A CESM+DART Atmospheric Reanalysis for Forcing Ocean, Land, and Other Surface Models

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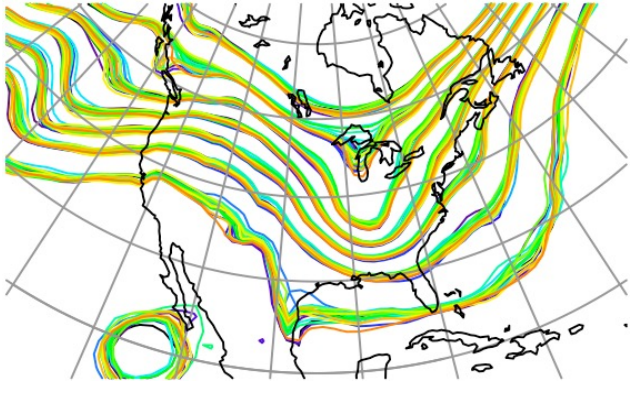

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DART Is:

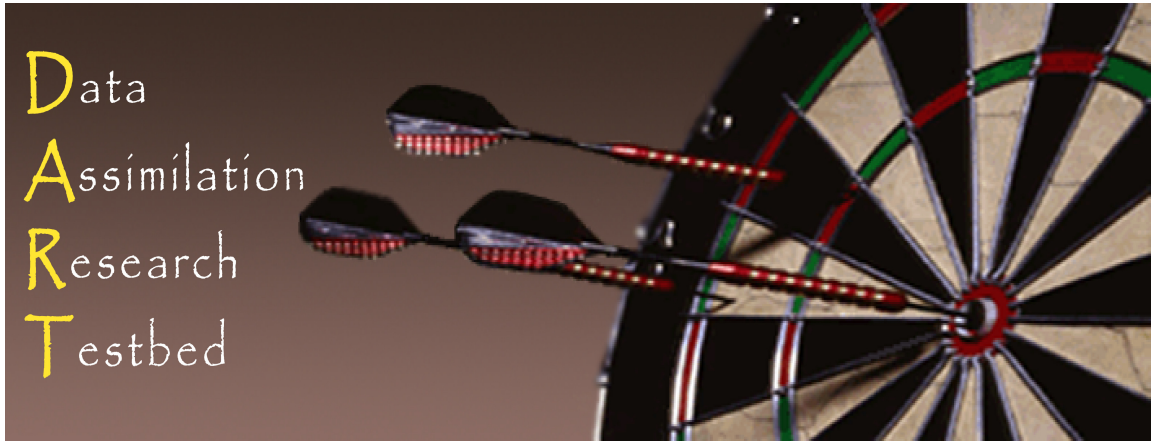
A flexible suite of software tools to accelerate Earth system research using ensemble Kalman filters.

Focused on

Educational Resource

Used at:

- 50+ Universities
- 100+ other sites
- 1500+ registered users

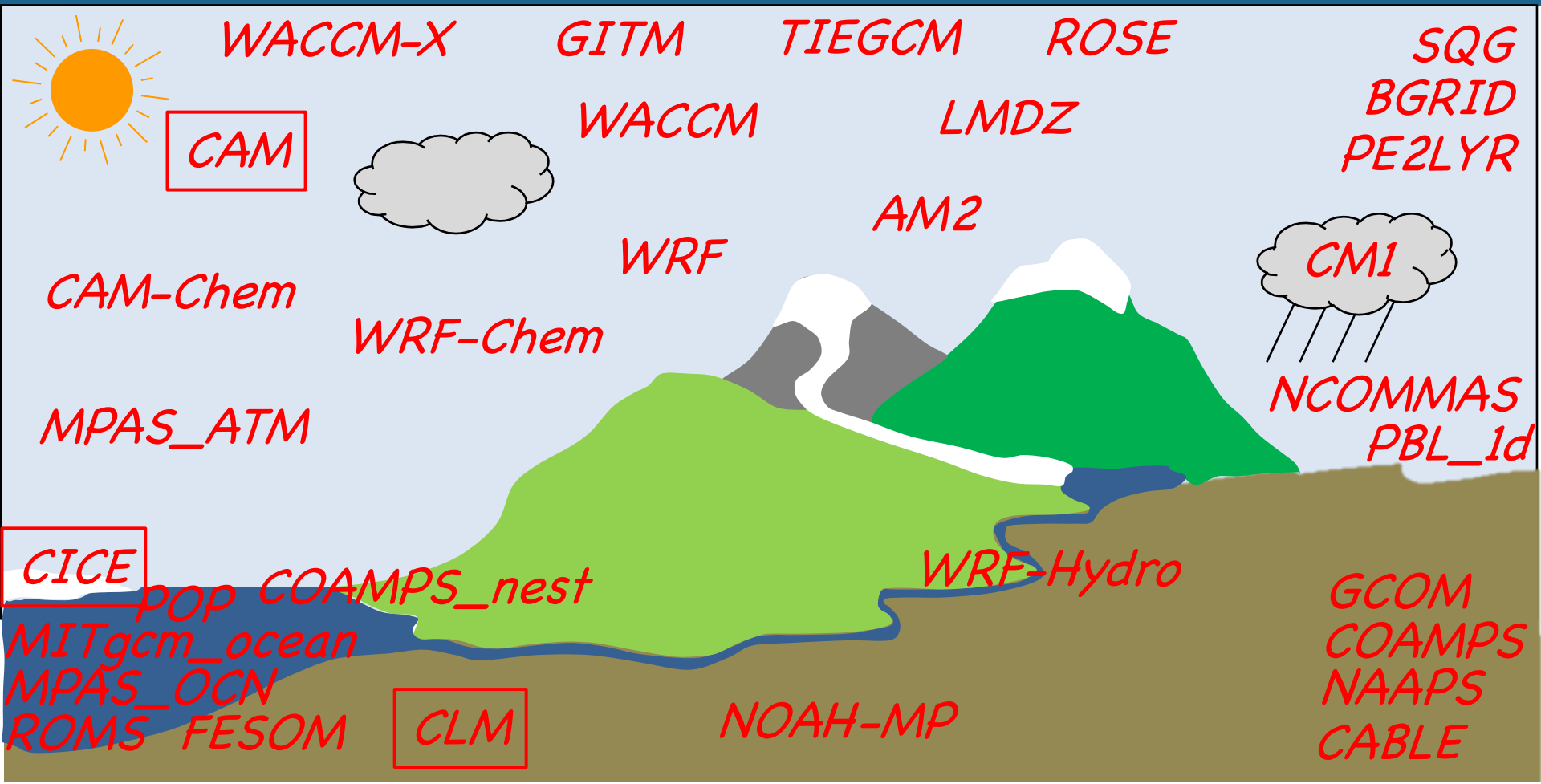


Open Source; community members develop:

