Simulation of large-scale atmospheric circulation anomalies at time scales from month to years – current state

Воспроизведение крупномасштабных аномалий атмосферной циркуляции на месяцы и годы - современное состояние





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Seamless prediction across the scales:

- There are no artificial borders between the scales in the atmosphere (Shukla, 2005; Hoskins, QJ 2013).
- A 'good' atmosphere model should reproduce all the time scales correctly inside the same set of parameterizations for subgrid-scale processes.
- «Seamless prediction» models: Germany, UK MetOffice, USA.
- We extend SL-AV model initially developed for NWP for application on ranges from days to years

How is the long-range forecast produced?

- Computation of the multiyear ensemble forecasts starting from the required date to evaluate model climate.
- Computation of the ensemble forecast starting from the required date of the current year.
- Computation of model anomaly with respect to model climate.
- + Statistical postprocessing

Sources of predictability at subseasonal scales (Vitart, 2012)

- Sea surface temperature
- Land surface conditions (surface temperature, snow coverage, vegetation characteristics, land use, albedo,
- Madden-Julian oscillation (MJO)
- North Atlantic oscillation Arctic oscillation (NAO)
- Stratosphere variability (sudden stratosphere warmings, quasi biennial oscillation, ...)
- Sea ice, its thickness

At seasonal scale: + El Nino- Southern Oscillation

Ocean-atmosphere interaction

The experiments indicate that short-lived heating produces responses in midlatitudes at locations far remote from the source and these responses persist much longer than the pulses themselves.

Image:

Meridional wind at 300hPa response on 2-day temperature pulse (5°).



Branstator, J. Climate, 2014; Sardeshmukh, Hoskins, JAS, 1988.

Subseasonal and seasonal forecasts

- 12 +1 WMO Global producing centers
- Russia: Global producing center (HMCR), NEACC (HMCR+MGO). It participates in APCC MME, WMO S2S projects
- Mostly successful in tropics. Mid- and highlatitudes: some spots.
- 'Smooth' fields (i.e. MSLP, H500) have higher predictability

North-Atlantic Oscillation index



Winter index is relatively predictable by the models !

Winters depend on which way the wind blows: The North Atlantic Oscillation (A.Scaife) Kryjov (MiG. 2003, 2004)



90W Land surface temperature anomaly (°C) wrt 1961-98

0 0.2 0.5

-0.5 -0.2

180

-10

into Europe

Mild, stormy

and wet

5

180

15.7667

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90W Mean Sea Level Pressure anomaly (hPa) wrt 1961-90

12 15

180

Winter NAO forecasts at the UK MetOffice (A.Scaife)



Correlation score = 0.62

Extended to 20 years and 24 members for DJF

8-10 years ago the correlation at every center did not exceed 0.3 !

Sources of predictability.



Strongest minus weakest cases for November predictors: ENSO, Atlantic Ocean, Kara sea-ice and Quasi Biennial Oscillation Response is weaker in model than obs

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Scaife et al 2014

Decadal prediction

- WMO Grand challenge
- CMIP6 subproject
- Using the signal from forcing and boundary conditions changing in time (deep ocean, small gas constituents)
- There is a hope to repeat relative success of seasonal forecasts.
- So far, the quality of interannual forecasts is the same as for seasonal forecasts more than 10 years ago.

Where does a decadal prediction fit? (G.Boer)



Decadal prediction:

- annual, multi-annual, up to a decade
- initialized forecasts of both forced and internally generated components of variability

Prediction and skill of annual mean T



global and local
 "predictability" and
 "skill"

- mechanisms determining skill
 - importance of initialization vs external forcing
 - deep ocean processes
 - etc.
- predictability and skill as a function of forecast range difference between ρ and r may offer:
 - guidance on mechanisms
 - hope for improvement

Boer et al. (2013)

Atlantic driving the Pacific?



