



FEWS user days

The FEWSPo system: actual state and new developments

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This presentation

- FEWSPo “core business”
 - Numerical and statistical models for flood and drought forecasting
- New applications
 - Water quality
 - Eco-hydraulics models
 - Random forest application for estimation of threshold crossing probability

A national and interregional agreement among public administrations

Italian Department of Civil Protection

Po river basin Authority

Interregional Agency for the Po river basin

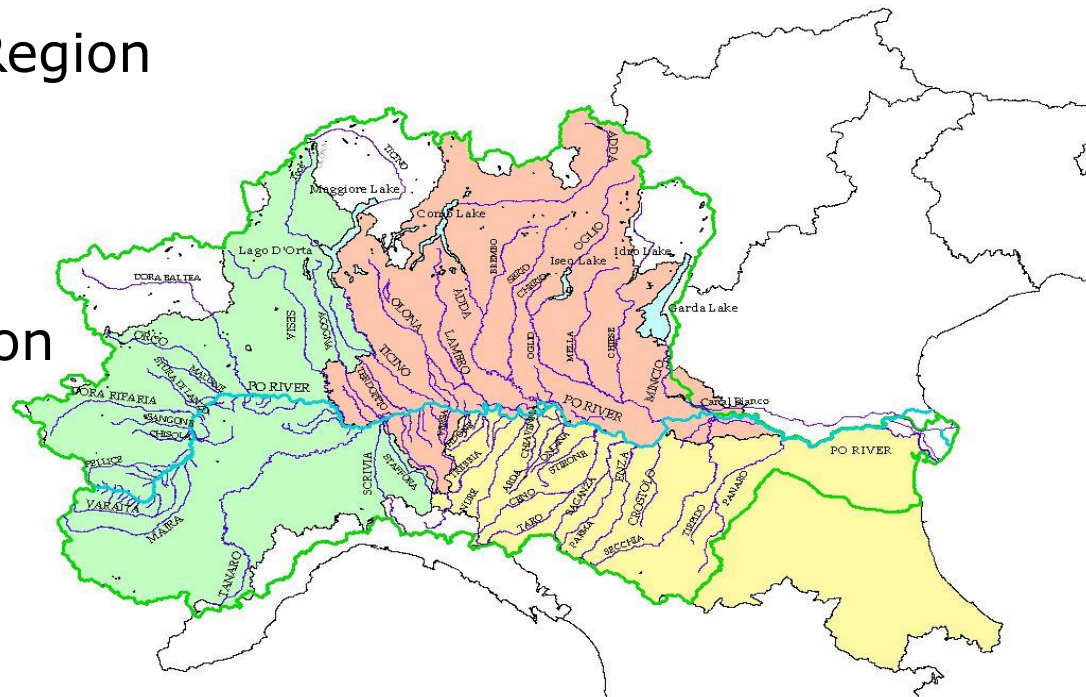
Emilia-Romagna Region

Lombardia Region

Piemonte Region

Valle d'Aosta Region

Veneto Region



The Italian Decree on Po floods

Direttiva PCM 08/02/2013

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DECRETI PRESIDENZIALI

DIRETTIVA DEL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI 8 febbraio 2013.

Indirizzi operativi per l'istituzione dell'Unità di Comando e Controllo del bacino del fiume Po ai fini del governo delle piene, nonché modifiche ed integrazioni alla Direttiva del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri del 27 febbraio 2004 e successive modificazioni.

to nazionale e regionale per il rischio idrogeologico idraulico ai fini di protezione civile» e successive cauzioni ed integrazioni» e s.m.i. ed in particolare 5 concernente le misure di previsione e prevenzione strutturale finalizzate al governo delle piene, ove, sto che nei bacini di interesse interregionale e nazionale in cui siano presenti opere di ritenuta iscritte nel R

4. Unità di comando e controllo dell'asta principale del Fiume Po.

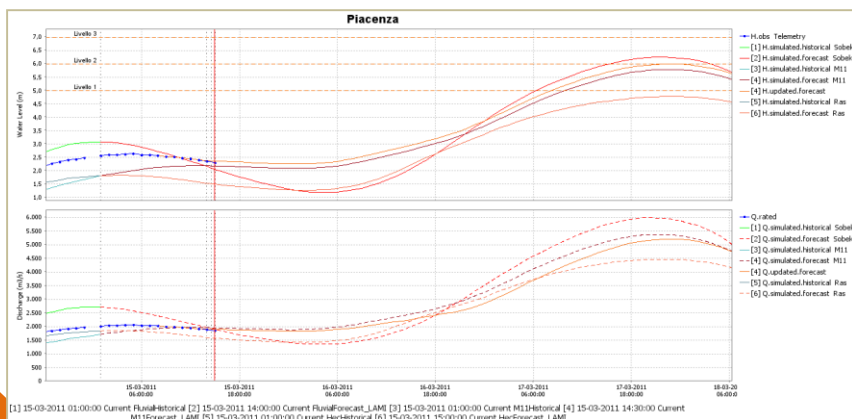
L'UCC rappresenta l'autorità di protezione civile per il governo delle piene ed è costituita dai Presidenti delle Regioni, o da loro delegati, dal Ministro dell'Ambiente e della Tutela del Territorio e del Mare o da un suo delegato (che potrà essere un Sottosegretario o il Segretario dell'Autorità di Bacino a seconda del livello di rappresentanza) e dalla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri - Capo del Dipartimento della protezione civile o suo delegato, che la presiede. La convocazione dell'UCC è effettuata dal Dipartimento della protezione civile su richiesta di

5. Modello previsionale per l'asta principale del Fiume Po.

La sede di Parma dell'AIPo, svolge le funzioni di centro previsionale per l'asta principale del fiume Po, coordinandosi con i Centri Funzionali Decentrati della Valle d'Aosta, del Piemonte, della Lombardia, dell'Emilia Romagna e del Veneto.

L'AIPo, con il supporto della struttura di ARPA-SIMC di Parma, Centro di Competenza per la modellistica idrologica, garantisce il funzionamento del sistema di modellistica idrologica e idraulica (FEWS PO) e l'allineamento degli analoghi sistemi di back-up operativi presso le Regioni e presso il Centro Funzionale Centrale del Dipartimento della protezione civile.

Il Dipartimento della protezione civile, l'AIPo, il Ministero dell'ambiente e della tutela del territorio e del mare, il Ministero delle infrastrutture e dei trasporti e le Regioni interessate assicurano le risorse finanziarie per la gestione e la manutenzione evolutiva dei sistemi modellistici, nonché provvedono all'attuazione delle attività previste

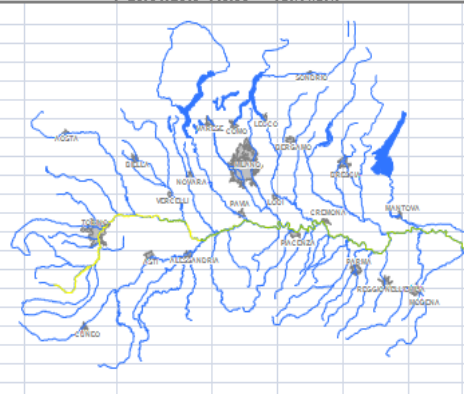


Flood event on Aprile 2013

BOLLETTINO PREVISIONE DI CRITICITÀ
IDROMETRICA SUL BACINO DEL FIUME PO

Evento di Aprile 2013

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4 Crescentino	151.14	3.60	4.00	5.00	O
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8 Ponte Becca	269.21	3.50	4.50	5.50	A
9 Spessa Po	280.69	4.50	5.50	6.50	A
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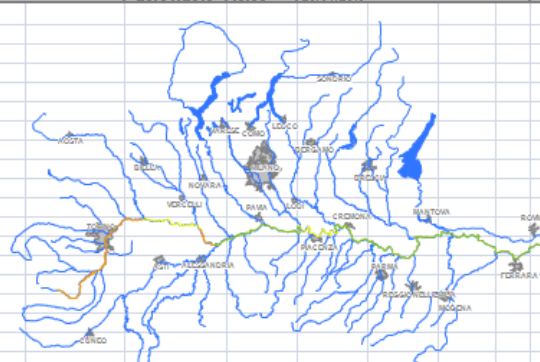
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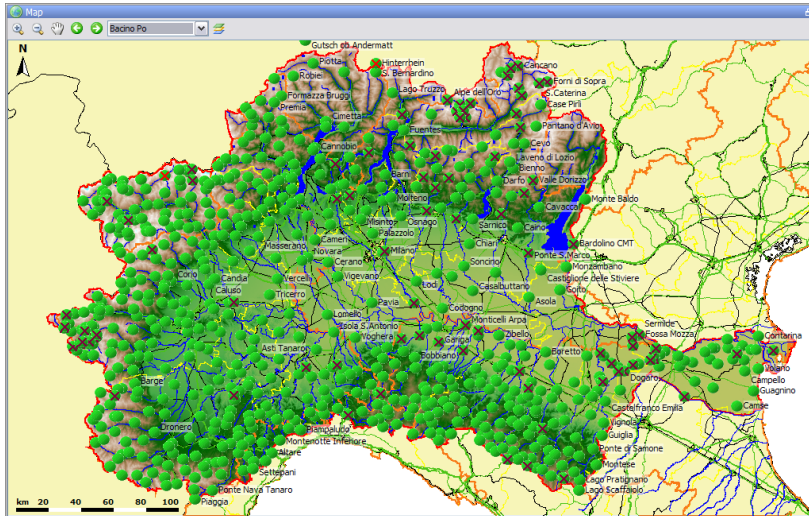
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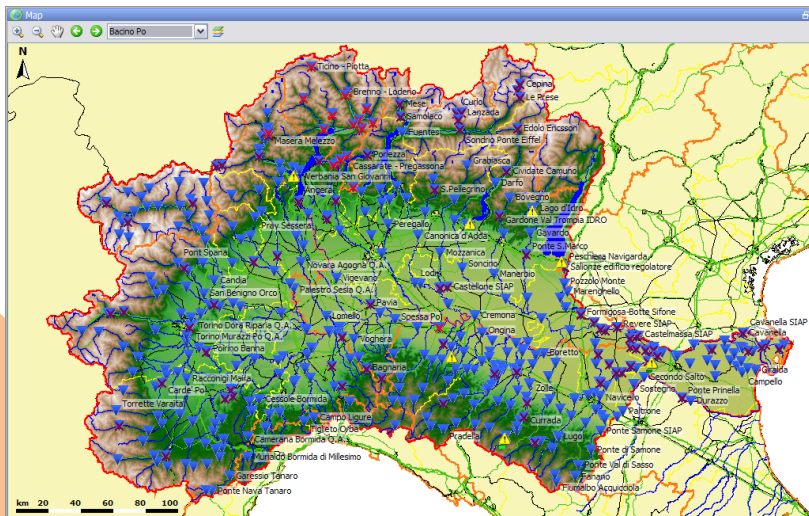
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Observed data (Rainfall, Temperature, Snow level, Water level, Discharge)



Telemetry network:

- ~ 1250 Rain gauges
- ~ 950 Termometer
- ~ 700 Water level gauges
- ~ 170 Snow level gauges

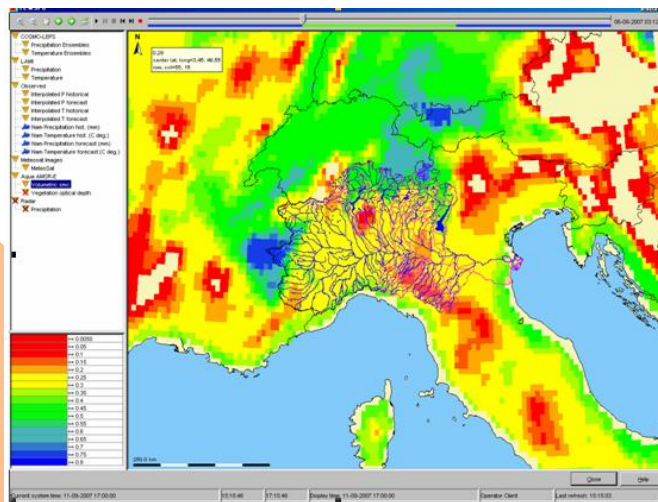


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Radar and satellite

(Precipitation fields, Soil moisture)

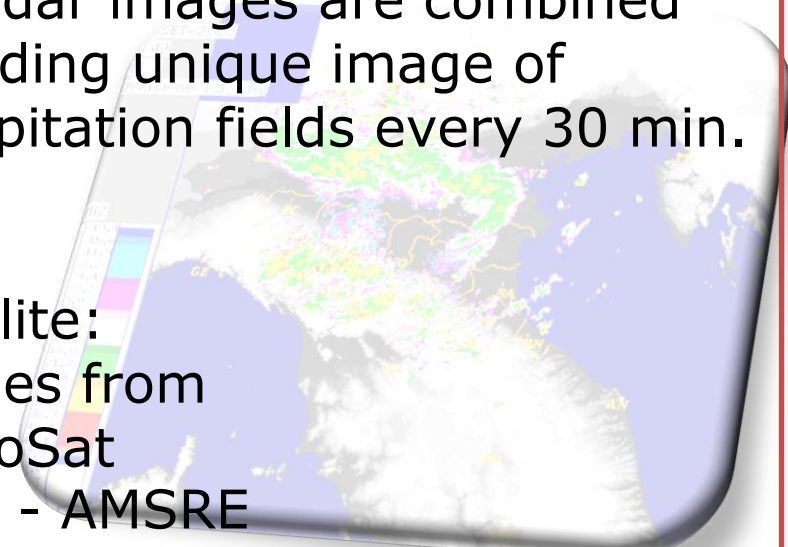


Radar:

All radar images are combined providing unique image of precipitation fields every 30 min.

