

PegOpera, a Software Suite dedicated to  
Surface Water Quality Assessment in the  
framework of the European WFD

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Introduction

The Pegase Model (focus on Surface Water Quality)

Working Scheme & specificities (loads)

Results and Applications (from stakeholders)

How to improve Diffuse loads

GW coupling

Conclusions

Major Principles  
Major differences in terms of  
driving forces (punctual, variability ...)  
spatial and temporal scales  
behaviour of the basins/rivers

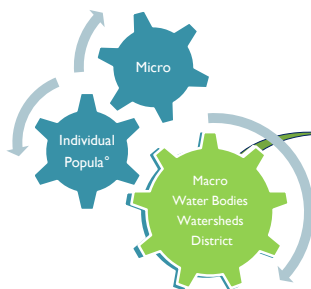
## Integrated Modelling Basin / River



WFD 2000/60/CE imposes (amongst other)

- Good Ecological Status for all WB in all member states
  - Rivers, lakes, Coastal areas, Wetlands, GW, soils, pools, ...
  - Ecology ← Physicochemical / Morphology / Biological
- For each District, an analyse of major characteristics (« State of the art »)
- Impact study of human activities on water resources
- Monitoring Network
- Management plans + related Measures to achieve good status objectives
- A list of the areas requiring special attention (protection)
- Economical analysis (related to water uses)

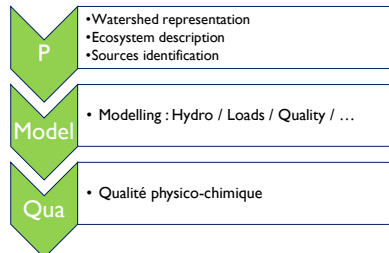
## Modelling Representation at Different scales



Needs

- Diagnostic
- Integrated approach
- Surface Water Quality
- Impacts on ecosystems
- Holistic vision
- District (e.g. Meuse)
- (Surface) Water Bodies
- Major parameters + Micropolluants ... ?
- Bioaccumulation

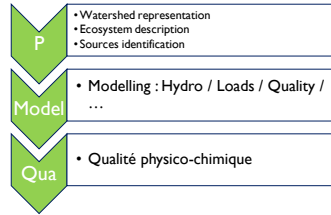
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## PEGASE Model

### Planification Et Gestion de l'Assainissement des Eaux Planning and Management of Water Purification



#### OBJECTIVES

- o Better understand the mechanisms of the hydro-system
- o Quantify "pressure-impact" relationships
- o Ease decision making (DSS)
- o Structure knowledge (including "Input Data")

#### 1) Simulation of surface water quality

- ✓ Relation Watershed / Rivers (→ extending "river" models)
  - ✓ Taking into account all Pertinent Pollutants loads and Discharges  
→ data structuration
  - ✓ Representation of the Aquatic Ecosystem and the Water Quality (O<sub>2</sub>, C, N, P, ...)
  - ✓ "Refined" description of river tree (≥ Thousands of rivers)
- Deterministic model and physically based

#### 2) Operational Decision Making Tool for

- ✓ Purification and Depollution
  - ✓ Management of aquatic environment quality / WFD / Management plans ...
- Continuous interaction with users



## PegOpera : a Water Quality Model

- Integrated model for rivers & watershed
- Complete Description of ecosystems (phytoplankton, bacteria...)
- Coherent and complete modelling of loads and discharges

Accurate Simulations for a few km<sup>2</sup> → several 100 000 km<sup>2</sup>  
 “Refined” Description of river tree (>> Thousands rivers)



### Results

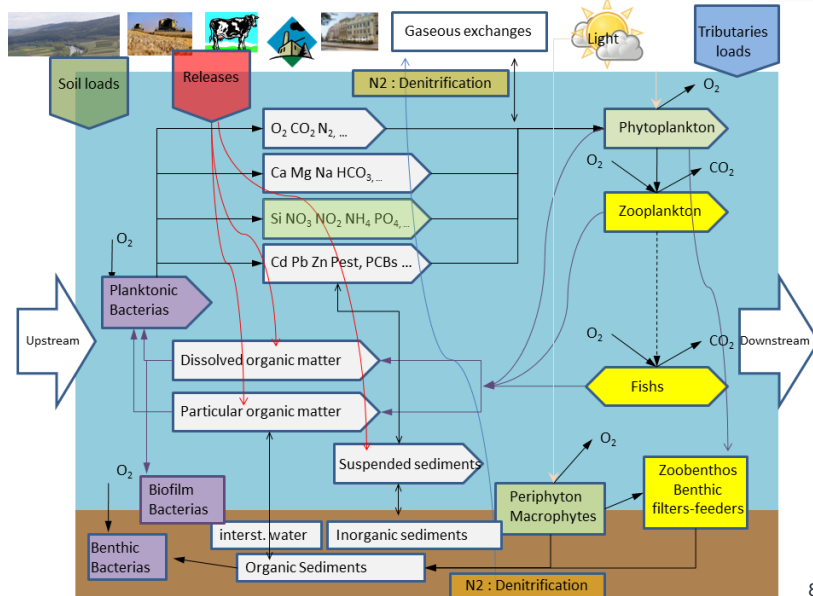
- Stationary and/or nonstationary Simulations (several CPU hours)
- Globalisation of results per river, water bodies, basin, ...
- Calculation of statistics for comparison
- (p90, mean, median, ...)



- ✓ User-friendly interface
- ✓ Linked to GIS
- ✓ Complementary Modules → WFD (cost/efficiency, balance, ...)
- ✓ Numerous IO Format
- ✓ Coupled to hydrogeological/hydrological/meteorological/... Modules if necessary
- ✓ Open MI Compliant

Used by the Administrations

## PegOpera : a Water Quality Model



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### Processes

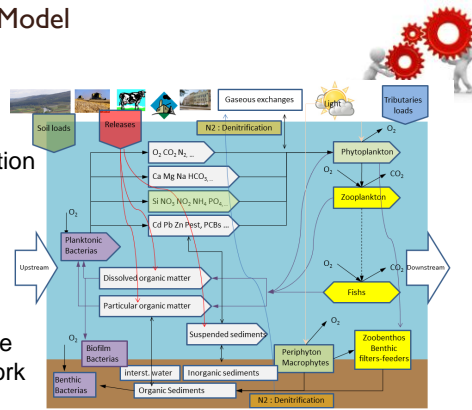
- primary production
- mortality, biomasses respiration
- degradation organic matter
- nitrification, denitrification
- reaeration
- sedimentation

### Variables

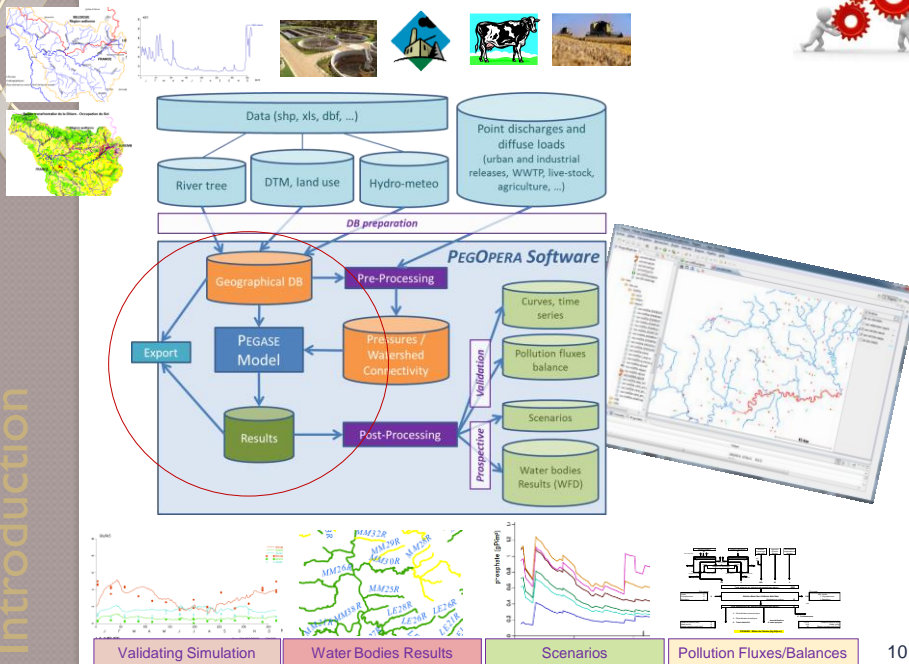
- flows, velocities, transfer time in the hydrographical network
- temperature
- concentrations : **OM, DOC, POC, COD, BOD, NH<sub>4</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>3</sub>, N<sub>Kj</sub>, P<sub>tot</sub>, PO<sub>4</sub>, dissolved O<sub>2</sub> (daily average, min, max) biomasses micropollutants (Heavy metals, ...)**

