

Testing new KRC versions and installations

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1 Preamble / Mechanics

This document is a guide to testing different versions and installations of KRC using the **krcvtest.pro** IDL program; it should not be needed by the general user.

krcvtest.pro is coded as a large case statement. The symbol '@' here refers to actions within the case statement; eg., @20 means enter 20 <CR> after the prompt “ krcvtest Enter selection: 99=help 0=stop 123=auto>” and the program will execute what is in that section of code.

The “else” in this case statement calls the procedure **kon91** which contains a large number of generally useful actions.

@99 will list all actions in the main program,
then a dense reminder of the actions in **kon91**,
then the current action sequence, 123:
then the actions that allow modification of parameters and their current values
11:, 14:

@18 yields a quick guide to the current arrays, and @181 a detailed guide to the current KRC arrays.

The IDL program can and should produce figures on a black background; White-on-Black figures will be Black-on-White in this document; they were made by:

```
@8 Open a B&W plot file
    Action to generate figure
[@88 Add subtitle with date to the plot]
@9 Close the plot file
```

Colors figures will show colors better on a monitor than the color-on-white figures in this document, which were produced by:

```
@80 enter 1. Need do this only once. Then, for each figure:
@81 [initiate output file]
action to generate figure
[@88 to add subtitle]
@82 to close output file. Should rename cidl.eps.
```

1.1 Notation use here

File names are shown as *file*. Program and routine names are shown as **PROGRM** [,N] , where N indicates a major control index. Code variable names are shown as **variab** and within equations as **variab**. Input parameters are shown as **INPUT** and within equations as **INPUT**.

From initial .tex

Run A, input file *v212a.inp*. Cases start with master input file for Version 2.1.2 modified to have the debug line, a new title and three latitudes. Change lines set the season step DELJUL to exactly 8 sols and to record all 100 seasons. There is a single material, The three latitudes are chosen to include the greatest seasonal variation, the equator, and one within the north season cap. It still uses the version 2.1.1 geometry matrix.

Case 1 is the default, case 2 'k(T)' has temperature-dependent properties and case 3 '2mat' has 2 layers to T-constant materials.

Cases 3,4,5 are as above but with no season prediction, achieved by setting two convergence parameters small.

Cases 7,8,9 are as 4:6 but with no atmosphere, achieved by setting the total pressure small.

Tests within Version 2.1.2 == V212

Tests between file 1= V212 and file2=V211

@123 runs initial kons = [151,21,22,23] read two files specified by @11 **parf** and does statistics on the difference for each of the major arrays and the number of convergence days. Values should be small, ideally all zero.

@112,123 runs kons=[221,222,223,225,227,226,4] reads KRCCOM and print changes on cases relative to the base. @4 print the firm-coded case IDs, which should be short-form equivalence to @226

@15 setting **pari**[1:2] to 0 and 3 differences the base case against no prediction. Then @42 creates the differences and does statistics. Values should be small although the extremes may be large due to polar cap formation

/work1/krc/test/av211.t52 noP-Default Mean StdDev Minimum Maximum ttt 0.0966156 2.23823 -1.10490 96.2280
ddd 0.0595693 1.79502 -1.04358 90.5065 ggg 0.439765 1.66330 -15.6621 30.1145

2 Introduction

This document describes KRC Version 2.2.2 and later; it applies to KRC Version 2.1.1 and later.

Version 2.1.2 and later uses dates relative to J2000.0 = 2000Jan01 noon UTC. To change from older version dates, subtract 11545.0

The initial values of file names in **parf**, accessed @11, should default to files in the distro. for two versions of KRC, with Version A being the latest version and Version B being a prior version. Comparisons between different file types (0,-1,52) are coded for Version A only.

@117, @123 should set Version A to results computed with the new installation and version B to the latest results in the distro. @110 will reset the names to their default values.

Be careful to never overwrite files in the KRC distribution area. The sequence in *AAinstall* does send KRC output to the ./run/ directory, but with new names. One technique would be to edit **parf**=[... statement in **krcvtest.pro** to your DIRectory names: @11 items 0,5 and 10.

This program handles :

two versions: @200,201

two groups (of cases): @202,203

three file types: read at @252, 50, 51

2.1 Families of Tests

In general, do not override the prior version of KRC at your site before running this version comparison.

- 1) Test new installation against output files supplied for the same KRC version
All statistical results should be zero or at roundoff level
- 2) Test installation against the prior version
Run the test cases with the prior version of KRC installed at your site to generate the needed output files.

2.2 Outline of the test procedure

Save the *VerTest.inp* file with a name that indicates the prior version.

Edit a new version of *VerTest.inp*. Unless the input formats/content have changed, should need to change only the output file names.

Note: when using more than one file type in a run, the new file name should follow the K4OUT change.

Note: if re-running a test, must first delete any existing files with the same name as the named output files. Look at *VerTest.inp* to check name and directory of output files. If these files exist, delete them. The ones included in the distribution should start with "Orig".

Then run KRC with the test input file

Then get into IDL and do: `.rnew krcvtest`

3 Outline of Prerequisite Steps

Build a KRC distribution, including the shared object library

Edit *VerTest.inp* if necessary

Run KRC on *VerTest.inp* and *Mone.inp*

Edit *kirin.pro* for the current site

Start IDL

kirin (should compile and execute the *kirin* routine)

`.rnew krcvtest`

3.1 KRC runs

Edit the output file names in *VerTest.inp* appropriately. Run the latest version of KRC on this input file.

Output files from runs on earlier KRC versions should be available in the distribution. If not, then run an older version of KRC on *VerTest.inp* after changing only the output file names.

These should create files of the following sizes with similar names:

```
27135872 Vntest1.t52
1195200 Vntest2.t0
27135872 V222test1.t52
524000 V222test2.t52
1195200 V222test2.t0
582528 V222test2.tm1
```

3.1.1 One Point mode

Run both versions of KRC on *Mone.inp*, with different print file names

3.2 IDL

Set the IDL path

edit **kinin.pro** for the current environment

Should need to do the above 2 steps only once at your installation.

```

start IDL
do: kirin

kirin should open a plot window and print something like:
env:  MYHOME= /home/hkieffer/    !outid = Kieffer
IDLTOP=!idltop= /home/hkieffer/idl/
PROJSRC=/home/hkieffer/krc/tes/
PROJDAT=/work/work1/krc/test/
Printer names: MYBW=HP_Laserjet_3330  MYCLR=q
Monitor size=    1280    1000

Do: .rnew krcvtest

```

3.3 OnePoint mode

Run KRC (latest version) with the input file *Mone.inp*, which refers to *oneA.one*; you can add lines to *oneA.one* if you wish.

