

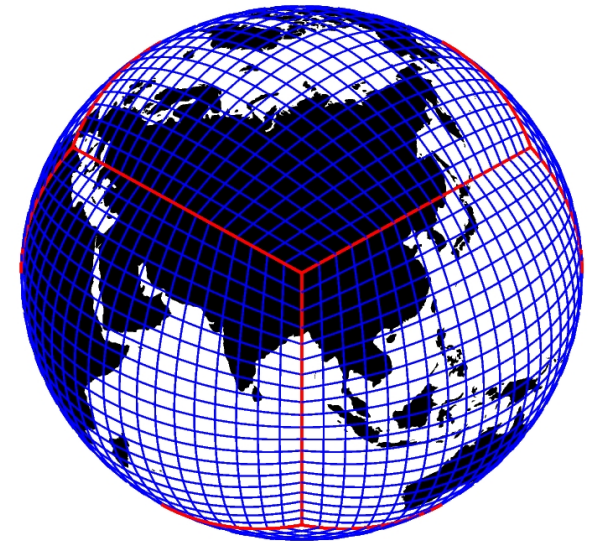
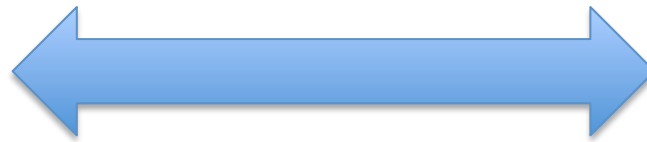
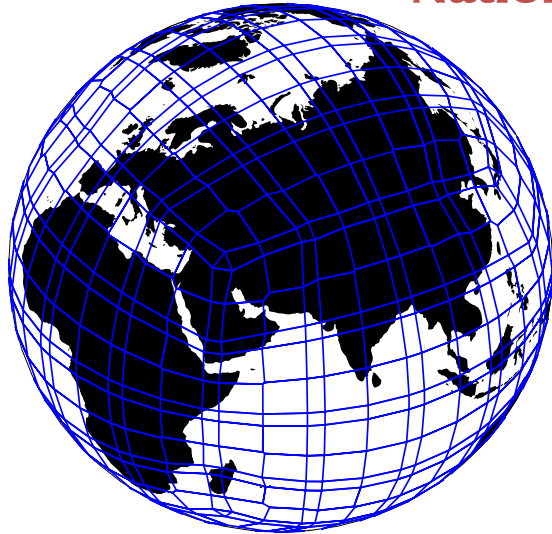


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Separating physics, dynamics and tracer grids in CAM-SE (Community Atmosphere model - Spectral Elements)

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Getting away from the lat-lon grid ...

CAM=NCAR's Community Atmosphere Model



- Scalability
- Static mesh-refinement capability
- ...

CAM-FV (finite volume)

Lin (2004)

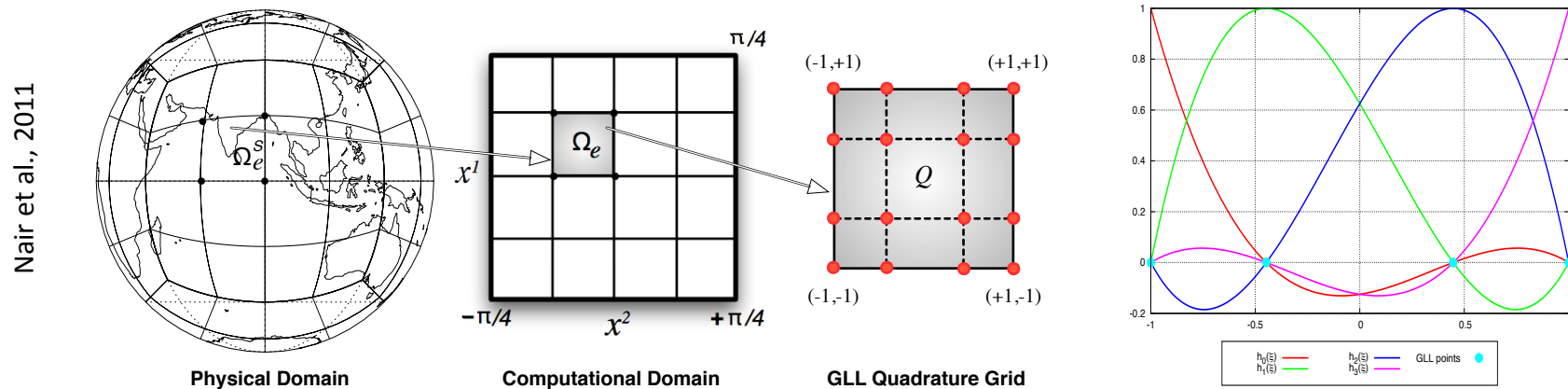
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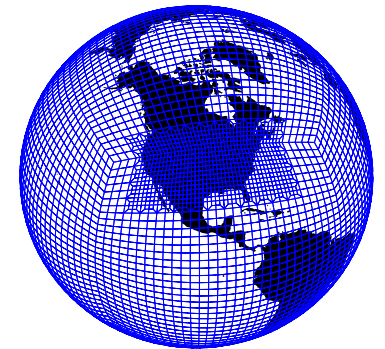
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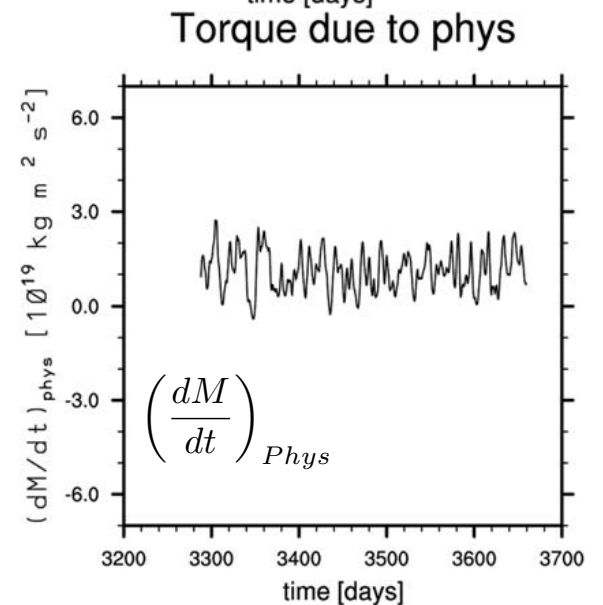
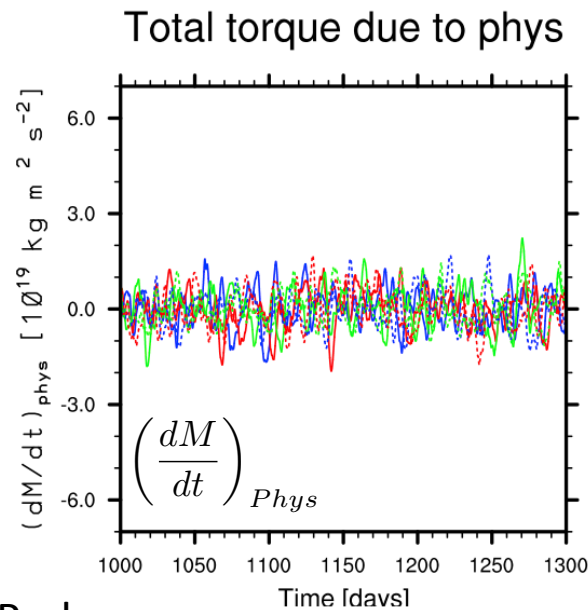
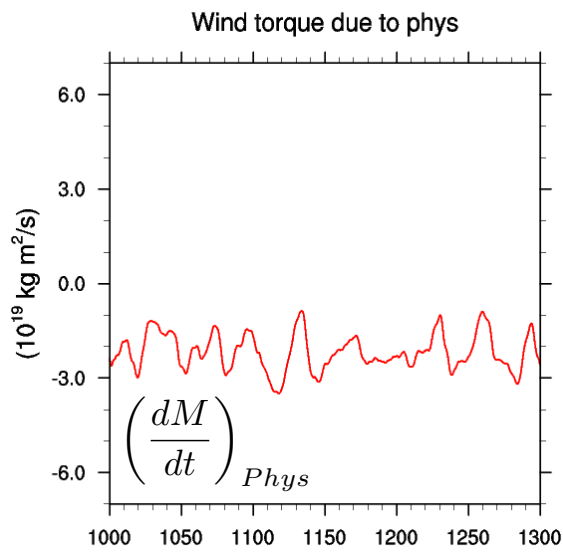
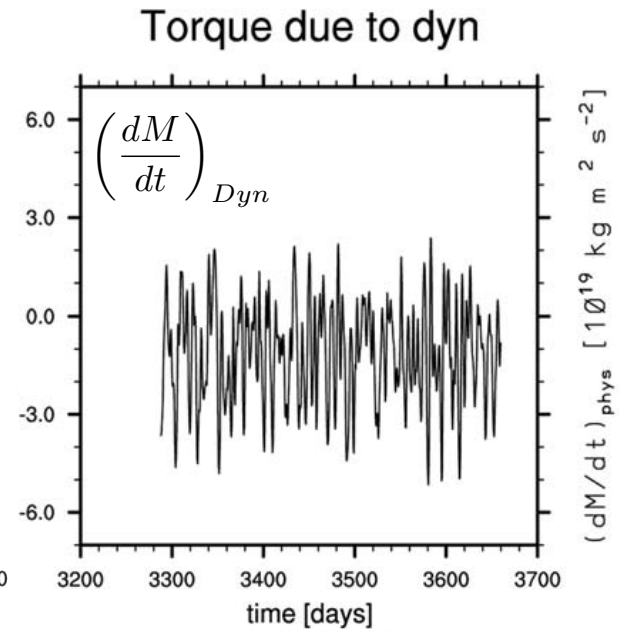
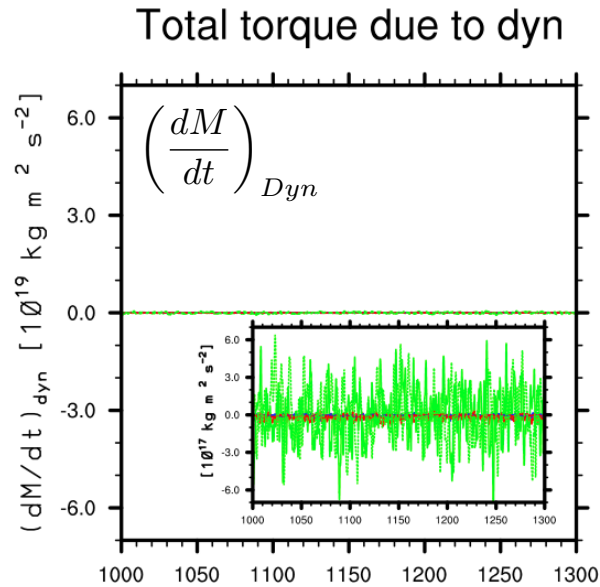
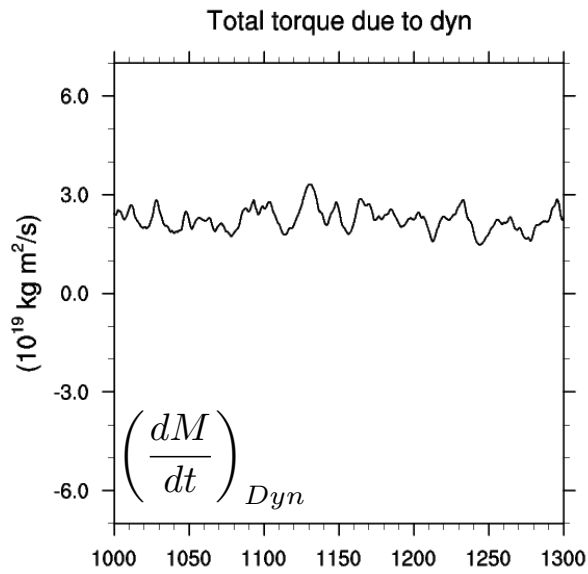
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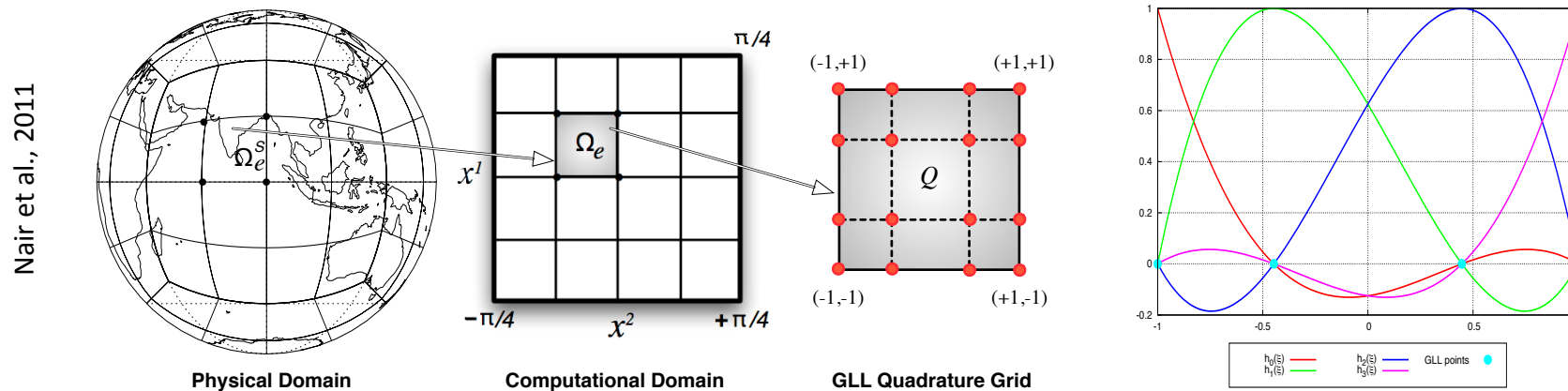


MPAS results courtesy of Sanghun Park

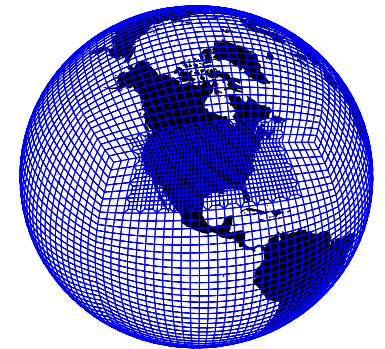
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CAM-SE • NCAR Community Atmosphere

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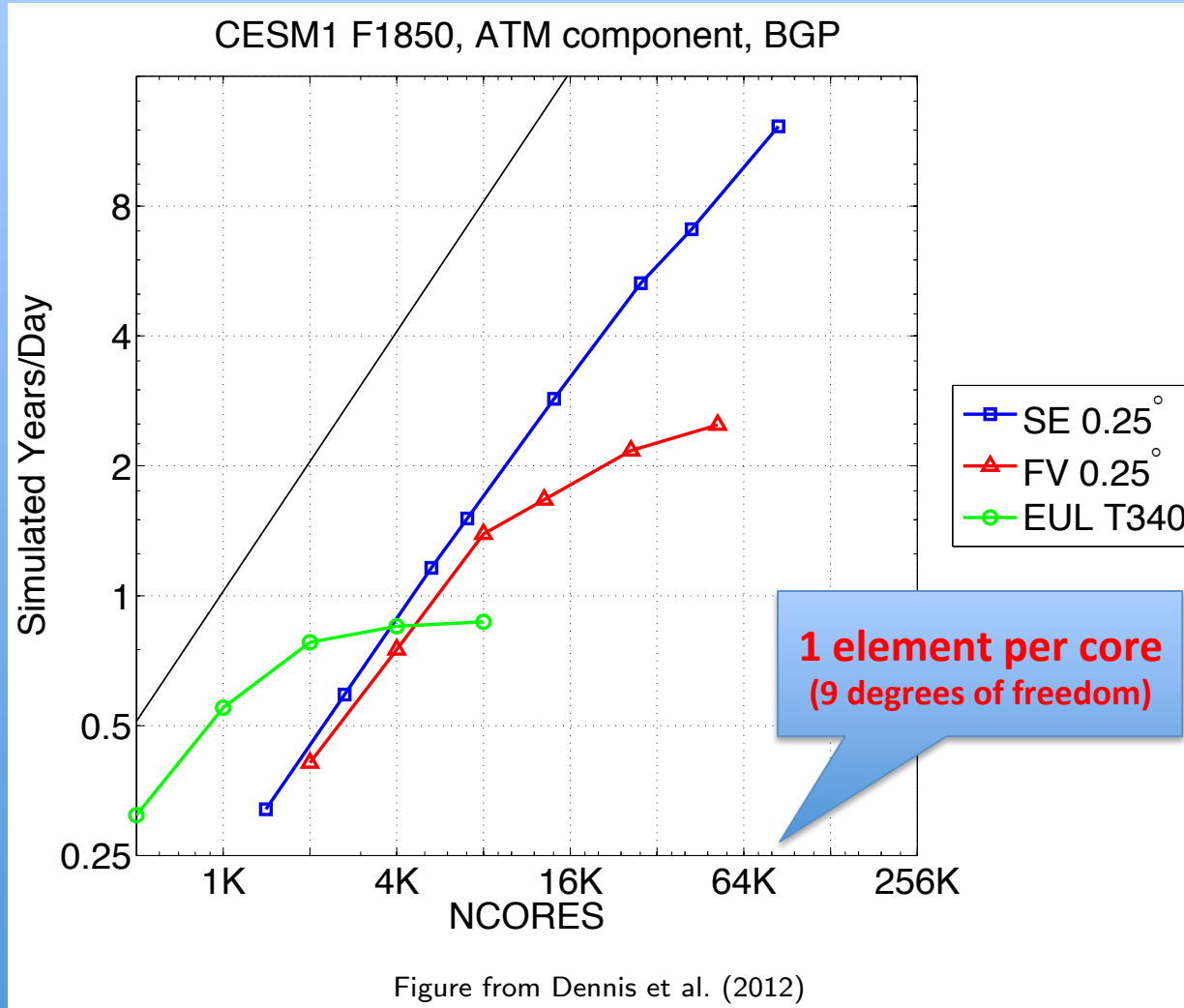
Continuous

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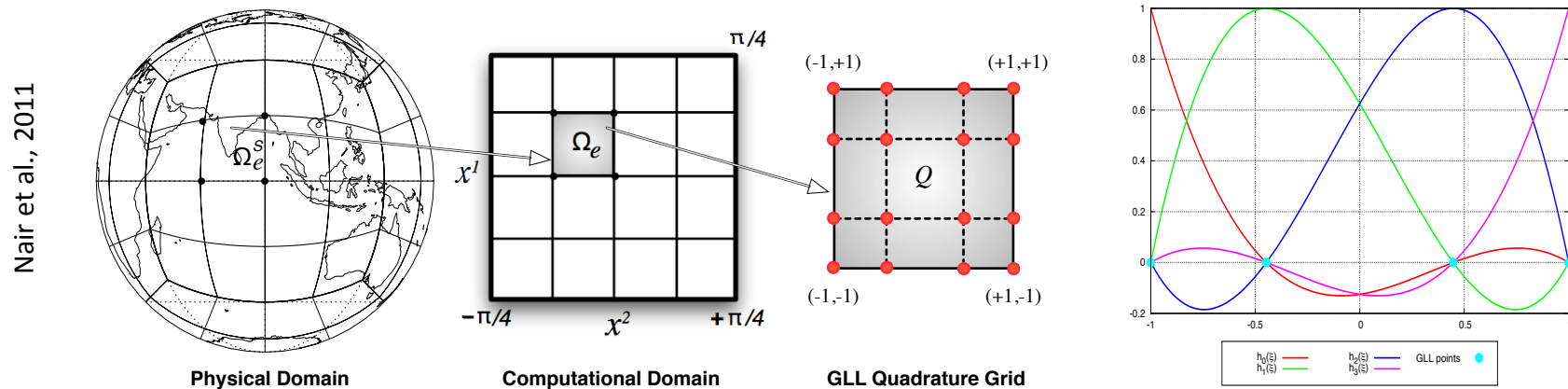
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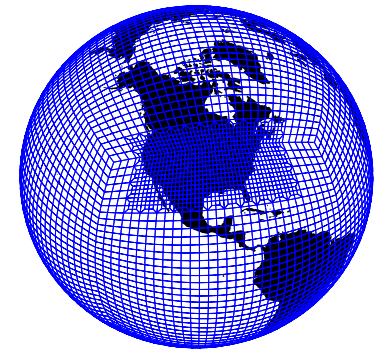


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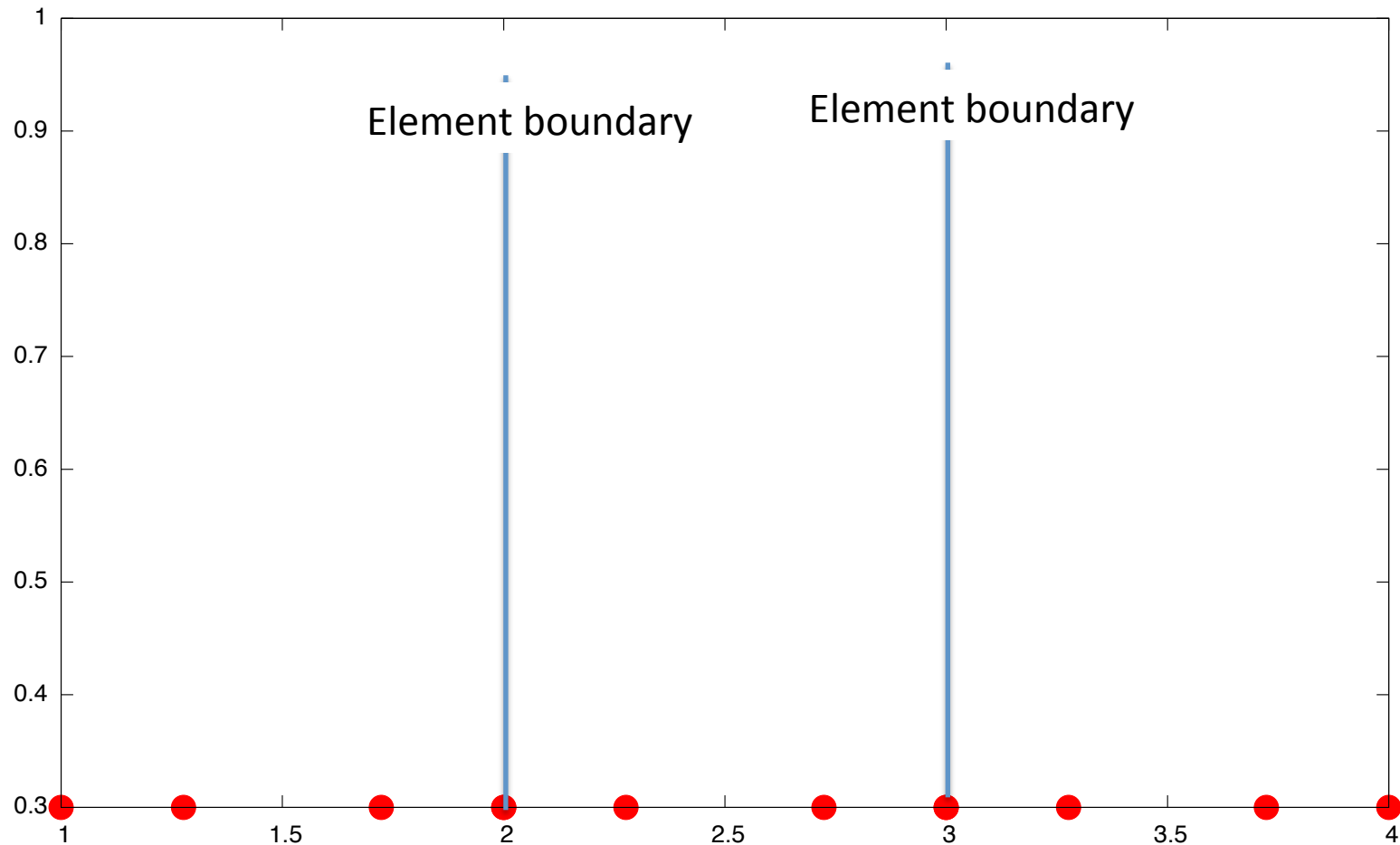


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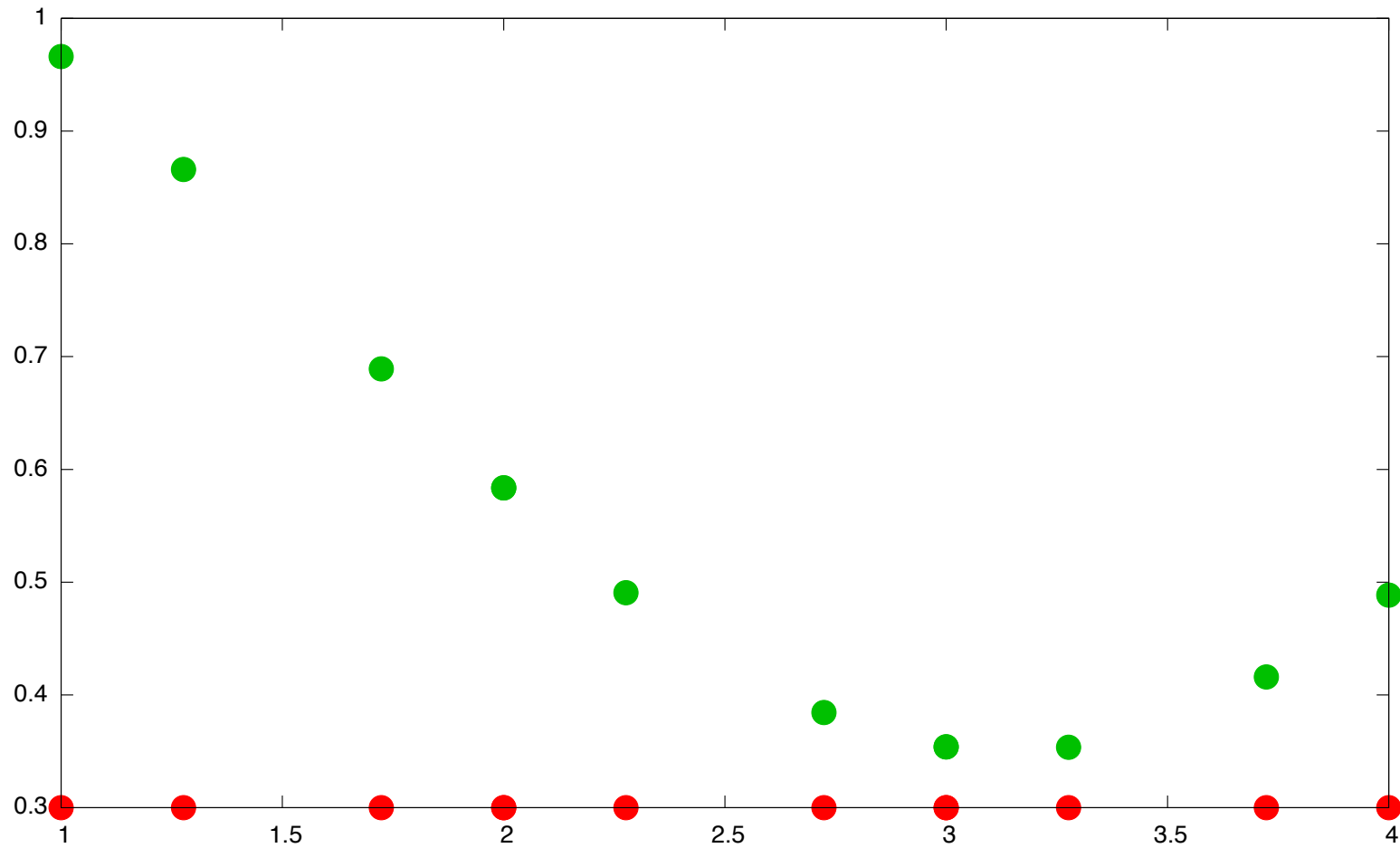


- Computational grid: 3 elements, 4 quadrature points in each element ($np=4$)
- This quadrature will integrate polynomials of degree 3 exactly
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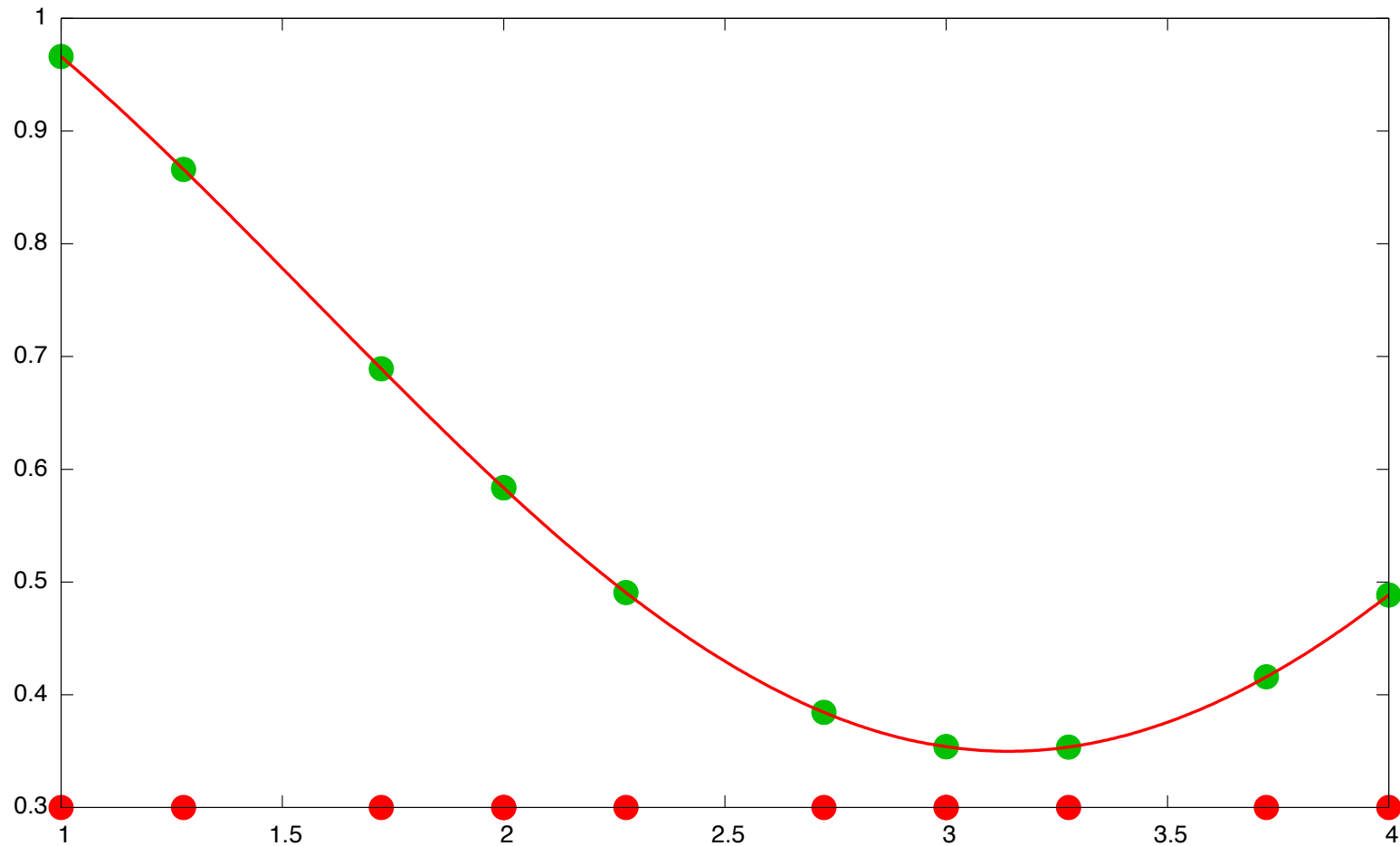


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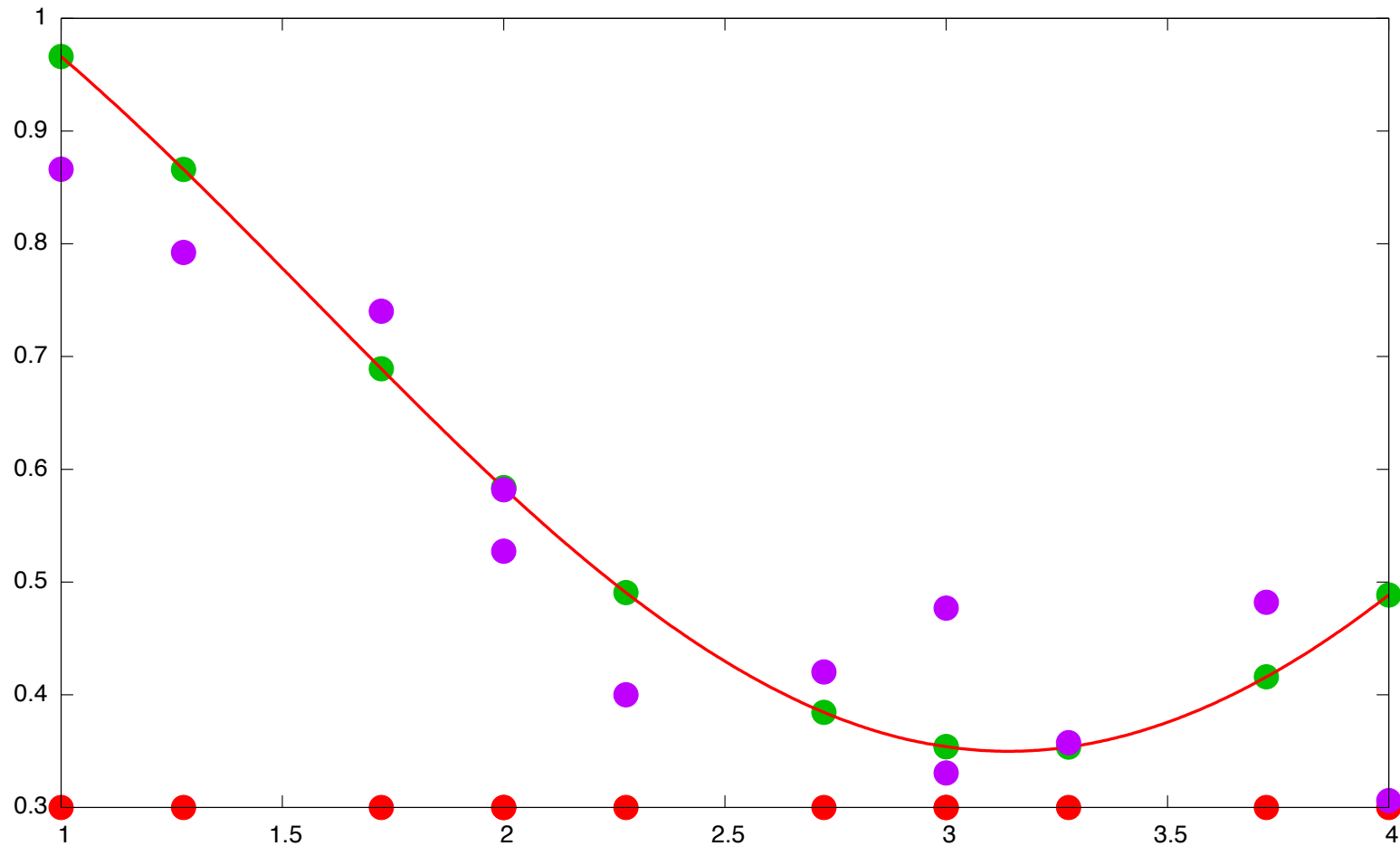


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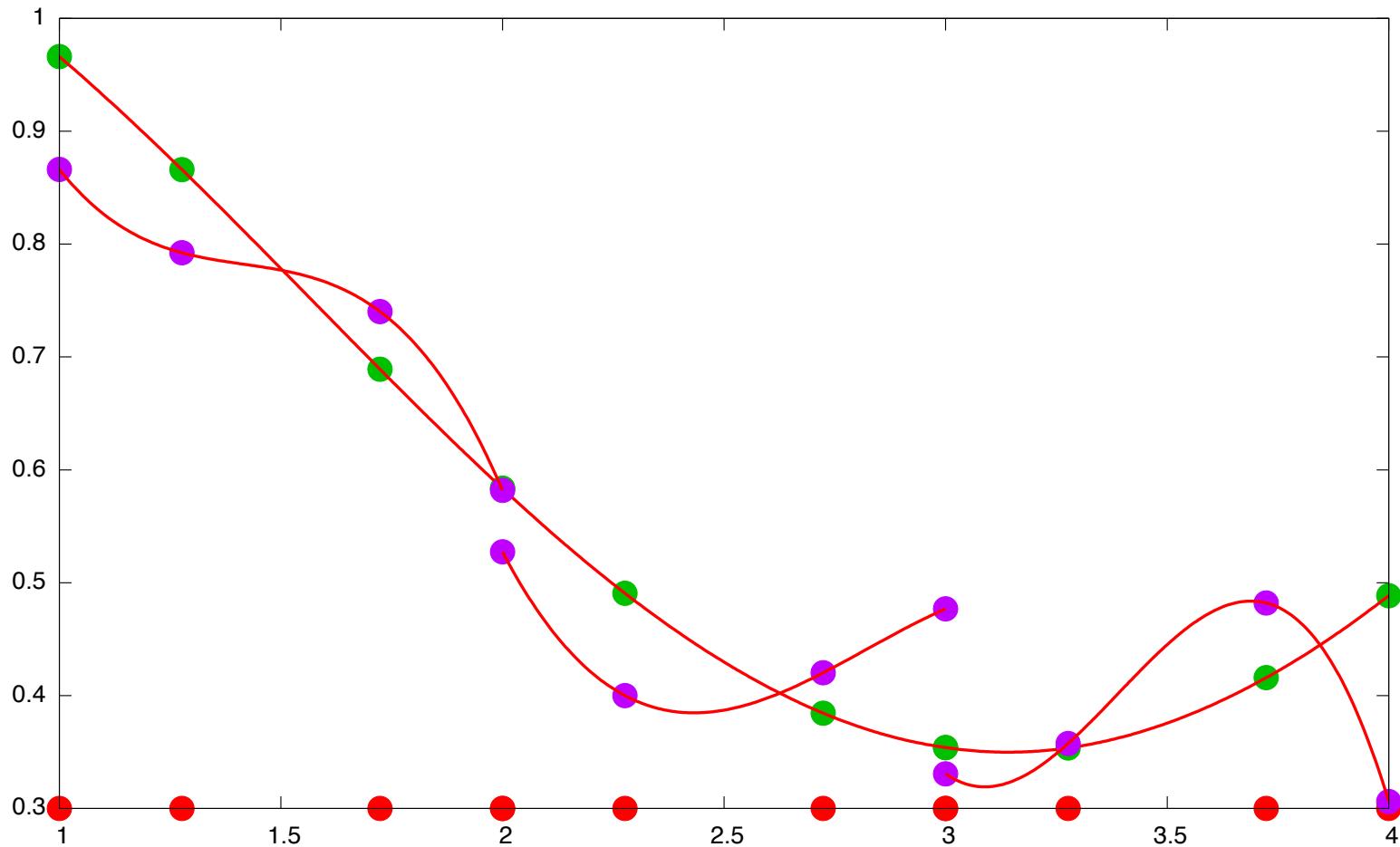


