Object-Oriented Prediction System

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Why OOPS?

- The IFS is a very good global weather forecasting system. However, continuous improvements are necessary to stay at the forefront.

- There is uncertainty in scientific methods that will be used in the future, for example in the data assimilation and dynamical core areas.

- Scalability has become a major concern in view of new computer architectures: addressing it will require significant algorithmic changes.
  - The code can be optimized routine by routine to increase scalability only up to a certain point.
  - Significant leaps in the level of available parallelism can only be achieved through scientific progress in the formulation of the algorithms.

- A very flexible code is needed to test such developments and ideas.

- The code must also be reliable, efficient and readable.
It should be easy to modify the system (new science, new functionality, better scalability...)

Different concepts should be treated in different parts of the code.

A requirement is that a change to one aspect should not imply changes all over the place.

- No code duplication: same modification in many places but also difficult to find and leads to bugs.
- No global variables: a modification might have unforeseen consequences anywhere.
- Think of it in terms of *locality* in the source code (as opposed to discontinuous code that jumps all over the place).
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  - Internal consistency and correctness of results (not scientific evaluation),
  - Mechanism to run all the tests easily,
  - Tests run automatically on push to source repository (ECMWF).
The IFS is one of the most computationally efficient and scalable weather forecasting systems.

The maintenance cost has become very high and new releases take longer and longer to create and debug.

It is more and more difficult for newcomers to learn the system and it takes longer to be productive.

Readable code is not less efficient.

Readability is staff efficiency: it is as important as computational efficiency (it’s just more difficult to measure).
Flexible, reliable, readable, efficient.

This is not specific to the IFS: all developers want codes that are modular, reliable, flexible and efficient.

Since the IFS was designed, in the late 1980's, the software industry has progressed tremendously to make this possible.

The techniques that have emerged to answer these needs are called generic and object-oriented programming.

We have started to re-design our system using this technology in the Object-Oriented Prediction System (OOPS).
The weather forecasting problem can be broken into manageable pieces:

- Data assimilation (or ensemble prediction) can be described without knowing the specifics of a model or observations.
- Minimisation algorithms can be written without knowing the details of the matrices and vectors involved.
- Development of a dynamical core on a new model grid should not require knowledge of the data assimilation algorithm.

All aspects exist but scientists focus on one aspect at a time: the code should reflect this.

Object-oriented programming does not solve scientific problems in itself: it provides a more powerful way to tell the computer what to do.

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- The Models implement the building blocks.
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- Biases (model and observations) will also be needed.

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Utility classes:

- Config, DateTime, Duration, Logger...

Auxiliary classes:

- Geometry, ModelConfiguration, TLM (Trajectory), Locations, ModelAtLocations (GOM)
OOPS Classes

- OOPS requires a consistent set of classes that work together with predefined interfaces:

  ▶ In model space:
  1. Geometry
  2. State
  3. Increment
  4. ModelConfiguration
  5. LinearModel (Trajectory)

  ▶ In observation space:
  6. ObsOperator
  7. ObsAuxControl;
  8. ObsAuxIncrement;
  9. ObsVector
  10. ObsOperatorTrajectory;

  ▶ To make the link:
  11. Locations
  12. ModelAtLocations

  ▶ Covariance matrices (if generic ones are not used):
  13. Model space (B and Q)
  14. Observation space (R)
  15. Localization (4D-Ens-Var)

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- Observation and model errors (biases) will be added.
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#include "oops/runs/Forecast.h"

int main(int argc, char ** argv) {
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    int info = run.execute();
    return info;
}
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- The covariance matrices are chosen at run time because some are generic (Ensemble or hybrid B, diagonal R).

- The classes in the trait definition might be abstract base classes (see QgObservation).
Encapsulating Fortran Code in C++ Classes

C++

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public:

    doSomething() {
        do_work(&data_);
    }

private:
    Fdata * data_;

} // Give a class to pointer

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Interface (ISO)

subroutine do_work(c_self)
use iso_c_bindings
use mytype_mod

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type(mytype), pointer :: self

call c_f_pointer(c_self, self)
call do_it(self)
end subroutine do_work

Fortran

module mytype_mod

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contains

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- The Fortran module does not know about C++: it is fully usable in the rest of the Fortran code.
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The main point of information about OOPS is the wiki page: https://software.ecmwf.int/wiki/display/OOPS/OOPS+Home

The source code is accessible from the git repository (via stash): https://software.ecmwf.int/stash/projects/OOPS

The IFS component are in the usual perforce repository.
Why OOPS?
- What do we want to develop?
- Why cannot we do it in the IFS?

