

Common Land Model

Part 1: Introduction

ParFlow Short Course

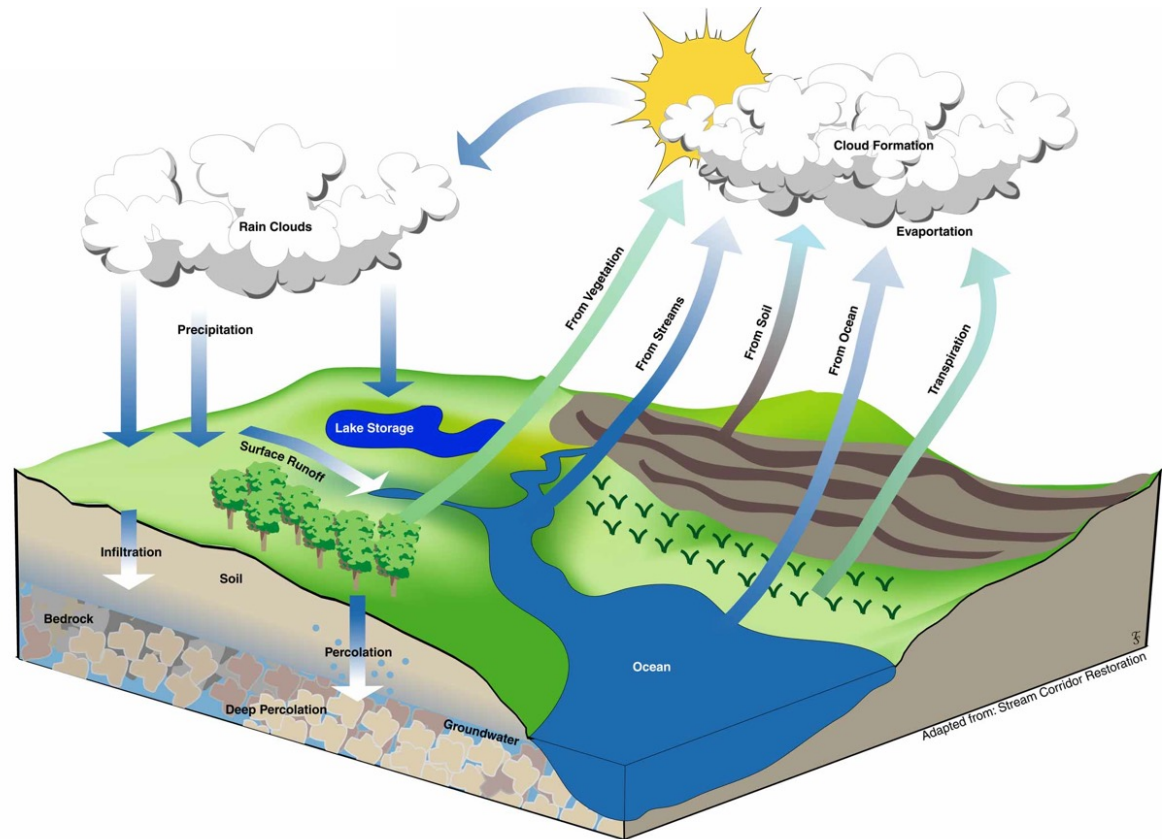
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General Information

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)

