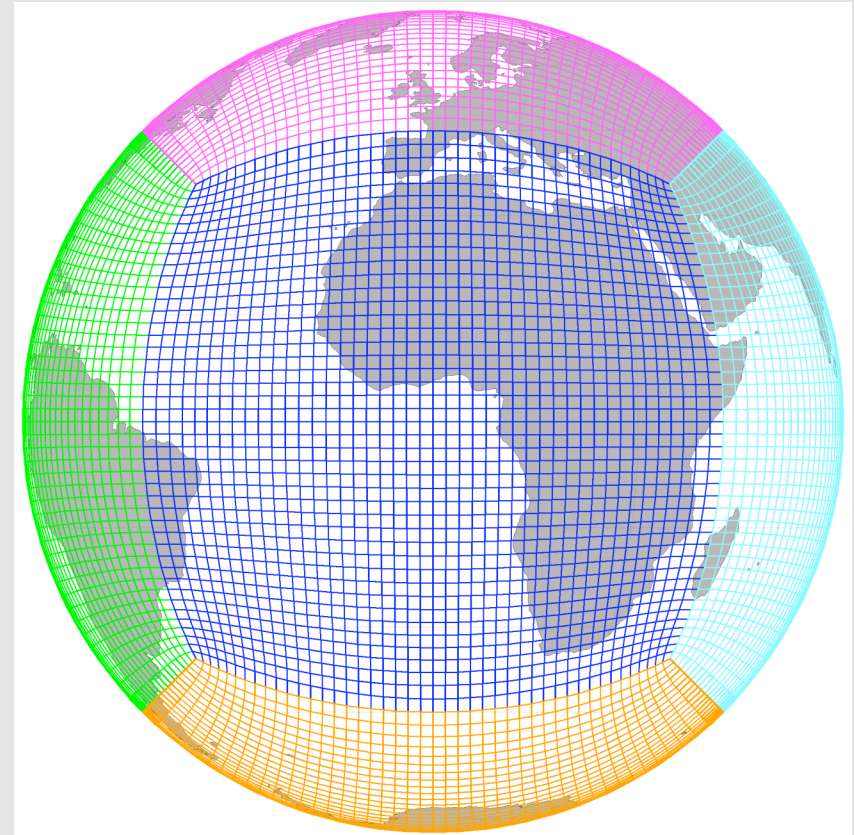
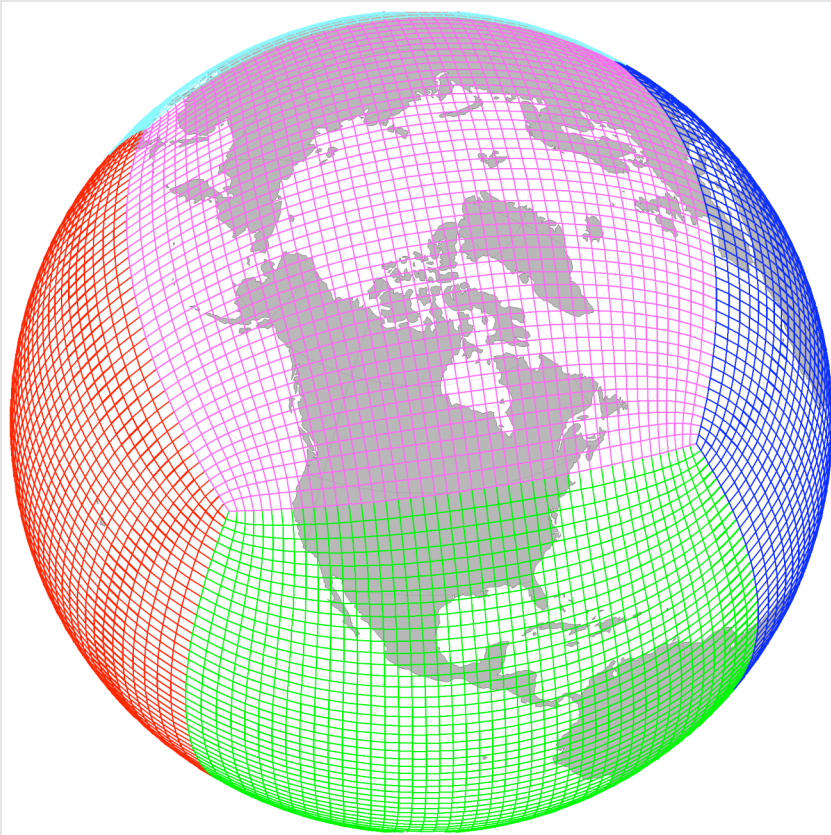
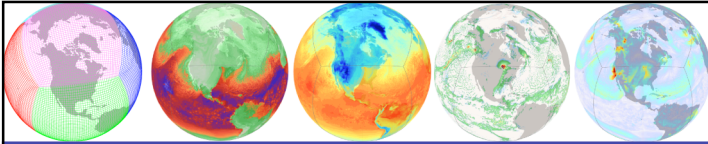


