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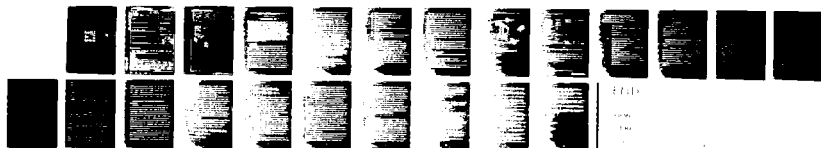
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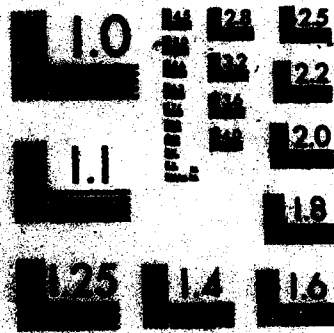
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# ON GENERATION, ESTIMATION, UTILIZATION, AVAILABILITY AND COMPATIBILITY ASPECTS OF GEODETIC AND METEOROLOGICAL DATA

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## 1. Introduction.

Fundamental aspects of geodetic data management were addressed at the Symposium on Management of Geodetic Data, Copenhagen, August, 1981, and a number of pertinent articles are published in Bulletin Geodesique, Volume 36. While management of geodetic data is not restricted to gravity measurements and their coordinate identifications, they are playing a fundamental role because of the relative simplicity of their determination, accuracy, frequent density, and geodetic applications, sometimes in combination with satellite and satellite altimetry data. In contrast to essentially static geodetic data and the absence of a critical time constraint as to application, meteorological data for operational numerical weather prediction has to be rapidly acquired and processed for use in dynamic prediction models with

interagency agency dissemination. The data base has to be preferably world-wide, and the output extends to several variables and a number of discrete results. For this reason, all organizations concerned with operational meteorological forecasts have developed extensive data management systems. Geodetic and meteorological data management have in common the predominant involvement of government or public organizations. There is, however, a much poorer international data exchange in meteorology, dictated by necessity, and in geodesy where military considerations impose certain restrictions at the present. In some cases, proprietary rights are also claimed by private organizations. As evident from the abstract, this paper is not concerned with the problems in a narrow technical sense, including consideration of methods of geodetic data base management. It emphasizes the influence of modern technology on the data generation and identifies some geodetic and meteorological information systems and data management systems. In the field of geodesy, it concentrates on the application of gravity gradiometers and its influence on geodetic data management. In meteorology, it emphasizes the need for more and improved satellite observations and a denser network of ground-based measurements and concentrates on the problem of data management and its relationship with improved dynamic models. The conclusion is based on the fact that the present limitations of necessity not only are technological but also are essentially of a technical nature.

#### 2.1. The Role of Geodesy in Meteorology and Meteorological Data.

As has been pointed out, geodesic purposes consist, under deletion of the term, in the comparison of geodetic networks and the conventional meteorological data base. The geodesic purposes, essentially of:



- (1) Satellite Doppler and Related Measurements
- (2) Satellite Altimetry Measurements, GEOS 3 and SEASAT
- (3) Global Positioning System (GPS) Measurements (New)
- (4) Point Gravity Measurements
- (5) Elevation Measurements (Topographic Maps)
- (6) Astronomical Vertical Deflections
- (7) Polar Motion Measurements
- (8) Height Anomaly or Geoid Representations (Including Combined Solutions)
- (9) Satellite Altimetry Representations
- (10) Astronomical - Inertially Determined Gravity Vector Components
- (11) Astronomical - Gradiometrically Derived Gravity Vector Components (New)
- (12) Satellite - Inertial Gradiometric Measurements (Future)

The primary data source pertaining to satellites is the National Space Science Data Center, Greenbelt, Maryland (World Data Center - A for Rockets and Satellites) which also performs data management studies. Gravimetric information is provided by the National Geodetic Service Data Center in Boulder, Colorado (World Data Center - A for Solid Earth Geophysics). It is further available from the International Gravimetric Bureau, Paris, France, as the central agency of the International Gravity Commission whose data organization has been described by Isaac [1982]. Height anomaly or geoid representations may be obtained from Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Maryland and from the Department of Geodetic Sciences and Surveying, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

