Ocean biogeochemistry in ACCESS models

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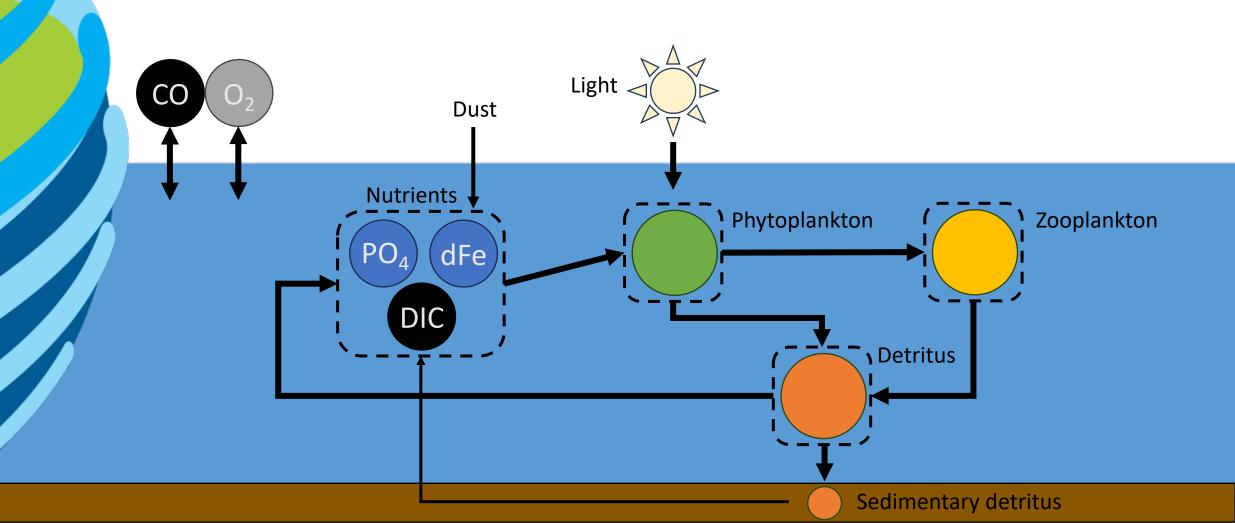
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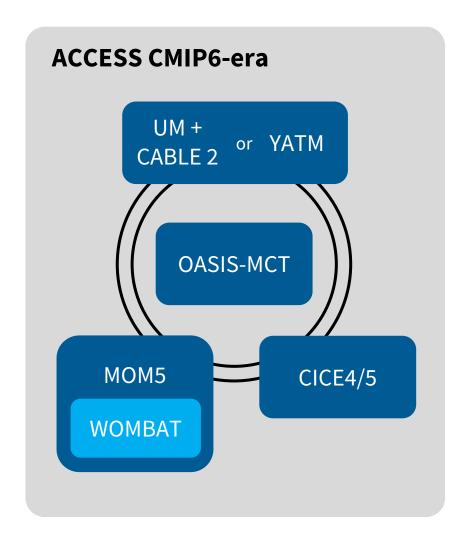


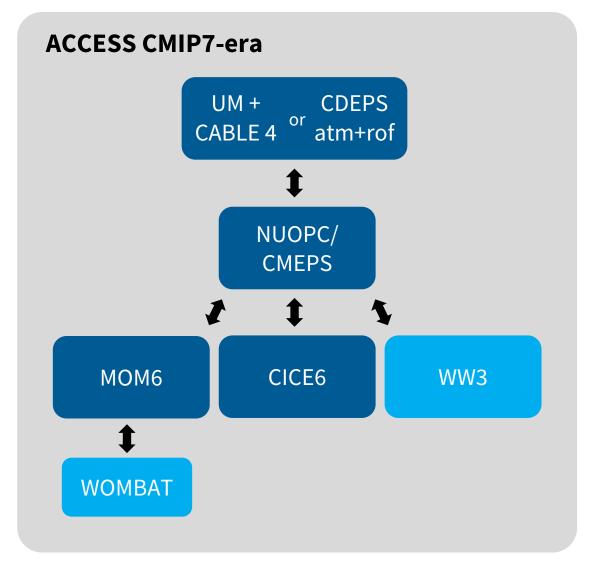
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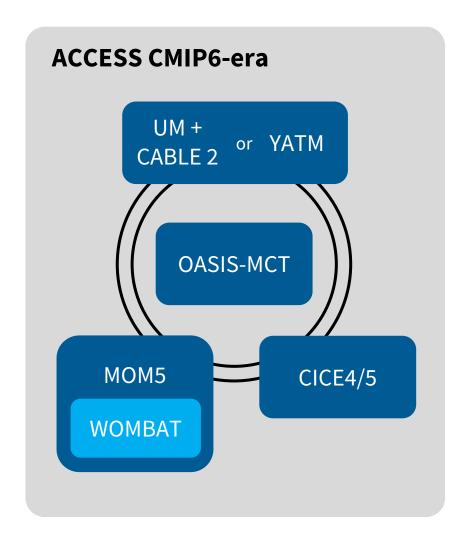


