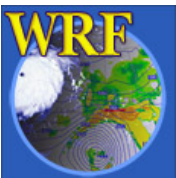




Post-processing Tools

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Graphical Packages

- **NCL** UG: 9-2
 - Graphical package
- **ARWpost** UG: 9-28
 - Converter (GrADS)
- **RIP4** UG: 9-19
 - Converter and interface to graphical package NCAR Graphics
- **UPP** UG: 9-35
 - Converter (GrADS & GEMPAK)
- **VAPOR** UG: 9-58
 - Converter and graphical package
 - *Support: VAPOR*
- **IDV** unidata.ucar.edu
 - GRIB (from WPP)
 - GEMPAK (from wrf2gem)
 - vis5d (from ARWpost)
 - CF complaint data (from wrf_to_cf)
 - *Support: unidata*
- **GEMPAK**
 - Data from wrf2gem or WPP
 - *Support: unidata*

MatLab / IDL / R / ferret



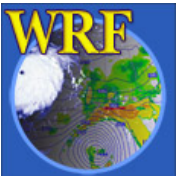
Graphical Packages

	NCL	RIP4	ARWpost	UPP	VAPOR
Directly ingest WRF data	Y	N <i>converter</i>	N / (Y) <i>converter</i>	N <i>converter</i>	N <i>converter</i>
Intermediate files	N	lots	large file	Y	large file
WPS DATA	Y	Y	Y	N	N
wrfinput data	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Idealized data files	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Input format	<i>netCDF</i>	<i>netCDF</i>	<i>netCDF / GRIB1</i>	<i>netCDF / binary</i>	<i>netCDF</i>
Vertical Output Coordinate	eta pressure height	eta pressure height	eta pressure height	pressure	eta
Software required <i>(All binaries are free)</i>	<i>NCL</i>	<i>NCARG</i>	<i>GrADS</i>	<i>GrADS / GEMPAK</i>	<i>VAPOR</i>
Diagnostics	<i>some</i>	<i>> 100</i>	<i>some</i>	<i>some</i>	<i>limited</i>

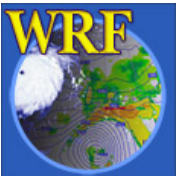
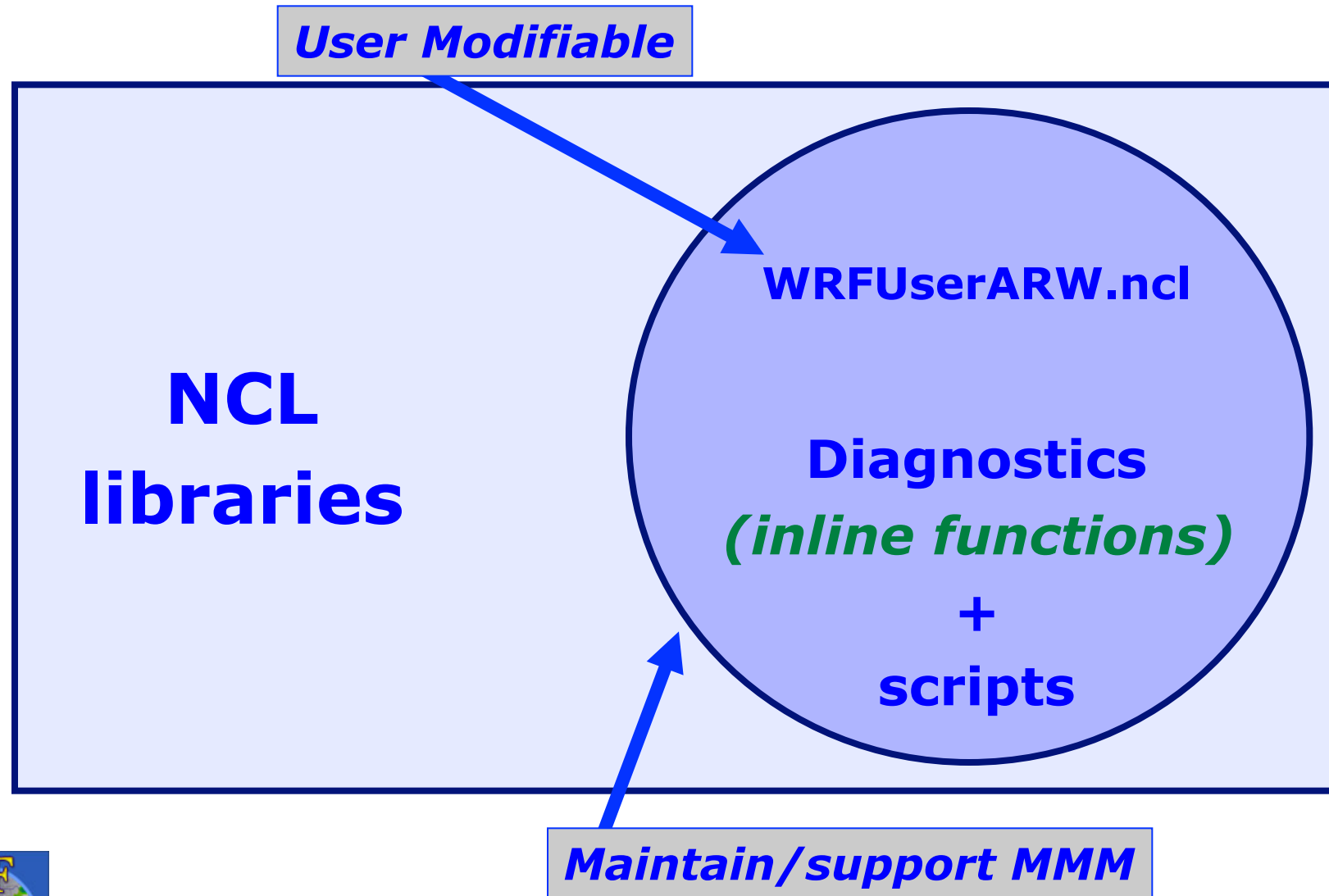


NCL

- NCAR Command Language
- <http://www.ncl.ucar.edu>
- Read WRF-ARW data directly
- Generate a number of graphical plots
 - Horizontal, cross-section, skewT, meteogram, panel
- Download
 - <http://www.ncl.ucar.edu/Download>
 - Fill out short registration form (*there is a short waiting period*)
 - Read and agree to OSI-based license
 - Get version 5.1.1 or later (*current v6.0.0*)
- NCARG_ROOT environment variable
 - `setenv NCARG_ROOT /usr/local/ncl`



NCL & WRF



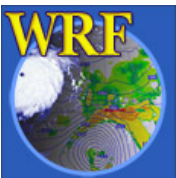
Home Directory



.hluresfile

Very Important

- Required by NCL libraries
- Must be in your “~/” directory (*home directory*)
- Control
 - color table ; font
 - white/black background
 - size of plot
 - control characters
- <http://www.ncl.ucar.edu/Document/Graphics/hlures.shtml>

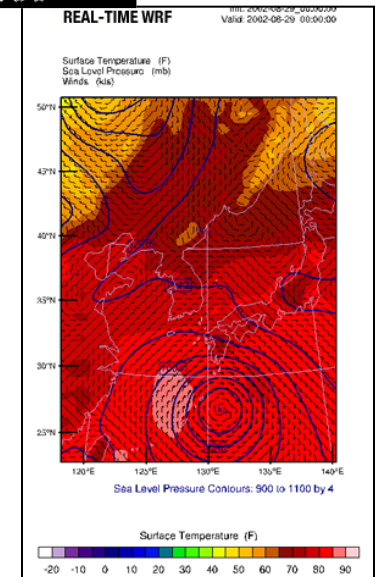
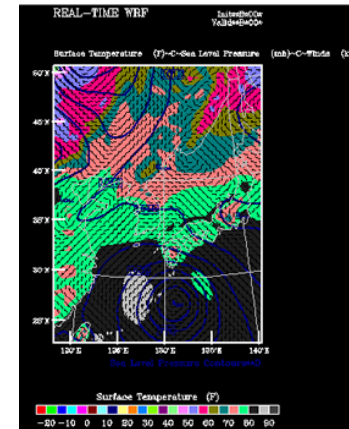
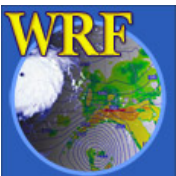


~/.hluresfile

```
*wkColorMap           : BlAqGrYeOrReVi200
*wkBackgroundColor    : white
*wkForegroundColor    : black
*FuncCode             : ~
*TextFuncCode         : ~
*Font                 : helvetica
*wkWidth              : 900
*wkHeight             : 900
```

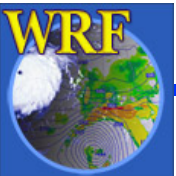
```
PLCHHQ - CHARACTER NUMBER 26 (.) IS NOT A LEGAL FUNCTION CODE
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PLCHHQ - CHARACTER NUMBER 36 (y) IS NOT A LEGAL FUNCTION CODE
```

[http://www.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/
OnLineTutorial/Graphics/NCL/.hluresfile](http://www.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/OnLineTutorial/Graphics/NCL/.hluresfile)



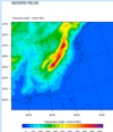
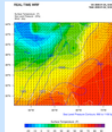
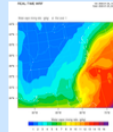
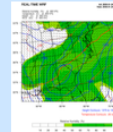
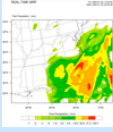
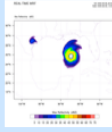
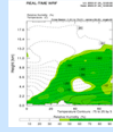
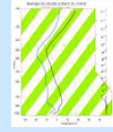
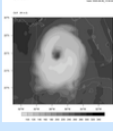
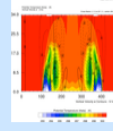
Generate Plots with NCL

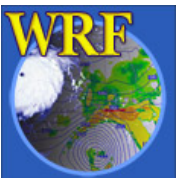
- Set NCARG_ROOT environment variable:
 - `setenv NCARG_ROOT /usr/local/ncl`
- Ensure you have an `~/.hluresfile` file
- Create a script
 - `wrf_real.ncl`
(start with a sample script)
- Run NCL script
 - `ncl wrf_real.ncl`



Generate Plots: *A good start - OnLine Tutorial*

[http://www.mmm.ucar.edu/
wrf/OnLineTutorial/Graphics/
NCL/index.html](http://www.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/OnLineTutorial/Graphics/NCL/index.html)