# Finite-Volume Schemes on the Cubed-Sphere



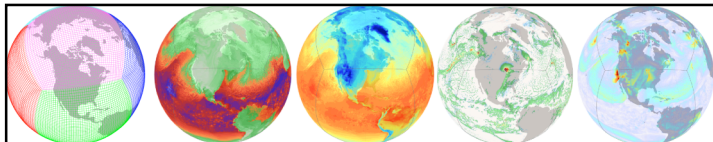


# Global Spherical Grid Options

## Motivated by Parallel Scalability

- Latitude-longitude grids
  - Logically rectangular spherical grid
  - Suffers from the convergence of meridians at the poles
    - Zonal grid spacing converges at the poles (*over-sampling*)
- Icosahedral Geodesic Grids (*icosahedron - triangles*)
  - Isotropic (near-uniform)
  - Hexagonal/Triangular shaped cells
  - Non-orthogonal
  - Eliminates over-sampling near the spherical poles
  - Suitable for massively parallel implementation
- The Cubed-Sphere (*hexahedron - quadrilaterals*)
  - Quasi-Uniform mapping of the cube to a sphere
    - *Gnomonic (Sadourny, 1972)*
    - *Conformal (Rancic & Purser, 1996)*
    - *Elliptic Solvers / Spring Dynamics*
  - Quadrilateral shaped cells
  - Ideal for 2D X-Y Domain Decomposition (*parallelism*)
  - Suitable for adaptive mesh refinement

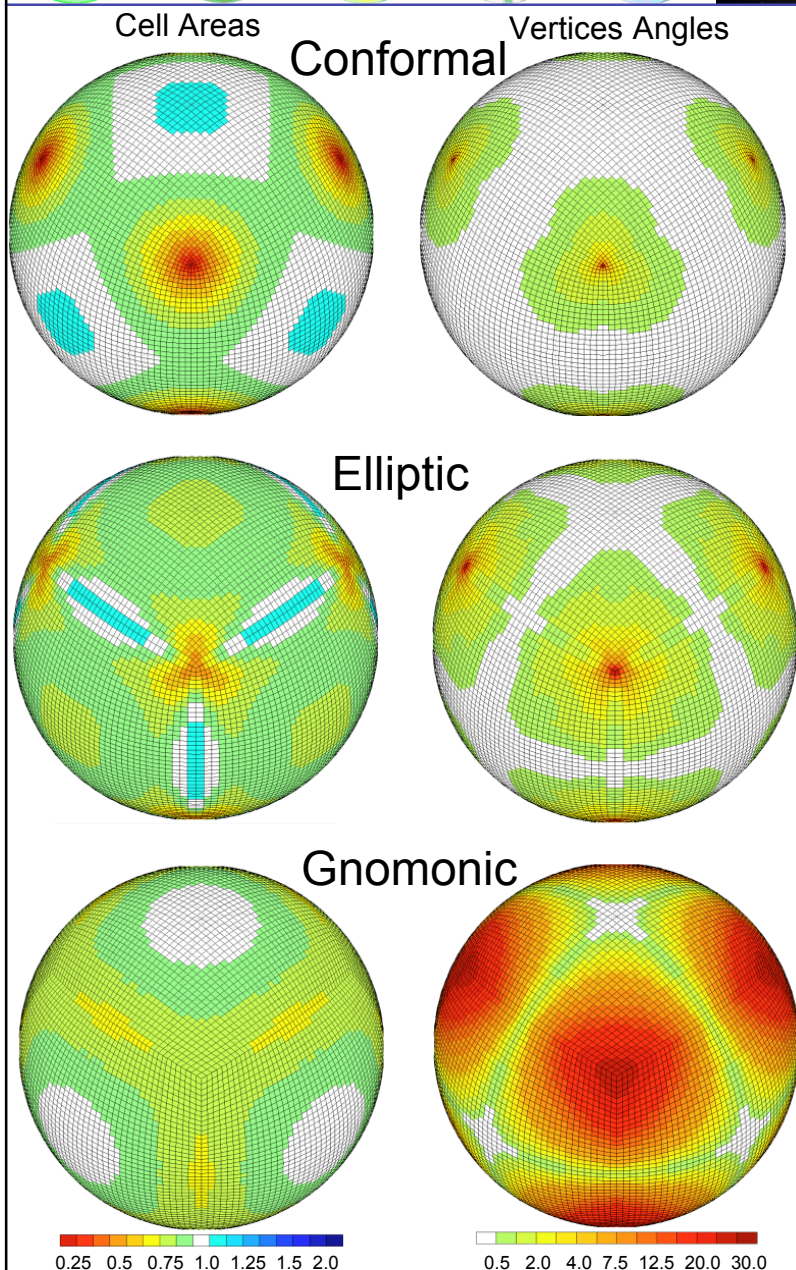


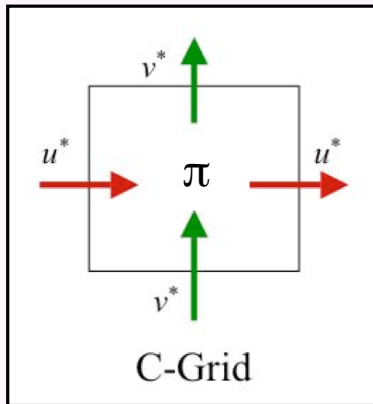
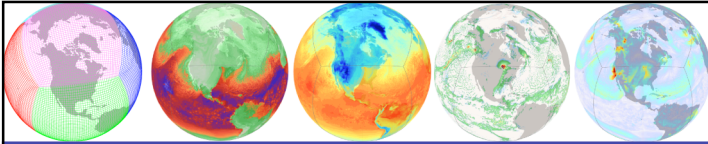


# Cubed-Sphere Grid Options

## Uniformity / Orthogonality

- The Conformal Cubed-Sphere
  - *Rancic, Purser, Mesinger, 1996*
  - *McGregor, 1996*
  - 8 pole-like singularities (clustering of grid cells, CFL problems)
  - Orthogonal grid / Continuous across edges
- Grids modified by Elliptic Solvers / Spring Dynamics
  - *Putman and Lin, 2007*
  - Better uniformity near 8-corners
  - Quasi-Orthogonal
- The Gnomonic Cubed-Sphere
  - *Sadourny, 1972*
  - *McGregor, 1996*
  - Quasi-Uniform
  - Non-orthogonal / discontinuities across face edges
  - Coordinate lines are arcs of great circles





