









Assessment of the pollutant transport with SWAT model, in an agricultural watershed dominated by an alluvial aquifer

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The **Aguaflash** project is a Interreg SUDOE (South West European) research project, created to evaluate the impact of **floods** on **water quality**

OBJECTIVE

-The development of a **method** to determine the risks of deterioration of waters **quality** in **agricultural** watersheds during **flood** events, transposable to the SUDOE territory.



Developing a **prototype**, which will be a **tool** to help watershed managers to identify where the impact takes place, and where to intervene in order to **reduce** the pressure **pollution**. FOUR EXPERIMENTAL WATERSHEDS Under strong agricultural pressure -The Save (France)

- -The Flumen (Aragon, Spain)
- -The Alegria (Basque Country, Spain)
- -The Enxoe (Portugal)



ALEGRIA WATERSHED LOCATION and CHARACTERISTICS

 WATERSHED AREA: 113 km²
HYDROCLIMATIC CONDITIONS: 600-700 mm/year (P) 0,55 m³/s (Q)

> ALLUVIAL AQUIFER VULNERABLE ZONE TO NO3 CONTAMINATION (2000-2008)

CHANNEL: diverts water from the high part of the watershed to a reservoir.





SwatLandUseClass













AVAILABLE DATA

4 metereological stations:
P, SLR, HMD, TEMP and WND from 2002 to
2010 (9 years SWAT running)

1 YEAR OF MEASURED DATA 2009-2010 -high resolution dataset-

Q (m³/s) 10 min. \rightarrow daily Tubidity (NTU) 10 min. \rightarrow daily Suspended Sediments and nitrates (mg/l every 15 days and more measurements during floods

Channel

Daily diverted flow from 2002 to 2010

1º PROJECT : whole watershed (113 km²)

2º PROJECT : watershed below channel (54 km²)



FARMING METHODS AND TECHNICAL ITINERARIES OF CROPS





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FLOW daily



SEDIMENTS



NITRATES



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CONCLUSIONS

-Swat model confirms that the channel has diverted all water from the high part of the watershed for the last 9 years.

-The model is able to simulate flow and sediment with satisfactory results, while nitrate estimation still has to be improved.

-Sediments and nitrates show better results in terms of loads than in concentration.

FUTURE WORK

<u>Pesticides</u> (ethofumesato, terbutylazine, linuron)

Improve <u>aquifer-river</u> (nitrates)

Obtain more observed data

Climate Change scenarios ~

Land use Change scenarios

Effect on water quality

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