THE IMPLEMENTATION of GFSv15



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Official Evaluation Website

http://www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/users/meg/fv3gfs

		TIMELINE						
FV3GFS Code Frozen	Parallel Runs Begin	Evaluation Period (Start - End)	Recommendations from Field Due	NCEP Director Briefing	Code Handoff to NCO	IT Test Period (Start - End)	Implementation Date	
3/7/18	4/1/18	5/25/18 - 9/10/18	9/24/18	10/1/18	4/5/19	5/3/19 - 6/1/19	6/12/19	

SUMMARY

FV3GFS MEG Evaluation Summary - Presented by Geoff Manikin (9/20/18 MEG Meeting) NCEP/EMC CCB Presentation - Presented by Fanglin Yang (9/24/18 CCB Meeting) FV3GFS NOAA/NWS Evaluation Summary - Presented by Logan Dawson (9/27/18 MEG Meeting)

INFORMATION

FV3 Dynamical Core Information - Developed by GFDL FV3GFS Evaluation Overview - Presented by Geoff Manikin (5/3/18 MEG Meeting) FV3GFS SST Issue and Fix - Presented by Geoff Manikin (5/24/18 MEG Meeting) FV3GFS Soil Moisture, Reflectivity, Visibility - Presented by Geoff Manikin (5/31/18 MEG Meeting) FV3GFS Statistical Update - Presented by Logan Dawson (6/14/18 MEG Meeting) FV3GFS Inst. Precip. Rate, Reflectivity, Visibility - Presented by Alicia Bentley/Logan Dawson (6/28/18 MEG Meeting) MEG Evaluation of FV3GFS Retrospectives - Presented by Logan Dawson (7/19/18 MEG Meeting) FV3GFS Statistical Update - Presented by Alicia Bentley (8/9/18 MEG Meeting) FV3GFS East Coast Winter Storm Retrospectives - Presented by Tracey Dorian/Alicia Bentley/Logan Dawson (8/16/18 MEG Meeting) FV3GFS Tropical Cyclone Status Update - Presented by Vijay Tallapragada (8/16/18 NHC Briefing) FV3GFS North Atlantic/East Pacific TC Retrospectives - Presented by Geoff Manikin (8/23/18 MEG Meeting) FV3GFS Western U.S. Retrospectives - Presented by Alicia Bentley (9/6/18 MEG Meeting) FV3GFS Alaskan Retrospectives - Presented by Tracey Dorian (9/6/18 MEG Meeting) FV3GFS Cold SST Concerns (e.g., Alaska's Cook Inlet) - Presented by Logan Dawson (9/6/18 MEG Meeting) FV3GFS Products Update - Presented by Logan Dawson (9/13/18 MEG Meeting) FV3GFS OPF Statistics - Presented by Tracey Dorian (9/13/18 MEG Meeting) FV3GFS OPF Retrospectives - Presented by Alicia Bentley (9/13/18 MEG Meeting) FV3GFS Snowfall Totals and Cold Bias - Presented by Geoff Manikin (2/21/19 MEG Meeting) FV3GFS Snowfall Totals and Cold Bias Update - Presented by Logan Dawson (3/7/19 MEG Meeting) FV3GFS Snowfall Totals, Cold Bias, and Implementation Update - Presented by Alicia Bentley (4/4/19 MEG Meeting)

DATA

<u>FV3GFS Data</u> - Available on Para NOMADS <u>List of New Output Parameters</u> - Maintained by Hui-ya Chuang

REAL-TIME GRAPHICS/OUTPUT

EV3GES Analyses and Guidance (Note: GES = EV3GES) - Maintained by NCEP/NCO GES vs. EV3GES Forecast. Comparisons - Maintained by Geoff Manikin GES vs. EV3GES Plume Comparisons - Maintained by Tracey Dorian GES vs. EV3GES Sounding Comparisons - Maintained by Tracey Dorian NAM vs. EV3GES vs. GES Comparisons - Maintained by Eric Rogers EV3GES vs. GES MOS Comparisons - Maintained by NOA/NWS/MDL

VERIFICATION

<u>NCEP/EMC Model Evaluation Group (MEG)</u> - Maintained by Geoff Manikin <u>NCEP/EMC MEG Past Presentations</u> - Available to NOAA email addresses only <u>NCEP/EMC OPF verification Scores for FV3GFS Runs</u> - Maintained by Ying Lin <u>NCEP/EMC Daily Precipitation Verification (FV3GFS included)</u> - Maintained by Ying Lin <u>NCEP/EMC Fit-to-Observations (Fit2Obs) for FV3GFS</u> - Maintained by Suranjana Saha and Jack Woollen

