Introduction to WRFDA

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WRFDA is a Data Assimilation system built within the WRF software framework, used for application in both research and operational environments….

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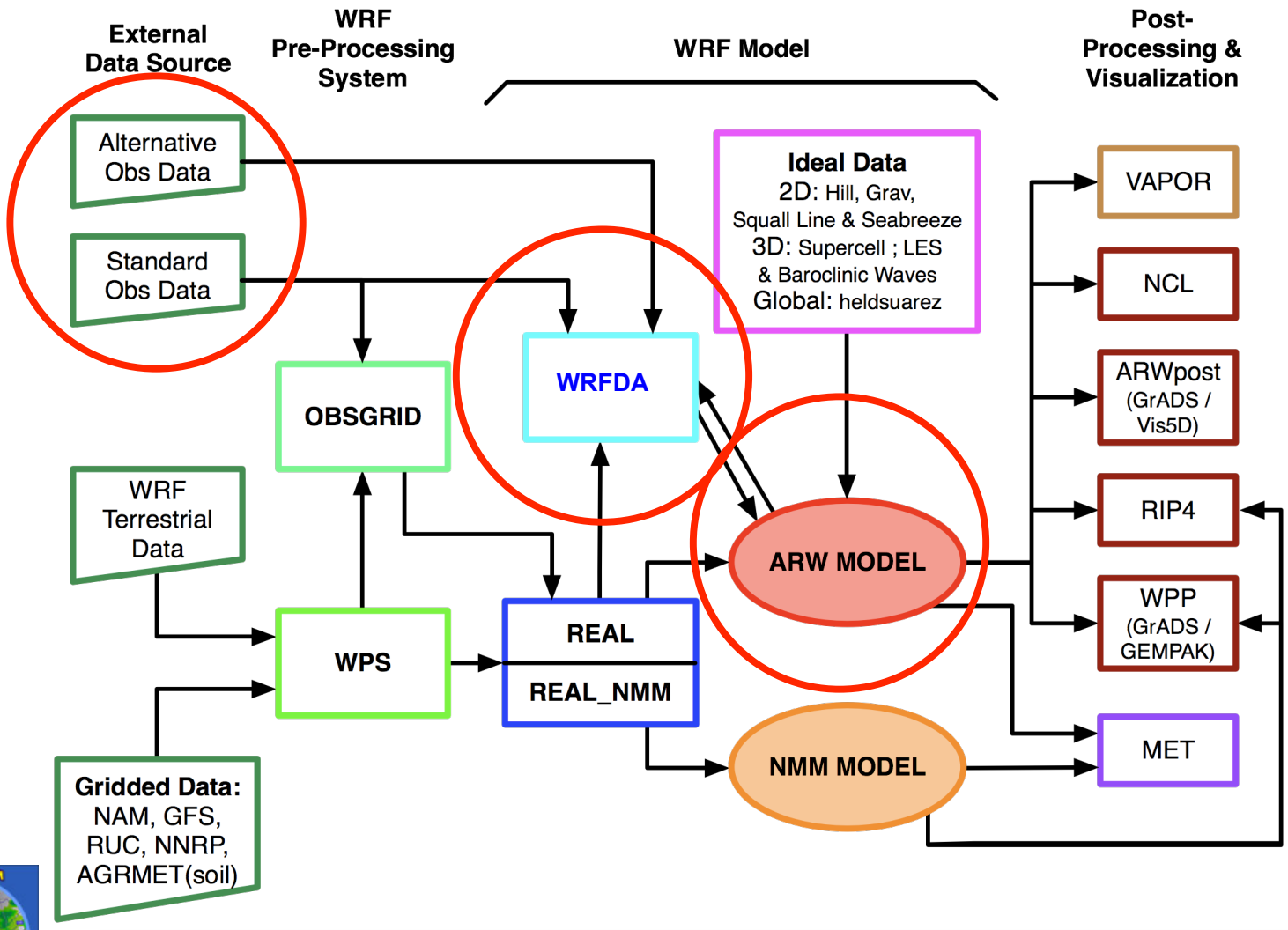
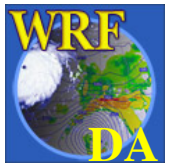
WRFDA in WRF Modeling System



Why data assimilation?

