

# **Notes on Downloading, Compiling, and Running MPAS-A**

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# 1. Downloading and Compiling MPAS

## 1.1 Setting up the Environment

Before installing and compiling MPAS, ensure all necessary environments and dependencies, such as zlib, pio, hdf5, netcdf, and pnetcdf, are prepared.

```
#pnetcdf
mkdir ~/[your environments path]/pnetcdf
cd ~/[your environments path]/pnetcdf
wget https://parallel-netcdf.github.io/Release/parallel-netcdf-1.8.1.tar.gz
tar -zxvf parallel-netcdf-1.8.1.tar.gz
cd parallel-netcdf-1.8.1
./configure --prefix=~/[your environments path]/pnetcdf
make check
make install
```

```
#zlib
mkdir ~/[your environments path]/zlib
cd ~/[your environments path]/zlib
wget http://www.zlib.net/zlib-1.2.11.tar.gz
tar -xvzf zlib-1.2.11.tar.gz
cd zlib-1.2.10
./configure --prefix=~/[your environments path]/zlib
make
make install
```

```
#hdf5
mkdir ~/[your environments path]/hdf5
cd ~/[your environments path]/hdf5
wget https://github.com/HDFGroup/hdf5/archive/refs/heads/develop.zip
unzip develop.zip
cd hdf5-develop
./configure --prefix=~/[your environments path]/hdf5 --with-zlib=~/[your
environments path]/zlib -enable-fortran -enable-cxx
make -j 4
make check
make install
make check-install
```

```
#pio
cd ~/[your environments path]
```

```
git clone https://github.com/NCAR/ParallelIO.git
cd ParallelIO
make
make check
make install
```

```
#netcdf-f
mkdir ~/[your environments path]/netcdff
cd ~/[your environments path]/netcdff
wget https://github.com/Unidata/netcdf-fortran/archive/refs/heads/main.zip
unzip main.zip
cd netcdf-fortran-main
./configure --enable-parallel-tests --disable-zstandard-plugin --prefix=~/[your
environments path]/netcdff --host=x86_64
make all
make install
```

```
#netcdf-c
mkdir ~/[your environments path]/netcdfc
cd ~/[your environments path]/netcdfc
wget https://downloads.unidata.ucar.edu/netcdf-c/4.9.2/netcdf-c-4.9.2.tar.gz
tar -xvzf netcdf-c-4.9.2.tar.gz
cd netcdf-c-4.9.2
./configure --enable-parallel-tests --prefix=~/[your environments path]/netcdfc
--host=x86_64
make check
make
make install
```

I have also set up the required environment for MPAS compilation in the path “/work/ess-liuj/apps”. If you are the user of “TaiYi” HPC at Southern University of Science and Technology, then feel free to load all the required environment directly by following these steps:

(1) Copy the following commands into your ~/.bashrc file:

```
export HDF5DIR=/work/ess-liuj/apps/software/hdf5-1.10.9
export ZLIBDIR=/work/ess-liuj/apps/software/zlib1.2.11
export UDUNITSDIR=/work/ess-liuj/apps/software/udunits-2.2.28
export NCVIEWDIR=/work/ess-liuj/apps/software/ncview
export METISDIR=/work/ess-liuj/apps/software/metis-5.1.0
export JASPERDIR=/work/ess-liuj/apps/software/jasper-1.900.1
export LIBPNGDIR=/work/ess-liuj/apps/software/libpng-1.2.50
```

```

export CMAKEDIR=/work/ess-liuzj/apps/cmake-3.24.2
export XTERMDIR=/work/ess-liuzj/apps/software/xterm
export BLASDIR=/work/ess-liuzj/apps/software/blas
export LAPACKDIR=/work/ess-liuzj/apps/software/lapack
export PATH=${HDF5DIR}/bin:$PATH
export PATH=${ZLIBDIR}/bin:$PATH
export PATH=/work/ess-liuzj/apps/convert_mpas/convert_mpas:$PATH
export PATH=/work/ess-liuzj/apps/MPAS-Tools/mesh_tools/grid_rotate:$PATH
export PATH=/work/ess-liuzj/apps/convert_mpas:$PATH
export PATH=/work/ess-liuzj/apps/MPAS-Limited-Area/create_region:$PATH
export PATH=${UDUNITSDIR}/bin:$PATH
export PATH=${NCVIEWDIR}/bin:$PATH
export PATH=${METISDIR}/bin:$PATH
export PATH=${JASPERDIR}/bin:$PATH
export PATH=${LIBPNGDIR}/bin:$PATH
export PATH=${CMAKEDIR}/bin:$PATH
export PATH=${XTERMDIR}/bin:$PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=${ZLIBDIR}/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=${HDF5DIR}/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=${UDUNITSDIR}/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=${METISDIR}/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=${JASPERDIR}/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=${LIBPNGDIR}/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=${XTERMDIR}/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=${BLASDIR}/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=${LAPACKDIR}/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export INCLUDE=${ZLIBDIR}/include:$INCLUDE
export INCLUDE=${HDF5DIR}/include:$INCLUDE
export INCLUDE=${UDUNITSDIR}/include:$INCLUDE
export INCLUDE=${METISDIR}/include:$INCLUDE
export INCLUDE=${JASPERDIR}/include:$INCLUDE
export INCLUDE=${LIBPNGDIR}/include:$INCLUDE
export INCLUDE=${LAPACKDIR}/include:$INCLUDE
#pnetcdf
export PNETCDFDIR=/work/ess-liuzj/apps/software/pnetcdf-1.12.2
export PATH=$PNETCDFDIR/bin:$PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$PNETCDFDIR/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LIBRARY_PATH=$PNETCDFDIR/lib:$LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_RUN_PATH=$PNETCDFDIR/lib:$LD_RUN_PATH
export INCLUDE=$PNETCDF/include:$INCLUDE
export C_INCLUDE_PATH=$PNETCDFDIR/include:$C_INCLUDE_PATH
export
CPLUS_INCLUDE_PATH=$PNETCDFDIR/include:$CPLUS_INCLUDE_PATH
export CPPFLAGS=-I$PNETCDF/include

```

```

export CPPINCLUDES=-I$PNETCDF/include
export FCINCLUDES=-I$PNETCDFDIR/include
#PIO
export PIO=/work/ess-liuzj/apps/software/pio-2.5.9
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$PIO/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LIBRARY_PATH=$PIO/lib:$LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_RUN_PATH=$PIO/lib:$LD_RUN_PATH
export INCLUDE=$PIO/include:$INCLUDE
export C_INCLUDE_PATH=$PIO/include:$C_INCLUDE_PATH
export CPLUS_INCLUDE_PATH=$PIO/include:$CPLUS_INCLUDE_PATH
export CPPFLAGS=-I$PIO/include
export CPPINCLUDES=-I$PIO/include
export FCINCLUDES=-I$PIO/include
export PIO_LIB=-L$PIO/lib
#netcdf
export ENV_NETCDF=/work/ess-liuzj/apps/software/netcdf
export PATH=$ENV_NETCDF/bin:$PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$ENV_NETCDF/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export LIBRARY_PATH=$ENV_NETCDF/lib:$LIBRARY_PATH
export LD_RUN_PATH=$ENV_NETCDF/lib:$LD_RUN_PATH
export INCLUDE=$ENV_NETCDF/include:$INCLUDE
export C_INCLUDE_PATH=$ENV_NETCDF/include:$C_INCLUDE_PATH
export
CPLUS_INCLUDE_PATH=$ENV_NETCDF/include:$CPLUS_INCLUDE_PATH
export CPPFLAGS=-I$ENV_NETCDF/include
export CPPINCLUDES=-I$NETCDF/include
export FCINCLUDES=-I$NETCDF/include

ulimit -s unlimited

```

(2) Then, run `source ~/.bashrc` to apply the environment settings.