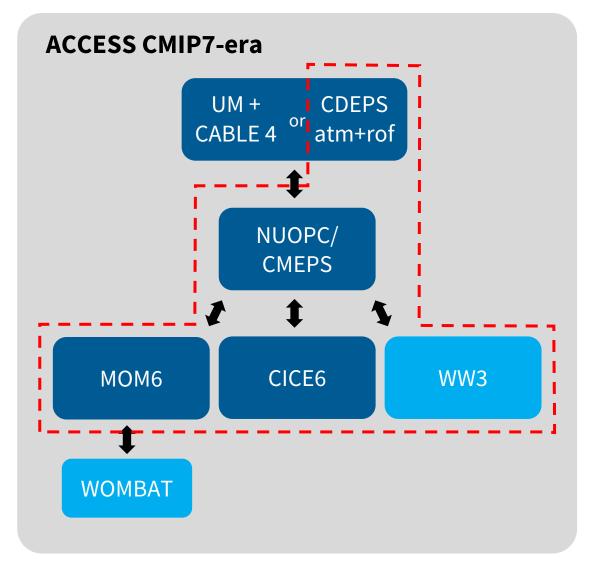
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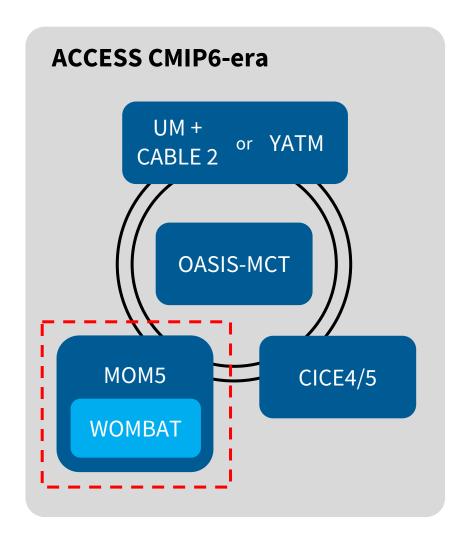


