Input files, forcing data

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Introduction (1/2)

- This presentation: a few explanations, many pointers to web sites (please download this file so you can click on the links) and to paths on French supercomputers.
- A large part of this presentation is a bird's eye inventory of input files for LMDZ.

Introduction (2/2)

- A lot of this, you do not have to know if you use libIGCM, because choosing and getting the necessary files will be automated.
 - Note: there are regular training sessions for libIGCM.
- The information here may be useful if you have non-standard needs.
- There are many ways to use LMDZ...

Coupling with another model (1/2)

- Soil, vegetation, hydrology: Orchidée
- Ocean, sea ice, marine biogeochemistry:
 Nemo
- Tropospheric chemistry, aerosols: INCA
- Stratospheric chemistry: Reprobus Marchand et al., JASTP, 2012

Coupling with another model (2/2)

 The sets of input files and input parameters vary with the set of models you couple.

Configurations of LMDZ itself

- 1 or 3 dimensions.
- Nudging or not.
- Realistic or idealized "physical" part of the model.
- The sets of input files and input parameters vary with the above choices.

LMDZ with realistic physics and surface

- LMDZ alone
- 3 dimensions
- no nudging
- realistic (terrestrial) physics and surface (well, more or less: the continents and relief are there, but no Orchidee)

What is left to choose

- Run-time parameters (among which concentration of greenhouse gases)
- Initial state
- Boundary (that is, surface) conditions
- Forcing atmospheric data: ozone field, fields of aerosols

Run-time parameters

- Chosen in text files which have suffix . def
- Semantic separation of run-time parameters among seven . def files (for LMDZ alone, without Orchidee)

INCLUDEDEF lines

- run. def is the first file read.
- Other .def files (except traceur.def) are read only if there is a corresponding INCLUDEDEF line in run.def. Cf. distributed run.def.

Syntax of .def files

(for all .def files except traceur.def)

- variable=value
- Case sensitive
- TRUE or FALSE for logical values (you can also use y or n)
- Character values without quotes
- Comment lines start with #

The content of . def files (1/4)

- gcm.def: dynamics
- physiq.def: parameterizations
- output.def: fine tuning of output (choice of variables, frequency...)
- vert.def: vertical discretization

The content of .def files (2/4)

config.def: level of output, coupling with other models, forcing data (ozone, aerosols, greenhouse gases CO₂, CH₄, N₂O, CFC11, CFC12)

The content of . def files (3/4)

- run.def: length of the run, dates, calendar
 - Starting date of the first run in a sequence of runs: dayref (day number in the year) and anneeref. You do not change these when you continue a simulation, starting from the end of a previous simulation.
 - Calendar: calend (character variable)

The content of . def files (4/4)

- traceur.def: tracers
 - Special syntax
 - First line: number of tracers
 - Then one line per tracer, with a number identifying the advection scheme
 - For more information on available advection schemes: dyn3d_common/infotrac.F90
 - See presentation on dynamics by E. Millour.

List of all used parameters (1/3)

- Parameters have default values in the Fortran source files.
- The .def files that are commonly used do not mention all the parameters.

List of all used parameters (2/3)

- Also, be careful: you will not get an error message for a mistyped parameter name in your .def files, it will just be ignored.
- So, if you want to see all the parameter values that were used for your run: each run creates a set of files used_*.def.

List of all used parameters (3/3)

