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THEORY AND PRACTICE OF DATA ASSIMILATION



1. Infer quantities that cannot be easily measured directly

- Data assimilation to infer the state of the atmosphere, x(t).
- Weak-constraint 4d-Var. to infer sources and sinks of trace gases.



• Gravity wave drag diagnosis.



• Extracting information from cloudy satellite data.



2. Forecast error characterization

• Balance models of forecast error.



• Forecast error structure on convective scales.



• Multi-scale (wavelet) models of forecast error.