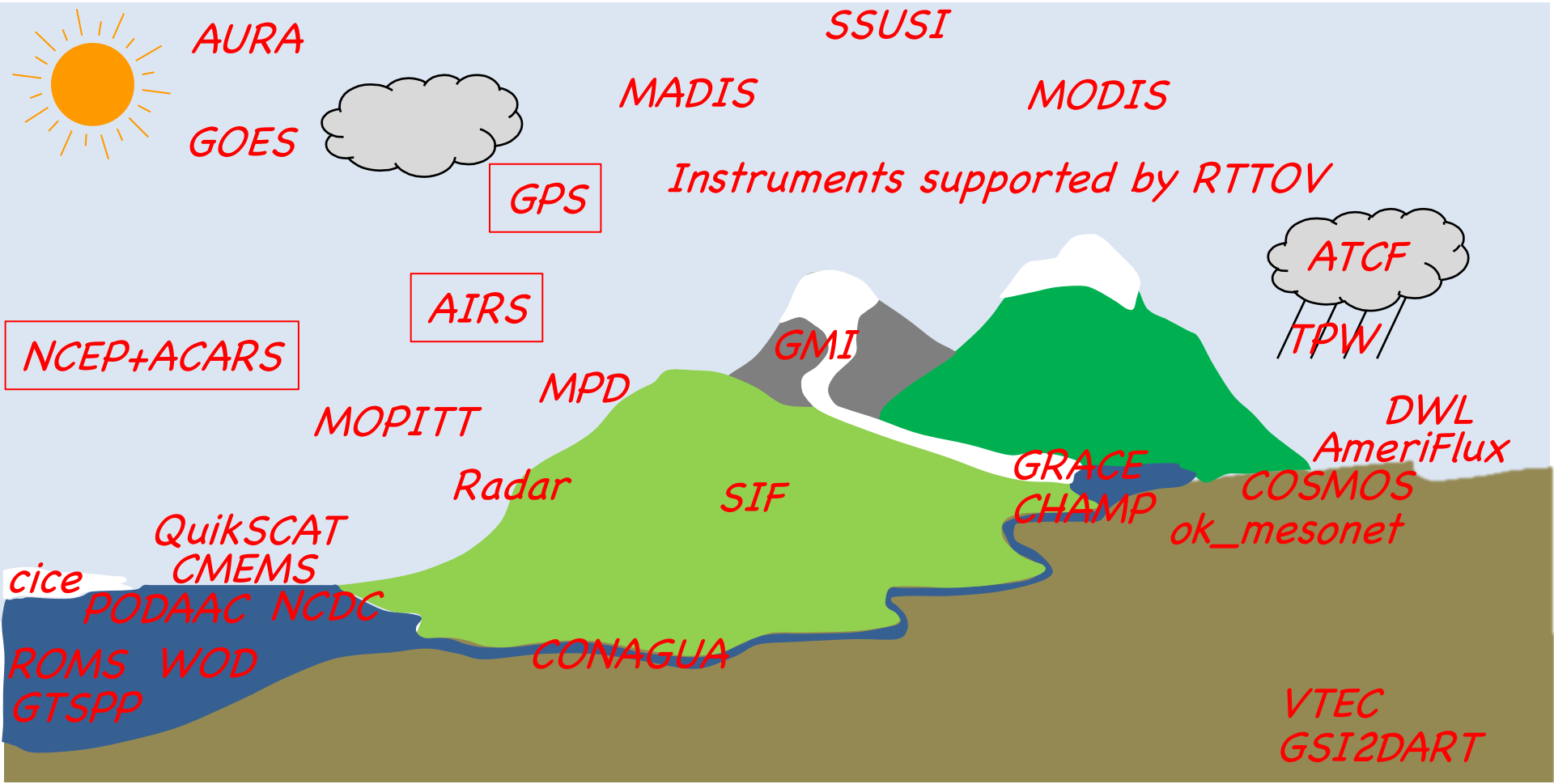
- model interfaces
- observation forward operators
- assimilation algorithms

Contributions are reviewed, streamlined, and tested before merging into the public DART.

Geophysical Models Interfaced to DART



Earth System Observations (others available)



DART's Algorithms (a sampling)

- Assimilation Flavors (9+):
  - ✓ Deterministic and stochastic ensemble Kalman Filters
  - ✓ Non-Gaussian rank histogram filters
  - ✓ Localized Particle Filter (Poterjoy)
  - ✓ Gamma/Inverse Gamma, Inverse Gamma/Gamma filters (Bishop)
  - ✓ Higher moment filters (Hodyss)
  - ✓ (coming; **QCEF**)
- Ensemble Inflation; state-space, prior and posterior, adaptive, **inverse Γ**, damping
- "Localization"; spatial and **by variable** (esp. for chemistry)
- **Sampling Error Correction**, Spread Restoration, Sort Obs. Increments, Rank Regression
- Output 6 stages of assimilation in state space, plus observation space
- Quality Control; detailed reporting
- Compact enough for laptops, **scales to thousands of processors** (one-sided MPI, distributed states and mean)

Designed for flexible research and development, including computationally intensive ideas.