(3) To verify, run `nc-config --all` to check if netcdf is successfully loaded. Taking netcdf as an example, if the following information appears on the screen, it means that netcdf has been loaded successfully.

```
[ess-liuzj@login05 ~]$ nc-config --all
```

This netCDF 4.7.4 has been built with the following features:

```
--cc          -> mpiicc
--cflags       -> -I/work/ess-liuzj/apps/software/netcdf/include -I/work/ess-liuzj/apps/software/hdf5-1.10.9/include
-I/work/ess-liuzj/apps/software/zlib1.2.11/include
--libs        -> -L/work/ess-liuzj/apps/software/netcdf/lib -lnetcdf
--static      -> -lhdf5_hl -lhdf5 -lm -lz

--has-c++     -> no
--cxx         ->

--has-c++4    -> no
--cxx4        ->

--has-fortran  -> yes
--fc          -> mpiifort
--fflags      -> -I/work/ess-liuzj/apps/software/netcdf/include -I/work/ess-liuzj/apps/software/netcdf/include
--flibs       -> -L/work/ess-liuzj/apps/software/netcdf/lib -lnetcdf
--has-f90     ->
--has-f03     -> yes

--has-dap     -> no
--has-dap2    -> no
--has-dap4    -> no
--has-nc2     -> yes
--has-nc4     -> yes
--has-hdf5    -> yes
--has-hdf4    -> no
--has-logging -> no
--has-pnetcdf -> no
--has-szlib   -> no
--has-cdf5    -> yes
--has-parallel4 -> no
--has-parallel -> no

--prefix      -> /work/ess-liuzj/apps/software/netcdf
--includedir  -> /work/ess-liuzj/apps/software/netcdf/include
--libdir      -> /work/ess-liuzj/apps/software/netcdf/lib
--version     -> netCDF 4.7.4
```

## 1.2 Downloading MPAS Source Code

After successfully loading the required environment, the next step is to download the MPAS source code (using version MPAS-A v7.3 as an example). It is recommended to create a directory named “MPAS-Model” in the root directory, where all operations for this section will be conducted. The steps are as follows:

```
cd ~  
mkdir MPAS-Model  
cd MPAS-Model
```

Next, download the MPAS source code. You can download any available version from either the MPAS-A website, Zenodo or GitHub:

- MPAS-A Website: <https://mpas-dev.github.io/>
- GitHub: <https://github.com/MPAS-Dev/>

After downloading the source code, unzip the files and enter into the directory with the following commands:

```
wget https://zenodo.org/records/10464525/files/MPAS-Model-7.3.tar.gz  
tar -xzf MPAS-Model-7.3.tar.gz  
cd MPAS-Model-7.3
```



## 1.3 Compiling MPAS

Before compiling MPAS, you need to specify the compiler you used. To do this, modify lines 138 to 161 in the Makefile file as follows:

```
ifort:
( $(MAKE) all \
  "FC_PARALLEL = mpiifort" \
  "CC_PARALLEL = mpiicc" \
  "CXX_PARALLEL = mpiicpc" \
  "FC_SERIAL = mpiifort" \
  "CC_SERIAL = mpiicc" \
  "CXX_SERIAL = mpiicpc" \
  "FFLAGS_PROMOTION = -real-size 64" \
  "FFLAGS_OPT = -O3 -convert big_endian -free -align array64byte" \
  "CFLAGS_OPT = -O3" \
  "CXXFLAGS_OPT = -O3" \
  "LDFLAGS_OPT = -O3" \
  "FFLAGS_DEBUG = -g -convert big_endian -free -CU -CB -check all -fpe0 -traceback" \
  "CFLAGS_DEBUG = -g -traceback" \
  "CXXFLAGS_DEBUG = -g -traceback" \
  "LDFLAGS_DEBUG = -g -fpe0 -traceback" \
  "FFLAGS_OMP = -qopenmp" \
  "CFLAGS_OMP = -qopenmp" \
  "CORE = $(CORE)" \
  "DEBUG = $(DEBUG)" \
  "USE_PAPI = $(USE_PAPI)" \
  "OPENMP = $(OPENMP)" \
  "CPPFLAGS = $(MODEL_FORMULATION) -D_MPI" )
```

Next, add absolute paths for PIO, NetCDF, and PNetCDF in the Makefile. To do this, modify lines 463 to 506 with the following steps:

```
# Check if libpio.* exists and link -lpio if so, but we make an exception for
# libpio.settings (a file added in PIO2), which is not a library to link
ifneq ($(wildcard $(PIO_LIB)/libpio\*.a), )
    # Makefiles don't support "and" operators so we have nested "if" instead
    ifneq "$(wildcard $(PIO_LIB)/libpio\*.a)" "$(PIO_LIB)/libpio.settings"
        LIBS += -lpio
    endif
endif

ifneq ($(wildcard $(PIO_LIB)/libpiof\*.so), )
    LIBS += -lpiof
endif
ifneq ($(wildcard $(PIO_LIB)/libpioc\*.*), )
    LIBS += -lpioc
endif
ifneq ($(wildcard $(PIO_LIB)/libgptl\*.*), )
    LIBS += -lgptl
endif
LIBS += -L/work/ess-liuzj/apps/software/pio-2.5.9/lib -lpiof -lpioc
ifneq "$(NETCDF)" ""
    CPPINCLUDES += -I$(NETCDF)/include
    FCINCLUDES += -I$(NETCDF)/include
    LIBS += -L$(NETCDF)/lib
    NCLIB = -lnetcdf
    NCLIBF = -lnetcdff
    ifneq ($(wildcard $(NETCDF)/lib/libnetcdff.*), ) # CHECK FOR NETCDF4
        LIBS += $(NCLIBF)
    endif # CHECK FOR NETCDF4
    ifneq "$(NETCDFFF)" ""
        FCINCLUDES += -I$(NETCDFFF)/include
        LIBS += -L$(NETCDFFF)/lib
        LIBS += $(NCLIBF)
    endif
    LIBS += $(NCLIB)
endif
LIBS += -L/work/ess-liuzj/apps/software/netcdf/lib -lnetcdff -lnetcdf

ifneq "$(PNETCDF)" ""
    CPPINCLUDES += -I$(PNETCDF)/include
    FCINCLUDES += -I$(PNETCDF)/include
    LIBS += -L$(PNETCDF)/lib -lpnetcdf
endif
LIBS += -L/work/ess-liuzj/apps/software/pnetcdf-1.12.2/lib -lpnetcdf
RM = rm -f
CPP = cpp -P -traditional
RANLIB = ranlib
```

Next, navigate to the src directory:

```
cd src
```

In the Makefile located in this directory, you'll need to replace the relative paths for directories such as externals, frame, ops, dycore, and driver with absolute paths. This adjustment is typically done around line 18.

```
mpas: $(AUTOCLEAN_DEPS) externals frame ops dycore driver
    $(LINKER) $(LDFLAGS) -o $(EXE_NAME) ~/MPAS-Model/MPAS-Model-7.3/src/driver/*.o -L. -ldycore -lops -lframework $(LIBS) -I./external/esmf_time_f90 -L./external/esmf_time_f90 -lesmf_time
```

After saving and exiting the Makefile in the src directory, return to the previous (parent) directory

```
cd ..
```

Now, to start compiling the init\_atmosphere core, enter the following command:

```
make ifort CORE=init_atmosphere USE_PIO2=true PRECISION=single
```

This command uses the Intel Fortran compiler (ifort), specifies the init\_atmosphere core, enables PIO (Parallel IO), and sets the precision to single. The compilation should take a few minutes.

```
*****
MPAS was built with default single-precision reals.
Debugging is off.
Parallel version is on.
Papi libraries are off.
TAU Hooks are off.
MPAS was built without OpenMP support.
MPAS was built with .F files.
The native timer interface is being used
Using the PIO 2 library.
*****
```