### Results

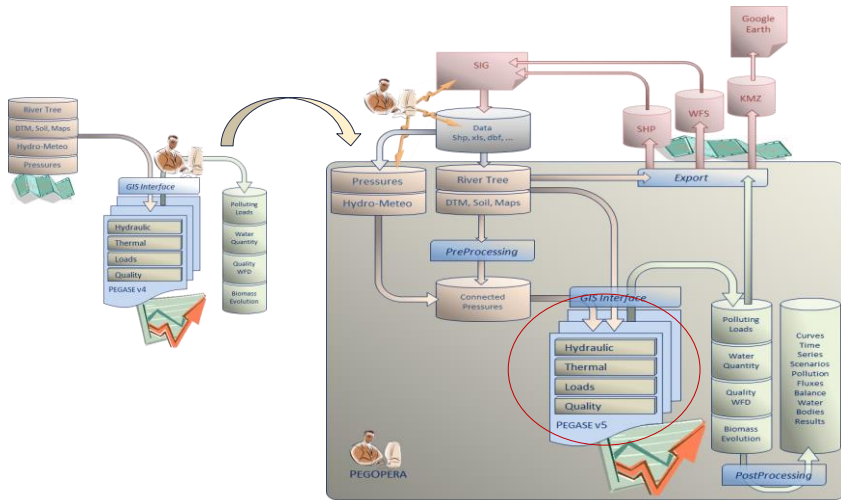
- Flows, temperatures, concentrations, ...
  - At each "Pegase node" of the modelled river network (hundreds of rivers)
  - For each day of simulation (daily average)



## PegOpera : Input Data and Results

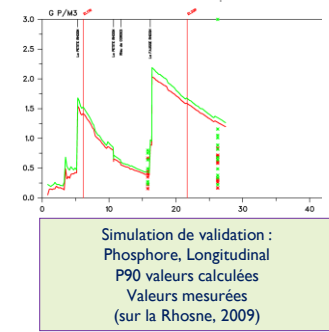
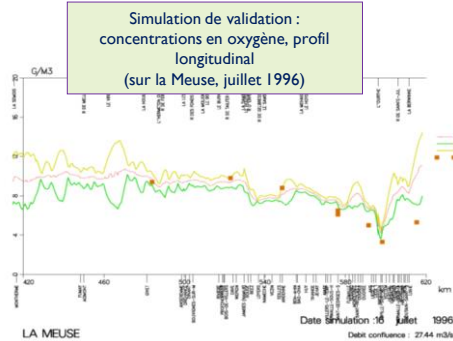
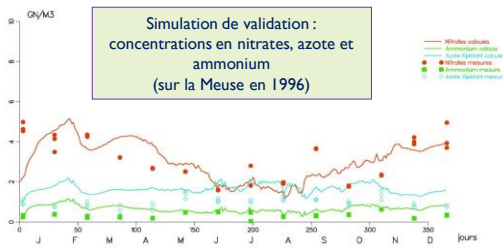


## PegOpera Working Scheme



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## PegOpera Model Results



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## Results [Variables]



- Flows, stages, velocities, ... in the river network ( $\Delta x \sim 200$  m)
- Ecosystem and water quality variables (daily average) :
  - Biomasses (bacteria, phytoplankton, ...)
  - Concentrations (BOD, COD, DOC, N, P, O<sub>2</sub>, μpollutants...)
  - Loads to water surfaces, fluxes
- Statistical values (p90, average, max, ...), globalization per waterbody
- Quality indexes (*Seq-Eau like*) : scale 1 - 100
 

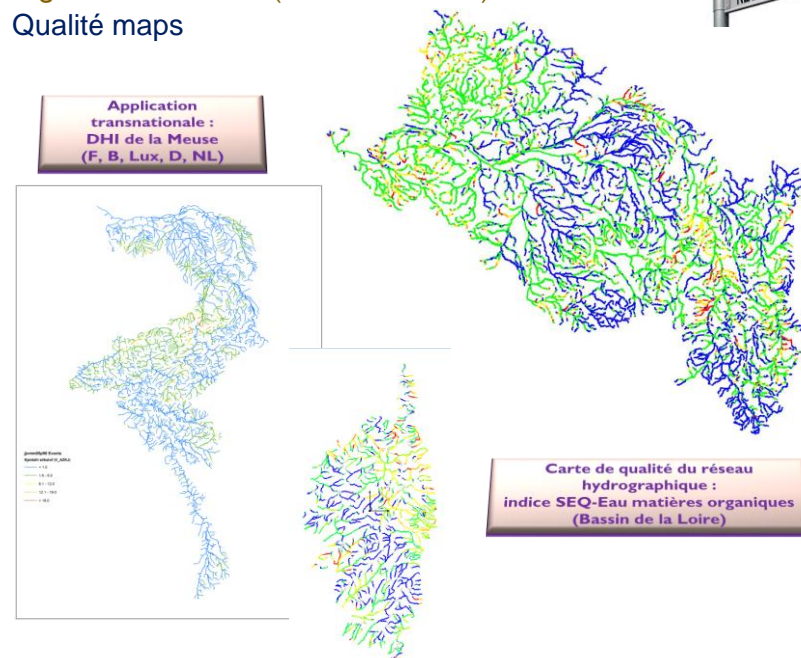
Bad	Poor	Moderate	Good	High
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- Presentation of results :
  - 2D maps (coloured codes for a visualization « per class »)
  - Longitudinal profiles (for each river), time series (for specific points)
  - Comparison with measurements (→ validation)
  - Comparison of scenarios
  - Balances of fluxes
  - Export (xls, dbase, shp, kml, ...)

NB. Water quality measurements are only used for validation

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## Pegase Model Results (Watershed/River)

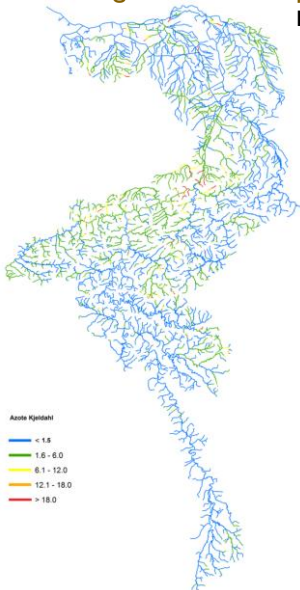
## Qualité maps



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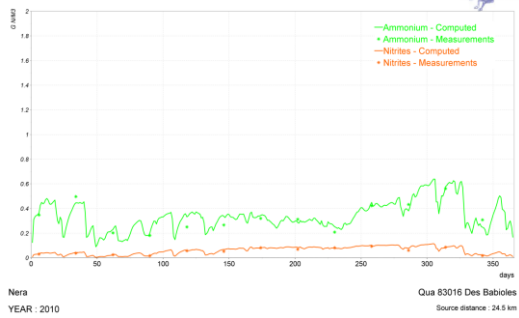
Type of Results  
WFD → State of the art

Knowledge of the river quality even where there are no measurements  
Kjeldahl Nitrogen p90 concentrations, Meuse basin



**Validation : comparison of results with measurements**

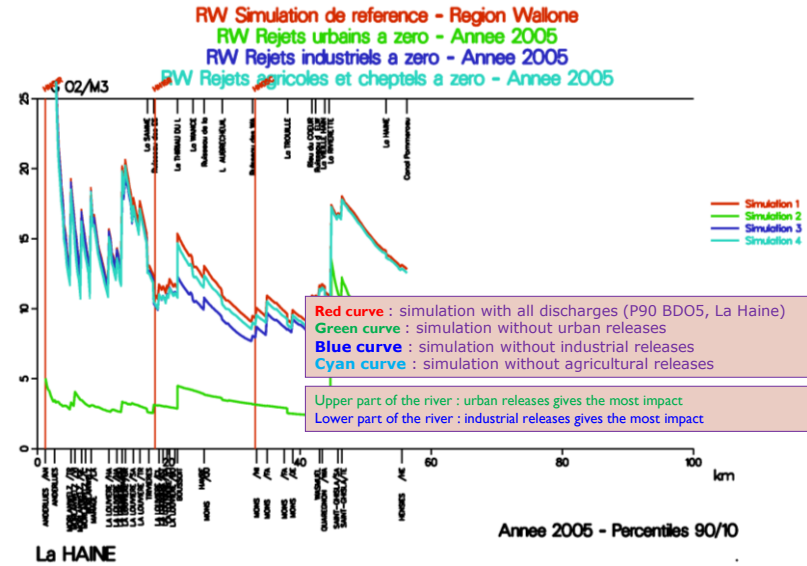
PEGASE - RIVER QUALITY SIMULATIONS - Fictitious domain "Pegase"  
Ammonium (NH4) and Nitrites (NO2) concentrations (GNM3)



Results [Pressure / Impact analysis]



