

# Land surface hydrology in ORCHIDEE

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# Outline

## 1. Introduction

- Scope of this specific training

## 2. The multi-layer soil hydrology scheme

- Processes (soil moisture diffusion, boundary fluxes)
- Parameters and options

## 3. Forcing conditions

- Vegetation / land cover, soil texture, slope

**How to  
parameterize  
your  
simulations**

**More details on the Wiki**

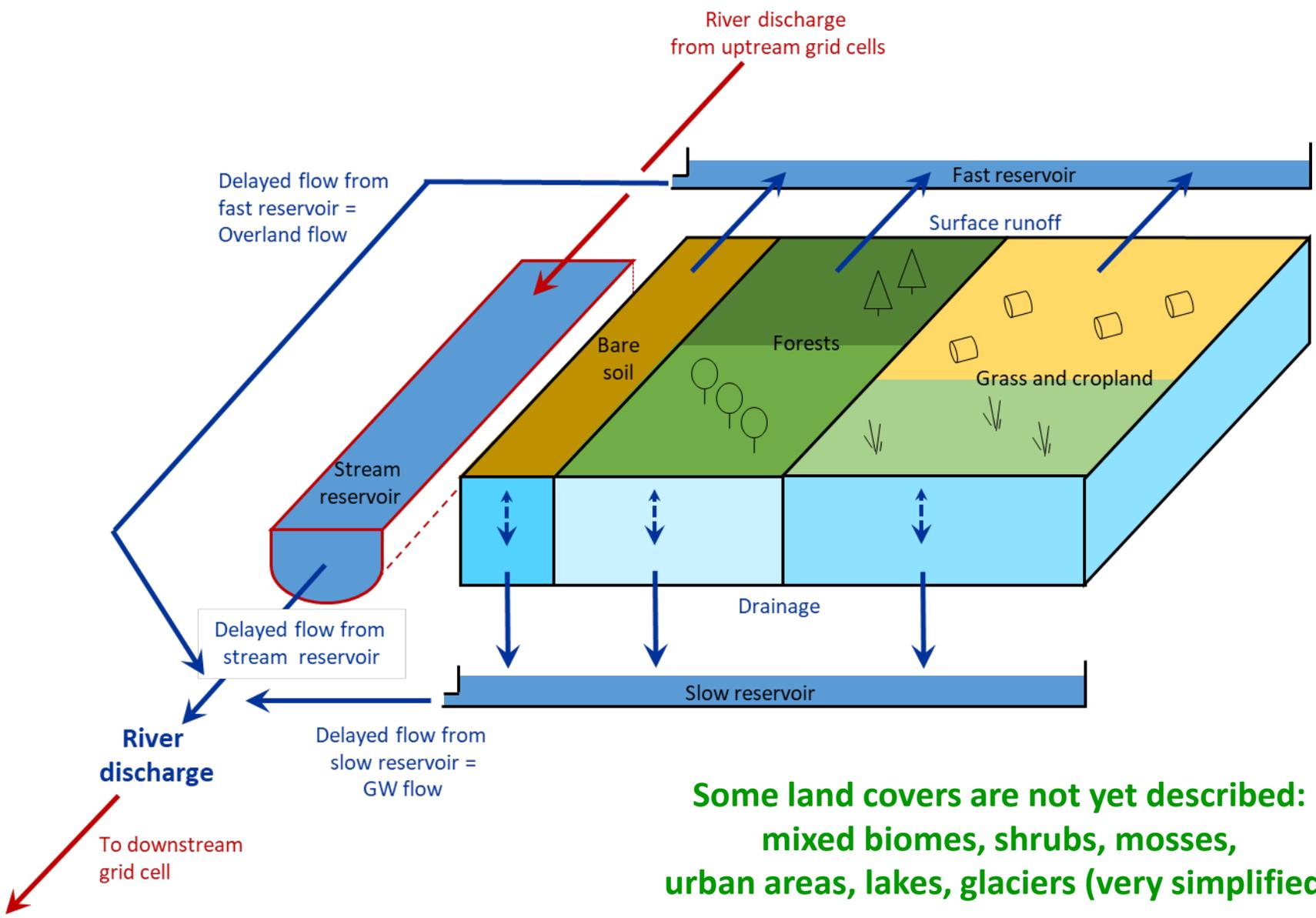
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Reference papers: de Rosnay et al., 2000; de Rosnay et al., 2002; d'Orgeval et al., 2008;  
Campoy et al., 2013 ; Tafasca et al., 2020

PhD theses : de Rosnay, 1999; d'Orgeval, 2006; Campoy, 2013; Tafasca, 2020

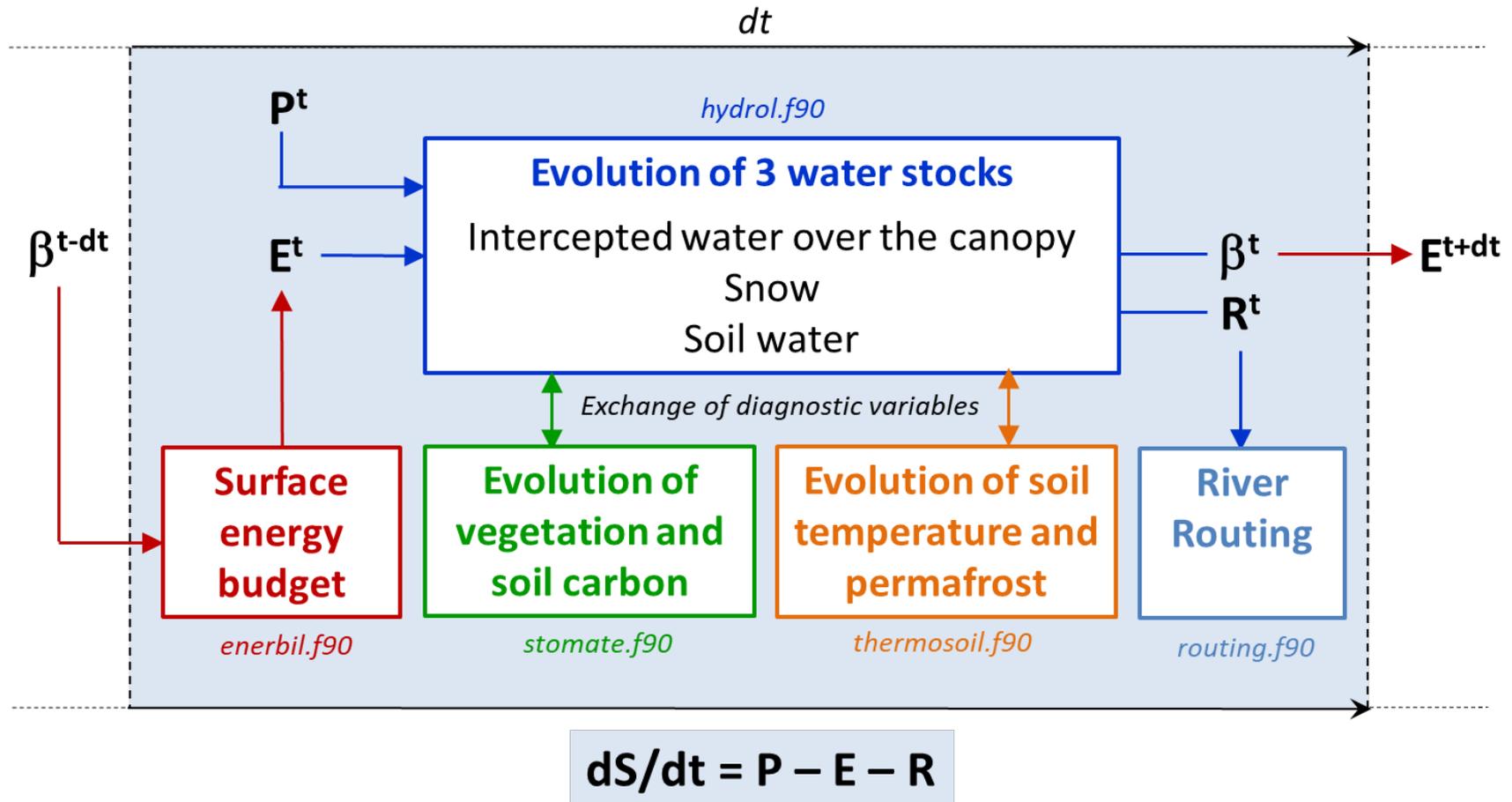
## 4. A glance at the routing scheme

# Land surface hydrology



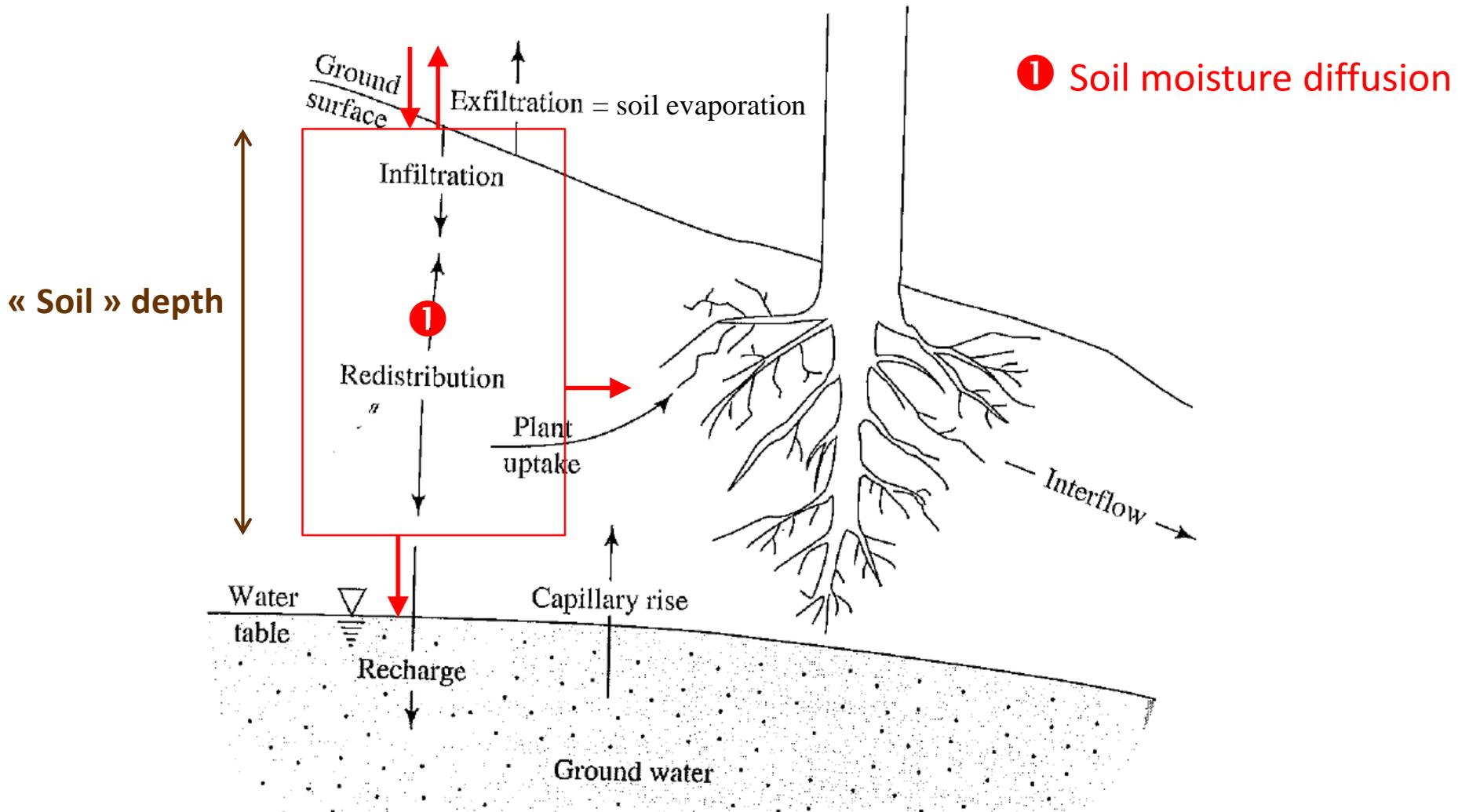
Some land covers are not yet described:  
mixed biomes, shrubs, mosses,  
urban areas, lakes, glaciers (very simplified)

# Soil hydrology and water budget

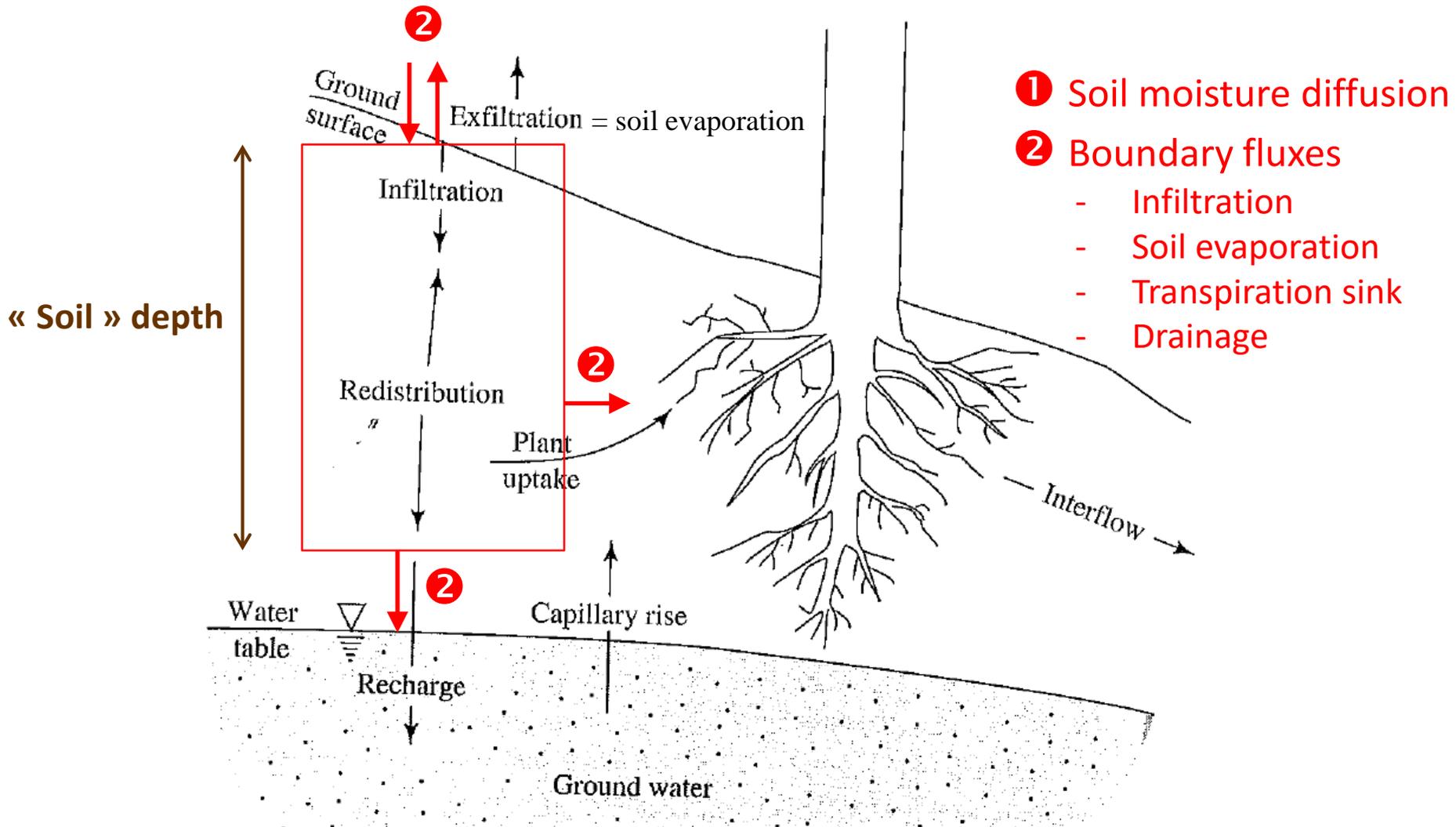


**We will focus on soil water and the related water fluxes (soil hydrology)  
No interception, no snow, no soil water freezing today**

