



Atmosphere Model Example Exercises

Community Atmosphere Model

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Examples

1. Turn off ‘freeze-drying’ approximation in CAM4
(namelist change, Arctic)
2. Increase orographic height over the western US by 50%
(dataset change, mid-latitude)
3. Increase the triggering threshold for deep convection just over land
(code change, Tropical)

Key

Commands to be typed are in brackets <type this>

Code snippets just appear as Courier

A backslash ‘\’ indicates typed command continues on next line (it does not mean return)



Creating F-cases

- F-case refers to a specific model configuration with prescribed (observed data) ocean and prescribed sea-ice (thickness, area)

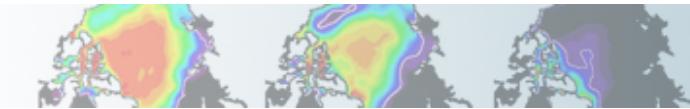
Compset Type	Atmosphere	Land	Ocean	Ice
F	<i>Interactive</i>	<i>Interactive</i>	Data	Thermodynamic
B	<i>Interactive</i>	<i>Interactive</i>	<i>Interactive</i>	<i>Interactive</i>

- Create a new F-case

```
<./create_newcase -case $CASEDIR -res T31_T31 -compset F_2000 -mach bluefire>
```

- Compare with B-case

```
<./create_newcase -case $CASEDIR -res T31_gx3v7 -compset B_1850_CN -mach bluefire>
```



Control Case

Create newcase

```
<cd /fs/cgd/csm/collections/cesm1_0_4_tutorial/scripts>
<./create_newcase -case $CASEDIR -res T31_T31 -compset F_2000 -mach bluefire>
<cd $CASEDIR>
```

Configure processor layout for F-case

```
<./xmlchange -file env_mach_pes.xml -id NTHRDS_ATM -val 4>
<./xmlchange -file env_mach_pes.xml -id NTHRDS_LND -val 4>
<./xmlchange -file env_mach_pes.xml -id NTHRDS_ICE -val 4>
<./xmlchange -file env_mach_pes.xml -id NTHRDS_OCN -val 4>
<./xmlchange -file env_mach_pes.xml -id NTHRDS_CPL -val 4>
<./xmlchange -file env_mach_pes.xml -id NTHRDS_GLC -val 4>
```

Run length options (run for 2 months, takes <15 minutes)

```
<./xmlchange -file env_run.xml -id STOP_N -val 2>
<./xmlchange -file env_run.xml -id STOP_OPTION -val nmonths>
```

Configure

```
<./configure -case>
```

***** Same for most examples that follow to this point (each with different \$CASENAME/\$CASEDIR) *****

Build

```
<./{$CASENAME}.bluefire.build>
```



Control Case: cont

Run file edits

```
<emacs $CASENAME.bluefire.run>  
#BSUB -W = 2:00
```

Submit

```
<bsub < ./${CASENAME}.bluefire.run>
```

Checking jobs

```
<bjobs>  
<batchview | grep $LOGNAME>
```

Post-processing (e.g., compare \${CASENAME}1 with \${CASENAME}0)

