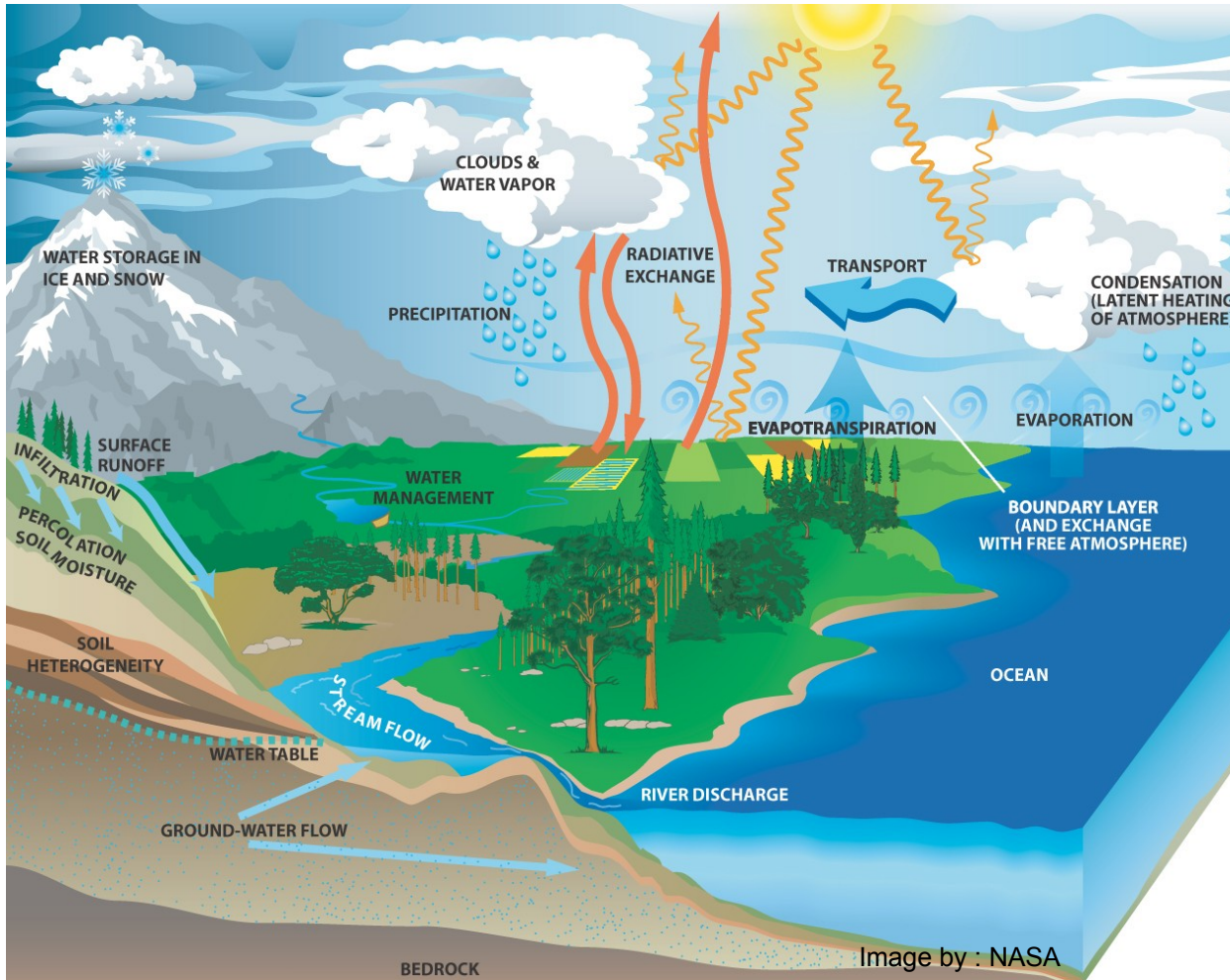




ISBA
**(Interactions between the Surface Biosphere
Atmosphere)**

The model for **natural continental surfaces**

Land Surface Model (LSM) ISBA



- Numerical Weather Prediction (operational...)
- Climate
- Real-time Hydrometeorological Monitoring
- Avalanche Prediction
- Research (water resource monitoring, improved understanding, climate change impact studies...)

ISBA

Model of the « nature » part of SURFEX

Exchanges of energy, water, carbon, momentum (also aerosols/dust, snow) with the atmosphere and water mass exchanges with hydrology

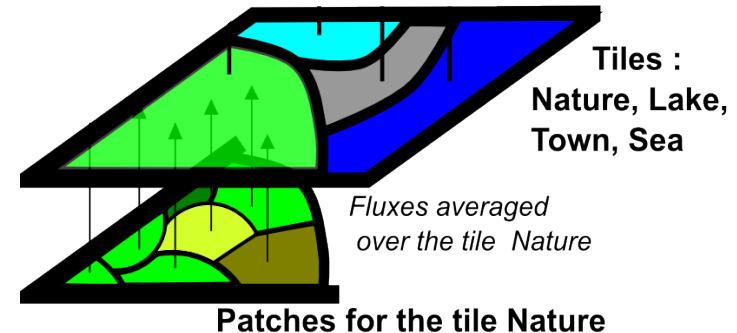
Work with the « mean » properties of the mesh (aggregation rules, or on a number of patches [1 to 12 (19), according to the user's choice]. In the case of patches, each is independent (no lateral transfers).

Input parameters

- characterize type of sfc

Physics :

- Force restore model : energy and water
- Multilayer soil model « diffusion »
- Bulk or Multilayer Snow
- Photosynthesis and carbon cycle



Introduction : main parameters

Primary parameters

Secondary parameters

Soil

Soil Organic Carbon (SOC)

Clay fraction (X_{clay})

Sand fraction (Y_{sand})

- Soil thermal and hydrological parameters [e.g. Saturation/porosity (W_{sat})....etc.]
- Field capacity (W_{fc})
- Wilting point (W_{wilt})

Vegetation

Type of cover

- Stomatal/Canopy resistance [e.g. Minimal surface resistance (R_{smin}), ...etc.]
- Leaf area index (LAI)
- Roughness lengths for momentum and heat z_0 and z_{0h}
- Fraction of vegetation (veg)

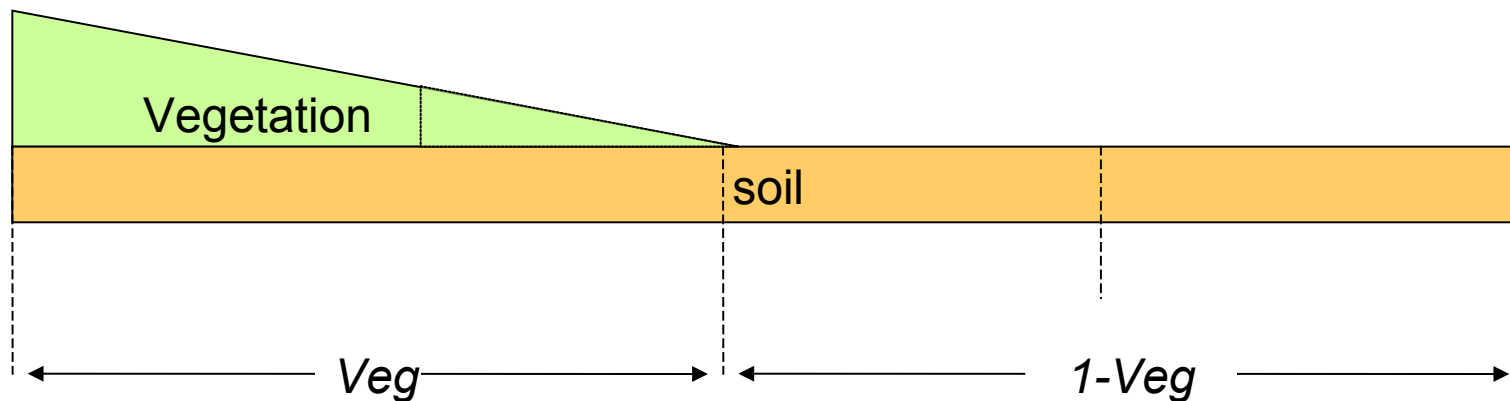
Both

- Soil depth (d_i) $i=1,2,\dots$
- Albedo (α)
- Emissivity (β)

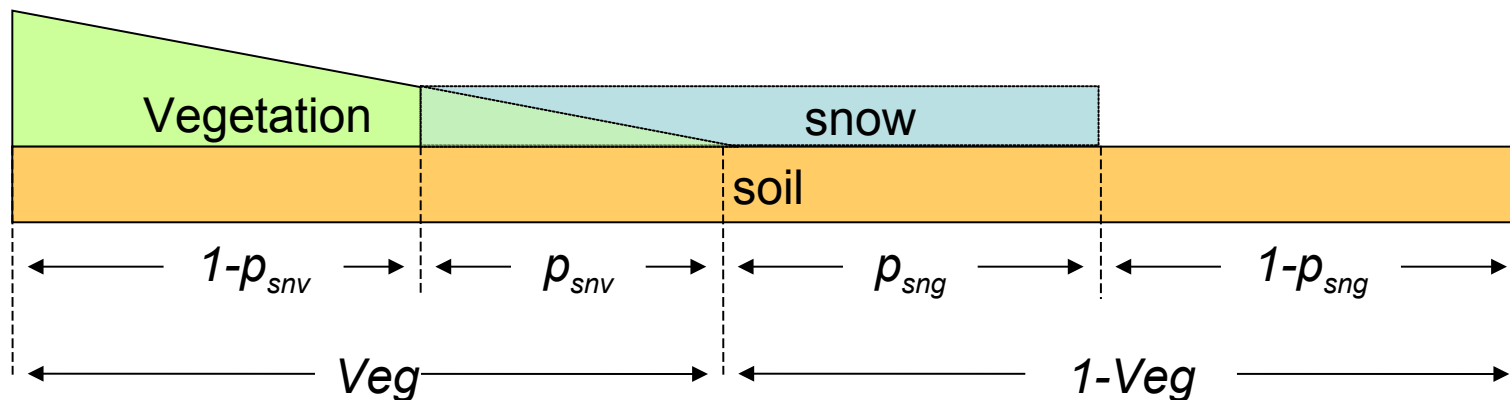
* potentially evolving in time



Description of the surface : fraction of vegetation and snow per patch



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Snow fraction : $p_{sn} = p_{snv} + p_{sng}$

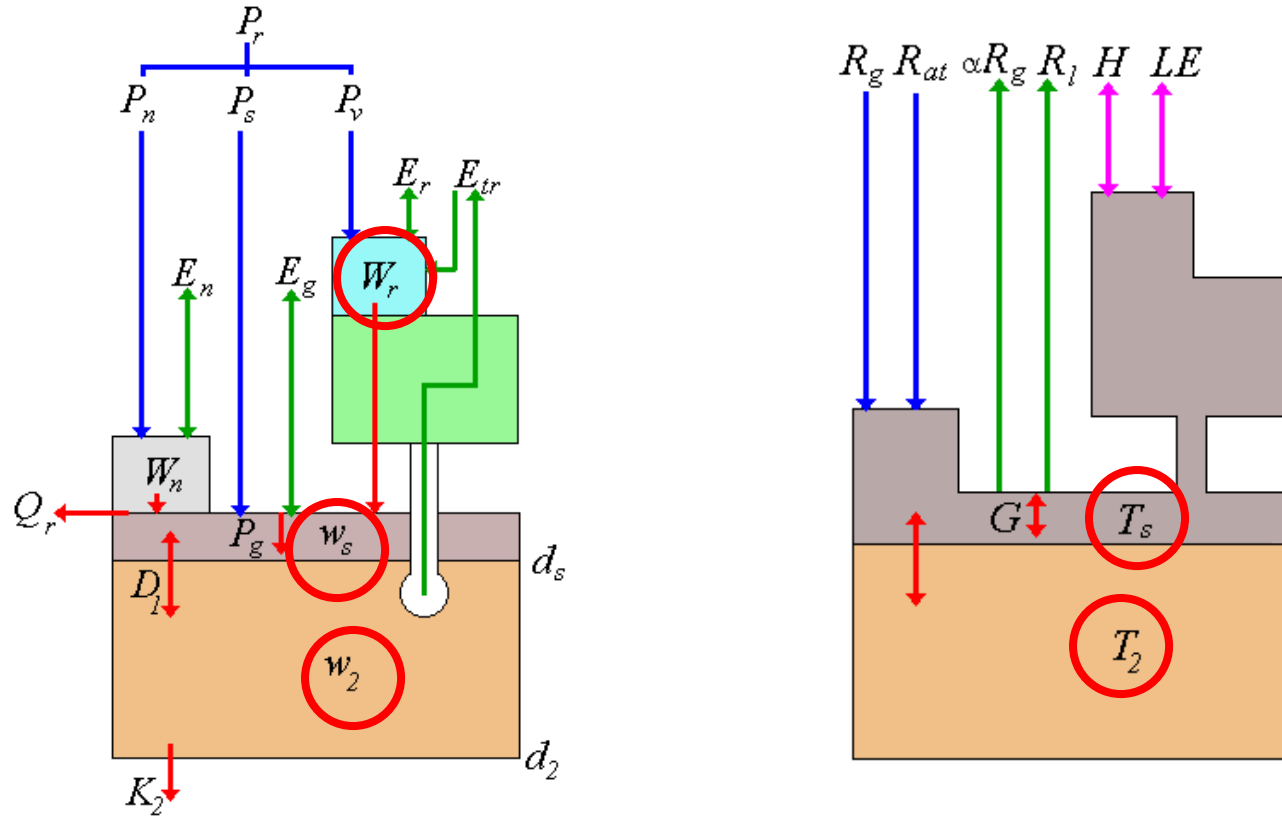
Albedo : $\alpha_{total} = (1-p_{snv}) \alpha_{veg} + p_{sn} \alpha_{snow} + (1-p_{sng}) \alpha_{soil}$

