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1 Introduction

1.1 This Document

This is the NASA Unified-Weather Research and Forecasting (NU-WRF) Version 11.4 User's Guide. This document provides an overview of NU-WRF; describes how to download, compile, and run the NU-WRF software; and guides porting the software to new platforms.

This document consists of six sections and three appendices:

- Section 1 is the present introductory section.
- Section 2 provides general information about the NU-WRF project and its components.
- Section 3 provides information on obtaining a software usage agreement and the NU-WRF source code.
- Section 4 describes how to compile the NU-WRF software;
- Section 5 describes several front-end workflows that can be employed with the NU-WRF modeling system, ranging from basic weather simulation to advanced aerosol-microphysics-radiation coupling to alternate initialization methods. This includes information on new pre-processors and NASA changes to the community WRF model.
- Section 6 describes several post-processors for visualization and/or verification.
- Finally, Appendix A answers Frequently Asked Questions about NU-WRF, Appendix B provides guidance on porting NU-WRF to new platforms and Appendix C lists the NU-WRF revision history.

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NU-WRF Version 11.4, “Ekman”, is named after Vagn Walfrid Ekman, a Swedish oceanographer best known for his studies of the dynamics of ocean currents. Common oceanographic terms such as Ekman layer, Ekman spiral, and Ekman transport derive from his research.

2 NU-WRF System

NU-WRF has been developed at Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) as an observation-driven integrated modeling system representing aerosol, cloud, precipitation, and land processes at satellite-resolved scales (Peters-Lidard et al., 2015). NU-WRF is intended as a superset of the standard NCAR Advanced Research WRF [WRF-ARW; Skamarock et al. (2008)] and incorporates:

- The GSFC Land Information System [LIS; see Kumar et al. (2006) and Peters-Lidard et al. (2007)], coupled to WRF and also available as a stand-alone executable;
- The WRF-Chem enabled version of the Goddard Chemistry Aerosols Radiation Transport model [GOCART; Chin et al. (2002)];
- GSFC radiation and microphysics schemes including revised couplings to the aerosols [Shi et al. (2014); Lang et al. (2014)]; and

In addition, multiple pre- and post-processors from the community and from GSFC have been collected with WRF and LIS. Taken together, the NU-WRF modeling system provides a framework for simulating aerosol and land use effects on such phenomena as floods, tropical cyclones, mesoscale convective systems, droughts, and monsoons (Peters-Lidard et al., 2015). Support also exists for treating CO₂ as a tracer, with plans to further refine into source components (anthropogenic versus biogenic). Finally, the software has been modified to use netCDF4 (<http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/netcdf/>) with HDF5 compression (<https://www.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/>), reducing netCDF file sizes by up to 50%.

Recently NU-WRF was incorporated into a separate, Maximum Likelihood Ensemble Filter-based atmospheric data assimilation system (NASA, 2016), with the capability of assimilating cloud and precipitation-affected radiances (Zhang et al., 2015). In addition, some secondary, rarely used elements of the community WRF modeling system that are not yet included with NU-WRF may be added in the future.

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The NU-WRF package contains the following components and utilities:

- The WRF/ component contains a modified copy of the core WRF version 4.4 modeling system [see Chapter 5 of NCAR (2022)], the WRF-Fire wildfire library [see Appendix A of NCAR (2022)], the WRF-Chem atmospheric chemistry library [see Peckham et al. (2022) and Peckham et al. (2015)], and several preprocessors (REAL, CONVERT_EMISS, TC, and NDOWN). In particular, WRF has been modified to include
 - couplings between these schemes and GOCART
 - new dust emission options

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- a new CO₂ tracer parameterization,
- the 2017 Goddard radiation package

This latter package was officially integrated into WRF in v4.2. WRF/ also includes LIS/LDT/LVT (in LISF/) with code modifications to both LIS and WRF-ARW to facilitate on-line coupling between the atmosphere and Noah land surface models, as well as land data assimilation (NASA, 2022b).

- The WPS/ component contains a modified copy of the WRF Preprocessing System version 4.4 [see Chapter 3 of NCAR (2022)]. This includes the GEOGRID, UNGRID, and METGRID programs used to set up a WRF domain, to interpolate static and climatological terrestrial data, to extract fields from GRIB and GRIB2 files, and to horizontally interpolate the fields to the WRF grid. This also includes the optional AVG.TSFC preprocessor, which calculates time-average surface temperatures for use in initializing small in-land lake temperatures.
- The LISF/ldt/ component contains version 7.4 of the NASA Land Data Toolkit (LDT) software (NASA, 2022a). This acts both as a preprocessor for LIS (including interpolation of terrestrial data to the LIS grid and separate preprocessing for data assimilation) and a postprocessor for LIS (merging dynamic fields from a LIS off-line “spin-up” simulation with static data for eventual input to WRF in LIS coupled mode).
- The LISF/lvt/ component contains version 7.4 of the NASA Land Verification Toolkit (NASA, 2022c) for verifying LIS land and near-surface fields against observations and gridded analyses.
- The RIP4/ component contains a modified copy of the NCAR Graphics-based Read/Interpolate/Plot (Stoelinga, 2006) graphical postprocessing software, version 4.6.7. Modifications include support for UMD land use data (from LIS) and WRF-Chem output.
- The ARWpost/ component contains version 3.1 of the GrADS-compatible ARWpost program for visualization of output [see Chapter 9 of NCAR (2022)].
- The UPP/ component contains a modified copy of the NCEP Unified Post Processor version 3.1.1. This software can derive fields from WRF netCDF output and write in GRIB format (see DTC (2015)).
- The MET/ component contains version 10.0.0 of the Meteorological Evaluation Tools (DTC, 2021) software produced by the Developmental Testbed Center. This can be used to evaluate WRF atmospheric fields converted to GRIB via UPP against observations and gridded analyses.
- The Goddard Satellite Data Simulator Unit, GSDSU/(Matsui et al. (2014)), component contains version 4.0 of the Goddard Satellite Data Simulation

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Unit (Matsui and Kemp, 2016), which can be used to simulate satellite imagery, radar, and lidar data for comparison against actual remote-sensing observations.

- The `postproc/GMP/` component contains the Goddard MicroPhysics simulator, an end-to-end microphysics development tool. It reads WRF output and conducts microphysics processes for one time step. Thus, it is a very useful tool for independent code development without running a whole NU-WRF simulation. Code can be run either in a single CPU or in parallel, and users can specify input WRF output files and subset domains.
- The `postproc/GRAD/` component contains the Goddard RADIATION (GRAD) simulator, an end-to-end radiation development tool. It reads WRF output and conducts radiative transfer for one-time step. Like GMP, it is a very useful tool for independent code development without running a whole NU-WRF simulation and code can be run serially or in parallel.
- The `utils/lisWrfDomain/` utility contains the NASA LISWRFDOMAIN software for customizing LDT and LIS ASCII input files so their domain(s) (grid size, resolution, and map projection) match that of WRF. It uses output from the WPS GEOGRID program to determine the reference latitude and longitude.
- The `utils/geos2wrf/` utility contains version 2 of the NASA GEOS2WRF software, which extracts and/or derives atmospheric data from the Goddard Earth Observing System Model Version 5 [Rienecker et al. (2008); http://gmao.gsfc.nasa.gov/GMAO_products] for input into WRF. It also contains MERRA2WRF, which can preprocess atmospheric fields from the Modern-Era Retrospective Analysis for Research and Applications [MERRA; Rienecker et al. (2011)] hosted by the Goddard Earth Sciences Data Information Services Center (GES DISC; <http://daac.gsfc.nasa.gov>), as well as MERRA-2 reanalyses (Bosilovich et al., 2015) also hosted by GES DISC. These programs essentially take the place of UNGRIB in WPS, as UNGRIB cannot read the netCDF, HDF4, or HDFEOS formats used with GEOS-5, MERRA, and MERRA-2. This includes a python script for downloading and processing MERRA-2 files from the MERRA2 data server (only works in NCCS systems).
- The `utils/sst2wrf/` utility contains the NASA SST2WRF preprocessor, which reads sea surface temperature (SST) analyses produced by Remote Sensing Systems (<http://www.remss.com>) and converts into a format readable by the WPS program METGRID. This essentially takes the place of UNGRIB as the SST data are in a non-GRIB binary format. This includes a python script for downloading data from the RSS web page.
- The `utils/ndviBareness4wrf/` utility contains the NASA NDVIBARENESS4WRF preprocessor, which reads gridded Normalized

Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) data and calculates a “surface bareness” field for use by the NU-WRF dynamic dust emissions scheme. Currently, the software reads NDVI produced from the NASA Global Inventory Modeling and Mapping Studies (GIMMS) group and by the NASA Short-term Prediction Research and Transition Center (SPoRT). Both products are based on observations from the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS), which is flown on the NASA *Terra* and *Aqua* satellites. The preprocessor outputs both the NDVI and the derived bareness fields in a format readable by the WPS program METGRID.

- The `utils/prep_chem_sources/` utility contains a modified copy version of the community PREP_CHEM_SOURCES version 1.8.3 preprocessor. This program prepares anthropogenic, biogenic, wildfire, and volcanic emissions data for further preprocessing by the WRF-Chem preprocessor CONVERT_EMISS. The NU-WRF version of PREP_CHEM_SOURCES uses the WPS map projection software to ensure consistency in interpolation. It also adds support for GFEDv4 biomass burning emissions [see (Randerson et al., 2015)], NASA QFED wildfire emissions (Darmonov and da Silva, 2013), support for new 72-level GOCART background fields, improved interpolation of the GOCART background fields when the WRF grid is at a relatively finer resolution, and output of data for plotting with the NASA PLOT_CHEM program.
- The `utils/plot_chem/` utility stores a simple NCAR Graphics based PLOT_CHEM program for visualizing the output from PREP_CHEM_SOURCES. This program is only intended for manual review and sanity checking, not for publication quality plots.
- The `utils/gocart2wrf/` utility is a NASA program for reading GOCART aerosol data from an offline GOCART run (Chin et al., 2002), online GOCART with GEOS-5, MERRAero (Kishcha et al., 2014), or MERRA-2 (Bosilovich et al., 2015) files; interpolate the data to the WRF grid; and then add the data to netCDF4 initial condition and lateral boundary condition (IC/LBC) files for WRF. This includes a script for downloading and processing MERRA-2 files from the GES DISC web page.
- The `utils/casa2wrf/` utility contains the NASA CASA2WRF preprocessor and related software to read CO₂ emissions and concentrations from the CASA biosphere model, and interpolate and append the data to the WRF netCDF4 IC/LBC files (Tao et al., 2014).
- The `utils/lis4scm/` utility contains the NASA LIS4SCM preprocessor to generate horizontally homogeneous conditions in a LIS parameter file (produced by LDT), an LDT output file normally generated for the WRF REAL preprocessor, and a LIS restart file. These updated files are part of the initial conditions for NU-WRF (WRF and LIS coupled) in idealized Single Column Mode (see section 5.3).

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In addition, NU-WRF includes a collection of scripts to help build, test, and port the framework. These scripts are found under the unified build system written in Python to ease the compilation of the different NU-WRF components and to automatically resolve several dependencies between the components (e.g., WPS requires WRF to be compiled first). The build system is discussed in section 4.3. Furthermore, the NU-WRF build system does not currently support compilation of the 2-D “ideal” data cases nor the 3-D WRF-Fire data case [see Chapter 4 of NCAR (2022)].

3 Obtaining Software

3.1 Software Usage Agreement

The release of NU-WRF software is subject to NASA legal review and requires users to sign a Software Usage Agreement. Carlos Cruz (carlos.a.cruz@nasa.gov) and Toshi Matsui (toshihisa.matsui-1@nasa.gov) are the points of contact for discussing and processing requests for the NU-WRF software.

Note there are three broad categories for software release:

1. **US Government – Interagency Release.** A representative of a US government agency should initiate contact and provide the following information:
 - (a) The name and division of the government agency
 - (b) The name of the Recipient of the NU-WRF source code
 - (c) The Recipient’s title/position
 - (d) The Recipient’s address
 - (e) The Recipient’s phone and FAX number
 - (f) The Recipient’s e-mail address
2. **US Government – Project Release under a Contract.** If a group working under contract or grant for a US government agency requires the NU-WRF source code for the performance of said contract or grant, then a representative should initiate contact and provide a *copy of the grant or contract cover page*. Information should include the following:
 - (a) The name and division of the government agency
 - (b) The name of the Recipient of the NU-WRF source code
 - (c) The Recipient’s title/position
 - (d) The Recipient’s address
 - (e) The Recipient’s phone and FAX number
 - (f) The Recipient’s e-mail address
 - (g) The contract or grant number
 - (h) The name of the Contracting Officer
 - (i) The Contracting Officer’s phone number
 - (j) The Contracting Officer’s e-mail address
3. **All Others.** Those who do not fall under the above two categories but who wish to use NU-WRF software should initiate contact to discuss possibilities for collaborating. Note, however, that NASA cannot accept all requests due to legal constraints.

3.2 NUWRF Repository

Current source development is managed in a GitLab repository at (<https://git.smce.nasa.gov/astg/nuwrf/nu-wrf-dev>). To get access the repository contact Carlos Cruz (carlos.a.cruz@nasa.gov). Once access is granted, the user can obtain the source code using the following command¹.

```
git clone git@git.smce.nasa.gov:astg/nuwrf/nu-wrf-dev.git
```

Note that you should use the `develop` branch which should be not only production-ready but also will contain updates and bug fixes. Developers who wish to collaborate are encouraged to clone the Git repository and create their feature branches in their local repositories. Later, these features can be merged into the `develop` or `master` branch, via a pull request. This process requires that the code pass certain testing and validation criteria and finally be approved by the NU-WRF core developers. For more information using Git with NU-WRF see <https://nuwrf.gsfc.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/docs/git-intro.pdf>.

3.3 Tar File

Users can also be provided with a compressed tar file containing the entire NU-WRF source code distribution. However, it is strongly recommended that users access the source code using the Git repository. NU-WRF project members have access to tar files pre-staged on the NASA Discover and Pleiades supercomputers. Two variants are available: gzip compressed (`nu-wrf_v11.4-wrf44-lisf.tgz`) and bzip2 compressed (`nu-wrf_v11.4-wrf44-lisf.tar.bz2`). Bzip2 compression generates slightly smaller files but can take considerably longer to decompress.

To untar, type either:

```
tar -zxf nu-wrf_v11.4-wrf44-lisf.tgz
```

or

```
bunzip2 nu-wrf_v11.4-wrf44-lisf.tar.bz2  
tar -xf nu-wrf_v11.4-wrf44-lisf.tar
```

A `nuwrf_v11.4-wrf44-lisf/` directory should be created.

3.4 Directory Structure

The source code directory structure is as follows:

¹Also requires that you upload a public SSH key to your GitLab account.

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- The `GSDSU/`, `LISF/`, `utils/`, `WPS/`, and `WRF/` folders contain the source codes of the components summarized in Section 2.1.
- `ARWpost/`, `RIP4/`, `UPP/` and `MET/` components are automatically built on the Discover system. On non-discover systems, users will be prompted to download the component(s) allowing them to be built. Copies of `RIP4/` and `UPP/`, which contain NU-WRF specific enhancements can be provided upon request.
- The `docs/` folder contains \LaTeX documentation to generate this document (in `docs/userguide/`) as well as tutorial documentation (in `docs/tutorial/`).
- The `scripts/` folder contains various scripts for various tasks including building NU-WRF and running regression tests.
 - Sample input files for RIP4 are stored in the `rip/` subfolder.
 - The `other/` subfolder contains scripts that facilitate the installation of the required NU-WRF external libraries (see Section 4.2) and a script to set up the correct module environment on supported platforms.
 - Finally, the `python/` subfolder contains 5 subfolders:
 - * A `utils/` subfolder with Python scripts to download SST data from NASA SPoRT, SSTRSS data from <http://data.remss.com/>, and MERRA data from NASA. There are also other Python utilities that can be used in specific workflows.
 - * A `build/` subfolder with scripts and configuration files used to build NU-WRF including.
 - * A `regression/` subfolder with scripts and configuration files used to regression test NU-WRF.
 - * A `shared/` subfolder with scripts shared by other scripts.
 - * A `devel/` subfolder with a script to generate a release tarball.
- The `testcases/` folder contains sample namelist and other input files for NU-WRF for different configurations (simple WRF, WRF with LIS, WRF-Chem, and WRF-KPP) used by the regression testing mechanism. The `tutorial/` folder contains sample namelist and other input files used for the NU-WRF tutorials (<https://nuwrf.gsfc.nasa.gov/nu-wrf-tutorials>).

The main directory also includes a small bash script that interfaces with the NU-WRF build system (discussed in Section 4.3) and a README file. Additionally, there is a `CHANGELOG.TXT` file under the `docs/` summarizing the evolution of the overall modeling system up to version v9p3.

4 Building Software

4.1 Compilers

The NU-WRF source code requires Fortran 90/2003, C, and C++ compilers. The development version supports Intel compilers. (`ifort`, `icc`, and `icpc`) on Discover (version 2021.4.0) and Pleiades (version 2020.4.304). GCC (version 12.3 on Discover, 9.3 on Pleiades) is also required for library compatibility for `icpc`. The *master* branch also works with GNU compilers and HPCX (OpenMPI) on Discover.

4.2 External Libraries and Tools

A large number of third-party libraries must be installed before building NU-WRF. Except as noted, the libraries must be compiled using the same compilers as NU-WRF, and it is highly recommended that *static* library files be created and linked rather than shared object. Included with the NU-WRF source code are scripts (see `scripts/other/baselibs.*`) that facilitate the installation of all software packages on Discover and Pleiades. The scripts can be adapted to other systems with modifications. The list of libraries is as follows:

- An MPI library. (By default, NU-WRF uses Intel MPI on Discover and Pleiades.)
- BOXMG 0.1 (Used to build with `WRF_ELEC` option).
- BUFRLIB 11.0
- CAIRO 1.14.8
- ECCODES 2.23.0
- ESMF 8.5.0 compiled with MPI support.
- FORTRANGIS 3.0
- FREETYPE 2.11.0
- FLEX (can use precompiled system binary on Linux).
- G2CLIB 1.6.0
- GDAL 2.4.4
- GEOTIFF 1.5.1
- GHOSTSCRIPT 8.11
- GRIB_API 1.17.0
- GSL 2.3

- HDF4 4.2.16
- HDF5 1.14.3
- HDF-EOS 2.3.0
- JASPER 2.0.14
- JPEG 9b.
- LIBGEOTIFF 1.7.1.
- LIBPNG 1.6.37.
- NCAR Graphics 6.0.0. (Newer versions of NCAR Graphics require compilation and linking to the CAIRO library, which is currently only supported by MET.)
- NETCDF 4.9.2 (C library), NETCDF-Fortran 4.6.1, and NETCDF-CXX 4.3.0.1 (C++ library), built with HDF5 compression.
- OPENJPEG 2.5.2.
- PROJ 9.3.
- PIXMAN 0.40.0.
- SQLITE 3.43.02
- YACC (can use preinstalled version on Linux).
- ZLIB 1.2.11.

In addition to the above libraries you may need to install the `curl` library, if not installed on your system. NU-WRF also requires `perl`, `python3`, `bash`, `tcsh`, `gmake`, `sed`, `awk`, `m4`, and the UNIX `uname` command to be available on the computer.

4.3 Build System

Each component of the NU-WRF modeling system has a unique compilation mechanism, ranging from simple Makefiles to sophisticated Perl and shell scripts. To make it easier for the user to create desired executables and to more easily resolve dependencies between components, NU-WRF includes a build layer that glues together the entire framework. The build layer consists of a Python3-based script system configured by a `config` Python file, basically a text file with a particular structure readable by Python, and used to define the build environment, library paths and the build options.

The build system is shipped with the code and is found in the `scripts/python/build` subfolder. It includes a configuration file `nu-wrf.cfg` that contains settings for Discover and Pleiades but can be easily configurable for other systems. The

settings in the configuration file allow users to specify `configure` options for the ARWPOST, RIP4, UPP, WPS, and WRF components, as well as template `Makefile` names for the GSDSU, LVT, and MET components. Not all components need a configuration (e.g. `utils`) but those that do need it are specified in separate sections. The provided configuration file should aid in porting NU-WRF to work with new compilers, MPI implementations, and/or operating systems, a process discussed more fully in Appendix B.

Invoking the build system is done in the top-level NU-WRF directory by executing the `build.sh` script. The `build.sh` script represents a thin layer over the Python build system. Running `build.sh` without arguments will print a usage page with the following information:

- *Target.* A required argument that defines the NU-WRF component to build.
- *Installation.* The `-p`, `--prefix` flag followed by a path will install all built executables in the specified path. If the flag is skipped, `build.sh` will install the executables in the model directory.
- *Configuration.* The `-c`, `--config` flag followed by the name of a configuration file specifying critical environment variables (e.g., the path to the netCDF library). Users may develop their own configuration file to customize settings (see Appendix B). If the config flag is skipped, `build.sh` will default to `nu-wrf.cfg` which works on Discover and Pleiades systems. The software will exit if it is on an unrecognized computer.
- *Options.* The `-o`, `--options` flag specifies the target options. Valid options are `cleanfirst`, `debug`, `rebuild`, and/or `nest=n` where `n` is an integer ranging from 1 to 3. Multiple options must be comma-separated, e.g. `cleanfirst,debug,nest=2`. Note that only one nest option can be specified at a time.
 - The `cleanfirst` option will cause the build system to “clean” a target (delete object files and static libraries) before starting compilation.
 - The `debug` option forces some build subsystems (`WRF`, `WPS`, `LISF`, `utils`) to use alternative compilation flags set in the configuration file (e.g., for disabling optimization and turning on run-time array bounds checking). This option is currently ignored by other (`ARWpost`, `GSDSU`, `MET`, `RIP4`, `UPP`) NU-WRF components.
 - The `rebuild` option is used to re-build the WRF executable - when only WRF code is modified - while skipping LIS re-compilation. It can thus speed up the regeneration of the WRF executable. It has no effect on other components.
 - The `nest=n` option specifies compiling WRF with basic nesting (`n=1`), preset-moves nesting (`n=2`), or vortex-tracking nesting (`n=3`). Basic

nesting is assumed by default. Note that WRF cannot be run coupled to LIS if preset-moves or vortex-tracking nesting is used. Similarly, WRF-Chem only runs with basic nesting.

