

# Towards a parameterisation of GW/soil/river interactions in riparian wetlands for ORCHIDEE

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FROM THE SEINE WATERSHED UP TO THE GLOBAL SCALE

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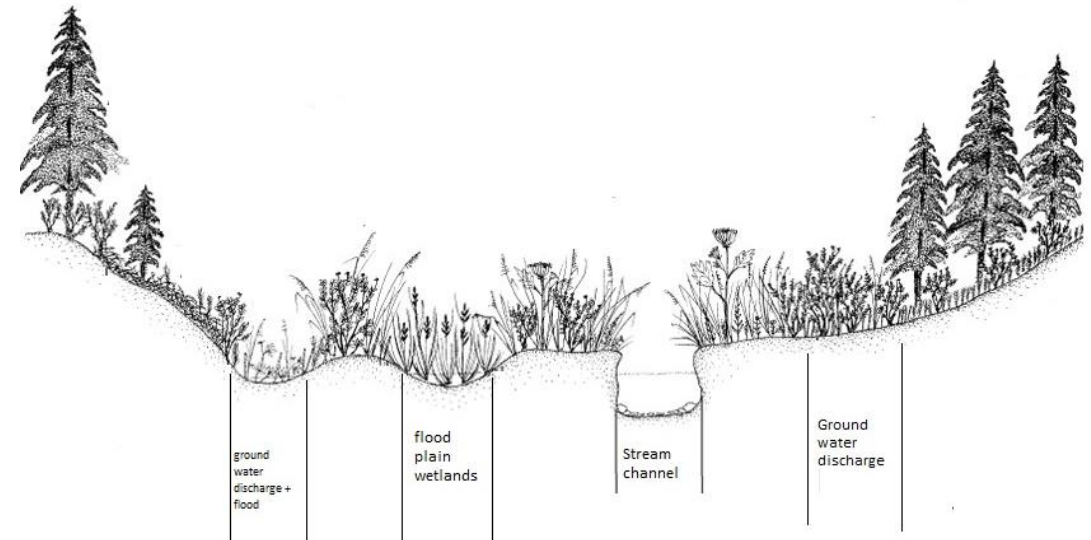
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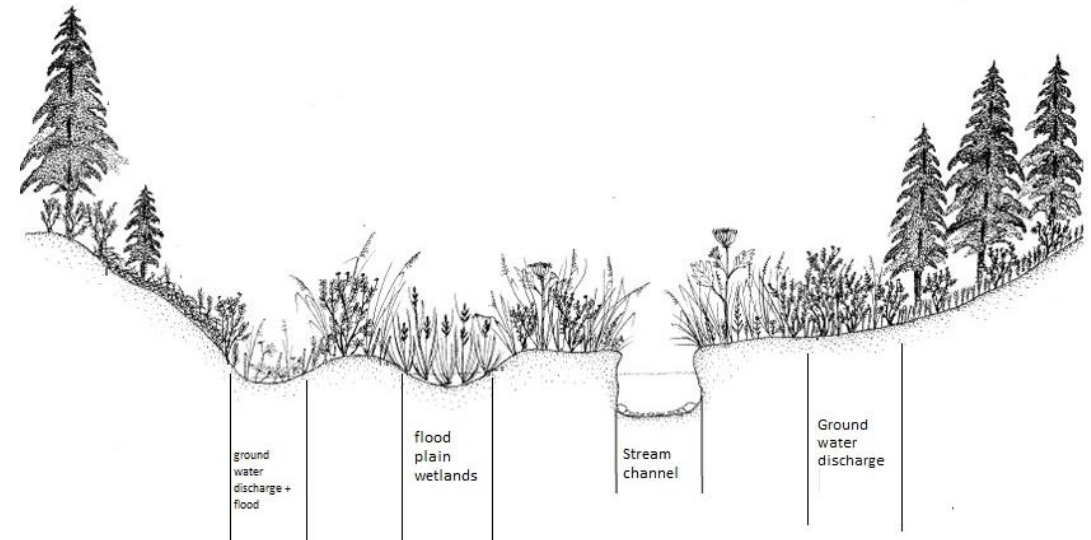
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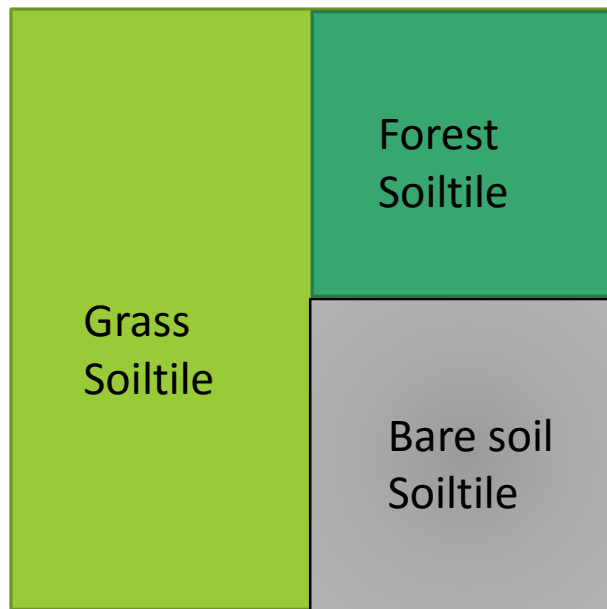
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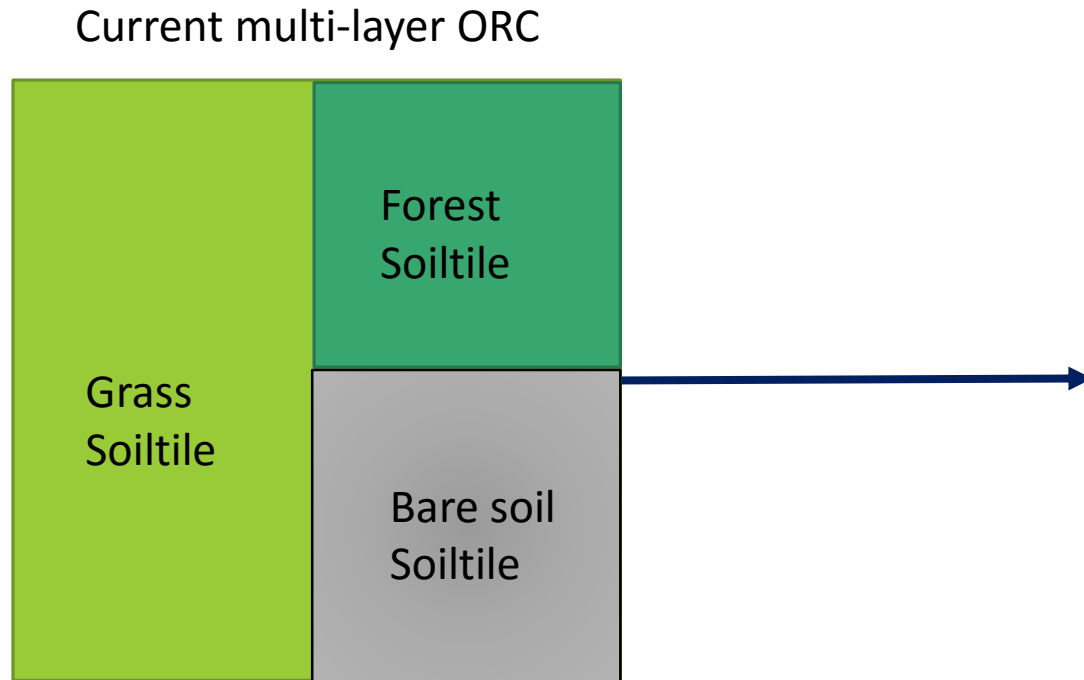


