Tracer advection in CAM: new scheme and evaluation

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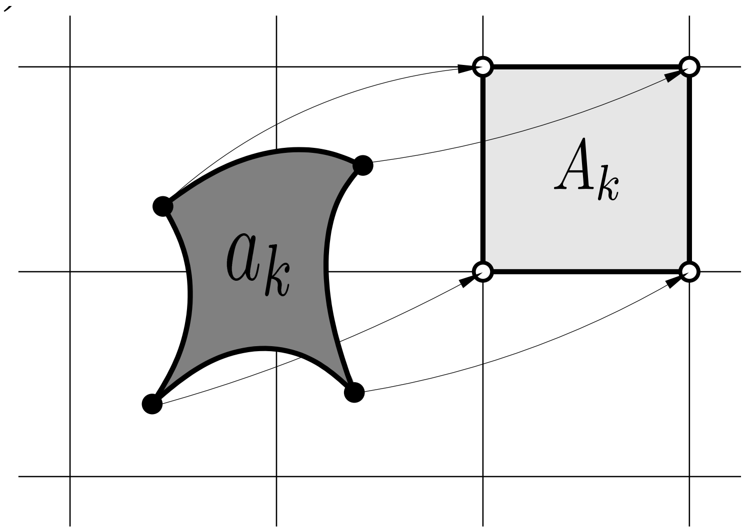

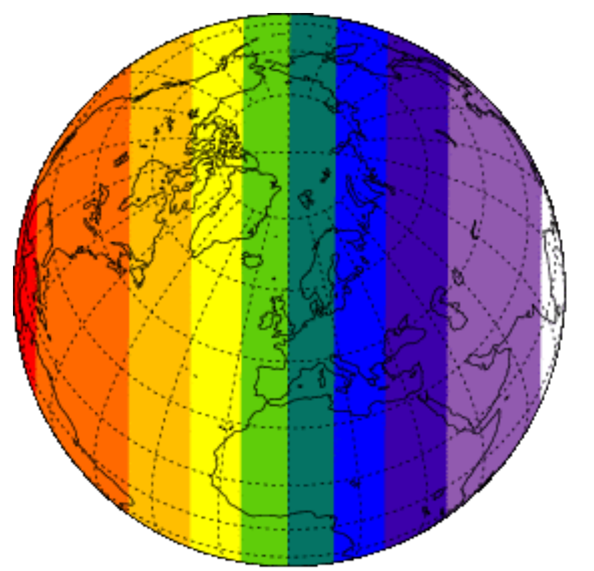

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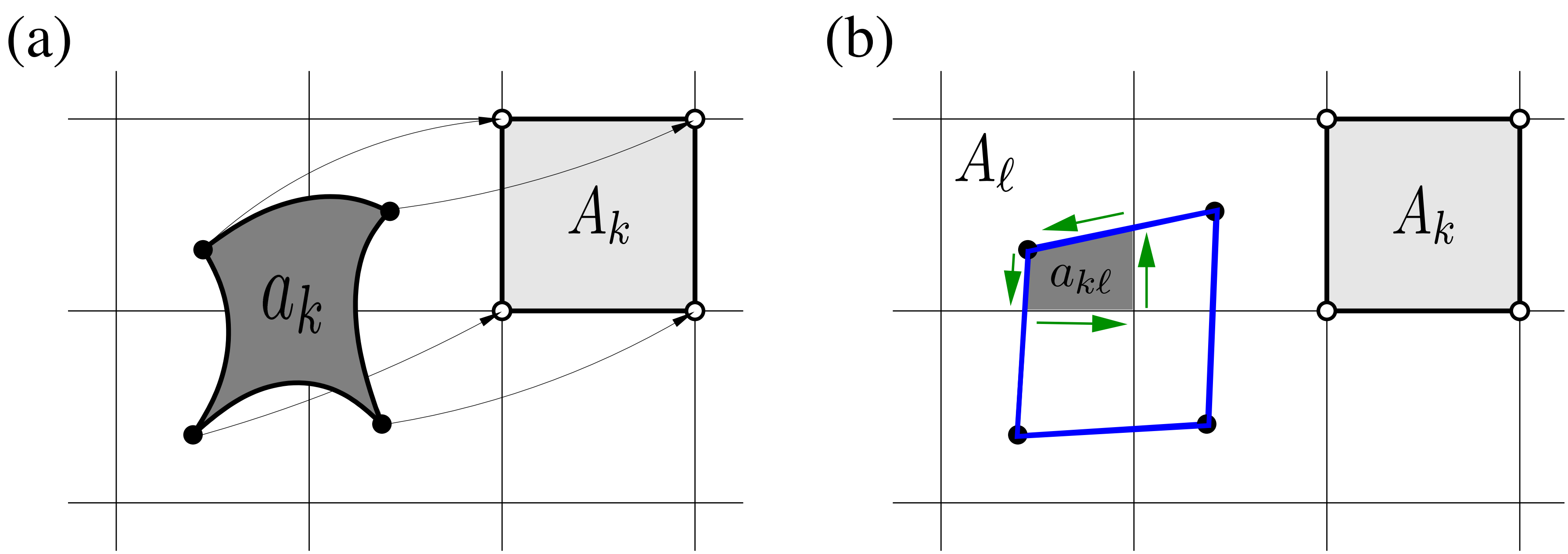

