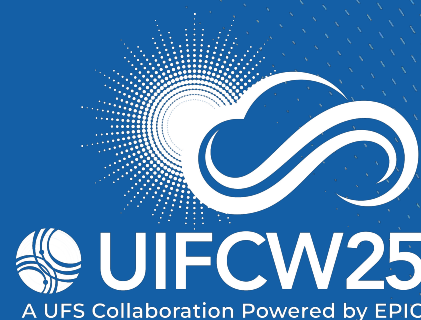


# 2-Way Coupling the GFDL Land Model with FV3 Atmosphere in UFS

UFS Application – Global Applications Across Scales

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# Publicly Released GFDL Land Models

## 3 CMIP6 configurations

- CM4.0: LM4.0
- SPEAR: LM4.0
- ESM4.1: LM4.1

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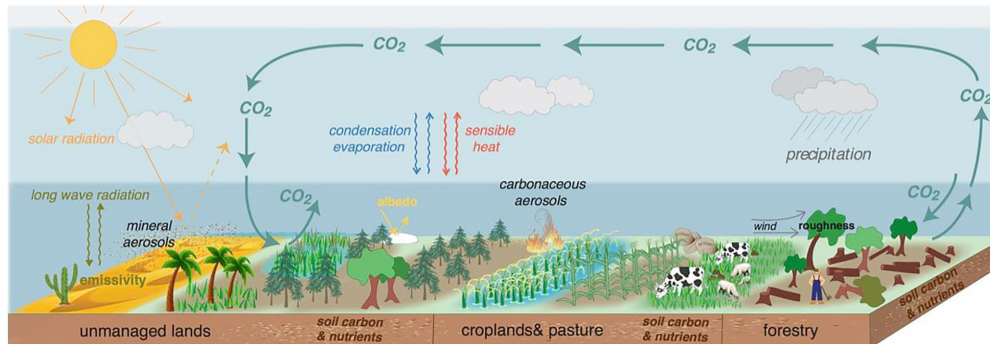
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## Above-ground processes:

- Multi-layer snow
- River runoff and routing
- Lakes with ice/snow
- Plant phenology
- Plant hydraulics
- Dynamic veg. competition
- Prognostic dust
- Fires
- Crops

## Below-ground processes:

- 20 soil layers to 10 m
- Thermal diffusion with freeze-thaw
- Surface and subsurface runoff and river routing
- Dynamic water table, including perched over permafrost



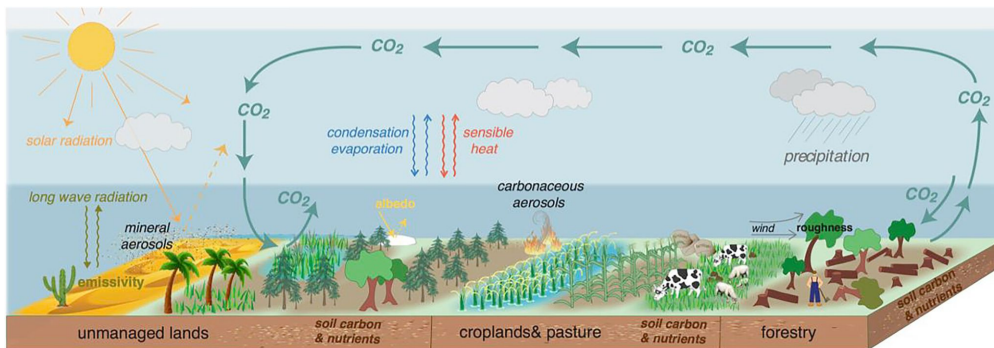
## Coupling & heterogeneity:

- Implicit fluxes for each subgrid tile
- Static glaciers and ice sheets
- Dynamic land use, fire, and veg dynamics tiles

# GFDL LM4.0 in UFS

LM4.0 as an Earth System land component model in UFS applicable for S2S time scales

