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Novel adjoint advection schemes for Atmospheric Chemistry

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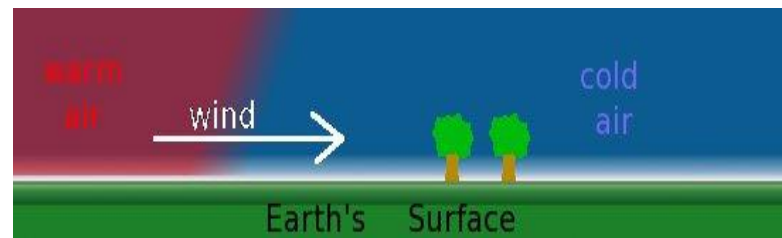
Outline

- ***Motivation***
 - ***atmospheric chemistry & 4D-var data assimilation***
- ***Adjoint developments***
- ***Numerical results***

Atmospheric chemistry transport modeling

General atmospheric processes

- emission
- **transport**
- chemistry
- deposition



Numerical models are used to simulate atmospheric motion and provide better understanding of the processes determining the dynamical and chemical state

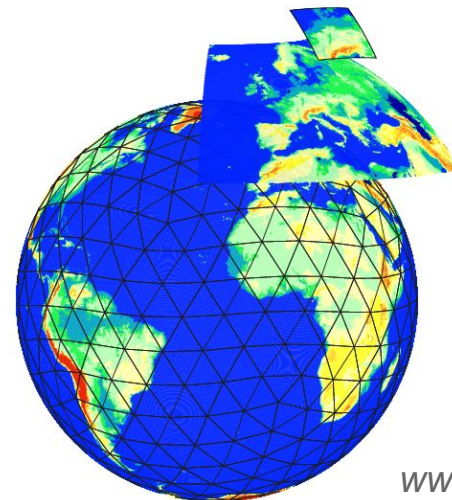
Transport continuity equation

$$\frac{\partial(\rho q)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho q v) = 0$$

ρ – density

q – mass concentration

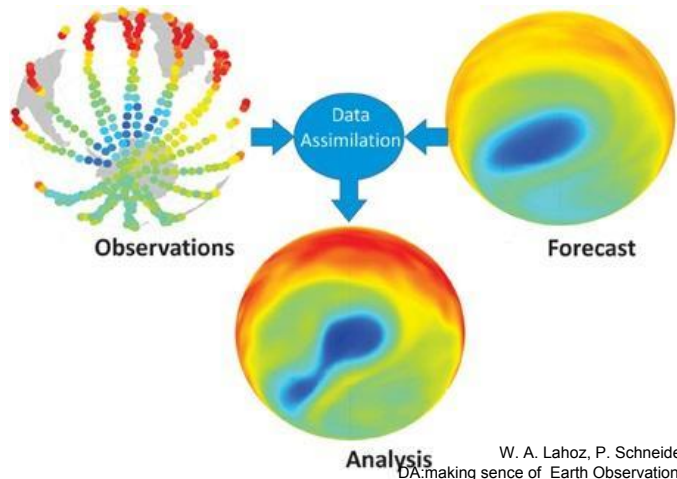
v – wind velocity vector



4D-var data assimilation (I)

(= space-time DA)

Benefit from satellite observation data for improved atmospheric chemistry and Climate Model performance



Combining models with observations:
a complex mathematical optimisation task

Result: the accuracy of the forecast is
greatly improved

ICON Model

Joint project of German Weather Service (DWD)
and Max-Planck Institute of Meteorology (MPI-M)



ICON model icosahedral grid, Zängl et. al, 2014

4D-var data assimilation (II)

Cost function

$$J(q_0) = f^b(q_0, q^b) + \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} f^o(q, q^o, t, \lambda, \theta) d\lambda d\theta dt$$

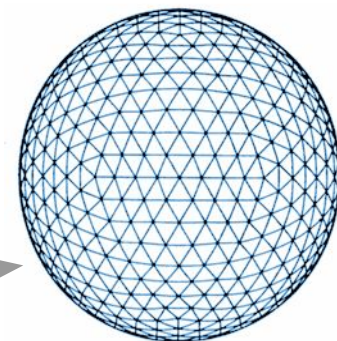
Ω - surface of the sphere

(λ, θ) - longitude-latitude coordinates

\vec{q}_0 - initial concentration (eg. greenhouse gases)

\vec{q}^o - observational data (satellite or ground-based measurements)

\vec{q}^b - background information



Source: ICON Database- Reference Manual

Data assimilation problem: find the initial state q_0 that minimizes the cost function subject to the constraints:

$$\frac{\partial(\rho q)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho q \vec{v}) = 0 \quad q(0, \lambda, \theta) = q_0(\lambda, \theta)$$

Solution approach

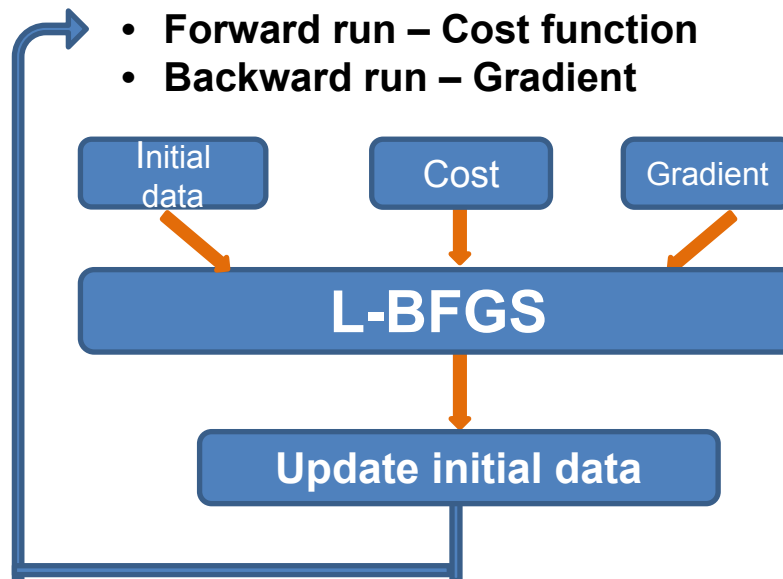
Gradient

$$\nabla_{q_0} J(q_0) = \nabla_{q_0} f^b(q_0, q^b) - \rho(0, \lambda, \theta) q^*(0, \lambda, \theta)$$

