

# Impact of the soil-vegetation model on CLM simulations

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## Motivation

performance of long term simulations with CLM on regional scale

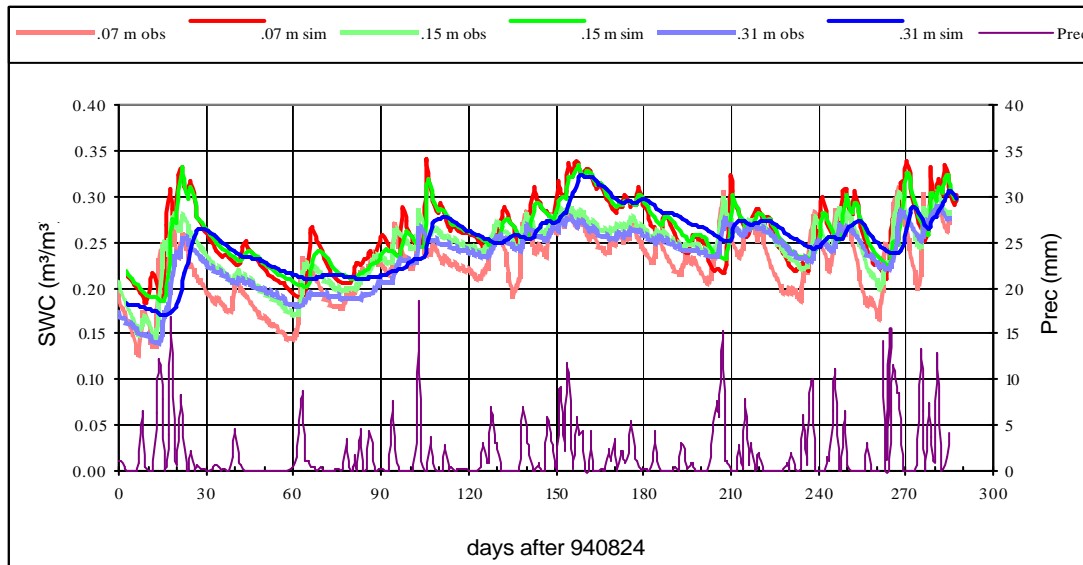
land-atmosphere feedback becomes very important on that scale

investigation of the influence of soil - vegetation model on PBL (near surface conditions, convection)

comparison of simulations with the TERRA\_LM and the VEG3D from the KAMM model

## Why use the VEG3D?

- Explicit modelling of vegetation layer (big leaf concept)  
=> Better simulation of e. g. temperature and humidity over high vegetation expected
- reliable long term behaviour shown in different simulations



## Differences between the two models

### Vegetation

VEG3D has a vegetation temperature  
TERRA\_LM uses the surface temperature for  
transpiration calculation  
Different calculation of transfer coefficients for  
heat and moisture in both models

### Water Transport

- Different formulations of hydraulic conductivity and hydraulic diffusivity
  - VEG3D: Van Genuchten
  - TERRA\_LM: Rijtema
- Reduction of water transport by ice in both models in different ways
- Runoff from soil layers

### Snow

- Snow temperature coupling with radiation more complex in VEG3D
- Both models calculate prognostic snow density and snow albedo aging with very different equations

## Model comparison

stand-alone-version to compare long term behaviour

- Data from different stations:

- Reklip (grassland)
- LOTREX-10E Field Experiment Hildesheimer Börde (wheat)
- Freiburg (forest)

