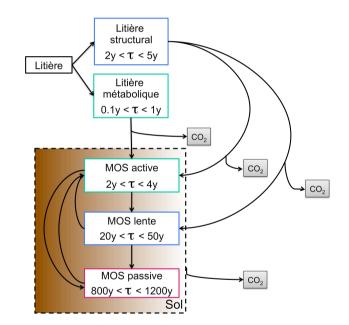
The soil carbon scheme in ORCHIDEE: presentation of the future developments





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THE ORCHIDEE MODEL

• Simulate Energy, Water and Carbon fluxes at the land surface/atmosphere interface.

- To be used for being the 'land surface' component of a Earth system model (IPSL-CM5).
- Global => to represent the main vegetation cover.
- For past, present and future climates
- Module of vegetation dynamic
- Process-based modelling



THE ACTUAL SOIL C MODULE

 CENTURY assumes that microbial biomass stay constant over the time.

 Mineralization controlled by soil C and not by microbial C

 Effect of temperature and moisture very (too?) simple

∂SOC

дt

Structural Litter Litter Metabolic Litter CO₂ Active SOM CO_2 CO2 CO₂ Slow SOM CO_2 CO_2 CO_2 Passive SOM Soil $= I - k \times SOC \times \theta \times \tau$



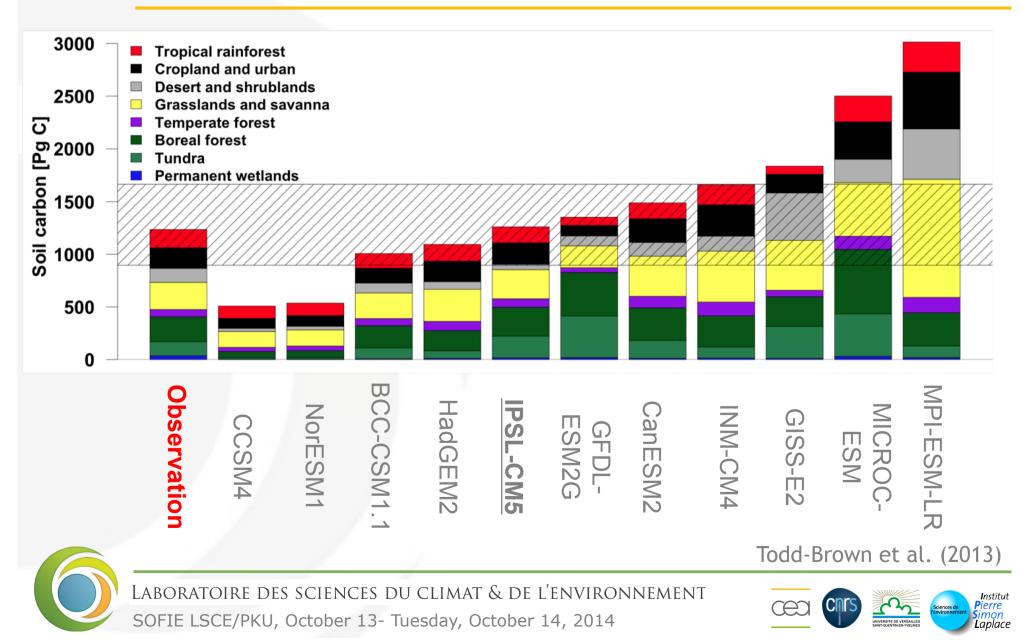
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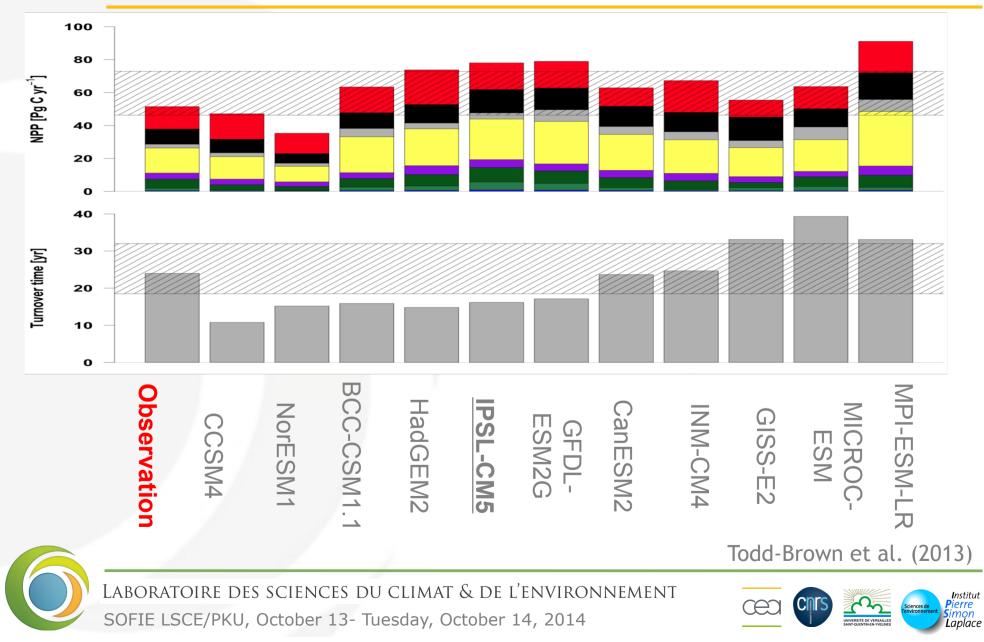


