

NWP activities in TURKEY



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ALADIN-TURKEY

Current operational suite:

Model version: cy35T1
ALARO-0 with 3MT

Model geometry:

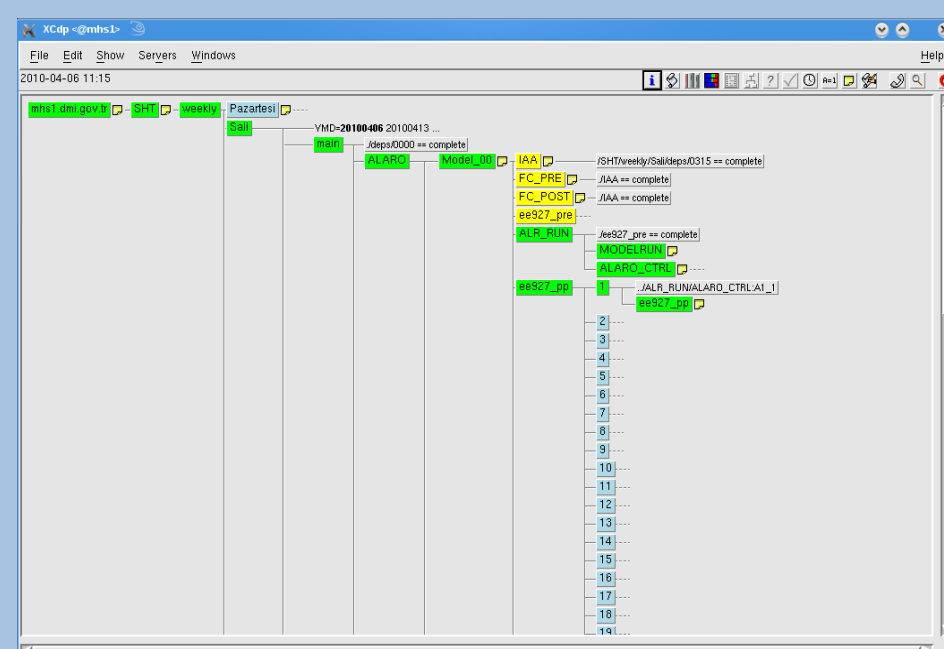
- 4.5 km horizontal resolution
- 450 X 720 grid points
- 60 vertical model levels
- Linear spectral truncation
- Lambert projection



ALADIN Post-Processing Domain

Forecast settings

- Digital filter initialization
- 300 sec time-step
- Hourly post-processing
- 4 runs per day. 00,06,12 UTC runs with 72 hours forecast lengths and 18 UTC run with 60 hours forecast lengths
- LBC coupling at every 3 hours
- Transfer ARPEGE LBC files from Meteo France (Toulouse) via Internet



