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That is what we meant by science. That both question and answer are tied up with uncertainty, and that they are painful. But that there is no way around them. And that you hide nothing; instead, everything is brought out into the open.

Peter Høeg, Borderliners
McClelland-Bantam, Toronto, 1995, p. 19
Executive Summary

SimEnv is a multi-run simulation environment that focuses on evaluation and usage of models with large and multi-dimensional output mainly for quality assurance matters and scenario analyses using sampling techniques. Interfacing models to the simulation environment is supported for a number of model programming languages by minimal source code modifications and in general at the shell script level. Pre-defined experiment types are the backbone of SimEnv, applying standardised numerical sampling schemes for model parameters, initial or boundary values, or driving forces spaces. The resulting multi-run experiment can be performed sequentially or in parallel. Interactive experiment post-processing makes use of built-in operators, optionally supplemented by user-defined and composed operators. Operator chains are applied on model output and reference data to navigate and post-process in the combined sample and model output space. Resulting post-processor output data can be evaluated within SimEnv by advanced visualization techniques.

Simulation is one of the cornerstones in scientific research. The aim of the SimEnv project is to develop a toolbox oriented simulation environment that allows the modeller to handle model related quality assurance matters (Saltelli et al., 2000 & 2004) and scenario analyses. Both research foci require complex simulation experiments for model inspection, validation and control design without changing the model in general.

SimEnv (Flechsig et al., 2005) aims at model evaluation by performing simulation runs with a model in a coordinated manner and running the model several times. Coordination is achieved by pre-defined experiment types representing multi-run simulations.

According to the strategy of a selected experiment type for a set of so-called factors $x$ which represent parameters, initial or boundary values, or drivers of a model $M$ a numerical sample is generated before simulation. This sample corresponds to a multi-run experiment with the model. During the experiment for each single simulation run the factors $x$ are adjusted numerically according to the sample and the factors’ default values. Each experiment results in a sequence of model outputs for selected state variables $z$ of the model $M$ in the space of all addressed factors $\{X\}$. Model outputs can be processed and evaluated after simulation generally on the state space and experiment-type specifically on the factor space.

The following experiment types form the base of the SimEnv multi-run facility:

- **Global sensitivity analysis**
  Qualitative ranking of a large number of factors $x$ with respect to their sensitivity on model output at random trajectories in the factor space $\{X\}$.
  For determination of the most important factors.

- **Behavioural analysis**
  Inspection of the model’s behaviour in the factor space $\{X\}$ by a discrete numerical sampling with a flexible inspection strategy for sub-spaces.
  For model verification, numerical validation, deterministic error analysis, deterministic control design, scenario analysis and spatial patch model applications.

- **Local sensitivity analysis**
  Determination of model (state variable’s $z$) local sensitivity to factors $x$. Is performed by finite difference derivative approximations from $M$.
  For numerical validation purposes, model analysis, sub-model sensitivity.

- **Monte Carlo analysis**
  Factor space $\{X\}$ sampling by perturbations according to probability density functions. Determination of moments, confidence intervals and heuristic probability density functions for state variables in the course of experiment post-processing.
  For error analysis, uncertainty analysis, verification and validation of deterministic models.

- **Optimization**
  Determination of optimal factor values by a simulated annealing method for a cost function derived from $z$.
  For model validation (system - model comparison), control design, decision making.
SimEnv makes use of modern IT concepts. Model preparation for interfacing it to SimEnv is based on minimal source code manipulations by implementing interface function calls into Fortran, C/C++, Python, Java, Matlab, Mathematica and GAMS model source code for the addressed factors and model output. Additionally, interfaces are available at shell script level and for supporting ASCII files.

In experiment preparation an experiment type is selected and equipped numerically by sampling the factor space. Experiment performance supports local, remote, and parallel / distributed hardware architectures to distribute work load of the single runs of the experiment.

Experiment specific model output post-processing enables navigation in the complex factor - model output space and interactive filtering of model output and reference data by application of operator chains. SimEnv supplies built-in operators and enables specification of user-defined and composed operators.

Result evaluation is dominated by application of pre-formed visualization modules using the visualization framework SimEnvVis of SimEnv. SimEnv model output as well as experiment post-processing offer data interfaces for NetCDF, IEEE compliant binary and ASCII format for a more detailed post-processing outside SimEnv.

SimEnv key features:

- Available for Unix and Linux platforms
- Support of key working techniques in experimenting with models: SimEnv enables model evaluation, uncertainty and scenario analyses in a structured, methodologically sound and pre-formed manner applying sampling techniques.
- Run ensembles instead of single model runs: Model evaluation by multi-run simulation experiments
- Availability of pre-defined multi-run simulation experiment types: To perform an experiment only the factors (parameters, initial values, drivers, ...) to experiment with and a strategy how to sample the factor space have to be specified.
- Simple model interface to the simulation environment: Model interface functions allow mainly to adjust an experiment factor numerically and to output model results for later experiment post-processing. Model interfacing and finally communication between the
model and SimEnv can be done at the model language level by incorporating interface function calls into model source code (C/C++, Fortran, Python and Java: “include per experiment factor and per model output variable one additional SimEnv function call into the source code”) or can be done at the shell script level. Additionally, there are special interfaces for Matlab, Mathematica and GAMS models.

- Support of distributed models:
  Independently on the kind distributed model components are interfaced to SimEnv and among each other the total model can be run within SimEnv.

- Parallelization of the experiment:
  This is a prerequisite for a lot of simulation tasks.

- Operator-based experiment post-processing:
  Chains of built-in, user-defined and composed operators enable interactive experiment post-processing based on experiment model output and reference data including general purpose and experiment specific operators. There is a simple interface to write user-defined and to derive composed operators.

- Graphical experiment evaluation:
  For post-processed model output

- Support of standard data formats:
  Output from the model as well from the post-processor can be stored in NetCDF or IEEE compliant binary format.
1 About this Document

In this chapter document conventions are explained. Within the whole document one generic reference example model is used to explain application of SimEnv. Examples are always located in grey boxes.

1.1 Document Conventions

Tab. 1.1 Document conventions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Character / string</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&lt; ... &gt;</td>
<td>angle brackets enclose a placeholder for a string</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>{ ... }</td>
<td>braces enclose an optional element</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[ ...</td>
<td>...</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>' ... '</td>
<td>single quotation marks enclose a keyword or sub-keyword from user-defined files</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot; ... &quot;</td>
<td>double quotation marks enclose the string-value of a sub-keyword from user-defined files</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;nil&gt;</td>
<td>stands for the empty string (nothing)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>monospace</td>
<td>indicates SimEnv example code</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>blue_underlined</td>
<td>hyperlink in the document</td>
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Tab. 1.2 Main placeholders in this document

<table>
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<th>Placeholder</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>&lt;directory&gt;</td>
<td>path to a directory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;factor_adj_val&gt;</td>
<td>resulting adjusted value of a factor by &lt;factor_smp_val&gt; and &lt;factor_def_val&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;factor_def_val&gt;</td>
<td>default value of a factor as defined in &lt;model&gt;.edf</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;factor_name&gt;</td>
<td>name of a factor to experiment with as defined in &lt;model&gt;.edf</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;factor_smp_val&gt;</td>
<td>default value of a factor as defined in &lt;model&gt;.edf</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;file_name&gt;</td>
<td>name of an ASCII data file</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;int_val&gt;</td>
<td>integer value (e.g., -1234)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;model&gt;</td>
<td>model name to start a SimEnv service with</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;real_val&gt;</td>
<td>real (float) value in integer (e.g., -1234), fixed point (e.g., -1234.) or floating point (scientific) (e.g., -0.1234e+4) notation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;simenv_res_char&gt;</td>
<td>2-character experiment post-processor output file number 01, 02, ..., 99</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;simenv_res_int&gt;</td>
<td>integer post-processor output file number 1, 2, ..., 99</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;simenv_run_char&gt;</td>
<td>6-character single run number 000000, 000001, ... within an experiment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;simenv_run_int&gt;</td>
<td>integer single run number 0, 1, ..., within an experiment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;sep&gt;</td>
<td>sequence of white spaces as item separators in user-defined and related files</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;string&gt;</td>
<td>any string</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;val_list&gt;</td>
<td>list of values in explicit or implicit notation according to Tab. 11.6</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

For post-processor operator descriptions only

arg general numerical argument (operand)  
char_arg character argument (operand), enclosed in single quotation marks  
int_arg integer constant argument (operand) ≥ 0  
real_arg real (float) constant argument (operand)
1.2 Example Layout

All examples in this document but for GAMS refer to a hypothetical global simulation model world. It describes dynamics of atmosphere and biosphere at the global scale over 200 years. Lateral (latitudinal and longitudinal) model resolution differs for different model implementations, temporal resolution is at decadal time steps. Additionally, atmosphere is structured vertically into levels. For more information on this generic model check Section 15.2.1.

The model world is assumed to map lateral and vertical (level) fluxes and demands that's why for computing state variables for all grid cells. However, in the model gridcell_f state variables are calculated for each grid cell without consideration of lateral fluxes.

Model implementation in a programming language <lng> results in a model world_<lng>.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Model state variable</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Defined on</th>
<th>Data type</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>atmo</td>
<td>aggregated atmospheric state</td>
<td>lat x lon x level x time</td>
<td>float</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bios</td>
<td>aggregated biospheric state at land masses (defined between 84°N and 60°S latitude at land masses, i. e., without Antarctic)</td>
<td>lat x lon x time</td>
<td>float</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>atmo_g</td>
<td>aggregated global state derived from atmo for level 1</td>
<td>time</td>
<td>int</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bios_g</td>
<td>aggregated global state derived from bios</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>int</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Dynamics of all model variables depend on model parameters p1, p2, p3 and p4.

With this SimEnv release the following model implementations are distributed:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Model interface example for language &lt;lng&gt;</th>
<th>Resolution</th>
<th>ModelEnv</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>world_f 4 x 4</td>
<td>lat x lon [deg x deg]</td>
<td>4: 1, 7, 11, 16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>world_c 4 x 4</td>
<td>4: 1, 7, 11, 16</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>world_cpp 4 x 4</td>
<td>4: 1, 7, 11, 16</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>world_py 4 x 4</td>
<td>4: 1, 7, 11, 16</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>world_ja 4 x 4</td>
<td>4: 1, 7, 11, 16</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>world_sh 4 x 4</td>
<td>4: 1, 7, 11, 16</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>world_sh_auto 4 x 4</td>
<td>4: 1, 7, 11, 16</td>
<td>20</td>
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<tr>
<td>world_f_auto 4 x 4</td>
<td>4: 1, 7, 11, 16</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>world_sh_auto 4 x 4</td>
<td>4: 1, 7, 11, 16</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>world_f 0.5 x 0.5</td>
<td>lat x lon [deg x deg]</td>
<td>16: 1 - 16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gridcell_f 4 x 4</td>
<td>without, implicitly by experiment as 4 x 4</td>
<td>4: 1, 7, 11, 16</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Examples in this document are generally placed in grey-shaded boxes. Examples that are available from the example directory $SE_HOME/exa of SimEnv are marked as such in the lower right corner of an example box. To copy files from this directory use the SimEnv service simenv.cpy (cf. Tab. 10.4).

Example 1.1 General example layout in the User Guide
For Matlab, Mathematica and GAMS models see Sections 5.6 and 5.7.
2 Getting Started

In this chapter a quick start tour is described. Without going into details the user can get an impression how to apply SimEnv and which files are essential to use the simulation environment.

- SimEnv is implemented under AIX-Unix at IBM’s RS6000 and compatibles and SUSE-Linux at Intel-based platforms and compatibles. For detailed system requirements check Tab. 15.2 on page 161.
- Set the SimEnv home directory $SE_HOME and expand the PATH environment variable in the file $HOME/.profile by $SE_HOME/bin

```bash
export SE_HOME=<se_home_path>
export PATH=$SE_HOME/bin:$PATH
```

$se_home_path> is the directory SimEnv is available from. For SE_HOME at PIK check Tab. 3.3 on page 9, for the complete environment check Tab. 10.15 on page 139. Then apply the above setting by

$.HOME/.profile

- Change to a directory with full access permissions. This is the SimEnv current workspace.
- Start

```bash
simenv.hlp
```

to acquire basic information on how to use SimEnv.
- Select a model implementation language <lng> to check SimEnv with the model world_<lng> from Example 1.1 on page 6:

- Start

```bash
simenv.cpy world_<lng>
```

to copy the model world_<lng> model and experiment related files to the current workspace.
- Copy the file world.edf_3c to world_<lng>.edf
- Check

  - The SimEnv configuration file world_<lng>.cfg general SimEnv configurations
  - The model output description file world_<lng>.mdf available model output variables
  - The model world_<lng>.<lng> implementation of the model
  - The model wrap shell script world_<lng>.run wrapping the model executable
  - The experiment description file world_<lng>.edf experiment definition
  - The post-processing input file world.post_3c post-processor result sequence

Either
- Start

```bash
simenv.cpl world_<lng> -1 world.post_3c
```

to run a complete SimEnv session:
- Model and experiment related files will be checked
- The experiment will be prepared
- The experiment will be performed (select the login machine on request)
Model output post-processing will be started for this experiment

- With the post-processing input file world_post_3c and following
- Interactively: Enter any result and finish post-processing by entering a single <return>
- Visualization of post-processed results will be started

Model or result output files will be dumped

or

- Start

  \texttt{simenv.chk \ world_<lng>}

  to check model and experiment relate files.

- Start

  \texttt{simenv.run \ world_<lng>}

  to prepare and perform a simulation experiment (select the login machine on request).

- Start

  \texttt{simenv.res \ world_<lng> \ \{ new \ \{ <simenv_run_int> \} \}}

  to post-process the last simulation experiment for the whole run ensemble or for run number
  \texttt{<simenv_run_int>} and to create a new result file \texttt{world_<lng>\_res<simenv_res_char>.nc}\texttt{[ nc | iee | ascii ]} with the highest two-digit number \texttt{<simenv_res_char>}. \texttt{<simenv_res_char>} can range from 01 to 99.

- Start

  \texttt{simenv.vis \ world_<lng> \ \{ [ latest | <simenv_res_char> ] \}}

  to visualize output from the latest post-processing session \texttt{world_<lng>.res<simenv_res_char>.nc} or that with number \texttt{<simenv_res_char>} with the highest two-digit number \texttt{<simenv_res_char>}

- Start

  \begin{tabular}{ll}
  \texttt{simenv.dmp} & \texttt{world_<lng> \ mod | more} \\
  \texttt{simenv.dmp} & \texttt{world_<lng> \ res | more}
  \end{tabular}

  to dump a SimEnv model or post-processor output file.

- Check in the current workspace the

  \texttt{model interface log-file world_<lng>.mlog}
  \texttt{native model terminal output log-file world_<lng>.nlog}
  \texttt{experiment performance log-file world_<lng>.elog}

- Start

  \texttt{simenv.cln \ world_<lng>}

  to wrap up a simulation experiment.

- Get the usage of any SimEnv service by entering the service command without arguments.

- To run other simulation experiments and/or output in other data formats modify

  \begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{world_<lng>.cfg}
  \item \texttt{world_<lng>.edf}
  \item \texttt{world_<lng>.mdf}
  \item \texttt{world_<lng>.run}
  \item \texttt{world_<lng>.<lng>}
  \end{itemize}

- To experiment with other models replace \texttt{world_<lng>} by \texttt{<model>} as a placeholder for the name of any other model.

(*) The visualization framework SimEnvVis of SimEnv does not belong to the standard SimEnv distribution.
At PIK, for visualization set the \texttt{DISPLAY} environment variable accordingly. To get access permission
for the PIK visualization server check in Section 10.2 on page 128 the SimEnv service

\texttt{simenv.key \ <user_name>
3 Version 2.02

This chapter summarizes differences between the current and the previous SimEnv release, limitations and bugs and their workarounds.

3.1 What is New?

Tab. 3.1 SimEnv changes in Version 2.02

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<td>mandatory</td>
<td>Re-link interfaced models and user-defined operators</td>
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Tab. 3.3 SimEnv availability at PIK machines

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<td>/usr/local/simenv</td>
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<td>/usr/local/simenv</td>
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<td>cluster</td>
<td>/iplex/01/sys/applications/simenv</td>
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<td>viss</td>
<td>/usr/local/simenv</td>
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### 3.2 Limitations / Problems and Their Workarounds

**Tab. 3.4 Limitations / problems and their workarounds**

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<td>Current SimEnv technical limitations as specified in <a href="#">Tab. 15.3</a> on page 162</td>
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<td>Overall but visual result evaluation</td>
<td>None</td>
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<tr>
<td>Experiment performance: Model output to NetCDF</td>
<td>Specify in <code>&lt;model&gt;.cfg</code> for the sub-keyword ‘message_level’ the value = “error”</td>
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<td>Experiment performance: Experiment type optimization</td>
<td>Cannot be performed in parallel mode</td>
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<td>Perform optimization experiment in sequential mode</td>
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### 3.3 Known Bugs and Their Workarounds

**Tab. 3.5** *Known bugs and their workarounds*

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<td>Kill processes simenv_run_dismco and simenv_run_dismco_aux and restart experiment.</td>
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<td>Experiment performance for Monte Carlo experiment with stopping rule:</td>
<td>Under load leveler control in parallel sub-mode par</td>
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4 Experiment Types

SimEnv supplies a set of pre-defined multi-run experiment types. Each experiment type addresses a special experiment class for performing a simulation model several times in a co-ordinated manner. In this chapter an overview on the available experiment types is given from the viewpoint of system’s theory.

4.1 General Approach, Computational Costs

SimEnv supplies a set of pre-defined multi-run experiment types, where each type addresses a special multi-run experiment class for performing a simulation model or any algorithm with an input - output transition behaviour.

In the following, the general SimEnv approach will be described for time dynamic simulation models, because this class forms the majority of SimEnv applications. All information can be transformed easily to any other algorithm.

Based on systems’ theory, each time dynamic model $M$ can be formulated - without limitation of generality - for the time dependent, time discrete, and state deterministic case as

$$M: \quad Z(t) = ST( Z(t-\Delta t), ..., Z(t-k*\Delta t), P, IX(t), Z_0, B)$$

with

- $ST$: state transition description
- $Z$: state variables’ vector
- $P$: parameter vector
- $IX$: input (driving forces) vector
- $Z_0$: initial value vector
- $B$: boundary value vector
- $t$: time
- $\Delta t$: time increment
- $k$: time delay

The output vector $Y$ is a function of the state vector $Z$, parameters $P$, drivers $IX$, and initial values $Z_0$:

$$Y(t) = OU( Z(t), P, IX(t), Z_0 ) .$$

Model behaviour $Z$ is determined for fixed $k$ and $\Delta t$ by state transition description $ST$, parameters $P$, driving forces $IX$, initial values $Z_0$, and boundary values $B$. Manipulating and exploring model behaviour in any sense means changing these four model components. While state transition description $ST$ reflects mainly model structure and is quite complex to change, each component of the driving forces vector $IX$ normally is a time-dependent vector.

Introduction of additional technical parameters / triggers $P_{tech}$ can reduce the complexity of handling a model with respect to the five model components, described above: Changes in state transition description $ST$ can be pre-determined in the model by assigning values of a technical / trigger parameter $p_{tech}$ to apply for example alternative model structures, sub-structures, processes formulations, resolutions, which are triggered by these values.

Additionally, each component of the driving forces vector $IX$ can be combined with technical parameters in different ways:

- By selecting special driving forces dependent on the technical value
- By manipulating the driving forces with the parameter value (e.g., as an additive or multiplicative increment)
- By parametrizing the shape of a driving force

When this has been done, the model behaviour finally depends only on the parameters $P$, the initial values $Z_0$, and the boundary values $B$. From the methodical point of view there is no difference between parame-
ters, initial values and boundary values, because all are considered as constant during one model run. That is why in SimEnv all the four model components parameters, drivers, initial values and boundary values are lumped together and the term factor stands as a placeholder for them. An often used synonym for “factor” is “input”. All factors form the factor space \( X \):

\[
X = \{ P, I, X, Z_0, B \}
\]

and

\[
Z = ST(X).
\]

In the following,

\[
X_k = (x_1, \ldots, x_k)
\]

stands for a subset of the factor space \( X \) that spans up an \( k \)-dimensional sub-space of \( X \) by selected model factors \((x_1, \ldots, x_k)\) from \( X \) and

\[
X_{k,n} = \begin{pmatrix}
    x_{11} & \ldots & x_{1n} \\
    \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
    x_{k1} & \ldots & x_{kn}
\end{pmatrix} = (^X_1, \ldots, ^X_n) \quad k > 0, \ n > 0
\]

stands for a numerical sample for \( X_k \) of size \( n \) and finally for \( k \times n \) values representing in any sense the sample space \( X_k \).

In the set of all samples \( X_{k,n} \), \( X_{k,1} \) is the default (nominal) numerical factor constellation for the model \( M \) as normally defined in the model source code.

If \( \{ \} \) denotes the dynamics of the model \( M \) over a sample of size \( n \) then it holds:

\[
\{ Z \}_n = \{ ST(^X_1), \ldots, ST(^X_n) \}.
\]

SimEnv supports different sampling strategies and the performance of multi-run experiments where \( k \) factors are adjusted numerically for each of \( n \) single simulation runs according the generated sample and the default (nominal) values of the factors. Central goal is to study the dependency of the model dynamics in the factor space. For simulation purposes in SimEnv experimentation with the model \( M \) over \( X_{k,n} \) is based on the assumption that dynamics of \( M \) for each representative from the sample is independent from all other representatives, which is fulfilled in general. This results in the possibility to form a run ensemble for performing the model \( M \) with \( n \) single model runs from the sample \( X_{k,n} \).

SimEnv experiment types differ in the way the sample space \( X_k \) is sampled to get \( X_{k,n} \). There are deterministic and non-deterministic sampling strategies that offer a broad range of techniques for

- Experimentation with models
- Post-processing model output results

Fig. 4.1  Factor space

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- Experimentation with models
- Post-processing model output results
• Interpreting results with respect to uncertainty and sensitivity matters of models.

The experiment types are described in detail in the following Sections. They are ordered in a preferred sequence which should be used for a best results in assessing any model. Tab. 4.1 provides an overview on the experiment types together with their computational costs. The computational cost of an resulting experiment from an experiment type is the number of single model runs to perform.

### Tab. 4.1  
**Experiment types and their computational costs**  
*N denotes the number of Monte Carlo runs*

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<th>Description</th>
<th>Computational Costs (k factors)</th>
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<td>global sensitivity analysis</td>
<td>Qualitative ranking of a large number of factors with respect to their sensitivity on model output at random trajectories in the factor space. For determination of the most important factors.</td>
<td>(5 … 10) *(k+1)+1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>behavioural analysis</td>
<td>Inspection of the model’s behaviour in the factor space by a discrete numerical sampling with a flexible inspection strategy for sub-spaces. For model verification, numerical validation, deterministic error analysis, deterministic control design, scenario analysis and spatial patch model applications.</td>
<td>experiment dependent</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>local sensitivity analysis</td>
<td>Determination of model (state variable’s) local sensitivity to factors. Is performed by finite difference derivative approximations from the model. For numerical validation purposes, model analysis, sub-model sensitivity.</td>
<td>2*k+1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monte Carlo analysis</td>
<td>Factor space sampling by perturbations according to probability density functions. Determination of moments, confidence intervals and heuristic probability density functions for state variables in the course of experiment post-processing. For error analysis, uncertainty analysis, verification and validation of deterministic models.</td>
<td>N+1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>optimization</td>
<td>Determination of optimal factor values by a simulated annealing method for a cost function derived from state variables. For model validation (system - model comparison), control design, decision making.</td>
<td>unpredictable</td>
</tr>
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### 4.2 Global Sensitivity Analysis

The guiding philosophy of a global sensitivity analysis is to determine these factors that influence a model state z the most and to distinguish them from these factors that are negligible. Contrary to a local sensitivity analysis, during a global sensitivity analysis the entire space where the factors may vary is considered.

The global sensitivity analysis in SimEnv applies the method of Morris (1991) in its modification by Campolongo et al. (2005). Its main approach is to derive qualitative global sensitivity measures for all factors by computing a statistics on a series of local sensitivity measures, the so-called elementary effects. The result of this analysis is a ranking of the factors in order of importance with respect to the model state z.

The modified Morris method is as follows (cf. also Fig. 4.2):

- Start for each factor with the determination of the so-called sensitivity range where the factor may vary. All k factors span up with their sensitivity ranges a k-dimensional cube.
- Sub-divide this cube into a regular k-dimensional p-level grid by determining within the sensitivity range of each factor p-2 equidistant grid points. Together with the bounds from the sensitivity range this results in p equidistant points for each factor.
• Select at the p-level grid randomly a starting grid point \( x = (x_1, ..., x_k) \) and at the grid randomly a next-neighbour (adjacent) grid point \( (x_1, ..., x_{i-1}, x_i+\Delta_i, x_{i+1}, ..., x_k) \) that differs from the starting grid point in exactly one factor \( x_i \) (\( i=1, ..., k \)).

• Compute from these two grid point the elementary effect for the model state variable \( z \)

\[
d_i(x,z) = z(x_1, ..., x_{i-1}, x_i+\Delta_i, x_{i+1}, ..., x_k) - z(x_1, ..., x_k)
\]

• Proceed by randomly selecting a new next-neighbour grid point to the old next-neighbour grid point for another elementary effect \( d_j(x,z) \) (\( i \neq j \)) until \( k+1 \) points (including the starting point) are sampled. Such a series of \( k+1 \) point is called a trajectory. For one trajectory \( k \) elementary effects \( d_i(x,z) \) (\( i=1, ..., k \)) can be determined by two consecutive points.

• Determine randomly \( r \) trajectories in this way finally resulting in \( r \) elementary effects \( d_i(x,z) \) for each \( i \) in \( 1, ..., k \).

• Consider distributions

\[
F_i^{\text{abs}} = \{ |d(x,z)| \}
\]

and compute mean 

\[
\mu_i^{\text{abs}} = \frac{\sum |d_i(x,z)|}{r}
\]

for \( i=1, ..., k \)

\[
F_i = \{ d_i(x,z) \}
\]

and compute variance

\[
\sigma_i = \frac{\sum (d_i(x,z) - \sum d_i(x,z)/r)^2}{(r-1)}
\]

for \( i=1, ..., k \)

• Consider in the \( (\mu_i^{\text{abs}}, \sigma_i) \) plane the points \( (\mu_i^{\text{abs}}, \sigma_i), (i=1, ..., k) \):

- a high value of \( \mu_i^{\text{abs}} \) with respect to the other \( \mu_j^{\text{abs}} \) indicates an important overall influence of the factor \( x_i \) on the model state \( z \)

- a high value of \( \sigma_i \) with respect to the other \( \sigma_j \) indicates that the factor \( x_i \) is involved in interactions with other factors or indicates that the effect of \( x_i \) on the model state \( z \) is non-linear

(Saltelli et al., 2004)

Note that this approach differs from Morris and Campolongo et al. as follows:

• An elementary effect is derived from adjacent points of the p-level grid. The original method allows for elementary effects \( d_i(x,z) \) from points differing in a pre-determined multiple of \( \Delta_i \).

• Originally, elementary effects are divided by \( \Delta_i \) and/or its pre-determined multiple. To make the method work also for factors that influence model output with different orders of magnitude and for different orders of magnitude of the sensitivity ranges the global sensitivity algorithm in SimEnv does not divide.

According to Saltelli et al., (2004) as a rule of thumb, normally \( p \) ranges between 4 and 6 and \( r \) around 10.

![Fig. 4.2](simenv-guide-2.02/images/4.2.png)

Sample for a global sensitivity analysis
The arrows indicate the sequence how sampling points were generated for each trajectory.

\[ \{x\} = X_{2,12} \]

sample of size 12 in the 2-dimensional factor space

\[ X_2 = (x_1, x_2) \]

representing 4 trajectories and using a 5-level grid

\[ o = X_{2,1} \]

default (nominal) numerical factor constellation of model M
4.3 Behavioural Analysis

Behavioural analysis uses a deterministic strategy to sample $X_k$. It is the inspection of the model in the factor space $X_k$ where inspection points are set in a regular and well structured manner.

Behavioural analysis can be interpreted and used in different ways:

- For scenario analysis:
  to show how model behaviour changes with changes of factor values
- For numerical validation purposes:
  to determine factor values in such a way that the output vector matches with measurement results of the real system
- For deterministic error analysis:
  to analyse how the model error is dependent on factor errors
- For a simulation-based control design:
  to determine factor values in such a way that a goal function becomes an extreme

SimEnv behavioural analysis sampling strategy is a generalization of the one-dimensional case for $X_1$, where the model behaviour is scanned in dependence on deterministic sample of one factor $x_1$. The general case for $X_k$ demands a strategy for scanning m-dimensional spaces in a flexible manner. Based on the predecessors of SimEnv (Wenzel et al., 1990, Wenzel et al., 1995, Flechsig, 1998) subspaces of the m-dimensional factor space can be scanned on the subspace diagonal (parallel in a one-dimensional hyperspace) or completely for all dimensions (combinatorially on a grid) and both techniques can be combined. Besides this regular scanning method an irregular technique is possible.

The resulting number of single simulation runs for the experiment depends on the number of factor samples per dimension of the scanned factor space and from the selected scanning method. An experiment is described by the names of the involved factors, their numerical sampling values and their combination (scanning method). Experiment post-processing can resolve the scanning method again and output results as projections on multi-dimensional factor subspaces.

Fig. 4.4 describes the regular scanning technique by an example. In the left scheme (a) the two-dimensional factor space $X_2 = (p_1, p_2)$ is scanned combinatorially, resulting in $4\times4 = 16$ model runs, while the middle scheme (b) represents a parallel scanning of these two factors at the diagonal by $1+1+1+1 = 4$ model runs. The scheme (c) at the right side shows a complex scanning strategy of the 3-dimensional factor space $X_3 = (p_1, p_2, p_3)$ with $(1+1+1+1)^3 = 12$ model runs. Each filled cross $x$ in Fig. 4.4 represents a sample point in the factor space and finally a single model run of the experiment.
4.4 Local Sensitivity Analysis

Local sensitivity analysis uses a deterministic sampling strategy in $\varepsilon$-neighbourhoods of the numerical default constellation $X_{k,1}$ of the model $M$. For each value $x_i$ from the default (nominal) factor constellation $X_{k,1}$ and each $\varepsilon_j$ from the $\varepsilon$-neighbourhoods ($\varepsilon_1$, ..., $\varepsilon_m$) two members $(x_1, ..., x_{i-1}, x_i \pm \varepsilon_j, x_{i+1}, ..., x_k)$ of the resulting sample are generated. The sample size $n$ is given by $2^m\cdot k$. Running the model for this sampling set serves to determine sensitivity functions.

In classical systems theory, model sensitivity of a model state variable $z$ with respect to a factor $x$ is the partial derivative of $z$ after $x$: $\frac{\delta z}{\delta x}$. In the numerical simulation of complex systems a finite sensitivity function is preferred, because it can be obtained without model enlargements or re-formulations. It is a linear approximation of the classical model sensitivity measure (Wierzbicki, 1984). Contrary to a global sensitivity analysis a local one covers the model’s sensitivity in the neighbourhood of the default (nominal) factor constellation.

Local sensitivity measures as well as measures which reflect model output linearity and/or symmetry nearby $X_{k,1}$ can be used for localizing modification-relevant model parts as well as control-sensitive factors in control problems. On the other hand, identification of robust parts of a model or even complete robust models makes it possible to run a model under internal or external disturbances. Sensitivity analysis in SimEnv experiment post-processing is based on finite sensitivity, linearity, and symmetry measures, which are defined as in Tab. 4.2.
Tab. 4.2  
Local sensitivity, linearity, and symmetry measures  
for a state variable $z$, a selected factor $x$ from $X_{k,1}$ and a selected value $\varepsilon$ from $(\varepsilon_1, \ldots, \varepsilon_m)$

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<td>sensitivity measure</td>
<td>$\text{sens}_{\text{abs}}(z, \pm \varepsilon) = \frac{z(t \pm \varepsilon) - z(t)}{\pm \varepsilon}$</td>
<td>$\text{sens}<em>{\text{rel}}(z, \pm \varepsilon) = \text{sens}</em>{\text{abs}}(z, \pm \varepsilon) \cdot \frac{t}{z(t)}$</td>
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<tr>
<td>linearity measure</td>
<td>$\text{lin}_{\text{abs}}(z, \varepsilon) = \frac{(z(t + \varepsilon) - z(t)) + (z(t - \varepsilon) - z(t))}{\varepsilon}$</td>
<td>$\text{lin}<em>{\text{rel}}(z, \varepsilon) = \text{lin}</em>{\text{abs}}(z, \varepsilon) \cdot \frac{t}{z(t)}$</td>
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<tr>
<td>symmetry measure</td>
<td>$\text{sym}_{\text{abs}}(z, \varepsilon) = \frac{z(t + \varepsilon) - z(t - \varepsilon)}{\varepsilon}$</td>
<td>$\text{sym}<em>{\text{rel}}(z, \varepsilon) = \text{sym}</em>{\text{abs}}(z, \varepsilon) \cdot \frac{t}{z(t)}$</td>
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</table>

Accordingly, local measures of the model with respect to a factor are always expressed as a measure of a model’s state variable $z$, usually at a selected time step within a surrounding neighborhood $\varepsilon$ of a factor value $t$. That is why the conclusions drawn from a local sensitivity analysis are only valid locally at $X_{k,1}$ with respect to the whole factor space $X_k$. Additionally, local measures only describe the influence of one factor $x_i$ from the whole vector $X_k$ on the model’s dynamics.

As stated above, the sensitivity measures reflect the classical sensitivity functions in a neighborhood of $X_{k,1}$. The larger the absolute value of the measure the higher is the influence of an incremental change of the factor $x$ on the model output $z$. The linearity measures map the linear behaviour of $z$ nearby $X_{k,1}$. If the linear measure is zero $z$ shows a linear behaviour with respect to $x$. The symmetry measures measures map the symmetric behaviour of the $z$ nearby $X_{k,1}$. If the symmetry measure is zero $z$ shows a symmetric behaviour with respect to $x$. The larger the absolute values of the latter two measures the higher is the nonlinear / non-symmetric behaviour of $z$ with respect to $x$.

The absolute measures are best suited to compare the influence of different factors {$x$} on the same state variable $z$ while due to their normalization factor the relative measures enable comparison of the influence of one factor $x$ on different state variables {$z$}.

From the local measures of table **Tab. 4.2**, additional measures can be derived on demand, e.g., $\text{abs}(\text{sym}_{\text{abs}}(z, \varepsilon))$.

A local sensitivity experiment is described by the names of the factors $x$ to be involved and the increments $\varepsilon$. The number of runs for the experiment results from the number of factors and increments: two runs per factor for each increment plus one run with the default values of the factors. Local sensitivity functions are calculated during experiment post-processing.

### 4.5 Monte Carlo Analysis

Monte Carlo analysis uses a non-deterministic strategy to sample $X_{k,n}$. A Monte Carlo experiment in SimEnv is a perturbation analysis with pre-single run factor perturbations.

Theoretically, with a Monte Carlo analysis moments of a state variable $z$ can be computed as

$$M^{(m)}(z) = \int \cdots \int z(X_k)^m \cdot \text{pdf}(X_k) \, dX_k$$

with

- $z(X_k)$: state variable $z$ as a function of $X_k$
- pdf($X_k$): probability density function of $X_k$
- $M^{(m)}(z)$: $m$-th moment of the state variable $z$ with respect to the probability density function pdf
By interpreting the probability density function \( \text{pdf}(X_k) \) as the error distribution in the factor space \( X_k \) it is possible to study error propagation in the model. On the other hand Monte Carlo analysis can be interpreted as a stochastic error analysis, if there are measurements of the real system for \( z \).

For a numerical experiment in SimEnv it is assumed that the probability density function \( \text{pdf}(X_k) \) can be decomposed into independent probability density functions \( \text{pdf}_i \) for all factors \( x_i \) of \( X_k \):

\[
\text{pdf}(X_k) = \prod_{i=1}^{k} \text{pdf}_i(x_i)
\]

and the k-dimensional integral is approximated by a sequence of \( n \) single simulation runs of the model where the numerical factor values \( x_i \) of \( t \) \((1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq n)\) are sampled according to the probability density function \( \text{pdf}_i \).

On the basis of these assumptions, the statistical measures in Tab. 4.3 can be computed during performance of an experiment post-processing session from a Monte Carlo analysis with \( n \) simulation runs resulting in \( n \) realizations \( z_1, \ldots, z_n \) of the model's state variables \( z, z_1 \) and \( z_2 \):

\[
\{x\} = X_{2,12}
\]

sample of size 12 in the 2-dimensional factor space

\[X_2 = (x_1, x_2)\]

\[\circ = X_{2,1}\]

default (nominal) numerical factor constellation of model M

**Fig. 4.6** Sample for a Monte Carlo analysis

**Tab. 4.3** Statistical measures

\((*)\): indices for sums \( \sum \), products \( \prod \) and extremes run from 1 to \( n \): \( \sum_{i=1}^{n} \), \( \prod_{i=1}^{n} \), \( \min_{i=1}^{n} \), \( \max_{i=1}^{n} \)

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<tr>
<th>Statistical measure</th>
<th>Definition (*)</th>
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<tr>
<td>minimum</td>
<td>( \min(z) = \min_{i=1}^{n} z_i )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>maximum</td>
<td>( \max(z) = \max_{i=1}^{n} z_i )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sum</td>
<td>( \sum_{i=1}^{n} z_i )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>arithmetic mean</td>
<td>( \text{avg}(z) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} z_i}{n} )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>variance</td>
<td>( \text{var}(z) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (z_i - \text{avg}(z))^2}{(n - 1)} )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>skewness</td>
<td>( \text{skw}(z) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (z_i - \text{avg}(z))^3}{(n * \text{var}(z))^{3/2}} )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>kurtosis</td>
<td>( \text{krt}(z) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (z_i - \text{avg}(z))^4}{(n * \text{var}(z))^{2}} - 3 )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>range</td>
<td>( \text{rng}(z) = \max(z) - \min(z) )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>geometric mean</td>
<td>( \text{avgg}(z) = \left( \prod_{i=1}^{n} z_i \right)^{1/n} )</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Statistical measure | Definition (*)
--- | ---
Harmonic mean | \( \text{agvh}(z) = \frac{n}{\Sigma (1 / z_i)} \)
Weighted mean | \( \text{avgw}(z) = \frac{\Sigma z_i \cdot w_i}{\Sigma w_i} \) \( w \) : weight
Correlation | \( \text{cor}(z_1, z_2) = \frac{\Sigma (z_1 \cdot \text{avg}(z_1)) \ast (z_2 - \text{avg}(z_2))}{\sqrt{\Sigma (z_1 - \text{avg}(z_1))^2} \ast \sqrt{\Sigma (z_2 - \text{avg}(z_2))^2}} \)
Covariance | \( \text{cov}(z_1, z_2) = \Sigma (z_1 \cdot \text{avg}(z_1)) \ast (z_2 - \text{avg}(z_2)) / (n - 1) \)
Linear regression coefficient to forecast \( z_2 \) from \( z_1 \) | \( \text{reg}(z_1, z_2) = \frac{\Sigma (z_1 \cdot \text{avg}(z_1)) \ast (z_2 - \text{avg}(z_2))}{\Sigma (z_1 - \text{avg}(z_1))^2} \)
It is: \( z_2 = \text{reg}(z_1, z_2) \ast z_1 + \text{avg}(z_2) - \text{reg}(z_1, z_2) \ast \text{avg}(z_1) + \text{error} \)
Median | \( \text{med}(z) = \text{middle value from increasingly ordered } \{ z_i \} \) \( n = \text{odd} \)
| \( \text{mean of the two middle values from } \{ z_i \} \) \( n = \text{even} \)
Quantile | \( \text{qnt}(p)(z) = \text{that value from increasingly ordered } \{ z_i \} \) which corresponds to a cumulative frequency of \( n \cdot p / 100 \)
Confidence interval boundaries | \( \text{cnf}(\alpha)(z) = \text{avg}(z) \pm t_{\alpha, n-1} \ast \sqrt{\text{var}(z) / n} \) \( \alpha \): probability of error \( t_{\alpha, n} \): significance boundaries of Student distribution
Heuristic probability density function | \( \text{hgr}(\text{class})(z) = \text{number of } z_i \text{ with } \text{class}_{\text{min}} \leq z_i < \text{class}_{\text{max}} \) \( \text{class}_{\text{min}}, \text{class}_{\text{max}} \): boundaries of equidistant classes

Tab. 4.4 summarizes these probability density functions that are pre-defined in SimEnv for factors to be perturbed. Additionally, SimEnv offers to import random number samples in the course of experiment preparation.

**Tab. 4.4 Probability density functions**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Distribution</th>
<th>Short-cut</th>
<th>Probability density function pdf</th>
<th>Distribution parameters</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Uniform</td>
<td>( U(a,b) )</td>
<td>( \text{pdf}(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} \ast \text{if } x \in [a,b] ) ( \text{pdf}(x) = 0 ) otherwise</td>
<td>( a ) : lower boundary ( b ) : upper boundary &gt; ( a ) it is: ( \text{mean} = (a+b) / 2 ) ( \text{standard deviation} = \sqrt{(b-a)^2 / 12} )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Normal</td>
<td>( N(\mu, \sigma^2) )</td>
<td>( \text{pdf}(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} \ast \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) )</td>
<td>( \mu ) : mean ( \sigma ) : standard deviation &gt; 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lognormal</td>
<td>( L(\mu, \sigma^2) )</td>
<td>( \text{pdf}(x) = \frac{1}{x\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} \ast \exp\left(-\frac{(\ln x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \text{if } x &gt; 0 ) ( \text{pdf}(x) = 0 ) otherwise</td>
<td>( \mu ) : ( \mu ) ( \sigma ) : &gt; 0 it is: ( \ln(x) \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Exponential</td>
<td>( E(\mu) )</td>
<td>( \text{pdf}(x) = \frac{1}{\mu} \ast \exp\left(-\frac{x}{\mu}\right) \text{if } x &gt; 0 ) ( \text{pdf}(x) = 0 ) otherwise</td>
<td>( \mu ) : mean &gt; 0 it is: ( \text{standard deviation} = \mu )</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The number of runs to be performed during a Monte Carlo analysis has to be specified. An experiment is described by the factors involved in the analysis, their distribution and the appropriate distribution parameters. Optionally, a stopping rule is helpful to limit the number of simulation runs in an experiment. In a stopping rule statistical measures from model output \( z \) of all performed single runs are calculated during the experiment after each single model run to decide whether to stop the whole experiment. SimEnv supplies a simple rule-of-thumb stopping rule from Schuyler (1997), using the standard error of mean statistic

\[
\sqrt{\frac{\text{var}(z)}{n}} \quad \text{with } n = \text{number of already performed single runs}
\]

and checks it against the mean \( \text{avg}(z) \).

4.6 Optimization

The optimization experiment in SimEnv uses a stochastic strategy to sample \( X_k \). It is the only experiment type where the sample is generated during experiment performance and not at experiment preparation. The general approach of optimization is to find the global minimum of a cost function (synonym: objective function)

\[
F(Z) = F(ST(X_k))
\]

that depends on model's state variables \( Z \) and consequently on the experiment factors \( X_k = (x_1, ..., x_k) \):

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{minimize} & \quad F(Z(x_1, ..., x_k)) \\
\text{subject to} & \quad x_{i_{\text{min}}} \leq x_i \leq x_{i_{\text{max}}} \quad \text{for } i = 1, ..., k
\end{align*}
\]

Often, \( F \) represents a distance measure in a specific metric between selected model state variables and reference data (measurement values of the real system or simulation results from another model). Consequently, optimization can be used for model validation and control design to find optimal values of model factors in such a way that model state variables are close to reference data. In SimEnv the cost function is specified in experiment preparation as a single run result formed from model output (and reference data) where an operator chain is applied on (cf. Section 6.6 and Chapter 8). The value of the cost function is calculated directly after the current single run has been performed.

SimEnv uses a gradient free optimization approach that is called "Simulated Annealing" and is a generalization of a Monte Carlo method for examining the state equations of n-body systems. The concept is based on the manner in which metals recrystallize in the process of annealing. In an annealing process a melt, initially at high temperature \( \text{Temp} \) and disordered, is slowly cooled so that the system at any time is approximately in thermodynamic equilibrium. As cooling proceeds, the system becomes more ordered and approaches a "frozen" ground state at \( \text{Temp} = 0 \). Hence the process can be thought of as an adiabatic approach to the lowest energy state \( E \). If the initial temperature of the system is too low or cooling is done insufficiently slowly the system may become quenched forming defects or freezing out in metastable states (i.e. trapped in a local minimum energy state).

The annealing scheme is that an initial state of a thermodynamic system is chosen at energy \( E \) and temperature \( \text{Temp} \), holding \( \text{Temp} \) constant the initial configuration is perturbed and the change in energy \( dE \) is computed. If the change in energy is negative or zero the new configuration is accepted. If the change in energy is positive it is accepted with a probability given by

\[
p = \exp(-dE/(k_B*\text{Temp}))
\]

where \( k_B \) denotes the Boltzmann constant. This process is then repeated sufficient times to give good sampling statistics for the current temperature, and then the temperature is decremented and the entire process repeated until a frozen state is achieved at \( \text{Temp} = 0 \).
By analogy the generalization of this Monte Carlo approach to optimization problems is straight forward:

- The current state of the thermodynamic system is analogous to the current solution to the optimization problem.
- The energy equation for the thermodynamic system is analogous to the objective function $F$, and
- The ground state at $\text{Temp} = 0$ is analogous to the global minimum of $F$.

The major difficulty (art) in implementation of a simulated annealing algorithm is that there is no obvious analogy for the temperature $\text{Temp}$ with respect to a free parameter in the optimization problem. Furthermore, avoidance of entrainment in local minima (quenching) is dependent on the "annealing schedule", that is, the choice of initial temperature, how many iterations are performed at each temperature, and how much the temperature is decremented at each step as cooling proceeds (after Gray et al., 1997). Ideally, when local optimization methods are trapped in a poor local minimum, simulated annealing can ‘climb’ out.

The algorithm applied in SimEnv is a very fast simulated re-annealing method, named Adaptive Simulated Annealing ASA (Ingber 2004, Ingber 1989 and Ingber 1996). For the above stated probability $p$ the term $k_B \ast \text{Temp}$ is chosen as

$$k_B \ast \text{Temp} = \text{Temp}_0 \ast \exp(-c_t^{1/m})$$

where $t_a$ is the annealing time.

The ASA schedule is much faster than Boltzmann annealing, where $k_B \ast \text{Temp} = \text{Temp}_0 / \ln(t_a)$ and faster than fast Cauchy annealing, where $k_B \ast \text{Temp} = \text{Temp}_0 / t_a$. For the ASA method the cost function $F$ over the bounded factor space $X$ has to be non-convex.

![Diagram](image)

**Fig. 4.7** Part of a sample for an optimization experiment, generated during the experiment.
5 Model Interface

To use any model within SimEnv it has to be interfaced to the simulation environment. SimEnv offers easy coupling techniques at programming language and shell script level. While at language level SimEnv function calls have to be implemented into model source code to address and modify numerically experiment factors, i.e. model parameters, initial or boundary values or drivers of the current single run out of the run ensemble and to output simulation results, at the shell script level communication between the simulation environment and the model can be based on operating system information exchange methods. To plug the model into the simulation environment the variables of the model to be output during experiment performance and to be potentially processed during experiment post-processing have to be declared in the model output description file <model>.mdf. Additionally, the model itself has to be wrapped into a shell script <model>.run.

Model interfacing is related to transferring sampled numerical values of model factors under investigation from the simulation environment to the model and to transferring model output variables under investigation from the model to the simulation environment for later experiment post-processing. Interfacing is supported at the programming language level for C/C++, Fortran, Python, Java, Matlab, Mathematica and GAMS programming languages, the model is implemented in and at shell script level.

5.1 General Approach

SimEnv model interface has to supply a link between the simulation environment and the model and has to address two aspects:

For each single run from the run ensemble

- All experiment factors as defined in the experiment description file <model>.edf (cf. Section 6.1) have to be associated to the corresponding model code entities (parameters, initial or boundary values, drivers). These entities are modified numerically in the model by the sampled values and the default values of the factors according to the specified factor adjustment types. The process of such a modification is called an adjustment. The factor adjustment type specifies how to interfere the current sampled value with the the default value of the entity (cf. Section 6.1).
- All model output variables as defined in the model output description file <model>.mdf (cf. Section 5.3) have to be associated to the corresponding model entities (in general, model state variables) and these entities have to be output to SimEnv data structures during the performance of the model.

Implementation of this general approach is based on minimal source code manipulation of the model. SimEnv supplies a library with a set of simple functions to interface the model to the simulation environment. Generally speaking,

- Every experiment factor and
- Every model output variable

demand one additional SimEnv function call in the model source code. According to Tab. 5.1 model interface functions are generic.