- Static or prognostic treatment of vegetation including distribution, structure, and phenology
- Land characteristics dynamically change in response to meteorological conditions and disturbances (e.g., fire), can be important on longer-than-forecast scales
- Energy / water conservation in model and in system especially important on seasonal scales
- Prognostic river discharge from land to oceans and lakes



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# GFDL LM4.0 in UFS

Merged into UFS on October 2024. First port of GFDL Land Model outside of GFDL

## Abbreviated Tree

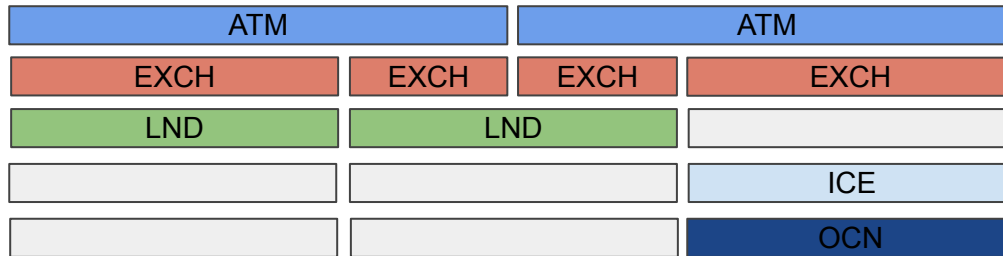
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│   └── README.md
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- CDEPS Data Atmosphere RTs:  
datm\_lm4\_gwsp3, datm\_cdeps\_lm4\_gswp3\_rst
- LM4 NUOPC driver  
[github.com/NOAA-GFDL/LM4-NUOPC-driver](https://github.com/NOAA-GFDL/LM4-NUOPC-driver)
  - Uses GFDL LM4.0 release tag:  
[github.com/NOAA-GFDL/lm4/releases/tag/land\\_lad2\\_2021.02](https://github.com/NOAA-GFDL/lm4/releases/tag/land_lad2_2021.02)
  - Driver is generic/flexible for all GFDL land versions
  - Incorporates some GFDL Coupler surface boundary layer and physics

# LM4 within GFDL / FMS Coupler

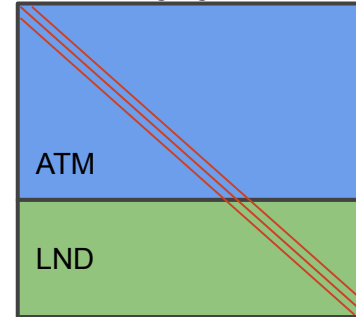
- In FMS Coupler, models communicate through exchange grid, uses implicit solver
- Surface boundary layer also on exchange grid
- Developed modified Land-only routines converted from FMS Coupler, with no exchange grid

1-D view of exchange grid



Adaptation from V. Balaji, et al. (2006): doi:10.1016/b978-044452206-1/50021-5.