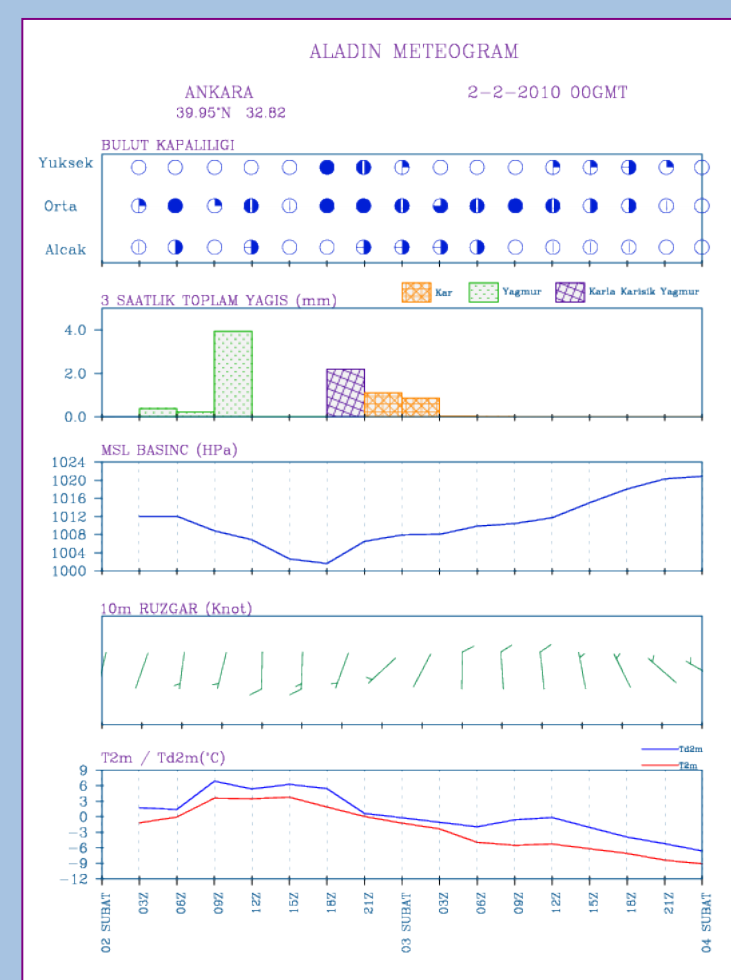
ALADIN Suite run under SMS

Major Highlights

- 15th December 2009: New HPC Acceptable test complete
- 1st January 2010: cy35T1 ALARO-0 daily parallel run on SGI
- 10st February 2010: ALARO-0 under SMS
- 1st March 2010: cy35T1 ALARO-0 runs operationally
- 1st July 2010: Four runs per day

Post-Processing

- NetCDF is used as default data format
- NCL for generating time-series and meteogram



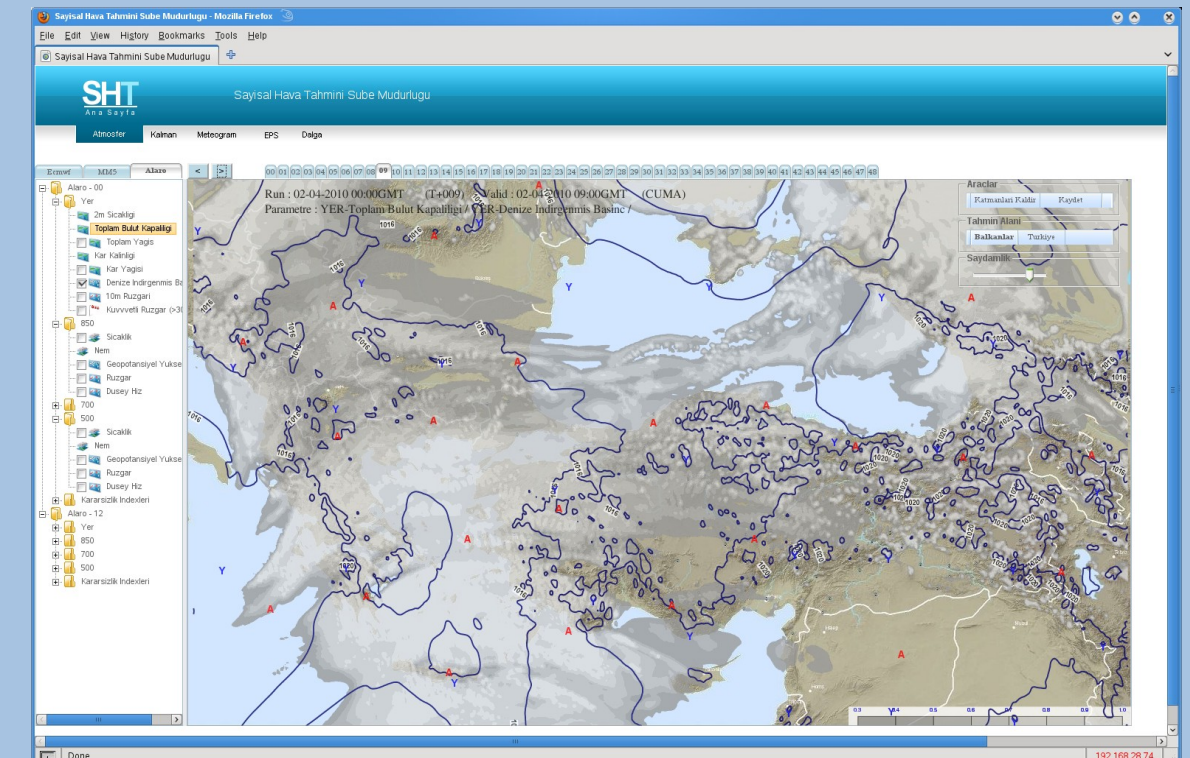
Meteogram of ALADIN, prepared with NCL.

