

# MPAS-JEDI Overview and Introduction to Practical Sessions

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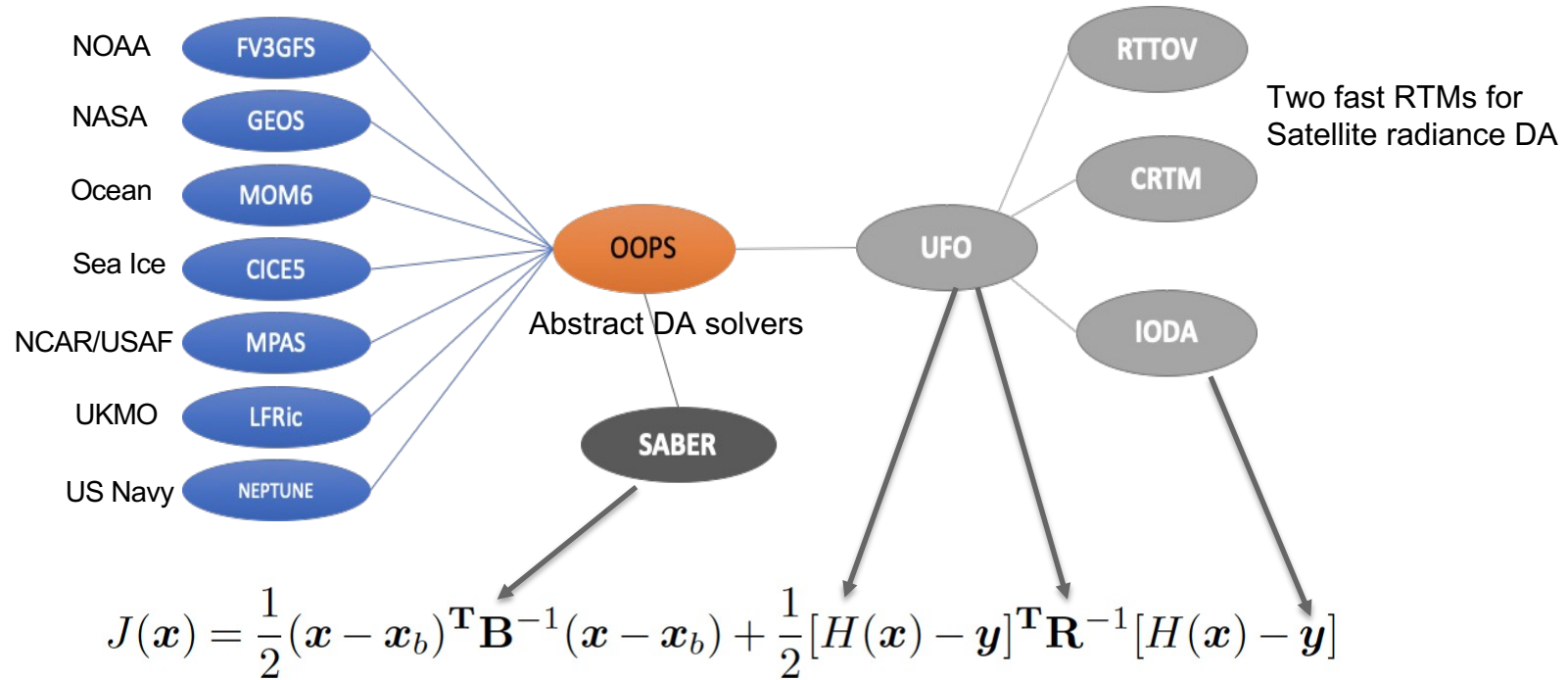
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# Joint Effort for Data assimilation Integration (JEDI)

led by Joint Center for Satellite Data Assimilation (JCSDA)



JCSDA and all partner groups contributing to JEDI's development

# History of MPAS-JEDI

- Started from early 2018
- 1<sup>st</sup> release, September 2021
- 1<sup>st</sup> publication, Liu et al. (2022), EnVar and all-sky AMSU-A DA
- 2<sup>nd</sup> release, June 2023
- 2<sup>nd</sup> publication, Guerrette et al. (2023), Ensemble of EnVar
- 1<sup>st</sup> tutorial, September 2023 at NCAR
- 3<sup>rd</sup> publication, Jung et al. (2024), Multivariate B, 3DVar, hybrid
- 3<sup>rd</sup> release, September 2024

# MPAS-JEDI publications

Liu Z et al., 2022: Data Assimilation for the Model for Prediction Across Scales - Atmosphere with the Joint Effort for Data assimilation Integration (JEDI-MPAS 1.0.0): EnVar implementation and evaluation, *Geosci. Model Dev.*, 15, 7859–7878.