Directionally split

$$\tilde{\pi}^{n+1} = \tilde{\pi}^n + F[u^*, \Delta t, (\tilde{\pi})^y] + G[v^*, \Delta t, (\tilde{\pi})^x]$$

1D flux-form operators

$$F(u^*, \Delta t, \tilde{\pi}) = -\frac{\Delta t}{\mathcal{A}} \delta_x [u^* \Delta y \pi^*(u^*, \Delta t, \tilde{\pi})]$$

$$G(v^*, \Delta t, \tilde{\pi}) = -\frac{\Delta t}{\mathcal{A}} \delta_y [v^* \Delta x \pi^*(v^*, \Delta t, \tilde{\pi})]$$

Cross-stream inner-operators

$$(\cdot)^x \equiv (\cdot)^n + \frac{1}{2} f[u^*, \Delta t, (\cdot)^n]$$

$$(\cdot)^y \equiv (\cdot)^n + \frac{1}{2} g[v^*, \Delta t, (\cdot)^n]$$

# Finite-Volume Advection

## Multi-Dimensional Flux-Form Transport

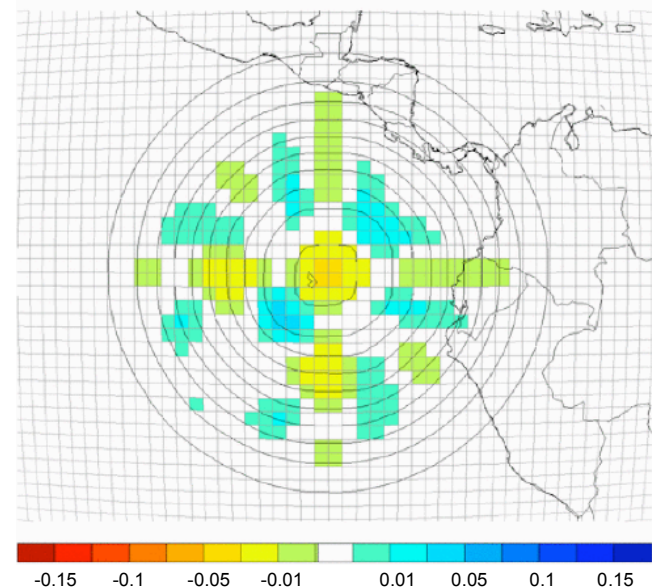
(Lin and Rood, 1996)

- Eulerian
- Stable for CFL < 1
- Identical to original schemes developed for cartesian Lat-Lon grid
- Can be directly adopted on Conformal grid

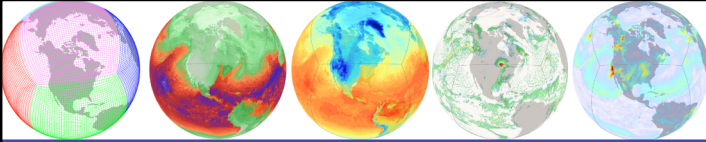
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Day-12  
Cosine Bell  
Error

Alpha=45°







## Contravariant Winds

$$\vec{V} = \tilde{u}\vec{e}_1 + \tilde{v}\vec{e}_2$$

## Covariant Winds

$$u = \vec{V} \cdot \vec{e}_1$$

$$v = \vec{V} \cdot \vec{e}_2$$

$$\cos(\alpha) = \vec{e}_1 \cdot \vec{e}_2$$

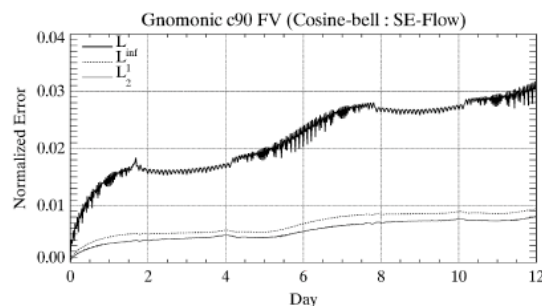
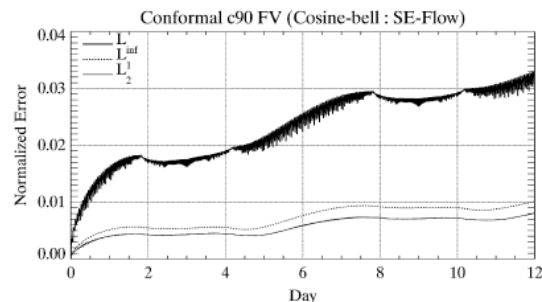
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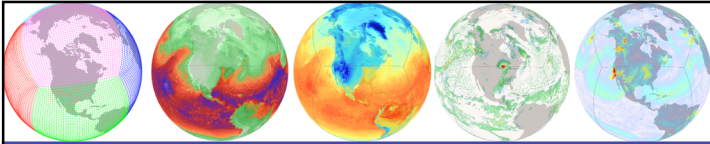
general curvilinear coordinates  
(Putman and Lin, 2007)

- Eulerian
- Stable for CFL < 1
- Adapted for non-orthogonal grids
- Allows use of Gnomonic grids

