

# LMDZ tutorial: coupling with continental surface

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This tutorial focuses on the interaction between LMDZ and two different continental surface schemes: the simple "bucket" scheme, and the ORCHIDEE model in its CMIP6 version.

This document can be downloaded as a pdf file:

```
wget http://lmdz.lmd.jussieu.fr/pub/Training/Tutorials/Tutorial_ORCHIDEE.pdf
```

which should ease any copy/paste of command lines to issue.

## 1 Prerequisites

You should be familiar with setting up simulations, as described in tutorials #1 and #2. The exercises with the bucket scheme (implying "VEGET=n" in `config.def`) could be done in the model configuration you've worked with so far. However, we recommend re-installing the model in a new directory.

In order to install the new configuration, you'll follow the same steps as in tutorial #1:

Go to your `$home` directory and create a new folder "LMDZOR" next to the "LMDZ" one.

```
cd
mkdir LMDZOR
cd LMDZOR
```

Download the `install_lmdz.sh` script, then run the script making sure you call it with the `-veget CMIP6` option :

```
wget http://lmdz.lmd.jussieu.fr/pub/install_lmdz.sh
chmod +x install_lmdz.sh
./install_lmdz.sh -d 32x32x39 -v 20211102.trunk -veget CMIP6
```

## 2 The simple "bucket" scheme

### 2.1 Running with the bucket scheme

The script `install_lmdz.sh` has automatically run a simulation in the folder `BENCH32x32x39`, in `~/LMDZOR/LMDZ20211102.trunk/modips1/modeles/LMDZ`. In the `config.def` of this simulation you will see `VEGET=y`. That means that the vegetation is activated, and the soil scheme is the one provided by the ORCHIDEE model.

Save this folder for comparison of results with the following experiments, by renaming it, for example:

```
cd ~/LMDZOR/LMDZ20211102.trunk/modips1/modeles/LMDZ
mv BENCH32x32x39 BENCH32x32x39_ORCHIDEE
```

We will now run the model using the simple "bucket" scheme. Prepare a new simulation folder as follows (similarly to what you've practiced in Section 5 of Tutorial 1 ([https://lmdz.lmd.jussieu.fr/pub/Training/Tutorials/Tutorial\\_1.pdf](https://lmdz.lmd.jussieu.fr/pub/Training/Tutorials/Tutorial_1.pdf))):

- Use the file `bench_lmdz_32x32x39.tar.gz` to create a new folder `BENCH32x32x39`. Rename it right away, by adding a suffix indicating the experiment type (for ex : `bucket` for the simple bucket scheme), then go in it. Make sure that `nday=1` in `run.def`.

```
tar -xf bench_lmdz_32x32x39.tar.gz
mv BENCH32x32x39 BENCH32x32x39_bucket
cd BENCH32x32x39_bucket
```

- To avoid recompiling the code, just create a link to the executable you have already compiled before, and used in BENCH32x32x39\_ORCHIDEE:

```
ln -s ../BENCH32x32x39_ORCHIDEE/gcm.e .
```

- make sure VEGET=n in config.def.

Run the model as usual, with ./gcm.e (or ./gcm.e > listing).

## 2.2 Running with bucket scheme with imposed soil water content

Prepare a new simulation folder (for example BENCH32x32x39\_bucketISW) as above

```
tar -xf bench_lmdz_32x32x39.tar.gz
mv BENCH32x32x39 BENCH32x32x39_bucketISW
cd BENCH32x32x39_bucketISW
ln -s ../BENCH32x32x39_bucket/gcm.e .
```

- again make sure VEGET=n in config.def.
- Evaporation is computed as the potential evaporation multiplied by the aridity coefficient `vbeta`, which is a function of the soil water content `qsol0`:

```
vbeta(i) = MIN(2.0*qsol/mx_eau_sol, 1.0)
```

(here `mx_eau_sol=150mm` ). So, if `qsol0` is constant, `vbeta` is constant as well. You can fix `qsol0` to a chosen value `qsol0_val` (in mm), by adding in `physiq.def` the line `qsol0=qsol0_val` ; try for example `qsol0=5` or `10`, that result in `vbeta` values typical of summertime.

## 2.3 Various prescribed values for the soil thermal inertia

You can prepare a new simulation folder as described above and run the model with various prescribed values of the soil thermal inertia. To prescribe it you need to modify the `physiq.def` file to specify the value for `inertie_sol` (the default value is 2000. which corresponds to a moist soil, 900. for instance corresponds to a dry soil).

Suggested variables to look at:

- turbulent fluxes for the austral summer (variables `flat` and `sens` in the LMDZ output files)
- Surface temperature ( `tsol` )

# 3 The ORCHIDEE land-surface model, CMIP6 version

## 3.1 LMDZOR(CMIP6) experiment with default options

As mentioned above, when you installed the model with the `-veget CMIP6` option, it ran LMDZ using the ORCHIDEE vegetation scheme with its default options.

