

# Tangent Linear Models by Operator Overloading

## No Pain: Some Gain

Formerly: Algorithmic Differentiation for Analysis  
of Global Change and the Carbon Cycle

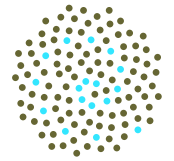
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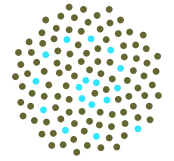


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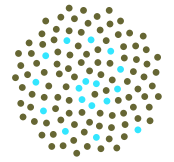
# Summary



- Algorithmic differentiation (AD) in analysing models
- Implementing tangent linear models using operator overloading in C++ and Fortran-90/95
- Applications of AD in:
  - Analysing the Brazilian proposal
  - Calibrating CASACNP terrestrial carbon model (with N and P)

*Progress report*

# Model Analysis



Most common model calculation is forward projection by (numerical) integration of DEs.

Much model analysis involves differentiation:

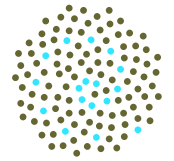
**Initialisation** Solving for zero rate of change

**Sensitivity analysis** — derivatives with respect to parameters

**Calibration** — techniques such as Maximum Likelihood imply optimisations, facilitated by use of derivatives

**Data assimilation** — real-time model adjustment — dynamic calibration

# Tangent Linear Model (TLM)



For  $N$  DEs:  $\frac{d}{dt}x_j = g_j(\{x_k\}, \alpha, t)$  for  $j = 1, N$

we can define sensitivities as

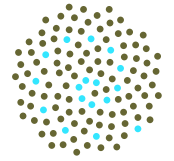
$$y_j = \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} x_j \quad \text{for } j = 1, N \quad \text{or} \quad y_{j,p} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_p} x_j$$

to give 'tangent linear model(s)':

$$\frac{d}{dt}y_m = \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} g_m(\{x_k\}, \alpha, t) + \sum_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} g_m(\{x_k\}, \alpha, t) y_n$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}y_{m,p} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_p} g_m(\{x_k\}, \alpha, t) + \sum_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} g_m(\{x_k\}, \alpha, t) y_{n,p}$$

# Using the TLM



The Tangent Linear Model (TLM) gives sensitivities with respect to parameters — useful for analysis of uncertainty.

Also provides a linearisation of a model relation defined in terms of DEs.

Useful for variational calibration

$$\Theta = [\underline{z}_j - \mathcal{H}(\underline{\alpha})]^\top \underline{R}^{-1} [\underline{z}_j - \mathcal{H}(\underline{\alpha})] - \ln[\text{Pr}_{\text{prior}}(\underline{\alpha})]$$

‘model relation’  $\mathcal{H}(\underline{\alpha})$  from solution of DEs.

$$d\Theta = 2[\underline{z}_j - \mathcal{H}(\underline{\alpha})]^\top \underline{R}^{-1} \underline{H} d\underline{\alpha} - \dots$$

The TLM gives the linearisation  $\underline{H}$

# Algorithmic Differentiation (AD)

Differentiation by successive use of chain rule.

For binary operation  $c = f(a, b)$ ,

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial a} * \frac{\partial a}{\partial \alpha} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial b} * \frac{\partial b}{\partial \alpha}$$

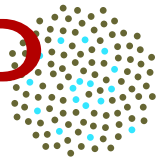
e.g.

$$c = a + b \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial c}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{\partial a}{\partial \alpha} + \frac{\partial b}{\partial \alpha}$$

$$c = a * b \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial c}{\partial \alpha} = b * \frac{\partial a}{\partial \alpha} + a * \frac{\partial b}{\partial \alpha}$$

Convert program to code for derivatives, one operation at a time.