Run prior version of KRC, e.g., krc12nov30 with its matching OnePoint file, i.e. *V1Mone.inp* , which should refer to *oneA.one*

3.4 Notes

KRC will not open a new direct-access file if it already exists, so if redoing a run, must first remove older files with the desired names.

The V2.2.4 distribution also contains test files for Version 2.1.1

4 Binary files output by KRC and input to the test program

The input file *-/run/VerTest.inp* contains effectively four 'runs' of KRC. The first 'run' has 8 cases output into a single type 52 file. Then next three 'runs' are a single global case repeated three times and output to 3 different types of file.

Group refers to the set of cases in a KRC run.

Group 1: A single type 52 file: Every sol for 670 seasons; 5 latitudes. No spinup. Cases are: (1-based index)

- 1 With atmosphere, soil properties constant with T, frost properties constant
- 2 With atmosphere, soil properties T-dependent, frost properties constant
- 3 With atmosphere, soil properties constant with T, frost properties variable
- 4 No atmosphere, soil properties constant with T
- 5 No atmosphere, soil properties T-dependent
- 6 No atmosphere, soil properties T-dependent, but uniform over temperature

Group 2: Has 19 latitudes for 40 seasons, with a 2-year spinup.

- 1 case only, default values. Output type 52 and type 0 and type 1
- 37 latitudes, 3 year spinup, 40 seasons output, equal one Mars year.

Three output file types.

- Type 52. File extension .t52
- Type 0. File extension .t0
- Type -1. File extension .tml

5 Test program

The test program is an IDL program structured with a large case statement. Selectable actions are indicated by the "@" sign. The 11x actions each define a sequence of other actions *kons*, which are each started by @123. Several of

these are described in the following subsections, along with examples of the expected output.

The IDL action -1 causes the program to wait for the user to hit any key and is commonly used after a plot.

5.1 Startup actions

```
860.. set color scheme
20... Get KRCCOM structure and definitions
200.. Set to VerA
203.. Set to case group 2
207.. Set input file stem
21... Open file to determine locations of krccom
22... Get KRC changes
29... Close the KRC unit
252.. Open/Read/Close type 52 file
```

Ver or Version refers to the Version of KRC, at time of this document 2.2.2 . VerA is defined by items 0:3 in the set of strings set @11; VerB is set by items 5:8.

5.2 Useful general actions

@99 Prints a list of all actions

@11 Allows modification of input file path-names.

@18 Prints "help" for the critical arrays. The first five are for the type 52 file; they all must exist for anything to work. TSZ and TSM are the surface temperature arrays for the type 0 and -1 files respectively; they are required for actions starting with 5 or 6.

@188 Prints a guide to Type 52 extracted arrays.

@14 Allows modification of some control items

@123 Executes the current sequence of actions **kons**

5.3 Files @11

File names

```
0 VerA=new DIR      = /work/work1/krc/test/
 1 " case file      = V224str2
 2 " multi-type stem = V222test2
 3 " OnePoint [.prt] = Mone
 4 DIR for prt      = /home/hkieffer/krc/tes/
 5 VerB=prior DIR   = /work/work1/krc/test/
 6 " case file      = Vntest1
 7 " multi-type stem = V211test2
 8 " OnePoint [.prt] = Moneq
 9 DIR for prt      = /home/hkieffer/krc/tes/
10 DIR for IDL output = /home/hkieffer/idl/
11 Output onePoint set = grid.one
```

5.4 Default sequence

default: kons=[860,20,200,203,207,21,22,29,252]

```
@860.. ..... missing ..... set the color scheme
@20... Get KRCCOM structure and definitions
@200.. Set to VerA
@203.. Set to case group 2
```

```

@207.. set input file stem
@21... Open file to determine locations of krccom
@22... Get KRC changes
@29... Close the KRC unit
@252.. Open/Read/Close type 52 file

```

5.4.1 Print to terminal

```

> 123
Doing ----->      860
Doing ----->       20
Doing ----->      200
Doing ----->      203
Doing ----->      207
Doing ----->       21
khold=          100      130872          1          255
Doing ----->       22
Case=   1 had: ALBEDO=0.25 INERTIA=200. CABR=0.11 T_DEEP=180. TauDust=0.3 TauRati=0.5 IB=0
Doing ----->       29
Doing ----->      252
Will Read  file: /work/work1/krc/test/V222test2.t52 Size=  5 24 7 19 41 1 4 130872
# layers computed, transfered=          20          19
TTT          FLOAT      = Array[24, 5, 19, 40, 1]
UUU          FLOAT      = Array[19, 2, 1]
VVV          FLOAT      = Array[40, 5, 1]
DDD          FLOAT      = Array[19, 2, 19, 40, 1]
GGG          FLOAT      = Array[6, 19, 40, 1]
VERN         STRING     = '2.2.2'
KCOM          STRUCT    = -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
Nseas, nlat, ncase=          40          19          1

```

5.5 Re-read version A cases. @111

```

111: kons=[201,21,22,29,252]
201.. Set to VerA cases
21... Open file to determine locations of krccom
22... Get KRC changes
29... Close the KRC unit
252.. Open/Read/Close type 52 file

```

5.6 Tests between cases within one version. @112

```

112: kons=[41,-1,411,-1,42,43,-1,44,-1,45,-1,46]
41... Test Ls
-1... Wait
411.. Check Ls against LSAM
-1... Wait
42... Confirm convergence days
43... Plot hourly Ts near equator for 2 seasons
-1... Wait
44... Display central latitude seasonal behaviour
-1... Wait
45... No atm, T:const - T:uniform
-1... Wait
46... Tatm-TnoAtm

```

@41 Plots of Group 1 Ls versus season index, see Figure 1. Print the range of differences in L_S between cases, which should be less than 0.001