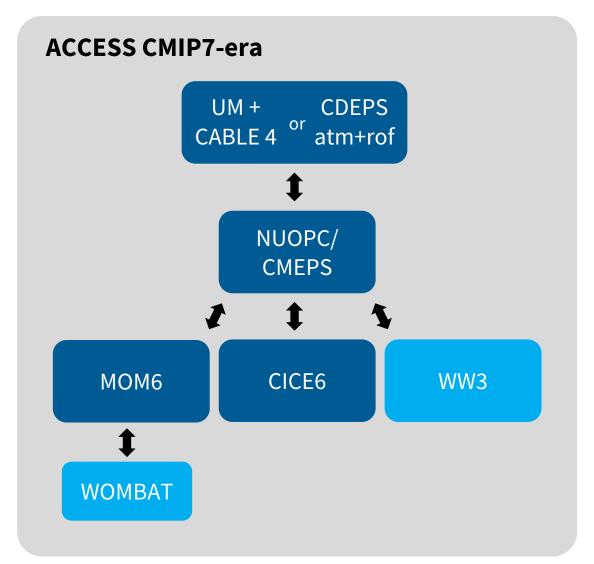






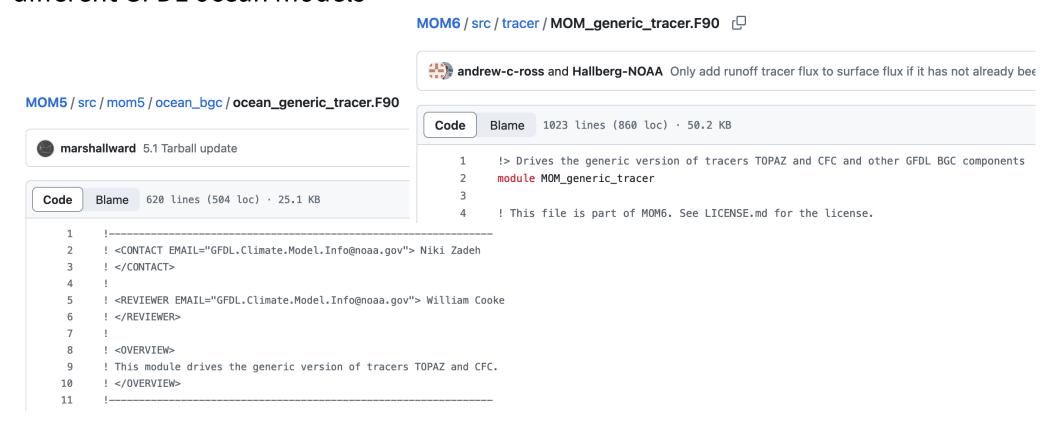






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- Specifically, use FMS coupler types to handle surface tracer fluxes

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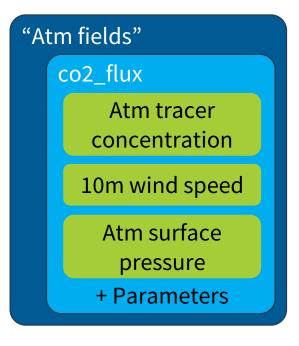
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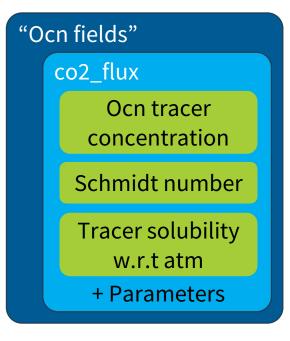
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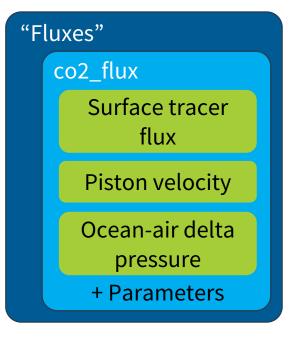
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E.g. air-sea gas exchange of CO2 using OCMIP2 method







Generic tracers in MOM6 with NUOPC

We've modified the MOM6 NUOPC cap to:

- Initialise FMS coupler data structures for tracer atm fields, ocn fields and fluxes required by generic tracer module
- Populate the required atm fields from arrays received from the coupler
- Calculate the required tracer fluxes
- Also include override capability

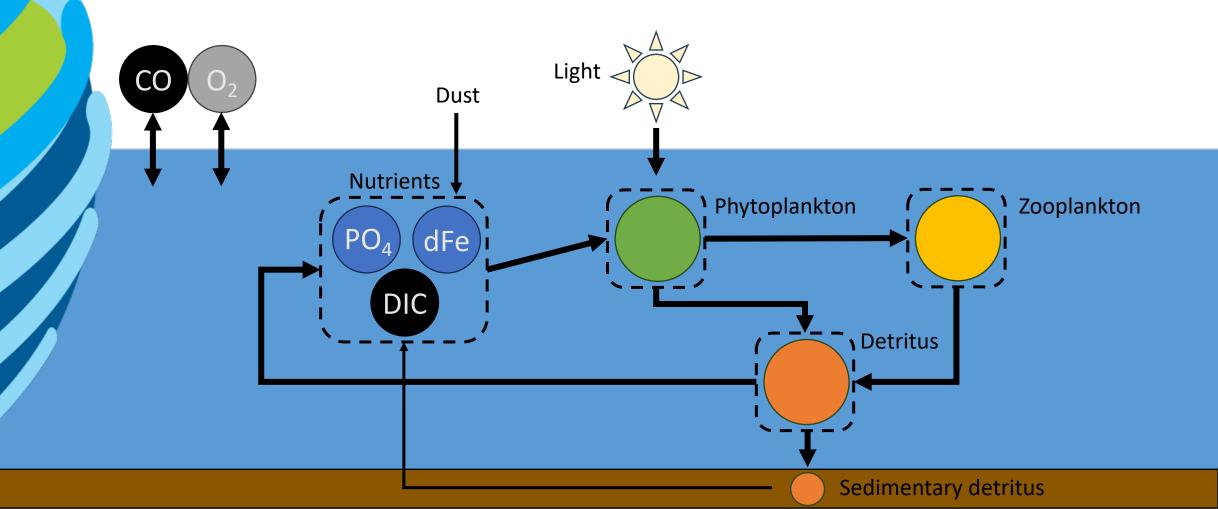
Outstanding issues:

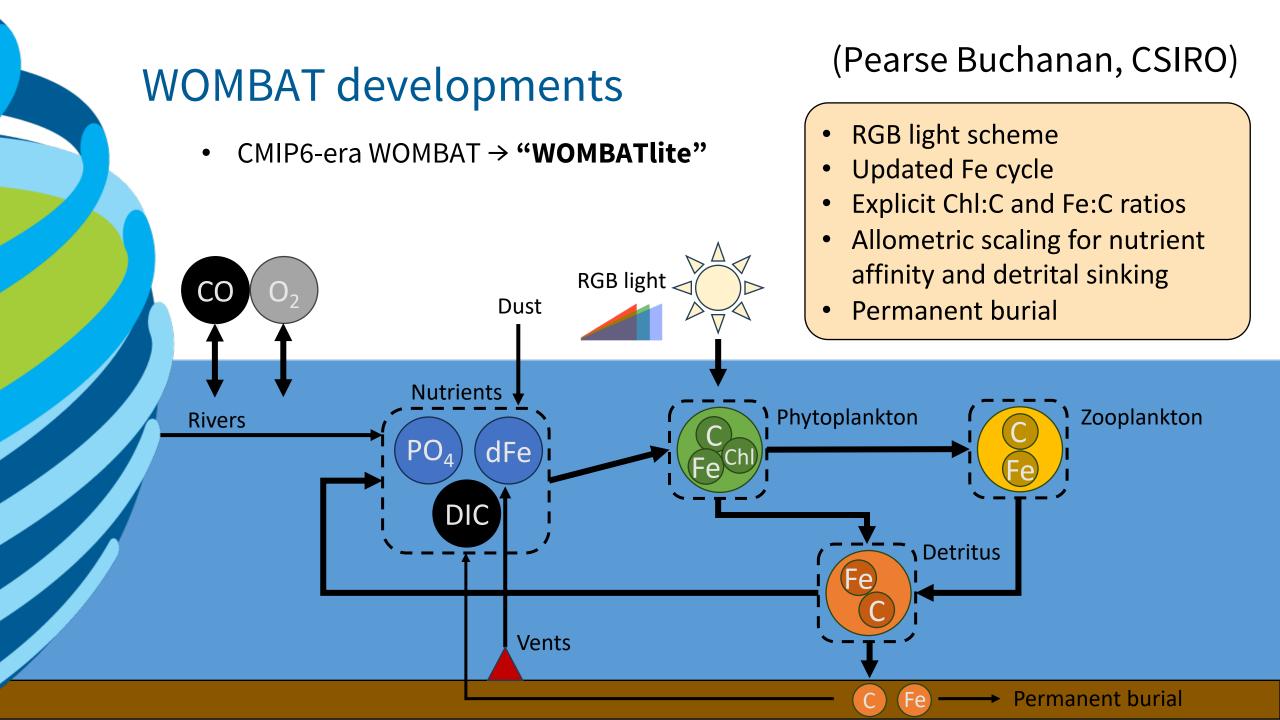
- Generic tracer API is restrictive, e.g. no generic tracer API for applying virtual flux corrections
- FMS coupler data structures are restrictive, e.g. coupling sea-ice BGC

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