

nowcRadiation seamless-nowcasting solar radiation using satellite and high resolution numerical model output

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What is nowcRadiation?

nowcRadiation is a [project developed by AEMet](#) (the Spanish Meteorological Agency) for the Spanish transmission system operator, Red Eléctrica de España, to improve hourly Global Horizontal Irradiance (GHI) and Direct Normal Irradiance (DNI) forecasts in Spanish solar power plants.

[Red Eléctrica de España \(REE\)](#) was interested in use the software package of SAFNWC/MSG to forecast the dependence on clouds of Global Horizontal Irradiance (GHI) and Direct Normal Irradiance (DNI) in solar plants.



What is nowcRadiation?

It is an interdepartamental project:

1. The former *Innovation Area* of the *Development and Applications Department*
2. *Satellite Application Facility for support to Nowcasting (SAFNWC)*
nowcRadiation uses some products from Meteosat Second Generation (MSG)
3. *Numerical Weather Prediction Section* output of HARMONIE-AROME model.
4. *AEMet Radiometric Network* Observations of Global Horizontal Irradiance (GHI) and Direct Normal Irradiance (DNI) stations of AEMet network.
5. *Systems* Technical suport of software and hardware

Aim project

The project's target was to design, validate and make operational a tool that every fifteen/thirty minutes provides a four-hour forecast of Direct Normal and Global Horizontal Irradiances, with a time resolution of fifteen minutes. It uses information from the satellite based on SAF's products (Satellite Application Facilities, EUMESAT) and forecasting from the model HARMONIE-AROME

| SAF → EXIM | Distribución SAF + HARMONIE-AROME | HARMONIE-AROME |
|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| 1ª hora | 2ª y 3ª hora | 4ª hora |

During the first hour of forecast the software uses satellite data (SAF de Nowcasting), data from the NWP model HARMONIE-AROME are utilized from four hours on, both forecast are employed following a transition function in intervening hours.

Satellite Products

Cloud Type (CT): provide a detailed cloud analysis [1]

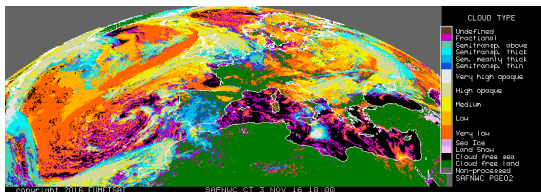


Figure 1: Cloud Type (CT)

Satellite Products

Extrapolated Imagery (EXIM) [2] applies kinematic extrapolation using motion vectors (AMWs) for displacing SEVIRI pixels of selected NWCSAF products.

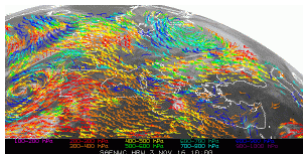
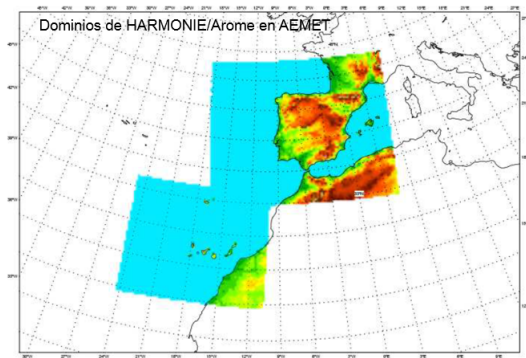


Figure 2: High Resolution Winds (HRW) [3]

HARMONIE-AROME v40h1.1

- ▶ 2.5 km
- ▶ integrated 8 times per day
- ▶ forecast length 48 hours
- ▶ 2 geographical domains (Iberian Peninsula and Canary Island)



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The seamless vision for forecasting

We are entering a new era in technological innovation and in use and integration of different sources of information for the wellbeing of society M. Jarraud
WMO (2015)



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Transition Function GHI

Range of expected values:

- ▶ Satellite cloudly areas and midlatitudes: 15 - 30% [4]
- ▶ Mesoscale Models 24-hour forecast: 10 - 50% [5]

