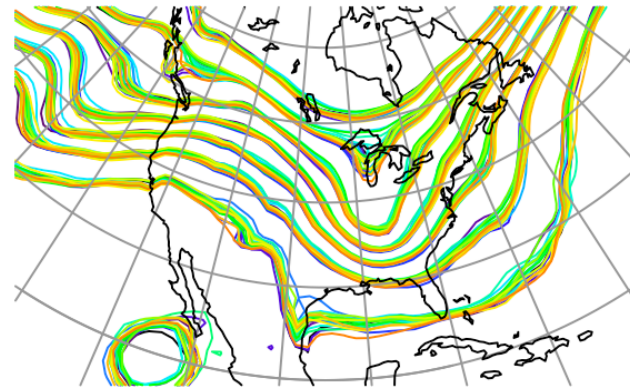


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# Results from an Ensemble Reanalysis with the Community Earth System Model 2.1

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# Motivation for an Ensemble Reanalysis with CAM

1. Evaluate weather prediction capabilities of CAM.
  - Confront climate model with observations.
  - Identify systematic short-term forecast errors.
  - Compare to earlier CAM reanalysis.
2. Provide forcing for CESM component model simulations and reanalyses.
  - POP ocean model.
  - CLM land surface.
  - CICE sea ice model.
  - Offline chemistry transport models.



# Reanalysis Quick Facts: Model

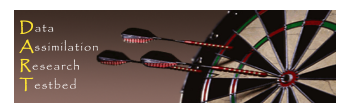
## Model:

- CESM 2.1 release, also used for CMIP 6.
- Atmosphere: CAM6 0.9 degree latitude by 1.2 degree longitude, 32 levels.
- Land: CLM 5.0 BGC-CROP version, same grid as CAM.
- SST and Sea Ice Coverage: Specified daily 0.25 degree from AVHRR.
- Sea Ice Thickness from CICE model.
- Aerosols, greenhouse gases, volcanic forcing: from CESM when available.

# Reanalysis Quick Facts: Assimilation

## Assimilation:

- DART Manhattan.
- 80 members.
- 6-hour window.
- Updated adaptive inflation.
- Tuned parameters for localization, inflation.



# Reanalysis Quick Facts: Observations

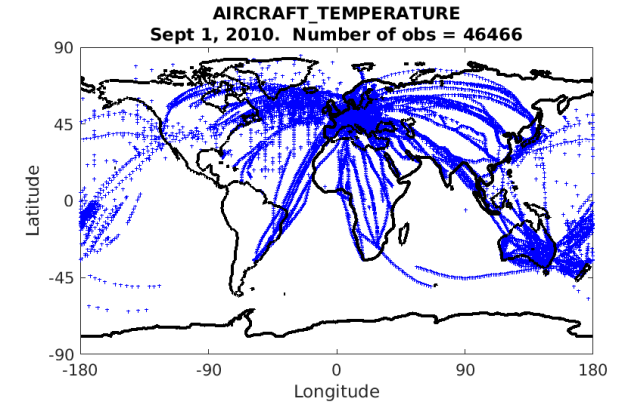
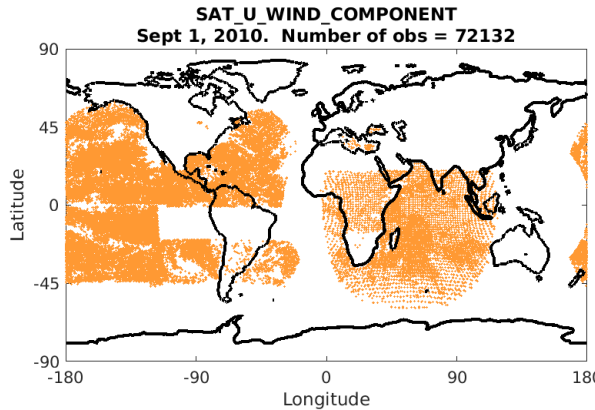
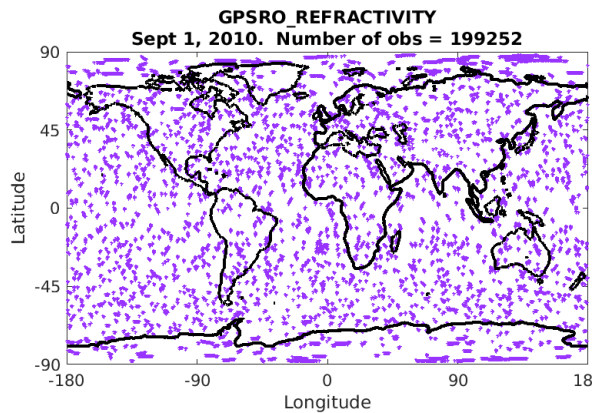
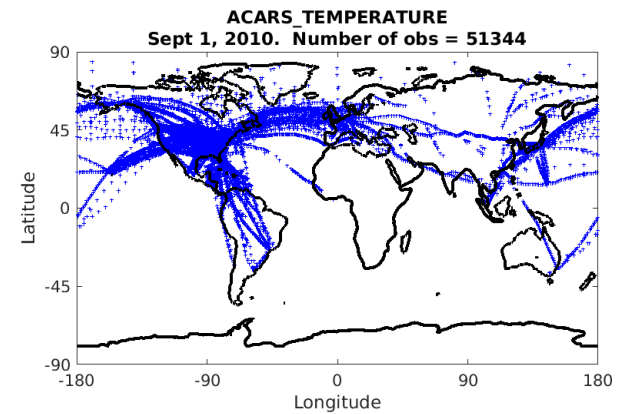
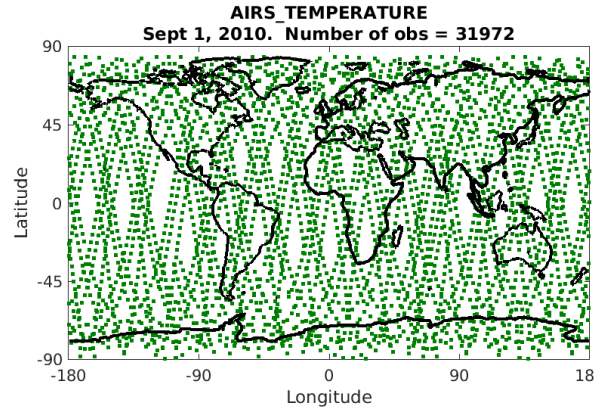
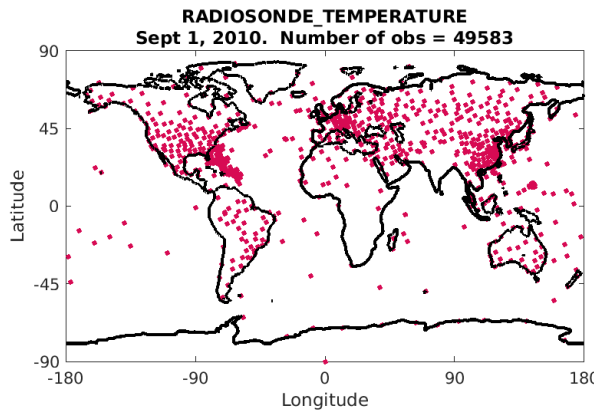
## Observations assimilated:

- Temperatures and winds from radiosondes, ACARS and aircraft.
- Cloud motion vector winds.
- GPS radio occultation refractivity.
- AIRS temperature retrievals.

## Observations evaluated:

- Radiosonde specific humidity.
- AIRS specific humidity retrievals.
- Radiosonde, land and marine altimeter.

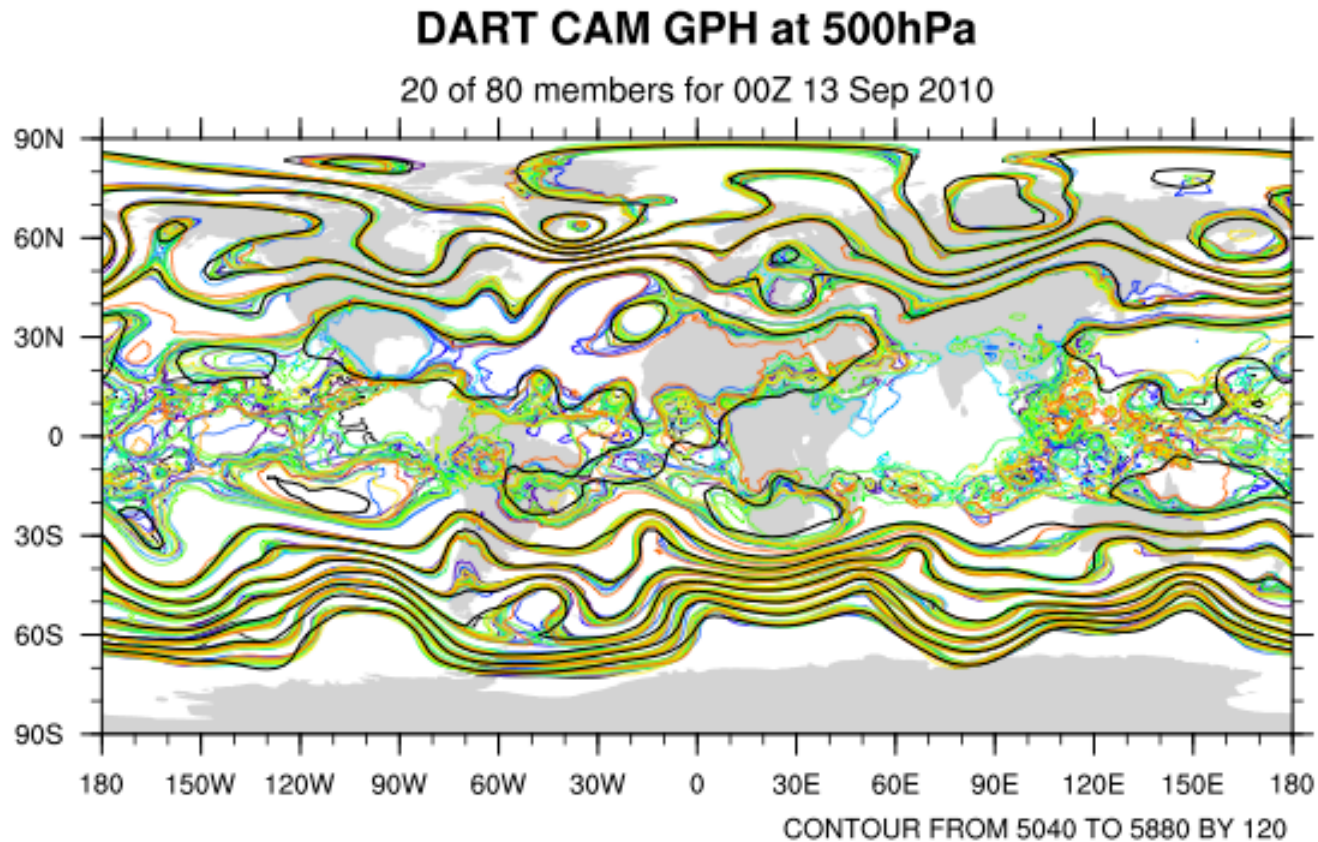
# Reanalysis Quick Facts: Observations



Sample of observations used in 1 day; more than 450,000 for this date.



