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**Use of Decision Support Systems for
Participative Water Resources Planning &
Management and Drought Mitigation in the
Jucar River Basin, Spain**

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Need for tools and models

- Process of making good decisions: information must be managed and analyzed about
 - feasible alternatives,
 - their impact on the multiple objectives,
 - the tradeoffs among them, as well as
 - risks associated with them.
- To elaborate and analyze such information, sound science, technology, and expertise have to be involved.
- Tools for data management and analysis, and models are needed to cope with the complexity, the basin scale scope, and the huge amount of information, alternatives, and scenarios.

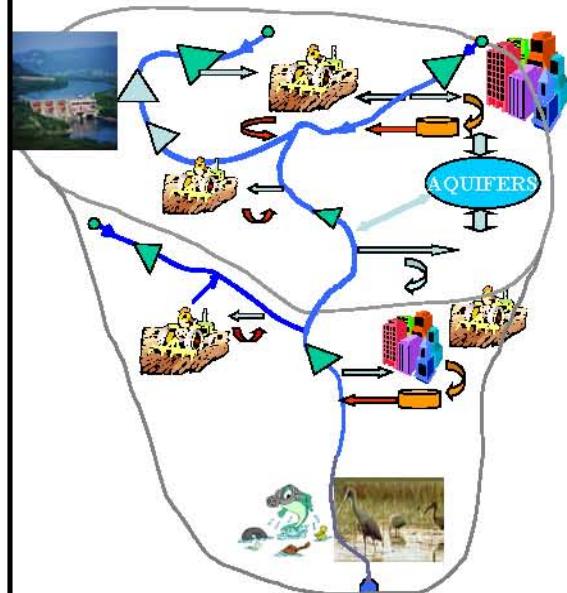
Need for Decision Support Systems (DSS)

- We agree that the political process is important, but insist that debates must be on the basis of transparency and knowledge
- Frequently, decision makers, stakeholders and general public (Policy Making Actors -PMA), are not prepared to produce and understand such information.
- a transfer of technology and ideas from scientist to PMA is needed: effective transfer: PMA must be able to apply the technology easily and in a repeatable and scientifically defensible manner (NRC 2000).
- Development of DSS: best way to conduct this transfer & build a shared vision of the basin

DSS

- suites of computer programs including, among others:
 - geographically based design facilities,
 - geographically based databases handling,
 - integrated simulation and/or optimization models, including several aspects (rainfall-runoff, w.rights, w.allocation, quality, economics, ...)
 - capabilities for analyzing and displaying the results,
- essential feature: a unique and user friendly interface that provides easiness of data management, model use and results analysis.

WR Systems INTEGRATE at the BASIN SCALE: WaterBodies, W.Uses (Demands), Infrastructures



Complex relationships that affect water availability both in SPACE & TIME

Implications on all aspects (w. quality, environment, economy, ...) can only be captured by means of adequate integrated



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Integrative DSS



- In order to complete basin identification, and for the development of further analysis activities, it is crucial to have
 - a DSS integrating, in a single model and for the entire basin, all the relevant
 - surface water elements (e.g., river reaches, lakes, ...),
 - aquifers,
 - infrastructures (e.g., dams, reservoirs, diversions, returns, groundwater abstraction, ...),
 - water uses (e.g., agricultural uses, urban uses, industrial uses, ...),
 - environmental requirements on flows,
 - water rights and priorities, and operating rules for the system.

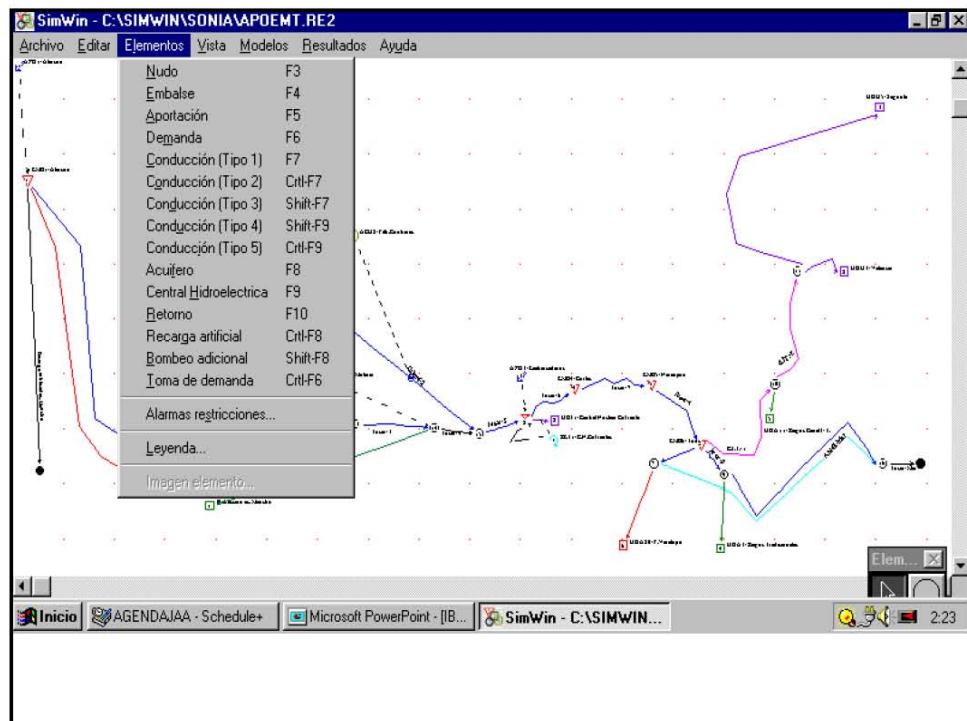
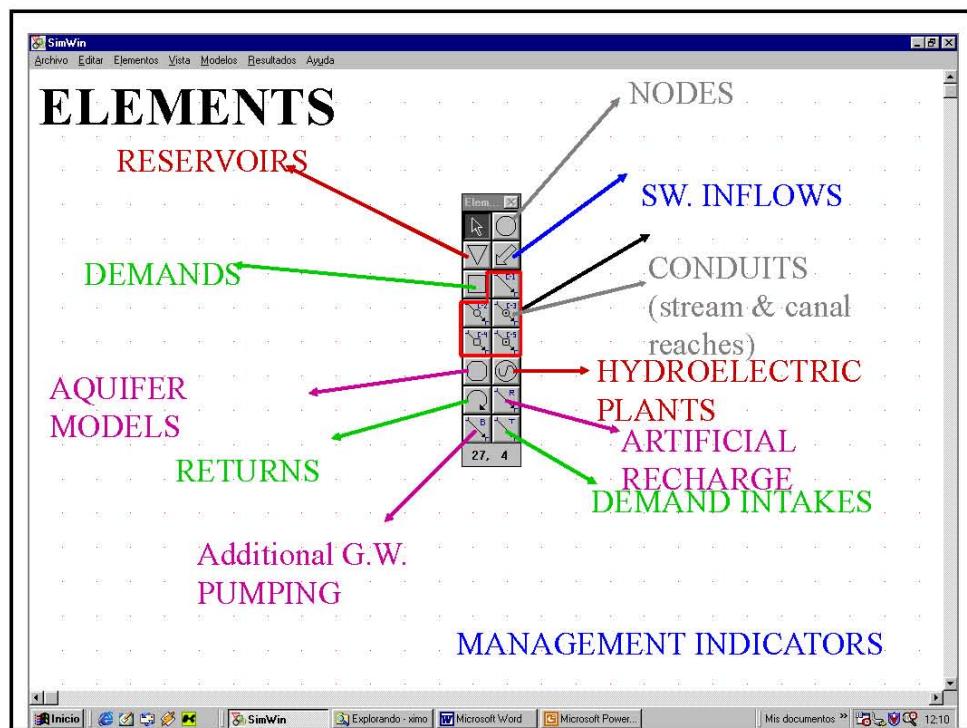
DSS Shells (DSSS)

- Generalized tools to build DSS,
- bring the possibility of relatively easy, systematic and homogeneous application of DSS over wide regions, as for instance many river basins in Spain
- provide guidance in the development of the DSS
- Example: AQUATOOL DSSS (Andreu et. al. 1996),

AQUATOOL:
**DSSS designed for integrated
management of complex water
resource systems**

