

# Common Land Model

## Part 1: Introduction

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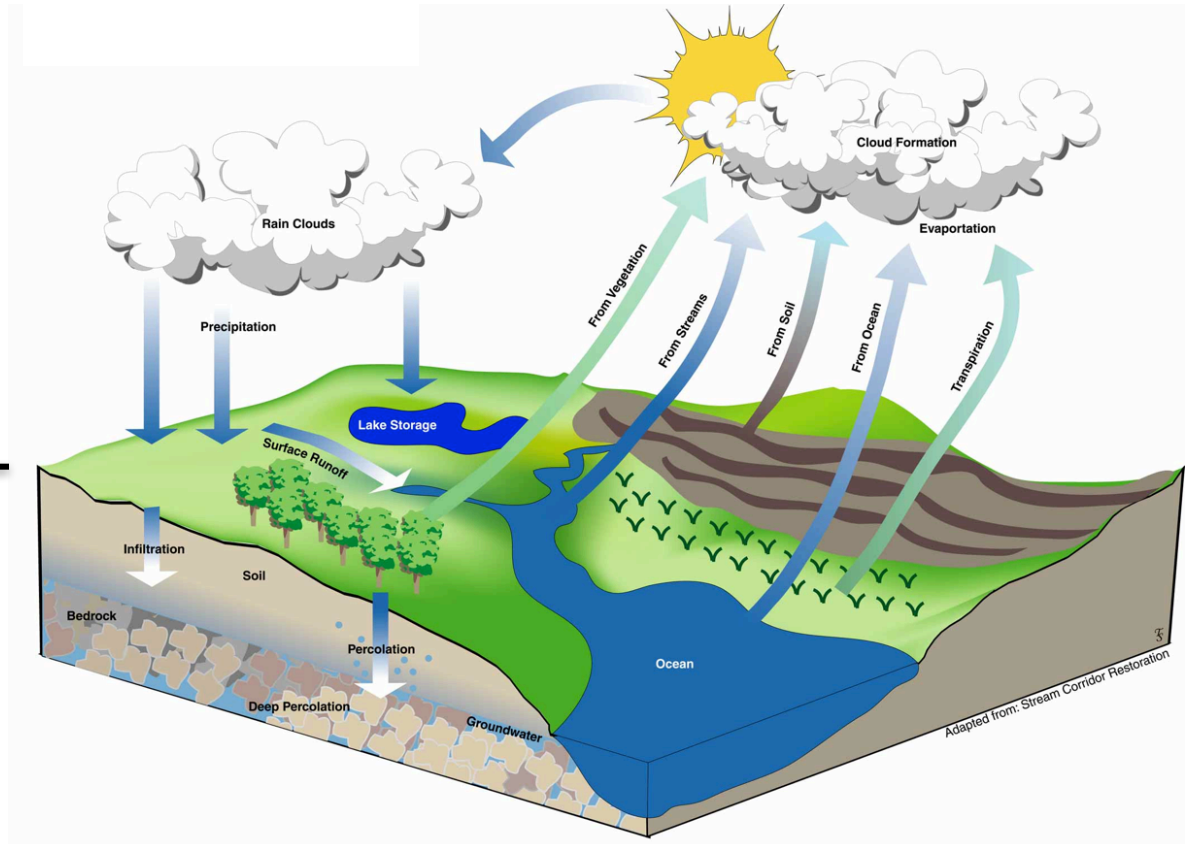
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# General Information

# Evaluate sensitivity of latent heat estimates using PF-CLM

Common Land Model (CLM)  
Surface  
Subsurface  
ParFlow (PF)



# Where did CLM originate?

(Common Land Model)

- Community effort to combine best pieces of existing modular land surface models
- 3 models
  1. Land Surface Model (LSM) Bonan (1996)
  2. Biosphere Atmosphere Transfer Scheme (BATS)  
Dickinson (1993)
  3. Chinese Academy of Sciences Institute of Atmospheric Physics LSM 1994 version (IAP94)  
Dai and Zeng (1997)
- Initial documentation in Dai et al. (2003)