# Computational Complexity of AD



For  $u_k \rightarrow x_j(1) \rightarrow \dots x_j(m) \dots \rightarrow x_j(M) \rightarrow v_j$ ,  
 $m$  is operation count, Jacobian is:  $J_{jk} = \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial u_k}$

$$J_{jk} = \sum \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_n(M)} \dots \frac{\partial x_{n'}(m)}{\partial x_{n''}(m-1)} \dots \frac{\partial x_{p'}(1)}{\partial x_p(0)} \frac{\partial x_p(0)}{\partial u_k}$$

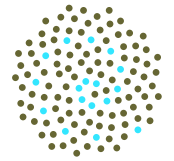
Tangent:  $\frac{\partial v_j}{\partial \alpha} = \sum_k J_{jk} \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial \alpha}$  vector  $\times$  sparse matrix product

Gradient:  $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u_k} = \sum_j J_{jk} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y_j}$

Adjoint model achieves efficiency of vector  $\times$  sparse matrix by using chain rule backwards in time.



# Adjoint (of TLM)



$$\frac{d}{dt}y_{m,p} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_p} g_m(\{x_k\}, \alpha, t) + \sum_n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} g_m(\{x_k\}, \alpha, t) y_{n,p}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}y_{m,p} = f_{m,p}(t) + \sum_n g_{m,n}(t) y_{n,p}$$

TLM is **linear** and therefore has a (linear)

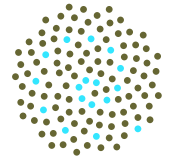
Green's function operator which has an adjoint.

Jacobian is projection of operator onto matrix.

$J_{k,1}$  gives  $\frac{\partial v_k}{\partial u_1}$ : carry forward single set of  $\frac{\partial x_m}{\partial u_1}$

$J_{1,j}$  gives  $\frac{\partial v_1}{\partial u_j}$ : carry backward single set of  $\frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x_m}$

# Sparse Matrix Factorisation



Convert matrix  $\times$  vector to successive multiplications of vector by sparse matrices.

e.g. FFT:  $\tilde{f}(k) = \sum_n \exp(2\pi ink/N) f(n)$  for  $N = 2^M$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{f}} = \mathbf{M}_N \mathbf{f} = \prod_{j=1}^M \mathbf{L}_j \mathbf{f}$$

Jacobian for AD is product of sparse matrices:  
 $\mathbf{J}_m$  for  $c = a$  .op.  $b$  is identity, except for column  $c$ , rows  $a, b, c$ .

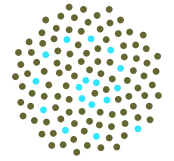
Applications in lattice statistical mechanics:

*.. conventional algorithm would .. run for time comparable to*

*lifetime of the universe on .. fastest supercomputer to achieve ..*

*same results ..* Guttmann and Enting, 1988, J Phys A, **21** L165

# Fast Fourier Transform



FFT expresses transform of size  $N = 2^M$  as sparse matrix product

$$\tilde{\mathbf{f}} = \mathbf{M}_N \mathbf{f} = \prod_{j=1}^M \mathbf{L}_j \mathbf{f}$$

with  $\mathbf{f}$  in 'bit-reversed' order,

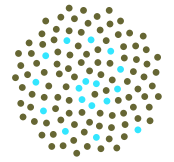
$$\mathbf{M}_N = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{W}_1 \\ \mathbf{W}_2 & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}_{N/2} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{M}_{N/2} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\mathbf{W}_1$  and  $\mathbf{W}_2$  are diagonal, ( $\exp(2\pi i k/N)$ )

Thus  $N^2 = 2^{2M}$  multiplications become

$$2MN = 2^{M+1}M$$

# Approaches to AD



Hand-code program to calculate derivatives — laborious, error-prone and must be repeated each time the model changes.

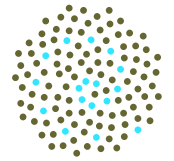
Symbolic algebra (e.g. Mathematica) — problematic for adjoints.

Tangent/adjoint compilers — transform source into code for tangent or adjoint models.

Operator overloading to produce a ‘script’ that is analysed to give code for the derivatives.

Use operator overloading capabilities directly — straightforward for tangent-linear-model, but restricted applicability to adjoint models.