Basic Plots  Basic Plot Setup (This series of examples takes users through same basic steps in generating plotting scripts.) Get and plot a single field Multiple input files	Basic Surface Plots  Surface 1 Surface 3 Surface 2	Plots on Model Levels  Clouds Levels from wrfout files Levels from metgrid files	Plots on Interpolated Levels  Height Levels Pressure Levels
Plotting Precipitation  Precipitation	Diagnostics  CAPE dBZ Vorticity (More diagnostics are available, shown are only some newer/special diagnostics)	Cross-section Plots  Height - Through a Pivot Point Height - Point A to Point B Pressure Limited Vertical Extent For 2D fields	Skew_T Plots  Skew T
Speciality Plots  Overlay Zoom Overlay & Zoom Panel 1 Panel 2 Meteograms WRF Time Series data All fields in a file	Preview Domain  <i>This functionality, although available in NCL version 5.0.1, is still experimental.</i> Preview	Global WRF  gWRF_merc	Idealized cases  wrf_Grav2x wrf_Hill2d wrf_Squall_2d_x wrf_Squall_2d_y wrf_Seabreeze2x wrf_BWave wrf_QSS



Creating a Plot : NCL script

```
load ncl library scripts

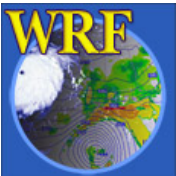
begin

    ; Open graphical output
    ; Open input file(s)

    ; Read variables

    ; Set up plot resources & Create plots
    ; Output graphics

end
```



Generate Plots

```
load "$NCARG_ROOT/lib/ncarg/nclscripts/csm/gsn_code.ncl"
```

```
begin
```

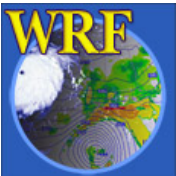
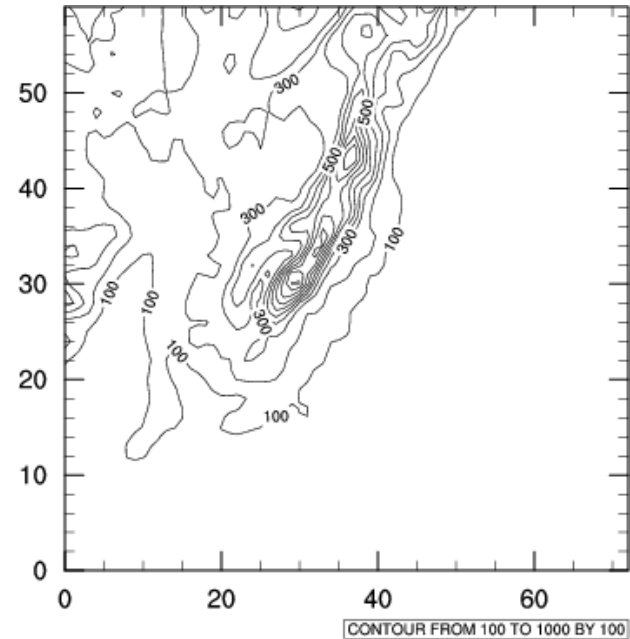
```
  a = addfile("./geo_em.d01.nc","r")
```

```
  wks = gsn_open_wks("pdf","plt_ter1")
```

```
  ter = a->HGT_M(0,:::)
```

```
  plot = gsn_contour(wks,ter,True)
```

```
end
```



Generate Plots

```
load "$NCARG_ROOT/lib/ncarg/nclscripts/csm/gsn_code.ncl"
```

```
begin
```

```
  a = addfile("./geo_em.d01.nc","r")
```

```
  wks = gsn_open_wks("pdf","plt_ter1")
```

```
  ter = a->HGT_M(0,:::)
```

```
  res = True
```

```
  res@cnFillOn = True
```

```
  res@gsnSpreadColors = True
```

```
  res@cnLevelSelectionMode = \
```

```
    "ManualLevels"
```

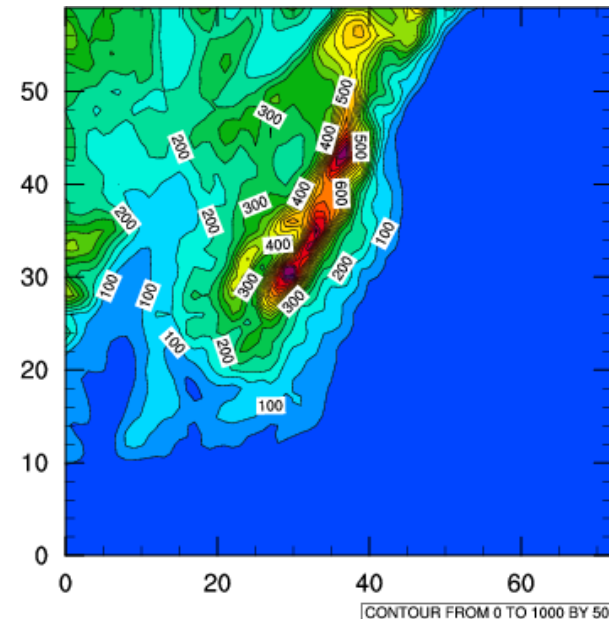
```
  res@cnMinLevelValF = 0.
```

```
  res@cnMaxLevelValF = 1000.
```

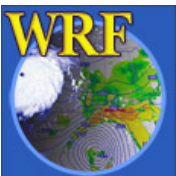
```
  res@cnLevelSpacingF = 50.
```

```
  plot = gsn_contour(wks,ter,res)
```

```
end
```



**Basic NCL resources -
there are over 1400
controlling contours,
labelbars, legends,
maps, etc.**



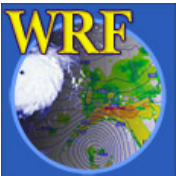
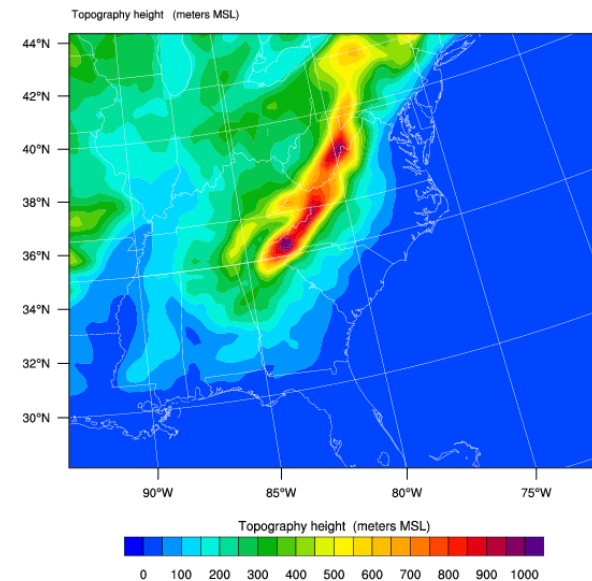
Generate Plots

```
load "$NCARG_ROOT/lib/ncarg/nclscripts/csm/gsn_code.ncl"  
load "$NCARG_ROOT/lib/ncarg/nclscripts/wrf/WRFUserARW.ncl"
```

```
begin  
  a = addfile("./geo_em.d01.nc","r")  
  wks = gsn_open_wks("pdf","plt_ter5")  
  res = True  
  res@MainTitle = "GEOGRID FIELDS"  
  pltres = True  
  mpres = True  
  
  ter = wrf_user_getvar(a,"HGT_M",0)  
  res@cnFillOn = True  
  res@ContourParameters = (/0.,1000.,50./)  
  contour = wrf_contour(a,wks,ter,res)  
  plot = wrf_map_overlays(a,wks,(/contour/),\  
    pltres,mpres)  
end
```

GEOGRID FIELDS

Init: 0000-00-00_00:00:00



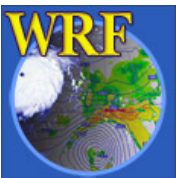
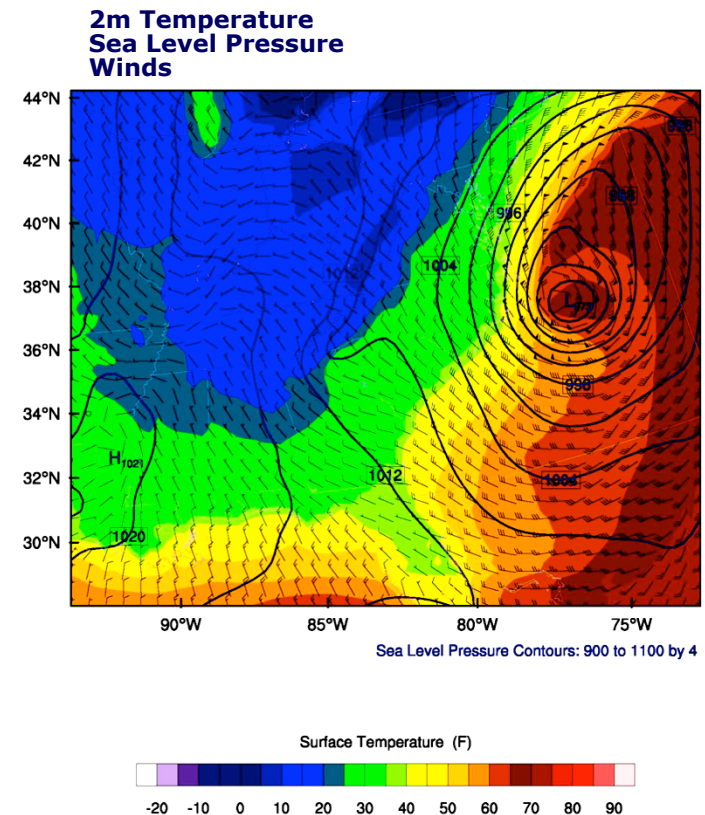
Generate Plots

```
slp = wrf_user_getvar(a,"slp",5)
t2 = wrf_user_getvar(a,"T2",5)
u10 = wrf_user_getvar(a,"U10",5)

v10 = wrf_user_getvar(a,"V10",5)

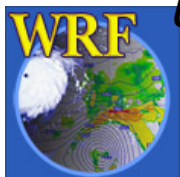
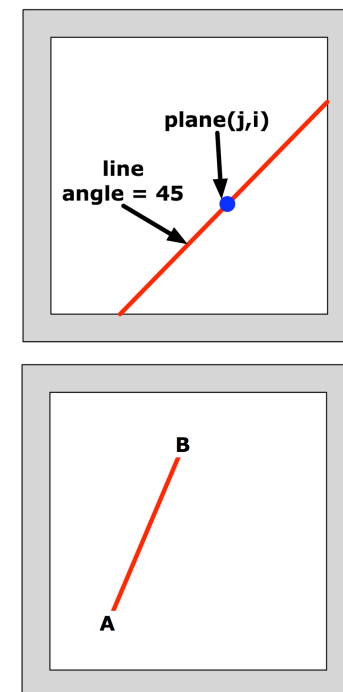
os@cnLineColor = "NavyBlue"
c_slp = wrf_contour(a,wks,slp,os)
ot@cnFillOn = True
c_tc = wrf_contour(a,wks,t2,ot)
ov@NumVectors = 47
vec = wrf_vector(a,wks,u10,v10,ov)

plot = wrf_map_overlays(a, wks, \
    (/c_tc,c_slp,vec/), pltres, mpres)
```



