Hurricane Analysis and Forecast System (HAFS): A UFS (Unified Forecast System) Application

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FV3-based Unified Forecast System

- NWS UFS system consists of the following components (at the moment)
  - NEMS for infrastructure
  - FV3 dycore with Physics driver (IPD)
  - MOM6 ocean model (S2S scales)
  - HYCOM ocean model (weather scales)
  - WW3 wave model
  - CICE5 ice model
  - GOCART aerosol model
  - Noah MP land model

- Each component has its own authoritative repository. NEMS infrastructure allows flexibility to connect instantiations of the repositories together to create a coupled model.
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<td>Global Seasonal Climate</td>
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<td>UPP, VSDB/MET, MEG, NAWIPS</td>
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<td>Collaborative Infrastructure</td>
<td>Various</td>
<td>NEMS/ESMF/NUOPC+; EE2+; CROW; Shared infrastructure and distributed development</td>
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HAFS Overview and Objectives

- As a Unified Forecast System (UFS) application, HAFS is an FV3 (Finite Volume Cubed-Sphere Dynamical Core) based multi-scale model and data assimilation system capable of providing Tropical Cyclone (TC, including Hurricanes and Typhoons) analyses and forecasts of the inner core structure and the large-scale environment.

- The HAFS development targets an operational analysis and forecast system for Hurricane forecasters with reliable, robust and skillful guidance on TC track and intensity (including rapid intensification), storm size, genesis, storm surge, rainfall and tornadoes associated with TC’s.

- HAFS will provide an advanced analysis and forecast system for cutting-edge research on modeling, physics, data assimilation, and coupling to earth system components for high-resolution TC predictions within the outlined Next Generation Global Prediction System (NGGPS)/Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) objectives of the Unified Forecast System (UFS).
## Major Sub-tasks for HAFS in the First Year

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<td>July 2019</td>
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<td>DA capability in the regional stand-alone FV3</td>
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<td>Vortex initialization and storm relocation for FV3</td>
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<td>May 2020</td>
<td>AOML</td>
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<td>1.20</td>
<td>Prepare and Run HAFSv0.A and HAFSv0.B experiments, document performance and the importance of global parent</td>
<td>June 2019</td>
<td>November 2019</td>
<td>EMC</td>
<td>Tasks 1.1, 1.2 and 1.9</td>
<td>AOML</td>
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HAFS Accomplishments in the 1st Year

- HAFS code repository and management
- HAFS workflow development
- HAFS Configurations
- HAFS multiple static nests – towards moving nests
- HAFS physics – HWRF physics in CCPP
HAFS Code Repository and Management

Incorporates the three-tier repository/fork structure

The authoritative HAFS repository:
- [https://github.com/NOAA-EMC/HAFS](https://github.com/NOAA-EMC/HAFS)
- Supports the main development activities and operational implementations.

Trusted community/organizational HAFS forks:
- e.g., [https://github.com/hafs-community/HAFS](https://github.com/hafs-community/HAFS)
- Mainly provides community support and promotes organizational level collaborations.

**HAFS developer forks:**
- Developer’s forks for individual feature (or capability) development.

Adopts the GitFlow rational

**Branch naming convention:**
- **develop** for the develop branch
- **master** for the master branch
- **feature/[name]** for feature branches

A GitFlow branching strategy (from Vincent Driessen’s blog)

From: Bin Liu & Jili Dong
HAFS Prototype Workflow

- HAFS workflow is capable of supporting stand-alone regional FV3 as well as global-nest FV3
- Rocoto workflow management with python/shell scripts for individual task components
- Flexible domain setup (fixed domain or domain shift cycle by cycle based on TCs)
- Support NCEP WCOSS and NOAA RDHPCS (jet, hera, orion) clusters
- Continuous day to day run without storms or only launch with NHC storm message triggering

From: Bin Liu & Jili Dong
HAFS v0.A (SAR) and HAFS v0.B set ups: model grids

The NATL basin focused standalone regional (SAR) domain configuration (3km)
- C768 with a refinement ratio of 4
- the regional domain size: 2880x1920 (~85x56deg)

The NATL basin focused global-nesting domain configuration (3 km, global at 13 km)
- C768 with a refinement ratio of 4
- the nested domain size of 2880x1536 (~85x45deg)
Hurricane Dorian forecasts using the HAFSv0.A configuration from HFIP real-time experiments.