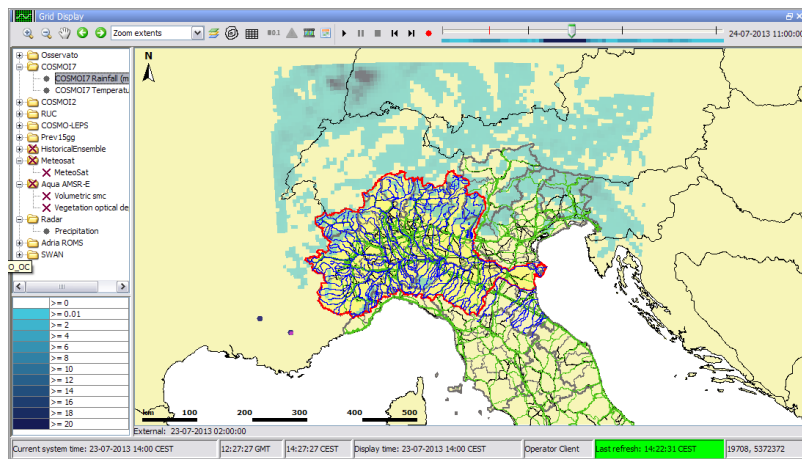
Satellite:

Images from
MeteoSat
Aqua - AMSRE



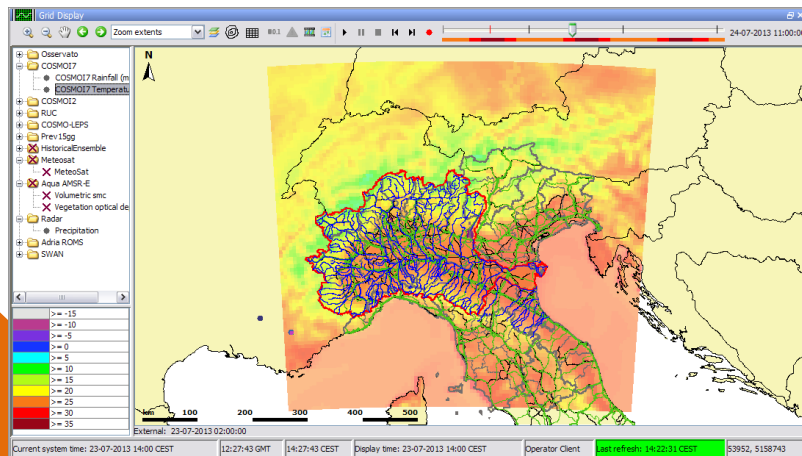
Meteorological models

(Rainfall and temperature fields from deterministic and ensemble models)



COSMO15 – 5km resolution, 76 hours lead time, two time a day

COSMO12 – 2km resolution, 48 hours lead time, two time a day

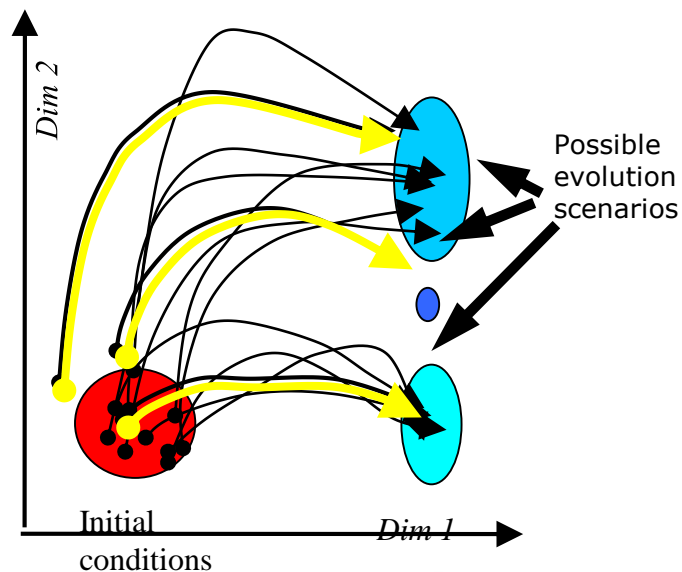


COSMORUC – 2km resolution, 16 hours lead time, 8 time a day

COSMO LEPS – Probabilistic 16 members, 5 days lead time

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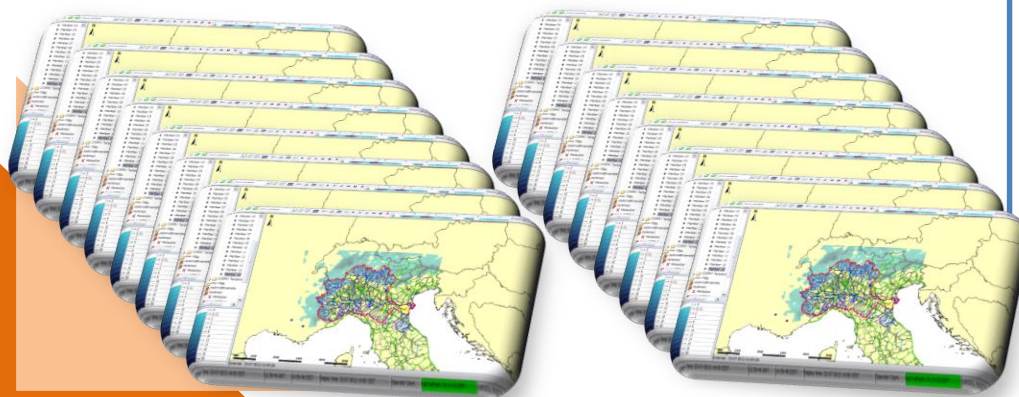


The EPS Model

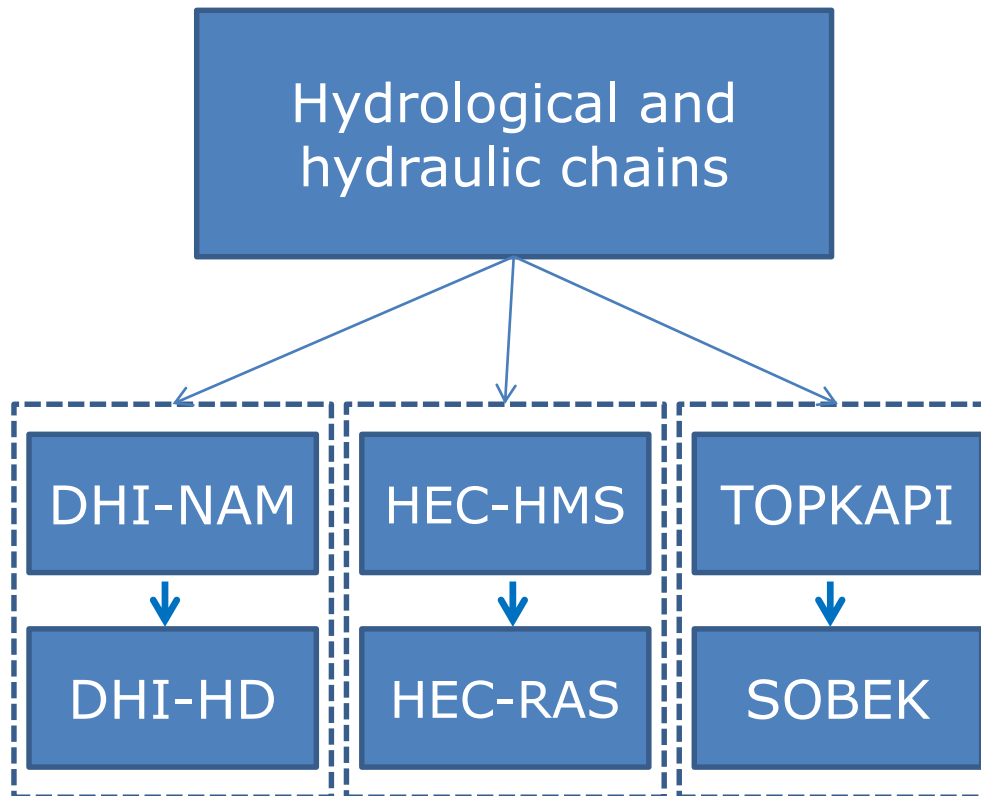
Ensemble Prediction System (EPS-LEPS)

Atmosphere is a chaotic system and small errors in initial conditions (different states of the atmosphere) and numerical forecast model uncertainties can lead to different results

⇒ 16 scenarios



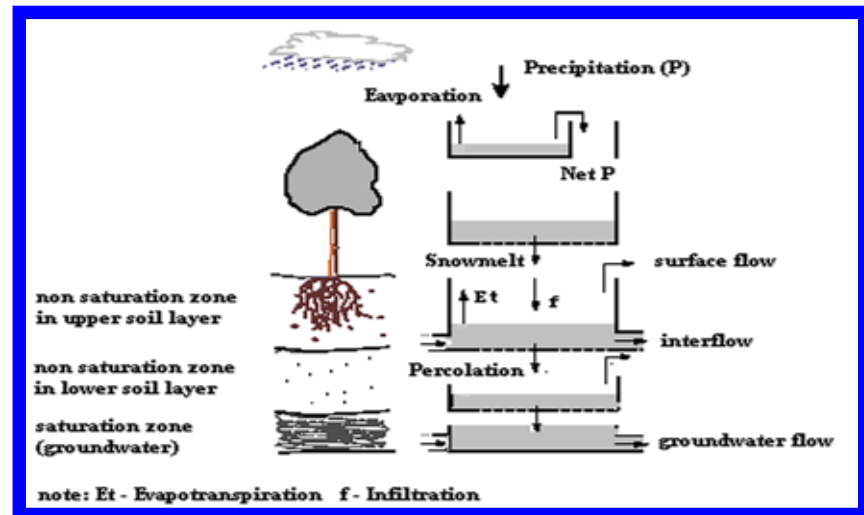
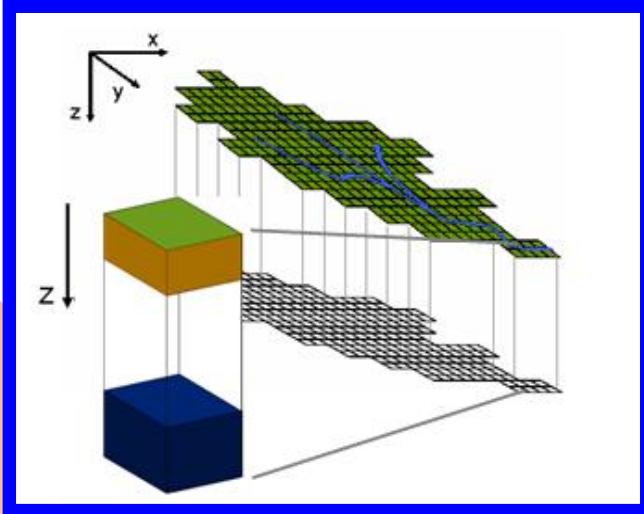
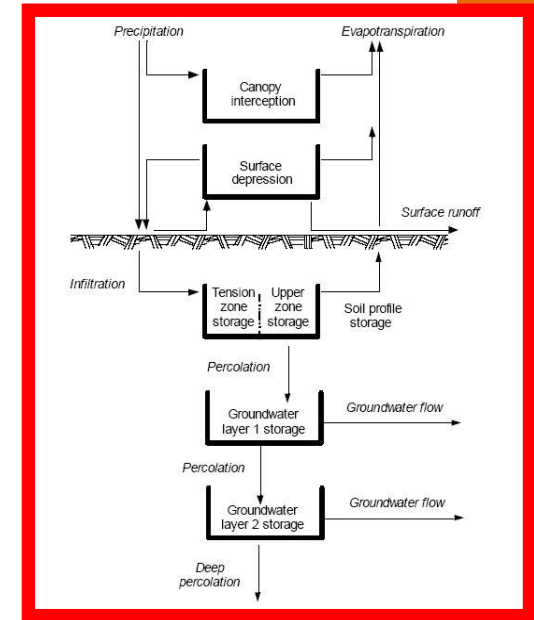
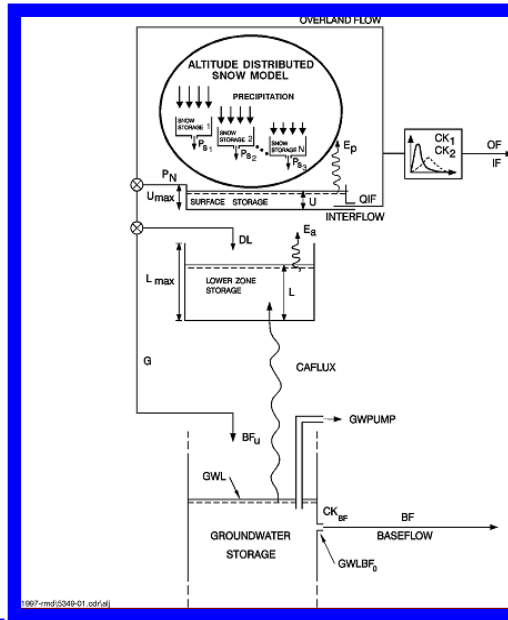
Hydrological and hydraulic chains



The applied techniques are attractive because they take in account the effects of uncertainty on hydrological forecasts, offering an approach to a probabilistic prediction and improving the same hydrological accuracy as well.

