

Referee #3 comment:

The authors have reasonably resolved the comments from the other reviewers. My only comment concerns the gridded data interface VIND (Versatile Implementation for Native Data) described in Section 2.3. Please briefly indicate whether it can handle unstructured data. If not, consider mentioning alternative approaches that could be used to provide GeoVal data for UFO.

*Response: VIND is built on ECMWF's ATLAS package, which can handle the unstructured grid geometry. The supported grid geometries in ATLAS can be found in the GitHub repo (<https://github.com/ecmwf/atlas/tree/develop/doc/example-grids>). It should be noted that an existing model interface in JEDI is recommended if data is already in a supported format (grid geometry and structure). Therefore, the section 2.3 has been revised to "... global and regional grid geometries, including unstructured grid. Integrating a new modeling system into VIND requires little to no additional development, apart from implementing lightweight file readers and writers for model field data if existing ones are not already compatible. However, users are encouraged to leverage the existing model interface when their data is already in the grid geometry and structure that interface expects. Nevertheless, this simplicity, ..."*