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Dynamical core development under CMMAP

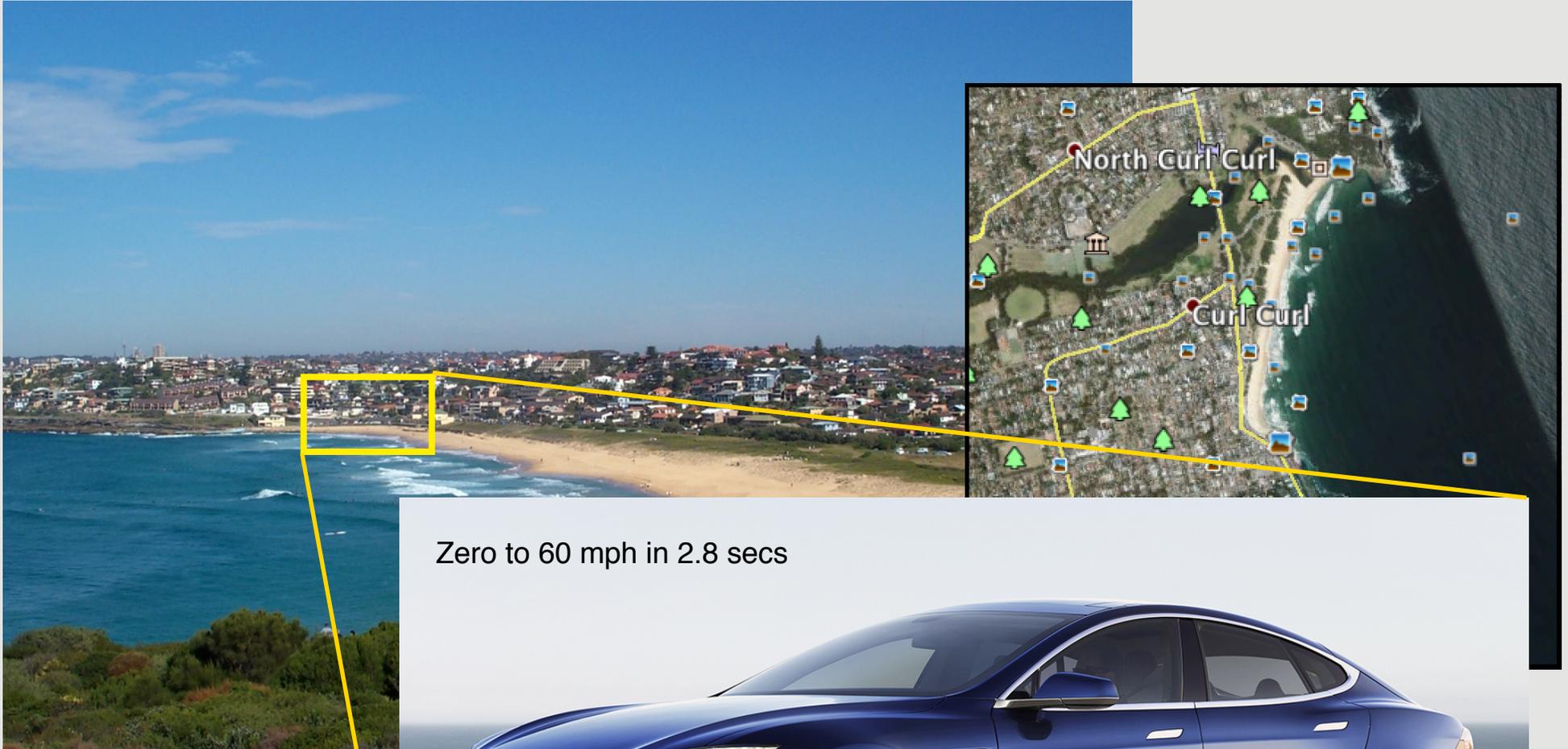
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A suburb of northern Sydney in the state of New South Wales, Australia

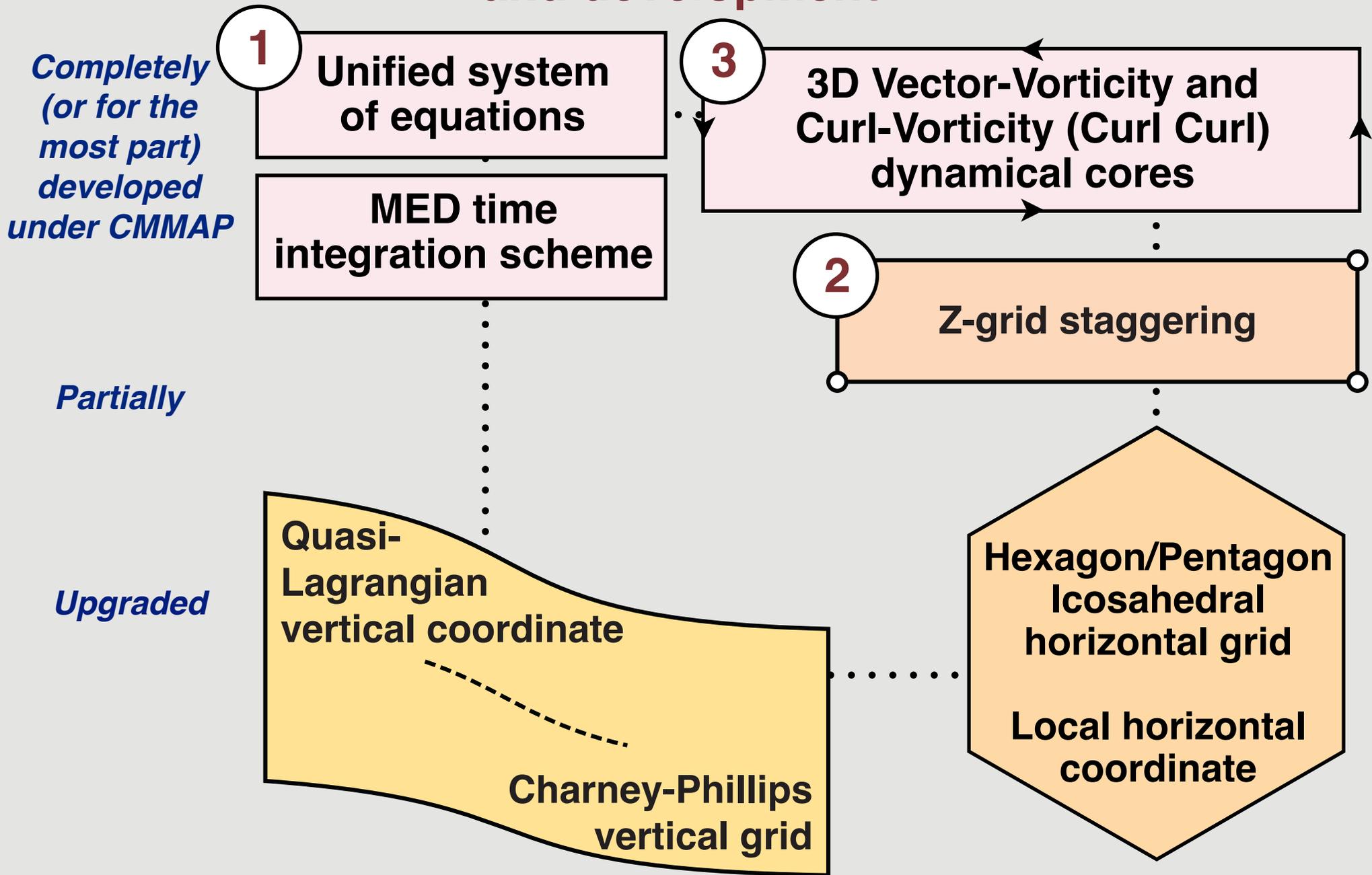


Zero to 60 mph in 2.8 secs



The name *Curl Curl* is derived from the Latin word *curial curial*, meaning

Contributions of CMMAP to the dynamical core design and development



Unified system of equations



A nonhydrostatic system of equations for multiscale global models

Filters vertically propagating acoustic waves of all scales, yet maintains enough elasticity to properly simulate planetary waves

Unifies the quasi-hydrostatic and anelastic systems

Anelastic continuity equation

$$\nabla_{\text{H}} \cdot (\rho_0 \mathbf{v}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\rho_0 w) = 0$$

Unified continuity equation

$$\nabla_{\text{H}} \cdot (\rho_{qs} \mathbf{v}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\rho_{qs} w) = - \frac{\partial \rho_{qs}}{\partial t}$$