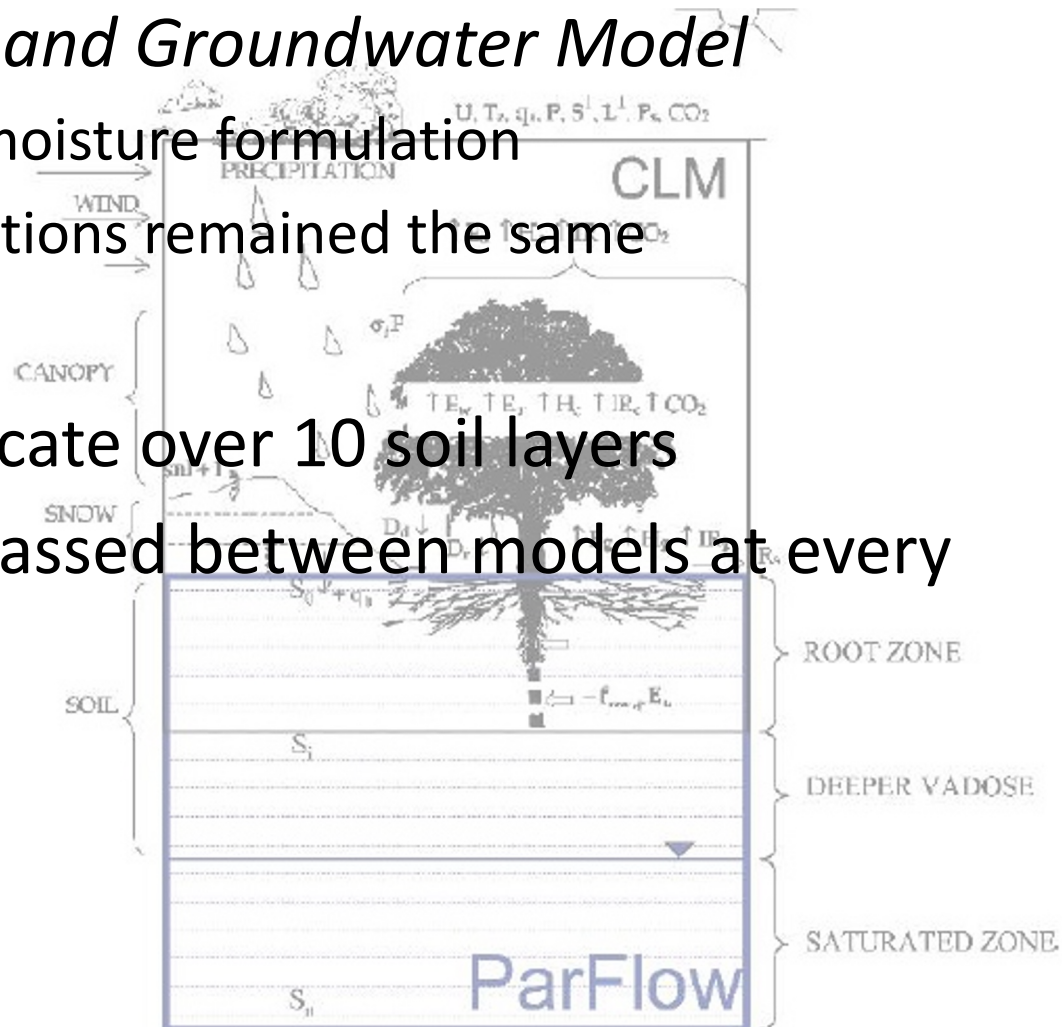
Who maintains CLM today?

(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`

Evaluating Sensitivity in CLM



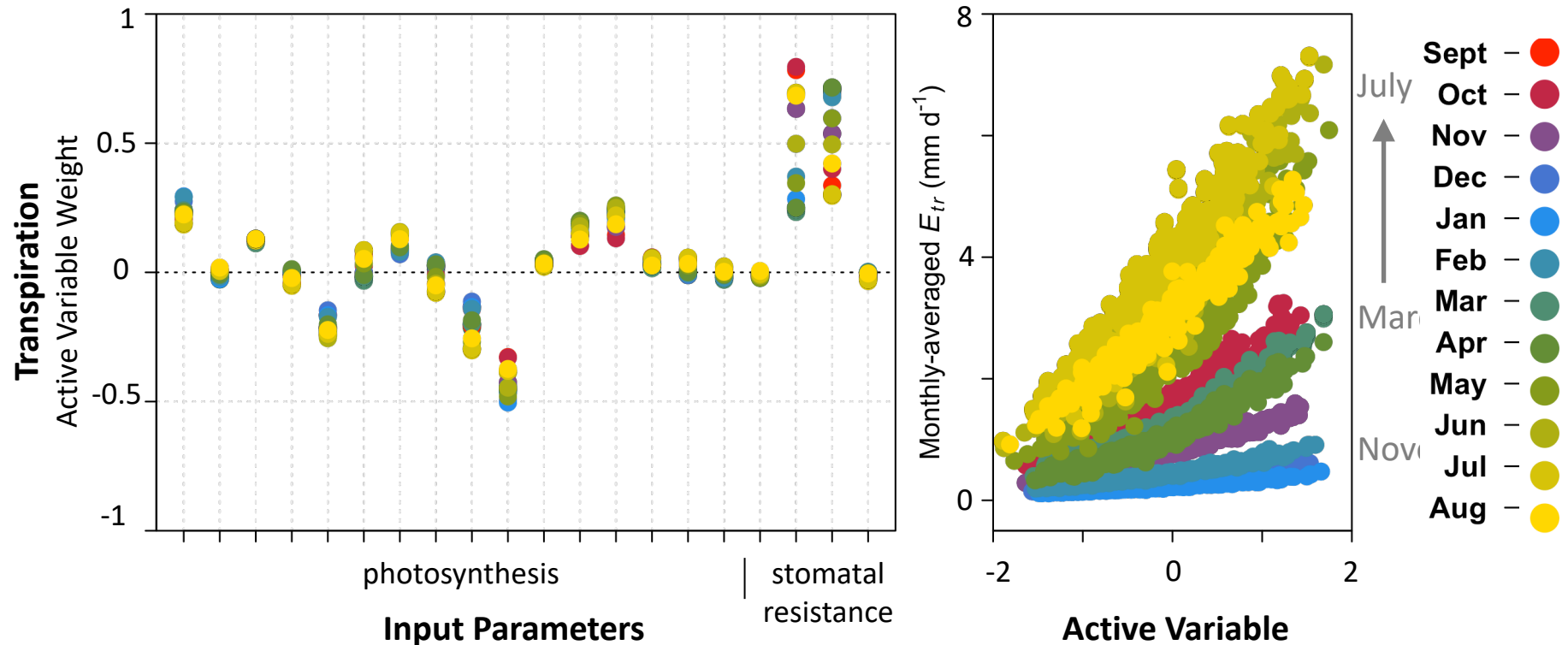
Input parameters used to compute stomatal resistance