Model forced by Atlantic SST trend



- Increase in Pacific trade wind is simulated by model driven by observed Atlantic SST trend
- > Potential key role of North Atlantic warming

McGregor et al 2014

Atlantic SPG and decadal predictions

Impact of initialization on skill yrs

Doblas-Reyes et al 2013

Perfect model skill of Atlantic tropical storms and AMOC : no skill when SPG initialized with climatology (blue curves)





- North Atlantic SPG is the region showing most improved skill from initialization
- Potentially influences rainfall over Sahel, USA, Europe, Amazon
- Influences Atlantic tropical storms and AMOC in perfect model experiments
- Motivates further experiments
 to understand processes
- Repeat hindcasts but initialize SPG with climatology

SL-AV global atmosphere model (1)

- SL-AV: Semi-Lagrangian, based on Absolute Vorticity equation
- Finite-difference semi-implicit semi-Lagrangian dynamical core of own development. Vorticitydivergence formulation, unstaggered grid (Z grid), 4th order finite differences
- Possibility to use reduced lat-lon grid in dynamical core. (Tolstykh, Shashkin JCP 2012; Shashkin, Fadeev Tolstykh, JCP 2016;Tolstykh, ShashkinTolstykh et.al., Geosci.Mod.Dev., 2017).
- Mass-conserving version (Shashkin, Tolstykh GMD 2014)

SL-AV global atmosphere model



- Many parameterizations algorithms for subgrid-scale processes developed by ALADIN/ALARO consortium.
- Parameterizations for shortwave and longwave radiation: CLIRAD SW + RRTMG LW.
- INM RAS- SRCC MSU multilayer soil model (Volodin, Lykossov, Izv. RAN 1998).
- Marine stratocumulus parameterization

Current applications of SL-AV model:

Hydrone Tuerra Ageoreta

- Operational medium-range weather prediction up to 10 days; probabilistic seasonal forecast at Hydrometcentre of Russia.
- Weather prediction up to 3 days at Novosibirsk.
- 60 days weekly forecast (S2S Prediction project, WMO) – quite old SL-AV version ! Need of urgent update





Predictions of the DJF mean NAO index with the seasonal version of SLAV model (by V.N.Kryjov) -2012







EOF1 of wintertime (DJF) SLP over the North Atlantic in observations (left) and model predictions (right)

R=0.48 Time series of the DJF mean NAO index in observations (PC1o, orange) and in model predictions (violet) as PC1m (middle) and as PR (bottom).

> Blue/red vertical lines denote the winters of La-Nina/El-Nino, to which predictions appear not sensitive



Old seasonal SL-AV version: reproduction of NAO index



- Correlation: 0.3
- Currently, best models (UKMO) have 0.62

Courtesy of V. Khan

Correlations of winter NAO index and T2m: old SL-AV model (left) and NCEP/NCAR2 reanalysis (right)



Making NAO forecast better would provide practically useful winter T2m seasonal forecast over significant part of Russia

SL-AV code parallel speedup at Cray XC40 w.r.t to 504 cores



Horizontal grid of 3024x1513 points (~13 km). 126 vertical levels

Tasks for making SL-AV model suitable for long range forecasts

- description of stratosphere processes
 (Scaiffe et al GRL 2005)
- better description of 'boundary layer convection-cloudiness' complex

SL-AV model developments in 2017 (1)

- Modernized deep convection parameterization
- New shallow convection parameterization.
- Modified cloudiness and microphysics parameterizations.
- New boundary layer parameterization algorithm (Bastak-Duran, Geleyn, Vana, JAS 2014)

SL-AV model developments in 2017 (2)

- 1. The 85-level grid (0.3 hPa) (from 100 to 10 hPa mesh size of 500 to 700 m, upper – increase to 1 km).
- 2. Finite-element scheme for hydrostatics equation
- 3. Incorporation of convective gravity-wave drag parameterization (Hines 97) as implemented in INM RAS model.
- 4. Tuning of p. 1 -3

T2m observations (°C) at station 23631 (65,05° E, 63,93° N) (red line) for Jan. 2015 (step 3hrs; X axe – # of step), SL-AV forecasts at this point: old parameterization (blue), new parameterization (green). Concatenated 6-27hrs forecasts from each day.



