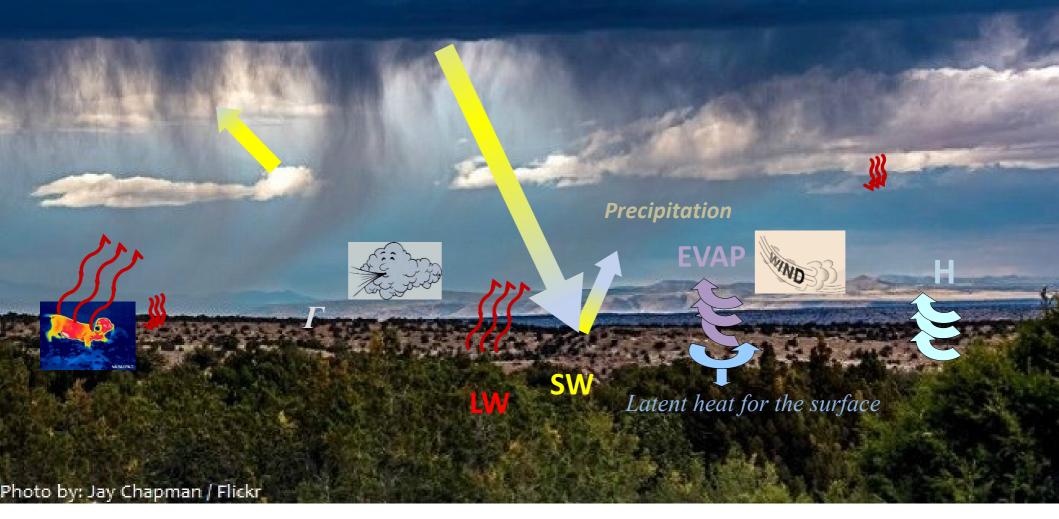
The surface-atmosphere interactions

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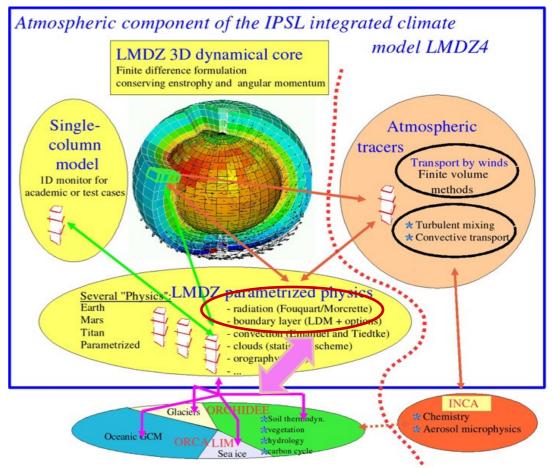
The surface impacts the atmosphere via the orography (factors constant with time), roughness, albedo emissivity

In LMDZ:

Each surface grid can be decomposed in a Maximum of 4 sub-grid of different type: land (_ter), continental ice (_lic), open ocean (_oce) and sea_ice (_sic)

Radiation at the surface depends on mean surface properties (albedo, emissivity)

Turbulent diffusion depends on local sub-grid droperties but each sub-surface sees the same atmosphere



Turbulent diffusion (pbl_surface)

• Change of a variable X with the time due to the turbulent transport (continuity) :

$$\frac{\partial X}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial \Phi}{m_{l}} \qquad m_{l} = \text{mass per surface unit (kg/m^{2})}$$

$$\Phi = -\rho k_{z} \frac{\partial X}{\partial z} \qquad k_{z} \text{ Diffusion coefficient (m^{2}s^{-1})}$$

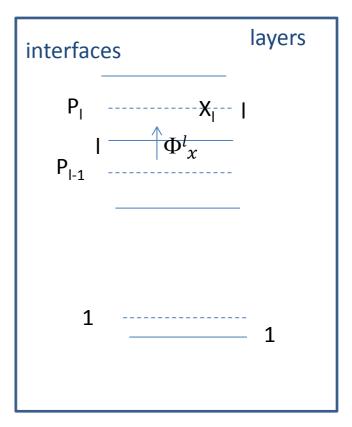
$$\Phi: \text{upward positive}$$

• Vertical discretization

$$\Phi^{l} = -K_{|}(X_{|}-X_{|-1})$$

$$\delta P = (P_{l-1} - P_l) = \rho g \delta z = m_l g \qquad K_l = \frac{k_z \rho^2 g}{P_{l-1} - P_l}$$