# Who maintains CLM today?

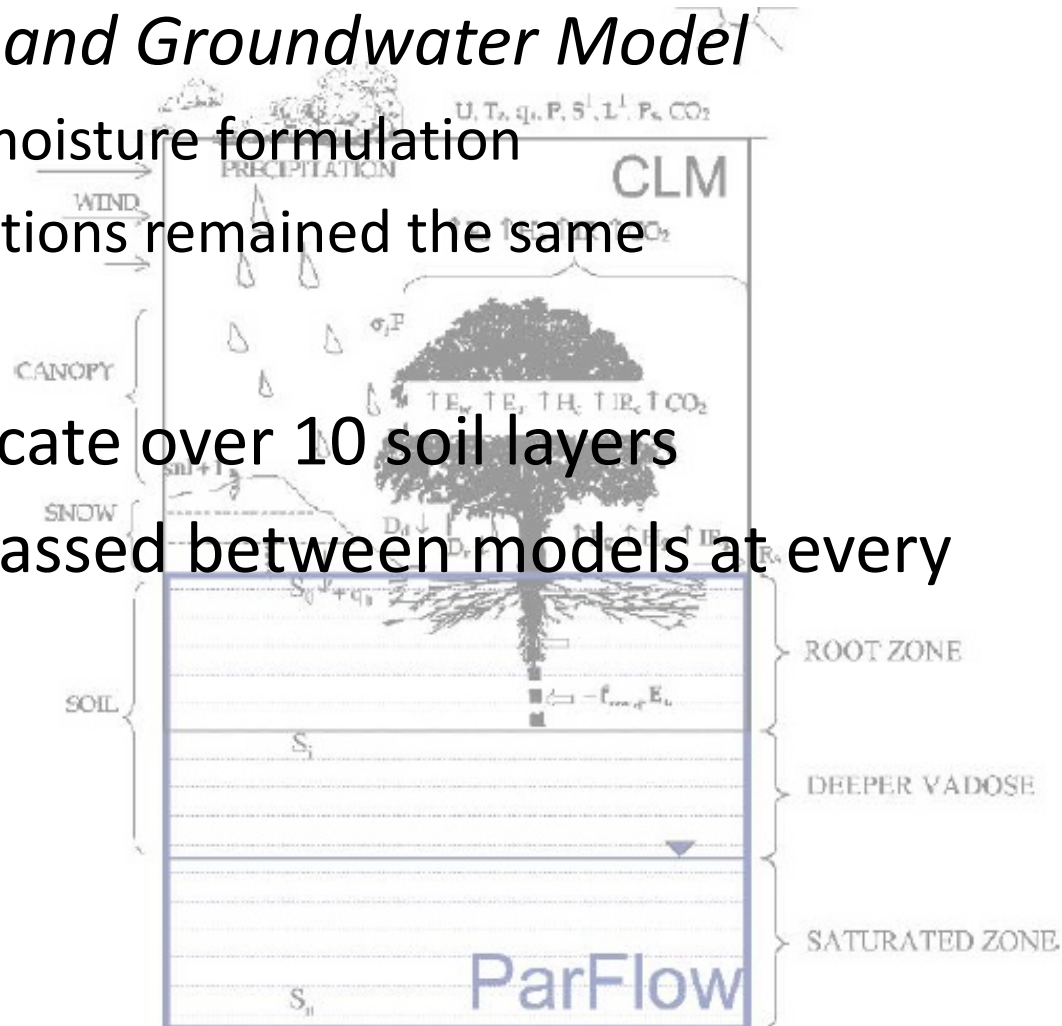
(Community Land Model)

- Name change from “Common” to “Community” occurred around 2002 with the release of CLMv2
- National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR)
- CLM is now the land surface component of the Community Earth System Model (CESM)
- CLM is housed within the Land Model working group led by Keith Oleson
- Current CLM version is 4.5
  - Technical Description of v4.5 contains a nice overview of the history of each CLM version
- <http://www.cesm.ucar.edu/models/clm/>

# When was CLM first coupled to PF?

- Maxwell and Miller (2005) – *Development of a Coupled Land Surface and Groundwater Model*
  - PF replaced CLM soil moisture formulation
  - Surface (CLM) formulations remained the same
- $\approx$ CLMv3
- PF and CLM communicate over 10 soil layers
- Fluxes and variables passed between models at every time step

For more applications/papers see  
Table 1.1 in ParFlow Manual



# What are *some* differences between PF-CLM and CLMv4.5?

- Soil resistance
  - PF-CLM incorporates soil moisture computed using 3D Richards equation
  - Choose between linear and cosine soil resistance factors to limit bare soil evaporation in PF-CLM
  - CLMv4.5 has vertical soil moisture transport (i.e, no lateral flow)
- Fractional vegetation coverage
  - PF-CLM is not setup to handle fractional vegetation (even if you put it in `drv_vegm.dat` this way)
  - CLMv4.5 tiles can have several land uses

- Leaf area index (LAI)
  - PF-CLM computes LAI at each time step using an empirical equation that depends on soil temperature
  - CLMv4.5 updates LAI daily based on interpolation of monthly MODIS LAI values
- ET adjustment factors
  - PF-CLM assumes C3 plants (unless manually changed)
  - CLMv4.5 includes additional factors to adjust photosynthesis rates/stomatal resistance (canopy scaling, nitrogen, day length)
- Irrigation through Water Allocation Model (WAM)



