

Report on the development of GSI-based WRF 4DVAR

Xin Zhang Xiang-Yu Huang

NCAR Earth System Laboratory

March 2, 2011

NCAR is sponsored by the National Science Foundation



Outline

① Introduction



Outline

① Introduction

② Upgrades of WRFPLUS



Outline

- ① Introduction
- ② Upgrades of WRFPLUS
- ③ New developments in GSI



Outline

- ① Introduction
- ② Upgrades of WRFPLUS
- ③ New developments in GSI
- ④ GSI/WRF 4DVAR System Validation
 - Single observation exp.
 - Tutorial case
 - Real case



Outline

- ① Introduction
- ② Upgrades of WRFPLUS
- ③ New developments in GSI
- ④ GSI/WRF 4DVAR System Validation
 - Single observation exp.
 - Tutorial case
 - Real case
- ⑤ Summary



Acknowledgement

Sincere thanks to Dr. Ricardo Todling for his help to kick off the project.

Sincere thanks to Dr. Thomas Auligne, Dr. Junmei Ban, Mrs. Xiaoyan Zhang and Mr. Feng Gao for their help and encouragement



Current Status

- This presentation reports the status of the development of GSI-based WRF 4DVAR as implemented in Boulder's version of February 2011



Current Status

- This presentation reports the status of the development of GSI-based WRF 4DVAR as implemented in Boulder's version of February 2011
- The Major development in GSI had finished, GSI codes had been coupled with the WRF tangent linear and adjoint model



Current Status

- This presentation reports the status of the development of GSI-based WRF 4DVAR as implemented in Boulder's version of February 2011
- The Major development in GSI had finished, GSI codes had been coupled with the WRF tangent linear and adjoint model
- The WRF tangent linear and adjoint codes (hereafter, WRFPLUS) have been updated to be consistent with the latest WRF repository codes



Current Status

- This presentation reports the status of the development of GSI-based WRF 4DVAR as implemented in Boulder's version of February 2011
- The Major development in GSI had finished, GSI codes had been coupled with the WRF tangent linear and adjoint model
- The WRF tangent linear and adjoint codes (hereafter, WRFPLUS) have been updated to be consistent with the latest WRF repository codes
- Because the parallelization of the latest WRFPLUS is still on going, only 1 processor parallel run is doable at this moment



Major Improvements of WRFPLUS

- New WRF adjoint and tangent linear codes based on the latest WRF repository codes.



Major Improvements of WRFPLUS

- New WRF adjoint and tangent linear codes based on the latest WRF repository codes.
- Testing the code on various platforms and compilers (IBM, Linux, Mac : xlf, g95, pgi, intel).



Major Improvements of WRFPLUS

- New WRF adjoint and tangent linear codes based on the latest WRF repository codes.
- Testing the code on various platforms and compilers (IBM, Linux, Mac : xlf, g95, pgi, intel).
- Add capability to do tangent linear check and adjoint test over any length of time window.



Major Improvements of WRFPLUS

- New WRF adjoint and tangent linear codes based on the latest WRF repository codes.
- Testing the code on various platforms and compilers (IBM, Linux, Mac : xlf, g95, pgi, intel).
- Add capability to do tangent linear check and adjoint test over any length of time window.
- Add option to control if all inputs and outputs were happen in disk or memory, so WRFPLUS can be used as a standalone tool or as a component in 4DVAR system.



Sample 6h Tangent Linear and Adjoint Check

Tangent linear check

```
...
tl_check: alpha=.1000E-04  coef=0.10000447262220E+01
tl_check: alpha=.1000E-05  coef=0.99999981575068E+00
tl_check: alpha=.1000E-06  coef=0.99999998152933E+00
tl_check: alpha=.1000E-07  coef=0.99999990980017E+00
tl_check: alpha=.1000E-08  coef=0.99999956711797E+00
...
```

Adjoint check

```
ad_check: VAL_TL:      0.42476489986911E+11
ad_check: VAL_AD:      0.42476489986912E+11
```



Modification in GSI

- Modified the capabilities to read and process multiple first guess and process obs. data for multiple time slots (?)



Modification in GSI

- Modified the capabilities to read and process multiple first guess and process obs. data for multiple time slots (?)
- Added a new module which serves the hub between GSI and WRFPLUS



Modification in GSI

- Modified the capabilities to read and process multiple first guess and process obs. data for multiple time slots (?)
- Added a new module which serves the hub between GSI and WRFPLUS
- Added WRF TL/AD subroutines calling interface in model_tl and model_ad



Modification in GSI

- Modified the capabilities to read and process multiple first guess and process obs. data for multiple time slots (?)
- Added a new module which serves the hub between GSI and WRFPLUS
- Added WRF TL/AD subroutines calling interface in model_tl and model_ad
- Added capability to do adjoint test with WRF AD/TL.