simulations and comparison with observations of the CLM for  
southwest Germany

- Normal radiation days
- days with convection
- snow days

long term simulations with the CLM for several years

finished

in work

## Comparison stand-alone-version

latest version of soil model TERRA\_LM is used

same values for vegetation parameters like e.g. leaf area index, p  
over

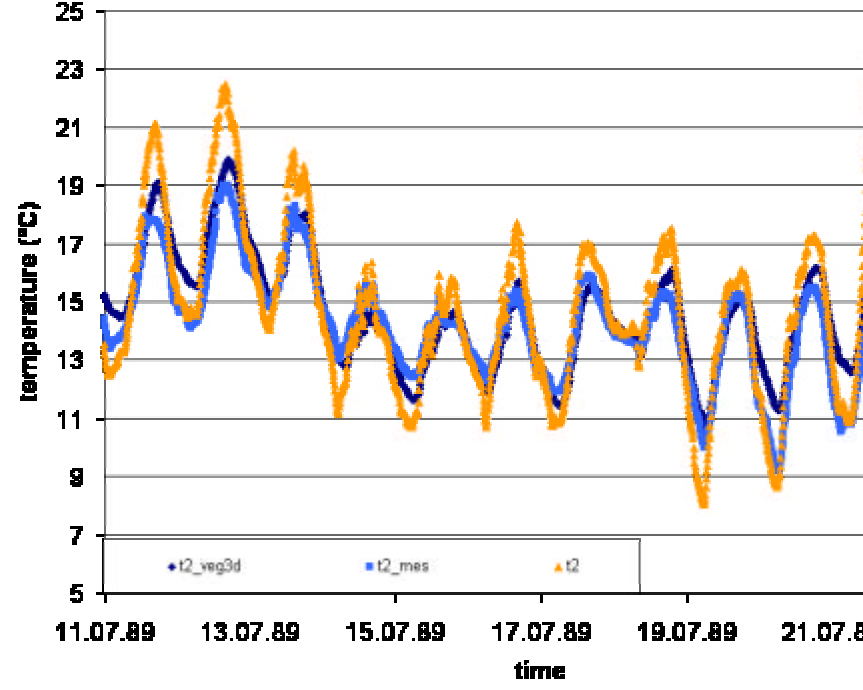
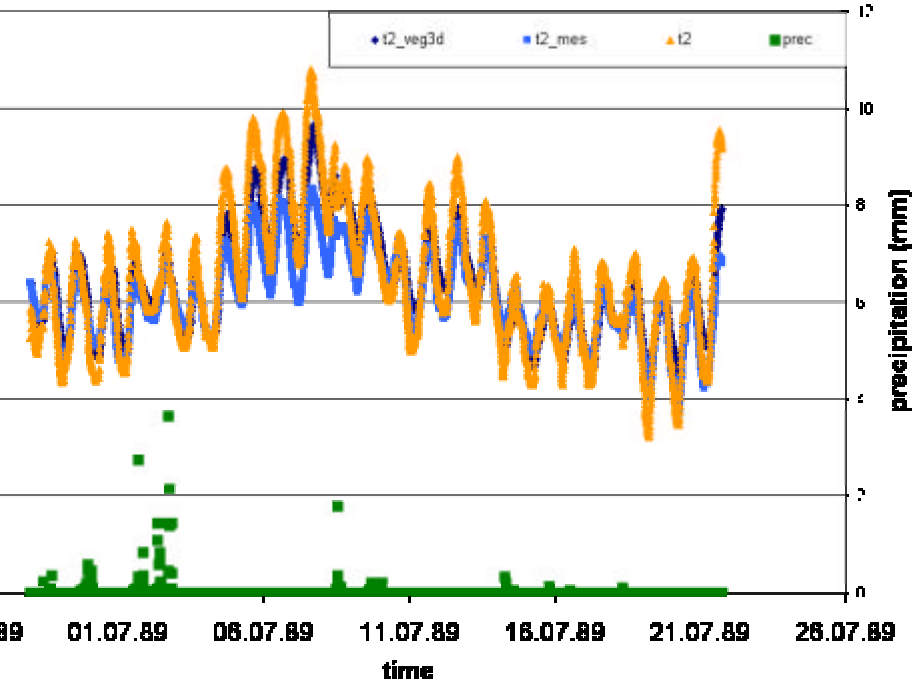
same soil type in both models where possible

