

# MicroHH 1.0 cheat sheet

## [advec] Advection

| NAME    | DEFAULT VALUE  | OPTIONS | DESCRIPTION                                      |
|---------|----------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------|
| swadvec | swspatialorder | 0       | disable advection                                |
|         |                | 2       | 2nd-order advection                              |
|         |                | 2i4     | 2nd-order advection with 4th-order interpolation |
|         |                | 4       | 4th-order advection (high accuracy)              |
|         |                | 4m      | 4th-order advection (energy conserving)          |
| cflmax  | 1.0            |         |                                                  |

## [boundary] Boundary conditions

| NAME                                   | DEFAULT VALUE | OPTIONS   | DESCRIPTION                                            |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| swboundary                             | default       | default   | fully resolved boundaries (smooth wall)                |
| mbcbot                                 | n/a           | surface   | MOST based wall model                                  |
|                                        |               | noslip    | no-slip bottom boundary condition                      |
|                                        |               | freeslip  | free-slip bottom boundary condition                    |
|                                        |               | ustar     | fixed ustar bottom boundary condition                  |
| mbctop                                 | n/a           | noslip    | no-slip top boundary condition                         |
|                                        |               | freeslip  | free-slip top boundary condition                       |
|                                        |               | dirichlet | fixed bottom value boundary condition                  |
| sbcbot[]                               | n/a           | neumann   | fixed bottom gradient (only valid for <i>default</i> ) |
|                                        |               | flux      | fixed bottom flux boundary condition                   |
| sbcbot[]                               | n/a           | dirichlet | fixed top value boundary condition                     |
|                                        |               | neumann   | fixed top gradient (only valid for <i>default</i> )    |
|                                        |               | flux      | fixed top flux boundary condition                      |
| sbot[]                                 | n/a           |           | value of the bottom boundary condition                 |
| stop[]                                 | n/a           |           | value of the top boundary condition                    |
| Only for swboundary = <i>surface</i> : |               |           |                                                        |
| z0m                                    | n/a           |           | roughness length of momentum [m]                       |
| z0h                                    | n/a           |           | roughness length of scalars [m]                        |
| ustar                                  | n/a           |           | value of the friction velocity [m s <sup>-1</sup> ]    |

## [buffer] Buffer layer

| NAME     | DEFAULT VALUE | OPTIONS | DESCRIPTION                                               |
|----------|---------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| swbuffer | 0             | 0       | disable buffer layer at the top of the domain             |
|          |               | 1       | enable buffer layer at the top of the domain              |
| zstart   | n/a           |         | starting height for buffer zone [m]                       |
| sigma    | n/a           |         | damping time scale of the buffer layer [s <sup>-1</sup> ] |
| beta     | 2.            |         | exponent of the damping increase with height [-]          |

## [cross] Cross-section

| NAME       | DEFAULT VALUE | OPTIONS | DESCRIPTION                                            |
|------------|---------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| swcross    | 0             | 0       | disable cross sections                                 |
|            |               | 1       | enable cross sections                                  |
| sampletime | n/a           |         | sampling time step [s]                                 |
| xz         | empty         |         | list of y locations at which xz-crosssection are taken |
| xy         | empty         |         | list of z locations at which xy-crosssection are taken |
| crosslist  | empty         |         | list of cross-section variables                        |

## [diff] Diffusion

| NAME                             | DEFAULT VALUE  | OPTIONS | DESCRIPTION                                   |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------|
| swdiff                           | swspatialorder | 0       | disable diffusion                             |
|                                  |                | 2       | 2nd-order diffusion                           |
|                                  |                | 4       | 4th-order diffusion                           |
|                                  |                | smag2   | 2nd-order Smagorinsky eddy diffusion          |
| dnmax                            | 0.4            |         | maximum diffusion number for numerical scheme |
| Only for swdiff = <i>smag2</i> : |                |         |                                               |
| cs                               | 0.23           |         | Smagorinsky constant                          |
| tPr                              | 1./3.          |         | turbulent Prandtl number                      |

## [dump] 3D output

| NAME       | DEFAULT VALUE | OPTIONS | DESCRIPTION                          |
|------------|---------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| swdump     | 0             | 0       | disable writing 3d diagnostic fields |
|            |               | 1       | enable writing 3d diagnostic fields  |
| sampletime | n/a           |         | sampling time step [s]               |
| dumplist   | empty         |         | list of diagnostic 3D fields         |

## [fields] Fields

| NAME        | DEFAULT VALUE | OPTIONS | DESCRIPTION                                              |
|-------------|---------------|---------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| slist       | empty         |         | list of passive scalars                                  |
| visc        | n/a           |         | viscosity [m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ]              |
| svisc[]     | n/a           |         | diffusivity of scalars [m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ] |
| rndseed     | 2             |         | seed of the randomnizer                                  |
| rndamp[]    | 0.            |         | amplitude of random perturbations [variable unit]        |
| rndz        | 0.            |         | maximum height of perturbations [m]                      |
| rndexp      | 2.            |         | exponent of decay of perturbation                        |
| vortexnpair | 0             |         | number of rotating vortex pairs                          |
| vortexamp   | 1.e-3         |         | amplitude of vortex pairs                                |
| vortexaxis  | x             |         | axis around which the vortices are evolving              |