# What is modeled ?

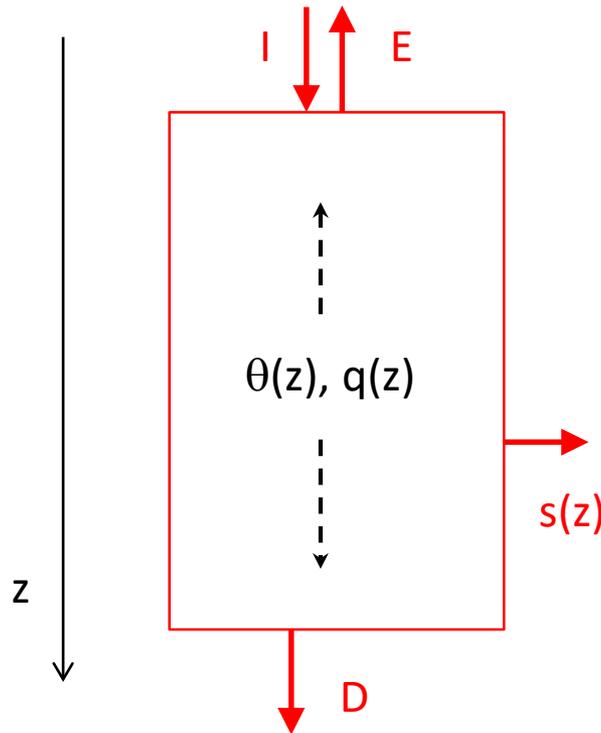


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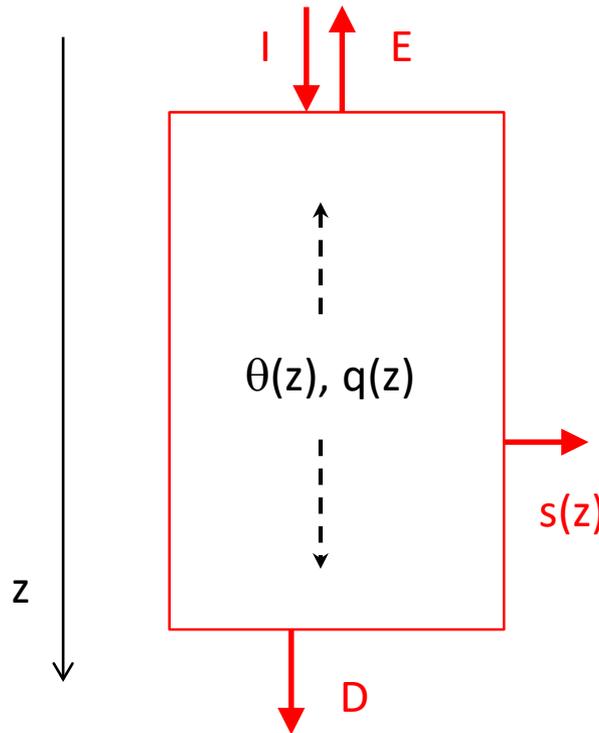
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2. Continuity :

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial q}{\partial z} = -s$$

3. Motion = diffusion equation because of low velocities in porous medium

$$q(z) = -K(z) \frac{\partial h}{\partial z}$$

4. Hydraulic head  $h$  quantifies the gravity and pressure potentials

$$h = -z + \psi \quad \psi \text{ is the matric potential (in m, } <0)$$

5.  $K$  and  $\psi$  depend on  $\theta$  (unsaturated soils)

$$q(z) = -K(\theta) \left[ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} - 1 \right]$$

$$q(z) = -D(\theta) \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} + K(\theta)$$

$$D(\theta) = K(\theta) \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \quad D \text{ is the diffusivity (in } \text{m}^2.\text{s}^{-1})$$

Richards equation

# Finite difference integration

- The differential equations of continuity and motion are solved using finite differences :

$$\frac{W_i(t + dt) - W_i(t)}{dt} = Q_{i-1}(t + dt) - Q_i(t + dt) - S_i$$

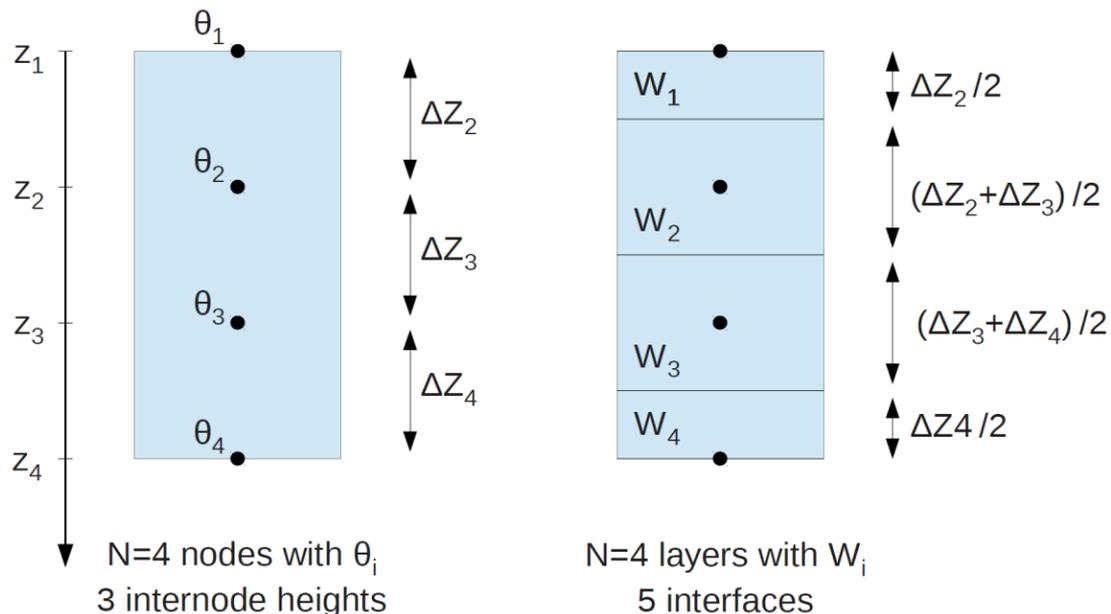
S<sub>i</sub> = transpiration sink

$$\frac{Q_i}{A} = -\frac{D(\theta_{i-1}) + D(\theta_i)}{2} \frac{\theta_i - \theta_{i-1}}{\Delta Z_i} + \frac{K(\theta_{i-1}) + K(\theta_i)}{2}$$

A: grid-cell area

- The soil column is discretized using N **nodes**, where we calculate  $\theta_i$
- Each node is contained in one **layer**, with a total water content **W<sub>i</sub>**
- The fluxes **Q<sub>i</sub>** are calculated at the **interface** between two layers

} tridiagonal matrix



$W_i$  is obtained by vertical integration of  $\theta(z)$  in layer  $i$ , assuming a linear variation of  $\theta(z)$  between 2 nodes

$$W_i = [\Delta Z_i (3\theta_i + \theta_{i-1}) + \Delta Z_{i+1} (3\theta_i + \theta_{i+1})] / 8$$

$$W_1 = [\Delta Z_2 (3\theta_1 + \theta_2)] / 8$$

$$W_N = [\Delta Z_N (3\theta_N + \theta_{N-1})] / 8$$

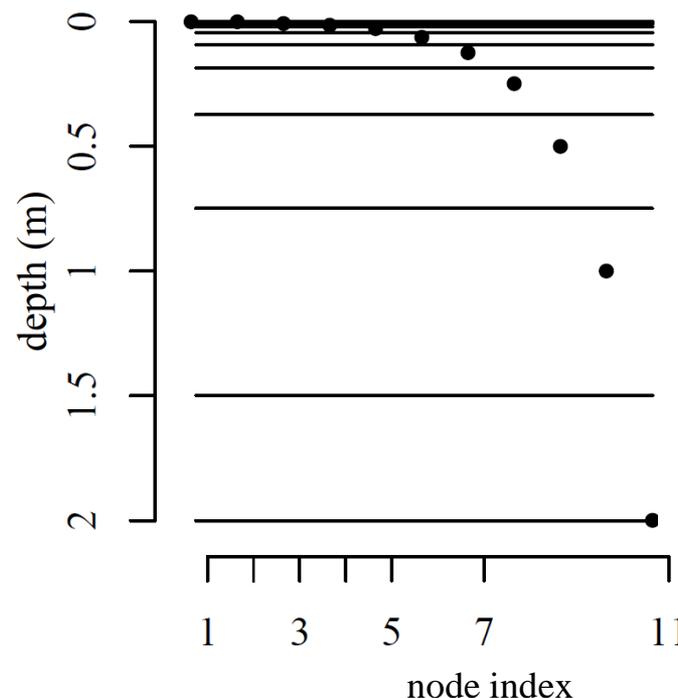
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***By default, in hydrol, we use :***

- 2-m soil
- 11 nodes (layers) with geometric increase of internode distance

*(cf. de Rosnay et al., 2000)*



i	$\approx h_i$ (mm)
1	1
2	3
3	6
4	12
5	23,5
6	47
7	94
8	188
9	375
10	751
11	500

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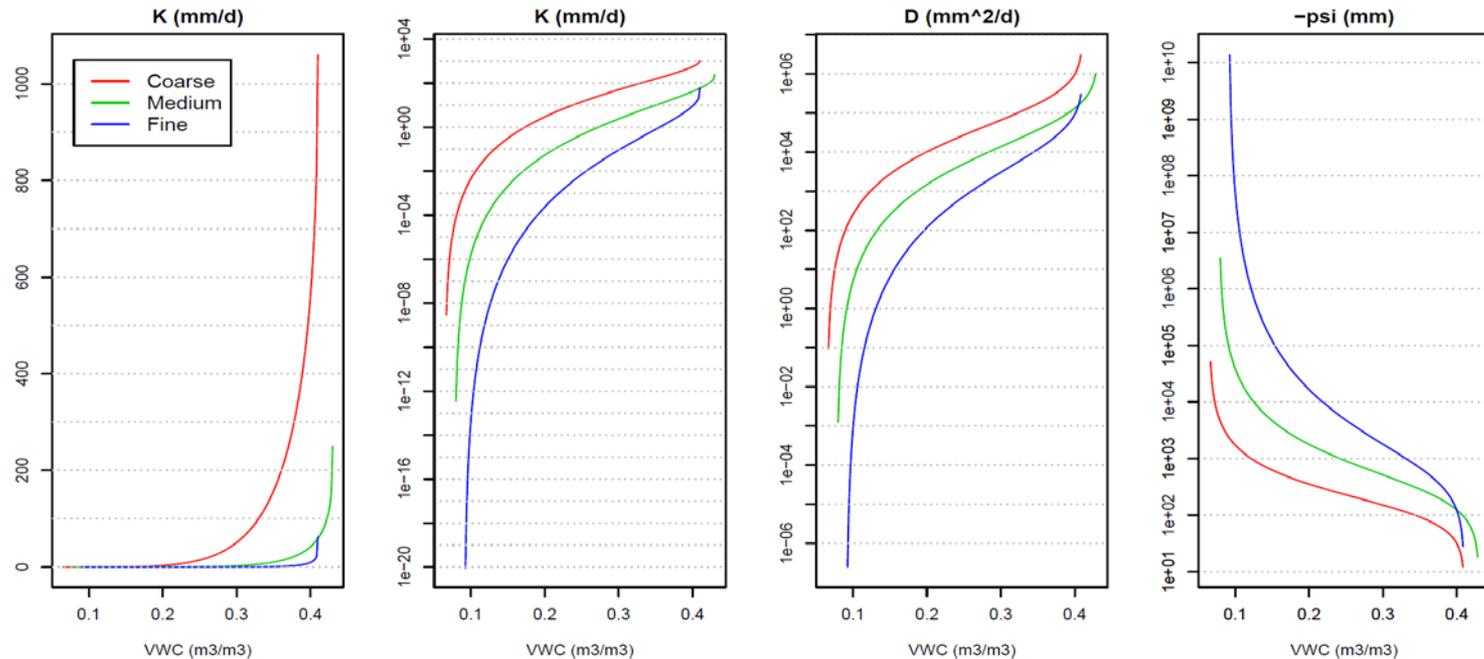
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**Alternative discretizations can be defined by externalized parameters (run.def)**

<b>DEPTH_MAX_H</b>	2.0	m	Maximum depth of soil moisture	Maximum depth of soil for soil moisture (CWRR).
<b>DEPTH_MAX_T</b>	10.0	m	Maximum depth of the soil thermodynamics	Maximum depth of soil for temperature.
<b>DEPTH_TOPTHICK</b>	9.77517107e-04	m	Thickness of upper most Layer	Thickness of top hydrology layer for soil moisture (CWRR).
<b>DEPTH_CSTTHICK</b>	DEPTH_MAX_H	m	Depth at which constant layer thickness start	Depth at which constant layer thickness start (smaller than $z_{maxh}/2$ )
<b>DEPTH_GEOM</b>	DEPTH_MAX_H	m	Depth at which we resume geometrical increases for temperature	Depth at which the thickness increases again for temperature.

# The hydrodynamic parameters

- **K and D depend on saturated properties (measured on saturated soils) and on  $\theta$**
- Their dependance on  $\theta$  is very non linear
- In ORCHIDEE, this is decribed by the so-called **Van Genuchten-Mualem relationships**:



$$K(\theta) = K_s \sqrt{\theta_f} \left( 1 - \left( 1 - \theta_f^{1/m} \right)^m \right)^2$$

$$\psi(\theta) = -\frac{1}{\alpha} \left( \theta_f^{-1/m} - 1 \right)^{1/n}$$

$$D(\theta) = \frac{(1-m)K(\theta)}{\alpha m} \frac{1}{\theta - \theta_r} \theta_f^{-1/m} \cdot \left( \theta_f^{-1/m} - 1 \right)^{-m}$$

$$\theta_f = (\theta - \theta_r) / (\theta_s - \theta_r)$$

$$m = 1 - 1/n$$

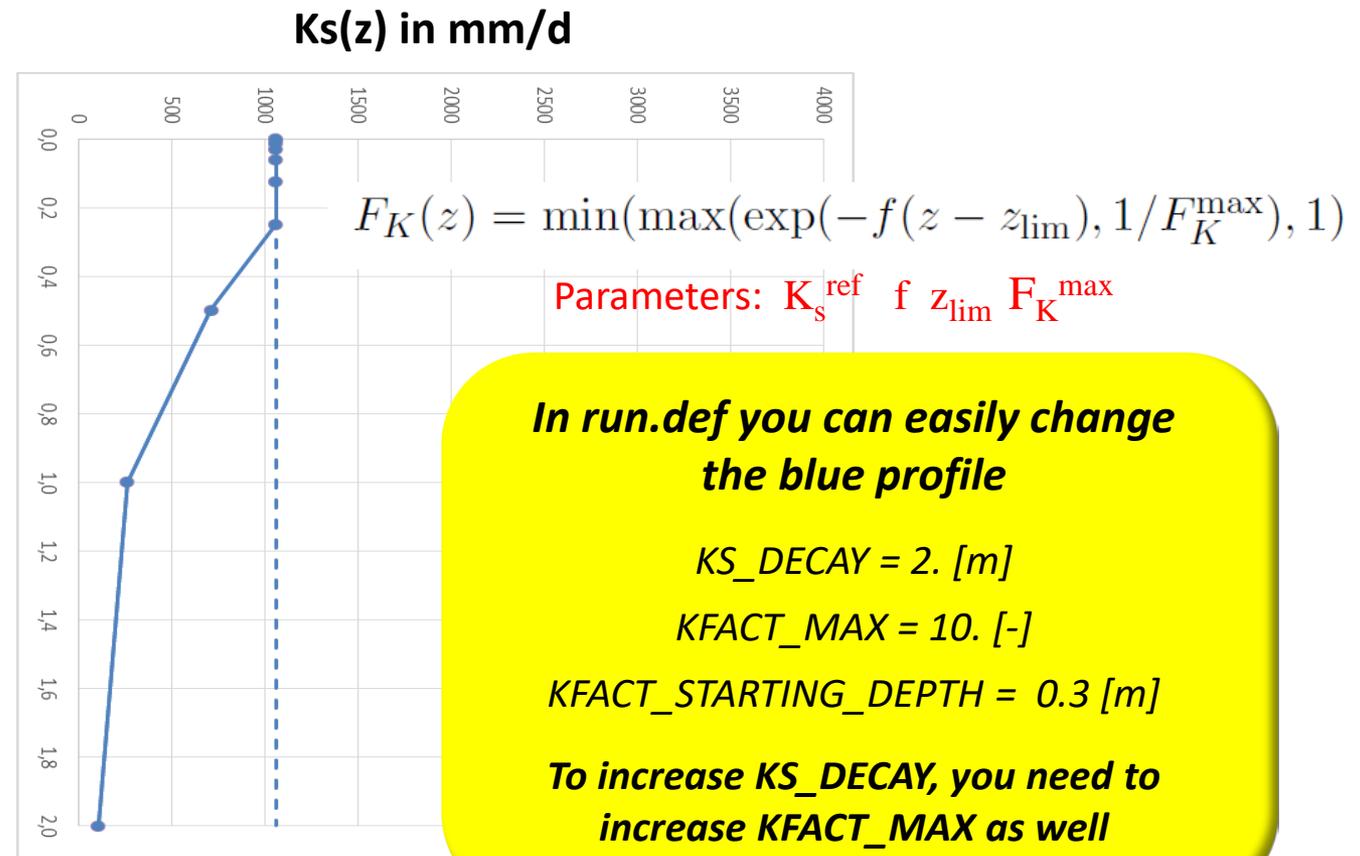
**The parameters**

$\theta_s$   $\theta_r$   $K_s$   $n$

$\alpha = -1/\psi_{ae}$

**depend on soil texture**

# Modifications of Ks with depth



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**In run.def you can easily change the blue profile**

