Developing the Hurricane Analysis and Forecast System: Future Priorities After IOC Implementation

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Background

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NWS/OSTI OAR/WPO
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MRW/S2S Integrated Application Team (including T&E)
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SRW/CAM Integrated Application Team (including T&E)
Alexander/Carley

Hurricane Integrated Application Team (including T&E)
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Atmospheric Composition
Stajner/Frost

Marine Components
Meixner/Hallberg

Atmospheric Physics and Dynamics, (including stochastic physics & land)
Yang/Bengtsson

Data Assimilation, Reanalysis & Reforecast
Kleist/Frolov

Application Support
Wolff/Bernardet

Modeling Infrastructure
Dunlap/Chawla

Verification & Post-Processing Infrastructure
Levit/Jensen
HAFS Current Status

Workflow
- Configurable moving nest capability
- Optional vortex initialization
- Configurable storm-region and/or entire domain data assimilation
- Post-process both parent and nest domain
- Research and forecast products
- ESG configuration

Moving nest
- Single-storm following nest
- Full physics nest motion
- Auto storm tracking
- Namelist option for moving nest
- Optimized running moving nest

Ocean/Wave coupling with moving nest
- HYCOM ocean coupling with HAFS parent
- Downscale HAFS parent SST for nest domain
- One-way coupling with WW3: generate HAFS/wave IC/BC from GFS/wave
HAFS Current Status

Utilities for DA and VI
- Interpolating/remapping functions
- Merging domains
- Interface to Data Assimilation
- Vortex consistency
- First Guess at Appropriate Time (FGAT)

Data Assimilation
- Storm-region inner-core DA
- DA cycling for entire parent domain for the coarser res. (~6km)
- 3DEnVAR with GDAS (or HAFS ensemble)
- Additional obs. Assimilated
  - Tail Doppler Radar (TDR)
  - Next Generation Weather Radar (NEXRAD)
  - Drifting corrected Dropsondes
  - Metar observations
  - High resolution GOES-16 AMVs
  - Test CIMSS Rapid scan winds

Infrastructure
- WriteGrid component for multiple domains
- FMS support telescopic & multiple nests
HAFS Development Priorities: after IOC

- **Moving nest**
  - Multiple storms
  - Flexible nesting refinement
  - NOAH-MP
  - uGWP upgrade
  - Code optimization

- **Data assimilation**
  - New data ingestion
  - 4DEnVar
  - Atmosphere/Ocean coupled DA
  - JEDI infrastructure
  - JEDI transition

- **Physics evaluation, transition & development**
  - PBL for TC application
  - NOAH-MP evaluation
  - saSAS upgrade, transition, & evaluation
  - Microphysics parameterization upgrade

- **Ocean model transition**
  - HYCOM to MOM6 transition
  - Atmosphere-MOM6-Wave three-way coupling
HAFS Development Priorities: future innovation

- **Moving nest**
  - Global moving nest
  - Telescopic moving nest for LES capability

- **Data assimilation**
  - Efficiency vs. accuracy
  - AI/ML technology for DA
  - Atmosphere/Ocean coupled DA: strongly vs. weakly
  - All-sky radiance: CRTM vs. RRTMG
  - New DA methodology: scale-aware, particle filter, etc.
  - DA and physics parameterizations interaction

- **Observations**
  - New observations
  - Observation strategy

- **Products**
  - Ensemble products
  - Product fidelities
  - 7-day forecast products

- **Physics**
  - AI/ML and physics parameterizations
  - Sub-kilometer physics
  - Physics interactions

- **Ocean-Wave-Atmosphere coupling**
  - Three-way coupling
  - Coupling strategy
  - Ocean and wave model physics
  - Ocean and wave model initialization
Wooden Bucket Theory

The shortest board determining the maximum capacity of the bucket
Summary

- HAFS completed for 2022 hurricane season real-time HFIP demo
- HAFS is aiming to initial operational implementation in 2023 hurricane season
- HAFS development and operational implementation will prioritize the following aspects:
  - Moving nest capabilities
  - New DA capabilities, methodologies and data
  - New physics ready for high-resolution
  - Synchronize development to NOAA's Unified Forecast System (UFS)