Modification in GSI contd

GSI Boulder repository revision 585, 2011-02-15

```
M      src/main/wrf_binary_interface.F90
M      src/main/read_wrf_mass_files.f90
M      src/main/control2model.f90
M      src/main/update_guess.f90
M      src/main/model_t1.F90
M      src/main/control2state.f90
M      src/main/model_ad.F90
M      src/main/stub_pertmod.F90
M      src/main/pcgsoi.f90
M      src/main/adjtest.f90
M      src/main/read_prepbufr.f90
M      src/main/gsi_4dvar.f90
A      src/main/wrf_pertmod.F90
M      src/main/wrwrflmassa.F90
M      src/main/wrf_netcdf_interface.F90
M      src/main/gsimod.F90
M      src/main/model2control.f90
M      src/main/state2control.f90
M      src/main/read_wrf_mass_guess.F90
M      src/main/evaljgrad.f90
M      src/main/Makefile.dependency
M      src/main/obsmod.F90
```



NESL

The New Module wrf_pertmod

The coupler and utilities used to couple GSI and WRFPLUS.

```
module wrf_pertmod
    subroutine model_nl_wrf          ! Subroutine to call WRF nonlinear model
    ...
    end subroutine model_nl_wrf
    subroutine model_tl_wrf          ! Subroutine to call WRF tangent linear model
    ...
    end subroutine model_tl_wrf
    subroutine model_ad_wrf          ! Subroutine to call WRF adjoint model
    ...
    end subroutine model_ad_wrf
    subroutine gsi2wrf_tl            ! Transfer GSI perturbation to WRF perturbation
    ...
    end subroutine gsi2wrf_tl
    subroutine gsi2wrf_ad            ! Adjoint of gsi2wrf_tl
    ...
    end subroutine gsi2wrf_ad
    subroutine wrf2gsi_tl             ! Transfer WRF perturbation to GSI perturbation
    ...
    end subroutine wrf2gsi_tl
    subroutine wrf2gsi_ad            ! Adjoint of wrf2gsi_tl
    ...
    end subroutine wrf2gsi_ad
end module wrf_pertmod
```



Quick Start

Install WRFPLUS and GSI

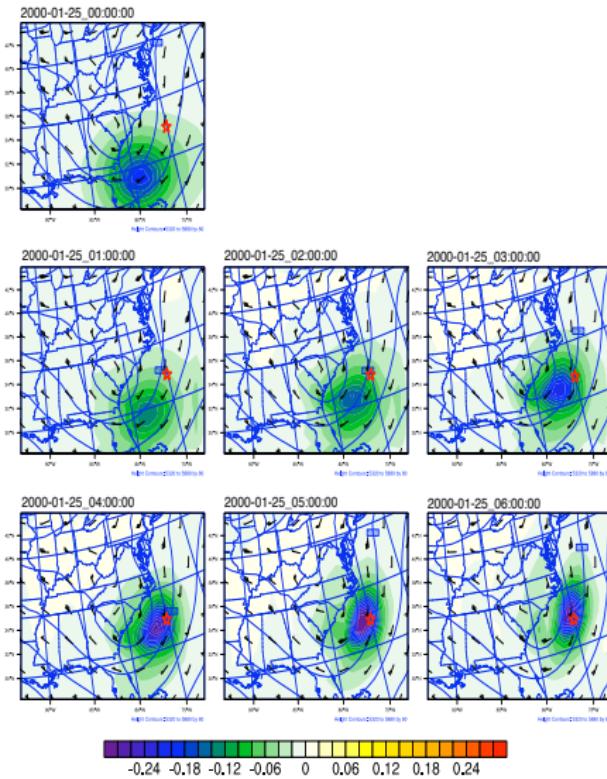
- WRFPLUS : WRF adjoint and tangent linear codes
 - > `configure [-d] wrfplus`
 - > `compile em_real`
- Set the the *WRF_DIR* environmental variable
 - > `setenv WRF_DIR full_path_of_wrfplus`
- GSI
 - > `configure`
 - > `compile`



Single observation exp.

- Initial time: 2000_01_25_00 : 00 : 00
- Ending time: 2000_01_25_06 : 00 : 00
- Observation: 500 mb Temperature at **ending time**
 $O - B = -1.17K$
- To investigate the difference at **ending time** between the forecast from analysis and from background.