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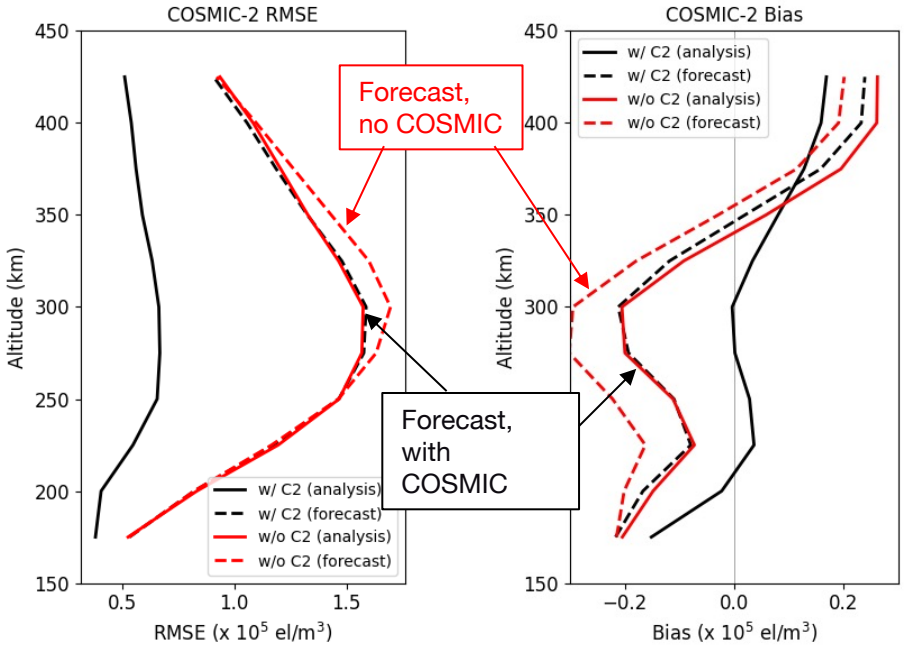
DA for Space Weather and Earth's Upper Atmosphere

Lead; Nick Pedatella

- WACCMX+DART is first whole atmosphere DA system that can assimilate observations from the surface to ~500 km.
- Used to assess impact of new satellite missions (COSMIC2, NASA GOLD and ICON) on specifying and forecasting the space environment.
- Scientific applications:
  - Study middle-upper atmosphere variability forced by solar storms and lower atmosphere,
  - Predictability of the near-Earth space environment.



Forecast and analysis RMSE and bias compared to COSMIC-2 electron content observations.

Assimilating COSMIC-2 observations during April 25-30, 2020 reduces forecast RMSE and bias by 6.4% and 28.1% at 300 km

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Data Assimilation Research Testbed

Field Campaign and Satellite Data: Pollution Emission Estimation

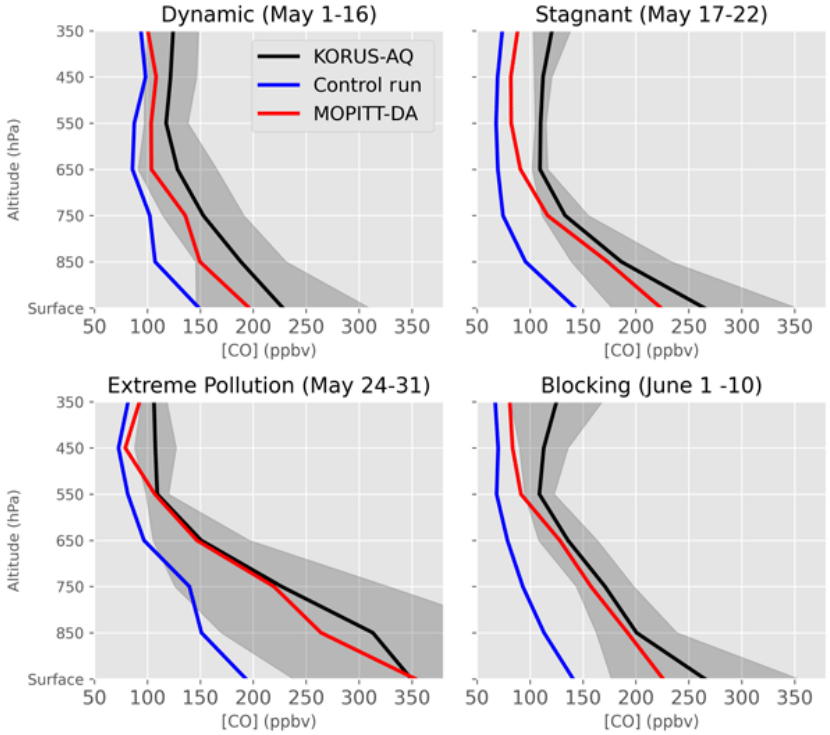
Lead; Benjamin Gaubert

Aircraft measurements from KORUS-AQ field study in Korea 2016
Satellite retrievals of CO from Terra/MOPITT
Chemistry modeling with CAM-Chem DART
Ensemble Kalman Filter with:

- Optimized CO initial conditions
- Optimized CO emissions

Inversion of MOPITT data updated emissions estimates, improved model performance

- Against the KORUS-AQ aircraft observations of CO (shown) and O_3, OH, HO_2
- Suggests underestimates of CO/VOCs in China



DA improves fit to NASA DC-8 aircraft CO measurements for all synoptic conditions:
DA closer to obs than no DA.

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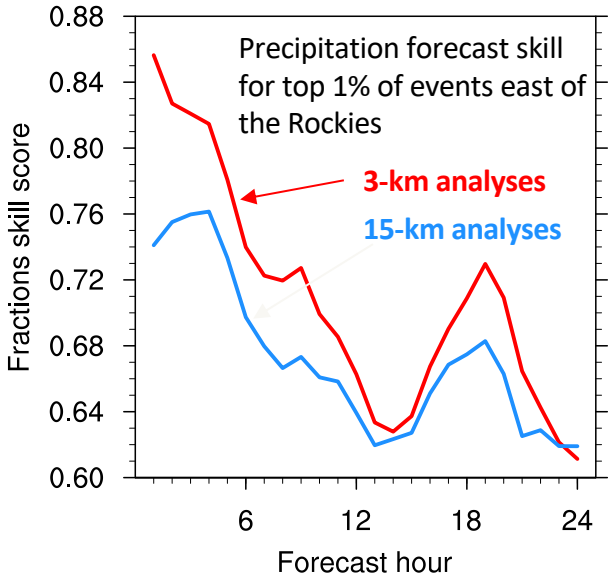
Data Assimilation Research Testbed