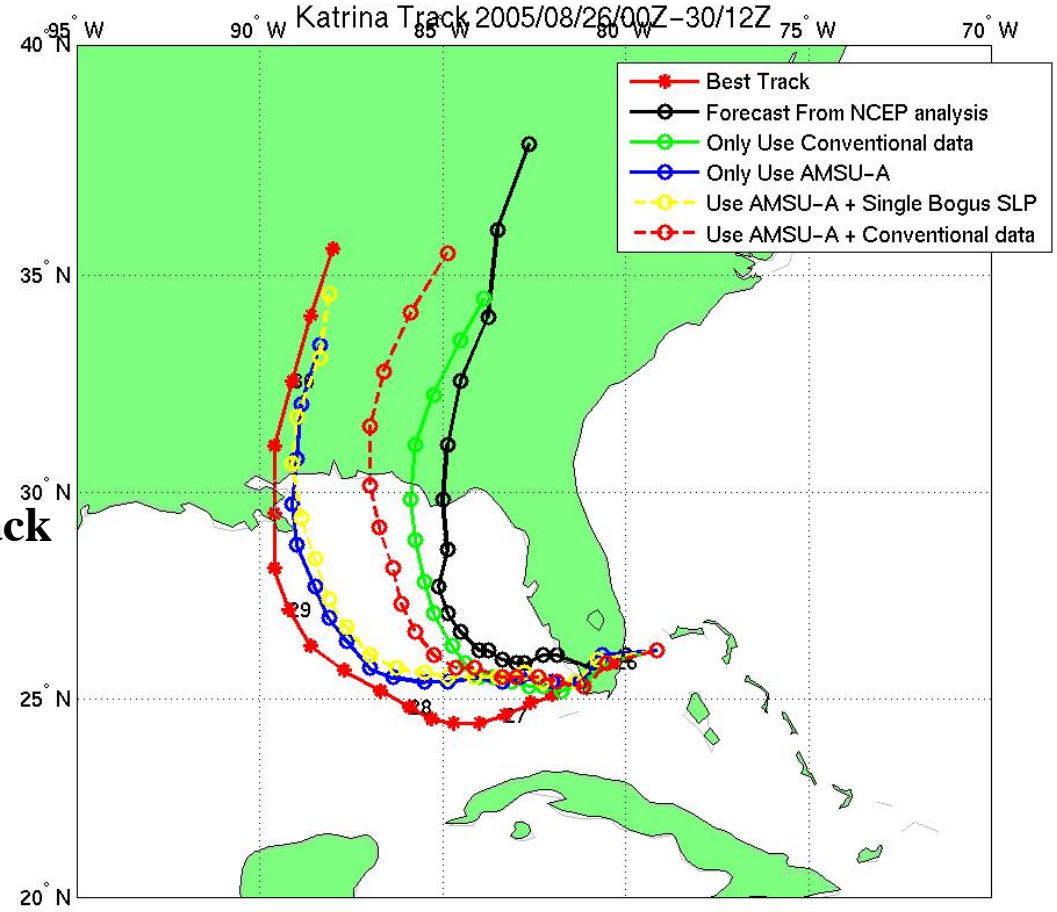
- Initial conditions
- Calibration and validation
- Observing system design, monitoring and assessment
- Reanalysis
- Better understanding:
  - Data assimilation methods
  - Model errors
  - Data errors
  - Physical process interactions
  - …



Katrina track forecasts (Zhiquan Liu)