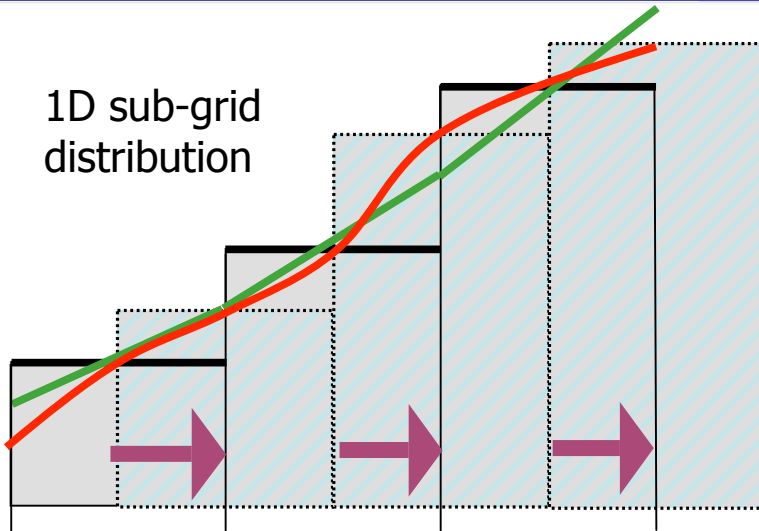
$$\tilde{\pi}^{n+1} = \tilde{\pi}^n + F[\tilde{u}^*, \Delta t, \pi^y] + G[\tilde{v}^*, \Delta t, \pi^x]$$

$$\begin{aligned} F(\tilde{u}^*, \Delta t, \tilde{\pi}^n) &= -\frac{\Delta t}{\Delta \mathcal{A}} \delta_x [\chi \Delta y \sin(\alpha)] \\ &= -\frac{\Delta t}{\Delta \mathcal{A}} \delta_x [\tilde{u}^* \pi^*(\tilde{u}^*, \Delta t, \tilde{\pi}^n) \Delta y \sin(\alpha)] \\ G(\tilde{v}^*, \Delta t, \tilde{\pi}^n) &= -\frac{\Delta t}{\Delta \mathcal{A}} \delta_y [Y \Delta x \sin(\alpha)] \end{aligned}$$





1D sub-grid  
distribution



# Finite-Volume Advection Sub-Grid Distribution Schemes

- An optimized PPM (labeled **ORD=4**)
- A Quasi-monotonic scheme with Huynh's 2nd constraint (**ORD=5**)
- A non-monotonic quasi-5th order scheme (**ORD=6**)
- The ORD=5 scheme with explicit treatment for edge discontinuities on the cubed-sphere (**ORD=7**)

**ORD=7** details (*4th order and continuous before monotonicity*)...

$$q_e = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{3}{2} (q_1^r + q_0^l) - \frac{1}{2} (q_2^r + q_{-1}^l) \right]$$

- The value at the edge is an average of two one-sided 2nd order extrapolations across edge discontinuities

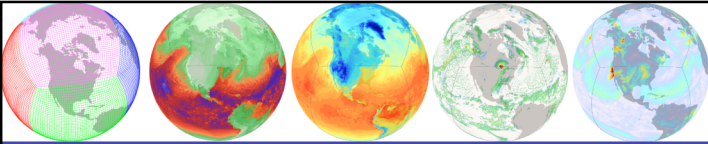
$$q_e \leftarrow \max(0, q_e)$$

- Positivity for tracers

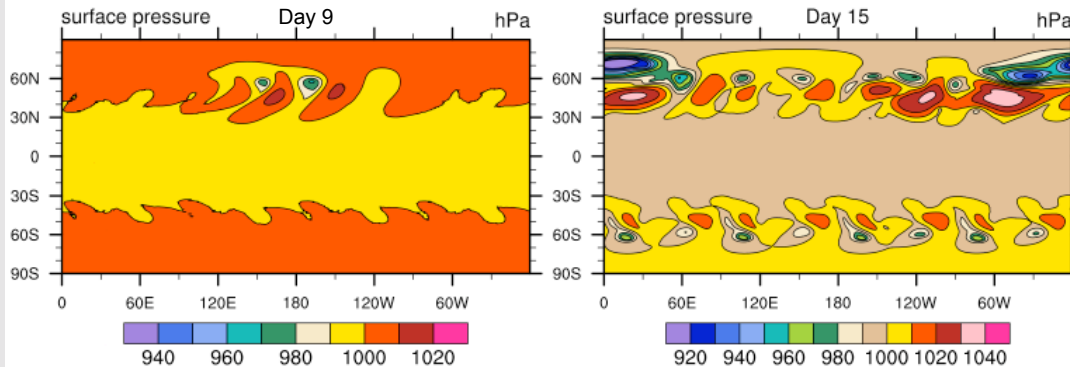
$$q_{e+}^r = \frac{1}{14} (3q_1^r + 11q_2^r - 2m_2^r)$$

- Fitting by Cubic Polynomial to find the value on the other edge of the cell
  - vanishing 2nd derivative
  - local mean = cell mean of left/right cells
  - local slope consistent with orig PPM