NCEP/EMC Global Model Experimental Forecast Performance Statistics (Real-time Parallel) - Maintained by FV3GFS Parallel Execution Group Retrospective Forecast Performance Statistics (December 2017-May 2018) Retrospective Forecast Performance Statistics (December 2017-May 2018) Retrospective Forecast Performance Statistics (December 2016-May 2017) Retrospective Forecast Performance Statistics (December 2016-May 2017) Retrospective Forecast Performance Statistics (Dav 2016-November 2017) Retrospective Forecast Performance Statistics (December 2016-May 2017) Retrospective Forecast Performance Statistics (December 2016-November 2016) Retrospective Forecast Performance Statistics (Nav 2015-November 2015)

RETROSPECTIVES

FV3GFS Retrospective Case Studies - Images by NCEP/EMC MEG
 MEG Evaluation of FV3GFS Retrospectives - Presented by Logan Dawson (7/19/18 MEG Meeting)
 FV3GFS East Coast Winter Storm Retrospectives - Presented by Tacey Dorian/Alicia Bentley/Logan Dawson (8/16/18 MEG Meeting)
 FV3GFS Western U.S. Retrospectives - Presented by Alicia Bentley (9/6/18 MEG Meeting)
 FV3GFS Alaskan Retrospectives - Presented by Tacey Dorian (9/6/18 MEG Meeting)
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FEEDBACK

VLAB - FV3 Evaluation Forum - Monitored by NCEP/EMC MEG

Update:

If you email <u>FV3GFS-Feedback.VLab@noaa.gov</u>, a post will appear in the forum and forum subscribers will get an email from <u>vlab.notifications@noaa.gov</u>,
 If you reply to the email from <u>vlab.notifications@noaa.gov</u>, forum subscribers will get an email and your response will appear in the forum.
 Non-VLab members who email the forum will be identified as "Anonymous". If you write to the forum as a non-VLab member, please identify yourself in your email.

FV3GFS: Infrastructure and Physics Upgrades

- Integrated FV3 into NEMS
- Replaced Zhao-Carr microphysics with the more advanced GFDL microphysics
- Updated parameterization of ozone photochemistry with additional production and loss terms
- New parameterization of middle atmospheric water vapor photochemistry
- Remove tropical cyclone vortex relocation
 - Service Change Notice

- Revised bare soil evaporation scheme
- **Stochastic physics in the data assimilation**
- Higher resolution in GDAS (now ~25 km)

other minor changes:

- correction bugs related to the convective cloud water
- radiation bug fix
- slight modification in scale-aware mass-flux deep or shallow convection schemes

A Few Key Product Changes

- Non-hydrostatic vertical velocity (dz/dt in m/s) now available in addition to omega; Omega in gridded output (Pa/s) is now derived using the hydrostatic approximation; VV has now replaced omega in GFS station time series bufr output
- New cloud hydrometeor fields, isobaric (3D cloud fractions), and simulated composite reflectivity now available
- Total and convective accumulated precip now available in addition to 6-hr buckets (although not yet in AWIPS)
- GFS directory structure on NCEP web services now breaks out daily directories by cycle
- 3hrly output now available beyond f240, but there is no decrease in resolution beyond f240 as in GFSv14, so delivery of grids beyond f240 is slower than in GFS v14; f384 delivery time now 20 minutes later than in GFSv14
- GFSv14 still running, with products available in GFS "para" data flow

A Few Key Model Changes After the Initial Code Freeze

TROPICAL CYCLONES in the ORIGINAL VERSION of GFSv15 WERE CONSISTENTLY CONSIDERABLY WEAKER THAN IN THE OPS GFS in ALL BASINS



GFDL recommended changing the horizontal advection setting

JUSTFICATION FOR HORD=5 CHANGE

- There was a clear improvement with regard to tropical cyclone intensity almost always yielded a stronger storm than HORD=6 run, and it was usually in the right direction with its forecast of a stronger storm
- Some concern about overdeepening of winter storms but overall impact was far less than on tropical cyclones
- Stats indicated little change on the synoptic scale with this change in any time of year
- NCEP Director Approved changing hord=6 to hord=5 starting with 18Z
 on August 15, 2018 for real-time parallel

BUG w DOWNWARD SOLAR RADIATION FOUND AND CORRECTED in FALL 2018



MORE on THIS LATER!