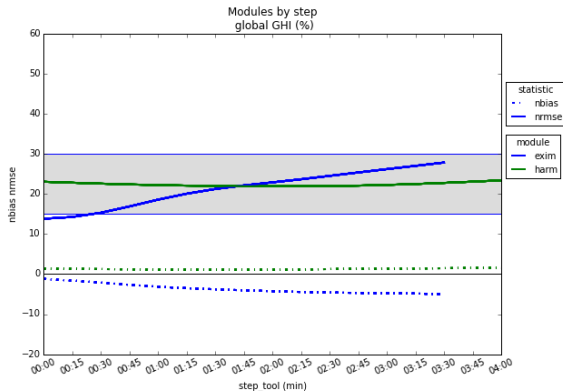


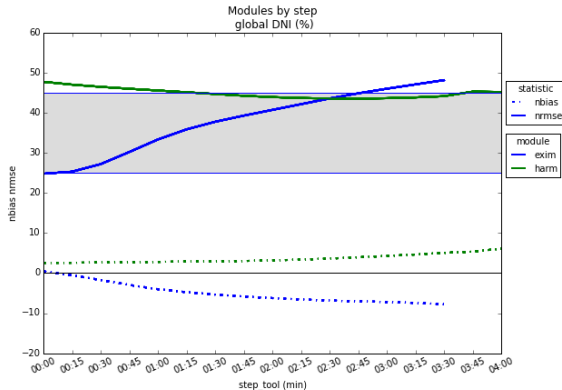
Figure 3: Graphic representation of hourly accumulated forecast nRMSE and nBIAS errors from **satellite** module (blue line) and **NWP-model** (green line)

Transition Function DNI

Range of expected values:

- ▶ Satellite cloudly areas and midlatitudes: 25 - 45% [4]
- ▶ Mesoscale Models 24-hour forecast: 30 - 100% [5]

Figure 4: Graphic representation of hourly accumulated forecast nRMSE and nBIAS errors from satellite module (blue line) and NWP-model (green line)



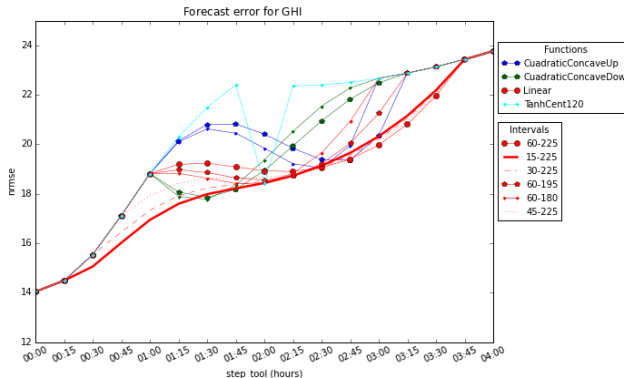
Data Set

- ▶ Semi-operational conditions
- ▶ Spatial locations: Arenosillo, Badajoz, Córdoba, Lleida, Madrid, Murcia, Santander, Tenerife y Palma de Mallorca
- ▶ Time Frame:
 - ▶ 1st December 2016 - 15th June 2017 Peninsula and Baleares
 - ▶ 1st February 2017 - 15th June 2017 Tenerife
- ▶ Radiation values filtered for solar height larger than 8°

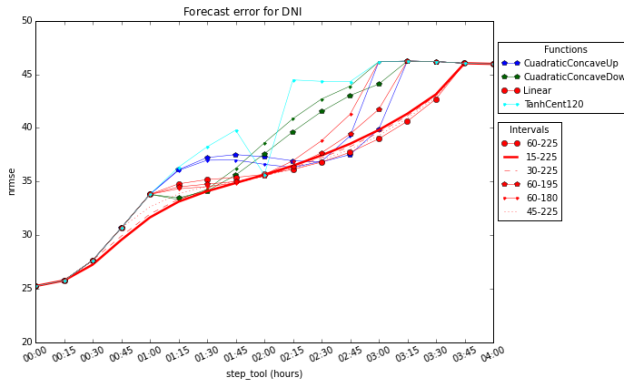
4 type of functions:

1. linear
2. quadratic function concave up and down.
3. hyperbolic tangent centered on 120 minutes lead time