Special WRF NCL Functions

- `wrf_user_getvar`
Get native and diagnostic variables
- `wrf_contour` / `wrf_vector`
Create line/shaded & vector plots
- `wrf_map_overlays` / `wrf_overlays`
Overlay plots created with `wrf_contour` and `wrf_vector`
- `wrf_user_intrp3d` / `wrf_user_intrp2d`
*Interpolate horizontally to a given pressure/height
(3d data only)
Interpolate vertically along a given line*
- `wrf_user_ll_to_ij` / `wrf_user_ij_to_ll`
Convert: lat/lon ↔ ij
- `wrf_user_list_times`
Get list of times available in input file
- `wrf_user_unstagger`
Unstagger an array



Special WRF NCL Functions

- **wrf_user_getvar**

Get fields from input file

```
ter = wrf_user_getvar(a,"HGT",0)      {ter=a->HGT(0,:,:)}  
t2  = wrf_user_getvar(a,"T2",-1)     {t2=a->T2}  
slp = wrf_user_getvar(a,"slp",1)
```

avo/pvo: Absolute/Potential Vorticity,

cape_2d: 2D mcaps/mcin/lcl/lfc,

cape_3d: 3D cape/cin,

dbz/mdbz: Reflectivity (3D and max),

geopt/geopotential: Geopotential,

p/pres/pressure: Pressure,

rh/rh2: Relative Humidity (3D and 2m),

slp: Sea Level Pressure,

td/td2: Dew Point Temperature (3D and 2m),

tc/tk: Temperature (C and F), **th/theta**: Potential Temperature,

z/height: Height, **ua/va/wa**: wind on mass points,

uvmet/uvmet10: wind rotated to earth coordinates (3D and 10m)



Diagnostics

```
PH      = nc_file->PH(5,::,::)
PHB     = nc_file->PHB(5,::,::)
  PH     = ( PH + PHB ) / 9.81
  z      = wrf_user_unstagger(PH,PH@stagger)
```

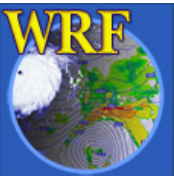
```
P       = nc_file->P(5,::,::)
PB      = nc_file->PB(5,::,::)
  P      = P + PB
```

```
T       = nc_file->T(5,::,::)
  T      = T + 300.
  tk     = wrfTk( P , T )
```

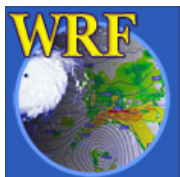
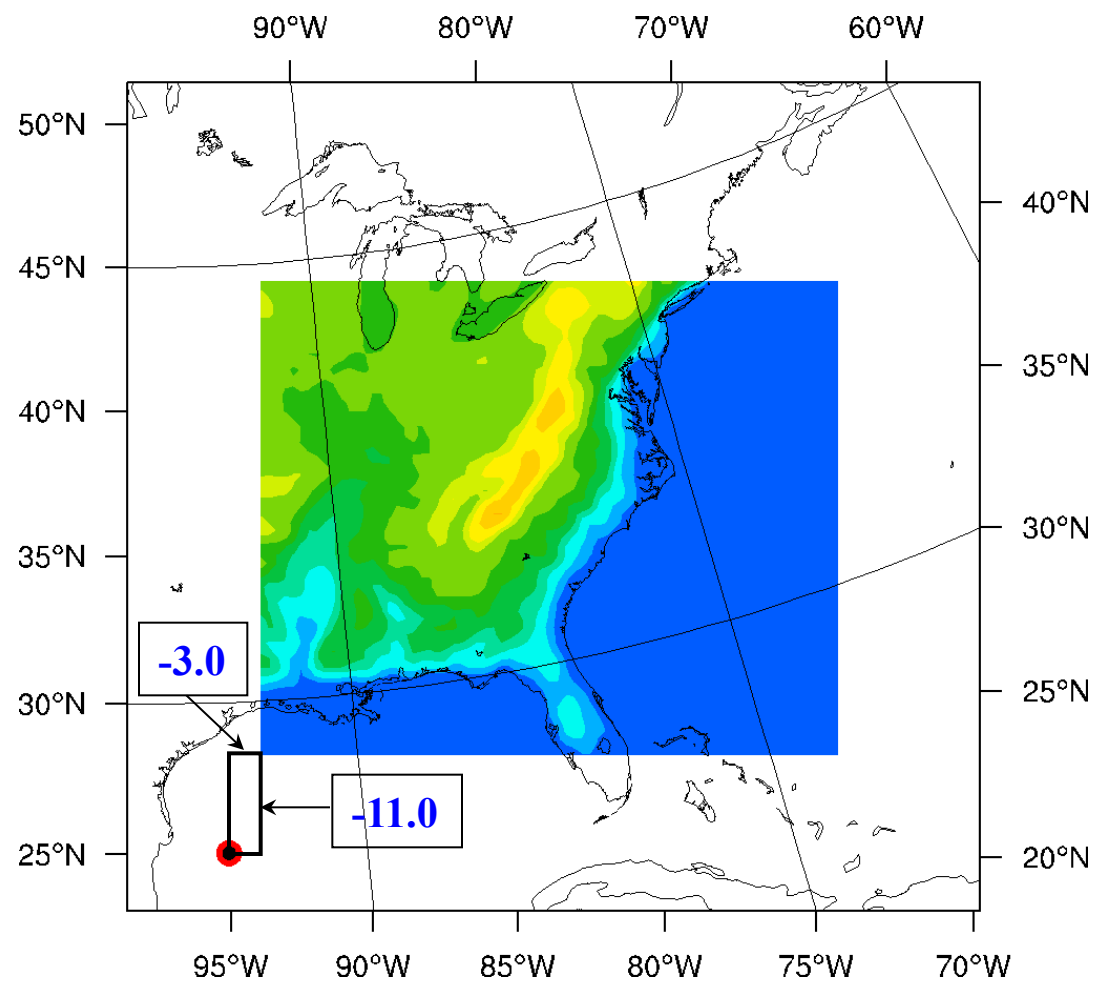
```
QVAPOR = nc_file->QVAPOR(5,::,::)
  QVAPOR = QVAPOR > 0.000
```

```
slp = wrf_slp( z, tk, P, QVAPOR )
```

```
slp = wrf_user_getvar(nc_file,"slp",5)
```



wrf_user_ll_to_ij

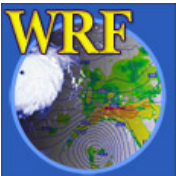
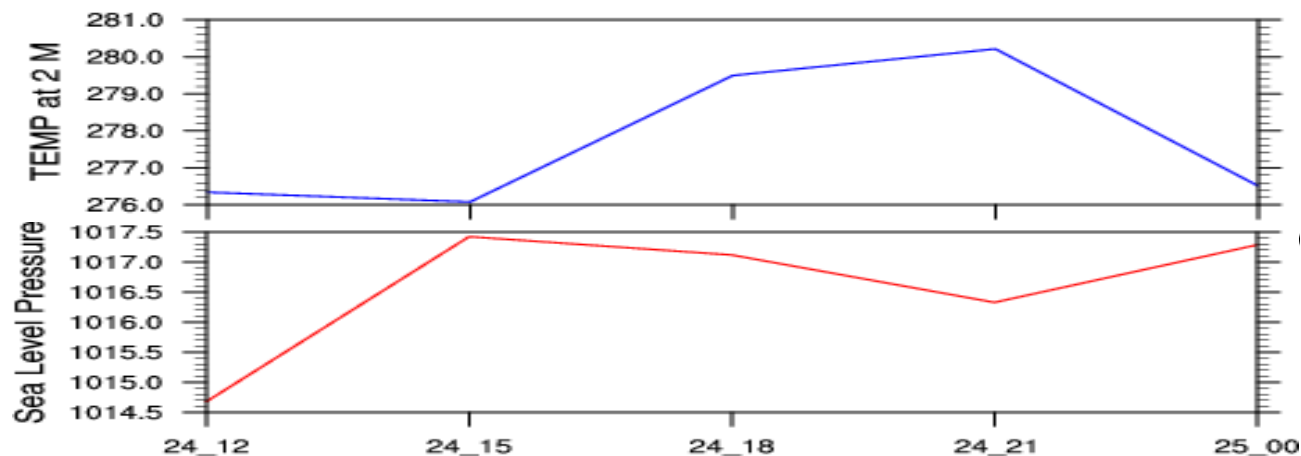


Time Series

```
locij = wrf_user_ll_to_ij(a, -87., 32.5, llres)
locij = locij - 1
locX = locij(0)
locY = locij(1)
```

```
t2_point = a->T2(:,locY,locX)
t2_plot = gsn_csm_xy(wks,taus,t2_point,t2_res)
```

```
slp = wrf_user_getvar(a,"slp",-1)
slp_point = slp(:,locY,locX)
slp_plot = gsn_csm_xy(wks,taus,slp_point,t2_res)
```



NCL and WRF_NCL

- Combine strength of WRF_NCL specific and NCL general capabilities

```
a = addfile("./wrfout.d01.nc","r")
```

```
t2 = a->T2(5, :, :)
```

```
t2 = wrf_user_getvar(a, "T2", 5)
```

```
qv = a->QVAPOR(5, :, :, :)
```

```
qv = wrf_user_getvar(a, "QVAPOR",  
5)
```

```
t2 = a->T2
```

```
t2 = wrf_user_getvar(a, "T2", -1)
```

```
res@cnLevelSelectionMode = \  
    "ManualLevels"
```

```
res@cnMinLevelValF = 0.
```

```
res@cnMaxLevelValF = 1000.
```

```
res@cnLevelSpacingF = 50.
```

```
contour=wrf_contour(a,wks,ter,res)
```

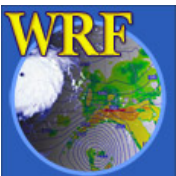
```
res@ContourParameters = \  
    (/0.,1000.,50./)
```

```
contour=wrf_contour(a,wks,ter,res)
```

```
plot = wrf_map_overlays \  
    (a,wks, (/contour/), pltres, mpres)
```

```
mpres@mpGridSpacingF = 45
```

```
plot = wrf_map_overlays \  
    (a,wks, (/contour/), pltres, mpres)
```



Resources

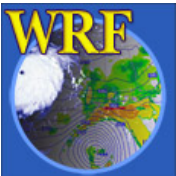
- The special WRF functions have unique resources:

http://www.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/OnLineTutorial/Graphics/NCL/NCL_functions.htm

- All general NCL resources can also be used to control the plot:

<http://www.ncl.ucar.edu/Document/Graphics/Resources>

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • am (annotation manager) | • sf (scalar field) |
| • app (app) | • st (streamline) |
| • ca (coordinate array) | • tf (transformation) |
| • cn (contour) | • ti (title) |
| • ct (coordinate array table) | • tm (tickmark) |
| • dc (data comm) | • tr (irregular transformation) |
| • err (error) | • tx (text) |
| • gs (graphic style) | • vc (vectors) |
| • gsn (gsn high-level interfaces) | • vf (vector field) |
| • lb (label bar) | • vp (view port) |
| • lg (legends) | • wk (workstation) |
| • mp (maps) | • ws (workspace) |
| • pm (plot manager) | • xy (xy plots) |
| • pr (primitives) | |

