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# Incorporating NEMO into CESM

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# 1. Overview

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- The NEMO ocean model
- Fundamental questions
  - Choice of the sea ice model
  - Choice of the coordinates
  - Coupling interface
- Incorporating NEMO into CESM
- Current status and next steps



## 2. The NEMO ocean model

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**NEMO (Nucleus for European Modelling of the Ocean)** <http://www.nemo-ocean.eu>

- Developed by a consortium of EU research centers: **CMCC** (IT), INGV (IT), CNRS (FR), Mercator-Ocean (FR), NERC (UK) & UKMO (UK)
- Solves the primitive equations on an orthogonal curvilinear coordinate system
- Horizontal grid: Arakawa C grid
- Vertical coordinate: z (full/partial steps), s or a mix z-s
- 2° order centered FD scheme; filtered leap-frog
- EOS: Jackett and McDougall (1995)
- Several choices available for the ocean physics
- LIM2/LIM3 sea ice modules; dynamics and thermodynamics of sea ice
- TOP module for passive tracers and interface to marine biogeochemistry
- Implemented on the global domain and on regional domains (i.e. Mediterranean Sea)
- Available global resolutions: 4, 2, 1, 0.5, 0.25 degrees (ORCA tripole grid)
- Parallelization based on domain decomposition through MPI (no OpenMP yet)
- Parallel I/O (optional server/client architecture), each task read/write its own file

### 3. CESM-NEMO coupling: the sea ice model

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Coupling NEMO to the CESM, fundamental questions:

- Q1. Which sea ice model do we want to use? LIM vs. CICE
  - Q2. Which horizontal grid coordinates do we want to use? POP vs. NEMO
  - Q3. What are the fields that we need to exchange with the coupler? Units & sign convention  
(from Q2 & Q3) On which grid do we want to exchange these fields? T vs. U vs. ?
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#### **Q1. Which sea ice model do we want to use? LIM vs. CICE**

- LIM is not a stand-alone model, it's a module available as an option in the NEMO code (in CESM the sea ice component has to be a model on its own)
- In CESM atmosphere-sea ice fluxes are computed by CICE (LIM does not compute any flux)
- CICE (partly!) supports the NEMO tripole grid

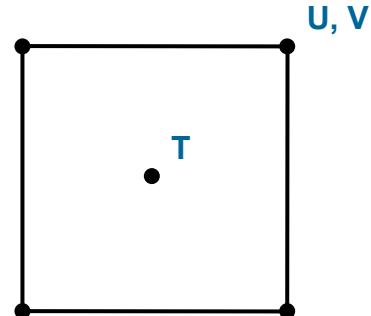
**Q1. Which sea ice model can we use?**  
**A1. CICE**



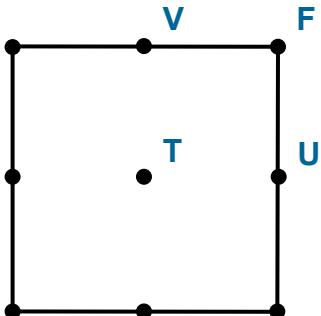
### 3. CESM-NEMO coupling: the horizontal grid

Q2. Which horizontal grid coordinates do we want to use? POP vs. NEMO

POP/CICE – B grid



NEMO – C grid



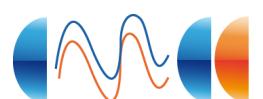
- POP coordinates → Rebuild NEMO grids & metrics, bathymetry, initial/boundary conditions, ...
- NEMO coordinates → Mapping (weights) & domain files + CICE files adaptation

Q2. Which horizontal grid coordinates do we want to use?  
A2. NEMO grid

• On what grid do we want to exchange these fields? T vs. U vs. ?

