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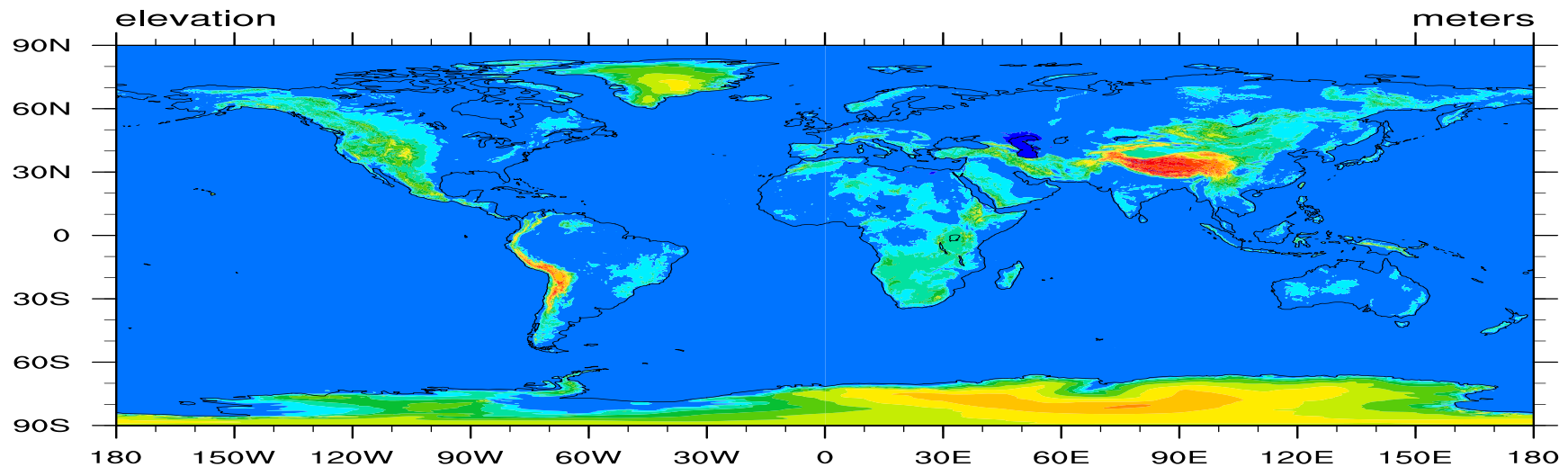


