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The CEMRACS project HPC-IIBios: scientific background, motivation and overview

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01 Introduction and background





The CO2 and N2O as main GHG



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An important part of the CO₂ emissions are due to the activity of the soil microorganisms



Riebbek (2011)



The CO2 and N2O as main GHG

0,03 % of the total GHG emissions but with a 300-fold greater potential for global warming (Thomson et al 2012)







The soil matrix



The soil matrix

The complex geometry of the pore space can now be characterized to a high level of detail and quantify its connectivity and topology characterized.





The morphology of the soil matrix affects microbial activity and the gas emissions dynamics to the atmosphere



X-ray Computed Tomography





The soil matrix

Microorganisms in soil tend to be found in microcolonies, this means that "identical organisms" will face different microhabitat conditions



¹ Compute-aided Detection - Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization



The soil matrix



Mass transport processes modelling in soil



To take into account mass transport processes in the soil matrix we can use two main group of methods:

Volume of Fluid (VoF); Finite Element (FE) Methods

$$\frac{\partial c}{dt} = \nabla \cdot (D\nabla c) - \nabla \cdot (\vec{v}c) + R \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \text{Solving for t and space}$$

Advantage Relatively low computing time required Issues The complex pore space geometry hard to apply Mathematical resolution difficult and highly specific of the system





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Lattice-Boltzmann modelling



From: www.egr.msu.edu/ ~kutay/Lbsite/







Individual-based modelling



Individual-based modelling



"Simulation models that treat individuals as unique and discrete entities which have at least two independent properties." (Hellweger and Bucci, 2009) *

* Extending a previous definition by Grimm (1999)

IbMs are becoming consolidated in the field. Examples are the µIbMs of: Kreft *et al.* (1998), Dens *et al.* (2005), Bucci *et al.* (2012), Tack *et al.* (2014), and Hellweger *et al.* (2014)



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The ANR project Soil µ3D: towards more accurate CO₂ and N₂O gas emissions predictions



Emergent properties of soil microbial functions: upscaling from 3D modeling and spatial descriptors of pore scale heterogeneity (Soilµ-3D)

- Funding agency: The French National Research Agency (ANR)
- □ Starting and ending date: 01/11/2016 to 01/11/2020.
- Quantity: 250 000€
- Participants:
- 29 permanent researchers
- 1 post-doctoral position

- 4 PhD thesis
- 3 Master 2 stages





Future computing time requirements



Aim of the project Soil µ3D



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The main goal of the project is to upscale heterogeneities identified at the scale of microhabitats to the soil profile scale.





Aim of the project Soil µ3D



Use of the model IIBioS in the project Soil µ3D



The model ILBioS is built coupling an Individual-based Model of the soil bacteria to a lattice-Boltzmann model simulating the fluid dynamics and mass transport processes of soluble substrates



The model ILBios and the Work Package 3



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Integration of descriptors in soil profile models



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03 The model IIBioS: Coupling a lattice-Boltzmann approach to a biological individual-based model





Model conceptualization and description



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Lattice-Boltzmann Nodes







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Connected Lattice-Boltzmann Nodes

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 $\begin{aligned} \mathsf{u}(x, y, z, t) \\ \mathsf{v}(x, y, z, t) \\ \mathsf{w}(x, y, z, t) \\ \rho(x, y, z, t) \\ dt \,\rho + dx \,(u \,\rho) + dy \,(v \,\rho) + dz \,(w \,\rho) = 0 \end{aligned}$

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Particulate Organic Matter:

Release DOC to the boundary fluid nodes.

$$dt \rho + dx (u \rho) + dy (v \rho) + dz (w \rho) = S_A - S_B$$

Soil bacteria: Uptake DOC from the boundary fluid nodes.



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$$dt \rho + dx (u \rho) + dy (v \rho) + dz (w \rho) = S_A - S_B$$

$$S_{A} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{; if solid or bulk} \\ \frac{k_{POM} m_{j}}{n} & \text{; if boundary liquid} \end{cases}$$

 m_j mass of the POM agent.

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$$dt \rho + dx (u \rho) + dy (v \rho) + dz (w \rho) = S_A - S_B$$

$$S_{B} = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{k_{DOC} \rho}{\rho + k_{DOC}} m_{i} \right) ; \text{ if boundary liquid} \right\}$$

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 m_i mass of the bacterium

Model conceptualization and description





General workflow of the model IIBioS







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General workflow of the model IIBioS



















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double **f = (double **) calloc(Q, sizeof(double*));
for (q = 0; q < Q; q++) {
    f[q] = (double *) calloc(nsite, sizeof (double));
}</pre>
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double *rho = (double *) calloc(nsite, sizeof(double));





















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General workflow of the model IIBioS











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Decreases the DOC content of the LBNode



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Project HPC-IIBioS: understanding the best HPC strategy for the IIBioS approach





Computing time requirements: antecedents



Computing time requirements of IBioS

- □ 3D CT image of 200³ nodes.
- 10% of porosity.
- 10 bacterial nodes.
- 5 to 15 POM nodes.
- DOC as a single soluble lattice-Boltzmann substrate.
- Single desktop computer.

25 hours of processing time.





Model complexity of upcoming IIBioS models





^{.077} INRAModel complexity of upcoming IIBioS models



Initial (minimal) conceptualization of a multispecies IbM to reproduce CO₂ and N₂O flow in natural samples



Model complexity of upcoming IIBioS models

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Required lattice-Boltzmann substrates in the minimal system:

CO₂, O₂, DOC, NH₄, NO₂/ NO₃, N₂O





Future computing time requirements



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Computing time requirements of IIBioS

- □ 3D CT image of 200³ nodes.
- □ 10 % of porosity.
- 1 000 000 bacterial nodes
- 5 to 25 POM nodes.
- O2, DOC, NH4, NO2/ NO3

125-150 hours of processing time.

In any case, a non practical amount of time to perform simulation experiments



Future computing time requirements



Parallelisation strategy of HPC-IIBioS



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Parallelisation strategy of HPC-IIBioS





100 x Speed up for lattice-Boltzmann models using GPU (Banari et al., 2014)



Parallelisation strategy of HPC-IIBioS



Future need of increasing the resolution of the 3D CT images



Parallelisation strategy of HPC-IIBioS



Thank you very much for your attention. Any question?

Anyhow, a lot to be done yet ...



IlBioS for an in depth study of the soil!!!