OOPS General Design
- How can we address the problems above?
- What basic classes do we need (building blocks)?
- Run time vs. compile time polymorphism

Details of some classes
- Basic classes: State, Observations
- Building a DA system: CostFunction, Minimizer

Not enough time to cover every class in OOPS
- Enough to understand the main structure
- Examples of “object-thinking”
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The nature of the optimization problem is different: we need to explore dual space (i.e. observation space) algorithms (or mixed primal/dual).
Incremental 4D-Var in the IFS is achieved by executing the IFS several times.

Running 1 executable instead of 7 would reduce I/O and start-up costs.

We need states and increments at different resolutions (inner and outer loops).
Another concern: IFS complexity

It means growth of maintenance, development costs, and number of bugs.
Current situation in the IFS

- Most high level routines don’t have arguments (global variables).
  - Assumes that there is only one state, one set of observations, one...
  - Algorithms not envisaged at the outset (25+ years ago) are extremely difficult to implement.

- Setup routines are separated from the rest of the code.
  - All variables have to be accessible from four places (module, namelist, setup, subroutine) instead of one.

- Entities are not always independent.
  - $H^T R^{-1} H$ is one piece (jumble) of code.

- No structure exists to manipulate vectors in observation space (or in model space!).
  - Observation space algorithms are practically impossible to implement.

- The nonlinear model $\mathcal{M}$ can only be integrated once per execution.
  - Algorithms that require several calls to $\mathcal{M}$ can only be written at script level.
  - It is not possible to run 4D-Var in one executable which affects performance.

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- **Covariance matrices:**
  - Setup,
  - Multiply by matrix (and possibly its inverse).
The 4D-Var problem, and the algorithm to solve it, can be described with a very limited number of entities:

- **Vectors**: $x$, $y$, $g$ and $\delta x$.
- **Covariances matrices**: $B$, $R$ (and eventually $Q$).
- **Two operators and their linearised counterparts**: $M$, $M^T$, $H$, $H^T$.

All data assimilation schemes manipulate the same limited number of entities.

For future (unknown) developments these entities should be easily available and reusable.

We have not mentioned any details about how any of the operations are performed, how data is stored or what the model represents.
OOPS Abstract Design

- OOPS is independent of the model and the physical system it represents.

- Flexibility (including yet unknown future development) requires that this goes both ways.

- The Models do not know about the high level algorithm currently being run:
  - All actions are driven by OOPS,
  - All data, input and output, is passed by arguments.

- Models interfaces must be general enough to cater for all cases, and detailed enough to be able to perform the required actions.

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```

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- The classes in the trait definition might be abstract base classes (see QgObservation).
Source code

- Top level scientific code in `src/oops/runs`
- The structure for oops source code is:

```
/path/to/oops
  src
    logger
    oops
      assimilation
      base
      runs
    test
    util
  195
  qg
  ...
```
namespace oops 
{

template <typename MODEL> class Forecast {

typedef typename MODEL::Geometry Geometry_;
typedef typename MODEL::ModelAuxControl ModelAuxCtrl_;
typedef typename MODEL::ModelConfiguration ModelConfig_;
typedef typename MODEL::State State_;

public:
Forecast() {}
~Forecast() {}
int execute(const util::Config &)
};

} // namespace oops

- The typedefs are aliases to shorter names to avoid repeating the entire name: typedef typename MODEL::Geometry
- MODEL::Geometry would have been nicer but in many places it is not enough...
- The short names are consistent throughout the code (generated by script).
```cpp
int execute(const util::Config & fullConfig) {
    // Setup resolution
    const util::Config resolConfig(fullConfig, "resolution");
    const Geometry_ resol(resolConfig);

    // Setup ModelConfig_
    const util::Config modelConfig(fullConfig, "model");
    const ModelConfig_ model(resol, modelConfig);

    // Setup initial state
    const util::Config initialConfig(fullConfig, "initial");
    LOG(Configs) << "Initial configuration is:
\n" << initialConfig;
    ModelState<MODEL> xx(model, initialConfig);
    LOGS(Info, Test) << "Initial state:" << xx;

    // Setup augmented state
    ModelAuxCtrl_ moderr(initialConfig);

    // Setup times
    const util::Duration fclength(fullConfig.getData("forecast_length"));
    const util::DateTime bgndate(xx.validTime());
    const util::DateTime enddate(bgndate + fclength);
    LOG(Info) << "Running forecast from " << bgndate << " to " << enddate;

    // Setup forecast outputs
    PostProcessor<State_> post;
    const util::Config outConfig(fullConfig, "output");
    post.enrollProcessor(new StateWriter<State_>(bgndate, outConfig));

    // Run forecast
    xx.forecast(moderr, fclength, post);

    LOGS(Info, Test) << "Final state:" << xx;
    return 0;
}
```
class Resolution {
public:
    explicit Resolution(const util::Config & conf): resol_(conf.getInt("resol")) {}
    Resolution(const Resolution & other): resol_(other.resol_) {}
    ~Resolution() {}