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Rethinking orography in CAM

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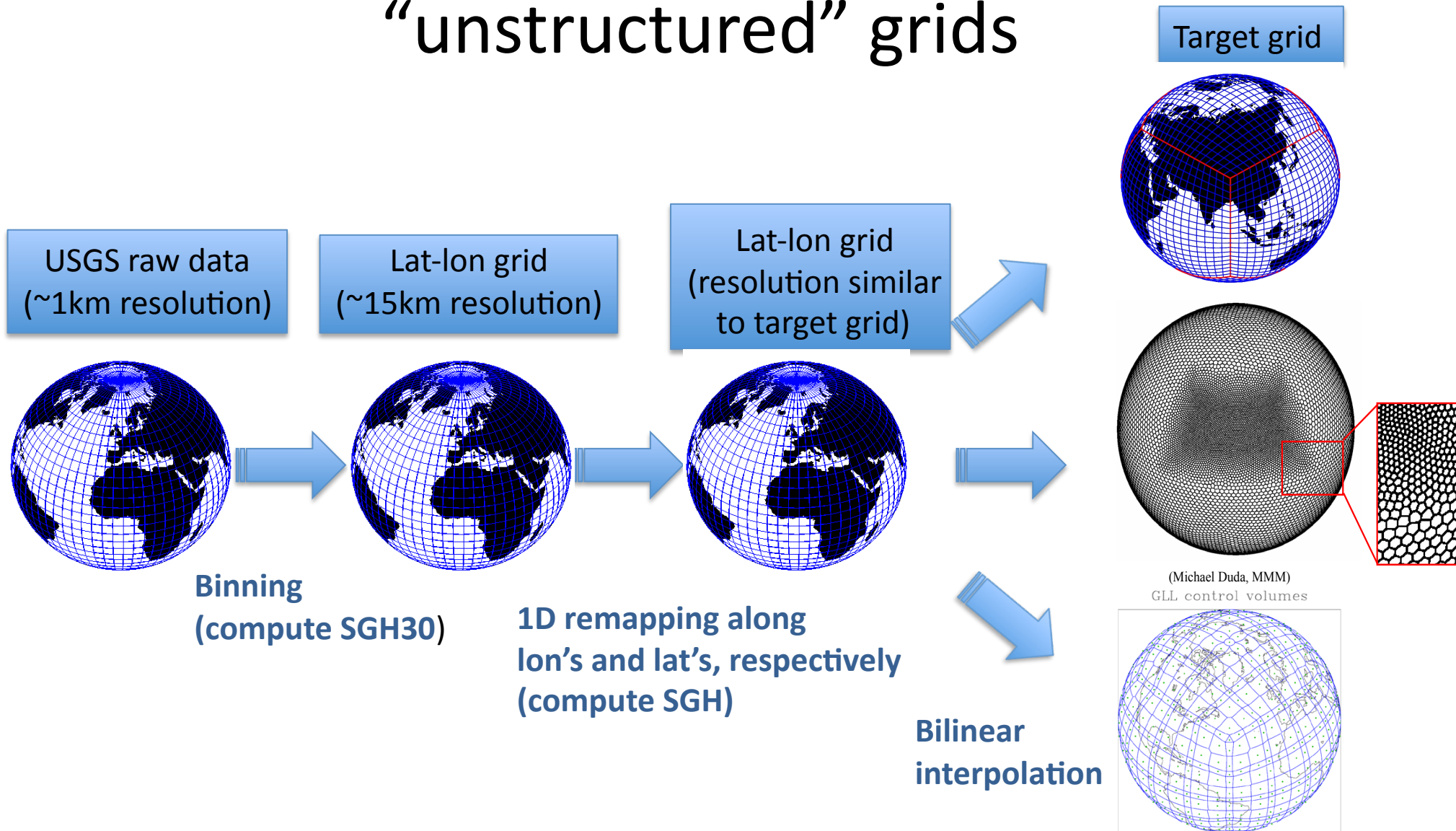


Orography variables

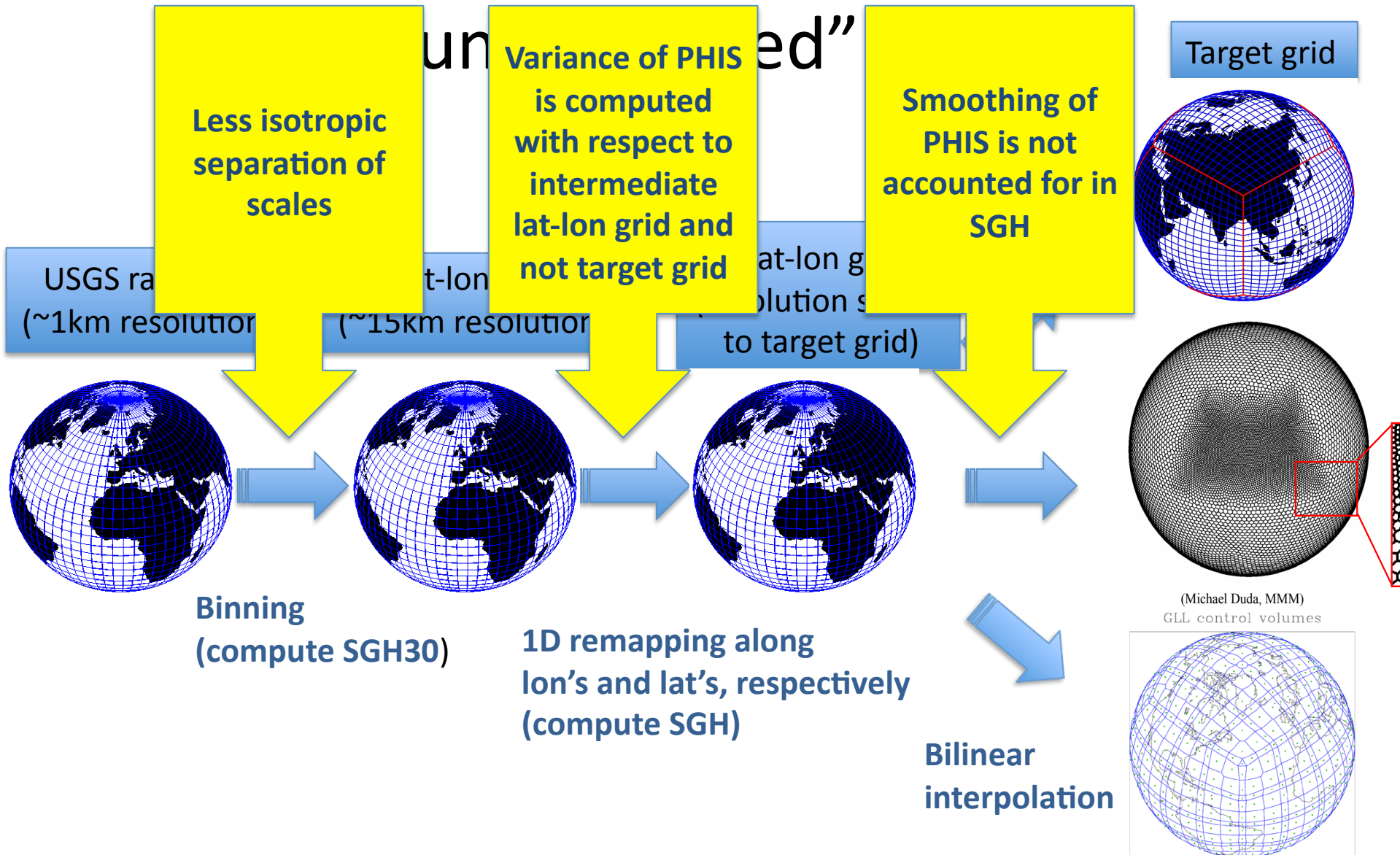
- **PHIS**: surface geopotential
- **SGH30**: standard deviation of topography on scales approximately $< 3-6$ km.
Used for turbulent mountain stress (TMS) parameterization
(sub-grid-scale orographic drag)
- **SGH**: standard deviation of topography on scales approximately $> 3-6$ km (and $<$ grid scale)
(momentum flux deposition due to unresolved gravity waves)
- (**LANDFRAC**: land-ocean mask)