The function simenv_slice_<lng> announces output of a slice of the data of a defined model output variable. This is good for models with multi-dimensional variables where at least one dimension is omitted in the state variable declaration in the model the source code because the dynamics for this dimension is calculated in place (e.g., time). The assigned variable then has a lower dimensionality than the corresponding variable in the model output description file. Nevertheless, the simenv_slice_<lng>-function ensures that model output over the omitted dimension can be handled in experiment post-processing in common.

Fig. 5.1 shows the conceptual scheme for the SimEnv interface for a Fortran model.
### Tab. 5.1
**Generic SimEnv interface functions**
(for language `<lng>` cf. Tab. 5.2)

<table>
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<th>Function name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>simenv_ini_&lt;lng&gt;</td>
<td>open model coupling interface</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_get_&lt;lng&gt;</td>
<td>associate a model source code entity (parameter / initial value / boundary value / driver) with an experiment factor from <code>&lt;model&gt;.edf</code> and assign the adjusted factor value to the entity.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_get_run_&lt;lng&gt;</td>
<td>get the current single run number of the run ensemble</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_put_&lt;lng&gt;</td>
<td>associate a model source code entity with a model output variable from <code>&lt;model&gt;.mdf</code> and output it to SimEnv data structures</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_slice_&lt;lng&gt;</td>
<td>enable slicing, i.e., a repetitively partial output of model output variables.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_end_&lt;lng&gt;</td>
<td>close model coupling interface</td>
</tr>
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</table>

The alignment of the contents of the SimEnv description files and the used SimEnv model interface functions in the model source code is dominated by the description files: These files determine the experiment and the model source code is expected to be well adapted. Nevertheless, this approach is implemented in a flexible manner:

- Function calls in the source code where an experiment factor from `<model>.edf` and/or a model output variable from `<model>.mdf` is not associated with are handled during the model performance in such a way that the factors are unadjusted and/or the model output variable is not output. This enables adaption of the model source code for a number of potential experiment factors and model outputs where only a subset of these factors is under consideration in special experiments and/or requested for model output.
- **Vice versa**, model entities that are requested by the corresponding experiment description file as a factor and/or model output description file for model output and where the corresponding SimEnv functions in the model source code are missing are identified as such.

A regular matching between the model output description file and the used SimEnv interface functions in the model source code as well as the above exceptions are reported to the interface log-file `<model>.mlog` (cf. Tab. 10.8).

Native model output does not influence performance of the model in SimEnv and there is no necessity to disable this output for SimEnv. The user only has to ensure that for a experiment control by the load leveler LoadL the outputs of different single runs do not conflict with each other. Normally, this can be ensured by performing each single run in a special run-related sub-directory (cf. Example 15.9). Native user model output to the terminal is redirected during the experiment to the log-file `<model>.nlog`.

For running an interfaced model outside SimEnv there are dummy SimEnv libraries to link / run the model with. They ensure the same model dynamics as before interfacing the model to SimEnv (cf. Section 5.12).

Currently, there are SimEnv interfaces for Fortran, C/C++, Python, Java, Matlab, Mathematica and GAMS models. Additionally, there is an interface implementation at shell script level and for ASCII files. Mixed language models as well as distributed models (cf. Section 5.11) can be run with SimEnv.

### Tab. 5.2
**Language suffices for SimEnv interface functions**
(for the Matlab and GAMS interface check Section 5.6,
for the GAMS interface check Section 5.7)

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<td>Java</td>
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<td>sh</td>
<td>Shell script level</td>
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<tr>
<td>as</td>
<td>ASCII file</td>
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</table>
associate description file entity with source code entity

For transparency reasons: Description entity name should be the same as source code entity name (unlike this example)

Model wrapper shell script <model>.run

Model

Fortran model source code (*)

program model
... integer*4 simenv_init_f, simenv_get_f, simenv_put_f, simenv_end_f, simenv_sts
real*4 model_factor ! source code entity
dimension model_var (! ) ! source code entity
... simenv_sts = simenv_init_f (! )
... model_factor = ...
simenv_sts = simenv_get_f ( edf_factor , model_factor , model_factor )
... model_var( ... ) = ...
simenv_sts = simenv_put_f ( mdf_var , model_var )
... simenv_sts = simenv_end_f (! )
... end

field model_var is output as mdf_var

model_factor is the default factor value as specified in the previous statement to be used as the adjusted value if 'edf_factor' is undefined in <model>.edf

model_factor is the adjusted factor value

(*) for C/C++/Python in a likewise manner

Fig. 5.1 Conceptual scheme of the model interface for C/C++, Fortran, Python and Java
5.2 Coordinate and Grid Assignments to Variables

To each variable:

- **Dimensionality** \( \text{dim}(\text{variable}) \)
- **Extents** \( \text{ext}(\text{variable},i) \) with \( i=1, \ldots, \text{dim}(\text{variable}) \)
- **Coordinates** \( \text{coord}(\text{variable},i) \) with \( i=1, \ldots, \text{dim}(\text{variable}) \)

are assigned to. The dimensionality is the number of dimensions, an extent is related to each dimension and represents the number of elements in that dimension. Extents are always greater than 1. To each dimension a coordinate is assigned to. Coordinates have a name and from all coordinate values the coordinate is defined for a subset is assigned to the extent of the dimension of the variable. Variables of dimensionality 0 do not have a coordinate assignment.

A variable of dimensionality \( n \) corresponds to an \( n \)-dimensional array, a variable of dimensionality 0 is a scalar.

![Rectilinear grid: supported by SimEnv](image1)

![Curvilinear grid: not supported by SimEnv](image2)

*Fig. 5.2 Grid types*

Additionally, coordinate axes are defined. Each coordinate axis a strictly monotonic sequence of coordinate values, a description and a unit is assigned to. For reasons of simplification in experiment post-processing coordinate axes are assumed as curvilinear.

Each dimension of a variable with a dimensionality \( > 0 \) a complete coordinate axis or a part of a coordinate axis is assigned to. Consequently, each variable with a dimensionality \( > 0 \) is defined on a coordinate system formed from the assigned coordinates. For reasons of simplification in result evaluation with visualization techniques coordinate systems are assumed as rectilinear (orthogonal with variable distances between adjacent coordinate values). The model output variable values then exist on the grid, spanned up from the coordinate values of the coordinate axes (cf. *Fig. 5.2*).

Since coordinate axes can be assigned to model output variable dimensions in a flexible manner, model output variables can exist on the same coordinate system or completely or partially disjoint coordinate systems.

5.3 Model Output Description File <model>.mdf

In the model output description file <model>.mdf the model output variables are declared that are to be output by a SimEnv model coupling interface function in the model (code) and are to be post-processed after experiment performance. Additionally, coordinate axes are defined and flexibly assigned to model output variables. Consequently, a model output variable always is defined on a coordinate system, formed from the assigned coordinates to the variable.
### Tab. 5.3  
*Elements of a model output description file <model>.mdf*

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<td></td>
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<td>m</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>val_list</td>
<td></td>
<td>strictly monotonic sequence of coordinate values &lt;co_vals&gt; (for syntax see Tab. 11.6)</td>
</tr>
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<td>variable</td>
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<td></td>
<td>type</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>assigns variable type in the simulation model</td>
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<tr>
<td>coords</td>
<td>c1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;co_name&gt;</td>
<td></td>
<td>assigns a coordinate axis by its name to each dimension of the variable. Determines in this way implicitly the dimensionality n of the variable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>coord_extents</td>
<td>c2</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;co_val_i1&gt;; &lt;co_val_i2&gt;; ...; &lt;co_val_i_n1&gt;; &lt;co_val_i_n2&gt;</td>
<td></td>
<td>assigns start and end coordinate real values from each coordinate axis to the variable. If missing all coordinate values will be used from all assigned coordinates.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>index_extents</td>
<td>c1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;in_val_i1&gt;; &lt;in_val_i2&gt;; ...; &lt;in_val_i_n1&gt;; &lt;in_val_i_n2&gt;</td>
<td></td>
<td>assigns integer value start and end indices for each dimension to the variable. Indices can be used to address the variable during experiment post-processing.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Each model output variable has a name, a dimensionality and assigned extents, a data type, a description and a unit. The name should correspond to the name of the variable in the simulation model code. Association between these two names is achieved by the SimEnv model interface function simenv_put_* (see below).

<model>.mdf is an ASCII file that holds this information. It follows the coding rules in Section 11.1 on page 141 with the keywords, names, sub-keywords, and values as in Tab. 5.3.

To Tab. 5.3 the following additional rules and explanations apply:

- For the description of line type check Tab. 11.4 on page 143.
- Coordinate and variable names must differ from factor names in experiment description (cf. Section 6.1) and from built-in and user-defined operator names for experiment post-processing (cf. Section 8.5.4).
- Assignment of coordinate axes to variable dimensions and consequently of a grid to a variables is only valid for experiment post-processing. Normally, the simulation model itself will also exploit the same grid structure. Nevertheless, the grid structures of the model are defined autonomously in the model in an explicit or implicit manner and do only correspond to the grid structure in the model output description file symbolically.
- Model output variables with dimensionality 0 are not assigned to a coordinate axis.
- The values of a coordinate have to be ordered in a strictly monotonic sequence. They may be non-equidistant and may be ordered in a decreasing sequence.
- With the sub-keyword ‘coord_extents’ only a portion of coordinate values of a coordinate axis can be assigned to a dimension of a variable. This portion is addressed by its begin and end value <co_val_i1> and/or <co_val_i2>. The number of coordinates values of the portion has to be greater than 1.
for strictly increasing values of coordinates
for strictly decreasing values of coordinates

With the sub-keyword 'index_extents' portions of variables are made addressable during SimEnv experiment post-processing. In the same way multi-dimensional variables are equipped with indices in the simulation model they also have an index description in the model output description file for purposes of experiment post-processing. It is advisable, that these two descriptions coincide. The index range is described by a start and an end integer value index $<in_{val}>$ and/or $<in_{val_ext}>$. The index set is a strictly increasing, equidistant set of integer values with an index increment of 1, $<in_{val}> < <in_{val}>$. $<in_{val}> \leq 0$ is possible.

- Coordinate values $<co_{val}>$ and index values $<in_{val}>$ are assigned in a one-to-one manner.
- For multi-dimensional variables that do not exist on an assigned grid completely or partially, simply assign formal coordinate axes to.
- Specify at least one model output variable in $<model>.mdf$.

**Tab. 5.4** SimEnv data types

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SimEnv data type (synonyms)</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Restriction</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>byte</td>
<td>int*1</td>
<td>1 byte integer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>short</td>
<td>int*2</td>
<td>2 bytes integer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>int</td>
<td>int*4</td>
<td>4 bytes integer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>float</td>
<td>real*4</td>
<td>4 bytes real</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>double</td>
<td>real*8</td>
<td>8 bytes real</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For the following Example 5.1 of a model output description file and the assigned grids for model output variables check Example 1.1 on page 6:

```plaintext
general descr World with a resolution of
general descr 4° lat x 4° lon x
general descr 4 levels x 20 time steps
general descr Data centred per lat-lon cell
general descr This file is valid for all models
general descr world_[ f | c | cpp | py | ja | sh | as]
coordinate lat descr geographic latitude
coordinate lat unit descr deg
coordinate lat values descr equidist_end 88(-4)-88
coordinate lon descr geographic longitude
coordinate lon unit descr deg
coordinate lon values descr equidist_end -178(4)178
coordinate level descr atmospheric vertical level
coordinate level unit descr level no
coordinate level values descr list 1,7,11,16
coordinate time descr time in decades
coordinate time unit descr 10 years
coordinate time values descr equidist_nmb 1(1)20
```
variable atmo descr aggregated atmospheric state
variable atmo unit without
variable atmo type float
variable atmo coords lat, lon, level, time
variable atmo index_extents 1:45, 1:90, 1:4, 1:20
variable bios descr aggregated biospheric state
variable bios unit g/m²
variable bios type float
variable bios coords lat, lon, time
variable bios coord_extents 84.:-56., -178.:178., 1:20
variable bios index_extents 1:36, 1:90, 1:20
variable atmo_g type int
variable atmo_g coords time
variable atmo_g index_extents 1:20
variable bios_g type int

Example-file: world_[f | c | cpp | py | ja | sh | as].mdf

Example 5.1  Model output description file <model>.mdf

Definition of model output variable bios refers to
Example 5.1 above.
The triples at the edges of the grid are
the indices of model output variable
bios(lat,lon,time) for the appropriate grid cells.

Fig. 5.3  Model output variable definition: Grid assignment

5.4  Model Interface for Fortran and C/C++ Models

Tab. 5.5 describes the model interface functions that can be used in user models written in Fortran or C/C++
(postfix f for Fortran, c for C/C++)
- to get sampled values of the experiment factors and to adjust them numerically by the factor default
  value for the current single run of the run ensemble and
- to output model results from the current single run.
In this table the input and output data types are documented for functions used in Fortran. For C/C++ the
 corresponding data types are valid.
All functions have a 4-byte integer function value (integer*4 and/or int). Implementation of the functions for
C/C++ is based on a call by reference for the function arguments.
<table>
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<th>Function name</th>
<th>Function description</th>
<th>Arguments / function value</th>
<th>Argument / function value description</th>
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</table>
| simenv_ini_[f | c ] ( ) | initialize model coupling interface Perform always as the first SimEnv function in the model. Check the semi-automated model interface for alternatives | integer*4 simenv_ini_ [ f | c ] (function value) | return code  
= 0 ok  
= 2 I/O error for model output file  
= 3 error memory allocation  
= 4 I/O error for simenv_edf_bin.tmp as the structured representation of <model>.edf  
= 5 I/O error for simenv_mdf_bin.tmp as the structured representation of <model>.mdf  
= 6 I/O error for <model>.smp  
= 7 wrong single run number |
| simenv_get_[f | c ] ( factor_name, factor_def_val, factor_adj_val ) | get the resulting adjusted value for the factor to be experimented with in the current single run | character*() factor_name (input) | name of the factor in <model>.edf  
real*4 factor_def_val (input) | default (nominal) factor value as specified in <model>.edf. If factor_name is not defined in <model>.edf then factor_adj_val is set to factor_def_val  
real*4 factor_adj_val (output) | adjusted factor value |
| simenv_get_run_[f | c ] ( simenv_run_int, simenv_run_char ) | get run number of the current run as an integer value and a character string | integer*4 simenv_run_int (output) | current run number  
character*6 simenv_run_char (output) | current run number with leading zeros |
| simenv_put_[f | c ] ( var_name, field ) | output model results to native SimEnv output file(s) | character*() var_name (input) | name of the variable in <model>.mdf to be output  
dimension field(...), type according to <model>.mdf (input) | data of variable var_name to be stored as simulation results  
integer*4 simenv_put_[ f | c ] (function value) | return code  
= 0 ok  
= 1 var_name undefined  
= 2 I/O error for model output file |
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<th>Function description</th>
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<th>Argument / function value description</th>
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<tr>
<td>`simenv_slice_[f</td>
<td>c] (var_name, idim, ifrom, ito)`</td>
<td>announce to output at the next corresponding `simenv_put_[f</td>
<td>c]<code>call only a slice of variable</code>var_name<code>. This announcement becomes inactive after performance of the corresponding </code>simenv_put_[f</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>integer*4 <code>idim</code> (input)</td>
<td>dimension to be sliced</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>integer*4 <code>ifrom</code> (input)</td>
<td>slice to start at position <code>ifrom</code>. <code>ifrom</code> corresponds to an index from <code>index_extents</code> in <code>&lt;model&gt;.mdf</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>integer*4 <code>ito</code> (input)</td>
<td>slice to end at position <code>ito</code>. <code>ito</code> corresponds to an index from <code>index_extents</code> in <code>&lt;model&gt;.mdf</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>integer*4 `simenv_slice_[f</td>
<td>c] (function value)`</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>= 0  ok</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>= 1  <code>var_name</code> undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>= 3  inconsistency between variable and <code>idim</code>, <code>ifrom</code>, <code>ito</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>= 4  slice storage exceeded</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>= 5  warning: slice overwritten</td>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>`simenv_end_[f</td>
<td>c] ()`</td>
<td>close model coupling interface <strong>Perform always the last SimEnv function in the model</strong></td>
<td>integer*4 `simenv_end_[f</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>= 0  ok</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>= 2  I/O error for model output file</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Make sure consistency of type and dimension declarations between the model output variables in model source code and the corresponding variable declarations in the model output description file `<model>.mdf`.
- Model output variables that are not output completely or partially within the user model are handled in experiment post-processing as their corresponding nodata-values (cf. Tab. 10.13).
- Application of `simenv_slice_*` for NetCDF model output may result in a higher consumption of computing time for each single run of the experiment compared with NetCDF model output without `simenv_slice_*`. For this case, keep in mind the trade-off between the demand for computing time and the demand for main memory.
- The include file `simenv_mod_[f|c].inc` from the sub-directory inc of the SimEnv home directory can be used in a model to declare the SimEnv model interface functions as integer*4 / int for Fortran and/or C/C++.
- Apply the shell script `simenv_mod_[f|c].lnk <model_name>` from the SimEnv library directory `$SE_HOME/lib` to compile and link an interfaced model.
- User models implemented in C/C++ or Fortran have to be linked with the following libraries to interface them to the simulation environment:
  - `$SE_HOME/lib/libsimenv.a`
  - `libnetcdf.a` from `/usr/local/lib` or `/usr/lib`
- Tab. 15.12 lists the additionally used symbols when interfacing a Fortran or C/C++ model to SimEnv.
- In
  - Example 15.1 on page 167 the model `world_f.f`
  - Example 15.3 on page 170 the model `world_c.c`
  - Example 15.4 on page 172 the model `world_cpp.cpp` are explained.
## 5.5 Model Interface for Python and Java Models

### Tab. 5.6

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Module name</th>
<th>Module description</th>
<th>Arguments / module value</th>
<th>Argument / module value description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>`simenv_ini_[py</td>
<td>ja ]( )`</td>
<td>initialize model coupling interface</td>
<td>string (py) / int (ja) simenv_ini_py (module value)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Perform always as the first SimEnv module in the model. Check the semi-automated model interface for alternatives</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>`simenv_get_[py</td>
<td>ja ]( factor_name, factor_def_val)`</td>
<td>get the resulting adjusted value for the factor to be experimented with in the current single run</td>
<td>string factor_name (input)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>float factor_def_val (input)</td>
<td>default (nominal) factor value as specified in <code>&lt;model&gt;.edf</code>. If factor_name is not defined in <code>&lt;model&gt;.edf</code> then factor_adj_val is set to factor_def_val</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>float simenv_get_py (module value)</td>
<td>adjusted factor value factor_adj_val</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>If an error occurred then module value = -999.99</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>`simenv_get_run_[py</td>
<td>ja ]( )`</td>
<td>get the run number of the current run as a string</td>
<td>string simenv_get_run_py (module value)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>simenv_put_[py ja ]( var_name, field)</code></td>
<td>output model results to native SimEnv output file(s)</td>
<td>string var_name (input)</td>
<td>name of the variable in <code>&lt;model&gt;.mdf</code> to be output</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>declaration of field(...) according to <code>&lt;model&gt;.mdf</code> (input)</td>
<td>data of variable var_name to be stored as simulation results</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>simenv_put_py (module value)</td>
<td>return code = 0 ok</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>= 1 an error occurred</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>`simenv_slice_[py</td>
<td>ja ]( var_name, idim, ifrom, ito)`</td>
<td>Currently not available for Python and Java models</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>`simenv_end_[py</td>
<td>ja ]( )`</td>
<td>close model coupling interface</td>
<td>string (py) / int (ja) simenv_end_[py</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Perform always as the last SimEnv module in the model</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Due to the special features of Python and Java, the coupling interface to SimEnv differs from that for Fortran and C/C++ in Section 5.4. Additionally, the model interface for Python and Java does not support all data types (cf. Tab. 5.4). Tab. 5.6 summarizes the model interface modules for a Python and Java models.

- SimEnv Python model interface modules are declared in the file simenv.py in the sub-directory bin of the SimEnv home directory. To use these modules in a Python model import it by
  from simenv import *
  and refer to them for example by
  simenv_get_py.
- SimEnv Java model interface modules are declared in the file simenv.java in the sub-directory bin of the SimEnv home directory. The corresponding class file simenv.class is also located there. Specify in <model>.run or in the .profile file the CLASSPATH by
  export CLASSPATH=./:$SE_HOME/bin:$CLASSPATH
  before calling java to run the model. To use an interface module in a Java model refer it for example by
  simenv.simenv_get_py.
- Errors that occur during performance of one of the above Python or Java interface modules are directly reported to the log-file <model>.nlog.

Set in $HOME/.profile the Python and/or Java environment: include the path to python and/or Java in the PATH environment variable and specify the for Python the PYTHONPATH environment variable according to the need of the Python model. For more information check Section 10.8.

In Example 15.5 on page 173 the model world_py.py is described in detail, in Example 15.6 on page 174 the model world_ja.java.

5.5.1 Standard Dot Scripts for Python and Java Models

<model>.ini
<model>.ini (cf. Section 7.1 on page 67) is for Python and Java models a mandatory shell script and has to have the same contents for all Python and Java models:

```
. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_ini_[ py | ja ]
# return code from simenv_ini_[ py | ja ] is rc_simenv_ini_[ py | ja ] (=0: ok, =1: error)

# additional user-model specific commands can be implemented up from here
if test $rc_simenv_ini_[ py | ja ] = 0
then
  ...
fi

# return always with the return code rc_simenv_ini_[ py | ja ]
exit $rc_simenv_ini_[ py | ja ]
```

For an experiment restart with a Python or Java model (cf. Section 7.4 on page 73) <model>.ini has to be performed again. To force this specify in <model>.cfg (cf. Section 10.1 on page 125) for the sub-keyword 'restart_ini' the value 'yes'.

5.6 Model Interface for Matlab and Mathematica Models

For both Matlab and Mathematica models a simple interface to SimEnv is implemented. It is based on
- generating automatically per single run a temporary Matlab and/or Mathematica model by prefixing the original model with a piece of Matlab and/or Mathematica model code that is generated automatically by SimEnv.
- performing this temporary model
• transferring the model output from external files to SimEnv model output structures.

Set in the file $HOME/.profile the Matlab and/or Mathematica environment: include the path to matlab and/or to MathKernel in the PATH environment variable. For more information check Section 10.8.

simenv_get function

The generic simenv_get function for a Matlab / Mathematica model and running the model is performed by the SimEnv dot script

```
$SE_HOME/bin/simenv_run_[ matlab | mathematica ]
```

This dot script has to be called in <model>.run. It expects that the Matlab / Mathematica model has the name <model>.m where <model> is the model name the service is started with.

To enable the adjustment of a factor <factor_name> in the model during the performance of any single run it is necessary to modify the model source code with respect to the initial settings of the factors. Let depend the assignment of the default value <factor_def_val> to the factor variable <factor_name> in the model source code whether this variable was already set to its adjusted value

for Matlab model source code by:
```
if exist('<factor_name>', 'var') == 0
    <factor_name> = <factor_def_val>;
end
```

for Mathematica model source code by:
```
if ValueQ[<factor_name>] == False,
    <factor_name> = <factor_def_val>,
    <factor_name> = <factor_name> ;
```

For an experiment with k factors the temporary Matlab / Mathematica model for single run number <simenv_run_int> has the following structure:

```
<factor_name_1> = <factor_value_1<simenv_run_int>> ;
...
<factor_name_k> = <factor_value_k<simenv_run_int>> ;
<model>
exit
```

(only for Matlab models)

This file is generated in a temporary sub-directory run<simenv_run_char> of the current workspace. The sub-directory itself is created automatically when performing the single run <simenv_run_int>.

For the Matlab interface, store the path to the Matlab model in the file
```
~/matlab/startup.m
```
by
```
path(path,'<path_to_the_Matlab_model >')
```

For Mathematica, store the Mathematica model in the current workspace the SimEnv simulation service `simenv.[ run | rst ]` is started from.

Since the original model is prefixed by the above piece of code that defines the adjustments of the factors, all statements (e.g., "clearall") that clear the model variables have to be deleted from the original model source code.
simenv_put function

For the Matlab / Mathematica model interface a dedicated simenv_put function does not exist. SimEnv expects the Matlab / Mathematica model to write model output to external files. These files can be transferred into SimEnv model output by writing a specific simenv_put_sh executable (cf. Section 5.8) or for ASCII model output files by applying simenv_put_as[_simple] (cf. Section 5.9). Both interfaces have to be incorporated into <model>.run.

$model$.edf

While for the C/C++/Fortran/Python/Java model interface the names of corresponding factors in the model description file $model$.edf and the model source code can differ and are associated by the first argument of the interface function simenv_put_* (cf. Fig. 5.1) the names have to coincide for the Matlab / Mathematica model interface. Since in Matlab / Mathematica variables are case sensitive they have to be declared in the experiment description file $model$.edf also in a case sensitive manner.

An example for $model$.run can be found in Example 15.7.

5.7 Model Interface for GAMS Models

SimEnv allows to interface GAMS models to the experiment shell. A GAMS (main) model interfaced to SimEnv can call GAMS sub-models. SimEnv expects that the GAMS main model

- is located in the file $model$.gms where $model$ is the model name a SimEnv service is started with.
- and all optional GAMS sub-models are stored in the current workspace the SimEnv services simenv.[chk | run | rst] are started from.

Therefore, two additional include-statements have to be inserted into these GAMS model source code files where experiment factors are to be adjusted or model variables are to be output to SimEnv. GAMS model source code files to be interfaced to SimEnv are one GAMS main model and optionally a number of GAMS sub-models that are called directly from the GAMS main model. Additional GAMS sub-programs (included files) are not affected by SimEnv, but one should keep in mind that the GAMS code within SimEnv will be executed in a sub-directory of the current workspace (see below) and so the include statements have to be changed, if the files are addressed in a relative manner (see below).

- The include files are
  - <model>_simenv_get.inc
  - <model>_simenv_put.inc
- During experiment preparation the file <model>_simenv_put.inc and during experiment performance files <model>_simenv_get.inc are generated automatically to forward GAMS model output to SimEnv data structures and to adjust investigated experiment factors, respectively. These include files correspond to the simenv_put and simenv_get model interface functions at the language level (cf. Sections 5.4 and 5.5).
- The GAMS include statement $include <model>_simenv_get.inc has to be placed in the GAMS model file at such a position where all the GAMS variables are declared. Directly before the include statement the factor default values have to be assigned to factor variables, that are introduced additionally in the model. Directly after the include statement the factor variables with the adjusted factor values have to be assigned to the model variables.
- The GAMS include statement $include <model>_simenv_put.inc has to be placed in the GAMS model file at such a position where all the variables from the model output description file can be output by GAMS put-statements.
- In the course of experiment preparation the GAMS model and all sub-models that are specified in <model>.gdf (see below) are transformed automatically. Each GAMS model single run from the run ensemble is performed in a separate sub-directory run<$simenv_run_char> of the current workspace. The sub-directories are created automatically. Transformed GAMS models and sub-models are copied to this sub-directory and are performed from there. Keep this in mind when specifying in any GAMS model include statements with relative paths.

In Example 15.8 on page 177 the model gams_model.gms is described in detail.
Additionally, the following settings are valid:

- An ASCII GAMS description file `<model>.gdf` (see below) has to be supplied to specify the GAMS sub-models and assigned factors and model output variables in detail.
- Maximum dimensionality of any model output variable declared in `<model>.mdf` is 4 for GAMS models.

Note the following information:

- To output the GAMS model status to SimEnv a
  ```
  PARAMETER modstat
  
  has to be declared and the statement
  modstat = `<model_name>.modelstat`
  
  has to be incorporated in the GAMS model above the `$include <model>_simenv_put.inc` line. The variable `modstat` has to be stated in the model output description file `<model>.mdf` and the GAMS description file `<model>.gdf`.
  ```

Set in the file `$HOME/.profile` the GAMS environment: include the path to gams in the PATH environment variable. For more information check Section 10.8.

### 5.7.1 Standard Dot Scripts for GAMS Models

**<model>.ini**

`<model>.ini` (cf. Section 7.1 on page 67) is for GAMS models a mandatory shell script and has to have the contents for all GAMS models:

```bash
# $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_ini_gams
# return code from simenv_ini_gams is rc_simenv_ini_gams (=0: ok, =1: error)

# additional user-model specific commands can be implemented up from here
if test $rc_simenv_ini_gams = 0
  then
    ...
  fi

# return always with the return code rc_simenv_ini_gams
exit $rc_simenv_ini_gams
```

For an experiment restart with a GAMS model (cf. Section 7.4 on page 73) `<model>.ini` has to be performed again. To force this, specify in `<model>.cfg` (cf. Section 10.1 on page 125) for the sub-keyword ‘restart_ini’ the value “yes”.

**<model>.run**

`<model>.run` (cf. Section 7.1 on page 67) has for each GAMS model the same contents:

```bash
#/bin/sh
$. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_ini_sh
$. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_run_gams
$. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_end_sh
```

**<model>.end**

`<model>.end` (cf. Section 7.1 on page 67) is for GAMS models a mandatory shell script and has to have the contents for all GAMS models:
Python programming language is used to prepare, run and to end an experiment with a GAMS model.

5.7.2 GAMS Description File <model>.gdf, <model>.edf, <model>.mdf

The ASCII GAMS description file <model>.gdf is intended to create a block of lines for each GAMS sub-model with a simenv_get.inc file and/or a simenv_put.inc file. The block holds the specific characteristics of GAMS model input and output needed by SimEnv to generate GAMS put-statements. All model output variables from the model output description file and all factors from the factor description file have to be used in this file again.

<model>.gdf is an ASCII file that follows the coding rules in Section 11.1 on page 141 with the keywords, names, sub-keywords, and values as in Tab. 5.3.

Tab. 5.7 Elements of a GAMS description file <model>.gdf

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>keyword</th>
<th>name</th>
<th>sub-keyword</th>
<th>Line type</th>
<th>Max. line nmb.</th>
<th>value</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>general</td>
<td>&lt;nil&gt;</td>
<td>descr</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>any</td>
<td>&lt;string&gt;</td>
<td>GAMS coupling description</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>keep_runs</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;val_list&gt;</td>
<td></td>
<td>value list of run numbers where single GAMS model runs are to be stored by keeping their corresponding sub-directories (for syntax see Tab. 11.6)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>time_limit</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;int_val&gt;</td>
<td></td>
<td>CPU limit in seconds for each GAMS model single run</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>options</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;string&gt;</td>
<td></td>
<td>string of options, GAMS main model is started with from command line</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>model</td>
<td>&lt;model_name&gt;</td>
<td>descr</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;string&gt;</td>
<td>(sub-)model output description</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>type</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>[ main</td>
<td>sub ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>get</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>exactly number of factors</td>
<td>&lt;factor_name&gt;</td>
<td>get resulting adjustment for &lt;factor_name&gt; to this model</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>put</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>exactly number of model output variables</td>
<td>(&lt;var_name&gt; {.&lt;suffix_set&gt;}{&lt;index_set&gt;})} {format})</td>
<td>put values of SimEnv model output variable &lt;var_name&gt; from this model to SimEnv output. GAMS variable &lt;var_name&gt; has the specified suffix and index sets and is interfaced from GAMS to SimEnv according to &lt;format&gt;</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
To Tab. 5.7 the following additional rules and explanations apply:

- For the description of line type check Tab. 11.4 on page 143.
- Each factor and each model output variable as declared in <model>.edf and <model>.mdf respectively has to be used in the value-field of <model>.gdf exactly one time.
- To each GAMS model <model_name> an arbitrary number of factors and model output variables can be assigned to by the corresponding sub-keyword ‘get’ and/or ‘put’.
  - To each sub-model (‘type’ = “sub”) at least one ‘get’ or one ‘put’ sub-keyword must be assigned to. The main model (‘type’ = “main”) can be configured without any sub-keyword ‘get’ and ‘put’. This is useful when the main model simply calls sub-models.
- Each model <model_name> in <model>.gdf with at least one sub-keyword ‘get’ has to have an $include <model_name>_simenv_get.inc statement in the corresponding GAMS model file <model_name>.gms
- Each model <model_name> in <model>.gdf with at least one sub-keyword ‘put’ has to have an $include <model_name>_simenv_put.inc statement in the corresponding GAMS model file <model_name>.gms
- There has to be exactly one main GAMS model, identified by the sub-keyword ‘type’ value “main”. All other models have to be of sub-keyword type value “sub”.
- The value-field for the sub-keyword ‘put’ is adapted to GAMS syntax to output GAMS model output variables. Afterwards this output is used to generate the appropriate SimEnv output.
- <index_set> is mandatory for variables with a dimensionality > 0. Otherwise, specification of <index_set> is forbidden. Indices as used in the GAMS model are separated from each other by comma.
- The sub-keyword ‘time_limit’ enables limitation of each GAMS model single run in the run ensemble to a maximum CPU-time consumption. If this threshold is reached the single run is aborted and the following single run started. In general, SimEnv nodata values will be assigned to the results of the aborted single runs. The sub-keyword ‘time_limit’ can be necessary since each GAMS model single run itself is an optimization procedure which could result in an unfeasible CPU time consumption. If the sub-keyword is not used in the gdf-file CPU-time consumption per single run is unlimited.

With respect to Example 15.8 the GAMS description file could look like

```
general descr GAMS model output description
general descr for the examples in the SimEnv
general descr User Guide
general keep_runs list 0,1

model gams_model descr this is the only GAMS model to use
type main
model gams_model get dem_ny
model gams_model get dem_ch
model gams_model put x.l(i,j):10:5
model gams_model put a(i):10:5
model gams_model put z.l
model gams_model put modstat
```

Example file: gams_model.gdf

**Example 5.2**  
GAMS description file <model>.gdf

If the model gams_model from the above Example 5.3 would be coupled with two additional GAMS sub-models sub_m1 and sub_m2 where both sub-models interact with SimEnv the GAMS description file could look like

(without taking into consideration plausibility with respect to model contents)

```
model gams_model type main
model gams_model put modstat
```
model  sub_m1  type       sub
model  sub_m1  get       dem_ny
model  sub_m1  put       x.l(i,j):10:5
model  sub_m1  put       a(i):10:5
model  sub_m2  type       sub
model  sub_m2  get       dem_ch
model  sub_m2  put       z.l

or
model  gams_model  type       main
model  sub_m1  type       sub
model  sub_m1  get       dem_ny
model  sub_m1  put       x.l(i,j):10:5
model  sub_m1  put       a(i):10:5
model  sub_m2  type       sub
model  sub_m2  get       dem_ch
model  sub_m2  put       z.l
model  sub_m2  put       modstat

Example 5.3  GAMS description file for coupled GAMS models

<model>.edf
While for the C/C++/Fortran/Python/Java model interface the names of corresponding factors in the model
description file <model>.edf and the model source code can differ and are associated by the first argument
of the interface function simenv_put_* (cf. Fig. 5.1) the names have to coincide for the GAMS model inter-
face.
In the GAMS model code the factors specified in the experiment description file have to be of type
PARAMETER and have be defined before the include statement $include simenv_get.inc.

<model>.mdf
Corresponding variables in the model output description file and in the GAMS model source code must have
same names. Variables have to be always of type float in the model output description file. In GAMS model
code the model output variables declared in the model output description file can be of the numeric types
VARIABLES or PARAMETER. The maximum dimensionality of a SimEnv model output variable used in a
GAMS model is restricted to 4. Additionally, each model output variable must not exceed a size of 64 MByte.

With respect to Example 15.8 the model output description file could look like
coordinate  plant  descr      canning plants
coordinate  plant  unit       plant number
coordinate  plant  values     equidist_end 1(1)2
coordinate  market  descr     canning markets
coordinate  market  unit      market number
coordinate  market  values    equidist_end 1(1)3
variable a descr plant capacity
variable a unit cases
variable a type float
variable a coords plant
variable a index_extents 1:2

variable x descr shipment quantities
variable x unit cases
variable x type float
variable x coords plant, market
variable x index_extents 1:2, 1:3

variable z descr total transportation costs
variable z unit 10^3 US$
variable z type float

variable modstat descr model status
variable modstat type float

Example file: gams_model.mdf

Example 5.4 Model output description file for a GAMS model

5.7.3 Files Created during GAMS Model Performance

Additionally to the files listed in Tab. 10.8, during the performance of a GAMS model the files <gams_model>_[pre | main | post].inc are created temporarily in the current workspace by <model>.ini and are deleted after the whole experiment where <gams_model> is a placeholder for the model of type main and all models of type sub in the gdf-file.

During experiment performance of a GAMS model each single run <simenv_run_int> from the experiment is performed individually in a sub-directory run<simenv_run_char> of the current workspace. Each directory is generated automatically before performing the corresponding single run and removed after perfomance of this single run. With the sub-keyword 'keep_runs' the user can force to keep sub-directories for later check of the transformed model code and its performance.

Unlike the other interface implementations GAMS main model terminal output for each single run is redirected to the log-file <model>.nlog in the sub-directory run<simenv_run_char> of the current workspace. The modeler is responsible for re-direction of the terminal output from sub-models and from solvers. It is recommended to call all GAMS sub-models with the GAMS command line option string

\[ ll=0 \text{ lo}=2 \text{ lf}=<\text{model}>.nlog \text{ dp}=0 \text{ Optdir}=../ \]

(cf. Example 15.8) which is also applied by default to the main model. Optdir=../ implies that all GAMS solver option files have to be located in the current working directory. With the options sub-keyword 'options' additional command line options can be specified in <model>.gdf for the main model.

5.8 Model Interface at Shell Script Level

For models that do not allow to implement the model coupling interface at programming language level (e.g., because source code is not available) SimEnv supplies a coupling interface at shell script level by a set of dot scripts: The shell script <model>.run (cf. Section 7.1 on page 67) is used to wrap the model and optionally to have at disposal corresponding functionality of the SimEnv model interface functions of Tab. 5.5. For additional interfaces at the shell script level using ASCII files see Section 5.9.
### Tab. 5.8  Model interface functions at shell script level

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Dot script name</th>
<th>Command description</th>
<th>Inputs / outputs</th>
<th>Input / output description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>$SE_HOME/bin/\simenv_ini_sh</td>
<td>initialize current single run</td>
<td>SE_RUN (output)</td>
<td>operating system environment variable SE_RUN is set to the current run number of the simulation experiment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>factor_name= <code>&lt;factor\_name&gt;</code></td>
<td>get the resulting adjusted value for the factor to be experimented with in the current single run</td>
<td>script variable factor_name (input)</td>
<td>name of the factor in <code>&lt;model&gt;.edf</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>factor_def_val= <code>&lt;factor\_def\_val&gt;</code></td>
<td>get the run number of the current run as an integer and a character script variable</td>
<td>script variable factor_def_val (input)</td>
<td>default (nominal) factor value. If factor_name is not defined in <code>&lt;model&gt;.edf</code> then factor_adj_val is set to <code>&lt;factor\_def\_val&gt;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$SE_HOME/bin/\simenv_get_sh</td>
<td>get the run number of the current run as an integer and a character script variable</td>
<td>simenv_run_char (output)</td>
<td>shell script variable with the current run number with leading zeros</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$SE_HOME/bin/\simenv_get_run_sh</td>
<td>get the run number of the current run as an integer and a character script variable</td>
<td>simenv_run_int (output)</td>
<td>shell script variable (type integer) with the current run number</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$SE_HOME/bin/\simenv_put_sh</td>
<td>Not available at shell script level</td>
<td>Write a model related simenv_put_sh at the language level using the SimEnv model interface functions from Tab. 5.5 or Tab. 5.6</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$SE_HOME/bin/\simenv_slice_sh</td>
<td>wrap up current single run</td>
<td>Perform always as the last SimEnv dot script in <code>&lt;model&gt;.run</code> and <code>&lt;model&gt;.rst</code></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- For the model interface at the shell script level, i.e., within the shell script `<model>.run` run the adjusted experiment factors for the current single run from the whole run ensemble can be made available to forward them to the model under investigation by any means the modeller is responsible for. One common way to forward experiment factors to the model is to place current numerical factor values as arguments to the model executable at the model command line in Unix or Linux. Another way could be to read the factors from a special file in a special file format.
- While for the C/C++/Fortran/Python/Java model interface the names of corresponding factors in the model description file `<model>.edf` and the model source code can differ and are associated by the first argument of the interface function simenv\_put\_* (cf. Fig. 5.1) the names have to coincide for the model interface at the shell script level.
Directly before performing the dot script $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_sh make sure that the shell script variables factor_name and factor_def_val have been specified. At the end of the dot script simenv_get_sh these variables are set again to empty strings.

After running the dot script $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_sh the name of an experiment factor <factor_name> from the experiment description file <model>.edf is available in <model>.run as a shell script variable <factor_name> and the resulting adjusted value of the factor is available as $<factor_name>.

After running the model model output has to be identified and potentially transformed within <model>.run for SimEnv output. To do this simply write a model related simenv_put_sh as a transformation program that reads in all the native model output and outputs it to SimEnv by applying the model interface functions simenv_*_* from the SimEnv model interfaces at language level.

Tab. 10.10 lists the built-in (pre-defined) shell script variables that are defined and/or used by the dot scripts $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_*_sh and are directly available in <model>.run.

Please notice:
To perform a dot script (cf. Section 15.7 - Glossary) it has to be preceded by a dot and a space.

In Example 15.9 on page 178 the model shell script world_sh.run is described in detail.

```
. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_ini_sh

# get adjusted value for the a factor p_def, defined in the edf-file
factor_name='p_def'
factor_def_val=2.
. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_sh
# now shell script variable p_def is available
# value of shell script variable p_def is according to edf-file

# get adjusted value for a factor p_undef, not defined in edf-file
factor_name='p_undef'
factor_def_val=-999.
. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_sh
# now shell script variable p_undef is available
# value of shell script variable p_undef is -999.

# ...
. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_end_sh
```

Example file: world_sh.run

Example 5.5 Addressing factor names and values for the model interface at shell script level

5.9 Model Interface for ASCII Files

The SimEnv ASCII interface addresses constellations where

- a model expects factor names and their adjusted values in an ASCII file
- model output is stored to ASCII files.

Tab. 5.9 lists those SimEnv dot scripts and shell scripts that represent the ASCII interface. They have to be applied in the model wrap shell script <model>.run. They can be used together with the interface at the shell script level (cf. Section 5.8).
**Tab. 5.9 Model interface functions at ASCII level**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Dot script name</th>
<th>Command description</th>
<th>Inputs / outputs</th>
<th>Input / output description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>$SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_as</code></td>
<td>get the names and the resulting adjusted values of all factors to be experimented with in the current single run</td>
<td>ASCII file <code>&lt;model&gt;.as</code> in <code>&lt;simenv_run_char&gt;</code> contains all factor names and resulting adjusted values in the form <code>&lt;factor_name&gt; &lt;factor_adj_val&gt;</code></td>
<td>Sequence of the factor lines in the file corresponds to the sequence of the factors in the experiment description file <code>&lt;model&gt;.edf</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>$SE_HOME/bin/simenv_put_as &lt;file_name&gt; { &lt;coord&gt; }</code></td>
<td>transfer ASCII file to SimEnv model output in safe mode</td>
<td><code>&lt;file_name&gt;</code> (input)</td>
<td>Name of an ASCII file that is transferred to SimEnv model output according to model output variable coordinate <code>&lt;coord&gt;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>$SE_HOME/bin/simenv_put_as_simple &lt;file_name&gt; { &lt;coord&gt; }</code></td>
<td>transfer ASCII file to SimEnv model output in simple mode</td>
<td><code>&lt;file_name&gt;</code> (input)</td>
<td>Name of an ASCII file that is transferred to SimEnv model output according to model output variable coordinate <code>&lt;coord&gt;</code></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

After performing the dot script `simenv_get_as` an ASCII file `<model>.as` holds lines with a factor name and its resulting adjusted value per line. Each factor name is separated from its resulting adjusted value by at least one character space.

`simenv_put_as` and `simenv_put_as_simple` can be used to transfer ASCII model output to SimEnv model output data structures. These are the only SimEnv scripts that can be used in `<model>.run` that are shell scripts and not dot scripts. Both they have two arguments. The first argument specifies the ASCII file name that is to be transferred. The second argument is the name of a coordinate as specified in `<model>.mdf`.

Both shell scripts transfer the ASCII file data to SimEnv model output file as follows:
- A SimEnv model output variable is defined on a rectilinear grid that is composed from coordinates (cf. Section 5.2). By specifying a coordinate name as the second argument all these model variable values are expected in the ASCII file that have this coordinate as their first coordinate (cf. Section 5.3).
- The lines in the ASCII file correspond to the coordinate axis values in that sequence as defined in `<model>.mdf`.
- The columns in the ASCII file correspond to the variables with the first coordinate as specified in the second argument in that sequence of the variables as defined in `<model>.mdf`. A multi-dimensional variable occupies a block of contiguous columns. The sequence of all columns of all lines of this variable is according to the Fortran storage model (cf. Section 15.7 - Glossary).
- Variables with the same first coordinate but with different coordinate extents (variable sub-keyword `coord_extents` in `<model>.mdf`) have to be harmonised line by line: The set of all lines is the union of all defined coordinate axis values from all variables. To ensure synchronisation across columns, variable values for undefined coordinate values of a variable have to be output to the file as any real*4 / float nodata placeholder `<nodata>`.
The values of the ASCII file are interpreted as of type real*4 / float. They are transferred to SimEnv model output according to their defined data type. If a real*4 / float value is outside the definition range of the data type it is set to the SimEnv nodata element of this data type (cf. Tab. 10.13). If no coordinate is defined as the second argument the values of all zero-dimensional variables are expected to be in the ASCII file. Consequently, the file can have only one record with data values.

The shell scripts simenv_put_as and simenv_put_as_simple differ in how to read each line of the ASCII file. simenv_put_as handles the file as an ASCII data file, defined in Section 11.3 with the exception that data files are not limited to 1000 characters. Consequently, a file can have comment and blank lines when transferring by simenv_get_as to SimEnv. Additionally, the number of columns per line is checked and missing columns are added as nodata values. In contrast, simenv_put_as_simple just applies a simple Fortran read statement per expected line without any checking routines. Due to its extensive interpretation efforts simenv_put_as is rather slow. As a rule of thumb simenv_put_as_simple should be used for file with more than 2000 columns where one can trust in the file structure.

Having a model output variable definition as in Example 5.1 on page 31.

$SE_HOME/bin/simenv_put_as atmo_g.ascii time
Since atmo_g is the only variable with time as the first coordinate the file atmo_g.ascii can only hold this variable. The 1st record of the file with data corresponds with time = 1, the 20th record with data with time = 20. There is only one column.

$SE_HOME/bin/simenv_put_as bios.ascii lat
Assuming that variable atmo is not defined.
Since bios is the only variable with lat as the first coordinate the file bios.ascii can only hold this variable. The 1st record of the file with data corresponds with lat = 84, the 36th record with data with lat = -56. There are 90*20 = 1800 columns. The file has to hold bios(lat,lon,time) in the following structure, shown are the indices of bios:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>column #/ line #</th>
<th>1</th>
<th>2</th>
<th>...</th>
<th>90</th>
<th>91</th>
<th>...</th>
<th>90*20</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>(84,-178,1)</td>
<td>(84,-174,1)</td>
<td>...</td>
<td>(84,178,1)</td>
<td>(84,-178,2)</td>
<td>...</td>
<td>(84,178,20)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| ...              | ...                | ...                | ... | ...    | ...    | ... | ...
| 36               | (-56,-178,1)       | (-56,-174,1)       | ... | (-56,178,1) | (-56,-178,2) | ... | (-56,178,20) |

$SE_HOME/bin/simenv_put_as_simple atmo_bios.ascii lat
atmo and bios are the variable with lat as the first coordinate. According to the sequence in world_as.mdf the file atmo_bios.ascii has to hold in its first columns the variable atmo, followed by the variable bios. Since bios is defined for the coordinate lat only on the subrange 2 – 37 of the complete range 1 – 45 for atmo values with numerical nodata-placeholder <nodata> (e.g., 0.0) have to be set for all values of bios in file records 1 and 38 to 45. The first record of the file corresponds for atmo with lat = 88, for bios <nodata> has to be assigned.. The 45th record corresponds for atmo with lat = -88, for bios <nodata> has to be assigned. There are 90*4*20 + 90*20 = 9000 columns, that's why simenv_put_as simple is used instead of simenv_put_as. The file has to hold atmo(lat,lon,level,time) and bios(lat,lon,time) in the following structure, shown are the indices:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>column #/ line #</th>
<th>1</th>
<th>...</th>
<th>90<em>4</em>20</th>
<th>90<em>4</em>20+1</th>
<th>...</th>
<th>9000</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>(88,-178,1,1)</td>
<td>...</td>
<td>(88,178,16,20)</td>
<td>&lt;nodata&gt;</td>
<td>...</td>
<td>&lt;nodata&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>(84,-178,1,1)</td>
<td>...</td>
<td>(84,178,16,20)</td>
<td>(84,-178,1)</td>
<td>...</td>
<td>(84,178,20)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| ...              | ...                | ... | ...    | ...       | ... | ...
| 37               | (-56,-178,1,1)     | ... | (-56,178,16,20) | (-56,-178,1) | ... | (-56,178,20) |
| 38               | (-60,-178,1,1)     | ... | (-60,178,16,20) | <nodata> | ... | <nodata> |
| ...              | ...                | ... | ...    | ...       | ... | ...
| 45               | (-88,-178,1,1)     | ... | (-88,178,16,20) | <nodata> | ... | <nodata> |
$SE_HOME/bin/simenv_put_as bios_g.ascii
Since there is no second argument to simenv_put_as all variables without coordinate assignment (zero-dimensional variables) are output. This is only bios_g. The file has to have only one record with data and it must hold one data value.