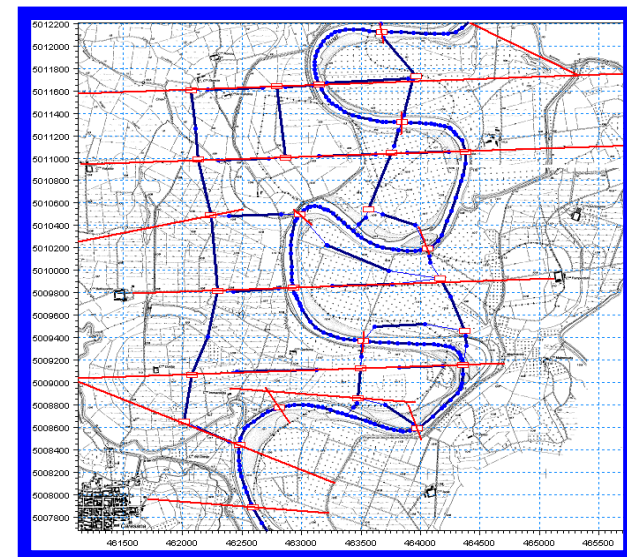
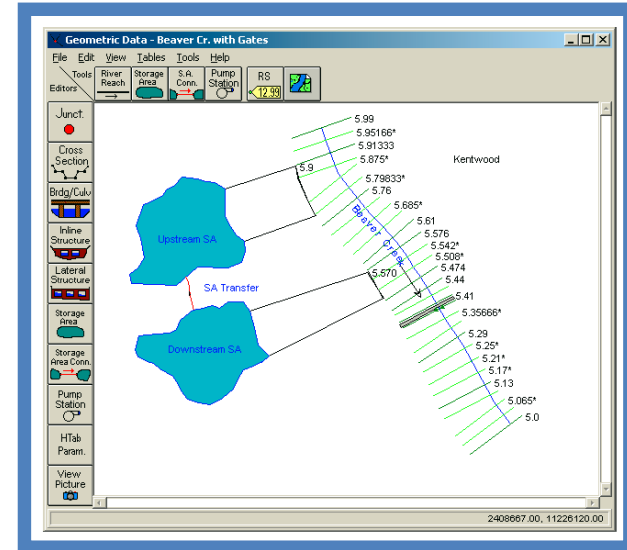
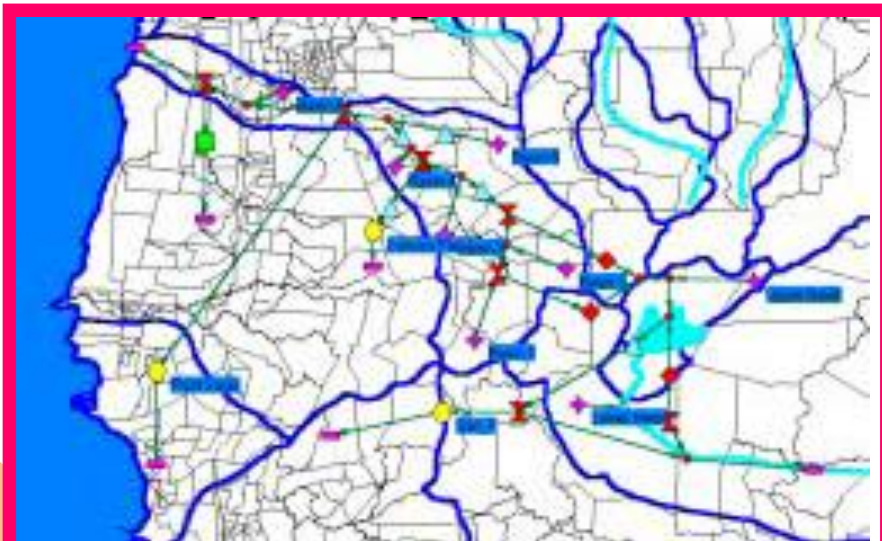
Hydrological models

- HEC – HMS
- DHI – NAM
- TOPKAPI



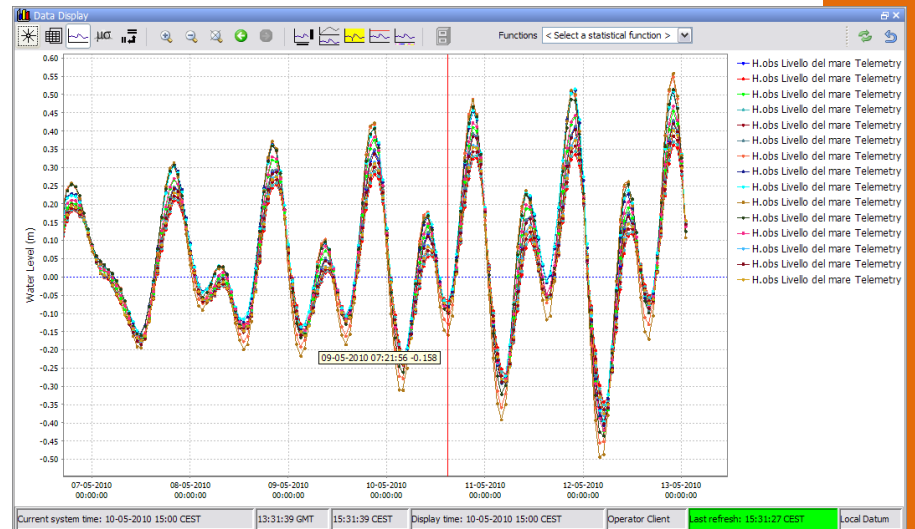
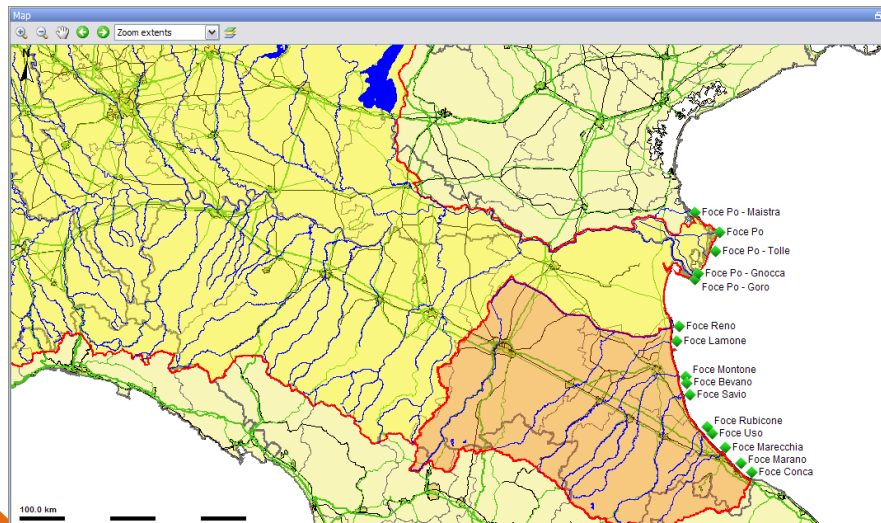
Hydrodynamic models

- HEC – RAS
- DHI – M11
- Delf Hydraulics - Sobek



Downstream boundary conditions

- Sea levels (ADRIA-ROMS model)



Adria-Roms

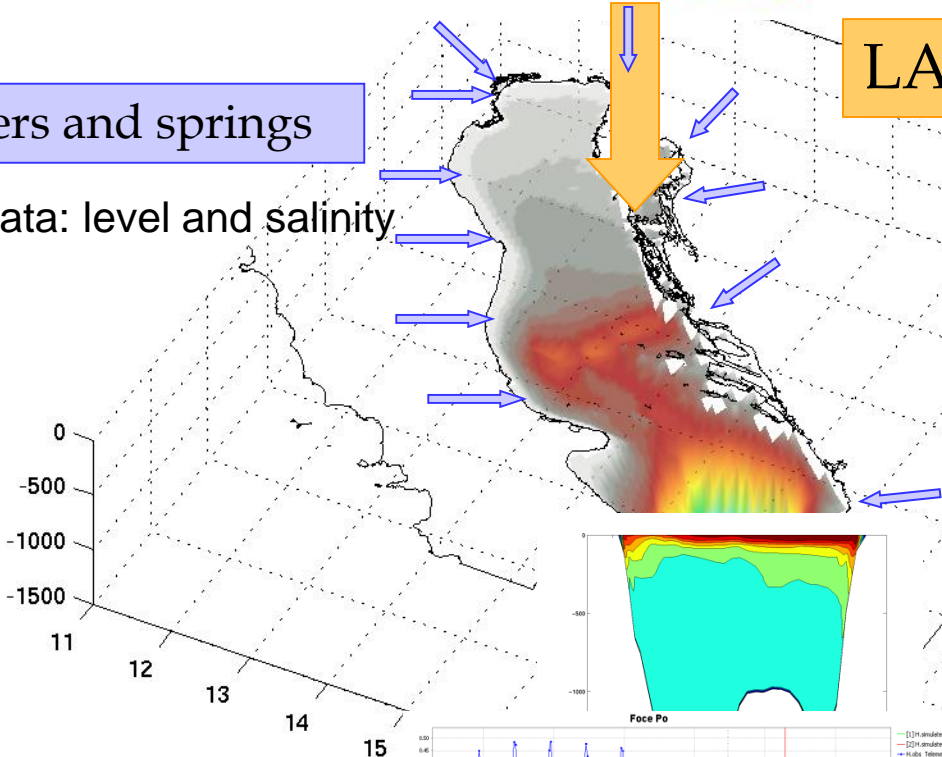
meteorological forces

- wind 10 m
- mean sea level pressure
- air temperature 2 m
- dew temperature 2 m
- total cloud cover
- net short-wave radiation

LAMI

48 rivers and springs

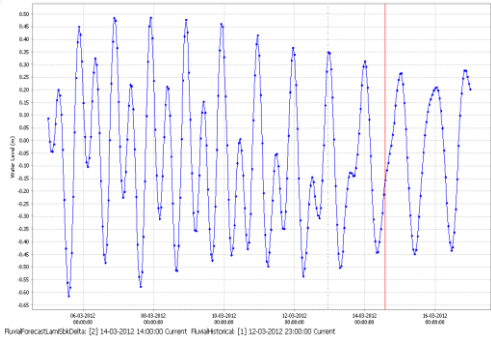
48 data: level and salinity data



Mediterranean GCM (OPA-MFSTEP) daily forecasted temperature and salinity

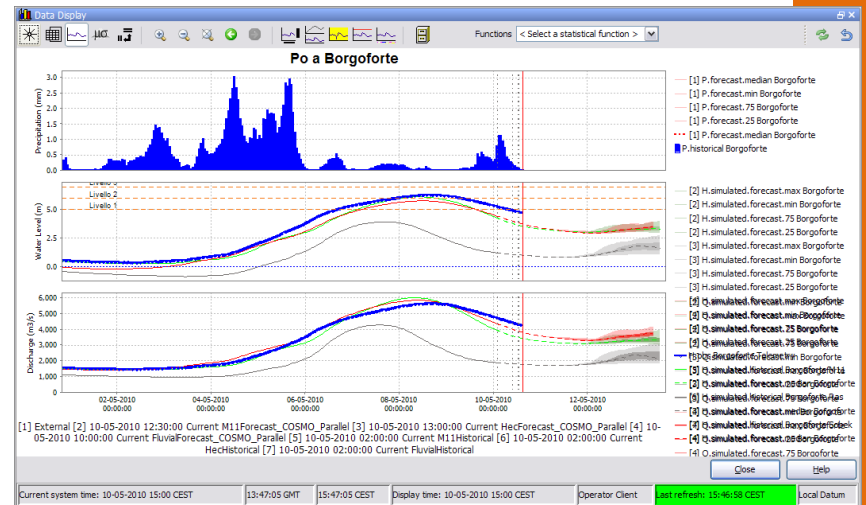
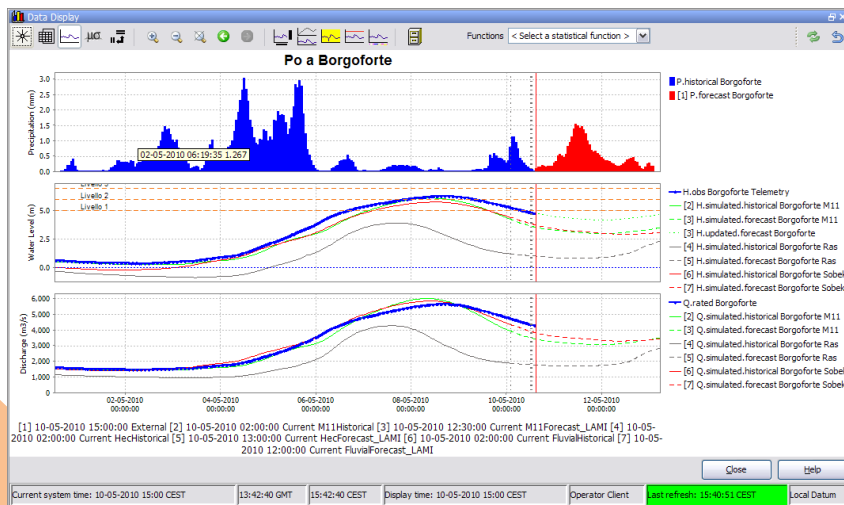
+ tidal elevation and currents (M2, S2, O1, K1) from QUODDY model

Model nested in Global Circulation Model of Mediterranean Sea



Forecast output

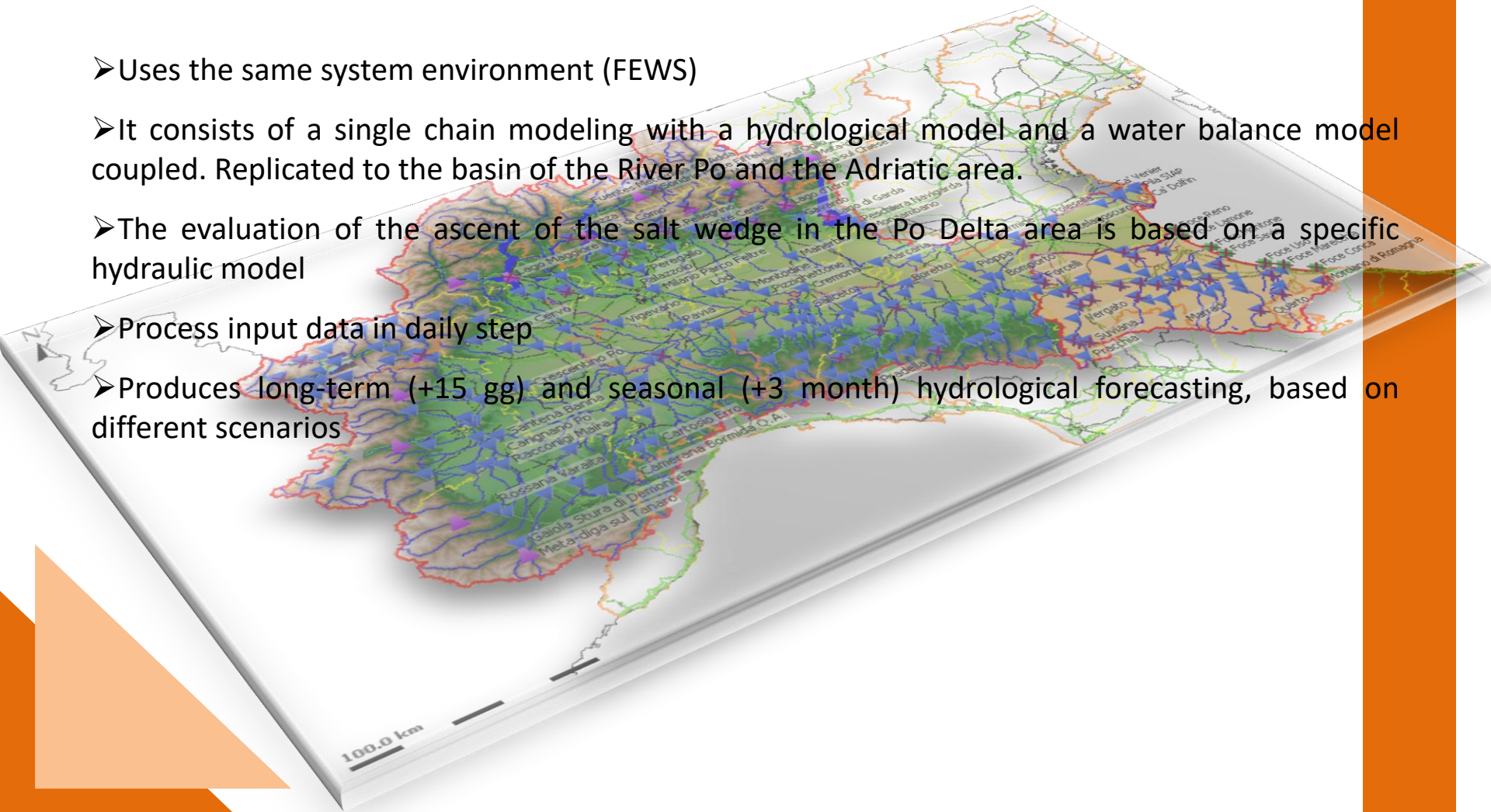
- Water level and discharge at each river station
- Performance indicators (BIAS,MAE,RMSE,MSE,NS...)
- Results elaboration (post correction, AR models ecc.)



