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Overview

1. UERRA/CERRA – data and availability
2. Comparison UERRA-CERRA-ERA5
3. Training material
4. The reanalysis systems



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Time line of service and system details

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

UERRA-HARMONIE operational
(11km resolution)

MESCAN-SURFEX operational
(5.5km resolution)

Development of the new system

CERRA-Land
(5.5km resolution)

CERRA
(5.5km resolution)

CERRA-EDA
(10 members, 11km)

- 11 km (565x565 grid points), 65 levels
- Surface/soil analysis 5.5 km (MESCAN-SURFEX)
- 1961 – July 2019

- CERRA: 1069x1069 grid points, 106 levels
- CERRA-Land: precipitation analysis and surface/soil analysis
- Starts in the September 1984



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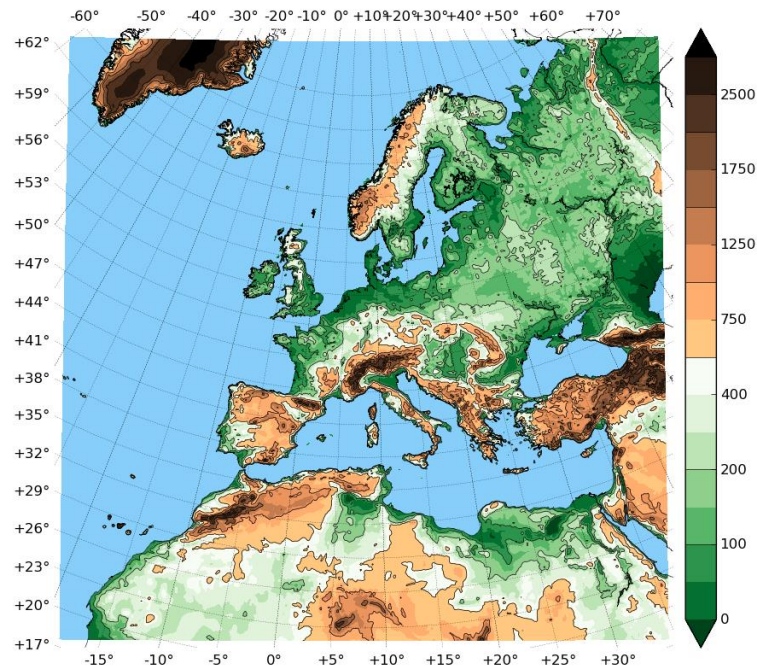
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Available data – UERRA

- Modell domain covers entire Europe
- Period 1961 – July 2019
- 31 surface parameters,
9 parameters on pressure levels,
7 parameters on height levels,
4 parameters on model levels
2 parameters on soil levels
- Additional output from MESCAN-SURFEX (surface and soil)

Complete list in the user guide available in the CDS:

<https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/cdsapp#!/dataset/reanalysis-uerra-europe-single-levels?tab=doc>



Model domain illustrated with model topography and land-sea mask



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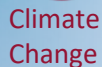
Relevant data for ocean modelling

UERRA

- 10m wind speed
- 10m wind direction
- 2m temperature
- 2m relative humidity
- Short and long wave radiation
- Rain and snow
- Mean sea-level pressure
- (Cloud cover)
- Gustiness

CERRA (additional)

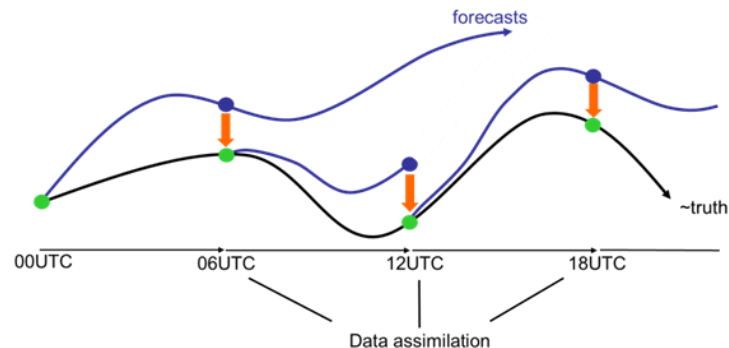
- Momentum fluxes
- More radiation parameters



Available time steps - UERRA

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Forecast starting at		17	18	19	20	21	22	23	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	0	1	2	3				
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Number of available time steps									4	1	1	2	1	1	4	1	1	3	1	1	4	1	1	2	1	1	4	1	1	3	1	1								

- 4 analysis per day
- Hourly resolution from the forecast model
- Maximum forecast lengths is 30 hours





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Data access via CDS

<https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/cdsapp#!/dataset/reanalysis-uerra-europe-single-levels?tab=overview>



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UERRA regional reanalysis for Europe on single levels from 1961 to present

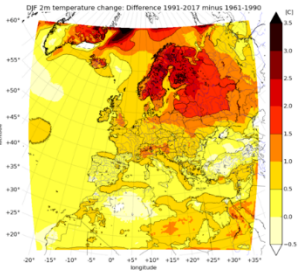
[Overview](#) [Download data](#) [Documentation](#)

This UERRA dataset contains analyses of surface and near-surface essential climate variables from UERRA-HARMONIE and MISCAN-SURFEX systems. Forecasts up to 30 hours initialised from the analyses at 00 and 12 UTC are available only through the CDS-API (see Documentation).

UERRA-HARMONIE is a 3-dimensional variational data assimilation system, while MISCAN-SURFEX is a complementary surface analysis system. Using the Optimal Interpolation method, MISCAN provides the best estimate of daily accumulated precipitation and six-hourly air temperature and relative humidity at 2 meters above the model topography.

The land surface platform SURFEX is forced with downscaled forecast fields from UERRA-HARMONIE as well as MISCAN analyses. It is run offline, i.e. without feedback to the atmospheric analysis performed in MISCAN or the UERRA-HARMONIE data assimilation cycles. Using SURFEX offline allows to take full benefit of precipitation analysis and to use the more advanced physics options to better represent surface variables such as surface temperature and surface fluxes, and soil processes related to water and heat transfer in the soil and snow.

In general, the assimilation systems are able to estimate biases between observations and to sift good-quality data from poor data. The laws of physics allow for estimates at locations where data coverage is low. The provision of estimates at each grid point in Europe for each regular output time, over a long period, always using the same format, makes reanalysis a very convenient and popular dataset to work with. The observing system has changed drastically over time, and although the assimilation system can resolve data holes, the much sparser observational networks, e.g. in 1960s, will have an impact on the quality of analyses leading to less accurate estimates. The improvement over global reanalysis products comes with the higher horizontal resolution that allows incorporating more regional details (e.g. topography). Moreover, it enables the system even to use more observations at places with dense observation networks.



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Related data

UERRA regional reanalysis for Europe on pressure levels from 1961 to present

UERRA regional reanalysis for Europe on height levels from 1961 to present

- All data is freely available!
- All you need is to register!
- Almost 500 TB of data

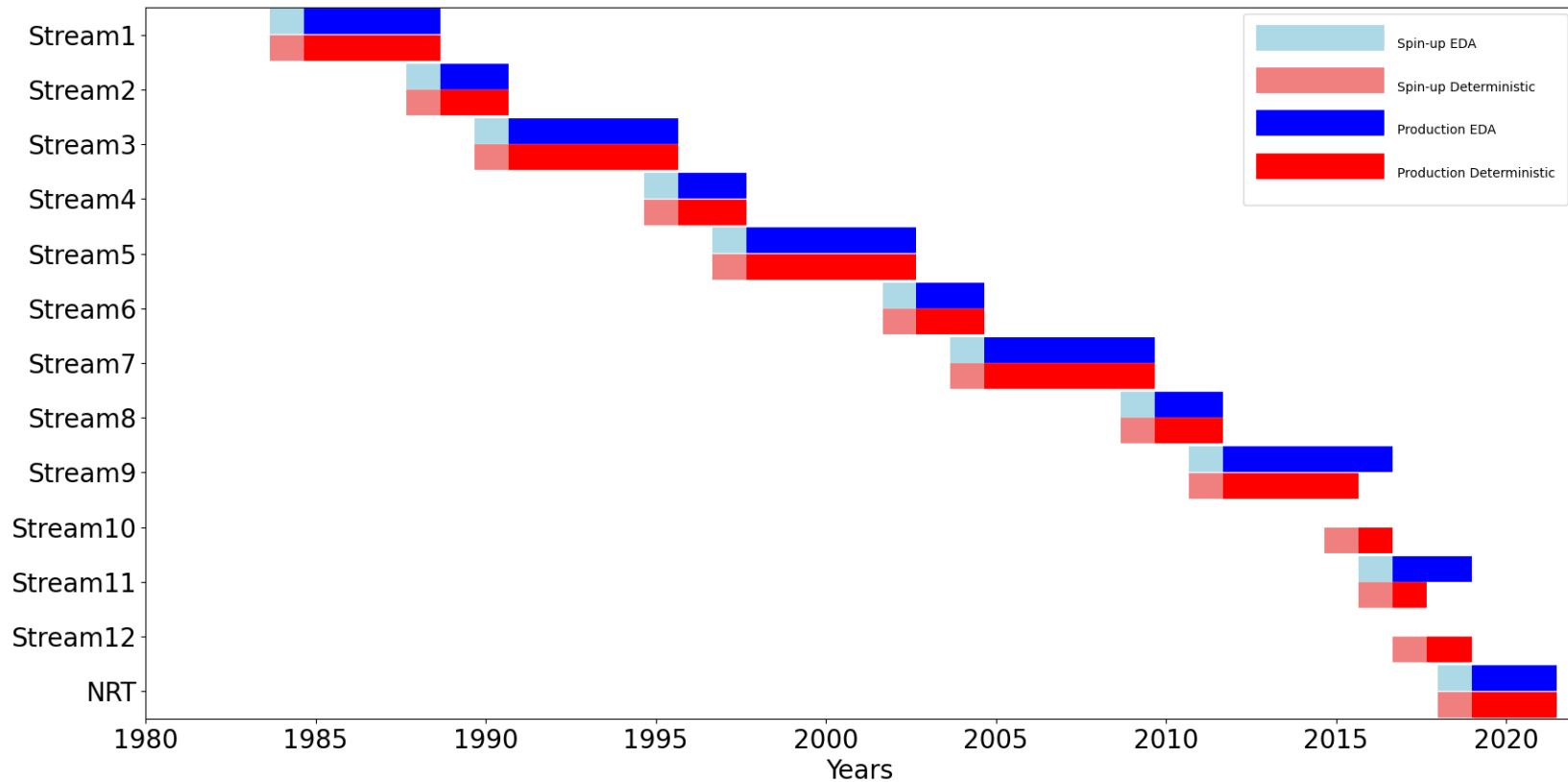


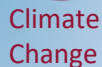


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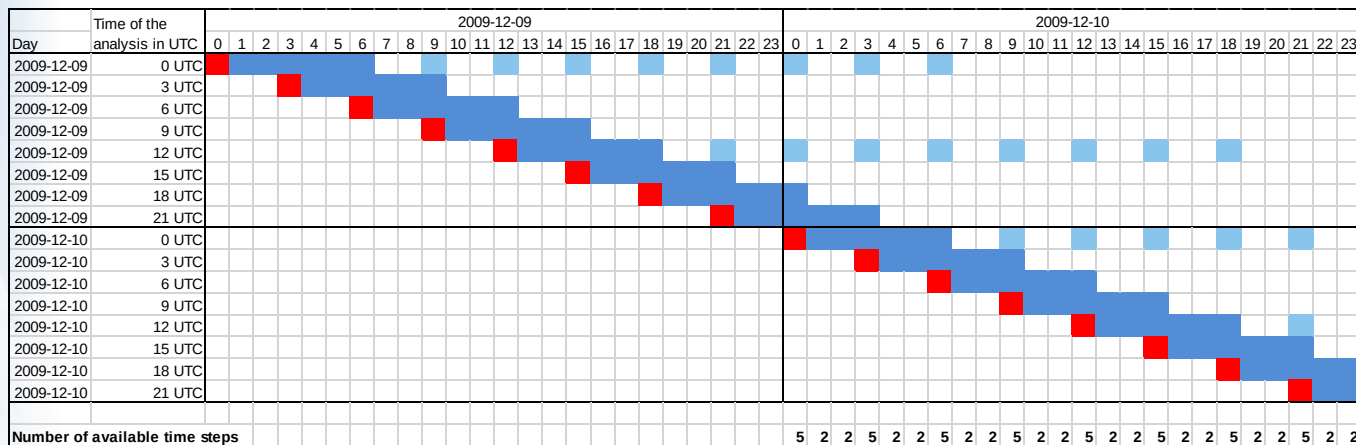
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CERRA and CERRA-EDA streams