* HOMME is "providing" the spectral element dynamical core to CAM-SE

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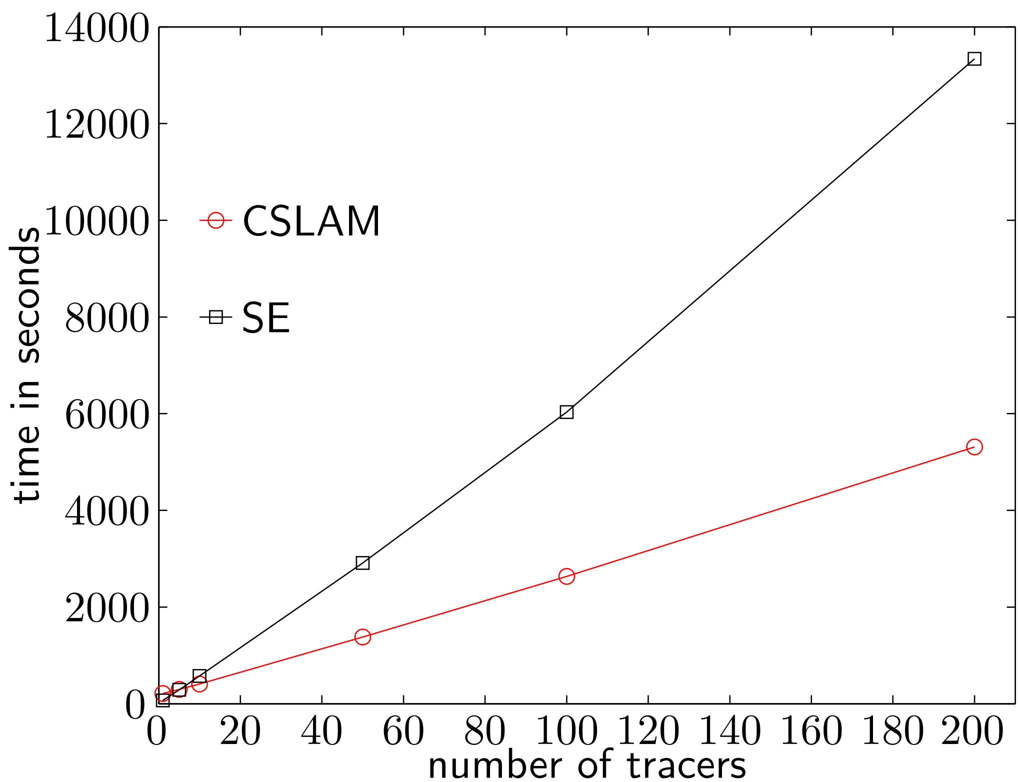

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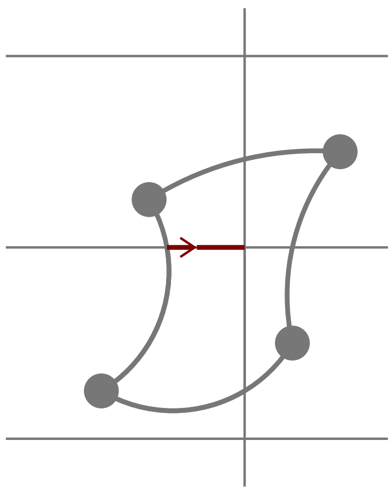

calculated by analytical expression → mandatory for mass conservation:

e.g., antiderivative for high order weights:

$$-y\,\mathrm{arsinh}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{1+y^2}}\right) - \arccos\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}\frac{y}{\sqrt{1+y^2}}\right)$$

Stability problems!

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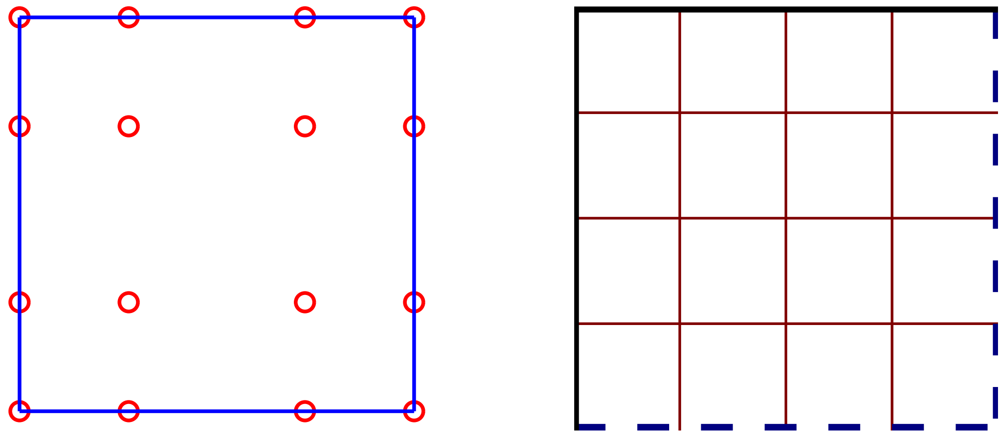
- So why are we not showing AMIP simulations with CSLAM?

CSLAM coupling with spectral element dynamics (1/2)
(work in progress)

- Equiangular finite-volume physics grid in CAM-SE



When I/O and physics on finite-volume grid is working in CAM-SE, CSLAM transport (without SE-CSLAM air density coupling) should be available.

