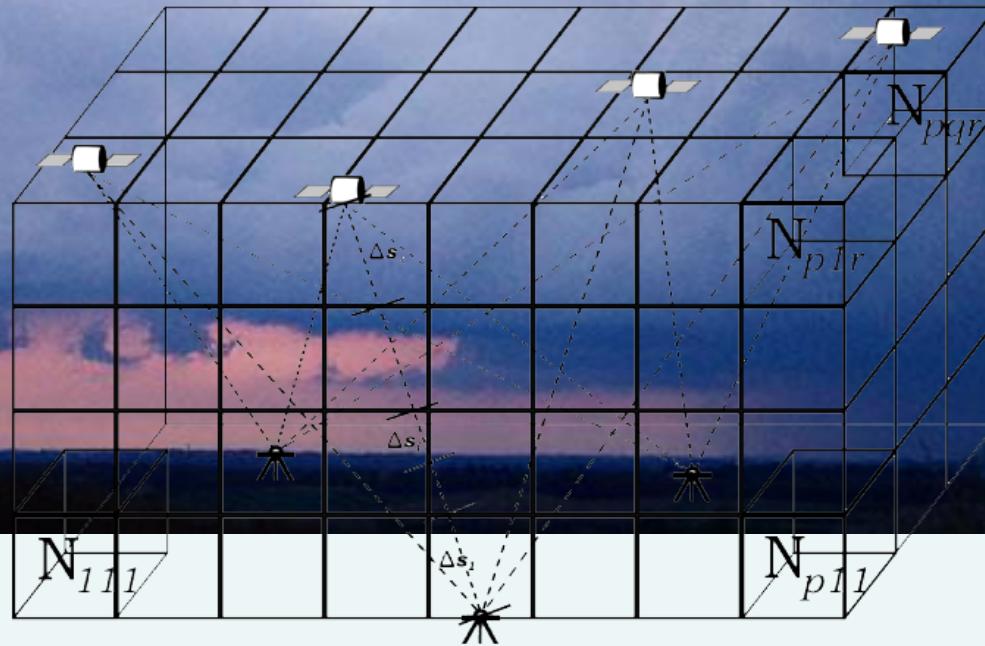


Implementations of GNSS tomography based on BIRA model



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Lecture content



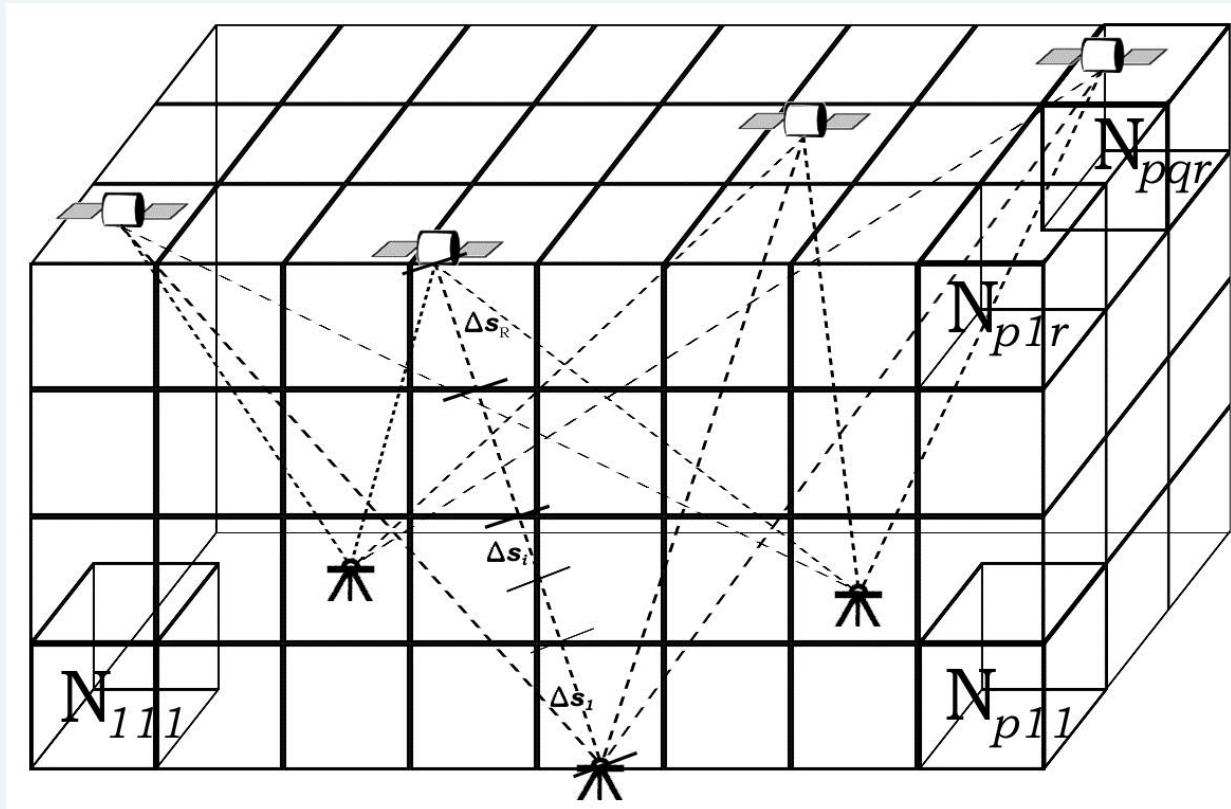
- Presentation of GNSS tomography at BIRA
 - Setting of the tomographic grid
 - Choice of the type of retrievals
 - Choice of the *a priori* conditions
 - Creation of the geometric matrix G
 - Implementations of inversion
 - Characterisation of covariance operator
- Example of applications in meteorology
- Future development

GNSS tomography: implementations of BIRA model



Setting of the tomographic grid:

- definition of Iau X Ion X alt grid
→ param_grid files



Troposphere grids/voxels

GNSS tomography: implementations of BIRA model



Setting of the tomographic grid:

- definition of lon X lat X alt grid
→ param files

```
# parameters files for the grid creation
# Longitude
xLON_min 2.
xLON_max 7.
nLON 10
xlondecal 30
# Latitude
xLAT_min 49
xLAT_max 52
nLAT 12
xlatdecal 20
# vertical
regulier reg
xalt_min 0
xalt_pas 500
nalt 20
h_double 5000
xalt_max 10000
alt_ref asl
xalt_lim 10000

# specific parameters of embedded Grid
subgrid_no
# Longitude
xlon_min 4.00
xlon_max 5.00
nlon 20
# Latitude
xlat_min 50.00
xlat_max 51.00
nlat 20
subgrid_z_no
# output options
save_option 1
file_name grid_TEST.dat
```

GNSS tomography: implementations of BIRA model



Maximum dimensions of BIRA tomography model: dimpar.h file

maximum size of the tomographic grid

```
INTEGER ngril  
PARAMETER (ngril=6600)
```

maximum number of rays

```
INTEGER nmaxray  
PARAMETER (nmaxray=6600)
```

epsilon (criterion of equality)

```
REAL*8 eps  
PARAMETER (eps=1D-10)
```

maximum size of the horizontal tomographic grid

```
INTEGER ngril1d  
PARAMETER (ngril1D=2000)
```

maximum number of GNSS stations

```
INTEGER max_stat  
PARAMETER (max_stat=120)
```

GNSS tomography: implementations of BIRA model

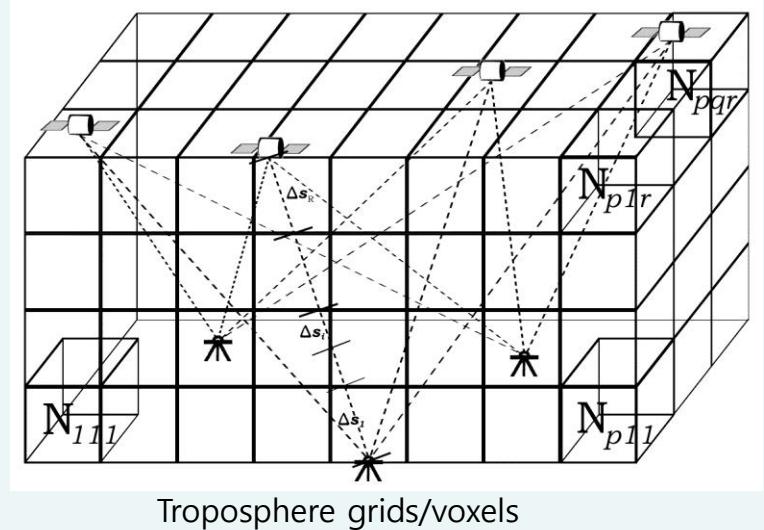


Choice of the type of retrievals:

- 3D field of wet refractivity (N_w)

WET DELAY \rightarrow WET REFRACTIVITY

$$SWD = 10^{-6} \int N_{wet} \, ds = 10^{-6} \sum N_{wet} \, \Delta s$$



- 3D field of water vapour density (ρ_{wv})

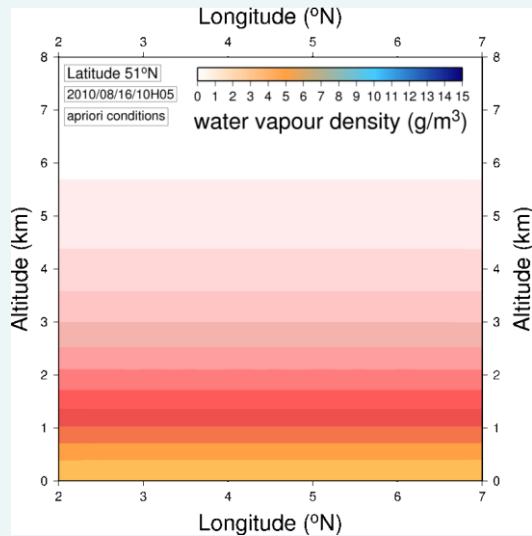
WATER VAPOUR CONTENT \rightarrow WATER VAPOUR DENSITY

$$SIWV = 10^{-6} \int \rho_{wv} \, ds = 10^{-6} \sum \rho_{wv} \, \Delta s$$

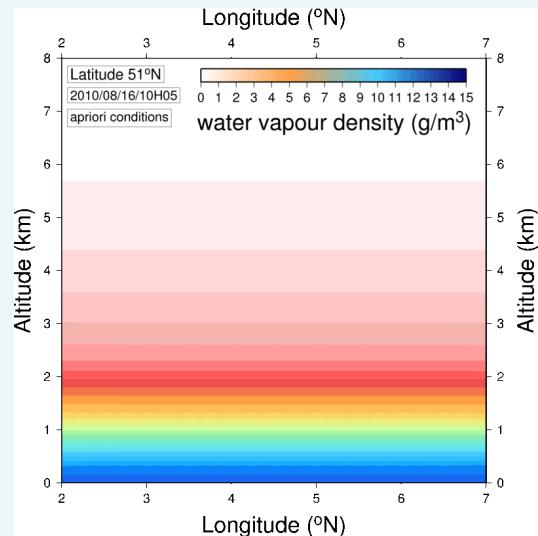
GNSS tomography: implementations of BIRA model