Interactive Web Page Project

TSMS has started a web-based project which aims to give interactive services that provide parameterized graphical products to authorized users. The framework is designed to use Magics++ with python (sometimes Fortran) for generating products.

Product aspects

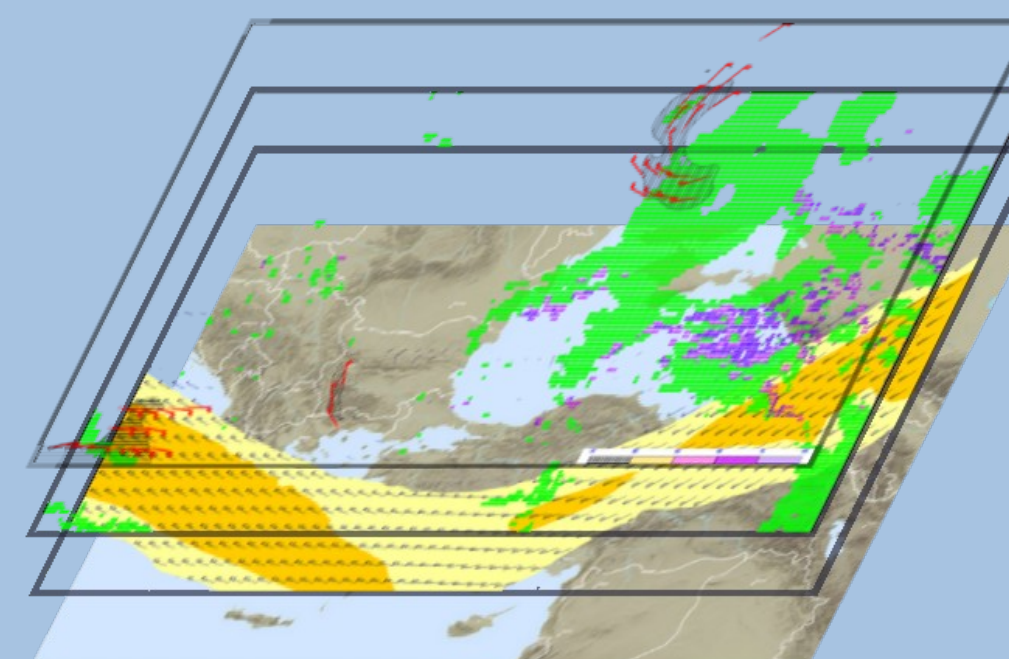
- Converting all model outputs in Mercator projections.
- Commonly used charts such as MSLP, total precipitation are generated immediately after model runs.
- Other meteorological charts are based on real-time production. Target is to deliver per plot under 3 seconds.



Snapshot view of Total Cloud Cover and MSLP 02.04.2010 run, t+9 forecasts of ALARO-0 on Interactive Web Page.

