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Nonhydrostatic Regional COSMO-Model*

Part V

Initial and Boundary Data for the COSMO-Model

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## Section 1

# Overview on the Model System

### 1.1 General Remarks

The *COSMO-Model* is a nonhydrostatic limited-area atmospheric prediction model. It has been designed for both operational numerical weather prediction (NWP) and various scientific applications on the meso- $\beta$  and meso- $\gamma$  scale. The COSMO-Model is based on the primitive thermo-hydrodynamical equations describing compressible flow in a moist atmosphere. The model equations are formulated in rotated geographical coordinates and a generalized terrain following height coordinate. A variety of physical processes are taken into account by parameterization schemes.

Besides the forecast model itself, a number of additional components such as data assimilation, interpolation of boundary conditions from a driving host model, and postprocessing utilities are required to run the model in NWP-mode, climate mode or for case studies. The purpose of the *Description of the Nonhydrostatic Regional COSMO-Model* is to provide a comprehensive documentation of all components of the system and to inform the user about code access and how to install, compile, configure and run the model.

The basic version of the COSMO-Model (formerly known as *Lokal Modell (LM)*) has been developed at the *Deutscher Wetterdienst* (DWD). The COSMO-Model and the triangular mesh global gridpoint model GME form – together with the corresponding data assimilation schemes – the NWP-system at DWD, which is run operationally since end of 1999. The subsequent developments related to the model have been organized within COSMO, the *Consortium for Small-Scale Modelling*. COSMO aims at the improvement, maintenance and operational application of a non-hydrostatic limited-area modeling system, which is now consequently called the COSMO-Model. The meteorological services participating to COSMO at present are listed in Table 1.1.

For more information about COSMO, we refer to the web-site at [www.cosmo-model.org](http://www.cosmo-model.org).

The COSMO-Model is available free of charge for scientific and educational purposes, especially for cooperational projects with COSMO members. However, all users are required to sign an agreement with a COSMO national meteorological service and to respect certain conditions and restrictions on code usage. For questions concerning the request and the agreement, please contact the chairman of the COSMO Steering Committee. In the case of a planned operational or commercial use of the COSMO-Model package, special regulations

Table 1.1: COSMO: Participating Meteorological Services

<b><i>DWD</i></b>	Deutscher Wetterdienst, Offenbach, Germany
<b><i>MeteoSwiss</i></b>	Meteo-Schweiz, Zürich, Switzerland
<b><i>USAM</i></b>	Ufficio Generale Spazio Aero e Meteorologia, Rome, Italy
<b><i>HNMS</i></b>	Hellenic National Meteorological Service, Athens, Greece
<b><i>IMGW</i></b>	Institute of Meteorology and Water Management, Warsaw, Poland
<b><i>NMA</i></b>	National Meteorological Administration, Bucharest, Romania
<b><i>RosHydroMet</i></b>	Hydrometeorological Centre of Russia, Moscow, Russia
<b><i>ARPA-SIMC</i></b>	Agenzia Regionale per la Protezione Ambientale dell' Emilia-Romagna, Servizio Idro Meteo Clima, Bologna, Italy
<b><i>ARPA-Piemonte</i></b>	Agenzia Regionale per la Protezione Ambientale, Piemonte, Turin, Italy
<b><i>CIRA</i></b>	Centro Italiano Ricerche Aerospaziali, Capua, Italy
<b><i>AGeoBW</i></b>	Amt für Geoinformationswesen der Bundeswehr, Euskirchen, Germany

will apply.

The further development of the modeling system within COSMO is organized in Working Groups which cover the main research and development activities: data assimilation, numerical aspects, physical aspects, interpretation and applications, verification and case studies, reference version and implementation. In 2005, the COSMO Steering Committee decided to define *Priority Projects* with the goal to focus the scientific activities of the COSMO community on some few key issues and support the permanent improvement of the model. For contacting the Work Package Coordinators or members of the Working Groups or Priority Projects, please refer to the COSMO web-site.

At present, the COSMO meteorological services are not equipped to provide extensive support to external users of the model. If problems occur in certain aspects, we would kindly ask you to contact the corresponding Work Package Coordinators or the current Scientific Project Manager. We try to assist you as well as possible.

The authors of this document recognize that typographical and other errors as well as discrepancies in the code and deficiencies regarding the completeness may be present, and your assistance in correcting them is appreciated. All comments and suggestions for improvement or corrections of the documentation and the model code are welcome and may be directed to the authors.

## 1.2 Basic Model Design and Features

The nonhydrostatic fully compressible COSMO-Model has been developed to meet high-resolution regional forecast requirements of weather services and to provide a flexible tool for various scientific applications on a broad range of spatial scales. When starting with the development of the COSMO-Model, many NWP-models operated on hydrostatic scales of motion with grid spacings down to about 10 km and thus lacked the spatial resolution required to explicitly capture small-scale severe weather events. The COSMO-Model has been designed for meso- $\beta$  and meso- $\gamma$  scales where nonhydrostatic effects begin to play an essential role in the evolution of atmospheric flows.

By employing 1 to 3 km grid spacing for operational forecasts over a large domain, it is expected that deep moist convection and the associated feedback mechanisms to the larger scales of motion can be explicitly resolved. Meso- $\gamma$  scale NWP-models thus have the principle potential to overcome the shortcomings resulting from the application of parameterized convection in current coarse-grid hydrostatic models. In addition, the impact of topography on the organization of penetrative convection by, e.g. channeling effects, is represented much more realistically in high resolution nonhydrostatic forecast models.

In the beginning, the operational application of the model within COSMO were mainly on the meso- $\beta$  scale using a grid spacing of 7 km. The key issue was an accurate numerical prediction of near-surface weather conditions, focusing on clouds, fog, frontal precipitation, and orographically and thermally forced local wind systems. Since April 2007, a meso- $\gamma$  scale version is running operationally at DWD by employing a grid spacing of 2.8 km. We expect that this will allow for a direct simulation of severe weather events triggered by deep moist convection, such as supercell thunderstorms, intense mesoscale convective complexes, prefrontal squall-line storms and heavy snowfall from wintertime mesocyclones.

The requirements for the data assimilation system for the operational COSMO-Model are mainly determined by the very high resolution of the model and by the task to employ it also for nowcasting purposes in the future. Hence, detailed high-resolution analyses have to be able to be produced frequently and quickly, and this requires a thorough use of synoptic and high-frequency observations such as aircraft data and remote sensing data. Since both 3-dimensional and 4-dimensional variational methods tend to be less appropriate for this purpose, a scheme based on the observation nudging technique has been chosen for data assimilation.

Besides the operational application, the COSMO-Model provides a nonhydrostatic modeling framework for various scientific and technical purposes. Examples are applications of the model to large-eddy simulations, cloud resolving simulations, studies on orographic flow systems and storm dynamics, development and validation of large-scale parameterization schemes by fine-scale modeling, and tests of computational strategies and numerical techniques. For these types of studies, the model should be applicable to both real data cases and artificial cases using idealized test data. Moreover, the model has been adapted by other communities for applications in climate mode (CCLM) and / or running an online coupled module for aerosols and reactive trace gases (ART).

Such a wide range of applications imposes a number of requirements for the physical, numerical and technical design of the model. The main design requirements are:

- (i) use of nonhydrostatic, compressible dynamical equations to avoid restrictions on the

spatial scales and the domain size, and application of an efficient numerical method of solution;

- (ii) provision of a comprehensive physics package to cover adequately the spatial scales of application, and provision of high-resolution data sets for all external parameters required by the parameterization schemes;
- (iii) flexible choice of initial and boundary conditions to accommodate both real data cases and idealized initial states, and use of a mesh-refinement technique to focus on regions of interest and to handle multi-scale phenomena;
- (iv) use of a high-resolution analysis method capable of assimilating high-frequency asymptotic data and remote sensing data;
- (v) use of pure Fortran constructs to render the code portable among a variety of computer systems, and application of the standard MPI-software for message passing on distributed memory machines to accommodate broad classes of parallel computers.

The development of the COSMO-Model was organized along these basic guidelines. However, not all of the requirements are fully implemented, and development work and further improvement is an ongoing task. The main features and characteristics of the present release are summarized below.

### *Dynamics*

- **Model Equations** – Nonhydrostatic, full compressible hydro-thermodynamical equations in advection form. Subtraction of a hydrostatic base state at rest.
- **Prognostic Variables** – Horizontal and vertical Cartesian wind components, pressure perturbation, temperature, specific humidity, cloud water content. Optionally: cloud ice content, turbulent kinetic energy, specific water content of rain, snow and graupel.
- **Diagnostic Variables** – Total air density, precipitation fluxes of rain and snow.
- **Coordinate System** – Generalized terrain-following height coordinate with rotated geographical coordinates and user defined grid stretching in the vertical. Options for (i) base-state pressure based height coordinate, (ii) Gal-Chen height coordinate and (iii) exponential height coordinate (SLEVE) according to [Schär et al. \(2002\)](#).

### *Numerics*

- **Grid Structure** – Arakawa C-grid, Lorenz vertical grid staggering.
- **Spatial Discretization** – Second-order finite differences. For the two time-level scheme also 1st and 3rd to 6th order horizontal advection (default: 5th order). Option for explicit higher order vertical advection.
- **Time Integration** – Two time-level 2nd and 3rd order Runge-Kutta split-explicit scheme after [Wicker and Skamarock \(2002\)](#) and a TVD-variant (Total Variation Diminishing) of a 3rd order Runge-Kutta split-explicit scheme. Option for a second-order leapfrog HE-VI (horizontally explicit, vertically implicit) time-split integration scheme, including extensions proposed by [Skamarock and Klemp \(1992\)](#). Option for a three time-level 3-d semi-implicit scheme ([Thomas et al. \(2000\)](#)) based on the leapfrog scheme.
- **Numerical Smoothing** – 4th-order linear horizontal diffusion with option for a monotonic version including an orographic limiter. Rayleigh damping in upper layers. 2-d divergence damping and off-centering in the vertical in split time steps.



