Global/Regional Non-hydrostatic Numerical Weather Prediction Model Using Semi-implicit and Semi-Lagrangian Method

\sim progress and challenge $\,\sim\,$

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Outline

- Background & overview of CMA NWP
- Introduction of GRAPES model
 - Continuous equations
 - Temporal discretization
 - Spatial discretization
 - Solution procedure
- Future development

Current major operational NWP systems

	Global Spectral Model (T _L 639L60)	Meso Scale Model (GRAPES_Meso)	10day Ensemble (T213L31)	Typhoon deterministic & Ensemble forecast
Forecast range	Medium-range (10day)	Rainfall forecast Short-range forecast	10day forecast	Typhoon forecast
Forecast domain	Global	East Asia (8340km x 5480km)	Global	
Horizontal resolution	T _L 639(0.28125 deg)	15km	T213(0.5625 deg)	
Vertical levels / Top	60 0.1 hPa	31 10hPa	31 10 hPa	
Forecast Hours (Initial time)	240 hours (00, 12 UTC) 84 hours (06, 18UTC)	72 hours (00, 12UTC)	240 hours (00、12 UTC) 15 members	120 hours (00, 06, 12, 18 UTC) 120 hours (00、12 UTC) 15 members
Initial Condition	Global Analysis (NCEP GSI)	GRAPES_3DVAR	NCEP SSI + Vortex relocation and Intensity adjustment with ensemble perturbations Perturbations are produced by Breeding- method	



About GRAPES

GRAPES (Global/Regional Assimilation Pr*E*diction System), project launched since 2001.

What GRAPES main features are?

A unified NWP system

A unified dynamic core with different configurations of physics for different applications

3/4-VAR data assimilation



CMA's GRAPES Model

It's a single model for :

- Operational weather forecasts at
 - Mesoscale (GRAPES_Meso: grid-size \sim 15km \rightarrow 3km)
 - Global scale (GRAPES_GFS: grid size \sim 50km)
 - + Research mode (grid size \sim 1km →20m) & LES、 single column model
- 13 years old since its development to 2013

Governing equations

Fully compressible with shallow atmospheric approximation Spherical & Z coordinate

Prognostic variables:

u: east - west wind *v*: north - south wind θ : potential temperature π : pressure, Exner function \prec m_x : mixing ratio of tracers





Boundary conditions



For the regional model (Davies, 1976) $\overline{F}_l^{n+1} = \alpha_l \cdot F_{LS} + (1 - \alpha_l) \cdot F_l^{n+1}$



Grid structure \hat{w}, θ Scalar variables, w winds u winds v winds V \mathcal{U} $-\mathcal{U}$. Lat (Φ) Lon (λ) \widehat{w}, θ, q Modified Arakawa-C in the horizontal

V-point at poles

Charney-Phillips vertical grid



Temporal discretization

Off-centered two-time level semi-implicit semi-Lagrangian scheme

Why off-centered 2TL SISL?

- Two-time level scheme is more efficient than three-time level scheme
- Off centered:
 - To address spurious SL orographic resonance (Rivest et al., 1994)
 - To provide required damping to keep the scheme stable
- Semi-implicit:
 - To treat all terms involving the fastest propagation speeds implicitly (acoustic waves, gravity waves)
 - To allow the longer time step
 - To improve the scheme stability

Semi-Lagrangian scalar advection

- The governing equations of scalar variables can be written generically as (linearized using a stationary reference profile): $\frac{D\psi}{Dt} = L(x,t,\psi) + N(x,t,\psi)$
- Integrate along Lagrangian trajectory



Temporal discretization formula for scalar variables

$$(\theta')_{A}^{t+\Delta t} = \Delta t \alpha (L_{\theta})_{A}^{t+\Delta t} + (A_{\theta})_{D}^{t}$$
$$(\Pi')_{A}^{t+\Delta t} = \Delta t \alpha (L_{\Pi})_{A}^{t+\Delta t} + (A_{\Pi})_{D}^{t}$$



