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Why

Where we've been (CMIP5 and friends)
Where we're going (CMIP6 and beyond)

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(on behalf of es-doc team)



+ others (NCAS, PCMDI,
GFDL, IPSL, NOAA etc)

Most of this talk is from the perspective of
the information PRODUCERS
(the climate **modelling** community)

Another time we should talk about the
perspective of the information
CONSUMERS

(sometimes the climate modelling
community again, BUT OFTEN NOT)

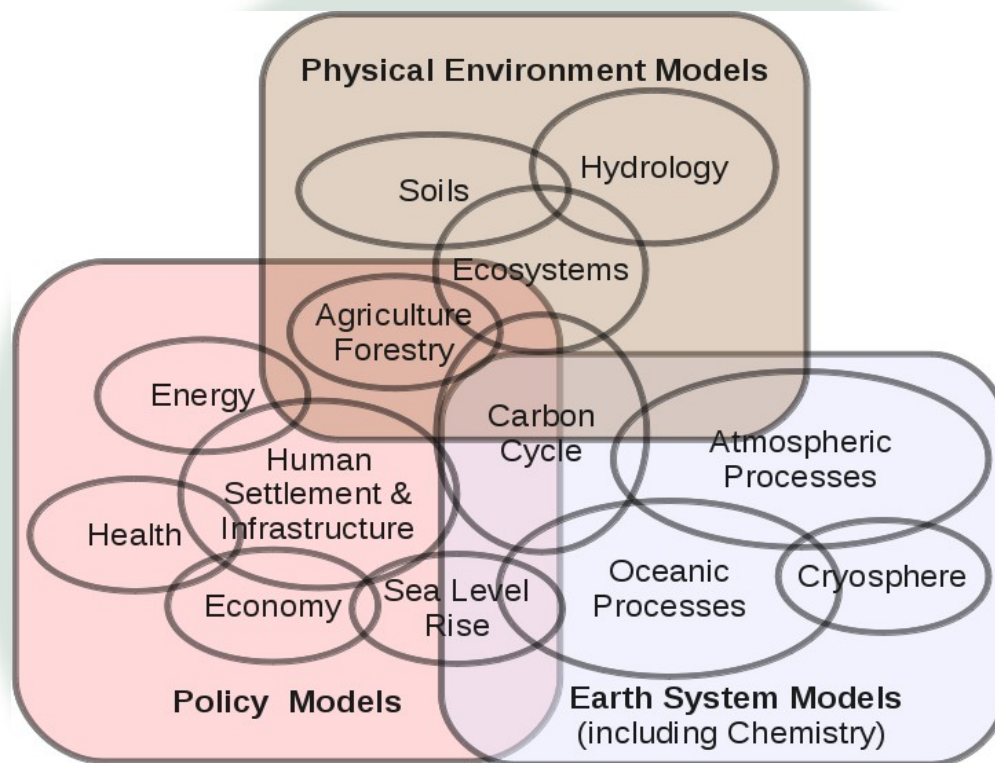


WHY?

**James Lovelock at the Geological Society,
Burlington House,
5th May 2011**

**Science is still divided into co-existing
disciplines each with its own language,
journals and forceful defenders. We are tribal
animals and such a trait is hard to resist.**

Many, many processes, many, many communities!



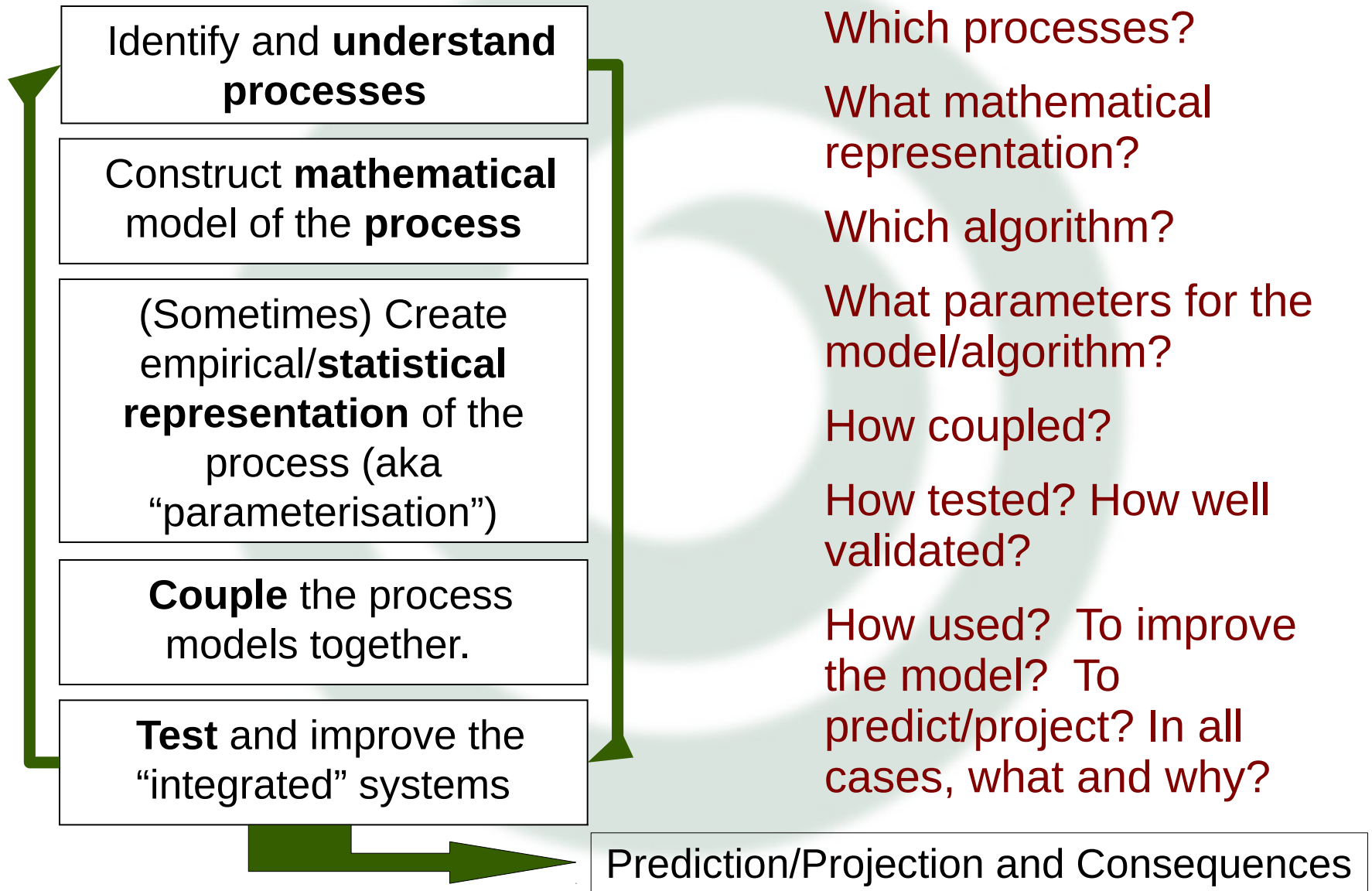
Interconnected communities have problems which require coupling of models and sub-models between communities!

Not just a technical problem ... language problems ... scientific understanding problems ... and ...