X= specific humidity, momentum, moist static energy, tracers



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$$m_l \frac{X_l - X_l^0}{\delta t} = K_{l+1}(X_{l+1} - X_l) - K_l(X_l - X_{l-1})$$

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$$-K_{l}X_{l-1} + \left(\frac{m_{l}}{\delta t} + K_{l+1} + K_{l}\right)X_{l} + K_{l+1}X_{l+1} = \frac{m_{l}}{\delta t}X_{l}^{0}$$

interfaces

layers

Tri-diagonal system that can be solved for the vector X

Solving the tridiagonal system

$$\left(\frac{m_{l}}{\delta t} + K_{l+1} + K_{l}\right) X_{l} = \frac{m_{l}}{\delta t} X_{l}^{0} + K_{l+1} X_{l+1} + K_{l} X_{l-1}$$

which may be written as:

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$$\begin{split} \left(\delta P_{l}+R_{l+1}^{X}+R_{l}^{X}\right)X_{l} &=\delta P_{l}\ X_{l}^{0}+R_{l+1}^{X}\ X_{l+1}+R_{l}^{X}\ X_{l-1}\ (2\leq l< n)\\ &\text{with }R_{l}^{X}=g\delta tK_{l}\\ \end{split}$$
At the top (I=n, \varPhi_{n} =0)

$$\begin{split} \left(\delta P_{n}+R_{n}^{X}\right)X_{n}&=\delta P_{n}\ X_{n}^{0}+R_{n}^{X}\ X_{n-1}\\ \end{aligned}$$
At the bottom: (I=1): $m_{1}\frac{x_{-}x_{-}^{0}}{\delta t}=\Phi^{1}_{x}-\Phi^{2}_{x}\\ m_{1}\frac{X_{1}-X_{1}^{0}}{\delta t}&=K_{2}(X_{2}-X_{1})-F_{1}^{X}\\ \left(\delta P_{1}+R_{1}^{X}\right)X_{1}&=\delta P_{1}\ X_{1}^{0}+R_{2}^{X}\ X_{2}-g\delta t\underline{F_{1}^{X}}\\ \end{split}$

With F_1^{Λ} : flux of X at the bottom of the first layer (i.e. between the surface and the atmosphere), positive downward.

$$K_l = \frac{k_z \rho^2 g}{P_{l-1} - P_l}$$

Solving the tridiagonal system

Starting from top:

$$\left(\delta P_n + R_n^X\right) X_n = \delta P_n X_n^0 + R_n^X X_{n-1}$$

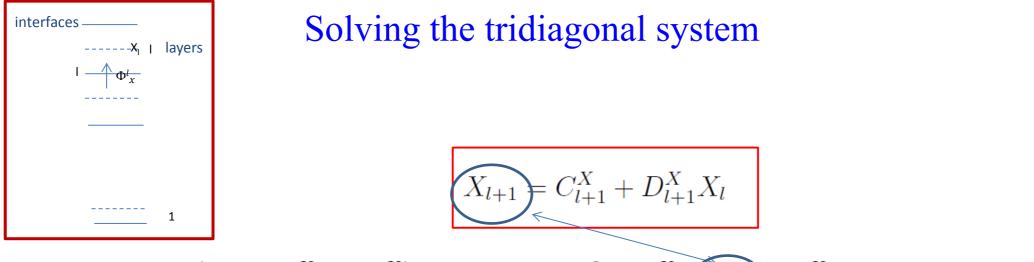
can be written as:

$$X_n = C_n^X + D_n^X X_{n-1}$$

with

$$C_n^X = \frac{X_n^0 \delta P_n}{\delta P_n + R_n^X}$$
$$D_n^X = \frac{R_n^X}{\delta P_n + R_n^X}$$

with $R_l^X = g\delta t K_l$



$$\left(\delta P_{l} + R_{l+1}^{X} + R_{l}^{X}\right) X_{l} = \delta P_{l} X_{l}^{0} + R_{l+1}^{X} X_{l+1} + R_{l}^{X} X_{l-1} \quad (2 \le l < n)$$

$$\left(\delta P_{l} + R_{l+1}^{X}\left(1 - D_{l+1}^{X}\right) + R_{l}^{X}\right) X_{l} = \delta P_{l} X_{l}^{0} + R_{l+1}^{X} C_{l+1}^{X} + R_{l}^{X} X_{l-1}$$