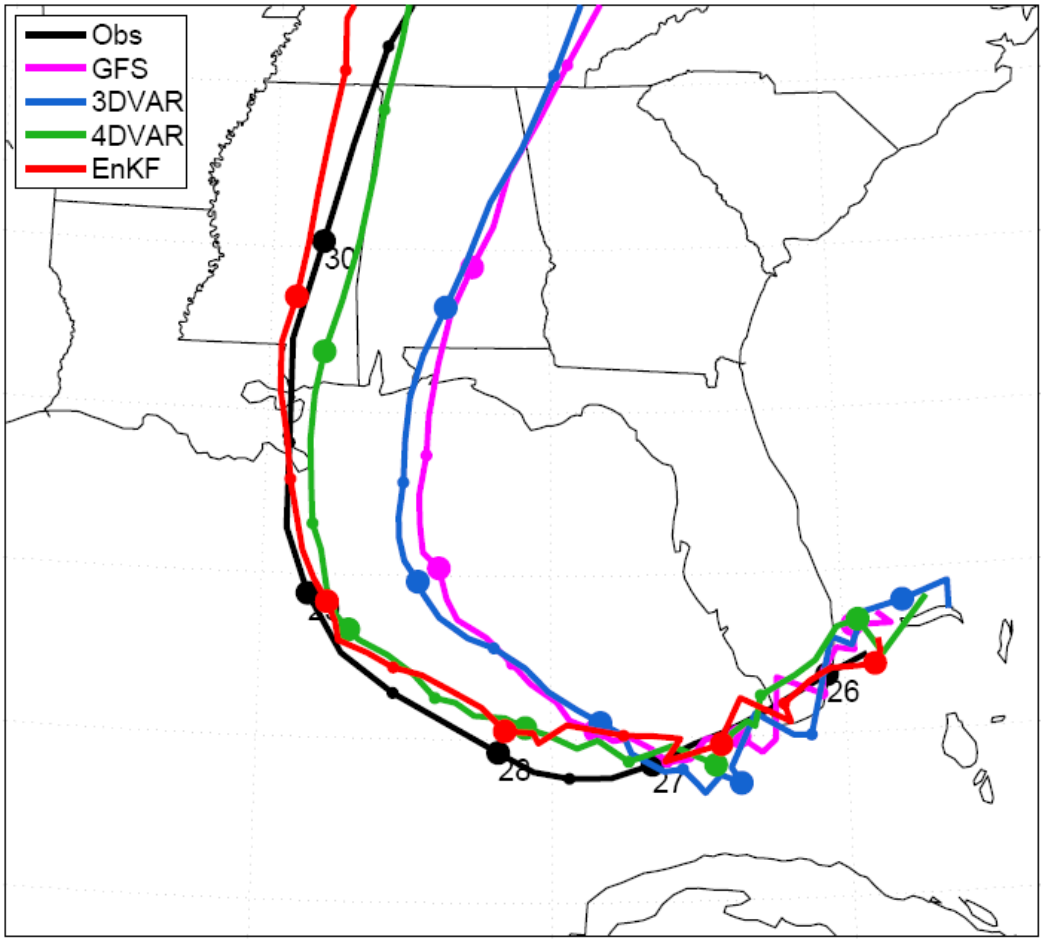
- Impact of data

Track



Katrina track forecasts (Zhang, Zhang, Huang, Zhang)

- Impact of DA methods



Modern weather forecast (Bjerknes,1904)

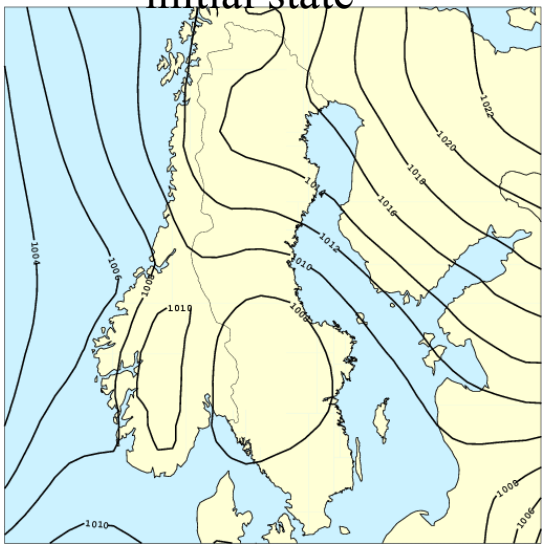
- A sufficiently accurate knowledge of the state of the atmosphere at the initial time
- A sufficiently accurate knowledge of the laws according to which one state of the atmosphere develops from another.

Vilhelm Bjerknes (1862–1951)

- Analysis: using observations and other information, we can specify the atmospheric state at a given initial time: "Today's Weather"
- Forecast: using the equations, we can calculate how this state will change over time: "Tomorrow's Weather"

(Peter Lynch)

