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Motivations

- Constrain the low atmosphere of WACCM by 6-hourly meteo-analyses (GEOS-5; MERRA, surf. to~ 40 km), preserving fast/transient waves and tides.
- Perform trial assimilation of O₃ and temperature data *"on the fly"* as additional chain in WACCM time step: (Dynamical Core -> Physics -> Data assimilation).
- Demonstrate how assimilation can evaluate model errors
 by Middle Atmosphere Research Satellite (MARS data, SABER and MLS)
- **Pin-point potential revisions in WACCM/CAM formulations** *initiated by diagnostics of persistent model-data differences.*
- Demonstrate how 'research' DA schemes in WACCM can guide in adaptation of 'Advanced' DA (ADA) algorithms for fast/transient waves in the presence of large biases in the upper atmosphere.







"Some challenges of data assimilation in the middle-upper atmosphere"

- Assimilation of the fast vertically-propagated wave signatures from noisy observations (ageostophic analysis increments with large diurnal oscillations, tides).
- Needs for the data with spatial resolutions that can 'correct' wave dynamics of models (vertical resolution and horizontal resolution, *amplitude and phases*)
- Temporal resolution: ideal case scenario: 24-hr LST coverage (~36 day fot UARS and ~60 for TIMED), but model physics has 'diurnal' dynamics, then model equations with analysis increments (tendencies) will 'advance' spatial wave structures creating 'adequate' LST oscillations [Space wave structures. -> Time Var.].

Analysis of 'fast' waves requires the short duration of analysis-forecast cycle *-in incremental 3DVar* and *EnKF* (~1-hr, frequent time-consuming model restarts), *-in 4DVar algorithms* with TL and ATL (wave equations with the data), *-or assimilation on "the fly" every model time step (no restarts)*, observational tendencies similar to tendency due to sub-grid model physics

Advanced variational schemes: 3D-Var (GSI) and 4D-Var



24-hr 'moving' window for constraining tides Time-evolving B-covariance, especially important.

Chart from http://www.ecmwf.int/

- 4D-Var assumes a perfect model *in the strongconstrained formulation w/o model errors*. It will give the same credence to "older data" as to 'fresh' observations;
- 2. 3DVar-shemes, operational algorithm *Derber, Wu* ..=> and GSI/NCEP, Community GSI-DTC, GSI-IAU GMAO
- 3. Background error covariance is 'static' in 3D-Var, but evolves with time in 4D-Var.
- 4. In 4D-Var, the adjoint model is required to compute ∇J .
- 5. Weak-constrained 4D-Var DAtype of correction for model errors (biases)

Sequential DA schemes: EnKF and sup-optimal Kalman Filters (Optimal Interpolation - OI and Optimal Nudging – ON, DAF)

EnKF: workflow

Frequency of com. between A – F stages: 3hr or 6 hr (1-hr



Forecast stage: Ens. Model States ensemble spread ...B-error

DA on 'the Fly' (DAF) workflow

A – F cycles every time step 15 min



Single model state, variance evolving schemes for B-errors time step chain: Dyn.core => Phys =>DAF split: X-Y-Z Z-vcol split: Z-(XY)

DAF is oriented on MARS data, no needs to re-assimilate terabytes of data, can use Specified Meteorology option to constrain the LA-domain (< 40 km)

WACCM and WACCM-X with GMAO products in the LA, as a model configuration for data analysis in the MA and UA

GMAO analysis products:

GEOS-5 - Goddard Earth Observing System 72-lev (top lid ~77 km) & HR: 2/3x0.5.

MERRA (1979-present) – Modern Era Retro analysis for Research and Applications

- WACCM-GEOS5/MERRA (Kinnison et al.) VR of GEOS5 + 16 levels. in 77-140 km;
- WACCMX-GEOS5/MERRA -116 levels from the surface to ~ 500 km (Yudin et al.)
- Coupling/Nudging in WACCM(X) and GEOS5/MERRA

 (a) through tendency: for(X=U, V, T)
 dX/dt= (Xwac- Xgeos)/Tau [nudging domain, surface – ~40 km]
 dX/dt = 0, above 50 km;

(b) n%-Nudging every time step (1%); SD-WACCM, **WACCM-X/NOGAPS-MERRA**(0-90)

Current configuration for DA of MARS data (SABER, MLS)is WACCM-X/GEOS5



Adapting operational assimilation schemes in the data analysis implemented in MA and WA models (current status)