### *Initial and Boundary Conditions*

- **Initial Conditions** – Interpolated initial data from various coarse-grid driving models (GME, ECMWF, COSMO-Model) or from the continuous data assimilation stream (see below). Option for user-specified idealized initial fields.
- **Lateral Boundary Conditions** – 1-way nesting by Davies-type lateral boundary formulation. Data from several coarse-grid models can be processed (GME, IFS, COSMO-Model). Option for periodic boundary conditions.
- **Top Boundary Conditions** – Options for rigid lid condition and Rayleigh damping layer.
- **Initialization** – Digital-filter initialization of unbalanced initial states (Lynch et al. (1997)) with options for adiabatic and diabatic initialization.

### *Physical Parameterizations*

- **Subgrid-Scale Turbulence** – Prognostic turbulent kinetic energy closure at level 2.5 including effects from subgrid-scale condensation and from thermal circulations. Option for a diagnostic second order K-closure of hierarchy level 2 for vertical turbulent fluxes. Preliminary option for calculation of horizontal turbulent diffusion in terrain following coordinates (3D Turbulence).
- **Surface Layer Parameterization** – A Surface layer scheme (based on turbulent kinetic energy) including a laminar-turbulent roughness layer. Option for a stability-dependent drag-law formulation of momentum, heat and moisture fluxes according to similarity theory (Louis (1979)).
- **Grid-Scale Clouds and Precipitation** – Cloud water condensation and evaporation by saturation adjustment. Precipitation formation by a bulk microphysics parameterization including water vapour, cloud water, cloud ice, rain and snow with 3D transport for the precipitating phases. Option for a new bulk scheme including graupel. Option for a simpler column equilibrium scheme.
- **Subgrid-Scale Clouds** – Subgrid-scale cloudiness is interpreted by an empirical function depending on relative humidity and height. A corresponding cloud water content is also interpreted. Option for a statistical subgrid-scale cloud diagnostic for turbulence.
- **Moist Convection** – Tiedtke (1989) mass-flux convection scheme with equilibrium closure based on moisture convergence. Option for the Kain-Fritsch (Kain and Fritsch (1993)) convection scheme with non-equilibrium CAPE-type closure.
- **Shallow Convection** – Reduced Tiedtke scheme for shallow convection only.
- **Radiation** –  $\delta$  two-stream radiation scheme after Ritter and Geleyn (1992) short and longwave fluxes (employing eight spectral intervals); full cloud-radiation feedback.
- **Soil Model** – Multi-layer version of the former two-layer soil model after Jacobsen and Heise (1982) based on the direct numerical solution of the heat conduction equation. Snow and interception storage are included. Option for the (old) two-layer soil model employing the extended force-restore method still included.
- **Fresh-Water Lake Parameterization** – Two-layer bulk model after Mironov (2008) to predict the vertical temperature structure and mixing conditions in fresh-water lakes of various depths.
- **Sea-Ice Scheme** – Parameterization of thermodynamic processes (without rheology) after Mironov and B. (2004). The scheme basically computes the energy balance at the surface of the ice, using one layer of sea ice.
- **Terrain and Surface Data** – All external parameters of the model are available at various resolutions for a pre-defined region covering Europe. For other regions or grid-spacings, the external parameter file can be generated by a preprocessor program using high-resolution global data sets.

### Data Assimilation

- **Basic Method** – Continuous four-dimensional data assimilation based on observation nudging (Schraff (1996), Schraff (1997)), with lateral spreading of upper-air observation increments along horizontal surfaces. Explicit balancing by a hydrostatic temperature correction for surface pressure updates, a geostrophic wind correction, and a hydrostatic upper-air pressure correction.
- **Assimilated Atmospheric Observations** – Radiosonde (wind, temperature, humidity), aircraft (wind, temperature), wind profiler (wind), and surface-level data (SYNOP, SHIP, BUOY: pressure, wind, humidity). Optionally RASS (temperature), radar VAD wind, and ground-based GPS (integrated water vapour) data. Surface-level temperature is used for the soil moisture analysis only.
- **Radar derived rain rates** – Assimilation of near surface rain rates based on latent heat nudging (Stephan et al. (2008)). It locally adjusts the three-dimensional thermodynamical field of the model in such a way that the modelled precipitation rates should resemble the observed ones.
- **Surface and Soil Fields** – Additional two-dimensional intermittent analysis:
  - **Soil Moisture Analysis** – Daily adjustment of soil moisture by a variational method (Hess (2001)) in order to improve 2-m temperature forecasts; use of a Kalman-Filter-like background weighting.
  - **Sea Surface Temperature Analysis** – Daily Cressman-type correction, and blending with global analysis. Use of external sea ice cover analysis.
  - **Snow Depth Analysis** – 6-hourly analysis by weighted averaging of snow depth observations, and use of snowfall data and predicted snow depth.

### Code and Parallelization

- **Code Structure** – Modular code structure using standard Fortran constructs.
- **Parallelization** – The parallelization is done by horizontal domain decomposition using a soft-coded gridline halo (2 lines for Leapfrog, 3 for the Runge-Kutta scheme). The *Message Passing Interface* software (MPI) is used for message passing on distributed memory machines.
- **Compilation of the Code** – For all programs a Makefile is provided for the compilation which is invoked by the Unix *make* command. Two files are belonging to the Makefile: `ObjFiles` is a list of files that have to be compiled and `ObjDependencies` contains all file dependencies. In addition it reads the file `Fopts`, which has to be adapted by the user to specify the compiler, compiler options and necessary libraries to link.
- **Portability** – The model can be easily ported to various platforms; current applications are on conventional scalar machines (UNIX workstations, LINUX and Windows-NT PCs), on vector computers (NEC SX series) and MPP machines (CRAY-XT3, IBM-SP series, SGI ALTIX series).
- **Model Geometry** – 3-d, 2-d and 1-d model configurations. Metrical terms can be adjusted to represent tangential Cartesian geometry with constant or zero Coriolis parameter.

## 1.3 Organization of the Documentation

For the documentation of the model we follow closely the *European Standards for Writing and Documenting Exchangeable Fortran 90-Code*. These standards provide a framework for the use of Fortran-90 in European meteorological organizations and weather services and thereby facilitate the exchange of code between these centres. According to these standards, the model documentation is split into two categories: external documentation (outside the code)

Table 1.2: COSMO Documentation: A Description of the Nonhydrostatic Regional COSMO-Model

<i>Part I:</i>	Dynamics and Numerics
<i>Part II:</i>	Physical Parameterization
<i>Part III:</i>	Data Assimilation
<i>Part IV:</i>	Implementation Documentation (missing!)
<i>Part V:</i>	Preprocessing: Initial and Boundary Data for the COSMO-Model
<i>Part VI:</i>	Postprocessing (missing!)
<i>Part VII:</i>	User's Guide

and internal documentation (inside the code). The model provides extensive documentation within the codes of the subroutines. This is in form of procedure headers, section comments and other comments. The external documentation is split into seven parts, which are listed in Table 1.2.

Parts I - III form the scientific documentation, which provides information about the theoretical and numerical formulation of the model, the parameterization of physical processes and the four-dimensional data assimilation. The scientific documentation is independent of (i.e. does not refer to) the code itself. Part IV will describe the particular implementation of the methods and algorithms as presented in Parts I - III, including information on the basic code design and on the strategy for parallelization using the MPI library for message passing on distributed memory machines (not available yet). The generation of initial and boundary conditions from coarse grid driving models is described in Part V. This part is a description of the interpolation procedures and algorithms used (not yet complete) as well as a User's Guide for the interpolation program INT2LM. Available postprocessing utilities will be described (in the future) in Part VI. Finally, the User's Guide of the COSMO-Model provides information on code access and how to install, compile, configure and run the model. The User's Guide contains also a detailed description of various control parameters in the model input file (in NAMELIST format) which allow for a flexible model set-up for various applications. All parts of the documentation are available at the COSMO web-site (<http://www.cosmo-model.org/content/model/documentation/core/default.htm>).

## Section 2

# Introduction

This part of the documentation for the COSMO-Model is the description of the interpolation program INT2LM, which performs the interpolation from coarse grid model data to initial and/or boundary data for the COSMO-Model. The following coarse grid models are possible (at the moment):

- GME: the global DWD grid point model on a icosahedral grid.
- IFS: the global ECMWF spectral model.
- COSMO-Model: the COSMO-Model can be nested into itself.

It is also possible to process the data from other climate models (like ECHAM), but another *pre-pre-processor* is needed then. These *pre-pre-processor* are available from the CLM-Community, which operates the “CLimate Mode of the COSMO-Model”.

Originally, INT2LM has been a joint development within COSMO and originates from the former GME2LM. The climate mode has been added by members of the CLM-Community. The development tasks were distributed as follows:

- DWD: parallel framework of the program; GME2LM
- ARPA-SIM: IFS2LM
- MeteoSwiss, DWD: LM2LM
- CLM-Community: climate mode and processing data from other climate models

This documentation is not yet complete. Missing are the description of the initial and boundary data that are necessary to run the COSMO-Model and the scientific documentation of the interpolation algorithms used. Nevertheless, it provides a User Guide of how to install the program and how to run it. Therefore it serves as a complete reference for all the NAMELIST groups and variables.

## Section 3

# The Interpolation Procedures

*to be completed*

## Section 4

# Installation of the INT2LM

This chapter explains the steps necessary to compile and run the interpolation program. Section 4.1 lists the external libraries that are necessary to run the program and what can be done, if these libraries are not available. Section 4.2 describes how to use the VCS (Version Control System: a programming environment tool developed at DWD) for working with the model. If the VCS is not available, the source code together with a Makefile for compiling and linking and scripts for running the model are provided. The next sections give detailed informations on how to prepare, compile, link and run the INT2LM.

### 4.1 External Libraries for the INT2LM

INT2LM uses external libraries for data I/O. Usage of most of these libraries can be controlled by conditional compilation. To handle this, the C preprocessor (cpp) must be called. Most Fortran compilers activate the C preprocessor for files ending with a capital F in the suffix: .F or .F90. INT2LM does not use capital letters in the suffix, therefore a special compiler option has to be set, to activate this preprocessor. Take a look to the manual of your compiler to find out about this option.

At DWD, a data base system can be used for this, which needs special routines. If these are not available, dummy routines are provided to satisfy the external references.