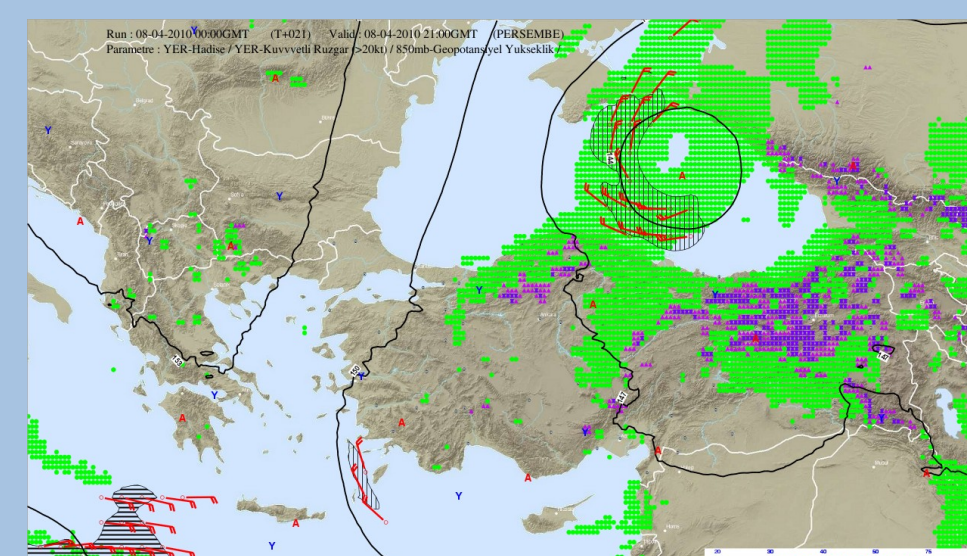
User interface: Mostly Javascript, PHP and AJAX.

Browser support: Firefox 3.x, IE 7+, Google Chrome



Layers:

- Layer is the basic meteorological visual element that could be displayed on the web interface.
- Currently, the layer has a default style. (Future plan is to add several optional styles that could be applied to the data).