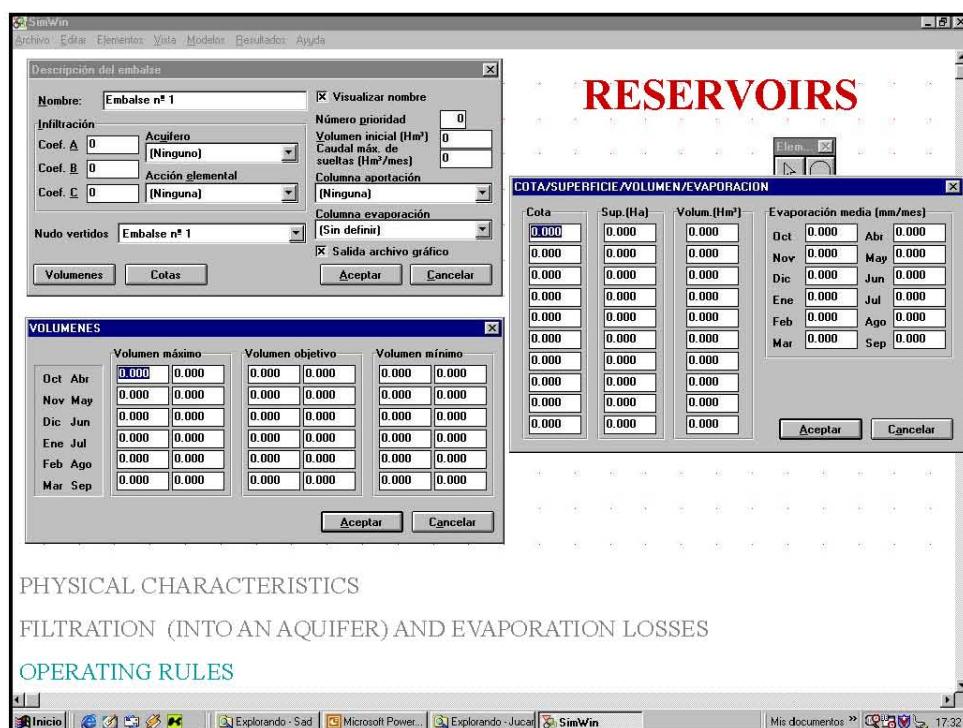


J. Andreu, J. Capilla, y E. Sanchis, "Generalized decision support system for water resources planning and management including conjunctive water use", *Journal of Hydrology*, Vol. 177, pp. 269-291, 1996.



The DSS allows the user to:

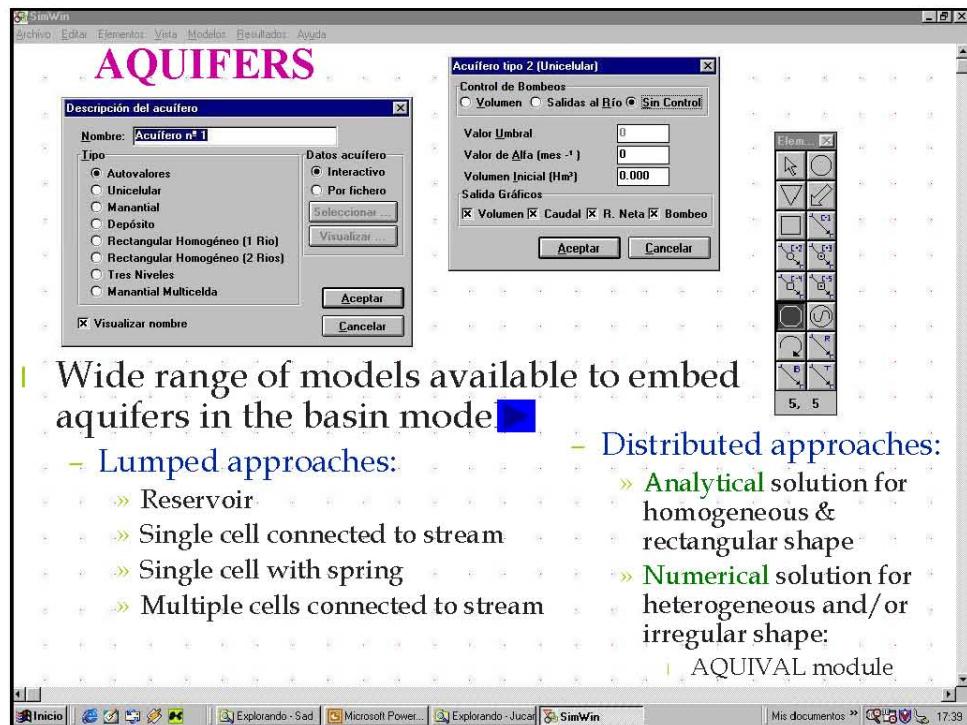
- Input and modify the space configuration of a water resource system
- **Edit and manage geo-referenced data bases containing physical characteristics, management characteristics**



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

FILTRATION (INTO AN AQUIFER) AND EVAPORATION LOSSES

OPERATING RULES



| Wide range of models available to embed aquifers in the basin mode

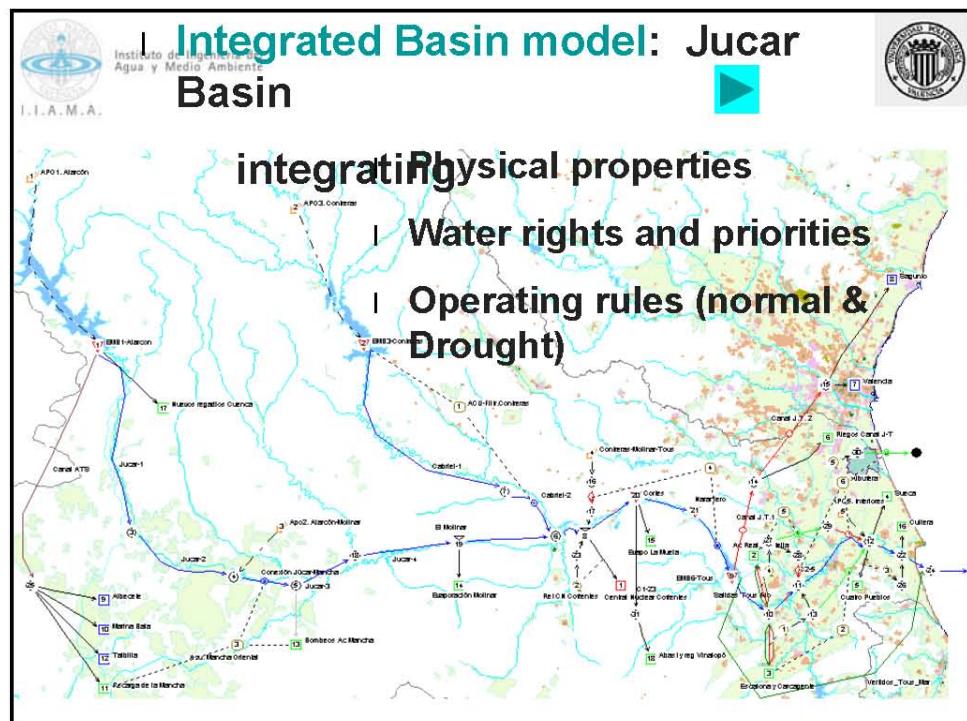
- Lumped approaches:

- » Reservoir
- » Single cell connected to stream
- » Single cell with spring
- » Multiple cells connected to stream

- Distributed approaches:

- » Analytical solution for homogeneous & rectangular shape
- » Numerical solution for heterogeneous and/or irregular shape:

| AQUIVAL module



SIMULATION for given hydrologic inflows scenarios

The screenshot shows the SIMGES software interface. On the left, there are two dialog boxes: 'Datos para lectura escritura' and 'Datos generales SimGes'. The 'Datos generales' box includes fields for 'Título 1' (SIMULACIÓN BB.5, CH.4), 'Título 2' (ODA, DALLAS, BB.5), 'Mín. año simulación' (1980), 'Mín. año real' (1945), and checkboxes for 'Escr. de datos', 'Salida archivo binario', and 'Salida archivo gráfico'. Below these are sections for 'Indicador Salidas Anuales' (Normal, Solo recursos, Número Años) and 'Indicador Función Objetivo' (No genera, Genera, Número Años). On the right, the main window displays a map of a river basin with various management zones labeled: Zon superior, Zon intermedio, Zon inferior, and Zona de reserva. The map also shows infrastructure like dams and reservoirs.