CPL allows only 1 grid/mask/area per model → all the fields have to be exchanged on the same grid

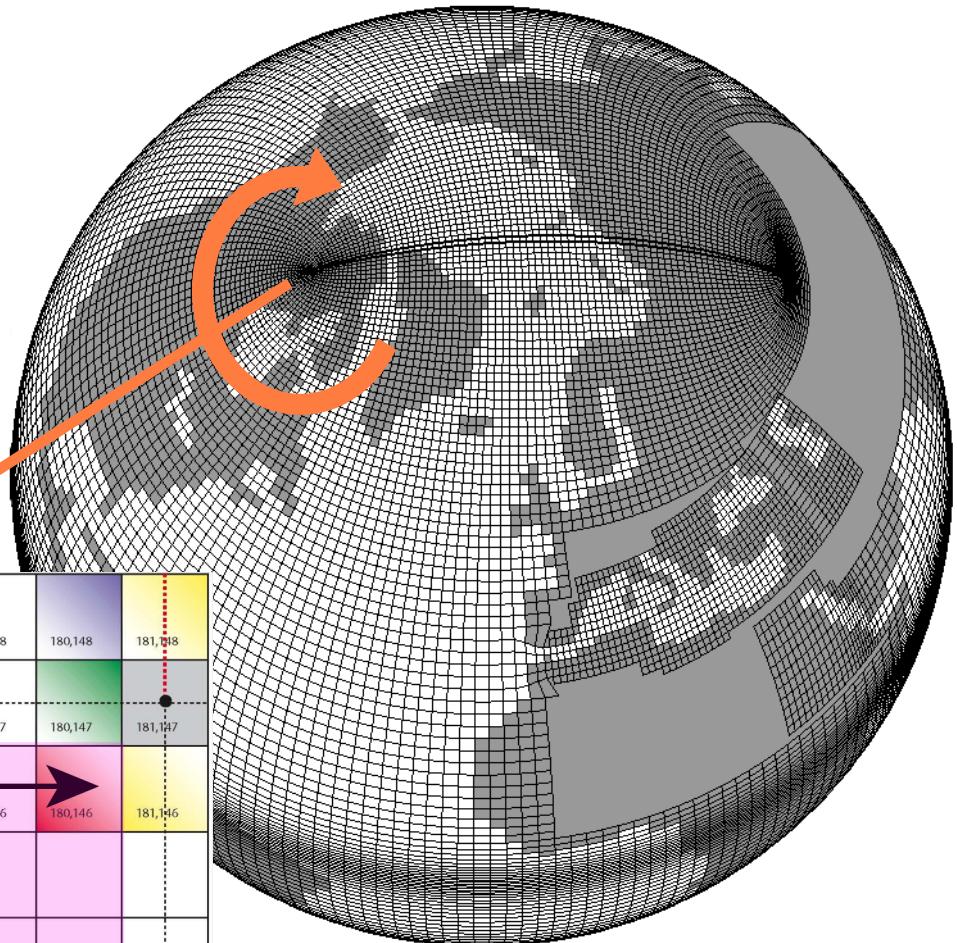
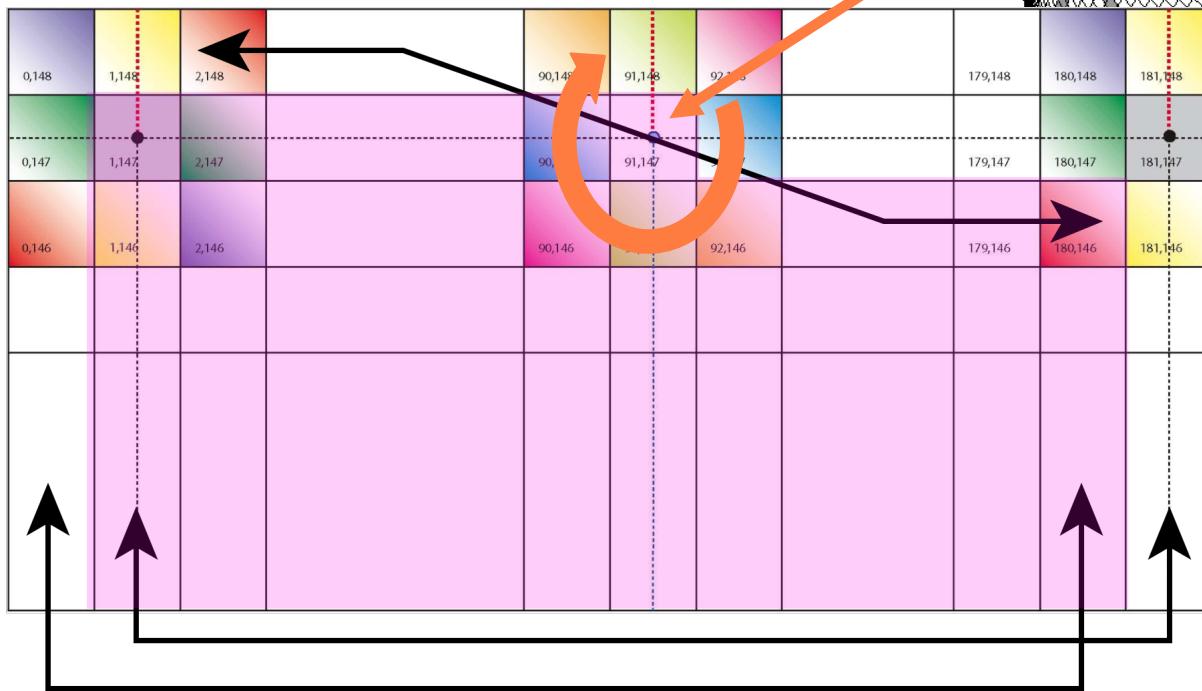
Q. On which grid do we want to exchange these fields?  
A. Central T points