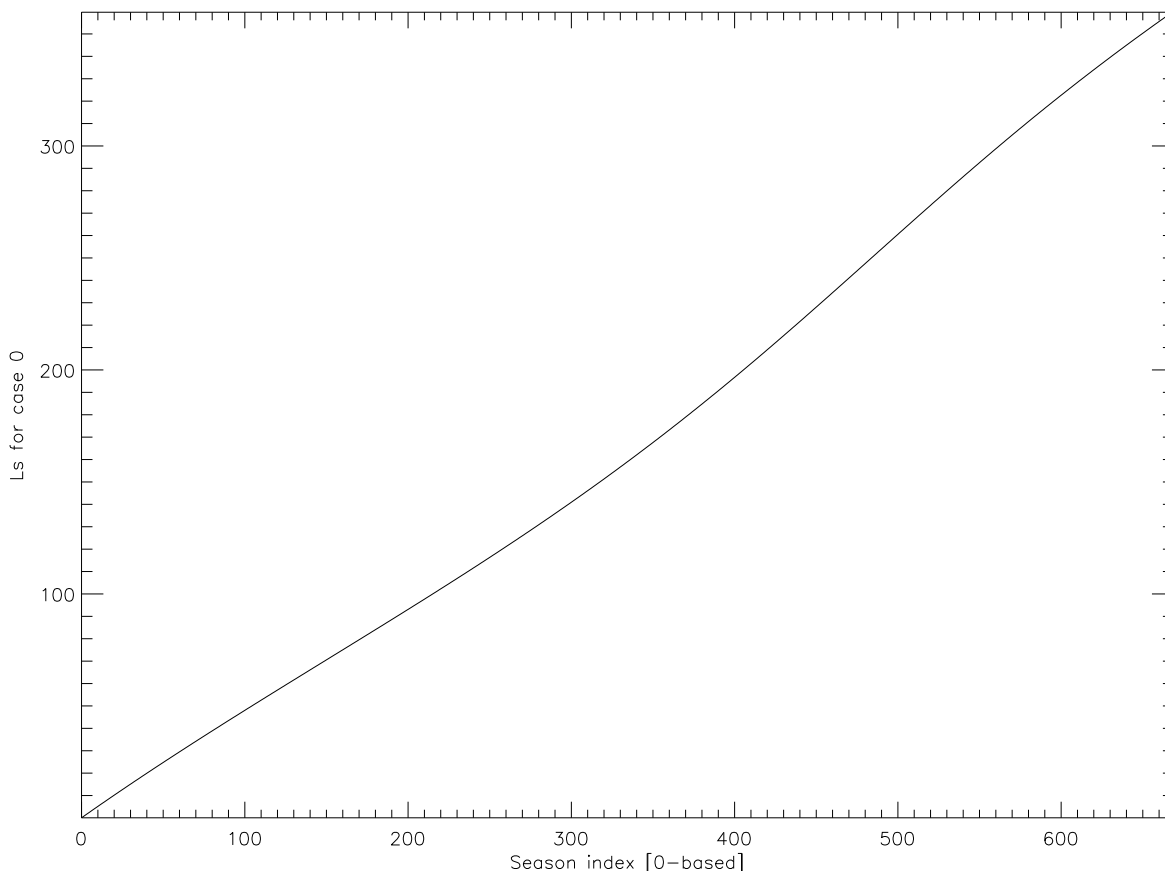


Figure 1: Group 1 Ls versus season index

@411 Compares the Ls computed in **readtype52.pro** with the Allison and McEwen model computed in **lsam.pro**, which includes planetary perturbations. Absolute values should be less than 0.1; see Figure 2.

@42 Checks that all seasons of Group 1 ran for a single day. The min and max of NDJ4 should be 1.

@43 Displays diurnal curves for seasons closest to perihelion ($L_s=251$, upper curves near midday) and aphelion ($L_s=71$, lower curves near midday) for each case. All the curves should look like normal diurnal temperature curves. Expect the major effect to be presence or absence of atmosphere, so cases 1,2 and 3 should group, and cases 4,5,6 should group and be cooler at night. Case 6 may plot on top of case 4. See Figure 3.

@44 Plots the surface temperature near noon for all seasons and cases, there is a different curve for each latitude. There can be a discontinuity between cases. See Figure 4.

@45 Looks at the difference between case 5 (KofT turned off) and case 3 (KofT on but the temperature dependence set to zero). For each of the 5 major items in a Type 52 file:

- 0= surface kinetic temperature
- 1= Top-of-atmosphere bolometric temperature
- 2= one-layer atmosphere kinetic temperature
- 3= Down-welling solar radiance
- 4= Down-welling thermal radiance

The Mean Absolute Residual (MAR) of case5 - case3 for all hours, latitudes and seasons is computed and printed. If this exceeds 1.E-6, then a histogram is plotted.

For V2.2.2 only Tsur exceeded this criterion, the MAR is 5.1e-05 and the extremes (shown in the histogram annotation) are -0.00007 and +7.6e-5.