Guerrette, J. J. et al., 2023: Data assimilation for the Model for Prediction Across Scales – Atmosphere with the Joint Effort for Data assimilation Integration (JEDI-MPAS 2.0.0-beta): ensemble of 3D ensemble-variational (En-3DEnVar) assimilations, *Geosci. Model Dev.*, 16, 7123–7142.

Jung et al., 2024: Three-dimensional variational assimilation with a multivariate background error covariance for the Model for Prediction Across Scales–Atmosphere with the Joint Effort for data Assimilation Integration (JEDI-MPAS 2.0.0-beta), *Geosci. Model Dev.*, 17, 3879–3895.

Ha, S. et al., 2024: Incremental analysis update (IAU) in the Model for Prediction Across Scales coupled with the Joint Effort for Data assimilation Integration (MPAS–JEDI 2.0.0), *Geosci. Model Dev.*, 17, 4199–4211.

Sun, T. et al., 2025: All-sky AMSU-A radiance data assimilation using the gain-form of Local Ensemble Transform Kalman filter within MPAS-JEDI-2.1.0: implementation, tuning, and evaluation, *EGU*sphere [preprint].

Schwartz C.S. et al., 2025: A first step toward global ensemble-based data assimilation at convection-allowing scales using MPAS and JEDI, *Monthly Weather Review*, Accepted.

# Latest stable version: MPAS-JEDI-3.0.2, Nov. 2024

- MPAS-JEDI-3.0.2 code accessible from
  - <https://github.com/JCSDA/mpas-bundle/tree/3.0.2>
- Based on the latest version of MPAS-A model and its interface to JEDI
  - <https://github.com/MPAS-Dev/MPAS-Model/tree/v8.2.2>
  - <https://github.com/JCSDA/mpas-jedi/tree/release/3.0.2>
    - Fixed a bug related to vertical height coordinate input to GNSS RO operator

Code of other repos as of September 2024 when making the 3.0.0 release:

<https://github.com/JCSDA/oops>  
<https://github.com/JCSDA/saber>  
<https://github.com/JCSDA/ufo>  
<https://github.com/JCSDA/ioda>

## Other related tools:

- Python-based Diagnostic/Verification package included in:  
<https://github.com/JCSDA/mpas-jedi/tree/release/3.0.2/graphics>
- Data assimilation cycling Workflow based on **cylc**:  
<https://github.com/NCAR/MPAS-Workflow>
- Observation processing, format conversion:  
<https://github.com/NCAR/obs2ioda>

# Main features with MPAS-JEDI

- Deterministic analysis:
  - **3DVar, 3D/4DVar, and hybrid-3D/4DVar with dual-resolution capability**
- Ensemble analysis:
  - Ensemble of EnVar (**EDA**) with perturbed observations
  - **LETKF and Gain form of LETKF (LGETKF)**
- Analysis directly done on **MPAS unstructured grid** for uniform or **variable-resolution mesh, global or regional mesh**
  - **Analysis Variables:** u/v wind, Temperature, Specific Humidity, and Surface Pressure
- Allow to assimilate **cloud-/precipitation-affected MW/IR satellite radiance** data
  - Using **CRTM** (Community Radiative Transfer Model)
  - With mixing ratios of **hydrometeors** as part of analysis variables
- Radar DA: reflectivity and radial velocity
- Surface DA: Ps, t2m, q2m, u10, v10
- GNSS RO DA with multiple choices of RO operators

# Instructions for practical exercises

<https://www2.mmm.ucar.edu/projects/mpas-jedi/tutorial/202506NCAS>

# Basic info for working on NCAR HPC Derecho

**ssh -x username@derecho.hpc.ucar.edu** (Mac users may need to use 'ssh -Y')

You should be under bash after login: “echo \$SHELL”