- without SE-CSLAM air density coupling? CSLAM evolves its own density and CAM-SE evolves it own density
(this inconsistency appears when using different numerical methods and/or different time-steps for air and tracers)

CSLAM coupling with spectral element dynamics (2/2)
(and specified dynamics option in CAM-SE)

- Continuity equation for air and tracer (rho=density, phi=mixing ratio):

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\vec{v}\rho) = 0, \quad \text{CAM-SE}$$

$$\frac{\partial (\rho\,\phi)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\vec{v}\rho\,\phi) = 0, \quad \text{CSLAM}$$

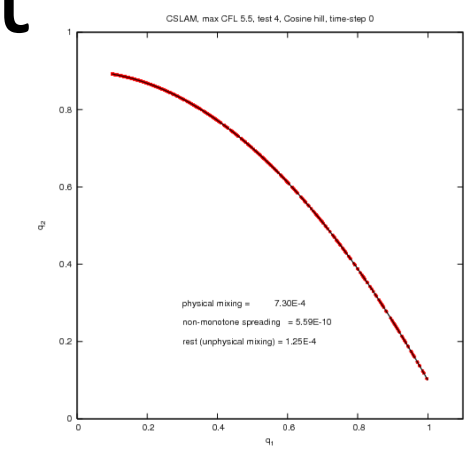
- If phi=1 then tracer equation should reduce to air density equation
- Similarly for specified dynamics: offline data wind-mass balance does not equal the dynamical core wind-mass balance
  (M. Prather, P. Cameron-Smith)
- A "safe" solution for SE-CSLAM coupling: move to Flux-Form version of CSLAM (FF-CSLAM; Harris et al., 2011) and use well-known and well-tested finite-volume "flux-tricks"

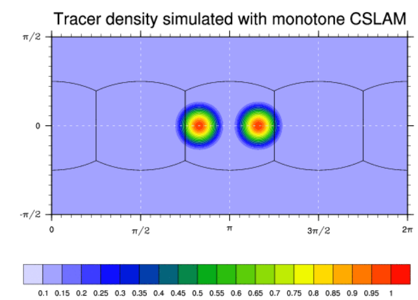
Accuracy of transport

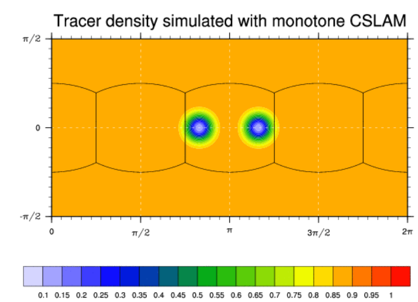
Idealized passive transport test case suite designed to assess:

- numerical order of convergence
- `minimal' resolution
- ability to transport 'rough' distributions
- ability to preserve pre-existing functional relations between species,
- ability to preserve filaments

under challenging flow conditions
(Lauritzen, Skamarock, Prather and Taylor, 2012)
(Nair and Lauritzen, 2010)







Accuracy of transport: workshop

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LPM	Lagrangian Particle Method	Bosler (2013, in prep)	Icosahedral-triangular	?
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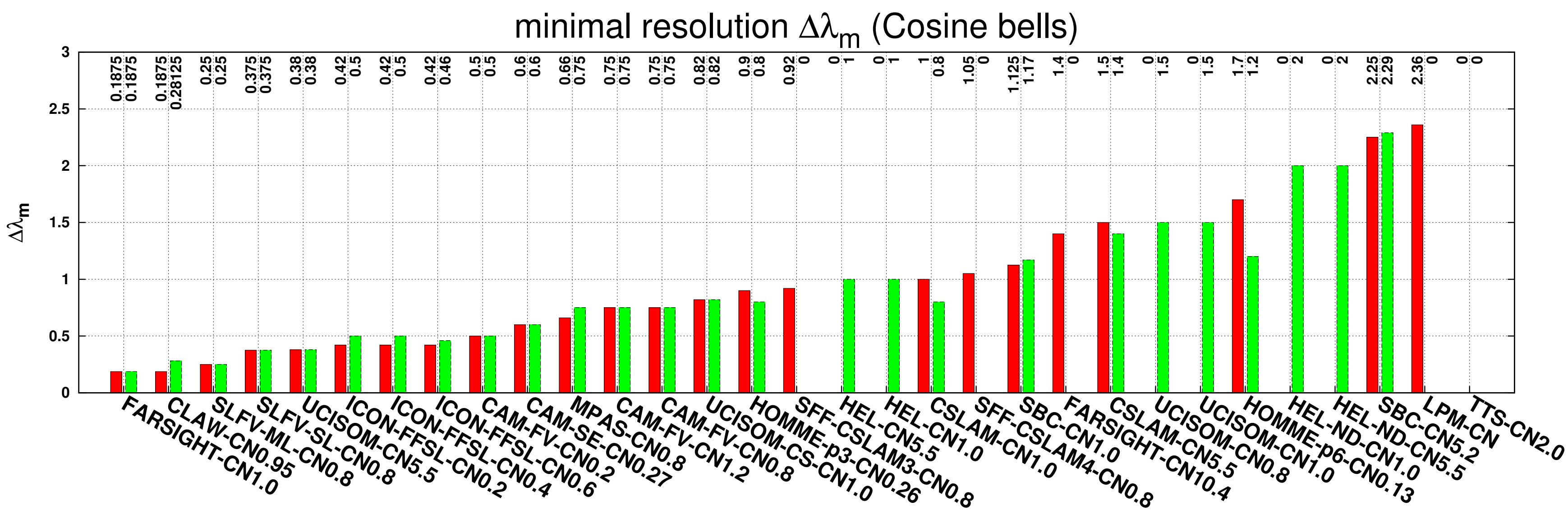
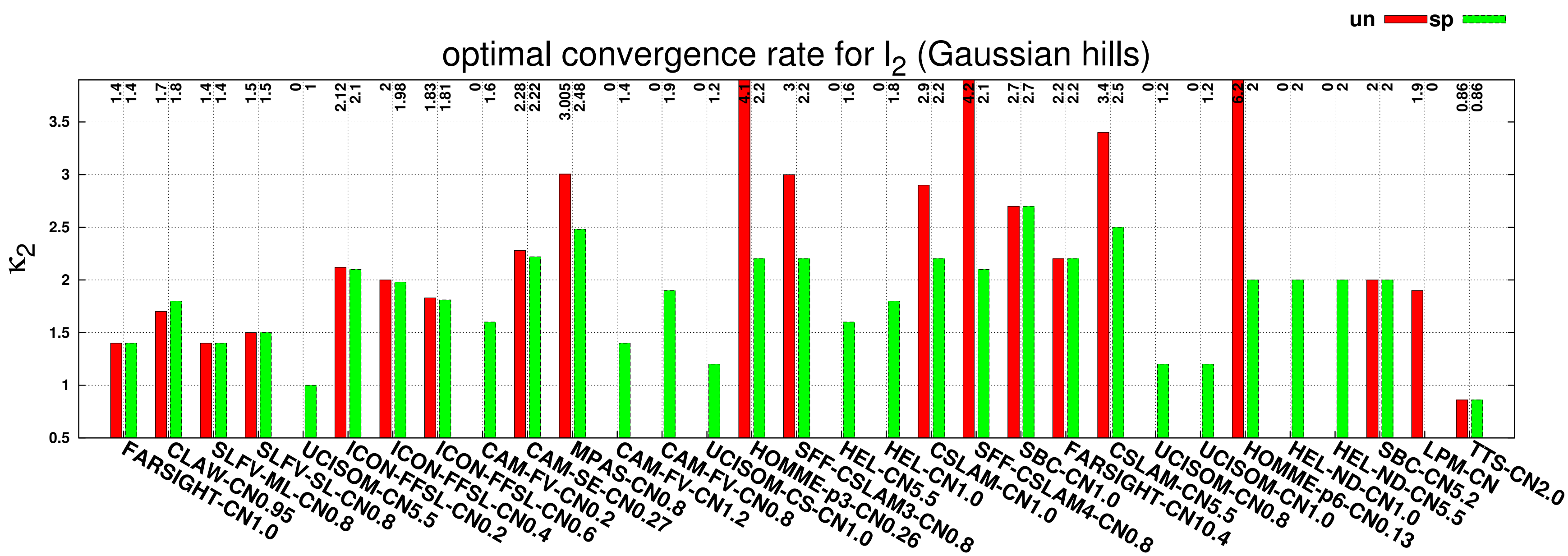
CAM-SE is running with default climate setup!