 Script for easier comparison of two sets of .def files

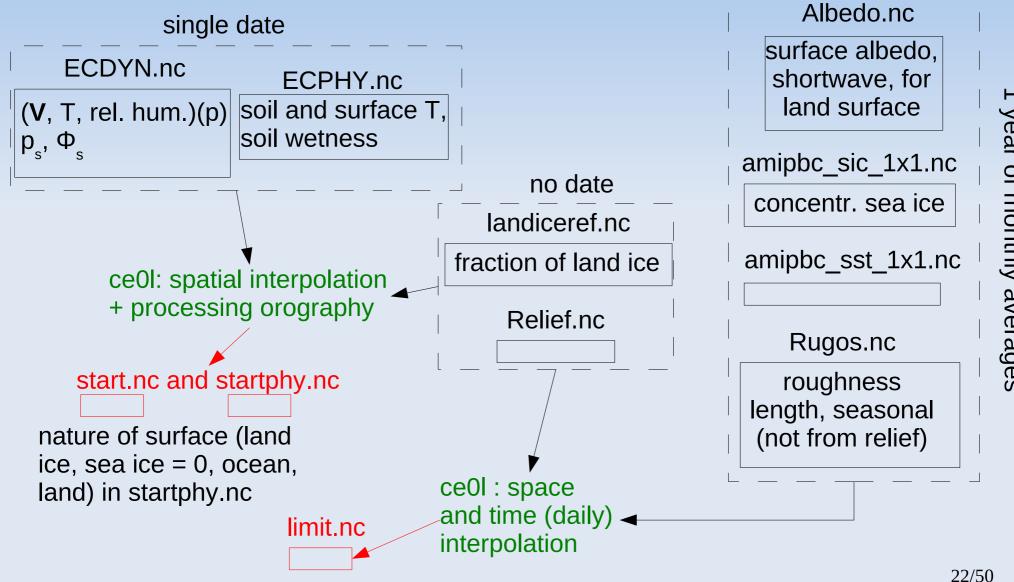
Initial state and boundary conditions (1/3)

- Separate program: ce0l (ce0l stands for "création état 0 limites")
- Distributed with the program gcm, compiled with the same tools
- Run ce0l with the same . def files than those you want for gcm.

Initial state and boundary conditions (2/3)

- ce0l creates 2 files for initial state: start.nc for the dynamics part of gcm startphy.nc for the physics part of gcm
- ce0l creates 1 file for 1 year of boundary conditions: limit.nc

Initial state and boundary conditions (3/3)



1 year of monthly averages

Calendar (1/2)

- Calendar is used in ce0l to create boundary conditions and interpolate forcing data (ozone)
- For years with constant length, 360 or 365 days: calend=earth_360d or calend=earth 365d

Calendar (2/2)

 For the real calendar (with leap-years), run ce0l for each year you want boundary conditions for: calend=gregorian anneeref=<the right year>

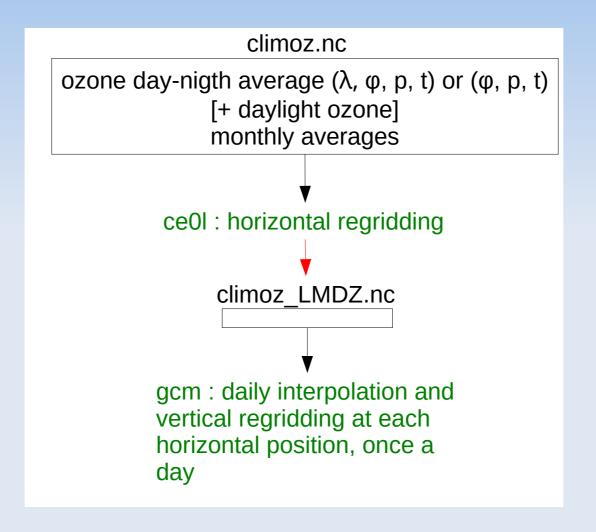
Ozone (1/3)

- Run-time parameter in config.def:
 read_climoz = 1, 0, 1 or 2
- 0: analytic expression for the ozone field (see phylmd/ozonecm_m.F90)
- 1 (use with solarlong0 = 1000): made symmetric with respect to the equator, for use with annual mean insolation (used for aquaplanet runs)

Ozone (2/3)

- 1: read day-night average of ozone field from a NetCDF file (this is what you want for CMIP 6 input).
- 2: also read daylight average from the same file (good idea with Reprobus CMIP 5 input and if you run LMDZ with a few model layers in the mesosphere).