If the compilation is successful, you'll see a new executable file named init\_atmosphere\_model in the current directory.

```
4096 Oct 12 13:29 default_inputs
8797040 Oct 12 13:29 init_atmosphere_model
3131 Mar 25 2022 INSTALL
2311 Mar 25 2022 LICENSE
28236 Oct 12 13:26 Makefile
1379 Oct 12 13:29 namelist.init_atmosphere
2555 Mar 25 2022 README.md
4096 Oct 12 13:29 src
920 Oct 12 13:29 streams.init_atmosphere
4096 Mar 25 2022 testing_and_setup
```

Note: If this step fails, you'll need to clean the current build for the `init_atmosphere` core before trying again. Use the following command to clean up:

```
make clean CORE=init_atmosphere
```

Next, let us compile the atmosphere core. Before starting the compilation, clean the current directory with the following command:

```
make clean CORE=atmosphere
```

After cleaning the directory, enter the following compilation command to build the atmosphere core:

```
make ifort CORE=atmosphere USE_PIO2=true PRECISION=single
```

```
*****
MPAS was built with default single-precision reals.
Debugging is off.
Parallel version is on.
Papi libraries are off.
TAU Hooks are off.
MPAS was built without OpenMP support.
MPAS was built with .F files.
The native timer interface is being used
Using the PIO 2 library.
*****
```

This command compiles the atmosphere core with Intel Fortran (ifort), enables PIO (Parallel IO), and sets the precision to single. If the compilation is successful, you will see the atmosphere\_model executable file generated in the current directory, along with any necessary associated files.

```
-Model-7.3j$ ll
ess-dongl 15625768 Oct 12 13:43 atmosphere_model
ess-dongl 1639008 Oct 12 13:43 build_tables
ess-dongl 64 Oct 12 13:42 CAM_ABS_DATA.DBL -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/CAM_ABS_DATA.DBL
ess-dongl 67 Oct 12 13:42 CAM_AEROPT_DATA.DBL -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/CAM_AEROPT_DATA.DBL
ess-dongl 4096 Oct 12 13:43 default_inputs
ess-dongl 59 Oct 12 13:42 GENPARM.TBL -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/GENPARM.TBL
ess-dongl 8797040 Oct 12 13:29 init_atmosphere_model
ess-dongl 3131 Mar 25 2022 INSTALL
ess-dongl 59 Oct 12 13:42 LANDUSE.TBL -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/LANDUSE.TBL
ess-dongl 2311 Mar 25 2022 LICENSE
ess-dongl 28236 Oct 12 13:26 Makefile
ess-dongl 1774 Oct 12 13:43 namelist.atmosphere
ess-dongl 1379 Oct 12 13:29 namelist.init_atmosphere
ess-dongl 61 Oct 12 13:42 OZONE_DAT.TBL -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/OZONE_DAT.TBL
ess-dongl 61 Oct 12 13:42 OZONE_LAT.TBL -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/OZONE_LAT.TBL
ess-dongl 62 Oct 12 13:42 OZONE_PLEV.TBL -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/OZONE_PLEV.TBL
ess-dongl 2555 Mar 25 2022 README.md
ess-dongl 61 Oct 12 13:42 RRTMG_LW_DATA -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/RRTMG_LW_DATA
ess-dongl 65 Oct 12 13:42 RRTMG_LW_DATA.DBL -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/RRTMG_LW_DATA.DBL
ess-dongl 61 Oct 12 13:42 RRTMG_SW_DATA -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/RRTMG_SW_DATA
ess-dongl 65 Oct 12 13:42 RRTMG_SW_DATA.DBL -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/RRTMG_SW_DATA.DBL
ess-dongl 60 Oct 12 13:42 SOILPARM.TBL -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/SOILPARM.TBL
ess-dongl 4096 Oct 12 13:43 src
ess-dongl 1203 Oct 12 13:43 stream_list.atmosphere.diagnostics
ess-dongl 927 Oct 12 13:43 stream_list.atmosphere.output
ess-dongl 9 Oct 12 13:43 stream_list.atmosphere.surface
ess-dongl 1571 Oct 12 13:43 streams.atmosphere
ess-dongl 920 Oct 12 13:29 streams.init_atmosphere
ess-dongl 4096 Mar 25 2022 testing_and_setup
ess-dongl 59 Oct 12 13:42 VEGPARM.TBL -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/VEGPARM.TBL
```

If this step completes successfully, it indicates that the MPAS-A compilation is finished. You should now have the `init_atmosphere_model` and `atmosphere_model` executable files in your directory, along with other required configuration and support files. These files are now ready for running simulations with the MPAS-A model.



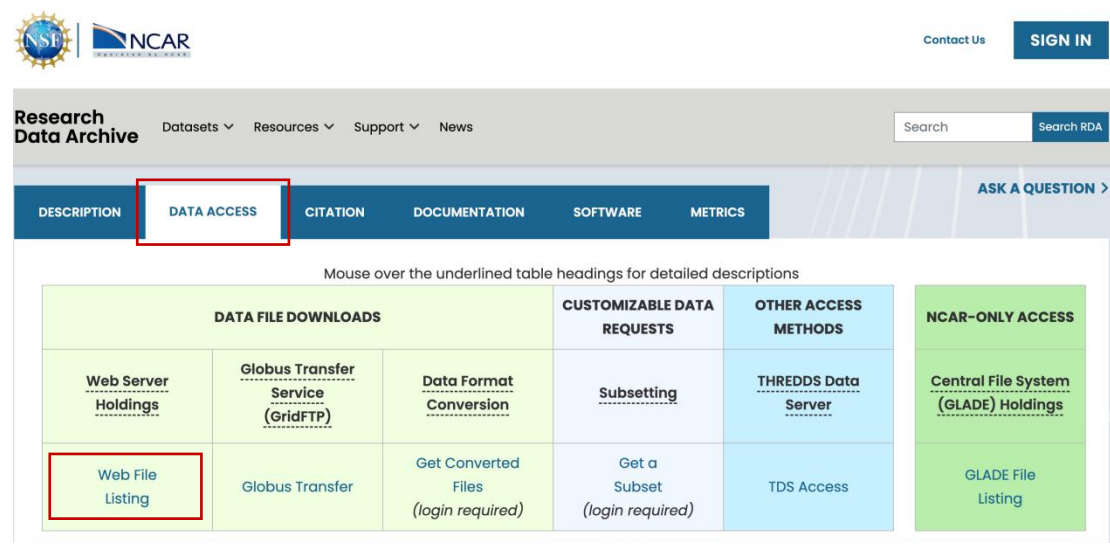
## 2. Data Download and Preprocessing

### 2.1 Downloading Forcing Data

Before running MPAS, we should download specific driving data. Here, we take the GFS 0.25-degree product driving MPAS simulation from July 19 to 23, 2021 as an example to show the data download process.

Enter the GFS product website: <http://rda.ucar.edu/datasets/ds084.1/>

Click "DATA ACCESS" and "Web File Listing" accordingly. As follows:



The screenshot shows the Research Data Archive (RDA) website. The 'DATA ACCESS' tab is highlighted with a red box. Below the navigation bar, a table lists various data access methods. The 'Web File Listing' option is highlighted with a red box.