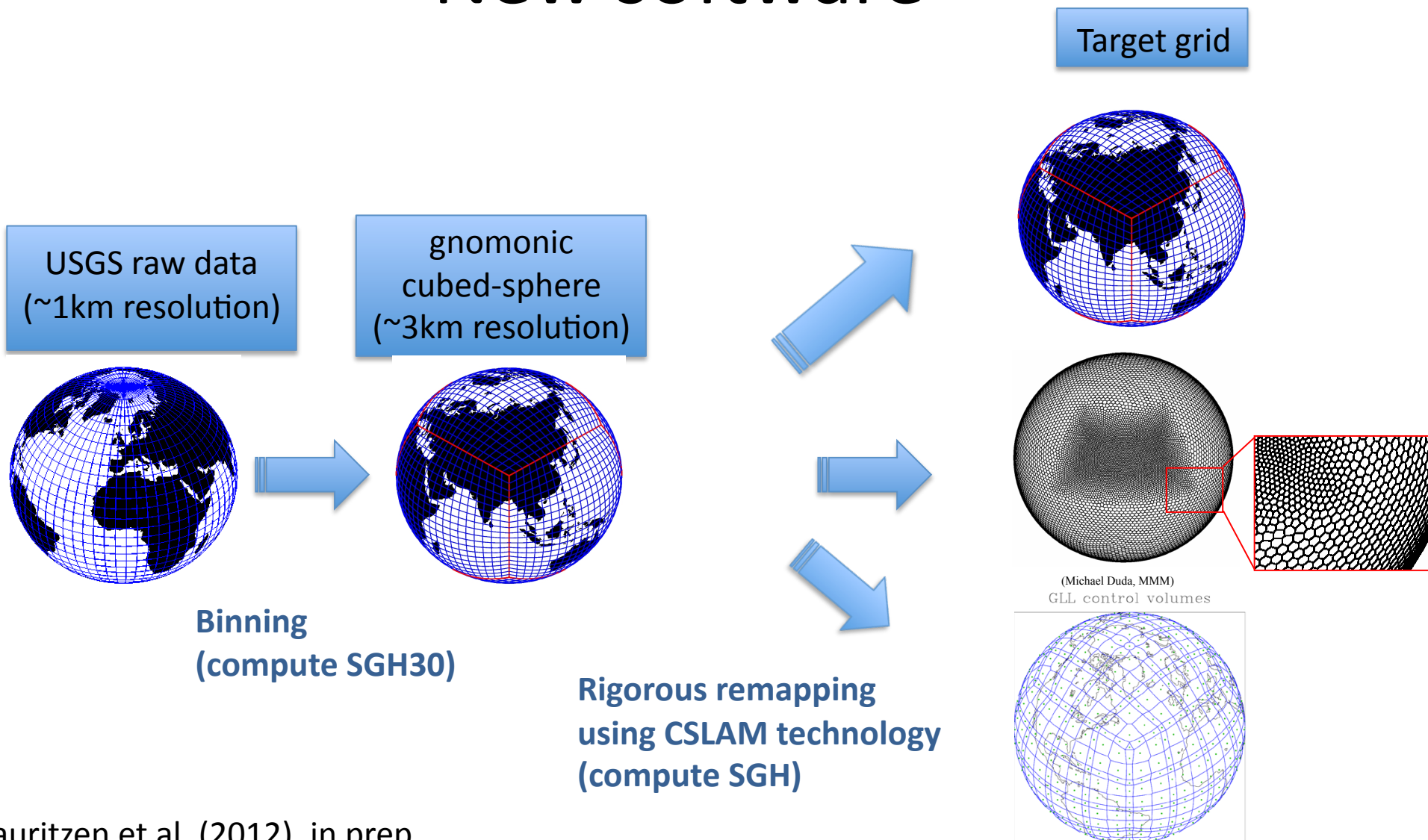
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