

# Tutorial MON : sensitivity of the simulation of the African monsoon to the orchidee scheme

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## 1 Installing a parallel version of the LMDZ/Orchidee model on obelix

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Run a 3-day simulation with a zoomed and nudged version over West Africa.

Look at the results : **precip** (rainfall), **vitv** and **vitv** (zonal and meridional components of the atmospheric circulation), **rhum** (relative humidity).

The analysis can be done in particular in terms of horizontal maps or as latitude-time cross section of 10W-10E zonal averages that show the meridional structures.

The temperature (and humidity) tendency for dynamics **dt dyn**, deep convection **dt con**, thermal plumes **dt the**, vertical turbulent diffusion **dt vdf**, large scale condensation **dt lsc+dt eva**, and cold pools **dt wk** (same thing with **dq** in place of **dt** for humidity).

### 1.1 Sensitivity to surface scheme

Identify the type of vegetation (PFT) active over Sahel.

Change the albedo for the dry sol and/or for this particular PFT.

Rerun a 5-day simulation.

Change the roughness length of the vegetation.

Prepare long simulations for the next session.

Diagnose the surface energy balance with **flat** (latent heat flux) **sens** (sensible heat flux), **sol s** (SW net radiation at surface) and **sol l** (LW net radiation at surface), and water budget **evap** and **precip**.

A sensitivity experiment to the soil thermal inertia can be performed as well.

### 1.2 Sensitivity to atmospheric physics

Also two version of the physics with stockastic triggering or not can be activated. Look at the day-to-day variation of rainfall.