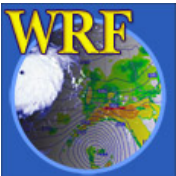




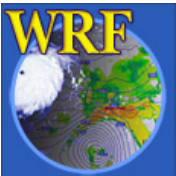
Objective Analysis (OBSGRID)

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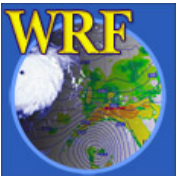
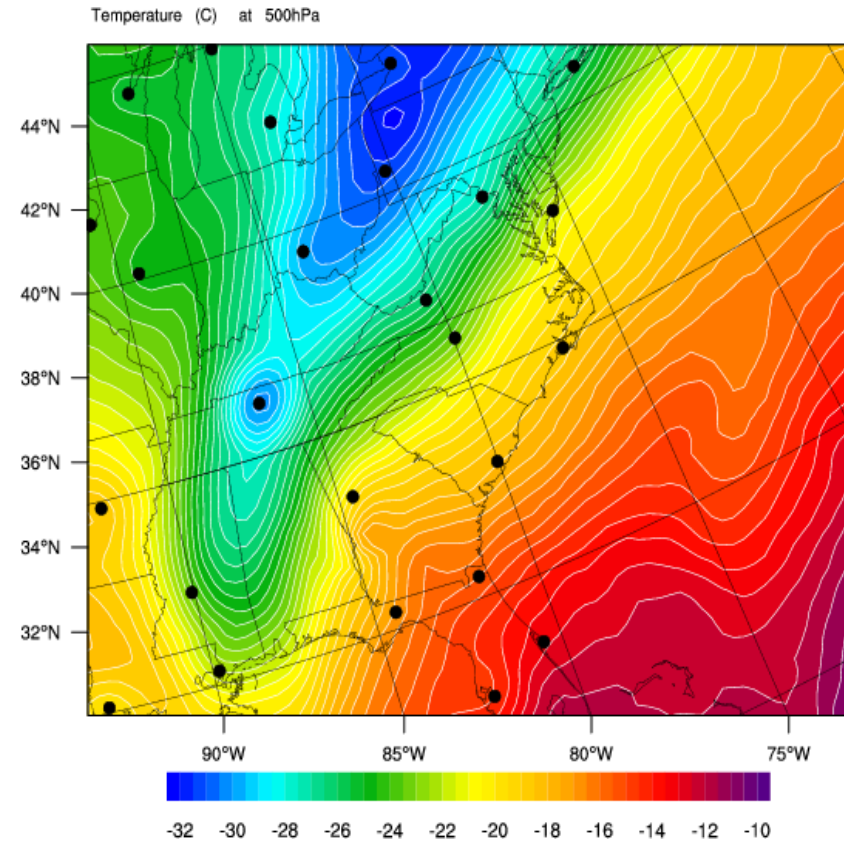
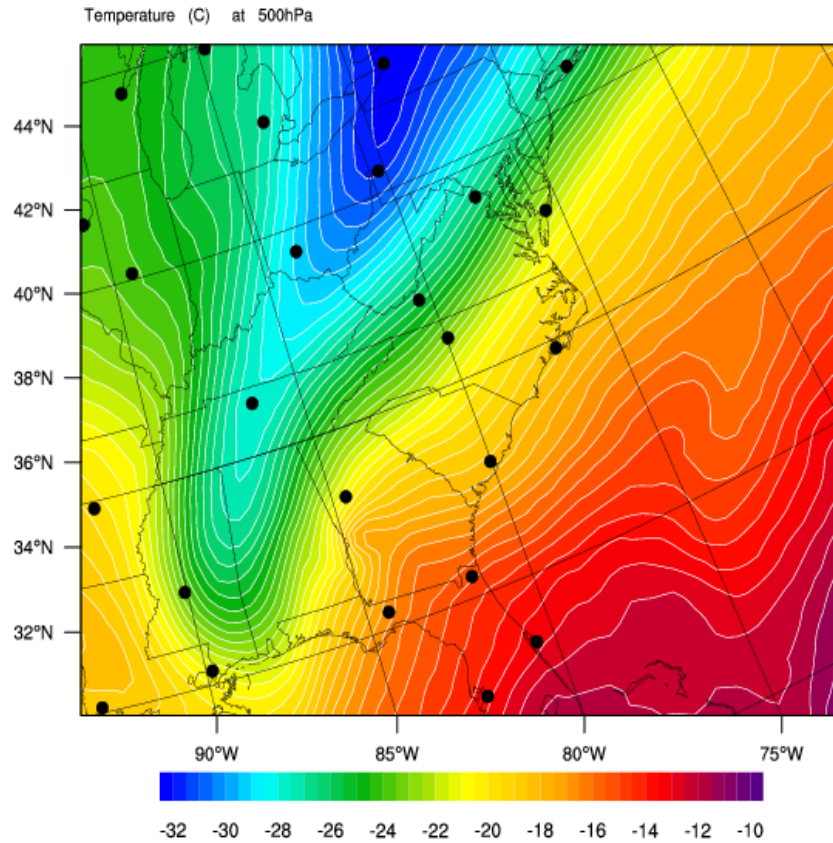