### 3. CESM-NEMO coupling: the horizontal grid

NEMO tripole grid (ORCA2: ~2 deg)

- Added to the CESM supported grids: tn2v1
- All NEMO fields contain the global domain halo
- T-fold type: poles on central T points (POP tripole grid is U-fold type)
- Land point used to increase the resolution over marginal/internal seas



### 3. CESM-NEMO coupling: the coupling interface

#### Q3. What are the fields that we need to exchange with the coupler?

Unit system: POP → cgs

NEMO → mks

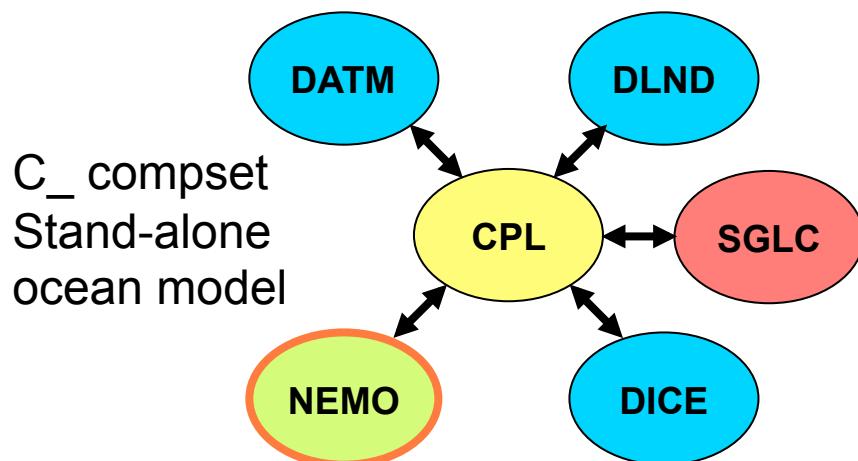
Sign convention: POP → positive downward