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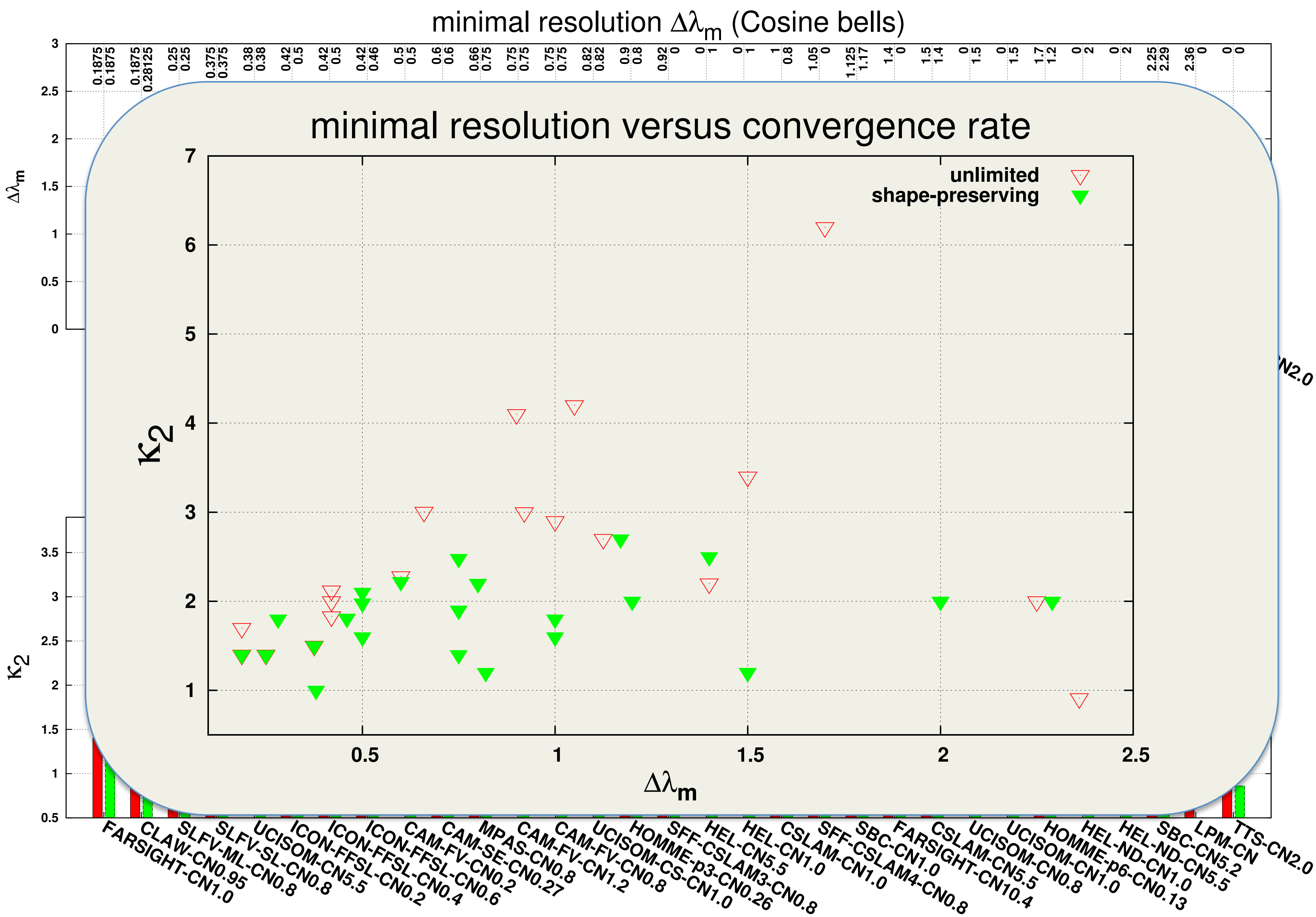

