#### **GCMprocpy** A TIE-GCM / WACCM-X postprocessing tool



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## What is GCMprocpy?

- A Python package designed for post-processing and visualization of outputs from the TIE-GCM and WACCM-X models.
- Facilitates data analysis and plot generation.



TIE-GCM



WACCM -X



### **Motivation Behind GCMprocpy**

- Legacy Tools:
  - tiegcmidl
  - tiegcmprocf90
- Challenges with Legacy Tools:
  - Steep learning curve for new users
  - Limited flexibility and integration with modern data analysis workflows
- Why GCMprocpy?
  - Offers a more user-friendly and versatile platform for researchers
  - Leverages Python's extensive scientific libraries for enhanced data analysis.



#### **Evolution of GCMprocpy**

- Origins as TIEGCMpy:
  - Initially developed as TIEGCMpy, a Python 3 tool for post-processing and plotting TIE-GCM outputs.
- Transition to GCMprocpy:
  - Renamed and restructured to GCMprocpy to reflect broader capabilities, including support for multiple models like WACCM-X.
  - Adopted a modular design with separate components for different functionalities.
  - Added a Graphical User Interface (GUI) for users preferring point-and-click over scripting.



### **GCMprocpy Timeline**`





#### **GCMprocpy Features**

- Usage Methods
  - Graphical User Interface (GUI) ->
  - Python Function calls (API)

datasets = gy.load\_datasets(directory, dataset\_filter)
variable\_name = 'TN'
value\_of\_mtime = [360, 0, 0, 0]
pressure\_level = 4.0
unit\_of\_variable = 'K'
intervals = 20
plot = gy.plt\_lat\_lon(datasets, variable\_name, mtime=value\_of\_mtime,
level=pressure\_level, variable\_unit=unit\_of\_variable,
contour\_intervals=intervals)

Command line Interface (CLI)

gcmprocpy --plot\_type lat\_lon --directory /glade/work/nikhilr/work/test\_db/2.0/tiegcm\_res5.0\_decsol\_smax/hist --dataset\_filter sech --output\_format jpeg var TN -zp -4.00 -mtime 360 0 0

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ataset				
Directory Enter di	rectory or file path			
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Dataset Filter: Optiona	il filter (e.g., 'sech')			
Lo	oad Datasets			
lot Type				
Lat vs Lon		-		
Variable Name:		-		
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Contour Intervals:				
Contour Value:				
Symmetric Interval:				
Colormap:				
Colormap Min:				
Colormap Max:				
Line Color:				
Coastlines:				
Nightshade:				
GM Equator:				
Latitude Min:				
Latitude Max:				
Longitude Min:				
Longitude Max				
Clean Plot:				

GCMprocpy GUI



#### **GCMprocpy Features**

- Types of functions
  - Data exploration
    - Inspect variables, metadata, and file structures
  - Data manipulation
    - Subset, merge, and transform model outputs
  - Data arrays generation
    - Create structured arrays
  - Emissions calculation
    - Compute emissions
  - Plotting routines
    - Create static/interactive images data visualization
  - Movie routines

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 Create time-lapse animations for dynamic data visualization [ ] # List of timestamps in the smax dataset
 gy.time\_list(mareq\_smax\_ds)[0:5]

Inumpy.datetime64('2002-03-21T01:00:00.00000000'), numpy.datetime64('2002-03-21T02:00:00.000000000'), numpy.datetime64('2002-03-21T03:00:00.000000000'), numpy.datetime64('2002-03-21T04:00:00.000000000'), numpy.datetime64('2002-03-21T05:00:00.000000000')]

Listing timestamps in the dataset

#### **Plot Types**

#### NEUTRAL TEMPERATURE TN (K)

NEUTRAL TEMPERATURE TN (K) UT=0.0 LAT=-62.5 SLT=0.0Hrs



#### Latitude vs Longitude

**Pressure Level vs Variable** 



### **Plot Types**



NEUTRAL ZONAL WIND (+EAST) UN (cm/s) UT=0.0 LON=0.0 SLT=0.0Hrs



Longitude

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### **Plot Types**

#### ELECTRON DENSITY NE (cm-3) LAT=-62.5 SLT=0.0Hrs







#### **GCMprocpy Features**

Automated Documentation

- Uses Autodoc, a Sphinx extension that automatically generates documentation from Python docstrings.
- It reduces manual effort and ensures that documentation stays in sync with the codebase
- GCMprocpy uses Google Style docstrings

		[docs]
def	<pre>dim_list(datasets):</pre>	[uucs]
	Retrieves a sorted list of unique dimension names across all datasets.	
	Args: datasets (list of tuples): A list of tuples, where each tuple contains an xarray	∕ datas€
	Returns: list: A sorted list of unique dimension names across all datasets.	
	<pre>unique_dims = set()</pre>	

#### gcmprocpy.data\_parse.dim\_list(datasets) [source]

Retrieves a sorted list of unique dimension names across all datasets.

Parameters:	datasets (list of tuples) – A list of tuples, where each tuple contains an xarray
	dataset and its filename.
Returns:	A sorted list of unique dimension names across all datasets.
Return type:	list
	Parameters: Returns: Return type:

#### Docstring to documentation on RTD



#### **GCMprocpy Stucture**`





#### **GCMprocpy Future Development**

- Building a robust testing framework
- Enabling movie routines on GUI
- Adding polar plots to plotting routines
- Adding additional emissions calculations
- Performance optimization to data array creation



## **GCMprocpy Links**`



Google Collab Tutorial Github



RTD Documentation

ex.html



# Thank you



Google Collab Tutorial

Github https://github.com/NCAR/gc mprocpy/

RTD Documentation https://gcmprocpy.readthedo cs.io/en/latest/index.html