# Operator Overloading (C++)



Replace real variable  $x$ , (type `double`), with composite variable  $\tilde{x}$  (type `Xvar`), representing both value  $x$  and its derivatives with respect to  $K$  model quantities,  $\alpha_k$  as:

$$\tilde{x}_0 = x \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{x}_k = \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_k} x \quad \text{for } k = 1, K$$

Operator overloading implements  $\tilde{c} = \tilde{a} * \tilde{b}$ , representing:

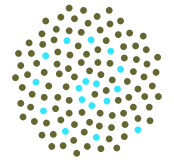
$$\tilde{c}_0 = \tilde{a}_0 * \tilde{b}_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{c}_k = \tilde{a}_0 * \tilde{b}_k + \tilde{a}_k * \tilde{b}_0$$

Overloaded functions,  $\tilde{c} = f(\tilde{a})$ , represent:

$$\tilde{c}_0 = f(\tilde{a}_0) \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{c}_k = f'(\tilde{a}_0) * \tilde{a}_k$$

where  $f'(\cdot)$  denotes the derivative of  $f(\cdot)$

# Class Definitions

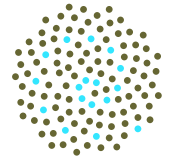


Fragment of C++ class definition to implement operator overloading:

```
class Xvar{
public :
static const int ns = _NUMDERIVS+1;
double xs[_NUMDERIVS+1];
Xvar operator*(Xvar);
...
};

Xvar Xvar::operator*(Xvar b){ Xvar c;
for (int i=1; i < ns; i++)
    c.xs[i] = xs[i]*b.xs[0]+xs[0]*b.xs[i];
c.xs[0] = xs[0]*b.xs[0];
return c;} ;
...
```

# Usage



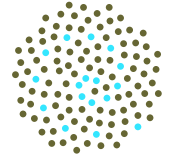
## Original

```
double F_co2(double c){
double a;
a = log(c/280.0)*5.35;
return a;
};
...
double cc;
...
ff = F_CO2(cc)
```

## Transformed

```
Xvar F_co2(Xvar c){
Xvar a;
a = log(c/280.0)*5.35;
return a;
};
...
Xvar cc;
// Derivatives wrt
// initial value of cc
cc.set(280,1);
...
ff = F_CO2(cc)
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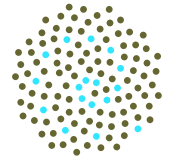
# Definitions (Fortran-90/95)