Implicit Coupling w/ SBL  
on exchange grid



# LM4 Cap in UFS: Conversation of surface layer schemes

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- **update\_ice\_model\_fast**
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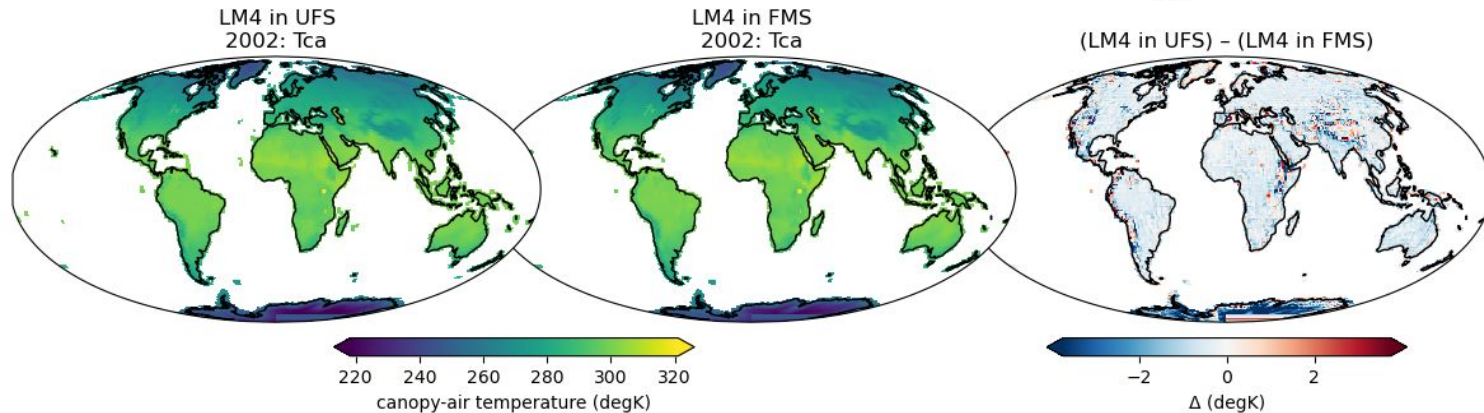
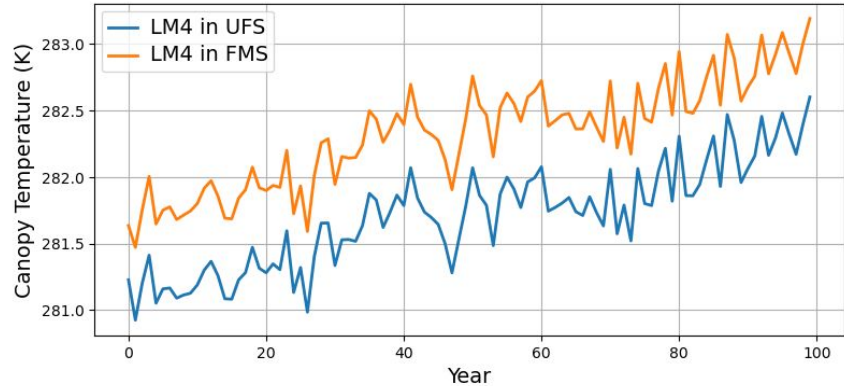
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# Data atmosphere Spinup in UFS

- 100 years GSWP3 data
- Stress test of slow-timestep processes
- Evaluation of using UFS to generate land restarts



# Coupling Atm - LM4.0 Configuration

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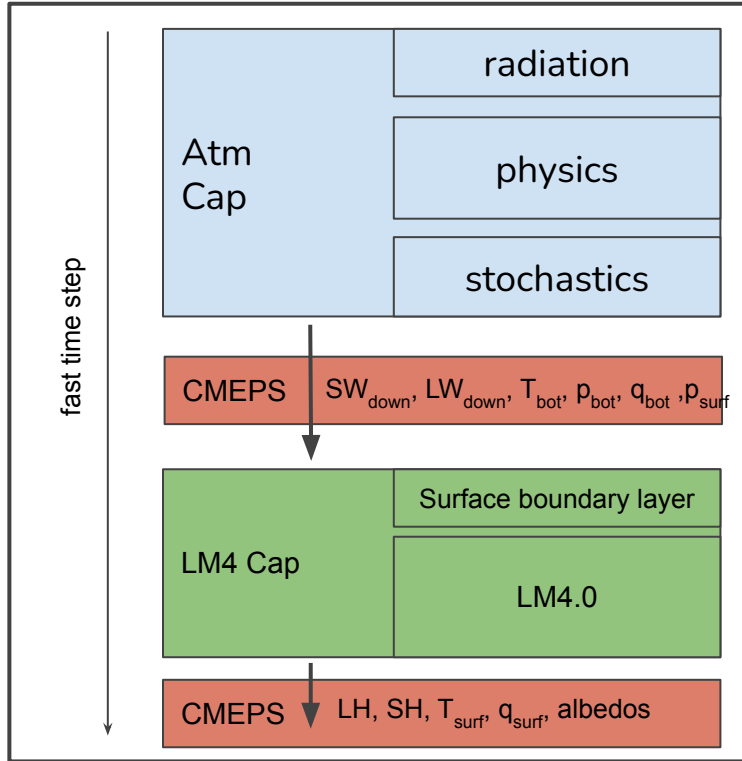
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- Explicit coupling with FV3 using kinematic fluxes
  - (toggle for possible use of implicit coupling)