While geodetic data generation, except for point measurements, has been greatly facilitated by satellite technology combined with new instrumentation, dense, uniform, and highly accurate regional gravity vector determination is expected to be performed in the United States after 1987. The estimated accuracies of 0.2 massec rms and 1 mgal rms in the context of constant elevation networks of considerable size and a grid length of about 5 km will revolutionize physical geodesy in many respects and will ultimately, together with interpolation techniques, simplify many aspects of geodetic data management. Technical details of the Bell gravity gradiometer have been addressed by Metzger and Juncinatto [1981], Heller [1981], and Jordan [1982]. For microgravity-inertial and astrogeodetic-gradiometric gravity vector determination and a combination thereof, reference is made to Rauscus von Kuster [1983].

Atmospheric measurements generated for both conventional weather forecasting and for numerical prediction are performed by balloon soundings, ground-based satellite soundings, and surface pressure measurements in fixed stations, etc. The measurements are supplemented by data from aircraft and ships.

The polar satellites provide:

Cloud cover, ice extent, sea surface temperatures, snow and ice mapping, ozone monitoring.

Quasi-stationary satellites generate information concerning:

Atmospheric soundings, cloud motion (wind in about 2 layers), sea surface temperatures, precipitation estimates.

A polar orbiting satellite equipped with a scatterometer may also provide the direction of ocean surface winds according to Pierson [1983].



Environmental satellites are depicted in Figure 1 below.

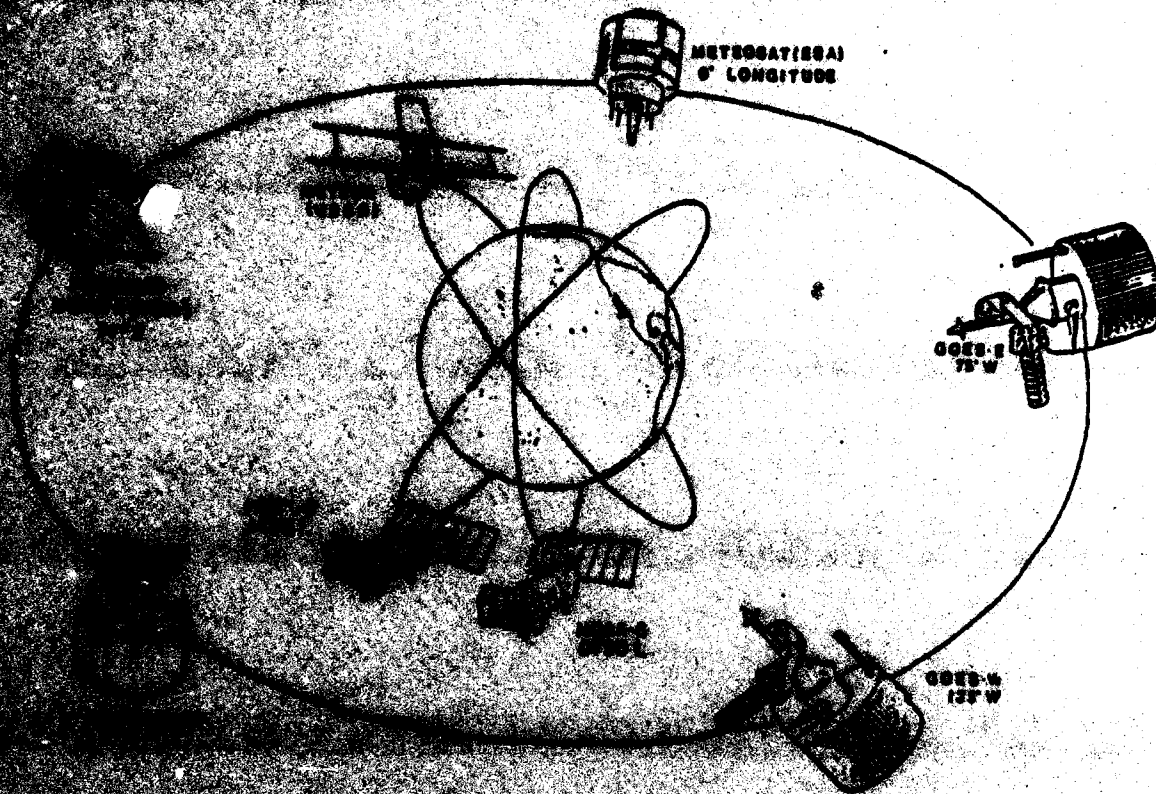


FIGURE 1  
ENVIRONMENTAL SATELLITES, 1982.