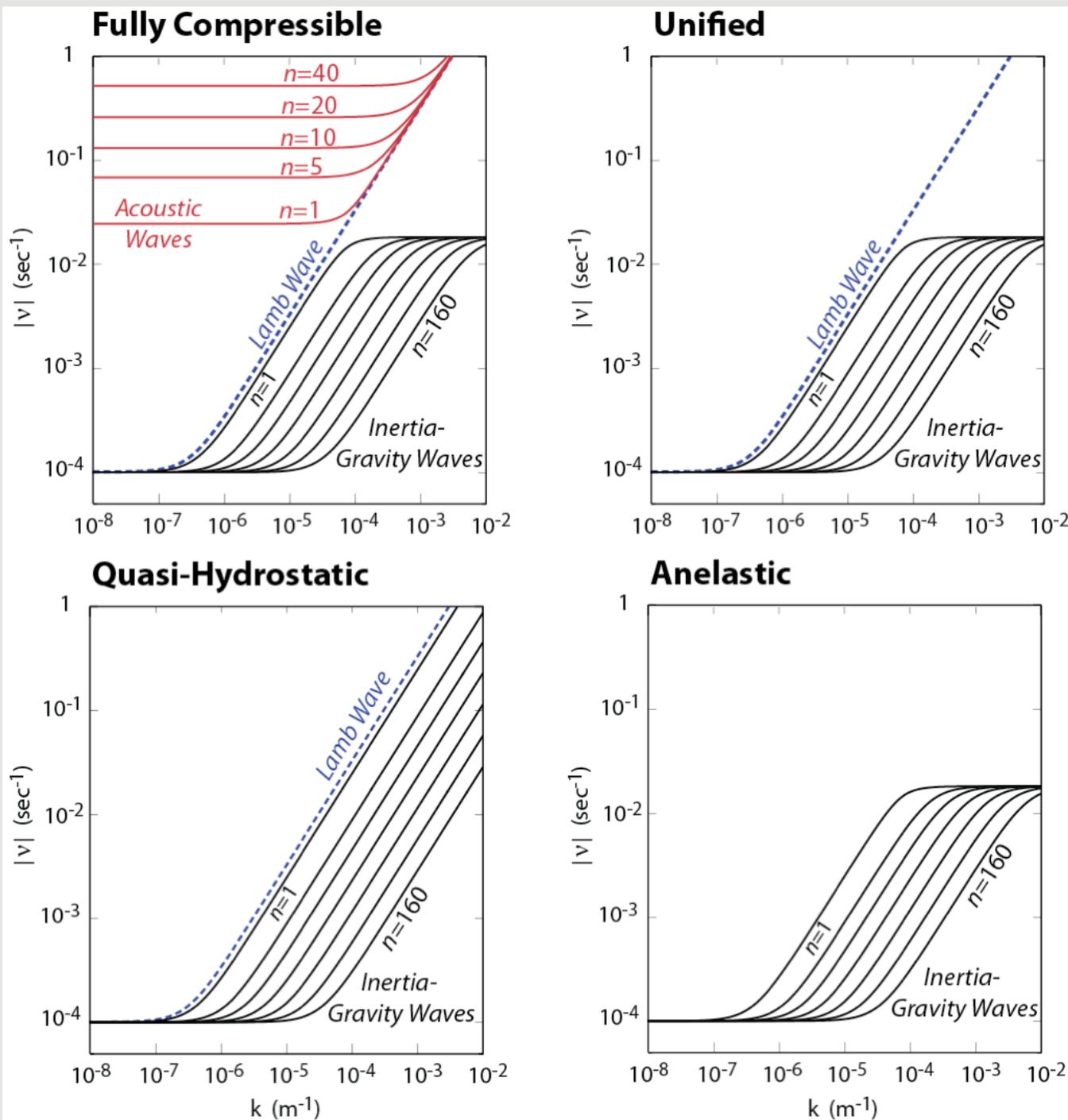
A diagnostic equation

No basic or mean state needed

Conserves energy

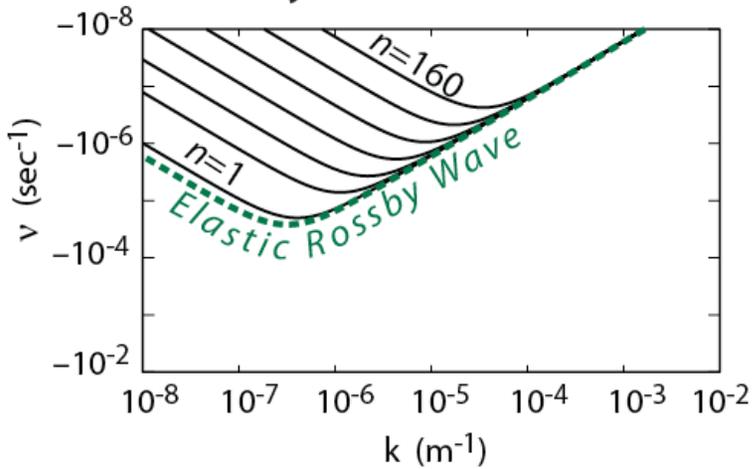
Can be applied to any quasi-hydrostatic model to add nonhydrostatic effects

Dispersion of Inertia-Gravity Waves

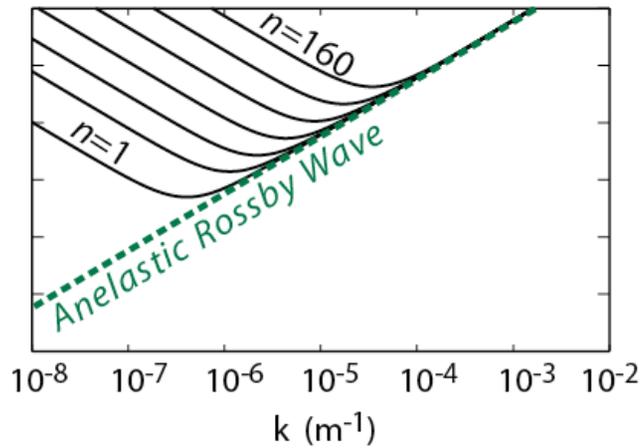


Dispersion of Rossby Waves

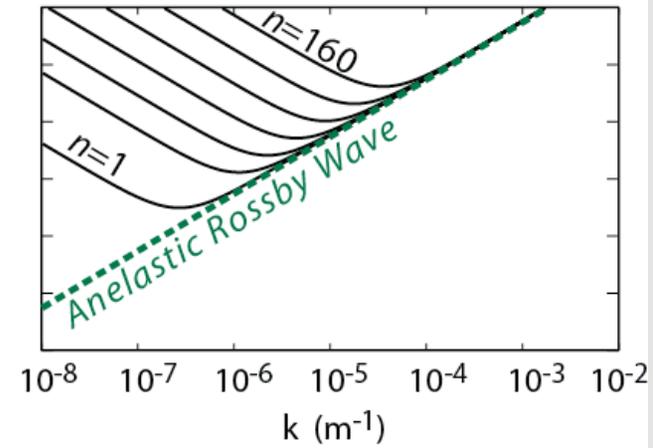
Fully Compressible, Unified and Quasi-Hydrostatic



Anelastic



Pseudo-Incompressible



Z-grid

Replaces the prediction of vectors by that of (proper dynamical) scalars so that a non-staggered grid can be used