#### 4.1.1 libgrib1.a:

As standard data format, the GRIB (Gridded Binary), Version 1, is used. With `libgrib1.a`, data can be packed in / unpacked from grib code. This library also contains C-routines to write data to and read it from disk. The Grib library is available from DWD and is provided together with the source code for the COSMO-Model. A short guide for the installation is included in the tar-file of the Grib library.

DWD still uses a Grib file format, where all records are starting and ending with additional bytes, the so-called *controlwords*. An implementation of the Grib library is prepared that also deals with pure Grib files, that do not have these controlwords. But still we guarantee correct execution only, if the controlwords are used. To ensure this you have to set the environment variable

```
export LIBDWD_FORCE_CONTROLWORDS=1
```

#### 4.1.2 libcsobank.a, libsupplement.a:

The COSMO-Model and INT2LM use a tool for parallel asynchronous I/O from or to files or a data base system (only for Grib). The routines for that tool are grouped together in a module `mpe_io.f90`. In the VCS of DWD, `mpe_io.f90` is provided as an external module, hence it is not in the source code of the model library. `mpe_io.f90` uses the two libraries `libcsobank.a` and `libsupplement.a`.

For users outside DWD, `mpe_io.f90` has been included in the source code of the COSMO-Model and also in the INT2LM. To satisfy the calls from `mpe_io` to the data base system, an additional file `dummy_db.f90` is provided.

#### 4.1.3 libgrib\_api.a:

Since Version 1.14, another grib library can be used to read grib data. This is the `grib_api` (Application Programmer's Interface) from ECMWF. With this library it is possible to read and write also GRIB2 data (i.e. GRIB, Version 2). The source code for `grib_api` is available from the web pages of ECMWF <http://www.ecmwf.int>. For INT2LM, `grib_api` Version 1.9.0 or higher is needed.

Usage of the `grib_api` library can be controlled by conditional compilation and setting the macro `GRIBAPI`. If this macro is not set during compilation, the parts of the source code that do use `grib_api` calls are not compiled and the library will not be linked to the binary.

#### 4.1.4 libnetcdf.a:

Since Version 1.7, input and output of data can be done in the NetCDF format (Network Common Data Format). Using NetCDF requires an external library `libnetcdf.a`. The source code of this library can be downloaded from <http://www.unidata.ucar.edu>

Usage of the NetCDF library can be controlled by conditional compilation and setting the macro `NETCDF`. If this macro is not set during compilation, the parts of the source code that do use NetCDF calls are not compiled and the library will not be linked to the binary.

## 4.2 Working with the VCS

The Version Control System is a programming environment tool based on the Concurrent Version System (CVS). The programming environment consists of several shell scripts (or command procedures) that are accessible from an administrator directory (on DWD systems this directory is `/e/rhome/for0adm/vcscmd`; you can refer to this directory with the shell variable `$ADM`, if it is set properly). These command procedures serve to simplify tasks and contain safety features which may otherwise be easily forgotten.

External users having a collaboration with DWD can access the code of the COSMO-Model (and also of other models), the necessary scripts for installing the programming environment tool, and a description of that tool via ftp. A list of all command procedures together with a short explanation can be obtained with `$ADM/help`.

## 4.3 Preparing the Code

### *Source Code Administrator (for VCS)*

As a source code administrator you have to provide the external code and libraries. They have to be created on your system and put to a special directory. They also have to be specified as `EXTOBJ` in `LinkLibs`, in order to link them to the object files of the COSMO-Model.

### *User (with VCS)*

If working with the VCS you have to create your own workbench within a special directory (e.g. `$HOME/model`) with the command

```
$ADM/workbench int2lm.
```

The following files and subdirectories are created:

<code>./CompilerFlags</code>	To specify, which module is compiled with which set of compiler options.
<code>./FileNames</code>	To define the names of binaries and/or libraries.
<code>./LinkLibs</code>	To define the libraries for the link step.
<code>./Makefile</code>	Link to a makefile for compiling and linking.
<code>./Options</code>	To set the compiler and linker options.
<code>./Parallel</code>	To set the number of parallel tasks for compiling.
<code>./edid</code>	Script to edit the SCCS-decks.
<code>./mk_batch</code>	Script to submit a batch job (optional).
<code>./obj</code>	Directory containing object files of the files in <code>src</code> .
<code>./src</code>	Directory containing modified source files.
<code>./work</code>	Directory containing files you are working on.

Normally, correct defaults are set by your administrator. You can change `Options`, `Parallel` and `LinkLibs` according to your needs (see also the part for the *Source Code Administrator*).

### *User (without VCS)*

If the VCS is not available, you have got a tar-file `int2lm.yymmdd.x.y`, where `yymmdd` describes the date in the form "Year-Month-Day" and `x.y` gives the version number as in the DWD Version Control System (VCS). By de-taring, a directory is created with the following contents:



<code>DOCS</code>	Contains a short documentation of the changes in version <code>x</code> .
<code>edid</code>	Script to edit files in <code>src</code> and store them in <code>work</code> .
<code>Fopts</code>	Definition of the compiler options and also directories of libraries.
<code>LOCAL</code>	Contains several examples of <code>Fopts</code> -files for different computers.
<code>Makefile</code>	For compiling and linking the programs.
<code>./runxx2yy</code>	Scripts to define the <code>NAMELIST</code> input and run the model for special coarse grid models <code>xx</code> and applications <code>yy</code> .
<code>src</code>	Subdirectory for the source code.
<code>obj</code>	Subdirectory where the object files are written.
<code>ObjDependencies</code>	Definition of the dependencies between the different source files.
<code>Objfiles</code>	Definition of the object files.
<code>work</code>	Subdirectory for intermediate files.

Here, also the source code for `mpe_io.f90` and the `dummies` for the data base system are included in `src: dummy_db.f90`. The directories `./obj` and `./work` are empty and can therefore get lost by the tar-process. If so, you have to create them again. In `edid` you have to adapt the pathnames if you want to work with it.

Before compiling and linking the program you should check and, if necessary, adapt the `KIND`-type parameters, which are used for selecting the precision of `REAL`-variables in the program and the precision of `INTEGER`-variables of the grib-library.

## 4.4 Compiling and Linking

Before compiling, check and adapt the necessary parameters (see above). All other input variables for the program can be determined before running the program with the `NAMELIST`-input (see Chapter 7). You have to choose the options for compiling the code in the file `Options` (if working within the VCS) or in `Fopts` (otherwise). See the User Guide of your computer system for necessary and/or desired options. Before linking check that the Grib library, necessary for the I/O, the external object files `mpe_io.o` (and `dummy_db.o`) and the necessary external libraries (see 4.1) are available.

The INT2LM is parallelized for distributed memory parallel computers using the domain decomposition technique and explicit message passing with the Message Passing Interface (MPI). Thus it can run on parallel platforms but also on sequential platforms where MPI is not available. For this purpose an additional module `dummy_mpi.f90` is provided, which has to be linked with the model then.

- `sequential` On single processor systems you can create a binary for sequential execution without using MPI. To avoid warning messages by the linker, a file `dummy_mpi.f90` is provided to satisfy the MPI external references.
- `parallel` On parallel computers with distributed memory you can create a binary for parallel execution, if MPI is available. You can also create a sequential binary, which can only run on one processor.

In the VCS environment the creation of one or more certain binaries is fixed. Ask your administrator, if you want to change the default. Outside the VCS you can choose the

binary by modifying `Makefile`.

You can invoke a `make`-run by typing `make entry`. On batch-machines you can start a batch job for a `make`-run with `mk_batch entry`. Within VCS type `make help` for a list of available entries.

## 4.5 Running the Code

To run the code, an ASCII-file `INPUT` has to be provided that contains values for the `NAMELIST` variables. The form of this `INPUT` file is described in Chapters 6 and 7. This file is created by the provided run-scripts. See the manual for your system on how to invoke the binary created in the last step.

## Section 5

# Necessary Initial and Boundary Data for the COSMO-Model

This chapter lists all initial and boundary data which are necessary to run the COSMO-Model. Some of the data depend on special namelist settings in the COSMO-Model and the INT2LM, resp. This will be explained in detail.

### 5.1 Initial Data for the COSMO-Model

The data necessary to start the COSMO-Model can be divided into three groups:

#### 5.1.1 External parameters:

The COSMO-Model needs information about the lower boundary of the domain and also of some background fields, like ozone content. The necessary information is either provided by an *external parameter* file (see also Section 6.2), which is produced for a certain region and resolution or computed directly in the INT2LM.

#### Constant external parameters for the surface

The following constant external parameters are needed in any case to start a simulation with the COSMO-Model. They are provided in an external parameter file.

HSURF	Height of surface topography
FIS	(alternatively) Geopotential of surface
FR_LAND	Fraction of land in the grid cell
SOILTYP	Soil type of the land (keys 0-9)
Z0	Roughness length

Additional external parameters are provided, that can be used in selected components of the COSMO-Model. Older external parameter files might not carry these informations, therefore usage of the corresponding fields can be controlled by namelist switches. The names of these switches are the same in INT2LM and in the COSMO-Model.

#### *Subgrid scale orography scheme*

The sub-grid scale orography (SSO) scheme by Lott and Miller (1997) has been implemented in the COSMO-Model (from Version 4.5 on). It is also included in the DWD global model. The scheme deals explicitly with a low-level flow which is blocked when the sub-grid scale orography is sufficiently high. For this blocked flow separation occurs at the mountain flanks, resulting in a form drag. The upper part of the low-level flow is lead over the orography, while generating gravity waves. The following external parameters are necessary to run the subgrid scale orography scheme:

SSO_STDH	standard deviation of subgrid scale orography [m]
SSO_GAMMA	anisotropy of the orography [-]
SSO_THETA	angle between the principal axis of orography and east [rad]
SSO_SIGMA	mean slope of subgrid scale orography [-]

The usage of the subgrid scale orography scheme is controlled by the Namelist switch `lssso`.

#### *Topographical corrections in the radiation scheme*

Topographical corrections for radiation calculations have been introduced. The following external parameters are necessary to compute these corrections.