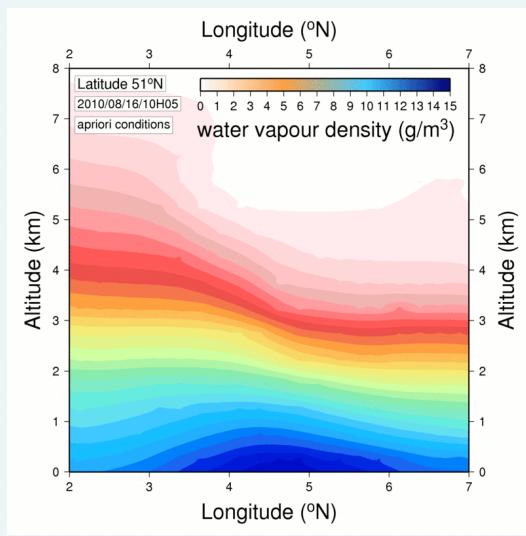
Choice of the *apriori* conditions



from standard atmosphere
modSTAN



from radiosondes
modRS



from NWP model
modWRF

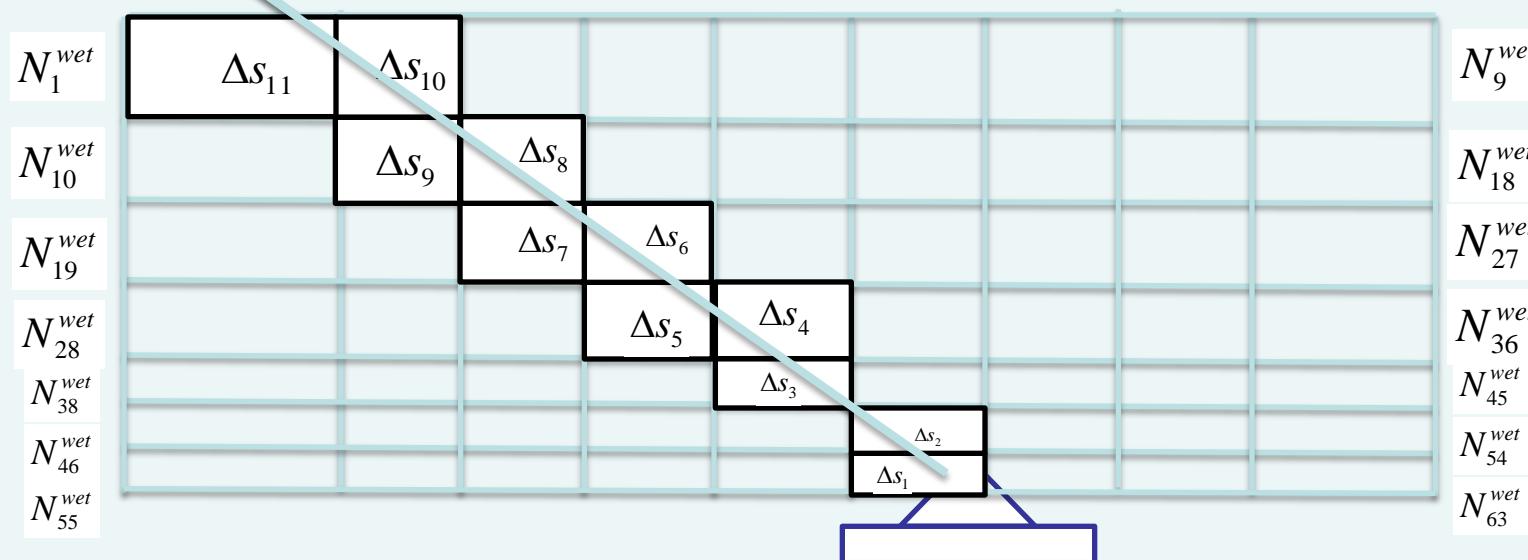
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Creation of the geometric matrix



SWD

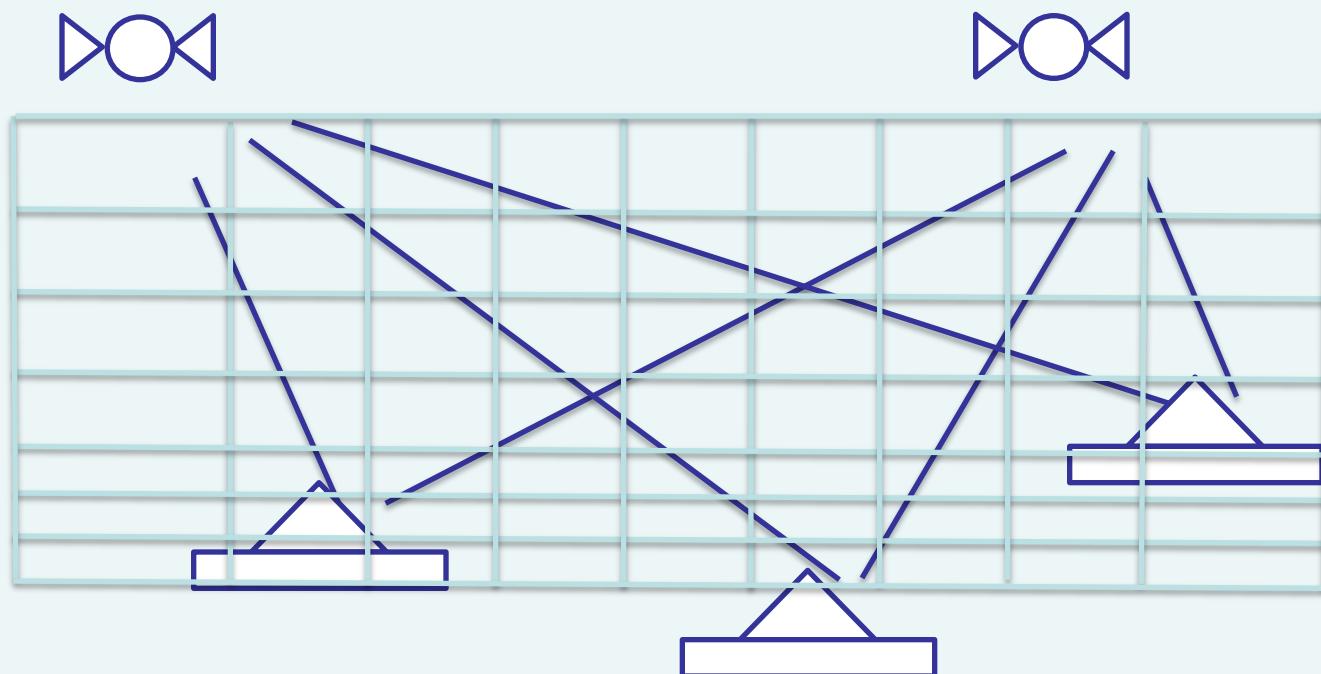


$$SWD = 10^{-6} \cdot (N_{60}^{wet} \cdot \Delta s_1 + N_{51}^{wet} \cdot \Delta s_2 + N_{41}^{wet} \cdot \Delta s_3 + N_{32}^{wet} \cdot \Delta s_4 + N_{31}^{wet} \cdot \Delta s_5 + N_{22}^{wet} \cdot \Delta s_6 + \dots + N_{21}^{wet} \cdot \Delta s_7 + N_{12}^{wet} \cdot \Delta s_8 + N_{11}^{wet} \cdot \Delta s_9 + N_2^{wet} \cdot \Delta s_{10} + N_1^{wet} \cdot \Delta s_{11})$$

