Tutorial MON : tracer convective transport and scavenging

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1 Installing 1D test case

1.1 Install a new version

Install the last version of the model :

wget http://www.lmd.jussieu.fr/~hourdin/COURS/install.sh chmod +x install.sh

cd LMDZ20150217
wget http://www.lmd.jussieu.fr/~hourdin/COURS/eq_rd_cv.tar
tar xvf eq_rd_cv.tar
cd eq_rd_cv

To compile and run the case :

./compile ./lmdz1d.e

1.2 Radon and lead

In the file traceur.def, you can see that two trace species, named RN, for radon, and PB, for lead, are already defined in addition to vapor and condensed water. Visualize these two tracers in the file histhf.nc. The NetCDF variables RN and PB are numbers of atoms per unit mass, in kg⁻¹. Usually, activities are preferred for comparison with observations. The activities per unit mass, in Bq kg⁻¹, are:

$$A_{\rm Rn} = \frac{{\rm RN}}{4.765E5}$$
(1)
$$A_{\rm Pb} = \frac{{\rm PB}}{1.028E9}$$
(2)

(The numerical values that appear in these fractions are the lifetimes Plot the time evolution

set v upper fill rn set v lower fill pb

Intepret the diurnal cycle of Rn near the surface. Intepret the vertical distribution of Rn and Pb using the tendencies

drn_vdf : turbulent diffusion tendencies
drn_con : convective tendecies
drn_the : thermal plume model tendencies

2 Inserting new tracers

We will now explain how to modify the code in order to add idealized tracers. As an example, we will add two tracers, and call them TrA and TrB. The first tracer will be transported by the boundary layer and convective sub-grid-scale motion, in addition to large-scale advection. The second tracer will only be scavenged by rainfall.

We will have to modify the Fortran program but let us first consider the run-time parameters that we have to modify. At run-time, we decide to include the tracers TrA and TrB in the simulation by changing the file traceur.def. Change the number of tracers at the first line of traceur.def and append one line for each tracer:

10 10 TrB

Now let us turn to the Fortran program. The two only files we need to modify are phylmd/traclmdz_mod.F90 and phylmd/physiq.F90. Here are the changes you should make in that file.

- Declare two new module variables, id_TrA and id_TrB, with type integer. These are the identifying numbers of the tracers in the program. You can take a previous declaration (id_pcsat, id_pcocsat ...) as a template. (Do not forget the OpenMP directives.)
- All remaining changes will be made in the procedure traclmdz_init, which is inside the module traclmdz_mod. In order to define id_TrA and id_TrB, the program will scan the file traceur.def, looking for TrA and TrB. So you should initialize id_TrA and id_TrB to 0 before the loop beginning at line 175. There is a comment just above, saying "Recherche des traceurs connus", which means "looking for known tracers".

• In the body of this loop, set id_TrA to the value of index it if tname(iiq) equals TrA. You can add the test near line 265, for instance, after the test for pcq0. You can take another tracer as a template. Do the same for id_TrB.

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ELSE IF ( tname(iiq) == "TrA") THEN
  id_TrA=it
  tr_seri(:,:,id_TrA)=0.
  aerosol(id_TrA) = .FALSE.
ELSE IF ( tname(iiq) == "TrB") THEN
  id_TrB=it
  tr_seri(:,:,id_TrB)=0.
  aerosol(id_TrB) = .TRUE.
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The key $\verb"aerosol"$ is there to decide if the tracer will be scavenged (<code>aerosols=.true.</code>) or not.

• Finally, we will define the source of tracer in phylmd/physiq.F90. Just after

! ************ Fin de IF (debut) **************

add

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D0 iq=1,nqtot
    IF (tname(iq)=='TrA') THEN
        qx(:,1,iq)=qx(:,1,iq)+pdtphys/86400.
    print*,'Ajout traceurs A '
    ELSE IF (tname(iq)=='TrB') THEN
        qx(:,1,iq)=qx(:,1,iq)+pdtphys/86400.
    print*,'Ajout traceurs B '
    ENDIF
ENDDO
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which will add tracer in the first layer. $\tt pdtphys$ is the time-step of the model.

Make the changes and run a new simulation. Look at the new tracers.

3 Sensitivity to scavenging

Scavenging is controled by the last lines of physiq.def and by the parameters defined in the file lsc_scav_param.data. The efficiency of large-scale scavenging is strongly affected by the last to lines of lsc_scav_param.data Make some tests.

You can desactivate the convective scavenging with the key convscav=n in physiq.def and also modify its efficiency with ccntrAA and ccntrENV. You can also desactivate convection iflag_con=0 or change the surface evaporation by changeing the soil water reservoir qsol0=20.

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