Representation of studied functions GHI

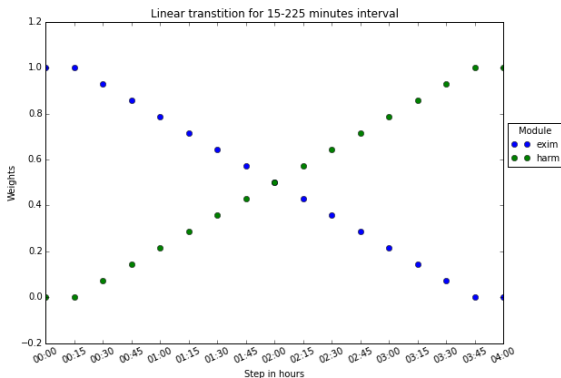


Representation of studied function DNI

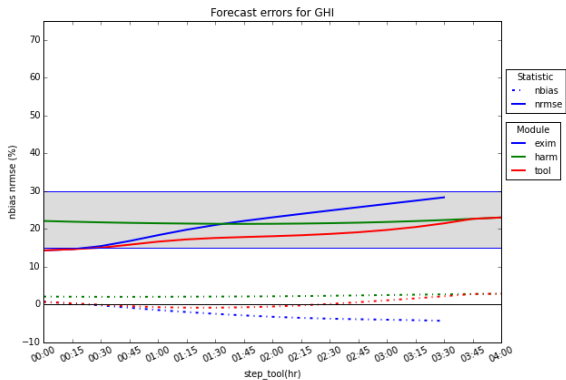


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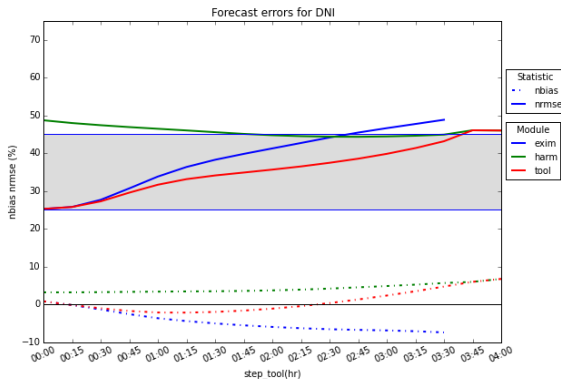
$$\text{Rad_forecast}_{\text{step}} = \text{weight_exim}_{\text{step}} \times \text{Rad_exim}_{\text{step}} + \text{weight_harm}_{\text{step}} \times \text{Rad_harm}_{\text{step}}$$



Linear function applied between lead times 15' - 225' GHI



Linear function applied between lead times 15' - 225' DNI



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AEMet nowcRadiation software is integrated every fifteen minutes and provides a four-hour forecast of hourly accumulated Normal Direct and Global Horizontal Irradiances with lead times of fifteen minutes.



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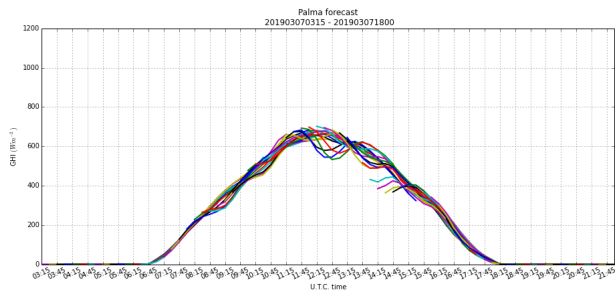
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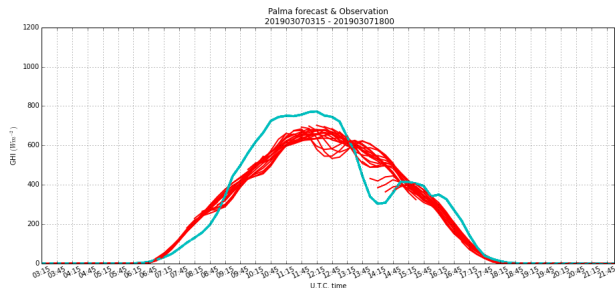


Output every 15 minutes

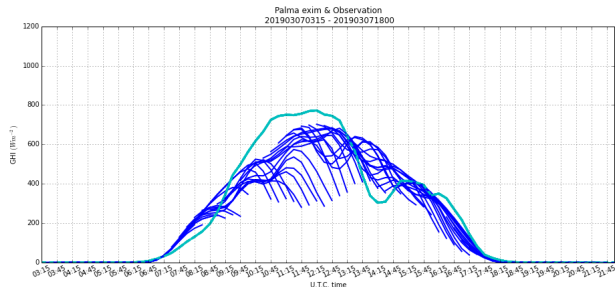


nowcRadiation forecast and observation GHI

Small lead times track clouds!

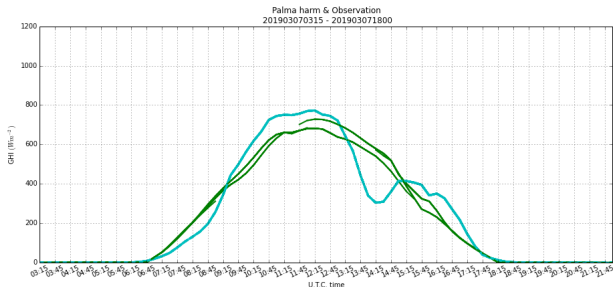


Satellite module can track clouds!