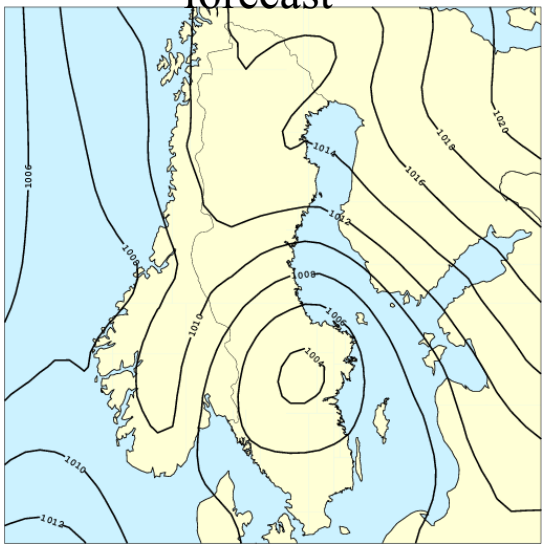
initial state



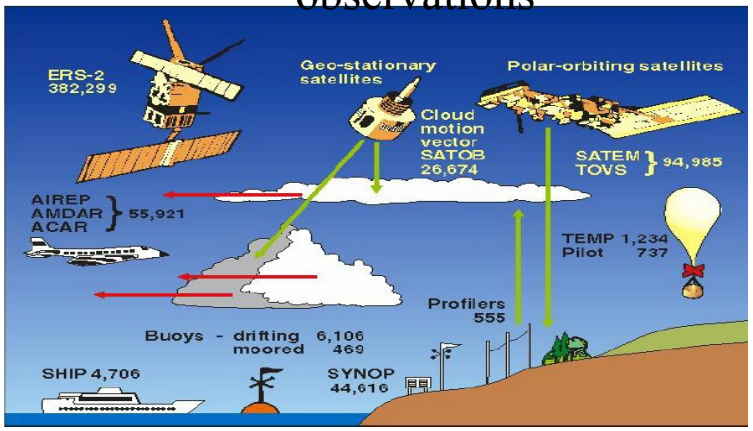
Model

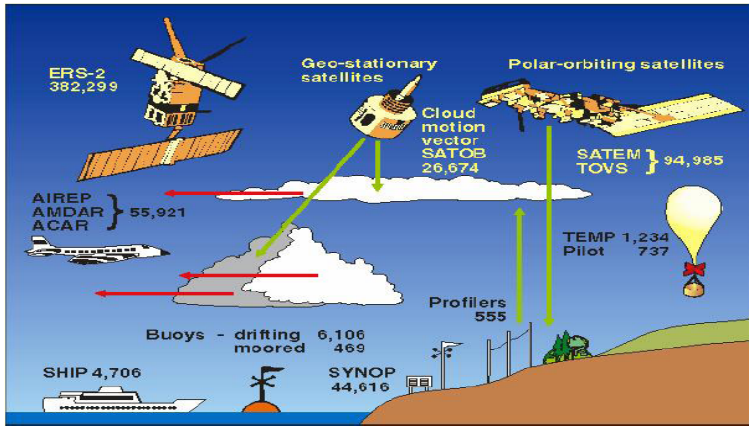
Analysis

forecast



observations



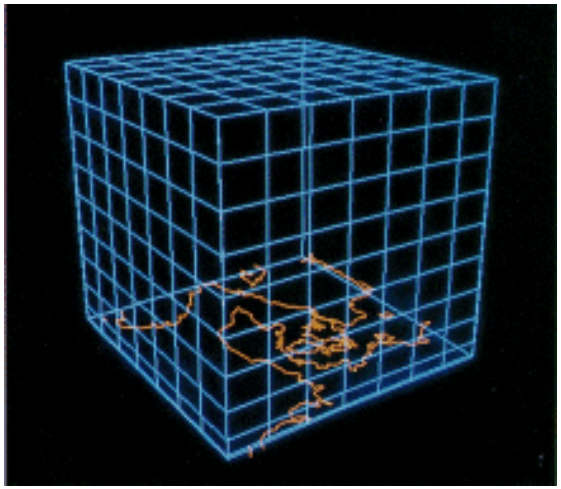


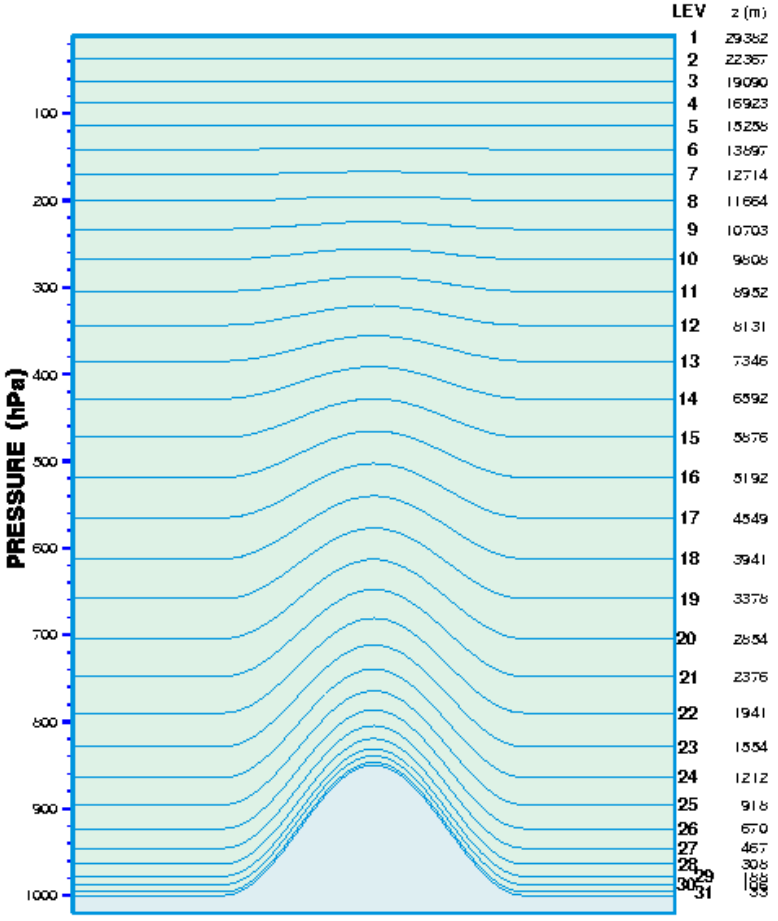
Observations

y^o, ~10^5-10^6

Model state

x, ~10^7

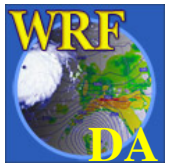




Vertical resolution of the DMI-HIRLAM system

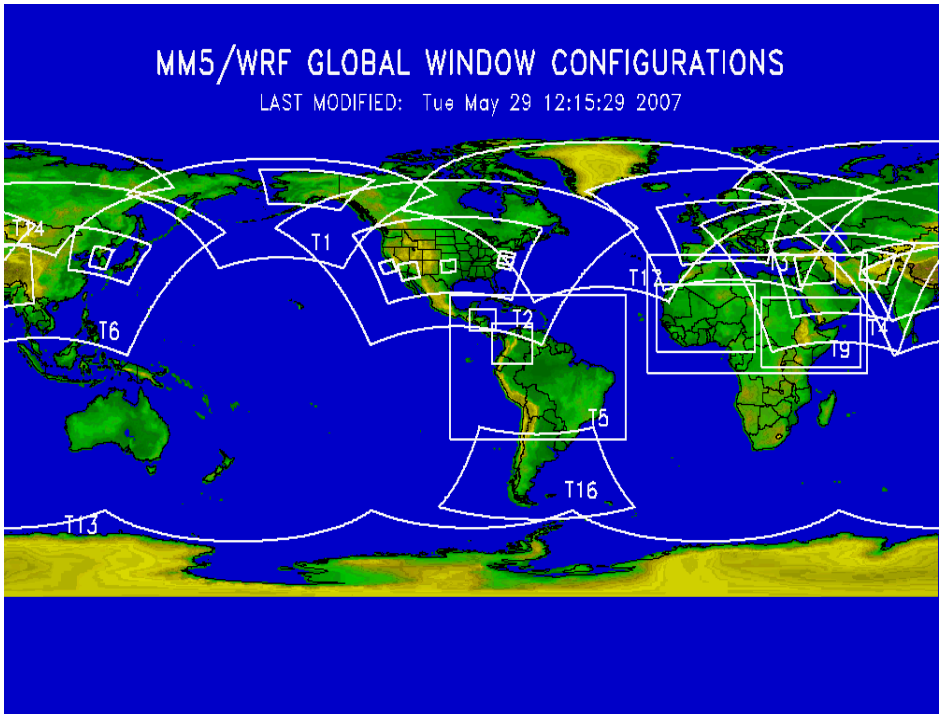
Assimilation methods

- Empirical methods
  - Successive Correction Method (SCM)
  - Nudging
  - Physical Initialisation (PI), Latent Heat Nudging (LHN)
- Statistical methods
  - Optimal Interpolation (OI)
  - 3-Dimensional VARiational data assimilation (3DVAR)