Ozone (3/3)



Aerosols

Cf. presentation by Olivier BOUCHER

Solar forcing (1/3)

- Recommended settings:
 - compile with option rrtm true
 - iflag_rrtm = 1 in physiq.def
 - ok_suntime_rrtm = y in config.def
 - nsw = 6 in config.def

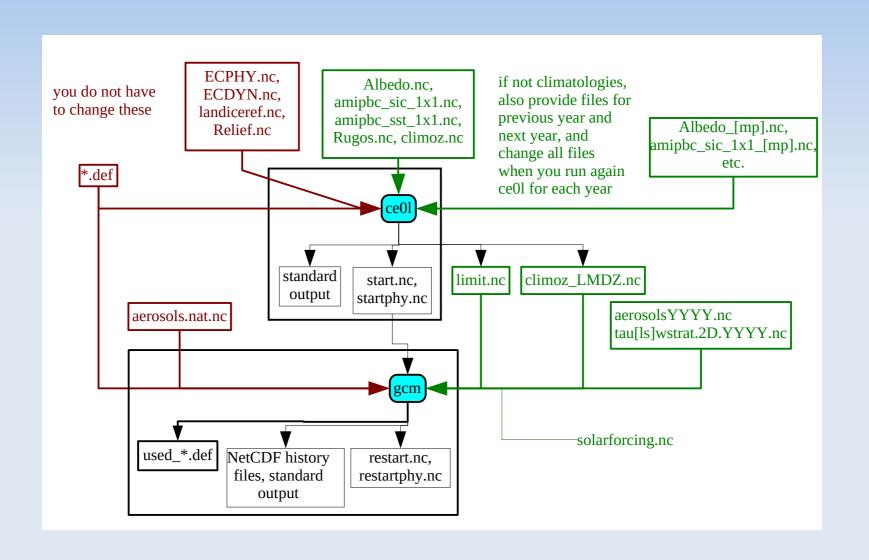
Solar forcing (2/3)

 Note: these are not the default settings (for the sake of backward compatibility) so make sure they appear in your . def files.

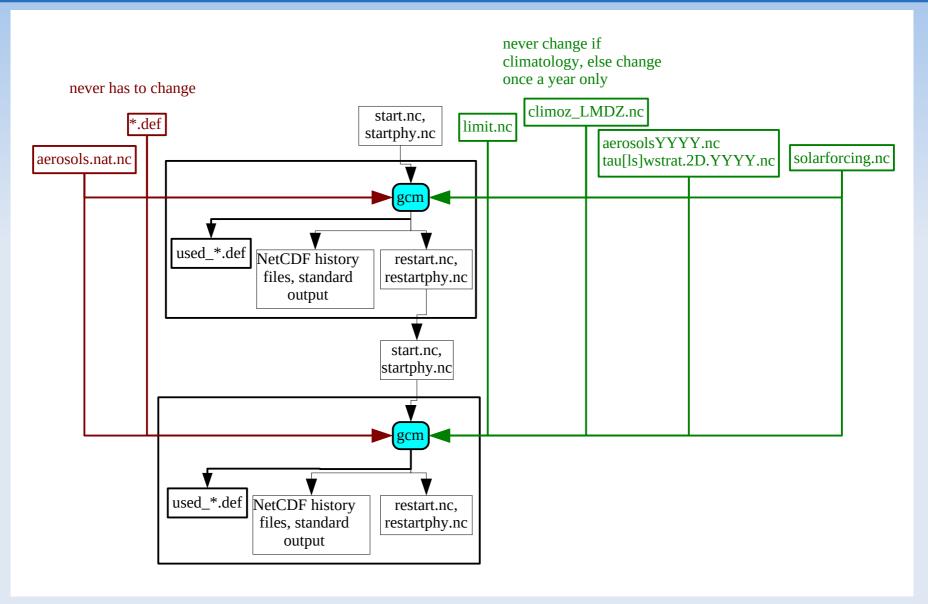
Solar forcing (3/3)

 With these settings, gcm needs solarforcing.nc, containing variables tsi, which is the solar constant, and ssi_frac, which is the fraction in each of the nsw = 6 bands, daily, for 1 year (with the right number of days).