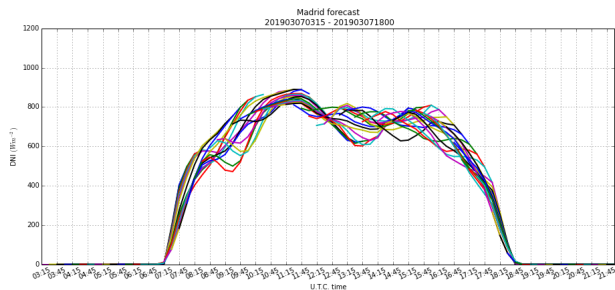


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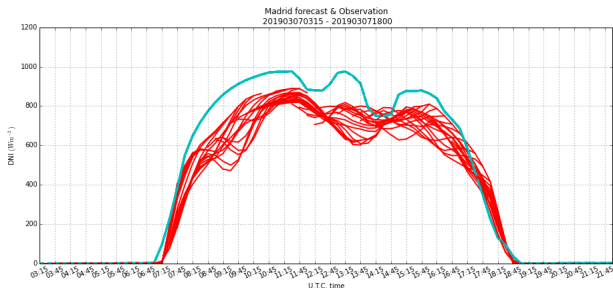


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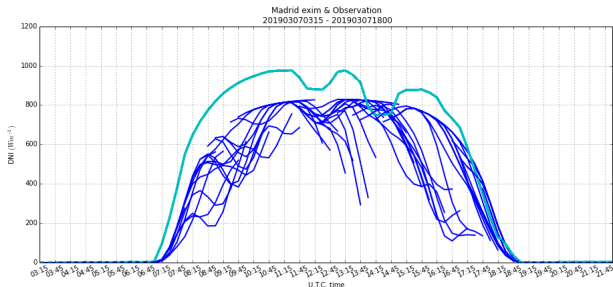


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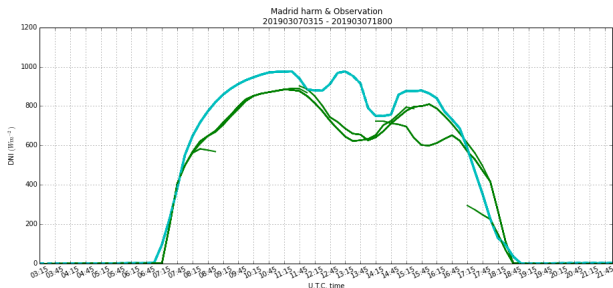


Satellite module can track clouds!



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- ▶ Fifteen minutes output
- ▶ Available since 1st June 2018
- ▶ 45 spatial locations
- ▶ lead times each hour



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Data Set

- ▶ Operating conditions
- ▶ Locations : Arenosillo, Badajoz, Canarias (Maspalomas), Córdoba, Lleida, Madrid, Murcia, Santander, Tenerife, y Palma de Mallorca
- ▶ Time Frame: 3 June 2018 - 8 April 2019
- ▶ Radiation filtered values for solar height larger than 8°
- ▶ Radiation filtered values between 0 and 1270 W/m^2