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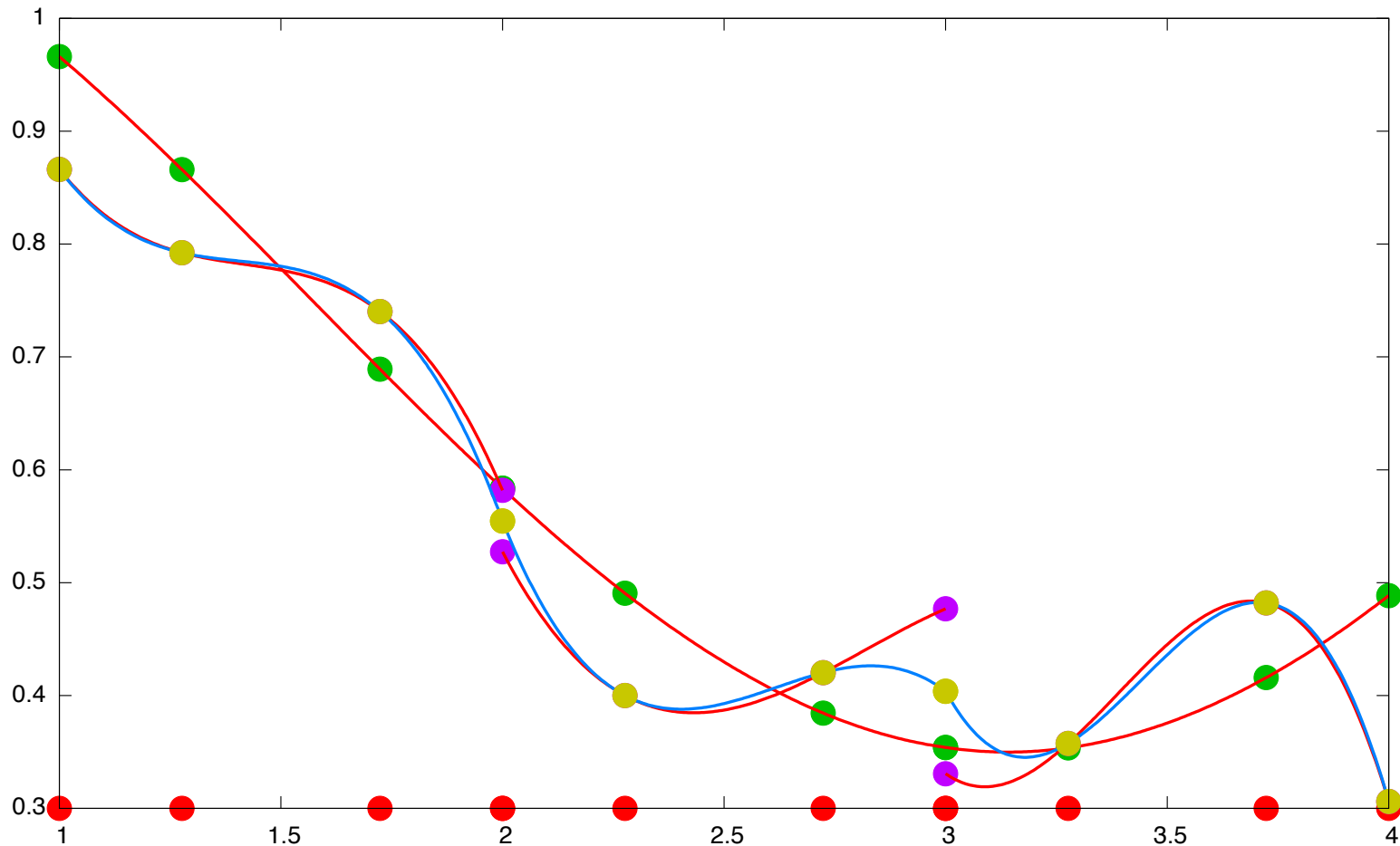


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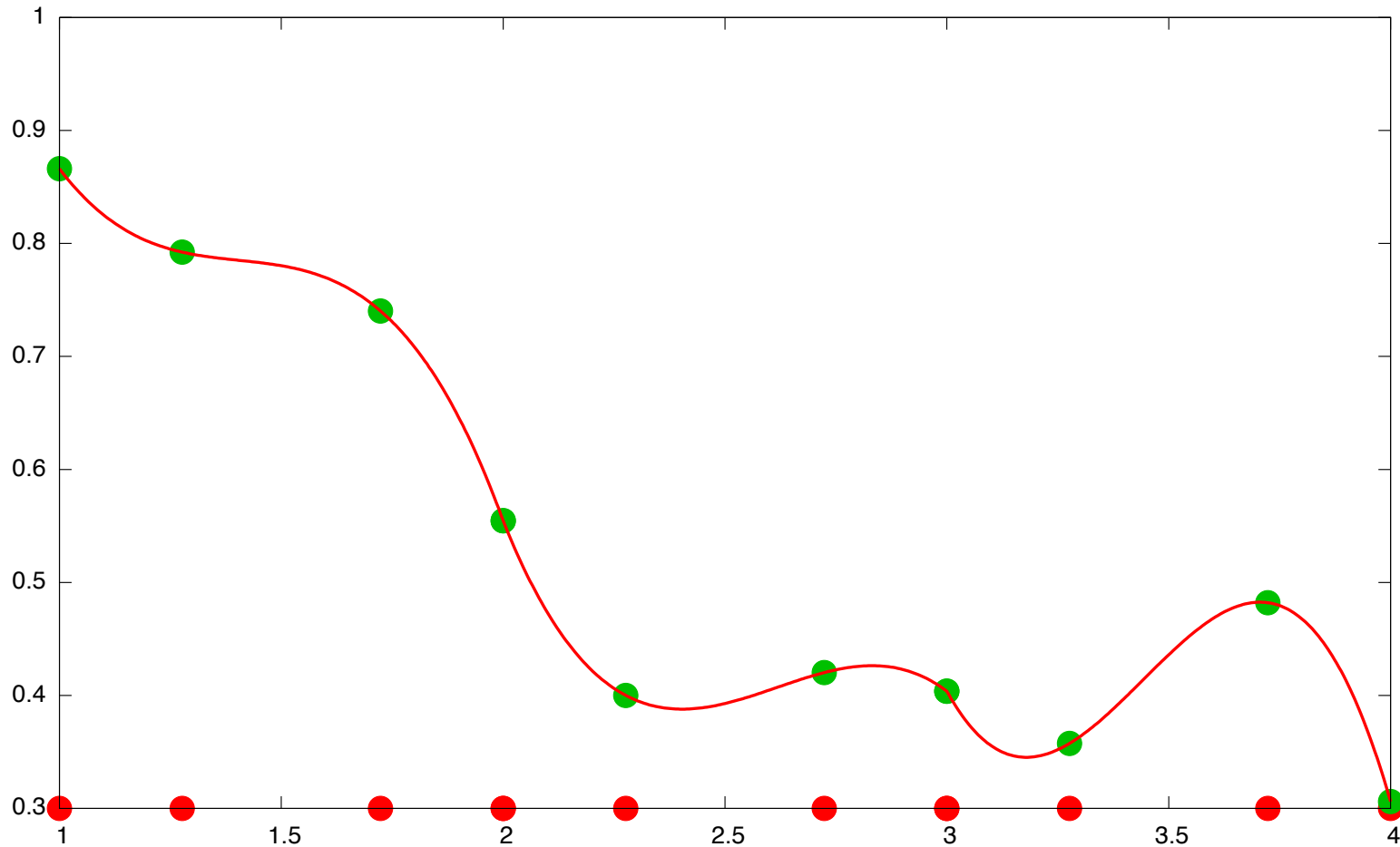


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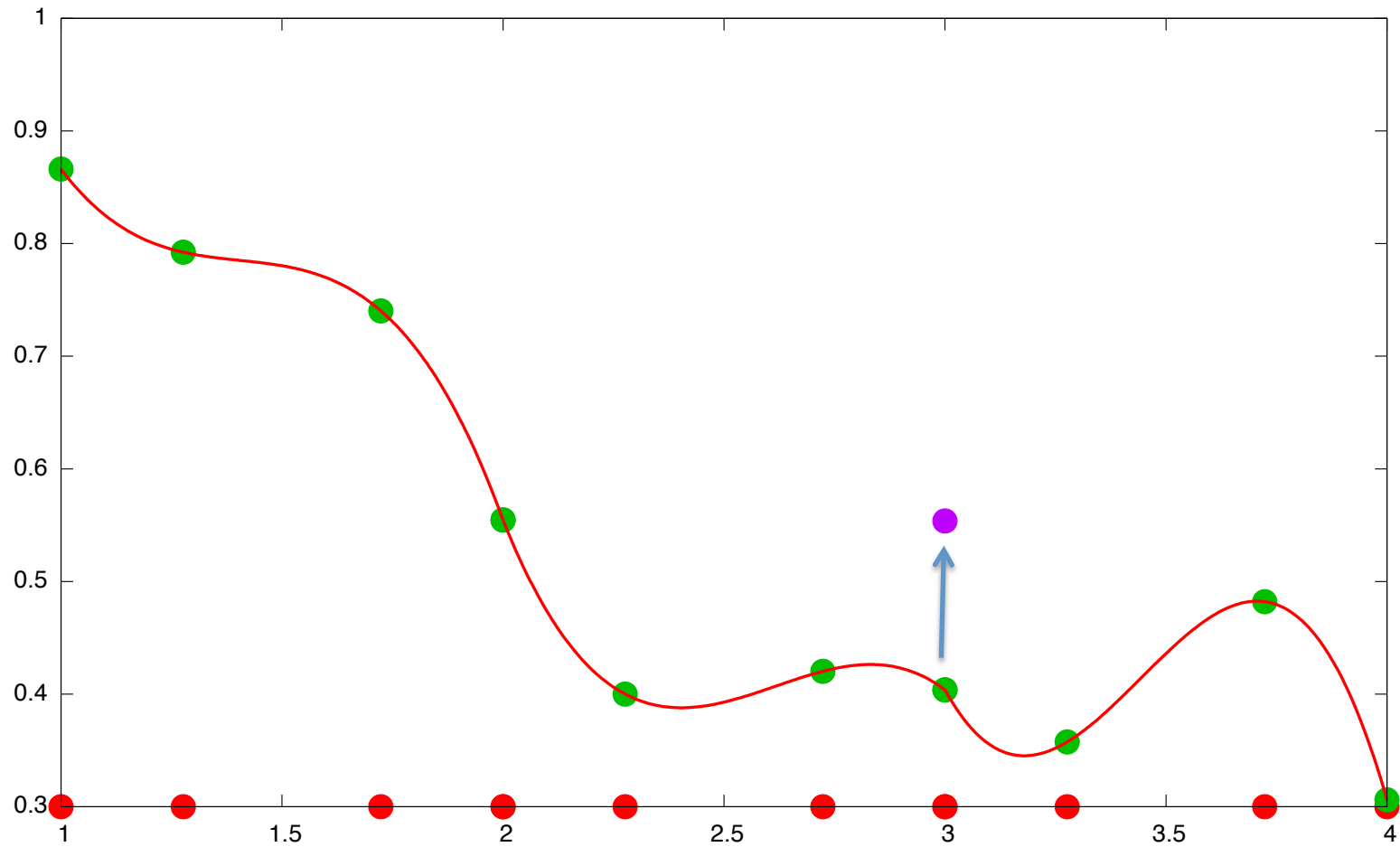


- This process is repeated for every Runge-Kutta stage (currently 5 times per dynamics time-step)
- **Physics is “run on GLL grid”**



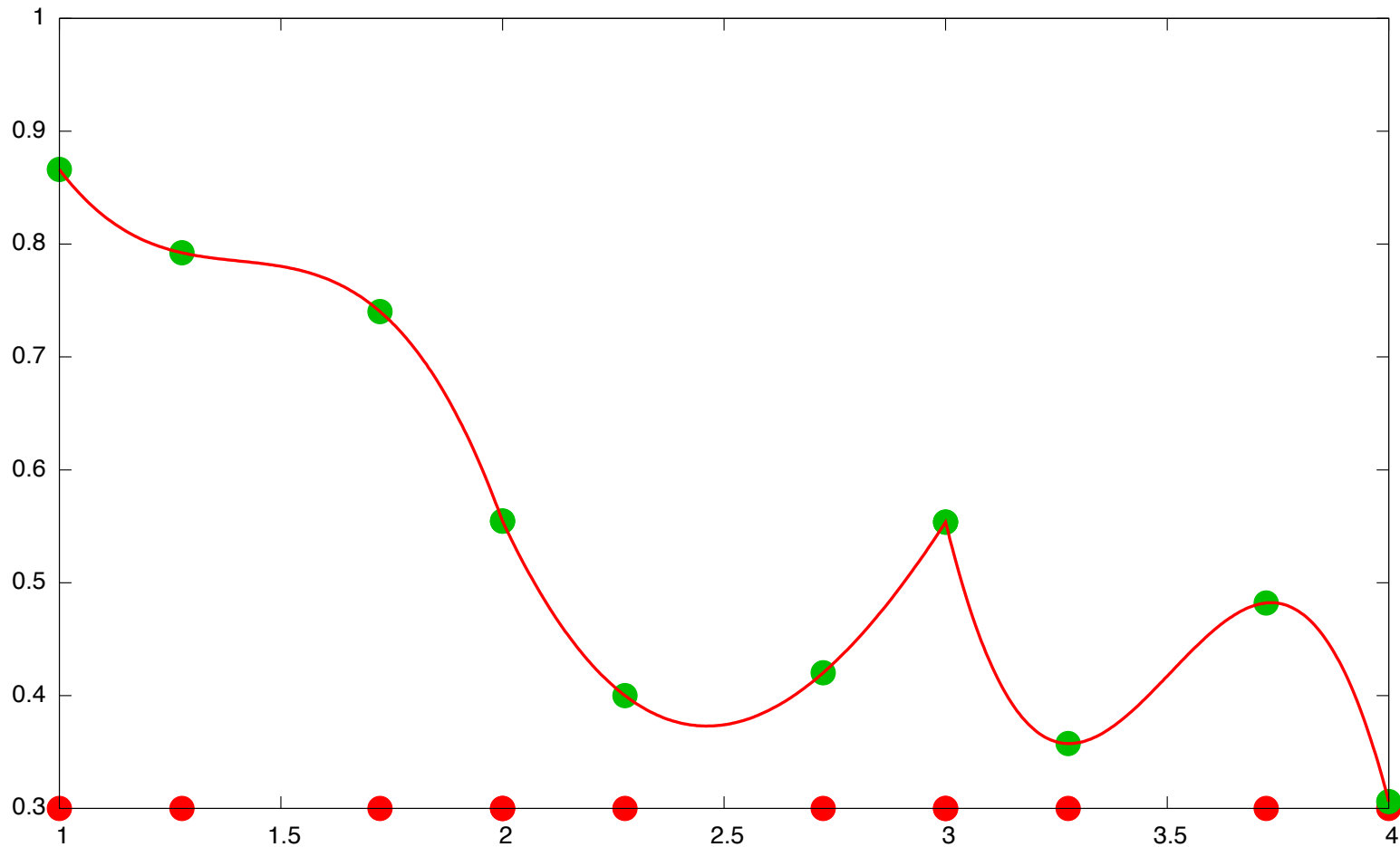


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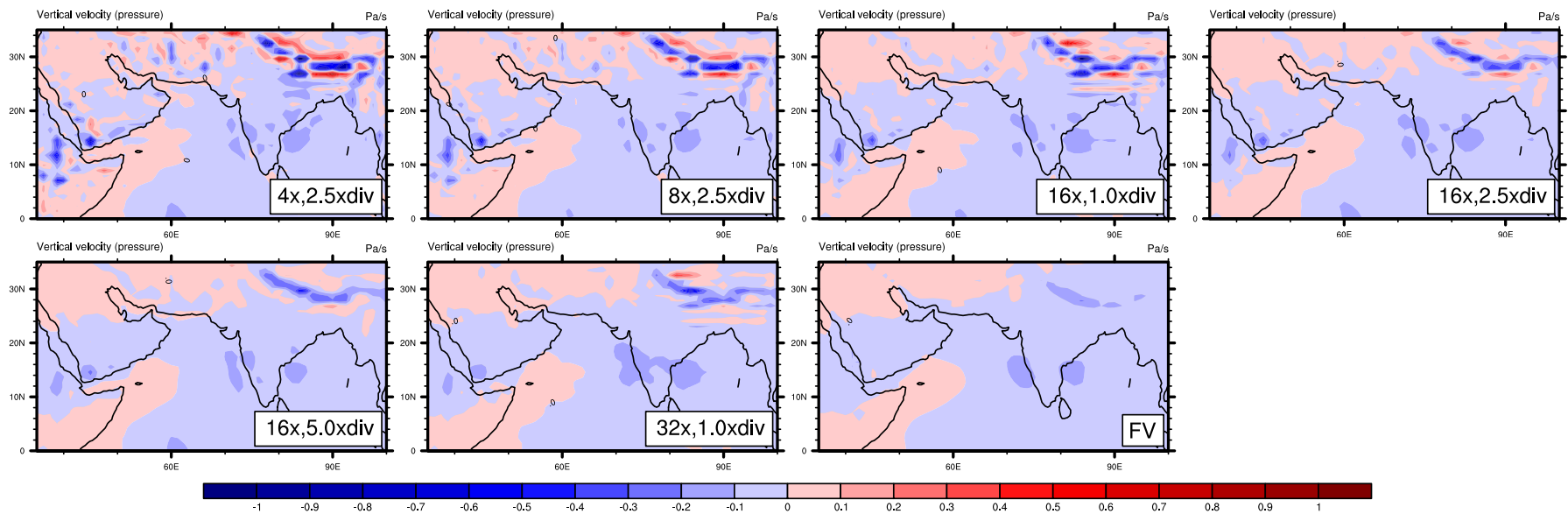
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Topography smoothing in CAM

30 year AMIP simulations

OMEGA, JJA, model level 16 (approximately 323 hPa)

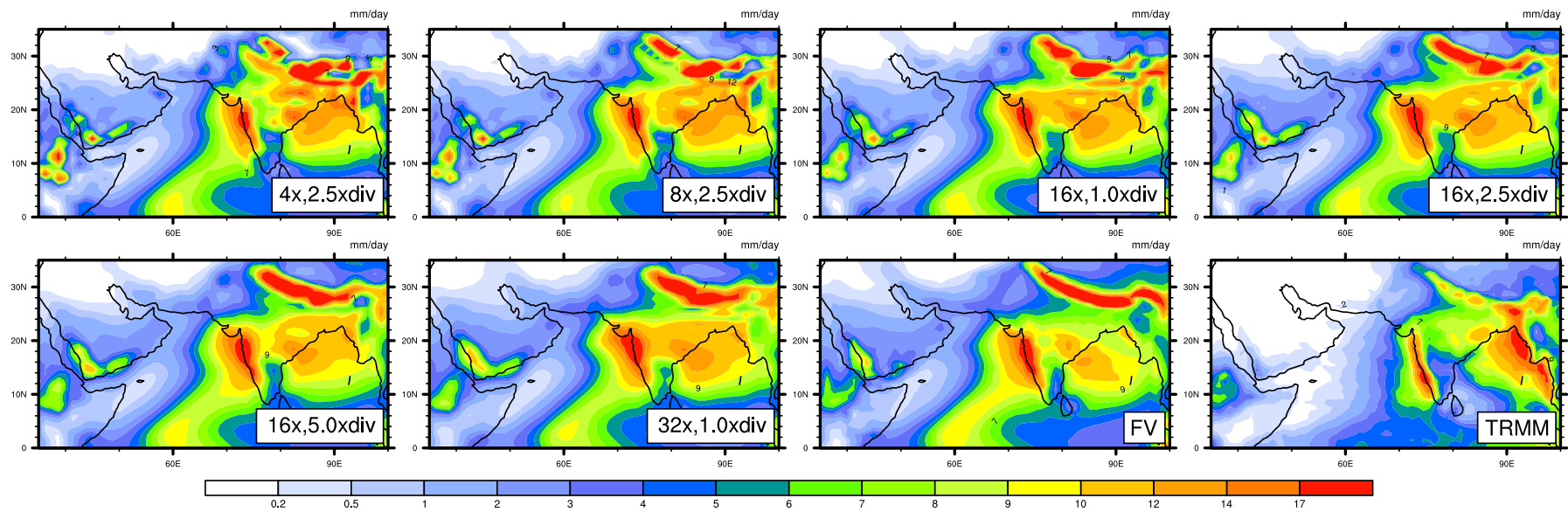


Notation: 2.5xdiv = 2.5^2 times more divergence damping than vorticity damping
4x, 8x, ..., 32x = smoothing of surface geopotential height

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Total precipitation rate



Mean sea level pressure differences, DJF, diff

Lauritzen et al., (2015): *NCAR Global Model Topography Generation Software for Unstructured Grids*

How do we (/should we?) couple the dynamical core with sub-grid scale parameterizations (physics)?

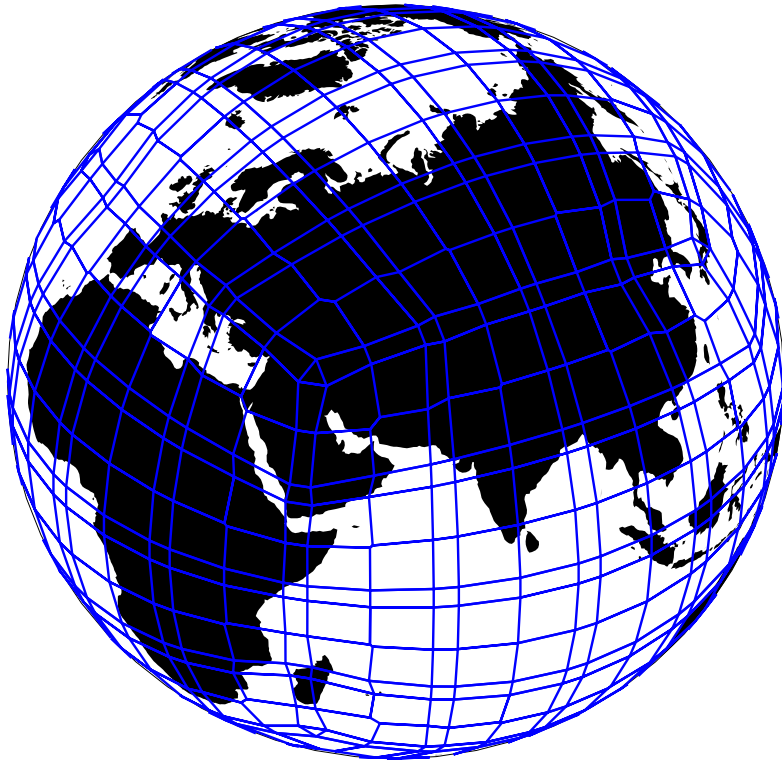


Traditionally physics and dynamics grids are collocated



- smoothly varying grid in terms of grid size
- Much higher resolution near poles, however, dynamical core usually has filter in the polar regions to filter out small scales
- Aside: Lat-lon grid is “optimal” for minimizing zonal flow errors! ... when grid is no longer zonally aligned errors get rather large

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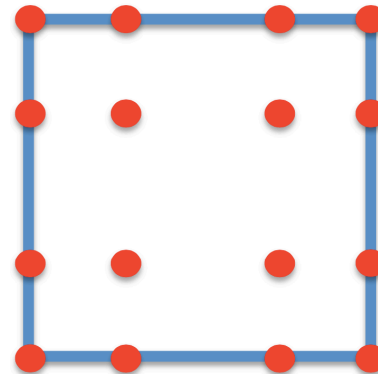


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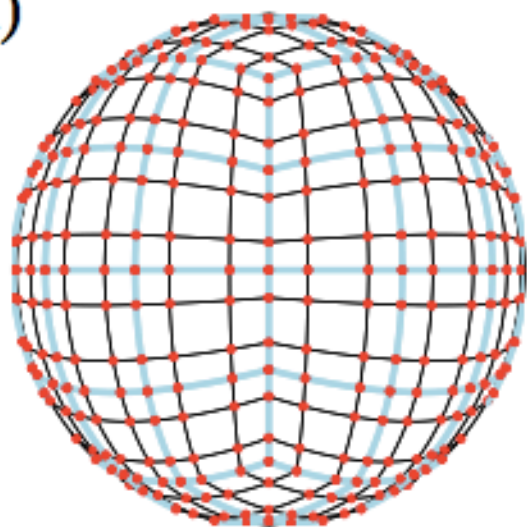
If you construct control volumes around the quadrature points so that the area of the control volumes equals the Gaussian quadrature weight (times metric term) then a very anisotropic grid results

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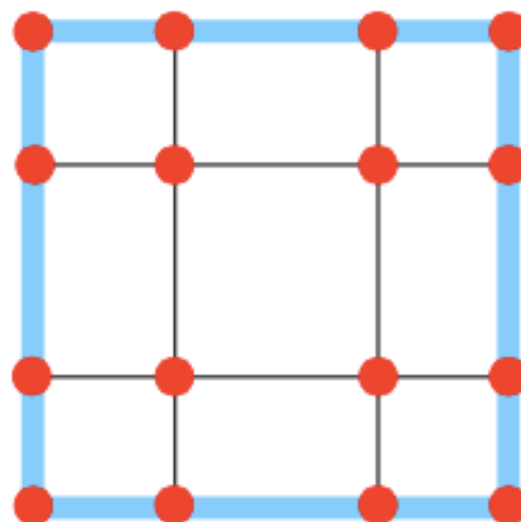
- mesh-refined grids
- increasing polynomial order



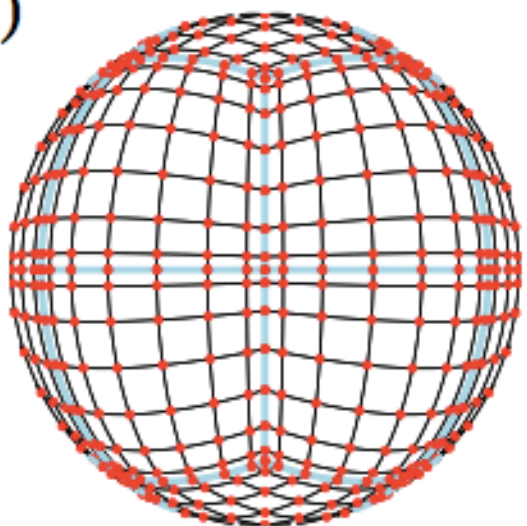
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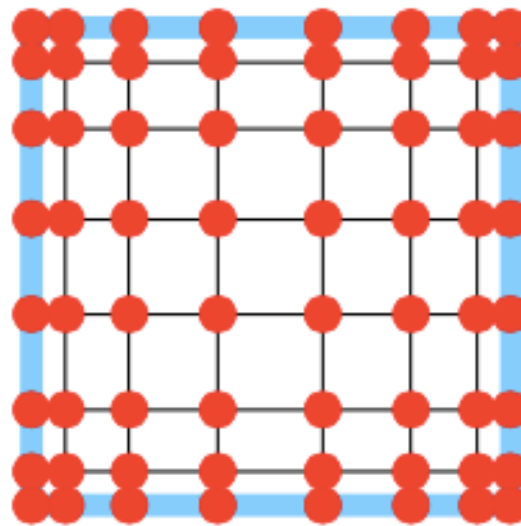
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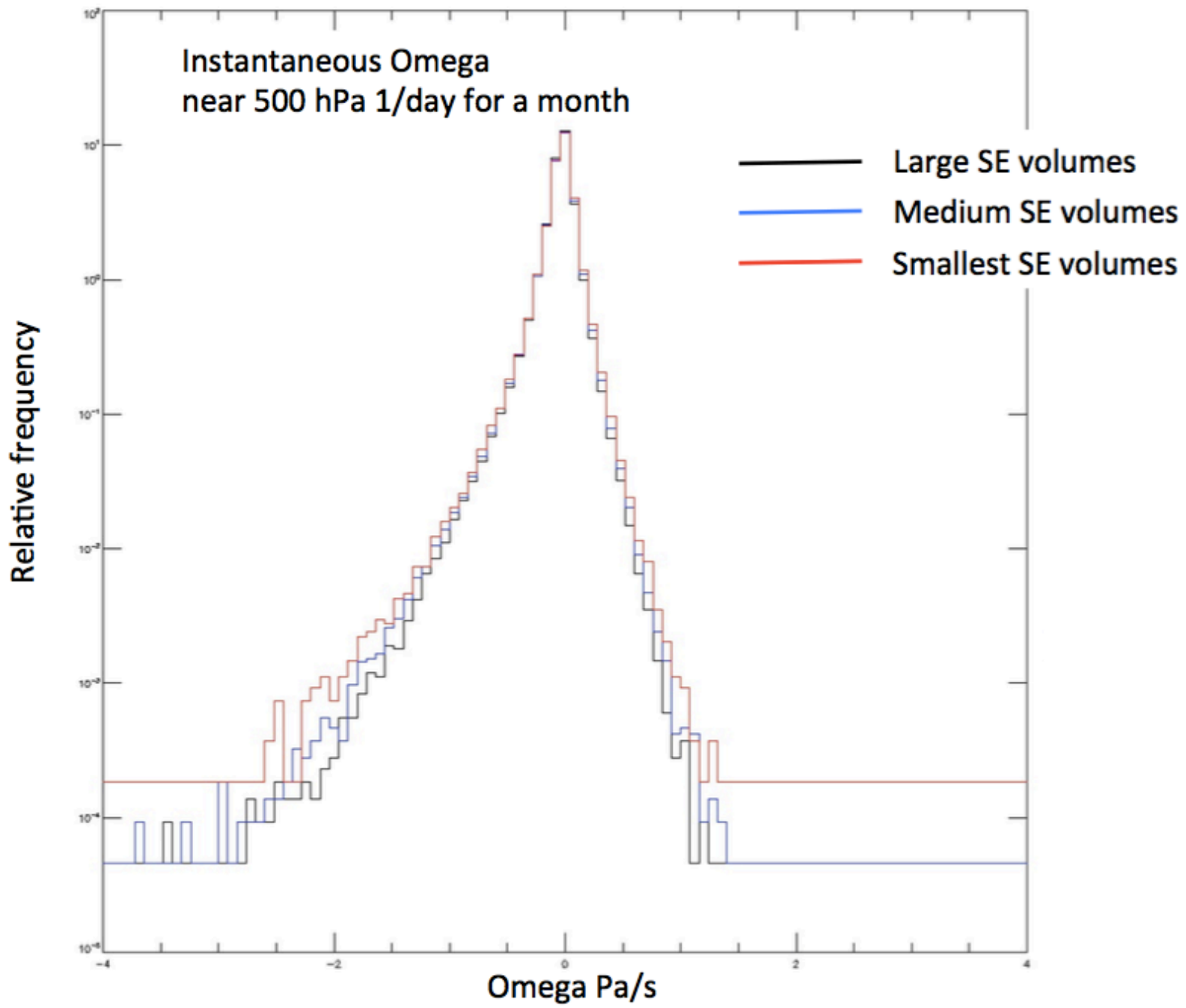


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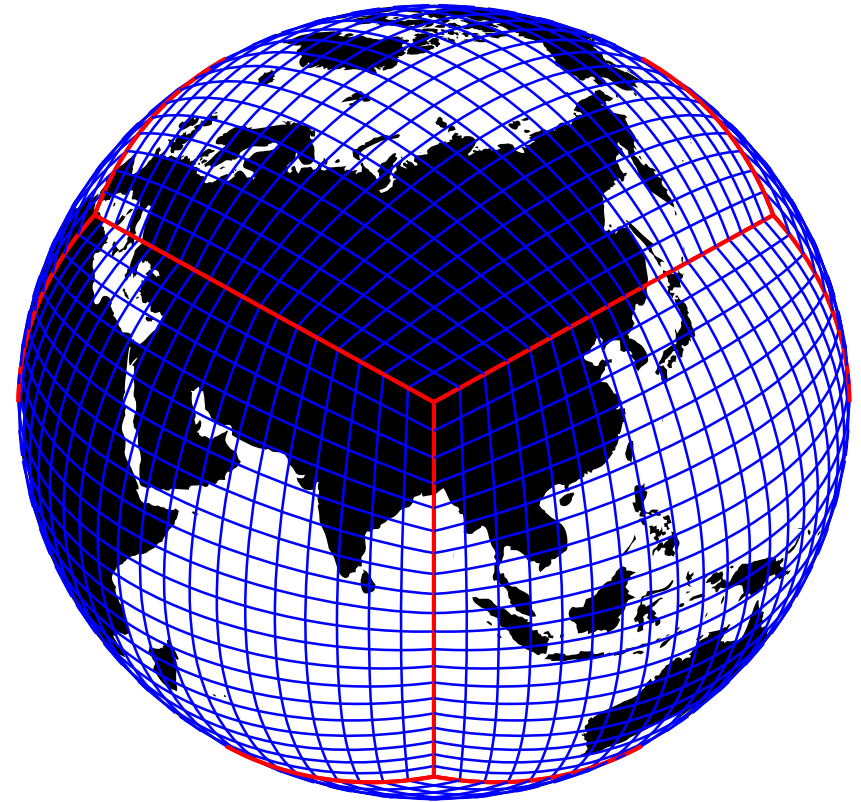


Separate physics-dynamics grids?