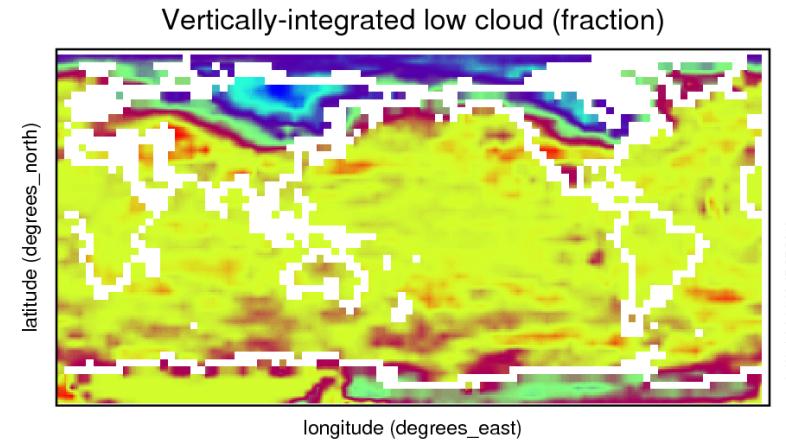
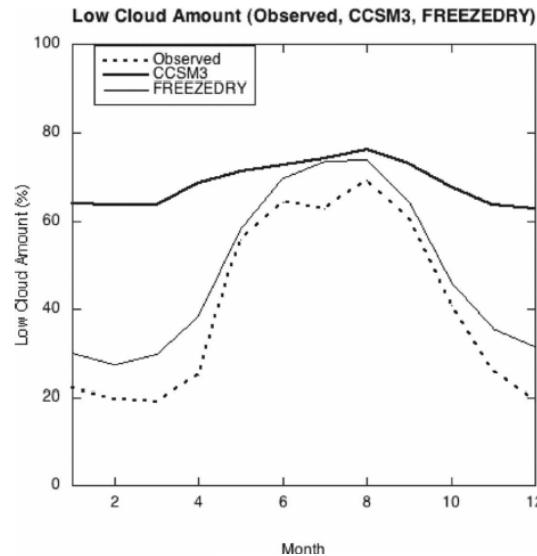
Need to load the ncview module to use “ncview”

```
<module load ncview-1.93f>  
<cd /ptmp/$LOGNAME/archive/${CASENAME}1/atm/hist>  
<ncdiff ${CASENAME}1.cam2.h0.0001-01.nc ${CASENAME}0.cam2.h0.0001-01.nc \ ${  
    ${CASENAME}1}_diff.nc>  
<ncview ${CASENAME}1_diff.nc>
```

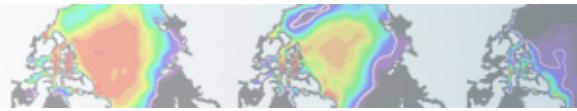


Example 1: *Namelist Change*

- **ACTION:** Switch off an approximation that reduces the cloud fraction in very dry atmospheric conditions (Vavrus and Walliser, 2008)



$$f = f \times \left[\max(0.15, \min)\left(1.0, \frac{q}{0.003}\right) \right].$$



Example 1: *Namelist Change*

Follow **control case** example until before the configure

Set freeze drying to .False.

2 methods

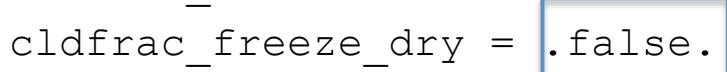
1. Via env_conf.xml using xmlchange (**configure after this**)

```
<xmlchange -file env_conf.xml -id CAM_NAMELIST_OPTS -val "cldfrc_freeze_dry=.false.">
```



2. Via buildnamelist file (**configure before this**)

```
<cd Buildconf>  
<emacs cam.buildnml.csh>  
  &cldfrc_nl  
    cldfrac_freeze_dry = .false.
```



Return to Control Case at build point

After build – check CAM namelist in the run directory to confirm above change

```
<less /ptmp/$LOGNAME/$CASENAME/run/atm_in>
```

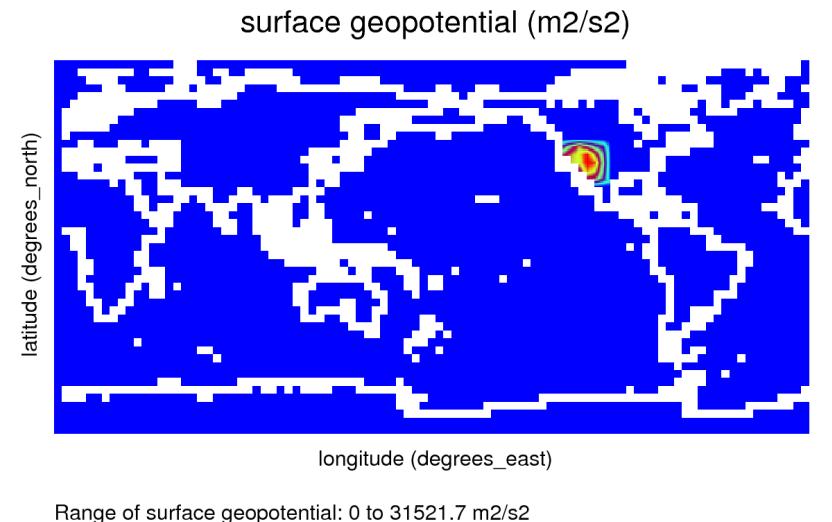
What to look for?