DEWS – Drought Early Warning System

Comparison with Flood Early Warning System

- Uses the same system environment (FEWS)
- It consists of a single chain modeling with a hydrological model and a water balance model coupled. Replicated to the basin of the River Po and the Adriatic area.
- The evaluation of the ascent of the salt wedge in the Po Delta area is based on a specific hydraulic model
- Process input data in daily step
- Produces long-term (+15 gg) and seasonal (+3 month) hydrological forecasting, based on different scenarios



DEWS – Drought Early Warning System

PRECIPITATION
TEMPERATURE
LEVEL/DISCHARGES
PIEZOMETRIC HEAD

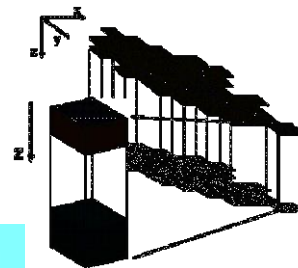
Observed/Telemeasure

LM + 15 days/Seasonal
Forecasts + 3 months

METEOROLOGICAL
MODELS

VALIDATION, INTERPOLATION
AND DATA TRANSFORMATION (DEWS)

the
system
takes care

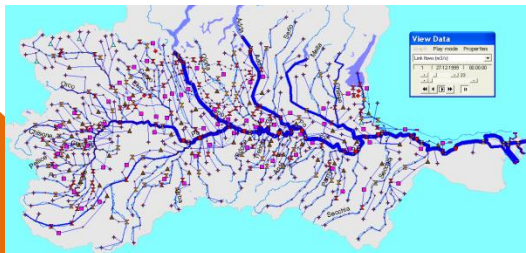
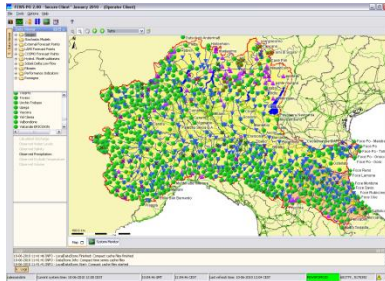
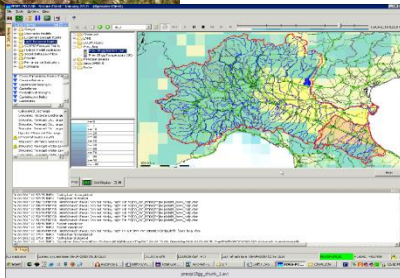
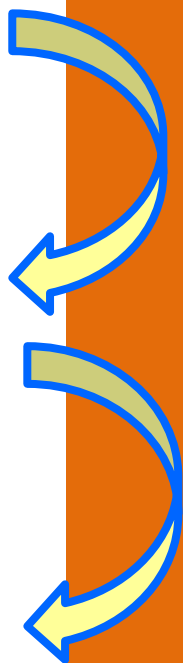


TOPKAPI

Rainfall-runoff model

RIBASIM

Water balance model

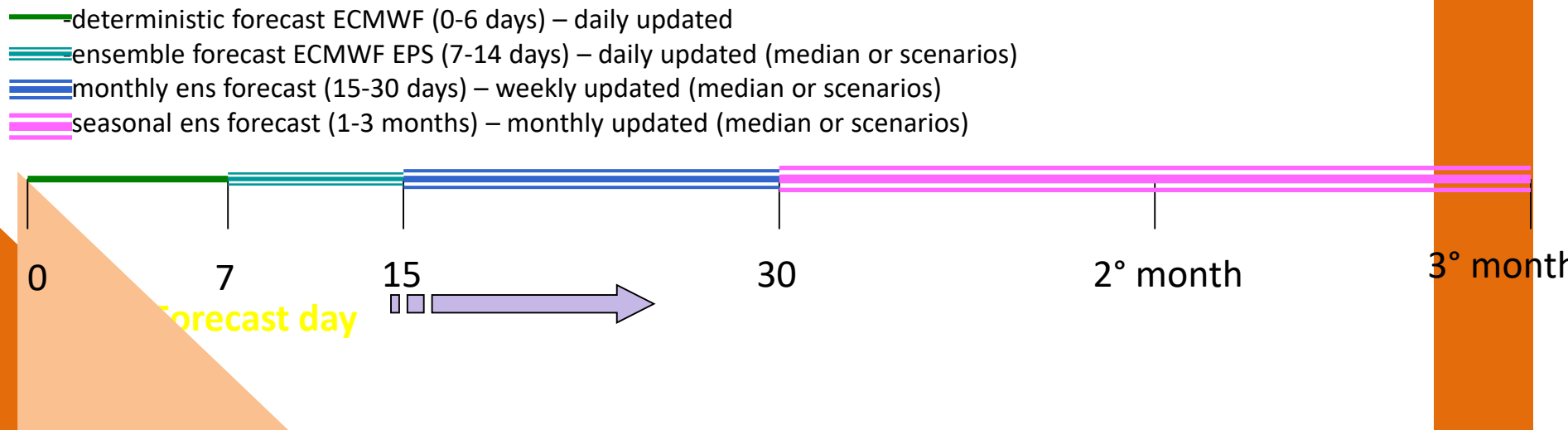


Seasonal and long term meteorological products

Meteorological centre of ARPA EMR gives an elaboration of ECMWF forecasts feeding the hydrological chain:

1. Are composed of precipitation and temperature fields, given by seasonal and long term forecast products
2. The spatial domain is northern Italy with a grid step from 16 (deterministic) to 35 (seasonal) km, daily precipitation and 6 hours for temperature.
3. The daily detail of seasonal forecasts is given by a statistical post processing, that is a weather generator.

The process contains an harmonization of computational grids and data assimilation.

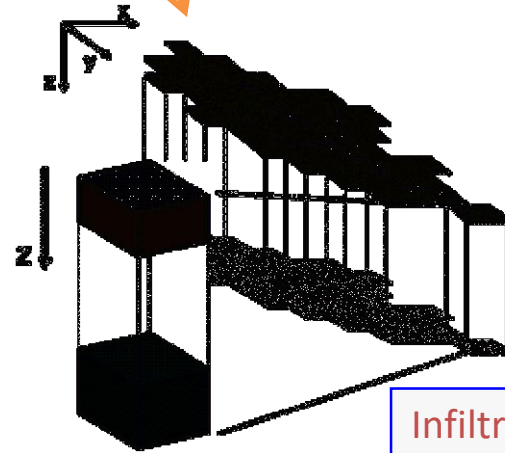


Hydrological model TOPKAPI

Hydrological, distributed and physically based model

Starting from a meteorological input and from physical and morphological characteristics of the river basin, it represents discharge hydrograph.

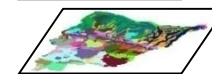
It is not necessary to describe in an accurate mode the river section geometry, but it is sufficient to give a schematic representation of it.



Thematic cartography:



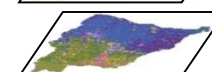
Digital Elevation Model



Soil types



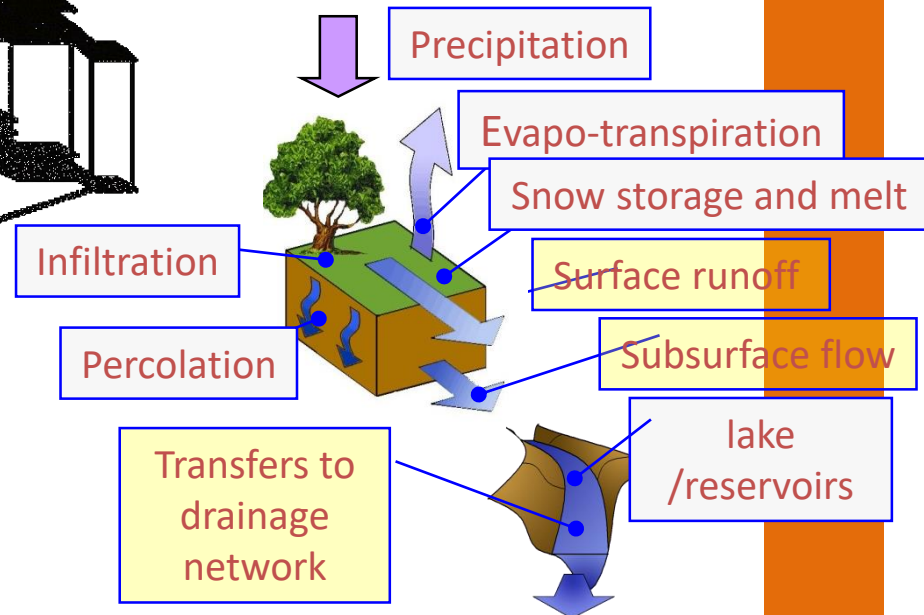
Drainage soil coefficients



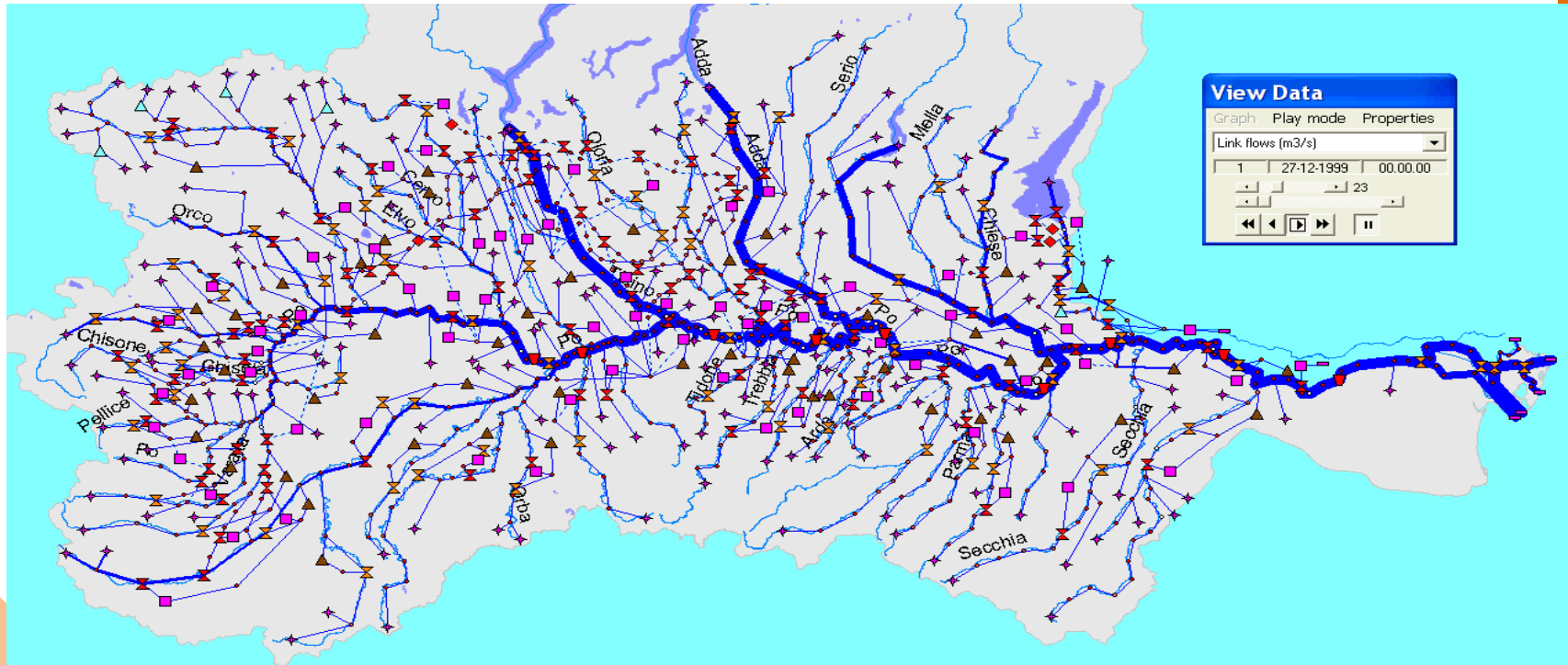
Soil use and plant coverage



Mean monthly temperatures (PET)