# Where does PF call CLM?

from solver\_richards.c

```
CALL_CLM_LSM(pp,sp,et,ms,po_dat,dz_dat,istep,cdt,t,start_time,  
             dx,dy,dz,ix,iy,nx,ny,nz,nx_f,ny_f,nz_f,nz_rz,ip,p,q,r,gnx, gny,rank,  
             sw_data,lw_data,prcp_data,tas_data,u_data,v_data,patm_data,qatm_data,  
             eflx_lh,eflx_lwrad,eflx_sh,eflx_grnd,qflx_tot,qflx_grnd,  
             qflx_soi,qflx_eveg,qflx_tveg,qflx_in,swe,t_g,t_soi,  
             public_xtra -> clm_dump_interval,  
             public_xtra -> clm_ld_out,  
             public_xtra -> clm_file_dir,  
             clm_file_dir_length,  
             public_xtra -> clm_bin_out_dir,  
             public_xtra -> write_CLM_binary,  
             public_xtra -> clm_beta_function,  
             public_xtra -> clm_veg_function,  
             public_xtra -> clm_veg_wilting,  
             public_xtra -> clm_veg_fieldc,  
             public_xtra -> clm_res_sat,  
             public_xtra -> clm_irr_type,  
             public_xtra -> clm_irr_cycle,  
             public_xtra -> clm_irr_rate,  
             public_xtra -> clm_irr_start,  
             public_xtra -> clm_irr_stop,  
             public_xtra -> clm_irr_threshold,  
             qirr, qirr_inst, iflag,  
             public_xtra -> clm_irr_thresholdtype,  
             soi_z,clm_next,clm_write_logs,clm_last_rst,clm_daily_rst);
```

all of these variables get passed from PF to CLM

# What happens in CLM?

A lot of calculations!

➡ See the PF-CLM flowchart

<http://parflow.blogspot.com/2015/10/clm-modules.html>

# Variables in CLM

- Global variables
  - `clm%zInd`
  - See `clmtype.F90`
- Local variables
  - `efpot`
  - See individual modules
- Constant values
  - Gravity = 9.8616
  - See `clm_varcon.F90`

# How is this information output from CLM?

- Binary format
  - convert from .pfb to .silo to view
  - convert from .pfb to .si to read in tabular format
  - use pfb reader to read into R/Matlab
- Single file output = 1 file for each time step that contains all variables on previous slide

```
pfset Solver.CLM.SingleFile True
```

Output files would be titled as follows:

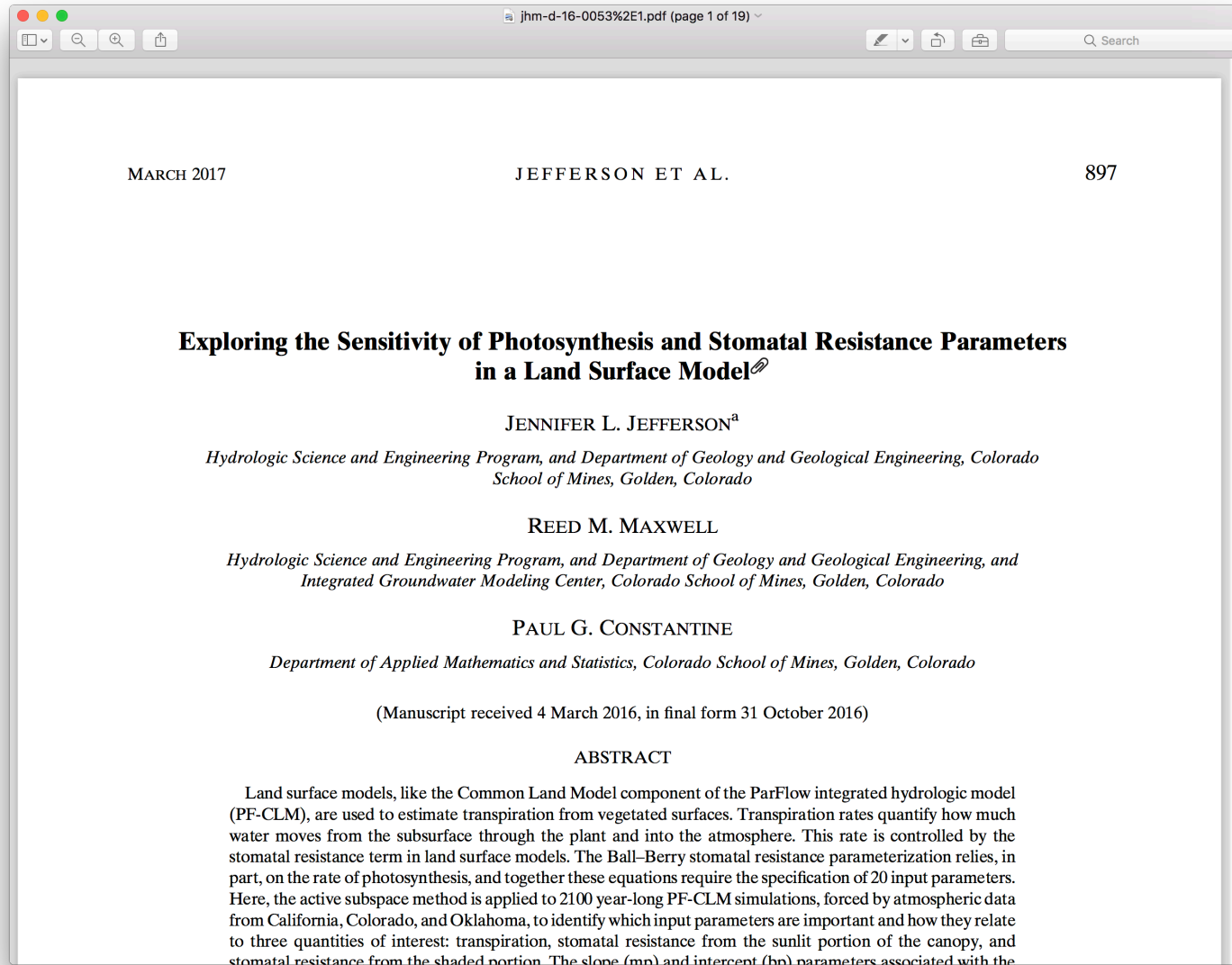
```
runnamethatyoupick.out.clm_output.00001.C.pfb
```

```
runnamethatyoupick.out.clm_output.00002.C.pfb
```

```
...
```

- Non-single file output = 1 file for each time step for each variable

# Evaluating Sensitivity in CLM



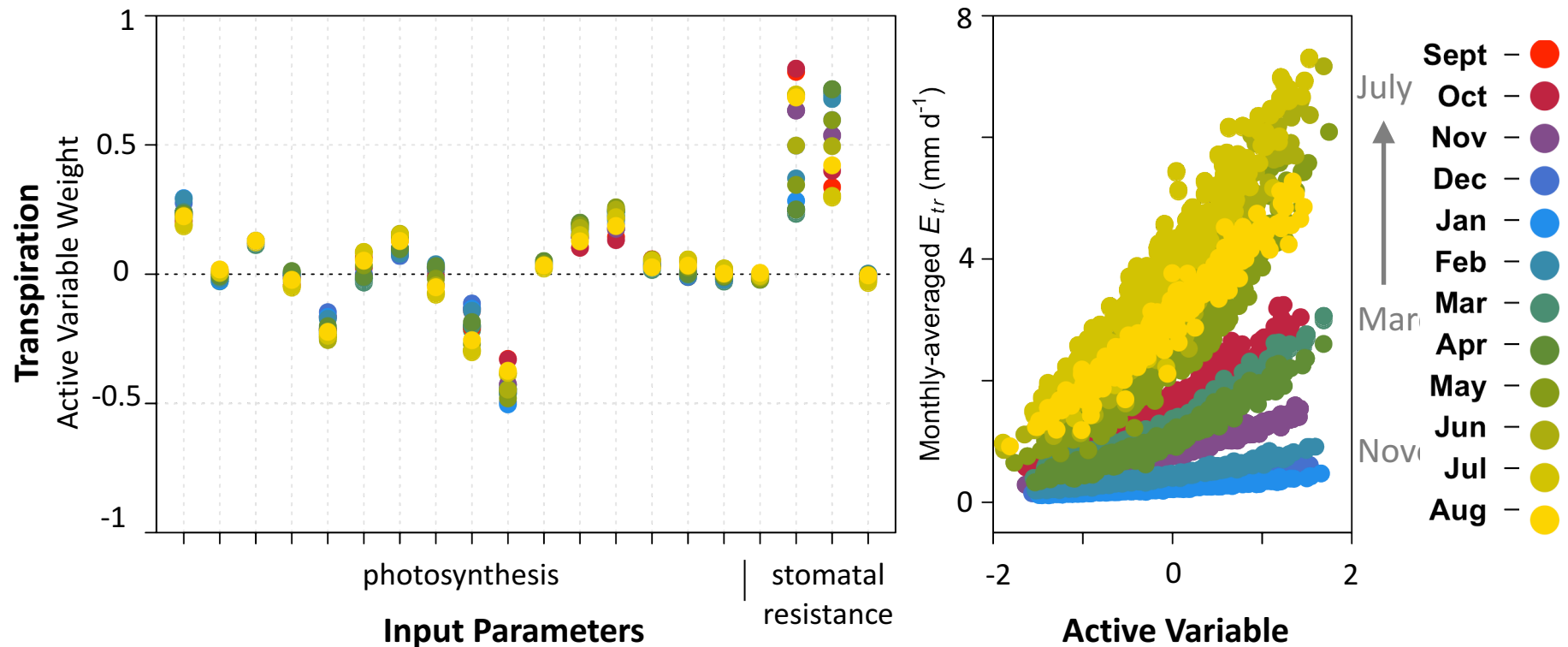
# Input parameters used to compute stomatal resistance