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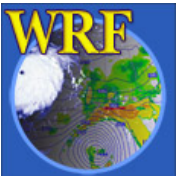
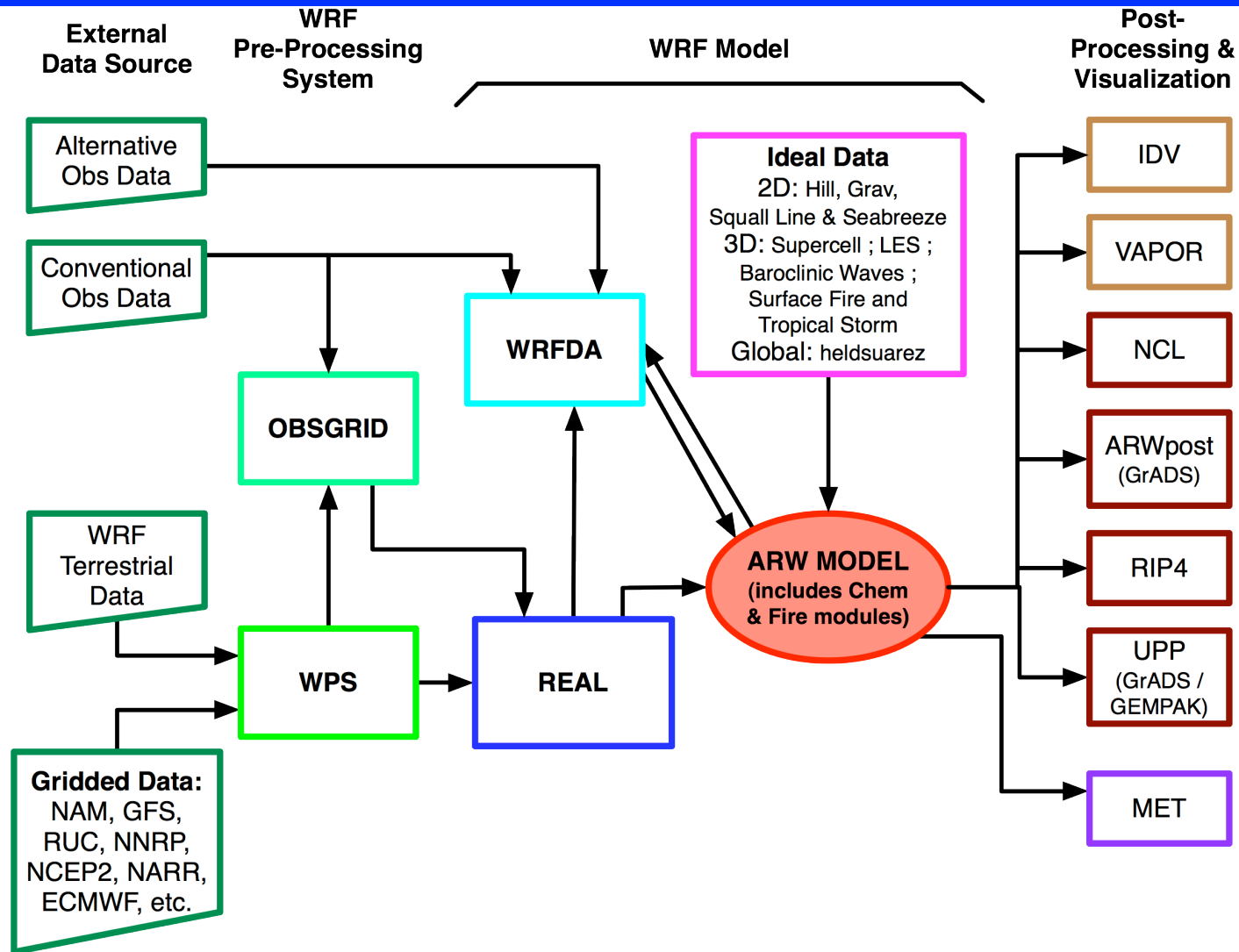
- To improve a *first-guess* gridded analysis by incorporating additional observational information
 - Traditionally, this first-guess analysis comes from low-resolution global analysis and forecast grids
 - These days, higher-resolution, regional scale analyses are more readily available
 - *These high-resolution analyses mean that in many cases, the objective analysis step is not essential when running WRF*
- Methods
 - Traditional methods
 - *Direct observations of T, U, V, RH at surface and on pressure levels (conventional observations)*
 - Variational Analysis
 - *Direct and indirect observations on model levels (conventional + alternative observations)*
 - WRFDA



