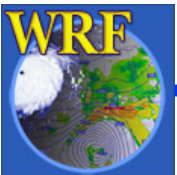




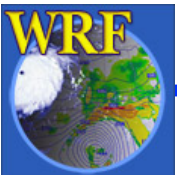
Post-processing Tools: NCL

Cindy Bruyère

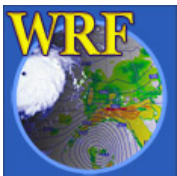
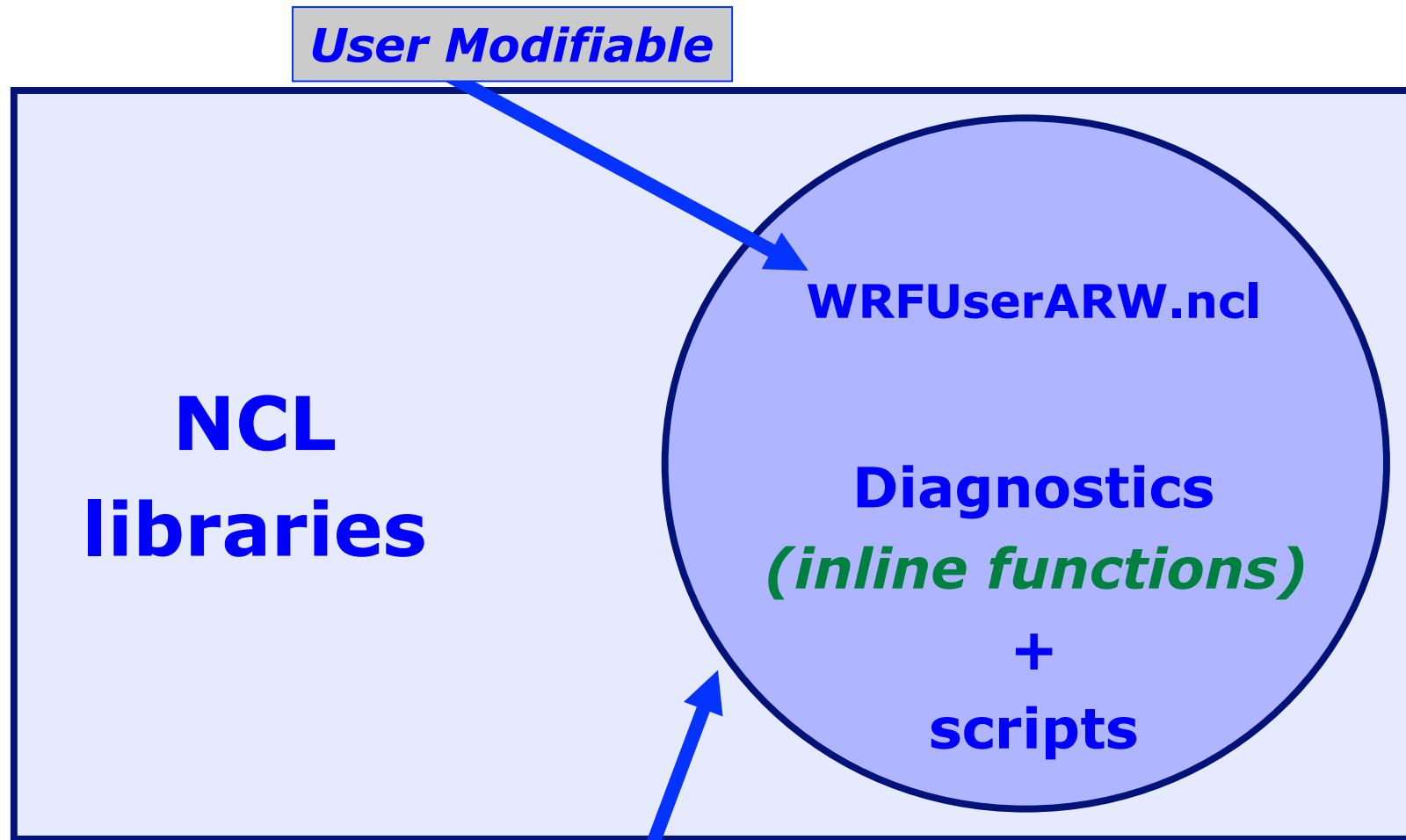


NCL

- 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 v6.1.0-beta*)
- NCARG_ROOT environment variable
 - `setenv NCARG_ROOT /usr/local/ncl`



NCL & WRF



Maintain/support MMM

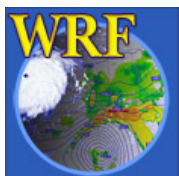
Home Directory



.hluresfile

Very Important

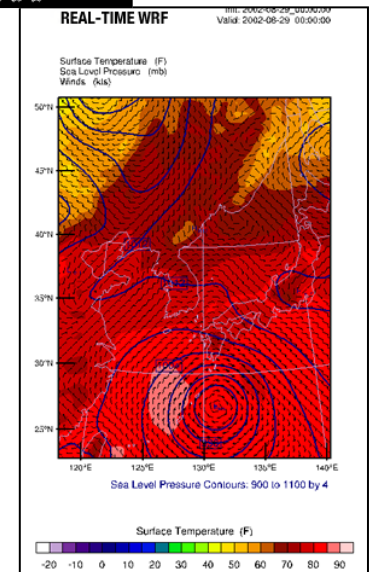
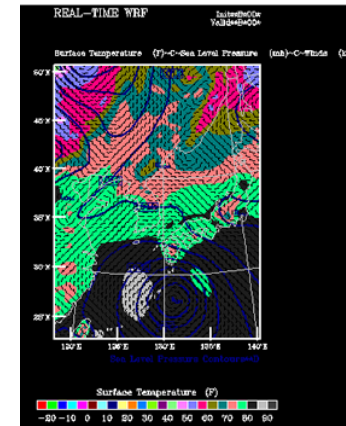
- Required by NCL libraries
- Must be in your “~/” directory (*home directory*)
- Control
 - color table ; font
 - white/black background
 - size of plot
 - control characters
- <http://www.ncl.ucar.edu/Document/Graphics/hlures.shtml>



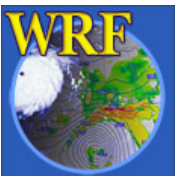
~/.hluresfile

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

```
PLCHHQ - CHARACTER NUMBER 26 (.) IS NOT A LEGAL FUNCTION CODE
PLCHHQ - CHARACTER NUMBER 29 (t) IS NOT A LEGAL FUNCTION CODE
PLCHHQ - CHARACTER NUMBER 30 (o) IS NOT A LEGAL FUNCTION CODE
PLCHHQ - CHARACTER NUMBER 32 (.) IS NOT A LEGAL FUNCTION CODE
PLCHHQ - CHARACTER NUMBER 35 (b) IS NOT A LEGAL FUNCTION CODE
PLCHHQ - CHARACTER NUMBER 36 (y) IS NOT A LEGAL FUNCTION CODE
```

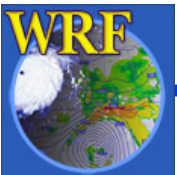


[http://www.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/
OnLineTutorial/Graphics/NCL/.hluresfile](http://www.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/OnLineTutorial/Graphics/NCL/.hluresfile)