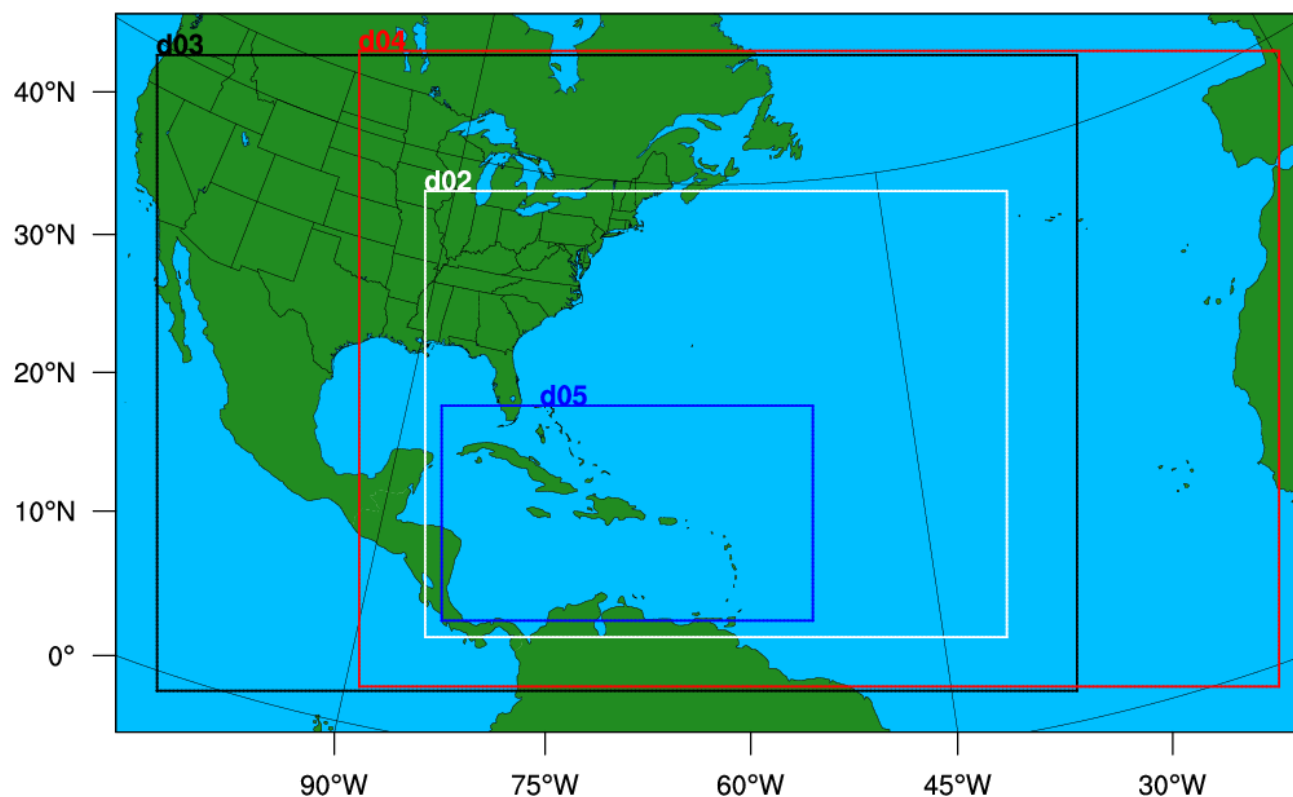


Domain Design

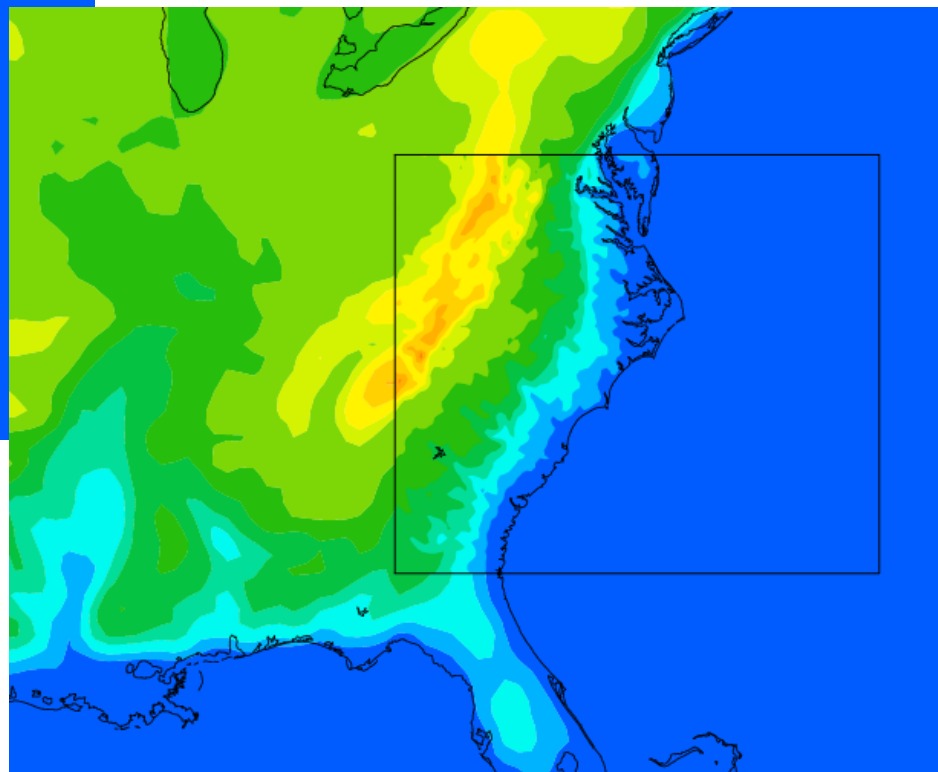
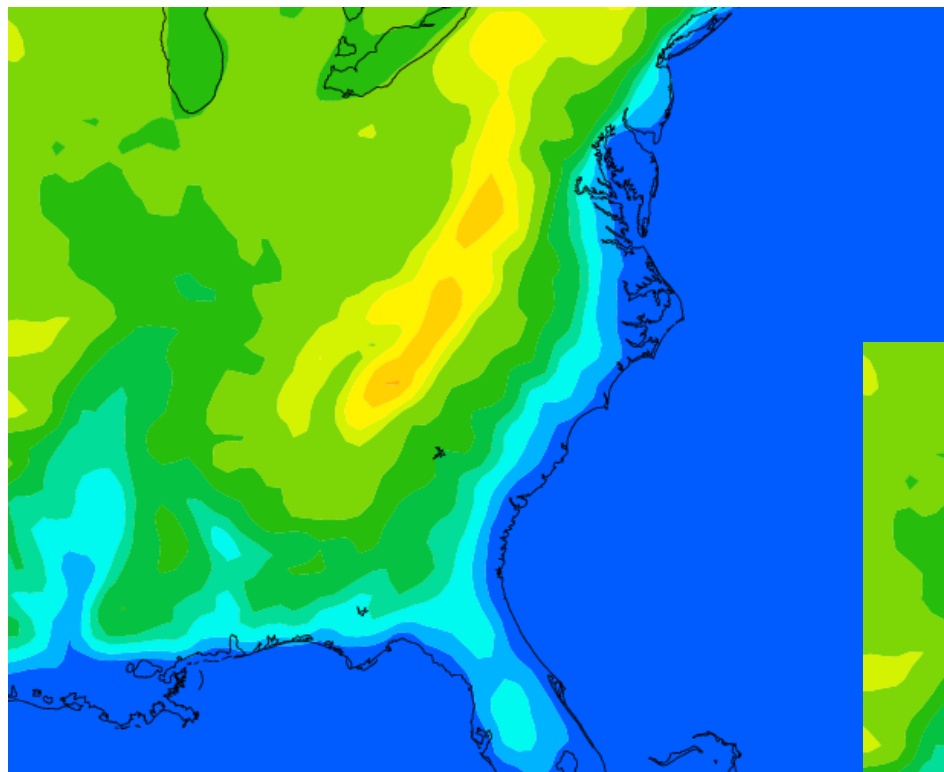
```
mp = wrf_wps_dom (wks, mpres, lnres, txres)
```

WPS/util/plotgrids.ncl

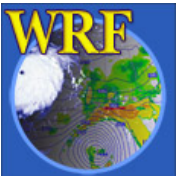
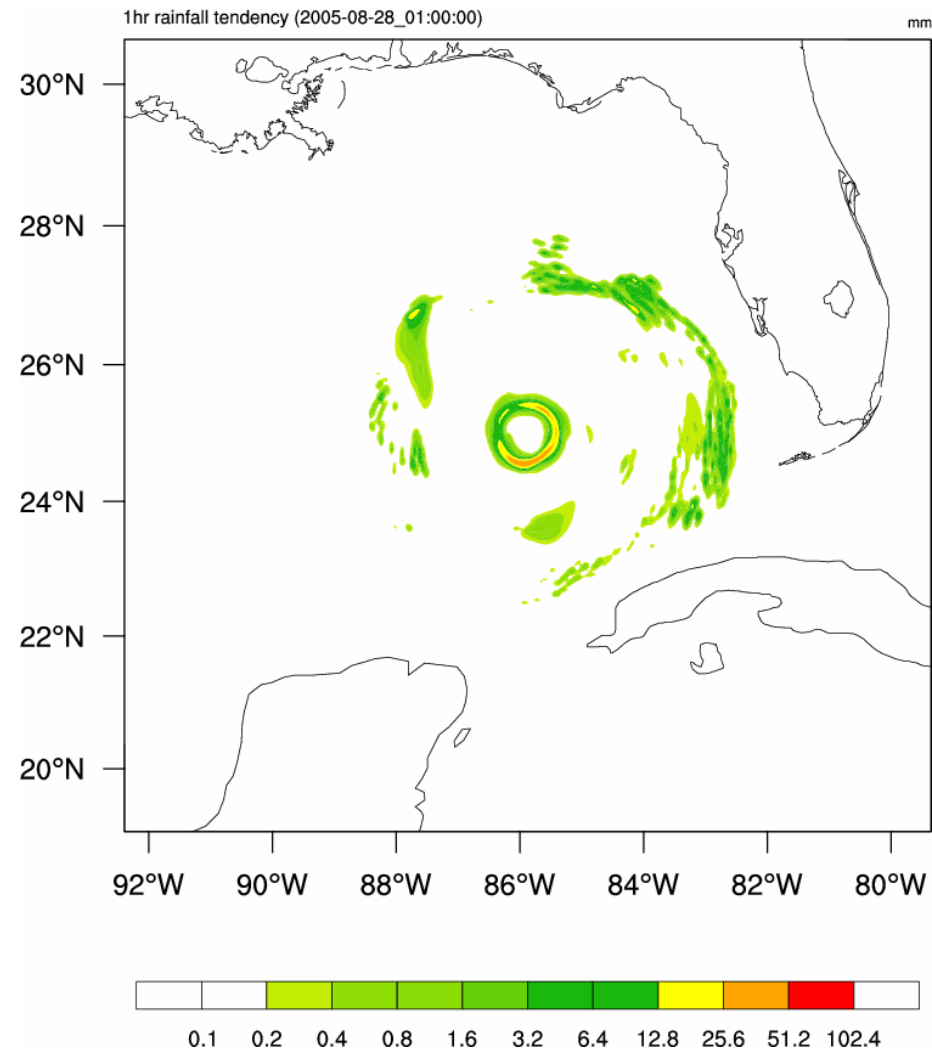
Test Domain