Mouse over the underlined table headings for detailed descriptions

DATA FILE DOWNLOADS			CUSTOMIZABLE DATA REQUESTS	OTHER ACCESS METHODS	NCAR-ONLY ACCESS
<u>Web Server Holdings</u>	<u>Globus Transfer Service (GridFTP)</u>	<u>Data Format Conversion</u>	<u>Subsetting</u>	<u>THREDDS Data Server</u>	<u>Central File System (GLADE) Holdings</u>
Web File Listing	Globus Transfer	Get Converted Files (login required)	Get a Subset (login required)	TDS Access	GLADE File Listing

## 2.2 Preprocessing Data

After downloading the GFS grib data, it must be decoded and preprocessed. The preprocessing requires the WRF Pre-Processing System (WPS). Below is a brief introduction to installing and compiling WPS.

```
cd ~/MPAS-Model
wget https://github.com/wrf-model/WRF/archive/v4.1.1.tar.gz
tar -xzf v4.1.1.tar.gz
cd WPS-4.1.1
./configure
```

```
[ess-zhucy@login05 WPS-4.1]$ ./configure
Will use NETCDF in dir: /work/ess-liuzj/WRF/Build_WRF/LIBRARIES/netcdf
Using WRF I/O library in WRF build identified by $WRF_DIR: /work/ess-liuzj/WRFtest/WRF-4.1.2
Found Jasper environment variables for GRIB2 support...
$JASPERLIB = /work/ess-liuzj/apps/software/grib2/lib
$JASPERINC = /work/ess-liuzj/apps/software/grib2/include
-----
Please select from among the following supported platforms.

  1. Linux x86_64, gfortran      (serial)
  2. Linux x86_64, gfortran      (serial_NO_GRIB2)
  3. Linux x86_64, gfortran      (dmpar)
  4. Linux x86_64, gfortran      (dmpar_NO_GRIB2)
  5. Linux x86_64, PGI compiler  (serial)
  6. Linux x86_64, PGI compiler  (serial_NO_GRIB2)
  7. Linux x86_64, PGI compiler  (dmpar)
  8. Linux x86_64, PGI compiler  (dmpar_NO_GRIB2)
  9. Linux x86_64, PGI compiler, SGI MPT (serial)
 10. Linux x86_64, PGI compiler, SGI MPT (serial_NO_GRIB2)
 11. Linux x86_64, PGI compiler, SGI MPT (dmpar)
 12. Linux x86_64, PGI compiler, SGI MPT (dmpar_NO_GRIB2)
 13. Linux x86_64, IA64 and Opteron (serial)
 14. Linux x86_64, IA64 and Opteron (serial_NO_GRIB2)
 15. Linux x86_64, IA64 and Opteron (dmpar)
 16. Linux x86_64, IA64 and Opteron (dmpar_NO_GRIB2)
 17. Linux x86_64, Intel compiler (serial)
 18. Linux x86_64, Intel compiler (serial_NO_GRIB2)
 19. Linux x86_64, Intel compiler (dmpar)
 20. Linux x86_64, Intel compiler (dmpar_NO_GRIB2)
 21. Linux x86_64, Intel compiler, SGI MPT (serial)
 22. Linux x86_64, Intel compiler, SGI MPT (serial_NO_GRIB2)
 23. Linux x86_64, Intel compiler, SGI MPT (dmpar)
 24. Linux x86_64, Intel compiler, SGI MPT (dmpar_NO_GRIB2)
 25. Linux x86_64, Intel compiler, IBM POE (serial)
 26. Linux x86_64, Intel compiler, IBM POE (serial_NO_GRIB2)
 27. Linux x86_64, Intel compiler, IBM POE (dmpar)
 28. Linux x86_64, Intel compiler, IBM POE (dmpar_NO_GRIB2)
 29. Linux x86_64 g95 compiler      (serial)
 30. Linux x86_64 g95 compiler      (serial_NO_GRIB2)
 31. Linux x86_64 g95 compiler      (dmpar)
```

Select 17 and press Enter.

```
./compile
```



If the executable file ungrib.exe appears, the compilation was successful.

```
iujzj ess-dongl      4795 Apr 13  2019 compile
iujzj ess-dongl      1765 Apr 13  2019 clean
iujzj ess-dongl      4096 Apr 13  2019 arch
iujzj ess-dongl      3377 Oct 14 11:43 configure.wps
iujzj ess-dongl        21 Oct 14 11:45 ungrib.exe -> ungrib/src/ungrib.exe
iujzj ess-dongl      4096 Oct 14 11:45 ungrib
iujzj ess-dongl      4096 Oct 14 11:45 util
```

Now, edit the “namelist.wps” file located in the ~/MPAS-Model/WPS-4.1 directory as follows:

```
&share
wrf_core = 'ARW',
max_dom = 2,
start_date = '2021-07-19_00:00:00','2021-07-19_00:00:00',
end_date   = '2021-07-22_00:00:00','2021-07-22_00:00:00',
interval_seconds = 21600
io_form_geogrid = 2,
/
```

```
&ungrib
out_format = 'WPS',
prefix = 'GFS',
/
```

In this step, we only need to modify the “share” and “ungrib” sections of the namelist.wps file. After making and saving these changes, proceed with the following steps to link the downloaded GFS data:

```
./link_grib.csh ~ /MPAS_data/gfs/gfs.0p25.2021071900.f0*
ln -sf ungrib/Variable_Tables/Vtable.GFS Vtable
./ungrib.exe
```

## 2.3 Downloading Mesh data

MPAS apphorizontal unstructured grids in the horizontal direction, so we need to download specific mesh files. The MPAS official website provides a range of variable-resolution and quasi-uniform resolution meshes.

(Visit <https://mpas-dev.github.io/> and navigate to “MPAS-Atmosphere download” > “MPAS-Atmosphere meshes”).

Here, we will demonstrate the process for downloading a quasi-uniform 480 km mesh and a variable-resolution 92 km to 25 km mesh.

### Quasi-uniform meshes and static files

480-km mesh (2562 horizontal grid cells)

[Download the 480-km mesh](#) (1.5 MB)  
[Download the 480-km static file](#) (1.0 MB)

384-km mesh (4002 horizontal grid cells)

[Download the 384-km mesh](#) (2.4 MB)  
[Download the 384-km static file](#) (2.3 MB)

240-km mesh (10242 horizontal grid cells)

[Download the 240-km mesh](#) (6.3 MB)  
[Download the 240-km static file](#) (4.0 MB)

120-km mesh (40962 horizontal grid cells)

[Download the 120-km mesh](#) (25.7 MB)  
[Download the 120-km static file](#) (16.2 MB)

60-km mesh (163842 horizontal grid cells)

```
cd ~/MPAS_data/mesh
mkdir 480km
mkdir 92_25km
cd 480km
wget https://www2.mmm.ucar.edu/projects/mpas/atmosphere_meshes/x1.2562.tar.gz
wget https://www2.mmm.ucar.edu/projects/mpas/atmosphere_meshes/x1.2562_static.tar.gz
tar -xzvf x1.2562.tar.gz
tar -xzvf x1.2562_static.tar.gz
cd ../92_25km
wget https://www2.mmm.ucar.edu/projects/mpas/atmosphere_meshes/x4.163842.tar.gz
tar -xzvf x4.163842.tar.gz
```

## 2.4 Downloading Geographic Data

The MPAS website provides terrain data, which can be downloaded directly by

clicking or by using wget. (Visit <https://mpas-dev.github.io/> and go to “MPAS-Atmosphere download” > “Static geographical datasets”). Alternatively, you can use the terrain data available in the /data/ess-liuzj/geog directory.

After downloading the terrain data, upload it to the ~/MPAS-data/geog directory.

