

# **Lecture 2: The Mechanics of 4D-Var**

# Outline

- The conjugate gradient algorithm
- Preconditioning
- Covariance modeling

# The Conjugate Gradient Algorithm (cgradient.h & congrad.F)

Recall the incremental cost function:

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{D}^{-1} \delta \mathbf{z} + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{G} \delta \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{d})^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{G} \delta \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{d})$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{z}^T (\mathbf{D}^{-1} + \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{G}) \delta \mathbf{z} - \delta \mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{d} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{d}$$

At the minimum of  $J$  we have  $\partial J / \partial \delta \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0}$

$$\underbrace{(\mathbf{D}^{-1} + \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{G}) \delta \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{d}}_{\text{i.e. solve } \mathbf{A} \delta \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{b}} = \mathbf{0}$$

i.e. solve  $\mathbf{A} \delta \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{b}$

# The Conjugate Gradient Algorithm

The ECMWF “congrad” of Fisher (1997) for inner-loop  $k+1$ :

$$\delta \hat{\mathbf{z}}_k = \delta \mathbf{z}_k + \tau_k \mathbf{h}_k$$

trial step

$$\hat{\mathbf{g}}_k = \partial J / \partial \delta \hat{\mathbf{z}}_k \quad \text{TL \& AD ROMS}$$

gradient @ trial step

$$\alpha_k = -\tau_k \mathbf{h}_k^T \mathbf{g}_k / \left( \mathbf{h}_k^T (\hat{\mathbf{g}}_k - \mathbf{g}_k) \right)$$

optimum step

$$\delta \mathbf{z}_{k+1} = \delta \mathbf{z}_k + \alpha_k \mathbf{h}_k$$

new starting point

$$\mathbf{g}_{k+1} = \mathbf{g}_k + (\alpha_k / \tau_k) (\hat{\mathbf{g}}_k - \mathbf{g}_k)$$

gradient @new point

$$\beta_{k+1} = \mathbf{g}_{k+1}^T \mathbf{g}_{k+1} / \mathbf{g}_k^T \mathbf{g}_k$$

$$\mathbf{h}_{k+1} = -\mathbf{g}_{k+1} + \beta_{k+1} \mathbf{h}_k$$

new descent direction

# The Lanczos Connection

The CG algorithm is equivalent to:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_{k+1} = \gamma_{k+1}\mathbf{q}_{k+2} + \delta_{k+1}\mathbf{q}_{k+1} + \gamma_k\mathbf{q}_k$$

“Lanczos recursion relation”

$$\mathbf{q}_k = \mathbf{g}_k / \|\mathbf{g}_k\|; \quad \delta_{k+1} = (1/\alpha_{k+1} + \beta_{k+1}/\alpha_k); \quad \gamma_k = -\beta_{k+1}^{1/2}/\alpha_k$$

Orthonormal  
Lanczos vectors

$$\mathbf{q}_i^T \mathbf{q}_j = \delta_{ij}$$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{V}_k = \mathbf{V}_k\mathbf{T}_k + \gamma_k\mathbf{q}_{k+1}\mathbf{e}_k^T$$
$$\mathbf{T}_k = \begin{pmatrix} \delta_1 & \gamma_1 & & & & & & & \\ \gamma_1 & \delta_2 & \gamma_2 & & & & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \gamma_{k-2} & \delta_{k-1} & \gamma_{k-1} & & \\ & & & & & \gamma_{k-1} & \delta_k & & \end{pmatrix}$$

