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Operational Hydrological Models for Water Management: Case Studies from Australia, Brazil, and Portugal

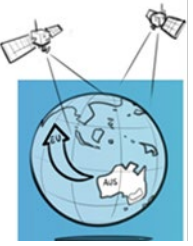
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Introduction



Operational hydrological models have great importance in water management



AQUASAFE is a user-friendly platform for integrated water management including operational hydrological models



SWAT model is one of the operational hydrological models in AQUASAFE



Currently available models

Coastal

- MOHID
- DELFT3D
- SWAN
- WWIII

Inland

- MOHID Land
- **SWAT**
- Daisy
- AquaCrop
- HydroAquafarm

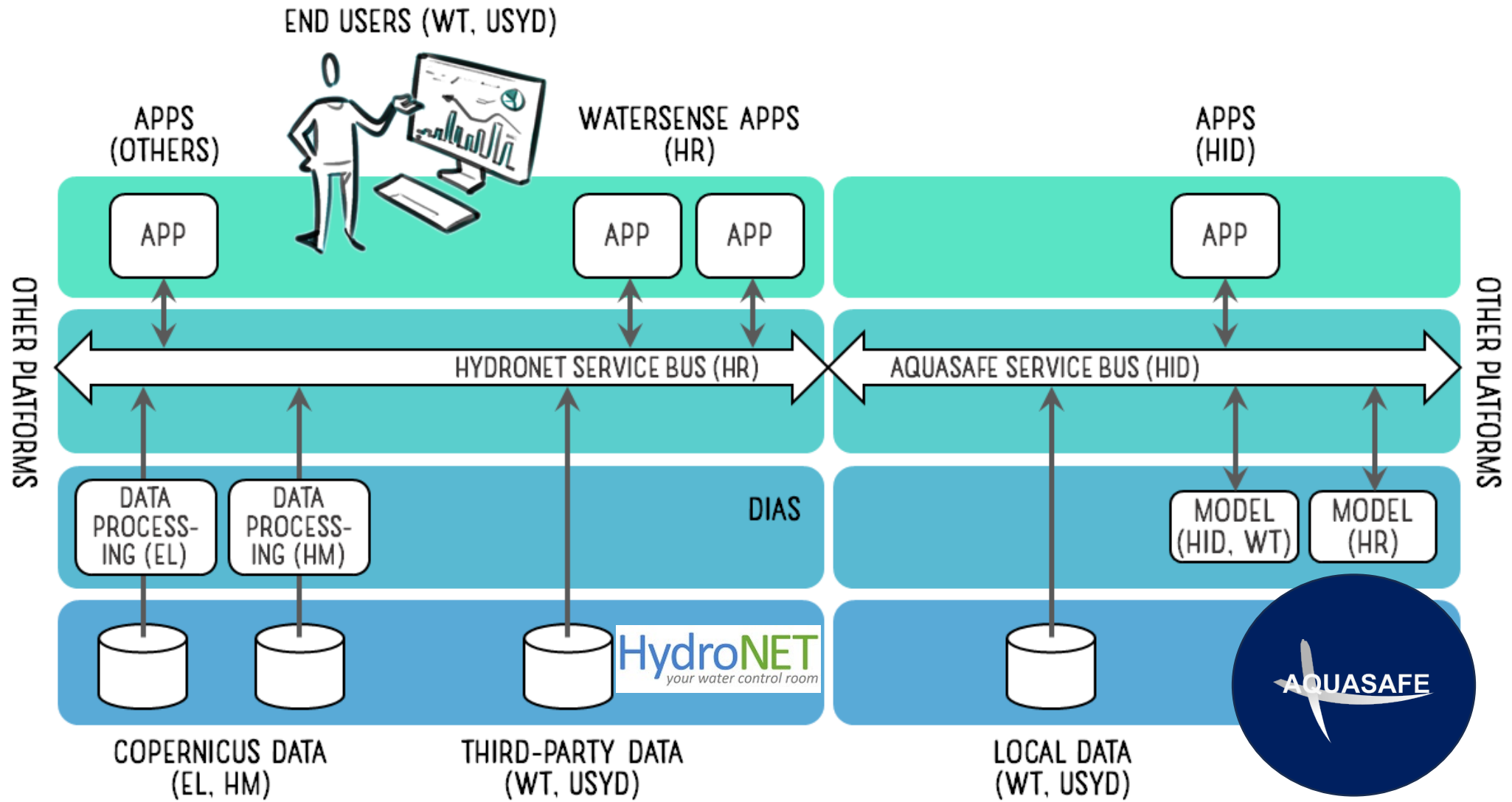
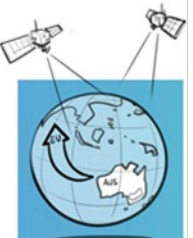
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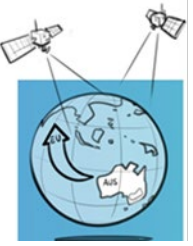
- SWMM
- EPANET
- Bentley WG SG
- GPSX

Generic model

- R
- Python
- Fortran







Visualization in HydroNET



Visualization capabilities in HydroNET for real-time information



Many interfaces and features available for users

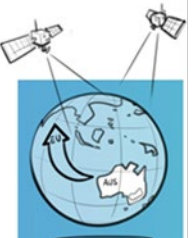


AQUASAFE focus on operational hydrological modeling while HydroNET focus on visualization