Emissivity : $\epsilon_{total} = (1-p_{snv}) \epsilon_{veg} + p_{sn} \epsilon_{snow} + (1-p_{sng}) \epsilon_{soil}$

ISBA : soil description

| Option Namelist : CISBA | Temperature profile | Hydrology profile |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| 2-L | Ts : surface temperature T2 : deep temperature | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Surface layer (~1cm) - Root zone |
| 3-L | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Surface layer (~1cm) - Root zone - Sub-root zone |
| DIF | N temperature | N soil layers (default = 14 layers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Root zone depends on vegetation - Richard's equation for water - Heat diffusion for T_g |

ISBA : the basic FR version : CISBA=2-L



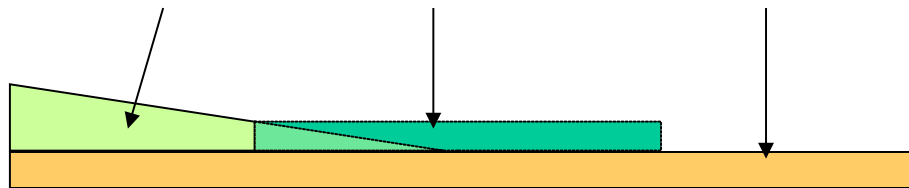
5 prognostic variables (except snow) : T_s , T_2 , W_r , w_g , w_2

Surface energy budget : temperature

$$\frac{\partial T_s}{\partial t} = C_T (R_n - H - LE) - \frac{2\pi}{\tau} (T_s - T_2)$$

$$\frac{\partial T_2}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\tau} (T_s - T_2)$$

Inertia coefficient :
$$C_T = 1 / \left[\frac{veg(1 - p_{snv})}{C_v} + \frac{p_{sn}}{C_n} + \frac{(1 - veg)(1 - p_{sng})}{C_g} \right]$$



Hydrological budget : evapotranspiration (snow-free part)

$$E = E_g + E_{veg} \longrightarrow E_{veg} = E_c + E_{ETR}$$

$$E_{veg} = veg (1 - p_{nv}) \rho_a C_H V_a h_v [q_{sat}(T_s) - q_a]$$

Snow free
vegetation
fraction

Surface – Atmosphere
exchange

$$E_g = (1 - veg) (1 - p_{ng}) \rho_a C_H V_a [\alpha q_{sat}(T_s) - q_a]$$

Snow and
vegetation free
fraction

Surface – Atmosphere
exchange

Hydrological budget : evapotranspiration

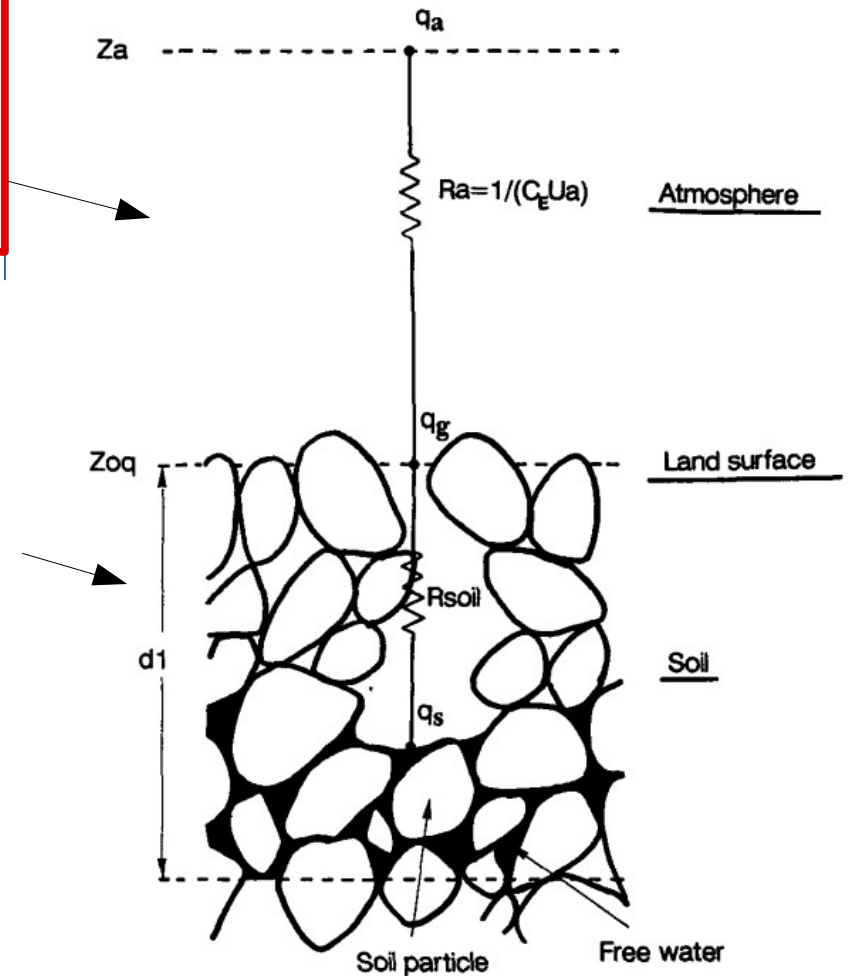
Kondo et al., 1990

Baresoil component:

$$E_g = \frac{\rho_a}{R_a} [\alpha q_{sat}(T_s) - q_a] \quad q_g$$

$$R_a = \frac{1}{C_H V_a}$$

α → depends on moisture in uppermost soil layer....



Hydrological budget : evapotranspiration

Evapotranspiration from vegetation :

$$E_{veg} = \underbrace{veg (1 - p_{nv}) \rho_a C_H V_a}_{\text{Snow free vegetation fraction}} \underbrace{h_v}_{\text{Surface - Atmosphere exchange}} [q_{sat}(T_s) - q_a]$$

Haltead coef

$$h_v = \delta + (1 - \delta) R_a / (R_a + R_s) \quad \text{with} \quad R_a = \frac{1}{C_H V_a}$$

$$E_{veg} = E_c + E_{tr}$$

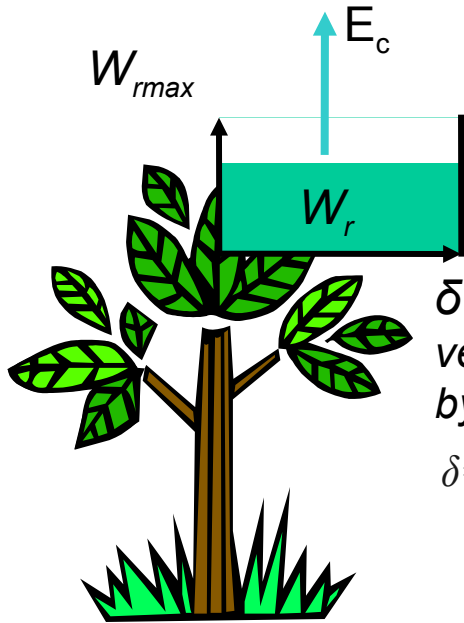
$$E_c = veg (1 - p_{nv}) \rho_a \left(\frac{\delta}{R_a} \right) [q_{sat}(T_s) - q_a]$$

Evaporation
(water on veg)

$$E_{tr} = veg (1 - p_{nv}) \rho_a \left(\frac{1 - \delta}{R_a + R_s} \right) [q_{sat}(T_s) - q_a]$$

Transpiration

Surface hydrologic budget : interception reservoir



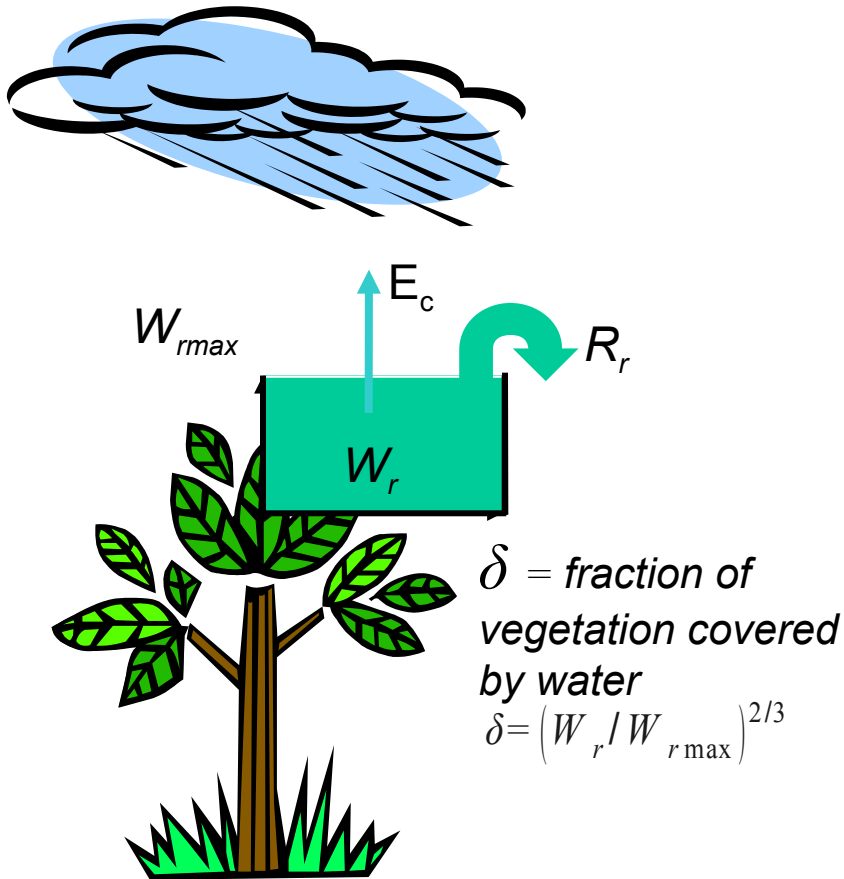
δ = fraction of
vegetation covered
by water

$$\delta = \left(W_r / W_{rmax} \right)^{2/3}$$



Deardorff, 1978.

Surface hydrologic budget : interception reservoir



Deardorff, 1978.

$$\frac{\partial W_r}{\partial t} = (1 - p_{nv}) \text{veg}P - E_c - R_r$$

$$R_r = \max \left(0, \frac{W_r - W_{r \max}}{\Delta t} \right)$$

$$W_{r \max} = 0.2 \text{vegLAI}$$

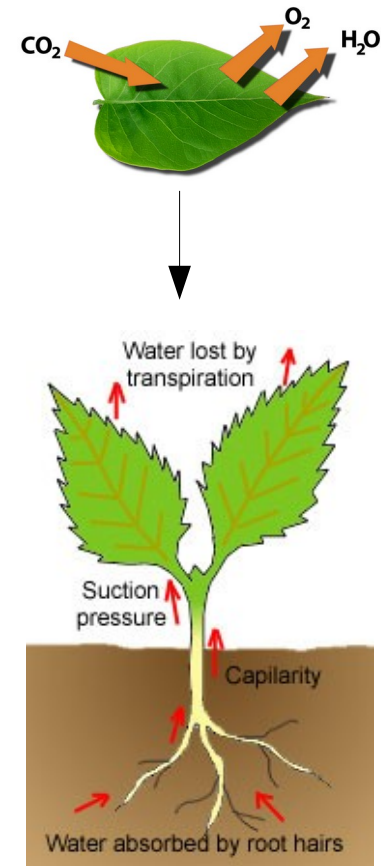
Hydrological budget : evapotranspiration

Transpiration:

$$E_{tr} = \rho_a (1 - \delta) \frac{[q_{sat}(T_s) - q_a]}{R_a + R_s}$$

Simple (Jarvis) option : NO explicit photosynthesis

$$R_s = \frac{R_{smin}}{LAI} \frac{F_a}{F_2} \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{cases} F_a = \text{Atmospheric constrains } (SW, T_a, Q_a) \\ F_2 = \max \left[0, \min \left(1, \frac{W_{root} - W_{wilt}}{W_{fc} - W_{wilt}} \right) \right] \end{cases}$$