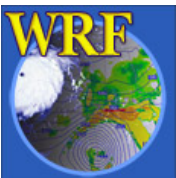
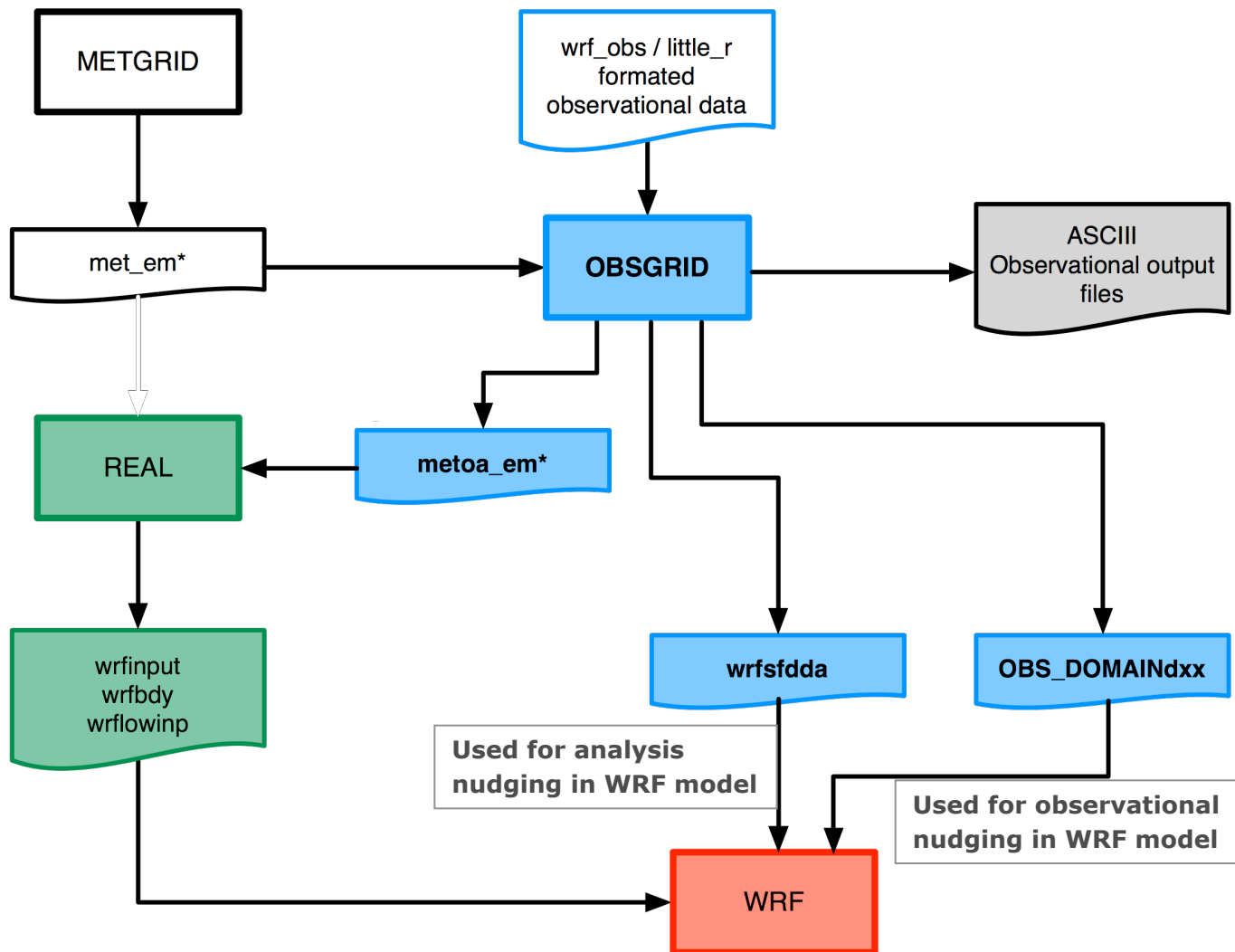
Objective Analysis



WRF Modeling System Flow Chart



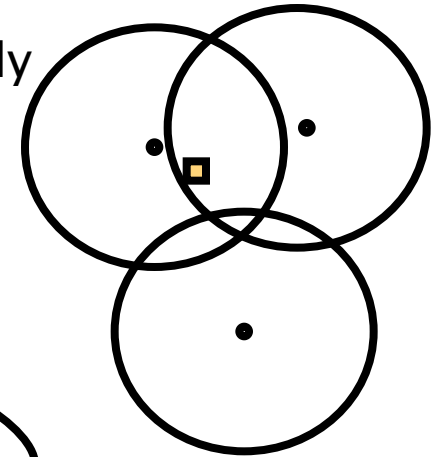
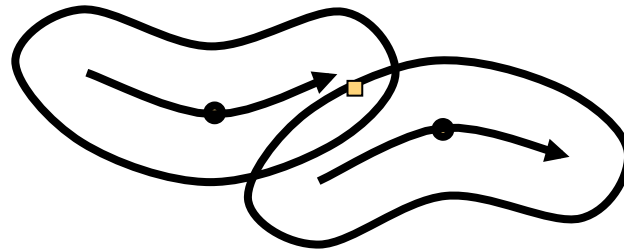
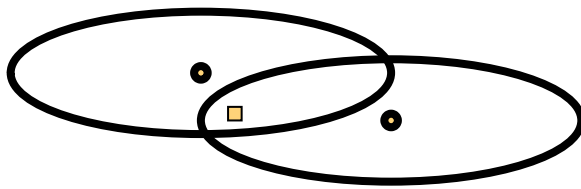
Program Flow