  - 4-Dimensional VARiational data assimilation (4DVAR)
- Advanced methods
  - Extended Kalman Filter (EKF)
  - Ensemble Kalman Filter (EnFK)
  - Hybrid VAR/Ens DA



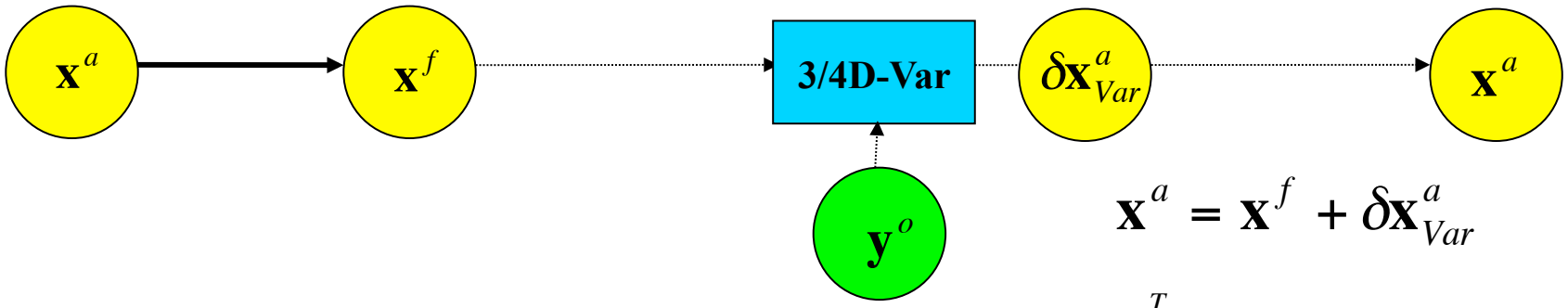
WRFDA

- **Goal:** Community WRF DA system for
  - regional/global,
  - research/operations, and
  - deterministic/probabilistic applications.
- **Techniques:**
  - 3D-Var
  - 4D-Var (regional)
  - Ensemble DA,
  - Hybrid Variational/Ensemble DA.
- **Model:** WRF (ARW, NMM, Global)
- **Observations:** Conv. + Sat. + Radar (+Bogus)
- **Support:**
  - NCAR/NESL/MMM/DAS (Data Assimilation Section, also supporting WRF/DART)
  - NCAR/RAL/JNT/DAT (Data Assimilation Team, also supporting GSI)



