

cGENIE WORKSHOP: A Hitchhikers Guide to the Black Arts of Earth system modelling

(‘or why you should not want know what is in a sausage’)
26th + 27th February 2013; Caltech

Day 1 (Tuesday 26th Feb.) – Earth system modelling for ‘newbies’*

START (ca. 11 am)

- **Introduction to (Earth system) modelling and cGENIE**
Brief introduction to numerical and Earth system modelling and the short course.
- **Session I+II – Getting started**
Accessing the computing cluster; installing and compiling cGENIE; cGENIE directory structure (‘where everything is’).
Command-line operation; how to submit jobs to a cluster queue.
Concept of a ‘restart’; experiment started from ‘cold’ vs. from end of previous run.
Time-series, time-slice (2D and 3D) output; integration intervals and specification of frequency of data saving. Panoply and MATLAB visualization resources.
Setting up experiments: configuration files and setting parameter values.
Exploring the behaviour of the Earth system: climate hysteresis and tipping points, and ‘Snowball Earth’.

END (ca. 4 pm)

Day 2 (Wednesday 27th Feb.) – Getting your hands dirty

START (ca. 10 am)

- **Session III – ‘Poking the climate beast’**
Applying geochemical ‘forcings’ (flux and restoring boundary conditions).
Tracing ocean circulation.
Exploring the stability of the Atlantic meridional overturning circulation (AMOC).
- **Session IV – Poking the carbon cycle**
CO₂ emissions and future ocean acidification.
Role of deep-sea sediments.
Diagnosing carbon cycling and preformed nutrients.

END (ca. 4 pm)

* [Google it]