OA Techniques in OBSGRID

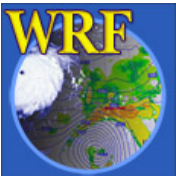
- Cressman-based analysis

- Impact of observation within radius of influence only
- Multiple scans
- With ellipse and banana extensions

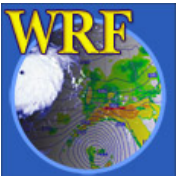
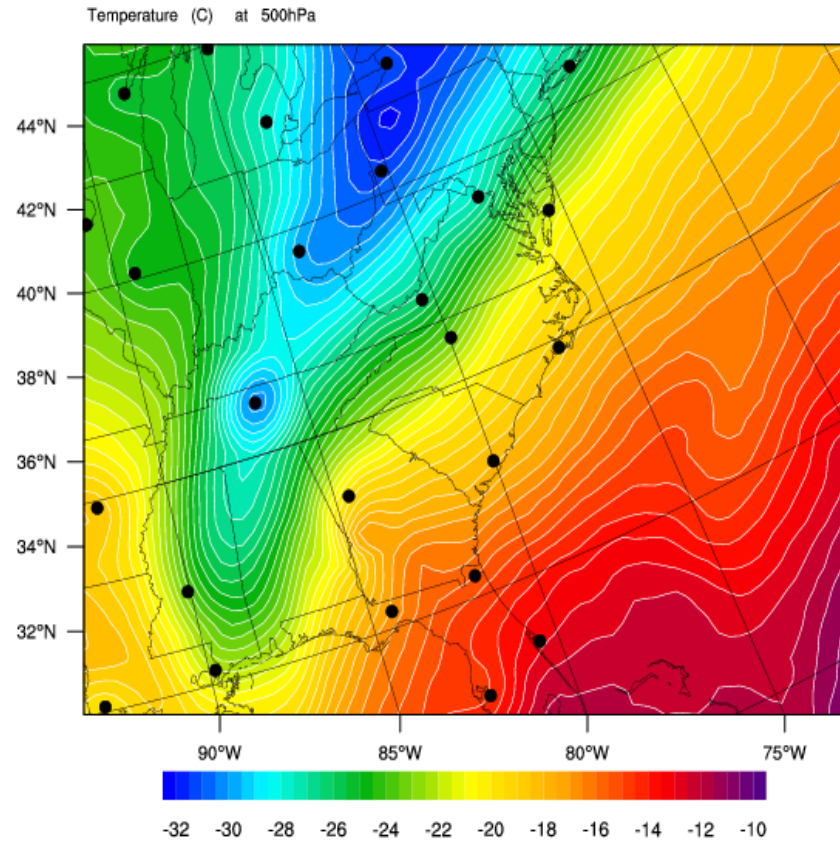
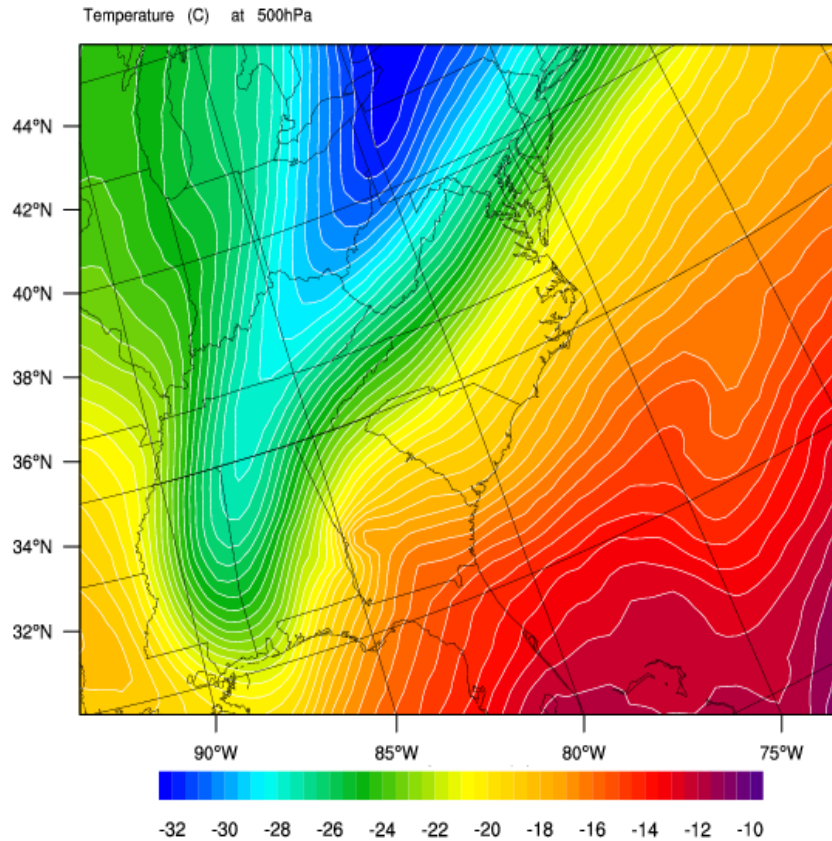


