

# The Community Atmospheric Model (CAM)

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# Outline

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- CESM: workflow and compsets
- CAM standalone: running CAM4 and CAM5 physics
- Namelist changes
- Code Changes
- How to look at the results: The CAM diagnostic package
- Exercises solutions



# Basic workflow to run CESM

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The set of 4 commands you need to create and run a case

- **Create a New Case**

Go into the CESM script directory:

```
cd /path/to/source/cesm1_0/scripts
```

```
create_newcase -case ~/mycase.01 -res f19_g16 -compset B_1850 -mach mapache
```

CESM grid resolution

machine



CESM compset

- **Configure the Case**

case name and path

Go into the case directory you just created (in the previous step):

```
cd ~/mycase.01/
```

```
configure -case
```

- **Build the Executable**

```
mycase.01.mapache.build
```

- **Run the Model**

```
mycase.01.mapache.submit
```



# create\_newcase -list

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Displays complete list of resolutions, compsets and machines

*RESOLUTIONS: name (shortname)*

*0.23x0.31\_0.23x0.31 (f02\_f02)*

*0.23x0.31\_gx1v6 (f02\_g16)*

...

specifies the model resolutions  
Format is : [atm/lnd grid]\_[ocn/ice grid]

*COMPSETS: name (shortname): description*

*A\_PRESENT\_DAY (A)*

*Description: All data model*

*B\_2000 (B)*

*Description: All active components, present day*

...

First letter of the compset name  
indicates which components are used

*MACHINES: name (description)*

*bluefire (NCAR IBM p6, os is AIX, 32 pes/node, batch system is LSF)*

...



# Compsets types

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Designation	Details
A	All DATA components (used primarily for testing)
B	FULLY ACTIVE components
C	POP active with data atm, lnd(runoff), and ice
D	CICE active with data atm and ocean
E	CAM, CLM, and CICE active with data ocean (som mode)
F	CAM, CLM, and CICE (prescribed mode) active with data ocean (sstdata mode)
G	POP and CICE active with data atm and lnd(runoff)
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Fully coupled: This morning

CAM standalone: Now

CLM standalone: tomorrow

# Scientific validation: Warning !

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CESM can be run out-of-the box for a variety of compset/resolution/machine combinations but only a few combinations have undergone through a rigorous scientific climate validation

The list of scientifically validated run is displayed when running the command:

```
create_newcase -case ~/mycase.01 -res f19_g16 -compset B_1850 -mach mapache
```

```
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                          CESM1.0 README

For both a quick start as well as a detailed summary of creating and running
a CESM model case, see the CESM1.0 User's Guide at
http://www.cesm.ucar.edu/models/cesm1.0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SCIENTIFIC VALIDATION

CESM1.0 has the flexibility to configure cases with many different
combinations of component models, grids, and model settings, but this
version of CESM has only been validated scientifically for the following
fully active configurations:

1.9x2.5_gx1v6   B_1850_CN
1.9x2.5_gx1v6   B_1850_RAMPCO2_CN
1.9x2.5_gx1v6   B_1850-2000_CN
```

Users should carry out their own validations prior doing scientific runs.



# Validated configuration

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## Coupled Mode

1.9x2.5\_gx1v6 B\_1850\_CN  
1.9x2.5\_gx1v6 B\_1850\_RAMPCO2\_CN  
1.9x2.5\_gx1v6 B\_1850-2000\_CN  
  
1.9x2.5\_gx1v6 B\_1850\_CAM5  
  
0.9x1.25\_gx1v6 B\_1850\_CN  
0.9x1.25\_gx1v6 B\_1850\_RAMPCO2\_CN  
0.9x1.25\_gx1v6 B\_1850-2000\_CN  
  
0.9x1.25\_gx1v6 B\_1850\_BGC-BPRP  
0.9x1.25\_gx1v6 B\_1850\_BGC-BDRD  
0.9x1.25\_gx1v6 B\_1850-2000\_BGC-BPRP  
0.9x1.25\_gx1v6 B\_1850-2000\_BGC-BDRD  
  
0.9x1.25\_gx1v6 B\_1850\_CN\_CHEM  
0.9x1.25\_gx1v6 B\_1850-2000\_CN\_CHEM  
  
1.9x2.5\_gx1v6 B\_1850\_WACCM\_CN  
1.9x2.5\_gx1v6 B\_1850-2000\_WACCM\_CN  
  
T31\_gx3v7 B\_1850\_CN

## Standalone Mode

1.9x2.5\_1.9x2.5 F\_2000\_WACCM  
1.9x2.5\_1.9x2.5 F\_AMIP\_CAM5  
1.9x2.5\_1.9x2.5 F\_AMIP\_CN  
0.9x1.25\_0.9x1.25 F\_AMIP\_CN  
  
0.9x1.25\_gx1v6 I\_2000  
0.9x1.25\_gx1v6 I\_2000\_CN  
  
T62\_gx1v6 C\_NORMAL\_YEAR

**For scientifically validated configurations,  
long controls runs are available on:**

**<http://www.cesm.ucar.edu/experiments/cesm1.0>**





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# Running CAM standalone: F cases

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- **F case:** active atmosphere model (CAM) + active land model (CLM)  
+ thermodynamic only sea ice model (CICE) + data ocean model (DOCN)
- **Many available F compsets**  
For instance: *F\_AMIP\_CN*      *F\_2000\_CN*      *F\_1850*  
*F\_AMIP\_CAM5*      *F\_2000\_CAM5*      *F\_1850\_CAM5*
- **Type of SSTs**  
*F\_AMIP\**: observed SSTs  
*F\_2000\**: climatological present day SSTs  
*F\_1850\**: climatological pre-industrial SSTs
- **CAM physics**  
CAM4 physics (default)  
CAM5 physics available ( *\_CAM5* in compset name)
- **Resolution**  
In coupled mode: model resolution format is : [atm/ln d grid]\_[ocn/ice grid]. *Ex: f09\_g16*  
In CAM mode: all the components are run on CAM grid: [atm/ln d grid]\_ [atm/ln d grid]: *Ex: f09\_f09*

# Some instructions for the lab

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1. We will use the CESM code located locally on mapache, no need to checkout or download any input data.

**CESM code:** `/usr/projects/cesm/cesm1_0_2`

2. We will run at coarse resolution (T31\_T31).

The default resolution for CAM4 is 1 degree (f09\_f09) and for CAM5 2 degree (f19\_f19).

In this tutorial, we are using resolution that is NOT scientifically validated

3. Because of space issue on scratch1, the scripts are configured to put your run directories into: `/scratch2/$logname/CESM` (instead of `/scratch1/$logname/CESM` )

4. Exercises solutions are at the end of the tutorial. Try to use hints and documentation before looking at solutions.

5. Be curious (explore the CESM directories/files).

6. Have fun



# Running CAM4 and CAM5 physics

The first set of exercises demonstrate how to turn on CAM4/CAM5 physics.

<b>Model</b>	<b>CAM3</b>	<b>CAM4</b>	<b>CAM5</b>
<b>Release</b>	<b>June 2004</b>	<b>April 2010</b>	<b>June 2010</b>
Shallow Convection	Hack (1994)	Hack (1994)	Park et al. (2009)
Deep Convection	Zhang and McFarlane (1995)	Neale et al. (2008)	Neale et al. (2008)
Microphysics	Rasch and Kristjansson (1998)	Rasch and Kristjansson (1998)	Morrison and Gettelman (2008)
Macrophysics	Rasch and Kristjansson (1998)	Rasch and Kristjansson (1998)	Park et al. (2011)
Radiation	Collins et al. (2001)	Collins et al. (2001)	Iacono et al. (2008)
Aerosols	Bulk Aerosol Model	Bulk Aerosol Model BAM	Modal Aerosol Model Ghan et al. (2011)
Dynamics	Spectral	Finite Volume	Finite Volume

# Exercise 1: Running CAM4 physics

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Exercise 1: Create, configure, and build an out-of-the-box set of scripts called “case01” that runs CAM standalone forced with climatological present-day SSTs at T31 resolution. Use the CAM4 physics. Set the run length to 1 month. Turn off the short-term archiving.