SKYVIEW	sky view [1]
SLO_ASP	slope aspect [rad]
SLO_ANG	slope angle [rad]
HORIZON	horizont array: The horizont is splitted in <code>nhor</code> sectors

The usage of the topographical corrections is controlled by the Namelist switch `lradtopo`. The field `HORIZON` is treated as threedimensional array with `nhor` levels. `nhor` is also read as a namelist parameter.

NOTE: The topographical corrections are not yet available in the official code of the COSMO-Model.

#### *External parameters for lakes*

The usage of lake fraction and lake depth can be controlled by the Namelist switch `llake`. Up to now, the COSMO software cannot provide external parameters for lakes. Only some

preliminary test files are available for Germany. Their usage can be switched off by setting `llake=.FALSE.` in INT2LM and the COSMO-Model. This is still the default.

FR_LAKE	lake fraction in a grid element [0,1]
DEPTH_LK	lake depth

#### *Minimum stomata resistance of plants*

Up to Version 4.10 the multi-layer soil model of the COSMO-Model used a constant minimum value of stomatal resistance for plants. Now an external map can be read, that provides values for every grid point. Its usage is controlled by the Namelist switch `lstomata`.

PRS_MIN	minimum stomata resistance of plants
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#### *Thermal radiative surface emissivity*

Up to Version 4.10 a constant value was used for the thermal radiative surface emissivity. Now an external map can be read, that provides values for every grid point. Its usage is controlled by the Namelist switch `lemiss`.

EMIS_RAD	thermal radiative surface emissivity
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#### *Ground fraction covered by forests*

The ground fraction covered by evergreen and deciduous forest, resp., can be used in the radiation scheme to determine the effect of snow covered forests on solar snow albedo. Their usage is controlled by the Namelist switch `lforest`.

FOR_E	ground fraction covered by evergreen forest
FOR_D	ground fraction covered by deciduous forest

### **Plant characteristics, ozone contents and aerosol types**

These external fields are usually held constant for the duration of a simulation for numerical weather prediction. In climate simulations they are updated together with the boundaries.

#### *Plant characteristics*

The following fields have to be provided by the external parameter data set. Depending on the chosen options they are read by the INT2LM, processed if necessary, and passed on to the COSMO-Model.

PLCOV_MX	plant cover data set for vegetation time
PLCOV_MN	plant cover data set for time of rest
PLCOV12	12 monthly climatological mean values for plant cover
LAI_MX	leaf area index data set for vegetation time
LAI_MN	leaf area index data set for time of rest
LAI12	12 monthly climatological mean values for leaf area index
ROOTDP	root depth
NDVI_MRAT	ratio of monthly mean normalized differential vegetation index to annual maximum for 12 months

There are several options to compute these fields. They are controlled by the namelist parameter `itype_ndvi` and `itype_rootdp`, resp. Possible values for `itype_ndvi` are:

- 0: Data sets for vegetation and for rest are read from the external parameter file for plant cover and the leaf area index. The actual values for a special day are computed by producing a sinus-type annual cycle.
- 1: Plant cover and leaf area index for the COSMO-Model and for a special day are produced by using only the data set for vegetation and an averaged normalized differential vegetation index (ndvi) ratio. This ndvi ratio is computed as a weighted mean between monthly mean values, which are taken from the external parameter data set for the COSMO-Model (provided by DWD in Grib1).
- 2: plant cover, leaf area index and roughness length for the COSMO-Model and for a special day are produced by using 12 monthly climatological mean values for plant cover, leaf area index and roughness length. These values are read from the external parameter data set for the COSMO-Model (provided by CLM in NetCDF).

For the root depth, just one dataset is given. The options for computing actual values are given by `itype_rootdp`:

- 0: input from external parameter for the COSMO-Model is taken and modified with an annual cycle.
- 1: input from external parameter for the COSMO-Model is taken as is but with a minimal value of 0.12.
- 2: input from external parameter for the COSMO-Model is taken and modified with an annual cycle. In addition, the values are adapted to ECOCLIMAP niveau.
- 3: input from external parameter for the COSMO-Model is taken and modified with an annual cycle but without maximum cut off.
- 4: input from external parameter for the COSMO-Model is taken without any modifications.

*Ozone contents*

VI03	Vertical integrated ozone content
HM03	Ozone maximum

*Aerosol characteristics*

The default treatment of aerosols in the COSMO-Model is by assuming constant values for aerosols in rural, urban or desert areas and over sea. Now, 12 monthly mean values of the following aerosol types can be read from the external parameters:

AER_S04	Tegen (1997) aerosol type sulfate drops
AER_DUST	Tegen (1997) aerosol type mineral dust
AER_ORG	Tegen (1997) aerosol type organic
AER_BC	Tegen (1997) aerosol type black carbon
AER_SS	Tegen (1997) aerosol type sea salt

What type of aerosols should be used for the COSMO-Model is controlled by the namelist parameter `itype_aerosol`:

- 0: Default: constant values are assumed in the COSMO-Model. No external parameters are read in INT2LM.
- 1: The 12 monthly mean values are read by INT2LM and actual values for a special day are computed by a linear interpolation between the corresponding months.

**5.1.2 Soil and surface variables:***Necessary surface variables*

T_SNOW	Temperature of snow surface
W_SNOW	Water content of snow
W_I	Water content of interception water
QV_S	Specific water vapor content at the surface
T_S	Temperature of surface

In an assimilation cycle, these variables are governed by the COSMO-Model, with regular updates by external analyses for T\_SNOW, W\_SNOW and W\_I (at 00, 06, 12 and 18 UTC) and for T\_S (at 00 UTC). The external analysis for T\_S updates the values only over sea.

If no assimilation cycle is used, the fields are interpolated from the coarse grid model.

#### *Necessary soil variables*

Which soil variables are necessary, depends on the usage of the soil model. For the multi-layer soil model, the following fields are necessary.

T_SO	Temperature of (multi-layer) soil levels
W_SO	Water content of (multi-layer) soil levels
FRESHSNW	Indicator for freshness of snow
RHO_SNOW	Prognostic snow density

In the COSMO-Model, the usage of the soil model is controlled by the namelist variable `lmulti_layer=.TRUE.`.

In INT2LM, the corresponding variable is `lmulti_layer_lm=.TRUE.`, which indicates, that the output of INT2LM has to be for the multi-layer soil model. There is also the namelist variable `lmulti_layer_in=.TRUE.`, which indicates, that the input (coarse grid) model also used a multi-layer soil model. This can only be true for the DWD models GME and COSMO-Model. No other model uses a comparable multi-layer soil model.

For the (old) two- or three-layer soil model, the following fields are necessary.

T_M	Temperature between upper and medium soil layer
T_CL	Temperature between medium and lower soil layer
WG_1	Water content of the upper soil layer
WG_2	Water content of the medium soil layer
WG_3 (*)	Water content of the lower soil layer
W_CL	Climatological water content of the lowest soil layer

These fields will be read by the COSMO-Model, if `lmulti_layer=.FALSE.` is set. In the INT2LM, `lmulti_layer_lm=.FALSE.` has to be used correspondingly. The field `WG_3` only is necessary, if `nlgw_ini=3` in the namelist input for the COSMO-Model.

If an assimilation cycle is used, the soil fields are governed by the COSMO-Model (no matter, which soil model is used). There is the possibility to run a *Soil Moisture Analysis*, which is not really an external analysis, but adapts the soil moisture in the upper level in a way, that the temperature forecast is adjusted to the observations.

If no assimilation cycle is used, the fields are interpolated from the coarse grid model.

### 5.1.3 Atmospheric variables:

The following atmospheric variables are necessary to initialize a COSMO-Model forecast.



U	Zonal wind speed
V	Meridional wind speed
W	Vertical wind speed (defined on half levels)
T	Temperature
PP	Pressure deviation from a reference pressure
QV	Specific water vapour content
QC	Specific cloud water content

Since the start of the development of the COSMO-Model, more humidity variables have been added to the set of equation. Since values for these fields are not available in older data sets or from certain coarse grid models, their usage can be controlled by specific namelist settings. In the following table, the 3rd column gives the namelist variable in the COSMO-Model, the last column the corresponding namelist variable in the INT2LM. **ana** indicates, that the corresponding variable refers to the *analysis* or initial file.

QI	Specific cloud ice content	lana_qi	lprog_qi
QR	Specific rain content	lana_qr_qs	lprog_qr_qs
QS	Specific snow content	lana_qr_qs	lprog_qr_qs
QG	Specific graupel content	lana_qg	lprog_qg

In an assimilation cycle all these fields are updated by the nudging analysis. If no assimilation cycle is used, they are interpolated from the coarse grid model.

## 5.2 Boundary Data for the COSMO-Model

The necessary boundary data for the COSMO-Model are the atmospheric variables and some surface variables. Boundary values have to be provided also for the old two-layer soil model. Some special considerations have to be done for the climate mode.

### 5.2.1 Soil and surface variables:

*Necessary surface variables*

These fields are needed in any case:

T_SNOW	Temperature of snow surface
W_SNOW	Water content of snow
QV_S	Specific water vapor content at the surface

If the old two-layer soil model is used, also the following variables have to be provided:

T_S	Temperature of the surface
T_M	Temperature between upper and medium soil layer
WG_1	Water content of the upper soil layer
WG_2	Water content of the medium soil layer
WG_3 (*)	Water content of the lower soil layer

The field WG\_3 only is necessary, if `nlgw_bd=3` in the namelist input for the COSMO-Model.

### 5.2.2 Atmospheric variables:

The following atmospheric variables are necessary boundary fields for the COSMO-Model.

U	Zonal wind speed
V	Meridional wind speed
W (*)	Vertical wind speed (defined on half levels)
T	Temperature
PP	Pressure deviation from a reference pressure
QV	Specific water vapour content
QC	Specific cloud water content

Depending on the variable `lw_freeslip` in the namelist input for the COSMO-Model, also the vertical wind speed has to be provided. If `lw_freeslip=.TRUE.`, a free-slip condition is

implemented, which does NOT need boundary values. If `lw_freeslip=.FALSE.`, boundary values have to be provided. In INT2LM the namelist variable `lvertwind_bd=.TRUE.` has to be set in this case.

Whether boundary values can be provided by the coarse grid model for the other humidity variables, can be controlled by the namelist variables given in the next table (3rd column: COSMO-Model; last column: INT2LM).