✓ *Surface temperature (TS), surface energy budget (FSDS,FLNS), surface pressure (PS), cloud (CLDLOW)*



Example 2: *Dataset change*

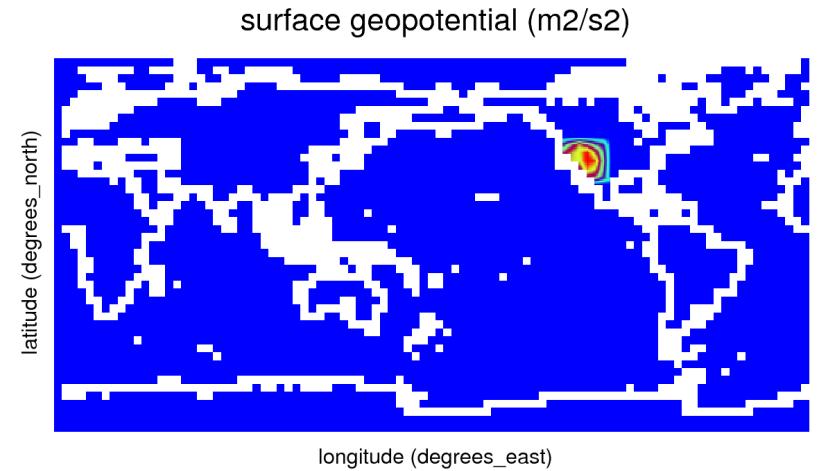
- ACTION: Change input boundary datasets (orography) by increasing it's value by 50% in the western USA



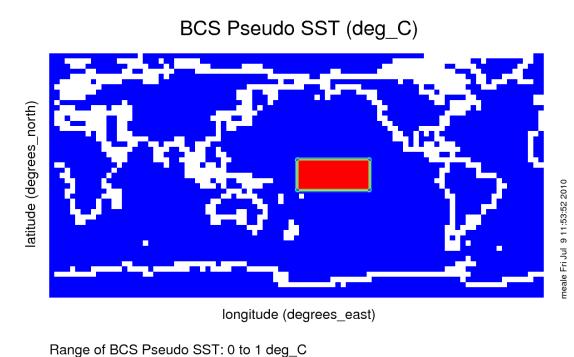


Example 2: Dataset change

- ACTION: Change input boundary datasets (orography) by increasing it's value by 50% in the western USA



See alternative case 2a at the end to add a Sea Surface Temperature (SST) anomaly





Example 2: Dataset change

- Follow guide for control example until configure **then**

Orography surface boundary data

```
<emacs Buildconf/cam.buildnml.csh>
```

Orography file is (specifies mean height PHIS)

```
bnd_topo = '$DIN_LOC_ROOT/atm/cam/topo/USGS-gtopo30_48x96_c050520.nc'
```

Central input data location (on bluefire)

```
$DIN_LOC_ROOT = /fis/cgd/cseg/csm/inputdata
```

Make a local copy

```
<cp /fis/cgd/cseg/csm/inputdata/atm/cam/topo/USGS-gtopo30_48x96_c050520.nc \
USGS-gtopo30_48x96_c050520_orig.nc>
```



Example 2: Dataset change

Change orography surface boundary data

Use nco utilities to edit values on the file (<http://nco.sourceforge.net>)

We will use a function called ncap2 – (netCDF Arithmetic Averager) single line command below

```
1 <ncap2 -O -s 'lat2d[lat,lon]=lat ; lon2d[lat,lon]=lon' \
2   -s 'omask=(lat2d >= 30. && lat2d <= 50.) && (lon2d >= 235. && lon2d <= 260.)' \
3   -s 'PHIS=(PHIS*(1.+omask*0.5))' \
      USGS-gtopo30_48x96_c050520_orig.nc USGS-gtopo30_48x96_c050520.nc>
```

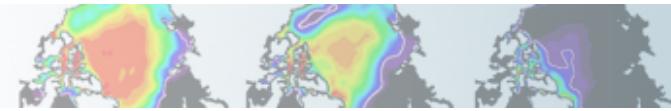
1. Define 2D latitude and longitude arrays