## Hints:

- Use resolution: T31\_T31      In CAM standalone mode, all the components are run on CAM grid
- Use compset: F\_2000      Active CAM and CLM with prescribed CICE and DOCN
- Edit env\_run.xml  
to specify the run length (1 month)      Change the variables STOP\_OPTION and STOP\_N using the xmlchange command
- to turn off short-term archive      Set the variable DOUT\_S to FALSE using the xmlchange command

# The file: env\_run.xml

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The variables in env\_run.xml MAY BE CHANGED ANYTIME during a run.

Common variables to change include:

- **RESUBMIT** : sets the number of times to resubmit the run
- **STOP\_OPTION**: sets the run length time interval, i.e. nmonths, ndays, nyears
- **STOP\_N**: sets the number of intervals (set by STOP\_OPTION) to run the model during the specified wallclocktime.  
Wallclocktime is set in your \*.run file and is a measure of the actual time.
- **CONTINUE\_RUN**: if TRUE, implies a CONTINUE run.  
Note: if RESUBMIT is > 0 and it is an initial run (i.e. CONTINUE\_RUN=FALSE), CONTINUE\_RUN will automatically update to TRUE upon completion of initial run.
- **DOUT\_S** -> turns on short-term archiving (short term archiving) . DOUT\_S is TRUE by default. Today, we will set it to false. We will cover archiving tomorrow.

# xmlchange command

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xmlchange is used to edit xml files:

Syntax:

```
xmlchange -file [name] -id [name] -val [name]
```

-file: The xml file to be edited.

-id: The xml variable name to be changed.

-val: The intended value of the variable associated with the -id argument.

*Example;*

```
xmlchange -file env_run.xml -id STOP_N -val 3
```

*Note: If you want a single quotation mark ("'", also called an apostrophe) to appear in the string provided by the -val option, you must specify it as "&apos;".*



# Documenting your changes

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Let's introduce good practices: **Document everything you do!**

In your case directory, in addition to your scripts, you will find a file called **README.case**.

- README.case: one line of text which echos your create\_newcase command.  
*create\_newcase -res T31\_T31 -compset F\_2000 -case ~/case01 -mach mapache*
- In README.case: we highly recommend YOU document any changes you make to the default scripts. It is your paper trail and opportunity to list modifications. You will thank yourself months (years) later, when you are trying to figure out what you did oh-so-long ago!





# Exercise 2: Running CAM5 physics

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Exercise 2: Create, configure, and build an out-of-the-box set of scripts called “case02” that runs CAM standalone forced with climatological present-day SSTs at T31 resolution. Use the CAM5 physics. Set the run length to 1 month. Turn off the short-term archiving. Compare the case directories: case01 and case02. In particular, compare the file env\_conf.xml for the 2 cases

## Hints:

- As in exercise 1: use resolution T31\_T31 and change run length
- Use compset: F\_2000\_CAM5 **CAM5 physics**



# CAM4 physics vs CAM5 physics

When the two runs are done:

- **Compare the output files** (use *ncdump* for instance)
  - vertical resolution is different
    - CAM4: 26 levels
    - CAM5: 30 levels (4 more levels in boundary layer)
  - output variables are different
- **Compare the model cost**

CESM produces timing files: *~/case01/timing* and *~/case02/timing*

  - CAM4: 12.6 simulated years per day
  - CAM5: 2.7 simulated years per day

CAM5 is about *5 times* more expensive (with this number of processors)  
However: - CAM5 is scaling better on more processors (only 2 more time expensive)

- Now: CAM5: prognostics aerosol ⇔ CAM4: prescribed aerosols
- Soon: CAM5 with prescribed aerosols will be available soon

**output files (\*.h0.\*)**  
**restart files (\*.r\*)**

```
case01.cam2.h0.0001-01.nc  
case01.cam2.r.0001-02-01-00000.nc  
case01.cam2.rs.0001-02-01-00000.nc  
case01.cice.r.0001-02-01-00000.nc  
case01.clm2.h0.0001-01.nc  
case01.clm2.r.0001-02-01-00000.nc  
case01.clm2.r.0001-02-01-00000.nc  
case01.cpl.r.0001-02-01-00000.nc  
case01.docn.rs1.0001-02-01-00000.bin
```



# Outline

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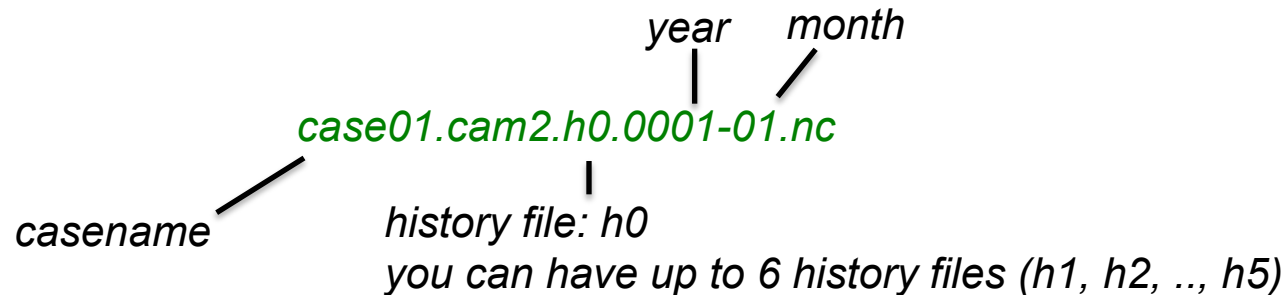
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# Changing output frequency

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By default CAM output monthly mean history files. For instance, look at the case01 history file. The name structure is:



The output frequency in the h0 file is controlled by the namelist variable: ***nhfrq***

*If nhfrq=0, the file will be a monthly average*

*If nhfrq>0, frequency is input as number of timesteps.*

*If nhfrq<0, frequency is input as number of hours.*

For instance to change the history file from monthly average to daily average, we set the namelist variable:

***nhfrq = -24***



# How to change a namelist variable ?

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To understand how to change a namelist variable, we need to understand when/how the namelists are created.

create\_newcase: creates a case directory  
*~/case01* that contains the files:

```
env_case.xml  
env_conf.xml  
env_build.xml  
env_run.xml  
usr_cam_nl
```

configure -case: creates a sub-directory  
*~/case01/Buildconf* that contains the files

```
cam.buildnml.csh  
cice.buildnml.csh  
clm.buildnml.csh  
cpl.buildnml.csh  
docn.buildnml.csh  
sglc.buildnml.csh
```

case01.\$mach.build: call \$component.buildnml.csh  
to create namelists (atm\_in,...)  
case01.\$mach.run: in the *run directory*

```
atm_in  
lnd_in  
ice_in  
ocn_in  
drv_in
```