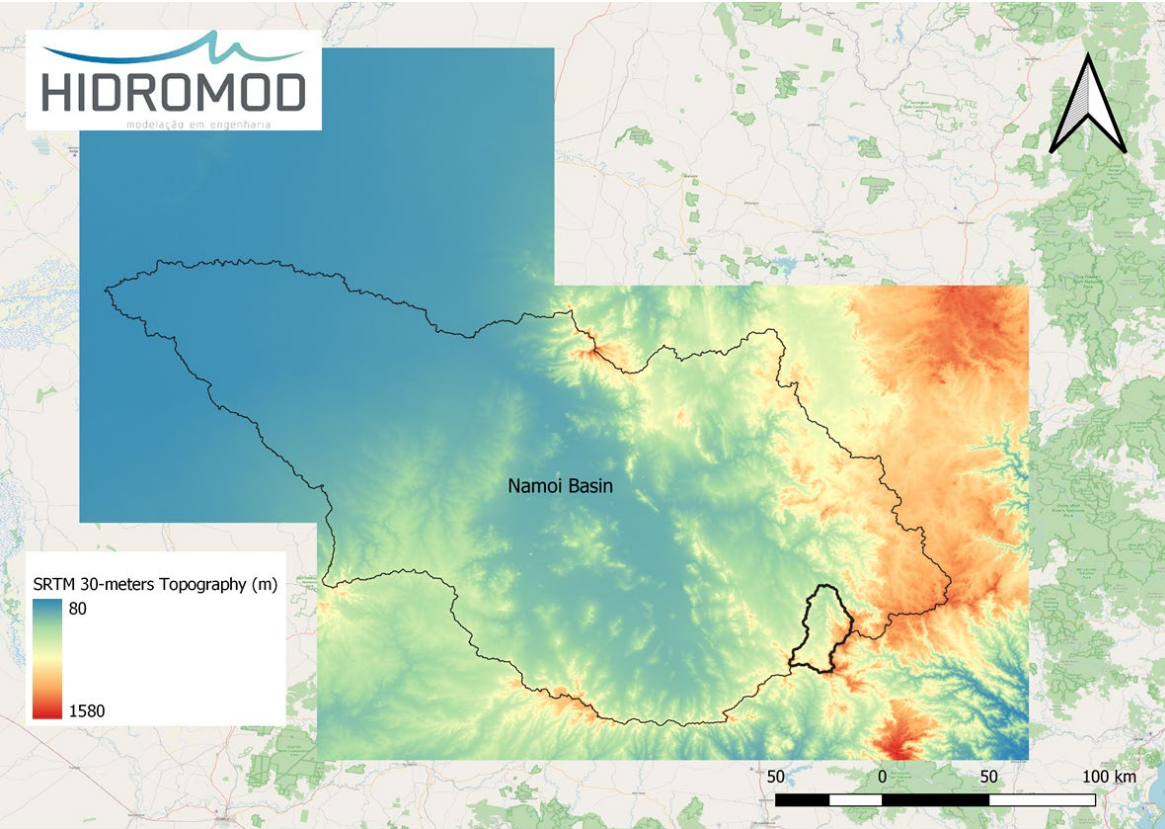
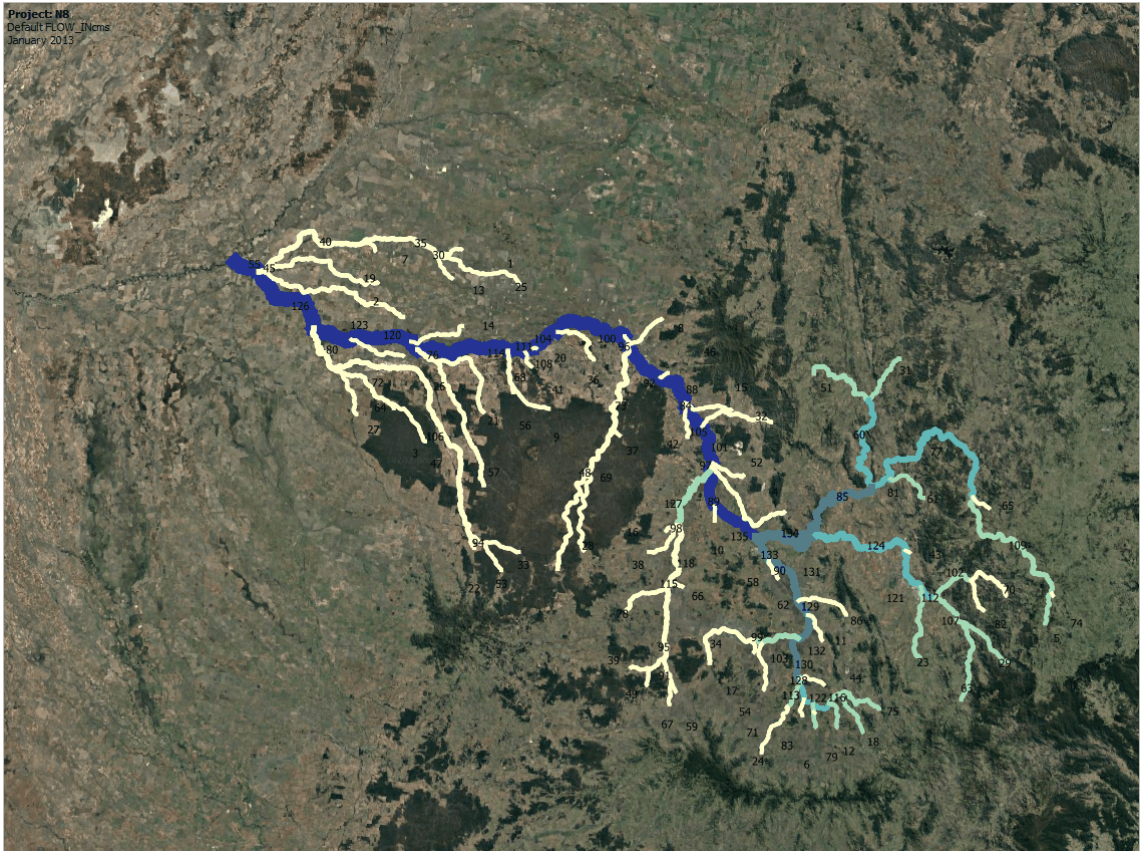
Case Study 1: Australia - Namoi Watershed

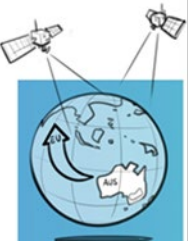
- Namoi watershed has many water management challenges
- AQUASAFE used to make SWAT operational to predict flow and soil moisture
- Different sources of meteorological data for model input





Catchment hydrological modelling





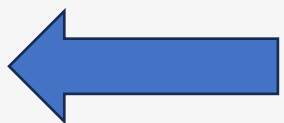
Steps for operational model execution

- Create consistent (gap filled, validate, etc.) boundary conditions
- Set Model execution interval
- Write Boundary conditions
- Write initial conditions
- Set Hotstart files
- Execute model (catch errors etc.)
- Read result files
- Store the results





Executables

+ New program



Filter

- snirh
- Saihd_TS
- MohidLand2019B
- SWAT  
- SWAT2
SWAT 2012
- HDF5Extractor 2019
- ET0_Calculator
- Convert2Hdf5_Hydronet
- Convert2Hdf5 - Edicao Australia
- MOHIDLand2022

