

# RCEMIP: Moving from a single intercomparison to a framework for intercomparisons

## “Official” RCEMIP

### RCEMIP-I

- Uniform SST
- Wing et al. 2018, 2020...and many papers by many groups [see AGU special collection]

### RCEMIP-II

- Prescribed sinusoidal SST (mock-Walker)
- Wing et al. 2024, in review

## RCEMIP Offshoots

### RCEMIP-ACI (Aerosol-Cloud Interactions)

- Led by Guy Dagan

### RCEMIP-ROT (Rotating RCE on the Sphere)

- Some interest last year, but not enough to pursue at this time

### RCEMIP-??

<https://myweb.fsu.edu/awing/rcemip.html>

# RCEMIP-ACI

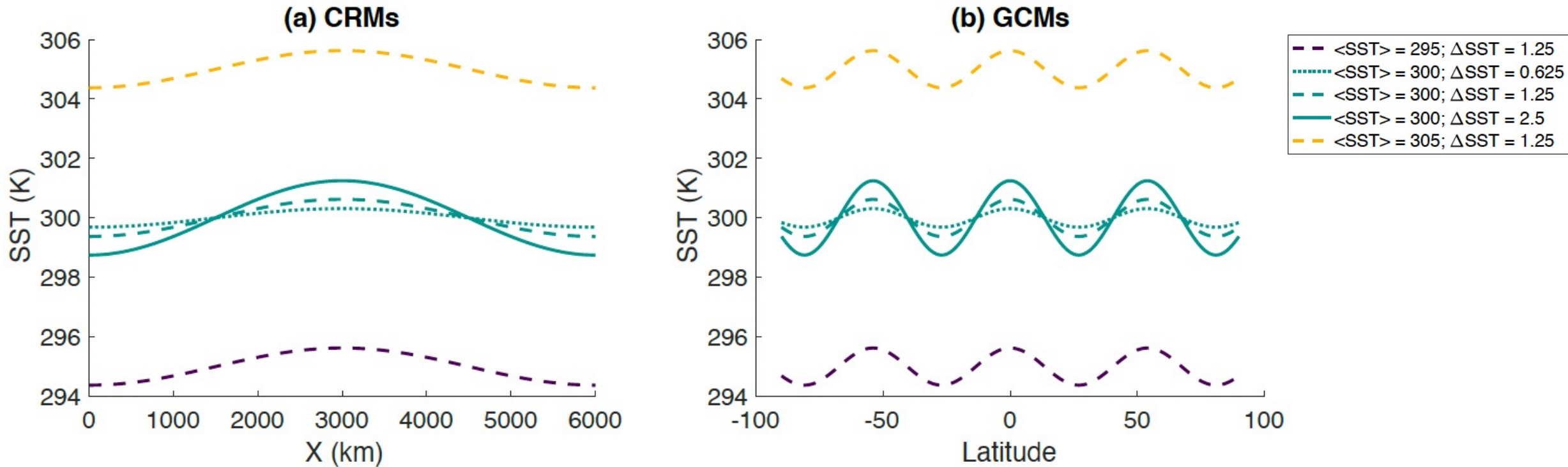
- Part of the GEWEX Aerosol Precipitation (GAP) initiative
- The simulation protocol is closely aligned with the RCEMIP protocol for CRMs, but with at least three different prescribed aerosol/cloud droplet concentrations.
- The aerosol concentrations affect only the cloud microphysics and not the radiation directly (as aerosol-radiation interactions are excluded).
- Most models have already uploaded their simulations. We expect a paper presenting the data (and making it publicly available) at the beginning of 2025.
- For details, contact [guy.dagan@mail.huji.ac.il](mailto:guy.dagan@mail.huji.ac.il)

# RCEMIP-ACI – model list

Model	Contributor	University
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3. DAM	David Romps	UC Berkeley
4. XSHIELD	Tristan Abbott	GFDL
5. WRF	Thara Prabhakaran, Gayatri Kulkarni	Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology
6. MESONH	Jean-Pierre Chaboureau	University of Toulouse
7. SAM-M2005	Guy Dagan	HUJI
8. SAM-P3	Blaž Gasparini	UNIVIE
9. RAMS	Sue van den Heever, Leung Gabrielle	CSU
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# RCEMIP-II Required Simulations



