Edits on Equations 1-6

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The equations that appear in version 3 of the manuscript:

$$\delta x(\lambda,\phi,z,t) = -\gamma(\lambda,\phi,z,t) \left(x(\lambda,\phi,z,t) - x_{ref}(\lambda,\phi,z,t) \right) / \tau \quad , \tag{1}$$

$$\gamma(\phi, \lambda) = f(\phi, \phi_1, \phi_2) f(\lambda, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) \quad , \tag{2}$$

$$f(\phi, \phi_1, \phi_2) = \left(\frac{1}{(1 + e^{-(\phi - \phi_1)/\delta_1})} \left[\frac{1}{(1 + e^{-(\phi - \phi_2)/\delta_2})} \right]$$
(3)

$$f(\lambda,\lambda_1,\lambda_2) = \left(\frac{1}{(1+e^{-(\lambda-\lambda_1)/\delta_1})} \left[\frac{1}{(1+e^{-(\lambda-\lambda_2)/\delta_2})} \right]$$
(4)

$$f(z) = a. \exp(bx) \tag{5}$$

$$f(t) = \left(\frac{1}{\exp\left(-0.5\left(\frac{d^2}{\beta^2}\right)\right)^{2\mu}}\right)$$
(6)

The problems with Eqns 1-4 are fixed by writing:

$$\delta x(\lambda,\phi,z,t) = -\gamma(\lambda,\phi) g(z) h(t) \left(x(\lambda,\phi,z,t) - x_{ref}(\lambda,\phi,z,t) \right) / \tau \quad , \tag{1a}$$

$$\gamma(\lambda,\phi) = f_1(\phi,\phi_1,\phi_2) f_2(\lambda,\lambda_1,\lambda_2) \quad , \tag{2a}$$

$$f_1(\phi, \phi_1, \phi_2) = \left(\frac{1}{(1 + e^{-(\phi - \phi_1)/\delta_1})} \left[\frac{1}{(1 + e^{-(\phi - \phi_2)/\delta_2})} \right]$$
(3a)

$$f_2(\lambda, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \left[1/(1 + e^{-(\lambda - \lambda_1)/\delta_1} \right] \left[1/(1 + e^{-(\lambda - \lambda_2)/\delta_2} \right]$$
(4a)

Eqn 5 doesn't align with Fig. S2: if z is height above the surface (standard notation), then f goes to infinity as you go upward. Is this what you mean to write here?

$$g(z) = a \exp(-b z) \tag{5a}$$

Note, the middle panel in Fig. S2 does not fit either description (the curve should go exponentially to 100% at "model level" = 1, but the figure displays a kink).

Eqn 6 doesn't align with Fig. S2 (as you go far from Jan 15, the denominator goes to zero and f goes to infinity. d appears to have units of month, but this isn't mentioned in the text. A more precise formulation would be

$$h(t) = exp\left(-d^2/\left(2\beta^2\right)^{2\mu}\right)$$
(6a)

where d is the time difference relative to maximum nudging time in months (e.g., d = 0 on Jan 15, d = -1 on Dec 15, etc). Outside of the nudging window, h = 0.

Additional issues with these equations:

• Eqns 3 and 4 don't seem to align with the mask shown in Fig. S2. Why are there two nodal points in latitude (λ_1, λ_2) and longitude (ϕ_1, ϕ_2) , and what are their values? Also, f_1 and f_2 do not go to zero as you go far from the center of the patch. It seems like these equations should read as follows: "Within the nudging patch centered at λ_1, ϕ_1 ,

$$f_1(\phi, \phi_1) = exp\left(-((\phi - \phi_1)/\delta_1)^2\right)$$
 (3a)

and

$$f_2(\lambda, \lambda_1) = exp\left(-((\lambda - \lambda_1)/\delta_2)^2\right) \quad . \tag{4a}$$

and outside of the patch, $f_1 = f_2 = 0$. "Note that I am assuming you used a smooth function around the center of the patch (a Gaussian). If instead, you used the exponential (as suggested by Eqn. 3), $((\phi - \phi_1)/\delta_1)^2$ would be replaced with $|\phi - \phi_1|/\delta_1$.

- In Eqns 3 and 4, δ_1 and δ_2 are not defined in the text).
- In Eqn 5, x and b are not defined in the text (also, presumably x should be z).
- The mathematical expressions on lines 133-134 appear to have been scrambled when the text was converted to the pdf.