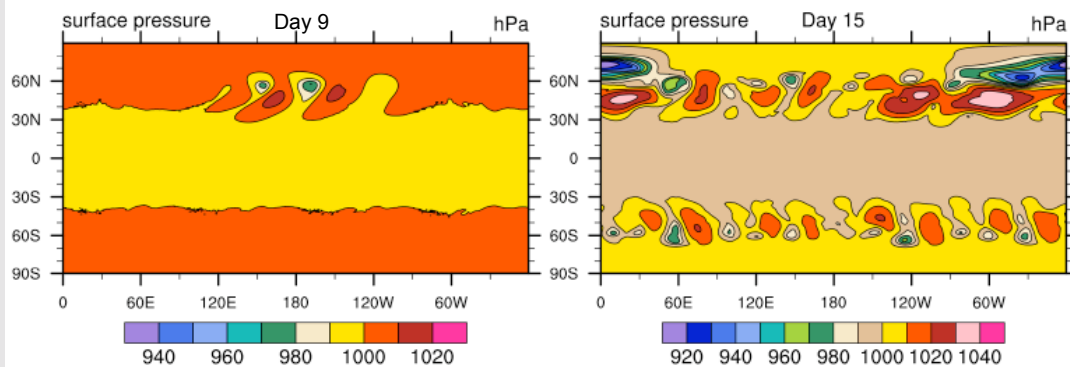




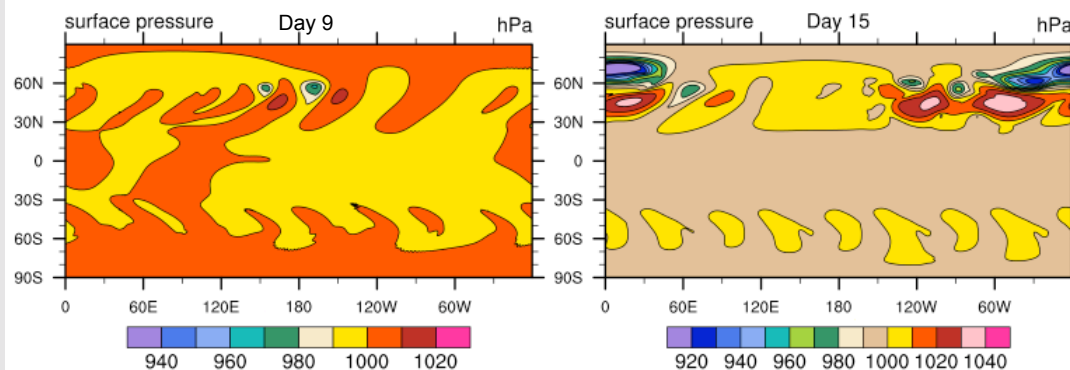
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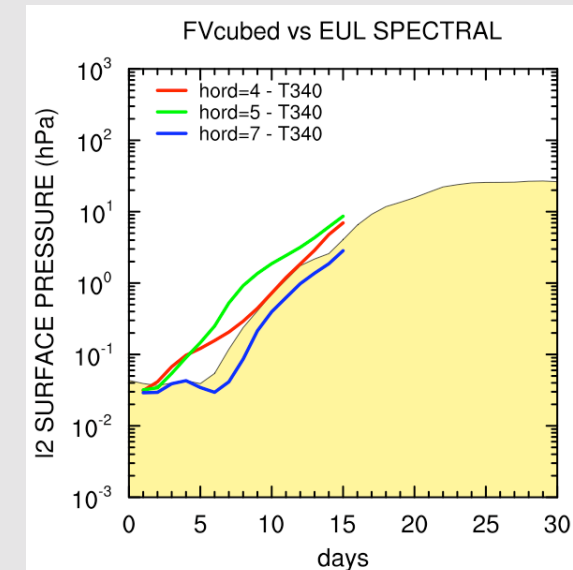


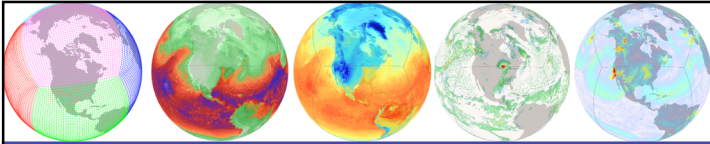
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## Jablonowski & Williamson Baroclinic Wave

- Impact of sub-grid distribution scheme on Surface Pressure evolution over 15-days
- hord=5 scheme requires small dt to be reduced from 75s to 45s
- Noticeably reduced wave-4 amplitude at day-15 with hord=7





# Finite-Volume Baroclinic Eqs

(From Lin 2004 MWR vol. 132)

**Implicit  
Diffusion**

**Explicit  
Diffusion**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \pi + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{V} \pi) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\pi q) + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{V} \pi q) = 0$$

Air Mass  
"pseudo-density"

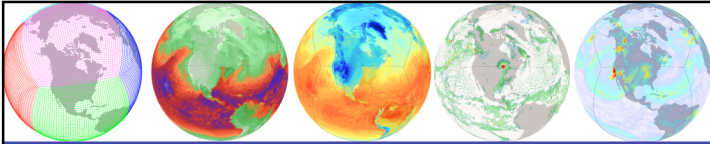
$$\pi = \partial p / \partial \zeta$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\pi \Theta) + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{V} \pi \Theta) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u = \Omega v - \frac{1}{A \cos \theta} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} (\kappa + \phi - \nu D) + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} p \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} v = -\Omega u - \frac{1}{A} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\kappa + \phi - \nu D) + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} p \right]$$