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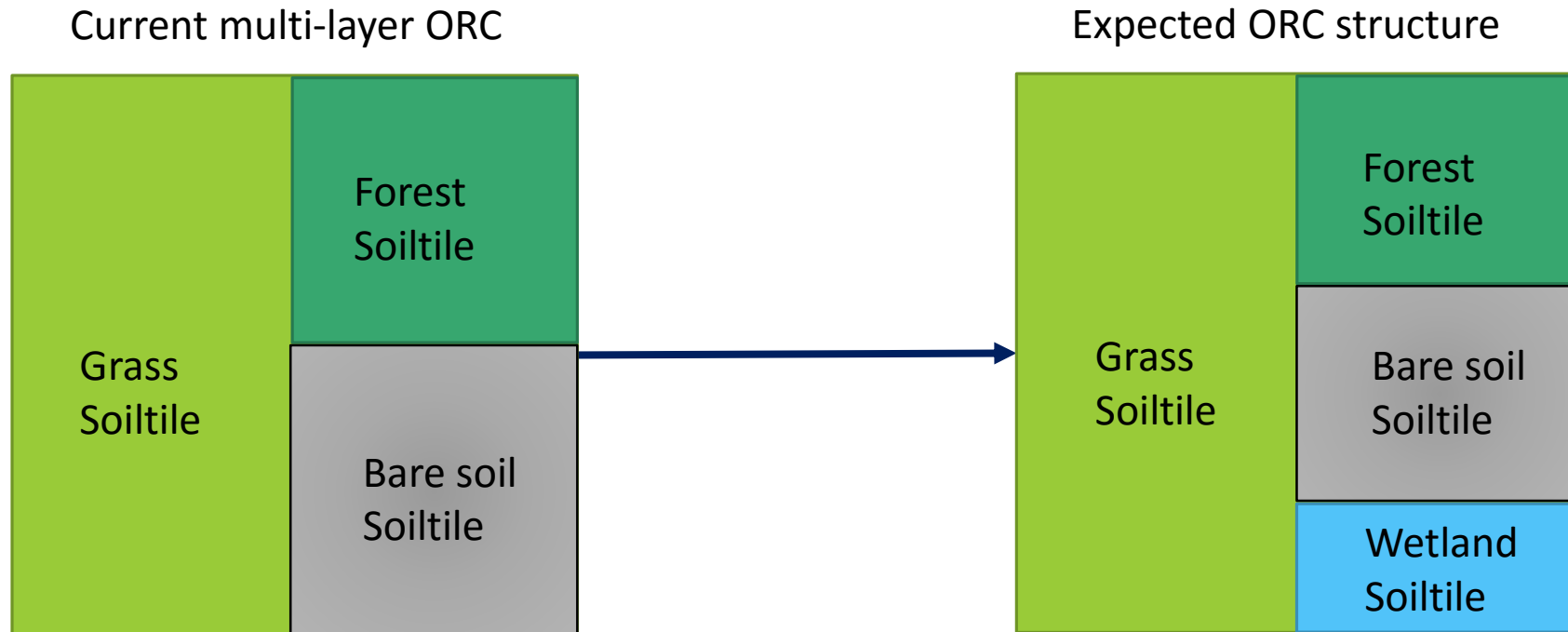
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  - Global maps (Lehner and Doll, 2004)

# Time table

- Start of the project: November 2015

Area of work		2015	2016					2017				2018		
		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	
Reading and modeling	Background reading													
	Trainings and workshops													
	GIS Analysis													
	Seine basin simulations (ORCHIDEE)													
	Global Simulation													
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# Thank you for your attention!