Remarks

Forecasted 500mb T difference
(DA forecast - reference
forecast)

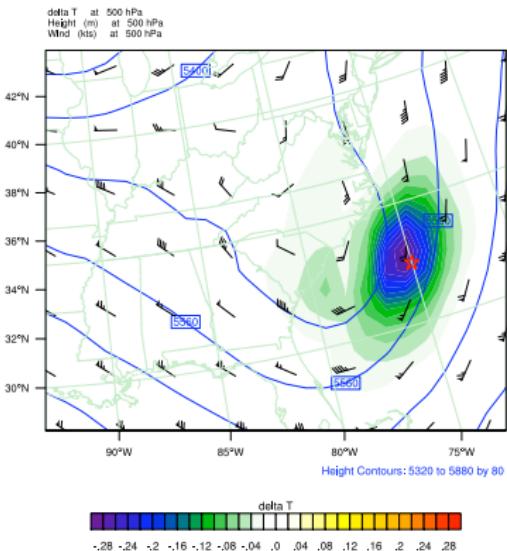
- \star is the location of obs. at the ending time (6h).
- Initial perturbation is on the upstream of the obs.
- Evolved perturbation at 6h hit the obs. location
- Very obvious flow dependent characteristics



Analysis increment comparison valid@6h—4DVAR and 3DVAR

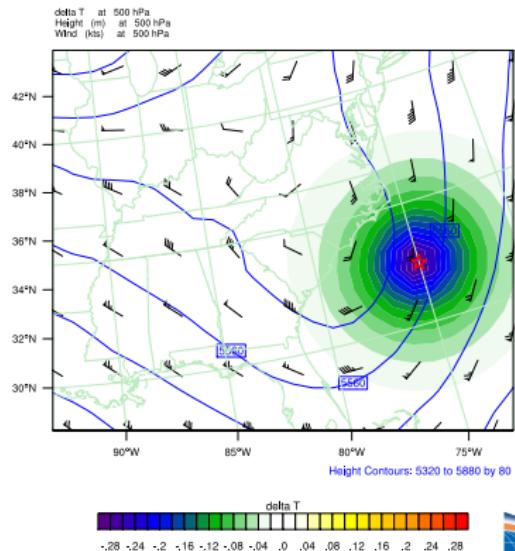
SINGLE OBS GSI/WRF4DVAR

Init: 2000-01-25_00:00:00
Valid: 2000-01-25_06:00:00

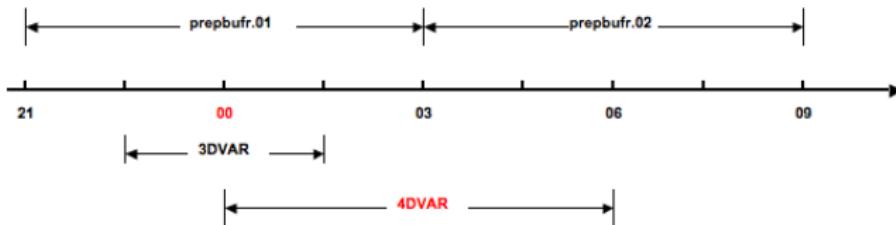


SINGLE OBS GSI/WRF3DVAR

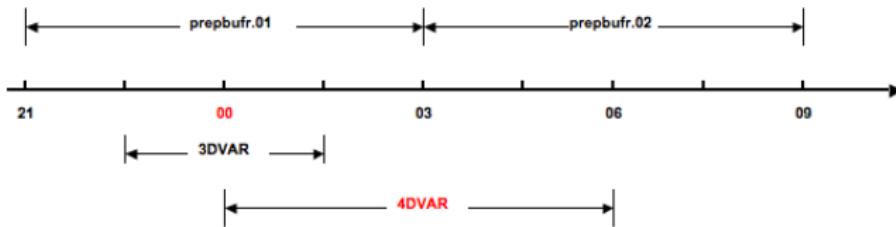
Init: 2000-01-25_00:00:00
Valid: 2000-01-25_06:00:00



Tutorial case – Observation Usage



Tutorial case – Observation Usage



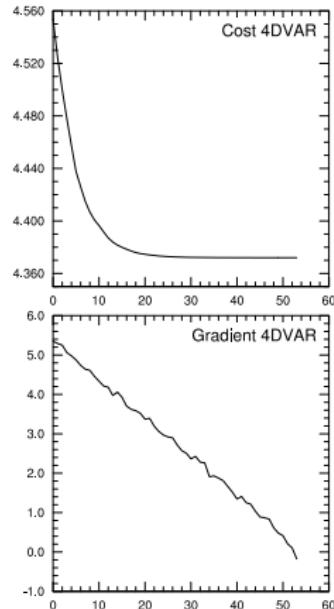
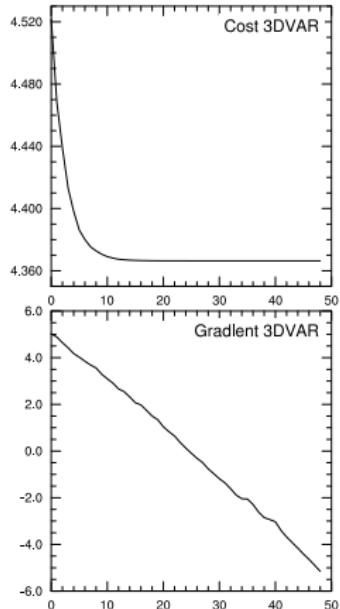
3DVAR