## Submitting Jobs with PBS

<b>qsub script</b>	Submit a job script
<b>qstat -u \$USER</b>	Check the status of your pending and running jobs
<b>qdel job-id</b>	Delete a queued or running job

This tutorial uses an account number: **UMMM0012** and the **'main'** queue



# Copy the “mpas\_jedi\_tutorial” folder

```
cd /glade/derecho/scratch/${USER}
```

```
cp -r /glade/derecho/scratch/liuz/mpasjedi_tutorial202506NCAS ./mpas_jedi_tutorial
```

```
ls -l mpas_jedi_tutorial, you will see
```

```
drwxr-xr-x 3 liuz ncar 16384 Jun 18 15:08 background
drwxr-xr-x 3 liuz ncar 16384 Jun 18 15:07 background_120km
drwxr-xr-x 3 liuz ncar 16384 Jun 18 22:44 Bflow_global120km
drwxr-xr-x 2 liuz ncar 16384 Jun 18 21:55 Bflow_preprocessing
drwxr-xr-x 5 liuz ncar 16384 Jun 18 15:08 B_Matrix
drwxr-xr-x 4 liuz ncar 16384 Jun 18 21:04 conus15km
drwxr-xr-x 2 liuz ncar 16384 Jun 18 15:07 crtm_coeffs_v3
drwxr-xr-x 5 liuz ncar 16384 Jun 19 11:12 cyclingDA
drwxr-xr-x 3 liuz ncar 16384 Jun 18 15:07 ensemble
drwxr-xr-x 2 liuz ncar 16384 Jun 18 21:14 MPAS_JEDI_yamls_scripts
drwxr-xr-x 2 liuz ncar 16384 Jun 18 15:08 MPAS_namelist_stream_physics_files
drwxr-xr-x 3 liuz ncar 16384 Jun 18 15:07 obs_bufs
drwxr-xr-x 4 liuz ncar 16384 Jun 18 15:07 omboma_from2experiments
```

# 1<sup>st</sup> Practice: build and test MPAS-JEDI

## 1. *loading spack-stack build environment*

2. *cmake step*

3. *make step*

4. *ctest step*

# 1. loading spack-stack-1.6.0

- `cd mpas-jedi-tutorial`
- `mkdir mpas_bundle_v3`
- `cd mpas_bundle_v3`
- `git clone -b release/3.0.2 https://github.com/JCSDA/mpas-bundle code`
- `source ./code/env-setup/gnu-derecho.sh`
- `module list`

Install spack-stack on your own machine will be covered Tomorrow afternoon.

## Currently Loaded Modules:

1) ecflow/5.8.4	35) base-env/1.0.0	69) json-schema-validator/2.1.0
2) mysql/8.0.33	36) boost/1.83.0	70) odc/1.4.6
3) ncarenv/23.09	(S) 37) openblas/0.3.24	71) py-attrs/21.4.0
4) gcc/12.2.0	38) py-setuptools/63.4.3	72) py-pycparser/2.21
5) stack-gcc/12.2.0	39) py-numpy/1.22.3	73) py-cffi/1.15.1
6) craype/2.7.20	40) bufr/12.0.1	74) py-findlibs/0.0.2
7) cray-mpich/8.1.25	41) ecbuild/3.7.2	75) py-eccodes/1.5.0
8) libfabric/1.15.2.0	42) libpng/1.6.37	76) py-f90nml/1.4.3
9) cray-pals/1.2.11	43) openjpeg/2.3.1	77) py-h5py/3.7.0
10) stack-cray-mpich/8.1.25	44) eccodes/2.32.0	78) py-cftime/1.0.3.4
11) tar/1.34	45) eigen/3.4.0	79) py-netcdf4/1.5.8
12) gettext/0.21.1	46) eckit/1.24.5	80) py-bottleneck/1.3.7
13) libxcrypt/4.4.35	47) fftw/3.3.10	81) py-numexpr/2.8.4
14) zlib/1.2.13	48) fckit/0.11.0	82) py-et-xmlfile/1.0.1
15) sqlite/3.43.2	49) fiat/1.2.0	83) py-openpyxl/3.1.2
16) util-linux-uuid/2.38.1	50) ectrans/1.2.0	84) py-six/1.16.0
17) python/3.10.13	51) qhull/2020.2	85) py-python-dateutil/2.8.2
18) stack-python/3.10.13	52) atlas/0.35.1	86) py-pytz/2023.3
19) nghttp2/1.57.0	53) git-lfs/3.3.0	87) py-pyxlsb/1.0.10
20) curl/8.4.0	54) gsibec/1.1.3	88) py-xlrd/2.0.1
21) cmake/3.23.1	55) gsl-lite/0.37.0	89) py-xlswriter/3.1.7
22) git/2.41.0	56) libjpeg/2.1.0	90) py-xlwt/1.3.0
23) pkg-config/0.29.2	57) krb5/1.19.2	91) py-pandas/1.5.3
24) hdf5/1.14.0	58) libtirpc/1.3.3	92) py-pybind11/2.11.0
25) snappy/1.1.10	59) hdf/4.2.15	93) py-pycodestyle/2.11.0
26) zstd/1.5.2	60) jedi-cmake/1.4.0	94) py-pyhdf/0.10.4
27) c-blosc/1.21.5	61) libxt/1.1.5	95) libyaml/0.2.5
28) netcdf-c/4.9.2	62) libxmu/1.1.4	96) py-pyyaml/6.0
29) nccmp/1.9.0.1	63) libxpm/3.5.12	97) py-scipy/1.11.3
30) netcdf-fortran/4.6.1	64) libxaw/1.0.13	98) py-packaging/23.1
31) parallel-netcdf/1.12.2	65) udunits/2.2.28	99) py-xarray/2023.7.0
32) parallel-io/2.5.10	66) ncview/2.1.9	100) sp/2.5.0
33) py-pip/23.1.2	67) netcdf-cxx4/4.3.1	101) jedi-base-env/1.0.0
34) wget/1.20.3	68) json/3.10.5	102) jedi-mpas-env/1.0.0

