



WCOSS Update

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Recent Model Changes

- **Global Forecast System (GFS)** -- May 11, 2016
 - Introduction of 4D Hybrid EnVar data assimilation
 - hourly output to day 5 available on NWS ftp servers
- **Hurricane Storm Surge Operational Forecast System (HSOFS)** – June 21, 2016
 - Ensemble storm surge guidance for coastal inundation caused by tide and surge for tropical cyclones impacting the East and Gulf Coast.
 - Currently being evaluated by National Hurricane Center
- **HWRF** – July 17, 2016
 - Increased nested domain size; use of Global RTOFS for initialization in East PAC.
- **GFDL** – July 17, 2016
 - Mostly bug fixes. Possibly last upgrade of GFDL.



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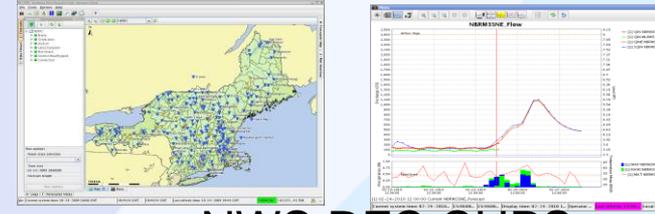
- **National Water Model (NWM)** – August 16, 2016
- **Rapid Refresh (RAP) version 3 and High Resolution Rapid Refresh (HRRR) version 2** – August 23, 2016
 - Extend RAP to 21 hours/HRRR to 18 hours – already added to NOAAPORT
 - Increase in RAP computational domain to include Hawaii
 - Update WRF-ARW core to v3.6.1
 - Did see data volume increase due to GRIB packing change
 - Plan to add HRRR sub-hourly grids to NOAAPORT once testing with AWIPS is complete
- **Real-Time Mesoscale Analysis (RTMA) and URMA version 2.4.4** – August 23, 2016
 - Change to use EMC/GFE consensus terrain, add cloud cover, add URMA for Puerto Rico and Hawaii
- **Geospace** – September 7, 2016
 - Provide regional specification and forecasts of geomagnetic storm conditions that impact the Nation's critical infrastructures to Space Weather Prediction Center



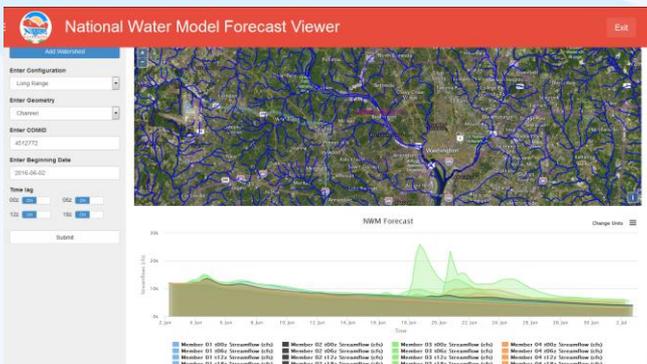
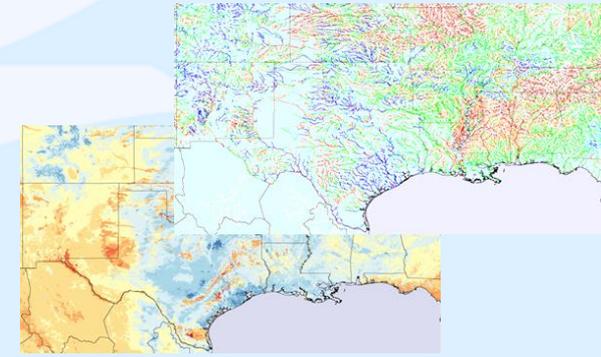
National Water Model (NWM)