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| 0:OBS_PARA: ps | 13842 |
| 0:OBS_PARA: t | 20114 |
| 0:OBS_PARA: q | 18743 |
| 0:OBS_PARA: uv | 30894 |
| 0:OBS_PARA: spd | 48 |
| 0:OBS_PARA: sst | 503 |
| 0:OBS_PARA: pw | 880 |
| -----Total----- | |
| | 47675 |

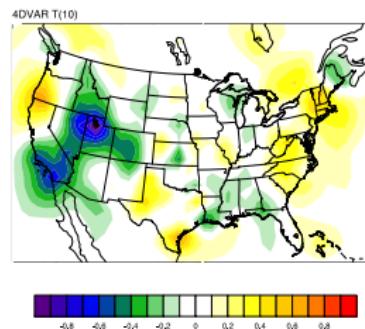
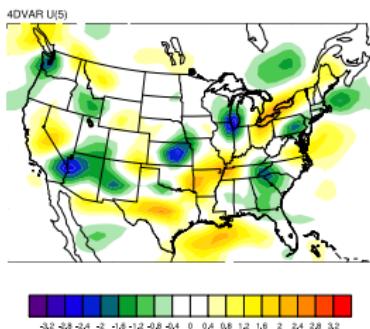
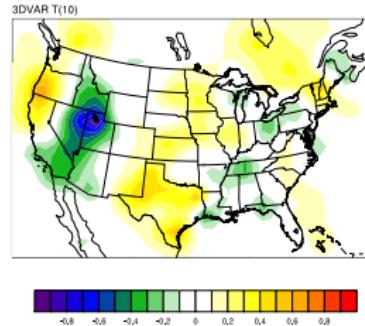
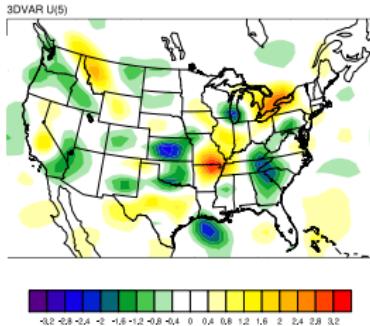
4DVAR

| | |
|-----------------|-----------|
| 0:OBS_PARA: ps | 13585 |
| 0:OBS_PARA: t | 20639 |
| 0:OBS_PARA: q | 19180 |
| 0:OBS_PARA: uv | 28802 |
| 0:OBS_PARA: spd | 80 |
| 0:OBS_PARA: sst | 494 |
| 0:OBS_PARA: pw | 766 |
| ----- | |
| 0:OBS_PARA: ps | 10 |
| 0:OBS_PARA: t | 552 |
| 0:OBS_PARA: q | 490 |
| 0:OBS_PARA: uv | 568 |
| -----Total----- | |
| | 45040 ??? |

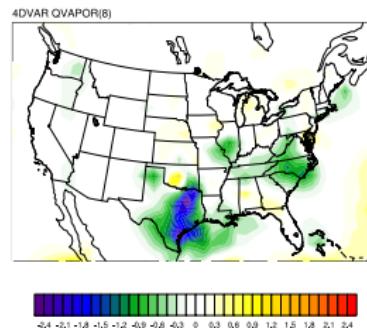
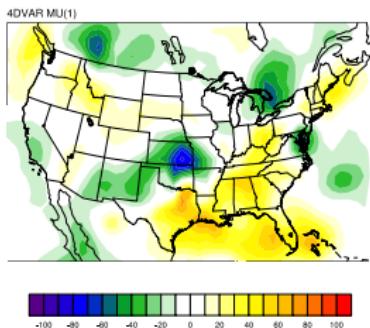
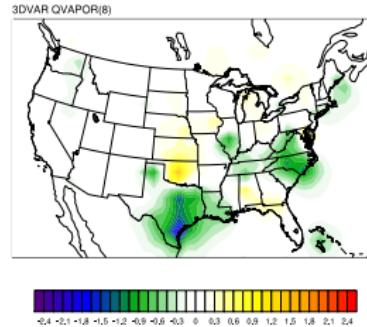
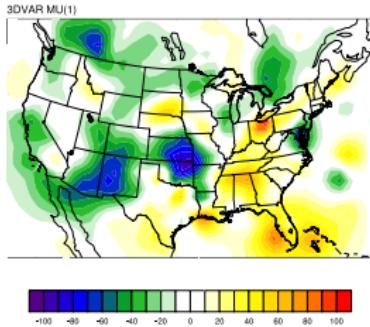
Cost functions and gradients –scaled by ALOG10