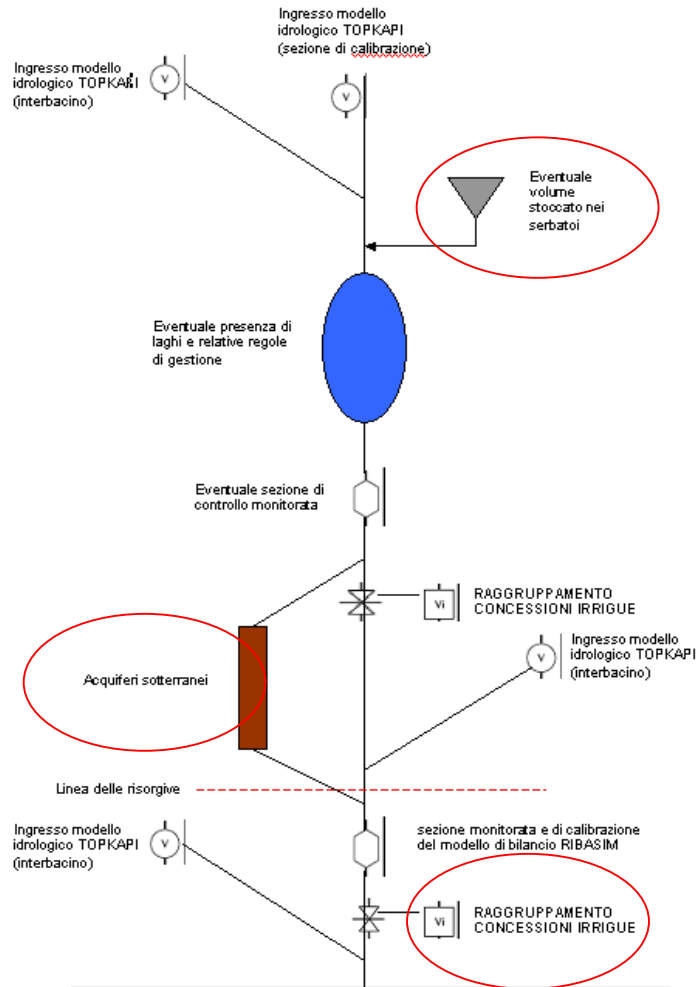


The water balance model : RIBASIM (Rlver BASin SIMulation)



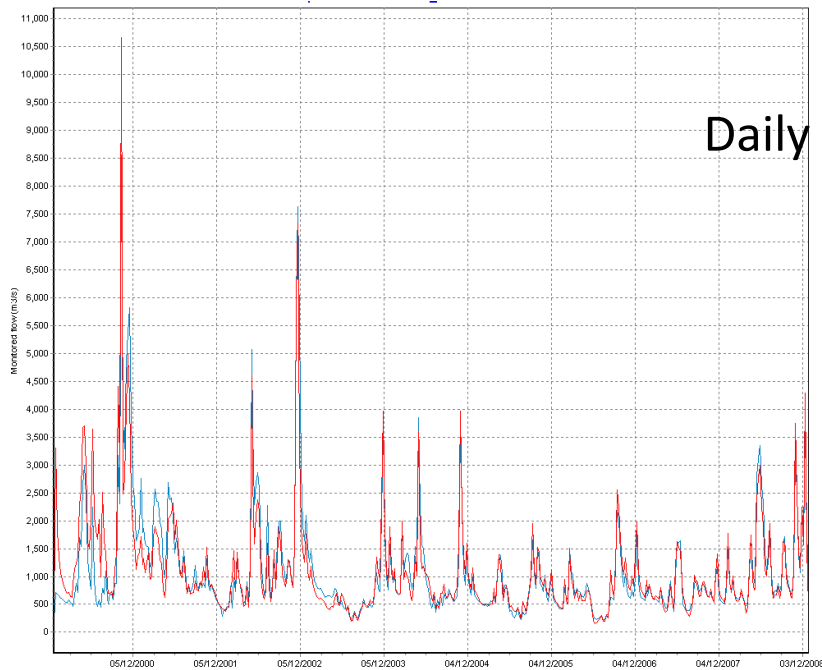
Schematization of Ribasim

RAPPRESENTAZIONE SCHEMATICA DI UN AFFLUENTE DI PO NEL MODELLO DI BILANCIO RIBASIM



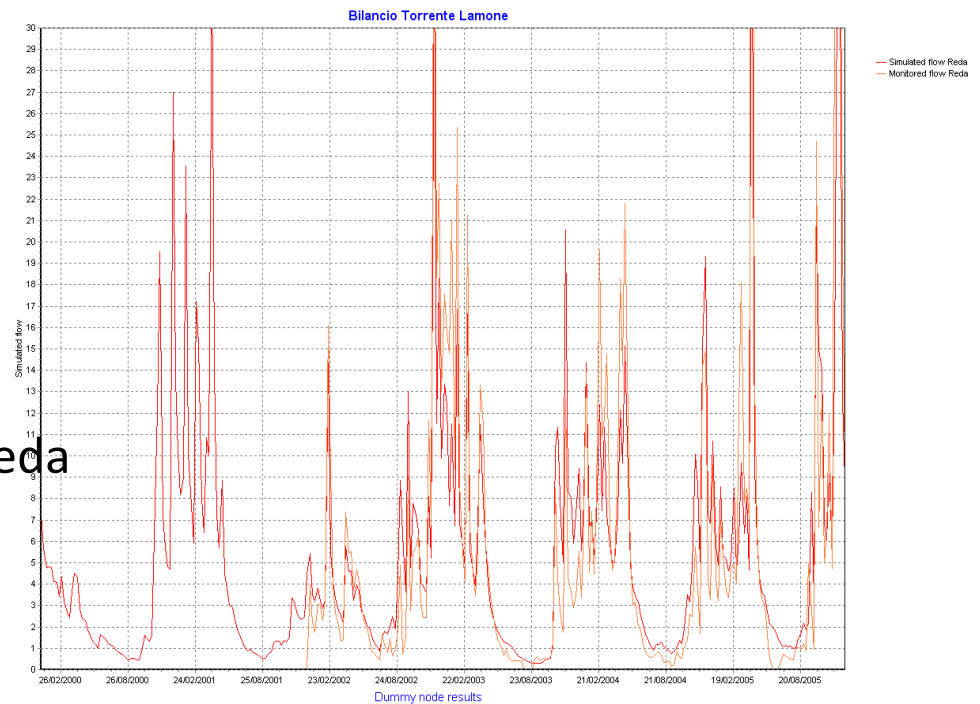
- Ribasim gets in input TOPKAPI outflow related to the mountain part of the basin.
- RIBASIM calculates water balance on the basis of different elements of the system, such as groundwater component, agricultural demand, hydropower demand, target low flow in the river..

Calibration of the model RIBASIM

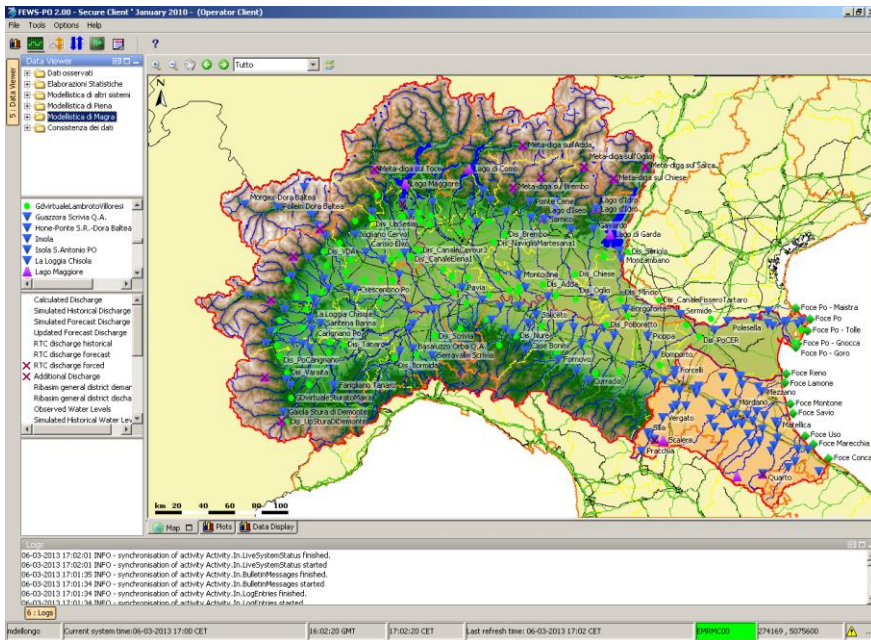


Daily discharge of Po River to
Boretto station

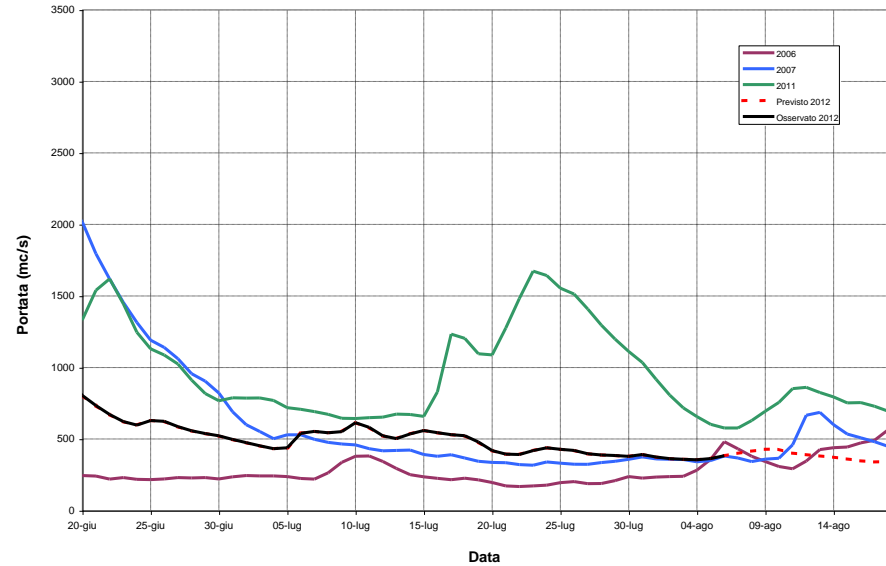
Lamone at Reda



Real time application during summer drought 2012

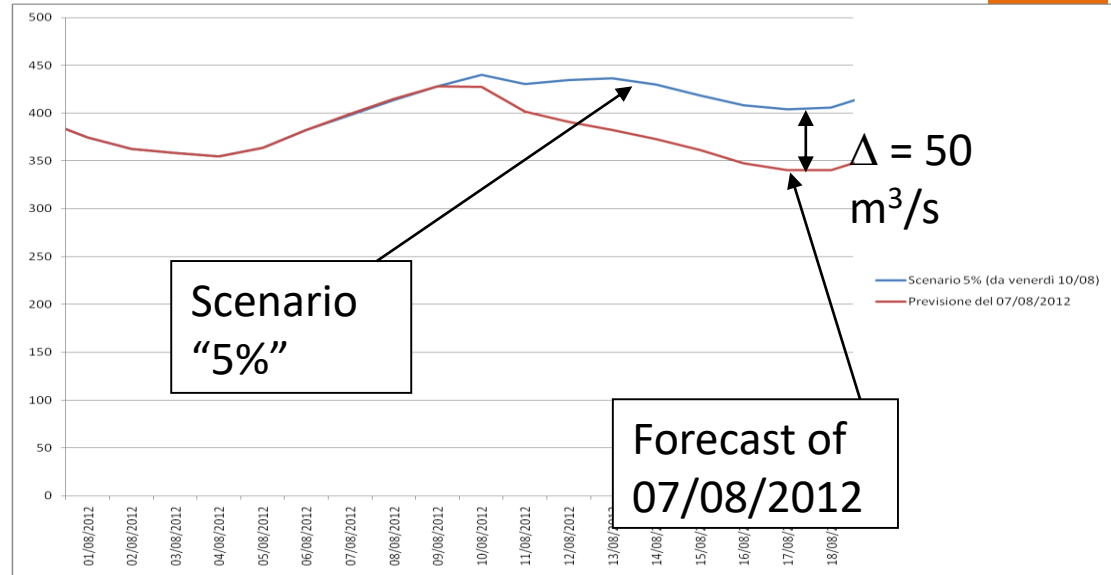


Portate medie giornaliere a Pontelagoscuro



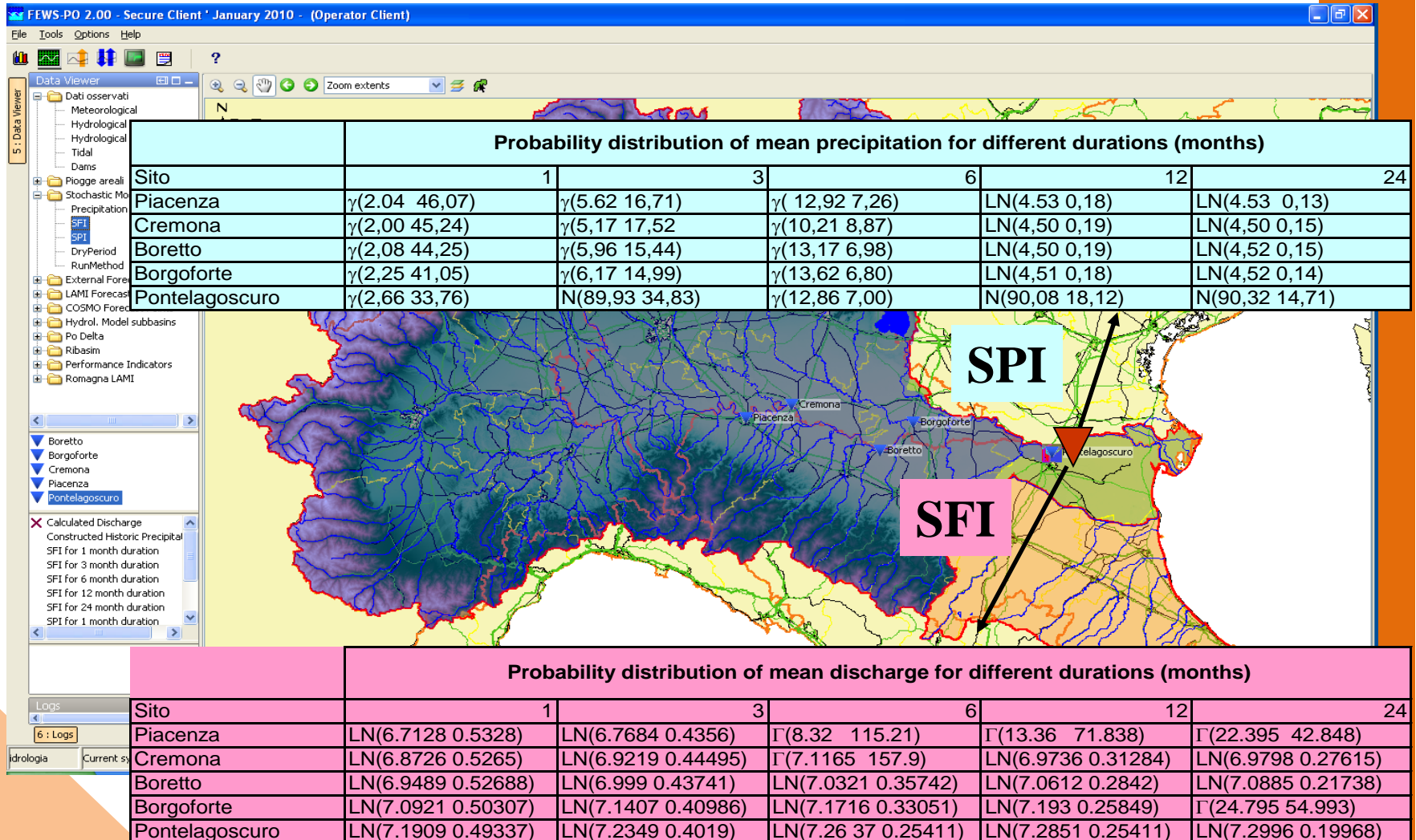
Scenario simulation (+5% lake release, -5% in terms of agricultural withdrawals - forecast)