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So we obtain by reccurence:

$$X_{l} = C_{l}^{X} + D_{l}^{X} X_{l-1} \qquad (2 \le l \le n)$$
Solution of the variables estep.
$$C_{l}^{X} = \frac{X_{l}^{0} \delta P_{l} + R_{l+1}^{X} C_{l+1}^{X}}{\delta P_{l} + R_{l}^{X} + R_{l+1}^{X} (1 - D_{l+1}^{X})}$$

$$D_{l}^{X} = \frac{R_{l}^{X}}{\delta P_{l} + R_{l}^{X} + R_{l+1}^{X} (1 - D_{l+1}^{X})}$$

with, for $(2 \le l < n)$

depend only on properties in the layers above and the variables at the previous time step.

Solving the tridiagonal system

At the bottom of the boundary layer $X_2 = C_2^X + D_2^X X_1$

$$\left(\delta P_1 + R_2^X\right) X_1 = \delta P_1 X_1^0 + R_2^X X_2 - g \delta t F_1^X$$

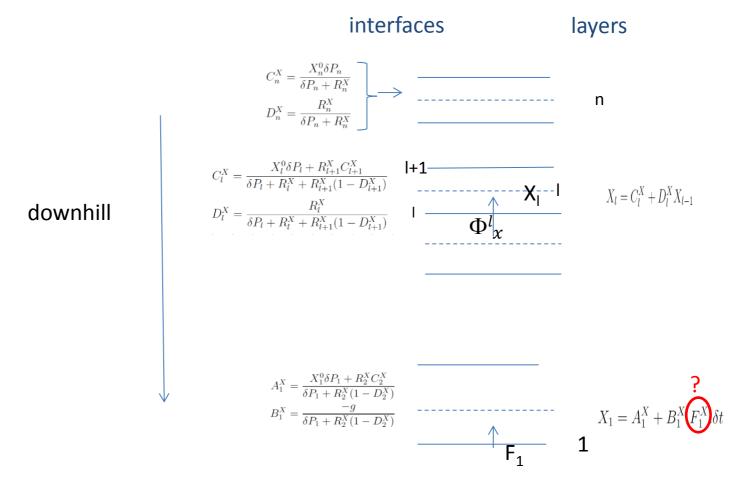
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Solving the tridiagonal system



X= wind, enthalpie, specific humidity, tracers

 F_1^{x} (flux of water mass, flux of heat, flux of momentum) is either prescribed or computed for each sub-surface

Once F_1^{x} is known, the X_i can be computed from the first layer to the top of the PBL

Coupling with the surface : Compute F_x^{1}

Depends on the vertical diffusion scheme

$$F_X^1 = \text{Bulk formula} = \rho C_d^X V | (X_1 - X_s) = \frac{X_1 - A_1}{B_1 \delta t}$$

C_d^x drag coefficient (Monin Obukhov, constant flux in the surface layer) depends on

• roughness lenghts (gustiness, vegetation),

routine cdrag.F90

- Richardson number (boundary layer stability)
- Formulation depends on the sub-surface type

Once X_s is known , X_1 and F_X^1 are known

Coupling with the surface : compute T_s and F_1^T (sensible heat flux)

Case of the continental surface and the temperature

• Heat conduction in the soil: Diffusion equation :

$$\Phi_{T} = -\lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial z}$$

$$\lambda = \text{thermal diffusivity}$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \Phi_{T}}{\partial z}$$

$$C = \text{thermal capacity}$$

Boundary conditions:

- ✓ bottom : Φ = 0
- ✓ top: Continuity of the fluxes and the temperature between sub-surface and atmosphere

$$SW_{net} + LW_{d} - \varepsilon \sigma T_{s}^{4} + H + L + \Phi_{0} = 0 \qquad L = \beta \rho C_{p} V C_{d} (q_{s}(T_{s}) - q_{1}) = \rho C_{p} V C_{d} (q_{surf} - q_{1})$$
depend on Ts
$$H = -\rho C_{p} V C_{d} (T_{1} - T_{s})$$

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Vertical discretization and time discretization of C

