## Hands on tutorial #2: Setting up a simulation

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This tutorial focuses on the various steps required to set up a 3D simulation, and in particular for a zoomed configuration of LMDZ.

If you have already installed the model with the script <code>install\_lmdz.sh</code> in Tutorial #1, go directly below to "Setting up a simulation...". Otherwise, start by installing the model as follows (same steps as in Tutorial #1):

If you don't have a working folder named  ${\tt LMDZ}$  in your  ${\tt home}$  directory, then you create it:

cd mkdir LMDZ

Go in this ~/LMDZ folder. Download the script install\_lmdz.sh, and run it to install the model in sequential mode (default option "parallel=none" in install\_lmdz.sh), in a folder named LMDZseq. The default resolution is 32x32x39 (equivalent to running install\_lmdz.sh with the option "-d 32x32x39")

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cd ~/LMDZ
wget https://lmdz.lmd.jussieu.fr/pub/install_lmdz.sh
chmod +x install_lmdz.sh
./install_lmdz.sh -rad oldrad -name LMDZseq
```

## Setting up a simulation with a (regular or) zoomed grid

• Go to the directory ~/LMDZ/LMDZseq/modipsl/modeles/LMDZ, which contains the files makelmdz\_fcm, libf etc. In this directory, download and unpack the tutorial.tar file, then go in the resulting TUTORIAL folder:

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# Normally you are in your ~/LMDZ folder
cd LMDZseq/modipsl/modeles/LMDZ
wget http://lmdz.lmd.jussieu.fr/pub/Training/tutorial.tar
tar -xf tutorial.tar
cd TUTORIAL
```

• Examine the content of the TUTORIAL folder: there are some scripts and a DEF directory, all briefly described in the Readme file. In the DEF directory, edit the file gcm.def and examine the different parameters defining the grid.

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By default, the defined grid has the zoomed area centered at (0E,45N) (clon=0., clat=45.) and a zoom factor = 2 both in longitude and latitude: (grossismx=2., grossismy=2.).
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In order to place the center of the zoom at your preferred location, you just need to change the longitude and latitude of the zoom center, clon and clat.

If you want to use a regular grid, set grossismx=1. and grossismy=1.

- Check the following options in init.sh, and change the default value if needed:
- \* As you installed the model in sequential mode, you must have parallel=0.
- \* The option for radiative code must be rad=oldrad.
- \* For the time being, you will run LMDZ without the surface scheme Orchidee: you must have the option veg=NONE (instead of the default "CMIP6"). The model will be run with a simplified scheme for surface hydrology: the "bucket" scheme.
- Skip this step if you run locally:
  You may increase the stack memory you can use by typing the following command:

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ulimit -Ss unlimited
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or, even better, add this command in you shell start-up file (if you use Bash, your start-up file can be .profile or .bash profile).

• Run the script:

./init.sh

The script init.sh does the following:

- (re)compiles the model (gcm.e) with resolution 48x36x39 (remember that in tutorial 1 you've used 32x32x39);
- compiles the program ceOl.e, needed to create initial state and boundary conditions for the chosen grid;
- downloads input files for ce01.e (NetCDF files containing surface orography, seasurface temperature etc.);
- runs ceOl.e, which creates files start.nc, startphy.nc and limit.nc in a directory called INITIAL. These files will be used to initialize a new simulation in a newly-created directory called SIMU1.

Please check that these 3 files have been created in the directory SIMU1. If not, ask for our help.

• Now edit the file SIMU1/config.def, and look at the section "Controle des sorties" (Eng. "Output control"). In the high-frequency NetCDF output file #3, histhf.nc., you'll want to include the variable pres, containing the pressure at model levels. To do that, add the following line:

flag\_pres\_\_00003 = 4

• You can now go in the SIMU1 directory and run the model by executing the command ./gcm.e (output on screen) or ./gcm.e > listing1 (output in file listing1). The simulation should end with the message "Everything is cool" (on screen, or at the end of listing1 file), and the output files histday.nc, histmth.nc and histhf.nc should be created. Make some plots from one of these files.