Accelerating Climate Model Computation by Neural Networks

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Introduction



Figure by Koji IKEUCHI, Water and Disaster Management Bureau, MLIT, Japan





So, What are the possible avenues to accelerate climate models?

Introduction

- 1 Process-Driven Physical Model (PDPM)
- 2 Data-Driven Statistical Model (DDSM)
- 3 Hybrid Physical-Statistical Model (HPSM)

Quasi-Geostrophic (QG) model: Potential vorticity



High Resolution

Low Resolution

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Process-Driven Physical Model (PDPM)



PDPM time evolution

- Each time step, we compute the HR field using the HR model.
- The output at t_n is the the input for $t_n + 1$.

Data-Driven Statistical Model (DDSM)



DDSM time evolution

- We initialize with the output of the HR model output at *t*₀.
- Each time step, we use a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) to predict the next field.
- The output at t_n is the the input for $t_n + 1$.

Hybrid Physical-Statistical Model (HPSM)



HPSM time evolution

- We upscale the output of the HR model output at t₀ to initialize the LR model.
- Each time step, we run the LR model to compute the LR field.
- We map the LR field to the HR domain using a CNN.

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Simulation Protocol



Simulation steps:

- Train CNNs in DDSM and HPSM.
- Run the HR model until convergence.
- Run simultaneously PDPM, DDSM and HPSM.
- Apply Linear Interpolation (LI) to the output of LR model in HPSM.
- LI is a baseline for the evaluation of the CNN in HPSM.

Simulation Outputs: 6 hours



PDPM



HPSM



DDSM



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Simulation Outputs: 3 days



PDPM



HPSM



DDSM



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Simulation Outputs: 7 days



PDPM



HPSM



DDSM



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Simulation Outputs: 30 days



PDPM



HPSM



DDSM



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Results: Predictability Range (ACC: Anomaly Correlation Coefficient)



Results: Computation Time

- PDPM: HR QG model computation time
- DDSM: CNN prediction time
- HPSM: LR QG model time + CNN super-resolution time



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Next Steps

- Multi-variable model acceleration:
 - Test QG variables other than PV.
 - Combine multiple variables.
- Apply model acceleration to other climate models.
- Test different performance verification methods in performance evaluation.

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Thank you!