GNSS tomography: implementations of BIRA model



Observations $d = \begin{pmatrix} SWD_1 \\ SWD_2 \\ \vdots \\ SWD_p \end{pmatrix}$ data	Tomography model structure $\tilde{=} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta s_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \Delta s_{1q} \\ \Delta s_{21} & \Delta s_{22} & \Delta s_{23} & 0 & \cdots & \Delta s_{2q} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \Delta s_{p1} & \Delta s_{p2} & 0 & \Delta s_{p3} & \cdots & \Delta s_{pq} \end{pmatrix} \cdot$ geometrical matrix	Unknowns $m = \begin{pmatrix} N_1^{\text{wet}} \\ N_2^{\text{wet}} \\ \vdots \\ N_q^{\text{wet}} \end{pmatrix}$ model solution	Noise $C_D = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_p \end{pmatrix}$ errors
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GNSS tomography: implementations of BIRA model



Implementation of inversion:

Linear inverse problem:
model solution retrieved by
weighted, damped least-squares adjustment

$$d = Gm + C_D$$

d data
 G geometrical matrix
 m model solution
 C_D covariance operator data
 m_0 apriori model
 C_M covariance operator apriori model

$$m = m_0 + \underbrace{(G^T C_D^{-1} G + C_M^{-1})^{-1}}_A G^T C_D^{-1} (d - Gm_0)$$

Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

$$A = U \Lambda V^T$$

A geometrical matrix
 U orthonormal matrix of eigenvectors (data space)
 Λ diagonal eigenvalues matrix
 V orthonormal matrix of eigenvectors (model parameter space)

$p \times q$
 $p \times p$
 $p \times q$
 $q \times q$

→ $A^{-g} = V \Lambda^{-1} U^T$

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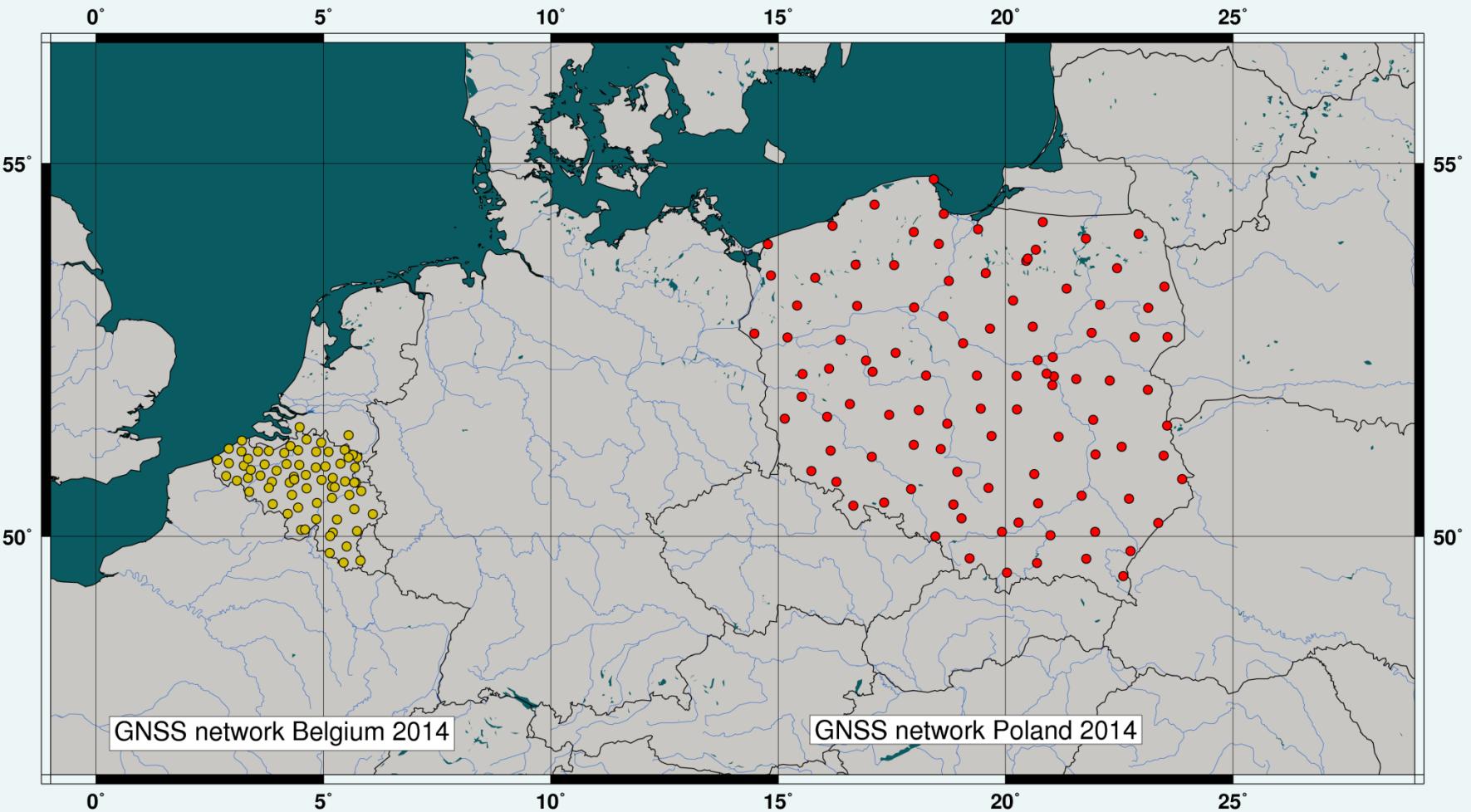
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C_D covariance operator data → in [0,1]

m_0 apriori model

C_M covariance operator apriori model → in [0,1]