# How to change a namelist variable ?

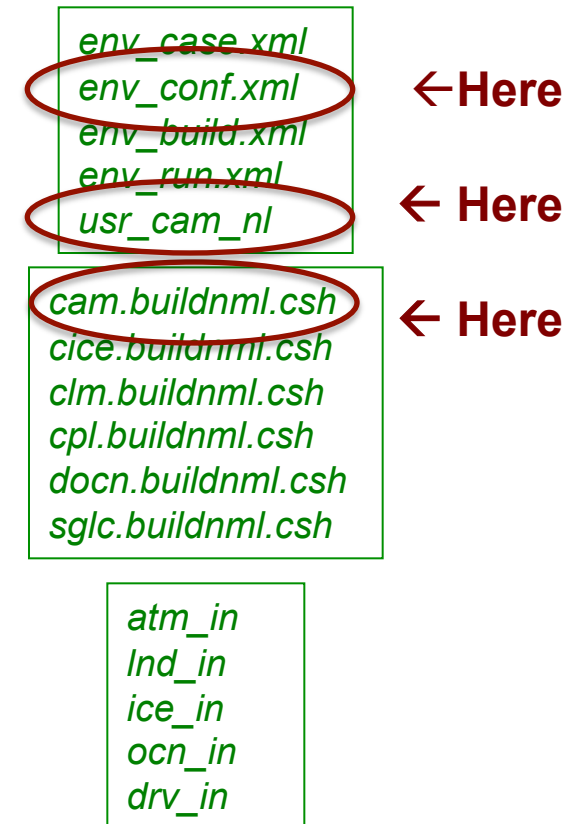
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create\_newcase: creates a case directory  
~/case01 that contains the files:

configure -case: creates a sub-directory  
~/case01/Buildconf that contains the files

case01.\$mach.build: call \$component.buildnml.csh  
to create namelists (atm\_in,...)  
case01.\$mach.run: in the *run directory*

There ways  
to change namelists



# Change namelists using env\_conf.xml

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The first way to modify a namelist variable is to edit the file `env_conf.xml` before configuring the model.

In `env_conf.xml`:

**`CAM_NAMELIST_OPTS`**: CAM namelist options that differ from default values

**`CLM_NAMELIST_OPTS`**: CLM namelist options that differ from default values

**`CICE_NAMELIST_OPTS`**: CICE namelist options for that differ from default values

For instance to change the output frequency:

```
xmlchange -file env_conf.xml -id CAM_NAMELIST_OPTS -val nhtfrq=-24
```

When you configure the model (*configure -case*), the resulting namelist variables will appear in *Buildconf/cam.buildnml.csh*

These variables CANNOT be modified once *configure -case* has been invoked without first invoking *configure -cleannamelist* or *configure -cleanall*.



# Change namelists using user\_nl\_cam

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The second way to modify a namelist variable is to create a file *user\_cam\_nl* that contains the modified namelist variables. Using *user\_cam\_nl* is very useful if you need to modify numerous namelist variables.

```
&camexp  
nhtfrq=-24  
/  

```

**The syntax is VERY important.**

```
&camexp  
insert your changes (one line per change)  
/  

```

The file *user\_cam\_nl* should be placed in your case directory before you configure the model.

When you configure the model (*configure -case*), the resulting namelist variables will appear in *Buildconf/cam.buildnml.csh*

These variables CANNOT be modified once *configure -case* has been invoked without first invoking *configure -cleannamelist* or *configure -cleanall*.





# Change namelists using cam.buildnml.csh

The third way to modify a namelist variable is to edit: [Buildconf/cam.buildnml.csh](#)  
Useful if you forgot to include something.

This is done after configuring the model.

You need to include your changes in the appropriate *namelist group*:

Ex: *nhtfrq* is in *cam\_inparm*

If you issue the commands:  
*configure --cleannamelist*  
or  
*configure -cleanall*  
all your changes are gone !!!

```
#!/bin/csh -f

#####
#                               #
#           WARNING:           #
# - CAM and CLM namelist variable dtime must have same values      #
# - If the user changes any input datasets - be sure to give it a  #
#   unique filename. Do not duplicate any existing input files    #
#####

set exedir = $RUNDIR; cd $exedir

cat >! atm_in << EOF
&aerodep_flx_nl
  aerodep_flx_datapath = '$DIN_LOC_ROOT/atm/cam/chem/trop_mozart_aero/
aero'
  aerodep_flx_file = 'aerosoldep_monthly_1849-2006_1.9x2.5_c090803.nc'
  aerodep_flx_type = 'CYCLICAL'
  aerodep_flx_ymd = 20000101
/
&cam_inparm
  nhtfrq = -24      <= Include your changes here
  absems_data = '$DIN_LOC_ROOT/atm/cam/rad/
abs_ems_factors_fastvx.c030508.nc'
  bnd_topo = '$DIN_LOC_ROOT/atm/cam/topo/USGS-gtopo30_48x96_c050520.nc'
  cam_branch_file = ' '
  dtime = 1800
  ncdata = '$DIN_LOC_ROOT/atm/cam/inic/kaus/
cami_0000-01-01_48x96_L26_c091218.nc'
  phys_loadbalance = 2
/
&chem_surfvals_nl
  ch4vmr = 1760.0e-9
  co2vmr = 367.0e-6
  f11vmr = 653.45e-12
  f12vmr = 535.0e-12
  n2ovmr = 316.0e-9
/
```

# Where to find the namelist documentation ?

CESM website: <http://www.cesm.ucar.edu/models/cesm1.0/>

The screenshot shows the CESM website homepage. At the top, there is a search bar and the text "Community Earth System Model". Below this, there are several sections:

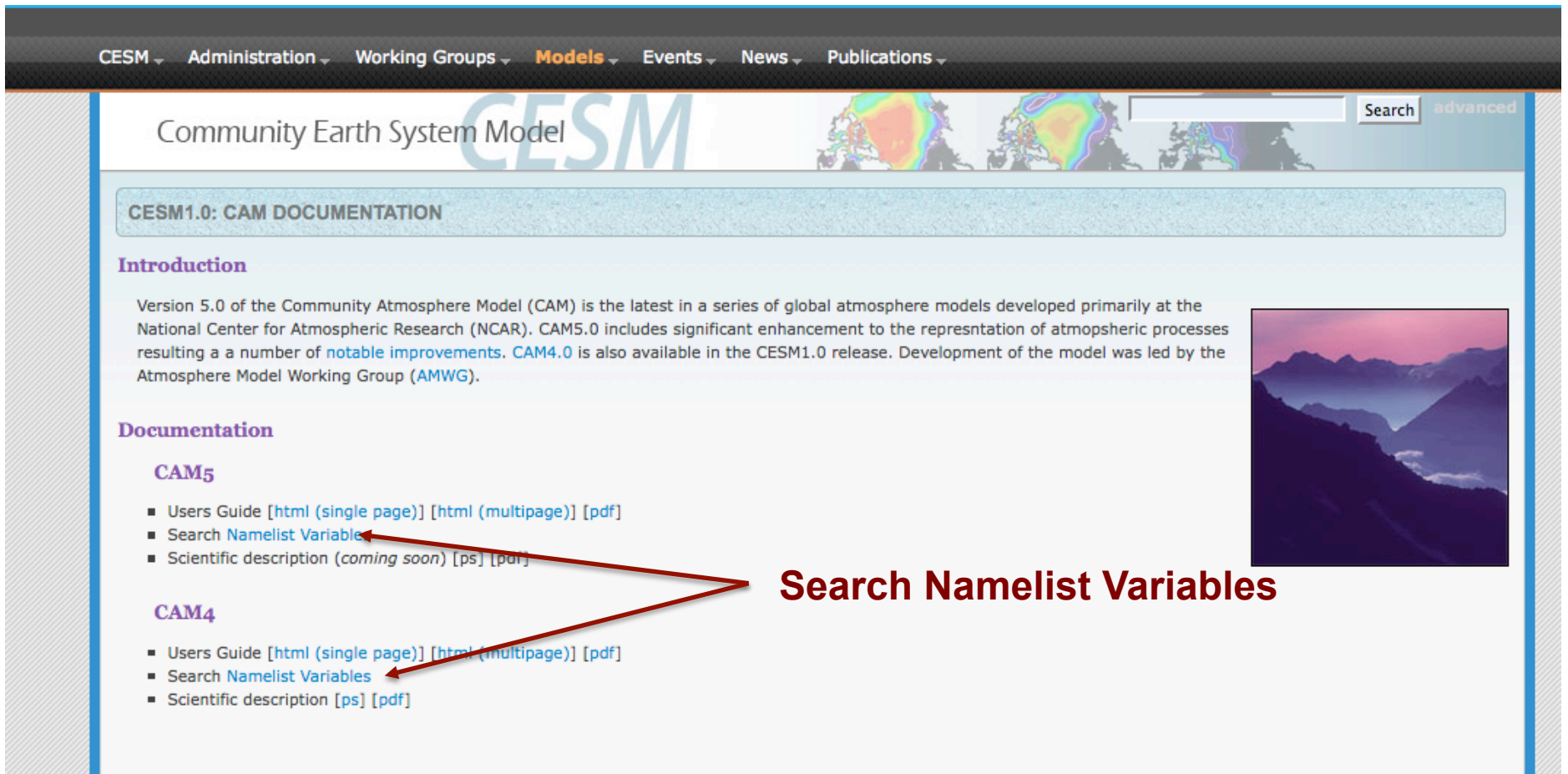
- ABOUT CESM 1.0**: A brief overview of the model.
- MODEL OUTPUT DATA AND DIAGNOSTICS**: A list of links including "Model Output Diagnostic Plots", "Model Output Data (ESG)", and "Post Processing Utilities".
- MODEL DOCUMENTATION**: A section with a "CESM1.0" link and a "User's Guide" link. Below this are six sub-sections: "Atmosphere Models" (with links to CAM5 and DATM), "Land Models" (with links to CLM4 and DLND), "Sea Ice Models" (with links to CICE4 and DICE), "Ocean Models" (with links to POP2 and DOCN), "Land Ice Models" (with link to Glimmer - CISM), and "CESM Coupler" (with link to CPL7).
- CESM PROJECT**: A section describing the model and its sponsors (NSF and DOE).
- MODEL SOURCE CODE**: A section with links for "Copyright and Terms of Use", "Acquiring the Code", and "Version Summaries and Known Problems".