Hydrological budget : evapotranspiration

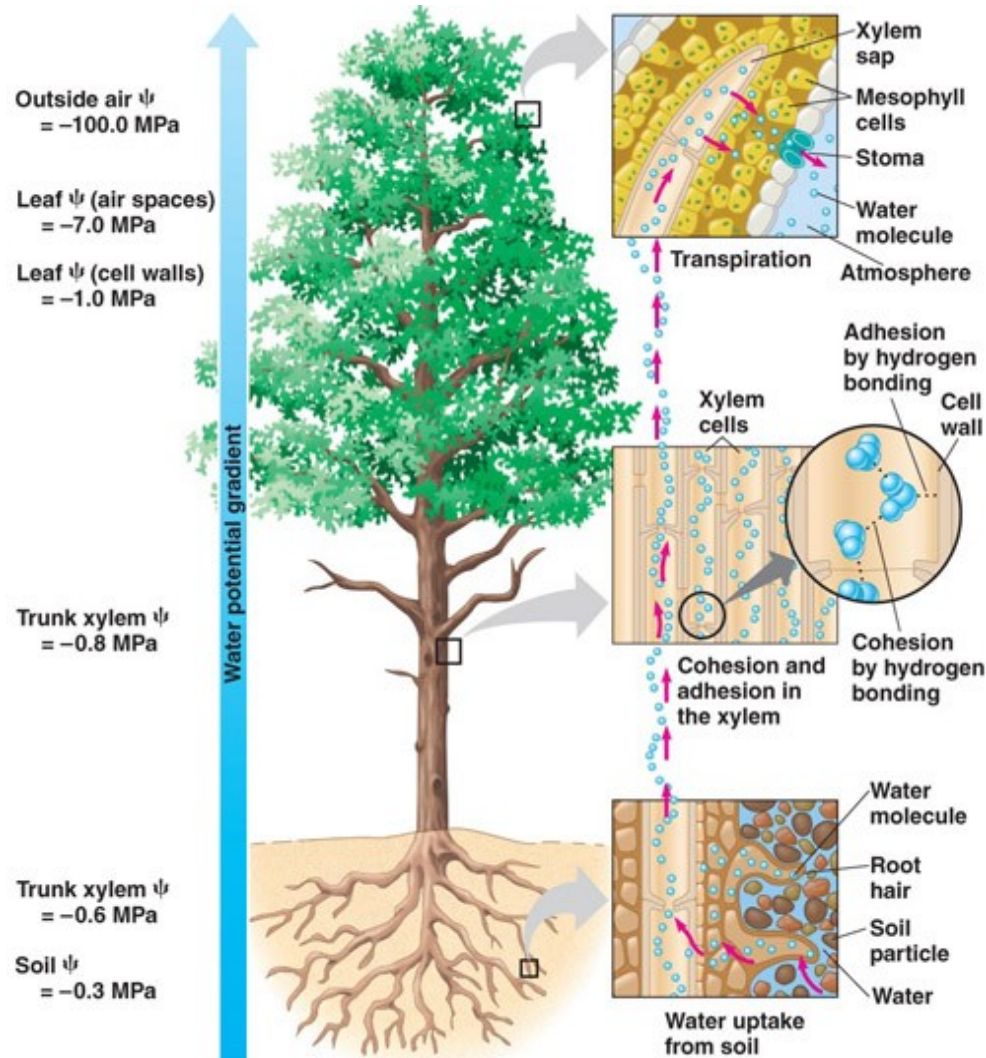
Transpiration:

$$E_{tr} = \rho_a (1 - \delta) \frac{[q_{sat}(T_s) - q_a]}{R_a + R_s}$$

In reality:

Canopy resistance includes many processes: soil water extraction (**root resistance, profile/depth, stress**), photosynthesis (vapor pressure deficit, light/shading, CO₂ concentration, T, base resistance...)

→ **ISBA-Ags options**



Hydrology : transfers in the soil (FR)

$$\frac{\partial w_1}{\partial t} = \frac{C_1}{\rho_w d_1} [I_r - E_g] - D_1$$

$$w_{\min} \leq w_1 \leq w_{sat}$$

$$\frac{\partial w_2}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\rho_w d_2} (I_r - E_g - E_{tr}) - K_2$$

$$w_{\min} \leq w_2 \leq w_{sat}$$

w_2 : total water content, w_1 : fraction of w_2 near the surface (superficial)

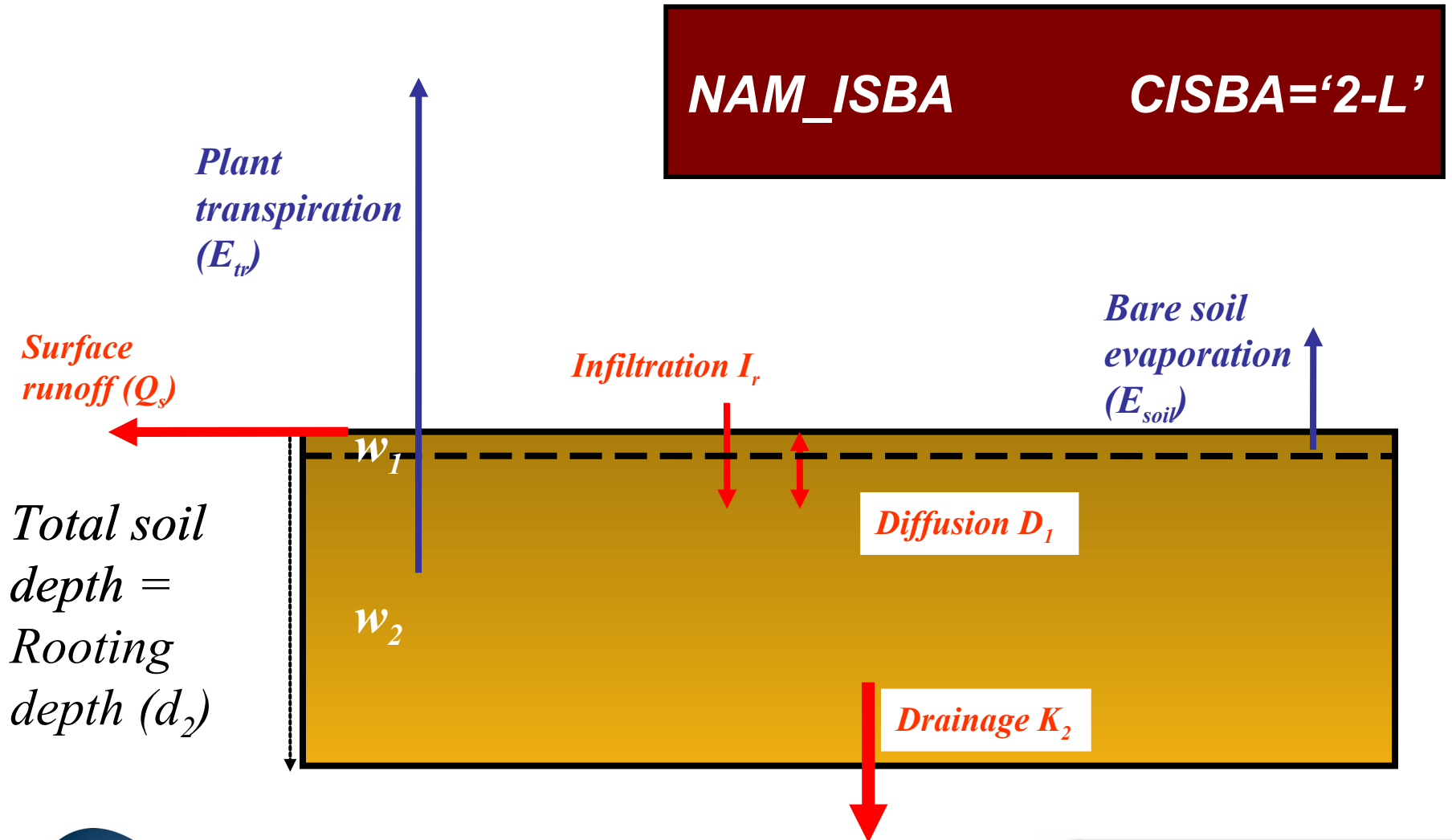
Infiltration :

$$I_r = (1 - veg) P + R_r + S_m - Q_s$$

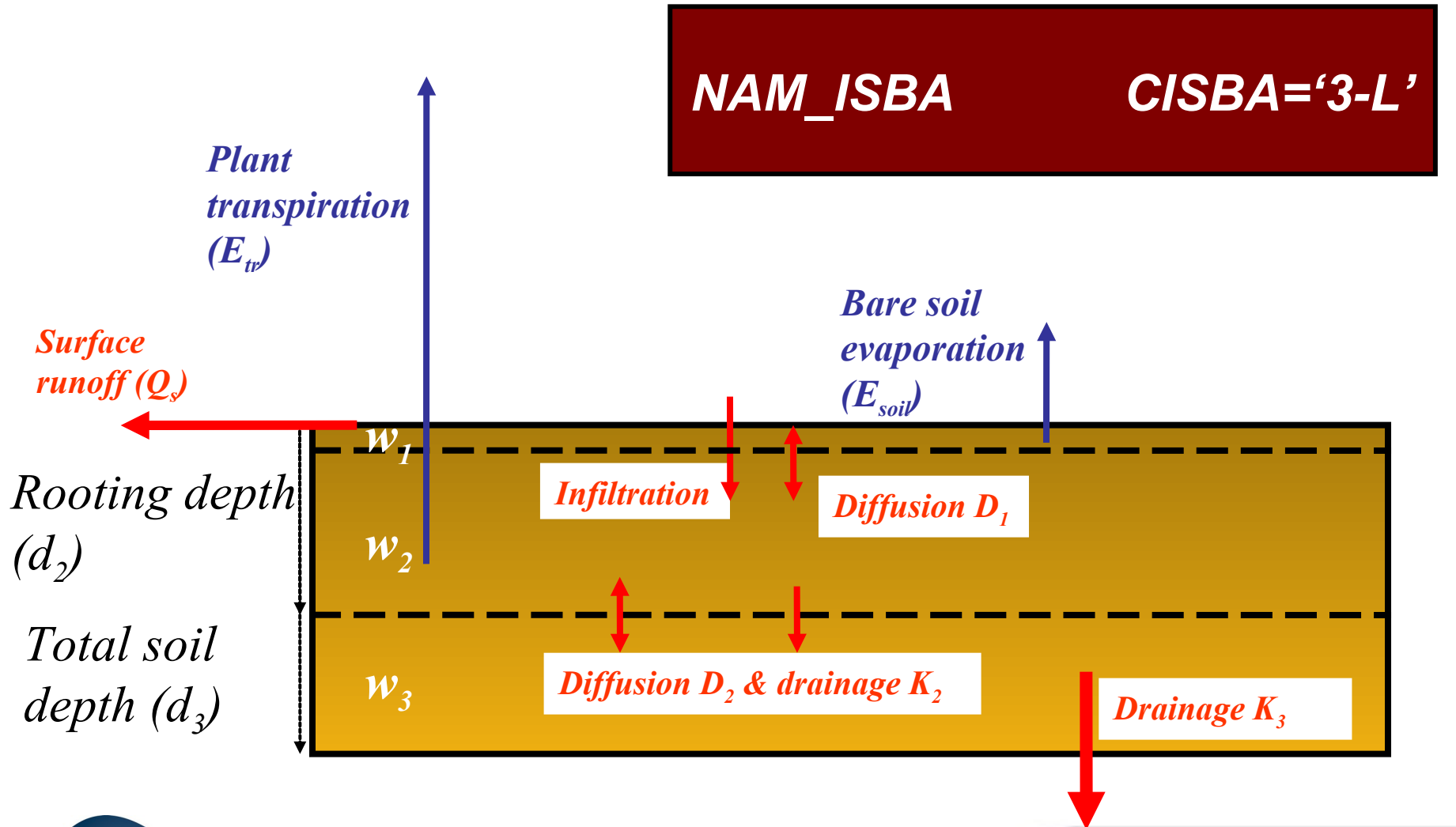
Surface runoff :

$$Q_s = \frac{d_2 \rho_w}{\Delta t} \max(0, w_2 - w_{sat})$$

Water Budget : Soil moisture



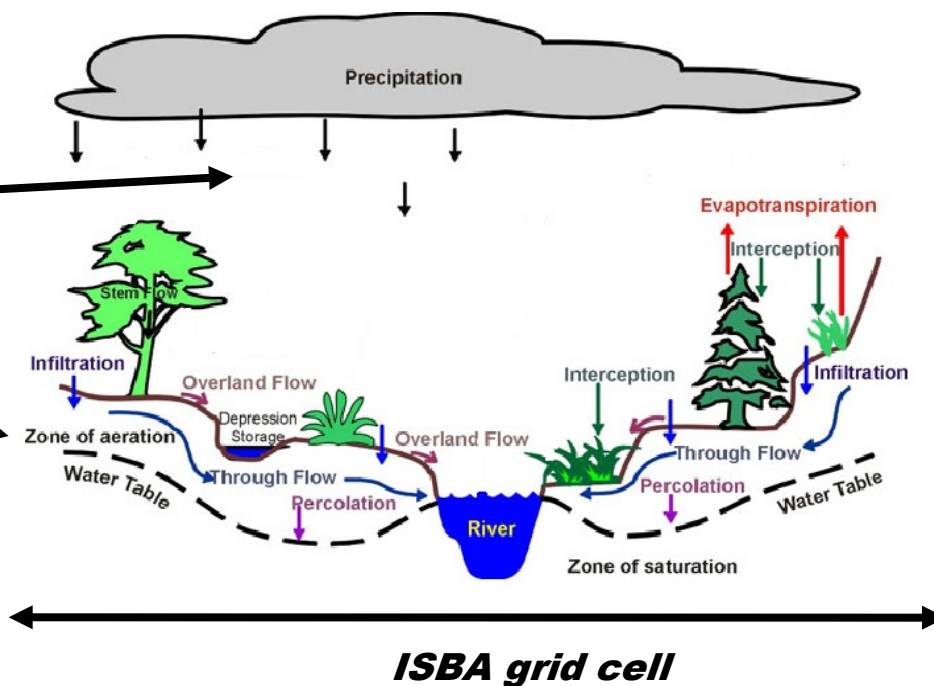
Water Budget : Soil moisture



Hydrologic specific options

Spatial variability of hydrologic processes :