2. Create a mask – setting = 1 for the desired lat/lon range; elsewhere = 0

3. Apply mask to 2D field (PHIS = surface geopotential = gZ) – 1.5x PHIS in region of interest

Check data

```
<ncdiff -v PHIS USGS-gtopo30_48x96_c050520.nc \
USGS-gtopo30_48x96_c050520_orig.nc PHIS_diff.nc>
<ncview PHIS_diff.nc>
```



Example 2: Dataset change

Apply changed dataset to namelist files

```
<emacs Buildconf/cam.buildnml.csh>
```

Change

```
bnd_topo = '$DIN_LOC_ROOT/atm/cam/topo/USGS-gtopo30_48x96_c050520.nc'
```

To

```
bnd_topo = './USGS-gtopo30_48x96_c050520.nc'
```

Build model

```
<./{$CASENAME}.bluefire.build>
```

Copy changed orography boundary data to run directory

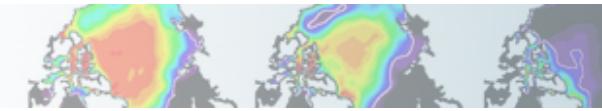
```
<cp USGS-gtopo30_48x96_x050520.nc /ptmp/$LOGNAME/$CASENAME/run>
```

```
<cd $CASEDIR>
```

Return to Control Case AFTER build point

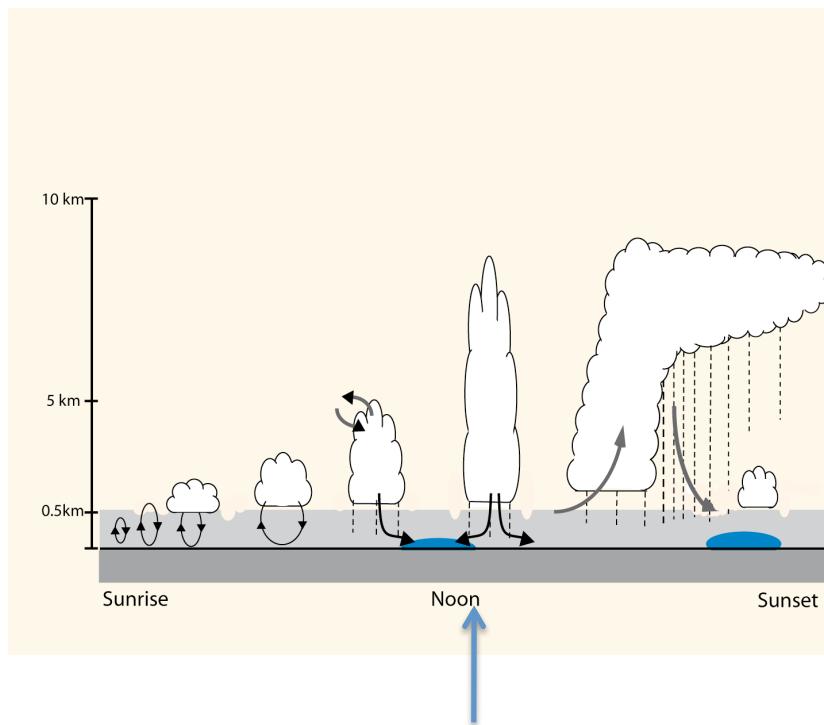
What to look for?

- ✓ Surface temperature (TS), surface pressure (PS), cloud (CLDLOW), rainfall (PRECT), winds (OMEGA,U,W)

