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# Interaction matrix for terrestrial pathways of tritium transfer and discussion...

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# General interaction matrix

ATMO SYSTEM	Deposition		Deposition			Inhalation External	
	RIVER SYSTEM		Animal watering Irrigation		Food & water collecting	Inhalation External	
		MARINE SYSTEM			Food collecting	Inhalation External	
	Watershed erosion (*)		AGRI SYSTEM	Migration	Food collecting	Inhalation External	
			Irrigation	VADOZE & AQUIFER (*)	Water collecting		
			Animal feeding		FOOD SYSTEM	Ingestion	
						MAN	
(Release)	(Release)	(Release)		(Release)			(RELEASE SYSTEM)

# Tritium interaction matrix for the terrestrial system (1)

Atmo- sphere	WetDepos. DryDepos.		FoliarAbsorption	NetPrimaryProd.		WetDepos DryDepos Irrigation ...	Inhalation
Pollen & seeds release	<u>Plant</u>	•Transloc.				Literfall Senescence & death Root exud.	Ingestion
		<u>(Organ)</u>					
Evapo- transp.			Water RadDecay		BiolDecay		
				OrganicMatter RadDecay BiolGrowth			
					<u>RestOfPlant</u>		
Evapo- ration	RootUptake					<u>Soil</u>	
	Excretion? Death?					Excretion Death & decomp.	<u>Animals</u>

# Tritium interaction matrix for the terrestrial system (2)

Atmo- sphere	WetDepos. DryDepos.		WetDepos Irrigation	DryDepos	DiffusiveExch	Inhalation	Deposition
	<u>Plant</u>		Root exudation	Literfall Senescence & death		Ingestion	
		<u>Soil</u>					
Evapo- ration	RootUptake		<b>Water RadDecay</b>	Sorption Fixation	Degassing IsotopicExch	Ingestion	Migration
			Desorption	<b>OrganicMatter RadDecay</b>	Degassing	Ingestion	
Diffusive- Exch	RootUptake		IsotopicExch Solubilisation	Adsorption	<b><u>Air</u> RadDecay</b>		
Exhalatio n			Excretion	Excretion Death & decomposition	Inhalation (burrowing animals)	<b><u>Animals</u></b>	
Evapo- ration			Irrigation			Ingestion	<u>“RestOfWorld”</u> ( <u>water bodies, etc.</u> )

## Questions/discussion...

1. Should we divide plant into leaf foliar system (NPP, HTO foliar absorption...) and root system (rootuptake) ?
2. Should we consider starch metabolism within plants?
3. Should we consider other compartments in soils (microbiota, inorganic matter,etc.) and associated transfer processes ?
4. Consider following factors that influence transfer processes, such as :  
Air : PAR, concentration in AIR, temperature  
Plants : LAI  
Soils : texture, temperature...
5. Consider HT releases?

Next EMRAS meeting :

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