- *Precipitation*
- *Topography*
- *Soil properties*
- *Vegetation (Tiles)*



Exponential profile of k_{sat} with soil depth

NAM_ISBA

NPATCH=12

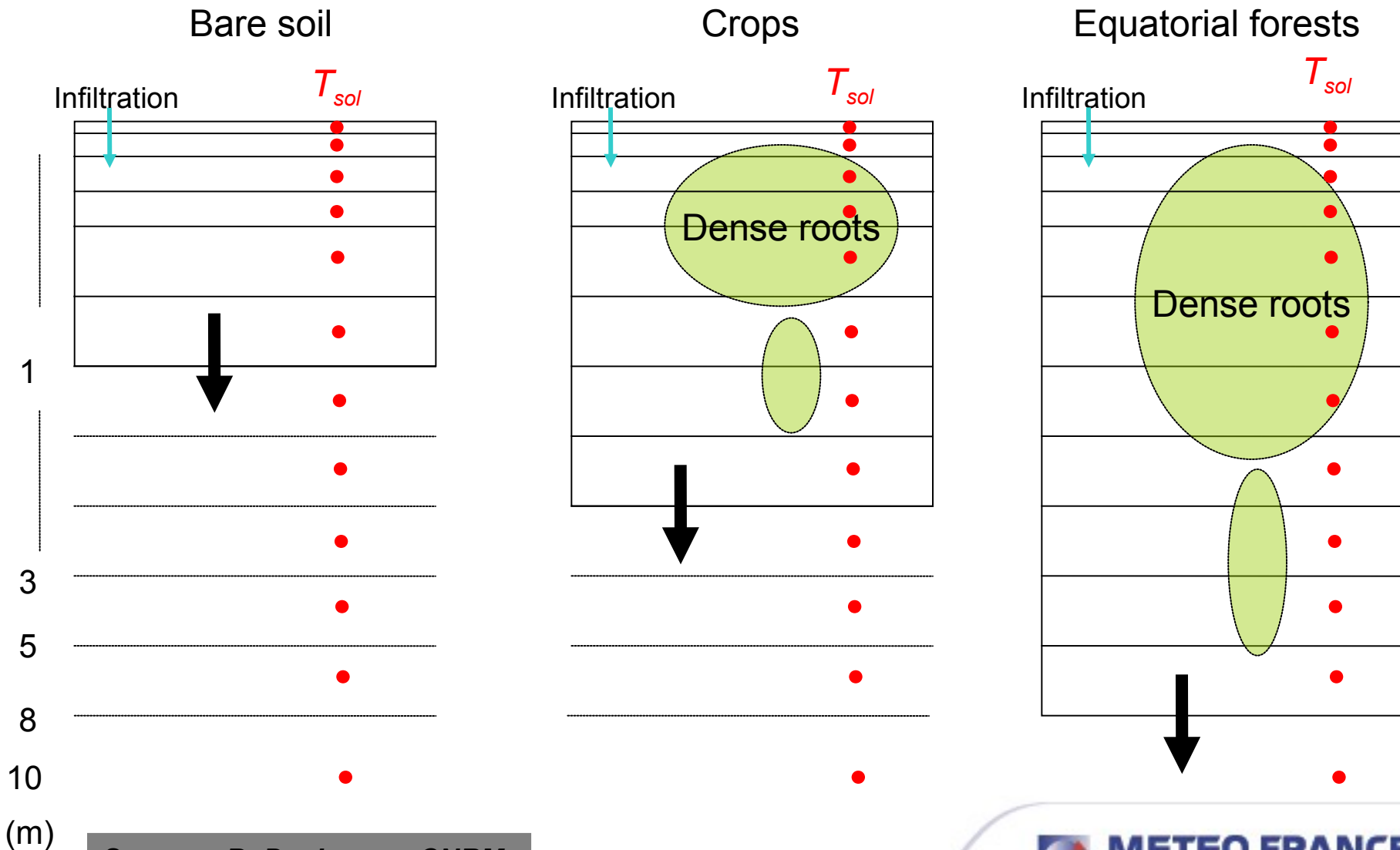
NAM_ISBA_SGH

CRAIN='SGH'
CHORT='SGH'
CRUNOFF='DT92' or 'SGH'
CKSAT='SGH'

← *Vegetation (Tiles)*

← *Others*

Soil heat and mass transfer → Default configuration for ISBA-DF (14L)



Source : B. Decharme, CNRM

Model « Diffusion » N layers CISBA=DIF

Energy

$$c \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) + L_f \Phi$$

Downgradient heat flux

Mass
(liquid)

$$\frac{\partial w_l}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[k \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} + 1 \right) \right] - \frac{\Phi}{\rho_i} - \frac{S_E}{\rho_l}$$

Mass
(solid)

$$\frac{\partial w_i}{\partial t} = \frac{\Phi}{\rho_i}$$

Only phase changes

Mixed form
Richards Eq
(heterogeneous soil
profile)

Model « Diffusion » N layers CISBA=DIF

Energy

$$c \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) + L_f \Phi$$

Diffusion

Phase change
(liquid - solide)

Mass
(liquid)

$$\frac{\partial w_l}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[k \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} + 1 \right) \right] - \frac{\Phi}{\rho_i} - \frac{S_E}{\rho_l}$$

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Diffusion
↓ Drainage (gravity)
Evapotranspiration loss

Mass
(solid)

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Model « Diffusion » N layers CISBA=DIF

Energy

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Mass
(solid)

$$\frac{\partial w_i}{\partial t} = \frac{\Phi}{\rho_i}$$

Ice is assumed to become part of
the solid soil matrix

Model « Diffusion » N layers

CISBA=DIF : Boundary conditions

Energy

$$c \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) + L_f \Phi$$



UPPER : Composite surface energy budget

$$G(z = 0) = R_{net} - H - LE$$

LOWER : flux=0 (depth depends on timescale)

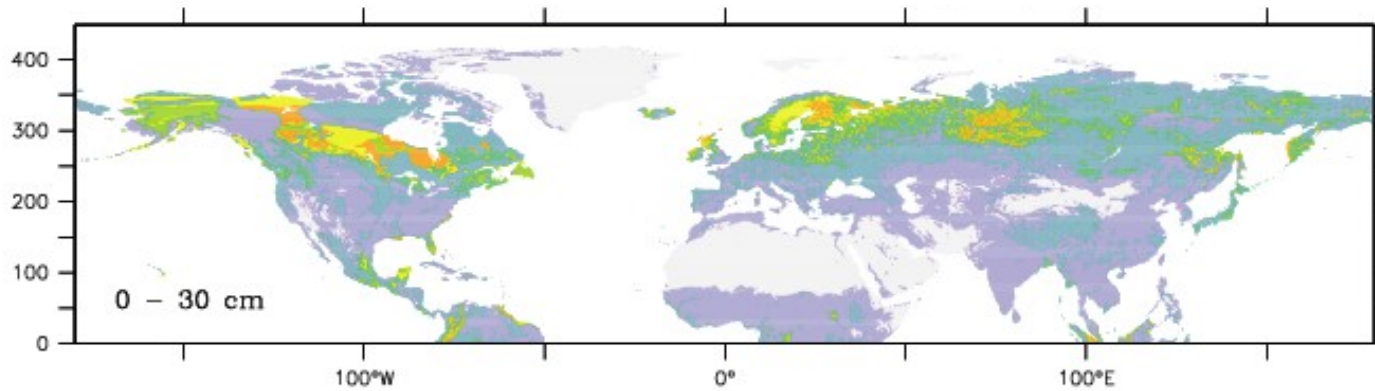
Mass
(liquid)

UPPER : Infiltration = Rainfall + snowmelt + canopy drip – surface runoff

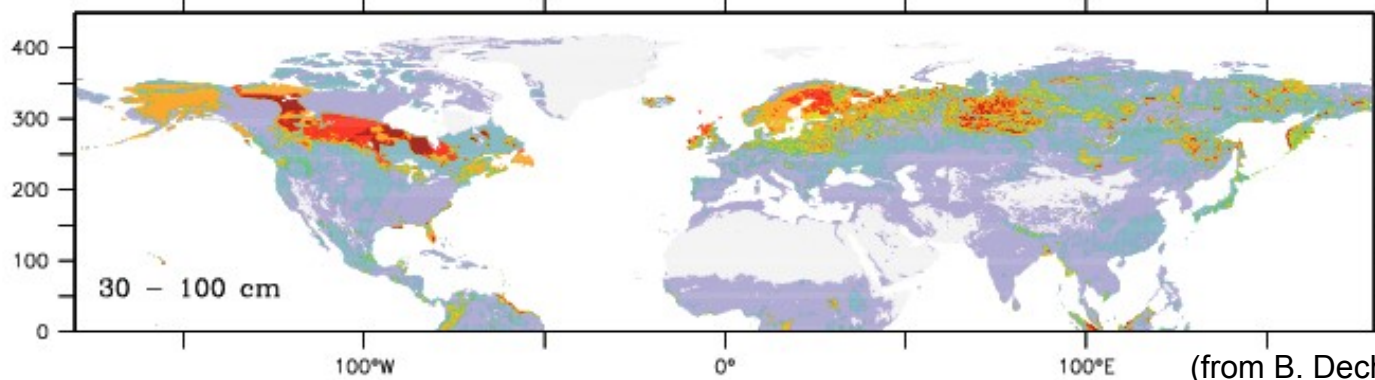
LOWER : Drainage (gravitational → hydraulic conductivity)

Soil physiographic Parameters

Issue : Many LSMs account for mineral soil hydrological and thermal properties while soil organic Carbon can have a big impact, notably at high latitudes :



Effects :
→ store more water
→ more insulating



YSOC_TOP
YSOC_SUB

(from B. Decharme)

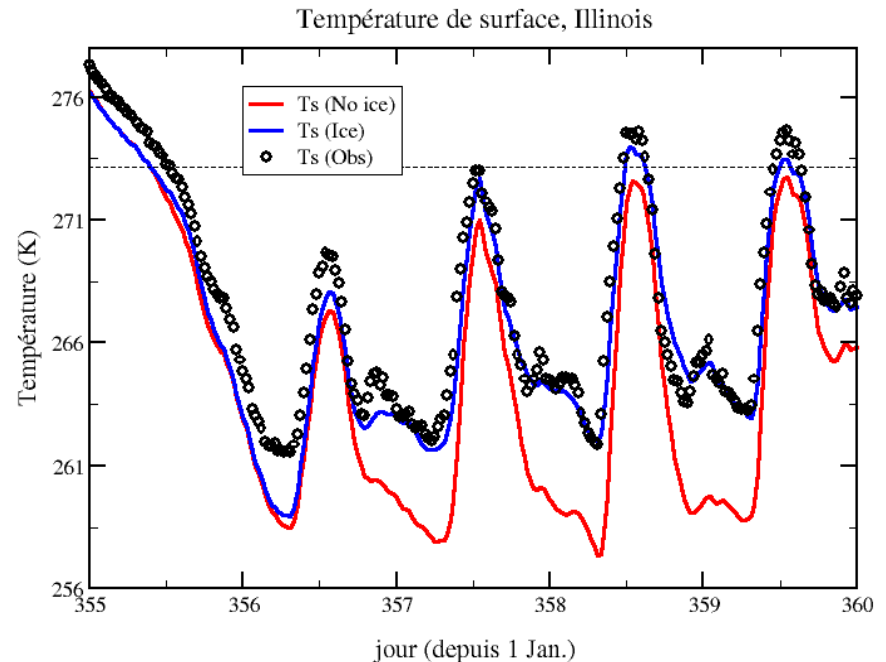


Soil Organic Carbon (SOC) content (kg.m^{-2}) from HWSD database at 1km

ISBA-DIF : main options

Phase Changes in the soil :

CSOILFRZ=DEF : The freeze/thaw rates are proportional to the temperature depression and the available liquid/ice. →



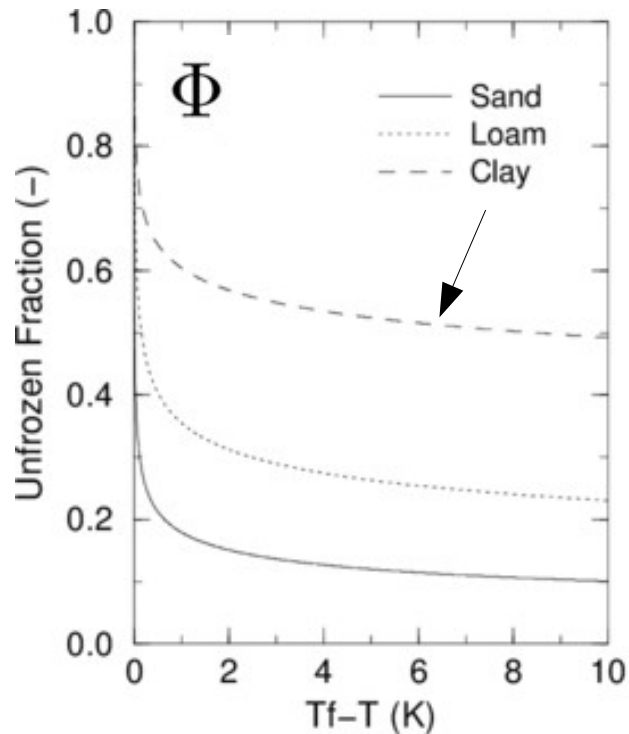
CSOILFRZ=LWT : As opposed to potentially freezing ALL liquid water, this method uses the freezing curve method. The maximum liquid water content for a given texture is a function of T...