Parameter Description	Name	Distribution (Range)	Default value	Units
maximum rate of carboxylation at 25°C	<b>vcmx25</b>	U(20, 65)	33	$\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
q10 for vcmx25	avcmx	U(2.2, 2.6)	2.4	-
deactivation energy constant	hv	U(218,000, 242,000)	220,000	$\text{J mol}^{-1}$
entropy constant	sv	U(640, 730)	710	$\text{J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$
CO <sub>2</sub> Michaelis-Menten constant at 25°C	<b>kc25</b>	U(25, 50)	30	Pa
q10 for kc25	akc	U(1.9, 2.3)	2.1	-
O <sub>2</sub> Michaelis-Menten constant at 25°C	ko25	U(30,000, 45,000)	30,000	Pa
q10 for ko25	ako	U(1.1, 1.3)	1.2	-
maximum ratio of oxygenation to carboxylation	<b>ocr</b>	U(0.18, 0.77)	0.21	-
<i>ci</i> multiplier in denominator of <i>wj</i>	<b>wj1</b>	1, 4, 4.5	1	-
<i>cp</i> multiplier in denominator of <i>wj</i>	wj2	2, 8, 10.5	2	-
energy content of photons	ecp	U(3.3, 5.8)	4.6	$\mu\text{mol J}^{-1}$
quantum efficiency at 25°C	qe25	U(0.04, 0.08)	0.06	$\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \mu\text{mol photon}^{-1}$
multiplier in <i>we</i>	we1	U(0.45, 0.55)	0.5	-
partial pressure of CO <sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere	ppcd	U(355, 400)	355	ppm
ratio of diffusivity of CO <sub>2</sub> to H <sub>2</sub> O in boundary layer	drb	U(1.3, 1.4)	1.37	-
ratio of diffusivity of CO <sub>2</sub> to H <sub>2</sub> O through stomata	drs	U(1.6, 1.7)	1.65	-
minimum leaf conductance	<b>bp</b>	U(1,000, 10,000)	2,000	$\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
slope for conductance-to-photosynthesis relationship	<b>mp</b>	U(4, 12)	9	-
maximum stomatal resistance	rsmax0	U(10,000, 40,000)	20,000	$\text{s m}^{-1}$

photo-synthesis

stomatal resistance

# Weights and sufficient summary plots for monthly-averaged transpiration vary seasonally



# Setting up a ParFlow-CLM model: Little Washita Example

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# Workflow Outline

1. Evaluate available model inputs
2. Determine your domain configuration
3. Process topography
4. Setup the subsurface
5. Initialize the model (i.e. spinup)
6. Additional setup for PF-CLM

*This is also outlined in section 3.1.2 of the manual*

# Additional setup for PF-CLM

- Additional files inputs the model will need
  1. drv\_vegm.dat
  2. drv\_vegp.dat
  3. drv\_clmin.dat
  4. Meteorological forcing file(s) – 1D or 3D
- Before you start you will need to have IGBP land cover classifications determined for every grid cell in your domain

# drv\_vegm.dat

(includes information for each tile in domain)

x, y coordinate for each tile in domain; coordinates for single column (1, 1) are shown

cosine of the zenith angle (light for photosynthesis/transpiration)  
convert from GMT to local time

soil thermal properties

soil albedo calculation; scale of 1 (light) to 8 (dark)

x	y	lat (Deg)	lon (Deg)	sand (%/100)	clay	color index
1	1	38.4316	-120.9660	0.16	0.265	2

fractional coverage of grid by vegetation class (Must/Should Add to 1.0)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Remember, PF-CLM does not have fractional coverage!