$q^*(0, \lambda, \theta)$ -solution at $t = 0$ of the adjoint equation

Adjoint equation

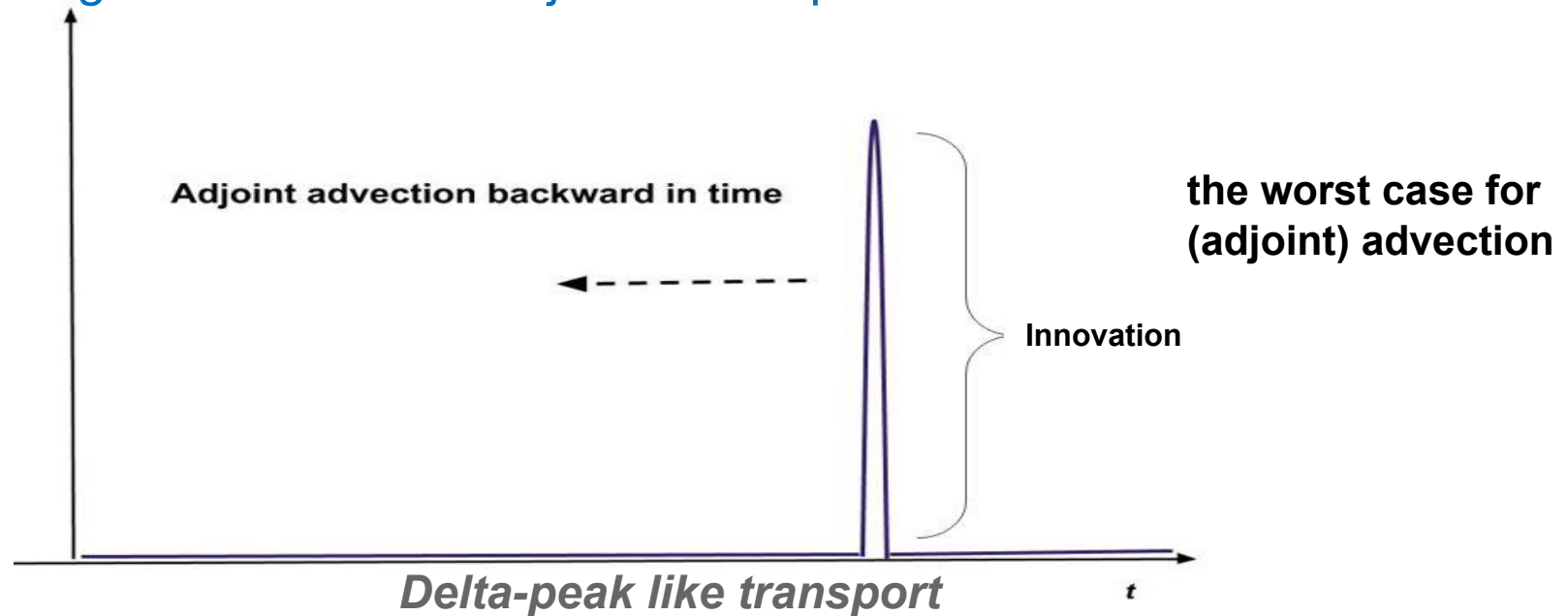
$$\rho\left(\frac{\partial q^*}{\partial t} + v \cdot \nabla q^*\right) = \nabla_q f^o(q, q^o, t, \lambda, \theta), \quad q^*(T, \lambda, \theta) = 0$$