- More *physical*...(closer to observations)
- Also avoids numerical problems since liquid water content stays above a minimum numerical threshold

ISBA-DIF : main options

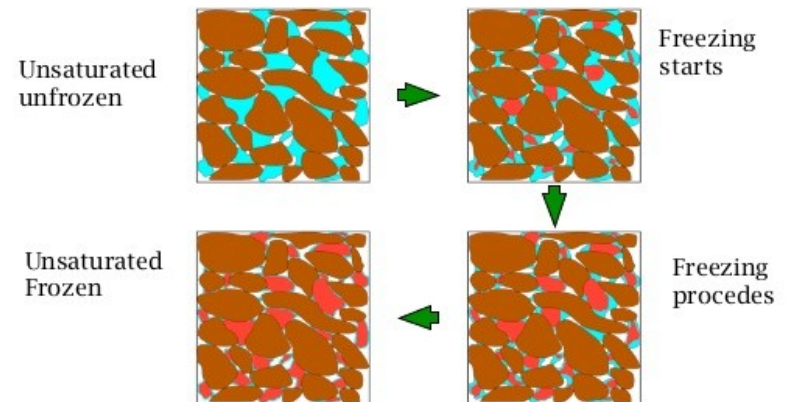
CSOILFRZ=LWT :

Gibbs-Free energy



Colder soil →

* liquide peut exister à des températures inférieures à 0°C si la texture du sol est fine (e.g. argile)



The snow models of ISBA

| | |
|---------------|--|
| EBA | 1 reservoir, 2 prognostic variables (Wn, albédo) model : ARPEGE/PN, ALADIN/PN (Bazile) |
| D95 (default) | 1 reservoir, 3 prognostic variables (Wn, albedo, density) (climate model, AROME, offline) (Douville, 1995) |
| 3-L | ISBA-ES (explicit snow) multi-layer, 4 prognostic variables offline (chaîne SIM, ...) and climate applications, 12 layers (Boone and Etchevers 2001 ; Decharme et al., 2016) |
| CRO | CROCUS/SURFEX : multilayer model based on ISBA-ES and the the snow model CROCUS (description of snow grains, increased number of layers) (Brun et al., 1992, Vionnet et al., 2012) |

Zoom on ISBA-ES (1/2)

- N layer- snow scheme (default : 12)
- snow settling (including compaction due to melting)
- SW Radiative transfer
- explicit surface energy budget : prognostic albedo, density, *SWE* and *H* (enthalpy)
- liquid water content (from *H*): tipping-bucket hydrology

$$H_{si} = c_{si} D_{si} (T_{si} - T_f) - L_f (W_{si} - W_{li})$$

H : 2
variables in
one !

$$T_{si} = T_f + (H_{si} + L_f W_{si}) / (c_{si} D_{si}) \quad (W_{li} = 0)$$

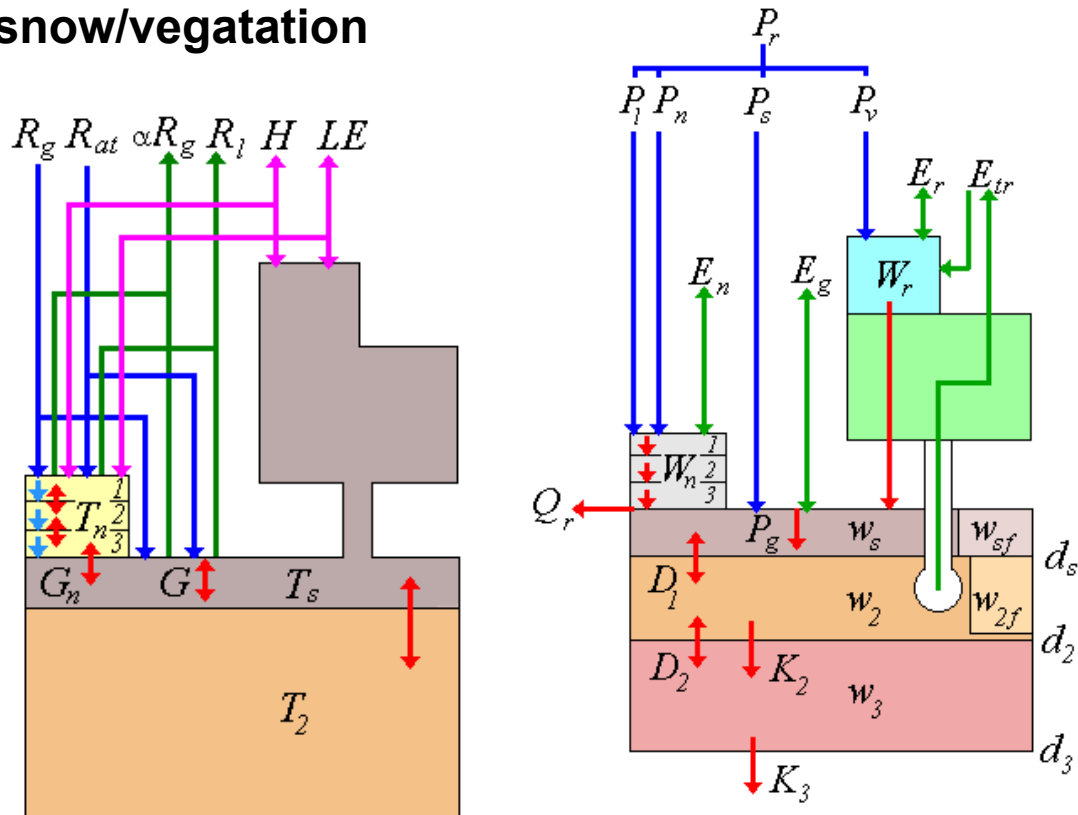
$$W_{li} = W_{si} + (H_{si}/L_f) \quad (T_{si} = T_f)$$

Zoom on ISBA-ES

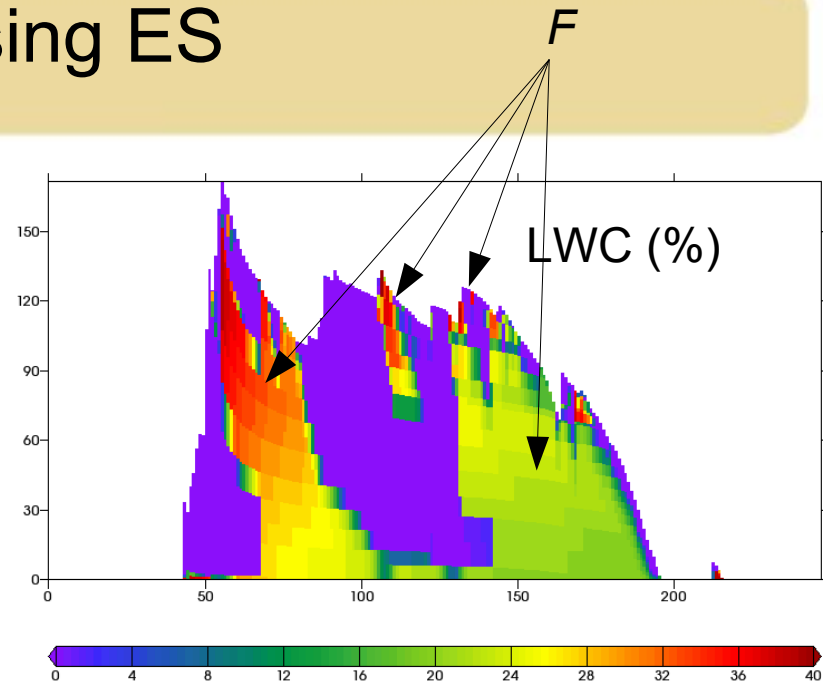
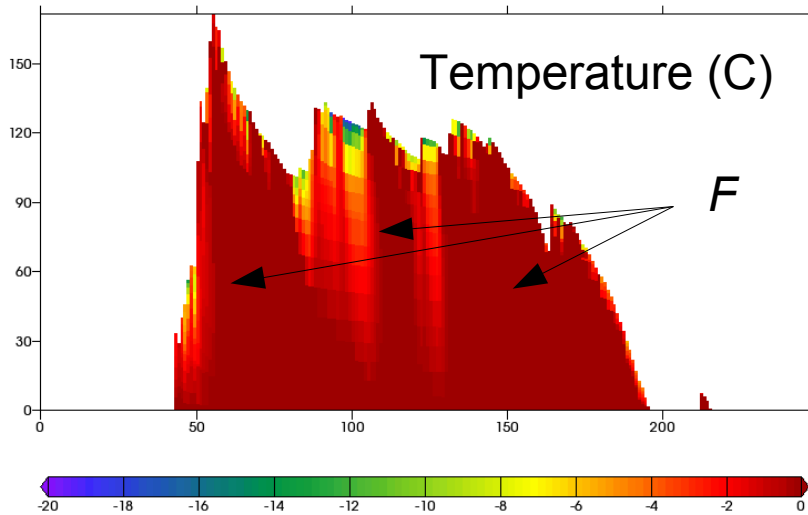
The snow has a separate energy budget