1. Polar Environmental Satellite Products List is shown in the

FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS		ACCURACY CLASS	SPATIAL RESOLUTION/ GEOMETRICAL COVERAGE	SCHEDULE	USERS (Primary/Secondary)
1.0	Global coverage (2°)	SPC-400 m ± 1.5° DEM/Topography ± 1.25° Temperature -1.0 m ± 1° Elevation m ± 1.5° ± 3% of the true value (or 1 m whichever is larger)	250 km near the sub-satellite track, increasing with scan angle/global.	Orbit-by-orbit	INAC (Disk) EDIS (CCT)
2.0	Global coverage (10°)	Preprocessor ± 50 m Temperature ± 1.5° ± 10% (temporal), ± 50% (spatial)			
3.0	Global coverage (10°)	± 2°			
4.0	Global coverage (10°)	± 2°			
5.0	Global coverage (10°)	± 2°			
6.0	Global coverage (10°)	In areas of single beam coverage SPC-400 m ± 1.5° DEM/Topography ± 1.5° Preprocessor ± 50 m Temperature ± 1.5° ± 10% (temporal), ± 50% (spatial)	250 km near the sub-satellite track, increasing with scan angle/global.	Orbit-by-orbit	All customers served by GTS (teletype)
7.0	Global coverage (10°)	± 2°			
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## APPENDIX 2 - SATELLITE PRODUCTS LIST, SOUNDING PRODUCTS

The Data Services Division of the National Climate Center, Asheville, North Carolina, is connected with the operations center of NOAA's National Environmental Satellite Service, Suitland, Maryland is the United States source of environmental satellite data.

### 1. Physical, Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

## Qualification and Accuracy Aspects of Geodetic Data.

The geodetic data generated by different means enumerated in section 2a are, in many instances, sometimes in combination, the establishment and utilization of the following with associated accuracies:

- (1) . Improved Geopotential, Non-uniform Accuracy, Equal to or Better than Spherical Harmonics Representation of Degree and Order 360.
  - . Height Anomaly RMS Error of the Order 1 m.
  - . Improved Space Vehicle Trajectories and Orbits
- (2) . Determination of the First Derivatives of the Geopotential in Regions Covered by Gradiometric Traverses and Cross
  - . Gradiometric RMS Error 1 mgal or Better.
  - . Geostatic Anomaly Determination.
  - . Coordinate Transformation from Local to Global System (Mean Earth Rotation).
  - . Improved Space Vehicle Trajectories.
  - . Gravity Programmed Inertial System with Reduction of Positioning RMS Position Error and Position Error Due to Accelerometer Scale Factors and Gyro Bias Errors, Accuracy of the Order  $5 \cdot 10^{-6}$  for 60 km Traverse with Initial and Terminal Position Control.
  - . Improved Geodetic Network Adjustment.

- (3) . Rapid GPS Positioning, RMS Error Dependent on Acquisition Time, Reducible to 1 m or Better.

- (4) . Subterranean Mass Detection and Geophysical Prospecting  
(Oil, Water, Cavities)

The greatest impact on geodetic data management, heretofore strongly concerned with gravity data, has the regional, uniform and accurate determination of gravity vector components by astrogeodetic-gradimetric means in the foreseeable future and the application of suitable interpolation methods addressed in section 4.

4. Unfulfillment and Limitation of the Collocation Method of Physical Geodesy.

The collocation method of physical geodesy is indispensable for many geodetic applications, its unfulfillment and limitations characterized by the following:

(1) Interpolation of high accuracy gravity vector components determined by astrogeodetic-gradimetric means in level surface about 500 m above ground and analytical downward continuation to the earth's surface and analytical use of point gravity anomalies in semi-flat terrain as an integral part of data management, favored by the uniform distribution of vector component data in covered regions.