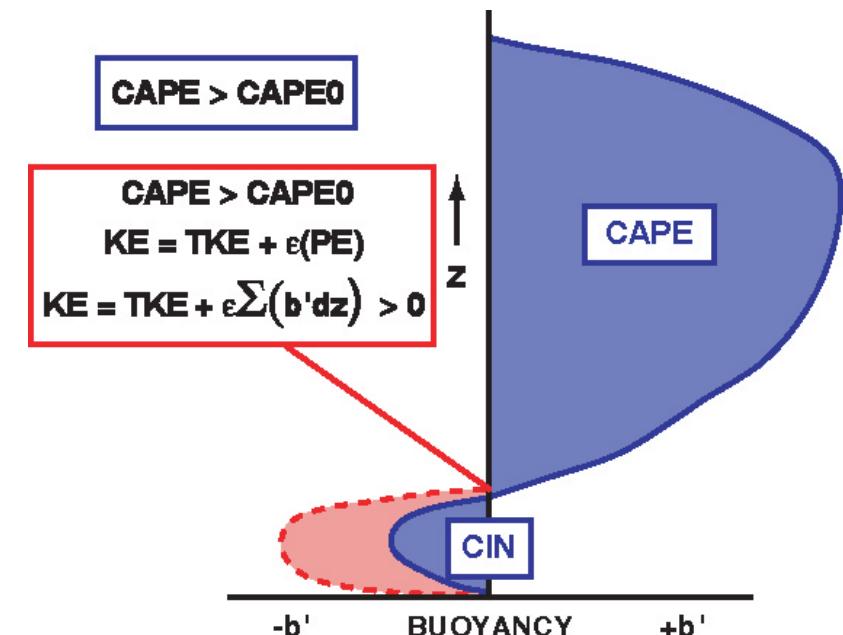


Example 3: *Code Change*

- ACTION: Increase the minimum required CAPE to initiate convection of land (convective trigger) to examine the mean affects of delaying the initiation of convection



Models peak around noon
Too early





Example 3: *Code Change*

- Follow guide for control example until configure ***then***

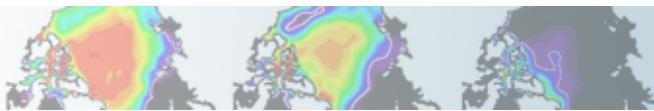
Copy fortran code file that controls deep convection calculation (Zhang and McFarlane, 1995) to local code mod directory for the atmosphere

```
<cp /fs/cgd/csm/collections/cesm1_0_4_tutorial/models/atm/cam/src/physics/cam/zm_conv.F90 \
  SourceMods/src.cam>
<cd SourceMods/src.cam>
<emacs zm_conv.F90>
```

Search for following lines

```
if (cape(i) > capelmt) then
  lengath = lengath + 1
  index(lengath) = i
end if
```

The minimum CAPE (capelmt) for triggering convection (= 70 J/kg) everywhere.
Let's increase the value over land (x10 to 700 K/kg) to analyze what the mean effect of delaying convection is.



Example 3: *Code Change*

So change the following in sub-routine **zm_convr** (*use 'ctrl s' to search in emacs*)

```
if (cape(i) > capelmt) then  
    lengath = lengath + 1  
    index(lengath) = i  
end if
```

To

```
if (cape(i) > capelmt_mask) then  
    lengath = lengath + 1  
    index(lengath) = i  
end if
```

Use a local variable for the convection trigger

And before this add

```
if (landfrac(i) > 0.5_r8) then  
    capelmt_mask = 10._r8*capelmt  
else  
    capelmt_mask = capelmt  
end if
```

Scale the existing trigger value by 10x if land fraction is >50%

And in routine **zm_convr** after

```
use phys_control, only: cam_physpkg_is
```

```
Add real(r8) :: capelmt_mask
```

Return to Control Case AFTER configure point



Example 3: *Code Change*

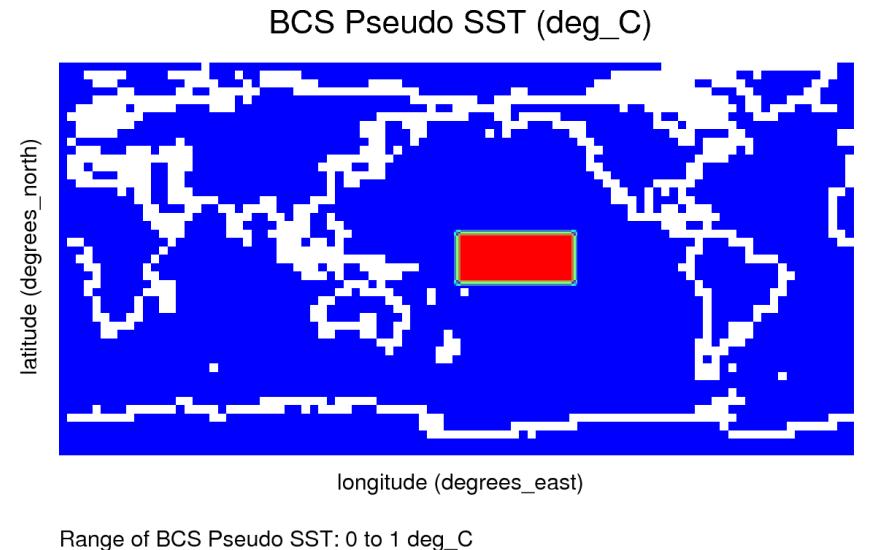
What to look for? (may require longer than 1 month for good signal)