**CONCENTRATIONS DANS LE RESEAU HYDROGRAPHIQUE "DBO5" CARBONE (G02/M3)**





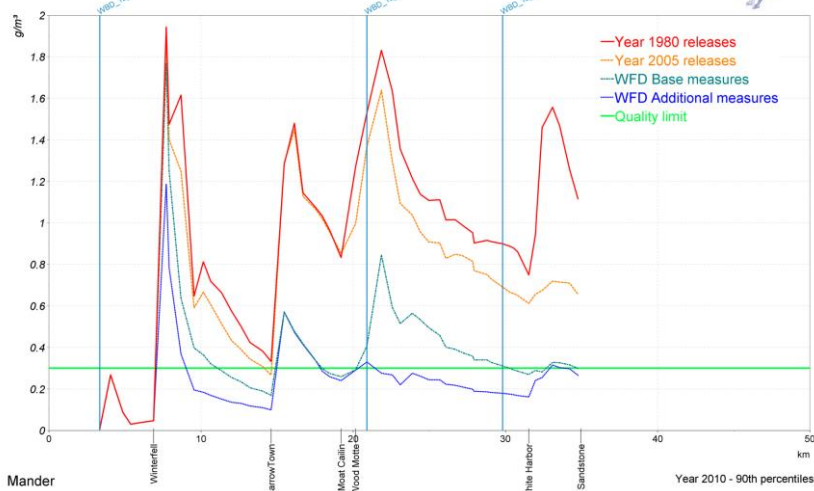
## Results [Comparison of scenarios]



### PEGASE - RIVER QUALITY SIMULATIONS - Fictitious domain "Pegsie"

Computed NO<sub>2</sub> p90 values (g/m<sup>3</sup>)

Demonstration Simulation

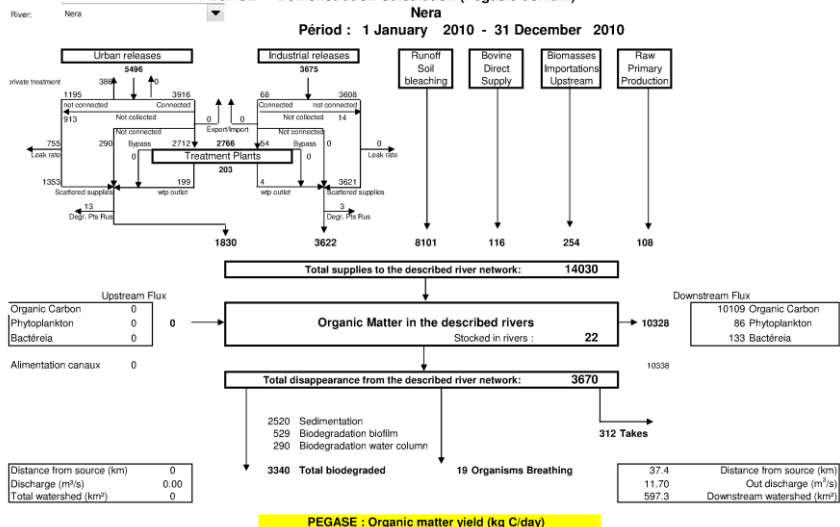


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## Results [Balance Sheet]



### PEGASE - Demonstration Calculation (Pegsie domain)



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## Data

### Geographical Data

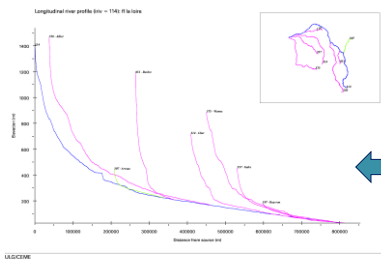
- Hydrographic network
- Digital Elevation Terrain
- Soil Occupation (Corine)

### Hydrometeo Data

- River flows
- Daily water temperatures
- Insolation

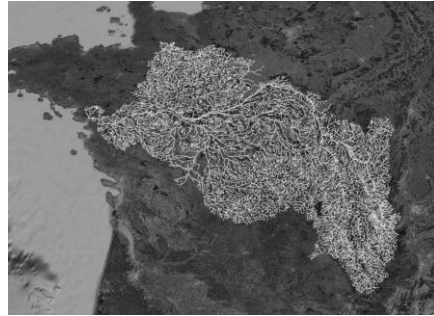
### Pre-Processing of Geographical data

Length profile of the Loire river and its main tributaries



Detailed description of the river Network  
Ex : The Loire river (France)

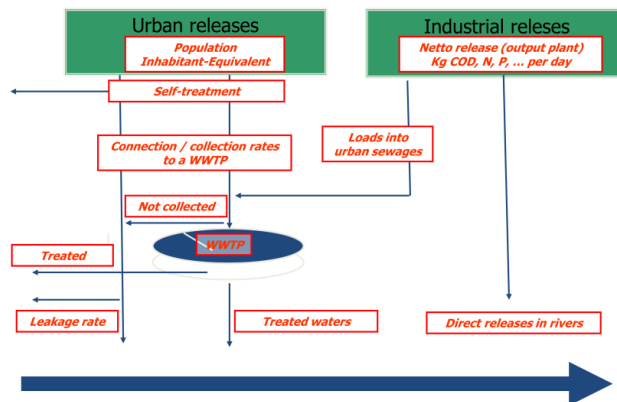
- 118 000 km<sup>2</sup>
- 5560 rivers, 51720 km of rivers
- 138 800 « result nodes »



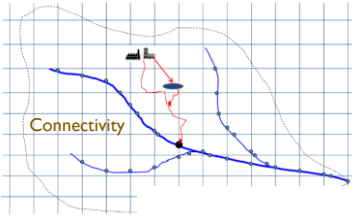
## Loads and Discharges

- Urban releases
- Industrial releases
- Live-stock
- Diffuse loads (soil)

### Point releases



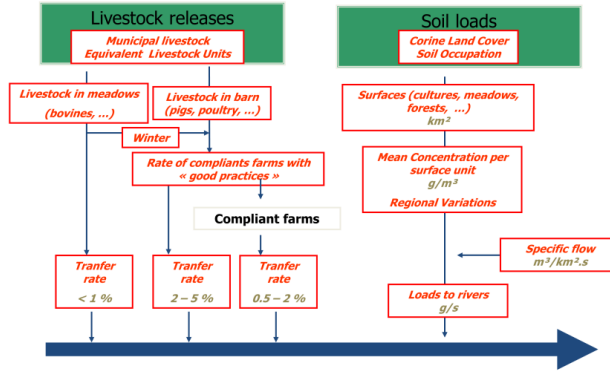
### Diffuse Loads



Diffuse loads include Soils, Hydrogeological exchanges, riparian areas, ...

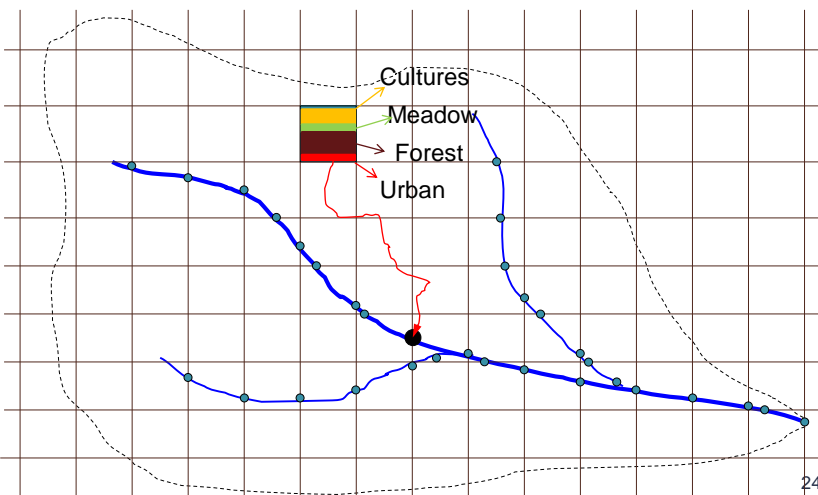


### Diffuse loads



### Diffuse Loads

They are associated to major land uses



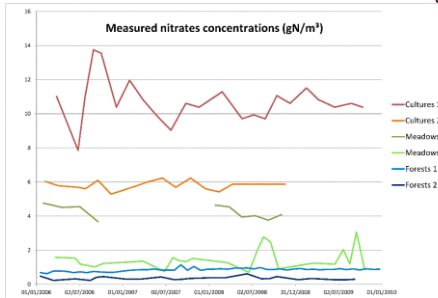
## Diffuse Loads → Land uses

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	mg/l	Culture	Meadow	Forest
C org. Dissous				
assimilable		0,80	0,80	0,80
non assimilable		1,60	1,60	2,60
C org. Particulaire				
assimilable		0,50	0,50	0,50
non assimilable		1,00	1,00	2,00
N org. Dissous				
assimilable		0,40	0,40	0,20
non assimilable		0,40	0,40	0,20
N org. Particulaire		0,20	0,50	0,12
Ammonium		0,05	0,05	0,02
Nitrates		7,50	3,00	1,50
P org. Dissous		0,02	0,02	0,005
P org. Particulaire		0,07	0,03	0,03
Orthophosphates		0,10	0,04	0,01