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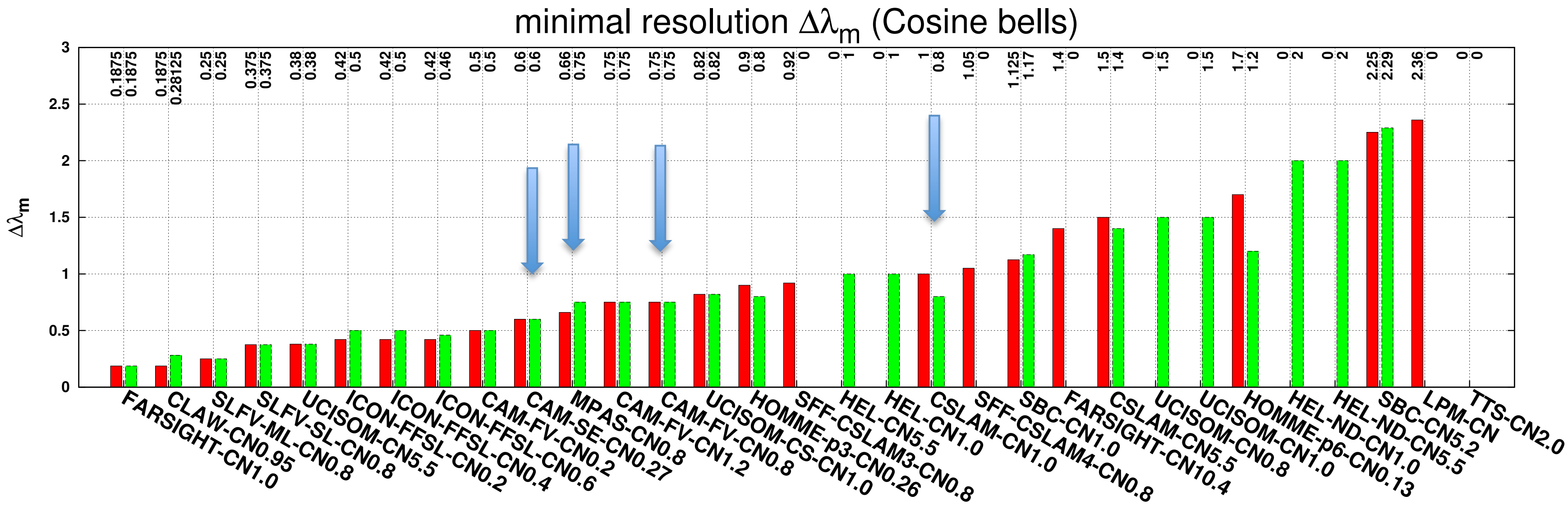