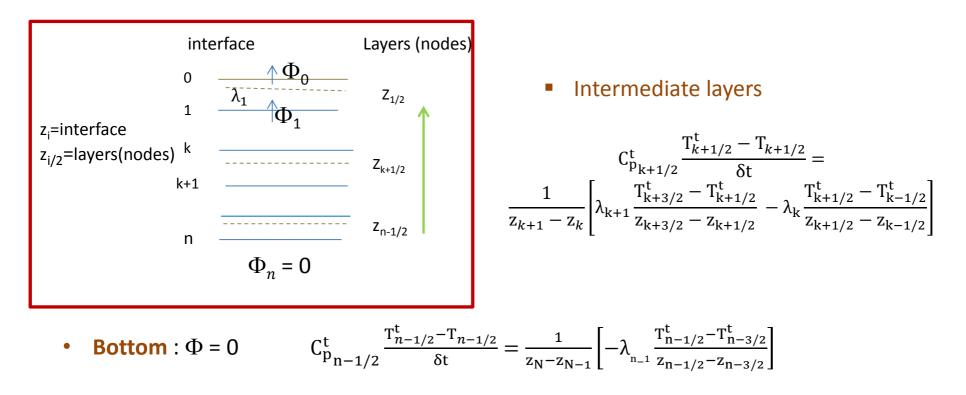
Tridiagonal system as for the atmosphere (different boundary conditions)

• Heat conduction : Diffusion equation $C\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} (\lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial \sigma})$

$$\Phi_T = -\lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial z}$$
 ;

• Top: Continuity between sub-surface and atmosphere + vertical discretization $\Phi_o = \text{Rad} + \sum F^{\downarrow}(T_S^t) - \epsilon \sigma (T_S^t)^4$

$$C_{p_{1/2}}^{t} \frac{T_{1/2}^{t} - T_{1/2}}{\delta t} = \frac{1}{z_{1} - z_{0}} \left[\lambda_{1} \frac{T_{3/2}^{t} - T_{1/2}^{t}}{z_{3/2} - z_{1/2}} \right] + Rad + \sum F^{\downarrow} (T_{S}^{t}) - \varepsilon \sigma (T_{S}^{t})^{4}$$

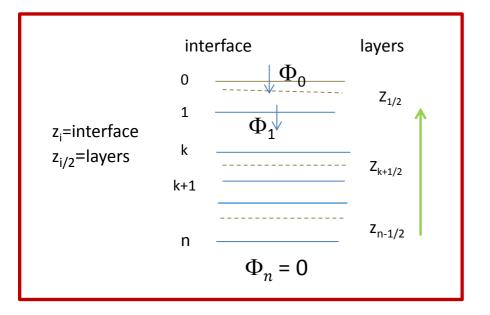


• Heat conduction : Diffusion equation

We obtain by recurrence (same as for atmosphere)

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• **Bottom** : $\Phi_n = 0$

$$T_{n-1/2}^{t} = \alpha_{n-1}^{t} T_{n-\frac{3}{2}}^{t} + \beta_{n-1}^{t}$$

Intermediate layers $T_{k+1/2}^{t} = \alpha_{k}^{t} T_{k-1/2}^{t} + \beta_{k}^{t}$

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• Heat conduction : Diffusion equation

We obtain an inner relation

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(1)
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(2) $T_{3/2}^{t} = \alpha_1^t T_{\frac{1}{2}}^{t} + \beta_1^t$
 $C^* \frac{T_{1/2}^{t} - T_{1/2}}{\delta t} = G^* + Rad + \sum F^{\downarrow}(T_S^t) - \varepsilon \sigma(T_S^t)^4$
Ts : linearly extrapolated from $T_{3/2}$ and $T_{1/2}$

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Hourdin 1993 (thèse) Wang, Cheruy, Dufresne 2016 GMD

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$$M_{1} = \frac{K_{1}A_{1}}{1-\delta t K_{1}B_{1}} \qquad \pi = (P_{0}/P_{1})^{k}$$