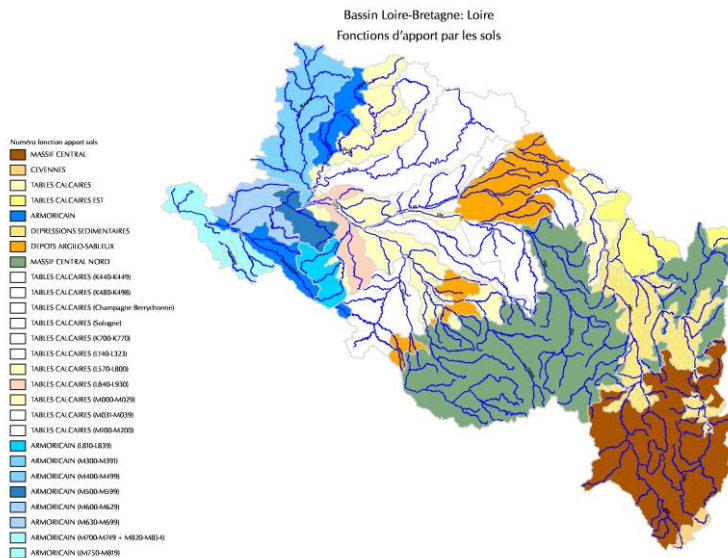
With relative constant concentration during the year



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## Diffuse Loads → Regional Soil Functions

Soil function are regionalized  
(they may vary depending on soil types ...)



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## How to improve Diffuse Loads

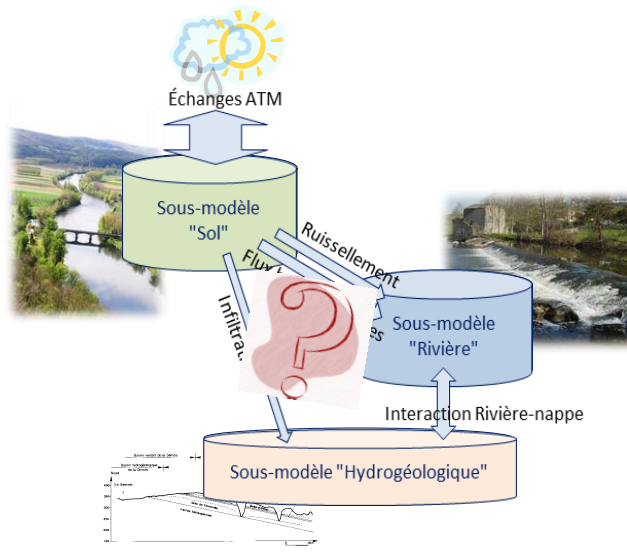


### They can be estimated

- Usually from upstream river concentration in small watershed characterised by homogeneous (and/or predominant) land uses
- From other compartment models (soils, hydrogeology, ...)



## Compartmented Hydrological System

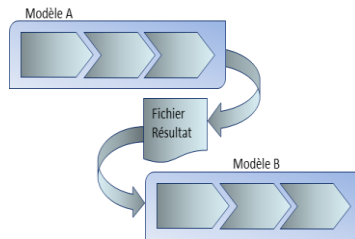


How can we integrate ?  
 ≡ How can they (the models) communicate ?

## Integration

With or without interface

### External Coupling

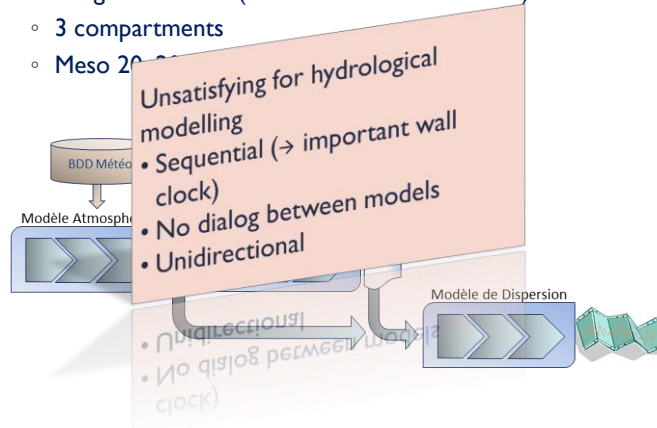


A Results → B Data  
 Sequential Runs  
 Exchange of Files

### External Coupling

#### Sevex Project (DSS)

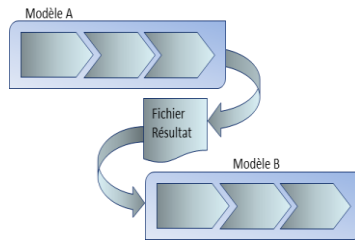
- Integrated Model (SEVESO Accidental release)
- 3 compartments
- Meso 2000m



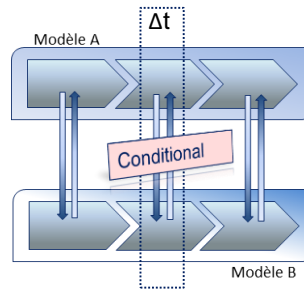
## Integration

With or without interface

### External Coupling



### Internal Coupling Direct or through interface

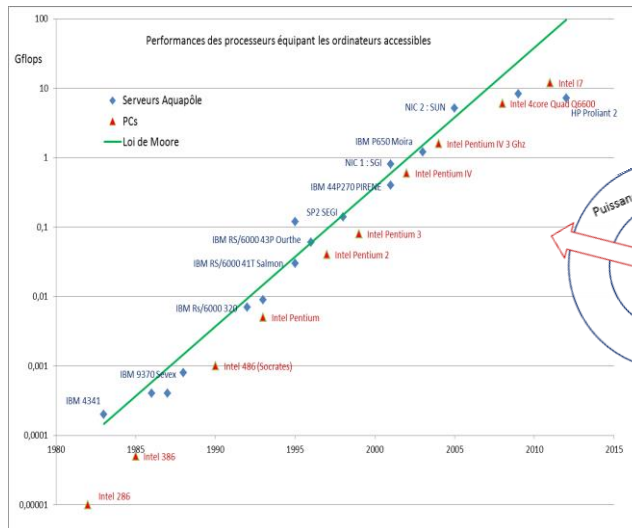


- A Results → B Data      Direct Communication
- Sequential Runs      Parallel runs
- Exchange of Files      Bidirectional communication

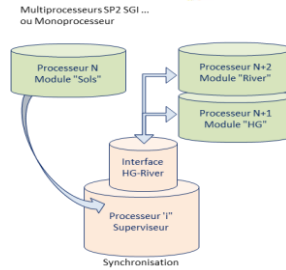
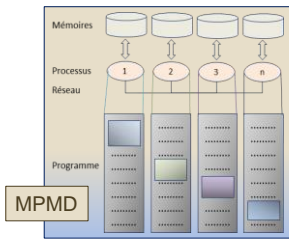
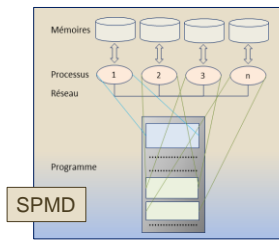
All integration modes are compatibles (external, direct internal, interfaces, ..)

## Hardware evolution

- Monoproscesseurs → multiproscesseurs
- Constant evolution of the **Available** Calculation performances (Power) between 1990 et 2010 ~ **10,000**
- Now from ~10 Gflops/proc to ~100 Gflops tot (HP Proliant Moirab)



## Classification



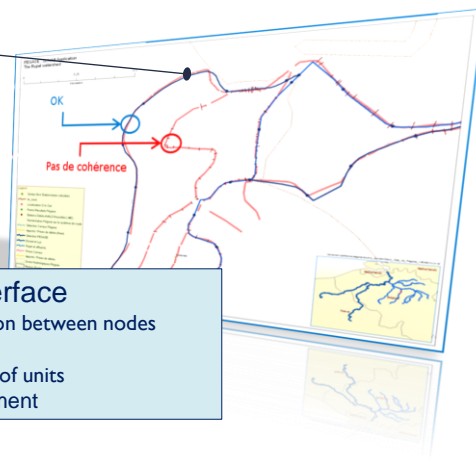
Each Process (or part of a program) is executed on its own DB  
 The variables of the programmes are Private (reside in each local proc. memory)  
 Exchange of data (between 2 procs.) through IPC dialog

## Integration Constrains

Model Characteristics :

- Different numerical schemes
- Different spatial representations (scales & morphologies)
- Different temporal scales (Internal & to communicate)
- "Own" DB to harmonise (e.g. River Height / nudes HG)