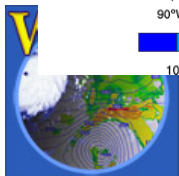
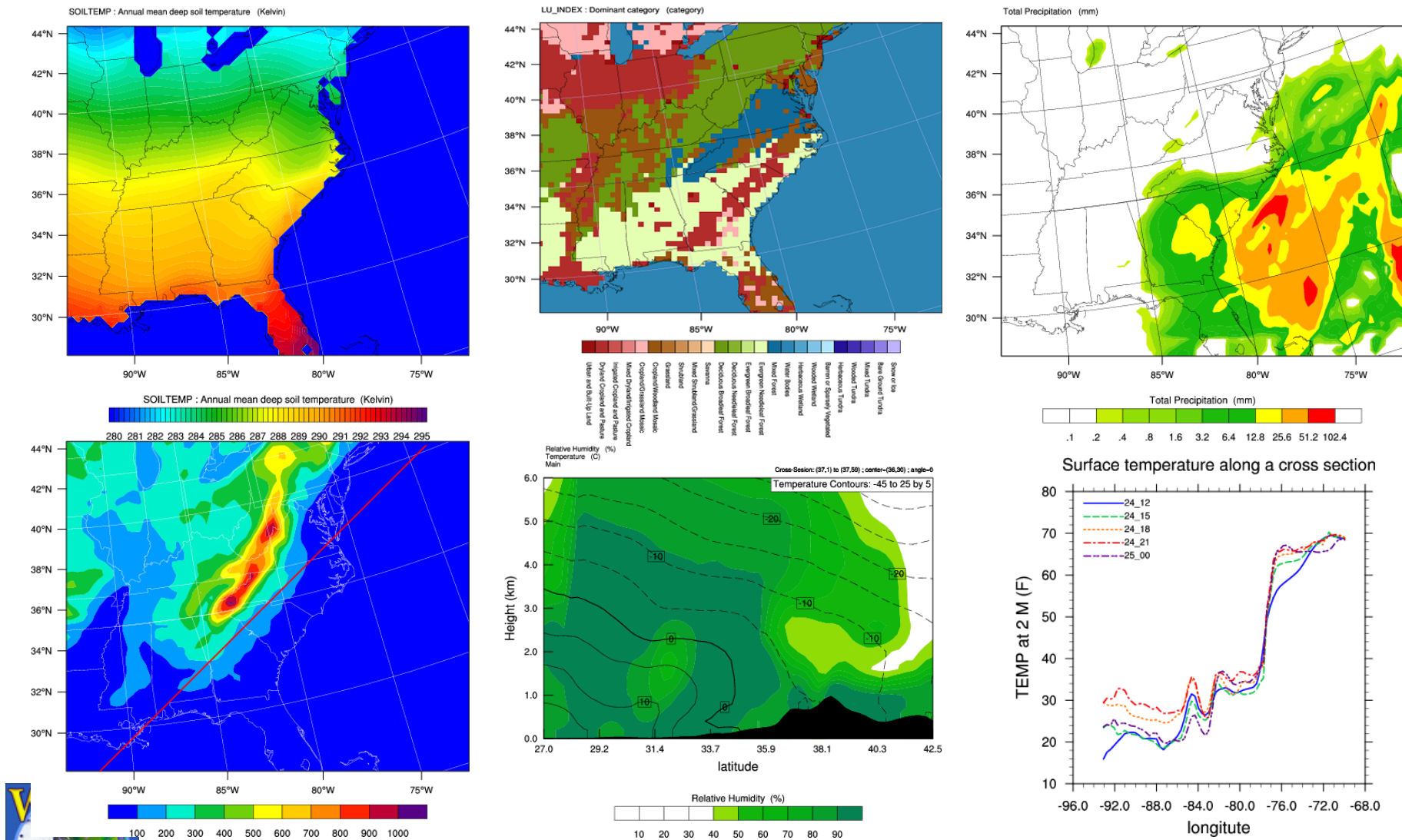


Generate Plots with NCL

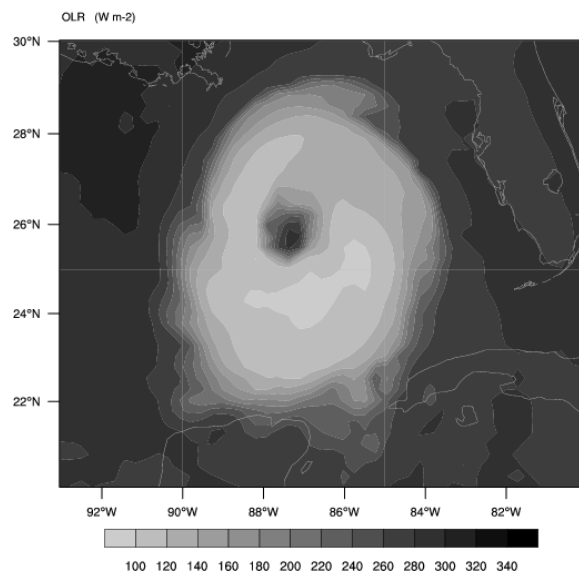
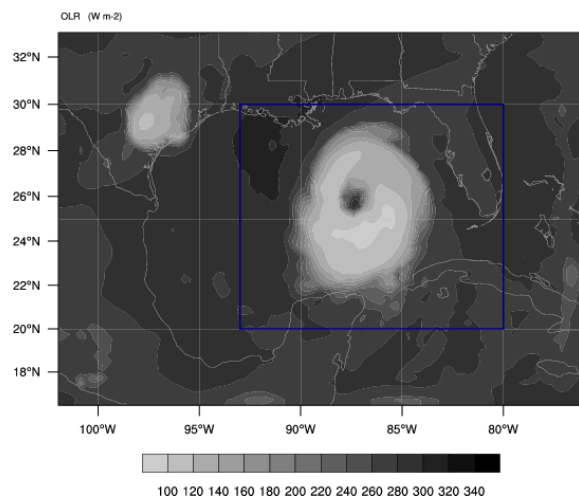
- Set NCARG_ROOT environment variable:
 - `setenv NCARG_ROOT /usr/local/ncl`
- Ensure you have an `~/.hluresfile` file
- Create a script
 - `wrf_real.ncl`
(start with a sample script)
Most of the WRF script routines are called from
`"$NCARG_ROOT/lib/ncarg/nclscripts/wrf/WRFUserARW.ncl"`
Feel free to add or change this script
- Run NCL script
 - `ncl wrf_real.ncl`



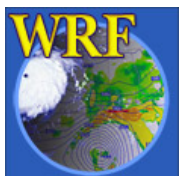
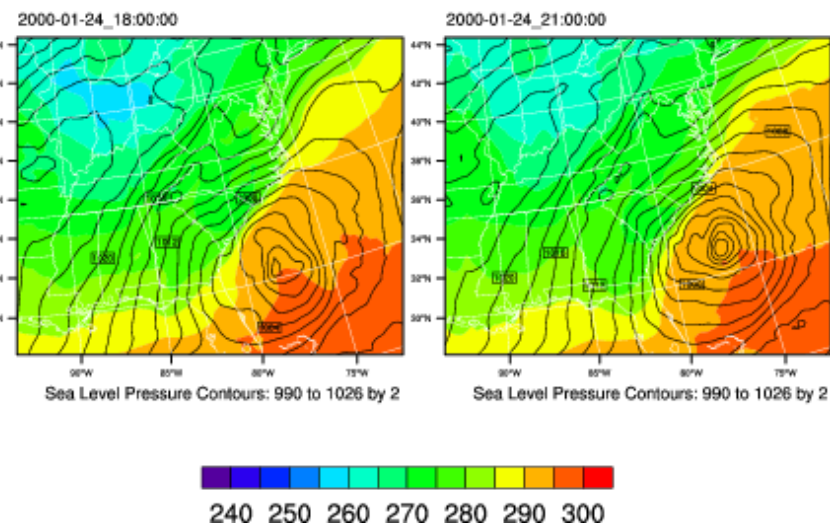
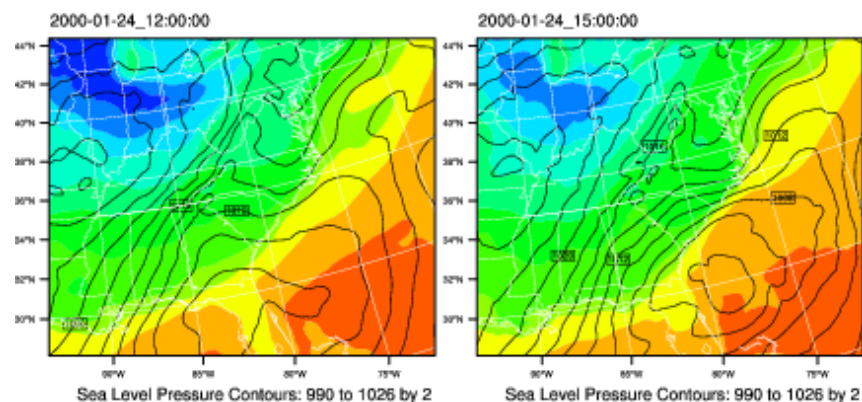
Examples



