

Development of Ensemble Coupled Data Assimilation System for GFDL's SPEAR Prediction Models



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SPEAR Prediction Models

Seamless system for Prediction and EArth system Research

- Leveraged off last 5 years of atmosphere, ocean, land, ice component model development (CMIP6) at GFDL
- Planned SPEAR versions:.
- **SPEAR_LO** (C96 AM4 100km, 1 deg MOM6 ocean)
- **SPEAR_MED** (C192 AM4 50km, 1 deg MOM6 ocean)
- S2D Prediction, Large ensembles for near term projection
- **SPEAR_HI** (C384 AM4 25km, 1 deg MOM6 ocean)
 - Tropical Cyclones, Regional Hydro-climate, extreme events



Design of Ocean Data Assimilation (ODA) Interface in MOM6

- Method independent interface for data assimilation implementation
 - Best suited for ensemble-based filters
 - No tangent linear model or adjoint model
- User-specified vertical coordinate for ODA
 - Remapping to a common (static) DA vertical grid
- Using the ALE (Arbitrary-Lagrangian-Eulerian) algorithm
- Fully online implementation of the ODA interface and filtering
- Efficiency: minimal I/O costs, use of FMS/MOM6 ensemble management and communication,
- Daily assimilation of GTSPP data from profiling floaters costs 1% of MOM6 simulation time (8/12 ensemble members)
- Offline ODA drivers available

ECDA (Ensemble Coupled Data Assimilation) v3.1

- Ocean observations assimilated: XBT, CTD, SST analysis, Moorings, ARGO (WOD data => GTSPP data). Details in Zhang et al. (2007)
- Provides initial conditions for seasonal to decadal prediction (CM2.1, FLOR, FLOR_FA, HiFLOR)
- Provides validation for predictions and model development
- Ocean analysis kept current and available on GFDL website
- Active participation in CLIVAR/GSOP intercomparisons, IRI/CPC, NMME

ECDA minus TAO temperature at Equator (a) 165E, Corr=0.76, RMSD=0.43 degC

- Fully parallel (FMS/mpp) ODA interface for ensemble gathering/scattering and observation localization
- For ensemble methods using a suitable driver, model instances can be run in parallel then gathered at analysis time using all PEs or some subset. After the analysis, the updated state or state increments are redistributed back to the original model decomposition.
- Observations are read and stored locally on each PE, saving computational time and memory
- This capability allows for more efficient ensemble analysis in some cases compared to offline methods.



- Diagnostic output of ODA
- Redistribute for ensemble analysis each core has copies of all ensemble members
- Increments from DA algorithm in the model space
- Prior and posterior values in the observation space
- Multi-model potential: ensemble parameters can be independently specified in MOM6 at runtime

Next: ECDA for SPEAR Models



Development of ODA in MOM6: the ODA interface has been merged into the dev/gfdl branch of MOM6 on Github (PR#755).

- Observation types
 - Already implemented: GTSPP data types, including profiles of temperature and salinity
- Short-term plan: SST (analysis vs. satellite)
- Long-term plan: SSH, surface fluxes, ocean currents
- ODA configuration
 - Ensemble Adjustment Kalman Filter (EAKF) with 30 members (tentatively)
- Horizontal, vertial and temporal localization of covariances
- Planned applications
 - Ocean analysis for the ARGO era (2003-) and modern era (1960s-)
 - OSSEs for research and operational tests
 - Ensemble initialial conditions for seasonal to decadal prediction using SPEAR models

Atmosphere data assimilation

Sea ice data assimilation

(C) Eq. Atlantic

(f) Subtropical S.-E. Pacific

Strongly Coupled Data Assimilation (SCDA)

- SCDA utilizes the covariance across model components for state estimation, in addition to running data assimilation in one or more model components of a coupled GCM.
- Direct implementation of SCDA could lead to worse filter performance due to the large signal-to-noise ratio when estimating the cross-component covariances.



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- The LACC (Leading Averaged Coupled Covariance) method improves SST (slow component) analysis by boosting the signal-to-noise ratio in cross-component update
 - Increase cross correlation (leading and averaging)
 - Reduce atmosphere noise (averaging)
- LACC makes use of the principles of climate dynamics (extratropical ocean driven by atmosphere) to improve coupled data assimilation
- Potential applications of SCDA with LACC
 - Atmosphere temperature/wind => subsurface ocean
 - Atmosphere <=> hydrological cycle, land processes, sea ice and salinity
 - Carbon cycle data assimilation
 - Paleoclimate assimilation





c) Control Lead-lag Ta-To Corr