INTERNAL

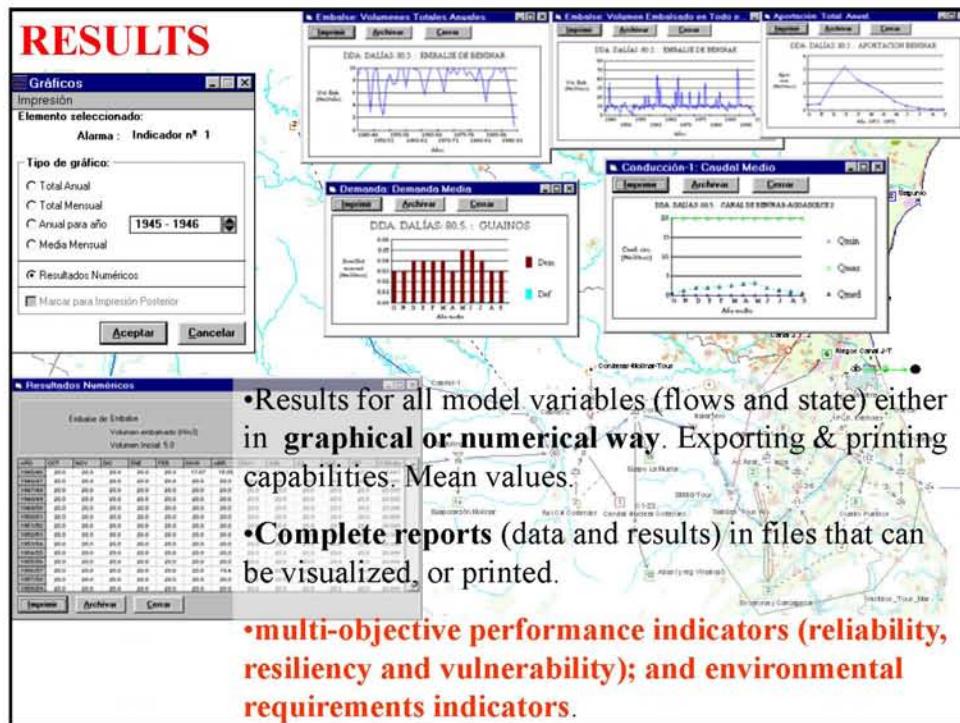
In every month, a network flow optimization algorithm (Out-of-kilter) finds a flow solution which is compatible with the physical restrictions, and tries to minimize weighted deviations from operating rules (Target supplies, flows, and reservoir storage); respecting priorities.

Iteration is needed to take into account non-linearities and surface-groundwater relationships.

Integrative DSS

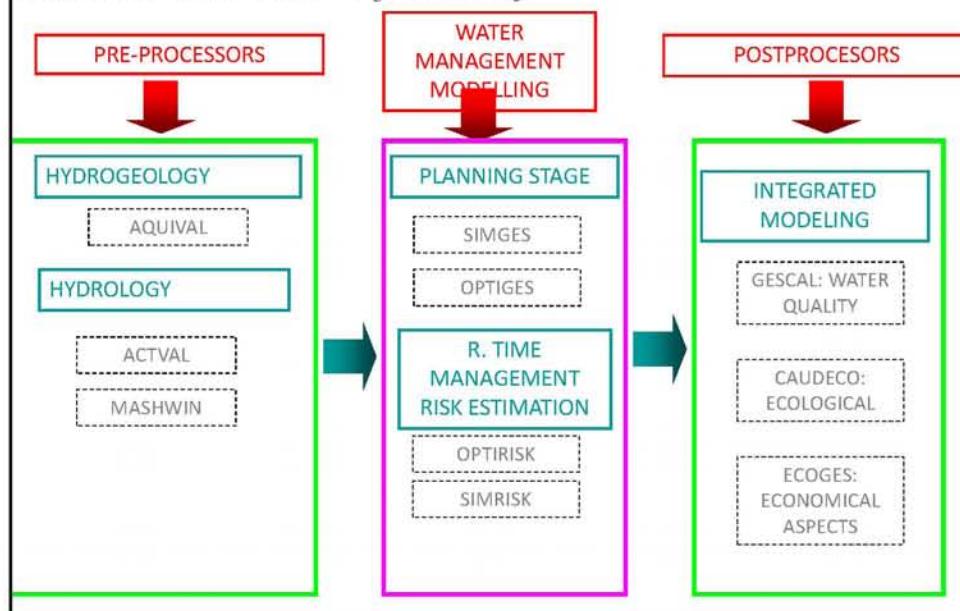
- purpose of this model is to **simulate the management** of the basin
- Once the system is completely defined, the user can perform simulation runs of the management for **multiple different alternatives**, time horizons and **scenarios**, using different hydrological data and also different **operating policies**.
- Easiness in changing the infrastructures, scenarios, etc., and getting and analyzing the results is essential

RESULTS



AQUATOOL MODULES

Modular structure ⇔ flexibility



WATER QUALITY SIMULATION MODULE

Water quality model coupled with a simulation model.

➤ SIMULATES W.Q. FOR THE ENTIRE SYSTEM

➤ Mechanistic model for rivers and reservoirs.

➤ Conventional constituents.

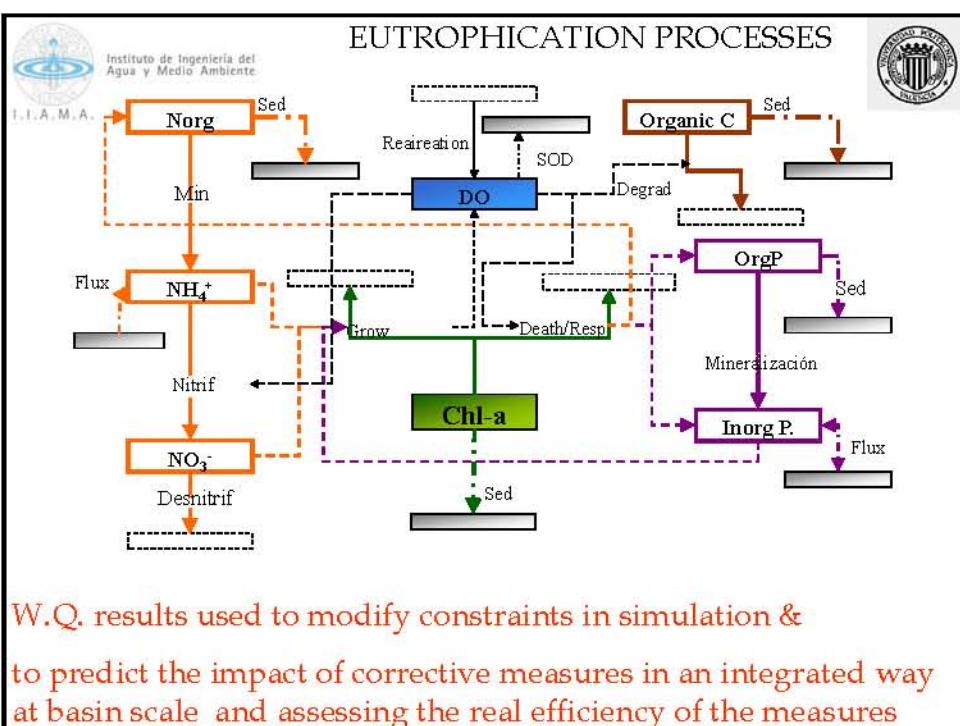
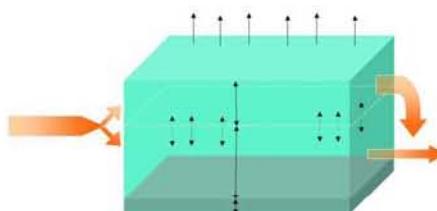
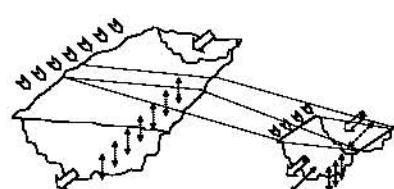
- Temperature

- Arbitrary constituents

- DO + OM

- Nitrogen cycle

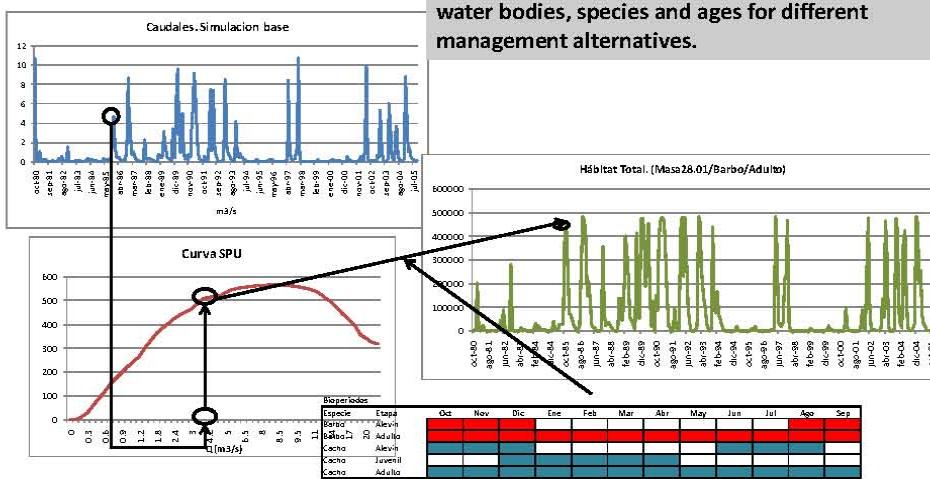
- Eutrophication problem.



