

WACCM: State of the Model

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Whole Atmosphere Community Climate Model



Community Earth System Model



Scientifically validated configurations

- For publishable science with CESM1(WACCM)
- Code base: CESM1.0.x (1.0.6 released 4/2014)
- Horizontal resolution: 1.9°x2.5° atmosphere with 1° full ocean (1.9x2.5_gx1v6)
- Compsets:

NCAR

- CMIP5:
 - B_1850_WACCM_CN
 - B_1850-2005_WACCM_CN
 - B_1955-2005_WACCM_CN
 - B_RCP2.6_WACCM_CN
 - B_RCP4.5_WACCM_CN
 - B_RCP8.5_WACCM_CN

- B_1850_WACCM_SC_CN
- B_1955-2005_WACCM_SC_CN
- B_RCP2.6_WACCM_SC_CN
- B_RCP4.5_WACCM_SC_CN
- B_RCP8.5_WACCM_SC_CN (see Ryan Neely's talk)
- All New Sponified allomiates for development, and require user validation (including CESM1.2.2).



Current Status

- New SC compsets in CESM 1.0.6 and 1.2.2 releases
- WACCM Simulations

NCAR

- CMIP5, CCMI Runs, Last Millennium Ensemble (850– 2005)
- WACCM Large ensemble simulations under discussion (see end of session)
- WACCM-SE high resolution (0.25 deg)
- WACCM development timeline



CESM1.0.6 and 1.2.2

- WACCM Specified Chemistry (WACCM-SC)
 - Specifies Ozone (among other species)
 - 2x as fast as WACCM if you want to do stratospheric dynamics: with nearly identical results (see next slide)

Model	# cores	simulated years/day	core-hrs/simulated year
WACCM	352	7.5	1130
SC-WACCM	352	14.8	573
$CCSM4~1^{\circ}$	352	19.6	432
$CCSM4~2^{\circ}$	416	42.0	237

- Bug Fixes
- Last support for CESM1.0 series (we think): all functionality and similar solutions available in CESM1.2.2 (for WACCM4)

WACCM4-SC

Preview: See Neely Talk (also details about WACCM-SC O3)



Above: Tropical H2O Tape Recorder looks like WACCM (good), not CCSM4 (bad)

Right: WACCM4-SC also gets SSWs

Smith et al 2014, in review



CESM1(WACCM) CCMI Updates Since CMIP5

- Chemistry updates
 - Updated chemical rate constants to JPL-2010.
 - Additional organic halogens (no surrogates) were included 18 total.
 - Include representation of very short lived (VSL) organic bromine.
 - Included representation of Fluorine chemistry (F, HF, COF₂, COFCI).
 - Added tropospheric chemistry (Total: 164 Species and 450 reactions).
 - Also created a VSL mechanism for CCMI (Saiz-Lopez et al. 2012).
 - Updated Heterogeneous Chemistry Module (Wegner et al., 2013).
 - Update Wet (Neu) / Dry (land model) Deposition.
 - New recommendation on future organic halogen evolution (WMO 2010).
- Prescribed stratospheric sulfate
 - New Sulfate Surface Area Density (SAD) time series (1960-2010).
 - Improved representation of volcanic heating (R. Neely and A. Conley).
- Output
 - Satellite output for SD simulations.
 - Rate output now available (tagged to individual or sum of reactions).
- Physics: Addition of Inertia Gravity Waves (IGWs) See R. Garcia's presentation.

CESM1(WACCM) CCMI Scenarios and Simulations

- REFC1: 1950-2010 historical (completed 3 realizations)
 - Data Ocean
 - QBO (nudged)
 - Troposphere-Stratosphere-Mesosphere-Lower-Thermosphere (TSMLT) Mechanism (164 species, 459rxns)
 - Solar variability, Volcanic Heating and SAD for Chem.
- REFC1SD: 1975-2012 historical (completed 2 simulations)
 - MERRA (50-hr nudging), data ocean
 - QBO (internal to MERRA)
 - 1 sim with **TSMLT** Mechanism
 - 1 sim with Middle Atmosphere (MA, 85 species; 287rxns)
 - Solar variability, Volcanic SAD for Chem.
- REFC2: 1950-2100, RCP6.0 (completed 3 realizations)
 - Interactive ocean
 - QBO (nudged)
 - MA Mechanism (14-tracers)
 - Solar variability, Volcanic Heating and SAD for Chem.
- SENS2: 2000-2100, RCP8.5 (completed 1 realization)
 - Same setup as REFC2, different RCP.
- Results to be released publicly after description papers are submitted (Garcia et al., 2014; Kinnison et al., 2014)

Annual Average Mean AOA: 25S-25N



New Developments

- QBO: new adjustments to GW and levels
- SE-WACCM5: High Resolution (0.25d)
- WACCM-X
 - Ionosphere Energetics and Transport
- Stratospheric Sulfur
 - New prescribed volcanic aerosol file
 - Prognostic MAM volcanic sulfur
 - GEOMIP simulations

WACCM-X Ionosphere Modules



WACCM5-High Res (25km) Meridional Wind at ~110km:

Space Weather Driven by Terrestrial Weather

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-10 -12 -15 -18 -21 -24 -27 -30

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SE-WACCM at ne120: upper atmospheric wave structures are driven by the troposphere. Ripples are gravity waves (e.g. tropical waves), also frontal generated waves. See Hanli Liu's presentation

WACCM-X: CO2 Trends



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Prognostic stratospheric aerosols January 1992 See second Mills presentation



WACCM Graphical Timeline

	CAM5+ Available						
	Now	1/2015	1/2016	CESM2			
Releases	1.0.6/1.2.2: SC, stability	WACCM-CCM		WACCM6 WACCM6X			
GV Development CC Pro Ior		GW improvements CCMI Chemistry Prognostic Volcanic Aero Ionosphere Electro					
Joint Dec	isions	Vertical and Horizontal R Dynamical Core/Transpo GWs in CAM	esolution rt Scheme				
Integration		Prognostic Test with C Iterate with	Volcanics AM5+ Physics I CAM, other WG				
			WACCN	1 'Finalization'			