

# AMWG UPDATE

THE 26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CESM WORKSHOP

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# Outline

- Development and timelines
- Vertical grid
- Physics reordering
- Topography
- Coupled results
- Survey on reducing software management burden

# CAM development

## “CAM7” for climate

- Vertical resolution/model top
  - L58 low top (45km) w/ simplified chemistry
  - L93 high top (85km)
- Physics
- Topography software
- Track development at:  
[https://github.com/NCAR/amwg\\_dev](https://github.com/NCAR/amwg_dev)

## Other development

- Topography software (VR capability)
- Variable resolution
  - Tools for grid generation
  - Compsets
- Infrastructure
  - Cloud computing
  - Streamlined coupling/mediator infrastructure
- Simpler models

\*\* Orange font indicates developments that facilitate and increase accessibility for community research using CAM

# Physics development efforts

- Physics re-ordering (A. Herrington)
- ZM for high vertical resolution (“ZM2”; R. Neale *talk*)
- CLUBB-EDMF (J. Teixeira *talk*)
- CLUBB-prognostic momentum flux (C. Zarzycki *talk*)
- New topography processing (P. Lauritzen *poster*)
- **Coupling of Land and Atmospheric Subgrid Parameterizations (CLASP; N. Chaney, D. Lawrence, M. Fowler)**
- **Parameterization of Unified Microphysics Across Scales (PUMAS; A. Gettelman, H. Morrison, K. Thayer-Calder)**
- Continued development of rigorous enthalpy/energy treatment in CAM to replace “fixer”(P. Lauritzen)



# Short-term timeline

**April -July 2022:** First evaluation of coupled system (B1850) with SE-atmos dycore and L58 vertical grid



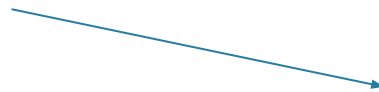
*April-October 2022: Further development and evaluation of atmospheric physics and forcing*



**Late 2022:** Finalize configuration of CAM for CESM2.x , i.e, decide which atmospheric physics are included, specification of boundary forcing, e.g., radiatively active tracers for L58 and L92



Further CAM7  
development



Coupled tuning of  
CESM2.x

- “CESM2.x” slated for release in mid 2023
- CESM2.x is intended to be a viable coupled version that incorporates MOM6 + L58/L93 atmosphere
- CESM2.x is ***NOT*** the next CMIP model
- Possible applications: high horz. resolution, regionally-refined studies
  
- ***Atmos physics in current evaluation:*** MG2, ZM2, re-ordering, updated topo, enthalpy “fixer” for MOM6
- By late 2022 hope to incorporate PUMAS and contributions from CPTs

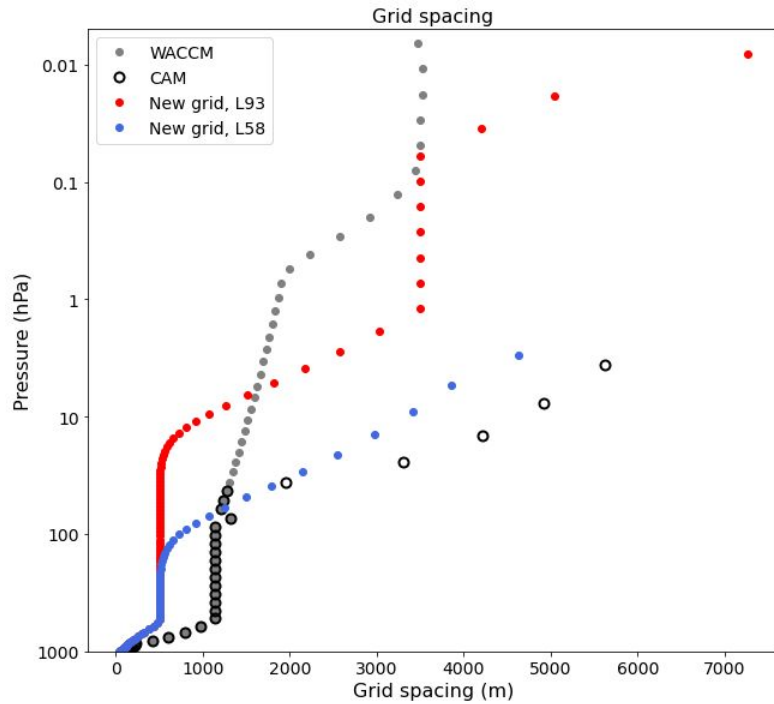
# Vertical Resolution/Model Top

- Single L93 CMIP class model with top around 80km
  - Better resolved stratospheric dynamics including QBO
  - Full chemistry as option
- Cheaper L58 version with top around 40km
  - Optional simplified or no chemistry
- Increased PBL resolution for both