Applications in meteorology

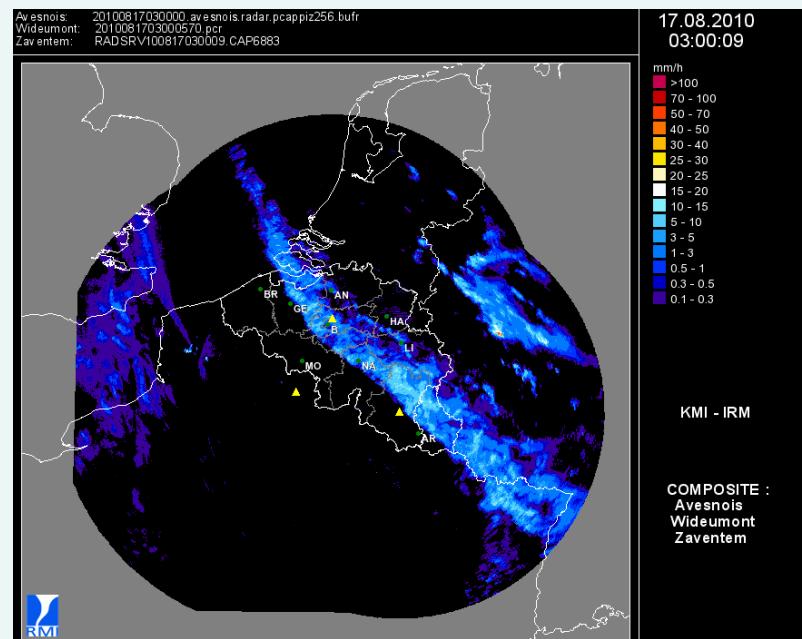
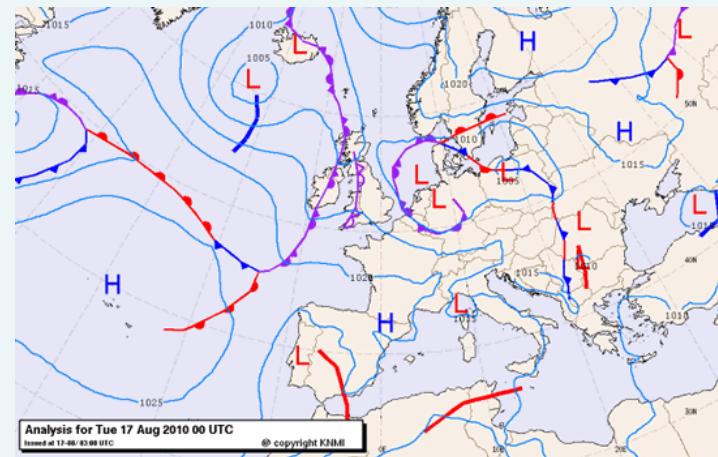
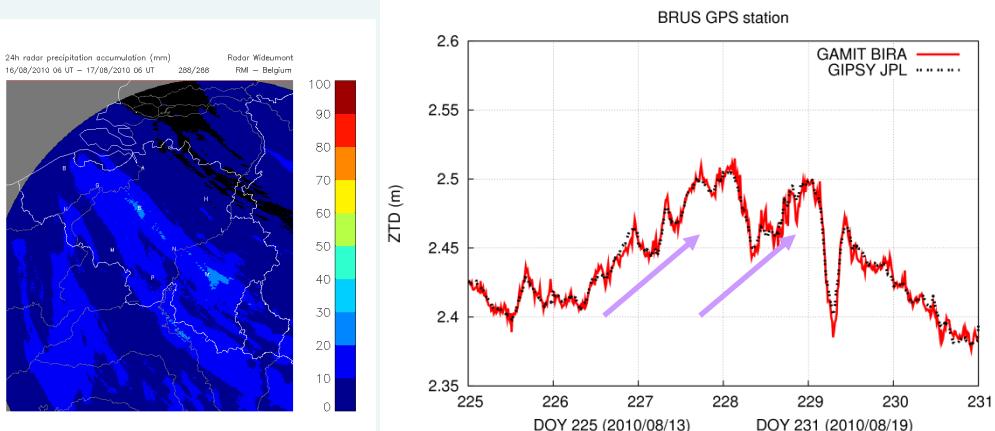


Applications in meteorology



Pouring rain of the 15th-17th August 2010

→ Depression so-called "Yvette" coming from Germany



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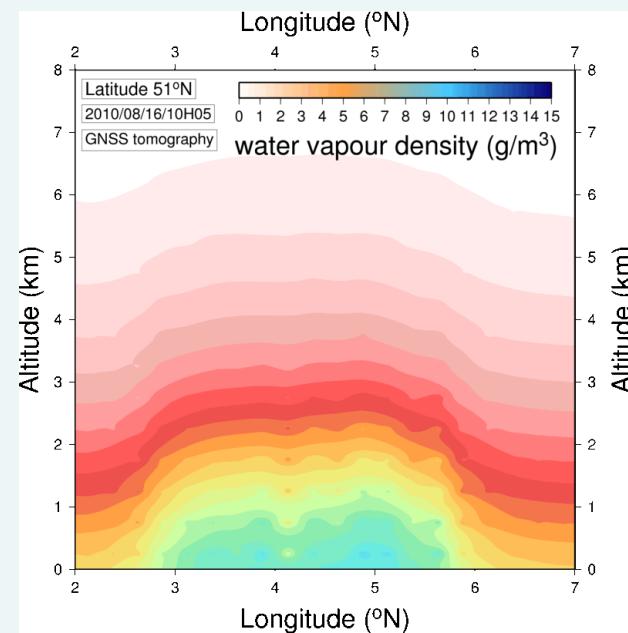
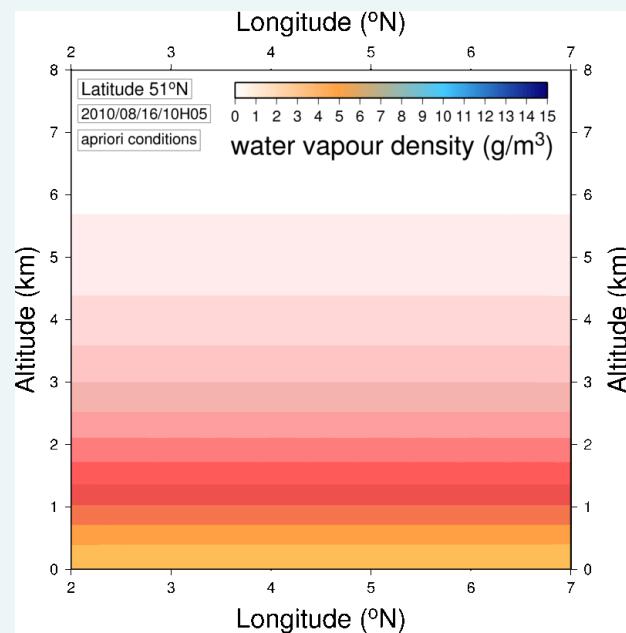
Cell dimensions:

-> Horizontal: 0.1 ° width (~ 10 km)

-> Vertical resolution: 500 m
from 0 to 10000 m

-> $C_D = 10\%$ $C_M = 90\%$

Test of initial conditions: standard atmosphere



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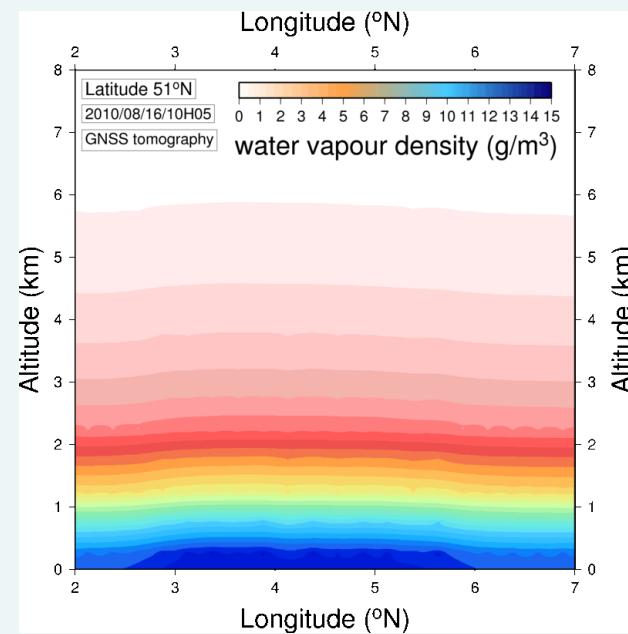
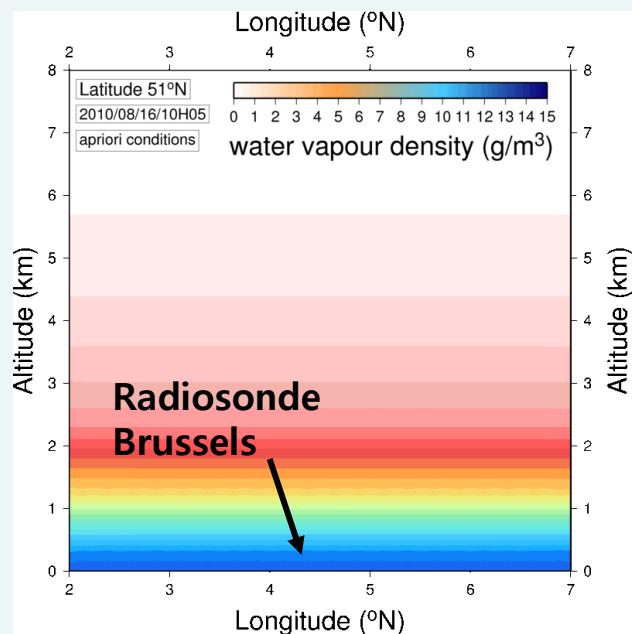
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Test of initial conditions: standard atmosphere based on radiosonde