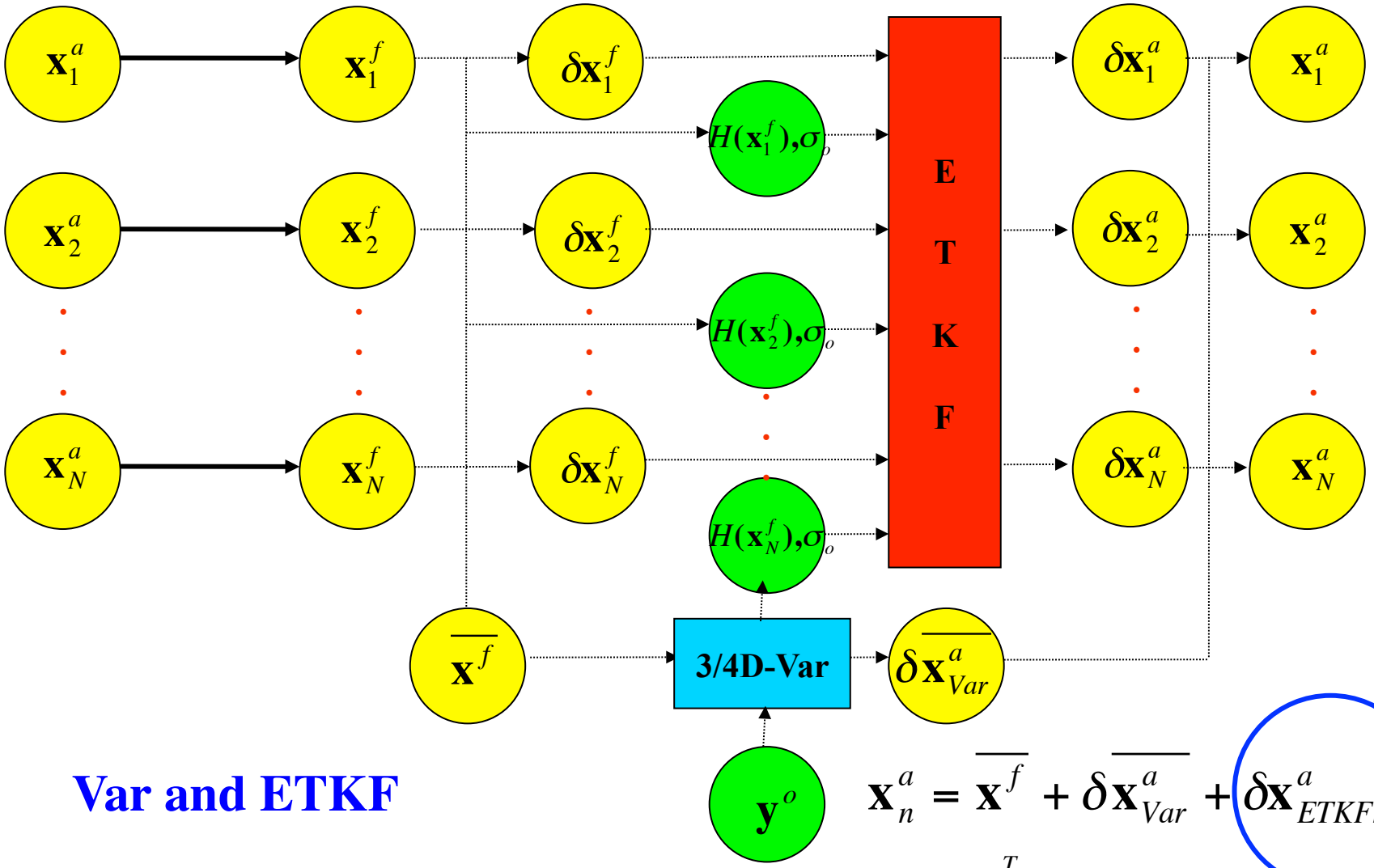
WRFDA
3/4D-Var

3D-Var: Barker et al. 2004
4D-Var: Huang et al. 2009



$$\mathbf{x}^a = \mathbf{x}^f + \delta\mathbf{x}^a_{Var}$$

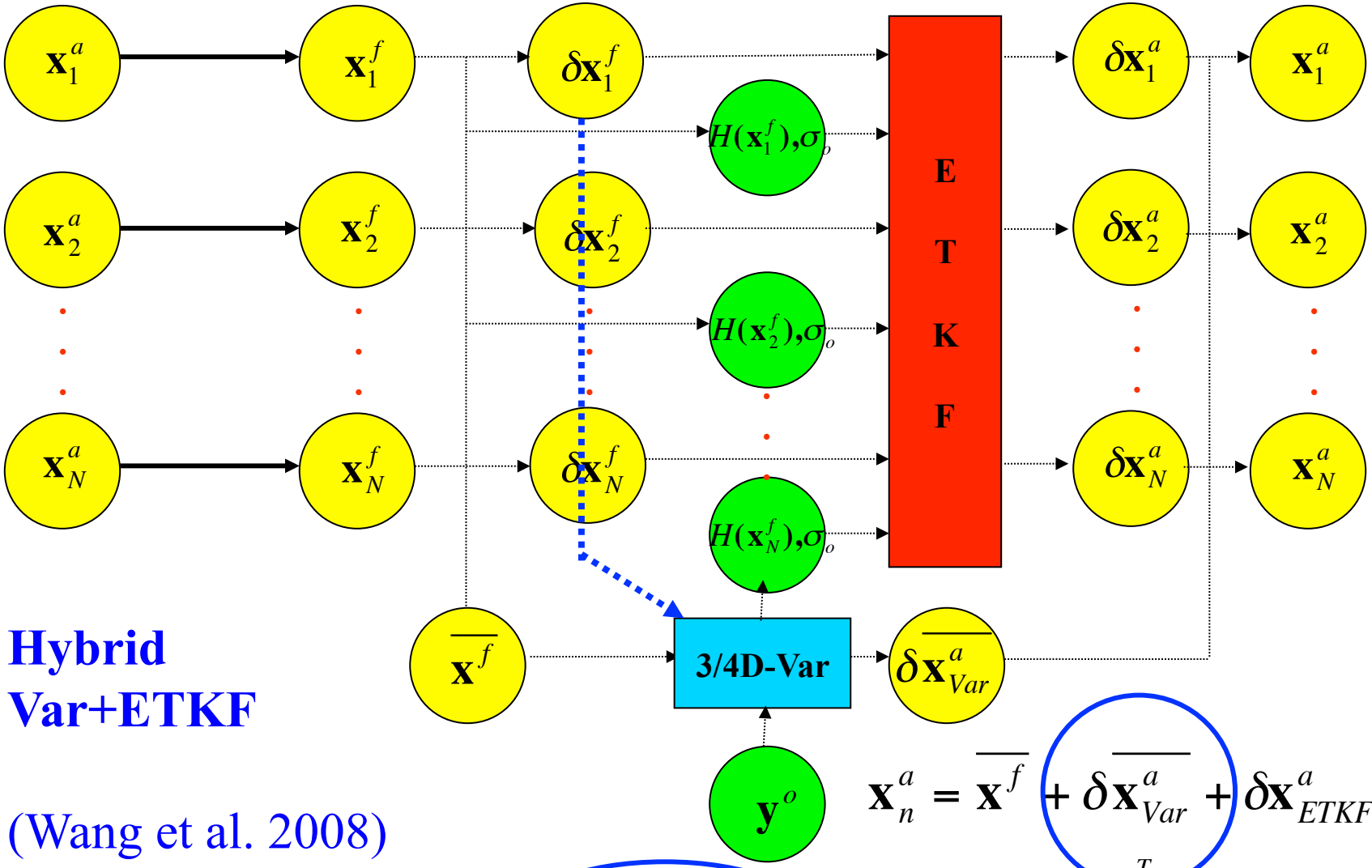
$$J = \frac{1}{2}\delta\mathbf{x}_0{}^T\mathbf{B}_o^{-1}\delta\mathbf{x}_0 + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=0}^{n}\left[\mathbf{H}_i\delta\mathbf{x}(t_i) - \mathbf{d}_i\right]^T\mathbf{R}_i^{-1}\left[\mathbf{H}_i\delta\mathbf{x}(t_i) - \mathbf{d}_i\right]$$



Var and ETKF

$$\mathbf{x}_n^a = \overline{\mathbf{x}^f} + \delta\overline{\mathbf{x}^a_{Var}} + \delta\mathbf{x}^a_{ETKFn}$$

