

Verification of early common UWC-W forecasts

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WARNING: Contains one "**BUFR**" and three "**ODB**"s



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Status



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- Hardware installation complete
- SAT 17-21 April
- Stability test (30 days) during May
 - Real-time suites
 - EPS tests
- Acceptance June 1st
- ECDS continues to run at ECMWF



Verification infrastructure



harp

- Point verification scripts on harp-verif gitlab repo:
 - Based on harp (ACCORD R package for NWP verification)
 - Generalised for deterministic and ensemble experiments
 - All standard summary/threshold scores and scorecards
 - Monthly comparison of ECDS, IFRES and local op. models
 - Outputs:
 - harp .rds files (for use with harp's built in shiny app)
 - Selection of standard results as png files
 - Scripts deployed with ecFlow at ECMWF
 - Dissemination via shiny app/monitor-like interface









Forecaster feedback

- Weekly feedback meetings
 - All four members take their turns
 - Developers take their turn too!
 - ECDS has been the focus for this feedback
- "Known Issues" page
 - Maintain list of issues
 - Track feedback/developments



ECDS Verification

Status

- ECDS Early Common DINI Suite
- HARMONIE-AROME 43h2.1.1
- Δx = 2.0 km; L90
- Single-precision
- 48 hour forecast every six hours
- 3D-Var
 - Conv./Mode-S/ASCAT/GPS-RO/MW Radiances



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Icelandic winds and fake trees

Bias, Rmse : S10m : 2022-12-01-00 - 2022-12-31-18 DK stations (77) : All cycles used - ECDS - IFSHRES - Bias - - Rmse DK 2.0-•--**•**--*****==***** 1.5-× 1.0 0.5-24 12 18 30 Leadtime 8571 8190 - 7809 12 18 24 30 RF 42 Bias, Rmse : S10m : 2022-12-01-00 - 2022-12-31-18 NL_OP stations (212) : All cycles used NL - ECDS - IFSHRES - Bias - - Rmse 2.0-...... 2 1.5-× 1.0 0.5-0.0

Leadtime 23552 23425 23296 0 6 12 18 24 30 36 42 48

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Bias, Rmse : S10m : 2022-12-01-00 - 2022-12-31-18 IS stations (45) : All cycles used

IS

IE





Icelandic winds and fake trees

- SYNOP verification looked good
- Feedback from IMO suggested wind speeds to low
- There are no fake trees in Iceland!

Patrick Samuelsson, ASW 2021

A ECOCLIMAP 2nd generation problem example from the interior of southern Ireland

ESA-CCI land cover with 300 m pixels



This area in reality (Google maps)!



Figures from Emily Gleeson and Geoffrey Bessardon (Met Éireann)



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Gust verification across Europe

- Positive bias:
 - Ireland
 - UK
 - Belgium
 - Sweden
- Negative bias:
 - The Netherlands
 - Germany
 - France
 - Poland
 - Norway

Exp: v1p2 Selection: ALL 1532 stations Period: 20220201-20220227 Max Wind Gust bias [m/s] at 00 UTC Used 00 + 24-23



- -10.0 -5.0 -5.0 -2.5 -2.5 0.0 0.0 2.5 2.5 5.0
 - 5.0 10.0



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 "looking at the verification map of the wind gust bias, it almost looks like you can see differences between the different countries."

 "Taking a look at what [BUFR] KNMI put on the GTS I see that gusts are valid for timePeriod=-360 for 0000/0600/1200/1800, timePeriod=-180 for 0300/0900/1500/2100 and timePeriod=-60 for all other hours."



Next steps



Correct use of radiosonde data

- Current radiosonde verification:
 - Fixed time, latitude, and longitude
- Radiosondes are moving platforms:
 - Launch time not exactly 00/12UTC
 - Ascending time ~2 hours (horizontal displacement)
- Scripts developed to extract:
 - Exact time, position, obs from BUFR
 - Corresponding forecasts from grib
 - Depends on "pynwp" package (Siebren de Haan- KNMI)
 - Read function developed compatible with harp





Scatterometer verification





- Model performance over sea
 - Utilising scatterometer data
- EUMETSAT OSE SAF product
 - HY-2b, HY-2c, METOP-B/C, etc
 - 10-m wind speed and direction
 - Spatial resolution: 25km
- Overpass the domain twice a day
- Scripts developed to:
 - Extract corresponding forecast data
 - Read function compatible with harp



Verification using Screening

- Loop over the forecast length to be verified
- Use the odbvar (after screening) ODB to perform screening
 - L_SCREEN_CALL=.FALSE. (no QC or thinning)
 - Keep the same number of observations in all verification

**** Verification extraction ****
OBSEXTR=yes
FLDEXTR=yes
FLDEXTR_TASKS=1
VFLDEXP=\$EXP
SCREXTR=yes
SCREXTR_TASKS=1
FGREFEXP=\${FGREFEXP-undef}
OBREFEXP=\${OBREFEXP-undef}

Extract observations from BUFR (yes|no)
Extract model data for verification from model files (yes|no)
Number of parallel tasks for field extraction
Experiment name on vfld files
Use Screening (NCONF=002) to produce O-F data
Number of parallel tasks for O-F extraction
reference experiment name for FirstGuess
reference experiment name for ODBs



Verification using Screening





Thank you for your attention