



**A radiative upper boundary condition
of the Klemp-Durran-Bougeault-type
and its application to a compressible nonhydrostatic model
-present state towards LM-implementation-**

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A spectral toy-model with time-difference scheme adopted from the LM fast- mode part

$$\frac{\hat{u}^{(t+1)} - \hat{u}^{(t)}}{\Delta t} = -\frac{k}{\bar{r}} \hat{p}^{(t)} + f_0 \hat{v}^{(t+1)}, \quad k = \frac{2p}{\Lambda} \quad \text{- horizontal wave number}$$

$$\frac{\hat{v}^{(t+1)} - \hat{v}^{(t)}}{\Delta t} = -f_0 \hat{u}^{(t+1)}$$

$$m \frac{\hat{w}^{(t+1)} - \hat{w}^{(t)}}{\Delta t} = -\frac{1}{\bar{r}} \left(\mathbf{b}^+ \frac{\partial \hat{p}^{(t+1)}}{\partial z} + \mathbf{b}^- \frac{\partial \hat{p}^{(t)}}{\partial z} \right) - \frac{g}{\bar{r} c_s^2} (\mathbf{b}^+ \hat{p}^{(t+1)} + \mathbf{b}^- \hat{p}^{(t)}) + \frac{g}{\mathbf{q}} \hat{q}^{(t)}$$

$$\frac{1}{c_s^2} \frac{\hat{p}^{(t+1)} - \hat{p}^{(t)}}{\Delta t} = \frac{g \bar{r}}{c_s^2} (\mathbf{b}^+ \hat{w}^{(t+1)} + \mathbf{b}^- \hat{w}^{(t)}) - \bar{r} \left(\mathbf{b}^+ \frac{\partial \hat{w}^{(t+1)}}{\partial z} + \mathbf{b}^- \frac{\partial \hat{w}^{(t)}}{\partial z} \right) + \bar{r} k \hat{u}^{(t+1)}$$

$$\frac{\hat{q}^{(t+1)} - \hat{q}^{(t)}}{\Delta t} = -\frac{N^2 \bar{\mathbf{q}}}{g} (\mathbf{b}^+ \hat{w}^{(t+1)} + \mathbf{b}^- \hat{w}^{(t)})$$

*Method of model
simplification as in
Arakawa and Konor (1996)
(cf. Herzog, 2004, Internal
paper, prepared for a
COSMO Techn.Paper)*

Time-level weights to determine the degree of implicitity

$$\mathbf{b}^+ = \frac{1}{2}(1+e), \quad \mathbf{b}^- = \frac{1}{2}(1-e)$$

$$e = 0.4$$

Divergence damping in the pressure gradient term

$$\hat{p}^{(t)} := \hat{p}^{(t)} + \mathbf{a}_d \Delta t \bar{r} c_s^2 \left(k \hat{u}^{(t)} - \frac{\partial \hat{w}^{(t)}}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{a}_d = 0.3 \quad \text{- differing from LM default-value (=0.1)}$$



The Radiative Upper Boundary Condition of Klemp - Durran - Bougeault (KDB - RUBC)

Limiting assumptions for the validity of the KDB-RUBC :

- *hydrostatic approximation* $m=0$
- *condition of incompressibility* $c_s^2 \rightarrow \infty$
- *isothermal basic state*
- *no rotation* $f_0=0$
- *Boussinesq - approximation* $\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \gg \frac{1}{H}, n^2 \gg \frac{1}{H^2}$
- *reduced frequency equation* $w \text{ } n=\pm N k$

Physical radiative condition

$$\overline{(\hat{p} \hat{w})}_{top} > 0$$

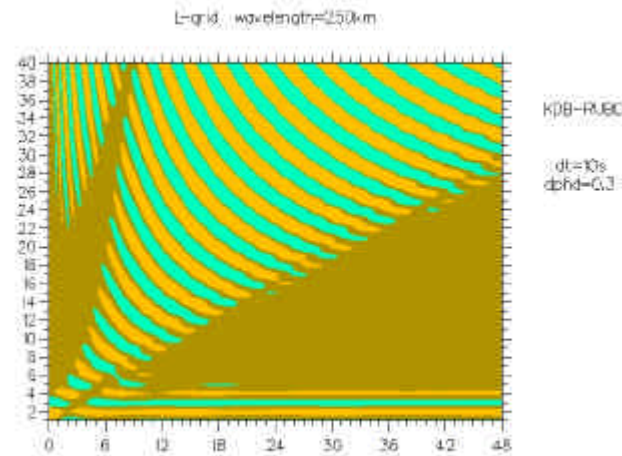
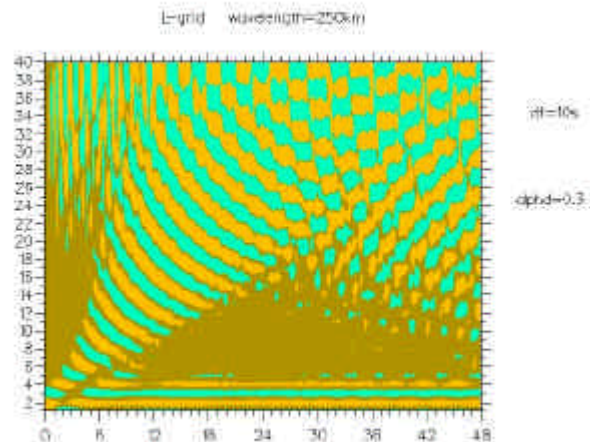
KDB-RUBC