(2) Post-mission adjustment of gradimetric data or optimal gravity vector determination under consideration of initial and terminal vector component data.





### 5. Climatological Data, Univariate and Multivariate Analysis.

Of immediate interest to climate data management are the Guidelines on Climate Data Organization and Formats, published by the World Meteorological Organization in 1982 (WPC-31). It addresses climate data types, data management principles, management of data bases, and advanced techniques. Associated with the generation of climate data is the establishment of a multivariate statistical interpolation scheme. Such schemes have been discussed by Lorenc [1980] and Gustavsson [1981]. Although climatological means are subtracted from measured or model-generated random variables to be used in the regression estimation, the assumption of homogeneity and isotropy is often made for simplification. Significant in this respect is that the statistical estimation corresponds to the generation of meteorological variables by a simpler model. For the same reason, means, variances and covariances are subject to variations, i.e., do not behave in accordance with an ergodic generation process. In the context of the use of climatological data for estimation purposes the following should be noted:

(1) Stationary statistics involving first and second order moments compatible with an ergodic generation process is applied for the estimation using variables generated by a non-stationary process.

(2) Winds utilized for interpolation and extrapolation of geopotentials are associated with a geostrophic estimation structure and tend to cause imbalances in multivariate analysis, ascertained by Williamson, Daley and Schlatter [1981].

(3) Univariate geopotential estimation does not appear to introduce significant errors if the data points are not widely separated.

(4) For improved univariate estimation, winds require a decomposition in non-divergent and divergent components.

(5) The utilization of measured winds for the estimation of geopotentials should preferably be accomplished in the context of 4-dimensional data assimilation, by univariate analysis, and employment of an improved balance equation addressed in section 7. The ultimate estimation of the geopotential would then be a weighted univariate solution.

(6) The existence of measurement errors and correlated noise can be considered in univariate and multivariate estimation.

#### 6. Meteorological Data Assimilation.

An overview of meteorological data assimilation has been presented by Morel [1981] under inclusion of grid point analysis by multivariate techniques, dynamics of adjustment, normal mode initialization, and 4-dimensional data assimilation. He emphasizes the development of filtering techniques and the consideration of artificial damping pertaining to the generation of meteorological noise during dynamic prediction because of the generation of divergent winds and stated that the mathematical basis for understanding the continuous or discontinuous adjustment process involved in 4-dimensional data assimilation is not well established as yet.

Robertson, Kanamitsu, Kalberg, and Uppala [1982] discuss the FGGE<sup>2</sup> 4-dimensional data assimilation at ECMWF.<sup>3</sup> The respective scheme is evident from figure 2 below.