“Cabina di regia”



Standardized Precipitation Index and Standardized Flow Index

PRECIPITATION AND FLOW ANOMALY



Stochastic modelling

Frequency analysis of droughts

Run method (Yevjevich, 1967)

This method is based on daily discharge Q

Given a threshold level q_D , for example $q_{95\%}$, $q_{90\%}$

A drought is identified by 3 components:

D = drought **duration** : $q \leq q_D$

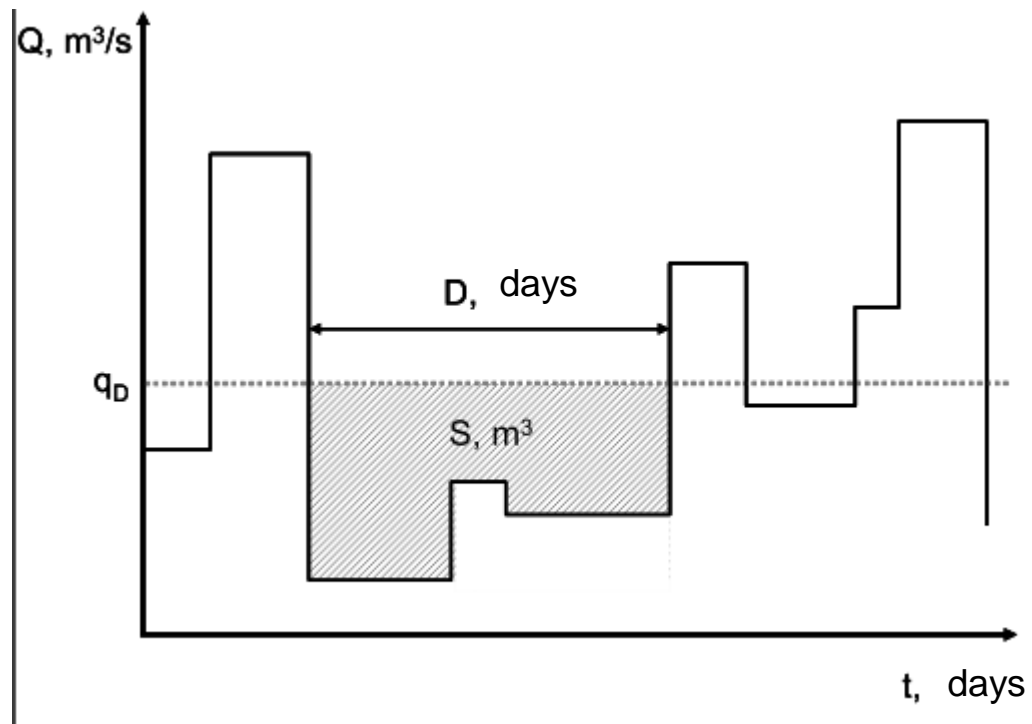
S = drought **severity**

$$S = \int_0^D (q(t) - q_D) dt$$

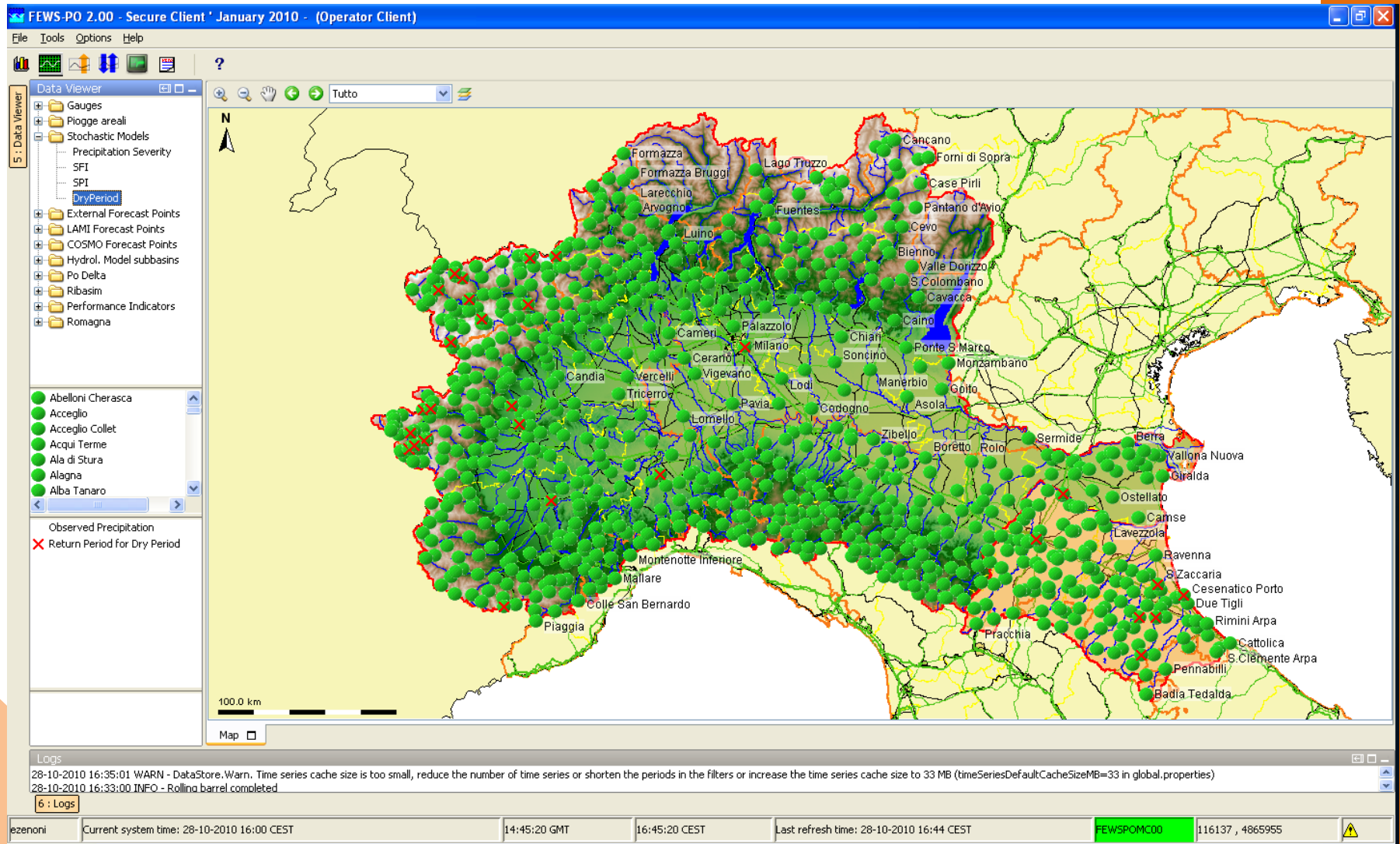
I = drought **intensity**

$$I = \frac{1}{D} \int_0^D (q(t) - q_D) dt$$

**SECONDARY
RETURN PERIOD**



Statistical analysis of consecutive days with no rain



Salt intrusion



arpav

ANNI 2000
20 Km dalla foce



“Sobek Delta” model – continuous model

- Hydraulic model (SOBEK) combined with a quality model (DELWAQ)
- Input data with a hourly time step
- Upstream boundary conditons are given by SOBEK model at Pontelagoscuro (h/Q)
- Downstream boundary conditions are simulations given by the model ADRIA-ROMS at the five mouths (h/concentration)
- It produces hydraulic forecasts (h/Q) at +3 days and percentage composition of fresh/salt in all cross sections

CLARA project: PWA service

PWA (Parma river basin Water Assessment) service aims to supply a climate service in order to include climate change in planning and emergency actions in the selected area of the Parma river basin.

The user will be able to query:

Water quality



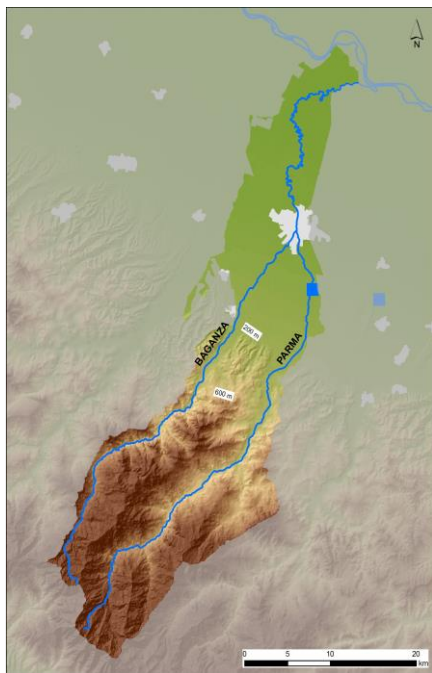
Habitat



Sediment transport

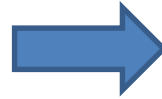


Water resources management



Water quality: DELWAQ analysis

The aim is to analyze the nutrient concentration evolution in the Parma river basin using numerical models.



- Database of chemical – physical – morphological and hydrological parameters
- Analysis of diffuse and point sources in the basin.

Parameters considered:

- Nitrogen
- Phosphorus

These parameters are fundamental for life and their biogeochemical cycle has been deeply compromised by anthropogenic actions that in very high values can lead to eutrophication.



Data

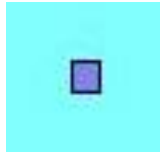
The water quality service is based on the analysis of two macronutrients: nitrogen (N) and phosphorus (P). The anthropic loads have been estimated evaluating the main impactful sectors into the basin. The data used, regarding year 2010, are obtained consulting ISTAT (Italian National Institute of Statistic) and include agricultural, zootechnical and human compartment.



Water quality: DELWAQ analysis

Ribasim DELWAQ model is a component of Ribasim model that allows to evaluate the spread of pollutants in the basin. It is used to evaluate the trend of N and P into the system, therefore it allows to distribute the N-P loads over the fields. Relating the rainfall and discharges with the pollutant load, it's possible to define the water quality.