$KS\_DECAY = 2. [m]$

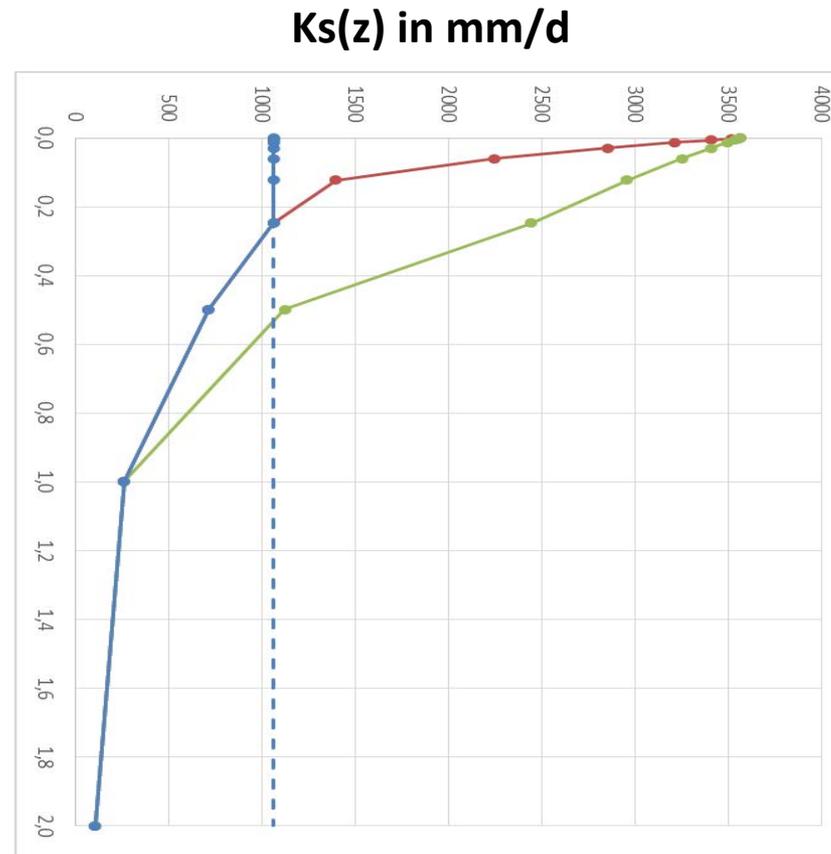
$KFACT\_MAX = 10. [-]$

$KFACT\_STARTING\_DEPTH = 0.3 [m]$

**To increase KS\_DECAY, you need to increase KFACT\_MAX as well**

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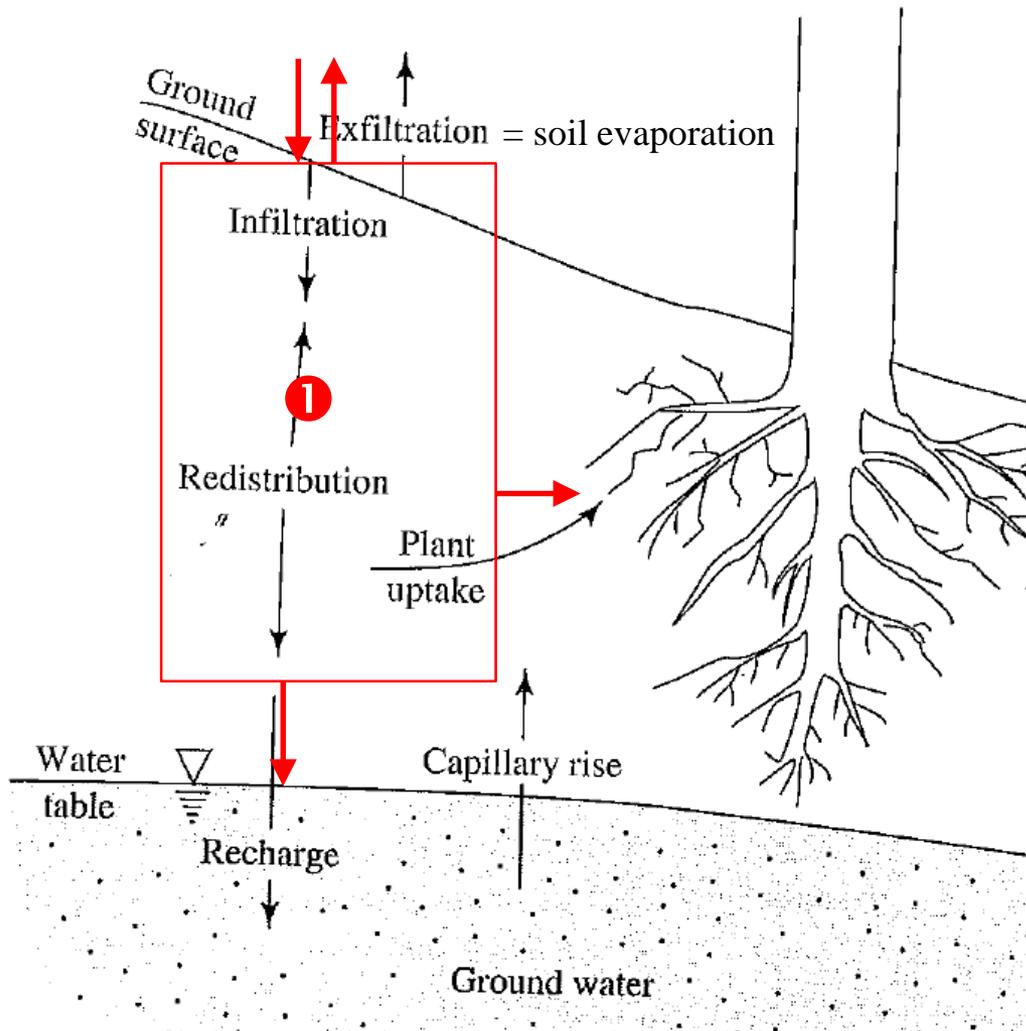
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(3)  $K_s$  also increases towards the surface because of bioturbation  
**Red:** grass PFTs,  $c_j = \text{humcste} = 4$   
**Yellow:** forest PFTs,  $c_j = \text{humcste} = 0.8$

where  $c_j$  controls the exponential decay of root density  
 $R_j(z) = \exp(-c_j z)$

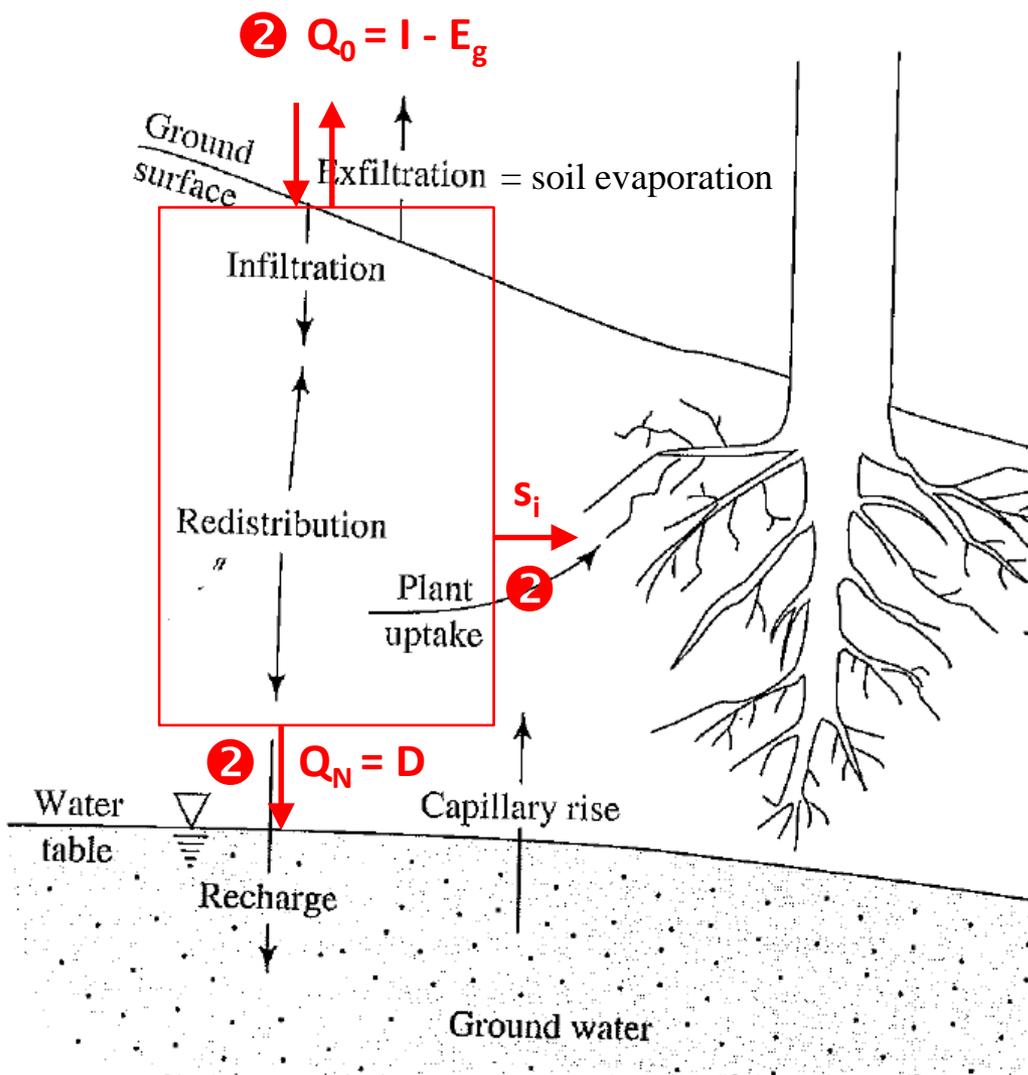
Several externalized parameters involved, cf [egs\\_hydr.pdf](#)

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    - **transpiration sink  $s_i$**
    - **top and bottom boundary conditions:**  
 $Q_0 = I - E_g$  and  $Q_N = D$
    - I: infiltration**
    - $E_g$  : soil evaporation**
    - D: drainage**

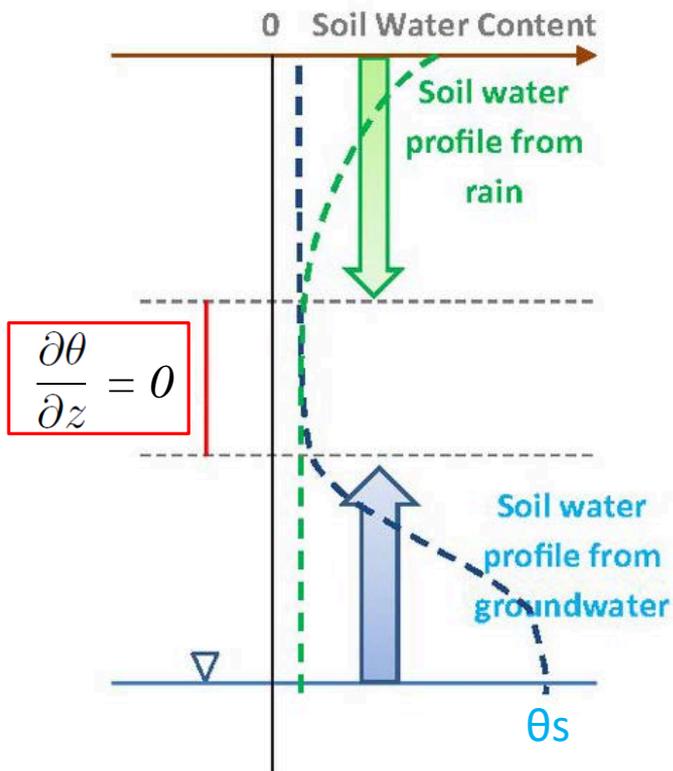
**Which all depend on soil moisture**

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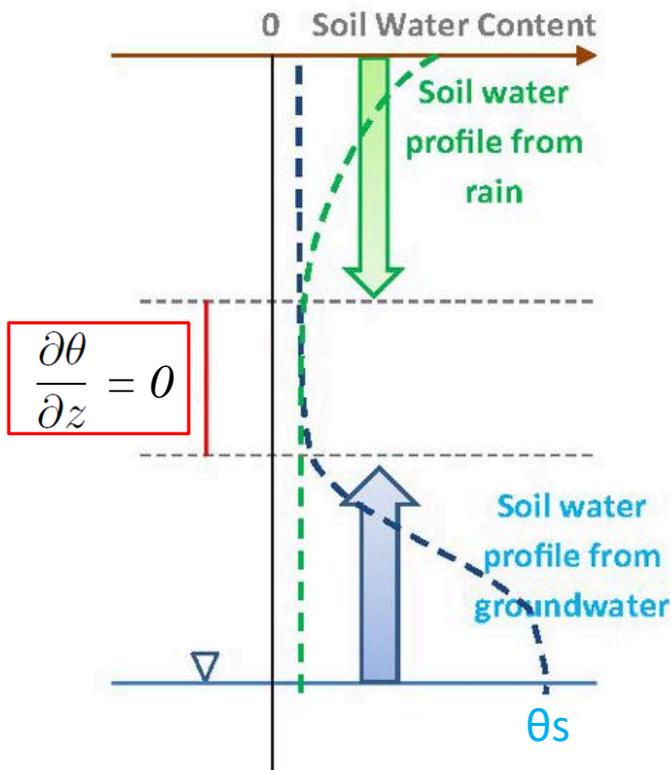


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The code is also apt to use reduced drainage :

$$Q_N = F.K(\theta_N) \quad F \text{ in } [0,1]$$

F is externalized by **FREE\_DRAIN\_COEF = 1.,1.,1.**

With  $F=0$ , you get an impermeable bottom:

- like in the former Choissel scheme (bucket)
- leading to build a water table

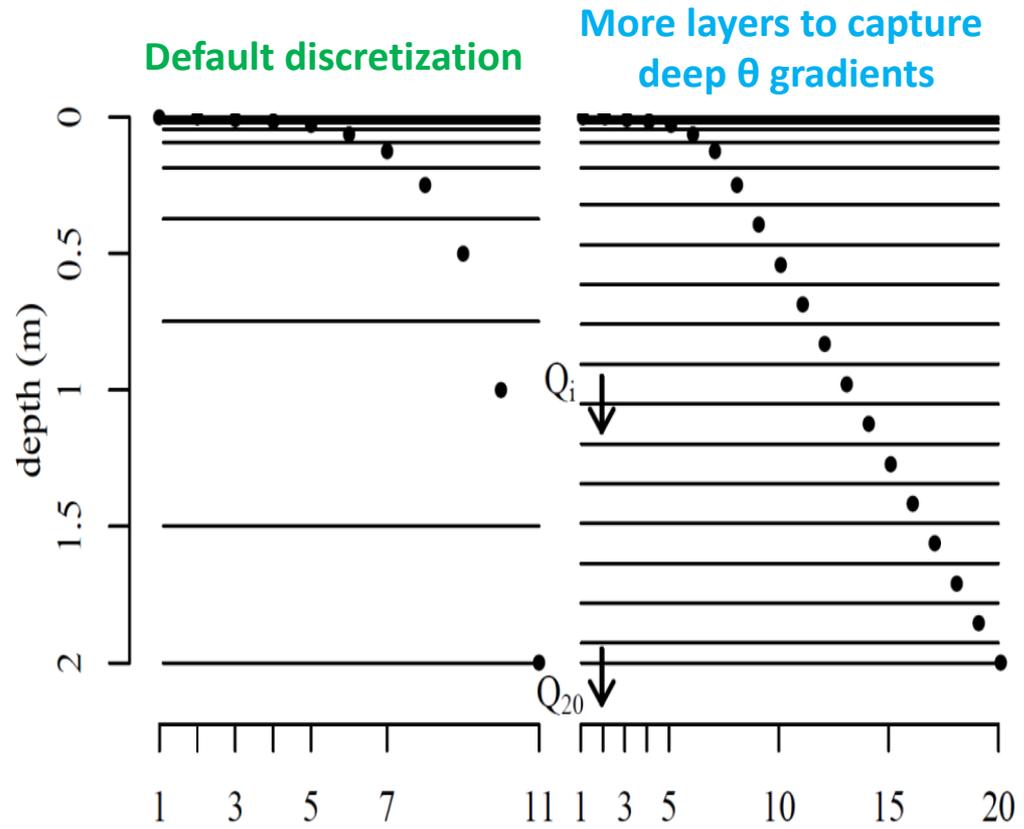
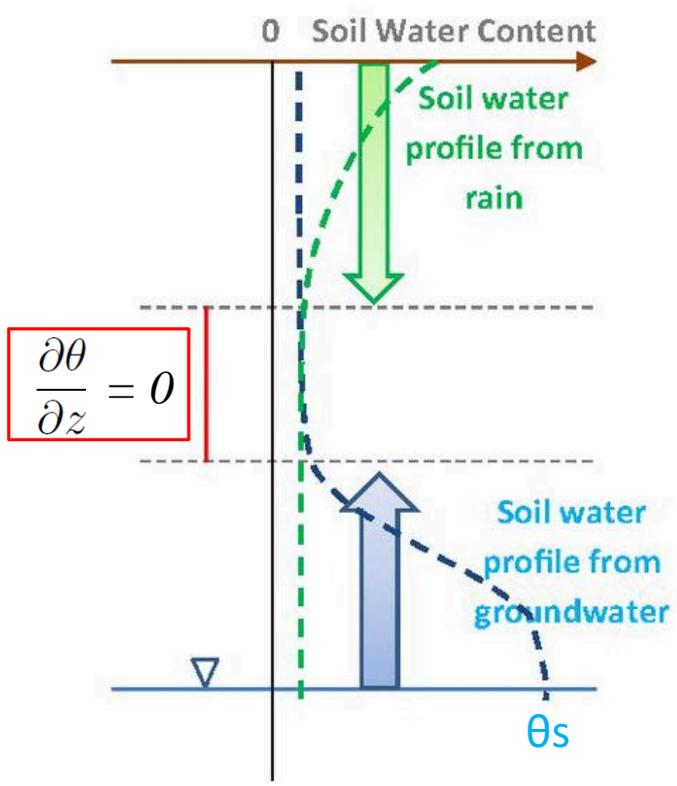
**But you need to adapt the vertical discretization!**