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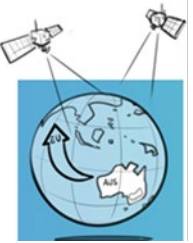
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Mohid SWAT exe available in Aquasafe

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Mohid SWAT

Two modified versions of the [SWAT model](#) were developed, based on the three SWAT releases (SWAT2000, SWAT2005 and SWAT 2012). You can download the package with all the MOHID SWAT releases [HERE](#). The functionalities described herein are equal in both versions. So we refer to this modified versions as SWAT-MOHID. This executable has to main functions: i) To help explore SWAT outputs; ii) To Couple SWAT and MRN. You can get the source code from MOHID download area in www.mohid.com. SWAT-MOHID uses the following MOHID modules:

- Module Time
- Module TimeSerie
- Module EnterData
- Module HDF5
- Module GlobalData

- SWAT Feb 9 2012 VER 2009/Rev 510
- [http://wiki.mohid.com/index.php?title=Mohid SWAT](http://wiki.mohid.com/index.php?title=Mohid_SWAT)
- SWAT Apr 12 2013 VER 2012/Rev 591
- <https://github.com/pedrochambel/SWAT-MOHID>



Program

Name

SWAT2

Location (on server disk) Program to upload (directory) AquaSafe program

D:\AquaChange\AquaSafe\Programs\SWAT2\SWAT2012.exe

Description

SWAT 2012

OK

Cancel

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Numerical models





 New model  Duplicate model

Type to filter models

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-  swat
-  swat2
-  swat3  
-  swat4
-  Tamworth (NSW Forcing)
-  Tamworth (Radar Forcing)
-  Tamworth DN (NSW Forcing)
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General settings

Name

N3_0

Description

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Uri catalog



SWAT model implemantraion to NAMOI Watershed in NSW - Australia

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Import project

Model importer

- SWAT 
- MOHID Water MPICH
From: Maretec - IST
- R model
From: The R Foundation 
- SWAN
From: Delft University of Technology
- SWAT
From: USDA
- SWMM 5.1
From: US-EPA

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Executables

Model executable

- SWAT2
- SWAT
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- SWAT 2012
- Valida4D
- WinPython-64bit-3.4.3.5

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Boundary Time series

Drag a column header and drop it here to group by that column

Model	File	Parameter
N3_0	p-3081506_pcp1.pcp	Precipitation [mm/h]
N3_0	t-3041491_tmp1.tmp	Air temperature Min [°C]
N3_0	t-3041491_tmp1.tmp	Air temperature Max [°C]
N3_0	t-3041491_slr.slr	Solar radiation [W/m2]
N3_0	t-3041491_hmd.hmd	Relative humidity [-]

Add time serie Add constant provider

Boundary condition providers

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Grid boundary file

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Model	File	Parameter
N3_0	pcp.pcp	Precipitation [mm/h]
N3_0	atm.atm	Relative humidity [-] Solar radiation [W/m2] Air temperature [°C] Wind speed [m/s]

Add single provider Add multiple providers (in space)

Boundary condition providers

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3 novas notificações



Store time series

Drag a column header and drop it here to group by that column

ToSave	Model	File	Parameter	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N3_0	res\keepit_21.rch	FlowOut m3/s	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N3_0	res\1_1.mto	SoilWater mmH2O	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N3_0	res\Outlet_8.rch	FlowOut m3/s	
<input type="checkbox"/>	N3_0	res\keepit_21.rch	algal biomass mg/l	
<input type="checkbox"/>	N3_0	res\keepit_21.rch	ammonia mg/l	
<input type="checkbox"/>	N3_0	res\keepit_21.rch	BOD mg/l	
<input type="checkbox"/>	N3_0	res\keepit_21.rch	chlorophyll a mg/l	
<input type="checkbox"/>	N3_0	res\keepit_21.rch	dissolved phosphorus mg/l	

Storage parameter

Flow [m3/s]

Storage station

Keepit [Aus2]

Gap filler

%1 Store has binary

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Scheduling

Enable scheduling

Schedule by time

Schedule by event

Start date
 10/1/2021 12:00 AM

Forecast
 7 d 0 h 0 m 0 s

Fixed execution time

Zero time
 + 0 d 0 h 0 m 0 s

Source	Trigger on sucessfull execution	Trigger on failed execution
GFS NOAA - World 0.25° (3H) - Cut	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GFS25_Aust	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GFS25_Douro	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GFS25_Douro_HR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GFS50_AS_Douro	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HydroNet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HydroNet - Namoi Radar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
hydronet_clean	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Discharge rate [M/d]

Execution needs all data

Debug mode

Use hotstart

Use multiple cores

Spin up duration

Max number of cores

0 d 0 h 0 m 0 s

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Stop execution after:

Split run in smaller intervals

0 d 20 h 0 m 0 s

0 d 0 h 0 m 0 s

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Finish

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Task manager

Administración

- Models
- Downloads
- Publications
- Time serie calculations
- Other sources

List name	Next execution (UTC)	In execution
MN57	2023-06-27 12:50	
MN57_0	2023-06-27 12:59	
MN57_0_0	Disabled	
MN8	Disabled	
N1	Disabled	
N2		
N3	Triggered by GFS25_Aust	
N3_0	Triggered by GFS25_Aust	
N3_0_0	Triggered by GFS25_Aust	
Namoi - LotB	Triggered by Serie calculada - ET0 GFS	
off3	Disabled	