- Multi-Quadric analysis

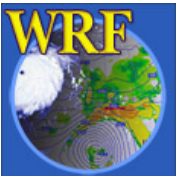
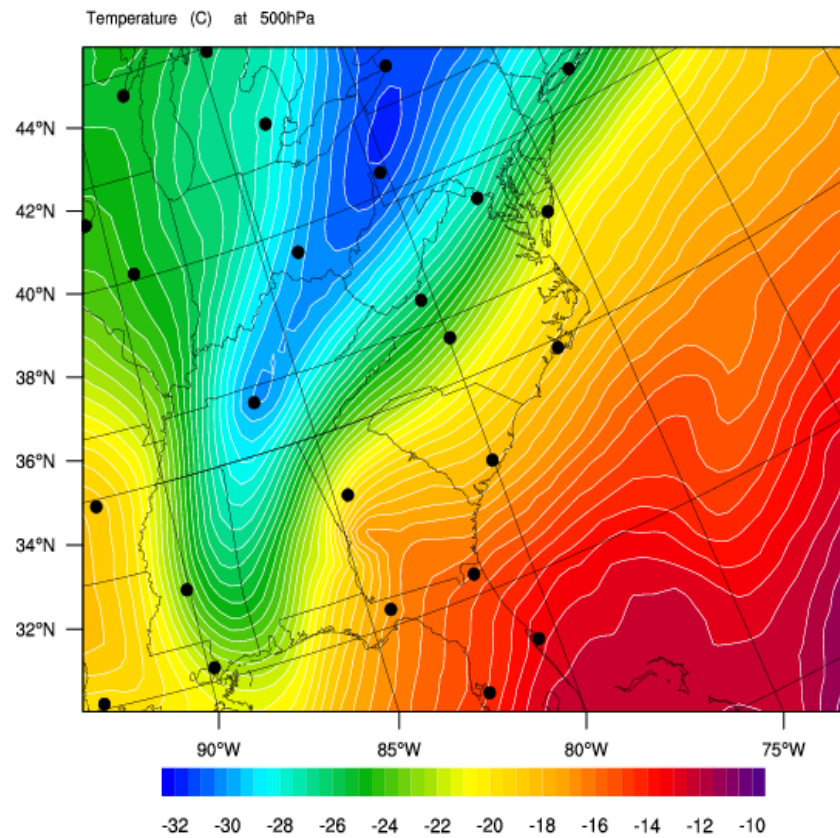
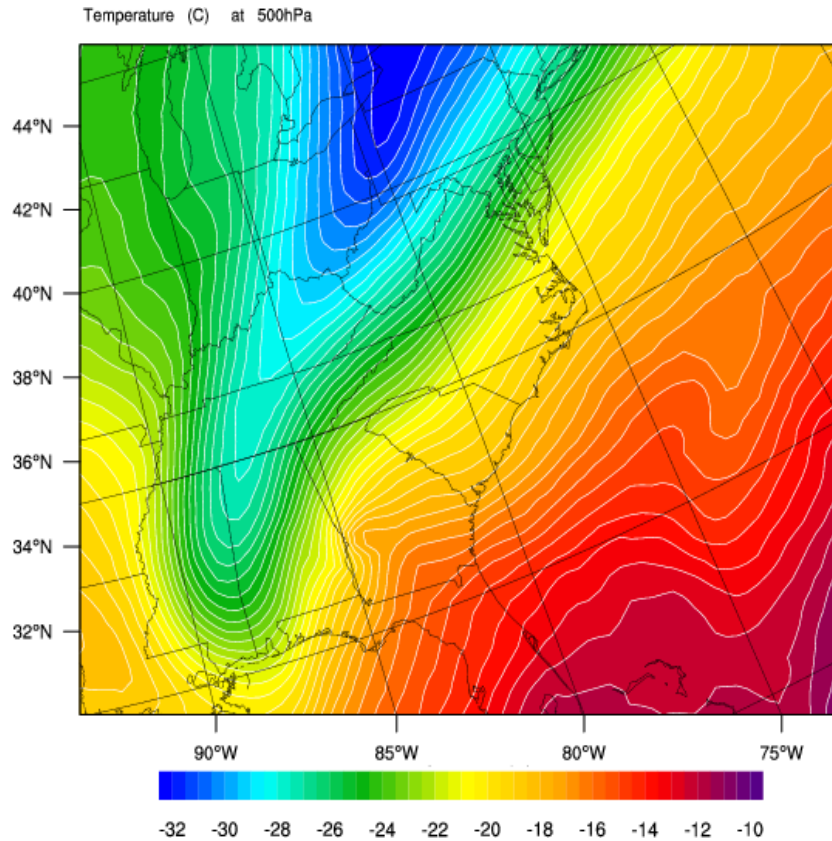
- Impact of observations are over the entire model domain
- Scheme is sensitive to the data density distribution
- Makes use of hyperboloid radial basis functions to interpolate observation corrections onto model grid