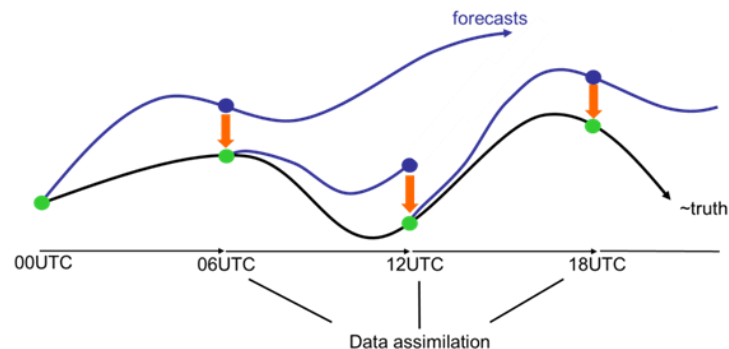




Available time steps - CERRA



- 8 analysis per day
- Hourly resolution from the forecast model
- Maximum forecast lengths is 30 hours





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CERRA surface parameters

	Name	Unit	GRI8_code	Analysis 0, 3, 6, 9, ...	Forecast 1, 2, 3, ...	Height
1.	2m relative humidity	%	260242	yes	yes	2m
2.	Total column integrated water vapour	kg/m ²	260057	yes	yes	vertically integrated above the surface
3.	Total precipitation	kg/m ²	228228	-	yes	surface
4.	10m wind speed	m/s	207	yes	yes	10m
5.	10m wind direction	degrees	260260	yes	yes	10m
6.	10m wind gust speed	m/s	49	-	yes	10m
7.	Surface air maximum temperature	K	201	-	yes	2m
8.	Surface air minimum temperature	K	202	-	yes	2m
9.	2m temperature	K	167	yes	yes	2m
10.	Skin temperature	K	235	yes	yes	surface
11.	Albedo	%	260509	yes	yes	surface
12.	Evaporation	kg/m ²	260259	-	yes	surface
13.	Time-integrated surface latent heat flux	J/m ²	147	-	yes	surface
14.	Time-integrated surface sensible heat flux	J/m ²	146	-	yes	surface
15.	Time-integrated surface direct solar radiation	J/m ²	260264	-	yes	surface
16.	Time-integrated surface net solar radiation	J/m ²	176	-	yes	surface
17.	Time-integrated surface solar radiation downwards	J/m ²	169	-	yes	surface
18.	Time-integrated surface net thermal radiation	J/m ²	177	-	yes	surface
19.	Time-integrated surface thermal radiation downwards	J/m ²	175	-	yes	surface

	Name	Unit	GRI8_code	Analysis 0, 3, 6, 9, ...	Forecast 1, 2, 3, ...	Height
20.	Clear-sky net short-wave downward flux at the surface	J/m ²	210	-	yes	surface
21.	Clear-sky net long-wave downward flux at the surface	J/m ²	211	-	yes	surface
22.	Momentum flux at the surface U-component	N/m ²	260062	-	yes	surface
23.	Momentum flux at the surface V-component	N/m ²	260063	-	yes	surface
24.	Mean sea level pressure	Pa	151	yes	yes	surface
25.	Surface pressure	Pa	134	yes	yes	surface
26.	High cloud cover	%	3075	yes	yes	above 5000m
27.	Low cloud cover	%	3073	yes	yes	surface-2500m
28.	Medium cloud cover	%	3074	yes	yes	2500m-5000m
29.	Total cloud cover	%	228164	yes	yes	above ground
30.	Snow density	kg/m ³	33	yes	yes	surface
31.	Snow depth		3066	yes	yes	surface
32.	Snow depth water equivalent	kg/m ²	228141	yes	yes	surface
33.	Snow fall water equivalent	kg/m ²	228144	-	yes	surface
34.	Land-sea mask	dimension-less	172	yes	-	surface
35.	Orography	gpm	228002	yes	-	surface
36.	Surface roughness	m	173	yes	yes	surface



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CERRA parameters on pressure levels

	Parameter	Unit	GRIB code	Analysis 0, 3, 6, 9, ...	forecast 1,2,3,...
1.	Cloud cover	%	260257	-	yes
2.	Specific cloud liquid water content	kg/kg	246	-	yes
3.	Specific cloud ice water content	kg/kg	247	-	yes
4.	Specific rain water content	kg/kg	75	-	yes
5.	Specific snow water content	kg/kg	76	-	yes
6.	Turbulent kinetic energy	J/kg	260155	-	yes
7.	Relative humidity	%	157	yes	yes
8.	Temperature	K	130	yes	yes
9.	U-component of wind	m/s	131	yes	yes
10.	V-component of wind	m/s	132	yes	yes
11.	Geopotential	m ² /s ²	129	yes	yes



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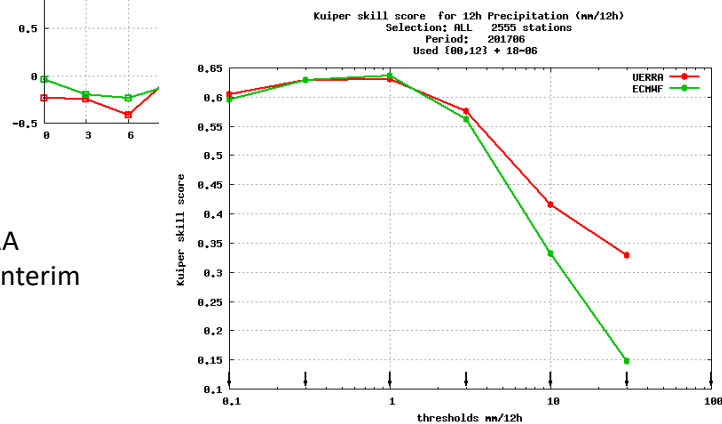
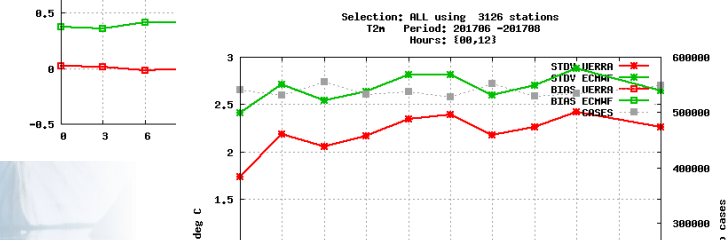
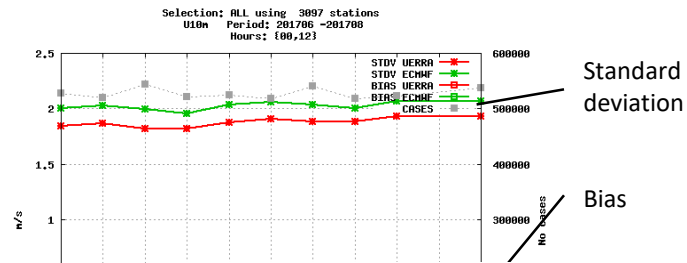
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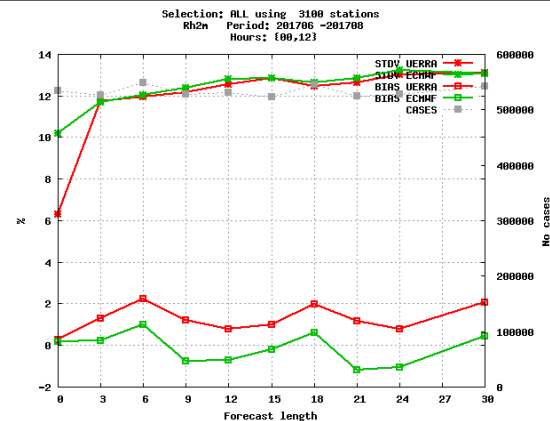


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Verification – UERRA vs. ERAint



- Verification tools are part of the quality control during the production
- Smaller bias and std than ERA-interim, e.g. T2m, wind speed, precipitation
- Some parameters not better than ERA-interim, e.g. RH2m

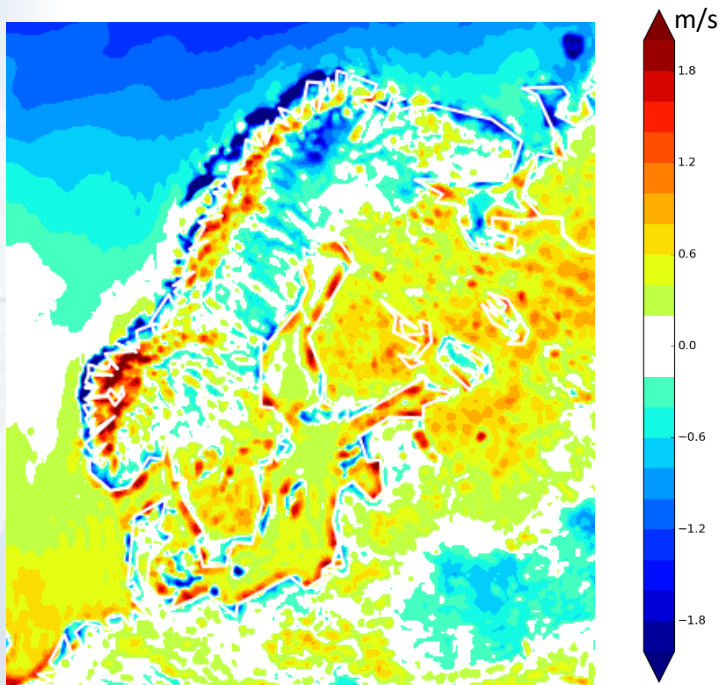




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DJF windspeed in ERA5 and UERRA

Wind speed differences
between ERA5 and UERRA



- Differences mainly smaller than 1m/s
- Most differences are related to topography and the coastline



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Quality of wind speed

	Observations	ERA5	UERRA	CERRA
Mean [m/s]	6.01	5.95	6.14	6.18
Mean abs. error (MAE)		0.84	0.59	0.60
Average standard deviation [m/s] (STD)	3.19	2.72	3.14	3.17
Mean abs. STD		0.57	0.30	0.28
RMSE		1.95	1.89	1.74
Correlation		0.85	0.85	0.88

Assessment is based on hourly data for a 1996 – 2018 at 28 Swedish coastal stations.



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Demonstration: storm Gudrun, southern Sweden, January 2005

Some facts:

- Most severe storm ever registered in Southern Sweden in terms of power outages and forest devastations (75 million cubic meter of lumber)
- Seven people died



More information also on Wikipedia
(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyclone_Gudrun)

Source:

<https://www.elinstallatoren.se/2020/02/sa-minns-vi-stormen-gudrun-det-var-fel-att-ge-sig-ut-och-jobba-i-den-blasten/>



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Land - Sea - mask

ERA5



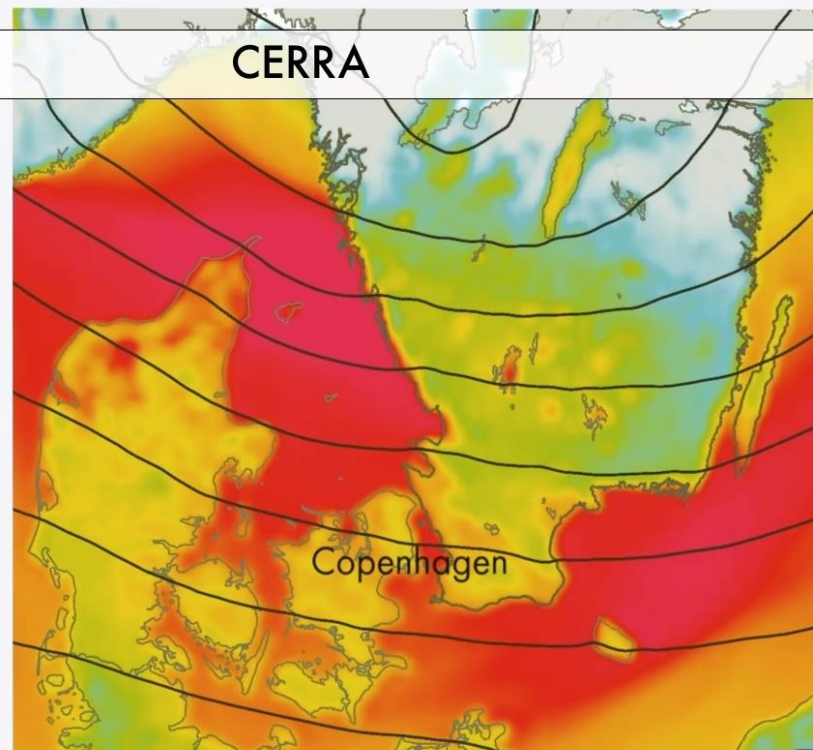
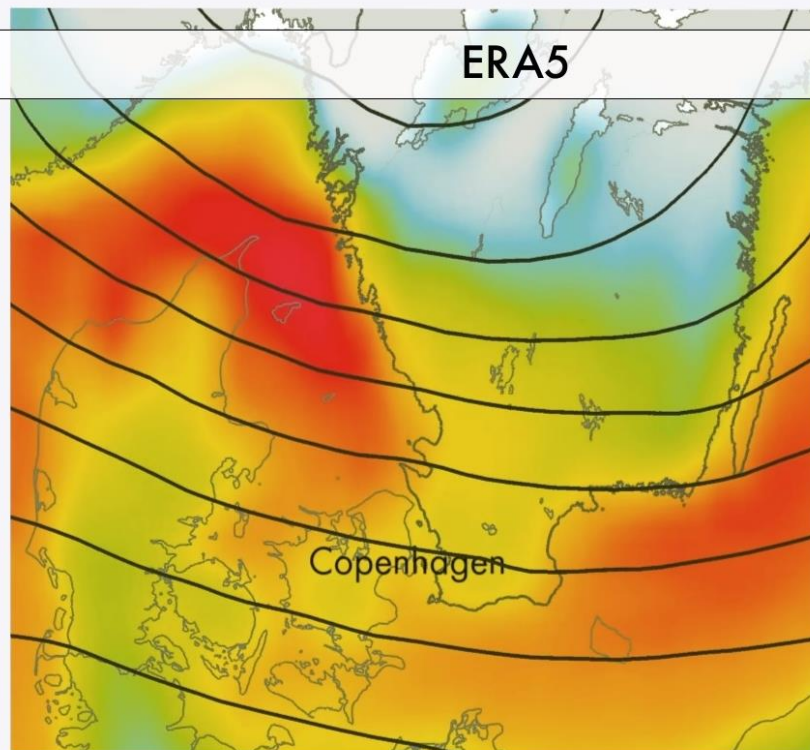
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Storm Gudrun in January 2005