Next execution (UTC) Triggered by GFS25_Aust

Count down

Run every -

Run now

Stop

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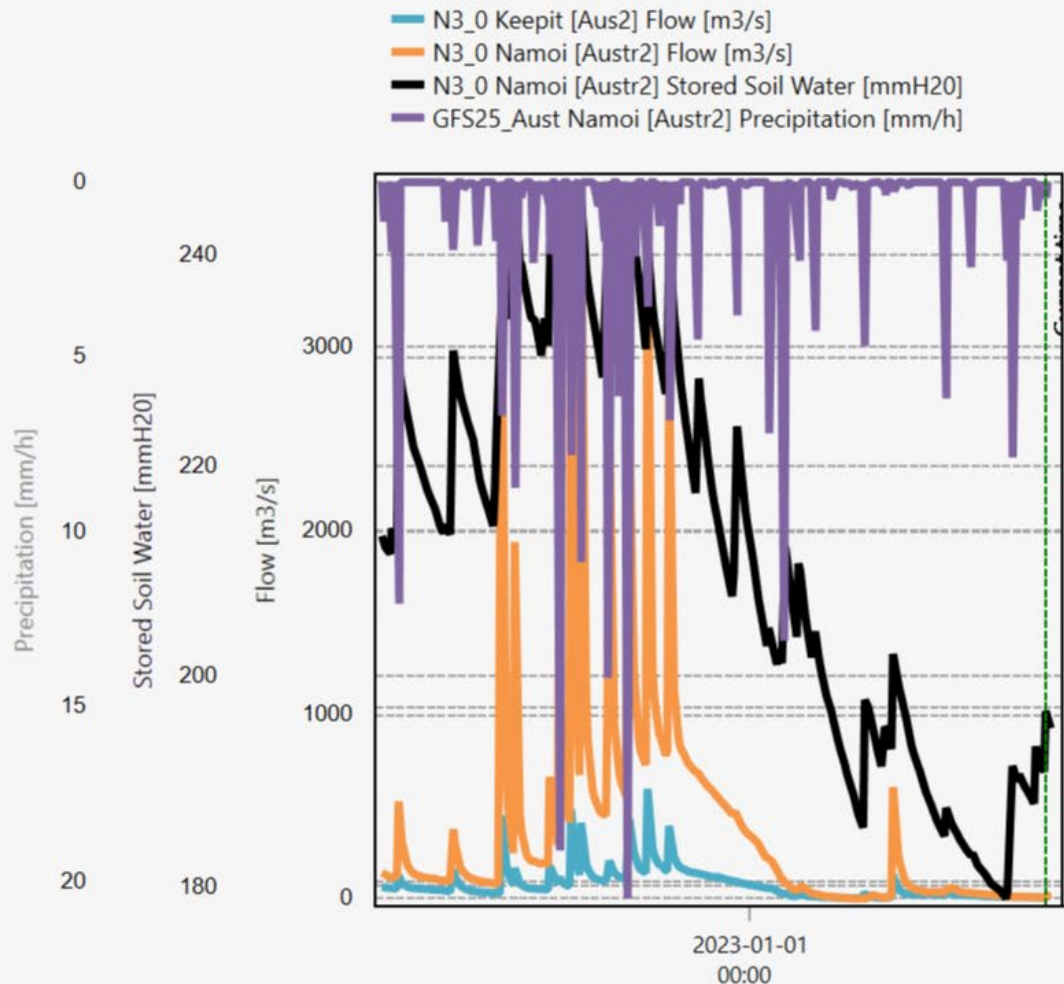
SWAT vs NSW



Monte Novo2



WaterNSW



- N3_0
 Start execution 2023-06-27 10:35:22
 End execution 2023-06-27 10:51:09
 - N3_0
 Start execution 2023-06-26 10:35:41
 End execution 2023-06-26 10:51:13
 - N3_0
 Start execution 2023-06-25 10:36:23
 End execution 2023-06-25 10:52:30
 - N3_0
 Start execution 2023-06-24 10:35:27
 End execution 2023-06-24 10:51:43
 - N3_0
 Start execution 2023-06-23 10:34:44
 End execution 2023-06-23 10:51:36
 - N3_0
 Start execution 2023-06-22 10:35:20
 End execution 2023-06-22 10:51:36
 - N3_0
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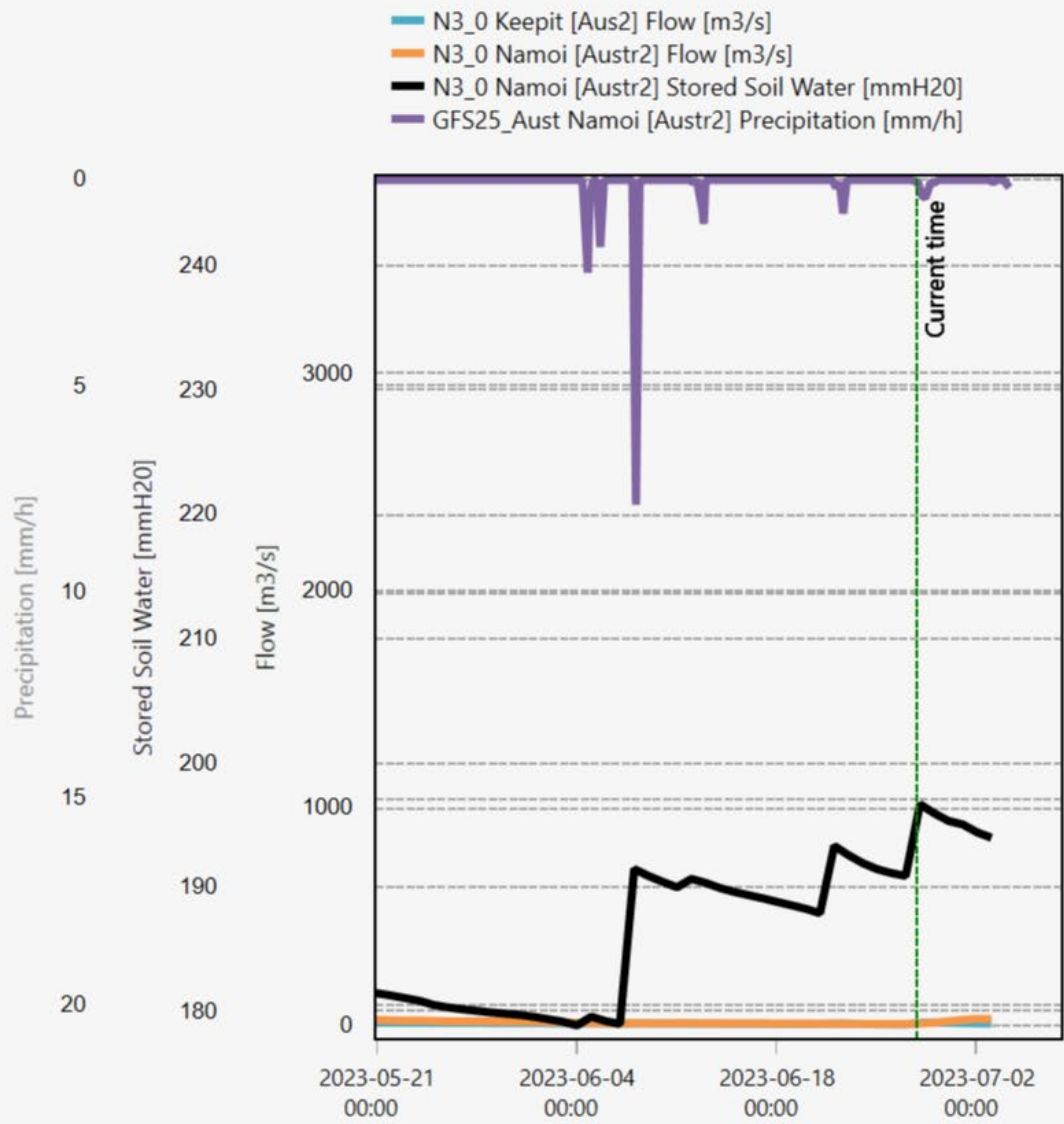
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 Mod: 202: Mod: 202: Hotstart

Boundary Files Generation

Creating grid file for 'precipitation' between 2021-10-01 00:00:00 and 2023-07-04 00:00:00
 'GFS25_Aust' provided data between 2021-10-01

Execution Log

Execution log file is too large (16MB), read on server.