Cressman Scheme

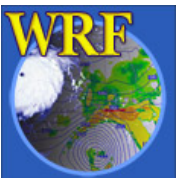
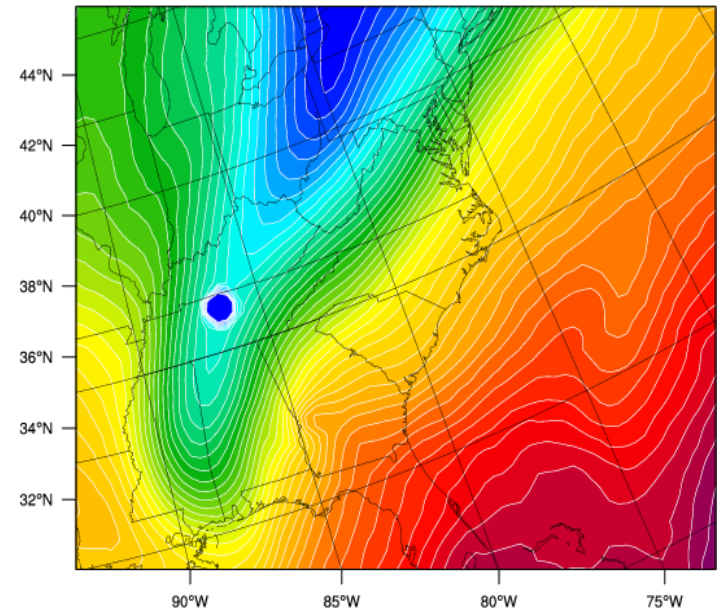


Multi-Quadric Scheme



Quality Control for Observations

- A critically important step
 - Bad observations = Bad objective analysis
- Even a single bad observation can ruin initial conditions
- Default namelist settings should in most cases prevent this from happening
- Tests performed in OBSGRID
 - Tests on individual reports
 - *Only gross checks, no comparisons to other soundings or to first-guess field*
 - ERRMAX test
 - Buddy test



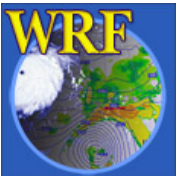
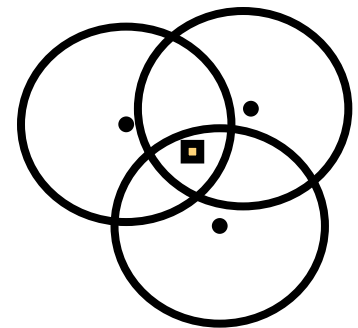
Tests performed in OBSGRID

- **ERRMAX test**

- Observations are compared to first-guess field
- If the difference between the observation and the first-guess exceeds a threshold, the observation is discarded
- Threshold varies depending on field, level, time of day
- Works well with good first-guess field

- **BUDDY test**

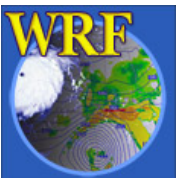
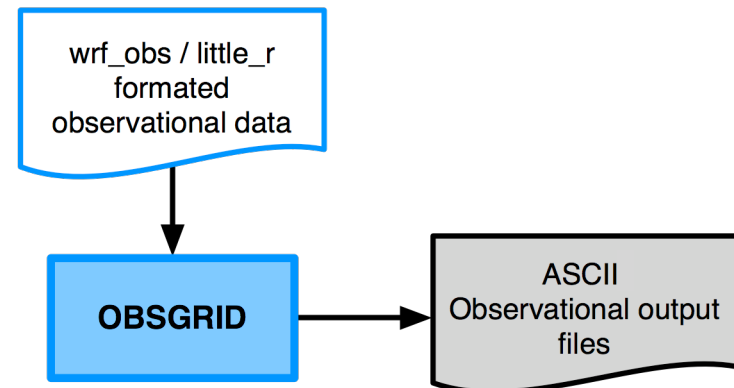
- Observations are compared to the first guess and to nearby observations
- If an observation deviates from the first guess in a manner inconsistent with the deviations of surrounding stations observation is discarded
- Works well in regions of good data density