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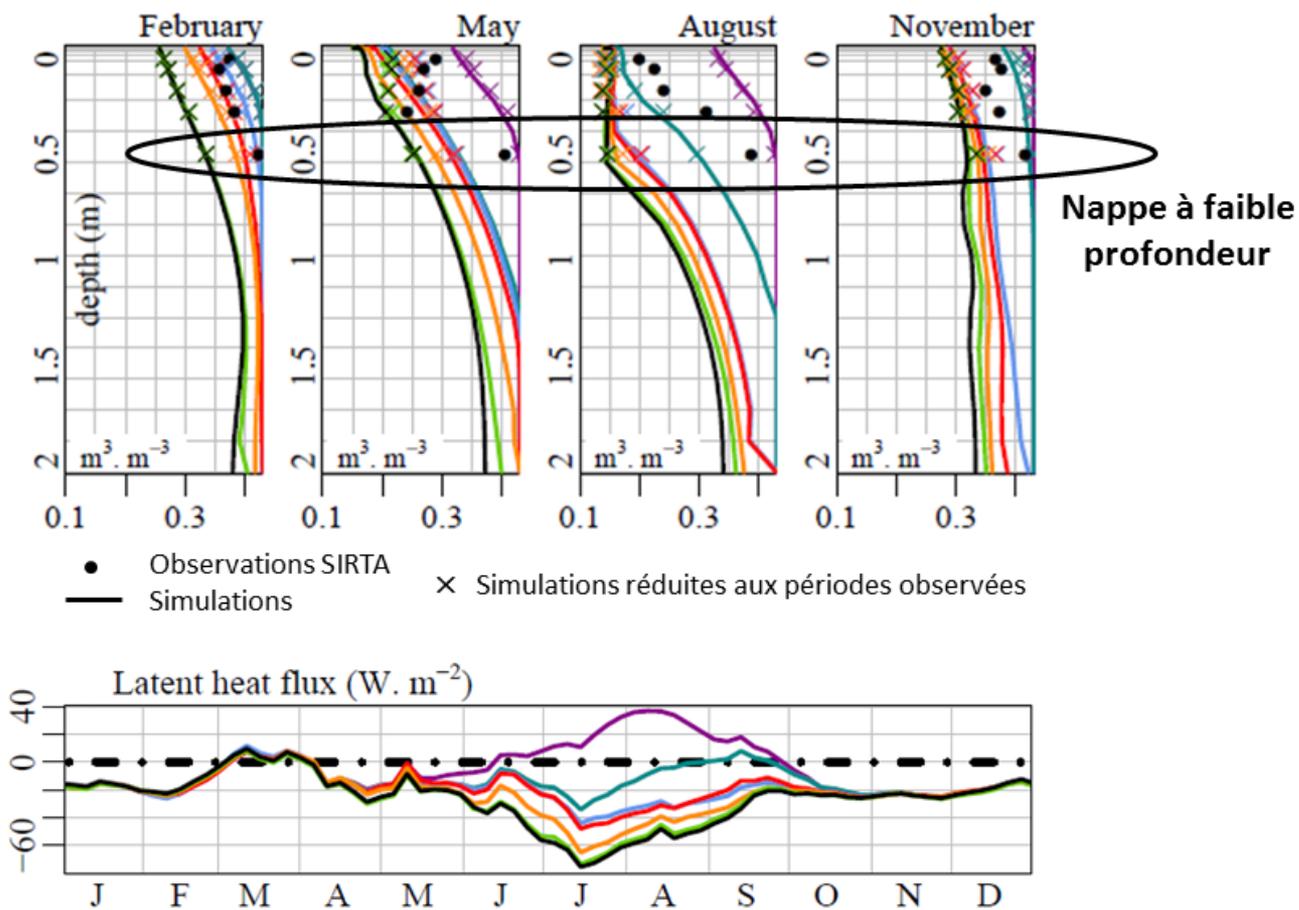
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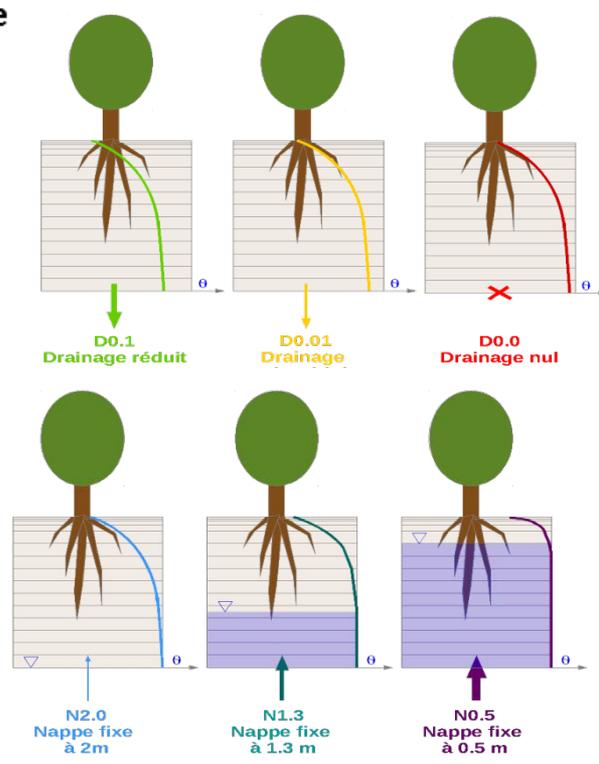


# Drainage

Simulations ORCHIDEE-LMDZ en zoomé-guidé au SIRTA  
 Comparaison à des mesures locales

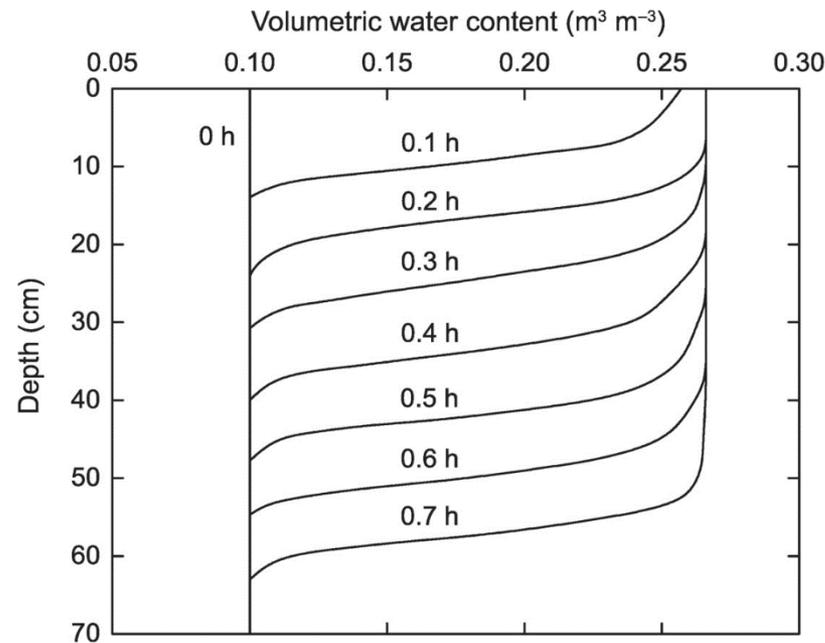


Nappe à faible profondeur



# Infiltration (and surface runoff)

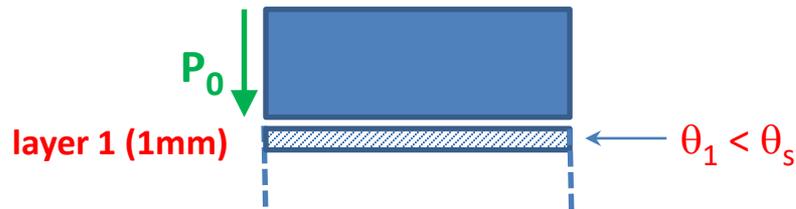
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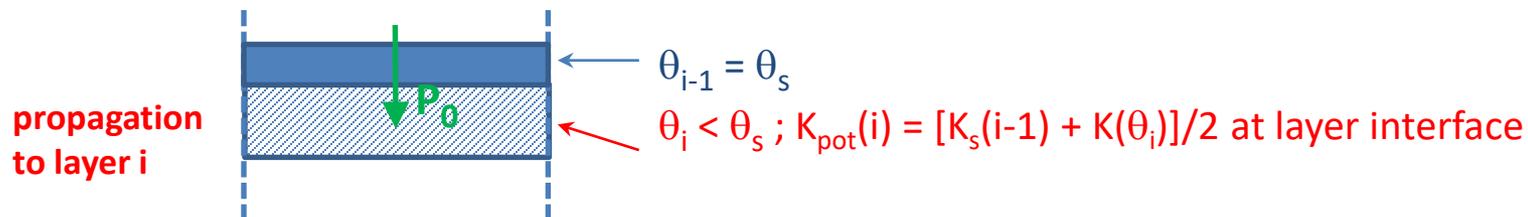
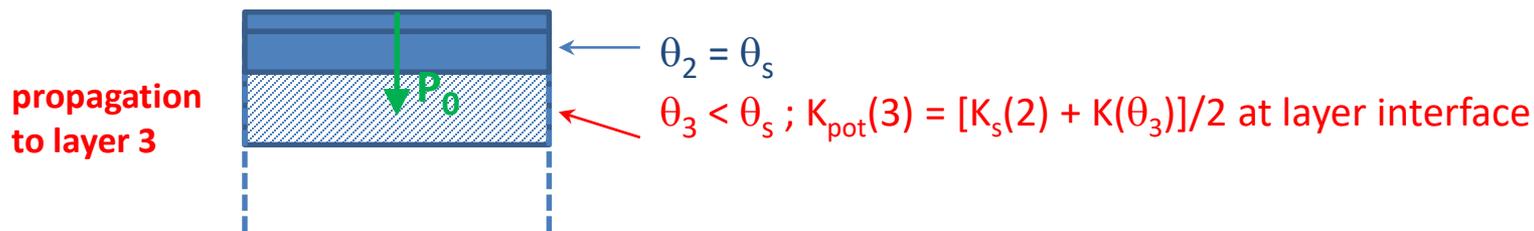
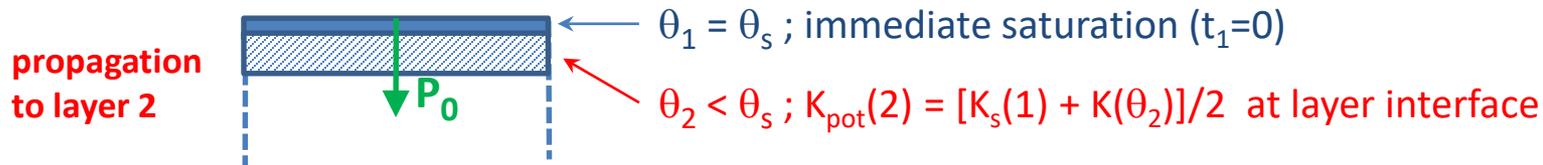
$dt = 30$  minutes in forced mode  
and 15 minutes in coupled mode

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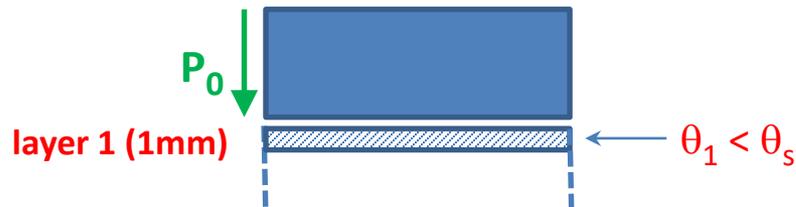
Step 1 - Direct infiltration of  $P_0$  to the top soil layer (1-mm deep)



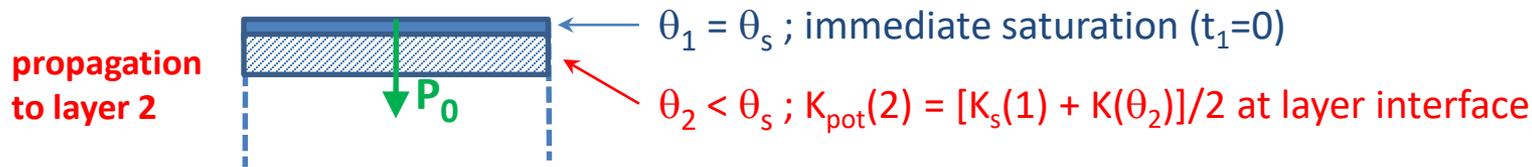
Step 2- Until  $P_0$  is sufficient and  $dt$  is ongoing, iterative infiltration to the lowest layers



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We consider an exponential distribution of  $K$  with a mean of  $K_{pot}$

- $K_{eff}$  is the mean of  $K$  values  $< P_0$
- Runoff production where  $P_0 > K$

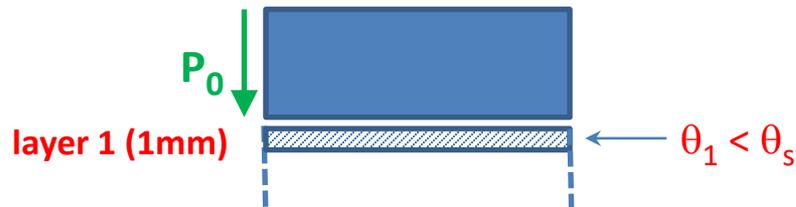
$$K_{eff}(2) = K_{pot}(2) [ 1 - \exp( -P_0 / K_{pot}(2) ) ] < K_{pot}(2)$$