The example model world_as.f writes the model output files atmo_bios.ascii, atmo_g.ascii and bios_g.ascii in the structures as explained above.

**Example 5.6**  ASCII file structure for the ASCII model interface

An example can be found in Section 15.2.11.

## 5.10 Semi-Automated Model Interface

Source code manipulations of a model for interfacing it to SimEnv can be classified into four parts:

- **Initialization:** apply simenv_ini_* and simenv_get_run_*
- **Factor adjustments:** apply simenv_get_*
- **Model output:** apply simenv_slice_* and simenv_put_*
- **End:** apply simenv_end_*

Often, “Initialization” and “Factor adjustments” can be lumped together in a source code sequence where the factor adjustment part has to be updated when new factors are defined in an experiment description file and have to be mapped to model internal factors the first time. Contrarily, “Model output” and “End” are often distributed in the model source code but do not change so often.

Recognising this situation SimEnv offers beside the standard hand-coded model interface a semi-automated model interface: “Initialization” and “Factor adjustments” are generated automatically during experiment preparation as sequences of source code based on the current experiment description file (and consequently the current experiment factors) for all supported model source code languages but GAMS, Matlab and Mathematica. For the latter three SimEnv offers such a simple interface that a semi-automated interface is needless.

These source code sequences can be used

- for Fortran/C/C++/Python model source codes as include files in the model source code and/or
- for the model interface at the shell script level and ASCII level as a dot script in `<model>.run`

to interface the model and consequently to run the experiment with an up-to-date part for initialization and factor adjustment.

For

- **Fortran/C/C++ models:**
  The model has to be compiled and linked anew with a new include file. This is supported by SimEnv in the course of experiment preparation.
- **Python models and the model interface at shell script level and ASCII level:**
  The include file and/or dot script can be used directly.

Generating source code sequences for the semi-automated model interface is invoked by the sub-keyword ‘auto_interface’ of the keyword ‘model’ in the model configuration file `<model>.cfg` (cf. Section 10.1).

The Fortran/C/C++/Python model interfaces offer to use different names of corresponding factors in the model description file `<model>.edf` and in the model source code that are associated by the first argument of the interface function simenv_put_* (cf. Fig. 5.1). **When using the semi-automated model interface the SimEnv factor names and the corresponding source code variable names have to coincide.**
Automatically generated source code sequences are stored in files `<model>_[f|c|sh|as].inc` and `<model>_py.py` in the current workspace `$SE_WS`. Note the file name exception for Python.

When using k factors $x_1, \ldots, x_k$ in the experiment description file `<model>.edf` the source code sequences have the following contents:

**For Fortran:**

File `<model>_f.inc`

```fortran
simenv_sts = simenv_ini_f ()

simenv_sts = simenv_get_run_f ( simenv_run_int , simenv_run_char )

simenv_sts = simenv_get_f ( 'x_1' , 0. , x_1 )

\ldots

simenv_sts = simenv_get_f ( 'x_k' , 0. , x_k )
```

**For C/C++:**

File `<model>_c.inc`

```c
simenv_sts = simenv_ini_c ()

simenv_sts = simenv_get_run_c ( &simenv_run_int , simenv_run_char )

simenv_sts = simenv_get_c ( "x_1" , &simenv_zero , &x_1 )

\ldots

simenv_sts = simenv_get_c ( "x_k" , &simenv_zero , &x_k )
```

**For Python:**

File `<model>_py.py`

```python
from simenv import *

simenv_ini_py ()

simenv_run_int = int ( simenv_get_run_py ( ) )

x_1 = float ( simenv_get_py ( 'x_1' , 0. ) )

\ldots

x_k = float ( simenv_get_py ( 'x_k' , 0. ) )
```

**For the model interface at shell script level:**

File `<model>_sh.inc`

```bash
$SE_HOME/bin/simenv_ini_sh
$SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_run_sh
factor_name='x_1'
factor_def_val=0.

$SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_sh

\ldots

factor_name='x_k'
factor_def_val=0.

$SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_sh
```

**For the model interface at ASCII level:**

File `<model>_as.inc`

```bash
$SE_HOME/bin/simenv_ini_sh
$SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_run_sh
$SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_as
```

The sequence of factors in the code sequences corresponds to the sequence of factors in the experiment description file `<model>.edf`.

For the Fortran/C/C++ model interface:

- a model link file `<model>.lnk` can be declared in the current workspace to link the model anew using the generated code sequences in the course of experiment preparation (only for service `simenv.run`, not for service `simenv.rst`).
- the variables `simenv_sts`, `simenv_run_int`, `simenv_run_char`, and `simenv_zero` are defined in the model source code include file `simenv_mod_auto_[f|c].inc` (cf. Tab. 5.10). Additionally, the functions
simenv_ini | get | get_run | put | slice | end | [f | c] are declared by simenv_mod_auto_[f | c].inc as integer*4 / int functions.

**Tab. 5.10** Built-in variables by simenv_mod_auto_[f | c].inc (without declaration of interface functions)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Variable</th>
<th>Data type</th>
<th>Used for</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>simenv sts</td>
<td>integer*4 / int</td>
<td>SimEnv interface function value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv run int</td>
<td>integer*4 / int</td>
<td>single run number</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv zero</td>
<td>real*4 / float</td>
<td>auxiliary variable, set to 0.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The source code sequences are included in the model source code:

- **for Fortran**
  by include ‘<model>_f.inc’

- **for C/C++**
  by #include “<model>_c.inc”

- **for Python**
  by from <model>_py import *

- **for the model interface at shell script level**
  by . $SE_WS/<model>_sh.inc

- **for the model interface at ASCII level**
  by . $SE_WS/<model>_as.inc

Examples can be found in **Example 15.2** and **Example 15.11**.

### 5.11 Supported Model Structures

SimEnv supports performance of lumped, distributed and parallel models. Information about model structure is specified in the model configuration file <model>.cfg (cf. Section 10.1) by the sub-keyword ‘structure’. Lumped (standard) models are normally represented by one stand-alone executable. A distributed model in SimEnv consists from a web of stand-alone sub-models, i.e., the model dynamics are computed by performing a set of stand-alone sub-models that normally interact with each other and exchange information. For a parallel model each single run of an experiment needs a set of assign processors.

Lumped (standard) models use in the common sense SimEnv model interface functionality.

For distributed models each of the sub-models can use SimEnv model interface functionality, i.e., simenv_get_*, simenv_get_run_*, simenv_put_*, or simenv_slice_* . In each sub-model with SimEnv model interface functionality simenv_ini_* and simenv_end_* calls have to be incorporated in. Sub-models can be implemented in different programming languages. Additionally, the corresponding SimEnv model interface functionality at shell script level (simenv_*_sh dot scripts) can be applied. As usual, the overall model is wrapped into a shell script <model>_run (cf. Chapter 7).

The model output description file <model>_mdf collects all the model output variables from all sub-models and the experiment description file <model>_edf collects all the factors from all sub-models.

Announce a distributed model to the simulation environment if

- More than one sub-model uses SimEnv model interface functionality by the simenv_*_*-functions and
- Sub-models get factor data from and put model output data to SimEnv data files in parallel. A distributed model where the sub-models are performed sequentially one by one in a cascade-like manner can run in standard mode.

SimEnv interfaced sub-models of a distributed model can reside on different machines. The only prerequisite is that the current workspace and the model output directory can be mapped to each of these machines.

To perform a parallel model within SimEnv simply use the same approach for wrapping a model by the shell script file <model>_run as for standard and distributed models. Instead performing the model within <model>_run submit it there to the load leveler LoadL by using the llsubmit command. Start an experiment from a login-node of the compute cluster and run the experiment at the login machine in foreground. SimEnv submits from the login machine all single runs to LoadL and directly finishes afterwards. The load leveler...
LoadL and the parallel operating environment POE then take responsibility for performing the single model runs. For the parallel modus the temporary SimEnv files simenv_*.tmp are not deleted at experiment end, i.e. after all single model runs are submitted. These files can be removed manually after finishing the last single run. Check the LoadL services for the end of the last parallel single model run. To support bookkeeping of SimEnv applications on PIK’s parallel cluster machine please insert into the job control file to submit a single model run (file my_parallel_model.jcf in the example below) the line

```
# @ comment = SimEnv Application
```

To perform a parallel model in SimEnv the corresponding shell script <model>.run (cf. Section 7.1 for more information) could have the following contents:

```
#!/bin/sh
.

# run a single run of the model:
llsubmit my_parallel_model.jcf
.
```

**Example 5.7** Shell script <model>.run for a parallel model

Set the model sub-keyword ‘structure’ also to “parallel” if the model is to be started in the background (e.g., by my_model &) within <model>.run.

### 5.12 Using Interfaced Models outside SimEnv

To run a model interfaced to SimEnv outside the simulation environment in its native mode as before code adaptation the following simple changes have to be applied to the model:

- For Fortran and C/C++ models:
  - Link the model with the object library
  - `$SE_HOME/lib/libsimenvdummy.a`
  - instead of
  - `$SE_HOME/lib/libsimenv.a`
  - For this library
    - SimEnv model interface function values (return codes) are 0
    - `simenv_get_*` forwards `factor_def_val` to `factor_adj_val`
    - `simenv_get_run_*` returns integer run number 0 and character run string ‘ ‘ (six spaces).

- For Python models:
  - Replace in the model source code
    - `from simenv import *`
  - by
    - `from simenvdummy import *`
  - For this modules
    - `simenv_get_py` forwards `factor_def_val` to `factor_adj_val`
    - `simenv_get_run_py` returns run 000000.
    - all other SimEnv model interface function values (return codes) are 0

- For Java models:
  - Replace in the model source code
    - the class `simenv`
  - by
the class simenvdummy
For this class
- simenv_get_py forwards factor_def_val to factor_adj_val
- simenv_get_run_py returns run 000000.
- all other SimEnv model interface function values (return codes) are 0

- For Matlab and mathematica models:
  No changes required

- For GAMS models:
  Handle in the model source code the include statements
  - $include <model>_simenv_get.inc
  - $include <model>_simenv_put.inc
  as a comment.
6 Experiment Preparation

Experiment preparation is the first step in experiment performance of a model interfaced to the environment. In an experiment description file `<model>.edf` all information to the selected experiment type and its numerical equipment is gathered in a structured way.

6.1 General Approach - Experiment Description File `<model>.edf`

Pre-formed experiment types are the backbone of the SimEnv approach how to use models. They represent in a generic way experiment tasks that have to be equipped with structural information from the model and numerical information (cf. Chapter 4). An equipped experiment type is represented by an experiment description file `<model>.edf`.

```
<model>.edf is an ASCII file that follows the coding rules in Section 11.1 on page 141 with the keywords, names, sub-keywords, and value as in Tab. 6.1.
```

**Tab. 6.1**  Elements of an experiment description file `<model>.edf`

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>keyword</th>
<th>name</th>
<th>sub-keyword</th>
<th>Line type</th>
<th>Max. line nmb.</th>
<th>value</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>general</td>
<td>&lt;nil&gt;</td>
<td>descr</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>any</td>
<td>&lt;string&gt;</td>
<td>experiment description</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>type</td>
<td></td>
<td>m</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>[global sensitivity</td>
<td>behaviour</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>factor</td>
<td>&lt;factor_name&gt;</td>
<td>descr</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;string&gt;</td>
<td>factor description</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>unit</td>
<td></td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;string&gt;</td>
<td>factor unit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>type</td>
<td></td>
<td>m</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>see Tab. 6.2</td>
<td>factor adjustment type: specifies how to adjust the sampled values by the factor default value in simenv_get_* to get the resulting adjusted factor value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>default</td>
<td></td>
<td>m</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;real_val&gt;</td>
<td>factor default value &lt;factor_def_val&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>sample</td>
<td></td>
<td>c3</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;experiment specific&gt;</td>
<td>specifies how to sample the factor to get sampled values &lt;factor_smp_val&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>specific</td>
<td>&lt;nil&gt;</td>
<td>&lt;experiment specific&gt;</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>&lt;experiment specific&gt;</td>
<td>&lt;experiment specific&gt;</td>
<td>experiment specific information</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
To Tab. 6.1 the following additional rules and explanations apply:

- For the description of line type check Tab. 11.4 on page 143.
- A factor name is the symbolic parameter / driver / initial value / boundary value name, corresponding to factors of the investigated model. Correspondence is achieved by applying the SimEnv model interface function simenv_get_* in the model.
- Factor names must differ from model output variables and coordinate names in the model output description file (cf. Section 5.1) and from built-in and user-defined operator names for experiment post-processing (cf. Section 8.5.4).
- To derive the adjusted value of a factor its default value as specified in <model>.edf and not its default value from the model code is used in the model interface function simenv_get_*.
- For the factor adjustment types 'multiply' and 'relative' a default <real_val> = 0. is forbidden.
- All experiment specific information is explained in the appropriate Sections.
- Specify at least one experiment factor.
- When preparing an experiment an experiment input file <model>.smp is generated with the sampled values <factor_smp_val> according to the information in the sub-keyword 'sample'. These values are applied within the interface function simenv_get_* to the default values of the factors according to the specified factor adjustment type (cf. Tab. 6.2 below) before finally influencing the dynamics of the model. The sequence of elements (columns) of each record of <model>.smp corresponds to the sequence of factors in the factor name space (cf. Section 11.1 on page 141), the sequence of records corresponds to the sequence of single model runs of the experiment.
- For each experiment a single model run with run number 0 (<simenv_run_int> = 0 and <simenv_run_char> = ‘000000’) is generated automatically as the default (nominal) run of the model without any factor adjustments. This run does not have an assigned record in <model>.smp.

### Tab. 6.2 Factor adjustment types in experiment preparation

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Factor adjustment type</th>
<th>Meaning:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>To derive the final adjusted factor value &lt;factor_adj_val&gt; to use in the model from the sampled value &lt;factor_smp_val&gt; (from &lt;model&gt;.smp) and the factor default value &lt;factor_def_val&gt; (as defined in &lt;model&gt;.edf) within the SimEnv model interface function simenv_get_* the sampled value is…</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>set</td>
<td>… set to the adjusted factor value: &lt;factor_adj_val&gt; = &lt;factor_smp_val&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>add</td>
<td>… added to the factor default value: &lt;factor_adj_val&gt; = &lt;factor_smp_val&gt; + &lt;factor_def_val&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>multiply</td>
<td>… multiplied by the factor default value: &lt;factor_adj_val&gt; = &lt;factor_smp_val&gt; * &lt;factor_def_val&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>relative</td>
<td>… increased by 1 and afterwards multiplied by the factor default value: &lt;factor_adj_val&gt; = (1. + &lt;factor_smp_val&gt;) * &lt;factor_def_val&gt;</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| general                | descr    | Experiment description file |
| general                | descr    | examples                  |
| general                | type     | behaviour                 |
| factor                 | pl       | descr                     | parameter pl |
| factor                 | pl       | unit                      | without     |
| factor                 | pl       | type                      | set         |
| factor                 | pl       | default                   | 1.          |
| factor                 | pl       | sample                    | (experiment specific) |

Example 6.1  General layout of an experiment description file <model>.edf

6.2 Global Sensitivity Analysis

The experiment specific information for experiment description files in Tab. 6.1 on page 53 is defined for local sensitivity analysis as follows:

Tab. 6.3  Experiment specific elements of an edf-file for a global sensitivity experiment

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>keyword</th>
<th>name</th>
<th>sub-keyword</th>
<th>Line type</th>
<th>Max. line nmb.</th>
<th>value</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>factor</td>
<td>&lt;factor_name&gt;</td>
<td>sample</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;real_val1&gt;: &lt;real_val2&gt;</td>
<td>lower bound &lt;real_val1&gt; and upper bound &lt;real_val2&gt; to define the sensitivity range where trajectories are positioned &lt;real_val1&gt; ≤ &lt;real_val2&gt; Factor values &lt;factor_smp_val&gt; are sampled within this sensitivity range.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>specific</td>
<td>&lt;nil&gt;</td>
<td>levels</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;int_val&gt;</td>
<td>number of levels p ≥ 2 to define a p-level grid in the factor cube that is spanned up by the sensitivity ranges of the factors.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>trajectories</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;int_val&gt;</td>
<td>number of trajectories r ≥ 5 to position randomly at the p-level grid</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To Tab. 6.3 the following additional rules and explanations apply:
- For the description of line type check Tab. 11.4 on page 143.
- To ensure that trajectories do not have to share grid points the ratio between the number of available grid points p^k in the factor cube and the number of points of the trajectories r*(k+1) has to be greater or equal than 3:
  \( p^k / r^*(k+1) \geq 3 \)

6.2.1 Special Features in Global Sensitivity Analysis, Run Sequence

The sampling algorithm in preparing a global sensitivity experiment tries to avoid a multiple usage of grid points for the construction of the trajectories. If this fails after 20 trials a sample will be used that has at maximum five grid points in common in trajectories. A warning will inform about this situation.

The sequence of the single simulation runs in the experiment is determined in the following manner:
6.2.2 Example

| (2) general descr | Experiment description for the examples |
| general descr | in the SimEnv User Guide |
| general type | global sensitivity |
| factor p1 descr | parameter p1 |
| factor p1 unit | without |
| factor p1 type | set |
| factor p1 default | 1. |
| factor p1 sample | -12:12 check sensitivity for factor p1 in <-12, 12> |
| factor p2 type | set |
| factor p2 default | 2. |
| factor p2 sample | 1:10 |
| factor p3 type | set |
| factor p3 default | 3. |
| factor p3 sample | -12:12 |
| factor p4 type | set |
| factor p4 default | 4. |
| factor p4 sample | 1:10 |
| specific levels | 4 |
| specific trajectories | 10 |

Example file: world.edf_2

Example 6.2 Experiment description file <model>.edf for an optimization experiment

6.3 Behavioural Analysis

The experiment specific information for experiment description files in Tab. 6.1 on page 53 is defined for behavioural analysis as follows:

Tab. 6.4 Experiment specific elements of an edf-file for behavioural analysis

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>keyword</th>
<th>name</th>
<th>sub-</th>
<th>Line</th>
<th>Max.</th>
<th>value</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>factor</td>
<td>&lt;factor_name&gt;</td>
<td>sample</td>
<td>a</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;val_list&gt;</td>
<td>value list of factor samples &lt;factor_smp_val&gt; (for syntax see Tab. 11.6)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>specific</td>
<td>&lt;nil&gt;</td>
<td>comb</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>≥ 1</td>
<td>[ default</td>
<td>file {&lt;directory&gt;/} &lt;file_name&gt; ]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To Tab. 6.4 the following additional rules and explanations apply:
For the description of line type check Tab. 11.4 on page 143.

For sub-keyword 'comb' the following rule holds:

value = [ default | <combination> ] for used sub-keyword 'sample'
value = [ file {<directory>/}<file_name> ] for unused sub-keyword 'sample'

Values of a value list have to be unique for used sub-keyword 'sample' and each factor
Assigned values from file {<directory>/}<file_name> can be multiple defined for each factor.

The sequence of the single runs is determined by the sub-keyword 'comb'.

6.3.1 Formalisation of the Inspection Strategy, Run Sequence

The combination <combination> defines the way in which the space spanned by the experiment factors will be inspected by SimEnv. This is done by concatenating all stated experiment factors by operators "*" and ",".

- The operator "*" combines sampled values of different factors and so their resulting adjusted values combinatorially ("the Cartesian product of the sampled values of all factors").
  For example, compare with the experiment description file (3a) from Example 6.3 below.
- The operator "," combines sampled values of different factors and so their resulting adjusted values in parallel ("on the diagonal in the space spanned up from all factors").
  For the operator "," the factors must have the same number of sampled values.
  For example, compare with the experiment description file (3b) from Example 6.3 below.
- The operators "*" and "," can be multiple used in <combination>. The operator "," has a higher priority than the operator "*". Parentheses are not allowed:
  For example, compare with the experiment description file (3c) from Example 6.3 below.
  - In <combination> each factor has to be used exactly once.
  - By the default combination default all experiment factors are combined combinatorially in the sequence of their declaration in the experiment description file.
  - For example, comb default of the experiment description file (3a) from Example 6.3 below is equivalent to comb p1 * p2.
  - Specification of file is only allowed for unused sub-keywords 'sample' all over the edf-file.
    - All factors are assumed to be combined in parallel.
    - The sampled values are read from the sample data file {<directory>/}<file_name>.
    - Each record of the sampled values data file represents one simulation run. The sequence of the sample (sequence of columns) in each record corresponds to the sequence of the factors in the factor name space (cf. Section 11.1 on page 141).
    - Consequently, the file has to have per record as much values as factors defined in <model>.edf. All the other syntax rules for ASCII data files from Section 11.3 hold.
    - Identical sample values for a factor are not allowed.
    - During experiment post-processing restricted capabilities for the operator behav apply for this experiment layout.
    - For example, compare with the experiment description file (3d) from Example 6.3 below. Combination is implicitly as comb p1 , p2. Experiment description files (3b) and (3d) in Example 6.3 below describe the same experiment.
  - To continue a combination <combination> at a following comb-line end the current comb-line by one of the operators "*" or ",".
  - An explicit stated combination <combination> is normalized before running the experiment in the following sense:
    - Segments of <combination> that are separated by the operator "*" can be re-arranged in an arbitrary order. For example, p2 * p1 is equivalent to p1 * p2.
    - Factors that are scanned in parallel can be re-arranged in an arbitrary order. For example, p4 , p3 * p2 , p1 is equivalent to p3 * p4 * p2 , p1.
    - <combination> is rearranged in a way that factors are used in the sequence they are declared in the experiment description file. For example, if four factors are declared in the sequence p1 , p2 , p3 , p4 then the explicitly stated <combination> p4 , p2 * p3 , p1 is normalized to p1 , p3 * p2 , p4.
    - Normalization does not influence the layout of the experiment.
The sequence of the single simulation runs in the experiment is determined in the following manner:

- For comb file `<directory>/file_name>`:
  The sequence corresponds to the sequence of the sampled factor values in the file `<file_name>`.

- For comb `<combination>` with the normalized `<combination> = <x_1> * <x_2> * ... * <x_r>` and
  `<x> = \{ x_1, x_2, ..., x_r \} := \{ x_i \}_{i=1,...,r}` for `i = 1, ..., n`
  loop over all factor sample values `\{ x_{ij} \}_{i=1,...,r}` for `<x_i>`
  ... loop over all factor sample values `\{ x_{ij} \}_{j=1,...,i*}` for `<x_j>`
  end loop
  ... end loop

- For comb default:
  Is put down to comb `<combination>` (see above)

### 6.3.2 Example

| Experiment description file (3a) represents an experiment description according to Fig. 4.4 (a) on page 18, (3b) and (3d) according to Fig. 4.4 (b) and (3c) according to Fig. 4.4 (c) | Results in adjusted factor values |
| (3a) general descr Experiment description for the examples in the SimEnv User Guide (Fig. 4.4 (a)) | |
| general descr behaviour | |
| factor p1 descr parameter p1 | |
| factor p1 unit without | |
| factor p1 type add | |
| factor p1 default 1. | |
| factor p1 sample list 1, 3, 7, 8 | ... 2, 4, 8, 9 for p1 |
| factor p2 descr parameter p2 | |
| factor p2 unit without | |
| factor p2 type multiply | |
| factor p2 default 2. | |
| factor p2 sample list 1, 2, 3, 4 | ... 2, 4, 6, 8 for p2 |
| specific comb default | |
| (3b) general descr Fig. 4.4 (b) | |
| general descr behaviour | |
| factor p1 type multiply | |
| factor p1 default 1. | |
| factor p1 sample list 1, 3, 7, 8 | ... 1, 3, 7, 8 for p1 |
| factor p2 type multiply | |
| factor p2 default 2. | |
| factor p2 sample equidist_end 1(0.5)2.5 | ... 2, 3, 4, 5 for p2 |
| specific comb p1,p2 | |
(3c) general descr Fig. 4.4 (c)
  general type behaviour
  factor p1 type set
  factor p1 default 1.
  factor p1 sample list 1, 3, 7, 8 ... 1, 3, 7, 8 for p1
  factor p2 type set
  factor p2 default 2.
  factor p2 sample equidist_end 1(1)4 ... 1, 2, 3, 4 for p2
  factor p3 type multiply
  factor p3 default 3.
  factor p3 sample list 2.0, 2.8, 3.3 ... 6.0, 8.4, 9.9 for p3
  specific comb p1,p2*p3

(3d) general descr Fig. 4.4 (b)
  general type behaviour file world.dat_3d:
  factor p1 type multiply 1     0
  factor p1 default 1.     3     1
  factor p2 type add 7     2
  factor p2 default 2.     8     3
  factor p3 type multiply
  factor p3 default 3.
  factor p3 sample list 2.0, 2.8, 3.3 ... 6.0, 8.4, 9.9 for p3
  specific comb file world.dat_3d ... (1,2), (3,3), (7,4), (8,5) for (p1,p2)

Example files: world.edf_3a to world.edf_3d

6.4 Local Sensitivity Analysis

The experiment specific information for experiment description files in Tab. 6.1 on page 53 is defined for local sensitivity analysis as follows:

Tab. 6.5 Experiment specific elements of an edf-file for local sensitivity analysis

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>keyword</th>
<th>name</th>
<th>sub-keyword</th>
<th>Line type</th>
<th>Max. line nmb.</th>
<th>value</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>factor</td>
<td>&lt;factor_name&gt;</td>
<td>sample</td>
<td>f</td>
<td>0</td>
<td></td>
<td>sub-keyword is forbidden for this experiment type</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>specific</td>
<td>&lt;nil&gt;</td>
<td>incrs</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;val_list&gt;</td>
<td>Increments that form a sample of factor values &lt;factor_smp_val&gt;. Resulting &lt;factor_smp_val&gt; from &lt;val_list&gt; have to be ordered in a strictly monotonic increasing manner. (for syntax see Tab. 11.6)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To Tab. 6.5 the following additional rules and explanations apply:
- For the description of line type check Tab. 11.4 on page 143.
- For experiment type local sensitivity analysis only the factor adjustment types ‘add’ and ‘relative’ are allowed.
- Values from the value list must be positive and unique.
6.4.1 Sensitivity Functions, Run Sequence

As an example, the absolute sensitivity function (cf. Tab. 4.2 on page 19) is as follows:

for adjustment type Add
\[
\text{sens}\_\text{abs}(\text{factor}_\text{def}_{\text{val}},\pm \text{factor}_\text{smp}_{\text{val}}) = \frac{z(\text{factor}_\text{def}_{\text{val}} \pm \text{factor}_\text{smp}_{\text{val}}) - z(\text{factor}_\text{def}_{\text{val}})}{\pm \text{factor}_\text{smp}_{\text{val}}}
\]

for adjustment type Relative
\[
\text{sens}\_\text{abs}(\text{factor}_\text{def}_{\text{val}},\pm \text{factor}_\text{smp}_{\text{val}}) = \frac{z(\text{factor}_\text{def}_{\text{val}} \times (1 \pm \text{factor}_\text{smp}_{\text{val}})) - z(\text{factor}_\text{def}_{\text{val}})}{\pm \text{factor}_\text{def}_{\text{val}} \times \text{factor}_\text{smp}_{\text{val}}}
\]

The sequence of the single simulation runs in the experiment is determined in the following manner:

loop over increment sequence
loop over experiment factors
end loop

loop over negative increment sequence
loop over experiment factors
end loop

6.4.2 Example

<table>
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<td>in the SimEnv User Guide</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>general</td>
<td>type</td>
<td>local sensitivity</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>factor</td>
<td>p1</td>
<td>descr</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>factor</td>
<td>p1</td>
<td>unit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>factor</td>
<td>p1</td>
<td>type</td>
</tr>
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<td>factor</td>
<td>p1</td>
<td>default</td>
</tr>
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<td>factor</td>
<td>p2</td>
<td>type</td>
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<td>p2</td>
<td>default</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>factor</td>
<td>p3</td>
<td>type</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>factor</td>
<td>p3</td>
<td>default</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>specific</td>
<td>incrs</td>
<td>list 0.001,0.01,0.05,0.1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example file: world.edf_4

**Example 6.4** Experiment description file <model>.edf for local sensitivity analysis
6.5 Monte Carlo Analysis

The experiment specific information for experiment description files in Tab. 6.1 on page 53 is defined for Monte Carlo analysis as describes in Tab. 6.6.

Tab. 6.6  Experiment specific elements of an edf-file for Monte Carlo analysis

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>keyword</th>
<th>name</th>
<th>sub-keyword</th>
<th>Line type</th>
<th>Max. line nmb.</th>
<th>value</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>factor</td>
<td>&lt;factor_name&gt;</td>
<td>sample</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>[ &lt;distribution&gt;</td>
<td>distribution and distribution parameters to derive a sample of values &lt;factor_smp_val&gt; or file name to import an external sample of values &lt;factor_smp_val&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;file_name&gt; ]</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>sample_method</td>
<td>c4</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>[ random</td>
<td>sampling strategy: random or latin hypercube sampling LHS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>latin hypercube]</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>specific</td>
<td>&lt;nil&gt;</td>
<td>runs</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;int_val&gt;</td>
<td>number of runs &gt; 10 to be performed for the experiment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>function</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>≥ 0</td>
<td>&lt;result&gt;</td>
<td>stopping function to use in a stopping rule for the experiment. A 0-dimensional result formed according to the rules of the SimEnv post-processor. Do not apply multi-run operators. Stopping function definition can be arranged at a series of function-lines in analogy to the rules for result expressions (cf. Section 8.1.1).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To Tab. 6.6 the following additional rules and explanations apply:
- For the description of line type check Tab. 11.4 on page 143.
- For <distribution> = <distr_shortcut> ( <distr_param_1> { , <distr_param_2> } ) check Tab. 6.7.
- For implicitly specified distributions according to Tab. 6.7 sample values <factor_smp_val> are generated from the distribution with the assigned distribution parameters.
- If an ASCII file {<directory>/}<file_name> is stated the sample values of any distribution are taken directly from this file. Each record of the ASCII file can hold only one sample value. For the other syntax rules for ASCII data files check Section 11.3. Sample size has to be identical to <int_val> from the sub-keyword ‘runs’.
- In random sampling, there is no assurance that sampling points will cover all regions of the selected distribution. With Latin hypercube sampling LHS (McKay et al., 1979) this shortcoming is reduced: The sampling range of the factor is divided into <int_val> (from the sub-keyword ‘runs’) intervals of equal probability according to the selected distribution and from each interval exactly one sampling point is drawn. For more information on LHS check Fig. 6.1 below and see also Iman & Helton (1998) and Helton & Davis (2000).
- The number of runs must be greater than 10.
Latin hypercube sampling for a sample size of 12 single simulation runs.

Factor $x_1$ is normally distributed
Factor $x_2$ is uniformly distributed.

Compare with random sampling in Fig. 4.6 on page 20.

**Fig. 6.1** Monte Carlo analysis: Latin hypercube sampling

### 6.5.1 Distribution Functions and their Parameters, Stopping Rule

**Tab. 6.7** Probability density functions and their parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Distribution function</th>
<th>distr_shortcut</th>
<th>distr_param_1</th>
<th>distr_param_2</th>
<th>Restriction</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>uniform</td>
<td>U</td>
<td>lower boundary</td>
<td>upper boundary</td>
<td>lower boundary &lt; upper boundary</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>normal</td>
<td>N</td>
<td>mean value</td>
<td>variance</td>
<td>variance &gt; 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>lognormal</td>
<td>L</td>
<td>mean value of a normally distributed factor</td>
<td>variance of a normally distributed factor</td>
<td>variance &gt; 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>exponential</td>
<td>E</td>
<td>mean value</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>mean value &gt; 0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For more information on the distribution functions see Section 4.4 and Tab. 4.4.

Be careful when specifying for a Monte Carlo analysis a factor adjustment type (cf. Tab. 6.2) that differs from ‘set’. Values are sampled according to the specified distribution and its declared distribution parameters and/or are used from the input files. Nevertheless, each value of the sample is modified according to the factor adjustment type in simenv_get_*. So, for the factor adjustment type ‘add’ normally the mean value of the sample will be shifted by the specified factor default value <factor_def_val>. For the factor adjustment types ‘multiply’ and ‘relative’ the specified distribution will be adulterated normally by the factor default value <factor_def_val>.

Optionally, SimEnv enables definition of a stopping rule that can be helpful to limit the number of simulation runs in an experiment. In a stopping rule statistical measures from all already performed single model runs of...
the run ensemble are calculated after each single run to decide whether to stop the whole experiment. Statistical measures are computed from a 0-dimensional result res(z) (the stopping function) formed according to the rules of the SimEnv post-processor. The stopping function is used as an indicator to stop the experiment.

In SimEnv the point of change for the variance of the stopping function res(z) over the already performed single runs is determined after each single run using the Pettitt test (Pettitt, 1979). If a point of change in the sequence of the single runs over the already performed run ensemble is detected, it is assumed that the variance of the stopping function does not change anymore significantly after the point of change. The first half of the simulation runs of the experiment is performed without applying the test in order to generate a stabilized stopping function sample res(z).

The whole experiment is stopped if

- the level significance of the Pettitt test is below 0.05 for the already performed run ensemble and
- there were at least \(<\text{int}_\text{val}>/5\) single runs after that single run that represents the point of change. \(<\text{int}_\text{val}>\) is the number of declared runs in <model>.edf (see above).

The latter condition is introduced to avoid to run into a local point of change.

Monte Carlo experiments with a stopping function cannot be re-started. Partial experiment performance is not supported. The stopping condition is reported to the experiment log-file <model>.elog.

### 6.5.2 Example

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
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<th>general descr</th>
<th>Experiment description for the examples</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
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<td>general descr</td>
<td>in the SimEnv User Guide</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>general type</td>
<td>Monte Carlo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>factor p2 descr</td>
<td>parameter p1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>factor p2 unit</td>
<td>without</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>factor p2 type</td>
<td>multiply</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>factor p2 default</td>
<td>2.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>factor p2 sample_method</td>
<td>latin hypercube</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>factor p2 sample distr</td>
<td>U(0.5,1.5)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

\(p_2\) is sampled from a uniform distrib. between 0.5 and 1.5. In \text{simenv}_\_get\_* each value is multiplied by 2.

| factor p1 type  | add          |
| factor p1 default| 1.           |
| factor p1 sample_method | random |
| factor p1 sample distr | N(0,0.4) |

\(p_1\) is sampled from a normal distribution with mean = 0. and variance = 0.4. In \text{simenv}_\_get\_* each value is increased by 1.

| factor p3 type  | set          |
| factor p3 default| 3.           |
| factor p3 sample | file world.dat_5 |

sample for \(p_3\) is read from file world.dat_5

| specific runs   | 250          |
| specific function | \text{avg(atmo\_g)} |

\text{avg(atmo\_g)} as stopping function

Example file: world.edf_5

**Example 6.5** Experiment description file <model>.edf for Monte Carlo analysis
6.6 Optimization

The experiment specific information for experiment description files in Tab. 6.1 on page 53 is defined for local sensitivity analysis as follows:

**Tab. 6.8**  Experiment specific elements of an edf-file for an optimization experiment

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>keyword</th>
<th>name</th>
<th>sub-keyword</th>
<th>Line type</th>
<th>Max. line nmb.</th>
<th>value</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>factor</td>
<td>&lt;factor_name&gt;</td>
<td>sample</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;real_val1&gt;: &lt;real_val2&gt;</td>
<td>lower bound &lt;real_val1&gt; and upper bound &lt;real_val2&gt; to define the factor range where the cost function is to be minimized on. &lt;real_val1&gt; ≤ &lt;real_val2&gt; Values &lt;factor_smp_val&gt; are sampled in this factor range.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>specific</td>
<td>&lt;nil&gt;</td>
<td>function</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>≥ 1</td>
<td>&lt;result&gt;</td>
<td>cost function to minimize. A 0-dimensional result formed according to the rules of the SimEnv post-processor. Do not apply multi-run operators. Cost function definition can be arranged at a series of function-lines in analogy to the rules for result expressions (cf. Section 8.1.1).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>runs</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;int_val&gt;</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>number of single runs to end the experiment without checking the other optimization method related stopping criteria.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To **Tab. 6.8** the following additional rules and explanations apply:
- For the description of line type check Tab. 11.4 on page 143.

### 6.6.1 Special Features in Optimization
- This is the only experiment type where the sample for the factors of the single runs are not determined before the experiment but in the course of the experiment by the optimization algorithm. Consequently, only the header of the file <model>.smp is created during experiment preparation. The records belonging to the performed single runs are written during experiment performance.
- In parallel to the file <model>.smp an ASCII file <model>.fct is written during experiment performance with the value of the cost function for each of the single runs.
- The optimization algorithm itself is controlled by additional technical parameters and options that are normally fixed by SimEnv. To modify these settings copy the ASCII file simenv_opt_options.txt from the sub-directory bin of the SimEnv home directory to <model>_opt_options.txt in the current workspace and edit this file. During the experiment the edited file is used instead of the file with the default constellation in the SimEnv home directory. The description of the options and parameters can be found in Inger (2004).
- Optimization experiments cannot be restarted by the SimEnv service simenv.rst.
- The values for the sub-keywords 'begin_run' and 'end_run' in the configuration file <model>.cfg are ignored for an optimization experiment. The experiment always starts with run number 0 and ends if one of
the criteria in the file [ <model> | simenv ]_opt_options.txt (see above) is fulfilled or the explicitly stated end run number from the sub-keyword ‘runs’ in <model>.edf is reached.

- As the results of the optimization experiment the optimization return code, the optimal factors, the corresponding value of the cost function and the number of the corresponding single run are documented at the end of the model interface log-file <model>.mlog.
- A protocol from the optimization procedure is made available by SimEnv in the ASCII file <model>.olog.

6.6.2 Example

Example 6.6 Experiment description file <model>.edf for an optimization experiment
7 Experiment Performance

After experiment preparation experiment performance is the second step in running a model interfaced to SimEnv. Each multi-run experiment can be performed sequentially or in a multi-processor hardware environment. Besides experiment performance from scratch a restart after an experiment interrupt or only for an experiment slice can be handled by SimEnv.

7.1 General Approach

SimEnv enables performance of an experiment in different modes: on the login-machine in foreground or in background and in a job class controlled by the load leveler LoadL and the parallel operating environment POE. Experiment performance on the login-machine is organized in a way that the single runs of the experiment are performed sequentially. Experiment control by LoadL and POE enables assignment of the simulation load of the single runs of the experiment to a number of processors in distributed, parallel or sequential mode.

Experiments may be performed partially only for a slice out of the run ensemble. Experiment slices are controlled by the general configuration file <model>.cfg by a range of single run numbers.

Experiments can be re-started for successive performance of experiment slices and/or after abnormal experiment interrupt. The experiment log-file <model>.elog is analyzed to identify these single runs out of the run ensemble that have to be performed the first time and/or anew and the corresponding model output data is appended to the output data that already exists for this experiment.

For all experiment settings the user model has to be wrapped in a shell script <model>.run (cf. also Fig. 5.1).

Moreover, the following conditions are valid when running an experiment. For more details check the corresponding Sections.

- The model variables to be output during experiment performance are declared in the model output description file <model>.mdf
- The type and the factors of the experiment to be performed are declared in the experiment description file <model>.edf
- Mapping between experiment factors and factors in the model source code is achieved by application of the generic SimEnv model interface function simenv_get_* in the model code or at shell script level.
- Output of model variables declared in <model>.mdf into SimEnv structures is achieved by the application of the generic SimEnv model interface function simenv_put_* (and simenv_slice_*) in the model source code.
- Model output from run number <simenv_run_int> is stored in the file <model>.out<simenv_run_char>.[nc | ieee ] if the value if the out_separation sub-keyword in <model>.cfg is set to 'yes'. Otherwise, model output from the complete experiment is stored in <model>.outall.[nc | ieee ].
- For all experiment types a run number 0 with the default values of all experiment factors will is declared additionally to the runs declared in the experiment description file <model>.edf.
- During experiment performance a model interface log-file <model>.mlog is written where the adjusted experiment factor values are logged. All model output to the terminal is re-directed within SimEnv to the experiment model native output log-file <model>.nlog.
- During experiment performance an experiment log-file <model>.elog is written with the minutes of the experiment.
- After the experiment has been finished an email is sent on demand (cf. Section 10.1) to the address as specified in <model>.cfg.
- The status of any running experiment can be acquired by the SimEnv service simenv.sts. For more information check Tab. 10.4.
- Do not start / restart / submit another experiment from a workspace where an experiment is still running.
- For more information check Section 5.1, Fig. 5.1 and Fig. 7.1.
7.2 Model Wrap Shell Script <model>.run, Experiment-Specific Preparation and Wrap-Up Shell Scripts

- The model to be applied within the SimEnv experiment has to be wrapped in the shell script <model>.run. <model>.run is performed for each single run within the run ensemble.
- Make sure that in <model>.run
  - `#!/bin/sh` is the first line
  - `. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_ini_sh` is performed always and as the first SimEnv dot script
  - `. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_end_sh` is performed always and as the last SimEnv dot script (cf. Tab. 5.8 on page 43 and Example 7.1 below).
- Terminal output from <model>.run is redirected to the log-file <model>.nlog.
- For GAMS models <model>.run has a pre-defined structure. Check Section 5.7.1 for more information.
- To cancel the whole experiment after the performance of the current single run <simenv_run_int> due to any condition of this run make sure a file $SE_WS/<model>.err<simenv_run_char> exists as an indicator to stop. Create this file in the model or in <model>.run. For the latter
  - Perform `. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_run_sh` to get the current run number <simenv_run_int> and <simenv_run_char>
  - Touch the file $SE_WS/<model>.err<simenv_run_char>
  - Cf. Tab. 5.8 on page 43 and Example 7.1 below
From the cancelled experiment only those single runs are available for experiment postprocessing that were finished before the cancelled single run. Check <model>.elog to identify these single runs.

SimEnv supplies a shell script simenv_kill_process to kill models / programs that were started within <model>.run and that consumed more than a given threshold of CPU time. For example, with this script models can be killed that do not converge and would run infinitely. Start this script in background directly before the process is started that is to be monitored:

`$SE_HOME/bin/simenv_kill_process  <program_to_monitor>  <CPU_time_threshold_in sec>`

When the program is killed a file $SE_WS/<model>.killed<simenv_run_char> exists as an indicator. Keep in mind that for killed models normally the status of model output to SimEnv data structures may be undefined. Sub-processes of the killed model are not killed by the shell script simenv_kill_process. Check Example 7.4.

- The user can define an optional model specific experiment preparation shell script <model>.ini that is performed additionally after standard experiment preparation and before setting up a new experiment. For experiment restart <model>.ini is performed only on request (cf. Section 7.4 below).
- In <model>.ini additional settings / checks can be performed. For return codes unless 0 from <model>.ini the experiment will not be started.
- Terminal output from <model>.ini is re-directed to the log-file <model>.nlog.
- For Python, Java and GAMS models <model>.ini is a mandatory shell script with standardized contents. Check Sections 5.5.1 and 5.7.1 for more information.

- After the experiment has been finished the native model specific output from the experiment can be wrapped up with the optional model specific shell script <model>.end.
- Terminal output from <model>.end is re-directed to the log-file <model>.nlog.
- For GAMS models <model>.end is a mandatory shell script with standardized contents. Check Section 5.7.1 for more information.

- All of these three shell scripts have to have execute permission. Ensure this by the Unix / Linux command
  `chmod u+x <model>.[ run | ini | end ]`
For the shell script world_f.run the following contents could be defined:

```sh
#! /bin/sh

# perform always and as the first $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_*_sh dot script:
. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_ini_sh

# run the model:
./world_f

# assuming a model return code ≠ 0 as an indicator to stop
# the whole experiment for any reason.
# Touch the file below in the current workspace $SE_WS
# as an indicator to SimEnv for this.
if test $? -ne 0
then
    . $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_run_sh
    touch $SE_WS/world_f.err$simenv_run_char
fi

# perform always and as the last $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_*_sh dot script:
. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_end_sh
```

Example file: world_f.run

**Example 7.1** Shell script <model>.run to wrap the user model

For the shell script world_*_.ini the following contents could be defined:

```sh
# coarse 0.5° x 0.5° land-sea mask from file land_sea_mask.05x05
# in the current directory
# to a 4° x 4° resolved land-sea-mask in file land_sea_mask.coarsed
# in the current directory to use for all single runs
./land_sea_mask 4 4
rc_land_sea_mask=$?

# exit from world_*_.ini with return code ≠ 0
# as an indicator not to start the experiment
exit $rc_land_sea_mask
```

Example files: world_[f | c | cpp | sh | as].ini

**Example 7.2** Shell script <model>.ini for user-model specific experiment preparation

For the shell script world_f.end the following contents could be defined:

```sh
# remove the file of the coarsed land-sea mask
rm -f land_sea_mask.coarsed
```

Example file: world_[f | c | cpp | py | ja | sh | as].end

**Example 7.3** Shell script <model>.end for user-model specific experiment wrap-up
For the shell script `world_f.run` the following contents could be defined:

```bash
#!/bin/sh

# perform always and as the first $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_*_sh dot script:
. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_ini_sh

# enable to kill the process associated with the model $SE_WS/world_f
# after 100 seconds of CPU time consumption
$SE_HOME/bin/simenv_kill_process $SE_WS/world_f 100 &

# run the model:
$SE_WS/world_f

# take some actions when the model was killed
 . $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_run_sh
if test $SE_WS/world_f.killed$simenv_run_char
then
   . . .
   rm -f $SE_WS/world_f.killed$simenv_run_char
fi

# perform always and as the last $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_*_sh dot script:
. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_end_sh
```

Example file: `world_f.run`

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**Example 7.4**  Shell script `<model>.run` with shell script `simenv_kill_process`

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**7.3 Experiment Performance on the Login Machine and under Job Management System Control**

According to the general SimEnv approach how to design an experiment the single runs of an experiment are independent from each other. The only exception is the experiment type optimization where the sample values for the current single run are determined on the outcomes of previous single runs. Keeping this in mind, SimEnv offers different modes how to disseminate the single runs of an experiment during its performance. Experiments can run

- locally on the login machine
  - in foreground and background mode and distributed on a multicore processor machine
- under control of the load leveler LoadL job management system
  - in parallel, distributed and sequential mode

For an experiment performance controlled by the the job management system or on the login machine in background **make sure that the environment variable $SE_HOME is set correctly in the file $HOME/.profile.**

**Local experiment performance on the login machine**

Two different distribution strategies are offered by the simulation environment for running an experiment on the login machine:

Perform the single runs of an experiment ...

- ... sequentially on the login machine
  - foreg - foreground sub-mode
  - backg - background sub-mode:
    For an experiment in foreground sub-mode the login session must be active during the whole experiment.
Choosing experiment performance in the background, a temporary shell script is generated by SimEnv that represents the simulation experiment as a whole. This shell script is submitted as a cron job to the cron daemon for one-time execution starting at a time specified during experiment preparation. The cron job is removed from the cron job list directly after the start of the corresponding experiment. After experiment preparation the login session can be closed. For background performance make sure to have rights to manage cron jobs on the machine the experiment is started from.

- distributed on a multicore processor machine
  mcore - multi-core sub-mode:
  For a multi-core processor login machine the single runs of the experiment can be distributed across a selected number of cores. The experiment can be started at once or at a specified time. For the latter, a cron job is generated which is removed from the cron job list directly after the start of the corresponding experiment. For cron job submission make sure to have rights to manage cron jobs on the machine the experiment is started from. As for background sub-mode, in multi-core sub-mode the login session can be closed after experiment preparation.

Experiment performance controlled by the job management system
SimEnv enables the parallelization of the experiment in the sense that several single runs can be performed in parallel without influencing each other. This opens an approach for a computer network or a compute cluster of connected machines
- to distribute the single runs of an experiment across the network / on the cluster
- to perform the single runs there and
- to collect after the end of a single model run its model output data and related information

SimEnv supports distribution of single runs from an experiment for compute cluster architectures. Currently, IBM’s Job management system Load Leveler LoadL and the parallel operating environment POE are supported by SimEnv. The processors of a compute cluster are assigned to job classes where jobs can be submitted to.