measurement site at wheat field in Hildesheimer Börde (LOTREX  
summer 1989

soil type VEG3D : silt loam TERRA\_LM : clay loam

measured water content is an average over 20 cm

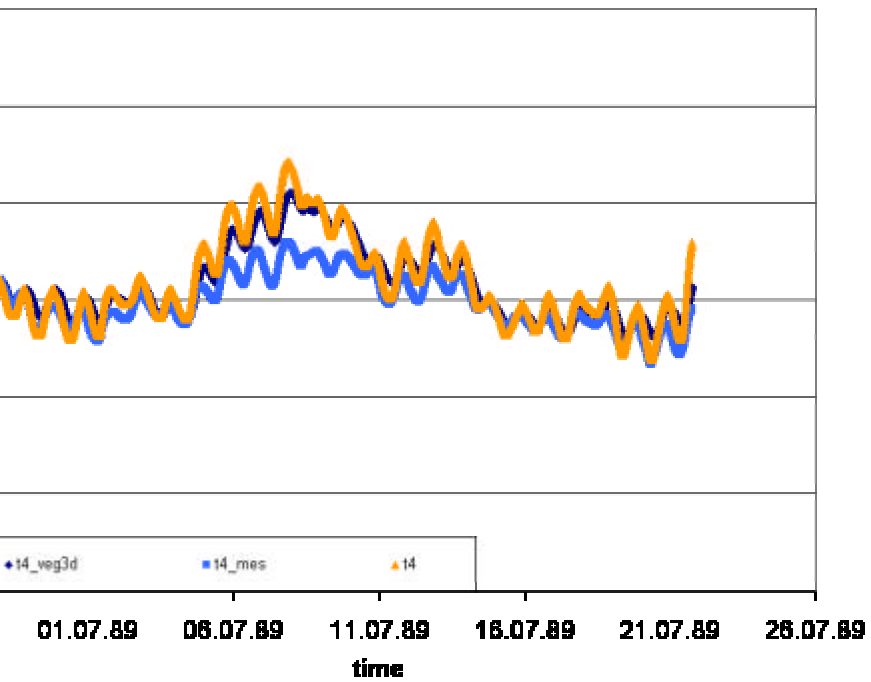
### Temperature in 3 cm



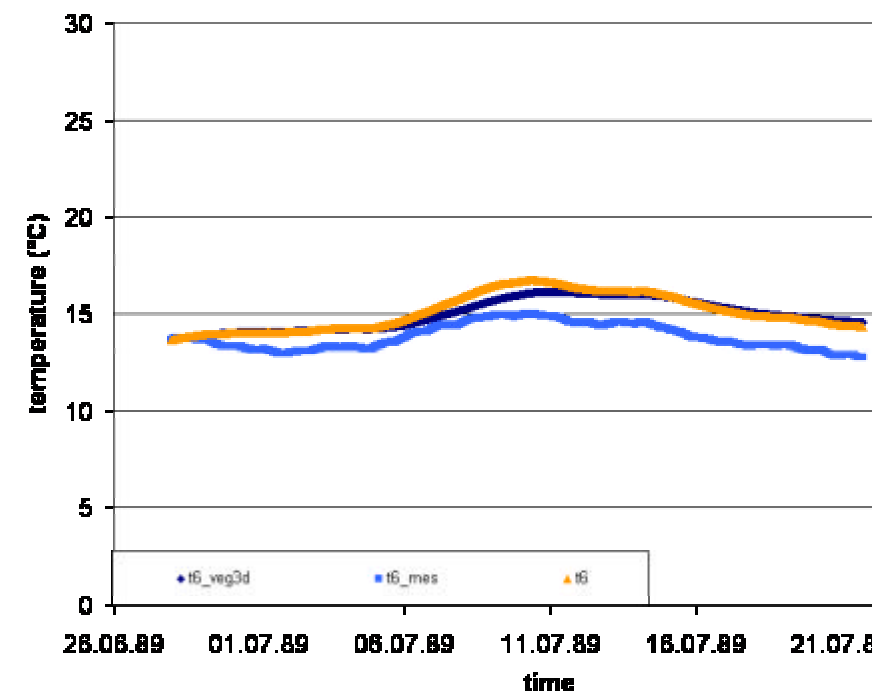
— VEG3D    — measurement    — TERRA\_LM

TERRA\_LM too warm during dry periods