```
type x_var
real, dimension(0:max_d) :: v
end type
...
interface operator (*)
module procedure xv_mul, xv_mulr, xv_rmul, xv_muli, xv_imul
end interface
...
type (x_var) function xv_mul(xb,xc) !
type (x_var), intent (in) :: xb,xc
do 1 j= 1,n_der
1 xv_mul%v(j) = xc%v(j)*xb%v(0) + xc%v(0)*xb%v(j)
xv_mul%v(0) = xc%v(0)*xb%v(0)
return
end function
```



# Putting AD into models



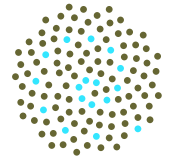
Need to modify model by changing:

- type declarations
- output
- initialisation (and input)
- other surprises ????

Use syntax checking of compiler to help ensure validity.

*Real = x\_var* should be undefined, detection by compiler implies failure to declare all necessary variables.

# Basic Operator Requirements



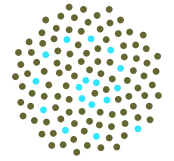
A basic set:

Op	Binary				
	X.op.X	R.op.X	X.op.R	X.op.I	I.op.X
=	Y	N/A	Y	Y	N/A
+	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
/	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
**	-	-	-	Y	-

Unary operations (and intrinsics)

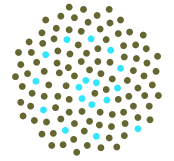
Op	-	sqrt	cos	sin	log	exp
	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

# Other Requirements



- Output routines for variables with derivatives — (Fortran *write* accepts *type(x\_var)* as Fortran array)
- Ability to identify variables for differentiation
- Deal with non-differentiable operations: *max*, *.GT.* etc.
- Miscellaneous: error trapping, version identifier, initialise number of derivatives, match variable names to derivatives.

# Extensions of overloading



## Differentiation —

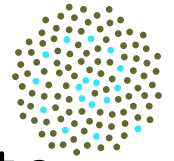
- Higher derivatives
- Taylor's series

## Other —

- Multi-region (or multi-category in general)
- Isotopes?

C++ implementation of second derivatives used in analysis of Brazilian Proposal.

# Brazilian Proposal



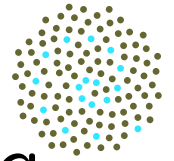
Tabled by Brazil during negotiations leading to Kyoto Protocol — Flicked-passed to Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technical Advice (SBSTA).

Proposes that emission reduction targets should be proportional to nation's relative responsibility for the greenhouse effect.

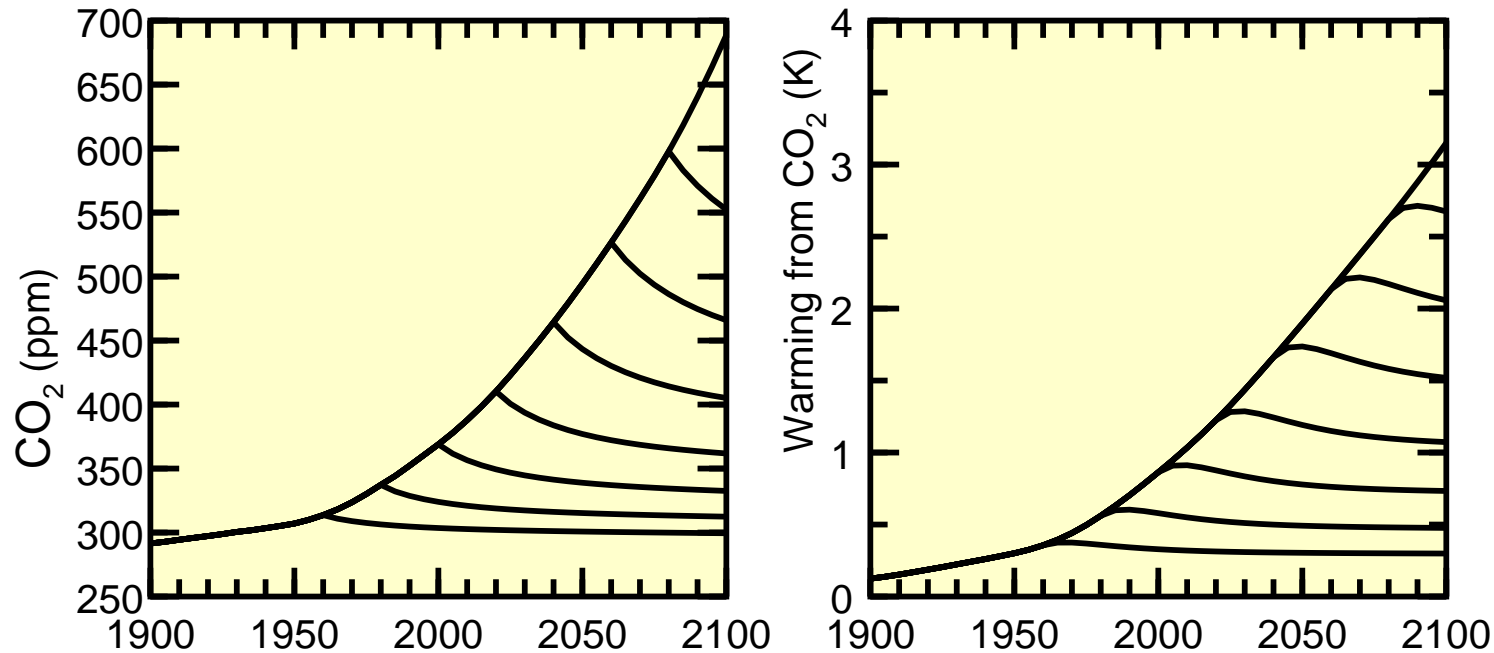
Issues:

- Indicator? What quantity is used as a measure of the greenhouse effect?
