

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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 - ▶ Mechanism to run all the tests easily,
 - ▶ Tests run automatically on push to source repository (ECMWF).

Efficient vs. Readable

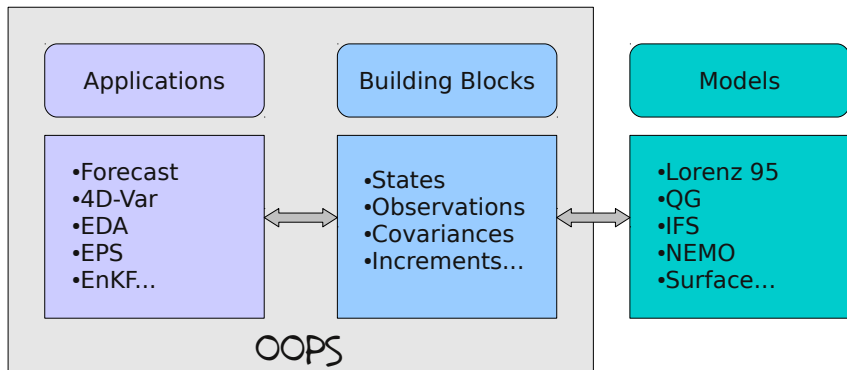
- The IFS is one of the most computationally efficient and scalable weather forecasting systems.
- The maintenance cost has become very high and new releases take longer and longer to create and debug.
- It is more and more difficult for newcomers to learn the system and it takes longer to be productive.
- 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).

Object-Oriented and Weather Forecasting

- 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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 - ▶ Covariance matrices (if generic ones are not used):
 13. Model space (**B** and **Q**)
 14. Observation space (**R**)
 15. Localization (4D-Ens-Var)
- Approximately 100 methods to be implemented (in Fortran or not).
- Observation and model errors (biases) will be added.

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Run time vs. Compile time polymorphism

- The model is chosen at compile time via template instantiation.

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#include "model/QgTraits.h"
#include "oops/runs/Forecast.h"