L-BFGS -Limited-memory
Broyden-Fletcher-Goldfarb-Shanno,
minimisation algorithm

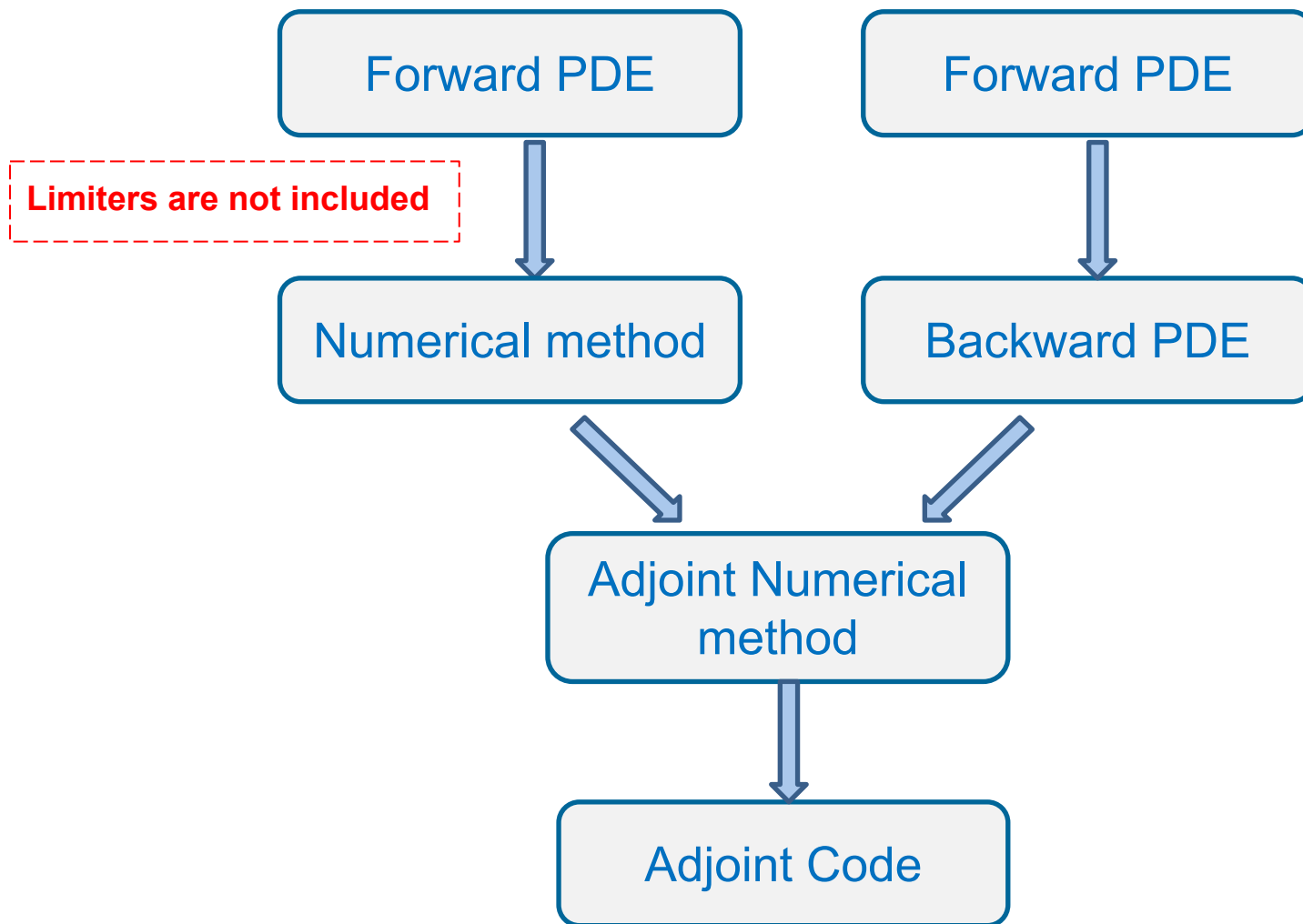
Numerical challenge for adjoint development

- Delta-peak like transport during backward transport of $\nabla_q f^o(q, q^o, t, \lambda, \theta)$ requires **non-linear schemes**
- MPI based parallel computations
- Long time needed on adjoint development and verification



Paths to build the adjoint code

Standard method



Paths to build the adjoint code

Standard method

Forward PDE

Limiters are not included

Numerical method

Art. source term method

Forward PDE

Backward PDE

Limiters are included

Adjoint Numerical
method



Adjoint Code

Adjoint operators for ICON advection schemes

Splitted 3D continuity equation

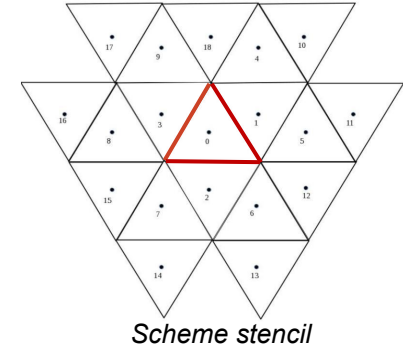
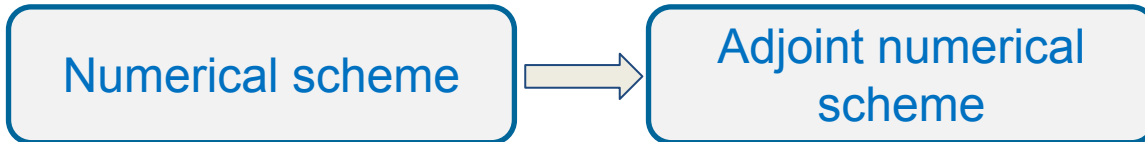
$$\frac{\partial(\rho q)}{\partial t} = \overset{\text{Horizontal}}{\mathcal{H}(\rho q)} + \overset{\text{Vertical}}{\mathcal{V}(\rho q)}$$

ICON Schemes

- Miura's scheme with third order least square reconstruction  Adjoint for **horizontal** scheme
- Third order Piecewise Parabolic Method (PPM)  Adjoint for **vertical** scheme

FCT Zalesak limiter (1979)

ICON-FFSL and its adjoint: standard method



- **Forward scheme**

$$\frac{\rho_j^{n+1} q_j^{n+1} - \rho_j^n q_j^n}{\Delta t} + \frac{1}{|\Omega_j|} \sum_{i \in S_j} \alpha_{ji} (\{\bar{\rho}_k^n, \bar{v}_k^n\}_{k \in K_{ji}}) q_i^n = 0, \quad S_j = \cup_{i \in I_j} K_{ji}$$

- **Adjoint scheme**

$$\bar{\rho}_j^n \frac{q_j^{*,n+1} - q_j^{*,n}}{\Delta t} + \frac{1}{|\Omega_j|} \sum_{i \in S_j^*} \alpha_{ij} (\{\bar{\rho}_k^n, \bar{v}_k^n\}_{k \in K_{ij}}) q_i^{*,n} = 0$$

K_{ji} -reference number of cells for flux F_{ji}
 S_j -reference number of cells on the stencil
 $I_j = \{1, 2, 3\}$

New method: artificial source term adjoint (I)

- Suitable form for **forward** problem

equivalent

$$\frac{\partial(\rho q)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho q \vec{v}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho q)}{\partial t} + (\rho q) \nabla \cdot (\vec{v}) + \vec{v} \nabla (\rho q) = 0$$

- Suitable form for **adjoint** problem

equivalent

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- Reuse existing forward code
- No need for extra parallelisation, use existing
- For discretisation of source term use existing solver with $q=const$
- No need for special adjoint limiting procedure