$$R_s(2) = P_0 - K_{eff}(2)$$

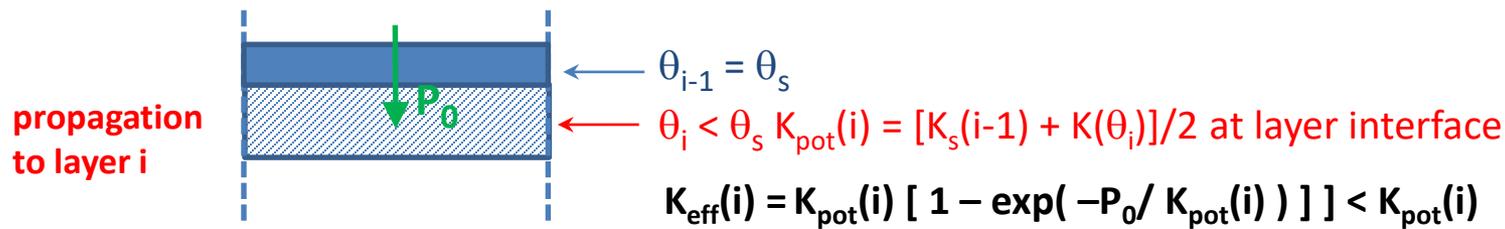
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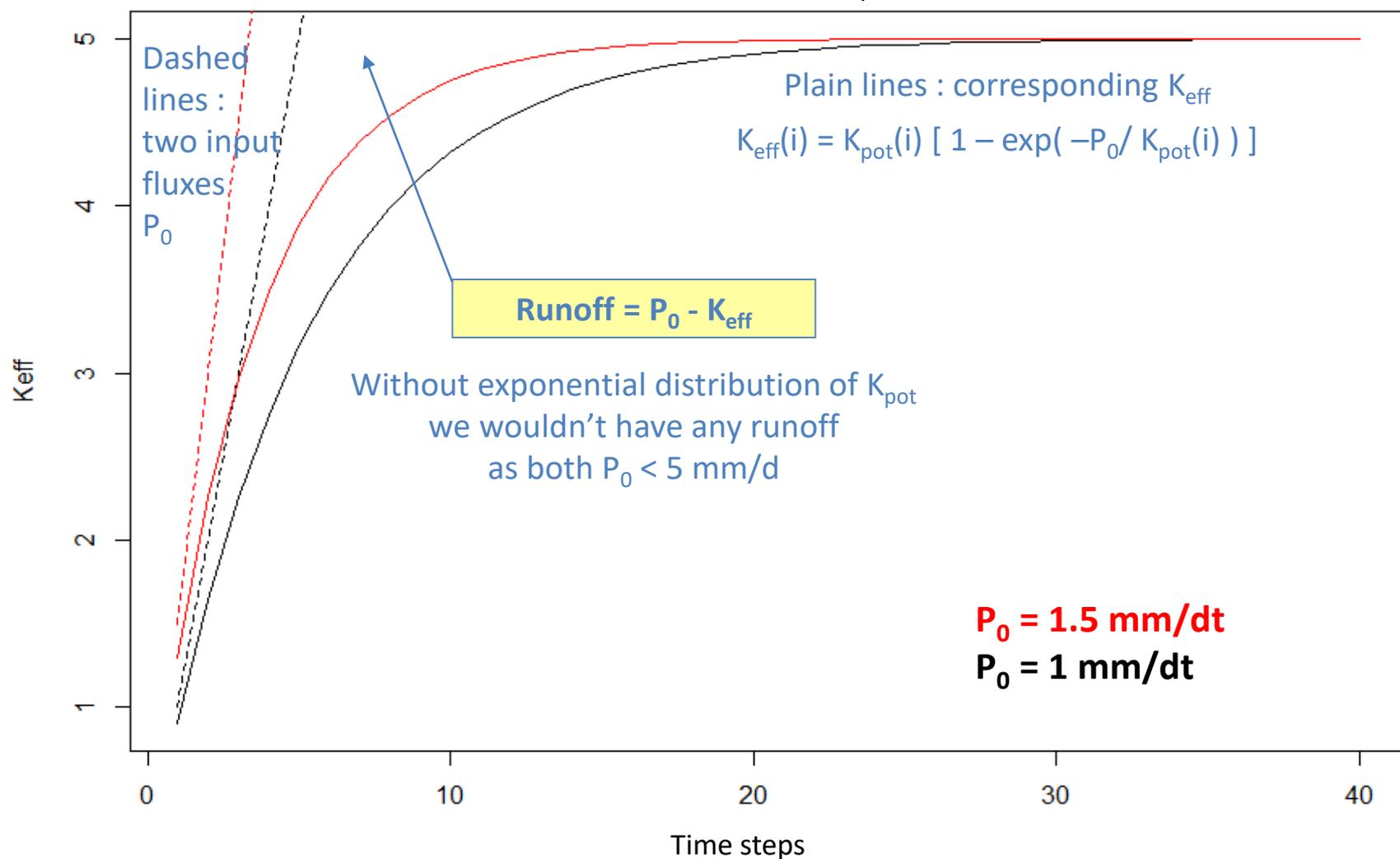
$$t_i = h_i (\theta_s - \theta_i) / K_{eff}(i)$$

**Loop on layers i until  $P_0$  fully processed or  $\sum t_i = dt$**

$$R_s^{pot} = \sum R_s(i)$$

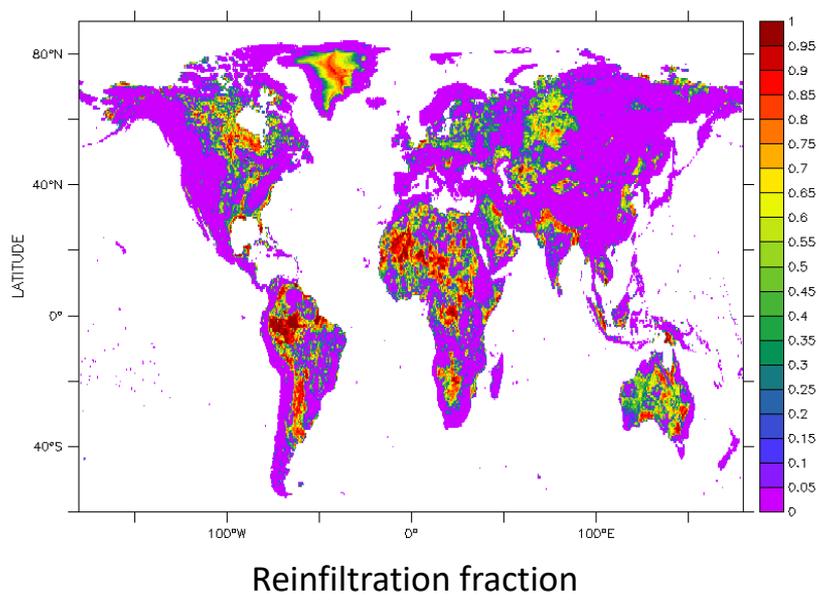
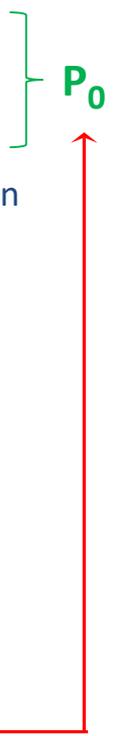
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Infiltration to layer i with  $K_{pot} = 5 \text{ mm/d}$



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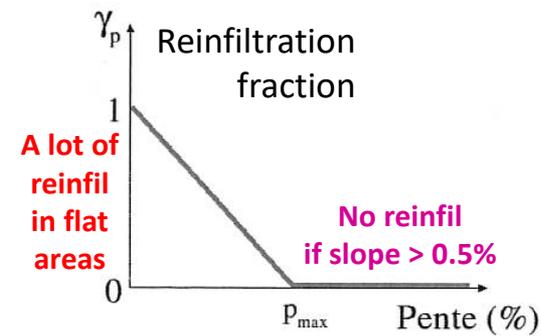


$$R_s^{pot} = \sum R_s(i) = P_0 - \sum I_i$$

**Ponding fraction for future reinfiltration**

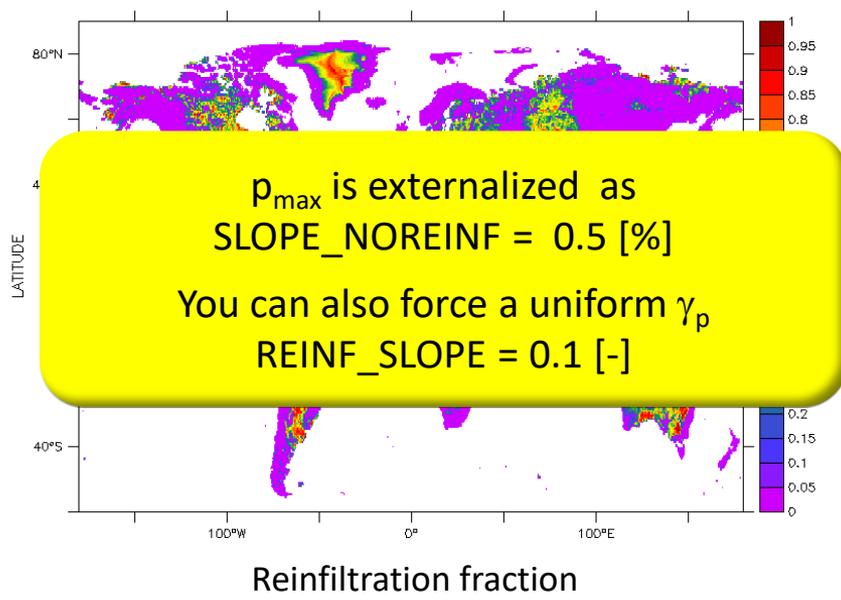
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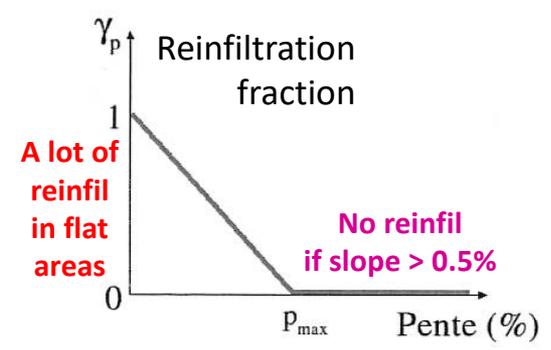


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$$E_g = \min(E_{\text{pot}}^*, Q_{\text{up}})$$

$$E_{\text{pot}}^* = \frac{\rho}{r_a} (q_{\text{sat}}(T_w) - q_a) < E_{\text{pot}} = \frac{\rho}{r_a} (q_{\text{sat}}(T_s) - q_a)$$

$$\beta_g = E_g / E_{\text{pot}}$$

**$Q_{\text{up}}$  is calculated by 1 or 2 dummy integrations of the water diffusion,**

(a) We apply  $E_{\text{pot}}^*$  as a boundary flux at the top, and test if  $\theta_1$  remains above  $\theta_r$

If it does, then  $Q_{\text{up}} = E_{\text{pot}}^* = E_g$

(b) Else, we force  $\theta_1 = \theta_r$  and this drives an upward flux: the surface value  $Q_0$  gives  $Q_{\text{up}}$

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4. **We can reduce the demand using a soil resistance (Sellers et al., 1992)**

$$r_{\text{soil}} = \exp(8.206 - 4.255L/L_s)$$

$L$  is the soil moisture in the 4 top layers  
 $L_s$  is the equivalent at saturation

***In run.def :***  
 DO\_ROIL = y  
 (default = n)

$$E_g = \min \left( \frac{q_{\text{sat}}(T_w) - q_a}{r_a + r_{\text{soil}}}, Q_{\text{up}} \right)$$

**The minimum is still found via 1 or 2 dummy integrations of the water diffusion**

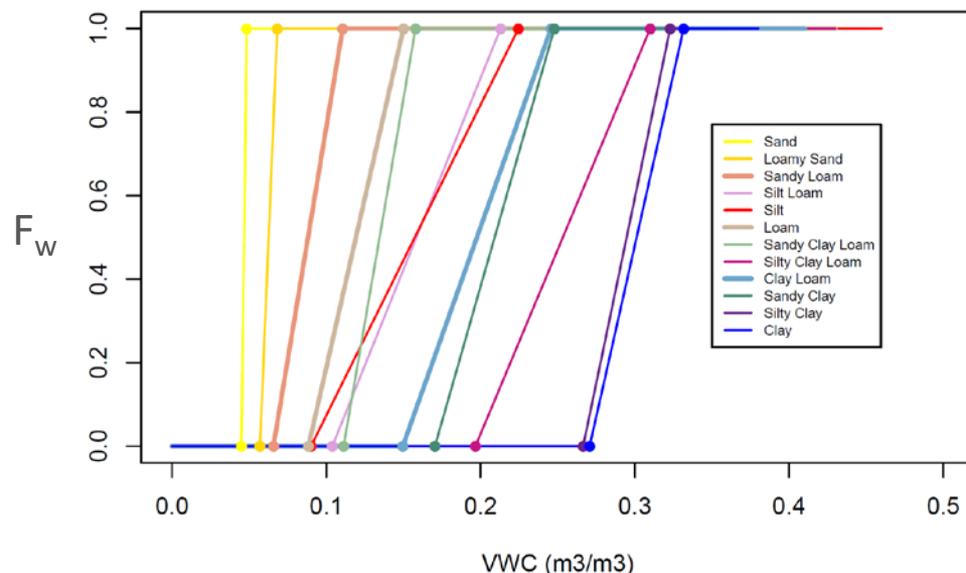
# The transpiration sink

The dependance of transpiration on soil moisture is conveyed by  $u_s(i)$

$$u_s(1)=0$$

$$u_s(i>1) = n_{\text{root}}(i) \cdot F_w(i)$$

$$F_w(i) = \max(0, \min(1, (W_i - W_w) / (W_{\%} - W_w)))$$



$n_{\text{root}}$  : mean root density in layer  $i$

$$n_{\text{root}} = \int_{h_i} R(z) dz / \int_{h_{\text{tot}}} R(z) dz$$

$$R(z) = \exp(-c_j z)$$

$c_j$  depends on the PFT

$W_w$  = wilting point

$W_f$  = field capacity

Calculated based on VG parameters, thus as a function of soil texture, with

$$\psi_w = -150000 \text{ m}$$

$$\psi_f = -1000 \text{ m} \text{ (-3000 for sandy soils)}$$

$W_{\%}$  : moisture at which  $u_s$  becomes 1 (no stress)

$$AWC = W_f - W_w$$

$$W_{\%} = W_w + p_{\%} AWC$$

$p_{\%}$  is externalized as  
**WETNESS\_TRANSPIR\_MAX**  
 = 0.8, 0.8, ..., 0.8  
 (13 times as for soil texture classes)

# The transpiration sink

The dependance of transpiration on soil moisture is conveyed by  $u_s(i)$

$$T_r = \rho \left( 1 - \frac{I}{I_{max}} \right) \frac{q_{sat}(T_s) - q_{air}}{r_a + r_c + r_{st}}$$

1  $U_s = \sum_i u_s$  is used to calculate the stomatal resistance  $r_{st}$

$r_{st}$  also depends on light,  $CO_2$ , LAI, air temperature and vpd, and on nitrogen limitation in the trunk (CN)

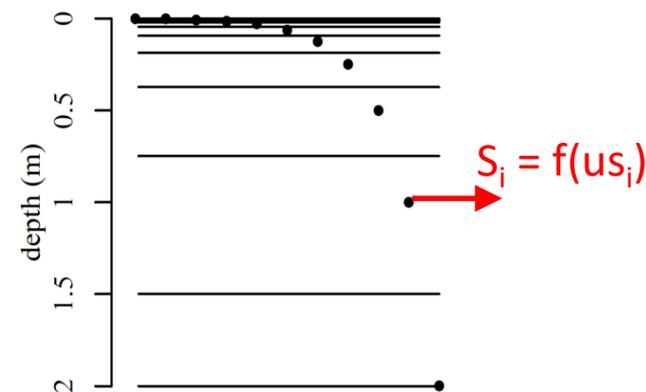
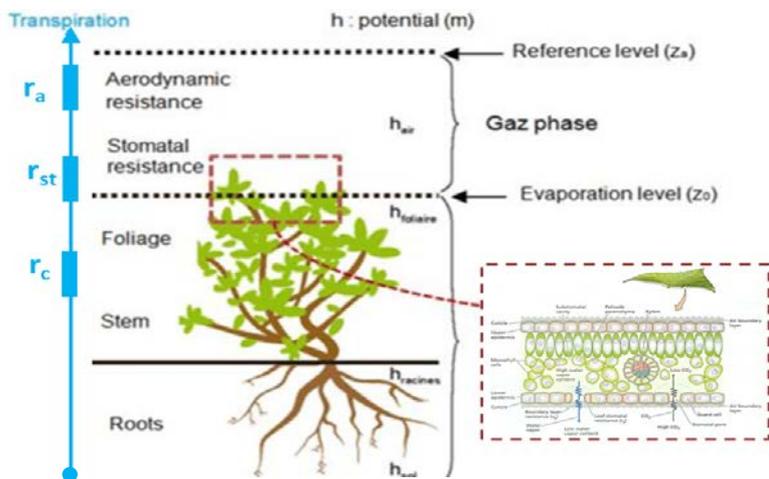
In the code :  
 $U_s = \text{humrel}$