For Vorticity-Divergence dynamical cores

Predicted quantities

$$\omega_z \equiv \mathbf{k} \cdot \nabla_H \times \mathbf{v}$$

$$D \equiv \nabla_H \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

Diagnostic quantities

$$\mathbf{v} \equiv \mathbf{v}_\psi + \mathbf{v}_\chi$$

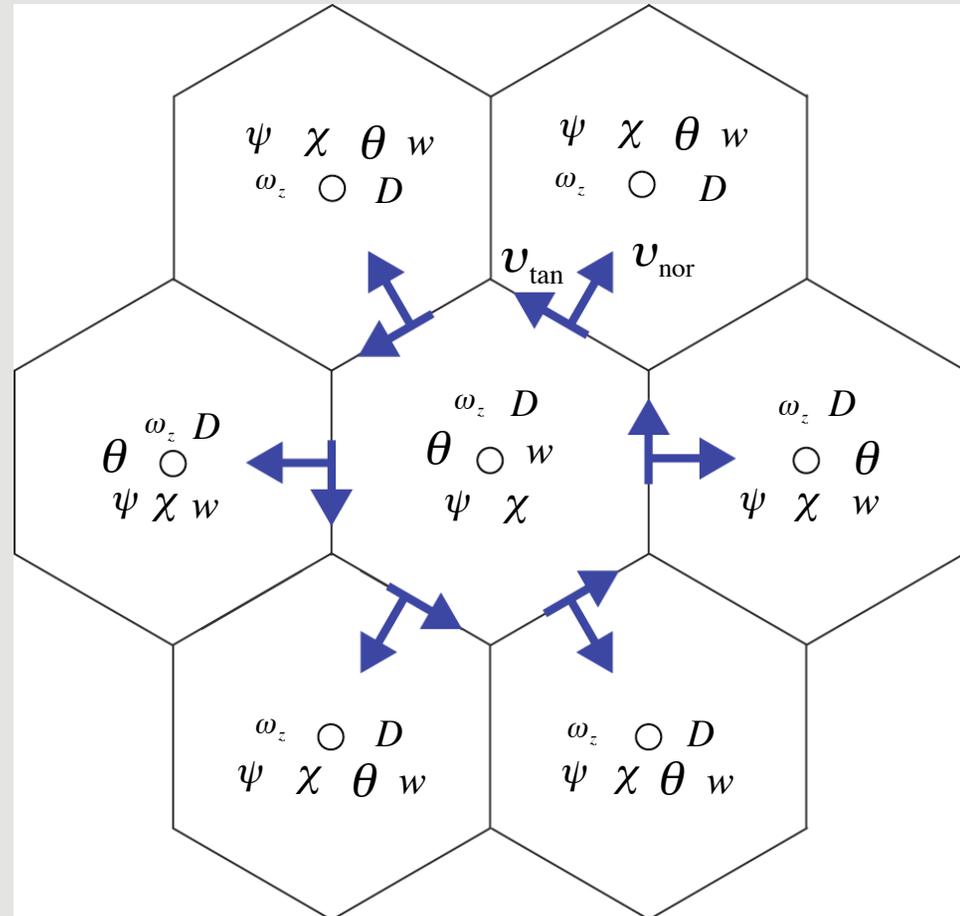
$$\mathbf{v}_\psi \equiv \mathbf{k} \times \nabla_H \psi$$

$$\mathbf{v}_\chi \equiv \nabla_H \chi$$

$$\nabla_H^2 \psi = \omega_z \quad \square$$

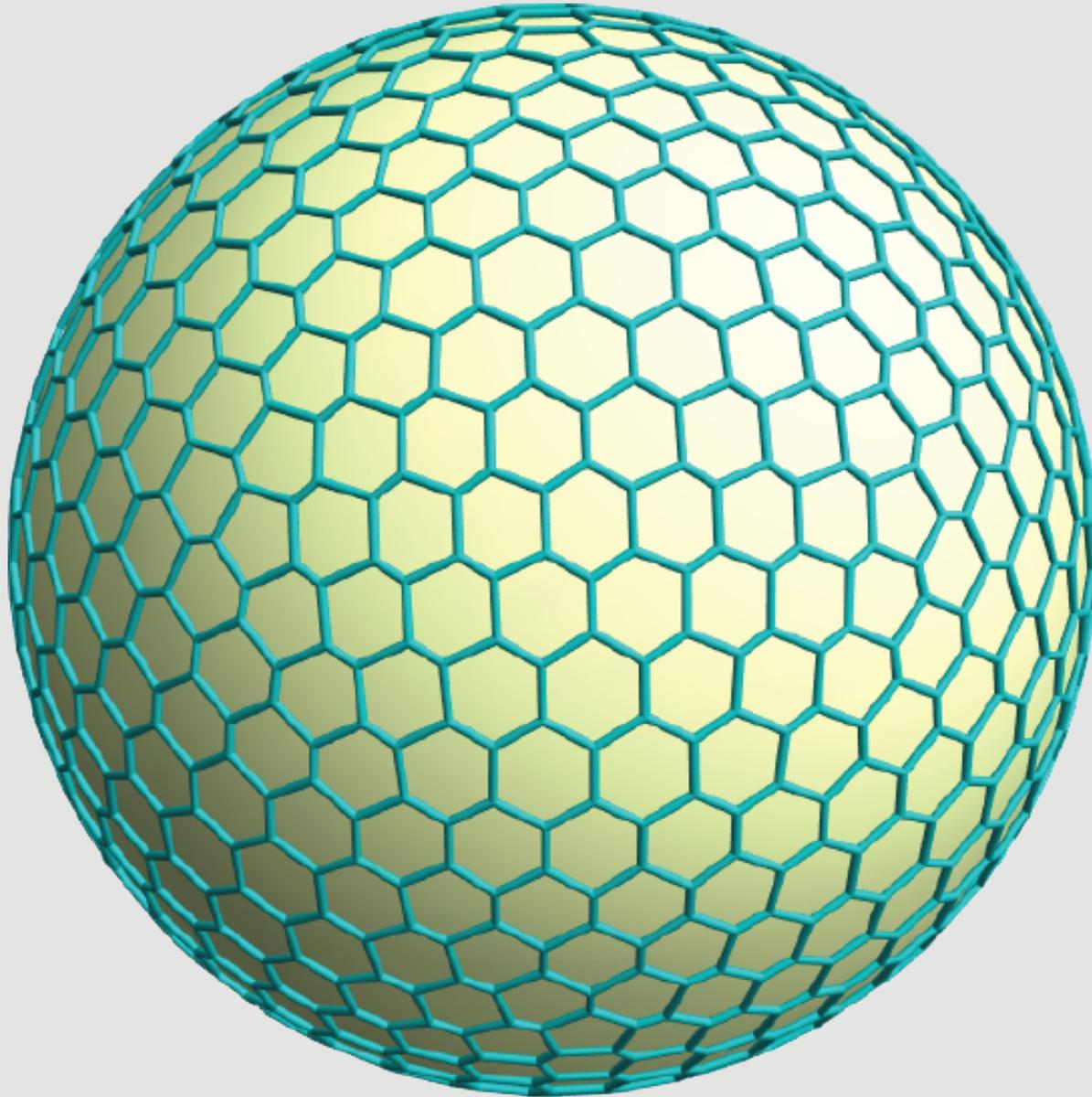
Elliptic solvers

$$\nabla_H^2 \chi = D \quad \square$$



Computational mode allowed by the C-grid is not allowed by the Z-grid

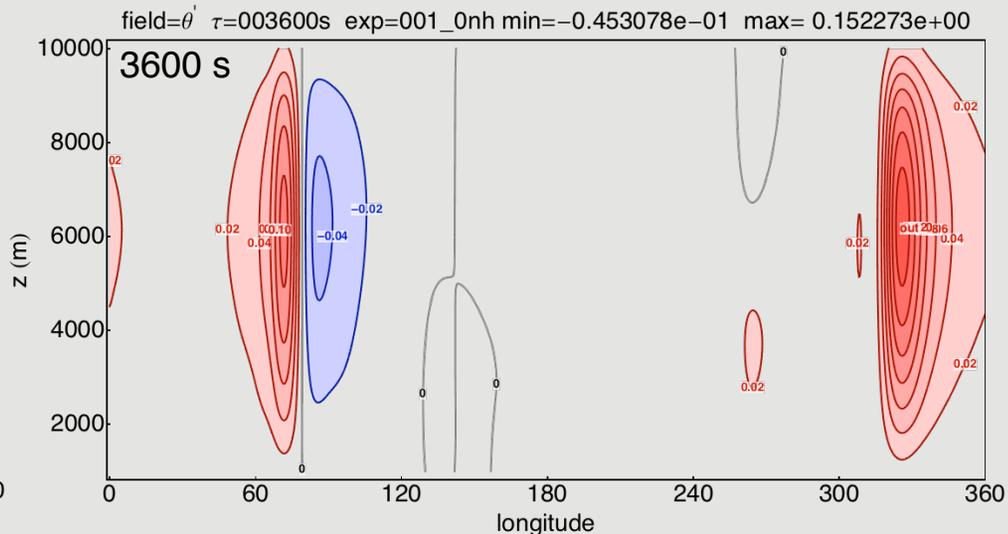
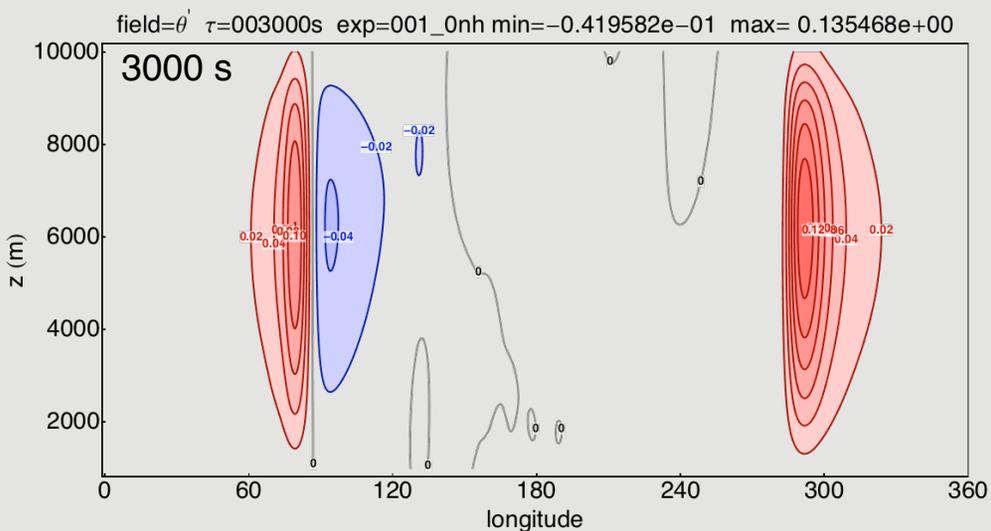
UZIM (Unified Z-grid Icosahedral Model) Icosahedral hexagon-pentagon grid