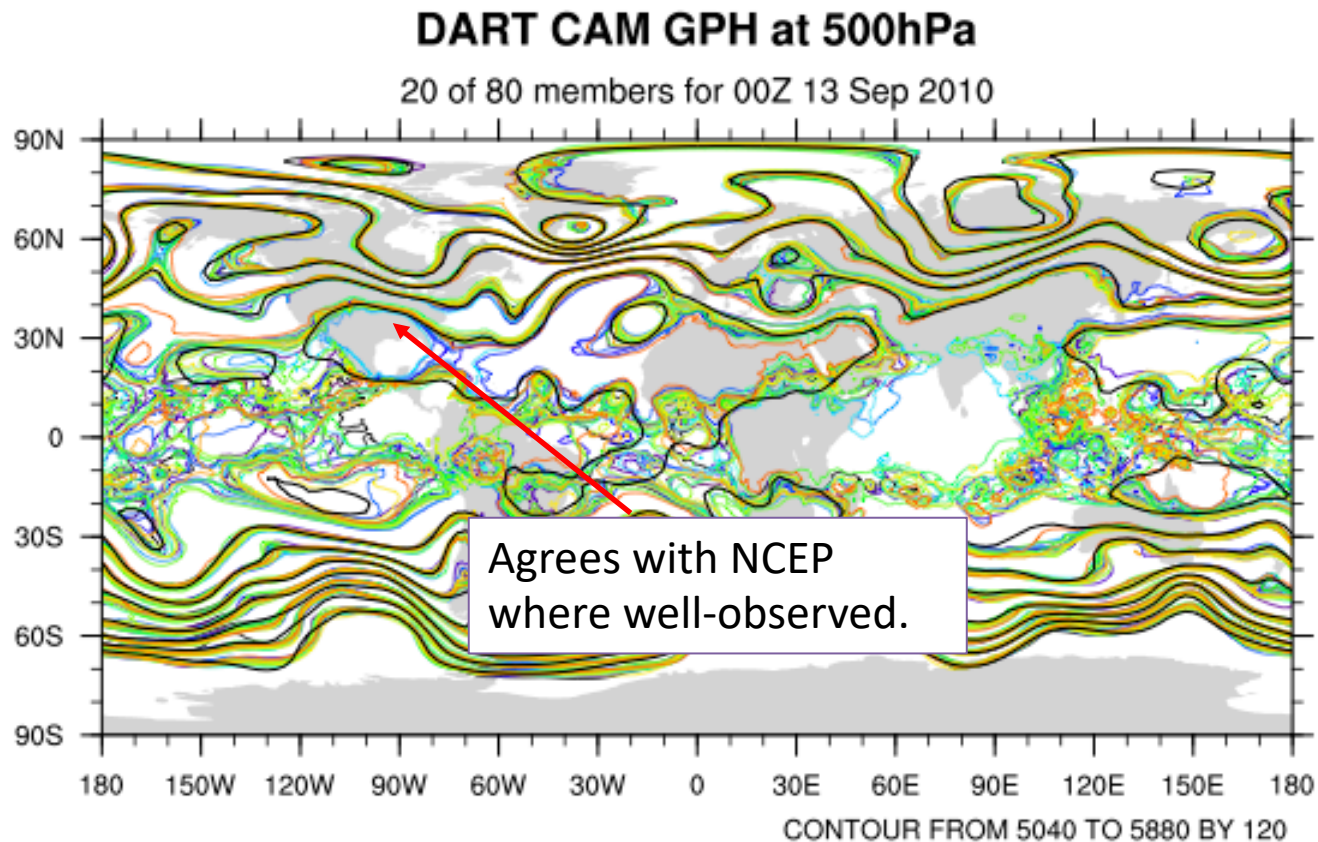
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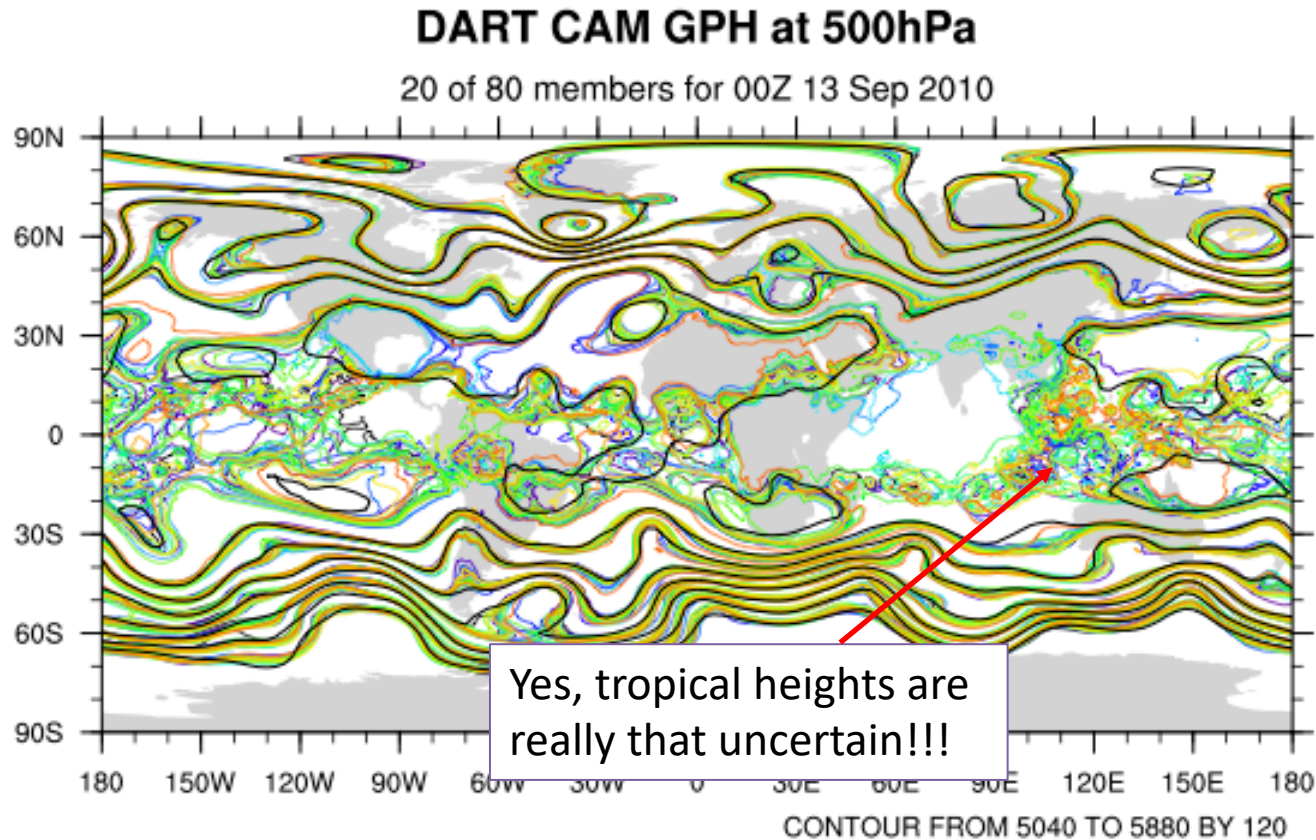
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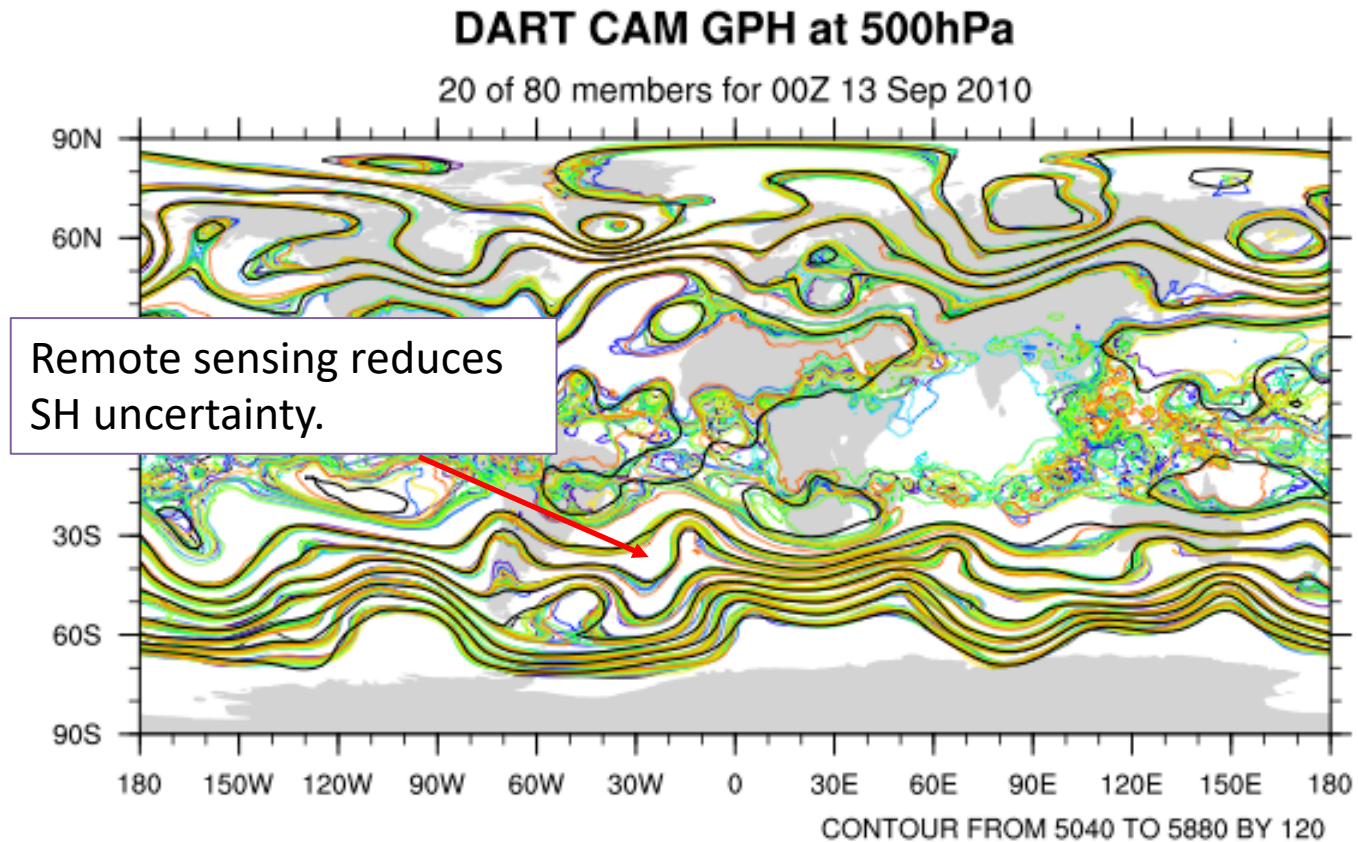