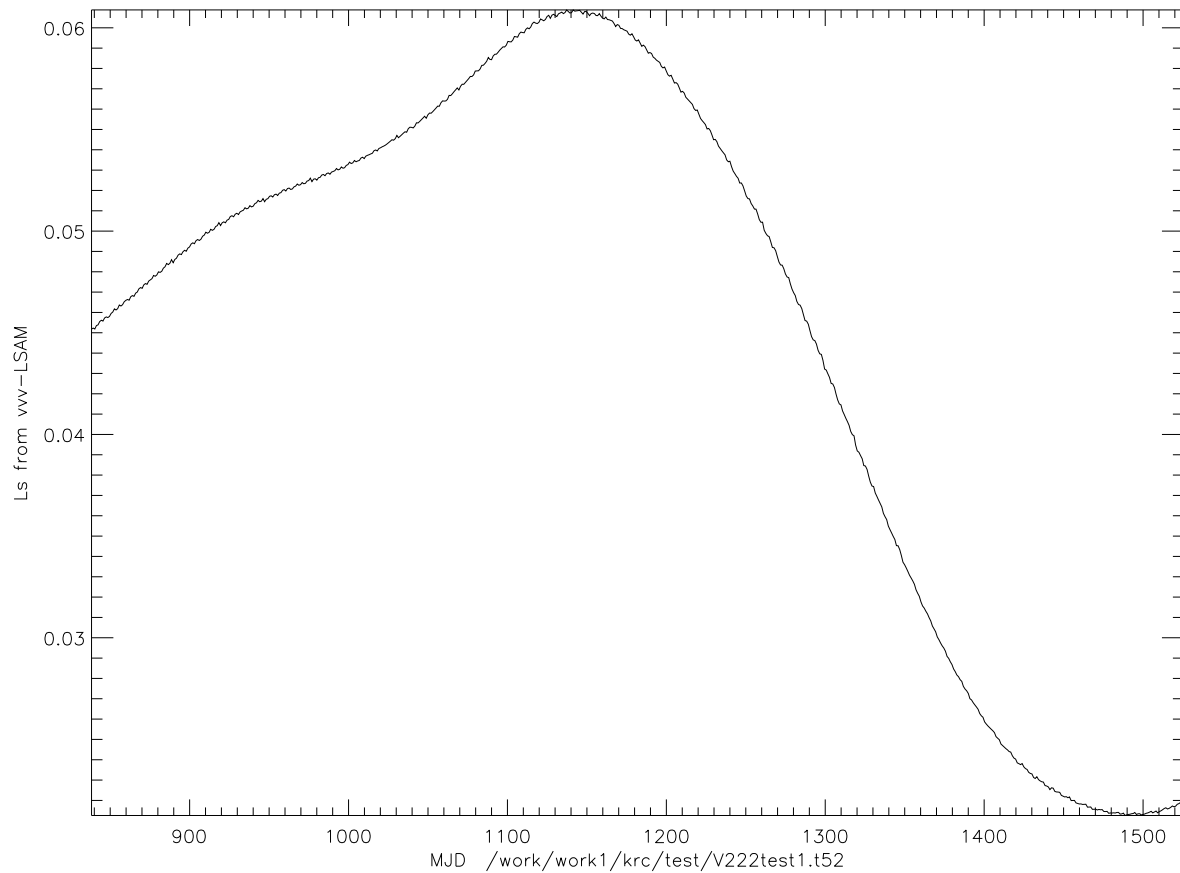


Figure 2: Difference in L_S , KRC- **lsam.pro**

@46 plots the difference (Atmosphere - NoAtmosphere) for Tsurf (bottom plot) and Down-going Solar flux at the surface (top plot) for a subset of hours and seasons (set by @14, items 0 and 1) for all the latitudes. Temperatures are generally higher with an atmosphere, extreme differences are probably related to cap edge positions. Delta DownVIS should always be smaller (the plotted difference is negative). Histograms of these differences are plotted. MAR for Tsurf is about 6 and for DownVis is about 10.

5.7 Difference between file types. @113 and @114

113: kons=[252,50,51] Reads the three global/annual files.

252... Open/Read/Close type 52 file

50... Read type 0

51... Read type -1

114: kons=[511,-1,52,-1,53,-1,55] Tests for differences

511... Compare Ls in Type 0 file with LSAM

-1... Wait

52... Plot delta of each ddd item

-1... Wait

53... Check Ls between types

-1... Wait

55... Check Ts and Tp for equivalence between types

@511 Compares the Ls contained in the Type 0 file for each season with the Allison and McEwen model computed in lsam.pro, which includes planetary perturbations. This comparison ASSUMES that DELJUL was constant for the run (True for the test files).

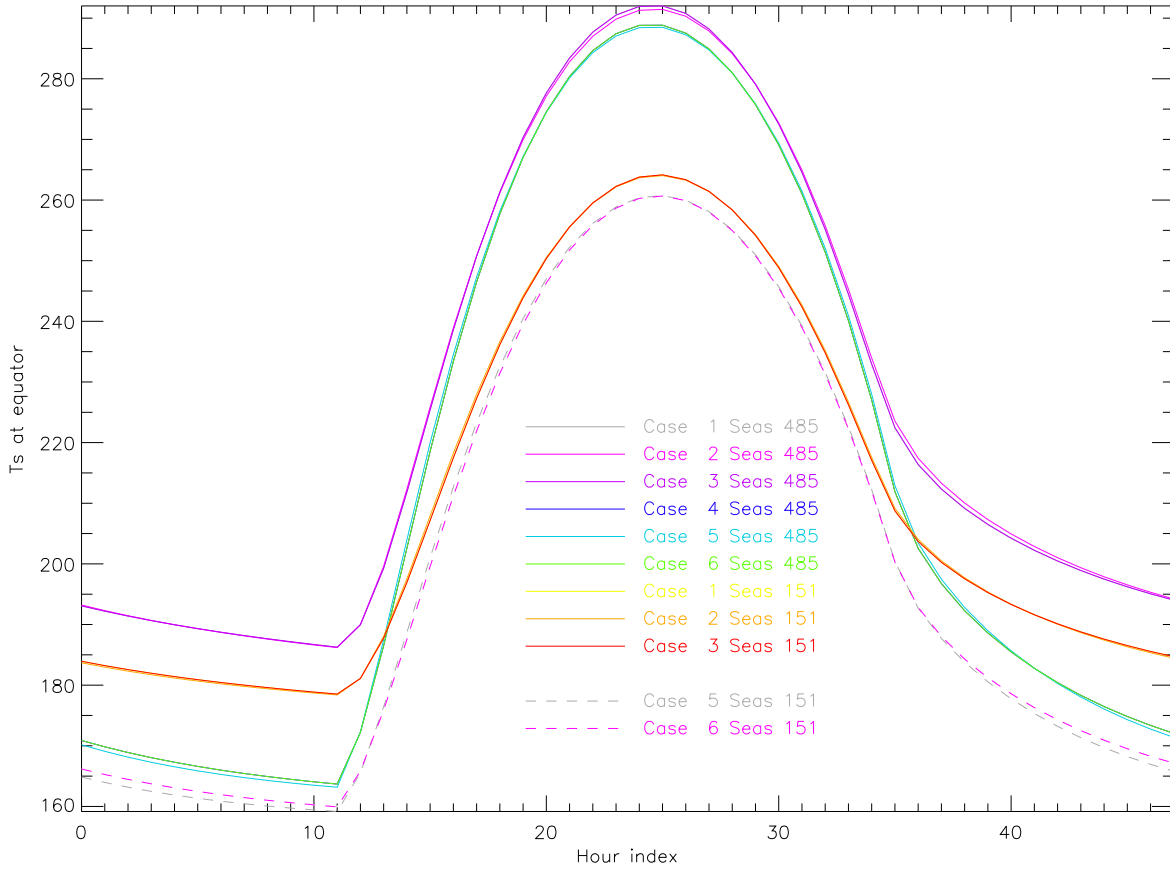


Figure 3: Diurnal T_s for a latitude near-or-at the equator for two seasons for each case.

@52 Generates a series of plots for the six items extracted from LATCOM contained in Type 0. “predicted” is extrapolated from the sols computed to the end of the season

- | | | |
|----|---------------|---|
| 0: | DTM4(MAXN4) | rms temperature change on last day |
| 1: | TST4(MAXN4) | predicted equilibrium temperature of ground |
| 2: | TTS4(MAXN4) | predicted mean surface temperature for each latitude |
| 3: | TTB4(MAXN4) | predicted mean bottom temperature |
| 4: | FROST4(MAXN4) | predicted frost amount kg/m ² . |
| 5: | AFRO4(MAXN4) | frost albedo. May be a single line if constant frost albedo was used (LVFA=F) |

The abscissa is the saved season index; there is a curve for each latitude. The first plot is shown in Figure 5.