Model documentation for each component of CESM



# CAM namelist documentation ?

<http://www.cesm.ucar.edu/models/cesm1.0/cam/>



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CESM1.0: CAM DOCUMENTATION

**Introduction**

Version 5.0 of the Community Atmosphere Model (CAM) is the latest in a series of global atmosphere models developed primarily at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR). CAM5.0 includes significant enhancement to the representation of atmospheric processes resulting in a number of notable improvements. CAM4.0 is also available in the CESM1.0 release. Development of the model was led by the Atmosphere Model Working Group (AMWG).

**Documentation**

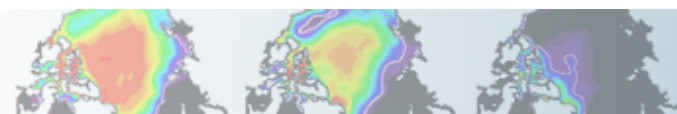

**CAM5**

- Users Guide [html (single page)] [html (multipage)] [pdf]
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- Scientific description (coming soon) [ps] [pdf]

**CAM4**

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**Search Namelist Variables**



# CAM namelist documentation ?

## Search or Browse CAM Namelist Variables

This page contains the complete list of namelist variables available in CAM-4.0. They are grouped by categories designed to aid browsing. Clicking on the name of a variable will display descriptive information. If search terms are entered in the text box below, the list will be condensed to contain only matched variables.

AND  OR (separate search terms with spaces)  
 Also search help text

**Search Variable Names or Show All Variable Names**

### Control - Driver

Namelist Variable	Type	Group
▶ aqua_planet	logical	seq_infodata_inparm
▶ atm_adiabatic	logical	seq_infodata_inparm
▶ atm_ideal_phys	logical	seq_infodata_inparm
▶ atm_logfile	char*256	camexp
▶ atm_logfile_diro	char*256	camexp
▶ atm_ntasks	integer	ccsm_pes
▶ atm_nthreads	integer	ccsm_pes
▶ atm_pestride	integer	ccsm_pes
▶ atm_rootpe	integer	ccsm_pes
▶ bfbflag	logical	seq_infodata_inparm
▶ brnch_retain_casename	logical	seq_infodata_inparm
▶ budget_ann	integer	seq_infodata_inparm
▶ budget_daily	integer	seq_infodata_inparm
▶ budget_inst	integer	seq_infodata_inparm
▶ budget_ltann	integer	seq_infodata_inparm
▶ budget_ltend	integer	seq_infodata_inparm
▶ budget_month	integer	seq_infodata_inparm
▶ case_desc	char*256	seq_infodata_inparm

# CAM namelist documentation ?

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nhtfrq

AND  OR (separate search terms with spaces)

Also search help text

Found 2 standard names matching query: nhtfrq

**Search for nhtfrq**

## History and Initial Conditions Output

Namelist Variable	Type	Group
<p>▼ nhtfrq</p> <p>Array of write frequencies for each history file series. If <code>nhtfrq(1) = 0</code>, the file will be a monthly average. Only the first file series may be a monthly average. If <code>nhtfrq(i) &gt; 0</code>, frequency is specified as number of timesteps. If <code>nhtfrq(i) &lt; 0</code>, frequency is specified as number of hours.</p> <p>Default: 0,-24,-24,-24,-24</p>	integer(6) ↑ <b>type</b>	cam_inparm ↑

**How to set it**

**Namelist group**

# Some useful namelist variables

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Common namelist variables to change include:

- *NHTFRQ*: sets the output frequency
- *FINCL*: add variables to the history file
- *MFILT*: maximum number of time samples written to a history file



# Namelist variables: *nhtrfq*, *mfilt*

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The default history file from CAM is a monthly average.

We can change the output frequency with the namelist variable *nhtrfq*

If *nhtrfq*=0, the file will be a monthly average

If *nhtrfq*>0, frequency is input as number of timesteps.

If *nhtrfq*<0, frequency is input as number of hours.

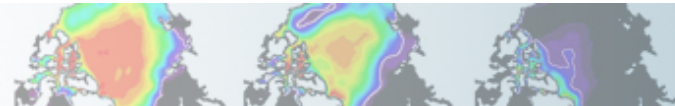
For instance to change the history file from monthly average to daily average, we set the namelist variable:

*nhtrfq* = -24

To control the number of timestep in the history file, we can use the variable *mfilt*

For instance, to specify that we want one time sample on each history file, we set the namelist variable:

*mfilt* = 1



# Namelist variables: fincl

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You can output up to 6 history files: “h0”, “h1”, ..., “h5”.

The file “h0” contains the default variables (in the code: “call add\_default”). This includes the variables necessary for the AMWG package.

For the files “h1” to “h5”, the user has to specify the variables to output.

We can use the namelist variables **fincl1**, **fincl2**, ..., **fincl6** to control the list of fields in the history files:

**h0**      **h1**      **h5**

The added fields must be in Master Field List (= fields that can be written to the history files).

Using a ":" following a field gives the **averaging flag** for the output field. Valid flags are: I for instantaneous, A for average, M for minimum, and X for maximum.



# Example of customizing history files

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For instance, on the top of the monthly history file “h0”, if we want to output a file “h1” with instantaneous values of T, Q, U, V and OMEGA every 3 hour, we can use:

```
fincl2 = 'T:I','Q:I','U:I','V:I','OMEGA:I'  
nhtrfq = 0, -3
```

Notice that it is equivalent to:

```
fincl2 = 'T:I','Q:I','U:I','V:I','OMEGA:I'  
nhtrfq(1) = 0  
nhtrfq(2) = -3
```

NB: If you plan to run the AMWG diagnostic package, it is recommended to leave the “h0” file untouched and to add extra history files.



