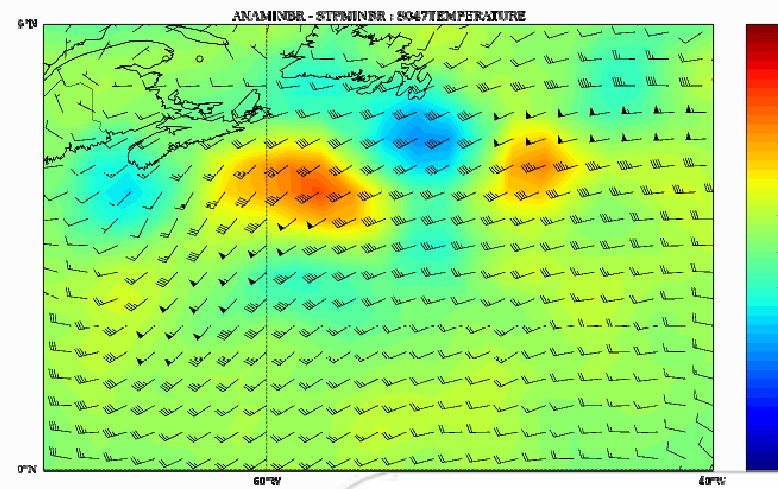
Temperature increment ( $^{\circ}\text{K}$ ) at  $t_0$  with conv. obs. (@10 km)



4D-Var



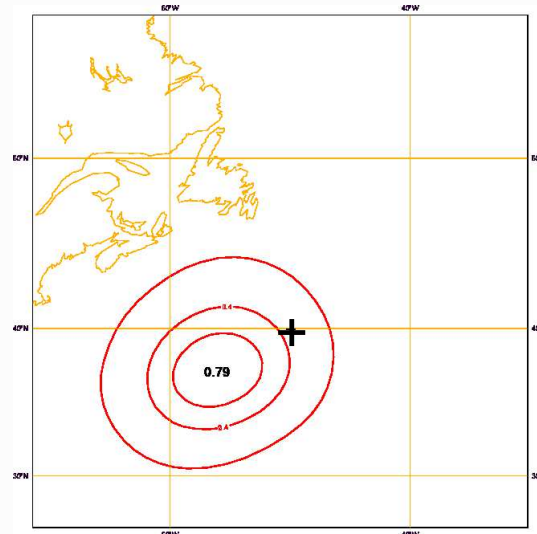
4DEnVar ( $N^e = 200$ )



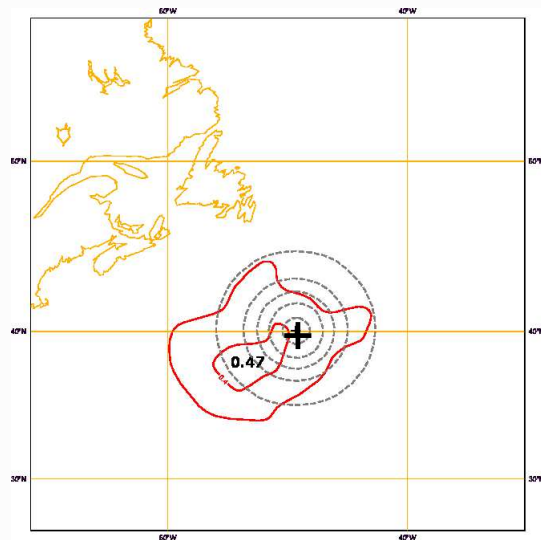
4DEnVar + localization advection

# 4D-Var / 4DEnVar

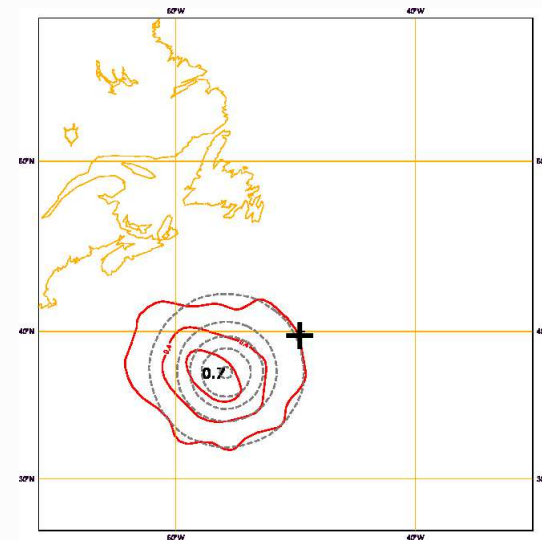
Temperature increment ( $^{\circ}\text{K}$ ) at  $t_0$  with 1 obs at  $t_f$  (@ 10 km)



4D-Var



4DEnVar ( $N^e = 200$ )



4DEnVar + localization advection

## Hybrid formulation

- Hybrid matrix:  $\underline{\mathbf{B}}^h = \gamma^{c2} \underline{\mathbf{B}}^c + (1 - \gamma^{c2}) \underline{\mathbf{B}}^e$ .