@522 plots just one of the above; selected by @14 item 3. Figure 6 is an example for mean surface temperature

@53 Compares the L_S for the three types.

- | | | |
|----------|-----------|--|
| Type 52: | line | Extracted from the file for each season |
| Type 0: | Plus sign | From each LATCOM |
| Type 1: | Diamond | Computed in readkrcl.pro based on assumption of uniform seasons |

The 100-fold magnified differences of Types 0 and -1 from Type 52 are plotted relative to the $L_S=200$ level (one ordinate tic is 0.1 degree); see Figure 7. Differences should be less than 0.1K.

@55 Prints statistics for the difference in Tsur and Tplan between file types (first 4 lines) and then between Type 52 and Type 0 for 3 items. All values should be zero.

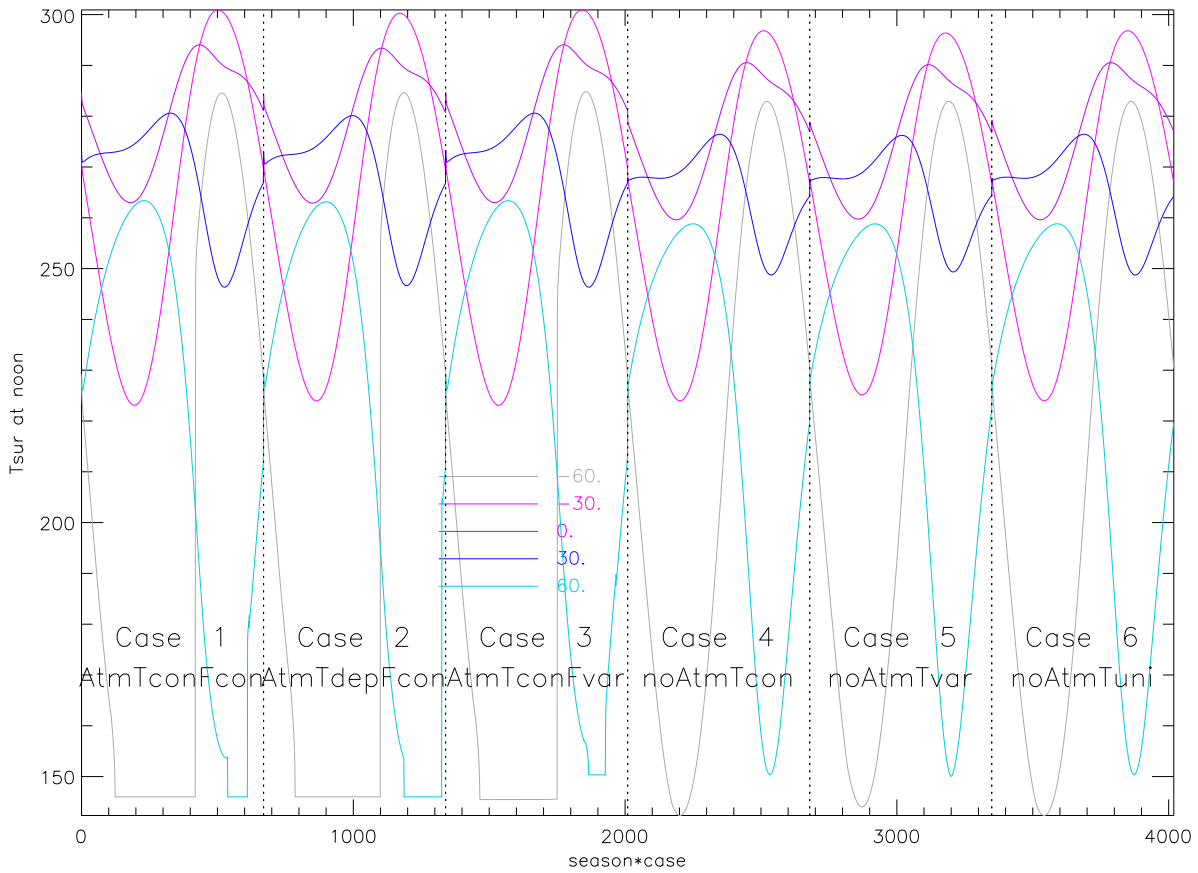


Figure 4: T_s near noon for 5 latitudes for all seasons for each case.

5.8 Difference between versions. @115 and @116

115: kons=[202,252] The sequence @115 123 will read the VerB Type 52 file

```
26... tth=ttt etc.
201.. Set to VerB
202.. set to case group 1
252.. Open/Read/Close type 52 file
```

116: kons=[61,-1,62,63] The sequence @116 123 will runs tests between versions using the Type 52 file

```
61... Plot LS-LSH
-1... Wait
62... Plot Tsur noon equator
63... Stats on VerB-VerA
```

@61 Plots the difference in L_S between versions if this difference is not zero. The abscissa is the difference in date, which may be large but should have a span of about 690 days. The ordinate is difference in L_S ; all absolute values should be less than about 0.1.

@62 Plots the near-noon, near-equator surface temperature for all seasons for both versions; VerB as dashed blue. Curves should nearly overlay. The 100-fold magnified difference VerB-VerA is plotted relative to $T=280$. See figure 8

@63 Prints statistics on the difference for all the items in the type 52 arrays. Mean and StdDev values should be generally small; DJU5 will be large if the versions used both the J2000.0 and the -2440000 date conventions. Minimum and maximum differences can be large due to the polar cap edge.