CSNOWRES=RIL to maintain turbulent exchanges under very stable conditions

Development of a separate energy budget for snow/vegetation

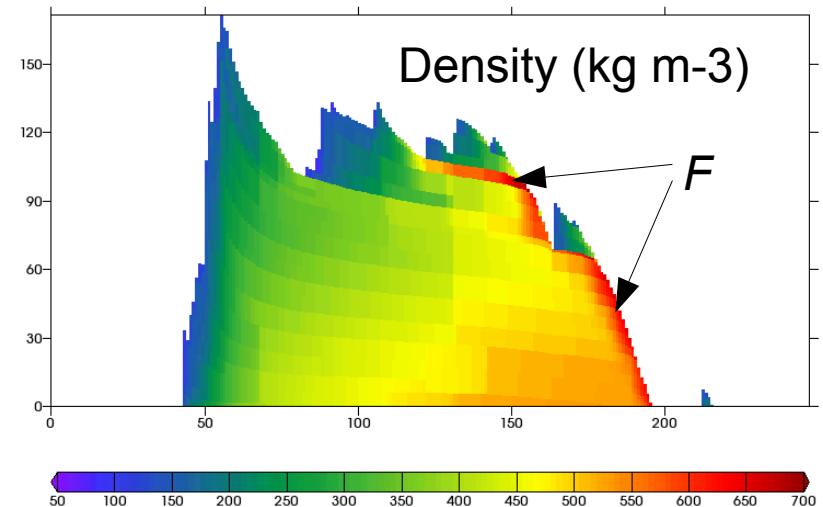


Snowpack : simulation using ES



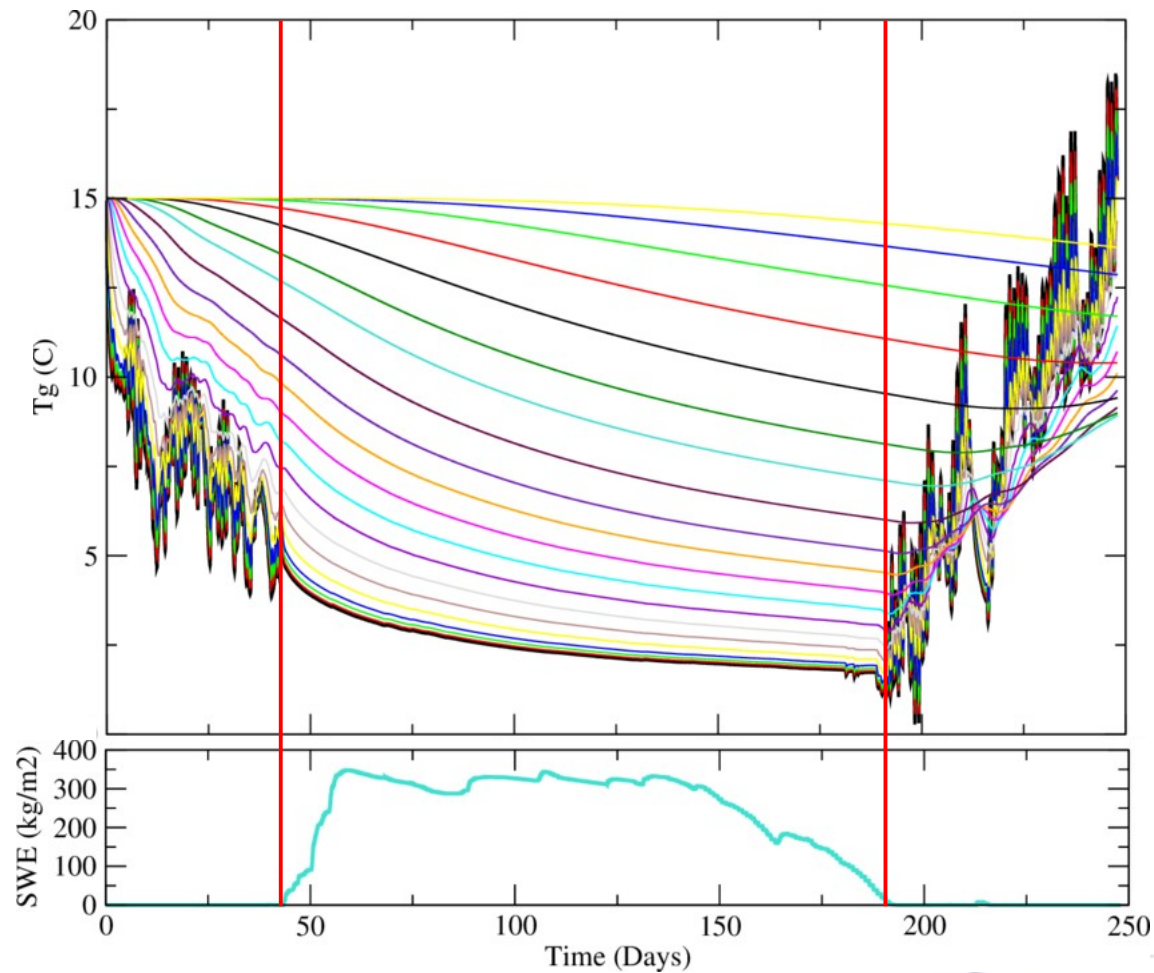
Profile – Simulations for Col de Porte

- Annual cycle
- by Eric Brun, using ISBA-ES with 10 layers (V. Vionnet)



Conduction

Impact of snow thermal conductivity on the sub-surface soil T :



Carbon options (ISBA-A-gs, ISBA-CC)

Carbon fluxes:

→ Photosynthesis, ecosystem respiration, net exchanges with the ecosystem

Biomass (including LAI : leaf area index)

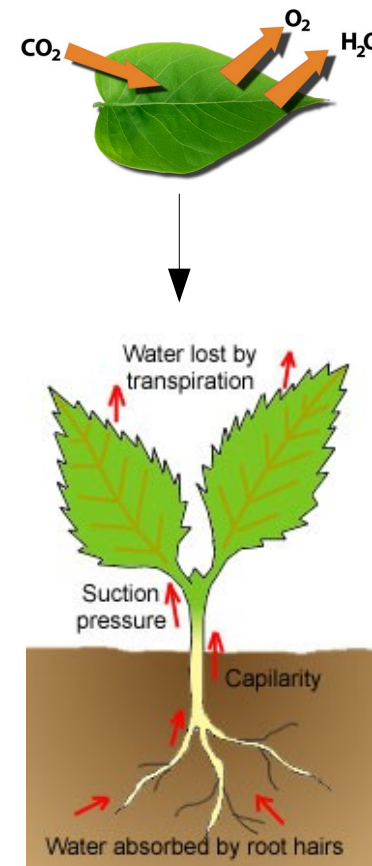
→ Evolution of the above-ground and below-ground biomass

Carbon stock

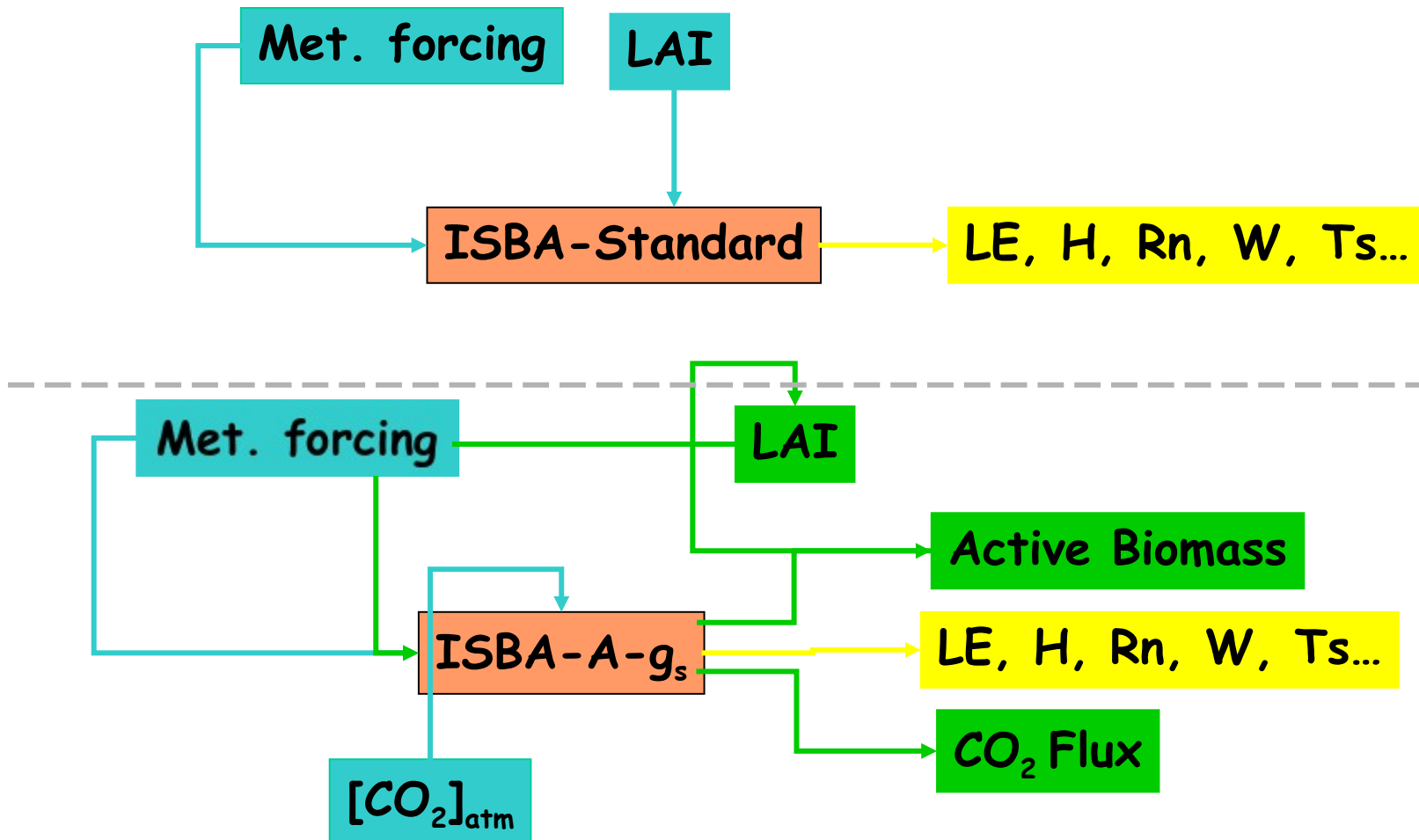
→ Organic matter, mulch, wood

Better representation of plant behaviours (C3 vs C4), LAI consistent with water and carbon fluxes, assimilation of vegetation data

NPATCH = 12 mandatory (or 19)



ISBA standard vs A-gs

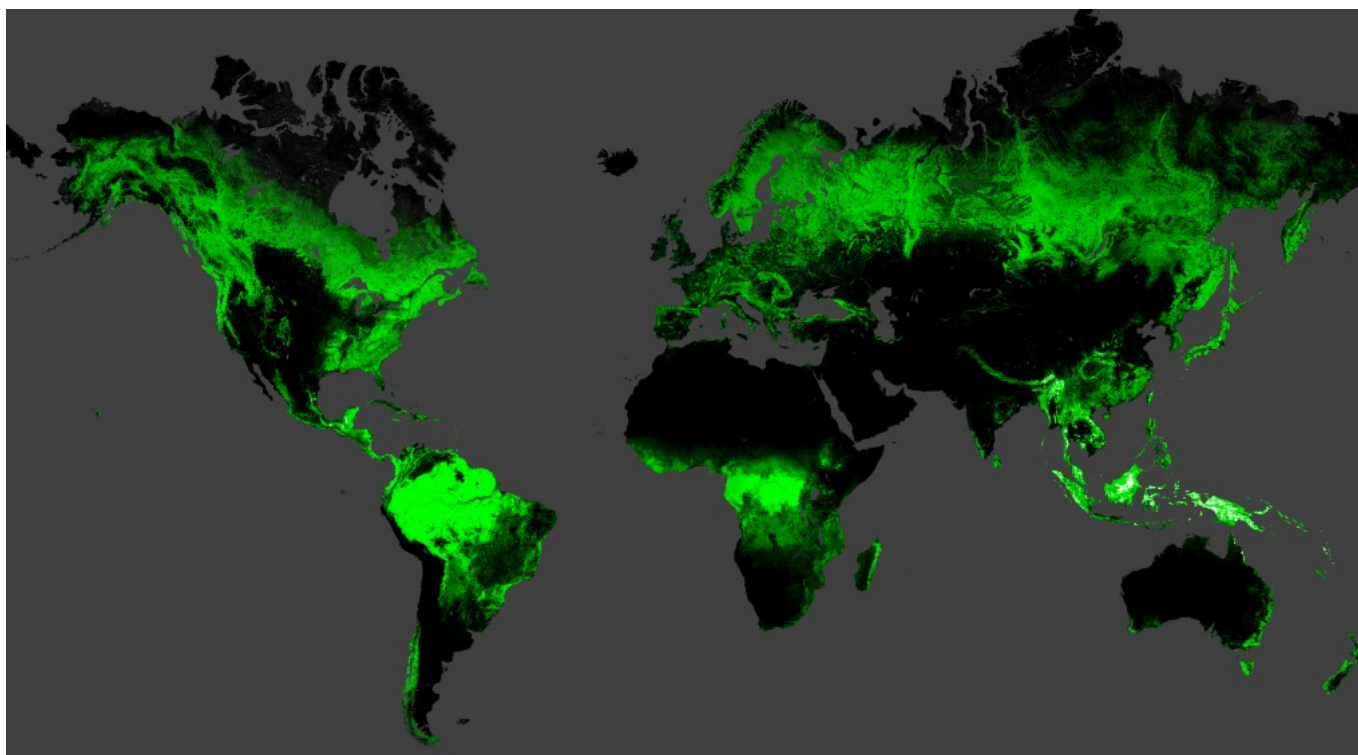


(Calvet et al, 1998)

ISBA : option CPHOTO

| | |
|------|-------------------------------|
| NON | ISBA-standard (default) |
| AGS* | NON + explicit photosynthesis |
| LAI* | AGS+LAI evolution |
| AST | AGS+ improved hydric stress |
| LST* | LAI+improved hydric stress |
| NIT | LST+nitrogen dilution |

