Adaptive Vertical Grid Enhancement for E3SM

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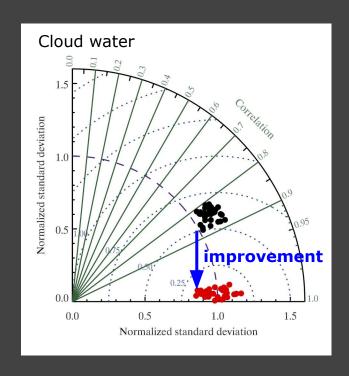






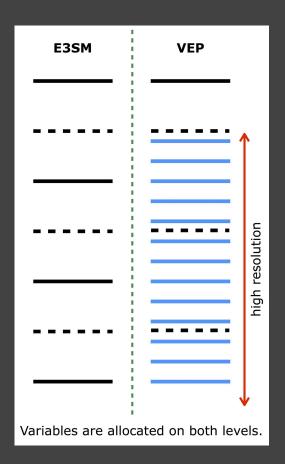
Framework for Improvement by Vertical Enhancement (FIVE)

- Yamaguchi et al. (2017 JAMES) show improved representation of stratocumulus with FIVE.
- This SciDAC project will implement FIVE into E3SM and also evolve FIVE into a computationally efficient version.



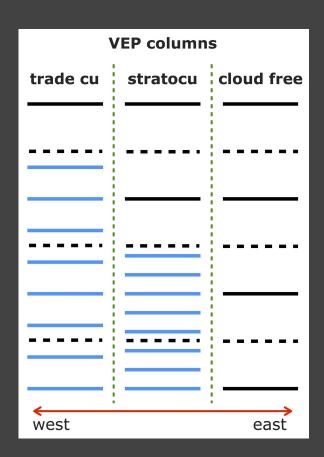
FIVE

- Set up an additional vertical grid with "locally" high resolution (PBL, cirrus region).
- On the locally high resolution grid,
 - Prognostic variables are allocated.
 - Selected processes are computed.
 - Vertically Enhanced Physics (VEP)
 - High resolution information is kept.
- Synchronization between host model and VEP is done by passing tendencies back and forth.
- FIVE contains aspects of MMF, multigrid method, and grid nesting but in the vertical direction.

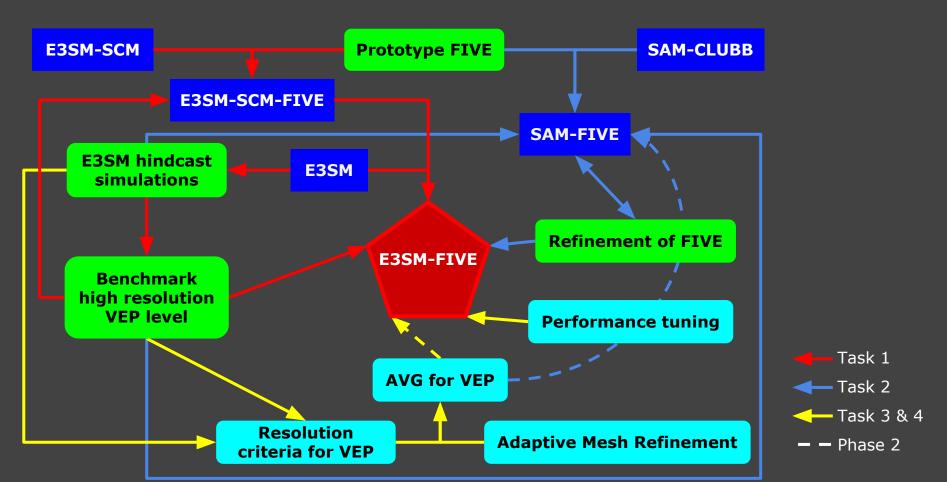


Adaptive Vertical Grid for VEP

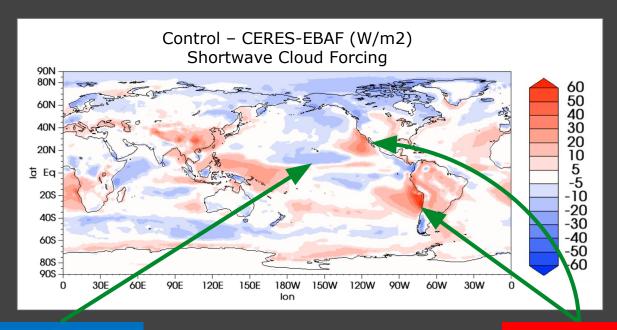
- E3SM-FIVE will be expensive.
- Computational cost may be reduced if vertical resolution of VEP is dynamically adjusted depending on the atmospheric state (Adaptive Vertical Grid; AVG).
- AVG does not guarantee efficiency for multi-core jobs due to heterogeneous workload.
- Resolution criteria for AVG based on atmospheric state will be developed.



Path to E3SM-FIVE



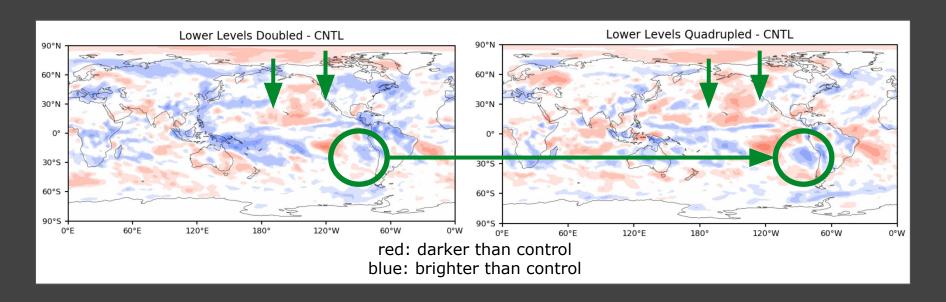
E3SM High Resolution Benchmark



Clouds TOO reflective in trade Cu regions

Clouds NOT reflective enough in Sc regions

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Increasing vertical resolution in boundary layer generally results in more reflective marine stratocumulus and less reflective trade cumulus (an improvement). We are confident that E3SM-FIVE can replicate these results, at reduced cost.

Summary



- Phase 1
 - E3SM-FIVE (fixed VEP resolution)
 - Evolved FIVE
 - Resolution criteria for PBL clouds
 - Research development for AVG
- Phase 2
 - E3SM-FIVE coupled with AVG
 - Cirrus
 - Faster/efficient AVG for parallel computation