

Data Assimilation Working Group

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Data Assimilation WG Initial Findings



- Grand Science Challenges
 (from NCAR/JCSDA 'Blueprints' Workshop 2016):
 - Coupled DA across the earth-system
 - Multi-scale DA (temporal and spatial, global to convective)
 - Dealing with massive increases in observations (all-sky radiances, radar)
 - Representation of model uncertainty
 - Dealing with non-linearity/non-Gaussianity
- New software architecture needed (JEDI)
 - Needed to efficiently address scientific grand challenges above.
 - Need a new object-oriented design needed to facilitate 'separation of concerns', enable efficient collaboration between research and operations.
 - Unified DA planning workshop two weeks ago (80+ attendees) discussed scope, priorities and requirements for JEDI.
 - Initial milestones should focus on implementation of Unified Forward Operator (UFO) library and Interface for Observation Data Access (IODA), targeting GSI/FV3 atmospheric DA first.



Data Assimilation WG Key issues to resolve



- Key questions remain concerning governance, code hosting, computer resources, and collaborative development environment (e.g. reviews, issue tracking, testing, documentation, support)
 - Open access/transparency is crucial.
 - Current NOAA HPC resources are inadequate and access too restrictive.
 - How to 'incentivize' community to contribute code back to the main repository.