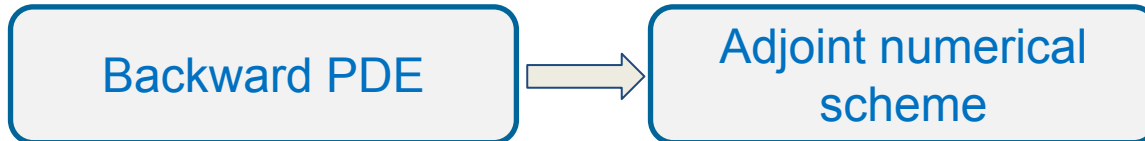


New method: artificial source term adjoint (II)

Theory:

- If forward scheme is stable adjoint scheme is also stable
- If accuracy of forward scheme is $O(h^k)$ then accuracy of adjoint scheme is $O(h^k)$
- If forward scheme is convergent then adjoint scheme is also convergent for smooth solution

ICON-FFSL and its adjoint: art. source term method



$$\rho \frac{\partial q^*}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho q^* \vec{v}) = q^* \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v})$$

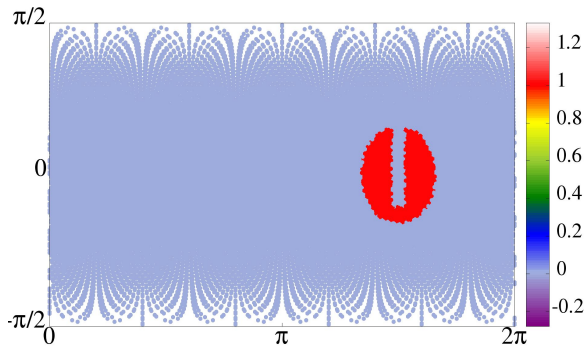
$$\bar{\rho}_j^n \frac{q_j^{*,n+1} - q_j^{*,n}}{\Delta t} + \frac{1}{|\Omega_j|} \sum_{i \in I_j} F_{ji}(\{\bar{\rho}_j^n, \bar{v}_k^n, q_k^{*,n}\}_{k \in K_{ji}}, \vec{n}_{ji}, l_{ji}) =$$
$$\frac{1}{|\Omega_j|} \sum_{i \in I_j} F_{ji}(\{\bar{\rho}_j^n, \bar{v}_k^n, q_j^{*,n}\}_{k \in K_{ji}}, \vec{n}_{ji}, l_{ji})$$

Using new method, limiters are directly inherited in adjoint equation, while for standard adjoint numerical scheme development extra procedure is necessary to include limiters.

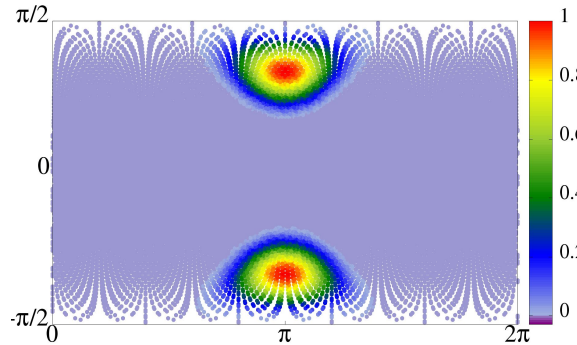
Numerical experiments - do the methods work ?

● Linear horizontal advection

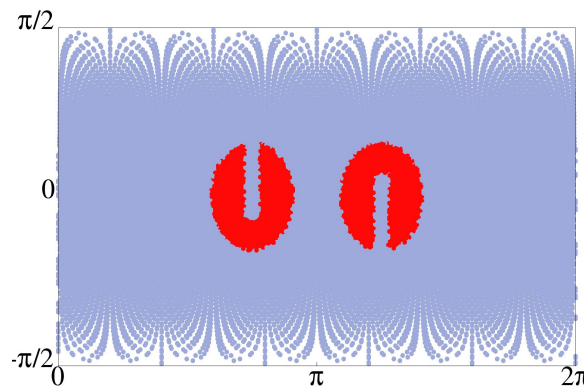
Solid body rotation



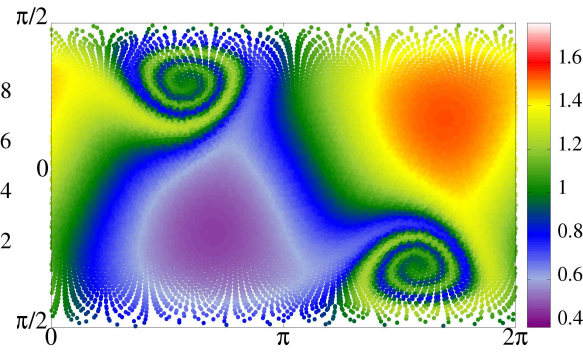
Deformational flow



Deformational flow



Moving vortex



- Divergent velocity
- Non-divergent velocity
- FCT Zalesak Flux limiter (1979)
- One full rotation-12 days

Error norms

$$l_{1,rel} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_c} |\Omega_i| |q_i - q_i^{true}|}{\sum_{i=1}^{n_c} |\Omega_i| |q_i^{true}|}$$

$$l_{2,rel} = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n_c} |\Omega_i| (q_i - q_i^{true})^2}}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n_c} |\Omega_i| |q_i^{true}|}}$$

$$l_{\infty,rel} = \frac{\max_{i=1, n_c} |q_i - q_i^{true}|}{\max_{i=1, n_c} |q_i^{true}|}$$

$$l_{1,abs} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_c} |q_i - q_i^{true}|$$