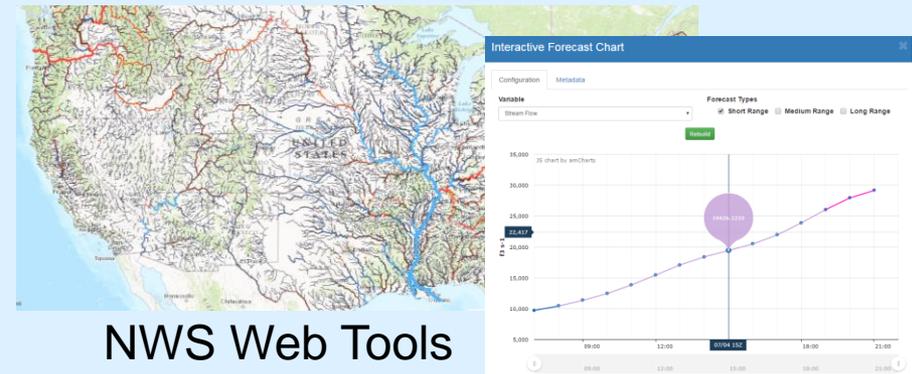
- Visualization and data dissemination key to success, area of active development
- Multi-pronged output dissemination strategy
 - OWP IDP-hosted website-based viewers (water.noaa.gov/map water.noaa.gov/tools/nwm-image-viewer)
 - Subsetted IDP-hosted data ftp to River Forecast Centers
 - NOAA NOMADS server (full set of NetCDF output)
 - Community tools and viewers via CUAHSI



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Community Web Tools



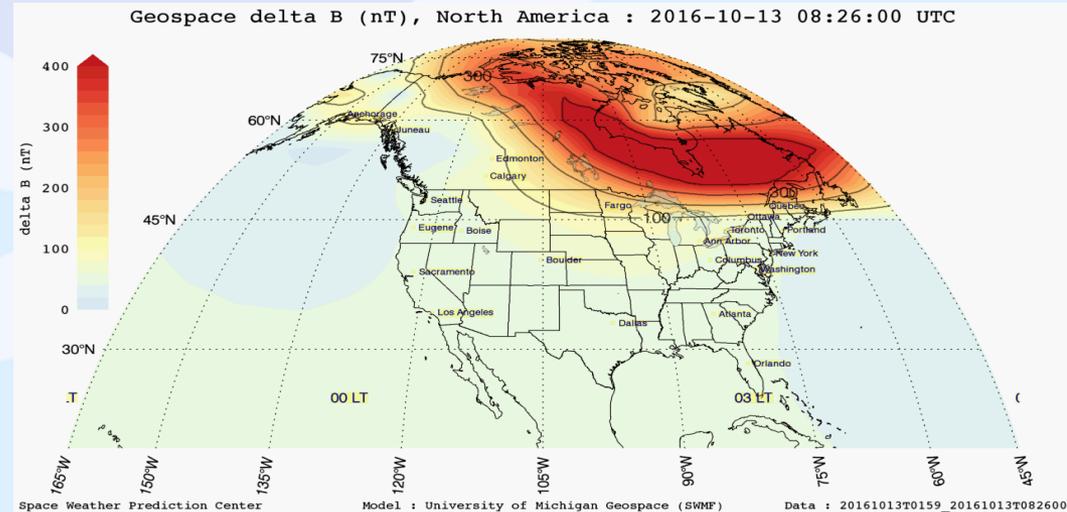
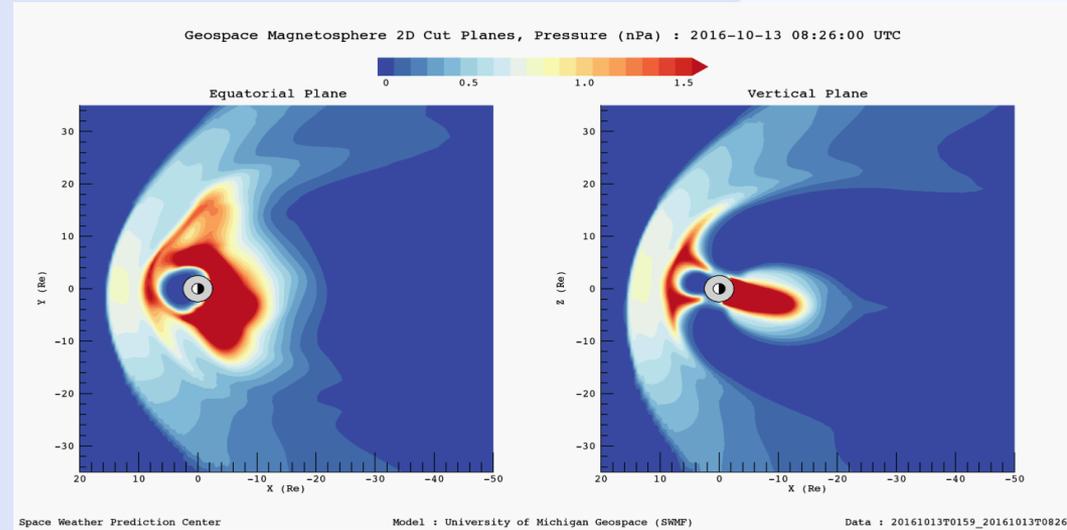
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Geospace Model