NEMO → positive downward

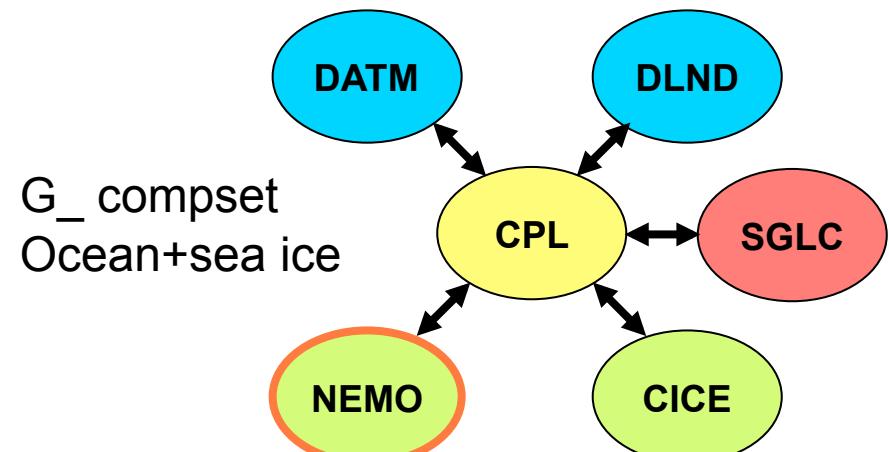
OCN → CPL									
Name	Meaning	Units		Positive		Grid		Target mod	Comment
		OCN	CPL	OCN	CPL	Source	Target		
<b>UVEL</b>	u horiz. velocity	cm/s	m/s	-	-	U > T+rot	Atm, T+rot > U	Atm+Ice	
<b>VVEL</b>	v horiz. velocity	cm/s	m/s	-	-	U > T+rot	Atm, T+rot > U	Atm+Ice	
<b>SST</b>	Sea Surf. Temperature	degC	K	-	-	T	Atm, T	Atm+Ice	
<b>SSS</b>	Sea Surf. Salinity	g/g	ppt	-	-	T	T	Ice	
<b>GRADPX</b>	x horiz. surf. gradient	cm/cm	m/m	-	-	U > T+rot	T+rot > U	Ice	
<b>GRADPY</b>	y horiz. surf. gradient	cm/cm	m/m	-	-	U > T+rot	T+rot > U	Ice	
<b>QFLUX</b>	frazil sea ice freezing - melting heat flux	W/m <sup>2</sup>	W/m <sup>2</sup>	down	down	T	T	Ice	Need to add the computation in NEMO
<b>CO2FLUX</b>	CO2 flux	kg/m <sup>2</sup> /s	kg/m <sup>2</sup> /s	down	down	T	Atm	Atm	if ecosys mod is active