To each  $\Delta t$   
 For each node



### Coupling Interface

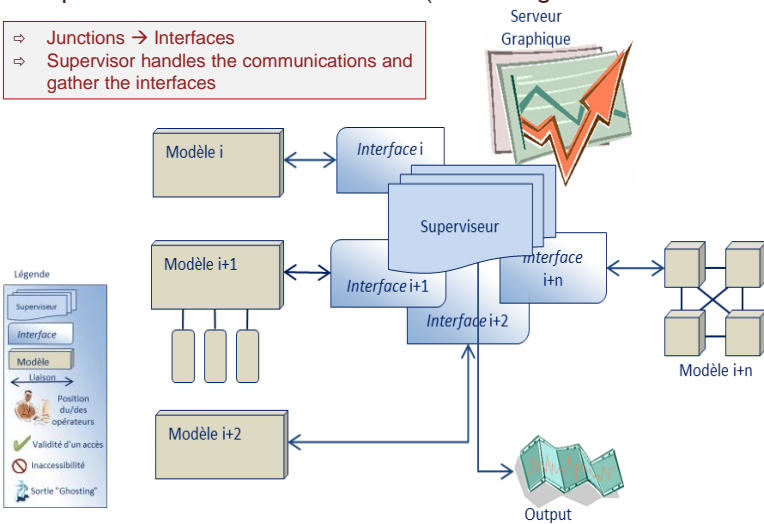
- Link/interpolation between nodes
- Temporal Scale
- Transformation of units
- Data management



## Architecture Communication between Models

- Structure and reduce the complexity (of implementation)
- Cilitate synchronisation (of the communications)
- Optimise and reduce execution time (of the integrated model)

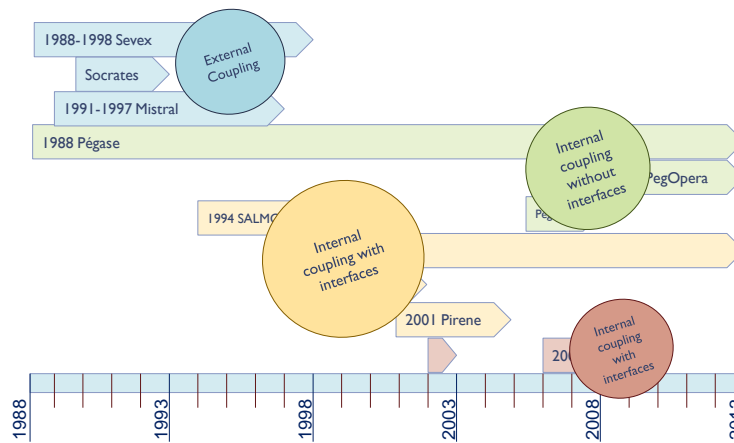
⇒ Junctions → Interfaces  
 ⇒ Supervisor handles the communications and gather the interfaces



## Integrated modelling Experiences

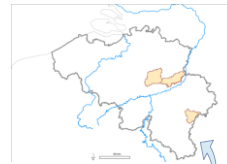
### ULiège

- Environmental Centre → CEME → R&D Unit of Aquapôle
- 11 Projects (21 major declinations and 30 secondary's)



### SSTC (CG/DD/08) Project

Modélisation intégrée du cycle hydrologique dans un contexte de changements climatiques  
(Water Cycle Integrated modelling in a Climate Change Context)



- 3 Belgian Basins (different dynamics)
- 3 different models and comparison of their respective "answers"
- Selection of IPCC scenarios (1998-2002) (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) → downscaling

BV/Modèles	IRMB	MIKE-She	MOHISE
Gette à Budingen (576 km <sup>2</sup> ) 24 Rivières, 231 km	X	X	X
Geer à Kanne (466 km <sup>2</sup> ) 11 rivières, 140 km	-	X	X
Ourthe orientale à Mabompré (315 km <sup>2</sup> ), 41 rivières, 213 km	X	-	X

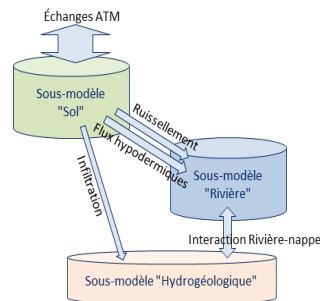
Model IRMB (IRM/KMI)  
Model MIKE-SHE (ILWM/KUL)  
Model MOHISE (Ulg, HA-FUSAG, KUL)

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### MOHISE integrated model : processes

#### Modèle Hydrologique Intégré de Simulation du cycle de l'Eau

- Compartmented models (assignation/processor)
  - Soils : EPIC-Grid (HA FUSAG)
  - HG : MODFLOW / SUFT3D (LGIH)
  - Rivers : RIVER (CEME)
- Transfers
  - BV → River (runoff, HR, HL)
  - BV → Hydrogeology : Infiltration
  - Hydrogeology ↔ Rivers (depending on  $H_{RIV}$   $H_{PIEZO}$ )

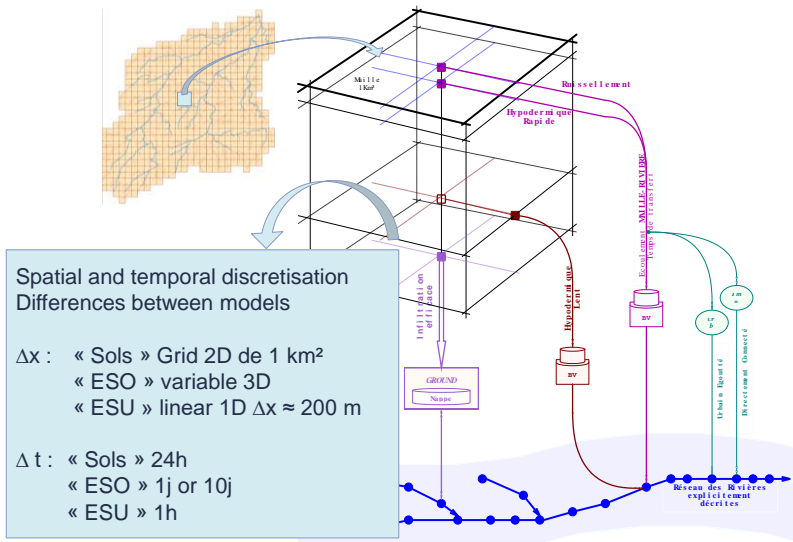


3 simulation scenarios  
3 effective periods of 27 years (1969 - 1996)

Ulg (LGIH, FUSAG, CEME) ← SSTC (CG/DD/08)

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### MOHISE integrated Model Transfers and discretisation

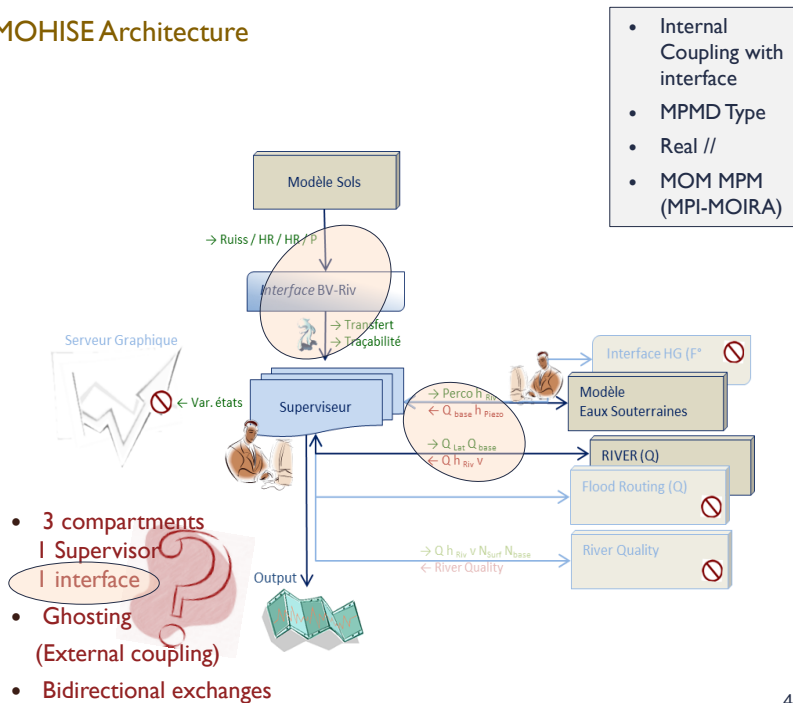


Spatial and temporal discretisation  
Differences between models

$\Delta x$  : « Sols » Grid 2D de 1 km<sup>2</sup>  
 « ESO » variable 3D  
 « ESU » linear 1D  $\Delta x \approx 200$  m