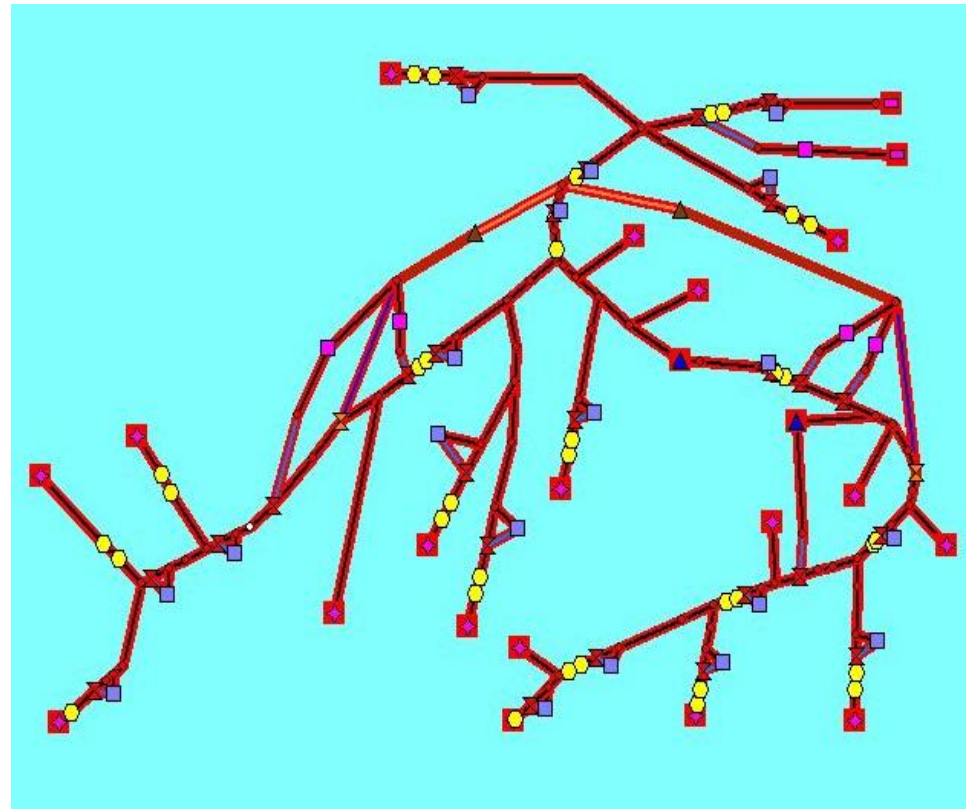
AIR: Advanced IRrigation node



Pws: Public Water Supply node

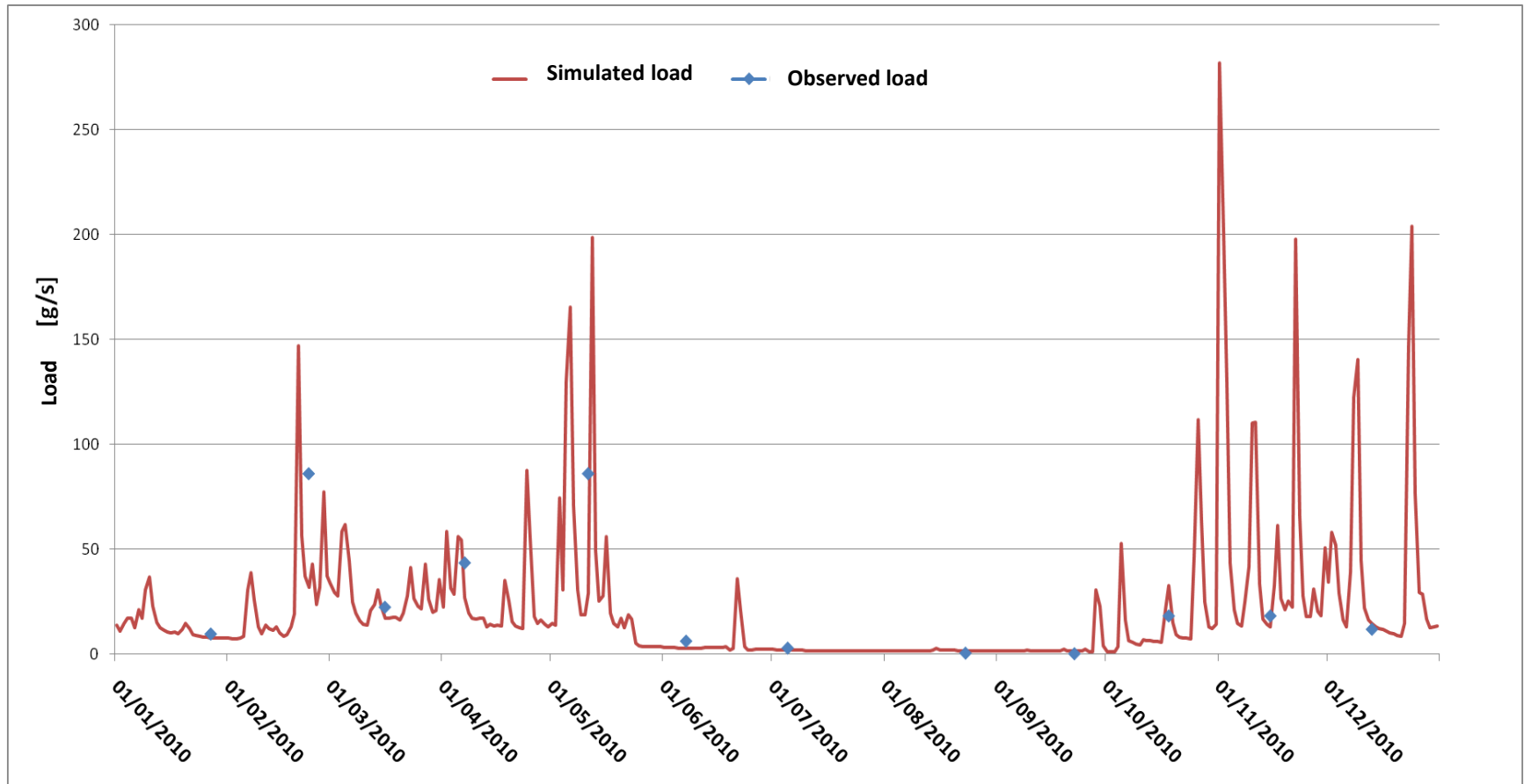


IND_Pws: INDustry Pws node



Observed data – Simulated data

Nitrogen load at Ponte Dattaro (Parma river), year 2010



Weighted Usable Area - WUA

The target is to evaluate the change of habitat suitability in a portion of the Parma river, for the adult life stage for three different fish species.

The data used are:

- stream flow series
- Weighted Usable Area (WUA) - Q curves



Barbus plebejus



Leuciscus cephalus

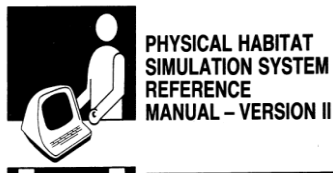


Salmo trutta

N.B.: the only discriminating factor considered is the **STREAM FLOW**

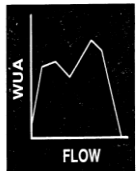
WUA - Q curves

The WUA - Q curves (Weighted Usable Area - Flows) used to evaluate habitat suitability, derive from a “*Minimum Flow*” study led by ARPAE and R.E.R. (Emilia-Romagna Region) using the PHABSIM software. The WUA-Q relate discharge with the available habitat area. These curves are site and species-specific.



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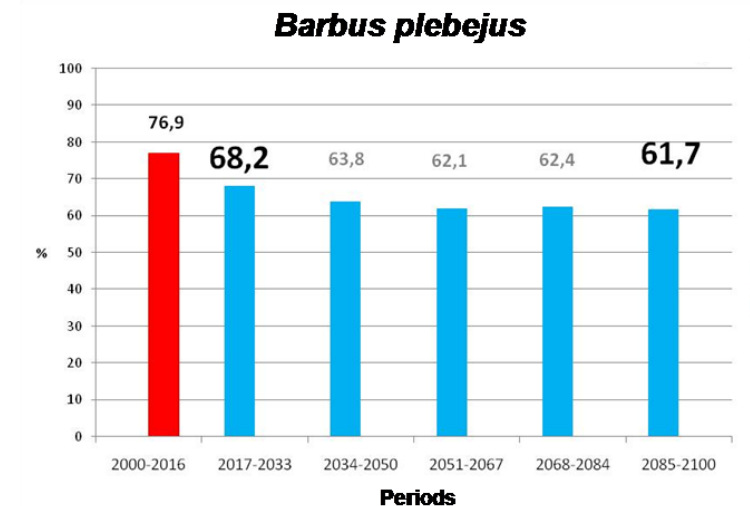
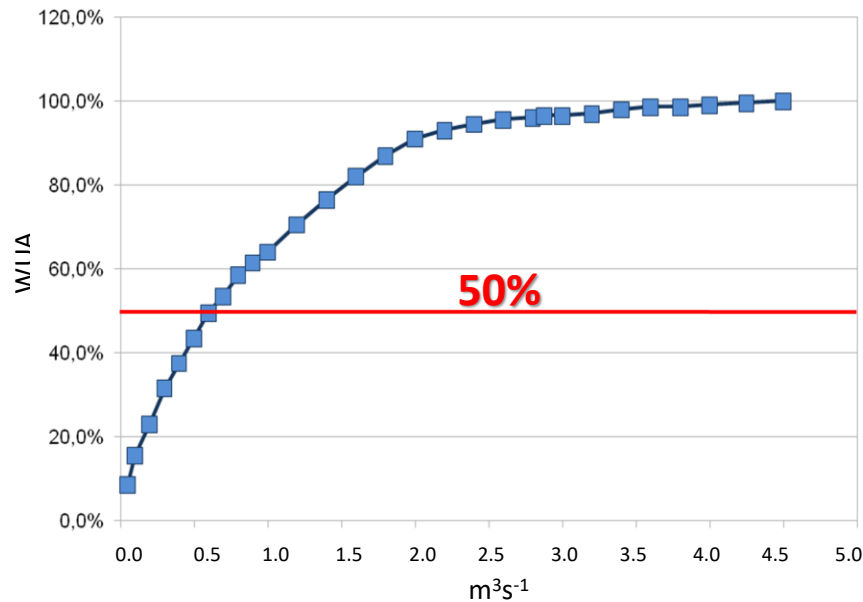
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$$WUA(Q) = \int_A f(v, d, ci) dA$$

- $WUA(Q)$ is the physical habitat at the streamflow Q
- dA is an incremental area
- A is the total area at the streamflow Q
- v is the velocity
- d is the depth
- ci is an index for the channel characteristics

WUA

The WUA curves show the habitat suitability for the target species, considering the discharge variations. It is possible to find out a suitable habitat, from an hydraulic point of view, when the WUA is greater than 50%. This value represent the discriminating limit between potential suitable and potential non-suitable habitat.



Maintaining the identified threshold value is possible to evaluate not only the present conditions but also climate change scenarios conditions.

Eco-hydraulic model for the habitat of the birdlife along the Po river



The model allows to analyze habitat availability of avian species linked to aquatic environment, particularly for one phase of life: **nesting**.



Common Tern



Little Tern

"IUCN Red list"



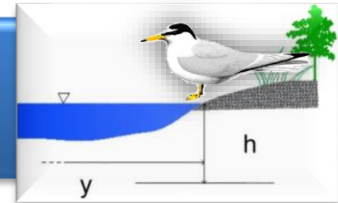
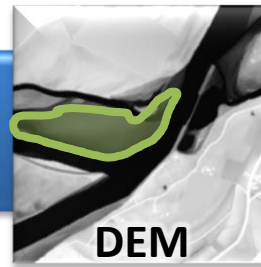
Model structure

Hypothesis

- Fixed bottom

Components

- Hydro-morphological
- Biological



Elaboration



Results

- Habitat conditions

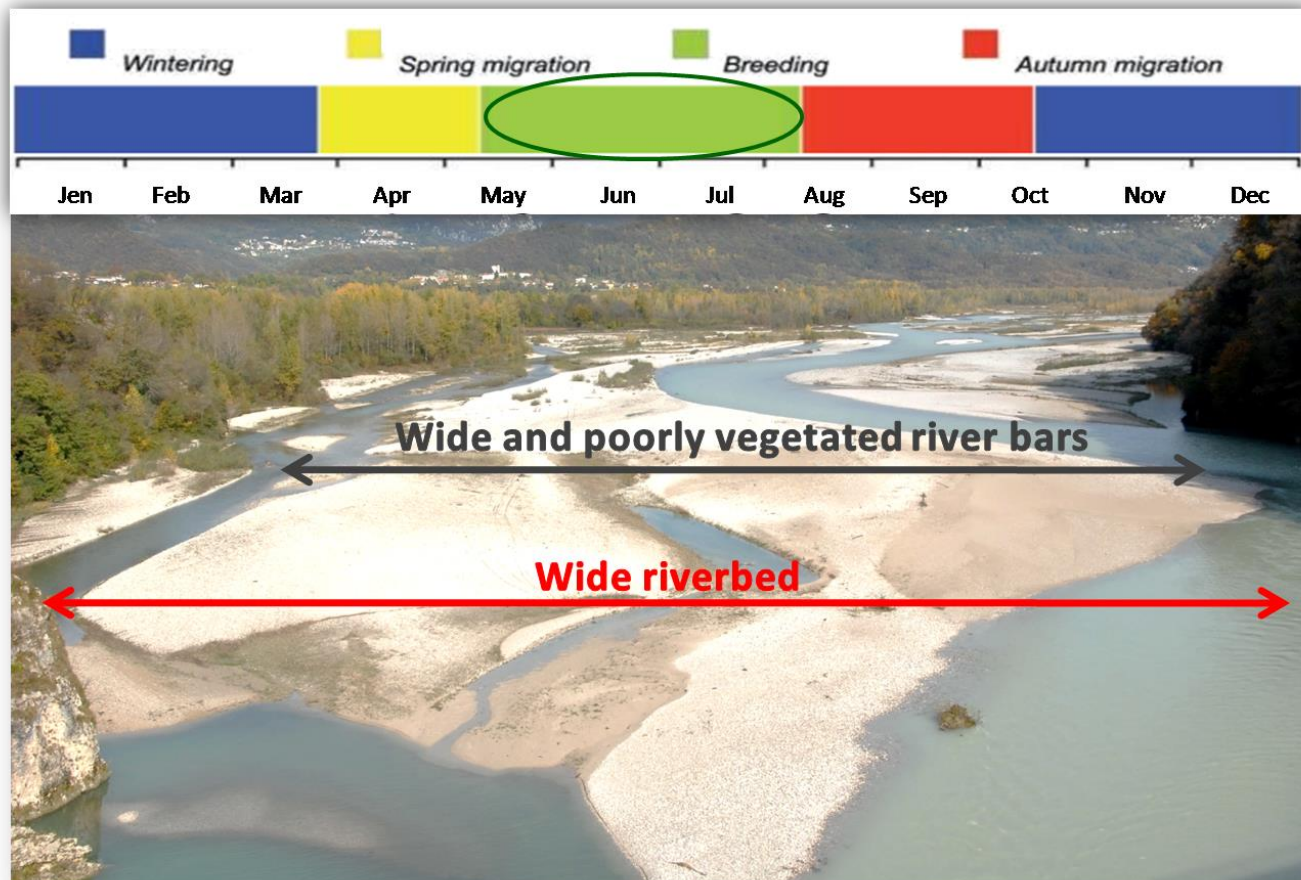


When and where?