Wind speed in 10m



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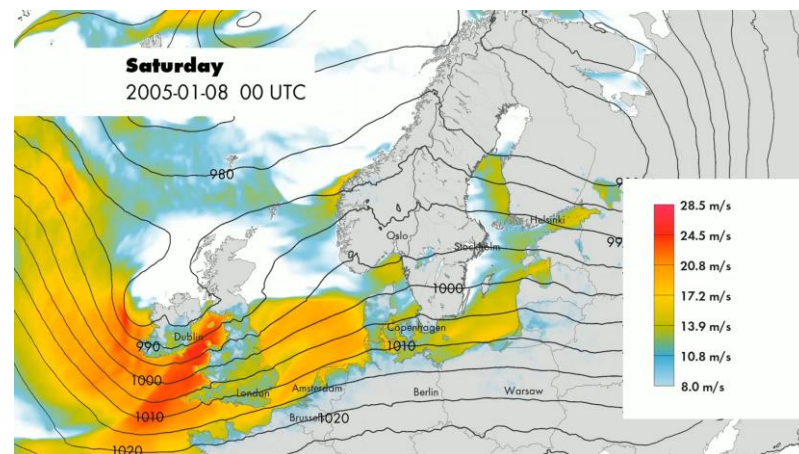
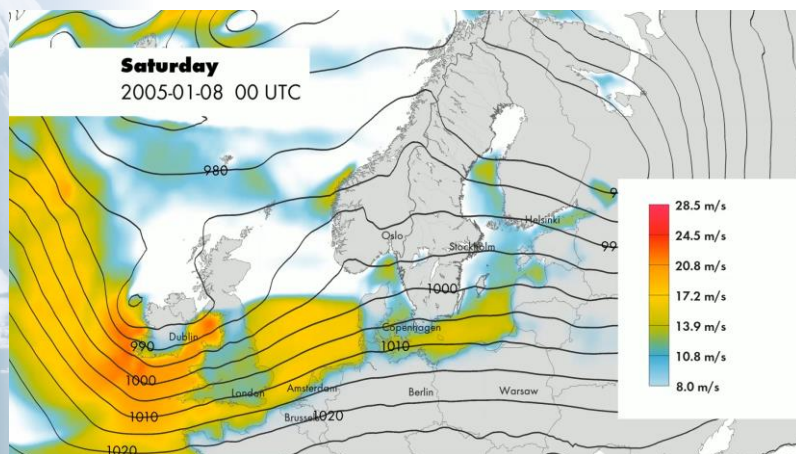
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Storm animations



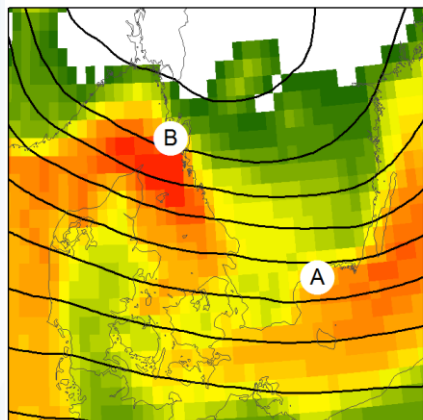


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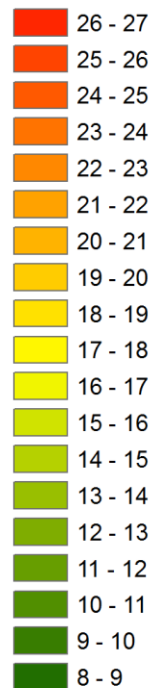
Demonstration: storm Gudrun, southern Sweden, January 2005

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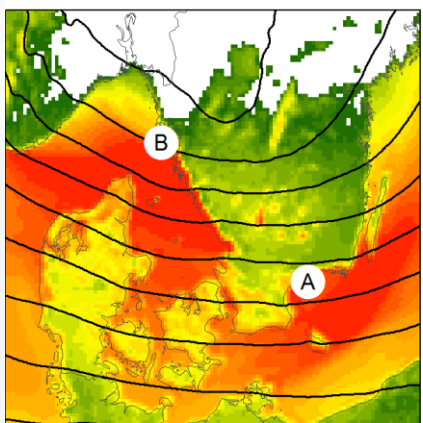
ERA5



10 metre wind
speed (m/s)



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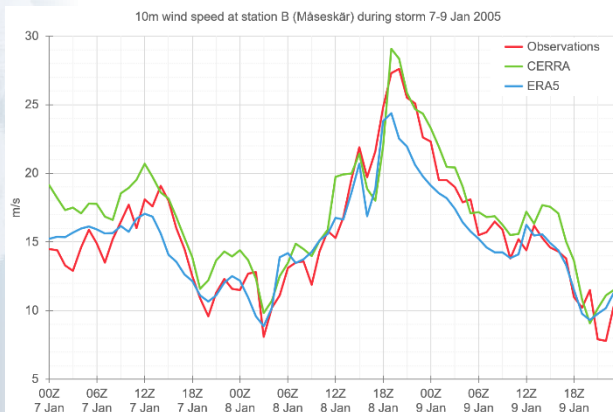
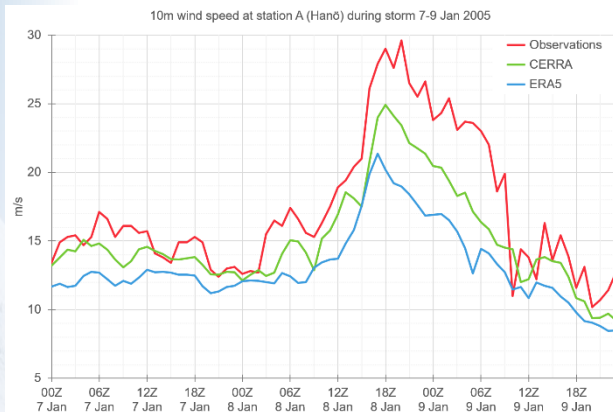


- 10m wind speed at the culmination of the storm at 18 UTC 08/01/2005
- General higher wind speeds in CERRA compared to ERA5 – at least over the ocean
- More realistic features related to topography and land-sea mask, e.g.
 - higher wind speed over lakes, e.g. lakes Vättern and Bolmen stick out in CERRA
 - Lower and more realistic wind speed over the island Bornholm in CERRA. That is related to a higher surface roughness.



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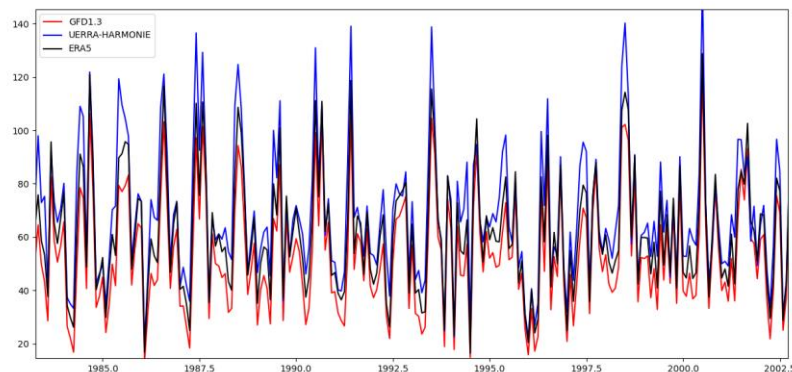
- For many Swedish stations we see a better fit to observations in CERRA
- Corresponding to previous figure usually too low wind speed in ERA5



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Precipitation in the Baltic Sea area

	Monthly mean [mm/m2]	correlation with HGFD	RMSE with HGFD	correlation with E-OBS	RMSE with E-OBS
HydroGFD3	54,5	---	---	0,985	4,573
E-OBS	52,2	0,985	4,573	---	---
UERRA	68,1	0,927	16,516	0,956	17,607
ERA5	61,4	0,990	7,603	0,987	9,923

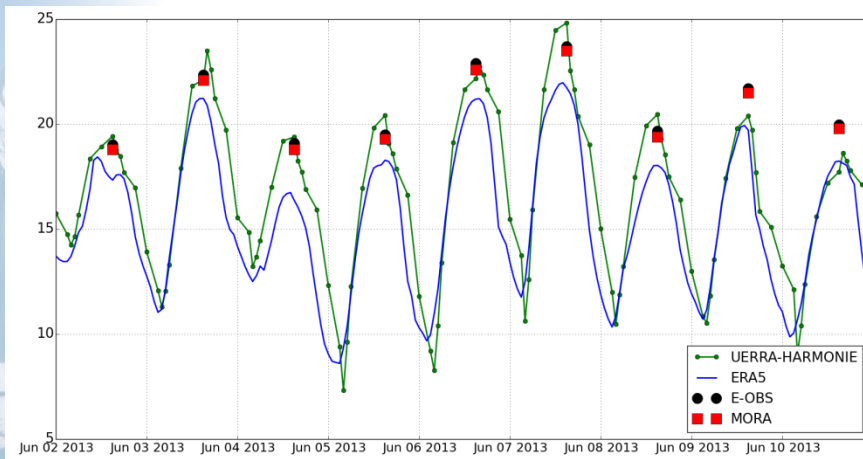




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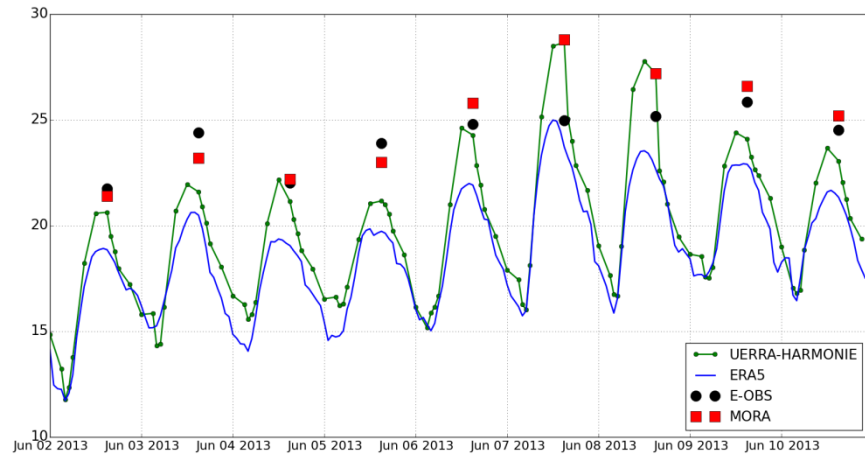
T 2 m : Daily cycle and maximum

Växjö (Sweden)



- Random sample, nine days in June 2013
- Växjö region is quite flat and homogenous
- UERRA-HARMONIE has general higher daily maximum temperatures than ERA5

Grazzanise (Italy)



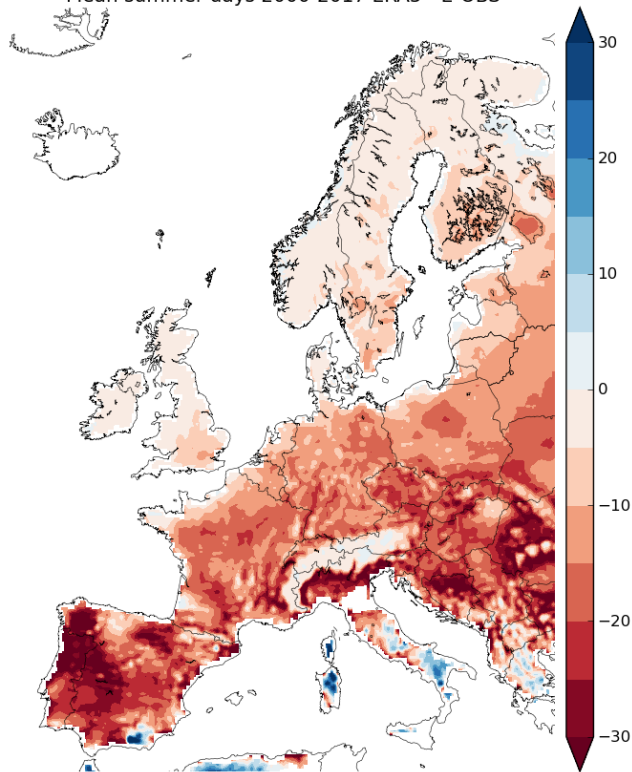
- Grazzanise has a more complex terrain
- UERRA-HARMONIE has general higher daily maximum temperatures than ERA5
- Clear difference between gridded (E-OBS) data and direct measurements