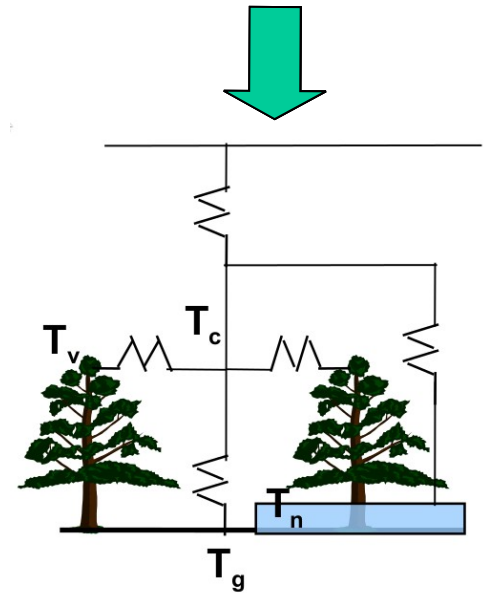
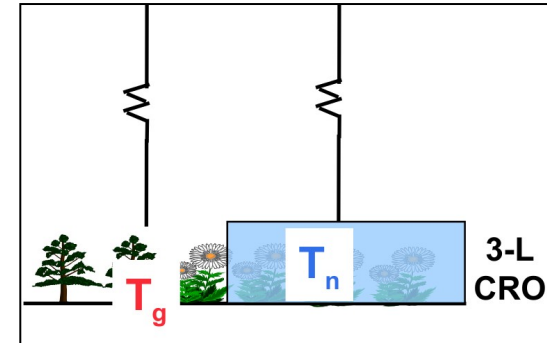
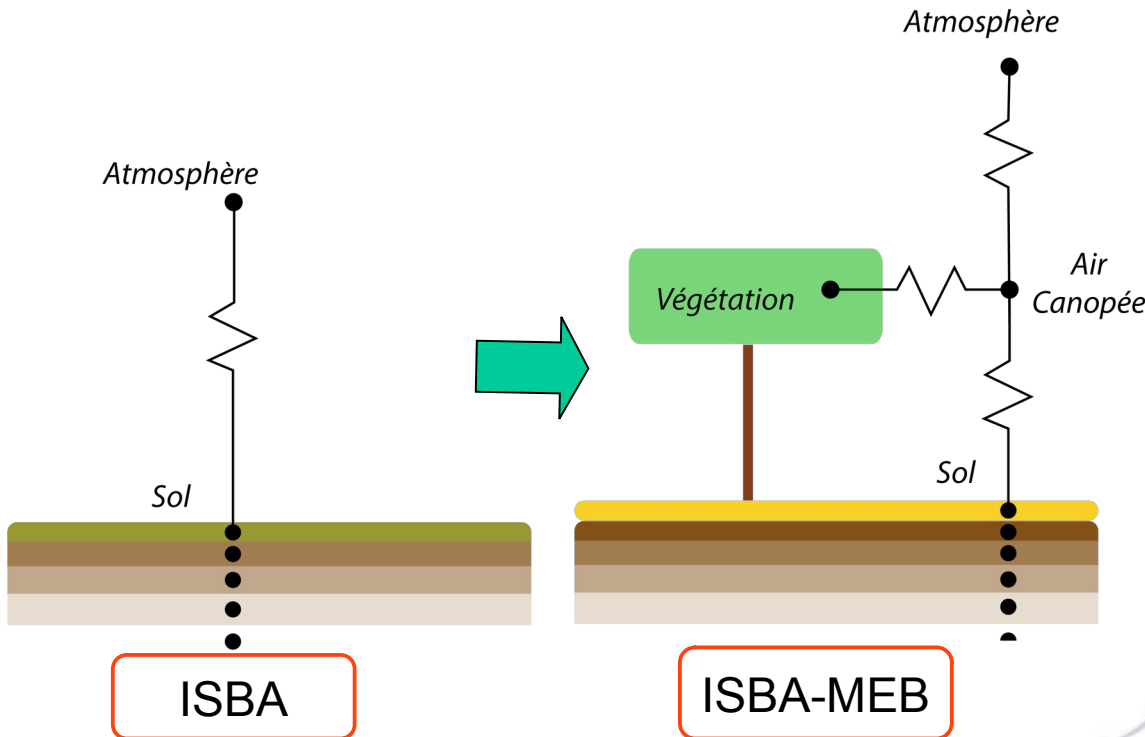
* : not recommended (obsolete)



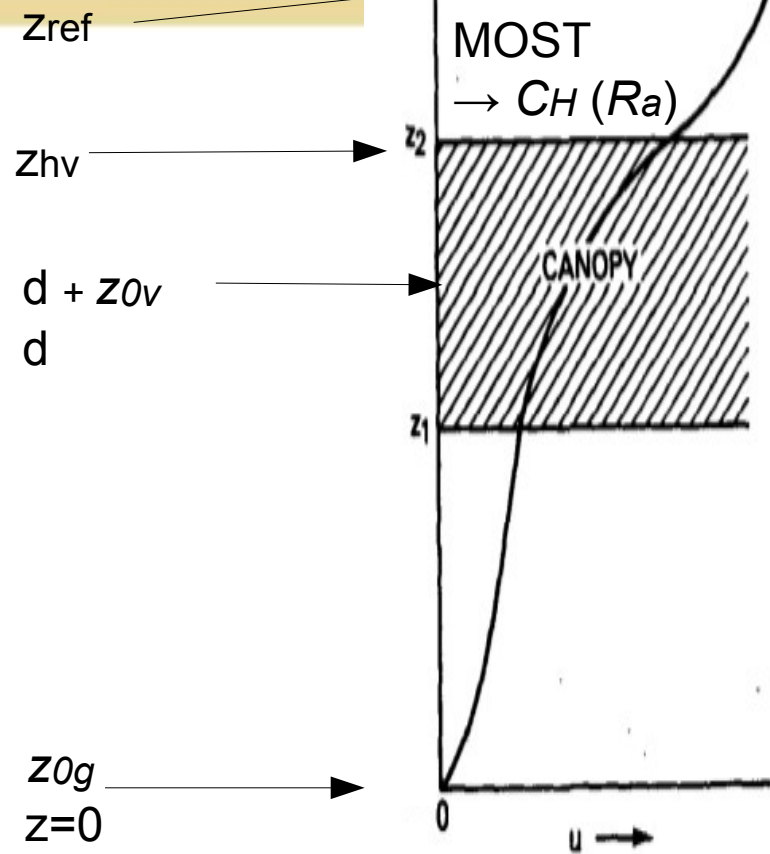
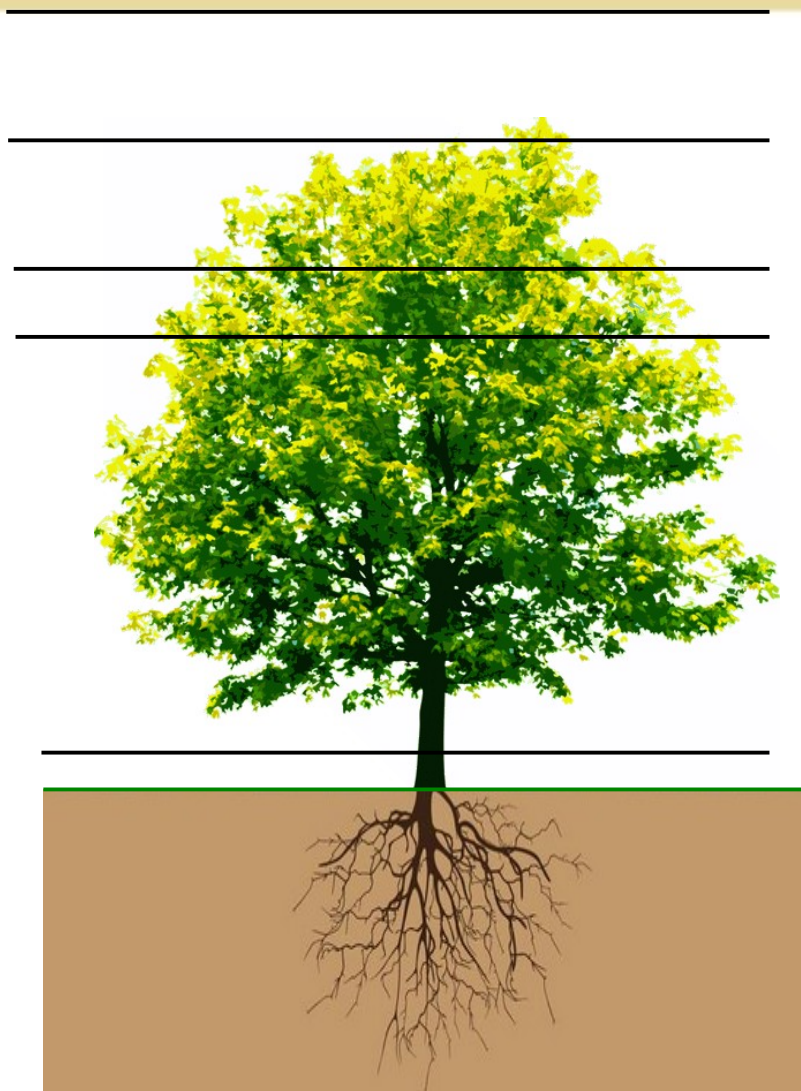
Global Forest Coverage = 30 %

The ISBA -MEB (multi-energy balance)

- Now no interaction between high vegetation and snow or bare soil/lower vegetation
- Objectives : introduction of a diagnostic canopy air temperature that interacts with high/low vegetation
- Available starting for SURFEX-v8



Turbulence : V canopy profile



z_0 = is a fn of tree height

Model « Diffusion » N layers CISBA=DIF + MEB

$$c \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) + L_f \Phi$$

$$G(z = 0) = R_{net} - H - LE$$

MEB → no longer use a composite surface energy budget

$$c_g \frac{dT_g}{dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\lambda \frac{\partial T_g}{\partial z} \right) + L_f \Phi_g$$

$$G(z = 0) = R_{net,g} - H_g - LE_g$$

$$c_v \frac{dT_v}{dt} = R_{net,v} - H_v - LE_v - L_f \Phi_v$$

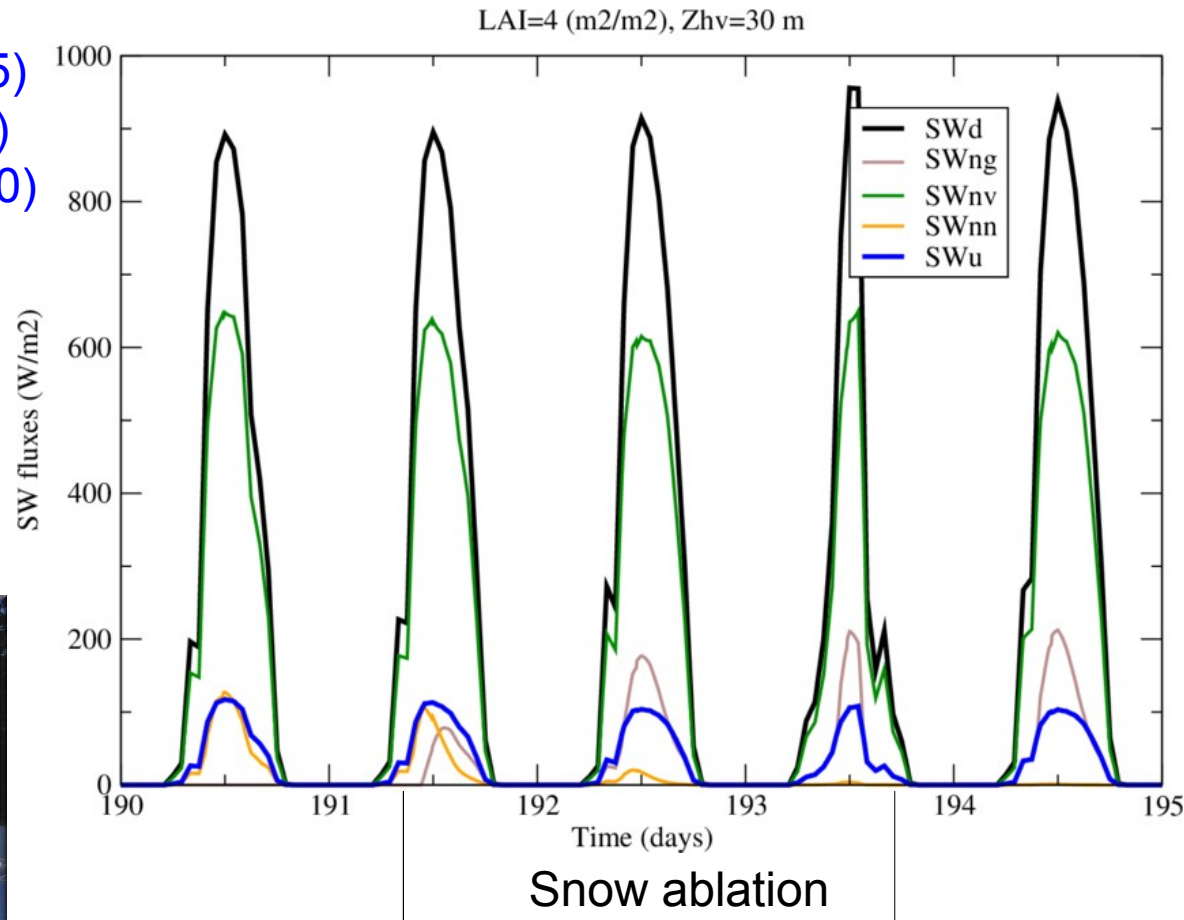
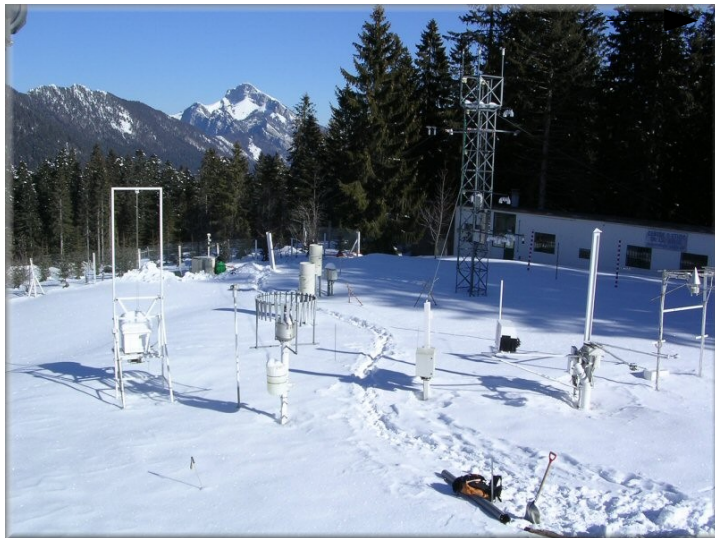
SW radiation balance :

$$SW_{nn} + SW_{nv} + SW_{ng} + SW_u = SW_d$$

Albédo (reflectance)