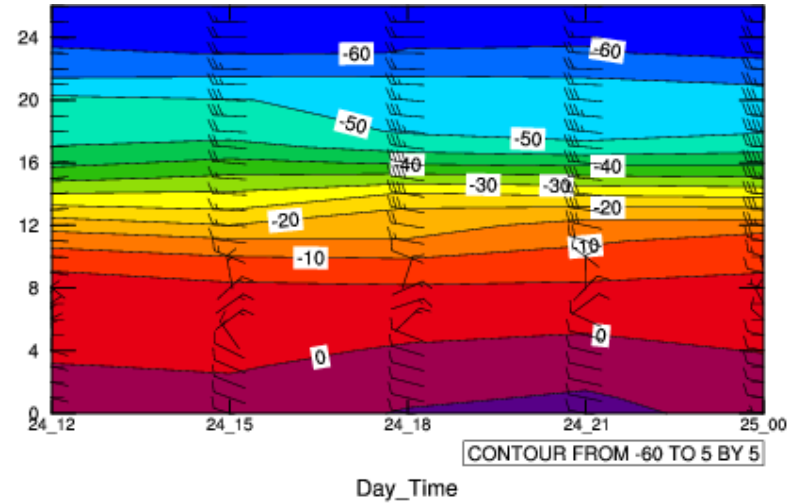
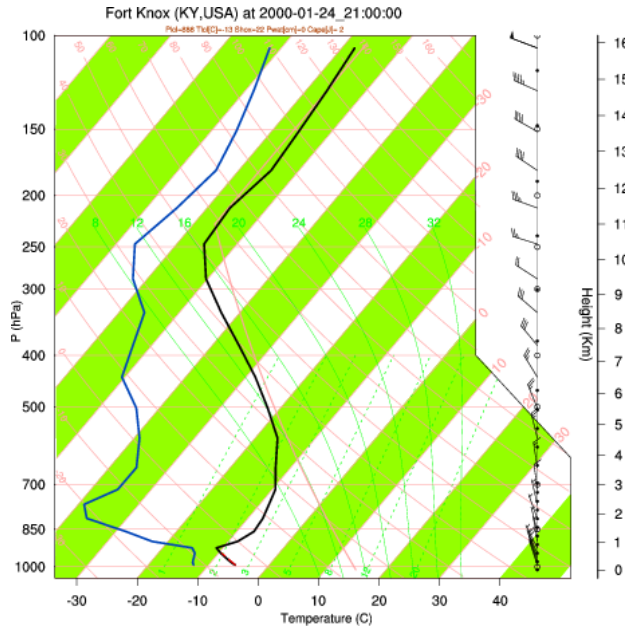
Examples



TEMP at 2 M (K)

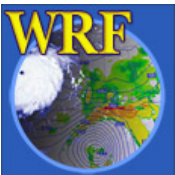
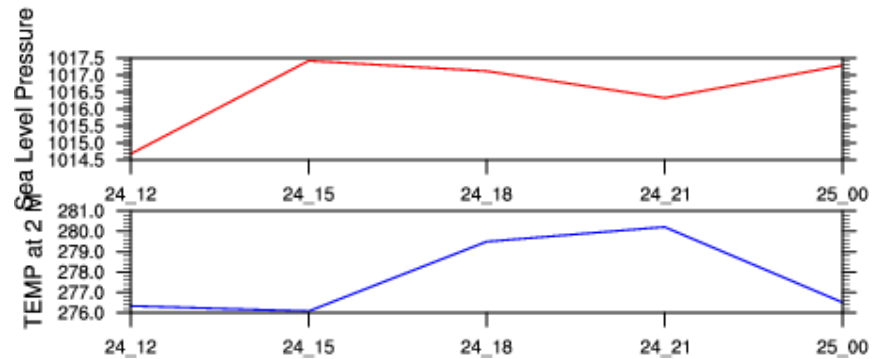
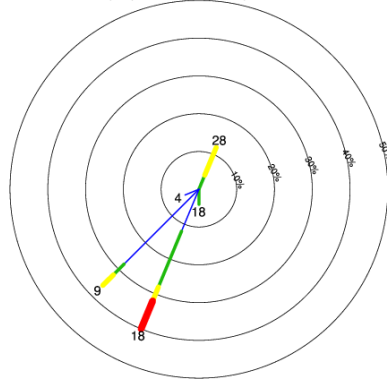


Examples

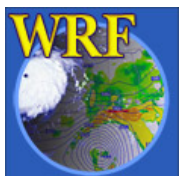
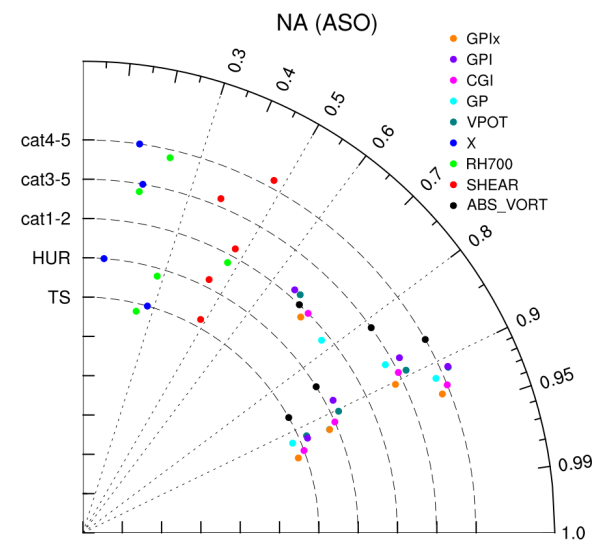
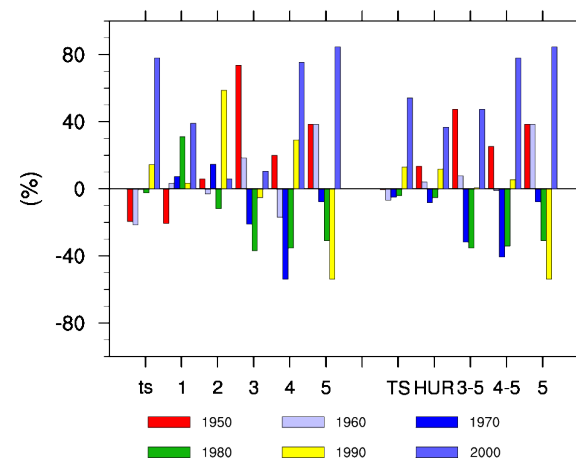
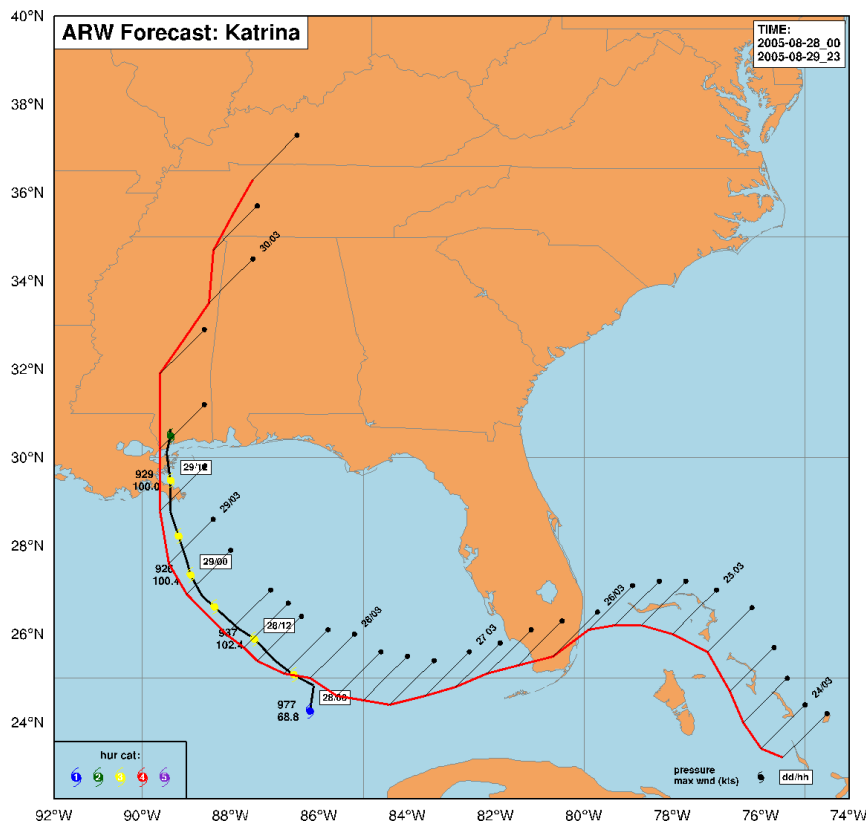