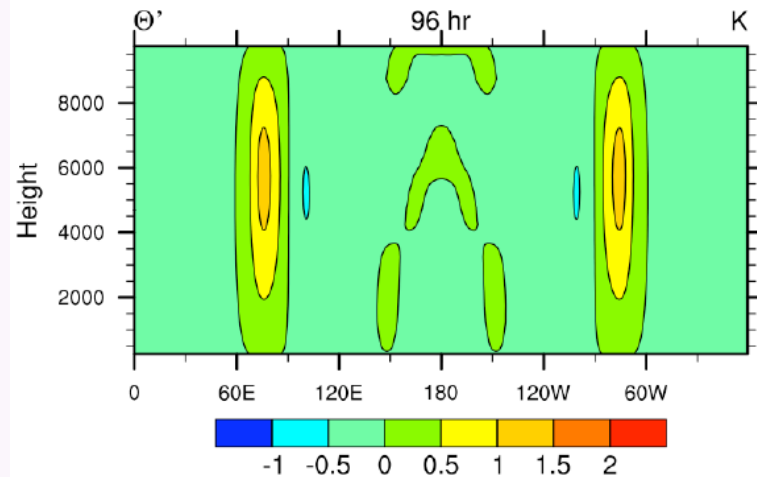




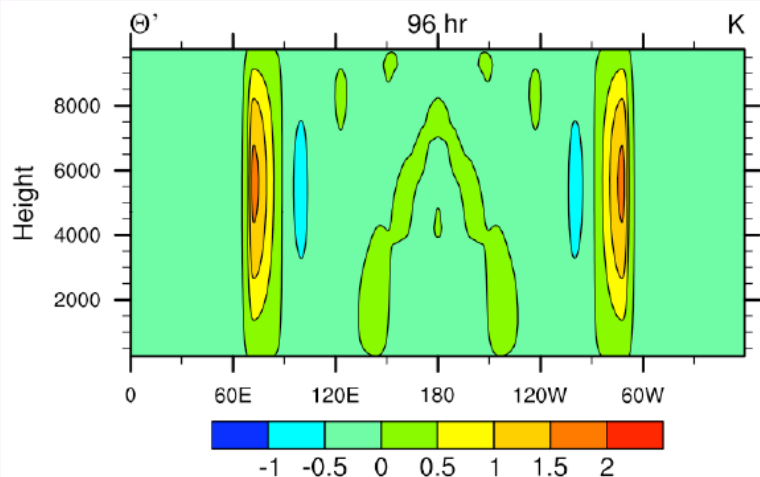
## 3D Gravity Wave Test

720x361 20L

Lat-Lon FV with default Divergence Damping

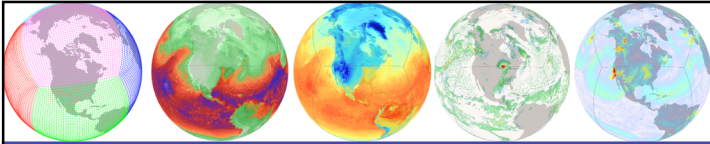


Cubed-Sphere FV with  $\nabla^2$  &  $\nabla^4$  Divergence Damping



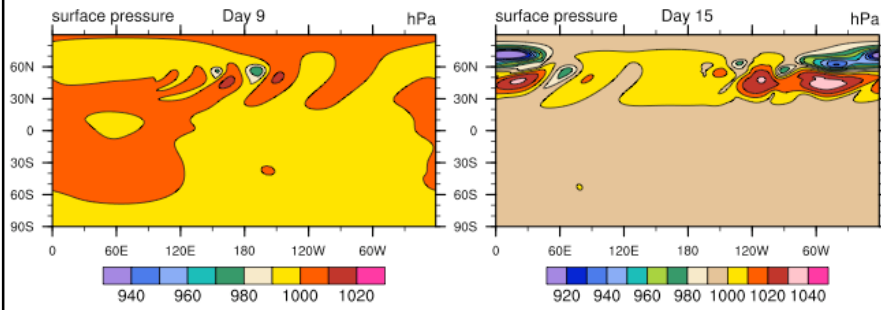
# Horizontal Divergence Damping

- Original FV scheme had only  $\nabla^2$  divergence damping (2nd order)
- Cubed-Sphere FV scheme has introduced  $\nabla^4$ ,  $\nabla^6$ , and  $\nabla^8$  divergence damping terms
- Reduced coefficient for  $\nabla^2$  term (can be 0.00)
- The impact is clear for gravity wave test case