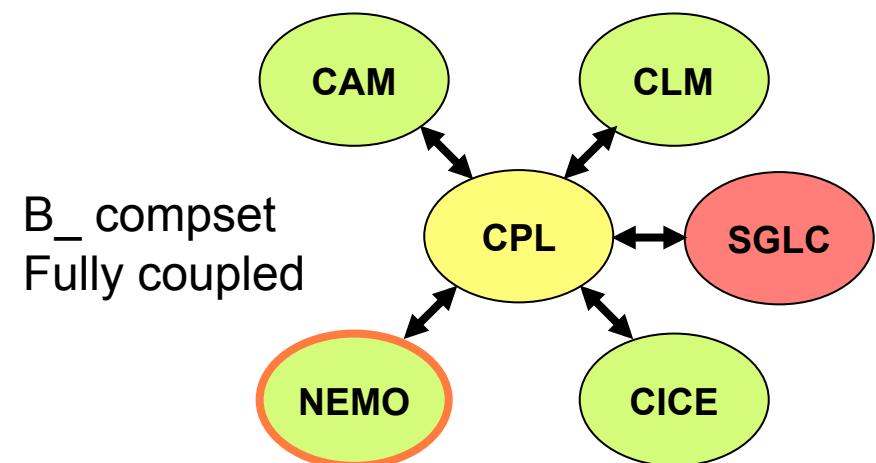
## 4. Incorporating NEMO into CESM



C\_compset  
Stand-alone  
ocean model



G\_compset  
Ocean+sea ice



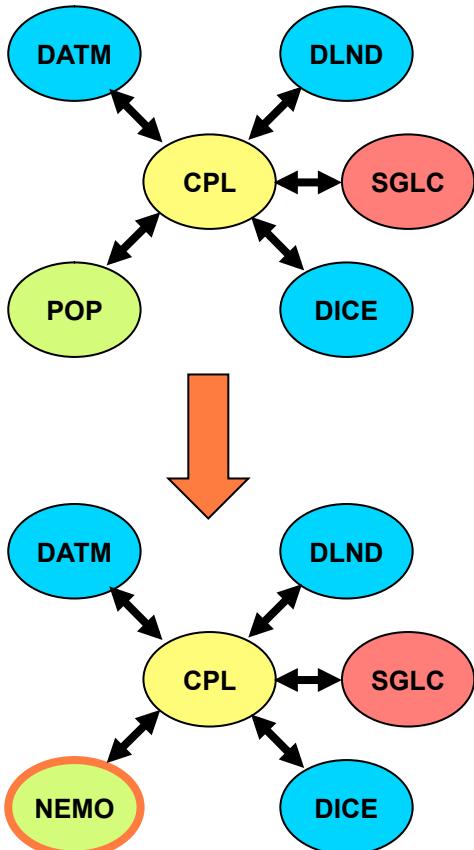
B\_compset  
Fully coupled

The target:  
full integration of the NEMO ocean  
model into the CESM infrastructure



## 4. Incorporating NEMO into CESM: Step 1

### New C\_compset: C\_NORMAL\_YEAR\_NEMO



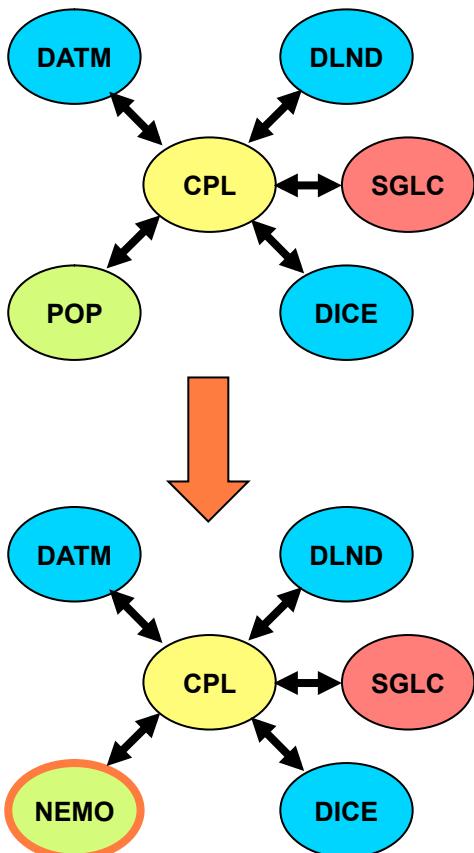
- Generation of domain and mapping files for the NEMO tripole grid (ORCA2) -> gen\_maps / gen\_domain tools (thanks to M. Vertenstein & M. Levy)
  - Remove global domain halo
  - Mask out overlapping grid points
  - Mask out lakes
- Generation of mapping files for the runoff (thanks to B. Kauffman)
- Addition of the NEMO tripole grid to the list of CESM supported grid
  - ORCA2 (~ 2°): tn2v1 (short name: n21)

```
$CCSMROOT/scripts/ccsm_utils/Case.template/config_grid.xml
...
<horiz_grid GLOB_GRID="tn2v1"    nx="180"    ny="148"    />
...
<horiz_grid GRID="T62_tn2v1"  SHORTNAME="T62_n21"
...
...
```