WRF: All Times: grid point [25.65 , -87.37]

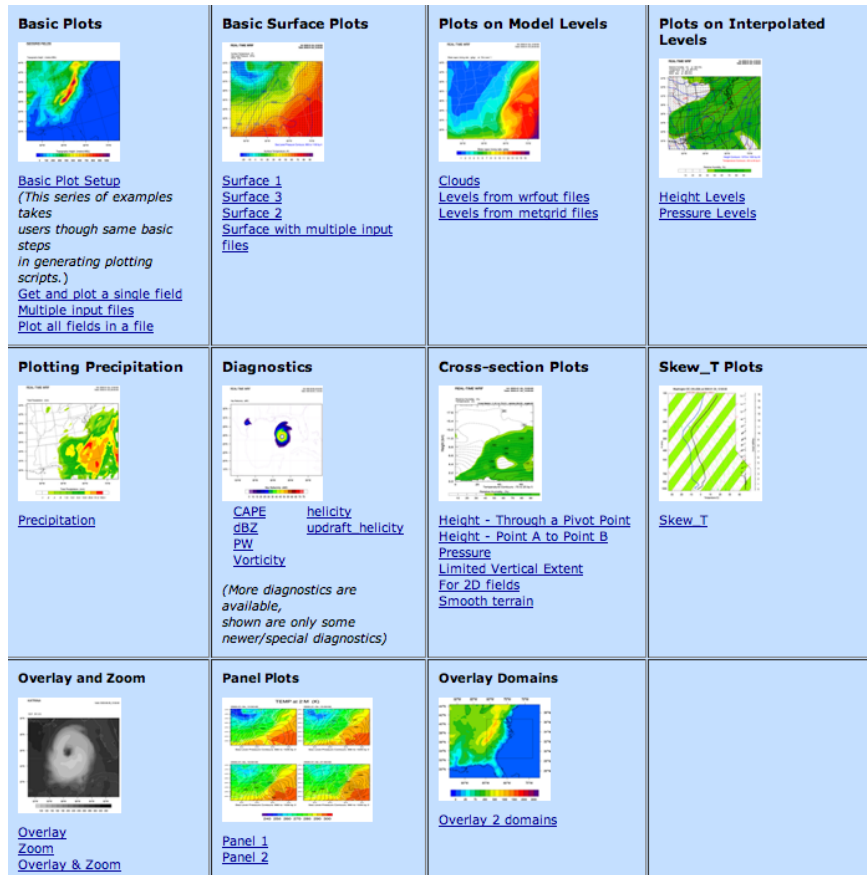
SpdAve=16 SpdStd=11 DirAve=216 No Calm Reports Nwnd=25



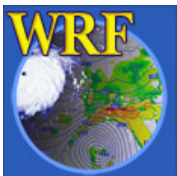
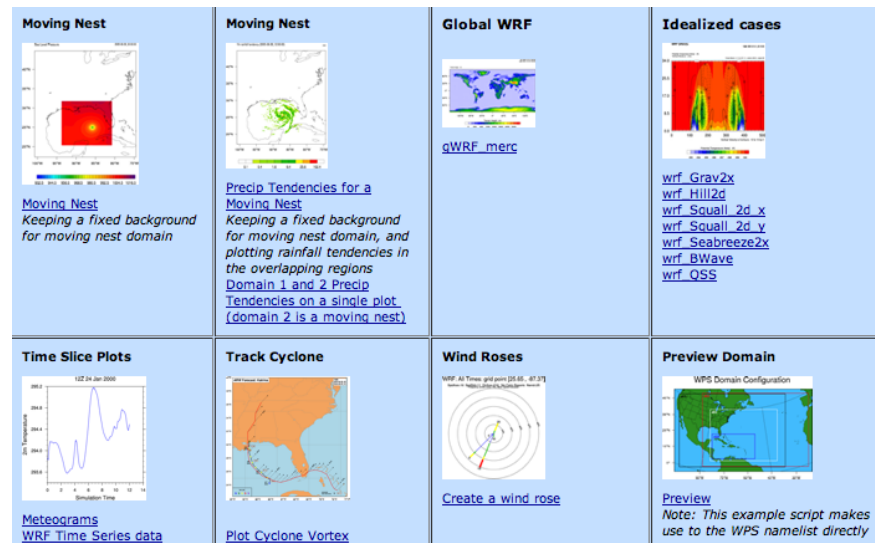
Examples



Generate Plots: *A good start - OnLine Tutorial*



<http://www.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/OnLineTutorial/Graphics/NCL/index.html>



Creating a Plot : NCL script

```
load ncl library scripts
```

```
begin
```

```
    ; Open graphical output
```

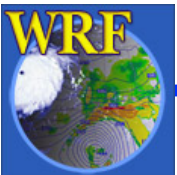
```
    ; Open input file(s)
```

```
    ; 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)
```

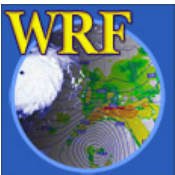
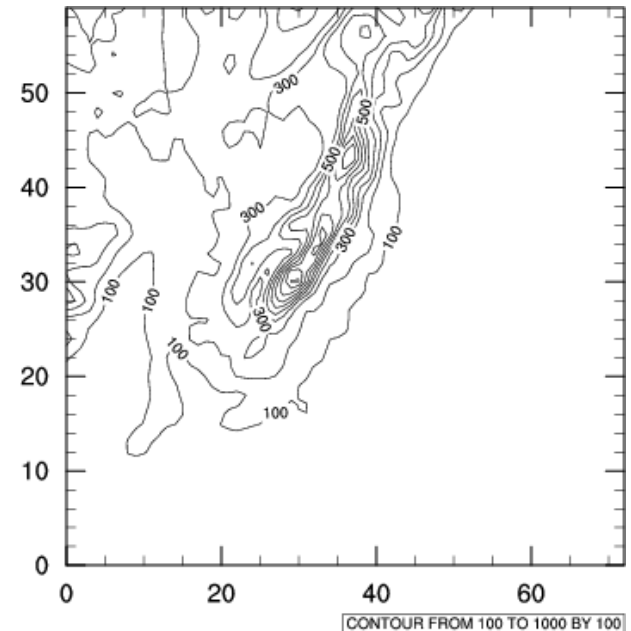
```
end
```

```
> ls wrfout*
```

```
wrfout_d01_2005-10-08_00:00:00
```

```
a = addfile("./
```

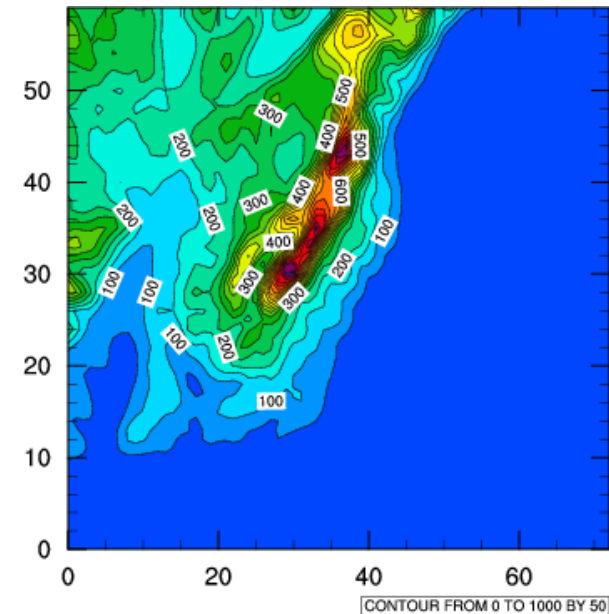
```
wrfout_d01_2005-10-08_00:00:00.nc", "r")
```