Two different distribution strategies are offered by the simulation environment:
Perform the single runs of an experiment …
- on all the available processor cores of a job class
  dis - distributed sub-mode:
The single runs are submitted to the job class as single jobs in a way that all available processor cores of the class can be used. Due to controlling the submit process dynamically by SimEnv, the job class will not be overloaded by the single run jobs of the experiment. Instead, the submit process will wait if necessary. The submit process itself is started in the background. The experiment performance will start with the first submitted single run when a processor core of the selected job class is free.
  Use this sub-mode for best utilization of all job class processor cores.

- on pre-allocated processor cores of a class
  par - parallel sub-mode:
  A number of processor cores are assigned to the experiment during experiment preparation and one parallel job is submitted to the job class. During the experiment one communication processor node is responsible for experiment management while the other processors serve as simulation processor cores for the single runs.
  The experiment performance will start when the assigned number of processor cores are free in this class. This sub-mode makes use of the Message Passing Interface MPI.
  Use this sub-mode to make sure to run an experiment in a certain time.
  For inter-node communication, check the remark below.

- on one pre-allocated processor core of a class
  seq - sequential sub-mode:
  Additionally to the above distributed and parallel sub-modes SimEnv also offers a sequential sub-mode under control of the job management system: One processor core of a job class is assigned to the whole experiment and the experiment is performed sequentially on this processor core. The experiment per-
formance will start when one processor core of this job class is free. After an experiment is submitted to the load leveler the current login session can be closed.

Default job control files are supplied by SimEnv to ensure communication with the load leveler and POE. These job control files may be copied to the current workspace, can be modified and will then be used instead of the default job control files to start an experiment with one of those parallelization strategies that use the load leveler and POE.

If necessary, copy the ASCII job control files simenv_[dis | par | seq]_[aix | linux].jcf from the sub-directory bin of the SimEnv home directory to <model>_[dis | par | seq]_[aix | linux].jcf in the current workspace, modify the file(s) according to the needs of the model one wants to perform and/or the machine one wants to use and start afterwards simenv.run and/or simenv.rst anew. If available in the current workspace, these modified job control files are used instead of the original files in the sub-directory bin of the SimEnv home directory. simenv_[dis | par | seq]_[aix | linux].jcf and/or <model>_[dis | par | seq]_[aix | linux].jcf submit a job in distributed/parallel/sequential sub-mode under LoadL control.

The default job control files and SimEnv log-files enable automatic restart of the experiment by the load leveler after an interrupt of the job caused by the operating system, the load leveler or POE. The user does not need to restart the experiment manually after such an event.

For performing a parallel model itself see Section 5.11.

Peculiarities of multi run experiment performance
Contrary to a single model run, a native model source code has to be analysed at least with respect to its output files before setting up a multi-run simulation experiment. Often, models write output to files with fixed file names and these files must not exist before running the model. Such assumptions conflict with running the model in a loop sequentially or in parallel/distributed sub-mode.

Pragmatic workarounds for such conditions without changing the model source code are as follows:

- For sequential experiment performance on the login machine and/or on a compute cluster rename in the model wrap shell script <model>.run after running the model its outputs to run number related file names. This solves most of the problems since always only one model run is active.

- For parallel and distributed experiments on the login machine and/or on a compute cluster this solution fails since more than one model run is active and output files are opened. Here, the best choice is to perform each single model run in its own (temporary) subdirectory of the current workspace, e.g. identified by the number of the single run. Keep in mind that input files also have to be copied to this directory.

Check Example 7.5 for more information.

For a model my_model with an input file my_model.in and an output file my_model.out the following contents could be defined for the model wrap shell script my_model.run:

```bash
#!/bin/sh

# perform always and as the first $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_*_sh dot script:
. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_ini_sh

# get run number
. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_run_sh

# for sequential experiment performance:
./my_model
mv my_model.out my_model.out.$simenv_run_char
# sequential end
```
# for parallel and distributed experiment performance:
mkdir run$simenv_run_char

cd run$simenv_run_char
cp ../my_model.in .
../my_model
mv my_model.out ../my_model.out.$simenv_run_char
cd ..
rmdir run$simenv_run_char

# parallel and distributed end

# perform always and as the last $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_*_sh dot script:
. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_end_sh

Example 7.5 Handling model input and output files in multi-run experiments

Inter-node communication for parallel sub-mode at compute clusters:
The Message Passing Interface MPI is used for this sub-mode. To start the simenv binary $SE_HOME/bin/
simenv_run_par, MPI needs ssh-connections between the nodes / blades of the cluster. The ssh-
connections need public and private keys and appropriate authorization entries.
At the PIK compute clusters openssh is used. openssh uses the directory ~/.ssh for key files. A minimal directory contents of ~/.ssh looks like this:

login02a:~> ls
id_[ d | r ]sa                     private key
id_[ d | r ]sa.pub                 public key
authorized_keys                   file of accepted public keys

id_[ d | r ]sa.pub must be authorized_keys.
Pay attention that id_[ d | r ]sa and id_[ d | r ]sa.pub are really a key pair.
It is recommended to keep the directories ~/.ssh and ~/.ssh2 disjunct.

7.4 Experiment Restart

When an experiment was interrupted / has failed due to any reason or in the case of partial experiment performance (cf. Section 7.5 below) it can be restarted:

- Simply restart the experiment by simenv.rst without changing any of the SimEnv files describing the experiment and/or the model. The only exception may be the values for the sub-keywords of the keyword 'experiment' in the general model configuration file <model>.cfg.
- simenv.rst has the same usage as simenv.run
- Restart can be launched in a different mode (on the login machine or under job managent system control, the latter also in other in another other job class) and sub-mode and/or on an other machine than that of the interrupted experiment.
- Dependent on the experiment log-file <model>.elog, written by the interrupted / previous new-start experiment a single model run from the complete run ensemble in the restart experiment will be
  - Performed if this run has neither a start nor a finish information in the elog-file
  - Not performed if this run has a start and finish information in the elog-file
  - Performed anew if the run has a start information but no finish information in the elog-file.
- For the latter case a model restart shell script <model>.rst can be provided by the user optionally to prepare restart of this single model run (e.g., by deleting non-SimEnv temporary or output files).

Make sure that in <model>.rst

- #!/bin/sh is the first line
- . $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_ini_sh is performed always and as the first SimEnv dot script
- . $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_end_sh is performed always and as the last SimEnv dot script
(cf. Tab. 5.8 on page 43 and Example 7.6 below).
Make sure that `<model>.rst` has execute permission by the Unix / Linux command

```bash
chmod u+x <model>.rst.
```

After running `$SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_run_sh` the shell script variables `simenv_run_int` and `simenv_run_char` are available in `<model>.rst` (cf. Table 10.10).

Terminal output from `<model>.rst` is re-directed to the log-file `<model>.nlog`.

- Experiment restart works without standard SimEnv experiment preparation. Instead, experiment preparation files and other information from the interrupted experiment will be used.
- For a restart, the optional experiment preparation shell script `<model>.ini` will be performed only on demand. This request is specified in the configuration file `<model>.cfg` with the sub-keyword `restart_ini` and its value "yes".
- For Python, Java and GAMS models interfaced to SimEnv `<model>.ini` has to be performed mandatorily. Consequently, the value of `restart_ini` has to be set to "yes" (cf. Sections 5.5.1 and 5.7.1)
- `<model>.cfg` will be checked anew for experiment restart. Do not change for a restart any of the information related to the keyword ‘model’ in `<model>.cfg`.
- Minutes of the restarted experiment will be appended to the log-files `<model>.mlog`, `<model>.nlog`, and `<model>.elog`, respectively from the interrupted experiment.
- Restart can be applied to an experiment several times successively.
- Experiment restart can be performed also as a partial experiment, independently on the partial status of the original model.
- Experiment re-start is not possible for the experiment type optimization.

For the model `world_sh` (cf. Example 15.9 on page 178) the following contents could be defined for the restart shell script `world_sh.rst`:

```bash
#!/bin/sh

# perform always and as the first $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_*_sh dot script:
. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_ini_sh

# get run number
. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_run_sh

# remove all files from the temporary directory and the directory itself
if test -d run$simenv_run_char
then
  rm -fR run$simenv_run_char
fi

# perform always and as the last $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_*_sh dot script:
. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_end_sh
```

**Example file: world_sh.rst**

**Example 7.6** Shell script `<model>.rst` to prepare model performance during experiment restart
7.5 Experiment Partial Performance

- SimEnv enables to perform an experiment partially by performing only a run slice out of the whole run ensemble.
- Therefore assign appropriate run numbers to the corresponding sub-keywords ‘begin_run’ and ‘end_run’ in <model>.cfg.
- Make sure that begin run number and end run number represent run number from the experiment (including run number 0) and that begin run number ≤ end run number.
- A partial experiment performance is also possible for an experiment restart.
- Experiment partial performance is not possible for the experiment type optimization.
- For more information check Fig. 7.1.
### 7.6 Experiment Related User Shell Scripts and Files

<table>
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<th>Shell script / file</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
<th>Used for</th>
<th>Exist status</th>
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<td><strong>Shell scripts (terminal output is re-directed to &lt;model&gt;.nlog)</strong> (***)</td>
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| <model>.run          | model shell script to wrap the model executable Model interface dot scripts at shell script level simenv_*_sh can / have to be applied in <model>.run:  
  • $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_ini_sh has to be performed always and as the first SimEnv dot script simenv_*_sh  
  • $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_end_sh has to be performed always and as the last SimEnv dot script simenv_*_sh | S        | mandatory    |
| <model>.rst          | model shell script to prepare single model run restart for such single runs that were started but not finished during the previous experiment start / restart  
  • $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_ini_sh has to be performed always and as the first SimEnv dot script simenv_*_sh  
  • $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_end_sh has to be performed always and as the last SimEnv dot script simenv_*_sh  
  • $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_run_sh can be used                                                                 |
| <model>.ini          | model shell script to prepare simulation experiment additionally to standard SimEnv preparation  
  • Experiment will not be performed if return code from this shell script is unequal 0  
  • For experiment re-start <model>.ini will be performed only on request                                       | S        | (R) optional |
| <model>.end          | model shell script to clean up simulation experiment from non-SimEnv files                                                                                                                                | S        | R optional   |
| **Files**            |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |          |              |
| <model>.err          | touch such a file in <model>.run and/or in <model>.rst as an indicator to stop the complete experiment after single run <simenv_run_int> has been finished                                             | A        | optional     |
| <model>_run_char     | generated from $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_kill_process in <model>.run as an indicator that a process exceeded the specified CPU-time limit and was killed                                                   | A        | optional     |
| <model>_run_char     | model-specific job control file to submit an experiment in distributed, parallel and/or sequential sub-mode by the load lev-  
  er LoadL  
  • Copy from $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_{[ dis | par | seq ]}_{[ aix | linux ]}.jcf if required                        | J        | optional     |
| <model>_opt_options.txt | model-specific control and option file for experiment type optimization  
  • Copy from $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_{[ dis | par | seq ]}_{[ aix | linux ]}.jcf if required                        | O        | optional     |

(*): shell script applied for  
R: Restart of an experiment by simenv.rst <model>  
S: Start of an experiment by simenv.run <model>  
file applied for  
A: All experiment performance on the login machine or by submission to a job management system  
J: Job management experiment submission  
O: Optimization experiment performance  
(**): make sure by the Unix / Linux command chmod u+x <model>.<ext> that the shell script <model>.<ext> has execute permission
Fig. 7.1  Flowcharts for performing simenv.run and simenv.rst
First and last single run always refer to the corresponding settings in <model>.cfg
7.7 Saving Experiments

To save experiments for later use, e.g., by SimEnv experiment post-processing, make sure to store the files listed in Tab. 7.2:

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<td>`&lt;model&gt;.out[ all</td>
<td>&lt;simenv_run_char&gt; ],( nc</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Mandatory from the current workspace</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;model&gt;.cfg</code></td>
<td>do not modify the information assigned to the keyword ‘model’</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>&lt;model&gt;.mdf</code></td>
<td>do not modify all information including the sequence of the model output variables and/or experiment factors</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>&lt;model&gt;.edf</code></td>
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<tr>
<td><code>&lt;model&gt;.smp</code></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;model&gt;.fct</code></td>
<td>for optimization and Monte Carlo experiment with stopping rule</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Optional from the current workspace</strong></td>
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<td><code>&lt;model&gt;.elog</code></td>
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<td>par</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>&lt;model&gt;.olog</code></td>
<td>for optimization experiment</td>
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<td><code>&lt;model&gt;_opt_options.txt</code></td>
<td>for optimization experiment</td>
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8 Experiment Post-Processing

Goal of experiment post-processing is to navigate within the model / experiment output space by deriving interactively output functions / data that are to be visualized in experiment evaluation afterwards. Therefore SimEnv supplies operators that can be applied to model output and reference data. There are built-in basic and advanced operators and built-in experiment specific operators. The user can define its own private operators and easily couple them to the post-processor. Additionally, composed operators can be derived from both built-in and user-defined operators. Operator chains and recursions are possible. Macros can be defined as abbreviations for operator chains.

8.1 General Approach

8.1.1 Post-Processor Results

In SimEnv experiment post-processing post-processor results (synonym: output functions) are derived from model output of the experiment and from reference data. A post-processor result is specified by a post-processor expression, optionally prefixed by a result description and a result unit string:

\[ \text{<result>} = \{ \{ \text{<result_description>} \} \{ \{ \text{<result_unit>} \} \} := \} \text{<result_expression>} \]

- by the string “Enter a result” the user is asked to enter a result.
- Input lines with a character # as the first non-white space character are treated as comments.
- The experiment post-processing session is finished by entering <ret> or a sequence of white spaces instead of a result.
- For case sensitivity of <result> check Tab. 10.12 on page 137.
- <result_description> must not contain an apostrophe character ‘’.
- <result_unit> characters “[” and “]” belong to the syntax and are not part of the this document convention as defined in Tab. 1.1
- Result description and/or unit together with the separator “:=” have to be specified in the first input line. The result expression itself may follow at the following input line.
- <result_expression> is a chain of SimEnv operators applied to model output variables and/or reference data.
- Can be continued on a new input line (continue expression:) if the current input line ends on one of the operators “+”, “-”, “*”, “/”, or “**” or on the operand separator “,” in operators.
- White spaces are filtered out from the result expression string, also from character arguments.

<result_description> or <result_unit> are used to describe the result in the corresponding result output file (cf. Chapter 12). For the case one of these entities is not specified SimEnv analyses the result expression:

For a result expression formed without any operator or only from one operator and using exactly one model output variable and/or one experiment factor <result_description> and/or <result_unit> is copied from the corresponding information for the sub-keyword ‘descr’ in <model>.mdf (for a model output variable as an operand of this operator) and/or from <model>.edf (for an experiment factor as an operand of this operator).

The only operator used in this expression must not transform the contents of the operand in general (must be invariant with respect to description and unit). For all other cases <result_description> is set to the string res_<xy> and <result_unit> is undefined.
Having a model output variable definition as in Example 5.1 on page 31 then in experiment post-processing

\[
\text{abs(atmo)+3}
\]

applies operator abs to atmo and adds 3

\[
\text{Energy \ [MWh] := abs(atmo)+3}
\]

as above, but:

\[
\text{<result\_description> = 'Energy'}
\]

\[
\text{<result\_unit> = 'MWh'}
\]

Energy \ [MWh] :=

\[
\text{abs(atmo)+3}
\]

as above

\[
\text{[MWh] := abs(atmo)+3}
\]

as above, but:

\[
\text{<result\_description> = 'res\_<xy>\>'}
\]

\[
\text{<result\_unit> = 'MWh'}
\]

sign(atmo)

applies operator sign to atmo

\[
\text{abs(atmo)}
\]

applies operator abs to atmo

\[
\text{Energy := abs(atmo)}
\]

applies operator abs to atmo

\[
\text{<result\_description> = 'Energy'}
\]

\[
\text{<result\_unit> = 'without'}
\]

Example 8.1 Addressing results in experiment post-processing

8.1.2 Operands

Operands in result expressions can be:

- Model output variables as defined in <model>.mdf
  In the following abbreviated by \text{arg}
  \text{Example: atmo}

- Experiment factors as defined in <model>.edf
  In the following abbreviated by \text{arg}
  \text{Example: p1}

- Constants \text{<int\_val>} or \text{<real\_val>}
  In the following abbreviated by \text{int\_arg} and/or \text{real\_arg}
  \text{Example: 12 and -12 and 12.34 and -1.234e+1}

- Character strings \text{<string>}, enclosed in single quotation marks
  In the following abbreviated by \text{char\_arg}
  \text{Example: 'tie\_avg'}

- Operator results
  In the following abbreviated by \text{arg}
  \text{Example: abs(atmo) and atmo+3.}

- Macros as defined in <model>.mac (cf. Section 8.7)
  \text{Example: equ_100yrs_m}
• Wildcard operands (cf. Section 8.8)
  Example: &v&

As for model output variables (cf. Section 5.1) also to each operand (with the exception of character string operands)

- Dimensionality \[ \text{dim}(\text{operand}) \]
- Extents \[ \text{ext}(\text{operand},i) \text{ with } i=1,\ldots,\text{dim}(\text{operand}) \]
- Coordinates \[ \text{coord}(\text{operand},i) \text{ with } i=1,\ldots,\text{dim}(\text{operand}) \]

are assigned to. The dimensionality is the number of dimensions, an extent is related to each dimension and represents the number of elements in that dimension. Extents are always greater than 1. To each dimension a coordinate is assigned to. Coordinates have a name and from all coordinate values the coordinate is defined for a subset is assigned to the extent of the dimension of the operand. Coordinate specification for operands follows that for model output variables. For more information see Section 5.1.

- Operators transform dimensionality, dimensions, and coordinates of the operand into unique dimensionality, dimensions and coordinates of the operator result (cf. Section 8.1.4).

Consequently, the output of an operator and finally a post-processor result as a sequence of operators applied to operands also has unique dimensionality, extents and coordinates.

- Experiment factors and constants always have a dimensionality of 0.
- Operands of dimensionality 0 and character string operands do not have a coordinate assignment.

### 8.1.3 Model Output Variables

- A variable of dimensionality \( n \) corresponds to a \( n \)-dimensional array and is defined at an \( n \)-dimensional grid, spanned up from the coordinate values of the assigned coordinates. The complete data field of a model output variable or parts of it can be addressed in experiment post-processing (see below). Dimensionality, dimensions, and coordinate description of this data field is derived from the model output variable description in \langle \text{model}.mdf \rangle.

- Model output variables are specified in the ASCII model output description file \langle \text{model}.mdf \rangle (cf. Tab. 5.3 on page 29) by their
  - Name
  - Dimensionality
  - Extents
  - Coordinate assignment to each dimension
  - Data type (cf. Tab. 5.4 on page 30).

- Use the service \texttt{simenv.chk} to check variables description in model output description file \langle \text{model}.mdf \rangle.

- Addressing of model output data fields or parts of it is done in experiment post-processing by corresponding model output variables names.

- For variables with a dimensionality greater than 0 it is possible to address only a part of the whole variable field by
  - Specifying for a dimension an index range \( i \) by
    \[
    i = \langle \text{index-value}_1 \rangle \{ : \langle \text{index-value}_2 \rangle \}
    \]
    \[
    \langle \text{index-value}_2 \rangle \leq \langle \text{index-value}_1 \rangle
    \]
    \[
    \langle \text{index-value}_1 \rangle = \langle \text{index-value}_2 \rangle \text{ if } \langle \text{index-value}_2 \rangle \text{ is missing}.
    \]
    \( i= \) stands for index addressing
  - Specifying for a dimension a coordinate range \( c \) by
    \[
    c = \langle \text{coordinate-value}_1 \rangle \{ : \langle \text{coordinate-value}_2 \rangle \}
    \]
    \[
    \langle \text{coordinate-value}_2 \rangle \leq \langle \text{coordinate-value}_1 \rangle
    \]
    \[
    \langle \text{coordinate-value}_1 \rangle = \langle \text{coordinate-value}_2 \rangle \text{ if } \langle \text{coordinate-value}_2 \rangle \text{ is missing}
    \]
    \( c= \) stands for coordinate addressing

- For one variable \( c= \) and \( i= \) can be used in mixed mode for different dimensions.
  - \( * \) denotes the complete range of a dimension.
  - \( c= * \) is identical to \( i= * \) is identical to \( * \)
In the general SimEnv configuration file `<model>.cfg` (cf. Section 10.1 on page 125) a global default for index and/or coordinate addressing is established for the whole experiment post-processing session. This global default can be overwritten locally by using `c=` and/or `i=`.

Having a model output variable definition as in Example 5.1 on page 31 then in experiment post-processing result expressions can be:

```plaintext
atmo and
atmo(\*,\*,\*,\*) and
atmo(c=\*,\*,i=\*,\*) and
atmo(c=88:-88,c=-178:178,c=1:16,c=1:20) and
atmo(i=1:45,i=1:90,i=1:4,i=1:20) and
atmo(i=1:45,c=-178:178,\*,\*) and
atmo(1:45,1:90,1:4,1:20) and (with address_default = index in model.cfg)
atmo(1:45,c=-178:178,1:4,1:20) and (with address_default = index in model.cfg)

```

all address all 45*90*4*20 values and the following holds for this addressed variable:

- Dimensionality = 4
- Coordinates = lat, lon, level, time
- Extents = 45, 90, 4, 20

```plaintext
atmo(\*,\*,\*,c=11:20)
```

addresses all values of last 10 decades

- Dimensionality = 4
- Coordinates = lat, lon, level, time
- Extents = 45, 90, 4, 10

```plaintext
atmo(\*,\*,c=1,c=1)
```

addresses all values of the first decade for level 1

- Dimensionality = 2
- Coordinates = lat, lon
- Extents = 45, 90

```plaintext
atmo(c=0,\*,1,i=20)
```

addresses all values of level 1 for the last decade at equator

- Dimensionality = 1
- Coordinates = lon
- Extents = 90

```plaintext
atmo(i=23,\*,1,i=20)
```

addresses all values of level 1 for the last decade at equator

- Dimensionality = 1
- Coordinates = lon
- Extents = 90

```plaintext
atmo(c=0,c=2,c=1,c=20)
```

addresses the value for the last decade at `(lat,lon,level,time) = (0°,2°,1,20)`

- Dimensionality = 0
- Coordinates = (without)
- Extents = (without)

```plaintext
atmo(c=0,c=1:9,c=1,c=20)
```

addresses the values for the last decade at `(lat,lon,level,time) = (0°,2°,1,20)` and `(0°,6°,1,20)`

- Dimensionality = 1
- Coordinates = lon
- Extents = 2

```plaintext
atmo(c=0,c=1,c=1,c=20)
```

error in addressing: `c=1` for lon does not exist

Example file: `world.post_bas`

---

**Example 8.2**  
*Addressing model output variables in experiment post-processing*
8.1.4 Operators

- Operators transform dimensionality, dimensions, and coordinates of the their non-character operator arguments into unique dimensionality, dimensions and coordinates of the operator result (cf. Section 8.1.2).

There are:

- Single-argument operators that replicate dimensionality, dimensions and coordinates from the only argument to the operator result
  Example: \( \sin(atmo) \)

- Multi-argument operators that demand a certain relation between dimensionality, dimensions and coordinates of their arguments
  Example: \( \text{mod}(atmo(c=84:-56,*,c=1,*),bios) \)

- Operators that increase the dimensionality of the operator result and assign new coordinates to the additional dimensions (cf. Tab. 10.11) or form new coordinates from resulting factor adjustments
  Example: \( \text{ens}(atmo) \)

- SimEnv experiment post-processing operators may have two special types of arguments:
  - Character arguments char_arg:
    Only character strings enclosed in ‘‘ are valid as arguments. Some built-in operators (e.g., count) have a pre-defined set of valid character argument strings (e.g., for operator count strings all, def, and undef). Some built-in operators allow an empty string (e.g., behav)
    Example: \( \text{count(‘undef’,atmo)} \)
    \( \text{behav(‘’,atmo)} \)
  - Integer or real (float) constant arguments int_arg or real_arg:
    Only constants in appropriate format are valid as arguments. Model output variables of dimensionality 0 or general operands with dimensionality 0 are invalid.
    Example: \( \text{move_avg(‘0001’,‘lin’,3,atmo)} \)
    \( \text{qnt(33.333,atmo)} \)

- If character and integer/real constant arguments are defined for an operator then there is always the following sequence of the operator arguments:
  \{ char_arg \} \{ int_arg \} \{ real_arg \} \{ arg \}
  Example: \( \text{hgr_l(‘1000’,‘bin_mid’,20,0.,0.,atmo)} \)

- Operators are generic with respect to the data types of their operands: Each non-character and non-constant argument can be used with operands of all defined data types (cf. Section 5.1). Internally, arguments of any type are converted to a float representation. This may lead to undefined arguments of type double in float representation.

- Results of SimEnv experiment post-processing operators are always of the type float.

- SimEnv post-processing follows the standard approach for description of operators for basic as well as advanced built-in or user-defined operators.
  Advanced built-in or user-defined operators
  - Have a unique name and a number of operands
  - The sequence of operands is enclosed in parentheses directly after the operator name
  - Operands are separated from each other by a comma.
  - Recursions of the same operator (also for user-defined operators) are possible.
    Example: \( \log10(\text{min_n}(3, \text{min_n}(\log10(atmo(*,*,1,c=20)), 400), 10*\text{bios}_g)) \)

- Elemental operators use the common form of notation:
  Example: \( \text{atmo}_g + 345 \)
### 8.1.5 Operator Classification, Flexible Coordinate Checking

Tab. 8.1 lists for all built-in operators a classification of argument restrictions and result description that are used in the following for the explanation of built-in operators.

**Tab. 8.1**

*Classified argument restriction(s) / result description\(^*\): for the different levels of checking a coordinate description see below*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Argument restriction(s) / result description</th>
<th>Argument restriction(s)</th>
<th>Result description (cf. Section 8.1.2 for syntax)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(1) dimensionality, extents and coordinates of the only non-character / non-constant argument arg can be arbitrary</td>
<td></td>
<td>same dimensionality, extents and coordinates as the only non-character / non-constant argument:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>[ \text{dim}(\text{res}) = \text{dim}(\text{arg}) ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>[ \text{ext}(\text{res},j) = \text{ext}(\text{arg},j) \quad \text{for all } j ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>[ \text{coord}(\text{res},j) = \text{coord}(\text{arg},j) \quad \text{for all } j ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(2) all non-character / non-constant arguments arg with same dimensionality, extents and coordinates (^*)</td>
<td></td>
<td>same dimensionality, extents and coordinates as all the non-character / non-constant arguments:</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>[ \text{dim}(\text{res}) = \text{dim}(\text{arg}) ]</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>[ \text{ext}(\text{res},j) = \text{ext}(\text{arg},j) \quad \text{for all } j ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>[ \text{coord}(\text{res},j) = \text{coord}(\text{arg},j) \quad \text{for all } j ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(2.1)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(2.2) some non-character / non-constant arguments arg with same non-zero dimensionality, extents and coordinates (^*), all the other non-character arguments with dimensionality 0</td>
<td></td>
<td>same dimensionality, extents and coordinates as all the non-character / non-constant arguments with non-zero dimensionality:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>[ \text{dim}(\text{res}) = \text{dim}(\text{arg}) ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>[ \text{ext}(\text{res},j) = \text{ext}(\text{arg},j) \quad \text{for all } j ]</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>[ \text{coord}(\text{res},j) = \text{coord}(\text{arg},j) \quad \text{for all } j ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(3)</td>
<td></td>
<td>the 0-dimensional argument is applied to each element of the non-zero dimensional argument</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(4) all non-character / non-constant arguments with same dimensionality, extents and coordinates (^*)</td>
<td></td>
<td>dim(res) = 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(4.1)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(4.2) some non-character / non-constant arguments with same non-zero dimensionality, extents and coordinates (^*), all the other non-character / non-constant arguments with dimensionality 0</td>
<td></td>
<td>dim(res) = 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(5)</td>
<td></td>
<td>the 0-dimensional argument is applied to each element of the non-zero dimensional argument</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(6)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(5) dimensionality, extents and coordinates of the first non-character / non-constant argument arg can be arbitrary, all the other following arguments have to have dimensionalities, extents and coordinates (^*) of this argument or have to have dimensionality 0</td>
<td></td>
<td>same dimensionality, extents and coordinates as the first non-character / non-constant argument:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>[ \text{dim}(\text{res}) = \text{dim}(\text{arg}) ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>[ \text{ext}(\text{res},j) = \text{ext}(\text{arg},j) \quad \text{for all } j ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>[ \text{coord}(\text{res},j) = \text{coord}(\text{arg},j) \quad \text{for all } j ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(6)</td>
<td></td>
<td>Only character arguments or without arguments</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(6)</td>
<td></td>
<td>dim(res) = 0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The requirement for a lot of operators to have same coordinates for same dimensions may restrict application of experiment post-processing especially for hypothesis checking heavily. To enable a broader flexibility with respect to this situation a general solution is provided by SimEnv post-processing: With the sub-keyword ‘coord_check’ in the general configuration file <model>.cfg three different modi can be assigned globally to the SimEnv complete post-processing session:

- **coord_check = strong**
  To ensure for two arguments with same dimensionalities and extents to have same coordinates it is necessary that
  - Assigned coordinate values for corresponding dimensions are unique
  - Assigned coordinate names for corresponding dimensions are unique
  coord_check = strong is the default

- **coord_check = weak**
  To ensure for two arguments with same dimensionalities and extents to have same coordinates it is necessary that
  - Assigned coordinate values for corresponding dimensions are unique
  - Assigned coordinate names may differ.
  Coordinate description of the appropriate operator result is delivered from its first non-character / non-constant operand.

- **coord_check = without**
  To ensure for two arguments with same dimensionalities and extents to have same coordinates
  - Neither coordinate names nor coordinate values for corresponding dimensions are checked
  Coordinate description of the appropriate operator result is delivered from its first non-character / non-constant operand.

Check [Example 8.3](#) for examples.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Result expression</th>
<th>Same coordinates for coord_check =</th>
<th>strong</th>
<th>weak</th>
<th>without</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>bios(<em>,</em>,<em>) + atmo(c=84:-56,</em>,c=1,*)</td>
<td>(same coordinate names, same coordinate values)</td>
<td>yes</td>
<td>yes</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>atmo_g(*) + hgr('bin_no',20,0.,0.,atmo)</td>
<td>(differing coordinate names, same coordinate values)</td>
<td>no</td>
<td>yes</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>atmo_g(c=6:16) + atmo_g(c=8:18)</td>
<td>(same coordinate names, differing coordinate values)</td>
<td>no</td>
<td>no</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>atmo_g(c=20) + atmo(c=0,c=2,c=1,c=1)</td>
<td>(two operands with dimensionality 0)</td>
<td>yes</td>
<td>yes</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

While determination of coordinate information is unique for coord_check = strong, coordinate information is determined by the first summand for coord_check = [ weak | without ].

**Example 8.3**  Checking rules for coordinates
8.2 Built-In Generic Standard Aggregation / Moment Operators

The generic operators in Tab. 8.2 can be applied during experiment post-processing to derive aggregations and moments from operands in different ways by appending suffixes (_n, _l, _e, without suffix) to the generic operator name or by incorporating them into the filter argument for experiment specific operators of behavioural analysis:

Tab. 8.2  Built-in generic standard aggregation / moment operators

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Generic aggregation and moment operator</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>max</td>
<td>maximum of values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>min</td>
<td>minimum of values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sum</td>
<td>sum of values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>avg</td>
<td>arithmetic mean of values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>var</td>
<td>variance of values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>avgg</td>
<td>geometric mean of values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>avgh</td>
<td>harmonic mean of values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>avgw</td>
<td>weighted mean of values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>hgr</td>
<td>histogram of values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>count</td>
<td>number of values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>maxprop</td>
<td>maximal, suffix related property of values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>minprop</td>
<td>minimal, suffix related property of values</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For more information check Sections 8.3.3 and 8.4.1.

8.3 Built-In Elemental, Basic, and Advanced Operators

8.3.1 Elemental Operators

Tab. 8.3  Built-in elemental operators

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
<th>Argument restriction(s) / result description (Tab. 8.1, page 84)</th>
<th>Argument value restriction</th>
<th>Precedence</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(</td>
<td>left parenthesis</td>
<td>-</td>
<td></td>
<td>first</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>)</td>
<td>right parenthesis</td>
<td>-</td>
<td></td>
<td>first</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>arg1 ** arg2</td>
<td>exponentiation</td>
<td>(2) arg1 &gt; 0</td>
<td></td>
<td>second</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>arg1 * arg2</td>
<td>multiplication</td>
<td>(2)</td>
<td></td>
<td>third</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>arg1 / arg2</td>
<td>division</td>
<td>(2) arg2 ≠ 0</td>
<td></td>
<td>third</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>arg1 + arg2</td>
<td>addition (dyadic +)</td>
<td>(2)</td>
<td></td>
<td>fourth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>arg1 – arg2</td>
<td>subtraction (dyadic -)</td>
<td>(2)</td>
<td></td>
<td>fourth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>+ arg</td>
<td>identity (monadic +)</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td></td>
<td>fourth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>– arg</td>
<td>negation (monadic –)</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td></td>
<td>fourth</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
• n-dimensional matrix algebra of built-in elemental operators is performed element by element
  Example: \( \text{atmo}(\ast,\ast,1,\ast) \ast \text{bios}(\ast,\ast,\ast) = \text{atmo}(i,j,1,k) \ast \text{bios}(i,j,k) \) for all addressed \((i,j,k)\)
• If an argument value restriction is not fulfilled for an operand element the corresponding element of the operator result is undefined.
• For examples check Section 8.3.5.

### 8.3.2 Basic and Trigonometric Operators

#### Tab. 8.4 Built-in basic and trigonometric operators

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Argument restriction(s) / result description (Tab. 8.1, page 84)</th>
<th>Argument value restriction</th>
<th>Example</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Basic operators</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>abs(arg)</td>
<td>absolute value</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>abs(-3) = 3.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dim(arg1,arg2)</td>
<td>positive difference</td>
<td>(2)</td>
<td>dim(10,5) = 5.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>dim(5,10) = 0.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>exp(arg)</td>
<td>exponential function</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>( \exp(1.) = 2.7183 )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>int(arg)</td>
<td>integer truncation value</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>( \int(7.6) = 7. )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>( \int(-7.6) = -7 )</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>log(arg)</td>
<td>natural logarithm</td>
<td>(1) arg &gt; 0</td>
<td>( \log(2.7183) = 1. )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>log10(arg)</td>
<td>decade logarithm</td>
<td>(1) arg &gt; 0</td>
<td>( \log10(10) = 1. )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mod(arg1,arg2)</td>
<td>remainder</td>
<td>(2) arg2 ≠ 0</td>
<td>( \text{mod}(10,4) = 2. )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>nint(arg)</td>
<td>nearest integer value</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>( \text{nint}(7.6) = 8. )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>( \text{nint}(-7.6) = -8. )</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sign(arg)</td>
<td>sign of value</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>( \text{sign}(-3) = -1. )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sqrt(arg)</td>
<td>square root</td>
<td>(1) arg ≥ 0</td>
<td>( \sqrt{4} = 2. )</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### Trigonometric operators

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Argument restriction(s) / result description (Tab. 8.1, page 84)</th>
<th>Argument value restriction</th>
<th>Example</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>sin(arg)</td>
<td>sine</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>( \sin(0) = 0. )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cos(arg)</td>
<td>cosine</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>( \cos(0) = 1. )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tan(arg)</td>
<td>tangent</td>
<td>(1) arg ≠ \pm \pi/2n\pi</td>
<td>( \tan(0) = 0. )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cot(arg)</td>
<td>cotangent</td>
<td>(1) arg ≠ \pm \pi\pi</td>
<td>( \cot(1.5708) = 0. )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>asin(arg)</td>
<td>arc sine</td>
<td>(1) abs(arg) ≤ 1</td>
<td>( \text{asin}(0) = 0. )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>acos(arg)</td>
<td>arc cosine</td>
<td>(1) abs(arg) ≤ 1</td>
<td>( \text{acos}(1) = 0. )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>atan(arg)</td>
<td>arc tangent</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>( \text{atan}(0) = 0. )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>acot(arg)</td>
<td>arc cotangent</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>( \text{acot}(0) = 1.5708 )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sinh(arg)</td>
<td>hyperbolic sine</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>( \sinh(0) = 0. )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cosh(arg)</td>
<td>hyperbolic cosine</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>( \cosh(0) = 1. )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tanh(arg)</td>
<td>hyperbolic tangent</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>( \tanh(0) = 0. )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>coth(arg)</td>
<td>hyperbolic cotangent</td>
<td>(1) arg ≠ 0</td>
<td>( \coth(3.1416) = 1. )</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The following explanations hold for the operators in **Tab. 8.4**:

- **All operators** are applied to each element of the argument(s). These operators deal with an unfilled argument value restriction for an operand element in a way that the corresponding element of the operator result will be undefined.
- For examples check Section 8.3.5.
8.3.3 Standard Aggregation / Moment Operators

The generic standard aggregation / moment operators in Table 8.2 can be applied during experiment post-processing to derive aggregations and moments from operands in different ways by appending suffixes to the generic operator name:

- **Appending no suffix:**
  Aggregate the only non-character / non-constant argument
  Result is a scalar (an operator result of dimensionality 0) for all but operators hgr, minprop and maxprop. For operator hgr dimensionality of the result is 1, the extent is the specified number of bins for the histogram and the coordinate assigned has the name bin. Coordinate values are equidistant with 1 as the first value and an increment of 1.
  For operators minprop and maxprop dimensionality of the result is 1. For argument dimensionality greater / equal 1 extent of the result is equal to the argument dimensionality. Assigned coordinate name is index. Coordinate values are equidistant with 1 as the first value and an increment of 1. For argument dimensionality 0 result dimensionality is 0.

- **Appending suffix _n (for n arguments):**
  Aggregate an arbitrary number of non-character / non-constant arguments with argument restriction(s) / result description according to (2) in Table 8.1 on page 84 element by element
  Currently, only operators min_n and max_n are implemented.
  Result has same dimensionality, extents and coordinates as the arguments

- **Appending suffix _l (for loop):**
  Aggregate the only non-character / non-constant argument separately for selected dimensions. Dimensions to select are described by an additional loop character argument (corresponds to the group by-clause of the standard query language SQL of relational database management systems).
  Result has a lower dimensionality as the only non-character argument according to the loop character argument.
  For operator hgr_l, dimensionality is increased additionally by one, the additional extent is the specified number of bins for the histogram and the additional coordinate assigned to has the name bin. Coordinate values are equidistant with 1 as the first value and an increment of 1.
  For operators minprop_l and maxprop_l dimensionality is modified in the same manner like for operators minprop and maxprop, respectively.

- For examples check Section 8.3.5.
### Tab. 8.5  
**Built-in standard aggregation / moment operators without suffix**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Aggregation and moment operator</th>
<th>Argument restriction(s) / result description (<a href="#">Tab. 8.1</a>, page 84)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>max(arg)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>min(arg)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sum(arg)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>avg(arg)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>var(arg)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>avgg(arg)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>avgh(arg)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>avgw(arg1, arg2)</td>
<td>arg2 = weight (4.1)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| hgr(char_arg1, int_arg2, real_arg3, real_arg4, real_arg5) | dim(res)=1  
  ext(res,dim(res)) = 'bin_no' (bin number):  
  coord(res,dim(res)) = name = bin_no  
  values = equidist_end 1(1) number of bins  
  for char_arg1 = 'bin_no' (bin mid):  
  coord(res,dim(res)) = name = bin_mid  
  values = equidist_end 1st bin mid (bin width) number of bins  
  char_arg1 see above  
  int_arg2 = number of bins: 4 ≤ int_arg2 ≤ number_of_values or  
  = 0: automatic determination:  
  number of bins = max(4, number_of_values_of_arg5/10)  
  real_arg3 left bin bound for bin number 1  
  real_arg4 right bin bound for bin number int_arg2  
  real_arg3 = real_arg4 = 0.: determine bounds by min(arg5) and max(arg5)  
  return the index of that element of arg where the extreme is reached the first time according to the processing sequence of the argument field arg by the Fortran storage model (cf. Section 15.7 - Glossary). |
| count(char_arg1, arg2)          | char_arg1 = [ all | def | undef ] (3)                                |
| maxprop(arg)                    | dim(res)=1 for dim(arg) > 1  
  ext(res,1) = dim(arg)  
  dim(res) = 0 else |
| minprop(arg)                    | return per result element the argument position (1 ..., n) where the extreme is reached the first time. Processing sequence starts with arg1. |

### Tab. 8.6  
**Built-in standard aggregation / moment operators with suffix _n**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Aggregation and moment operator</th>
<th>Argument restriction(s) / result description (<a href="#">Tab. 8.1</a>, page 84)</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>max_n(arg1,..., argn)</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>min_n(arg1,..., argn)</td>
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<tr>
<td>maxprop_n(arg1,..., argn)</td>
<td>return per result element the argument position (1 ..., n) where the extreme is reached the first time. Processing sequence starts with arg1.</td>
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<tr>
<td>minprop_n(arg1,..., argn)</td>
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Tab. 8.7  
*Built-in standard aggregation / moment operators with suffix _l*

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<th>Aggregation and moment operator</th>
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<tr>
<td><code>min_l (char_arg1, arg2)</code></td>
<td><code>dim(argi) &gt; 1</code></td>
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<tr>
<td><code>max_l (char_arg1, arg2)</code></td>
<td><code>ext(argi) = arbitrary</code></td>
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<tr>
<td><code>sum_l (char_arg1, arg2)</code></td>
<td><code>dim(res), ext(res,i)</code> according to char_arg1 and argi</td>
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<td><code>avg_l (char_arg1, arg2)</code></td>
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<td><code>var_l (char_arg1, arg2)</code></td>
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<tr>
<td><code>avgg_l (char_arg1, arg2)</code></td>
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<td><code>avgh_l (char_arg1, arg2)</code></td>
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<tr>
<td><code>avgw_l (char_arg1, arg2, arg3)</code></td>
<td><code>dim(arg2) = dim(arg3)</code></td>
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<td></td>
<td><code>ext(arg2,i) = ext(arg3,i)</code></td>
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<tr>
<td><code>hgr_l (char_arg1, char_arg2, int_arg3, real_arg4, real_arg5, arg6)</code></td>
<td><code>dim(res) = 1 + dim(res)</code></td>
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<td></td>
<td><code>ext(res,dim(res)) = number of bins</code></td>
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<td></td>
<td><code>for char_arg2 = 'bin_no' (bin number):</code></td>
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<td><code>coord(res,dim(res)) = name = bin_no</code></td>
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<td></td>
<td><code>values = equidist_end 1(1) number of bins</code></td>
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<td></td>
<td><code>for char_arg2 = 'bin_mid' (bin mid):</code></td>
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<td><code>coord(res,dim(res)) = name = bin_mid</code></td>
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<td></td>
<td><code>values = equidist_end 1^st bin mid (bin width)</code></td>
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<td></td>
<td><code>number of bins</code></td>
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<tr>
<td><code>count_l (char_arg1, char_arg2, arg3)</code></td>
<td><code>dim(res) is increased by 1 w.r.t. above.</code></td>
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<td><code>ext(res,dim(res)) = dim(arg2)</code></td>
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<tr>
<td><code>minprop_l (char_arg1, arg2)</code></td>
<td><code>coord(res,dim(res)): name = index</code></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>values = equidist_end 1(1)^n</code></td>
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<tr>
<td><code>maxprop_l (char_arg1, arg2)</code></td>
<td><code>return the indices of those elements of arg2</code></td>
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<td><code>where the extreme is reached the first time</code></td>
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<td><code>according to char_arg1 and to a Fortran-like</code></td>
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<td><code>processing sequence / storage model (cf. Section 15.7 - Glossary)</code></td>
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<td><code>of the argument field arg2.</code></td>
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The loop character argument `char_arg1` is characterised as follows:
- The length of the string is equal to the dimensionality of the non-character argument
- The string consists of 0 and 1
8.3.4 Advanced Operators

Tab. 8.8  
Built-in advanced operators

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| classify(int_arg1, real_arg2, real_arg3, arg4) | classify arg4 into int_arg1 classes; potentially restrict classification to interval (real_arg2, real_arg3). | dim(arg4) > 0  
int_arg1 = number of classes  
2 ≤ int_arg1 ≤  
number of values of arg4 = 0: automatic determination:  
number of classes = max(2, number of values/10)  
real_arg2 = minimum bound for values in class # 1  
real_arg3 = maximum bound for values in class # int_arg1  
arg2 = 0 and arg3 = 0: automatic bound determination | classify(10, 0., 0., atmo) |
| clip(char_arg1, arg2)   | clip arg2 according to char_arg1                                        | dim(arg2) > 0, dim(res), ext(res,i) depend on char_arg1 and arg2  
char_arg1 = clip range | clip(‘0,*,1,10’, atmo) |
| cumul(char_arg1, arg2)  | cumulate arg2 according to char_arg1                                     | dim(arg2) > 0  
char_arg1 = cumulation indicator per dimension | cumul(‘0001’, atmo) |
| flip(char_arg1, arg2)   | flip arg2 according to char_arg1                                         | dim(arg2) > 0  
char_arg1 = flip indicator per dimension | flip(‘0001’, atmo) |
| get_data(char_arg1, char_arg2, char_arg3, arg4) | get data from an external file                                           | dimensionality, extents and coordinates according to char_arg3 and char_arg4  
char_arg1 = data file format  
=[ netcdf | ascii ]  
char_arg2 = data file name  
char_arg3 = coordinate specification / transformation file name  
arg4 = variable to get from the data file | get_data(‘nc’, ‘data.nc’, ‘data.def’, variable) |
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<tr>
<td>get_experiment(</td>
<td>include an other experiment</td>
<td>(1) but coordinates according to char_arg3 char_arg1 = experiment directory char_arg2 = model experimented with char_arg3 = coordinate transformation file arg4 = result from the other experiment</td>
<td>get_experiment('mod_res', 'mod', 'mod.ctf', avg(atmo) - 400)</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>char_arg1, char_arg2,</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>char_arg3, arg4)</td>
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<tr>
<td>get_table_fct(</td>
<td>apply table function with linear interpolation of table char_arg1 to arg2</td>
<td>char_arg1 = file name</td>
<td>get_table_fct('table.usr', atmo)</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>char_arg1, arg2)</td>
<td></td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>if( char_arg1, arg2, arg3,</td>
<td>conditional if-construct</td>
<td>(5) char_arg1 = comparison operator arg2 = comparator arg3, arg4 = new assignments</td>
<td>if('&lt;', atmo, 400, atmo)</td>
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<td>arg4)</td>
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<tr>
<td>mask( char_arg1, arg2, arg3,</td>
<td>mask values of arg2 (set them undefined) by comparing arg2 and arg3</td>
<td>char_arg1 = comparison operator</td>
<td>mask('&lt;', atmo, 400)</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>arg4)</td>
<td>using operator char_arg1</td>
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<tr>
<td>matmul( arg1, arg2)</td>
<td>matrix multiplication</td>
<td>dim(arg1) = dim(arg2) = dim(res) = 2 ext(res,i) according to matrix multiplication rules</td>
<td>matmul(atmo(<em>,</em>,1,1),</td>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>transpose('21',</td>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>atmo(<em>,</em>,i,1))</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>move_avg( char_arg1,</td>
<td>moving average of arg4</td>
<td>(1) dim(arg4) &gt; 0 char_arg1 = moving average sequence per dimension char_arg2 = average type = lin: linear exp: exponential int_arg3 = running length for average int_arg3 &gt; 1 int_arg3 = 0: automatic determination: = max(3, ext(arg4,i)/20.</td>
<td>move_avg('001',</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>char_arg2, int_arg3, arg4)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>'lin', 0, atmo)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>rank( char_arg1, arg2)</td>
<td>assign rank numbers to arg2 according to ranking type argument char_arg1</td>
<td>dim(arg2) &gt; 0 arg1 = ranking type [tie_plain</td>
<td>tie_min</td>
<td>tie_avg ]</td>
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<tr>
<td>regrid( char_arg1, arg2)</td>
<td>assign completely or partially new coordinates to arg2</td>
<td>(1), but coordinates according to char_arg1 char_arg1 = file how to transform coordinates of arg2 arg2 result to transform coordinates</td>
<td>regrid('mod.ctf', atmo_g-13)</td>
<td></td>
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<td>run(char_arg1, arg2)</td>
<td>values of arg2 for the selected single run number explicitly or implicitly coded in char_arg1</td>
<td>(1) char_arg1 = run number selection for all experiment types: = run_number &gt; 0 ≤ char_arg1 ≤ number_of_runs addit. for behavioural and local sensitivity analysis: = &lt;filter argument&gt; same as filter argument of operator behav, (cf. Sections 8.4.3 and 8.4.4)</td>
<td>run('0', atmo) run('sel_t(p1(4))', atmo)</td>
<td>run(char Arg1, arg2)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>run_info(char_arg)</td>
<td>number of the current single run and/or total number of runs of the experiment</td>
<td>(6) char_arg1 = run information type = run_nr for current run number = nr_of_runs for number of runs of the experiment</td>
<td>run_info('run_nr')</td>
<td>run_info(char_arg)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>transpose(char_arg1, arg2)</td>
<td>transpose arg2 according to sequence in char_arg1</td>
<td>dim(arg2) &gt; 1 dim(res) = dim(arg2) ext(res,i) = ext(arg2,.j) (re-sorted) char_arg1 = transpose sequence</td>
<td>transpose('3142', atmo)</td>
<td>transpose(char_arg1, arg2)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>undef()</td>
<td>undefined value</td>
<td>(6)</td>
<td>undef()</td>
<td>undef()</td>
</tr>
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The following explanations hold for the operators in Tab. 8.8:

- **All operators but experiment and matmul** are applied to each element of the argument(s). These operators deal with an unfulfilled argument value restriction for an operand element in a way that the corresponding element of the operator result will be undefined.