Space Weather Prediction Center

- Comprehensive time-dependent 3D model of the solar wind and Earth's magnetosphere.
- Model driven in real-time by L1 data from NOAA's DSCOVR satellite.
- Solar storm conditions yield ground-level magnetic field fluctuations which have the potential to damage electrical power grids.
- The Geospace model provides up to a 1 hour lead time forecast of regional magnetic fields to electric power operators.
- Operational at NCEP since September 7th 2016

Solar Wind – Magnetosphere Interaction



Regional Magnetic Fluctuation Forecast





Upcoming Model Changes

- **National Blend of Models (NBM) version 2** – November 15, 2016
 - Includes probability of precipitation and QPF, also additional domains
- **North American Model (NAM)** – January 2017
 - Increase resolution of CONUS and AK nests, data assimilation changes
- **RTMA/URMA v2.5** – March 2017
 - Will include sub-hourly (15 minute) analyses for cloud and visibility
- **HWRF upgrade** – June 2017
- **NBM version 3** – Summer 2017
 - Move to hourly NBM, produce Blend of short-term models (HRRR, SREF, LAMP, etc)
- **Global Forecast System (GFS)** – May 2017



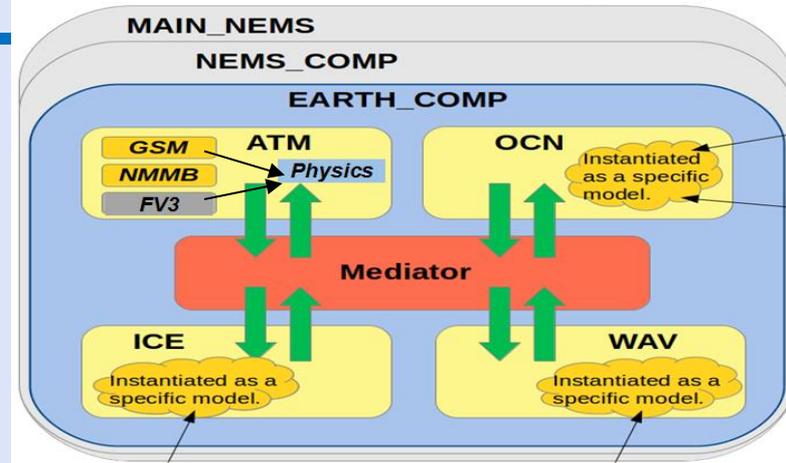
Q3FY17 GFS V14.0 Implementation Plan

Transitioning GSM to NEMS



Objectives:

1. Transition Global Spectral Model into NEMS/ESMF/NUOPC Framework
 - Support integrating NGGPS FV3 dynamic core coupled to GFS Physics
 - Support developing unified coupled modeling system
2. Physics and LSM improvements
 - Convection scheme enhancements
 - TKE-based moist EDMF PBL scheme
 - High resolution(1km) vegetation and soil type data; MODIS snow and snow free albedo; GLDAS forced by observed precipitation; new USGS GMTED2010 terrain data
 - address the rapid temperature drop during sunset and wet bias during sunrise
3. Data Assimilation improvements
 - Near Surface Sea Temperature (NSST)
 - Inclusion of SEVIRI IR; VIIRS; GOES clear air water vapor winds; additional GPSRO data; RARS and DBNET data
 - Readiness for CrIS; JPSS and GOES-R



Testing and implementation Plan:

- May 2015 through May 2017
 - Two summers and two winters
- Considered minor upgrade
 - No resolution change, minor physics and DA changes
- Significant downstream impacts
 - Change from spectral sigio to nemsio requires making appropriate changes for many downstream models
 - Potential 1/8 degree output for selected fields