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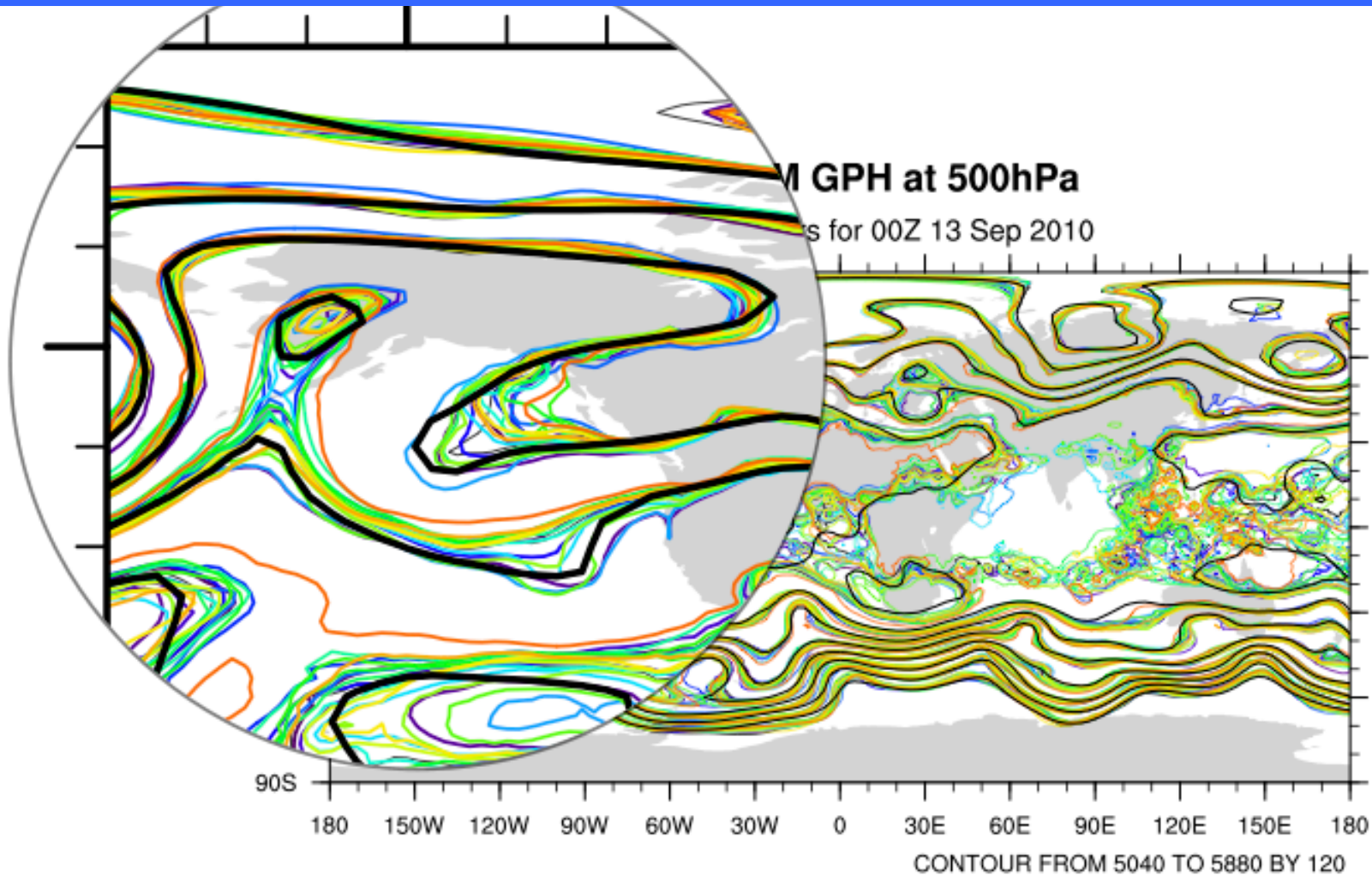
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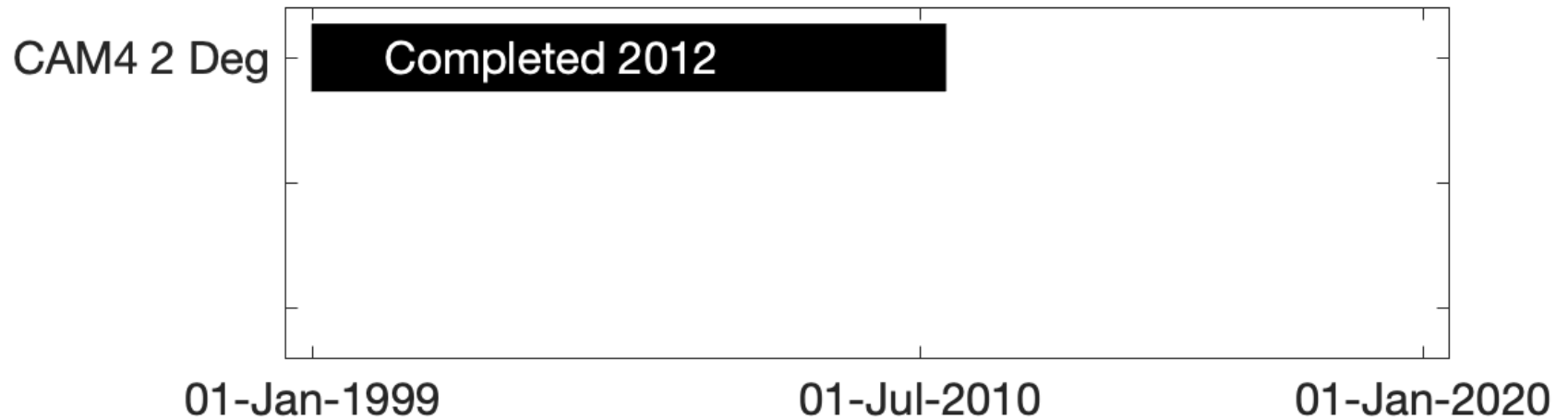
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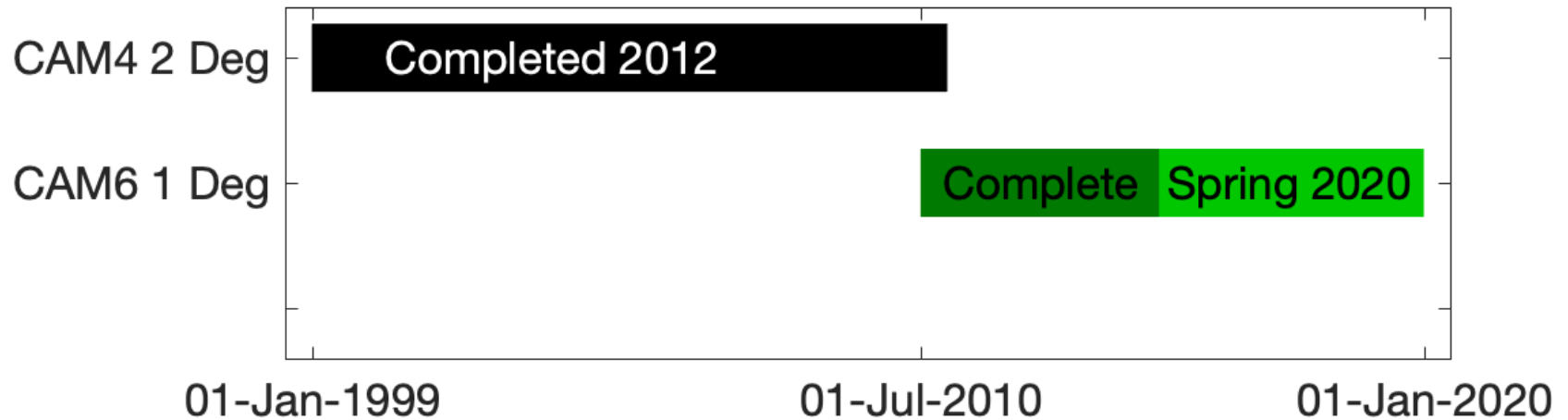


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# DART/CAM 6 Reanalysis Timeline



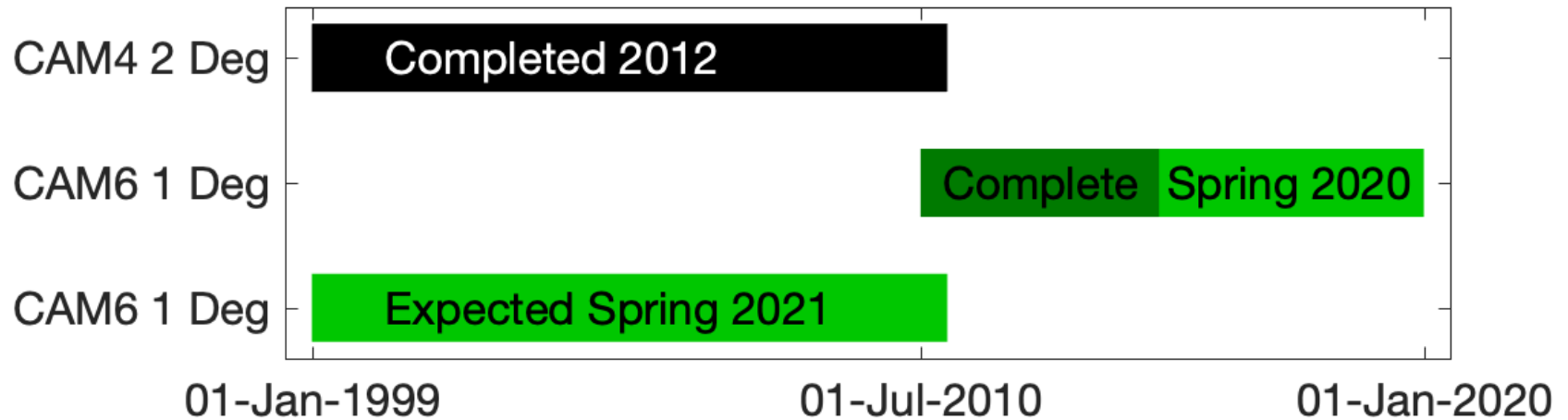
# DART/CAM 6 Reanalysis Timeline



CAM 6 Phase 1 Supported by NCAR Strategic Capability (NSC)



# DART/CAM 6 Reanalysis Timeline



CAM 6 Phase 2 Contingent on Additional NCAR Computational Resources



# Products You Can Use

Four output products available as they are completed:

1. 80-Member ensemble of CAM6 initial conditions.
2. 80-Member ensemble of forcing files for other CESM components.
3. Comparison of CAM6 6-hour forecasts to observations.
4. Ensemble mean and spread.

# Products You Can Use

## 1. 80-Member ensemble of CAM6 initial conditions.

Available once per week.

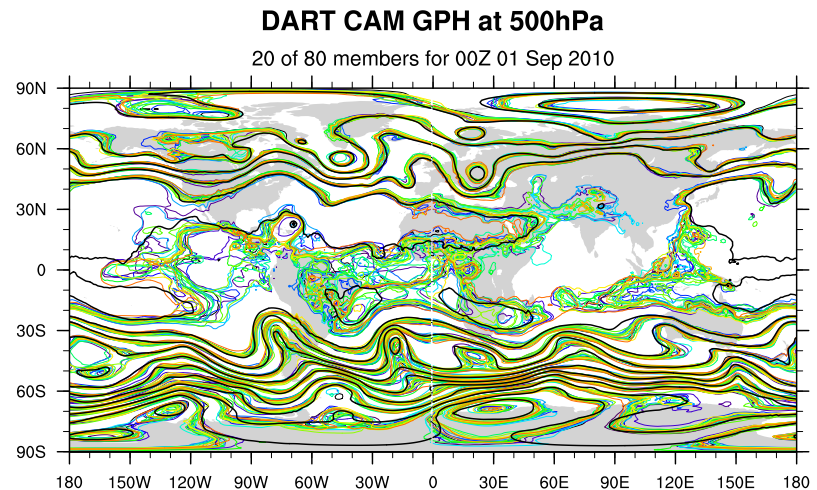
High-quality, 1 degree initial conditions.