$$J = \frac{1}{2}\delta\mathbf{x}_0{}^T\mathbf{B}_o^{-1}\delta\mathbf{x}_0 + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=0}^{n}\left[\mathbf{H}_i\delta\mathbf{x}(t_i) - \mathbf{d}_i\right]^T\mathbf{R}_i^{-1}\left[\mathbf{H}_i\delta\mathbf{x}(t_i) - \mathbf{d}_i\right]$$



Hybrid
Var+ETKF

(Wang et al. 2008)

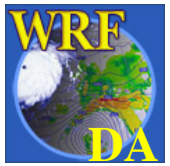
$$\mathbf{x}_n^a = \overline{\mathbf{x}^f} + \delta\overline{\mathbf{x}^a_{Var}} + \delta\mathbf{x}^a_{ETKFn}$$

$$J = \frac{W_b}{2}\delta\mathbf{x}_0{}^T\mathbf{B}_o^{-1}\delta\mathbf{x}_0 + \frac{W_\alpha}{2}\mathbf{a}^T\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=0}^{n}\left[\mathbf{H}_i\delta\mathbf{x}(t_i) - \mathbf{d}_i\right]^T\mathbf{R}_i^{-1}\left[\mathbf{H}_i\delta\mathbf{x}(t_i) - \mathbf{d}_i\right]$$