2  $u_s$  is used to distribute  $T_r$  between the soil layers

$$T_r = \sum S_i$$

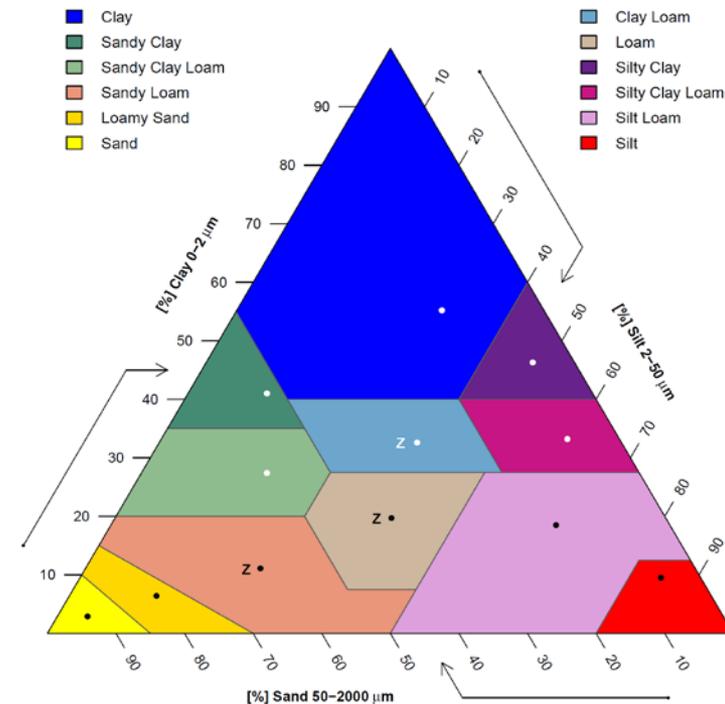
$$U_s = \sum u_s i$$

$$S_i = T_r u_s i / U_s$$



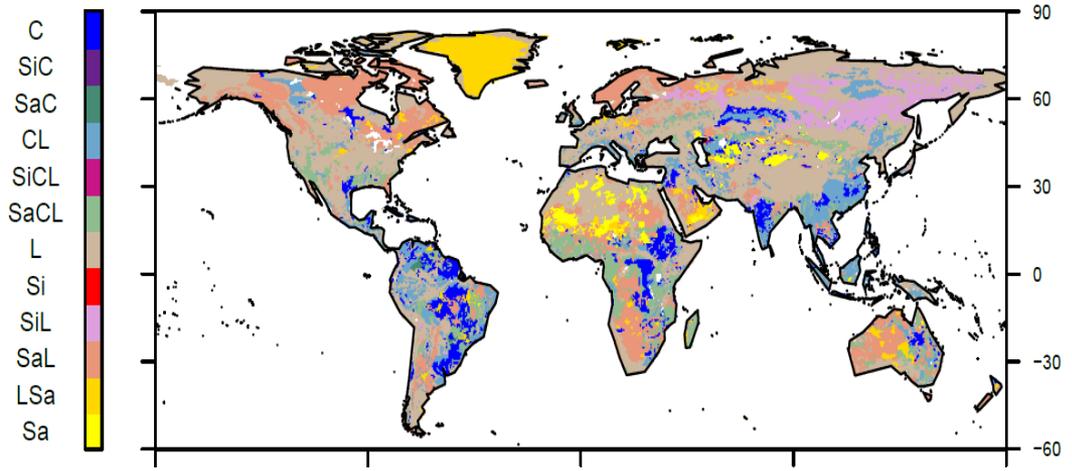
# The role of soil texture

- In hydrol, the main soil properties are:
  - Van Genuchten parameters:  $\theta_s$   $\theta_r$   $K_s^{ref}$   $n$   $\alpha$  ( $= -1/\psi_{ae}$ )
  - derived field capacity and wilting point:  $\theta_w$   $\theta_f$
  - clay\_fraction for stomate, and thermal properties for thermosoil
- They are defined based on soil texture  
(in the real world, they can depend on other factors, as soil structure, OMC, etc.)
- Soil texture is defined by the % of sand, silt, clay particles in a soil sample (granulometry)
- It can be summarized by soil textural classes
- By default, ORCHIDEE reads texture from the  $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$  map of Zobler (1986) with 3 USDA classes: Sandy Loam, Loam, Clay Loam
- Alternative soil maps with 12 USDA classes:
  - $1/12^\circ$  map of Reynolds et al. (2000)
  - $0.5^\circ$  map from SoilGrids (Hengl et al. 2014)
- In each grid-cell, we use the dominant texture

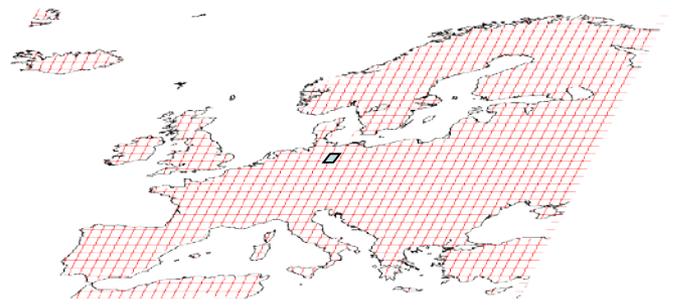


# The role of soil texture

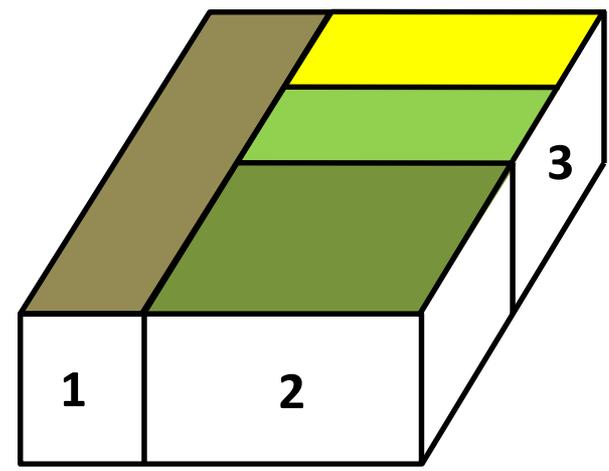
5' soil texture map of Reynolds et al. (2000)



**Dominant texture in each ORCHIDEE grid-cell:**  
defining the hydraulic properties

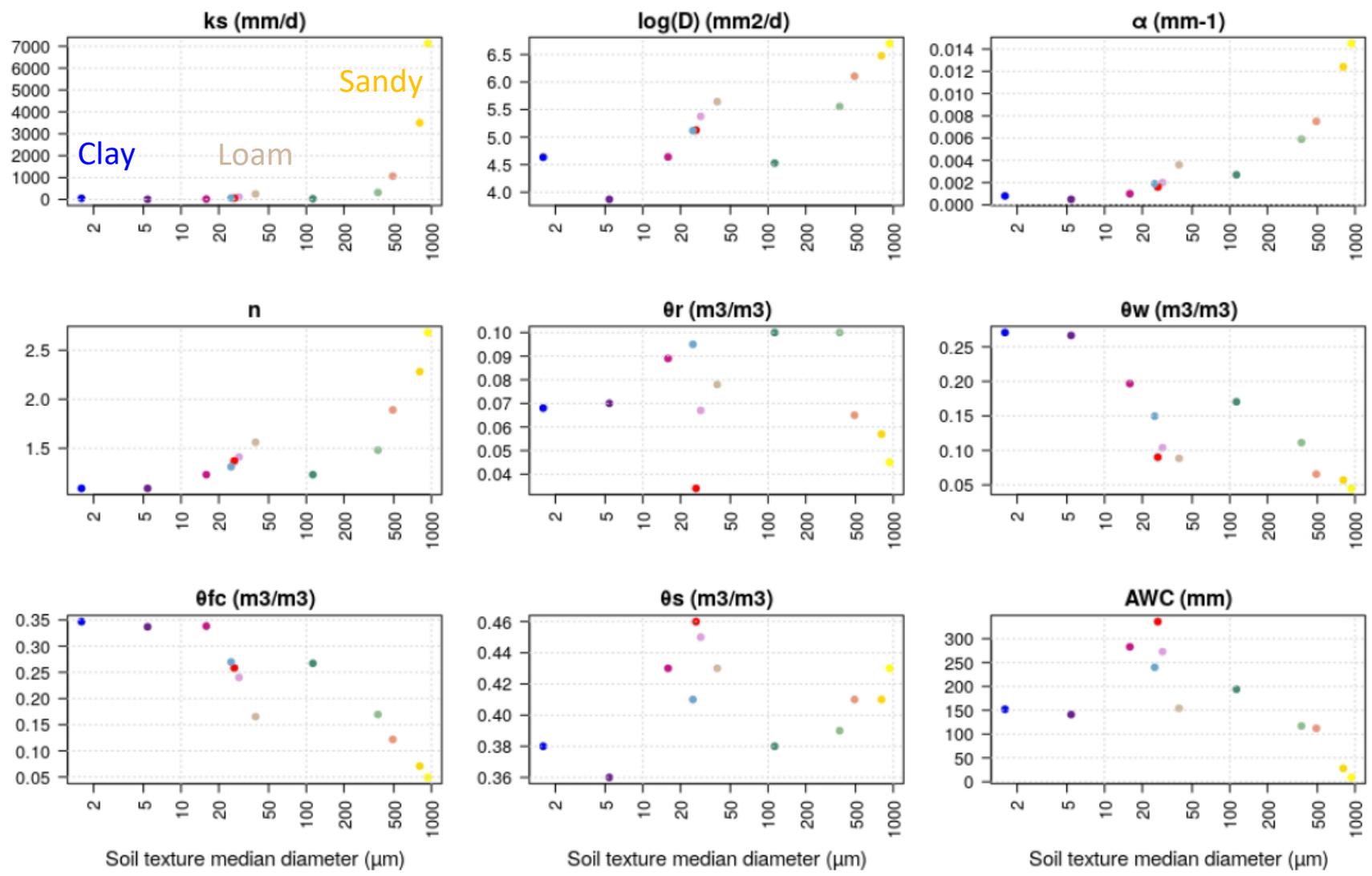


**Sub-grid scale heterogeneity:**  
3 soil columns based on PFTs  
with independent water budget  
**but same texture**

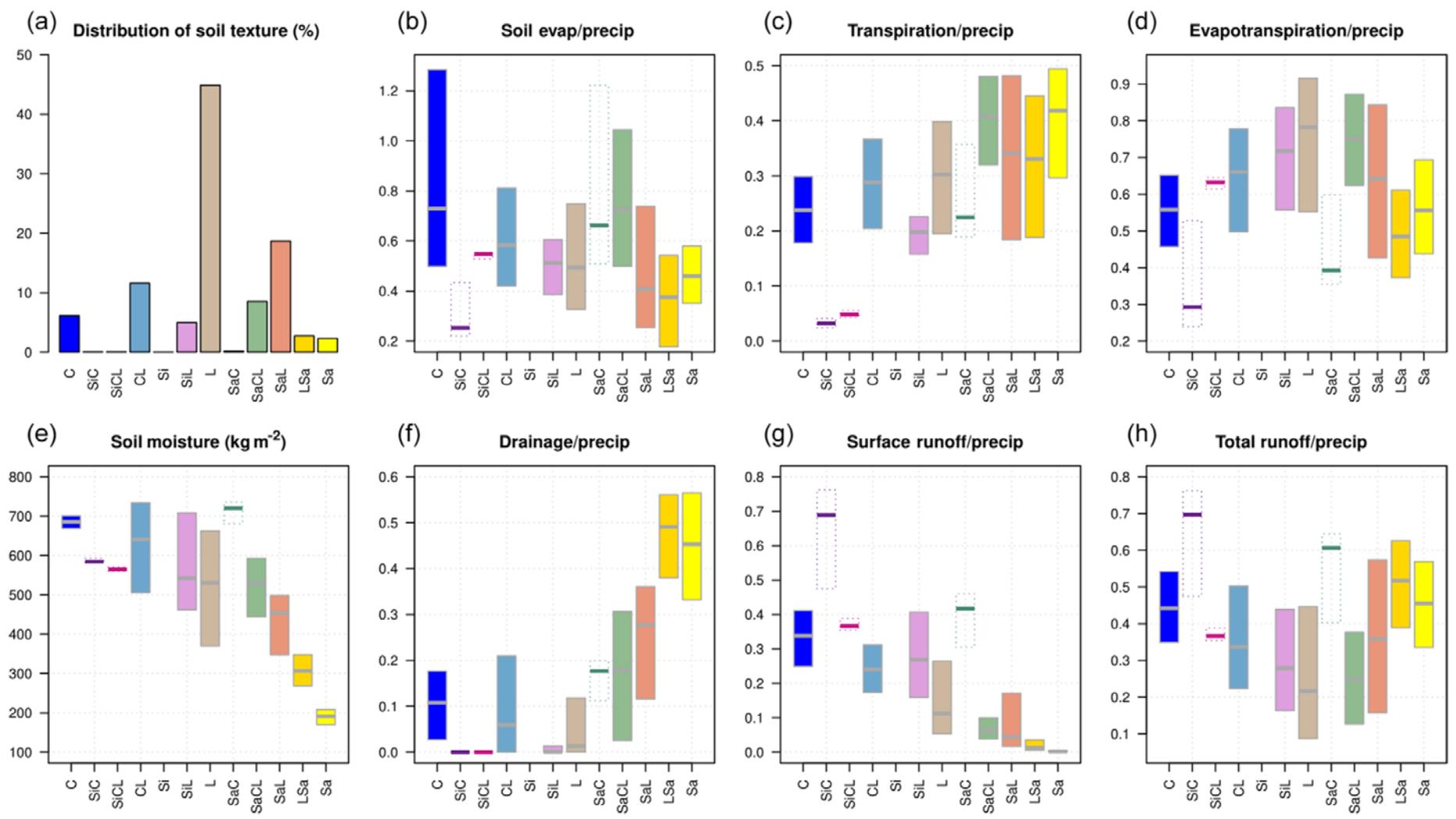


- 1: Bare soil PFT
- 2: All Forest PFTs
- 3: All grassland and cropland PFTs

# The role of soil texture

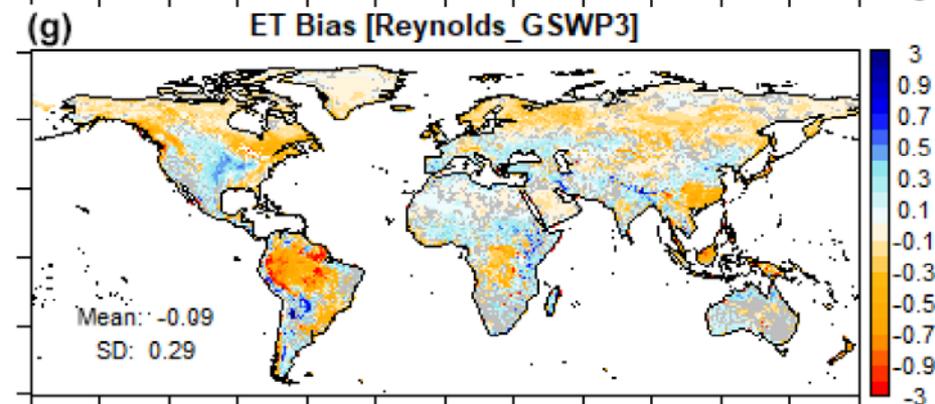
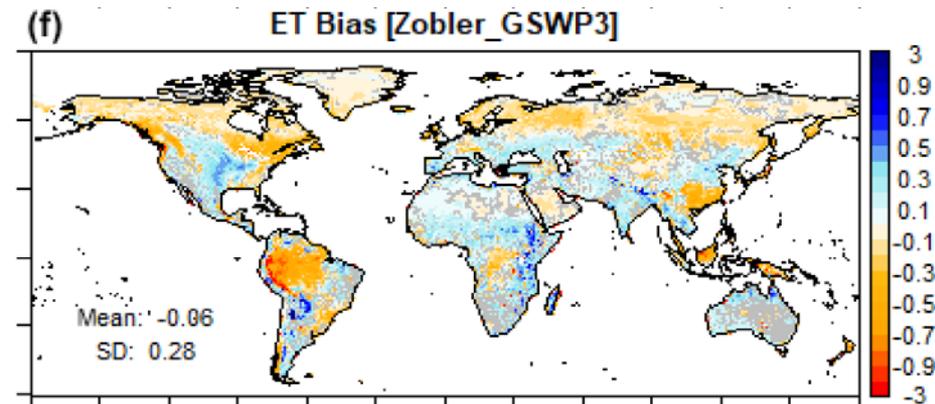


# The role of soil texture



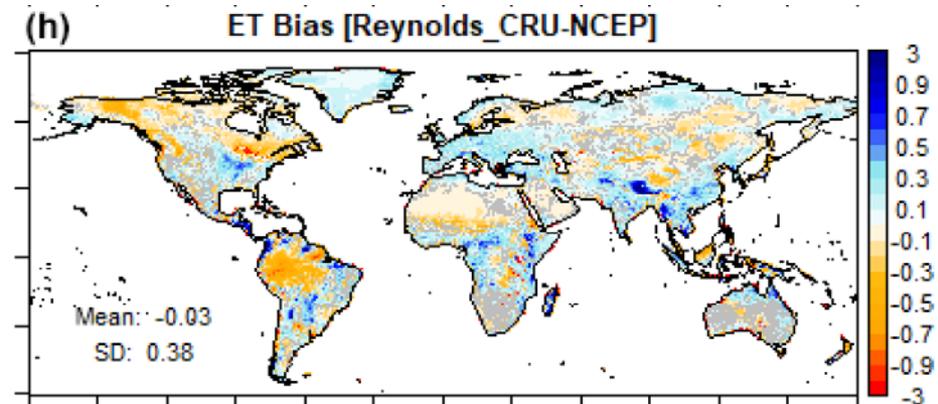
Variability of simulated variables over land surface (excluding Antarctica and Greenland) within each soil texture class. Reynolds soil map, with GSWP3 meteorological forcing over 1980–2010.