### Temperature 15 cm

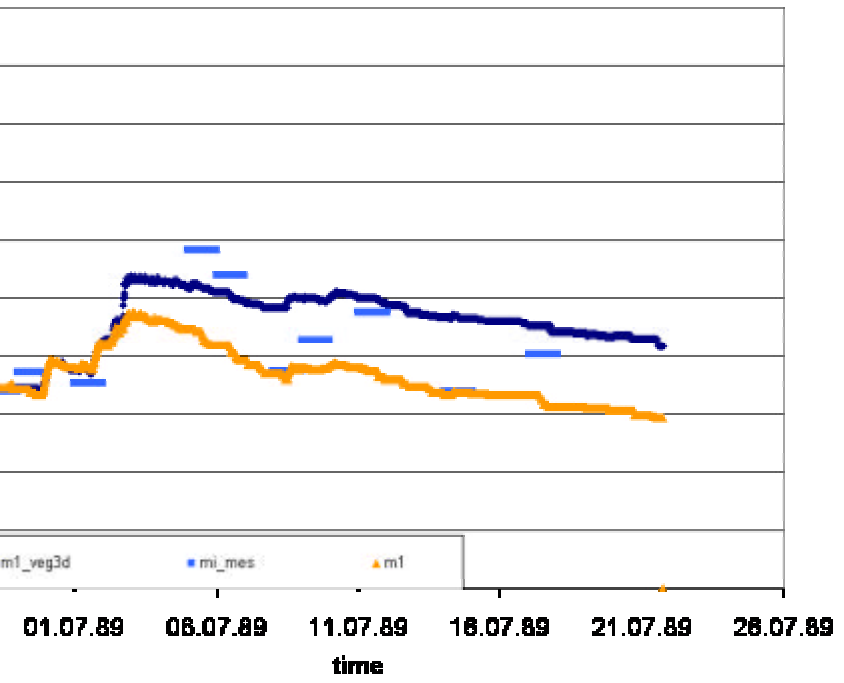


### Temperature 60 cm

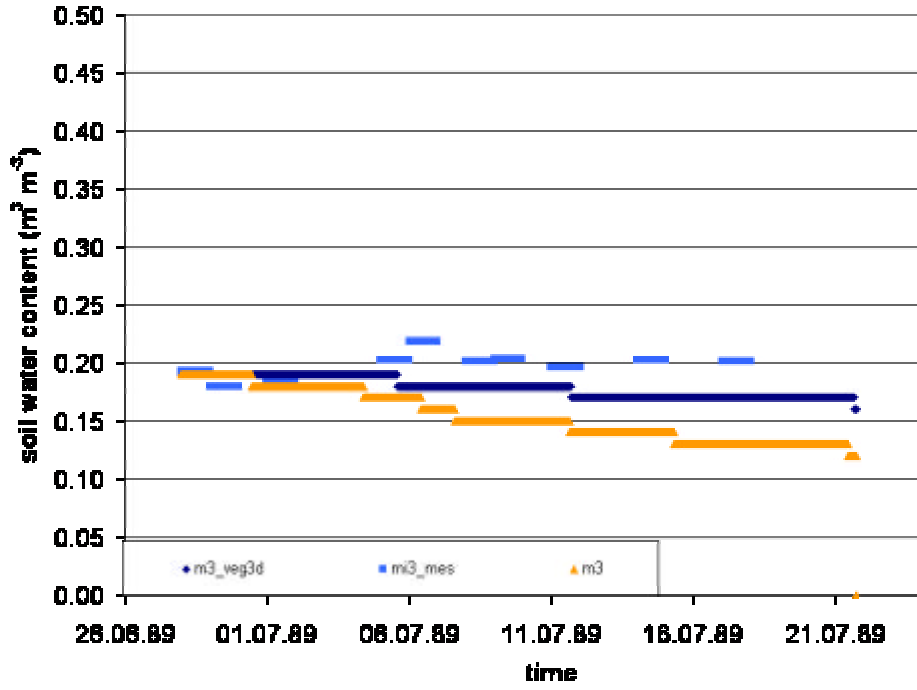


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Water content 0 – 20 cm

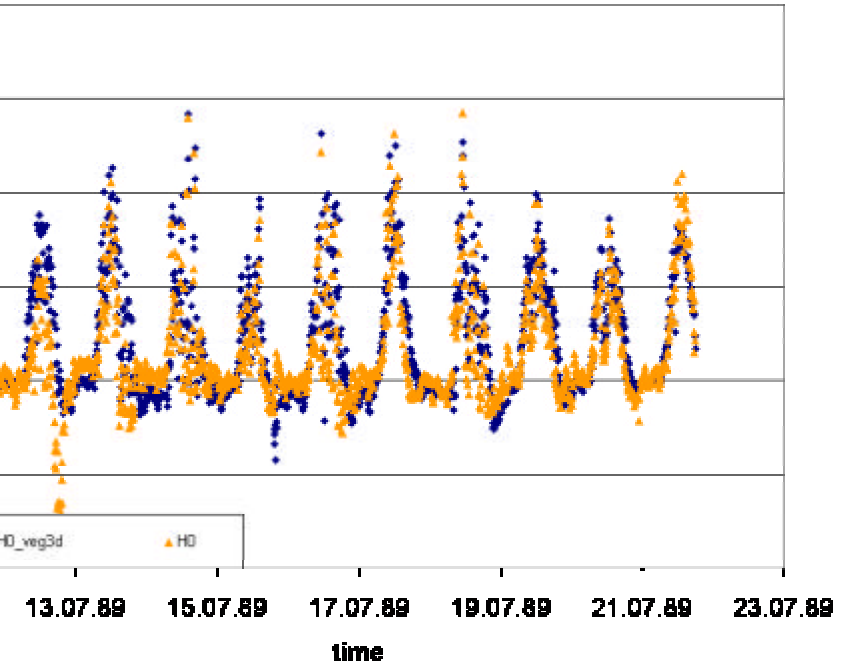


Water content 40 - 60 cm

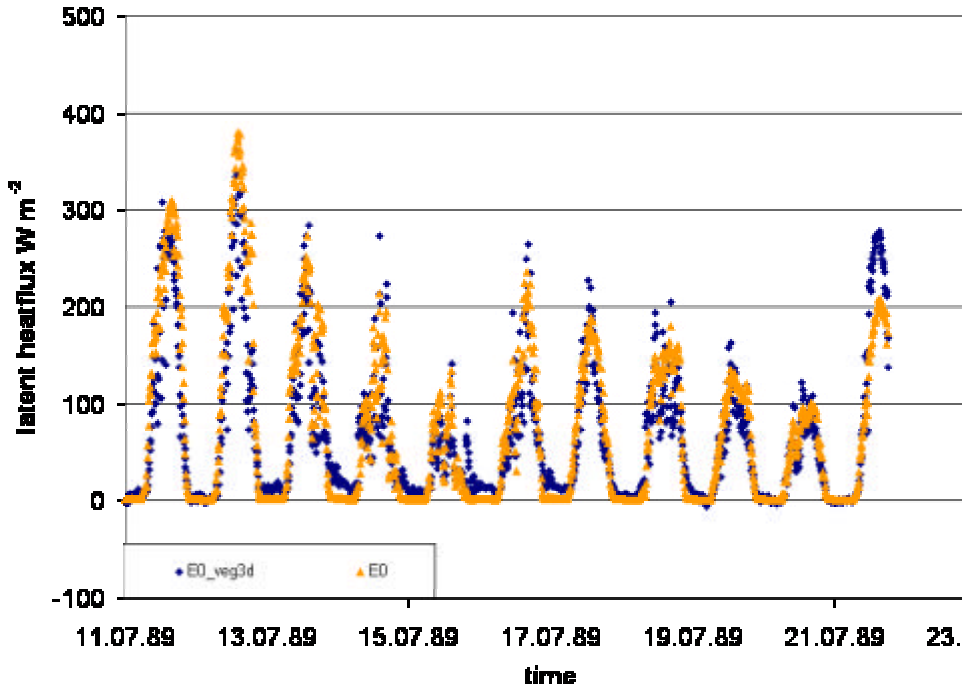


— VEG3D    — measurement    — TERRA\_LM