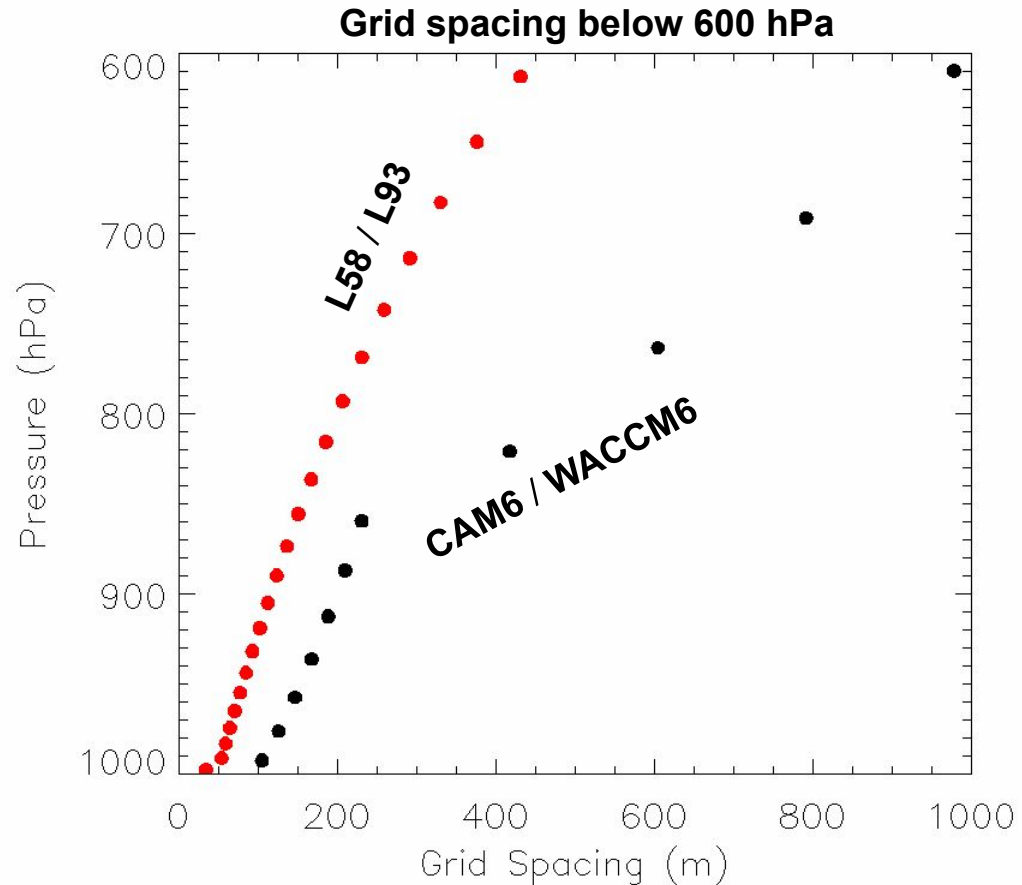
***These vertical grids are now being used for all CAM development work. Coupled evaluations have begun.***

**Thanks to Isla Simpson and Brian Medeiros for leading the vertical grid selection process**

# Vertical Resolution/Model Top



- Free tropospheric/stratosphere resolution increased from  $DZ \sim 1200\text{m}$  to  $DZ \sim 500\text{m}$ .
- Two configurations L93 (top  $\sim 85\text{km}$ ) and L58 (top  $\sim 45\text{km}$ ). Identical vertical grid through mid stratosphere