## Where:

S: Module is Sticky, requires --force to unload or purge

## 2. cmake step

- mkdir build; cd build
- git lfs install
- **cmake ../code** # cmake will look for ../code/CMakeLists.txt file, this will take ~15-20min

before doing cmake  
under ~code

```
CMakeLists.txt
env-setup
LICENSE
README.md
scripts
```

after doing cmake  
under ~code

```
CMakeLists.txt  oops
crtm            README.md
env-setup       saber
ioda            scripts
ioda-data       test-data-release
LICENSE         ufo
MPAS            ufo-data
mpas-jedi       vader
mpas-jedi-data
```

after doing cmake  
under ~build

```
bin
CMakeCache.txt
CMakeFiles
cmake_install.cmake
CPackConfig.cmake
CPackSourceConfig.cmake
crtm
CTestTestfile.cmake
DartConfiguration.tcl
_deps
ecbuild-cache.cmake
ecbuild.log
ecbuild_tmp
etc
ioda
ioda-data
lib
lib64
Makefile
module
MPAS
mpas-bundle-config.cmake
mpas-bundle-config-version.cmake
mpas-jedi
mpas-jedi-data
oops
saber
share
test_data
Testing
ufo
ufo-data
vader
```

# Portions of lines from “vi code/CMakeLists.txt”

ECMWF software packages pre-built into spack-stack, thus not appear under ~code

```
ecbuild_bundle( PROJECT eckit      GIT "https://github.com/ecmwf/eckit.git" TAG 1.24.4 )
ecbuild_bundle( PROJECT fckit      GIT "https://github.com/ecmwf/fckit.git" TAG 0.11.0 )
ecbuild_bundle( PROJECT atlas      GIT "https://github.com/ecmwf/atlas.git" TAG 0.34.0 )
```

## Model-agnostic components of JEDI

```
ecbuild_bundle( PROJECT oops      GIT "https://github.com/JCSDA/oops.git" TAG d772173 )
ecbuild_bundle( PROJECT vader     GIT "https://github.com/JCSDA/vader.git" TAG 6d56a1e )
ecbuild_bundle( PROJECT saber     GIT "https://github.com/JCSDA/saber.git" TAG bba6f7e )
ecbuild_bundle( PROJECT crtm      GIT "https://github.com/JCSDA/CRTMv3.git" TAG 73102a2 )

ecbuild_bundle( PROJECT ioda-data  GIT "https://github.com/JCSDA-internal/ioda-data.git" TAG bcb0754 )
ecbuild_bundle( PROJECT ioda      GIT "https://github.com/JCSDA/ioda.git" TAG d49ed17 )

ecbuild_bundle( PROJECT ufo-data   GIT "https://github.com/JCSDA-internal/ufo-data.git" TAG 9e4eb40 )
ecbuild_bundle( PROJECT ufo       GIT "https://github.com/JCSDA/ufo.git" TAG 94d50d6 )
```

