Methods and Tools for the Application of the UF-ECT to New Climate Models

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Purpose of UF-ECT

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- MPAS is a climate model based around unstructured Voronoi meshes.



False Positives

Do additional runs from the same configuration fail?



Non-Climate Changing Modifications

Changes that might lead to BFB changes, but aren't expected to affect scientific conclusions.

UF-ECT Test Types

Climate Changing Parameters

Does the test detect the change of scientific parameters?



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EET = Run test with many different ensembles / test runs



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config_zd	m	Height MSL to begin w-damping profile.	22,000
config_xnutr	-	Maximum w-damping coefficient at model top	0.2
config_epssm	_	Off-centering parameter for the vertically implicit acoustic integration	0.1
config_coef _3rd_order	_	Upwinding coefficient in the 3rd order advection scheme	0.25

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Ve detect scientific parameter changes down to 1% - 10% in magnitude.



CESM-CAM: Do we need to update our test parameters?

CAM 5.3

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 - After exclusions of variables that introduce numerical issues in the test.
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1.2) Perturb IC's to create ensemble.



1.3) Run model for simulation length T using ensemble of IC's to create ensemble of outputs.





1.4) Spatially average model outputs.



1.5) Use Principal Component Analysis to find orthogonal basis that explains most of the variance in the ensemble.



[Milroy et al. 2018]

1.6) Along with PCA transform, save PC distributions of ensemble to summary.





2.1) Run small set of perturbed runs using new model configuration.



2.2) Spatially average new model outputs.