Members sample initial condition uncertainty (not ad hoc perturbations).

Consistent with CAM dynamics, minimize forecast spin-up.

Only biases present are from CAM, not another model.

Can be down/up-scaled for different resolutions.





# Products You Can Use

2. 80-Member ensemble of forcing files for other CESM components.

Available hourly to daily as appropriate for each variable.

Provide forcing for ensemble simulations or data assimilation.

Can be used directly with CESM coupler to force:

POP (MOM)

CLM/CTSM

CICE

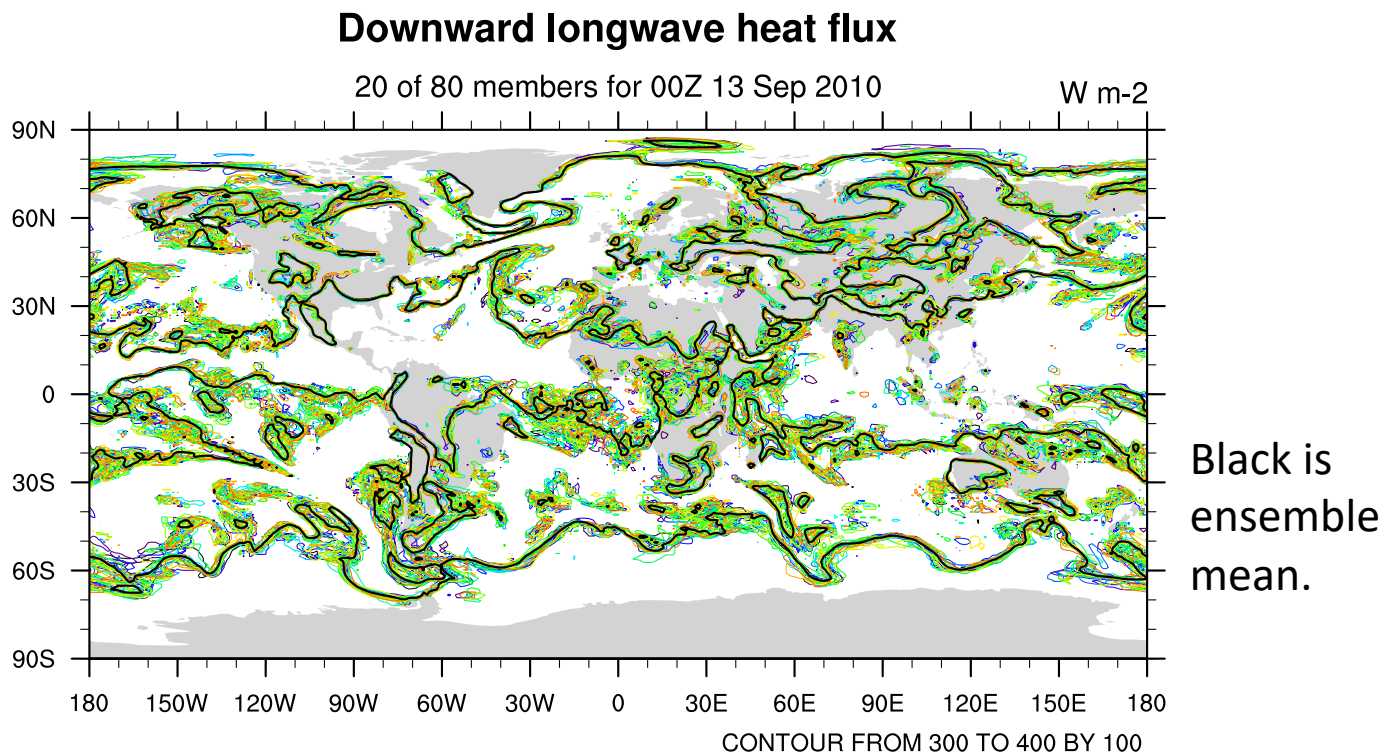
Physically-consistent, realistic, balanced for CESM use.

Realistic ensemble uncertainty consistent with observing network.



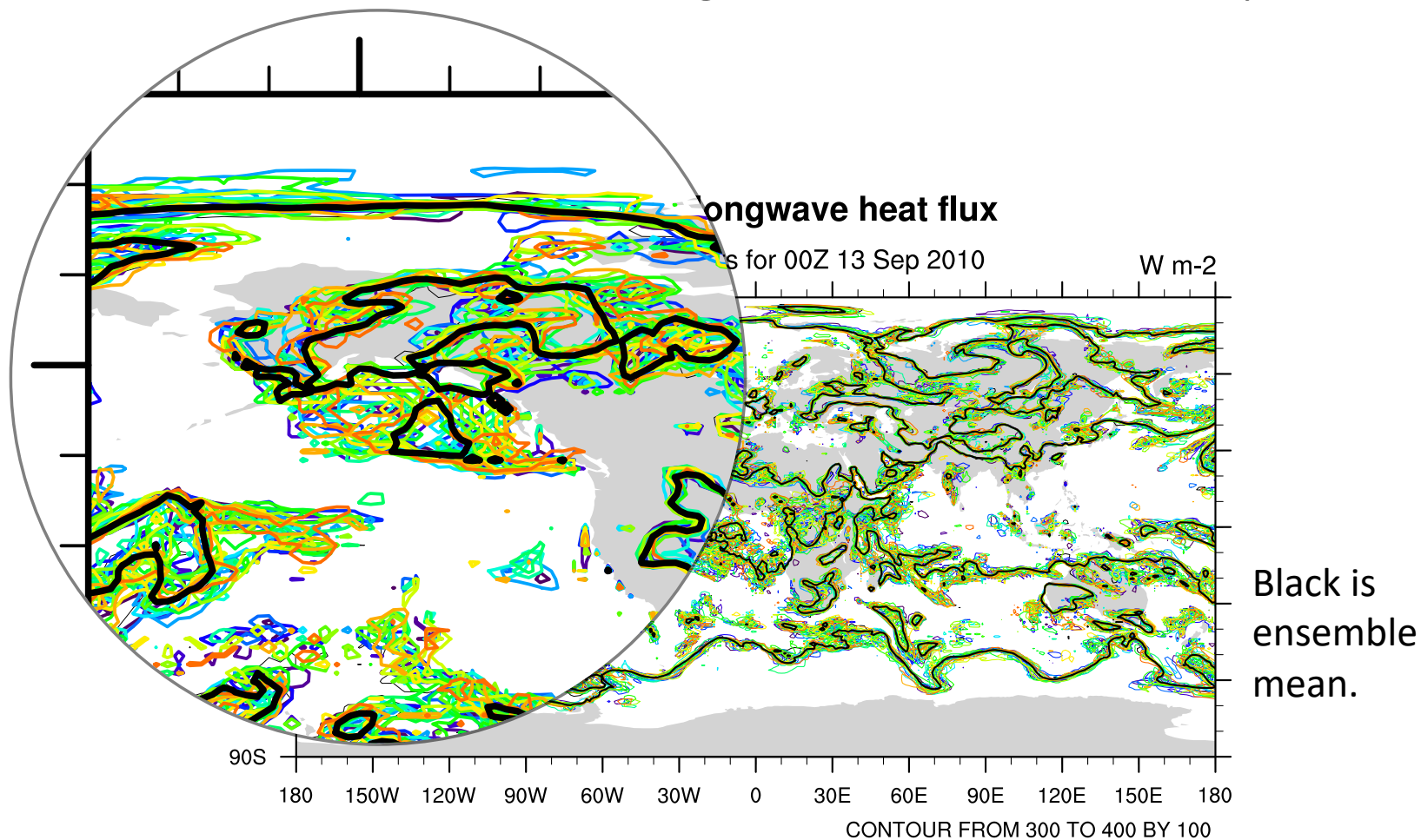
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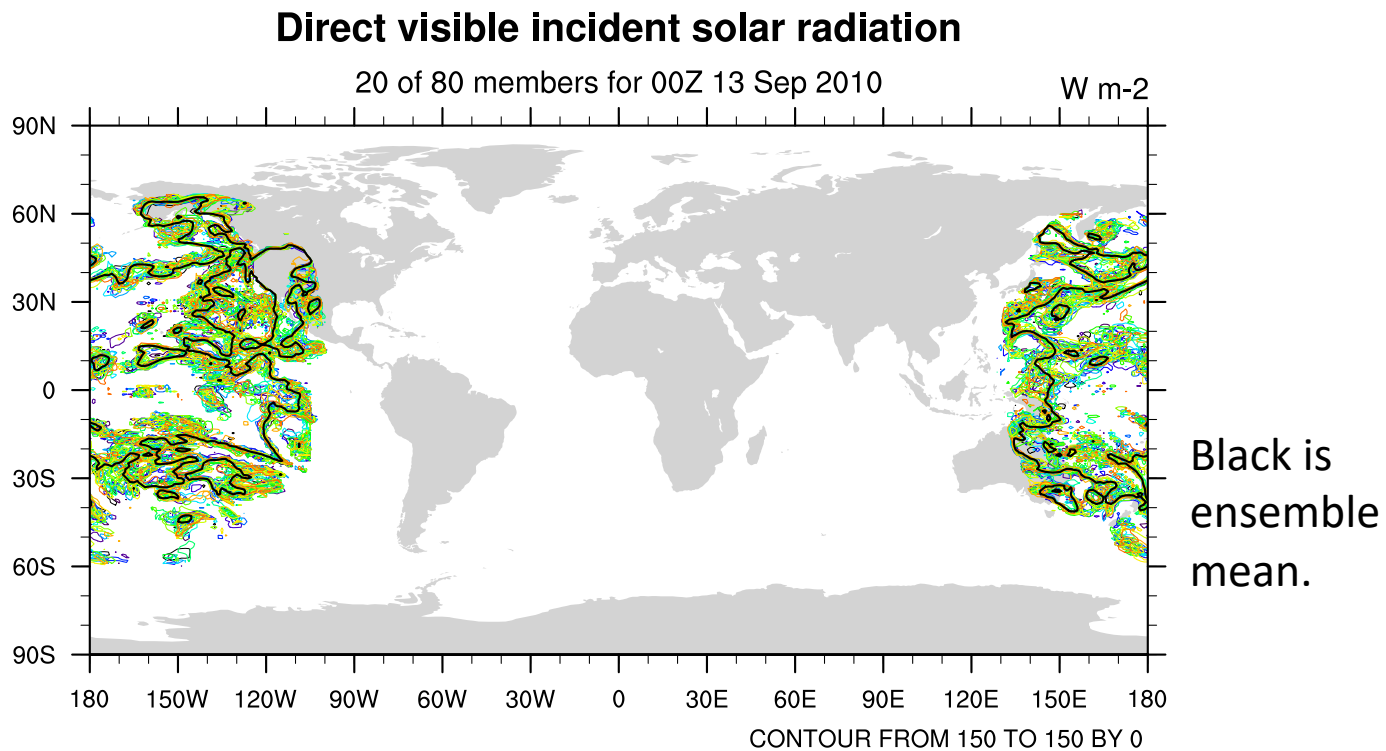
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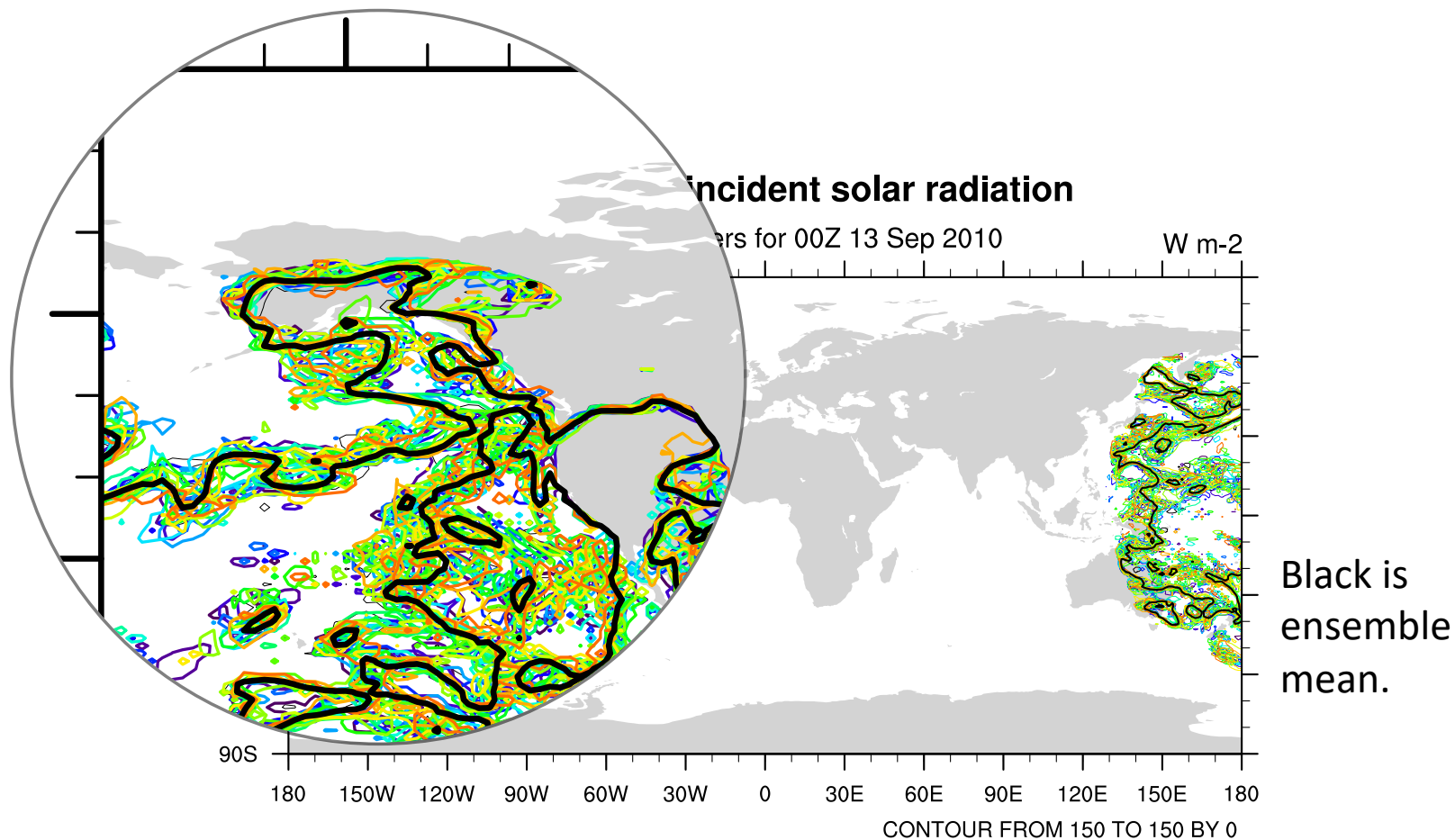
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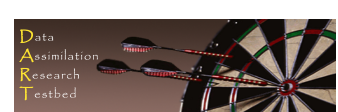
Available every 6 hours.