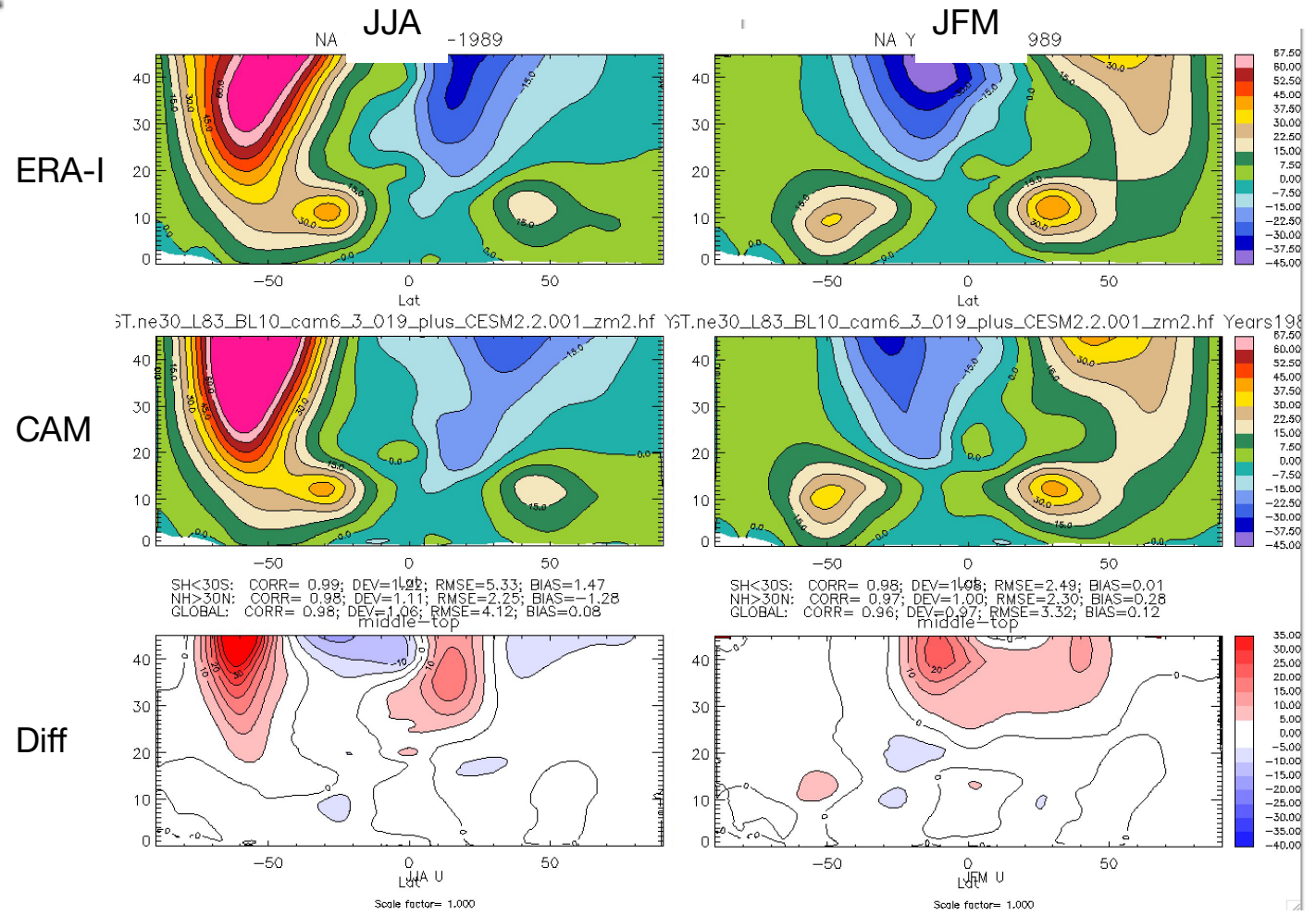
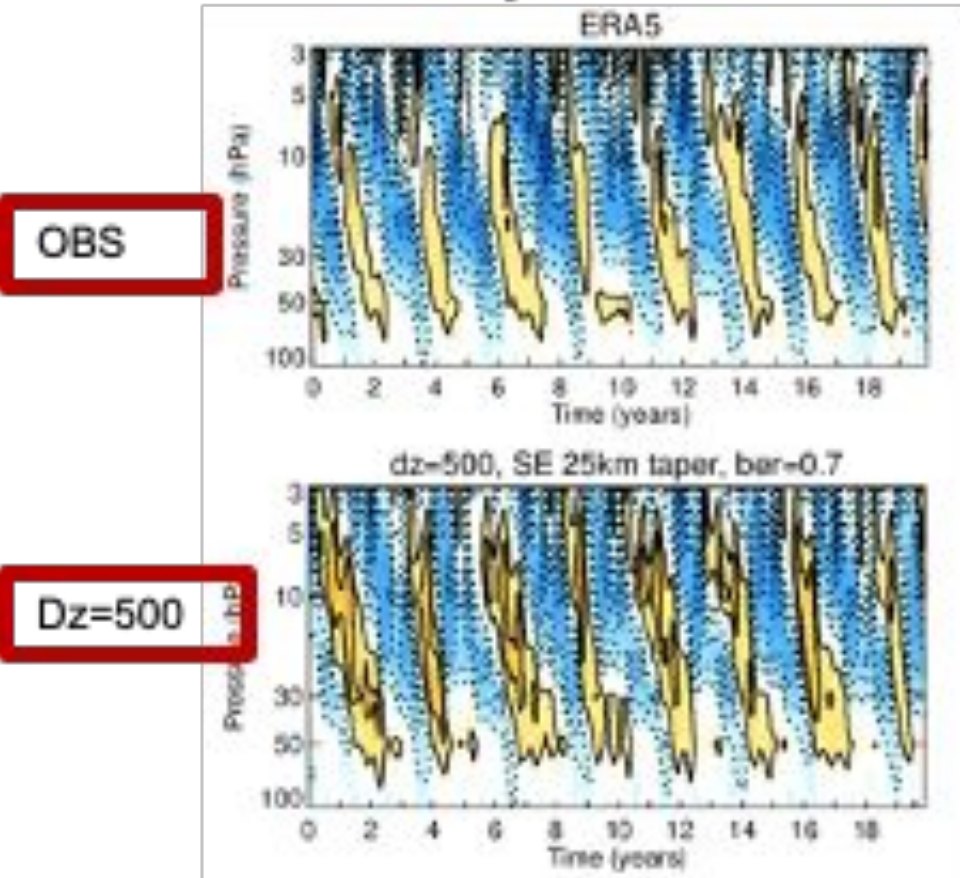


- Dramatically increased PBL/lower tropospheric resolution. New lowest model level height  $\sim 20\text{m}$ . Previously  $\sim 60\text{m}$ .
- New cloud base treatment needed for ZM (R. Neale)

