

SPECIAL PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

Progress Reports should be 2 to 10 pages in length, depending on importance of the project. All the following mandatory information needs to be provided.

Reporting year	2015
Project Title:	Optimization of the OceanVar oceanographic data assimilation system for high-resolution applications
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Name of ECMWF scientist(s) collaborating to the project (if applicable)	
Start date of the project:	30.05-2015
Expected end date:	31.12.2017

Computer resources allocated/used for the current year and the previous one

(if applicable)

Please answer for all project resources

August 2015

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		Previous year		Current year	
		Allocated	Used	Allocated	Used
High Performance Computing Facility	(units)			150000	0
Data storage capacity	(Gbytes)			500	100

Summary of project objectives

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The project aims at improving the horizontal operator used in OceanVar, the variational data assimilation system developed at CMCC for ocean reanalysis and operational oceanography.

In particular, in OceanVar the horizontal correlations are modelled through a recursive filter, with spatially inhomogeneous correlation length-scales. In the project, we plan to i) replace the use of an artificial extended grid - used at the moment to overcome the problem of defining boundary conditions for the recursive filter - with analytical boundary conditions, and ii) improve the scalability of OceanVar by implementing efficient algorithms for the parallelization of the recursive filter.

Summary of problems encountered (if any)

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Summary of results of the current year (from July of previous year to June of current year)

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Given the fact that the project started beginning of May 2015, and most of researchers involved in the project did not have any account on the ECMWF supercomputing center, we used this short initial period to start porting the OceanVar code and some test cases on the ECMWF machine.

List of publications/reports from the project with complete references

Summary of plans for the continuation of the project

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On a uniform grid and with constant length scales, it can be shown that the recursive filter can be slightly modified in order to take into account different boundary conditions, such as periodic conditions for example. This idea can be extended to non-uniform grid (ORCA) and location-dependent length scales, and we are currently working on its implementation in our 3D-VAR system.

The modifications will be implemented and tested shortly on the ECMWF platform.