- The **operator classify** transforms the values of an operand arg4 that has dimensionality > 0 into the class numbers 1,...,int_arg1 of int_arg1 classes. Classes are assumed to be equidistant. If both arguments real_arg2 and real_arg3 are 0, then min(arg4) forms the lower boundary of class number 1 and max(arg4) forms the upper boundary of class number int_arg1. For min(arg4) = max(arg4) all result values of the operator classify are undefined. For real_arg2 ≠ 0, or real_arg3 ≠ 0 real_arg2 and real_arg3 are used as boundaries for the classification and all of those result values are undefined where values of argument arg4 are outside the specified boundary range.

- The **operator clip** clips an operand arg2 that has dimensionality > 0. The portion to clip from the operand arg2 is described by the argument char_arg1. The argument char_arg1 uses syntax for model output variable addressing (cf. Section 8.1.3 on page 81). Note, that for all dimensions of argument arg2 lower bound index is 1. This applies also to model output variables where the lower bound index is unequal 1 in the model output description file. In general, extents differ between the result of the operator clip and the argument arg2. Clip reduces the dimensionality of the result with respect to the argument arg2 to clip if the portion to be clipped is limited to one value for at least one dimension. A character argument char_arg1 = '*' results for operator clip in the identity of argument arg2.
• The **operator cumul** cumulates an operand arg2 that has dimensionality > 0. Cumulation is performed for all values of the argument arg2 from the first addressed index position up to the current index position. With the character argument char_arg1 those dimensions are identified that are to be cumulated. Character 1 at position i means cumulation across dimension i while a 0 stands for no accumulation. cumul(’0...0’,arg2) results in the identity to arg2.

• The **operator flip** enables flipping of variable fields. For a one-dimensional field (a vector) flip changes the value of the first index position with the value of the last position, the value of the second position with that of the last but one position, etc. With the character argument char_arg1 these dimensions are identified that are due to flip. Character 1 at position i means flipping also for dimension i while a 0 stands for no flipping at this dimension. Flipping includes adaptation of coordinates and the assigned grid. flip(’0...0’,arg2) results in the identity to arg2.

• With the **operator get data** data from external files can be included in post-processing. Character argument char_arg1 specifies the data file format. Character argument char_arg2 addresses the data file. Character argument char_arg3 is used to define or transform structure information and coordinates from the data file. Argument arg4 holds the variable that is to be extracted from the data file. For restrictions in the path to the directory of the character arguments char_arg2 and char_arg3 check Tab. 11.3. Currenty, ASCII and NetCDF files are supported (char_arg1 = ['ascii' | 'netcdf']). For ASCII data files the file syntax rules from Section 11.3 are valid. Since the ASCII data file itself does not come with any structure and coordinate information the character argument char_arg3 specifies this information. For ASCII data files this argument is a mandatory one. It follows the same rules as for any coordinate transformation file (cf. Section 11.2). Keywords ‘general’, ‘assign’, and ‘coordinate’ and the appropriate sub-keywords from Tab. 11.5 can be used to structure the data file and to assign coordinates and coordinate values. Consequently, the keyword ‘modify’ is not allowed. See Example 8.4 for more information. For ASCII files it is assumed that the file holds only the values for one variable in a sequence according to the Fortran storage model (cf. Section 15.7 – Glossary). For ASCII files argument arg4 is only a dummy placeholder. For NetCDF files argument 4 addresses the variable name to extract from the data file. The character argument char_arg3 is an optional argument. Unlike for ASCII data files, the keyword ‘modify’ is allowed.

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Having a model output variable definition as in Example 5.1 on page 31 and assuming

a data file data.asc as
# data file with 6 values
10 , 20 , 30
40 , 50 , 60

and a file data.def to define data structure and coordinates as
general descr structure for data.asc
# (already defined in world_*.mdf)
assign 2 coord time
assign 2 coord_extent 11:13
# assign as first dimension a new coordinate new_coord
assign 1 coord new_coord
assign 1 coord_extent 100:110
coordinate new_coord values list 100,110

then
get_data(‘ascii’,’data.asc’,’data.def’,dummy)
has
Dimensionality = 2
Coordinates = new_coord , time
Extents = 2 , 3

and the result of this operator is a 2 x 3 matrix
10 30 50
20 40 60
```
To get same dimensionality, coordinates and extents but result values as the “original matrix” in data.asc
- exchange coordinate numbers in data.def: 1 by 2 and 2 by 1 and
- apply \texttt{transpose(‘21’,\texttt{get_data(‘ascii’,’data.asc’,’data.def’,\texttt{dummy}))}}
  \begin{itemize}
  \item It has Dimensionality = 2
  \item Coordinates = new\_coord, time
  \item Extents = 2, 3
  \end{itemize}
and the result of this operator chain is a 2 x 3 matrix
\begin{array}{ccc}
10 & 20 & 30 \\
40 & 50 & 60
\end{array}

\section*{Example 8.4 Experiment post-processing operator \texttt{get\_data} and coordinate transformation file}

- The \texttt{operator get\_experiment} is to access to external SimEnv model output from the same or an other model performed with the same or another experiment type and stored in the same or in an other model output format. Model output variables can differ from that used for the current model. Use for the experiment directory \texttt{char\_arg1} always that workspace the external experiment was started from. The external experiment is always post-processed completely over all single runs. Argument \texttt{char\_arg3} is the coordinate transformation file. It can be used to transform coordinates from the external result for usage in the current result of the current experiment. If no coordinate transformation file is to be used argument \texttt{char\_arg3} is empty (‘ ’). If after potential application of a coordinate transformation file the imported result has same coordinate names as defined in the original experiment coordinate descriptions are checked against each other, otherwise coordinate descriptions are imported from the external into the original experiment. For syntax of coordinate transformation files check Section 11.2. For restrictions in the path to the directory of the character arguments \texttt{char\_arg1} and \texttt{char\_arg3} check \texttt{Tab. 11.3}.

\textbf{Attention:}
Make sure
- no SimEnv service is running from the directory \texttt{char\_arg1} of the external experiment before applying this operator
- to have full access permissions to the experiment directory \texttt{char\_arg1}
- the experiment directory \texttt{char\_arg1} differs from the current workspace
In the experiment directory a file \texttt{simenv\_get\_experiment.exc} is used to exchange information between the external and the current experiment.

- With the \texttt{operator get\_table\_fct} a table function \texttt{char\_arg1} is applied to each element of the operand \texttt{arg2}. If necessary, table values are interpolated linearly. Outside the definition range of the table function the first and/or the last table value is used. File \texttt{char\_arg1} has to hold the table function and must be an ASCII file with two columns: The first column of each line is the argument value \texttt{x} associated with the elements of the operand \texttt{arg2}, the second column is the function value \texttt{f(x)} of the table associated with the elements of the operator result. Argument values \texttt{x} have to be ordered in a strictly increasing manner. Syntax rules for comments and separators in the table function file are the same as for user defined files (cf. Section 11.3). For restrictions in the path to the directory of the character argument \texttt{char\_arg1} see \texttt{Tab. 11.3}. Check the table function \texttt{world.dat\_tab} in the example directory \$SE\_HOME\exa of SimEnv for more information.

- The \texttt{operator if} supplies a general conditional if-construct. It operates for each element of the operand \texttt{arg2} in the following way:
  \begin{verbatim}
  if ( condition(char\_arg1,\texttt{arg2}) ) then 
      res=arg3 
  else 
      res=arg4 
  endif
  with 
  condition(char\_arg1,\texttt{arg2}): 
  \begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{arg2 < 0} \quad (char\_arg1 = ‘<’)
  \item \texttt{arg2 \leq 0} \quad (char\_arg1 = ‘\leq’)
  \item \texttt{arg2 > 0} \quad (char\_arg1 = ‘>’)
  \end{itemize}
  \end{verbatim}

\section*{Example 8.5 \texttt{get\_image} and \texttt{image\_tool} for bitmap images}

- The \texttt{operator get\_image} is to access to external SimEnv model output from the same or an other model performed with the same or another experiment type and stored in the same or in an other model output format. Model output variables can differ from that used for the current model. Use for the experiment directory \texttt{char\_arg1} always that workspace the external experiment was started from. The external experiment is always post-processed completely over all single runs. Argument \texttt{char\_arg3} is the coordinate transformation file. It can be used to transform coordinates from the external result for usage in the current result of the current experiment. If no coordinate transformation file is to be used argument \texttt{char\_arg3} is empty (‘ ’). If after potential application of a coordinate transformation file the imported result has same coordinate names as defined in the original experiment coordinate descriptions are checked against each other, otherwise coordinate descriptions are imported from the external into the original experiment. For syntax of coordinate transformation files check Section 11.2. For restrictions in the path to the directory of the character arguments \texttt{char\_arg1} and \texttt{char\_arg3} check \texttt{Tab. 11.3}.

\textbf{Attention:}
Make sure
- no SimEnv service is running from the directory \texttt{char\_arg1} of the external experiment before applying this operator
- to have full access permissions to the experiment directory \texttt{char\_arg1}
- the experiment directory \texttt{char\_arg1} differs from the current workspace
In the experiment directory a file \texttt{simenv\_get\_image\_exc} is used to exchange information between the external and the current experiment.

- With the \texttt{operator get\_table\_fct} a table function \texttt{char\_arg1} is applied to each element of the operand \texttt{arg2}. If necessary, table values are interpolated linearly. Outside the definition range of the table function the first and/or the last table value is used. File \texttt{char\_arg1} has to hold the table function and must be an ASCII file with two columns: The first column of each line is the argument value \texttt{x} associated with the elements of the operand \texttt{arg2}, the second column is the function value \texttt{f(x)} of the table associated with the elements of the operator result. Argument values \texttt{x} have to be ordered in a strictly increasing manner. Syntax rules for comments and separators in the table function file are the same as for user defined files (cf. Section 11.3). For restrictions in the path to the directory of the character argument \texttt{char\_arg1} see \texttt{Tab. 11.3}. Check the table function \texttt{world.dat\_tab} in the example directory \$SE\_HOME\exa of SimEnv for more information.

- The \texttt{operator if} supplies a general conditional if-construct. It operates for each element of the operand \texttt{arg2} in the following way:
  \begin{verbatim}
  if ( condition(char\_arg1,\texttt{arg2}) ) then 
      res=arg3 
  else 
      res=arg4 
  endif
  with 
  condition(char\_arg1,\texttt{arg2}): 
  \begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{arg2 < 0} \quad (char\_arg1 = ‘<’)
  \item \texttt{arg2 \leq 0} \quad (char\_arg1 = ‘\leq’)
  \item \texttt{arg2 > 0} \quad (char\_arg1 = ‘>’)
  \end{itemize}
  \end{verbatim}
arg2 ≥ 0  (char_arg1 = ‘>=’)
arg2 = 0  (char_arg1 = ‘==’)
arg2 ≠ 0  (char_arg1 = ‘!’)
arg2 defined  (char_arg1 = ‘def’)
arg2 undefined  (char_arg1 = ‘undef’)

• The operator mask supplies a method to mask (to set undefined) values. It operates for each element of the operand arg2 in the following way:
  if (condition(char_arg1, arg2, arg3)) then
    res = undefined
  else
    res = arg2
  endif
  with
  condition(char_arg1, arg2, arg3):
    arg2 < arg3  (char_arg1 = ‘<’)
    arg2 ≤ arg3  (char_arg1 = ‘<=’)
    arg2 > arg3  (char_arg1 = ‘>’)
    arg2 ≥ arg3  (char_arg1 = ‘!’)
    arg2 = arg3  (char_arg1 = ‘==’)
    arg2 ≠ arg3  (char_arg1 = ‘!’)

• The operator matmul performs a simple matrix multiplication for 2-dimensional arguments arg1 and arg2.

• The operator move_avg performs a moving average operation successively for selected dimensions of the argument arg4.
  For a vector \((a_1, a_2, ..., a_n)\) the moving average of running length \(r_l\) is a vector \((ma_1, ma_2, ..., ma_n)\) with elements
  \[ma_i = \frac{1}{\sum_{j=\max(1,i-r_l+1)}^{\min(i+r_l)} w_{ij} \cdot a_j }\]
  where \(w_i\) are weights. Value \(ma_i\) is averaged from the \(r_l\) values \(a_i, a_{i-1}, ..., a_{i-r_l+1}\). Accordingly, the first \(r_l-1\) values \(ma_1, ma_2, ..., ma_{r_l-1}\) are averaged from less than \(r_l\) values.
  For the linear moving average the weights are \(w_{ij} = 1\) and \(\sum_{j=\max(1,i-r_l+1)}^{\min(i+r_l)} w_{ij} = \min(r_l, i)\),
  for the exponential moving average the weights are \(w_{ij} = e^{-\frac{i-j}{r_l}}\).
  While the moving average is normally applied to time-dependent one-dimensional data vectors the operator move_avg allows processing of multi-dimensional data fields in a general and successive manner. For example, if arg4 is the three-dimensional variable \(bios(1:lat, 1:lon, 1:time)\) then the linear moving average could be applied to the dimension time successively for all combinations of lat and lon. This means that \((lat1 = 1, ..., lat) * (lon1 = 1, ..., lon) = lat*lon\) moving averages will be performed for the vector
  \((bios(lat1,lon1,1), bios(lat1,lon1,2), ..., bios(lat1,lon1,time))\).
  Afterwards this moving averaged temporary result tmp could be moving averaged for all values of lat:
  \((lon1 = 1, ..., lon) * (time1 = 1, ..., time) = lon*time\) moving averages will be performed for the vector
  \((tmp(1,lon1,time1), tmp(2,lon1,time1), ..., tmp(lat,lon1,time1))\).
  The operator that allows for this double averaging would have the arguments
  \(move\_arg(‘201’, ‘lin’, 0, bios)\).
  The character argument char_arg1 supplies those dimensions that are to be involved in the moving average operation. If the \(n\)-th digit of char_arg1 is a digit > 0 then the moving average for dimension \(n\) of argument arg4 is performed at position number “digit” (i.e. after performing moving averages for those dimensions that correspond to digits smaller than the current one). If the \(n\)-th digit of arg1 is 0 then the moving average for the dimension \(n\) of arg4 will not be performed.
Keep in mind that the sequence of moving averages for single coordinates influences the result of the operator.

- The **operator rank** transforms all values of the operand arg2 that has dimensionality > 0 into their ranks. Small values get low ranks, large values get high ranks. The smallest rank is 1. Character argument char_arg1 determines how to rank ties, i.e., values arg21 and arg22 of arg2 that are identical or have a maximum relative difference of 
\[
\text{abs}(\text{arg21-arg22})/\text{arg21} < 10^{-6}
\]
Assume an argument arg2 with 6 values 
( 4., 2., 4., 4., 8., ).
Then char_arg1 = 'tie_plain' returns ranks 
( 2 , 1 , 2 , 2 , 3 )
four times rank 2; next rank is 3,
does not take into account the number of identical values
char_arg1 = 'tie_min' returns ranks 
( 2 , 1 , 2 , 2 , 6 )
four times rank 2; next rank is 6,
takes into account the number of identical values
char_arg1 = 'tie_avg' returns ranks 
( 3.5 , 1 , 3.5 , 3.5 , 3.5 , 6 )
four times mean rank 3.5 = (2+3+4+5)/4; next rank is 6,
takes into account number of identical values

- The **operator regrid** can be used to assign new coordinates to argument arg2. Character argument char_arg1 is the name of the coordinate transformation file that holds the information how to transform the coordinates. The keyword ‘modify’ and the corresponding sub-keywords are not allowed. For syntax of coordinate transformation files check Section 11.2. For restrictions in the path to the directory of the character arguments char_arg1 check Tab. 11.3.

- The **operator run** selects a single run from the run ensemble. The operator run must not contain experiment specific (multi-run) operators as operands, since these operators may refer to the operator run. Additionally, run must not contain itself as an argument.
The character argument char_arg1 can hold the run number string explicitly. An explicit run number string in character argument char_arg1 is allowed for all experiment types. Additionally, for behavioural and local sensitivity analysis a run number unequal 0 can be selected implicitly by applying a filter of the corresponding operators (cf. Sections 8.4.3 and 8.4.4) as char_arg1 of the operator run.
The file <model>.smp holds the sampled factor values to be adjusted by the default values for the current experiment. Run number n corresponds to record number n+1 of this file. Single run number 0 corresponds to the default single run 0. For more information on <model>.smp check Section 6.1 on page 53. For examples see Example 8.7 and Example 8.9.

- The **operator run_info** returns for the character argument ‘run_nr’ the run number of the current single run of the experiment. For the character argument ‘nr_of_runs’ the number of performed single runs of the current post-processed experiment without the run number 0 is returned.

- The **operator transpose** enables to transpose an operand that has a dimensionality > 1. Sequence of extents of the transposed result is described by character argument char_arg1: It consists of digits 1,...,dim(arg2) where the digit sequence corresponds to the re-ordered sequence of the operator result extents.
A character argument char_arg1 = ‘123...’ results for the operator transpose in the identity of argument arg2.

- The **operator undef** supplies a 0-dimensional result as undefined. This operator can be used as an argument for the if-operator.

- For examples of the described operators check Section 8.3.5.
8.3.5 Examples

Having a model output variable definition as in Example 5.1 on page 31 and assuming address_default=coordinate in world_*cfg then in experiment post-processing

\begin{align*}
\text{atmo\_g+2*atmo\_g} & \quad \text{value of result 3*atmo\_g} \\
\text{Dimensionality} = 1 \\
\text{Coordinates} = \text{time} \\
\text{Extents} = 20 \\
\text{sqrt(atmo\_g)} & \quad \text{square root of atmo\_g} \\
\text{Dimensionality} = 1 \\
\text{Coordinates} = \text{time} \\
\text{Extents} = 20 \\
\text{clip('i=23,*,1,19:20',atmo)} & \quad \text{last two decades for level 1 at equator} \\
& \quad \text{equivalent with atmo(i=23,*,1,19:20)} \\
\text{Dimensionality} = 2 \\
\text{Coordinates} = \text{lon , time} \\
\text{Extents} = 90 , 2 \\
\text{atmo - get\_experiment('./other\_dir','other\_model',' ',atmo)} & \quad \text{Difference for atmo between the current experiment and another model other\_model, located in directory ./other\_dir without application of an coordinate transformation file} \\
\text{Dimensionality} = 4 \\
\text{Coordinates} = \text{lat , lon , level , time} \\
\text{Extents} = \text{according to definition of atmo in other\_model} \\
\text{get\_table\_fct('world.dat\_tab',atmo)} & \quad \text{Operator table\_fct with table world.dat\_tab applied to each element of atmo} \\
\text{Dimensionality} = 4 \\
\text{Coordinates} = \text{lat , lon , level , time} \\
\text{Extents} = 45 , 90 , 4 , 20 \\
\text{if('<',atmo-10,10,atmo)} & \quad \text{maximum from atmo and 10 for each element of atmo} \\
& \quad \text{equivalent with max\_n(atmo,10)} \\
\text{Dimensionality} = 4 \\
\text{Coordinates} = \text{lat , lon , level , time} \\
\text{Extents} = 45 , 90 , 4 , 20 \\
\text{avg(atmo(*,*,*,19:20))} & \quad \text{global all-level mean over the last two decades} \\
\text{Dimensionality} = 0 \\
\text{Coordinates} = \text{(without)} \\
\text{Extents} = \text{(without)} \\
\text{maxprop(atmo)} & \quad \text{indices of this element of atmo where the maximum of atmo is reached the first time} \\
\text{Dimensionality} = 1 \\
\text{Coordinates} = \text{index} \\
\text{Extents} = 4 \\
\text{min\_n(atmo(84:-56,*,1,19:20),10.)} & \quad \text{minimum per grid cell for level 1 without polar regions for the last two decades from atmo and 10} \\
\text{Dimensionality} = 3 \\
\text{Coordinates} = \text{lat , lon , time} \\
\text{Extents} = 36 , 90 , 2 \\
\text{min\_l('10',atmo(20:-20,*,1,20))} & \quad \text{zonal tropical minima of atmo for the last decade and level 1} \\
\text{Dimensionality} = 1 \\
\text{Coordinates} = \text{lat} \\
\text{Extents} = 11
\end{align*}
**Example 8.5**  Experiment post-processing with advanced operators

### 8.4 Built-In Experiment Specific Operators

- Experiment specific operators are to navigate and process in the experiment space.
- Experiment specific operators must not be applied recursively.
- Addressing a variable within an experiment specific operator normally results in application of the operator on the whole run ensemble or parts of it and in aggregating across the run ensemble according to the operator.
- Addressing a variable outside an experiment specific operator results in application of the basic, advanced and/or user-defined operator on the variable for the default run number 0 of the experiment.
- If the dimensionality of an operator result is higher than that of one of its operands the additional dimensions of the result are appended to the dimensions of the operand. Examples for such operators are ens (for Monte Carlo analysis post-processing) and behav (for certain constellations of behavioural analysis post-processing).
8.4.1 Standard Aggregation / Moment Operators

Tab. 8.9 summarises multi-run standard aggregation / moment operators for behavioural analysis, Monte Carlo analysis and optimization. They work on the whole run ensemble (for Monte Carlo analysis and optimization) or parts of it (for certain constellations of behavioural analysis post-processing). They are used with suffix _e for Monte Carlo analysis and optimization and without any suffix for behavioural analysis. For a definition of these operators check Tab. 8.2 on page 86.

Tab. 8.9 Multi-run standard aggregation / moment operators

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Aggregation and moment operator</th>
<th>Argument restriction(s) / result description (Tab. 8.1, page 84)</th>
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<tr>
<td>min(arg)</td>
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<td>max(arg)</td>
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<td>sum(arg)</td>
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<td>avg(arg)</td>
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<td>var(arg)</td>
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<td>avgg(arg)</td>
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<tr>
<td>avgh(arg)</td>
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<tr>
<td>avgw( arg1, arg2)</td>
<td>arg2 = weight</td>
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<tr>
<td>hgr( char_arg1, int_arg2, real_arg3, real_arg4, arg5)</td>
<td>dim(res) = dim(arg2)+1</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ext(res,dim(res)) = number of bins</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>for char_arg1 = 'bin_no' (bin number):</td>
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<td></td>
<td>coord(res,dim(res)) = name = bin_no</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>values = equidist_end 1(1) number of bins</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>for char_arg1 = 'bin_mid' (bin mid):</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>coord(res,dim(res)) = name = bin_mid</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>values = equidist_end 1st bin mid (bin width) number of bins</td>
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<td></td>
<td>char_arg1 see above</td>
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<td></td>
<td>int_arg2 = number of bins</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>4 &lt;= int_arg2 &lt;= number_of_runs or</td>
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<td>0: automatic determination = max(4,number_of_runs/10)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>real_arg3 left bin bound for bin number 1</td>
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<td></td>
<td>real_arg4 right bin bound for bin number arg2</td>
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<td></td>
<td>real_arg3 = real_arg4 = 0.: determine bounds by min(ens(arg5)) and max(ens(arg5))</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>min(ens(arg5)) = max(ens(arg5)): all result values are undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>count( char_arg1, arg2)</td>
<td>arg1 = [ all</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>minprop(arg)</td>
<td>return the run number where the extreme is reached the first time.</td>
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<tr>
<td>maxprop(arg)</td>
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(1)
8.4.2 Global Sensitivity Analysis

Tab. 8.10  
**Experiment specific operator for global sensitivity analysis**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
<th>Argument restriction(s) / result description</th>
<th>Argument value restriction</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>morris(arg)</td>
<td>get global sensitivity measures for argument arg</td>
<td>dim(res) = dim(arg) + 2</td>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>ext(res,dim(res)-1) = number_of_factors</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>coord(res,dim(res)-1): name = factor_sequ</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>values = equidist_end 1(1)</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>ext(res,dim(res)) = 2</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>coord(res,dim(res)) = name = stat_measure</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>values = equidist_end 4(1)5</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>same as for Monte Carlo analysis</td>
<td>see Section 8.4.5</td>
<td>see Section 8.4.5</td>
<td>see Section 8.4.5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The operator morris appends two additional dimensions to the to dimensionality of its argument. The first corresponds to the number of factors and the second to the derived statistical measures. According to the coordinate values as described above the second additional dimension has the extent 2 and according to Tab. 10.11 the first index of this dimension holds the averages $\mu_{\text{abs}}$ and the second index the variances $\sigma$ to describe the importance of the corresponding factors.

Additionally, this experiment type allows to post-process the whole run ensemble as a Monte Carlo analysis. Keep in mind that the factors do not follow a pre-defined distribution.

Having a model output variable definition as in Example 5.1 on page 31. Assume the experiment description file (2) from Tab. 6.3 on page 55 then in result-processing

```plaintext
morris(max(atmo))
```

importance measures $\mu_{\text{abs}}$ and $\sigma$ for max(atmo) for the four defined factors

Dimensionality = 2
Coordinates = factor_sequ, stat_measure
Extents = 4, 2

```plaintext
rank('tie_plain',-clip('*_i=1',morris(max(atmo))))
```

ranks the importance measure $\mu_{\text{abs}}$ (rank 1 for the most important factor) for max(atmo) for the four defined factors

Dimensionality = 1
Coordinates = factor_sequ
Extents = 4

**Example 8.6**  
**Experiment post-processing operators for local sensitivity analysis**
8.4.3 Behavioural Analysis

There is only one experiment specific operator for behavioural analysis. With this operator behav

- A single run can be selected from the run ensemble
- The complete run ensemble can be addressed
- Sub-spaces from the experiment space can be addressed and
- Sub-spaces can be projected by aggregation and moment operators
dependent on the way the experiment factor space was to be scanned according to the sub-keyword ‘comb’ in the experiment description file.

To show the power of the operator behav the simple experiment layouts as described in Fig. 4.4 on page 18 are used as examples.

- With the operator behav it is possible to address for any operand a single run out of the run ensemble by fixing values of experiment factors p1 and p2 (for Fig. 4.4 (a)), a value of the parallel factors p1 or p2 (for Fig. 4.4 (b)), and values of factors p3 and p1 or p2 (for Fig. 4.4 (c)). Dimensionality and extents of the operator result is the same as that of the operand.

- Without any selection in the factor experiment space (p1,p2) and/or (p1,p2,p3) the dimensionality of the operator result is formed from the dimensionality of the operand enlarged by the dimensionality of the experiment space. Two additional dimensions are appended to the operand for Fig. 4.4 (a), one additional dimension for Fig. 4.4 (b), and two additional dimensions for Fig. 4.4 (c). For the latter two cases it is important which of the axis p1 and p2 is used for further processing and/or output of the operator result. The extents of the appended dimensions are determined by the number of sampled values.

- As a third option it is possible to select only a sub-space out of the experiment space to append to the operand. For Fig. 4.4 (a) this could be the sub-space formed from the first until the third sampled value of p1 and all adjusted values of p2 between 3 and 7. Dimensionality of the operator result increases by 2 and extents of these additional dimensions are 3 and 2 with respect to the corresponding Example 6.3 (3a) in Section 6.3.2 on page 58.

- The operator behav also enables to aggregate operands in the experiment space. In correspondence with the example in the last bullet point for Fig. 4.4 (a) the operand could be aggregated (e.g., averaged) over the first until the third sampled value of p1 autonomously for all runs with different values of p2 and afterwards this intermediate result (that now depends only on p2) could be summed up for all adjusted values of p2 between 3 and 7. Consequently, the result has the same dimensionality as the operand of behav. Sequence of performing aggregations is important.

Tab. 8.11 Experiment specific operator for behavioural analysis

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
<th>Argument restriction(s) / result description</th>
<th>Argument value restriction</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>behav(char_arg1, arg2)</td>
<td>navigation and aggregation in the experiment space for arg2 according to char_arg1</td>
<td>char_arg1= selection / aggregation filter according to Tab. 8.14 dim(res) = dim(arg2) + appended dimensions according to char_arg1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ens(arg)</td>
<td>whole run ensemble</td>
<td>dim(res) = dim(arg)+1 ext(res,dim(res)) = number_of_runs coord(res,dim(res)) = name = run values = equidist_end 1(1) number_of_runs</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Tab. 8.12  Syntax of the filter argument 1 for operator behav

<table>
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<th>Placeholder</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&lt;filter&gt;</td>
<td><img src="https://via.placeholder.com/150" alt="Image" /> { &lt;operator&gt; {, &lt;operator&gt; } ... } } ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;operator&gt;</td>
<td><img src="https://via.placeholder.com/150" alt="Image" /> &lt;select_operator&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;select_operator&gt;</td>
<td>sel( &lt;factor_val_type&gt; { &lt;factor_name&gt; { &lt;factor_val_range&gt; } )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;aggreg_operator&gt;</td>
<td>aggreg_type { &lt;factor_val_type&gt; { &lt;factor_name&gt; { &lt;factor_val_range&gt; } )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;factor_name&gt;</td>
<td>name of the experiment factor according to the experiment description file [ <img src="https://via.placeholder.com/150" alt="Image" /> ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;factor_val_type&gt;</td>
<td>specification how to interpret &lt;factor_val_range&gt;: [ <img src="https://via.placeholder.com/150" alt="Image" /> ]]</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>i as a range of position indices of factor values (always count from 1) [ <img src="https://via.placeholder.com/150" alt="Image" /> ]</td>
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<td>s as a range of sampled factor values &lt;factor_smp_val&gt; [ <img src="https://via.placeholder.com/150" alt="Image" /> ]</td>
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<td>a as a range of adjusted factor values &lt;factor_adj_val&gt; [ <img src="https://via.placeholder.com/150" alt="Image" /> ]</td>
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<tr>
<td>&lt;factor_val_range&gt;</td>
<td><img src="https://via.placeholder.com/150" alt="Image" /> { : &lt;val&gt; } } } ] }</td>
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<td>{ : &lt;val&gt; } }</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td><img src="https://via.placeholder.com/150" alt="Image" /> } }</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>for &lt;val&gt; = &lt;nil&gt; : <img src="https://via.placeholder.com/150" alt="Image" /> } }</td>
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<tr>
<td>&lt;aggreg_type&gt;</td>
<td>an aggregation / moment operator from Tab. 8.9 on page 100. [ <img src="https://via.placeholder.com/150" alt="Image" /> ]</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

The following rules hold for the operator behav:

- Generally, by the filter argument arg1 those runs from the run ensemble are selected and/or aggregated (here interpreted as filtered) that are used for the formation of the result.
- Consequently, if no filter is specified all runs are used:
  behavior(' ',atmo_g)

  The select operator has to be specified only if values are to be restricted by a corresponding factor value range.

  For the aggregation and the select operator the factor value type is redundant if the value range represents the full range of values by <factor_name> or <factor_name>(*):

  sel(p1) = sel(p1(*)) = sel_i(p1) = sel_s(p1) = sel_a(p1) = sel_i(p1(*)) = sel_s(p1(*)) = sel_a(p1(*))
  and all these select operators are redundant.

  The select-operator can also be applied to force a certain experiment factor to be used as a coordinate in the result of the operator behav if this factor is combined in parallel with other factors. By default, the first factor of a parallel factor sub-space as declared in the normalized (see Section 6.3.1) comb-line of the experiment description file is used in the behav-result.

  Aggregation operators reduce dimensionality of the covered experiment factor space in the behav-result.

  The sequence of aggregation operators in the first argument of the operator behav influences the result: Computation starts with the first aggregation operator and ends with the last:

  avg(p1), min(p2) normally differs from min(p2), avg(p1)

  An unused experiment factor in the selection and aggregation filter contributes with an additional dimension to arg2 to the result of the operator behav. The extent of this additional dimension corresponds to the number of sampled values of this factor in the experiment description file.

  A factor that is restricted by any of the select operators also contributes with an additional dimension to the result of the operator behav if the number of selected values is greater than 1. The extent of the additional dimension corresponds to the number of selected values of this factor by the select operator.

  Consequently, an empty character string arg1 forces to output the operand arg2 over the whole factor space of the experiment.
- The name of the coordinate that is assigned to an additional dimension is the name of the corresponding factor. Coordinate description and coordinate unit (cf. Section 5.1 on page 25) are associated with the corresponding information for the factor from the experiment description file.

- Coordinate values are formed from adjusted factor values. For strictly ordered factor sampled values in the experiment description file and finally for strictly ordered factor adjusted values the coordinate values are ordered accordingly in an increasing or decreasing manner. Unordered factor sampled values and finally unordered factor adjusted values are ordered in an increasing manner for coordinate usage. The result of the operator behav is always arranged according to ascending coordinate values for all additional dimensions.

- Independently from the declared sequence of the applied aggregation- and select-operators in argument 1 of the operator behav the factors that contribute to additional dimensions of the result of the operator behav are appended to the dimensions of the operand arg2 of behav according to the sequence they are used in the normalized (see Section 6.3.1) comb-line of the experiment description file. From parallel changing factors that factor is used in this sequence that is addressed explicitly or implicitly by the select-operator.

- For experiment factors that are changed in the experiment in parallel, that increase dimensionality of the result and where a select-operator is missing the first factor from this parallel sub-space in the normalized (see Section 6.3.1) comb-line is used in the result.

- For experiments that use a sample file (<model>.edf: specific comb file ...) instead of explicite sample definitions (<model.edf>: specific comb [ default | <combination> ]) all experiment factors are assumed to be combined in parallel.

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Having a model output variable definition as in Example 5.1 on page 31 and assuming address_default = coordinate in world_*.cfg
Assume the experiment layout in Fig. 4.4 (c) on page 18 and the corresponding experiment description file from Example 6.3 (3c) on page 58
then in result-processing

```plaintext
behav(' ',bios(*,*,20))  # last time step of bios dependent on (p2,p1) and p3
  Dimensionality = 4
  Coordinates = lat, lon, p2, p3
  Extents = 36, 90, 4, 3

behav('sel(p2)',bios(*,*,20))  # last time step of bios dependent on (p1,p2) and p3
  Dimensionality = 4
  Coordinates = lat, lon, p2, p3
  Extents = 36, 90, 4, 3

behav('sel_a(p2(4)),sel_i(p3(1))',atmo(*,*,1,*))
  select the single run out of the run ensemble for level 1
  p2 = 4 and p3 = 3.3
  Dimensionality = 3
  Coordinates = lat, lon, time
  Extents = 45, 90, 20

behav('sel_i(p2(1:3)),sel_s(p3(2:3))',atmo(*,*,1,20))
  last time step of atmo for level 1 depend. on (p2,p1) and p3
  use only runs for p2 = 1, 2, 3 and for p3 = 6.0, 8.4
  Dimensionality = 4
  Coordinates = lat, lon, p2, p3
  Extents = 45, 90, 3, 2

behav('avg_i(p2(1:3)),sel_i(p3(2:3))',atmo(*,*,1,1,20))
  mean of atmo for level 1 and for runs with p2 =1, 2, 3
  for each value of p3 = 8.4, 9.9
  Dimensionality = 4
  Coordinates = lat, lon, time, p3
  Extents = 45, 90, 20, 2
```
behav('min(p2),max(p3)',avg(atmo(*,*),1,19:20))
  determine single minima of avg(atmo) for level 1 and the
  last two decades for each value of p2
  afterwards determine from that the maximum over all p3.
  Dimensionality = 0
  Coordinates = (without)
  Extents = (without)

behav('max(p3),min(p2)',avg(atmo(*,*),1,19:20))
  Result differs normally from min(p2),max(p3)
  (previous result expression)

behav('count(def,p3),sel_i(p2=1)',bios(*,*),20))/3
  determine single numbers of defined values of
  bios for last decade for runs with p2=1.
  Result consists of values 0 (for water) and 1 (for land)
  Dimensionality = 2
  Coordinates = lat , lon
  Extents = 36 , 90

behav(' ',atmo(*,*),1,20)-run('sel_i(p1(1)),sel_i(p3(3))',
  atmo(*,*),1,20))
  deviation of the last time step of atmo for level 1
  from the run with p1=1, p2=1, p3=6
  dependent on (p1,p2) and p3
  Dimensionality = 4
  Coordinates = lat , lon , p1 , p3
  Extents = 45 , 90 , 4 , 3

Example file: world.post_3c

Example 8.7  Experiment post-processing operator behav for behavioural analysis

8.4.4 Local Sensitivity Analysis

Tab. 8.13 shows the experiment specific operators for local sensitivity analysis that can be used in post-
processing. For a definition of these operators check Tab. 4.2 on page 19.

Tab. 8.13  Experiment specific operators for local sensitivity analysis

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Argument restriction(s) / result description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>sens_abs(char_arg1, arg2)</td>
<td>absolute sensitivity measure for arg2 according to char_arg1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sens_rel(char_arg1, arg2)</td>
<td>relative sensitivity measure for arg2 according to char_arg1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>lin_abs(char_arg1, arg2)</td>
<td>absolute linearity measure for arg2 according to char_arg1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>lin_rel(char_arg1, arg2)</td>
<td>relative linearity measure for arg2 according to char_arg1</td>
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Argument value restriction

Example: world.post_3c
<table>
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<th>Name</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
<th>Argument restriction(s) / result description</th>
<th>Argument value restriction</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>sym_abs(</td>
<td>absolute symmetry measure for arg2 according to</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>char_arg1,</td>
<td>char_arg1)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>arg2)</td>
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<tr>
<td>sym_rel(</td>
<td>relative symmetry measure for arg2 according to</td>
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<td>char_arg1,</td>
<td>char_arg1)</td>
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<tr>
<td>arg2)</td>
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<tr>
<td>ens(arg)</td>
<td>whole run ensemble</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>dim(res) = dim(arg)+1</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ext(res,dim(res)) = number_of_runs</td>
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<td></td>
<td>coord(res,dim(res)) = number_of_runs</td>
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<td></td>
<td>name = run</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>values = equidist_end 1(1)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>number_of_runs</td>
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</table>

**Tab. 8.14** Syntax of the filter argument 1 for local sensitivity operators

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<td><code>&lt;filter&gt;</code></td>
<td><code>' { &lt;select_operator&gt;, ... {, &lt;select_operator&gt; } ... } '</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;select_operator&gt;</code></td>
<td>`[ self</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>with self = select factor range</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>seli = select increment range</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>sels = select sign range (only for sens_abs and sens_rel)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;factor_val_type&gt;</code></td>
<td>specification how to interpret <code>&lt;val_range&gt;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>i as a range of position indices (always count from 1) for self and seli</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>s as a range of sampled increment values for seli</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>n as a range of factor names (sequ. as in <code>&lt;model&gt;.edf</code>) for self</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>as a range of signs for sels</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;factor_val_range&gt;</code></td>
<td>`[ (&lt;val&gt;, { : &lt;val&gt; } )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>for <code>&lt;val&gt;</code> = <code>&lt;nil&gt;</code> : <code>&lt;val&gt;</code> = <code>&lt;val&gt;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(*) : use all values from <code>&lt;factor_name&gt;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>&lt;val&gt;</code> = <code>&lt;int_val&gt;</code> for <code>&lt;val_type&gt;</code> = i</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>&lt;val&gt;</code> = <code>&lt;real_val&gt;</code> for <code>&lt;val_type&gt;</code> = s</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>&lt;val&gt;</code> = <code>&lt;factor&gt;</code> for <code>&lt;val_type&gt;</code> = n (self)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>&lt;val&gt;</code> = `[ +</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The following rules hold for the filter argument in local sensitivity operators:

- Generally, by the filter argument char_arg1 those runs from the run ensemble are selected (here interpreted as filtered) that are used for the formation of the result. Consequently, if no filter is specified all runs are used:
  ```
  sens_abs(`\`\`\`\`\`\`\`\`,atmo_g)
  ```
  The filter operator has to be specified only if values are to be restricted by corresponding factor values, increment values and/or sign ranges.

- For the above three select operators self, seli and sels the factor value type is redundant if the factor value range represents the full range of values by `[ self | seli | sels ] (*)`:
  ```
  self(*) = self_n(*) = self_i(*) and all are redundant.
  ```

- Each select operator can be applied only once within the filter argument.

- For `<val_type>` = i, i.e. if a factor value range is specified by position indices those factors are selected for self and/or those increments are selected for seli that correspond to the specified position indices. Position indices are assigned from index 1 to the factors and or increments according to their specification sequence in the corresponding experiment description file `<model>.edf`. 

- For `<val_type>` = sels, the sign range is specified by the sigh range(s) of the factors (only for sens_abs and sens_rel)
If more than one factor, increment value and/or sign was selected by the filter argument arg1 it contributes with an additional dimension to the result of the local sensitivity operator:

- For factors: an additional dimension factor_sequ
- For increments: an additional dimension incr
- For signs: an additional dimension sign

is appended to the dimensions of the argument arg2 to form the result of the local sensitivity operator. The extent of this additional dimension corresponds to the defined and/or selected number of factors, increment values and/or signs. For a definition of the additional dimensions check Tab. 10.11. Firstly, dimension factor_sequ is appended on demand, secondly dimension incr and thirdly dimension sign.

Having a model output variable definition as in Example 5.1 on page 31 and assuming address_default=coordinate in <model>.cfg

Assume the experiment description file (4) from Example 6.4 on page 60 then in result-processing

```
sens_abs(' ',atmo_g)  absolute sensitivity measure for atmo_g
                    for all factors, increments and signs
                    Dimensionality = 4
                    Coordinates = time, factor_sequ, incr, sign
                    Extents = 20, 3, 4, 2

sens_rel('sels_n(+),self_i(1)','atmo_g') relative sensitivity measure for atmo_g
                                      for factor p1 and all positive increments
                                      Dimensionality = 2
                                      Coordinates = time, incr
                                      Extents = 20, 4

sens_abs('seli_s(0.001:0.05)','atmo_g') absolute sensitivity measure for atmo_g
                                      for all factors, increment values 1 to 3 and all signs
                                      Dimensionality = 4
                                      Coordinates = time, factor_sequ, incr, sign
                                      Extents = 20, 3, 3, 2

lin_abs('seli_s(0.001:0.05)','atmo_g') absolute linearity measure for atmo_g
                                      for all factors and increment values 1 to 3
                                      Dimensionality = 3
                                      Coordinates = time, factor_sequ, incr, sign
                                      Extents = 20, 3, 3
```

Example file: world.post_f

**Example 8.8** Experiment post-processing operators for local sensitivity analysis
8.4.5 Monte Carlo Analysis

Tab. 8.15 shows experiment specific operators for Monte Carlo analysis that can be used in post-processing besides the general multi-run aggregation operators listed in Tab. 8.9 on page 100 and supplemented with a suffix _e.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
<th>Argument restriction(s) / result description (Tab. 8.1, page 84)</th>
<th>Argument value restriction</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>same as in Tab. 8.9 with suffix _e</td>
<td>see Tab. 8.9</td>
<td>see Tab. 8.9</td>
<td>see Tab. 8.9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cnf( real_arg1, arg2)</td>
<td>positive distance of confidence measure from mean avg_e(arg2)</td>
<td>real_arg1 probability of error</td>
<td>arg1 = [ 0.001</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cor( arg1, arg2)</td>
<td>correlation coefficient between arg1 and arg2</td>
<td>(2.1)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cov( arg1, arg2)</td>
<td>covariance between arg1 and arg2</td>
<td>(2.1)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ens(arg)</td>
<td>whole run ensemble</td>
<td>dim(res) = dim(arg) + 1 ext(res,dim(res)) = number_of_runs coord(res,dim(res)) = name = run values = equidist_end 1(1) number_of_runs</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>krt(arg)</td>
<td>kurtosis (4th moment)</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>med(arg)</td>
<td>median</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>qnt( real_arg1, arg2)</td>
<td>quantile of arg2</td>
<td>real_arg1 quantile value</td>
<td>0. ≤ arg1 ≤ 100.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>reg( arg1, arg2)</td>
<td>linear regression coefficient to forecast arg2 from arg1</td>
<td>(2.1)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>rng(arg)</td>
<td>range = max_e(arg) - min_e(arg)</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>skw(arg)</td>
<td>skewness (3rd moment)</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>stat_full( real_arg1, real_arg2, real_arg3, real_arg4,arg5)</td>
<td>full basic statistical measures of arg5</td>
<td>dim(res) = dim(arg) + 1 ext(res,dim(res)) = 10 coord(res,dim(res)) = name = stat_measure values = equidist_end 1(1)</td>
<td>arg1, arg2 = [ 0.001</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>stat_red( real_arg1, real_arg2, arg3)</td>
<td>reduced basic statistical measures of arg3</td>
<td>dim(res) = dim(arg) + 1 ext(res,dim(res)) = 7 coord(res,dim(res)) = name = stat_measure values = equidist_end 1(1)</td>
<td>arg1, arg2 = [ 0.001</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The following explanations hold for the operators in Tab. 8.15:

- The operators stat_full and stat_red supply basic statistical measures for their last argument. Both operators are stand-alone operators: They must not be operands of any other operator. Contrary, their last argument can be composed from other non-multi-run operators. To store the statistical measures, dimensionality of both operators is that of their last argument, appended by an additional dimension with an extent of 10 and/or 7. Appended coordinate description is pre-defined by SimEnv (cf. Tab. 10.11).

These ten data fields (for operator stat_full) and/or seven data fields (operator stat_red) correspond to the following statistical measures:
1. Deterministic run (run number 0)
2. Run ensemble minimum
3. Run ensemble maximum
4. Run ensemble mean
5. Run ensemble variance
6. Run ensemble positive distance of confidence measure from run ensemble mean for probability of error real_arg1
7. Run ensemble positive distance of confidence measure from run ensemble mean for probability of error real_arg2

Only for operator stat_full:
8. Run ensemble median
9. Run ensemble quantile for quantile value real_arg3
10. Run ensemble quantile for quantile value real_arg4

The operator stat_red was introduced because computation of the median and quantiles consumes a lot of auxiliary storage space. For the definition of the statistical measures check the corresponding single operators in Tab. 8.9 and Tab. 8.15. Both operators were designed for application of an appropriate visualization technique in result evaluation in future.

Having a model output variable definition as in Example 5.1 on page 31 and assuming address_default=coordinate in world_*.cfg

Assume the Monte Carlo experiment from Example 6.5 (5) on page 63 then in experiment post-processing