# Vertical Resolution/Model Top (L93)

The QBO in the spectral-element dynamical core

Zonally-averaged zonal wind 10-season averages

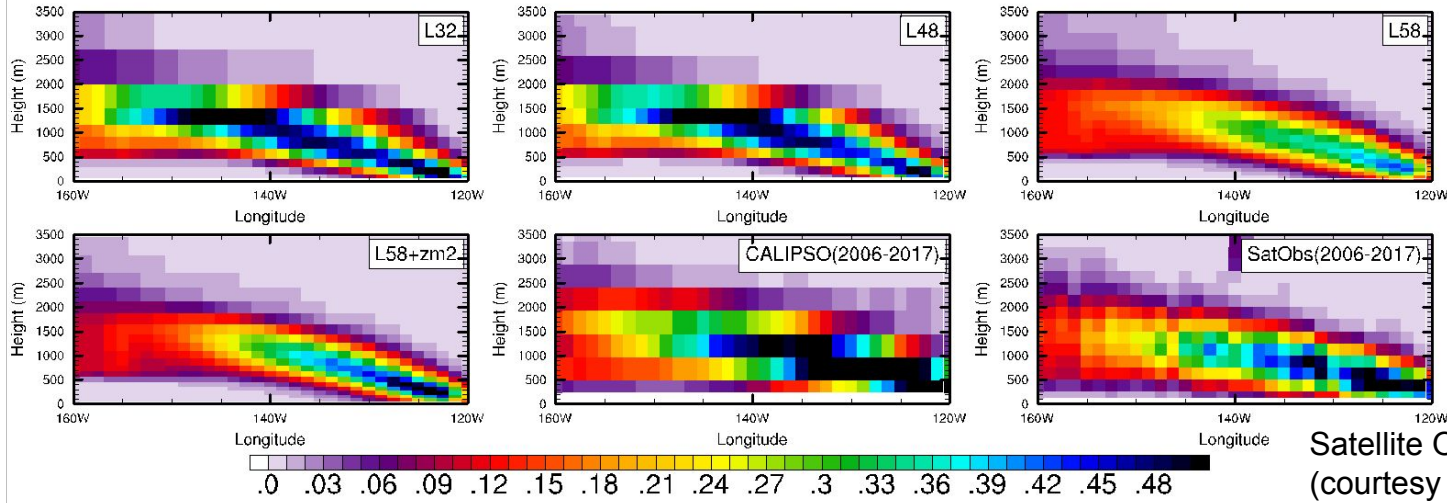




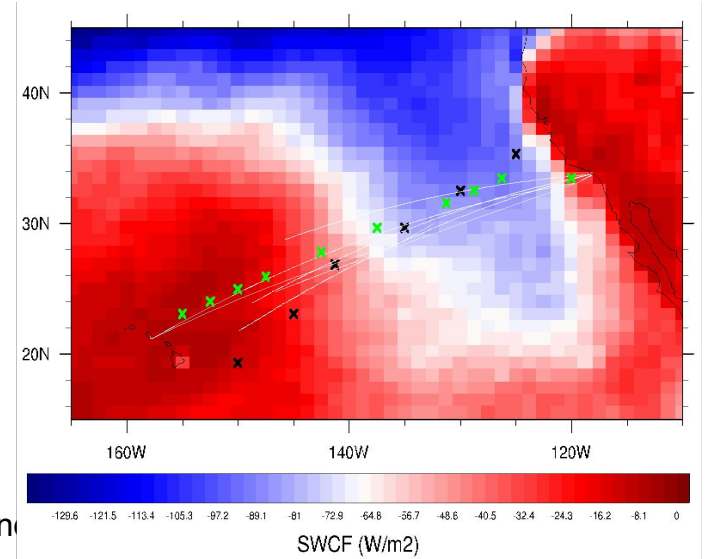
# Vertical Resolution/Model Top

Plots from Adam Herrington

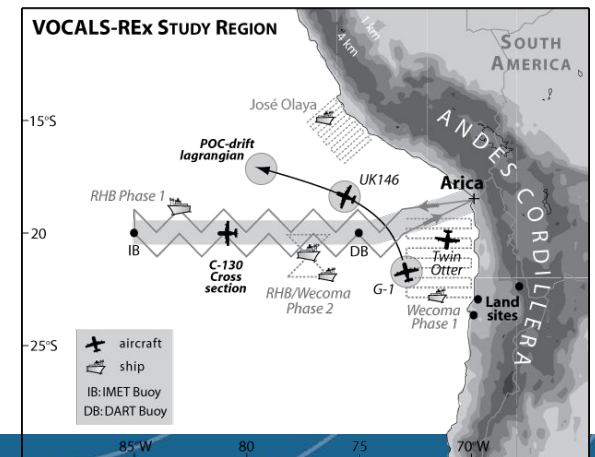
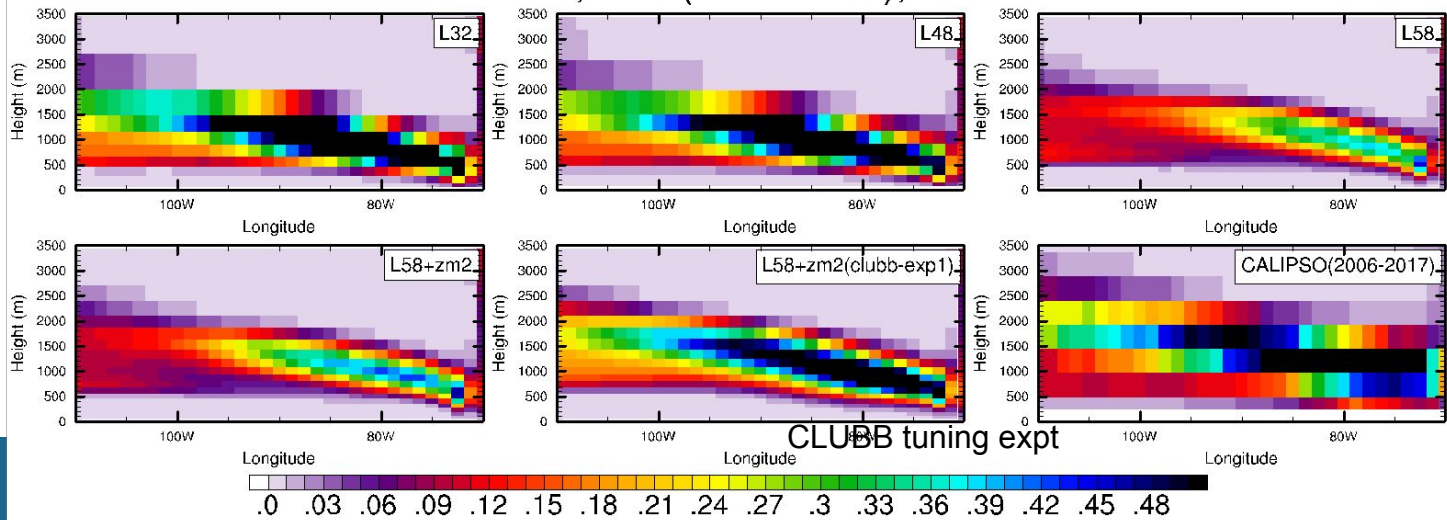
MAGIC transect, JJA (1979-1989), CLOUD fraction