int main(int argc, char ** argv) {
    qg::RunQg< oops::Forecast<qg::QgTraits> > run(argc, argv);
    int info = run.execute();
    return info;
};
```

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ifs::RunIfs< oops::Forecast<ifs::IfsTraits> > run(argc, argv);
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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).

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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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Getting OOPS

- 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.

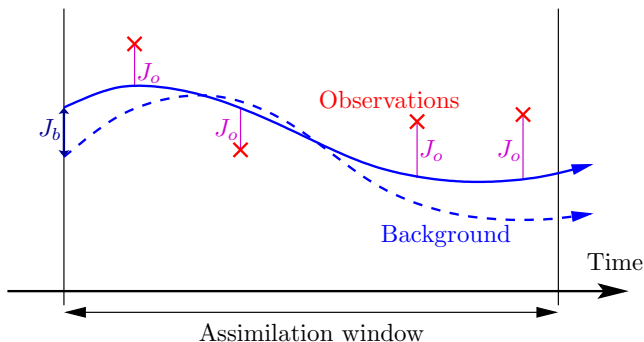
OOPS Design

- 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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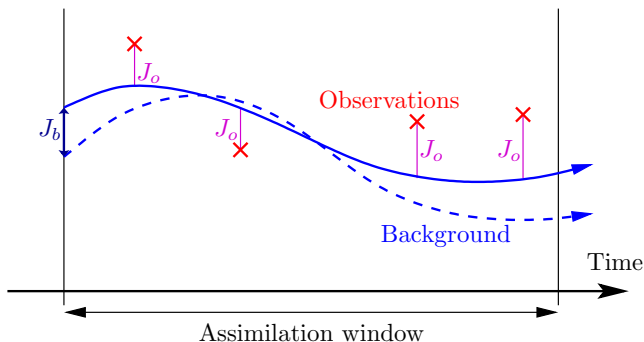


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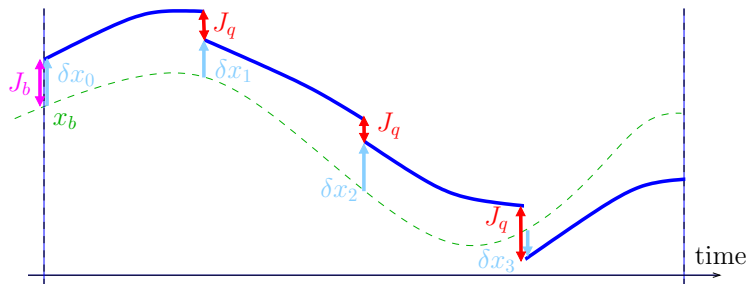


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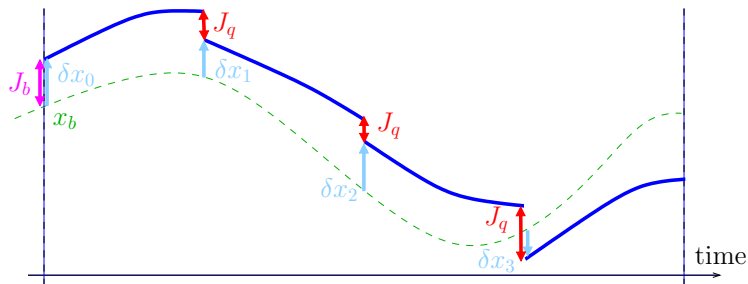
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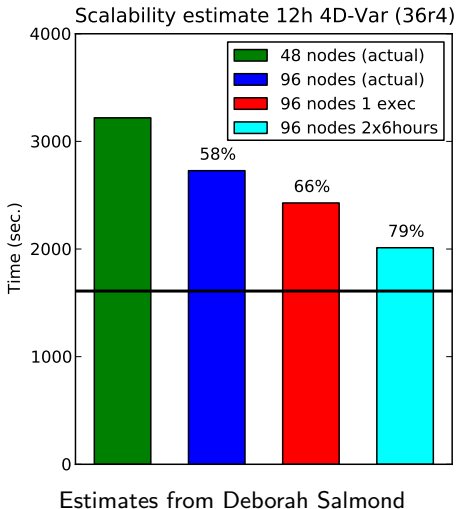


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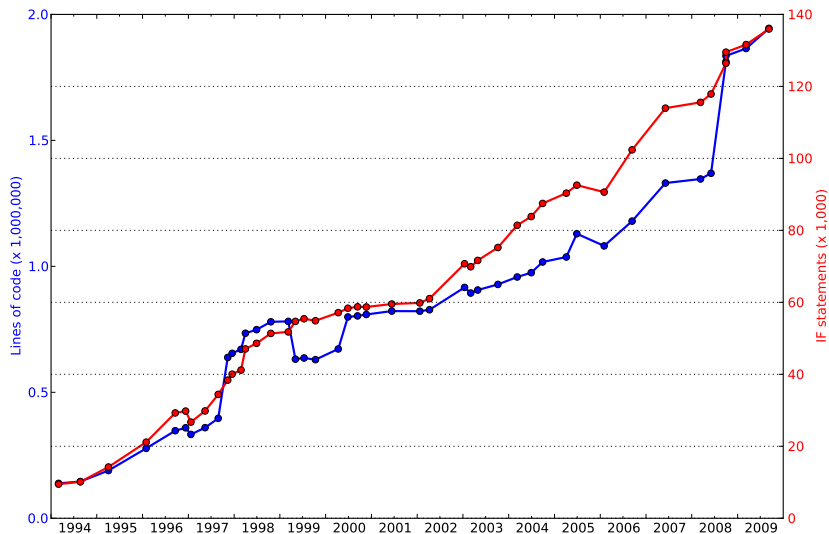
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- The nature of the optimization problem is different: we need to explore dual space (i.e. observation space) algorithms (or mixed primal/dual).

More Scalability in 4D-Var



- 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.
 - ▶ $\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{H}$ 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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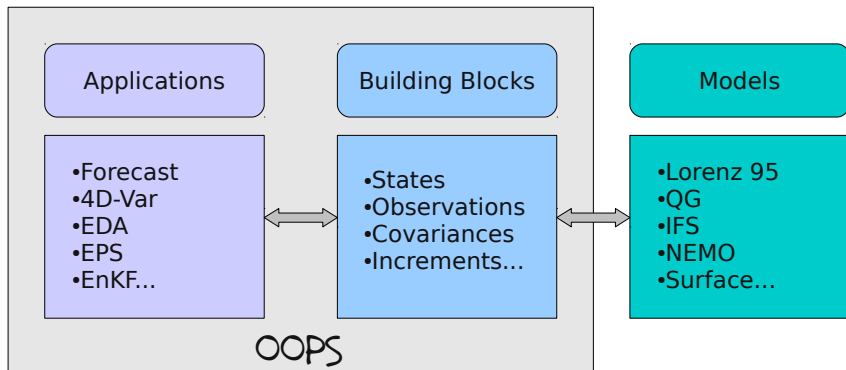
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- The 4D-Var problem, and the algorithm to solve it, can be described with a very limited number of entities:
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 - ▶ Covariances matrices: \mathbf{B} , \mathbf{R} (and eventually \mathbf{Q}).
 - ▶ Two operators and their linearised counterparts: \mathcal{M} , \mathbf{M} , \mathbf{M}^T , \mathcal{H} , \mathbf{H} , \mathbf{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 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,
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- 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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  typedef ifs::IncrementIFS    Increment;
  typedef ifs::LinearModelIFS  LinearModel;
  typedef ifs::NullModelAux    ModelAuxControl;
  typedef ifs::NullModelAux    ModelAuxIncrement;

  typedef ifs::AllObs          ObsOperator;
  typedef ifs::AllObsTraj     ObsOperatorLinearizationTrajectory;
  typedef ifs::NullObsAux     ObsAuxControl;
  typedef ifs::NullObsAux     ObsAuxIncrement;
  typedef ifs::ObsVector      ObsVector;

  typedef ifs::LocationsIFS    Locations;
  typedef ifs::GomsIFS         ModelAtLocations;

  typedef ifs::LocalizationMatrixIFS  LocalizationMatrix;
};

```

The trait is used as a template argument <MODEL>: compile time polymorphism.