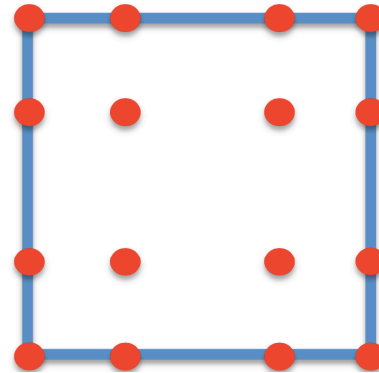
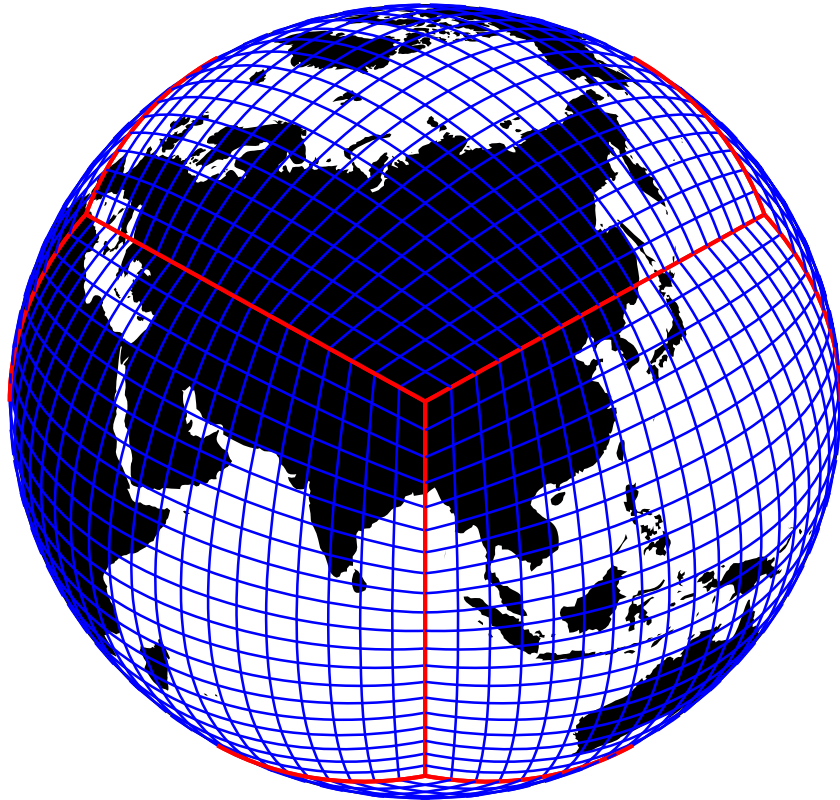
Current physics/“coupler” grid



Finite-volume equi-angular gnomonic grid

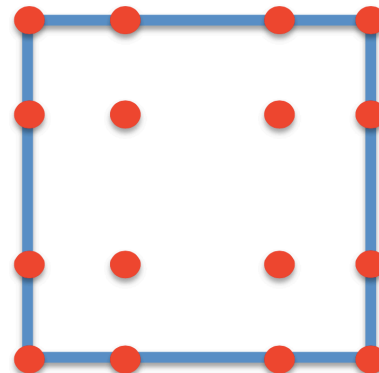


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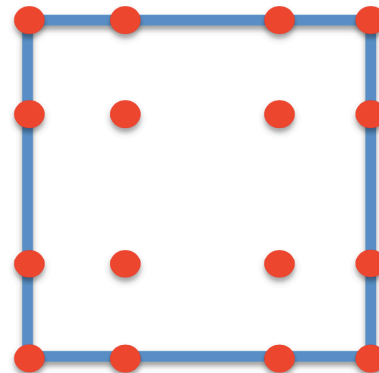


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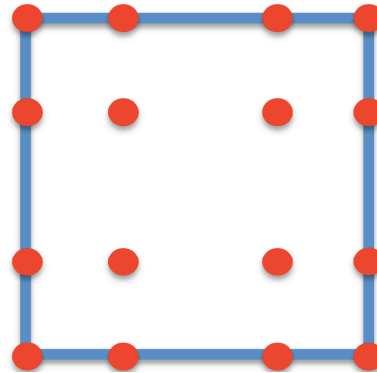
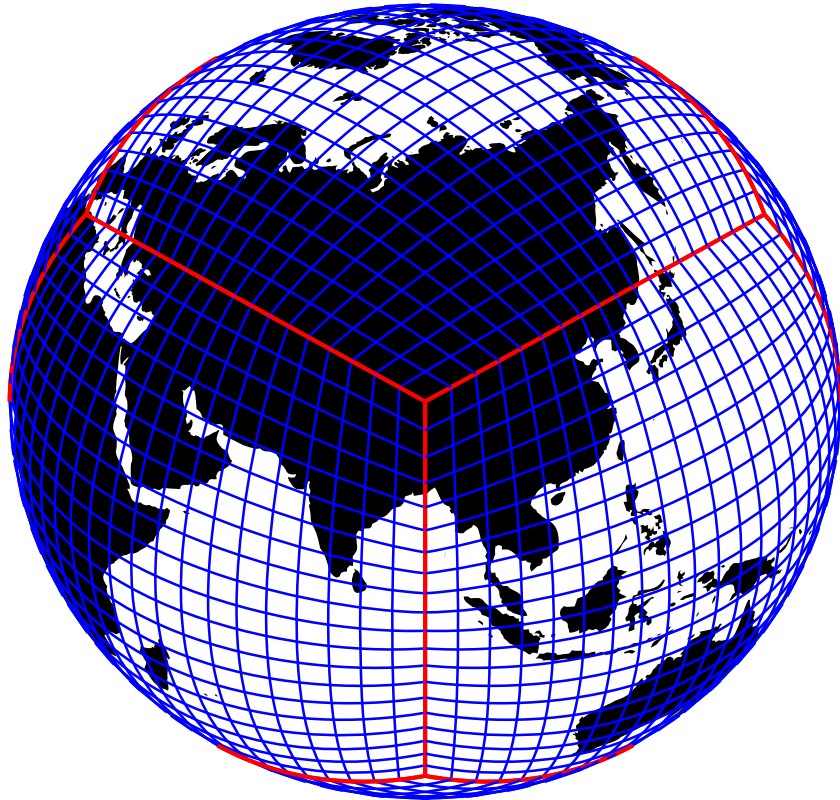


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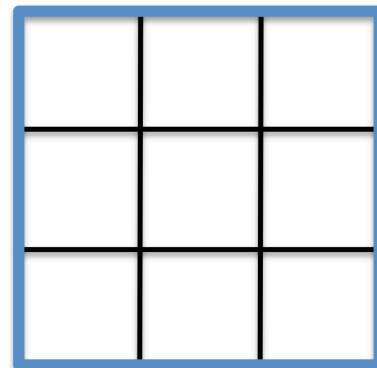
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CAM-SE-CSLAM configuration

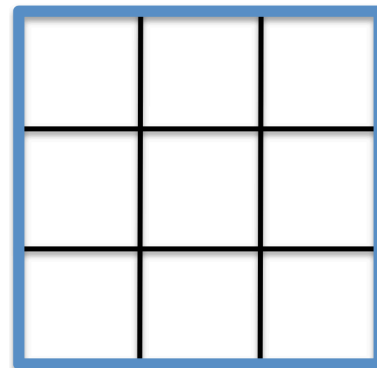


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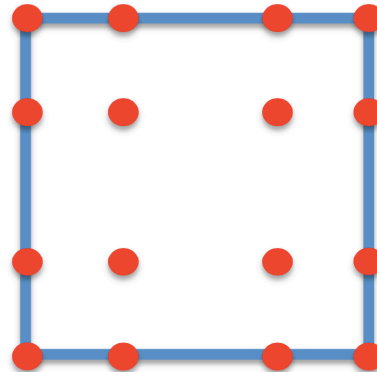
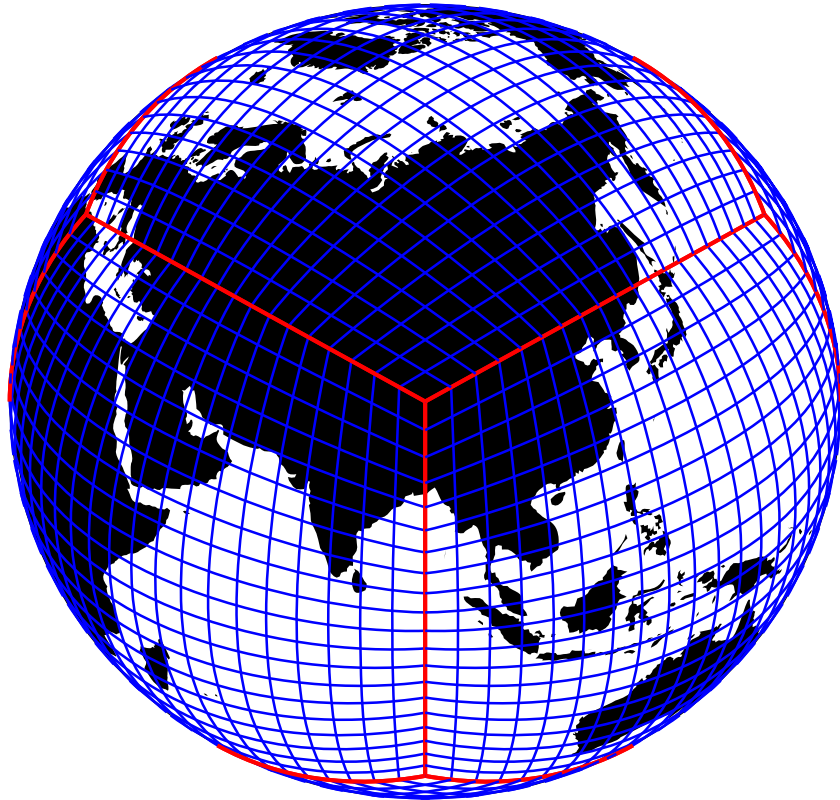


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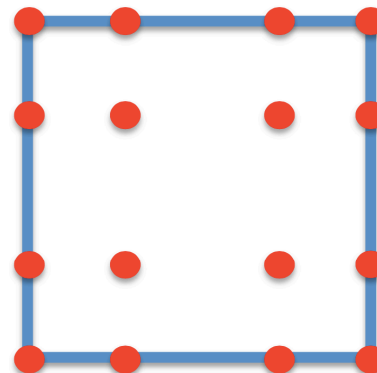
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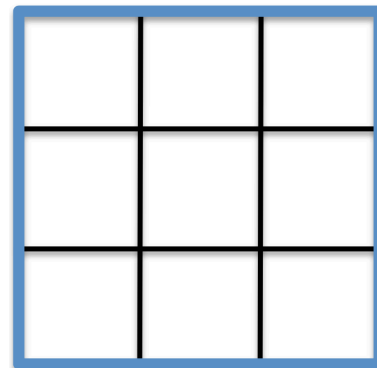


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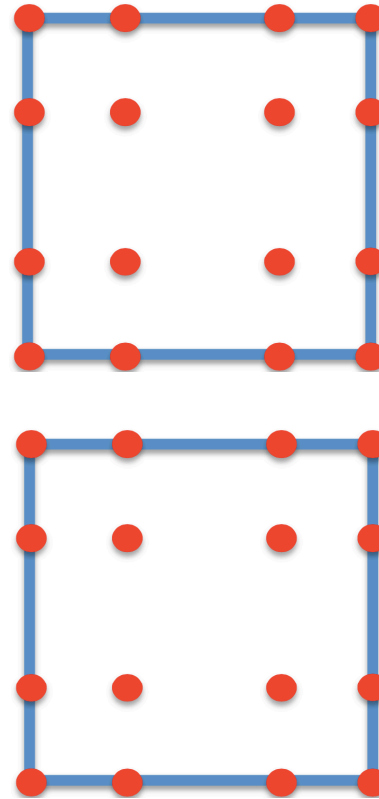
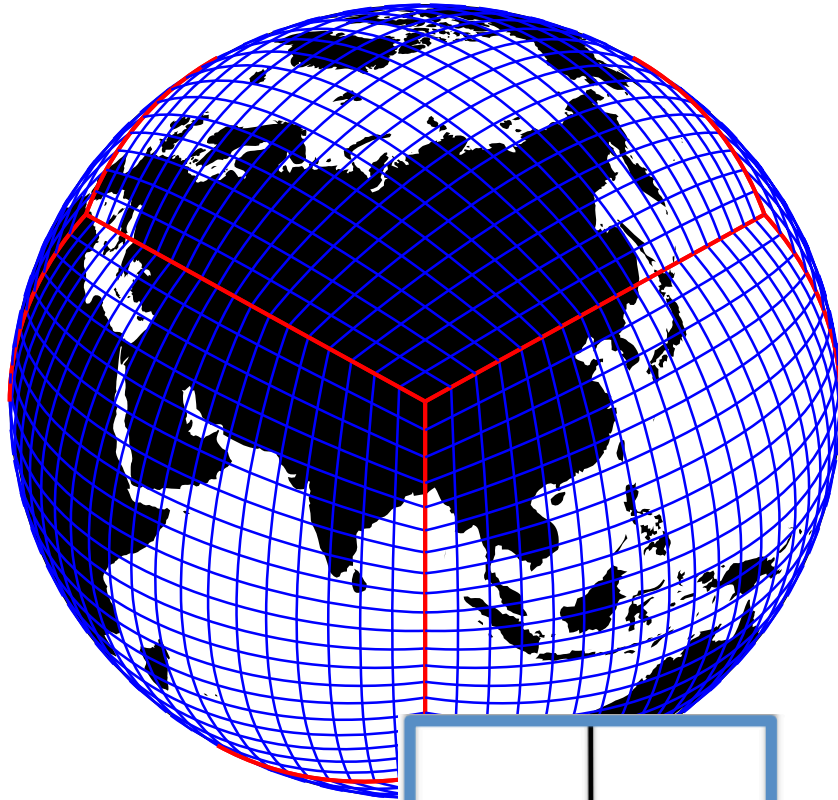


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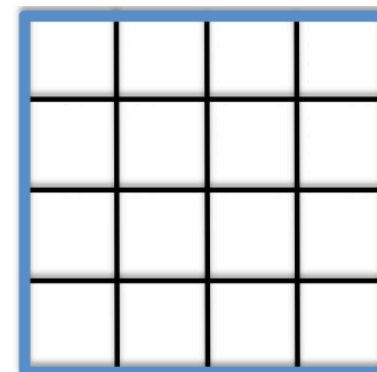
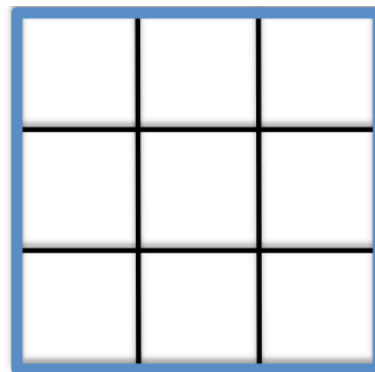
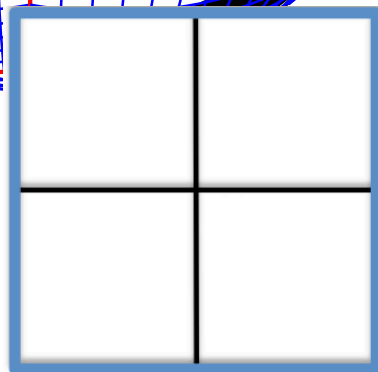


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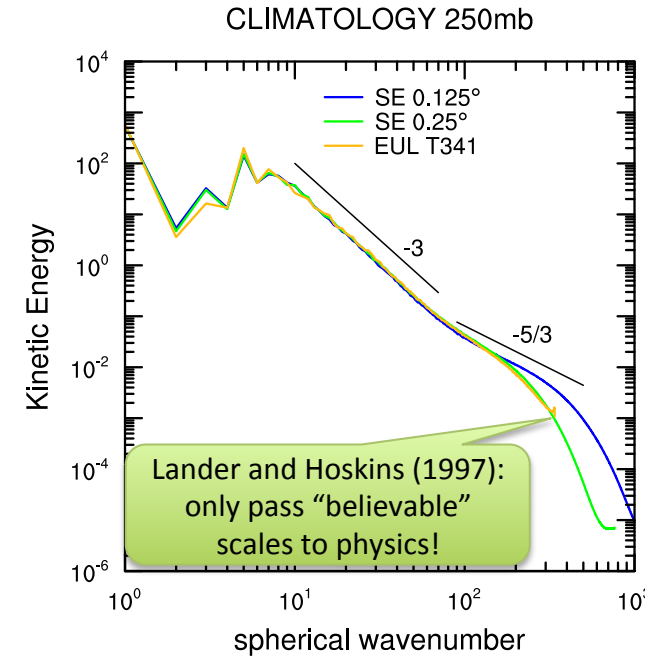
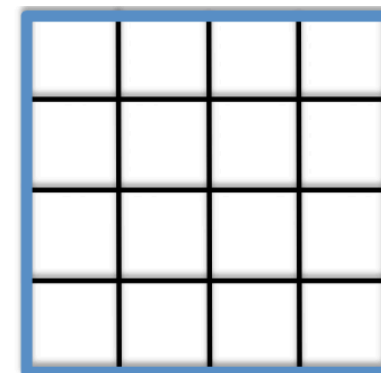
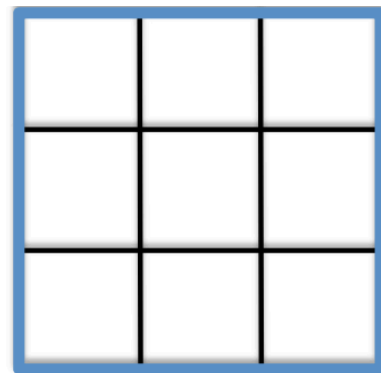
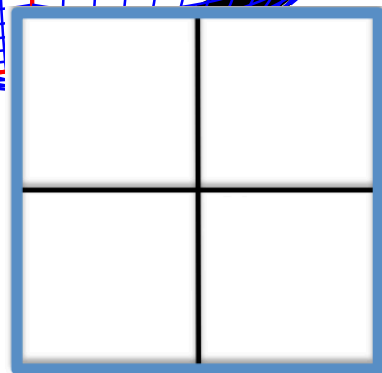
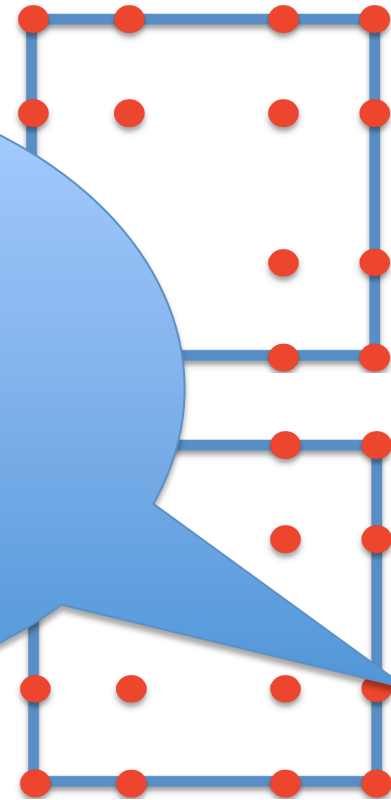
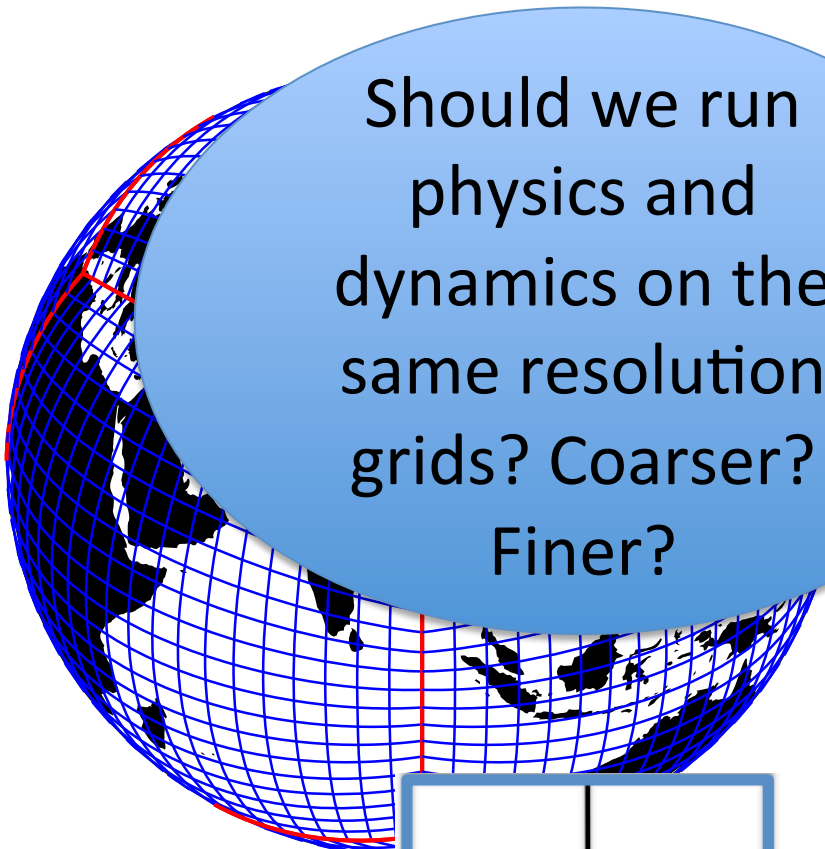
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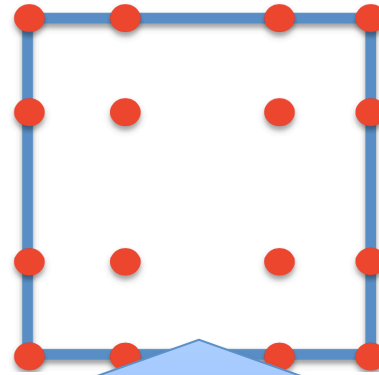
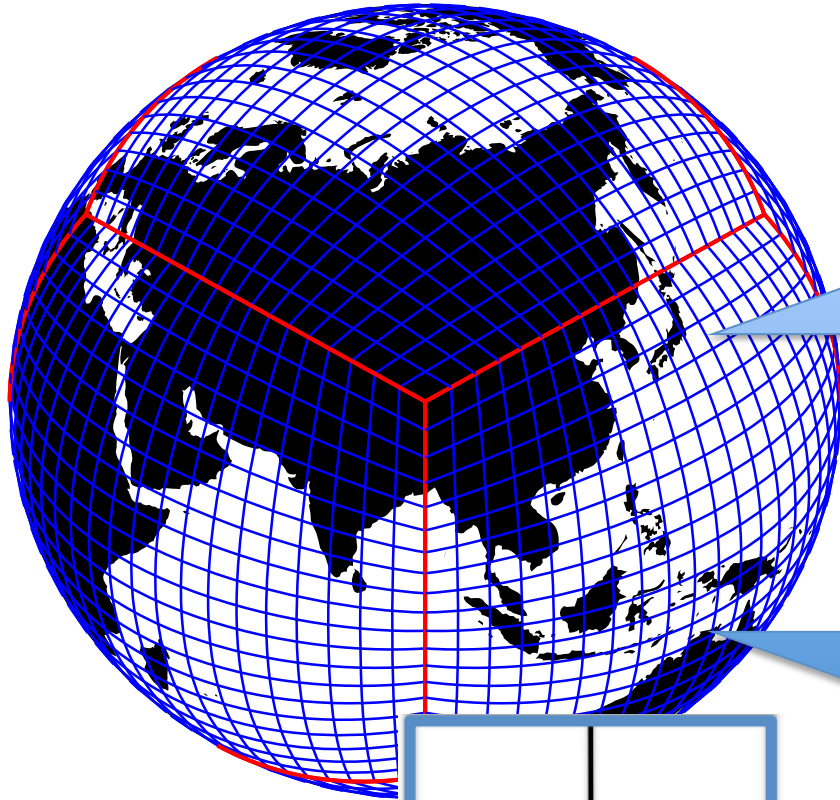
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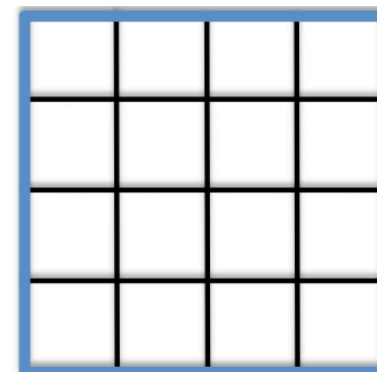
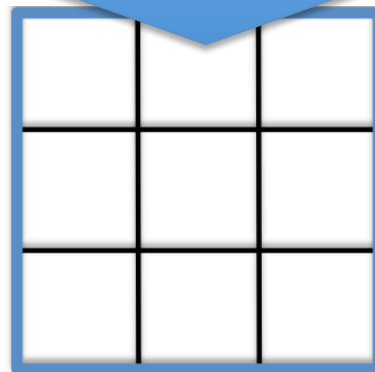
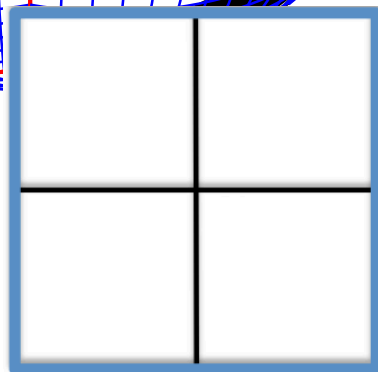
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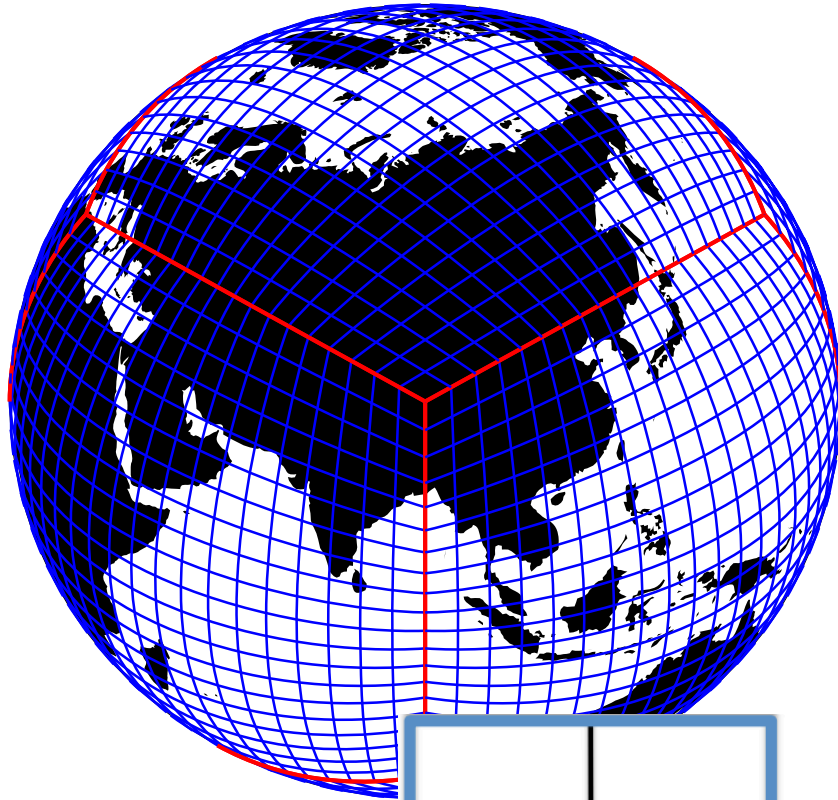
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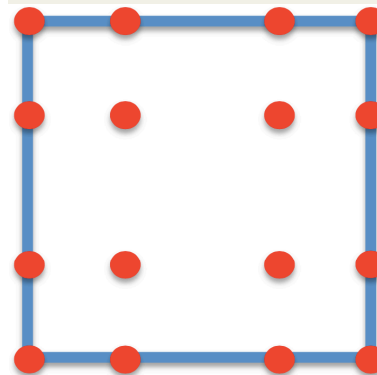


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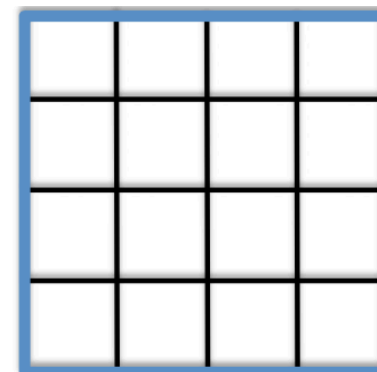
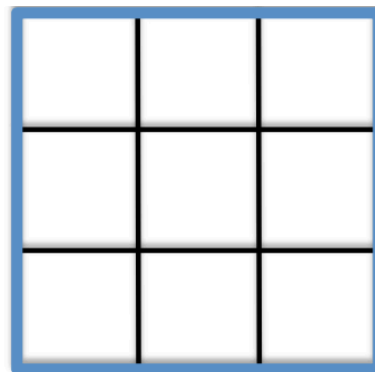
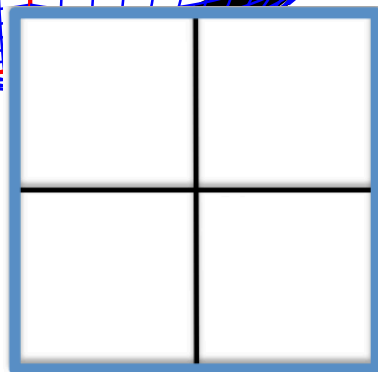
Notation

- $NE*NE$ elements on each cubed-sphere panel
- $NP*NP$ quadrature points in each element (note quadrature points are duplicated on the element boundary)
- $NC*NC$ physics grid columns in each element

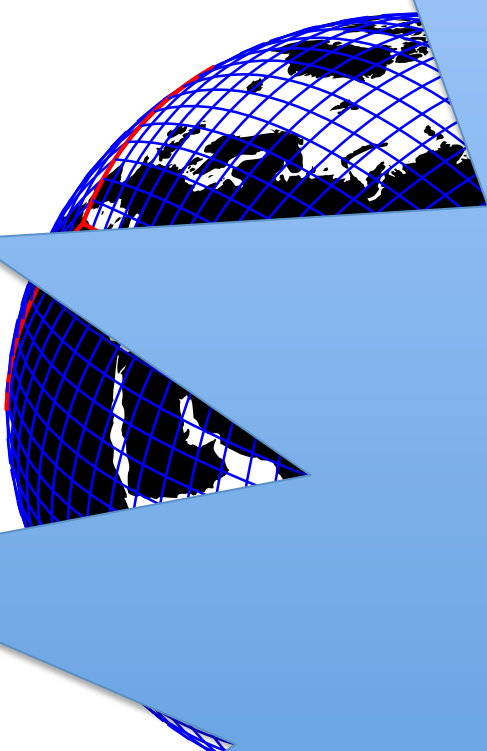


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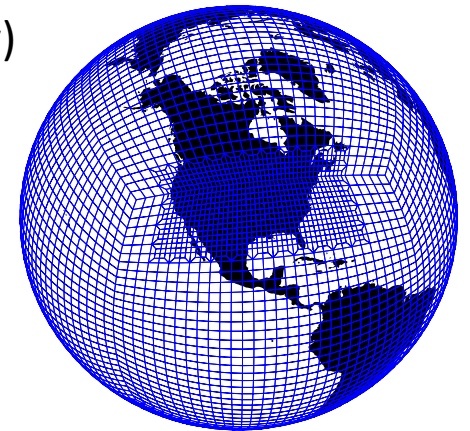


Separating physics and dynamics grids was a major software engineering task in CAM – affected many parts of the code:

- **history (output)**
 - **initialization/restart**
 - **Some parameterizations assumed grids were collocated**
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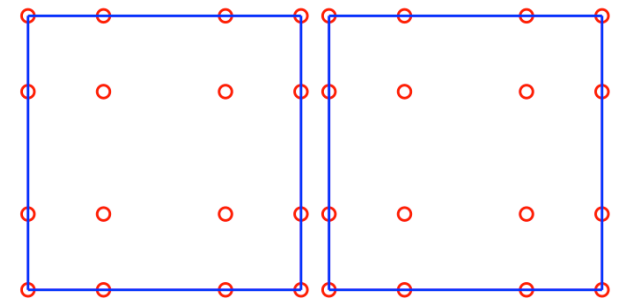
Interpolator properties: passing state to physics and returning tendencies to dynamics

- Conservation (coupled climate modeling)
- Shape-preservation (in particular, no negatives)
- Preserve tracer correlations (important for coupling with chemistry)
- Consistent (preserves a constant)
- Other? Total energy?



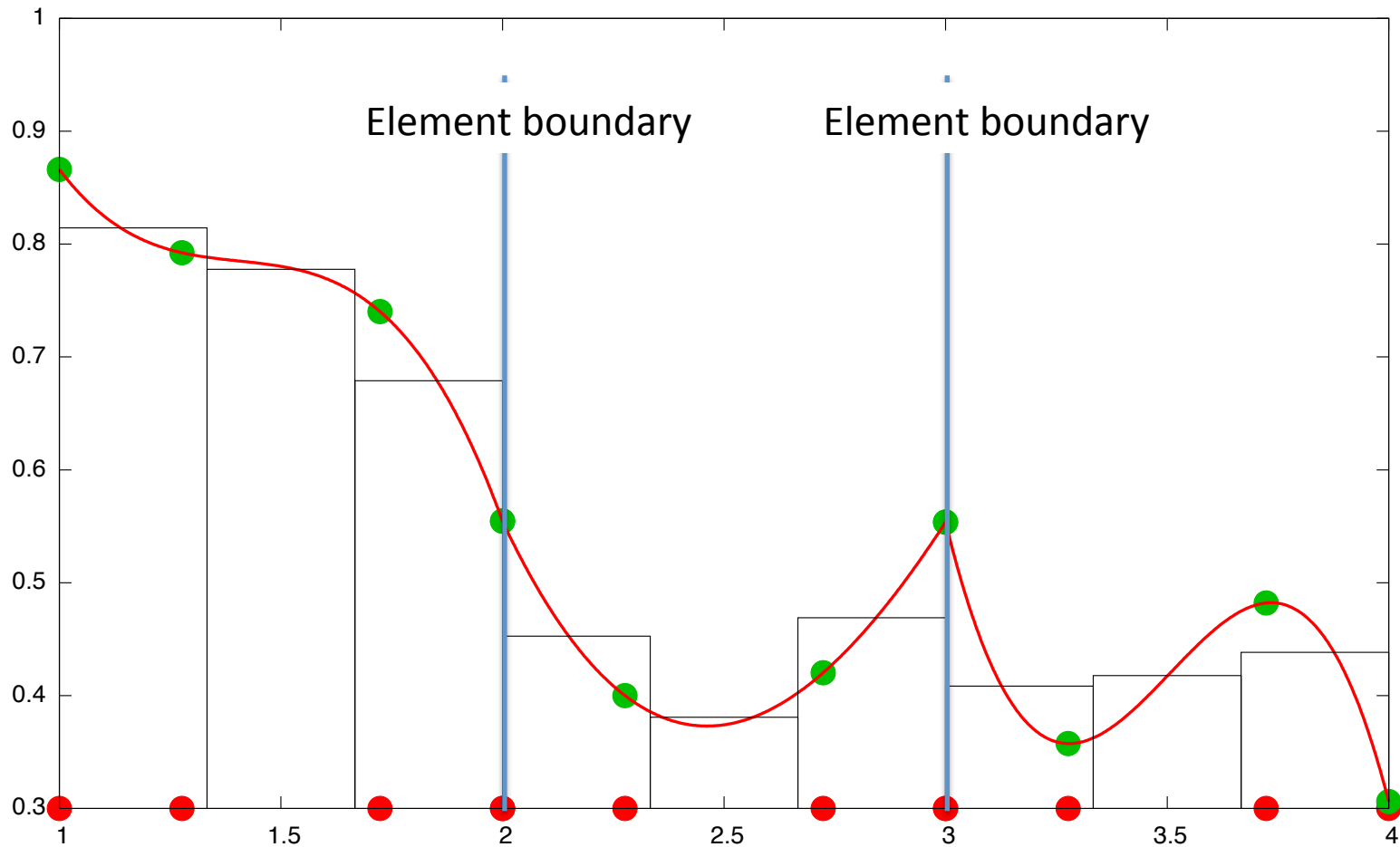
Implementation constraints/limitations (not “physical” limitations):

- Physics-grid must be a sub-grid of the element
With some extra software engineering we can relax this constraint!
(example application: mesh-refinement)
- To reduce MPI communication no halo exchange for physics-dynamics coupling except for boundary exchange at end of interpolation
(could also be relaxed at the expense of computational cost)



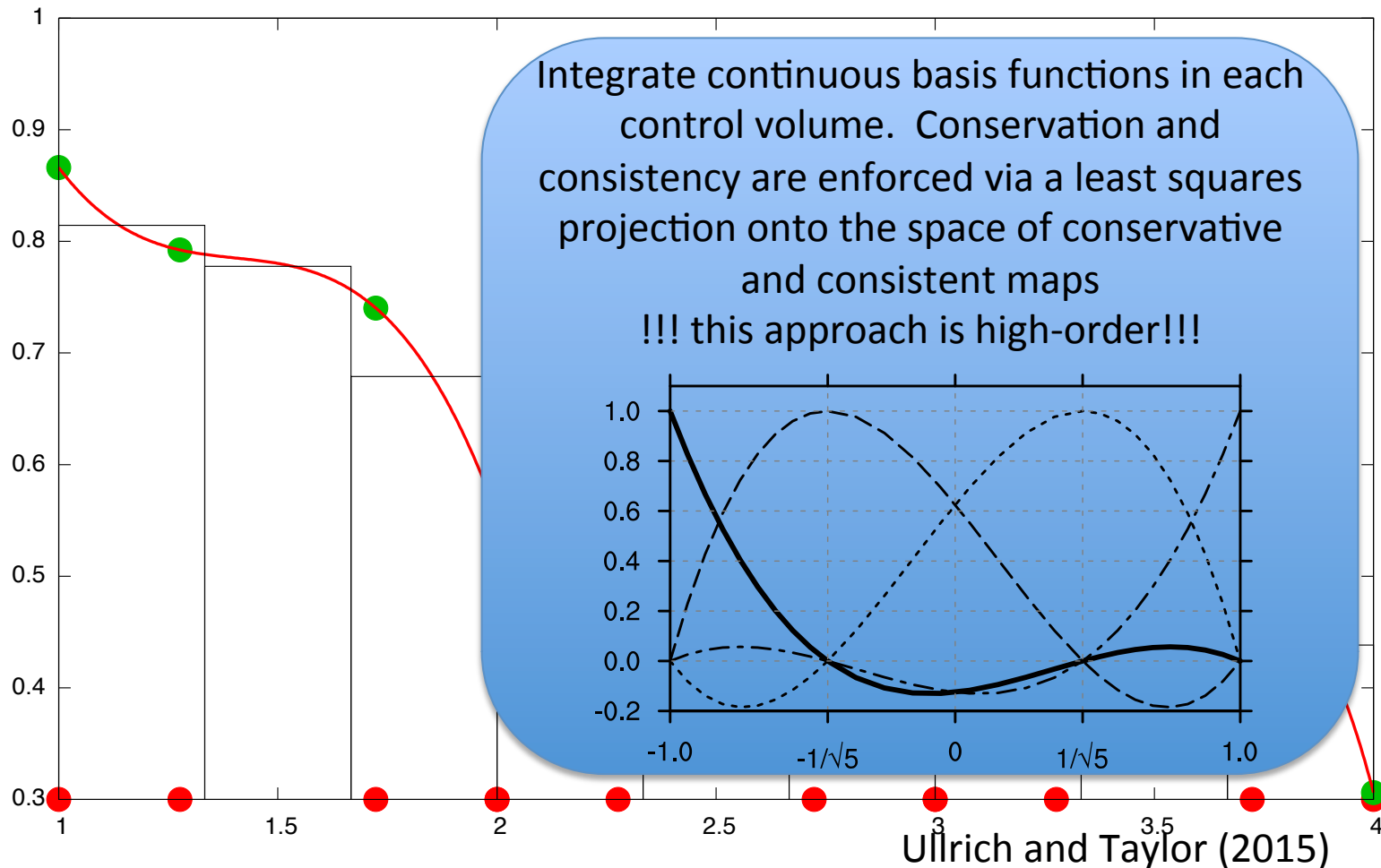
Passing state (v, T, q, \dots) to physics:

For conservation we interpolate dp^*u , dp^*T , dp^*q

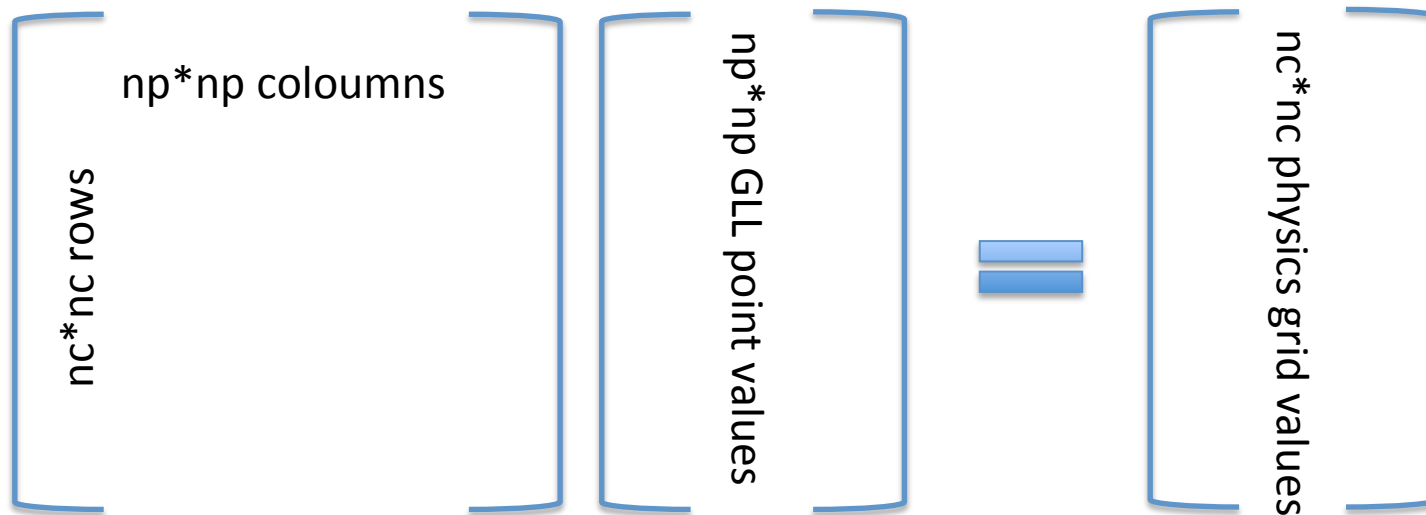


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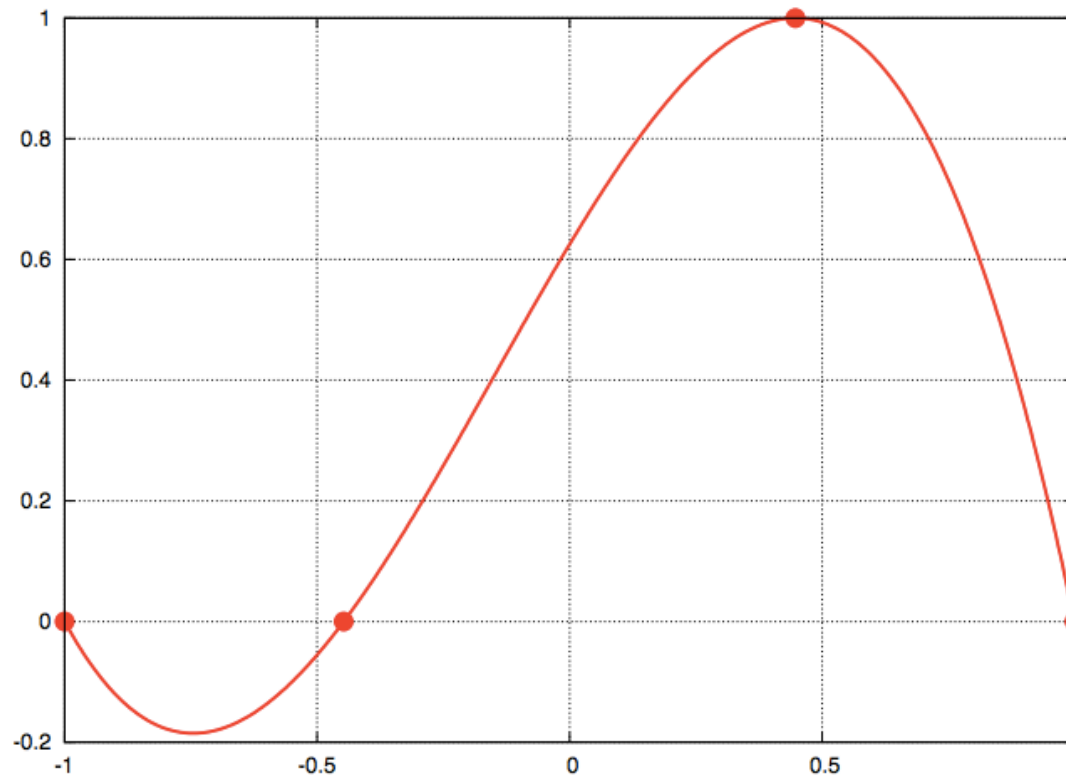
Passing state (v,T,q,...) to physics: For conservation we interpolate dp^*u , dp^*T , dp^*q



- Interpolation matrix can be pre-computed (it is a linear map)!!!
- After application of interpolation matrix there is a boundary exchange that averages point values on the element boundaries!