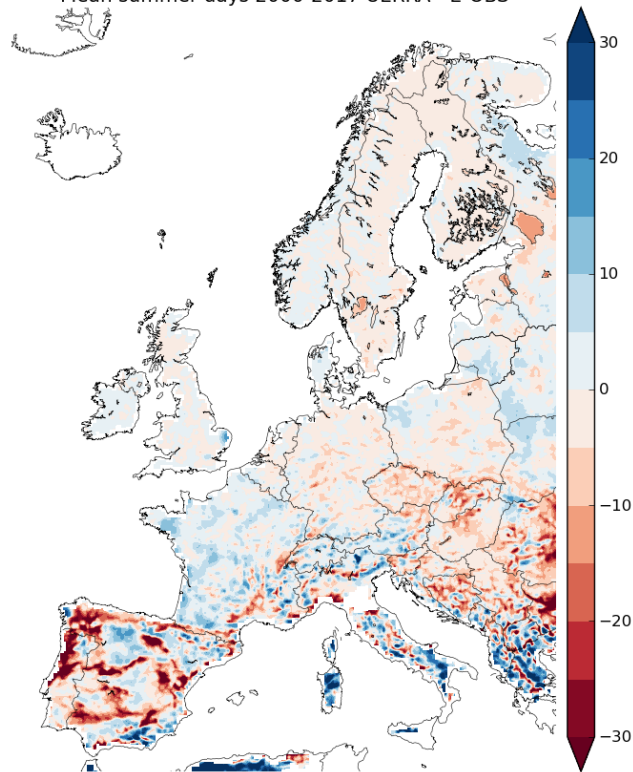
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Summer days = $T_{max} > 25^{\circ}C$

Mean summer days 2000-2017 ERA5 - E-OBS



Mean summer days 2000-2017 UERRA - E-OBS

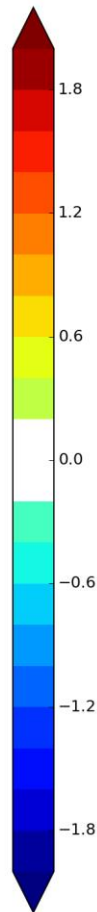
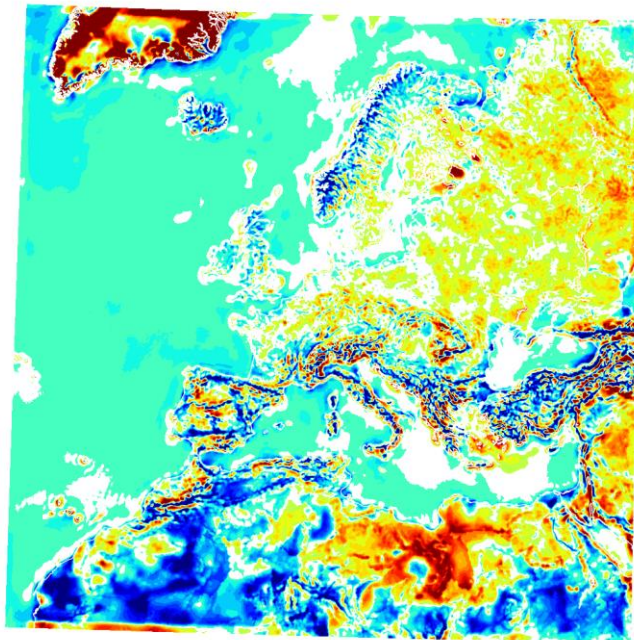




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JJA 2 m - temperature in ERA5 and UERRA

UERRA-ERA5 JJA T2m, 2000-2015



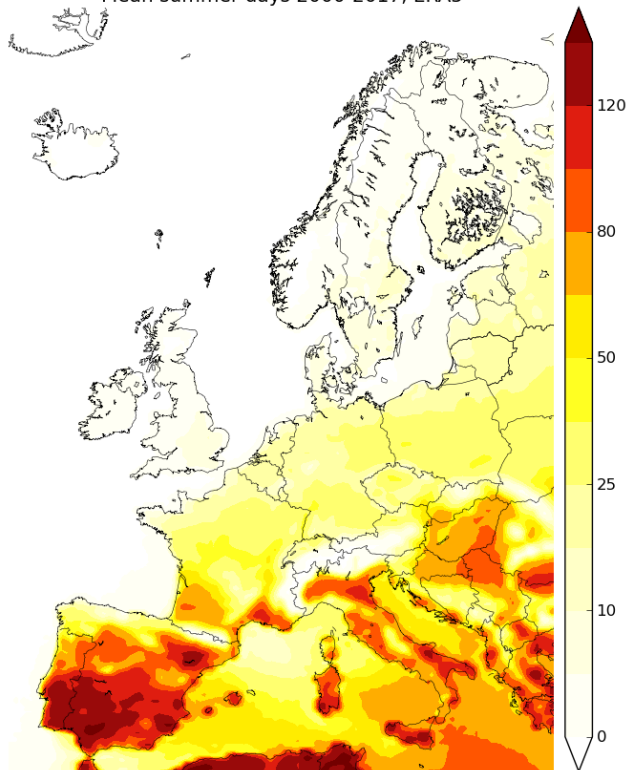
- Small differences over the ocean and flat areas
- Strong effect of topography
- Uncertainty in northern Africa is large



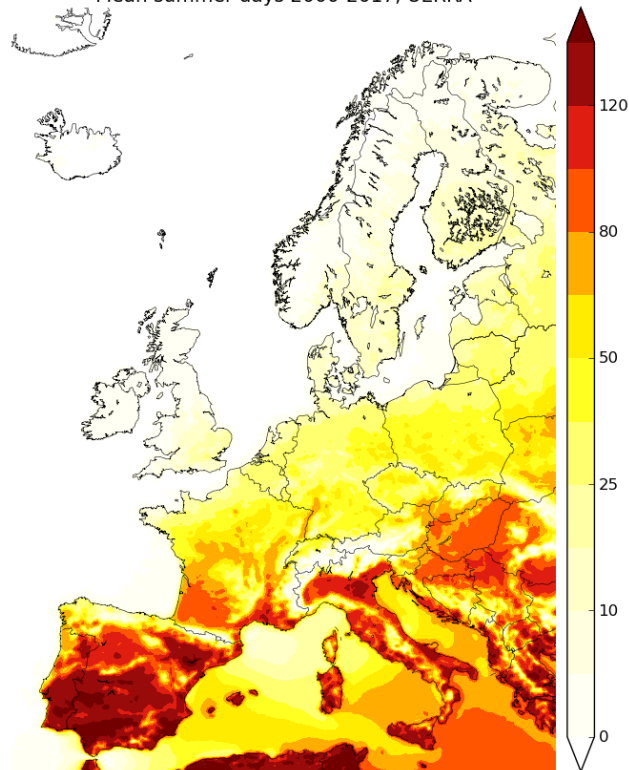
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Mean summer days 2000-2017, ERA5



Mean summer days 2000-2017, UERRA

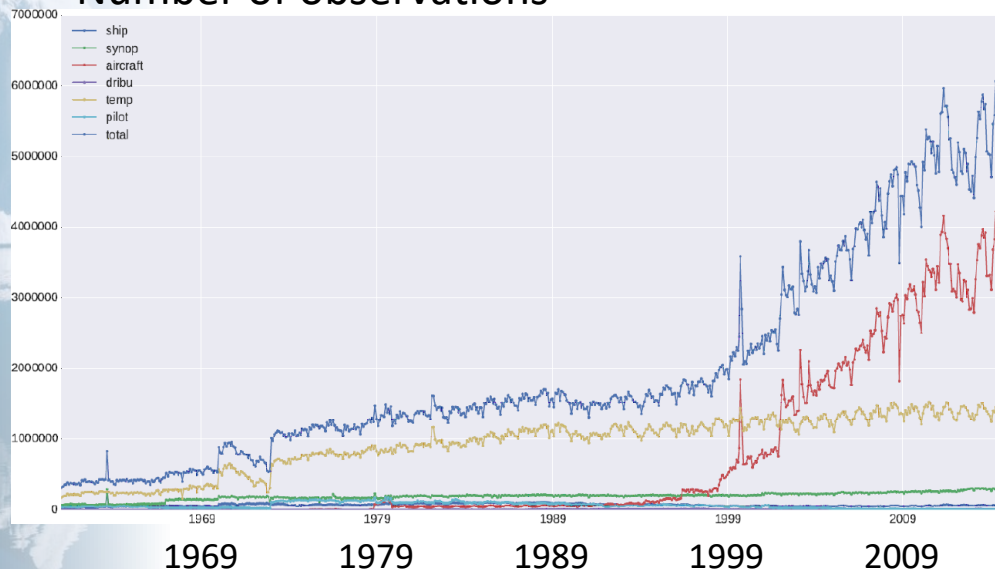




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Homogeneity

Number of observations



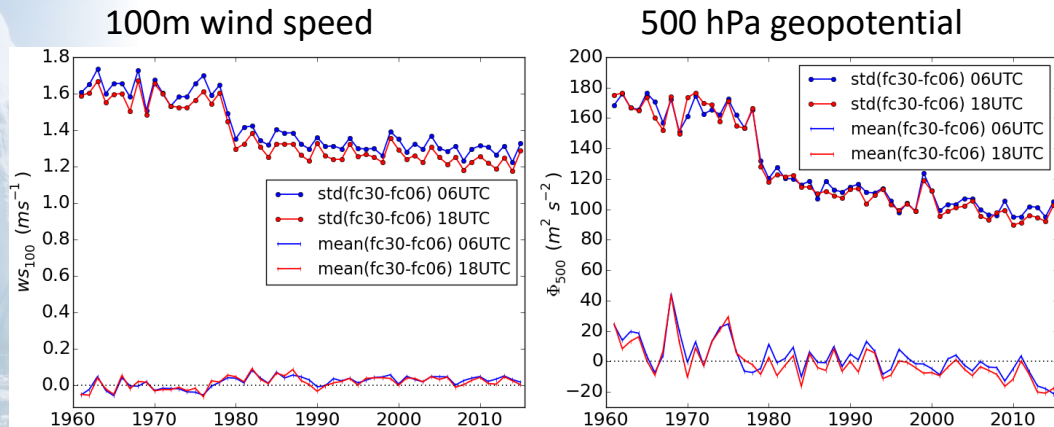
Risks for inhomogeneity

- Switch of lateral boundary data
 - 1961-1978 ERA40
 - 1979-2019 ERA-interim
- Increasing numbers of observations in time, especially aircraft data



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Yearly averages of the standard deviation and mean of the forecast difference fc30-fc06 during winter (DJF).

Left: 100m wind speed. Right: 500 hPa geopotential. Curtesy Adam von Kraemer.

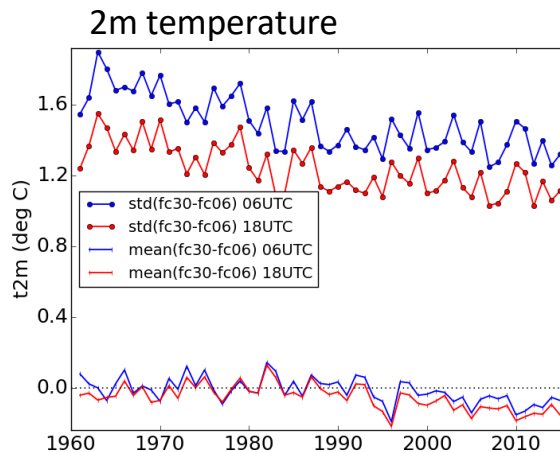
Investigations of the forecast skill (differences between fc30 and fc6):

- Forecast skill effects accuracy of the first guess and has herewith consequences on the data quality
- Increase of quality with the switch to ERA-interim and increasing numbers of observations (upper air)



