CMIP6+, input4MIPs and obs4MIPs

Some steps toward an "operational" CMIP from the WGCM Infrastructure Panel (WIP)

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CMIP6+



How can we leverage existing infrastructure investments?

- Agile, responsive evolution
 - Continuous DECK is a start
 - Facilitate, respond and enable science opportunities
 COVIDMIP, ZECMIP/C4MIP
- Allow CMIP to evolve and "operationalize"
 - Incremental change (e.g. maintain ESGF dependence)
 - Next gen forcings and obs
 - Change little, increment, allowing modeling groups to focus on science
- Best prepare CMIP for exascale and the AI/ML onslaught



CMIP6+



How can we leverage existing communities?

- Continue beyond CMIP6, few changes as CMIP7 is discussed and planned
 - Reduce time pressures loosen CMIPx IPCC ARx linkage
 - Continuous "CMIP science" not monolithic phases every ~7 years
- Facilitate and recognize contributors
 - Ensure ALL contributions are recognized
 - How can we aid forcing data providers?
 - Funding? ("CMIP endorsed" data provider)
 - Infrastructure support?



CMIP6+ a mud map

A forcing evolution following the continuous CMIP DECK paradigm







Transition between MIP-era forcing datasets (broader, prototype datasets need iteration before "formal" model simulations begin)

input4MIPs

How can we leverage existing communities and infrastructure?

• Allow the CMIP DECK (and *MIPs?) to evolve



- CMIP6-era forcings conclude in 2014, but data providers have updates
 - PCMDI AMIP data updated to June 2021, six-monthly updates scheduled
 - PNNL/UMD CEDS/Emissions data updated to near realtime (~May 2021)
 - NASA GloSSAC v2/SAOD updated to December 2018
- Update CMIP6+ forcing data to near real-time
 - CMIP6-era models re-run with new forcings piControl, AMIP, historical-ext
 - Be responsive to science opportunities e.g. Pinatubo 2.0/COVIDMIP
 - Evaluate new forcing datasets before CMIP7 "prime time"
 - Potentially more than a single endorsed forcing can be evaluated
 - "CMIP7" model development aided with latest-generation forcing

input4MIPs

Feedback from modelling groups

- CMORize forcing data
 - Many datasets don't align with single variable CMIP data standard
 - Is data format provided fit for purpose or rewritten?
- Extend ESGF data search capabilities
- Better document/more transparent IAM-generated scenario data
 - Are IAM inconsistencies a problem?

Other ideas

- Missing forcings? (IPSL: N-cycle, water isotopes,)
- Forcing data problems? (Led to 3 CMIP6 releases: 6.0 Dec 2016, 6.1 May '17, 6.2.1 Oct '17)



obs4MIPs update



- Limited progress in the last few years has led to a rethink of how to make obs4MIPs more useful. A revitalization of the effort is underway
- A new emphasis strives to streamline how products can be made compliant with CMIP/obs4MIPs
- Prioritize adherence to data standards with a more agnostic approach to data quality

Three tiers of obs4MIPs



1. Version controlled obs4MIPs compliant datasets

2. Compliant datasets published on ESGF

 Reviewed ESGF-published datasets (primarily assessing compliance with standards, with quality judgements mostly made elsewhere, e.g., GEWEX/GDAP Assessments)

obs4MIPs in 2022

- P Observations for Model Intercomparisons Project
- Project site to be overhauled and migrated from CoG to WCRP
- 3rd party contributions are being enabled (i.e., not required to be processed by original data curators)
- Codes used to process each dataset to be included in the version control shared experience via code repo expected to expedite new contributions
- Many new/updated datasets to made available via 3rd party contributions
- Reformulation of a project team underway including new contributors (P. Gleckler, LLNL-ret; S. Pinnock, ESA; N. Caltabiano, WCRP; S. Ames, LLNL; P. Durack, LLNL; R. Ferraro, JPL; G. Elsaesser, GISS). There are other contributors joining and we welcome the involvement of interested parties.

CMIP7 some ideas

Can we optimize to meet the science goals, rather than bloat the archive?

- Not just data request rather *MIPs provide diagnostics/code to implement
 - Rather than requesting data, request the targeted diagnostic
 - Plus, less data; minus, locks out spontaneous science opportunities
- MIPs define diagnostics to implement within models
 - Advance the inclusion of key simulators (ala COSP)
 - Encourage MIP diagnostic team development move workload to MIP chairs, not modellers
- How best to leverage community diagnostics:
 - ESMValTool and CMEC (Coordinated Model Evaluation Capabilities)
- Can we amalgamate efforts to reduce overheads (input4MIPs, obs4MIPs, ...)?

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