

Description RCM simulations in CLARIS LPB

Model

Short model name	LMDZ
Full model name	LMDZ version 4 Configuration South America
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Model version	Version 4
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General references	Hourdin et al. 2006; Li 1999

Experimental setup

Name of domain	South America
Size of full grid (lon x lat x vertical)	184 x 180 x 19
Horizontal resolution	Around 0.48 degrees
Type of grid	Irregular rectangular latitude-longitude
Lateral Boundary Relaxation number of grid points	32x30
Nudging (if yes, provide some description spectral, variables, levels)	Very weak relaxation inside the domain
Boundary zone excluded (grid points)	32x30
Size of post-processed output grid (lon x lat)	152x150

ERA-INTERIM

Time period	1989-01-01 / 2008-12-31
Source of boundary condition	ERA-Interim global 0.75° 4xdaily
Initial condition	arbitrary
Spin up period	No spin-up
Internal reference of simulation	CLARIS/CORDEX/LMDZ-sudam

General model description

Process:	Description:	Reference:
Dynamics	Grid-points Arakawa-C grid	
Radiation	2-band SW, 6-band LW	
Cloud fraction	Based on water vapour distribution function	
Turbulence	K-diffusion	
Explicit cloud	Prognostic cloud water	

and precipitation		
Convection	Emanuel scheme	
Land-surface scheme	ORCHIDEE scheme	
Fluxes over sea	Bulk formula	

Details in model description

Land-surface processes

Specification:	Description:	Reference:
Land cover map		
Soil map		
Orography data		
No of sub surfaces (tiles)		
Overview of tiles:		
Energy balance		
Interactive vegetation		
Soil layers for temperature		
Soil layers for humidity		

Specification of land tiles

	Open land	Snow on open land	Forest	Snow in forest
Albedo				
LAI				
Root depth (m)				
Momentum roughness				

Description of diagnostic output

Daily variables (16):

variable	units	description	reference
temp	K	Air temperature at 9 selected pressure levels	ta
ovap	kg/kg	Specific humidity at 9 pressure levels	hus
geop	m ² /s ²	geopotential height at 9 pressure levels	zg

vitu	m/s	zonal wind at 9 pressure levels	ua
vitv	m/s	meridional wind at 9 pressure levels	va
vitw	?	vertical wind at 9 pressure levels	wap
t2min	K	daily minimum temperature at 2 metres	tasmin
t2max	K	daily maximum temperature at 2 metres	tasmax
wind10max	m/s	daily maximum wind speed at 10 metres	wssmas
topsdn	W/m2	downward solar radiation at TOA	rsdt
topsup	W/m2	upward solar radiation at TOA	rst, rsdt
toplup	W/m2	upward IR radiation at TOA	rlut
solsdn	W/m2	downward solar radiation at surface	rsds
solsup	W/m2	upward solar radiation at surface	rss, rsds
solldn	W/m2	downward IR at surface	rlds
sollup	W/m2	upward IR at surface	rls, rlds

8xdaily variables (22)

t2m	K	2-meter temperature	tas
q2m	kg/kg	2-meter specific humidity	huss
rh2m	-	2-meter relative humidity	hurs
u10m	m/s	10-m U wind	uas
v10m	m/s	10-m V wind	vas
wind10m	m/s	10-m wind speed	wss
rain	mm/s	rainfall rate	
snow	mm/s	snowfall rate	
evap	mm/s	evaporation	evspsbl
bils	W/m2	total heat flux at surface	
sens	W/m2	surface sensible heat flux	hfss
slp	Pa	sea-level pressure	psl
psol	Pa	surface pressure	ps
prw	kg/m2	column water vapour content	
vimtu	kg/m/s	column integrated U-moisture flux	
vimtv	kg/m/s	column integrated V-moisture flux	
evapot	mm/s	potential evapotranspiration	evspsblpot
runoff		runoff	mrro
drainage		drainage	
snowmass		surface snow amount	snw
bqsb		soil moisture for the deep layer	
gqsb		soil moisture for the surface layer	

References