## 4. Incorporating NEMO into CESM: Step 1

### New C\_compset: C\_NORMAL\_YEAR\_NEMO



- Creation of a new C\_compset (stand-alone ocean model) which uses NEMO as the ocean component

```
$CCSMROOT/scripts/ccsm_utils/Case.template/config_compsets.xml  
...  
<compset GEN_COMPSET_MATCH="_NEMO" COMP_OCN="nemo"  
VALID_GRID_MATCH="f09|f19|T62" />  
...  
<compset NAME="C_NORMAL_YEAR_NEMO" SHORTNAME="CNEMO"  
DESC="Active NEMO ocean model with COREv2 normal year forcing"  
DATM_MODE="CORE2_NYF" />  
...
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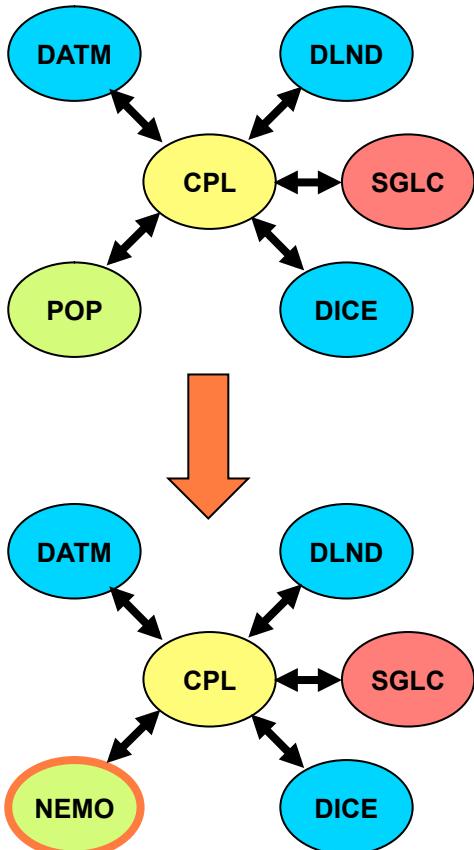
```
$CCSMROOT/scripts/ccsm_utils/Case.template/config_definition.xml  
...  
<entry id="COMP_OCN" valid_values="pop2,docn,xocn,socn,camdom,nemo"  
...  
...
```

```
$CCSMROOT/scripts/ccsm_utils/Case.template/ConfigCase.pm  
...  
@comps = qw(cam datm clm dlnd cice dice pop2 nemo docn cism);  
...
```

```
$CCSMROOT/scripts/create_newcase  
...  
my @comps = qw( ... nemo ... )  
my %templates = ( ... nemo => "models/ocn/nemo/bld/nemo.cpl7.template",  
...
```

## 4. Incorporating NEMO into CESM: Step 1

### New C\_compset: C\_NORMAL\_YEAR\_NEMO



- Import NEMO source code into the CESM source tree

```
$CCSMROOT/models/ocn/nemo
```

- Set up NEMO build in the CESM infrastructure

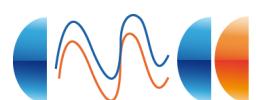
- mkDepend modifications for NEMO dependencies

```
$CCSMROOT/scripts/ccsm_utils/Machines/Macros.bluefire
...
FFLAGS = ...
FFLAGS_OPT = ...
...
```

- Creation of the model template nemo.cpl7.template

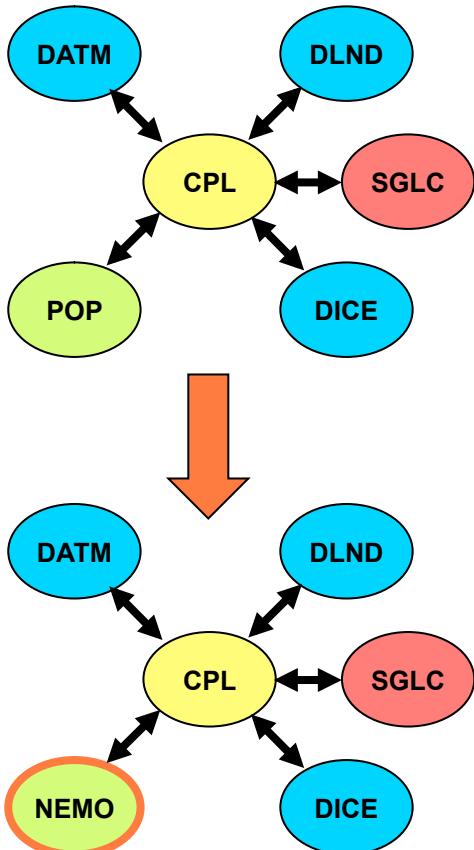
- Still preliminary (no build-namelist, no ocn\_in)

```
$CCSMROOT/models/ocn/nemo/bld/nemo.cpl7.template
```



## 4. Incorporating NEMO into CESM: Step 1

### New C\_compset: C\_NORMAL\_YEAR\_NEMO

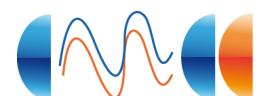


- Implementation of a new driver interface for NEMO (CPL-NEMO communication and synchronization) based on the MCT