## [force] Large scale forcings

| NAME     | DEFAULT VALUE | OPTIONS | DESCRIPTION                                                 |
|----------|---------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| swlspres | 0             | 0       | disable large scale pressure forcing                        |
|          |               | geo     | use geostrophic wind as large scale pressure force          |
|          |               | uflux   | fix the mean flow velocity in the x-direction               |
| swls     | 0             | 0       | disable large scale source/sink                             |
|          |               | 1       | enable large scale source/sink                              |
| lslist   | empty         |         | list of prognostic variables having large scale source/sink |
| swwls    | 0             | 0       | disable large scale vertical velocity                       |
|          |               | 1       | enable large scale vertical velocity                        |
| fc       | n/a           |         | coriolis parameter [s <sup>-1</sup> ]                       |
| uflux    | n/a           |         | mean flow velocity [m s <sup>-1</sup> ]                     |

[grid] Grid

| NAME           | DEFAULT VALUE | OPTIONS | DESCRIPTION                                              |
|----------------|---------------|---------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| xsize          | n/a           |         | x-size of domain [m]                                     |
| ysize          | n/a           |         | y-size of domain [m]                                     |
| zsize          | n/a           |         | z-size of domain [m]                                     |
| itot           | n/a           |         | number of grid points in x-direction                     |
| jtot           | n/a           |         | number of grid points in y-direction                     |
| ktot           | n/a           |         | number of grid points in z-direction                     |
| swspatialorder | n/a           | 2       | 2nd-order spatial discretization                         |
|                |               | 4       | 4th-order spatial discretization                         |
| utrans         | 0.            |         | translation velocity in x-direction [m s <sup>-1</sup> ] |
| vtrans         | 0.            |         | translation velocity in y-direction [m s <sup>-1</sup> ] |

[master] Application control and communication

| NAME           | DEFAULT VALUE | OPTIONS | DESCRIPTION                                  |
|----------------|---------------|---------|----------------------------------------------|
| npx            | 1             |         | number of processors in x-direction          |
| npv            | 1             |         | number of processors in y-direction          |
| wallclocklimit | 1E8           |         | maximum run duration in wall clock hours [h] |

[pres] Pressure

| NAME   | DEFAULT VALUE  | OPTIONS | DESCRIPTION                                      |
|--------|----------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------|
| swpres | swspatialorder | 0       | disable pressure solver                          |
|        |                | 2       | 2nd-order pressure solver (tridiagonal solver)   |
|        |                | 4       | 4th-order pressure solver (heptadiagonal solver) |

[stat] Statistics

| NAME       | DEFAULT VALUE | OPTIONS | DESCRIPTION                                  |
|------------|---------------|---------|----------------------------------------------|
| swstats    | 0             | 0       | disable statistics                           |
| sampletime | n/a           |         | sampling time step [s]                       |
| masklist   | empty         | wplus   | conditional statistics $w > 0$               |
|            |               | wmin    | conditional statistics $w < 0$               |
|            |               | ql      | conditional statistics $q_l > 0$             |
|            |               | qlcore  | conditional statistics $q_l > 0$ and $B > 0$ |

[thermo] Thermodynamics

| NAME               | DEFAULT VALUE | OPTIONS    | DESCRIPTION                                                    |
|--------------------|---------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| swthermo           | 0             | 0          | disable thermodynamics                                         |
|                    |               | dry        | dry thermodynamics                                             |
|                    |               | moist      | moist thermodynamics                                           |
|                    |               | buoy       | buoyancy thermodynamics including option for slope             |
| alpha              | n/a           |            | optional slope angle [radians]                                 |
| N2                 | n/a           |            | Brunt-Väisälä frequency [1/s] (req. with alpha)                |
| swbasestate        | n/a           | boussinesq | constant density and reference temperature                     |
|                    |               | anelastic  | anelastic approximation (Bannon, 1996)                         |
| thvref0            | n/a           |            | reference virtual potential temperature [K] (moist Boussinesq) |
| thref0             | n/a           |            | reference potential temperature [K] (dry Boussinesq)           |
| ps                 | n/a           |            | surface pressure [Pa]                                          |
| swupdatebas-estate | n/a           | 0          | use initial hydrostatic pressure in $q_l$ calculation          |
|                    |               | 1          | update hydrostatic pressure in $q_l$ calculation               |

[timeloop] Time

| NAME         | DEFAULT VALUE | OPTIONS | DESCRIPTION                                                   |
|--------------|---------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| starttime    | n/a           |         | start time of simulation [s]                                  |
| endtime      | n/a           |         | end time of simulation [s]                                    |
| savetime     | n/a           |         | interval for saving restart files [s]                         |
| postproctime | n/a           |         | time step of postprocessing procedure                         |
| adaptivestep | true          | true    | enable adaptive time stepping                                 |
|              |               | false   | disable adaptive time stepping                                |
| dt           | 0.1           |         | time step [s] (only valid if adaptivestep = false)            |
| dtmax        | dbig          |         | maximum time step [s]                                         |
| rkorder      | 3             | 3       | Runge-Kutta 3rd-order accuracy, 3 steps                       |
|              |               | 4       | Runge-Kutta 4th-order accuracy, 5 steps                       |
| outputiter   | 10            |         | frequency of diagnostic output to <casename>.out              |
| iotimeprec   | 0             |         | precision of saving of time in 10-power (i.e. -1 = 0.1, etc.) |