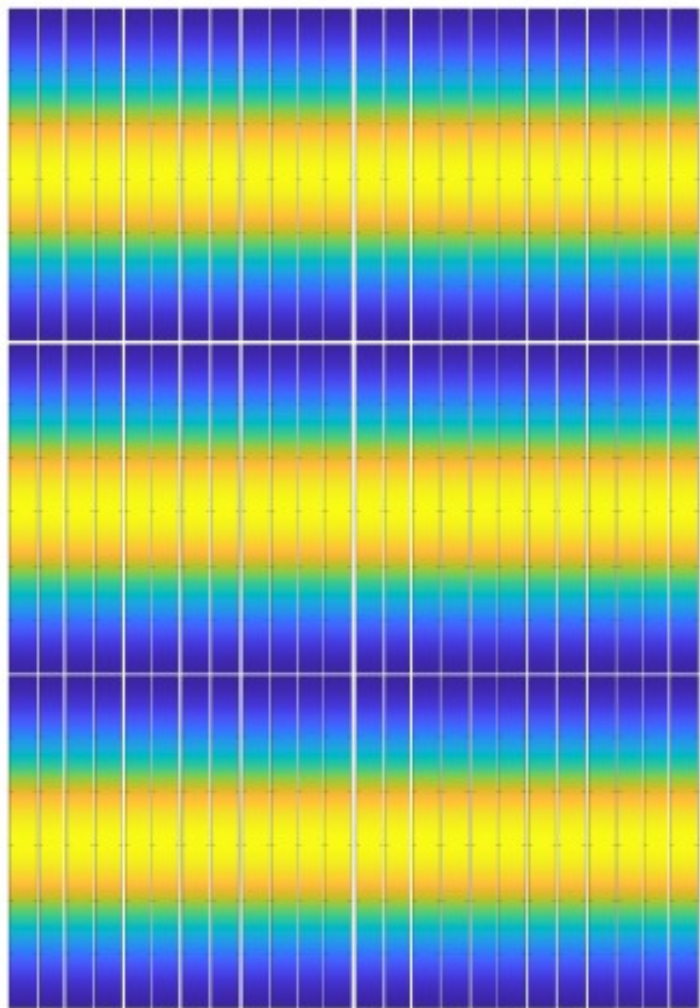
$$SST(x) = \langle SST \rangle - \frac{\Delta SST}{2} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L_x}\right)$$

$$\lambda = L_x \text{ (domain length) } \sim 6000 \text{ km}$$

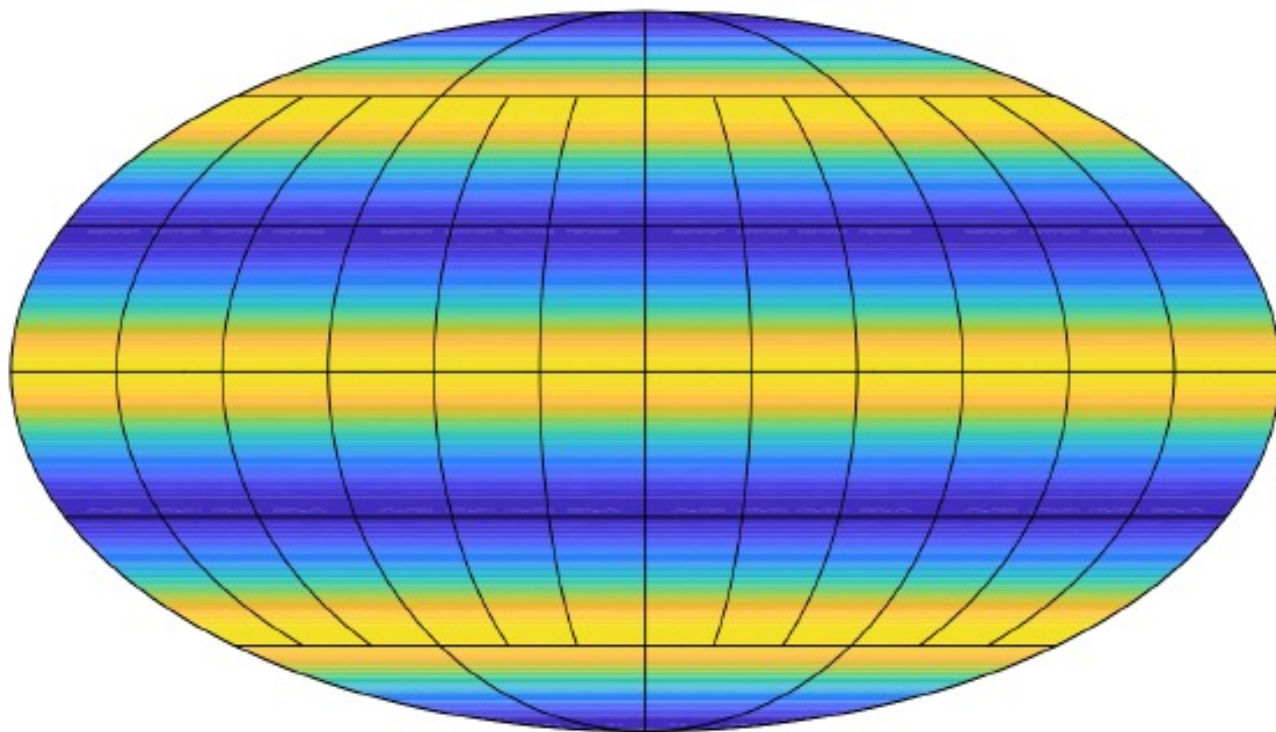
$$SST(\phi) = \langle SST \rangle + \frac{\Delta SST}{2} \cos\left(\frac{360^\circ \phi}{\lambda}\right)$$