### sensible heat flux



### latent heat flux



— VEG3D      — TERRA\_LM

models are very sensitive to changes in plant characteristics

# Comparison of CLM simulations for south west Germany

simulations with CLM for a day with normal radiation (19.06.2005)

grid resolution 7km

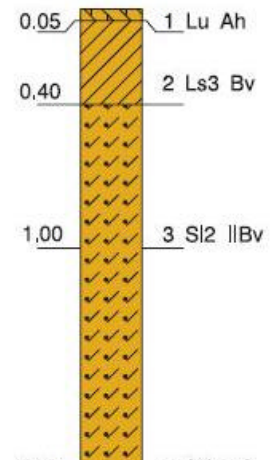
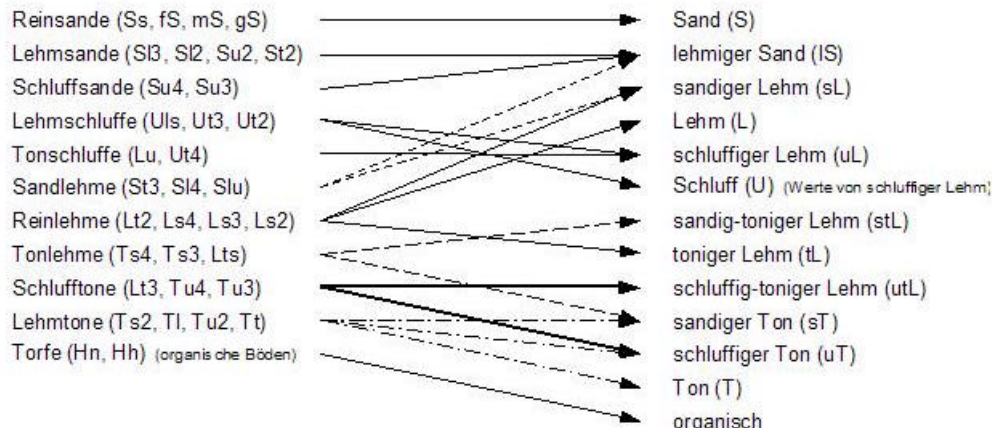
Veg3d land use data from GLCC data set