$\Delta t$  : « Sols » 24h  
 « ESO » 1j or 10j  
 « ESU » 1h

### MOHISE Architecture

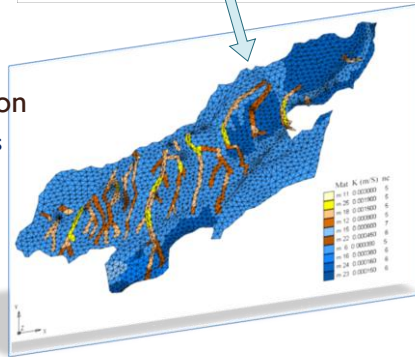
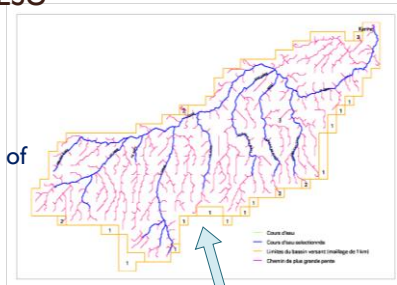


- 3 compartments
- 1 interface
- Ghosting (External coupling)
- Bidirectional exchanges

- Internal Coupling with interface
- MPMD Type
- Real //
- MOM MPM (MPI-MOIRA)

### Pre-processing MOHISE Bidirectional coupling ESO - ESU

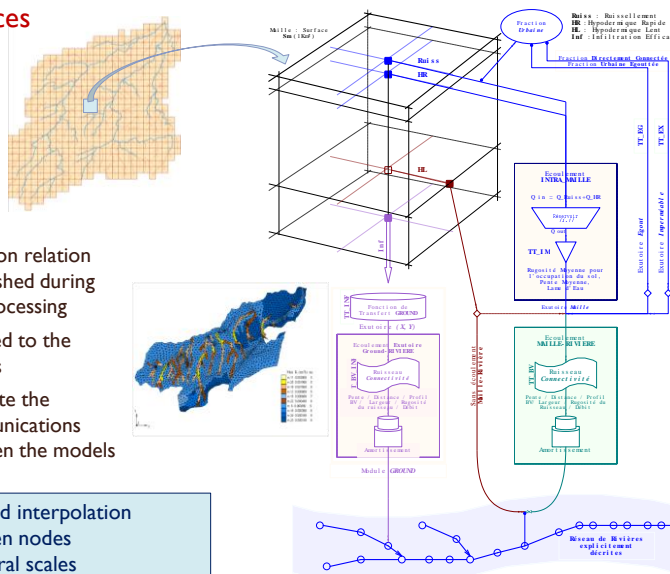
- Verifications and Corrections
  - Improvement of the number of modelled rivers
  - Altimetry corrections
- Coupling
  - MODFLOW
  - SUFT3D
- Check fluxes conservation
  - Exchange from 1 to 10 days



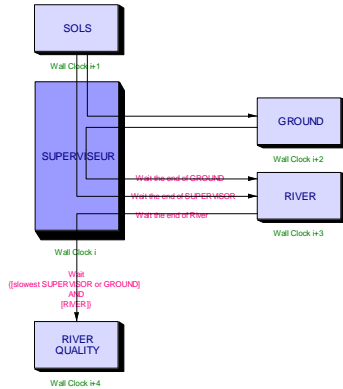
### Interfaces

- Based on relation established during pre-processing
- Adapted to the models
- Facilitate the communications between the models

- Link and interpolation between nodes
- Temporal scales Harmonisation
- Units Transformation
- Common data management

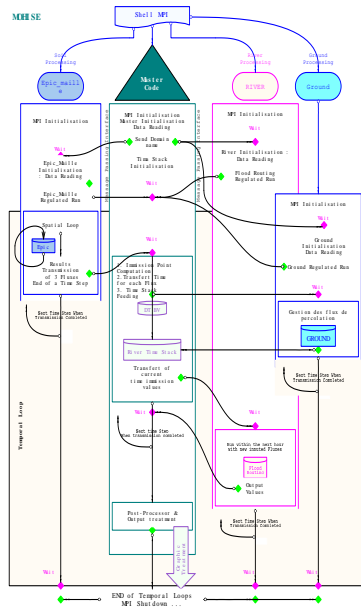


## The Supervisor and the Synchronisation

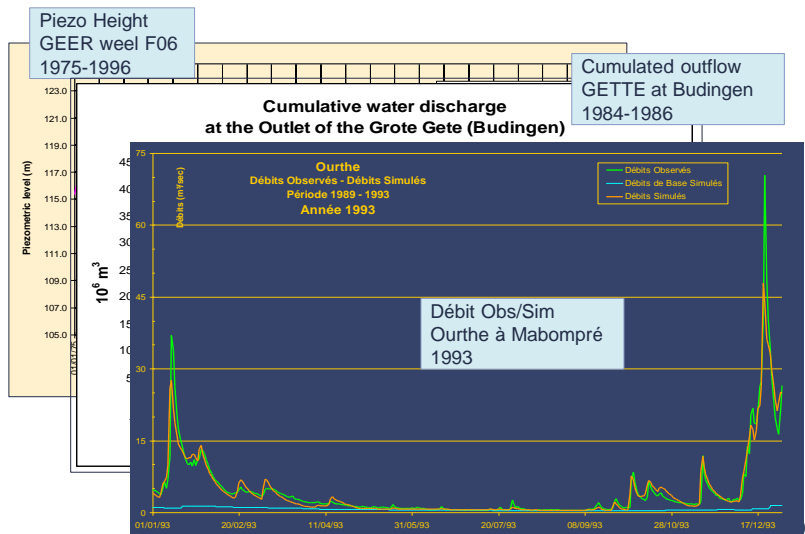


- Handle the different execution times between the models
  - (identify and) orchestrate the communication sent/reception
- Impose synchronisation (barriers)

Use of MPM Library :  
MPI-MOIRA

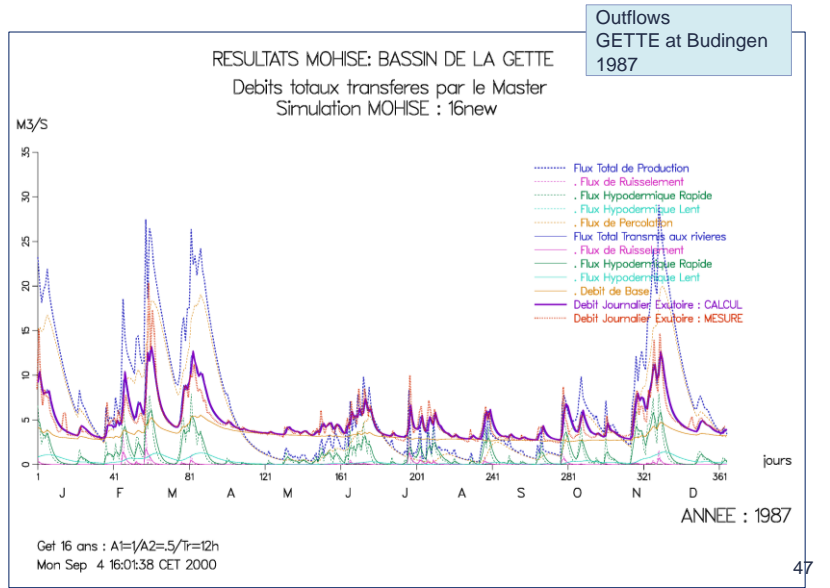


## Integrated Results Historical Simulation 1971 – 1995



## Integrated MOHISE Results

Track of the transferred fluxes at the interfaces



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## Integrated Results : Comparison

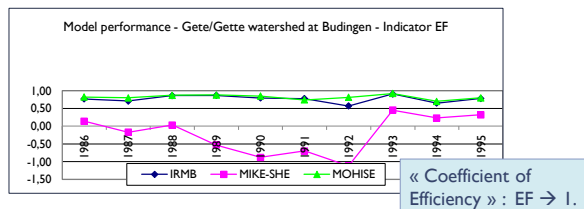
Mean annual discharge  
Mean monthly discharge  
Statistical criteria (5)  
Extreme value (min./max)  
Fréchet (min.) and Gumbel (max.) regression  
Percentiles 5 and 95 (annual)  
Daily hydrographs for the years 1989 and 1995  
Piezometric level time series

BV/Modèles	IRMB	MIKE-She	MOHISE
Gette	X	X	X
Geer	-	X	X
Ourthe orientale	X	-	X

### MOHISE, MIKE-SHE et IRMB

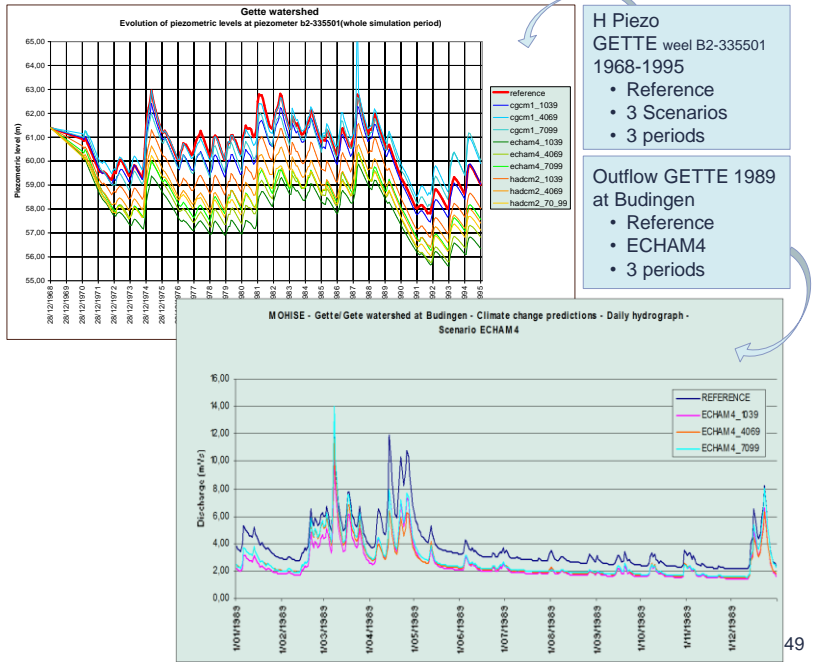
Performances indicators « outflows » (Calculated over the 365 annual values, 1986-1995)

