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Model Uncertainty – Model Intercomparison Project

WGNE Update

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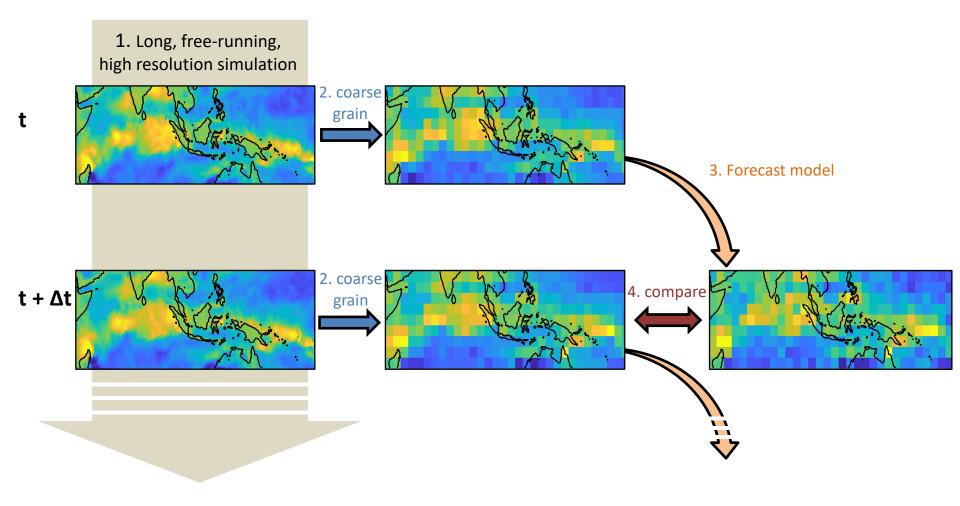
Systematic errors

- How structurally diverse are deterministic parametrisations?
- How different are systematic errors on short timescales?

High resolution simulations

• Can we use coarse-graining as a validation tool for high-resolution models?

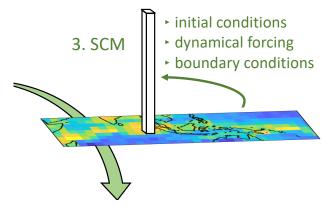
Summary of protocol: use high-resolution dataset as 'truth'



Christensen et al, 2018, JAMES. Christensen, 2020, QJRMS

Use SCM as forecast model

- Use coarse-grained high resolution simulation to prescribe
 - Initial conditions
 - Forcing: advective tendencies, geostrophic winds, vertical velocity
 - Boundary conditions: Surface sensible and latent heat fluxes, Skin temperature



Why use the SCM?

- Supply dynamical tendencies → target uncertainty in the parametrization schemes
- The SCM is more portable than the full model, and is cheap to run. Potential to run SCM on computer where high-res data is stored
- (Spectral models cannot be run over a limited domain, but we can tile many independent SCM to cover the limited domain.)

What information do we have?

- ✓ Total change in (T, q, U, V) in high-resolution dataset as a function of model level, location and start date/time
- Change in (T, q, U, V) in SCM, decomposed into dynamics and individual parametrised tendencies, as a function of model level, location and start date/time

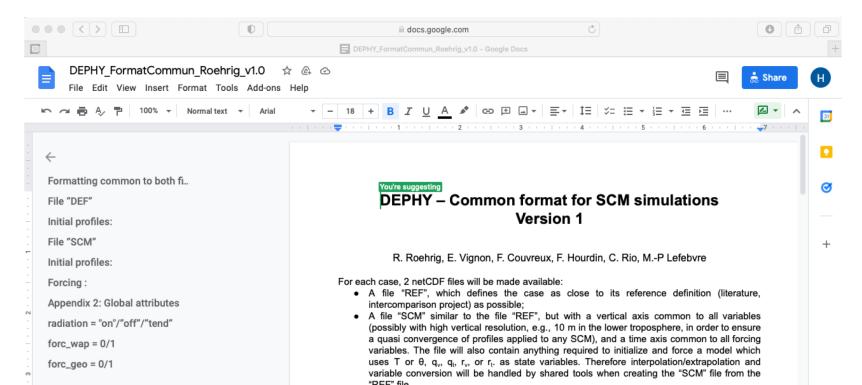
→ Model error statistics as a function of space and time

For examples of analysis that can be carried out with this data, please see Christensen, 2020, QJRMetS

Case study using UKMO limited area high-res simulation and OpenIFS SCM

DEPHY common SCM format

- New standardised SCM protocol has been proposed by a group of French researchers involved in the High Tune and DEPHY communities.
 - standardises the format of input/output files needed to run an SCM.
- Many SCM groups participated at an interactive workshop in June 2020, and follow up meeting in January 2021
- Ideally, all SCM participating in this intercomparison will use DEPHY format



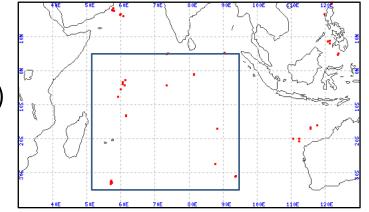
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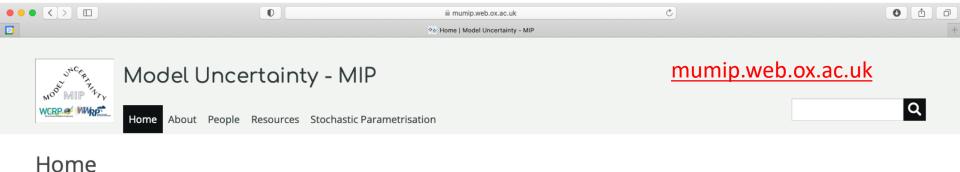
- Representatives of WGNE and PDEF
 - Nils Wedi, Romain Roehrig
 - Judith Berner, John Methven, Mark Rodwell
- Modeling groups/ SCMs
 - NCAR/NOAA DTC CCPP
 - IFS (U Oxf)
 - UM (UKMO/U Exeter)
 - Meteo France
 - DWD?
- Benchmark simulations
 - MPI (ESIWACE)
- Analysis
 - All
- Knowledge transfer (RTO)
 - ECMWF
 - NOAA
 - Met Office

Progress

- Two meetings since WGNE-35
 - One general, one technical
- Prototype coarse-grained input fields available (HC)
 - Initial resolution of 0.2 degrees (~22 km)
 - Domain in Indian Ocean: (51-95E, 5N-35S)



- Modeling groups working on DEPHY-isation of SCMs
 - UKMO (in progress), IFS (in progress), Meteo France (complete), CCPP (complete)
- NCAR/NOAA DTC proposal for funding submitted and accepted just started
 - Mike Ek and Ligia Bernardet
- UK Leverhulme Trust funding application submitted, Oct '21 (outline stage)
 - HC (Oxford) lead, Co-Is: Romain Roehrig (MF), Hugo Lambert (Exeter), Judith Berner (NCAR)
 - Would fund PDRA time for IFS, UKMO, and Meteo France SCM runs



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Looking ahead

Next steps:

- Finish DEPHY-isation of SCM
 - Nb. DEPHY format v1.0 now finalized (Romain Roehrig and Etienne Vignon)
 - Separate timeline from DEPHY groups testing proposed by end of the year
- Testing with prototype input files
- Funding timeline
 - Full proposal to be submitted in March 2022 if invited.
 - If successful, PDRAs in place for next WGNE.
- Continue to recruit new participants

Thanks for listening



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