# Impact of surface heterogeneities on the fog life cycle during the SOFOG3D fog experiment

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# **Experimental data**

#### Measurements set-up

The SOFOG3D measurement campaign is:

- 6 months periods (from November 2019 to March 2020)
- 34 sampled fog episodes
- 15 IOPs
- 70 x 20 km<sup>2</sup> area
- 17 observation sites elevated from 28 m to 110m



Figure: color: ECOCLIMAP-SG database / circle: dominant Goggle-Earth cover



### **Experimental data**

Comparison between forest and non-forest sites from the whole measurement database

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- Iongitude
- altitude
- vegetation cover





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#### Caution

More measurements in the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the winter





### **Experimental data**

1.0

0.0

-0.5

-1.5

F

-1.0

#### Comparison between forest and non-forest sites from the whole measurement database



- water - NoForest - Forest

- Delayed initiation on forest sites
- No impact of ground cover during dissipation
- Shorter fog durations in forest
- Higher visibilities (3m) in the forest

Figure: Average deviation from the mean state during each fog episode at the different sites represented by their initials. The pie chart surrounding each initial represents the vegetation cover distribution within a 100m radius around the measurement point.

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Lower temperatures, humidities and wind speeds at the forest sites during the three hours preceding the fog formation

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#### Numerical set-up and sensitivity tests

**Meso-NH** (Lac et al., 2018) configuration on the most documented IOP (**6**-11-14):

- Initialization / Coupling: AROME-ARPEGE analyses or AROME-IFS forecasts
- Run 2-way grid nesting **500m** (300×180pts) to **100m** (600×400pts)
- 138 vertical levels (71 from 3m to 1km)
- Convective scheme: EDMF (Pergaud et al. 2009) for 500m domain
- EcRad
- Orography: SRTM 90m (dad 500m) 30m (son 100m)
- Land cover, surface : ECOCLIMAP-SG databases
- Turbulence: 1D at 500m, 3D at 100m (Cuxart et al. 2000)
- 2-moment microphysics: LIMA (Vié et al. 2016)
- Subgrig condensation scheme at 500m



Figure: a) orography over the 500m resolution domain, and b) ECOCLIMAP-SG (300 m) databases over the 100m resolution domain

#### Sensitivity tests to measure the impact and define the best configuration



Figure: a) all sites mean variability initiation versus dissipation time of fog, and b) mean variability of the visibility versus effective duration of the fog episode for observed available sites (black cross). The mean value for forest sites is represented by a triangle and by a point for other sites.

Coupling files	Physics	Surface				
AROME-ARPEGE analyses	Mixing length: BL89 (500m)	ISBA-3L vs ISBA-DIF				
AROME-IFS forecast	DEAR (100m) vs HM21 (both)	ECOCLIMAP-II vs ECOCLIMAP-SG				
IFS	Microphysics: ICE3 vs LIMA	Tree drag				
		Tree drag + tree deposition				

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Figure: Temporal evolution of a) observed and b) simulated reflectivities (colors) by the vertical (logscale) doppler radar BASTA, and the total liquid water path (black line) from the HATPRO microwave radiometer

The simulated reflectivity profiles are relatively close to the observationsThe simulated LWP is more important





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Figure: Temporal evolution of observed (plain lines) and simulated (dashed lines): a) visibility (m), b) 2 m temperature (degree Celcius), c) specific humidity (g/kg), d) and 10 m wind speed, from West to East at Moustey, Jachére, Forêt Tanon and Noaillan sites.

The model successfully reproduces the meteorological situation leading to fog formation: cooling, lower humidity, wind speed

- The cooling is too slow
- Delayed fog initiation
- Variability at the initiation and dissipation slighty underestimated

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#### Difference Forest/non Forest in the 100m simulation for all the grid points



Figure: Averaged and differences (colors) of Forest (green) and NoForest (orange) grid points (over 80%): a) 10m wind speed b) droplets mixing ratio (2m, plain line, and 50m dashed line), c) 2m TKE (plain line), and its thermal (dashed lines) and dynamical (dotted lines) production, d) specific huidity, e) ground temperature (plain line) and humidity (dashed line), f) temperature: and e) Sensitive (olain line) and latent (dashed line) heat flux.



- Lower wind speed over F than NF like in the observations
- Higher TKE over F than NF (by shear)
- Lower T close to the ground over F than NF like in the observations, due to lower H, while soil T is higher and due to lower wind speed
- Lower humidity close to the ground over f than NF before fog initiation like in the observations even if LE is similar due to lower wind speed
- Cloud content is lower over F than NF like in the observation

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### Conclusion



#### Analysis of the 6 months campaign measurements

- Delayed fog initiations for the forest sites with higher visibilities
- Lower temperature, humidity and wind in forest sites

#### **IOP simulations**

- Sensitivity tests: strong impact of large-scale conditions on the fog cycle then the surface representation and physical parameterization
- Impact of the F/NF cover slightly underestimated in the simulation, probably due to insufficient spatial resolution
- But the F/NF distinction over all the grid points allows to reproduce the observations results and to better understand:
  - The lower H in F explains the lower T
  - The lower wind probably explains the lower cloud content
  - In agreement with Mazoyer et al.(2017) with a sheltering effect near the trees reducing the wind and increasing the TKE

# Curently : Writing of a paper for QJRMS

**Questions?** Comments?



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	Мо	CS	Ja	Ch	BC	FT	СТ	FC	Tu	MS	UK	Но	Vi	No	Во	Gr	Ni
obs	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	F	NF	F	F	NF	NF	F	NF	NF	NF	F	F
eco-SG	NF	NF	NF					F	NF	NF	F	F	F		F	F	F
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Table: Dominant (higher than 80%) land cover (F for Forest, NF for NoForest) observed within a 100m radius and obtained from the ecoclimap version II and ecoclimap second generation databases over the 100m on the simulation domain at 100m resolution.



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#### **IOPs reflectivities**



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