

Hands on tutorial #1: First steps with the model

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This first tutorial focuses on installing and making basic first runs using the LMDZ model. This document can be downloaded as a pdf file at http://web.lmd.jussieu.fr/~hourdin/COURS/M2/MINI/Intro/Tutorial_1.pdf which should ease any copy/paste of command lines to issue.

1 Installing a first version

1.1 Prerequisites

To run LMDZ, you will need a significant amount of memory, so first ensure this is true. You can use the following command line (that you can also, for convenience, put in your `~/.bashrc` file):

```
ulimit -Ss unlimited
```

1.2 Running the `install_lmdz.sh` script

We propose you to create a directory for LMDZ mini projects on your `HOME` directory (but other choices are possible):

```
mkdir -p ~/LMDZmini  
cd ~/LMDZmini
```

The first step consists in cloning a git repository containing the model and *blindly* running it :

```
git clone https://lmdz-forge.lmd.jussieu.fr/Git/fhourdin/EnseignementLMDZ.git  
cd EnseignementLMDZ/  
./exemples.sh
```

The model will be installed automatically in `LMDZ`.

The script should then run smoothly (if it isn't the case, immediately ask for some assistance).

You can take advantage of the installation time to open a second terminal window and explore the downloaded directories and files.

Run `./exemples.sh` as soon as possible. It takes some time due to the downloads and of the compilation of the `netCDF` library.

1.3 A first glance at the installed files and directory

While installing, you can navigate through the files.

`exemples.sh` will first download ¹ `install_lmdz.sh`, the main LMDZ installation script. `install_lmdz.sh` itself will :

¹Automatically from the LMDZ web site.

- get files and archives (LMDZ, netCDF library, benches) with the `wget` command from the LMDZ web site.
- install (by default, which means without options) create the `~/LMDZmini/LMDZseq` directory containing LMDZ.
- install `netcdf4_hdf5_seq`, which contains the NetCDF library.
- optionally creates a directory `~/LMDZmini/LMDZ/pub` in which the downloaded files are stored in order to avoid downloading them twice if something went wrong².

LMDZseq itself contains `modips1`, which contains the model. In `modips1`, you will find directory `modeles`, containing the LMDZ directory.³

Once the test bench simulation has been launched (the final step of the `install_lmdz.sh` script), you can visit the LMDZ tree on an other terminal.

```
cd ~/LMDZmini/LMDZseq/modips1/modeles/LMDZ
```

you will also find a `BENCH32x32x39/` directory from where you will be able to run the model by launching

```
cd ~/LMDZmini/LMDZseq/modips1/modeles/LMDZ
```

which will list the outputs of the run (even if the simulation is still running: it indeed takes a few minutes to complete the 3 day-long run on a single processor). Check out the contents of this directory and use your favorite software (Grads, Ferret,...) to browse the contents of the `histday.nc` file.

The source files of the dynamical core are in:

```
~/LMDZmini/LMDZseq/modips1/modeles/LMDZ/libf/dyn3d
```

including the main program `gcm.F90`. Physics parameterizations are in:

```
~/LMDZmini/LMDZseq/modips1/modeles/LMDZ/libf/physlmd
```

physics parameterization driver: `physiq_mod.F90`

The bench simulation is in

```
~/LMDZmini/LMDZseq/modips1/modeles/LMDZ/BENCH32x32x39
```

You can start looking at the results in `histday.nc`. To know the variables available there :

```
ncdump -h histday.nc | grep long_name
```

Start to visualize outputs.

1.4 Known issues

Installing netCDF is one of the subtle things of the installations. The choice by default was made that `examples.sh` is compiling the netCDF library from sources. This option is on average the most robust.

If you face problem with it, you can try to use the netCDF library installed on your machine by changing `"-netcdf $local_d"` by `"-netcdf 0"` in `examples.sh`.

²You do not have to do anything special for that.

³The default behavior of the `install_lmdz.sh` script is to install the model using the `gfortran` compiler, which is fine on the laptops provided for this training course. In any case, you can switch to another compiler using the `compiler` option of the `install_lmdz.sh` script. Several other features of the script can be modified or unactivated just by editing few parameters in the file or specifying the appropriate option (run `./install_lmdz.sh -h` to learn about these). For example, you can disable the NetCDF download and installation (first operation performed by `install_lmdz.sh`) in case this library is already present on the computer you are using.

2 Exploring “physics tendencies”

Open `histday.nc`.

2.1 Le rayonnement

On peut commencer par regarder les flux radiatifs descendants au sommet de l’atmosphère (`swdntoa`) ou au sol (`swdnsfc`) à différents instants. On peut les moyenner aussi en temps et longitude (`plot swdntoa[i=@ave,l=@ave]`).

Les tendances associées au rayonnement sont:

- `dtswr`, K/s pour le SW,
- `dtlwr`, K/s pour le LW.

Quel est l’impact du rayonnement sur la température de l’atmosphère?

2.2 La couche limite diffuse

La turbulence de couche limite est prise en compte par une paramétrisation des tourbillons diffusifs assurant un transport local dans la couche limite.