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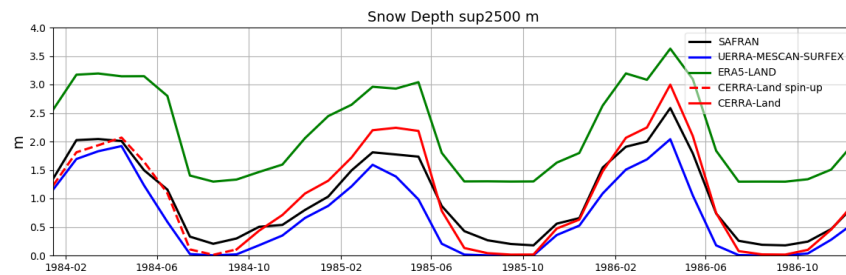
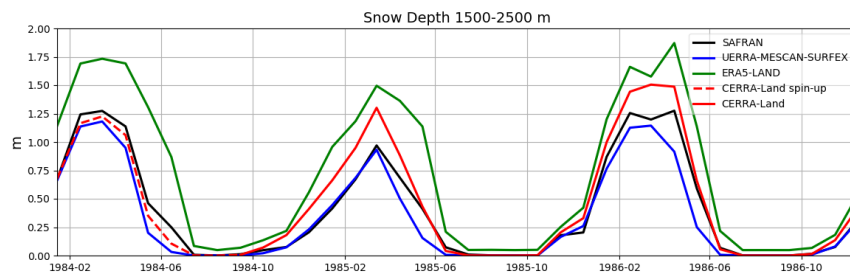
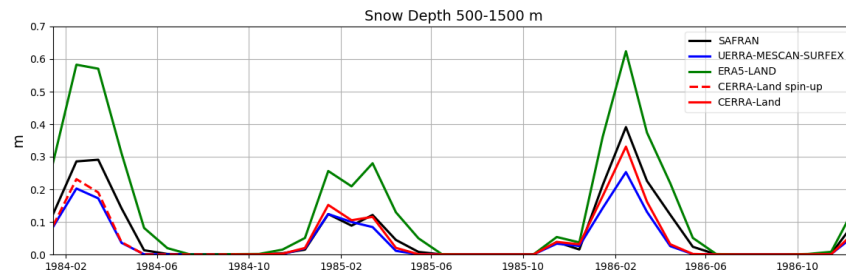
Investigations of the forecast skill (differences between fc30 and fc6):

- Less change of quality for surface parameters
- Surface parameters are less affected due to a more constant number of surface observations throughout time



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Demonstration: snow depth in the Alpine region



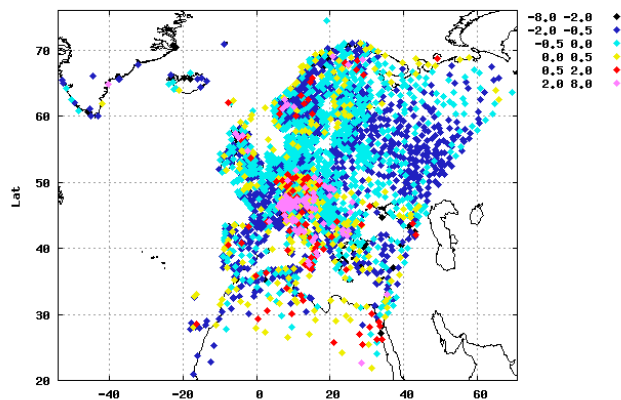
- SAFRAN data can be considered as a dataset close to the truth
- The regional products CERRA-Land and MESCAN-SURFEX outperform ERA5-Land, which overestimates the snow depth



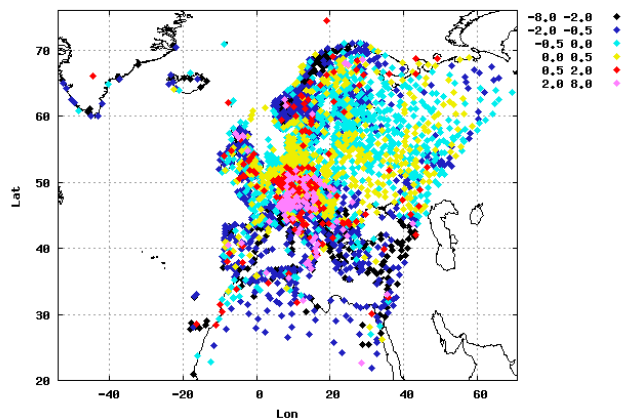
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HARMONIE verification - CERRA

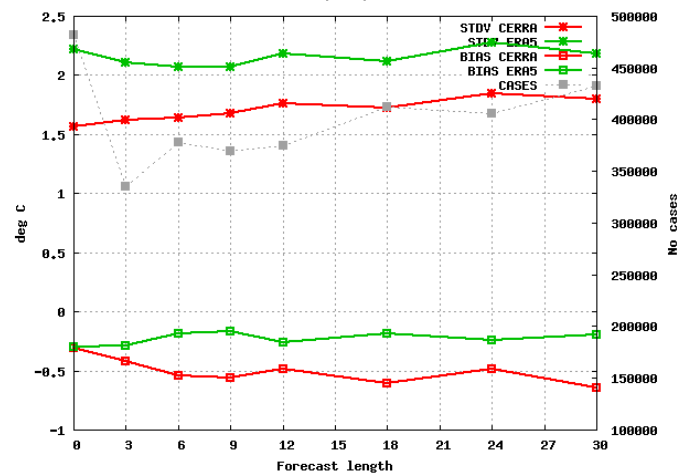
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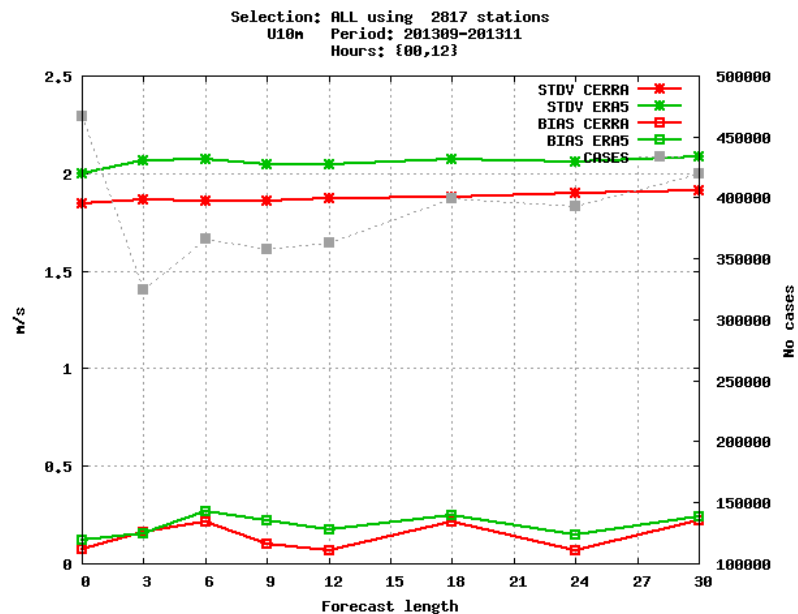
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HARMONIE verification - CERRA

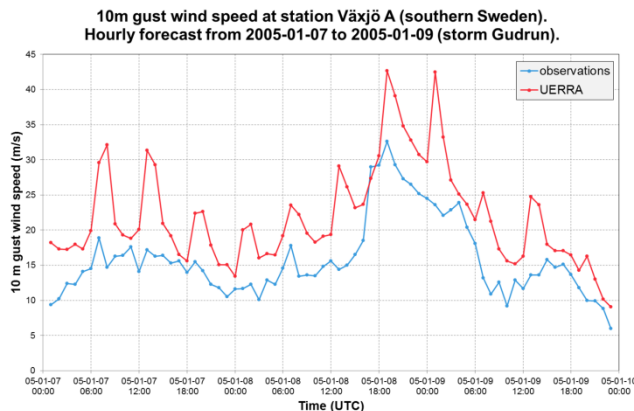




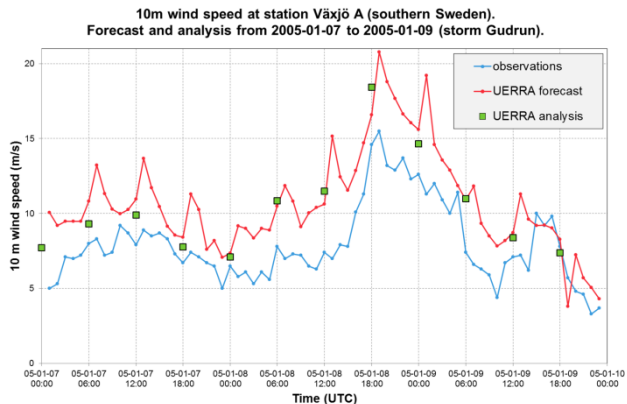
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Known short comings

Gust wind speed



10m wind speed



Windspeed during Gudrun

- Wind at a station in southern Sweden during a major storm
- Shown are fc1-6 (and fc0)

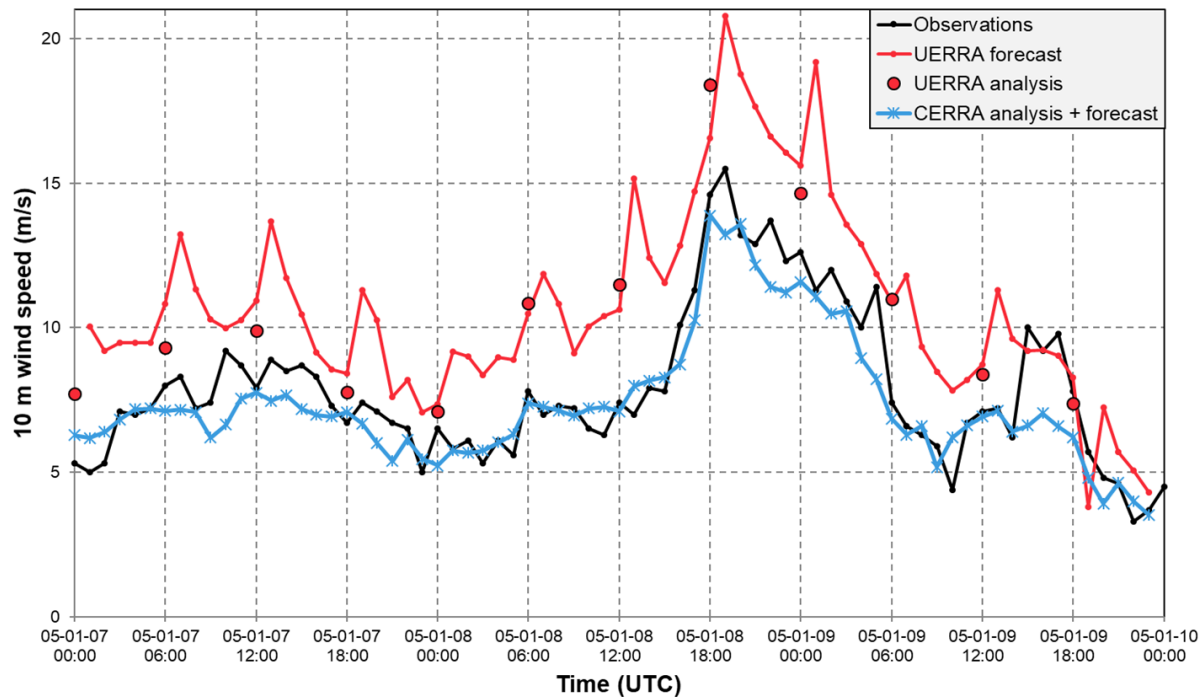
➔ Clearly unrealistic jumps

➔ Affected are forecasts lengths 1h and 2h



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**10m wind speed at station Växjö A (southern Sweden).
Forecasts and analyses from 2005-01-07 to 2005-01-09 (storm Gudrun).**

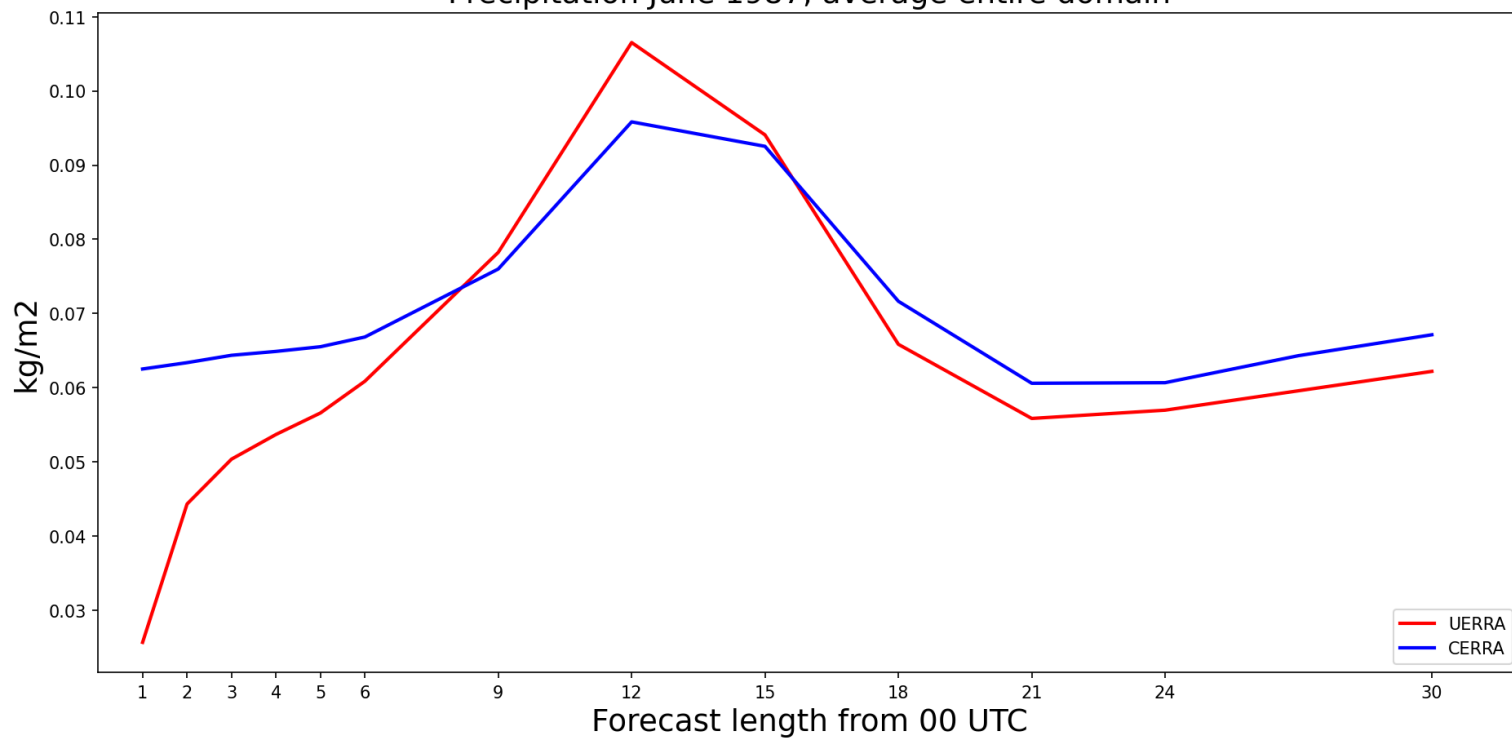




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Spin-up precipitation

Precipitation June 1987, average entire domain





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Copernicus Climate Change Service regional reanalysis for Europe

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This part of the Copernicus Climate Change Service aims to produce and deliver a regional reanalysis (RA) for Europe. The service will be implemented in several steps. First, a system developed in the FP7 pre-operational UERRA project will be used to update the existing RA in near real time. In combination with the ERA produced analysis in the pre-operational project, the service will offer a consistent RA from 1961 to near real time.