# The role of soil texture



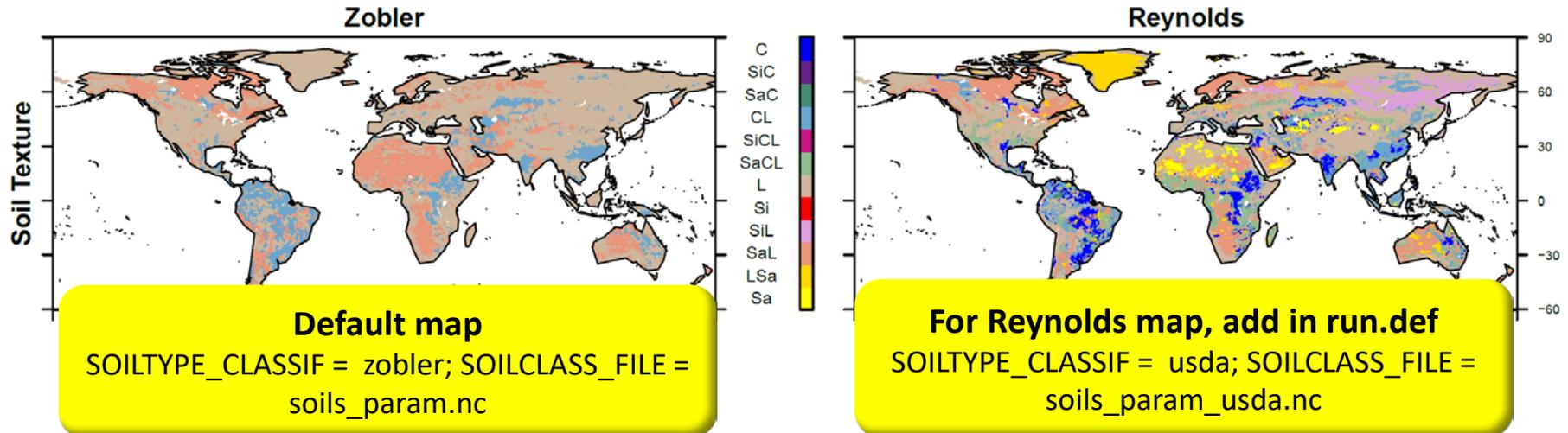
## ET bias against GLEAM3 product over 1980–2010

- with different soil maps (vertically)
  - with different meteorological datasets (horizontally)
- For branch 2.2, version CMIP6.



# The role of soil texture

Soil hydraulic and thermal properties are defined from soil texture, with 13 classes (12 USDA + Clay Oxisols)



You can also force the value of soil properties, which will be uniform

Minimum setting, here to force using the 1st texture class (Sand)

```
IMPOSE_SOILT = y
```

# SOIL\_FRACTIONS = Areal fraction of the 13 soil USDA textures; the dominant one is selected

```
SOIL_FRACTIONS = 0.9, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.1, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0
```

You can also change the value of some / all soil hydraulic parameters

```
# KS_IMP ([mm/d]) : saturated conductivity (0-dim mode) {IMPOSE_SOILT}
```

```
KS_IMP = 1000. (instead of 7128 mm/d for Sand)
```

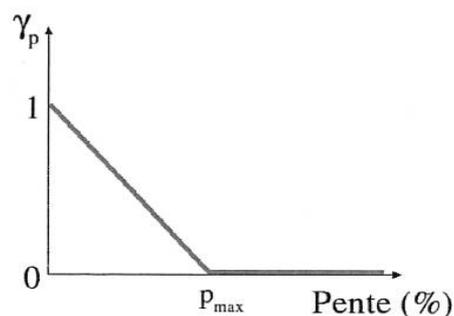
Also possible for MCS\_IMP, MCR\_IMP, NVAN\_IMP, AVAN\_IMP, MCFC\_IMP, MCW\_IMP

# Slope and reinfiltration

Reinfiltration fraction =  $\gamma_p$

$$R_s = (1 - \gamma_p) R_s^{\text{pot}}$$

Based on slope



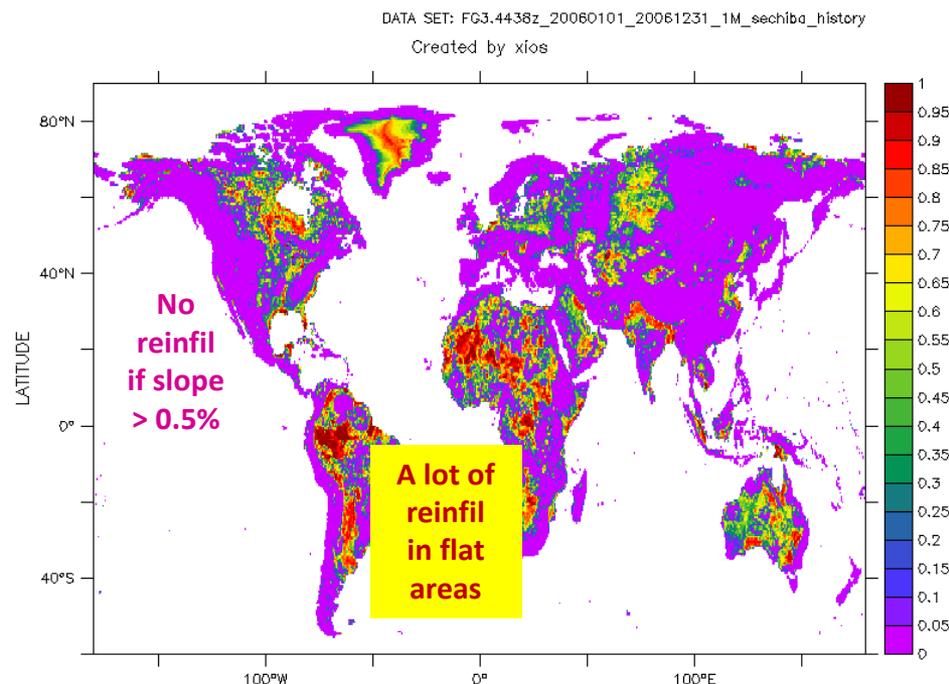
1. Slope is read at the resolution of  $0.25^\circ$   
(cartepente2d\_15min.nc)

2.  $\gamma_p$  is calculated at the resolution of  $0.25^\circ$   
$$\gamma_p = 1 - \min(1, p/p_{\max})$$

3.  $\gamma_p$  is averaged at the resolution of ORCHIDEE

$p_{\max}$  is externalized as  
SLOPE\_NOREINF = 0.5 [%]

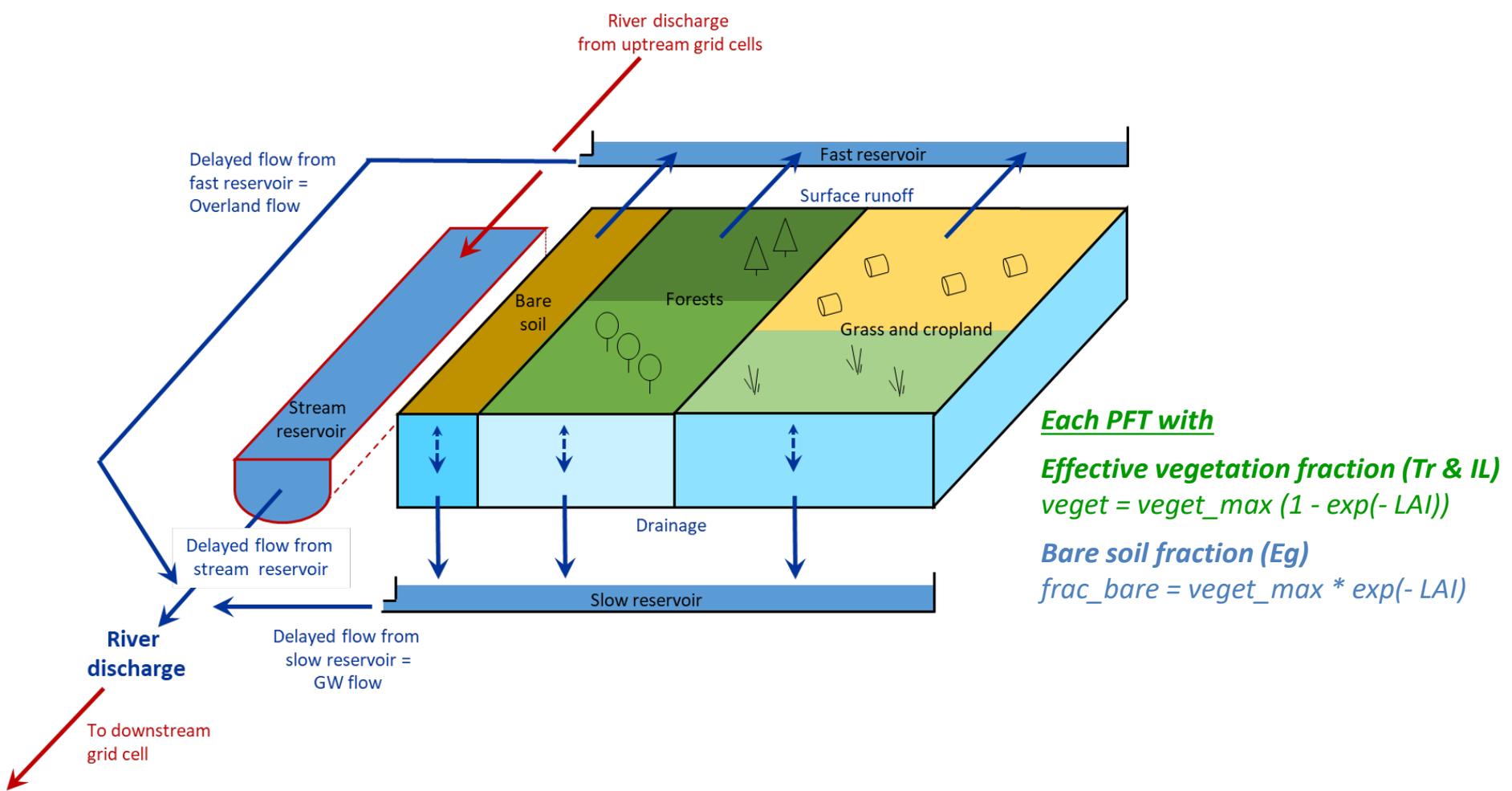
You can also force a uniform  $\gamma_p$   
REINF\_SLOPE = 0.1 [-]



Example of reinf\_slope from a  $0.5^\circ$  simulation

# Interactions with the vegetation/LC

1. **Horizontally**, PFTs define soil tiles with independent water budget (below ground tiling)



# Interactions with the vegetation/LC

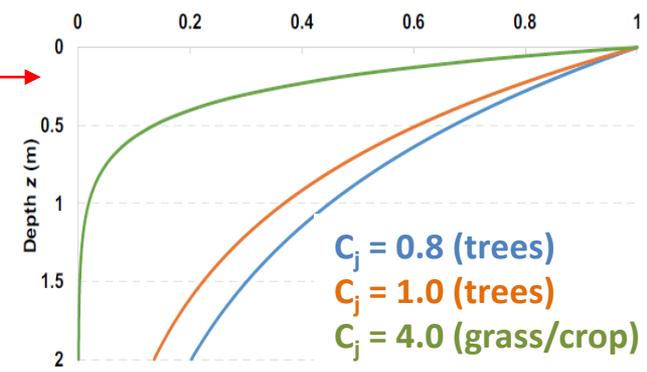
## 2. Vertically, ORCHIDEE defines a root density profile

In each PFT  $j$

$$R_j(z) = \exp(-c_j z)$$

In each soil layer  $i$

$n_{\text{root}}(i)$  is the mean root density  
with  $\sum_i n_{\text{root}}(i) = 1$



It controls:

(1) the water stress on transpiration in each soil layer  $i$

$$u_i = n_{\text{root}}(i) \max(0, \min(1, (W_i - W_w) / (W_{\%} - W_w)))$$

(2) the increase of  $K_s$  towards the surface

In the code,  $c_j$  is called humcste and defined in constantes\_mtc.f90  
**It is externalized as HYDROL\_HUMCSTE**  
 = 5.0, 0.8, 0.8, 1.0, 0.8, 0.8, 1.0, 1.0, 0.8, 4.0, 4.0, 4.0, 4.0  
 (for 13 MTCs)

# Which maps are used for hydrology?

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**Development Activities** | **Documentation** | **Source Code** | **Reference Simulations** | **Group Activities**

## Ancillary Data

This page describes the Ancillary data needed to describe the continental surfaces in ORCHIDEE. All the files are expected to be in a CF-compliant NetCDF format and some guidelines for producing these files are given at the end.

The most common forcing files are stored in the shared accounts in IGCM/SRF directory. The shared accounts are found:

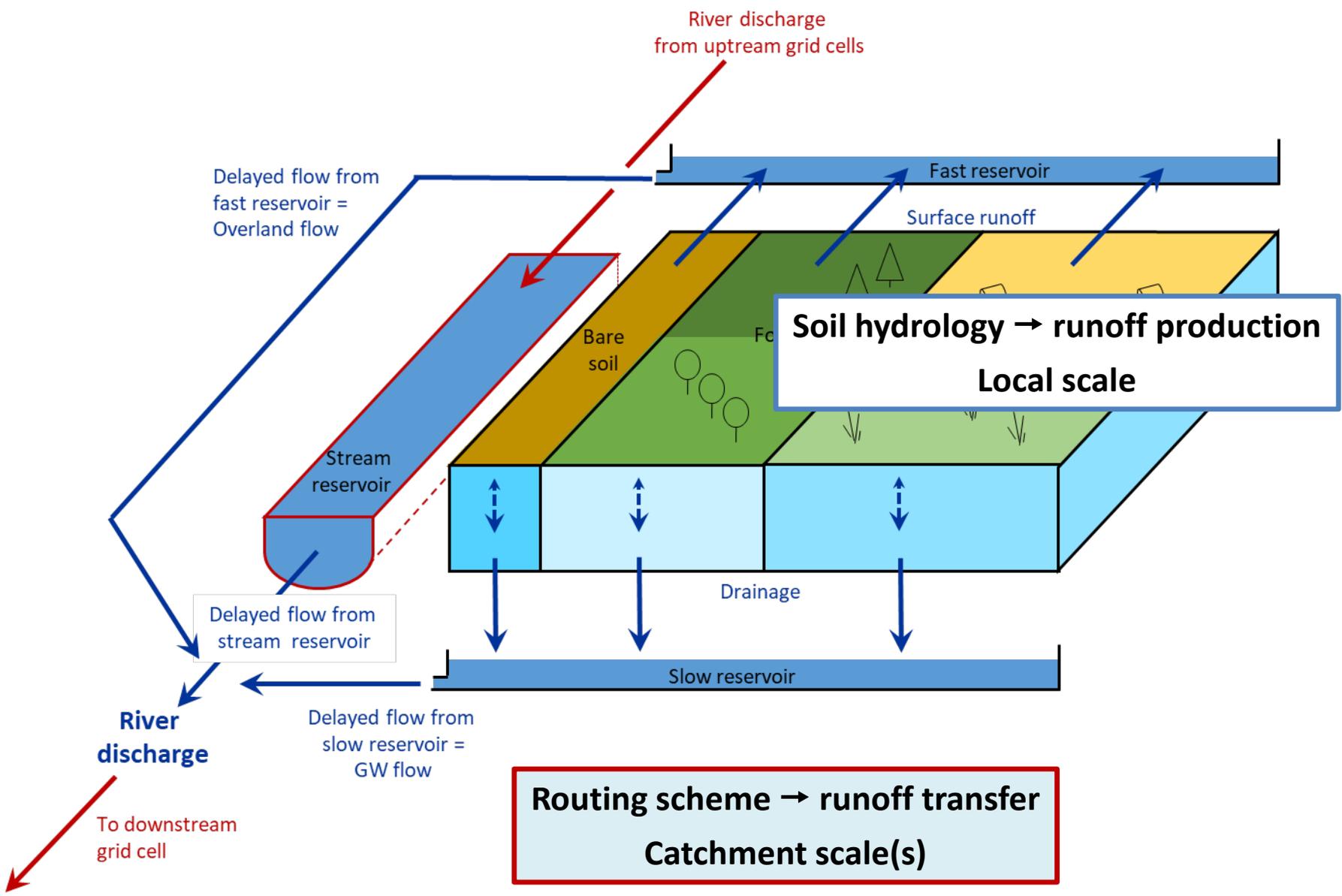
- At TGCC: `/ccc/work/cont003/dsm/p86ipsl/IGCM/SRF`
- At IDRIS: `/gpfswork/rech/psl/commun/IGCM/SRF`
- LSCE, obelix : `/home/orchideeshare/igcmg/IGCM/SRF`
- IPSL Ciclad : `/projsu/igcmg/IGCM/igcmg/IGCM/SRF`

**Ancillary Data**

1. Vegetation information
  - 1.1 Olson map
  - 1.2 PFT maps
2. Soil texture and other soil properties
3. Irrigation and Floodplains
4. Slope
5. For routing