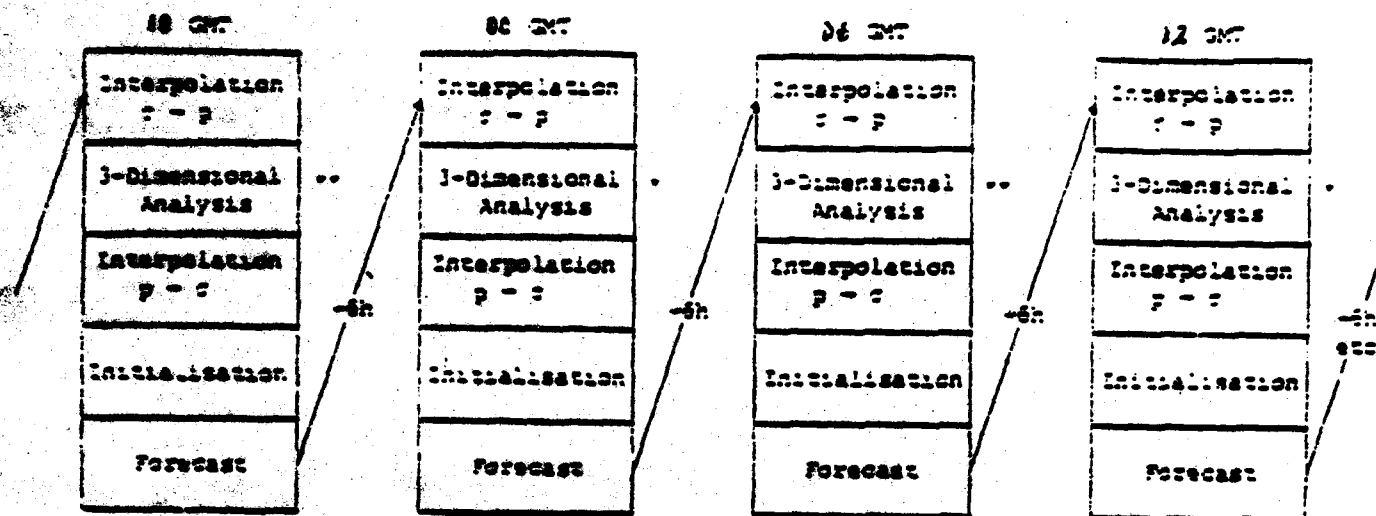


FIGURE 2

The different stages in 4-dimensional data-assimilation at ECMWF (\*archived through the whole FGGE year, \*\*archived during the Synopses).

In this scheme, the scalar field variables at a specific time are estimated from their values generated from fields established 6 hours prior to time  $t_0$ . This approach presupposes the existence of errors pertaining to the generated and observed fields and their covariances and requires a considerable empirical effort. Nonlinear mode initialization was applied for the

<sup>2</sup>FGGE: First GARP Global Experiment (GARP: Global Atmospheric Research Project).

<sup>3</sup>ECMWF: European Center for Medium Range Forecasts (Reading, United Kingdom)

computation of quasi-balanced wind and mass fields. The significance is that this approach does not only lead to reduced scalar field errors at time  $t_0$ , but also to a partial influence of the respective observed fields. For this reason, accurate initialization is important.

The global data assimilation system at the National Meteorological Center has been described by Ward, Kistler, Tracton and Gordon [1981].

## 7. Initialization, Dynamic Model Improvement, Predictability and Compatibility.

Initialization for determination of the wind field from the mass field under an at limited consideration of diabatic processes and dynamic model improvement and correlated computer capacity impose data management considerations. Although they *ceteris paribus* increase predictability, progress herein has to be compatible with the generation of denser and more accurate data primarily by satellites and a greater number of surface pressure sensors, particularly in oceanic areas. A marginal utility analysis would further have to assign weights to short and long range forecasts under consideration of the spectrum of applications. There are already implications that relatively accurate and correspondingly expensive long range predictions for non-military purposes should be centralized in the future. Of specific interest here are the following topics.

(1) Normal Mode Initialization (NMI): Nonlinear NMI along the lines of Williamson and Temperton [1980] is the presently preferred and practiced method to derive mutually balanced mass and wind fields. As shown by Phillips [1982], multivariate optimum interpolation analysis is consistent with NMI if the model-generated first guess data contain only slow modes with correspond-

... and all other observations are used. As indicated in ... the univariate ... points from computed and sufficiently ... the existence of higher modes and the ...

... of the Classical Balance Equations: Leith ... The truncated balance ... the stream function  $\psi$  and the geopotential  $\phi$  has been ... [1970] in his study of elliptic regions in balanced ... the need for a ... The inadequacy of RII and ... has further been established by ... the energy equation and the vorticity equation ... [1970] ... in a numerical ...

... Equations: These are obtained ... the second order total time ... in the  $(x, y, p, t)$ -system. In ... the following filter equation

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \right) \bar{\psi} + \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \right) \bar{\phi} + \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{\partial \bar{\phi}}{\partial p} + \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \right) \bar{\psi} = 0 \quad (1.)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial t} + \bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial x} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial y} + \bar{w} \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial p} = \left( \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{\theta}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial y} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{\theta}}{\partial y^2} \right) + \\ & + \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial p} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{\theta}}{\partial p^2} - \left( \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial y} \right) \frac{\partial^2 \bar{\theta}}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{\theta}}{\partial y^2} + \beta \left( \frac{\partial \bar{\theta}}{\partial x} - 2\bar{\pi} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

In equations (1) and (2) the symbol  $\bar{\cdot}$  indicating a filtered variable has been retained since actual  $\theta$ -data are employed for initialization. Equation (2) reduces the integration to the thermodynamic equation with 3 ellipticity conditions including a new Richardson criterion. The new diagnostic equations are closely superior to the classical balance equation, particularly under non-hydrostatic conditions. They were derived by Hansen von Lastow (1974) and implemented in a broader context including non-hydrostatic turbulent motion prediction (1979). As is well known, the solution of the hydrostatic equation requires a considerable computational effort.

