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CFSR, The New Coupled NCEP Reanalysis 1979-2010

(Use of re-analyses and re-forecasts for the calibration of long-range predictions)

- CFSR
- CFSRR, both seasonal and 45 days
Outline

• CFSR overview (short)
• A few analysis results
• A few forecast results
• Surface pressure (a bridge to 20\textsuperscript{th} century Reanalysis)
• Storms of historical significance
Acknowledge other Reanalyses

- ERA-15, ERA-40, ERA-Interim
- NCEP R1, R2, NARR
- 20\textsuperscript{th} Century
- JRA-25, JRA-5x
- MERRA

- Older NASA and COLA
The NCEP Climate Forecast System Reanalysis


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For a new Climate Forecast System (CFS) implementation

Two essential components:

A new Reanalysis of the atmosphere, ocean, seaice and land over the 31-year period (1979-2009) is required to provide consistent initial conditions for:

A complete Reforecast of the new CFS over the 28-year period (1982-2009), in order to provide stable calibration and skill estimates of the new system, for operational seasonal prediction at NCEP
For a new CFS implementation (contd)

1. Analysis Systems: Operational GDAS:
   Atmospheric (GADAS)-GSI
   Ocean-ice (GODAS) and Land (GLDAS)

2. Atmospheric Model: Operational GFS
   New Noah Land Model

3. Ocean Model: New MOM4 Ocean Model
   New Sea Ice Model
For a new CFS implementation (contd)

1. An atmosphere at high horizontal resolution (spectral T382, ~38 km) and high vertical resolution (64 sigma-pressure hybrid levels)

2. An interactive ocean with 40 levels in the vertical, to a depth of 4737 m, and horizontal resolution of 0.25 degree at the tropics, tapering to a global resolution of 0.5 degree northwards and southwards of 10N and 10S respectively

3. An interactive 3 layer sea-ice model

4. An interactive land model with 4 soil levels
There are three main differences with the earlier two NCEP Global Reanalysis efforts:

- Much higher horizontal and vertical resolution (T382L64) of the atmosphere (earlier efforts were made with T62L28 resolution)
- The guess forecast was generated from a coupled atmosphere – ocean – seaice - land system
- Radiance measurements from the historical satellites were assimilated in this Reanalysis

To conduct a Reanalysis with the atmosphere, ocean, seaice and land coupled to each other was a novelty, and will hopefully address important issues, such as the correlations between sea surface temperatures and precipitation in the global tropics, etc.

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ONE DAY OF REANALYSIS

9-hr coupled T382L64 forecast guess (GFS + MOM4 + Noah)

5-day T126L64 coupled forecast (GFS + MOM4 + Noah)
Hindcast Configuration for next CFS

- 9-month hindcasts will be initiated from every 5th day and will be run from all 4 cycles of that day, beginning from Jan 1 of each year, over a 28 year period from 1982-2009. This is required to calibrate the operational CPC longer-term seasonal predictions (ENSO, etc).
- There will also be a single 1 season (123-day) hindcast run, initiated from every 0 UTC cycle between these five days, over the 12 year period from 1999-2010. This is required to calibrate the operational CPC first season predictions for hydrological forecasts (precip, evaporation, runoff, streamflow, etc).
- In addition, there will be three 45-day (1-month) hindcast runs from every 6, 12 and 18 UTC cycles, over the 12-year period from 1999-2010. This is required for the operational CPC week3-week6 predictions of tropical circulations (MJO, PNA, etc).
- **Total number of years of integration = 9447 years !!!!**

Jan 1 | Jan 2 | Jan 3 | Jan 4 | Jan 5 | Jan 6
---|---|---|---|---|---
0 6 12 18 | 0 6 12 18 | 0 6 12 18 | 0 6 12 18 | 0 6 12 18 | 0 6 12 18

