Incorporating ForestGALES in the large-scale land surface model ORCHIDEE-CAN to quantify the storm damage

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Peak LAI (m² m⁻²)

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Timing of typhoons

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Kornei, 2017; Lin et al., 2017

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Storm disturbance (damage types)

- Uprooting (overturning)
- Stem breakage

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• Branch/foliage damage

Root/xylem damage

Structural effects

- Gross productivity
- Regeneration
- Stand Composition

This is very important and can affect climate !





Relationships between critical wind speed and damage rate

Functional effects

- Less productivity
- Allocation
- Heterotrophic respiration
- Weathering/runoff



Also important but its temporal scale is less than structural effects.

Natural disturbances to tree mortality and canopy structure



Seidl et al., 2014; Seidl et al., 2017; Lin et al., 2017

Introduction- Earth System Models, IPSL-CM structure



Meteorological variables updated every 30-min / Carbon & Nitrogen 1day Spatial resolution is 50 x 50 km

ForestGALES: Physical description of critical wind speed calculation

Canopy structure, stand scale Empirical term for root resistance, canopy properties, aero-dynamic Streamlining, aero-dynamic Canopy structure, landscape scale $CWS_{ov} = \left(\frac{1}{\kappa D}\right) \left(\frac{C_{rea}}{\rho \text{Gd}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \ln \left(\frac{h-d}{z_0}\right) \left(\frac{1}{f_{edge}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

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Nicoll et al., 2006; Gardiner et al., 2010; Hale et al., 2015

Model development –Vegetation structure (Stand scale)

Natural FOREST



FOR EXAMPLE TROPICS & OLD FOREST

NCIRC=3 → LARGE DIFF BETWEEN DIAMETER CLASSES



FOR EXAMPLE MANAGED TEMPERATE & BOREAL

NCIRC=3 → SMALL DIFF BETWEEN DIAMETER CLASSES



Inter tree spacing, D₁, D₂, and D₃ Tree diameter, DBH₁, DBH₂, and DBH₃ Critical wind speed, CWS₁, CWS₂, and CWS₃

Model development – Vegetation structure (Landscape scale)

$$A_{inner} = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \left(\left(A_{gap}^{\frac{1}{2}} + 2 \cdot 9h \right)^2 - A_{gap} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{A_5}{A_{gap}} \right)$$

A_{inner}: Inner area, A_{gap}: Gap area, A5: Accumulative harvest area in previous five years

$$f_{edge} = \frac{\left(2.7193(\frac{D}{h}) - 0.061\right) + \left(-1.273(\frac{D}{h}) + 0.9701\right) \cdot \left(1.1127(\frac{D}{h}) + 0.0311\frac{x}{h}\right)}{\left(0.68(\frac{D}{h}) - 0.0385\right) + \left(-0.68(\frac{D}{h}) + 0.4785\right) \cdot \left(1.7239(\frac{D}{h}) + 0.0316\frac{x}{h}\right)}$$

$$A_{outer} = \begin{cases} A_{grid} - (A_5 + A_{inner}), \text{ when } A_5 + A_{inner} < A_{grid} \\ 0 \text{ and } A_{inner} = A_{grid}, \text{ when } A_5 + A_{inner} \ge A_{grid} \end{cases}$$

 A_{outer} : Outer area A_{grid} : Simulation grid area

$$f_{edge} = 1.0$$

Inner area **Outer area** GAP GAP

Gardiner et al., 2000

Model testing – CWS calculation with dynamic canopy structure in the ORCHIDEE

By planting trees grow up at the Fontainebleau Forest (200 years from 1901 to 2100)

(ForestGALES Physics + ORCHIDEE Canopy Structure + Paris Climate)





Results – Model Calculated CWS for overtunning and stem breakage



Fig. 1 Simulated CWS for the smallest diameter class for overturning and stembreakage in forest that were further or closer to a forest edge on January 8th 2005.

The presented CWS are the average CWS for the four age classes of *Picea abies* simulated in ORCHIDEE. **CWS for overturning** in further area (A), **CWS for stem breakage** in further area (B), **CWS for overturning** in closer area (C), **CWS for stem breakage** in closer area (D).

CWS for overturning

CWS for stem-break

Results – Wind speed downscaling



 $U_{max} = a_0 U_{CRU-NCEP} + a_1 U_{CRU-NCEP}^2 + a_2 U_{CRU-NCEP}^3 + a_3 U_{CRU-NCEP}^4$

Experiment design- Case study of storm Gudrun in 2005

Forced climate (offline simulation)



McGrath et al. 2015, Naudts et al. 2016, Chen et al., in preparation

EXP1 – Modeling tuning

$$G = \left(\left(-2.1 \cdot \frac{D}{h} + 0.91 \right) \cdot \frac{x}{h} + \left(1.0611 \cdot \ln(\frac{D}{h}) + 4.2 \right) \right) \cdot G_{adj}$$

$$D_{\beta} = D_{max} \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\frac{U_{max} - CWS_{bk,ov}}{R_f})}} - \frac{1}{1 + e^{(\frac{CWS_{bk,ov}}{R_f})}} \right)$$



EXP2 – Modeling validation



EXP2–Storm Gudrun 2005



EXP3- Land-atmosphere interaction: Forests and clouds

The observation evidence of "forest breeze" at "Les Landes" and "Sologne" forests

Storm damage does change the cloud frequency.



Can these bio-physical and bio-chemical changes (reduce the local cloud frequency) drive the local climate change?

Teuling et al 2017

EXP3–Storm Klaus (2009)



Summary

- We adapted the physical based stand model ForestGALES to calculate CWS at large scales.
- When all parameters are constrained within observed ranges we can simulate a very reasonable damage for a large storm over Sweden and canopy structure changes of les landes forest due to the storm Klaus.

Remaining Issues:

- **Downscaling wind field:** Dynamic downscaling of gridded wind field from large scale model is still required to improve the model performance on the storm damage estimation and model coupling task.
- Subpixel heterogeneity: 1. Description of the gap size is time invariant, and the relationship between gap size and gustiness was not accounted for. 2. Topographic induced trees exposure to the wind and trees acclimate were also not considered. 3.Within a modeled grid, all tree species shared with a signal soil water column, thus the representation of soil water content heterogeneity may need to be improved for some unique cases.
- **Species parameters:** Within the ORCHIDEE-CAN 21 tree species, we only test five species. Some tree species parameters are still missed, which is assigned an average value from other species. Expanding the species parameters to a wide range is also required for the work of large scale experiment to investigate the feedbacks between the natural disturbances, such as fire, drought, storms in the global scale.

Applications:

- Wind risk map: Over storm prone areas including TW, JP or KO... the wind throw risk can be estimated.
- How the forest disturbances feedback to the climate?

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