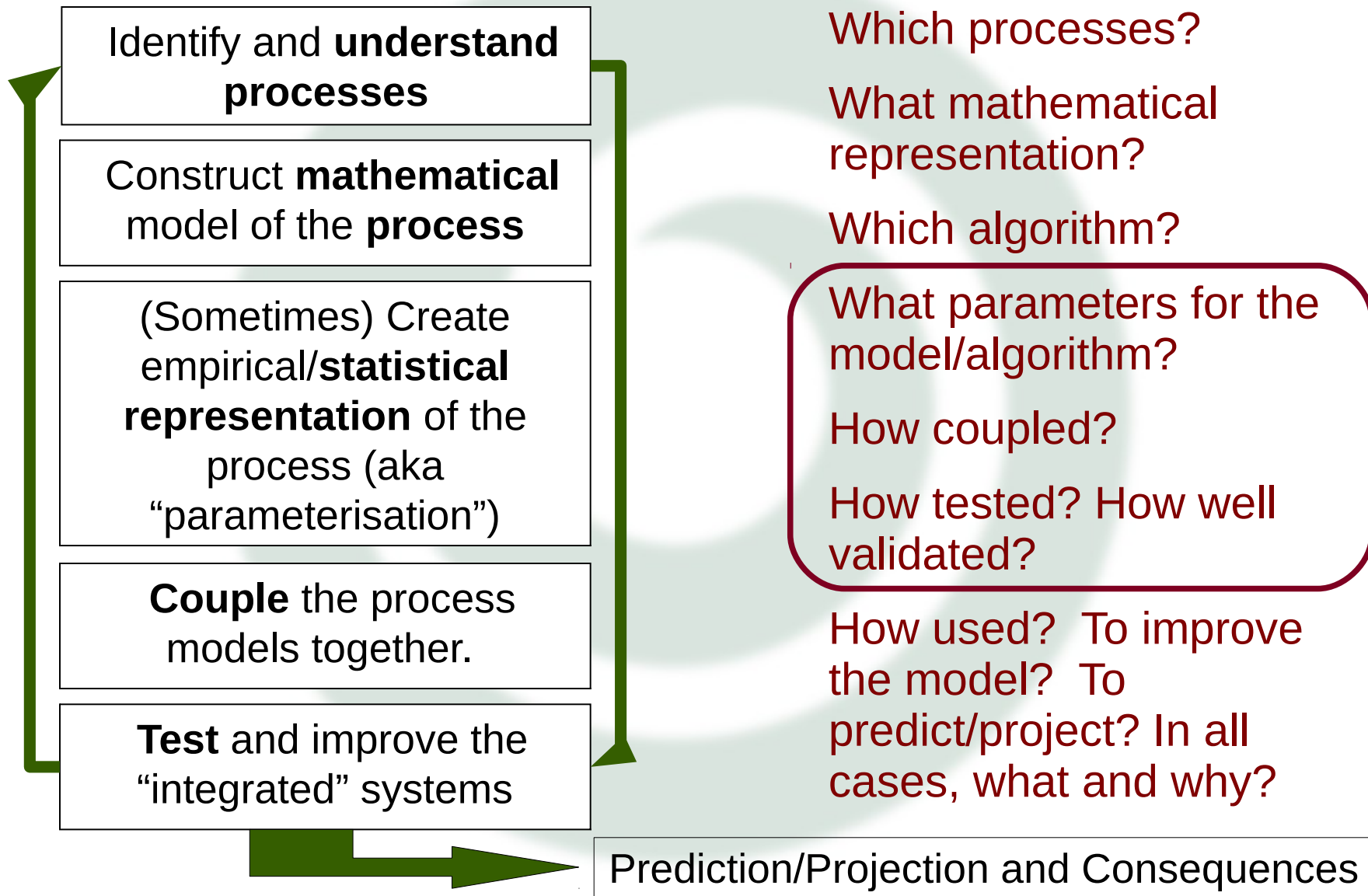
(Figure adapted from Moss et al., 2010).

Quite a few tribes there!
and so to
How we think about models
(Which is not how everyone does!)

Simplified View of the Simulation Process



Simplified View of the Simulation Process



State of the Art: Model Comparison

Table 1 The models used in the present study, including, configurations (near the equator) and number of years of simulations

Model	Institution	Atmosphere resolution	Ocean resolution	Length pcentrl	Length lpctto2x	Length lpctto4x
CCSM3	NCAR (USA)	T85L26	1.125°×0.27°L40	230	150	n/a
CGCM3.1(T47)	CCCMA (Canada)	T47L31	1.85°×1.85°L29	500	150	150
CNRM-CM3	Meteo-France/CNRM (France)	T63L45	2°×0.5°L31	390	100	110
CSIRO-Mk3.0	CSIRO (Australia)	T63L18	1.875°×0.84°L31	380	10	n/a
ECHAM5/MPI-OM	MPI-M (Germany)	T63L31	1.5°×0.5°L40	332	100	81
FGOALS-g1.0	LASG/IAP (China)	T42L26	1°×1°L33	150	80	n/a
GFDL-CM2.0	GFDL (USA)	2.5°×2°L24	1°×0.33°L50	500	100	160
GFDL-CM2.1	GFDL (USA)	2.5°×2°L24	1°×0.33°L50	500	150	160
GISS-AOM	NASA/GISS (USA)	4°×3°L12	4°×3°L16	251	n/a	n/a
GISS-EH	NASA/GISS (USA)	5°×4°L20	2°×2°L16	500	80	150
GISS-ER	NASA/GISS (USA)	5°×4°L20	5°×4°L13	400	100	n/a
INM-CM3	INM (Russia)	5°×4°L21	2.5°×2°L33	330	n/a	n/a
IPSL-CM4	IPSL (France)	2.5°×3.75°L19	2°×0.5°L31	230	80	n/a
MIROC3.2(hires)	CCSR/NIES/FRCGC (Japan)	T106L56	0.28°×0.1875°L47	100	10	n/a
MIROC3.2(medres)	CCSR/NIES/FRCGC (Japan)	T42L20	1.4°×0.5°L43	500	100	150
MRI-CGM2.3.2	MRI (Japan)	T42L30	2.5°×0.5°L23	350	150	150
PCM	NCAR (USA)	T42L18	0.66°×0.5°L32	350	96	90
UKMO-HadCM3	HadleyCentre (UK)	3.75°×2.5°L19	1.25°×1.25°L20	341	10	n/a
UKMO-HadGEM1	HadleyCentre (UK)	1.875°×1.25°L38	1°×0.33°L40	80	10	n/a
SINTEX T30	IPSL/INGV (France,Italy)	T30L19	2°×0.5°L31	200	n/a	n/a
SINTEX T106	INGV/IPSL (Italy,France)	T106L19	2°×0.5°L31	100	n/a	n/a
SINTEX T106mod	IPSL/INGV (France,Italy)	T106L19	2°×0.5°L31	100	n/a	n/a
HadOPA	CGAM/IPSL (UK,France)	3.75°×2.5°L19	2°×0.5°L31	100	n/a	n/a

The only flux corrected model is MRI-CGM2.3.2

1: Tabulate some interesting property (and author grafts hard to get the information)

Guilyardi E. (2006): El Niño- mean state - seasonal cycle interactions in a multi-model ensemble. Clim. Dyn., 26:329-348, DOI: [10.1007/s00382-005-0084-6](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00382-005-0084-6)

State of the Art: Model Comparison

TABLE 1. List of IPCC global coupled climate models analyzed in the present study and Model resolution is characterized by the size of a horizontal grid on which model output was levels. Spectral models are also characterized by their spectral truncations. Equilibrium climate