 CO_2

HOW GOOD ARE EARTH SYSTEM MODELS TO REPRESENT SOIL C STOCK



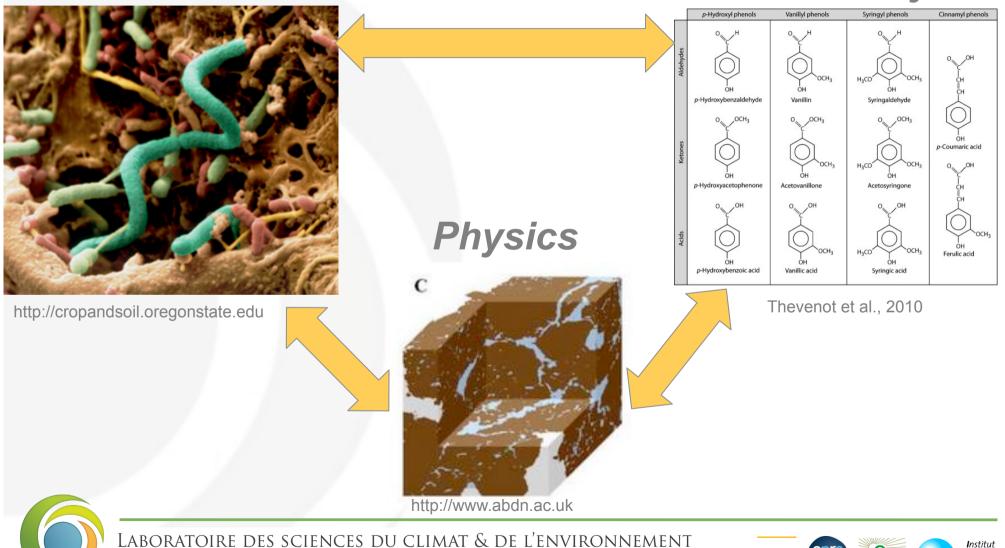
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SEVERAL IMPORTANT MECHANISMS ARE STILL MISSING