Forêt ~0.05-0.20 (0.15)
Sol (litière) ~0.07-0.14 (0.12)
Neige ~0.50 – 0.95 (0.70)

Col de Porte
(CNRM/CEN) →



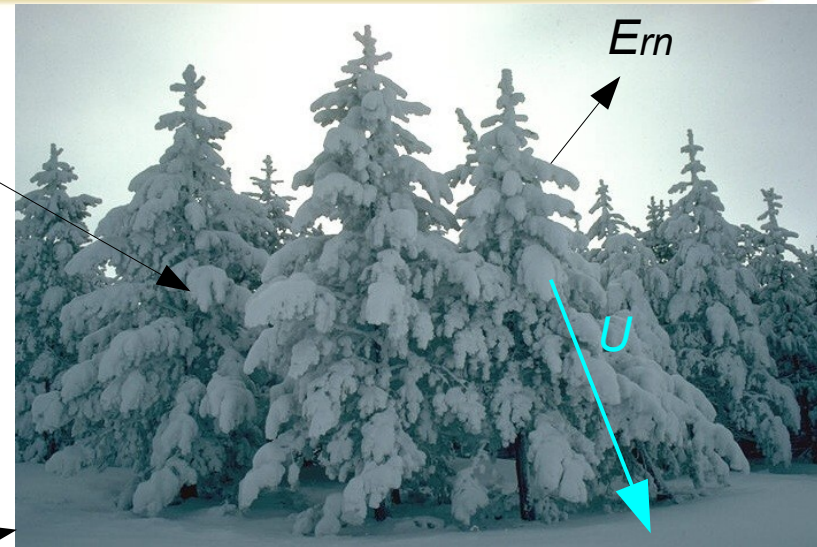
Water budget : snow

Intercepted snow

$$\frac{dW_{rn}}{dt} = P_n \text{veg} - E_{rn} - U - F_{rn}$$

F_{rn} = la fonte de neige interceptée

$U \Rightarrow f(V, T, W_{rn}, LAI)$



Snowpack (ground)

$$\frac{dW_n}{dt} = P_n (1 - \text{veg}) - E_n + U - F$$

$$+ P_r (1 - \text{veg}) + C_r$$

Rain and runoff from the canopy

*note : snow mass loss, F , is a drainage flux of liquid water (melt and rainfall) which is not frozen & exceeds the snowpack liquid storage capacity

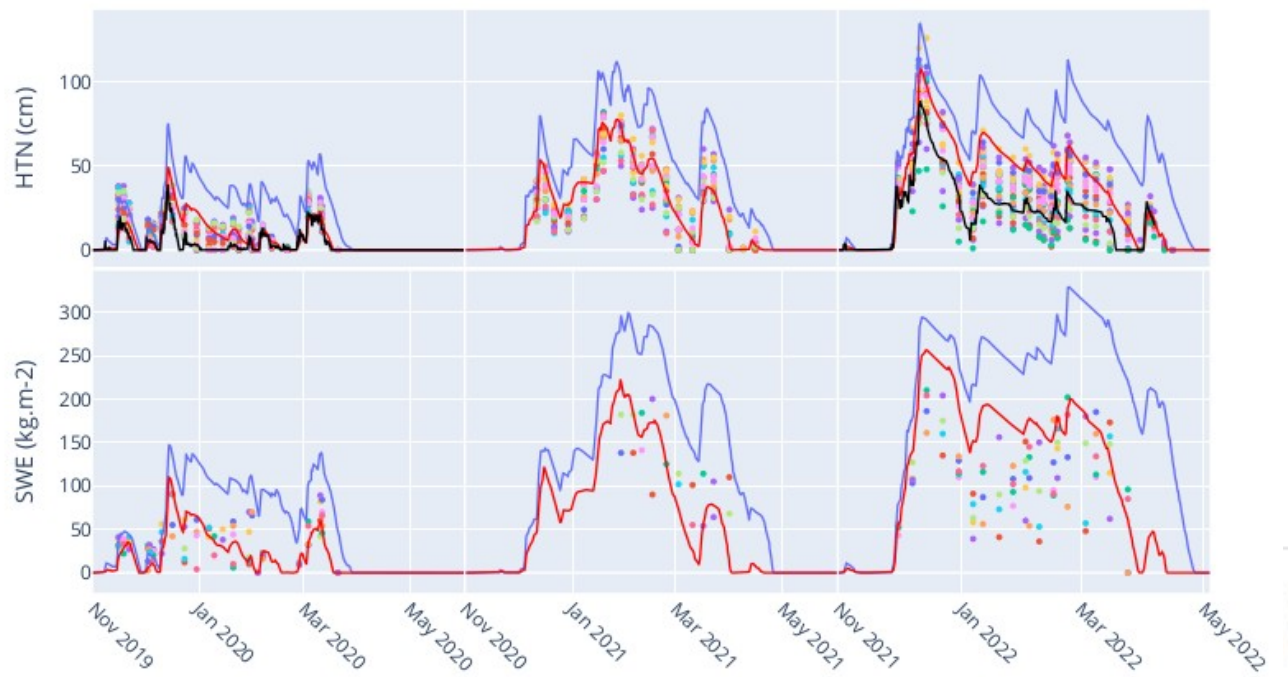
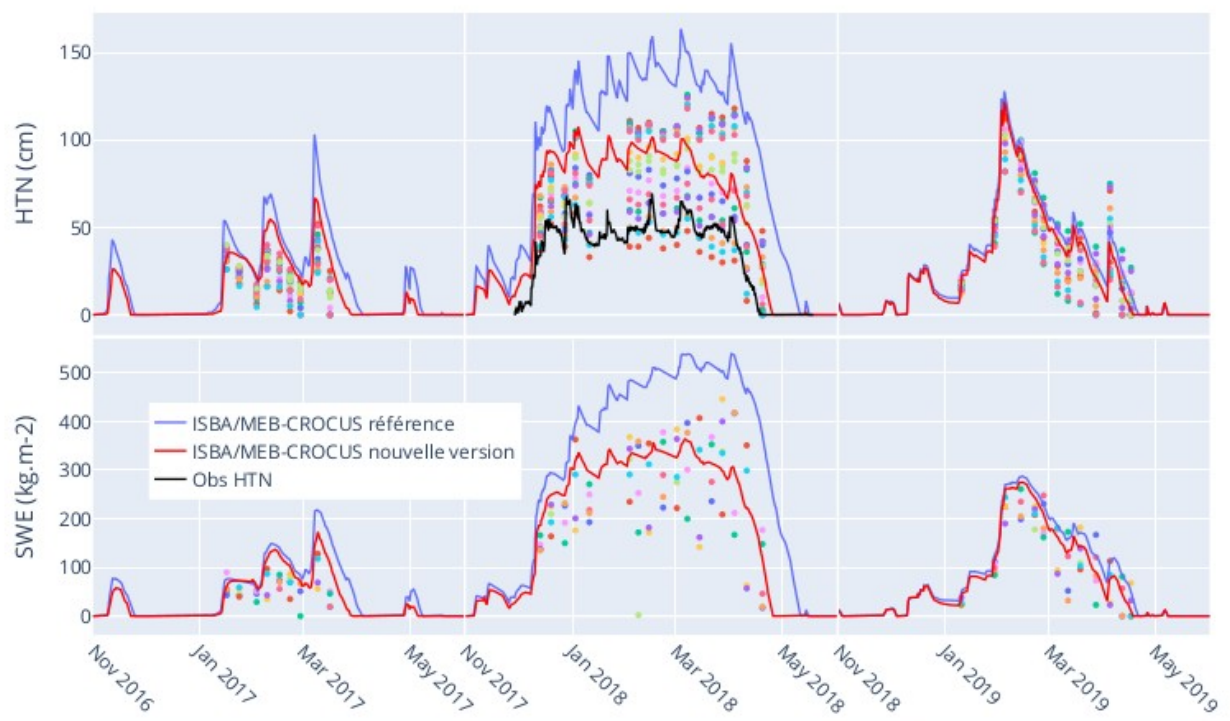
New updates to
ISBA-MEB+CROCUS
coupled physics (v9...)

Simulations at Col de Porte : below forest

HTN = snow depth
SWE = snow liquid water
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Points – along stakes

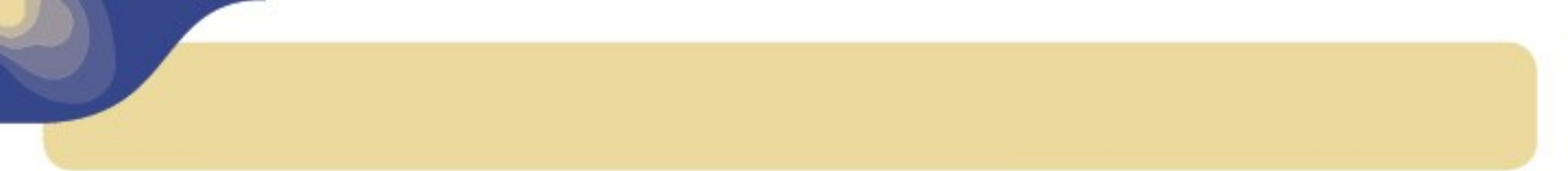
Masters work by Axel
Bouchet
(with Y. Lejeune & A. Boone)



ISBA : options and namelists

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| NAM_ISBA | NPATCH, CISBA, CPHOTO, NGROUND_LAYER,SAND,CLAY,WDRAIN,CTI |
| NAM_DATA_ISBA | Init PGD ISBA (ECOCLIMAP=.F.) : NTIME, VEGTYPE, VEG,LAI, Z0, EMIS, DG,ROOTFRAC,RSMIN, ... |
| NAM_PREP_ISBA | Initial field for ISBA + date |
| NAM_PREP_ISBA_SNOW | CSNOW, initial field for SNOW, +date |
| NAM_PREP_ISBA_CARBON | RESPL |
| NAM_ISBAn | XTSEP , Options of calculation for some parameters (conduction, Z0) |
| NAM_SGH_ISBAn | Options subgrid hydrology (KSAT, WDRAIN, ...) |
| NAM_DIAG_ISBA | Diagnostics for ISBA |
| NAM_SOIL_TEMP_ARP | LTEMP_ARP (4 temperatures FR climat) |

See the user's guide for output variables



Specific options: Sub-Grid Drainage

Allow a deep drainage under the field capacity (*Etchevers et al. 2001*). Especially relevant to simulate low summer discharges.

$$K_2 = \frac{C_3}{\tau d_2} \max \left[\omega_{d2}, (w_2 - w_{fc}) \right]$$

$$K_3 = \frac{C_3}{\tau (d_3 - d_2)} \max \left[\omega_{d3}, (w_3 - w_{fc}) \right]$$

w_{drain} uniform value (local or over a domain)

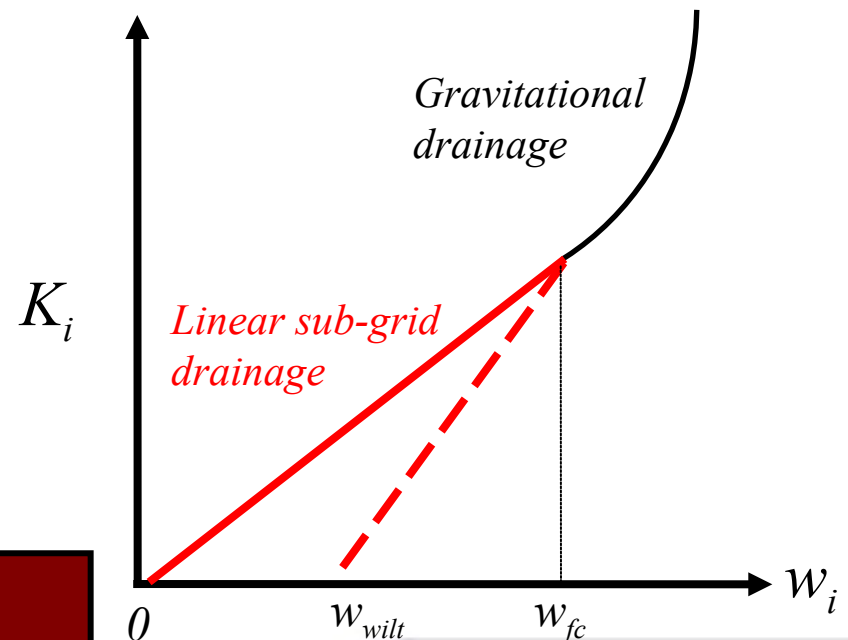
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w_{drain} non uniform values over a domain

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$$\omega_{d_i} = w_{drain} \frac{\min(w_i, w_{fc}) - w_{min}}{w_{fc} - w_{min}}$$

$w_{min} = 0.001$ or w_{wilt} with CKSAT='SGH'



Specific options: Exponential profile of k_{sat}

The soil column assumes an exponential profile of k_{sat} with soil depth. The main hypothesis is that roots and organics matter favor the development of macropores and enhance the water movement near the surface while the soil compaction is an obstacle for deep soil percolation (Decharme et al. 2006).