Sample increments comparison – U, T

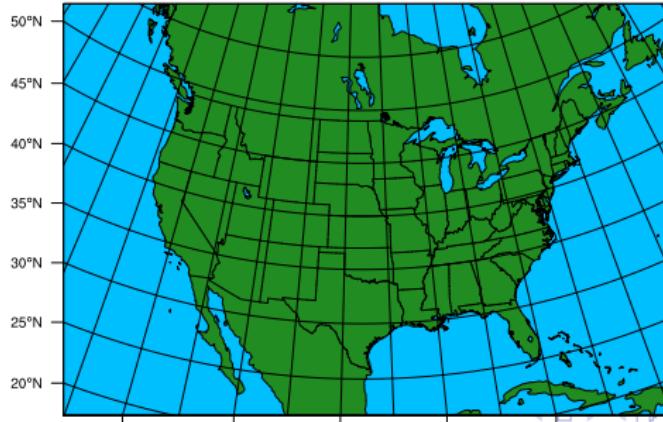


Sample increments comparison – MU, QVAPOR

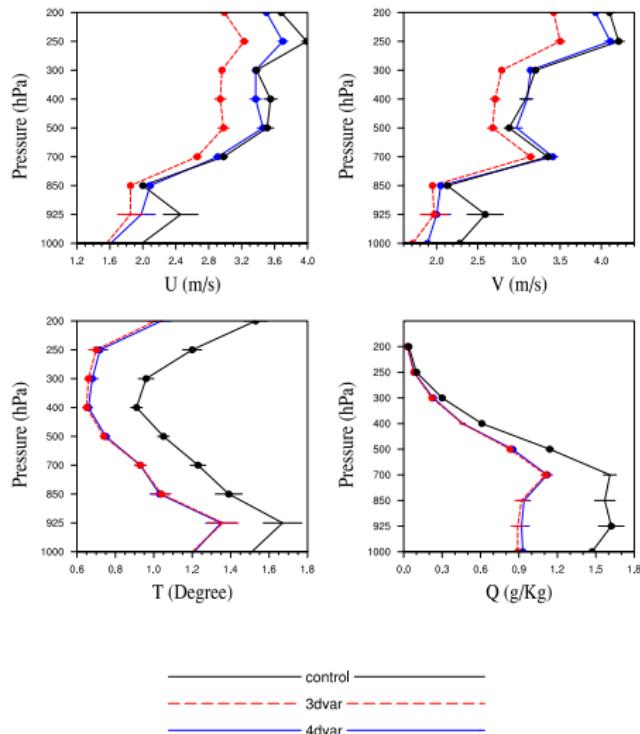


Domain

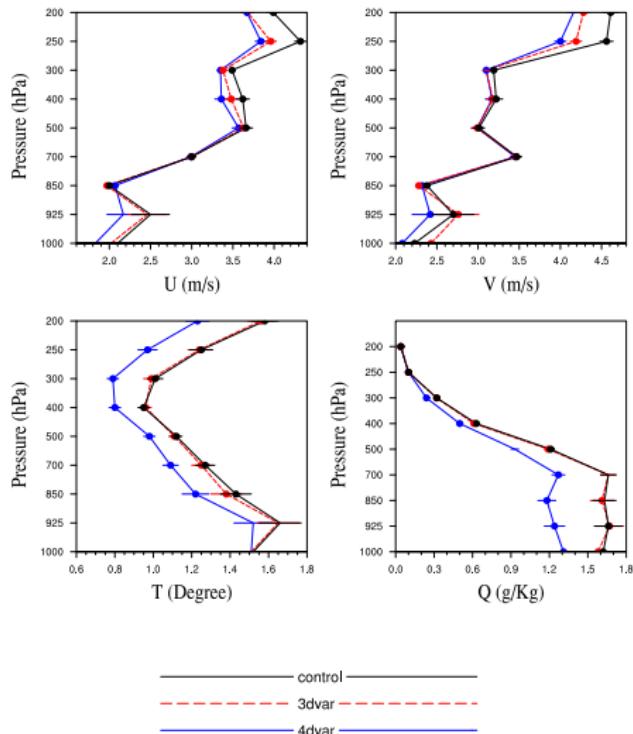
- Grids: 47x32x28L
- Resolution: 135km
- Period: 2007091000-2007091300 @0Z,6Z,12Z,18Z
- First guess is the 12h forecast from NCEP FNL
- 48h forecast from FG, 3DVAR and 4DVAR
- Verified against NCAR archived little_r format data, filtered by FNL.