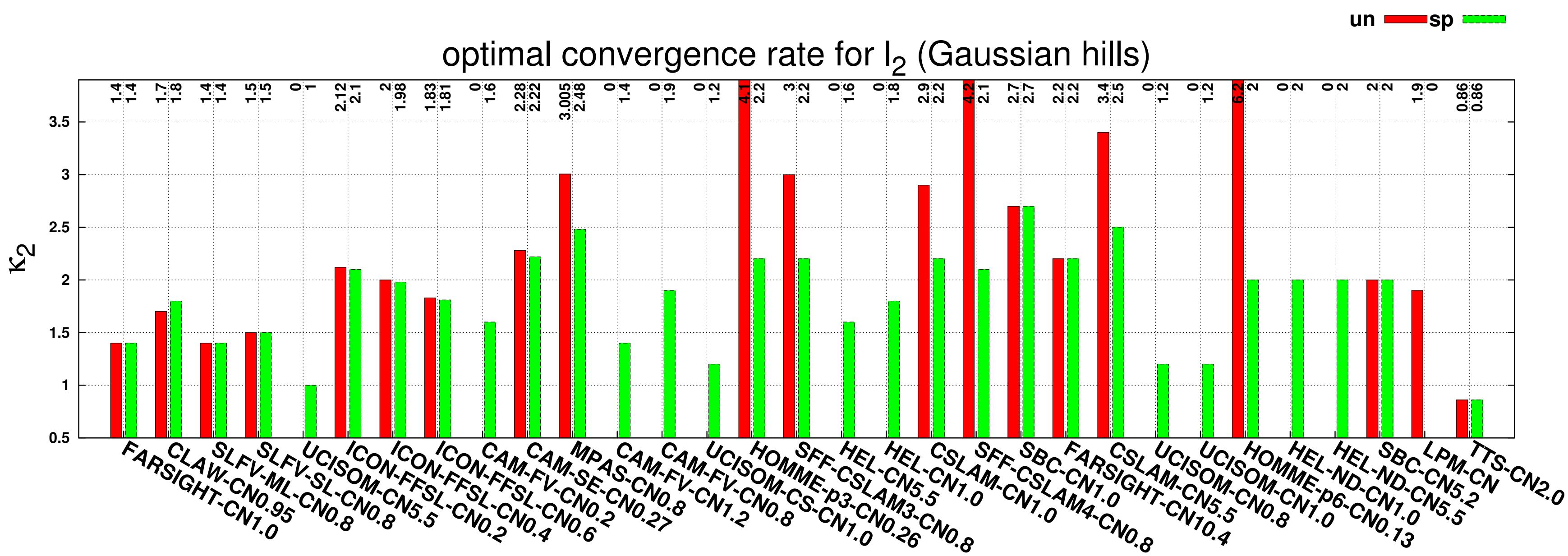

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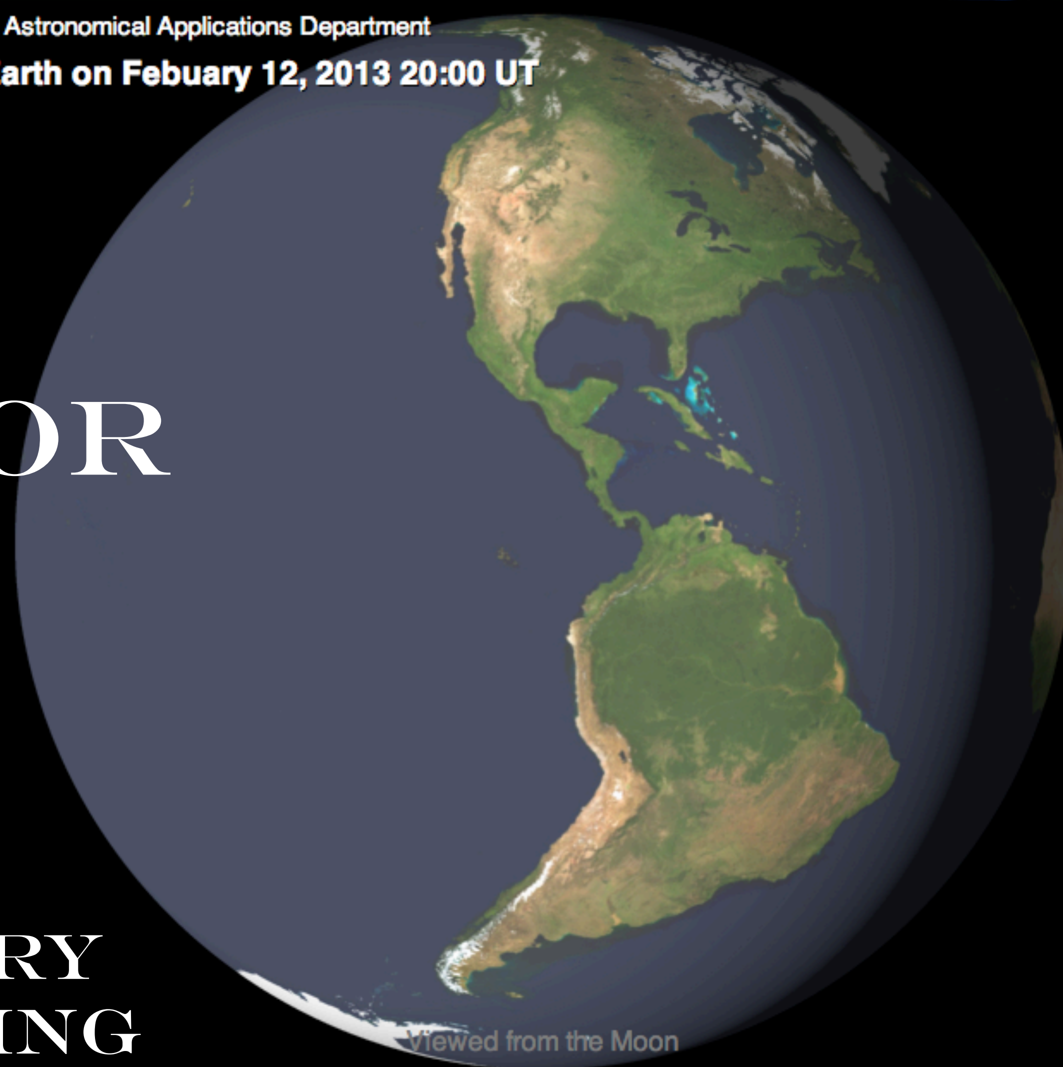

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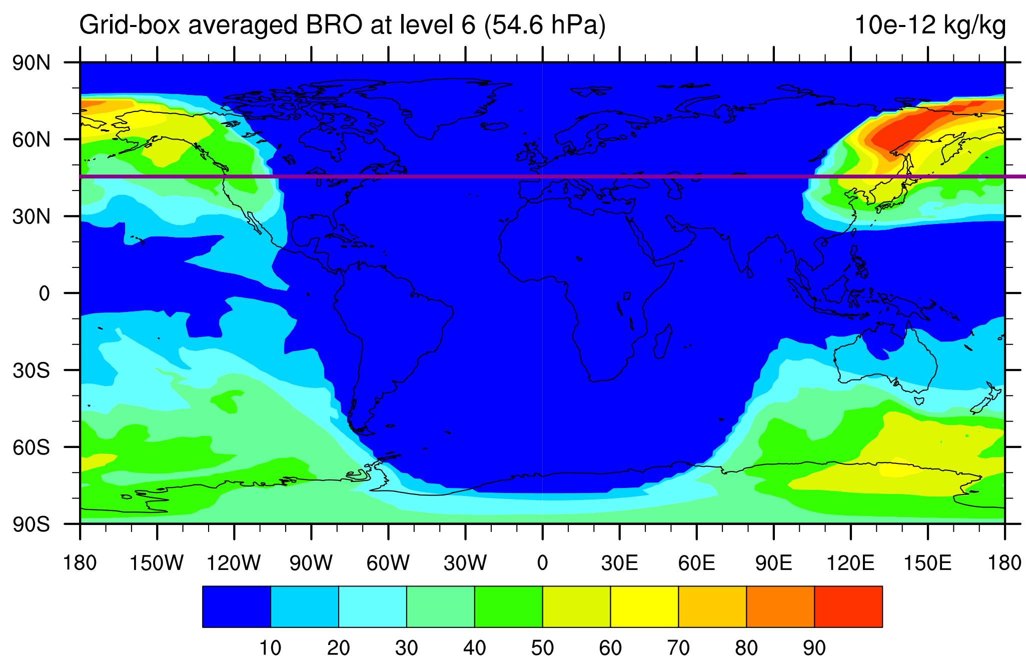