$$\hat{p}_{top}(t) = \frac{(\bar{r} N)_{top}}{k} \hat{w}_{top}(t)$$



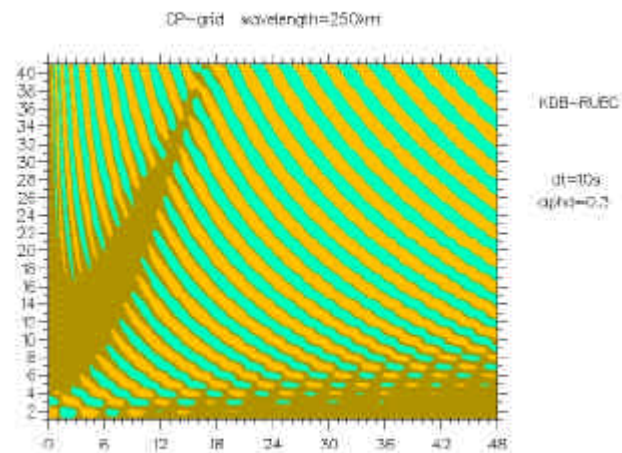
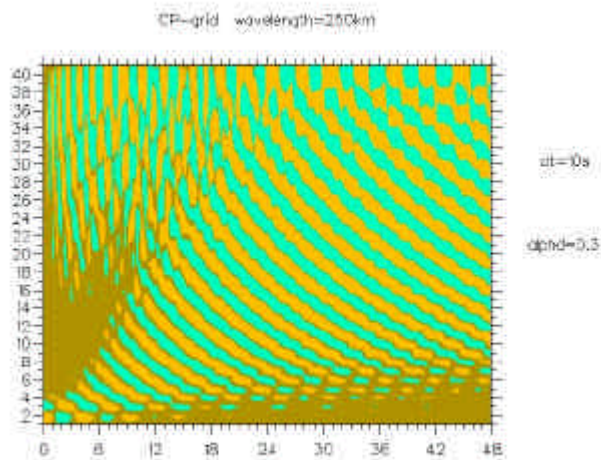
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KDB-RUBC



Process of dispersion from defined initial perturbation of potential temperature chosen as in Arakawa und Konor(1996). Simulation over 48 h. Spectral perturbation amplitude associated to horizontal wavelength L=250km.

← L-grid



← CP-grid



Simulation experiments with the fast-mode LM toy-model have shown that the KDB-RUBC can be implemented successfully in a nonhydrostatic compressible model with the given semi-implicit time-scheme, from which vertically propagating acoustic waves are effectively filtered out and horizontally propagating acoustic waves are sufficiently suppressed due to a divergence damping approach.

We have found out two equally successful methods how to implement the KDB-RUBC:

Method 1: A judicious idea from D.R. Durran (1999) to incorporate this RUBC in the vertically implicit time-scheme. It is functioning with our toy-model, but needs reformulations of the given algorithm with lid-condition.

Method 2: A direct method, which is easily implemented without interventions in the given model algorithm and is independent of a given time-scheme. It operates satisfactory, too, and leads to results equivalent to the Durran-method.