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# Explicit Coupling Strategy with Atm for LM4 in UFS

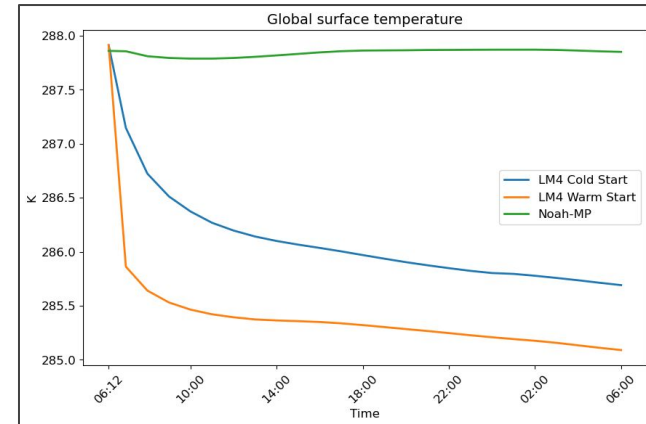
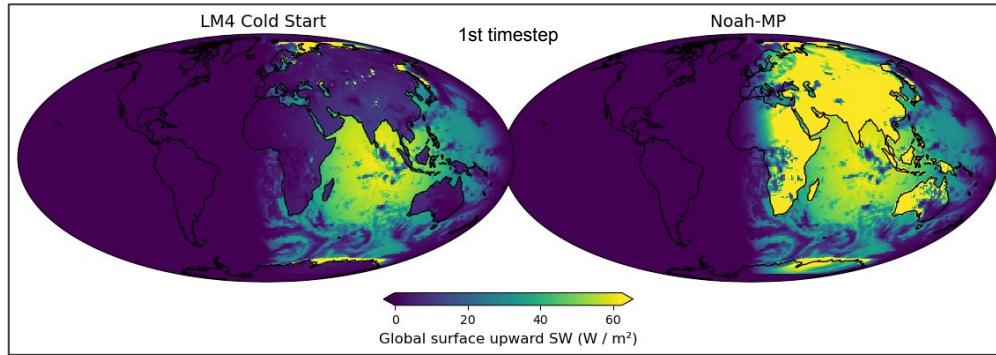


Condensed Call Order

- Radiation receives LM4-sent albedo / temperature / emissivity
- Atm bottom layer state communicated through CMEPS
- LM4 sends back (currently) Latent heat, Sensible, surface radiative temperature and humidity
- Reviewing physics to find more modular land/atm communications
- Functional but still implementing:
  - Aggregating outputs of surface boundary layer
  - Multiple vegetation tiles / grid cell
  - Some surface data communication