QI	Specific cloud ice content	llb_qi	lprog_qi
QR	Specific rain content	llb_qr_qs	lprog_qr_qs
QS	Specific snow content	llb_qr_qs	lprog_qr_qs
QG	Specific graupel content	llb_qg	lprog_qg

### 5.2.3 Special considerations for the climate mode

If the COSMO-Model is run in climate mode, additional fields are necessary for the boundary updates, depending on the options chosen:

PLCOV	Plant cover
LAI	Leaf area index
ROOTDP	Root depth
VI03	Vertical integrated ozone content
HMO3	Ozone maximum
T_S	Temperature of surface and only if <code>itype_aerosol = 2</code>
AER_SO4	Tegen (1997) aerosol type sulfate drops
AER_DUST	Tegen (1997) aerosol type mineral dust
AER_ORG	Tegen (1997) aerosol type organic
AER_BC	Tegen (1997) aerosol type black carbon
AER_SS	Tegen (1997) aerosol type sea salt

## Section 6

# Input Files for the INT2LM

The INT2LM requires several input files.

- An ASCII-file, called `INPUT`, that contains the namelist variables. The form of this file is described in Section 6.1 The namelist groups, the variables, their meanings and possible values are described in Chapter 7.
- 2 files with external parameters for the COSMO-Model and for the coarse grid model. These files can be in Grib(1) or NetCDF format.
- Files from the coarse grid model to compute the initial and/or boundary values. The name of these files are described in Section 6.5. These files can be in Grib(1) or NetCDF format. If GME is used and the GME-files contain data that were selected by a bitmap, this bitmap must also be provided to INT2LM.

### 6.1 File for Namelist Input

The INT2LM uses `NAMELIST`-input to specify runtime parameters. The parameters are split-  
ted into the groups

- `CONTRL` – parameters for the model run
- `GRID_IN` – specifying the domain and the size of the coarse grid
- `LMGRID` – specifying the domain and the size of the COSMO-Model grid
- `DATABASE` – specifying a database job
- `DATA` – controlling the grib input and output
- `PRICTR` – controlling grid point output

The program provides default values for all parameters. To change a default value, an appropriate `NAMELIST` statement has to appear in the ASCII-file `INPUT`. The form of a `NAMELIST` statement depends on the specific platform you are using but is always similar to the following (refer to the Language Reference Manual of your system):

1. The ampersand (&) character, followed immediately by the name of the namelist group.
2. A sequence of zero or more
 

```
parameter=value,
```

 statements.
3. / to terminate the NAMELIST group.

*Example:*

In the following example new values are set for the parameters in the Namelist group `lmgrid`:

```
&LMGRID
  startlat_tot = -10.4, startlon_tot = -3.025,
  pollat=32.5,      pollon=-170.0,
  dlat=0.025,       dlon=0.025,
  ielm_tot=72,      jelm_tot=92,
/
```

For a complete reference of all NAMELIST parameters see Chapter 7. An example INPUT-file can be seen in Figure 7.1.

## 6.2 External Parameters

For both models, the coarse grid input model and the COSMO-Model, external parameters are required to perform the interpolations. The necessary and / or available external parameters for the COSMO-Model are listed in Section 5.1

If the file with the external parameters for the COSMO-Model does not exist, they could be interpolated from the coarse grid model. But this works only for the configuration GME → COSMO. Note, that this is not recommended for practical simulations!

*Necessary parameters for the coarse grid model*

HSURF	Height of surface topography
FIS	(alternatively) Geopotential of surface
FR_LAND	Fraction of land in the grid cell
SOILTYP (*)	Soil type of the land (keys 0-9)

The soil type of some coarse grid models is not compatible to the soil types used in the COSMO-Model. These soil types are not used.

If external parameters for the COSMO-Model have to be interpolated from the coarse grid model, the following parameters are also necessary:

Z0	Roughness length
PLCOV	(Actual) plant cover during vegetation period
ROOTDP	(Actual) root depth

## 6.3 External Parameter Files for the COSMO-Model

External parameter files for the COSMO-Model are provided for different rotated coordinates, resolutions and domains. The following table shows the different files available from DWD's ftp-server with a short characterization. The filename contains information about the domain (d0, d1, d3, d5), the resolution in meters (\_07000\_ for about 7000 meters) and the size of the fields in grid points (961x769).

These files already contain the external parameters for the Subgrid Scale Orography scheme. External parameters for minimum stomata resistance of plants, the thermal radiative surface emissivity, the normalized differential vegetation index and mean values for the aerosol types are not yet provided. because the corresponding code parts are still under testing and evaluation at DWD. These parameters will be provided to the public later on.

lm_d0_02800_1605x1605.g1	dlat = dlon = 0.025 (*)
lm_d1_07000_961x769.g1	dlat = dlon = 0.0625
lm_d1_07000_961x769_new.g1	dlat = dlon = 0.0625 (*)
lm_d1_07000_961x769.g1_2009121700	dlat = dlon = 0.0625 (**)
lm_d1_14000_481x385.g1	dlat = dlon = 0.125
lm_d1_14000_481x385.g1_2009121700	dlat = dlon = 0.125 (**)
lm_d1_21000_321x257.g1	dlat = dlon = 0.1875
lm_d1_21000_321x257.g1_2009121700	dlat = dlon = 0.1875 (**)
lm_d1_28000_241x193.g1	dlat = dlon = 0.25
lm_d1_28000_241x193.g1_2009121700	dlat = dlon = 0.25 (**)
lm_d1_56000_121x113.g1	dlat = dlon = 0.5
lm_d1_56000_121x113.g1_2009121700	dlat = dlon = 0.5 (**)
lm_d5_07000_965x773.g1	dlat = dlon = 0.0625 (*)
lm_d5_07000_965x773.g1_2009121700	dlat = dlon = 0.0625 (**)
lm_d5_14000_483x387.g1	dlat = dlon = 0.125 (*)
lm_d5_14000_483x387.g1_2009121700	dlat = dlon = 0.125 (**)

The domains d1 are for a rotated grid with `pollat=32.5` and `pollon=-170.0`. Domains d0 and d5 are for a rotated grid with `pollat=40.0` and `pollon=-170.0`. `pollat` and `pollon` give the coordinates of the rotated north pole in real geographical coordinates. Files indicated by (\*) are produced using a newer raw data set. Files indicated by (\*\*) also are produced with the newer raw data set and they contain the SSO-parameters.

The area covered by the different domains is given in the next table.

	Rotated coordinates				Geographical coordinates			
	startlat	endlat	startlon	endlon	startlat	endlat	startlon	endlon
d0	-20.05	20.05	-20.05	20.05	27.11 N	63.69 N	11.21 W	56.59 E
d1	-38.75	9.25	-26.75	33.25	14.54 N	51.49 N	11.26 W	70.36 E
d5	-24.125	24.125	-30.125	30.125	20.00 N	60.16 N	19.17 W	77.01 E

External parameter files can be produced by DWD on request, if the domain (in rotated coordinates), the rotation (`pollat`, `pollon`) and the size of the domain (in grid points) is specified. Depending on the available raw data set, the highest possible resolution is about 2 km (`dlat=dlon=0.02`).

In the CLM-Community there is work going on to produce a preprocessor for the external parameters called PEP (Preparation of External Parameters). This preprocessor will use the DWD software, but add some own functionality, like the use of the ECOCLIMAP data set.

## 6.4 Available External Parameter Files for the GME

For DWD's global model GME, the following external parameter files are available on the ftp-server:

<code>invar_i128a</code>	resolution about 60 km
<code>invar_i192a</code>	resolution about 40 km
<code>invar_i192a..new</code>	resolution about 40 km; new raw data set

The file `invar_i192a..new` must be used for GME data after October, 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 12 UTC!

## 6.5 Conventions for File Names

The initial and boundary fields needed for the model are provided either in Grib or in NetCDF format. Also for the output files, one can choose between Grib or NetCDF. Restart files are written in binary format with full precision. There is one file for the initial fields and also for every set of boundary fields. The following conventions apply for the filenames.

A file name for the COSMO-Model or the INT2LM has the general form

```

yheader // ydate // yextension           (for Grib files),
or
yheader // ydate // yextension // '.nc'  (for NetCDF files),

```

where `yheader`, `ydate` and `yextension` have the following meaning:

`yheader`: File header (3 characters)

- first character: specifies the model
  - g**: GME (global model)
  - l**: COSMO-Model
  - e**: ECMWF model IFS (Integrated Forecast System)
  - c**: A general (global) climate model
- second character:
  - a**: analysis file (uninitialized)
  - i**: analysis file (initialized)
  - b**: boundary file
  - f**: forecast files
  - r**: restart files
- third character: specifies the region covered by the data
  - f**: full model domain
  - s**: subdomain

**ydate**: There are two forms of specifying the date, either with the full date or relative to the start date:

- In the name of analysis files (second character in the header **a** or **i**) the full date is specified: **ydate** = 'yyyymmddhh' with **yyyy**: year; **mm**: month; **dd**: day; **hh**: hour.

*Example:*

1af1992072100 COSMO-Model, uninitialized analysis for full model domain  
from July, 21st, 1992.

- In forecast, boundary or restart files, **ydate** consists of a single character (the time unit of forecast range, **ytunit**), followed by a string.

**ydate** = **ytunit** // 'string'

Depending on **ytunit**, the string has the following meaning:

- t**: timestep mode: forecast range given in timesteps
- f**: forecast mode: the forecast range is given in the form **ddhhmmss**, where **dd**: day, **hh**: hour, **mm**: minute, **ss**: second
- c**: climate mode: the forecast range is given in the form **yyyddhh**, where **yyy**: year, **ddd**: day of the year, **hh**: hour
- d**: day mode: the full date is given in the form 'yyyymmddhh', where **yyyy**: year; **mm**: month; **dd**: day; **hh**: hour

**yextension** (1 character, optional): Extension, e.g. data interpolated from model to pressure levels.

*Examples:*



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1bff00050000	COSMO-Model, file with boundary values for hour 5
1fff01233000	COSMO-Model, forecast at day 1, 23 hours and 30 minutes.
1rff01000000	COSMO-Model, restart file for day 1.

