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Simulating stream flow using an eco-hydrological model calibrated with global land surface evapotranspiration from remote sensing data



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# **Motivation & Project Background**

- Ogun river is the main source of public water supply for two states (Lagos & Ogun) in Nigeria
- With the increasing population and their socio-economic activities, the Ogun river is susceptible to point and non-point source pollution (e.g high phosphorus load)



- No reliable hydrological gauging stations
- No standard water quality monitoring stations

### **Objectives**

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Lack of ground observation to accurately model the watershed is a challenging task



To validate the simulated stream flow using similar neighbouring catchment stream flow



### Study Area - Ogun River Basin

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- Ogun River Basin located in tropical rainy climate SW Nigeria (20,292km<sup>2</sup>)
- Mean annual precipitation is 1224mm
- Mean annual temperature is about 27°C
- Mean annual PET (Hargreaves)= 1720 mm
- Mean annual AET (simulated) = 692 mm

### **SWAT Model Inputs**







#### **3 different PET equations selected & SWAT setup names**

■ Hargreaves :  $\lambda E_o = 0.0023 \cdot H_0 \cdot (T_{mx} - T_{mn})^{0.5} \cdot (\overline{T}_{av} + 17.8)$ 

SWAT setup is refers to SWAT-HG

- Priestley-Taylor :  $\lambda E_o = \alpha_{pet} \cdot \frac{\Delta}{\Delta + \gamma} \cdot (H_{net} G)$ SWAT setup is refers to **SWAT-PT**
- Penman-Monteith:  $\lambda E = \frac{\Delta \cdot (H_{net} G) + \rho_{air} \cdot c_p \cdot [e_z^o e_z]/r_a}{\Delta + \gamma \cdot (1 + r_c/r_a)}$ SWAT setup is refers to SWAT-PM

# Global AET Data MODIS

- MOD16 AET
- Spanning 2000-2012 (1km<sup>2</sup>)
- Based on Penman-Monteith algorithm
  - Input into Eqn. driven by satellite data
  - The AET is derived from PET using multipliers to halt plant transpiration
    & soil evaporation



- GLEAM\_v3.0a, AET
- Spanning 1980-2014 (0.25<sup>0</sup>)
- Based on Priestley-Taylor algorithm
  - Input into Eqn. driven by satellite data
  - The AET is derived from PET using a multiplicative stress factor based microwave vegetative optical depth used as a proxy for the vegetative water content & root zone soil moisture simulations





Acronyms	Description
G_AET_HG	SWAT-HG simulated AET calibrated/validated with GLEAM_v3.0a AET
G_AET_PT	SWAT-PT simulated AET calibrated/validated with GLEAM_v3.0a AET
G_AET_PM	SWAT-PM simulated AET calibrated/validated with GLEAM_v3.0a AET
M_AET_HG	SWAT-HG simulated AET calibrated/validated with MOD16 AET
M_AET_PT	SWAT-PT simulated AET calibrated/validated with MOD16 AET
M_AET_PM	SWAT-PM simulated AET calibrated/validated with MOD16 AET

### Calibration/Validation Procedure



### SWAT Calibration/Validation of AET Results

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Model Run	Statistics	Calibration	Validat	ion
G_AET_HG	KGE NSE	0.77 0.61	0.68 0.45	
G_AET_PT	KGE NSE	0.69 0.43	0.64 0.32	
G_AET_PM	KGE NSE	0.65 0.34	0.60 0.20	
M_AET_HG	KGE NSE	0.52 -0.1	0.28 -0.83	For more detailed results:
M_AET_PT	KGE NSE	0.46 -0.20	0.18 -1.08	Hydrol. Earth Syst. Sci. Discuss., https://doi.org/10.5194/hess-2018-170 Manuscript under review for journal Hydrol. Earth Syst. Sci. Discussion started: 23 April 2018 © Author(s) 2018. CC BY 4.0 License.
M_AET_PM	KGE NSE	0.41 -0.37	0.19 -1.25	Multi-site calibration and validation of SWAT with satellite-based evapotranspiration in a data sparse catchment in southwestern Nigeria
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#### Validation









#### NSE Threshold = 0.59



How valid are the stream flow simulations with AET data?

- The best simulation with NSE as objective function
- 3 neighbouring catchments
- Catchment similarity analysis

### **Catchment Proximity**







# **Catchment Physiographic Characteristics**

Description of variables	Ogun	Queme_Bonou	Queme_Save	Mono
Watershed area (Km <sup>2</sup> )	20,292	48,784	23,497	20,289
Elevation (m) min max	23 624	-5 628	95 628	53 887
Geology	Precambrian Basement	Precambrian Basement	Precambrian Basement	Precambrian Basement
Dominant soil type (%)	Ferric Luvisols (86.9)	Ferric Luvisols (69.9)	Ferric Luvisols (81)	Ferric Luvisols (64.7)
Dominant land use (%)	Broadleaved deciduous (33.6)	Broadleaved deciduous (50.2)	Broadleaved deciduous (60.3)	Broadleaved deciduous (40.6)
Slope (degrees) min max	0 66.5	0 67.4	0 66.6	0 61.0



Description of variables	Ogun	Queme_Bonou	Queme_Save	Mono
Mean annual rainfall (mm/yr)	1205	1216	1216	1332
<u>Rainfall Pattern</u> Upstream Downstream	Bi-modal Bi-modal	Uni-modal Bi-modal	Uni-modal Bi-modal	Bi-modal
Koppen climate classification	Tropical savannah (Tropical wet and dry)			
Mean annual Temperature (ºC)	27.1	27.8	27.8	26.6
Drainage Density (km/km²)	8.2	14.3	5.3	8.7