Observations

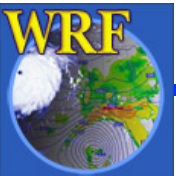
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- ASCII text files (*wrf_obs / little_r format*)
 - One entry per observation (*sfc or upper-air*)
 - Header ; Data ; End
- Each time period is stored in a separate file
 - Naming convention: *obs_filename:<YYYY-MM-DD_HH>*
- OBSGRID combines reports, removes duplicates, interpolates to analysis levels



Observations Format

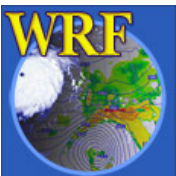
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discard_the_report, time_of_report, julian_day,
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Observations Format

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Quality-Control Flags

- Binary flags indicating which warning and error conditions have been met

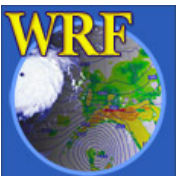
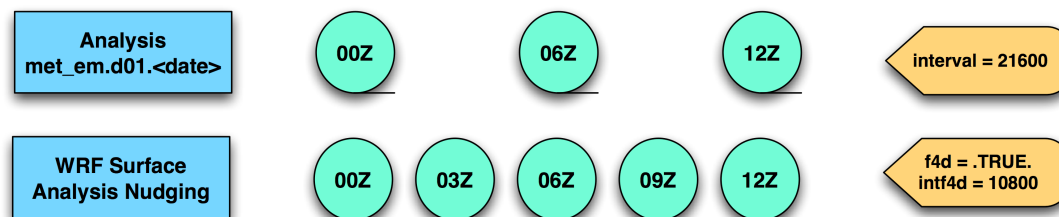
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Wind direction < 0 or > 360	2**7	128
Level vertically interpolated	2**8	256
Value vertically extrapolated from a single level	2**9	512
Sign of temperature reversed	2**10	1012
Superadiabatic level detected	2**11	2048
Vertical spike in wind speed or direction	2**12	4096
Convective adjustment applied to temperature field	2**13	8192
No neighboring observations for buddy check	2**14	16384
Error maximum test failed	2**15	32768
Buddy test failed	2**16	65536
Observation outside domain	2**17	131072



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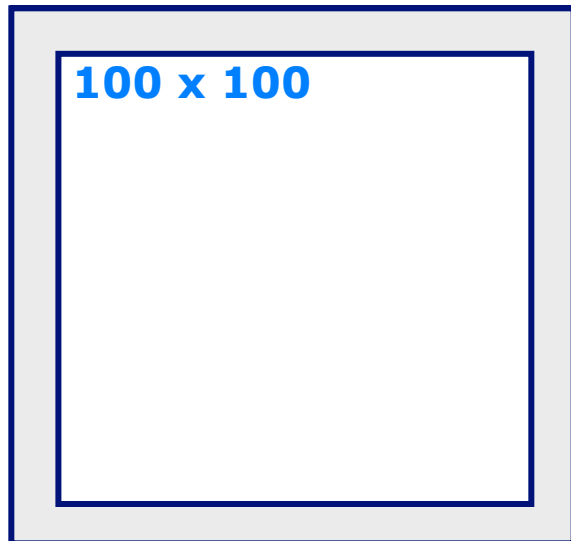
obs_filename	Root file name (<i>may include directory information</i>) of the observational files. All input files must have the format obs_filename:<YYYY-MM-DD_HH>. One file per time period Also used when doing surface fdda (<i>F4D=.TRUE.</i>)
interval	Interval between analysis times (sec) <i>i.e., interval between met_em.d0x.<date> files</i>
f4d	Turn on / off the creation of the surface analysis file (<i>wrfsfdda_d0x</i>)
intf4d	Time interval (sec) for surface analyses (<i>typically smaller than interval between analysis</i>)



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<code>domain_id</code>	ID of domain to process
<code>trim_domain</code>	Set to <code>.TRUE.</code> if this domain must be cut down on output
<code>trim_value</code>	Value by which the domain will be cut down in each direction

110 x 110

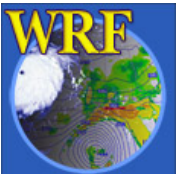


- **Why do this:**

This allows observations just outside the desired grid box of 100x100 grid points to be included in the OA

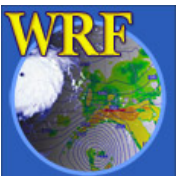
- ***geogrid* and *metgrid* run with a domain size of 110x110**