Model label and climate sensitivity	Resolution	Institution
CGCM3.1(T47) 3.6 K	96 × 48 L32 T47	Canadian Centre for Climate Modelling (http://www.cccma.ec.gc.ca/models/cg)
CGCM3.1(T63) 3.4 K	128 × 64 L32 T63	Canadian Centre for Climate Modelling (http://www.cccma.ec.gc.ca/models/cg)
CNRM-CM3 n/a	128 × 64 L45 T63	Centre National de Recherche Météorologique manuscript submitted to <i>Climate Dynamics</i>
ECHAM5/MPI-OM 3.4 K	192 × 96 L31 T63	Max-Planck-Institut für Meteorologie, Meteorological Institute of the University of Hamburg
ECHO-G 3.2 K	96 × 48 L19 T30	Research Institute, South Korea (MIGC)
GFDL-CM2.0 2.9 K	144 × 90 L24	Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory et al. 2006)
GFDL-CM2.1 3.4 K	144 × 90 L24	Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory et al. 2006)
GISS-AOM n/a	90 × 60 L12	Goddard Institute for Space Studies (http://aom.giss.nasa.gov)
GISS-ER 2.7 K	72 × 46 L20	Goddard Institute for Space Studies (Russell et al. 2000)
INM-CM3.0 2.1 K	72 × 45 L21	Institute of Numerical Mathematics, Russian Academy of Sciences
IPSL-CM4.0 4.4 K	96 × 72 L19	Institut Pierre-Simon Laplace, France (http://dods.ipsl.jussieu.fr/omamce/IPSL)
MIROC3.2(hires) 4.3 K	320 × 160 L56 T106	Center for Climate System Research, Japan Meteorological Agency
MIROC3.2(medres) 4.0 K	128 × 64 L20 T42	Center for Climate System Research, Japan Meteorological Agency
MRI-CGCM2.3.2 3.2 K	128 × 64 L30 T42	Meteorological Research Institute, Japan
NCAR-CCSM3 2.7 K	256 × 128 L26 T85	National Center for Atmospheric Research
NCAR-PCM 2.1 K	128 × 64 L26 T42	National Center for Atmospheric Research et al. 2006)

TABLE 2. Description of model parameterizations for stratiform (i.e., large scale) and convective precipitation.

Model name	Stratiform precipitation	Convective precipitation
CCSM3, CCSM2	Prognostic condensate and precipitation parameterization (Zhang et al. 2003)	Simplified Arakawa and Schubert (1974) (cumulus ensemble) scheme developed by Zhang and McFarlane (1995)
CGCM3.1	Precipitation occurs whenever the local relative humidity is supersaturated	Zhang and McFarlane (1995) scheme
CNRM-CM3	Statistical cloud scheme of Ricard and Royer (1993)	Mass flux convection scheme with Kuo-type closure
CSIRO-Mk3.0	Stratiform cloud condensate scheme from Rotstayn (2000)	Bulk mass flux convection scheme with stability-dependent closure (Gregory and Rowntree 1990)
ECHAM5/MPI-OM	Prognostic equations for the water phases, bulk cloud microphysics (Lohmann and Roeckner 1996)	Bulk mass flux scheme (Tiedtke 1989) with modifications for deep convection according to Nordeng (1994)
FGOALS-g1.0	Same as PCM	Zhang and McFarlane (1995) scheme
GFDL-CM2.0, GFDL-CM2.1	Cloud microphysics from Rotstayn (2000) and macrophysics from Tiedtke (1993)	Relaxed Arakawa-Schubert scheme from Moorthi and Suarez (1992)
GISS-AOM	Subgrid-relative humidity-based scheme	Subgrid plume and buoyancy-based scheme (online at http://aom.giss.nasa.gov/DOC4X3/ATMOC4X3.TXT)
GISS-ER	Prognostic stratiform cloud based on moisture convergence (Del Genio et al. 1996)	Bulk mass flux scheme by Del Genio and Yao (1993)
HadCM3	Large-scale precipitation is calculated based on cloud water and ice contents (similar to Smith 1990)	Bulk mass flux scheme (Gregory and Rowntree 1990), with the improvement by Gregory et al. (1997)
HadGEM1	Mixed phase cloud scheme (Wilson and Ballard 1999)	Revised bulk mass flux scheme
INM-CM3.0	Stratiform cloud fraction is calculated as linear function of relative humidity	Lagged convective adjustment after Betts (1986), but with changed referenced profile for deep convection
IPSL-CM4	Cloud cover and in-cloud water are deduced from the large-scale total water and moisture at saturation (Bony and Emmanuel 2001)	Moist convection is treated using a modified version (Grandpeix et al. 2004) of the Emanuel (1991) scheme
MIROC3.2-medres, MIROC3.2-hires	Prognostic cloud water scheme based on Le Treut and Li (1991)	Prognostic closure of Arakawa-Schubert based on Pan and Randall (1998) with relative humidity-based suppression (Emori et al. 2001)
MRI-CGCM2.3.2a	Precipitation occurs whenever the local relative humidity is supersaturated	Prognostic Arakawa-Schubert based on Pan and Randall (1998)
PCM	Precipitation occurs whenever the local relative humidity is supersaturated	Zhang and McFarlane (1995) scheme

Kharin et al, Journal of Climate 2007 doi: 10.1175/JCLI4066.1

Dai, A., J. Climate 2006 doi: 10.1175/JCLI3884.1

2: Provide some (slightly) organised citation material (and author and readers graft hard to get the information)