Index	Ogun	Queme_Bonou	Queme_Save	Mono
Mean runoff coefficient	0.13	0.11	0.14	0.15
<u>Annual aridity</u> Upstream Downstream	0.70 0.73 0.37	0.61 0.68 0.28	0.61 0.68 0.41	0.71 0.69 0.56
variation	0.37	0.20	0.41	0.50
High flow segment volume of FDC (ex.p <0.1)	78.2	53.8	137.5	100
low flow segment volume of FDC(ex.p <0.4-1)	11.9	9	11.7	15.9

### Plot of Statistical Indices Describing Catchment Behaviour (1)

#### i. Flow duration curve pattern



#### ii. Runoff coefficients correlation



#### iii. Aridity index and stream flow correlation



#### iv. Streamflow Q-Q plot



# Validation of Ogun Simulated Streamflow

9 11 13 15 17 19 21 23 25 27 29 31 33 35 37

Queme\_Bonou

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# Conclusions



- Our results showed that global AET products can be used for calibrating the SWAT model for ungauged basins.
- Specifically, when the SWAT model was used with the Hargreaves PET equation in simulating AET and was calibrated using the GLEAM\_v3.0a AET product the highest model performance was obtained.
- Using neighbouring catchments provided helpful indicators to independently validate the SWAT simulated streamflow.
- We recommend the use of all three available PET equations in SWAT to estimate AET whenever the model calibration is carried out with any satellite based AET products



# **3 PET equation in SWAT**



# **3 diff PET equations are applied to SWAT**

Hargreaves (SWAT-HG):

 $\lambda E_o = 0.0023 \cdot H_0 \cdot (T_{mx} - T_{mn})^{0.5} \cdot (\overline{T}_{av} + 17.8)$ 

where  $\lambda$  is the latent heat of vaporization (MJ kg<sup>-1</sup>),  $E_o$  is the potential evapotranspiration (mm d<sup>-1</sup>),  $H_0$  is the extraterrestrial radiation (MJ m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>),  $T_{mx}$  is the maximum air temperature for a given day (°C),  $T_{mn}$  is the minimum air temperature for a given day (°C), and  $\overline{T}_{av}$  is the mean air temperature for a given day (°C).

Priestyl-Taylor (SWAT-PT):

$$\lambda E_o = \alpha_{pet} \cdot \frac{\Delta}{\Delta + \gamma} \cdot \left(H_{net} - G\right)$$

where  $\lambda$  is the latent heat of vaporization (MJ kg<sup>-1</sup>),  $E_o$  is the potential evapotranspiration (mm d<sup>-1</sup>),  $\alpha_{pet}$  is a coefficient,  $\Delta$  is the slope of the saturation vapor pressure-temperature curve, de/dT (kPa °C<sup>-1</sup>),  $\gamma$  is the psychrometric constant (kPa °C<sup>-1</sup>),  $H_{net}$  is the net radiation (MJ m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>), and *G* is the heat flux density to the ground (MJ m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>).

### Penman-Monteith (SWAT-PM):

$$\lambda E = \frac{\Delta \cdot (H_{net} - G) + \rho_{air} \cdot c_p \cdot [e_z^o - e_z]/r_a}{\Delta + \gamma \cdot (1 + r_c/r_a)}$$

where  $\lambda E$  is the latent heat flux density (MJ m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>), *E* is the depth rate evaporation (mm d<sup>-1</sup>),  $\Delta$  is the slope of the saturation vapor pressure-temperature curve, de/dT (kPa °C<sup>-1</sup>),  $H_{net}$  is the net radiation (MJ m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>), *G* is the heat flux density to the ground (MJ m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>),  $\rho_{air}$  is the air density (kg m<sup>-3</sup>),  $c_p$  is the specific heat at constant pressure (MJ kg<sup>-1</sup> °C<sup>-1</sup>),  $e_z^o$  is the saturation vapor pressure of air at height *z* (kPa),  $e_z$  is the water vapor pressure of air at height *z* (kPa),  $\gamma$  is the psychrometric constant (kPa °C<sup>-1</sup>),  $r_c$  is the plant canopy resistance (s m<sup>-1</sup>), and  $r_a$ is the diffusion resistance of the air layer (aerodynamic resistance) (s m<sup>-1</sup>).

# Uncalibrated SWAT (Default)Results



Model Run	Statistics	Uncalibrated
RG_AET_HG	KGE NSE	0.51 -0.38
RG_AET_PT	KGE NSE	0.55 -0.28
G_AET_PM	KGE NSE	0.46 -0.36
RM_AET_HG	KGE NSE	0.42 -2.8
RM_AET_PT	KGE NSE	0.43 -2.6
RM_AET_PM	KGE NSE	0.35 -2.48



#### Landuse spatial distribution



#### Soil spatial distribution





#### Elevation spatial distribution







#### Slope spatial distribution



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#### Rainfall-Runoff relationship



#### Aridity index Q-Q plot





Runoff coefficient ECDF

summary statistics of basins runoff coefficient of events





# **On-going work**

• Using GUESS framework for nutrient calibration in the data sparse catchment

#### Future work

- To quantify the impact of agricultural landuse change on the water quality of Ogun River
- To Assess the impact of climate change on water quality and quantity of the watershed
- To develop best management practices that will be formulated into policy

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Testing the three available PET equations in SWAT to estimate AET whenever the model calibration is carried out with any satellite based AET products

Independent validation of hydrological model with a ground truth observation data whenever models are calibrated with solely satellite based AET