$$\lambda = 54^\circ \text{ to yield } \sim 6000 \text{ km wavelength}$$

**(c) Tiled CRMs**



**(d) GCMs**



# RCEMIP-II Simulations

Wing, A.A., L.G. Silvers, and K.A. Reed: RCEMIP-II: Mock-Walker Simulations as Phase II of the Radiative-Convective Equilibrium Model Intercomparison Project, Geosci. Model Dev. Discuss. [preprint], doi:10.5194/gmd-2023-235, in review.

- Initialize from equilibrium RCE\_small sounding at corresponding  $\langle SST \rangle$
- Run for 200 days\* (CRMs) or 3 years (GCMs)
- Other than SST boundary condition, set-up identical to RCE\_large
  - CRMs: Get as close as possible to  $L_x = 6000$  km

## Optional Experiments

- Additional deltaSST
- Mechanism Denial/Simplification Experiments?
  - Fixed radiation (specified profile, uniform in space and time)?
  - Capped surface fluxes?

<b>Required Experiments</b>	$\langle SST \rangle$	$\Delta SST$
MW_295dT1p25	295 K	1.25 K
MW_300dT0p625	300 K	0.625 K
MW_300dT1p25	300 K	1.25 K
MW_300dT2p5	300 K	2.5 K
MW_305dT1p25	305 K	1.25 K

<b>Optional Experiments</b>	$\langle SST \rangle$	$\Delta SST$
MW_295dT0p625	295 K	0.625 K
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MW_305dT0p625	305 K	0.625 K
MW_305dT2p5	305 K	2.5 K



