# visualCaseGen

**A GUI for CESM Simpler Models Framework** 

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## **Overview**

#### Goals:

- Streamline coupled, simple modeling within CESM.
- Enable hierarchical modeling: Provide a user-friendly modeling framework allowing users to adjust the model complexity.

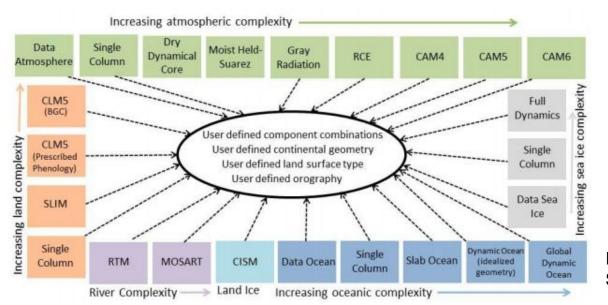
#### Tools:

- A new, relational metadata in CIME.
- A graphical user interface.
  - \* We also envision a broader utilization of these tools beyond simpler modeling.

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## A toolchain

- query what's available: Inform the users about available model options.
- enable custom configurations: Guide the users through many combinations of model configs that can be mixed and matched. Ensure consistency.



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# New metadata in CIME: config\_comply.yml

### Goal:

- Express relatively complex interdependencies and incompatibilities between different options (OCN GRID, COMP ATM, DATM MODE, etc.)
- Concise and highly expressive syntax: support arbitrary expressions.

### Infrastructure:

- File format: yaml
- Syntax: Python assertions including literals, operators, and CIME vars.
- Parser: a Python module integrated into CIME.
- Evaluator: a lightweight, purpose-built logic solver within the GUI.

# config\_comply.yml

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- assert not ($COMP_ATM=="cam") or ($COMP_ICE !="dice"),
    "CAM cannot be coupled with Data ICE"

- assert not ($COMP_OCN=="mom") or ($COMP_LND != "slnd" or $COMP_ICE != "sice"),
    "LND or ICE must be present to hide MOM6 grid poles."

- assert not ($COMP_OCN in ["pop","mom"] and $COMP_ATM=="datm") or ($COMP_LND=="slnd"),
    "When MOM|POP is forced with DATM, LND must be stub."
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# visualCaseGen: A GUI for CESM Simpler Models Framework

### Purpose:

 Guide the users through the process of creating CESM cases: choosing appropriate compsets and grids.

### Infrastructure:

- Jupyter & ipywidgets: portable and widespread.
- The GUI will run on clusters, local machines, cloud, and web
- Python/Jupyter familiarity is not required.

### **Disclaimer:**

A prototype with some key features not yet finalized.

# Live demo ...

\*see appendix for screenshots

## Remarks

### **Near-term goals:**

- Improve and expand metadata.
- More features, e.g., custom grids.
- More guidance. Compset names may still appear cryptic.
- Establish automated testing.
- Explore alternative logic solvers, e.g. SMT solvers.
- A stable release for early users.

## The tool is publicly available:

github.com/ESMCI/visualCaseGen

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# appendix