- ✓ N3_0
Start execution 2023-06-27 10:35:22
End execution 2023-06-27 10:51:09
 - ✓ N3_0
Start execution 2023-06-26 10:35:41
End execution 2023-06-26 10:51:13
 - ✓ N3_0
Start execution 2023-06-25 10:36:23
End execution 2023-06-25 10:52:30
 - ✓ N3_0
Start execution 2023-06-24 10:35:27
End execution 2023-06-24 10:51:43
 - ✓ N3_0
Start execution 2023-06-23 10:34:44
End execution 2023-06-23 10:51:36
 - ✓ N3_0
Start execution 2023-06-22 10:35:20
End execution 2023-06-22 10:51:36
 - ✓ N3_0
Start execution 2023-06-21 10:35:22
End execution 2023-06-21 10:48:53
 - ✓ N3_0
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Start 202: End 202:

Mod: 202: Mod: 202: Hotstart

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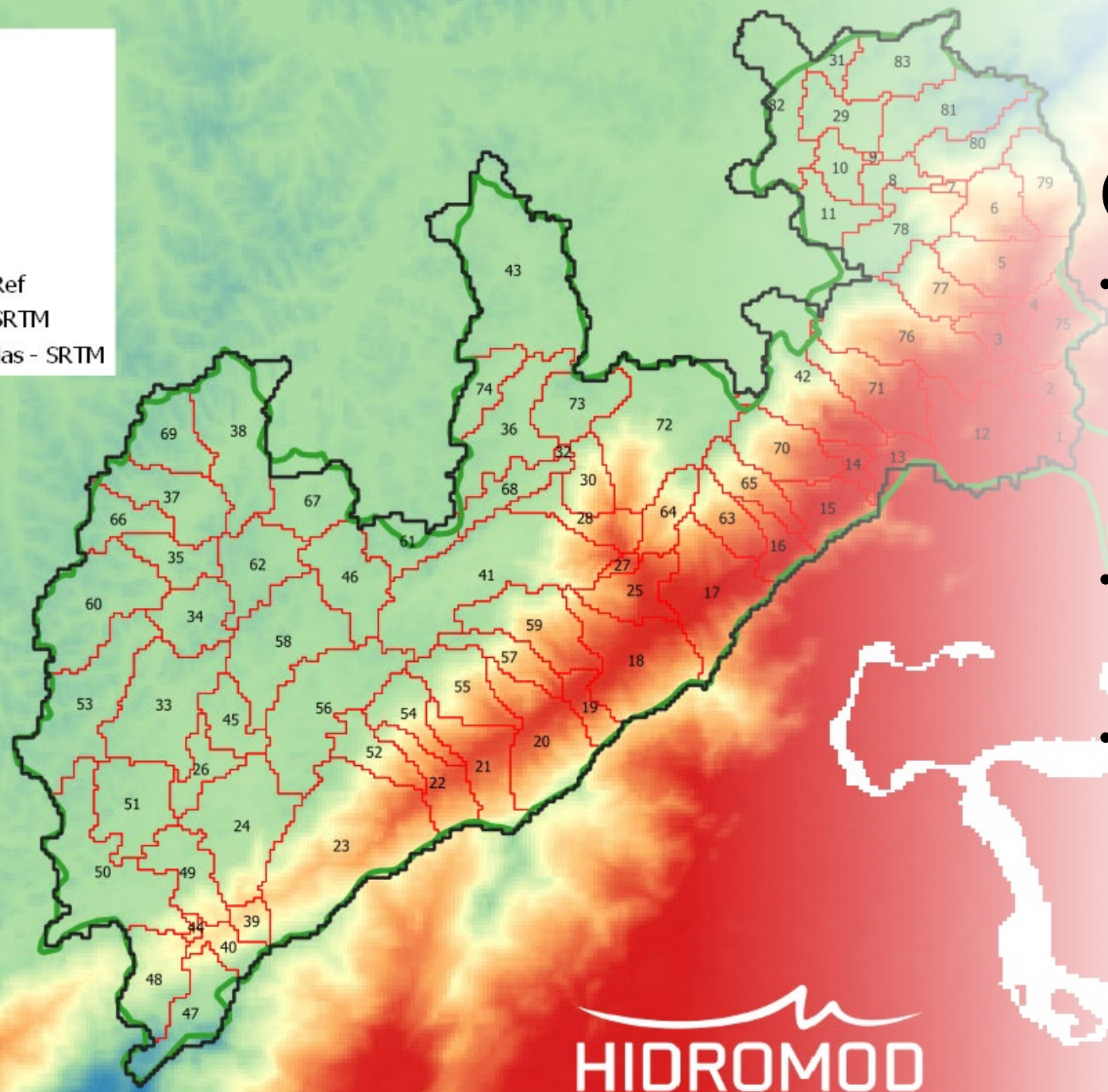
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Case Study 2: Brazil - Cubatão River Watershed

- Cubatão River Watershed has a urban water management context
- A operational platform was created for fluvimetric and rainfall data monitoring
- Very few data available for calibration and validation
- Due to frequent flooding it is very important to have a operational platform for managing water resources



