

# Activity 4 – Set up and run a realistic configuration

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## 0. If you need to connect to LOPS computers:

***ssh -Y [username@draco.univ-brest.fr](mailto:username@draco.univ-brest.fr)***

***ssh -Y libra*** or ***ssh -Y capella*** or ***ssh -Y apus***

***cd /net/krypton/data0/project/vortex/gula/ModNum/username*** (ask me if it is not created)

## 1. Download the croco tools and datasets

- copy the CROCO\_TOOLS package from:

if you are logged in a LOPS computer:

***/net/krypton/data0/project/vortex/gula/ModNum/Data/croco\_tools-v1.1.tar.gz***

if you are in one of the IUEM computing rooms:

***/forums/public/pub/Data/ croco\_tools-v1.1.tar.gz***

Otherwise you need to download it from

<https://www.croco-ocean.org/download/croco-project/>

or

[http://jgula.fr/ModNum/croco\\_tools-v1.1.tar.gz](http://jgula.fr/ModNum/croco_tools-v1.1.tar.gz)

- We are going to use the Matlab version. Untar the folder (tar xf croco\_tools-v1.1.tar.gz) and copy the files [croco\\_tools-v1.1/start.m](#) and [croco\\_tools-v1.1/crocotools\\_param.m](#) in your working folder (e.g. *~/ModNum/case\_regional*)

- edit the [start.m](#) and modify the path to the croco\_tools routines if needed (tools\_path needs to point to the [croco\\_tools-v1.1](#) folder)

- Edit the `crocotools_param.m` to and modify the path to the data files (variable DATADIR). It should point to:

if you are logged in a LOPS computer:

`/net/krypton/data0/project/vortex/gula/ModNum/Data/`

if you are in a IUEM computing rooms:

`/forums/public/pub/Data/`

Otherwise you need to download datasets (COADS + WOA + Topo) from

<https://www.croco-ocean.org/download/datasets/>

## 2. Create files for the Benguela test-case

See [https://croco-ocean.gitlabpages.inria.fr/croco\\_doc/](https://croco-ocean.gitlabpages.inria.fr/croco_doc/) for a detailed tutorial

*In brief you need to :*

- start matlab:

On IUEM computers: ***matlab***

On LOPS computers: ***module load matlab/2014a; matlab -nodesktop***

and run `start.m` to load all path (*just type "start" in the matlab window/terminal*)

- run the following scripts (just type their name in matlab)

- `make_grid` to create your grid file [CROCO\_FILES/croco\_grd.nc]
- `make_forcing` to generate surface\_forcing: wind stress, surface heat flux, surface freshwater flux [CROCO\_FILES/croco\_frc.nc]
- `make_clim` to generate initial conditions T, S, currents , SSH [CROCO\_FILES/croco\_ini.nc and CROCO\_FILES/croco\_clm.nc]

- **make\_bry** to generate oceanic boundary conditions : T, S, currents , SSH  
[CROCO\_FILES/croco\_bry.nc]

### 3. Compile and run the BENGUELA\_LR case

Redownload and untar the code croco if you don't have it:

```
cd .. (wherever you want to have your croco routines)
wget https://www.jgula.fr/ModNum/croco.tar.gz
tar xf croco.tar.gz
cd ~/ModNum/case_regional (the folder containing your latest configuration)
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- Copy the jobcomp locally: **cp -rf ../croco/OCEAN/jobcomp ./**
- Copy the croco.in locally: **cp -rf ../croco/OCEAN/croco.in ./**
- Copy the param.h locally: **cp -rf ../croco/OCEAN/param.h ./**
- Copy the cppdefs.h locally: **cp -rf ../croco/OCEAN/cppdefs.h ./**

On LOPS/IUEM computers:

- Load the fortran/netcdf modules:  
**module purge**  
**module load intel/12.1 netcdf/c-4.4.1.1-intel12 netcdf/fortran-4.4.4-intel12**
- eventually change the SOURCE location in the jobcomp to point to the croco routines:  
**SOURCE=../croco/OCEAN**

Add OPEN\_MP parallelization (see Activity1.pdf)

Then Compile and run :

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./jobcomp
croco croco.in
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## 4. Create files for your own configuration

- edit the [crocotools\\_param.m](#) to choose all parameters for your configuration (name, grid location and size, time and duration, path to forcing files, etc.)

## 5. Compile and run your simulation

- Edit the [param.h](#) to define the size of your grid (and parameters for your parallelization) according to the ones you have chosen in [crocotools\\_param.m](#)
- Edit the [cppdefs.h](#) to choose your numerical options
- Edit the [croco.in](#) to choose the run time parameters. Choose the parameters to have at least 2 years of simulation with monthly averages (every 30 days).

## 6. Check your simulation

- Check the circulation:

- you can use a [python gui](#) in python, see [https://croco-ocean.gitlabpages.inria.fr/croco\\_doc/tutos/tutos.14.visu.python.html](https://croco-ocean.gitlabpages.inria.fr/croco_doc/tutos/tutos.14.visu.python.html)

- you can use the [croco\\_gui.m](#) in with matlab, see [https://croco-ocean.gitlabpages.inria.fr/croco\\_doc/tutos/tutos.14.visu.matlab.html](https://croco-ocean.gitlabpages.inria.fr/croco_doc/tutos/tutos.14.visu.matlab.html)

- or various examples in python (see [example\\_croco\\_xarray.ipynb](#), or [Python\\_example1.py](#), [Python\\_example2.py](#) on <http://jgula.fr/ModNum>)

- Try to find a paper documenting the circulation in this region and check if it is (at least qualitatively) well reproduced in the simulation.

- Average the simulation over the last year only (*you will consider only the last year of your simulation to minimize the effects of the spin-up.*)

- Plot the mean currents (surface and barotropic) and vertical sections of stratification for your simulation and for observations (*you can use WOA2009 data – or directly use the croco\_clm.nc file which contains monthly climatology from WOA2009 data interpolated on the model grid*).