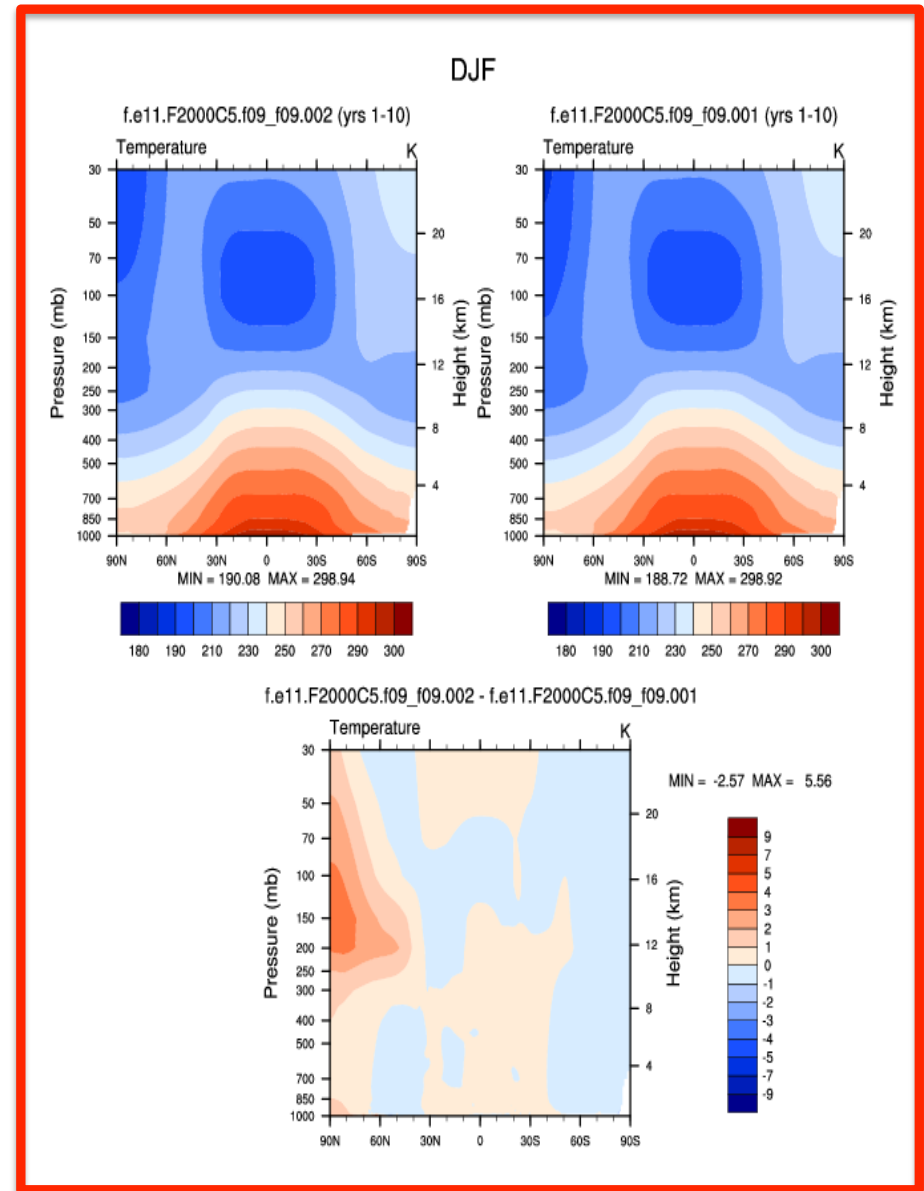
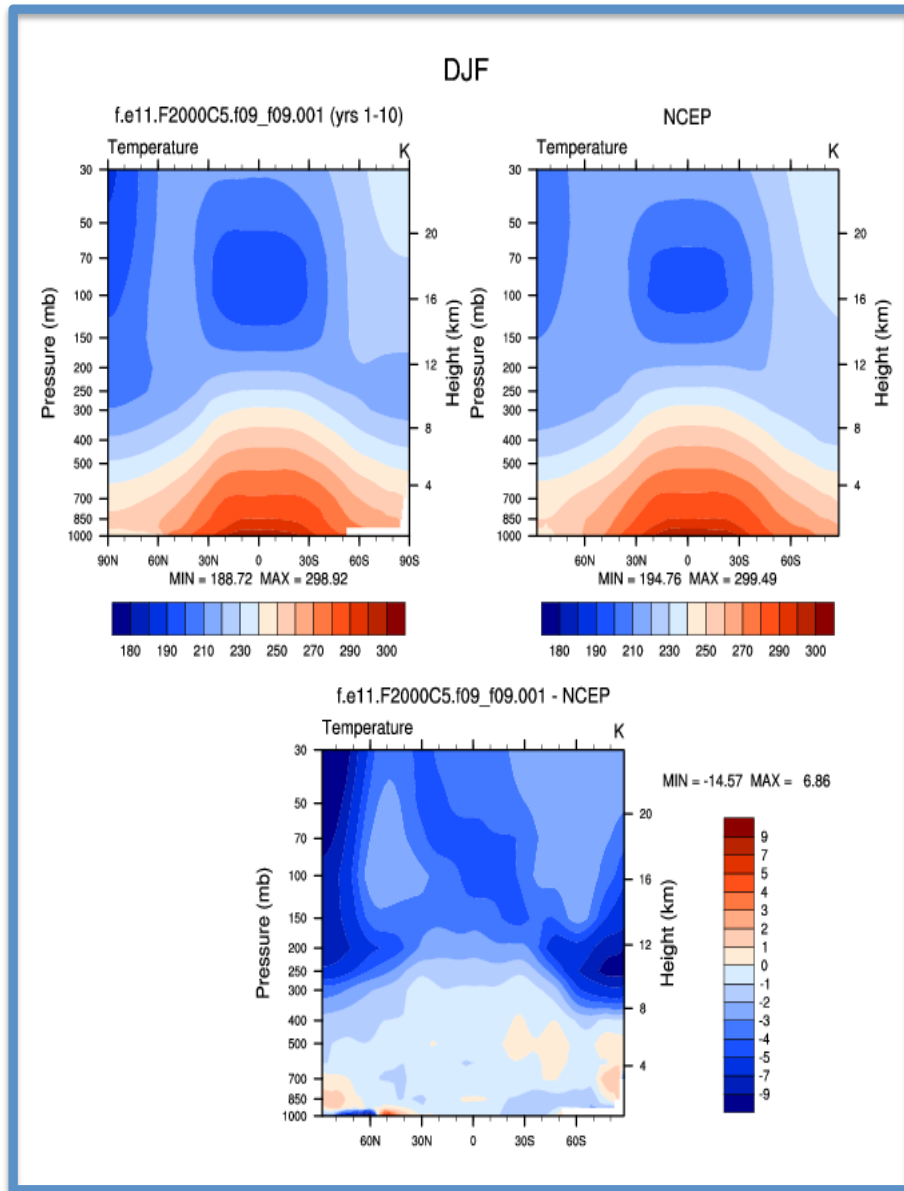