Scalar advection for conserved variables

- Semi-Lagrangian schemes allow
 - Enhanced stability, longer time-step (no CFL limit)
 - Accurate handling of meteorologically important slow modes
- But, point-wise interpolation → nonconservation, e.g., moisture etc.
- In GRAPES, a conservative semi-Lagrangian scheme based on local reconstruction using rational function

Scalar advection schemes for conserved variables

• PRM (Piece-wise rational method): conservative semi-Lagrangian scheme with positive-definite, higher accuracy



Xiao et. al, 2004;Shen et al., 2011



Semi-Lagrangian advection for momentum equations (vector) in curved geometry

$$\frac{D\vec{u}}{Dt} = L(x,t,\vec{u}) + N(x,t,\vec{u}) = \vec{\varphi}$$

Integrate along trajectory

$$\vec{u}_A\left(x_A^{t+\Delta t}, t+\Delta t\right) = \vec{u}_D\left(x_D^t, t\right) + \left[\alpha \vec{\varphi}_A\left(x_A^{t+\Delta t}, t+\Delta t\right) + \left(1-\alpha\right) \vec{\varphi}_D\left(x_D^t, t\right)\right] \Delta t$$

Consider changes of unit vectors at A and D

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_{A} \\ v_{A} \\ w_{A} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{M} \begin{bmatrix} u_{D} \\ v_{D} \\ w_{D} \end{bmatrix} + (1 - \alpha) \Delta t \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_{D}^{x} \\ \varphi_{D}^{y} \\ \varphi_{D}^{z} \end{pmatrix} + \alpha \Delta t \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_{A}^{x} \\ \varphi_{A}^{y} \\ \varphi_{A}^{z} \end{pmatrix}$$

M: rotation matrix
$$\begin{pmatrix} i_{A} \cdot i_{D} & i_{A} \cdot j_{D} & i_{A} \cdot k_{D} \\ j_{A} \cdot i_{D} & j_{A} \cdot j_{D} & j_{A} \cdot k_{D} \\ k_{A} \cdot i_{D} & k_{A} \cdot j_{D} & k_{A} \cdot k_{D} \end{pmatrix}$$





Temporal discretization formula for vector variables

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$$\begin{split} u_{A}^{t+\Delta t} &= \Delta t \alpha_{\varepsilon} (L_{u})_{A}^{t+\Delta t} + (A_{u})_{D}^{t}, \\ v_{A}^{t+\Delta t} &= \Delta t \alpha_{\varepsilon} (L_{v})_{A}^{t+\Delta t} + (A_{v})_{D}^{t}, \\ \delta_{NH} \cdot w_{A}^{t+\Delta t} &= \Delta t \alpha_{\varepsilon} (L_{w})_{A}^{t+\Delta t} + (A_{w})_{D}^{t}, \end{split}$$
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Summary: prognostic equations after temporal discretization

$$\Box (w') \qquad (\theta')^{n+1} = \Delta t \alpha_{\varepsilon} (L_{\theta})^{n+1} + A_{\theta} \qquad \text{es}$$

$$(\Pi)^{n+1} = \Delta t \alpha_{\varepsilon} (L_{\Pi})^{n+1} + A_{\Pi} \qquad \text{value}$$

$$u^{n+1} = \Delta t \alpha_{\varepsilon} (L_{u})^{n+1} + A_{u} \qquad \text{value}$$

$$v^{n+1} = \Delta t \alpha_{\varepsilon} (L_{v})^{n+1} + A_{v} \qquad \delta_{NH} \cdot w^{n+1} = \Delta t \alpha_{\varepsilon} (L_{w})^{n+1} + A_{w}$$

Nonlinear terms at t+1 estimated by using time extrapolation method with values at t & t-1