### 3. Running Global Quasi-uniform Resolution Simulatin

Before running a global quasi-uniform resolution MPAS simulation, ensure the following steps are completed:

MPAS-A has been successfully compiled, with the path set to  
~/MPAS-Model/MPAS-Model-7.3

```
[ess-zhucy@login05 MPAS-model]$ cd MPAS-Model-7.3/
[ess-zhucy@login05 MPAS-Model-7.3]$ ll
total 25869
-rwxr-xr-x 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 15625768 Oct 12 13:43 atmosphere_model
-rwxr-xr-x 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1639808 Oct 12 13:43 build_tables
lrwxrwxrwx 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 64 Oct 12 13:42 CAM_ABS_DATA.DBL -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/CAM_ABS_DATA.DBL
lrwxrwxrwx 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 67 Oct 12 13:42 CAM_AEROPT_DATA.DBL -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/CAM_AEROPT_DATA.DBL
drwxr-xr-x 2 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 4896 Oct 12 13:43 default_inputs
lrwxrwxrwx 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 59 Oct 12 13:42 GENPARM.TBL -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/GENPARM.TBL
-rwxr-xr-x 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 8797040 Oct 12 13:29 init_atmosphere_model
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 3131 Mar 25 2022 INSTALL
lrwxrwxrwx 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 59 Oct 12 13:42 LANDUSE.TBL -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/LANDUSE.TBL
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 2311 Mar 25 2022 LICENSE
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 28236 Oct 12 13:26 Makefile
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1774 Oct 12 13:43 namelist.atmosphere
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1379 Oct 12 13:29 namelist.init_atmosphere
lrwxrwxrwx 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 61 Oct 12 13:42 OZONE_DAT.TBL -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/OZONE_DAT.TBL
lrwxrwxrwx 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 61 Oct 12 13:42 OZONE_LAT.TBL -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/OZONE_LAT.TBL
lrwxrwxrwx 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 62 Oct 12 13:42 OZONE_PLEV.TBL -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/OZONE_PLEV.TBL
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 2555 Mar 25 2022 README.md
lrwxrwxrwx 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 61 Oct 12 13:42 RRTMG_LW_DATA -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/RRTMG_LW_DATA
lrwxrwxrwx 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 65 Oct 12 13:42 RRTMG_LW_DATA.DBL -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/RRTMG_LW_DATA.DBL
lrwxrwxrwx 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 61 Oct 12 13:42 RRTMG_SW_DATA -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/RRTMG_SW_DATA
lrwxrwxrwx 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 65 Oct 12 13:42 RRTMG_SW_DATA.DBL -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/RRTMG_SW_DATA.DBL
drwxr-xr-x 14 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 60 Oct 12 13:42 SOILPARM.TBL -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/SOILPARM.TBL
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 4896 Oct 12 13:43 src
lrwxrwxrwx 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1203 Oct 12 13:43 stream_list.atmosphere.diagnostics
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 927 Oct 12 13:43 stream_list.atmosphere.output
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 9 Oct 12 13:43 stream_list.atmosphere.surface
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1571 Oct 12 13:43 streams.atmosphere
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 920 Oct 12 13:29 streams.init_atmosphere
drwxr-xr-x 4 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 4896 Mar 25 2022 testing_and_setup
lrwxrwxrwx 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 59 Oct 12 13:42 VEGPARM.TBL -> ./src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/VEGPARM.TBL
[ess-zhucy@login05 MPAS-Model-7.3]$
```

The driving data has been decoded, with files located in ~/MPAS\_data/gfs

```
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-19_00
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-19_03
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-19_06
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-19_09
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-19_12
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-19_15
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-19_18
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-19_21
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-20_00
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-20_03
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-20_06
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-20_09
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-20_12
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-20_15
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-20_18
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-20_21
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-21_00
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-21_03
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-21_06
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-21_09
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-21_12
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-21_15
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-21_18
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-21_21
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-22_00
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-22_03
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-22_06
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-22_09
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-22_12
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-22_15
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-22_18
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-22_21
ess-liuzj ess-dongl 818178824 Dec 20 2022 GFS:2021-07-23_00
```

The mesh data have been downloaded and are located in ~/MPAS\_data/mesh/480km and ~/MPAS\_data/mesh/92\_25km.

```
total 13824
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 140827 Sep 19 2014 x1.2562.graph.info
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 5555 Sep 19 2014 x1.2562.graph.info.part.12
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 6091 Sep 19 2014 x1.2562.graph.info.part.16
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 5124 Sep 19 2014 x1.2562.graph.info.part.2
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 5124 Sep 19 2014 x1.2562.graph.info.part.4
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 5124 Sep 19 2014 x1.2562.graph.info.part.6
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 5124 Sep 19 2014 x1.2562.graph.info.part.8
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 3508132 Jun 12 2023 x1.2562.grid.nc
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 4894200 Jun 29 22:39 x1.2562.static.nc
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1387702 Jul 6 05:19 x1.2562_static.tar.gz
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1514620 Jun 12 2023 x1.2562.tar.gz
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1514620 Jun 12 2023 x1.2562.tar.gz.1
ess-zhucy@logi05: ~/MPAS_data/mesh/480km$
```



```
[ess-zhucy@login05 92_25km]$ ll
total 360448
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 9011227 Jun 14 2013 x4.163842.graph.info
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 641601 Jun 14 2013 x4.163842.graph.info.part.1024
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 354986 Jun 14 2013 x4.163842.graph.info.part.12
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 514568 Jun 14 2013 x4.163842.graph.info.part.128
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 389090 Jun 14 2013 x4.163842.graph.info.part.16
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 561570 Jun 14 2013 x4.163842.graph.info.part.192
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 423236 Jun 14 2013 x4.163842.graph.info.part.24
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 584961 Jun 14 2013 x4.163842.graph.info.part.256
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 440303 Jun 14 2013 x4.163842.graph.info.part.32
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 608443 Jun 14 2013 x4.163842.graph.info.part.384
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 457393 Jun 14 2013 x4.163842.graph.info.part.48
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 620219 Jun 14 2013 x4.163842.graph.info.part.512
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 465936 Jun 14 2013 x4.163842.graph.info.part.64
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 631915 Jun 14 2013 x4.163842.graph.info.part.768
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 474470 Jun 14 2013 x4.163842.graph.info.part.96
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 224139172 Jun 14 2023 x4.163842.grid.nc
-rw-r--r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 127922914 Jun 14 2023 x4.163842.tar.gz
[ess-zhucy@login05 92_25km]$
```

### 3.1 Generating Static Files

```
cd ~
mkdir MPAS_simulations
cd MPAS_simulations
mkdir 480km_simulation
mkdir 92_25km_simulation
cd 480km_simulation
ln -s ~/MPAS_Model/MPAS-Model-7.3/init_atmosphere_model .
ln -s ~/MPAS_Model/MPAS-Model-7.3/atmosphere_model .
ln -s ~/MPAS_data/gfs/2023_09-07_08/GFS\2023-09-0* .
ln -s ~/MPAS_data/mesh/480km/x1.2562.grid.nc .
cp ~/MPAS_Model/MPAS-Model-7.3/stream_list.atmosphere.* .
cp ~/MPAS_Model/MPAS-Model-7.3/namelist.* .
cp ~/MPAS_Model/MPAS-Model-7.3/streams.* .
ln -s ~/
/MPAS_Model/MPAS-Model-7.3/src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/* .
```

Now edit the namelist.init\_atmosphere file as follows:

```
&nhyam_model
  config_init_case = 7
  config_start_time = '2021-07-19_00:00:00'
  config_stop_time = '2021-07-22_00:00:00'
  config_theta_adv_order = 3
  config_coef_3rd_order = 0.25
/
&dimensions
  config_nvertlevels = 55
  config_nsoillevels = 4
  config_nfglevels = 38
  config_nfgsoillevels = 4
/
&data_sources
  config_geog_data_path = '/data/ess-liuzj/geog/WPS_GEOG/'
  config_met_prefix = 'CFSR'
  config_sfc_prefix = 'SST'
  config_fg_interval = 86400
  config_landuse_data = 'MODIFIED_IGBP_MODIS_NOAH'
  config_topo_data = 'GMTED2010'
  config_vegfrac_data = 'MODIS'
  config_albedo_data = 'MODIS'
  config_maxsnowalbedo_data = 'MODIS'
  config_supersample_factor = 3
  config_use_spechumd = false
/
&vertical_grid
  config_ztop = 30000.0
  config_nsmterrain = 1
  config_smooth_surfaces = true
  config_dzmin = 0.3
  config_nsm = 30
  config_tc_vertical_grid = true
  config_blend_bdy_terrain = false
/
&interpolation_control
  config_extrap_airtemp = 'linear'
/

&interpolation_control
  config_extrap_airtemp = 'linear'
/
&preproc_stages
  config_static_interp = true
  config_native_gwd_static = true
  config_vertical_grid = false
  config_met_interp = false
  config_input_sst = false
  config_frac_seaice = false
/
&io
  config_pio_num_iotasks = 0
  config_pio_stride = 1
/
&decomposition
  config_block_decomp_file_prefix = 'x1.2562.graph.info.part.'
```

Please take note of some key variables:

- config\_start\_time: Start time of the simulation
- config\_end\_time: End time of the simulation
- config\_nvertlevels: Number of vertical levels
- config\_geog\_data\_path: Path to the terrain data
- config\_landuse\_data: Path to the landuse data
- config\_block\_decomp\_file\_prefix:  
Path to the task decomposition file required for parallel computation

Now edit the streams.init\_atmosphere file as follows:

```
<streams>
<immutable_stream name="input"
                  type="input"
                  filename_template="x1.2562.grid.nc"
                  input_interval="initial_only" />

<immutable_stream name="output"
                  type="output"
                  filename_template="x1.2562.static.nc"
                  packages="initial_conds"
                  output_interval="initial_only" />

</streams>
~
```

Note that the input section should specify the grid data, while the output section is set to generate static data.