Veg3d has only 14 land use classes

soil type in Veg3d and Terra\_LM is the same

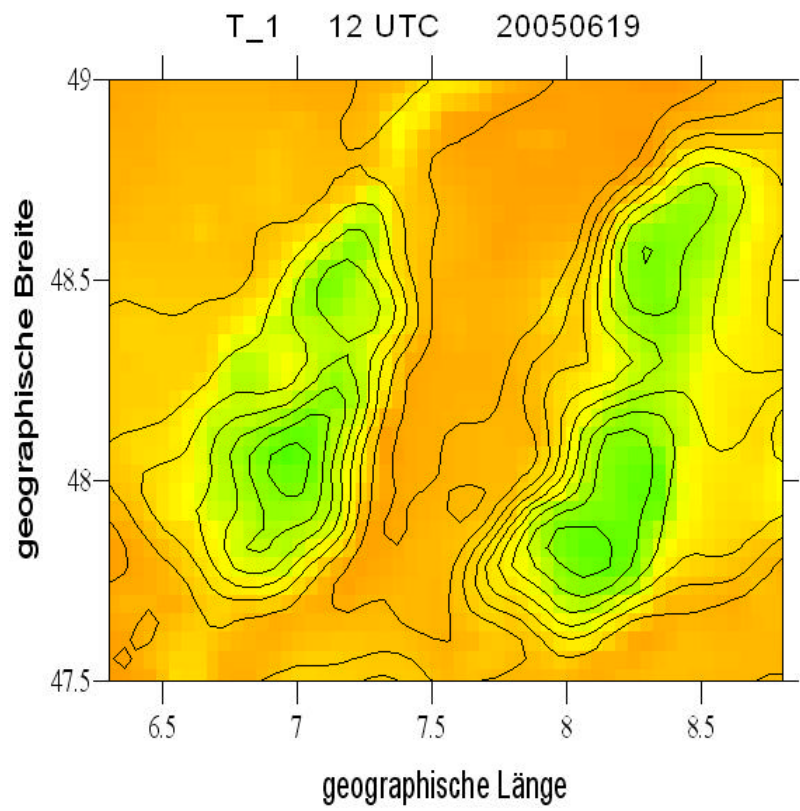
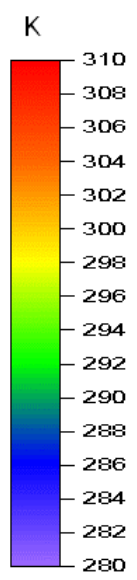
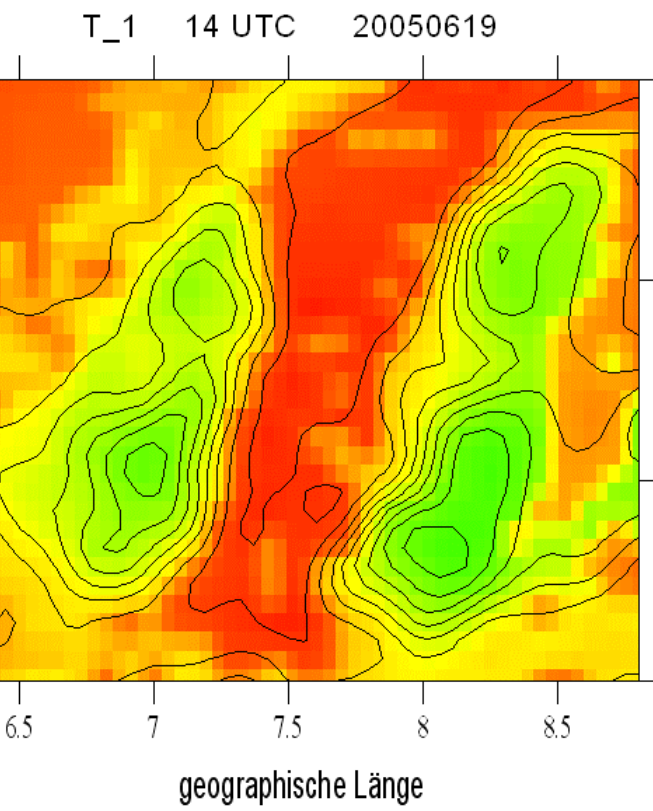
Possibility to use different soil types within  
a soil column in Veg3d

(soil horizons from “Hydrologischer Atlas Deutschland”)