## The Lanczos Connection

**Gain (primal form):**

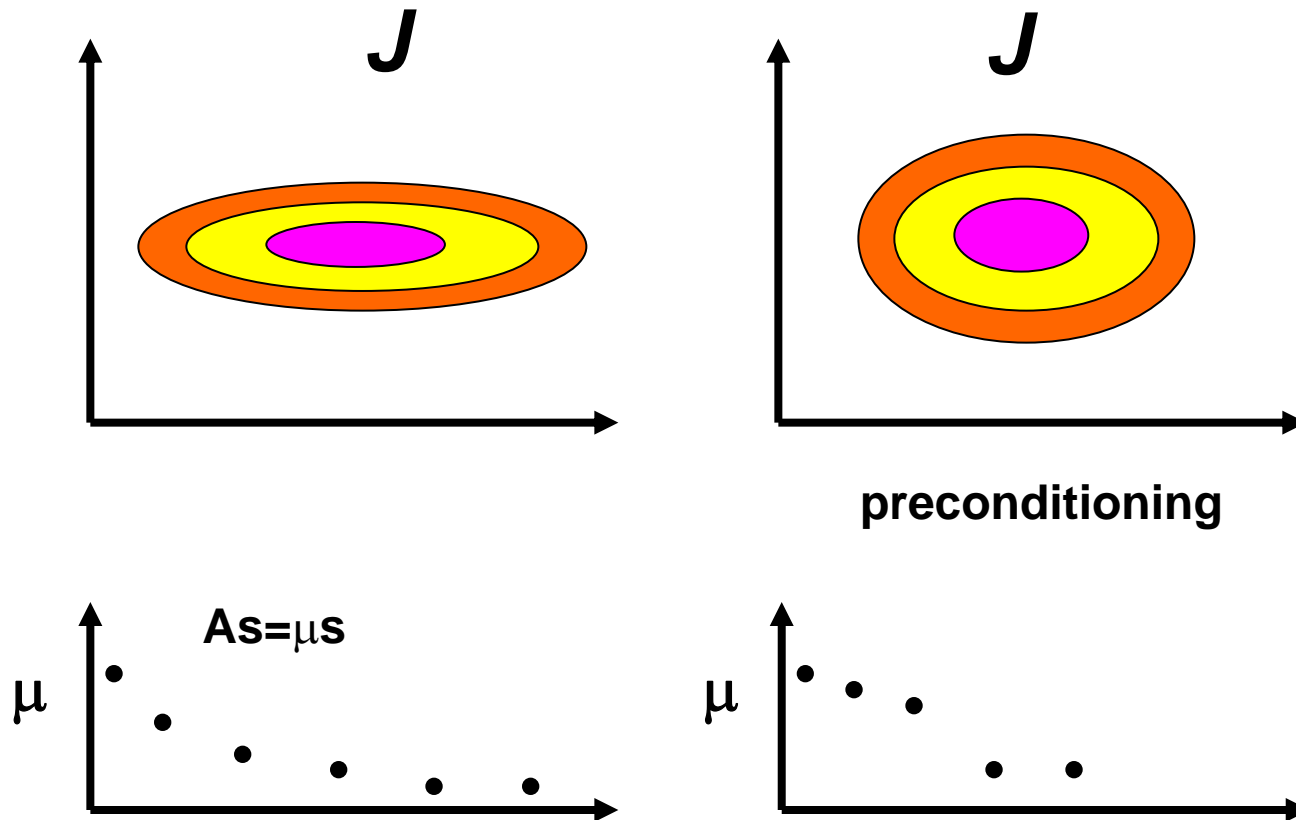
$$\mathbf{K} = (\mathbf{D}^{-1} + \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{G})^{-1} \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1}$$

**Practical gain matrix:**

$$\tilde{\mathbf{K}}_k = \mathbf{V}_k \mathbf{T}_k^{-1} \mathbf{V}_k^T \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1}$$

**Useful for diagnostic applications (Lecture 5)  
(The Lanczos vectors are in ADJname)**

# Preconditioning



Preconditioning seeks to cluster the eigenvalues of  $A$  via a transformation of variable

# Preconditioning

At the minimum of  $J$  we have  $\partial J / \partial \delta \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0}$

$$\left( \mathbf{D}^{-1} + \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{G} \right) \delta \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{d} = \mathbf{0}$$

i.e. solve  $\mathbf{A} \delta \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{b}$

Minimize:

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{A} \delta \mathbf{z} - \delta \mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{b} + c$$

Introduce a new variable:  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{A}^{1/2} \delta \mathbf{z}$

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{A}^{-T/2} \mathbf{b} + c$$

At the minimum:  $\partial J / \partial \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{A}^{-T/2} \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$



# Preconditioning

Recall the incremental cost function:

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{D}^{-1} \delta \mathbf{z} + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{G} \delta \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{d})^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{G} \delta \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{d})$$

Introduce a new variable:  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{D}^{-1/2} \delta \mathbf{z}$

$$\begin{aligned} J(\mathbf{v}) &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v} + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{G} \mathbf{D}^{1/2} \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{d})^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{G} \mathbf{D}^{1/2} \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{d}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{v}^T (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{D}^{1/2} \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{G} \mathbf{D}^{1/2}) \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{D}^{1/2} \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{d} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{d} \end{aligned}$$

At the minimum of  $J$  we have  $\partial J / \partial \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$

$$(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{D}^{1/2} \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{G} \mathbf{D}^{1/2}) \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{D}^{1/2} \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{d} = \mathbf{0}$$