## Section 7

# Namelist Input for INT2LM

The execution of INT2LM can be controlled by 6 NAMELIST-groups:

- CONTRL – parameters for the model run
- GRID\_IN – specifying the domain and the size of the coarse grid
- LMGRID – specifying the domain and the size of the LM grid
- DATABASE – specification of database job
- DATA – controlling the grib input and output
- PRICTR – controlling grid point output

All NAMELIST-groups have to appear in the input file INPUT in the order given above. Every group is read in a special subroutine called `input_groupname`. These subroutines set default values for all parameters and check most parameters that have been changed for correctness and consistency.

The NAMELIST variables can be specified by the user in the run-scripts for the INT2LM, which then create the INPUT file. An example of INPUT is shown in Figure 7.1.

```

&CONTRL
  ydate_ini='2012051400', ydate_bd='2012051312',
  hstart=0.0, hstop=6.0, hincbound=1.0,
  linitial=.TRUE., lboundaries=.TRUE.,
  nprocx=4, nprocy=8, nprocio=0, lreorder=.FALSE.,
  yinput_model='GME',
  lfilter_oro=.TRUE., eps_filter=0.1,
  ilow_pass_oro=1, ilow_pass_xso=0, rxso_mask=0.0,
  lfilter_pp=.FALSE., lbalance_pp=.FALSE., norder_filter=5,
  lmulti_layer_in=.TRUE., lmulti_layer_lm=.TRUE., lprog_rho_snow=.TRUE.,
  lprog_qi=.TRUE., lprog_qr\qs=.TRUE., luvcor=.TRUE.,
  lsso=.TRUE., lforest=.TRUE., llake=.FALSE., lbdclim=.FALSE.,
  itype_ndvi=0, idbg_level=2,
/
&GRID_IN
  ni_gme = 384, i3e_gme = 60, kcontrol_fi =15, ke_soil_in=7,
/
&LMGRID
  startlat_tot = -20.0, startlon_tot = -18.0,
  pollat=40.0,      pollon=-170.0,
  dlon=0.0625,     dlat=0.0625,
  ielm_tot=665,    jelm_tot=657,      kelm_tot=40,
  ke_soil_lm=7, ivctype=2, irefatm=2, delta_t=75.0, h_scal=10000.0,
/
&DATABASE
/
&DATA
  ie_ext=965, je_ext=773,
  ylmext_lfn='lm_d5_07000_965x773.sso.mol.g1',
  ylmext_cat='/e/rhome/routfor/routfox/lm/const/',
  yinext_lfn='invar.i384a',
  yinext_form_read='grb1',
  yinext_cat='/e/rhome/routfor/routfox/gme/const/',
  yin_form_read='grb1',
  yin_cat='/e/uscratch/uschaett/GME/data/',
  ybitmap_cat='/e/uscratch/uschaett/GME/bitmaps/'
  ybitmap_lfn='bitmp888',
  nbitmap=48000,
  ylm_cat='/e/uscratch/uschaett/COSMO_EU_input/'
  nprocess_ini = 131, nprocess_bd = 132,
  nl_soil_in=2, nl_soil_lm=2,
  l_ke_in_gds=.TRUE.,
/
&PRICTR
  lchkin=.TRUE., lchkout=.TRUE.,
/

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Figure 7.1: Example file INPUT

## 7.1 CONTRL — Parameters for the Model Run

### Initial time and forecast range

Name	Type	Meaning	Default
ydate_ini	CHAR	start of the forecast	' '
ydate_bd	CHAR	start of the forecast of the boundary model (if older forecast data shall be used)	' '
itype_calendar	LOG	to specify a certain type of calender  0: gregorian calendar (at the moment we still have the Julian calendar)  1: every year has 360 days  2: every year has 365 days	0
hstart	REAL	start of the forecast in hours	0.0
hstop	REAL	end of the forecast in hours	0.0
hincbound	REAL	time increment (in hours)	0.0
nincwait	INT	seconds to wait until next attempt if a ready file is not available	0
nmaxwait	INT	maximum seconds to wait until abort if a ready file is not available	0
ytrans_in	CHAR	directory for reading ready-files	' '
ytrans_out	CHAR	directory for writing ready-files	' '

**Domain decomposition and parallelization**

Name	Type	Meaning	Default
<code>nprocx</code>	INT	number of PEs in $x$ -direction of the LM-grid	1
<code>nprocy</code>	INT	number of PEs in $y$ -direction of the LM-grid	1
<code>nprocio</code>	INT	number of extra PEs for asynchronous I/O	0
<code>nboundlines</code>	INT	number of boundary lines of a subdomain	1
<code>lreorder</code>	LOG	if <code>.TRUE.</code> , the PEs can be reordered for the cartesian MPI-communicator	<code>.TRUE.</code>
<code>lasync_io</code>	LOG	to run the model with extra (asynchronous) processors for I/O	<code>.FALSE.</code>
<code>ldatatypes</code>	LOG	if <code>.TRUE.</code> , MPI-Datatypes for some communications shall be used	<code>.FALSE.</code>
<code>ncomm_type</code>	INT	type of communication	1

## Basic Control

Name	Type	Definition / Purpose / Comments	Default
lgme2lm	LOG	eliminated from Version 1.14 on, now yinput_model='GME'	.TRUE.
lec2lm	LOG	eliminated from Version 1.14 on, now yinput_model='IFS'	.FALSE.
llm2lm	LOG	eliminated from Version 1.14 on, now yinput_model='GME'	.FALSE.
lum2lm	LOG	eliminated from Version 1.14 on, now yinput_model='UMR' and yinput_model='UMG'	.FALSE.
lcm2lm	LOG	eliminated from Version 1.14 on, now yinput_model='CM'	.FALSE.
yinput_model	CHAR*5	string to identify the input model; valid options: 'COSMO' : limited area model COSMO 'GFS' : Global Forecast System (GFS) of NCAR 'GME' : Global Model (GME) of the DWD 'GSM' : Global Spectral Model (GSM) of the JMA 'HIRLM' : limited area model HIRLAM (introduced in 1.20) 'IFS' : Integrated Forecast System (IFS) of ECMWF 'UMG' : global Unified Model of the UK Met. Office (introduced in 1.20) 'UMR' : regional Unified Model of the UK Met. Office (introduced in 1.20) 'CM' : climate model standard format	' '
lanafg	LOG	eliminated from Version 1.9 on. Use analyses as input data (first guess)	.FALSE.
linitial	LOG	compute initial data for the COSMO-Model	.FALSE.
lboundaries	LOG	compute lateral boundaries for the COSMO-Model	.TRUE.
lbdclim	LOG	produce additional boundary fields that are needed for long term simulations.	.FALSE.
leps_bc	LOG	produce boundary data for ensemble mode	.FALSE.
lseaice	LOG	interpolate sea ice variables from GME to COSMO-Model	.FALSE.
luvcor	LOG	correct winds for given surface pressure tendency	.TRUE.

Name	Type	Definition / Purpose / Comments	Default
<code>l_chemistry</code>	LOG	switch to process additional chemistry fields <b>Eliminated in Version 1.22</b> - Replaced by:	
<code>l_art</code>	LOG	switch to process additional fields for COSMO-ART	<code>.FALSE.</code>
<code>l_art_nested</code>	LOG	switch to process additional fields for COSMO-ART in case of nesting runs	<code>.FALSE.</code>
<code>l_smi</code>	LOG	switch for using an optional interpolation for the soil humidity	<code>.FALSE.</code>
<code>lmixcld</code>	LOG	switch for using an optional treatment of the humidity	<code>.FALSE.</code>
<code>l_cressman</code>	LOG	switch for using a cressman scheme during 'M'atch interpolation	<code>.FALSE.</code>
<code>l_bicub_spl</code>	LOG	switch for using a bicubic spline interpolation	<code>.FALSE.</code>
<code>idbg_level</code>	INT	Selects the verbosity of ASCII output during a model run. The higher the value, the more debug output is written to standard output.	2
<code>lprintdeb_all</code>	LOG	In most cases, the debug output is only written from one processor (with ID=0). With <code>lprintdeb_all=.TRUE.</code> , all processors will print the debug output.	<code>.FALSE.</code>
<code>ltime_proc</code>	LOG	detailed timings of the program (per PE)	<code>.FALSE.</code>
<code>ltime_mean</code>	LOG	detailed timings of the program (mean value)	<code>.FALSE.</code>
<code>lroutine</code>	LOG	run the program as routine-job	<code>.FALSE.</code>

### Controlling use of additional external parameters

Name	Type	Meaning	Default
lforest	LOG	read external parameters for the ground fraction of evergreen and deciduous forest	.FALSE.
lemiss	LOG	read a map from the external parameters for the thermal radiative surface emissivity	.FALSE.
lssso	LOG	read external parameters for the subgrid scale orography scheme	.FALSE.
lrادتopo	LOG	read external parameters for the topographic corrections of radiation	.FALSE.
nhoriz	INT	number of sectors for the horizon array used by the topographic correction of the radiation	24
lstomata	LOG	read a map from the external parameters for the minimum stomata resistance of plants	.FALSE.
llake	LOG	read and process external parameters for lakes	.FALSE.
llake_coldstart	LOG	initialize prognostic lake variables for cold start	.FALSE.
lurban	LOG	read and process external parameters for an urban module. <b>NOTE:</b> An urban module is NOT official COSMO code but has to be implemented on your own!	.FALSE.



## Control over variables that have to be written for the COSMO-Model

Name	Type	Definition / Purpose / Comments	Default
lvertwind_ini	LOG	compute vertical wind for initial data	.TRUE.
lvertwind_bd	LOG	compute vertical wind for boundary data	.FALSE.
lprog_qi	LOG	compute initial and boundary values for the cloud ice scheme	.FALSE.
lprog_qrqs	LOG	Renamed to lprog_qr_qs in Version 1.22	
lprog_qr_qs	LOG	compute initial and boundary values for rain and snow	.FALSE.
lprog_qg	LOG	compute initial and boundary values for the graupel scheme	.FALSE.
qvmin	REAL	security minimum value for water vapor	1E-12
qcmin	REAL	security minimum value for cloud water	1E-12
qimin	REAL	security minimum value for cloud ice content	1E-12
lmulti_layer_lm	LOG	compute fields for multi-layer soil model	.FALSE.
lmulti_layer_in	LOG	use multi-layer soil model variables from input fields	.FALSE.
lprog_rho_snow	LOG	read and interpolate the snow density to the COSMO-Model grid	.FALSE.
itype_w_so_rel	INT	to select the type of relative soil moisture input 0: use an artificial profile relative to the pore volume 1: relative to pore volume (read from coarse grid data) 2: relative to field capacity (read from coarse grid data) 3: the soil moisture profile in relation to the pore volume is kept constant below the deepest layer of the input soil model 4: the soil moisture profile related to field capacity is kept constant below the deepest layer of the input soil model	0