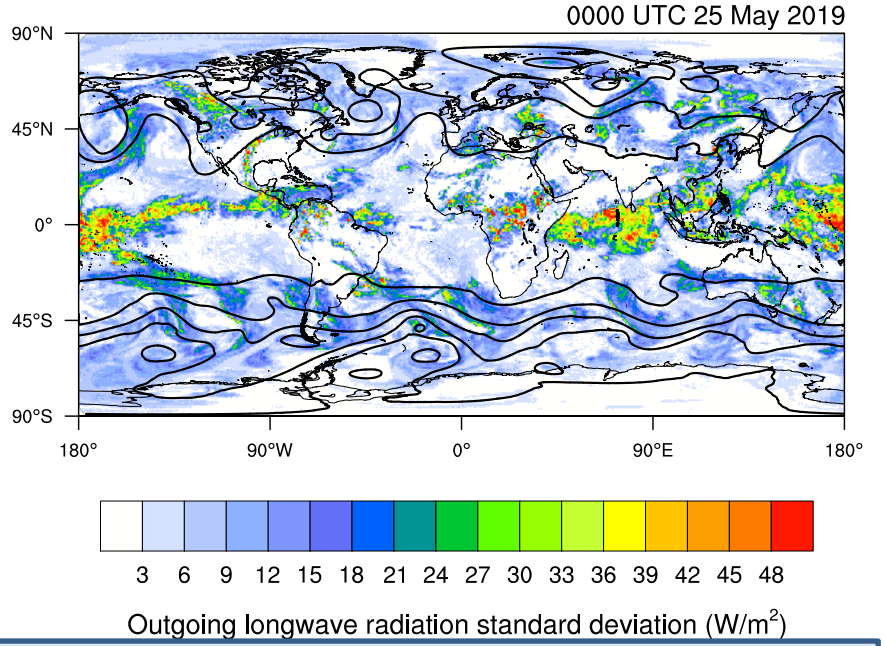
Toward Global Convection-Permitting Data Assimilation

Leads; Craig Schwartz and Glen Romine

Regional 3-km WRF/DART



Global 15-km MPAS/DART



Gradual approach toward global convection-permitting ensemble-based DA

Variable-resolution meshes → "Dual-resolution" DA → Global convection-permitting

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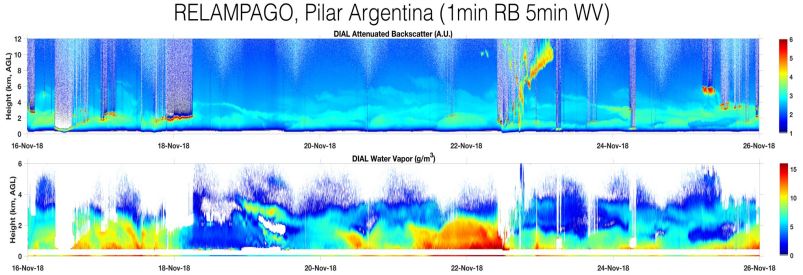
Data Assimilation Research Testbed

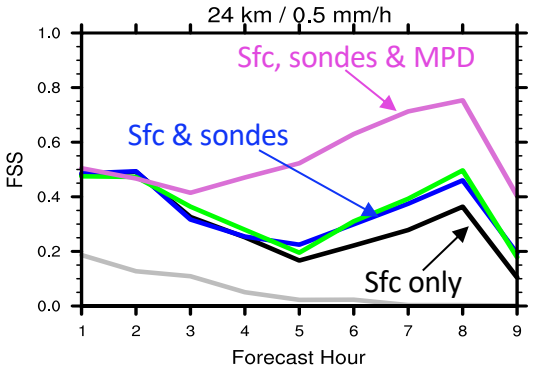
MPD Water Vapor Profile DA for Convective Weather Forecasts

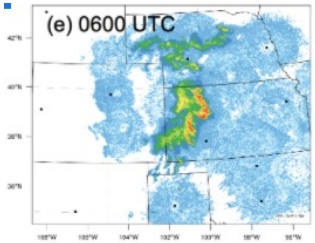
Lead; Tammy Weckwerth

MicroPulse Differential absorption lidar (MPD) developed by Montana State University and EOL measures continuous relative backscatter and water vapor profiles.



Observing System Simulation Experiment (OSSE)





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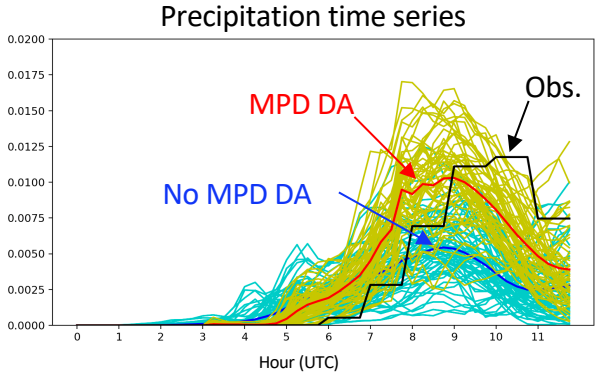

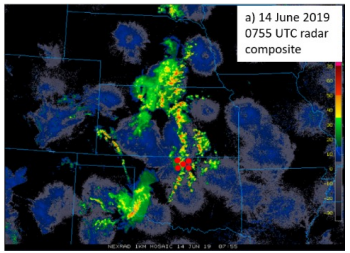

WRF/DART DA of MPD improves short-term forecasts of convection initiation and evolution compared to assimilating conventional observations (in the OSSE) and no DA (in the OSE).