```
avg_e(p1*atmo(*,*,1,19:20))  global run ensemble mean of p1*atmo for level 1
and the last two decades
Dimensionality = 3
Coordinates = lat , lon , time
Extents = 45 , 90 , 2

avg(atmo(*,*,1,19:20))     global mean of atmo for level 1 and the last two decades
for run number 0
Dimensionality = 0
Coordinates = (without)
Extents = (without)

ens(atmo(*,*,1,20)        run ensemble values of atmo for level 1 and the last decade
Dimensionality = 3
Coordinates = lat , lon , run
Extents = 45 , 90 , 250

minprop_e(atmo(*,*,1,19:20)) run ensemble run number for level 1 and the last two decades
where the minimum of atmo is reached the first time
Dimensionality = 3
Coordinates = lat , lon , time
Extents = 45 , 90 , 2
```
**Example 8.9** Experiment post-processing operators for Monte Carlo analysis

### 8.4.6 Optimization

The goal of an optimization experiment is to minimize a cost function by determining the corresponding optimal point in the factor space. Nevertheless, the specified model output from all single runs is stored during the experiment.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
<th>Argument restriction(s)/result description</th>
<th>Argument value restriction</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>same as for Monte Carlo analysis</td>
<td>see Section 8.4.5</td>
<td>see Section 8.4.5</td>
<td>see Section 8.4.5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

While the single run that corresponds to the optimal cost function can be post-processed in the single-run modus, the whole experiment can be post-processed as a Monte Carlo analysis. Keep in mind that the factors do not follow a pre-defined distribution.
8.5 User-Defined and Composed Operators / Operator Interface

Besides application of built-in operators during experiment post-processing SimEnv enables construction and application of user-defined and composed post-processing operators. A user-defined operator is supplied by the user in the form of a stand-alone executable that is to perform the operator. Contrarily, a composed operator can be derived from both built-in and user-defined operators to generate more complex operators. User-defined and composed operators are announced to the environment in a user-defined operator description file <model>.odf by their names and the number of character, integer constant, real constant and “normal” arguments. This information is used to check user-defined and composed operators syntactically during experiment post-processing and by the SimEnv service simenv.chk. Sequence of the operator arguments follows the same rule as for built-in operator (cf. Section 8.1.4).

A user-defined operator itself is a stand-alone executable that is executed during the check and the computation of the operator chain. While the main program of this executable is made available by SimEnv the user has to supply two functions in C/C++ or Fortran with pre-defined names that represent the check and the computational part. For declaration of both functions SimEnv comes with a set of operator interface functions. They can be used among others to get dimensionality, length, extents and coordinates of an argument and to get and check argument values and to put operator results.

For a composed operator the operator description file <model>.odf simply holds the definition of the corresponding operator chain composed from built-in and user-defined operators and using formal arguments.

8.5.1 Declaration of User-Defined Operator Dynamics

User-defined operators consist of a declarative and a computational part, that are described in one source file in two C/C++ or Fortran functions (cf. Tab. 8.17):

- Function `simenv_check_user_def_operator`
  This is the declarative part of the operator. The consistency of the non-character operands can be checked with respect to dimensionality, dimensions and coordinates as well as the values of character arguments can be checked. Dimensionality, extents and coordinates of the result have to be defined, normally in dependence on the argument information.

- Function `simenv_compute_user_defined_operator`
  This is the computational part of the operator. In the computational part the result of the operator in dependence of its operands is computed.

A function value ≠ 0 of `simenv_check_user_def_operator()` should be set according to the following rules:

- If appropriate, forward function value from the operator interface function `simenv_chk_2args_[f|c]` (see below) to the function value of `simenv_check_user_def_operator()`. The corresponding error message is reported automatically by the experiment post-processor. Return code 4 from `simenv_chk_2args_[f|c]` is only an information and no warning and is not reported.

- Other detected inconsistencies between operands have to be reported to the user by a simple print-statement within `simenv_check_user_def_operator`. The corresponding return code has to be greater than 5.

Tab. 8.18 summarizes these SimEnv operator interface functions that can be applied in the declarative and computational part written in Fortran or C/C++ (postfix f for Fortran, c for C/C++) to get and put structure information. In this table the input and output data types are documented for functions used in Fortran. For C/C++ the corresponding data types are valid. Implementation of the functions for C/C++ is based on a call by reference for the function arguments.
### Tab. 8.17 Operator interface functions for the declarative and computational part

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Function name</th>
<th>Function description</th>
<th>Inputs / outputs / function value</th>
<th>Inputs / outputs / function value description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>simenv_check_user_def_opr()</code></td>
<td>check consistency of operator arguments and defines dimensionality and dimensions of result</td>
<td><code>integer*4</code></td>
<td>return code = 0 ok ≠ 0 inconsistency between operands</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>simenv_compute_user_def_opr(res)</code></td>
<td>compute result of the operator in dependency on operands</td>
<td><code>real*4 res(1)</code> (output)</td>
<td>result vector of the operator</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>simenv_check_user_def_opr()</code> (function value)</td>
<td></td>
<td><code>integer*4 res()</code></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Operator results of a dimensionality > 1 have to be stored to the field `res` using the Fortran storage model (cf. Section 15.7 - Glossary).

### Tab. 8.18 Operator interface functions to get and put structural information

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<tr>
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<tr>
<td><code>simenv_get_char_arg_</code> (iarg, char)</td>
<td>get string and string length of a character argument</td>
<td><code>integer*4 iarg</code> (input)</td>
<td>argument number</td>
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<td></td>
<td><code>character(*) char</code> (output)</td>
<td>string of the character argument</td>
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<td></td>
<td><code>integer*4</code></td>
<td>length of character argument</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>simenv_get_char_arg_</code> (function value)</td>
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</table>

Declare char with a sufficient length.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th><code>simenv_get_dim_arg_</code> (iarg, iext)</th>
<th>get dimensionality and extents of an argument</th>
<th><code>integer*4 iarg</code> (input)</th>
<th>argument number, 0 for result</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>iext(9) (output)</td>
<td></td>
<td>extents of argument / result</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>`integer*4 iext(1) ... iext(simenv_get_dim_arg_[f</td>
<td>c])...`</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>simenv_get_dim_arg_</code> (function value)</td>
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Get dimensionality and extents of the result.

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Get dimensionality of argument / result.
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<tr>
<td>simenv_</td>
<td>get_len_arg_</td>
<td>integer*4 iarg (input)</td>
<td>argument number, 0 for result</td>
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<td>[f</td>
<td>c ] (</td>
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<td></td>
<td>iarg )</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_</td>
<td>get_nr_arg_</td>
<td>integer*4 iarg (input)</td>
<td>length of argument / result</td>
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<td>[f</td>
<td>c ] (</td>
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<td>)</td>
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<tr>
<td>simenv_</td>
<td>get_type_arg_</td>
<td>integer*4 iarg (input)</td>
<td>argument number, 0 for result</td>
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<td></td>
<td>[f</td>
<td>c ] (</td>
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<td></td>
<td>iarg )</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_</td>
<td>get_co_chk_</td>
<td>integer*4 iarg (input)</td>
<td>number of arguments</td>
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<td>iarg, ico_nr,</td>
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<td>simenv_</td>
<td>get_co_val_</td>
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<td>number of the coordinates</td>
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<td>[f</td>
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<td>co_val )</td>
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<td>get for a coordinate</td>
<td>integer*4 iarg (input)</td>
<td>number of the coordinate</td>
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<td>value at a specified</td>
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<td>get for a coordinate</td>
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<td>number of the coordinate</td>
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<td>Function name</td>
<td>Function description</td>
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<tr>
<td>real*4</td>
<td>co_val (output)</td>
<td>coordinate value</td>
<td>For non-monotonic coordinate values:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Do not get value number ico_pos but the (ico_pos) th smallest value (sort values in increasing manner)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>integer*4</td>
<td>simenv_</td>
<td>return code</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>get_co_arg_</td>
<td>= 0 ok</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>[ f</td>
<td>c ]</td>
<td>= 1 ico_pos out of range</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(function value)</td>
<td>= 2 storage exceeded</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>integer*4</td>
<td>iarg1</td>
<td>argument number</td>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>(input)</td>
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<tr>
<td>integer*4</td>
<td>iarg2</td>
<td>argument number</td>
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<td>(input)</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>integer*4</td>
<td>simenv_</td>
<td>return code</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>chk_2args_</td>
<td>= 0 ok</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>[ f</td>
<td>c ]</td>
<td>= 1 differing dimensionalities</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(function value)</td>
<td>= 2 differing extents</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>= 3 differing coordinates according to the sub-keyword ‘coord_check’ in &lt;model&gt;.cfg</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>integer*4</td>
<td>idimens</td>
<td>dimensionality of the result</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(input)</td>
<td></td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>integer*4</td>
<td>iext(9)</td>
<td>extents of the result</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(input)</td>
<td></td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>integer*4</td>
<td>ico_nr(9)</td>
<td>formal coordinate numbers of the result</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(input)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>integer*4</td>
<td>ico_beg_pos(9)</td>
<td>formal coordinate begin position for formal coordinate number ico_nr of the result</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(input)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>integer*4</td>
<td>simenv_</td>
<td>return code</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>put_dim_res_</td>
<td>= 0 ok</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>[ f</td>
<td>c ]</td>
<td>≠ 0 inconsistency between operands</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(function value)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

All of these operator interface functions return -999 as an error indicator if an argument iarg is invalid. Output arguments are set to -999 as well.

Tab. 8.19 summarizes these SimEnv operator interface functions that can be applied in the computational part written in Fortran or C/C++ (postfix f for Fortran, c for C/C++) to get and check argument values and put...
results. In this table the input and output data types are documented for functions used in Fortran. For C/C++ the corresponding data types are valid. Implementation of the functions for C/C++ is based on a call by reference for the function arguments.

To handle real*4 underflow and overflow during computation of the operator results with real*4 argument values it is advisable to compute operator results temporarily as real*8 values and afterwards to transform these values back to the final real*4 operator result by the function simenv_clip_undef_[f | c].

### Tab. 8.19 Operator interface functions to get / check / put arguments and results

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Function name</th>
<th>Function description</th>
<th>Inputs / outputs / function value</th>
<th>Inputs / outputs / function value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>simenv_get_arg_</td>
<td>get value of a non-character argument with index index</td>
<td>integer*4 iarg (input)</td>
<td>argument number</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[f</td>
<td>c]</td>
<td></td>
<td>integer*4 index (input)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(iarg,index)</td>
<td></td>
<td>real*4 simenv_get_arg_ [f</td>
<td>c]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>(function value)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_clip_undef_</td>
<td><strong>overflow:</strong> set a real<em>8 value to an undefined real</em>4 result if appropriate</td>
<td>real*8 value (input)</td>
<td>value to be checked</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[f</td>
<td>c] (value)</td>
<td><strong>underflow:</strong> set a real<em>8 value to real</em>4 0. if appropriate</td>
<td>real*4 simenv_clip_undef_ [f</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>(function value)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_chk_undef_</td>
<td>check whether value is undefined before processing it</td>
<td>real*4 value (input)</td>
<td>argument value to be checked</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[f</td>
<td>c] (value)</td>
<td></td>
<td>integer*4 simenv_is.Undef_ [f</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>(function value)</td>
<td>= 0 value is defined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>= 1 value is undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_put_undef_</td>
<td>set a result value as undefined</td>
<td>real*4 simenv_put_undef_ [f</td>
<td>c]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[f</td>
<td>c] ( )</td>
<td></td>
<td>(function value)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Example: simenv_put_undef_[f</td>
<td>c]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>( )</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
In SimEnv the declarative and computational part of a user-defined operator <opr> is hosted in a source file usr_opr_<opr>[ f | c | cpp ]. The assigned executable has the name usr_opr_<opr> and has to be located in that directory that is stated in <model>.cfg as the hosting directory opr_directory for user-defined operators.

The include file simenv_opr_f.inc and simenv_opr_c.inc from the inc subdirectory of the SimEnv home directory can be used in user-defined operators to declare the SimEnv operator interface functions for Fortran and/or C/C++ (cf. also Tab. 10.6).

Apply the shell script

simenv_opr_[ f | c | cpp ].lnk <opr>

from the SimEnv library directory $SE_HOME/lib to compile and link from usr_opr_<opr>[ f | c | cpp ] an executable usr_opr_<opr> that represents the user-defined operator <opr>. Like the main program for the operator also the object $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_opr.o is supplied by SimEnv. This object file has to be linked with usr_opr_<opr>.o and the object library $SE_HOME/lib/libsimenv.a.

Tab. 15.13 lists the additionally used symbols when linking a user-defined operator.

In Section 15.3 on page 183 implementation of the user-defined operator matmul_[ f | c ] is described in detail. It corresponds to the built-in operator matmul. Additionally, check the user-defined operators from Tab. 15.6 and apply them during experiment post-processing.

8.5.2 Undefined Results in User-Defined Operators

Check always by the SimEnv operator interface function simenv_chk_undef( val ) (cf. Tab. 8.19) whether an argument value val is undefined before it is processed.

Set a result to be undefined by the SimEnv operator interface function simenv_put_undef( ) (cf. Tab. 8.19)

Check usr_opr_matmul_[ f | c ] in Section 15.3 or usr_opr_div.f in the example directory $SE_HOME/exa of SimEnv for more detailed examples.

If things go so wrong that computation of the whole result expression has to be stopped it is possible to alternatively

- Set all elements of the results to be undefined
- Set simenv_compute_user_def_operator ≠ 0 (otherwise set it always = 0)

In both cases application of the following operators in the operator chain of the result expression will be suppressed and consequently computation of the result expression will be stopped

- Check usr_opr_char_test.f for a detailed example

8.5.3 Composed Operators

A composed operator is an operator chain composed from built-in and user-defined operators. The concept of composed operators enables construction of more complex operators from built-in and user-defined ones. A composed operator is defined with formal arguments that are used in the operator chain as arguments. Formal arguments are replaced by current arguments when applying a composed operator during experiment post-processing. In this sense, the definition of a composed operator in SimEnv corresponds to the definition of a function in a programming language: When calling the function formal arguments are replaced by current arguments. Consequently, composed operators offer the same flexibility as built-in or user-defined operators.

Like built-in and user-defined operators, a composed operator can have nine formal arguments at maximum. Sequence of these arguments is also the same as for the other operators: Character arguments followed by integer constant arguments, real constant arguments and normal arguments.

For composed operators the operand set (cf. Section 8.1.2) to form the operator by a chain of operators is restricted to

- Constants in integer and real / float notation
- Character strings
- Operator results from built-in and user-defined operators

Not allowed as operands are

- Model output variables
- Experiment factors
• Composed operators
• Macros
Additionally have to be used
• Formal arguments arg1,...,arg9

Check the following example how to specify composed operators.

```
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>composed operator name</th>
<th>character argument</th>
<th>“normal” argument</th>
<th>composed operator definition</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>rel_count</td>
<td>arg1,</td>
<td>arg2</td>
<td>100 * count(arg1,arg2) /</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>count(‘all’,arg2)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>error_1</td>
<td>arg1,</td>
<td>arg2</td>
<td>count(arg1,arg2) *</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>hgr(arg1,0,0.,0.,arg2)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>error_2</td>
<td>arg1</td>
<td></td>
<td>arg1 *</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>hgr(‘bin_mid’,10,0.,0.,arg1)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
```

Having a model output variable definition as in Example 5.1 on page 31
then for example, the operator rel_count can be applied by

```
rel_count(‘def’,bios)
rel_count(‘def’,bios(c=20:-20,*,1))
rel_count(‘undef’,100*bios)
```

**Example 8.10  Composed operators**

Composed operators are checked syntactically by the SimEnv service simenv.chk. When performing simenv.chk validity of the following information is **not** cross-checked between formal arguments:

- Character arguments of operators
  - Example: The composed operator error_1 is considered by simenv.chk to be valid though argument 1 of operator count is limited to values [‘all’ | ‘def’ | ‘undef’] and argument 1 of operator hgr is limited to values [‘bin_no’ | ‘bin_mid’]
- Use of “normal” formal arguments in the operator chain with respect to their dimensionality, extents and coordinates
  - Example: The composed operator error_2 is considered by simenv.chk to be valid though the dimensionality of the operator hgr in this constellation is always higher than that of the argument arg1 and consequently, multiplication between arg1 and hgr(.) is impossible.

**8.5.4 Operator Description File <model>.odf**

<model>.odf is an ASCII file that follows the coding rules in Section 11.1 on page 141 with the keywords, names, sub-keywords, and values as in Tab. 8.20. <model>.odf announces the user-defined and composed operators by their names, and the number of character, integer constant, real constant, and normal arguments that belong to an operator. Additionally, <model>.odf hosts for composed operators the corresponding operator chain using formal arguments. <model>.odf is exploited to check a user-defined and/or composed operator syntactically when performing it during experiment post-processing.
### Tab. 8.20
Elements of an operator description file `<model>.odf`

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>keyword</th>
<th>name</th>
<th>sub-keyword</th>
<th>Line type</th>
<th>Max. line nmb.</th>
<th>values</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>general</td>
<td>&lt;nil&gt;</td>
<td>descr</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>any</td>
<td>&lt;string&gt;</td>
<td>general operator descriptions</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>opr_defined</td>
<td></td>
<td>descr</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;string&gt;</td>
<td>number of arguments defined for the operator:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>arguments</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;int_val&gt;, &lt;int_val&gt;, &lt;int_val&gt;, &lt;int_val&gt;</td>
<td><code>&lt;int_val&gt; ≥ 0:</code> character arguments</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><code>&lt;int_val&gt; ≥ 0:</code> integer constant arguments</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><code>&lt;int_val&gt; &gt; 0:</code> real constant arguments</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><code>&lt;int_val&gt; &gt; 0:</code> &quot;normal&quot; arguments</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>opr_composed</td>
<td></td>
<td>descr</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;string&gt;</td>
<td>operator definition string</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>arguments</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;int_val&gt;, &lt;int_val&gt;, &lt;int_val&gt;, &lt;int_val&gt;</td>
<td>number of arguments defined for the operator.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Explanations and restrictions are the same as for a user-defined operator.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To Tab. 8.20 the following additional rules and explanations apply:

- For the description of `line type` check Tab. 11.4 on page 143.
- The sequence of the four integer values `<int_val>`,..., `<int_val>` follows the sequence of arguments in built-in, user-defined and composed operators.
- The sum `<int_val> +...+ <int_val>` has to be less equal 9.
- Use the SimEnv service simenv.chk to check user-defined and composed operators.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>keyword</th>
<th>name</th>
<th>sub-keyword</th>
<th>Line type</th>
<th>Max. line nmb.</th>
<th>values</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>general</td>
<td>descr</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Operator description for the examples in the SimEnv User Guide</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>opr_defined</td>
<td>matmul_f</td>
<td>descr</td>
<td>arguments</td>
<td>0,0,0,2</td>
<td>matrix multiplication (in Fortran)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>opr_defined</td>
<td>matmul_f</td>
<td>descr</td>
<td>arguments</td>
<td>0,0,0,2</td>
<td>matrix multiplication (in C)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>opr_defined</td>
<td>corr_coeff</td>
<td>descr</td>
<td>arguments</td>
<td>0,0,0,2</td>
<td>correlation coefficient r</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>opr_defined</td>
<td>div</td>
<td>descr</td>
<td>arguments</td>
<td>0,0,0,2</td>
<td>arithmetic division</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>opr_defined</td>
<td>simple_div</td>
<td>descr</td>
<td>arguments</td>
<td>0,0,0,2</td>
<td>division without undefined-check</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
8.6 Undefined Results

By performing operator chains and due to possibly unwritten model output during simulation parts of the intermediate and/or final result values can be undefined within the float data representation.

If an operand is completely undefined the computation of the result is stopped without evaluating the following operands and operators.

For undefined / nodata value representation check Tab. 10.13.

8.7 Macros and Macro Definition File <model>.mac

- In experiment post-processing a macro is an abbreviation for a result expression, consisting of an operator chain applied on operands.
- Generally, they are model related and they are defined by the user.
- Macros are identified in experiment post-processing expressions by the suffix _m.
- A macro is plugged into a result expression by putting it into parentheses during parsing:
  Example: equ_100yrs_m*test_mac_m
  from Example 8.12 below is identical to
  \( (\text{avg}(\text{atmo}(c=20:-20,*,c=1,c=11:20))-400)*(1+(2+3)*4) \)
- Macros must not contain macros.
- Use simenv.chk to check macros. During the macro check validity of the following information is not checked:
  - Un-pre-defined character arguments of built-in operators (cf. Tab. 15.10)
  - Integer or real constant arguments of built-in operators
  - Character arguments of user-defined operators
  - Operators with respect to dimensionality and dimensions of its operands

In SimEnv macros are defined in the file <model>.mac. <model>.mac is an ASCII file that follows the coding rules in Section 11.1 on page 141 with the keywords, names, sub-keywords, and values as in Tab. 8.21. <model>.mac describes the user-defined macros.
### Tab. 8.21  Elements of a macro description file `<model>.mac`

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>keyword</th>
<th>name</th>
<th>sub-keyword</th>
<th>Line type</th>
<th>Max. line nmb.</th>
<th>value</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>general</td>
<td>&lt;nil&gt;</td>
<td>descr</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>any</td>
<td>&lt;string&gt;</td>
<td>general macro descriptions</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>macro</td>
<td><code>&lt;macro_name&gt;</code></td>
<td>descr</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;string&gt;</td>
<td>macro description</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>unit</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;string&gt;</td>
<td>unit of the value of the macro</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>define</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>≥1</td>
<td>&lt;string&gt;</td>
<td></td>
<td>macro definition string</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>macro definition string can be arranged at a series of define-lines in analogy to the rules for result expressions (cf. Section 8.1.1).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To Tab. 8.21 the following additional rules and explanations apply:
- For the description of line type check Tab. 11.4 on page 143.
- Values for sub-keywords ‘descr’ and ‘unit’ are not evaluated during parsing a result expression.

| general  | descr | Macro definitions for the examples in the SimEnv User Guide |
| general  | descr | 2nd century tropical level 1 average |
| macro    | equ_100yrs | descr | without |
| macro    | equ_100yrs | unit | avg(atmo(c=20:-20,*,c=1,c=11:20)) |
| macro    | tst    | descr | test macro |
| macro    | tst    | define | 1+(2+3)* |
| macro    | tst    | define | 4 |

**Example files:** `world_[ f | c | cpp | py | ja | sh ].mac`

### Example 8.12  User-defined macro definition file `<model>.mac`

#### 8.8 Wildcard Operands `&v&` and `&f&`

In SimEnv, wildcard operands offer a convenient approach to compute a result expression successively for all defined model output variables and experiment factors. Wildcard operands are used in the same manner as normal operands when defining a result expression. There are two wildcard operands at disposal:

- `&v&` wildcard operand for any model output variable
- `&f&` wildcard operand for any experiment factor

When applying in a result expression only one wildcard type (i.e., either `&v&` or `&f&`) the result expression is performed repetitively where the wildcard is replaced successively by all model output variables and experiment factors, respectively. When applying both `&v&` and `&f&` in a result expression the result expression is performed for the Cartesian product of all model output variables and experiment factors.

Wildcard operands must not be used in macro definitions (cf. Section 8.7). The wildcard operand `&v&` for model output variables cannot be restricted to a portion of the variable by appending a sub-specification in brackets as explained in Section 8.1.3 (e.g., `&v&(i=3:10)` is not allowed).
Note that the strings &v& and &f& are only substituted in the result string by model variables and/or model factors if they are
- prefixed by [ ( | + | - | / | * | begin of result string] and
- postfixed by [ ( | + | - | / | * | end of result string ]

Having a model output variable definition as in Example 5.1 on page 31 and assuming the experiment description file (3b) from Example 6.3 on page 58 then in result-processing

```
behav(' ','sin(&v&))
```
results in
```
behav(' ','sin(atmo))
behav(' ','sin(bios))
behav(' ','sin(atmo_g))
behav(' ','sin(bios_g))
```

```
behav(' ','&v*&f&)
```
results in
```
behav(' ','atmo*p1)
behav(' ','bios*p1)
behav(' ','atmo_g*p1)
behav(' ','bios_g*p1)
behav(' ','atmo*p2)
behav(' ','bios*p2)
behav(' ','atmo_g*p2)
behav(' ','bios_g*p2)
```

**Example 8.13**  
Experiment post-processing with wildcard operands

### 8.9 Saving Results

The result files `<model>.res<simenv_res_char>.{nc | ieee | ascii}` and `<model>.inf<simenv_res_char>.{ieee | ascii}` contain all the model and experiment information for further processing of results.
9 Visual Experiment Evaluation

Experiment evaluation in SimEnv is based on its visualization framework SimEnvVis. The SimEnvVis approach is to apply visualization techniques to the output data, derived during experiment post-processing and stored in NetCDF format. SimEnvVis does not belong to the standard SimEnv distribution. It can be obtained from the SimEnv developers on request.

Analysis and evaluation of post-processed data selected and derived from large amount of relevant model output benefits from visualization techniques. Based on metadata information of the post-processed experiment type, the applied operator chain, and the dimensionalities of the post-processor output pre-formed visualization modules are evaluated by a suitability coefficient how they can map the data in an appropriate manner.

The visualization modules offer a high degree of user support and interactivity to cope with multi-dimensional data structures. They cover among others standard techniques such as isolines, isosurfaces, direct volume rendering and a 3D difference visualization techniques (for spatial and temporal data visualization). These techniques are accompanied by parallel coordinates, graphical table and scatterplot matrixes techniques. Furthermore, approaches to navigate intuitively through large multi-dimensional data sets have been applied, including details on demand, interactive filtering and animation.

Using the OpenDX platform, OpenGL and Ferret visualization techniques have been designed and implemented, suited in the context of analysis and evaluation of derived multi-run output functions.

Currently, visual experiment evaluation is the only SimEnv service that comes with a graphical user interface. In this user interface a help-services is implemented that should be used to gather additional information on how to select post-processed results for visualization and on visualization techniques provided by SimEnvVis. Additionally, a SimEnvVis user documentation is available from the SimEnv website.

Visualization of post-processed experiment output is started by the SimEnv service simenv.vis (check Section 10.2) and directly during experiment post-processing by the service simenv.res if in the file <model>.cfg (check Section 10.1) this feature is enabled by

```
    postproc visualization yes
```

At PIK, the SimEnvVis framework is installed at viss01.pik-potsdam.de. Access to viss01 is requested by the SimEnv service simenv.key. Check Section 10.2 for more information.

To apply SimEnvVis, an X11 server must run on the client’s machine. On Windows systems this may be Hummingbird or Cygwin/X, on Mac machines an XTerm.
10 General Control, Services, User Files, and Settings

In the control file simenv_settings.txt general SimEnv settings are defined, while <model>.cfg is a model and workspace-related general configuration file to control preparation, performance and analysis of an experiment. Besides simulation performance and experiment post-processing SimEnv supplies a set of auxiliary services to check status of the model, to dump model and post-processor output and files and to clean a model from output files. General built-in settings reflect case sensitivity, nodata values and other information related to SimEnv.

10.1 General Configuration Files simenv_settings.txt and <model>.cfg

$SE_HOME/bin/simenv_settings.txt is the general SimEnv settings file. It is a case-sensitive ASCII file with the structure

<keyword>   <sep>   <value>

Tab. 10.1 lists the keywords and their values. Unless marked by (*), each of the keywords has to be used exactly one time, even it is not necessary for the current SimEnv installation. Keywords marked by (*) can be multiple specified.

Tab. 10.1 Elements of the file simenv_settings.txt

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Keyword</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SimEnv_admin</td>
<td>email address of the SimEnv administrator</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>logfile_directory</td>
<td>directory to store SimEnv log files</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SimEnv_home_directory2log</td>
<td>SE_HOME directory to store log files from</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>jms_login_node</td>
<td>login node for a compute cluster to access the job management system JMS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>postproc_test_suite</td>
<td>specification of test mode for experiment post-processing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SimEnvVis_server_hostname</td>
<td>name of the visualization server that hosts the visualization component SimEnvVis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SimEnvVis_server_account</td>
<td>account on the visualization server for accessing SimEnvVis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SimEnvVis_home_directory</td>
<td>SimEnvVis home directory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SimEnvVis_working_directory</td>
<td>SimEnvVis working directory on the visualization server</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>server_SimEnv_home_directory</td>
<td>SE_HOME directory on the visualization server</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ssh_local</td>
<td>ssh implementation of the client computer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>scp_local</td>
<td>scp implementation of the client computer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ssh-keygen_local</td>
<td>ssh-keygen implementation of the client computer</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
In the ASCII file `<model>.cfg` general SimEnv control variables can be declared. `<model>.cfg` is workspace and model related and is an ASCII file that follows the coding rules in Section 11.1 on page 141 with the keywords, names, sub-keywords, and info as in Tab. 10.2.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>keyword</th>
<th>name</th>
<th>sub-keyword</th>
<th>Line type</th>
<th>Max. line nmb.</th>
<th>value</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>general</td>
<td>descr</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>any</td>
<td>&lt;string&gt;</td>
<td>general configuration description</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>message_level</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>[ info</td>
<td>warning</td>
<td>error ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>model</td>
<td>out_directory</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;directory&gt;</td>
<td>model output directory</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>out_format</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>[ netcdf</td>
<td>iee</td>
<td>]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>out_separation</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>[ yes</td>
<td>no ]</td>
<td>indicates whether to store model output in a single file per single run or in one file per experiment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>auto_interface</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>[ no</td>
<td>all</td>
<td>f</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>structure</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>[ standard</td>
<td>distributed</td>
<td>parallel ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>experiment</td>
<td>restart_ini</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>[ no</td>
<td>yes ]</td>
<td>perform <code>&lt;model&gt;.ini</code> for experiment re-start</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>begin_run</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;int_val&gt;</td>
<td>begin single run number</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>end_run</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>[ last</td>
<td>&lt;int_val&gt; ]</td>
<td>end single run number</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>email</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;string&gt;</td>
<td>email notification address</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>postproc</td>
<td>out_directory</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;directory&gt;</td>
<td>experiment post-processing output directory</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>out_format</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>[ netcdf</td>
<td>iee</td>
<td>ascii ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>address_default</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>[ coordinate</td>
<td>index ]</td>
<td>experiment post-processing address default for model output variables</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>coord_check</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>[ strong</td>
<td>weak</td>
<td>without ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>opr_directory</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;directory&gt;</td>
<td>directory the post-processors expects user-defined operator executables</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>factors_in_output</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>[ yes</td>
<td>no ]</td>
<td>determine whether factor values are stored in SimEnv model output</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>visualization</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>[ yes</td>
<td>no ]</td>
<td>determine whether to directly visualize an entered result during experiment post-processing</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
To Tab. 10.2 the following additional rules and explanations apply:

- For the description of line type check Tab. 11.4 on page 143.
- For keyword 'general', sub-keyword 'message_level':
  Message output is controlled by this information.
  Specify info to output errors and warnings and additional information
  warning to output errors and warnings
  error to output during any SimEnv service.
- For keyword 'model', sub-keyword 'out_separation':
  Specify here whether SimEnv model output data for the whole run ensemble is stored into one file <model>.outall.[ nc | iee ] or in single output files <model>.out<simenv_run_char>.[ nc | iee ].
- For keyword 'model', sub-keyword 'auto_interface':
  Check Section 5.10.
- For keyword 'model', sub-keyword 'structure':
  Check Section 5.11.
- For keyword 'experiment', sub-keyword ['begin_run' | 'end_run']:
  With the exception of an optimization experiment SimEnv enables to perform an experiment partially by performing only an experiment slice out of the whole run ensemble (cf. Section 7.5 on page 75). Therefor assign appropriate run numbers to these two descriptors. Make sure that begin and end run represent run number from the experiment (including run number 0) and that begin run ≤ end run. The value string "last" always represents the last simulation run of the whole run ensemble. For an optimization experiment these two sub-keywords are ignored.
- For keyword 'experiment', sub-keyword 'email':
  After performing an experiment an email is sent to the email address specified in <string>. Specify always a complete address.
- For keyword 'postproc', sub-keyword 'address_default':
  During experiment post-processing portions of multi-dimensional model output variables can be addressed by coordinate (c= ...) or index (i= ...) reference. A default is established here.
- For keyword 'postproc', sub-keyword 'coord_check':
  During experiment post-processing feasibility of application of an operator on its operands is checked with respect to the coordinate description of the operands. Different levels of this check are possible. A default is established here.
- For keyword 'postproc', sub-keyword 'factors_in_output':
  Special model interface constellations may lead to a situation that all factor values are not stored in SimEnv model output. This could happen when simenv_get_* was not used but another technique for getting factor values within the model. If specifying factors_in_output as ‘no’ adjusted factor values are derived from <model>.smp and <model>.edf.
- For keyword 'postproc', sub-keyword 'visualization':
  Specifies whether to directly visualize an entered result during experiment post-processing.

Please keep in mind to ensure consistency of control settings in <model>.cfg across different SimEnv services. As an example one has to run experimentation, experiment post-processing and dump with the same value for out_separation in <model>.cfg.

Tab. 10.3 lists the default values in the general configuration file in the case of absence of the appropriate sub-keyword.
### Tab. 10.3 Default values for the general configuration file

(*) in the case of absence of the appropriate sub-keyword

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>keyword</th>
<th>sub-keyword</th>
<th>Default value (*)</th>
<th>For more information see</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>general</td>
<td>descr</td>
<td>&lt;nil&gt;</td>
<td>above</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>message_level</td>
<td>info</td>
<td>above</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>model</td>
<td>out_directory</td>
<td>./</td>
<td>above</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>out_format</td>
<td>NetCDF</td>
<td>Chapter 12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>out_separation</td>
<td>yes</td>
<td>above</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>auto_interface</td>
<td>no</td>
<td>Section 5.10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>structure</td>
<td>standard</td>
<td>Section 5.11 and above</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>experiment</td>
<td>restart ini</td>
<td>no</td>
<td>Section 7.4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>begin_run</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Section 7.1 - 7.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>end_run</td>
<td>last</td>
<td>Section 7.1 - 7.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>email</td>
<td>&lt;nil&gt;</td>
<td>Section 7.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>postproc</td>
<td>out_directory</td>
<td>./</td>
<td>above</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>out_format</td>
<td>NetCDF</td>
<td>Chapter 12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>address_default</td>
<td>coordinate</td>
<td>Section 8.1.3 and above</td>
</tr>
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<td>coord_check</td>
<td>strong</td>
<td>Section 8.1.5 and above</td>
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<td>opr_directory</td>
<td>./</td>
<td>Section 8.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>visualization</td>
<td>yes</td>
<td>above</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example 10.1** User-defined general configuration file `<model>.cfg`

```
general descr General configuration file for the
general descr examples in the SimEnv User Guide
general message_level info

model out_directory mod_out
model out_format netcdf
model out_separation yes
model auto_interface f
model structure standard

experiment begin_run 0
experiment end_run last

postproc out_directory res_out
postproc out_format netcdf
postproc address_default index
postproc coord_check strong
postproc opr_directory ./
postproc visualization no
```

### 10.2 Main and Auxiliary Services

The following SimEnv service commands are available from the sub-directory bin of the SimEnv home directory `$SE_HOME`. Besides experiment performance, experiment post-processing and visualization there are additional auxiliary SimEnv services to check input information consistency, to monitor the status of a running simulation experiment, to dump files of model and experiment post-processor output, to monitor SimEnv log files and to wrap up a SimEnv workspace.
## SimEnv services

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SimEnv service</th>
<th>Use to</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Main Services</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv.res &lt;model&gt;</td>
<td>perform experiment <strong>result</strong> post-processing for run number <code>&lt;simenv_run_int&gt;</code> or for the whole run ensemble (<code>&lt;simenv_run_int&gt; = -1</code>, default). Before entering experiment post-processing those output files <code>&lt;model&gt;.res</code> and <code>&lt;model&gt;.inf</code> with the highest two-digit number <code>&lt;simenv_res_char&gt;</code> are identified and new result files for <code>&lt;res+1&gt;</code> are written / the results are appended / or the result files are replaced by new ones.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv.rst &lt;model&gt;</td>
<td><strong>restart</strong> an experiment (cf. Section 7.4)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv.run &lt;model&gt;</td>
<td>prepare and <strong>run</strong> an experiment (cf. Section 7.1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv.vis &lt;model&gt;</td>
<td>perform <strong>visual</strong> post-processor output visualization with SimEnvVis for that NetCDF post-processor output file with the highest two digit number <code>&lt;simenv_res_char&gt;</code> = latest, default) or with the file number <code>&lt;simenv_res_char&gt;</code>. At PIK, visualization runs on a remote server.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Auxiliary Services</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv.chk &lt;model&gt;</td>
<td><strong>check</strong> on model script files (<code>&lt;model&gt;.run</code>, <code>&lt;model&gt;.rst</code>, <code>&lt;model&gt;.ini</code>, <code>&lt;model&gt;.end</code>) check <code>&lt;model&gt;.cfg</code> <code>&lt;model&gt;.edf</code> <code>&lt;model&gt;.odf</code> <code>&lt;model&gt;.gdf</code> <code>&lt;model&gt;.mdf</code> <code>&lt;model&gt;.mac</code> existing model and post-processor output files</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv.cln &lt;model&gt;</td>
<td><strong>clean</strong> up model and experiment post-processor output files Deletes all model output files, post-processor output files, log-files, and auxiliary files of a model according to the settings in <code>&lt;model&gt;.cfg</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv.cpl &lt;model&gt;</td>
<td><strong>complete</strong> sequence of SimEnv services simenv.chk, simenv.run, simenv.res, simenv.vis, simenv.dmp simenv.res is performed with input file <code>&lt;file&gt;</code> (if available) and interactively, for both optionally only for single run <code>&lt;simenv_run_int&gt;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv.cpy &lt;model&gt;</td>
<td><strong>copy</strong> all SimEnv example files <code>&lt;model&gt;*</code> from the example directory <code>$SE_HOME/exa</code> to the current directory. Additionally, example files of user-defined operators and for models `world_[ f</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv.dmp &lt;model&gt; <code>&lt;dmp_modus&gt;</code></td>
<td><strong>dump</strong> SimEnv model output or experiment post-processor output files Files to dump have to match the SimEnv file name convention for model and/or post-processor output and are expected to be in the directories as stated in <code>&lt;model&gt;.cfg</code>. Model output variables and post-processor results in IEEE and/or ASCII format with a dimensionality greater than 1 are listed according to Fortran storage model for multi-dimensional fields (cf. Section 15.7 - Glossary).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv.hlp &lt;topics&gt;</td>
<td>acquire basic SimEnv <strong>help</strong> information for the specified topics</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv.key &lt;user_name&gt;</td>
<td>get password-free access to the SimEnv visualization server. Only for systems where the SimEnvVis visualization server is not hosted on the local machine – check <code>$SE_HOME/bin/simenv_settings.txt</code> Start this service only one time before the first access to simenv.vis and/or simenv.res or if the access does not work properly. An email will be sent from SimEnv when the access is enabled.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
SimEnv

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Service</th>
<th>Use to</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>simenv.sta</td>
<td>generate log file <strong>statistics</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;user_name&gt;</td>
<td>All SimEnv services are logged during their performance into log-files. The log-file directory is specified in $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_settings.txt. simenv.sta evaluates these log-files statistically and generates a report w.r.t. SimEnv accesses, experiments, experiment post-processing and visualization.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>{&lt;begin_date&gt;}</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>{&lt;end_date&gt;}</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>{&lt;sort&gt;}</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv.sts</td>
<td>get the current <strong>status</strong> of an active simulation experiment.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;model&gt;</td>
<td>Start this service from the workspace the active simulation experiment was started from. This is the only service that can be started from a workspace where another service is active.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>{&lt;repetition_time&gt;}</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv.srv</td>
<td><strong>serve</strong> a request for password-free access to the SimEnv visualization server – only for systems where the SimEnvVis visualization server is not hosted on the local machine and only for the SimEnv administrator – check $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_settings.txt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;user_name&gt;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- All but services simenv.cpy, simenv.hlp, simenv.key, simenv.sta and simenv.srv:
  Start a service only from the current workspace.
- All but service simenv.sts:
  A SimEnv service cannot be started from a workspace where an other SimEnv service is active.

10.3 Model Interface Scripts, Include Files, Link Scripts

Tab. 10.5 lists all these dot scripts and shell scripts that can / must be used in **<model>.[ ini | run | end ]**.

Tab. 10.5 **Shell scripts and dot scripts that can be used in** **<model>.[ ini | run | end ]**

*For built-in shell script variables in** **<model>.run** see Tab. 10.10

(*) this is not a dot script but a normal shell script with two arguments

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Dot script</th>
<th>Use status</th>
<th>Used for</th>
<th>See Section</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>simenv_ini_gams</td>
<td>mandatory</td>
<td>experiment init for GAMS models</td>
<td>5.7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_ini_ja</td>
<td>mandatory</td>
<td>experiment init for Java models</td>
<td>5.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_ini_py</td>
<td>mandatory</td>
<td>experiment init for Python models</td>
<td>5.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_ini_sh</td>
<td>mandatory</td>
<td>init for any model</td>
<td>5.8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_get_sh</td>
<td>optional</td>
<td>get a factor value as script variable</td>
<td>5.8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_get_as</td>
<td>optional</td>
<td>get all factor names and adj. values to an ASCII file</td>
<td>5.9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_run_gams</td>
<td>mandatory</td>
<td>run a GAMS model</td>
<td>5.7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_run_matlab</td>
<td>mandatory</td>
<td>run a Matlab model</td>
<td>5.6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_run_mathematica</td>
<td>mandatory</td>
<td>run a Mathematica model</td>
<td>5.6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_put_as(*)</td>
<td>optional</td>
<td>put ASCII file to SimEnv model output</td>
<td>5.9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_put_as_simple(*)</td>
<td>optional</td>
<td>put ASCII file to SimEnv model output (simple mode)</td>
<td>5.9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_end_sh</td>
<td>mandatory</td>
<td>end for any model</td>
<td>5.8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_kill_process(*)</td>
<td>optional</td>
<td>kill a program / model after reaching a CPU time limit</td>
<td>7.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;model&gt;_[sh</td>
<td>as].inc</td>
<td>optional</td>
<td>semi-automated model interface at shell script / ASCII level (cf. also Tab. 10.6)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_end_gams</td>
<td>mandatory</td>
<td>experiment end for GAMS models</td>
<td>5.7</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

In Tab. 10.6 all that include files and link scripts are compiled that are provided by the simulation environment or generated by the user and/or automatically during performing a SimEnv service.
Tab. 10.6 SimEnv include files and link scripts

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>File / location</th>
<th>Used in / generated during</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
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<tr>
<td>simenv_mod_ [f</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>cpp].lnk</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$SE_HOME/lib</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_opr_ [f</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>cpp].lnk</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$SE_HOME/lib</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_mod_ [f</td>
<td>c].inc</td>
<td>used in: interfaced Fortran/C/C++ models</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$SE_HOME/inc</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_mod_auto_ [f</td>
<td>c].inc</td>
<td>used in: interfaced Fortran/C/C++ models</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$SE_HOME/inc</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_opr_ [f</td>
<td>c].inc</td>
<td>used in: user-defined Fortran/C/C++ operators</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$SE_HOME/inc</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;model&gt;_ [f</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>py</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$SE_WS</td>
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</tr>
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</table>

10.4 User-Defined Files and Shell Scripts, Temporary Files

Tab. 10.7 lists the mandatory or optional shell scripts and files the user has to provide for running SimEnv services.

Tab. 10.7 User files and shell scripts to perform any SimEnv service

(*) make sure by the Unix/Linux command chmod u+x <file> that a file <file> has execute permission

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Shell script / file (in the current workspace $SE_WS)</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
<th>Exist status</th>
<th>For more information see Section</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&lt;model&gt;.cfg</td>
<td>ASCII user-defined general configuration file</td>
<td>optional</td>
<td>10.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;model&gt;.mdf</td>
<td>ASCII user-defined model (variables) description file</td>
<td>mandatory</td>
<td>5.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;model&gt;.edf</td>
<td>ASCII user-defined experiment description file</td>
<td>mandatory</td>
<td>6.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;model&gt;.mac</td>
<td>ASCII user-defined macro description file</td>
<td>optional</td>
<td>8.7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;model&gt;.odf</td>
<td>ASCII user-defined operator description file</td>
<td>optional</td>
<td>8.5.4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;model&gt;.gdf</td>
<td>ASCII user-defined GAMS model output description file</td>
<td>for GAMS models mandatory</td>
<td>5.7.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;model&gt;.run (*)</td>
<td>model shell script to wrap the model executable</td>
<td>mandatory</td>
<td>7.6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;model&gt;.rst (*)</td>
<td>model shell script to prepare single model run restart</td>
<td>optional</td>
<td>7.6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shell script / file (in the current workspace $SE_WS)</td>
<td>Explanation</td>
<td>Exist status</td>
<td>For more information see Section</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-----------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>-------------</td>
<td>--------------</td>
<td>----------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;model&gt;</code>.ini (*)</td>
<td>model shell script to prepare simulation experiment additionally to standard SimEnv preparation</td>
<td>optional, for Python, Java and GAMS models mandatory and standardized</td>
<td>7.6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;model&gt;</code>.end (*)</td>
<td>model shell script to wrap up simulation experiment</td>
<td>optional, for GAMS models mandatory and standardized</td>
<td>7.6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;model&gt;</code>.link (*)</td>
<td>model shell script to link an interfaced C/C++/Fortran model. Used in the course of experiment preparation for experiment run (not re-start) if a semi-automated model interface (auto_interface ≠ no) was declared in <code>&lt;model&gt;.cfg</code> for the appropriate programming languages. Can also be used stand alone for non-semi-automated model interface. Is normally based on `$SE_HOME/lib/simenv_mod_[f</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>cpp].link`</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>`&lt;model&gt;_[dis</td>
<td>par</td>
<td>seq]_[aix</td>
<td>linux].jcf`</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;model&gt;_.opt_options.txt</code></td>
<td>user-specific control and option file for experiment type optimization</td>
<td>optional</td>
<td>6.6.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;model&gt;_.err &lt;simenv_run_char&gt;</code></td>
<td>touch / create this file in the model or in <code>&lt;model&gt;_.run</code> as an indicator to stop the complete experiment after <code>&lt;model&gt;_.run</code> has been finished for the single model run <code>&lt;simenv_run_int&gt;</code></td>
<td>optional</td>
<td>7.6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>usr_opr_&lt;opr&gt; (*)</code> (in the opr_directory according to <code>&lt;model&gt;_.cfg</code>)</td>
<td>executable for user-defined operator <code>&lt;opr&gt;</code></td>
<td>optional</td>
<td>8.5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Tab. 10.8 lists the temporary or permanent files that are created during a SimEnv service.

Fig. 10.1 sketches usage of main SimEnv user shell scripts and files in the course of model interfacing, experiment preparation and performance, experiment post-processing, and visual evaluation of post-processed results.
**Tab. 10.8** Files generated during performance of SimEnv services

For the current workspace $SE_WS$ see Tab. 10.14.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>File / location</th>
<th>Generated in</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Permanent files</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$&lt;model&gt;.smp$</td>
<td>experiment preparation (all but optimization)</td>
<td>ASCII sample input file for the run ensemble derived from $&lt;model&gt;.edf$ Record no. n+1 corresponds to single run no. n. Column no. m of each record is the sampled value for experiment factor no. m in the edf-file</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$&lt;model&gt;_{{f</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>sh} as}.inc$ and $&lt;model&gt;_{py.py}$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$&lt;model&gt;.out$</td>
<td>experiment preparation</td>
<td>model output of run number $&lt;simenv_run_int&gt;$ of the experiment to be processed by the experiment post-processor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$&lt;simenv_run_char&gt;.{nc</td>
<td>ieee}$</td>
<td>(if out_separation = yes in $&lt;model&gt;.cfg$)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$&lt;model&gt;.nlog$</td>
<td>experiment performance</td>
<td>ASCII minutes file of native - model specific experim. prepar. by $&lt;model&gt;.ini$ - single runs model output by $&lt;model&gt;.run$ - single run restart preparation by $&lt;model&gt;.rst$ - model specific experim. wrap-up by $&lt;model&gt;.end$ performances, redirected from terminal (simenv.run and all successive simenv.rst) $&lt;model&gt;.nlog$ is organized single run by single run</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$&lt;model&gt;.fct$</td>
<td>experiment performance (only for experiment types optimization and Monte Carlo with stopping rule)</td>
<td>ASCII file of function values. Record no. n+1 corresponds to single run no. n.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$&lt;model&gt;.killed$</td>
<td>experiment performance</td>
<td>indicator file that in $&lt;model&gt;.run$ a process was killed by the shell script simenv.kill_process due to CPU time exceeding</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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<thead>
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<th>File / location</th>
<th>Generated in</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
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<tr>
<td><code>&lt;model&gt;.res</code></td>
<td>experiment post-processing</td>
<td>output file of an experiment post-processing session</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>`&lt;simenv_res_char&gt;.nc</td>
<td>iee</td>
<td>ascii ]`</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;model&gt;.inf</code></td>
<td>experiment post-processing</td>
<td>output structure description file of an experiment post-processing session</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>`&lt;simenv_res_char&gt;.ieee</td>
<td>ascii ]`</td>
<td>postproc out_directory</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Temporary files**  
*(do not delete during performing the corresponding service)*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>File</th>
<th>Generated in</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>`&lt;model&gt;._out&lt;simenv_run_char&gt;.nc</td>
<td>iee ]`</td>
<td>model out_directory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>$SE_WS</code> asa_opt</td>
<td>experiment performance</td>
<td>ASCII file with all factor names and their adjusted values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>asa_out</td>
<td>(only for simenv_get_as)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>asa_usr_out</td>
<td>auxiliary files for experiment type optimization</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>$SE_WS</code> run&lt;simenv_run_char&gt;</td>
<td>experiment performance sub-directory for Matlab, Mathematica and GAMS model performance</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sub-direct. of <code>$SE_WS</code></td>
<td>(only for Matlab, Mathematica and GAMS models)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>`&lt;model&gt;.[ pre</td>
<td>main</td>
<td>post ] .inc`</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>$SE_WS</code></td>
<td>(only for GAMS models)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;model&gt;.res00.nc</code></td>
<td>experiment post-processing NetCDF representation of the current result for visualization during experiment post-processing (only for value “yes” of sub-keyword ‘visualization’ in <code>&lt;model&gt;.cfg</code>)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>$SE_WS</code> simenv_get_experiment .exc</td>
<td>experiment post-processing auxiliary file for operator get_experiment</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>$SE_WS</code> simenv_*.tmp</td>
<td>all services auxiliary files</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>$SE_WS</code></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
10.5 Built-In Names

SimEnv has a number of built-in model output variable, shell script variable and coordinate names that cannot be used for corresponding user-defined names.

Tab. 10.9 lists the built-in (pre-defined) model variables that are output during experiment performance to SimEnv model output structures and are available in experiment post-processing without defining them in the model output description file <model>.mdf and without using the corresponding model interface coupling functions simenv_put_* in the model.
### Tab. 10.9  
**Built-in model output variables**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Built-in model output variable name</th>
<th>Dimensionality</th>
<th>Extents</th>
<th>Data type</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>sim_time</td>
<td>0</td>
<td></td>
<td>float</td>
<td>elapsed user time in seconds when performing /usr/bin/time –p &lt;model&gt;.run</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Tab. 10.10** lists the built-in (pre-defined) shell script variables that are defined / used by the model coupling interface dot scripts $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_*_sh and simenv_run_[ matlab | mathematica | gams ] and that are finally available in <model>.run.

### Tab. 10.10  
**Built-in shell script variables in <model>.run**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Built-in shell script variable name</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>simenv_run_int</td>
<td>current run number as integer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_run_char</td>
<td>current run number as 6-character string with leading zeros</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>factor_name</td>
<td>factor name for simenv_get_sh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>factor_def_val</td>
<td>default factor value for simenv_get_sh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simenv_hlp_*</td>
<td>auxiliary variables</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Tab. 10.11** lists the built-in (pre-defined) coordinates that are used in experiment post-processing when additional dimensions are generated by an operator.

### Tab. 10.11  
**Built-in coordinates for experiment post-processing**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Built-in coordinate name</th>
<th>Generated by operator</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
<th>Definition (cf. <strong>Tab. 11.6</strong>)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>bin_mid</td>
<td>hgr</td>
<td>bin mid values</td>
<td>equidist_end &lt;xx&gt;(&lt;yy&gt;) 999999 with &lt;xx&gt; = first bin mid &lt;yy&gt; = bin width</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>hgr_e</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>hgr_l</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bin_no</td>
<td>hgr</td>
<td>bin numbers</td>
<td>equidist_end 1(1)999999</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>hgr_e</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>hgr_l</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>incr</td>
<td>lin_abs</td>
<td>increment values</td>
<td>dependent on experiment description and operator arguments</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>lin_rel</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<td>sens_abs</td>
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<td>sym_rel</td>
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<tr>
<td>index</td>
<td>maxprop</td>
<td>index number</td>
<td>equidist_end 1(1)999999</td>
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<td></td>
<td>maxprop_l</td>
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<td>minprop</td>
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<td>minprop_l</td>
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<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>run</td>
<td>ens</td>
<td>run numbers</td>
<td>equidist_end 1(1)999999</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### 10.6 Case Sensitivity

As stated in Tab. 10.12 all names used in SimEnv are case insensitive. Internally, they are mapped on a lowercase representation and this lowercase representation is used also for model and/or experiment post-processor output files in NetCDF, IEEE and/or ASCII format.

#### Tab. 10.12  Case sensitivity of SimEnv entities

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Where?</th>
<th>Entity</th>
<th>Case sensitivity</th>
<th>Example</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>overall</td>
<td>• model name</td>
<td>sensitive</td>
<td>simenv.chk World_f</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>user-defined files</td>
<td>• keyword</td>
<td>insensitive</td>
<td>experiment END_RUN last</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(cf. Section 11.1)</td>
<td>• name</td>
<td>insensitive</td>
<td>experiment end_run LAST</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• sub-keyword</td>
<td>insensitive</td>
<td>general descr This is ...</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• information &lt;value&gt;</td>
<td>insensitive</td>
<td>iok=simenv_put_f('ATMO', atmo,atmo)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>model interface</td>
<td>• variable and factor name</td>
<td>insensitive</td>
<td>factor_name='P1' factor_value=1. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_sh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Where?</td>
<td>Entity</td>
<td>Case sensitivity</td>
<td>Example</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>----------------------</td>
<td>------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>------------------</td>
<td>--------------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>experiment</td>
<td>optional result description and unit</td>
<td>sensitive</td>
<td>Energy [kW] = my_opr(atmo)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>post-processing</td>
<td>character arguments of user-defined operators</td>
<td>sensitive</td>
<td>char_test(‘arg11’ , ‘Arg21’ , atmo)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>variable and factor name</td>
<td>insensitive</td>
<td>3<em>6</em>EXP(atmo) + 3E-6*EXP(ATMO)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>operator name</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>number</td>
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<td></td>
<td>macro name</td>
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<td>macro identifier _m</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>character arguments of built-in operators with pre-defined values</td>
<td>insensitive</td>
<td>count(‘ALL’ , atmo)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(cf. Tab. 15.10)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>character arguments of built-in operators without pre-defined values</td>
<td>check</td>
<td>get_table_fct(‘MyFile.dat’ , atmo)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Tab. 15.10</td>
<td>get_experiment(‘..’ , ‘Model_f’ , ‘‘ , atmo)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Exceptions**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>information &lt;value&gt; in user-defined files</th>
<th>&lt;directory&gt; and &lt;file_name&gt;</th>
<th>sensitive</th>
<th>model out_directory MyDir</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- for &lt;sub-keyword&gt; = 'string'_directory</td>
<td></td>
<td>factor p1 sample file MyF</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- and in &lt;val_list&gt;</td>
<td></td>
<td>factor p1 unit kWh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;value&gt; for &lt;sub-keyword&gt; = ['descr'</td>
<td>sensitive</td>
<td>model sub_m1 type sub</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>'unit'])</td>
<td></td>
<td>model sub_M1 type sub</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>&lt;model&gt;.edf (for Matlab and Mathematica models)</th>
<th>&lt;factor_name&gt;</th>
<th>sensitive as in the Matlab / Mathematica model</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&lt;factor_name&gt;</td>
<td></td>
<td>factor p1 sample list 1,2,3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;model&gt;.gdf (for GAMS models)</td>
<td>GAMS model file name</td>
<td>sensitive model sub_m1 type sub</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**10.7 Numerical Nodata Representation**

For model output with the SimEnv model coupling interface functions and for experiment post-processor output the following data type specific nodata values are used to represent undefined (unwritten) model output and undefined post-processor output:

**Tab. 10.13** Data type related nodata values

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SimEnv data type (cf. also Tab. 5.4)</th>
<th>Nodata value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>byte int*1</td>
<td>= 127</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>short int*2</td>
<td>= 32767</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>int int*4</td>
<td>= 2147483648</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>float real*4</td>
<td>≥ 3.4E+38</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>double real*8</td>
<td>≥ 1.79D+308</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### 10.8 Operating System Environment Variables

The following operating system environment variables are used by SimEnv. Additionally, make sure that in the shell the noclobber option is **not** set.

#### Tab. 10.14 Environment variables

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Environment variable</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
<th>Definition status</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>SimEnv access settings</strong>&lt;br&gt;Set by the user&lt;br&gt;Used within all SimEnv services</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SE_HOME</td>
<td>SimEnv home directory</td>
<td>mandatory</td>
<td>Value = has to be defined by the user&lt;br&gt;For values check <strong>Tab. 3.3</strong> and <strong>Tab. 15.1</strong>.&lt;br&gt;Optionally, include $SE_HOME/bin into the PATH environment variable to access to a SimEnv service without prefixing it by $SE_HOME/bin/</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DISPLAY</td>
<td>machine / screen that the X11-system uses for displaying windows</td>
<td>optional</td>
<td>Value = machine dependent&lt;br&gt;has to be defined at PIK by the user only for visualization matters in SimEnv services simenv.res and simenv.vis.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Internal settings</strong>&lt;br&gt;Set automatically by SimEnv&lt;br&gt;Set within all SimEnv services</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SE_GUI</td>
<td>identifier for GUI / non-GUI version</td>
<td>--</td>
<td>for all SimEnv services&lt;br&gt;Value = [ yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SE_MOD</td>
<td>model name</td>
<td>--</td>
<td>for all SimEnv services&lt;br&gt;Value = &lt;model&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SE_OS</td>
<td>operating system specification</td>
<td>--</td>
<td>for all SimEnv services&lt;br&gt;Value = [ AIX</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SE_WS</td>
<td>current SimEnv workspace</td>
<td>--</td>
<td>for all SimEnv services&lt;br&gt;Value = &lt;directory&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SE_RUN</td>
<td>run number of a single run</td>
<td>--</td>
<td>for &lt;model&gt;.[ run</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SE_RUN1</td>
<td>first single run of an experiment</td>
<td>--</td>
<td>for &lt;model&gt;.[ run</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To perform SimEnv, make sure that paths to the directories of the programs as specified in **Tab. 10.15** below are included in the environment variable PATH:

#### Tab. 10.15 Programs to include in the environment variable PATH

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Program</th>
<th>Usage</th>
<th>Include in PATH</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>python</td>
<td>python interpreter</td>
<td>mandatory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ncdump</td>
<td>dump NetCDF files</td>
<td>mandatory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gams</td>
<td>GAMS modelling system</td>
<td>optional, only for running GAMS models</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Program</td>
<td>Usage</td>
<td>Include in PATH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>------------</td>
<td>------------------------</td>
<td>--------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>java</td>
<td>Java</td>
<td>optional, only for running Java models</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>matlab</td>
<td>Matlab interpreter</td>
<td>optional, only for running Matlab models</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MathKernel</td>
<td>Mathematica interpreter</td>
<td>optional, only for running Mathematica models</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additionally, PATH is prefixed by $SE_WS (see Tab. 10.14 above) internally by all SimEnv services. Keep in mind to specify a PYTHONPATH environment variable dependent on interfaced Python models. PYTHONPATH is prefixed by $SE_WS and $SE_HOME/bin is appended to PYTHONPATH internally by all SimEnv services.

For linking and running Fortran and C/C++ models and operators the environment variables PATH and LIBRARY_PATH have to be defined accordingly.
11 Structure of User-Defined Files, Coordinate Transformation Files, Value Lists

Basic information to describe general control settings of SimEnv, model output variables, the experiment itself, macros and user-defined operators as well as GAMS model specific information is stored in user-defined files. They are ASCII files and have a common structure that is described in this chapter. Additionally, coordinate transformation files are described and value lists are defined in general.

11.1 General Structure of User-Defined Files

All user-defined files listed in Tab. 11.1 have the same structure. They are ASCII-files with the following record structure:

```
{ <sep> } <keyword> <sep> { <name> <sep> } <sub-keyword> <sep> <value> { <sep> }
```

with
- `<name>` is the name of a
  - model output variable
  - GAMS model source file
  - experiment factor
  - coordinate
  - user-defined operator or
  - macro
  Declaration of `<name>` depends on the related keyword `<keyword>`
- `<keyword>` is a string
  Normally, more than one lines with differing sub-keywords belong to one “keyword-block”.
- `<sub-keyword>` is a string
  Sub-keywords are defined only in relation to the user file and the keyword under consideration.
- `<value>` = `<substring>` { `<sep>` `<substring>` ... }
  is a string with user file, keyword and sub-keyword related information.
- `<sep>` is a sequence of white spaces

Sequence of keyword and sub-keyword lines can be arbitrary. For reasons of readability it is recommended to use a block structure like in the Example 11.2 below. Sequence of names in the separated name spaces (name spaces of coordinates, model output variables, experiment factors, user-defined operators, macros) during processing is determined by the sequence the name occur the first time in the appropriate user file.

Lines consisting only from separator characters as well as lines starting with a # as the first non-separator character are handled as comment lines. For case sensitivity of the contents of user-defined files check Tab. 10.12 on page 137.
**Tab. 11.1** User-defined files with general structure

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>File</th>
<th>Contents</th>
<th>See description in Section</th>
<th>on page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;model&gt;.cfg</code></td>
<td>general configuration file</td>
<td>10.1</td>
<td>125</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;model&gt;.mdf</code></td>
<td>model output description file</td>
<td>5.1</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;model&gt;.edf</code></td>
<td>experiment description file</td>
<td>6.1</td>
<td>53</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;model&gt;.odf</code></td>
<td>operator description file</td>
<td>8.5.4</td>
<td>117</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;model&gt;.mac</code></td>
<td>macro description file</td>
<td>8.7</td>
<td>119</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;model&gt;.gdf</code></td>
<td>GAMS description file</td>
<td>5.7.2</td>
<td>39</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>arbitrary file name</td>
<td>coordinate transformation file</td>
<td>11.2</td>
<td>143</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The following restrictions hold for user-defined files:

**Tab. 11.2** Constraints in user-defined files

(*) with the exception for GAMS model source code file names

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Constraints</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>line length</td>
<td>max. 160 characters</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| `<name>` | max. 20 characters
  (*) first character has to be a letter
  (*) must not end on _m
  (*) must not contain elemental operators and characters . and :
  (cf. Tab. 8.3 on page 86) |
| `<value>` | for sub-keyword = ‘descr’ without `<name>`: max. 512 characters (total sum over all lines) |
|          | for sub-keyword = ‘descr’ with `<name>`: max. 128 characters                 |
|          | for sub-keyword = `<string>_directory`: max. 100 characters (for the resulting resolved directory string, directory can contain operating system environment variables) |
|          | for sub-keyword = ‘unit’: max. 32 characters                                  |

**Tab. 11.3** lists the reserved (forbidden) names and file names that cannot be declared in user-defined files.

**Tab. 11.3** Reserved names and file names in user-defined files

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Reserved (forbidden) names</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;name&gt;</code></td>
<td>built-in model output variables according to Tab. 10.9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>built-in coordinates according to Tab. 10.11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>special keywords in <code>&lt;model&gt;.edf</code> for behavioural analysis: [ default</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;file_name&gt;</code></td>
<td>see Section 11.3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The line type in the description table for a user-defined file specifies whether a keyword / sub-keyword combination can be omitted.
Tab. 11.4 Line types in user-defined files

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Abbreviation</th>
<th>User-defined file</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>m</td>
<td>all files</td>
<td>mandatory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>o</td>
<td>all files</td>
<td>optional</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c1</td>
<td>&lt;model&gt;.mdf keyword 'variable'</td>
<td>conditional 1: forbidden for variables with dimensionality = 0 mandatory for variables with dimensionality &gt; 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>sub-keyword ['coords' [ 'index_extents' ]]</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c2</td>
<td>&lt;model&gt;.mdf keyword 'variable'</td>
<td>conditional 2: forbidden for variables with dimensionality = 0 optional for variables with dimensionality &gt; 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>sub-keyword 'coord_extents'</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c3</td>
<td>&lt;model&gt;.edf keyword 'factor'</td>
<td>conditional 3: mandatory for experiment type = Monte Carlo analysis forbidden for experiment type = local sensitivity analysis conditional for experiment type = behavioural analysis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>sub-keyword 'sample'</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| c4           | <model>.edf for Monte Carlo analysis keyword 'factor' sub-keyword 'sampling' | conditional 4: mandatory for sample = distr ... forbidden for sample = file ...
| a            | <model>.edf for behavioural analysis keyword 'factor' sub-keyword 'sample' | alternatively: either mandatory for all experiment factors or forbidden for all experiment factors |
| f            | <model>.edf for local sensitivity analysis keyword 'factor' sub-keyword 'sample' | forbidden |

Example 11.1 Structure of a user-defined file

```
mac descr This is a macro description file
mac descr for the SimEnv User Guide
macro pol_atmo descr atmo outside polar reg., final time, level 1
macro pol_atmo unit without
macro pol_atmo define atmo(c=84:-56,*c=1,c=20)
macro m1 define avg(atmo_g(c=11:20))
...```

11.2 Coordinate Transformation File

Some post-processing operators (currently, get_data and get_experiment) enable access to external data. They derive from an operator argument a multi-dimensional result that has to be equipped - as usual in SimEnv experiment post-processing - with a coordinate assignment. By applying these operators it can be necessary to define or transform a coordinate description for the operator result that fits the result to the current model and/or experiment under consideration. The same is true for the operator regrid which is used to assign new coordinates to a result. The following cases can be distinguished:

- A dimension of the result does not have a coordinate assignment. A coordinate has to be assigned to this dimension.
- A coordinate description of the result has to be modified in a way that it matches with a defined coordinate of the model / experiment under consideration.
A coordinate description of the result has to be incorporated with and/or without modifications into the coordinate set of the model / experiment under consideration.

Coordinate transformations for results in the course of the operator’s performance are supported in SimEnv by a coordinate transformation file that is assigned to the operator result as an argument of the operator. Coordinate transformation files follow the same syntax rules as all other user-defined files (cf. Section 10.1).

**Tab. 11.5** Elements of a coordinate transformation file

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>keyword</th>
<th>name</th>
<th>sub-keyword</th>
<th>Line type</th>
<th>Max. Line nmb.</th>
<th>value</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>general</td>
<td>&lt;nil&gt;</td>
<td>descr</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>any</td>
<td>&lt;string&gt;</td>
<td>general transformation description</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>modify</td>
<td>&lt;original_</td>
<td></td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;new_name&gt;</td>
<td>renames original coordinate</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>coordinate_</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>name&gt;</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>modify</td>
<td>position_shift</td>
<td></td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;real_val&gt;</td>
<td>shifts all values of the original coordinate by the specified value &lt;position_shift_val&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>modify</td>
<td>values_shift</td>
<td></td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;int_val&gt;</td>
<td>shifts the result values on the original coordinate by the specified positions &lt;values_shift_val&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>modify</td>
<td>values_add</td>
<td></td>
<td>o</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>&lt;val_list&gt;</td>
<td>defines &lt;values_shift_val&gt; values to add to the coordinate values (for syntax see Tab. 11.6)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| assign     | [ <original_  | coord       | o         | 1              | <co_name>   | assign to the dimension with coordinate number <coordinate_nmb> (only for operator get_data('ascii',...)) and/or <original_coordinate_name> (else) an already defined coordinate or a coordinate defined by the keyword 'coordinate'
|            | coordinate_   |             |           |                |             |                                                |
|            | name>         |             |           |                |             |                                                |
|            | ]             | coord_extent| o         | 1              | <co_val1>:  | assigns start and end coordinate value to the dimension of the result under consideration |
|            |               |             |           |                | <co_val2>   |                                                |
| coordinate | <new_         | descr       | o         | 1              | <string>    | coordinate axis description                   |
|            | coordinate_   |             |           |                |             |                                                |
|            | name>         |             |           |                |             |                                                |
| coordinate |               | unit        | o         | 1              | <string>    | coordinate axis unit                          |
|            |               | values      | o         | 1              | <val_list>  | strictly monotonic sequence of coordinate values (for syntax see Tab. 11.6) |

To **Tab. 11.5** the following additional rules and explanations apply:
- For the description of line type check **Tab. 11.4** on page 143.
- With the sub-keyword ‘line type’ check **Tab. 11.4** on page 143.
- With the sub-keyword ‘values_shift’ result values can be shifted on the corresponding coordinate by <values_shift_val> coordinate values. Consequently, <values_shift_val> coordinate values have to be appended at the end of the coordinate for a positive value of <values_shift_val> and/or have to be inserted at the begin of the coordinate for a negative value of <values_shift_val>. Coordinate values that are obsolete because of this shift are removed from the coordinate definition.
- For a coordinate that is defined with equidistant coordinate values the extent of the coordinate is specified automatically by simply applying the equidistant rule for this coordinate.
- For a coordinate with non-equidistant coordinate values the coordinate values necessary for the coordinate extension are defined by the sub-keyword ‘values_add’.
- If both ‘position_shift’ and ‘values_shift’ are specified for one coordinate, firstly position shift is applied to the coordinate and then the additional coordinate values from values_shift are added to the coordinate without applying the position_shift value.
• Coordinate numbers `<coordinate_nmb>` are integers counting from 1.
• For the sub-keyword `coord_extent` the same rules apply as for the sub-keyword `coord_extents` from the model output description file `<model>.mdf`.
• For the keyword `coordinate` the same rules apply as for the keyword `coordinate` from the model output description file `<model>.mdf`.
• Coordinates are incorporated additionally into the original coordinate set only for the current result.

Having a model output variable definition as in Example 5.1 on page 31 and assuming address_default = coordinate in `<model>.cfg`.
Assume the experiment layout in Fig. 4.4 (c) on page 18 and the corresponding experiment description file from Example 6.3 (3c) on page 58.

Additionally, assume another experiment with a model named model and there model output variables modvar1 and modvar2 that are defined for the following coordinates:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>dimension</th>
<th>coordinate name</th>
<th>coordinate definition</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>dim1</td>
<td>list 1,10,100,1000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>dim2</td>
<td>equidist_end 2(2)20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>dim3</td>
<td>equidist_end 3(3)30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>dim4</td>
<td>equidist_end 4(1)43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>dim5</td>
<td>equidist_end 5(1)50</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Further, assume the coordinate transformation file model.ctf as

```
general descr example of a coordinate transformation file
modify dim1 rename new1
modify dim1 position_shift 3.
modify dim1 values_shift +2
modify dim1 values_add list 1006,1009
modify dim3 values_shift -3
assign dim4 coord lat
assign dim4 coord_extent 88.:-68.
assign dim5 coord new2
assign dim5 coord_extent 50.:5.
coordinate new2 descr new coordinate
coordinate new2 values equidist_end 50(-1)5
```

In experiment post-processing the result of the expression

```
get_experiment('mydir','model','model.ctf',modvar1+modvar2)
```

is a 5-dimensional data structure with

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>dimension</th>
<th>coordinate name</th>
<th>coordinate definition</th>
<th>coordinate use</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>new1</td>
<td>list 103,1003,1006,1009 = coordinate definition</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>dim2</td>
<td>equidist_end 2(2)20   = coordinate definition</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>dim3</td>
<td>equidist_end -6(3)21  = coordinate definition</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>lat</td>
<td>equidist_end 88(-4)-88 equidist_end 88(-4)-68</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>new2</td>
<td>equidist_end 5(1)50   = coordinate definition</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example 11.2 Coordinate transformations by a transformation file
Unlike all other user-defined files coordinate transformation files cannot be checked by the SimEnv service simenv.chk or when starting the service simenv.res.

11.3 ASCII Data Files and Value Lists

ASCII data files {<directory>/}<file_name> are used in SimEnv as an element for the specification of value lists (see below), optionally in experiment description files to get sampling information, and in post-processing operators.

The following rules and restrictions are valid for {<directory>/}<file_name>:

- The <directory> path can contain operating system environment variables ($...)
- If <directory> is specified in a relative manner (./...) it relates to the current workspace
- <file_name> must not be one of the SimEnv file names according to Tab. 10.7 and Tab. 10.8
- For the file:
  - Has to be an ASCII file
  - Can be a multi-record file
  - Max. record length is 1000 characters
  - Values in a record are separated from each other by white spaces or comma
  - A series of connected (running) separators is treated as a single separator
  - Record end is handled as a separator
  - Records formed only from white spaces or records starting with the first non-white space character # are handled as comments

For variables, coordinates and experiment factors value lists are supplied by the value-item in user-defined files. Value lists describe a sequence of values together with an order. The number of described values has to be greater than 1. Value lists may be restricted to strictly monotonic sequences. They follow the syntax rules in Tab. 11.6.

Tab. 11.6 Syntax rules for value lists

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Value-list type</th>
<th>Syntax</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>explicit list</td>
<td>&lt;real_val1&gt;, ..., &lt;real_valn&gt;</td>
<td>explicit list of values same syntax rules as for one record of a file with a value list (see below)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>by reference file</td>
<td>{&lt;directory&gt;/}&lt;file_name&gt;</td>
<td>file {&lt;directory&gt;/}&lt;file_name&gt; contains the explicit value list</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>implicit equidist_end</td>
<td>&lt;real_val1&gt; (&lt;real_val2&gt;) &lt;real_val3&gt;</td>
<td>description of an equidistant list of values with begin value &lt;real_val1&gt;, increment &lt;real_val2&gt;, end value &lt;real_val3&gt; &lt;real_val1&gt; ≠ &lt;real_val3&gt; &lt;real_val2&gt; ≠ 0. Number of resulting values have to be &gt; 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>implicit equidist_nmb</td>
<td>&lt;real_val1&gt; (&lt;real_val2&gt;) &lt;int_val&gt;</td>
<td>description of an equidistant list of values with begin value &lt;real_val1&gt;, increment &lt;real_val2&gt;, number of values &lt;int_val&gt; &lt;real_val2&gt; ≠ 0. &lt;int_val&gt; &gt; 1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## Value-list type

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Syntax</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>equidist_ivl</td>
<td>description of an equidistant list of values with begin value, number of values, and end value.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Examples

1. **list 3, 5, 7, 9, 11**
   - describes the five values 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11
2. **equidist_end 3 (2) 11**
   - is equivalent to 1.
3. **equidist_end 3 (2) 11.9**
   - is equivalent to 1.
4. **equidist_nmb 3 (2) 5**
   - is equivalent to 1.
5. **equidist_ivl 3 (5) 11**
   - is equivalent to 1.
6. **file my_values.dat**
   - is equivalent to 1. with `my_values.dat = 3, 5, 7, 9, 11`
7. **equidist_end 11 (-2) 3**
   - differs from 1. – 6: values are identical, ordering sequence differs

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**Example 11.3**

**Examples of value lists**
12 Model and Experiment Post-Processor Output Data Structures

This chapter summarizes information on available data structures for model and experiment post-processor output. SimEnv supports several output formats from the experiment and the post-processor. NetCDF is a self-describing data format and can be used for model and post-processor output. Another format specifications for both outputs is IEEE compliant binary format and ASCII for post-processor output. This chapter describes all the used data structures.

Dependent on the specification of the supported experiment post-processor output formats in <model>.cfg model output can be stored in NetCDF format and post-processor output in NetCDF, IEEE or ASCII format. During experiment performance model output is written either to single output files <model>.out<simenv_run_char>.[ nc | ascii ] per experiment single run or to a common output file <model>.outall.[ nc | iee ] for all single runs from the experiment run ensemble. Output to single files or a common file depends on specification of the value for the sub-keyword ‘out_separation’ in <model>.cfg.<simenv_run_char> is a six-digit placeholder for the corresponding single run number. During experiment post-processing output and structure of results is written to <model>.res<simenv_res_char>.[ nc | iee | ascii ] and <model>.res<simenv_res_char>.[ iee | ascii ].<simenv_res_char> is a two-digit placeholder for the number of the result file. It ranges from 01 to 99. For IEEE and ASCII model output and experiment post-processor output formats, multi-dimensional data is organized in the Fortran storage model (cf. Section 15.7 - Glossary). Use the SimEnv service command simenv.dmp for browsing model and result output files. See Tab. 10.4 for more information.

12.1 NetCDF Model and Experiment Post-Processor Output

The intention for supplying NetCDF format for model and experiment post-processor output is to provide the possibility to generate self-describing, platform-independent data files with metadata that can be interpreted by subsequent visualization techniques. The conventions applied for SimEnv represent a compromise between existing standards and the metadata requirements for a flexible and expressive visualization that is adapted to the requirements of the specific data sets of concern. SimEnv follows the NetCDF Climate and Forecast (NetCDF CF) metadata convention 1.0. Currently, SimEnv supports only up to 4-dimensional NetCDF output during experiment and post-processor performance.

In principle, any NetCDF file can be viewed by the NetCDF service program
ncdump <NetCDF_file>
Model output data types as declared in the model output description file <model>.mdf are transferred into NetCDF data types automatically (cf. the Table below). By default, post-processor output data is of type float.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SimEnv data type (cf. Tab. 5.4)</th>
<th>NetCDF data type</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>byte</td>
<td>NF_BYTE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>short</td>
<td>NF_SHORT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>int</td>
<td>NF_INT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>float</td>
<td>NF_FLOAT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>double</td>
<td>NF_DOUBLE</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Tab. 12.1 NetCDF data types
12.1.1 Global Attributes

The global attributes used in SimEnv from the CF standard are :institution and :Conventions. In addition, the following global attributes are defined for model and post-processor output:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Data type</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>:creation_time</td>
<td>&lt;YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS&gt;</td>
<td>char</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>:model_name</td>
<td>&lt;model&gt;</td>
<td>char</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>:model_description</td>
<td>model output description according to &lt;model&gt;.mdf</td>
<td>char</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>:model_description_file</td>
<td>[&lt;directory&gt;]/&lt;model&gt;.mdf</td>
<td>char</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>:experiment_type</td>
<td>experiment type according to Tab. 6.1</td>
<td>char</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>:experiment_description</td>
<td>experiment description according to &lt;model&gt;.edf</td>
<td>char</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>:experiment_description_file</td>
<td>[&lt;directory&gt;]/&lt;model&gt;.edf</td>
<td>char</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>:number_of_runs</td>
<td>&lt;number of runs&gt;</td>
<td>int</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

12.1.2 Variable Labelling and Variable Attributes

For NetCDF variables, two cases of labelling are distinguished:

- If
  - during experiment performance for a SimEnv model output variable or
  - during post-processing for a SimEnv result
    one of its coordinates spans the entire range of definition, the already defined coordinate definition is used.
- Otherwise, an additional coordinate
  
  <variable_name>-<coordinate_name>

is defined, where the NetCDF variable depends on. The additional variable is described in the dimension and data part of the NetCDF file. Additionally, the SimEnv specific attribute

  index_range_<original_coordinate_name> (see Tab. 12.4)

is assigned to such a NetCDF variable.

The following variable attributes are used according to the CF-1.0 standard:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Data type</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&lt;variable_name&gt;:standard_name</td>
<td>[ &lt;coordinate_name&gt;</td>
<td>&lt;predef_coordinate_name&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;variable_name&gt;:long_name</td>
<td>[ &lt;coordinate_description&gt;</td>
<td>&lt;predef_coordinate_description&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;variable_name&gt;:axis</td>
<td>[ X</td>
<td>Y</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
For experiment post-processor output, the :standard_name attribute simply counts the number of applied operations because the result name of an arbitrary operation is not known in general. For that reason, the :long_name attribute would re-sample the :standard_name attribute and it is used instead to provide the complete description of the applied operator sequence without defining an additional attribute.

If macros are included, these are resolved and elementary operations are included only.

For the :axis attribute of a coordinate variable exist defaults. For each post-processor result, the first coordinate is assumed to be the „X-axis“, the second and third coordinate are assumed to represent the „Y-“ and „Z-axis“, and the fourth dimension is time T. For model results, these attribute values are assigned to coordinate variables describing geographical longitude, geographical latitude, level or height and time. In case other coordinate names are used, these are simply also used for the axis attribute.

The :unit attribute is actually estimated for model output only depending on the description of the corresponding sub-keywords for the keyword ‘variable’ in the <model>.mdf file. For post-processing output, it is only used as a placeholder and not calculated from the applied operator sequence so far.

The :coordinates attribute serves to define coordinates depending on other ones and so to allow coordinate transformations. Actually, this attribute is not used.

Actually, the :_Fillvalue attribute is not applied to coordinate variables. It is identically to the :missing_value attribute but open for other definitions.

For visualization requirements, the following additional variable attributes have been defined for SimEnv:

### Tab. 12.4 Variable NetCDF attributes for visualization

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Data type</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&lt;variable_name&gt;:unit</td>
<td>[&lt;coordinate_unit&gt;</td>
<td>&lt;predef_coordinate_unit&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;variable_name&gt;:missing_value</td>
<td>&lt;variable type-depending missing value&gt;</td>
<td>type-dep.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;variable_name&gt;:coordinates</td>
<td>&lt;par1_lon&gt; &lt;par1_lat&gt;</td>
<td>char</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;variable_name&gt;:_Fillvalue</td>
<td>&lt;variable type-depending fill value&gt;</td>
<td>type-dep.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The `:monotony` attribute is applied to coordinate variables only and estimated from the coordinate values as defined in the `<model>.mdf` file. During post-processing additional coordinates can be generated for which no monotony may be estimated. In such cases, the attribute is set to "none".

The `:coo_type` attribute describes the grid representation of a given coordinate. A value of 1 indicates that all coordinate values are provided explicitly (suitable, e.g., for irregular grids). A value of 2 indicates a regular grid and a coordinate representation by its start value, increment and end value.

The `:data_range` attribute provides the real range that is covered by the related variable in the recent NetCDF file.

The `:index_range` attribute is used only in case a NetCDF variable does not cover the complete range of a coordinate and an additional coordinate was defined and assigned to this NetCDF variable. The index_range attribute describes that sub-space for which the NetCDF variable is defined. Range indices count from 1.

The `:var_representation` attribute is introduced to specify what operations are allowed on the data.

The `:grid_shift` attribute is actually still a placeholder for variables that are not defined in the centre of a grid box when quasi-regular grids are used.

The `:north_pole` attribute can be used if rotated grids are applied.

### 12.2 IEEE Compliant Binary Model Output

IEEE compliant binary model output is written in records of fixed length to `<model>.out<simenv_run_char>.ieee` and/or `<model>.outall.ieee`. For the determination of the record length see below.

Sequence of data for each single run is as follows:

- Experiment factors as specified in `<model>.edf`
  - Sequence as in `<model>.edf`
- Built-in (pre-defined) model output variables
  - Sequence as in Tab. 10.9
- Model output variables
  - Sequence as in `<model>.mdf`

Storage demand for each model output variable / factor is according to its dimensionality, extents and data type. Storage demand in bytes for each model output variable / factor is re-adjusted to the smallest number of bytes divisible by 8, where the data can be stored. Multi-dimensional data fields are organized in the Fortran storage model (cf. Section 15.7 - Glossary). Data is stored in records with a fixed record length of minimum (512000 Bytes, re-adjusted storage demand in Bytes).

In `<model>.outall.ieee` each single run starts with a new record. Sequence of the single runs corresponds to the sequence of the single run numbers `<simenv_run_int>`. Consequently, data from default single run 0 is stored in the first and potentially the following records.

Having a model output description file as in Example 5.1 and an experiment description file as in Example 6.3 (3a) each single run is stored in the following way:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Factor / model variable</th>
<th>Extents</th>
<th>Data type</th>
<th>Storage demand [Byte]</th>
<th>Storage demand re-adjusted [Byte]</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>p1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>float</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>p2</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>float</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sim_time</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>float</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>atmo</td>
<td>45 x 90 x 4 x 20</td>
<td>float</td>
<td>1.296.000</td>
<td>1.296.000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bios</td>
<td>36 x 90 x 20</td>
<td>float</td>
<td>259.200</td>
<td>259.200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>atmo_g</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>int</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bios_g</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>int</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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Example 12.1  
IEEE compliant model output data structure

12.3  IEEE Compliant Binary and ASCII Experiment Post-Processor Output

For IEEE and ASCII experiment post-processor output result information is stored in two files:
- `<model>.res<simenv_res_char>[ ie, ascii ]` holds the result dynamics
- `<model>.inf<simenv_res_char>[ ie, ascii ]` holds structure and coordinate information

The IEEE post-processor output files `<model>.res<simenv_res_char>.ieee` and `<model>.inf<simenv_res_char>.ieee` are unformatted binary files with IEEE float/int number representation, while for the ASCII post-processor version `<model>.res<simenv_res_char>.ascii` and `<model>.inf<simenv_res_char>.ascii` formatted ASCII files are used. Files for both output file formats have for each result subsequently the following structure:

Record structure of `<model>.inf<simenv_res_char>[ ie, ascii ]` for each result:
result number 01:
record no. 1  max. 512 chars   result expression string
record no. 2  max. 128 chars   result description string
record no. 3  max. 32 chars    result unit string (or 1 space if unit is undefined)
record no. 4  10 int           dim  ext(1) ...  ext(dim)  0 ... 0
record no. 4  max. 20 chars   coordinate name of dimension 1
record no. 5  10 float         coordinate values of dimension 1 in records of 10 values
                               (last record may have less values)
...
record no. xxx max. 20 chars   coordinate name of dimension dim
record no. xxx+1 10 float      coordinate values of dimension dim in records of 10 values
                               (last record may have less values)
result number 02:
...

Record structure of `<model>.res<simenv_res_char>[ ie, ascii ]` for each result:
result number 01:
record no. 1 ...  10 float in records of 10 values (last record may have less values):
                        result_value(1) ... result_value(length_result)
                        with length_result = \prod_{i=1}^{dim} ext(i)  for dim > 0
                        = 1           else
result number 02:
...

The vector result_value is stored in the Fortran storage model (cf. Section 15.7 - Glossary). The nodata element for undefined result values is set to 3.4E38.

The Fortran code in Example 15.14 reads experiment post-processing ASCII output files `<model>.res<simenv_res_char>.ascii` and `<model>.inf<simenv_res_char>.ascii` in their general structure. In the examples-directory `$SE_HOME/exa` of SimEnv it is accompanied by the corresponding version for IEEE result output.
13 SimEnv Prospects

SimEnv development and improvement is user-driven. Here one can find a list of the main development pathways in future.

General
- Graphical user interface
- Portability to Windows-based systems
- Unique number representations for binary IEEE output of distributed models (big endians vs. small endians)

Model interface
- simenv_slice_py for Python and Java models

Experiment preparation
- Experiment type uncertainty analysis with variance decomposition
- Experiment type stochastic analysis
- Monte Carlo analysis: sampling of correlated factors

Experiment performance
- Experiment performance for distributed models across networks
- Multi-file model output storage

Experiment post-processing
- Additional advanced operators (coarse, sort, categorical operators)
- Advanced uncertainty operators
- Flexible assignment of data types to operator results (currently: only float)
- Shared memory access for user-defined operators to avoid data exchange by external files

Visual experiment evaluation
- Advanced techniques for graphical representation of experiment post-processor output, especially for multi-run operators
14 References and Further Readings


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http://www.mad.zmaw.de/Pingo/pingohome.html


15 Appendices

The appendices summarize the current version implementation, list the examples for model interfaces, user-defined operators and result import interfaces, and they compile all experiment post-processor built-in operators. Finally, a glossary of the main terms as used in this User Guide is supplied.
15.1 Version Implementation

Currently, SimEnv is running under Unix and Linux. For all installations, only the latest version is supported and bug fixes are installed on demand. Tab. 15.1 lists the directory structure of SimEnv. For SimEnv home directories at PIK check Tab. 3.3.

Tab. 15.1 SimEnv installation directory structure

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sub-directory of $SE_HOME</th>
<th>Contents</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Latest version of SimEnv</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bin</td>
<td>SimEnv scripts, binaries and auxiliary files</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>lib</td>
<td>SimEnv libraries and scripts to link models and operators</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>inc</td>
<td>SimEnv include files for models and operators</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>doc</td>
<td>SimEnv User Guide in pdf</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>exa</td>
<td>SimEnv examples as used in the User Guide</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Version repository of SimEnv at PIK</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>version_archive</td>
<td>SimEnv version archive. Version &lt;x.yz&gt; is located in a sub-folder &lt;x.yz&gt; and structured in this sub-folder in the same manner as the latest version.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

15.1.1 System Requirements

Tab. 15.2 System requirements for running SimEnv

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>Unix</th>
<th>Linux</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>hardware</td>
<td>IBM RS6000 and compatibles</td>
<td>Intel-based systems and compatibles with regular 32-bit or 64-bit processors (i386)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>operating system</td>
<td>AIX Version 4.3 <a href="http://www-03.ibm.com/servers/aix/">http://www-03.ibm.com/servers/aix/</a></td>
<td>any distribution with the Linux kernel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>shell</td>
<td>Bourne shell sh</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Python</td>
<td>Version 2.3 <a href="http://www.python.org">http://www.python.org</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NetCDF</td>
<td>Version 3.6.0 <a href="http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/packages/netcdf">http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/packages/netcdf</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For the compiler the symbolic link “cc” is used.
### Specification

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Software</th>
<th>Version</th>
<th>URL</th>
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<tr>
<td>Java</td>
<td>1.4</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Matlab</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.mathworks.com">http://www.mathworks.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mathematica</td>
<td>4.1</td>
<td><a href="http://www.wolfram.com">http://www.wolfram.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GAMS</td>
<td>Distribution 20</td>
<td><a href="http://www.gams.com">http://www.gams.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MPI</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td><a href="http://www.mpi-forum.org">http://www.mpi-forum.org</a></td>
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</table>

For the visualization framework SimEnvVis

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Software</th>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ferret</td>
<td>4.4</td>
<td><a href="http://ferret.wrc.noaa.gov/Ferret/">http://ferret.wrc.noaa.gov/Ferret/</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OpenGL</td>
<td>1.4</td>
<td><a href="http://www.opengl.org/">http://www.opengl.org/</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Qt</td>
<td>3.3.5</td>
<td><a href="http://www.trolltech.com/products/qt">http://www.trolltech.com/products/qt</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The version number of the software products in the above Tab. 15.2 represent these version, SimEnv was developed with. Higher versions should also be applicable.

For setting up SimEnv, gunzip, tar, configure, make, the xlf and/or gfortran Fortran compiler, and the C/C++ compiler have to be installed. After installing SimEnv, the file $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_settings.txt has to be adapted to the local settings: check Tab. 10.1.

### 15.1.2 Technical Limitations

#### Tab. 15.3  Current SimEnv technical limitations

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Entity</th>
<th>Maximum entity value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Directory strings ($SE_HOME, current workspace; in user-defined files and operators)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>resolved length (relative to absolute paths, environ. variables resolved)[characters]</td>
<td>128</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>User-defined files entities (cf. also Section 11.1)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>length of a record in a user-defined file [characters]</td>
<td>160</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>length of all general descriptions descr [characters]</td>
<td>512</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>length of a local description descr [characters]</td>
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<tr>
<td>length of a unit [characters]</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of model output variables</td>
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<td>Number of coordinates</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of slice definitions during interfacing a Fortran/C/C++ model</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of single model runs in an experiment</td>
<td>999 999</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of coordinate values and sampled factor values</td>
<td>200 000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Storage size of a (float / real*4) model output variable for GAMS models [Mbytes]</td>
<td>64</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Experiment post-processing entities</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Length of the optional result description string [characters]</td>
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<tr>
<td>Length of the optional result unit string [characters]</td>
<td>32</td>
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<tr>
<td>Number of arguments of an operator</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dimensionality of a result</td>
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<tr>
<td>Length of a complete result string (with description and unit) [characters]</td>
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</tr>
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<tr>
<td>Number of constants of a result</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of allocatable main memory segments</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>Allocatable main memory [MBytes]</td>
<td>2 048</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of post-processor output files</td>
<td>99</td>
</tr>
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15.1.3 Linking User Models and User-Defined Operators

- User models implemented in C/C++ or Fortran have to be linked with the following libraries to interface them to the simulation environment:
  - `$SE_HOME/lib/libsimenv.a`
  - `libnetcdf.a` from `/usr/local/lib` or `/usr/lib`
- User-defined operators to be used in experiment post-processing have to be linked with the following library to interface them to the simulation environment:
  - `$SE_HOME/lib/libsimenv.a`

For running interfaced models outside SimEnv check Section 5.12.

15.1.4 Example Models and User Files

For the following models corresponding files of Tab. 10.7 of can be copied from the corresponding examples-directory `$SE_HOME/exa` to the user’s current workspace by running the SimEnv service command `simenv.cpy <model>` from this workspace:

**Example 1.1**

For the generic model “world” check Example 1.1

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<th>Language / source code</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
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<tr>
<td>world_f</td>
<td>Fortran world_f.f</td>
<td>global atmosphere - biosphere model at resolution of ( lat x lon x level x time ) = ( 45 x 90 x 4 x 20 )</td>
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<tr>
<td>world_c</td>
<td>C world_c.c</td>
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## Model and Source Code

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<td>world_cpp</td>
<td>C++, world_cpp.cpp</td>
<td>global atmosphere - biosphere model at resolution of (lat x lon x level x time) = (45 x 90 x 4 x 20)</td>
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<tr>
<td>world_py</td>
<td>Python, world_py.py</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>world_ja</td>
<td>Java, world_ja.java</td>
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<tr>
<td>world_sh</td>
<td>Shell script level, world_sh.f, world_shput.f</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>world_as</td>
<td>ASCII interface, world_as.f</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>world_f_auto</td>
<td>Fortran, world_f_auto.f</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>world_sh_auto</td>
<td>Shell script level, world_sh.f, world_shput.f</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>world_f_1x1</td>
<td>Fortran, world_f_1x1.f</td>
<td>global atmosphere - biosphere model at a resolution of (lat x lon x level x time) = (180 x 360 x 16 x 20)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>world_f_05x05</td>
<td>Fortran, world_f_05x05.f</td>
<td>global atmosphere - biosphere model at a resolution of (lat x lon x level x time) = (360 x 720 x 16 x 20)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gridcell_f</td>
<td>Fortran, gridcell.f.f</td>
<td>atmosphere - biosphere model for one lat-lon grid cell at a resolution of (level x time) = (4 x 20)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gams_model</td>
<td>GAMS, gams_model.gms</td>
<td>GAMS example model</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Additionally, the following files are available from the example directory $SE_HOME/exa:

### Tab. 15.5

**Implemented model and operator related user files for the current version**

For <opr> see **Tab. 15.6 below**

<table>
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<th>File</th>
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<tr>
<td>&lt;model&gt;[f</td>
<td>c</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;model&gt;</td>
<td>model executable compiled and linked from &lt;model&gt;[f</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>world.edf_[2</td>
<td>3[a</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>world.post_[2</td>
<td>3c</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(simenv.res world_[f</td>
<td>c</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>world.dat_[3d</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>usr_opr_&lt;opr&gt;[.f</td>
<td>c ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>usr_opr_&lt;opr&gt;</td>
<td>executable for user-defined operator &lt;opr&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>land_sea_mask[&lt;nil&gt;</td>
<td>.f ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>land_sea_mask.05x05</td>
<td>global ASCII land-sea-mask file with a resolution of 0.5° lat x 0.5° lon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>read_result_file[&lt;nil&gt;</td>
<td>.f ]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
15.1.5 Example User-Defined Operators

The following user-defined operators are available from the example directory $SE_HOME/exa as source code and executables usr_opr_<opr>. All but operator matmul_c (source file usr_opr_<opr>.c) are implemented in Fortran and available as source files usr_opr_<opr>.f.

