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- Mean slope
- Highest elevation (peaks)
- Lowest altitude (valleys)
- Standard deviation



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OROGRAPHIC DRAG



Figure 1. Schematic representation of the low-level flow behaviour parametrized in the new scheme (see text for details.



Relief.nc

- Origin ??
- Joseph, 1980, Navy 10' global elevation values -- National Center for Atmospheric Research notes on the Fleet Numerical Weather Center terrain data set

[...] originally created by the United States Navy, Fleet Numeric Oceanography Center (FNOC) in the 1960s and 1970s

[...] entailed manually extracting elevations from smallscale navigational charts and subsequently converting the values into a digital format [...] Elevation values were visually estimated from topographic contours on the charts for 10 x 10-minute coordinate areas. Values were hand written onto forms and later scanned by an optical character reader for computer storage of the data.

[...] In the 1980s, the National Center for Atmospheric Research conducted tests on the modal elevation values to locate additional errors.

[...] In 1984, NGDC analyzed the data for any remaining significant errors. A few erroneous values were identified in the modal and minimum data. [...] Suspect values were compared with estimated values, and where the estimates seemed better than the original values, they were inserted into the data set.























Relief	etopo2
Relief.nc	Etopo2 reinterpolated (bilinear using cdo)
LMDZ5 rev2875	
ORCHIDEE rev 4441	
Classic Pre-industrial run (50 years)	





diff zpic

Frac ter : etopo2-Relief (absolute values)



Where SSO is activated/unactivated



10-year averaged (year $11 \rightarrow 20$)



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10m wind module etopo2-Relief (%)



10-year averaged (year $11 \rightarrow 20$)





T2M (mm/d) etopo2-Relief I=12:14@ave

50-year averaged





z500-z500[i=@ave] l=12:14@ave

z500 etopo2-Relief I=12:14@ave

50-year averaged





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