# Exercise 3-5: Change in namelist

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Exercise 3: Create, configure, and build an out-of-the-box set of scripts called “case03” that runs CAM standalone forced with climatological present-day SSTs at T31 resolution. Use the CAM4 physics. Set the run length to 15 days. Output daily averages using the variable CAM\_NAMELIST\_OPTS in env\_conf.xml.

Turn off the short-term archiving.

(Hint: Use namelist variables: *nhtrfq*)

Exercise 4: Create, configure, and build an out-of-the-box set of scripts called “case04” that runs CAM standalone forced with climatological present-day SSTs at T31 resolution. Use the CAM4 physics. Set the run length to 1 month. Make namelist variables changes by creating a file: user\_nl\_cam

On the top of the monthly history file “h0”, output “h1” file with 3-hourly values of T, Q, U and V.

Turn off the short-term archiving.

(Hint: Use namelist variables: *nhtrfq*, *fincl*)



# Exercise 3-5: Change in namelist

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Exercise 5: Create, configure, and build an out-of-the-box set of scripts called “case05” that runs CAM standalone forced with climatological present-day SSTs at T31 resolution. Use the CAM4 physics. Set the run length to 1 month.

On the top of the monthly history file “h0”, output:

- “h1” file with instantaneous values of T, Q, U and V every 3 hour.
- “h2” file with time-average values of T, Q, U and V every 24 hour.

Write one h1 file for every day of the month and write a single h2.

Make your namelist variables changes by creating a file: `user_nl_cam`

Turn off the short-term archiving.

(Hint: Use namelist variables: *nhtfrq*, *mfilt*, *fincl*)

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# Principles for modifying the code

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This section gives an overview of simple code modifications

Never modify the CESM root itself. Your modifications to the code should go into:

**SourceMods**

**SourceMods** contains subdirectories for each component:

*src.cam* → because we are looking at CAM, this is  
*src.cice* where we put our mods  
*src.clm*  
*src.docn*  
*src.drv*  
*src.sglc*  
*src.share*



# Modifying a subroutine

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- **Steps to modify the code:**
  - Find the subroutine you want to modify
  - Copy this subroutine in SourceMods
  - Make your modifications
  - Compile and run the model



# Example: Modify a parameter, Dcs

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Let's modify a parameter in the CAM physics

Dcs = autoconversion size threshold for cloud ice to snow

1. Find the subroutine you want.

Go in the CESM code and look for Dcs (for instance, you can use: `grep -r Dcs *`)

Dcs is in the subroutine `cldwat2m_micro.F90`

2. Copy this subroutine in SourceMods

Go your case directory and copy `cldwat2m_micro.F90` into `SourceMods/src.cam`

3. Make your modifications

Edit the value of Dcs in `SourceMods/src.cam/cldwat2m_micro.F90`

4. Compile and run the model



# Exercise 6: Make a source modification

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Exercise 6: Create, configure, and build an out-of-the-box set of scripts called “case06” that runs CAM standalone forced with climatological present-day SSTs at T31 resolution. Use the CAM5 physics and modify the value of Dcs from 325 to 300 microns. Set the run length to 3 days. Turn off the short-term archiving.





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# The AMWG diagnostics package

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Post processing tool to plot the atmospheric diagnostics for CAM or CESM

The AMWG diagnostics package produces over 600 plots and tables from the default CESM or CAM monthly means and displays the plots/tables on a webpage (you can also produce plots in ps format).

The AMWG diagnostics package can be used:

- to compare two CCSM (CAM) model simulations
- for comparing a model simulation to the [observational and reanalysis data](#).

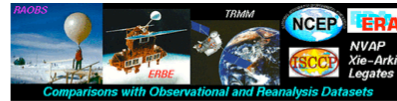
To run the AMWG diagnostics package, you must have on your computer:

- [NCL](#) (The NCAR Command Language)
- the netcdf operators [NCO](#)
- utility "convert" to convert the postscript plots to an image format suitable for the webpages (png,gif,jpg). Convert is part of the [ImageMagick](#) package.



# The AMWG package

AMWG Diagnostics Package  
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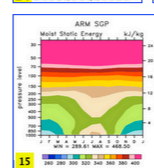
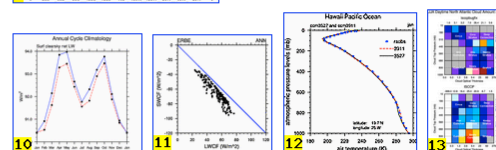
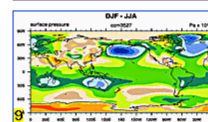
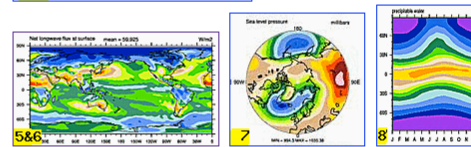
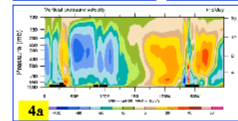
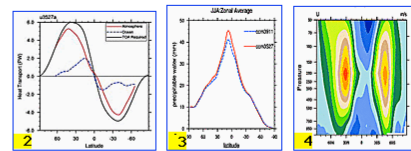


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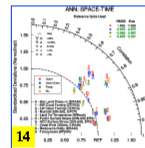
## Set Description

- 1 [Tables](#) of ANN, DJF, JJA, global and regional means and RMSE.
- 2 [Line plots](#) of annual implied northward transports.
- 3 [Line plots](#) of DJF, JJA and ANN zonal means
- 4 Vertical [contour plots](#) of DJF, JJA and ANN zonal means
- 4a Vertical (XZ) [contour plots](#) of DJF, JJA and ANN meridional means
- 5 Horizontal [contour plots](#) of DJF, JJA and ANN means
- 6 Horizontal [vector plots](#) of DJF, JJA and ANN means
- 7 Polar [contour and vector plots](#) of DJF, JJA and ANN means
- 8 Annual cycle [contour plots](#) of zonal means
- 9 Horizontal [contour plots](#) of DJF-JJA differences
- 10 Annual cycle line [plots](#) of global means
- 11 Pacific annual cycle, Scatter plot [plots](#)
- 12 Vertical profile [plots](#) from 17 selected stations
- 13 ISCCP cloud simulator [plots](#)
- 14 Taylor Diagram [plots](#)
- 15 Annual Cycle at Select Stations [plots](#)