Putting it all together



Chaining runs



Restarting from an arbitrary date

- Normally, gcm reads the intial date of the run from the file start.nc.
- You can set raz_date = 1 in run.def. Then gcm uses dayref and anneeref in run.def for the initial date.
- This way, you can start gcm at any date from any restart.nc and restartphy.nc (but watch out for the initial shock if there is a large seasonal difference).

Where do you get the input files?

Run-time parameters

Template .def files are distributed with LMDZ source files

- Directory DefLists
- physiq.def_AR4: physics used for AR4 (old physics)
- physiq.def_NPv3.2: new physics of CMIP5
- physiq.def_Npv6.1: physics of CMIP6

NetCDF input files (1/4)

 NetCDF files required by ce0l, as well as forcing data (ozone, aerosols, solar) used for CMIP5 and CMIP6, are duplicated on machines at the national supercomputing centers IDRIS and TGCC, and at the IPSL computing center. So you need to find access to them.

NetCDF input files (2/4)

 The root of the arborescence containing all the input files is called R_IN in the following pages.

NetCDF input files (3/4)

- R_IN=
 - /gpfswork/rech/psl/commun/IGCM at IDRIS
 - /ccc/work/cont003/igcmg/igcmg/IGCM at TGCC
 - /prodigfs/ipslfs/igcmg/IGCM on Ciclad/Climserv
- See also: Repository for shared files.

NetCDF input files (4/4)

- Some of the files are also on web servers:
 - LMDZ account page at LMD
 - IPSL THREDDS server

Initial state and boundary conditions (1/2)

In subdirectory: \$R_IN/ATM/LIMIT/AMIP.v20180427/original/ 360x180/BCS

you will find sea ice and SST from 1870 to 2017, from input4MIPS (variables siconcbcs and tosbcs)

Initial state and boundary conditions (2/2)

- In subdirectory: \$R_IN/ATMyou will find:
 - landiceref.nc, Relief.nc, Albedo.nc, Rugos.nc
 - ECDYN.nc and ECPHY.nc for a single date.
 If you need another date, see:
 Création d'un fichier ECDYN (from ERA interim)

Forcing data for CMIP 5

A lot of data, for pre-industrial, historical or future simulations (with different scenarios).

Forcing data for CMIP 5: ozone

- \$R_IN/ATM/0ZONE/HYBRIDE/original/ v2.\$scenario/tro3_\${year}.new.nc
 (see definition of R_IN)
- For the scenarios:
 - clim: historical then RCP 8.5
 - RCP26, RCP45, RCP60
- Information on ozone files

Forcing data for CMIP 5: aerosols (1/2)

- \$R_IN/ATM/LMD\$resolution/AR5/\$scenario/ aerosols_11YearsClim_\${year}_v5.nc
- For the resolutions:

128 118

128 88

144 142

280 280

96 95

Forcing data for CMIP 5: aerosols (2/2)

- And for the scenarios: HISTORIQUE, RCP26, RCP45, RCP60, RCP85, esm2_experiment
- Each file contains all aerosol types.
- 1855 for aerosols.nat.nc
- Informations on runs of LMDZ-Orchidée-Inca which produced aerosol files

Forcing data for CMIP6

Information on greenhouse gases, tropospheric aerosols, solar irradiation, ozone, stratospheric aerosols and land use.

Forcing data for CMIP 6: ozone

- Ozone input files for ce0l: \$R_IN/ATM/OZONE/UReading/ historical.v20160711.v2/original (see definition of R_IN)
- Origin: input4MIPs, vmro3
- Information on the processing of ozone files at IPSL

Forcing data for CMIP 6: aerosols

- Aerosol input files from INCA: \$R_IN/ATM/AEROSOLS/CMIP6/v1/\$resolution/ L79
- Stratospheric aerosols:
 \$R_IN/ATM/STRATAERO/CMIP6/v3
- Information on the processing of aerosol emission at IPSL and the runs producing aerosol forcing.

Forcing data for CMIP 6: solar

- \$R_IN/ATM/SOLAR/CMIP6/v3.1corr
- Information on input files