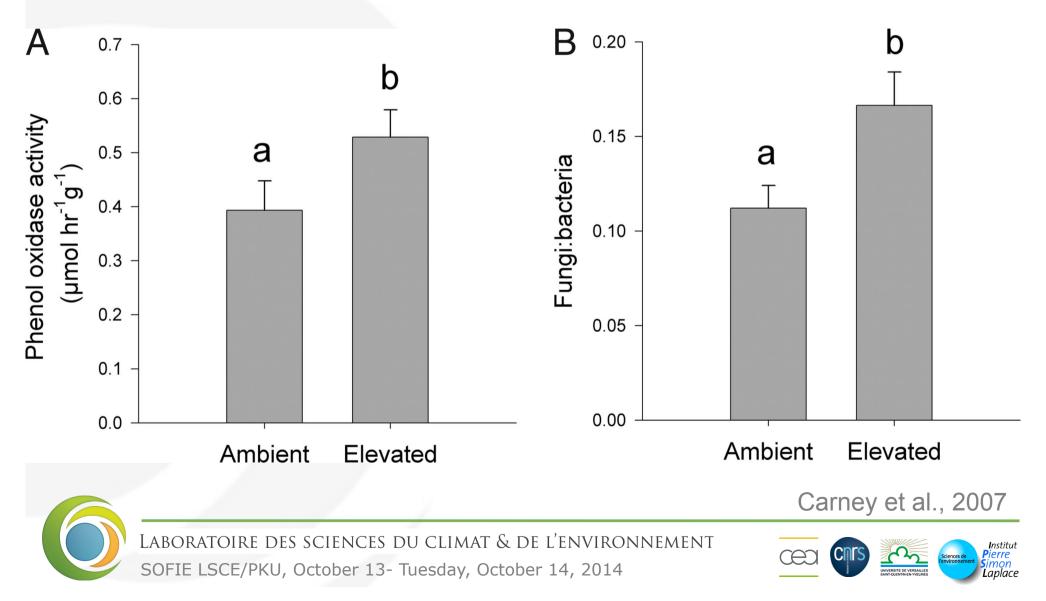






MICROBIAL ACTIVITY

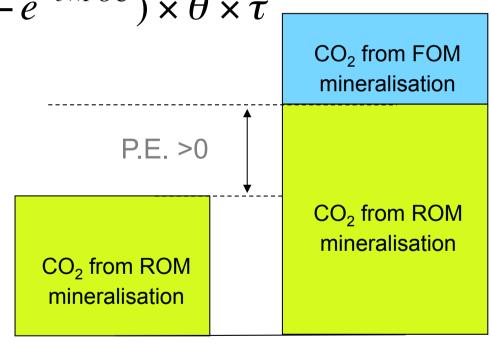
• Microbial biomass, community structure and functioning is sensitive to climate change, land use change, etc.



Based on Wutzler and Reichstein (2008) and adapted by Guenet et al., (2013)

$\frac{\partial SOC}{\partial t} = I - k_{SOC} \times SOC \times (1 - e^{-c \times FOC}) \times \theta \times \tau$

- Such approach is able to reproduce priming effect
- Assumes that microbial biomass is always in equilibrium with FOC



Soil without FOMSoil + FOMAdapted from Kuzyakov *et al.*, (2000)

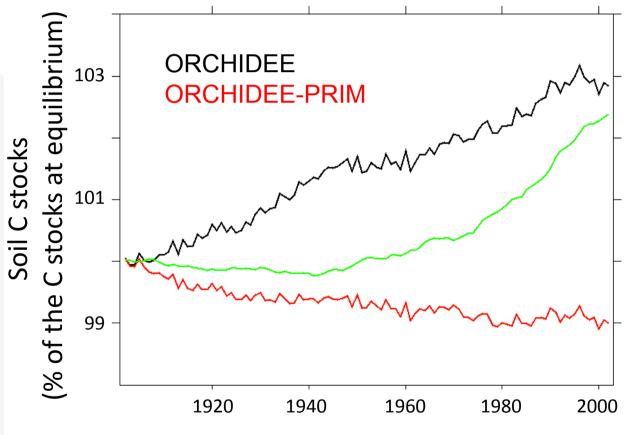


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A NEW SCHEME OF DECOMPOSITION

Such scheme modifies deeply the model behaviour



Years



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Soil Carbon discretization

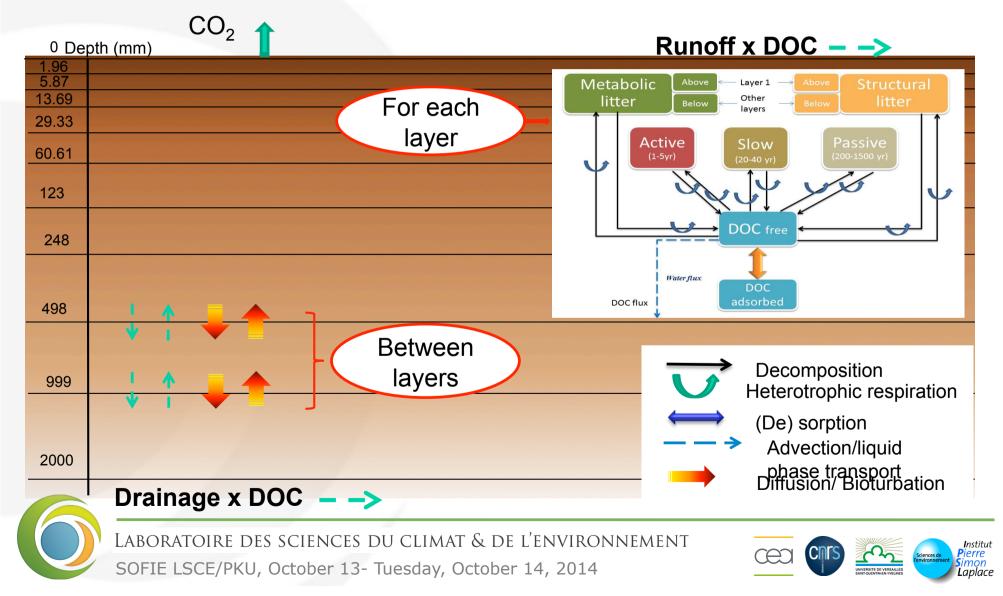
- Any models used for CMIP5 represent the soil C profiles.
- A substantial part of the soil C stored in deep layers (Jobbagy and Jackson, 2000)
- Deep C dynamic different from surface C (Fontaine et al., 2007)
- In ORCHIDEE any C is lost by drainage or runoff instead of the importance of allochtonous C in the aquatic ecosystems functionning (Cole et al., 2007, Bianchi et al., 2011)