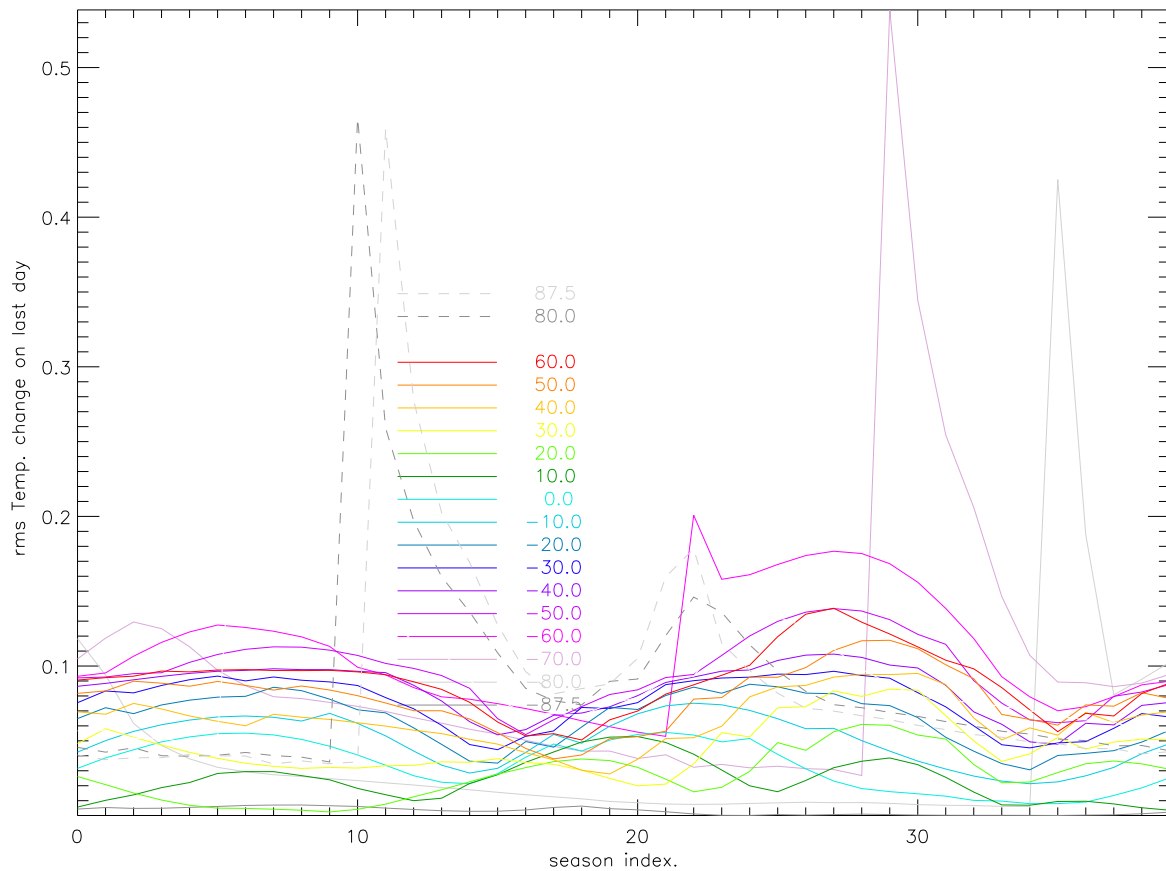


Figure 5: Behavior of summary values for each latitude and season in Type 0 files. Example of the RMS temperature change on last computed day. The spikes are near the edge of the polar caps.

5.9 OnePoint mode

@71 reads both VerA and VerB OnePoint files. It compares all the input fields, and should report differences as zero. If so, it will report the range on output differences. If input differences exceed 0.001, it will halt.

6 Check an installation with minimal waits

The long sequence @117 compares the results for files of all types in the KRC distribution with values computed with the new installation. KRC must have been run at your location with the *VerTest.inp* and with *Mone.inp* input files.

After @117, do @11 to check/correct the file names. Then @123 will execute the sequence to test all file types and the onePoint mode. All the statistical results should be 0 or tiny.

6.1 @117

117: Sets Version A to new run and version B to latest in the distro

```
200.. Set to VerA
202.. set to case group 1
207.. set input file stem
21... Open file to determine locations of krccom
22... Get KRC changes
```

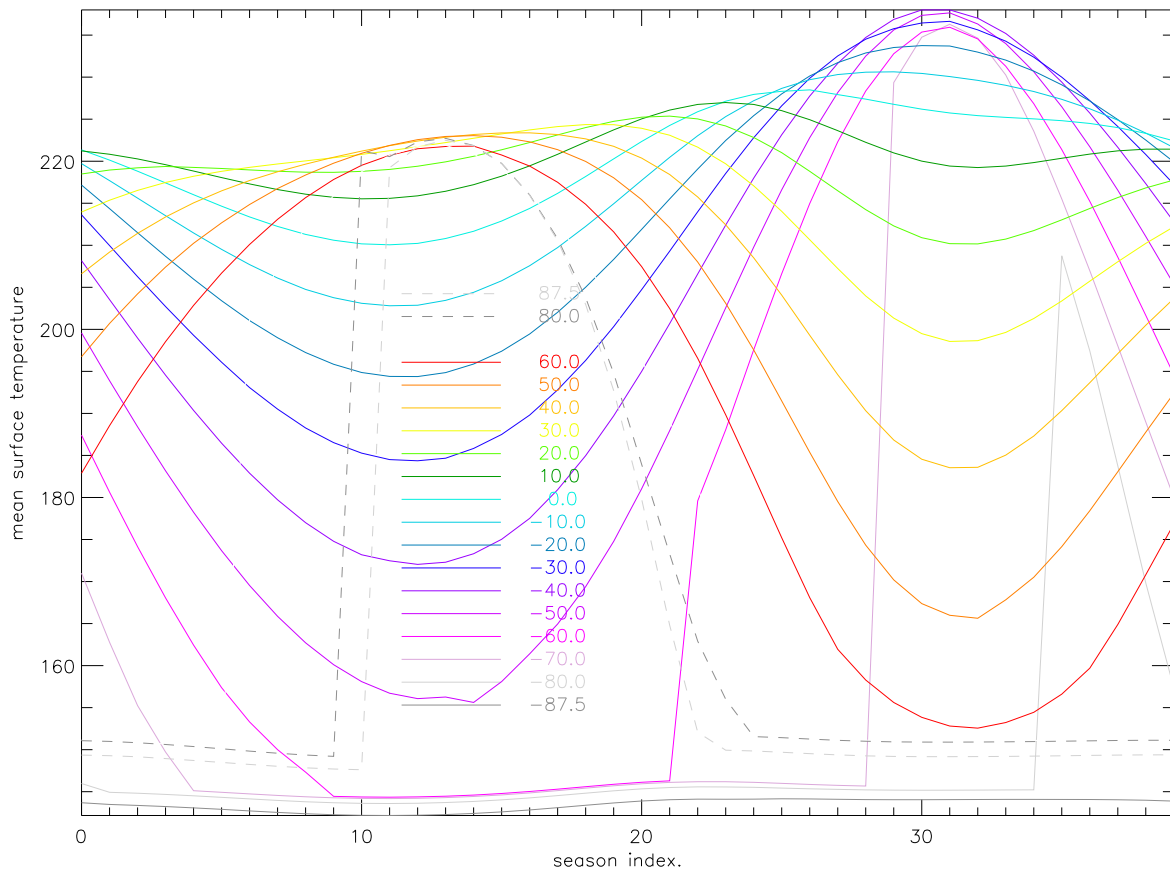


Figure 6: Diurnal average of T_s as a function of time (season index) for each global latitude

```

29... Close the KRC unit
252... Open/Read/Close type 52 file
26... tth=ttt etc.
201... Set to VerB
207... set input file stem
252... Open/Read/Close type 52 file
62... Plot Tsur noon equator
63... Stats on VerB-VerA