*MOHISE is the only Model which runs on the 3 basins*



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## Integrated Results: Climate Change impacts



## How to improve Quality integrated modelling

### Observation

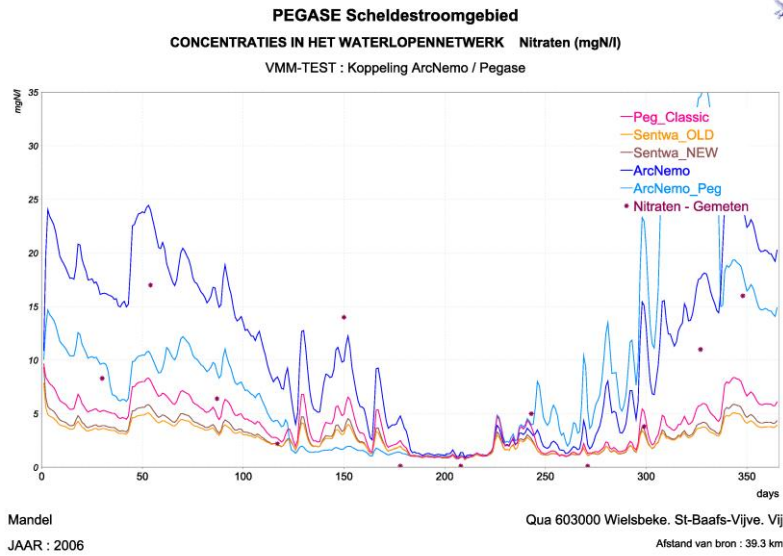
- The previous integrated Mohise model concern Quantity
  - Due to the large amount of needed data, involved parameters, heterogeneous domains, uncertainties, differences between major prevailing processes, ... Integrated Quality models difficult to developed
  - Cal/Val as well
- Pragmatic method (external coupling)

### Pegase already coupled with

- SENTWA, Arcnemo (Flanders, Scheldt, Meuse, Yearly and Monthly values)
- Stics/Modcou (Seine-Normandie, yearly values)
- Swat (Oued Joumine, Tunisia, yearly, monthly and daily values)
- Epic ...
- Pirene Project ...

Quality integrated modelling :  
Sentwa/Arcnemo

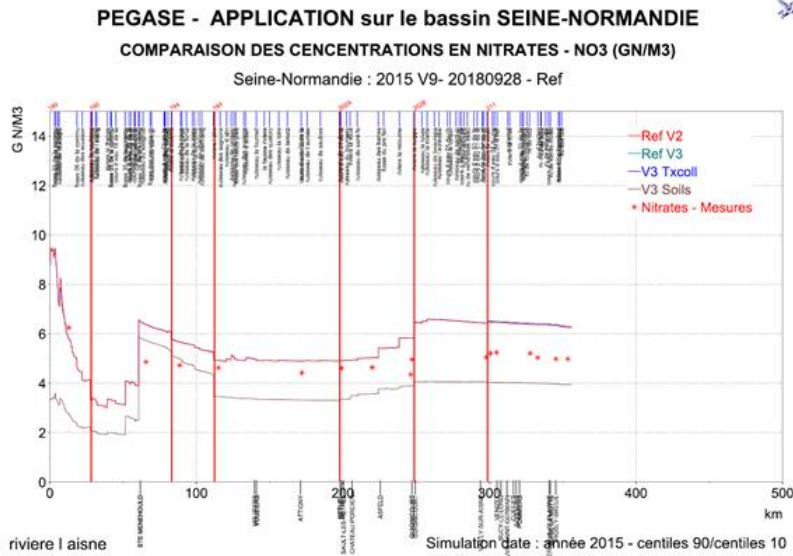
Yearly and monthly values  
Annual NO<sub>3</sub> Concentrations  
Different diffuse load calculations



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Quality integrated modelling : Stics/Modcou

Yearly values  
P90 For NO<sub>3</sub> Concentrations  
Different diffuse load calculations



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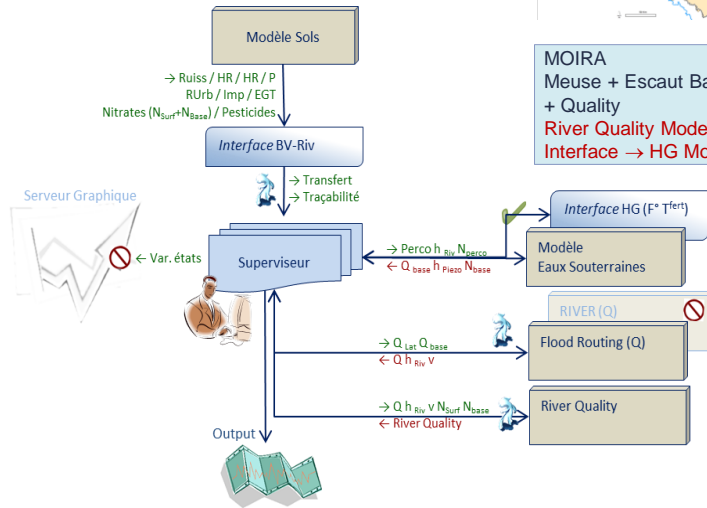


### PIRENE Project (MOIRA Model)

“Modèle hydrologique intégré pour les ressources aquatiques” (Integrated Hydrological Model for aquatic resources)



MOIRA  
Meuse + Escaut Basins  
+ Quality  
River Quality Model  
Interface → HG Model