    int toFortran() const { return resol_; }

    friend std::ostream & operator << (std::ostream &, const Resolution &);

private:
    const int resol_;}

- OOPS expects very little from such a class.
- Some method are specific and not used by OOPS (toFortran).
class IncrementL95: public FieldL95, public oops::GeneralizedDepartures,
    private util::ObjectCounter<IncrementL95> {

public:
    static const std::string classname() { return "lorenz95::IncrementL95";}

/// Constructor, destructor
    IncrementL95(const Resolution &, const oops::Variables &, const util::DateTime &);
    IncrementL95(const IncrementL95 &, const Resolution &);
    IncrementL95(const IncrementL95 &, const bool copy = true);
    virtual ~IncrementL95();

/// Basic operators
    void diff(const StateL95 &, const StateL95 &);
    IncrementL95 & operator=(const IncrementL95 &);
    IncrementL95 & operator+=(const IncrementL95 &);
    IncrementL95 & operator-=(const IncrementL95 &);
    IncrementL95 & operator*=(const double &);
    void zero();
    void axpy(const double &, const IncrementL95 &, const bool check = true);
    double dot_product_with(const IncrementL95 &) const;
    void schur_product_with(const IncrementL95 &);
    void timeUpdate(const util::Duration &);

● The compiler will check the types of the arguments during template instantiation. Run-time polymorphism would require downcasting.
States are similar but without the linear algebra.
States and Increments are used by OOPS directly.
OOPS also adds functionality by defining sub-classes (decorator).
It is a templated class, the template argument is a model trait.

Note the reference to a ModelConfig object.
forecast calls the PostProcessors at each time step (Observer pattern).

- PostProcessors are very generic: I/O, FullPos, print information...

- It is the responsibility of the PostProcessors to know when and what actions are needed, not of the model.

- The responsibility of the model (step) is to move the state in time, nothing else.
template <typename MODEL> class Observations {
public:
    Observations(const util::Config &, const util::DateTime &, const util::DateTime &);
    Observations(const Observations &, const bool copyObs = true);
    ~Observations();
    Observations & operator=(const Observations &);

    /// Interactions with Departures
    Departures_ * newDepartures(const std::string & name = "") const;
    Departures_ operator-(const Observations & other) const;
    Observations & operator+=(const Departures_ &);

    /// Get GOM
    GOM_ * newGOM(const util::DateTime &, const util::DateTime &) const;

    /// Get observations locations
    ObsLocations_ * locations(const util::DateTime &, const util::DateTime &) const;

    /// Get observation operator trajectory
    ObsOpTraj_ * newObsTraj() const;

    /// Compute observations equivalents
    void runObsOperator(const GOM_ &, const ObsAuxCtrl_ &);
    void runObsOperator(const GOM_ &, const ObsAuxCtrl_ &, ObsOpTraj_ &);

    /// Save observations values
    void save(const std::string &) const;

    /// Print human readable observations informations
    friend std::ostream & operator<<(std::ostream &, const Observations &);
template <typename MODEL> class Observations {
public:
// continued...

/// Generate observation distribution
void generateDistribution(const util::Config &);

/// Start of assimilation window
const util::DateTime & windowStart() const { return winbgn_; }

/// End of assimilation window
const util::DateTime & windowEnd() const { return winend_; }

/// Double despatch for obs error covariance methods
ObsErrorBase_ * helpCovarCreate(const util::Config & conf) const;
void helpCovarLinearize(ObsErrorBase_ & R) const { R.linearize(*obs_); }

private:
boost::shared_ptr<ObsOperator_> oper_;  
boost::scoped_ptr<ObsVector_> obs_;    
const util::DateTime winbgn_;   
const util::DateTime winend_;  
};

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- One class for each term (more flexible).

