

Tutorial 1: Explanation of CPP Options, ocean.in, and i4dvar.in

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Incremental, Strong Constraint, 4D-Var (I4D-Var) Data Assimilation

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Introduction [\[edit\]](#)

During this exercise you will apply the primal form of incremental strong constraint 4D-Var (**I4D-Var**) to ROMS configured for the U.S. west coast and the California Current System (CCS). This configuration, referred to as **WC13**, has 30 km horizontal resolution, and 30 levels in the vertical. While 30 km resolution is inadequate for capturing much of the energetic mesoscale circulation associated with the CCS, **WC13** captures the broad scale features of the circulation quite well, and serves as a very useful and efficient illustrative example of I4D-Var.

Model Set-up

The **WC13** model domain is shown in Fig. 1 and has open boundaries along the northern, western, and southern edges of the model domain.

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WC13 C-preprocessing Options (Basic Configuration)

Momentum Equations Options:

#define UV_ADV including advection terms
#define UV_COR including Coriolis term
#define DJ_GRADPS splines density Jacobian PGF
#define UV_QDRAG quadratic bottom friction
#define UV_VIS2 harmonic horizontal mixing
#define MIX_S_UV mixing along s-levels

Tracers Equations Options:

#define TS_U3HADVECTION 3rd-order Upstream H. advection
#define TS_C4VADVECTION 4th-order Centered V. advection
#define TS_DIF2 harmonic horizontal mixing
#define MIX_GEO_TS mixing along geo-potentials
#define SALINITY including salinity
#define NONLIN_EOS nonlinear equation of state

#define ANA_BTFLUX analytical bottom Temp flux
#define ANA_BSFLUX analytical bottom Salt flux

Vertical Turbulent Mixing Parameterization:

#define GLS_MIXING Generic Length Scale Mixing
#ifdef GLS_MIXING (K-omega)
#define N2S2_HORAVG smoothing of buoyancy/shear
#define KANTHA_CLAYSON stability function
#endif

Atmospheric Boundary Layer Parameterization:

#define BULK_FLUXES Air/sea COARE bulk fluxes

#define DIURNAL_SRFLUX imposing local diurnal cycle
#define SOLAR_SOURCE solar radiation source term
#define LONGWAVE_OUT compute outgoing long wave rad
#define EMI_NUSP compute E-P

Model Configuration Options:

#define SOLVE3D solve 3D primitive equations
#define CURVGRID curvilinear grid
#define MASKING land/sea masking
#define SPHERICAL spherical grid
#define PROFILE time profiling

#define SPLINES parabolic splines
 reconstruction

Lateral Boundary Conditions:

#define EASTERN_WALL closed eastern wall condition

#define WEST_FSCHAPMAN free-surface, Chapman
#define WEST_M2FLATHER 2D momentum, Flather
#define WEST_M3CLAMPED 3D momentum, clamped
#define WEST_TCLAMPED tracers, clamped condition

#define NORTH_FSCHAPMAN free-surface, Chapman
#define NORTH_M2FLATHER 2D momentum, Flather
#define NORTH_M3CLAMPED 3D momentum, clamped
#define NORTH_TCLAMPED tracers, clamped

#define SOUTH_FSCHAPMAN free-surface, Chapman
#define SOUTH_M2FLATHER 2D momentum, Flather
#define SOUTH_M3CLAMPED 3D momentum, clamped
#define SOUTH_TCLAMPED tracer, clamped

#define SPONGE enhanced viscosity/diffusion
 areas

WC13 C-preprocessing Options (I4D-Var Configuration)

Algorithm:

#define IS4DVAR primal form of incremental strong constraint 4D-Var

Control Vector:

#define ADJUST_BOUNDARY open boundary conditions increments
#define ADJUST_STFLUX surface tracer flux increments
#define ADJUST_WSTRESS surface wind stress increments

Error Covariance Modeling:

#define VCONVOLUTION Vertical correlation modeling
#define IMPLICIT_VCON Implicit vertical diffusion operator
#define BALANCE_OPERATOR Multivariate balance constraint
#ifdef BALANCE_OPERATOR
#define ZETA_ELLIPTIC SSH elliptic equation method
#endif