State of the art: Model Comparison

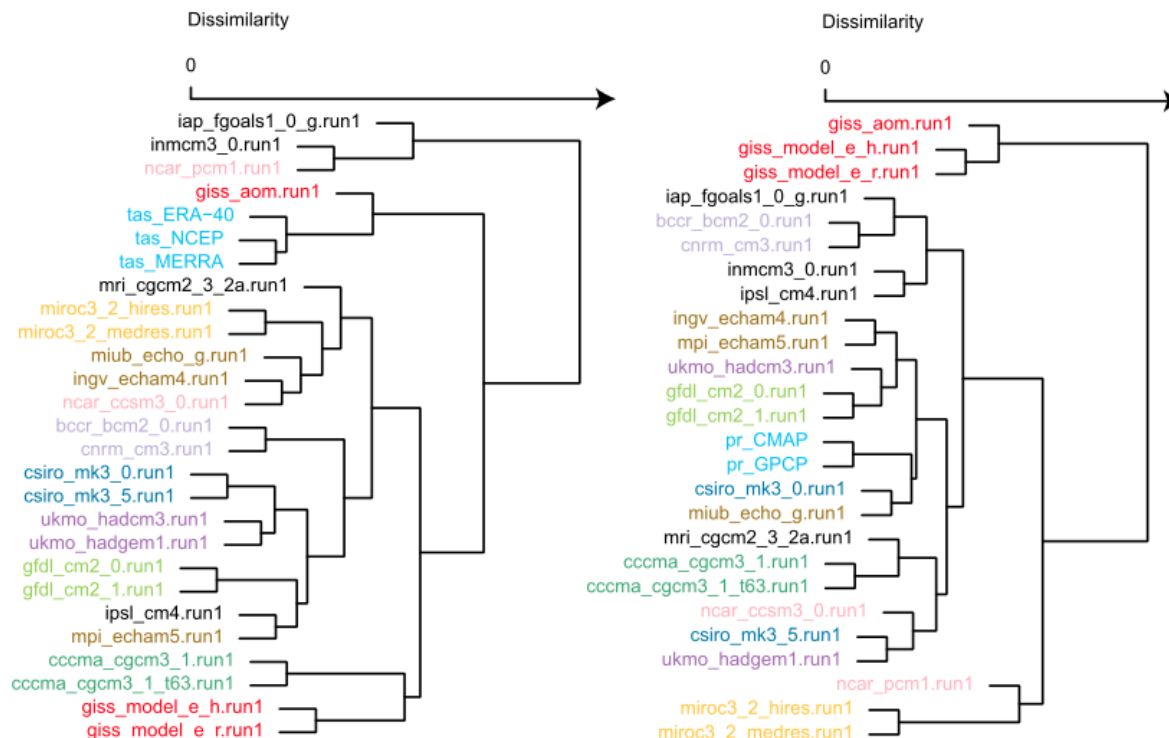


Figure 1. Hierarchical clustering of the CMIP3 models for (left) surface temperature and (right) precipitation in the model control state. Models from the same institution and models sharing versions of the same atmospheric model are shown in the same color. Observations also are marked by the same color. Models without obvious relationships are shown in black.

Masson, D., and R. Knutti (2011), Climate model genealogy, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 38, L08703, doi:10.1029/2011GL046864.

3: Resort to statistics to discover something we should **know** (or at least suspect)

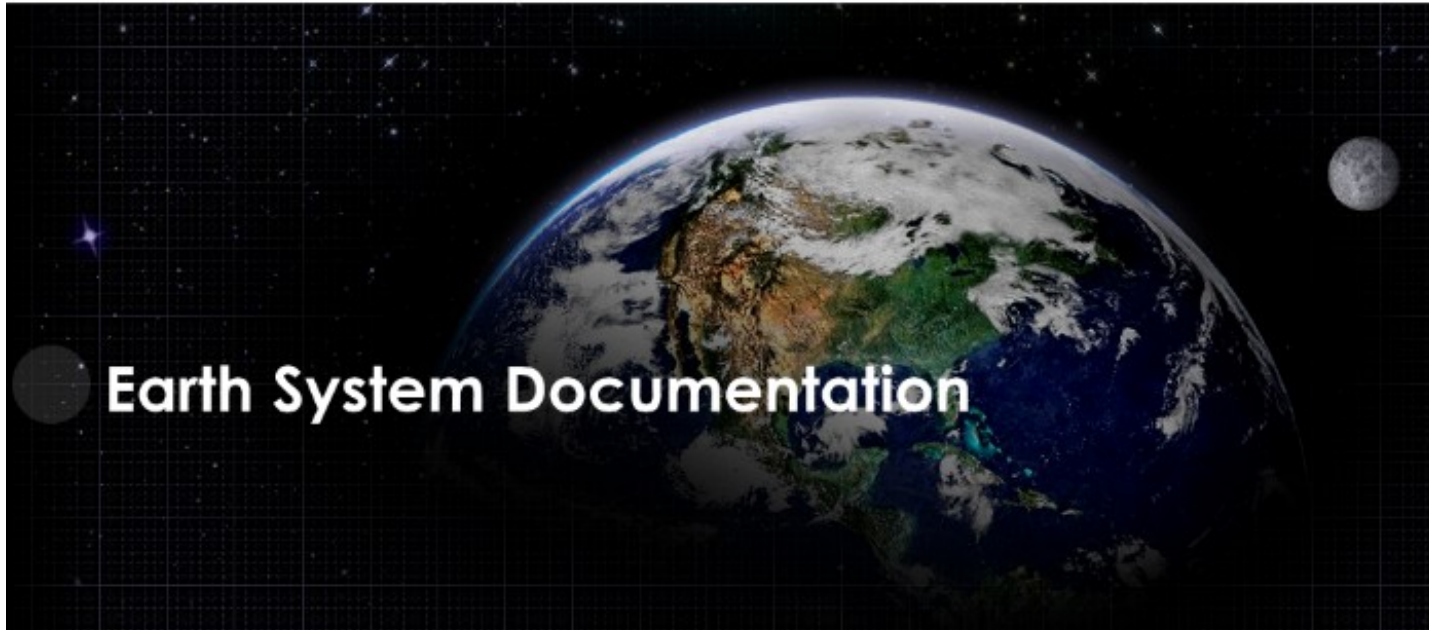
So, can we improve the information about the process?

All parties are carrying out **simulations** which **conform** to **experimental requirements** which exploit both **initial data** and **specific versions of software** which encapsulate **specific science** to produce **output data** which is **available somewhere** using some **service**.

And all these concepts can be described, and both the **quality of the descriptions** and the **quality of each of the steps** can be themselves be described.

Ideally,

- these descriptions themselves are **indexed, comparable, and searchable**, and
- both the participants in the process, and the users of it, can exploit it all!



<http://es-doc.org>



Where have we been?

Metafor and Curator

Geosci. Model Dev., 5, 1493-1500, 2012
www.geosci-model-dev.net/5/1493/2012/
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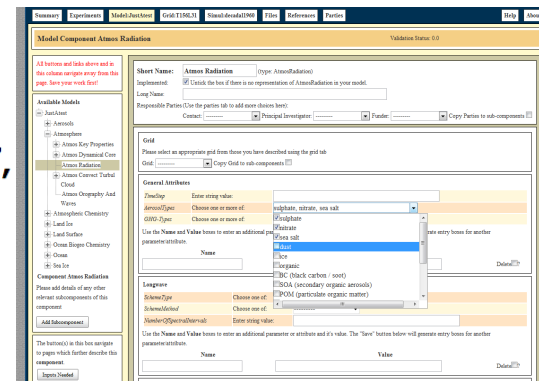