- Call a method on each object on the fly while the model is running.
  - Uses the PostProcessor structure already in place (observer pattern).
  - Finalize each term and add the terms together at the end.

- The terms can be re-used (or not) for various formulations (3D-Var, 4D-Var, weak constraint, 4D-Ens-Var...).

- Each formulation derives from an abstract CostFunction base class.
  - Code duplication between strong and weak constraint 4D-Var: use in the same derived class (weak constraint) or write the weak constraint 4D-Var as a sum of strong constraint terms for each sub-window.
  - It was decided to keep 3D-Var and 4D-Var for readability reasons.
  - The choice of cost function is made at run time via a factory.
template<typename MODEL> class CostFunction : private boost::noncopyable {
    public:
        explicit CostFunction(const ModelConfig_ &);
        virtual ~CostFunction() {} 
        
        double evaluate(const CtrlVar_ &, const util::Config &, PostProcessor<State_> &) const;
        double linearize(const CtrlVar_ &, const util::Config &, PostProcessor<State_> &);
        virtual void runTLM(CtrlInc_ &, PostProcessor<Increment_> &, PostProcessorTL<Increment_> &) const =0;
        virtual void runADJ(CtrlInc_ &, PostProcessor<Increment_> &, PostProcessorAD<Increment_> &) const =0;
        void addIncrement(CtrlVar_ &, const CtrlInc_ &, PostProcessor<Increment_> post = PostProcessor<Increment_>() ) const;
        void resetLinearization();
        
        /// Access to Jb and other terms of the cost function
        const CostJbBase<MODEL> & jb() const {return *jb_;}
        const CostBase_ & jterm(const unsigned ii) const {return jterms_[ii];}
        
        /// Cost function gradient at first guess.
        CtrlInc_ getGradientFG() const;
    
    private:
        virtual void runNL(CtrlVar_ &, PostProcessor<State_> &) const =0;
        
        // Data members
        const ModelConfig_ & model_;
        boost::scoped_ptr<CostJbBase<MODEL>> jb_; 
        boost::ptr_vector<CostBase_> jterms_; 
        boost::ptr_vector<LinearModel_> tlm_; 
};

A few methods have been removed for the presentation.
Cost Function Base Class

```cpp
template<typename MODEL>
double CostFunction<MODEL>::evaluate(const CtrlVar_ & fguess,
                                         const util::Config & config,
                                         PostProcessor<State_> & post) const {

// Setup terms of cost function
    PostProcessor<State_> pp(post);
    for (unsigned jj = 0; jj < jterms_.size(); ++jj) {
        pp.enrollProcessor(jterms_[jj].initialize(fguess));
    }

// Run NL model
    CtrlVar_ xx(fguess);
    this->runNL(xx, pp);

// Cost function value
    const util::Config diagnostic(config, "diagnostics", true);
    double zzz = jb_->evaluate(fguess, xx);
    for (unsigned jj = 0; jj < jterms_.size(); ++jj) {
        zzz += jterms_[jj].finalize(diagnostic);
    }
    LOGS(Info, Test) << "CostFunction: Nonlinear J = " << zzz;
    return zzz;
}
```

- Saving the model linearization trajectory is also the responsibility of a PostProcessor.
- Only $J_b$ has a special role.
Specific implementations of abstract methods from the base class.
The cost function is created by a factory according to the configuration (src/oops/runs/Variational.h)

```cpp
// Setup cost function
const util::Config cfConf(fullConfig, "cost_function");
boost::scoped_ptr<CostFunction<MODEL>> J(CostFactory<MODEL>::create(cfConf, model));
```

- A smart pointer is used to take ownership of the pointer returned by the factory...
- because the factory cannot return a reference.

It is very easy to add new cost function implementations.

4D-Ens-Var was added in a few hours.
- OO is not magic and will not solve scientific questions by itself.
- Scientific questions (localization) remain but scientific work can start.
- Weeks of work would have been necessary in the IFS.
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General Comments about OO Design

- Who owns each object?
- Who has responsibility for a given piece of information? For a given action?
- One class == one responsibility
  - Don’t do too much but do it well.
  - Focus on one problem at a time.
  - Compose classes for more complex tasks.

Use of smart pointers:
- When possible use a reference,
- If a reference won’t do, try a scoped pointer,
- If a scoped pointer doesn’t work, try a shared pointer,
- If a shared pointer doesn’t work, try an auto (or unique) pointer,
- Only if all else fails use a plain pointer (risk of memory leak, lacks information about the intent of the design).