

1.2 WRFDA Overview: current status and future plan

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In this talk, the new features from the latest release of WRFDA version 3.7 will be firstly introduced, including a new option for the background error covariance modeling with univariate analysis of the model variables (i.e., `cv_options=7`) and new options for radar data assimilation. These new features will be demonstrated with convective-scale applications. Some ongoing research and development within NCAR/MMM and contributed from community researchers will then be described. Some to highlight here are: (1) all-sky microwave radiance data assimilation from AMSR2; (2) four-dimensional extension of hybrid-3DVAR; (3) high-resolution GOES Imager radiance data assimilation; (4) Tangent linear and adjoint code development of the WRF/Chem model. Some future plan will also be discussed.