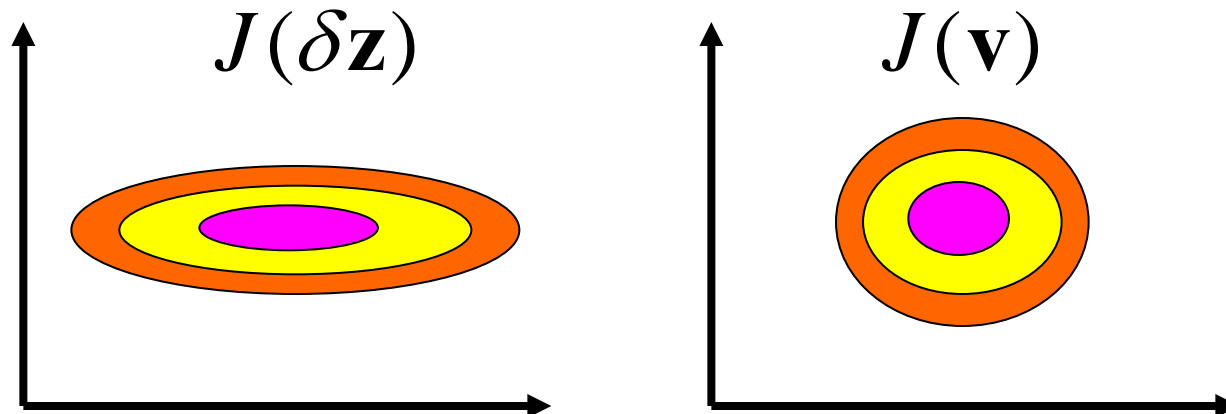
i.e. solve  $\tilde{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{v} = \tilde{\mathbf{b}}$  then  $\delta \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{D}^{1/2} \mathbf{v}$

# Preconditioning

Solve  $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{v} = \tilde{\mathbf{b}}$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \left( \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{D}^{1/2} \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{G} \mathbf{D}^{1/2} \right)$$

Has eigenvalues  
clustered around 1



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# Covariance Modeling

Recall the incremental cost function:

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At the minimum of  $J$  we have  $\partial J / \partial \delta \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0}$

$$\partial J / \partial \delta \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{D}^{-1} \delta \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{G} \delta \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{d})$$

where  $\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{B}_x, \mathbf{B}_b, \mathbf{B}_f, \mathbf{Q})$

# Covariance Modeling

$\mathbf{B}_x$  = initial condition *prior* (or background) error covariance matrix

$\mathbf{B}_f$  = surface forcing *prior* error covariance matrix

$\mathbf{B}_b$  = open boundary condition *prior* error covariance matrix

$\mathbf{Q}$  = *prior* model error covariance matrix

Each covariance matrix is factorized according to:

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{K}_b \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T \mathbf{K}_b^T$$

$\mathbf{C}$  = univariate correlation matrix

$\mathbf{\Sigma}$  = diagonal matrix of error standard deviations

$\mathbf{K}_b$  = multivariate balance operator

# Correlation Models

**C** is further factorized as:

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{L}_v^{1/2} \mathbf{L}_h^{1/2} \mathbf{W}^{-1} \mathbf{L}_h^{T/2} \mathbf{L}_v^{T/2} \mathbf{\Lambda}^T$$