Reveal CAM6 model systematic differences from observations.

Short-term systematic errors often related to longer-term.

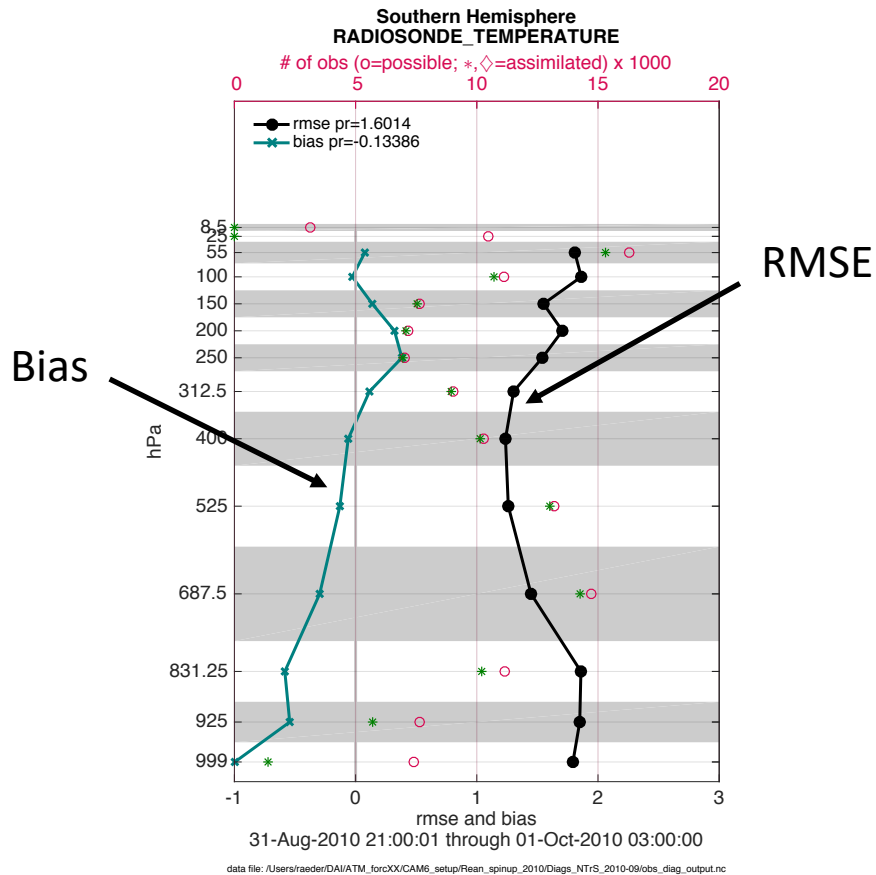
Can focus on specific regions and quantities.

Helpful as baseline for new model development.