Further algebraic manipulation

$$\begin{pmatrix} u = (\xi_{u1} \frac{1}{a \cos \varphi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} + \xi_{u2} \frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} + \xi_{u3} \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{z}}) \Pi' + \xi_{u0} \\ v = (\xi_{v1} \frac{1}{a \cos \varphi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} + \xi_{v2} \frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} + \xi_{v3} \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{z}}) \Pi' + \xi_{v0} \\ \hat{w} = [\xi_{w1} \frac{1}{a \cos \varphi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} + \xi_{w2} \frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} + \xi_{w3} \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{z}}] \Pi' + \xi_{w0} \\ \theta' = [\xi_{\theta 1} \frac{1}{a \cos \varphi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} + \xi_{\theta 2} \frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} + \xi_{\theta 3} \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{z}}] \Pi' + \xi_{\theta 0} \\ \Pi' = \xi_{\Pi 1} \cdot u + \xi_{\Pi 2} \cdot v + \xi_{\Pi 3} \cdot \hat{w} + \xi_{\Pi 4} \cdot D_3|_{\hat{z}} + \xi_{\Pi 0} \end{cases}$$

So, $u^{n+1}, v^{n+1}, \hat{w}^{n+1}, (\theta')^{n+1}$ can be expressed as the function of $(\Pi')^{n+1}$







Spatial discretization

(continued)

Substituting the above spatial discretized u, v, \hat{w}, θ equations into the following continuity equation:

$$\begin{split} \Pi' &= \xi_{\Pi 1} \cdot u + \xi_{\Pi 2} \cdot v + \xi_{\Pi 3} \cdot \hat{w} + \xi_{\Pi 4} \cdot D_{3} \big|_{\hat{z}} + \xi_{\Pi 0} \\ \Pi' &= \xi_{\Pi 1} [\xi_{u1} \Pi_{\lambda} + \xi_{u2} (\overline{\Pi}^{\phi \lambda})_{\phi} + \xi_{u3} (\overline{\Pi}^{\hat{z} \lambda})_{\hat{z}}]^{\lambda} + \xi_{\Pi 2} [\xi_{v1} (\overline{\Pi}^{\lambda \phi})_{\lambda} + \xi_{v2} \Pi_{\phi} + \xi_{v3} (\overline{\Pi}^{\hat{z} \phi})_{\hat{z}}]^{\phi} \\ &+ \xi_{\Pi 3} \cdot \overline{\xi_{w3z}} \frac{\partial \Pi'}{\partial \hat{z}}^{\hat{z}} + \xi_{\Pi 4} \cdot \{ [\xi_{u1} \Pi_{\lambda} + \xi_{u2} (\overline{\Pi}^{\phi \lambda})_{\phi} + \xi_{u3} (\overline{\Pi}^{\hat{z} \lambda})_{\hat{z}}]_{\lambda} \\ &+ [\xi_{v1} (\overline{\Pi}^{\lambda \phi})_{\lambda} + \xi_{v2} \Pi_{\phi} + \xi_{v3} (\overline{\Pi}^{\hat{z} \phi})_{\hat{z}}]_{\phi} + [\xi_{w1} (\overline{\Pi}^{\hat{z} \lambda})_{\lambda} + \xi_{w2} (\overline{\Pi}^{\hat{z} \phi})_{\phi} + \xi_{w3} \Pi_{\hat{z}}]_{\hat{z}} \} + \xi_{\Pi 0} \end{split}$$



Spatial discretization

(continued)

After some algebraic operations:

Helmholtz equation about Π'

$$\begin{split} B_{1}\prod_{i,j,k} + & B_{2}\prod_{i=1,j,k} + B_{3}\prod_{i+1,j,k} + & B_{4}\prod_{i,j-1,k} + & B_{5}\prod_{i,j+1,k} \\ & + B_{6}\prod_{i+1,j+1,k} + B_{7}\prod_{i+1,j-1,k} + B_{8}\prod_{i=1,j-1,k} + B_{9}\prod_{i=1,j+1,k} + \\ & B_{10}\prod_{i,j,k-1} + B_{11}\prod_{i=1,j,k-1} + B_{12}\prod_{i+1,j,k-1} + B_{13}\prod_{i,j-1,k-1} + B_{14}\prod_{i,j+1,k-1} \\ & + B_{15}\prod_{i,j,k+1} + B_{16}\prod_{i=1,j,k+1} + B_{17}\prod_{i+1,j,k+1} + B_{18}\prod_{i,j-1,k+1} + B_{19}\prod_{i,j+1,k+1} \\ &= (\xi_{\Pi 0})_{i,j,k} \end{split}$$