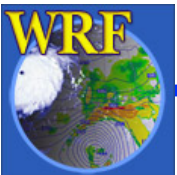
Generate Plots

```
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
```



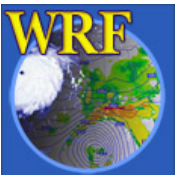
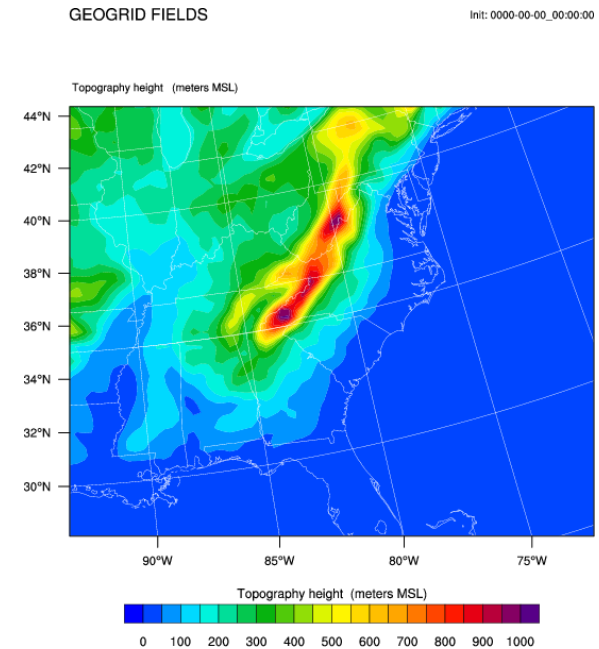
**Basic NCL resources -
there are over 1400
controlling contours,
labelbars, legends,
maps, etc.**



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_ter1")  
  ter = a->HGT_M(0,::,)  
  
  res = True  
  res@MainTitle = "GEOGRID FIELDS"  
  res@cnFillOn = True  
  res@ContourParameters = (/0.,1000.,50./)  
  contour = wrf_contour(a,wks,ter,res)  
  pltres = True  
  mpres = True  
  plot = wrf_map_overlays(a,wks,(/contour/),\  
    pltres,mpres)  
end
```

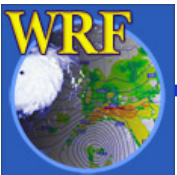
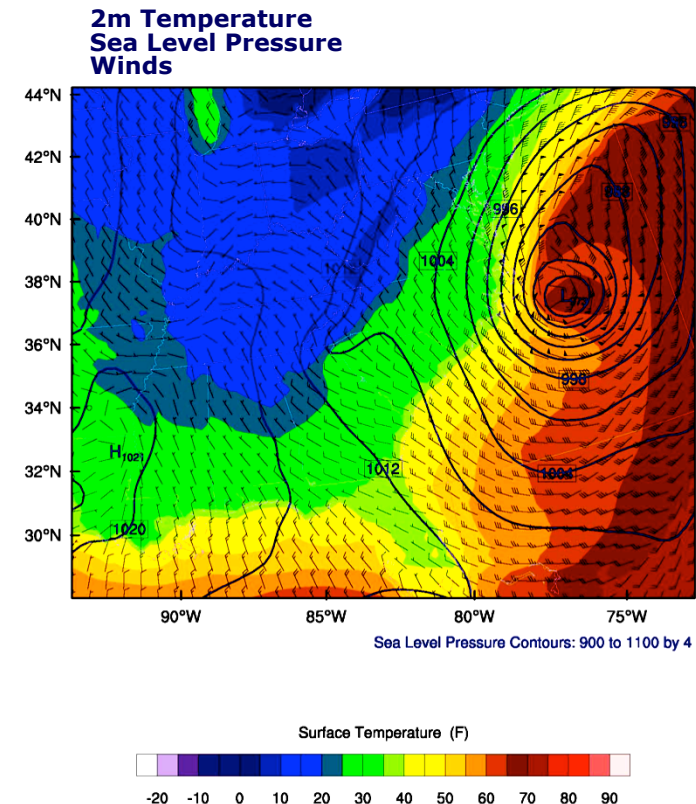


Generate Plots

```
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)

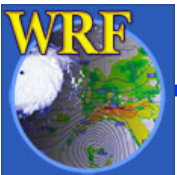
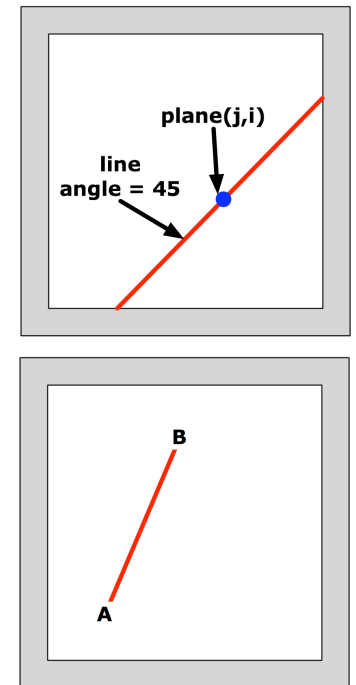
os@cnLineColor = "NavyBlue"
c_slp = wrf_contour(a,wks,slp,os)
ot@cnFillOn = True
c_tc = wrf_contour(a,wks,t2,ot)
ov@NumVectors = 47
vec = wrf_vector(a,wks,u10,v10,ov)

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_unstagger`
Unstagger an array