$$N_{1} = -\frac{\pi K_{1}A_{1}}{1-\delta t K_{1}B_{1}}$$

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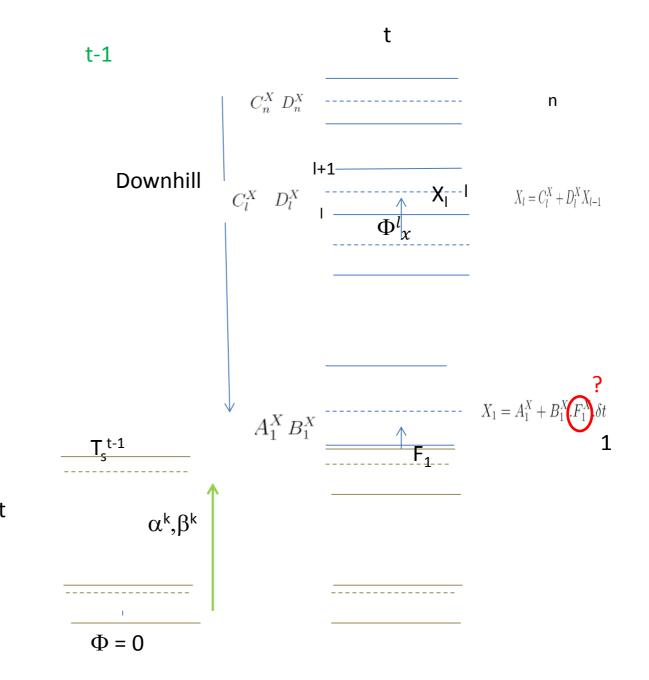
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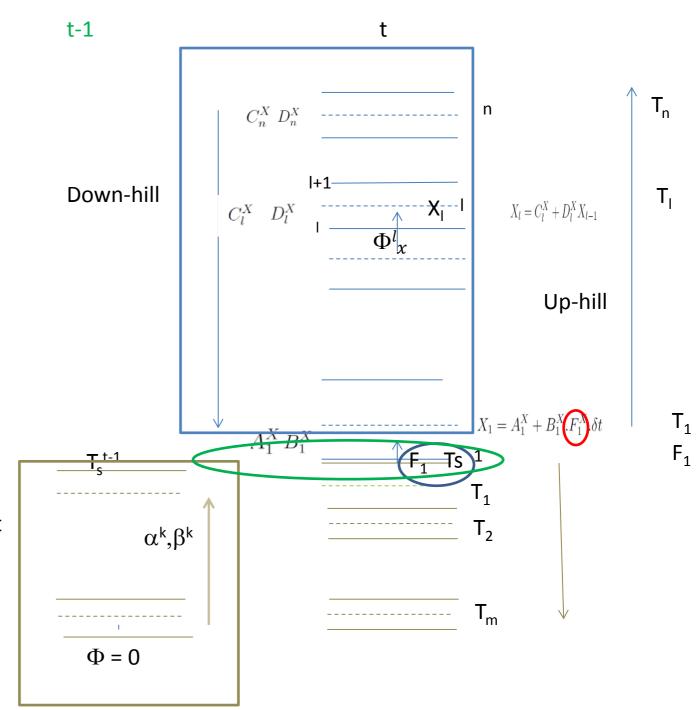
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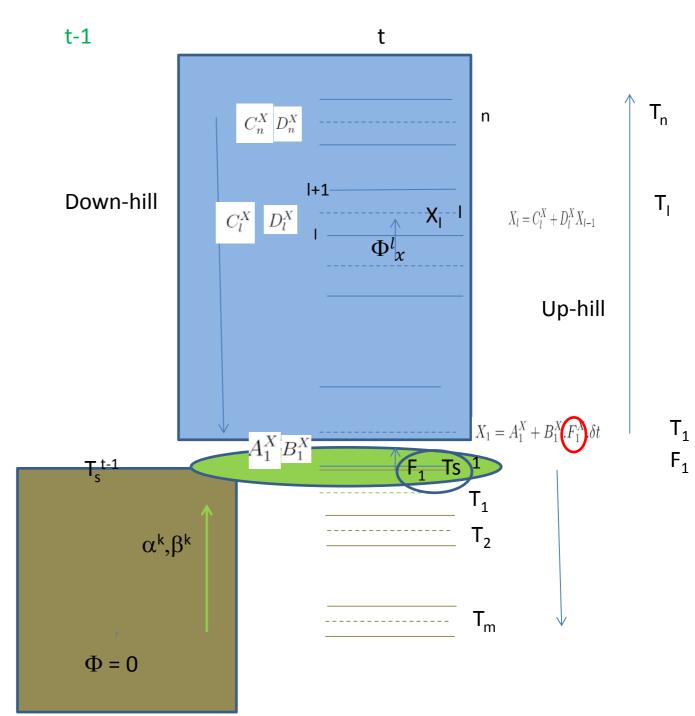