However, an improved model version will be developed within the service. The model will be used to create a pan-European reanalysis with very high resolution (5.5 km) forced by the global ERA5 reanalysis (RA). It will use a full set of in-situ observations and satellite information that adds quality while being reasonably consistent in time. High resolution surface observations will be added for the special surface analysis that is part of the project. A comprehensive set of output parameters will be delivered for soil, surface, height levels in the boundary layer for energy applications, conventional pressure levels and model levels. A wide range of diagnostic fields will be provided for the Climate Data Store at every hour of the model integration. Uncertainty estimates of all the output parameters and BCWs will be provided in a variety of forms from an Ensemble Data Assimilation, which will have a combination over horizontal resolution than the control deterministic RA.

Global Reanalysis → Regional Reanalysis → Surface Reanalysis

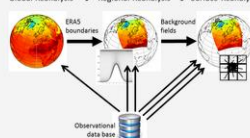


Figure 1: Three different stages of reanalysis: (left) the Global Reanalysis ERA5 will be used as boundary condition, (middle) a 2D Regional Reanalysis, and (right) a 2D Reanalysis for the near surface. The amount of observational data used for the RA per area unit increases from the global to the surface reanalysis as indicated by the arrows.

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UERRA regional reanalysis for Europe on single levels from 1961 to present

Overview Download data Documentation

This UERRA dataset contains analyses of surface and near-surface essential climate variables from UERRA-HARMONIE and MISCAN-SURFEX systems. Forecasts up to 30 hours initialised from the analyses at 00 and 12 UTC are available only through the CDS-API (see Documentation).

UERRA-HARMONIE is a 3-dimensional variational data assimilation system, while MISCAN-SURFEX is a complementary surface analysis system. Using the Optimal Interpolation method, MISCAN provides the best estimate of daily accumulated precipitation and six-hourly air temperature and relative humidity at 2 meters above the model topography.

The land surface platform SURFEX is forced with downscaled forecast fields from UERRA-HARMONIE as well as MISCAN analyses. It is run offline, i.e. without feedback to the atmospheric analysis performed in MISCAN or the UERRA-HARMONIE data assimilation cycles. Using SURFEX offline allows to take full benefit of precipitation analysis and to use the more advanced physics options to better represent surface variables such as surface temperature and surface fluxes, and soil processes related to water and heat transfer in the soil and snow.

In general, the assimilation systems are able to estimate biases between observations and to sift good-quality data from poor data. The laws of physics allow for estimates at locations where data coverage is low. The provision of estimates at each grid point in Europe for each regular output time, over a long period, always using the same format, makes reanalysis a very convenient and popular dataset to work with. The observing system has changed drastically over time, and although the assimilation system can resolve data holes, the much sparser observational networks, e.g. in 1960s, will have an impact on the quality of analyses leading to less accurate estimates. The improvement over global reanalysis products comes with the higher horizontal resolution that allows incorporating more regional details (e.g. topography). Moreover, it enables the system even to use more observations at places with dense observation networks.

More details about the product are given in the Documentation section.

DATA DESCRIPTION	
Horizontal coverage	Europe: The domain spans from northern Africa beyond the northern tip of Scandinavia. In the west it ranges far into the Atlantic ocean and in the east it reaches to the Ural.
Horizontal resolution	11km x 11km for the UERRA-HARMONIE system, 5.5km x 5.5km for the MISCAN-SURFEX system.
Vertical coverage	Near surface.
Vertical resolution	Single level.
Temporal coverage	January 1961 to present.

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Complete UERRA regional reanalysis for Europe from 1961 to present

UERRA regional reanalysis for Europe on pressure levels from 1961 to present

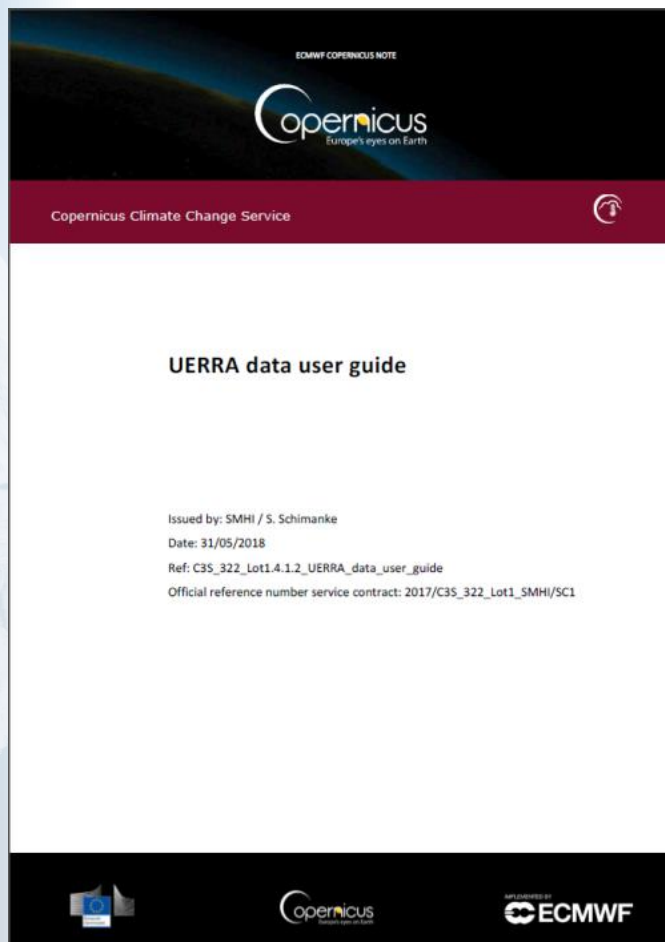
UERRA regional reanalysis for Europe on height levels from 1961 to present





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UERRA user guide

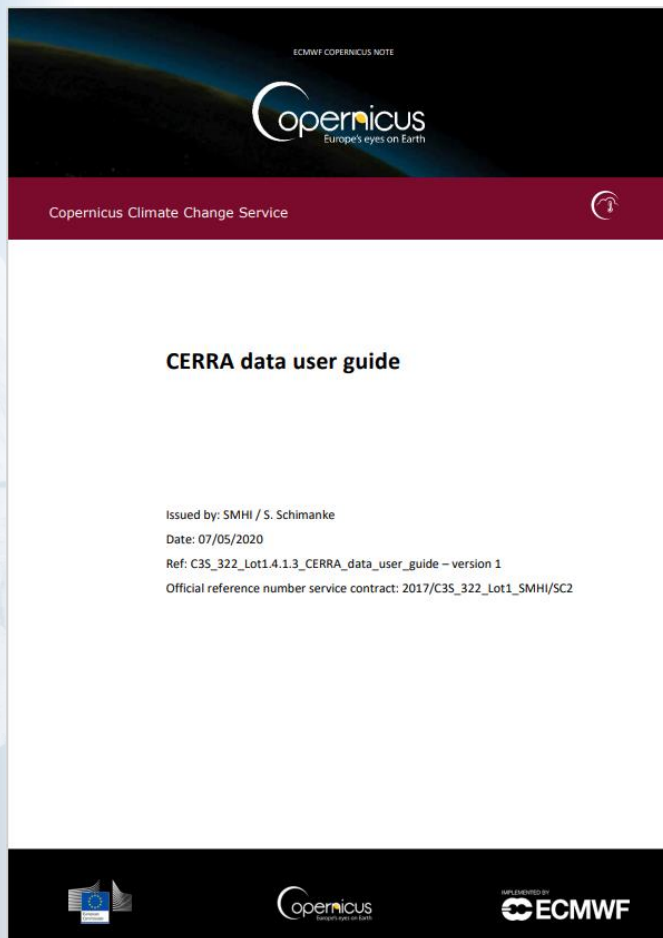
- Most comprehensive information (53 pages)
- Version 3.3 online





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CERRA user guide

- Information on CERRA, CERRA-EDA and CERRA-Land (41 pages)
- Detailed information on the grids
- Prepared for the CDS, not available yet





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Training material

GitHub

- Server with example scripts (python)
<https://github.com/UserLearningServices-C3S/regionalreanalysis-UERRA>
- Get data from CDS/MARS
- Prepare forcing data for NEMO-Nordic

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GitHub script

<https://github.com/UserLearningServices-C3S/regionalreanalysis-UERRA>

Create forcing data for NEMO-Nordic

These scripts are an example of how the UERRA data can be used for input to other model systems, in this case the NEMO-Nordic (a regional ocean model).

The objectives of the scripts

These scripts will:

1. download the needed,
2. extract the region needed for NEMO-Nordic,
3. convert the units as needed for NEMO-Nordic,
4. save the final files as netCDF.

Instructions

Basically, users have only to adopt the "Configure section" in the main script - Create_NEMO_forcing_from_UERRA.py

1. Set the dates your are interested in.
2. Define directories for downloaded data, the final data, and a directory for temporary files.

Then, all you have to do is to run the main script... Create_NEMO_forcing_from_UERRA.py

Good to know

The scripts need some time to run. Especially the downloading of data from the MARS archive takes time. Here, we are talking about days if you want to produce forcing data for longer periods (several years). A rough estimate is about six hours for each year. However, this depends

Conversions:

- Blend analyses and forecasts
- Change units
- Accumulated fluxes
- Compute specific humidity
- Compute wind components based on speed and direction



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Lessons in the ULS

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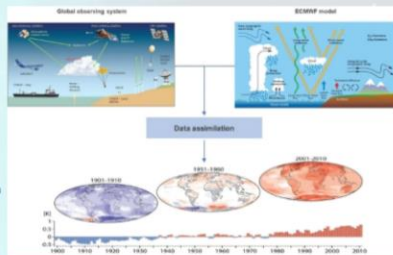
Reanalysis - Overview

Atmospheric reanalysis is a method to reconstruct the past weather by combining historical observations with a dynamical model. It provides a physically and dynamically coherent description of the state of the atmosphere. The synthesis is accomplished by assimilating the observational data into a meteorological model and thereby forcing the model to reproduce the observations as closely as possible.

The main advantage of reanalyses is that they provide a multivariate, spatially complete, and coherent record of the atmospheric state – far more complete than any observational dataset.

Another advantage is that reanalyses are produced with a single version of a data assimilation system – including the forecast model used – and is therefore not affected by changes in method.

More information about reanalysis is available in the ["Reanalysis" lesson](#).



The principle of data assimilation in climate reanalysis (figure from ECMWF).