Over Domains



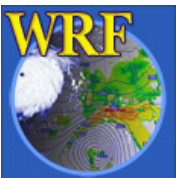
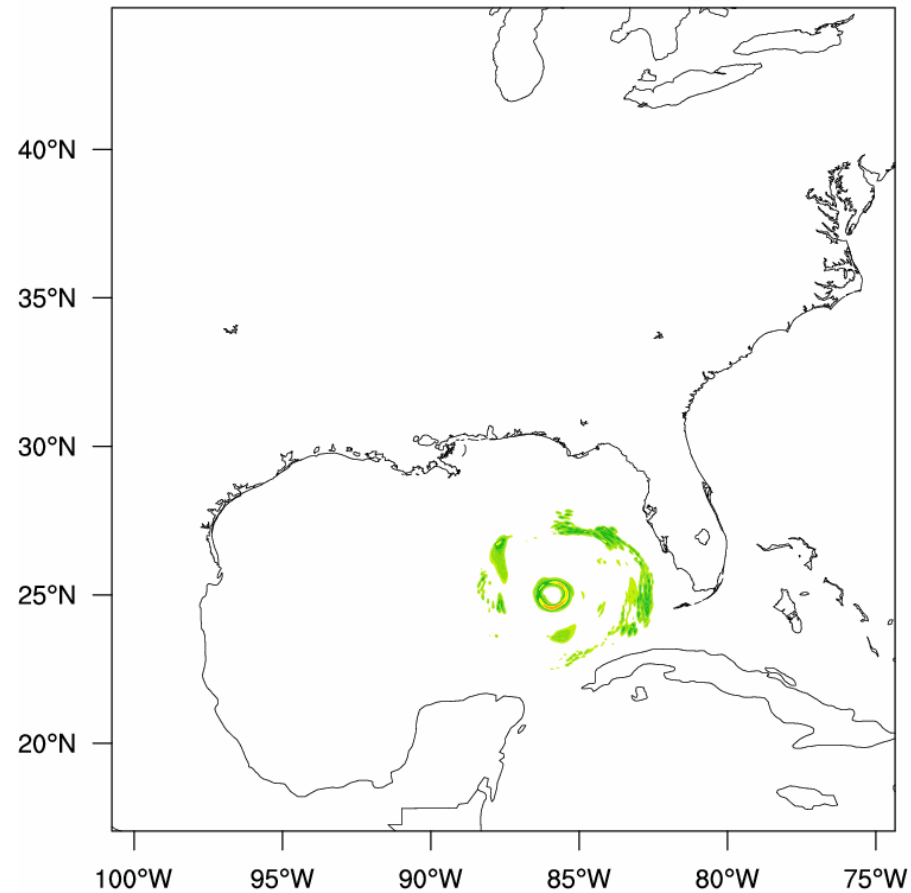
Moving Nests



Moving Nests

1hr rainfall tendency (2005-08-28_01:00:00)

mm



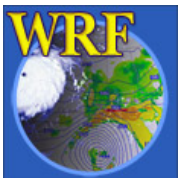
Calling FORTRAN code from NCL

- Easier to use F77 code, but works with F90 code
- Need to isolate definition of input variables and wrap it with special comment statements:

C NCLFORTSTART

C NCLEND

- Use a tool called **WRAPIT** to create a ***.so** file
- Load ***.so** file in NCL script with “**external**” statement
- Call Fortran function with special “**::**” syntax
- Must pre-allocate arrays!



myTK.f

C NCLFORTSTART

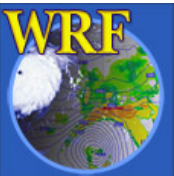
```
subroutine compute_tk (tk,pressure,theta, nx, ny, nz)
  implicit none
  integer nx,ny,nz
  real    pi, tk(nx,ny,nz)
  real    pressure(nx,ny,nz), theta(nx,ny,nz)
```

C NCLEND

```
  integer i,j,k

  do k=1,nz
    do j=1,ny
      do i=1,nx
        pi=(pressure(i,j,k) / 1000.)**(287./1004.)
        tk(i,j,k) = pi*theta(i,j,k)
      enddo
    enddo
  enddo

end
```



myTK.SO - Create & use in NCL script

```
% WRAPIT myTK.f
```

This will create a "myTK.so" file

```
load "$NCARG_ROOT/lib/ncarg/nclscripts/csm/gsn_code.ncl"  
load "$NCARG_ROOT/lib/ncarg/nclscripts/wrf/WRFUserARW.ncl"  
external myTK "./myTK.so"
```

```
begin
```

```
    t = wrf_user_getvar(a,"T",5)
```

```
    t = t + 300
```

```
    p = wrf_user_getvar(a,"pressure",5)
```

```
    ; Must preallocate space for output arrays
```

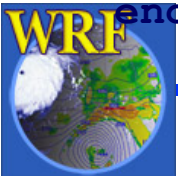
```
    dim = dimsizes(t)
```

```
    tk = new( dimsizes(t), typeof(t) )
```

```
    ; Remember, Fortran/NCL arrays are ordered differently
```

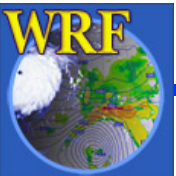
```
    myTK :: compute_tk (tk,p,t,dim(2),dim(1),dim(0))
```

```
end
```

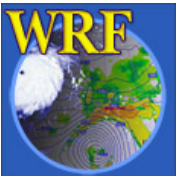


FORTRAN 90 code

- Can use simple FORTRAN 90 code
- Your FORTRAN 90 program may not contain any of the following features:
 - pointers or structures as arguments,
 - missing/optional arguments,
 - keyword arguments, or
 - recursive procedure.

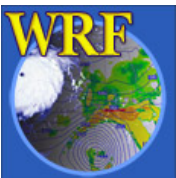


Other Post-processing Tools



RIP4

- Read Interpolate Plot version 4
- Develop by Mark Stoelinga (3TIER/UW/NCAR) & MMM/NCAR Staff
- Originally developed for the MM5 model
- Generate a number of graphical plots
 - Horizontal, cross-section, skewT
- Current Version: 4.6
 - configure / compile



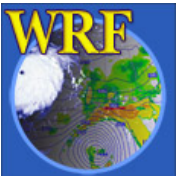
RIP4 - General Information

- Documentation

- In program tar file under the Doc/ directory
- <http://www.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/users/docs/ripug.htm>
- http://www.dtcenter.org/wrf-nmm/users/docs/user_guide/RIP/ripug.htm

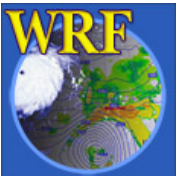
- OnLine Tutorial:

- <http://www.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/users/graphics/RIP4/RIP4.htm>
- <http://www.dtcenter.org/wrf-nmm/users/OnLineTutorial/NMM/RIP/index.php>

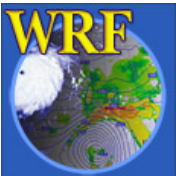
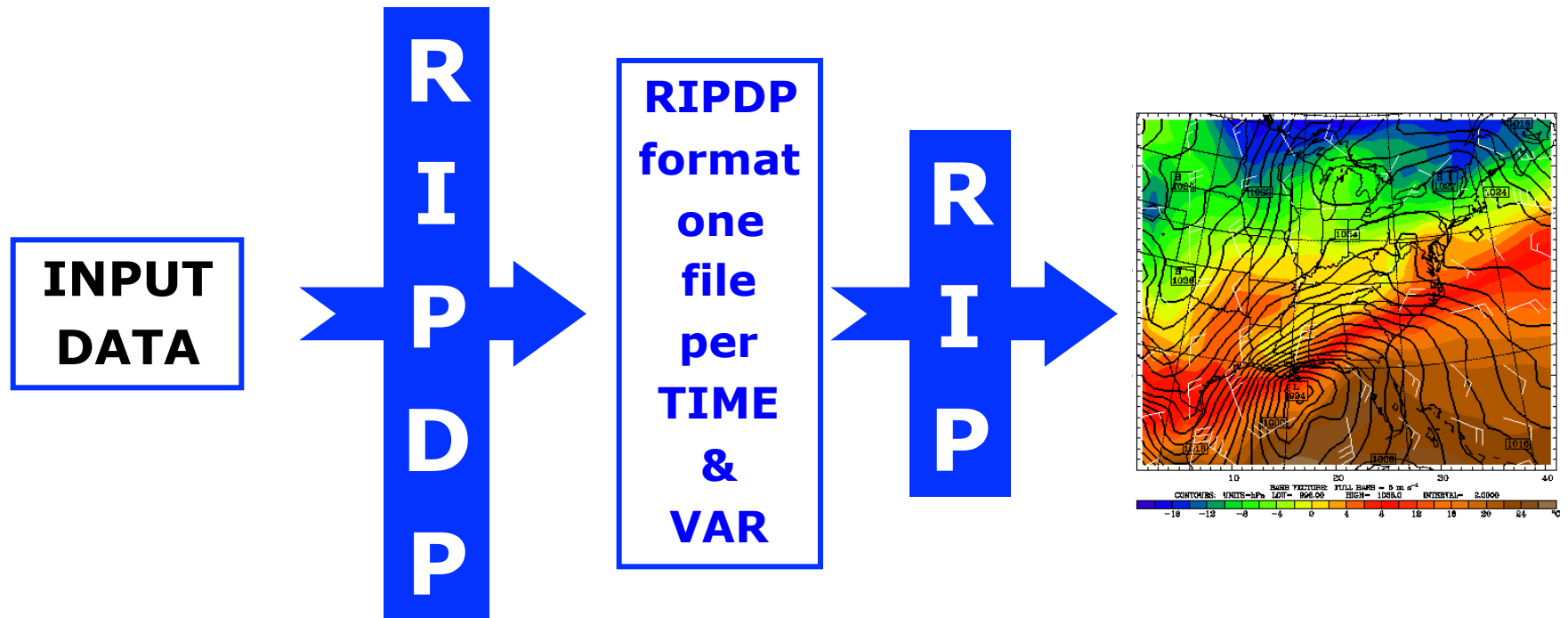