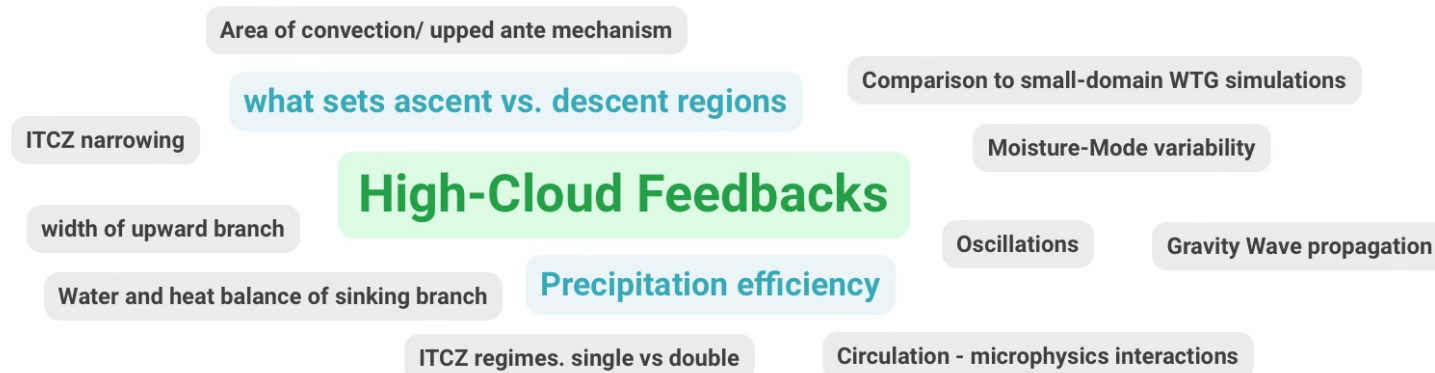
# RCEMIP-II Objectives



## RCEMIP-II Objectives

1. RCEMIP-I objectives in context of SST-forced circulation
  - a) Robustness of climate state
  - b) Response of clouds to warming and climate sensitivity
  - c) Dependence of convective aggregation on temperature
2. Physical mechanisms leading to low-frequency oscillations and their  $\nabla$ SST dependence
3. Development of stacked overturning circulations
4. Transition between regimes

*Other ideas and interest for analysis?*



# RCEMIP-II Output Notes

- For relative humidity & saturated water vapor path: compute the saturation with respect to liquid for temperatures above freezing and with respect to ice for temperatures below freezing.
- 0D & 2D vertically integrated data: clwvi is cloud ice + cloud liquid
- 1D & 3D data: clw is cloud liquid ONLY
- CRM threshold for cloud fraction: mixing ratio of the total cloud condensate (cloud liquid water + cloud ice) is greater than  $1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ g g}^{-1}$
- clisccp: listed in Table with 3D data, but this is a 2D CTP-tau histogram at each grid point and time...or should this be averaged in time?
- Some new *optional* output



# RCEMIP-II Output

compute the saturation  
with respect to liquid for temperatures above  
freezing and with respect to ice for temperatures  
below freezing.

clwvi\_avg is cloud ice + cloud liquid

Table A1. 0D hourly-averaged variables ( $t$ ). Italicized variables are *not* standard CMIP output.

Variable Name	Description	Units
pr_avg	domain avg. surface precipitation rate	$\text{kg m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
hfls_avg	domain avg. surface upward latent heat flux	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
hfss_avg	domain avg. surface upward sensible heat flux	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
prw_avg	domain avg. water vapor path	$\text{kg m}^{-2}$
<i>sprw_avg</i>	domain avg. saturated water vapor path	$\text{kg m}^{-2}$
clwvi_avg	domain avg. condensed water path (cloud ice + cloud liquid)	$\text{kg m}^{-2}$
clivi_avg	domain avg. ice water path (cloud ice)	$\text{kg m}^{-2}$
rlds_avg	domain avg. surface downwelling longwave flux	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
rlus_avg	domain avg. surface upwelling longwave flux	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
rsds_avg	domain avg. surface downwelling shortwave flux	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
rsus_avg	domain avg. surface upwelling shortwave flux	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
rsdscs_avg	domain avg. surface downwelling shortwave flux - clear sky	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
rsuscscs_avg	domain avg. surface upwelling shortwave flux - clear sky	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
rldscs_avg	domain avg. surface downwelling longwave flux - clear sky	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
rluscscs_avg	domain avg. surface upwelling longwave flux - clear sky	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
rsdt_avg	domain avg. TOA incoming shortwave flux	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
rsut_avg	domain avg. TOA outgoing shortwave flux	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
rlut_avg	domain avg. TOA outgoing longwave flux	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
rsutcs_avg	domain avg. TOA outgoing shortwave flux - clear sky	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
rlutcs_avg	domain avg. TOA outgoing longwave flux -clear sky	$\text{W m}^{-2}$

Table A2. 1D hourly-averaged variables ( $z,t$ ). Italicized variables are *not* standard CMIP output.