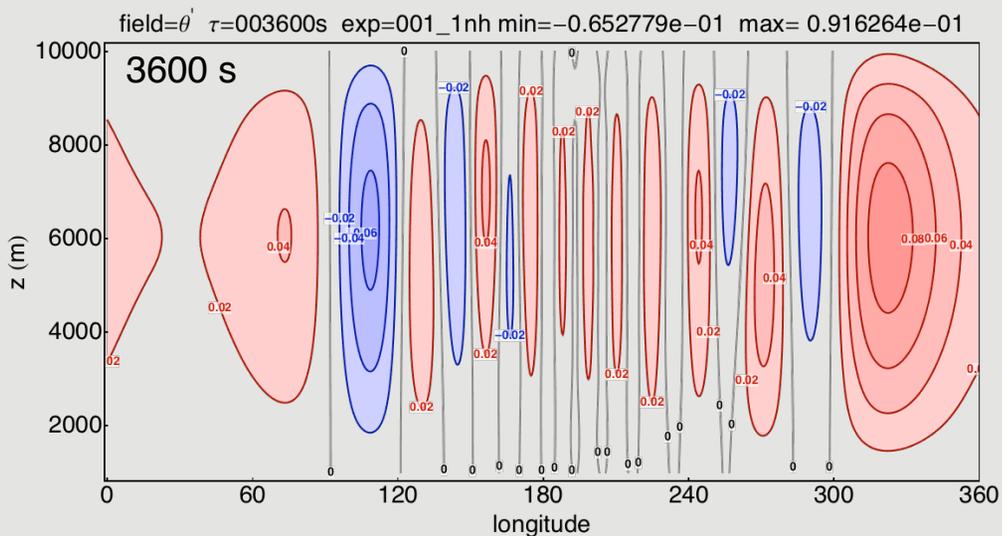
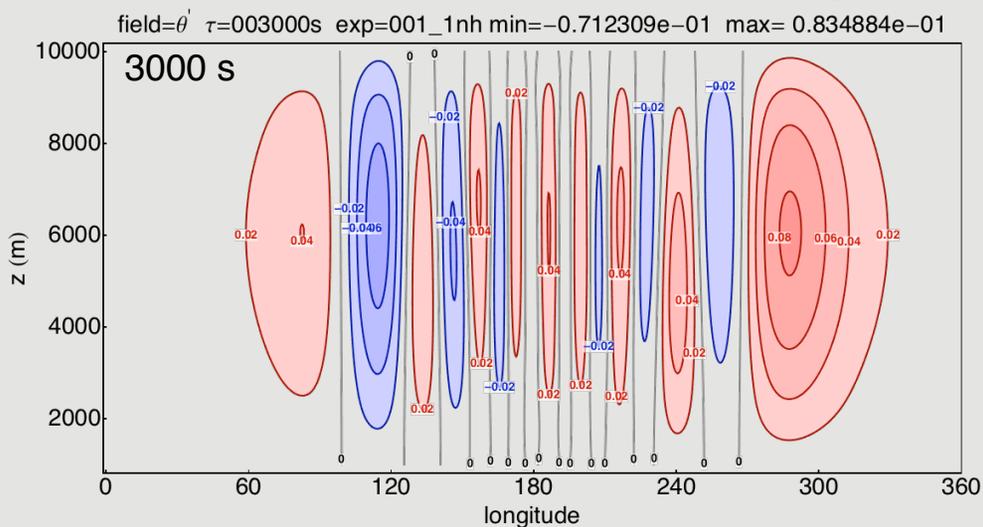
UZIM (Unified Z-grid Icosahedral Model) results

DCMIP model intercomparison run (test case 3.1)

Quasi-hydrostatic run



Nonhydrostatic Unified run



G7 (~2.5 km) 32 L (dz=500 m) a=300 km

Elliptic equation in UZIM

$$\nabla_H \cdot (\rho_{qs} c_p \theta \nabla_H \delta\pi) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\rho_{qs} c_p \theta \frac{\partial \delta\pi}{\partial z} \right) =$$
$$-\nabla_H \cdot (\rho_{qs} c_p \theta \nabla_H \pi_{qs}) - \nabla_H \cdot (\rho_{qs} \mathbf{G}_H) - \frac{\partial (\rho_{qs} G_z)}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial^2 \rho_{qs}}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \delta\pi}{\partial z} \right)_S = \left(\frac{\partial \delta\pi}{\partial z} \right)_T = 0$$

Neumann boundary condition

No convergence problem with the Neumann boundary condition in simulations on a shrunken Earth

But, problems in simulations on a true size Earth

No problem with the elliptic solvers using the dirichlet boundary condition on all sizes

Vector-Vorticity and Curl-Vorticity (Curl-Curl) dynamical cores

VVM

Predicts horizontal vorticity : $(\omega_H)_{\tan}$

Diagnoses the vertical vorticity : ω_z

Horizontal staggering : **C-grid**

CVM (Curl-Curl)

Predicts the curl of horizontal vorticity vector :

$$\Gamma \left(\equiv \mathbf{k} \cdot \nabla_H \times \boldsymbol{\omega}_H \right)$$

Predicts the vertical vorticity : ω_z

Horizontal staggering : **Z-grid**

Important common features

Three-dimensional vorticity vector is nondivergent : $\nabla_H \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_H + \frac{\partial \omega_z}{\partial z} = 0$

Three-dimensional elliptic equation solves vertical velocity w instead of pressure perturbation (or nonhydrostatic Exner pressure):

$$\nabla_H^2 w + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[\frac{1}{\rho_{qs}} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\rho_{qs} w) \right] = -\Gamma - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[\frac{1}{\rho_{qs}} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_H \right) \rho_{qs} \right]$$

$$w_S = w_T = 0$$

Dirichlet boundary condition

Z-grid of CVM

Replaces the prediction of vectors by that of scalars so that a non-staggered grid can be used

**For Vorticity-Divergence
dynamical cores**

**For Curl-Vorticity
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Predicted quantities

$$\omega_z \equiv \mathbf{k} \cdot \nabla_H \times \mathbf{v}$$

$$D \equiv \nabla_H \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

$$\Gamma \equiv \mathbf{k} \cdot \nabla_H \times (\boldsymbol{\omega}_H)$$

$$D_\omega \equiv \nabla_H \cdot (\boldsymbol{\omega}_H)$$

Diagnostic quantities

$$\mathbf{v} \equiv \mathbf{v}_\psi + \mathbf{v}_\chi$$

$$\mathbf{v}_\psi \equiv \mathbf{k} \times \nabla_H \psi$$

$$\mathbf{v}_\chi \equiv \nabla_H \chi$$

$$\nabla_H^2 \psi = \omega_z$$

$$\nabla_H^2 \chi = D$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_H \equiv (\boldsymbol{\omega}_H)_\psi + (\boldsymbol{\omega}_H)_\chi$$

$$(\boldsymbol{\omega}_H)_\psi \equiv \mathbf{k} \times \nabla_H \psi_\omega$$

$$(\boldsymbol{\omega}_H)_\chi \equiv \nabla_H \chi_\omega$$

$$\nabla_H^2 \psi_\omega = \Gamma$$

$$\nabla_H^2 \chi_\omega = D_\omega$$

Equations of Curl-Vorticity (Curl Curl) Dynamical core

Prediction equation of the curl of horizontal vorticity–curl curl equation:

$$\frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial t} = -\nabla_{\text{H}} \cdot (\Gamma \mathbf{v}) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\Gamma w) + \nabla_{\text{H}} \cdot [(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_{\text{H}} \times \nabla_{\text{H}}) \mathbf{v}] + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_{\text{H}} \times \nabla_{\text{H}} w) + \mathbf{k} \cdot \nabla_{\text{H}} \times \mathbf{G}_{\text{H}}$$

$$\mathbf{G}_{\text{H}} \equiv (\boldsymbol{\omega}_{\text{H}} \cdot \nabla_{\text{H}}) \mathbf{v} + (\omega_z + f) \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial z} - \left[\nabla_{\text{H}} \times (P_z \mathbf{k}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{P}_{\text{H}}) \right]$$