Prior:

#define FORWARD_READ read basic state linearization in TLM and ADM files
#define FORWARD_WRITE writing basic state by the NLM
#define FORWARD_MIXING processing basic state vertical mixing coefficients
#define NL_BULK_FLUXES surface kinematic fluxes from nonlinear model

I/O :

#define OUT_DOUBLE double precision data in output NLM, TLM, and ADM

Include File: wc13.h

```
/*
** svn $Id: wc13.h 476 2010-06-26 20:25:30Z arango $
*****
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** See License_ROMS.txt
*****
**
** Options for the California Current System, 1/3 degree resolution.
**
** Application flag:   WC13
** Input script:      ocean_wc13.in
**                    s4dvar.in
**
** Available Drivers options: choose only one and activate it in the
**                            build.sh script (MY_CPP_FLAGS definition)
**
** AD_SENSITIVITY      Adjoint Sensitivity Driver
** AFT_EIGENMODES      Adjoint Finite Time Eigenmodes
** ARRAY_MODES         Stabilized representer matrix array modes
** CLIPPING            Stabilized representer matrix clipped analysis
** CORRELATION         Background-error Correlation Check
** GRADIENT_CHECK      TLM/ADM Gradient Check
** FORCING_SV         Forcing Singular Vectors
** FT_EIGENMODES       Finite Time Eigenmodes
** IS4DVAR             Incremental, strong constraint 4DVAR
** NLM_DRIVER          Nonlinear Basic State trajectory
** OPT_PERTURBATION    Optimal perturbations
** PICARD_TEST         Picard Iterations Test
** R_SYMMETRY         Representer Matrix Symmetry Test
** SANITY_CHECK        Sanity Check
** SO_SEMI            Stochastic Optimals: Semi-norm
```

ROMS Standard Input Parameters

```
NtileI == 2          ! I-direction partition
NtileJ == 2          ! J-direction partition
. . .
NTIMES == 192        ! Number of time-steps (4 days)
  DT == 1800.0d0     ! Number of time-steps (48 steps per day)
. . .
Nouter = 1           ! Number of 4D-Var outer loops
Ninner = 50          ! Number of 4D-Var inner loops
. . .
LDEFOUT == T         ! Switch to create new history files
  NHIS == 48         ! Steps between writing of NLM data (daily)
  NDEFHIS == 0       ! Steps between creation of new NLM files
. . .
LcycleTLM == F       ! Switch to recycle records in TLM file
  NTLM == 48         ! Steps between writing of TLM data (daily)
  NDEFTLM == 0       ! Steps between creation of new TLM files
LcycleADJ == T       ! Switch to recycle records in ADM file
  NADJ == 192        ! Steps between writing of ADM data (strong constraint)
  NDEFADJ == 0       ! Steps between creation of new ADM files
  NSFF == 48         ! Steps between adjustment of surface fluxes (daily)
  NOBC == 48         ! Steps between adjustment of open boundary (daily)
. . .
APARNAM = i4dvar.in ! I4D-Var standard input parameters
```

Standard Input File: ocean_wc13.in

```
!  
! ROMS/TOMS Standard Input parameters.  
!  
!svn $Id: ocean_wc13.in 476 2010-06-26 20:25:30Z arango $  
!===== Hernan G. Arango ===  
! Copyright (c) 2002-2010 The ROMS/TOMS Group !  
! Licensed under a MIT/X style license !  
! See License_ROMS.txt !  
!===== !  
!  
! Input parameters can be entered in ANY order, provided that the parameter !  
! KEYWORD (usually, upper case) is typed correctly followed by "=" or "==" !  
! symbols. Any comment lines are allowed and must begin with an exclamation !  
! mark (!) in column one. Comments may appear to the right of a parameter !  
! specification to improve documentation. Comments will be ignored during !  
! reading. Blank lines are also allowed and ignored. Continuation lines in !  
! a parameter specification are allowed and must be preceded by a backslash !  
! (\). In some instances, more than one value is required for a parameter. !  
! If fewer values are provided, the last value is assigned for the entire !  
! parameter array. The multiplication symbol (*), without blank spaces in !  
! between, is allowed for a parameter specification. For example, in a two !  
! grids nested application: !  
!  
! AKT_BAK == 2*1.0d-6 2*5.0d-6 ! m2/s !  
!  
! indicates that the first two entries of array AKT_BAK, in fortran column- !  
! major order, will have the same value of "1.0d-6" for grid 1, whereas the !  
! next two entries will have the same value of "5.0d-6" for grid 2. !  
!  
! In multiple levels of nesting and/or multiple connected domains step-ups, !  
! "Ngrids" entries are expected for some of these parameters. In such case, !  
! the order of the entries for a parameter is extremely important. It must !
```