Variable Name	Description	Units
ta_avg	domain avg. air temperature profile	K
ua_avg	domain avg. eastward wind profile	$\text{m s}^{-1}$
va_avg	domain avg. northward wind profile	$\text{m s}^{-1}$
hus_avg	domain avg. specific humidity profile	kg/kg
hur_avg	domain avg. relative humidity profile	%
clw_avg	domain avg. mass fraction of cloud liquid water profile	kg/kg
cli_avg	domain avg. mass fraction of cloud ice profile	kg/kg
plw_avg	domain avg. mass fraction of precipitating liquid water profile	kg/kg
pli_avg	domain avg. mass fraction of precipitating ice profile	kg/kg
theta_avg	domain avg. potential temperature profile	K
thetae_avg	domain avg. equivalent potential temperature profile	K
tntrs_avg	domain avg. shortwave radiative heating rate profile	$\text{K s}^{-1}$
tntrl_avg	domain avg. longwave radiative heating rate profile	$\text{K s}^{-1}$
tntrscs_avg	domain avg. shortwave radiative heating rate profile - clear sky	$\text{K s}^{-1}$
tntrlcs_avg	domain avg. longwave radiative heating rate profile - clear sky	$\text{K s}^{-1}$
cldfrac_avg	global cloud fraction profile	

compute the saturation with respect to liquid for temperatures above freezing and with respect to ice for temperatures below freezing.

clw\_avg is cloud liquid ONLY

mixing ratio of the total cloud condensate (cloud liquid water + cloud ice) is greater than  $1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ g g}^{-1}$



**Table A3.** 2D hourly averaged variables ( $x,y,t$ ). Italicized variables are *not* standard CMIP output. Bolded variables are a new request compared to RCEMIP-I. Variables with a <sup>(1)</sup> symbol are required only for models with parameterized convection.

Variable Name	Description	Units
pr	surface precipitation rate	kg m <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
hfls	surface upward latent heat flux	W m <sup>-2</sup>
hfss	surface upward sensible heat flux	W m <sup>-2</sup>
rlds	surface downwelling longwave flux	W m <sup>-2</sup>
rlus	surface upwelling longwave flux	W m <sup>-2</sup>
rsds	surface downwelling shortwave flux	W m <sup>-2</sup>
rsus	surface upwelling shortwave flux	W m <sup>-2</sup>
rsdscs	surface downwelling shortwave flux - clear sky	W m <sup>-2</sup>
rsuscscs	surface upwelling shortwave flux - clear sky	W m <sup>-2</sup>
rldsescs	surface downwelling longwave flux - clear sky	W m <sup>-2</sup>
rluscscs	surface upwelling longwave flux - clear sky	W m <sup>-2</sup>
rsdt	TOA incoming shortwave flux	W m <sup>-2</sup>
rsut	TOA outgoing shortwave flux	W m <sup>-2</sup>
rlut	TOA outgoing longwave flux	W m <sup>-2</sup>
rsutcs	TOA outgoing shortwave flux - clear sky	W m <sup>-2</sup>
rlutcs	TOA outgoing longwave flux -clear sky	W m <sup>-2</sup>
prw	water vapor path	kg m <sup>-2</sup>
<b>sprw</b>	saturated water vapor path	kg m <sup>-2</sup>
<b>clwvi</b>	condensed water path (cloud ice + cloud liquid)	kg m <sup>-2</sup>
clivi	ice water path (cloud ice)	kg m <sup>-2</sup>
psl	sea level pressure	Pa
tas	2m air temperature	K
tabot	air temperature at lowest model level	K
uas	10m eastward wind	m s <sup>-1</sup>
vas	10m northward wind	m s <sup>-1</sup>
uabot	eastward wind at lowest model level	m s <sup>-1</sup>
vabot	northward wind at lowest model level	m s <sup>-1</sup>
<i>wa500</i> or <i>wap500</i>	vertical velocity or omega at 500 hPa	m s <sup>-1</sup> or Pa s <sup>-1</sup>
cl <sup>(1)</sup>	total cloud fraction of grid column	
pr_conv <sup>(1)</sup>	surface convective precipitation rate	kg m <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
<b>albiseccp<sup>(1)</sup></b>	ISCCP mean cloud albedo	
<b>cltiseccp<sup>(1)</sup></b>	ISCCP total cloud cover	%
<b>pttiseccp<sup>(1)</sup></b>	ISCCP mean cloud top pressure	Pa

compute the saturation with respect to liquid for temperatures above freezing and with respect to ice for temperatures below freezing.

clwvi is cloud ice + cloud liquid

**Table A4.** 3D instantaneous 6-hourly variables ( $x,y,z,t$ ). Italicized variables are *not* standard CMIP output. Bolded variables are a new request compared to RCEMIP-I. Variables with a <sup>(1)</sup> symbol are required only for models with parameterized convection.