Satellite Observations  
(courtesy of B. Medeiros and M. Smally)



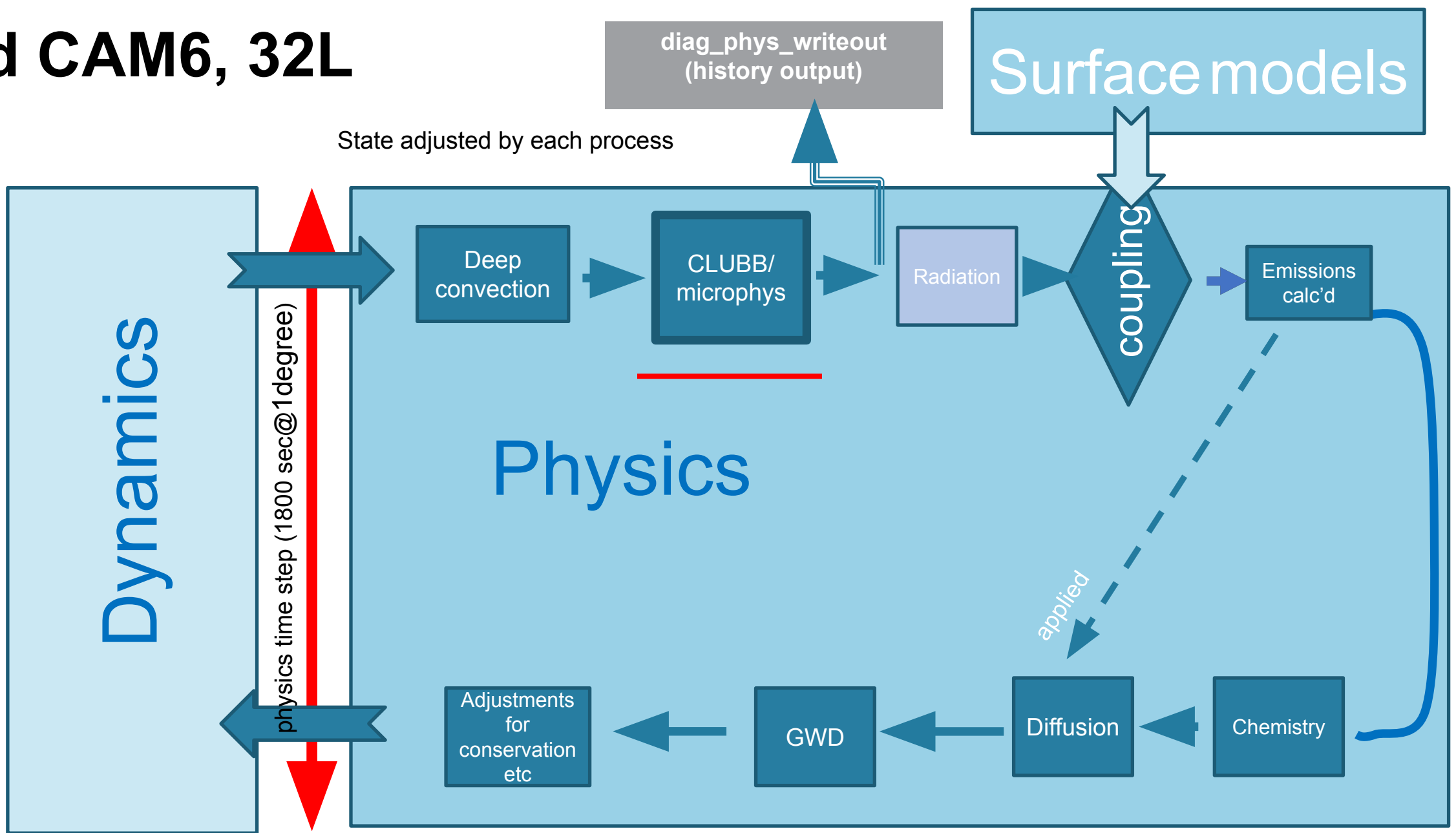
VOCALS transect, DJF (1979-1989), CLOUD fraction