Prediction equation of the vertical vorticity:

$$\frac{\partial \omega_z}{\partial t} = -\nabla_{\text{H}} \cdot [(\omega_z + f) \mathbf{v}] - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} [(\omega_z + f) w] + G_z$$

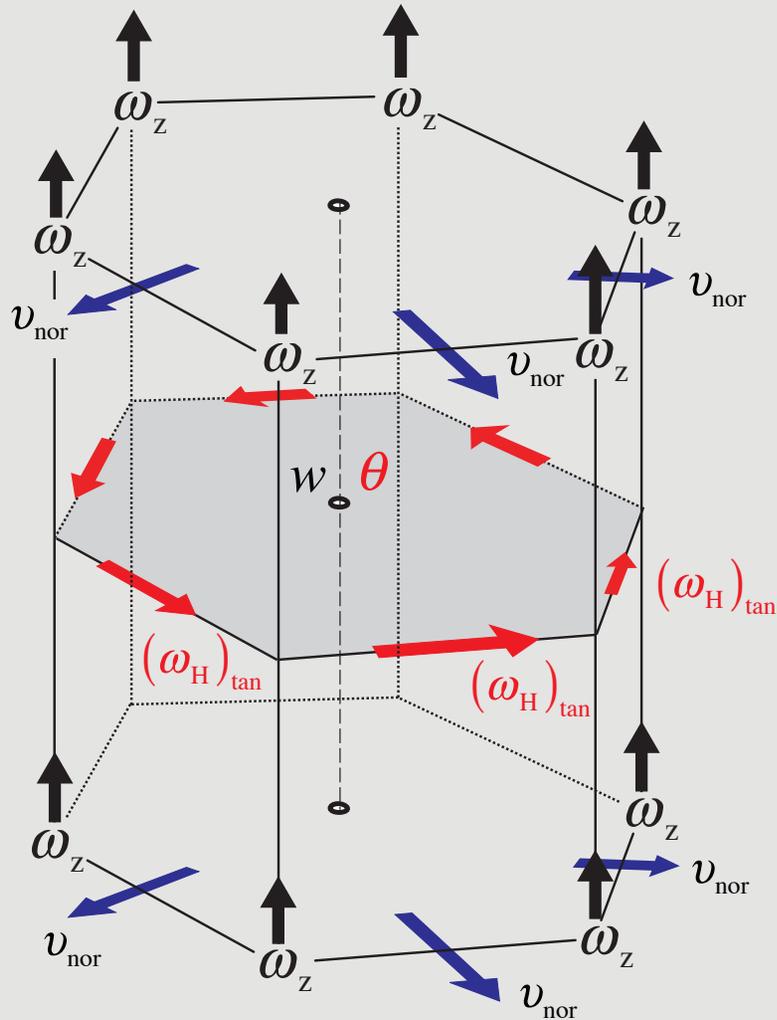
$$G_z \equiv \boldsymbol{\omega}_{\text{H}} \cdot \nabla_{\text{H}} w + (\omega_z + f) \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} - \mathbf{k} \cdot \nabla_{\text{H}} \times \mathbf{P}_{\text{H}}$$

Diagnostic equation for the divergence of the horizontal vorticity:

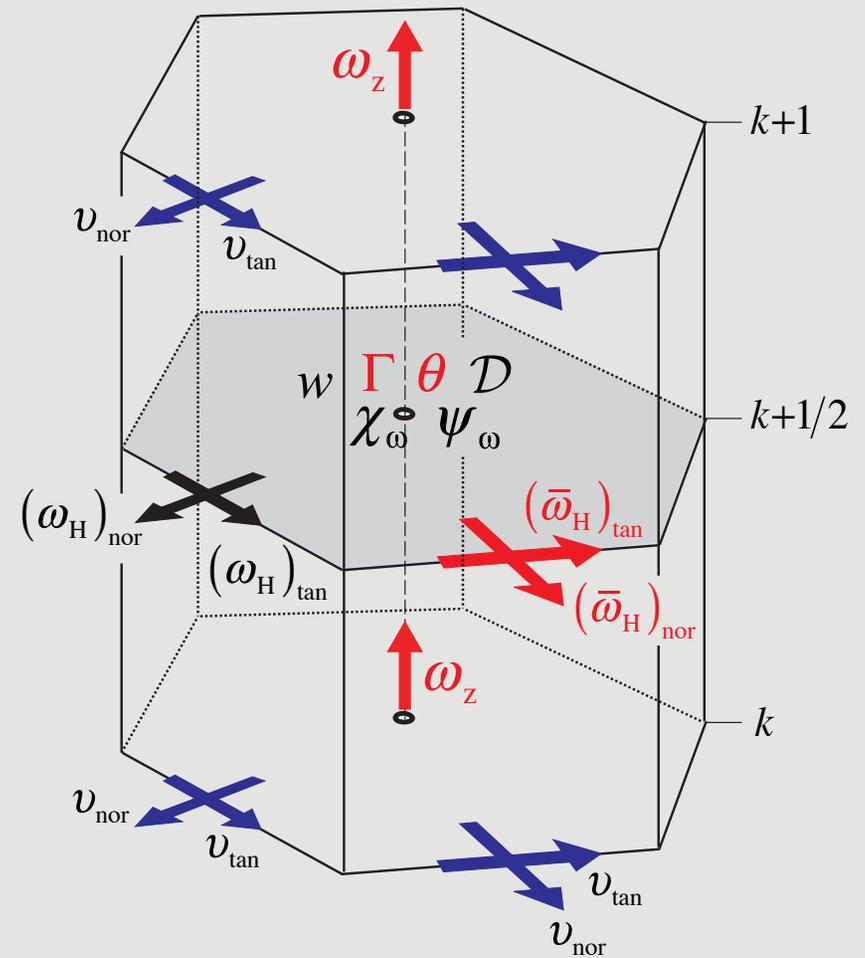
$$D_{\omega} \equiv \nabla_{\text{H}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_{\text{H}} = -\frac{\partial \omega_z}{\partial z}$$

Vector-Vorticity and Curl-Vorticity (Curl-Curl) dynamical cores

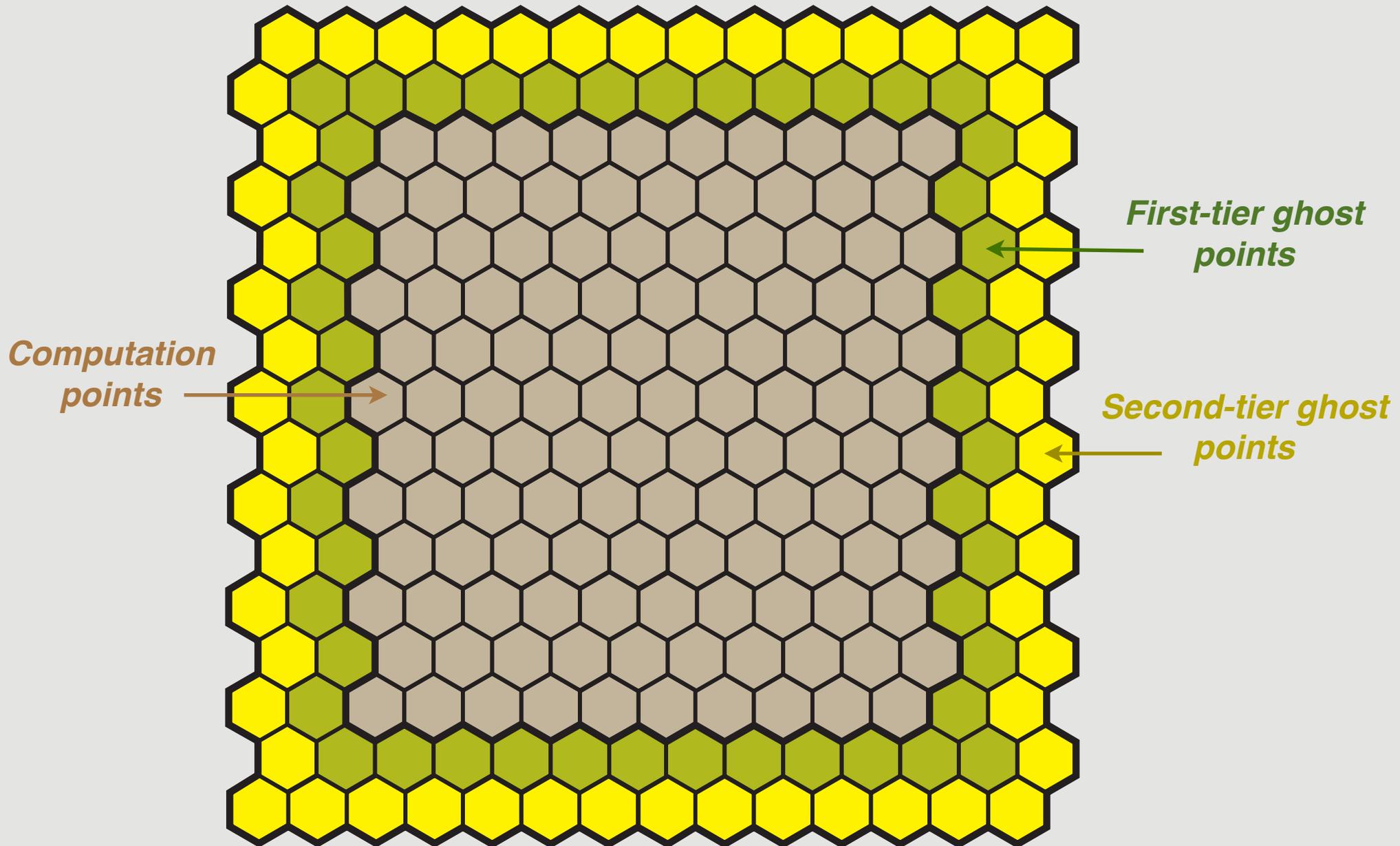
“C- horizontal grid” and CP-vertical grid of VVM