```

MOVE @26 Will save the VerA Type 52 arrays

7 Standard Report

```

@11 to set files names
@111,123 to read one version
@131,123 to generate Report on one version
Last 3 lines for @55 are Type 0 - Type 52
@132,123

```

Type -1 contains a single krccom, so DJUL and LSUBS for each season are computed in readkrc1.pro; LSUBS assumes the target is Mars and uses the A&M algorithm. Thus, there will be small differences from the other types.

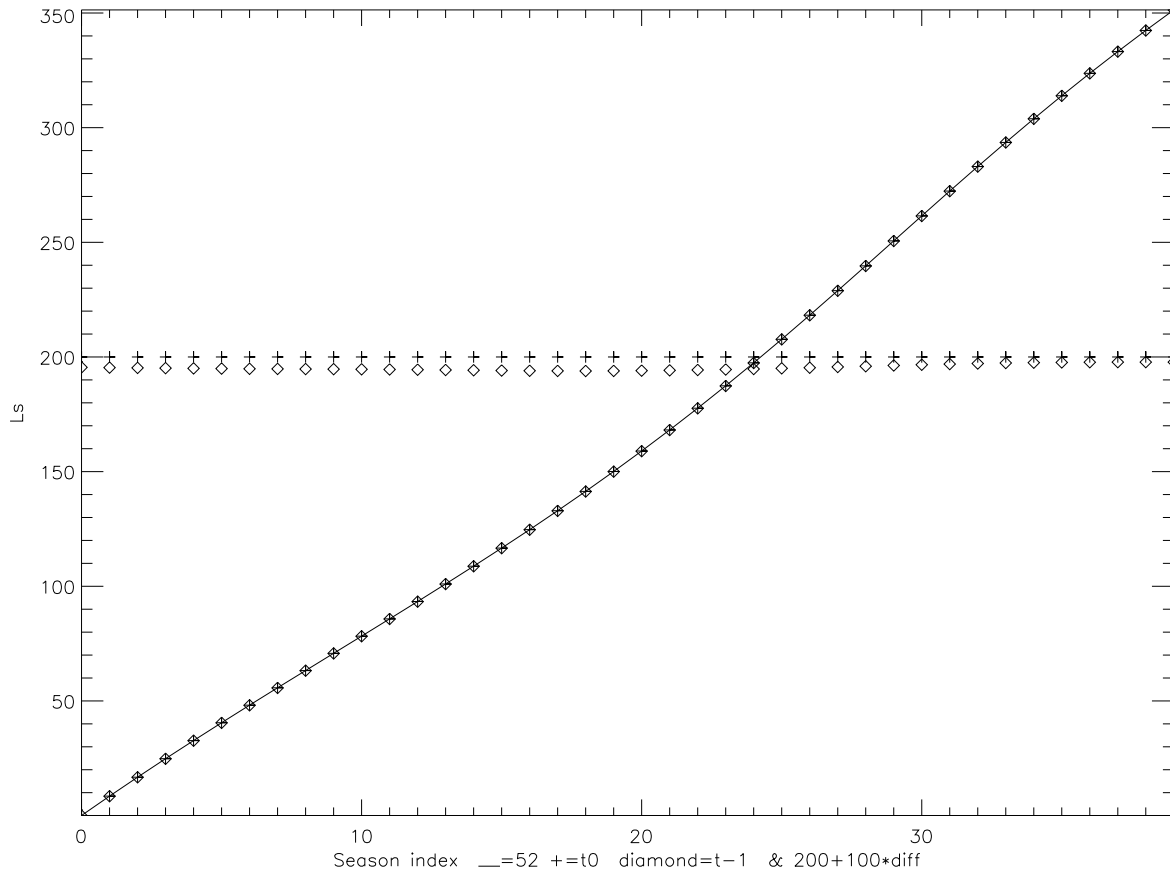


Figure 7: L_S in file types 0 (plus sign), -1 (diamond) and 52 (line). The 100-fold magnified differences of Types 0 and -1 from Type 52 are plotted relative to the $L_S=200$ level (one ordinate tic is 0.1 degree).

7.1 Example

PARTIAL EXAMPLE

```
krcvtest Report 2014Jan29 09:40:26
Last read= /work/work1/krc/test/V230test1
Held file= -none-
@411 Ls t 0.045 0.013
@45 AtmTconFcon-noAtmTcon
Item in ttt Mean Std mean_ABS_std
Tsurf 8.651 12.118 11.255 9.747
Tplan 26.738 30.395 35.667 19.148
Tatm 0.560 20.114 16.346 11.734
DownVIS -21.603 23.847 21.603 23.847
DownIR 2.163 11.626 9.451 7.108
Ls t0-t52: Ave and StDev -0.045 0.013
Ls tm1-t52: Ave and StDev 0.000 0.000
@55 What Mean StdDev Minimum Maximum
Ts 0--1 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000
Tp 0--1 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000
Ts 52--1 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000
Tp 52--1 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000
DTM4 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000
FROST4 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000
AFRO4 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000
```