GRAPES dynamical core is solved as

(1) Solve the Helmholtz equation to obtain $(\Pi')^{n+1}$

(2) Then, easily get $u^{n+1}, v^{n+1}, \hat{w}^{n+1}, (\theta')^{n+1}$

Helmholtz eq. is solved by using Pre-conditioned General Conjugate Residual Method(GCR)



Trajectory calculation



Discretized trajectory equation and mid-point rule

$$x_{a} - x_{d} = \Delta t \, u \left(\frac{x_{a} + x_{d}}{2}, t^{n + \frac{1}{2}} \right)$$
Iterate
$$x_{d}^{[l+1]} = x_{a} - \Delta t \, u \left(\frac{x_{a} + x_{d}^{l}}{2}, t^{n + \frac{1}{2}} \right), \quad l = 0, 1$$

Time extrapolation of winds

$$u^{n+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{3}{2}u^n - \frac{1}{2}u^{n-1}$$



Trajectory calculation

Spherical & polar effect in calculating trajectory

Ritche & Beaudoin (1994) method within $(80^{\circ}S - 80^{\circ}N)$

McDonald & Bates (1989) method **beyond** ($80^{\circ}S - 80^{\circ}N$)



Interpolation method for obtaining the variables at departure point

GRAPES model uses

<u>quasi-monotone</u> <u>quasi-cubic</u> Lagrange interpolation



Idealized experiments

Dynamical core evaluation

2D test

- 1. Density current
- 2. Warm bubble
- 3. Mountain wave



3D test

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- 1. 3D tracer transport
- 2. Geostrophic balanced flow
- 3. Held & Suarez test
- 4. Rossby-Haurwitz wave
- 5. Mountain-induced Rossby wave
- 6. Mountain-induced Rossby wave with tracer
- 7. Baroclinic instability

Cross-polar flow

8. Gravity and inertia-gravity waves





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 Initial u, p_s, z_s fields, isothermal, v=0 m/s, balanced

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- Mountain triggers the evolution of Rossby waves
- Hydrostatic, nonlinear regime

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2500 2600 2700 2800 2900 3000 3100 3200 3300

Mountain-induced Rossby wave

15day integration



60S

90S

Courtesy: Dr. Jablonowski & Dr. H. Wan

180

120W

60W

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120E

60E





A baroclinic wave can be triggered if the initial conditions for the steady-state are overlaid with a perturbation
A perturbation with a Gaussian profile is selected and centered at (20°E,40°N)

Baroclinic wave

(Jablonowski & Williamson, 2006)



Baroclinic wave growing, cyclone genesis & wave-train breaks



Surface pressure



(Jablonowski & Williamson, 2006)

Model physics package

- WRF physics for meso-scale application
- Physics
 - Radiation:
 - RRTMG LW(v4.71)/SW(v3.61)
 - Cumulus:
 - Simplified Arakawa Schubert
 - Microphysics: CMA two-moment microphysics with macro consideration
 - Cloud: Xu & Randall diagnostic cloud
 - Land surface: CoLM
 - Gravity wave drag:
 - Kim & Arakawa 1995; Lott & Miller 1997; Alpert, 2004
 - Small scale orographic form drag : Beljaars, Brown & Wood(2004)



Current Applications of GRAPES

- Global medium-range deterministic forecast
 - GRAPES_GFS
- Regional deterministic forecast
 - GRAPES_Meso in NMC
 - GRAPES_TMM in GuangZhou
- Typhoon track and intensity forecast
 - GRAPES_TYM in NMC
 - GRAPES_TCM in Shanghai
- Dust-storm forecast
 - GRAPES_SDM



Mean precipitation rates(mm/day) over China(2013.4.25-2013.5.14)





100E 105E 110E 115E 120E 125E 130E 135

10 12

14 16

75E 80E





Heavy rainfall event on Jul.21/2012 Beijing



Comparison of precipitation every 6-hour between Obs. & Fcst.





