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# **Numerical Weather Prediction Models**

Weather forecasting, beyond the few hours range of nowcasting, is completely based on the support given by Numerical Weather Prediction Models. Such models are based on the numerical translation of the physical equations describing atmospheric motions and processes.

•continuity equation $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\nabla .(\rho \tilde{V})$ •momentum equation $\frac{d\tilde{V}}{dt} = -2\tilde{\Omega} \times \tilde{V} - \alpha \nabla p - g\tilde{k} + \tilde{\tau}$ •thermodynamic equation $\frac{d\tilde{V}}{dt} = -2\tilde{\Omega} \times \tilde{V} - \alpha \nabla p - g\tilde{k} + \tilde{\tau}$ •thermodynamic equation $c_p \frac{dT}{dt} = Q + \frac{RT}{p} \omega$ •humidity equationdq/dt = evaporation - precipitation

• surface equations *moisture* 

soil temperature and



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When the "conservation" equations are discretized over a given grid size (typically a few km to several hundred km) it is necessary to add "sources and sinks" terms due to small scale physical processes that occur at scales that cannot be explicitly resolved by the models. As an example, the equation for water vapor conservation on pressure coordinates is typically written as







# **Numerical Weather Prediction Models**

Numerical weather prediction models are usually divided in two major categories:

Global Circulation Models (GCM)

usually operated by the biggest Meteorological Centres, as ECMWF, DWD Germany, UK MetOffice, Meteo France, NCEP Washington GCMs integrate the models equations over the entire globe with a high vertical extension due to the necessity of describing also stratosphere/troposphere interaction.

The global coverage of GCM induces a limit in the attainable horizontal resolution; this limit is given by the available computer resources.

The task of describe weather evolution with greater local accuracy, is usually committed to national weather services which have implemented national modelling operational suites based on

• Limited area Models (LAM) LAM integrate the model equations , with higher horizontal resolution, over a limited geographical domain.





# **Initial Conditions**

Both GCM and LAM need an Initial Condition (the state of the atmosphere at a specified time) to start the numerical integration of model equations.

The procedure to generate this initial condition is complicate as the forecast model itself and the former definition of Analysis has been now replaced by the concept of <u>Data Assimilation</u> procedure.

IC is defined on the base of sparse non/homogeneous meteorological observations coming from conventional networks (e.g. surface synop observations, upper air soundings from TEMP) and non convention data like those coming from satellite.

<u>The initial state</u>, obtained through the DA cycle, <u>must be "suitable"</u> to be properly interpreted by the model. The model is just a truncated and approximated representation of the atmosphere and inconsistencies can lead to "strange" <u>non physical model reactions</u> corrupting model forecast for the first part of the model integration.

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# NUMERICAL WEATHER PREDICTION IN EUROPE



SRNWP - Short Range Numerical Weather Prediction



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# **EUMETNET/SRNWP** AND NWP IN ITALY

Italy joined the COSMO Consortium with an international agreement signed USAM, the National Airforce Weather Service





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At National level, USAM, ARPA SIMC and ARPA Piemonte signed the LAMI agreement to cooperate on the management and on the development of the national NWP operational suites.

Since 2004, LAMI is the official NWP system to support the National Civil Protection activities. ARPA-SIMC has been included among the Centres of Competence of the National Civil Protection Sytem.

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Conso	rtium for Small-scale Modeling
The Conso both for op by other na	tium for Small-scale Modeling (COSMO) was formed in October 1998. It's general goal is to develop, improve and maintain a non-hydrostatic limited-area atmospheric model, to b rational and for research applications by the members of the consortium. Moreover, within a licence agreement, the COSMO model may be used for operational and research appli ional (hydro-)meteorological services, universities and research institutes.
Participati	ig national meteorological services
Today, the	consortium, has as members these national meteorological services (presented in date-of-join order) :
Germany	DWD Deutscher Wetterdienst
Switzerlan	MCH MeteoSchweiz
Italy	USAM Ufficio Generale Spazio Aereo e Meteorologia
Greece	HNMS Hellenic National Meteorological Service
Poland	Index institute of weterorology and water Management
Romania	NMA National Meteorological Administration
Russia	RTM redetal service for Hydrometeorology and Environmental Monitoring
Other maj	r members
Additional	, these regional and military services within the member states are also participating;
AGeoBw	CRA ARPA-SIMC ARPA Permonte
Germany	AGeoBw Amt für Geolnformationswesen der Bundeswehr
Italy	CIRA Centro Italiano Ricerche Aerospaziali
Italy	ARPA-SIMC ARPA Emilia Romagna Servizio Idro Meteo Clima
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# THE COSMO MODEL



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#### **General Description: Model Dynamics and Numerics**

see also: basic design | initial and boundary conditions | physical parameterizations | external parameters | code and parallelization | data assimilation Last updated: September 2011

The COSMO-Model is based on the primitive hydro-thermodynamical equations describing compressible non-hydrostatic flow in a moist atmosphere without any scale approximations. A basic state is subtracted from the equations to reduce numerical errors associated with the calculation of the pressure gradient force in case of sloping coordinate surfaces. The basic state represents a time-independent dry atmosphere at rest which is prescribed to be horizontally homogeneous, vertically stratified and in hydrostatic balance.