CAUDECO– Ecological flows module

OBJECTIVE OF THE MODULE

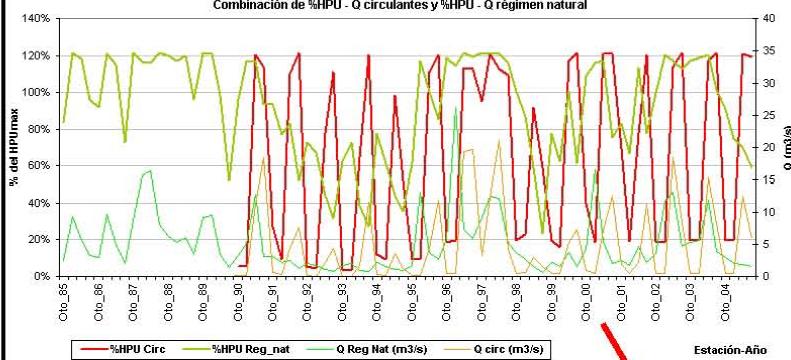
- Estimation of Total Habitat Series in different water bodies, species and ages for different management alternatives.



INCORPORATING ECOLOGICAL ASPECTS IN PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES

Caudeco Module

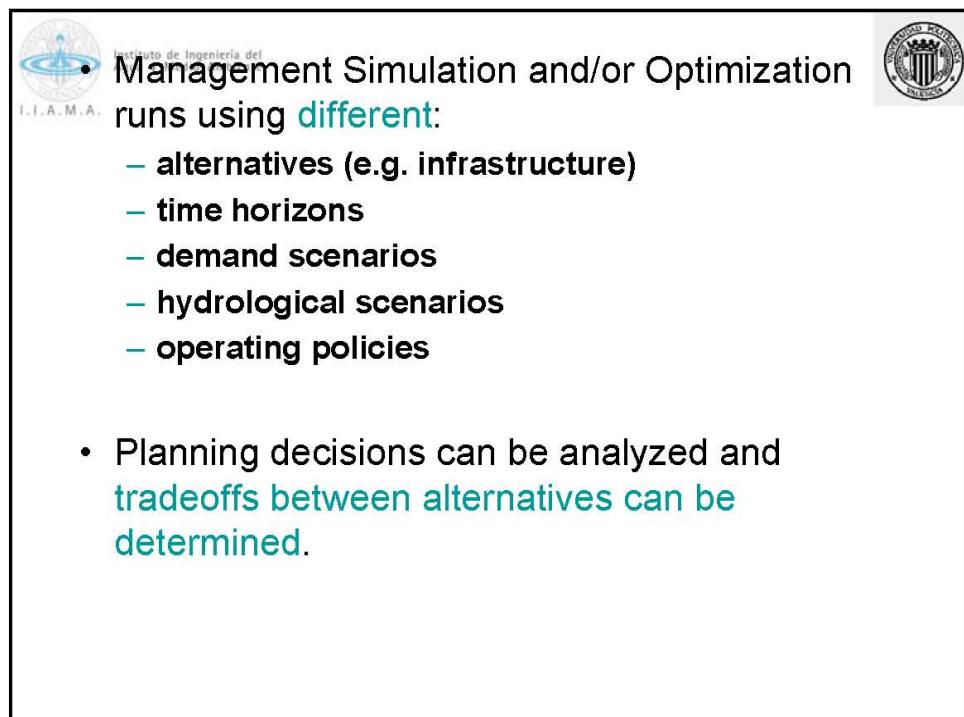
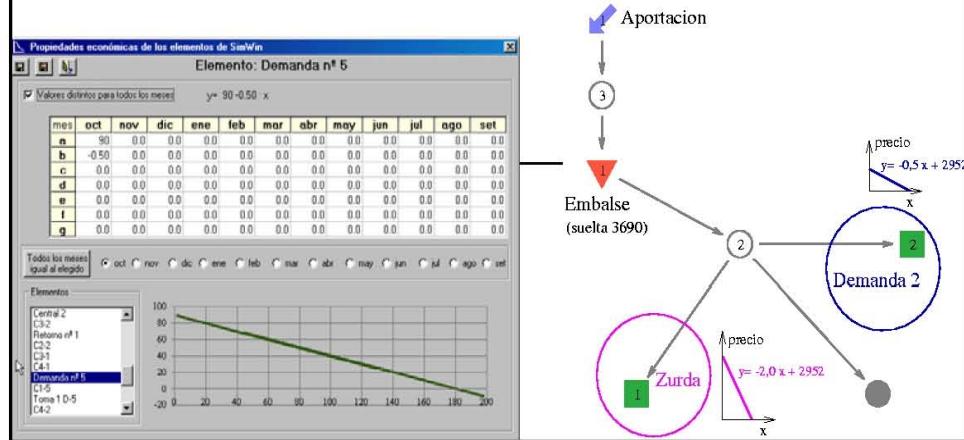
CONTRERAS. Serie temporal HPU/HPU máximo. Adulto *Chondrostoma arrigonis*
Combinación de %HPU - Q circulantes y %HPU - Q régimen natural



Estimating temporal status of Habitat for different management policies

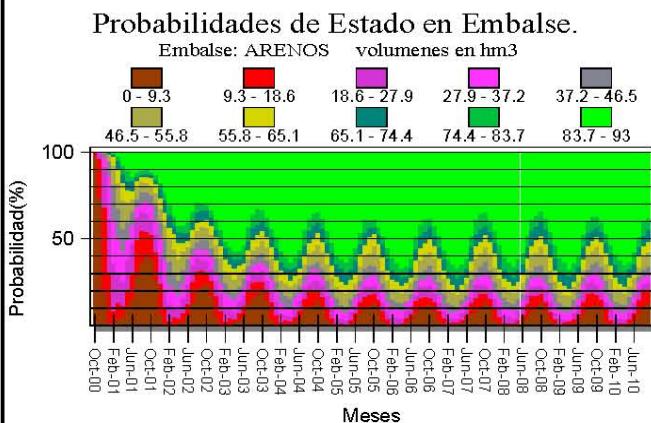
ECONOMIC EVALUATION MODULE

- ASSESS ECONOMIC VALUE OF AN ALTERNATIVE
- USED to estimate **OPPORTUNITY COSTS** of **WATER USE** and **ENVIRONMENTAL FLOW** increments