GRAPES全球预报系统 与ECMWF、T639的比较

北半球500hpa高度距平相关系数

东亚500hpa高度距平相关系数



北半球 T639 - GRAPES



东亚 T639 - GRAPES



GRAPES面向未来发展的瓶颈问题

toward massively parallel computer architectures with O(10⁴+) cores

- ・模式方程组
 - 守恒性问题
 - 浅层大气近似问题



- •精度、效率、可扩展性
 - Singular nature of the regular LAT/LON grids
 - Lost grid locality for finding departure point
 - Implicit numerics
 - Helmholtz equation
 - Semi-Lagrangian scheme

- I/O



For the future development, we need to recall:

- scales well on hundreds of thousands of processors
- resolves well the energy spectrum at all scales

• Equation set

- Non-conservative form using Exner pressure, momentum and potential temperature, e.g., current GRAPES
- **Conservative form** using density, momentum and potential temperature, e.g., **after removing weakness from current GRAPES**
- Conservative form using density, momentum and total energy, attractive for high resolution, non-hydrostatic flow → naturally accounts for the dissipative conversion of potential and kinetic energy into internal energy
- Quasi-uniform grids → remove LAT/LON singularity
- Advection scheme: Eulerian vs. semi-Lagrangian
- Temporal discretization: Explicit vs. implicit
- Spatial discretization: FD, FV, DG, SE, MCV



Option-1: GRAPES + Yinyang grid



Regular LAT/LON



Option-2: Next generation GRAPES model

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New dynamic core

Based on multi-moment constrained finite volume method

Multi-moment constrained finite volume method

Definition of multi-moments: the line-integrated average value (LIA moment), the point value (PV moment) and the derivative value (DV moment)

$$\Psi(\phi:x) = \sum_{l=1}^{L} (\mathcal{B}_l \phi_l)$$

where $\mathcal{B}_l = \prod_{p=1, p \neq l}^{L} \frac{(x-x_p)}{(x_l - x_p)}$

- X. L. Li, C. G. Chen, X. S. Shen and F. Xiao, 2012: A multi-moment constrained non-hydrostatic atmospheric dynamics, Mon. Wea. Rev., in revision.
- Li, X. L., X. S. Shen, X. D. Peng, F. Xiao, Z. R. Zhuang, and C. G. Chen, 2012: F on yin-yang grid by multi-moment constrained finite volume scheme, Procedia C 1004-1013.

MCV (3rd and 4th order) + cubed grid or Yin-Yang grid



Further researches will be continued to develop 3D dynamical cores using the same methodology based on the popular structured spherical grids, such as structured cubed grid, Yin-Yang grid.



下一代模式的探索性研究



For conservation law

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f(q)}{\partial x} = 0$$

Multi-moment: the line-integrated average value (LIA mor value (PV moment) and the derivative value (DV moment

$$\overline{q}^{(x)}(t) \equiv \frac{1}{\Delta x_i} \int_{\delta x} q(x, t) dx,$$
$$q_{cp}(t) \equiv q(x_{cp}, t),$$
$$\partial_x^k q_{cp}(t) \equiv \frac{\partial^k}{\partial x^k} q(x_{cp}, t); \text{ with } k = 1,2$$

where $\Delta x_i = x_{i+1/2} - x_{i-1/2}$ and x_{cp} represents a constraint point within or at th $\overline{x_1 x_L}$ where constraints in terms of multi-moments are imposed. The constraint poin coincide with the solution points. The solution points (the unknowns, or the degrees more flexibly chosen in an MCV scheme, not limited to the Gauss points or Gauss-Le

与传统有限体积方法区别和特点 12 10 Height (km) 模式计算域 2 0 $Distance^{30}$ (km) -120 -90 60 90 120 优势: 1) 局地高阶重构, 精度高 2) 局地计算量大、通信少, 网格单元定义自由度 故并行效率高 3) nodal类型,易于源项处 理,坐标变换



MCV浅水波模式理想试验

Zonal flow over isolated mountain







THANK YOU



High order Multi-moment Constrained finite Volume (MCV) method (Ii and Xiao, JCP, 2009)