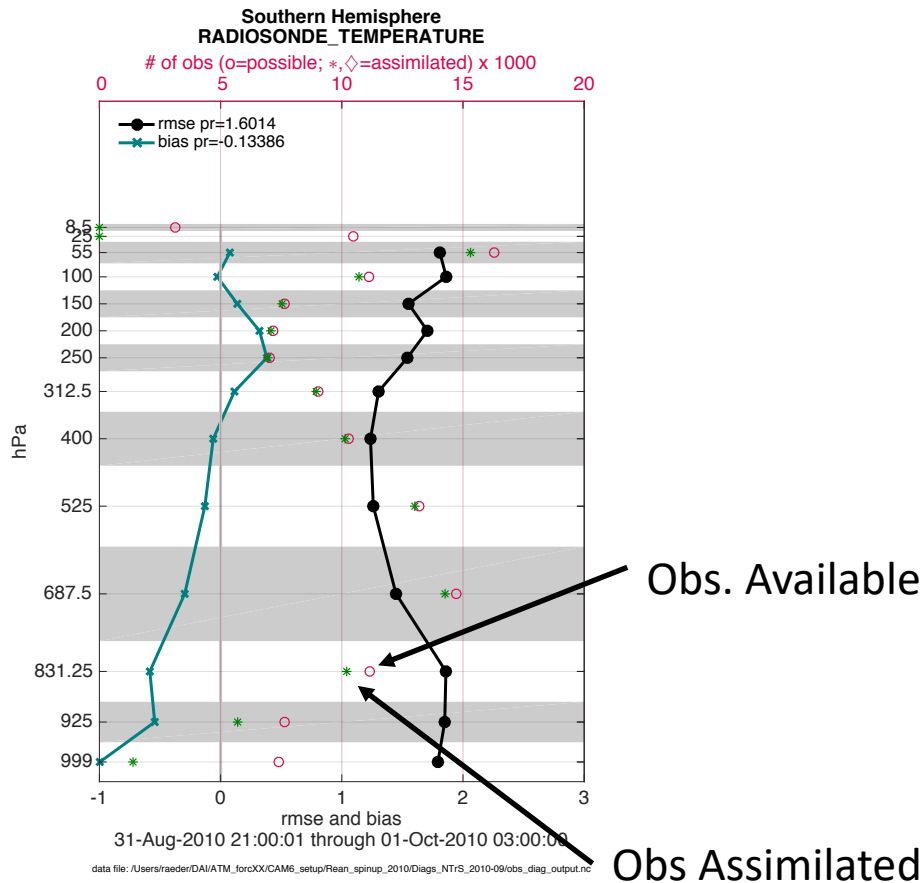
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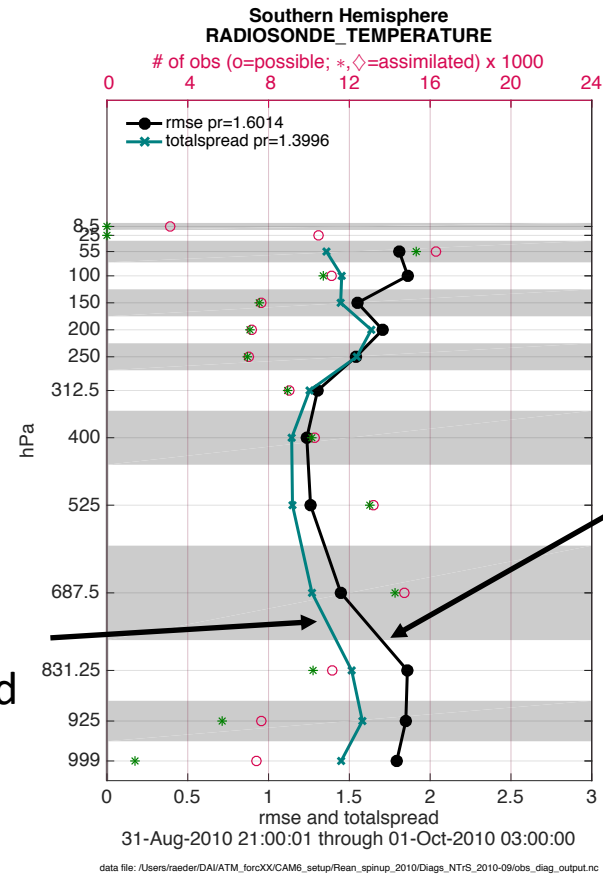
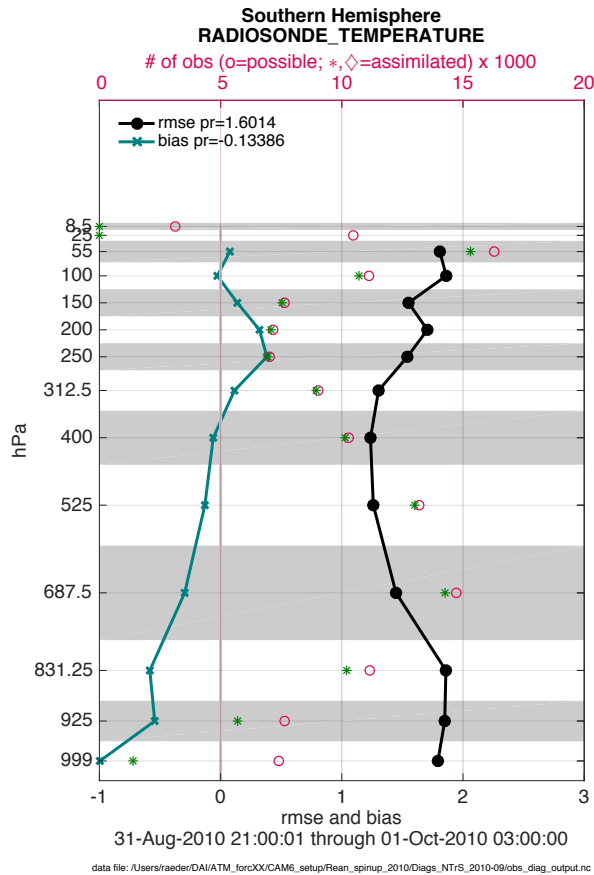
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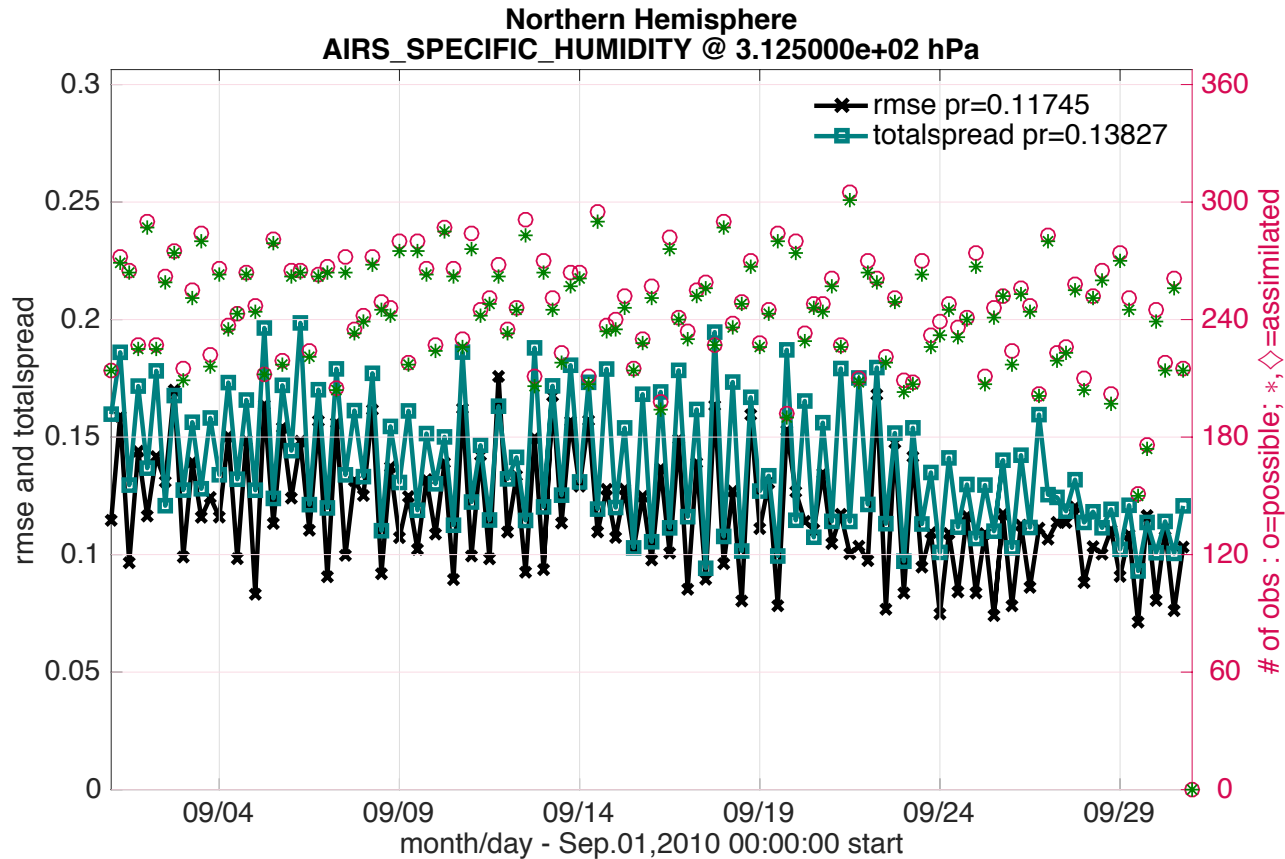
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Example: NH AIRS Spec. Humidity, upper troposphere, Sept. 2010.

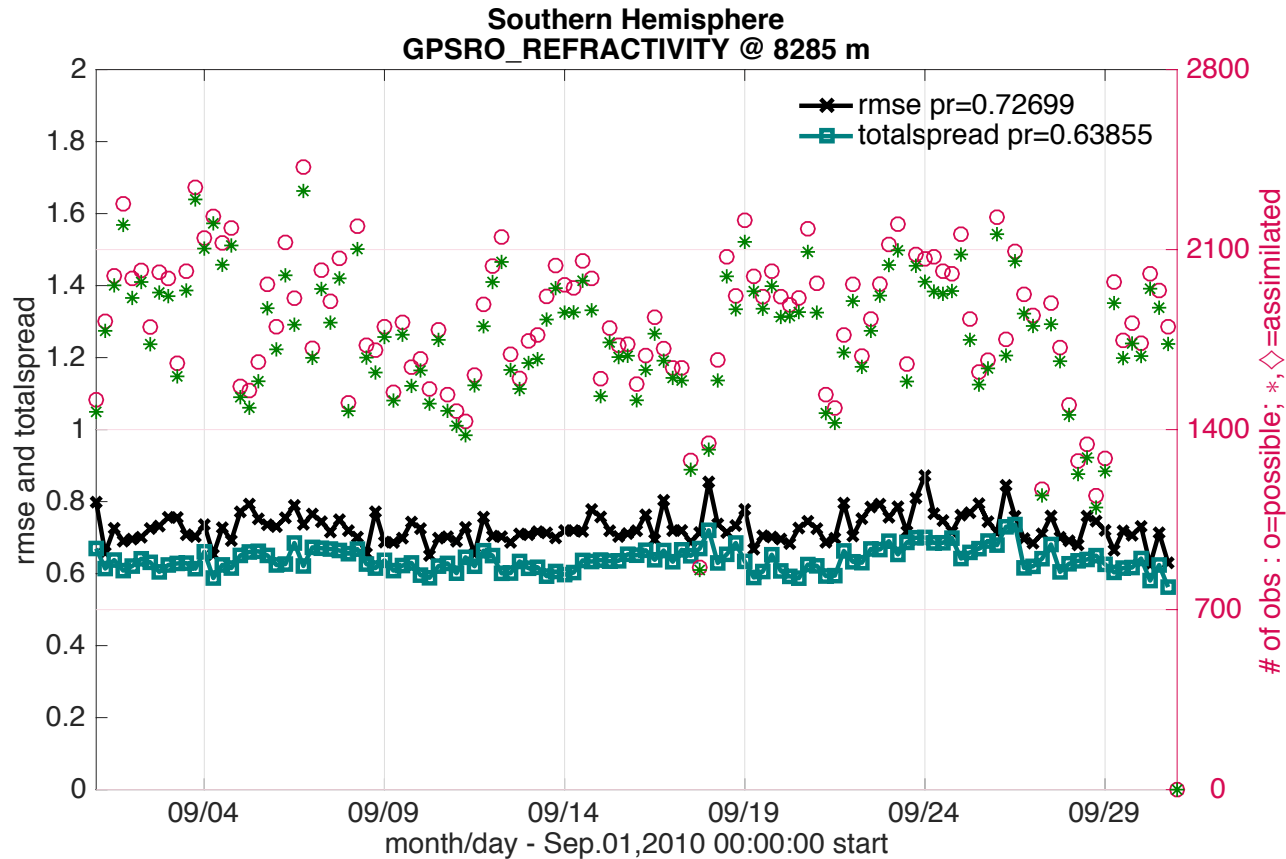


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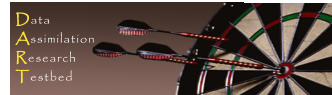


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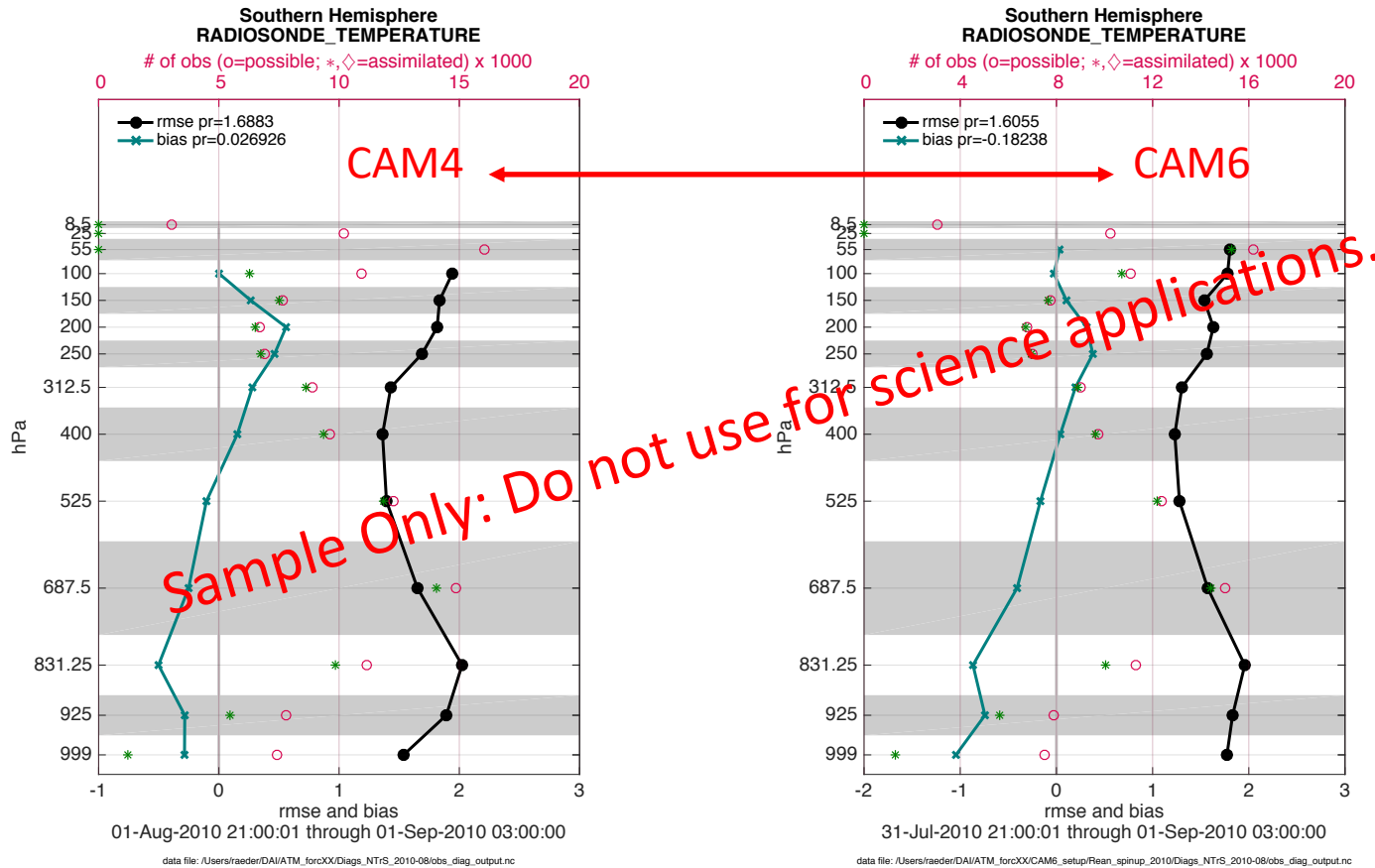