“Z- horizontal grid” and CP-vertical grid of CVM



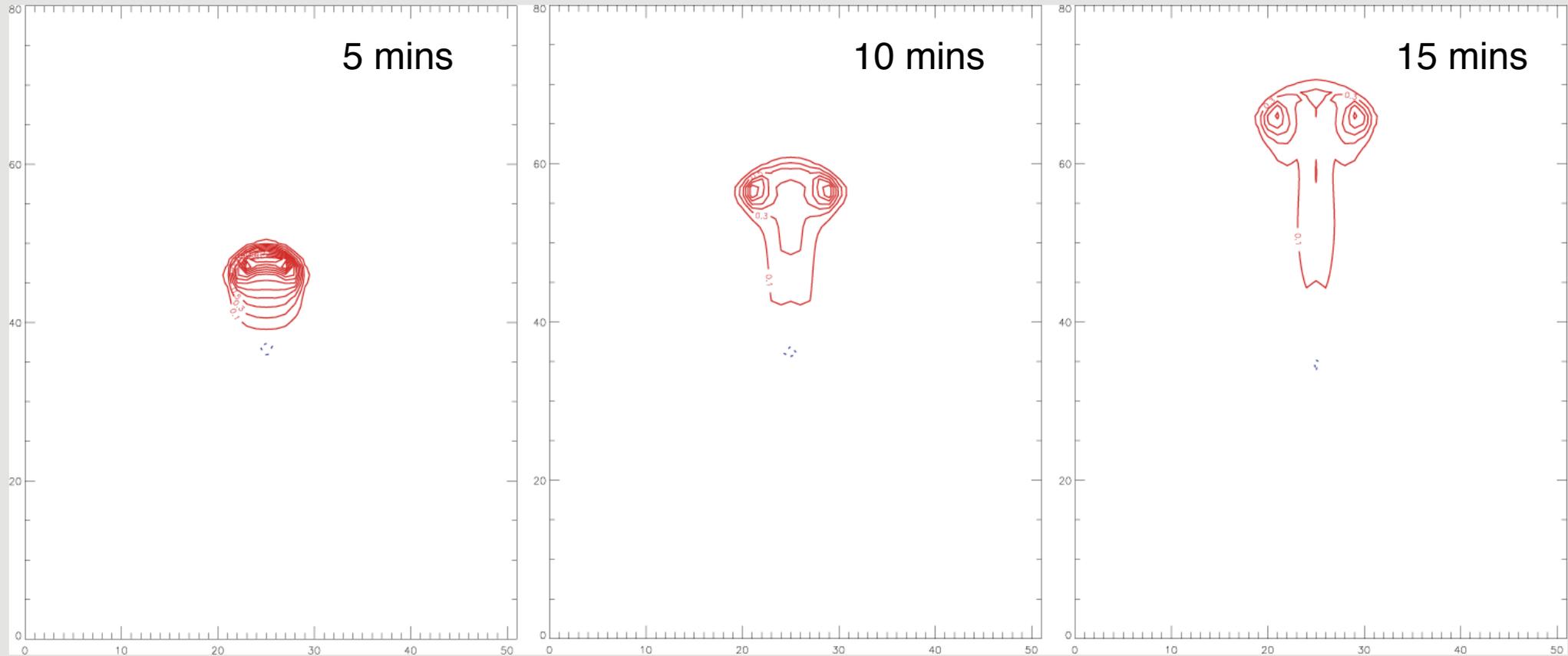
Hexagonal grid and domain of Planar CVM and VVM



Doubly periodic boundary conditions

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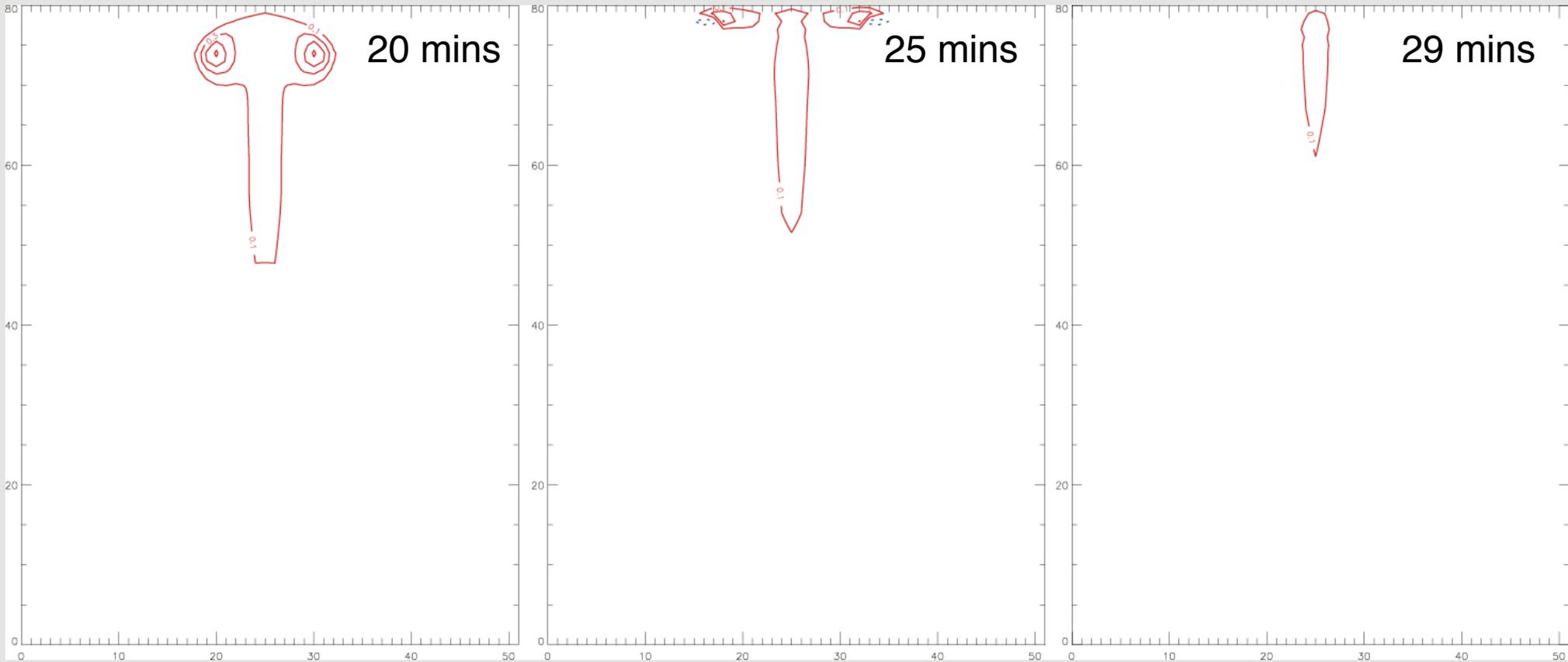
Potential temperature perturbation in warm bubble test