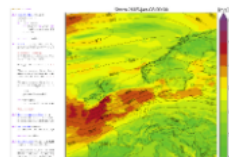


Climate Data Store: Introduction to using the regional reanalysis for Europe (UERRA)

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The request will be: `data = ct.catalogue.retrieve('reanalysis-uerra-europe-single-levels', {'origin': 'uerra_harmonie', 'variable': ['10m_wind_speed', 'mean_sea_level_pressure'], 'year': '2005', 'month': '01', 'day': '08', 'time': '12:00'})` The resulting data will become an array 'data', where data[0] is wind speed and data[1] is

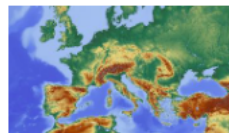
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Regional reanalysis for Europe (UERRA): data retrieval and plotting

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data in python with matplotlib. The following section provides examples of how to write a python script that plots UERRA data...MS Windows., The GRIB and netCDF formats, Note: UERRA complete dataset, As mentioned, the complete UERRA dataset (which also contains all forecast data) is only available for download visualization • UERRA • API



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Before running these scripts it is recommended to explore the available data and the corresponding MARS requests via Web-MARS: UERRA-HARMONIE data in Web-MARS MESCAN-SURFEX data in Web-MARS Then modify the time, parameters, levels etc. in the scripts to match your specific needs., UERRA data ULS





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4. The reanalysis systems

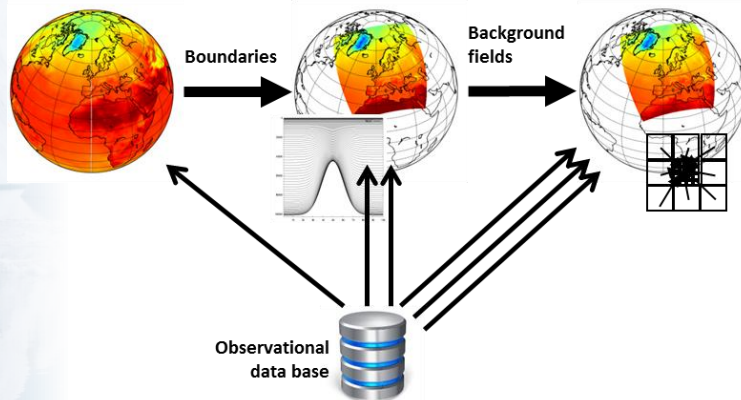




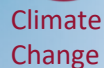
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The system

Global Reanalysis → Regional Reanalysis → Surface Reanalysis
ERA40/ERA-Interim UERRA-HARMONIE MESCAN-SURFEX



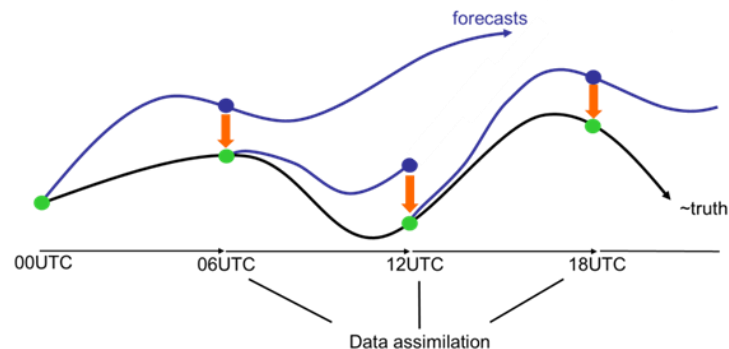
- UERRA system
 - HARMONIE cycle 38h1, ALADIN physics
 - ERA40/ERA-interim as lateral boundary
 - Assimilation of conventional observations
 - 4 cycles per day, forecast lengths 6h and 30h
 - 11km resolution (565x565) and 65 vertical levels
- MESCAN-SURFEX
 - Optimal interpolation (OI)
 - 5.5km resolution



Available time steps

		1978-12-02							1978-12-03																											
Forecast starting at		17	18	19	20	21	22	23	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	0	1	2	3
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- 4 analysis per day
- Hourly resolution from the forecast model
- Maximum forecast lengths is 30 hours



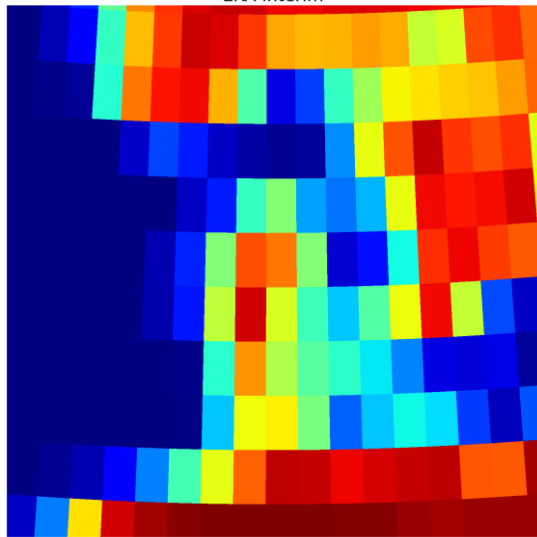


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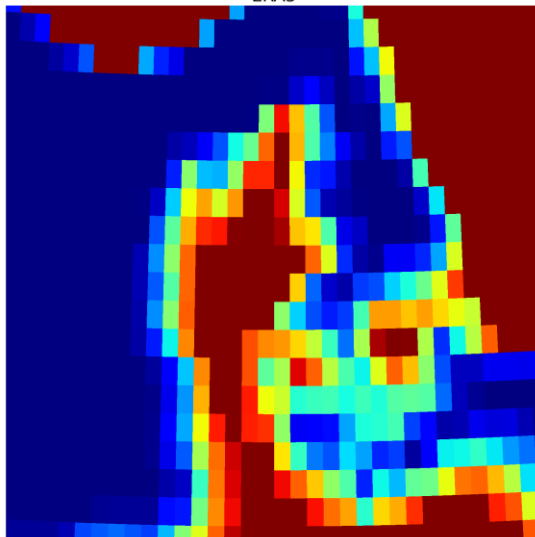
Land-sea masks

ERA-interim



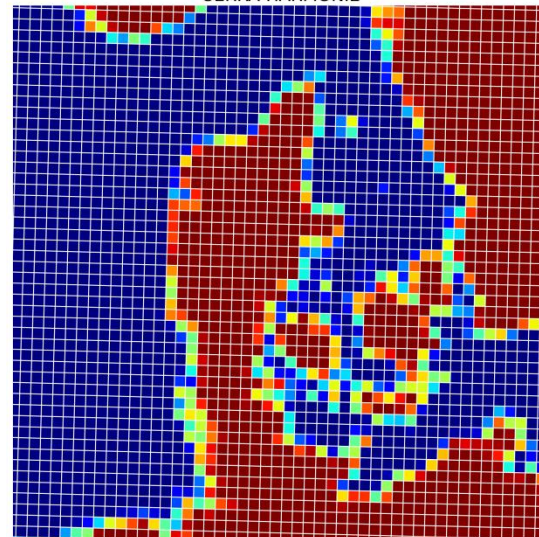
~80km

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~31km

UERRA-HARMONIE

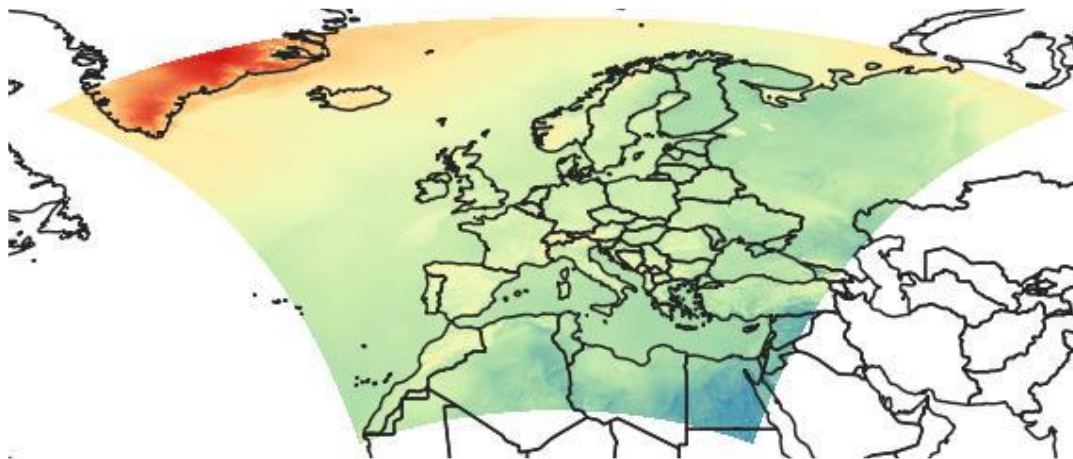


11km



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CERRA proj string:

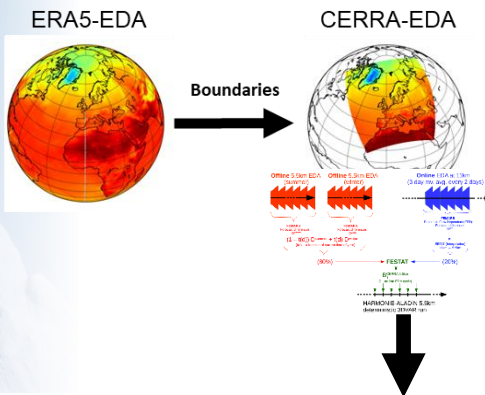
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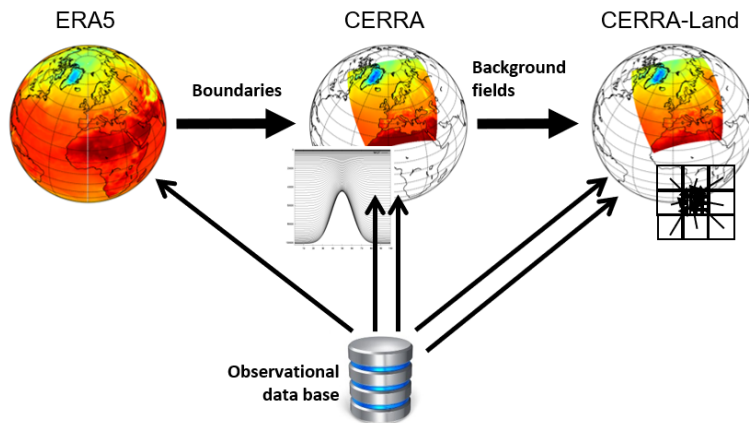
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The systems – an overview

Global Reanalysis → Regional Reanalysis



Global Reanalysis → Regional Reanalysis → Surface Reanalysis



- CERRA system
 - HARMONIE cycle 40h1.2, ALADIN physics (partly back phased from cy42)
 - 3D-VAR for upper air observations and OI at the surface
 - Estimation of background errors from CERRA-EDA
 - ERA5 as lateral boundary
 - Assimilation of conventional observations, satellite radiances (MSU, AMSU-A+B, and IASI), GB-GNSS, RO-GNSS, AMV and scatterometer winds
 - 8 cycles per day, forecast lengths 6h and 30h
 - 5.5km horizontal resolution (1069x1069) and 106 vertical levels
- CERRA-EDA (same as CERRA beside)
 - 10 members
 - 11km horizontal resolution
 - 4 cycles per day with 6 hourly forecasts
- CERRA-Land
 - Daily precipitation analysis and soil model (SURFEX 8.1)
 - 5.5km resolution



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Model systems: differences

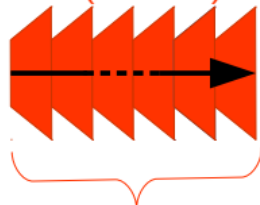
UERRA system	CERRA system
HARMONIE cycle 38h1 (ALADIN physics)	HARMONIE cycle 40.1h/42 (ALADIN physics)
SURFEX 7.3	SURFEX 7.3 with updates from SURFEX 8.0
ERA40 and ERA-interim as LBC	ERA5 as LBC
4 cycles per day	8 cycles per day
No satellite data	Satellite radiances, e.g. IASI, MSU, AMSU
---	Usage of ERA5 ODB files, e.g. blacklisting information
---	More obs-data, e.g. GBGNSS



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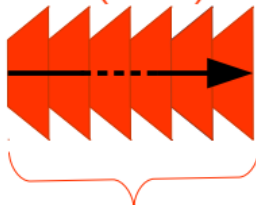
Impact of CERRA-EDA

Offline 5.5km EDA
(summer)



FEMARS
Forecast differences
 D_{summer}

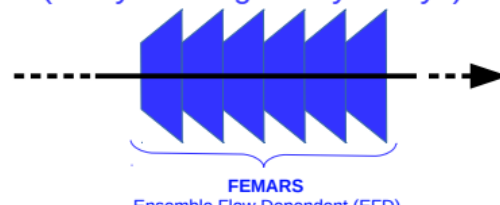
Offline 5.5km EDA
(winter)



FEMARS
Forecast differences
 D_{winter}

$(1 - t(d)) D_{\text{summer}} + t(d) D_{\text{winter}}$
($t(d)$ – a function of current time of year)

Online EDA at 11km
(3 day mv. avg. every 2 days)



FEMARS
Ensemble Flow Dependent (EFD)
Forecast differences
 D_{EFD}

EE927 (Interpolation)
11km $\rightarrow$ 5.5km

(80%)

FESTAT

(20%)

$B_{\text{CERRA 5.5km}}$

(i – online EDA cycle)