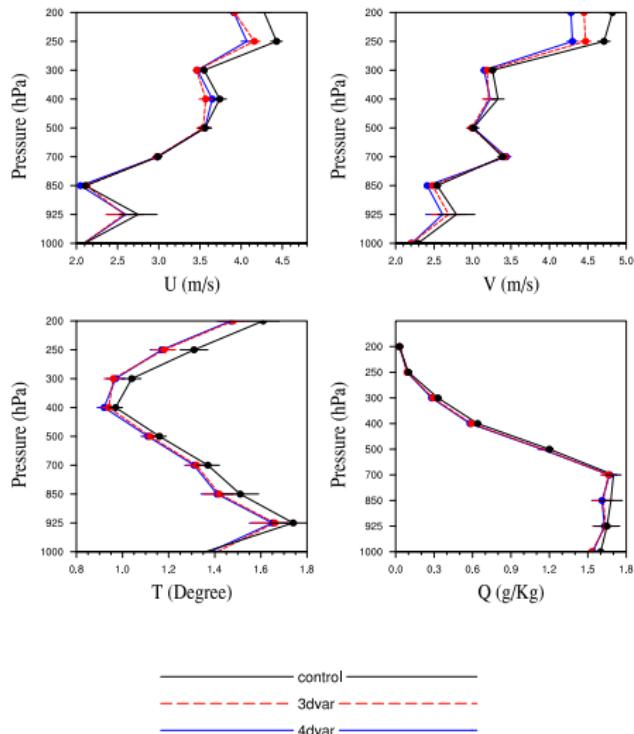
RMSE Verification—00h



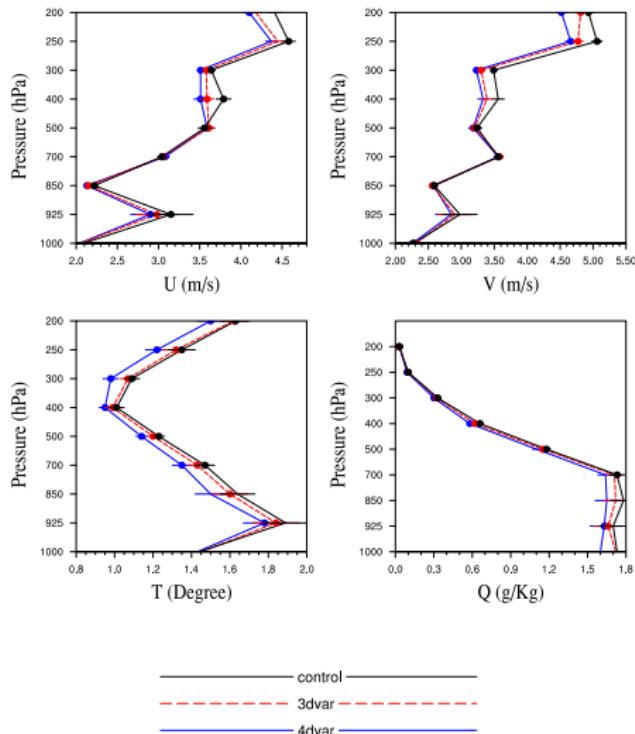
RMSE Verification—06h



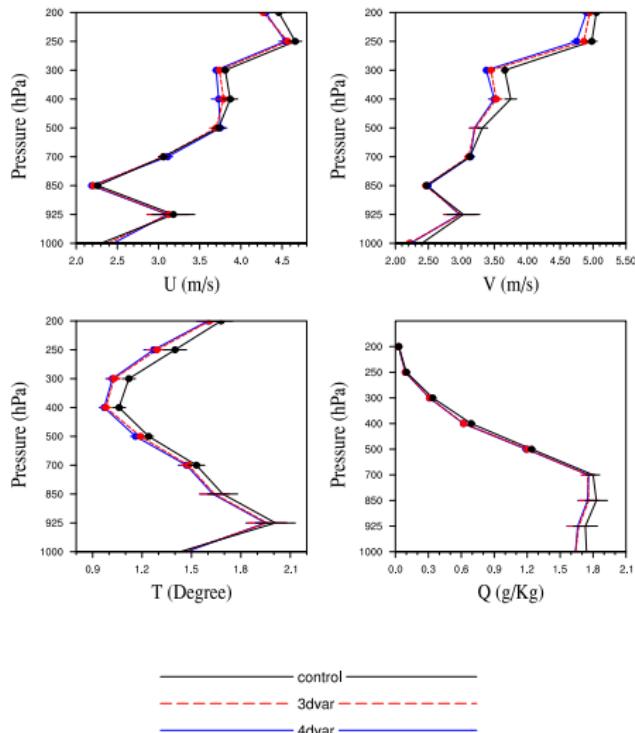
RMSE Verification—12h



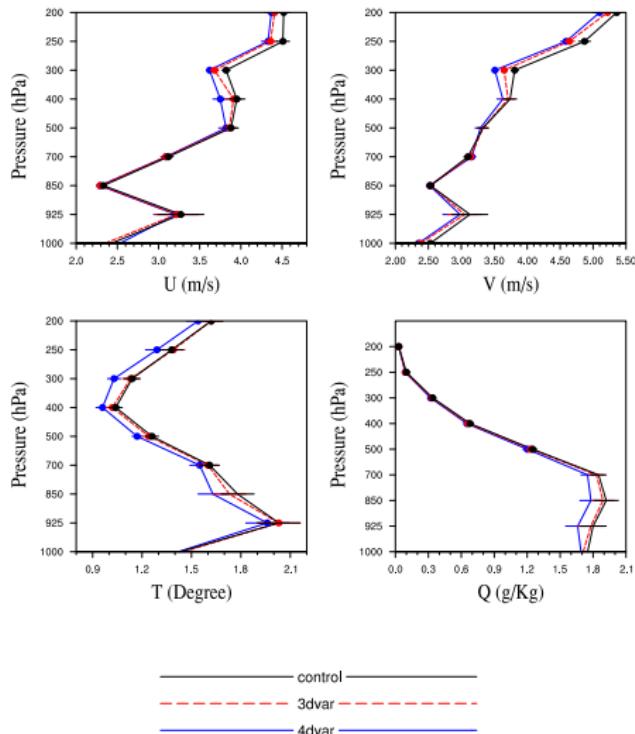
RMSE Verification—18h



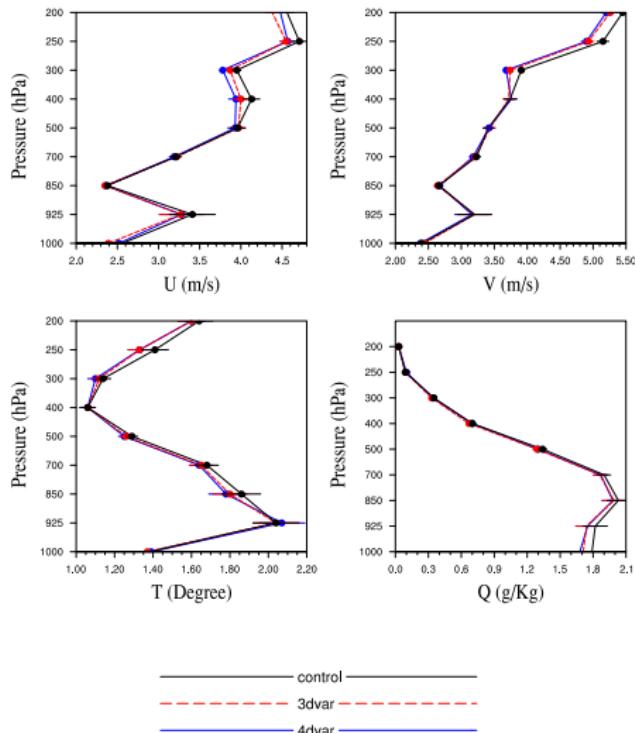
RMSE Verification—24h



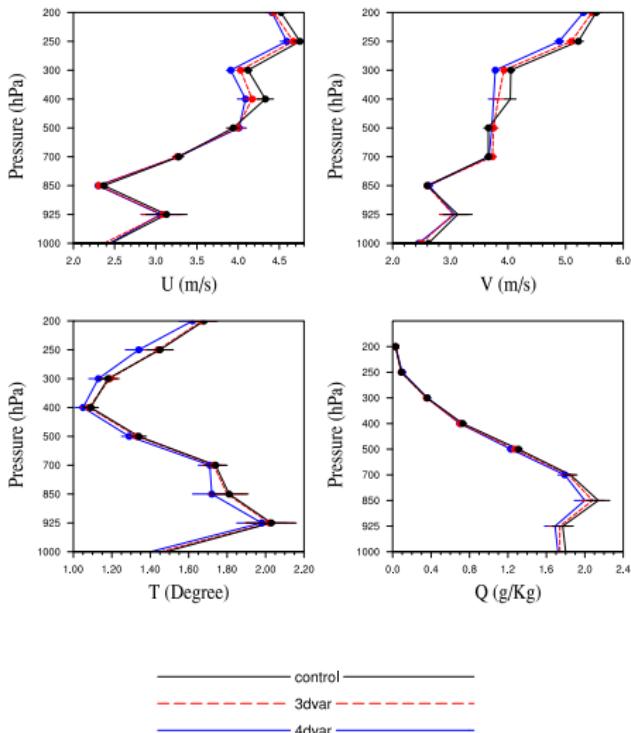
RMSE Verification—30h



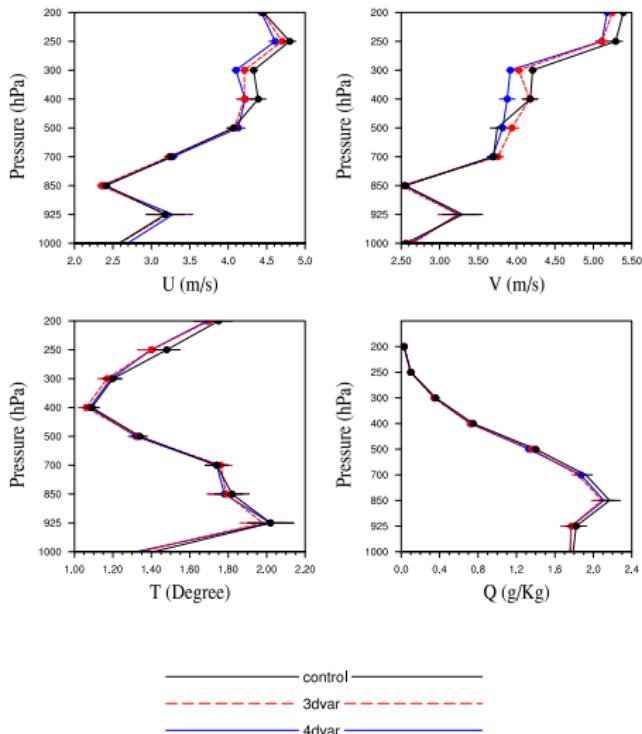
RMSE Verification—36h



RMSE Verification—42h



RMSE Verification—48h



Summary

- The basic GSI/WRF 4DVAR system was developed with minimum codes modification.



Summary

- The basic GSI/WRF 4DVAR system was developed with minimum codes modification.
- The single observation exp. preliminarily confirm that the system is valid and is able to produce flow dependent increments.



Summary

- The basic GSI/WRF 4DVAR system was developed with minimum codes modification.
- The single observation exp. preliminarily confirm that the system is valid and is able to produce flow dependent increments.
- The increments produced by 4DVAR run with tutorial case are comparable with the 3DVAR run.



Summary

- The basic GSI/WRF 4DVAR system was developed with minimum codes modification.
- The single observation exp. preliminarily confirm that the system is valid and is able to produce flow dependent increments.
- The increments produced by 4DVAR run with tutorial case are comparable with the 3DVAR run.
- The real case shows the desirable performance of 4DVAR.



Under development

- Add simplified physics packages into WRFPLUS: surface drag, large scale condensation, a simplified cumulus scheme, as well as a radiation scheme.