# Physics reordering

- Main difference: CLUBB moved after coupler
- Alleviates spurious high-frequency oscillations in surface layer (already present in L32 but more pronounced with increased PBL resolution)

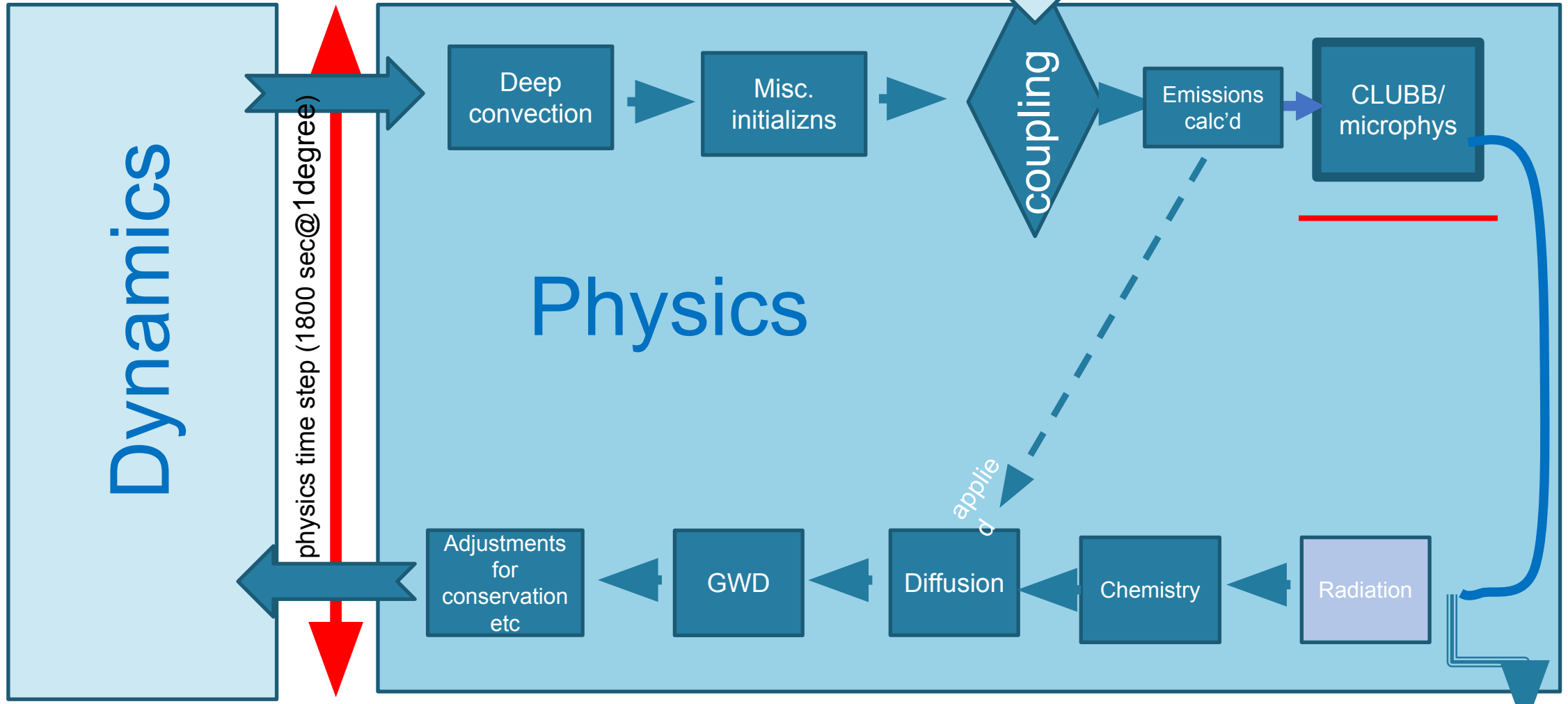
# Old CAM6, 32L



# New "CAM-DEV", 58L etc..

Surface models

State adjusted by each process

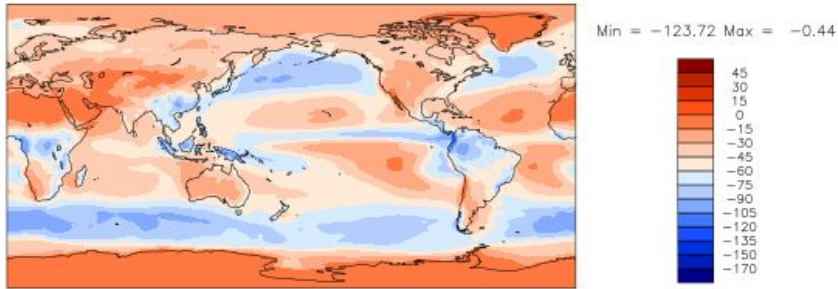