Lauritzen et al. (2012), in prep.

Zonal temperature: CAM-FV 1 degree

Control and OBS

Consistent (SGH & SGH30) and Control



A standard test case suite for two-dimensional linear transport on the sphere

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Abstract. It is the purpose of this paper to propose a standard test case suite for two-dimensional transport schemes on the sphere intended to be used for model development and facilitating scheme intercomparison. The test cases are designed to assess important aspects of accuracy in geophysical fluid dynamics such as numerical order of convergence, “minimal” resolution, the ability of the transport scheme to preserve filaments, transport “rough” distributions, and to preserve pre-existing functional relations between species/tracers under challenging flow conditions.

Results manuscript in preparation with results from 10-15 state-of-the-art transport schemes



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Integrating a scalable and efficient semi-Lagrangian multi-tracer transport scheme in CAM-SE (HOMME)

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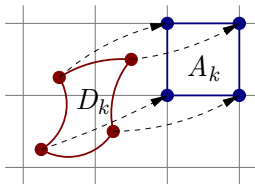
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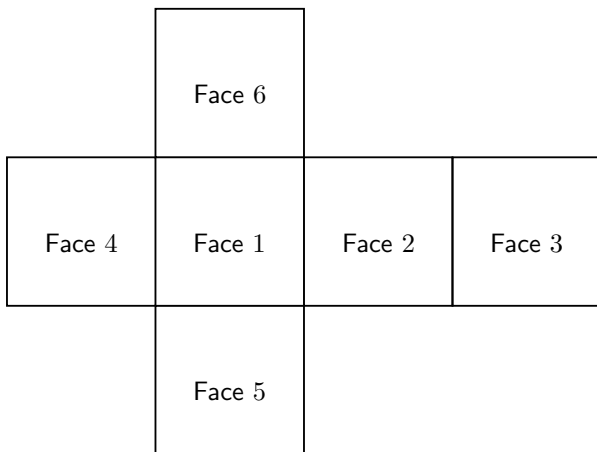
The third order CSLAM scheme:

$$\overline{\psi}_k^{n+1} |A_k| = \int_{D_k} \psi_{k,rec}^n \, dx = \text{reconstruction} \times \text{weights}$$

weights... can be reused for each tracer -> multi-tracer efficient!