- **When running *obsgrid* set `trim_domain = .TRUE.`
`trim_value = 5`**



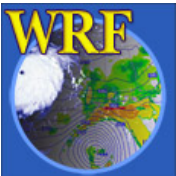
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qc_test_error_max	Turn on error-max test (T/F)
max_error _t _uv _rh _p	Max difference in T, uv, RH & SLP allowed for error-max test
qc_test_buddy	Turn on buddy test (T/F)
max_buddy _t _uv _rh _p	Threshold for T, uv, RH & SLP allowed for buddy test
buddy_weight	Scaling for buddy thresholds
qc_test_vert_consistency	Turn on vertical tests (T/F)
remove_data_above_qc_flag	Data with qc flags higher than this will not be output to OBS_DOMAINdxx (32768)
remove_unverified_data	Unverified data will not be output to OBS_DOMAINdxx



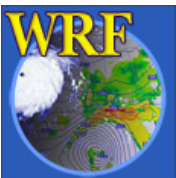
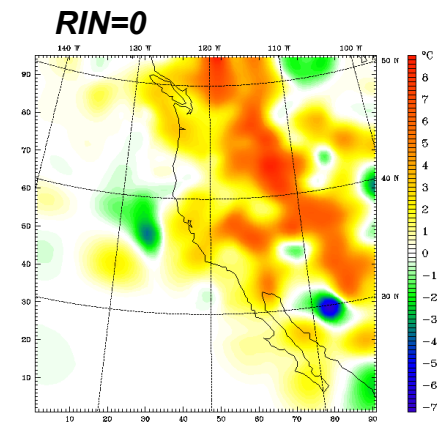
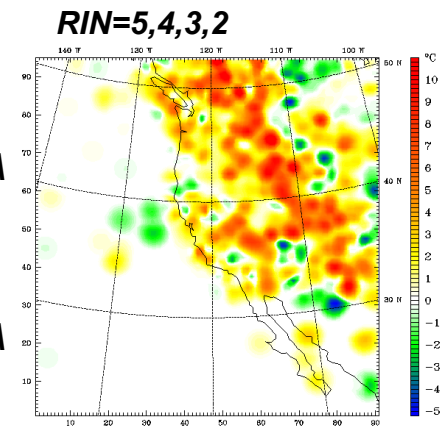
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OA_type	“MQD” or “Cressman”
radius_influence	Radius of influence for Cressman {0} ; {-5} ; {5,4,3,2}
OA_min_switch (T/F) MQD_minimum_num_obs	Switch to Cressman if too few obs for MQD Minimum number of obs for MQD to switch
OA_max_switch (T/F) MQD_maximum_num_obs	Switch to Cressman if too many obs for MQD Maximum number of obs for MQD to switch
OA_3D_type	“Cressman”
OA_3D_option	0 ; 1 ; 2



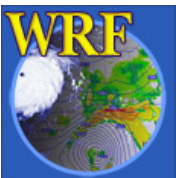
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- OA_type = “Cressman”
 - *All OA for surface and upper-air will be Cressman*
- radius_influence
 - **0**
*Code will automatically calculate number of grids to use of OA
Will use 4 scans*
 - **-5**
*Code will automatically calculate number of grids to use of OA
Will use set number of scans (5 in the example)*
 - **5, 4, 3, 2**
Use 4 scans with grid points as set



Namelist

- OA_type = “MQD”
 - *Will attempt to use MQD for all OA*
 - *Set radius_influence in case code has to switch to Cressman (recommend 0)*
- OA_max_switch (T/F) ; MQD_maximum_num_obs
 - *T ; Switch to Cressman if too many observations*
 - *F ; No OA if too many observations*
 - *Only needed if the code takes too long to execute due to large number of observations*
- OA_min_switch (T/F) ; MQD_minimum_num_obs
 - *T ; Switch to Cressman if too few observations*
 - *F ; No OA if too few observations*



Namelist

- OA_type = “MQD” ;
OA_min_switch = T ; MQD_minimum_num_obs = 25



Different schemes used in surface and upper-air is fine

Switch in upper-air between MQD and Cressman is undesired

Code will STOP

{OA_3D_option = 0}

Can force this behavior

{OA_3D_option = 2}



MQD ; Cressman

Namelist

- OA_type = “MQD” ;
OA_min_switch = T ; MQD_minimum_num_obs = 24



MQD_minimum_num_obs = 24

Do not make this too low in order to force MQD (i.e., 9 in this case)

OA_3D_option = 1

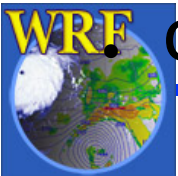
*All upper-air, at a given time
Especially good for f4d runs*



MQD ; Cressman

How to run OBSGRID

- Get the source code
- Compile (*./configure & ./compile*)
- Prepare observations files
 - Users need to generate this file (*some sample programs are available*)
- Edit the namelist
- Run the program



- Check your output

Utilities

- **plot_sound**
 - Plot sounding from the 'raw' or 'used' wrf_obs / little_r output files
 - Namelist control: &record1, &record2, &plot_sounding
- **plot_level**
 - Plot data used on all levels
 - Namelist control: &record1, &record2