## Click on Plot Type



1 TABLES

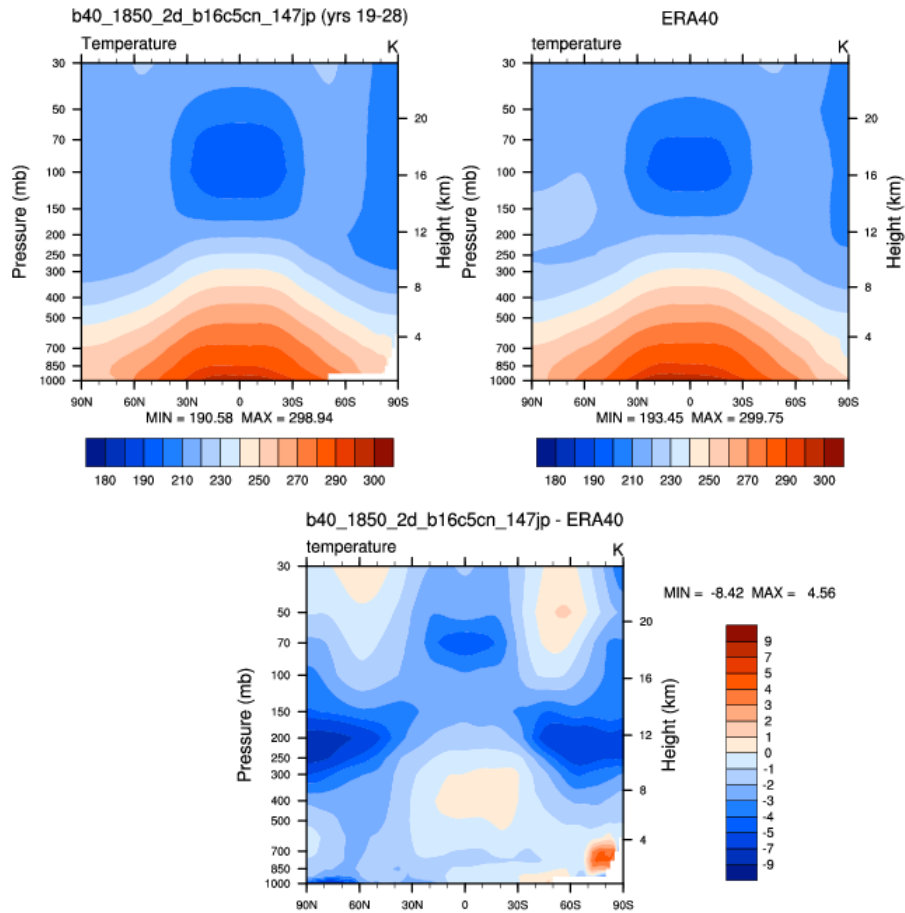


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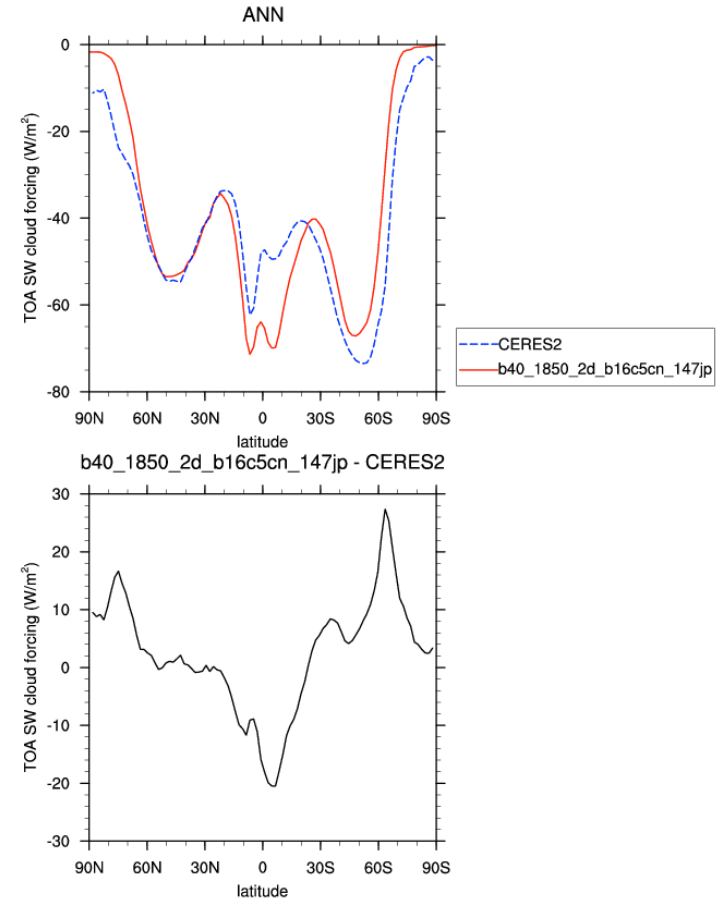


# Zonal means

## Temperature versus ERA40

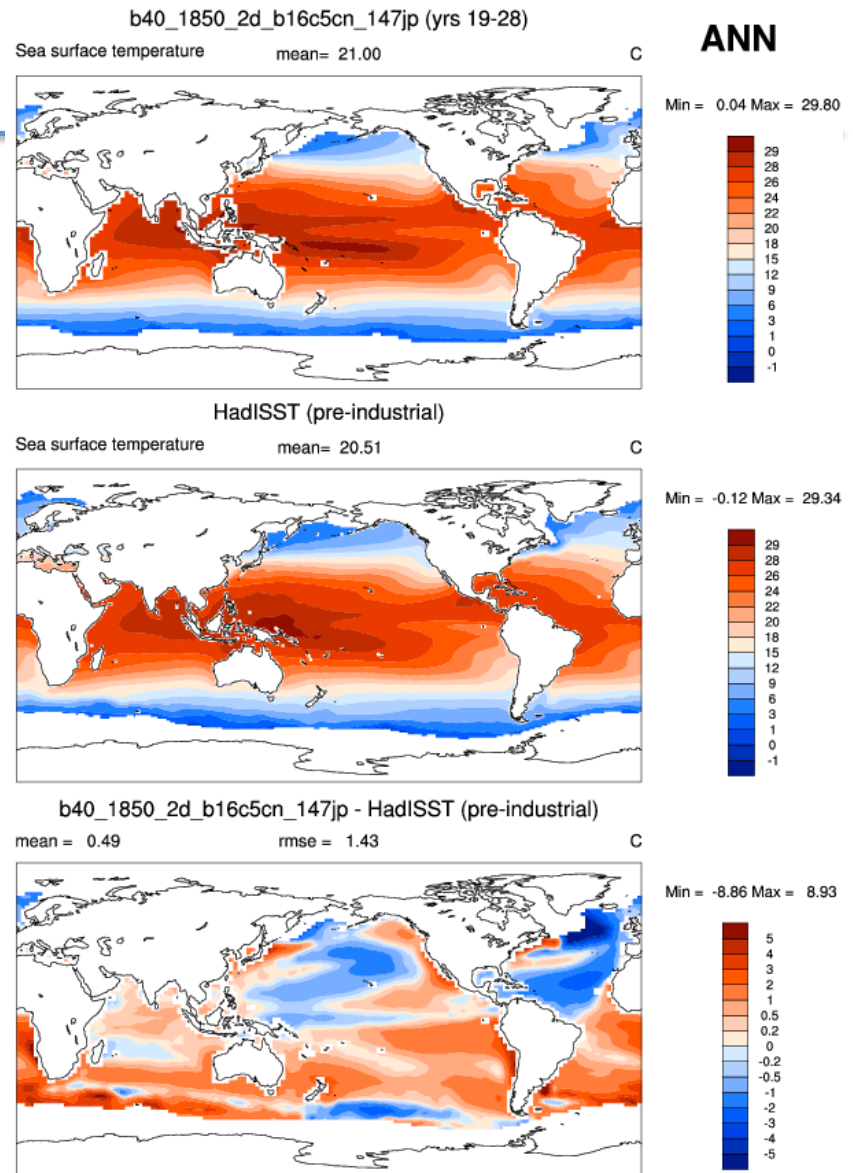


## Shortwave cloud forcing versus CERES



# Lat/Lon plots

Sea Surface Temperatures compared to observations



# Where to download the code

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<http://www.cgd.ucar.edu/amp/amwg/diagnostics/>

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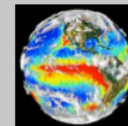
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[CAM4 webpage](#)

[CCSM4 webpage](#)

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## The CCSM Atmospheric Model Working Group Diagnostic Package



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### Diagnostics of Climatological Monthly Means

The AMWG diagnostics package produces over 600 **postscript plots** and tables in a variety of formats from CCSM (CAM) monthly netcdf files. Climatological means for DJF, JJA, and ANN are used. The diagnostics package can be used to compare two CCSM (CAM) model simulations or for comparing a model simulation to the **observational and reanalysis data**. Model output on gaussian or fixed grids can be used.

