FV3 at GFDL and Beyond



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How Shian-Jiann Lin's atmospheric grids could unify weather forecasts and climate models

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FV3: The GFDL Finite-Volume Cubed-Sphere Dynamical Core



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FV3 At GFDL: Climate Modeling

8-km

Nest

HiRAM

FV3 supports GFDL's strengths in variability, coupling, and extremes

AM4's new surface-layer level → better surface climatology

Nesting and stretching \rightarrow RCM in a global model

Improvements at other scales also benefit climate models



4-km

Obs

mm/d

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FV3 At GFDL: Prediction Modeling

FV3 is a powerful foundation for unified prediction. Advances in GFDL systems can be <u>seamlessly</u> transitioned into other FV3based models

Initialization from NCEP or EC analyses, or with native data assimilation to leverage new model features

Variable-resolution grids allow enhanced resolution for longerrange forecasting

See Jan-Huey Chen and Baoqiang Xiang's talks for more SHiELD prediction results and Mingjing Tong's Poster for SHiELD-DA development



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FV3 At GFDL: Convective Scale

Switchable nonhydrostatic dynamics: one core, all resolutions

Nonlinear vorticity dynamics and mimetic PGF allow better representations of small-scale severe weather and hurricane processes

Doubly-periodic and regional domains open doors to new applications and <u>seamless</u> highresolution process studies

See Kun Gao's poster for convective-scale S2S



1-km super-stretched global FV3



Hurricane Matthew (2016): GOES-13 (left) vs. 2-km T-SHiELD (right) Courtesy S. Nebuda and J. Otkin, SSEC/UWisc



Squall Lines in 3-km C-SHiELD



NGGPS and GFSv15

FV3 was selected in 2016 as the core for NOAA's **Next-Generation Global Prediction System** (NGGPS)

FV3-based GFSv15 with GFDL microphysics **operational** 12 June 2019. Improvements to large-scale skill, tropical cyclone track and structure, and US precipitation vs. Legacy spectral GFS

<u>FV3 opens the path to NWS model</u> <u>unification.</u> FV3-based prototypes of CONUS, hurricane, and S2S prediction models show great promise.

→ 2020: FV3-based GEFS and an FV3 member in HREF





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Rethinking Physics-Dynamics Coupling

Moving modeling forward requires breaking the strict separation of physics and dynamics.

Partially-resolved and fast processes can be integrated directly into FV3 for better dynamical consistency, energy conservation, and efficiency







Global Cloud-Resolving Modeling

2009: FV3-based GCRMs at NASA and GFDL

2019: DYAMOND First international inter-comparison of GCRMs to study convection-general circulation interactions.

FV3-based X-SHiELD and GEOS5 lead US submissions.

Vulcan Inc and GFDL are developing a Hybrid Model-Machine Learning system: GCRM input in, new moist physics out



DYAMOND vs. Satellite: Stevens et al 2019, PEPS