**W** = diagonal matrix of grid box volumes

**L<sub>h</sub>** = horizontal correlation function model

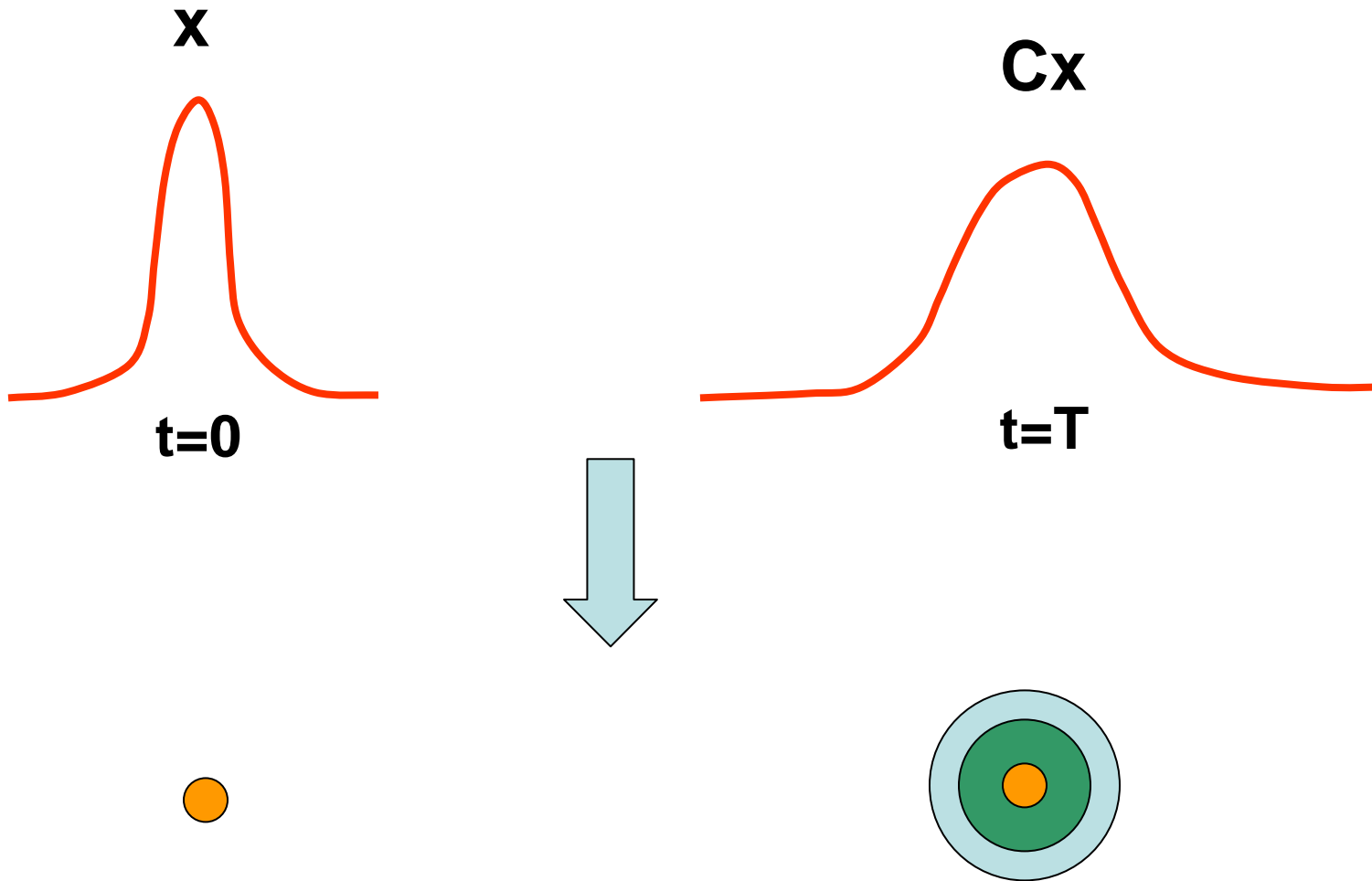
**L<sub>v</sub>** = vertical correlation function model

**Λ** = matrix of normalization coefficients

**L<sub>h</sub>** and **L<sub>v</sub>** are based on solutions of 2D and 1D pseudo diffusion equations respectively:

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} - \kappa_h \nabla^2 \eta = 0 \quad \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} - \kappa_v \frac{\partial^2 \eta}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

# Correlation Models



Correlation length,  $L$ :  $L^2 \approx 2\kappa T$



# Covariance Modeling

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{L}_v^{1/2} \mathbf{L}_h^{1/2} \mathbf{W}^{-1} \mathbf{L}_h^{T/2} \mathbf{L}_v^{T/2} \mathbf{\Lambda}^T$$

$\mathbf{\Lambda}$  ensures that the range of  $\mathbf{C}$  is  $\pm 1$ .

Suppose that  $\mathbf{x}$  is divided into a balanced and unbalanced contribution:  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_b + \mathbf{x}_u$

Examples of balance: geostrophy, hydrostatic

$$\left( \mathbf{B}_x \right)_u = \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T$$

$$\mathbf{B}_x = \mathbf{K}_b \left( \mathbf{B}_x \right)_u \mathbf{K}_b^T$$

# The Balance Operator

(define BALANCE\_OPERATOR)

Following Weaver et al (2005):

$$\delta \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \delta \mathbf{T} \\ \delta \mathbf{S} \\ \delta \boldsymbol{\zeta} \\ \delta \mathbf{u} \\ \delta \mathbf{v} \end{bmatrix}$$

Total  
state  
vector  
increments

$$\delta \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \delta \mathbf{T} \\ \delta \mathbf{S}_u \\ \delta \boldsymbol{\zeta}_u \\ \delta \mathbf{u}_u \\ \delta \mathbf{v}_u \end{bmatrix}$$

Unbalanced  
state  
vector  
increments  
(except for  $\delta \mathbf{T}$ )

$$(\mathbf{B}_x)_u = \langle \delta \hat{\mathbf{x}} \delta \hat{\mathbf{x}}^T \rangle$$

$$\delta \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K}_b \delta \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_x = \langle \delta \mathbf{x} \delta \mathbf{x}^T \rangle$$

$$= \mathbf{K}_b \langle \delta \hat{\mathbf{x}} \delta \hat{\mathbf{x}}^T \rangle \mathbf{K}_b^T$$

$$= \mathbf{K}_b (\mathbf{B}_u)_x \mathbf{K}_b^T$$

# The Balance Operator

$$\delta S = \mathbf{K}_{ST} \delta T + \delta S_u$$

**T-S relation**

$$\delta \zeta = \mathbf{K}_{\zeta\rho} \delta \rho + \delta \zeta_u$$

**Level of no motion or elliptic eqn**

$$\delta \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{K}_{up} \delta \mathbf{p} + \delta \mathbf{u}_u$$