# Impacts of re-ordering

f.e21 Annual mean Shortwave Cloud Forcing

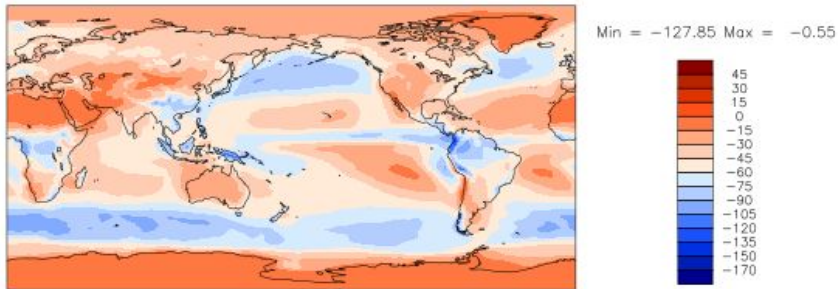
re-ordered physics



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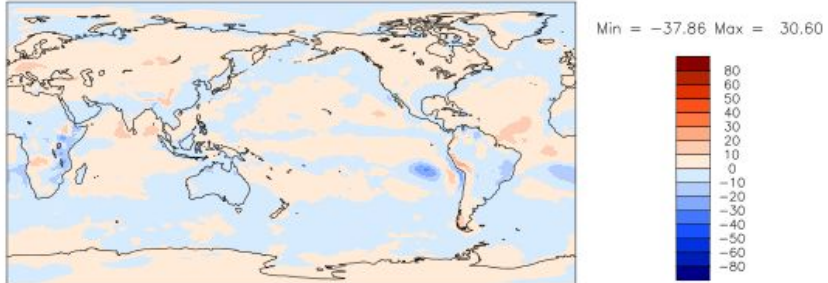
TOM SW cloud forcing mean = -46.96 W/m<sup>2</sup>

CAM6 physics order



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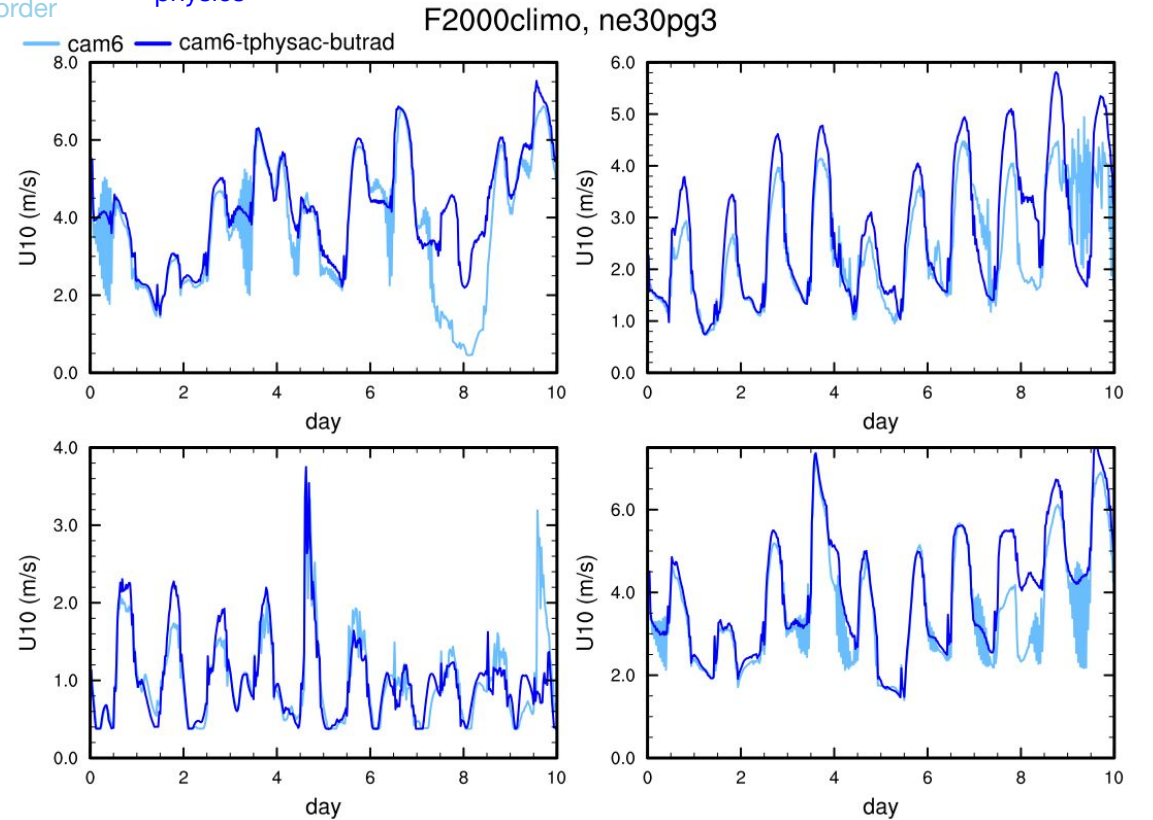
mean = 0.29 rmse = 4.39 W/m<sup>2</sup>



