

Spatially and temporally varying heat flux without physics WRF v3.2.1

1 Namelist

Set `isfflx = 0` (with `tke_drag_coefficient` and `tke_heat_flux`) or 2 (only with `tke_heat_flux`, model calculates surface drag), `sf_sfclay_physics = 0`, `sf_surface_physics = 0`, and `bl_pbl_physics = 0` (works only for LES and `diff_opt = 2`). Set `tke_heat_flux` to maximum heat flux value (K m s⁻¹) and set `tke_drag_coefficient`.

2 Modifications to subroutine `vertical_diffusion_2`

List of variables:

- `rt_tendf`: θ physics tendency
- `heat_flux`: namelist defined maximum heat flux (parameter `tke_heat_flux`)
- `heat_flux_min`: minimum sensible heat flux (representing “diffuse radiation”, 5% of maximum value)
- `heat_flux_ij`: sensible heat flux at a specific grid point
- `slope`: slope angle
- `slp_azi`: slope azimuth
- `cosi`: cosine of the incidence angle
- `coszen`: cosine of the sun’s zenith angle
- `sinzen`: sine of the sun’s zenith angle
- `sazim`: sun’s azimuth angle
- `xtime`: time since simulation start in minutes
- `mu`: total air mass of column
- `rdzw`: inverse of vertical grid point distance

`slope`, `slp_azi`, and `xtime` in `vertical_diffusion_2` are passed from subroutine `first_rk_step_part2` (added `grid%slope`, `grid%slp_azi`, `grid%xtime` to arguments in call to subroutine `vertical_diffusion_2` in subroutine `first_rk_step_part2`).

Added declarations:

```
REAL, DIMENSION(ims:ime, jms:jme), INTENT(IN) :: slope, slp_azi
REAL, INTENT(IN) :: xtime
REAL :: heat_flux_min, heat_flux_ij, cosi, coszen, sinzen, sazim
```

Add calculation of minimum heat flux below hflux: `SELECT CASE(config_flags%isfflx)` for `CASE (0,2)`

```
heat_flux_min = 0.05 * heat_flux
```

before the loop over i and j.

For a heat flux that is constant in time but varies with slope angle and orientation change calculation of `rt_tendf` in loop over i and j. `coszen` and `sazim` determine the slope angle and direction that receives maximum irradiation (the example below uses 60 and 90°) similar to the position of the sun with respect to the topography.

```
coszen = 0.5 ! 60 deg
```

```
sazim = 90. * degrad
```

```
sinzen = sqrt( 1. - coszen**2 )
```

```
cosi = cos(slope(i,j)) * coszen + sin(slope(i,j)) * sinzen * cos(sazim - slp_azi(i,j))
```

```
heat_flux_ij = heat_flux_min + (heat_flux - heat_flux_min) * cosi / coszen
```

```
rt_tendf(i,kts,j)=rt_tendf(i,kts,j) &  
                +mu(i,j)*heat_flux_ij*rdzw(i,kts,j)
```

For a time-varying sensible heat flux replace

```
heat_flux = config_flags%tke_heat_flux
```

with your time-varying definition (example below uses sine curve over 12 h with maximum value = `config_flags%tke_heat_flux` starting after 60 min)

```
IF (xtime .lt. 60) heat_flux = 0.
```

```
IF (xtime .ge. 60) THEN
```

```
    heat_flux = sin( (xtime-60.) / (60.*12.) * 3.1415926 ) * config_flags%tke_heat_flux
```

```
ENDIF
```

For a spatially varying maximum sensible heat flux (“varying sun’s azimuth and zenith angle”) replace azimuth angle `sazim` and `coszen` with time-varying function, e.g.

```
sazim = (90. + 0.25 * xtime) * degrad
```