

Meso/CAM (Convection Allowing Models)

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Meso/CAM WG Initial Findings



- Verification is critical for evidenced-based decisions (EBD).
 - Grand verification scorecard with resource tracking.
 - Forecaster input is critical via testbeds (e.g. CLUE), MEG-STI CAM.
- Unified modeling system must beat:
 - Multi-model, multi-physics systems for days 1-2 (SSEO/HREFv2).
 - Frequently-updated short-range forecasts (HRRR).
 - Likely to be regional CAM due to data latency issues (radar data).
 - WoF targeted for sub-CONUS domains beyond 3 years.
- Many want to run FV3 as a stand-alone limited-area model.
- Need documentation, Wiki page(s).
- Share results at FV3-based workshops.



Meso/CAM WG Key issues to resolve



- When will a stand-alone limited-area FV3 be available?
 - Some want to make idealized FV3 runs, others want to conduct detailed analyses (e.g. with 5-min output).
 - Convective-scale evaluation is necessary for some.
 - The sooner this is done, the sooner the community will join.
 - Evaluate real-time & retrospective forecasts for a wide variety of weather events for all seasons (at least 2 dozen cases).
- Global nests vs stand-alone mixed core/physics for days 1-3 (outlooks).
- Better coordination across organizations with varying levels of "operational readiness" (across the O2R continuum).
- Allow community contributions to physics (including stochastic approaches) and ensemble-based data assimilation methods.
- V&V will be a huge effort, should there be a dedicated CAM V&V WG?