- ✓ Surface temperature (TS), surface fluxes (LHFLX, SHFLX), cloud (CLDLOW), rainfall (PRECT) over land
- ✓ How does it affect the diurnal cycle? (if feeling brave output hourly rainfall (PRECT) and surface temperature (TS) over a limited land region - refer to Thursday practical)



Example 2a: *Dataset change*

- ACTION: Change input boundary datasets (Sea Surface Temperature) by increasing it's value by 2K in the tropical Central Pacific





Example 2a: *Dataset change*

- Follow guide for control example until before the configure:

You need to modify the SST file. This file is located in the central input data location:

```
$DIN_LOC_ROOT/ocn/docn7/SSTDATA/sst_HadOIB1_bc_48x96_clim_c050526.nc  
with $DIN_LOC_ROOT = /fis/cgd/cseg/csm/inputdata (on bluefire)
```

Copy file to your local directory

```
<cp /fis/cgd/cseg/csm/inputdata/ocn/docn7/SSTDATA/  
    sst_HadoIB1_bc_48x96_clim_c050526.nc \  
    sst_HadoIB1_bc_48x96_clim_c050526_orig.nc>
```



Example 2a: Dataset change

Change SST surface boundary data

Use nco utilities to edit values on the file (<http://nco.sourceforge.net>)

We will use a function called **ncap2 – (netCDF Arithmetic Averager)** single line command below

```
1 <ncap2 -O -s 'lat2d[lat,lon]=lat ; lon2d[lat,lon]=lon' \
2 -s 'omask=(lat2d >= -10. && lat2d <= 10.) && (lon2d >= 180. && lon2d <= 240.)' \
3 -s 'SST_cpl=(SST_cpl+omask*2.)' \
sst_HadOIBl_bc_48x96_clim_c050526_orig.nc sst_HadOIBl_bc_48x96_clim_c050526.nc>
```

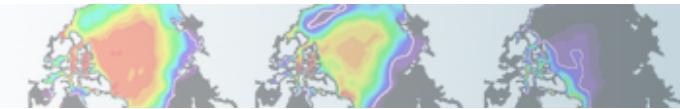
1. Define 2D latitude and longitude arrays

2. Create a mask – setting = 1 for the desired lat/lon range; elsewhere = 0

3. Apply mask to 2D field (SST_cpl): +2K in region of interest (equatorial Pacific)

Check data

```
<ncdiff -v SST_cpl sst_HadOIBl_bc_48x96_clim_c050526.nc \
sst_HadOIBl_bc_48x96_clim_c050526_orig.nc SST_cpl_diff.nc>
<ncview SST_cpl_diff.nc>
```



Example 2a: *Dataset change*

Apply changed SST

```
<./xmlchange -file env_conf.xml -id DOCN_SSTDATA_FILENAME \
             -val "./sst_HadOIB1_bc_48x96_clim_c050526.nc">
<./xmlchange -file env_conf.xml -id DOCN_SSTDATA_YEAR_START -val "0">
<./xmlchange -file env_conf.xml -id DOCN_SSTDATA_YEAR_END -val "0">
```

Build model

```
<cd $CASEDIR>
<./{$CASENAME}.bluefire.build>
```

Copy changed SST data to run directory

```
<cp sst_HadOIB1_bc_48x96_clim_c050526.nc /ptmp/$LOGNAME/$CASENAME/run>
```

Return to *Control Case AFTER build point*

What to look for?

- ✓ *Surface temperature (TS), surface pressure (PS), cloud (CLDLOW), rainfall (PRECT), winds (OMEGA,U,W)*