



Offer #2024-07382

PhD Position F/M Modeling of groundwater-river exchanges for climate change predictions (IDP 2024)

Contract type : Fixed-term contract

Level of qualifications required : Graduate degree or equivalent

Fonction : PhD Position

Context

This project is a collaboration with the inria CARDAMOM team and the I2M fluid mechanics laboratory, and is co-financed with the CNRS IMPT program (Institut de Mathématique pour la Planète Terre). Funding already secured.

The aim is to model all hydraulic processes, both surface and subsurface, on a catchment scale and for periods of several decades. This modeling is essential to produce numerical calculation tools that can be used for regional forecasts in a context of climate change, in particular for water resource and morphodynamic issues. It is mainly based on vertically-integrated models, typically the Saint-Venant and Dupuit-Forchheimer equations. This type of model does not easily take into account infiltration processes. The problem of infiltration into the unsaturated zone, known as the vadose zone, seems to be the most critical to the relevance of predictions. This is at the heart of the thesis project. A well adapted modeling and numerical method will be proposed.

To encourage exchanges with IFPEN and BRGM, missions to Orléans and Paris will be organized on a regular basis, with remuneration in the line with the current salary scales.

Assignment

Assignments:

With the help of Martin Parisot (inria Cardamom) and Mathieu Coquerelle (I2M), the person recruited will derive a vertical infiltration model and coupling with a Saint-Venant-type surface model and a Dupuit-Forchheimer-type groundwater model based on a reduction of the Richards model. An analysis of the model's properties will be carried out and a numerical strategy preserving these properties will be proposed. Particular attention will be paid to methods with no time step limitation, in order to be able to simulate several years of physical time.

For a better knowledge of the proposed research subject:

1. [1] BULTEAU, S., BADSI, M., BERTHON, C., AND BESSEMOULIN-CHATARD, M. A fully well-balanced and asymptotic preserving scheme for the shallow-water equations with a generalized manning friction source term. *Calcolo* 58, 4 (Sep 2021), 41. <hal-02479094>
2. [2] CARREAU M. AND PARISOT M. A unified modeling of underground-surface hydraulic processes: case of the saturated regions. Work in progress. <hal-03836565>
3. [3] ERSOYM, LAKKISO. AND TOWNSEND P. A Saint-Venant Model for Overland Flows with Precipitation and Recharge. *Math. and Comput. Appl.*, 2021. <DOI:10.3390/mca26010001>

Collaboration:

The person recruited will liaise with Mathieu Coquerelle of I2M to understand the physical processes involved. Discussions with Léo Agelas, Benoit Chauveau and Arnaud Pujol from IFPEN will also be organized.

Main activities

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- Derive a vertical infiltration model for the unsaturated zone
- Couple the model with the saturated zone at the bottom of the aquifer and with surface runoff
- Propose an efficient numerical scheme (without time step restrictions)
- Perform simulations at regional scales and compare with existing models write publications on the results obtained.
- Disseminate the results obtained at national and international conferences.

Skills

Technical skills and level required : PhD in earth sciences or applied mathematics. Taste for

environmental problems, mathematical formalism and numerical simulations.

Language: English

Benefits package

- Subsidized meals
- Partial reimbursement of public transport costs
- Possibility of teleworking and flexible organization of working hours
- Professional equipment available (videoconferencing, loan of computer equipment, etc.)
- Social, cultural and sports events and activities
- Access to vocational training
- Social security coverage

Remuneration

- 2100€ / month (before taxes) during the first 2 years,
- 2190€ / month (before taxes) during the third year.

General Information

- **Theme/Domain** : Numerical schemes and simulations
Biologie et santé, Sciences de la vie et de la terre (BAP A)
- **Town/city** : Talence
- **Inria Center** : [Centre Inria de l'université de Bordeaux](#)
- **Starting date** : 2024-10-01
- **Duration of contract** : 3 years
- **Deadline to apply** : 2024-05-03

Contacts

- **Inria Team** : [CARDAMOM](#)
- **PhD Supervisor** :
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The keys to success

- A taste for environmental issues
- Solid knowledge in mathematic modeling and numerical analysis

The project lies at the interface between hydrology/hydrogeology and applied mathematics. Skills are expected in one of these domains. During the contract, the recruited person will acquire new skills and knowledge related to both domains. Strong motivation and thirst for knowledge are necessary, as well as the desire of working in a pluridisciplinary environment.

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Instruction to apply

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- Support letter(s)

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