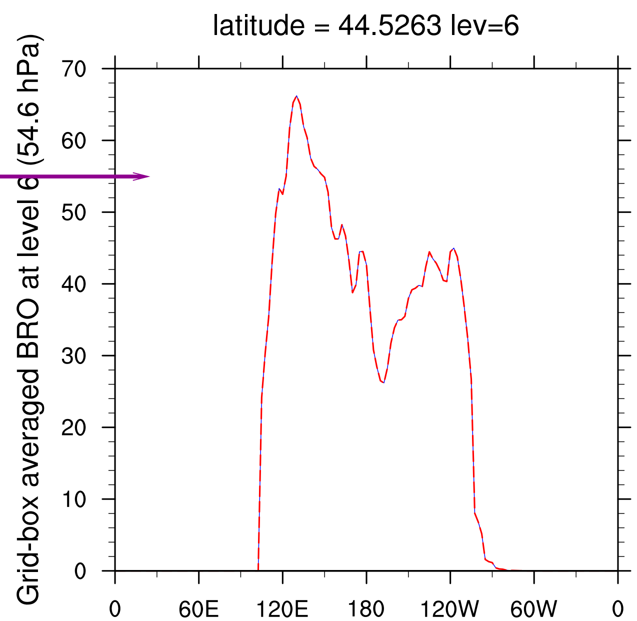

Goal:

1. Formulate an idealized test case with non-linear chemistry (relevant for photolysis driven chemistry).
2. Use 1. for investigating high-order transport/chemistry coupling

Beyond passive idealized transport testing: “Toy” chemistry

Two Chlorine species (Cl and Cl2) that react non-linearly: k1>>k2 - terminator
Total amount of Chlorine (Cly=2*Cl+Cl2) is conserved.

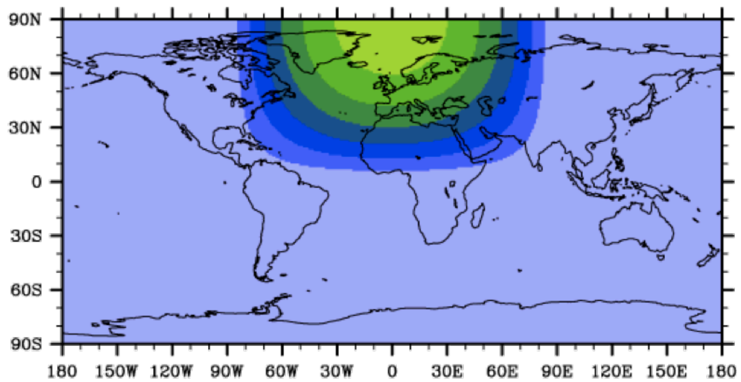

Figure shows k1 (k2 is constant)

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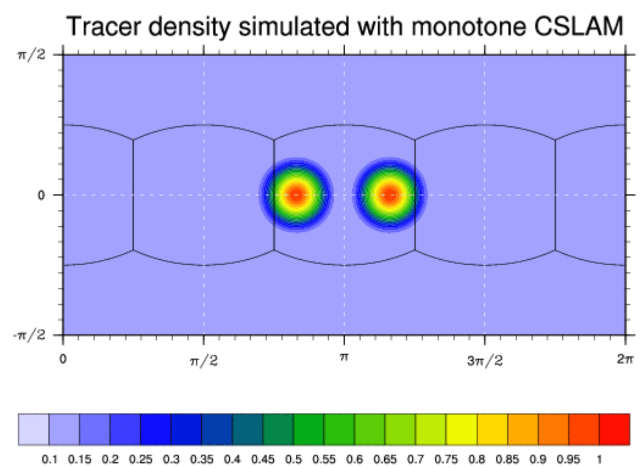