Topografia

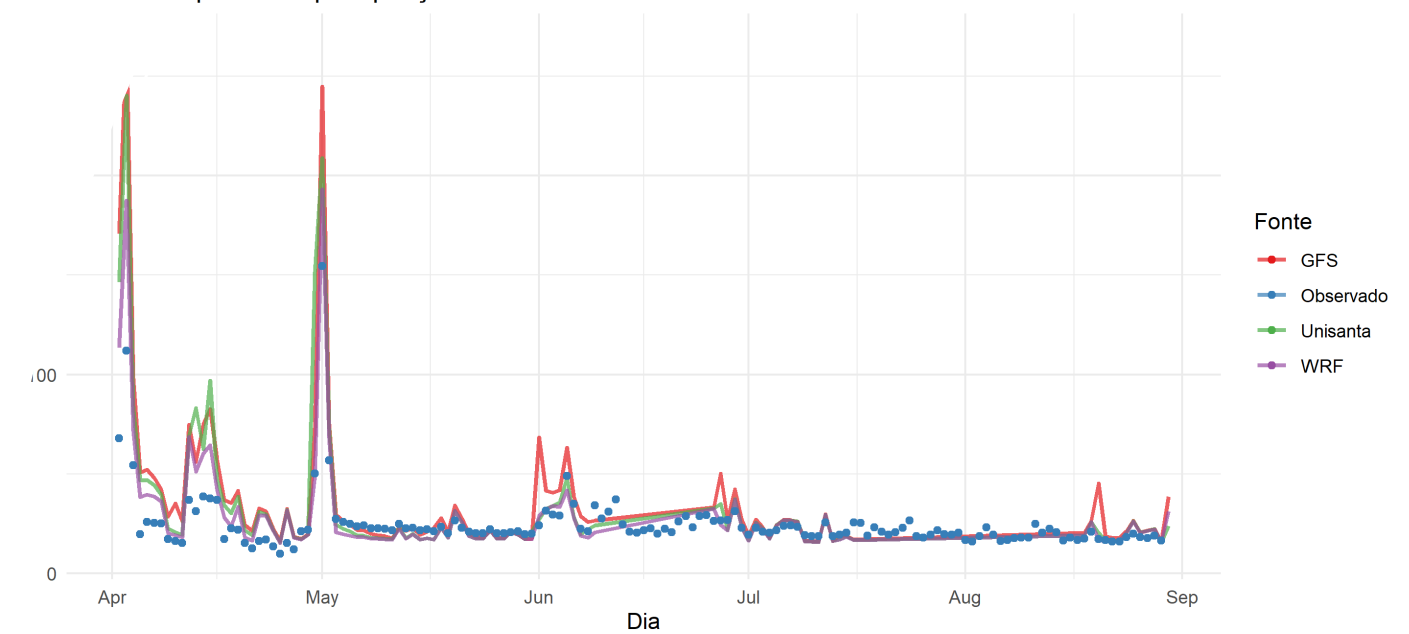


Cubatão

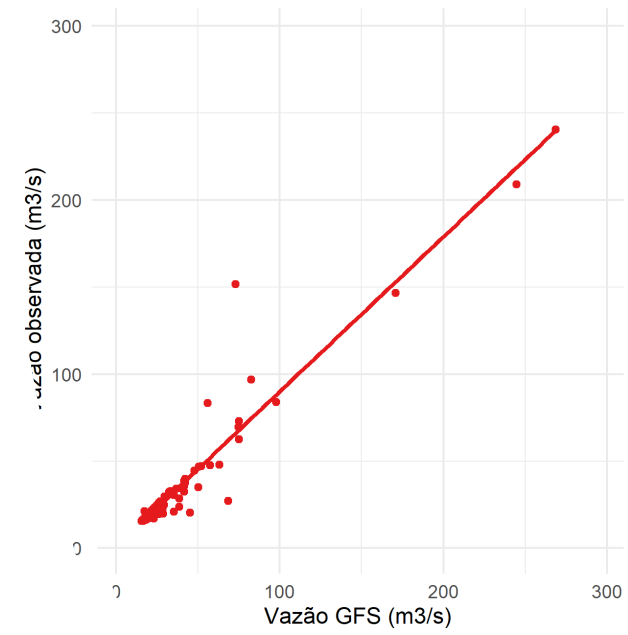
- Elevation: The watershed has a minimum elevation of 0 meter and a maximum elevation of 1167 meters, with an average (mean) elevation of 553.87 meters.
- Area of Watershed: The total area of the watershed is 18831 hectares (ha).
- Number of Subbasins: The watershed is divided into 83 subbasins, each corresponding to a distinct hydrologic response unit (HRU).

Calibration/Validation

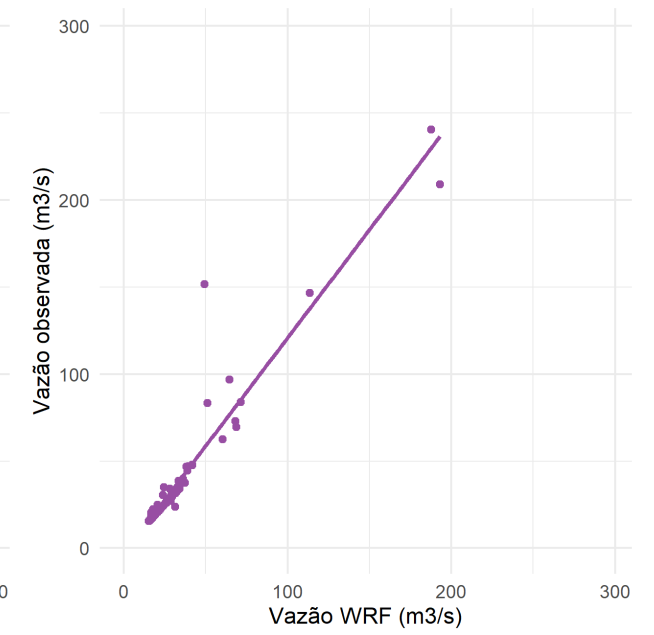
- Very few data
- Model as some prediction capacity
- Calibration period for 1972-1974
- Validation period between April and August 2022

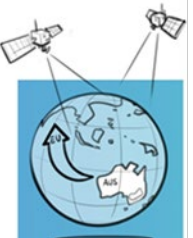


Correlação com modelo GFS: 0.93



Correlação com modelo WRF: 0.94





Operational information on the AQUASAFE

PREVISÕES - GERAL Dashboard Set Settings

Precipitação

Zoom 1m 3m 6m YTD 1y All From Jun 25, 2022 To Jul 5, 2022

● Previsões | GFS 25 km | Precipitação [mm/h] ● Previsões | WRF 5 km | Precipitação [mm/h]
● Medições | UNISANTA | Precipitação acumulada [mm]

