Dynamic Global Vegetation Model ORCHIDEE

Simulates the Energy, Water and Carbon balance Land component of the IPSL Earth System Model





ORCHIDEE



Why using ORCHIDEE

Climate impact & feedbacks: Energy & Water balances

- Impact of surface heterogeneity
- Global climate impact
- Regional climate impact
- Climate Change and Fires
- Climate extremes impact

Climate impact & feedbacks: Agrosystems

- Regional impacts
- Land sharing mitigation potential
- Food supply

Attribution of global changes (GHG balances, run-off...)

- Carbon sink attribution (climate, N cycle, land use, forest management, fire)
- Change in run-off

Tipping Points

- Boreal regions: Permafrost melting...
- Amazon: possible die back

More than 20 years of development



More than 20 permanents, Few laboratories

LSCE – Paris (Biogeochemistry and Biophysics): 10 permanents P. Ciais, A. Cozic, N. De Noblet, J. Lathière, S. Luyssaert, F. Maignan, C. Ottlé, P. Peylin, N. Viovy, N. Vuichard ; 10-15 Post-Doc / PhD

IPSL (Engineering) : M.A. Foujols, J. Ghattas

LMD – Paris (Energy and Water balance): F. Chéruy, J. Polcher, C. Risi ; 2-3 Post-Doc / PhD

SISYPHE – Paris (Water cycle): A. Ducharne + 2 Post-doc / PhD

LGGE - Grenoble (High latitude processes): G. Krinner ; 3 Post-doc / PhD

University of Peking – China (Biogeochemical cycle): S. Piao; 5 Post-doc / PhD

University of Antwerp / Ghent – Belgium (Biogeochemical cycle): I. Jansen, H. Verbeeck ; 3 Post-doc / PhD

Main features of ORCHIDEE

 Vegetation defined as Plant Functional Types (13 currently) A mosaic of vegetation in each grid cell

A "big leaf approach"

- One Energy budget for the whole grid box
- Fully implicit coupling with the Atmospheric LMDz model
- Coupled with snow & soil energy budget

Soil energy and hydrology

- Solve the Heat Diffusion Equation ; 7 layers ; up to 5.5m
- Fully coupled with the calculation of surface temperature
- "New" 11-layers soil hydrology scheme

Photosynthesis / Phenology

- Farquhar & Ball and Berry model
- Computation a several levels (light decrease) → integration

Surface description : a tile approach

 A mosaïc of vegetation



13 different Plant functional types

Hydrological Processes in ORCHIDEE

- Partition of throughfall between infiltration and runoff
- Water fluxes in soils (soil moisture and drainage)
- Routing of runoff into river discharge
- Human pressures, e.g. irrigation
- Interactions with floodplains (fluxes and storage)
- Wetlands
- Snow pack processes
- Permafrost (freeze/thaw in the soil)
- Interactions with groundwater tables (fluxes and storage)

"Slow biogeochemical" Processes

- Phenology Budburst based on GDD, soil water...
- Senescence: Based on Leaf age, Temp...
- Carbon Allocation:
 - 8 pools of living biomass
 - 4 litter pools and 3 soil carbon pools (CENTURY)
- Autotrophic respiration: Maintenance & Growth
- Heterotrophic Respiration
- Fire module (SPITFIRE)
- Turnover : death of plants, etc.

Recent improvements of ORCHIDEE



- Generalization of PFT concept (number not limited)
- A 11-layer hydrological scheme
- Scientific documentation

Two versions of the soil hydrology

Choisnel = ORC2

Ducoudré et al., 1993; de Rosnay et al. 1998



- Conceptual description of soil moisture storage
- 2-m soil and 2-layers
- Top layer can vanish
- Constant available water holding capacity (between FC and WP)
- Runoff when saturation
- No drainage from the soil We just diagnose a drainage as 95% of runoff for the routing scheme

CWRR = ORC11

de Rosnay et al., 2002; d'Orgeval et al., 2008



- Physically-based description of soil water fluxes using Richards equation
- 2-m soil and 11-layers
- Formulation of Fokker-Planck
- Hydraulic properties based on van Genuchten-Mualem formulation
- Related parameter based on texture (fine, medium, coarse)
- Surface runoff = P Esol Infiltration
- Free drainage at the bottom

Test over the Amazon: 2 versus 11 layers



Larger amplitude of storing/releasing water in ORC-11LAY is more realistic.

Comparison with SMOS: soil moisture evolution



Guadalquivir area: lon: -6:-4, lat: 37.2:38.

3 days average to reduce instrument noise

- The ERA-Interim rainfall forcing ORCHIDEE is rather good.
- The general annual cycle is rather well captured.
- The amplitude of the response to the rainfall events is more spiked in SMOS than the 0-5cm layer in ORCHIDEE.

Recent developments to be merged







Climatic specificities of high latitudes and specific processes

~ 55 % of NH land surface area is subject to seasonal freezing with snow cover periods.

~ 25 % of NH land surface area is underlain by permafrost







High latitude Processes

 Permafrost & Climate change (soil heating)

- Wetlands hydrology
 → CH4 emissions
- Snow: Adaptation of ISBA-ES
 + Soil freezing



(a) Soil temperature (° C): talik formation when decomposition heat is 'On'. Contour interval is $4^{\rm o}\,{\rm C}$



Change in Northern Hemisphere spring LAI

• A) Detection

LAI trend (1982-2002)



• B) Attribution

Factors: Temperature is dominant > CO2 > Precipitation

(F) Dominant driving factors



Piao et al., GRL, 2006

Nitrogen Cycling in ORCHIDEE



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Sensitivity to elevated CO₂ (Duke forest: Pinus taeda)



- CO₂ enrichment since 1997 in 3 paired rings
- Control: ambient (~365 ppmv)
- Elevated: ambient + 200 (~565 ppmv)



A Forest Management Module for ORCHIDEE



ORCHIDEE - FM



- Age related decline in NPP
- Age related limitation of LAI
- Age related allocation between stem and roots
- Branch mortality
- Coarse woody litter compartment
- Individual growth of trees
- Generic management





Simulation of carbone fluxes for UE 25



Source: Luyssaert et al., 2010; Bellassen et al., in prep

Current developments

➔ Integration within 2-3 years

- New multi-layers energy budget
- New radiative transfer scheme
- New plant functional types (PFTs)
- Coupling surface and ground water hydrology
- Coupling with WRF atmospheric model
- Isotopic module for Water and Carbon isotopes
- Vegetation and chemistry: coupling INCA-ORC

Mid term improvement (1-2 yr)

New energy budget







- Open canopy (under development)
- Two way radiation scheme f(canopy)
- Multi-layer energy budget (implicit)
- Snow under the canopy f(snow age)



- Prescribed radiation scheme f(LAI)
- Big-leaf energy budget (implicit)
- Prescribed snow albedo f(snow age)



Forest Management and Climate



How does forest management affects

- the surface albedo?
- subsequently the climate ?



Interactions between the terrestrial biosphere and the atmospheric chemical composition Coupling INCA and ORCHIDEE



ORCHIDEE yesterday...

ORCHIDEE tomorrow...

