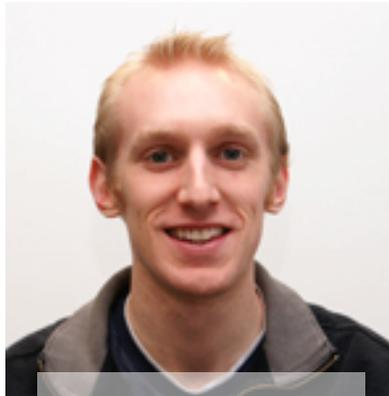


The Dynamical Core Model Intercomparison (DCMIP) Discussion

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The DCMIP-2012 Participants



The 5 Cornerstones of DCMIP-2012

- to establish an open-access database via the Earth System Grid that hosts DCMIP simulations for community use
- to host about 15 dynamical core modeling groups at NCAR for the hands-on student-run DCMIP model intercomparison project
- to establish dynamical core test cases in the community that also include simple moisture processes and tests of non-hydrostatic processes
- to teach a group of about 40 multi-disciplinary students, postdocs and other young researchers how today's and future atmospheric models are or need to be built
- To learn from expert speakers who give lectures on modern GCM modeling and evaluation techniques

Some Thoughts

- DCMIP-2012 is the result of a long planning process that started many years ago
- The end of the DCMIP-2012 Summer School is the start of a community-wide DCMIP as a long-term resource
- DCMIP is a forum for new science:
 - Objective evaluation of dynamical cores and their interactions with moisture
 - An effort towards a standard test suite that follows a hierarchical approach
 - Establish new cyberinfrastructure as a scientific tool for our community

Some Observations

- What happened over the last few months and especially over the last 2 weeks was remarkable:
 - the model preparations by the mentors, thank you!
 - students who had neither knew the DCMIP models, not the NCAR computing architectures were up and running within days, helped create a data base (thank you)
 - the momentum and interest that DCMIP has created in the community
 - the energy level during the hands-on afternoon sessions
- Time flew by, and we probably could have used more time to dig deeper into our results

Some Observations

- We see both very interesting agreements and spread in our simulations, let us learn from them
- We anticipate that the spread will give us insight into the uncertainty of simulations, and most prominently into the characteristics of our numerical schemes
- We might find bugs in our codes
- DCMIP-2012 is not a 'beauty contest': our goal is to expose the pros and cons of all dynamical core modeling approaches via objective evaluations, there are no 'best model' awards

Some Observations

- Some model results we saw today are incorrect:
 - Incorrect setup of the experiment
 - Problems / bugs in the code
 - Problems in the plots
 - Problems with output data sets, e.g. missing data, metadata
- We ask the DCMIP modeling mentors to continue working with us to correct incorrect data and plots, to update the DCMIP data base and thereby establish a trusted and high-quality resource
- Suggestion: Follow-up meeting with the mentors and students that will come to PDEs on the Sphere in about 6 weeks in Cambridge, U.K.

Some Observations

- Based on our observations during DCMIP-2012 and the feedback from the mentors we will fine-tune our suggestions for the test cases
- We value your continued suggestions and involvement
- We hope that DCMIP-2012 was fun and a tremendous learning experience for both the mentors and the students
- We hope that many of you (students) will stay in the field, and become our scientific colleagues in the years to come

Some Observations

- We were all so busy with
 - teaching students
 - running experiments
 - fixing metadata
 - learning some NCL
 - posting results to the DCMIP web pagethat we had hardly any time left to talk to other modeling groups and discuss and intercompare our results

Let us start this now: Here are a few snapshots

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DCMIP-2012 Evaluations

- We would like to hear from you what you think about DCMIP-2012
- We have an evaluation form that we will hand out at about 4:15pm. Please fill it out and give it back to us.
- Let's celebrate our achievements: The bus takes us up to the Mesa Lab at 5pm for our farewell BBQ event this evening.