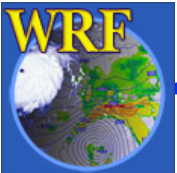


Special WRF NCL Functions

- **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, **eth**: Equivalent Potential Temperature,
cape_2d: 2D mcape/mcin/lcl/lfc, **cape_3d**: 3D cape/cin,
dbz/mdbz: Reflectivity (3D and max),
geopt/geopotential: Geopotential,
helicity/updraft_helicity: Storm Relative Helicity/Updraft helicity,
p/pres/pressure: Pressure, **pw**: Precipitable Water,
rh/rh2: Relative Humidity (3D and 2m),
slp: Sea Level Pressure, **times**: Time as a string [***TIMES**: Time as characters*],
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)
```

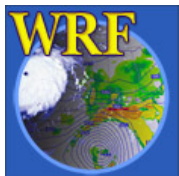
```
P       = nc_file->P(5, :, :, :)  
PB      = nc_file->PB(5, :, :, :)  
P = P + PB
```

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

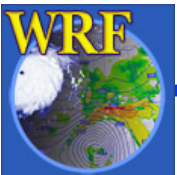
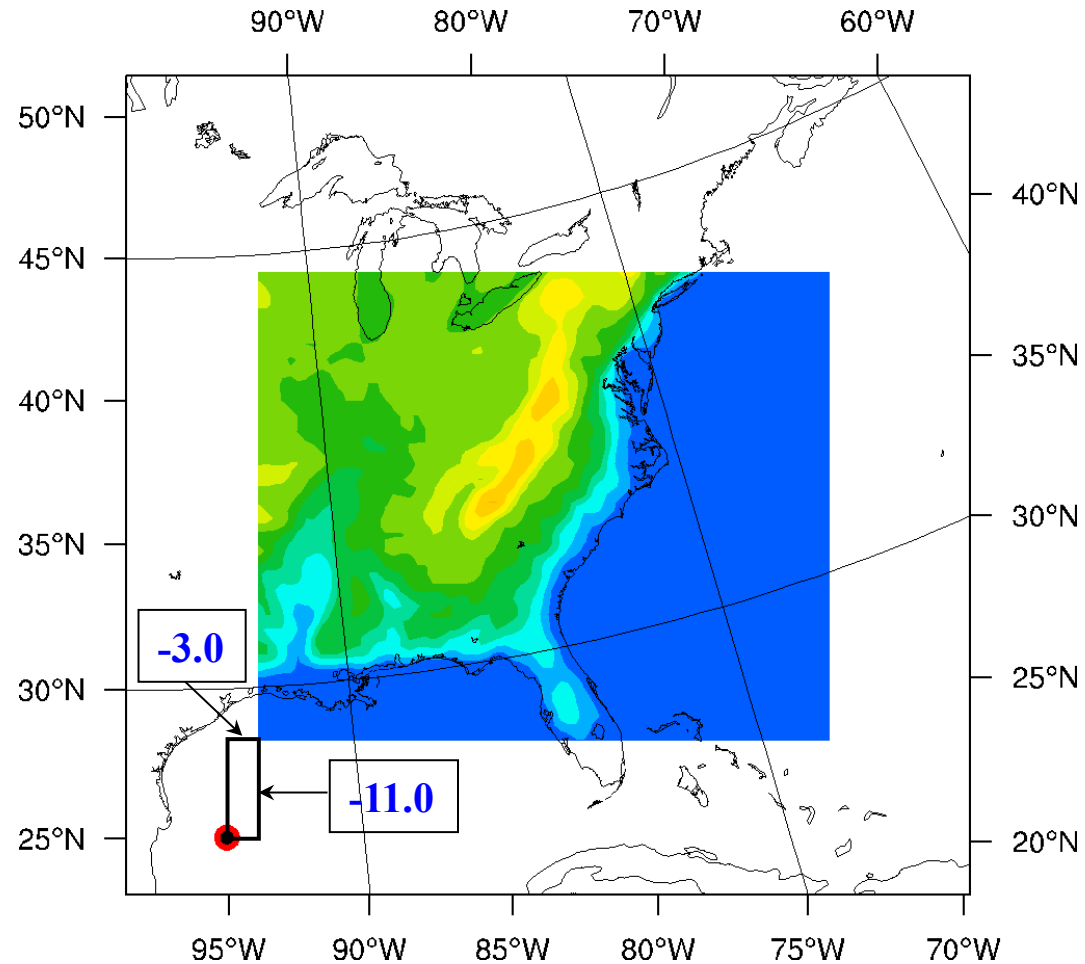
```
QVAPOR = nc_file->QVAPOR(5, :, :, :)  
QVAPOR = QVAPOR > 0.000
```

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

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



wrf_user_ll_to_ij

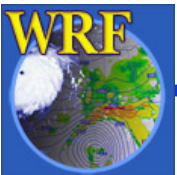
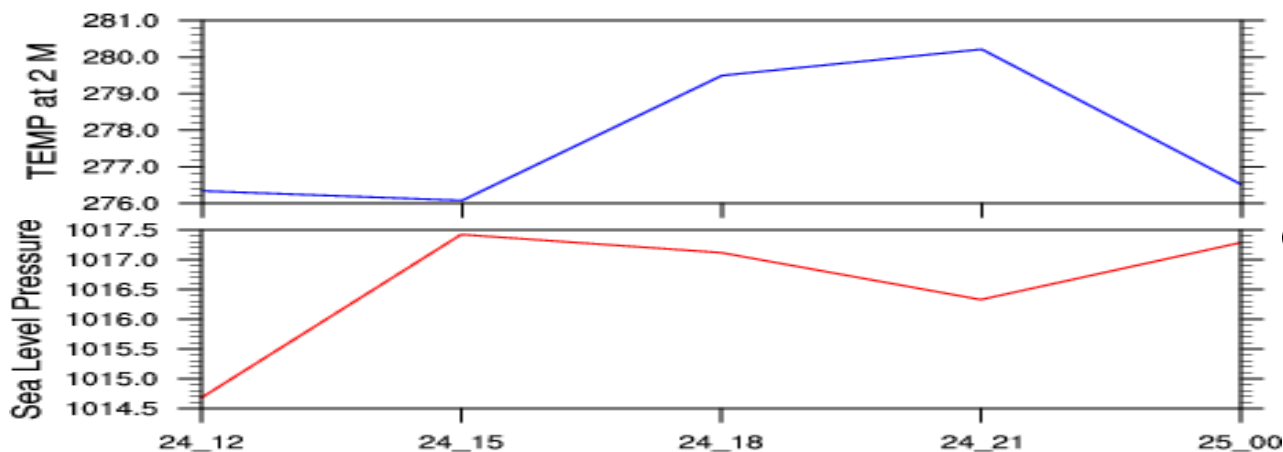


Time Series