**Geostrophic balance**

$$\delta \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{K}_{vp} \delta \mathbf{p} + \delta \mathbf{v}_u$$

**Geostrophic balance**

$$\delta \rho = \mathbf{K}_{\rho T} \delta T + \mathbf{K}_{\rho S} \delta S$$

**Linear equation of state**

$$\delta \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{K}_{p\rho} \delta \rho + \mathbf{K}_{p\zeta} \delta \zeta$$

**Hydrostatic balance**

# The Balance Operator

$$\delta \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K}_b \delta \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

$$\mathbf{K}_b = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{ST} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{\zeta T} & \mathbf{K}_{\zeta S} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{uT} & \mathbf{K}_{uS} & \mathbf{K}_{u\zeta} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{vT} & \mathbf{K}_{vS} & \mathbf{K}_{v\zeta} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}$$

# The Balance Operator

$\mathbf{K}_{ST}$  from *prior* (background)  $T$ - $S$  relationship

$$\delta S_b = \gamma \left. \frac{\partial S}{\partial z} \right|_S \left. \frac{\partial z}{\partial T} \right|_T \delta T$$

$\gamma = \left. \begin{array}{l} 0 \\ 1 \end{array} \right\}$  depending on mixed layer

# The Balance Operator

$$\mathbf{K}_b = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{ST} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{\zeta T} & \mathbf{K}_{\zeta S} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{uT} & \mathbf{K}_{uS} & \mathbf{K}_{u\zeta} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{vT} & \mathbf{K}_{vS} & \mathbf{K}_{v\zeta} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}$$

# The Balance Operator

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbf{K}_{\zeta T} &= \mathbf{K}_{\zeta \rho} \left( \mathbf{K}_{\rho T} + \mathbf{K}_{\rho S} \mathbf{K}_{ST} \right) \\ \mathbf{K}_{\zeta S} &= \mathbf{K}_{\zeta \rho} \mathbf{K}_{\rho S} \end{aligned} \right\} \delta \rho = \rho_0 (-\alpha \delta T + \beta \delta S)$$

Either:

$$(i) \quad \delta \zeta_b = - \int_{z_r}^0 \delta \rho / \rho_0 dz \quad (\text{level of no motion } z_r)$$

$$(ii) \quad \nabla (h \nabla \delta \zeta_b) = - \nabla \int_{-h}^0 \int_z^0 \delta \rho / \rho_0 dz' dz + \dots$$

(define ZETA\_ELLIPTIC)

# The Balance Operator

$$\mathbf{K}_b = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{ST} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{\zeta T} & \mathbf{K}_{\zeta S} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{uT} & \mathbf{K}_{uS} & \mathbf{K}_{u\zeta} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{vT} & \mathbf{K}_{vS} & \mathbf{K}_{v\zeta} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}$$



# The Balance Operator

$$\mathbf{K}_{uT} = \mathbf{K}_{up} \left( \mathbf{K}_{p\rho} + \mathbf{K}_{p\zeta} \mathbf{K}_{\zeta\rho} \right) \left( \mathbf{K}_{\rho T} + \mathbf{K}_{\rho S} \mathbf{K}_{ST} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{K}_{uS} = \mathbf{K}_{up} \left( \mathbf{K}_{p\rho} + \mathbf{K}_{p\zeta} \mathbf{K}_{\zeta\rho} \right) \mathbf{K}_{\rho S}$$