Under development

- Add simplified physics packages into WRFPLUS: surface drag, large scale condensation, a simplified cumulus scheme, as well as a radiation scheme.
- Parallelization of WRF adjoint codes.



Under development

- Add simplified physics packages into WRFPLUS: surface drag, large scale condensation, a simplified cumulus scheme, as well as a radiation scheme.
- Parallelization of WRF adjoint codes.
- The observation processing for 4DVAR mode is still a black box for us, need to be investigated.



Under development

- Add simplified physics packages into WRFPLUS: surface drag, large scale condensation, a simplified cumulus scheme, as well as a radiation scheme.
- Parallelization of WRF adjoint codes.
- The observation processing for 4DVAR mode is still a black box for us, need to be investigated.
- Adjoint check achieved 5-digital identical, need to debug the code to find the bugs.



Under development

- Add simplified physics packages into WRFPLUS: surface drag, large scale condensation, a simplified cumulus scheme, as well as a radiation scheme.
- Parallelization of WRF adjoint codes.
- The observation processing for 4DVAR mode is still a black box for us, need to be investigated.
- Adjoint check achieved 5-digital identical, need to debug the code to find the bugs.
- Multiple outer loops for 4DVAR.



Under development

- Add simplified physics packages into WRFPLUS: surface drag, large scale condensation, a simplified cumulus scheme, as well as a radiation scheme.
- Parallelization of WRF adjoint codes.