Pluviômetros Cemaden | Cubatão

● 3648, Precipitation Accumulated [mm] ● 3842, Precipitation Accumulated [mm] ● 3645, Precipitation Accumulated [mm]
● 3646, Precipitation Accumulated [mm]

Nível

Zoom 1m 3m 6m YTD 1y All From Jun 25, 2022 To Jun 30, 2022

— Medições | UNISANTA | Nível do Rio [m] - - - Medições | UHE Subterranea | Vazão [m3/s]
- - - Medições | UHE Externa | Vazão [m3/s] - - - - - Medições | UNISANTA | Precipitação acumulada [mm]

Mapa

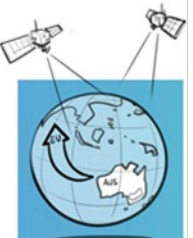
Nível atual 1.42
Tuesday, Jul 5, 10:03
Precipitação acumulada 0
Tuesday, Jul 5, 10:03





Case Study 3: Portugal - Douro River Hydropower Plant Cascades

- Hydropower plant cascades on the Douro River and very significant electric production
- Operational system developed for streamflow forecasting
- Utilization of various sources of precipitation predictions in the model
- Operational system allows to improve hydropower plant management



Douro basin and sub-basins

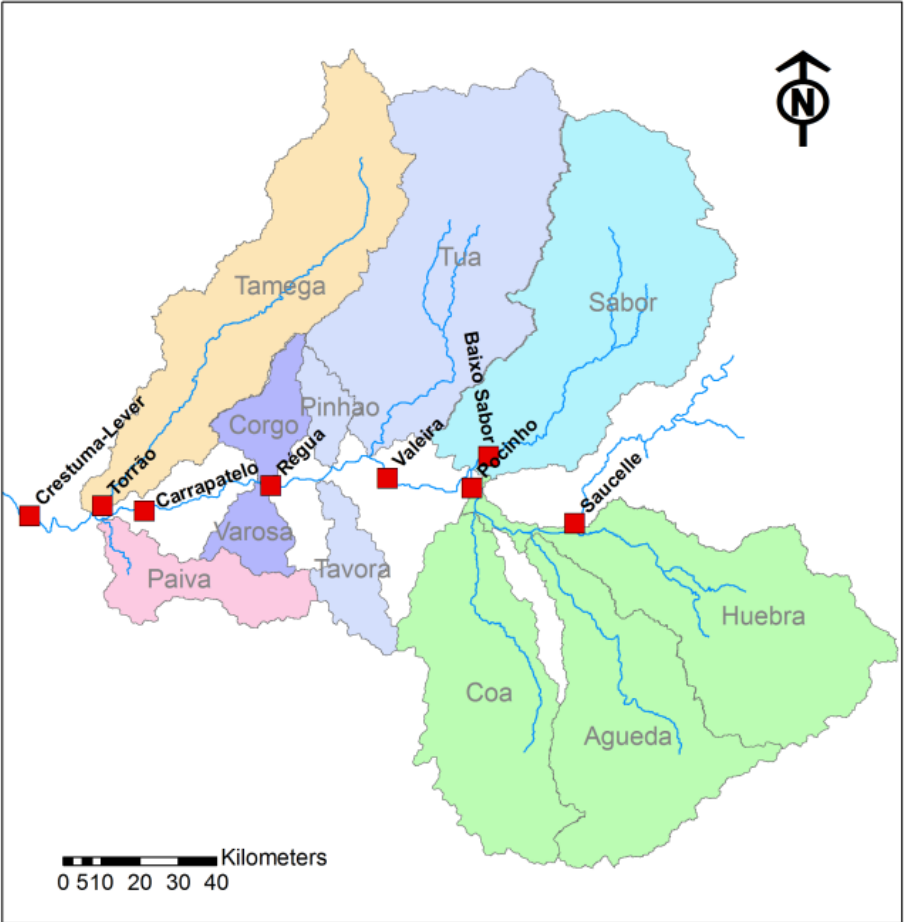
EDP Aquasafe Flow

Legend

- Reservoirs
- Reach

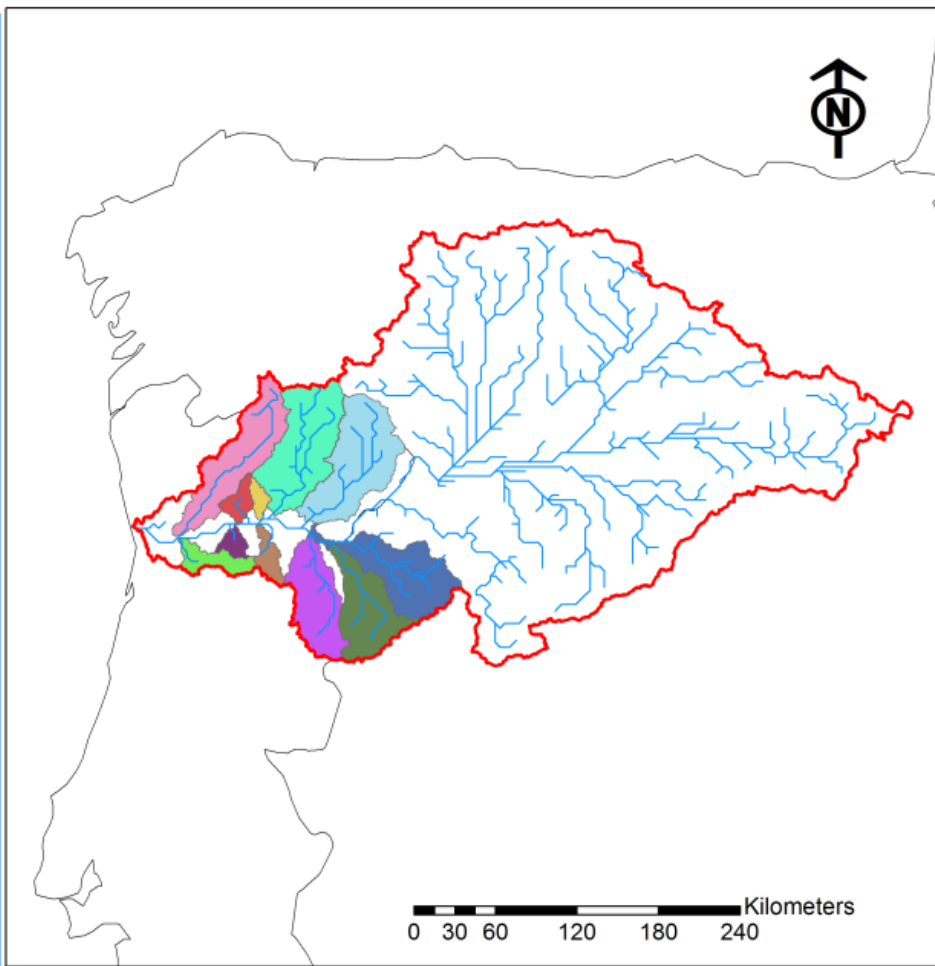
Sub Basins

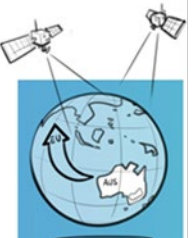
- Baixo Sabor
- Carrapatelo
- Crestuma-Lever
- Pocinho
- Regua
- Torrao