Les tendances en température et en humidité résultant de la turbulence de couche limite sont:

- `dtvdf`, K/s pour la température,
- `dqvdf`, kg/kg/s pour l’humidité.

Quel est l’impact de la turbulence sur la température et l’humidité de la couche limite?

2.3 Les thermiques de couche limite

Le transport non local au sein de la couche limite est pris en compte par une représentation explicite des panaches thermiques.

Les tendances en température et en humidité résultant de l’effet des thermiques sont:

- `dtthe`, K/s pour la température
- `dqthe`, kg/kg/s pour l’humidité.

Quel est l’impact des thermiques sur la température et l’humidité de l’atmosphère?

2.4 La convection profonde précipitante

La convection profonde et les pluies associées sont prises en compte par une paramétrisation de la convection nuageuse profonde pouvant atteindre le sommet de la troposphère.

Les tendances en température et en humidité résultant de la convection profonde sont:

- `dtcon`, K/s pour la température,
- `dqcon`, kg/kg/s pour l’humidité.

Quel est l’impact de la convection profonde sur la température et l’humidité de l’atmosphère?

2.5 Les poches froides

Le schéma de convection profonde est couplé à une paramétrisation des poches froides qui se créent sous les systèmes convectifs par l’évaporation des précipitations.

Les tendances en température et en humidité résultant de l’effet des poches froides sont:

- `dtwak`, K/s pour la température,
- `dqwak`, kg/kg/s pour l’humidité.

Quel est l’impact des poches froides sur la température et l’humidité de l’atmosphère?

2.6 Condensation et évaporation de grande-échelle

Les tendances associées à la condensation et l’évaporation “grande-échelle” sont:

- `dtlsc`, K/s et `dqlsc`, kg/kg/s pour la condensation,
- `dteva`, K/s et `dqeva`, kg/kg/s pour l’évaporation.

Quel est l'impact de ces processus sur la temperature et l'humidite de l'atmosphere?

Rq: Pour avoir l'effet net, tracez dtlsc+dteva et dqjsc+dqeva.

2.7 L'effet de l'orographie sous maille

Les tendances associees a la prise en compte de l'orographie sont:

- dtoro, K/s et dqoro, kg/kg/s pour la trainee,

- dtlif, K/s et dqlif, kg/kg/s pour la portance.

Quel est l'impact de ces processus sur la temperature et l'humidite de l'atmosphere?

2.8 Bilan

Comparez l'evolution de la temperature et de l'humidite en un point donne entre la fin et le debut de la simulation avec la somme des tendances dues aux differentes parametrisations physiques.

3 Running a sensitivity experiment

In ~/LMDZini/LMDZsec/modips1/modeles/LMDZ, create a new directory

```
cd ~/LMDZmini/LMDZseq/modips1/modeles/LMDZ
mkdir SIMU
cd SIMU
```

Copy required files from BENCH32x32x39/

```
cp ../BENCH32x32x39/start.nc .      # initial state of the dynamical core
cp ../BENCH32x32x39/startphy.nc .  # initial state of physics parameterizations
cp ../BENCH32x32x39/limit.nc .    # boundary conditions (sea surface temp ...)
cp ../BENCH32x32x39/*.def .       # parameter files
cp ../BENCH32x32x39/gcm.e .       # model executable
```

Then run a new simulation

```
./gcm.e
```

If you do not change anything before rerunning, the output files will be exactly the same as in the first simulations.

More interestingly, you may deactivate the "thermal plume model", the mass flux parameterization of boundary layer convection, by changing iflag_thermals=18 to iflag_thermals=0 in physics.def.

You can open the two history files coming from the control and sensitivity experiments under ferret with

```
use ../BENCH32x32x39/histhf.nc
use histhf.nc
reg/x=0/y=22/k=30:39
set view ul
fill/lev=(-Inf)(-1.8,1.8,0.4)(Inf)/pal=blue_darkred Temp-temp[d=1]
contour/o/color=8 temp
set view ur
plot/l=7 theta[d=1],theta
```

4 Installing the Single Column Model (1D configuration)

You may run a 1D or "Single Column Model" configuration:

```
./exemples.sh --config SCM
```

will automatically install the SCM version of the model in
~/LMDZmini/LMDZseq/1D/EXEC/6AL79/ARMCU/REF. Ceux qui savent qu'ils vont travailler plutôt
en 1D peuvent faire la suite avec un ou des cas 1D. De la documentation est disponible dans
~/LMDZmini/LMDZseq/1D/DOC.

You can run the model by specifying from the beginning a list of test cases :

```
./exemples.sh --grid 95 --config SCM[:case1,case2,...]
```

Cases should be taken among

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| dry convection | : ayotte |
| cumulus continent | : arm_cu ARMCY/REF |
| marine cumulus | : rico RICO/REF rico2 bomex bomex2 |
| strato cumulus | : fire sandufast sanduref sanduslow |
| ocean. deep convection | : toga twpice |
| cont. deep convection | : amma |
| radiative/conv. eq. | : eq_rd_cv |
| other | : hapex92_init dice_bucket gabls4 |

5 Installing various Earth climate configurations

```
./exemples.sh --config CONFIG
```

with CONFIG in

clim: Running with imposed climatological SSTs

slab: Running with a "slab ocean", a two layer model developed by Francis Codron.

aqua: Running an aquaplanet, with imposed Sea Surface Temperature (SST) all over the world that depends on latitude only.

terra: Running a terra planet in which surface temperature is computed with a simple thermal conduction with imposed thermal inertia.