RIP4 - General Information

- Requires NCAR Graphics low-level routines
 - <http://ngwww.ucar.edu>
- NCL Version 5 / 6:
 - <http://www.ncl.ucar.edu>
 - Released November 2007
 - Combine NCL and NCAR Graphics
 - Open Source
 - Recommended
- Download Code:
 - http://www.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/users/download/get_source.html
 - <http://www.dtcenter.org/wrf-nmm/users/downloads/index.php>



RIP4



RIP4 on your computer

- set environment variables

setenv RIP_ROOT /usr/\$USER/RIP4 (*rip_root*)

setenv NCARG_ROOT /usr/local/ncl (*/usr/local/ncarg*)

- Configure

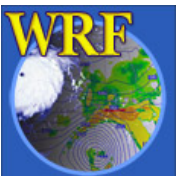
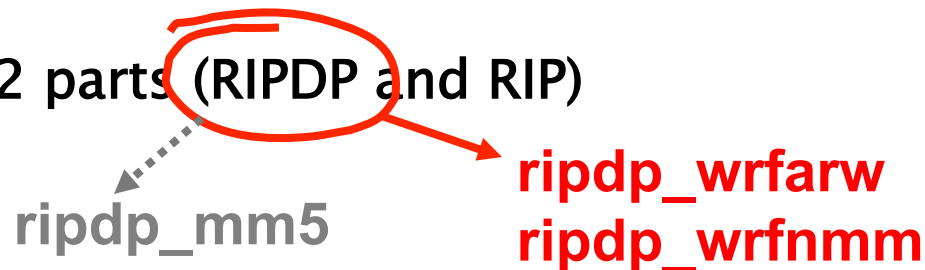
./configure

(check configure.rip to ensure netCDF paths are correct)

- Compile

./compile

- RIP4 has 2 parts (RIPDP and RIP)



ripdp & rip

- ripdp

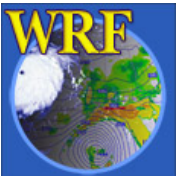
- RIP Data Preparation
- Converter
RIPDP converts WRF formatted data (*netCDF*) into RIP format (*B – grid*)
- Output
RIPDP puts each Variable at each Time into a separate file
Creates LOTS of files



mkdir RIPDP

- rip

- Reads the output generated by *ripdp*
- Makes use of a **User Input File (UIF)** (*rip_sample.in*) to control plots
- Output
X11, pdf, ps, cgm



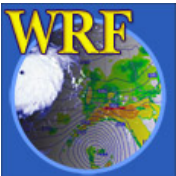
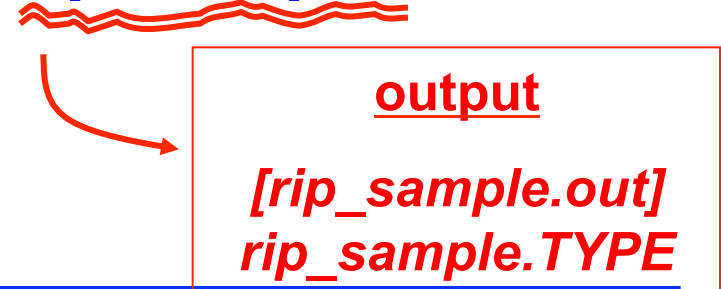
Running ripdp & rip

```
ripdp_wrfxxx [-n namelist-file]
             <model_data_name> \      [basic/all]
             <input_file(s)>
```

```
rip [-f] <model_data_name> rip-execution-name
```

Example:

```
ripdp_wrfarw RIPDP/test all wrfout*
rip [-f]      RIPDP/test rip_sample.in
```



rip UIF

```
&userin  
.....  
&end  
&trajcalc  
.....  
&end
```

Namelist controlling general parameters

Namelist for trajectory calculations
Only used if itrajcalc=1, in userin namelist

```
=====
```

----- Plot Specification Table -----

```
=====
```

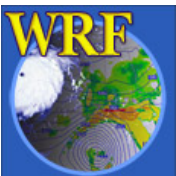
```
feld= .....  
feld= .....  
=====
```

Frame specification group (FSG)

```
feld= .....  
feld= .....  
=====
```

Plot specification line (PSL)

Plot Specification Table (PST)

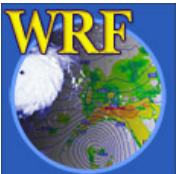
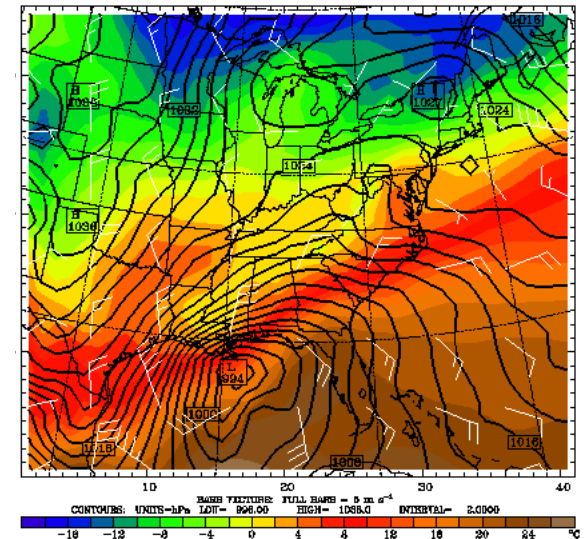


Creating a Plot

feld=
diagnostics - *tmc*
native - *PSFC*

vcor=s; levs=2fb
vcor=s; levs=1,2,3
vcor=p; levs=800,500
vcor=p; levs=800,-300,100

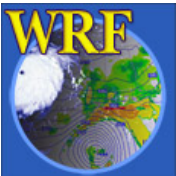
```
=====
feld=tmc; ptyp=hc; vcor=s; levs=1fb; >
  cint=2; cmth=fill; >
  cosq=32,light.violet,-16,blue, >
  0,yellow,16,orange,32,light.gray
feld=slp; ptyp=hc; cint=2; linw=2
feld=uuu,vvv; ptyp=hv; vcmx=1; >
  colr=white;intv=5
feld=map; ptyp=hb
feld=tic; ptyp=hb
=====
```



Common Error Message

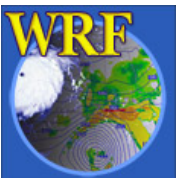
- Most often this is NOT a graphics error.
- More often this is an error with the times you are asking RIP to process
 - Check the ptimes in your .in file
 - Check the xtimes files created by RIPDP

GKS ERROR NUMBER 2 ISSUED FROM SUBROUTINE
GCLKS :--GKS NOT IN PROPER STATE: GKS SHALL BE IN
STATE GKOPFORTRAN STOP



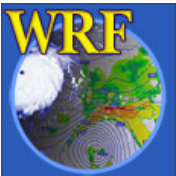
ARWpost

- **Converter**
 - Requires GrADS to display data
- **GrADS software only needed to display data, not needed to compile the code**
- **Generate a number of graphical plots**
 - Horizontal, cross-section, skewT, meteogram, panel
- **Version 2 (old – not recommended)**
 - Could produce vis5d output
 - Needed WRFV3 complied



ARWpost - converter

- Download Code (<http://www.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/users>)
- OnLine Tutorial
<http://www.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/users/graphics/ARWpost/ARWpost.htm>
- Compile (*similar to WPS*)
./configure & ./compile
- Edit *namelist* and run *ARWpost.exe*
- Output is *.dat* and *.ctl* files
- For GrADS output
 - GrADS libraries only needed to display data (*freely available*)
 - <http://grads.iges.org/grads/grads.html>



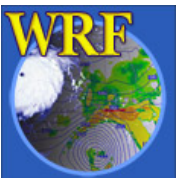
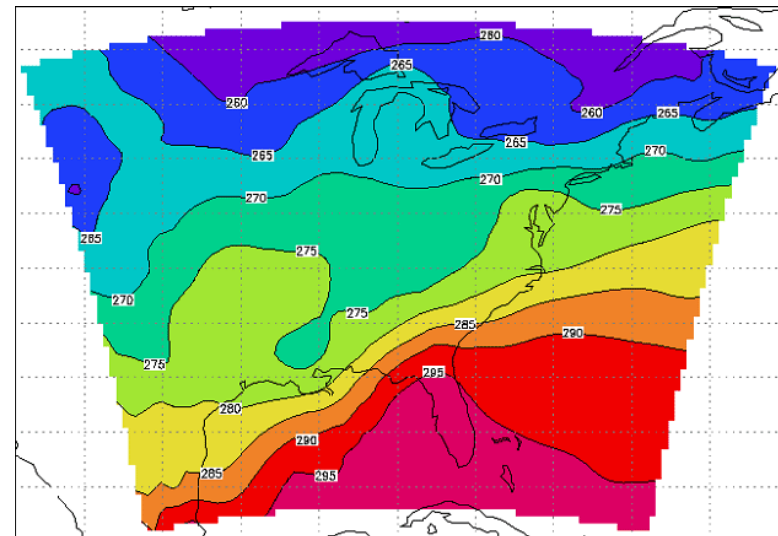
GrADS specific notes

- To display images

- Requires GrADS software
- Freely available from: <http://grads.iges.org/grads/grads.html>
- Documentation: <http://grads.iges.org/grads/gadoc/index.html>

- Projection

- Data is plotted on model projection

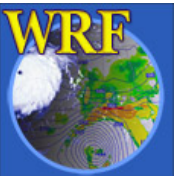


GrADS - .ctl file

```
dset ^test.dat
options byteswapped
undef 1.e37
title OUTPUT FROM WRF V2.2 MODEL
pdef 259 163 lcc 40.000 -98.000 130.000 82.000
      60.00000 30.00000 -98.00000 22000.000 22000.000
xdef 877 linear -141.49254 0.09909910
ydef 389 linear 18.88639 0.09909910
```

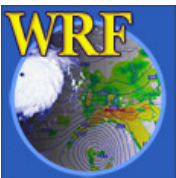
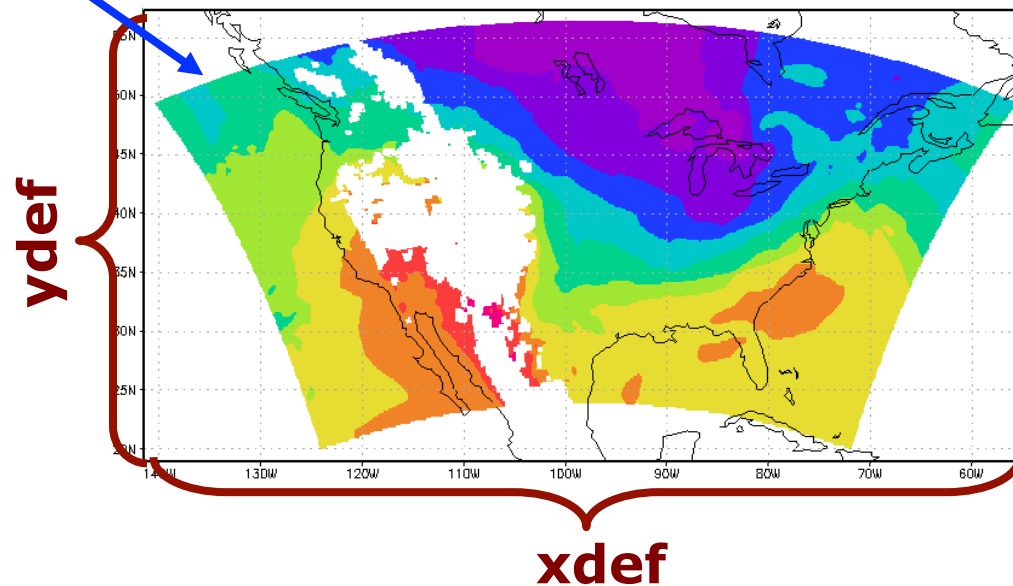
options byteswapped