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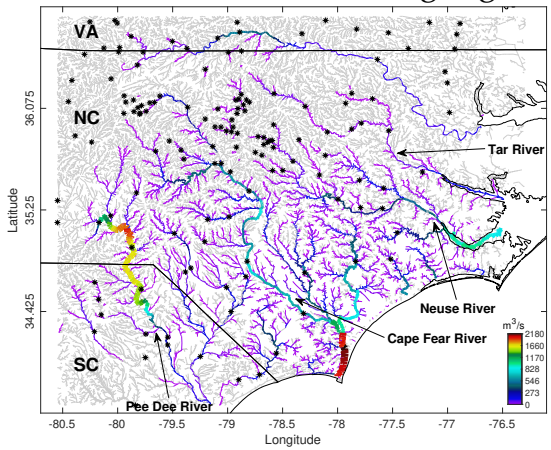
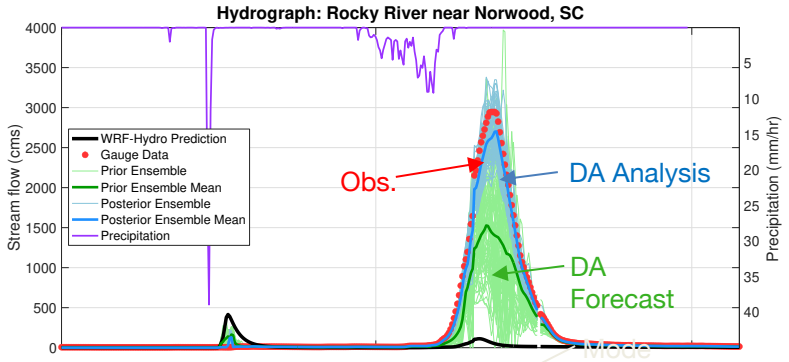
Flood Prediction: WRF-Hydro/DART for Hurricane Florence 2018

High-resolution stream network with USGS streamflow gauges.



DA greatly improves analysis and forecasts of streamflow.



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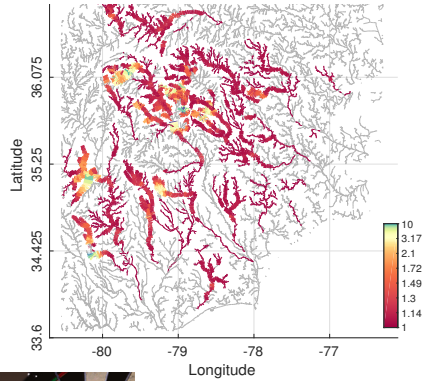
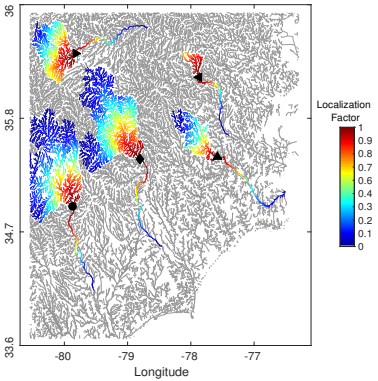
Novel Data Assimilation Science

1. Prior and Posterior Adaptive Covariance Inflation



2. Along-The-Stream (topology-based) Localization



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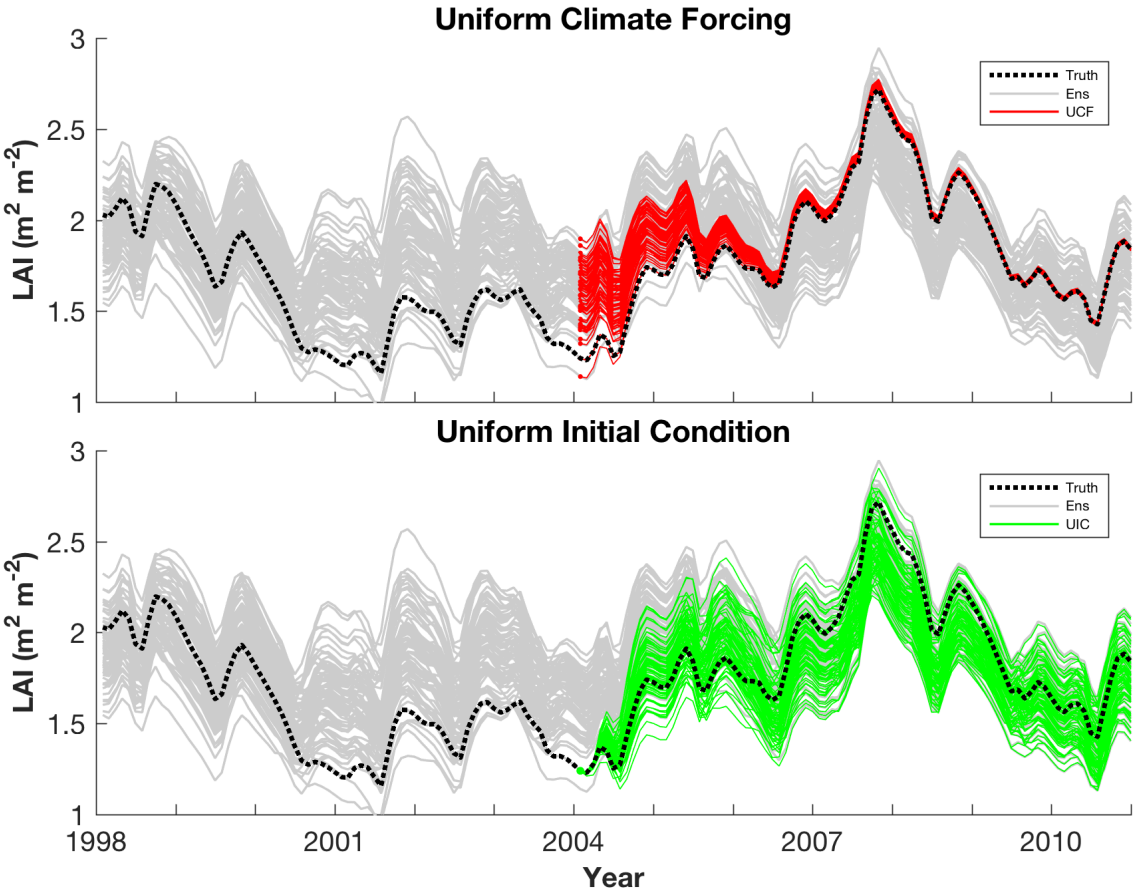
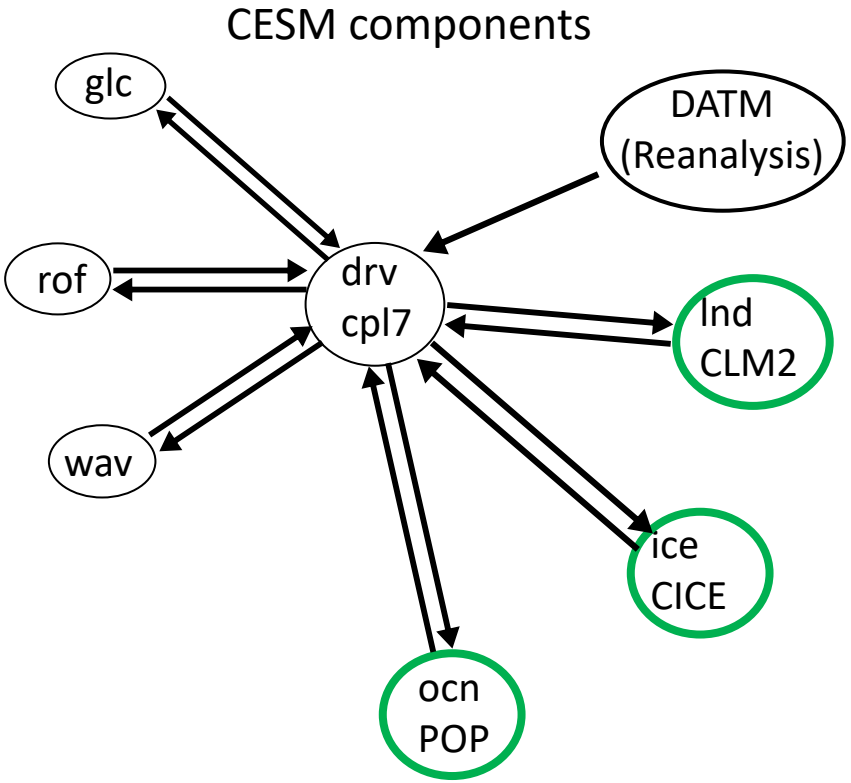
The CAM6+DART Reanalysis