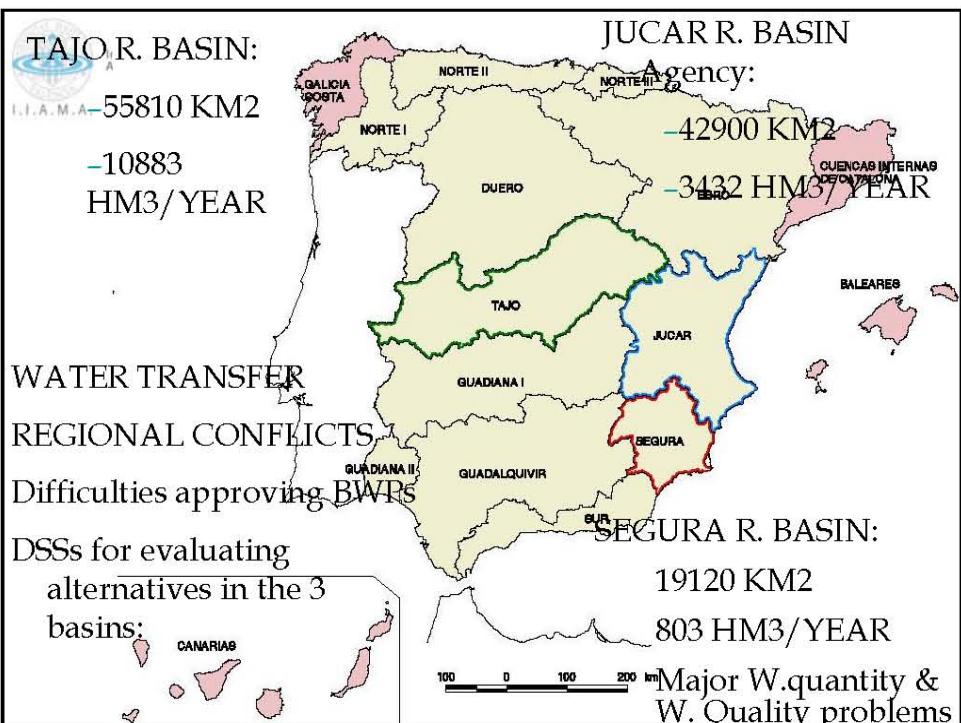


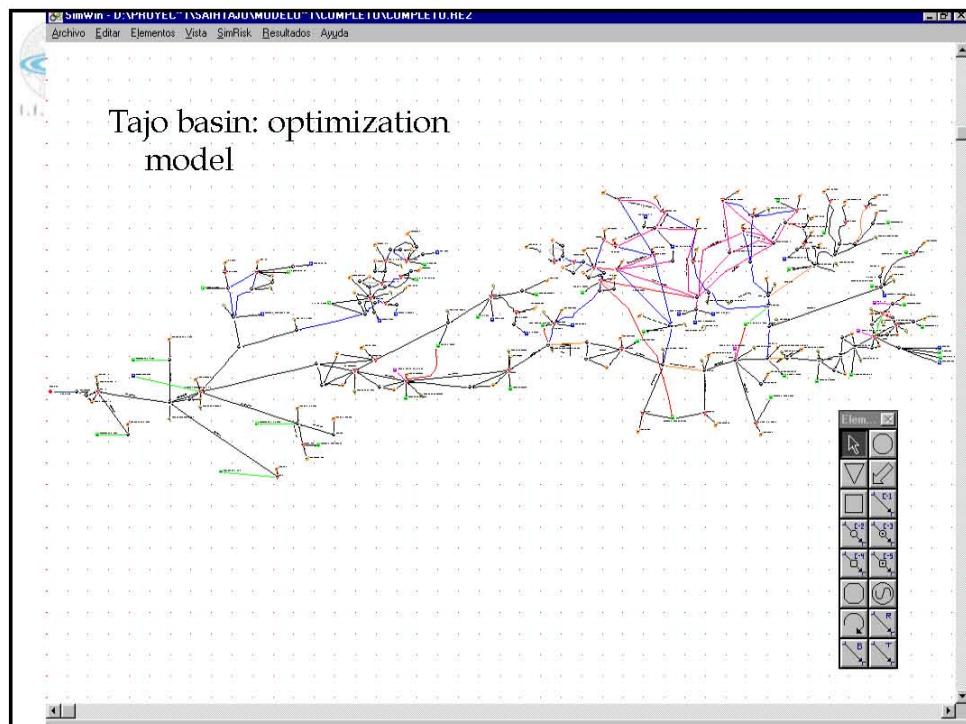
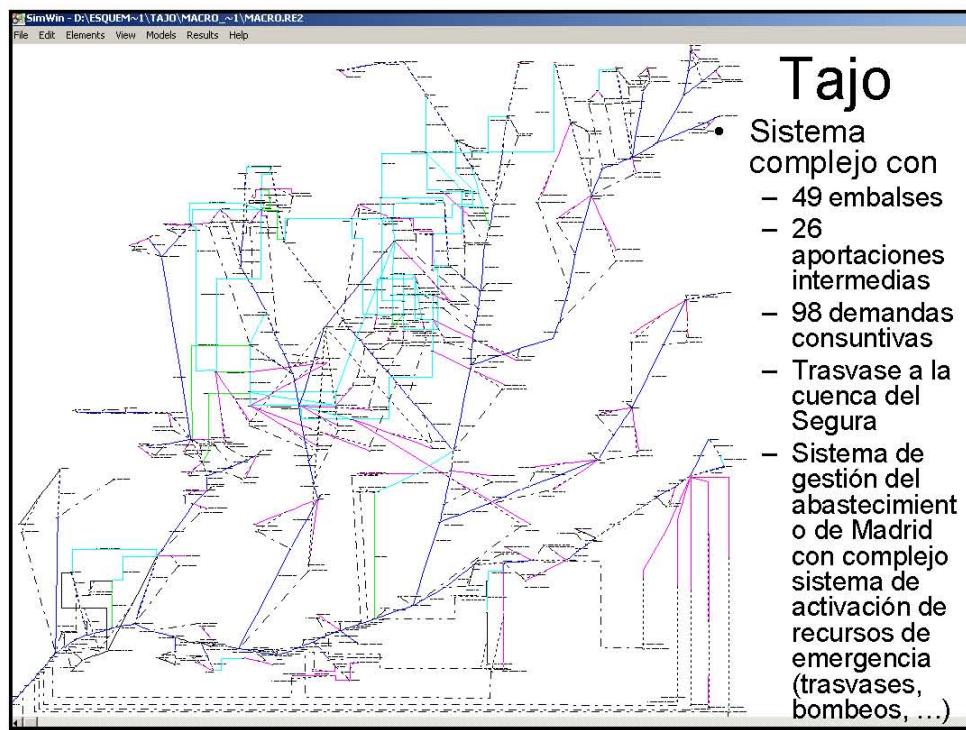
Risks associated to planning decisions (design of the system):

- unconditioned multiple future hydrological scenarios for very long time horizons
- after the effect of initial conditions are dissipated, the probabilities stabilize:



Long
term
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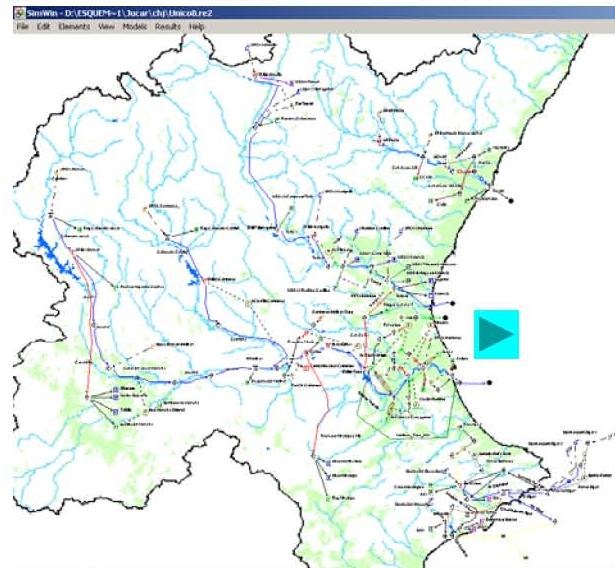




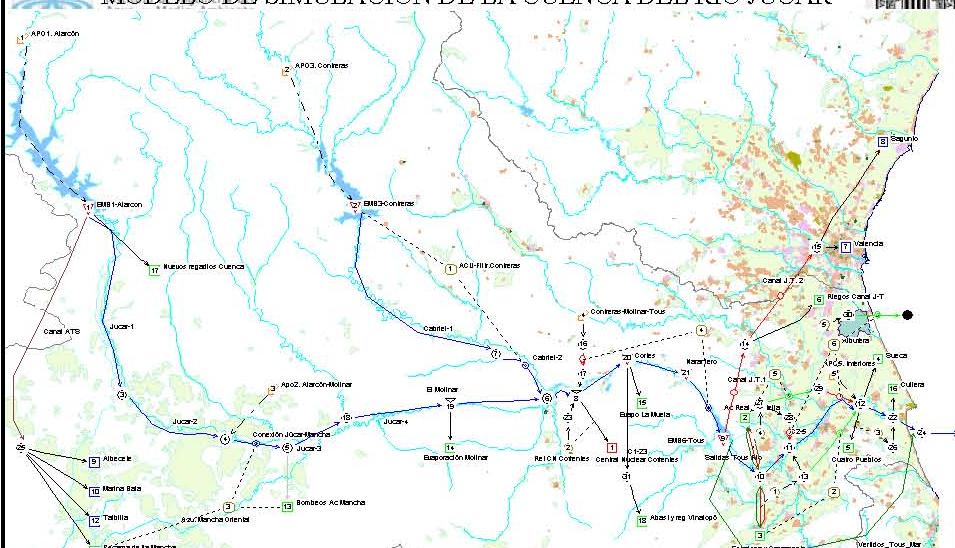
CONFERENCIA HIDROGRÁFICA DEL JÚCAR



- Diversos subsistemas (Júcar, Turia, Mijares, Marina Baja, Vinalopó,...)
- Dificultades por sequías importantes y un complejo sistema de trasvases entre cuencas internas y riesgo de sobreexplotación de acuíferos