The basic equations are written in advection form and the continuity equation is replaced by a prognostic equation for the perturbation pressure (i.e. the deviation of pressure from the reference state). The model equations are solved numerically using the traditional finite difference method. In the following we summarize the dynamical and numerical key features of the COSMO-Model.

Model Equations

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- subtraction of a hydrostatic basic state (reference atmosphere) at rest. Options for
  - a reference atmosphere defined with a constant ∆t, with an increasingly negative vertical temperature gradient in the stratosphere and a limit to the vertical model extent.
  - · a reference atmosphere based on a temperature profile

 $T_0(z) = T_{c0} + \Delta t EXP(-z/h_scal)$ , approaching an isothermal profile in the stratosphere and no limits of the vertical model extent.

Prognostic Variables	<ul> <li>horizontal and vertical cartesian wind components (u,v,w)</li> </ul>	
	temperature (t)	
	<ul> <li>pressure perturbation (p', deviation from the reference state)</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>specific humidity (q_v) and specific cloud water content (q_c)</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>optionally: cloud ice content (q_i), specific water content of rain (q_r), snow (q_s) and graupel (q_g)</li> </ul>	
	optionally: turbulent kinetic energy (tke)	
Diagnostic Variables	Total air density	
	2 meter temperature	
	10 meter wind speeds	
	maximal wind gust in 10 meter	
	precipitation fluxes of rain and snow	
	and much more	
Coordinate System	rotated geographical (lat/lon) coordinate system horizontally	
	generalized terrain-following height-coordinate with user defined grid stretching in the vertical. Options for	
	<ul> <li>base-state pressure based height coordinate</li> </ul>	
	Gal-Chen height coordinate and	
	<ul> <li>exponential beint coordinate (SLEVE) according to Schär et al. (2002)</li> </ul>	
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COSMO-Model Model Management COSMO Tasks

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A variety of subgrid-scale physical processes are taken into account by parameterization schemes. Some parts of the present physics package of the COSMO-Model have been adapted from the former operational hydrostatic models EM/DM, but some are based on new developments or have been taken over by GME or the IFS. The following table gives a short overview on the parameterization schemes used operationally and on additional options implemented so far.

Grid-Scale Clouds and Precipitation

Moist Convection

Radiation

Surface Layer

Soil Processes

Sea Ice Scheme

- Cloud water condensation and evaporation by saturation adjustment.
  - Precipitation formation by a bulk microphysics parameterization including water vapour, cloud water, cloud ice, rain and snow with 3D transport for the precipitating
    phases.
  - · Option for a new bulk scheme including graupel.
  - Option for a simpler column equilibrium scheme.

Based on work by Mironov and Ritter (DWD)

- Subgrid-Scale Clouds Subgrid-scale cloudiness is interpreted by an empirical function depending on relative humidity and height. A corresponding cloud water content is also interpreted. Option for a statistical subgrid-scale cloud diagnostic for turbulence.
  - Tiedtke (1989) mass-flux convection scheme with equilibrium closure based on moisture convergence. Option for a modified closure based on CAPE.
     Reduced Tiedtke scheme for shallow convection only.
  - ō-two stream radiation scheme after Ritter and Geylen (1992) for short- and longwave fluxes (employing eight spectral intervals); full cloud-radiation feedback.
- Subgrid-Scale Orography Subgrid-scale orography (SSO) scheme by Lott and Miller (1997) which deals explicitly with a low-level flow that is blocked when the subgrid-scale orography is sufficiently high.
- Subgrid-Scale Turbulence Prognostic turbulent kinetic energy closure at level 2.5 including effects from subgrid-scale condensation and from thermal circulations.
  - Option for a diagnostic second order K-closure of hierarchy level 2 for vertical turbulent fluxes.
  - Preliminary option for calculation of horizontal turbulent diffusion in terrain following coordinates (3D Turbulence).
  - A Surface layer scheme (based on turbulent kinetic energy) including a laminar-turbulent roughness layer.
     Option for a stability-dependent drag-law formulation of momentum, heat and moisture fluxes according to similarity theory (Louis, 1979)
  - Multi-layer version of the former two-layer soil model after Jacobsen and Heise (1982) based on the direct numerical solution of the heat conduction equation. Snow and interception storage are included.
    - Option for the (old) two-layer soil model employing the extended force-restore method still included.
- FLake Model A Fresh-water Lake model by Mironov (2008)

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## **Assimilation by Nudging**



Thus, the so-called nudging equation describes a continuous adaptation of the model values towards the observed values during the forward integration of the model (Fig. 1).