Further strategy :

- stepwise generalisation in the LM-world
- first step —▶ repetition of the given experimental set-up for the toy-model now with the LM



First experiment with the LM

1. Horizontal integration domain: 84 x 84 gridpoints, $D_x = 2.8\text{km}$
2. Number of vertical layers: 35 ($k_e = 35$)
3. Double-periodic continuation in the horizontal ($l_{\text{peri}} = \text{true}$)
4. Slow tendencies are set equal to zero in subroutine `fast_waves`
5. Physics and Rayleigh-damping deleted
6. Isothermal basic state (polytropic state also possible)
7. Definition of initial state
 - $u = v = w = p' = 0$
 - temperature disturbance

$$T'_{i,k}{}^{(0)} = A_k^{(0)} \sin\left(\frac{2pn}{N_1 - 4}(i - 1)\right), N_1 = 84$$

$$A_{k=20}^{(0)} = -0.5 K, \quad A_{k=21}^{(0)} = +0.5 K$$

$$n = 2, 4, \dots (\Lambda = 112, 56, \dots km)$$

8. Application of KDB-RUBC after Method 2, now including discrete Fourier-transform and its inverse operation, with adaptation to the C-grid staggering. (We failed with Method 1 !)

The KDB -RUBC - operations

1. p'_{top} be extrapolated hydrostatically from $k=1$ to $k'=1$

2. Fourier-transform $(\hat{p}'_{k,l})_{top} := FT(p'_{i,j})_{top}$

3. KDB - RUBC :

$$(\hat{w}_{k,l})_{top} := \frac{\sqrt{k'^2 + l'^2}}{(N \bar{r})_{top}} (\hat{p}'_{k,l})_{top}$$

mit $k' = \frac{2 \sin(k \frac{p}{N_1})}{a \cos j_0 \Delta l}$, $l' = \frac{2 \sin(l \frac{p}{N_j})}{a \Delta j}$, $k \in [0, N_1 - 1]$, $l \in [0, N_j - 1]$

4. Inverse Fourier - transform $(w_{i,j})_{top} := FT^{-1}(\hat{w}_{k,l})_{top}$



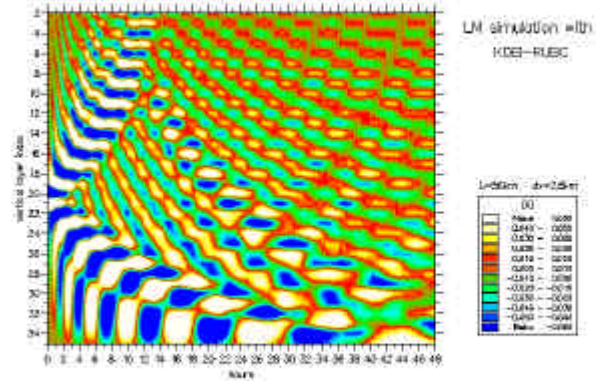
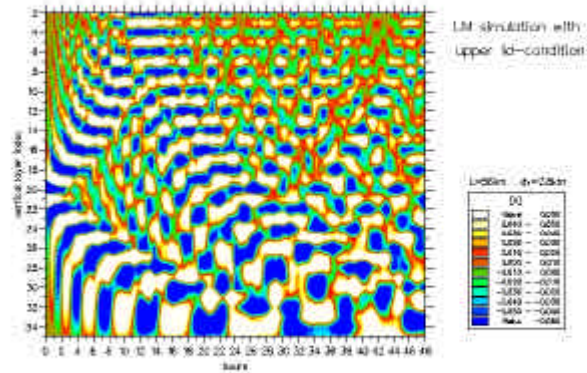
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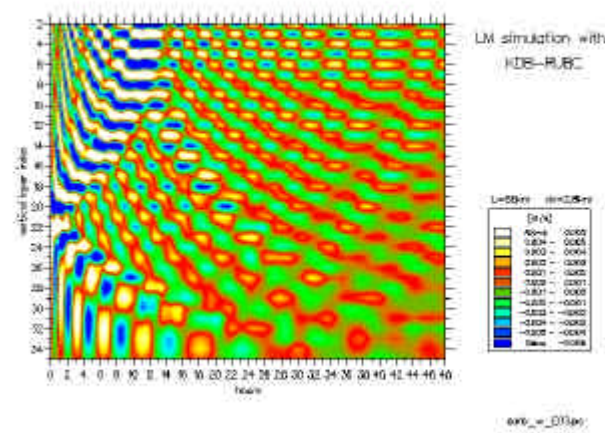
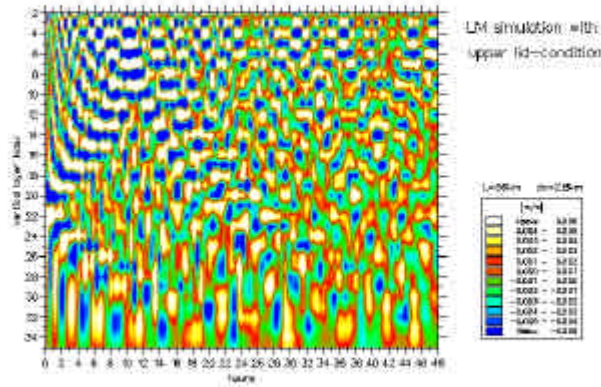
KDB-RUBC



Time-height cross-section of perturbation amplitude for T' and w , respectively, at zonal gridpoint $i = 11$, associated to horizontal wavelength $L = 56\text{km}$.



