An update on model development

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Outline

- Several unrelated little parts:
- 1. New vertical coordinates in the unified model
	- a. height (Lorenz) *(NEW numerical tests)*
	- b. terrain following (Charney-Phillips)
		- simple sigma (Phillips)
		- hybrid sigma-pressure coordinate *(NEW)*
		- hybrid sigma-theta coordinate *(NEW)*
- 2. Axial angular momentum conservation in the icosahedral model
- 3. 5th-order advection
- 4. More accurate winds

Height coordinate. Hydrostatic. Potential temperature perturbation.

Height coordinate. Nonhydrostatic. Potential temperature perturbation.

Height coordinate. Nonhydrostatic. Bubble.

 $beta = 30.08$ $pC = 30000.08$ $pSO = 120000.08$ $pT = 100.08$

Hybrid sigma-pressure coordinate. Big mountain test. Surface potential temperature.

Hybrid sigma-pressure coordinate. Big mountain test. Surface relative vorticity.

Hybrid sigma-theta coordinate.

- Distribution of coordinate surfaces within Jablonowski-Williamson test case.
	- 1. alpha = 1. Less isentropic
	- 2. alpha = 8. More isentropic

Hybrid sigma-theta coordinate. Jablonowski-Williamson. Day 10. Grid 6 and 7. α =1 and α =8.

• Inspired by a paper in JAMES:

Held-Suarez simulations with the Community Atmosphere Model Spectral Element (CAM-SE) dynamical core: A global axial angular momentum analysis using Eulerian and floating Lagrangian vertical coordinates

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- The global axial angular momentum (AAM) can be separated into two parts:
	- 1. A part associated with the relative motion of the atmosphere with respect to the planet's surface. (wind AAM)
	- 2. A part associated with the angular velocity of the planet. (mass AAM)

$$
M = M_r + M_{\Omega} = \int_D \rho u r \cos \varphi \, dV + \int_D \rho \Omega r^2 \cos^2 \varphi \, dV
$$

Axial angular momentum conservation in the icosahedral model

5th-order advection

• In 5th-order advection the flux across a wall is determined by 3 points upstream and 2 points downstream

2nd-order. Williamson Test Case 2. Day 12.

maximum error is 56m

3rd-order. Williamson Test Case 2. Day 12.

maximum error is 7m

5th-order. Williamson Test Case 2. Day 12.

maximum error is 2m

Wind at edges as a function of stream function and velocity potential

• Helmholtz decomposition

 $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{k} \times \nabla \psi + \nabla \chi = \mathbf{v}_{\psi} + \mathbf{v}_{\chi}$

- Interpolate $\psi_{i+1/2}$ and $\chi_{i+1/2}$ to cell corners from surrounding cell centers
- Vector wind at edges as a function of stream function and velocity potential

$$
\left(\mathbf{v}_{\psi}\right)_i = \frac{\Psi_{i+1/2} - \Psi_{i-1/2}}{l} \mathbf{n} + \frac{\Psi_i - \Psi_0}{L} \boldsymbol{\tau}
$$

$$
\left(\mathbf{v}_{\chi}\right)_i = \frac{\chi_i - \chi_0}{L} \mathbf{n} + \frac{\chi_{i+1/2} - \chi_{i-1/2}}{l} \boldsymbol{\tau}
$$

where *l* is the length of a cell wall and *L* is the distance between cell centers.

Perfect Hexagon Stencil 2 -- 3rd-order accurate

- $\nabla^2 f \approx \sum c_n$ *n*=0 $\sum c_n f(x_n, y_n)$ • The Laplacian can be written
	- where the weights are given by

• The Taylor series becomes $(f^{(0,4)}$ is the lowest derivative)

$$
f^{(0,2)}[0, 0] - \frac{1}{160} \Delta^{4} f^{(0,6)}[0, 0] - \frac{3 \Delta^{6} f^{(0,8)}[0, 0]}{7168} + f^{(2,0)}[0, 0] - \frac{1}{32} \Delta^{4} f^{(4,2)}[0, 0] - \frac{1}{160} \Delta^{6} f^{(4,4)}[0, 0] - \frac{\Delta^{8} f^{(4,6)}[0, 0]}{20480} - \frac{3 \Delta^{10} f^{(4,8)}[0, 0]}{4587520} - \frac{1}{240} \Delta^{4} f^{(6,0)}[0, 0] - \frac{1}{384} \Delta^{6} f^{(6,2)}[0, 0] - \frac{\Delta^{8} f^{(6,4)}[0, 0]}{6144} - \frac{\Delta^{10} f^{(6,6)}[0, 0]}{245760} - \frac{\Delta^{12} f^{(6,8)}[0, 0]}{18350080} - \frac{5 \Delta^{6} f^{(8,0)}[0, 0]}{21504} - \frac{13 \Delta^{8} f^{(8,2)}[0, 0]}{122880} - \frac{13 \Delta^{10} f^{(8,4)}[0, 0]}{1966080} - \frac{\frac{13 \Delta^{12} f^{(8,6)}[0, 0]}{78643200} - \frac{\frac{13 \Delta^{14} f^{(8,8)}[0, 0]}{5872025600} - \frac{13 \Delta^{14} f^{(8,8)}[0, 0]}{5872025600}
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Series expansion approach to approximate the tangential derivate

• Many stencils are possible

surface theta

- Average from day 1500 to day 2000 every 10 days
- 20 snapshots from day 1810 to day 2000 every 10 days

surface pressure

- Average from day 1500 to day 2000 every 10 days
- 20 snapshots from day 1810 to day 2000 every 10 days

relative vorticity

- Average from day 1500 to day 2000 every 10 days
- 20 snapshots from day 1810 to day 2000 every 10 days

height at about 500hPA

- Average from day 1500 to day 2000 every 10 days
- 20 snapshots from day 1810 to day 2000 every 10 days