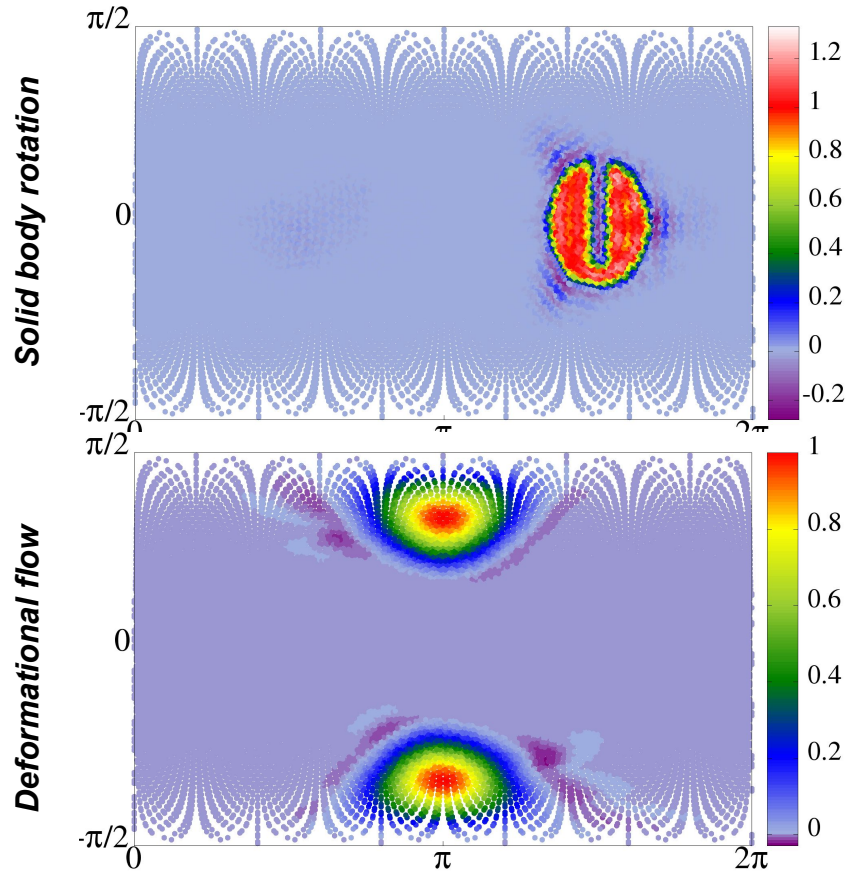
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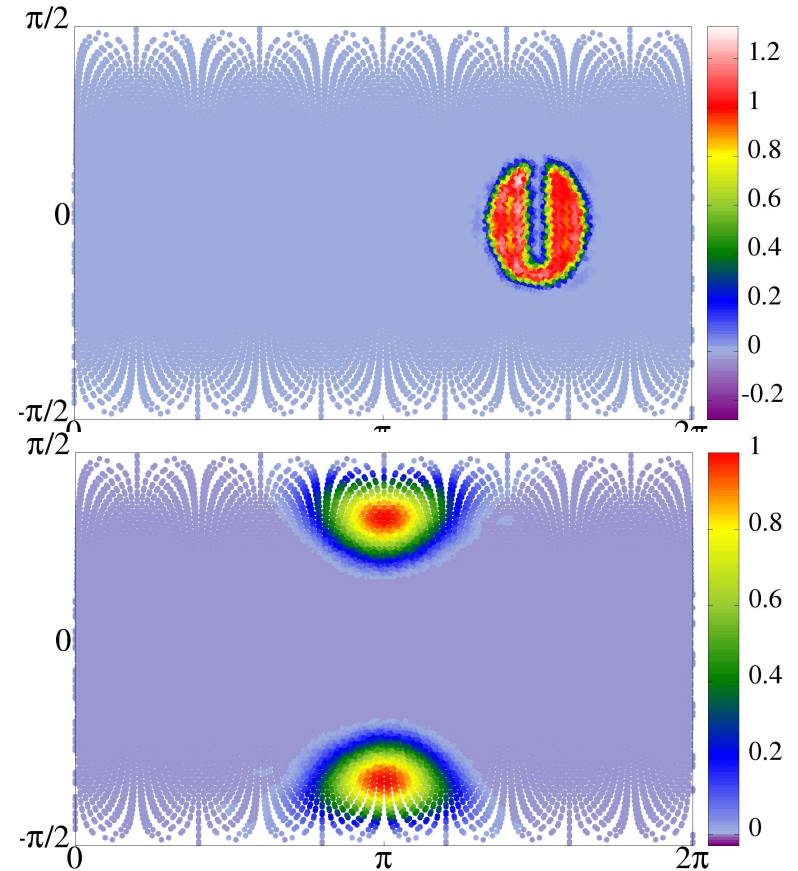
Results: linear advection (I)

- Standard adjoint method introduces oscillations and might leads to negative concentration