2m ALASKA TEMP STATS SHOWED A COLD BIAS in SUMMER 2018, and ANCHORAGE PLUMES CONFIRMED IT



FV3GFS and GFS plumes for: PANC 12 UTC 07 September 2018 cycle

CHANGE MADE IN SEPTEMBER 2018 to SST



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE POSITIVES

- 1. 500-MB AC SCORES ARE STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER IN GFSv15, AND OTHER SYNOPTIC STATS ARE TYPICALLY AS GOOD AS IN GFSv14, WITH SOME IMPROVEMENT IN DETAILS
- 2. IMPROVED WARM-SEASON DIURNAL CYCLE OF PRECIPITATION
- **3. INTENSE TROPICAL DEEPENING NOT SEEN IN GFSv15**
- 4. DOUBLE-LOW CENTERS FOR SINGLE STORM NOT SEEN IN GFSv15 FCTS OR ANL
- 5. GFSv15 SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO GENERATE MODEST SFC CONVECTIVE COLD POOLS, WITH CORRESPONDING IMPROVEMENT IN WARM SEASON QPF

6. NEW SIMULATED COMPOSITE REFLECTIVITY PARAMETER IS AVAILABLE

DAY 5: 500-mb AC SCORES FOR THIS PAST WINTER



GFSv14: 0.890 GFSv15: 0.897

GFSv14: 0.879 GFSv15: 0.890

DIE-OFF : 500-mb AC SCORES FOR THIS SPRING





SUMMER 2018 CONUS DOMAIN-AVG PCP

FV3GFS/GFS 3-hrly domain-avg APCP Jun-Aug 2018 12z cyc CONUS region



Considerable improvement in diurnal cycle of warm season precipitation

Improvement in GFSv15 is the most pronounced during overnight hours

GFSv15 GFSv14 OBS

TROPICAL CYCLONE WIND-PRESSURE RELATIONSHIP



GFSv14 has a poor wind-pressure relationship, with max wind speeds inconsistent w/ extremely low SLP values

Intensity scores, computed with maximum wind speed, are better in GFSv15 (not shown)

IRMA 00z 9/8/17 F54

GFS Fcst init 00Z 08 Sep 2017 valid 06Z 10 Sep 2017 (F54)

SLP FV3GFStest Fcst init 00Z 08 Sep 2017 valid 06Z 10 Sep 2017 (F54)





Higher SLP values in GFSv15 are more consistent w/ nature (wind-pres) & resolution of a global model
Higher SLP does not mean a weaker tropical cyclone

SLP

MULTIPLE TROPICAL CYCLONE CENTERS FOR SINGLE STORM GENERATED BY GFSv14 NOT SEEN IN GFSv15 FORECASTS or ANALYSES

6/28/18 00z F00



1000 1002 1004 1006 1008 1010 1012 1014 1016 1018 1020 1022 1024



From the WPC GFSv15 Evaluation



SOME REDUCTION IN NORTHWARD QPF BIAS, POTENTIALLY ASSOCIATED WITH ABILITY OF GFSv15 TO GENERATE MODEST COLD POOLS FROM SIGNIFICANT CONVECTION

NEW GFDL MP ALLOWS FOR SIMULATED COMPOSITE REFLECTIVITY



SOME CONCERNS

- 1. LOW-LEVEL COLD BIAS IN THE COLD SEASON, POTENTIALLY LEADING TO EXCESSIVE SNOW FORECASTS
- 2. FV3GFS CAN BE TOO PROGRESSIVE CLOSED UPPER LOWS RE-ENTERING THE FLOW
- 3. WARM-SEASON DRY QPF BIAS FOR MID AND UPPER THRESHOLDS
- 4. CONCERNS WITH FORWARD SPEED OF POLEWARD-MOVING TROPICAL CYCLONES



GFSv15 change @ 18z 9-17-18 to correct radiation error:

RADIATION DRIVER CORRECTION LED TO A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE in the LOW-LEVEL COLD BIAS

COLD BIAS WAS EVIDENT IN RETROSPECTIVE RUNS, BUT MAGNITUDE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY THIS PAST WINTER



Mitigation of the cold bias (Late Winter 2019)

Physics:

 Adopting an improved cloud radiation interaction in the new configuration reduces long-wave cooling in the troposphere, and indirectly increases heating in the PBL and near-surface due to mixing, warming the troposphere.

Data Assimilation:

 Adjustment to supersaturation constraint in the new configuration reduces the cold bias in the polar regions near surface.

GFDL is acknowledged for their contribution to the implementation of the improved cloud-radiation interaction Zonal Mean Temperature Difference Lat-HGT Cross Section, 24hr Forecast



Impact of improved cloudradiation interactions: Warm the atmosphere (recovers some of the cold bias in the lower troposphere)

500 hPa Height Bias

1000 hPa Temp Bias



Excessive 24-h Snowfall Totals in Medium Range (Valid: 12Z 2/20/19)

NOHRSC Analysis



Previous GFSv15 Version



Final GFSv15 Configuration

GFSv14





 Final Configuration has correct areal coverage of snowfall, and coverage of higher amounts is significantly reduced from the real-time parallel run but are still too high, potentially due to the lingering low-level cold bias





WARM SEASON DRY BIAS FOR MID AND UPPER-RANGE AMOUNTS





QPF Evaluation - Concerns

Low bias for higher QPF thresholds

24-hour QPF from the 00Z Sep 14 runs valid 12Z Sep 16 (F060)



