

Evaluation of background error models for JEDI-based data assimilation.

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BUMP Static B

Training setup for GFS:

- GFS ensemble at C384 (25km) L127 covering Jan 2020 and July 2020. 4960 members total, requiring 50Tb of data. Initial testing with ~30% of the data to cement the infrastructure.
- Ensemble converted to stream function and velocity potential using cubed sphere Poisson solver. Stored on AWS-S3 for community use.
- Workflow for staging data, running transforms, checkpointing and generating vertical balance, standard deviation and correlation statistics. Initial training completed on AWS to avoid high egress costs.
- Workflow includes checkpointing so training does not need to be restarted to add more members and can remain flexible to available resources.

Dirac test for BUMP static B

Perturbation of 1.0K at 0°N, 0°E and a height at around 500hPa, 0.0K everywhere else.

Response shows the expected dipole in the resulting wind perturbation.



Comparison of JEDI and GSI

- Single radiosonde observation located at 45.4°N, 141.7°E and 500.0hPa.
- Model backgrounds at C768 (~12.5km) and increment at C384 (~25km).
- 3DVar (no ensemble and no TLNMC in the GSI run).
- Cubed sphere increment for JEDI, Gaussian grid for GSI.
- 2020-12-15T00:00:00

JEDI Temperature Increment at ~500hPa (K)



Structures look reasonable but the increment is quite a bit larger in the JEDI system.

GSI Temperature Increment at ~500hPa (K)

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Comparison of JEDI and GSI

- All radiosonde observations.
- Model backgrounds at C768 (~12.5km) and increment at C384 (~25km).
- 3DVar (no ensemble and no TLNMC in the GSI run).
- Cubed sphere increment for JEDI, Gaussian grid for GSI.
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JEDI Temperature Increment at ~150hPa (K)





Comparison of JEDI and GSI

As can be seen from this single observation test the response to a temperature observation in the zonal wind is too large scale. Some tuning is underway to adjust these scales.



The full sample will be needed to reduce the scales in wind.

Summary

- Training was completed with a subset of the ensemble so drawing strong conclusions is tricky.
- Nevertheless there are encouraging signs that BUMP is producing reasonable statistics.
- Training will be completed with the entire ensemble.
- The GSI recursive filter will be added to SABER to provide additional tools and a way of making more direct comparisons with BUMP.