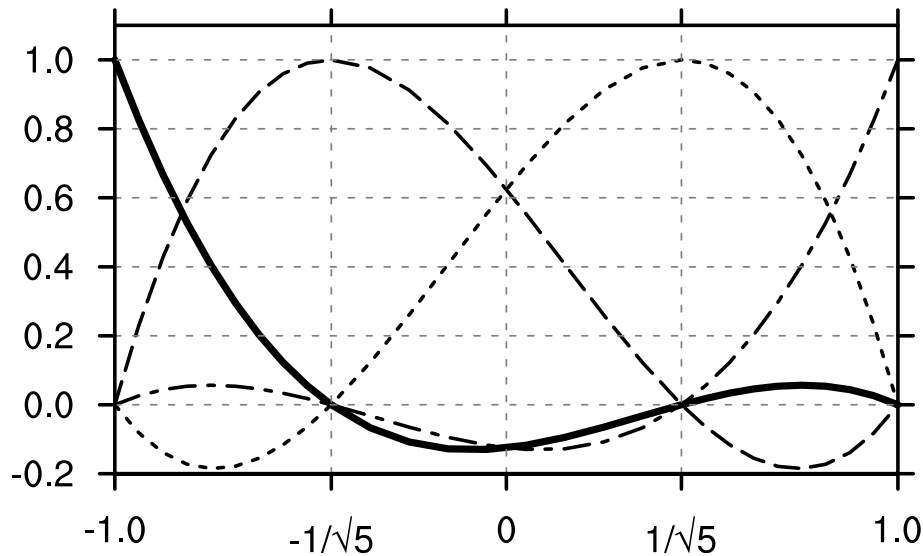
Passing state (v, T, q, \dots) to physics: basis functions oscillatory!

Given GLL point values, $U_{j,k}(t) = \{0, 0, 1, 0\}$ for $k=0, \dots, 3$, the Lagrange “reconstruction” is shown on the Figure below:

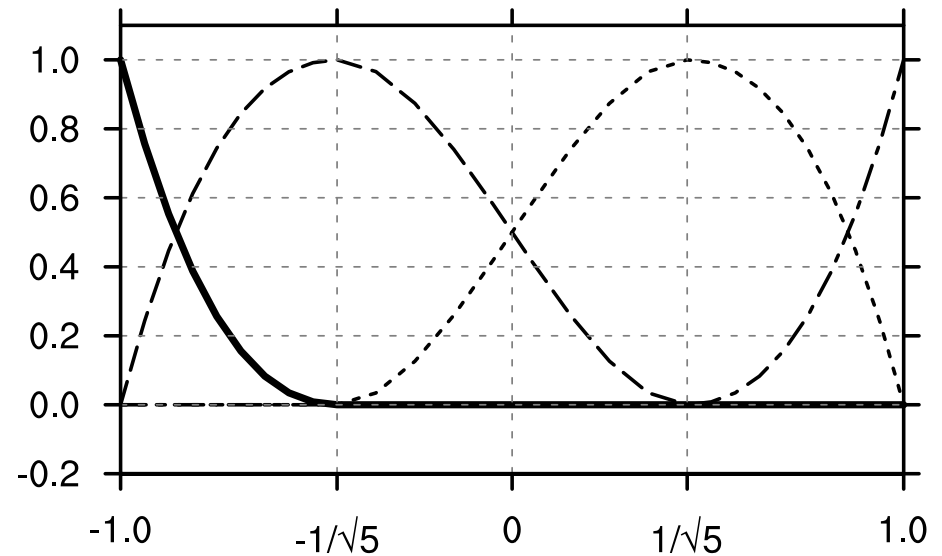


Monotone linear map

(c) Fourth-order GLL basis



(d) Fourth-order Monotone GLL basis



Monotonicity is enforced via a two-step procedure.

- instead of the regular FEM basis functions we use a set of monotone basis functions (ones whose range is $[0,1]$).
- This would be sufficient except for the fact that the least squares projection onto conservative/consistent maps could produce some (small) negative values in the mapping coefficients. To fix that problem we then “linearly interpolate” between the conservative/consistent map and the simplest first-order conservative/consistent/monotone map. This has roughly the effect of “borrowing mass” from other GLL nodes within the element.

Monotone linear map

Potential problem: a monotone linear map that does not have any knowledge of the GLL values (i.e. not flow dependent) can at most be 1st order!

Modification to Ullrich-Taylor algorithm:

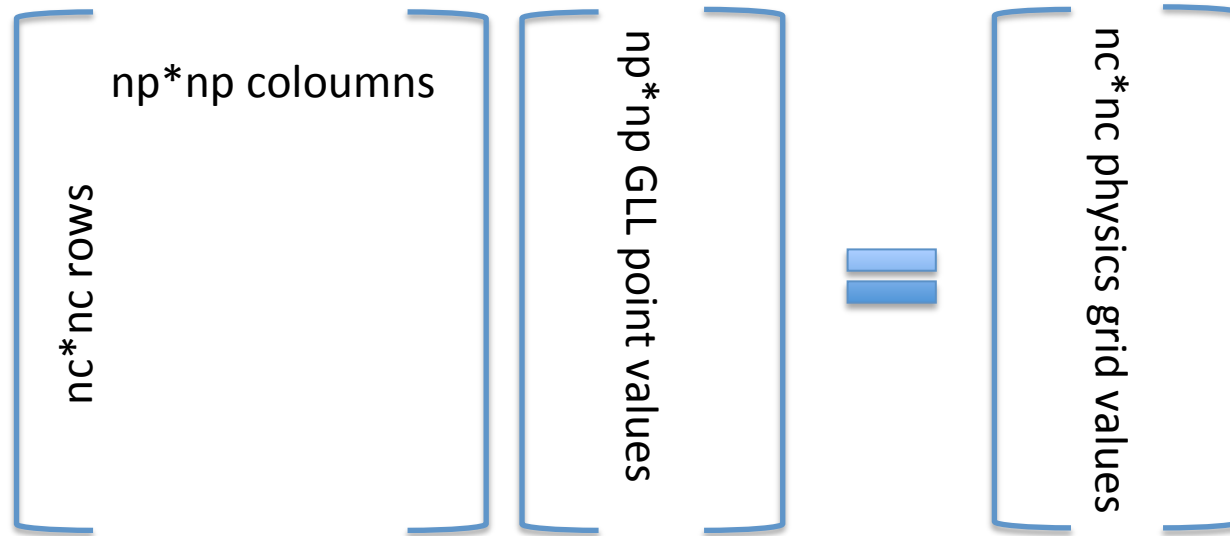
Since any linear combination of linear maps is conservative and consistent one may “optimally” blend the maps for shape-preservation (“FCT-like method”)

Monotonic

- instead of function
- This would conserve mapping

the conservative/consistent map and the simplest first-order conservative/consistent/monotone map. This has roughly the effect of “borrowing mass” from other GLL nodes within the element.

“FCT” version of Ullrich-Taylor algorithm



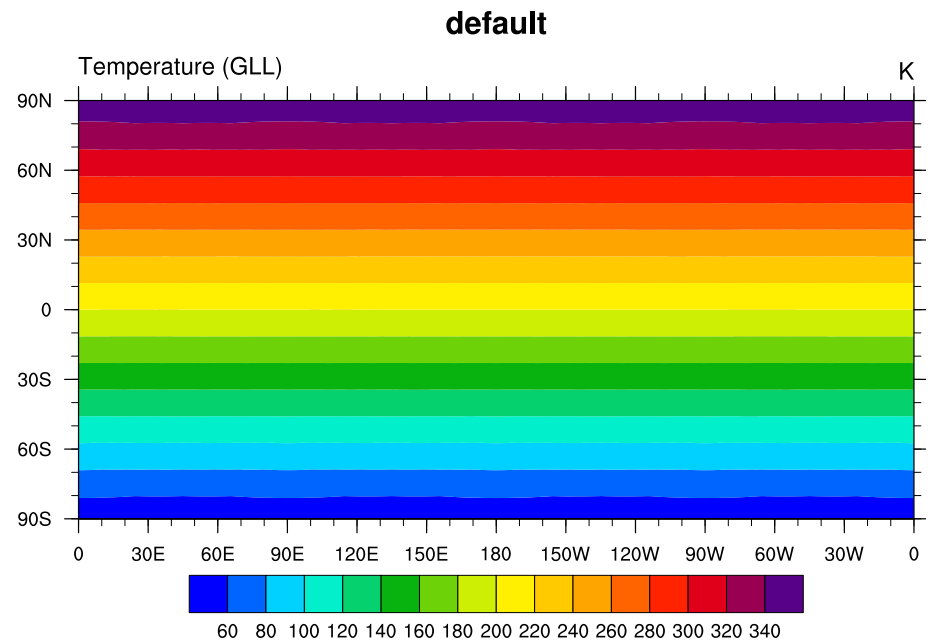
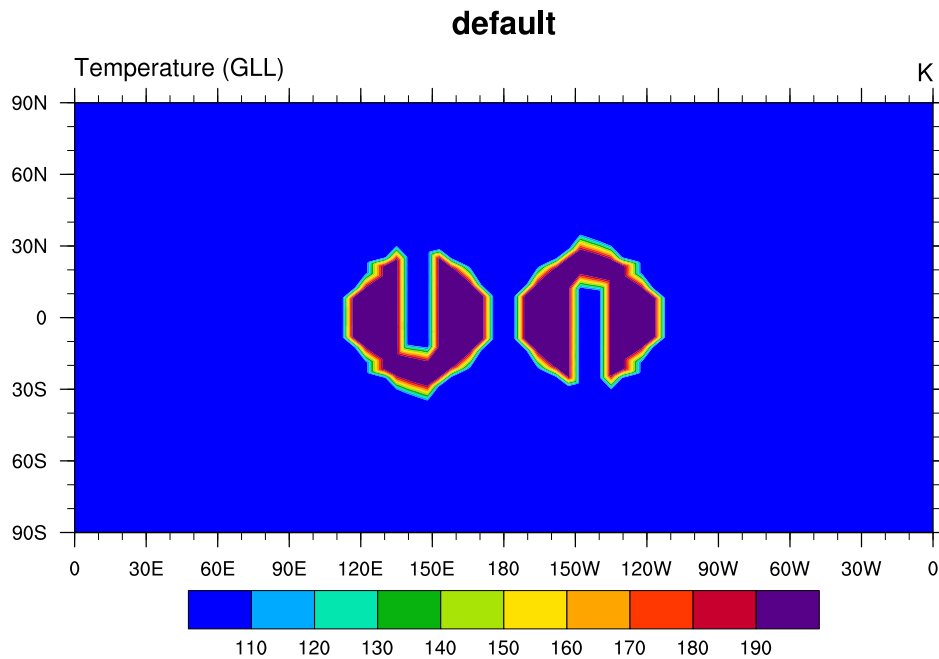
$$A_{\text{non-mono}} * \text{GLL} = \text{PHYS}_{\text{non-mono}}$$

$$A_{\text{mono}} * \text{GLL} = \text{PHYS}_{\text{mono}}$$

$$[\alpha A_{\text{mono}} + (1-\alpha) A_{\text{non-mono}}] \text{GLL} = \text{PHYS}_{\text{mono}}$$

where $\alpha = (\max(\text{GLL}) - \text{PHYS}_{\text{non-mono}}) / (\text{PHYS}_{\text{mono}} - \text{PHYS}_{\text{non-mono}})$ or
 $\alpha = (\min(\text{GLL}) - \text{PHYS}_{\text{non-mono}}) / (\text{PHYS}_{\text{mono}} - \text{PHYS}_{\text{non-mono}})$

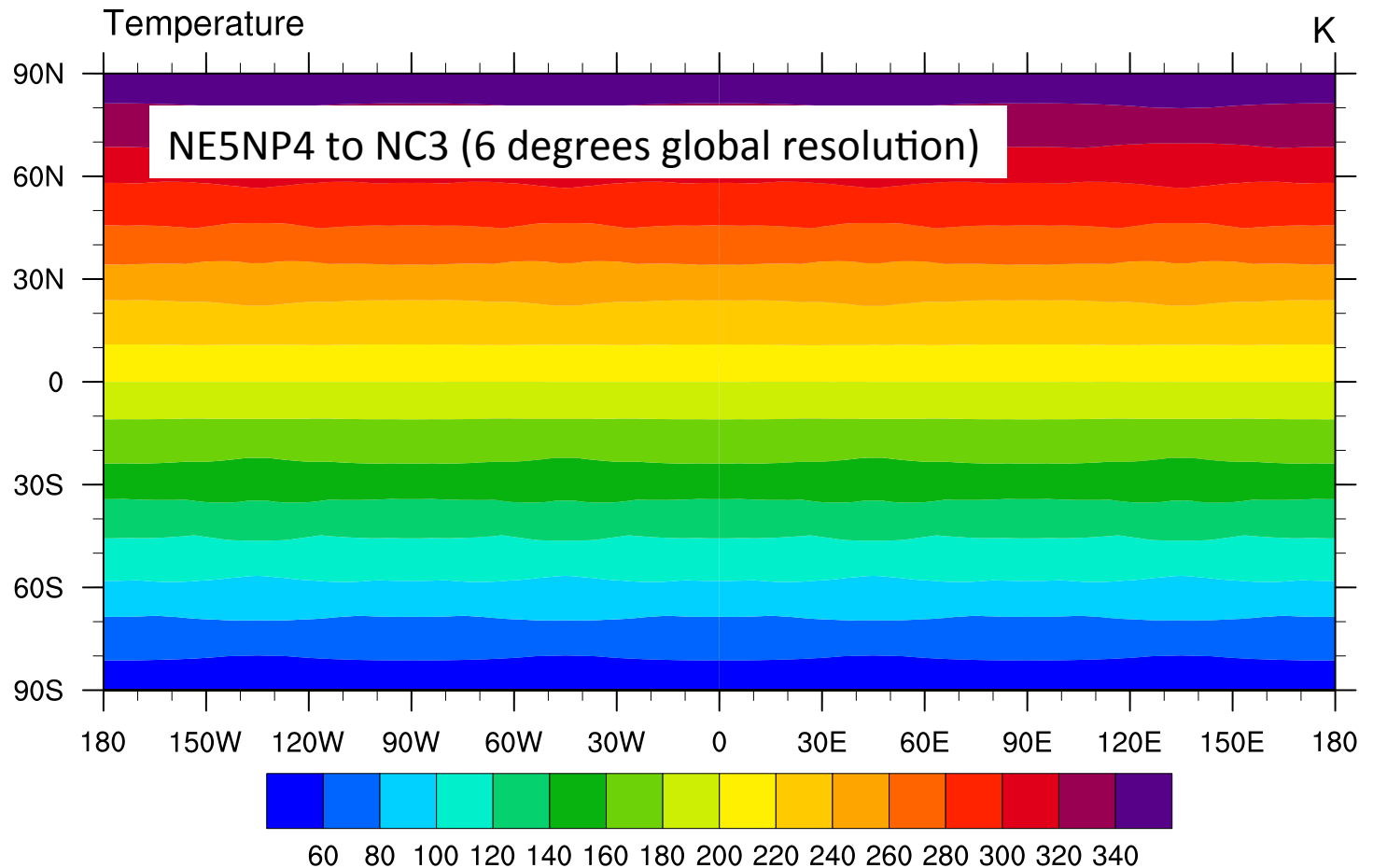
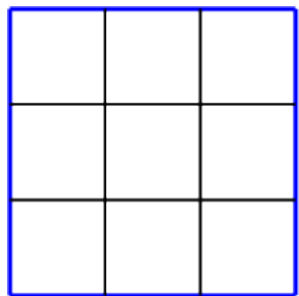
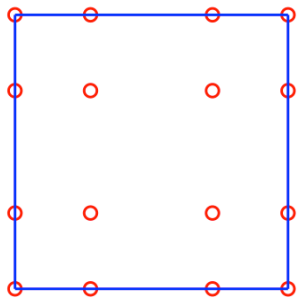
Dynamics to physics grid mapping



Properties we are looking for: Preserve smooth fields and at the same time not generate new extrema for rough distributions (and be mass-conservative and consistent)

Smooth field (“spherical harmonic”)

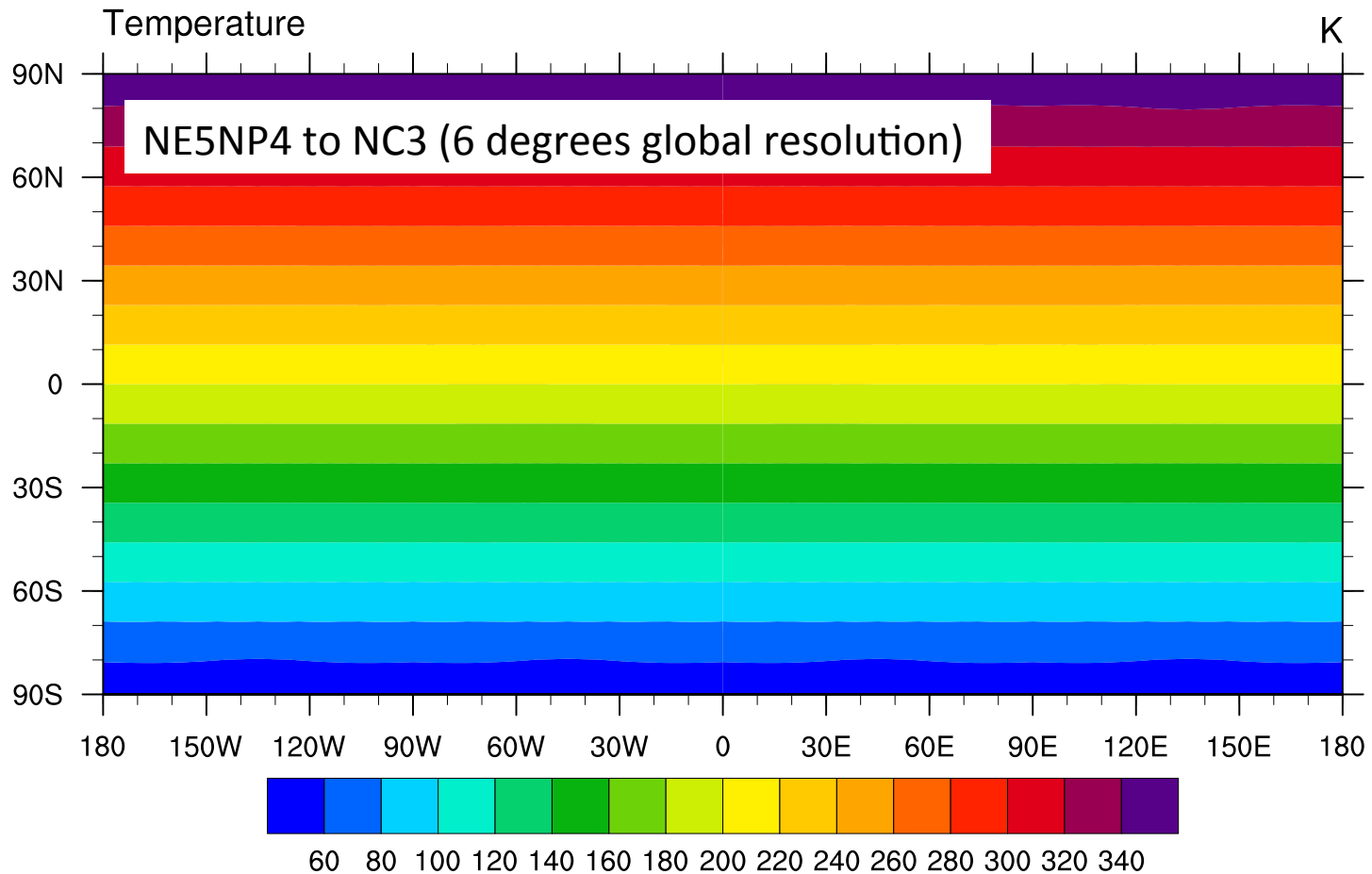
mono



1st order monotone map (not flow dependent): see grid

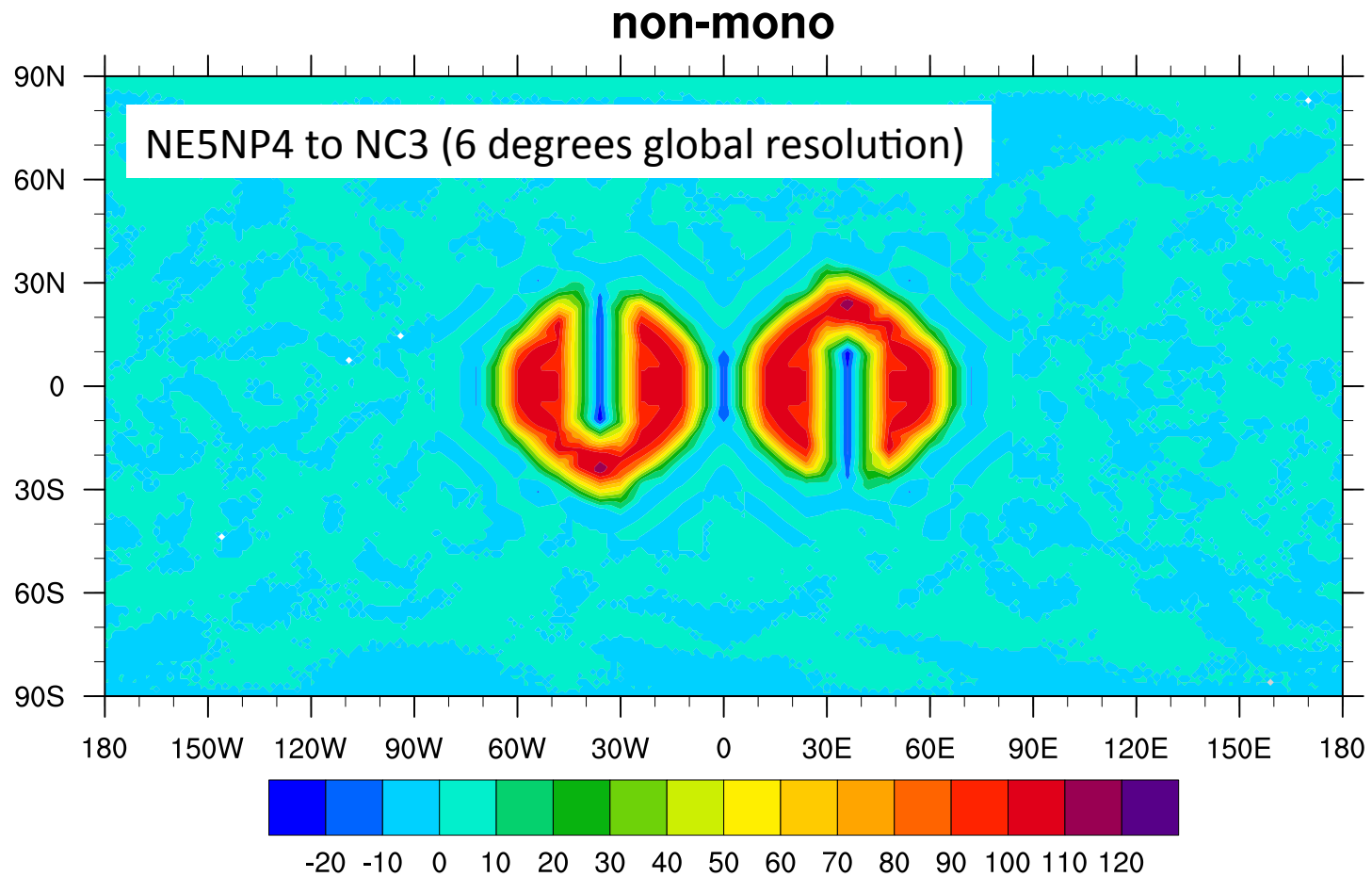
Smooth field (“spherical harmonic”)

default



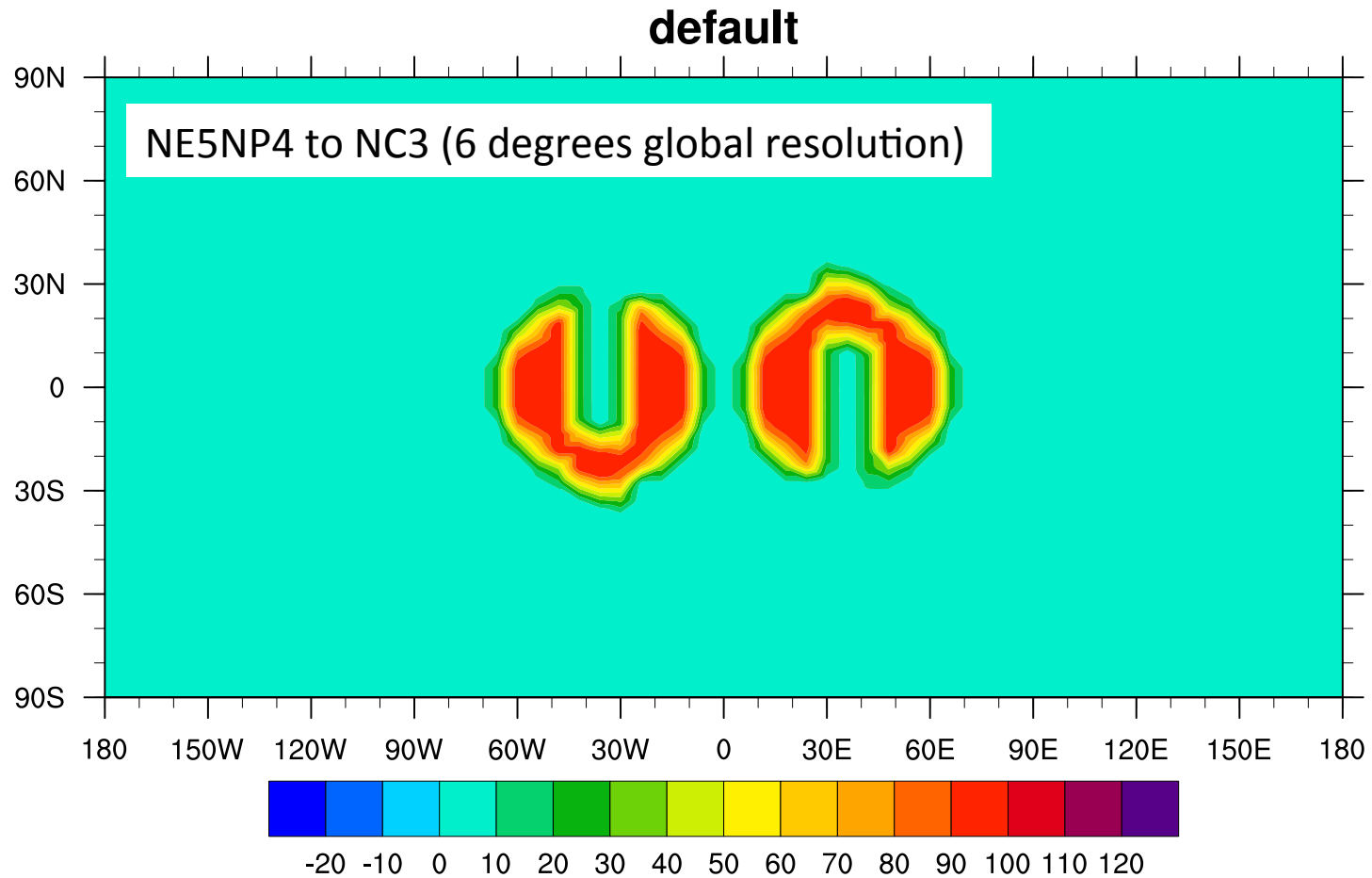
Optimally blend conservative and monotone map

Rough field (“slotted cylinder”)



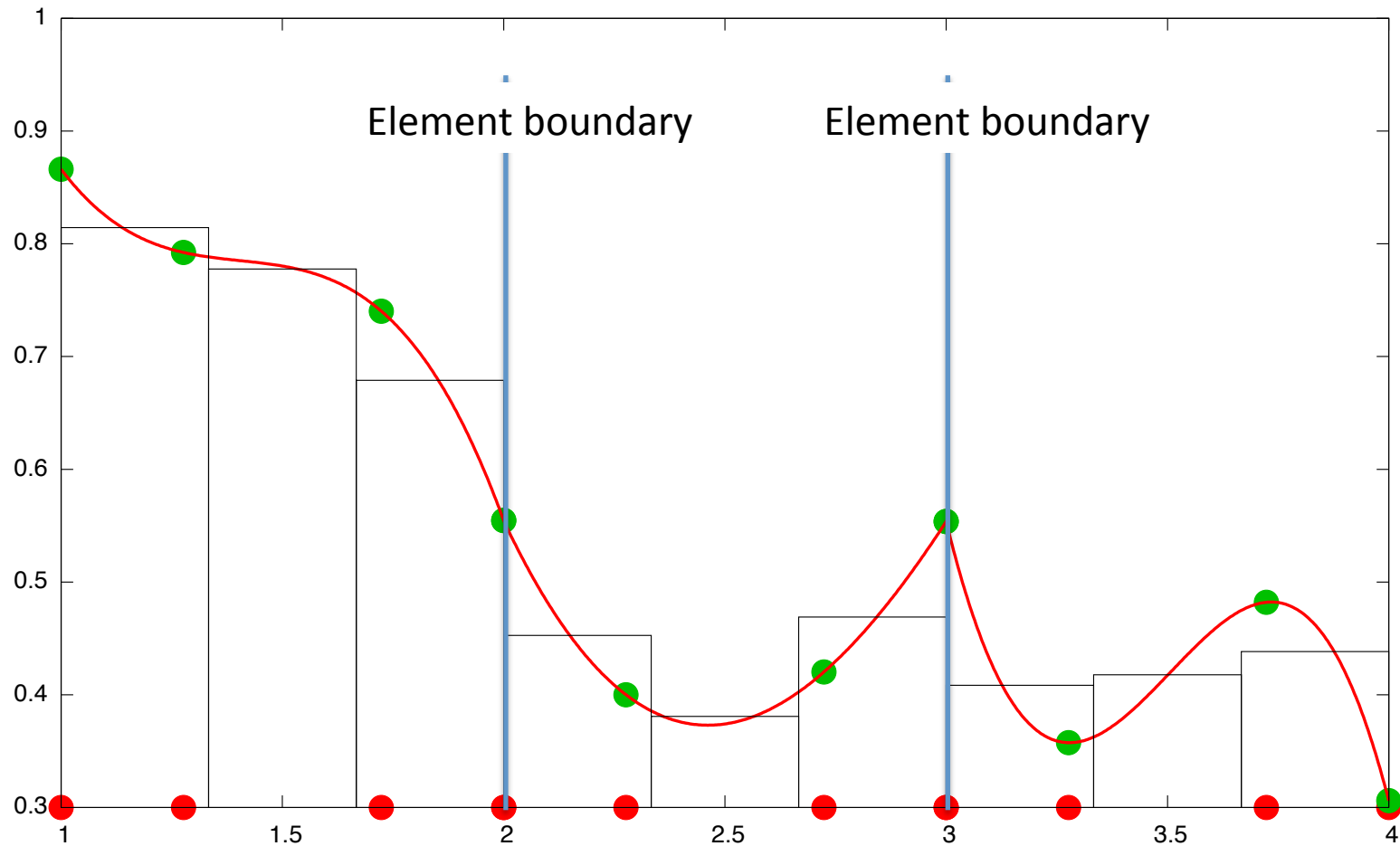
Non-monotone conservative

Rough field (“slotted cylinder”)



Optimally blend conservative and monotone map

Passing tendencies (f_v, f_T, f_q, \dots) to dynamics: Use a 1st-order, shape-preserving, conservative linear map





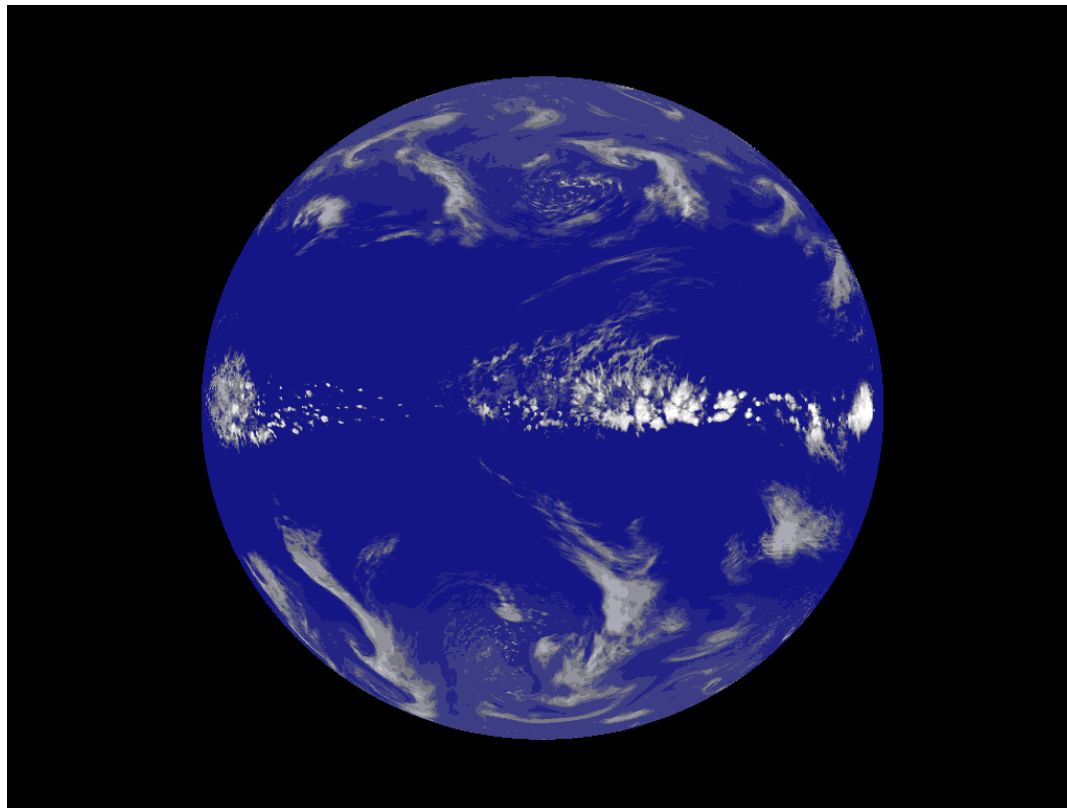
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CAM4 forcing: Aqua-planet

Atmospheric model with complete parameterization suite
Idealized surface: no land (or mountains), no sea ice
specified global sea surface temperatures everywhere

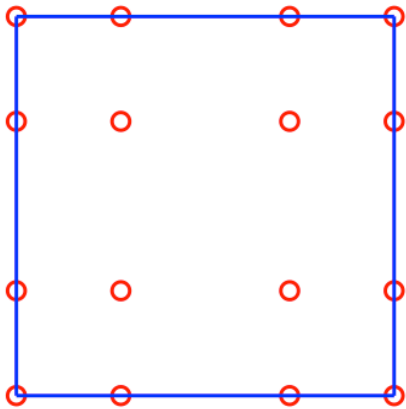
=> **Free motions, no forced component**



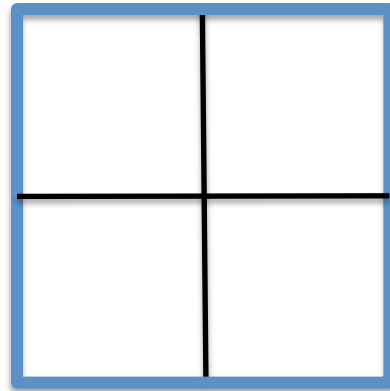
Why CAM4? More resolution sensitivity than CAM5 (and it is cheaper!)