- The `-e` flag generates a file, `nu.wrf.envs`, that specifies all the NU-WRF configuration variables in a bash-script format. This can be useful for debugging or porting to other systems.
- **Targets.** At least one target is required and multiple targets must be comma-separated. The recognized targets are (note that `all*` and `ideal*` targets are mutually exclusive):
 - The `all` target compiles all executables without WRF-Chem.
 - The `allchem` target compiles all executables with WRF-Chem but without the Kinetic Pre-Processor.
 - The `allclean` target deletes all executables, object files, and static libraries.
 - The `allkpp` target compiles all executables with WRF-Chem and including the Kinetic Pre-Processor.
 - The `arwpost` target compiles executables in the `ARWpost/` directory.
 - The `casa2wrf` target compiles executables in the `utils/casa2wrf/` directory.
 - The `chem` target compiles executables in the `WRF/` directory – except for LIS – with WRF-Chem support but without the Kinetic Pre-Processor. The compiled executables include `CONVERT_EMISS`.
 - The `doc` target builds user guide and tutorial PDF documentation.
 - The `gocart2wrf` target compiles executables in the `utils/gocart2wrf/` directory.
 - The `gdsu` target compiles executables in the `GSDSU/` directory.
 - The `ideal.*` targets compile ideal preprocessors in the `WRF/` directory. These include:
 - * `ideal_scm_lis_xy`: Produces inputs for running WRF-LIS in Single Column Mode.
 - * `ideal_b_wave` Baroclinically unstable jet $u(y,z)$ on an f-plane.
 - * `ideal_convrad`: Idealized 3d convective-radiative equilibrium test with constant SST and full physics at cloud-resolving 1 km grid size.
 - * `ideal_heldsuarez`: Held-Suarez coarse-resolution global forecast model.
 - * `ideal_les`: An idealized large-eddy simulation (LES).
 - * `ideal_quarter_ss`: 3D quarter-circle shear supercell simulation.
 - * `ideal_scm_xy`: Single column model.

- * `ideal_tropical_cyclone`: Idealized tropical cyclone on an f-plane with constant SST in a specified environment.
- The `kpp` target compiles executables in the `WRF/` directory – except for LIS – with WRF-Chem and Kinetic Pre-Processor support. The compiled executables include `CONVERT_EMISS`.
- The `ldt` target compiles executables in the `LISF/ldt/` directory.
- The `lis` target compiles the LIS standalone executable in the `LISF/lis/make/` directory.
- The `lisWrfDomain` target compiles executables in the `utils/lisWrfDomain/` directory.
- The `lis4scm` target compiles executables in the `utils/lis4scm` directory.
- The `lvt` target compiles executables in the `LISF/lvt/` directory.
- The `geos2wrf` target compiles executables in the `utils/geos2wrf/` directory (both GEOS2WPS and MERRA2WRF).
- The `met` target compiles executables in the `MET/` directory.
- The `ndviBareness4Wrf` target compiles executables in the `utils/ndviBareness4Wrf/` directory.
- The `plot_chem` target compiles executables in the `utils/plot_chem/` directory.
- The `prep_chem_sources` target compiles executables in the `utils/prep_chem_sources/` directory.
- The `rip` target compiles executables in the `RIP4/` directory.
- The `sst2wrf` target compiles executables in the `utils/sst2wrf/` directory.
- The `upp` target compiles executables in the `UPP/` directory.
- The `utils` target compiles all the executables in the `utils/` directory.
- The `wps` target compiles executables in the `WPS/` directory.
- The `wrf` target compiles executables in the `WRF/` directory with LIS-coupling support and without WRF-Chem support.
- The `wrfonly` is like the `wrf` target but without LIS coupling support. Use this option when not using any LISF packages and thus significantly speed up compilation.

One complication addressed by the build system is that the WPS and UPP components are dependent on libraries and object files in the `WRF/` directory. To account for this, the `wrf` target will be automatically built *if necessary* for WPS and/or UPP, even if the `wrf` target is not listed on the command line.

A second complication is that the coupling of LIS to WRF requires linking the `WRF/` code to the ESMF and ZLIB libraries. As a result, the `configure.wrf`

file [see Chapter 2 of NCAR (2022)] is modified to link against these libraries. A similar modification occurs for UPP. (No modification is needed for WPS as long as WPS is compiled with GRIB2 support.)

Finally, if there are dependent components (WRF, WPS, UPP, LIS) that have been built with different compilation flags, compiler versions, or with/without chemistry, that will result in cleaning the associated directories.

The most straightforward way to compile the full NU-WRF system on Discover or Pleiades is to type `./build.sh all` in the top-level directory. If chemistry is required, the command is `./build.sh allchem` (`./build.sh allkpp` if KPP-enabled chemistry is needed). To fully clean the entire system, run `./build.sh allclean`.

The user can selectively build components by listing specific targets. For example, to build the WRF model without chemistry along with WPS and UPP, type `./build.sh wrf,wps,upp`.

Finally, on Discover or a system with a proper *pdflatex* installation one can run `./build.sh doc` to generate the tutorial and user's guide documentation. The generated pdf files will be under `docs/tutorial` and `docs/userguide` respectively.

4.4 LIBDIR_TAG

We discussed earlier (section 4.2) that a large number of external libraries, or *baselibs*, must be installed before NU-WRF can be built. Also, the *baselibs* must be compiled using the same compilers as NU-WRF. The build system parses the configuration file, `nu-wrf.cfg`, and, if on Discover or Pleiades systems, it uses pre-installed *baselibs* determined by the value of the `LIBDIR_TAG` environment variable set in `scripts/other/set_module.env.bash`. However, when porting the code to a different system and/or using a newer compiler the environment variable must be set by the user in the configuration file.

For more information see Appendix B.

5 Front-End Workflows

In this section we will summarize several “front-end” workflows involving the main NU-WRF model and different pre-processors. (Post-processing is discussed in Section 6). The intent is to illustrate the roles of the pre-processors within the NU-WRF system, and to show several different configurations possible with NU-WRF (e.g., advanced land surface initialization, aerosol coupling, and CO₂ tracer simulation). Finally, note that these workflows can be executed, end-to-end, as defined by regression test templates which are discussed later in this chapter.

5.1 Basic Workflow

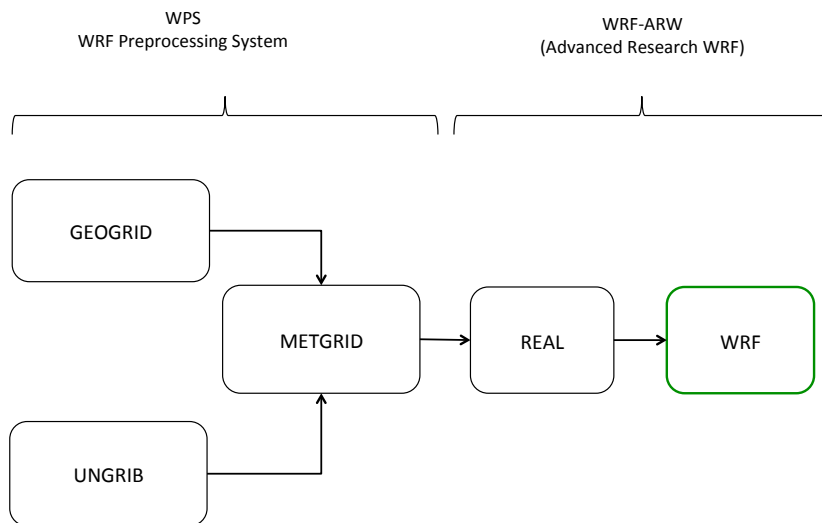
This is the simplest approach to running simulations with NU-WRF. *Neither chemistry nor advanced land surface initialization are used*, so the user should compile NU-WRF with `./build.sh wrf,wps`.

- **WPS:** The user must edit a `namelist.wps` file to customize the WRF domains, set the start and end dates, set the file formats, and provide information on desired terrestrial data and file prefixes. Sample `namelist.wps` files can be found in the `WPS/`, `defaults/`, and `testcases/` directories. The user must then run the following programs [see Chapter 3 of NCAR (2022)].
 - **GEOGRID.** This program will interpolate static and climatological terrestrial data (land use, albedo, vegetation greenness, etc) to each WRF grid. The user should use the `GEOGRID.TBL.ARW` located in the `WPS/geogrid/` directory to specify interpolation options for each dataset selected in `namelist.wps`. (Alternative `GEOGRID.TBL.ARW.*` files are available for chemistry cases.) The user is also responsible for obtaining the `geog/` dataset from NCAR for processing by `GEOGRID`. Sample run scripts are available in the `scripts/` directory.
 - **link_grib.csh.** This script is used to create symbolic links to the GRIB or GRIB2 files that are to be processed. The links follow a particular naming convention (`GRIBFILE.AAA`, `GRIBFILE.AAB`, ..., `GRIBFILE.ZZZ`) that is required by `UNGRIB`.
 - **UNGRIB.** This program will read GRIB or GRIB2 files with dynamic meteorological and dynamic terrestrial data (soil moisture, soil temperature, sea surface temperature, sea ice, etc) and write specific fields in WPS intermediate format. If necessary the user is also responsible for obtaining the `GRIB/GRIB2` data and store it in an appropriate location. The user must select an appropriate `Vtable` file in `WPS/ungrib/Variable.Tables/` to specify the fields to be extracted.
 - **METGRID.** This program will horizontally interpolate the output from `UNGRIB` to the WRF domains, and combine them with the output from `GEOGRID`. The user must select the `METGRID.TBL.ARW`

file to specify the interpolation methods used by METGRID for each field.

- **REAL.** This program will vertically interpolate the METGRID output to the WRF grid, and create initial and lateral boundary condition files. REAL is described in Chapters 4 and 5 of NCAR (2022). The user must edit a `namelist.input` file to specify the WRF domains, start and end times, and WRF physics configurations for REAL. *A standard WRF land surface model should be selected for this workflow. No chemistry options can be selected.* Sample `namelist.input` files are available in the `testcases/` directory.
- **WRF.** This program will perform a numerical weather prediction simulation using the data from REAL. The user needs to change the `namelist.input` file for specific run cases. A sample `namelist.input` file can be found in the `WRF/run/` directory and in `testcases/`. WRF is described in Chapter 5 of NCAR (2022). In addition to the normal WRF physics options, the user can specify the new Goddard microphysics (`mp_physics=7`), and the Goddard 2017 radiation scheme (`ra_lw_physics=5` for longwave, and `ra_sw_physics=5` for shortwave respectively), all without aerosol coupling. The 2017 radiation scheme requires users to create a symbolic link to one file, `WRF/run/BROADBAND_CLOUD_GODDARD.bin`, and to put that link in the directory where the model is run.

A feature added to NU-WRF is the calculation of mean integrated vapor transport. The user may adjust the time-averaging period for this diagnostic by changing the `IVT_INTERVAL` flag in the `&time_control` block of `namelist.input`. A value of 0 indicates instantaneous values will be output as the “means”, while positive values indicate averaging time periods in minutes.



5.2 Land Surface Initialization and LIS Coupling

This is a more advanced approach to running simulations with NU-WRF. Instead of using land surface fields interpolated from a coarser model or reanalysis, a custom-made land surface state is created by LIS on the same grid and with the same terrestrial data and land surface physics as WRF. WRF will then call LIS on each advective time step, providing atmospheric forcing data and receiving land surface data (fluxes, albedo, etc) in return.

For simplicity, this workflow uses no chemistry, so the user should compile NU-WRF with `./build.sh wrf,wps,lis,ldt,lisWrfDomain`. However, an advanced user can combine this workflow with one of the chemistry workflows described further down; in that case, the user should replace the `wrf` target with `chem` (or with `kpp` if using KPP-based chemistry).

- **WPS.** These steps are identical to those WPS steps in Section 5.1.
- **LISWRFDOMAIN.** The user must provide a `ldt.config` file (used by LDT) and a `lis.config` file (used by LIS). The LISWRFDOMAIN software will read the `namelist.wps` file and the netCDF4 output files from GEOGRID, and copy the WRF grid information to the two configuration files. LISWRFDOMAIN is divided into two executables: `lisWrfDomain` (a Fortran compiled program found in `utils/bin/`) and `lisWrfDomain.py` (a Python wrapper script found in `scripts/python/utils/`).

The software can be run as `./lisWrfDomain.py DOMAINPROG LISCONFIG LDTCONFIG WPSDIR`, where `DOMAINPROG` is the path to `lisWrfDomain`, `LISCONFIG`

is the path to `lis.config`, `LDTCONFIG` is the path to `ldt.config`, and `WPSDIR` is the directory containing `namelist.wps` and the GEOGRID netCDF4 output files.

Sample configuration files are provided in the `testcases/` directory.

- **LDT.** The user must further customize the `ldt.config` file and a separate parameter attributes file to specify the static and climatological terrestrial data to be processed in “LSM parameter processing mode” [see NASA (2022a)]. The following settings are recommended/supported (please refer to the LDT documentation):
 - NoahMP.3.6 is the recommended land surface model;
 - MODIS is the recommended land use dataset (UMD and USGS are also supported);
 - SRTM30 is the recommended terrain elevation dataset (GTOPO30 is also supported);
 - STATSGOFAO is the recommended soil texture dataset;
 - NCEP monthly climatological albedo and and max snow free albedo are recommended;
 - NCEP monthly climatological and maximum/minimum vegetation greenness are recommended;
 - NCEP slope type is recommended;
 - Use of the “slope-aspect correction” is recommended to improve soil moisture spin-ups; and
 - ISLSCP1 deep soil temperature with terrain lapse-rate correction is recommended (not using the lapse rate correction could result in warm biases in high terrain).
- **LIS.** The user must further customize `lis.config` for a “retrospective” run. This includes specifying the start and end dates of the “spin-up” simulation, identifying the LDT datasets, specifying the land surface model, and identifying the atmospheric forcing datasets. The user must also customize a forcing variables list file compatible with the forcing dataset, and a model output attributes file. All these files are described in more detail in NASA (2022b). Sample forcing variable and output attribute files are provided in the `testcases/` directory.
- **LDT.** After running LIS, it is necessary to rerun LDT in “NUWRF preprocessing for real” mode. This requires modifications to `ldt.config` to specify the static output file from LDT and the dynamic output file from LIS. Fields from both will be combined and written to a new netCDF output file for use by REAL. Sample files are given in `testcases/`.
- **REAL.** REAL is run similarly to the configuration in Section 5.1, except that it also reads the static and dynamic land surface data collected by

LDT. For this to work, the `namelist.input` file must include an additional namelist block:

```
&lis
  lis_landcover_type = 2,
  lis_filename = "lis4real_input.d01.nc"
  use_lis_noahmp = "yes"
/
```

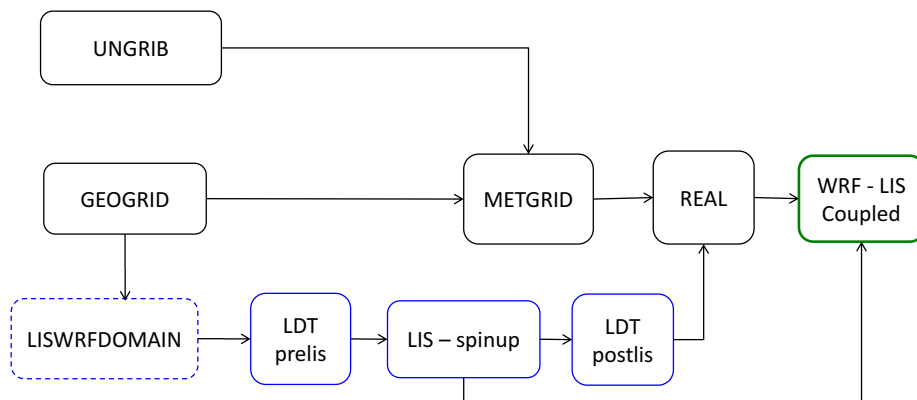
Here `lis_landcover_type` specifies the land use system used with LIS and LDT (1 = USGS, 2 = MODIS, 3 = UMD); `lis_filename` is an array of character strings specifying the combined LDT/LIS files for each WRF domain; `use_lis_noahmp` specifies that a NOAHMP LSM will be used, otherwise (“no“ option) a regular Noah LSM is assumed; `use_lis_urban` specifies that urban physics values generated by the LIS framework will be updated (coupled) into the WRF surface driver.

In addition, the user must specify LIS as the land surface model selection with WRF (`sf_surface_physics=55`).

The resulting initial and lateral boundary conditions will replace the land surface fields from UNGRIB with those from LDT/LIS.

- **WRF with LIS.** Running WRF in this case is similar to the basic case in Section 5.1, except that WRF will also read the `lis.config` file and the LIS restart files that were produced during the “retrospective” run. The user must modify `lis.config` to run in “WRF coupling mode”, and specify `forcing_variables_wrfcplmode.txt` as the forcing variables list file. The start mode must also be changed to “restart”, and the time step for each LIS domain must match that used with WRF (specified in `namelist.input`).

LIS land initialization and WRF-LIS coupled workflow



5.3 Single Column Model with LIS Coupling

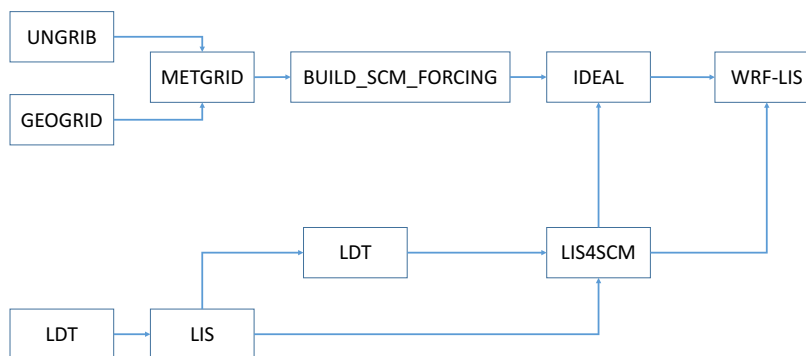
Recently, an idealized configuration for WRF with LIS coupling was added to NU-WRF: the *WRF-LIS Single Column Model (SCM)* mode. Based on the community SCM mode, the WRF-LIS SCM configuration runs with a 3×3 staggered horizontal grid (2×2 for the unstaggered mass grid) and horizontally homogeneous initial conditions. Boundary conditions are periodic. To run the WRF-LIS SCM, the system must be compiled using `./build.sh ideal_scm_lis_xy,wps,lis,ldt,lis4scm`, followed by this workflow:

- **GEOGRID.** Run GEOGRID in a 3×3 staggered grid centered on a point of interest. Any normal map projection can be used (i.e., Lambert Conformal, Mercator, or Polar Stereographic), but the spatial grid resolution should be small (~ 1 km) to make the projection approximately Cartesian.
- **UNGRIB.** Run UNGRIB to extract initial conditions from a suitable external dataset.
- **METGRID.** Run METGRID to merge the GEOGRID and UNGRIB output together.

- **BUILD_SCM_FORCING.** Configure and run `build_scm_forcing.bash` in `testcases/wrflis/scm`. This shell script runs the `build_scm_forcing.ncl` script under the hood, which extracts column initial conditions and writes them in `profile_init.txt` and `surface_init.txt`. (Advanced options also exist to generate forcing data and ensemble perturbations, but these have not been tested yet.)
- **LDT.** Run LDT in “LSM parameter processing mode”. Use a 2×2 unstaggered grid with the point of interest at the center of the *southwest grid box*. A latitude-longitude map projection can be used, but the grid spatial resolution should match that of GEOGRID.
- **LIS.** Run LIS in “retrospective” mode using the same grid configuration as LDT.
- **LDT.** Rerun LDT in “NUWRF preprocessing for real” mode.
- **LIS4SCM.** Edit the `namelist.lis4scm` file in `utils/lis4scm/input/` to enter (1) the name of a LIS restart file generated by the retrospective run, (2) the output file generated by LDT when preprocessing for real, and (3) the parameter file generated by LDT for LIS. Then run LIS4SCM. This program will modify the three data files and make them horizontally homogeneous by copying the values in the southwest corner to the remainder of the grid.
- **IDEAL.** Edit a `namelist.input` file:
 - Make sure to specify a 3×3 grid and the same spatial resolution used by GEOGRID.
 - Make sure to set `io_form_auxinput3` to zero in namelist block `&time_control` (unless using idealized forcing, which has not been tested).
 - Make sure to set the `&lis` namelist block settings to use the output file generated by LDT for real after it has been modified by LIS4SCM.
 - Make sure to set the `&scm` namelist block [see Chapter 5 of NCAR (2022)]. Note that the settings for land use, soil type, vegetation fraction, and canopy water are ignored, as these are provided by LDT and LIS.
 - Make sure to set `periodic_x` and `periodic_y` in the `&bdy_control` namelist block to “.true.”.
 - Make sure to set `pert_coriolis` in `&dynamics` to “.true.”.
 - Make sure to set `sf_surface_physics` in the `&physics` namelist block to 55 (indicating LIS on-line coupling).

When complete, run the IDEAL program in `WRF/test/em_scm_lis_xy/`, using only a *single* processor. This will produce a `wrfinput` file.