Necessary condition for species reproduction



The potential **suitable area** for nesting has not to be flooded for a **continuous** period of at least **45 days** (laying period + breeding period)

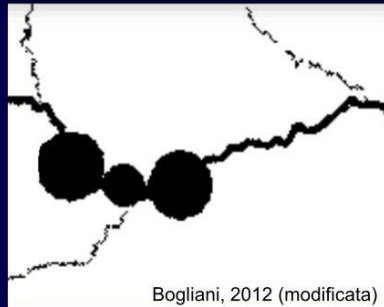


Results

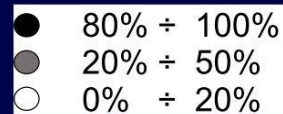
Comparison between observed and simulated

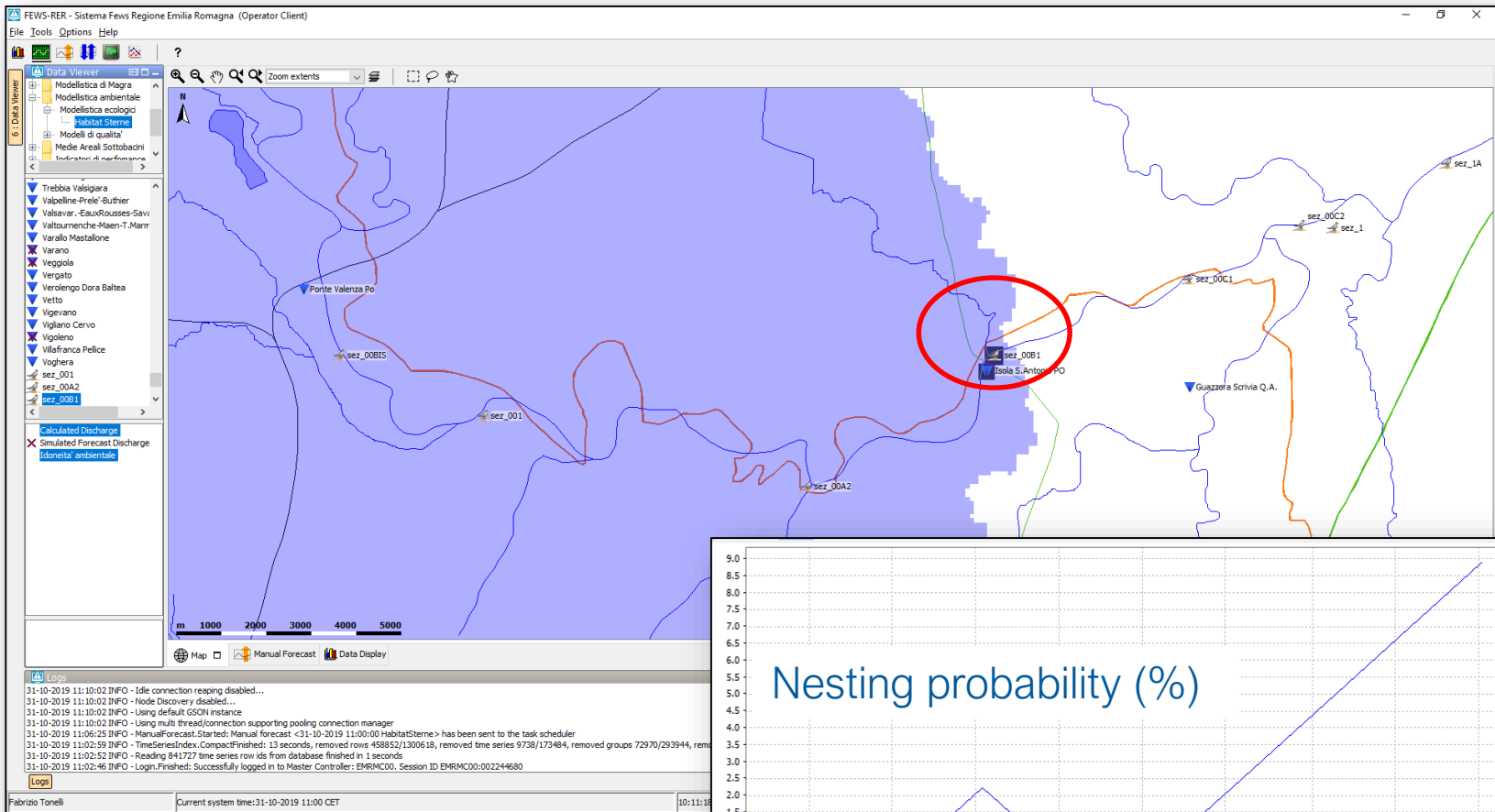


Surveyed colonies (2009 and 2012)

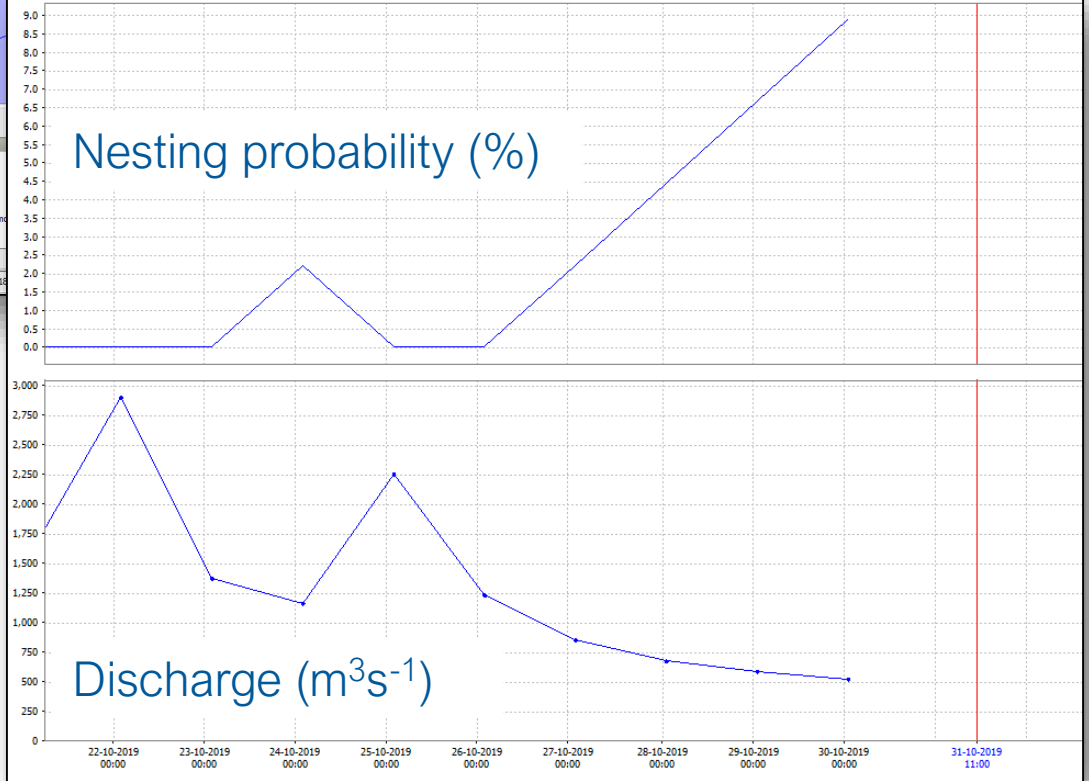


Optimal habitat frequency

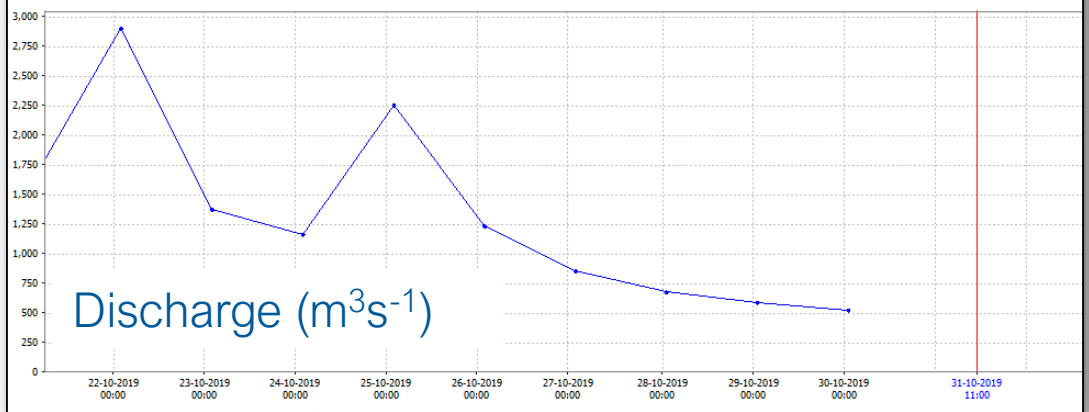




Nesting probability (%)

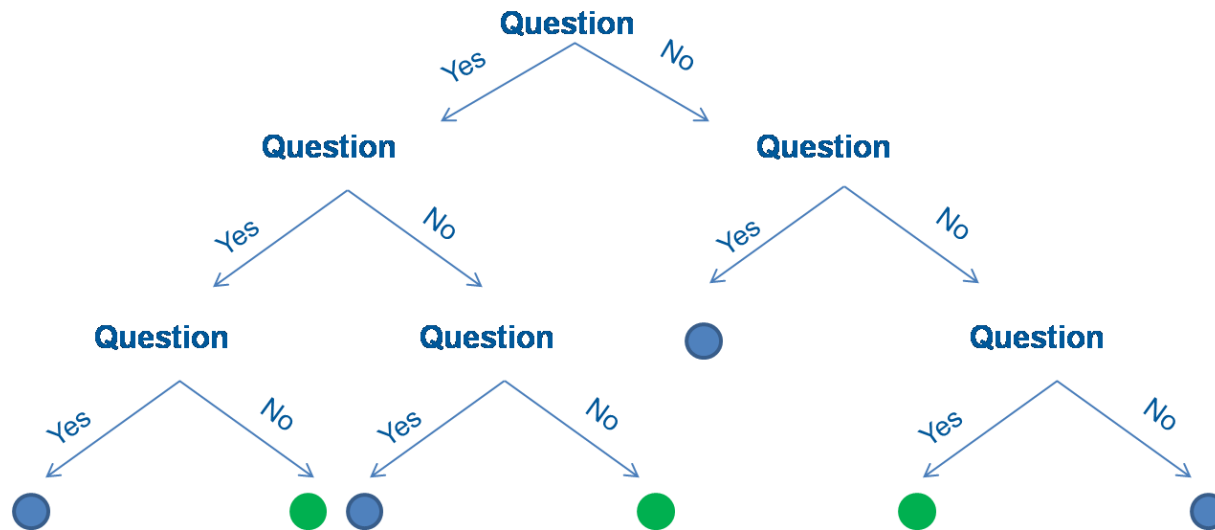


Discharge (m^3s^{-1})



Random Forests

A random forest is basically an ensemble of decision trees. Random forests also provide a natural way of assessing the importance of input variables. It allows to associate a probability of occurrence to the results obtained.

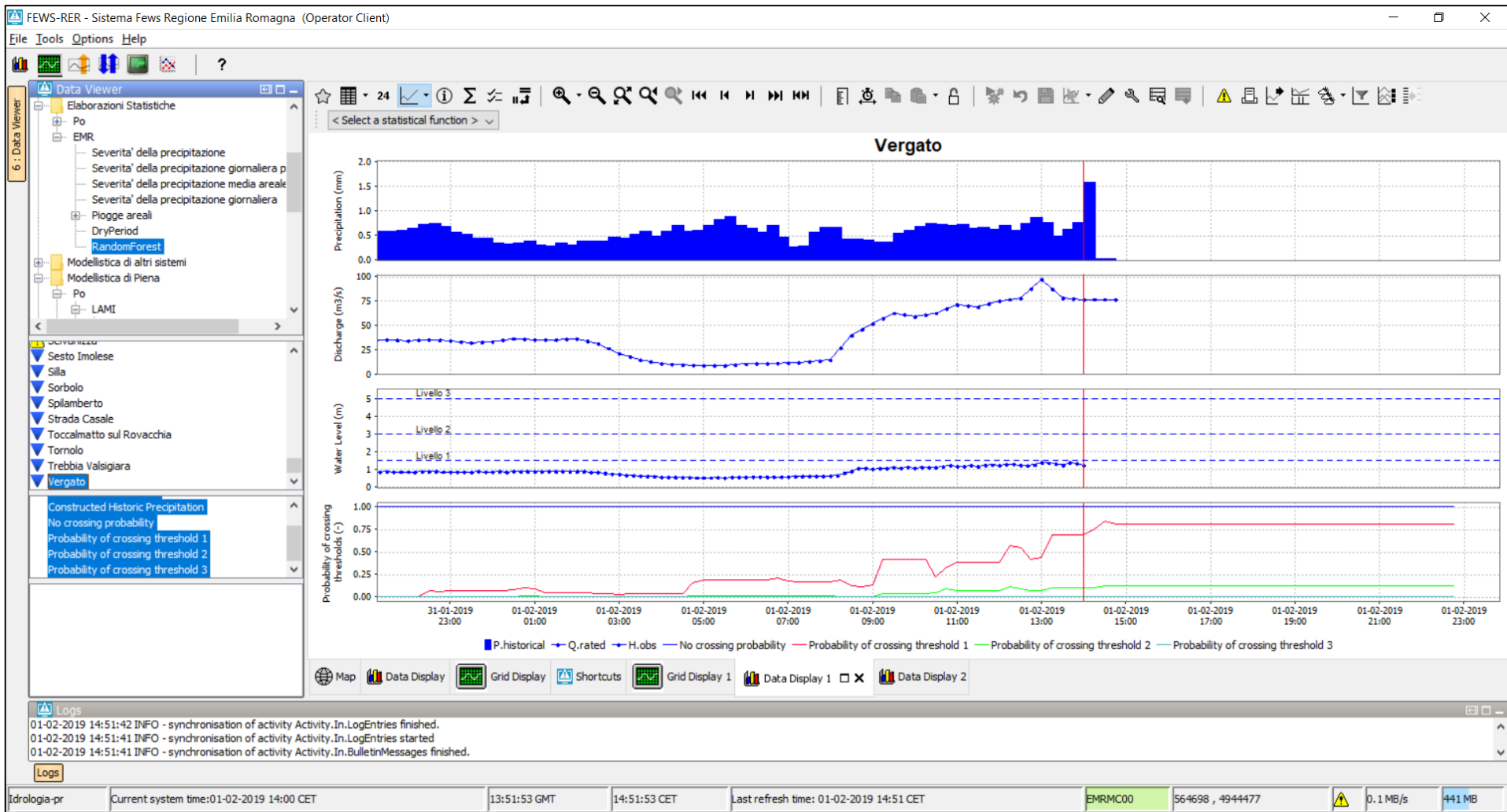


Benefits of Random Forests:

- Accuracy
- Runs efficiently on large data bases
- Gives estimates of what variables are important in the classification
- Generates an internal unbiased estimate of the generalization error as the forest building progresses

Random Forests

FEWS implementation



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