Describing Earth system simulations with the Metafor CIM

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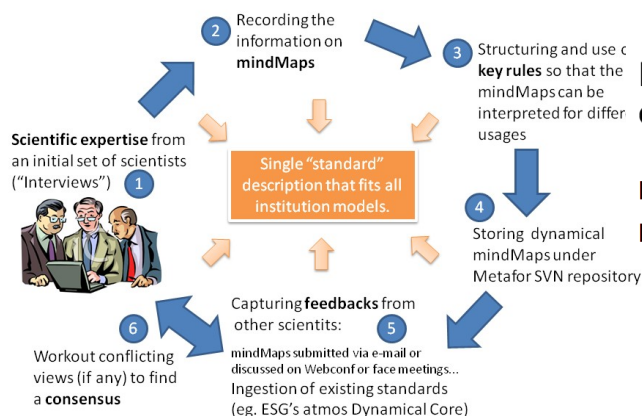
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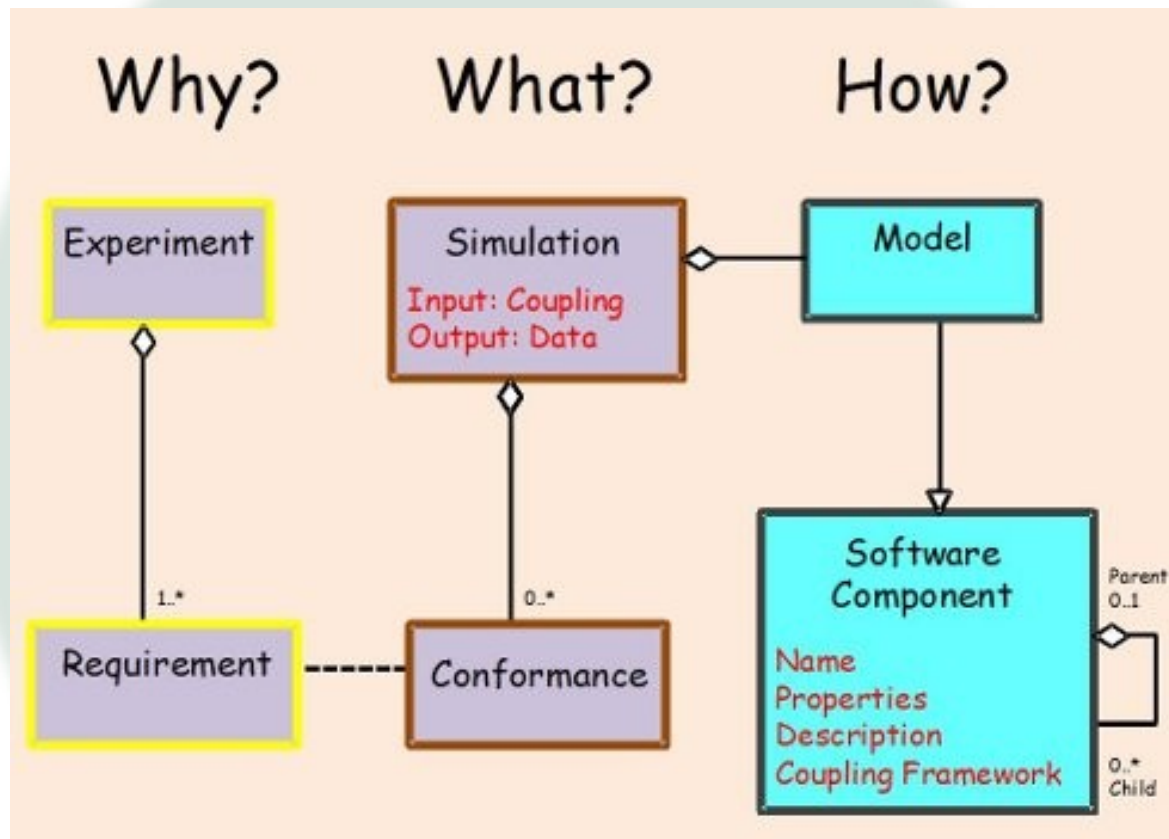
Development and exploitation of a controlled vocabulary in support of climate modelling

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Guilyardi, Eric, and Coauthors, 2013: **Documenting Climate Models and Their Simulations**. Bull. Amer. Meteor. Soc., 94, 623–627.
doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1175/BAMS-D-11-00035.1>



A Common Information “Model”



... and more ... platform ... data etc.

From those concepts, we can, and have, built infrastructure ...

A few quick words about what we have built before we talk about what it's for ...

- A “Common Information “Model” (CIM) for describing the process.
- Some vocabularies to exploit it ...
- Tools to create and consume content

Experiments and Requirements

Project CMIP5

ID 1.3 noVolc1960

Short Name noVolc1960

Long Name decadal 10 year hindcast without volcanoes

Description Hindcast without volcanoes. Additional 10 year runs for experiment 1.1 without including the Agung, El Chichon and Pinatubo eruptions. The atmospheric composition (and other conditions) should be prescribed as in the historical run (expt. 3.2) and the RCP4.5 scenario (expt. 4.1) of the long-term suite of experiments. Ocean initial conditions should be in some way representative of the observed anomalies or full fields for the start date. Land, sea-ice and atmosphere initial conditions are left to the discretion of each group. Simulations should be initialized towards the end of 1960, 1975, 1980, 1985, and 1990. Calendar start date can be 1st September, 1st November, 1st December or 1st January, according to the convenience of the modeling group. Dates should allow complete years/decades to be analyzed. A minimum ensemble size of 3 should be produced for each start date.

Rationale Volcano-free hindcasts. Assess the impact of volcanic eruptions on decadal predictions.

NUMERICAL REQUIREMENTS

Boundary Conditions

Name 1.3.bc.ant_aer **Description** Imposed changing concentrations or emissions of aerosols (anthropogenic)

Name 1.3.bc.ant_aer_prec **Description** Imposed changing concentrations of aerosol (anthropogenic) precursors

Name 1.3.bc.ant_wmg **Description** Imposed changing atmospheric composition (anthropogenic)

Name 1.3.bc.LU **Description** Imposed changing land use

... (skipping some) ...

Initial Conditions

Name 1.3.ic.oc ID ic.007 **Description** Ocean Initial Conditions must represent in some measure the observed anomalies for the start date used

Spatio Temporal Constraints

Name 1.3.stc.decadal_10yr ID stc.001 **Description** Run for 10 years

Name 1.3.stc.decadal_30yr ID stc.003 **Description** Run for 30 years

Can ask the question (and compare answers) to “How was land use forcing done” (How did simulations conform to requirement 1.3.bc.LU)

Tooling to collect model scientific descriptions of models (e.g. CMIP5 questionnaire):

SummaryExperimentsModel:JustAtestGrid:T156L31Simul:decadal1960FilesReferencesPartiesHelpAbout

Model Component Atmos RadiationValidation Status: 0.0

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Available Models

- JustAtest
 - Aerosols
 - Atmosphere
 - Atmos Key Properties
 - Atmos Dynamical Core
 - Atmos Radiation**
 - Atmos Convect Turbul
 - Cloud
 - Atmos Orography And Waves
 - Atmospheric Chemistry
 - Land Ice
 - Land Surface
 - Ocean Biogeo Chemistry
 - Ocean
 - Sea Ice

Component Atmos Radiation

Please add details of any other relevant subcomponents of this component

Add Subcomponent

The button(s) in this box navigate to pages which further describe this component.

Inputs Needed

Short Name: Atmos Radiation (type: AtmosRadiation)

Implemented: ☒ Untick the box if there is no representation of AtmosRadiation in your model.

Long Name:

Responsible Parties (Use the parties tab to add more choices here):

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Grid

Please select an appropriate grid from those you have described using the grid tab