*Needed on some machines - if you get NaNs when you plot,
remove this line from .ctl file*



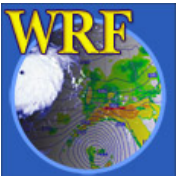
GrADS - .ctl file

```
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options byteswapped
title OUTPUT FROM WRF V3.2 MODEL
pdef 259 163 lcc 40.000 -98.000 130.000 82.000
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xdef 877 linear -141.49254 0.09909910
ydef 389 linear 18.88639 0.09909910
```



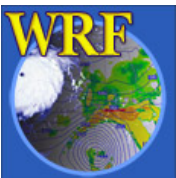
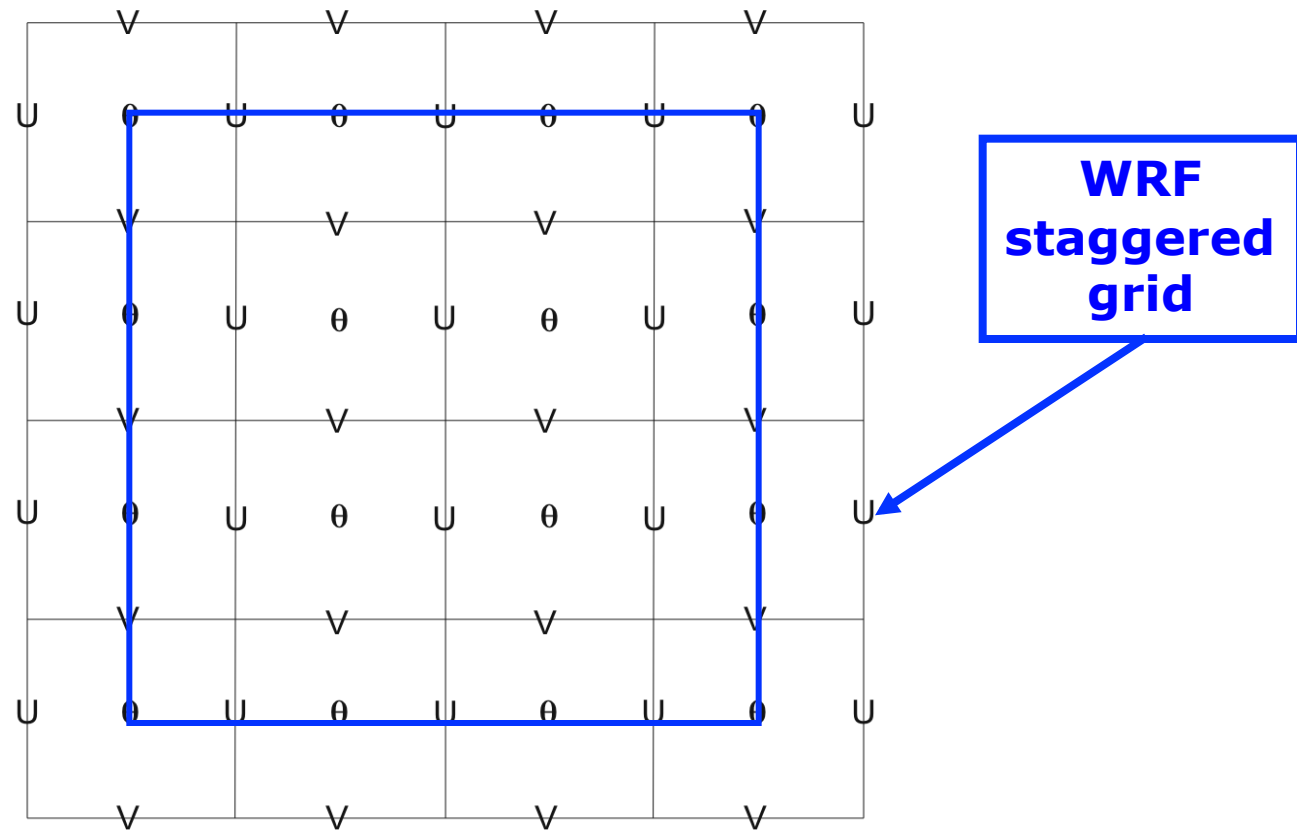
GrADS conversion - question

- Why is a converter needed if GrADS can display netCDF files?
 - Can only display model surface coordinates
 - Cannot interpolate to height or pressure levels
 - All diagnostics must be added via GrADS script files
 - GRIB1 model output can also be read directly by GrADS, but above issues are still valid
 - For GRIB1, there is also a stagger problem



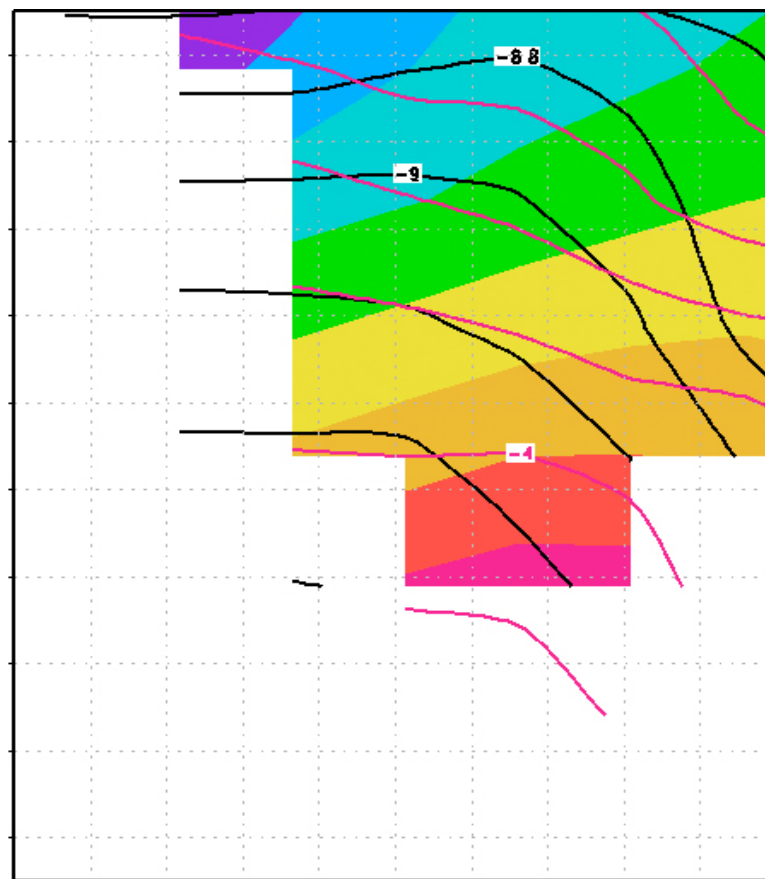
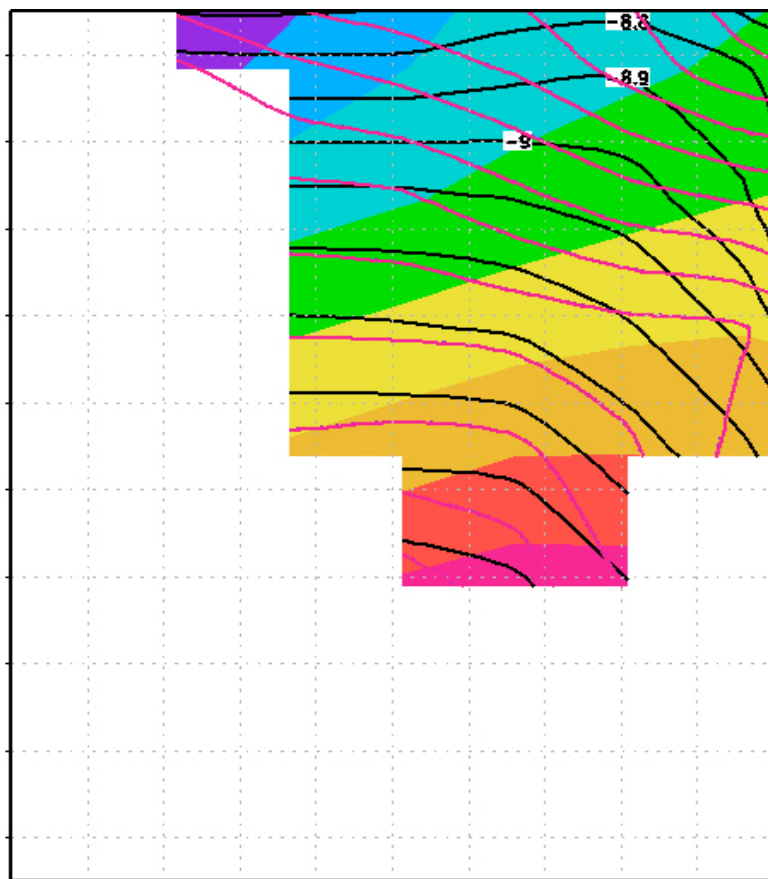
GrADS conversion - question

- Why is a converter needed if GrADS can display netCDF files?