Standard adjoint

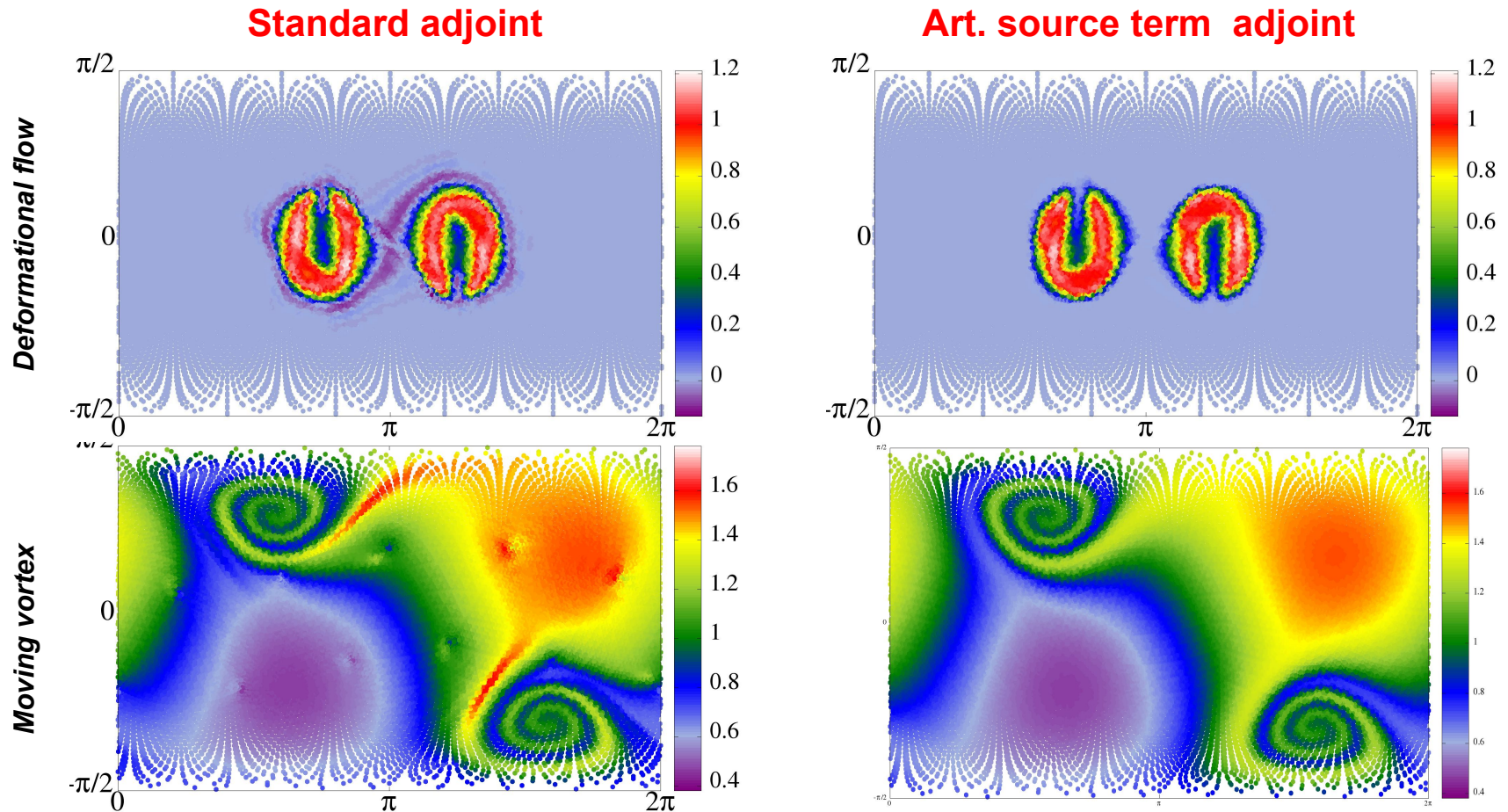


Art. source term adjoint



Results: linear advection (II)

- Artificial source term method has better shape precervance, smaller error norms





Numerical experiments

● Data assimilation

- Convergence
 - Impact of observation points
 - Mesh refinement
 - Manipulating with weights
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- Deformational flow with non-divergent velocity vector
 - Moving vortex
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- *Identical twin experiment*
 - *12 hr assimilation window*
 - *Grids: R2B4, R2B5, R2B6, R2B7*
 - *Observations: 12.5%, 25%, 50%, 100%*
 - *Initial error: 10%, or 1% if concentration=0*
 - *Observation at each time-step*

Results: data assimilation (I)

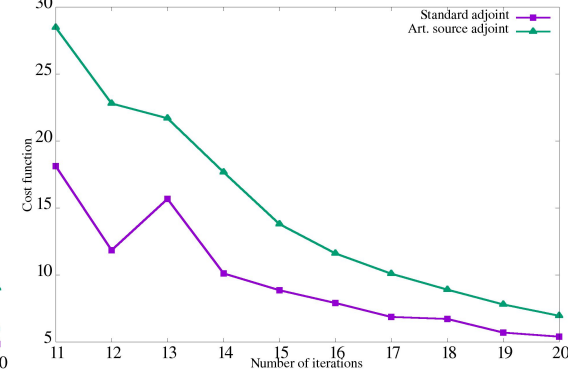
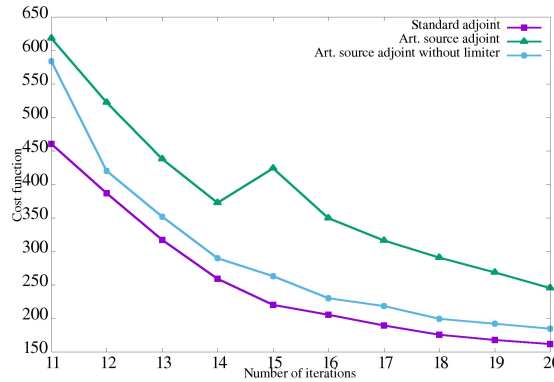
- **Convergence**

Both methods ensure convergence with increasing number of iterations

Moving vortex

Deformational flow

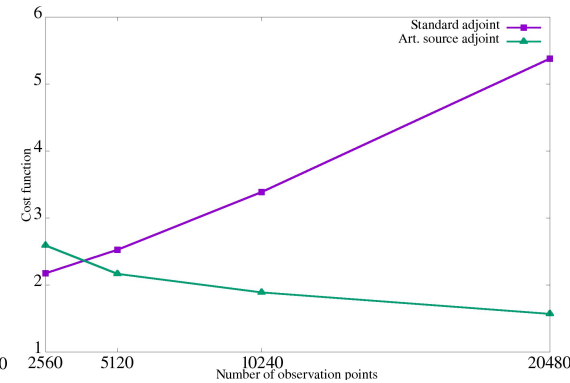
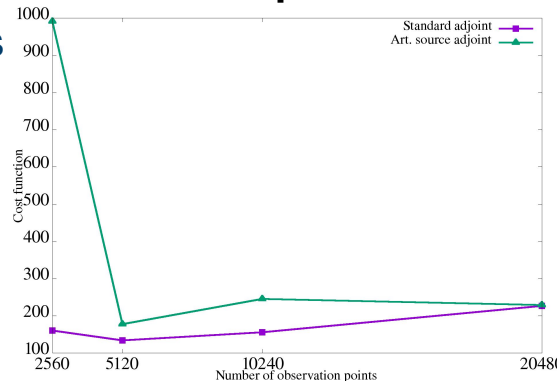
Convergence test