DA with surface models, such as WRF-Hydro, requires not only a good model, but good forcing from the atmosphere, both in the mean and ensemble spread.



Atmospheric forcing of surface components



Surface models in CESM2 (CLM, POP, CICE, ...) are forced by CAM6. DA using any of these can use an existing CAM6 reanalysis instead of re-running a CAM6 ensemble for each new case.
Reanalysis ≅ actual atmosphere.

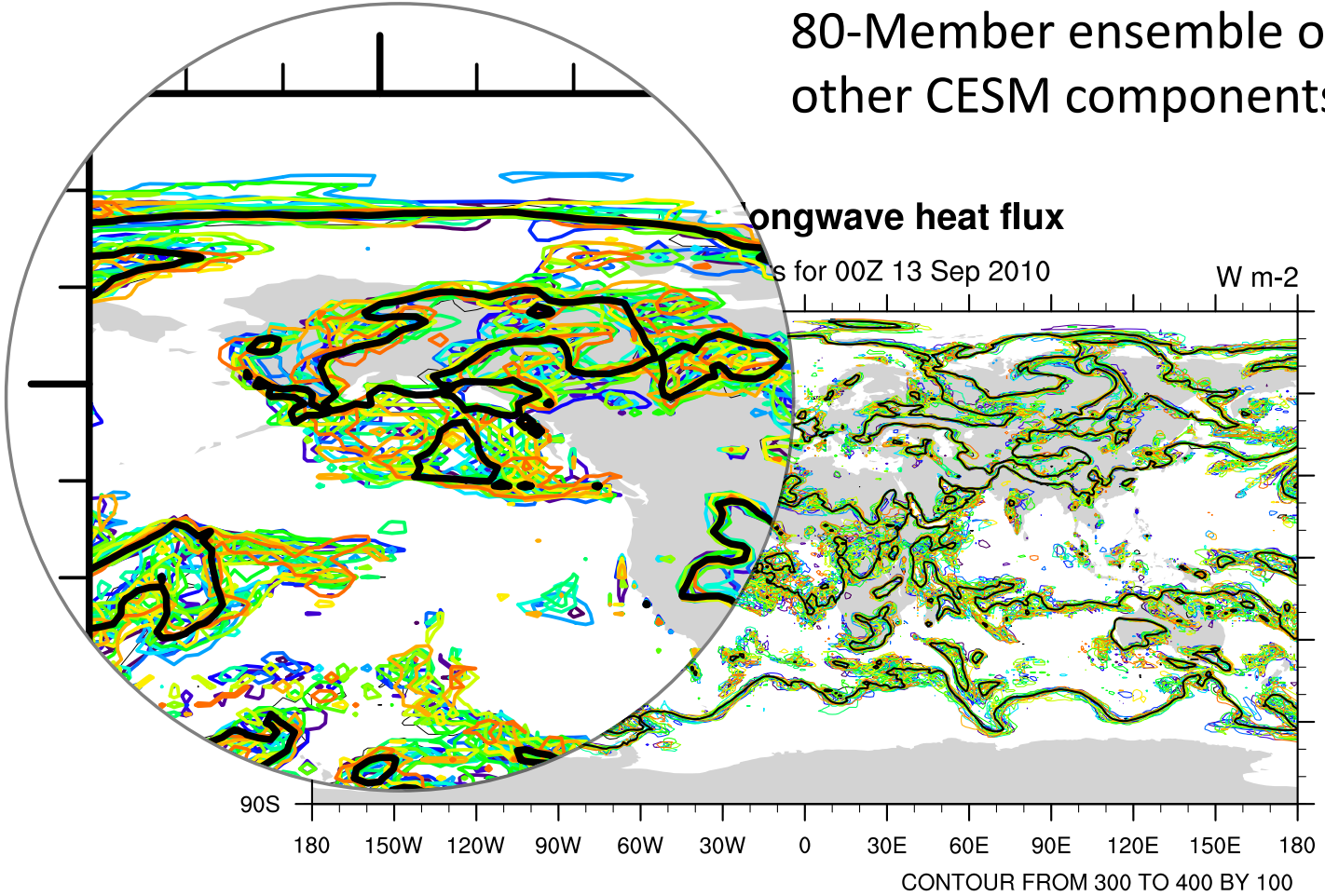
Cpl history files:

- frequencies ranging from 1-6 hours
- ready to use in CESM in DATM mode
- 1 year, 1 member per file
- 2011-2019 (2020 soon)

These models have DART interfaces for assimilation.