Seasonal behaviour

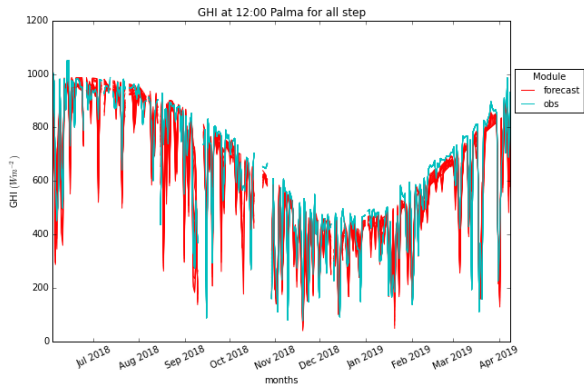


Figure 5: Seasonal behaviour of GHI at 12:00 for all steps

normalized monthly errors GHI

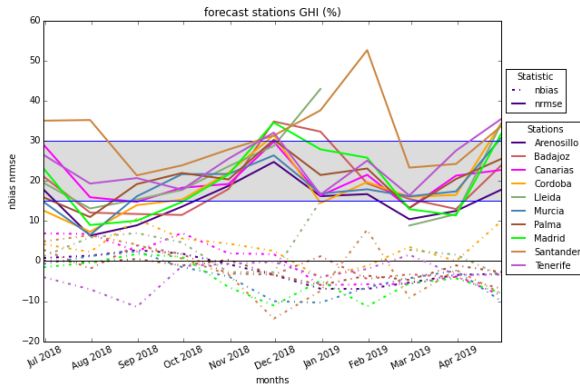


Figure 6: nrmse and nbias by month GHI

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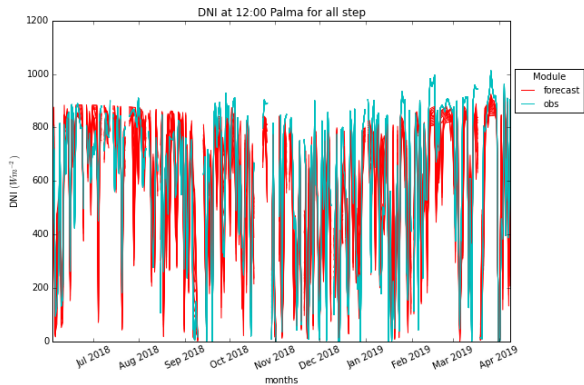


Figure 7: Seasonal behaviour of DNI at 12:00 for all steps

normalized monthly errors DNI

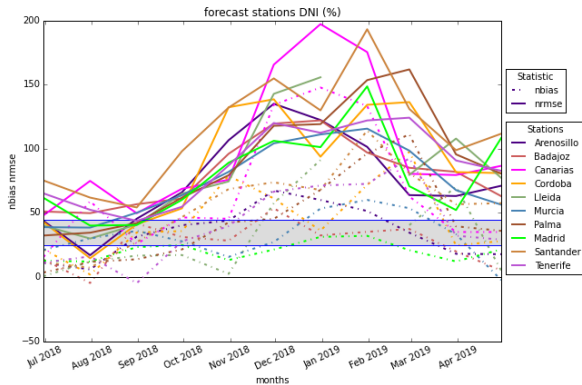


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






















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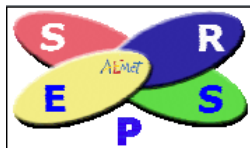
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AEMet- γ SREPS characteristics

| | Multi-BCs | ECMWF / IFS | NCEP / GFS | MF / ARPEGE | CMC / GEM | JMA / GSM |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Multi-NWP |  |  |  |  |  | |
| HARMONIE-AROME |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| HARMONIE-ALARO |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| WRF - ARW |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NMMB |  |  |  |  |  |  |

AEMet- γ SREPS characteristics



- ▶ 2.5 km 20-member convection-permitting LAM-EPS
- ▶ Multi-boundary conditions from 5 Global NWP models
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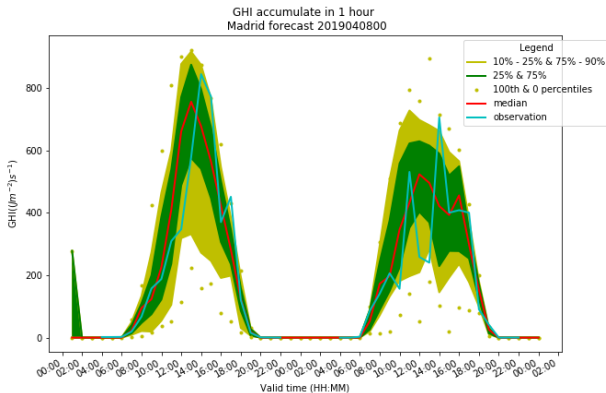


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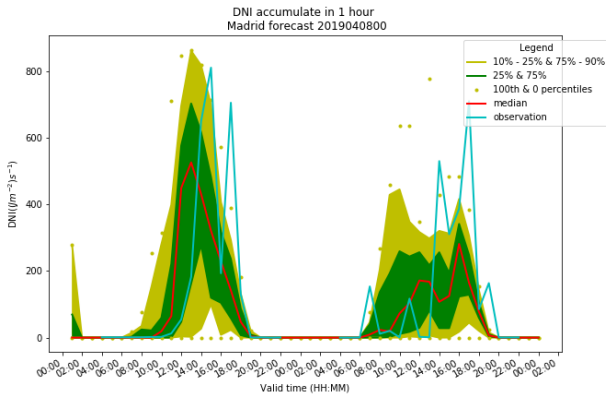


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