- **WRF with LIS.** Run WRF with the wrfinput file produced by IDEAL and the LIS and LDT file homogenized by LIS4SCM. Make sure to use a *single* processor. Otherwise, follow the instructions in section 5.2



New WRF-LIS Single Column Model workflow

WRF-LIS runs with horizontally homogeneous fields with unstaggered 2x2 grid

5.4 Use of GEOS-5 Meteorological Data

One source of initial and lateral boundary conditions is NASA’s GEOS-5 global model (Rienecker et al., 2008). A number of dataset options exist from GEOS-5, including daily near-real-time simulations (see <http://gmao.gsfc.nasa.gov/products>), and archived MERRA (Rienecker et al., 2011) and MERRA-2 (Bosilovich et al., 2015) reanalyses (both available from <http://disc.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov>). GEOS-5 can provide not just meteorological fields (temperature, pressure, wind, and moisture), but also aerosol fields due to the use of the GOCART aerosol module (Chin et al., 2002).

There are several challenges to using GEOS-5 data. First, the GEOS-5 land surface data cannot be used to initialize WRF, due to fundamental differences in the GEOS-5 Catchment LSM (Koster et al., 2000) and those in WRF. Users are therefore advised to use the GEOS-5 data in a workflow that also includes WRF-LIS (see Section 5.2 above). Second, GEOS-5 aerosol data cannot currently be handled by WPS and REAL, as these tools were designed for meteorological fields (temperature, pressure, wind, and moisture). Processing these aerosol fields requires a special workflow described in Section 5.6.

The remaining issues involve the format and organization of the GEOS-5 data. GEOS-5 writes output in netCDF (and historically HDF4 and HDFEOS2) instead of GRIB or GRIB2; GEOS-5 allows user-specification of variables and variable names for different output files, leading to wide variations between simulations; and GEOS-5 often does not output all the variables expected by WPS. To address these issues, special preprocessing software has been developed: GEOS2WRF (a collection of utilities designed for customized processing of GEOS-5 data, including derivation of missing variables), and MERRA2WRF

(a monolithic program customized to process 6-hourly MERRA and MERRA-2 reanalyses).

5.4.1 GEOS2WRF

GEOS2WRF can be broken down into four main sub-groups:

- **Front-end conversion.**

- **GEOS2WPS.** A front-end converter that can read HDF4, netCDF3, and netCDF4 files with GEOS-5 data. A `namelist.geos2wps` file is read in as input, and must be customized to list the location, name, and format of the GEOS-5 file; the names of the coordinate arrays in the GEOS-5 file; the number of time slices, the indices of the slices, valid times and forecast hours; and the number of variables to process, along with their names, ranks, input and output names, units, and descriptions. This program takes the place of UNGRIB. The output from GEOS2WPS is written in WPS intermediate format [see Chapter 3 of NCAR (2022)], with the filename convention `$VARNAME.$LEVELTYPE:$YYYY-$MM-$DD.$HH`, where `$VARNAME` is the variable name, `$LEVELTYPE` is a string describing the type of level the data are on, `$YYYY` is the 4-digit year, `$MM` is the 2-digit month, `$DD` is the 2-digit day, and `$HH` is the 2-digit hour. Some example output file names are:

```
TT_MODEL_LEVEL:2009-08-25_00 # Temperature on model levels
PSFC_GROUND_LEVEL:2009-08-25_00 # Surface pressure
PMSL_MEAN_SEA_LEVEL:2009-08-25_00 # Mean sea level pressure
VV_10M_ABOVE_GROUND_LEVEL:2009-08-25_00 # 10-meter V winds
```

The `$VARNAMEs` (TT, PSFC, PMSL, and VV above) are listed in `namelist.geos2wps`, and can be customized by the user; however, they must match the values in the `METGRID.TBL` look-up file used by METGRID for those variables to be processed by WPS. (Intermediate variables used to derive other variables for WPS do not have this naming restriction.)

- **Temporal interpolation.**

- **temporalInterpolation.** This program takes WPS intermediate file format data and linearly interpolates in time. This can be used, for example, to interpolate 6-hourly MERRA-2 analyses at 00Z, 06Z, 12Z, and 18Z to 3-hourly intervals for initializing WRF at 03Z, 09Z, 15Z, or 21Z. Only a single, user-specified variable will be processed during a particular program invocation, and other variables in the input data files will be ignored. A `namelist.temporalInterpolation` file is used to specify the variable, input, and output data files.

- **Variable-derivation.** Multiple tools for deriving missing variables are required by WRF from existing variables. These should be used on an as-needed basis depending on the contents of the GEOS-5 files. Current programs that are in this category are:
 - **createSOILHGT.** A utility that reads in a WPS file with surface geopotential, and calculates the surface terrain field. The output WPS file will be named `SOILHGT_GROUND_LEVEL:$YYYY-$MM-$DD.$HH`. A `namelist.createSOILHGT` file is also used as input.
 - **createHGT.** A utility that reads in a WPS file with model layer pressure thicknesses, model layer temperatures, model layer specific humidity, and the model terrain field, and derives the geopotential heights on the GEOS-5 model levels. The output WPS files will be named `HGT_MODEL_LEVEL:$YYYY-$MM-$DD.$HH`. A `namelist.createHGT` file is also used as input. *This program is not needed when processing isobaric levels.*
 - **createLANDSEA.** A utility that reads in a WPS file with “lake fraction” and “ocean fraction” and derives a land-sea mask. The output WPS files will be named `LANDSEA_GROUND_LEVEL:$YYYY-$MM-$DD.$HH`. A `namelist.createLANDSEA` file is also used as input.
 - **createPRESSURE.** A utility that reads in a WPS file with model layer pressure thicknesses, and calculates the (mid-layer) pressures. The output WPS files will be named `PRESSURE_MODEL_LEVEL:$YYYY-$MM-$DD.$HH`. A `namelist.createPRESSURE` file is also used as input. *This program is not needed when processing isobaric levels.*
 - **createRH.** A utility that reads in a WPS file with either model or isobaric level temperatures, specific humidity, and pressure, plus optional surface pressure, 2-meter temperature, and 2-meter specific humidity, and derives relative humidity on those levels. The output WPS files will have prefixes of `RH_2M_ABOVE_GROUND_LEVEL`, `RH_MODEL_LEVEL`, and/or `RH_ISOBARIC_LEVEL`, and will end with the familiar `$YYYY-$MM-$DD.$HH` string. A `namelist.createRH` file is also used as input. *This program is recommended* because some versions of REAL do not correctly interpolate specific humidity, and because the WRF definition of RH is strictly w.r.t. liquid while some versions of GEOS-5 output a weighted average of RT w.r.t. liquid and ice that is a function of temperature.
- **Extrapolation.**
 - **extrapIsobaric.** A utility that reads in a WPS file with geopotential height, temperature, relative humidity, U and V winds all on isobaric levels and extrapolates to those levels that are underground. The RH, U, and V nearest the ground are simply copied downward, while a specified lapse rate is used for temperature and the hypsometric equation is used for geopotential height. The output WPS files will be

called `ISOBARIC:$YYYY-$MM-$DD.$HH` and will contain all the isobaric data (original data above ground, extrapolated data below ground.) A `namelist.extrapIsobaric` file is also used as input. *This program is not necessary when processing GEOS-5 model-level data, since the GEOS-5 coordinate is terrain following. Users are advised to use the model-level data whenever possible.*

- **Splitter utility.**

- **splitWPS.** A utility that reads in a WPS file and divides the data into new WPS files, each file containing a single 2D slab of data. The output WPS files will be called `$VARNAME.$LEVEL:$YYYY-$MM-$DD.$HH`, where `$LEVEL` is the “level code” for the slab. The “level code” follows WPS convention: pressure levels are simply the pressure in Pa; model levels are the indices of the slice (“1” indicates model top in GEOS-5); ground level, 2-meter AGL, and 10-meter AGL are represented as “200100”; and the mean sea level is represented as “201300”. A `namelist.splitWPS` is also used as input. *This program is not required for preparing data for WPS, but instead allows breaking up a WPS file into individual fields for examination.*

To proceed, the user must first compile the GEOS2WRF software with `./build.sh geos2wrf`. The user must then review the GEOS-5 data available to them and identify time slices and date/time stamps of interest, and the variables that can be used as-is by WRF. WRF will ultimately require the following fields on either isobaric or GEOS-5 model levels:

- pressure;
- geopotential height;
- horizontal winds;
- temperature; and
- moisture (preferably relative humidity w.r.t. liquid).

Recommended fields that are useful for interpolating or extrapolating near the WRF model terrain level includes:

- surface pressure;
- sea level pressure;
- land-sea mask;
- sea-ice fraction;
- 2-m temperature;
- 2-m relative humidity;

- 10-m horizontal winds;
- skin temperature; and
- terrain height.

With this list in mind, the user must also identify GEOS-5 variables that can be used to derive other variables for WRF. From the utilities listed above, the following derivations can be made:

- Surface geopotential can be used to derive terrain height (via `createSOILHGT`).
- Lake fraction and ocean fraction can be used together to derive a land-sea table (via `createLANDSEA`).
- Model layer pressure thicknesses can be used to derive model layer pressures (via `createPRESSURE`).
- Model layer pressure thicknesses can also be used (with model layer temperatures, model layer specific humidity, and the model terrain field) to derive model layer geopotential heights (via `createHGT`).
- Relative humidity on model levels, isobaric levels, and near ground level can be derived from model, isobaric, and 2-meter temperatures, model, isobaric, and 2-meter specific humidity, and model, isobaric, and surface pressure (via `createRH`).
- Isobaric temperature, relative humidity, U and V winds can be extrapolated underground (via `extrapISOBARIC`).

After assembling the list of variables, the user should run GEOS2WPS using a customized `namelist.geos2wps` for each GEOS-5 file. Execution occurs with a simple `./geos2wps.x` if in the current directory.

After extracting all the GEOS-5 variables, the user must employ the necessary utilities to derive the remaining variables for WRF. The appropriate namelist file (e.g., `namelist.createHGT`) must be customized, and the user must use the UNIX `cat` command to collect the relevant WPS files together. When ready, the user will execute by typing the program name (e.g., `./createHGT`).

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The `namelist.geos2wps` file contains the following information:

Variable Names	Description
<code>&files</code>	
<code>geosFileFormat</code>	Integer, specifies GEOS-5 file format HDF4=1, netCDF3 or netCDF4 = 2, HDFEOS2=4.
<code>geosFileName</code> <code>outputDirectory</code>	String, specifies GEOS-5 input file name to read String, directory name to write WPS file.
<code>&coordinates</code>	
<code>longitudeName</code>	String, name of 1-D longitude array in GEOS-5 file.
<code>latitudeName</code>	String, name of 1-D latitude array in GEOS-5 file.
<code>hasVertical-Dimension</code>	Logical, specifies whether data with vertical dimension are to be processed from GEOS-5 file.
<code>verticalName</code>	String, name of 1-D vertical coordinate array in GEOS-5 file.
<code>&forecast</code>	
<code>numberOfTimes</code>	Integer, number of time slices to process from GEOS-5 file.
<code>validTimes(:)</code>	Array of Strings, specifies valid time(s) of each time slice to process. Format is \$YYYY-\$MM-\$DD.\$HH. One array entry should exist for each time slice.
<code>timeIndices(:)</code>	Array of Integers, specifies time slice indices to process. One array entry should exist for each time slice.
<code>forecastHours(:)</code>	Array of Integers, specifies nominal forecast hour length for each processed time slice. One array entry should exist for each time slice.
<code>&variables</code>	
<code>numberOfVariables</code>	Integer, specifies total number of variables to process from the GEOS-5 file.
<code>variableRanks(:)</code>	Array of Integers, specifies the ranks (number of dimensions) for each GEOS-5 variable to process. Data of rank 3 are assumed to be organized as (lat,lon,time), while rank 4 data are assumed to be organized as (lat,lon,vert,time). One array entry should be assigned for each processed variable.
<code>variableLevel-Types(:)</code>	Array of Integers, specifies level type for each processed variable. One array entry should be assigned for each variable. = 1, ground level ; = 2, 2-meters AGL = 3, 10-meters AGL ; = 4, mean sea level = 11, model level ; = 12, isobaric level

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Variable Names	Description
&variables	
variableNamesIn(:)	Array of Strings, specifies the name of each processed variable in GEOS-5 file. One array entry should be specified for each variable.
variableNamesOut(:)	Array of Strings, specifies the name of each processed variable as written in the WPS file. One array entry should be specified for each variable. Not that if a processed variable is intended for direct use by WPS (instead of use in deriving something else), the variableNamesOut entry should match that in METGRID.TBL file used by METGRID.
variableUnits(:)	Array of Strings, specifies units of each processed GEOS-5 variable. One array entry should be specified for each variable. This is included because some GEOS-5 variables are known to be assigned the wrong units when output by the model.
variable-Descriptions(:)	Array of Strings, gives short descriptions of each processed variable as written in the WPS file. One array entry should be specified for each variable.
&subsetData	
subset	Logical, specifies whether to process the entire GEOS-5 domain or to read and process a subset.
iLonMin	Integer, specifies minimum i (longitude) index of GEOS-5 grid to process. Only used if subset=.true.
iLonMax	Integer, specifies maximum i (longitude) index of GEOS-5 grid to process. Only used if subset=.true.
jLatMin	Integer, specifies minimum j (latitude) index of GEOS-5 grid to process. Only used if subset=.true.
jLatMax	Integer, specifies maximum j (latitude) index of GEOS-5 grid to process. Only used if subset=.true.
kVertMin	Integer, specifies minimum k (vertical) index of GEOS-5 grid to process. Only used if subset=.true.
kVertMax	Integer, specifies maximum k (vertical) index of GEOS-5 grid to process. Only used if subset=.true.

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The `namelist.temporalInterpolation` file contains the following information:

Variable Names	Description
<code>&all</code>	
<code>fieldName</code>	String, lists name of the variable to process.
<code>&input1</code>	
<code>directory1</code>	String, lists directory with WPS intermediate file.
<code>prefix1</code>	String, lists prefix of the name of WPS intermediate file.
<code>year1</code>	Integer, lists the valid year of the WPS intermediate file.
<code>month1</code>	Integer, lists valid month of WPS intermediate file.
<code>day1</code>	Integer, lists the valid day of the WPS intermediate file.
<code>hour1</code>	Integer, lists valid hour of WPS intermediate file.
<code>&input2</code>	
<code>directory2</code>	String, lists directory with WPS intermediate file.
<code>prefix2</code>	String, list prefix of the name of WPS intermediate file.
<code>year2</code>	Integer, lists the valid year of the WPS intermediate file.
<code>month2</code>	Integer, lists valid month of WPS intermediate file.
<code>day2</code>	Integer, lists the valid day of the WPS intermediate file.
<code>hour2</code>	Integer, lists valid hour of WPS intermediate file.
<code>&output</code>	
<code>directoryOutput</code>	String, lists directory with WPS intermediate file.
<code>prefixOutput</code>	String, lists prefix of the name of WPS intermediate file.
<code>yearOutput</code>	Integer, lists the valid year of the WPS intermediate file.
<code>monthOutput</code>	Integer, lists valid month of WPS intermediate file.
<code>dayOutput</code>	Integer, lists the valid day of WPS intermediate file.
<code>hourOutput</code>	Integer, lists valid hour of WPS intermediate file.

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The `namelist.createSOILHGT` file contains the following information:

Variable Names	Description
<code>&input</code>	
<code>directory</code>	String, directory for input and output WPS files.
<code>prefix</code>	String, lists filename prefix of input WPS files.
<code>year</code>	Integer, lists valid year of WPS file.
<code>month</code>	Integer, lists valid month of WPS file.
<code>day</code>	Integer, lists valid day of WPS file.
<code>hour</code>	Integer, lists valid hour of WPS file.
<code>surfaceGeopotential-Name</code>	String, name of the surface geopotential field in WPS file.

The `namelist.createHGT` file contains the following information:

Variable Names	Description
<code>&input</code>	
<code>directory</code>	String, directory for input and output WPS files.
<code>prefix</code>	String, lists filename prefix of input WPS files.
<code>year</code>	Integer, lists the valid year of the WPS file.
<code>month</code>	Integer, lists valid month of WPS file.
<code>day</code>	Integer, lists the valid day of the WPS file.
<code>hour</code>	Integer, lists valid hour of the WPS file.
<code>layerPressure-ThicknessName</code>	String, name of pressure thickness variable between GEOS-5 model levels in the input WPS file.
<code>layerTemperature-Name</code>	String, name of model layer temperatures in the input WPS file.
<code>layerSpecific-HumidityName</code>	String, name of model layer specific humidity variable in the input WPS file.
<code>soilHeightName</code>	String, name of surface terrain variable in the input WPS file.
<code>modelTopPressure</code>	Real, air pressure (in PA) at the very top of GEOS-5 grid. For GEOS-5, this is typically 1 Pa (0.01 mb).

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The `namelist.createLANDSEA` file contains the following information:

Variable Names	Description
<code>&input</code>	
<code>directory</code>	String, directory for input and output WPS files.
<code>prefix</code>	String, lists filename prefix of input WPS files.
<code>year</code>	Integer, lists the valid year of the WPS file.
<code>month</code>	Integer, lists valid month of WPS file.
<code>day</code>	Integer, lists the valid day of the WPS file.
<code>hour</code>	Integer, lists valid hour of the WPS file.
<code>lakeFractionName</code>	String, name of the GEOS-5 variable specifying fraction of grid point covered by lakes in the WPS input file.
<code>oceanFractionName</code>	String, GEOS-5 variable name specifying fraction of grid point covered by the ocean in the WPS input file.

The `namelist.createPRESSURE` file contains the following information:

Variable Names	Description
<code>&input</code>	
<code>directory</code>	String, directory for input and output WPS files.
<code>prefix</code>	String, lists filename prefix of input WPS files.
<code>year</code>	Integer, lists the valid year of the WPS file.
<code>month</code>	Integer, lists valid month of WPS file.
<code>day</code>	Integer, lists the valid day of the WPS file.
<code>hour</code>	Integer, lists valid hour of the WPS file.
<code>layerPressure-ThicknessName</code>	String, names variable with pressure thicknesses between GEOS model levels in the WPS input file.
<code>modelTopPressure</code>	Real, air pressure (in PA) at very top of GEOS-5 grid. For GEOS-5, this is typically 1 Pa (0.01 mb).

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The `namelist.createRH` file contains the following information:

Variable Names	Description
<code>&input</code>	
<code>directory</code>	String, lists directory for input and output WPS files.
<code>prefix</code>	String, lists filename prefix of input WPS files.
<code>year</code>	Integer, lists the valid year of the WPS file.
<code>month</code>	Integer, lists valid month of WPS file.
<code>day</code>	Integer, lists the valid day of the WPS file.
<code>hour</code>	Integer, lists valid hour of the WPS file.
<code>processSurface-Pressure</code>	Logical, indicates whether or not to read in surface pressure from the WPS input file.
<code>onIsobaricLevels</code>	Logical, indicates whether upper air levels are isobaric instead of model level.
<code>surfacePressure-Name</code>	String, name of surface pressure variable in WPS input file. Ignored if <code>processSurfacePressure=.false.</code>
<code>pressureName</code>	String, name of upper-level pressure fields in WPS input file. Ignored if <code>onIsobaricLevels=.true.</code>
<code>temperatureName</code>	String, name of temperature fields in WPS input file. If 2-meter temperatures are included, then the surface pressure must also be supplied and <code>processSurfacePressure</code> must be set to <code>.true.</code>
<code>specificHumidity-Name</code>	String, name of specific humidity fields in WPS input file. If 2-meter specific humidities are included, then the surface pressure must also be supplied and <code>processSurfacePressure</code> must be set to <code>.true.</code>

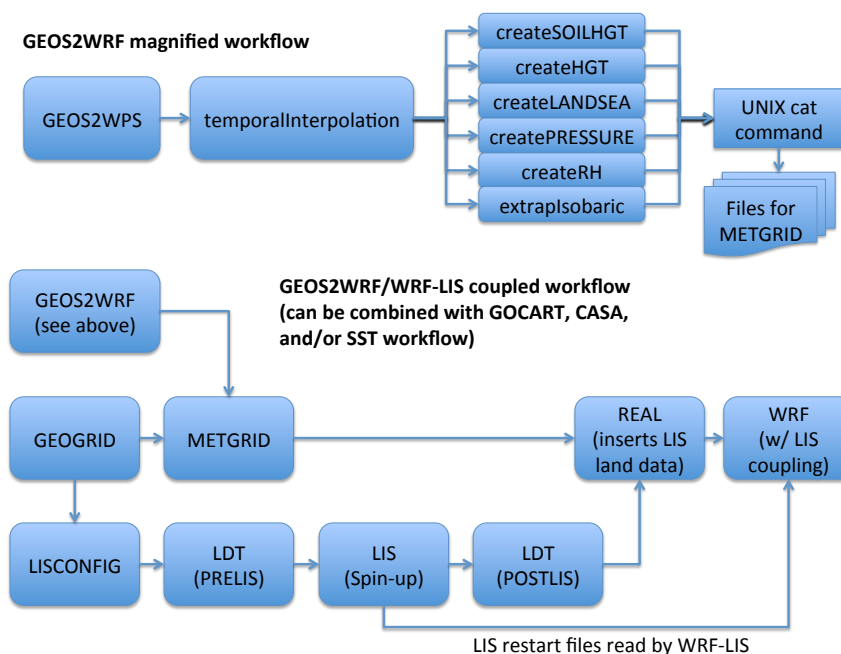
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The `namelist.extrapIsobaric` file contains the following information:

Variable Names	Description
<code>&input</code>	
<code>directory</code>	String, lists directory for input and output WPS files.
<code>prefix</code>	String, lists filename prefix of input WPS files.
<code>year</code>	Integer, lists the valid year of the WPS file.
<code>month</code>	Integer, lists valid month of WPS file.
<code>day</code>	Integer, lists the valid day of the WPS file.
<code>hour</code>	Integer, lists valid hour of the WPS file.
<code>geopotentialHeight-Name</code>	String, name of isobaric geopotential height fields in WPS input file.
<code>temperatureName</code>	String, name of isobaric temperature fields in the WPS file.
<code>relativeHumidity-Name</code>	String, name of isobaric relative humidities in the WPS input file.
<code>uName</code>	String, name of isobaric zonal wind field in WPS input file.
<code>vName</code>	String, name of isobaric meridional wind field in WPS input file.