Go to the `LMDZOR/LMDZ20211102.trunk/modipsl/modeles/LMDZ/BENCH32x32x39_ORCHIDEE` directory and review its contents

- Check in `orchide.def` the following keys that allow activating various recent options of ORCHIDEE:

Description of some keys of ORCHIDEE relevant for the atmosphere land-surface interactions

```
ALB_BG_MODIS = y and ALB_BG_FILE = alb_bg.nc
    allows using the background albedo optimized with MODIS.
ROUGH_DYN : accounts for dynamic roughness heights
OK_FREEZE : if y activates the complet soil freezing scheme
DEPTH_MAX_T=90 : set the maximum depth of the soil thermodynamics to 90m
OK_EXPLICITSNOW : if y activates explicit snow scheme
    (intermediate complexity scheme for the snow layer)
DO_RSOIL activates the resistance to bare soil evaporation
```

- Also note in `orchidee.def` the flag `HYDROL_CWRR` set to `y` in order to use the multi-layer (11) hydrology in ORCHIDEE instead of an older 2-layer scheme.

You can rename the initial condition files found in the folder, as you'll only use them in Section 3.4 :

```
mv sechiba_rest_in.nc sechiba_rest_in_spinup.nc
mv stomate_rest_in.nc stomate_rest_in_spinup.nc
```

`BENCH32x32x39_ORCHIDEE` is now your reference folder to run simulations with ORCHIDEE-CMIP6, with vegetation activated. We recommend you start each of the following experiments by copying it under an informative name.

## 3.2 Output control

You can do this exercise separately, or combined with one of the following exercises.

The number of simulation days, set in `run.def`, is `nday=1`. It can be increased to `5day`, that is, equal to the value indicated for "histmth" file in `config.def`, in the line '`phys_out_filetimesteps`' (if `nday` is smaller than this value, then the LMDZ output file `histmth.nc` will be empty).

You can play with the `sechiba` output frequency by changing in `orchidee.def` the variable `WRITE_STEP` (in seconds; default: 86400 for daily output); 0 means no `sechiba` output; `N*86400` means output written every `N` days). A second output file `sechiba_out_2.nc` is for high-frequency output, modulated by `WRITE_STEP2` (default: 10800, for 3 hours).

You can change the complexity level of outputs by playing with the `SECHIBA_HISTLEVEL` variable: higher `SECHIBA_HISTLEVEL` means more variables in output. The variables corresponding to the various output levels are coded in

```
modips1/modeles/ORCHIDEE/src_sechiba/intersurf.f90
```

## 3.3 Sensitivity experiment with DO\_RSOIL

Run a sensitivity experiment with the resistance to bare soil evaporation activated.

In order to do that, :

- copy the reference folder `BENCH32x32x39_ORCHIDEE` to `BENCH32x32x39_ORCrsoil`
- enter the `BENCH32x32x39_ORCrsoil` folder
- change `DO_RSOIL` from "n" (default value) to "y"
- remove the old ORCHIDEE history files

```
rm sechiba_history.nc sechiba_out_2.nc sechiba_rest_out.nc
rm stomate_history.nc stomate_rest_out.nc
```

- run the model with `./gcm.e` (or `./gcm.e > listing`)

Compare the latent heat flux "flat" to the one computed in the default experiment 3.1.

## 3.4 Experiment with realistic soil moisture

Create a new experiment as in 3.3, using for example the name `BENCH32x32x39_ORCinit` for the new folder.

In the previous experiments, the soil variables have been initialized independently of the atmosphere above (i.e. the soil moisture content is not realistic). In order to get realistic soil moisture the land-surface and the atmosphere have to interact for one or two years (so called spin-up). You could do it yourself but it requires a long time on the PC. Initial conditions obtained after 2 years long runs have been prepared for this exercise, and are included in the bench archive you already downloaded. The `sechiba` file deals with the initial conditions for the hydrology (snow comprised) and the thermics of the soil, the `stomate` file deals with the properties of the vegetation.

- Change back the names of the initial condition files you downloaded and renamed in Section 3.1 :

```
mv sechiba_rest_in_spinup.nc sechiba_rest_in.nc
mv stomate_rest_in_spinup.nc stomate_rest_in.nc
```

- In orchidee.def replace :  
SECHIBA\_restart\_in=NONE with SECHIBA\_restart\_in=sechiba\_rest\_in.nc  
and  
STOMATE\_RESTART\_FILEIN = NONE with STOMATE\_RESTART\_FILEIN = stomate\_rest\_in.nc

- remove the old ORCHIDEE history files

```
rm sechiba_history.nc sechiba_out_2.nc sechiba_rest_out.nc
rm stomate_history.nc stomate_rest_out.nc
```

- Run the model as usually with ./gcm.e

You can compare the maps of latent heat flux flat with those obtained in the "default" experiment 3.1.