Preparation of the assimilation of radiances from the hyperspectral IRS

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AROME (Applications de la Recherche à l'Opérationnel à Méso-Echelle):

- Fine scale NWP model characterized by a non-hydrostratic dynamical core
- Horizontal resolution of 1.3 km and a vertical resolution of 90 levels from the surface (5 m) to 10 hPa
- High skill short range forecasts of severe events such as intense Mediterranean precipitations, severe storm...



- AROME forecast are initialized using analyses from a 3D-Var data assimilation system with 1h cycling
 - Radar data represent 60% of the observations assimilated.
 - But radar data do not fully cover the domain (Atlantic ocean, Mediterranean sea)
 - → 57.3% of land surface
 - The AROME model needs frequent observation, covering the full domain in 3D
 - The IRS sounder will be able to provide this amount of data

Ratio of the number of observations used in the AROME model by observation type [January 2020]







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LACA

LAC2 LAC1

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Each Dwell is taken in **10s** and covers about **640 x 640** km² at nadir with **160 x 160** spatial samples

patial samples













Interferogram (Level 0 product)



- 3D mapping of temperature, water vapour, wind:
 - High frequency of spatial and temporal temperature and humidity information to improve NWP models
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Objective is to be ready to assimilate real IRS data from day one!



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Black and white infrared satellite image (10.8 μm) METEOSAT 10 15 March 2016 (Source : EUMETSAT)



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 - → Selection from the 1738 available IRS channels in Bands 1 [700 1210 cm⁻¹] and 2 [1600 2175 cm⁻¹]





- The selection of IRS channels will be based on a method used to select IASI channels with an R matrix accounting for inter-channel observation-error correlations [Coopmann et al., 2020 in review]
 - **R** Matrix for IRS channels will be diagnosed using the [*Desroziers et al., 2005*] method
 - We will select the most informative IRS channels in temperature, humidity and skin temperature
 - We will use the Degree of Freedom for Signal (DFS) from information theory [Rodgers et al., 2000] as a figure of merit

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 - The AROME model is coupled at its limits with the ARPEGE global model, but only for forecasts
 - * It would be interesting to use this setup to perform the simulations during the assimilation process



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ARPEGE model



• The basic principle of an OSSE is to assimilate synthetic observations (IRS) derived from an atmospheric model state assumed to represent the truth, and then to determine the impact on analyses and forecasts



• OSSE is useful to:

- Simulate full observation system as close as possible to the current operational one
- Prepare the assimilation system and data flow for IRS observations
- New challenges of this OSSE compared to previous studies [Duruisseau et al., 2017; Guedj et al., 2014]
 - Higher resolution of the Nature Run (5 km) + higher resolution of AROME (1.3 km)
 - Simulation of the full Observing System including Radar data (specific method in Clouds and precipitations) to assess the future impact of the IRS on top of the full set observation
- What is expected from our study:
 - Twin experiments (with and without IRS assimilation)
 - Assess the contribution of IRS observations to weather analysis and forecasts



- Channel selection will be done on the 1738 IRS channels with the DFS method using a diagnosed R-matrix:
 - First channel selection Maximum ~ 150
 - Levels above 10 hPa are taken into account for simulation but priority selection is given to channels providing information in the troposphere (area of interest of the AROME model)
 - Currently awaiting definitive IRS coefficient RTTOV (apodization) and instrument geometry data for IRS observation simulations.

• A new OSSE framework will be built:

- Simulation of radars for the first time (60% of the observations used in AROME in operations)
- Need to know as soon as possible the IRS instrumental specifications (scan geometry) in order to perform the simulations
- Evaluation of the IRS impact:
 - Perform OSSE experiments with and without IRS observations (with possibly several channel selection?)
 - Evaluate them in terms of forecast scores