## MPAS-specific components of MPAS-JEDI

```
ecbuild_bundle( PROJECT MPAS      GIT "https://github.com/MPAS-Dev/MPAS-Model" TAG v8.2.2 )
option(ENABLE_MPAS_JEDI_DATA "Obtain mpas-jedi test data from mpas-jedi-data repository (vs tarball)" ON)
ecbuild_bundle( PROJECT mpas-jedi-data GIT "https://github.com/JCSDA-internal/mpas-jedi-data.git" TAG 12cdc56 )
ecbuild_bundle( PROJECT mpas-jedi GIT "https://github.com/JCSDA/mpas-jedi" TAG 3.0.2.mmm )
```



### 3. make step under an interactive job

- `qsub -A ummm0012 -N build-bundle -q main`  
`-l job_priority=premium -l walltime=03:00:00`  
`-l select=1:ncpus=128:mem=235GB -I`
- `source ../code/env-setup/gnu-derecho.sh`
- `make -j20`

**MPAS and MPAS-JEDI related  
executables under ~build/bin**

`mpas_atmosphere`  
`mpas_atmosphere_build_tables`  
`mpas_init_atmosphere`  
`mpasjedi_convertstate.x`  
`mpasjedi_converttostructuredgrid.x`  
`mpasjedi_eda.x`  
`mpasjedi_enkf.x`  
`mpasjedi_enshofx.x`  
`mpasjedi_ens_mean_variance.x`  
`mpasjedi_error_covariance_toolbox.x`  
`mpasjedi_forecast.x`  
`mpasjedi_gen_ens_pert_B.x`  
`mpasjedi_hofx3d.x`  
`mpasjedi_hofx.x`  
`mpasjedi_process_perts.x`  
`mpasjedi_rtp.x`  
`mpasjedi_saca.x`  
`mpasjedi_variational.x`  
`mpas_namelist_gen`  
`mpas_parse_atmosphere`  
`mpas_parse_init_atmosphere`  
`mpas_streams_gen`

## 4. ctest step, also under an interactive job

```
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/glade/derecho/scratch/${USER}/mpas_jedi_tutorial/mpas_bundle_v3/build/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
cd mpas-jedi
```

**ctest**

.....

```
      Start 58: test_mpasjedi_3dvar_2pe
58/59 Test #58: test_mpasjedi_3dvar_2pe ..... Passed      4.28 sec
      Start 59: test_mpasjedi_3dhybrid_bumpcov_bumploc_2pe
59/59 Test #59: test_mpasjedi_3dhybrid_bumpcov_bumploc_2pe ..... Passed      3.69 sec
```

100% tests passed, 0 tests failed out of 59

Label Time Summary:

```
executable    = 33.28 sec*proc (13 tests)
mpasjedi      = 319.85 sec*proc (59 tests)
mpi           = 314.23 sec*proc (58 tests)
script        = 286.58 sec*proc (46 tests)
```

Total Test time (real) = 319.94 sec



# What a ctest case “Passed” means?

Each test run will produce text log files  
(Under ~/build/mpas-jedi/test/testoutput)

```
4denvar_bumploc.ref
4denvar_bumploc.run
4denvar_bumploc.run.ref
4denvar_ID.ref → existing reference file
4denvar_ID.run → full text log file for the present test
4denvar_ID.run.ref → shortened reference file
convertstate_bumpi (part of the 4denvar_ID.run)
convertstate_bumpinterp.run
convertstate_bumpinterp.run.ref
convertstate_unsinterp.ref
```

- **4denvar\_ID.run.ref** is compared with the existing **4denvar\_ID.ref**.
- The test is deemed as “**Passed**” if numerical values between the two files are identical or within a **tolerance**.