← T'

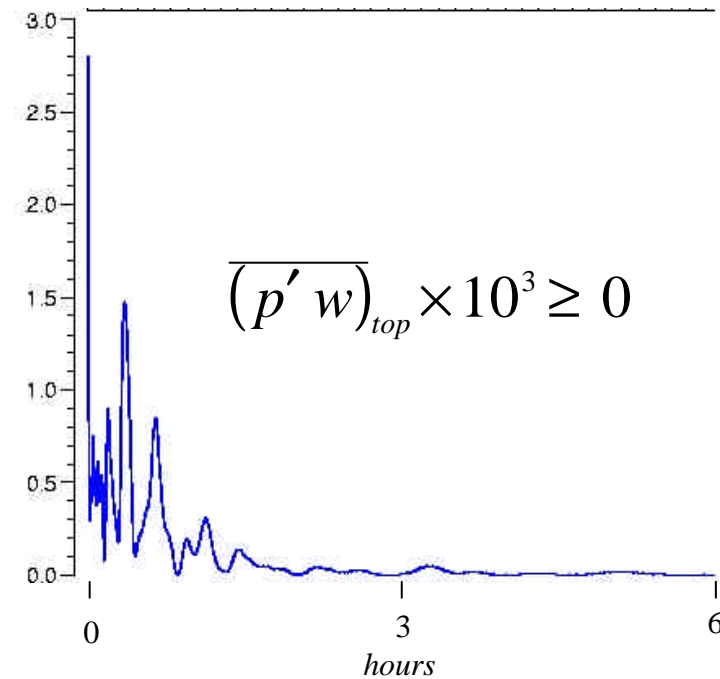
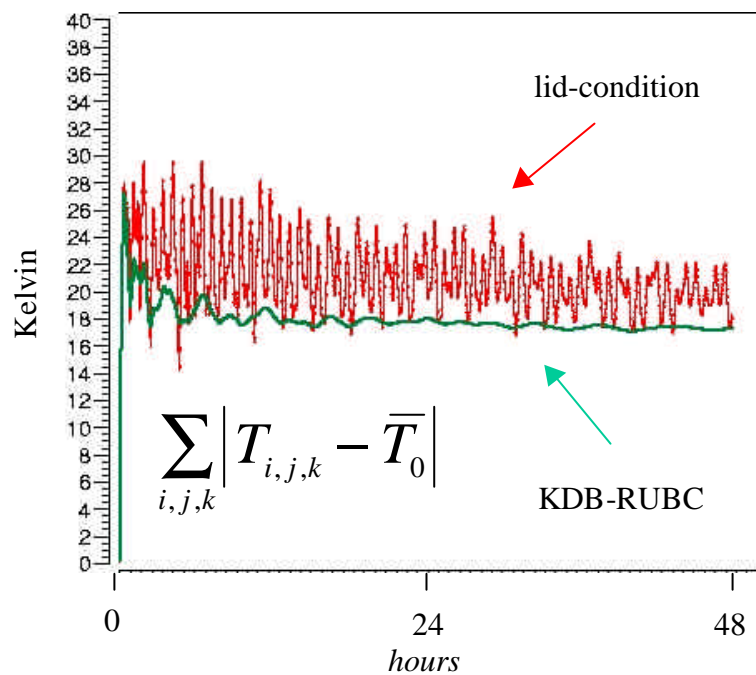


← w

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Pressure gradient term error test with LMK for isothermal atmosphere at rest with bell-shaped mountain



$$a/H = 6\Delta s / 1000m, \quad \Delta s = 2.8km$$

Summary and outlook for further work

- **On principle, we were able to show that the KDB-RUBC is applicable in a model-type like the LM, and it works in the right way.**
- **What follows is a straightforward engineering work**
- **Diverse generalisations of experimentation towards real cases ...**
- **Replacing FT by FFT**
- **Introducing an aperiodic integration domain**
- **Taking advantage from experiences with DM / SM / HRM**
- **Co-operation with *MeteoSwiss* : real-case - studies and optimisation !**
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**Further investigations concerning CP - grid advantages
versus L - grid shortcomings**

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*A report about is unfortunately not possible here,
but a COSMO Technical Report is being prepared instead.*

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