Now, run the following command to begin generating the static file (the & at the end runs the task in the background):

```
./init_atmosphere &
```

You can monitor the process in the log file named log.init\_atmosphere.0000.out (referred to as the “log file” below).

After approximately 30 minutes, the log file should display the following message at the end, indicating successful completion.

```
*****
Finished running the init_atmosphere core
*****

Timer information:
  Globals are computed across all threads and processors

Columns:
  total time: Global max of accumulated time spent in timer
  calls: Total number of times this timer was started / stopped.
  min: Global min of time spent in a single start / stop
  max: Global max of time spent in a single start / stop
  avg: Global max of average time spent in a single start / stop
  pct_tot: Percent of the timer at level 1
  pct_par: Percent of the parent timer (one level up)
  par_eff: Parallel efficiency, global average total time / global max total time

timer_name          total      calls      min      max      avg      pct_tot  pct_par  par_eff
1 total time          1212.38074      1      1212.38074      1212.38074      1212.38074      100.00      0.00      1.00
2 initialize           0.24462      1           0.24462           0.24462           0.24462           0.02      0.02      1.00

-----
Total log messages printed:
  Output messages =          2787
  Warning messages =           6
  Error messages =           0
  Critical error messages =      0
-----
Logging complete. Closing file at 2024/10/14 14:05:13
```

## 3.2 Generating Init Files

Next, update the preproc\_stages module and simulation timing information in the namelist.init\_atmosphere file as follows:

```
&nhyd_model
  config_init_case = 7
  config_start_time = '2021-07-19_00:00:00'
  config_stop_time = '2021-07-22_00:00:00'
  config_theta_adv_order = 3
  config_coef_3rd_order = 0.25
/
&dimensions
  config_nvertlevels = 55
  config_nsoillevels = 4
  config_nfglevels = 38
  config_nfgsoillevels = 4
/
&data_sources
  config_geog_data_path = '/data/ess-liuzj/geog/WPS_GEOG/'
  config_met_prefix = 'GFS'
  config_sfc_prefix = 'SST'
  config_fg_interval = 86400
  config_landuse_data = 'MODIFIED_IGBP_MODIS_NOAH'
  config_topo_data = 'GMTED2010'
  config_vegfrac_data = 'MODIS'
  config_albedo_data = 'MODIS'
  config_maxsnowalbedo_data = 'MODIS'
  config_supersample_factor = 3
  config_use_spechumd = false
/
&vertical_grid
  config_ztop = 30000.0
  config_nsmterrain = 1
  config_smooth_surfaces = true
  config_dzmin = 0.3
  config_nsm = 30
  config_tc_vertical_grid = true
  config_blend_bdy_terrain = false
/
&interpolation_control
  config_extrap_airtemp = 'linear'
/
```

```

&vertical_grid
    config_ztop = 30000.0
    config_nsmterrain = 1
    config_smooth_surfaces = true
    config_dzmin = 0.3
    config_nsm = 30
    config_tc_vertical_grid = true
    config_blend_bdy_terrain = false
/
&interpolation_control
    config_extrap_airtemp = 'linear'
/
&preproc_stages
    config_static_interp = false
    config_native_gwd_static = false
    config_vertical_grid = true
    config_met_interp = true
    config_input_sst = false
    config_frac_seaice = true
/
&io
    config_pio_num_iotasks = 0
    config_pio_stride = 1
/
&decomposition
    config_block_decomp_file_prefix = 'x1.2562.graph.info.part.'
/

```

Modify the streams.init\_atmosphere file as follows:

```

<streams>
<immutable_stream name="input"
    type="input"
    filename_template="x1.2562.static.nc"
    input_interval="initial_only" />

<immutable_stream name="output"
    type="output"
    filename_template="x1.2562.init.nc"
    packages="initial_conds"
    output_interval="initial_only" />

</streams>
~
~

```

Note that in this configuration, input data should be set to the static data, and output

data should be set to generate the init data.

Run the following command to begin generating the init file:

```
./init_atmosphere &
```

This process should take about one minute to complete. Upon success, an x1.2562.init.nc file will be created in the current directory. You can also check the last entries in the log file to confirm successful completion.

### 3.3 Running the Simulation

Now edit the namelist.atmosphere file as follows:

```
&nhyd_model
  config_time_integration_order = 2
  config_dt = 720.0
  config_start_time = '2021-07-19_00:00:00'
  config_run_duration = '3_00:00:00'
  config_split_dynamics_transport = true
  config_number_of_sub_steps = 2
  config_dynamics_split_steps = 3
  config_h_mom_eddy_visc2 = 0.0
  config_h_mom_eddy_visc4 = 0.0
  config_v_mom_eddy_visc2 = 0.0
  config_h_theta_eddy_visc2 = 0.0
  config_h_theta_eddy_visc4 = 0.0
  config_v_theta_eddy_visc2 = 0.0
  config_horiz_mixing = '2d_smagorinsky'
  config_len_disp = 480000.0
  config_visc4_2dsmag = 0.05
  config_w_adv_order = 3
  config_theta_adv_order = 3
  config_scalar_adv_order = 3
  config_u_vadv_order = 3
  config_w_vadv_order = 3
  config_theta_vadv_order = 3
  config_scalar_vadv_order = 3
  config_scalar_advection = true
  config_positive_definite = false
  config_monotonic = true
  config_coef_3rd_order = 0.25
  config_epssm = 0.1
  config_smdiv = 0.1
/
&damping
  config_zd = 22000.0
  config_xnutr = 0.2
/
&limited_area
  config_apply_lbcs = false
/
&io
  config_pio_num_iotasks = 0
```

```

&io
    config_pio_num_iotasks = 0
    config_pio_stride = 1
/
&decomposition
    config_block_decomp_file_prefix = 'x1.2562.graph.info.part.'
/
&restart
    config_do_restart = false
/
&printout
    config_print_global_minmax_vel = true
    config_print_detailed_minmax_vel = false
/
&IAU
    config_IAU_option = 'off'
    config_IAU_window_length_s = 21600.
/
&physics
    config_sst_update = false
    config_sstdiurn_update = false
    config_deepsoiltemp_update = false
    config_radtlw_interval = '00:30:00'
    config_radtsw_interval = '00:30:00'
    config_bucket_update = 'none'
    config_physics_suite = 'mesoscale_reference'
/
&soundings
    config_sounding_interval = 'none'
/

```

Please pay attention to some key variables:

- `config_dt`: Time step for integration

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Note: When the resolution is increased, the time step must be appropriately reduced, or the simulation may fail. The following are recommended time step choices for reference:

For a resolution of 3 km, choose a time step of 15 seconds.

For a resolution of 15 km, choose a time step of 90 seconds.

For a resolution of 60 km, choose a time step of 360 seconds.

For resolutions of 120 km or higher, choose a time step of 720 seconds.