- 9 month run
- 1 season run
- 45 day run

Courtesy: Suru Saha
Operational Configuration for next CFS

- There will be 4 control runs per day from the 0, 6, 12 and 18 UTC cycles of the CFS real-time data assimilation system, out to 9 months.
- In addition to the control run of 9 months at the 0 UTC cycle, there will be 3 additional runs, out to one season. These 3 runs per cycle will be initialized as in current operations.
- In addition to the control run of 9 months at the 6, 12 and 18 UTC cycles, there will be 3 additional runs, out to 45 days. These 3 runs per cycle will be initialized as in current operations.
- There will be a total of 16 CFS runs every day, of which 4 runs will go out to 9 months, 3 runs will go out to 1 season and 9 runs will go out to 45 days.
A few Analysis Results
The linear trends are 0.66, 1.02 and 0.94K per 31 years for R1, CFSR and GHCN_CAMS respectively. (Keep in mind that straight lines may not be perfectly portraying climate change trends).

Courtesy: Huug van den Dool
SST-Precipitation Relationship in CFSR
Precipitation-SST lag correlation in tropical Western Pacific

Lag Correlation of Prec. and SST over Western Pacific (winter)

Response of Prec. To SST increase: warming too quick in R1 and R2
simultaneous positive correlation in R1 and R2

Courtesy: Jiande Wang
Monthly mean Sea ice extent ($10^6 \text{ km}^2$) for the Arctic (top) and Antarctic (bottom) from CFSR (6-hr forecasts). 5-year running mean is added to detect long term trends.

Courtesy: Xingren Wu
Monthly mean hourly surface pressure with the daily mean subtracted for the month of March 1998

Amplitude much better than in R1 (6 hourly)  

Courtesy: Huug van den Dool
Semi-Diurnal Tide along Equator

Amplitude in hPa

Month

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13
Annual Mean amplitude of semi-diurnal tide along Equator

Amplitude in hPa

Year

The fit of 6 hour forecasts of instantaneous surface pressure against irregularly distributed observations (yearly averages)

Fit-to-obs 6-hr Surface Pressure Forecasts

Courtesy: Huug van den Dool
CFSR, assumed obs error:

Land  1.0 mb,
Ocean 1.6 mb
Comparison of Seasonal Prediction
CFSv1 (ops) and CFSv2 (next upgrade)
More skill globally for CFSv2
More skill in the western Pacific for CFSv2
More skill west of the dateline and over the Atlantic for CFSv2
Switch gears to 45 day forecasts from CFSR
OLD v1

Skills of WH-MJO index for CFS IC: Feb09-Mar13

New v2

Skills of MJO index for CFSv2 with CFSR IC: Feb9-Mar13

Skills of WH-MJO index for CFS IC: Nov09-Dec13

Skills of MJO index for CFSv2 with CFSR IC: Nov9-Dec13

Period 1982 - 2008

Courtesy: Qin Zhang
Is everything perfect with CFSR?? NO!
Oct 1998 (AMSU)
Additional comments

• The 7-year cycle
• CFSR-Light
• Backward extension to 1948, the radiosonde era
• Study of historical storms (1871, 1894, 1897)
THANK YOU

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An upgrade to the coupled atmosphere-ocean-seaice-land NCEP Climate Forecast System (CFS) is being planned for Jan 2011.

This upgrade involves changes to all components of the CFS, namely:

- improvements to the data assimilation of the atmosphere with the new NCEP Gridded Statistical Interpolation Scheme (GSI) and major improvements to the physics and dynamics of operational NCEP Global Forecast System (GFS)

- improvements to the data assimilation of the ocean and seaice with the NCEP Global Ocean Data Assimilation System, (GODAS) and a new GFDL MOM4 Ocean Model

- improvements to the data assimilation of the land with the NCEP Global Land Data Assimilation System, (GLDAS) and a new NCEP Noah Land model
5-day T126L64 forecast anomaly correlations

SH Yearly Averaged Anomaly Correlation
0000 GMT 500 Hpa 120hr Forecasts

NH Yearly Averaged Anomaly Correlation
0000 GMT 500 Hpa 120hr Forecasts

Year


50 60 70 80 90

Anomaly Correlation (%100)

SH CF SRR
SH GFS
SH CF SRR Lite
SH CF S R2
SH CDAS/R1

NH CF SRR
NH GFS
NH CF SRR Lite
NH CF S R2
NH CDAS/R1

Courtesy: Bob Kistler