Parameter Description	Name	Distribution (Range)	Default value	Units
maximum rate of carboxylation at 25°C	vcmx25	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	J mol^{-1}
entropy constant	sv	U(640, 730)	710	$\text{J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$
CO ₂ Michaelis-Menten constant at 25°C	kc25	U(25, 50)	30	Pa
q10 for kc25	akc	U(1.9, 2.3)	2.1	-
O ₂ 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	ocr	U(0.18, 0.77)	0.21	-
<i>ci</i> multiplier in denominator of <i>wj</i>	wj1	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	eep	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 ₂ in the atmosphere	ppcd	U(355, 400)	355	ppm
ratio of diffusivity of CO ₂ to H ₂ O in boundary layer	drb	U(1.3, 1.4)	1.37	-
ratio of diffusivity of CO ₂ to H ₂ O through stomata	drs	U(1.6, 1.7)	1.65	-
minimum leaf conductance	bp	U(1,000, 10,000)	2,000	$\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
slope for conductance-to-photosynthesis relationship	mp	U(4, 12)	9	-
maximum stomatal resistance	rsmax0	U(10,000, 40,000)	20,000	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]

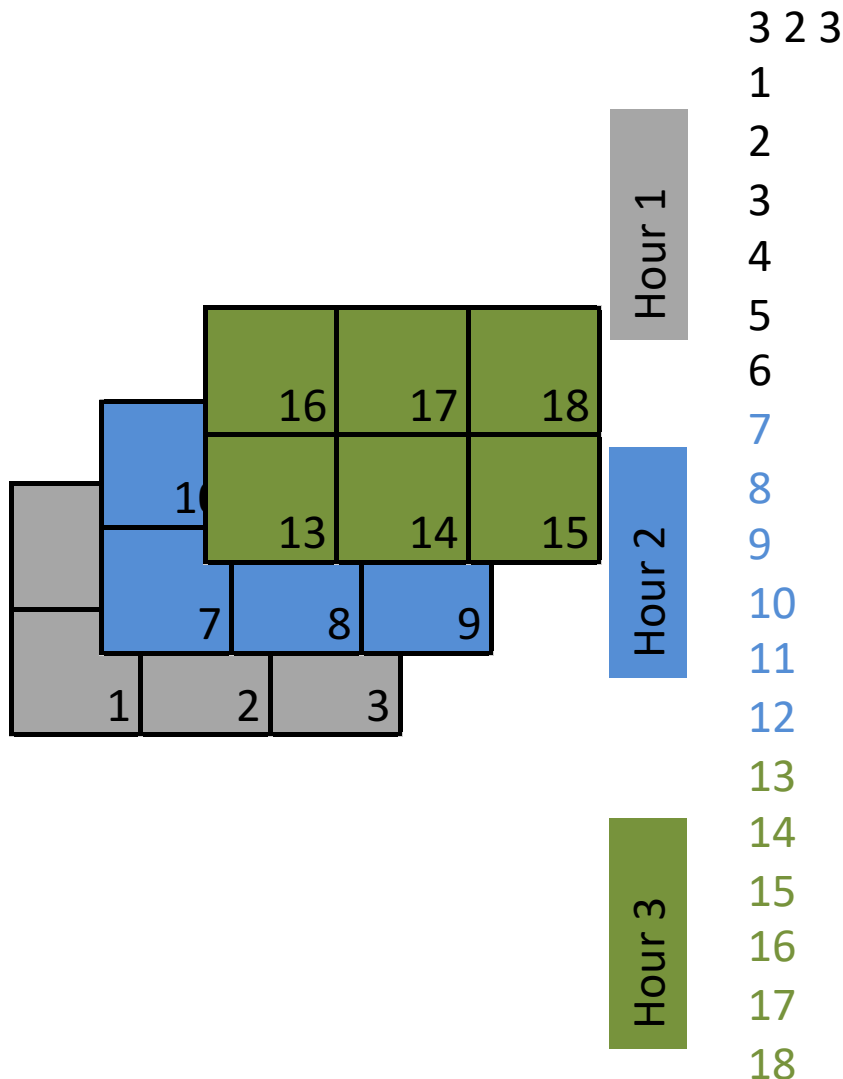
VGRD: South-to-North or V-component of wind [m/s]

