

Table 1. Definitions of benchmark cases

Case	Ra_0.5	Viscosity variation	l and m for initial perturbation	Resolution
BM1A	7e3	1e0	(3,2)	32x(12x32x32)
BM1B	7e3	1e1	(3,2)	32x(12x32x32)
BM1C	7e3	2e1	(3,2)	32x(12x32x32)
BM1D	7e3	1e2	(3,2)	32x(12x32x32)
BM1E	7e3	1e3	(3,2)	32x(12x32x32)
BM1F	7e3	1e4	(3,2)	32x(12x32x32)
BM1G	7e3	1e5	(3,2)	32x(12x32x32)
BM1H	7e3	1e6	(3,2)	32x(12x32x32)
BM2A	7e3	1e0	(4,0)+(4,4)	32x(12x32x32)
BM2B	7e3	2e1	(4,0)+(4,4)	32x(12x32x32)
BM2C	7e3	3e1	(4,0)+(4,4)	32x(12x32x32)
BM2D	7e3	1e2	(4,0)+(4,4)	32x(12x32x32)
BM2E	7e3	1e3	4,0)+(4,4)	32x(12x32x32)
BM2F	7e3	1e4	(4,0)+(4,4)	32x(12x32x32)
BM2G	7e3	1e5	(4,0)+(4,4)	32x(12x32x32)
BM2H	7e3	1e6	(4,0)+(4,4)	32x(12x32x32)
BM3A	1e5	1e0	(4,0)+(4,4)	48x(12x48x48)
BM3B	1e5	1e1	from BM3A	48x(12x48x48)
BM3C	1e5	3e1	from BM3A	48x(12x48x48)
BM3D	1e5	1e2	from BM3C	48x(12x48x48)

Note:

1) Resolution in radial direction (the number outside of the parentheses) for our calculations is refined near the top and bottom boundaries.

2) Resolution for comparison cases is 48x(6x48x48) for Stemmer et al. {2006}, 102x(102x204) for Yoshida and Kageyama {2004}, where the number outside parentheses represents the resolution in radial direction.

3) Ratcliff et al {1996} used different resolution for cubic and tetrahedral symmetry cases, as they considered the symmetry of these cases and did not compute them in a full sphere. For cubic symmetry cases, the equivalent resolution is 32, 64, and 128 cells in radial, co-latitude and longitude directions, respectively, and these numbers are 32, 32, and 64 for the tetrahedral cases.