# Land Cover Types

(i.e., vegetation class in drv\_vegp.dat)

(IGBP = International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme)

```
!IGBP Land Cover Types (other classes can be used by changing this file)
! 1 evergreen needleleaf forests
! 2 evergreen broadleaf forests
! 3 deciduous needleleaf forests
! 4 deciduous broadleaf forests
! 5 mixed forests
! 6 closed shrublands
! 7 open shrublands
! 8 woody savannas
! 9 svannas
! 10 grasslands
! 11 permanent wetlands
! 12 croplands
! 13 urban and built-up lands
! 14 cropland / natural vegetation mosaics
! 15 snow and ice
! 16 barren or sparsely vegetated
! 17 water bodies
! 18 bare soil
```

# drv\_vegp.dat

(specifies vegetation parameter values)

```
lai           Maximum leaf area index [-]
6.00 6.00 6.00 6.00 6.00 6.00 6.00 6.00 6.00 2.00 6.00 6.00 5.00 6.00 0.00 6.00 0.00 0.00
!
lai0          Minimum leaf area index [-]
5.00 5.00 1.00 1.00 3.00 2.00 1.00 2.00 1.00 0.50 0.50 0.50 1.00 2.00 0.00 0.50 0.00 0.00
```

lai properties that correspond to 10. grasslands

- (maximum) leaf area index (-)
- (minimum) leaf area index (-)
- stem area index (-)
- aerodynamic roughness length (m)
- displacement height (m)
- leaf dimension (m)
- fitted numerical index of rooting distribution (-)
- fitted numerical index of rooting distribution (-)
- leaf reflectance – visible light (-)
- leaf reflectance – near infrared light (-)
- stem reflectance – visible light (-)
- stem reflectance – near infrared light (-)
- leaf transmittance – visible light (-)
- leaf transmittance – near infrared light (-)
- stem transmittance – visible light (-)
- stem transmittance – near infrared light (-)
- leaf/stem orientation index (-)
- btran exponent (-)

# drv\_clmin.dat

(includes timing information and additional parameters)

- Make sure times are entered in GMT and correspond to times in the forcing file
- Change name of output file **prefixes**, if desired

outfld	stomataSA.output.txt	CLM output file
poutfld	stomataSA.para.out.dat	CLM 1D Parameter Output File
rstf	stomataSA.rst.	CLM active restart file

- Update lines in this file if restarting simulation (from 2 to 1)

startcode	2	1=restart file,2=defined
clm_ic	2	1=restart file,2=defined

- Includes several other specified parameter values
  - Meteorological station heights
  - Roughness lengths
  - Finite difference parameters

# Meteorological Forcing File

(Pg. 140 ParFlow Manual)