# VEG3D

# TERRA\_LM



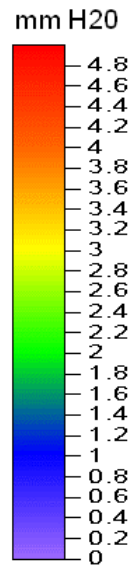
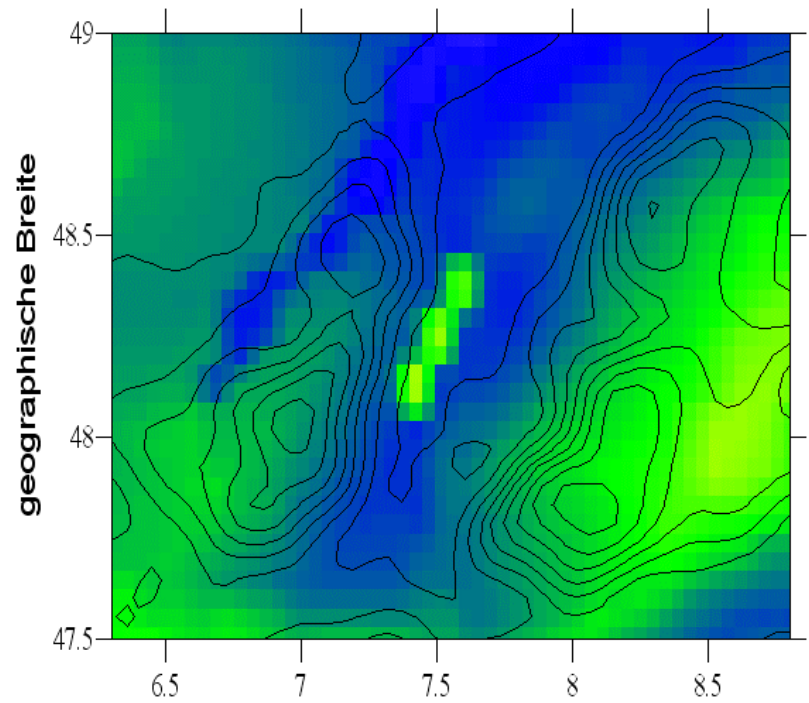
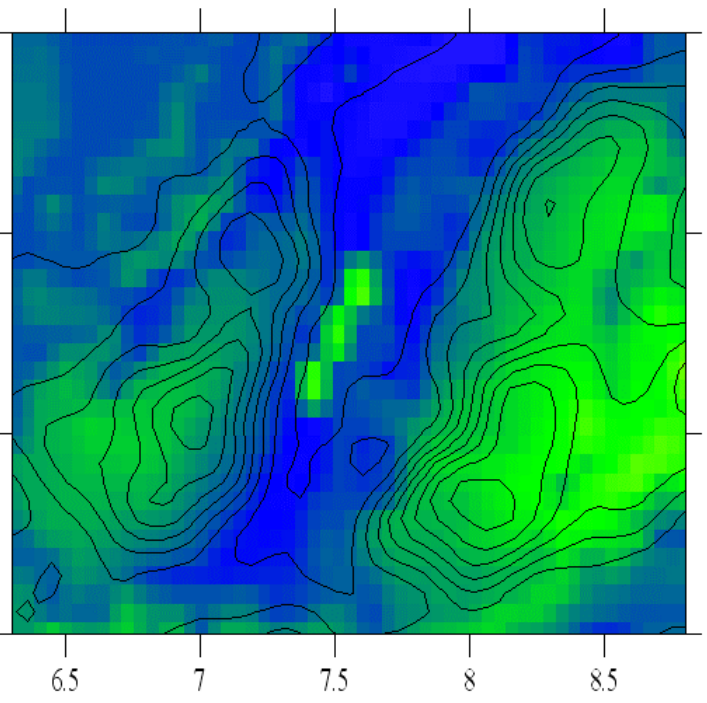
Temperature of first soil layer more structured in Veg3d

