Improving the Efficiency and Coupling of Radiative Transfer in the ACME Earth System Model #A15

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Introduction to RRTMGP

What is RRTMGP? RRTMGP is a high-performance radiation code for the current generation of computational architectures.

- It is the successor to RRTMG, the accurate radiation code used in CAM/ CESM for many years
- RRTMG's design is inefficient for modern computers; vectorizes poorly

What are the objectives of our ACME project?

- Efficiently couple RRTMG within the ACME model ACME aerosol and cloud modules
- Work with ACME developers to ensure RRTMGP runs efficiently on emerging architectures

MIC platforms

GPU platforms

Enhance the RRTMGP capabilities to support ACME priorities

Current status

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Prototype clear-sky code available, profiling underway in CAM

RRTMGP Performance Advancements

Entirely new calling structure

- Uses derived types or classes
 - Enables greater I/O flexibility without code changes
 - Minimizes data transfer
- Aerosol and cloud optics are user's responsibility

High Performance should be possible

- Code is vectorized across columns
- Large amounts of fine-grained parallelism is exposed
- Computation is isolated in kernels operating on assumed-size arrays
- Amenable to MIC and GPU implementations