T2m abs. error comparison

| N. | Europe | Europe | Siberia | Siberia | Asia 12 | Asia 24 |
|-----|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 12 | 24 | 12 | 24 | | |
| OLD | 2.69 | 2.48 | 4.13 | 3.56 | 3.78 | 3.36 |
| NEW | 2.61 | 2.32 | 3.93 | 3.07 | 3.35 | 2.96 |

Global mean energy budget (W/m²)

The genesis and evolution of Earth's climate is largely regulated by the global energy balance and its spatial and temporal variations.



IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (AR5). Climate Change 2013: The Physical Science Basis // <u>http://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/wg1</u>. Wild et al, CM, 2013.

Global mean energy budget (W/m²) in the coupled model

| item | IPCC data (range, absolute values), W/m ² | IPCC data (recommended values), W/m ² | Prescribed ocean experiment, W/m ² | Coupled model experiment, W/m ² |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| Top incoming short-wave radiation | 340-:-341 | 341.3 | 341.6 | 341.6 |
| Top outgoing short-wave radiation | 96-:-100 | 100 | 109.3 | 107.1 |
| Top outgoing long-wave radiation | -(236-:- 242) | -239 | -232.4 | -234.6 |
| Surface downward solar radiation | 154-:-166 | 161 | 163.7 | 164,3 |
| Surface long-wave radiation balance | -(54-:-58) | -56 | -60.0 | -60.7 |
| Surface sensible heat flux | -(15-:-25) | -20 | -22.3 | -22.1 |
| Surface latent heat flux | -(70-:-85) | -84 | -82.1 | -81.2 |
| Imbalance | - | 1 | 0.1 | 0.3 |

Annual mean surface heat flux



Annual mean cloudiness

Slav, 85 lvl, 2018

90N

30N

Parameterization of marine srtatocumulus clouds







January zonal mean wind



January Mean sea-level pressure 1979-1983



Annual mean precipitation (mm/day)

90N



Stratosphere: reproduction of quasi-biennial oscillation





Coupled model components

SLAV atmosphere model 0.9°x0.72° (400x250), **85** levels. Δt = 1440 s. Lat-Lon, 1D MPI decomposition. * includes multilayer soil model. INMIO World ocean model
0.5°x0.5° (720x360), 49 levels.
Δt = 600 s.
Tri-polar grid, 2D MPI decomposition.



Tolstykh et al, GMD, 2017; Ibrayev et al, Izv AOP, 2012; Fadeev et al, RJNAMM, 2016.

Coupled model structure



Coupler: synchronize the components, transfer (with interpolation) data between them, works with file system.
Data flow: 9 fields from atm to ocean every 2 hour,
3 fields from ocean to atm every 4 hour.
Efficiency: 2 years/day on 258 cores (ATM 125, OCN 132, CPL 1).

Global mean surface temperature (left), SST (right).



These improvements in model climate produced a reduction of operational medium range forecasts errors

Operational version of the model: resolution in longitude 0,225°, in latitude from 0,16° in NH to 0,245° in SH, 51 vertical levels

https://apps.ecmwf.int/wmolcdnv/

Reduction of SL-AV RMS forecast error (12.2015-04.2018). H500 at 24 and 72 hrs (right), W250 at 24 and 72 hrs (left)



Reduction in H500 RMS eror: ~2,3 m (24hrs), 2,5m (72hrs), W250 RMS error: ~0,6 m/s (24hrs), 0.8 m/s (72 hrs). Discrepancy ~1.2 m/s in W250 72 hrs, ~4,5 m in в H500 72hrs

RMS errors of forecasts by different models over Europe averaged over 16.12.2017-07.05.2018

(computed in RHMC)







Improvements in RMS forecast error while using ECMWF initial data (Southern extratropics - left, Northern ones – right; top - H500, bottom- W250)





Reduction in 72 hrs forecast error: geopotential – 2-4 m, wind ~ 0.8 m/s.

Conclusions

- New version of SL-AV model with 85 vertical levels reproduces main characteristics of modern climate, including stratosphere oscillations.
- Improvements in model climate helped to reduce mediumrange forecasts errors.
- Further modernization of SL-AV model is foreseen Monte-Carlo independent column approach, deep convection parameterization with memory

Thank you for attention!

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