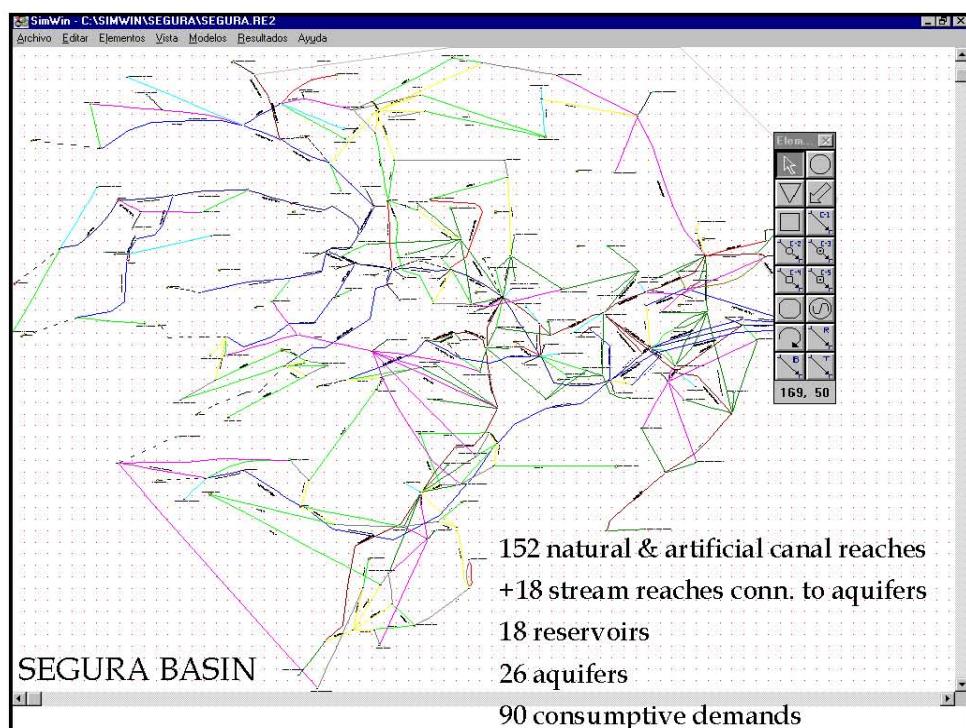
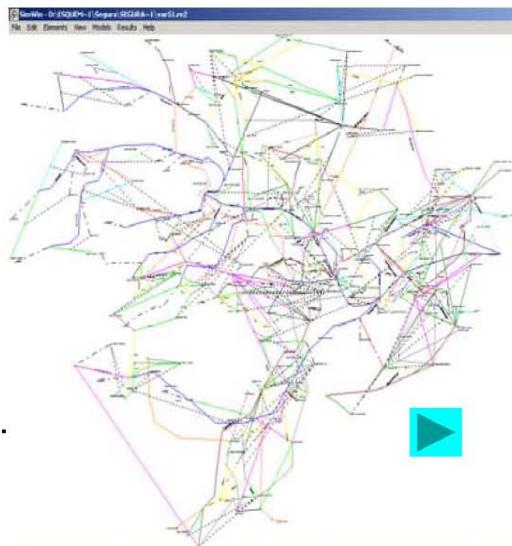


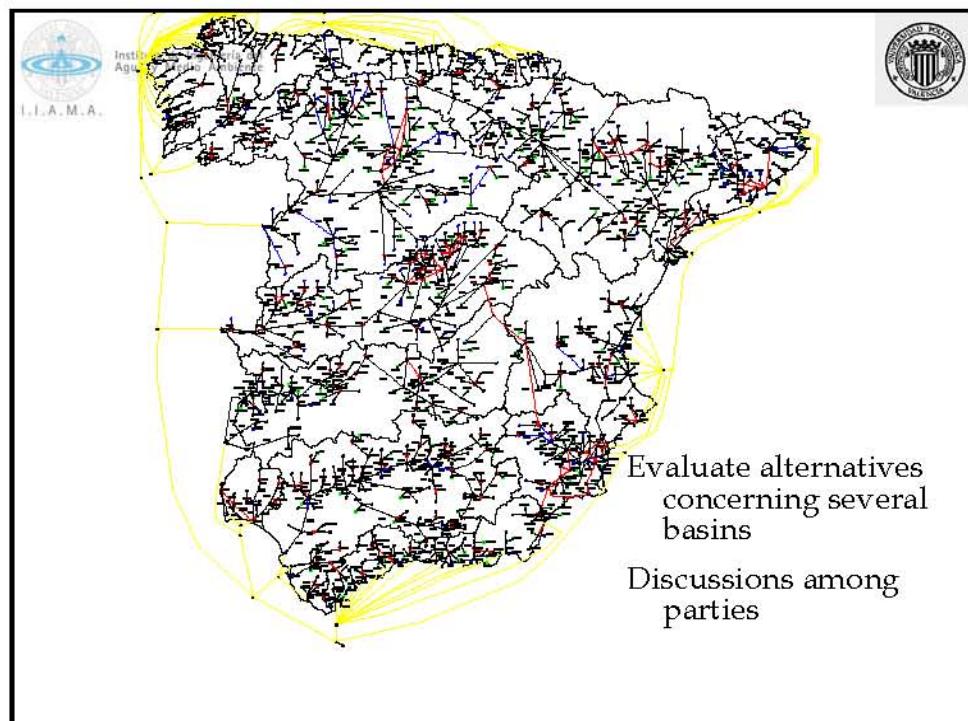
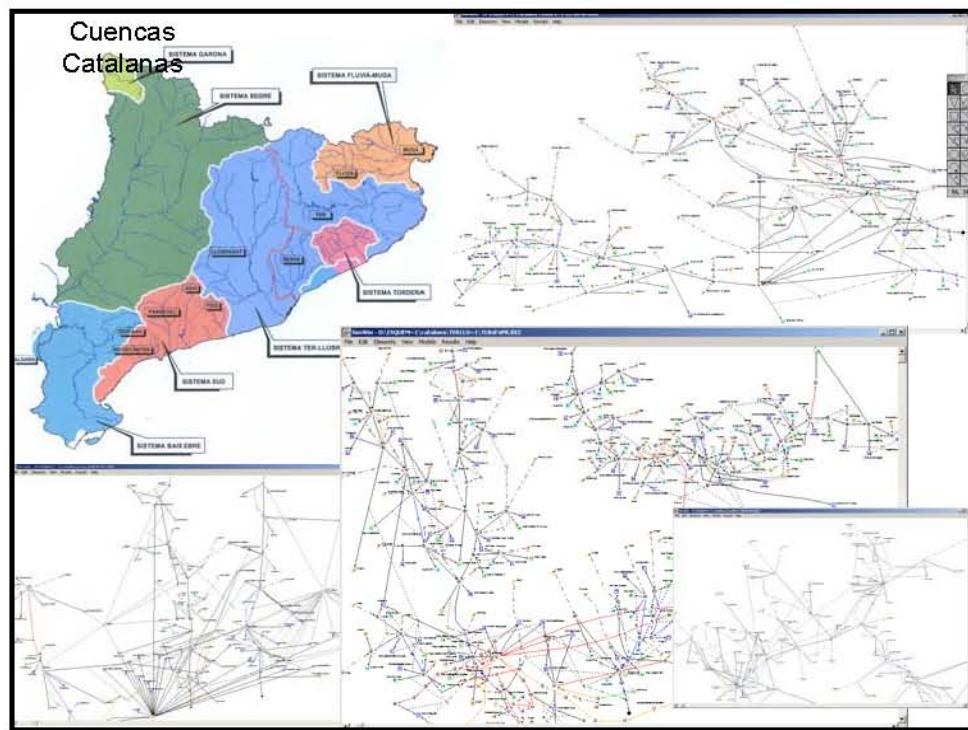
Integrated Basin model: Júcar Basin MODELLO DE SIMULACION DE LA CUENCA DEL RÍO JÚCAR