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?

```
model.Solver.LSM = "CLM"
```

- Optional CLM Flags are listed in the [ParFlow Manual 6.1.36](#)

Adding CLM settings to your tcl script:

```
#outputs
model.Solver.LSM = "CLM"
model.Solver.CLM.CLMFileDir = "clm_output/"
model.Solver.CLM.PrintIdOut = False
model.Solver.BinaryOutDir = False
model.Solver.CLM.CLMDumpInterval = 1
Model.Solver.PrintCLM = True
model.Solver.CLM.DailyRST = True
model.Solver.CLM.SingleFile = True

#forcing files
model.Solver.CLM.MetForcing = "3D"
model.Solver.CLM.MetFileName = "NLDAS"
model.Solver.CLM.MetFilePath = "../.. /NLDAS"
model.Solver.CLM.MetFileNT = 24
model.Solver.CLM.IstepStart = 1

# physical properties
model.Solver.CLM.EvapBeta = "Linear"
model.Solver.CLM.VegWaterStress = "Saturation"
model.Solver.CLM.ResSat = 0.1
model.Solver.CLM.WiltingPoint = 0.12
model.Solver.CLM.FieldCapacity = 0.98
model.Solver.CLM.IrrigationType = "none"
model.Solver.CLM.RootZoneNZ = 4
model.Solver.CLM.SoiLayer = 4
```

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
```

How is this information output from CLM?

- Binary format
 - Can view .pfb files in paraview
 - use `pf.read_pfb()` to read .pfb files into python
- Single file output means 1 file for each time step that contains *all* variables on previous slide
 - `model.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 means 1 file for each variable for each time step

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

```
model.ICPressure.Type = "PFBFile"  
model.ICPressure.GeomNames = "domain"  
model.Geom.domain.ICPressure.RefPatch = "top"  
model.Geom.domain.ICPressure.FileName = "press.init.pfb"
```

2. Setup your timing in ParFlow

```
model.TimingInfo.BaseUnit = 1.0  
model.TimingInfo.StartCount = 0  
model.TimingInfo.StartTime = 0  
model.TimingInfo.StopTime = 72.0  
model.TimingInfo.DumpInterval = 1.0  
model.TimeStep.Type = "Constant"  
model.TimeStep.Value = 1.0
```

```
Model.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

```
model.Process.Topology.P = 1
model.Process.Topology.Q = 1
model.Process.Topology.R = 1

model.ComputationalGrid.NX = 64
model.ComputationalGrid.NY = 32
model.ComputationalGrid.NZ = 1
model.dist("slopex_LW.pfb")
model.dist("slopey_LW.pfb")

model.ComputationalGrid.NZ = 10
model.dist("Indicator_LW_USGS_Bedrock.pfb")
model.dist("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

```
model.TimingInfo.StartCount = 19.0  
model.TimingInfo.StartTime = 19.0  
model.TimingInfo.StopTime = 72.0  
Model.Solver.CLM.IstepStart = 20.0
```

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

```
model.Solver.CLM.WriteLastRS = 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
```

```
  }
```

```
}
```