```
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)
```

```
t2 = wrf_user_getvar(a, "T2",  
(/0,10,2/))
```

```
t2 = wrf_user_getvar(a, "T2",  
(/1,2,3,4,5/))
```

```
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
```

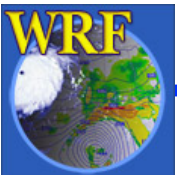
```
plot = wrf_map_overlays \  
    (a,wks, (/contour/),pltres,mpres)
```



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

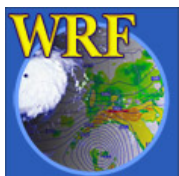
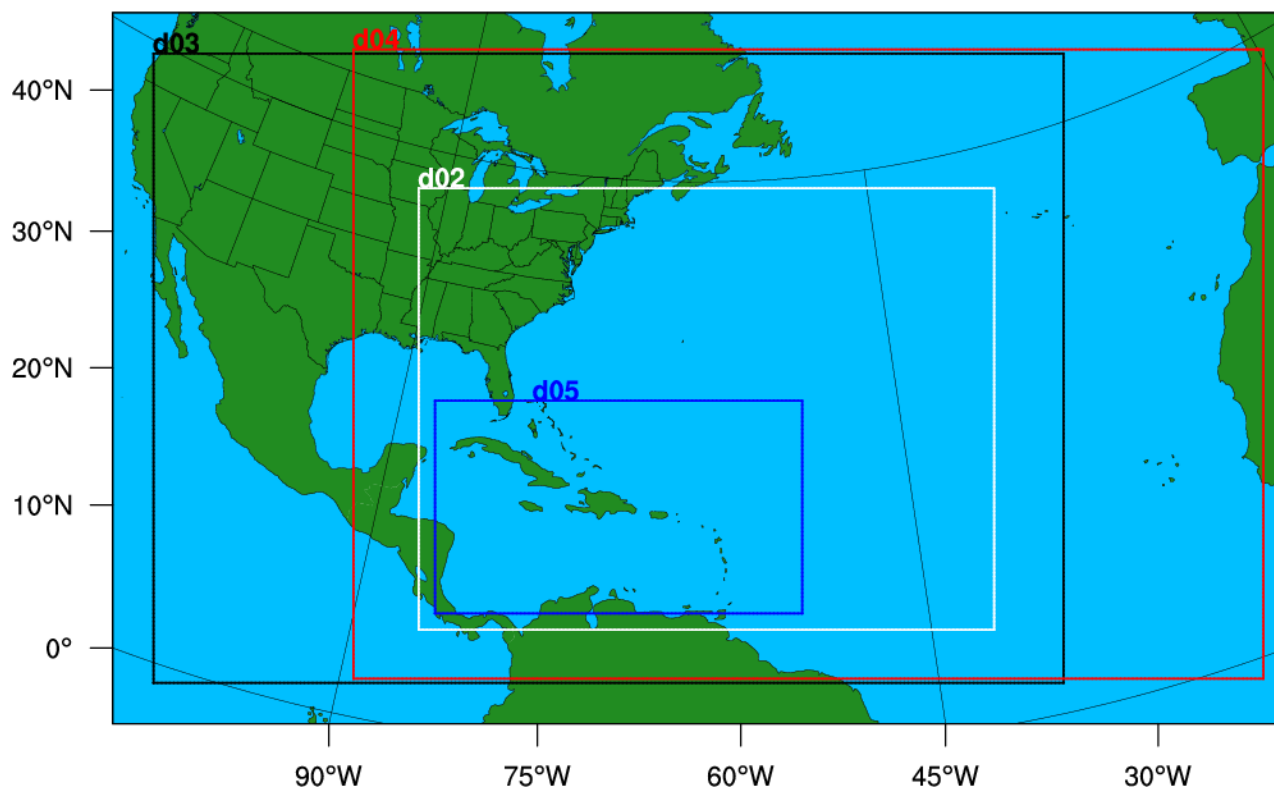


Domain Design

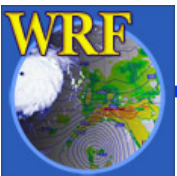
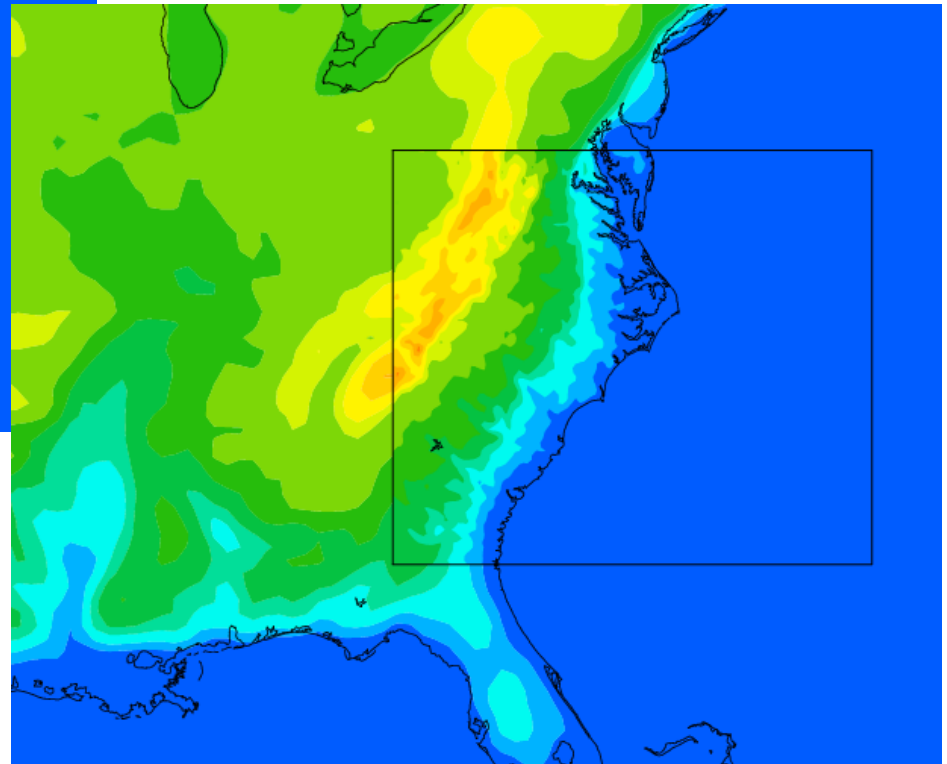
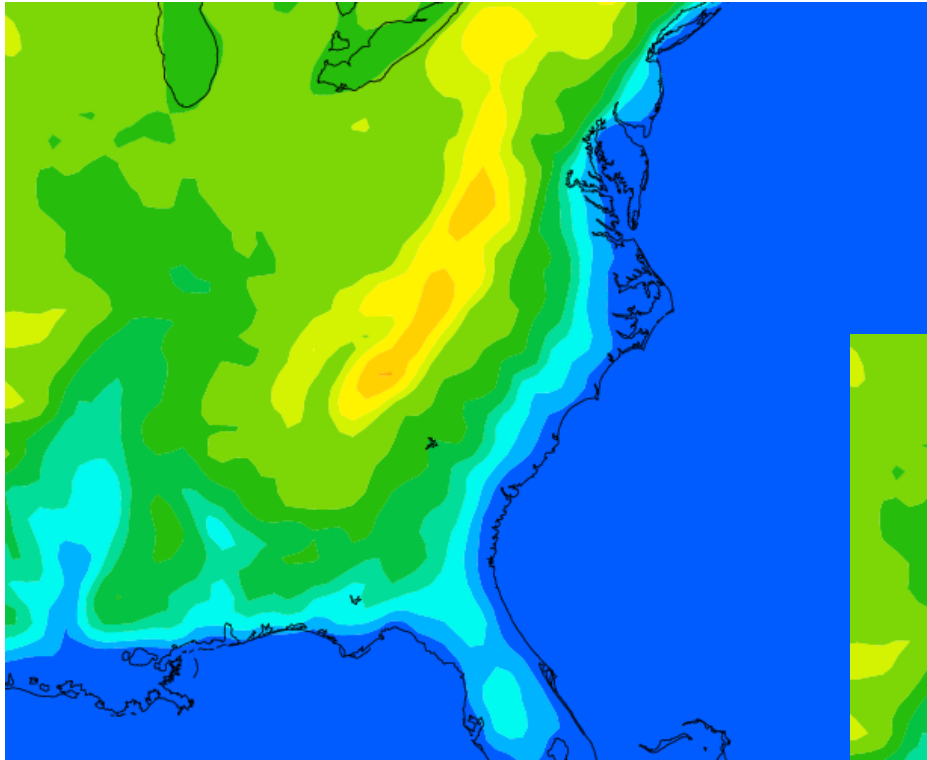
`mp = wrf_wps_dom (wks, mpres, lnres, txres)`

WPS/util/plotgrids.ncl

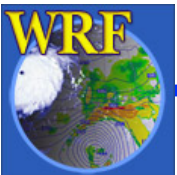
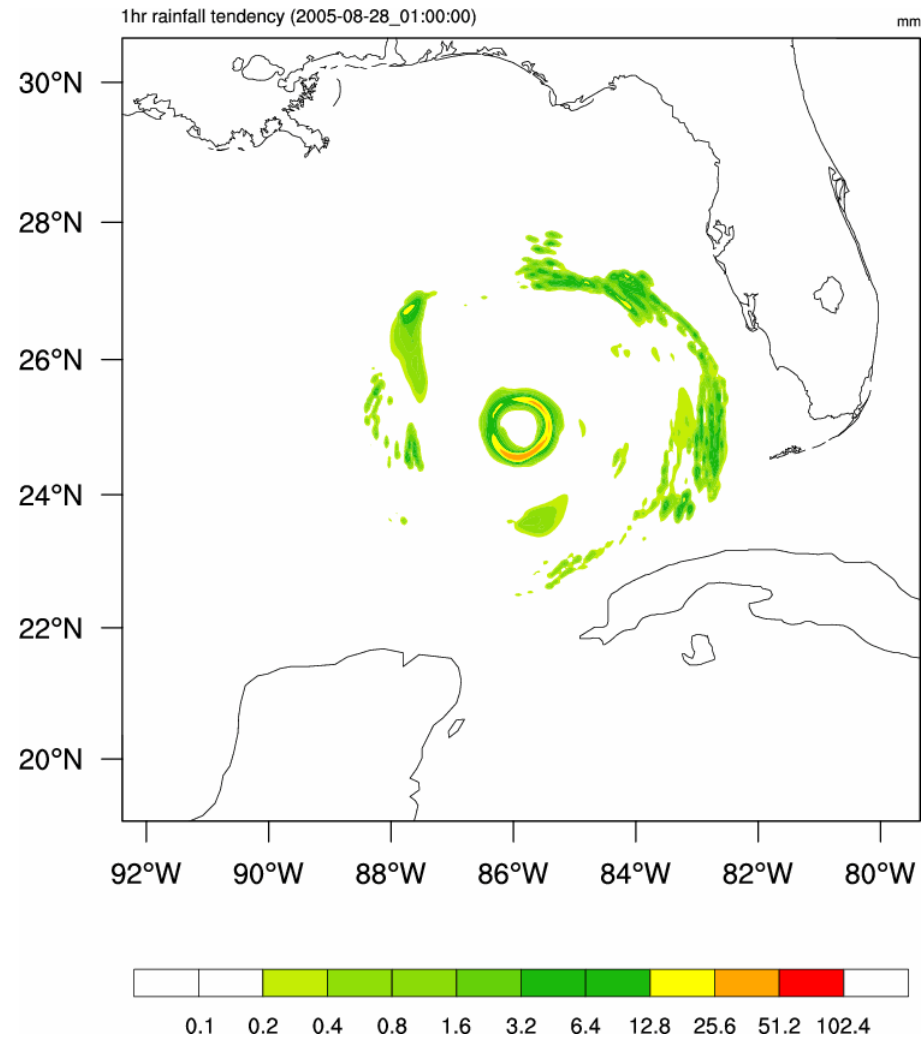
Test Domain



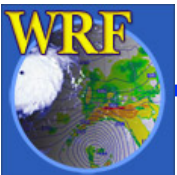
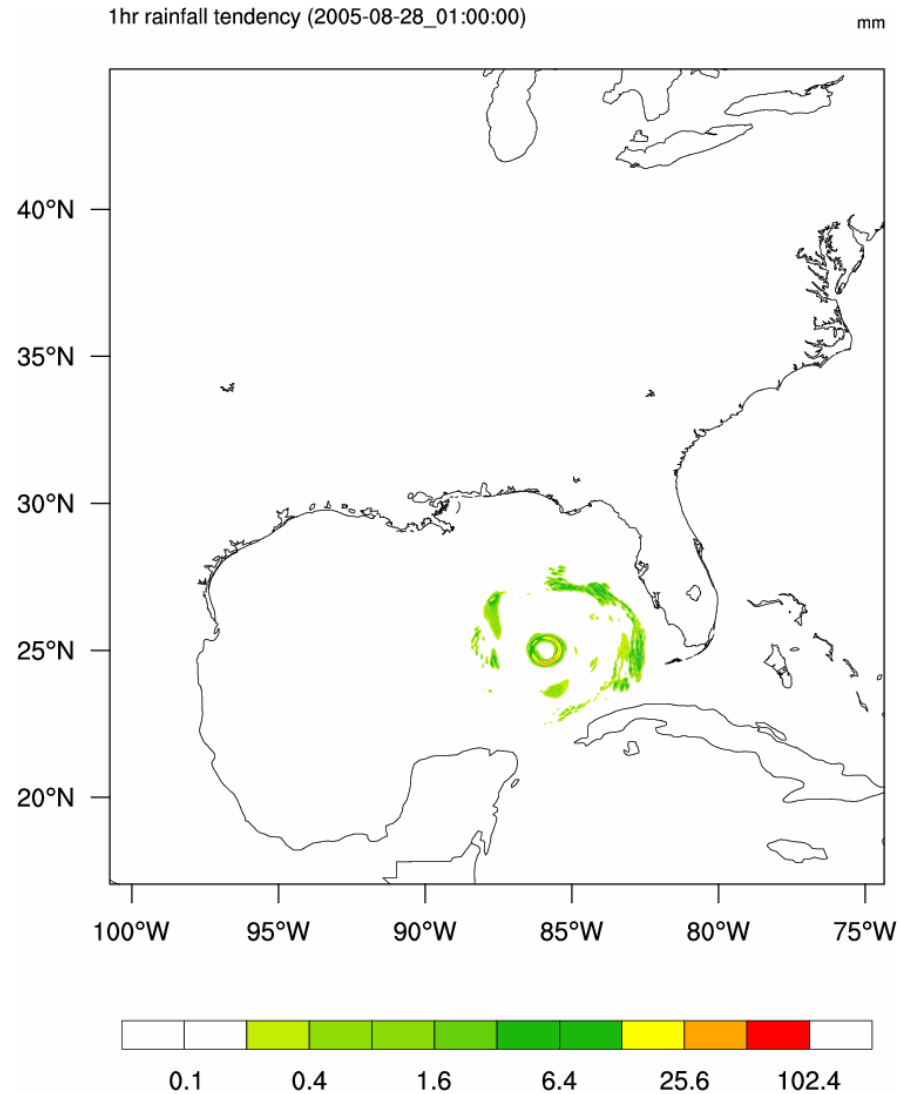
Over Domains



Moving Nests



Moving Nests



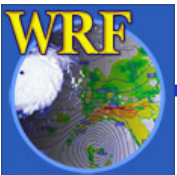
Calling FORTRAN code from NCL

- 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

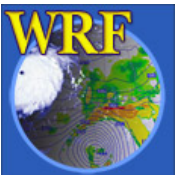
```
subroutine compute_tk (tk,pressure,theta, nx, ny, nz)
  implicit none
  integer nx,ny,nz
  real    pi, tk(nx,ny,nz)
  real    pressure(nx,ny,nz), theta(nx,ny,nz)
```

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
```