4D-Var Parameters: Normalization

```
Nmethod == 0 ! normalization method
Nrandom == 5000 ! randomization iterations
. . .
LdefNRM == F F F F ! Create a new normalization files
LwrtNRM == F F F F ! Compute and write normalization
. . .
CnormI(isFsur) = T ! 2D variable at RHO-points
CnormI(isUbar) = T ! 2D variable at U-points
CnormI(isVbar) = T ! 2D variable at V-points
CnormI(isUvel) = T ! 3D variable at U-points
CnormI(isVvel) = T ! 3D variable at V-points
CnormI(isTvar) = T T ! NT tracers
. . .
CnormB(isFsur) = T ! 2D variable at RHO-points
CnormB(isUbar) = T ! 2D variable at U-points
CnormB(isVbar) = T ! 2D variable at V-points
CnormB(isUvel) = T ! 3D variable at U-points
CnormB(isVvel) = T ! 3D variable at V-points
CnormB(isTvar) = T T ! NT tracers
. . .
CnormF(isUstr) = T ! surface U-momentum stress
CnormF(isVstr) = T ! surface V-momentum stress
CnormF(isTsur) = T T ! NT surface tracers flux
. . .
NRMnameM == wc13_nrm_m.nc ! model error (weak constraint)
NRMnameI == wc13_nrm_i.nc ! initial conditions
NRMnameB == wc13_nrm_b.nc ! open boundary conditions
NRMnameF == wc13_nrm_f.nc ! surface forcing (wind stress and net heat flux)
```


4D-Var Parameters: Decorrelation Scales

Horizontal and vertical stability and accuracy factors (< 1):

!		IC	Model	OBC	Sur For	
	Hgamma =	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	! horizontal operator
	Vgamma =	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	! vertical operator

Initial conditions correlations (m):

HdecayI(isFsur) ==	50.0d+3				! free-surface
HdecayI(isUbar) ==	50.0d+3				! 2D U-momentum
HdecayI(isVbar) ==	50.0d+3				! 2D V-momentum
HdecayI(isUvel) ==	50.0d+3				! 3D U-momentum
HdecayI(isVvel) ==	50.0d+3				! 3D V-momentum
HdecayI(isTvar) ==	50.0d+3		50.0d+3		! 1:NT tracers
VdecayI(isUvel) ==	30.0d0				! 3D U-momentum
VdecayI(isVvel) ==	30.0d0				! 3D V-momentum
VdecayI(isTvar) ==	30.0d0		30.0d0		! 1:NT tracers

Surface forcing correlations (m):

HdecayF(isUstr) ==	100.0d+3				! surface U-momentum stress
HdecayF(isVstr) ==	100.0d+3				! surface V-momentum stress
HdecayF(isTsur) ==	100.0d+3		100.0d+3		! 1:NT surface tracer flux

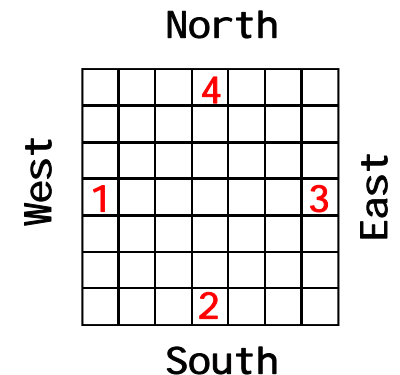
4D-Var Parameters: Decorrelation Scales

Open boundary conditions correlations (m):