- First implementation of 3DVar-IAU in CMAM by Saroja Polavarapu and collaborators (Polavarapu, S. et al.2005. (MLS and SABER, error growth with and w/o GWs).
- NRL NOGAPS-ALPHA, NAVGEM-3DVar FGAT. Hoppel et al. and Eckermann et al. [2008]. (MLS and SABER, T and O3, H2O)
- NOAA/CIRES and SWPC, GSI-IAU (3DVar) in WAM (Wang et al. 2012) SSW-2009 (Fuller-Rowell et al., 2013, GSI data in WAM)
- All 3DVar-schemes used multi-hour analysis-forecast update cycles (3-hr or 6-hr); it is only a reasonable approximation for 'weak' diurnal and sub-diurnal oscillations.

Constraining tides in models by SM and DA

- Task-1: Prevent tidal signatures simulated by models during DA. They can be degraded by multihour analysis update cycles, or/and nadir data with the restricted vertical resolutions, AMSU-A radiances near the stratopuase).
- **Task-2**: When data contain tidal signals, update the DA algorithms of NWP centers to assimilate properly tidal observations (temporal/vertical resolutions).
- Task-3: Demonstrate using OSSE studies what kind of the temporal and spatial data coverage in the UA-region is needed to advance the Space Weather applications influenced by tides.

Green-true; Blue-DA; Red-Forecast

DA for tides in the toy-model (decreasing DA-windows)



Model evaluation by data and meteo-analyses



Typical model-data differences, diagnosed by the DAF in WACCM

Log-pressure height, km

MLS & SABER vs WACCMX/MERRA Temperature biases

a) polar SH MLT; very cold
b) warmer 90-110 km band;
c) polar night NH above 60km
d) elevated winter stratopause

Winds, WACCM vs UARS and radars

- a) strong tropical E-ward winds above 80 km;
- *b)* strong wind reversal in extra-tropics of MLT
- c) weak amplitudes of tides (~50% less).
- *Tracers:* Strong eddy mixing in coldest regions of MLT



Data Assimilation (DA on the 'Fly') of Temperature and Ozone in WACCM

Chemical Data Assimilation, Chapter 4, 2010: Atmospheric Chemistry and Constituent Transport .Representation and Modelling of Uncertainties in Chemistry and Transport Models, Khattatov and Yudin.

Application of sequential filters on-the-fly in WACCM:

the resolution-sensitive filter-split algorithms for analysis of the space-borne chemical constituents and temperature.

For assimilation of tides: frequent and "gentle" data constraining at every time-step



log-pressure height, km

og-pressure height, km

latitude



WACCM-X/MERRA 03-2009

latitude

WACCM-X model no SSW





Joint O₃-T analysis of MLS in WACCM with MERRA: signatures of vertically-propagated waves and polar coupling



Lessons from constraining model by MERRA and MARS data: list of potential model updates

- Disassemble dry static energy as a model state variable during physics and update eddy diffusion operators. (solves in part cold MLT polar T-bias; and eliminate T-dependence of eddy heat conductivity/viscosity/diffusion).
- Consistent mass and energy conservation for physics and dynamical cores (accurate physics tendencies between parameterizations and d-p coupling)
- Scale-aware parameterization schemes for GWs with:

(a) new GW-MF closure, mean flow (reverse) and tidal (ampl) calibration;
(b) dual eddy viscosity (conductivity) and momentum (heat) depositions;
(c) orchestrating oro-GWs and TMS, multi-directional waves, CAT.

WACCM-X/GEOS-5: Tides after calibration of GW-schemes





Year-to-year variability of migrating tides (DW1 and SW2)

Concluding remarks

Specified Meteorology below 40 km and assimilation of MARS data 'on-the-fly' in WACCM provide direct 'model-data' comparisons allowing to address and highlight the following aspects:

- Case studies of wave dynamics with realistic weather patterns during SSW events; revision of GW schemes, reasonable MF and tides (more work is needed)...
- New topic: how to assimilate MARS data (ozone, temp. and winds) and constrain fast-varying waves with efficient adaptation of ADA of NWP centers.
- Information on model biases: GW-schemes, diffusion operators, and energy conservation in Physics of WACCM.
- First WACCM-X/TIME-GCM one-way ionosphere-atmosphere coupling during latest warming events (2006, 2009, 2012).