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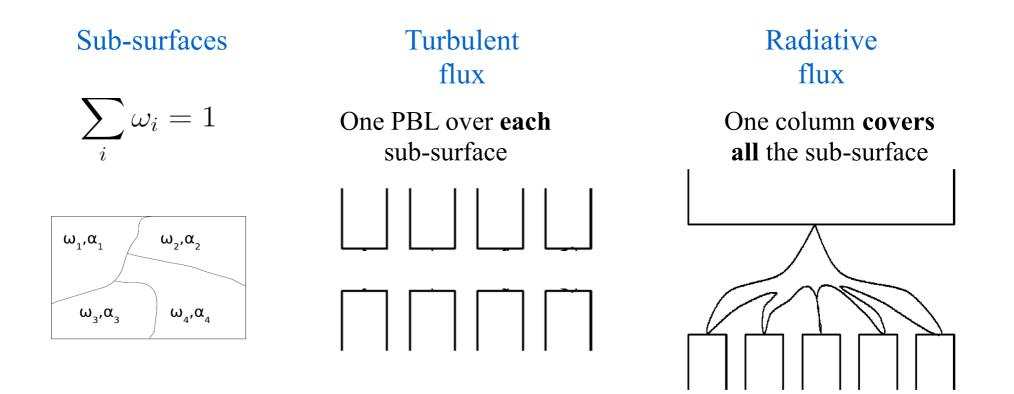


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Each grid cell is divided into several sub-areas or ``sub-surfaces" of fractions ω_i



Each sub surface has to compute F_1 using variables X_p , A_1 and B_1 The boundary layer tendencies in the atmosphere are mixed between sub-columns (equivalent of averaging the surface flux)

Derivation of local sub-surface **net solar radiation** from grid average net solar radiation

The grid average net flux Ψs at surface has been computed for each grid point by the radiative code.

We want (1) to conserve energy and (2) to take into account the value of the local albedo α i of the sub-surface

We compute the downward SW radiation as

with the mean albedo
$$\alpha = \sum_{i} \omega_i \alpha_i$$
 $F^s_{\downarrow} = \frac{\Psi_s}{(1-\alpha)}$

For each sub-surface i, the absorbed solar radiation reads:

$$\psi_i^s = (1 - \alpha_i) F_{\downarrow}^s$$

$$\psi_i^s = \frac{(1 - \alpha_i)}{(1 - \alpha)} \bar{\Psi}^s$$

One may verified that this procedure ensure energy conservation, i.e.

$$\sum_{i} \omega_i \psi_i^s = \Psi_s$$

Derivation of local sub-surface **net longwave radiation** from grid average net longwave radiation

The net longwave (LW) radiation $\overline{\Psi}^L$ has been computed by the radiative code for each grid cell. How to split it depending on the sub-surfaces local properties and ensuring energy conservation?

If the downward longwave flux F_{\downarrow} is uniform within each grid, the net LW flux for a sub-surface *i* may be written as:

$$\psi_i^L(T_i) = \epsilon_i \left(F_{\downarrow} - \sigma T_i^4 \right) \tag{1}$$

where T_i is the surface temperature of sub-surface *i* and ϵ_i its emissivity. A linearization around the mean temperature \overline{T} gives:

$$\psi_i^L(T_i) \approx \epsilon_i \left(F_{\downarrow} - \sigma \bar{T}^4\right) - 4\epsilon_i \sigma \bar{T}^3 (T_i - \bar{T})$$
 (2)

To conserve the energy, the following relationship must be true:

$$\sum_{i} \omega_{i} \psi_{i}^{L} = \bar{\Psi}^{L} \tag{3}$$

Using Eq. 2 gives

$$\sum_{i} \omega_{i} \psi_{i}^{L} = \bar{\epsilon} \left(F_{\downarrow} - \sigma \bar{T}^{4} \right) - 4\sigma \bar{T}^{3} \sum_{i} \omega_{i} \epsilon_{i} \left(T_{i} - \bar{T} \right)$$

$$\tag{4}$$

where $\bar{\epsilon} = \sum_{i} \omega_i \epsilon_i$ is the mean emissity.

