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Modelling greenhouse gas fluxes from European agriculture soils in support of decision making.

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Research



Climate is changing Population is growing



Modern Agriculture

Food ? Industry fiber ?



- Biodiversity loss
- soil acidification
- eutrophication of aquatic ecosystems health problems
- loss of drinking water sources
- Greenhouse gases

• N20,

N surplus in the environment







Figure 2. The processing and fluxes of reactive nitrogen in terrestrial and marine systems and in the atmosphere (Tg N yr⁻¹), showing the dominant forms of the N, in the exchanges and the magnitude of the boundary fluxes, and approximate lifetimes, integrated over global scales.

N_2O

- GHG that contributes 300 times more to global warming than same mass emitted as CO₂
- Main anthropogenic source is agriculture
- Low cost opportunity sector for emission reduction
- Relevant in climate policies strategies

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 N_2O

Output

TOP DOWN models

Atmospheremonitoring stations

Inverse modelling technique

Global / continental scales Strong dependence on environmental factor with spatial and temporal variability

Nr

Input

Larger regions

Extrapolate/ upscale

DNDC

CENTURY

Large number of field samples

BOTTON-UP models

This variability is expensive and difficult to measure

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Process based model

Components

Model flow



DNDC DeNitrification-DeComposition

simulate carbon exchange, nitrogen balances trace gas emissions from agricultural primary drivers soil environmental biogeochemical reactions.



Limited real data available

CENTURY

simulates carbon and nutrient dynamics for different ecosystems (agriculture) SOC water budget, grassland, crop... calculates the flow of carbon, nitrogen phosphorus and sulphur



Detailed national data sets but not consistent among member states



The CAPRI modelling framework "Common Agricultural Policy Regionalized Impact"

spatial assessment of agri-environmental indicators and linkages to bio-physical modelling

- Partial Equilibrium model for agriculture "Bio-economic model" for policy impact assessment
- "multi-purpose", allows to analyze
 - Market policies
 - Environmental policies
 - Changes in exogenous drivers
 - Environmental indicators
- Open source, maintained by European network including JRC institutes





FSS NUTS REGIONS (NUTS2/3)





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SOIL MAPPING UNITS (SMU)

20 Kilometer Homogeneous **Spatial Mapping** Units Land cover • •

Administrative data

HSMU

- Soil type •
- Slope •

1x1km

Scale consistency with regional economic statistics



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Leip et al, 2008, Biogeosciences



DNDC-EUROPE from plot to regional level by integrating

CAPRI database environmental land use farm management



Research



Process based model



Decision making

There is a need to create a flexible modelling framework:

- complex
- requires large ammounts of data,
- very high computation requirements
- limited flexibility for data exploration.
- no user-friendly

- calculate GHG fluxes from European agricultural soils at
- different scales in a consistent way
- data variability is very high and expensive to measure
- should support data exploration,
- model integration and forecast emissions scenarios





Our aim is to model nutrient greenhouse gases fluxes at European scale in response to agriculture management practices for support of decision making by:

1. Constructing a **crop-generic meta-model**, improving input parameters by integrating different bio-physical models and validating it at different scales.

2. <u>Assessing input data quality for upscaling local validated fluxes to</u> European scale.

3. Exploring how to feed the meta-model through **N2O data assimilation**

4. **Forecasting N2O** emissions according to future climate scenarios and **crop and farm adaptations** to climate change.













The 1st meta-model: Britz and Leip 2009

The 2nd meta-model:

Follador et al. 2011 Villa-Vialaneix et al. 2011

- Since 2011 the meta-model has not been used
 - No follow-up of the work of Follador yet
- Not in CAPRI: results not sufficient robust
 - Based on insufficient number of DNDC simulation
 - No variance in wheather
 - Instransparent

Leip A, Busto M and Winiwarter W 2011

Developing spatially stratified N2O emission factors for Europe. *Environ. Pollut.* 159 3223–32 Update of the DNDC data pool



- DNDC-EUROPE simulation on ca. 200,000 spatial units (HSMUs)
- Up to 3 crops/HSMU (simulation entity)
- Each simulation entity
 - 10 simulations with different meteorological years (1991-2000)

S00 Default: downscaled from CAPRI database

S01-S05 Response to mineral fertilizer application of Nmin set to 1.25, 1.1, 0.9, 0.75, 0.5 of default

S07-S12 Response to manure nitrogen application of Nman set to 1.25, 1.1, 0.9, 0.75, 0.5 of default



Meta Model DNDC EUROPE



RANDOM Forest



CART bagging And then averages them.