Staggering

shaded=T ; black=U ; red=V



VAPOR

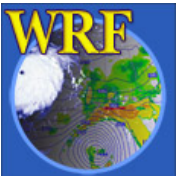


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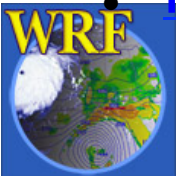


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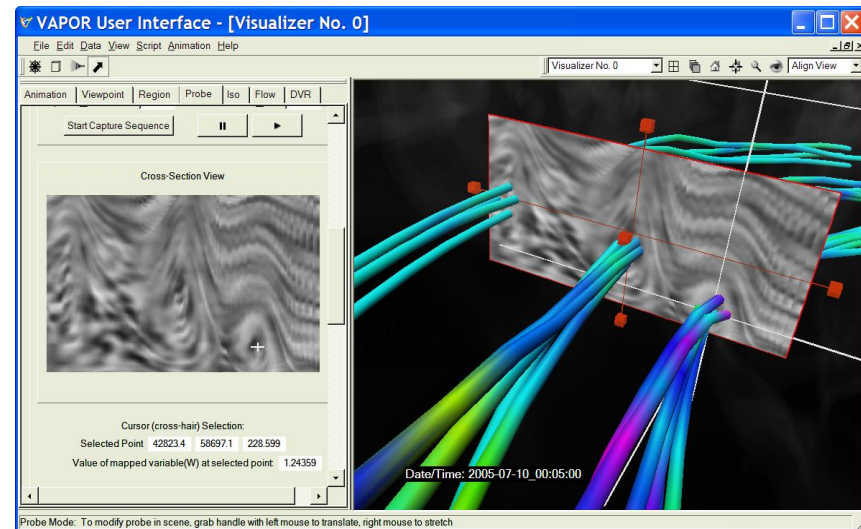
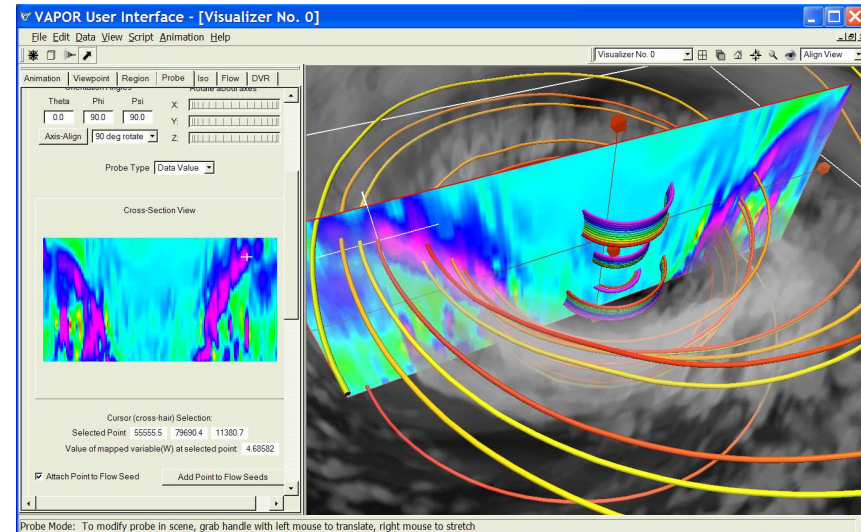
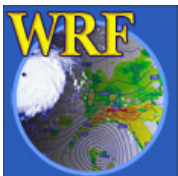
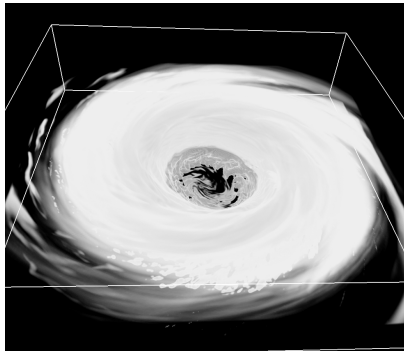
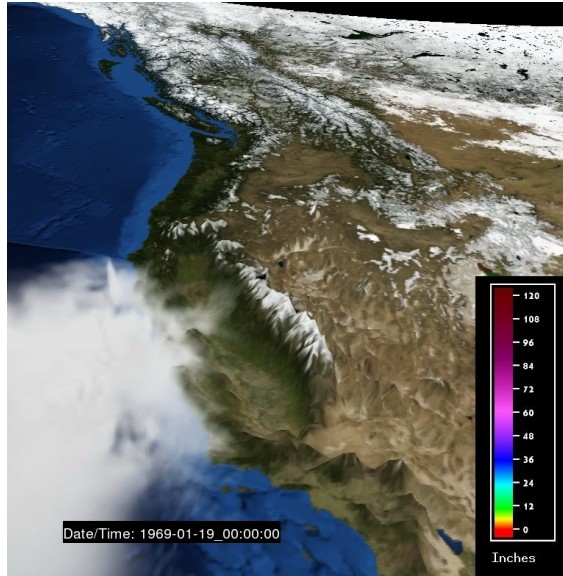
- Interactive 3D visualization of WRF–ARW data (*wrfout files only*)
- Available free on Linux, Windows, Mac
- Interactive rendering and animation (using GPU acceleration)
- Simple 2–step data conversion from WRF output to VAPOR
 - wrfvdcreate & wrf2vdf
- Steady and unsteady flow integration
- Data probing
- Downloads, documentation, examples at:
<http://www.vapor.ucar.edu>
<http://www.vapor.ucar.edu/doc/WRFsupport.pdf>



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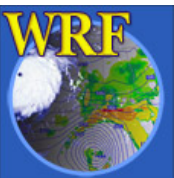




IDV

Integrated Data Viewer

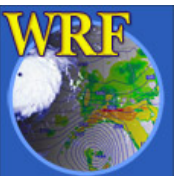
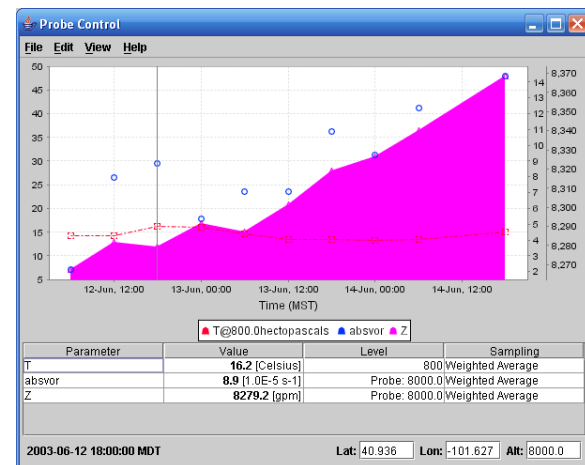
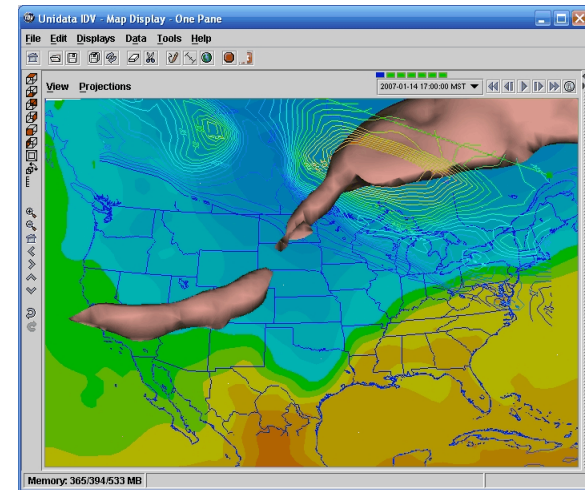
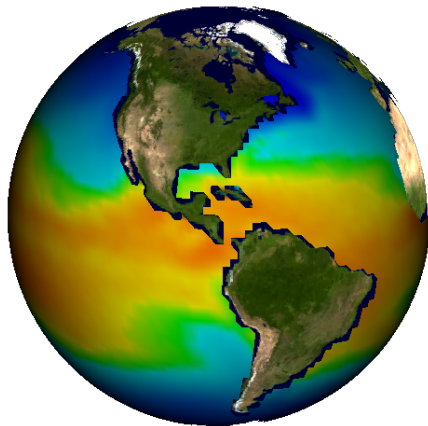
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What is the IDV?

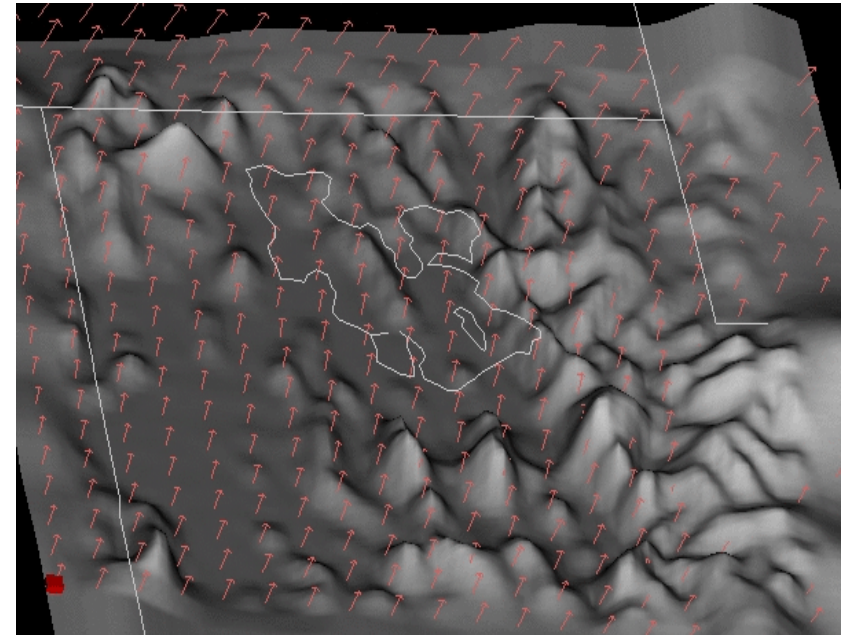
- Visualization and analysis tool for geoscience data developed and supported by Unidata
- Freely available Java™ framework and application
- Integrated 2D/3D displays of a wide range of data
- Built on VisAD library



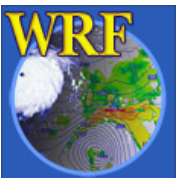


IDV Strengths

- Easy to download and install on any platform
- Remote and local access to datasets
- 2D/3D visualization
- Bundle mechanism
- Support for multi-disciplinary datasets integrated from a variety of sources
- Flexible framework supports customization (GEON-IDV, field projects, McIDAS-V)
- Extensive documentation
- Community driven development



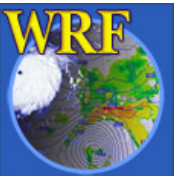
Model simulation of wind, isentropic potential vorticity and low level moisture flow over the Great Salt Lake basin





Supported Data Sources

- **Data Types:**
 - Gridded model output
 - Satellite imagery
 - Radar data
 - Point observations
 - Balloon soundings
 - NOAA Profiler Network winds
 - Aircraft Tracks
 - Fronts
 - GIS data (WMS, shapefile)
 - Quick Time movies
 - Web Cams
- **Vertical Coordinates**
 - Pressure
 - Height/Depth
 - Other (2D only)
- **Sample of Supported Formats:**
 - netCDF
 - GRIB
 - Vis5D
 - KML
 - CSV
 - GEMPAK grid
 - ADDE
- **Access Methods:**
 - Local files
 - HTTP
 - ADDE, TDS and OPeNDAP servers
 - WMS



ADDE = Abstract Data Distribution Environment
TDS (THREDDS) = Thematic Realtime Environmental Distributed Data Services



For Further Information for IDV

- Integrated Data Viewer homepage
 - <http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/idv>
- RAMADDA homepage
 - <http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/ramadda/>
- VisAD homepage
 - <http://www.ssec.wisc.edu/~billh/visad.html>
- All IDV questions/comments
 - support-idv@unidata.ucar.edu