Run time vs. Compile time polymorphism

- The model is chosen at compile time via template instantiation.

```
#include "mains/RunQg.h"
#include "model/QgTraits.h"
#include "oops/runs/Forecast.h"

int main(int argc, char ** argv) {
    qg::RunQg< oops::Forecast<qg::QgTraits> > run(argc, argv);
    int info = run.execute();
    return info;
};
```

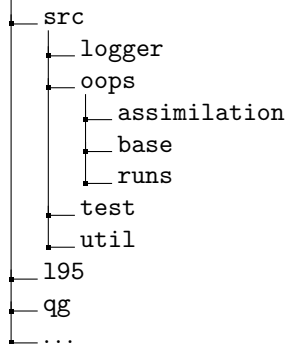
```
ifs::RunIfs< oops::Forecast<ifs::IfsTraits> > run(argc, argv);
```

- 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).

Source code

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

`/path/to/oops`



Forecast class

```
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: `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).

Forecast class

```
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;  
}
```

A simple class: Geometry (L95)

```
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).

Increment (L95)

```
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.

Increment (L95)

```
class IncrementL95: public FieldL95, public oops::GeneralizedDepartures,
                  private util::ObjectCounter<IncrementL95> {
public:
    // Interpolate to observation location
    void interpolateTL(const LocsL95 &, GomL95 &) const;
    void interpolateAD(const LocsL95 &, const GomL95 &);

    // Access to data... Could we do without that?
    FieldF90 ** getFields() {return FieldL95::toFortran();}
    const FieldF90 * const * getFields() const {return FieldL95::toFortran();}

protected:
    void initTL(const TLML95 &);
    void initAD(const TLML95 &);
    void stepTL(const TLML95 &, const ModelError &);
    void stepAD(const TLML95 &, ModelError &);

    void accumul(const double & zz, const StateL95 & xx);
};
```

- 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).

ModelState and ModelIncrement

```
template <typename MODEL> class ModelState: public MODEL::State,
      private util::ObjectCounter<ModelState<MODEL> >
{
    typedef typename MODEL::ModelAuxControl      ModelAuxCtrl_;
    typedef typename MODEL::ModelConfiguration    ModelConfig_;
    typedef typename MODEL::State                State_;

public:
    ModelState(const ModelConfig_ &, const util::Config &);
    ModelState(const State_ &, const ModelConfig_ &);
    ~ModelState();

    // Run a forecast
    void forecast(const ModelAuxCtrl_ &, const util::Duration &,
                 PostProcessor<State_> &);

    static const std::string classname() {return "ModelState";}

private:
    const ModelConfig_ & model_;
};
```

- It is a templated class, the template argument is a model trait.
- Note the reference to a ModelConfig object.

ModelState and ModelIncrement

```
template<typename MODEL>
void ModelState<MODEL>::forecast(const ModelAuxCtrl_ & mctl, const util::Duration & len,
                               PostProcessor<State_> & post) {
    const util::DateTime end(validTime() + len);
    LOG(Info) << "ModelState:forecast: Starting forecast, time is " << validTime();
    LOG(Info) << "Start NL" << *this;

    post.initialize(validTime(), end, model_.timestep());
    this->init(model_);
    post.process(*this);

    while (validTime() < end) {
        this->step(model_, mctl);
        post.process(*this);
    }

    ASSERT(validTime() == end);
    post.finalize();
    LOG(Info) << "ModelState:forecast: Finished forecast, time is " << validTime();
    LOG(Info) << "End NL" << *this;
}
```

- 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.

Observations

```
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 &);
};
```

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```
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 dispatch 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_;
};
```

- The double dispatch is a technique to preserve the encapsulation.
- The smart pointers take care of the memory management for us.

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Cost Function Implementation

- 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.

Cost Function Base Class

```

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

```

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.

4D-Var Cost Function

```

template<typename MODEL> class CostFct4DVar : public CostFunction<MODEL> {
public:
    CostFct4DVar(const util::Config &, const ModelConfig_ &);
    ~CostFct4DVar() {}

    void runTLM(CtrlInc_ &,
               PostProcessor<Increment_>&, PostProcessorTL<Increment_>&) const;
    void runADJ(CtrlInc_ &,
               PostProcessor<Increment_>&, PostProcessorAD<Increment_>&) const;

private:
    void runNL(CtrlVar_ &, PostProcessor<State_>&) const;
    void addIncr(CtrlVar_ &, const CtrlInc_ &, PostProcessor<Increment_>&) const;

    CostJb<MODEL> * newJb(const util::Config &, const Geometry_ &) const;
    CostJo<MODEL> * newJo(const util::Config &) const;
    CostTermBase<MODEL> * newJc(const util::Config &, const Geometry_ &) const;

    util::Duration windowLength_;
    util::DateTime windowBegin_;
    util::DateTime windowEnd_;
};

```

- Specific implementations of abstract methods from the base class.

Using the Cost Function

- The cost function is created by a factory according to the configuration (src/oops/runs/Variational.h)

```
// 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).