Villa-Vilaneix et al. (2012)

Compared 8 metamodeling techniques, where RF:

Fast and easy to train

Large number of explanatory variables

Small available info

Handles missing data

Almost insensitive to hyperparameters

Low computational time



DNDC metamodels

specific to one crop Wheat and rape seed (Britz & Leip, 2009) Corn (Villa-Vilaneix et al. 2012)

> One metamodel One crop

Crop Generic Meta model

One metamodel ~**30** Crops (defined by CAPRI)

Input data: 11 Predictors

Input data:

- All Predictors
- 23 Crop Growth Parameters (defined by DNDC crop growth module)







DNDC crop codes

13 Sorghum

16 Vegetables

20 Paddy_rice

17 New crop

14 Cotton

18 Potato

21 Banana

22 Celery

19 Beet

15 Rye

DNDC crop

0 Fallow

- 1 Corn
- 2 Winter wheat
- 3 Soybean
- 4 Legume hay
- 5
- Non_legume_hay
- 6 Spring_wheat
- 7 Sugarcane
- 8 Barley
- 9 Oats
- 10 Alfalfa
- 11 Grassland
- 23 Peanut 12 Perennial_grass 24 Upland_rice 25 Rapeseed
- 26 Tobacco 27 Millet 28 Sunflower 29 Beans 30 DW rice 31 Onion 32 New crop 33 Strawberry 34 Lettuce 35 Artichoke 36 Nursery flowers 37 Brussels_sprout **38 Berries** 39 Truck_crops 40 Fruit trees
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DNDC output - Carbon

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yr_weedc; //kg C/ha
yr_leach_hu; //kg C/ha
yr_addmc; //Manure_amended (kgC/ha/yr)





DNDC output - Emissions

yr_dnn2o; //kg N/ha
yr_dnn0; //kg N/ha
yr_dnn2; //kg N/ha
yr_soil_nh3; //kg N/ha
yr_plant_nh3; //kg N/ha
plantn[1]+plantn[2]+plantn[3]; //kg N/ha
yr_leach_NO3; //kg N/ha

Water balance

yr_TotalEvap; //mm water yr_trans_WE; //mm water yr_LeachWater;//parnum++;yr_PrecWater;// yr_IrriWater; yr_avet; yr_rain*10.0; // mm //

N balance

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DNDC-EUROPE from plot to regional level by integrating

CAPRI database environmental land use farm management



Research

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Weather forecast oceanography

Different sources integrated to improve forecast skills

Data assimilation

Weights each measurements according to its source and uncertainty levels

Best possible atmospheric state

integrate different N2O emissions sources (field data and processbased models results)

Random forest

Missing input data for some points.. How RF deals with data gaps? Dynamic assessment model updated with the latest state of N2O emissions





Scenario Building



Future scenarios N2O fluxes





 Crop yield during drought and inundation



New variations tolerant to heat, drought, salinity..



- planting times
- optimising irrigation
- migration of agricultural areas shifting traditional crops to others types







- Crop morphological parameters DNDC crop growth module
- Random forest to select most relevant to climate variations
- Intensive literature review
- Agronomic expert consultations

ICRE

maximum rate or lear photosynthesis (kg CO2/na/n) rate constant of crop development in vegetative stage (1/d) rate constant of crop development in reproductive phase (1/

economic component/storage organic by weight specific leaf weight constant (kg dm/ha) ratio of internal/external CO2 concentrations



Thank you!