$$\mathbf{K}_{u\zeta} = \mathbf{K}_{up} \mathbf{K}_{p\zeta}$$

$\mathbf{K}_{p\rho}$  hydrostatic balance

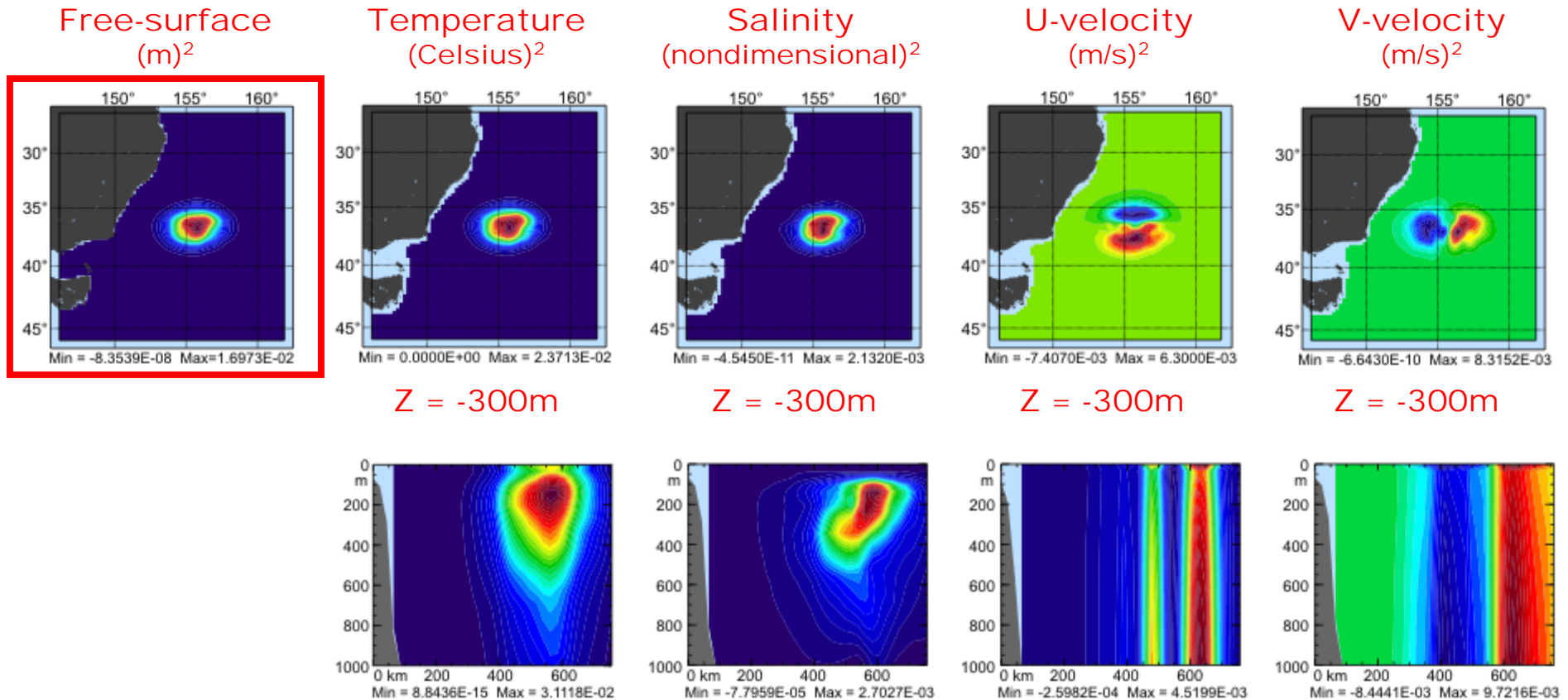
$\mathbf{K}_{up}$  geostrophic balance

$\mathbf{K}_{p\zeta}$  free-surface contribution to  $p$

# The Balance Operator

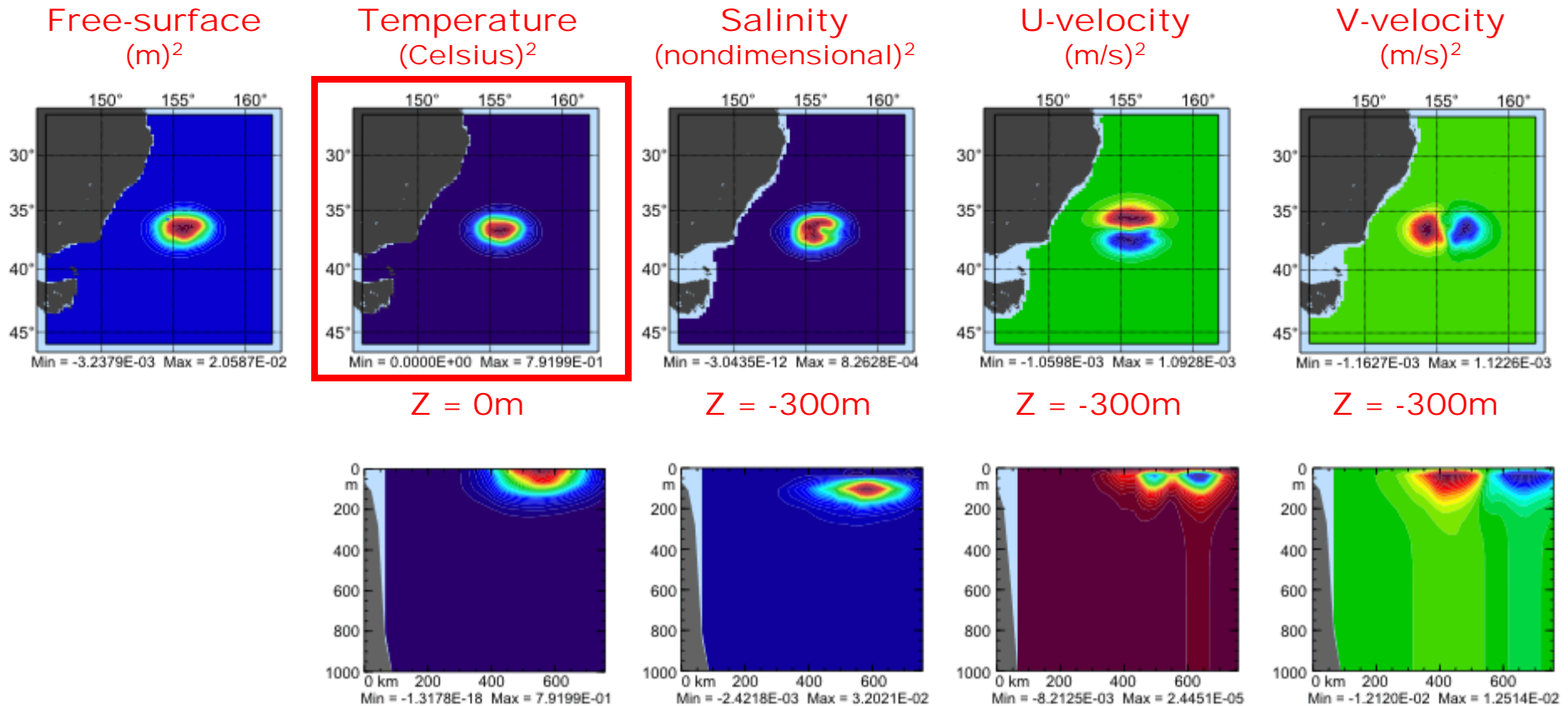
$$\mathbf{B}_x = \mathbf{K}_b (\mathbf{B}_x)_u \mathbf{K}_b^T = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}_{TT} & \mathbf{B}_{ST}^T & \mathbf{B}_{\zeta T}^T & \mathbf{B}_{uT}^T & \mathbf{B}_{vT}^T \\ \mathbf{B}_{ST} & \mathbf{B}_{SS} & \mathbf{B}_{\zeta S}^T & \mathbf{B}_{uS}^T & \mathbf{B}_{vS}^T \\ \mathbf{B}_{\zeta T} & \mathbf{B}_{\zeta S} & \mathbf{B}_{\zeta\zeta} & \mathbf{B}_{u\zeta}^T & \mathbf{B}_{v\zeta}^T \\ \mathbf{B}_{uT} & \mathbf{B}_{uS} & \mathbf{B}_{u\zeta} & \mathbf{B}_{uu} & \mathbf{B}_{vu}^T \\ \mathbf{B}_{vT} & \mathbf{B}_{vS} & \mathbf{B}_{v\zeta} & \mathbf{B}_{vu} & \mathbf{B}_{vv} \end{pmatrix}$$