- 
- `config_time_integration_order`: Order of the integration method
  - `config_start_time`: Start time of the simulation



- `config_run_duration`: Duration of the simulation
- `config_len_disp`: Grid spacing
- `config_apply_lbcs`: Whether to enable regional simulation
- `config_do_restart`: Whether this is a restart simulation
- `config_physics_suite`: Chosen parameterization scheme suite
- `config_block_decomp_file_prefix`:  
Path to the task partition file required for parallel computing (this affects whether parallel computation is successfully used in subsequent integrations)

Other important variables can be found in detail in the official `MPAS_user_guide` document, and will not be discussed here.

Now edit the `streams.atmosphere` file as follows:

```
<streams>
<immutable_stream name="input"
    type="input"
    filename_template="x1.2562.init.nc"
    input_interval="initial_only" />

<immutable_stream name="restart"
    type="input;output"
    filename_template="restart.$Y-$M-$D_$h.$m.$s.nc"
    input_interval="initial_only"
    output_interval="1_00:00:00" />

<stream name="output"
    type="output"
    filename_template="history.$Y-$M-$D_$h.$m.$s.nc"
    output_interval="6:00:00" >

    <file name="stream_list.atmosphere.output"/>
</stream>

<stream name="diagnostics"
    type="output"
    filename_template="diag.$Y-$M-$D_$h.$m.$s.nc"
    output_interval="3:00:00" >

    <file name="stream_list.atmosphere.diagnostics"/>
</stream>

</streams>
~
~
```

Note that the input is the init data, and the output consists of the diag data and the history data. You can set the diagnostic output interval to any desired time, for example: output every 1 hour, every 3 hours, etc. Feel free to add or delete any variables you want in the stream\_list.atmosphere.output file

After modifying the namelist.atmosphere file and the streams.atmosphere file, write and submit the job script. The steps are as follows:

```
touch test.rsl
```

```
#!/bin/bash
#BSUB -q debug
#BSUB -J atmosphere_model
#BSUB -n 10
#BSUB -e %J.err
#BSUB -o %J.out
#BSUB -R "span[ptile=40]"
```

```
mpirun -n 10 ./atmosphere_model
```

```
bsub < test.rsl
```

```
[ess-zhucy@login05 480km]$ bjobs
JOBID    USER    STAT  QUEUE      FROM_HOST  EXEC_HOST  JOB_NAME    SUBMIT_TIME
7451819  ess-zhu  PEND  debug      login05                *ere_model  Oct 14 15:15
[ess-zhucy@login05 480km]$ bjobs
JOBID    USER    STAT  QUEUE      FROM_HOST  EXEC_HOST  JOB_NAME    SUBMIT_TIME
7451819  ess-zhu  RUN   debug      login05    10*r13n45  *ere_model  Oct 14 15:15
[ess-zhucy@login05 480km]$ ll
```

After completing simulation, a series of netcdf data files starting with ‘diag’ and ‘history’ will appear, as shown below.



```

- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1146328 Oct 14 15:15 diag.2021-07-19_00.00.00.nc
- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1146328 Oct 14 15:15 diag.2021-07-19_03.00.00.nc
- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1146328 Oct 14 15:15 diag.2021-07-19_06.00.00.nc
- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1146328 Oct 14 15:15 diag.2021-07-19_09.00.00.nc
- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1146328 Oct 14 15:15 diag.2021-07-19_12.00.00.nc
- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1146328 Oct 14 15:15 diag.2021-07-19_15.00.00.nc
- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1146328 Oct 14 15:16 diag.2021-07-19_18.00.00.nc
- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1146328 Oct 14 15:16 diag.2021-07-19_21.00.00.nc
- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1146328 Oct 14 15:16 diag.2021-07-20_00.00.00.nc
- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1146328 Oct 14 15:16 diag.2021-07-20_03.00.00.nc
- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1146328 Oct 14 15:16 diag.2021-07-20_06.00.00.nc
- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1146328 Oct 14 15:16 diag.2021-07-20_09.00.00.nc
- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1146328 Oct 14 15:16 diag.2021-07-20_12.00.00.nc
- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1146328 Oct 14 15:16 diag.2021-07-20_15.00.00.nc
- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1146328 Oct 14 15:16 diag.2021-07-20_18.00.00.nc
- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1146328 Oct 14 15:16 diag.2021-07-20_21.00.00.nc
- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 1146328 Oct 14 15:16 diag.2021-07-21_00.00.00.nc

r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 28230860 Oct 14 15:15 history.2021-07-19_00.00.00.nc
r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 28230860 Oct 14 15:15 history.2021-07-19_06.00.00.nc
r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 28230860 Oct 14 15:15 history.2021-07-19_12.00.00.nc
r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 28230860 Oct 14 15:16 history.2021-07-19_18.00.00.nc
r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 28230860 Oct 14 15:16 history.2021-07-20_00.00.00.nc
r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 28230860 Oct 14 15:16 history.2021-07-20_06.00.00.nc
r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 28230860 Oct 14 15:16 history.2021-07-20_12.00.00.nc
r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 28230860 Oct 14 15:16 history.2021-07-20_18.00.00.nc
r-- 1 ess-zhucy ess-dongl 28230860 Oct 14 15:16 history.2021-07-21_00.00.00.nc

```

If the following summary information is output at the end of the log file, it indicates that the simulation run was successful and has ended.

Note that the error information must be 0. Additionally, please make sure to save the computational core hours and storage size used for this simulation.

```

timer_name          total      calls      min      max      avg      pct_tot  pct_par  par_eff
1 total time        105.68636      1      105.68624  105.68636  105.68628  100.00    0.00    1.00
2 initialize         0.82919        1      0.81551    0.82919    0.81313    0.78     0.78    0.99
2 time integration   87.28709      360     0.09471    0.49328    0.24238    82.59    82.59    1.00
3 physics driver     45.59163      360     0.00736    0.35390    0.09699    43.14    52.23    0.77
4 calc_cldfraction   0.02887       144     0.00009    0.00021    0.00015    0.03     0.06    0.74
4 RRTMG_sw           26.47477       144     0.00001    0.22362    0.11808    25.05    58.07    0.60
4 RRTMG_lw           16.71859       144     0.00525    0.11025    0.10941    15.81    36.65    0.94
4 Morin-Obukhov      0.04877       360     0.00009    0.00026    0.00012    0.05     0.11    0.99
4 Noah               0.08130       360     0.00003    0.00032    0.00011    0.08     0.18    0.49
4 YSU                0.53311       360     0.00126    0.00209    0.00142    0.50     1.17    0.96
4 bl_ysu_gwdo        0.15247       360     0.00028    0.00053    0.00036    0.14     0.33    0.85
4 New_Tiedtke        1.95063       360     0.00350    0.00622    0.00475    1.85     4.28    0.88
4 atm_rk_integration_setup 0.18725       360     0.00046    0.00134    0.00050    0.18     0.21    0.97
3 atm_compute_moist_coefficients 0.15495       360     0.00037    0.00053    0.00040    0.15     0.18    0.94
3 physics_get_tend    0.36572       360     0.00085    0.00252    0.00100    0.35     0.42    0.98
3 atm_compute_vert_imp_coefs 0.19156      1080     0.00016    0.00043    0.00017    0.18     0.22    0.98
3 atm_compute_dyn_tend 5.52701      3240     0.00132    0.00352    0.00167    5.23     6.33    0.98
3 small_step_prep     0.50329      3240     0.00012    0.00061    0.00015    0.48     0.58    0.97
3 atm_advance_acoustic_step 1.53927      4320     0.00031    0.00111    0.00035    1.46     1.76    0.98
3 atm_divergence_damping_3d 0.72595      4320     0.00013    0.00041    0.00016    0.69     0.83    0.98
3 atm_recover_large_step_variables 1.47887      3240     0.00034    0.00162    0.00044    1.40     1.69    0.96
3 atm_compute_solve_diagnostics 2.02045      3240     0.00048    0.00160    0.00060    1.91     2.31    0.97
3 atm_rk_dynamics_substep_finish 0.27291      1080     0.00015    0.00059    0.00025    0.26     0.31    0.97
3 atm_advance_scalars 2.82530       720     0.00364    0.00551    0.00381    2.67     3.24    0.97
3 atm_advance_scalars_mono 2.07322       360     0.00528    0.00644    0.00562    1.96     2.38    0.98
3 microphysics       14.21107       360     0.02320    0.04273    0.03391    13.45    16.28    0.86
4 WSM6              13.66588       360     0.02162    0.03960    0.03249    12.93    96.16    0.86

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Total log messages printed:
Output messages =          5119
Warning messages =           3
Error messages =           0
Critical error messages =      0
-----
Logging complete. Closing file at 2024/10/14 15:17:20