Figure illustrating Flow field

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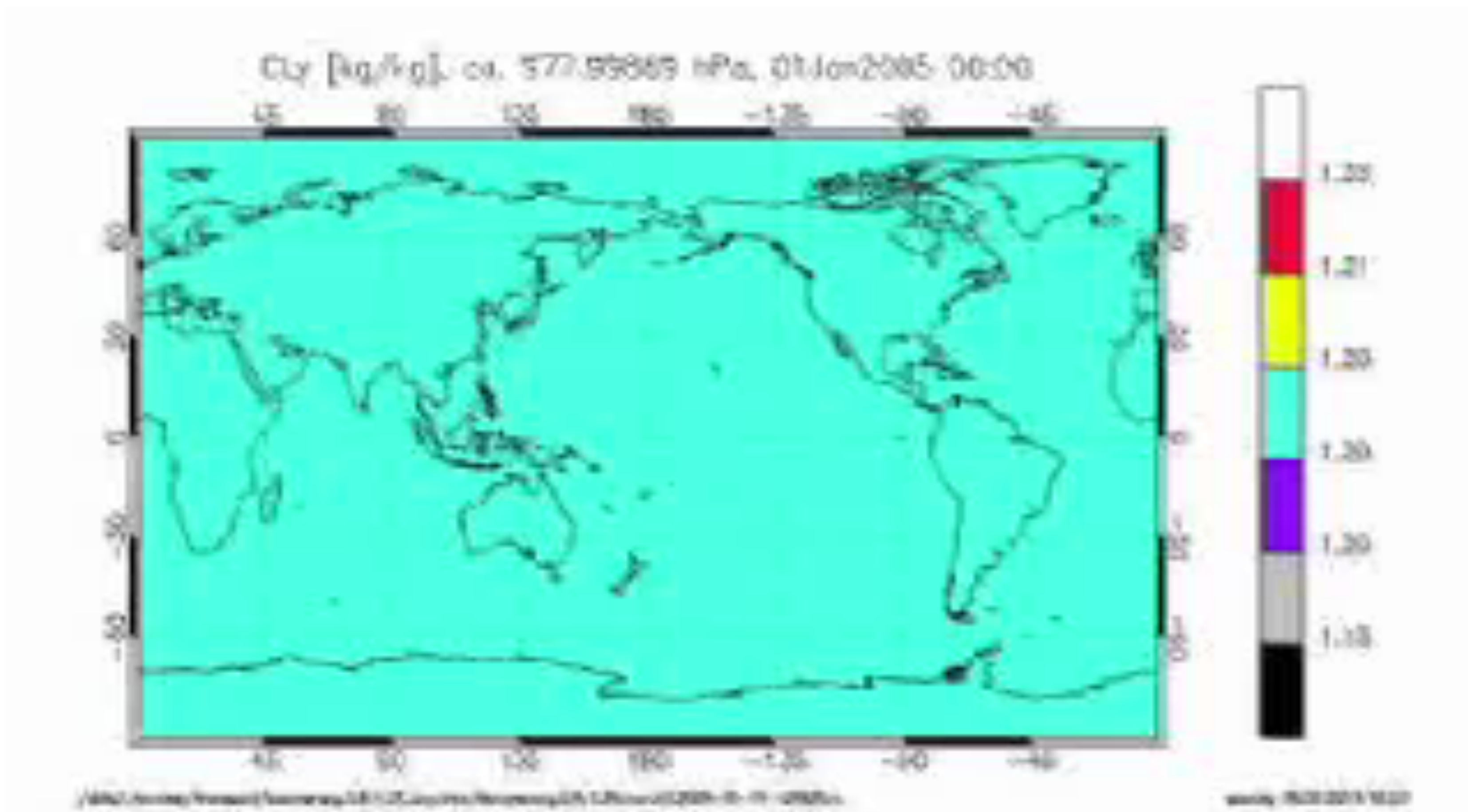
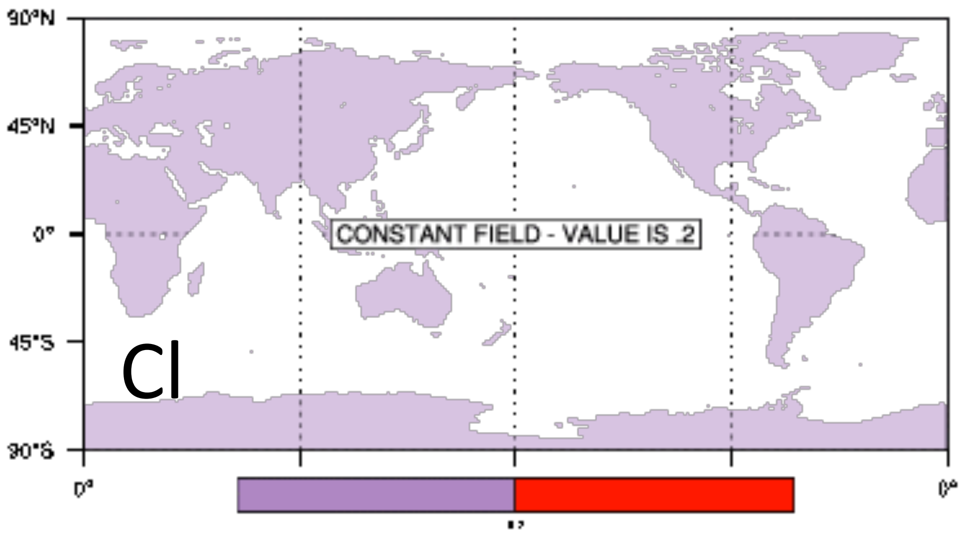
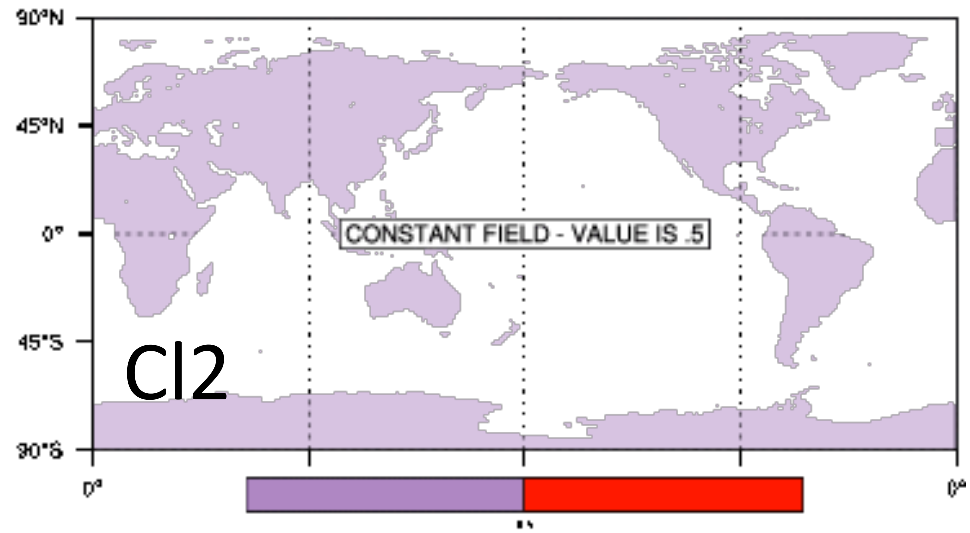


Results for CAM-FV

Properties of CSLAM important for chemistry

(preserves linear relations even when using shape-preserving limiter)





Non-linear "terminator-toy" chemistry:

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