10-day timeseries (half-hourly) of 10 meter wind from 4 points in Amazon basin

CAM6 physics order

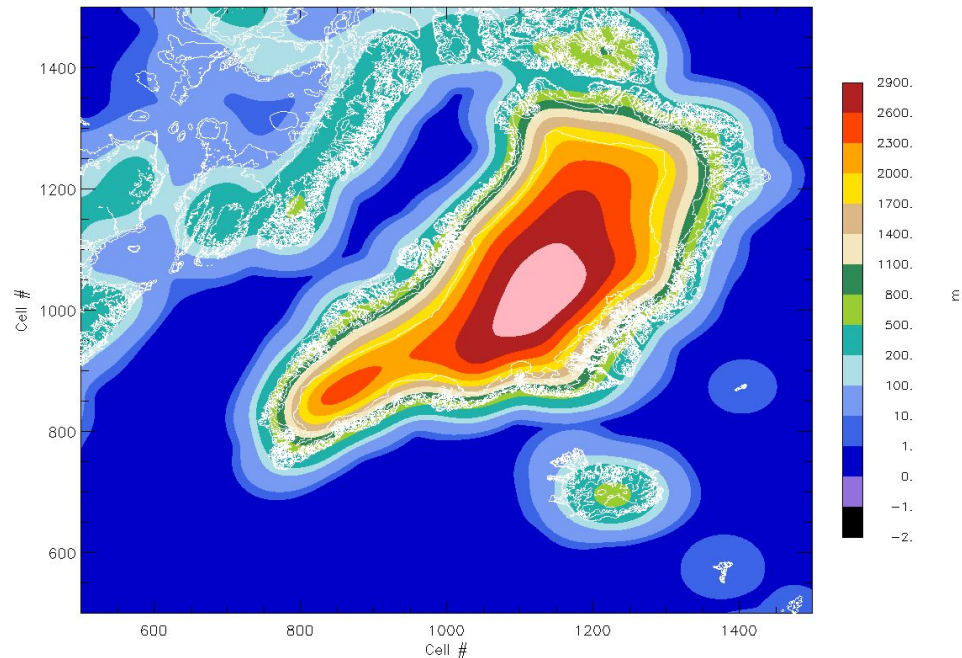
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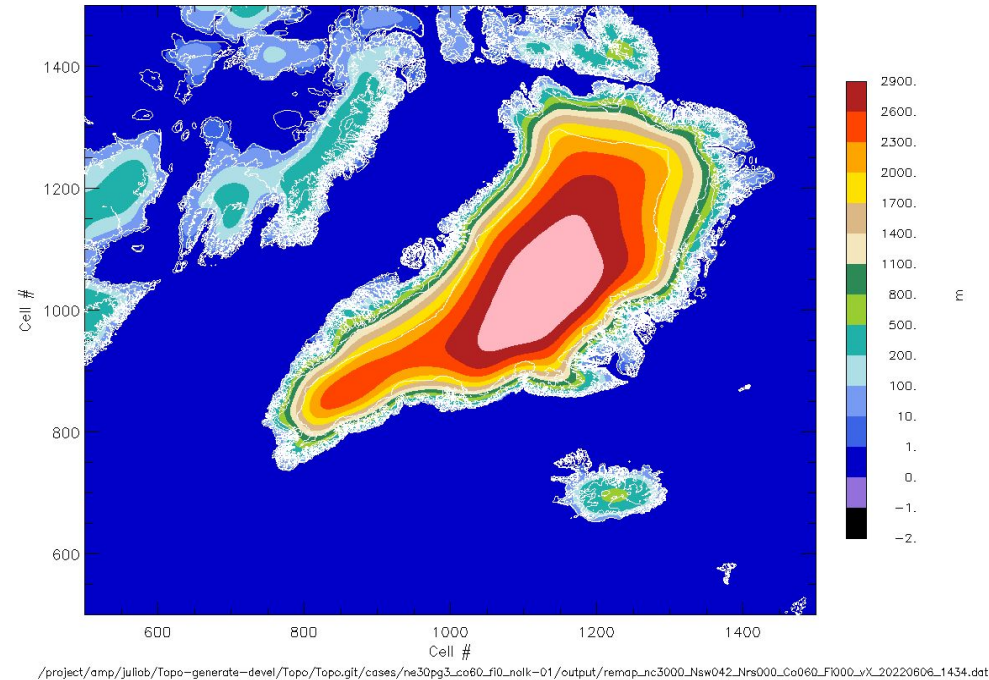
# Updated topography software

- Bedmachine topography replaces GMTED in Greenland and Antarctica
- Streamlined workflow using command line options. Variable resolution capabilities added
- New iterative Laplacian smoother with “no-leak” option that preserves 0m height over ocean and global topography volume.
- Updated ridge-data
- Github repository: <https://github.com/NCAR/Topo> (see poster by Peter Lauritzen tomorrow)

Old smoothing.  $R \sim 180\text{km}$  (for  $\sim 1$  degree model)



“no-leak” smoothing/rescaling equivalent to  $R \sim 180\text{km}$



# Coupled Evaluation has begun

- **Now-July:** B1850 (pre-industrial CTL) using L58+CAM\_DEV (*reordered CAM6 physics+ZM2*)+MOM6+CICE6
- **Fall 2022:** Add L93 vertical grid. Incorporate contributions from CPTs. Incorporate PUMAS microphysics. *Additional configurations: 4xCO2? LGM?*

# Survey on reducing software engineering workload:

- ~40 responses received. Thank you!
- Discussion during AMWG session tomorrow



Thanks