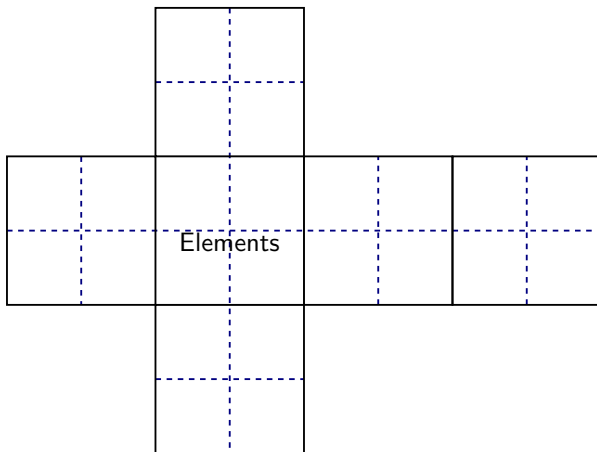
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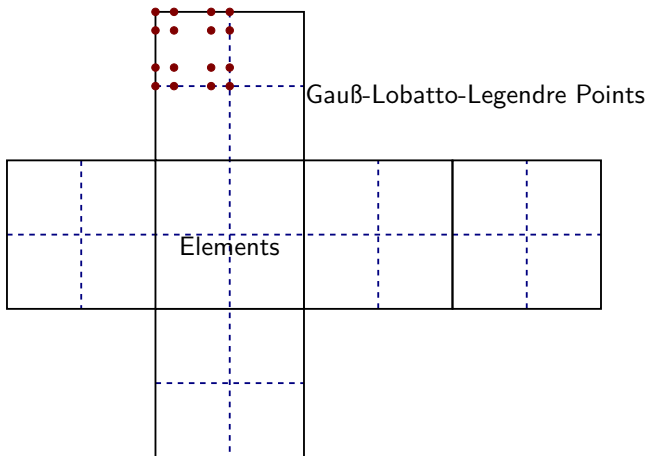
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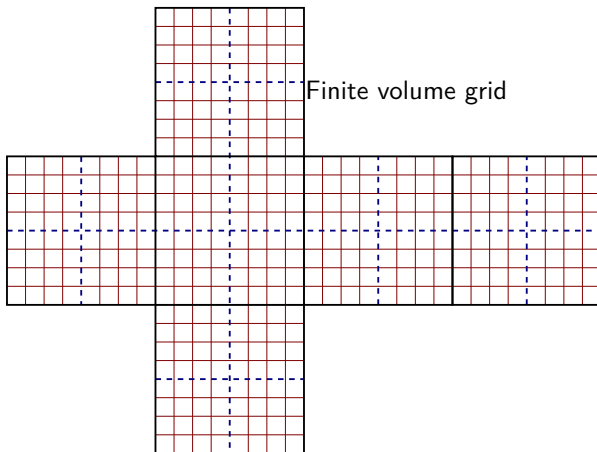
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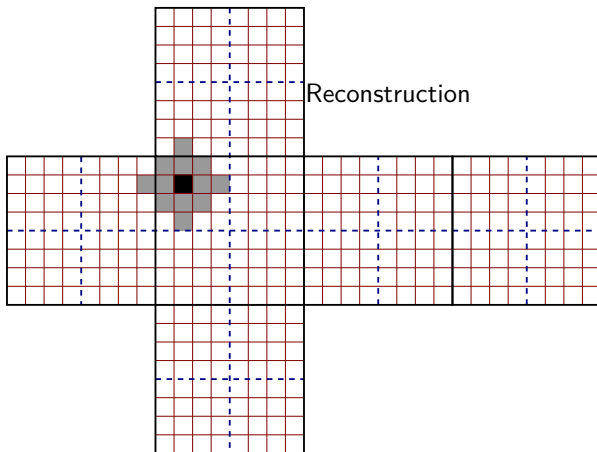
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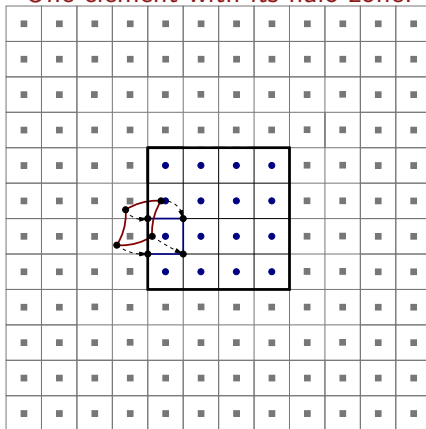
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One element with its halo zone!



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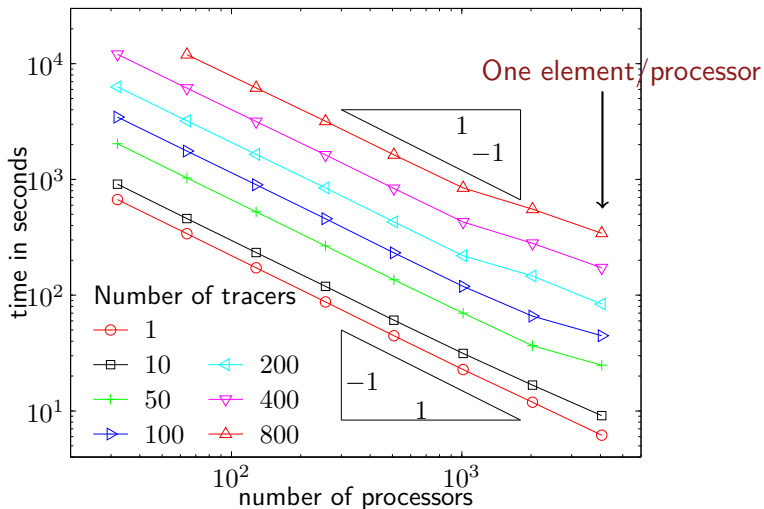
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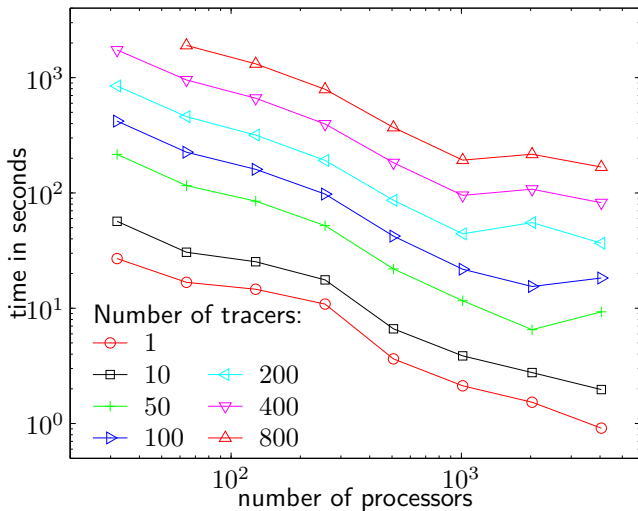
The scheme in HOMME conserves mass to machine precision as well!