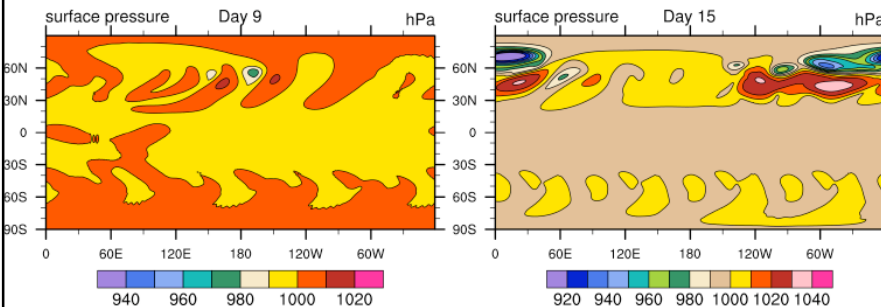


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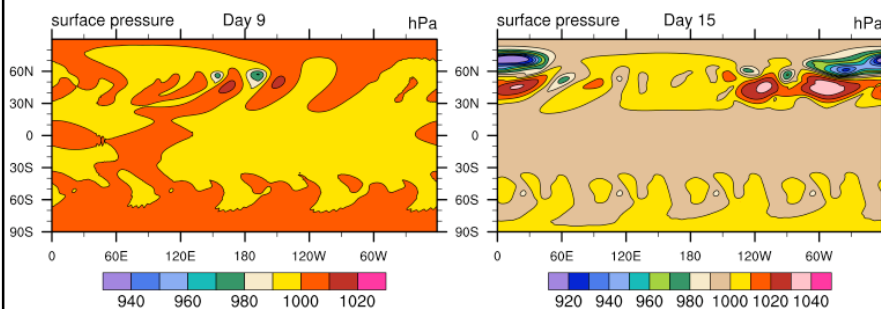
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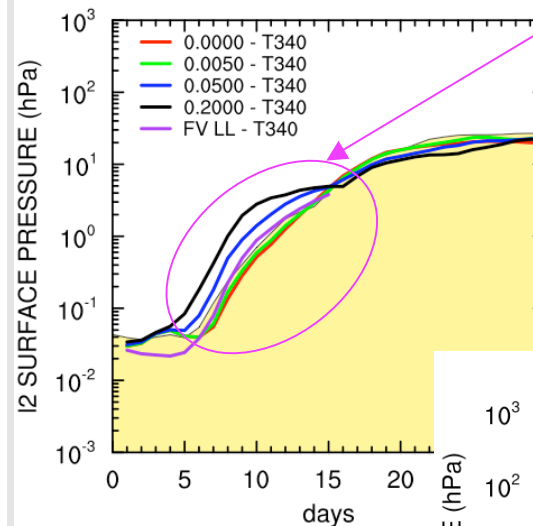
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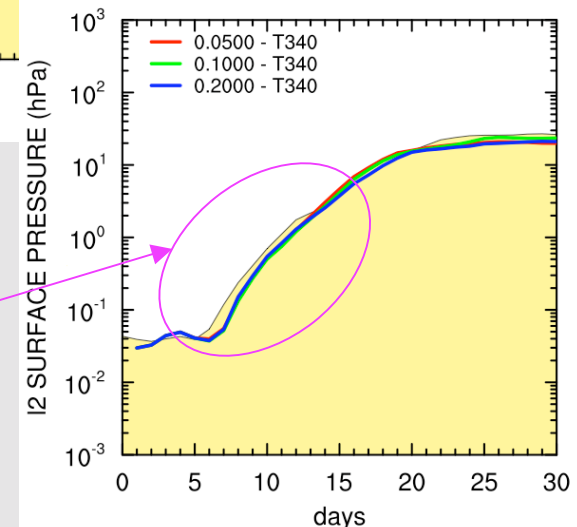


FVcubed vs EUL SPECTRAL



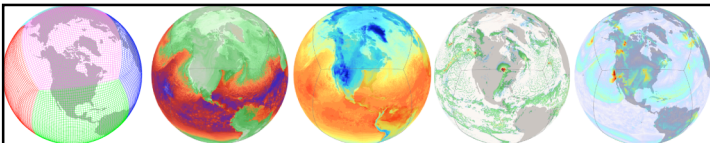
- $\nabla^2$  divergence damping has a strong influence on the developing wave

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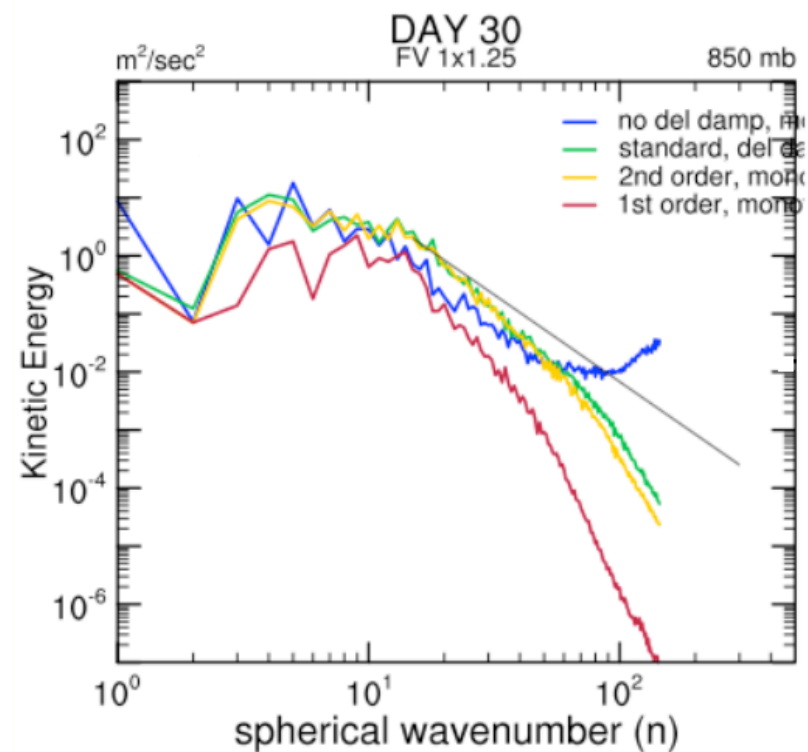
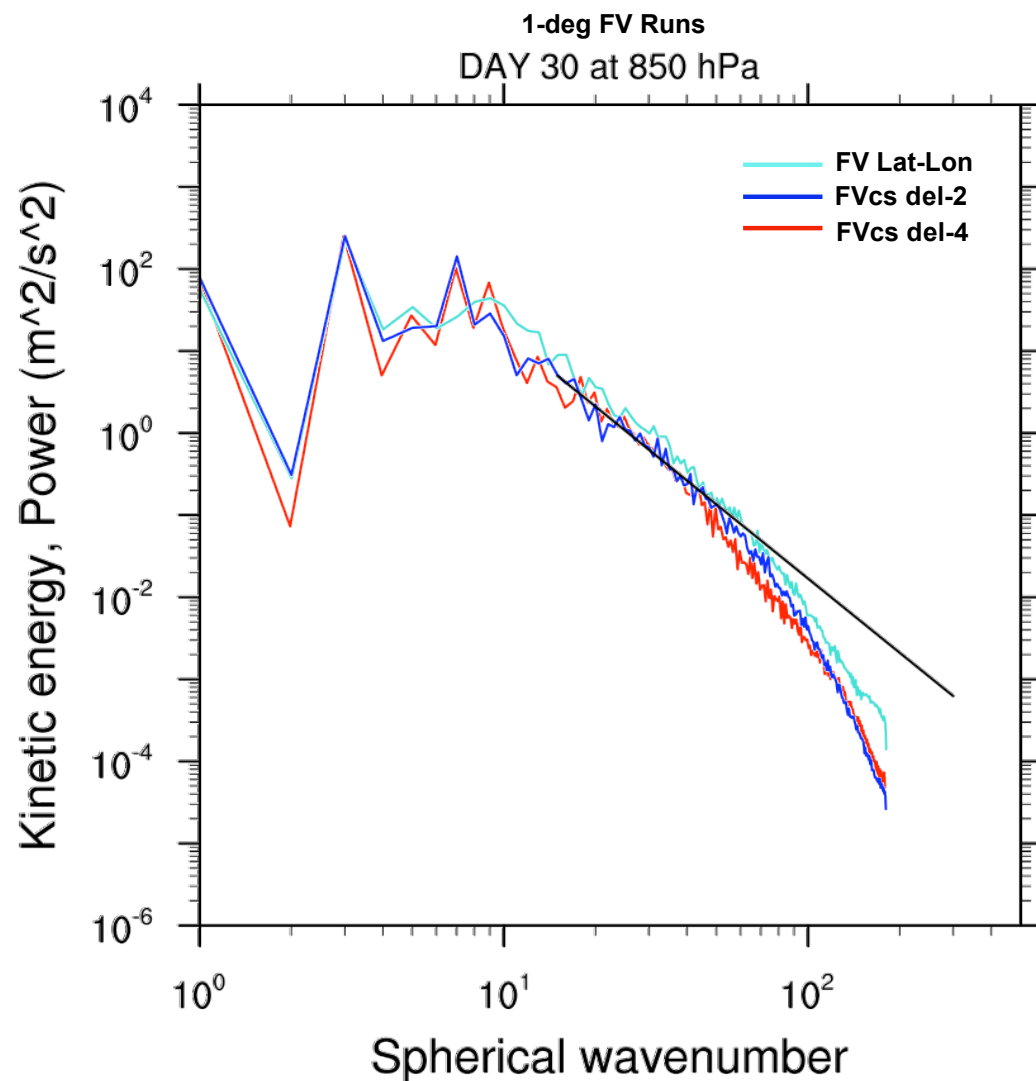


