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Introduction & Objectives

General guideline : European Water Framework Directive (2000) → Reduce pollutant in water. In France : ECOPHYTO (2008-2018) → reduce amount of pesticide used by 50 %.

• One dimensional models : widely use in regulation procedure for pesticides leaching in U.E : MACRO, PEARL, PRZM (FOCUS 2001).

• **Context** : in tile drained soils, the drained water dynamic affects transport of water and solute in soils. Preferential flow is also recognized as a key process for pesticide exportations in structured soils (e.g, Jarvis, 2007).

• Our objectives :

- Estimate the role of the drained water table and preferential flow in pesticide fate.
- Evaluate advantages, disadvantages and efficiency of MACRO and HYDRUS-2D using a long term validation period.

1-Field description

 The site of la Jaillière is an European reference for drained soils (Fig.1), and used for homologation.

 Located in North West of France. The climate is temperate oceanic with 705 and 724 mm of precipitation and potential evapotranspiration, respectively.

 Long term monitoring for water (1987-2013), Nitrate (1988-2013) and pesticides (1994-2013).

Short step data for bromide and two pesticides :
Diflufenican (DT50 = > 140 d, Koc = 2000 L.Kg⁻¹)
Isoproturon (DT50 = 15 d, Koc = 124 L.Kg⁻¹)



Fig. 1 : Location of the site of la Jaillière and distribution of this drainage scenario (D5) in Europe (FOCUS, 2001).

Tab. 1 : Main soil characteristics of the plot T4.

Horizon	Thickness	Clay (%)	Silt (%)	Sand (%)	О.М (%) ^а	Bulk density (g.cm3)	рН (water)	Structure	
Ар	30	20.8	44.6	34.6	2.17	1.55	6.3	Blocky	



Initial condition : 6 months « blanks » simulation for 2005-2006. For the validation step, continuity was assumed between years (water and solutes).

Upper boundary : Hourly rainfall. Evaporation and transipiration rate calculated by MACRO and also used by HYDRUS. Water and solute enter into matrix domains.



E	18	25.9	41.3	32.8	0.77	1.63	7	Blocky
Bt	17	49.2	35.3	15.5	0.46	1.7	5.6	Prismatic
Bt/C	45	42.7	35.8	21.5	0.36	1.7	4.9	Blocky

• Corn-winter wheat rotation with conventional tillage.

 Drained (0.9 m deep and 10 m spacing) Stagnic luvisol located on a flat plateau.

 Visible fractures, earthworms burrows and roots channels on the field (photo 1).



Photo 1 : Fractures at the soil surface, April 2013.



Bromide lag behind peak of drainage following application and is simultaneous with drainage during the itensive drainage season (IDS).

Pesticides peaks are ahead drainage and bromide peaks in both season.

→ Does the drain water table dynamic influence pesticides exportations ?

Conclusion & perspectives

Solute transport : it's seems that pesticides are mainly transport by macroporosity in our soils. HYDRUS-DPM results will certainly give some additional proofs.

 MACRO : give acceptable results for water, and once calibrated for Isoproturon. Problem to correctly simulate pestistant and strongly sorbed component → A need for some chemical processes representation.
Some code problems in this version (tillage, kinetic sorption).





 HYDRUS-2D : can be used to represent complex problems
→ Yet convergence problems is time consuming (no bug report). Dualpermeability need 17 parameters (for water) which can lead to some convergence and equifinality problems. No roots and crop evolution in time
→ problematic for validation procedure. However HYDRUS can certainly provide significant informations on water and solutes processes.

Next steps :

1- Compare initial and calibrated results with simulations using field and laboratory data : Conductivity and retention curves, phyisico-chemicals key parameters in each layer.

2- Use both physical and chemical non-equilibrium to account for formation of bound residues in soils and sorption kinectics.

Photo 2 : Tension Disc infiltrometry on the surface plough layer. April 2013.

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for the two periods of monitoring, yet underestimate for DFF.

HYDRUS-SP partly represents bromide dynamic(Fig. 4b, 4c) but concentrations are still increasing following application. Predicted pesticide concentrations are low



Tab. 2 Drainage (Dc), isoproturon and diflufenican cumulated flux simulate by MACRO and HYDRUS-SP compared to the 10 years data. Data in **bold** represent acceptable results. Simulated data in **blue** and **orange** fail to predict water and solute, respectively.

	Data			MACRO						HYDRUS-SP					
Year	Year		li li	Initial parametrization		Calibrated			Initial parametrization			Calibrated			
	D _c (mm)	IPU _c (mg/ha)	DFF _c (mg/ha)	D _c (mm)	IPU _c (mg/ha)	DFF _c (mg/ha)	D _c (mm)	IPU _c (mg/ha)	DFF _c (mg/ha)	D _c (mm)	(mg/ba)	FF _c (mg/h	D _c (mm)	IPU _c (mg/ha)	DFF _c (mg/ha)
1995	500	-	-	403	0	0	434	-	0	156				Does not converge	
1996	109	1449 ^a	95 ^a	128	11790	0	141	1436	2	85	3	0	71	6	2
1997	165	-	4	171	3	0	189	0	18	93	0	9	27	0	3
1998	193	No data ^a	4	233	560	34	252	68	270	104	1	3	121	2	2
1999	290	-	-	327	5	124	354	0	307	202	0	1	149	0	0
2000	382	5364 ^a	0	311	20000	74	336	2059	198	156	0	1	181	15	0
2001	512	-	-	509	85	83	546	16	196	246	0	0	255	0	0
2002	144	632 ^a	0 ^a	208	5184	32	228	791	46	84	1	0	68	1	12
2003	329	-	0	185	1	11	205	0	15	90	0	0	55	0	2
2004	236	2131 ^a	228 ^a	231	23510	5	248	2247	25	95	10	1	Does not converge		erge
2005	10	-	0	75	0	12	92	0	3	29	0	0	0	0	0
2006	121	1016 ^a	8.5 ^a	122	127500	28	125	210	20	78	2	1	103	0	27

Drain flow: Cumulated drainage is reasonnably well predicted by **MACRO** with or without calibration. However, Nash-Sutcliffe coeffecient (between 0.2 and 0.7) and analysis of hourly data (not shown here) shows understimation of simulated drain flow during IDS for all campaigns. **HYDRUS-SP** underestimate cumulated drainage due to overestimation of transpiration and runoff.

Solute : MACRO and **HYDRUS-SP** do not match Isoproturon exportations and fail to predict DFF exporations during the campaign following application without calibration. Once calibrated **MACRO** matchs well IPU losses and overestimates long term exportation of DFF; **HYDRUS** does but this is due to a really slow migration. For the same reason HYDRUS simulate low IPU exportation due to higher degradation rate.

Some problems occurred in the last week concerning upper boundary conditions. We realized that the parameter governing repartition of water and solute between matrix and fractures was stuck. Thus, all solute and water got in macroporosity and change flow and flux dynamics. We solve the problem (thanks to J.Simunek) but others problems have happened since.