Ensemble of Atmospheric Forcing

80-Member ensemble of forcing files for other CESM components (20 shown).



Black is ensemble mean.

Other Motivations

2. Provide forcing for offline chemistry transport models or in a “nudging” framework.

3. Evaluate weather prediction capabilities of CAM.
- Confront climate model with observations.
- Identify systematic short-term forecast errors.
- Compare to earlier CAM reanalysis.

4. Very large, labeled data set of atmospheric observations + ensemble estimates; useful for machine learning.

5. Ensemble of plant growth variables from CLM.

Reanalysis Quick Facts: Model

- CESM 2.1 release, also used for CMIP 6.
- Atmosphere: CAM6 0.9 degree latitude by 1.2 degree longitude, 32 levels.
- Land: CLM 5.0 BGC-CROP version, same grid as CAM.
- SST and Sea Ice *Coverage*: Specified daily 0.25 degree from AVHRR.
- Sea Ice *Thickness* from CICE model.
- Aerosols, greenhouse gases, volcanic forcing: from CESM when available.

Reanalysis Quick Facts: Assimilation

- DART Manhattan
- Ensemble Adjustment Kalman Filter (EAKF)
- 80 members with Sampling Error Correction
- 6-hour window
- Inverse Γ adaptive inflation
- Tuned parameters for localization, inflation, etc.
- Land state well spun up; in balance with atmosphere(s).

Reanalysis Quick Facts: Observations

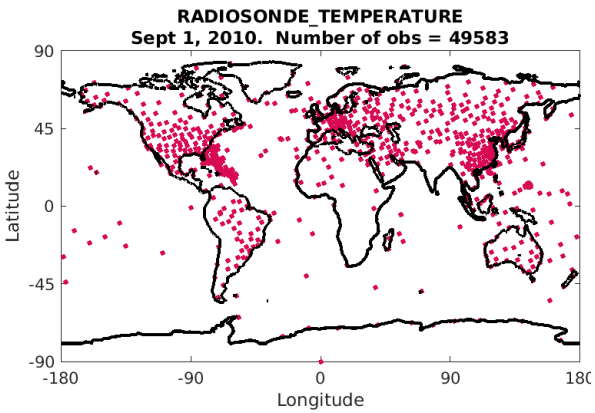
Observations assimilated:

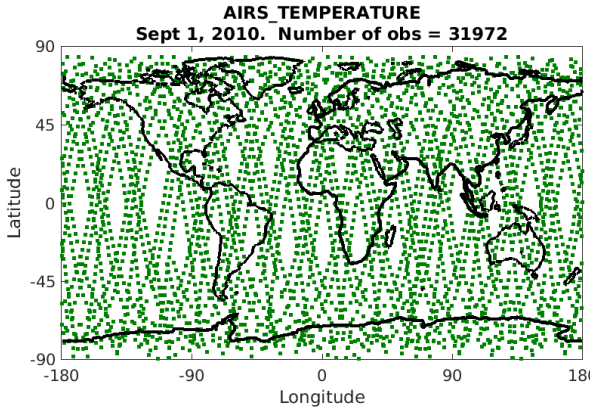
- Temperatures and winds from radiosondes, ACARS and aircraft
- Cloud motion vector winds
- GPS radio occultation refractivity
- AIRS temperature retrievals

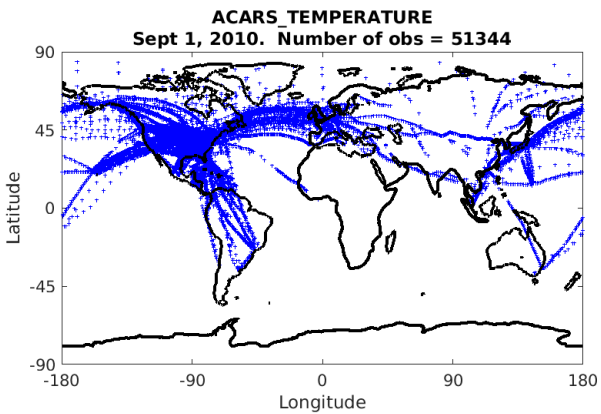
Observations evaluated (”withheld”):

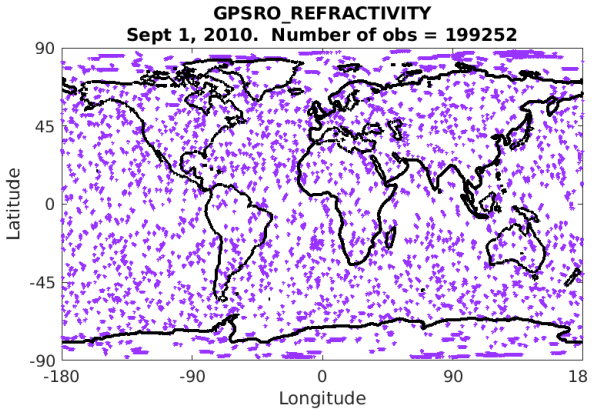
- Radiosonde specific humidity
- AIRS specific humidity retrievals
- Radiosonde, land and marine altimeter