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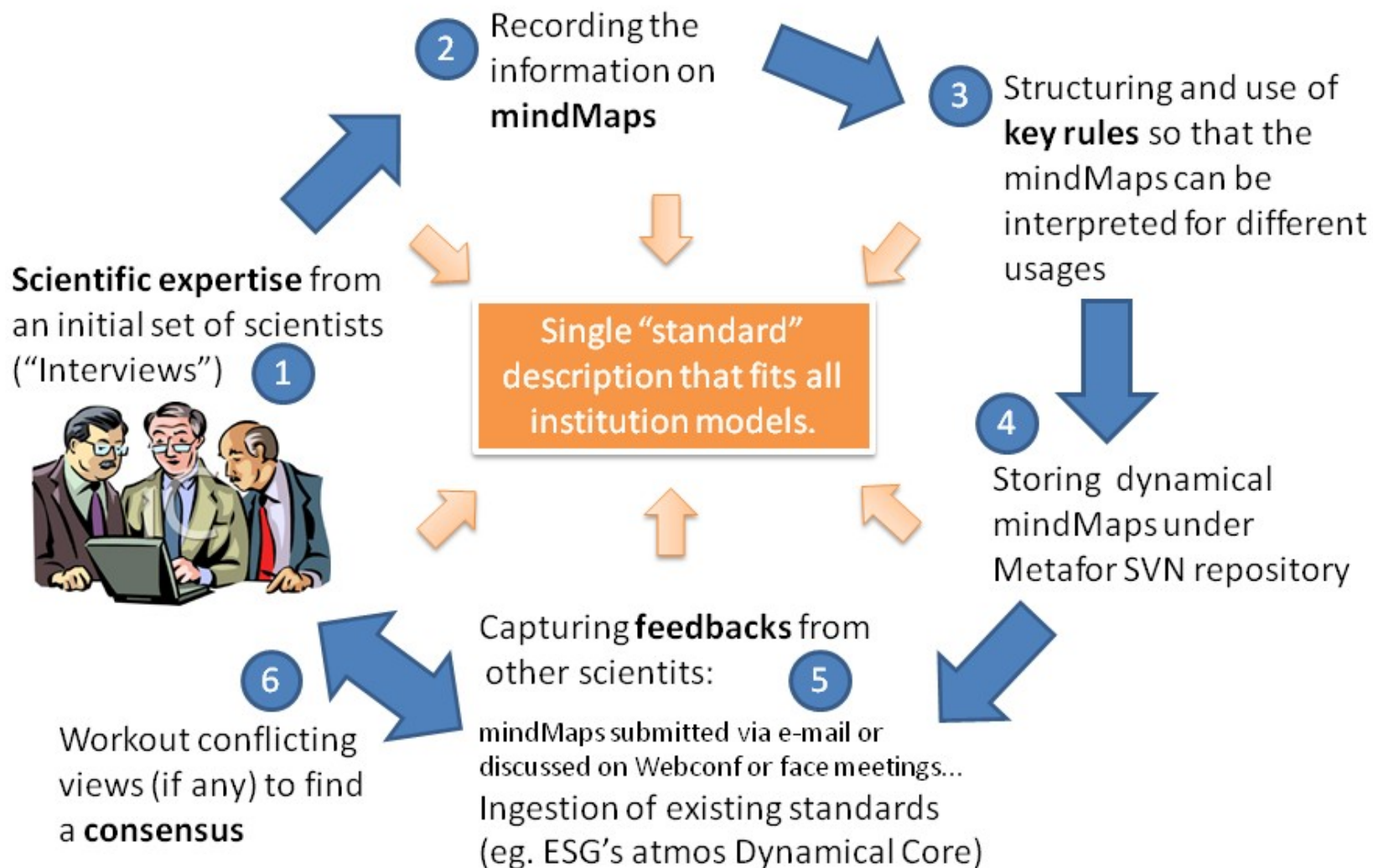
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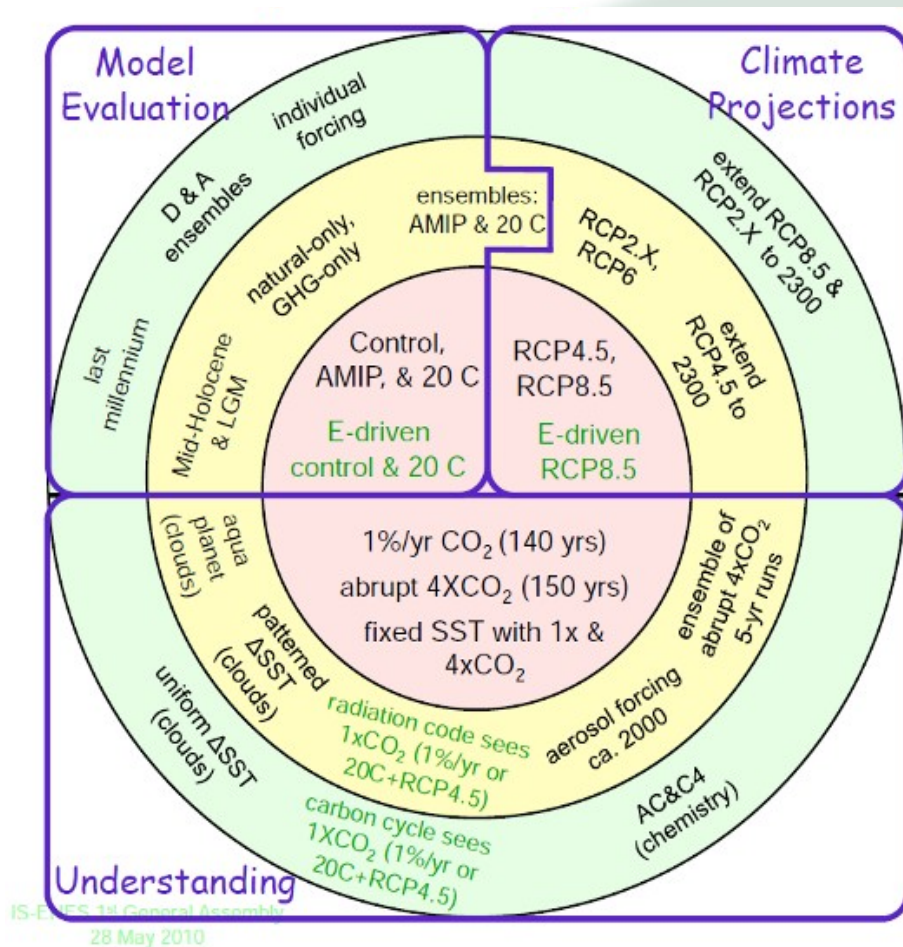
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Tooling Exploits Vocabularies: Consensus Process



Consider CMIP5



CMIP5 Federated Archive

Summary	
Modeling centers	27
Models	59
Experiments	96
Data nodes	22
P2P Index	11
Datasets	57830
Size	1,795.11 TB
Files	3,900,145

(Nov 30, 2012)

Never mind the decadal projections etc

Intimidating!

... but some of it is quite well described ...

CMIP5 Metadata Questionnaire (1.6.0)

Completed data will be sent to the Earth System Grid for inclusion in all official CMIP5 catalogues.

The Questionnaire Support Team can be contacted on our dedicated email: cmip5help@stfc.ac.uk
Instructions for gaining access to the questionnaire can be found [here](#)
For general CMIP5 related questions please email cmip5-helpdesk@stfc.ac.uk

CMIP5 Model Metadata

Model Centre Metadata Entry

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As of September, 2012, the “Metafor” Questionnaire had been used to document:

42 different model configurations,

used in over

600 simulations

from

17 institutions!

... but ...

- Coverage is far from complete.
- Most (but not all) models are quite well described.
- Simulation descriptions are less well done, and the conformance to experiments even less well done.
- We have very little quality control information, of the model output, **or of these descriptions themselves.**
- Tooling to effectively utilise (some of) the information has only recently become available.

CIM (es-doc) and the IPCC

Table 9.A.1: Salient features of the AOGCMs and ESMs participating in CMIP5 (see also Table 9.1). Column 1: Official CMIP5 model name along with the calendar year ('vintage') of the first publication for each model; Column 2: sponsoring institution(s), main reference(s); subsequent columns for each of the model components, with names and main component reference(s). Additionally, there are standard entries for the atmosphere component: horizontal grid resolution, number of vertical levels, grid top (low or high top); and for the ocean component: horizontal grid resolution, number of vertical levels, top level, vertical coordinate type, ocean free surface type ("Top BC"). This table information was initially extracted from the CMIP5 online questionnaire (<http://q.cmp5.ceda.ac.uk/>) as of January 2013.