Configurations

NE30NP4

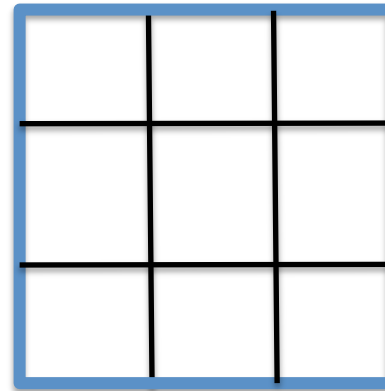


NE30NP4NC2



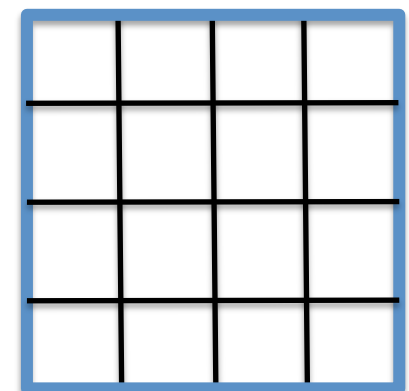
1.5° physgrid

NE30NP4NC3



1.0° physgrid

NE30NP4NC4

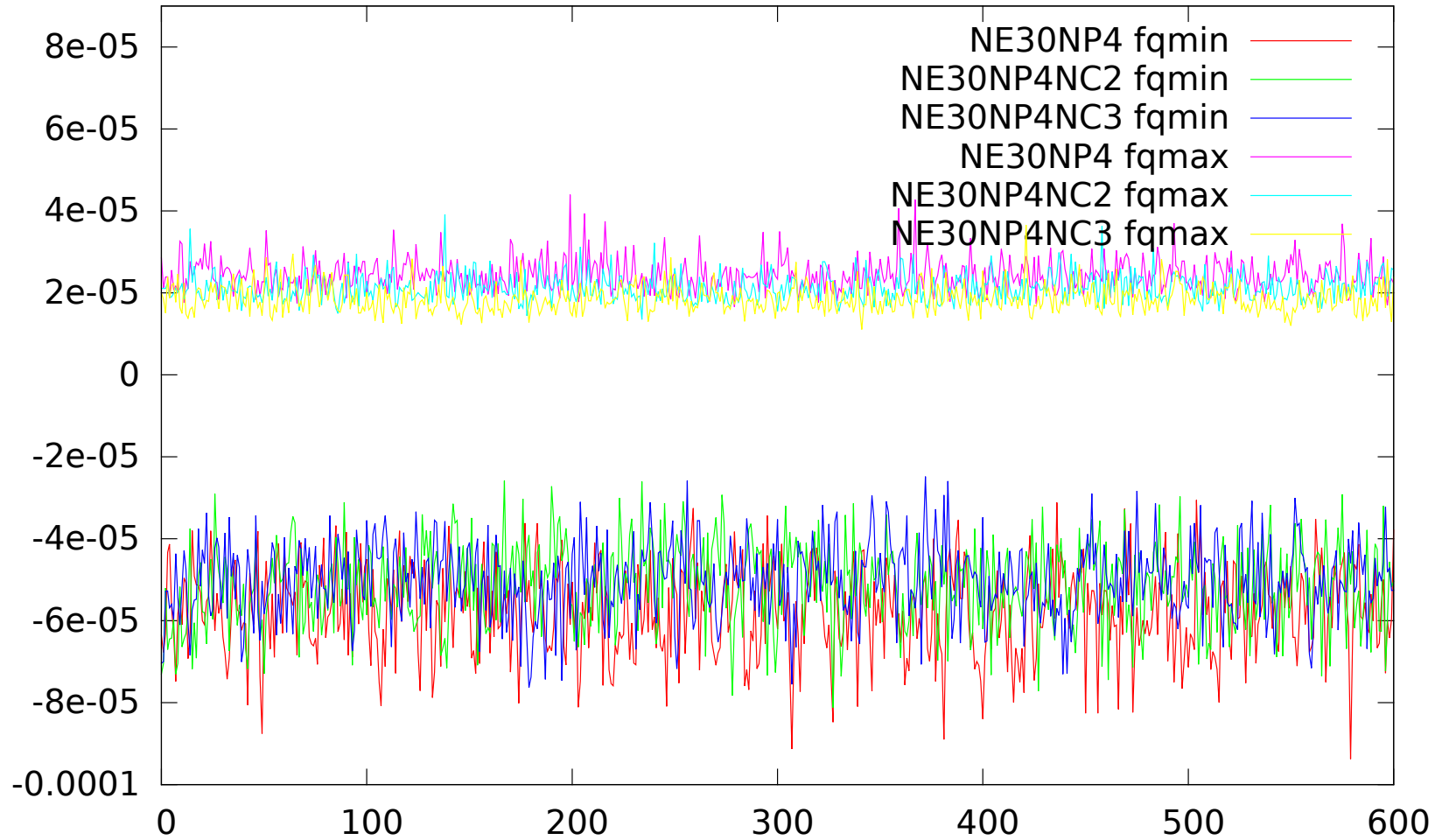


0.75° physgrid

Data mapped to 3° lat-lon grid for analysis

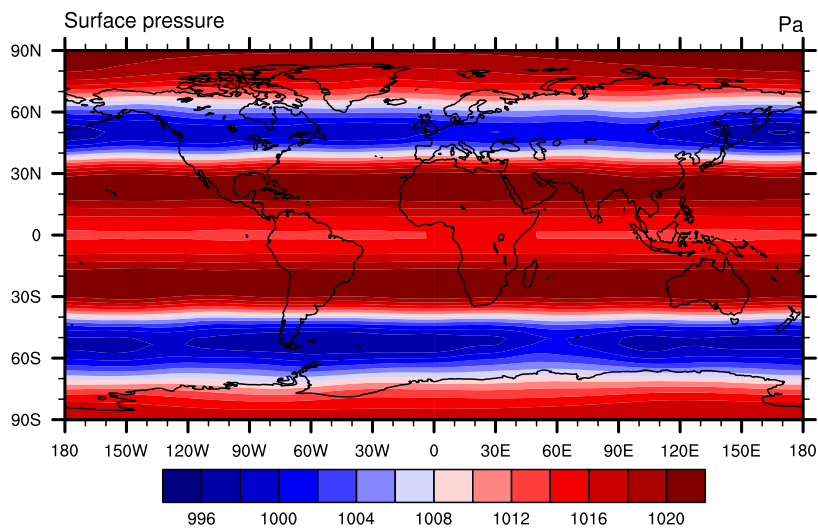
Length of simulations: 30 months

Min/max moisture forcing

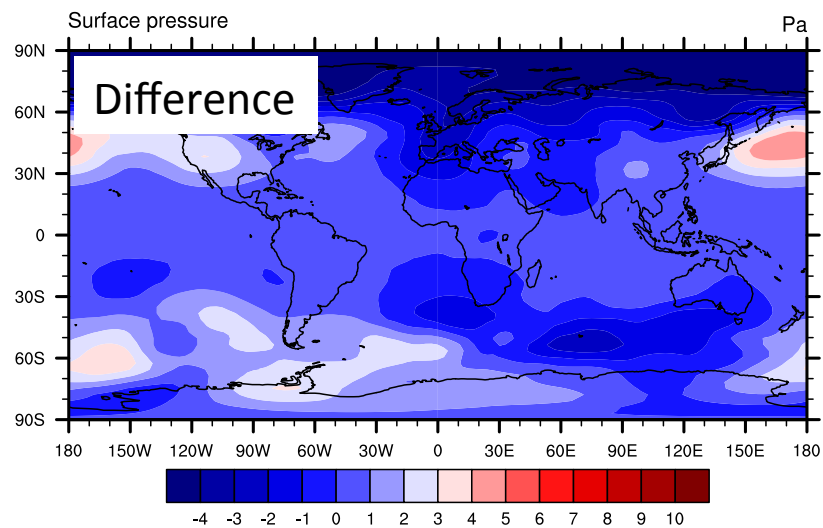


Time averaged PS

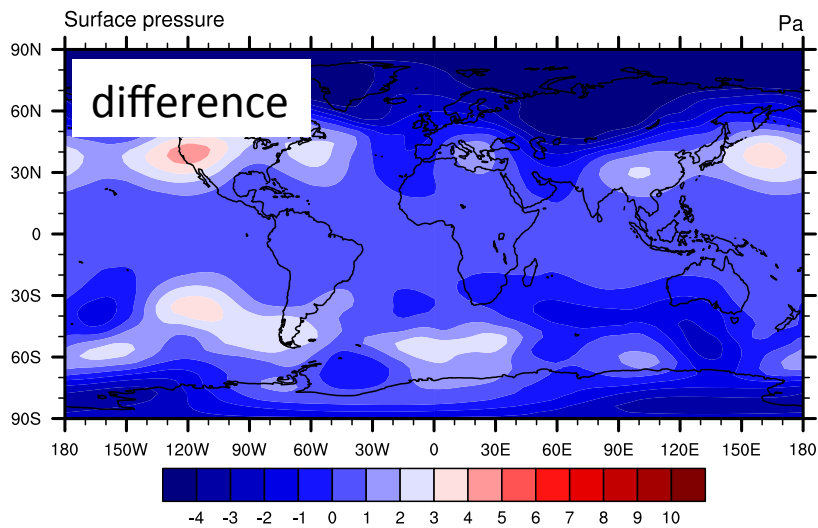
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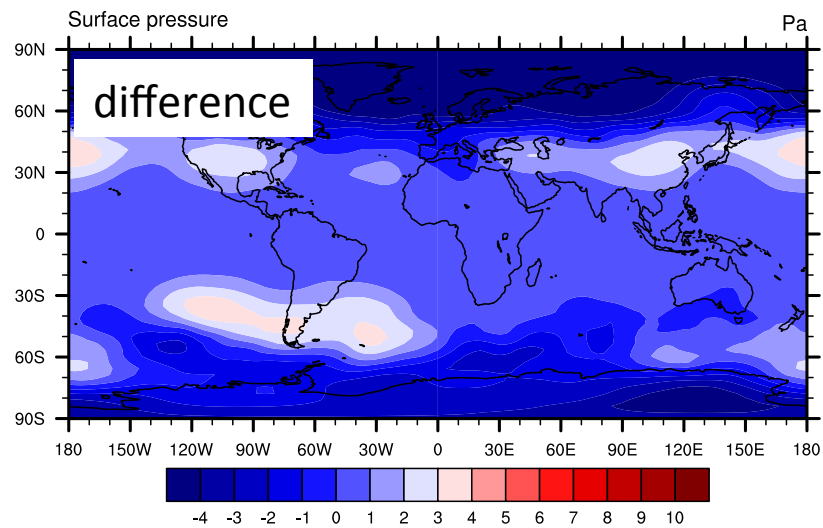
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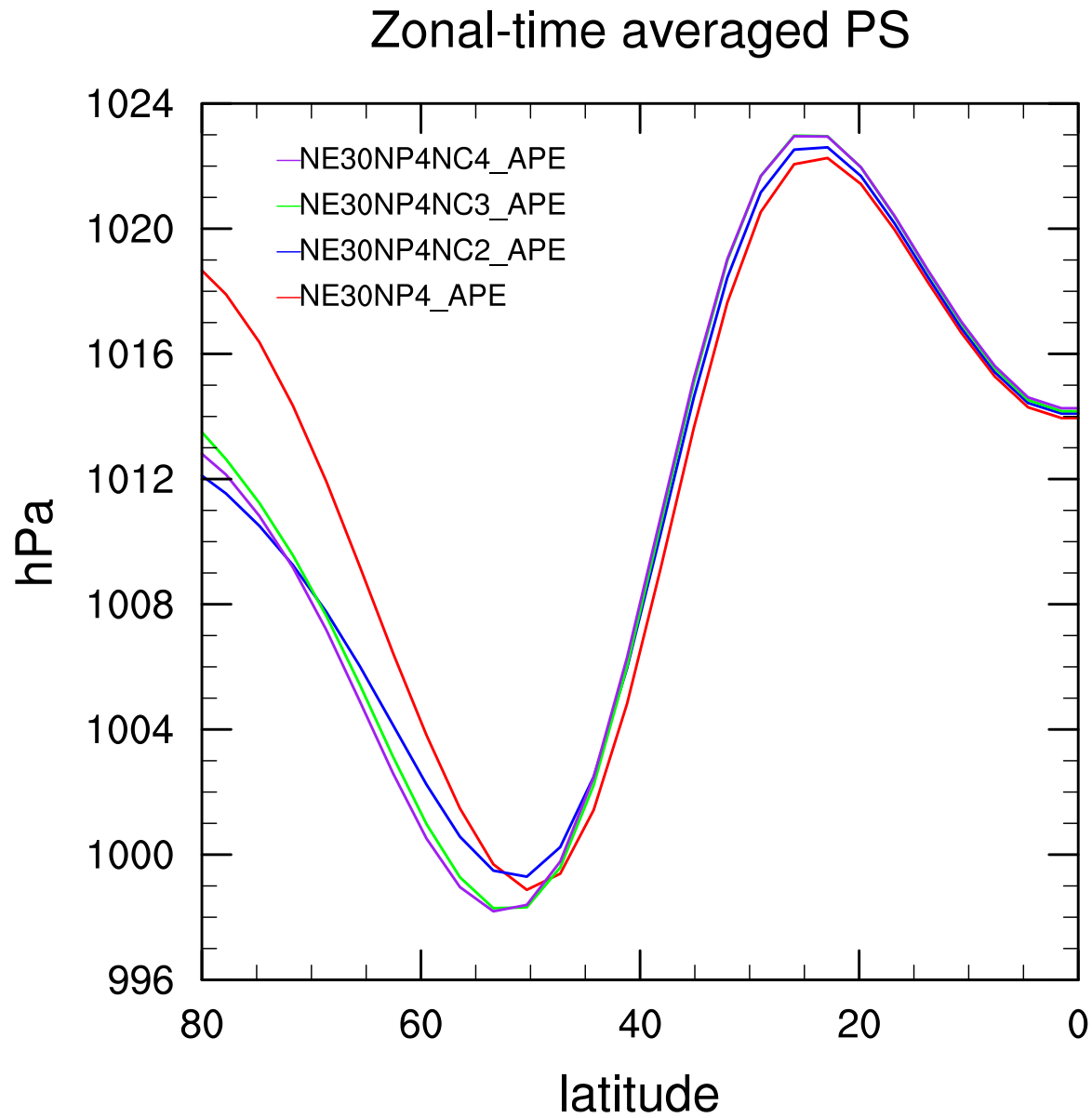
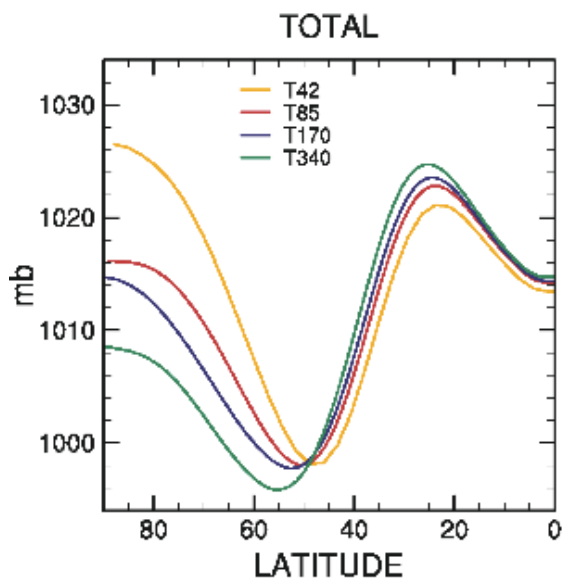
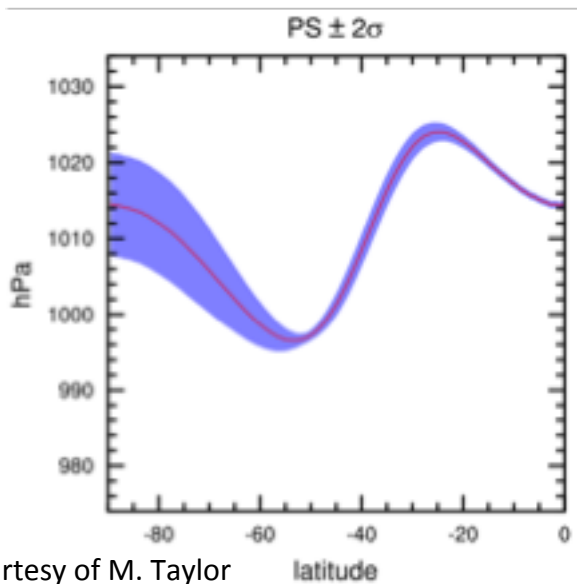


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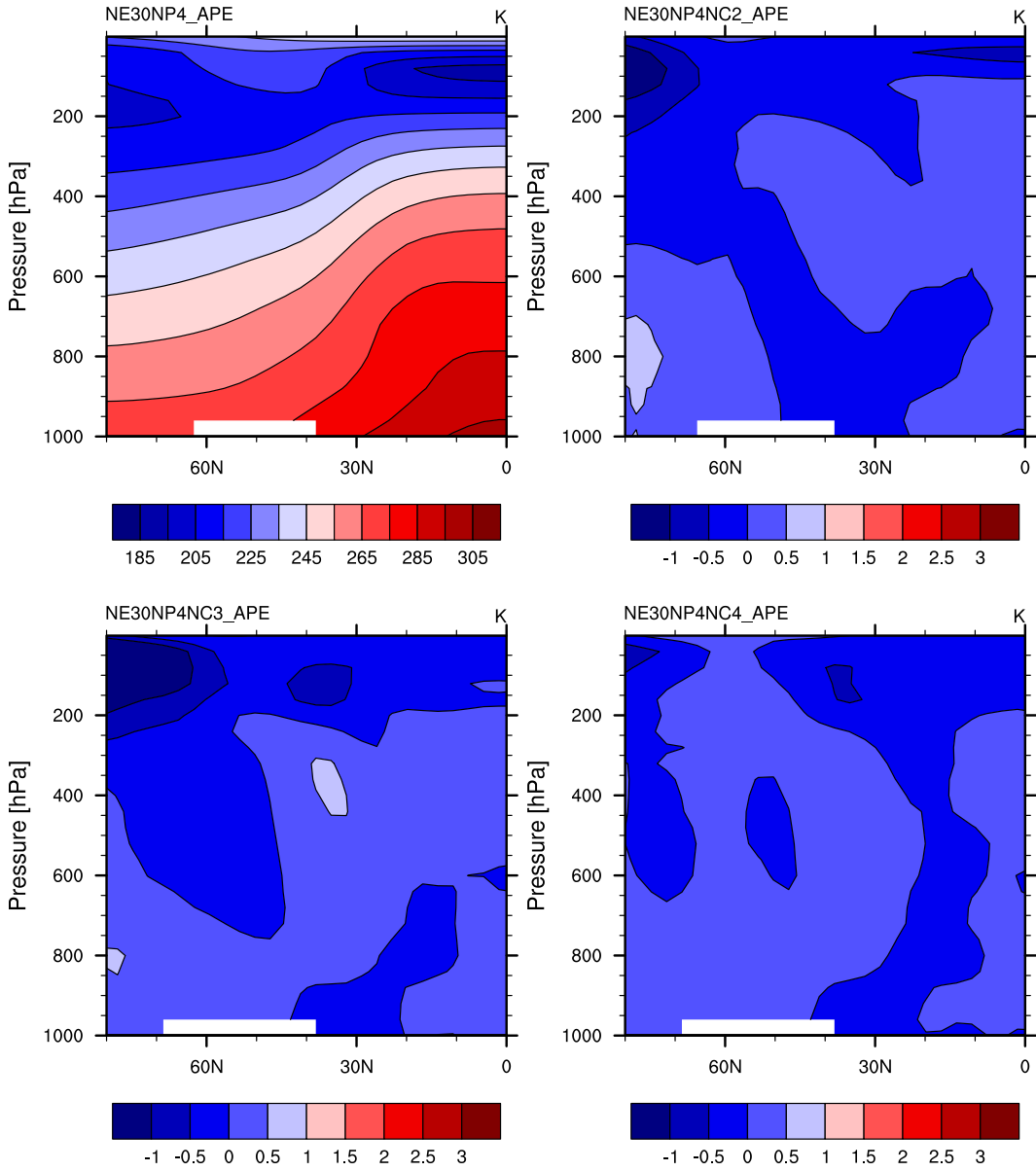


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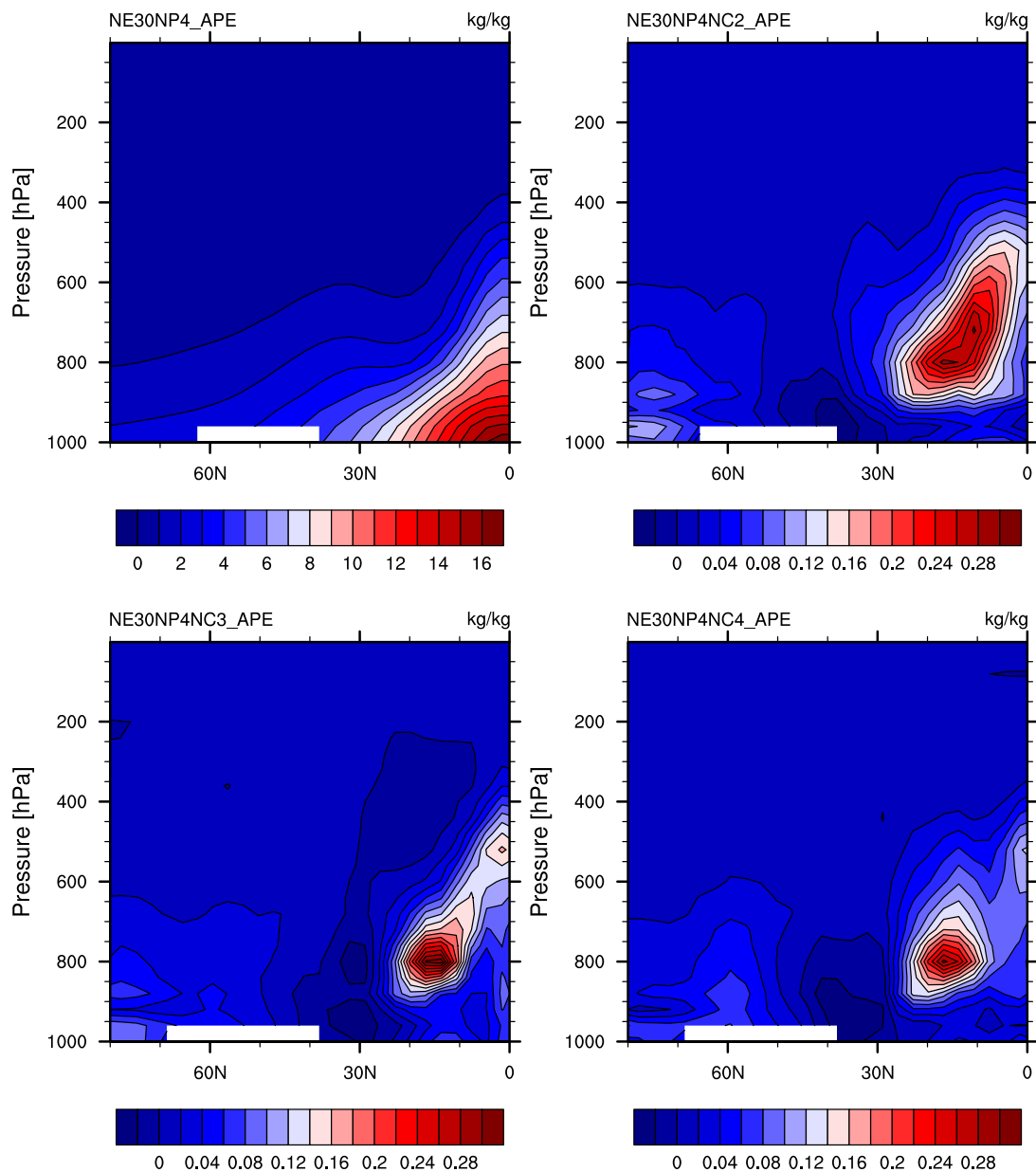


Zonal-time averaged T



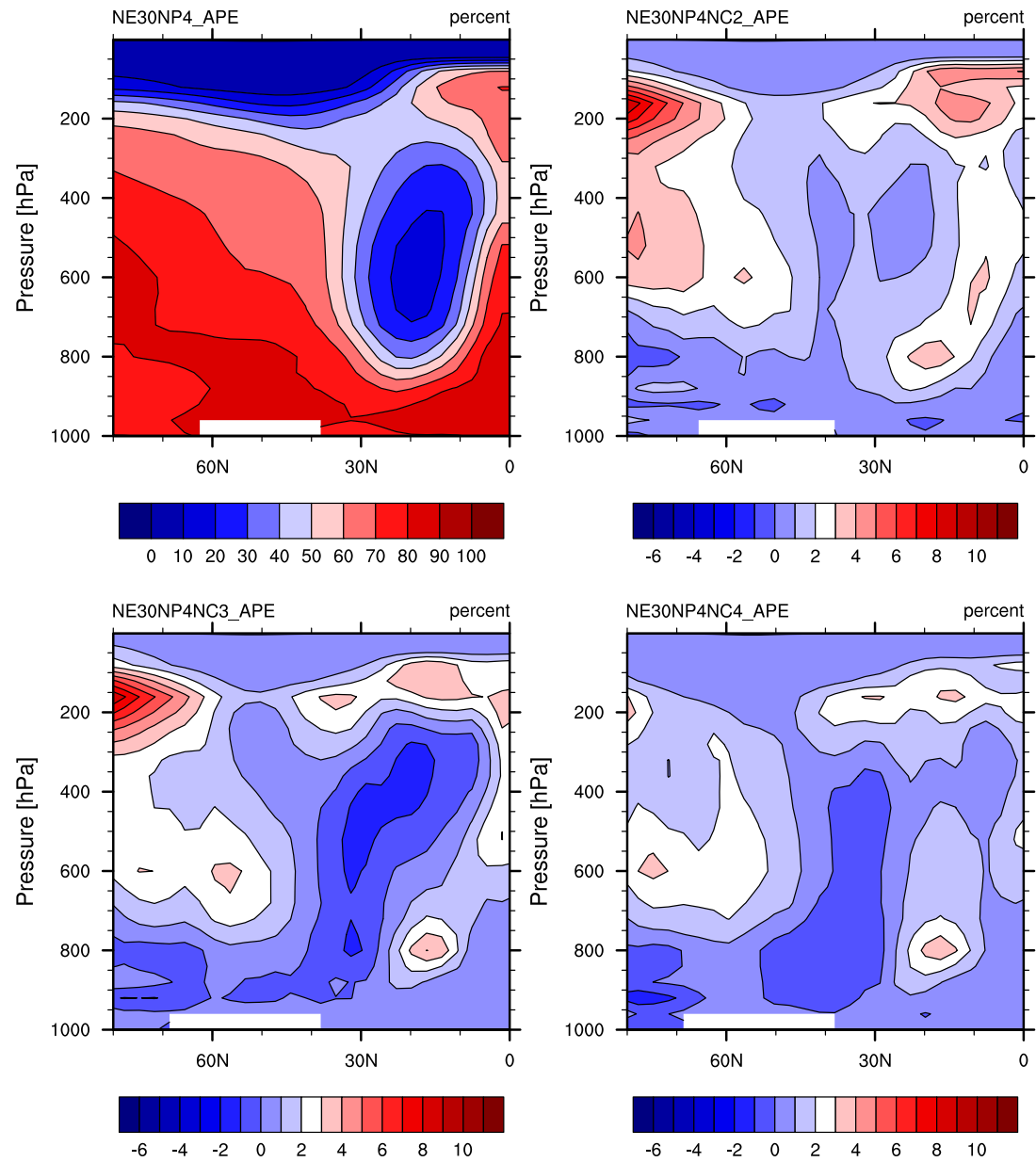
Q = Specific humidity

Zonal-time averaged Q

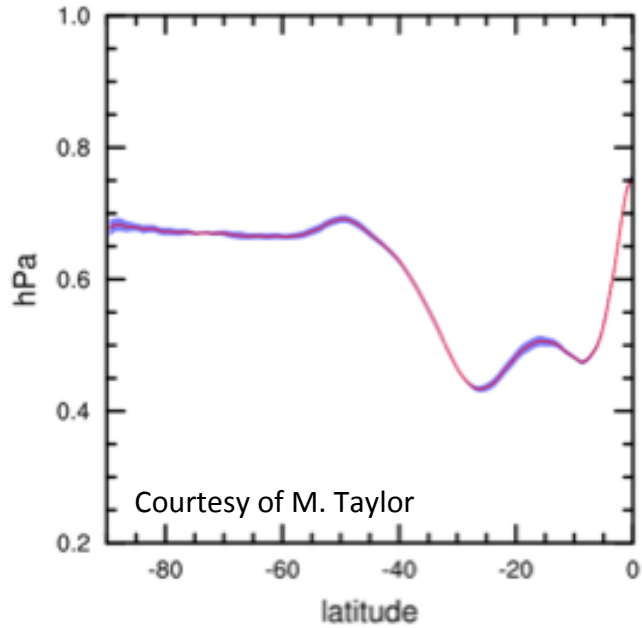


RELHUM = Relative humidity

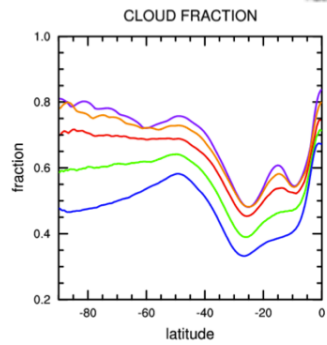
Zonal-time averaged RELHUM



CLDTOT $\pm 2\sigma$



Courtesy of M. Taylor

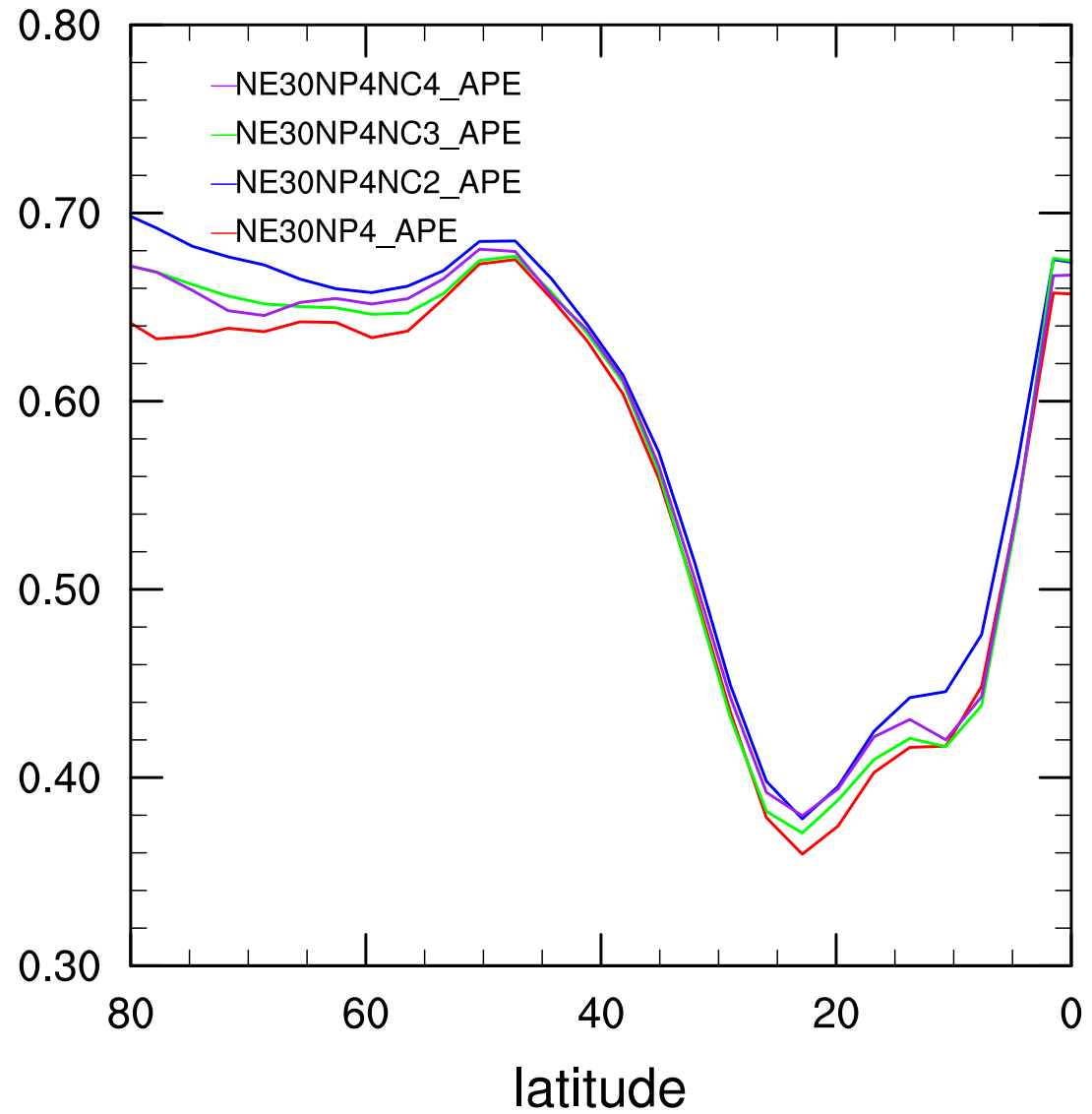


CAM-SE with resolutions:
2.7° 1.9° 1.0° 0.5° 0.25°

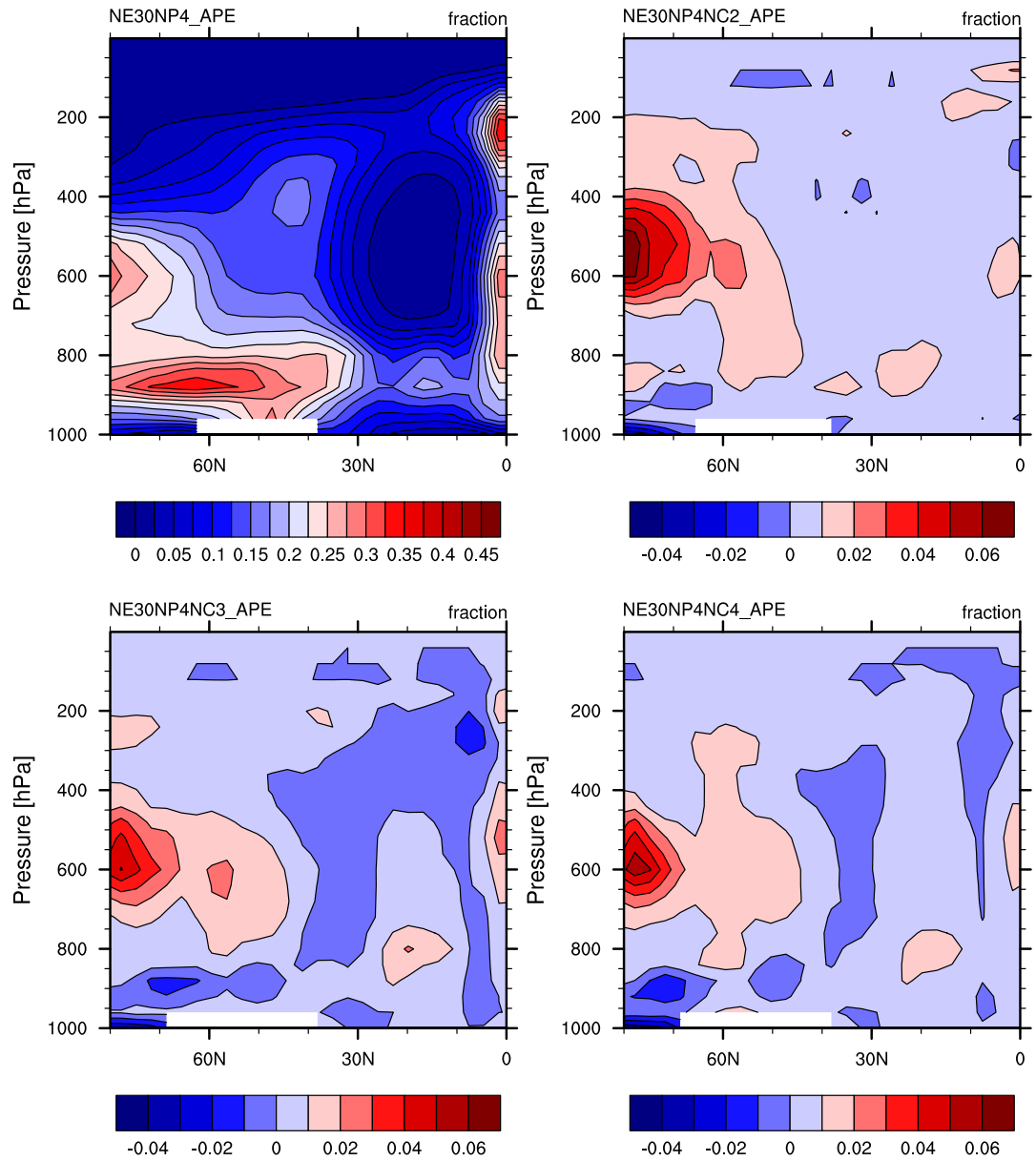
- Monotonic decrease in LWCF also seen in CAM 3.1 Aqua Planet Experiments (Williamson, Tellus 2008)
- Cloud Fraction monotonically decreases with resolution
- CAM-SE simulations (shown) are similar.