!		1: west	2: south	3: east	4: north	
HdecayB(i sFsur)	==	100. 0d+3	100. 0d+3	100. 0d+3	100. 0d+3	! free-surface
HdecayB(i sUbar)	==	100. 0d+3	100. 0d+3	100. 0d+3	100. 0d+3	! 2D U-momentum
HdecayB(i sVbar)	==	100. 0d+3	100. 0d+3	100. 0d+3	100. 0d+3	! 2D V-momentum
HdecayB(i sUvel)	==	100. 0d+3	100. 0d+3	100. 0d+3	100. 0d+3	! 3D U-momentum
HdecayB(i sVvel)	==	100. 0d+3	100. 0d+3	100. 0d+3	100. 0d+3	! 3D V-momentum
HdecayB(i sTvar)	==	4*100. 0d+3	4*100. 0d+3			! 1:NT tracers
VdecayB(i sUvel)	==	30. 0d0	30. 0d0	30. 0d0	30. 0d0	! 3D U-momentum
VdecayB(i sVvel)	==	30. 0d0	30. 0d0	30. 0d0	30. 0d0	! 3D V-momentum
VdecayB(i sTvar)	==	4*30. d0	4*30. d0			! 1:NT tracers

Boundary edges to adjust (logical switches):

!		1	2	3	4	
Lobc(i sFsur)	==	T	T	F	T	! free-surface
Lobc(i sUbar)	==	T	T	F	T	! 2D U-momentum
Lobc(i sVbar)	==	T	T	F	T	! 2D V-momentum
Lobc(i sUvel)	==	T	T	F	T	! 3D U-momentum
Lobc(i sVvel)	==	T	T	F	T	! 3D V-momentum
Lobc(i sTvar)	==	T	T	F	T	\
		T	T	F	T	



4D-Var Parameters: Balance Operator

SSH, elliptic solver:

Nbi co == 200 ! bi conjugate gradient iteration

SSH, integration of hydrostatic equation:

LNM_depth == 1000.0d0 ! level of no motion (m, positive)

LNM_flag = 1 ! Integration flag

[0] integrate from bottom to surface

[1] integrate from LNM to surface or
from local depth, if shallower

Balanced salinity empirical T-S relationship:

dTdz_min == 0.001d0 ! minimum dT/dz (Celsius/m)

ml_depth == 100.0d0 ! mixed-layer depth (m; positive)

State Variables switches:

balance(i sSal t) = T

! salinity

balance(i sFsur) = T

! free-surface

balance(i sVbar) = F

! 2D momentum (ubar, vbar)

balance(i sVvel) = T

! 3D momentum (u, v)

Other 4D-Var Parameters

Lanczos algorithm parameters:

GradErr = 1.0d-4	! Upper bound on the relative error of the gradient
HevecErr = 1.0d-1	! Maximum error bound on Hessian eigenvectors
LhessianEV = T	! Compute approximated hessian eigen pairs

Preconditioning:

Lprecond = F	! Limited-Memory Preconditioner: Spectral
Lritz = T	! Limited-Memory Preconditioner: Ritz
NritzEV = 0	! If preconditioning, number of eigenvectors if NritzEV = 0, use HevecErr

Weak constraint:

LhotStart = T	! Hot start in subsequent outer loops
NpostI = 50	! Posterior error analysis Lanczos iterations
Nvct = 50	! Stabilized representer matrix eigenvector to process
tl_M2diff == 0.0d0	! RPM relaxation (m2/s), 2D momentum
tl_M3diff == 0.0d0	! RPM relaxation (m2/s), 3D momentum
tl_Tdiff == 0.0d0 0.0d0	! RPM relaxation (m2/s), tracers