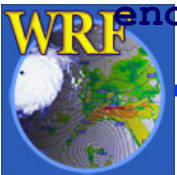
```
  dim = dimsizes(t)
```

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

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

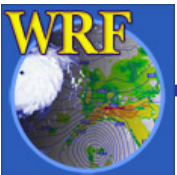
```
  myTK :: compute_tk (tk,p,t,dim(2),dim(1),dim(0))
```

```
end
```

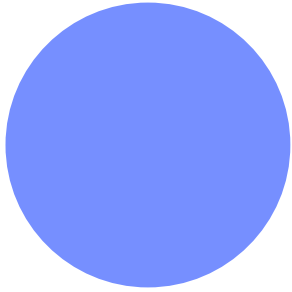


FORTRAN 90 code

- 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.

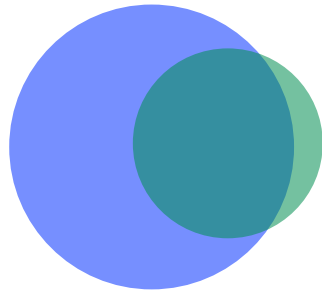
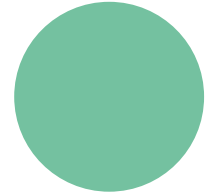


Compiling with ncl

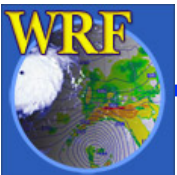


```
ncl myscript.ncl  
NCARG_ROOT  
/usr/local/ncl
```

```
compile <util>  
NCARG_ROOT  
/usr/local/ncarg
```



```
ncl myscript.ncl  
compile <util>  
NCARG_ROOT  
/usr/local/ncl
```



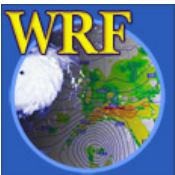
Compiling with ncl

```
In function `write_png':  
  undefined reference to `png_create_write_struct'  
  undefined reference to `png_create_info_struct'  
  undefined reference to `png_destroy_write_struct'  
  undefined reference to `png_destroy_write_struct'
```

```
-L<path_to_png_lib> -lpng -L<path_to_z_lib> -lz
```

```
/usr/local/ncl/lib/libncarg.a(agcurv.o): In function `agcurv':  
agcurv.f:(.text+0x69): undefined reference to `_gfortran_copy_string'  
/usr/local/ncl/lib/libncarg.a(aggtch.o): In function `aggtch':  
aggtch.f:(.text+0x3e): undefined reference to `_gfortran_copy_string'  
aggtch.f:(.text+0x7b): undefined reference to `_gfortran_copy_string'
```

```
-L<path_to_gfortran_lib> -lgfortran
```



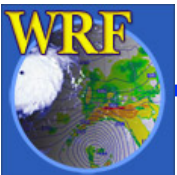
FORTRAN 90 code

myTK.f90

```
subroutine compute_tk (tk, pres, theta, nx, ny, nz)
  implicit none
  integer :: nx,ny,nz, i,j,k
  real (nx,ny,nz) :: tk, pres, theta
  real :: pi

  pi(:,:,:)=(pres(:,:,:)/1000.)**(287./1004.)
  tk(i,j,k) = pi(:,:,:)*theta(i,j,k)

end subroutine compute_tk
```



FORTRAN 90 code

myTK.f90

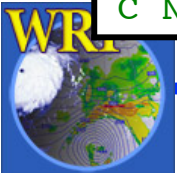
```
subroutine compute_tk (tk, pres, theta, nx, ny, nz)
  implicit none
  integer :: nx,ny,nz, i,j,k
  real (nx,ny,nz) :: tk, pres, theta
  real :: pi

  pi(:,:,:)=(pres(:,:,:)/1000.)*(287./1004.)
  tk(i,j,k) = pi(:,:,:)*theta(i,j,k)

end subroutine compute_tk
```

myTK90.stub

```
C NCLFORTSTART
subroutine compute_tk (tk, pres, theta, nx, ny, nz)
  implicit none
  integer nx,ny,nz
  real tk(nx,ny,nz)
  real pres(nx,ny,nz), theta(nx,ny,nz)
C NCLEND
```



myTK90.**so** - Create & use in NCL script

```
% WRAPIT myTK90.stub myTK.f90
```

This will create a "myTK90.**so**" file

```
load "$NCARG_ROOT/lib/ncarg/nclscripts/csm/gsn_code.ncl"
load "$NCARG_ROOT/lib/ncarg/nclscripts/wrf/WRFUserARW.ncl"
external myTK90 "./myTK90.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
  myTK90 :: compute_tk (tk,p,t,dim(2),dim(1),dim(0))
```

end