# IS4DVAR Balanced Operator Covariances: EAC



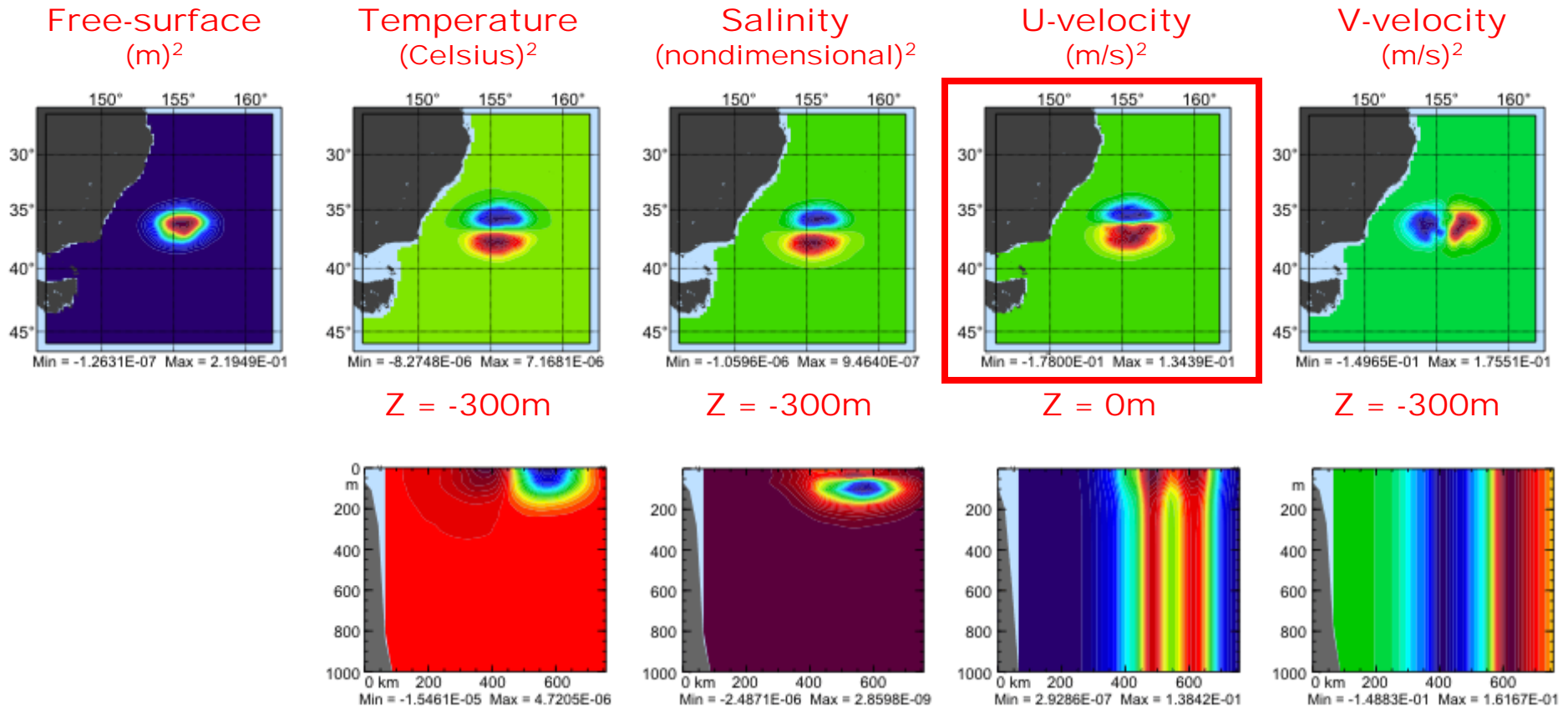
The cross-covariances are computed from a single **sea surface height** observation using multivariate physical balance relationships.

# IS4DVAR Balanced Operator Covariances: EAC



The cross-covariances are computed from a single **temperature** observation at the surface using multivariate physical balance relationships.

# IS4DVAR Balanced Operator Covariances: EAC



The cross-covariances are computed from a single **U-velocity** observation at the surface using multivariate physical balance relationships.

Initial condition *prior*:

$$\mathbf{B}_x = \mathbf{K}_b \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_x \mathbf{C}_x \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_x^T \mathbf{K}_b^T$$

Surface forcing *prior*:

$$\mathbf{B}_f = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_f \mathbf{C}_f \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_f^T \quad \text{No balance}$$

Open boundary condition *prior*:

$$\mathbf{B}_b = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_b \mathbf{C}_b \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_b^T \quad \text{No balance}$$

Model error *prior*:

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{K}_b \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_q \mathbf{C}_q \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_q^T \mathbf{K}_b^T$$

# Preconditioning Again

General form of the *prior* error covariance matrix:

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{K}_b \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{C} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^T \mathbf{K}_b^T$$

Introduce a new variable:

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{U}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\delta} \mathbf{z}$$

where

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{U}^T$$

$$\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{K}_b \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{C}^{1/2}$$

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optimum step

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new starting point

$$\mathbf{g}_{k+1} = \mathbf{g}_k + (\alpha_k / \tau_k) (\hat{\mathbf{g}}_k - \mathbf{g}_k)$$

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**Practical gain matrix:**

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**Useful for diagnostic applications (Lecture 5)  
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## Issues, Things to do, & Coming Soon

- Relax horizontal homogeneity and isotropy of  $L_x$  and  $L_y$  correlation lengths.
- Include temporal correlations (there is some implicit time corr. already in  $\delta\mathbf{f}(t)$ ,  $\delta\mathbf{b}(t)$ , &  $\eta(t)$ ).
- Elliptic solver for free-surface balance:
  - cannot handle islands at the moment
  - add additional boundary condition option
- Cannot assimilate obs right at the open boundary.
- Div and curl of  $\delta\tau$  are not constrained.
- No restart option for 4D-Var.

# Summary

- Lanczos formulation of CG: cgradient.h
- Lanczos vectors saved in ADJname
- Covariance models using diffusion operators:  
define VCONVOLUTION  
define IMPLICIT\_VCONV, etc
- Multivariate balance operator:

$\mathbf{K}_b$  - tl\_balance.F  
 $\mathbf{K}_b^T$  - ad\_balance.F  
 $\mathbf{\Sigma}$  - tl\_variability.F  
 $\mathbf{\Sigma}^T$  - ad\_variability.F  
 $\mathbf{C}^{1/2}$  - tl\_convolution.F  
 $\mathbf{C}^{T/2}$  - ad\_convolution.F

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