WRFDA Observations

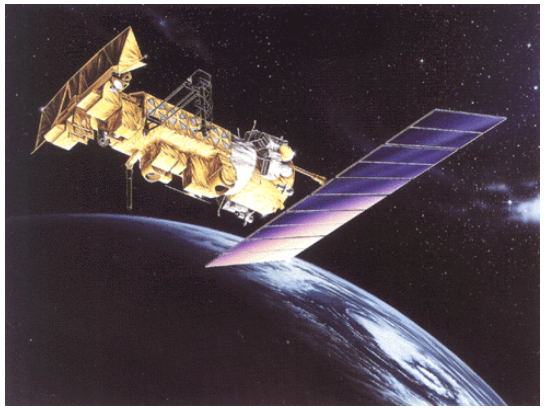
- **In-Situ:**
  - Surface (SYNOP, METAR, SHIP, BUOY).
  - Upper air (TEMP, PIBAL, AIREP, ACARS, TAMDAR).
- **Remotely sensed retrievals:**
  - Atmospheric Motion Vectors (geo/polar).
  - SATEM thickness.
  - Ground-based GPS Total Precipitable Water/Zenith Total Delay.
  - SSM/I oceanic surface wind speed and TPW.
  - Scatterometer oceanic surface winds.
  - Wind Profiler.
  - **Radar radial velocities and reflectivities.**
  - Satellite temperature/humidity/thickness profiles.
  - GPS refractivity (e.g. COSMIC).
- **Radiative Transfer (RTTOV or CRTM):**
  - HIRS from NOAA-16, NOAA-17, NOAA-18, NOAA-19, METOP-2
  - AMSU-A from NOAA-15, NOAA-16, NOAA-18, NOAA-19, EOS-Aqua, METOP-2
  - AMSU-B from NOAA-15, NOAA-16, NOAA-17
  - MHS from NOAA-18, NOAA-19, METOP-2
  - AIRS from EOS-Aqua
  - SSMIS from DMSP-16

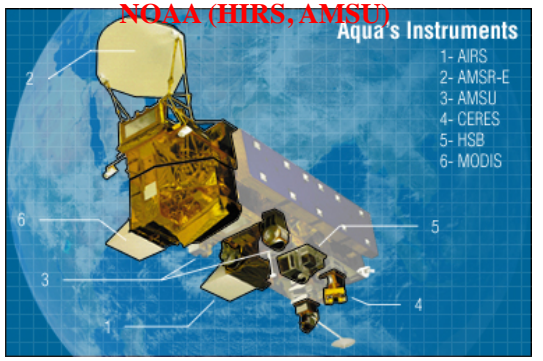
- **Bogus:**
  - –TC bogus.
  - –Global bogus.

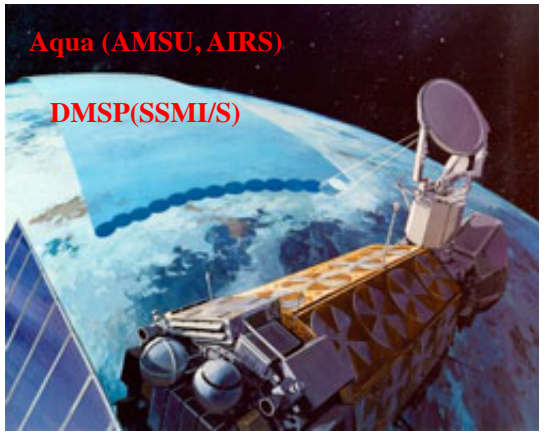


WRFDA
Radiance Assimilation
Liu and Auligne, NCAR

- BUFR 1b radiance ingest.
- **RTM interface:**
  RTTOV (v9.3) or CRTM (v2.0.2)
- NESDIS microwave surface emissivity model
- Range of monitoring diagnostics.
- Quality Control for HIRS, AMSU, AIRS, SSMI/S.
- **Bias Correction:**
  Adaptive or Variational
- Variational observation error tuning
- Parallel: MPI
- Flexible design to easily add new satellite sensors







WRFDA tutorials

21-22 July, 2008. NCAR.

2-4 Feb, 2009. NCAR.

17-24 Feb, 2009. Kunming, Yunnan, China.

18 April, 2009. South Korea.

20-22 July, 2009. NCAR.

15-31 Oct, 2009. Nanjing, China.

1-3 Feb, 2010. NCAR.

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3-5 August 2010. NCAR.

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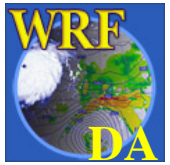
WRFDA online tutorial and user guide

http://www.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/users/wrfda



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9. WRF Hybrid Data Assimilation System
10. WRFDA Tools and Verification
11. Observation Sensitivity

Practice

1. obsproc
2. wrfda (3D-Var)
3. Single-ob tests
4. Gen_be
5. Radar
6. Radiance
7. 4D-Var
8. Hybrid
9. Advanced (optional)

The next WRFDA tutorial at NCAR: July 20-22, 2011

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