I4D-Var Parameters File: i4dvar.in

```
! 4DVar assimilation input parameters.
!
!svn $Id: s4dvar.in 1256 2010-06-12 21:59:26Z arango $
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!=====
!
! Input parameters can be entered in ANY order, provided that the parameter
! KEYWORD (usually, upper case) is typed correctly followed by "=" or "=="
! symbols. Any comment lines are allowed and must begin with an exclamation
! mark (!) in column one. Comments may appear to the right of a parameter
! specification to improve documentation. Comments will be ignored during
! reading. Blank lines are also allowed and ignored. Continuation lines in
! a parameter specification are allowed and must be preceded by a backslash
! (\). In some instances, more than one value is required for a parameter.
! If fewer values are provided, the last value is assigned for the entire
! parameter array. The multiplication symbol (*), without blank spaces in
! between, is allowed for a parameter specification. For example, in a two
! grids nested application:
!
!     AKT_BAK == 2*1.0d-6  2*5.0d-6           ! m2/s
!
! indicates that the first two entries of array AKT_BAK, in fortran column-
! major order, will have the same value of "1.0d-6" for grid 1, whereas the
! next two entries will have the same value of "5.0d-6" for grid 2.
!
! In multiple levels of nesting and/or multiple connected domains step-ups,
! "Ngrids" entries are expected for some of these parameters. In such case,
! the order of the entries for a parameter is extremely important. It must
! follow the same order (1:Ngrids) as in the state variable declaration. The
```

I4D-Var Job Script: job_i4dvar.sh

1. Set path definition to one directory up in the tree.

```
set Dir = `dirname ${PWD}`
```

2. Set string manipulations perl script.

```
set SUBSTITUTE = ${ROMS_ROOT}/ROMS/Bin/substitute
```

3. Copy nonlinear model initial conditions file.

```
cp -p ${Dir}/Data/wc13_ini.nc wc13_ini.nc
```

4. Set initial conditions, boundary conditions and surface forcing error covariance standard deviations files.

```
set STDnameI = ../Data/wc13_std_i.nc
set STDnameB = ../Data/wc13_std_b.nc
set STDnameF = ../Data/wc13_std_f.nc
```

5. Set initial conditions, boundary conditions and surface forcing error covariance normalization factors files.

```
set NRMnameI = ../Data/wc13_nrm_i.nc
set NRMnameB = ../Data/wc13_nrm_b.nc
set NRMnameF = ../Data/wc13_nrm_f.nc
```

6. Set observations file.

```
set OBSname = wc13_obs.nc
```

7. Get a clean copy of the observation file. This is really important since this file is modified.

```
cp -p ${Dir}/Data/${OBSname} .
```

8. Modify 4D-Var template input script and specify above files.

```
set I4DVAR = i4dvar.in
if (-e $I4DVAR) then
  /bin/rm $I4DVAR
endif
cp s4dvar.in $I4DVAR
```

```
$SUBSTITUTE $I4DVAR ocean_std_i.nc $STDnameI
$SUBSTITUTE $I4DVAR ocean_std_b.nc $STDnameB
$SUBSTITUTE $I4DVAR ocean_std_f.nc $STDnameF
$SUBSTITUTE $I4DVAR ocean_nrm_i.nc $NRMnameI
$SUBSTITUTE $I4DVAR ocean_nrm_b.nc $NRMnameB
$SUBSTITUTE $I4DVAR ocean_nrm_f.nc $NRMnameF
$SUBSTITUTE $I4DVAR ocean_obs.nc $OBSname
$SUBSTITUTE $I4DVAR ocean_hss.nc wc13_hss.nc
$SUBSTITUTE $I4DVAR ocean_lcz.nc wc13_lcz.nc
$SUBSTITUTE $I4DVAR ocean_mod.nc wc13_mod.nc
$SUBSTITUTE $I4DVAR ocean_err.nc wc13_err.nc
```