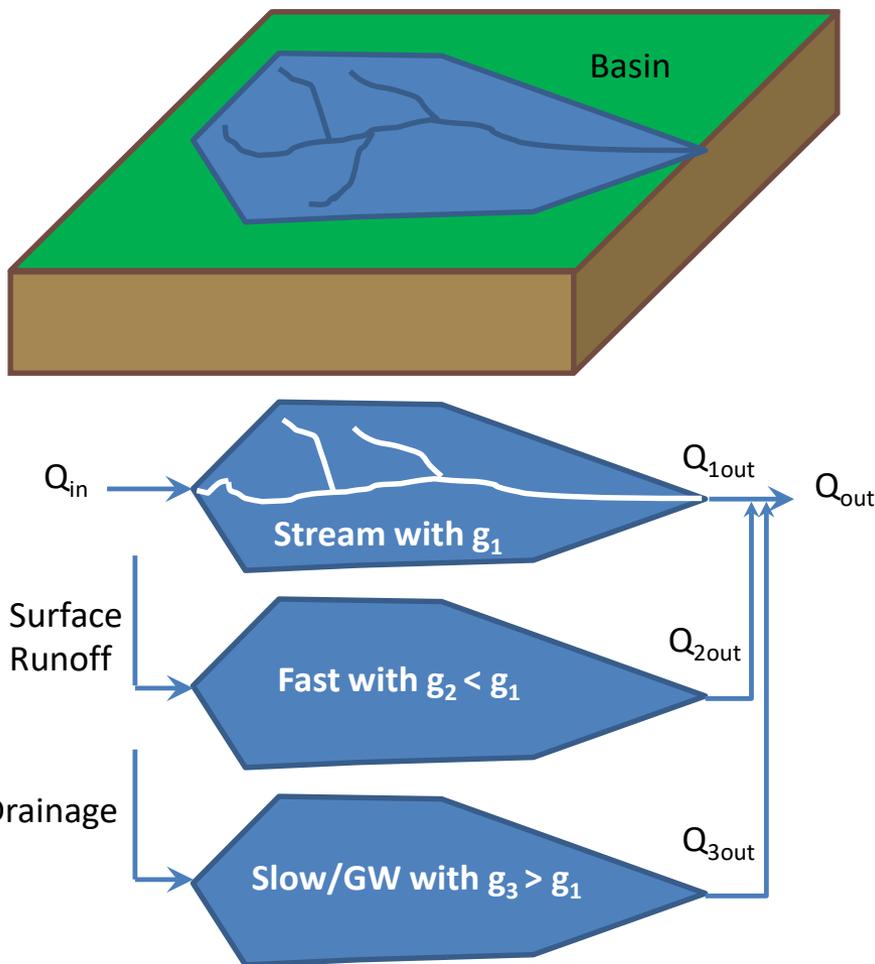
CF-conformant files

# Soil vs « catchment » hydrology

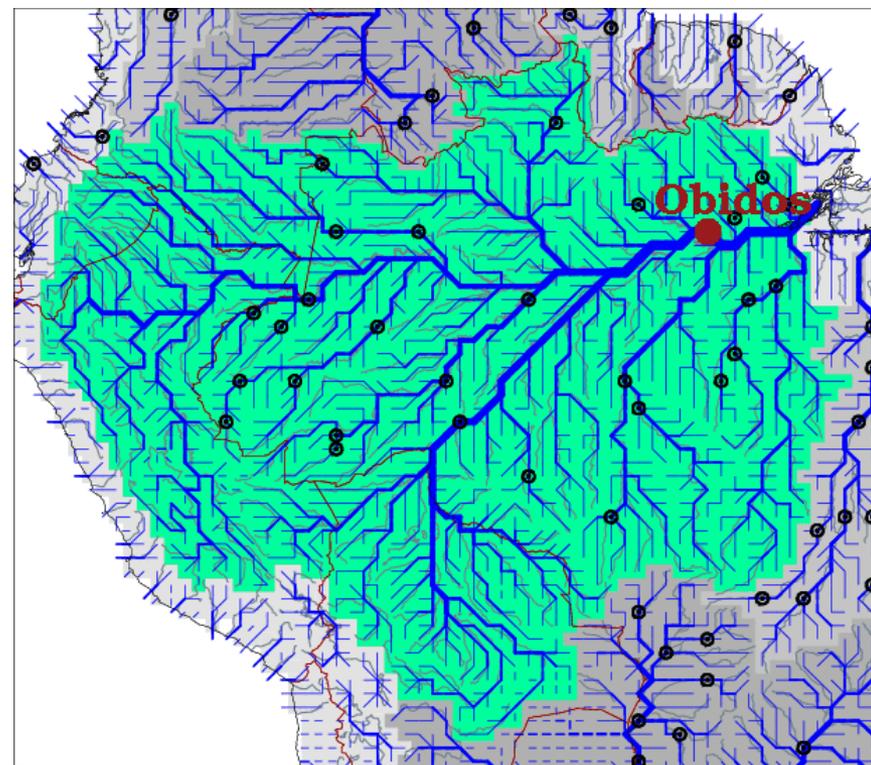


# Overview of the standard version

**Separate basins in each grid-cell  
with 3 reservoirs for streams, hillslopes and GW**



**Cascade of stream reservoirs  
along the river network**

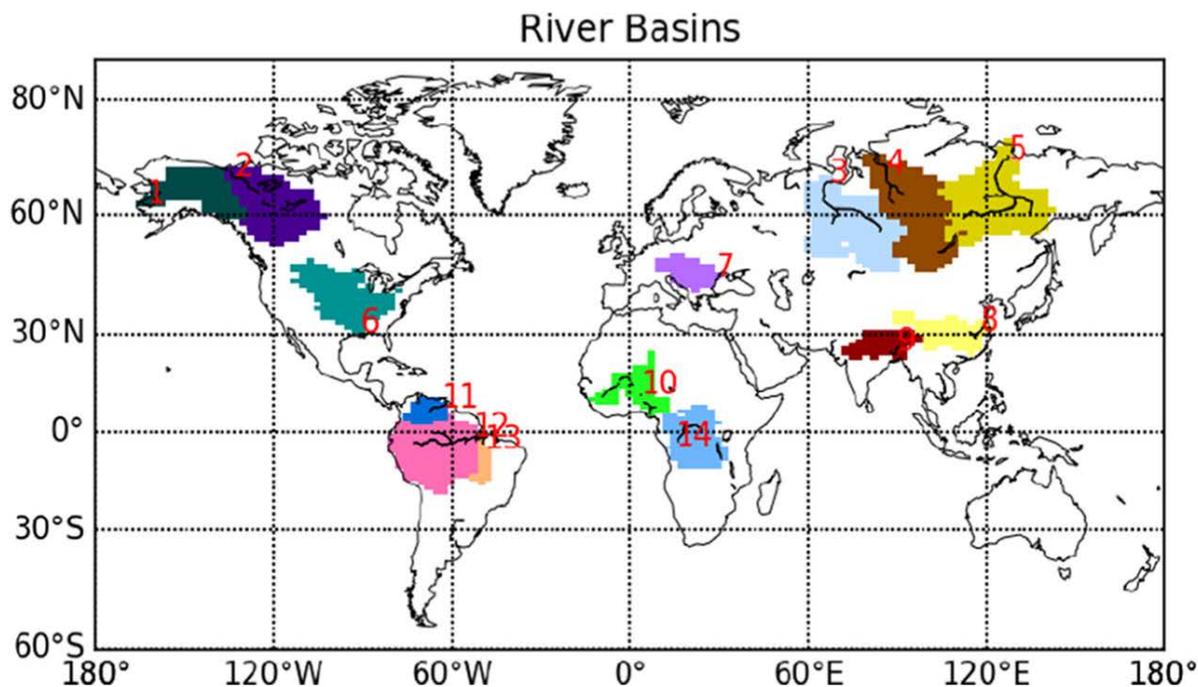


River network based on  $0.5^\circ$  topography

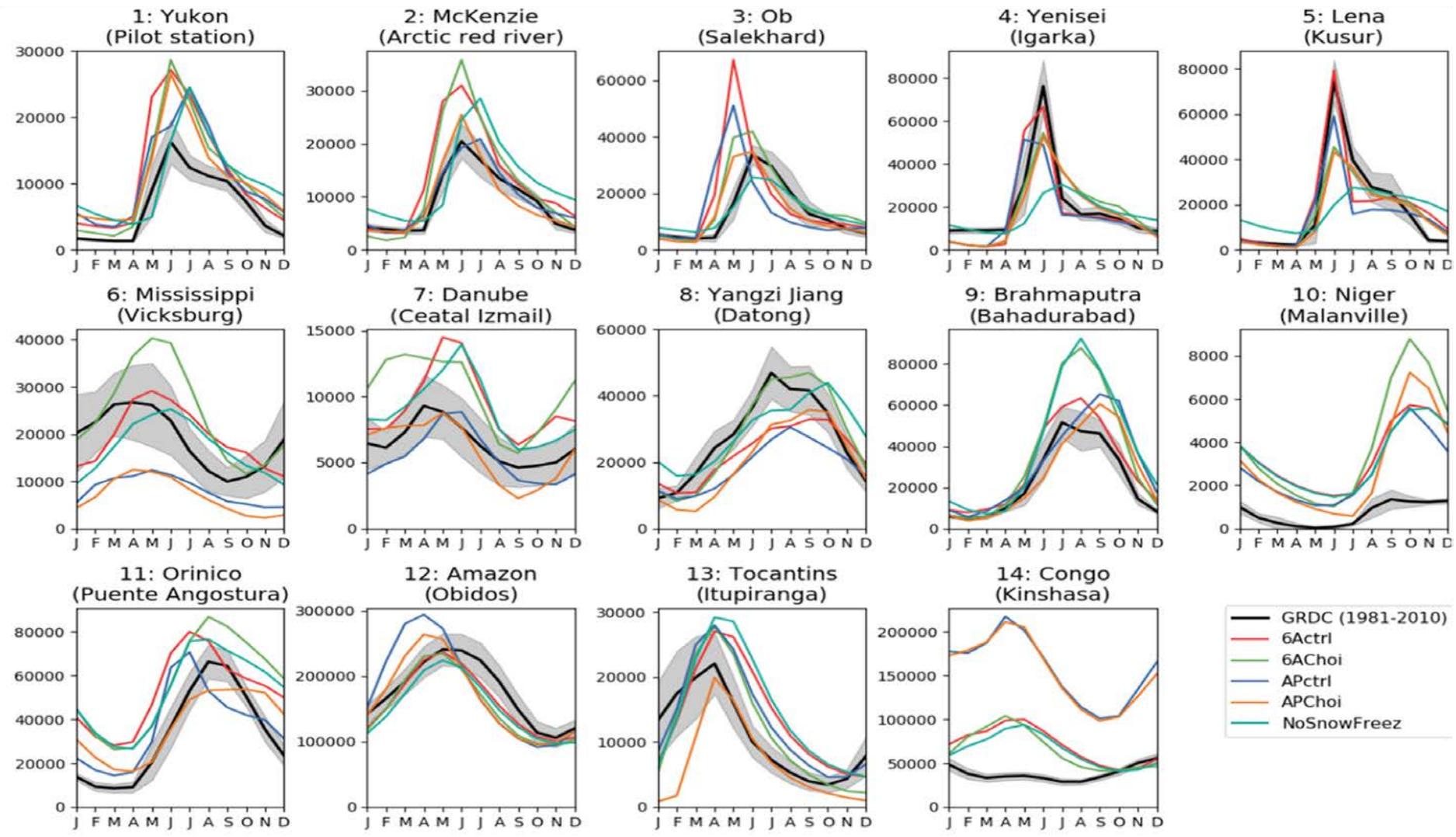
**Residence times  $\tau_i = g_i \Delta x / v_{slope}$**

## Results for CMIP6

- Land-atmosphere simulations over 1981-2010 with prescribed STT from AMIP
- Resolution 144 x 143 (2.5x1.25°) x 79
- Comparison of **IPSL-CM6A (6Actrl)** to **IPSL-CM5 (APchoi)** and other configurations
- River discharge at the outlet of 14 major river basins against observed record (GRDC)



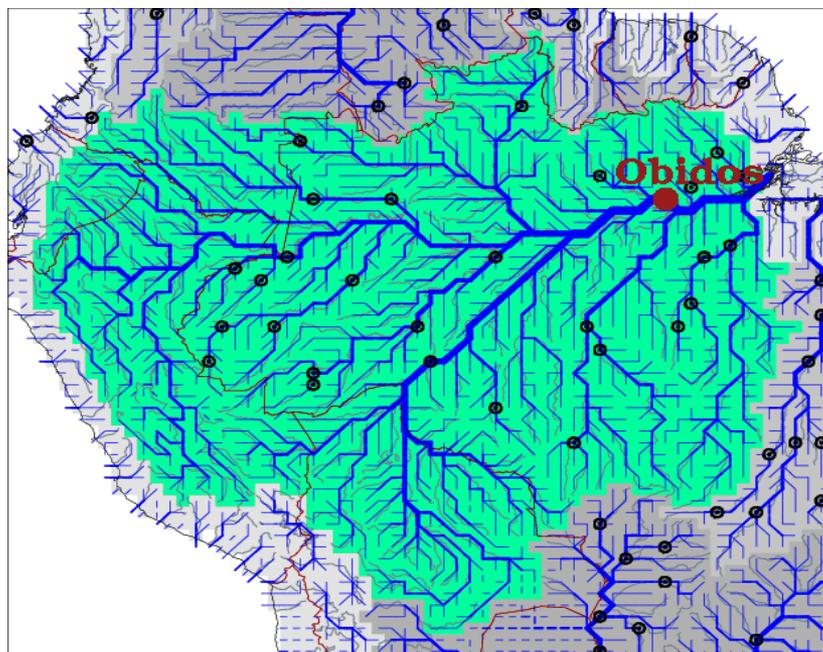
# 4. A glance at the routing scheme



Improvement of **simulated discharge** from **IPSL-CM6A (6Actrl)** to **IPSL-CM5 (APchoi)** in most river basins  
Mostly related to improvements of simulated precipitation  
+ Freezing in Yenisei and Lena

# Work in progress for a higher resolution routing

River network based on  
**0.5° topography**



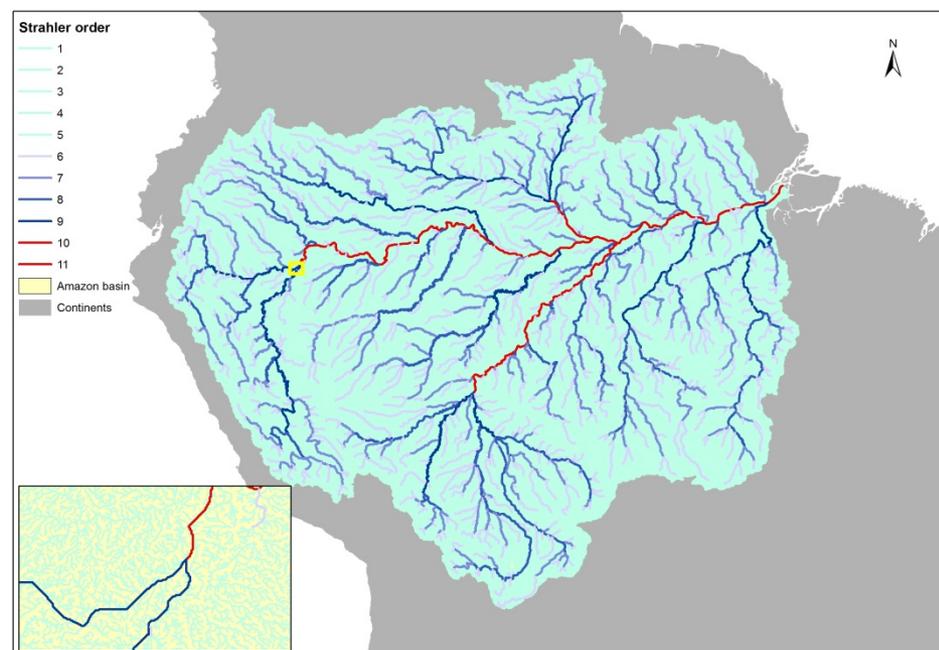
**Trunk or Branch 2.2**

Only valid if ORCHIDEE resolution  $\geq 0.5^\circ$

**Residence times in the three reservoirs**  
By default, independent from ORCHIDEE resolution  
But can be defined in run.def

**Options for irrigation (in progress) and flooding**

Higher resolution river network based on  
**HydroSHEDS (1 km) or MERIT-Hydro (2km)**



**Branch ORCHIDEE-ROUTING**

With python pre-processing of topography

Work in progress to define the residence times in  
the three reservoirs

Not yet merged in Trunk/Branch2.2

# Soil hydrology in a nutshell

- **During a time step, the soil hydrology scheme :**
  - Updates the soil moisture as a function of precipitation and evapotranspiration
  - Calculates the related fluxes (infiltration, surface runoff, drainage)
  - Calculates the water stresses for transpiration and soil evaporation of the next time step
  - Calculates some soil moisture metrics for thermosoil and stomate
- **The equations can be complex, but the parametrization is intended to work without intervention**
  - Default input maps are defined in COMP/sechiba.card
  - Defaults parameters are defined in PARAM/run.def and code
  - Lots of debugging over the past years
- **You can adapt the behavior of the soil hydrology scheme**
  - Easy : change externalised parameters in PARAM/run.def
  - A bit less easy: use different input maps (you need to comply to the format)
  - More difficult: change the code (welcome to orchidee-dev!)
- **Routing scheme OK for resolutions  $\geq 0.5^\circ$** 
  - More infos on the slides of M. Guimberteau, Training of 2016

**Thank you for your attention**  
**Questions ?**



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