```
$CCSMROOT/models/ocn/nemo/drivers/cpl_mct/ocn_comp_mct.F90
```

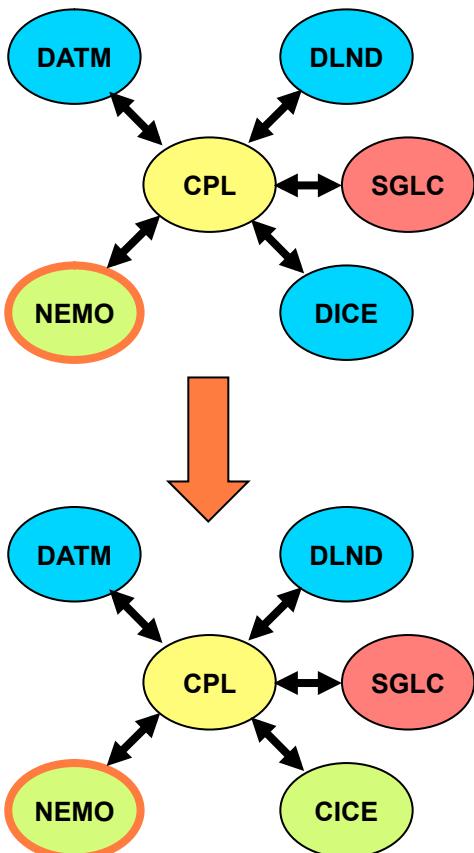
- Modifications to NEMO for the coupling with CESM (CPP macros)
- Set up the running environment
  - postrun / archiving (integration with the NEMO I/O)

```
$CCSMROOT/scripts/ccsm_utils/Tools/st_archive.sh
```



## 4. Incorporating NEMO into CESM: Step 2

### New G\_compset: G\_NORMAL\_YEAR\_NEMO



- Generation of NEMO tripole grid coordinates, metrics and mask files for CICE
- Creation of a new G\_compset (active ocean & sea ice) which uses NEMO as the ocean component and where CICE runs on the NEMO tripole grid

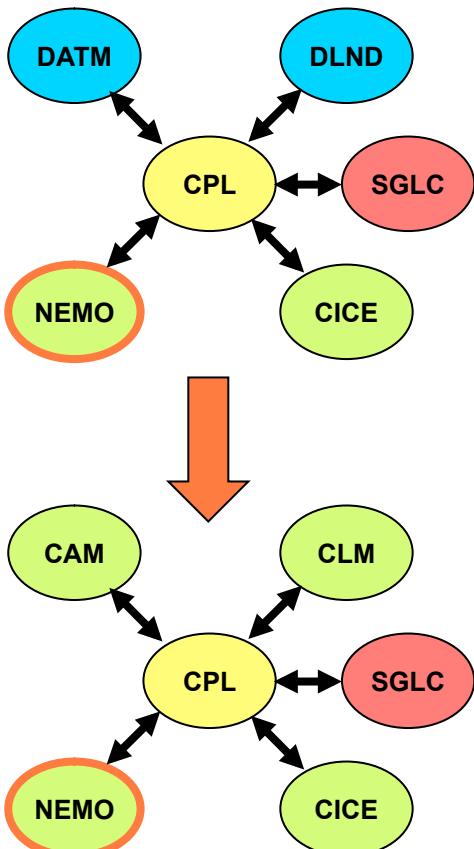
```
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...  
<compset NAME="G_NORMAL_YEAR_NEMO" SHORTNAME="GNEMO"  
DESC="Coupled ocean (NEMO) ice with COREv2 normal year forcing"  
DATM_MODE="CORE2_NYF" DATM_PRESAERO="clim_2000"  
/>  
...
```

- Completion of the coupling interface: implementation of the computation of the QFLUX (freezing melting potential) in NEMO
- Modify CICE to run on the NEMO tripole grid
  - Grid coordinates, metrics and masks read from file
  - Handling of the overlapping grid point on the T-fold tripole grid



## 4. Incorporating NEMO into CESM: Step 3

### New B\_compset: B\_2000\_NEMO



- Creation of a new B\_compset (fully coupled model) which uses NEMO as the ocean component and the NEMO tripole grid for ocn/ice