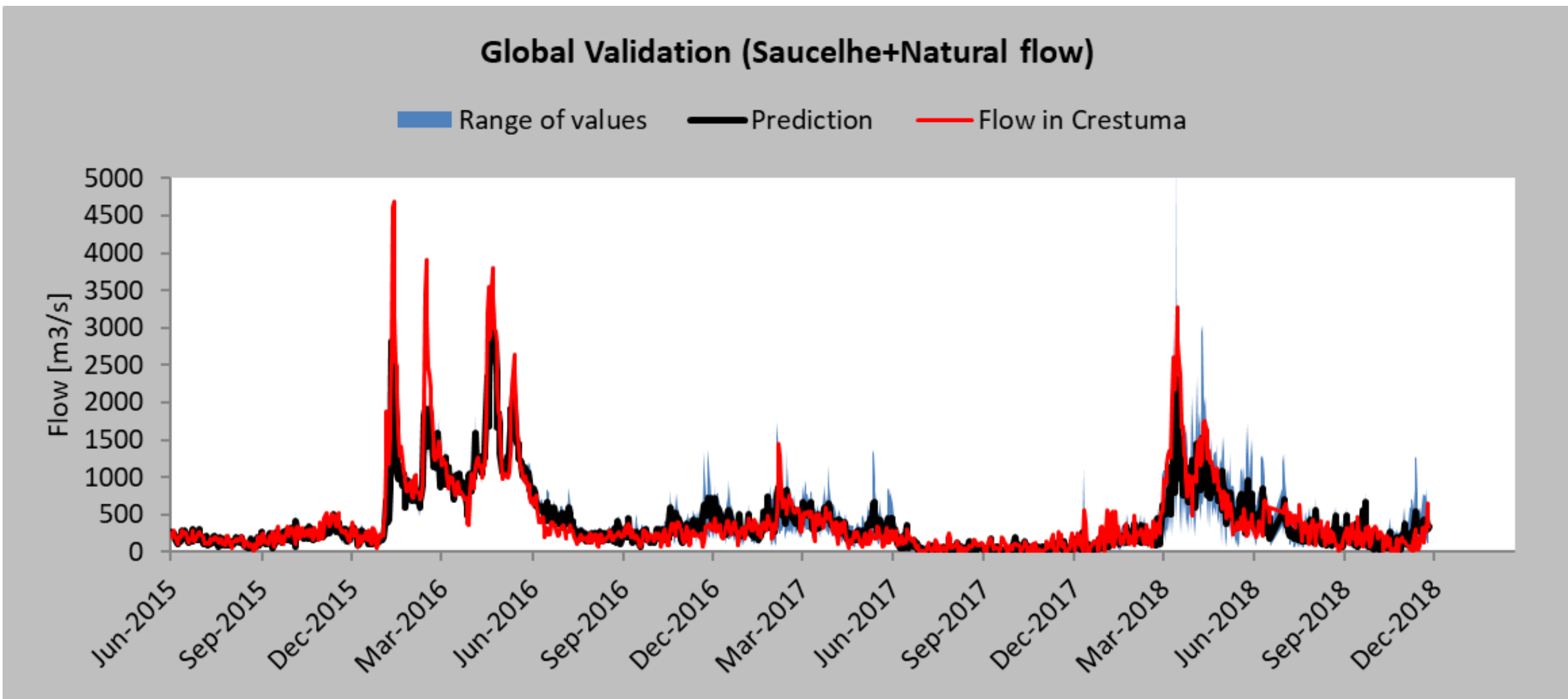
Watershed

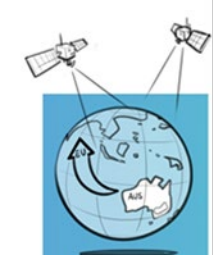
- Douro Watershed
- Reach
- Sub-Basins
- Agueda
- Coa
- Corgo
- Huebra
- Paiva
- Pinhao
- Sabor
- Tamega
- Tavora
- Tua
- Varosa





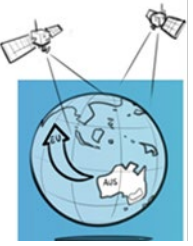
Operational validation – 2015-2018





Uptime and availability

	Procedures	Success
Internal sources1	MOHID model runs forced by GFS 25km + IPMA pcp	99.4%
	MOHID model runs forced by IPMA pcp + WRF 5km + GFS 25km	100.0%
	MOHID model runs forced by WRF 36km + IPMA pcp + GFS 25km	100.0%
	Runs do modelo MOHID forçado por IPMA pcp + WRF 12km + GFS 25km + WRF 36km + WRF 5 km + GFS 50km	100.0%
	MOHID model runs forced by GFS 25km + IPMA pcp	99.4%
	SWAT model forced by WRF 5 km + WRF 12 km + GFS 25 km + WRF 36 km + GFS	99.4%
	SWAT model forced by WRF 12 km + WRF 5 km + GFS 25 km + WRF 36 km + GFS	99.4%
External sources1	Model WRF 12 km MeteoGalicía (availability plus download)	100.0%
	Model WRF 36 km MeteoGalicía (availability plus download)	100.0%
	Model WRF 5 km Ibermeteo (availability plus download)	100.0%
	Model GFS-50 km (availability plus download)	97.2%
	Model GFS-25 km (availability plus download)	99.4%



Conclusion

Constant model validation is crucial for an effective use of operational hydrological models in water management. Operational reporting is fundamental.

Uptime and availability of results is also very important in the presented case studies. Operational alert systems contribute to this.

Usability is paramount. A versatile and easy to use interface is key for success.

Q&A Session

Get ready to fire away with your
burning questions