Soil Carbon discretization

Soil C discretized using the same layers than hydrology scheme (11 layers). A new pool introduced (DOC)



Adsorption of DOC following initial mass isotherms

$$DOC_{ads} = Kd \times DOC_{free}$$

- DOC transported within the profile following the water movements (Futter et al., 2007) and exported following the runoff and the drainage fluxes
- POC and DOC transported using the second Fick's law

$$F_D = -D \times \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial z^2}$$

• Work in progress to parameterize the model.

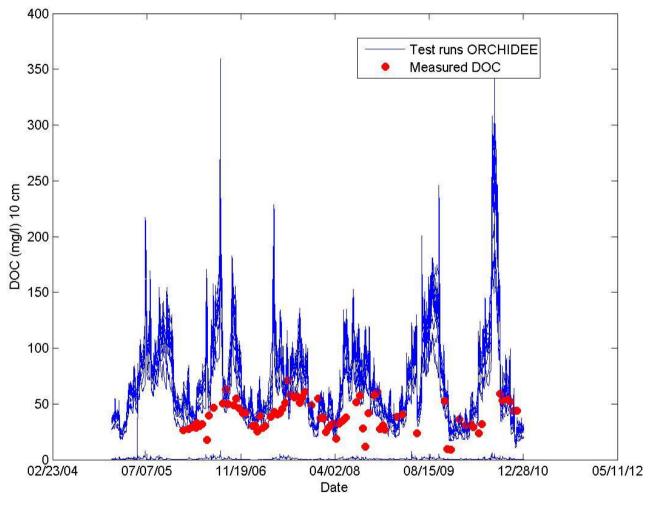


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Soil Carbon discretization

 Simulation at the Braaschaat site in Belgium with default parameter find in the literature.



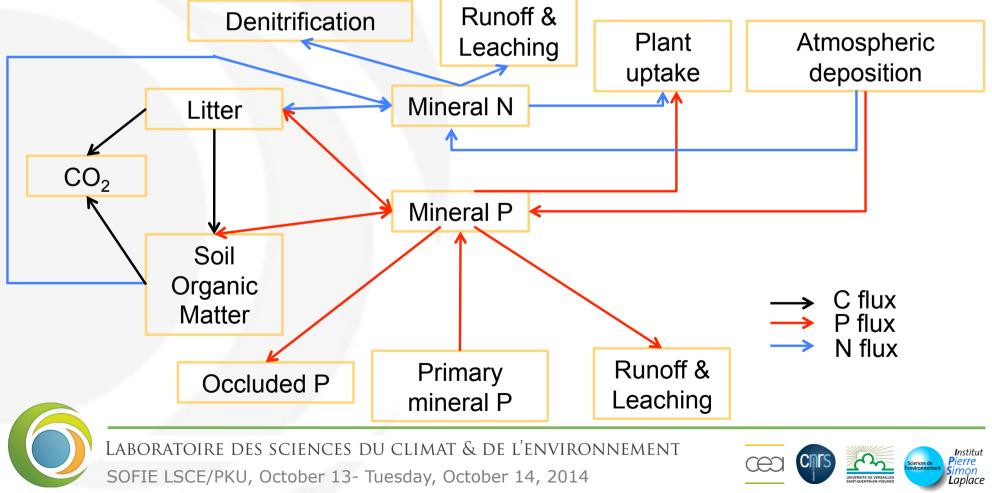


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Next steps

- Each pool will be discretized
- Pool of DOC, DON, DOP will be explicitly represented
- CNP dynamics controlled by explicit representation of microbial interactions



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