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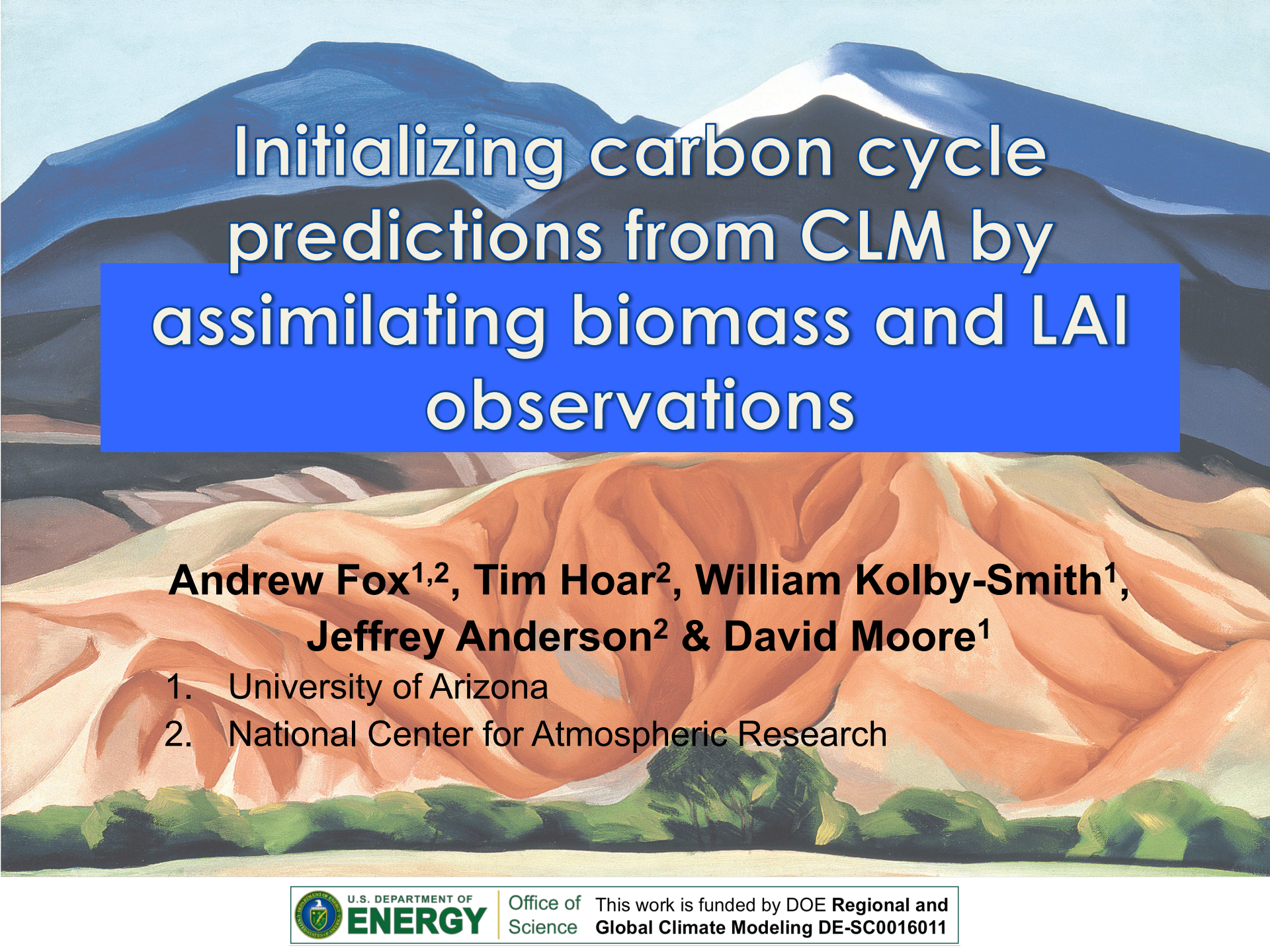
## 3. Comparison of CAM6/CAM4 6-hour forecasts to observations. Example: SH Temperature profiles, August 2010.



# Atmospheric ensemble reanalysis essential for CLM, CICE, POP DA

Want to do ensemble DA for other CESM components:

- Land, ice and ocean are strongly forced by atmosphere.
- Single deterministic forcing leads to loss of variability.
- Loss of variability is key challenge to ensemble DA.
- Example for CLM ensemble makes this clear.



# Initializing carbon cycle predictions from CLM by assimilating biomass and LAI observations

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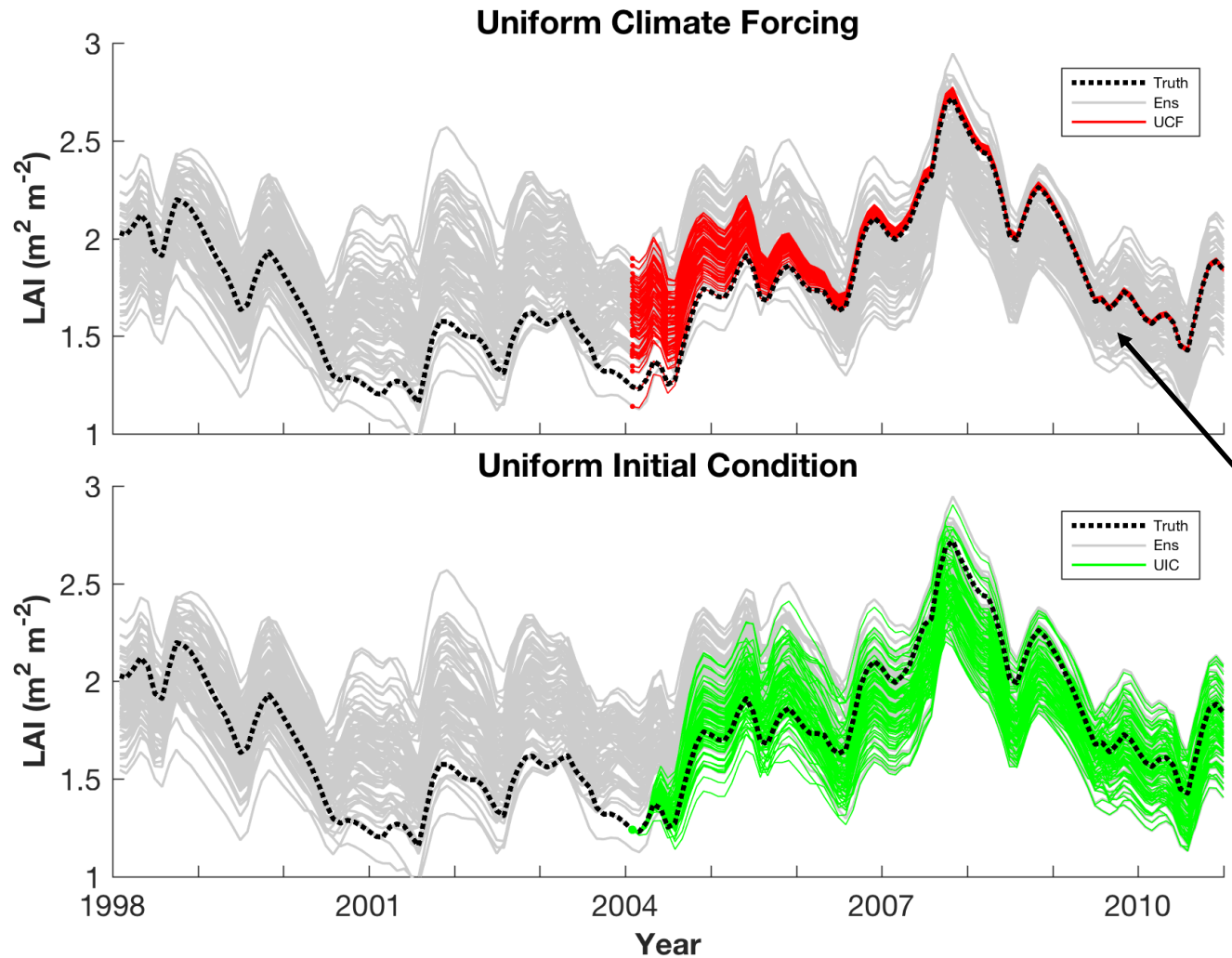
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# Uniform Climate Forcing v. Initial Conditions

## Ensemble Integrations of CLM 4.5.



Single forcing leads to ensemble collapse.

# Who's doing the work?

Kevin Raeder: Overall project lead, keeps everything running (really hard).  
This has been essentially 24/7 for 6 months so far.

Nancy Collins: Observations, software engineering.

Tim Hoar: Diagnostics, support for forcing other components.

Moha El Gharamti: Improved DART inflation, DART tuning.

Jeff Anderson: Organizational support.

All: Product evaluation and quality monitoring.

A National Lab with dedicated support staff is really required to do this.





