

Wavelets as a framework for describing inhomogenity and anisotropy





Variational data assimilation

Minimization of a cost function

$$J(x_0) = (x_0 - x_b)^T B^{-1} (x_0 - x_b) + \sum_{j=0}^N (y_j - H_j x_j)^T R^{-1} (y_j - H_j x_j)$$



The importance of the **B** matrix

B contains the background error covariances:

$$B = E\left\{(x_b - x_t)(x_b - x_t)^T\right\}$$

- Weights background state against observations.
- Helps to impose balance to the assimilated fields.
- Smoothes out the observational information.



Problems with the *B* **matrix**

It is HUGE: $\dim(B) = (n_x n_y n_z)^2 \approx 10^{14}$

- Impossible to store explicitly.
- Impossible to fully determine.





Optimal interpolation

Direct local solution to 3D-VAR

$$x_0(i) = x_b(i) + K_i (y - Hx_b)$$
$$K = BH^T (HBH^T + R)^{-1}$$

Local models of B that differ for different locations.





Need a global model for **B**

Variable substitution

$$J(x) = (x - x_b)^T B^{-1} (x - x_b) + J_o(x)$$

= / x - x_b = T^* u , T^* B^{-1} T = I /
= u^* u + J_o(T^* u + x_b)

Fourier/Wavelet transform

$$T^* = FD^{1/2} \Longrightarrow B = FDF^*$$





The Fourier transform

- + Fast implementation O(n log(n)).
- Homogenous; same for all locations.
- Boundary problems; periodic.



Tiling the time-frequency plane





Discrete wavelet transform

Some problems with the DWT

- Oscillations near singularities.
- Shift variance.
- Sensitive to processing.
- Lack of directionality.



Dual tree complex wavelet transform



$\psi_1(x,y) = \phi(x)\psi(y)$	(LH wavelet),
$\psi_2(x,y) = \psi(x)\phi(y)$	(HL wavelet),
$\psi_3(x, y) = \psi(x) \psi(y)$	(HH wavelet).

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{O2D}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & -\mathbf{I} & & \\ & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{I} \\ & & \mathbf{I} & -\mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}_{hh} \\ \mathbf{F}_{gg} \\ \mathbf{F}_{gh} \\ \mathbf{F}_{hg} \end{bmatrix}.$$



The wavelet transform

+ Very fast implementation O(n).

+ Some anisotropy and inhomogenity.

+ Boundary problem can be avoided.









Work status and issues

ALADIN implementation

- Wavelet transform v0.1 (cy30t1_wavbec)

Software for estimation of D

- FESTATWAV assumes orthogonal T
- Treatment of vertical correlations

Design of boundary wavelets