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$$\tag{4}$$

where $\bar{\epsilon} = \sum_{i} \omega_i \epsilon_i$ is the mean emissity. The second term on the right hand side is zero if

$$\bar{T} = \frac{\sum_{i} \omega_i \epsilon_i T_i}{\bar{\epsilon}} \tag{5}$$

To ensure energy conservation, we need in addition to verify:

$$\bar{\Psi}^L = \bar{\epsilon} \left(F_{\downarrow} - \sigma \bar{T}^4 \right) \tag{6}$$

Which is consistent with the definition of the net LW flux at the surface. We rewrite now Eq. 2 as:

$$\psi_i^L(T_i) \approx \frac{\epsilon_i}{\bar{\epsilon}} \bar{\Psi}^L - 4\epsilon_i \sigma \bar{T}^3(T_i - \bar{T})$$
 (7)

Due to radiative code limitation, in LMDZ, we always must have $\varepsilon_i = 1$

In subroutine PHYSIQ

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Call tree

loop over time steps CALL change_srf_frac : Update fraction of the sub-surfaces (pctsrf)

CALL pbl_surface Main subroutine for the interface with surface

Calculate net radiation at sub-surface

Loop over the sub-surfaces nsrf

Compress variables (Consider only one surface type and only the points for which the fraction for this sub-surface in not zero)

CALL cdrag: coefficients for turbulent diffusion at surface (cdragh and cdragm)

CALL coef_diff_turb: coef. turbulent dif. in the atmosphere (ycoefm et ycoefm.)

CALL climb_hq_down downhill for enthalpie H and humidity Q

CALL climb_wind_down downhill for wind (U and V)

CALL surface models for the various surface types: surf_land, surf_landice, surf_ocean or surf_seaice. Each surface model computes:

• evaporation, latent heat flux, sensible heat flux

• surface temperature, albedo (emissivity), roughness lengths

CALL climb_hq_up : compute new values of enthalpie H and humidity Q CALL climb_wind_up : compute new values of wind (U and V)

Uncompress variables : (some variables are per unit of sub-surface fraction, some are per unit of grid surface fraction)

Cumulate in global variables after weighting by sub-surface fractions Surface diagnostics : (T, q, wind are evaluated at a reference level (2m) owing to an interpolation scheme based on the MO laws).

End Loop over the sub-surfaces

Calculate the mean values over all sub-surfaces for some variables

End pbl-surface

About the surface models: land, ocean, sea-ice , land-ice

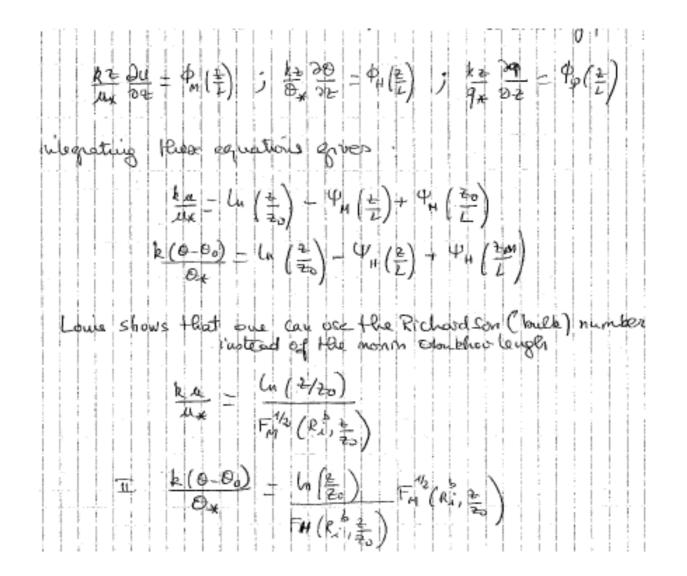
For land : simplified land surface model, hydrology= bucket or "beta clim", constant thermal inertia (soil /snow), albedo and rugosity from a file. or SVAT model (ORCHIDEE)

For ocean: Forced, fully coupled (with NEMO), coupled with a slab-ocean

For sea ice depends on the coupling with the ocean (forced, coupled, slab)

For land-ice : snow properties calculated with sisvat if ok_snow= T. otherwise simplified (as for land + simplified snow prop., rugo, albedo) About the values interpolated at a reference level near the surface (e.g. 2m)

Principle: Constant flux in the surface layer and similarity laws: Non dimensional vertical gradient of horizontal wind, potential temperature, specific humidity are assumed to be universal function of a stability parameter z/L (L= Monin-Obukhov law) or of the Richardson Number.



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