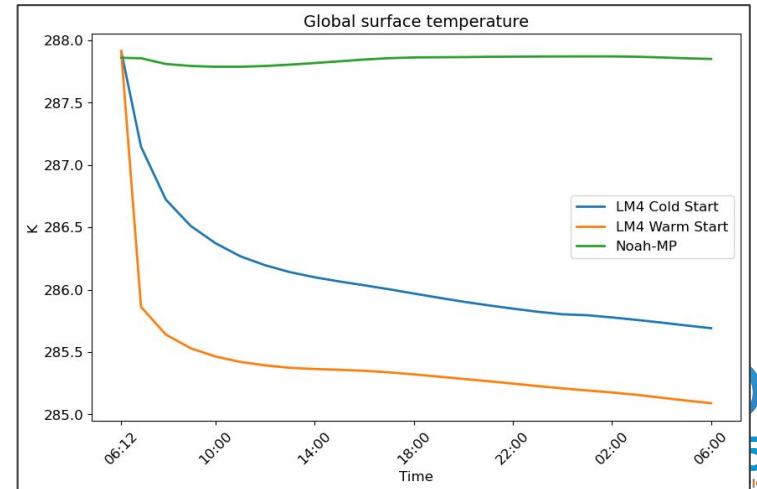
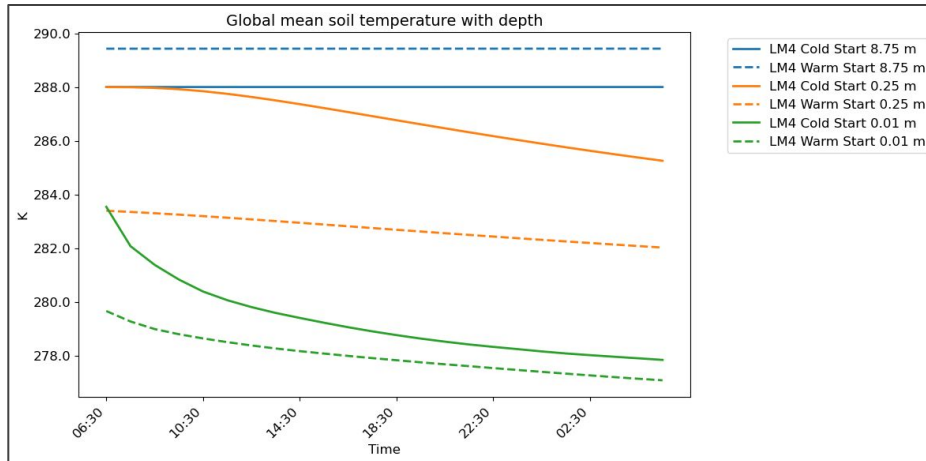
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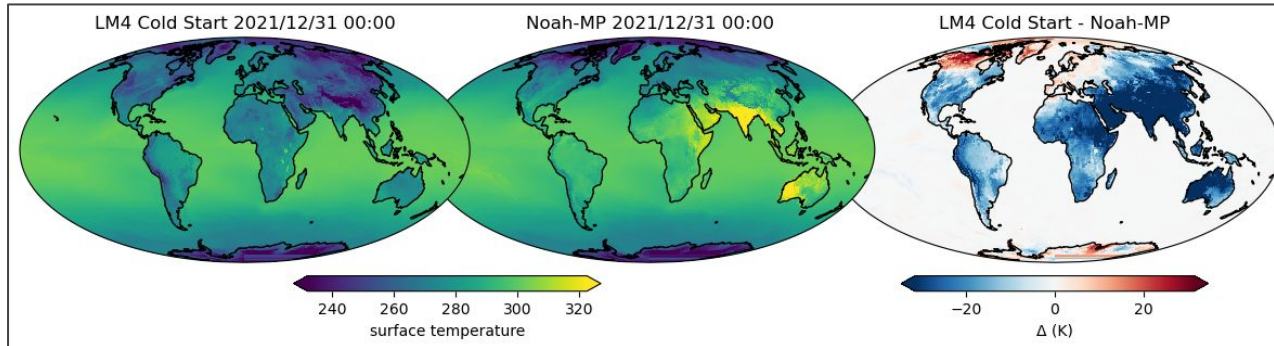
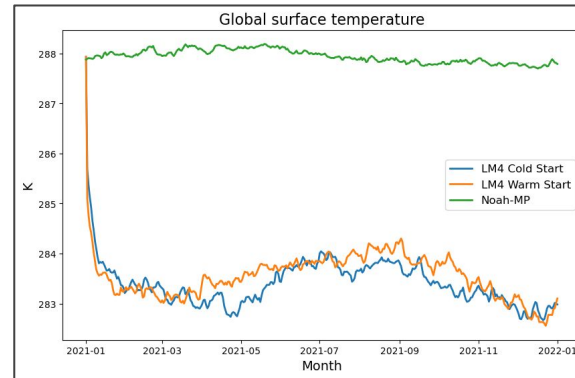
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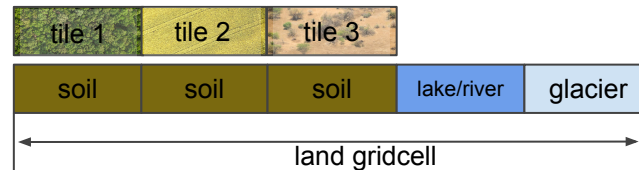
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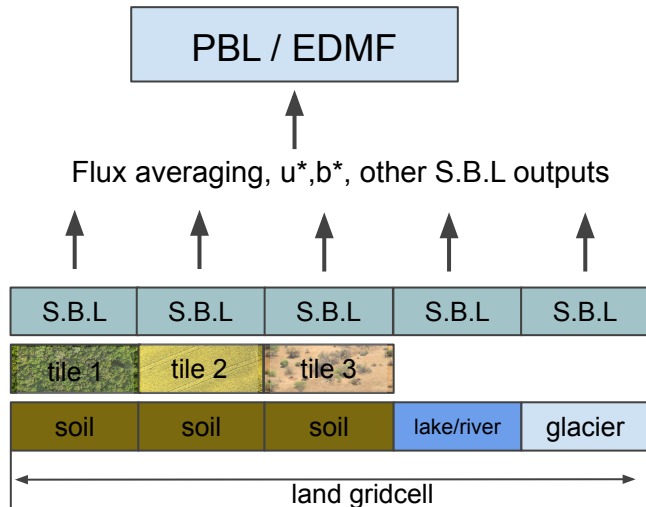