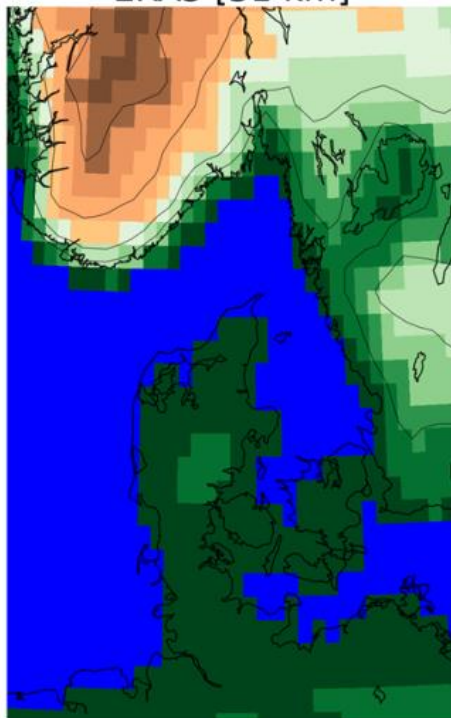
HARMONIE-ALADIN 5.5km
deterministic 3DVAR run



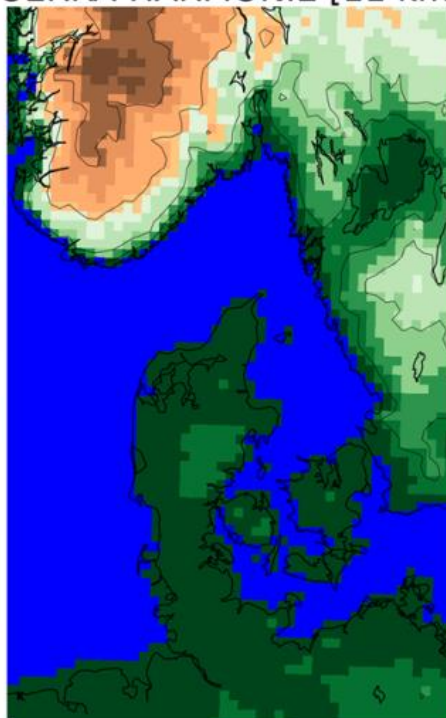
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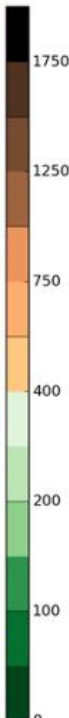
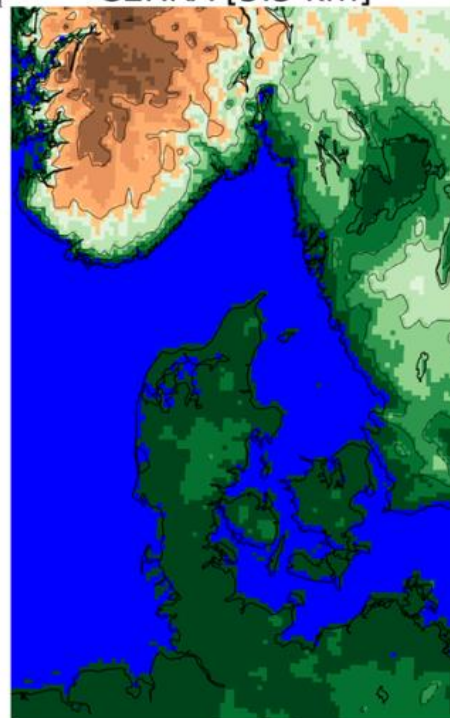
ERA5 [31 km]



UERRA-HARMONIE [11 km]



CERRA [5.5 km]





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Land - Sea - mask

ERA5



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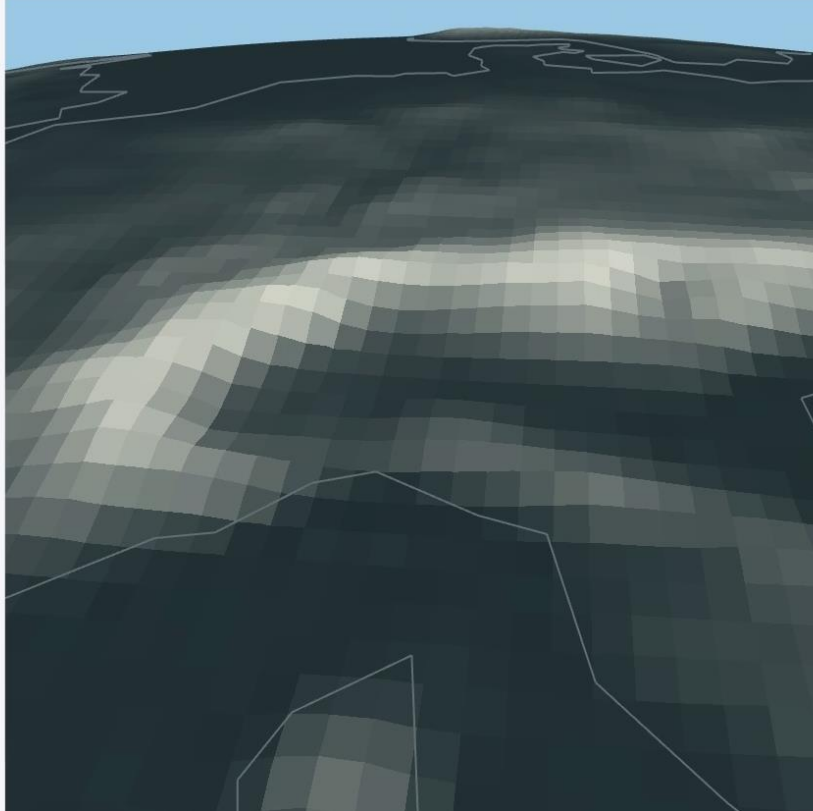




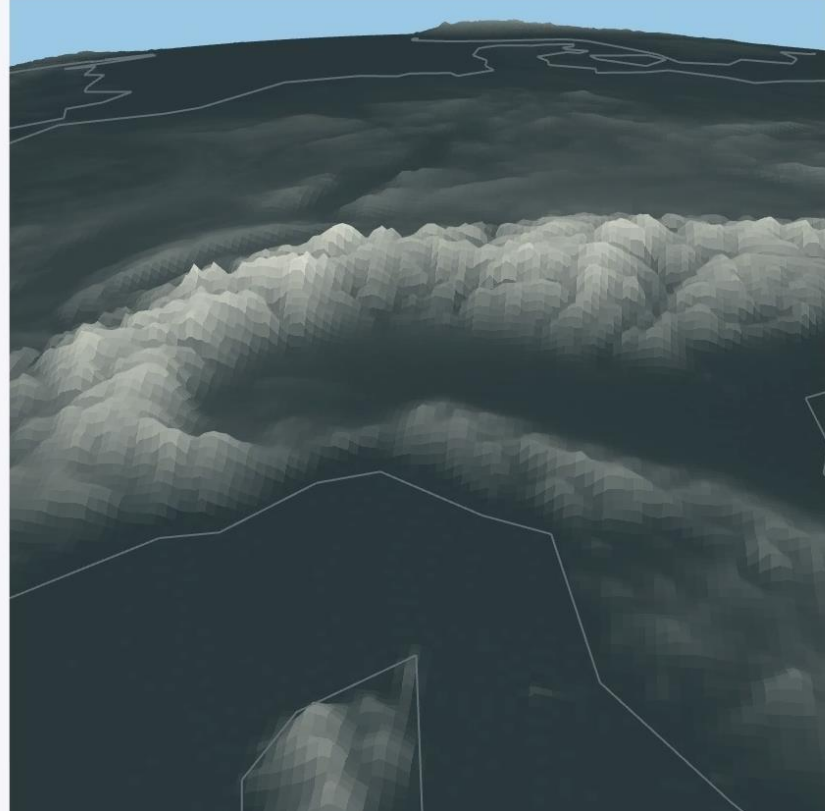
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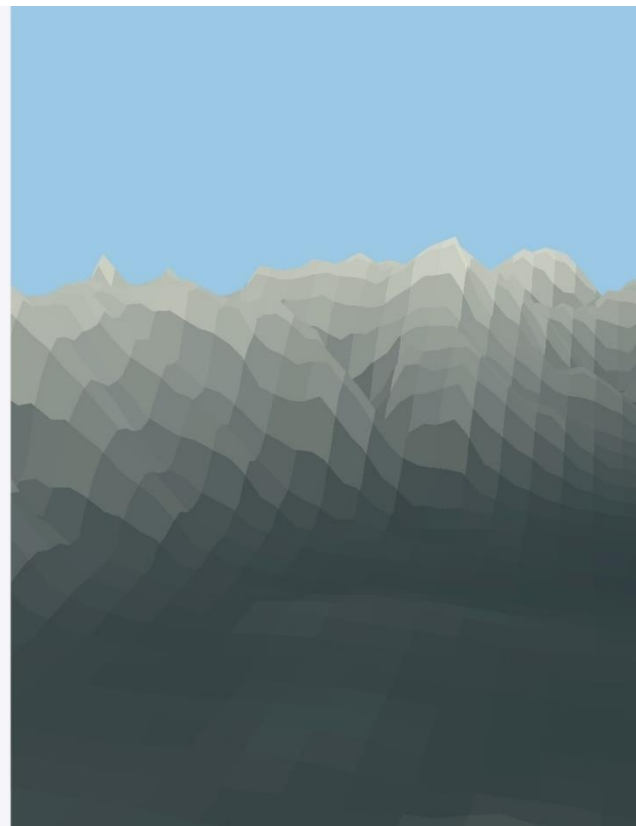
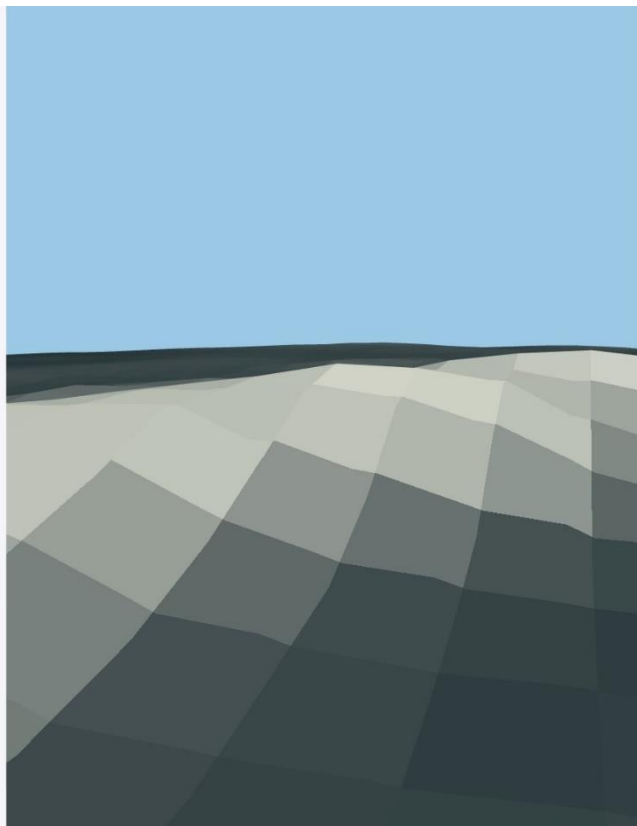
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Additional (type of) Observations used in CERRA compared with ERA5

- GNSS-ZTD and 24-h total precipitation – not assimilated in ERA5
- Additional near-surface observations (T2m, RH2m, and snow water equivalent for the surface assimilation and geopotential for the upper air assimilation) from Finland, France, Greenland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. (Compared to GTS these data are more complete, e.g. data rescue activities at institutes, and quality controlled.)
- In CERRA some data are processed differently than in ERA5, which is supposed to add some value:
 - shorter thinning distance with full radiance pixels in CERRA. No pre-thinning along field of view or scanning angles before screening. This gives relatively more radiance data in CERRA compared to the ERA5 system.
 - GNSS-RO reprocessed dataset (period 2001-NRT) produced from SAF at DMI. This dataset is supposed to have a higher quality compared to the original data which is used for ERA5. The higher signal to noise ratio also allows us to use data closer (down to 3 km) to the surface resulting in relatively more data being used.
 - We use special datasets for SST and sea-ice concentrations in the Baltic Sea. These datasets are reanalysis products for the Baltic Sea based on the models RCO (Rossby Climate Ocean model), a regional NEMO setup, and the Baltic Monitoring and Forecasting Centre model (HBM). (The RCO reanalysis is an SMHI product, see e.g. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jgrc.20384>; NEMO and HBM data were fetch from the Copernicus Marine Service: <https://marine.copernicus.eu/>)



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More detailed description of surface (physiographic) dataset

- What details of the surface are better in CERRA (and differently described) than in ERA5, and why is seen as added value?
- CERRA uses Harmonized World Soil Database at 1km resolution, ERA5 uses FAO for soil texture at 10km resolution.
- The representation of vegetation is based on a more detailed classification in CERRA (ECOCLIMAP 1km) as compared to ERA5 which uses the BATS classification (no urban area for instance).
- CERRA uses decadal maps and ERA5 uses monthly vegetation maps (e.g. LAI per type of vegetation).
- CERRA-Land uses a 1km map of Soil Organic Carbon areas (improves soil temperature profiles in permafrost regions). To our knowledge, such information is not used in ERA5 or ERA5-Land.
- Decharme et al., 2016: Impacts of snow and organic soils parameterization on northern Eurasian soil temperature profiles simulated by the ISBA land surface model, The Cryosphere, 10, 853–877, 2016, doi:10.5194/tc-10-853-2016