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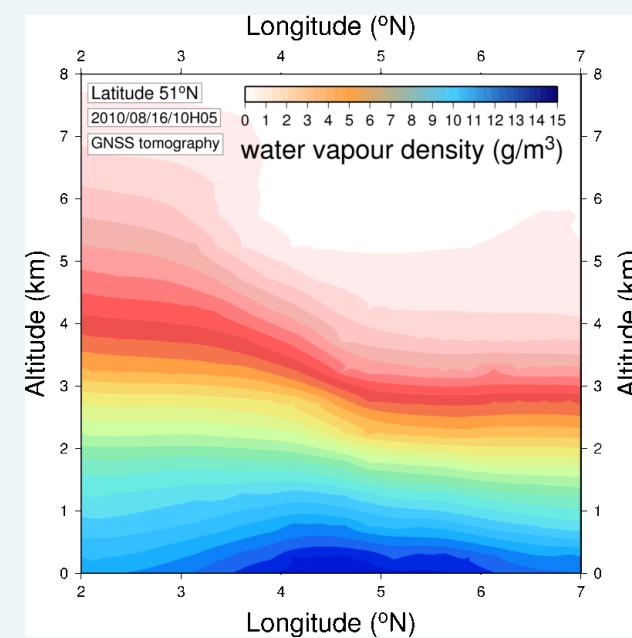
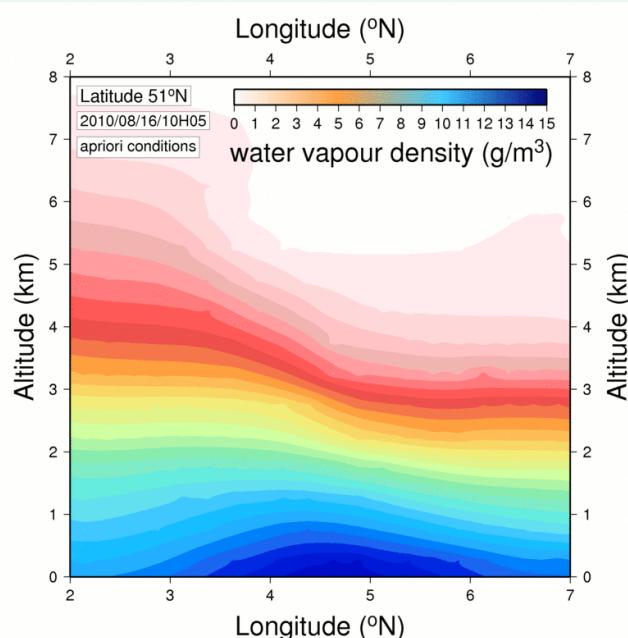
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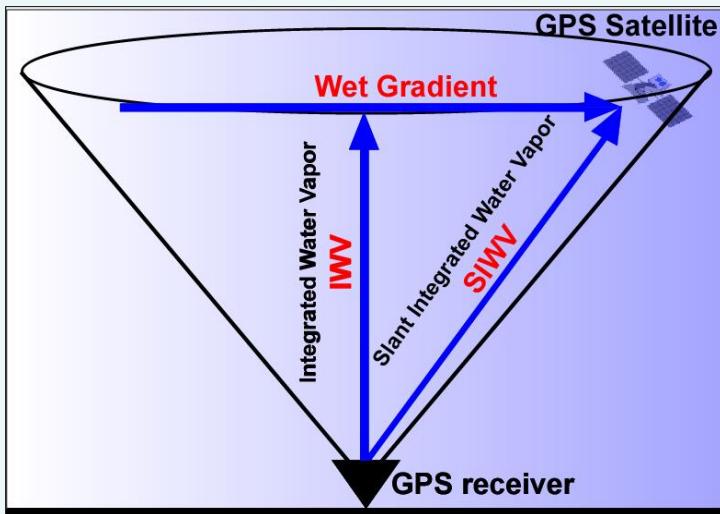
Test of initial conditions: atmosphere based on ALARO model (4 km resolution)



Applications in meteorology

3D field of water vapour density GNSS by tomography

Retrievals of Slant IWV



$$SIWV = IWV * mf + \text{Wet Gradients} * \square$$

With a use of a mapping function (mf) and a gradient mapping function \square

-> input data for the GNSS tomography

- Linear inverse problem

- Mixed invert problem (under- and over-determined)

d data
 G geometrical matrix
 m model solution
 C_D covariance operator data

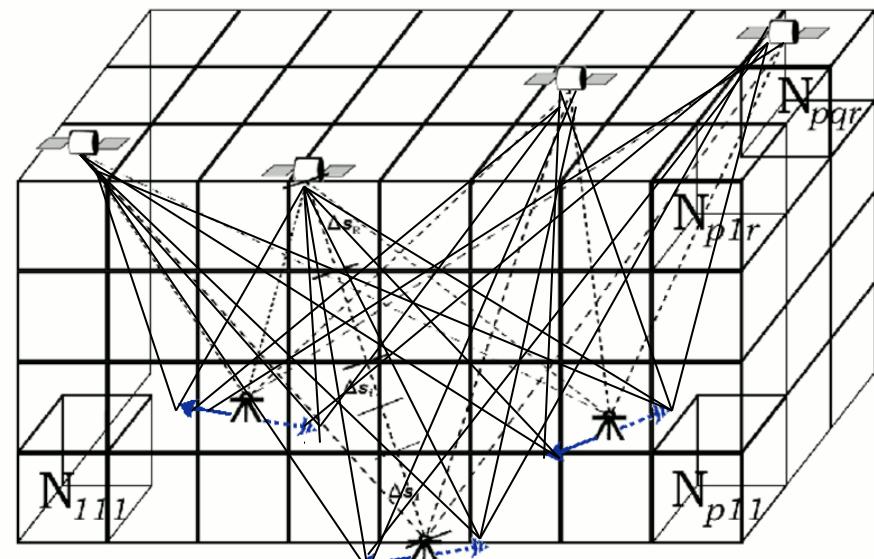
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$$\cancel{m = G^{-1}d + C_D}$$

$$\rightarrow m = m_0 + (G^t C_D^{-1} G + C_M^{-1})^{-1} G^t C_D^{-1} (d - Gm_0)$$

m_0 apriori model
 C_M covariance operator apriori model

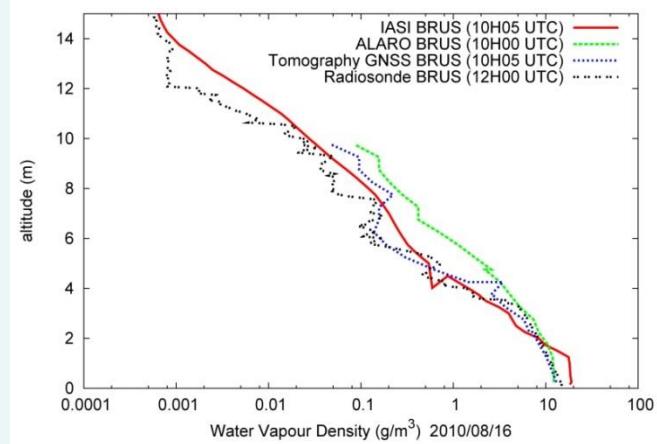
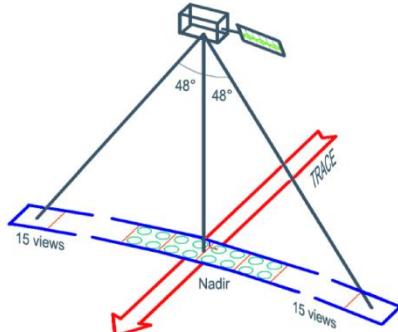
→ Use of gradients to improve to geometrical resolution of our tomographic software