The `namelist.splitWPS` file contains the following information:

Variable Names	Description
<code>&input</code>	
<code>directory</code>	String, lists directory for input and output WPS files.
<code>prefix</code>	String, lists filename prefix of input WPS files.
<code>year</code>	Integer, lists the valid year of the WPS file.
<code>month</code>	Integer, lists valid month of WPS file.
<code>day</code>	Integer, lists the valid day of the WPS file.
<code>hour</code>	Integer, lists valid hour of the WPS file.



A sample script (`utils/geos2wrf/scripts/merra/run_geos2wrf_merra2_3hrassim.sh`) is available to use GEOS2WRF to process 3-hourly MERRA-2 assimilation data. These data are output from GEOS-5 when the global model is adjusting toward a MERRA-2 6-hourly analysis via Incremental Analysis Updates [see section 4.2 of Rienecker et al. (2008)]. This script will run GEOS2WPS, createLANDSEA, createSOILHGT, and createRH to process the data. To run, the user must edit the accompanying `config.discover.sh` file to set the path to the NU-WRF code, the work directory, and the modules used to compile GEOS2WRF; then, the `run_geos2wrf_merra2_3hrassim.sh` should be modified to specify the start and end dates and hours to process. (Users who wish to use 6-hourly MERRA or MERRA-2 data can use either GEOS2WRF or MERRA2WRF; however, the 3-hourly MERRA-2 data can only be processed with GEOS2WRF.)

5.4.2 MERRA2WRF

MERRA2WRF is a monolithic program customized to process the 6-hourly reanalyses from MERRA and MERRA-2. It was first developed for MERRA under the assumption that the archived data files (called “collections” in GEOS-5 terminology) would be permanent, making it possible to build a single robust preprocessing tool. Recently support was added for 6-hourly MERRA-2 fields; however, 3-hourly MERRA-2 processing is not possible due to significant differences in the data collections (users must fall back to GEOS2WRF for these 3-hourly data).

MERRA and MERRA-2 files are accessible from the NASA GES DISC web page (<http://disc.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov>), and are available to the general pub-

lic. MERRA-2 files are also accessible on the NASA Discover supercomputer in `/discover/nobackup/projects/gmao/merra2/merra2/scratch/` but are only available to select users authorized by the GMAO.

MERRA2WRF is compiled when running `./build.sh geos2wrf`. The following files must then be gathered from the MERRA or MERRA-2 datasets:

- **const_2d_asm_Nx** (in HDFEOS2 or NETCDF format):
 - 'XDim' or 'lon' (longitude)
 - 'YDim' or 'lat' (latitude)
 - 'PHIS' (surface geopotential)
 - 'FRLAKE' (lake fraction)
 - 'FROCEAN' (ocean fraction)
- **inst6_3d_ana_Nv** (variable names are HDF4 or netCDF or HDFEOS2):
 - 'longitude' or 'XDim' or 'lon' (longitude)
 - 'latitude' or 'YDim' or 'lat' (latitude)
 - 'time' or 'TIME:EOSGRID' or 'TIME' (synoptic hour)
 - 'levels' or 'Height' or 'lev' (nominal pressure for each model level)
 - 'ps' or 'PS' (surface pressure)
 - 'delp' or 'DELP' (layer pressure thicknesses)
 - 't' or 'T' (layer temperature)
 - 'u' or 'U' (layer eastward wind)
 - 'v' or 'V' (layer northward wind)
 - 'qv' or 'QV' (layer specific humidities)
- **inst6_3d_ana_Np** (variable names are HDF4 or netCDF or HDFEOS2):
 - 'longitude' or 'XDim' or 'lon' (longitude)
 - 'latitude' or 'YDim' or 'lat' (latitude)
 - 'time' or 'TIME:EOSGRID' or 'TIME' (synoptic hours)
 - 'slp' or 'SLP' (sea level pressure)
- **tavg1_2d_slv_Nx** (variable names are HDF4 or netCDF or HDFEOS2):
 - 'longitude' or 'XDim' or 'lon' (longitude)
 - 'latitude' or 'YDim' or 'lat' (latitude)
 - 'time' or 'TIME:EOSGRID' or 'TIME' (synoptic hours)
 - 'u10m' or 'U10M' (10-meter eastward wind)
 - 'v10m' or 'V10M' (10-meter northward wind)
 - 't2m' or 'T2M' (2-meter temperature)

- 'qv2m' or 'QV2M' (2-meter specific humidity)
- 'ts' or 'TS' (skin temperature)
- **tavg1_2d_ocn_Nx** (variable names are HDF4/netCDF or HDFEOS2):
 - 'longitude' or 'XDim' or 'lon' (longitude)
 - 'latitude' or 'YDim' or 'lat' (latitude)
 - 'time' or 'TIME:EOSGRID' or 'TIME' (synoptic hours)
 - 'frseaice' or 'FRSEAICE' (sea ice fraction)
- **tavg1_2d_lnd_Nx** (variable names are HDF4/netCDF or HDFEOS2):
 - 'longitude' or 'XDim' or 'lon' (longitude)
 - 'latitude' or 'YDim' or 'lat' (latitude)
 - 'time' or 'TIME:EOSGRID' or 'TIME' (synoptic hours)

Note that the tavg1_2d*_Nx collections are 1-hour averages that are valid at the bottom of the hour. For simplicity, MERRA2WRF uses the 00:30Z average data with the 00Z instantaneous fields, the 06:30Z average data with the 06Z instantaneous fields, and so on.

To download the MERRA data and run MERRA2WRF for a specified start date and end date go to scripts/python/utils and run merra2wrf.py using the command:

```
./merra2wrf.py StartDate EndDate -o OutputDir -n NUWRFDIR.
```

For example:

```
./merra2wrf.py 20150711 20150712 -n <NUWRFDIR>
Start MERRA2WRF conversion...
start_time: 20150711
end_time: 20150712
out_dir: ./
nuwrf_dir: <NUWRFDIR>
date: 2015 07 11
getting files...
running merra2wrf...
date: 2015 07 12
getting files...
running merra2wrf...
Time taken = 110.273767
./merra2wrf.py is DONE.
```

A namelist file will be created for each processing date, and files readable for METGRID will be generated in a *data* directory under *out.dir*.

To use MERRA-2 reanalysis, the user may download MERRA-2 files from the GES DISC web page and process them with MERRA2WRF got to the utils/geos2wrf/scripts/run_merra directory and run:

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```
./proc_merra2_geos_disc.sh StartDate EndDate RunDir NUWRFDIR
```

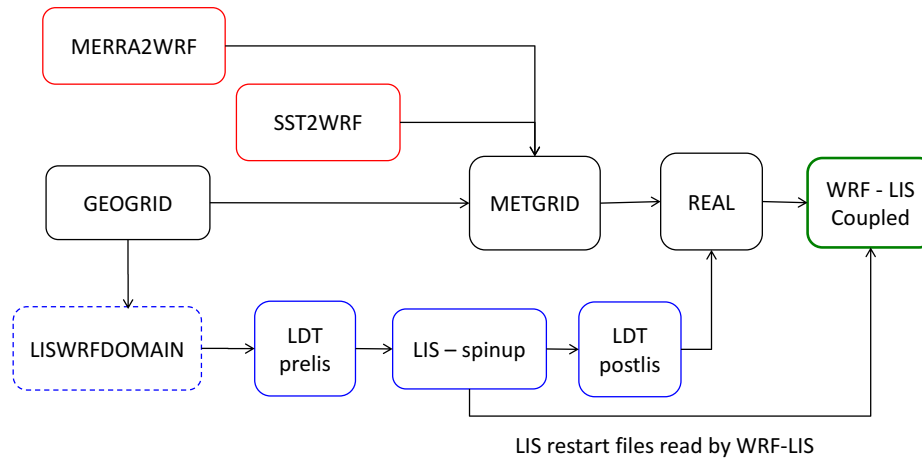
A third alternative is to customize `namelist.merra2wrf` by hand to process the selected MERRA files and `namelist.merra2_2wrf` to process the selected MERRA-2 files (both files are in `utils/geos2wrf/namelist`). The `namelist` files consist of a single block:

Variable Names	Description
<code>&input</code>	
<code>outputDirectory</code>	String, lists directory for writing WPS output files.
<code>merraDirectory</code>	String, lists directory containing MERRA or MERRA-2 input files.
<code>merraFormat_const_2d_asm_Nx</code>	Integer, specifies format of <code>const_2d_asm_Nx</code> file. 1=HDF4, 2=netCDF, 4=HDFEOS2.
<code>merraFile_const_2d_asm_Nx</code>	String, name of <code>const_2d_asm_Nx</code> file.
<code>numberOfDays</code>	Integer, lists number of days to process. Each MERRA or MERRA-2 collection. (excluding <code>const_2d_asm_Nx</code>) will have one file per day.
<code>merraDates(:)</code>	Array of strings, list each day to be processed (format is YYYY-MM-DD).
<code>merraFormat_inst6_3d_ana_Nv</code>	Integer, specifies format of <code>inst6_3d_ana_Nv</code> files. 1=HDF4, 2=netCDF, 4=HDFEOS2.
<code>merraFiles_inst6_3d_ana_Nv(:)</code>	Array of strings, specifying names of <code>inst6_3d_ana_Nv</code> files.
<code>merraFormat_inst6_3d_ana_Np</code>	Integer, specifies format of <code>inst6_3d_ana_Np</code> files. 1=HDF4, 2=netCDF, 4=HDFEOS2.
<code>merraFiles_inst6_3d_ana_Np(:)</code>	Array of strings, specifying names of <code>inst6_3d_ana_Np</code> files.
<code>merraFormat_tavg1_2d_slv_Nx</code>	Integer, specifies format of <code>tavg1_2d_slv_Nx</code> files. 1=HDF4, 2=netCDF, 4=HDFEOS2.
<code>merraFiles_tavg1_2d_slv_Nx(:)</code>	Array of strings, specifying names of <code>tavg1_2d_slv_Nx</code> files.
<code>merraFormat_tavg1_2d_ocn_Nx</code>	Integer, specifies format of <code>tavg1_2d_ocn_Nx</code> files. 1=HDF4, 2=netCDF, 4=HDFEOS2.
<code>merraFiles_tavg1_2d_ocn_Nx(:)</code>	Array of strings, specifying names of <code>tavg1_2d_ocn_Nx</code> files.

The software is run by typing `./merra2wrf.x namelist.merra2wrf`. The output files will be named `MERRA:$YYYY-$MM-$DD_$HH`, where `$YYYY` is the four-digit year, `$MM` is the two-digit month, `$DD` is the two-digit day, and

\$HH is the two-digit hour. These files are readable by METGRID.

MERRA2WRF / WRF-LIS coupled workflow



5.5 Use of New Erodible Soil Options

NU-WRF includes several new options for specifying erodible soil (EROD) for dust emissions (Kim et al., 2014). The workflow depends a bit on the particular option selected but requires compilation of WRF-Chem and WPS (`./build.sh chem,wps` if using normal chemistry, or `./build.sh kpp,wps` if using KPP chemistry).

The four available EROD options are:

- **EROD_STATIC**. This is the EROD option inherited from the community WRF. Annual EROD at 0.25 deg resolution for sand, silt, and clay is processed and fed to WRF-Chem.
- **EROD_MDB**. This is a new seasonal EROD dataset derived from MODIS-Deep Blue climatological aerosol products. [See Ginoux et al. (2012) and Ginoux et al. (2010) for description of estimating frequency of occurrence of optical depth – these are converted to EROD]. Data are subdivided into three groups (for sand, silt, and clay) at 0.1 deg resolution for four meteorological seasons (December-January-February, March-April-May, June-July-August, September-October-November). These are processed and passed to WRF-Chem.

- **EROD_DYN_CLIMO.** This is a new “dynamic climatological” EROD option. It uses a monthly surface bareness field derived at 30-arc second resolution from the community WRF climatological MODIS vegetation fraction dataset (`greenness_fpar_modis/`), with adjustments from the community WRF’s soil type and MODIS and USGS land use datasets to screen out water bodies. It also uses a 30-arc second topographic depression dataset derived from the community WRF’s terrain dataset. These fields are passed to WRF-Chem, which will create an instantaneous EROD field from these variables with adjustments to screen out snowy or very cold locations.
- **EROD_DYN.** This is a new “dynamical” EROD option. It uses the same topographic depression field as **EROD_DYN_CLIMO**, plus a surface bareness field based on either NASA GIMMS or NASA SPoRT daily NDVI products. The data are passed to WRF-Chem, which will construct an instantaneous EROD field from the bareness and topographic depression with adjustments to screen out snowy or very cold locations.

A sample workflow for EROD is presented here:

- **Assemble GEOG data.** Several new EROD-related fields must be obtained from the NU-WRF group and placed in subdirectories with the standard GEOG data available from the community WRF. For **EROD_MDB**, they are `erod_mdb_clay_0.1deg/`, `erod_mdb_sand_0.1deg/`, and `erod_mdb_silt_0.1deg/`. For **EROD_DYN_CLIMO**, they are `bareness_dyn_climo/` and `TOPODEP_30s/`. For **EROD_DYN**, the `TOPODEP_30s/` data must be staged; in addition, the user is advised to collect NDVI-based greenness in GEOGRID format from NASA SPoRT and place the files in a `gvfsport/` directory.
- **Create NDVI-based bareness for EROD_DYN option.** The `NDVIBARENESS4WRF` tool is used to process NDVI data and generate a bareness field. Both bareness and NDVI are written in WPS intermediate format for direct ingest into METGRID. The `NDVIBARENESS4WRF` code is described by Kemp (2016).
- **GEOGRID.** Run for terrestrial processing. Use the `GEOGRID.TBL.ARW_CHEM_NUWRF` file to ensure EROD-related fields are specified. If preparing for the **EROD_DYN** option, “gvfsport” should be specified as the first part of the “geog_data_res” option in `namelist.wps` – this will ensure the SPoRT greenness is processed rather than the climatological greenness data available with the community WRF.
- **UNGRIB.** Run for normal GRIB file processing.
- **METGRID.** Run for normal processing. If preparing for the **EROD_DYN** option, user should modify `namelist.wps` to include the file prefix(es) for the bareness data in the “fg_name” namelist option. Note that the

METGRID.TBL.ARW file in NU-WRF has been modified to recognize the new EROD-related fields.

- **REAL.** Run to produce initial and lateral boundary conditions. Namelist variable “chem_opt” should be set to 401 for simple dust treatment. (Dust emissions can also be used with GOCART chemistry by setting “chem_opt” to 300, 301, 302, or 303; however, in this case, the workflow must be expanded to include the steps in Section 5.6.) New namelist variable “erod_option” in the &chem block should be set to “static”, “mdb”, “dyn_climo”, or “dyn”. If not set, “static” is assumed.
- **WRF.** Run for EROD simulation. Optionally set the new “gocart_dustemiss_layer” namelist variable to highest vertical model level to spread dynamic dust (default is 1), or set “gocart_dustemiss_suppress=1” to shut off dynamic dust emissions. The new variable EROD_TIMESTEP in the wrfout netCDF file will show the instantaneous EROD field for sand, silt, and clay for whatever EROD option is used. Other variables of note are:
 - BARENESS_DYN_CLIMO: Monthly input bareness field for **EROD_DYN_CLIMO** option.
 - EROD_MDB_CLAY: Seasonal EROD for clay for **EROD_MDB** option.
 - EROD_MDB_SAND: Seasonal EROD for sand for **EROD_MDB** option.
 - EROD_MDB_SILT: Seasonal EROD for silt for **EROD_MDB** option.
 - EROD_STATIC: The standard EROD field available with the community WRF.
 - TOPODEP: The topographic depression values for sand, silt, and clay for the **EROD_DYN_CLIMO** and **EROD_DYN** options.

5.6 Use of GOCART Aerosol Data

NU-WRF offers advanced aerosol modeling using the implementation of GOCART [see Chin et al. (2002) and Ginoux et al. (2001)] in WRF-Chem. Running GOCART in WRF allows for aerosol coupling with the Goddard 4ICE microphysics scheme and with the 2017 Goddard radiation scheme, providing a simulation of the direct and indirect aerosol effects on weather and climate. For best results, it is necessary to provide initial and lateral boundary conditions for GOCART, plus surface-based emissions. To that end, the NU-WRF modeling system includes the new GOCART2WRF preprocessor for providing chemical boundary conditions from the GEOS-5, and includes the community PREP_CHEM_SOURCES program for emissions. To run, the user must compile with

```
./build.sh chem,wps,gocart2wrf,prep_chem_sources,plot_chem.
```

GOCART2WRF supports four possible sources of GOCART data:

- offline GOCART;
- on-line GOCART from GEOS-5;
- MERRAero reanalyses (Kishcha et al., 2014); and
- MERRA-2 (Bosilovich et al., 2015) reanalyses.

A workflow supporting the use of GOCART in NU-WRF might look like this:

- **WPS.** Perform terrestrial and meteorological preprocessing as normal.
- **REAL.** Generate meteorological initial and lateral boundary conditions as normal.
- **GOCART2WRF.** Process GOCART data and insert into output files from REAL. Typically the user must edit a `namelist.gocart2wrf` to specify the number of WRF domains, the location of REAL output files, and the location, source, and file prefixes of the GOCART files. GOCART2WRF is then executed at the command line using `./gocart2wrf` with `namelist.gocart2wrf` in the current working directory. GOCART2WRF will obtain the required dates and times from the REAL netCDF files, search the GOCART files for the corresponding dates and times, read and interpolate the required GOCART variables, and essentially append those fields to the REAL files. Currently, 17 GOCART variables are processed: Hydrophobic and Hydrophilic Black Carbon, Hydrophobic and Hydrophilic Organic Carbon, dust particles with 0.5 μm , 1.4 μm , 2.4 μm , 4.5 μm , and 8.0 μm effective radii, sea salt particles with 0.3 μm , 1.0 μm , 3.2 μm , and 7.5 μm effective radii, and concentrations of Dimethyl Sulfide, Methanesulfonic Acid, Sulfur Dioxide, and Sulfate.

The `namelist.gocart2wrf` file contains the following entries:

Variable Names	Description
&wrf	
max_dom	Integer, specifies number of WRF domains.
wrf_dir	String, specifies directory with wrfinput and wrfbdy files.
&gocart_shared	
gocart_format	Integer, specifies format of GOCART data; currently must be set to 5 (for netCDF4 files)
gocart_source	String, lists source of GOCART data. 4 options are available: 'GEOS' : Output from GEOS-5 (default) 'MERRA2' : Output from MERRA-2 reanalysis 'MERRAERO' : Output from MERRAero reanalysis 'OFFLINE' : Output from offline GOCART
gocart_dir	String, specifies directory with netCDF4 GOCART files to process. If processing MERRAero or MERRA2 data, files are assumed to be in subdirectories, e.g., For MERRAERO: <code>gocart_dir/Y2005/M05/</code> For MERRA-2: <code>gocart_dir/\$STREAM/stage/Y2005/M05/</code> where \$STREAM is MERRA2_100 for data before 1992, MERRA2_200 for data from 1992 to 2000, MERRA3_300 for data from 2001 to 2010, or MERRA2_400 for data from 2011 on.
gocart_prefix	String, specifies file name prefix for netCDF4 GOCART files. Ignored if processing MERRA-2 or MERRAero data.

If processing MERRA-2 data, the user can download MERRA-2 GOCART files from the GES DISC web page, and process them with GOCART2WRF. The command is:

```
./proc_merra2_gocart_ges_disc.sh NumDomains StartDate EndDate
RunDir NUWRFDIR
```

A namelist file will be created by the script and updated `wrfbdy_d01` and `wrfinput_d*` netCDF files will be created.

- **PREP_CHEM_SOURCES.** This community tool processes a number of biogenic, anthropogenic, volcanic, and wildfire emissions (Freitas et al., 2011). Operating this program is largely described in Peckham et al. (2015) and Peckham et al. (2022), and requires customizing a `prep_chem_sources.inp` file and downloading emissions data supported by the program. The NU-WRF version has several modifications:
 - **Map projection.** The map projection code from WPS has been added to PREP_CHEM_SOURCES to ensure consistency in emission interpolation. This support is automatic when using the NU-WRF build system, and no user action is required.

- **Improved GOCART background fields.** Processing emissions for GOCART requires monthly climatological background fields of Hydrogen Peroxide, Hydroxide, and Nitrate. The community data for PREP_CHEM_SOURCES contains 55 vertical levels, is only for 2006, and is missing some information useful for vertical interpolation. New 72-level datasets produced by GSFC are now available in two formats with improved vertical interpolation information. The user should edit `prep_chem_sources.inp` and set `use_gocart_nuwrf=1` and “`gocart_nuwrf_data_type`” variable to “old” or “new” to switch between the community and new files. If “new” files are selected, they must be in a `gocart_nuwrf_data_dir` subdirectory on the same level as the `gocart_bg/` folder containing the community 55-level files. If “new” is selected, the program will first search for `geos5_met_1MAVG_YYYYMM.nc` and `gmi_merra_oxidants_YYYYMM_1.25x1.nc` files, where YYYY is the 4-digit year and MM is the 2-digit month. If the program fails to find both files, it will fall back on `gmi_2006MM.nc` files, which are also new 72-level files but only exist for 2006.
- **Improved interpolation of GOCART background fields.** The community PREP_CHEM_SOURCES program uses simple averaging of GOCART background grid points to each WRF grid point, which implicitly assumes the WRF grid is at a coarser resolution than the background. This results in unphysical blocky fields, which are further marred by gradients associated with sharp WRF terrain. In the NU-WRF version of PREP_CHEM_SOURCES, bilinear interpolation is used in cases where less than two background grid points are averaged to a WRF grid point, leading to much smoother fields.
- **GFEDv4.** The GFEDv4 biomass burning emissions dataset [Randerson et al. (2015)] is supported. It supersedes and replaces the Global Fire Emissions Database, Version 3.1 (GFEDv3.1). To use it the user must edit the `prep_chem_sources.inp` file, toggle the new variable “`use_gfedv4=1`”, set the new “`gfedv4_data_dir`” variable to specify the directory with the GFEDv4 data, and edit the new “`gfedv4_suffix`” variable to list the species to process. There are sample `prep_chem_sources.inp` files in the `scripts/regression/testcases/chem` directories with default settings for the DISCOVER system. Note that GFEDv4 and other GFED data sets cannot be used simultaneously. Currently the following species can be processed: BC, C2H4, C2H4O, C2H4, C2H5OH, C2H6S, C2H6, C3H6O, C3H6, C3H8, CH4, C5H8, CH2O, CH3OH, CH4, CO2, CO, NH3, NOx, OC, PM2p5, SO2, Terpenes, Toluene_lump, and TPM. DM can also be processed but is not currently used by WRF-Chem.
- **QFED.** The NASA QFED wildfire emissions dataset [Darmenov and da Silva (2013)] is supported. The user must edit the `prep_chem_sources.inp` file, toggle the new variable “`use_qfed=1`”, set the new “`qfed_data_dir`” variable to specify the top directory with QFED data (yearly subdi-

rectories like Y2005/ are assumed, with monthly subdirectories like M05/ within each annual subdirectory), and edit the new “qfed_suffix” variable to list the species to process (e.g, “bc,oc,pm25,so2”). Note that the species are used to construct the names of the emissions files (e.g, `qfed2.emis.bc.005.20140404.nc4`, so the names are case sensitive. Also, note that QFED cannot be used simultaneously with GFED source options. Currently, the following QFED species can be processed: acet, ald2, alk4, bc, c2h6, c3h6, c3h8, ch2o, ch4, co, co2, mek, nh3, no, oc, pm25, and so2.

- **Output of map projection data.** New `.map` files with map projection data are automatically output. These files are intended for use by PLOT_CHEM to visualize the fields.
- **PLOT_CHEM.** This is an optional step to create simple visualizations of emissions output from PREP_CHEM_SOURCES. The program reads in a GrADS control file produced by PREP_CHEM_SOURCES, the corresponding GrADS binary file, and the special `.map` file with critical map projection information. PLOT_CHEM will then create visualizations of each field using NCAR Graphics. The plots are not publication quality and are only intended for sanity checking. To run, the user must first create a symbolic link `grads.ct1` to the desired GrADS control file, and then run `./plot_chem` in the same directory as the GrADS and `.map` files. The output is a `gmeta` file which can be viewed using the NCAR Graphics `idt` program (see <http://ngwww.ucar.edu> for information on NCAR Graphics).
- **CONVERT_EMISS.** This is a community WRF-Chem preprocessor that takes the output from PREP_CHEM_SOURCES and rewrites the fields in new netCDF files for reading by WRF-Chem. This program is described in Peckham et al. (2022) and Peckham et al. (2015), and requires modifying a `namelist.input` file to specify domain information, physics, and chemistry options. The program is then run in the same directory as the `namelist.input` and the PREP_CHEM_SOURCES output files.

There are two issues to keep in mind:

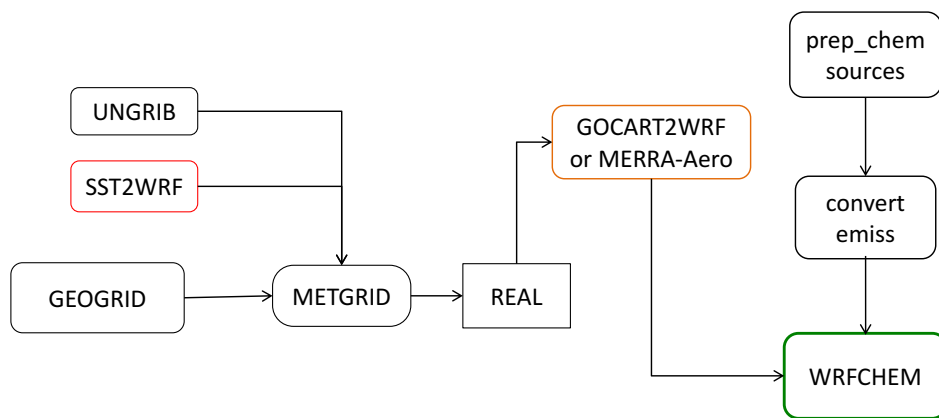
- First, CONVERT_EMISS does not currently process more than one domain at a time. Thus, the user must process each domain in separate executions, and must rename the input files to use “d01” before execution, regardless of what the actual domain number is. The output files must then be renamed to restore the actual domain numbers for WRF-Chem. In addition, a `namelist.input` file must be customized for each execution with the “max_dom” variable set to “1” and the first grid domain variables (e.g., “dx”, “nx”, etc) conforming to whichever domain is being processed.
- Second, the output files from PREP_CHEM_SOURCES must be renamed to conform to the naming convention expected by CON-

VERT_EMISS. The naming convention for the different emissions files is documented in Peckham et al. (2015).

Note that if PREP_CHEM_SOURCES processed “new” GOCART background files, the `&chem` block in `namelist.input` must be modified to add `“gocart_nuwrf_type=1”` so CONVERT_EMISS will read 72 levels of data and perform the correct vertical interpolation. If this setting is omitted, the background fields output by CONVERT_EMISS will likely contain unphysical values. For ‘old’ GOCART background files set `“gocart_nuwrf_type=0”`

- **WRF-Chem.** Running WRF-Chem is similar to the basic case in section 5.1, but requires the `&chem` namelist block to be included in the `namelist.input` with GOCART activated (`chem_opt = 300, 301, 302, or 303`). Aerosol coupling with the Goddard 4ICE schemes (`mp_physics=7`) will be activated if the new `“gsfcgce_gocart_coupling”` namelist variable is set to 1 (set by default). Likewise, aerosol coupling with the 2017 Goddard radiation schemes (`ra_lw_physics=5` and `ra_sw_physics=5`) will be activated if the new `“gsfcrad_gocart_coupling”` namelist variable is set to 1 (set by default).

**GOCART Aerosol, Emission, and WRF-Chem workflow
(can combine with WRF-LIS, MERRA, GEOS, and/or SST workflows)**



5.7 Use of CASA CO₂ Data

NU-WRF has the capability for running simulations with CO₂ treated as a tracer (i.e., no interaction with physics). This requires specifying initial, lateral boundary, and flux emission fields of CO₂. To that end, several utilities have been written to process CASA global climatological CO₂ concentrations and flux emissions and provide them to WRF-Chem: READ_CO2_CONC, READ_CO2_FLUX, and CASA2WRF.

A particular capability of the CASA2WRF utility allows for the temporal interpolation of CASACO2 flux depending on the NU-WRF model state. This capability can be turned on by modifying the namelist.casa2wrf file and setting the “flux_interpolate” namelist variable equal to 1. With this option, the NU-WRF model state is read by CASA2WRF every hour and wrf-domain interpolated CO₂ flux components from 6 different sources

- Respiratory (monthly)
- Net Production (monthly)
- Bio-fuel (monthly)
- Fossil Fuel (yearly)
- Wild fire (daily)
- Ocean CO₂

are combined to produce total flux and flux tendency netCDF files that can be input to NU-WRF WRF-Chem runs.

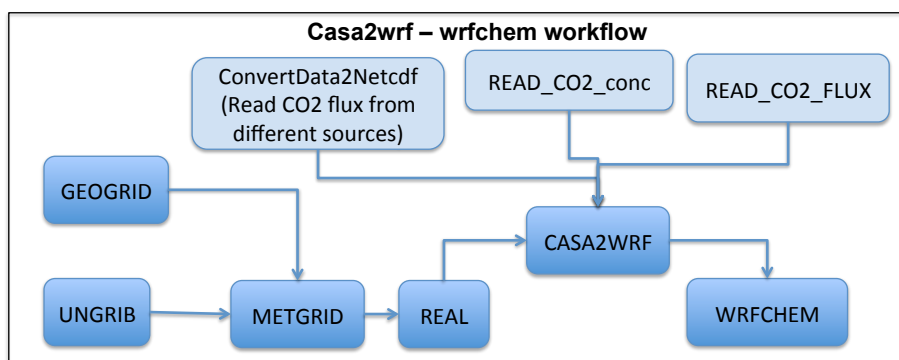
To compile, the user must type `./build.sh casa2wrf`. It creates the following executables in `utils/bin`:

- `Read_C02_conc.x`: Reads and converts a CO₂ **concentration** data file to netCDF format usable by NU-WRF.
- `Read_C02_Flux.x`: Reads and converts a CO₂ **flux** data file to netCDF format usable by NU-WRF.
- `ConvertData2Netcdf.x`: Converts CO₂ flux component files in binary format to netCDF format.
- `casa2wrf.x`: Processes and incorporates the CO₂ concentration and flux data to `wrfinput_d*`, `wrfbdy_d01`, and flux input files suitable for WRF-Chem runs.

Instructions for running these programs, including namelist definitions, are provided in Tao et al. (2014). A sample workflow is provided below:

- **WPS**. Perform terrestrial and meteorological preprocessing as normal.

- **REAL.** Generate meteorological initial and lateral boundary conditions as normal.
- **READ_CO2_CONC.** Reads the CASA CO₂ concentration files in flat binary format, and converts to netCDF with a time stamp.
- **READ_CO2_FLUX.** Reads the CASA CO₂ flux files in flat binary format, and converts to netCDF with a time stamp.
- **ConvertData2Netcdf.** Reads the CASA CO₂ flux files from different sources in flat binary format, and converts to netCDF with a time stamp.
- **CASA2WRF.** Read the CO₂ netCDF files, interpolates concentration and flux data to the WRF grids (single or nested), read the `wrfout*` files from a NU-WRF run every hour or any specified time interval from namelist, temporally interpolate the NPP and RESP CO₂ fluxes with relation the NU-WRF state, combine the fluxes from all sources, calculates the rates of change of flux/hour at the user specified time frequency, appends the interpolated concentrations to the initial and lateral boundary condition netCDF files (`wrfinput_*` and `wrfbdy.d01`), and writes the interpolated fluxes to a new netCDF file (`CO2_domain_date`).
- **WRF-Chem.** Run WRF-Chem with CASA CO₂ chemistry options in the `namelist.input` (including `chem_opt = 18`, `emiss_opt=18`, and `emiss_inpt_opt=18`). Other appropriate settings are listed in Tao et al. (2014).



5.8 Use of SPoRT Sea Surface Temperature Data

NASA SPoRT generates sea surface temperature analyses for the northern western hemisphere every 12 hours valid at 06Z and 18Z. A script `fetch_sport_sst_northwestHemi.py` is available to download GRIB2 files of these analyses from the SPoRT FTP site. The script and companion configuration file `sport_sst_northwestHemi.cfg` are in the `scripts/python/utils/` directory. The configuration file specifies the start and end dates and hours for downloading data, along with the top directory for storing the downloaded

files. The user can override the date/time information in this file by running `fetch_sport_sst_northwestHemi.py` with a `-L` flag (or equivalently, `--latest`) on the command line; this will cause the script to fetch all available files valid for the most recent 24 hours. Files will be uncompressed via `gunzip` after being downloaded.

The uncompressed GRIB2 files can be processed by UNGRIB (we recommend using the prefix “SPORT_SST” for the output files). The user must then edit the `namelist.wps` file to include the SPoRT SST prefix in the “`fg_name`” namelist variable so METGRID processes the data along with other atmospheric fields. When run, METGRID will replace the SST or skin temperature from atmospheric fields with that from the SPoRT analysis. The remaining steps (REAL and WRF) can be completed as normal.

5.9 Use of RSS Sea Surface Temperature Data

A special preprocessor included with NU-WRF is SST2WRF, which processes several sea surface temperature (SST) products produced by Remote Sensing Systems (RSS; see <http://www.remss.com>). These products are potential alternatives to the SST or skin temperature fields often provided in meteorological GRIB files (e.g., from the NOAA GFS or NAM models). Because RSS products are not available in GRIB format, UNGRIB cannot process them and a tool like SST2WRF is required as a substitute.

SST2WRF currently supports several different analysis products classified by source instrument and by algorithm version. The instrument SST analyses are

- **mw_ir.** 9-km global SST valid at 1200 UTC based on microwave (TMI, AMSR-E, AMSR2, WindSat) and Infrared (Terra MODIS, Aqua MODIS) data.
- **mw.** 25-km global SST valid at 0800 LT, based on Microwave (TMI, AMSR-E, AMSR2, WindSat) data.

The algorithm versions are:

- **rt.** The real-time algorithm.
- **v04.0.** Version 4 algorithm.

See <http://data.remss.com/sst> for a description of these products.

A workflow for SST2WRF could be similar to that in section 5.1, but would require running SST2WRF *in addition to* UNGRIB. UNGRIB is responsible for processing meteorological fields, while SST2WRF will process only the SST related fields from RSS. (One could also replace UNGRIB with GEOS2WRF or MERRA2WRF; for simplicity, we will assume UNGRIB is used.)

The user must compile using `./build.sh sst2wrf`. A script provided in `scripts/python/utis/sst2wrf.py` can be used to download SST data. Run, `./sst2wrf -h` to help set the required variables and fetch the data. For example:

5.9 Use of RSS Sea Surface Temperature Data

```

./sst2wrf.py 20150711 20150712 -n <NUWRFDIR>
Start SST2WRF conversion...
start_time: 20150711
end_time: 20150712
inst_type: mw_ir
data_vers: v5
out_dir: ./
nuwrf_dir: <NUWRFDIR>
getting files for day # 192
running sst2wrf...
getting files for day # 193
running sst2wrf...
Time taken = 13.565437
./sst2wrf.py is DONE.

```

As an alternative, the user can customize a sample namelist file given in `utils/sst2wrf/namelist/namelist.sst2wrf` to provide the following information:

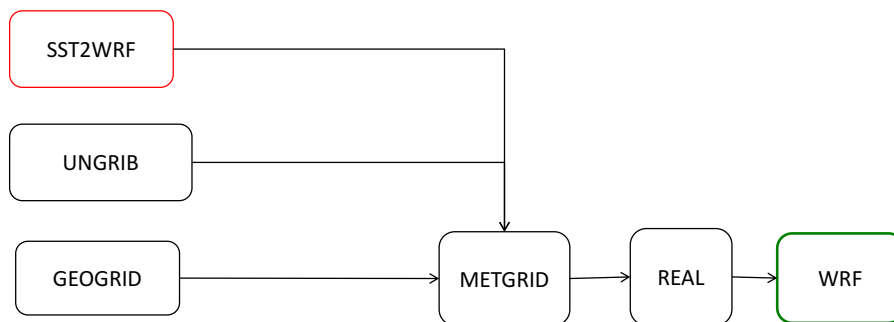
Variable Names	Description
&input	
instrument	String, specifies instrument(s) used for analysis; options are "mw_ir", "mw".
year	Integer, specifies valid year of analysis.
dayOfYear	Integer, specifies valid day of year of analysis.
version	String, specifies algorithm for analysis; options are "rt", "v04.0".
inputDirectory	String, specifies directory with SST file.
&output	
outputDirectory	String, specifies directory for output file.
prefixWPS	String, specifies file name prefix for output; prefix must also be in <code>METGRID.TBL</code> for <code>METGRID</code> to process.
&fakeoutput	
numFakeHours	Integer, specifies number of hours of each day that additional WPS files should be written for. Currently only one SST analysis is available per day, but <code>METGRID</code> requires all time varying fields to have same time interval. Thus, we optionally output daily SST at multiple times corresponding to when atmospheric data are available.
fakeHours	Array of integers, specifies nominal hours of day in UTC for an input daily SST analysis to be output.

The program is then run by typing `./sst2wrf.x` in the same directory as

`namelist.sst2wrf`.

The resulting output files will be in WPS intermediate format. The user must then edit `namelist.wps` and list both the meteorological (from UNGRIB) and SST (from SST2WRF) file prefixes in the “fg_name” namelist variable [see Chapter 3 of NCAR (2022)]. METGRID will replace the SST or skin temperature from UNGRIB with that from SST2WRF. The remaining steps (REAL and WRF) can be completed as normal.

Simple SST2WRF workflow (can also combine with WRF-LIS, MERRA, GEOS, CASA and/or GOCART workflow)



5.10 Initializing Small Inland Lake Temperatures

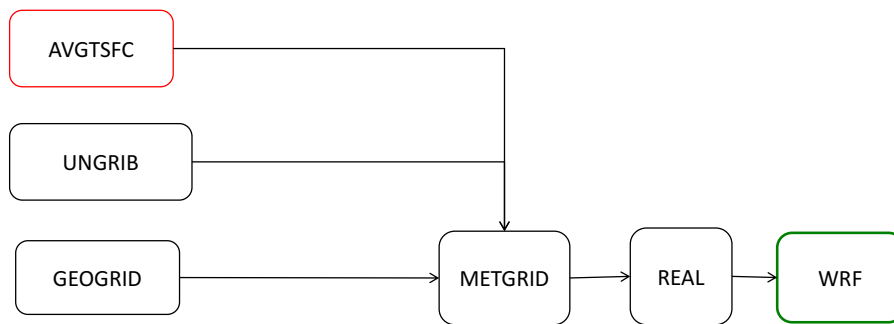
Proper initialization of lake temperatures can be challenging, as small water bodies may not be resolved by external datasets (GRIB, MERRA2, RSS SST, etc). By default, METGRID will extrapolate skin temperature from externally resolved water points; but this can lead to anomalously warm or cold lake temperatures, particularly far inland from large water bodies. To avoid this problem, WPS provides another approach [from the “Alternative Initialization of Lake SSTs” subsection in Chapter 3 of NCAR (2022)]:

- Special landuse datasets (`usgs_lakes` and `modis_lakes`) that discriminate between lakes and oceans. We recommend using the “`modis_lakes`” dataset when running GEOGRID.
- A special preprocessor called `AVG_TSFC`, which reads multiple WPS in-

intermediate files (from UNGRIB, MERRA2WRF, etc) and calculates daily-average air temperature (TAVGSFC). TAVGSFC can then be passed with other data to METGRID for horizontal interpolation. REAL can then use TAVGSFC for the surface temperatures over lakes. While there is room for experimentation, feeding data from the previous 4 weeks to AVG_TSFC should provide reasonable estimates for lake temperatures.

The attached figure illustrates use of AVG_TSFC within a simple WRF workflow. This can be combined with other workflows, including use of SST2WRF; in this latter case, the SST field will be used for oceans and large lakes (e.g., the Great Lakes), while the TAVGSFC data will be used for small lake temperatures.

Simple AVGTSFC workflow (can also combine with WRF-LIS, MERRA, GEOS, CASA and/or GOCART workflow)



5.11 Regression Testing

Regression testing is a type of software testing that verifies that software previously developed and tested still performs correctly even after it was changed or interfaced with other software. Changes may include software enhancements, patches, configuration changes, etc. During regression testing, new software bugs or regressions may be uncovered.

5.11.1 Testing types

Software testing can be roughly divided into three categories:

- Automated regression tests. These tests compile and run a very large number of model configurations and may perform various checks.
- Manual/user testing. These tests are intended to be performed by users that wish to verify their changes prior to pushing them to a central repository. In detail, these tests are similar to automated tests, but are more easily executed from the command line.
- Unit tests. These tests execute extremely quickly and provide a finer-grained verification than the other regression tests, albeit with far less coverage of the source code. *Unit tests do not form part of the NU-WRF code base at this time.*

In this section, we discuss the available NU-WRF regression testing infrastructure and how it can be used to perform automated and manual tests.

5.11.2 NU-WRF regression testing scripts

The NU-WRF regression scripts are a set of python scripts and configuration files designed to run tests on the NU-WRF code base. The scripts' functionality is all driven by the settings specified in a single configuration file.

The configuration file is a text file with a particular structure readable by the python scripts and easily understood by humans too! The files are organized into sections, and each section contains name-value pairs for configuration data.

There is one configuration file required by the scripts - specified as a command line argument. The file can have any name but must have the '.cfg' extension. A sample configuration file (sample.cfg) is included in scripts/python/regression that can be modified and used for "personalized" testing.

There are three additional files that are used specifically for NU-WRF testing. Specifically master.cfg, develop.cfg and comp.cfg. These files should not be modified or used for anything other than as a reference to build your own customized configuration.

5.11.3 Workflows revisited

In this chapter, we discussed several workflows. For the purposes of regression testing workflows are categorized as follows:

- **wrf**: basic WRF-ARW runs (without LIS coupling)
- **wrflis**: **wrf** but with LIS coupling (including single-column model)

- **chem:** **wrf** with chemistry (chemistry with or without LIS coupling)
- **kpp:** **wrf** with chemistry using KPP

This distinction is necessary to specify test cases in the configuration file. For a list of all supported NU-WRF configurations see the file `master.cfg` under `scripts/python/regression`.

5.11.4 Python scripts

The python scripts are the following:

- `reg` : Main driver.
- `RegPool.py` : A class with functionality to parallelize tasks.
- `regression.py` : A driver script to execute the NU-WRF component tasks.
- `RegRuns.py` : A class that defines regression test run instances.
- `RegTest.py` : A class that defines regression test instances.
- `reg_tools.py` : Various tools used by the main drivers.
- `reg_utils.py` : Various utilities used by all the scripts.

The scripts can be used to perform both automated regression tests as well as "manual testing".

5.11.5 Manual testing

Before running the regression testing scripts make sure you duplicate the `sample.cfg` file and customize it to your needs. When ready to run the scripts, specify the configuration file name as an argument to `reg` and wait for the results:

```
$ cd $NUWRFDIR/scripts/python/regression
```

To run the scripts, specify the configuration file name as an argument to `reg`:

```
$ reg <cfg_file> &
```

Note that the configuration file name extension should not be specified. Upon execution you will see some messages echoed to `STDOUT` but all the output will be logged to a file named `<cfg_file>.LOG`. There will be other "log" files, one for each workflow and one for each experiment, that will be generated for each 'reg' run.

Workflow builds, a maximum of four (`wrf,wrfis,chem,kpp`), will be generated in

```
<scratch_dir>/builds
```

Each build will have its own `make.log` as well as `<workflow>.out` and `<workflow>.err` files that will be useful to diagnose build /run errors.

Run logs will be generated in each run directory under `<scratch_dir>/results`. These will have the name `<experiment>-regression.log` and should also be very useful to diagnose test-case-specific run-time issues.

At the end of a "reg" an email test report will be emailed to the recipient specified in the `mail.to` field in `USERCONFIG`.

Note that all 'reg' runs are tagged with a unique time stamp corresponding to the date/time the run was executed.

As you may have figured out, all the workflows described earlier in this chapter can be recreated with the appropriate configuration file and the testing scripts.

Finally, there are many testcases found in the `testcases` subdirectory containing script templates for end-to-end workflows that can be used as starting points for setting up NU-WRF simulations.

For more information about regression testing or any workflow described in this tutorial please feel free to contact the NU-WRF software integration group.

6 Post-Processors

In Section 5, sample workflows are presented to initialize and run WRF in multiple configurations. In the present section, we address the question of post-processing the WRF (and in some cases, LIS) output. All of the post-processors address the task of evaluation, either subjective or objective. Several tools are available to prepare visualizations of model fields, while others allow for calculating verification metrics against observations or gridded analyses.

It should be noted that other generic tools exist that can be used to evaluate NU-WRF netCDF4 output. These include:

- IDL (<https://www.l3harrisgeospatial.com/Software-Technology/IDL>);
- IDV (<http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/idv/>);
- MATLAB (<https://www.mathworks.com/products/matlab.html>);
- NCL (<http://www.ncl.ucar.edu>);
- Ncview (http://meteora.ucsd.edu/~pierce/ncview_home_page.html);
- Python (<http://www.python.org>) with:
 - Matplotlib (<http://matplotlib.org>) or;
 - PyNGL and PyNIO (<https://www.pyngl.ucar.edu>);
- R (<http://www.r-project.org>) with:
 - ncd4 (<https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/ncdf4/index.html>); or
 - RNetCDF (<https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/RNetCDF/index.html>);
- VAPOR (<https://www.vapor.ucar.edu>).

See also a list of netCDF-compatible software maintained at <http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/netcdf/software.html>.

6.1 G-SDSU

The Goddard Satellite Data Simulator Unit [G-SDSU; Matsui et al. (2014)] is a program developed by NASA for use with cloud-resolving model data. The program can simulate multiple microwave, radar, visible and infrared, lidar, and broadband satellite products from the input model fields. These simulations can be used for detailed verification against actual satellite observations (Matsui et al., 2009), for assimilation of satellite radiances, or for exploring future satellite missions. The software is compiled by typing `./build.sh gsdsu`. Instructions on running the program are available in Matsui and Kemp (2016).

6.2 RIP4

The community Read/Interpolate/Plot (RIP) Version 4 software package is capable of processing WRF netCDF files, deriving new variables (e.g., air temperature, relative humidity, CAPE), interpolating to isobaric, isentropic, or constant height levels as well as vertical cross-sections, and plotting the fields in NCAR Graphics `gmeta` format. Advanced options also exist, including calculating and plotting trajectories, interpolating between coarse and fine grid resolutions, and writing data in a format readable by the Vis5D visualization package (see <http://vis5d.sourceforge.net>).

The RIP software is compiled by typing `./build.sh rip`. The two most important executables in RIP4 are:

- **RIPDP_WRFARW**. This program will read WRF netCDF files and transform the data to an internal binary data format. The user will have the option of processing either a basic set of variables or all the variables in the files.
- **RIP**. This program will process the output of RIPDP_WRFARW based on the user's settings in a provided input file.

Users are referred to Stoelinga (2006) for detailed instructions on using RIP. Sample namelist files are included in the NU-WRF package in `scripts/rip/`.

6.3 ARWPOST

The ARWPOST program is a post-processor developed by NCAR for converting WRF-ARW netCDF data into GrADS format. Analogous to RIP, ARWPOST supports the derivation of certain variables from the model output and interpolation of those fields to isobaric or constant height levels. GrADS (see <http://cola.gmu.edu/grads/>) can then be used to visualize the data. The program is compiled by typing `./build.sh arw`. Instructions for running ARWPOST are given in Chapter 9 of NCAR (2022).

6.4 UPP

The UPP program is the “Unified Post-Processor” developed by NOAA/NCEP for processing all NCEP model data. As with RIP and ARWPOST, UPP can read WRF netCDF output files, derive a number of meteorological fields from the provided model data, and interpolate to user specified levels. In the case of UPP, the data are output in GRIB format. The program is compiled by typing `./build.sh upp`. Instructions for running UPP are given DTC (2015).

The NU-WRF version of UPP includes several modifications provided by NASA SPoRT. These are experimental severe weather diagnostics:

- **Instantaneous Lighting Threat 1**. Based on grid-resolved graupel flux at -15C. Specified as “LIGHTNING THREAT 1” in `parm/wrf_cntrl.parm` file.

- **Instantaneous Lightning Threat 2.** Based on vertically integrated ice. Specified as “LIGHTNING THREAT 2” in `parm/wrf_cntrl.parm` file.
- **Instantaneous Lightning Threat 3.** Based on Threat 1 and 2 products. Specified as “LIGHTNING THREAT 3” in `parm/wrf_cntrl.parm` file.
- **Interval Maximum Lightning Threat 1.** Based on grid-resolved graupel flux at -15C. Specified as “MAX LTG THREAT 1” in `parm/wrf_cntrl.parm` file.
- **Interval Maximum Lightning Threat 2.** Based on vertically integrated ice. Specified as “MAX LTG THREAT 2” in `parm/wrf_cntrl.parm` file.
- **Interval Maximum Lightning Threat 3.** Based on Threat 1 and 2 products. Specified as “MAX LGT THREAT 3” in `parm/wrf_cntrl.parm` file.

In addition, UPP has been modified to read both graupel and hail mixing ratios, which are provided by the 4ICE microphysics scheme. Since the NCEP GRIB2 table does not list “hail” as a variable, hail is added to graupel for output and for use in visibility or radiance calculations. Also, UPP will read in radar reflectivity from the WRF output (variable REFL_10CM) if the 3ICE or 4ICE microphysics scheme was used, and this field will be used for any requested reflectivity product (in contrast, UPP calculates reflectivity for other microphysics schemes).

6.5 MET

The MET software is a community meteorological verification toolkit developed by the DTC. This is a generic tool for comparing gridded model forecasts and analyses against numerous observations – METARs, Mesonets, rawinsondes, MODIS satellite data, and Air Force cloud analysis data. MET expects the model data to be in GRIB format, a requirement that forces the user to run UPP on the WRF output first (see Section 6.4). Observation data formats include PREPBUFR and MADIS. With this input data, MET can be used for a number of different meteorological verifications, including point-to-point verification, object-oriented verification, and wavelet verification. Numerous statistical measures can be calculated with confidence intervals, and plotting capabilities are available.

The MET software is compiled by typing `./build.sh met`. Thorough instructions on running the software are provided in DTC (2021).

6.6 LVT

LVT is a NASA-developed land surface verification toolkit. It is designed to compare LIS output files against numerous in-situ, remotely sensed, and re-analysis products. Fields that can be evaluated include surface fluxes, soil

moisture, snow, and radiation. Multiple verification metrics can be calculated, and advanced features include data masking, time series, temporal averaging, and analysis of data assimilation impacts. The software is compiled by typing `./build.sh lvt`. Detailed instructions on running LVT can be found in NASA (2022c).

A Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What modules should I use on Discover and Pleiades when running NU-WRF?

A: Modules are automatically loaded if you used the build.sh script provided with NU-WRF. The current defaults on Discover are (assuming Bash shell):

```
LIBDIR_TAG=/discover/nobackup/projects/nu-wrf/lib/ekman/intel-intelmpi
```

```
umask 022
. /usr/share/modules/init/bash
module purge
unset LD_LIBRARY_PATH
module load comp/gcc/11.2.0
module load comp/intel/2021.4.0
module load mpi/impi/2021.4.0
module load python/GEOSpyD/Min4.11.0_py3.9

export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LIBDIR_TAG/zlib/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LIBDIR_TAG/hdf5/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LIBDIR_TAG/netcdf4/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LIBDIR_TAG/esmf/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LIBDIR_TAG/openjpeg/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LIBDIR_TAG/jpeg/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LIBDIR_TAG/jasper/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LIBDIR_TAG/gdal/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LIBDIR_TAG/fortrangis/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LIBDIR_TAG/eccodes/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LD_LIBRARY_PATH:/usr/lib64
export PATH=$LIBDIR_TAG/netcdf4/bin:$PATH
```

And on Pleiades:

```
LIBDIR_TAG=/nobackupp17/nuwrf/toss/ekman/intel-hpempt
```

```
umask 022
. /usr/share/modules/init/bash
module purge
unset LD_LIBRARY_PATH
module load gcc/9.3
module load comp-intel/2020.4.304
module load mpi-hpe/mpt
module load python3/3.9.12

export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LIBDIR_TAG/zlib/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
```

```
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LIBDIR_TAG/hdf5/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LIBDIR_TAG/netcdf4/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LIBDIR_TAG/esmf/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LIBDIR_TAG/openjpeg/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LIBDIR_TAG/jpeg/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LIBDIR_TAG/jasper/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LIBDIR_TAG/gdal/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LIBDIR_TAG/fortrangis/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LIBDIR_TAG/eccodes/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LD_LIBRARY_PATH:/usr/lib64
export PATH=$LIBDIR_TAG/netcdf4/bin:$PATH
```

If you must change the modules (perhaps to test a different compiler version) or port to a new platform make sure that you modify the settings in `scripts/other/set_module.env.bash`. This includes specifying the location of third-party libraries used by NU-WRF.

The module settings should be done in your shell if you are running a program at the command line. If instead you are launching a batch job to SLURM or PBS, the above settings should be in the batch script, so the commands are run on the allocated compute node.

Q: What other environment settings should I use?

A: Make sure to set stack size to unlimited. This can help prevent memory allocation errors for automatic arrays. If using bash:

```
ulimit -s unlimited
```

If using csh:

```
limit stacksize unlimited
```

Q: What namelist settings should I use with WRF?

A: It is not possible to provide a single configuration optimal for all types of simulations (LES, regional climate, cloud system resolving, chemical transport, etc), but the settings in the `testcases` directory that provide several starting points. Each test case contains a README file that summarizes the experiment. Additionally, the table below shows a good first guess:

Category	Selection	Namelist	Comments
Microphysics	NU-WRF Goddard 4ICE	mp_physics=7	Latest stable NASA option.
Radiation	NU-WRF Goddard 2017 Radiation	ra_lw_physics=5 ra_sw_physics=5	Latest stable NASA option.
Aerosol Coupling	GOCART simple aerosol	chem_opt=300 gsfcgce_gocart_coupling=1 gsfcrad_gocart_coupling=1 vertmix_onoff=1 chem_conv_tr=1 dust_opt=1 seas_opt=1 dmsemis_opt=1	Simple aerosol, coupled with radiation and microphysics, no gas chemistry.
LSM	LIS NoahMP 3.6	sf_surface_physics=55 num_soil_layers=4	Spin-up LIS on WRF grid for detailed initial fields; cannot use moving nests; must have lis.config file
PBL	MYNN2	bl_pbl_physics=5 sf_sfclay_physics=5	Replaces MYJ PBL scheme; used in RAPv2 and HRRR; reportedly gives unbiased PBL depth, moisture, and temperature.
Cumulus	G3	cu_physics=5 ishallow=1	Third-gen Grell scheme; tackles “grey zone”; compatible with used in RAPv2; handles shallow cumulus.

Category	Selection	Namelist	Explanation
Diffusion	2nd Order on coordinate surfaces; eddy coefficient based on deformation	diff_opt=1 km_opt=4	Appropriate for real data cases (dx ≥ 1 km)
6th-order horizontal diffusion	Monotonic	diff_6th_opt=2 diff_6th_factor=0.12	Removed 2*dx noise in light winds; can be tuned.
Advection	5th-order, positive-definite	moist_adv_opt=1 scalar_adv_opt=1 tke_adv_opt=1 chem_adv_opt=1 momentum_adv_opt=1 h_mom_adv_order=5 h_sca_adv_order=5 v_mom_adv_order=5 v_sca_adv_order=5	Used in RAPv2 and HRRR; positive-definite prevents negative mixing ratios from original non-negative values.
Rayleigh Damping	Implicit	damp_opt=3 zdamp=5000. dampcoef=0.2	Prevents gravity waves from reflecting off model top; designed for real-data cases; used in RAPv2 and HRRR.
Vertical Velocity Damping	Activated	w_damping=1	Damps updrafts approaching CFL limit; best used for long or quasi-operational runs.
Time Off-Centering	Tuning factor	epssm=0.1	Controls vertically-propagating sound waves; set to max slope of model terrain.
Nesting	1-Way	feedback=0	2-way nesting does not work with LIS, and can lead to strange results with high-res nesting.

The above recommendations have some caveats:

- The PBL and cumulus settings are the most debatable physics selections. Our recommendations are mostly because of their use in the NCEP

RAPv2 and HRRR models speak to their robustness. In addition, WRF-Chem requires a Grell-family cumulus scheme for most simulations, placing these schemes at an advantage over popular alternatives such as Kain-Fritsch (Kain, 2004) and Betts-Miller-Janjić (Janjić, 1994). However, the G3 scheme has a pronounced wet bias when shallow cumulus is turned on, and the new Grell-Freitas scheme (Grell and Freitas, 2014) changes answers with varying CPU counts (the cause is under investigation). As for the PBL setting, the YSU scheme (Hong et al., 2006) is a popular alternative and includes options for subgrid orographic effects [e.g., Jiménez and Dudhia (2012)]. Users are encouraged to experiment.

- 6th-order diffusion was added to WRF because the normal diffusion scheme is tied to the wind speed, and can insufficiently smooth the fields in light winds (Kniewicz et al., 2007). Users running a short case may wish to turn off the 6th-order scheme to see if $2\Delta x$ features develop in the vertical velocity and divergence fields without it.
- A popular alternative to the positive-definite advection filter is the monotonic filter (Wang et al., 2009), which damps both positive and negative spikes in the advected fields (the positive-definite only damps negative spikes). Unfortunately, monotonic advection may lead to excessive smoothing when 6th-order diffusion is also turned on. The user may wish to experiment with monotonic advection and turning off 6th-order diffusion, particularly with short chemistry runs where winds are not too light.
- Vertical velocity damping is artificial and is recommended mostly for situations where CFL violations are particularly unwelcome (e.g., quasi-operational runs).
- 2-way nesting cannot be used with WRF-LIS coupling because the feedback routine may change the land/sea mask for a parent WRF grid to better match the child WRF grid.

Q: What settings should I use with GEOGRID?

A: For GEOGRID, we recommend these settings:

- Use MODIS land use data instead of USGS. This requires changing the `geog_data_res` variable in `namelist.wps` to something like:

```
geog_data_res = 'modis_30s+10m','modis_30s+2m','modis_30s+30s',
```

or, if using lake temperature initialization:

```
geog_data_res = 'modis_lakes+10m','modis_lakes+2m','modis_lakes+30s',
```

GEOGRID will check the `GEOGRID.TBL` settings to relate the selections to each dataset (terrain, soil type, etc). The 'modis_30s' ('modis_lakes') will only match with the land-use data and will force processing of MODIS data; the remaining data types will fall back on '10m', '2m', or '30s' for the respective WRF grid. See Chapter 3 of NCAR (2022) for more information.

- Process all EROD data with GEOGRID. This requires the use of the new `GEOGRID.TBL.ARW_CHEM_NUWRF` table which lists entries for four different EROD datasets. The user does not need to decide which EROD option to use until running REAL.

Q: Why does WRF or REAL fail with this error about `NUM_LAND_CAT`?

```
————— ERROR —————  
namelist : NUM_LAND_CAT = 20  
input files : NUM_LAND_CAT = 24 (from geogrid selections).  
————— FATAL CALLED —————  
FATAL CALLED FROM FILE: <stdin> LINE: 709  
Mismatch between namelist and wrf input files for dimension NUM_LAND_CAT
```

A: There are two possible causes.

First, you are running WRF without LIS coupling, your land use data is coming from GEOGRID, and your namelist settings for land use are inconsistent between GEOGRID, REAL, and WRF. Normally these programs expect USGS data (with 24 categories). If you configure GEOGRID to process MODIS instead, you must set `NUM_LAND_CAT` in `namelist.input` to 20 for consistency.

Second, you are trying to run WRF coupled with LIS, REAL is replacing the landuse data from GEOGRID with that from LDT, and your `namelist.input` is not consistent. In this case, `NUM_LAND_CAT` should match the value from GEOGRID when you run REAL, but should match the value from LDT when you run WRF. (The reference to `geogrid` in the error message from WRF is incorrect in this case, and stems from the community WRF not knowing anything about LDT.) Note that LDT can provide USGS (24 categories), MODIS (20 categories), or UMD (14 categories).

Q: How do I convert between `netCDF3` and `netCDF4`?

A: NetCDF comes with a `NCCOPY` utility that allows you to convert files between variants of netCDF. This can be useful for sharing NU-WRF netCDF4 data with outside users that prefer netCDF3, or for compressing large legacy netCDF3 files with netCDF4/HDF5. For best results, make sure you use a version of `NCCOPY` that was compiled with netCDF4/HDF5 compression support.

To convert to 64-bit netCDF3 (large file support):

```
nccopy -k 2 infile outfile
```

And to convert to netCDF4:

```
nccopy -k 3 infile output
```

It is also possible to remove compression from a netCDF4 file, which may make it readable to netCDF3 users:

```
nccopy -d 0 infile outfile
```

Run `man nccopy` for more information, including options for tuning netCDF4/HDF5 compression. Note that writing to netCDF3 classic format (`-k 1`) is *not* recommended due to file size limitations.

Q: To be asked.

A: To be answered.

B Porting NU-WRF

Currently NU-WRF is only fully supported for Intel compilers, for SGI MPT (on Discover and Pleiades), and for Intel MPI (on Discover). The current development branch also works with GNU compilers and OpenMPI or MVAPICH2 on Discover. The underlying software should, however, run on other systems as long as the appropriate tools (compilers, MPI implementation, make, Perl, csh, bash, etc.) are available. Users who wish to port NU-WRF will need to take the following steps:

- Libraries:
 - Compile the libraries listed in section 4.2.
 - Determine the paths to the `yacc` binary and the `flex` library. Make sure `yacc` and `flex` are in your `PATH` environment variable.
 - Copy `scripts/python/build/nu-wrf.cfg` to a new top level build configuration file (here called `newconfig.cfg`, but any unique name can be used).
 - Edit `newconfig.cfg` and update the library paths.
 - Edit `scripts/other/set_module_env.bash`. Remove hardwired checks for `pleiades` and `discover` that will abort execution of the script. Next, set `LIBDIR_TAG` as described in section 4.4 and change modules for system binaries and libraries (compilers, MPI, etc). If the Environmental Modules package (<http://modules.sourceforge.net/>) is not installed on your system, comment out the module commands and explicitly edit the `PATH` and `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` environment variables.
- ARWPOST:
 - Inspect and edit `ARWpost/arch/configure.defaults` to ensure a block exists for the desired operating system, hardware, and compilers. Note that ARWPOST is serial only (no MPI support).
 - Run `ARWpost/configure` at the command line to identify the integer value of the appropriate build selection.
 - Edit `newconfig.cfg` to enter the `configure` option as environment variable `ARWPOST_CONFIGURE_OPT`.
 - In the top NU-WRF directory, run `./build.sh --config newconfig.cfg arwpost` to test the build.
- GSDSU:
 - Create a new makefile template in directory `postproc/GSDSU/SRC/` specifying the appropriate compilers, compiler flags, and MPI library if applicable.

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- Edit `newconfig.cfg` to enter the new makefile template name as environment variable `GSDSU_MAKEFILE`.
 - In the top NU-WRF directory, run `./build.sh --config newconfig.cfg gdsu` to test the build.
- LDT:
 - Edit `LISF/ldt/arch/Config.pl` to specify the compiler flags. Compilers are specified using the `LDT_ARCH` environment flag (e.g., 'linux_ifc' indicates Intel compilers on Linux).
 - Edit `newconfig.cfg` to specify the correct `LDT_ARCH` value. If necessary, also edit the `LDT_FC` and `LDT_CC` variables to specify the correct MPI compiler wrappers.
 - In the top NU-WRF directory, run `./build.sh --config newconfig.cfg ldt` to test the build.
 - LVT:
 - Edit `LISF/lvt/arch/Config.pl` to specify the compiler flags. Compilers are specified using the `LVT_ARCH` environment flag (e.g., 'linux_ifc' indicates Intel compilers on Linux).
 - Edit `newconfig.cfg` to specify the correct `LVT_ARCH` value. If necessary, also edit the `LVT_FC` and `LVT_CC` variables to specify the correct MPI compiler wrappers.
 - In the top NU-WRF directory, run `./build.sh --config newconfig.cfg lvt` to test the build.
 - MET:
 - Edit `newconfig.cfg` to set the `CXX`, `CC`, and `F77` environment variables, which defines the names of the C++, C, and Fortran compilers, respectively.
 - In the top NU-WRF directory, run `./build.sh --config newconfig.cfg met` to test the build.
 - RIP4:
 - Inspect and edit `RIP4/arch/configure.defaults` to ensure a block exists for the desired operating system, hardware, and compilers. Note that RIP4 is serial only (no MPI support).
 - Run `RIP4/configure` at the command line to identify the integer value of the appropriate build selection.
 - Edit `newconfig.cfg` to enter the configure option as environmental variable `RIP_CONFIGURE_OPT`.
 - In the top NU-WRF directory, run `./build.sh --config newconfig.cfg rip` to test the build.

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- UPP:
 - *NOTE: Make sure WRF is ported first.*
 - Inspect and edit `UPP/arch/configure.defaults` to ensure a block exists for the desired operating system, hardware, compilers, and MPI implementation.
 - Run `UPP/configure` at the command line to identify the integer value of the appropriate build selections.
 - Edit `newconfig.cfg` to enter the configure option as environment variable `UPP_CONFIGURE_MPIOPT`.
 - In the top NU-WRF directory, run `./build.sh --config newconfig.cfg upp` to test the build.

 - WPS:
 - *NOTE: Make sure WRF is ported first.*
 - Inspect and edit `WPS/arch/configure.defaults` to ensure a block exists for the desired operating system, hardware, compilers, and MPI implementation.
 - Run `WPS/configure` at the command line to identify the integer value of the appropriate build selection.
 - Edit `newconfig.cfg` to enter the configure option as environmental variable `WPS_CONFIGURE_MPIOPT`. If necessary, also edit the `WPS_DEBUG_CFLAGS`, `WPS_DEBUG_FFLAGS`, and `WPS_DEBUG_F77FLAGS` variables to specify appropriate debugging flags for your compilers.
 - In the top NU-WRF directory, run `./build.sh --config newconfig.cfg wps` to test the build.

 - WRF and LIS:
 - Inspect and edit `WRF/arch/configure_new.defaults` to ensure a block exists for the desired operating system, hardware, compilers, and MPI implementation.
 - Run `WRF/configure` to identify the integer value of the appropriate build selection.
 - Create a new `configure.lis` makefile template in `LISF/lis/arch/` with appropriate compiler selection. *NOTE: This approach is used instead of running the LIS `configure` script because `LDFLAGS` must be absent from the `configure.lis` file if the LIS code is compiled for coupling; also, it is easier to pass consistent debugging compiler flags to WRF and LIS by having the NU-WRF build system do it on the fly.*
 - Edit the `newconfig.cfg` to enter the configure option as environmental variable `WRF_CONFIGURE_MPIOPT`. Also list the makefile template with environmental variable `WRF_CONFIGURE_LIS_MPI`.

Also, set environmental variable `LIS_ARCH` to the value appropriate for your operating system and compiler [see NASA (2022b) for options]. If necessary, also edit the `WRF_DEBUG_CFLAGS_LOCAL` and `WRF_DEBUG_FCOPTIM` variables to specify appropriate debugging flags for your compilers.

- In the top NU-WRF directory, run `./build.sh --config newconfig.cfg wrf` to test the build. Also test with the `chem` and `kpp` targets.

Porting the programs under `utils/` (`GEOS2WRF`, `CASA2WRF`, `SST2WRF`, etc.) only requires that the file path of the external NU-WRF libraries, `LIBDIR_TAG`, described at the end of section 4.4 be correctly specified.

C Revision History

For updated information see <https://nuwrf.gsfc.nasa.gov/whats-new>.

- Version 9 Patch 3 (v9p3-wrf391-lis72; “Charney Patch 3”).
 - Added support for WRF-NoahMP-3.6 coupling
 - * Test cases
 - noah36_modis_gdas_lis_spinup
 - noahmp_modis_gdas_lis_spinup
 - noahmp_modis_merra2_lis_spinup
 - WRF Physics
 - * DOE CRM
 - utilizes WRF as a CRM/LES using doubly periodic lateral boundaries
 - * NTU (National Taiwan University) microphysics
 - A multi-moment four-ice (pristine ice, aggregate, graupel, and hail) bulk microphysical scheme
 - * WRF electrification scheme
 - Upgraded Intel compiler version to 18.x, consistent with LISF.
 - NEVS: Updated documentation and organization to make it easier to use
- Version 9 Patch 2 (v9p2-wrf391-lis72; “Charney Patch 2”). This is a bug fix patch.
 - Fixed a problem observed in LIS precipitation being consistently less than that coming from WRF and which was due to a unit conversion issue. This bug may impact some results, specifically soil moisture and overall soils wet/dryness, for very long simulations.
 - This release also contains several build system enhancements that had already been merged into the develop branch.
- Version 9 Patch 1 (v9p1-wrf391-lis72; “Charney Patch 1”).
 - Corrections to WRF 3.9.1 merge (on the recommendation of NCAR core team).
 - * Move some initializations to physics init to avoid race conditions.
 - * Remove file remnants from WRF 3.7.1.
 - * Renamed NU-WRF diagnostics modules to conform with WRF conventions.
 - Replaced bash-based build mechanism with a python-based one (see Section 4.3).

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- * Standardized interface to differentiate between required and optional arguments.
 - * Standardized build steps (clean, configure, build, install).
 - Updated regression testing suites.
 - * Corrections to various tests.
 - * Added standard ARW tests.
 - * Added WRF-Lake tests.
 - * Added tests that perform a LIS spinup.
 - * Added support for Pleiades testing.
 - Upgraded Intel compiler version to 17.0.4.196.
 - Upgraded GNU compiler version to 6.3.
 - Updated NU-WRF User Guide.
 - Updated tutorial documentation and testcases.
 - Note on MET component: New compilers are incompatible with MET 6.x, so we have made a temporary revert to v5.1.
 - Version 9 (v9-wrf391-lis72; “Charney”)
 - Upgraded to WRF 3.9.1.
 - * Added 2017 Goddard radiation scheme. (uses one LUT: BROADBAND_CLOUD_GODDARD.nc)
 - * New longwave and shortwave radiation options are ra_lw_physics=57 and ra_sw_physics=57 respectively.
 - * Updated Registry.EM.COMMON and Makefile accordingly.
 - Upgraded to WRF-chem 3.9.1.
 - Upgraded to WPS 3.9.1.
 - * Update GEOGRID.TBL.ARW table.
 - Upgraded to MET 6.0.
 - Upgraded to UPP 3.1.1.
 - Applied RIP4 2017 updates.
 - Upgraded Intel compiler version to 17.0.1.132.
 - Updated NU-WRF User Guide.
 - Updated regression testing suites.
 - * Removed 2011 Goddard radiation scheme tests.
 - * Removed Noah 2.7.1 and Noah 3.2 tests.
 - * Added 2017 Goddard radiation scheme tests.
 - * Updated GFEDv3 tests to use GFEDv4 option.
 - * Added new option to setup run scripts.

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- * SOILPARM table in lis.config is now read from noah3X_parms directory.
 - Version 8 Patch 5 (v8p5-wrf371-lis72r; “Bjerknes Patch 5”)
 - Ported under GNU.
 - * Ported utils and fixed issues with parallel compilation.
 - * There are some tweaks in RIP4, LDT, LVT, WPS and WRFV3.
 - Added scripts to facilitate installation of third-party libraries and to help with code porting (see scripts/other/baselibs.*) .
 - Significant refactoring of regression testing scripts that include
 - * Fixing commands that trigger nonzero return code.
 - * Adding a new file, check_nuwrf_repo.py, to monitor, via cron, the new git repo.
 - * Adding a new script, diffnc4.py, to compare netcdf4 files produced by WRF.
 - Consolidated discover/pleiades cfg scripts into one (nu-wrf.cfg).
 - Moved build_ldt and build_lvt into respective directories and simplified top level build.sh accordingly.
 - Add install option when running build.sh.
 - * If environment variable NUWRF_INSTALL_DIR is defined then all executables will be installed in that directory.
 - Upgraded LVT/LDT/LIS to version 7.2r.
 - * Add user.cfg to temporarily disable RUC. When RUC option is set to True, various subroutine stubs in RUC conflict with duplicate ones in WRF. As a result, the RUC option has been temporarily disabled.
 - * LVT failed to compile due to an assumption in file readGIMSMODIS_NDVIObs.F90 where GDAL use was always expected. File was modified for NU-WRF and the assumption was removed.
 - Added functionality to prep_chem_sources to deal with GFEDv4 sources.
 - * The utils code required additional code to process GFEDv4 data, specifically a module to read HDF5 files and a tokenizer for string conversion.
 - Added scripts that make up the NU-WRF Ensemble Verification System
 - LIS workaround to deal with input files that contain no land points.
 - Updated user guide and tutorial.
 - Version 8 Patch 4 (v8p4-wrf371-lis71rp8; “Bjerknes Patch 4”)

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- Added new NU-WRF regression testing scripts and configurations in `scripts/regression` directory.
 - Updated CASA2WRF pre-processor allowing a moving average window option for smoothing daily CO_2 flux data.
 - Upgraded LDT to version 7.1rp3. Also updated LDT 7.1 User Guide in `docs/` directory to version released in November 2016.
 - Upgraded LIS to version 7.1rp8, plus additional patch in MERRA2 metforcing to support lapse-rate correction option.
 - Added NU-WRF tutorial material in `docs/` directory.
 - Added new `ideal_scm_lis_xy` build target. Compiles WRF IDEAL preprocessor to produce inputs for running coupled WRF-LIS in idealized Single Column Mode.
 - Added build support for community WRF `ideal_b_wave`, `ideal_convrad`, `ideal_heldsuarez`, `ideal_les`, `ideal_quarter_ss`, `ideal_scm_xy`, and `ideal_tropical_cyclone` data cases. (Other idealized cases will not compile at this time.)
 - Added LIS4SCM preprocessor to make LDT and LIS output files horizontally homogeneous for use in NU-WRF WRF-LIS Single Column Mode.
 - Added scripts for created Single Column Mode forcing from MET-GRID output (borrowed from Josh Hacker, NCAR).
 - Updated 4ICE microphysics hand-vectorized by Jarno Mielikainen (University of Wisconsin), plus a bug fix for calculating hail intercept parameter.
 - Updated 2014 radiation scheme hand-vectorized by Jarno Mielikainen (University of Wisconsin).
 - Refactored NU-WRF `utils` to consolidate code and simplify build mechanism.
 - Added new `./build.sh utils` target to compile all `utils/` programs.
 - Moved User Guide LaTeX files to `docs/` directory.
 - Remove `-ip` Intel compiler flag at suggestion of NCAR.
- Version 8 Patch 3 (v8p3-wrf371-lis71rp7; “Bjerknes Patch 3”)
 - Added support for ECMWF T511 Nature Run files:
 - * UNGRIB now supports N256 Reduced Gaussian Grid GRIB files.
 - * Added `Vtable` files for N256 data.
 - * Added `ecmwf_coeffs_L91` file listing hybrid sigma-pressure coefficients.
 - * Added script for `CALC_ECMWF_P` preprocessor.

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- LDT bug fix for compiler warning in `ldt/metforcing/cmorph.F90` about external function not given explicit type.
 - LIS bug fixes:
 - * Fixes for warning in `WRFV3/lis/surfacemodels/land/clm2/csm_share/clm2_shr_sys_mod.F90` about unused argument (related to use of preprocessor flags).
 - * Fix for warning in `WRFV3/lis/surfacemodels/land/osaic/umd_sibalb.F90` about function not given an explicit type.
 - Version 8 Patch 2 (v8p2-wrf371-lis71rp7; “Bjerknes Patch 2”)
 - **Critical patch.** Added LIS irrigation support to WRF-LIS coupling. This was overlooked in earlier versions of Bjerknes.
 - Modified LIS to change default output directory permissions to `a+rwX`. This can be further restricted at run-time by the `umask` shell command.
 - Version 8 Patch 1 (v8p1-wrf371-lis71rp7; “Bjerknes Patch 1”)
 - **Critical patch.** Changed REAL to always copy TSK and TMN from the grid data structure `tsk_gc` and `tmn_gc` members before merging LIS data. This corrects a fatal error when processing METGRID and LIS data without a separate sea surface temperature field.
 - **Critical patch.** Added TLAG variable to WRF restart file (via `Registry.EM.COMMON`). This patch was released by NCAR on 8 Sep 2016 to fix a problem with dynamic deep soil temperature in WRF 3.7, 3.7.1, 3.8, and 3.8.1.
 - Updated external libraries:
 - * **New libraries.** Added GDAL 2.1.1 and FORTRANIGIS 2.5. These are used by the new NDVIBARENESS4WRF utility.
 - * Upgraded to ESMF 6.3.0rp1, FREETYPE 2.6.5, G2CLIB 1.6.0, GRIB_API 1.17.0, GSL 2.2.1, HDF4 4.2.12, HDF5 1.8.17, NETCDF 4.4.1, NETCDF-Fortran 4.4.4, and PIXMAN 0.34.0.
 - * NUWRFLIB library package on Discover and Pleiades upgraded to version 8r2.
 - UPP patches:
 - * Now reads REFL_10CM variable from WRF netCDF output when processing radar reflectivity from 3ICE or 4ICE microphysics scheme, instead of searching for non-existent DBZ variable.
 - * Removed redundant deallocation statements for lightning product, which were causing UPP to crash.
 - Added NDVIBARENESS4WRF utility, which can process GIMMS or SPoRT MODIS NDVI products and create a “bareness” field for dynamic dust emissions.

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- Added `fetch_sport_sst_northwestHemi.py` script to download real-time SPoRT SST GRIB2 files. Script and configuration file are in the new `scripts/fetch_data/` directory.
 - Updated UNGRIB to set all negative SST values to -1.E30 (the default missing flag used by METGRID). This allows processing the SPoRT SST product without changing the default missing flag.
 - LISCONFIG patches:
 - * Map projection now output by Fortran program LISWRFDOMAIN for insertion into `ldt.config` file.
 - * `lisWrfDomain.py` now checks to see if any domain settings returned by the Fortran program are unused when updating `ldt.config` and `lis.config`. This is assumed to indicate an error with the input file templates (i.e., a configuration setting is missing in the template), which can easily happen if the template is for a different map projection when what WRF will use.
 - Added initialization of `dx` and `dy` variables in METGRID when processing cylindrical equidistant (lat-lon) or Gaussian data. This fixes an interpolation problem.
 - Changed WPS INT2NC utility to output data in netCDF4.
 - Minor bug fixes to sample batch configuration files.
- Version 8 (v8-wrf371-lis71rp7; Official “Bjerknes” Release)
 - Merged WRF 3.7.1, WPS 3.7.1, PREP_CHEM_SOURCES 1.5, RIP 4.6.7, UPP 3, and MET 5.1, plus community patches released through May 2016.
 - Merged LIS 7.1rp7 and LDT 7.1rp2, including fixes for Mercator map projection.
 - Upgraded Intel compilers to 15.0.3.187. Default MPI implementation on both Discover and Pleiades is SGI MPT. Intel MPI 5.1.2.150 is also supported on Discover (for legacy Sandy Bridge nodes). GFORTRAN 4.9.0 and OpenMPI 1.7.3 are temporarily supported for debugging (specifically with VALGRIND). Retired Intel MPI 4 support on Pleiades.
 - Removed `-xSSE4.2` hardware specific Intel compiler flag. Tests show no consistent performance improvement.
 - Modified build system to require MPI for WRF, WPS, and UPP (no serial builds permitted).
 - External libraries are now packaged in separate NUWRFLIB collection. This NU-WRF release links against NUWRFLIB 8r1 on Discover and Pleiades. This includes new dependencies (CAIRO, FREETYPE, GHOSTSCRIPT, and PIXMAN) and updates to older dependencies.

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- Added sample namelist, `lis.config`, and `ldt.config` files for multiple test cases. The LIS cases include use of SRTM 30 sec topography and “slope-aspect” correction which improves the spin-up of soil moisture.
 - Updated SST2WRF processing: Changed output mask to separately indicate “low confidence” and “high confidence” SST points. “Low confidence” SST data are now included in output (originally were flagged as bad, but this has a high false alarm rate in the C3VP test case).
 - Updated METGRID processing: SST is now interpolated with parabolic, bi-linear, weighted 4-pt average, or weighted 16-pt average (tried in order until one works). When processing TAVGSFC (from AVG_TSFC preprocessor), METGRID tries parabolic before bi-linear interpolation. This helps reduce data voids and discontinuities in (blended) SST field.
 - Updated REAL processing:
 - * Preserves LIS greenness and albedo data but processes time-varying LAI data from GEOGRID and METGRID.
 - * Changed SST processing to check for obviously bad ocean SSTs when 30s MODIS+Lakes land data are used. Also, disabled use of TAVGSFC as a replacement for bad ocean SST (it seems better to just use skin temperature in this case).
 - Added option to skip compiling of WRF CLM4 code. CLM4 is not used by GSFC, and this saves about 10 minutes of build time.
 - WRFV3 files `module_first_rk_step_part1.F` and `module_comm_dm_4.f90` are now on the “do not optimize” list to cut down on build times (saves about 10 minutes).
 - Multiple bug fixes to prevent memory corruption with arrays allocated with size 1 instead of with WRF “memory” dimensions.
 - Updated `GEOGRID.TBL` files to make `GEOGRID.TBL.ARW_CHEM_NUWRF` a strict superset of `GEOGRID.TBL.ARW_CHEM`, with the latter now a strict superset of `GEOGRID.TBL.ARW`.
 - Updated dynamic dust emissions. The temperature of the second soil layer is now used instead of skin temperature to detect frozen soil and shut off emissions (this fixes a diurnal cycle bias). Also, the threshold for snow depth is raised to 0.01 m (was zero).
 - Increased geopotential height threshold to discriminate between oceans and lakes in sea salt emission calculation.
 - Connected the GOCART sulfate chemistry with the RADM2 gas phase chemistry to account for the heterogeneous conversion of SO_2 to sulfate. Previously such conversion was not sufficiently represented in RADM2.

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- Redistribution of BC and OC emissions into BC1, BC2, OC1, OC2 aerosol species. This way the NU-WRF aerosol algorithm will be in line with the global GOCART version.
 - Added handling of both cumulative diabatic heating (K) and “snapshot” diabatic heating rates (K/s) from 3ICE and 4ICE microphysics schemes. Cumulative heating is now written to restart file.
 - 4ICE microphysics updates:
 - * Change to “melting” diabatic heating rate to account for wet hail accretion.
 - * Adjusted intercept scaling factors are now used to calculate reflectivity.
 - 3ICE microphysics update: Bug fix for warm rain code.
 - Upgraded GSDSU to version 3.5.1. Changes include:
 - * Add support for Thompson microphysics scheme.
 - * Visible-IR simulator is more stable (less run-time crashes).
 - * New statistical model for CRM diagnosis.
 - * Updated GSDSU User Guide.
 - CASA2WRF updated to add bug fixes for the following:
 - * CO₂ flux output files now has CO₂ flux for time t and flux tendency between time t and time $t + 1$.
 - * Ocean CO₂ and fossil fuel data is on the corner of the grid instead of the middle point of the grid. All other components are at the midpoint of the grid.
 - Added symbolic link to `GODDARDRAD_SSLUT` in `WRFV3/run/` directory.
 - Added `fetch_rss_sst.sh` script to download RSS SST data (more fault tolerant than `Run_SST.csh`),
 - Added batch scripts to run WPS utility program `AVG_TSFC`.
 - Updated Discover SLURM batch scripts to remove reference to `sp1` constraint (no longer exists).
 - Multiple bug fixes to initialize variables.
- Version 7-3.5.1-p7 (Official “Arthur” Patch Release 7)
 - Upgrades to LIS 7.1rp5, LDT 7.1rp1, and LVT 7.1rp1. Key changes include:
 - * Updates to MERRA2 and MERRA-Land met forcing readers to work with certain LIS time step lengths. Also updates start and end dates for some MERRA2 streams.
 - * Corrections to GDAS T170 domain and terrain data.
 - * Updates to NLDAS-2 met forcing reader (improves rainfall and convective rainfall around island/coastal areas when downscaled to higher resolutions.)

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- * Fix to pcp met forcing field when also reading snow.
 - * Updated user guides.
 - Added taucldc and taucldi to Goddard and CAM radiation package listings in `Registry.EM.COMMON`. These arrays are expected by the radiation schemes to be allocated with the WRF “memory” bounds, but WRF was allocating them with shape (1,1,1) instead. This caused memory corruptions.
 - NUWRF 3ICE and 4ICE microphysics now output reflectivity as REFL_10CM.
 - Removed DBZ array from grid data structure to save space. Updated sample RIP template `sfcDBZUV.in` to use REFL_10CM instead.
 - COMDBZ now calculated in microphysics driver for every microphysics scheme where REFL_10CM is available.
 - Updated `Run.MERRA2.csh` to use new path for MERRA2 data on Discover.
 - Updated `proc_merra2_ges_disc.sh` to use new filename for MERRA2 terrain file on GES DISC web page.
 - Retired old build configuration files for SLES 11 SP1 nodes on Discover (these no longer exist). Also removed obsolete `DISCOVER_INSTRUCTIONS.TXT`.
- Version 7-3.5.1-p6 (Official “Arthur” Patch Release 6)
 - Enabled WRF-LIS coupling for Noah 2.7.1, Noah 3.2, and Noah 3.6.
 - WRF now passes pure LWDOWN (downward longwave radiation) to LIS without first multiplying by surface emissivity.
 - Changed LIS Noah 2.7.1 to multiply LWDOWN by surface emissivity (already done in newer Noah versions).
 - LIS exported surface emissivity now copied back to WRF array for input to radiation.
 - Added capability for CASA2WRF to temporally interpolate the CO₂ flux depending on the NU-WRF state. CASA2WRF can now:
 - * Read component CO₂ fluxes and interpolate to WRF grid.
 - * Read WRF output.
 - * Interpolate the CO₂ flux components based on shortwave radiation and surface temperature from WRF state, compute the net production of CO₂, and compute the total flux and tendency.
 - * Create input flux files from WRF-Chem runs with CASA CO₂.
 - Version 7-3.5.1-p5 (Official “Arthur” Patch Release 5)
 - Updated 4ICE microphysics scheme, and added aerosol coupling.

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- Revised wrfout variable list to reduce file size and write times. Also added total latent heat rate calculation, and now passes dx to 4ICE scheme.
 - Added MPI-safe convective-stratiform index diagnostic.
 - Fixed asynchronous I/O (“quilting”) for coupled WRF-LIS.
 - Changed REAL to use less memory when reading from LDT/LIS netCDF file.
 - LIS updates:
 - * Combined lisconfig_offline, lisconfig_coupled1, and lisconfig_coupled2 routines into lisconfig_generic.
 - * Added VIIRS and SPoRT GVF testcases.
 - * Added support to diagnose greenness in units of percentage.
 - * Updated ldt.config files for the wrfout testcase.
 - * Added nest loop to metForcGen_interp_finalize routine.
 - GOCART2WRF updated to support MERRA-2 GOCART and offline GOCART data.
 - Added proc_merra2_gocart_ges_disc.sh script to download MERRA-2 GOCART data from NASA GES DISC web page and process with GOCART2WRF.
 - Added proc_merra2_ges_disc.sh script to download MERRA-2 meteorological data and process with MERRA2WRF.
 - Disabled call to WRF-Chem optical driver when using 2011 or 2014 Goddard radiation.
 - Bug fixes to GOCART volumetric mean refractive index calculation: (1) Removed erroneous copying of dust to “other inorganics”, which created spurious extra source of aerosols; and (2) removed MSA from refractive index calculation.
 - Updated 2014 Goddard Radiation scheme:
 - * Rescaled molecular absorption up 50% in shortwave scheme to correct severe underestimation of clear-sky atmospheric absorption. Value adjusted towards RRTMG scheme.
 - * Increased CO₂ concentration.
 - * New lookup tables for 4ICE microphysics.
 - * Code changes to support OpenMP.
 - Lateral boundary condition bug fix (cherrypicked from WRF 3.7).
 - Increase in maximum I/O time levels.
 - Added kinetic energy spectra scripts (from NASA DSCALE project).
 - Upgraded GSDSU to version 3.5:
 - * New global IR emissivity database from University of Wisconsin (Seemann et al., 2008).

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- * Modified size boundaries for precipitating and non-precipitating particles (200- μm diameter threshold) for computing microwave/visible/IR optical properties.
 - * UV-VIS-IR non-spherical ice scattering database for VISIR simulator from Texas A&M University team (Yang et al., 2013).
 - * Bug fixes for memory allocation, writing to netCDF output file, and handling MPI aborts.
 - * Updated GSDSU User Guide.
- Modified LDT to output netCDF4 file for REAL if selected at compile time. Earlier code was hardwired to use classic netCDF3, which made LDT unusable for very large domains (e.g., 5000×5000).
 - Bug fix to G3 cumulus scheme to prevent division by zero in Himalayas.
 - Changed PREP_CHEM_SOURCES to support new 72-level GOCART background data files for actual year and month being processed. The user should edit `prep_chem_sources.inp` and set `gocart_bg_data.type="new"`; create a `gocart_bg_new/` subdirectory on the same level as the `gocart_bg/` folder containing the community 55-level files; and store new `geos5_met_1MAVG.YYYYMM.nc` and `gmi_merra_oxidants.YYYYMM.1.25x1.nc` files in `gocart_bg_new`, where YYYY is the 4-digit year and MM is the 2-digit month. If PREP_CHEM_SOURCES cannot find both files, it will fall back on `gmi_2006MM.nc` files in `gocart_bg_new/`, which are also 72-levels but only exist for 2006.
 - Added limited support in UPP for Goddard microphysics schemes. Graupel and hail mixing ratios are now read in. If the NU-WRF 3ICE or 4ICE scheme was used (instead of the community WRF version), then the DBZ field will also be read in. Radiance generation is disabled (use GSDSU for that). Since hail is not in the NCEP GRIB table, hail and graupel mixing ratios are combined. This may lead to problems with the GSD visibility product, but the proper extinction coefficients for hail are unknown.
- Version 7-3.5.1-p4 (Official “Arthur” Patch Release 4)
 - Upgraded LIS to 7.1r. This includes:
 - * Noah 3.6, NoahMP 3.6, and CABLE 1.4b LSMs (only Noah 3.6 tested with NU-WRF).
 - * Flood and drip irrigation.
 - * VIIRS Daily GVF data
 - * TRMM 3B42 V7 real time precipitation
 - * Gaussian T1534 GFS met forcing data
 - * MERRA-2 met forcing data (data only available to select users).
 - * Downscaling precipitation (PRISM) (NLDAS-2 only)

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- * Should compile now with gfortran.
 - Upgraded LDT to 7.1r. Updates include:
 - * Fixes to several metforcing readers that process the forcing terrain-height or elevation fields when processing model parameters.
 - * Corrected conserved (budget-bilinear) interp routines. Users may notice slight differences in results.
 - * MetTimeDScale and Metforproc runmodes.
 - * Crop, CLM2, Flake, Mosaic, Noah, SiB2, and VIC parameters.
 - * TRMM 3B42 V7 real time precipitation.
 - * Aquarius L2, GCOMW AMSR2 L3, and SMOS L2 soil moisture observations.
 - * Simulated GRACE products.
 - Upgraded LVT to 7.1r. Updates include:
 - * Fixed bug affecting output of summary and final metric files.
 - * GCOMW, ASCAT, SMOS, and SMOS L1 Tb observations.
 - * MODIS LST and Great Lakes Hydro data.
 - * Time lagged computations.
 - Upgraded compiler version to Intel 13.1.3.192.
 - Version 7-3.5.1-p3 (Official “Arthur” Bug Fix Release 3)
 - Updated `pleiades.cfg` to use new generic SGI MPT module on Pleiades. Older versions of SGI MPT are scheduled for removal on 6 July 2015, and users are advised to switch to the generic module to prevent future breakage when SGI MPT is upgraded and older versions are removed.
 - Fixed netCDF4 chunking and deflation (compression) in GOCART2WRF when writing new chemistry fields to `wrfinput` and `wrfbdy`. Also removed unused variables from source code, and reorganized Makefiles.
 - Added new temporalInterpolation GEOS2WRF tool, plus `run_temporalInterpolation_merra2_3hr_discover.sh` script to automate and interpolate 6-hourly MERRA-2 reanalyses to 3-hourly.
 - Upgraded LIS to 7.0rp3.
 - Added options to suppress dynamic dust emission and to spread dust across multiple near-surface levels.
 - Updated sample batch scripts to check if SGI MPT, Intel MPI, or MVAPICH2 is used and invoke the corresponding appropriate run command when starting a MPI program (`mpirun`, `mpiexec`, `mpiexec.mpt`, or `mpiexec.hydra`).
 - Modified ARWPOST to read `wrfout` files from WRF-Chem.
 - Modified `PREP_CHEM_SOURCES` to support NASA QFED fire emissions.

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- Modified `Run_MERRA2.csh` to allow user to override base path of MERRA-2 data via environment variable.
 - Added build system option to compile WRF with Alinea MAP profiling libraries (only works on Discover).
 - Version 7-3.5.1-p2 (Official “Arthur” Bug Fix Release 2)
 - Fixed WRF-Chem GOCART cloud fraction code to run when not using Grell cumulus scheme.
 - Updates to LIS MERRA-Land reader code – better handling of missing input.
 - Updated `Run_MERRA2.csh` script to reflect current stream status and to use consistent indentation.
 - Added MERRA-2 support in LIS.
 - Added `run_geos2wrf_merra2_assim.discover.sh` script to run GEOS2WRF to process 3-hourly MERRA-2 assimilation data (GEOS-5 output as the model is adjusting towards the MERRA-2 6-hr analyses via IAU). The collection for this data is a bit different than the 6-hr analyses, and it was easier to use GEOS2WRF rather than edit MERRA2WRF. Script only works on Discover, and assumes the user has access to the MERRA-2 GMAO directory on Discover.
 - Added bug fix to GEOS2WPS to handle 3-hourly MERRA-2 assimilation data.
 - Bug fix for MERRA-Land in LIS (fixes downward shortwave radiation index).
 - Allow WRF to run with Noah LSM selection if REAL processed LIS data. Allows user to switch from WRF-LIS coupling to WRF-Noah-initialized-from-LIS without rerunning LIS to produce GRIB files.
 - Updated LIS/LDT/LVT `Makefiles` to reduce number of include directories to search through (cuts down on build time).
 - Fixed loops in WRF-Chem convective transport code to skip `nv=1` (which is not a valid chemical species), and to loop through all chemical species instead of just gas (back ported from WRF-Chem 3.6.1).
 - Added value for variable `DELZ_THRESHOLD` in WRF-Chem plume model. Plume model with stop when plume top changes less than 100 meters over ten minutes.
 - Bug fix to `PREP_CHEM_SOURCES`, resolving conflicting symbols imported from two different modules.
 - Version 7-3.5.1-p1 (Official “Arthur” Bug Fix Release)
 - Modified build configuration files for Discover to check operating system version on computer used for compilation. New default configuration requires SLES 11.3 (same as the new Haswell nodes) and Intel

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- MPI 5. A separate configuration file `discover_intel13_sgimpt_sp3.cfg` is also added to allow use of SGI MPT. Older Intel MPI 4 and MVA-PICH2 configurations are moved to `discover_intel13_impi4_sp1.cfg` and `discover_intel13_mvapich2_sp1.cfg`, respectively, and require the older SLES 11.1 operating system.
- Fixed build configuration file `pleiades_intel13_impi.cfg` to compile on Pleiades with Intel MPI (default configuration uses SGI MPT).
 - Merged in LIS 7.0rp2. Bug fixes: Do not reset Zh and Zm for processes with zero tiles; several VIC LSM related changes, and updates for CMAP.
 - Merged in LDT 7.0rp2. Bug fixes to mapping between LIS fine Lambert Conformal grid and coarser Lat-Lon parameter grid extents. Also fixes domain extent checks for NLDAS-1 and NLDAS-2 forcing.
 - Bug fixes to Goddard 2011 and 2014 radiation schemes. Transmission functions in the CO₂, O₃, and three water vapor bands with strong absorption are now computed using table look-up. Significantly improves accuracy for pressures less than 10 mb.
 - Modified WRF and LIS configure templates to add `-xCORE-AVX2` compiler flag options. However, early tests show slower run times compared to `-xSSE4.2`, so the build configuration files do not currently use them.
 - Merged in Weile Wang’s (NASA ARC) modifications to the WRF spectral nudging code. FFT runs significantly faster with Weile’s changes.
 - Modified WRF code to fix `-DBENCH` instrumentation for most parts of the WRF solver.
 - Added Python scripts to calculate summary metrics from WRF RSL files for benchmarking.
 - Modified MERRA2WRF to add preliminary support for MERRA-2 data files released to select users by the GMAO. “Official” support will not occur until after MERRA-2 is released to the general public.
 - Build system fixes for handling CASA preprocessors.
 - Updated sample Discover batch scripts for Haswell nodes.
- Version 7-3.5.1 “Arthur” (Official Release)
 - Merged WRF 3.5.1, WPS 3.5.1, PREP_CHEM_SOURCES 1.3.2, RIP 4.6.5, UPP 2.1, and MET 4.1.
 - Merged LIS 7.0rp1, LDT 7rp1, and LVT 7r, and updated LISCONFIG.
 - Merged GSDSU 3.3.3.
 - Modified build system to use netCDF4 with HDF5 compression for *all* programs that rely on netCDF. Also removed `lisreal` build option, turning all LIS related compile-time code changes into run-time changes.

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- Added 2014 Goddard radiation package, new Goddard 4ICE microphysics, and new Goddard 3ICE microphysics. Community WRF versions of Goddard microphysics and radiation are now separate options.
 - Added new soil erodibility options to WRF-Chem: MDB, DYN.CLIMO, and DYN.
 - Skin temperature bug fix for restarts when using time-varying sea ice.
 - Fixed processing of GFEDv3.1 biomass burning emissions.
 - Improved interpolation of GOCART background fields.
 - Added support for MERRAero data in addition to the GEOS-5 GOCART data to use in WRF-Chem using GOCART2WRF utility.
 - Updated `Vtable.LIS` for optional UNGRIB processing of LIS GRIB2 files.
 - Revised WRF diagnostic mean and standard deviation calculations to use Welford algorithm (less sensitive to roundoff errors, avoids NaNs when fields vary little with time).
 - Added on-line diagnostics: precipitable water, liquid water path, ice water path, cloud liquid water path, cloud ice water path, rain water path, frozen precipitation water path, time-averaged integrated water vapor transport vector, and freezing level.
 - Added spatial subsetting option for GEOS2WPS program in GEOS2WRF.
 - Added support for CASA climatological CO₂ tracers in WRF-Chem, including preprocessors.
 - Removed SZIP library build dependencies.
 - Updated sample batch scripts for Pleiades and Discover.
 - Temporarily dropped support for gfortran compiler.
 - Upgraded to SGI MPT 2.11r13 on Pleiades with Intel compilers.
 - Added MVAPICH2 support on Discover with Intel compilers.
- Version 6-3.4.1-p2 (Official Bug Patch Release)
 - Merged in LIS 6.1rp7 updates, including fixes to latitude of NARR forcing, and bug fixes to WRFout reader.
 - Bug fixes to PREP_CHEM_SOURCES (memory allocation and namelist initialization).
 - Improved error checking for NaNs.
 - Source code updates to allow compilation on OS X with gfortran and OpenMPI.
 - Bug fix to MET/`pcp_combine` ensuring closure of files.

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- Fixed WRF bug for changing restart dump interval when simulation is itself restarted.
 - Build system improvements for LIS, UPP, and GSDSU.
 - Reorganized sample batch scripts into Discover/SLURM and Pleiades/PBS versions.
 - Version 6-3.4.1-p1 (Official Bug Patch Release)
 - LIS bug fix (for directory creation) to allow use with SGI MPT.
 - Updated optimization flags, targeting Westmere or newer Intel hardware.
 - Upgraded to Intel MPI 4.0.3.008 on Discover, and to SGI MPT 2.08r7 on Pleiades.
 - Build system tweaks for WRF and LIS to reduce compile times.
 - Build system fix for cleaning GSDSU.
 - Version 6-3.4.1 (Official Release)
 - Merged in WRF 3.4.1, WPS 3.4.1, UPP 2.0, and multiple MET 4.0 bug patches.
 - Merged in LIS 6.1rp6.
 - Merged in GSDSU 3.0.
 - Overhauled WRF-LIS coupling. Added `lisreal` build option to compile WRF and REAL with special logic supporting LIS. Added `&lis` block to `namelist.input` to allow REAL to process LIS netCDF output file and update `wrfinput` accordingly.
 - Added support for compiling LIS as standalone executable. Added `wrfout` plugin to use WRF netCDF files as forcing for LIS. Added deep soil lapse rate option to adjust deep soil temperature in high terrain. Added dynamic deep soil temperature option to change as function of time-lagged skin temperature.
 - Updated Goddard microphysics to add variables `rainncv_sepa` and `rainnc_sepa`, and added multiple bug fixes.
 - Bug fixes to UPP for lightning threat product.
 - Several bug fixes to build system to compile GSDSU, LIS, and WRF on Pleiades. Also better handles netCDF and ESMF paths for LVT.
 - Added script support for plotting composite reflectivity, surface reflectivity, and skin temperature with RIP4.
 - Upgraded to Intel 13 compilers on Discover and Pleiades.
 - Version 5-3.4 (Internal Beta Release)
 - Merged WRF 3.4, WPS 3.4, RIP 4.6.3, UPP 1.1, MET 4.0 (with patches through 29 June 2012), and `PREP_CHEM_SOURCES 1.2.10apr2012`.

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- Merged in GEOS2WRF 2.0.
 - Bug fix to CONVERT_EMITSS to be compatible with PREP_CHEM_SOURCES.
 - Bug fixes to GOCART2WRF 2.0.
 - Added user defined tuning factors for GOCART dust emissions. Bug fixes for aerosols and AFWA GOCART dust emissions.
 - LIS bug fix for porosity: values from Noah and CLM2 LSMs now passed back to WRF and used in GOCART dust emissions.
 - Overhauled LISCONFIG program to process GEOGRID output instead of METGRID output.
 - Upgraded compilers to Intel 12.1 on Discover and Pleiades.
- Version 4-3.3.1 (Official Release)
 - Merged in WRF 3.3.1, WPS 3.3.1, ARWpost 3.1, RIP 4.6.2, MET 3.1, UPP 1.0, and PREP_CHEM_SOURCES v2.04aug2011 updates. Removed WPP.
 - Added GSDSU V3BETA.
 - Added WPS map projection support to PREP_CHEM_SOURCES, and added PLOT_CHEM utility to display output. Modified CONVERT_EMITSS to support new 72-level GOCART background files with improved vertical positioning. Upgraded GOCART2WRF to version 2.0 (supporting GEOS-5 netCDF4 files), and removed support for old GEOS-4 netCDF3 files. Added porosity calculation as function of USGS land use for GOCART dust emissions.
 - Updated GEOS2WRF to read specific humidity from GEOS-5 HDF4 file and convert to relative humidity. Added bug fixes for LANDSEA and 2-meter relative humidity. Added scripting to ease use.
 - Added MERRA2WRF 2.0 to process HDF4 and netCDF MERRA files from the NASA Goddard Earth Sciences Data Information Services Center (GES DISC).
 - Fixed bug in RIP4 preventing processing of wrfout files from WRF-Chem.
 - Modified build system to optionally compile WRF-Chem with KPP.
 - Added sample batch scripts and input files for running GEOGRID, UNGRIB, METGRID, REAL, WRF, and RIP on Discover.
 - Version 3-3.2.1 (Official Release)
 - Merged in WRF 3.2.1 and WPS 3.2.1. Added PREP_CHEM_SOURCES.
 - Merged in LIS 6.1rp1. Added LISCONFIG tool to customized lis.config file based on WRF domain and map projection settings. Added LVT.

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- Fixed GOCART2WRF bug triggered when WRF and GOCART pressures were identical, and added support for inner-nest domains. Added fromGEOS5_to_GEOS4 utility to convert on-line GEOS-5 GOCART data to off-line GEOS-4 GOCART format for GOCART2WRF.
 - Updated Goddard radiation and aerosol coupling component with bug fixes to prevent negative effective radii and division-by-zero, and handle spurious negative mixing ratios.
 - Added Goddard Microphysics-GOCART aerosol coupling.
 - WRF-Chem updates: Added capability of estimating SOA from biogenic terpene emissions, including three new variables: e_terp, e_api, e_lim. Linked MEGAN2 biogenic emissions scheme, GOCART dry deposition scheme, and various optical property schemes to GOCART aerosols. Linked RADM2 chemistry to GOCARTRADM2 option. Added namelist options for radiation-aerosol and microphysics-aerosol coupling (Goddard and GOCART). Added bio_emiss_soa namelist option to toggle emission conversion to SOA. Removed a number of chemistry variables from wrfout file.
 - GSDSU updates: Added GOCART input options to WRF input, GCE-SBM 3D option, SBM moment output, GrADS control file output, and Morrison two-moment support, plus bug fixes.
 - Build system updates: Set incremental building as the default option (instead of a performing a complete rebuild). Updated Discover configuration to use Intel MPI 4.0.1.007-beta, and added support for Pleiades. Added automatic detection of default configuration file on Discover and Pleiades. Add compilation of CONVERT_EMISS when 'chem' target is selected.
- Version 2-3.2.1 (Official Release)
 - Merged in MET bug fixes through 15 Feb 2011.
 - Updated LIS to version 6.0rp6.
 - WRF-LIS coupling: LIS export data not longer overwrites WRF data at water-points. Run-time checks for surface physics scheme setting in wrfinput disabled. REAL now built in special mode to generate consistent initial conditions for coupled WRF-LIS runs.
 - Goddard radiation and GOCART are coupled when running with WRF-Chem.
 - Severe weather diagnostics added to WPP for applicable physics schemes. Diagnostics include: Maximum 10-meter wind speed, column mean vertical velocity, max column integrated graupel, maximum lightning threat, derived radar reflectivity, precipitation accumulation for a given time window, and convective precipitation accumulation.

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- Changed MERRA2WRF to output relative humidity rather than specific humidity due to bug in REAL. Added improved error checking when calling the HDF4 library. Also, batch script for running on Discover changed to gracefully handle back PBS charge codes.
 - Changed GOCART2WRF to calculate correct tendencies at the final time level, and adds error checking when calling the netCDF library.
 - Wrote unified build system to compile all components of NU-WRF, targeting NASA's NCCS Discover system.
 - Version 1-3.1.1 (Official Release)
 - Includes WRF 3.1.1, WPS 3.1.1, ARWpost 2.1, RIP 4.5, MET 2.0, WPP.
 - Includes LIS 6.0rp1, SDSU, SST2WRF 1.0, GEOS2WRF 1.0, MERRA2WRF 1.0
 - Includes simple build script for WRF on Discover.
 - Contains new NASA microphysics and radiation.
 - LIS integrated as WRF component.
 - Added severe weather diagnostics from NASA MSFC SPoRT.

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