# VEG3D

# TERRA\_LM

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W\_1 12 UTC 20050619

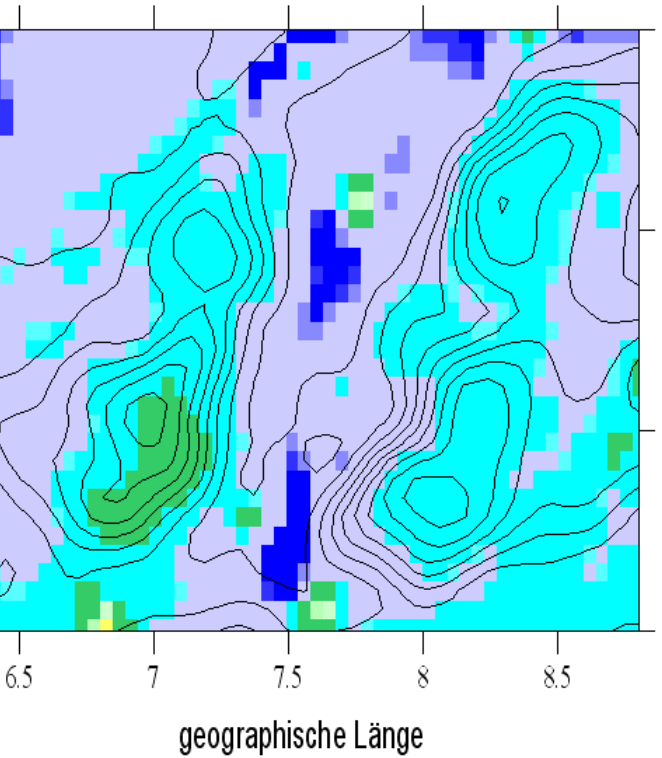


Humidity of first soil layer very similar in both models

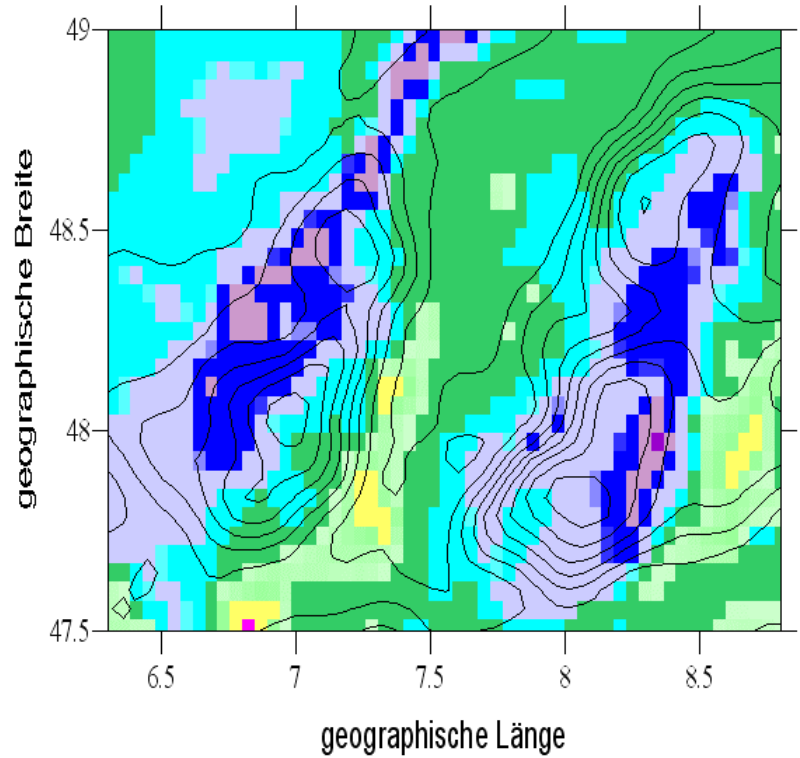
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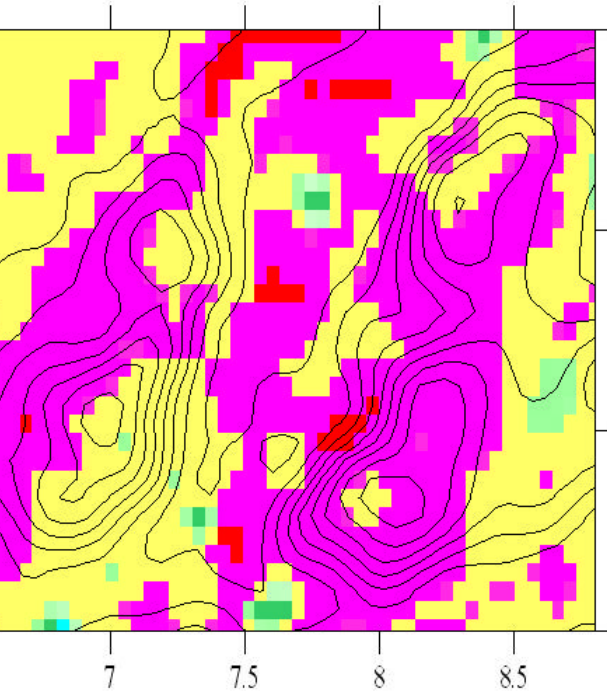
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Lower sensible heat flux over forest in TERRA\_LM

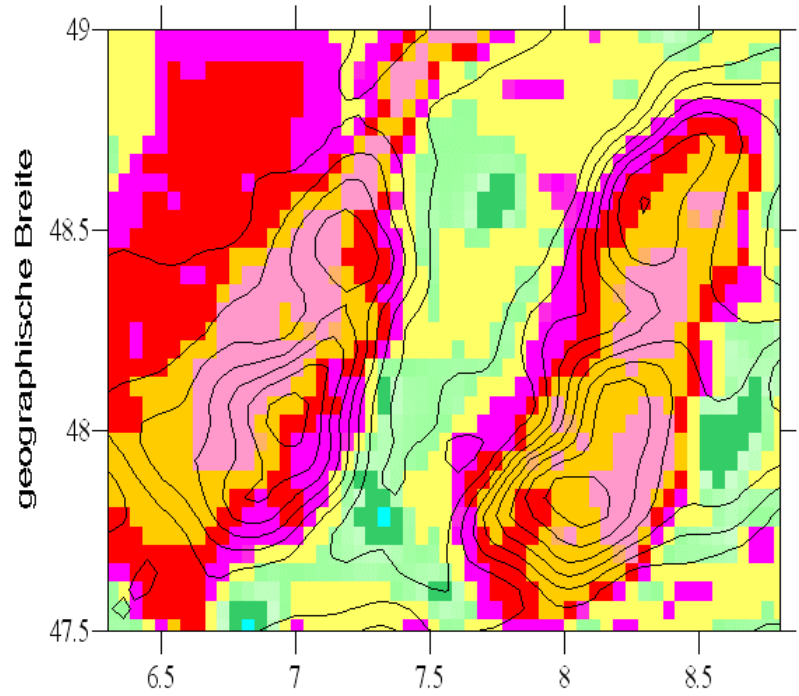
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# TERRA\_LM

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Higher latent heat flux over forest in TERRA\_LM

## Conclusions

Expected different behaviour of both soil-vegetation models compared to  
high vegetation can be seen in stand alone version and CLM  
simulation

Further simulations have to be conducted

- Stand alone comparison for other land use classes (e.g. forest)
- Comparison for snow and freezing periods
- long term simulations (waiting for new LM / CLM model version)