- **Number of observations**

The choice of adjoint solver influences the minimisation process

Impact of number of observations



Artificial source term method offers more reliable behavior in most cases

Results: data assimilation (II)

- Mesh refinement**

Art. source term method yields smaller final cost function

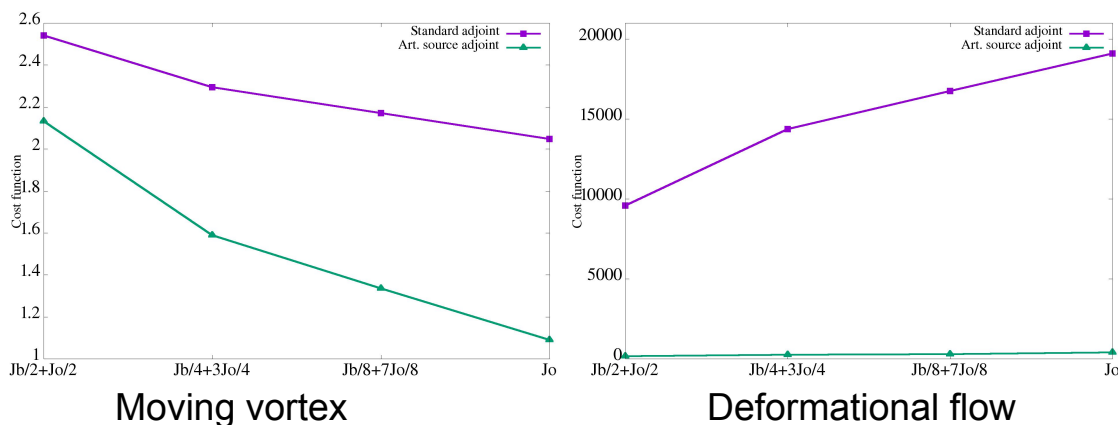
- Manipulating with weights**

The choice of adjoint solver influences the minimisation process

Mesh refinement

| | Grid | Cost | Art. source adjoint | Art. source adjoint |
|--------------------|-------------|-------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | | without limiter | with limiter |
| Deformational flow | <i>R2B4</i> | Final | 5.43400710 | 1.568333807 |
| | <i>R2B5</i> | Final | 7.25133893 | 7.422831065 |
| | <i>R2B6</i> | Final | 6.07498723E+04 | 6.838604955E+01 |
| | <i>R2B7</i> | Final | 1.38570810E+05 | 2.653808533E+02 |
| | <i>R2B4</i> | Final | 7.42488109E+04 | 1.24677839E+02 |
| | <i>R2B5</i> | Final | 2.89551111E+04 | 2.49163938E+02 |
| | <i>R2B6</i> | Final | 4.64099399E+05 | 6.98240016E+02 |
| | <i>R2B7</i> | Final | 1.12492223E+06 | 1.38281501E+03 |

Manipulating with weights



Artificial source term method gives good results when standard approach fails

3D pure tracer advection test (Jablonowski, 2008)

- **Horizontal velocity vector**

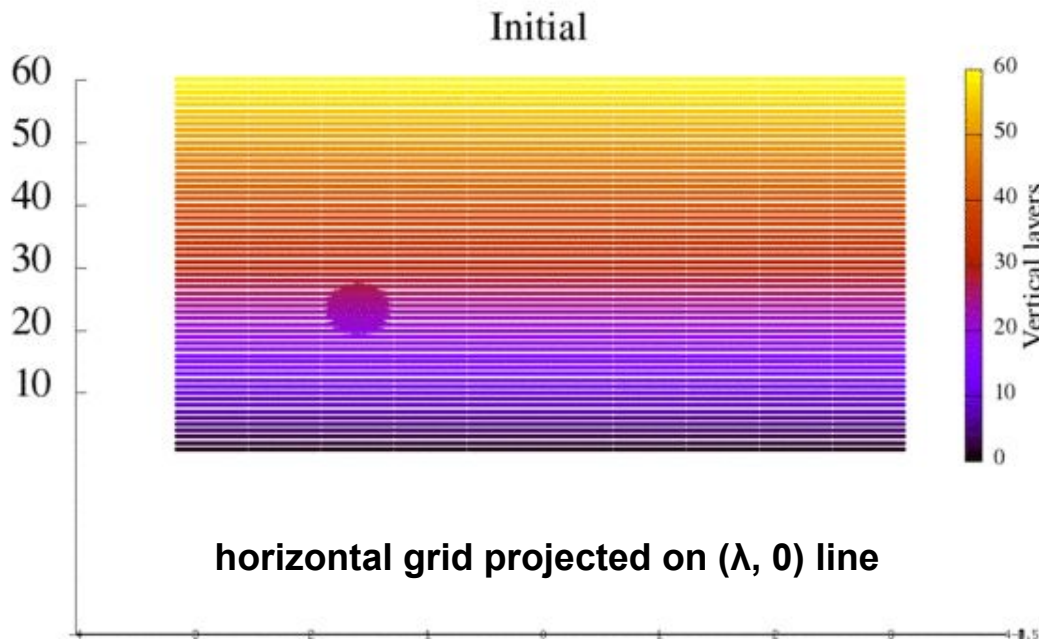
$$u(\lambda, \theta, \eta) = u_0 \cos(\theta \cos \alpha + \sin \theta \cos \lambda \sin \alpha),$$

$$v(\lambda, \theta, \eta) = -u_0 \sin \lambda \sin \alpha$$

- **Vertical velocity vector**

$$\dot{\eta}(\lambda, \theta, \eta) = \frac{\omega_0}{p_0} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{\tau} t\right) \sin\left(s(\eta) \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

- Solid body rotation in horizontal direction with a period of 12 days
- Wave-like trajectory in the vertical direction with a period of 4 days
- 60 vertical layers up to ≈ 12 km.