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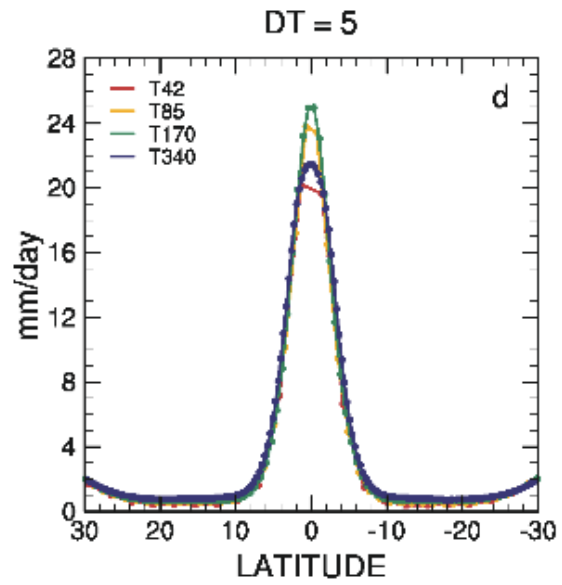
Zonal-time averaged total cloud



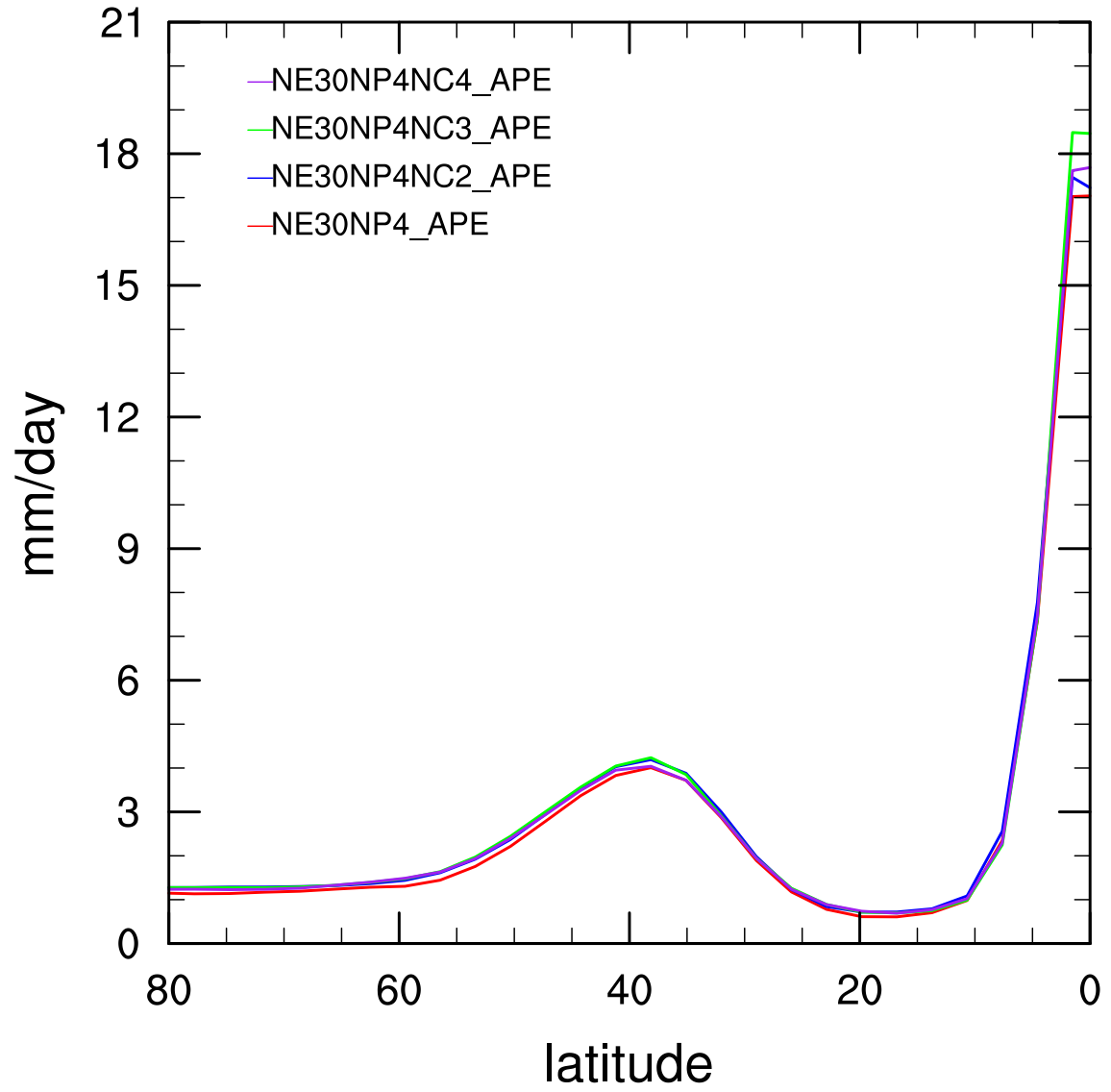
Zonal-time averaged CLOUD



Zonal-time averaged total precipitation rate



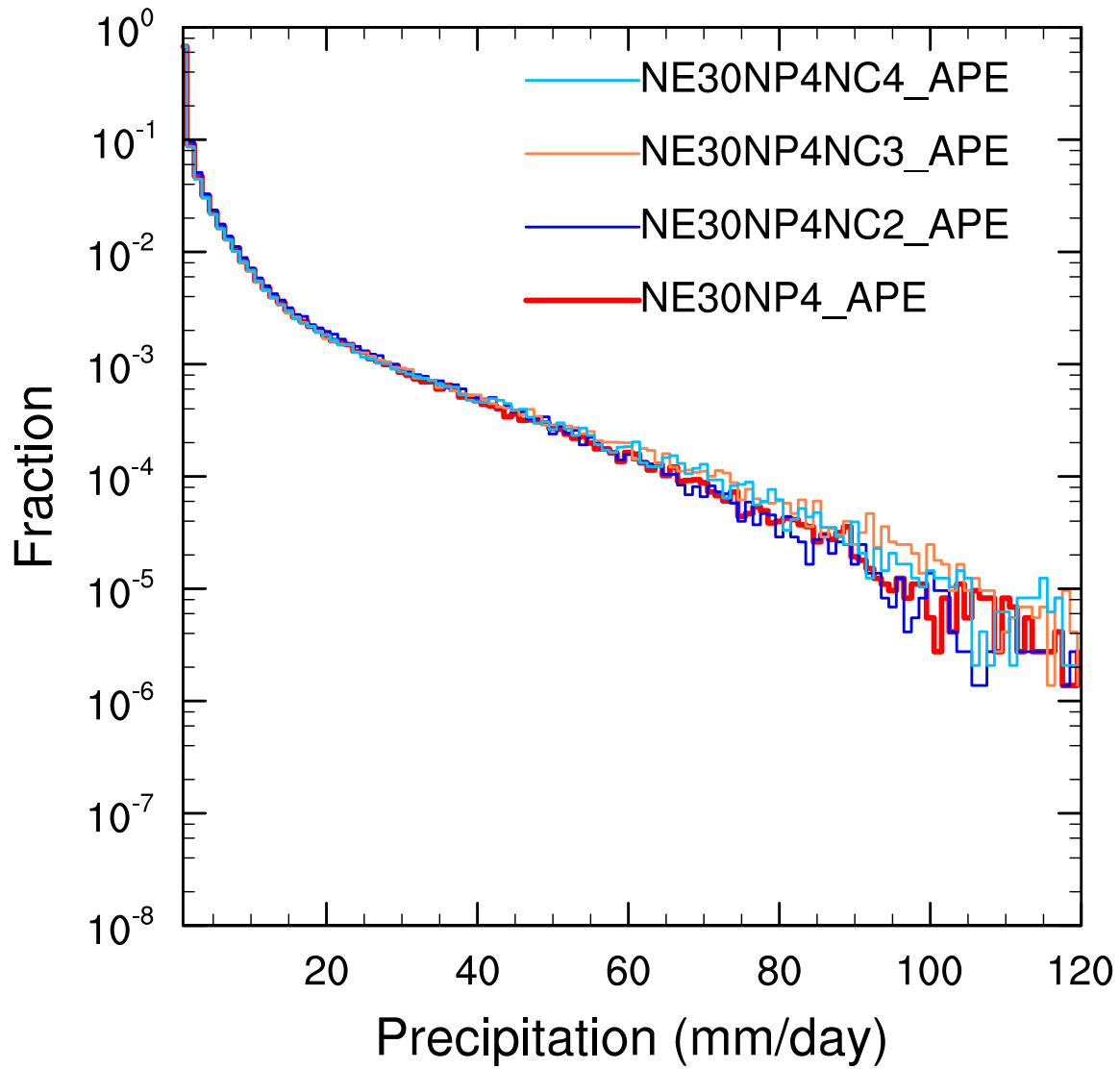
Williamson (2004)



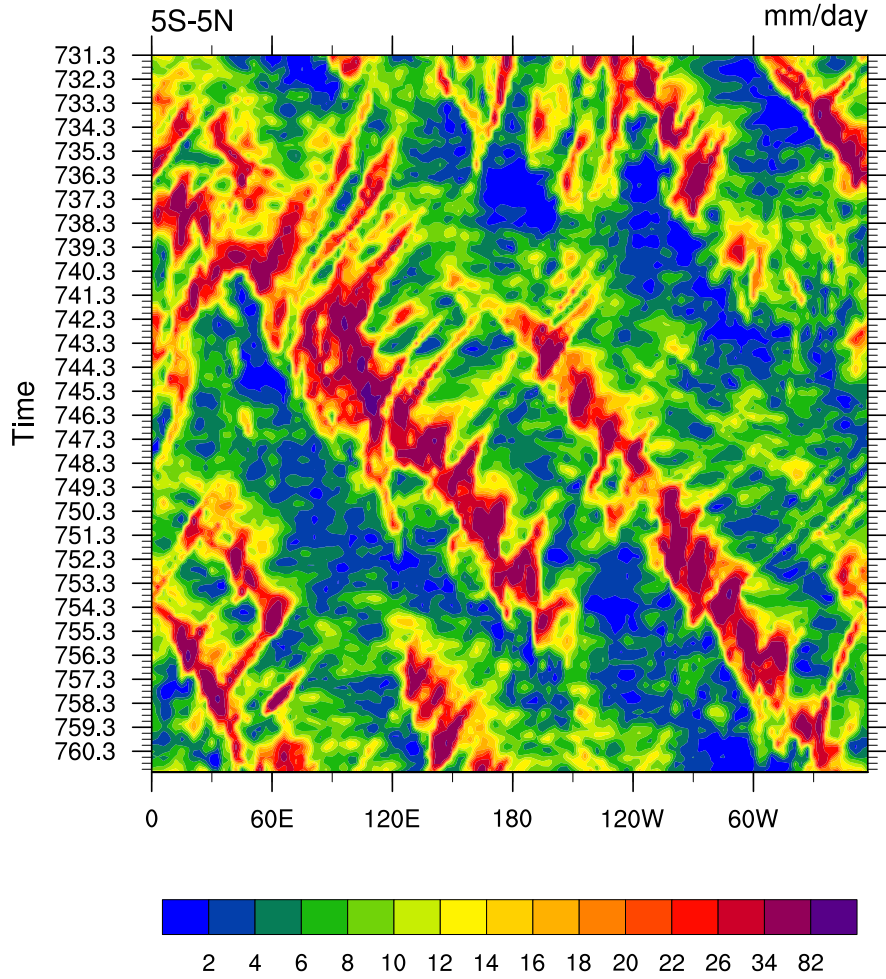
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PRECT (30 month simulation - 6h data)

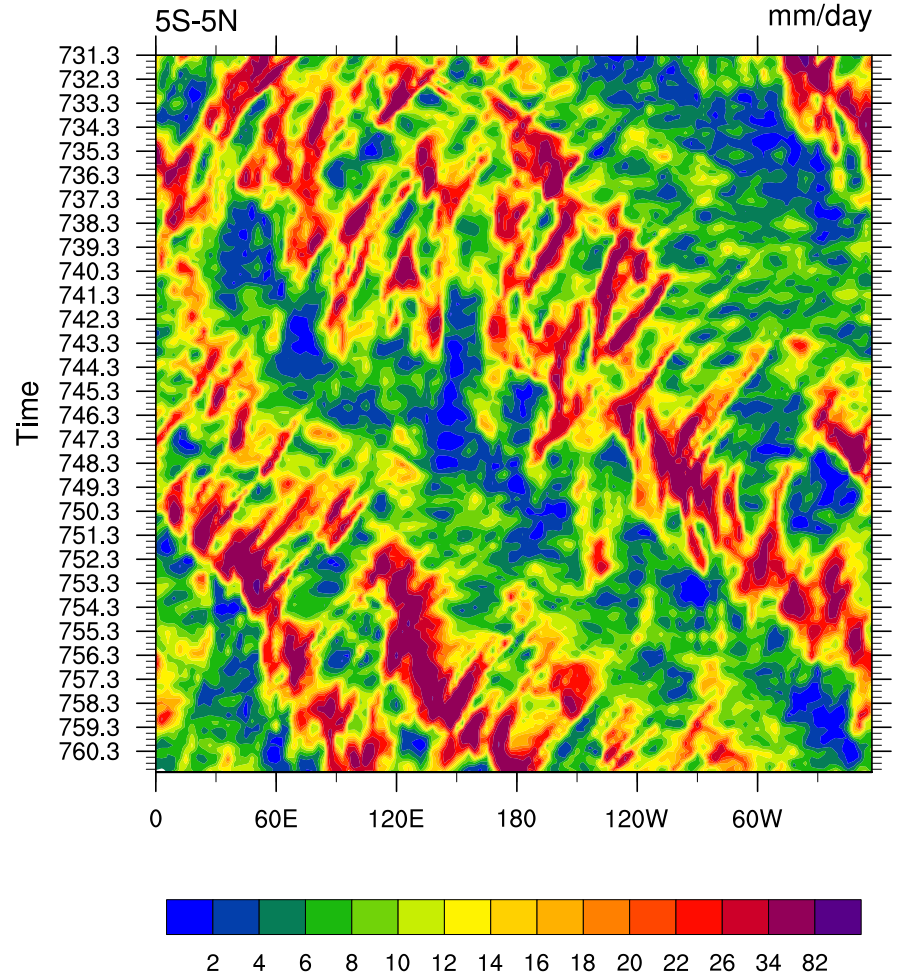
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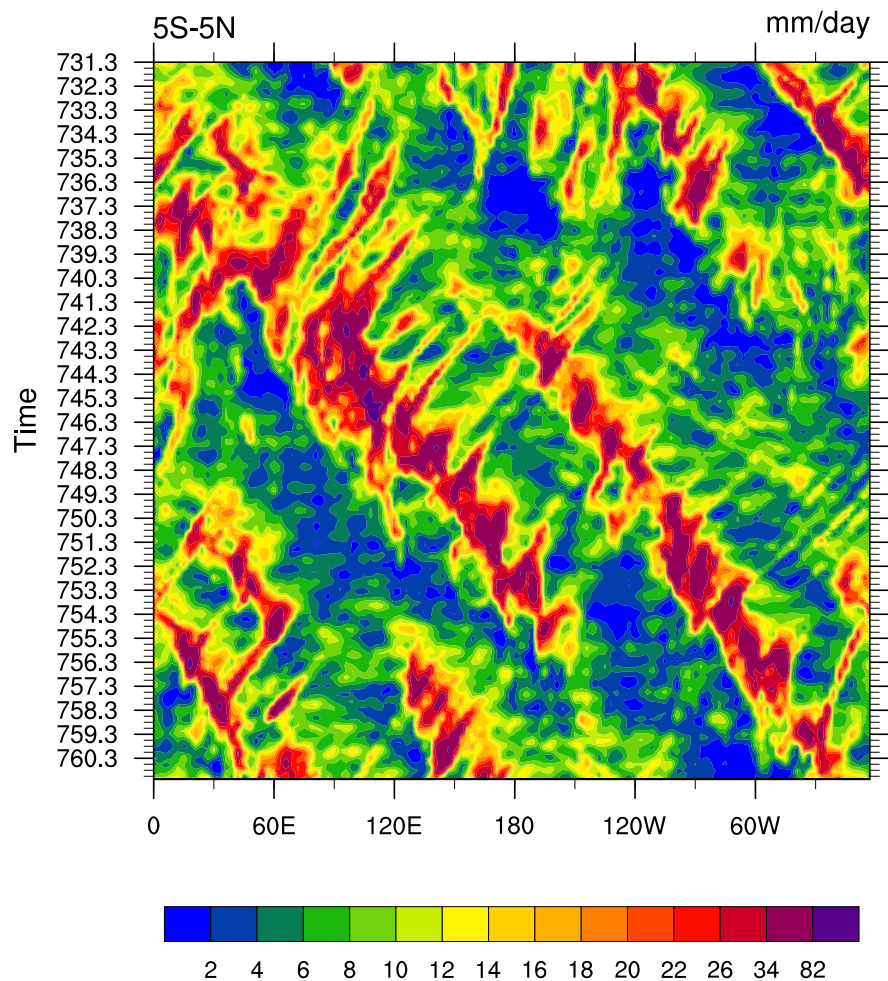
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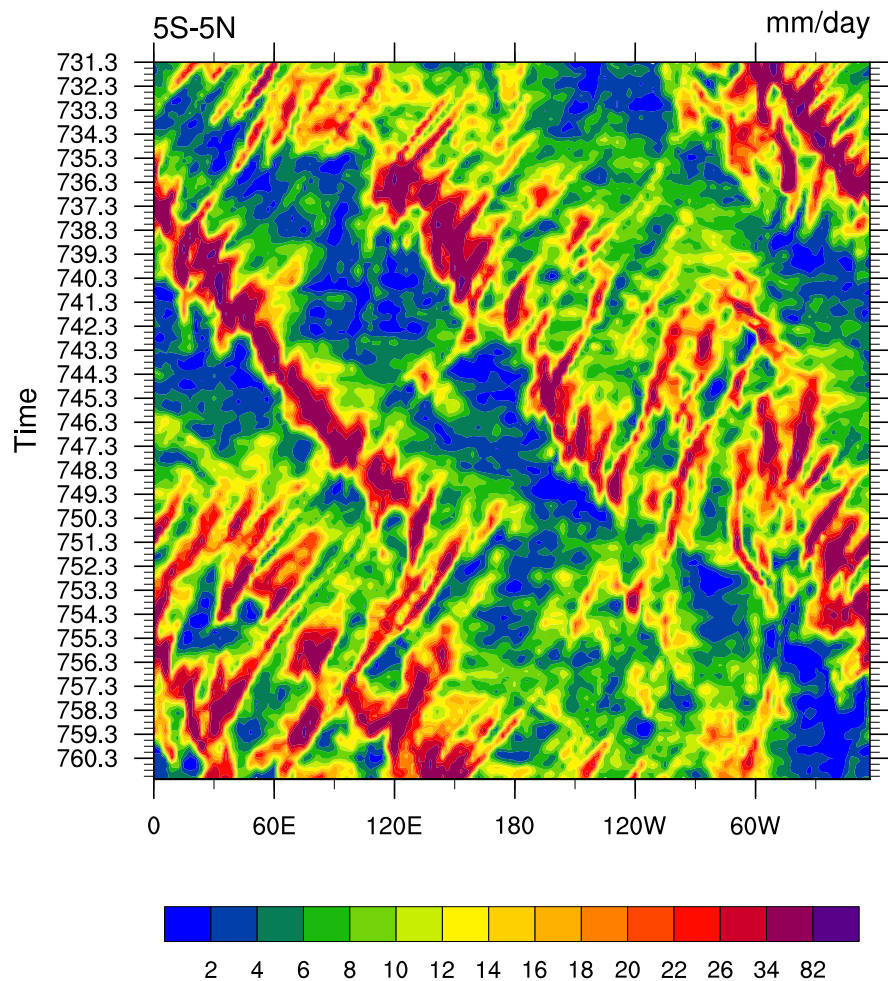
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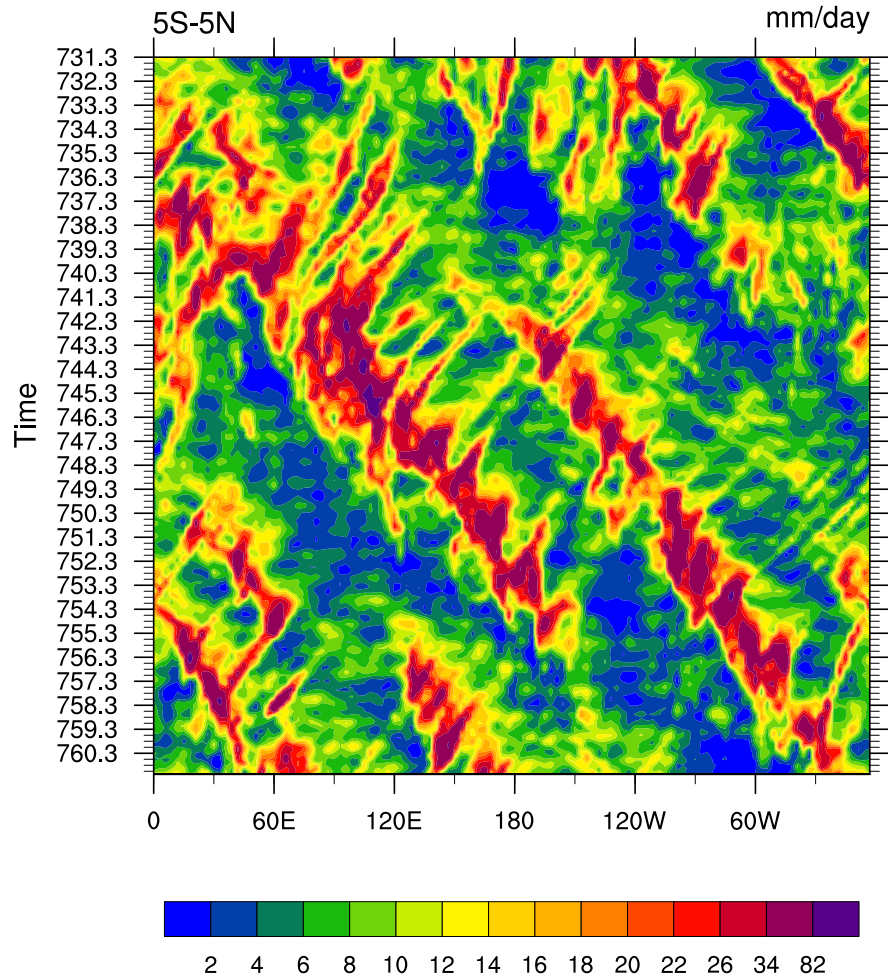
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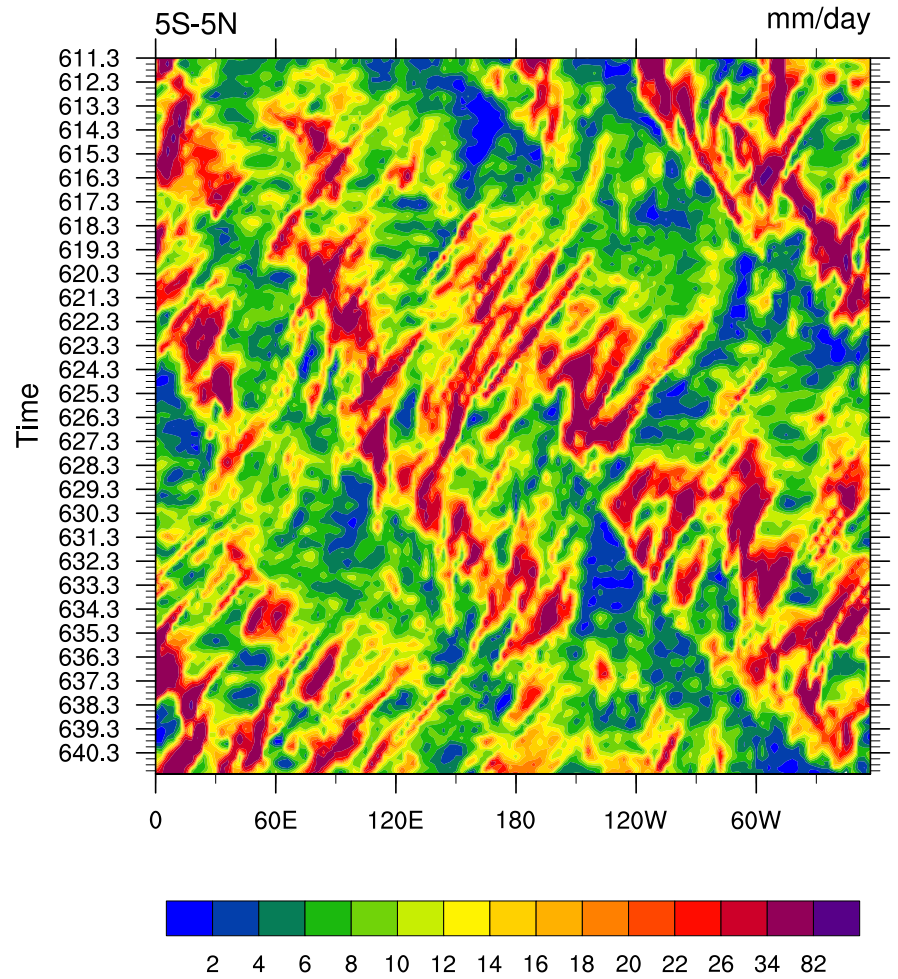
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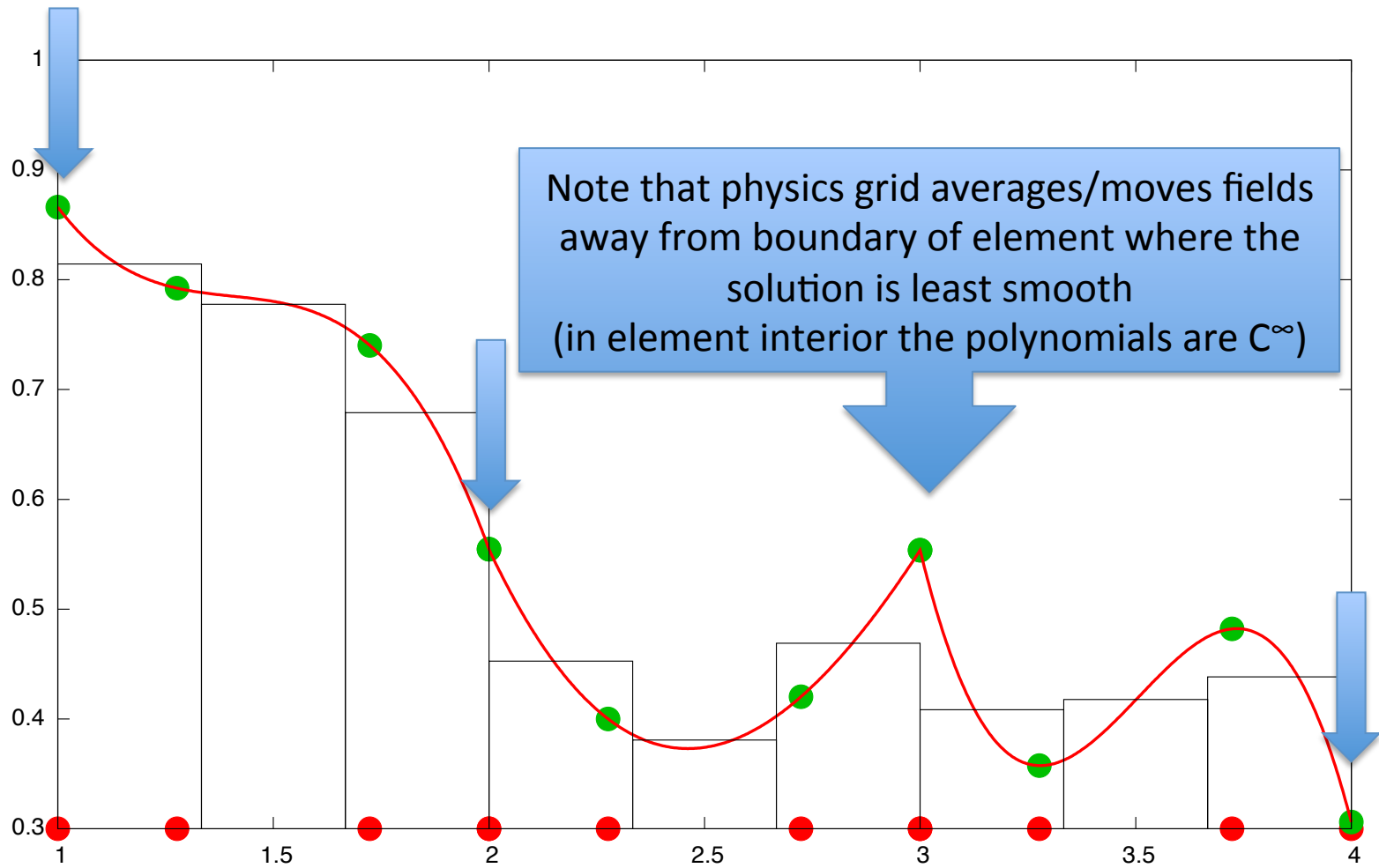
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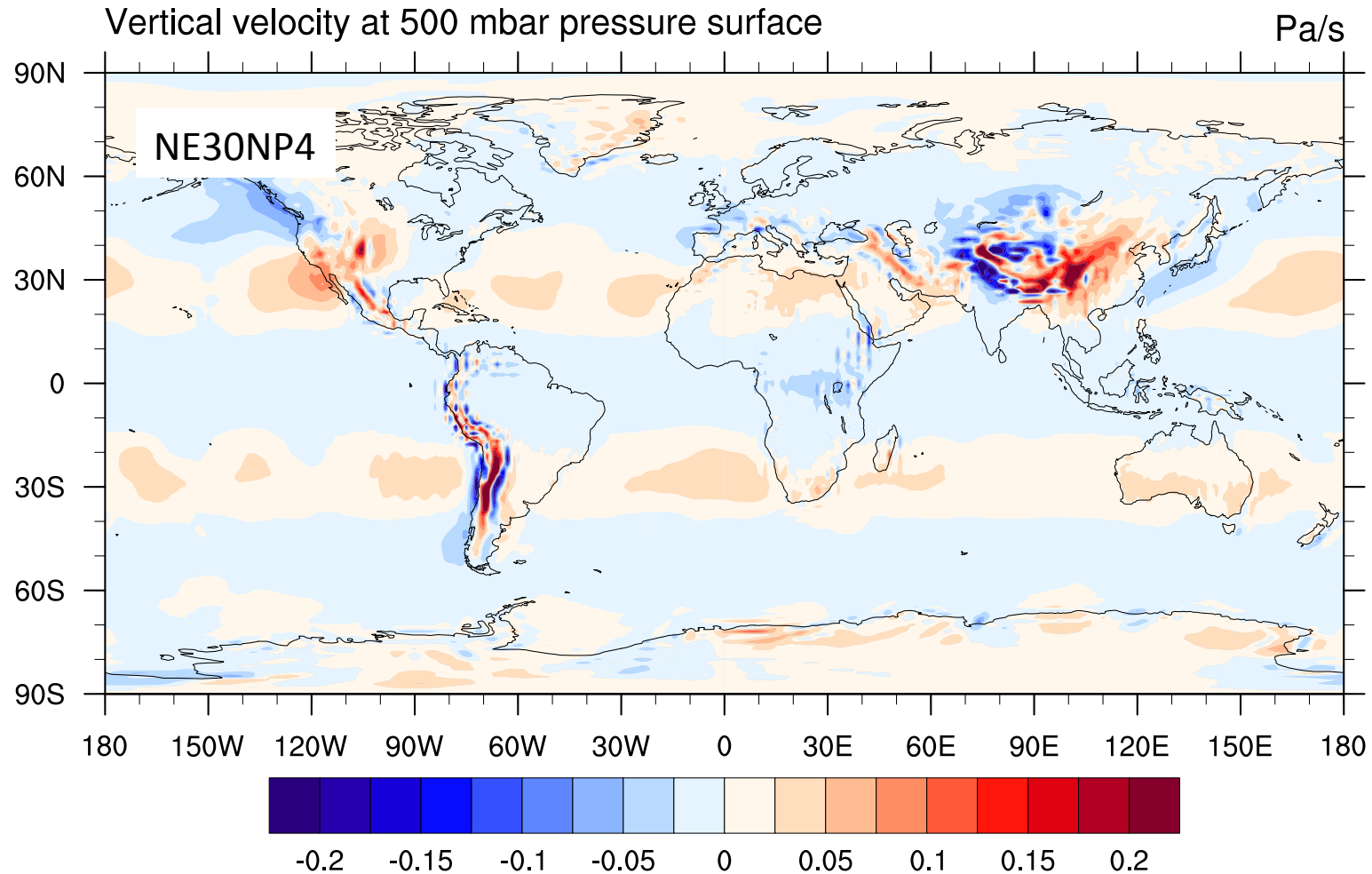
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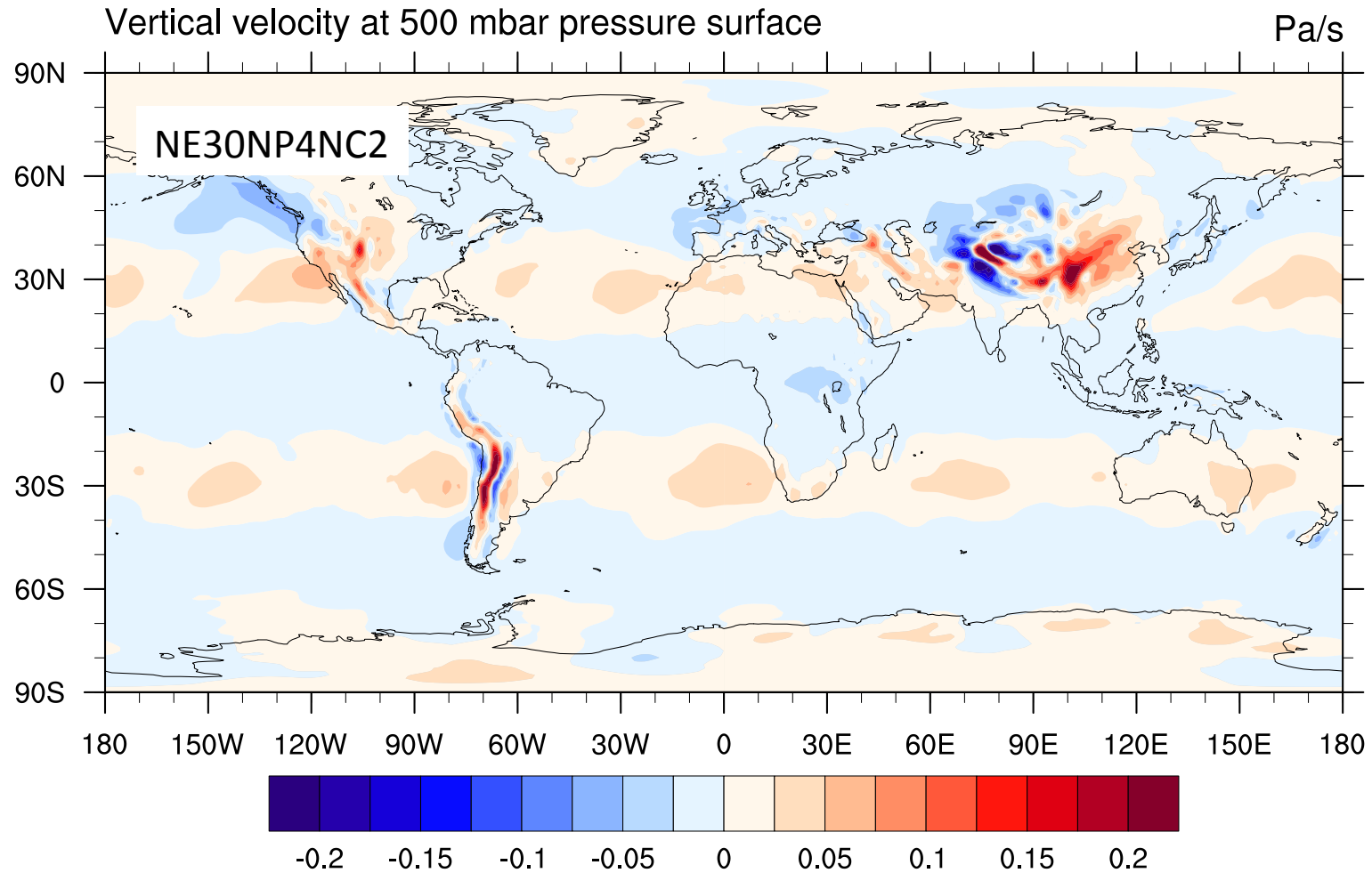
Stationary grid scale forcing



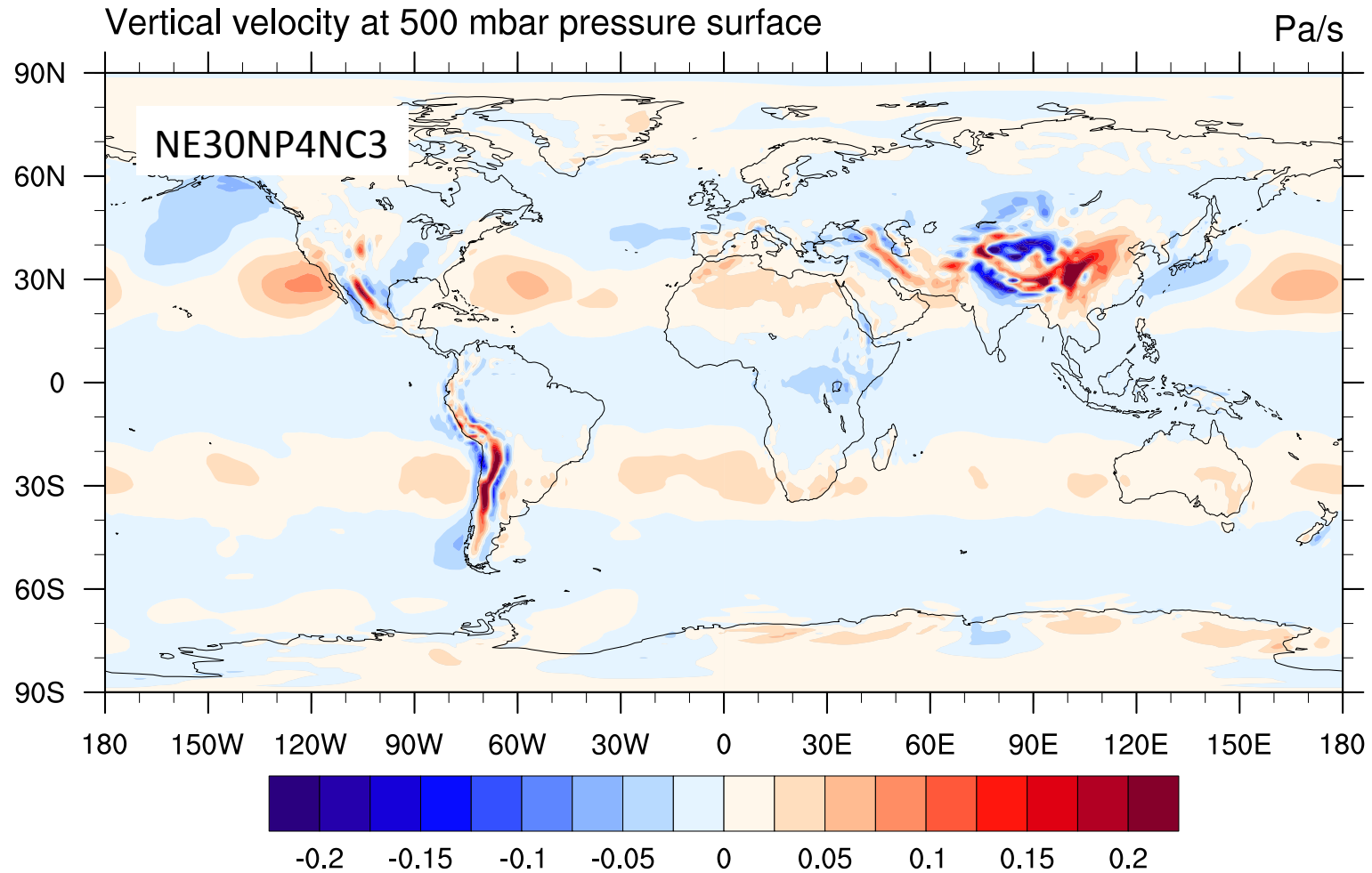
Held-Suarez with topography



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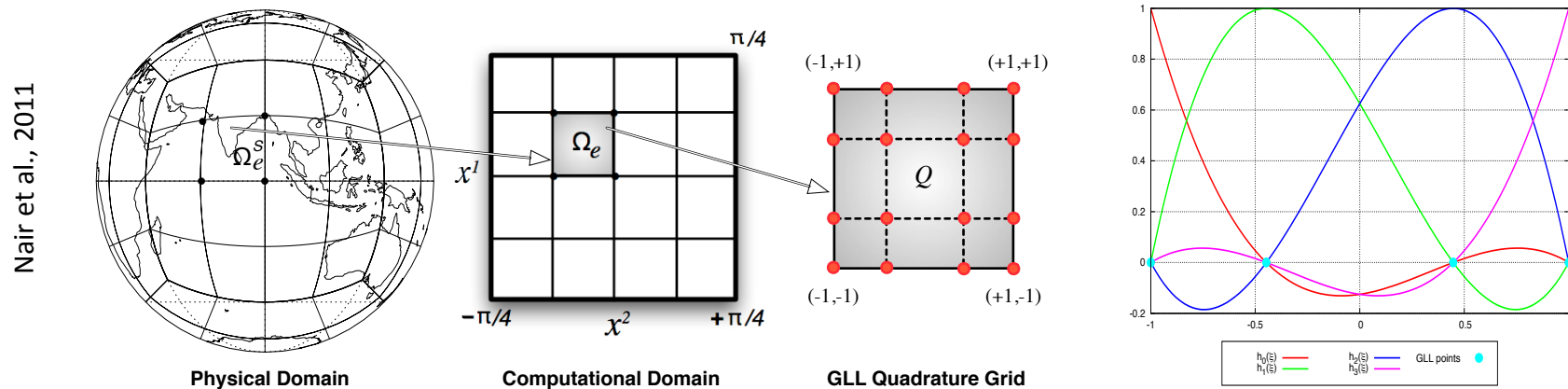


Held-Suarez with topography

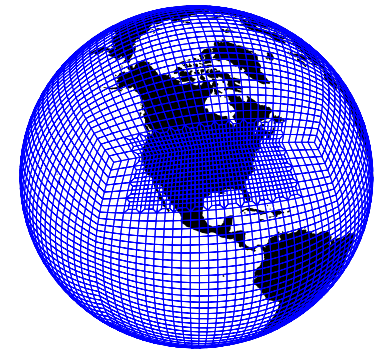


CAM-SE: NCAR Community Atmosphere Model with Spectral Elements dynamical core

Continuous Galerkin finite-element method (Taylor et al., 1997) on a cubed-sphere:



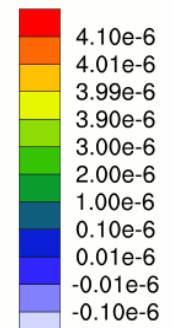
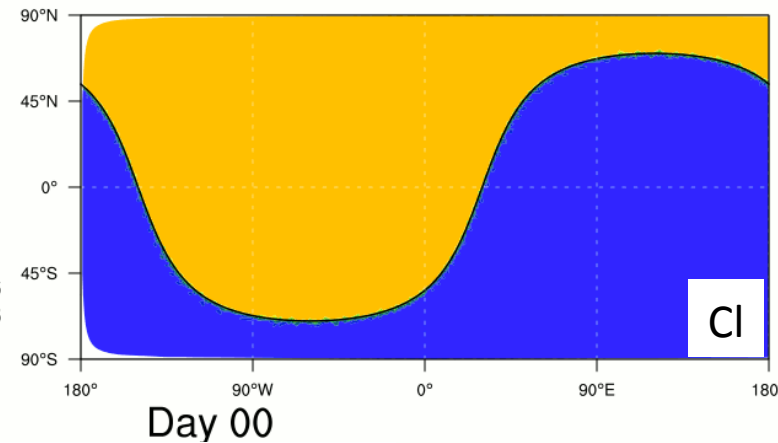
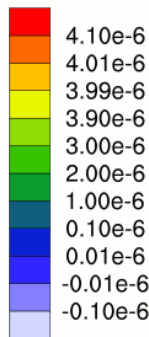
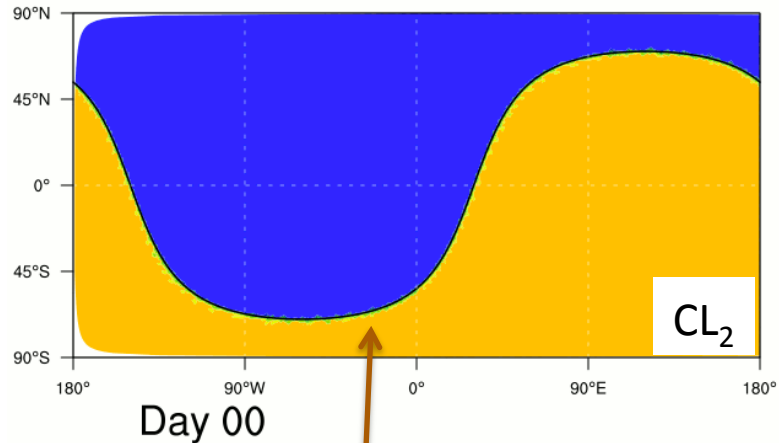
- 👍 Discretization is mimetic => mass-conservation & total energy conservation
- 👍 Conserves axial angular momentum very well (Lauritzen et al., 2014)
- 👍 Support static mesh-refinement and retains formal order of accuracy!
- 👍 Highly scalable to at least $O(100K)$ processors (Dennis et al., 2012)
- 👍 Competitive "AMIP-climate" (Evans et al., 2012)
- 👎 **Lower computational throughput for many-tracer applications**
- 👎 **Tracer transport accuracy?**



The terminator 'toy'-chemistry test: A simple tool to assess errors in transport schemes

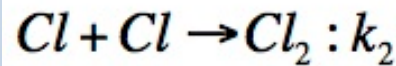
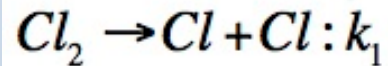
(Lauritzen et al., 2015, GMD)

See: <http://www.cgd.ucar.edu/cms/pel/terminator.html>



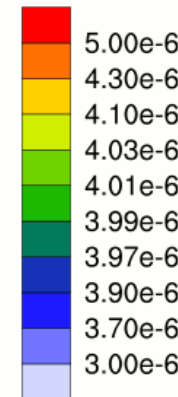
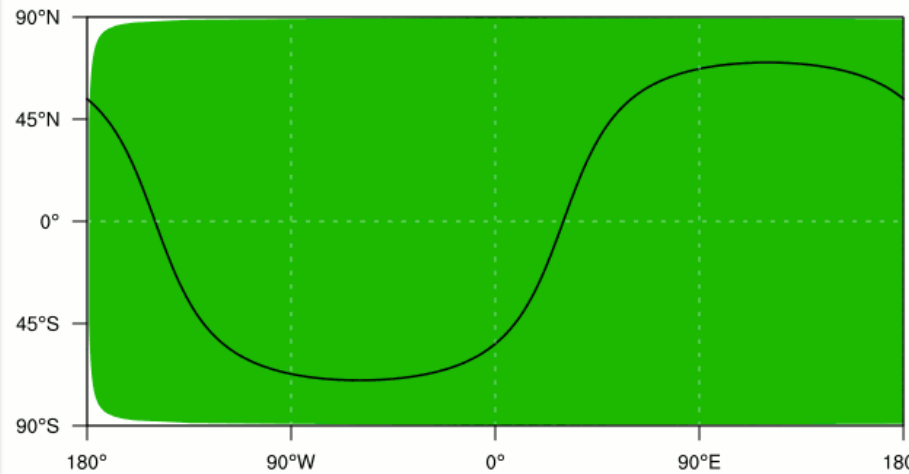
$$Cl + 2 * Cl_2 = \text{constant}$$

Non-linear Terminator 'toy' chemistry:



Exact solution:

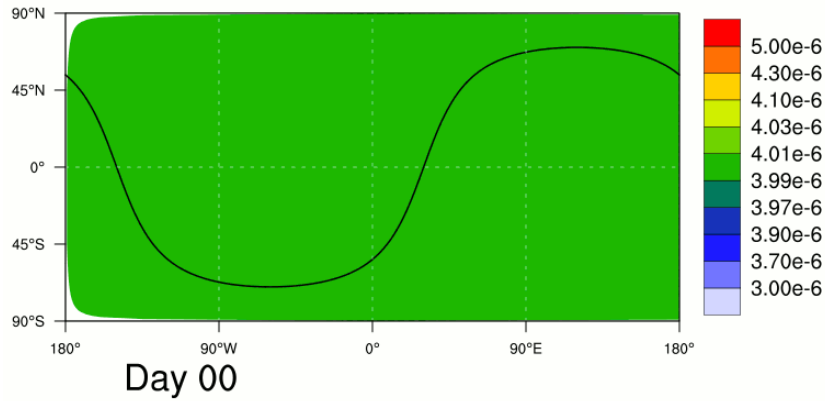
$$Cl + 2 * Cl_2 = \text{constant}$$



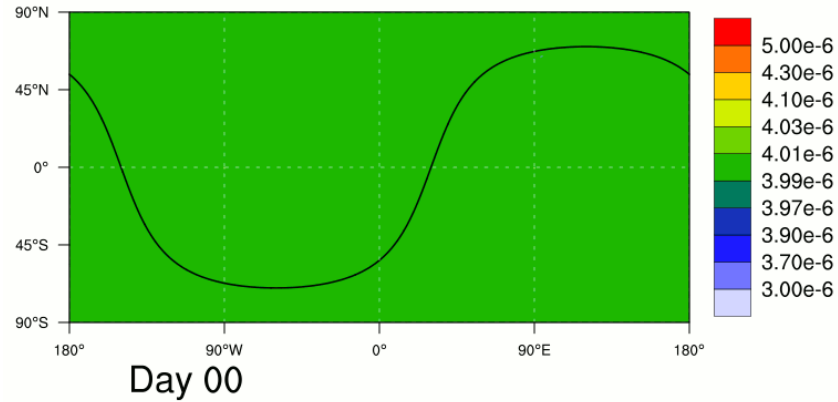
Wind field:
Nair and Lauritzen deformational flow

Errors are due to non-conservation of linear correlations usually caused by the limiter/filter and/or physics-dynamics coupling!

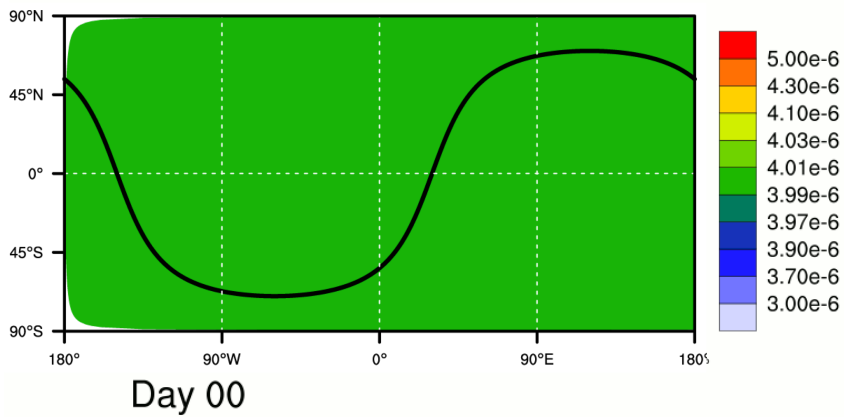




CAM-SE



CAM-FV



CSLAM





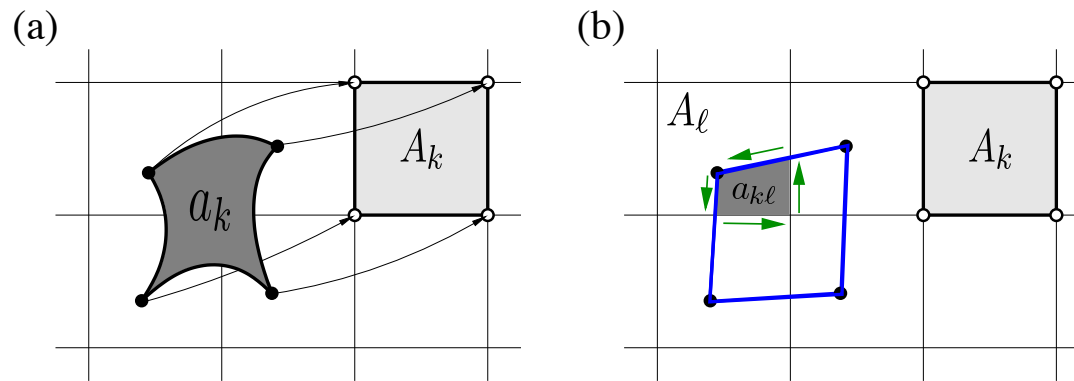
A way to accelerate tracer transport:



Basic formulation

Lauritzen et al. (2010), Erath et al. (2013), Erath et al. (2012)

Conservative Semi-Lagrangian Multi-tracer (CSLAM)



Finite-volume Lagrangian form of continuity equation for air (pressure level thickness, Δp), and tracer (mixing ratio, q):

$$\int_{A_k} \psi_k^{n+1} dA = \int_{a_k} \psi_k^n dA = \sum_{\ell=1}^{L_k} \left[\sum_{i+j \leq 2} c_\ell^{(i,j)} w_{k\ell}^{(i,j)} \right], \quad \psi = \Delta p, \Delta p q,$$

where n time-level, $a_{k\ell}$ overlap areas, L_k #overlap areas, $c^{(i,j)}$ reconstruction coefficients for ψ_k^n , and $w_{k\ell}^{(i,j)}$ weights.



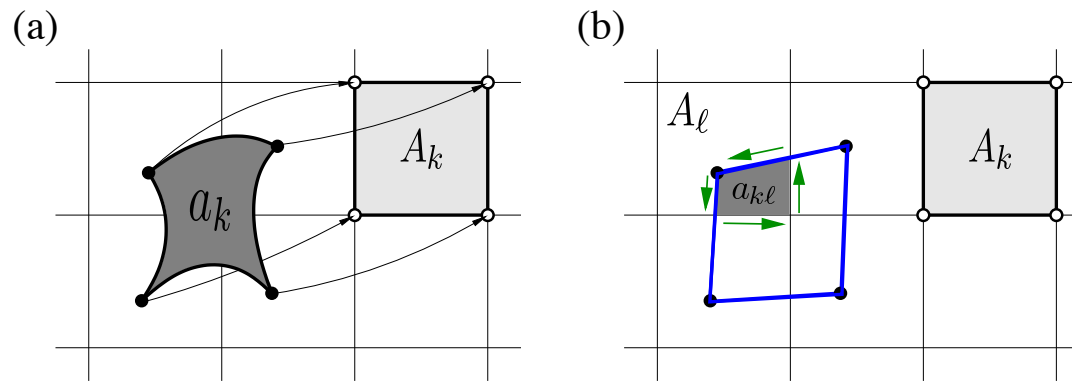
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CSLAM time-step restriction: flow deformation (upstream area must be simply connected)

Current implementation in CAM-SE: $CN < 1$, where Courant number.

Spectral-element advection: RK2 with $CN < 0.3$

=> 3 times longer time-step with CSLAM compared to SE advection scheme



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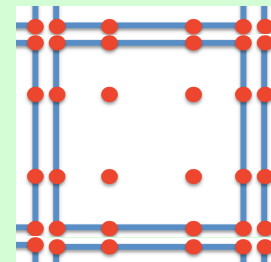
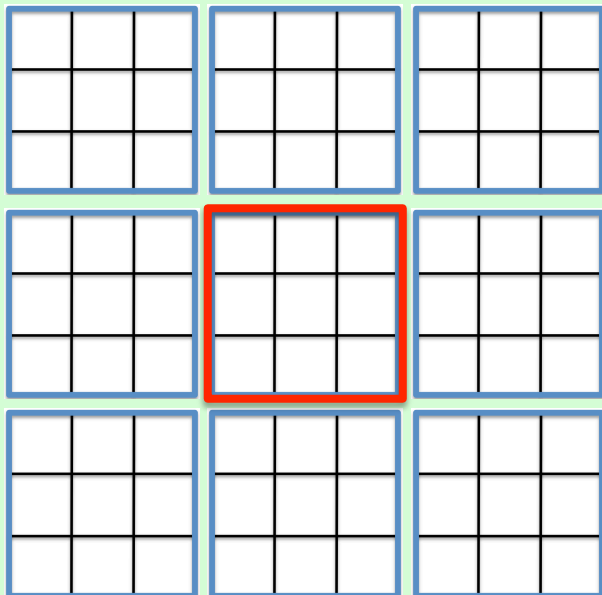
Conservative Semi-Lagrangian Multi-tracer (CSLAM)

MPI communication

For every 30 minute physics time-step:

- SE performs 6 tracer time-steps with 2 Runge-Kutta stages => **12 MPI calls**
- CSLAM performs 2 tracer time-steps (CN<1) => **2 MPI calls**

That said, CSLAM needs a much larger halo than SE.





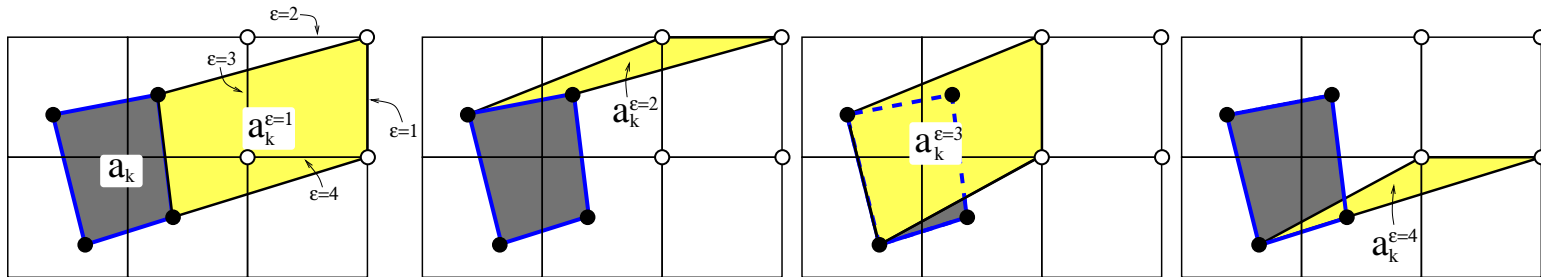
A way to accelerate tracer transport:



Basic formulation

Harris et al. (2010)

Flux-form CSLAM \equiv Lagrangian CSLAM



$$\int_{A_k} \psi_k^{n+1} dA = \int_{A_k} \psi_k^n dA - \sum_{\epsilon=1}^4 s_{kl}^{\epsilon} \int_{a_k^{\epsilon}} \psi dA, \quad \psi = \Delta p, \Delta p q.$$

where

- a_k^{ϵ} = 'flux-area' (yellow area) = area swept through face ϵ
- $s_{kl}^{\epsilon} = 1$ for outflow and -1 for inflow.

Flux-form and Lagrangian forms of CSLAM are equivalent (Lauritzen et al., 2011).

Coupling finite-volume semi-Lagrangian transport with spectral element dynamics

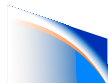
4. Consistency

The continuity equations for air and tracers are coupled:

$$\int_{A_k} \Delta p_k^{n+1} dA = \int_{a_k} \delta p_k^n dA, \quad (2)$$

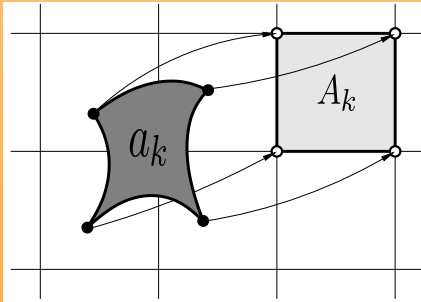
$$\int_{A_k} (\Delta p q)_k^{n+1} dA = \int_{a_k} (\delta p_k q)^n dA. \quad (3)$$

If $q = 1$ then (3) should reduce to (2).

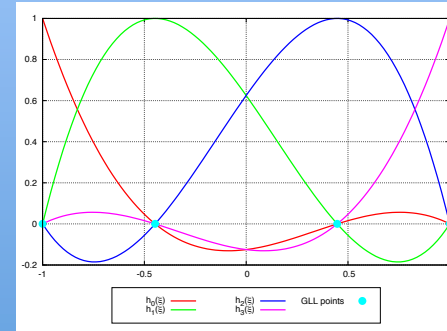


Coupling finite- in time element

Solved with semi-Lagrangian
scheme (CSLAM)
(max Courant number < 1)



Solved with spectral-element
Eulerian advection operator
(max Courant number < 0.3)



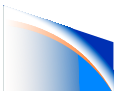
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We need to couple without violating mass-conservation,
shape-preservation, and consistency



4. Consistency

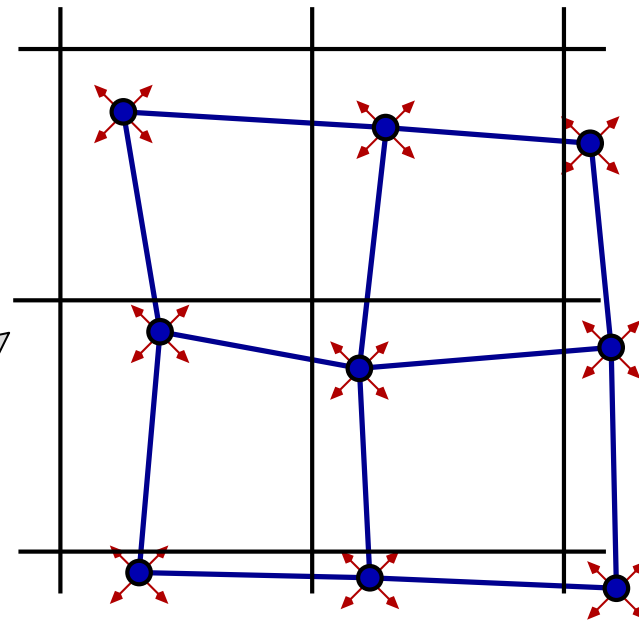
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$$\Delta p_k^{n+1}(\text{CAM-SE}) = \frac{1}{\Delta A} \int_{a_k} \delta p_k^n dA (\text{CSLAM}), \quad (4)$$

If we choose to move departure points around so that (4) is fulfilled a global iteration problem results!



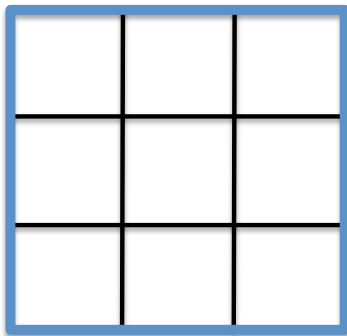
(and I am not sure it is well-posed!)



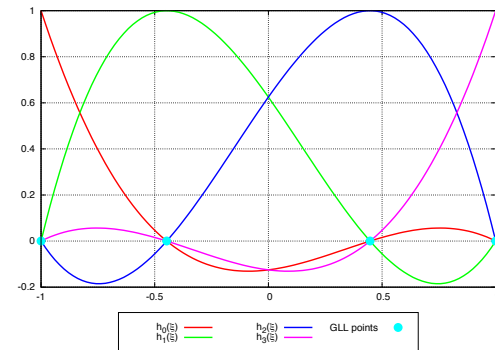
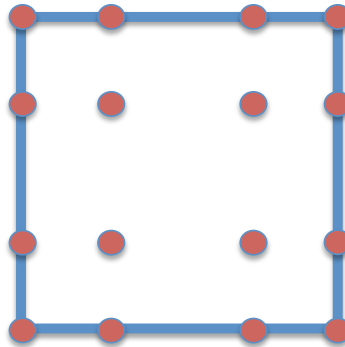
Solution: Cast problem in flux-form

- Spectral-element method does not operate with fluxes: Taylor et al. have derived a method to compute fluxes, $\mathcal{F}^{(SE)}$, through the CSLAM control volume faces! presented at ICMS conference in March, 2015.

CSLAM grid



GLL grid



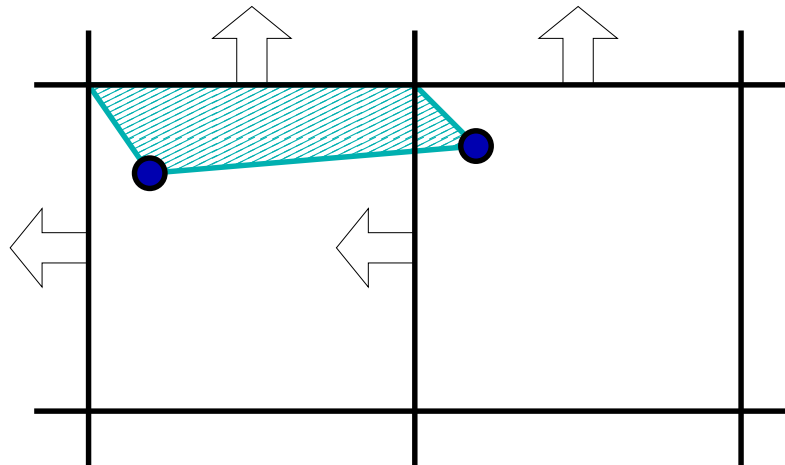
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Given $\mathcal{F}^{(SE)}$ find swept areas, $\delta\Omega$, so that:

①

$$\mathcal{F}^{(CSLAM)} = \int_{\delta\Omega} \Delta p(x, y) dA = \mathcal{F}^{(SE)} \quad \forall \delta\Omega.$$

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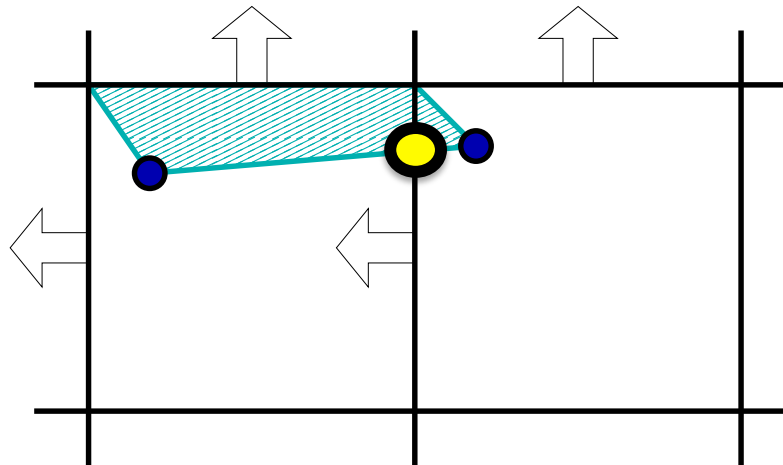
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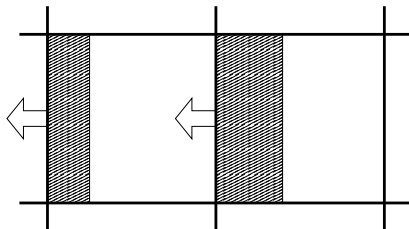
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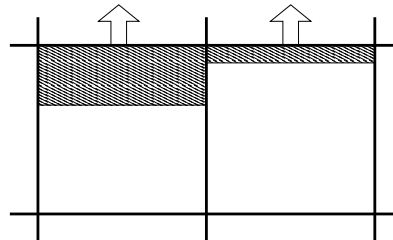
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Consistent SE-CSLAM algorithm: step-by-step example

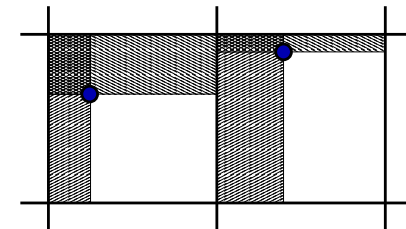
(a) perpendicular x-flux



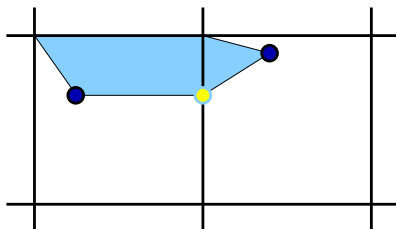
(b) perpendicular y-flux



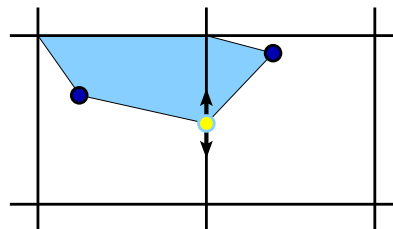
(c) departure points



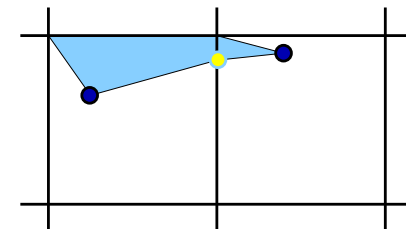
(d) 1st guess swept area



(e) 1st iteration swept area



(f) SE consistent flux

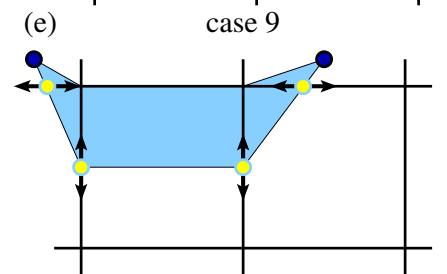
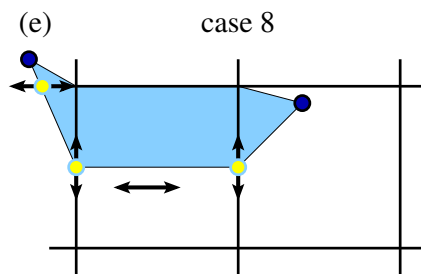
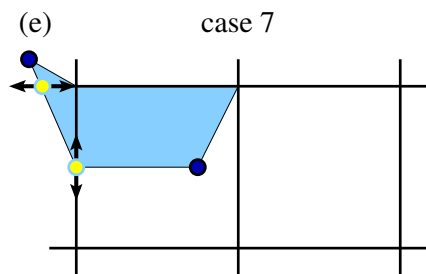
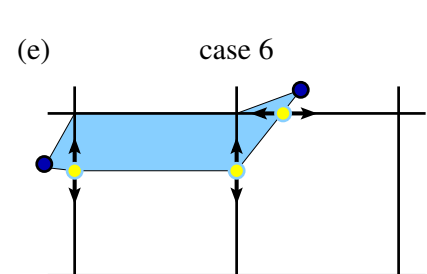
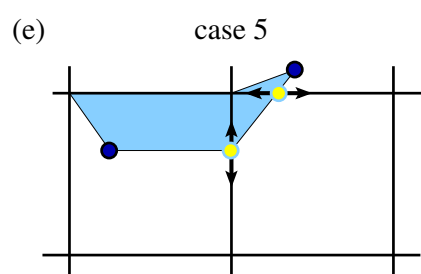
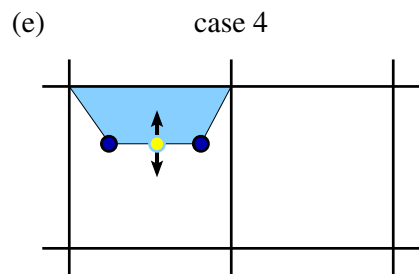
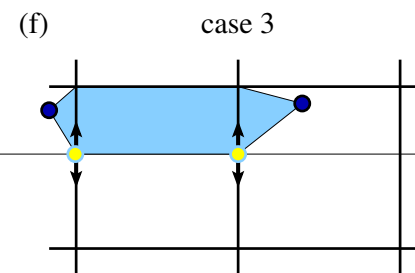
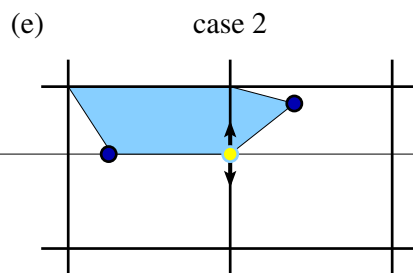
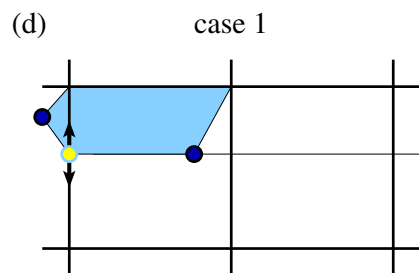


Well-posed? As long as flow deformation $\left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right| \Delta t \lesssim 1$ (Lipschitz criterion)

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Solution: Cast problem in flux-form

Consistent SE-CSLAM algorithm: flow cases



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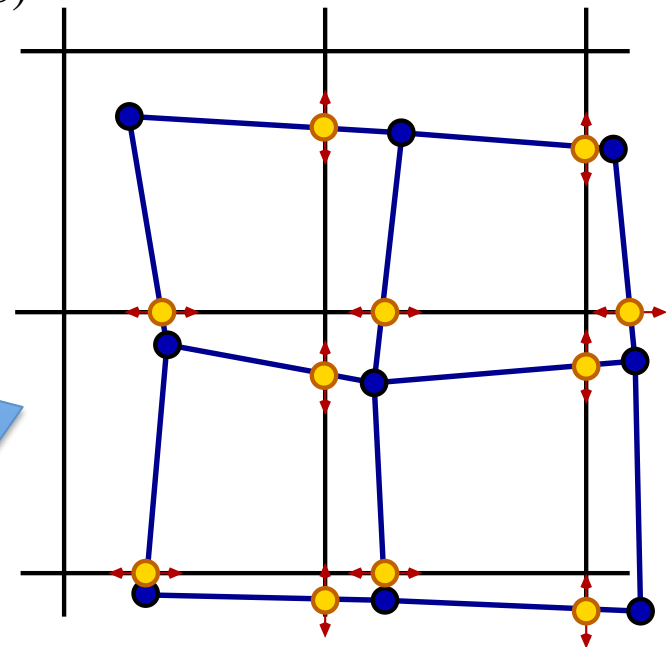
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Local iteration problem to find equivalent upstream areas:



(b)

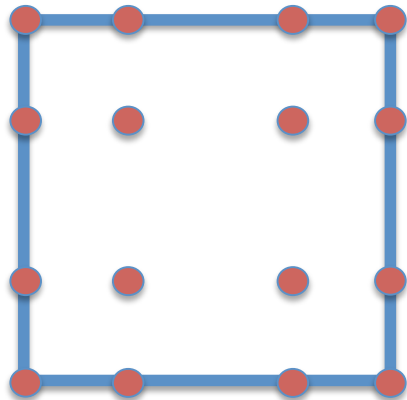


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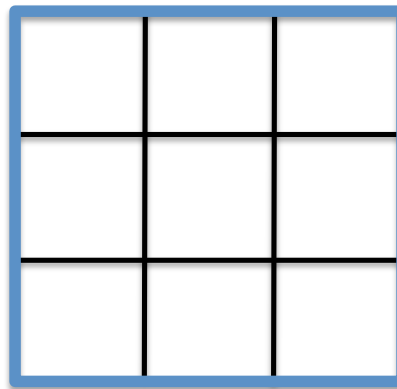
A new model configuration based on CAM-SE:

- **SE:** Spectral-element dynamical core solving for \vec{v} , T , p_s
(Dennis et al., 2012; Evans et al., 2012; Taylor and Fournier, 2010; Taylor et al., 1997)
- **CSLAM:** Semi-Lagrangian finite-volume transport scheme for tracers
(Lauritzen et al., 2010; Erath et al., 2013, 2012; Harris et al., 2010)
- **Phys-grid:** Separating physics and dynamics grids, i.e. ability to compute physics tendencies based on cell-averaged values within each element instead of quadrature points

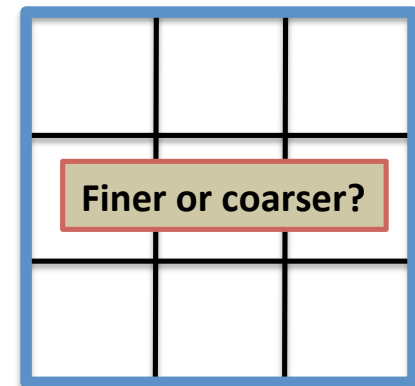
Dynamics grid



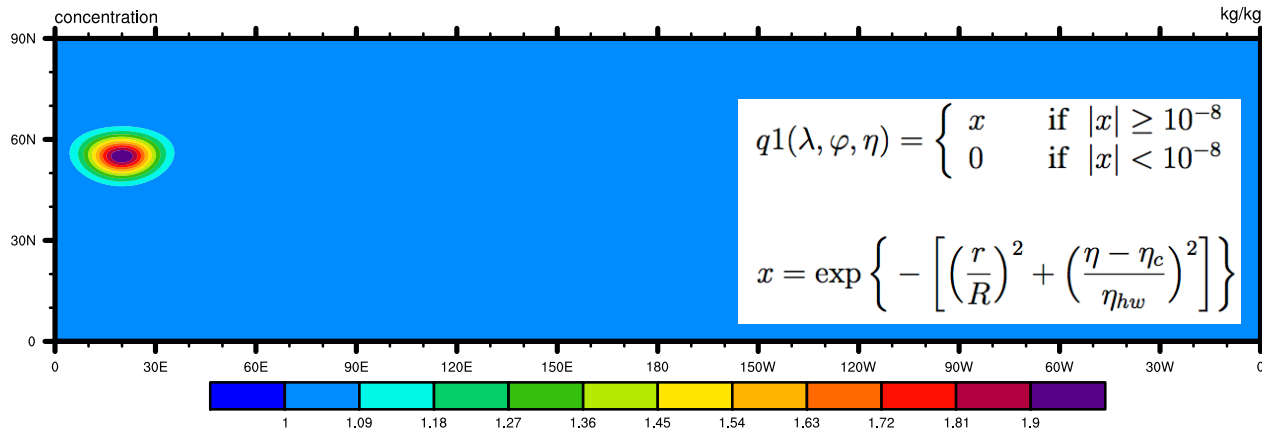
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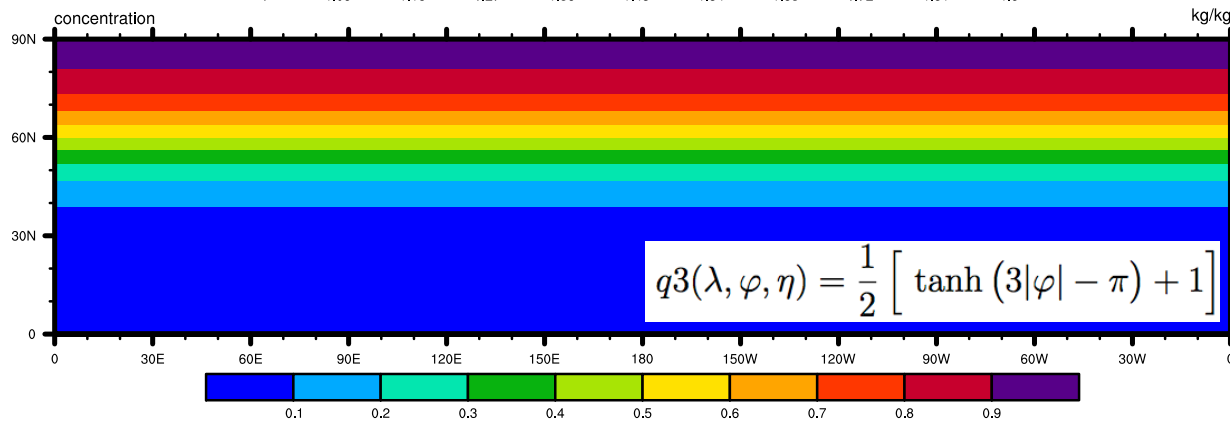
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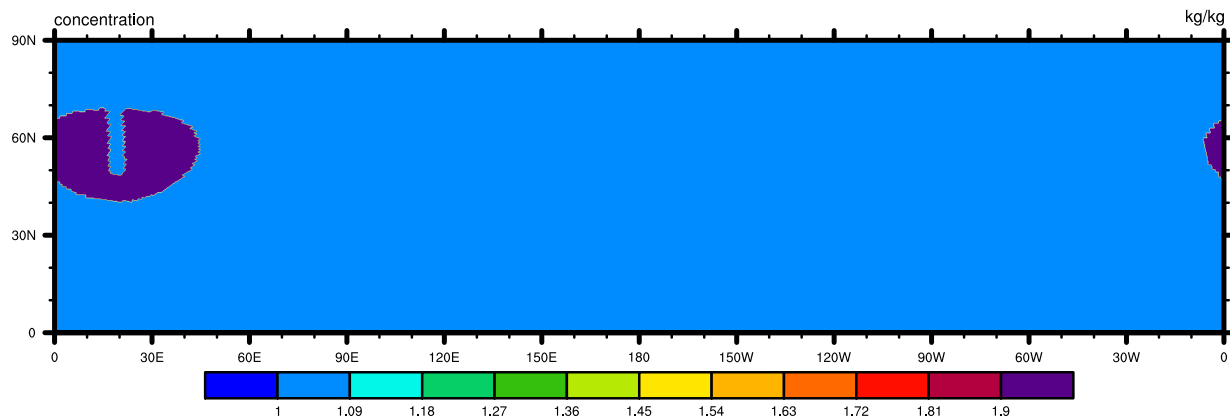
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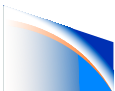
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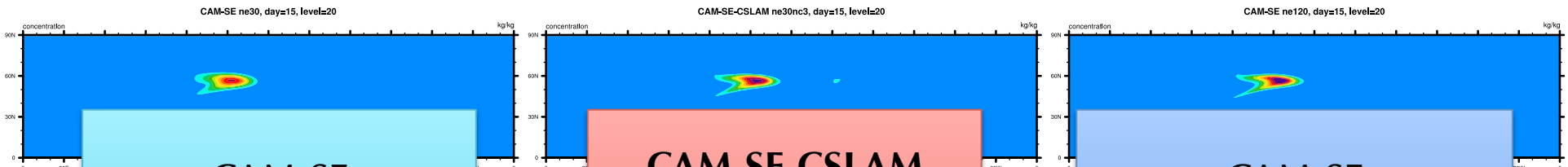
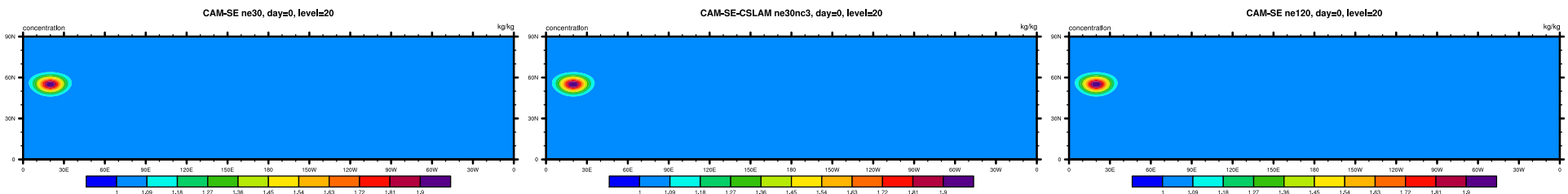