### Analysis of Atmospheric Fields: Nudging-Based Data Assimilation

#### 3.1 Concept and Basic Ideas

Nudging or Newtonian relaxation consists of relaxing the model's prognostic variables towards prescribed values within a predetermined time window. Detailed descriptions of the technique can be found e.g. Anthes (1974), Davies and Turner (1977), and Stauffer and Seaman (1990). In the present scheme, nudging is performed towards direct observations, which is more appropriate for asynoptic data (Stauffer and Bao (1993)) and high-resolution applications than nudging towards 3-dimensional analyses (Stauffer and Seaman (1994)). A relaxation term is introduced into the model equations, and the tendency for the prognostic variable  $\psi(\mathbf{x}, t)$  is given by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\psi(\mathbf{x},t) = F(\boldsymbol{\psi},\mathbf{x},t) - G_{\boldsymbol{\psi}} \cdot \sum_{k_{(obs)}} W_k(\mathbf{x},t) \cdot [\psi_k^{obs} - \psi(\mathbf{x}_k,t)]$$
(3.1)

F denotes the model dynamics and physical parameterizations,  $\psi_k^{obs}$  the value of the  $k^{th}$  observation influencing the grid point x at time t,  $x_k$  the observation location,  $G_{\psi}$  a constant called nudging coefficient (currently set to  $12 \cdot 10^{-4} s^{-1}$  for surface pressure and  $6 \cdot 10^{-4} s^{-1}$  for the other assimilated quantities), and  $W_k$  an observation-dependent weight. This weight always takes values between 0 and 1 (except for surface pressure, cf. Section



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### Operational @ CINECA

- Twice per day at 00 and 12 UTC
- Time range + 72 hours
- Horizontal Resolution ~ 7km
- BCs from ECMWF IFS (15 km h.r.); BC frequency 3 hours
- IC through Nudging of observations

Test Suite @ CINECA Hot Back-up@ CINECA

# COSMO 17



### Back-up @SIMC

- Twice per day at 00 and 12 UTC
- Time range + 72 hours
- Horizontal Resolution ~ 7km
  - BCs from DWD GME (20 km h.r.); BC frequency 1 hour
  - IC through Nudging of observations

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### Operational @ CINECA

- Twice per day at 00 and 12 UTC
- Time range + 48 hours
- Horizontal Resolution ~ 2.8km
- BCs from COSMO I7; BC frequency 1 hour
- IC through Nudging of observations

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The major difference compared to COSMO 17 is the switch-off of the parametrized convection



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## NUMERICAL MODELLING AT ARPA-SIMC:

### **MAJOR ONGOING DEVELOPMENTS**

Numerical Modelling ARPA-SIMC



Very short Range Better support during the monitoring phases related to Civil Protection Alerts





### Pre-operational @ SIMC

- Eight times per day at 00,03,06,09,12,15,1 8,21 UTC
- Time range + 18 hours
- Horizontal Resolution ~ 2.8km
- BCs from COSMO I7; BC frequency 1 hour
- IC through Nudging of observations

# COSMO RUC



At present the major difference compared to COSMO I2 is assimilation of Radar estimated rain rate by applying the Latent Heat Nudging technique.

Forecasts available (after this trial phase) after two hours from the nominal time of the start of the forecast.

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### **NUMERICAL MODELLING AT ARPA-SIMC:**

#### MAJOR ONGOING DEVELOPMENTS:

#### IMPLEMENTATION AND TEST OF THE NEW ENSEMBLE BASED DATA ASSIMILATION SCHEME KENDA

#### Priority Project "KENDA" Km-Scale Ensemble-Based Data Assimilation

Project leader: Christoph Schraff (DWD)

Introduction

Past Projects Priority Projects

Operational

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The aim of the project is to develop a novel ensemble-based data assimilation system for the convective scale (i.e. 1 - 3 km model mesh-size) and to show that it works scientifically and gives a systematic positive impact (compared to nudging), in particular in convective situations, but also for low stratus conditions and near steep orography. The system has to be able to provide the initial conditions for convective-scale ensemble forecasting.

Two approaches have been envisaged at the beginning of the project, that is the Local Ensemble Transform Kalman Filter (LETKF, see Hunt et al., 2007) and the Sequential Importance Resampling (SIR) filter (van Leeuwen, 2003). The distribution of the resources should depend on the relevance of non-Gaussianity. In some preliminary investigation, only moderate deviations from Gaussianity have been found in most observation minus forecast statistics. Therefore, all the resources from the weather services in COSMO are being devoted to the LETKF in view of the fact that for this method, successful meteorological data assimilation applications exist and less practical problems are expected than for the SIR approach. Then, the more basic research required for the latter should rely mainly on resources from cooperating universities and research institutes.