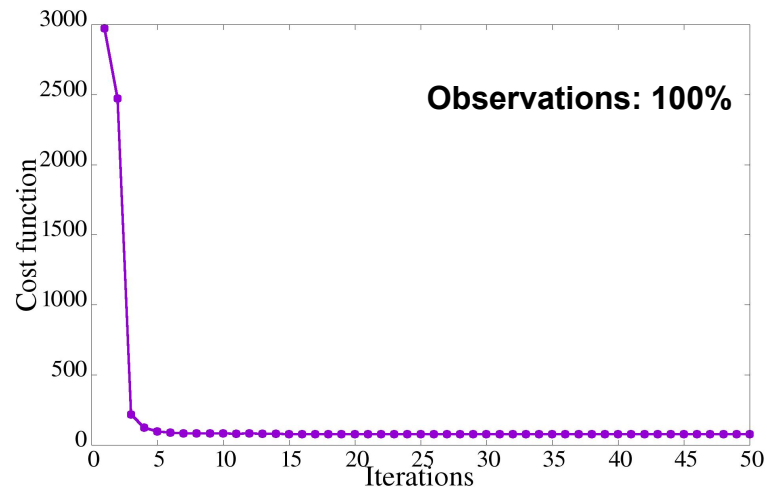
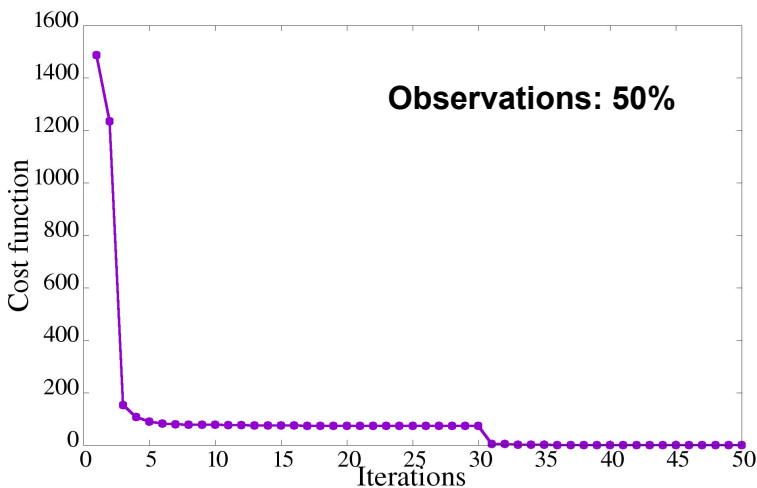
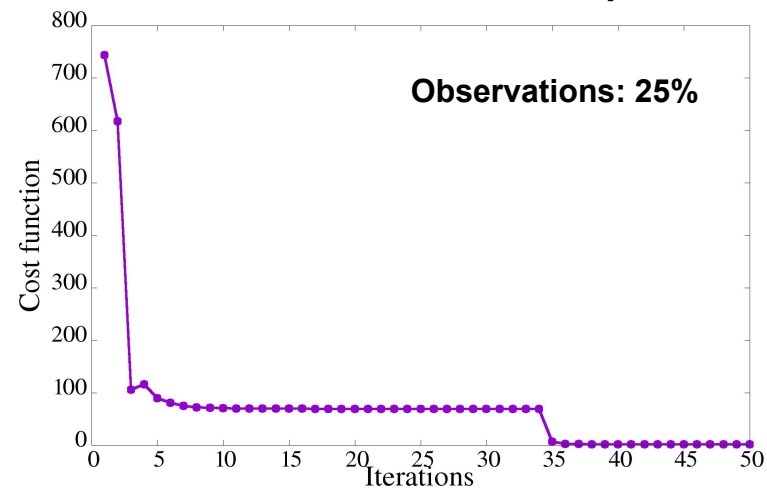
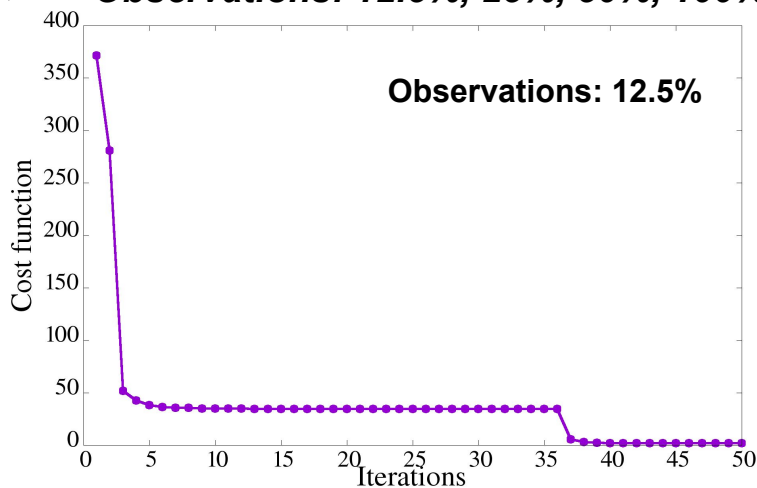


**Art. source term adjoint scheme
gives the same result as forward
scheme**

Data assimilation results

- **6 hr assimilation window**
- **Grids: R2B4**
- **Observations: 12.5%, 25%, 50%, 100%**

- **Initial error: 10%, or 1% if concentration=0, on the layers 34-42**
- **Observation at each time-step**





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