DOE Precipitation Metrics Workshop

July 1 to 2, 2019

Rockville Hilton 1750 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852

(Metro Stop: Twin Brook Station on Red Line)

AGENDA



Day 1

Welcome & Introductions

8:00 am. Gather

8:20 a.m. Welcome from DOE (G. Geernaert, R. Joseph)

Background, Motivation, Starting Point and Expectations

8:35 a.m. Aims of the workshop: Why are we here? (C. Jakob)

8:45 a.m. Perspectives on what to include as a baseline (A. Pendergrass)

8:55 a.m. A strawman as a starting point (P. Gleckler)

9:20 a.m. Perspectives on exploratory metrics (R. Leung)

9:35 a.m. Attendee intros, reactions and 1- to 3-minute perspectives on pre-meeting ideas

10:30 a.m. Break

Topics Relevant to Defining Precipitation Benchmarks

In addition to presenting their expertise as it relates to the workshop, presenters

are asked to discuss their views on: 1) the co-chairs' strawman,

2) additional/alternate candidates for an initial set of benchmarks, and 3) topics relevant for future research that may lead to a more comprehensive and

advanced set of metrics.

10:45 a.m. A modeler's perspective (R. Neale)

11:00 a.m. Evaluating simulated precipitation (including snowfall) with satellite

observations (T. L'Ecuyer)

11:20 a.m. Extremes evaluation under observational uncertainty (M. Bador)

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11:40 a.m. Connecting spatial and temporal scales of precipitation (G. Martin)

11:50 a.m. An Impacts-related perspective (A. Ruane)

12:05 p.m. Return value extremes and scale mismatch in model evaluation (M. Wehner)

12:25 p.m. Use-inspired metrics (P. Ullrich)

12:45 PM Lunch

Break Out Group Discussion—Identifying Initial Set of Benchmarks

2:00 p.m. Discussion topics:

- A set of set metrics, comprehensive but also concise and ready to go, and supported by the group, for evaluating precipitation in models
- How should we address observational uncertainty?
- A plan for efficient implementation
- A plan for turning this into a publication evaluating the CMIP6 models; consider the feasibility of doing this by Dec 31, 2019
- A set of (research) priorities for what should go into the next benchmarking round (which won't have the same time pressure of the IPCC/CMIP deadline)

BOG1 Chair: C. Jakob, **Rapporteur:** G. Tselioudis **BOG 2 Chair:** P. Gleckler, **Rapporteur:** Travis O'Brien

3:30 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. BOG report out and plenary discussion

5:30 p.m. End of session

Day 2

Reconvene

9:00 a.m. Gather; discussion on overnight thoughts

Topics Relevant to Exploratory Metrics

9:30 a.m. Evaluating simulated precipitation with ARM data (S. Xie)

9:40 a.m. Convection onset metrics (D. Neelin)

10:00 a.m. Machine learning and frontal systems (K. Kunkel)

10:15 a.m. Discussion

10:30 a.m. Break

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10:45 a.m. Extratropical and frontal rainfall (J. Catto)

11:00 a.m. A regime-oriented perspective on evaluation of precipitation (G. Tselioudis)

11:20 a.m. Variability of monsoons (B. Boos)

11:30 a.m. Discussion

12:30 PM Lunch

Break Out Group Discussion (Establishing Initial Set, Areas of Needed Research)

2:00 p.m. **BOG 3:** What needs to happen for:

- 1. Solidifying the strawman initial set of benchmarks, and other details of the approach
- 2. Strategy for analysis + publication by IPCC deadline?

Chair: A. Pendergrass, Rapporteur: R. Neale

Participants: M. Bador, J. Lee, T. L'Ecuyer, M. Wehner, C. Jakob, P. Gleckler, P. Ullrich, C. Kidd, D. Easterling

2:00 p.m. **BOG 4:** What should the next generation of metrics look like? (Exploratory and process oriented metrics discussion)

- 1. What aspects (e.g., precipitation types, higher order moments) of precipitation should the exploratory metrics focus on to complement the standard metrics?
- 2. Should relationships between precipitation and other quantities be considered in the exploratory metrics?
- 3. What principles should be used to prioritize the exploratory metrics?
- 4. How to implement a phased approach for exploratory metrics?

Chair: R. Leung, Rapporteur: S. Xie

Participants: B. Boos, J. Catto, K. Kunkel, G. Martin, D. Neelin, G. Tselioudis, T. O'Brien, C. DeMott

3:30 p.m. Break

Summative Plenary Discussion

4:00 p.m. Reports from BOGs; discuss how we will move forward

5:00 p.m. End of Workshop