Variable Name	Description	Units
<b>clw</b>	mass fraction of cloud liquid water	g/g
cli	mass fraction of cloud ice	g/g
<i>plw</i>	mass fraction of precipitating liquid water	g/g
<i>pli</i>	mass fraction of precipitating ice	g/g
ta	air temperature	K
ua	eastward wind	m s <sup>-1</sup>
va	northward wind	m s <sup>-1</sup>
hus	specific humidity	g/g
<i>wa</i> or <i>wap</i>	vertical velocity or omega	m s <sup>-1</sup> or Pa s <sup>-1</sup>
<i>pa</i> or <i>zg</i>	pressure or geopotential height	Pa or m
<i>tntrs</i>	tendency of air temperature due to shortwave radiative heating	K s <sup>-1</sup>
<i>tntrl</i>	tendency of air temperature due to longwave radiative heating	K s <sup>-1</sup>
<i>tntrscs</i>	tendency of air temperature due to shortwave radiative heating - clear sky	K s <sup>-1</sup>
<i>tntrlcs</i>	tendency of air temperature due to longwave radiative heating - clear sky	K s <sup>-1</sup>
<i>cldfrac</i> <sup>(1)</sup>	cloud fraction	
<i>mc</i> <sup>(1)</sup>	convective mass flux	kg m <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
<i>tntc</i> <sup>(1)</sup>	tendency of air temperature due to moist convection	K s <sup>-1</sup>
<b>clisccp</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	ISCCP cloud area percentage in optical depth and pressure bins	%

clw is cloud liquid ONLY

2D CTP-tau histogram at each grid point and time [move to Table A3?]

...or averaged in time?

**Table A5.** Optional output variables. Italicized variables are *not* standard CMIP output. Bolded variables are a new request compared to RCEMIP-I.

Variable Name	Description	Units
6-hourly instantaneous 3-D variables ( $x,y,z,t$ )		
<i>tntm</i>	tendency of air temperature due to microphysical latent heating	$\text{K s}^{-1}$
<b>reffclw</b>	effective radius of cloud liquid water (in-cloud)	$\mu\text{m}$
<b>reffcli</b>	effective radius of cloud ice (in-cloud)	$\mu\text{m}$
<i>cdnc</i>	number concentration of cloud liquid water particles (in-cloud)	$\text{cm}^{-3}$
<i>icnc</i>	number concentration of cloud ice particles (in-cloud)	$\text{cm}^{-3}$
30-minute instantaneous 2-D variables ( $x,y,t$ )		
<b>rlut_inst</b>	TOA outgoing longwave flux	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
<b>pr_inst</b>	surface precipitation rate	$\text{kg m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
Hourly 2-D variables ( $x,y,t$ )		
<i>fmse</i>	mass-weighted vert. integral of FMSE	$\text{J m}^{-2}$
<i>advfmse</i>	mass-weighted vert. integral of advective tendency of FMSE	
<i>tnfmse</i>	tendency of mass-weighted vert. integral of FMSE	
<i>tnfmsevar</i>	tendency of spatial variance of mass-weighted vert. integral of FMSE	
<b>crvi</b>	mass-weighted vert. integral of gross condensation rate	$\text{kg m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$

vertical integral of the negative part of the microphysical tendency of water vapor, \*if\* water vapor is a prognostic variable

# RCEMIP-II Data Upload



DKRZ Swiftbrowser: Upload via swift  
command line client. Download via wget

Keep this for RCEMIP-II,  
or instead use...?

Current pseudofolder Structure for RCEMIP-I

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MODEL 1
> EXPERIMENT 1
  > 0D
  > 1D
  > 2D
  > 3D
> EXPERIMENT 2
  > 0D
  > 1D
  > 2D
  > 3D
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EXPERIMENT 1

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>0D
  > MODEL 1
  > MODEL 2
  ...
>1D
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EXPERIMENT 2

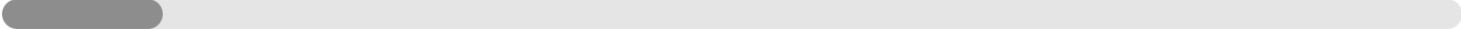
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>0D
  > MODEL 1
  > MODEL 2
  ...
>1D
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Which output structure would you prefer?