itype_t_c1	INT	to select the source for the deep soil (climatological) temperature 0: take t_c1 from coarse grid model. 1: take t_c1 from the external parameters for the COSMO-Model	0

Name	Type	Definition / Purpose / Comments	Default
itype_rootdp	INT	<p>to select the treatment of the external parameter for root depth</p> <p>0: input from external parameter for the COSMO-Model is taken and modified with an annual cycle.</p> <p>1: input from external parameter for the COSMO-Model is taken as is but with a maximal value of 0.12.</p> <p>2: input from external parameter for the COSMO-Model is taken and modified with an annual cycle. In addition, the values are adapted to ECOCLIMAP niveau.</p> <p>3: input from external parameter for the COSMO-Model is taken and modified with an annual cycle but without maximum cut off.</p> <p>4: input from external parameter for the COSMO-Model is taken without modifications.</p>	0
itype_aerosol	INT	<p>to select the treatment of plant cover and leaf area index:</p> <p>1: No additional fields for aerosol types are read from the external parameters. The COSMO-Model has to run with constant values for the aerosol distribution on rural areas, urban areas, desert areas or the sea.</p> <p>2: Additional external parameters for the aerosol types of sulfat, mineral dust, organic, black carbon and sea salt are read as monthly mean values. Actual values for the current day are computed and given to the COSMO-Model.</p>	1

Name	Type	Definition / Purpose / Comments	Default
<code>itype_ndvi</code>	INT	<p>to select the treatment of plant cover and leaf area index:</p> <p>0: plant cover and leaf area index for the COSMO-Model and for a special day are produced by using the data sets for vegetation and for rest and modify these with an annual cycle.</p> <p>1: plant cover and leaf area index for the COSMO-Model and for a special day are produced by using only the data set for vegetation and an averaged ndvi ratio. This ndvi ratio is computed as a weighted mean between monthly mean values, which are taken from the external parameter data set for the COSMO-Model (provided by DWD in Grib1).</p> <p>2: plant cover, leaf area index and z0 for the COSMO-Model and for a special day are produced by using 12 monthly climatological mean values for plant cover, leaf area index and roughness length. These values are read from the external parameter data set for the COSMO-Model (provided by CLM in NetCDF).</p>	0
<code>itype_albedo</code>	INT	<p>Switch to choose the type of solar surface albedo.</p> <p>This parameter has been introduced in Version 1.19.</p> <p>1: surface albedo is a function of soiltype (method up to now and still default)</p> <p>2: surface albedo is determined by two external fields for dry and for saturated soil.</p> <p>3: A background albedo is prescribed by external fields, which give average values for every month.</p> <p>4: The vegetation albedo is modified by forest fraction.</p>	1
<code>lt_cl_corr</code>	LOG	if <code>.TRUE.</code> , perform an alternative height correction for <code>t_cl</code>	<code>.FALSE.</code>

Name	Type	Definition / Purpose / Comments	Default
luse_t_skin	LOG	if .TRUE., use ECMWF skin temperature for surface	.FALSE.
lante_0006	LOG	if .TRUE., force to use ECMWF dataset before 27 June 2000	.FALSE.
lpost_0006	LOG	if .TRUE., force to use ECMWF dataset after 27 June 2000	.FALSE.

### Treatment of orography and filtering

Name	Type	Meaning	Default
lfilter_oro	LOG	if .TRUE., filter the orography	.FALSE.
lfilter_pp	LOG	if .TRUE., filter the pressure deviation after vertical interpolation	.FALSE.
lbalance_pp	LOG	if .TRUE., compute a hydrostatic balanced pp after vertical interpolation in LM2LM	.FALSE.
eps_filter	REAL	parameter for filtering the orography	10.0
norder_filter	INT	order of the orography filtering	1
ilow_pass_oro	INT	type of low-pass filter for orography	1
numfilt_oro	INT	number of sequential applications of filter	1
ilow_pass_xso	INT	type of low-pass filter for extra smoothing of steep orography	0
numfilt_xso	INT	number of sequential applications of xso filter	1
lxso_first	LOG	do an extra smoothing of orography first	.FALSE.
rxso_mask	REAL	mask for extra smoothing of steep orography	0.0
rfill_valley	REAL	mask for valley filling	0.0
ifill_valley	REAL	type of valley filling	1
l_topo_z	LOG	additional smoothing of the topography for LM.Z	.FALSE.
llbc_smooth	LOG	run with a smooth orography transition at the lateral boundaries	.FALSE.
nlbc_smooth	INT	number of grid points for a smooth orography transition at the lateral boundaries	.FALSE.

## 7.2 GRID\_IN — Specifying the Domain and the Size of the coarse Grid

`grid_in` contains variables that specify the size and resolution of the coarse grid.

Name	Type	Meaning	Default
<code>ni_gme</code>	INT	resolution of GME	128
<code>i3e_gme</code>	INT	number of levels in the vertical	51
<code>kcontrol_fi</code>	INT	control level for geopotential	15
<code>ie_in_tot</code>	INT	<code>ie</code> for input grid (total domain)	141
<code>je_in_tot</code>	INT	<code>je</code> for input grid (total domain)	71
<code>ke_in_tot</code>	INT	<code>ke</code> for input grid (total domain)	60
<code>nlevskip</code>	INT	number of missing levels in input grid	0
<code>ke_soil_in</code>	INT	number of levels in multi-layer soil input model	6
<code>czml_soil_in</code>	REAL	depth of bottom level of soil input layers. The default specification is (in cm) / 0.005, 0.02, 0.06, 0.18, 0.54, 1.62, 4.86, 14.58 /	see left
<code>pcontrol_fi</code>	REAL	pressure of control level for geopotential	-1.0
<code>pollat_in</code>	REAL	geographical latitude of rotated north pole (in degrees, north > 0)	90.0
<code>pollon_in</code>	REAL	geographical longitude of rotated north pole (in degrees, east > 0)	180.0
<code>dlon_in</code>	REAL	Mesh size in east-west direction	0.5
<code>dlat_in</code>	REAL	Mesh size in north-south direction	0.5
<code>startlat_in_tot</code>	REAL	latitude of the lower left grid point of the input domain (in degrees, north > 0, rotated coordinates)	-35.0
<code>startlon_in_tot</code>	REAL	longitude of the lower left grid point of the input domain (in degrees, east > 0, rotated coordinates)	-30.0
<code>endlat_in_tot</code>	REAL	latitude of the upper right grid point of the input domain (in degrees, north > 0, rotated coordinates)	0.0
<code>endlon_in_tot</code>	REAL	longitude of the upper right grid point of the input domain (in degrees, east > 0, rotated coordinates)	-40.0
<code>p0sl_in</code>	REAL	constant reference pressure on sea-level	10000.0

Name	Type	Meaning	Default
t0sl_in	REAL	constant reference temperature on sea-level	288.15
dt0lp_in	REAL	$d(t_0) / d(\ln p_0)$	42.0
lushift_in	LOG	shift of u-velocity due to grid staggering	.FALSE.
lvshift_in	LOG	shift of v-velocity due to grid staggering	.FALSE.
east_add_in	INT	add an extra column to the east	0
west_add_in	INT	add an extra column to the west	0
south_add_in	INT	add an extra column to the south	0
north_add_in	INT	add an extra column to the north	0

## 7.3 LMGRID — Specifying the Domain and the Model Grid

`lmgrid` contains variables that specify the model domain in the rotated grid and the size of the total domain.

Name	Type	Definition / Purpose / Comments	Default
<code>pollat</code>	REAL	geographical latitude of rotated north pole (in degrees, north > 0)	32.5
<code>pollon</code>	REAL	geographical longitude of rotated north pole (in degrees, east > 0)	-170.0
<code>polgam</code>	REAL	Angle between the north poles of two rotated grids (in degrees, east > 0); necessary for transformation from one rotated grid to another rotated grid	0.0
<code>dlon</code>	REAL	Mesh size in east-west direction	0.0625
<code>dlat</code>	REAL	Mesh size in north-south direction	0.0625
<code>startlat_tot</code>	REAL	latitude of the lower left grid point of the total domain (in degrees, north > 0, rotated coordinates)	-14.375
<code>startlon_tot</code>	REAL	longitude of the lower left grid point of the total domain (in degrees, east > 0, rotated coordinates)	-6.875
<code>ielm_tot</code>	INT	number of gridpoints of the total domain in east-west direction	213
<code>jelm_tot</code>	INT	number of gridpoints of the total domain in north-south direction	213
<code>kelm_tot</code>	INT	number of gridpoints of the total domain in vertical direction	20
<code>ke_soil_lm</code>	INT	number of levels in multi-layer soil model for the COSMO-Model	6
<code>czml_soil_lm</code>	REAL	depth of bottom level of soil layers for the COSMO-Model. The default specification is / 0.005, 0.02, 0.06, 0.18, 0.54, 1.62, 4.86, 14.58 /	see left
<code>czvw_so_lm</code>	REAL	artificial volumetric soil water content profile for the COSMO-Model.	/0.75/

Name	Type	Definition / Purpose / Comments	Default
<code>irefatm</code>	INT	<p>type of reference atmosphere</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1: Default as used up to now</li> <li>2: The reference atmosphere is based on a temperature profile</li> </ol> $t_0(z) = (t_{0sl} - \Delta t) + \Delta t \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-z}{h_{scal}}\right),$ <p>where <math>z = \text{hhl}(\mathbf{k})</math> is the height of a model grid point. If this option is used, the values for <math>\Delta t = \text{delta\_t}</math> and <math>h_{scal} = \text{h\_scal}</math> have also to be set.</p>	1
