

Discussion Feb 16th, 4pm (neuer Hörsaal)

This practical gives a practical perspective on some aspects of the quasi-geostrophic approximation. We will use the Quasi-geostrophic barotropic vorticity with and without a forcing and the two-layer model to reflect on some of the theoretical findings derived during the semester.

We devote the final exercise on Feb 16th to a discussion of your results. Please hand in your code and a small exposé consisting of some figures showing results from the model prior to this discussion. We expect a brief discussion / presentation of the exposé during this exercise.

1 Preliminaries - model infrastructure

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You can use the model infrastructure provided for python that is provided on the whiteboard. (Alternatively, you may develop an infrastructure with similar capabilities in a programming/scripting language of your choice.)

Make sure you understand the following aspects before you get started to implement any other aspect of this assignment:

- How is the model controlled (how does it learn about its input / parameters / configurations?) ?
- Which classes exist and what is there purpose?

1. _____ – _____

2. _____ – _____

3. _____ – _____

4. _____ – _____

- What time integration scheme is used? In wich class and routine is it implemented?

Scheme _____

Class _____

Routine _____

- What kind of output is generated to the following streams/files

stdout _____

*.log _____

*.iter _____

*.nc _____

2 Rossby waves

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3 Two-layer model

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