CAM History and I/O Infrastructure Changes

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   Each attribute is a NetCDF attribute associated with a `cam_grid_t` and is output into any file which contains arrays defined on that grid.

Steps for creating a CAM grid

1. Create horizontal coordinates, usually including mapping (`horiz_coord_register`)
2. Create map from basic 2-D array to file order
3. Add grid (`cam_grid_register`)
4. Add grid attributes (`cam_grid_attribute_register`)

Creating CAM grids – Coordinates

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'ncol'	–	The name of the coordinate's dimension. This will be the same as the coordinate name for a rectangular (lat/lon) grid.
ngcols_d	–	The global size of the coordinate
'latitude'	–	Coordinate long name
'degrees_north'	–	Coordinate units
pelat_deg	–	Values for the coordinate on this PE
pemap	–	1-D map between local coordinate values and NetCDF order. May be omitted for a non-distributed coordinate

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pemap	–	2-D map between local array elements and their NetCDF order.

Using CAM grids for input

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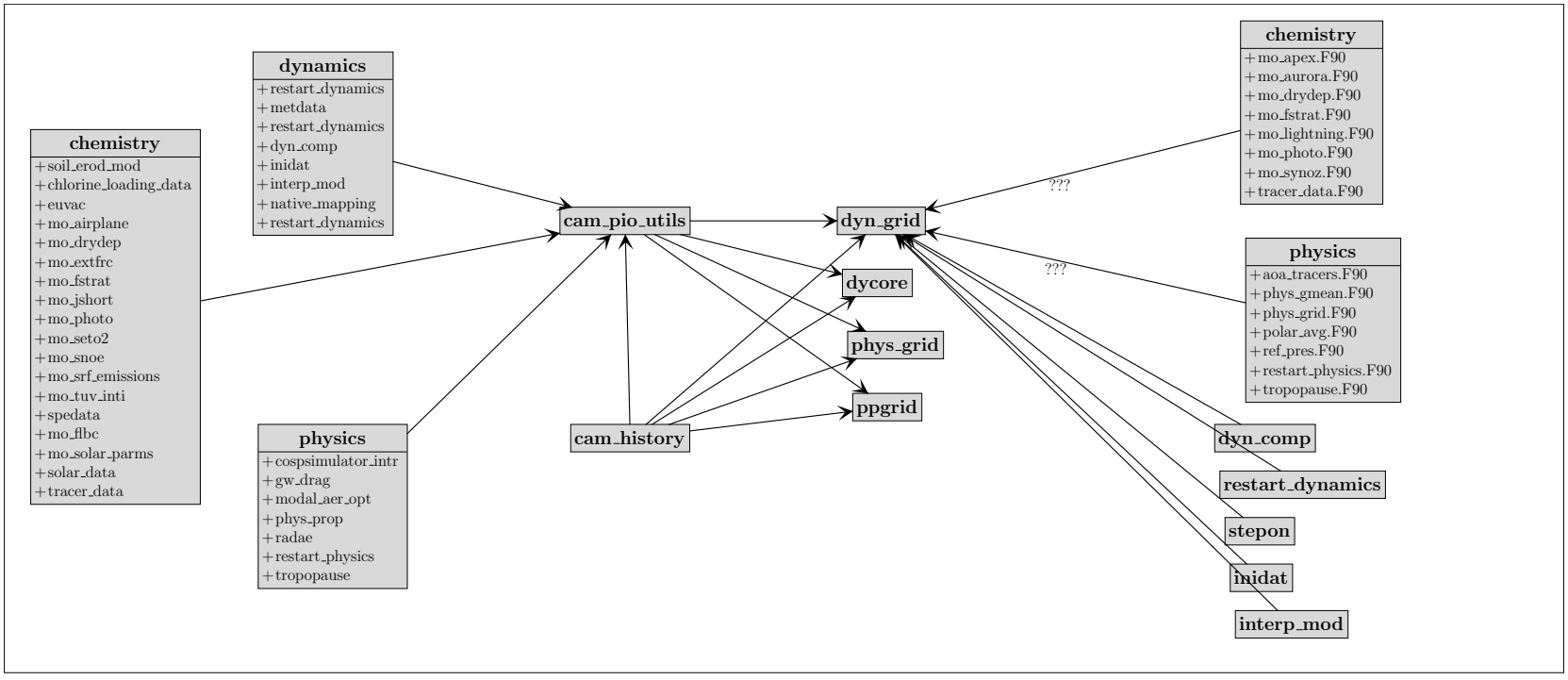
Possible future developments