We define the moments *within single cell*, i.e. the cell-averaged value, the point-wise value and the derivatives of the field variable

$$\overline{q}_m^{(x)}(t) \equiv \frac{1}{\Delta x_i} \int_{\delta x} q_m(x, t) dx,$$
$$\partial_x^k q_{cpm}(t) \equiv \frac{\partial^k}{\partial x^k} q(x_{cpm}, t); \text{ with } k = 0, 1, \cdots$$

Constraint conditons:

$$\frac{d}{dt}[\overline{q}_{m}^{(x)}(t)] = -\frac{1}{\Delta x_{i}} \left(\hat{f}_{Lm} - \hat{f}_{1m}\right)$$
$$\frac{d}{dt}[q_{1m}(t)] = -\partial_{x}\hat{f}_{1m} \text{ and } \frac{d}{dt}[q_{Lm}(t)] = -\partial_{x}\hat{f}_{Lm}$$
$$\partial_{t}(q_{x})_{cm}(t) = -\partial_{x}^{2}\hat{f}_{cm},$$



Approximate Riemann solvers $f_{xi_p}^{k\mathcal{B}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(f_{xip}^{k-} + f_{xip}^{k+} - R_{ip} |\Lambda_{ip}| R_{ip}^{-1} (q_{xip}^{k+} - q_{xip}^{k-}) \right)$

The unknowns (solution points) are updated in a fourth order mcv scheme, for example,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{d}{dt}(q_{1m}) \\ \frac{d}{dt}(q_{2m}) \\ \frac{d}{dt}(q_{3m}) \\ \frac{d}{dt}(q_{4m}) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{M}_{4}^{(x)}\mathbf{F}_{4}^{(x)} \qquad \mathbf{M}_{4}^{(x)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{4}{3\Delta x_{i}} & -\frac{4}{3\Delta x_{i}} & \frac{4}{27} & \frac{5}{27} & \frac{4\Delta x_{i}}{27} \\ \frac{4}{3\Delta x_{i}} & -\frac{4}{3\Delta x_{i}} & \frac{4}{27} & \frac{5}{27} & -\frac{4\Delta x_{i}}{27} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{F}_{4}^{(x)} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{f}_{1m} \\ \hat{f}_{4m} \\ (\partial_{x}\hat{f})_{1m} \\ (\partial_{x}\hat{f})_{4m} \\ (\partial_{x}\hat{f})_{4m} \\ (\partial_{x}\hat{f})_{4m} \\ (\partial_{x}\hat{f})_{4m} \end{bmatrix}$$

The same in multi-dimension, for example, y direction

A nonhydrostatic atmospheric governing equation sets in the Cartesion system

$$\frac{\partial \rho'}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{G}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}^{j}} \left(\sqrt{G} \rho \tilde{u}^{j} \right) = 0 \qquad \qquad \rho(\mathbf{x}, t) = \bar{\rho}(\mathbf{x}) + \rho'(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{G}} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}^{j}} \left(\sqrt{G} \rho u \tilde{u}^{j} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}^{j}} \left(\sqrt{G} G^{1j} p' \right) \right) = 0 \qquad \qquad \rho(\mathbf{x}, t) = \bar{\rho}(\mathbf{x}) + \rho'(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho w}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{G}} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}^{j}} \left(\sqrt{G} \rho w \tilde{u}^{j} \right) + \frac{\partial p'}{\partial \tilde{x}^{3}} \right) = -\rho' g \qquad \qquad (\rho \theta)(\mathbf{x}, t) = \overline{(\rho \theta)}(\mathbf{x}) + (\rho \theta)'(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

$$\frac{\partial (\rho \theta)'}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{G}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}^{j}} \left(\sqrt{G} \rho \theta \tilde{u}^{j} \right) = 0$$

Height-based terrain-following vertical coordinate (Gal-chen & Somerville 1975) is used. \sqrt{G} is transformation Jacobian.



Numerical solution of Straka et al. (1993) density current at t=900s.