- For what period of emissions is responsibility attributed?
- How are non-linear responses attributed?

# Timescales



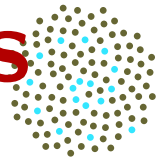
CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations and consequent warming, partitioned according to time of emission.



Lowest bands are from pre-1960 emissions, next from 1960 to 1980 emissions, etc.

Increase in contribution to warming after time of emissions from 'committed warming' effect.

# Brazilian Proposal as Derivatives



As example, use indicator  $T^* = T_{\text{CO}_2}(2100) =$  warming in 2100 from  $\text{CO}_2$  emissions.

$T^*$  is to be attributed to emissions  $E_j(t)$  from country  $j$  with  $E(t) = \sum_j E_j(t)$ .

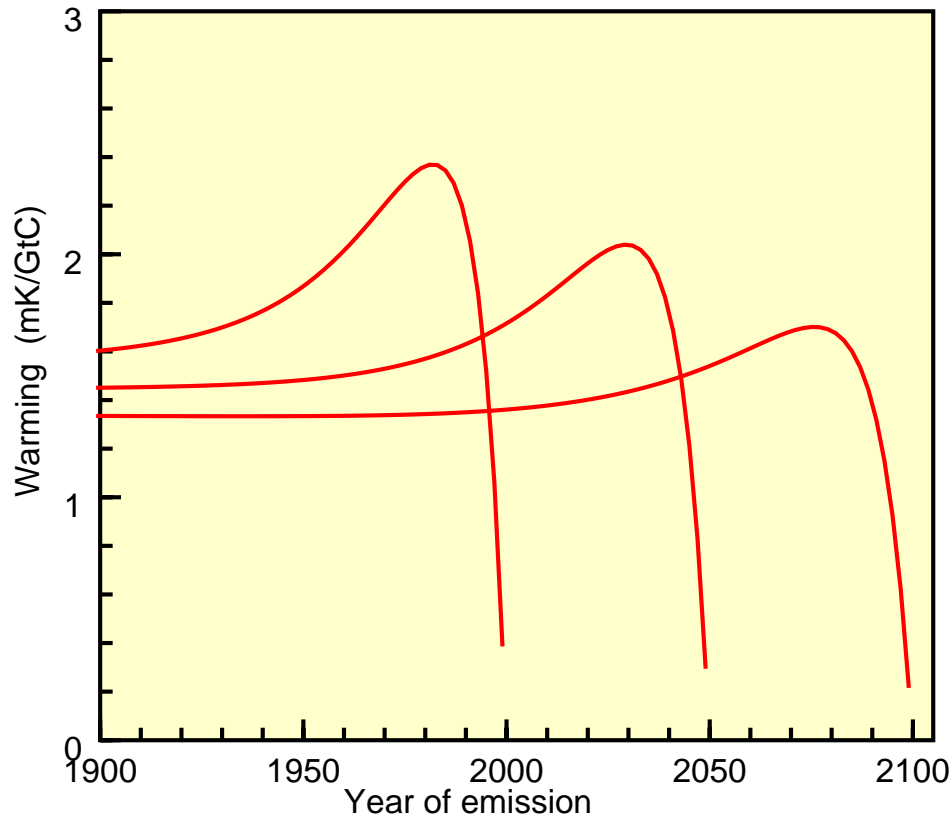
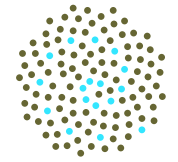
Differential attribution to country  $j$  of emissions at time  $t$  is

$$\frac{\partial T^*}{\partial E_j(t)} E_j(t) = \frac{\partial T^*}{\partial E(t)} E_j(t) = S(t) E_j(t)$$

where  $S(t)$  is a Frechet derivative.

Cumulated attribution:  $T_j^* = \int S(t) E_j(t) dt$

# Results: Frechet Derivatives



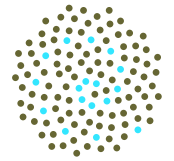
Assumes IS92a emissions. Represents temperature by response function. Linear responses for ocean and biotic carbon, coupled non-linearly to atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> (as in CSIRO study).

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial E(t)} T(\tau) \text{ for } \tau = 2000, 2050, 2100.$$

Decrease as  $t \rightarrow \tau$  shows 'committed warming'. At any time, warming from the most recent releases is yet to happen.



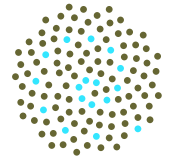
# Implications



- For a given indicator,  $T^*$ , calculation of  $S(t)$  allows attribution to any nation.
- $S(t)$  most efficiently calculated from adjoint model, but for multiple indicator times, tangent linear model not too inefficient.
- Sensitivity of  $T_j^*$  to model uncertainties can be obtained as second derivatives.
- Sensitivity of  $T_j^*$  to uncertainties in emissions can be obtained as

$$\text{Var}[T_j^*] = \int \int S(t) \text{Cov}[E_j(t), E_j(t')] S(t') dt' dt$$

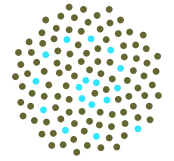
# CASACNP AD Project



- Develop Fortran-90/95 implementation of AD by operator overloading;
- Use CASACNP as test case of AD in existing model;