```
$CCSMROOT/scripts/ccsm_utils/Case.template/config_compsets.xml  
...  
<compset NAME="B_2000_NEMO" SHORTNAME="BNEMO"  
DESC="All active components (NEMO ocean model), present day"  
/>  
...
```



## 5. Current status and next steps

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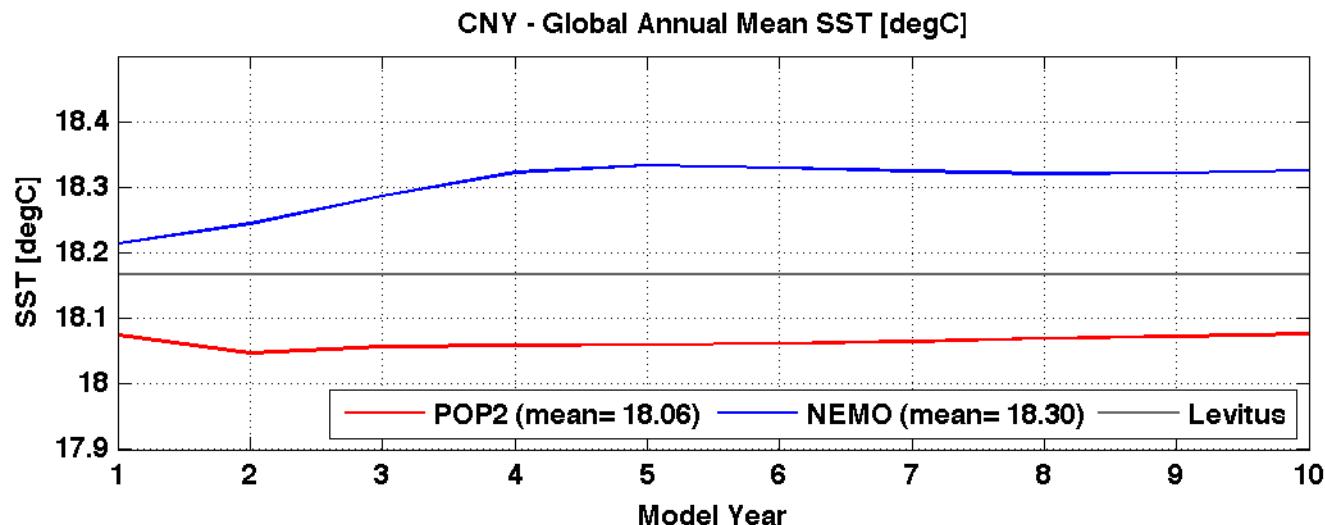
- Steps 1-3 completed
- Bit-for-bit reproducibility with different processors layout
- Exact restart
- Model validation: stand alone & fully coupled run (biases, conservation, trends, ...)
- Performance analysis
- Multi-instance capability
- Strenghten the CESM-NEMO integration (nemo.cpl7.template, postrun)
- Standardized NEMO post-processing
- ...

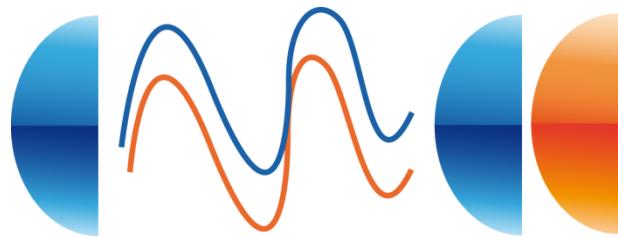


## 6. Preliminary results

C\_NORMAL\_YEAR\_NEMO compset

- 10 years run
- Horizontal resolution: T62\_tn2v1 (tn2v1 -> ORCA2 grid, 180x148, ~2 deg)
- Vertical resolution: 31 vertical levels
- Initial conditions: T & S from Levitus; ocean at rest
- Forcings: COREv2
- Comparison with C\_NORMAL\_YEAR (POP2), T62\_tx1v1





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The best is yet to come!

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