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symmetric
(smooth)



Slotted
cylinder



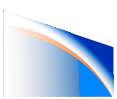
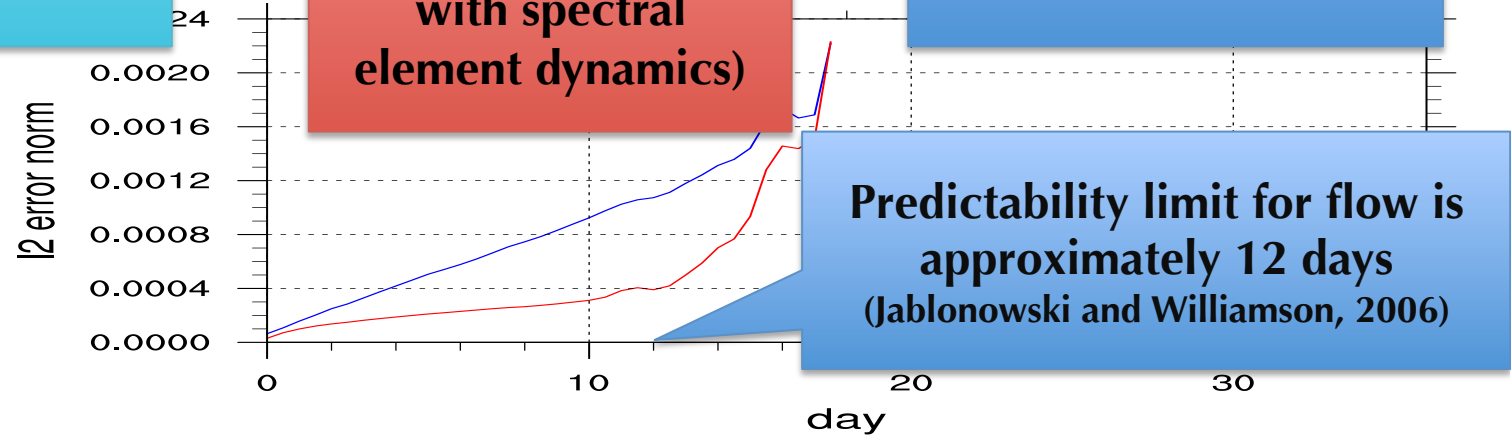


**CAM-SE
1 degree
standard
configuration
(spectral element
advection)**

**CAM-SE-CSLAM
1 degree
configuration
(tracer transport
with CSLAM
consistently coupled
with spectral
element dynamics)**

**CAM-SE
0.25 degree
standard configuration

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SOLUTION ("TRUTH")**

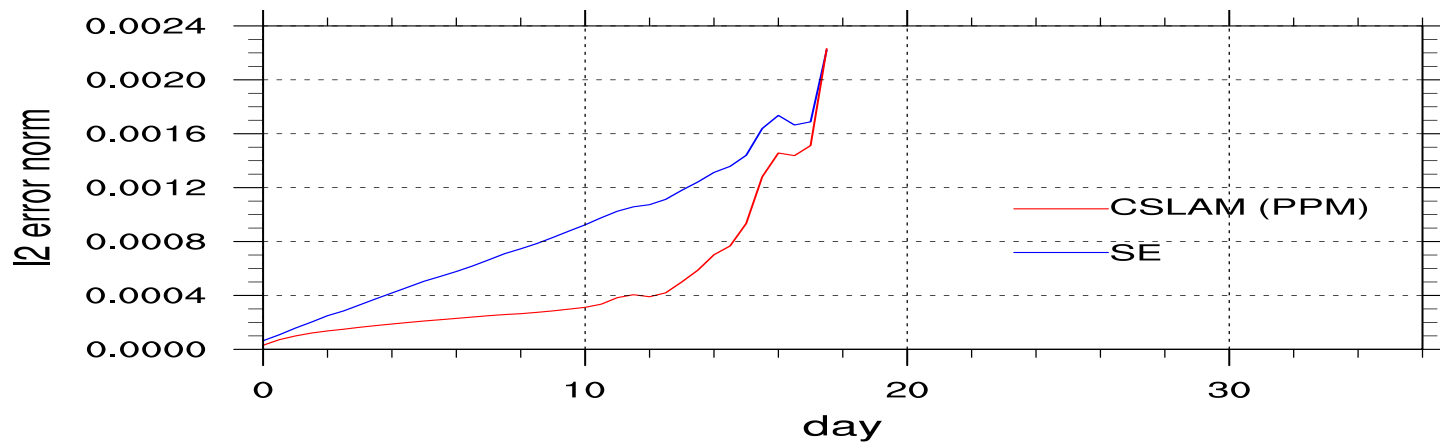
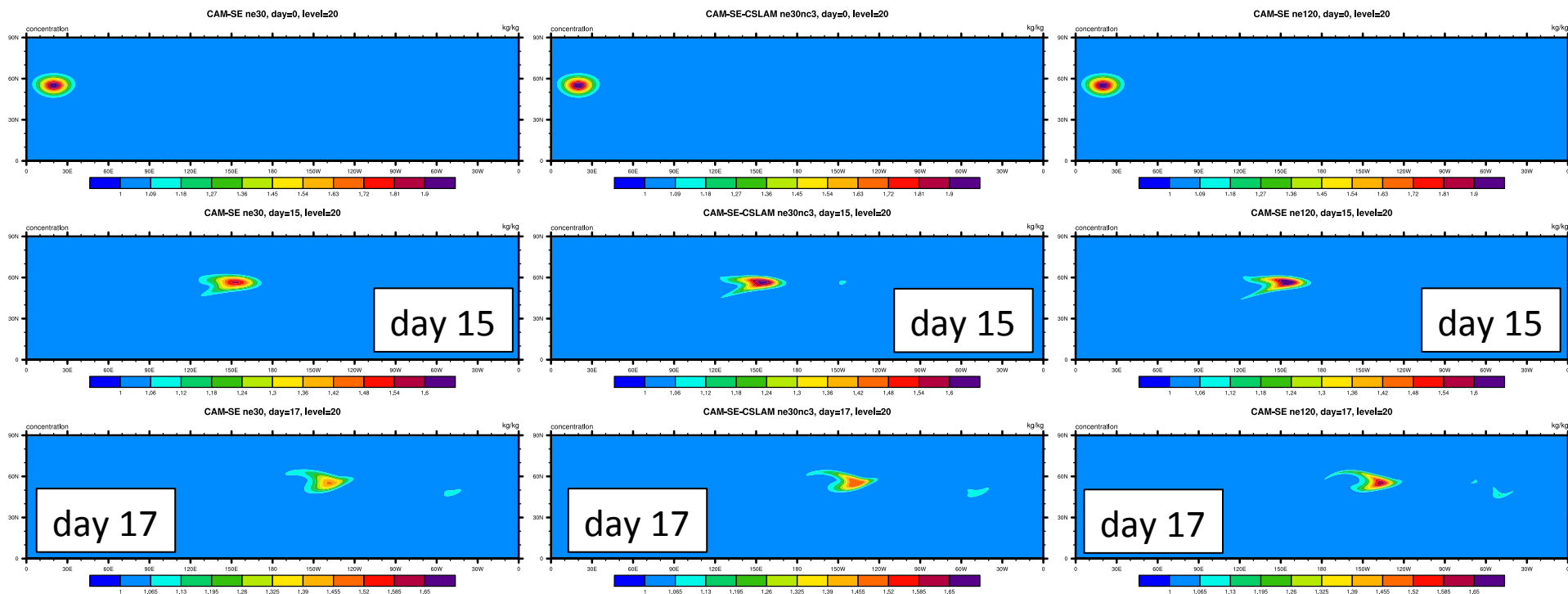


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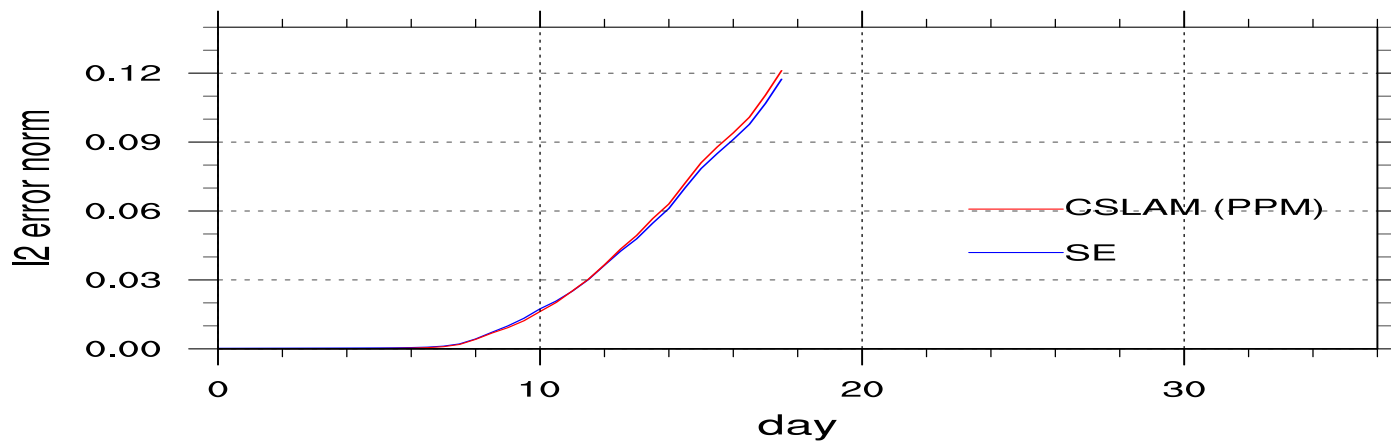
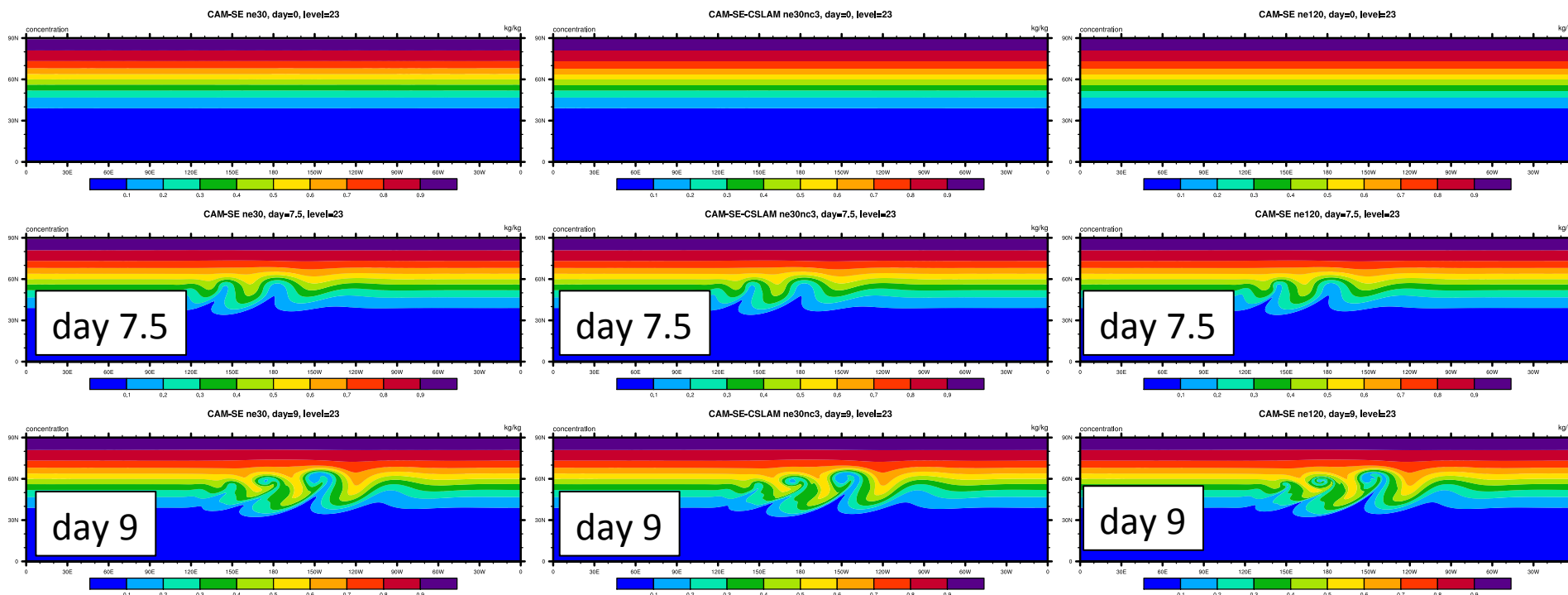


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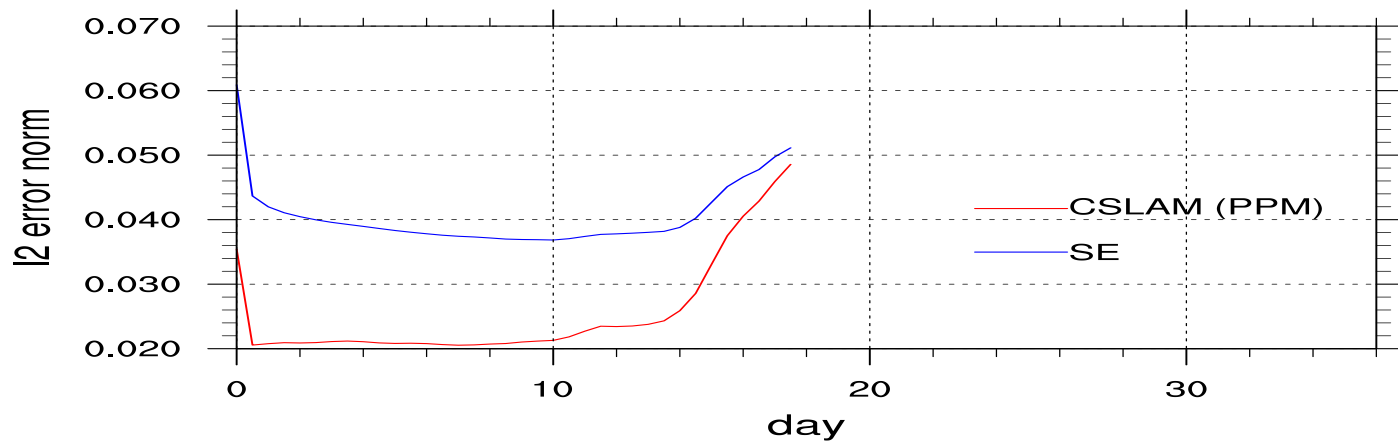
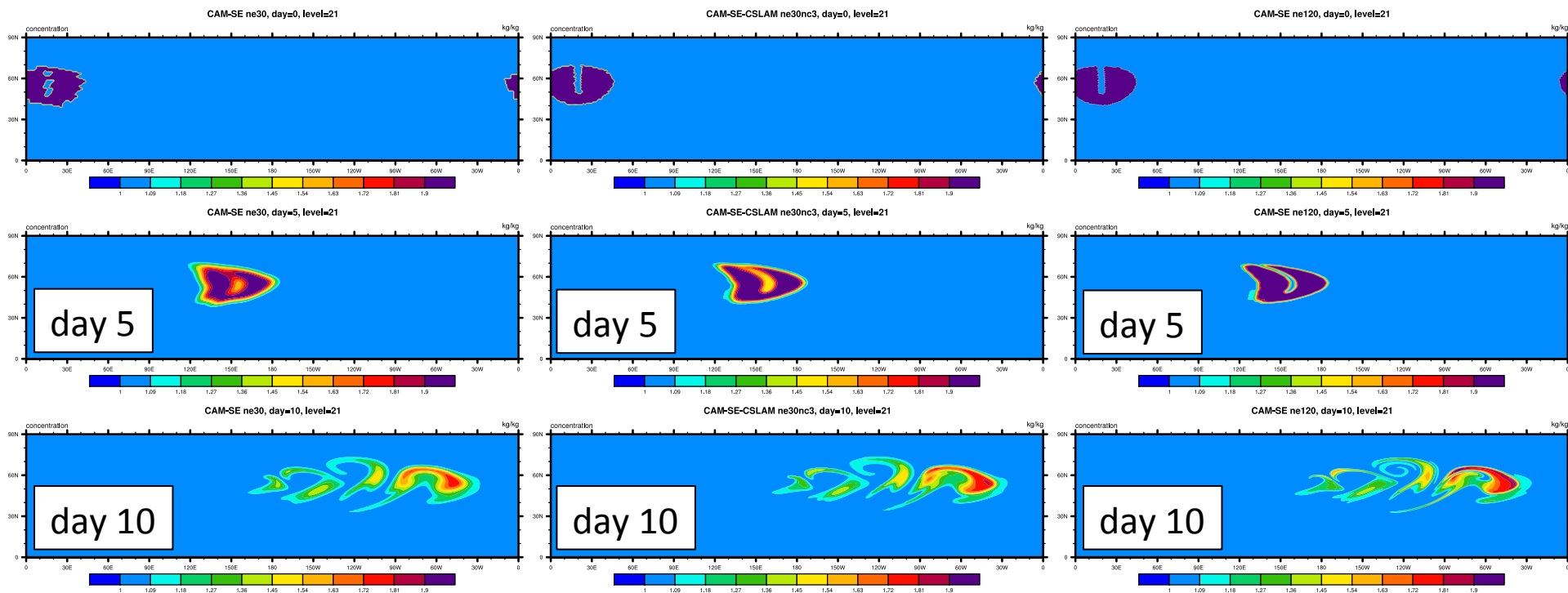


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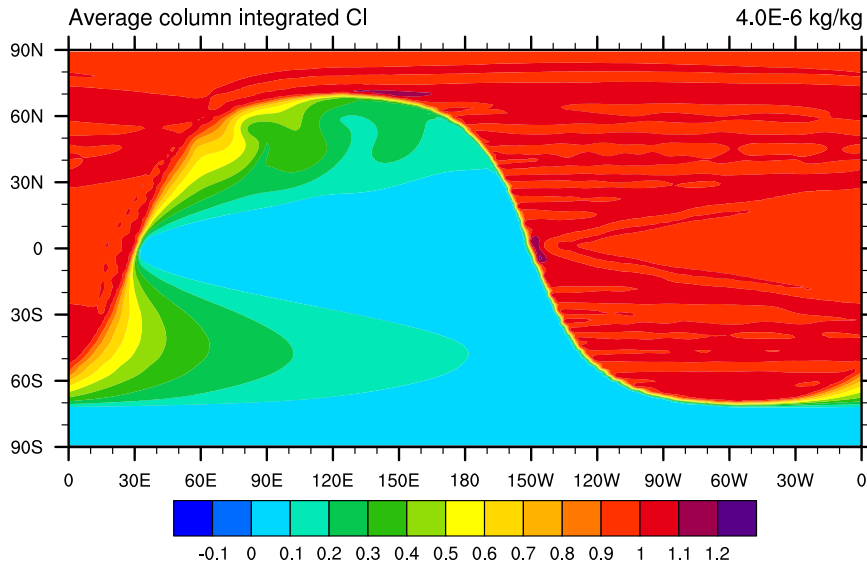
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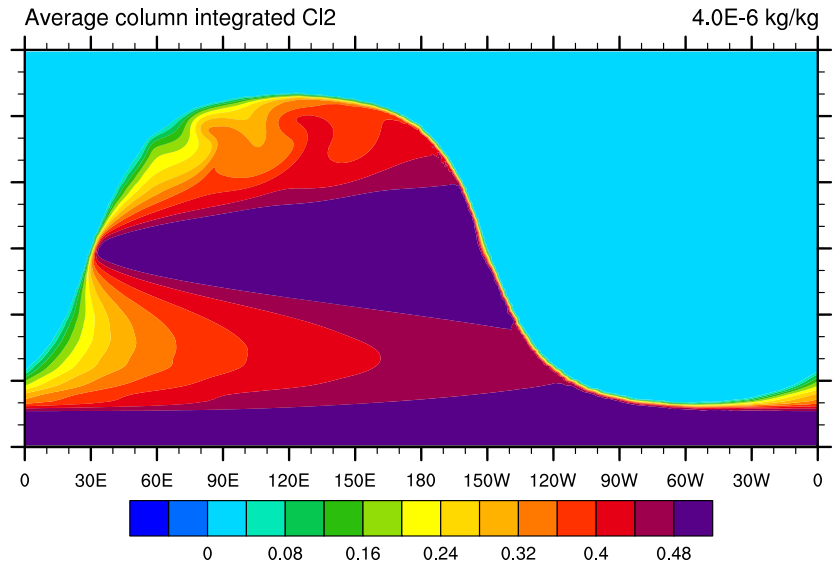
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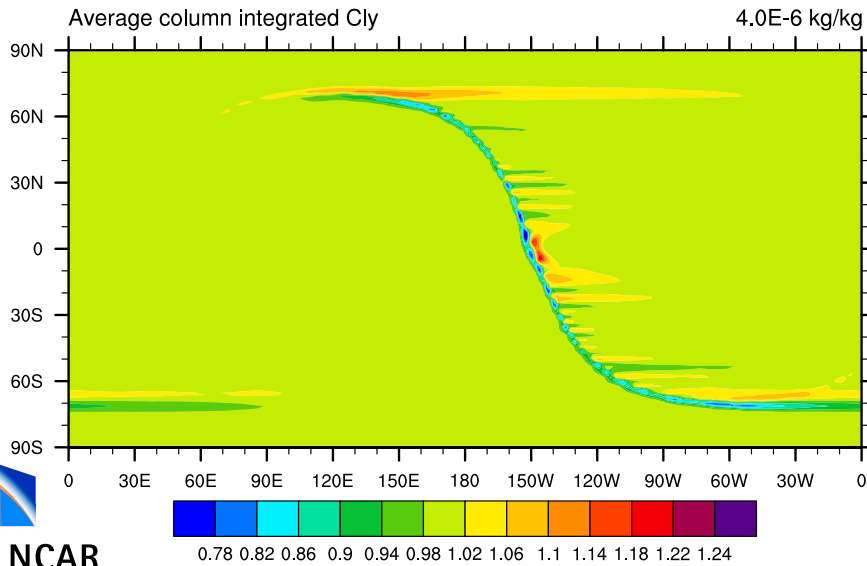
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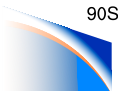
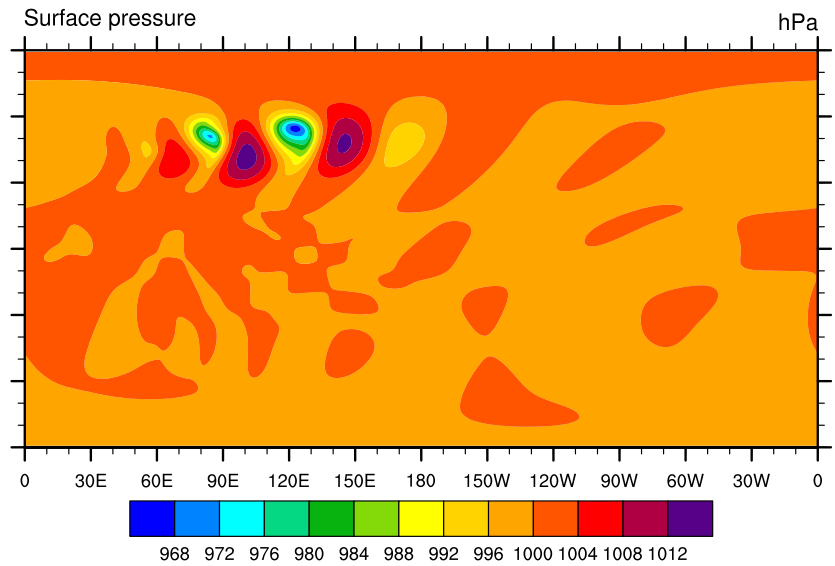
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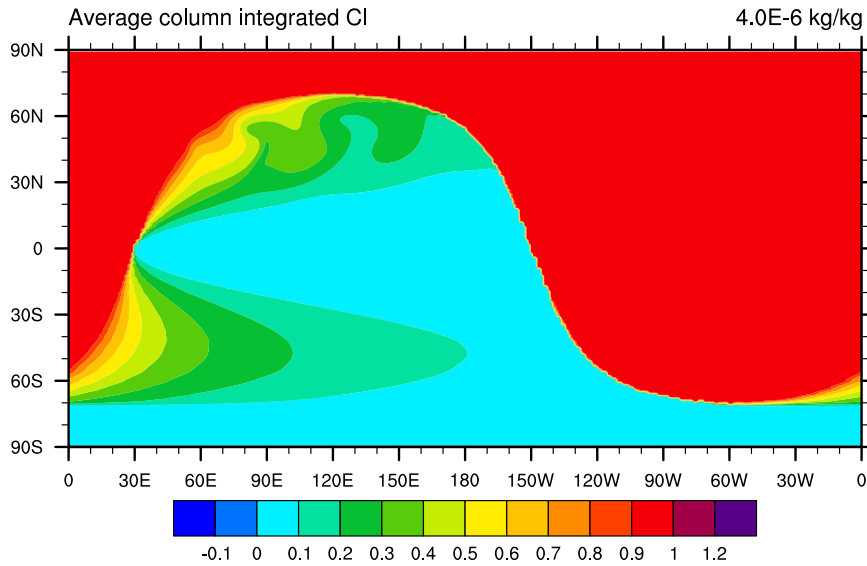
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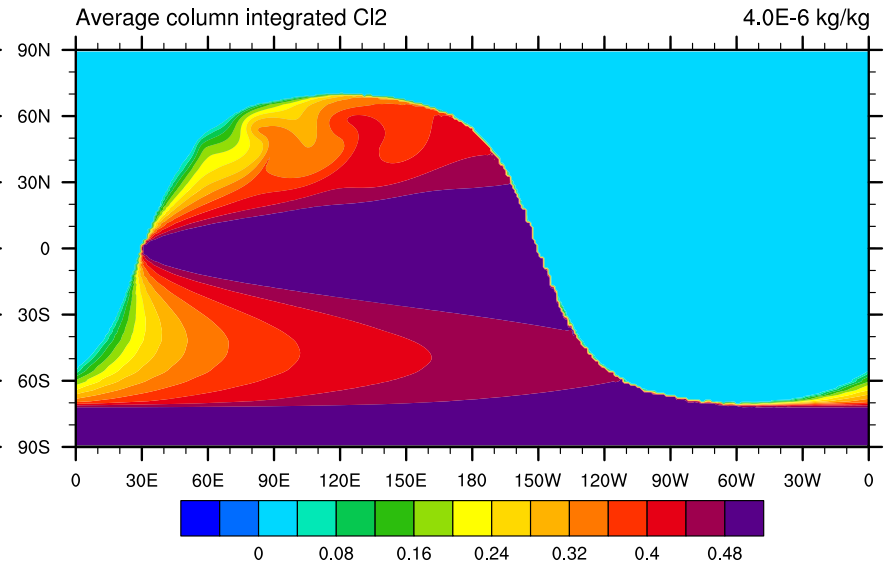
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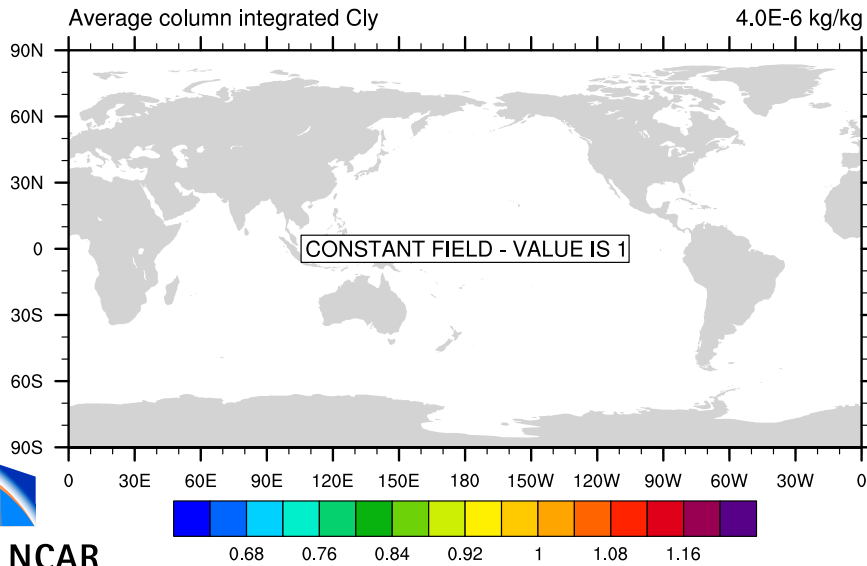
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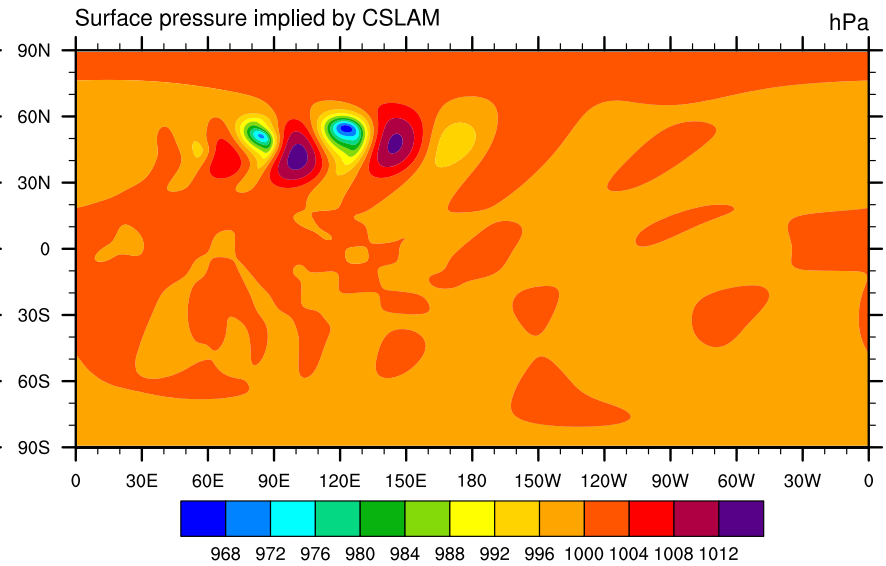
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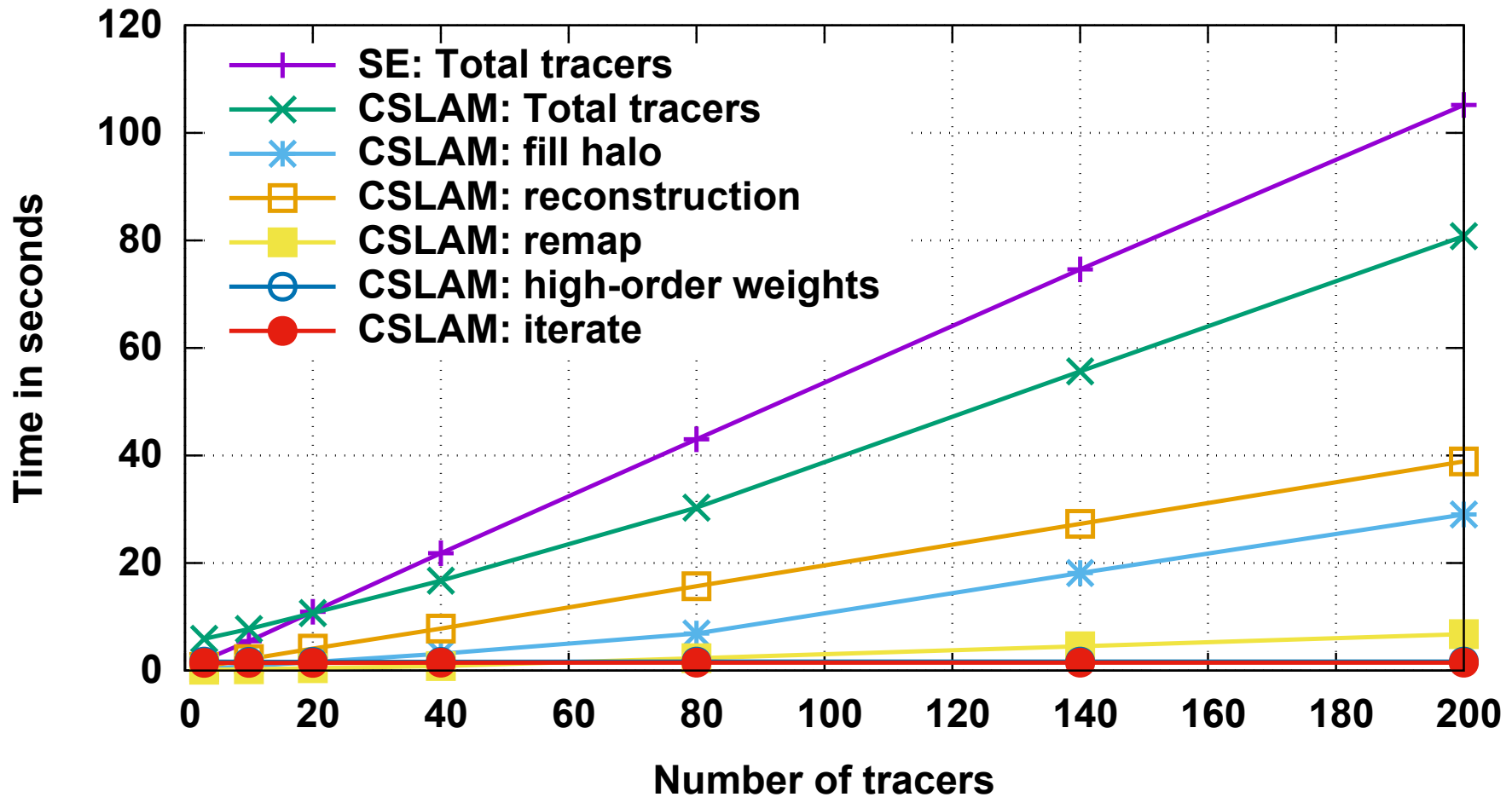


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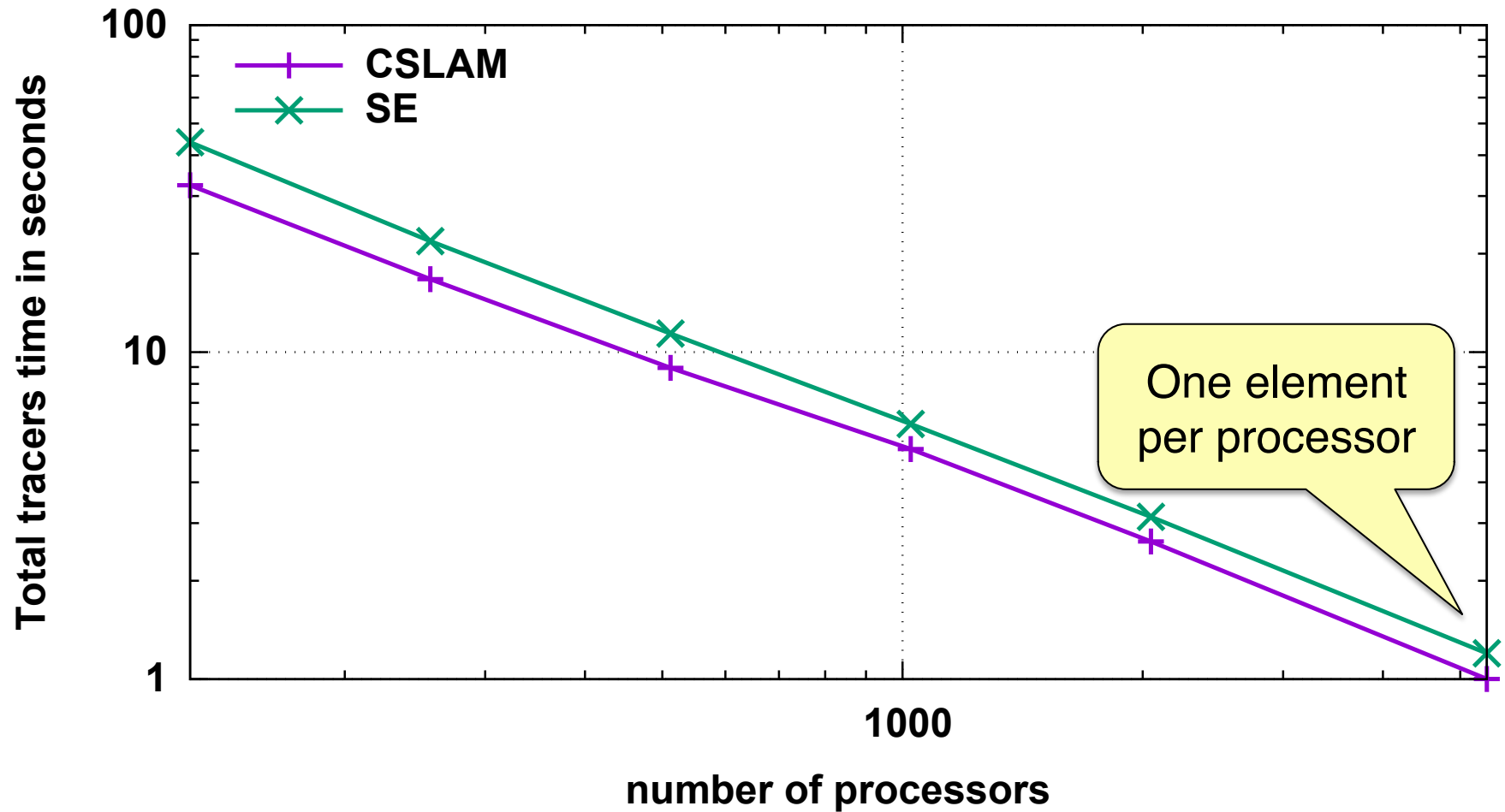
Performance

ntask 256, 1 degree (NE30NP4NC3), Yellowstone computer



Performance

1 degree configuration (NE30NP4NC3), 40 tracers



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