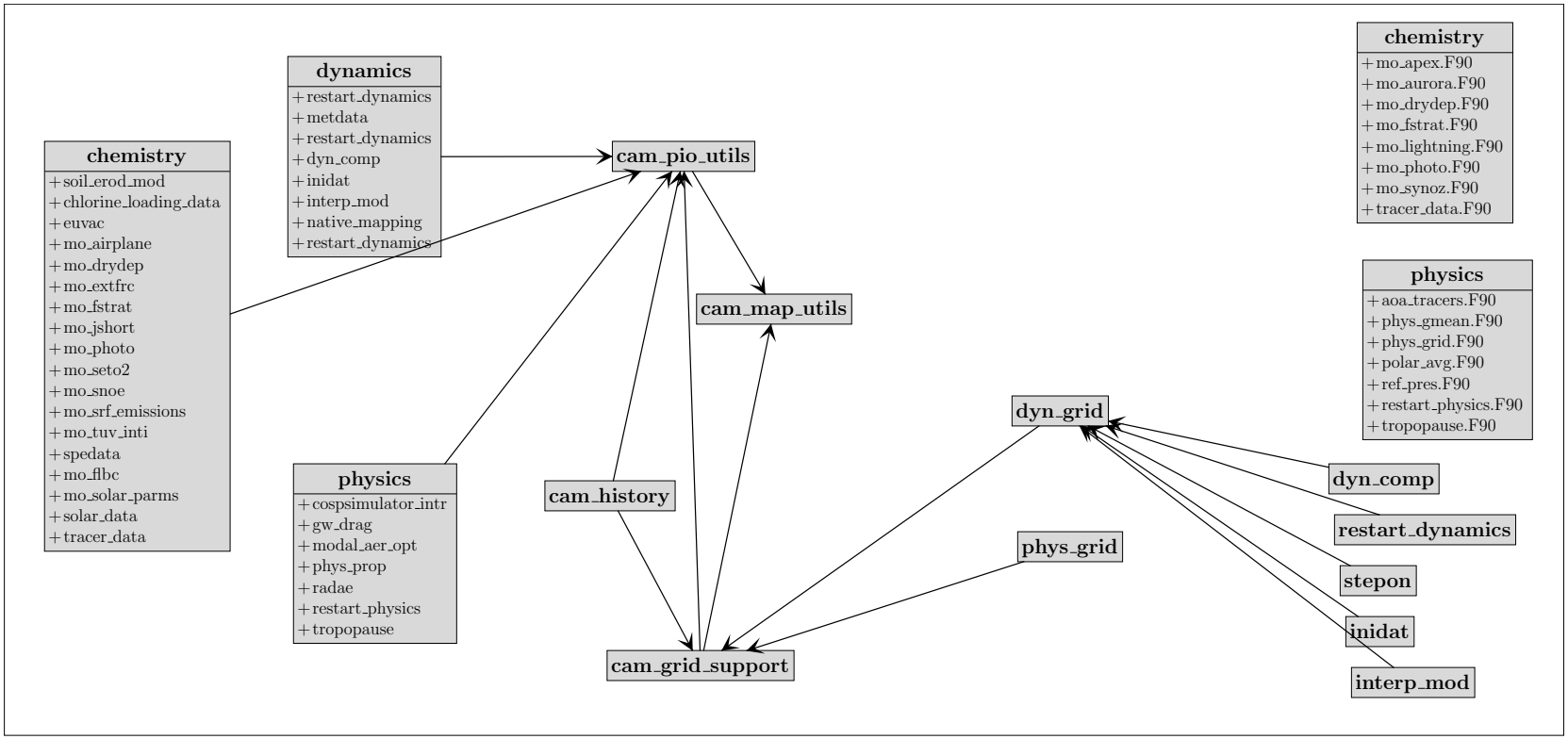
- Online mapping between grids?
- Convert more of CAM to use grid infrastructure
- Move new grid infrastructure to public CIME infrastructure for use by other components or models?

Questions?

Current CAM I/O and history interface



Proposed CAM I/O and history interface



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- cam_grid_write_attrs
- cam_grid_write_vars
- cam_grid_read_dist_array
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Infrastructure user interface – Grids (cont.)

- cam_grid_dimensions
- cam_grid_num_grids
- cam_grid_check ! T/F if grid ID exists
- cam_grid_id ! Grid ID (decomp) or -1 if error
- cam_grid_get_local_size
- cam_grid_get_file_dimids
- cam_grid_get_decomp
- cam_grid_get_gcid
- cam_grid_get_array_bounds

Infrastructure user interface – cam_pio_utils

- cam_pio_createfile
- cam_pio_openfile
- cam_pio_closefile
- cam_pio_newdecomp
- init_pio_subsystem ! called from cam_comp
- cam_pio_get_decomp
- cam_pio_handle_error
- cam_permute_array
- calc_permutation

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! Convenience interfaces

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! General utility

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