Ulg (HE-GEOMAC, FUSAG, CEME, HACH, HG-FPMS) ← Région wallonne

### How to improve Diffuse Loads

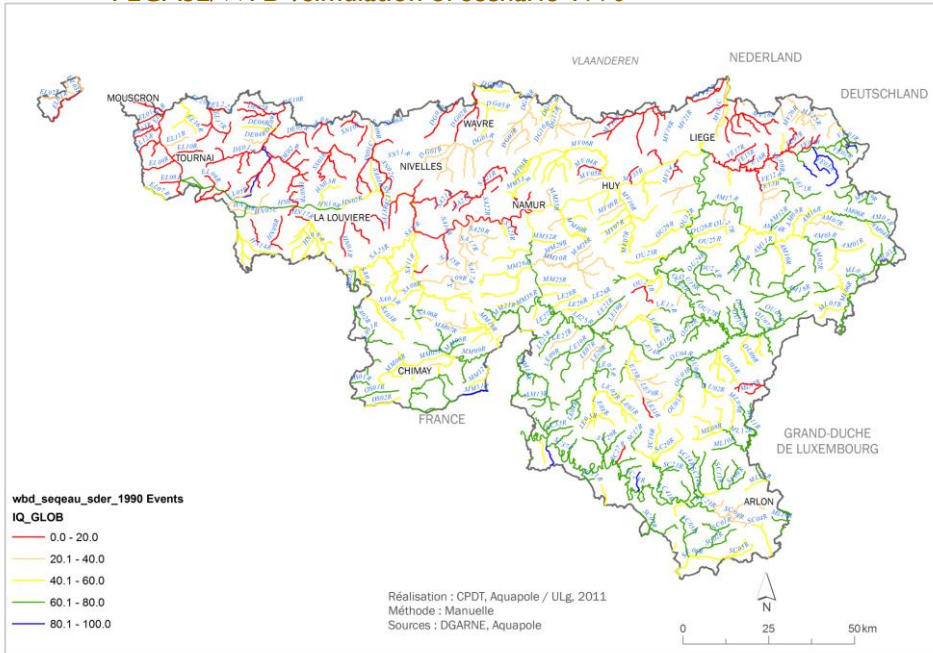


#### Improvements

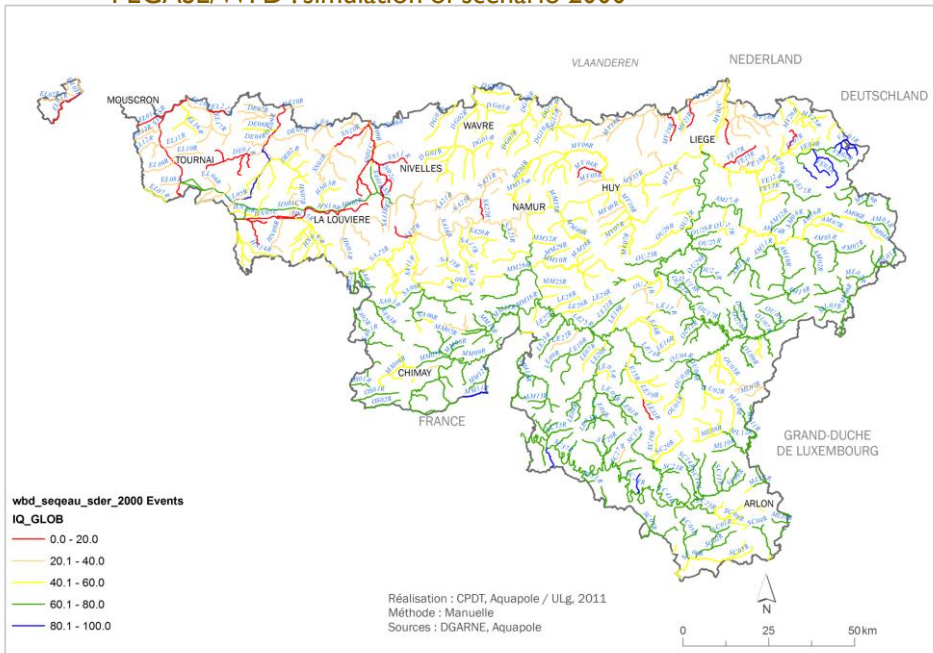
- Using regional soil functions
- Calibrated from upstream homogeneous watersheds
- Calibrated by output of other models
- Directly calculated by [internal/External] coupling

And then a few additional results ...

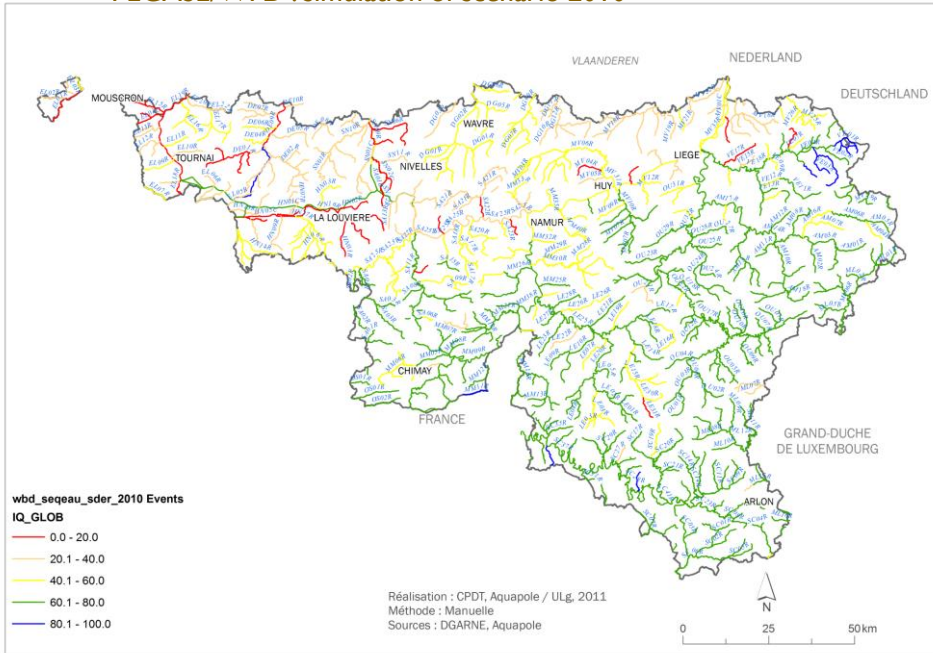
### PEGASE/WFD : simulation of scenario 1990



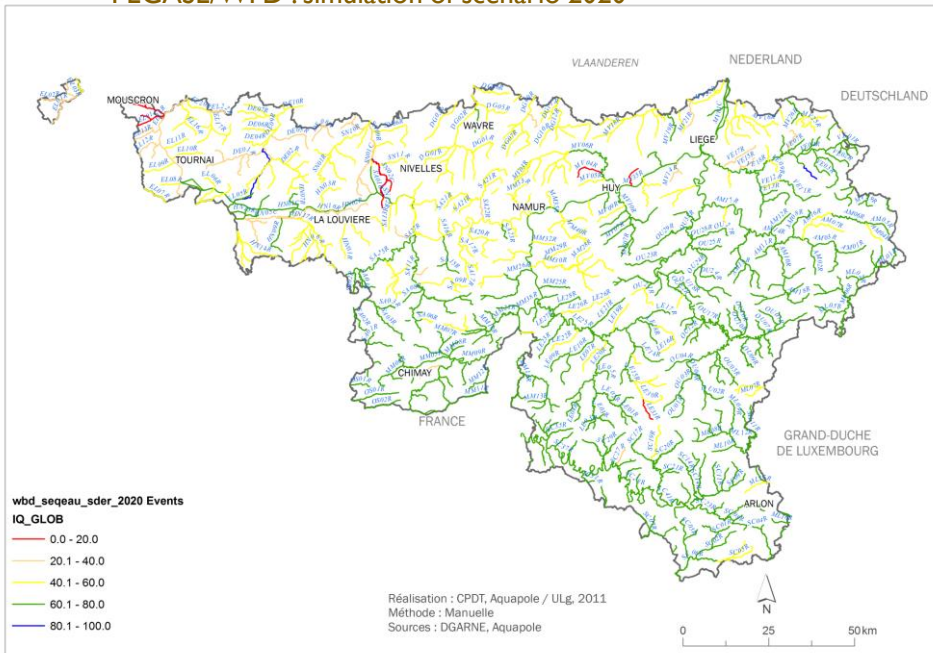
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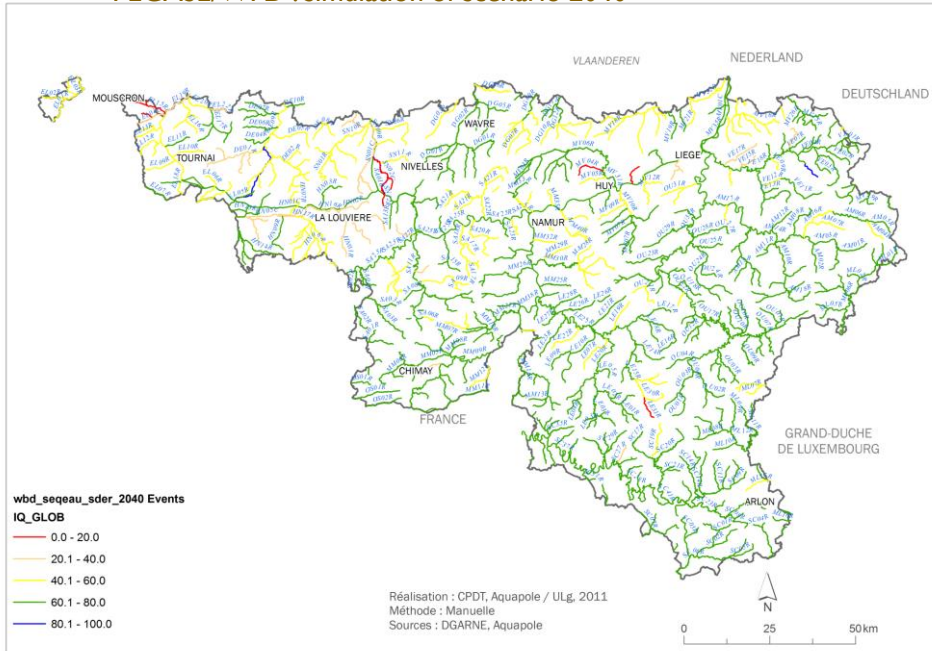
## PEGASE/WFD : simulation of scenario 2010



## PEGASE/WFD : simulation of scenario 2020



## PEGASE/WFD : simulation of scenario 2040



## PegOpera Software Suite



PEGASE allows assessing the physico-chemical quality of surface water bodies [thanks to the validation process]

It allows assessing the impact of the releases [on the WB Quality status]

It allows building scenario to estimate the expected status of the WB

It allows setting up the programs of WFD measures

## Conclusions

- ⇒ • Reinforcement of the Monitoring system by providing additional information (spatially and temporally)
- Structuration of the knowledge (numerical database building)
- Tool in establishing the priorities of the intervention programs of the Administrations (selectivity of operations)
- Support to the development of the state of the art [Also at District Level, national or international (Meuse, Scheldt, Mosel, ...)]

⇒ The PegOpera Software Suite is relevant in the Framework of the European WFD



Source : Erik Johansson, 2017



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