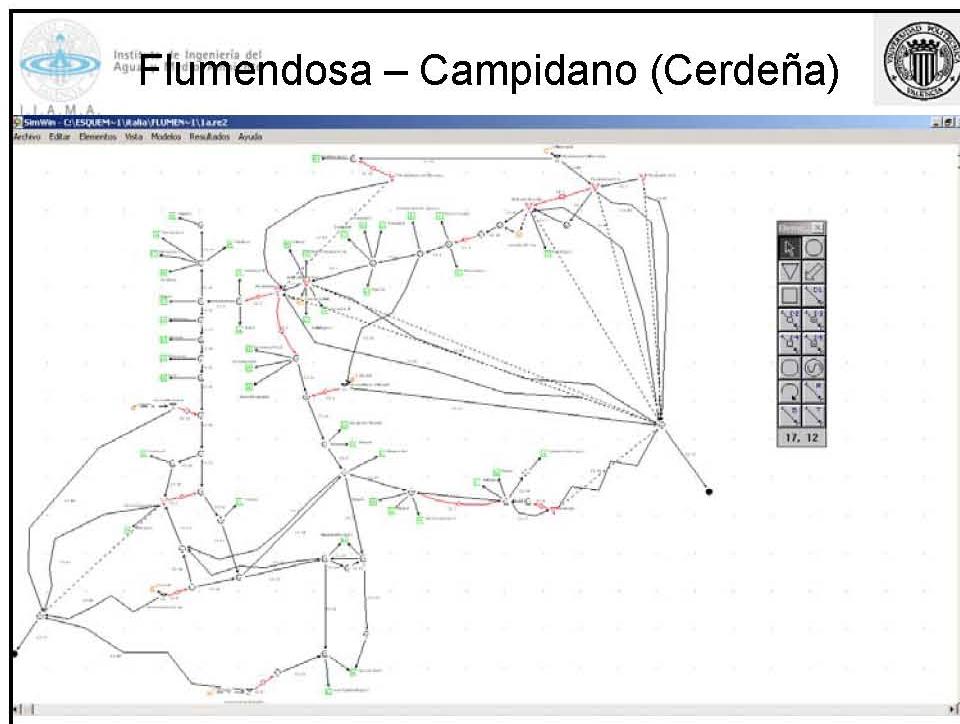
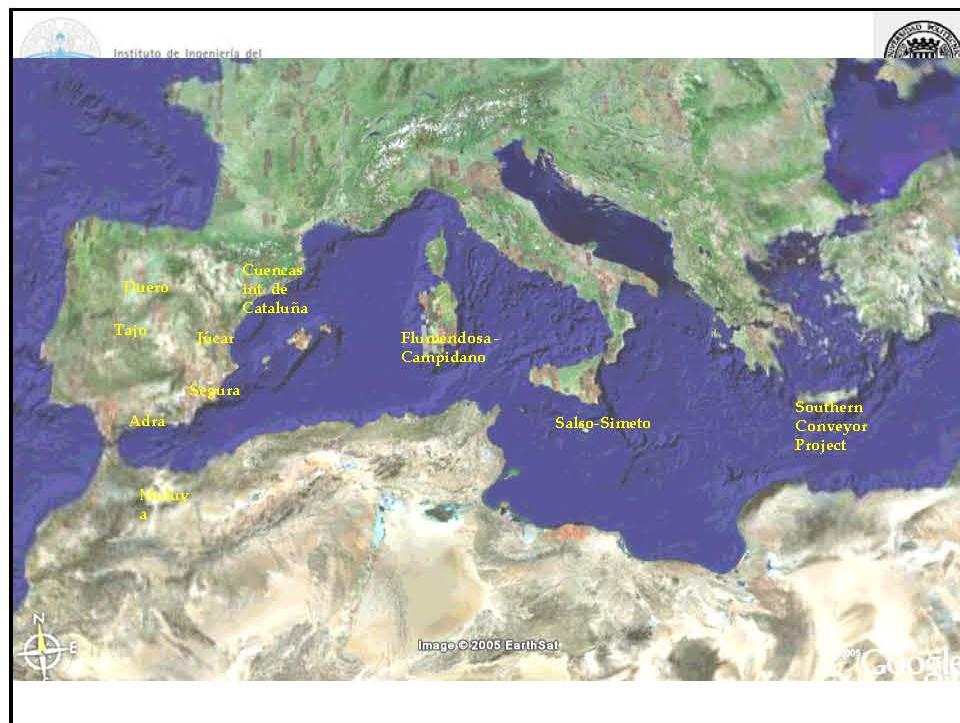


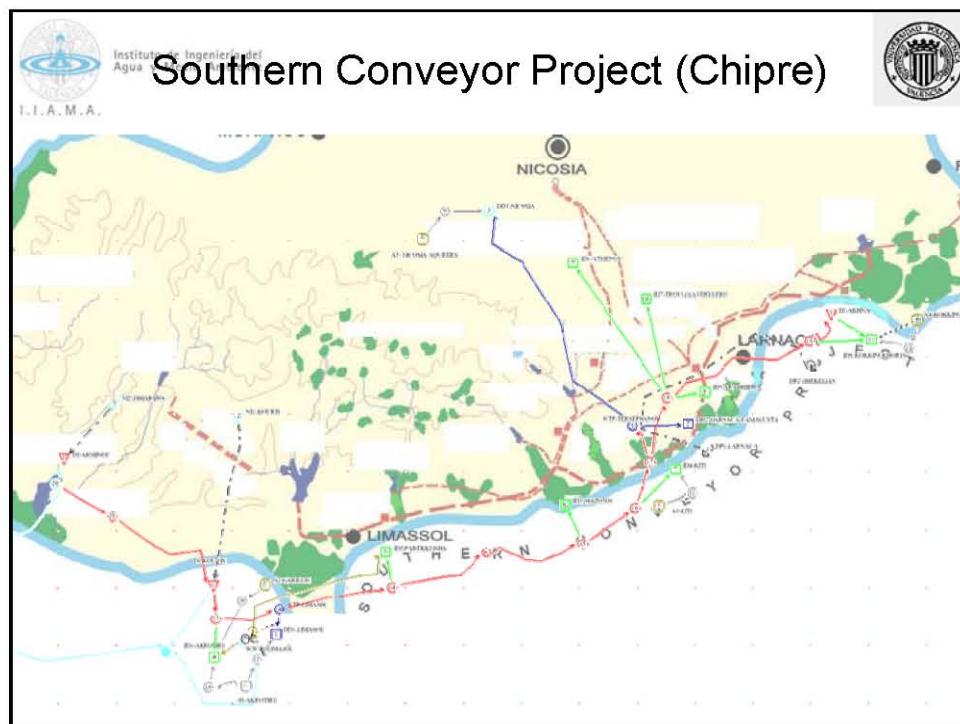
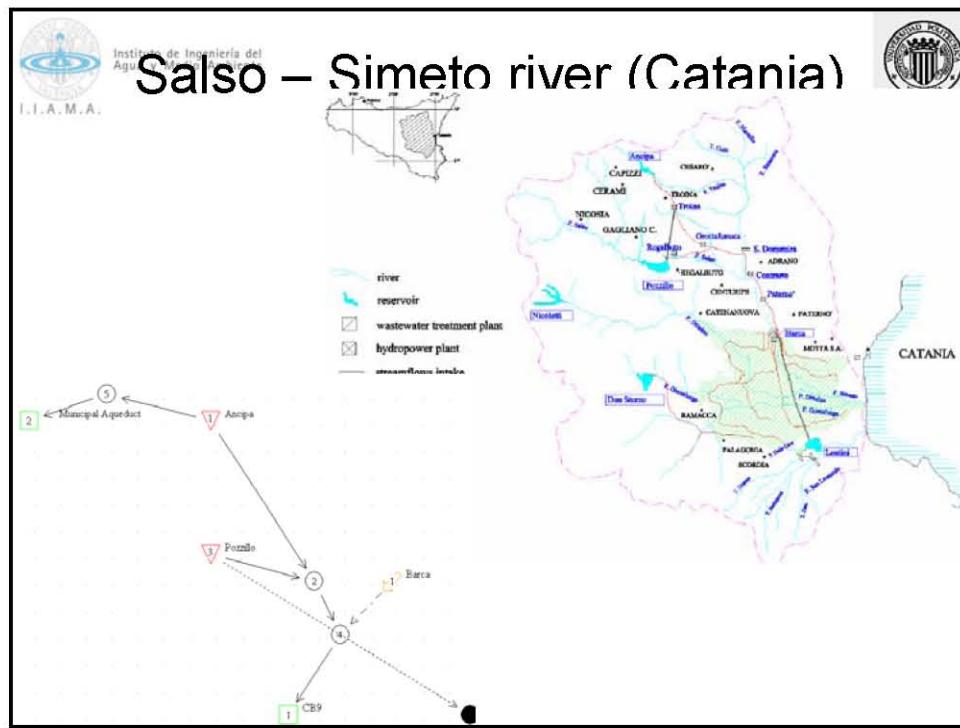
- Actualización de los trabajos anteriores
- Modelos de Optimización y Simulación
- Modelos distribuidos de acuíferos Vega Alta, Vega Media, Sinclinal de Calasparra, ...