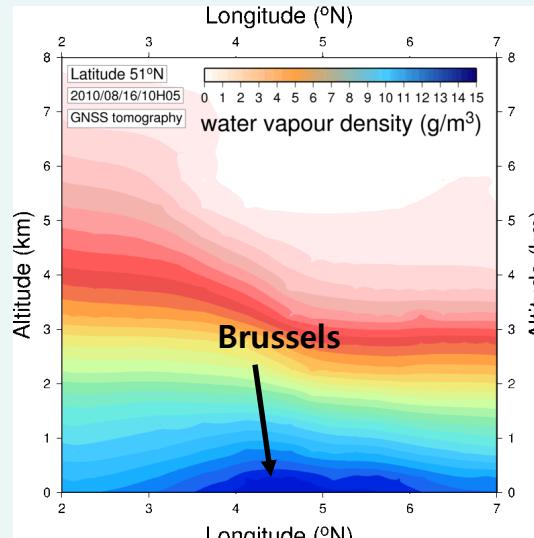
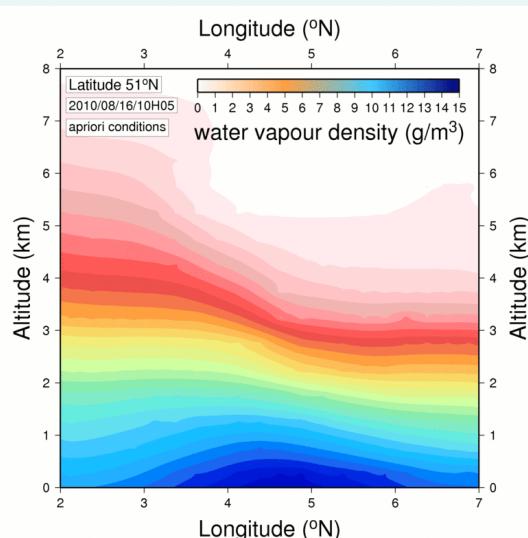
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Cell dimensions:
-> Horizontal: 0.1 ° width (~ 10 km)
-> Vertical resolution: 500 m from 0 to 10000 m
Covariance operator: -> data $C_D = 10\%$
-> model $C_M = 90\%$

IASI Pixel diameter of about 12 km



Initial conditions: atmosphere based on ALARO model



GNSS tomography with gradient improvement

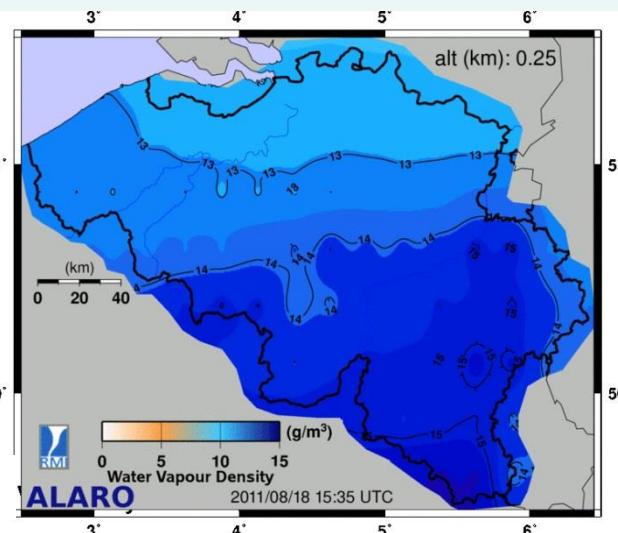
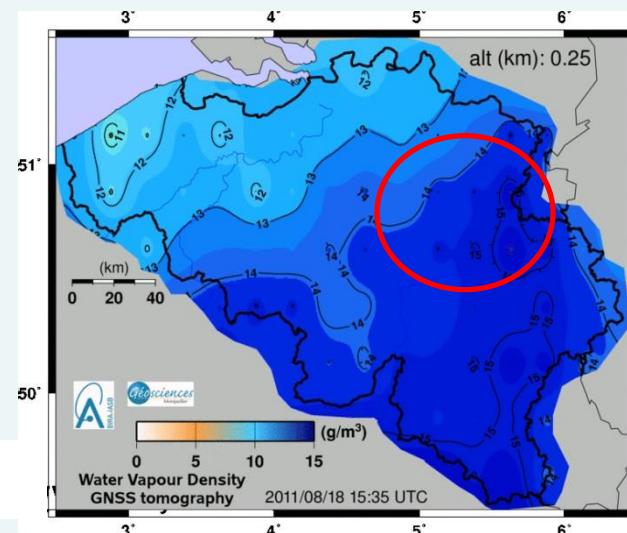
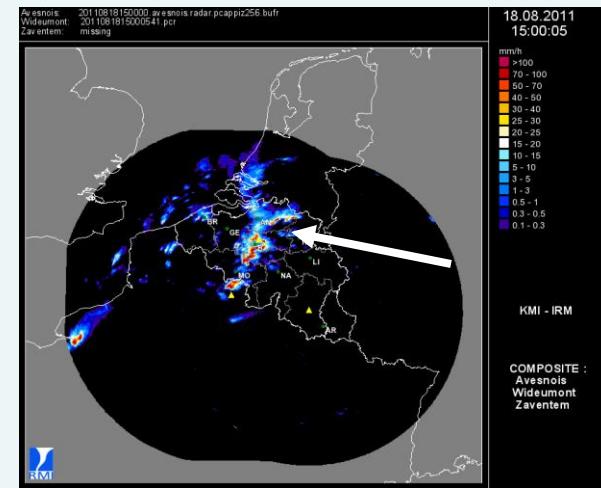
Applications in meteorology

3D field of water vapour density GNSS by tomography

Storm of the 18th August 2011

→ Flood event in Brussels

→ Storm at Belgium's Pukkelpop music festival kills five after stage collapses



Interest for nowcasting

Future development



- **Useful GNSS tomography for monitoring of extreme weather**
 - improvement of the geometry with gradients
 - Kalman filter
 - feasibility of stacking data
 - NRT products
- **Assimilation of tomographic profiles in ALARO**
- **Intercomparison and sensitivity test of tomography (IAG workgroup)**
- **Radio occultation and tomography**





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Potential of GNSS products for meteorology/nowcasting

GNSS obs.
2D images

Belgium
dense
network

Baselines
5 km
to
30 km