- $\nabla^4$  divergence damping preserves the baroclinic wave structure

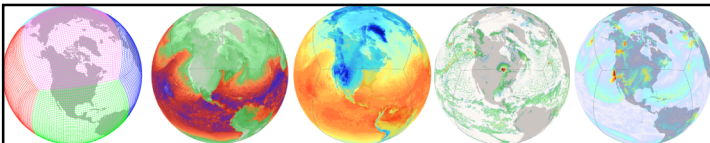




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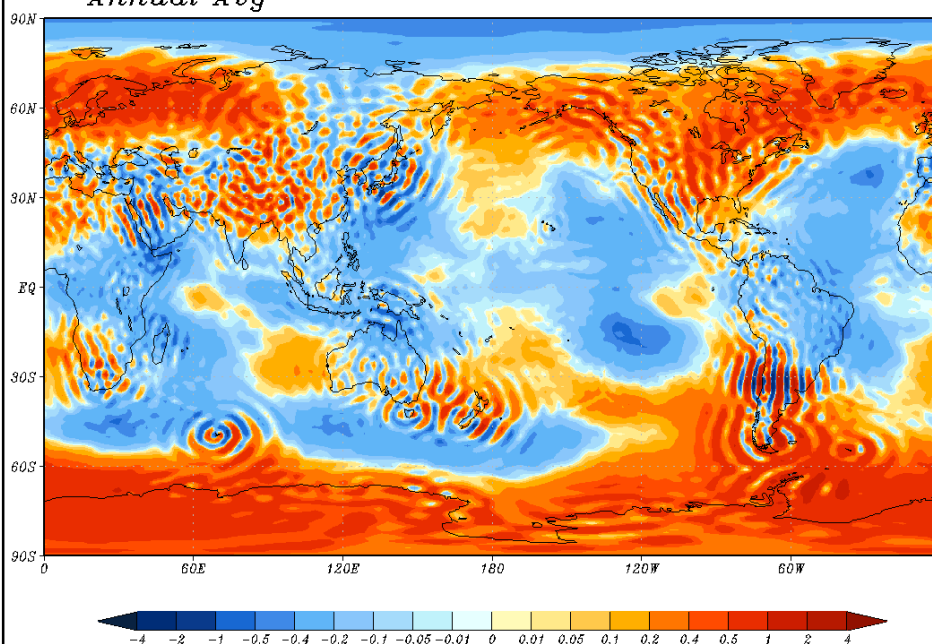


Credit: Jablonowski ASP Diffusion Talk



# Grid Imprinting

*NASA GEOSagcm-cubed c90x72*  
*2 hPa Omega ( $1/s \times 1.e-4$ )*  
*Annual Avg*



*NASA GEOSagcm-cubed c90x72*  
*Large-Scale Precip (mm/day)*  
*Annual Avg*