**Tab. 15.6**  
Available user-defined operators

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Operator name &lt;opr&gt;</th>
<th>Operator arguments</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
<th>Example</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>char_test</td>
<td>char_arg1,char_arg2, arg</td>
<td>character test</td>
<td>check usr_opr_char_test.f</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>corr_coeff</td>
<td>arg1, arg2</td>
<td>correlation coefficient R</td>
<td>corr_coeff(bios, -bios) = -1.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>div</td>
<td>arg1, arg2</td>
<td>division as an example how the corresponding built in basic operator works</td>
<td>div(-2,-4) = 0.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>matmul_[f</td>
<td>c]</td>
<td>arg1, arg2</td>
<td>matrix multiplication of 2-dimensional operands</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>simple_div</td>
<td>arg1, arg2</td>
<td>division without consideration of overflow, underflow, and division by 0.</td>
<td>simple_div(-2,-4) = 0.5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
15.2 Examples for Model Interfaces

15.2.1 Example Implementation of the Generic Model world

According to Example 1.1 on page 6 dynamics of the model world depend on four model parameters p1, p2, p3, and p4:

**Tab. 15.7** Factors of the generic model world

Mapping between model factors and internal model parameters is performed by the model coupling interface functions simenv_get_*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Model factor</th>
<th>Factor default value</th>
<th>Internal model parameter name</th>
<th>Factor unit</th>
<th>Factor meaning</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>p1</td>
<td>1.</td>
<td>phi_lat</td>
<td>π/12</td>
<td>latitudinal phase shift</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>p2</td>
<td>2.</td>
<td>omega_lat</td>
<td>2π</td>
<td>latitudinal frequency</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>p3</td>
<td>3.</td>
<td>phi_lon</td>
<td>π/12</td>
<td>longitudinal phase shift</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>p4</td>
<td>4.</td>
<td>omega_lon</td>
<td>2π</td>
<td>longitudinal frequency</td>
</tr>
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</table>

For reasons of simplification these factors (parameters) influence state variables atmo and bios by the product of two trigonometric terms value_lat and value_lon in the following manner:

\[
\text{value}_\text{lat}(\text{lat}) = \sin\left( 2\pi \omega_\text{lat} \cdot f(\text{lat}) + \phi_\text{lat} \cdot \pi/12 \right)
\]

\[
\text{value}_\text{lon}(\text{lon}) = \sin\left( 2\pi \omega_\text{lon} \cdot f(\text{lon}) + \phi_\text{lon} \cdot \pi/12 \right)
\]

The function f( . ) norms value_lat and value_lon by lat and/or lon in a way, that it holds

\[
\text{value}_\text{lat|lon}(1) = \sin\left( +\pi \omega_\text{lat|lon} + \phi_\text{lat|lon} \cdot \pi/12 \right)
\]

\[
\text{value}_\text{lat|lon}(\text{last}/2) = \sin\left( 0 \pi \omega_\text{lat|lon} + \phi_\text{lat|lon} \cdot \pi/12 \right)
\]

\[
\text{value}_\text{lat|lon}(\text{last}) = \sin\left( -\pi \omega_\text{lat|lon} + \phi_\text{lat|lon} \cdot \pi/12 \right)
\]

Finally, the state variables are

\[
\text{atmo}(\text{lat},\text{lon},\text{level},\text{time}) = \text{value}_\text{lat}(\text{lat}) \cdot \text{value}_\text{lon}(\text{lon}) \cdot (100\text{time} + \text{level} - 1)
\]

\[
\text{bios}(\text{lat},\text{lon},\text{time}) = \text{value}_\text{lat}(\text{lat}) \cdot \text{value}_\text{lon}(\text{lon}) \cdot 100\text{time}
\]

and - notated in the syntax of the SimEnv post-processor -

\[
\text{atmo}_g(\text{time}) = \text{avg}_1(\text{abs}\text{atmo}(\text{lat},\text{lon},1,\text{time}))
\]

\[
\text{bios}_g = \text{avg}(\text{abs}\text{bios}(\text{lat},\text{lon},\text{time}))
\]

Means avg and avg_1 are calculated in a box with the extent \(\Delta\text{lat} \times \Delta\text{lon} = 10\degree \times 10\degree\) and (lat,lon) = (0°,0°) in the mid of the box.
15.2.2 Fortran Model

With respect to Example 5.1 the following Fortran code `world_f.f` could be used to describe the model interfaced to SimEnv. SimEnv modifications are marked in **bold**.

```fortran
program world_f
    c declare SimEnv interface functions (compile with -I$SE_HOME/inc)
    include 'simenv_mod_f.inc'
    integer*4 simenv_sts,simenv_run_int
    character*6 simenv_run_char
    c declare atmo without dimensions level and time and bios without time
    c because they are computed in place and simenv_slice_f is used
    real*4      atmo(0:44,0:89)
    real*4      bios(0:35,0:89)
    integer*4   atmo_g(0:19)
    integer*4   bios_g
    p1 = 1.
    p2 = 2.
    p3 = 3.
    p4 = 4.

    simenv_sts = simenv_ini_f()
    c check return code for the model interface functions at least here
    if(simenv_sts.ne.0) stop 1
    c only if necessary:
    simenv_sts = simenv_get_run(simenv_run_int,simenv_run_char)
    simenv_sts = simenv_get_f('p1',p1,p1)
    simenv_sts = simenv_get_f('p2',p2,p2)
    simenv_sts = simenv_get_f('p3',p3,p3)
    simenv_sts = simenv_get_f('p4',p4,p4)

    c compute dynamics of atmo and bios over space and time,
    c of atmo_g over time, all dependent on p1,p2,p3,p4
    do idecade = 0,19
        ... 
        do level= 0,3
            simenv_sts = simenv_slice_f('atmo’,3,level+1,level+1)
            simenv_sts = simenv_slice_f('atmo’,4,idecade+1,idecade+1)
            simenv_sts = simenv_put_f('atmo’,atmo)
        enddo
        simenv_sts = simenv_slice_f('bios’,3,idecade+1,idecade+1)
        simenv_sts = simenv_put_f('bios’,bios)
    enddo
    ... 
    simenv_sts = simenv.put_f('atmo_g’,atmo_g)
    c compute dynamics of bios_g
    ... 
    simenv_sts = simenv.put_f('bios_g’,bios_g)
    simenv_sts = simenv_end_f()
end
```

Example file: `world_f.f`

**Example 15.1**  Model interface for Fortran models – model `world_f.f`
15.2.3 Fortran Model with Semi-Automated Model Interface

With respect to Example 5.1 the following Fortran code `world_f_auto.f` could be used to describe the model interfaced semi-automatically to SimEnv. SimEnv modifications are marked in **bold**.

```fortran
program world_f_auto
  c declare SimEnv interface functions (compile with -I$SE_HOME/inc)
  c simenv_sts, simenv_run_int and simenv_run_char are also declared
  include 'simenv_mod_auto_f.inc'
  c declare atmo without dimensions level and time and bios without time
c  because they are computed in place and simenv_slice_f is used
  real*4      atmo(0:44,0:89)
  real*4      bios(0:35,0:89)
  integer*4   atmo_g(0:19)
  integer*4   bios_g

  p1 = 1.
p2 = 2.
p3 = 3.
p4 = 4.
  c include source code sequence for the semi-automated model interface
  include 'world_f_auto_f.inc'
  c compute dynamics of atmo and bios over space and time,
c  of atmo_g over time, all dependent on p1,p2,p3,p4
do idecade = 0,19
  ...  
do level= 0,3
    simenv_sts = simenv_slice_f('atmo',3,level+1,level+1)
    simenv_sts = simenv_slice_f('atmo',4,idecade+1,idecade+1)
    simenv_sts = simenv_put_f('atmo',atmo)
  enddo
  simenv_sts = simenv_slice_f('bios',3,idecade+1,idecade+1)
  simenv_sts = simenv_put_f('bios',bios)
  enddo
  ...simenv_sts = simenv_put_f('atmo_g',atmo_g)
  c compute dynamics of bios_g
  ...simenv_sts = simenv_put_f('bios_g',bios_g)
simenv_sts = simenv_end_f()
end

Example file: world_f_auto.f
```

**Example 15.2**  
Semi-automated model interface for Fortran models – model `world_f_auto.f`
15.2.4 C Model

With respect to Example 5.1 the following C code world_c.c could be used to describe the model interfaced to SimEnv. SimEnv modifications are marked in bold.

```c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
/* declare SimEnv interface functions (compile with -I$SE_HOME/inc)
#include "simenv_mod_c.inc"

/* declare atmo without dimensions level and time and bios without time*/
/* because they are computed in place and simenv_slice_c is used */
static float   atmo[45][90];
static float   bios[36][90];
static int     atmo_g[20];
static int     bios_g;

main(void)
{
    float p1,p2,p3,p4;
    int level,idecade,simenv_sts,simenv_run_int,level1,idecade1,idim;
    char simenv_run_char[6];
    p1 = 1.;
    p2 = 2.;
    p3 = 3.;
    p4 = 4.;

    simenv_sts = simenv_init_c();
    /* check return code of model interface functions at least here */
    if(simenv_sts != 0) return 1;
    /* only if necessary: */
    simenv_sts = simenv_get_run_c(&simenv_run_int,simenv_run_char);
    simenv_sts = simenv_get_c("p1", &p1, &p1);
    simenv_sts = simenv_get_c("p2", &p2, &p2);
    simenv_sts = simenv_get_c("p3", &p3, &p3);
    simenv_sts = simenv_get_c("p4", &p4, &p4);
    /* compute dynamics of atmo and bios over space and time, */
    /* of atmo_g over time, all dependent on p1,p2,p3,p4 */
    for (idecade=0; idecade<=19; idecade++)
    {
        for (level=0; level<=3; level++)
        {
            idim=3;
            level1=level+1;
            simenv_sts = simenv_slice_c("atmo", &idim,&level1,&level1);
            idim=4;
            idecade1=idecade+1;
            simenv_sts = simenv_slice_c("atmo", &idim,&idecade1,&idecade1);
            simenv_sts = simenv_put_c("atmo",(char *) &atmo);
        }
        idim=3;
        idecade=idecade+1;
        simenv_sts = simenv_slice_c("bios", &idim,&idecade1,&idecade1);
        simenv_sts = simenv_put_c("bios",(char *) &bios);
    }
}
```
simenv_sts = simenv_put_c("atmo_g", (char *) &atmo_g);
/* compute dynamics of bios_g */
...
    simenv_sts = simenv_put_c("bios_g", (char *) &bios_g);
simenv_sts = simenv_end_c();
    return 0;
}

Example file: world_c.c

Example 15.3    Model interface for C models – model world_c.c
15.2.5 C++ Model

With respect to Example 5.1 the following C++ code `world_cpp.cpp` could be used to describe the model interfaced to SimEnv. SimEnv modifications are marked in bold.

```cpp
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
/* declare SimEnv interface functions (compile with -I$SE_HOME/inc) */
#include "simenv_mod_c.inc"

class World
{
/* declare atmo without dimensions level and time and bios without time */
/* because they are computed in place and simenv_slice_c is used */
public:  float   atmo[45][90];
public:  float   bios[36][90];
public:  int     atmo_g[20];
public:  int     bios_g;
private: int     level,idecade,simenv_sts,level1,idecade1,idim;

public: void computeAtmo(float p1 ,float p2, float p3, float p4)
/* compute dynamics of atmo over space and time, */
/* and of atmo_g over time, all dependent on p1,p2,p3,p4 */
{
    for (idecade=0; idecade<=19; idecade++)
    {...
        for (level=0; level<=3; level++)
        {...
            idim=3;
            level1=level1+1;
            simenv_sts = simenv_slice_c("atmo",&idim,&level,&level);
            idim=4;
            idecade1=idecade1+1;
            simenv_sts = simenv_slice_c("atmo",&idim,&idecade1,&idecade1);
            simenv_sts = simenv_put_c("atmo",(char *) &atmo);
        }
    }
}

public: void computeBios(float p1, float p2, float p3, float p4)
/* compute dynamics of bios over space and time, */
/* and of bios_g all dependent on p1,p2,p3,p4 */
{
    int simenv_sts;
    for (idecade=0; idecade<=19; idecade++)
    {...
        idim=3;
        idecade1=idecade1+1;
        simenv_sts = simenv_slice_c("bios",&idim,&idecade1,&idecade1);
        simenv_sts = simenv_put_c("bios",(char *) &bios);
    }
    /* compute dynamics of bios_g */
    ...}
}
```
main(void)
{
    int simenv_sts,simenv_run_int;
    char simenv_run_char[6];
    float p1 = 1.;
    float p2 = 2.;
    float p3 = 3.;
    float p4 = 4.;

    simenv_sts = simenv_ini_c();
    /* check return code of model interface functions at least here */
    if(simenv_sts != 0) return 1;
    /* only if necessary: */
    simenv_sts = simenv_get_run_c(&simenv_run_int,simenv_run_char);

    simenv_sts = simenv_get_c("p1", &p1, &p1);
    simenv_sts = simenv_get_c("p2", &p2, &p2);
    simenv_sts = simenv_get_c("p3", &p3, &p3);
    simenv_sts = simenv_get_c("p4", &p4, &p4);

    World world;
    world.computeAtmo(p1,p2,p3,p4);
    simenv_sts = simenv_put_c("atmo_g", (char *) &world.atmo_g);
    world.computeBios(p1,p2,p3,p4);
    simenv_sts = simenv_put_c("bios_g", (char *) &world.bios_g);

    simenv_sts = simenv_end_c();
    return 0;
}

Example file: world_cpp.cpp

Example 15.4   Model interface for C++ models – model world_cpp.cpp
15.2.6 Python Model

With respect to Example 5.1 the following Python code `world_py.py` could be used to describe the model interfaced to SimEnv. SimEnv modifications are marked in bold.

```python
#!/usr/local/bin/python
import string
import os
from simenv import *
# this model needs the math and the Numeric package
# set the PYTHONPATH environment variable accordingly
from math import *
from Numeric import *

atmo=zeros([45,90,4,20], Float)
bios=zeros([36,90,20], Float)
atmo_g=zeros([20], Float)
p1=1.
p2=2.
p3=3.
p4=4.

simenv_ini_py()
# only if necessary:
simenv_run_int = int(simenv_get_run_py())
p1 = float(simenv_get_py('p1',p1))
p2 = float(simenv_get_py('p2',p2))
p3 = float(simenv_get_py('p3',p3))
p4 = float(simenv_get_py('p4',p4))

# compute dynamics of atmo and bios over space and time,
# of atmo_g over time, all dependent on p1,p2,p3,p4
for idecade in range(20):
    ...
    for level in range(4):
        ...
        atmo=reshape(atmo,45*90*4*20,)
simenv_put_py('atmo',atmo)
bios=reshape(atmo,45*90*20,)
simenv_put_py('bios',bios)
simenv_put_py('atmo_g',atmo_g)
# compute dynamics of bios_g
#
# ...
simenv_put_py('bios_g',bios_g)
simenv_end_py()
```

Example file: `world_py.py`
15.2.7 Java Model

With respect to Example 5.1 the following Java code `world_ja.java` could be used to describe the model interfaced to SimEnv. SimEnv modifications are marked in bold.

```java
import java.io.*;

public class world_ja {
    static float[][][][] atmo = new float[45][90][4][20];
    static float[][][] bios = new float[36][90][20];
    static int[] atmo_g = new int[20];
    static int bios_g;

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int simenv_sts, simenv_run_int;
        int idecade, level;

        float phi_lat=1.F;
        float omega_lat=2.F;
        float phi_lon=3.F;
        float omega_lon=4.F;

        simenv_sts = simenv.simenv_ini_ja();
        // only of necessary:
        simenv_run_int = Integer.parseInt(simenv.simenv_get_run_ja());
        phi_lat = simenv.simenv_get_ja("p1", phi_lat);
        omega_lat = simenv.simenv_get_ja("p2", omega_lat);
        phi_lon = simenv.simenv_get_ja("p3", phi_lon);
        omega_lon = simenv.simenv_get_ja("p4", omega_lon);
        // compute dynamics of atmo and bios over space and time,
        // of atmo_g over time, all dependent on p1,p2,p3,p4
        for (idecade=0; idecade<20; idecade++)
            ...
            for (level=0; level<4; level++)
                ...
        simenv_sts = simenv.simenv_put_ja("atmo", atmo);
        simenv_sts = simenv.simenv_put_ja("bios", bios);
        simenv_sts = simenv.simenv_put_ja("atmo_g", atmo_g);
        simenv_sts = simenv.simenv_put_ja("bios_g", bios_g);
        ...
        simenv_sts=simenv.simenv_end_ja();
        System.exit(0);
    }
}
```

Example file: `world_ja.java`

**Example 15.6** Model interface for Java models – model `world_ja.java`
15.2.8 Matlab / Mathematica Model

Example 15.7 describes the model interface for a Matlab / Mathematica model. The models are not provided.

```bash
#!/bin/sh

# perform always and as the first $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_*_sh dot script

# get current run number <simenv_run_char> and <simenv_run_int>
  . $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_run_sh

# get factor names and adjusted values and
# run the Matlab / Mathematica model <model>.m
  . $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_run_[ matlab | mathematica ]

# transfer ASCII model output files to SimEnv model output
# (cf. Example 15.9 and Example 15.10)
# ...

# remove temporary sub-directory run$simenv_run_char
  rmdir run$simenv_run_char

# perform always and as the last $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_*_sh dot script
  . $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_end_sh
```

Example 15.7 Model interface for Matlab / Mathematica – model shell script <model>.run
15.2.9 GAMS Model

SimEnv comes with an interfaced GAMS model gams_model.gms and all associated files that fully correspond to the GAMS example model at [http://www.gams.com/docs/gams/Tutorial.pdf](http://www.gams.com/docs/gams/Tutorial.pdf). Modifications for SimEnv are marked in bold.

```plaintext
SETS
  I     canning plants   / SEATTLE, SAN-DIEGO /
  J     markets          / NEW-YORK, CHICAGO, TOPEKA /;

PARAMETERS
  A(I)  capacity of plant i in cases
        /    SEATTLE     350
              SAN-DIEGO   600 /
  B(J)  demand at market j in cases
        /    NEW-YORK    325
              CHICAGO     300
              TOPEKA      275 /;

* - Before using parameters (here dem_ny and dem_ch) as SimEnv experiment factors they have to be declared as GAMS model parameters with default values from above.
* - Then insert $include <model>_simenv_get.inc
*    simenv_get.inc is generated automatically based on <model>.edf
* - And assign adjusted factors to model variables

PARAMETERS
  dem_ny /325.0/;
  dem_ch /300.0/;
$include gams_model_simenv_get.inc
  A("SEATTLE") = dem_ny;
  A("SAN-DIEGO") = dem_ch;

TABLE  D(I,J)  distance in thousands of miles
        NEW-YORK       CHICAGO      TOPEKA
  SEATTLE          2.5           1.7          1.8
  SAN-DIEGO        2.5           1.8          1.4 ;

SCALAR F  freight in dollars per case per thousand miles  /90/;

* get the model status as a model output
  modstat is set to transport.modelstat ;

PARAMETER C(I,J)  transport cost in thousands of dollars per case ;
  C(I,J) = F * D(I,J) / 1000 ;

VARIABLES
  X(I,J)  shipment quantities in cases
  Z       total transportation costs in thousands of dollars ;
POSITIVE VARIABLE X ;
EQUATIONS
  COST        define objective function
  SUPPLY(I)   observe supply limit at plant i
  DEMAND(J)   satisfy demand at market j ;

COST ..        Z  =E=  SUM((I,J), C(I,J)*X(I,J)) ;
SUPPLY(I) ..   SUM(J, X(I,J))  =L=  A(I) ;
DEMAND(J) ..   SUM(I, X(I,J))  =G=  B(J) ;
MODEL TRANSPORT /ALL/ ;
SOLVE TRANSPORT USING LP MINIMIZING Z ;
```

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After solving the equations $\text{include simenv_put.inc}$
has to be inserted.
simenv_put.inc is generated automatically by SimEnv
based on <model>.edf and <model>.gdf
Additional GAMS statements are possible after the $\text{include}$ statement

modstat = transport.modelstat
$\text{include gams_model_simenv_put.inc}$

Only if sub-models sub_m1 and sub_m2 are coupled (cf. Example 5.3):
$\text{call "gams ../sub_m1.gms ll= lo=2 lf=gams_model.nlog dp=0 Optdir=../";}$
$\text{call "gams ../sub_m2.gms ll= lo=2 lf=gams_model.nlog dp=0 Optdir=../";}$

Example file: gams_model.gms

Example 15.8 Model interface for GAMS models – model gams_model.gms
15.2.10 Model Interface at Shell Script Level

Assume any experiment. Assume model executable world_sh to take factor values p1 to p4 as arguments from the command line.

The shell script *world_sh.run* with an interface at shell script level to run the model world_sh and to transform model output to SimEnv could look like:

```bash
#!/bin/sh

p1=1.
p2=2.
p3=3.
p4=4.

# perform always and as the first $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_*_sh dot script
# altern. perform . $SE_WS/<model>_sh.inc for semi-autom. model interface
. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_ini_sh

# get current run number <simenv_run_char> and <simenv_run_int>
. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_run_sh

# get adjusted values for factors p1 ... p4
factor_name='p1'
factor_def_val=$p1
. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_sh
factor_name='p2'
factor_def_val=$p2
. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_sh
factor_name='p3'
factor_def_val=$p3
. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_sh
factor_name='p4'
factor_def_val=$p4
. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_sh

# create temporary directory run<simenv_run_char> to perform the model
# and model output transformation from native to SimEnv structure there
mkdir run$simenv_run_char
cd run$simenv_run_char

# run the model
cp ../land_sea_mask.coarsed .
../world_sh $p1 $p2 $p3 $p4

# read model results and output them to SimEnv
../world_shput

# clear and remove directory
cd ..
rm -FR run$simenv_run_char

# perform always and as the last $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_*_sh dot script
. $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_end_sh
```

Example file: *world_sh.run*

Example 15.9 Model interface at shell script level – model shell script *world_sh.run*
15.2.11 Model Interface for ASCII Files

Assume any experiment. Assume model executable world_as (example file world_as.f)

- to take factor names and resulting adjusted values p1 to p4 from the file generated by simenv_get_as
- to output model variables to ASCII files
  - atmo_bios.ascii<simenv_run_char>
  - atmo_g.ascii<simenv_run_char>
  - bios_g.ascii<simenv_run_char>

with the same file structure as in Example 5.6. The current run number in 6-character notation is appended to the file names to distinguish files for parallel experiment performance.

The shell script world_as.run with an ASCII interface to run the model world_as and to transfer model output to SimEnv could look like:

```bash
#!/bin/sh

# perform always and as the first $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_*_sh dot script
# altern. perform . $SE_WS/<model>_sh.inc for semi-autom. model interface
# $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_ini_sh

# get current run number <simenv_run_char> and <simenv_run_int>
# $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_run.sh

# get factor names and adjusted values
# to ASCII file world_as.as<simenv_run_char>
# $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_get_as

# run the model:
# read world_as.as$simenv_run_char
# store model output to ASCII files
./world_as

# transfer ASCII model output files to SimEnv model output
# use simenv_put_as_simple since the ASCII file has 9000 columns:
$SE_HOME/bin/simenv_put_as_simple atmo_bios.ascii<simenv_run_char> lat
# use simenv_put_as since the ASCII files have 1 column:
$SE_HOME/bin/simenv_put_as atmo_g.ascii<simenv_run_char> time
$SE_HOME/bin/simenv_put_as bios_g.ascii<simenv_run_char>

# remove ASCII files
rm -f world_as.as<simenv_run_char>
rm -f atmo_bios.ascii<simenv_run_char>
rm -f atmo_g.ascii<simenv_run_char>
rm -f bios_g.ascii<simenv_run_char>

# perform always and as the last $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_*_sh dot script
# $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_end.sh
```

Example file: world_as.run

Example 15.10 Model interface for ASCII files – model shell script world_as.run
15.2.12 Semi-Automated Model Interface at Shell Script Level

Assume any experiment. Assume model executable world_sh to take factor values p1 to p4 as arguments from the command line.

The shell script `world_sh_auto.run` with an semi-automated interface at shell script level to run the model world_sh and to transform model output to SimEnv could look like:

```
#!/bin/sh

p1=1.
p2=2.
p3=3.
p4=4.

# perform dot script world_sh_auto_sh.inc
# for semi-automated model interface at shell script level
# alternatively perform dot script $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_ini_sh
# $SE_WS/world_sh_auto_sh.inc

# create temporary directory run<simenv_run_char> to perform the model
# and model output transformation from native to SimEnv structure there
mkdir run$simenv_run_char
cd run$simenv_run_char

# run the model
cp ../land_sea_mask.coarsed .
../world_sh $p1 $p2 $p3 $p4

# read model results and output them to SimEnv
../world_shput

# clear and remove directory
cd..
rm -fR run$simenv_run_char

# perform always and as the last $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_*_sh dot script
# $SE_HOME/bin/simenv_end_sh
```

Example file: `world_sh_auto.run`

Example 15.11 Semi-automated model interface at shell script level –
model shell script `world_sh_auto.run`
15.3 Example Implementation for the Experiment Post-Processor User-Defined Operator matmul_[f | c]

15.3.1 Fortran Implementation

Implementation of the user-defined operator matmul_f in the file `usr_opr_matmul_f.f`:

```fortran
integer*4 function simenv_check_user_def_operator()
  c declare SimEnv interface functions (compile with -I$SE_HOME/inc)
  include 'simenv_opr_f.inc'
  c declare fields to hold extents and coordinates
  dimension iext1(9),iext2(9)
  dimension ico_nr1(9),ico_nr2(9)
  dimension ico_beg_pos1(9),ico_beg_pos2(9)
  character*20 co_name1(9),co_name2(9)
  c get dimensionality idimens, extents iext,
  c formal coordinate number ico_nr and
  c formal coordinate begin position ico_beg_pos
  idimens1=simenv_get_dim_arg_f(1,iext1)
  idimens2=simenv_get_dim_arg_f(2,iext2)
  iok=simenv_get_co_arg_f(1,ico_nr1,ico_beg_pos1,co_name1)
  iok=simenv_get_co_arg_f(2,ico_nr2,ico_beg_pos2,co_name2)
  c get check modus for coordinates
  ichk_modus=simenv_get_co_chk_modus_f()
  if(idimens1.ne.2.or.idimens2.ne.2) then
    error=1
  else
    if(iext1(2).ne.iext2(1)) then
      error=2
    else
      if(ico_nr1(2).eq.ico_nr2(1)) then
        if(ico_beg_pos1(2).eq.ico_beg_pos2(1)) then
          iret=31
        else
          iret=33
        endif
      else
        iret=32
        if(ichk_modus.eq.1) then
          do j=0,iext1(2)-1
            c get coordinate values
            iretv1=simenv_get_co_val_f(  
              ico_nr1(2),ico_beg_pos1(2)+j,value1)
            iretv2=simenv_get_co_val_f(  
              ico_nr2(1),ico_beg_pos2(1)+j,value2)
          c iret=33: differing coordinate values
        endif
      endif
    endif
  endif
end simenv_check_user_def_operator()
```

if(value1.ne.value2) iret=33
endif
endif
if(ichk_modus.eq.2) then
  if(iret.gt.31) ierror=3
endif
elseif(ichk_modus.eq.1) then
  if(iret.gt.32) ierror=3
endif
endif
if(ierror.eq.0) then
  iext1(2)=iext2(2)
  ico_nr1(2)=ico_nr2(2)
  ico_beg_pos1(2)=ico_beg_pos2(2)
  iok=simenv_put_struct_res_f(0,idimens1,iext1,ico_nr1,ico_beg_pos1)
endif
end
integer*4 function simenv_compute_user_def_operator(res)
  c SimEnv operator results are always of type real*4
  real*4 res(1)
  c declare SimEnv interface functions (compile with -I$SE_HOME/inc)
  include 'simenv_opr_f.inc'
  c auxiliary variables
  integer*4 iext1(9),iext2(9)
  real*8 value8,r8fac1,r8fac2
  c get dimensionality idimens and extents iext for both arguments
  idimens=simenv_get_dim_arg_f(1,iext1)
  idimens=simenv_get_dim_arg_f(2,iext2)
  c perform matrix multiplication
  m=0
  do k=1,iext2(2)
    iarg2_offs=(k-1)*iext2(1)
    do i=1,iext1(1)
      iarg1_offs=i
      value8=0.
      indi_defined=0
      do l=1,iext1(2)
        iai=iarg1_offs+(l-1)*iext1(1)
        ia2=iarg2_offs+l
        fac1=simenv_get_arg_f(1,ia1)
        fac2=simenv_get_arg_f(2,ia2)
        res(i,k) = sum(arg1(i,l) * arg2(l,k))
        if(simenv_chk_undef_f(fac1)+simenv_chk_undef_f(fac2).eq.0) then
          value8=0.
          indi_defined=0
        endif
      enddo
    enddo
  enddo
Example 15.12  Experiment post-processor user-defined operator module – operator matmul_f
15.3.2 C Implementation

Implementation of the user-defined operator matmul_c in the file `usr_opr_matmul_c.c`:

```c
#include <strings.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include "simenv_opr_c.inc"  /* compile with -I$SE_HOME/inc */

int simenv_check_user_def_operator()
{
    int iext1[9],iext2[9];
    int ico_nr1[9],ico_nr2[9],ico_beg_pos1[9],ico_beg_pos2[9];
    char co_name1[180],co_name2[180];
    int idimens1, idimens2;
    int ichk_modus;
    int iret,iretv1,iretv2,j,iok,ierror=0;
    float value1, value2;

    /* get dimensionality idimens, extents iext,
    formal coordinate number ico_nr and
    formal coordinate begin position ico_beg_pos */
    idimens1=simenv_get_dim_arg_c(1,iext1);  
    idimens2=simenv_get_dim_arg_c(2,iext2);
    iok=simenv_get_co_arg_c(1,ico_nr1,ico_beg_pos1,co_name1);
    iok=simenv_get_co_arg_c(2,ico_nr2,ico_beg_pos2,co_name2);

    ichk_modus=simenv_get_co_chk_modus_c();

    if(idimens1!=2 || idimens2!=2)  
        ierror=1;  /* wrong dimensionalities */
    else
    if(iext1[1]!=iext2[0])  
        ierror=2;  /* wrong dimensions */
    else
        { if(ico_nr1[1]==ico_nr2[0])
            if(ico_beg_pos1[1]==ico_beg_pos2[0])
                iret=31;
            else
                iret=33;  /* coordinates identical*/
        }
    else
        { iret=32;  /* differing coordinates */
            if(ichk_modus==1)
                for (j=0;j<iext1[1];j++)  /* only for weak c. check */
                    { /* get coordinate values */
                        iretv1=simenv_get_co_val_c
                                     (ico_nr1[1],ico_beg_pos1[1]+j,&value1);
                        iretv2=simenv_get_co_val_c
                                     (ico_nr2[0],ico_beg_pos2[0]+j,&value2);
                        if(value1 != value2)
                            iret=33;
                    }
            else
                iret=33;
        }
    }
```
ierror=0;
if(ichk_modus==2)
  if(iret>31) ierror=3;
else
  if(ichk_modus==1)
    if(iret>32) ierror=3;
}

if(ierrerror==0)
  { iext1[1]=iext2[1];
    ico_nr1[1]=ico_nr2[1];
    ico_beg_pos1[1]=ico_beg_pos2[1];
    iok=simenv_put_struct_res_c(0,idimens1,iext1,ico_nr1,
                               ico_beg_pos1);
  }
  return ierror; /* return error code */
}

/* SimEnv operator results are always of type real*4 */
int simenv_compute_user_def_operator(float *res)
{
  int iext1[9],iext2[9];
  double value8,r8fac1,r8fac2;
  int idimens;
  int i,k,l,m,ia1,ia2;
  int iarg1_offs,iarg2_offs,indi_defined;
  float fac1,fac2;

  /* get dimensionality idimens and dimensions idim for both arguments */
  idimens=simenv_get_dim_arg_c(1,iext1);
  idimens=simenv_get_dim_arg_c(2,iext2);

  /* perform matrix multiplication */
  m=0;
  for (k=1;k<=iext2[1];k++)
    { iarg2_offs=(k-1)*iext2[0];
      for (i=1;i<=iext1[0];i++)
        { iarg1_offs=i;
          // res(i,k) = sum(arg1(i,l) * arg2(l,k)) */
          value8=0.;
          indi_defined=0;
          for (l=1;l<=iext1[1];l++)
            { ial=iarg1_offs+(l-1)*iext1[0];
              ia2=iarg2_offs+l;
              fac1=simenv_get_arg_c(1,ial);
              fac2=simenv_get_arg_c(2,ia2);
              if(simenv_chk_undef_c(fac1) +
                  simenv_chk_undef_c(fac2)==0)
                { indi_defined=1;
                  r8fac1=fac1;
                  r8fac2=fac2;
                  value8=value8+r8fac1*r8fac2;
                }
            }
          m=m+1;
        }
  }
  return ierror; /* return error code */
if(indi_defined==0)
    res[m-1]=simenv_put_undef_c();
else
    res[m-1]=simenv_clip_undef_c(value8);
}
return 0;
}
15.4 Example for an Experiment Post-Processor Result Import Interface

In Example 15.14 an implementation of an interface to import ASCII post-processor output from SimEnv can be found. A corresponding interface to import IEEE compliant post-processor output is documented.

```fortran
subroutine read_result_file_ascii(model_name,res_nmb)
character model_name*20,res_nmb*2
real*4, pointer, dimension(:) :: coord_values
real*4, pointer, dimension(:) :: result_values
integer*4 idim, iext(9)
character result_expr*512, result_desc*128, result_unit*32
character coord_name*20
open(unit=1,file=trim(model_name)//'inf'//res_nmb//'.ascii',#
 form='formatted',status='old')
open(unit=2,file=trim(model_name)//'res'//res_nmb//'.ascii',#
 form='formatted',status='old')
iostat=0
do while (iostat.eq.0)
read(1,'(a512)',iostat=iostat) result_expr
if(iostat.eq.0) then
read(1,'(a128)',iostat=iostat1) result_desc
read(1,'(a32)',iostat=iostat1) result_unit
read(1,'(10i8)',iostat=iostat1) idim,(iext(i),i=1,9)
length_result=1
do i=1,idim
   length_result=length_result*iext(i)
read(1,'(a20)',iostat=iostat1) coord_name
allocate(coord_values(iext(i)))
ibeg=1
do while (ibeg.le.iext(i))
   iend=min0(ibeg+9,iext(i))
   read(1,'(10g12.6)',iostat=iostat1) (coord_values(j),
      ibeg=iend+1                        j=ibeg,iend)
enddo
c  further processing of coordinate values
c ...
deallocate (coord_values)
enddo
allocate(result_values(length_result))
ibeg=1
do while (ibeg.le.length_result)
   iend=min0(ibeg+9,length_result)
   read(2,'(10g12.6)',iostat=iostat) (result_values(j),
      ibeg=ibeg+1                        j=ibeg,iend)
enddo
c  further processing of result values
c ...
deallocate(result_values)
endif
dendo
close(unit=1)
close(unit=2)
return
end
```

Example file: read_result_file.f (together with subroutine read_result_file_ieee)

Example 15.14  ASCII compliant experiment post-processor result import interface
15.5 List of Experiment Post-Processor Built-In Operators and Operator Arguments

15.5.1 Experiment Post-Processor Built-In Operators (in Thematic Order)

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<td>values of arg2 for a single run selected by char_arg1</td>
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### Aggregation and moment operators for arguments

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<td>count number of values according to char_arg1</td>
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<td>argument histogram of values</td>
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<td>real_arg3,real_arg4,</td>
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<td>max(arg)</td>
<td>argument maximum of values</td>
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<td>maxprop(arg)</td>
<td>index of the element where the maximum is reached the first time</td>
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<td>minprop(arg)</td>
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<td>argument sum of values</td>
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<td>argument variance of values</td>
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### Multiple aggregation and moment operators for arguments

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<td>argument position (1 ... n) where the maximum is reached the first time</td>
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<td>min_n(arg1,..., argn)</td>
<td>minimum per element</td>
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<td>dimension related argument geometric means of values of arg2</td>
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<td>avgh_l(char_arg1,arg2)</td>
<td>dimension related argument harmonic means of values of arg2</td>
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<td>avgw_l(char_arg1,arg2,arg3)</td>
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<td>count_l(char_arg1,char_arg2,</td>
<td>dimension related count numbers of values of arg3</td>
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<td>dimension related argument histograms of values of arg6</td>
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<td>int_arg3,real_arg4,</td>
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<td>real_arg5,arg6)</td>
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**Multi-run operators (global sensitivity analysis)**

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**Multi-run operators (behavioural analysis)**

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**Multi-run operators (Monte Carlo analysis, global sensitivity analysis and optimization)**

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<td>avgw_e(arg1[arg2])</td>
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<td>covariance between arg1 and arg2</td>
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<td>heuristic probability density function</td>
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<td>kurtosis (4th moment)</td>
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<td>range = max_e(arg) - min_e(arg)</td>
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### 15.5.2 Experiment Post-Processor Built-In Operators (in Alphabetic Order)

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*Monte Carlo operators are also applicable for experiment types uncertainty analysis and Optimization.*

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15.5.3 Character Arguments of Experiment Post-Processor Built-In Operators

Tab. 15.10 summarises for built-in operators character argument values. User-defined operators cannot have pre-defined character argument values.

Tab. 15.10  Character arguments of experiment post-processor built-in operators

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## 15.5.4 Constant Arguments of Experiment Post-Processor Built-In Operators

Tab. 15.11 summarises for built-in operators constant argument values.

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Constant arguments of experiment post-processor built-in operators

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15.6 Additionally Used Symbols for the Model and Operator Interface

Tab. 15.12 lists these symbols (subroutine, function and common block names) that are linked in addition to the SimEnv model interface functions in Tab. 5.5 from the object libraries $SE\_HOME/lib/libsimenv.a and /usr/local/lib/libnetcdf.a to a Fortran and C/C++ user model when interfacing it to SimEnv. Additionally, the logical unit numbers (luns) 998 and 999 are used.

Tab. 15.12 Additionally used symbols for the model interface

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Tab. 15.13 lists these symbols (subroutine, function and common block names) that are linked in addition to the SimEnv operator interface functions in Tab. 8.18 and Tab. 8.19 from the object library $SE\_HOME/lib/libsimenv.a to a user-defined experiment post-processing operator.

Tab. 15.13 Additionally used symbols for the operator interface

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15.7 Glossary

The glossary defines and/or explains terms in that sense they are used in this User Guide. An arrow \( \rightarrow \) refers to another term in the glossary.

**Adjustment**: Numerical modification of a \( \rightarrow \) factor by one of its \( \rightarrow \) sampled values and its \( \rightarrow \) default value during an \( \rightarrow \) experiment. The resulting adjusted value is used instead of the default value of the factor when running the model.

**ASCII**: The American Standard Code for Information and Interchange developed by the American National Standards Institute ([http://www.ansi.org](http://www.ansi.org)) is used in SimEnv to store information in \( \rightarrow \) user-defined files and on request in post-processing output files.

**Behavioural analysis**: \( \rightarrow \) Experiment type to inspect behaviour of a \( \rightarrow \) model in a space, spanned up by \( \rightarrow \) factors. The factor space is scanned in a deterministic manner, applying deterministically \( \rightarrow \) sampled values of the factors with a flexible scanning strategy for factor sub-spaces.

**Coordinate coord**: Each \( \rightarrow \) dimension of a \( \rightarrow \) variable and each \( \rightarrow \) operand of an \( \rightarrow \) operator in a \( \rightarrow \) result with a \( \rightarrow \) dimensionality greater than 0 a coordinate is assigned to. A coordinate has a unique name and strictly monotonic ordered coordinate values. The number of coordinate values corresponds to the \( \rightarrow \) extent for this dimension. Consequently, each model output variable with a dimensionality greater than 0 resides at a assigned (multi-dimensional) \( \rightarrow \) grid. Assignments for variables is done in the model output description \( \rightarrow \) user-defined file.

**Coupling**: \( \rightarrow \) model interface

**Cron daemon**: The cron daemon runs \( \rightarrow \) shell commands at specified dates and times.

**Crontab**: The \( \rightarrow \) Unix / \( \rightarrow \) Linux crontab command submits, edits, lists, or removes jobs for the \( \rightarrow \) cron daemon.

**Data type**: The type of a \( \rightarrow \) variable as declared in the \( \rightarrow \) model and the corresponding model output description \( \rightarrow \) user-defined file. SimEnv data types are byte, short, int, float, and double.

**Default value**: The nominal (standard) numerical value of an \( \rightarrow \) experiment \( \rightarrow \) factor. The default value is specified in the experiment description \( \rightarrow \) user-defined file and for \( \rightarrow \) the model interface at the language level also in the model code.

**Dimension**: \( \rightarrow \) dimensionality

**Dimensionality dim**: The number of dimensions of a model \( \rightarrow \) variable or of an \( \rightarrow \) operator result in \( \rightarrow \) experiment post-processing. In the model output description \( \rightarrow \) user-defined file each variable a dimensionality is assigned to that corresponds to the dimensionality of the related model output field in the model source code. Dimensionality 0 corresponds to a scalar, dimensionality 1 to a vector, dimensionality 2 to a matrix.

**Dot script**: A sequence of \( \rightarrow \) Unix / \( \rightarrow \) Linux operating system commands stored in an \( \rightarrow \) ASCII file. The sequence of operating system commands is directly interpreted and executed by the \( \rightarrow \) shell. Contrary to \( \rightarrow \) shell scripts a child shell is not spawned. A dot script is preceded by a dot and a space when calling it. All scripts but simenv_put_as and simenv_put_as_simple that can be used in SimEnv within \( <\text{model}>.[\text{init}|\text{run}|\text{end}] \) are dot scripts.

**Environment variable**: At \( \rightarrow \) Unix / \( \rightarrow \) Linux operating system level the so called environment is set up as an array of operating-system and user-defined environment variables that have the form Name=Value. The Value of a Name can be addressed by $Name. In SimEnv use of environment variables in directory strings \( <\text{direct}> \) is allowed.

**Experiment**: Performing simulation runs with a \( \rightarrow \) model in a co-ordinated manner by applying \( \rightarrow \) experiment types and running the model in a run ensemble, i.e., a series of single simulation runs.

**Experiment post-processing**: The work step of processing model output data from the whole run ensemble after performing a simulation \( \rightarrow \) experiment. SimEnv post-processing enables navigation in the \( \rightarrow \)
factor space that is sampled by an experiment as well as construction of additional output functions by declaration and computation of results.

**Experiment post-processing operator:** \( \rightarrow \) operator

**Experiment factor:** \( \rightarrow \) factor

**Experiment type:** Pre-defined multi-run simulation experiment. In the process of experiment preparation (defining an experiment by describing it in the experiment description \( \rightarrow \) user-defined file) \( \rightarrow \) factors are assigned to an experiment type and are sampled in an experiment-specific manner. Currently available experiment types are \( \rightarrow \) global sensitivity analysis, \( \rightarrow \) behavioural analysis, \( \rightarrow \) Monte Carlo analysis, \( \rightarrow \) local sensitivity analysis, and \( \rightarrow \) optimization.

**Extent ext:** The number of values for a dimension (from the \( \rightarrow \) dimensionality) of a model \( \rightarrow \) variable or of an \( \rightarrow \) operator result in \( \rightarrow \) experiment post-processing. Extents are always greater than 1. Model output variables and operator results of dimensionality 0 do not have an extent.

**Expression:** \( \rightarrow \) result expression

**Factor:** Element of the input set of a \( \rightarrow \) model. Factors are manipulated numerically during an \( \rightarrow \) experiment by sampling them. Factors can be addressed in \( \rightarrow \) experiment post-processing and they have there a \( \rightarrow \) dimensionality of 0.

**Factor adjustment:** \( \rightarrow \) adjustment

**Fortran storage model:** A rule how to map the elements of a multi-dimensional data field to a 1-dimensional vector and vice versa. A multi-dimensional data field \( \rightarrow \) field(1:ext_1, 1:ext_2, ..., 1:ext_dim-1, 1:ext_dim) of \( \rightarrow \) dimensionality dim and \( \rightarrow \) extents ext_1, ext_2, ..., ext_dim-1, ext_dim is mapped in Fortran on a 1-dimensional data field \( \rightarrow \) vector(1:ext_1 * ext_2 * ... * ext_dim-1 * ext_dim) in the following way:

```fortran
ipointer = 0
do i_dim = 1 , ext_dim
    do i_dim-1 = 1 , ext_dim-1
        ...
        do i_2 = 1 , ext_2
            do i_1 = 1 , ext_1
                ipointer = ipointer + 1
                vector(ipointer) = field(i_1 , i_2 , ..., i_dim-1 , i_dim)
            enddo
        enddo
    enddo
    ...
enddo
enddo
enddo
```

For a two-dimensional matrix this storage model corresponds to a column by column storage of the matrix to the vector, starting with the first column and for each column starting with the first row.

**GAMS:** The General Algebraic Modeling System ([http://www.gams.com](http://www.gams.com)) is a high-level modeling system for mathematical programming problems. It consists of a language compiler and a number of integrated high-performance solvers. GAMS is tailored for complex, large scale modeling applications, and allows to build large maintainable models that can be adapted quickly to new situations.

**Global sensitivity analysis:** \( \rightarrow \) Experiment type to determine qualitatively a ranking of the \( \rightarrow \) factors during \( \rightarrow \) experiment post-processing with respect to the factors’ sensitivity to a model output. Sensitivity is assessed globally, i.e., for the complete feasibility range of each factor.

**Grid:** Regular topological structure for a model \( \rightarrow \) variable or an \( \rightarrow \) operator result in \( \rightarrow \) experiment post-processing, spanned up as the Cartesian product of the assigned \( \rightarrow \) coordinates to the variable or the operator result.

**IEEE:** SimEnv can use on demand for storage of model and post-processor output the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers ([http://www.ieee.org](http://www.ieee.org)) standard number 754 for binary storage of numbers in floating point representation.
Linux: Linux is a free → Unix-type operating system (http://www.linux.org) originally created by Linus Torvalds with the assistance of developers around the world. SimEnv runs under any Linux implementation for Intel-based hardware and compatibles.

Load Leveler: The load leveler is a network job management system from IBM that handles compute resources. It schedules jobs, and provides functions for building, submitting, and processing them.

Local sensitivity analysis: → Experiment type with an incremental → sample of → factors in the neighbourhood of the → default values of the factors. A local sensitivity analysis in SimEnv is always performed independently for all factors involved. During → experiment post-processing sensitivity, linearity, and symmetry measures can be determined.

Macro: An abbreviation for a unique → result expression to apply during → experiment post-processing. Macros can be embedded into result expressions and are plugged into the expression during its evaluation and computation. Macros are described in the macro description → user-defined file.

Mathematica: Mathematica (http://www.wolfram.com/products/mathematica/introduction.html) seamlessly integrates a numeric and symbolic computational engine, graphics system, programming language, documentation system, and advanced connectivity to other applications.

Matlab: MATLAB (http://www.mathworks.de/products/matlab) is a high-level language for computations and interactive environment for developing algorithms, analysis and visualization of data. It allows to perform computationally intensive tasks faster than with traditional programming languages.

Model: A model is a deterministic or stochastic algorithm, implemented in one or a number of computer programs that transforms a sequence of input values → factors into a sequence of output values → variables). Normally, inputs are parameters, driving forces, initial values, or boundary values to the model, outputs are state variables of the model. For many cases, the model will be state deterministic, time and space dependent. For SimEnv, the model, its factors and variables are coupled in the process of → interfacing the model to SimEnv.

Model coupling: → model interface

Model interface: Interfacing a → model to SimEnv means coupling it to SimEnv and enabling finally experimenting with the model within SimEnv. There are coupling interfaces at programming language level for C/C++, Fortran, → Python, Java, → GAMS, → Matlab, and → Mathematica. Additionally, models can be interfaced at the → shell script level by using shell script syntax elements. For all interface techniques the interfaced model itself has to be wrapped into a shell script.

Model output variable: → variable

Monte Carlo analysis: → Experiment type with pre-single run perturbations of experiment → factors. For each perturbed factor a → probability density function pdf with function parameters is assigned to. During the → experiment → adjustments of the factors are realizations from the pdf's using random number techniques. In → experiment post-processing statistical measures can be derived from model output of the run ensemble. A prominent statistical measure is the heuristic pdf (histogram) of a model → variable and its relation to the pdf's of the factors.

NetCDF: Network Common Data Form is an interface for array-oriented data access and a library that provides an implementation of the interface. The NetCDF library also defines a machine-independent format for representing scientific data. Together, the interface, library, and format support the creation, access, and sharing of scientific data. The NetCDF software was developed at the Unidata Program Center in Boulder, Colorado. NetCDF is freely available. SimEnv follows for model and → experiment post-processing output storage the NetCDF Climate and Forecast (CF) metadata convention 1.0 (http://www.cgd.ucar.edu/cms/eaton/cf-metadata/index.html) and extends it. To dump NetCDF files, ncdump is used by SimEnv.

OpenDX: The Open Data Explorer OpenDX (http://www.opendx.org) is a uniquely full-featured open source project and software package for the visualization of scientific, engineering and analytical data: Its open system design is built on a standard interface environment. The data model provides users with great flexibility in creating visualizations. OpenDX is based on IBM’s Visualization Data Explorer.

Operand: Argument of an → operator in SimEnv → experiment post-processing. An operand can be a model → variable, an experiment → factor, a constant, a character string, → a macro and an operator.
**Operator:** Computational algorithm how to transform the values of a sequence of operands into the values of the operator result during experiment post-processing. An operator transforms dimensionality, extents, and coordinates from the operands into the corresponding information for the operator result. There are built-in elemental, basic, and advanced operators as well as built-in operators related to specific experiment types. Additionally, SimEnv offers specification of user-defined operators according to an operator interface. User-defined operators are announced to the system in the operator description user-defined file.

**Optimization:** Experiment type to minimize a cost function (objective function) over a bounded factor space. In SimEnv a simulated annealing strategy (cf. Section 4.6 for explanation) is used to optimize the cost function that is formed from model variables. Often the cost function represents a distance between model output and reference data to find an optimal point in the factor space that fits best the model behaviour with respect to the reference data.

**Parallel Operating Environment:** POE

**POE:** The Parallel Operating Environment POE from IBM supplies services to allocate nodes, assign jobs to nodes and launch jobs on a compute cluster.

**Probability density function pdf:** A probability density function serves to represent a probability distribution in terms of integrals. A probability distribution assigns to every interval of real numbers a probability.

**Python:** Python ([http://www.python.org](http://www.python.org)) is a portable, interpreted, interactive, object-oriented programming language. It incorporates modules, exceptions, dynamic typing, very high level dynamic data types, and classes.

**Result:** In SimEnv experiment post-processing a result (synonym: output function) is derived from model output of the experiment and from reference data. A result is specified by a result expression, optionally prefixed by a result description and a result unit string.

**Result expression:** A chain of operators from built-in or user-defined operators applied to model output variables and/or reference data. A result expression is a part of an experiment post-processing result.

**Sample:** A set of numerical factor values created during experiment preparation.

**Shell:** A shell is the command interpreter for the operating systems Unix and Linux.

**Shell script:** A sequence of Unix/Linux operating system commands stored in an ASCII file. A shell script is interpreted and executed by a shell. Contrary to dot scripts a child shell is spawned when calling a shell script that inherits the environment variables of the father (calling) shell. After returning to the father shell it does not transfer the environment variables and other variables of the child shell to the father shell. SimEnv demands the Bourne shell sh.

**SimEnvVis:** The visualization framework of SimEnv. It does not belong to the standard distribution of SimEnv. Contact the SimEnv developers to get SimEnvVis.

**Simulation:** Performing experiments with models

**Unix:** A computer operating system ([http://www.unix.org](http://www.unix.org)), originally developed at AT&T/USL. SimEnv runs under the AIX Unix implementation for RS6000 hardware and compatibles from IBM.

**User-defined files:** A set of ASCII files to describe model, experiment, operator, macro, and GAMS model specific information and to determine general SimEnv settings. All user-defined files follow the same syntax rules.

**Variable:** Element of the output set of a model that is stored during an SimEnv experiment in SimEnv model output. Variables are defined in the model output description user file. Each variable has a unique data type, a dimensionality, extents and an assigned grid. Normally, a variable consists of a series of values, forming a field.

**White spaces:** (also known as blanks) ASCII characters space and horizontal tabulator used in user-defined files or within result expressions in experiment post-processing.

**Workspace:** The directory, a SimEnv service was started from.