- Special layers which do not have meteorological data can be represented as well such as; rivers, foreground coastlines, land-sea mask, orography and etc.



Products:

- A product is a combination of several layers.
- Users can customize products by combining layers to create their own products.

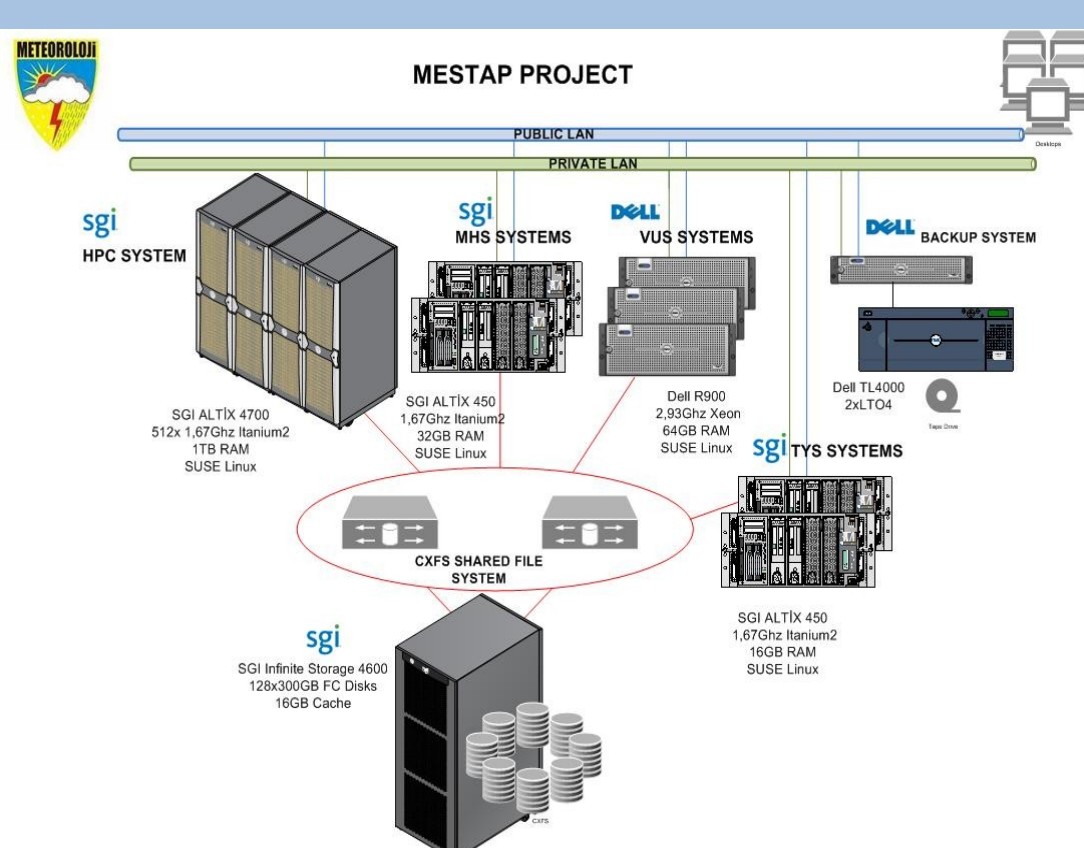
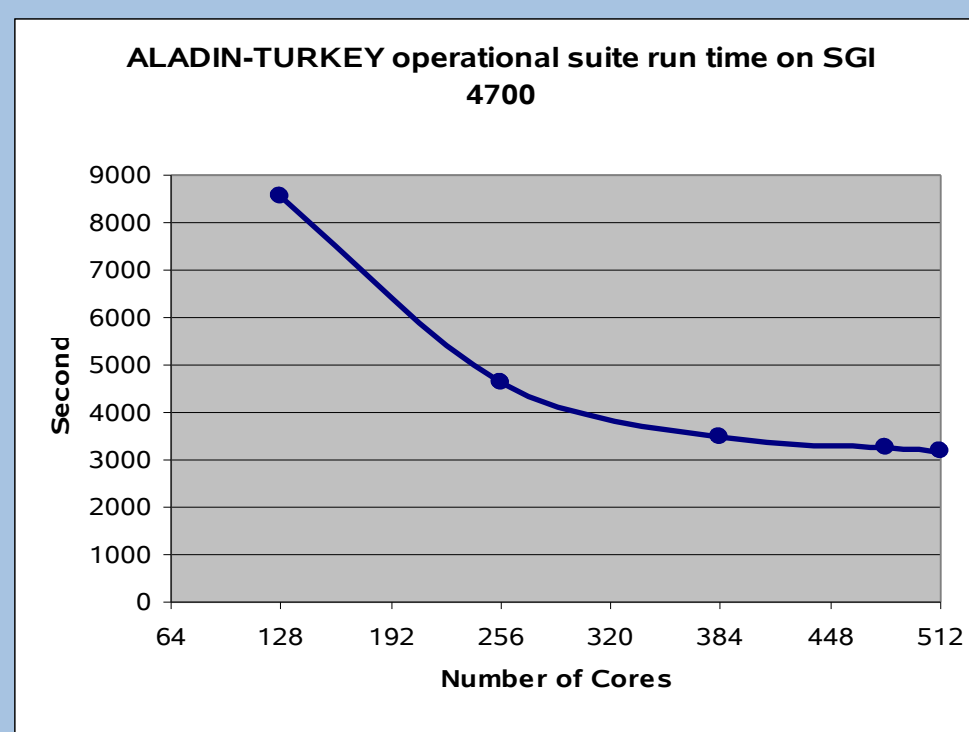
Remaining issues:

- Caching (memorization, actually...)
- Scalability
- Performance

HPC SYSTEM

SGI Altix 4700

- 512 cores based Intel Itanium2 Montvale each at 1.67 GHz.
- Total Peak performance 3.4 TFlops
- Total memory 1 TB
- Total Disk Space: 20 TB
- 2 login nodes
- 2 service nodes
- 3 Xeon based post-processing nodes



Archive System:

- 20 TB Disk Storage
- 165 TB Tape Storage
- Based on ECMWF Mars Software

METU3 Wave Model

METU3 wave model that was developed in cooperation with METU (Middle East Technical University) for Turkish coasts under the NATO TU-Waves project, has been used since December 1999 for marine forecast at TSMS.

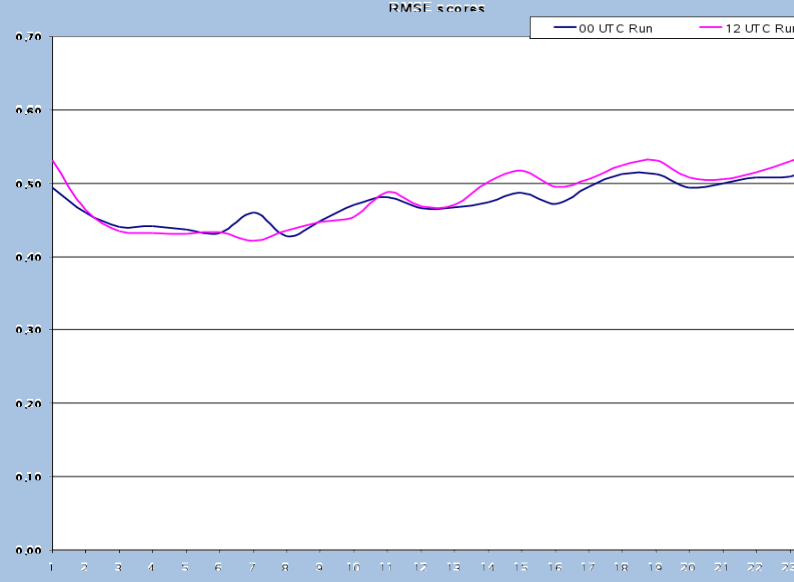
Forecast settings

Initial conditions: ECMWF-IFS model
Horizontal resolution: 3km
Forecast integration: 72hrs
Run times: 00 and 12 UTC
Domains: Mediterranean, Black Sea and Caspian Sea

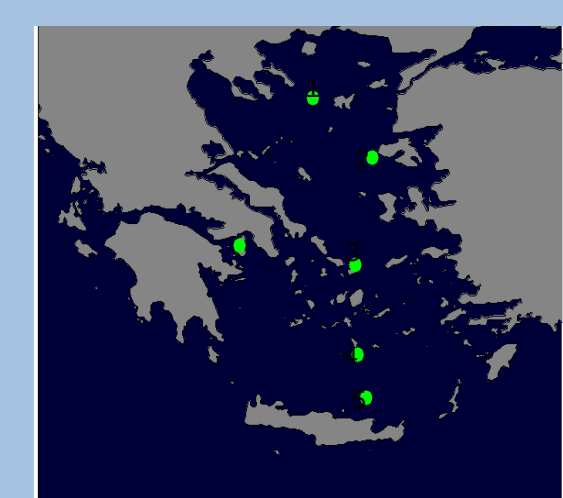
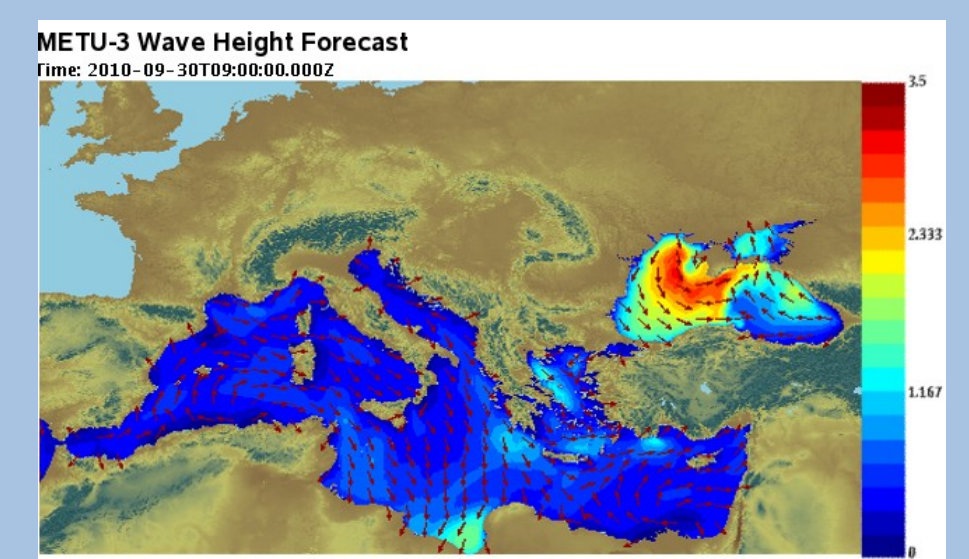
METU-3 model products:

- 10 m wind speed and direction
- Wave height and direction
- Mean wave period

Verification of METU-3:



Metu-3 Wave Height RMSE scores against the buoys on Aegean Sea during last year. 00 UTC RMSE shown as blue line and 12 UTC shown as pink line.



The buoys on Aegean Sea which used for METU-3 verification