```

## 4. Running Global Variable-resolution Simulation

### 4.1 Creating the Mesh with Regional Resolution Refinement

Firstly, navigate to the 92\_25km\_simulation directory:

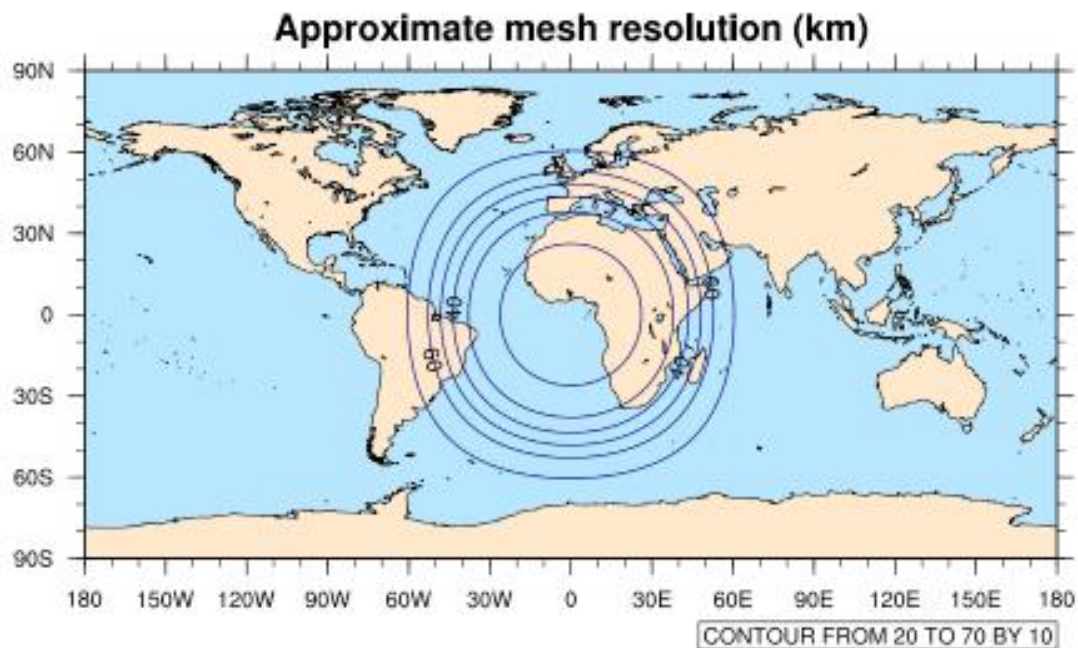
```
cd ~/MPAS_simulations/92_25km_simulation
ln -s ~/MPAS_Model/MPAS-Model-7.3/init_atmosphere_model .
ln -s ~/MPAS_Model/MPAS-Model-7.3/atmosphere_model .
ln -s ~/MPAS_data/gfs/2023_09-07_08/GFS\2023-09-0* .
ln -s ~/MPAS_data/mesh/92_25km/x4.163842.grid.nc .
cp ~/MPAS_Model/MPAS-Model-7.3/stream_list.atmosphere.* .
cp ~/MPAS_Model/MPAS-Model-7.3/namelist.* .
cp ~/MPAS_Model/MPAS-Model-7.3/streams.* .
ln -s ~/MPAS_Model/MPAS-Model-7.3/src/core_atmosphere/physics/physics_wrf/files/* .
```

Now, you need to roughly check the grid spacing distribution of the variable-resolution mesh, i.e., how the grid spacing is distributed in x4.163842.grid.nc. Copy the mesh\_resolution.ncl script from the /data/ess-liuzj/mpas\_tutorial/ncl\_scripts directory to the current path:

```
cp /data/ess-liuzj/mpas_tutorial/ncl_scripts/mesh_resolution.ncl .
export FNAME=x4.163842.grid.nc
ncl mesh_resolution.ncl
```

Please note that you need to load the NCAR Command Language (NCL) first.

A mesh\_resolution.pdf file will appear in the current directory as follows:



This figure shows the global distribution of horizontal grid resolution. By default, the grid resolution is refined over western Africa, but MPAS supports shifting the center of grid refinement to any location. Now, we will use Zhengzhou, Henan, as an example for grid refinement. The steps are as follows:

Create a file named namelist.input:

```
&input
  config_original_latitude_degrees = 0
  config_original_longitude_degrees = 0

  config_new_latitude_degrees = 34.0
  config_new_longitude_degrees = 113.0
  config_birdseye_rotation_counter_clockwise_degrees = 90
/
```

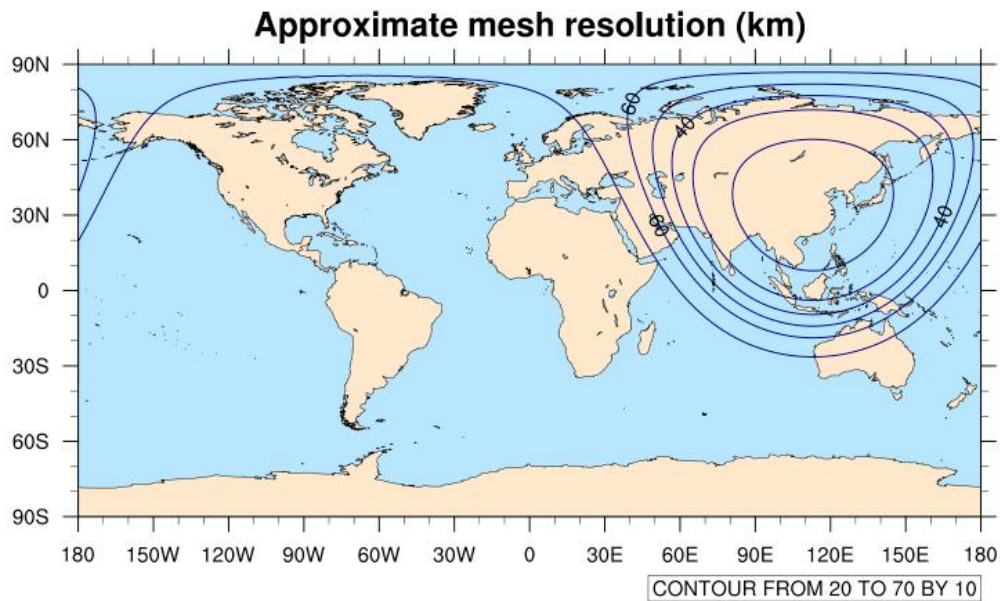
Note: 34.0 and 113.0 represent the latitude and longitude for the refinement. The first two variables are set to 0, indicating that the refinement type is a regular circular refinement. If other values are used, it indicates an elliptical refinement.

Run the following command to shift the refinement center.

```
grid_rotate x4.163842.grid.nc henan.grid.nc
```

A `henan.grid.nc` file will appear in the current path. Now, let's check the approximate grid spacing distribution in `henan.grid.nc`.

```
export FNAME=henan.grid.nc  
ncl mesh_resolution.ncl
```



## 4.2 Creating Static, Init files and Running the Simulations

Please note that for global variable-resolution simulations, after completing ‘Creating the Mesh with Regional Resolution Refinement,’ the remaining steps align with the content in Sections 3.1–3.3. If you want more details on creating static files, init files, or doing the simulations, the information in Sections 3.1–3.3 is entirely sufficient.