- The observation processing for 4DVAR mode is still a black box for us, need to be investigated.
- Adjoint check achieved 5-digital identical, need to debug the code to find the bugs.
- Multiple outer loops for 4DVAR.
- Assimilation of radiance data.



Under development

- Add simplified physics packages into WRFPLUS: surface drag, large scale condensation, a simplified cumulus scheme, as well as a radiation scheme.
- Parallelization of WRF adjoint codes.
- The observation processing for 4DVAR mode is still a black box for us, need to be investigated.
- Adjoint check achieved 5-digital identical, need to debug the code to find the bugs.
- Multiple outer loops for 4DVAR.
- Assimilation of radiance data.
- Adapt gradient check for GSI-based WRF 4DVAR.



Under development

- Add simplified physics packages into WRFPLUS: surface drag, large scale condensation, a simplified cumulus scheme, as well as a radiation scheme.
- Parallelization of WRF adjoint codes.
- The observation processing for 4DVAR mode is still a black box for us, need to be investigated.
- Adjoint check achieved 5-digital identical, need to debug the code to find the bugs.
- Multiple outer loops for 4DVAR.
- Assimilation of radiance data.
- Adapt gradient check for GSI-based WRF 4DVAR.
- Adapt digital filter as a weak constrain for GSI-based WRF 4DVAR.



Thank You

The NESL Mission is:

To advance understanding of weather, climate, atmospheric composition and processes;
To provide facility support to the wider community; and,
To apply the results to benefit society.

NCAR is sponsored by the National Science Foundation