(1) Model Name (2) Vintage	(1) Institution (2) Main Reference(s)	Atmosphere (1) Component Name (2) Horizontal Grid (3) Number of Vert Levels (4) Grid Top (5) References	Aerosol (1) Component Name or type (2) References	Atmos Chemistry (1) Component Name (2) References	Land Surface (1) Component Name (2) References	Ocean (1) Component Name (2) Horizontal Resolution	Ocean Biogeochemistry (1) Component Name (2) References	Sea Ice (1) Component Name (2) References
(1) ACCESS1.0 (2) 2011	(1) Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) and Bureau of Meteorology (BOM), Australia (2) (Bi et al., 2013b; Dix et al., 2013)	(1) Included (as in HadGEM2 (r1.1)) (2) 192x145 N96 (3) 38 (4) 39,255m (5) (Martin et al., 2011; Bi et al., 2013b; Rashid et al., 2013)	(1) CLASSIC (2) (Bellouin et al., 2011; Dix et al., 2013)	Not implemented	(1) (2) Ess Ko 201			

CIM information used in the IPCC reports, but not (yet) many papers ...

... and even then need supplementary information and “fixing”

	Model name		AOGCM				ESM				
			Atmos	Land Surface	Ocean	Sea-Ice	FC	Aerosol	Atmos Chem	Land Carbon	Ocean BGC
CMIP5	ACCESS1.0, ACCESS1.3	Australia									
	BCC-CSM1.1, BCC-CSM1.1(m)	China									
	BNU-ESM	China									
	CanCM4	Canada									
	CanESM2	Canada									
	CCSM4										
	CESM1 (BGC)										
	CESM1 (WACCM)	USA	HT								
	CESM1 (FASTCHEM)										
	CESM1 (CAM5)										
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	CMCC-CESM	Italy	HT								
	CNRM-CM5	France									
	CSIRO-Mk3.6.0	Australia									
	EC-EARTH	Europe									
	FGOALS-g2	China									
	FGOALS-s2										
	FIO-ESM v1.0	China									
	GFDL-ESM2M, GFDL-ESM2G										
	GFDL-CM2.1	USA									
	GFDL-CM3		HT								
	GISS-E2-R, GISS-E2-H		HT								
	GISS-E2-R-CC, GISS-E2-H-CC	USA	HT								
	HadGEM2-ES										
	HadGEM2-CC	UK	HT								
	HadCM3										
	HadGEM2-AO	Korea									
	INM-CM4	Russia									
	IPSL-CM5A-LR / -CM5A-MR / -CM5B-LR	France	HT								
	MIROC4h, MIROC5		HT								
	MIROC-ESM	Japan									
	MIROC-ESM-CHEM		HT								
	MPI-ESM-LR / -ESM-MR / -ESM-P	Germany	HT								
	MRI-ESM1		HT								
	MRI-CGCM3	Japan	HT								
	NCEP-CFSv2	USA									
	NorESM1-M										
	NorESM1-ME	Norway									
AMIP	GFDL-HIRAM C180 / -HIRAM C360	USA									
	MRI-AGCM3.2S / -AGCM3.2H	Japan									


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Table 9.1

Peer Review of the Simulation Descriptions

- It was **hard** to generate the CMIP5 metadata content ... and some groups have put more effort in than others, and it shows in quality!
- Even a cursory look suggests a lot of **missing material**, and a lot of material that might have been erroneously copied.
- Questionnaire output **has already been used** in the AR5 drafts; process led to improvements in input material, but this has **yet to be fed back round the loop** ... so that all users get the benefit.
- Significant **scope for modelling centres to do bilateral “checking** of each others' work” ... but it'd be yet more work, and the **rewards are as yet not visible** ...
- The tooling has not yet been up to facilitating peer review, but the new comparison tools should expedite this (and show the worth of the effort in doing so).



Where are
we going?

Next Steps

- 1) CMIP5 content “review”
(David Hassell, Eric Guilyardi)
- 2) Improving the existing tooling
(Mark Greenslade)
- 3) Considering the situation for CMIP6?
(New WGCM Information Panel)
- 4) Upgrades to CIM itself and tooling?
(IS-ENES2 + COG + Coalition of the willing)

Quality control of CMIP5 model metadata

David Hassell (NCAS, IS-ENES2)

Phase 1: Checking whether each model's description is correct in having/not having each of 8 major model components (CIM questionnaire content v IPCC documentation)

Phase 2 (not yet started): Checking whether the details of each model component are correctly described.

CMIP5 models (42)

Components	Aerosols	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	DB			
		N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	IPCC		
	Atmos	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	DB		
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	Land Carbon	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	DB
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	Ocean BGC	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	DB
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Initial results (Phase 1)

60% of models have no discrepancies

92% of model components are correctly described

Actions

- The incorrect 8% of model components will be repaired in the metadata database prior to the more detailed checking in phase 2
- The metadata will be endowed with quality control flags so that the information may be used with confidence

Situation not as bad as we thought ...

(at least at the top level ... we'll see as we go to phase 2).

Aim of this review?

To enable the “Publication”
of
the model descriptions
and
community “faith” in their accuracy.

Doc Type :

Model

Doc Version :

Latest

Project :

CMIP5

Institute :

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Model :

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Experiment :

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Institute	Short Name	Long Name	json
BCC	BCC-CSM1.1	Beijing Climate Center Climate System Model version 1.1	json
CMCC	CMCC-CESM	CMCC Carbon Earth System Model	json
CMCC	CMCC-CM	CMCC Climate Model	json
CMCC	CMCC-CMS	CMCC Climate Model with a resolved Stratosphere	json
CNRM-CERFACS	CNRM-CM5	CNRM-CM5	json
CSIRO-BOM	ACCESS1.0	ACCESS1.0	json
CSIRO-BOM	ACCESS1.3	ACCESS1.3	json
CSIRO-QCCCE	CSIRO-Mk3.6.0	CSIRO Mark 3.6.0	json
EC-EARTH	EC-EARTH	EC-EARTH	json
INM	INM-CM4	inmcm4	json
INPE	HadGEM2-ES	Hadley Global Environment Model 2 - Earth System	json
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MIROC	MIROC4h	MIROC4h	json
MIROC	MIROC5	MIROC5	json
MOHC	HadCM3	HadCM3 (2000) atmosphere: HadAM3 (N48L18); ocean: HadOM (at: 1.25 lon; 1.25 L20); land-surface/vegetation: MOSES1;	json
MOHC	HadGEM2-A	Hadley Global Environment Model 2 - Atmosphere	json
MOHC	HadGEM2-CC	Hadley Global Environment Model 2 - Carbon Cycle	json
MOHC	HadGEM2-ES	Hadley Global Environment Model 2 - Earth System	json

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Atmosphere

- Convection Cloud Turbulence
 - Cloud Scheme
 - Cloud Simulator
- Dynamical Core
 - Advection
- Orography & Waves
- Radiation

Land Surface

- Albedo
- Carbon Cycle
 - Vegetation
- Energy Balance
- RiverRouting
- Snow
- Soil
 - Heat Treatment
 - Hydrology
- Vegetation

Ocean

- Advection
- Boundary Forcing
 - Tracers
- Lateral Physics
 - Momentum
 - Tracers
- Up & Low Boundaries
- Vertical Physics
 - Interior Mixing
 - Mixed Layer