250m horizontal (cell center to cell center) and vertical grid distances

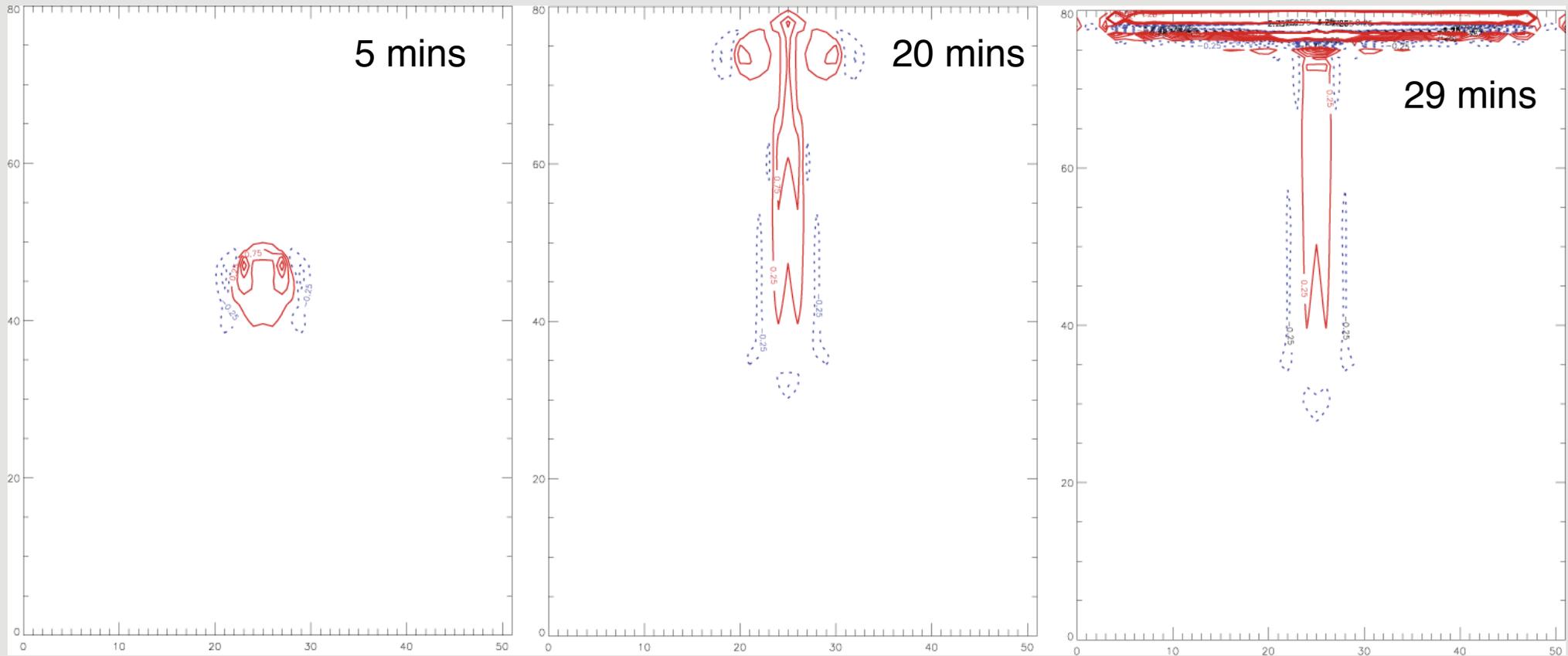
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Gamma in warm bubble test

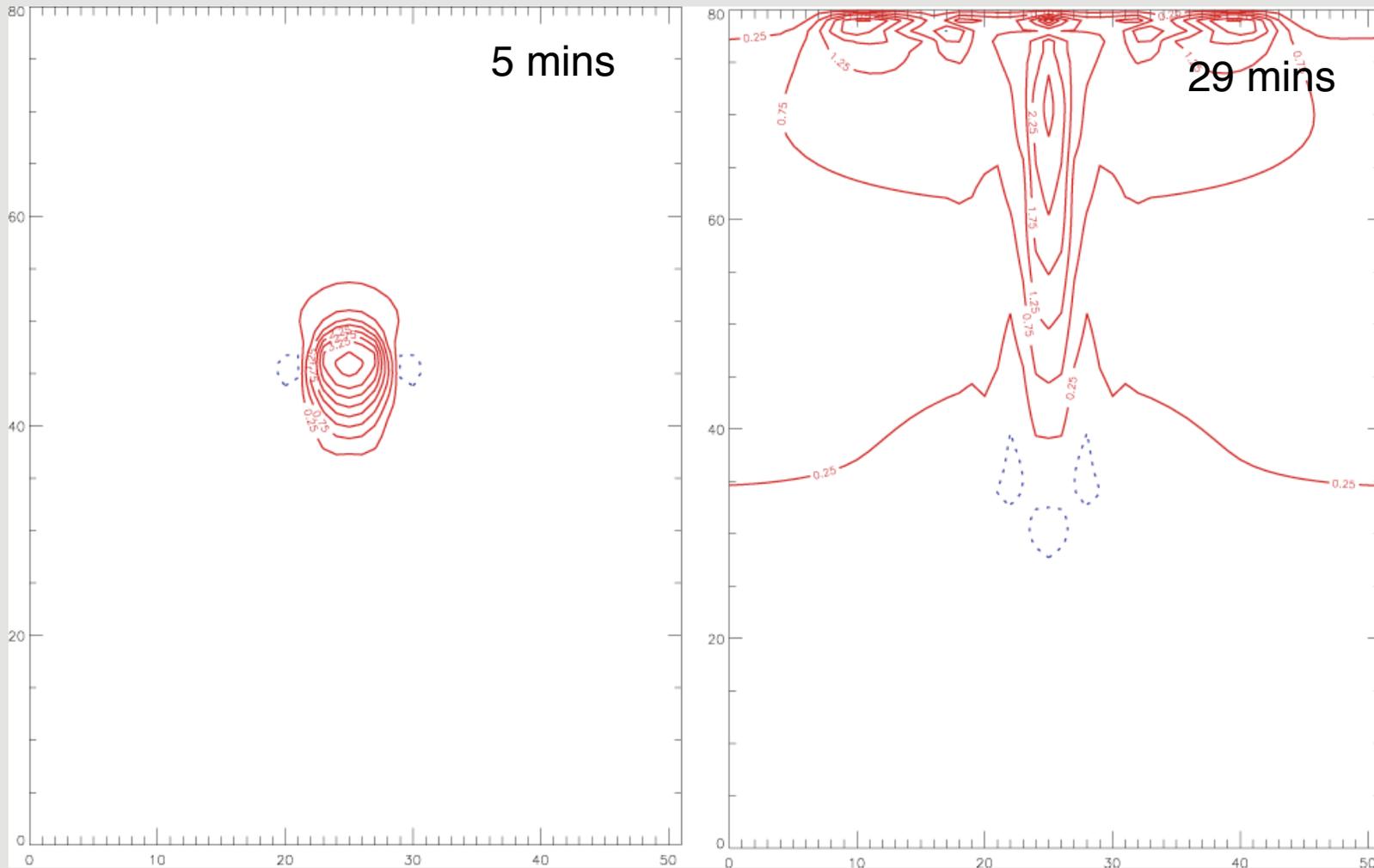


Palinostrophy increases

$$\overline{\Gamma^2} \equiv \overline{(\mathbf{k} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{H}} \times \boldsymbol{\omega}_{\mathbf{H}})^2}$$