Current structure (MODELS/EXPERIMENTS/DIMENSIONS/DATA) 

 22%

New structure (EXPERIMENTS/DIMENSIONS/MODELS/DATA)

 11%

Allison makes a wget script to do either option

 67%

MODEL 2

...



# RCEMIP-II Data Access



DKRZ Swiftbrowser: Upload via swift command line client. Download via wget

Access without downloading via intake catalog? Experimental with netcdf on swiftbrowser.

Output format:

Netcdf?

Zarr?

Standard netcdf compression?

Timeframe:

- Upload by end of summer
- Accessible to model contributors only until initial results paper submitted
- Publicly available when initial results paper (all model contributors as coauthors) submitted (~1 year?)

Which output format do you prefer?

Netcdf



67%

Compressed Netcdf

17%

Zarr

17%



# RCEMIP-I Data

How frequently is the data accessed?

- Fill out form on RCEMIP website when you download/use the data!
- About 25 people have filled out the form (but I know there are others who have used it without filling out the form)

Does it need to stay on the swiftbrowser, or could it be archived to WDC?

- **DKRZ will ensure that the handle will always resolve to the RCEMIP data.**
- Archive most of the data on WDC but retain a subset of the RCEMIP-I data on the swiftbrowser (or new DKRZ storage cloud?).
  - The post-processed A-Statistics, 0D, and 1D files get the most use.

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# RCEMIP-II Participants

Model Type	Model	
CRM	DALES	Dutch Atmospheric Large Eddy Simulation (Heus et al., 2010)
CRM	DAM	Das Atmosphaerisch Modell (Romps, 2008)
CRM	FV3	GFDL-FV3 CRM (Zhou et al., 2019)
CRM	ICON	ICOsahedral Nonhydrostatic Model - Sapphire (Hohenegger et al., 2023)
CRM	MESO-NH	MESO-NH v5.6 (Lac et al., 2018)
CRM	UKMO-RA1-T	UK Met Office Idealized Model v11.0 (Stratton et al., 2018)
CRM	RAMS	Regional Atmospheric Modeling System (Cotton et al., 2003)
CRM	SAM-1MOM	System for Atmospheric Modeling, 1-moment microphysics (Khairoutdinov and Randall, 2003)
CRM	SAM-M2005	System for Atmospheric Modeling, M2005 microphysics (Morrison et al., 2005)
CRM	SAM-P3ice	System for Atmospheric Modeling, P3ice microphysics (Morrison and Milbrandt, 2015; Gasparini et al., 2022)
CRM	SCALE	Scalable Computing for Advanced Library and Environment v5.2.5 (Nishizawa et al., 2015; Sato et al., 2015)
CRM	SCREAMv0	Simple Cloud-Resolving E3SM Atmosphere Model (Caldwell et al., 2021; Bogenschutz et al., 2023)
CRM	SNAP	Simulating Nonhydrostatic Atmosphere on Planets (Li and Chen, 2019)
CRM	VVM	Vector Vorticity Model (Wu et al., 2019)
GCRM	ICON	ICOsahedral Nonhydrostatic Model - Sapphire (Hohenegger et al., 2023)
GCRM	NICAM	Non-hydrostatic Icosahedral Atmospheric Model v16.3 (Satoh et al., 2014)
GCRM	SAM	Global System for Atmospheric Modeling (Khairoutdinov et al., 2022)
GCM	CAM5	Community Atmosphere Model version 5 (Neale et al., 2012)
GCM	CAM6	Community Atmosphere Model version 6 (Danabasoglu et al., 2020)
GCM	CNRM-CM6	CNRM-CM6-1 - Atmosphere component (Roehrig and coauthors, 2020; Voltaire et al., 2019)
GCM	EXOCUBED	ExoCubed (Chen and Li, 2024)
GCM	E3SM-MMFv2	Super-parameterized Energy Exascale Earth System Model (Hannah et al., 2020)
GCM	FV3-AM4	GFDL-FV3 with AM4 Physics (Zhao et al., 2018a, b)
GCM	IPSL-CM6	LMDZ6A version (Hourdin and coauthors, 2020)
GCM	MIROC6	Model for Interdisciplinary Research on Climate (Tatebe et al., 2019)
GCM	SP-CAM	Super-Parameterized Community Atmosphere Model (Randall et al., 2016)
GCM	UKMO-GA7.1	Met Office Unified Model Global Atmosphere v7.1 (Walters et al., 2019)

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