

A paleo perspective on some current issues and challenges in coupled CESM-CISM simulations

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- 3: Data archiver

4: CESM resubmission

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What is new?

- Support for CAM FV1 & FV2 resolutions and CISM 4 & 5km grids
- Using latest version of Fortran library to compute SGH and SGH30
- Accelerated by Python interface to write large datasets
- Takes advantage of "data assimilation call" in CIME

New routine is 30-40% faster (15 mins instead of 25 mins) and more versatile than predecessor

https://svn-ccsm-models.cgd.ucar.edu/tools/dynamic_cam_topography/trunk

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FV2 fully coupled CESM-CISM 10x acceleration of CISM









Comparison with IPCC simulations



Summary and conclusions

CESM status:

- Support for dynamic topography in CESM-CISM
- Too much precipitation in southern Greenland

Last interglacial simulations:

- Basal sliding is important (default parameterization slides too much)
- Ice loss in northern and western Greenland (w.r.t. PI)
- Substantial growth in southern Greenland

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Synchronous coupling (glacial inception)



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