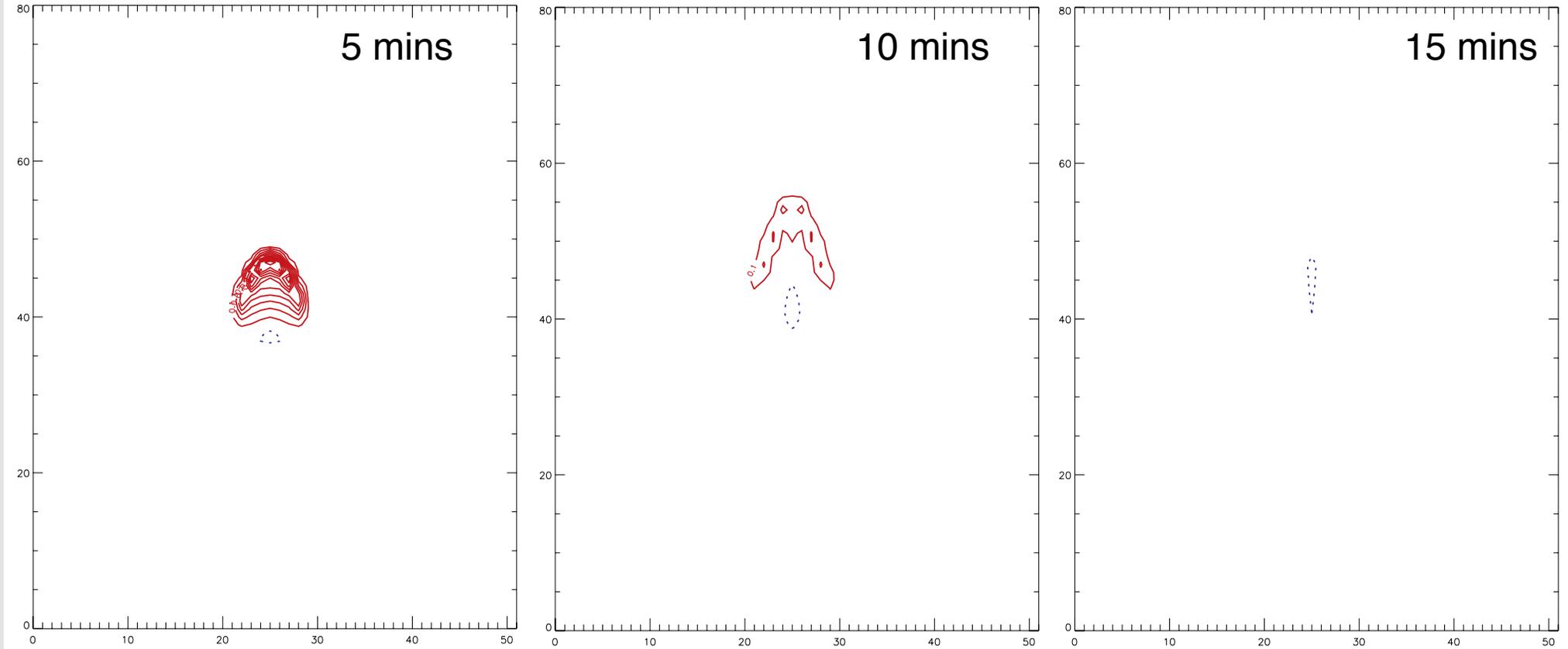
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Vertical velocity in warm bubble test



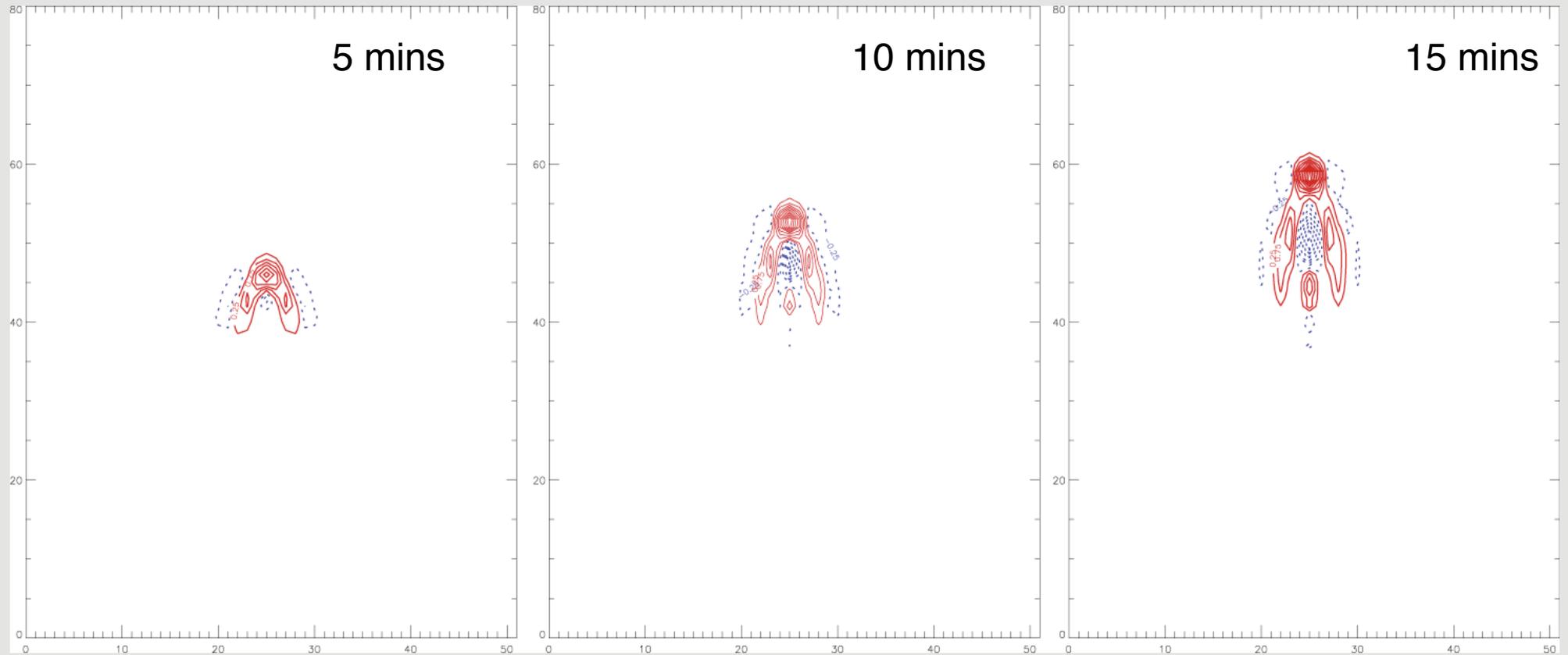
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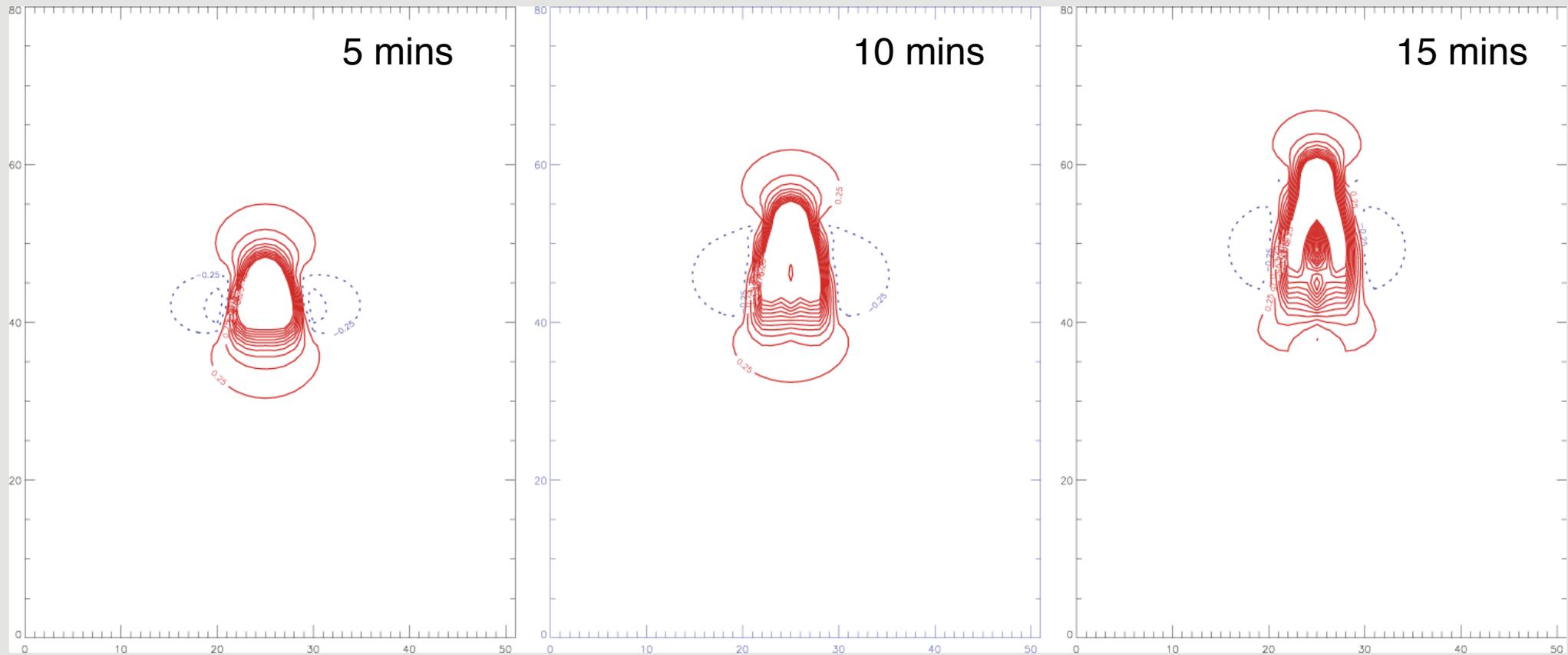
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2D (x-z) Cartesian Grid comparison

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