The simulation will be run automatically in a directory named CONFIG_IMxJMxLM where IMxJMxLM corresponds to the number of grid points in 3 directions.

A first simulation is run automatically on CONFIG_IMxJMxLM/SIMU1.

A longer simulation can be run on several months or years, year by year, on CONFIG_IMxJMxLM/PRODO by just running ./enchaine.sh.

6 Installing a configuration with idealized physics

The model can be run with a simplified physics, in which only 19 parameters are used to describe the planet to be simulated.

```
./exemples.sh --config SimplePhysics
```

installs a simulation on SimplePhysics_IMxJMxLM

7 Changing the model grid

A zoom can be applied as well with a zooming factor of typically 2. This zooming factor is defined as the ratio of the smallest grid cell size in x and y to that of the regular grid.

The options to change the grid can be found by running

```
./exemples.sh --help
```

which returns

```
Use : ./exemples.sh [--config|-c bench/tuto/clim/aqua]      Default : bench
      [--grid|-g IMxJMxLM]                                Default : 96x95x39
      [--nday|-n number_of_days]                          Default : 30
      [--parallel 0/1]                                     Default : 0
      #           - Concerning the zoom -
      [--lon0|-x zoom_center_longitude]                    Default : -120
      [--lat0|-y zoom_center_latitude]                     Default : 0
      [--ext_lon|-dx zoom_extension_longitude]              Default : 120
      [--ext_lat|-dy zoom_extension_latitude]               Default : 60
      [--fact_zoom|-f zoom_factor]                         Default : 1
      [--fact_zoomx|-fx zoom_factor_in_x]                  Default : 1
      [--fact_zoomy|-fy zoom_factor_in_y]                  Default : 1
```

config : among

```
bench : bench for installation. 32x32x39. Coming with start files
tuto  : the simplest one |
clim  : Climatological SSTs |
aqua  : aqua planet (SST function of latitude) | From TUTORIAL
terra : global continent (simple soil) |
slab  : With a slab ocean |
SimplePhysics : 20 parameter physics
SCM[: ,case1,case2,...] : 1D configurations, with optional cases specif.
dev   : teaching parameterization development
```

8 Installing a parallel version for longer 3D simulations

```
./exemples.sh --parallel 1
```

This will automatically install a parallel version of the model in
~/LMDZmini/LMDZpar/

For running the model, you can not use `gcm.e` anymore, since you have to specify the number of CPU used for running the code. The parallelism relies on a combination of OpenMP and MPI approach. When running the model manually on SIMU, the number of processes used are specified in the `run_local.sh` command

```
./run_local.sh nMPI nOMP gcm.e
```

with typically `nMPI=2` and `nOMP=2` on a classical laptop with 4 physical CPUs.

Appendix

A Changing the outputs

The model outputs are controled in file `config.def` by the following lines (for instance in the standard bench):

```
phys_out_filekeys=      y      y      y      n      n
phys_out_filenames=    histmth histday histhf histins histLES
phys_out_filelevels=   10     5     4     3     4
phys_out_filetypes=    ave(X) ave(X) ave(X) inst(X) inst(X)
phys_out_filetimesteps= 5day   1day   6hr   6hr   6hr
```

Note the `phys_out_filekeys` flags (y/n) which set which file is generated. In the present case, you will obtain 3 files (apart from ORCHIDEE related outputs): `histmth.nc`, `histday.nc` and `histhf.nc`, containing respectively 0 days (should contain 1 record for the whole run, but the output frequency set for `histmth.nc` above is `5day`, whereas the run was only 3 days long), daily and 6-hour averages.

You can find out which variables have been written in a given file by running the command:

```
ncdump -h histday.nc | grep long_name
```

To get a `histmth.nc` with data, you would need to run the model over 5 days. This means you would need to change the value of `nday` in file `run.def` to 5. To run a new simulation, issue command `./gcm.e`; if all goes well, it should end with the message **"Everything is cool"**.

You may also re-run the simulation with a higher output frequency for a few variables (e.g. atmospheric temperature at 2m above the surface: `t2m`, surface pressure: `psol`, precipitation: `precip`, etc.), and other fields types (for instance instantaneous fields) by modifying `config.def`:

```
phys_out_filekeys=      y      y      n      y      n
phys_out_filenames=    histmth histday histhf histins histLES
phys_out_filelevels=   10     5     4     3     4
phys_out_filetypes=    ave(X) ave(X) ave(X) inst(X) inst(X)
phys_out_filetimesteps= 5day   1day   6hr   6hr   6hr
flag_t2m=              10     10     5     3     5
flag_psol=             10     10     5     3     4
flag_precip=           10     10     4     3     5
```

Note that unlike other frequencies, 1TS (1 Time Step) is written in capital letters. You can check in particular the `histins.nc` file and explain the special results.