# This is a Demanding Computational Task

Phase 1 of CAM6 requires the following resources:

Computation:

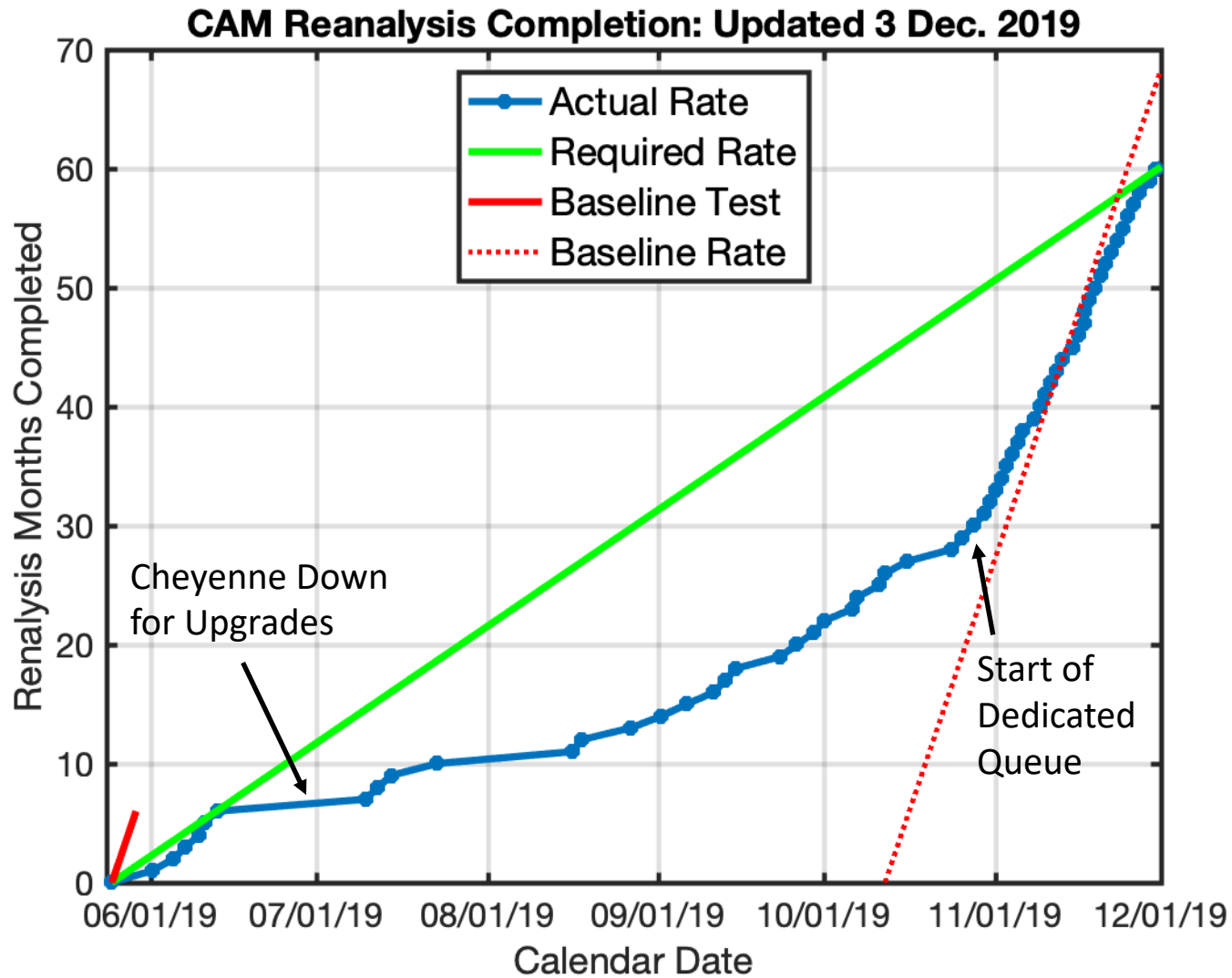
- 240 nodes on NCAR's Cheyenne supercomputer.
- Approximately 18 million core hours.

Storage:

- Forcing files: 18.2 Tb
- Weekly ensemble restarts: 80 Tb



# This is a Demanding Computational Task



# TIME CRITICAL REQUEST

## What other output would people like?

Periods with more frequent ensemble state output?

- Forcing for off-line chemistry simulations/DA,
- Forcing for simulations/DA of models above troposphere,
- Boundary forcing for regional simulations/DA (WRF, MPAS...),
- Baseline for DA experiments with deeper atmosphere models.

Other diagnostic output???

Contact us at [dart@ucar.edu](mailto:dart@ucar.edu)

The wheels are turning, don't delay.



# For more information:

*CAM*      *GCOM*      *CAM-Chem*      *PBL\_1d*      *ROMS*      *NOAH-MP*  
*GITM*              *WRF-Hydro*              *CICE*              *WACCM*

*CLM*  
*AM2*  
*SQG*



*POP*  
*BGRID*

*COAMPS*

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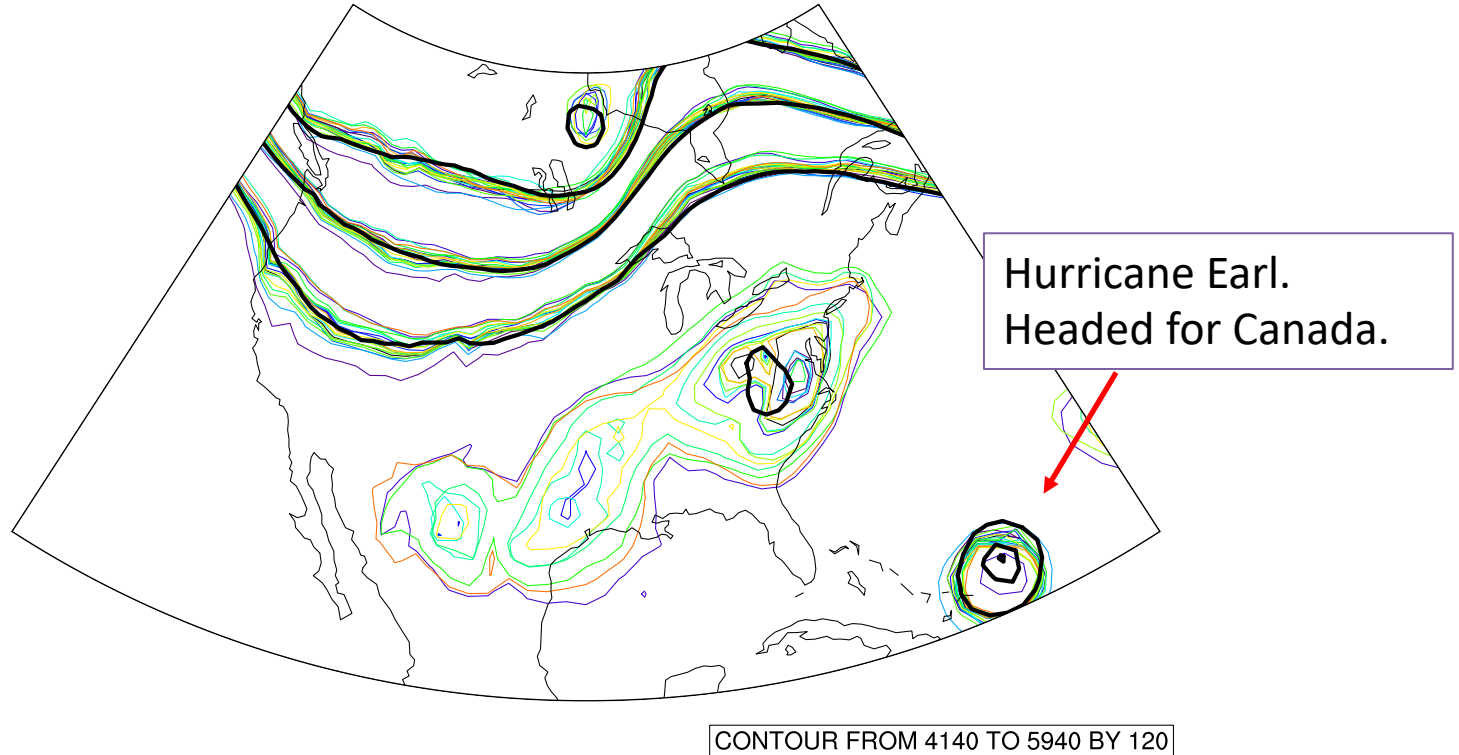
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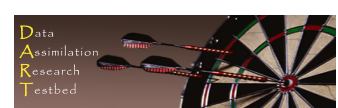
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## DART CAM GPH at 500hPa

20 of 80 members for 00Z 01 Sep 2010



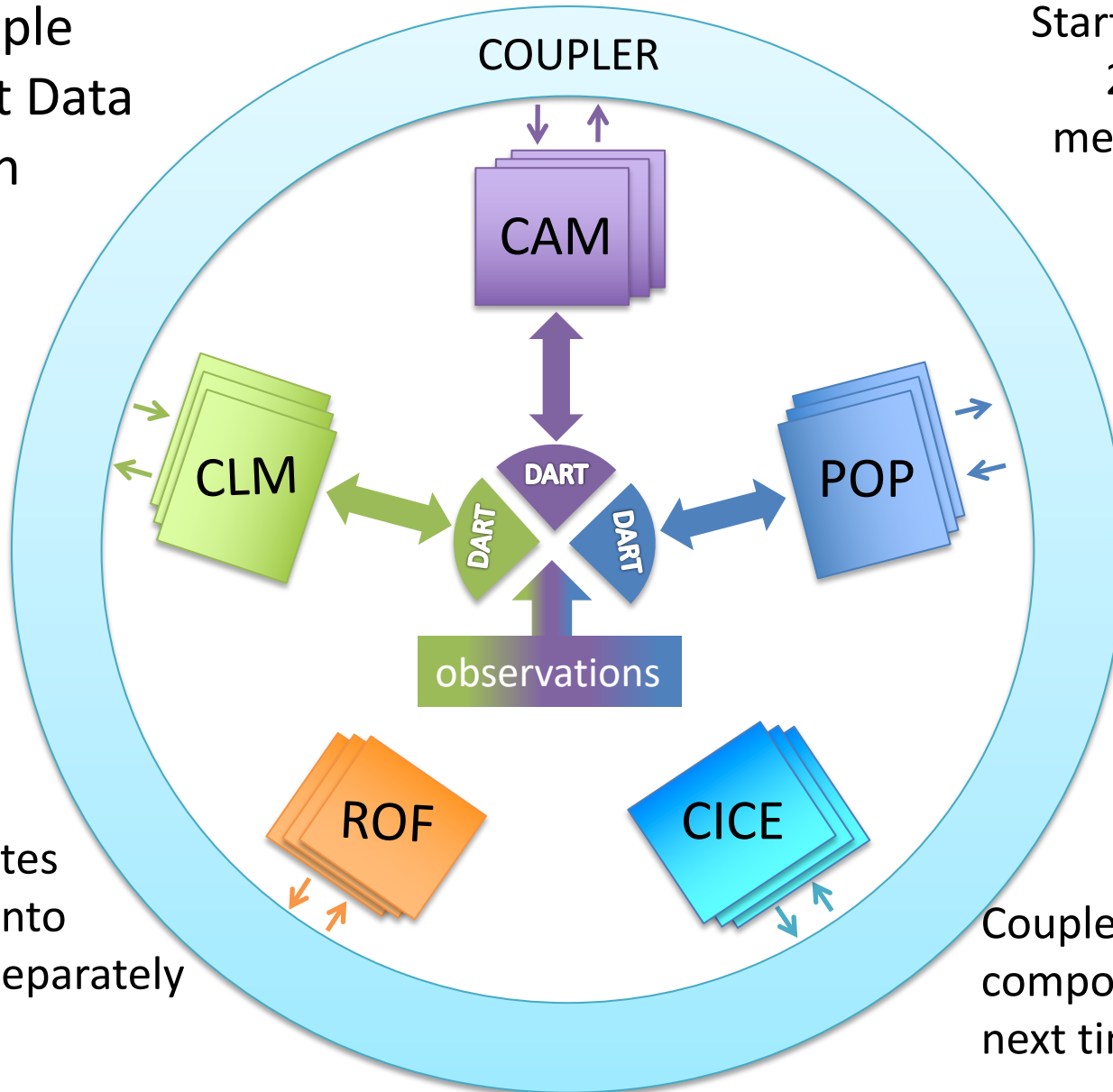
That's hurricane Earl (2010).  
Even at 1 degree, CAM6 provides good position.  
A bit weak but still a hurricane.



# DART/CESM Assimilation

DART Multiple Component Data Assimilation

**Important!**  
There are *multiple* instances of each model component.



Started with CCSM4  
20<sup>th</sup> Century 30-  
member ensemble  
for all model  
components

Coupler moves the  
components to the  
next time step

DART assimilates  
observations into  
components separately