Atmosphere

Overview

The atmospheric general circulation model LMDZ5A is based on a finite-difference formulation of the primitive equations of meteorology (Sadourny and Laval, 1984) on a staggered and stretchable longitude-latitude grid (the Z of LMDZ standing for Zoom). Water vapor, liquid water and atmospheric trace species are advected with a monotonic second order finite volume scheme (Van Leer, 1977; Hourdin and Armengaud, 1999). In the vertical, the model uses a classical so-called hybrid sigma-pressure coordinate. In the LMDZ5A version, (Hourdin et al, 2012) the physical parametrization are very close to that of the previous LMDZ4 version used for CMIP3. The radiation scheme is inherited from the European Center for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts. The dynamical effects of the subgrid-scale orography are parametrized according to Lott (1999). Turbulent transport in the planetary boundary layer is treated as a vertical eddy diffusion (Laval et al, 1981) with counter-gradient correction and dry convective adjustment. The surface boundary layer is treated according to Louis (1979). Cloud cover and cloud water content are computed using a statistical scheme (Bony and Emanuel, 2001). For deep convection, the LMDZ5A version uses the "episodic mixing and buoyancy sorting" scheme originally developed by Emanuel (1991). With respect to the previous LMDZ4 version, the number of layers has been increased from 19 to 39, with 15 levels above 20km and a top at about the same altitude as the stratospheric LMDZ4-L50 version (Lott et al, 2005). The horizontal has also changed, with an increased number of point in latitude to shift the jets poleward (Guemas and Codron 2011). At Low Resolution (LR), the LMDZ5A model has 95x96 points in latitude and longitude corresponding to a resolution of $1.875^{\circ} \times 3.75^{\circ}$.

Properties

Basic Approximations : Hydrostatic

Basic Approximations : Primitive Equations

Model Family : AGCM

Orography > Orography Type : Present-Day

Top Of Atmos Insolation > Impact On Ozone : Yes

Top Of Atmos Insolation > Orbital Parameters > Computation Method : Berger 1978

Top Of Atmos Insolation > Orbital Parameters > Reference Date : 2000

Top Of Atmos Insolation > Orbital Parameters > Type : Fixed

Top Of Atmos Insolation > Solar Constant > Type : Fixed

Top Of Atmos Insolation > Solar Constant > Value : 1366.0896

Step 1 : Select Model Component Properties

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GFDL-ESM2M [view](#)

GFDL-HIRAM-C180 [view](#)

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GISS-E2-H [view](#)

GISS-E2-H-CC [view](#)

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GISS-E2CS-R [view](#)

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Model ☒

Transport ☐

Atmosphere

Convection Cloud Turbulence ☐

Cloud Scheme ☐

Cloud Simulator ☐

Dynamical Core ☐

Advection ☐

Orography And Waves ☐

Radiation ☐

Other ☐

Atmospheric Chemistry

Emission And Conc ☐

Gas Phase Chemistry ☐

Heterogen Chemistry ☐

Stratospheric Heter Chem ☐

Tropospheric Heter Chem ☐

Photo Chemistry ☐

Transport ☐

Land Ice

Glaciers ☐

Sheet ☐

Ice Sheet Dynamics ☐

Shelves ☐

Dynamics ☐

3. Select Properties

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Aerosol Scheme

Bin Framework ☐

Bin Species ☐

Bulk Species ☐

Framework ☐

Modal Framework ☐

Modal Species ☐

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vegetation model coupling



Aim of the new tooling?

To enable the “Use”
of
the the model descriptions
In
our scientific workflow!

Considerations for CMIP6?

Simplification?

Avoiding redundancy in NetCDF/ES-DOC/DRS content?

Quality Control Information

- (of the simulations); where to put the evaluation information?
Errata?
- (of the descriptions); Peer Review
- Possible role for charme annotation?



Better tooling?

- Tools to create metadata from the command line (or from your own information repository, pyesdoc)
- More than one “CIM questionnaire”?

Evolution of the underlying information model

We know there are problems with “the CIM” (v1.5 and the associated vocabularies):

- Confusion between scientific description of a model and the layout of the code.
- A raft of issues exposed by dynamical core intercomparison workshops.
- Poor support for recording the computational properties of the simulation, the platform, and the code (“the performance”, a la Balaji proposal at Hamburg in March).
- Mismatch between the existing CIM paradigm and the Observations and Measurements paradigm becoming prevalent in other communities.

Should we, can we, evolve the information model? What then are the consequences for the tooling (and the effort we have available?)

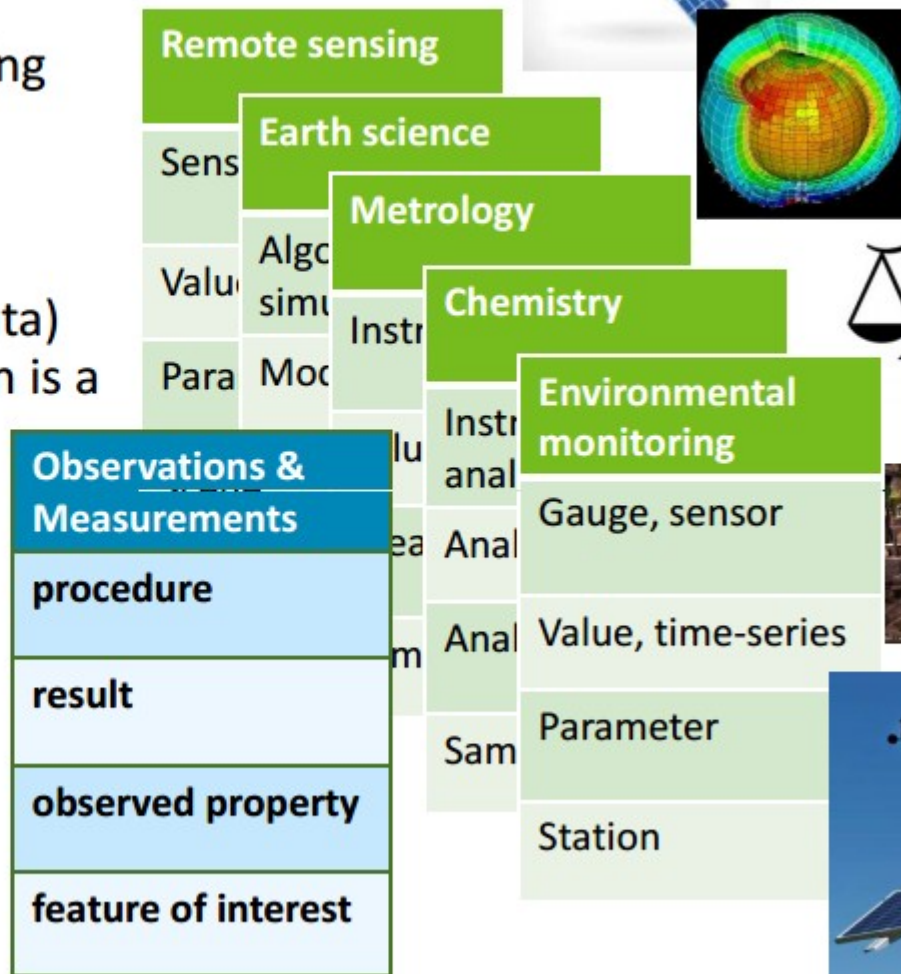
The need for standardisation

- Integrated modelling is becoming the norm
 - bioregional assessment
 - eReefs
- When using heterogeneous (data) sources, discovery & integration is a major challenge

• Standards make this easier

Many private contracts
→ one public agreement

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The missing section?

The one which discusses how we will use CIM content and information to contribute to publication credit for the modelling groups

(probably the main reason why the producers are willing to do the real grunt work to collect the information.)

Another time!