<code>lanalyt_calc_t0p0</code>	LOG	if set to <code>.TRUE.</code> , the values for the reference state of $t_0$ and $p_0$ are computed analytically. If it is set to <code>.FALSE.</code> , they are only averaged between the half levels.	<code>.FALSE.</code>
<code>ivctype</code>	INT	<p>kind of vertical coordinate system</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1: reference pressure based hybrid coordinate.</li> <li>2: height based hybrid Gal-Chen coordinate.</li> <li>3: height based hybrid SLEVE coordinate. In comparison to option 2, there is an additional blending to a smoothed orography before blending to horizontal coordinates at the height given by the parameter <code>vcflat</code> below. (not extensively tested). The exact blending behaviour can be influenced by the parameters <code>svc1</code> and <code>svc2</code> below.</li> </ol>	2
<code>lnewVGrid</code>	INT	to indicate, that a new vertical grid file HHL has to be created	<code>.FALSE.</code>
<code>vcflat</code>	REAL	coordinate value where system changes back to z-system	0.220



Name	Type	Definition / Purpose / Comments	Default
vcoord.d	REAL	<p>vertical coordinate parameter list of pressure (<code>ivctype=1</code>) or height (<code>ivctype=2</code> or <code>ivctype=3</code>) values. The usage of the fortran utility <code>vcoord.f90</code> for preparation of the parameter values is recommended.</p> <p>For <code>ivctype=1</code>, values have to cover the range 0 to 1 in increasing order (<math>\sigma</math> coordinates). For <code>ivctype=2</code>, values are heights in m and have to be in decreasing order from the desired model top height down to 0.0 m.</p> <p>Some default sets of height values already exist in the source code for <code>ivctype=1</code> and <code>kelm.tot=20,32,35,40</code> and <code>ivctype=2</code> and <code>kelm.tot=20,35,40,50</code>.</p> <p>If one of these sets should be used, only specify the respective <code>kelm.tot</code> and <code>ivctype</code> and leave <code>vcoord.d</code> out.</p>	(missing)
p0sl	REAL	constant reference pressure on sea-level	10000.0
t0sl	REAL	constant reference temperature on sea-level	288.15
dt0lp	REAL	$d(t_0) / d(\ln p_0)$	42.0
delta_t	REAL	temperature difference between sea level and stratosphere (for <code>irefatm=2</code> )	75.0
h_scal	REAL	scale height (for <code>irefatm=2</code> )	10000.0
svc1	REAL	decay rate for large-scale part of topography	10000.0
svc2	REAL	decay rate for small-scale part of topography	10000.0
nfltv	REAL	number of filter applications for topo decomposition	100

## 7.4 DATABASE — Specification of Database Job

Name	Type	Meaning	Default
yinit_order	CHAR	string for initializing csodaban	'ak=nix'
yana_tab	CHAR	database for initial data	'*****'
ybd_tab	CHAR	database for boundary data	'*****'
nout_sockets	INT	number of sockets for database output per PE (0 means File-IO)	0
nin_sockets	INT	number of sockets for database input per PE (0 means File-IO; has to be $\leq 1$ )	0
iretry	INT	number of seconds to retry on database failure	0
ibackup_size	INT	size of incore backup space (in bytes) by a database failure	-1
ybackup_dir	CHAR	directory for outcore backup	'.'
idbg_level	INT	debug level for mpe_io	0

## 7.5 DATA – Controlling the Grib Input and Output

General control variables:

Name	Type	Meaning	Default
<code>ncenter</code>	INT	originating center identification	78
<code>nprocess_ini</code>	INT	generating process identification for initial values	131
<code>nprocess_bd</code>	INT	generating process identification for boundary values	132
<code>nrbit</code>	INT	pack-rate for the grib code (in bit)	16
<code>nbitmap</code>	INT	user dimension for bitmaps	6000*2
<code>nl_soil_lm</code>	INT	number of prognostic soil water levels for the COSMO data	2
<code>nl_soil_in</code>	INT	number of prognostic soil water levels for the input data	2
<code>nvers</code>	INT	for documenting purposes (mainly in GRIB-Code)	1
<code>ymode_read</code>	CHAR	specify open mode for reading	'r '
<code>ymode_write</code>	CHAR	specify open mode for writing	'w '
<code>yvarini</code>	CHAR	list of variables for LM initial data	
<code>yvarbd</code>	CHAR	list of variables for LM boundary data	
<code>l_ke_in_gds</code>	LOG	write the number of vertical levels explicitly to the grid description section	.FALSE.
<code>ytunit_in</code>	CHAR	time unit for input data	'f'
<code>ytunit_out</code>	CHAR	time unit for output data	'f'
<code>yinput_type</code>	CHAR	type of input data	'forecast'
		'forecast' forecast data	
		'analysis' analysis data	
		'ana_init' initialized analysis data	

Variables for external data and HHL-files (needed for GRIB2):

Name	Type	Meaning	Default
<code>ylmext_cat</code>	CHAR	directory of the external fields for LM/HM	' '
<code>ylmext_lfn</code>	CHAR	name of the file with the external fields for LM/HM	' '
<code>ylm_hhl</code>	CHAR	name of the vertical grid HHL-file that has to be processed in case of COSMO GRIB2 output files. This file has to be in the directory <code>ylmext_cat</code>	' '
<code>yinext_cat</code>	CHAR	directory of the external fields for GME	' '
<code>yinext_lfn</code>	CHAR	name of the file with the external fields for GME	' '
<code>yin_hhl</code>	CHAR	name of the vertical grid HHL-file that has to be read in case of COSMO GRIB2 input files. This file has to be in the directory <code>yinext_cat</code>	' '
<code>ylmext_form_read</code>	CHAR	input format of external data	'grb1'
<code>yinext_form_read</code>	CHAR	input format of external data from coarse grid  'grb1' input is read with DWD's Grib library and has to be GRIB1.  'apix' input is read with ECMWF's Grib library <code>grib_api</code> and can be Grib1 or Grib2.  'ncdf' input format is NetCDF.	'grb1'
<code>ie_ext</code>	INT	west-east size of fields with external parameters	1081
<code>je_ext</code>	INT	north-south size of fields with external parameters	1081

Variables for the models

Name	Type	Meaning	Default
<code>yin_cat</code>	CHAR	directory of the GME-fields	<code>' '</code>
<code>yin_form_read</code>	CHAR	input format of data from coarse grid	<code>'grb1'</code>
<code>ybitmap_cat</code>	CHAR	directory of an optional bitmap for GME data	<code>' '</code>
<code>ybitmap_lfn</code>	CHAR	name of the file with an optional bitmap for GME data	<code>' '</code>
<code>ylm_cat</code>	CHAR	directory of the LM/HM-fields	<code>' '</code>
<code>ylm_form_write</code>	CHAR	output format of COSMO-Model data  <code>'grb1'</code> data are written with DWD's Grib library in GRIB1.  <code>'api1'</code> data are written with ECMWF's Grib library <code>grib_api</code> in Grib1  <code>'api2'</code> data are written with ECMWF's Grib library <code>grib_api</code> in Grib2  <code>'ncdf'</code> data are written in NetCDF.	<code>'grb1'</code>
<code>npstrframe</code>	INT	thickness of output frames	8
<code>lbd_frame</code>	LOG	if <code>.TRUE.</code> , boundary fields include only frames	<code>.FALSE.</code>

Additional specifications for NetCDF-IO:

<code>yncglob_institution</code>	CHAR	originating center name	' - '
<code>yncglob_title</code>	CHAR	title string for the output	' - '
<code>yncglob_source</code>	CHAR	program name and version	' - '
<code>yncglob_contact</code>	CHAR	contact e.g. email address	' - '
<code>yncglob_project_id</code>	CHAR	identification of the project of simulation	' - '
<code>yncglob_experiment_id</code>	CHAR	identification of the experiment of simulation	' - '
<code>yncglob_references</code>	CHAR	URL, report etc.	' - '
<code>ncglob_realization</code>	INT	number of the realization of the experiment	1

## 7.6 PRICTR — Controlling grid point output

Name	Type	Meaning	Default
nlev1pr	INT	k-index for printing the first model layer	10
nlev2pr	INT	k-index for printing the second model layer	20
igp_tot	INT	i-index for printing selected grid points (max. nmaxgp)	
jgp_tot	INT	j-index for printing selected grid points (max. nmaxgp)	
lprps	LOG	print some ps- and fis-fields	.FALSE.
lprt	LOG	print t at 2 levels (nlev1pr,nlev2)	.FALSE.
lpru	LOG	print u at 2 levels (nlev1pr,nlev2)	.FALSE.
lprv	LOG	print v at 2 levels (nlev1pr,nlev2)	.FALSE.
lprgrh	LOG	print grh at 2 levels (nlev1pr,nlev2)	.FALSE.
lprqv	LOG	print qv at 2 levels (nlev1pr,nlev2)	.FALSE.
lprqc	LOG	print qc at 2 levels (nlev1pr,nlev2)	.FALSE.
lprud	LOG	print ud (divergent wind correction)	.FALSE.
lprvd	LOG	print vd (divergent wind correction)	.FALSE.
lprdpdt	LOG	print dpdt (tendency of surface pressure)	.FALSE.
lprgp	LOG	print profiles at selected grid points	.FALSE.
lchkin	LOG	print check-values of input-fields	.FALSE.
lchkout	LOG	print check-values of output-fields	.FALSE.

## 7.7 EPSCTL — Characterizations for the Ensemble of Boundary Data

The namelist group `EPSCTL` is only read, if the switch `leps_bc` in the group `CONTRL` is set to `.TRUE..`

Name	Type	Meaning	Default
<code>iepsmem_bc</code>	INT	ID of the member in the ensemble of boundary conditions (must be $\geq 0$ ).	-1
<code>iepstyp_bc</code>	INT	ID of the boundary ensemble generation type (must be $\geq 0$ ).	-1
<code>iepstot_bc</code>	INT	total number of boundary ensemble members (must be $\geq 0$ ).	0
<code>lchk_bc_typ</code>	LOG	if <code>.TRUE.</code> , check member ID of input data	<code>.FALSE.</code>



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