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Abstract

The French Aquif-R hydrogeological modeling platform gathers different hydrogeological models all together coupled with the SURFEX physically-based land surface model inside the same structure in order to provide useful information for water resources management [1]. The objective of this platform is to provide forecasts of the groundwater resources at 10-days ahead up to seasonal scale as well as long-term evolutions of hydrogeological variables for climate studies. This platform was built in order to gather competencies from the French national research organisms that developed the models inside the same integrated numerical tool. The current coverage of the models implemented in AquifR is shown in Figure 1. They correspond to regional multilayers aquifers as well as karstic aquifers.

In this study, we present the evaluation of the 1958-2017 hydrogeological reanalysis performed with AquifR for multiple regional multilayer aquifers included in this platform such as the multilayer aquifer of the Paris basin or the Poitou-Charentes region. These spatially distributed models were developed using either the EauDyssée hydrological platform [2] or the MARTHE groundwater modeling software [3]. The 8-km resolution SAFRAN hydrometeorological reanalysis [4] is used to provide the fluxes needed by the SURFEX land surface model to compute recharge and surface runoff that feed all the hydrogeological models [5]. The evaluation is made against a wide range of selected piezometers as well as gauging stations corresponding to the main simulated rivers. This evaluation is carried out in order to identify the potential of the platform to capture extreme events such as droughts or groundwater floodings in long-term simulations.

This reanalysis will allow to dispose of a referential state needed to evaluate future operational forecasts and long-term simulations related to climate changes. Further developments will also be considered, such as the inclusion of the hard rocks aquifers or the use of data assimilation for a better estimation of initial states in operational forecast.

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Legend

- Karstic models
- MARTHE models
- EauDyssée models

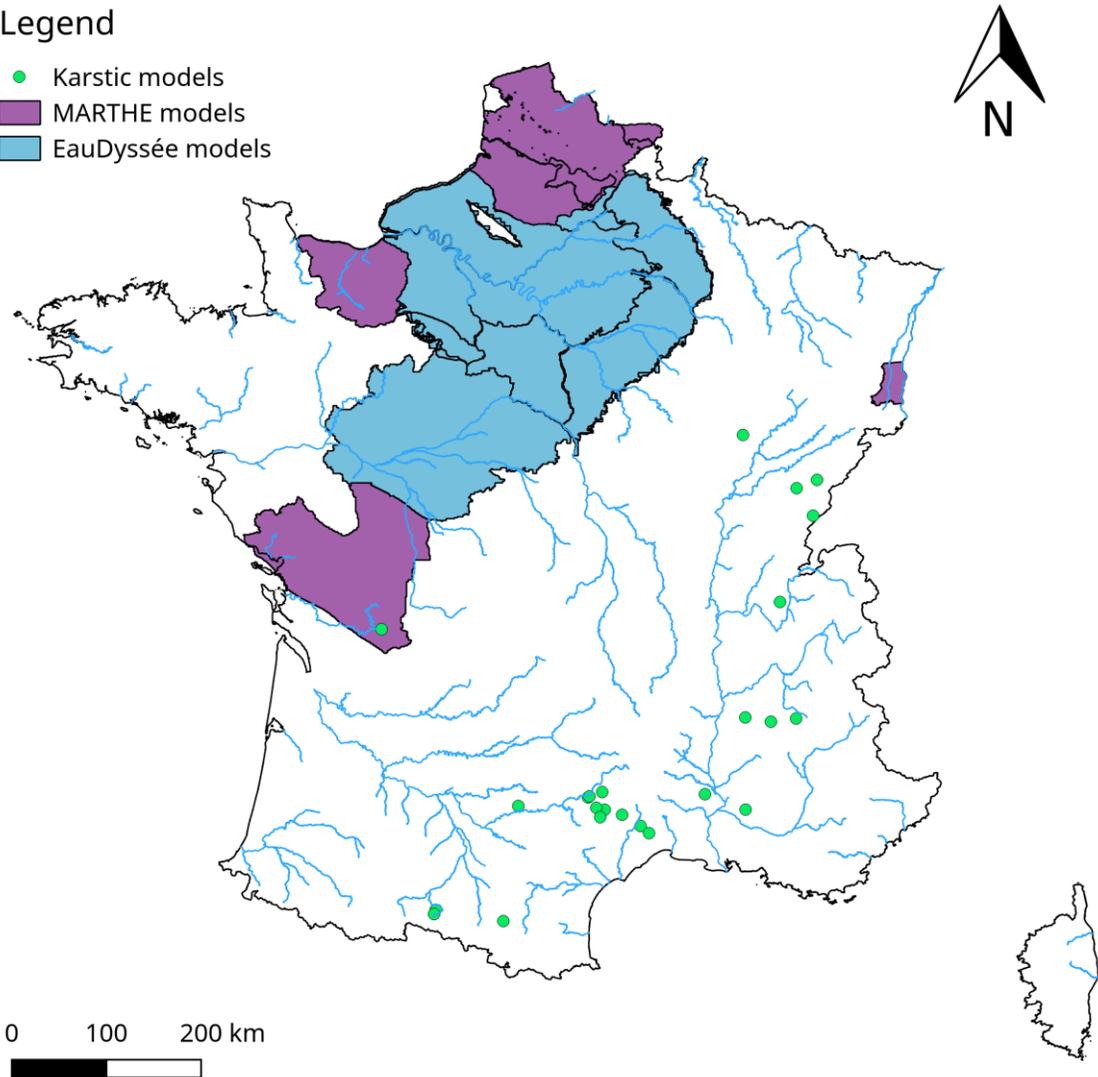


Figure 1: Models currently implemented in the Aquifer hydrogeological modeling platform.