# Yaml configuration files under ~mpas-jedi/test/testinput

useful for learning how to run various mpas-jedi applications

3denvar_2stream_bumploc.yaml	dirac_bumploc.yaml	hofx3d_nbam.yaml
3denvar_amsua_allsky.yaml	dirac_noloc.yaml	hofx3d_ropp.yaml
3denvar_amsua_bc.yaml	dirac_spectral_1.yaml	hofx3d_rttovcpp.yaml
3denvar_bumploc.yaml	dirac_spectral_no_wind.yaml	hofx3d.yaml
3denvar_dual_resolution.yaml	eda_3dhybrid_1.yaml	hofx4d_pseudo.yaml
3dfgat_pseudo.yaml	eda_3dhybrid_2.yaml	hofx4d.yaml
3dfgat.yaml	eda_3dhybrid_3.yaml	increment.yaml
3dhybrid_bumpcov_bumploc.yaml	eda_3dhybrid_4.yaml	letkf_3dloc.yaml
3dvar_bumpcov_nbam.yaml	eda_3dhybrid.yaml	lgetkf_height_vloc.yaml
3dvar_bumpcov_ropp.yaml	enshofx_1.yaml	lgetkf.yaml
3dvar_bumpcov_rttovcpp.yaml	enshofx_2.yaml	linvarcha.yaml
3dvar_bumpcov.yaml	enshofx_3.yaml	model.yaml
3dvar.yaml	enshofx_4.yaml	obslocalizations.yaml
4denvar_bumploc.yaml	enshofx_5.yaml	obslocalization_vertical.yaml
4denvar_ID.yaml	enshofx.yaml	obslocalization.yaml
4denvar_VarBC_nonpar.yaml	ens_mean_variance.yaml	obsop_name_map.yaml
4denvar_VarBC.yaml	errorcovariance.yaml	parameters_bumpcov.yaml
4dfgat_append_obs.yaml	forecast.yaml	parameters_bumploc.yaml
4dfgat.yaml	gen_ens_pert_B.yaml	process_perts_spectral_no_wind.yaml
4dhybrid_bumpcov_bumploc.yaml	geometry_iterator_2d.yaml	rtpm.yaml
convertstate.yaml	geometry_iterator_3d.yaml	state.yaml
converttostucturedgrid_latlon.yaml	geometry.yaml	unsinterp.yaml
dirac_bumpcov.yaml	getvalues.yaml	

# Further reading about ctest

<https://jointcenterforsatellitedataassimilation-jedi-docs.readthedocs-hosted.com/en/latest/inside/testing/index.html>

- JEDI Testing
  - Running ctest
  - Manual Execution
  - The JEDI test suite
  - Tests as Applications
  - Initialization and Execution of Unit Tests
  - Anatomy of a Unit Test
  - Integration and System (Application) Testing
  - JEDI Testing Framework
- Adding a New Test
  - Step 1: Create a File for your Test Application
  - Step 2: Define A Test Fixture
  - Step 3: Define Your Unit Tests
  - Step 4: Register your Unit Tests with eckit
  - Step 6: Create an Executable
  - Step 7: Create a Configuration File
  - Step 8: Register all files with CMake and CTest
  - Adding an Application Test

# Single vs. Double precision build of mpas-bundle

- For other practical sessions, you will use pre-compiled executables of mpas-bundle with the single-precision mode
  - `/glade/derecho/scratch/liuz/mpas_bundle_v3.0.2_public_gnuSP`

```
diff --git a/CMakeLists.txt b/CMakeLists.txt
index a4c8cb4..88a3ba4 100644
--- a/CMakeLists.txt
+++ b/CMakeLists.txt
@@ -64,7 +64,7 @@ ecbuild_bundle( PROJECT ufo          GIT "https://github.com/JCSDA/ufo.git"
 # Find external ESMF for mpas-model (optional)
 find_package(ESMF 8.3.0 MODULE)

-set(MPAS_DOUBLE_PRECISION "ON" CACHE STRING "MPAS-Model: Use double precision 64-bit Floating point.")
+set(MPAS_DOUBLE_PRECISION "OFF" CACHE STRING "MPAS-Model: Use double precision 64-bit Floating point.")
 set(MPAS_CORES init_atmosphere atmosphere CACHE STRING "MPAS-Model: cores to build.")
```

Just need a one-line change in building MPAS model

Note: ctest reference files are produced with the double-precision build,  
thus some of ctest cases with single-precision build will fail due to difference larger than tolerance