Scalability on NCAR/CU Blue Gene/L System

Standalone CSLAM, standard benchmark test.



Communication Time



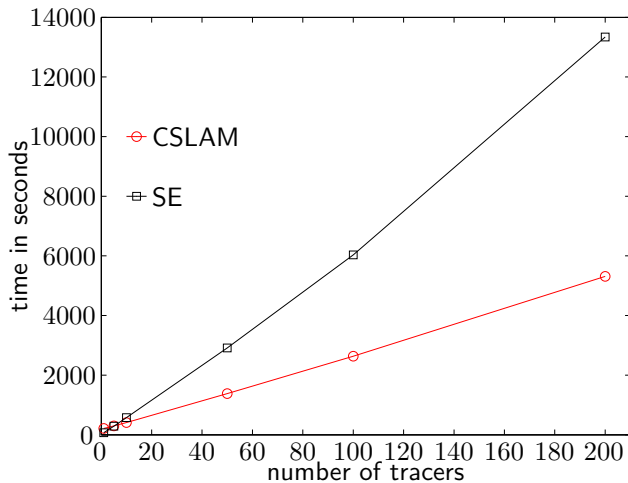
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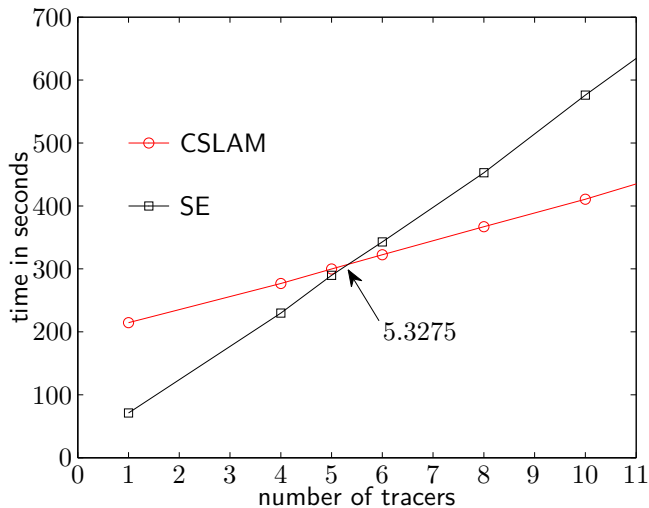
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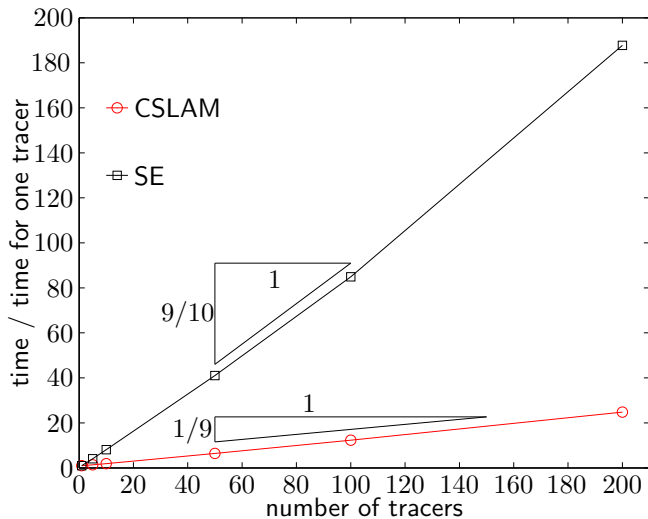
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Further Questions?

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