- Static  $\underline{\mathbf{B}}^c$

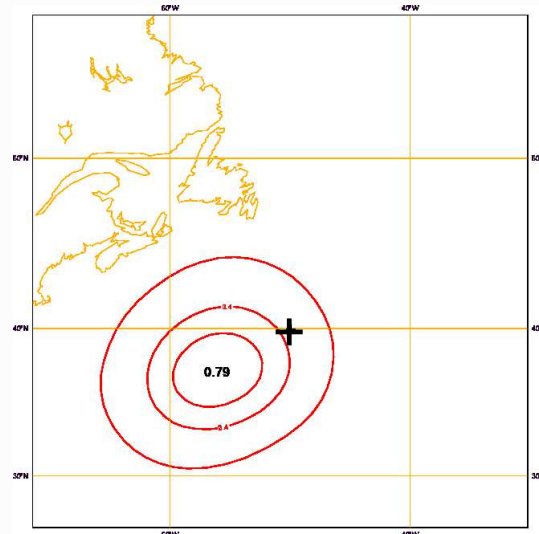
$$\underline{\mathbf{B}}^c = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}^c & \mathbf{B}^c & & \\ & \mathbf{B}^c & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \mathbf{B}^c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{I} \\ \\ \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}^c \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{I} & & \\ & & & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{B}^c \underline{\mathbf{1}}^T .$$

- Advected  $\underline{\mathbf{B}}^c$

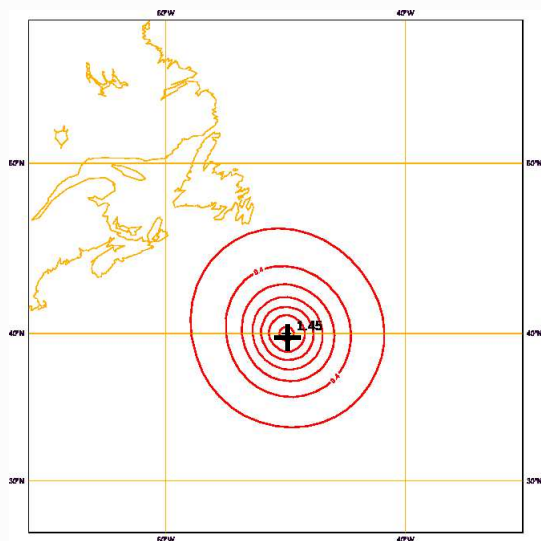
$$\underline{\mathbf{B}}^c = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}^c & \mathbf{B}^c \mathbf{A}_1^T & \mathbf{B}^c \mathbf{A}_K^T \\ \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{B}^c & & \\ & & \\ \mathbf{A}_K \mathbf{B}^c & \mathbf{A}_K \mathbf{B}^c \mathbf{A}_K^T & \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{A}_1 \\ \\ \mathbf{A}_K \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}^c \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{A}_1^T & & \\ & & & \mathbf{A}_K^T \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{B}^c \underline{\mathbf{A}}^T .$$

# 4D-Var / 4DEnVar with $B^c$ only (3D-Var FGAT)

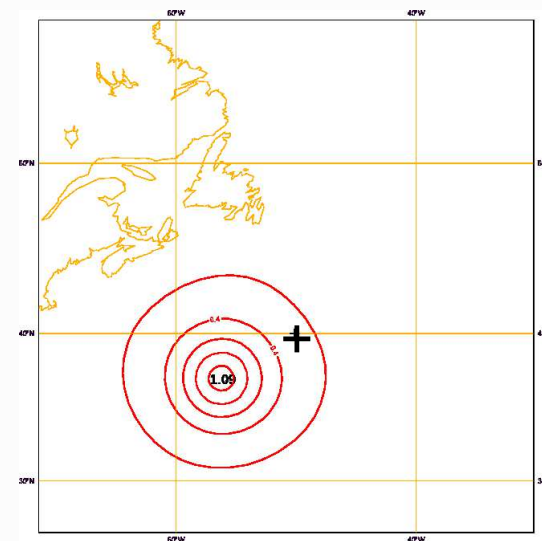
Temperature increment ( $^{\circ}\text{K}$ ) at  $t_0$  with 1 obs at  $t_f$  (@ 10 km)



4D-Var



4DEnVar with static  $B^c$



4DEnVar with advected  $B^c$





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## Conclusion and future work

### ■ Conclusion

- ✓ Possible alternative to the use of  $\alpha$  variables: 4D increment  $\underline{\delta\mathbf{x}}$ .
- ✓ Reading of perturbations is quick enough.
- ✓ First version of ARPEGE 4DEnVar at Météo-France.
  
- ✓ Localization is more difficult with the time dimension.
- ✓ The use of Lagrangian advection may help.

### ■ Future work

- ✓ ARPEGE 4DEnVar: more observations, outer loops, Jc-DFI, ...
- ✓ Improvement of spatial / spectral filtering, sensitivity to ensemble size.
- ✓ Ensemble of 4DEnVars.
  
- ✓ Development of 3D/4DEnVar for high resolution (1,3 km) LAM AROME.