**DSWR:** Downward Visible or Short-Wave radiation [ $W/m^2$ ].

**DLWR:** Downward Infa-Red or Long-Wave radiation [ $W/m^2$ ]

**APCP:** Precipitation rate [ $mm/s$ ]

**Temp:** Air temperature [ $K$ ]

**UGRD:** West-to-East or U-component of wind [ $m/s$ ]

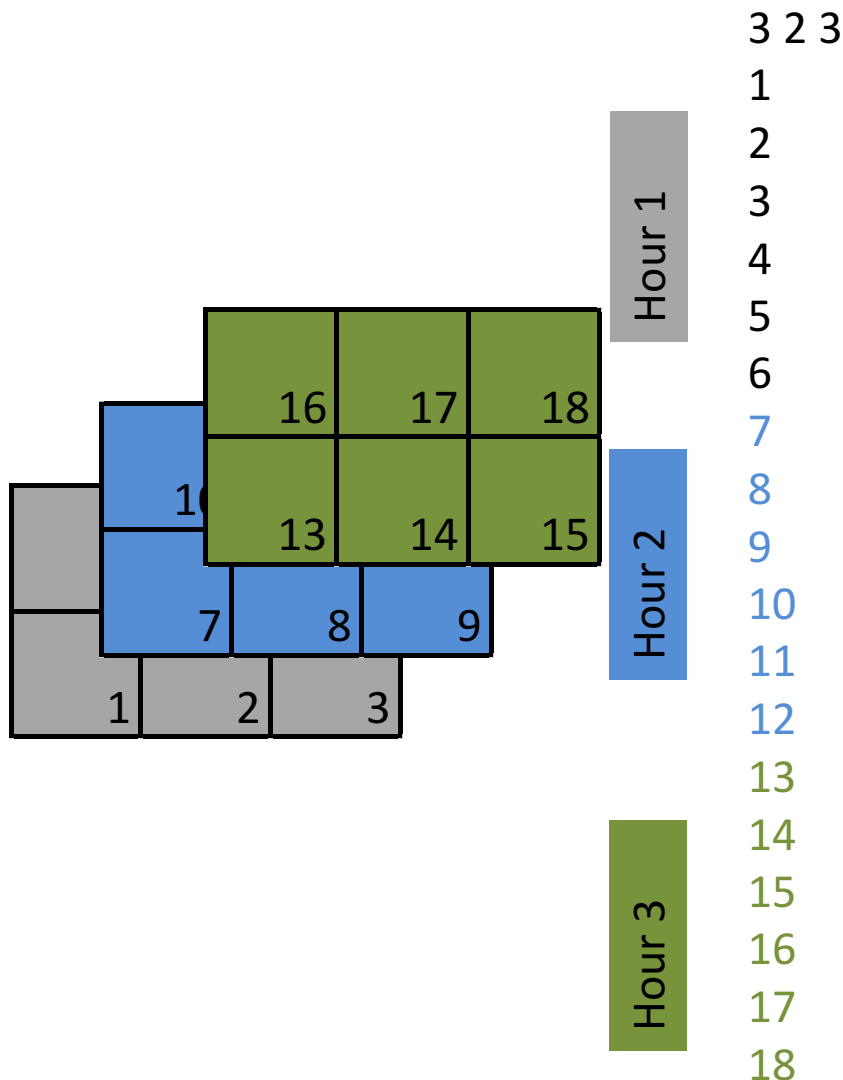
**VGRD:** South-to-North or V-component of wind [ $m/s$ ]

**Press:** Atmospheric Pressure [ $pa$ ]

**SPFH:** Water-vapor specific humidity [ $kg/kg$ ]

- Columns must be in this order and have these units
- 1D – .txt file with single column for each variable and each row is one timestep
- 3D - .pfb files, one for each variable and multiple time steps

# 3D Forcing Files PF-CLM



- Separate files for every forcing variable
- You can put multiple hours in every forcing file. Time is the z dimension
- Tell CLM how many hours are in each forcing files using CLM.MetFileNT



# Additional setup for PF-CLM

- Distribute your forcing files before you run and remember that the `nz` is the number of time steps per file for 3D forcing inputs
- See `Dist_Forcing.tcl` script in the Washita test case folder for an example
- Remember that if you change your processor topology you must redistribute your forcings

# How do I “turn-on” CLM in PF?

```
pfset Solver.LSM CLM
```

- Optional CLM Flags are listed in the ParFlow Manual 6.1.35

# Adding CLM settings to your tcl script:

```
pfset Solver.LSM                      CLM
pfset Solver.CLM.CLMFileDir           "clm_output/"
pfset Solver.CLM.PrintIdOut           False
pfset Solver.BinaryOutDir             False

pfset Solver.PrintCLM                 True
pfset Solver.CLM.WriteLogs            False
pfset Solver.CLM.WriteLastRST         False
pfset Solver.CLM.DailyRST             True
pfset Solver.CLM.SingleFile           True

pfset Solver.CLM.CLMDumpInterval      1
pfset Solver.CLM.MetForcing            3D
pfset Solver.CLM.MetFileName           "NLDAS"
pfset Solver.CLM.MetFilePath           "../.. /NLDAS/"

pfset Solver.CLM.MetFileNT            24
pfset Solver.CLM.IstepStart           1

pfset Solver.CLM.EvapBeta              Linear
pfset Solver.CLM.VegWaterStress        Saturation
pfset Solver.CLM.ResSat                0.1
pfset Solver.CLM.WiltingPoint          0.12
pfset Solver.CLM.FieldCapacity          0.98
pfset Solver.CLM.IrrigationType        none
```

# What information is output from CLM?

(Order of information obtained from solver\_richards.c)

↓ single file output layer

```
1. eflx_lh_tot           ! latent heat flux from canopy height to atmosphere [W/2]
2. eflx_lwrad_out        ! outgoing long-wave radiation from ground+canopy
3. eflx_sh_tot           ! sensible heat from canopy height to atmosphere [W/m2]
4. eflx_soil_grnd        ! ground heat flux [W/m2]
5. qflx_evap_tot         ! evapotranspiration from canopy height to atmosphere [mm/s]
6. qflx_evap_grnd        ! ground surface evaporation rate (mm h2o/s)
7. qflx_evap_soil        ! evaporation heat flux from ground [mm/s]
8. qflx_evap_veg         ! evaporation+transpiration from leaves [mm/s]
9. qflx_tran_veg         ! transpiration rate [mm/s]
10. qflx_infl            ! infiltration (mm H2O /s)
11. swe_out              ! snow water equivalent
12. t_grnd               ! ground temperature (K)

13. qflx_qirr            ! qflx_surf directed to irrig (mm H2O/s);irrigation applied at
                        surface [mm/s](added to rain or throughfall, depending)

OR

13. qflx_qirr_inst(nlevsoi) !irrigation applied by 'instant' method [mm/s] (added to pf_flux)

14-23. tsoil             ! soil temperature for each soil layer; assuming 10 soil layers
```