STAGE IV OBS 75. GFSv14 GFSv15 150. 0 125.0 100.0 75. 0 50. O 35. 0 25. D 20. O 15.0 10.0 5. 0 z. o FV3GFS 048h Forecast 24h Accum (mm) Ending 2019052112 GFS 048h Forecast 24h Accum (mm) Ending 2019052112 Stage IV 24h Accum (mm) Ending 2019052112 24h FBIAS, 48h fcsts valid 2019-05-12 - 2019-06-11 Recent GFSv14 Bias GFSv15 Scores >2.0 >3.0 >4.0

But some evidence this spring of better performance on wetter cases

TROPICAL GFSv15 Track Skill Relative to Older GFS for 2015-18 Atlantic TCs and Hurricanes From NHC Evaluation of GFSv15



- For all 2015-2018 Atlantic TCs (left), modest improvement in track forecasts through Day 5
- Clear degradation by Day 6 with significant degradation at Day 7
- For all 2015-2018 Atlantic <u>hurricanes</u> (right), track forecasts were degraded at all lead times worst cases seemed to be ones with poleward-moving storms

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GFSv15

GFSv14

GFS ANL

GOING FORWARD

Target: Simplifying the NCEP Production Suite



Courtesy Bill Lapenta



UDA: Unified Data assimilation SFS: Seasonal Forecast System SSFS: Subseasonal Forecast System GFS: Weather Forecast System RRFS: Rapid Refresh Forecast System WoFS; Warn on Forecast System

CURRENT PLAN TO SIMPLIFY THE PRODUCTION SUITE

• Move toward the **Unified Forecast System**



- In 2016, the GFDL finite-volume cubed-sphere (FV3) dynamical core was selected to be the cornerstone of future NCEP modeling efforts
- Allows NCEP to focus development on a single system
- Initial work focused on developing the Next-Generation Global Prediction System (NGGPS)
- FV3GFS (GFSv15), transition of the Global Forecast System to the FV3 dynamical core, is the first step toward implementing NGGPS



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Sub-Seasonal Forecast System

Global Ensemble Forecast System GEFS v12



- The next step towards the UFS
- Configuration
 - C384L64 (~25km)
 - 31 members, 4 cycles/day
 - Forecast extension to day 35 (1x/day)
- Q2FY19: Start to produce 30 years (1989-2018) reforecast
- Q4FY19: Start to produce retrospective runs (2-3 years)
- Q2FY20: Official evaluation
- Q4FY20: Implement FV3GEFS operational version (v12)

Global Wave Ensemble (GWES) Coupled to GEFS v12

<u>Coupling to GEFS v12</u>: Provide initial framework for transition to

unified, fully-coupled systems at NCEP,

<u>New global grids</u>: Improve overall model skill, and match requirements for inclusion of wave products to NAEFS,

- Global core resolution increased from ½ degree to ¼ degree,
- Inclusion of Arctic Polar grid with 18km resolution.

Objective Physics Retuning: Reduction of RMS error and bias,

adjustment of wave model physics to FV3 forcing.

GFS V16: Major Upgrades to Deterministic Global Model

- Model resolution:
- Increased vertical resolution from 64 to 127 vertical Levels and raise model top from 54 km to 80 km; Increased horizontal resolution from 13 km to 10 km (depending on operational resources)
- Dynamics: New advection algorithms from GFDL
- Advanced physics chosen from Physics Test Plan:
 - PBL/turbulence: K-EDMF => sa-TKE-EDMF
 - Land surface: Noah => Noah-MP
 - Gravity Wave Drag: => unified gravity-wave-drag
 - Radiation: updates to cloud-overlap assumptions,
 - Microphysics: Improvements to GFDL MP
- Coupling to WaveWatchIII
 - Two-way interactive coupling of atmospheric model with Global Wave Model (GWM)
 - Evaluation planned for Q3 FY20, with planned for implementation in Q2FY21

- Data Assimilation Upgrades:
 - Local Ensemble Kalman Filter (LETKF), including early cycle updates in support of GEFS
 - 4-Dimensional Incremental Analysis Update (4DIAU)
 - Stochastic Kinetic Energy Backscatter (SKEBS) and landsurface perturbations
 - Stratospheric humidity increments
 - Improved Near Surface Sea Temperature (NSST) analysis
 - Land Data Assimilation
 - Shifting and Lagging Ensemble Members to expand ensemble size
 - Improved cloud analysis
 - Delz increments

Potential Additional Components of GFSv16

- work ongoing within physics group to understand and further mitigate the low-level cold bias
- New PBL scheme shows promise in slightly mitigating long-standing GFS issues with being too weak with lowlevel inversions – more testing ongoing



Thank You! Questions?