Dorian track forecasts from HAFS picked up on the right turn before the operational models.
HAFS track forecasts for the NATL 2019 season

**Track error**

- Smaller track error from HAFS

**Track skill**

- Better track skill from HAFS

**Along track bias**

- Slower storms in along track direction

**Cross track bias**

- Rightward bias
HAFS intensity forecasts (wind) for the 2019 NATL season

- Large initial intensity errors in both HAFS models (spin down)
- Error reduced at 6 hours and increases afterwards till Day 3
- Relatively small errors at 120 hours
- Both HAFS models under-predict intensity in terms of maximum wind before Day 5
- HAFS v0.A and v0.B are comparable in intensity forecasts

HWRF has the best intensity skill except at Day 5
Lessons Learned: HAFS FY19 Real-time Experiments

- Results from real-time HAFS configurations are very similar until 5 days

- HAFS v0.B (global-with-nests) remains our long term goal; impact of feedback from nests on the global model remains an open science question

- HAFS v0.A configuration is computationally cheaper; provides for ease of use and close collaborations with FV3-SAR developments (Physics; DA; utilities etc.); but do these configurations fit for T2O?

- Need to consider low-resolution configurations with moving nests for T2O
Hurricane Moving Nest: Multiple Static Nests

Extend from One to Many Nests (non-overlapping, one per tile):
- Understand nesting code
- 1st stage toward multiple moving nests

Code Modifications:
- Grid and terrain generation step
- Interpolation of GFS initial conditions (chgres)
- FV3 dynamic core

FMS changes have been made for moving nests and telescopic nests

From: Xuejin Zhang
Hurricane Moving Nest : Two Static Nests on Two Tiles

- Implementation of two static nests in FV3GFS completed
- Bitwise identical results with baseline FV3GFS code
- Successful 168 hour forecast run
- Second nest results also validated

**Maria, Jose (NATL) and Otis (EPAC)**

- 10m wind speeds
- Init: 20170918 00Z
- 4x refinement (~25km)

From: Xuejin Zhang
HAFS 2\textsuperscript{nd} year Plans

- Accelerate multiple, telescopic, moving nest implementations in FV3
- FV3 nests coupled to ocean using CMEPS/NUOPC
- Test HWRF Physics and other available suites in FV3 using CCPP
- Implement vortex initialization and inner-core Hybrid En-VAR DA
- Explore coupled DA (Atmosphere-Ocean) within the JEDI framework (HSUP-2)
The FV3 first-guess is used to create synthetic profile-type *observations*

Ocean-relative observations are collected at radial intervals with respect to the forecast-time TC location (cyan points)

The positions for the observations is updated to reflect their respective locations relative to the observed TC-vitals position (red points)

The GSI assimilates these *observations* in order to relocate the TC
Progress on HAFS-HYCOM coupling

Tasks Completed:
- CMEPS coupler has been added to FV3 and HYCOM
- A side-by-side HAFS-HYCOM coupled forecast gives b4b reproducibility
- One single executable, both HAFS and HYCOM can be run simultaneously

Tasks Ongoing:
- One-way HAFS-HYCOM data exchange and validation
- New workflow developments in support of HAFS-HYCOM coupling
Long-term Target for HAFS/GFS

06L: Florence; 08L: Helene; 09L: Isaac; 17E: Olivia; 26W: Mangkhut
Thanks!
Hurricane Analysis and Forecast System (HAFS)

- A collaborative effort within the Unified Forecast System (UFS) Framework.

- National Centers for Environmental Prediction/Environmental Modeling Center
- Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory/Hurricane Research Division
- Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory
- Aircraft Operations Center
- National Center for Atmospheric Research/Developmental Testbed Center
- Earth System Research Laboratory/Global Systems Division
- Earth System Research Laboratory/NOAA Environmental Software Infrastructure and Interoperability
- ESRL/GSD
- ESRL/NESII
- NCAR/DTC
- AOML/HRD
- GFDL
- NCEP/EMC

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HAFS Overview and Objectives

- In order to address the Section 104 of *Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017*, the next generation of HFIP will build upon the original goals of the project through the following specific goals and metrics:
  - Reduce forecast guidance errors, including during RI, by 50% from 2017.
  - Produce 7-day forecast guidance as good as the 2017 5-day forecast guidance;
  - Improve guidance on pre-formation disturbances, including genesis timing, and track and intensity forecasts, by 20% from 2017;
  - Improve hazard guidance and risk communication, based on social and behavioral science, to modernize the TC product suite (products, information, and services) for actionable lead-times for storm surge and all other threats.

- Developing and advancing the Hurricane Analysis and Forecast System is one of the key strategies to address the next generation HFIP’s science and R2O challenges.