(4) **Hydrostatic Signal Generation Process:** The vorticity equation, the continuity equation, the continuity equation, the diagnostic equation (1), and the hydrostatic balance equation represent a hydrostatic signal generation system with its own structure of ellipticity, respectively, and which parameters including ellipticity influence initially considered to the extent of the problem. The hydrostatic equation is only subject to small subgrid scale corrections. The signal generation process has a definite prognostic capability because of its complexity, the distributed nature of spectral dynamic interactions, distributed nature of equation terms, and shortcomings of the hydrostatic equation system.

(5) **Nonhydrostatic Radiation (Primitive Equations):** The nonhydrostatic radiation model implicitly incorporates convection down to the

...also requiring adjustment schemes, and thus cannot not fully ... with the continuity equation for water vapor. Prognostically, this ... has an increasingly degrading effect, also with respect to the ... of radiation which has not been well accomplished yet at the ... Meteorological Center as reported by Facey, Gerrity and Sala [1981].

(6) Nonhydrostatic Prediction: The use of the prognostic equation for the vertical velocity component is generally prohibited because of ... in the initial fields, the lack of time-varying boundary conditions at the bottom and the top of the atmosphere, and the computational effort required. For a limited area, for the purpose of research, and with ... conditions, Tapp and White [1976] have considered a non-hydrostatic ... model. Leaving the structure of the continuity equation in the ...-system invariant, Rasmusson von Lutzow [1971] derived a higher order ... equation for the vertical velocity component, modified in 1980. The ... system, free of internal sound waves, is compatible with a ... grid length down to about 10 km and allows for an essentially full ... of the continuity equation for water vapor. The system simul- ... allows for more vertical levels. As a consequence of computational ... identification, it requires an enlarged computer capacity. In ... with findings by Gordon and Stern [1982], the spectral method is ... to be less suitable in this system, tantamount to the requirement of ... order difference schemes.

(7) Predictability and Compatibility Aspects: Sophisticated models ... the necessary prerequisite for long range weather prediction under full ... of the geopotential, humidity and cloud observations, and ... equatorial winds. However, these models cannot

compensate for the lack of dense and accurate data. From the standpoint of initialization, a grid length of 100 km appears to be fully adequate. At the present, such length must be relaxed. In view of the availability of effective initialization methods, in particular equation 1 and the associated omega equation, the initial data problem is the most crucial, calling for more and improved meteorological satellites, considerably more surface pressure sensors in oceanic areas, and an improvement in wind measurements in equatorial regions. Presently, the density and accuracy of available data are not compatible with sophisticated models and also not with initialization methods. This is in agreement with results summarized by Rauter [1982] at the Symposium on Current Problems of Weather Prediction, Vienna, Austria, June 1981. Therefore, meteorological data management has to reconcile scientific-oriented considerations with cost-benefit analyses.

## 2. Initialization

Because of the availability of new and powerful technology in the near future, geodetic and meteorological data are expected to become increasingly more diversified and voluminous both regionally and globally, and its quantity and quality are subject to change. Primarily in the field of geodesy, its availability will be restricted because of military considerations. Gravity geoidness surveys are expected to have a profound effect on geodetic data management. Meteorological data generation, accuracy and density have to be improved in conjunction with advanced as well as cost-effective numerical weather prediction models and associated computational efforts. For the initialization of wind fields, diagnostic equations superior to the classical Beltrami and omega equations are available. Long range numerical weather



...for the full exploitation of available observations, for  
...of observation assimilation, and for correlated extension to a  
...a non-hydrostatic generation model with an invariant  
...to the (x,y,z,t)-system and an already established  
...for the vertical wind velocity.

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Figure 1 is the "Data Base Filter Numerical Satellite Product List"  
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