Included in the package are HTML files which provide the infrastructure for a basic website for the display of all your plots and tables. The c-shell script has a switch for creating webpages automatically. When this is used the end result of running the script is a tar file of all the plots in gif, jpg or png format and the needed html files organized in the proper subdirectories. The user can then untar this file in a directory of their choosing and create a link to it.

### Examples of the webpages created by the diagnostics package

- Model fields compared with observational data **plots**
- Comparison of two different models **plots**

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# Where to find help ?

Documentation:

<http://www.cesm.ucar.edu/models/cesm1.0/>

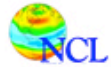
CESM bulletin board:

<http://bb.cgd.ucar.edu/>

Forum	Last Post	Threads	Posts
<b>Coupled Model - General</b>			
<b>Announcements</b>	VACANCY: Post-doc at the... by rzeale 10-27-2008 07:04 PM	9	10
<b>Bug reporting</b> (1 Viewing)	how to change the ice part... by dhalley 07-07-2010 12:32 PM	48	124
<b>Input Data inquiries</b>	File missing by airscolor 07-07-2010 05:27 PM	59	148
<b>Output Data inquiries</b>	Output data size by strandsw 05-31-2010 01:34 PM	58	150
<b>Software Development</b> (4 Viewing) Includes issues for building/running on supported machines and porting to unsupported machines	Problem in port validation... by eason Today 08:19 PM	121	323
<b>General Discussion</b> Includes requests for new features and configuration inquiries	Problem running cesm4 by cbs 06-22-2010 06:14 AM	115	246
<b>Subversion Issues</b> Forum for issues related to the new version control system	Access problems? by jc 05-12-2010 05:50 PM	8	17
<b>Atmospheric Modeling with CAM</b>			
<b>General Announcements</b>	CAM Load Balancing by rzeale 09-19-2008 05:00 PM	13	23
<b>Problems Building CAM</b>	CAM 4.0 cmake failure by sbansao Today 06:03 PM	17	62
<b>Problems Running CAM</b> (1 Viewing)	continue run of cam5_2 by suscep 07-08-2010 12:59 PM	10	28
<b>Questions About the Namelist</b> (1 Viewing)	6 Hourly history file by eason Yesterday 02:20 PM	5	10
<b>Dynamical Cores</b>	change CAM3 to be adapted for... by yanofas 05-04-2010 02:25 AM	17	49



# The NCAR Command Language (NCL)



NCAR Command Language



NCL is an interpreted language designed specifically for scientific data analysis and visualization.

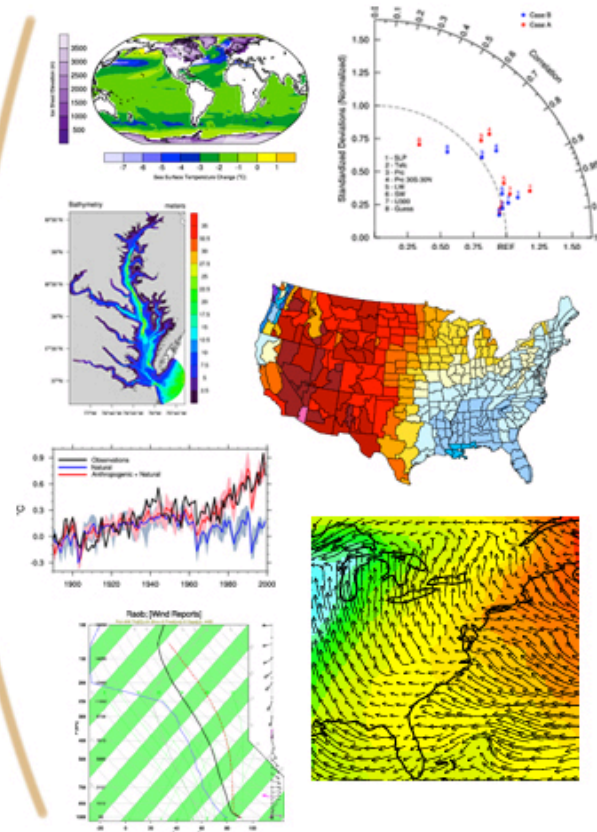
Portable, robust and free, NCL is available as binaries or open source

Supports netCDF3/4, GRIB1/2, HDF-SDS, HDF4-EOS, binary, shapefiles, and ascii files

Numerous analysis functions are built-in

High quality graphics are easily created and customized with hundreds of graphic resources

Many example scripts and their corresponding graphics are available



<http://www.ncl.ucar.edu/>



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# Exercise 1: Solutions

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Exercise 1: Create, configure, and build an out-of-the-box set of scripts called “case01” that runs CAM standalone forced with climatological present-day SSTs at T31 resolution. Use the CAM4 physics. Set the run length to 1 month. Turn off the short-term archiving.

Solution:

1. Go to the scripts directory and create a new case in your home directory

```
cd /usr/projects/cesm/cesm1_0_2/scripts  
./create_newcase --res T31_T31 --compset F_2000 --case ~/case01 --mach mapache
```

2. Go to the case directory and configure the model

```
cd ~/case01  
./configure --case
```

3. Examine the variables STOP\_OPTION and STOP\_N in the file env\_run.xml. These are used to set the run length.

```
<!--"sets the run length with STOP_N and STOP_DATE, valid values:  
none,never,nsteps,nstep,nseconds,nsecond,nminutes,nminute,nhours,nhour,ndays,nday,nmonths,nmonth,nyears,n  
year,date,ifdays0,end (char) " -->  
<entry id="STOP_OPTION" value="ndays" />  
<!--"sets the run length with STOP_OPTION and STOP_DATE (integer) " -->  
<entry id="STOP_N" value="5" />
```

# Exercise 1: Solutions

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4. Edit the variable STOP\_N

```
./xmlchange -file env_run.xml -id STOP_N -val 1  
./xmlchange -file env_run.xml -id STOP_OPTION -val nmonths
```

5. Examine the variables STOP\_N and STOP\_OPTION in the file env\_run.xml.

```
<!--"sets the run length with STOP_N and STOP_DATE, valid values:  
none,never,nsteps,nstep,nseconds,nsecond,nminutes,nminute,nhours,nhour,ndays,nday,nmonths,nmonth,nyears,n  
year,date,ifdays0,end (char) " -->  
<entry id="STOP_OPTION" value="nmonths" />  
  
<!--"sets the run length with STOP_OPTION and STOP_DATE (integer) " -->  
<entry id="STOP_N" value="3" />
```

6. Turn off the short-term archiving

```
./xmlchange -file env_run.xml -id DOUT_S -val FALSE
```

7. Build the model

```
./case01.mapache.build
```

*It will take a while.* While the model is building, you can explore your case directory: ~/case01

8. Submit your job

```
./case01.mapache.submit
```

# Exercise 2: Solutions

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Exercise 2: Create, configure, and build an out-of-the-box set of scripts called “case02” that runs CAM standalone forced with climatological present-day SSTs at T31 resolution. Use the CAM5 physics. Set the run length to 1 month. Turn off the short-term archiving.