# Approaches on multi-tile and surface exchange

- so far has used singular land tile / gridcell,
- currently implementing LM4's multi tile treatment
  - Each vegetation has non-isothermal canopy, own soil layer
  - Dynamic vegetation and land use crop
  - lake/river and glaciers have own surface boundary exchange

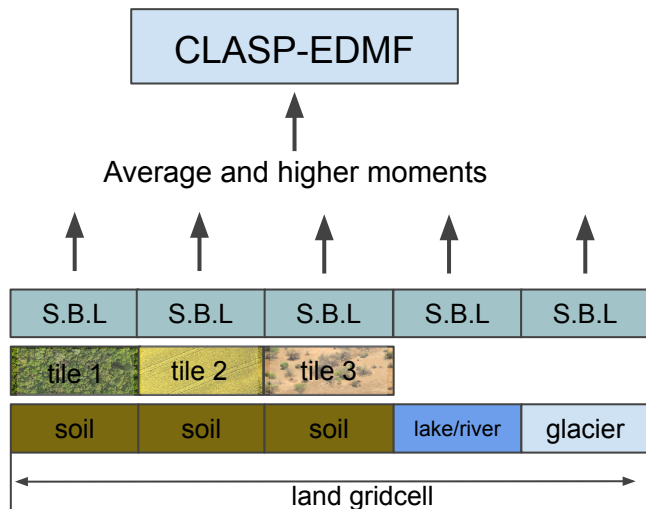


# Multi-tile Surface Layer Treatment



- Similar to Noah-MP, ground, understory, canopy vegetation, and canopy air have different temps and properties
- LM4 + FMS Surface Boundary Layer akin to Noah-MP calling GFS stability internally
- Can use similar treatment in UFS for fractional grid, or PBL requiring more than mean flux

# Multi-tile Surface Layer Treatment



- One approach at GFDL is using an EDMF scheme that incorporates tile-level heterogeneity without operating over every tile by using pdfs

Khaled Ghannam, et al. Coupling Subgrid-Scale Surface Heterogeneity to the Convective Boundary Layer in the GFDL Global Model (AM4.0-LM4.0): Parameterization Development and Climate Impacts. *Submitted to JAMES*.

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## LM4 in UFS, Completed

- Data-atmosphere capability in repository, with cold & warm start regression tests and baselines
- LM4.0 representation of glaciers, lakes and rivers
- Basics of Coupling with FV3 Atmosphere

## LM4 in UFS, Continued Development

- Finish Atmosphere coupling, work towards energy and water balance
- Dynamic subgrid land tiling
- River routing connection to ocean

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