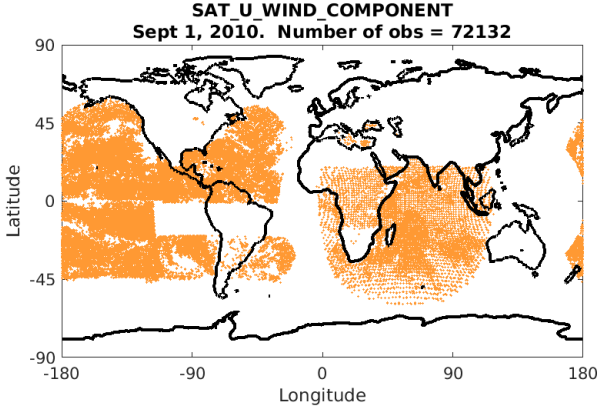
Reanalysis Quick Facts: Observations

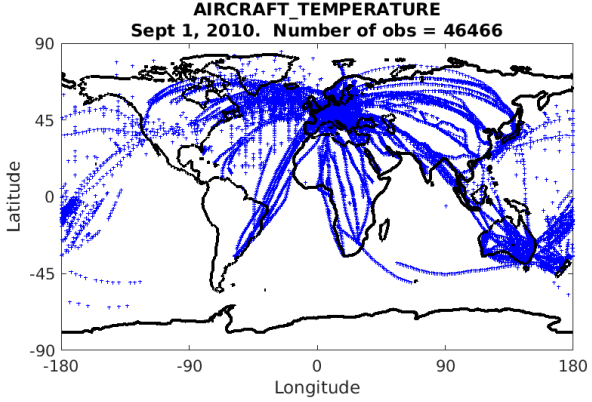






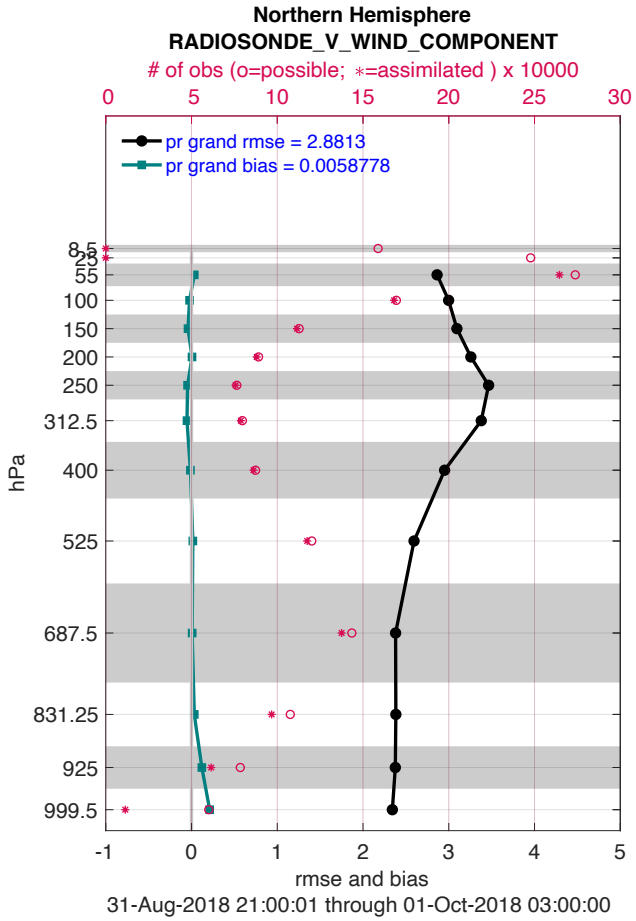




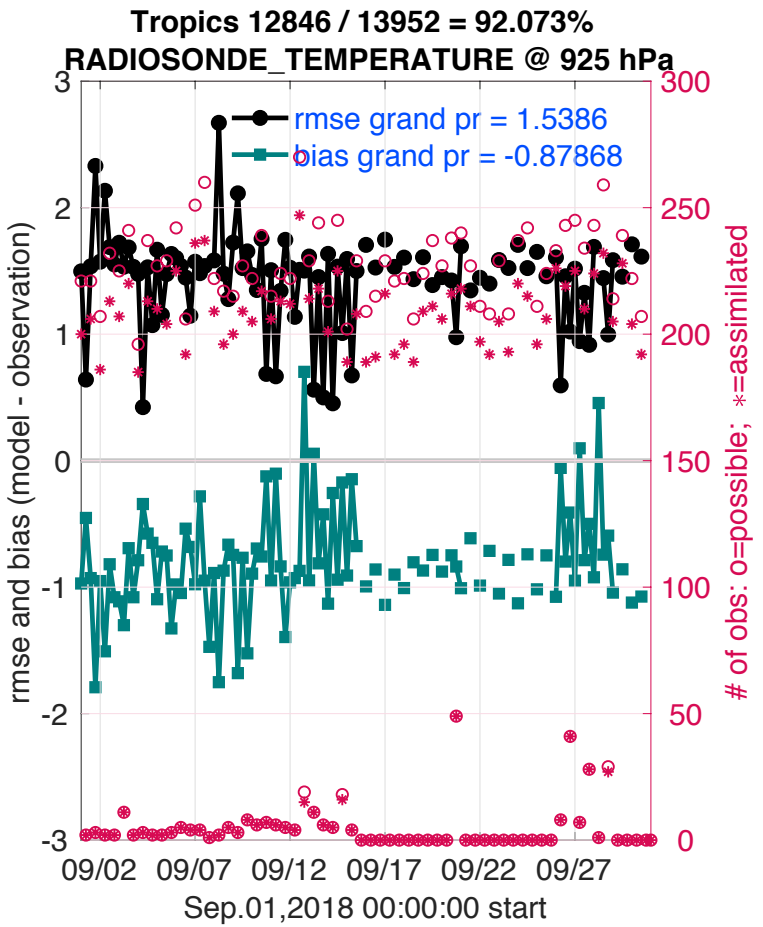


Example of observations used in 1 cycle; > 450,000 in this window.

Observation Space Diagnostics



Assimilation status evaluated monthly relative to all obs types; RMSE, bias, totalspread, numbers of obs available (o) and used (*), time series, profiles, 3 regions. All archived.



Research Data Archive: Contents

- https://rda.ucar.edu/datasets/ds345.0
- O(120 Tbytes) of data
- Organized by CESM component (cpl, atm, esp, ...)
- Useful units of compressed data for easy download
- CESM gridded data
- "Observation space" data; ensemble *model estimates* of the observations at the obs locations

Summary and Resources

+ DART is a flexible, research focused, community, ensemble DA system.
+ It's used for a broad variety of Earth system research projects.
+ The CAM6+DART Reanalysis can accelerate research using non-atmospheric Earth system models at lower cost.
+ It provides objectively derived, realistic variability and uncertainty estimates to surface models.

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Reanalysis description in Scientific Reports:
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