- Explore use of CASACNP derivatives for calibration;
- Document procedure for ARC Network for Earth System Science.

Development funding obtained from ARCNESS for CASACNP and extension to CABLE.

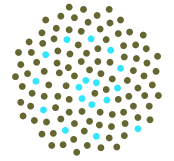
# CASACNP



Extend CASA terrestrial carbon model to include nitrogen and phosphorus. (Wang, Field and Houlton).

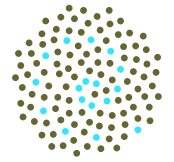
- Initially single region, 8 C pools, 9 N pools, 12 P pools.
- Models response to addition of P, N and competition between N-fixers and non-fixers.
- Validation transect (of soil age) in Hawaii.
- Initial conversion to use AD successful: May 2006 — development on-going.

# Putting AD in CASACNP



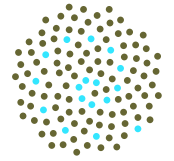
- Added *max* and *min* to initial AD definitions
- Redeclare types of variables  
— global edit — not efficient code
- Convert input to write to value – initialise derivatives to zero using compiler option
- Identify variables for differentiation
- Explicit re-writes of .GT. tests using values
- Explicit loops for *array = real* — explicit *1/delt*

# Progress on CASACNP



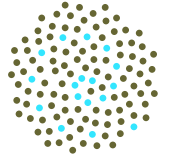
- C++ AD project on Brazilian Proposal: Presented at MODSIM 2005. Proof-of concept for AD by operator overloading.
- Successful proof-of concept of AD by operator overloading in Fortran-95.
- Successful runs using 'brute-force' conversion of CASACNP (May 2006)
- *Development on-going, supported by ARCNESS*

# Future directions



- Incorporate AD into calibration tools.
- Second derivatives in Fortran.
- Explore overloading for Fortran vector operations.
- Develop calibration strategy for CASACNP and other carbon components of Australian Community Climate and Earth System Simulator (ACCESS).

# Conclusions



## **Algorithmic differentiation —**

Operator overloading is a straightforward way of developing tangent linear models (and obtaining higher derivatives if needed).

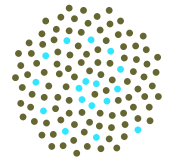
## **Brazilian Proposal —**

Attribution in terms of derivatives is readily calculated using algorithmic differentiation. Higher derivatives give sensitivities.

## **Global change —**

Potential should extend to other analyses of uncertainties in global change.

# Further Information



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