#### Motivation

Our strategy for (very) short-range NWP in the coming years is to deliver not only deterministic forecasts, but a representation of the probability density function (PDF) for the atmospheric state, e.g. in the form of probabilities assigned to members of an ensemble running at a mesh-size of about 1 - 3 km. Furthermore, the use of indirect observations at high frequency is considered to become more important in the future.

Compared to larger scales, several conditions relevant for data assimilation are much more predominant in the convective scale. These include non-Gaussian PDFs, flow-dependent and poorlyknown balance, and strong non-linearity. Therefore, it is considered more appropriate for the future to develop a separate data assimilation scheme for the convective scale and use a potentially different (but in practice similar) approach for a generalised system for global and regional modelling. Such a system combining global and regional modelling is being developed in the form of a global non-hydrostatic model with regional grid refinement at DWD and MPI Hamburg in the project ICON. Its analysis component will be based a hybrid 3DVAR (PSAS - physical space analysis system) - LETKF system.

Thus, an alternative data assimilation technique appropriate for the convective scale needs to be developed. However, the problem of convective-scale data assimilation is far from being solved nowadays. The main efforts by other groups and weather services in Europe are directed mainly towards 3D- and 4DVAR, but it is not clear how well this will work on these scales. For sure, developing a new 4DVAR system would require huge efforts. In the light of the human resources in COSMO, which are more limited than within MeteoFrance/HIRLAM/HARMONIE, let alone the UK Met Office, embarking on this approach would imply the risk of always lagging behind the other groups.

More recently, ensemble approaches, and in particular (variants of) the Ensemble Kalman Filter, have received increased attention (above all in USA). They usually require significantly less resources for development. Moreover, they can naturally be used to provide the initial conditions for convective-scale Ensemble prediction systems and are therefore much better suited for forecasting and delivering representations of the PDFs. By embarking on this approach, COSMO can attain a strong position within Europe with a chance for leadership in this area.

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**Model Errors** 

Accounting for uncertainties associated to Numerical Forecast

**Analysis Errors** 

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# COSMO-LEPS suite @ ECMWF: present status



# COSMO-HYBrid Ensemble Prediction System: under test in parallel suite

Generate 20-member hybrid ensemble (COSMO-HYBEPS), where:

- a) 16 members comes from COSMO-LEPS,
- b) 1 member is nested on IFS (uses Tiedtke scheme),
- c) 1 member is nested on IFS (uses Kain-Fritsch scheme),
- d) 1 member is nested on GME,
- e) 1 member is nested on GFS.

All members have  $\Delta x \sim 7$  km; 40 ML; fc+132h;







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### **ENSEMBLE FORECASTING: DEVELOPMENTS**



1. Revision of the Ensemble Reduction Technique to select Bopundary conditions out of a coarser EPS



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#### Hymex implementation

- Hymex SOP: 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 2012
- Many models available, among which AROME-EPS 2.5km
- Many observations available (and many deployed on IOPs)
- COSMO-H2-EPS set-up:
  - 2.8 km, 50 levels
  - 10 members

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- IC and BC COSMO-LEPS
- 1 run daily at 12 UTC
- 36h forecast range



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- 3. Implementation and testing of a LETKF to provide smaller scale perturbations on Initial conditions



# **Objective/statistical verification**

## Operational verification in Italy

Angela Celozzi Elena Oberto – Naima Vela Maria Stefania Tesini



Lugano - Cosmo General Meeting - 10-13 September 2012



http://www.cosmo-model.org/content/consortium/generalMeetings/general2012/wg5-versus.htm

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Very high resolution the pixel scale

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## Verification of Precipitation: an example





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## **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

Thanks to the COSMO and LAMI cooperation, and to the support of National Civil Protection, ARPA SIMC is managing and further developing state-of-the-art numerical modelling systems.

The future of Limited Area Modelling is toward the km scale. Even if Numerical weather prediction has made very big progresses in the last decades, the intrinsic low predictability of small scale processes still implies big challenges.

Models must be improved in their capability to better represent small scale processes; data assimilation systems should be developed in such a way to use at best the huge amount of information coming from the new observation capabilities.



## **CONCLUDING REMARKS**



The awareness of our limits brought to the development of probabilistic prediction based on Ensemble Forecasting.

Big efforts are being doing by the scientific community to improve these systems in such a way to have a proper link between the estimate of the uncertainty in the forecast and the actual forecast errors.

How to use probabilities is a big issue and it should be matter of cooperation between Meteorologists and users.



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