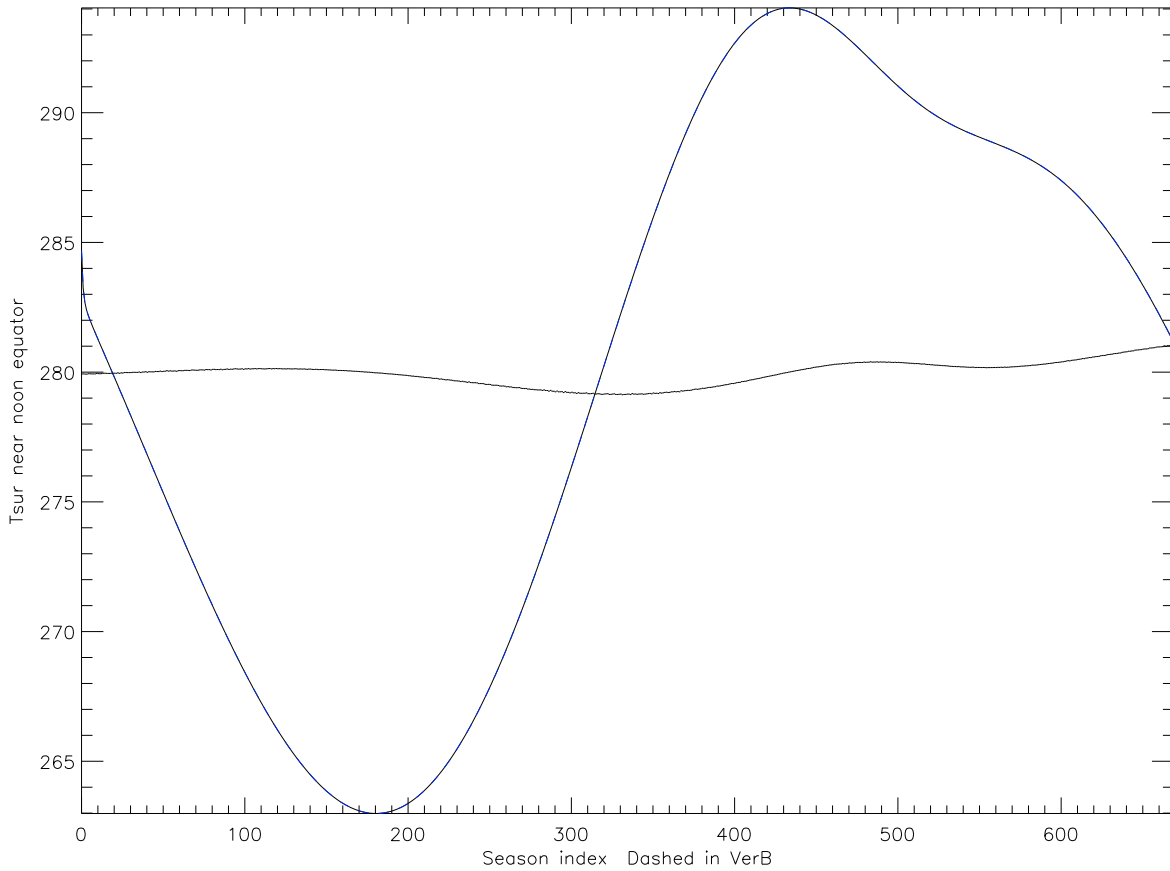


Figure 8: Ts near midday and near the equator as a function of time (season index). Version A; solid; version B, dashed color. Magnified difference: $100 \cdot (\text{VerB} - \text{VerA}) + 280$.

8 Specific tests

2014jan27 RUn verTest.inp identical to V 222 except for file names now V230

Change DELJUL from 17.1744 to 17.174822 to be closer to 1/40 MarsYear. Run output file V230b

8.1 Stress test 1

I have run KRC for pressures from 1.01 to 10,000 Pa with three points per decade (1,2,5). I built a crude band model for the blockage by CO₂ gas (CABR) and scaled the dust opacity (TAUD) linear with pressure. Model were run for 3 years, recording all seasons, and 3 latitudes (-30,0,30) with 20 layers.

Results for Tsurf, Tatm, DownVis and DownIR vary smoothly with PTOTAL.

Tsurf and DownVIs appear to trend nicely into the no-Atmosphere result, which is defined as P less than or equal to 1.0 Pa.

A Actions

List by doing @992. Short form by @99

@0.... Stop

@-1... Wait

@110.. Reset names to default

@111.. kons=[200,202,207,21,22,29,252] Reread VerA group 2 cases

@112.. kons=[41,-1,411,-1,42,43,-1,44,-1,45,-1,46] Test cases
 @113.. kons=[252,50,51] Read 3 types
 @114.. kons=[511,-1,52,-1,53,-1,55] Test between types
 @115.. kons=[26,201,202,252] Save current t52 and Read VerB cases
 @116.. kons=[61,-1,62,63] Compare versions
 @117.. kons=[200,202,207,21,22,29,252,26,201,207,252,62,63]
 @123.. Start auto-script
 @11... Modify File names parf
 @14... Modify integers pari
 @18... Help, and print cases
 @188.. contents
 @19... Print input portion of selected KRCCOM arrays REQ 20,21
 @200.. Set to VerA
 @201.. Set to VerB
 @202.. Set to case group 1
 @203.. Set to case group 2
 @207.. set input file stem
 @20... Get KRCCOM structure and definitions
 @21... Open file to determine locations of krccom
 @221.. Change KRCCOM List
 @22... Get KRC changes
 @23... Print krccom
 @232.. Difference 2 KRCCOM's REQ 26
 @252.. Open/Read/Close type 52 file
 @26... tth=ttt etc.
 @266.. Help latest and hold
 @29... Close the KRC unit
 @41... Test Ls
 @411.. Check Ls against LSAM
 @42... Confirm convergence days
 @43... Plot hourly Ts near equator for 2 seasons
 @44... Display central latitude seasonal behaviour
 @45... No atm, T:const - T:uniform
 @46... Tatm-TnoAtm
 @50... Read type 0
 @51... Read type -1
 @511.. Compare Ls in Type 0 file with LSAM
 @52... Plot delta of each ddd item
 @522.. Plot one dd0 item
 @53... Check Ls between types
 @55... Check Ts and Tp for equivalence between types
 @56... Store Type 0,-1
 @57... Compare Versions for Type 0 and -1
 @61... Plot LS-LSH
 @62... Plot Tsur noon equator
 @63... Stats on VerB-VerA
 @71... Test one-point mode

Plus the actions provided by KON91

-9=StopInKON91 -3=null -1=pause 0=Stop 888=setcolorGuide
 100=wset,0 101=erase 102=wset,2 103=window for output
 121=kons=-3 122=Edit Kons 801/2/3/4 output to eps/png/jpg/-eps
 808=actionlabel at TopLeft 809=Warning to mv output file
 81/82=start/endClrEps 8=newPS 80=restart 87=close 88=subtitle 9=plotPS
 MAKE99: 991=Expand current kons 992/995=1-line each 994=expand all

B Algorithms

B.1 Locating the last year

Objective: find start of the last [partial] year.

Assume L_S is increasing. Find all jumps in L_S of ≤ -180 .

0: Single ramp, may be virtually full year

1: Could be anything up to nearly two full years.

Use longer ramp to estimate ΔL_S ; calc estimated total length in years

2 or more: Interval between last two is a year