CMMAP Physical Processes Theme

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Strategy

- Better understand interactions of deep and shallow clouds, and turbulence, microphysics, and radiation.
- Better understand representation of interactions of deep and shallow clouds, and turbulence, microphysics, and radiation in prototype MMF.
- Test improved physics in MMF.

Action items from last meeting:

- 1. Implement a new radiation algorithm in SAM. (Pincus)
- 2. Implement the EDMF scheme in SAM? (Teixeira)
- 3. Perform more testing of IPHOC in VVM (Cheng)
- 4. Upgrade/test two-moment cloud scheme in SAM (Morrison)
- 5. Continue to find/develop improved SGS schemes (The rest of us...)

Issues from last meeting

- Data support at SDSC (account; format conversion)
 More people to analyze the 1st giga-LES
- More computer time for more giga-LES runs: case with stronger PBL interaction; deep convection over land...
- Giga-LES with different microphysics schemes; how sensitive and what?
 - How to evaluate these idealized cases?

Short talks

- 1. Andrew Heymsfield: improving microphysics
- 2. Wojciech Grabowski: hybrid bulk-bin model
- 3. Ned Patton: orographic drag with vegetation
- 4. Anning Cheng: turbulence scheme in VVM
- 5. Zach Eitzen: deep convective cloud objects
- 6. Steve Krueger: turbulence closure & scaling of convective precipitation in MMF and SAM...
- 7. (Chin-Hoh Moeng: the PBL in giga-LES)

Short-term Plans

- Better understand interactions of deep and shallow clouds, and turbulence, microphysics, and radiation.
 - Continue to develop and test parameterizations for coarse-grid CRMs in stand-alone SAM.

Short-term Plans

- Better understand representation of interactions of deep and shallow clouds, and turbulence, microphysics, and radiation in prototype MMF.
 - Identify physical processes responsible for MMF deficiencies.

ACTION ITEM: Analyze existing MMF simulations.

ACTION ITEM: Perform new MMF simulations that involve changes to MMF physics. (Computer time is required.)

(1) Replace boundary layer turbulence scheme used in CRM:

Anning Cheng, Cara-Lyn Lappen, Marat Khairoutdinov.

(2) Use higher spatial resolution:

A Low Cloud Feedbacks activity.

Long-term Plans

• Test improved physics in MMF.

Issues

- Computer time will be required for the proposed simulations.
 - Large request due next week. Will participate in this request.
- Large size of large-domain LES output dataset will make it a challenge to access and analyze.
 - This is actively being addressed: Cyber Infrastructure, John Helly.
- Help with modifying SP-CAM code to test new parameterizations:
 - Marat will make stand-alone SAM interchangeble with SAM used in MMF.