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```

```
...
```

- Non-single file output = 1 file for each time step for each variable

# Common Pitfalls

- Remember that CLM will assume you have 10 soil layers. If this is not true refer to the CLM notes on how to adjust this
- All timing info in CLM should be in GMT not local time
- If you want to run with timesteps that don't match the forcing timestep you need to use the Solver.CLM.ReuseCount key. Changing the timestep in ParFlow does not automatically change the forcings

# Starting a New Run

## 1. Set your initial pressure from the final pressure from your spinup

pfset	ICPressure.Type	PFBFile
pfset	ICPressure.GeomNames	domain
pfset	Geom.domain.ICPressure.FileName	press.in.pfb

## 2. Setup your timing in ParFlow

pfset	TimingInfo.BaseUnit	1.0
pfset	TimingInfo.StartCount	0.0
pfset	TimingInfo.StartTime	0.0
pfset	TimingInfo.StopTime	8760
pfset	TimingInfo.DumpInterval	24.0
pfset	TimeStep.Type	Constant
pfset	TimeStep.Value	1.0
pfset	Solver.CLM.IstepStart	1.0

Note ParFlow starts at 0, which is the initial condition, and the CLM.IstepStart is 1 which is the first point an output will be written for

# Starting a New Run

## 3. Tell CLM to start from scratch and define the starting time in drv\_clmin.dat

startcode	2	1=restart file,2=defined
clm_ic	2	1=restart file,2=defined
sss	00	Starting Second
smn	00	Starting Minute
shr	00	Starting Hour
sda	01	Starting Day
smo	10	Starting Month
syr	1998	Starting Year

**\*\* Remember that all times in the drv\_clmin.dat file are in GMT**



# Starting a New Run

## 4. Set your processor topology and make sure you are distributing all of your input files

```
pfset Process.Topology.P      2
pfset Process.Topology.Q      2
pfset Process.Topology.R      1

pfset ComputationalGrid.NX     41
pfset ComputationalGrid.NY     41
pfset ComputationalGrid.NZ     1
pfdist LW.slopex.pfb
pfdist LW.slopey.pfb

pfset ComputationalGrid.NX     41
pfset ComputationalGrid.NY     41
pfset ComputationalGrid.NZ     50
pfdist IndicatorFile.pfb
pfdist press.init.pfb
```

- Every pfb input file must be distributed
- Remember that slope files are 2D so NZ must be set to 1 before distributing
- Don't forget to distribute your forcings separately
- You can't redistribute clm restart files in the middle of a run so the topology you pick you should stick with

# Restarting

1. Determine the last timestep that a CLM restart file was written for this is where you should restart from
2. Update the timing in ParFlow to reflect your new start point which should be equal to the time of the last restart file

```
pfset TimingInfo.StartCount      19
pfset TimingInfo.StartTime       19
pfset TimingInfo.StopTime        60
pfset Solver.CLM.IstepStart      1.0
```

Again note that the CLM counter should start at 1 + startcount

# Restarting

3. Overwrite your initial pressure file with the last pressure file output

```
cp pfclm.out.press.00018.pfb press.in.pfb
```

4. Change the restart settings in drv\_clmin.dat

startcode	1	1=restart file,2=defined
clm_ic	1	1=restart file,2=defined

Note: when you restart a simulation (i.e., startcode = 1 and clm\_ic = 1 in drv\_clmin.dat), the timing information is read from the restart file not from drv\_clmin.dat. However, if startcode = 2 and clm\_ic = 1 the timing information will be read from drv\_clmin.dat and initial condition information will still come from the restart file.

# Restarting

5. If you have set CLM to overwrite the restart files as it goes (i.e. if CLM.WriteLastRST = TRUE), then copy restart files before you start

```
Solver.CLM.WriteLastRST TRUE
```

```
#CLM RESTART INFO
```

```
if { $startcount > 1 } then {
```

```
  for { set i 0 } { $i < $nproc } { incr i 1 } {
```

```
    set fname_rst [format "clm.rst.%05d.$i" [expr $startcount]]
```

```
    exec cp clm.rst.00000.$i $fname_rst
```

```
  }
```

```
}
```