I4D-Var Job Script File: job_i4dvar.sh

```
#!/bin/csh -f
#
# svn $Id: job_i4dvar.sh 474 2010-06-25 20:19:44Z arango $
#####
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#####
#
# Incremental strong constraint I4D-Var job script:                               #
#                                                                                   #
# This script NEEDS to be run before any run:                                     #
#                                                                                   #
#   (1) It copies a new clean nonlinear model initial conditions                 #
#       file. The nonlinear model is initialized from the                       #
#       background or reference state.                                           #
#   (2) Specify initial conditions, boundary conditions, and surface             #
#       forcing error covariance input standard deviations files.               #
#   (3) Specify initial conditions, boundary conditions, and surface             #
#       forcing error covariance input/output normalization factors              #
#       files.                                                                    #
#   (4) Copy a clean copy of the observations NetCDF file.                      #
#   (5) Create 4D-Var input script "i4dvar.in" from template and                #
#       specify the error covariance standard deviation, error                  #
#       covariance normalization factors, and observation files to              #
#       be used.                                                                   #
#                                                                                   #
#####
# Set path definition to one directory up in the tree.

set Dir=`dirname ${PWD}``
```

Compile: build.sh

1. Set a local environmental variable to define the path to the directories where all this project's files are kept.

```
setenv MY_ROOT_DIR /home/arango/ocean/toms/repository
setenv MY_PROJECT_DIR ${PWD}
```

2. Location of your ROMS source code.

```
setenv MY_ROMS_SRC ${MY_ROOT_DIR}/branches/arango
```

3. Build script invoked CPP options.

```
setenv MY_CPP_FLAGS "-DS4DVAR"
```

4. Compiler selection environment variables.

```
setenv USE_MPI on
setenv USE_MPI_F90 on
setenv FORT pgi
```

5. Use custom library paths.

```
#setenv USE_MY_LIBS on
```

Libraries for PGI

```
if ($?USE_MY_LIBS) then
  switch ($FORT)
  case "pgi"
    setenv ARPACK_LIBDIR /opt/pgi/soft/serial/ARPACK
    if ($?USE_MPI) then
      setenv PARPACK_LIBDIR /opt/pgi/soft/mpi ch/PARPACK
    endif

    if ($?USE_NETCDF4) then
      if ($?USE_MPI) then
        setenv NETCDF_INC_DIR /opt/pgi/soft/mpi ch/netcdf4/include
        setenv NETCDF_LIBDIR /opt/pgi/soft/mpi ch/netcdf4/lib
        setenv HDF5_LIBDIR /opt/pgi/soft/mpi ch/hdf5/lib
      else
        setenv NETCDF_INC_DIR /opt/pgi/soft/serial/netcdf4/include
        setenv NETCDF_LIBDIR /opt/pgi/soft/serial/netcdf4/lib
        setenv HDF5_LIBDIR /opt/pgi/soft/serial/hdf5/lib
      endif
    else
      setenv NETCDF_INC_DIR /opt/pgi/soft/serial/netcdf3/include
      setenv NETCDF_LIBDIR /opt/pgi/soft/serial/netcdf3/lib
    endif
  breaksw
endif
```


Build Script: build.sh

```
#!/bin/csh -f
#
# svn $Id: build.sh 474 2010-06-25 20:19:44Z arango $
#:.....: John Wilkin :::
# Copyright (c) 2002-2010 The ROMS/TOMS Group      :::
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#:.....: Hernan G. Arango :::
#
# ROMS/TOMS Compiling Script                       :::
#
# Script to compile an user application where the application-specific :::
# files are kept separate from the ROMS source code.  :::
#
# Q: How/why does this script work?               :::
#
# A: The ROMS makefile configures user-defined options with a set of :::
# flags such as ROMS_APPLICATION. Browse the makefile to see these.  :::
# If an option in the makefile uses the syntax ?= in setting the      :::
# default, this means that make will check whether an environment     :::
# variable by that name is set in the shell that calls make. If so   :::
# the environment variable value overrides the default (and the       :::
# user need not maintain separate makefiles, or frequently edit     :::
# the makefile, to run separate applications).                        :::
#
# Usage:                                           :::
#
#   ./build.sh [options]                          :::
#
# Options:                                         :::
#
#   -j [N]           Compile in parallel using N CPUs                :::
```