Solution:

1. Go to the scripts directory and create a new case in your home directory

```
cd /usr/projects/cesm/cesm1_0_2/scripts  
./create_newcase -res T31_T31 -compset F_2000_CAM5 -case ~/case02 -mach mapache
```

2. Go to the case directory and configure the model

```
cd ~/case02  
./configure -case
```

3. Edit the variable STOP\_N and STOP\_OPTION and turn off the short-term archiving

```
./xmlchange -file env_run.xml -id STOP_N -val 1  
./xmlchange -file env_run.xml -id STOP_OPTION -val nmonths  
./xmlchange -file env_run.xml -id DOUT_S -val FALSE
```

4. Build the model

```
./case02.mapache.build
```

5. Submit your job

```
./case02.mapache.submit
```

# Exercise 2: Solutions

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6. Compare the case directories: case01 and case02. In particular, compare the file env\_conf.xml for the 2 cases

```
diff ~/case01/env_conf.xml ~/case02/env_conf.xml
```

7. Compare the output files:

```
ncdump -h case01.cam2.h0.0001-01.nc => 26 vertical levels
```

```
ncdump -h case02.cam2.h0.0001-01.nc => 30 vertical levels
```

8. Compare the timings

Timings are in:

```
~/case01/timing/ccsm_timing.case01.*
```

```
~/case02/timing/ccsm_timing.case02.*
```



# Exercise 3: Solutions

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Exercise 3: Create, configure, and build an out-of-the-box set of scripts called “case03” that runs CAM standalone forced with climatological present-day SSTs at T31 resolution. Use the CAM4 physics. Set the run length to 15 days. Output daily averages using the variable CAM\_NAMELIST\_OPTS in env\_conf.xml. Turn off the archiving.

Solution:

1. Go to the scripts directory and create a new case in your home directory  

```
cd /usr/projects/cesm/cesm1_0_2/scripts  
./create_newcase -res T31_T31 -compset F_2000 -case ~/case03 -mach mapache
```
2. Go to the case directory and edit the file env\_conf.xml to add the namelist parameter: *nhfrq=-24*  

```
cd ~/case03  
./xmlchange -file env_conf.xml -id CAM_NAMELIST_OPTS -val nhfrq=-24
```
2. Go to the case directory and configure the model  

```
./configure -case
```
3. Edit the variable STOP\_N and turn off the short-term archiving  

```
./xmlchange -file env_run.xml -id STOP_N -val 15  
./xmlchange -file env_run.xml -id DOUT_S -val FALSE
```
4. Build the model  

```
./case03.mapache.build
```

# Exercise 3: Solutions

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5. Submit your job

```
./case03.mapache.submit
```

6. Go the run directory:

```
ncdump -h case03.cam2.h0.0001-01-01-00000.nc
```

```
netcdf case03.cam2.h0.0001-01-01-00000 {  
dimensions:  
    lat = 48 ;  
    lon = 96 ;  
    lev = 26 ;  
    ilev = 27 ;  
    isccp_prs = 7 ;  
    isccp_tau = 7 ;  
    isccp_prstau = 49 ;  
    time = UNLIMITED ; // (16 currently)    => 16 timesteps  
    tbnd = 2 ;  
    chars = 8 ;  
variables:
```



# Exercise 4: Solutions

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Exercise 4: Create, configure, and build an out-of-the-box set of scripts called “case04” that runs CAM standalone forced with climatological present-day SSTs at T31 resolution. Use the CAM4 physics. Set the run length to 1 month. Make namelist variables changes by creating a file: user\_nl\_cam

On the top of the monthly history file “h0”, output “h1” file with 3-hourly values of T, Q, U and V.  
Turn off the short-term archiving.

Solution:

1. Go to the scripts directory and create a new case in your home directory

```
cd /usr/projects/cesm/cesm1_0_2/scripts  
./create_newcase -res T31_T31 -compset F_2000 -case ~/case04 -mach mapache
```

2. Go to the case directory

```
cd ~/case04
```

Create a file ‘user\_nl\_cam’ (emacs or vi) with the content:

```
&camexp  
fincl2='T', 'Q', 'U', 'V'  
nhtfrq=0,-3  
/
```

3. Go to the case directory and configure the model

```
./configure -case
```

# Exercise 4: Solutions

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4. Edit the variable STOP\_N and STOP\_OPTION and turn off the short-term archiving

```
./xmlchange -file env_run.xml -id STOP_N -val 1  
./xmlchange -file env_run.xml -id STOP_OPTION -val nmonths  
./xmlchange -file env_run.xml -id DOUT_S -val FALSE
```

5. Build the model

```
./case04.mapache.build
```

6. Submit your job

```
./case04.mapache.submit
```

7. Look at the output files

```
case04.cam2.h0.0001-01.nc case04.cam2.h1.0001-01-01-00000.nc  
case04.cam2.h1.0001-01-04-64800.nc  
case04.cam2.h1.0001-01-08-43200.nc  
case04.cam2.h1.0001-01-12-21600.nc  
case04.cam2.h1.0001-01-16-00000.nc  
case04.cam2.h1.0001-01-19-64800.nc  
case04.cam2.h1.0001-01-23-43200.nc  
case04.cam2.h1.0001-01-27-21600.nc  
case04.cam2.h1.0001-01-31-00000.nc
```



# Exercise 5: Solutions

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Exercise 5: Create, configure, and build an out-of-the-box set of scripts called “case05” that runs CAM standalone forced with climatological present-day SSTs at T31 resolution. Use the CAM4 physics. Set the run length to 1 month. Turn off the short-term archiving.

On the top of the monthly history file “h0”, output:

- “h1” file with instantaneous values of T, Q, U and V every 3 hour.
- “h2” file with time-average values of T, Q, U and V every 24 hour.

Write one h1 file for every day of the month and write a single h2.

Make your namelist variables changes by creating a file: user\_nl\_cam

Solution:

1. Go to the scripts directory and create a new case in your home directory

```
cd /usr/projects/cesm/cesm1_0_2/scripts  
./create_newcase -res T31_T31 -compset F_2000 -case ~/case05 -mach mapache
```

2. Go to the case directory

```
cd ~/case05
```

Create a file ‘user\_nl\_cam’ (emacs or vi) with the content:

```
&camexp  
fincl2='T':I, 'Q':I, 'U':I, 'V':I  
fincl3='T', 'Q', 'U', 'V'  
nhtfrq=0,-3,-24  
mfilt=1,8,31  
/
```

# Exercise 5: Solutions

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3. Go to the case directory and configure the model

```
./configure --case
```

4. Edit the variable STOP\_N and STOP\_OPTION and turn off the short-term archiving

```
./xmlchange -file env_run.xml -id STOP_N -val 1
```

```
./xmlchange -file env_run.xml -id STOP_OPTION -val nmonths
```

```
./xmlchange -file env_run.xml -id DOUT_S -val FALSE
```

5. Build the model

```
./case05.mapache.build
```

6. Submit your job

```
./case05.mapache.submit
```



# Exercise 6: Solutions

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Exercise 6: Create, configure, and build an out-of-the-box set of scripts called “case06” that runs CAM standalone forced with climatological present-day SSTs at T31 resolution. Use the CAM5 physics and modify the value of Dcs from 325 to 300 microns. Output daily averages and set the run length to 3 days. Turn off the short-term archiving.

Solution:

1. Go to the scripts directory and create a new case in your home directory

```
cd /usr/projects/cesm/cesm1_0_2/scripts  
./create_newcase -res T31_T31 -compset F_2000_CAM5 -case ~/case06 -mach mapache
```

2. Go to the case directory and edit the file env\_conf.xml to add the namelist parameter: *nhfrq=-24*

```
cd ~/case06  
./xmlchange -file env_conf.xml -id CAM_NAMELIST_OPTS -val nhfrq=-24
```

3. Go to the case directory and configure the model

```
./configure -case
```

4. Edit the variable STOP\_N and turn off the short-term archiving

```
./xmlchange -file env_run.xml -id STOP_N -val 3  
./xmlchange -file env_run.xml -id DOUT_S -val FALSE
```

# Exercise 6: Solutions

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6. Copy the file `cldwat2m.F90` into your SourceMods directory and edit the value of `Dcs`

```
cp /usr/projects/cesm/cesm1_0_2/models/atm/cam/src/physics/cam/cldwat2m_micro.F90 SourceMods/src.cam/  
edit SourceMods/src.cam//cldwat2m_micro.F90 to change value of Dcs
```

7. Build the model

```
./case06.mapache.build
```

8. Submit your job

```
./case06.mapache.submit
```