CUENCA DEL SEGURA



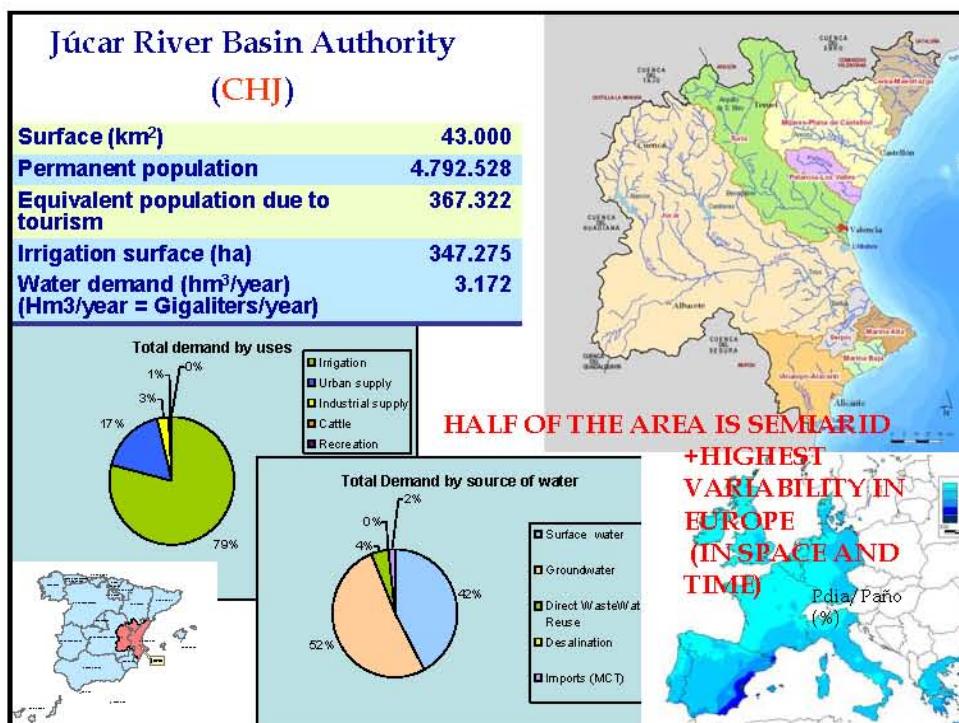






Real case of application of DSS by
the

**Technical Committee to assess the
JÚCAR-VINALOPÓ PROJECT
(CONFLICT)**

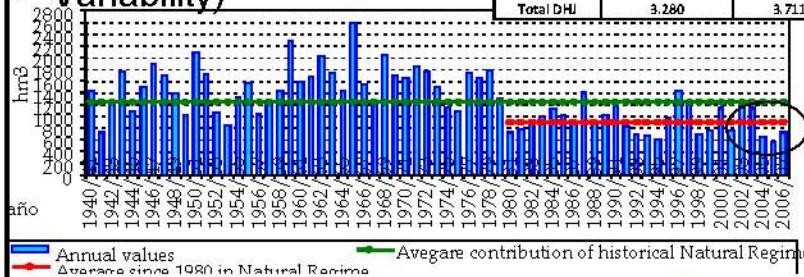




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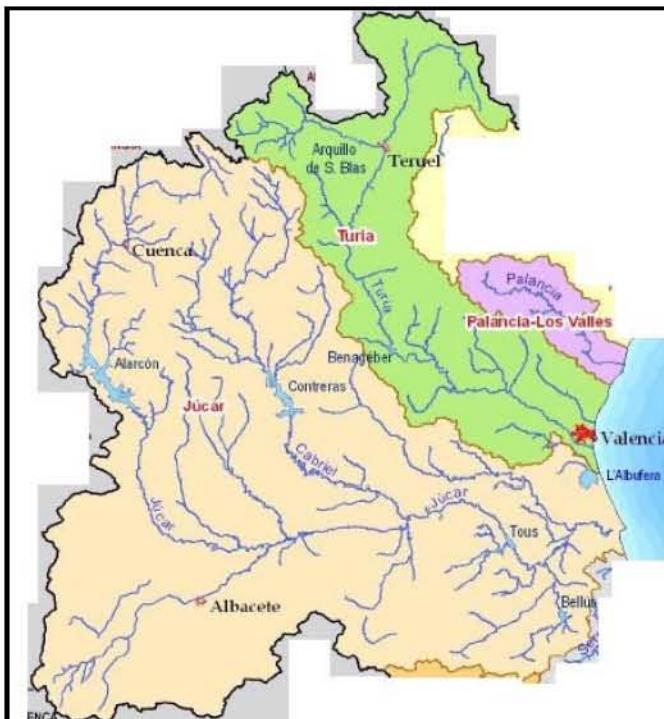
- Aridity (climate)
- Scarcity (Human needs)
- Droughts (Fhigh hydrological)
- Variability)

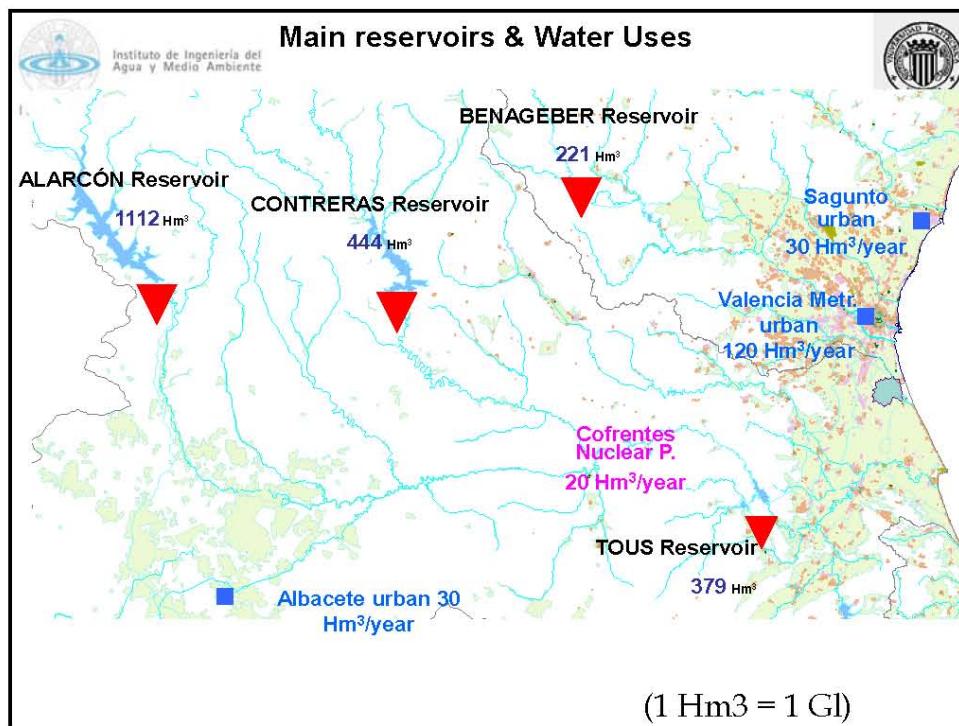
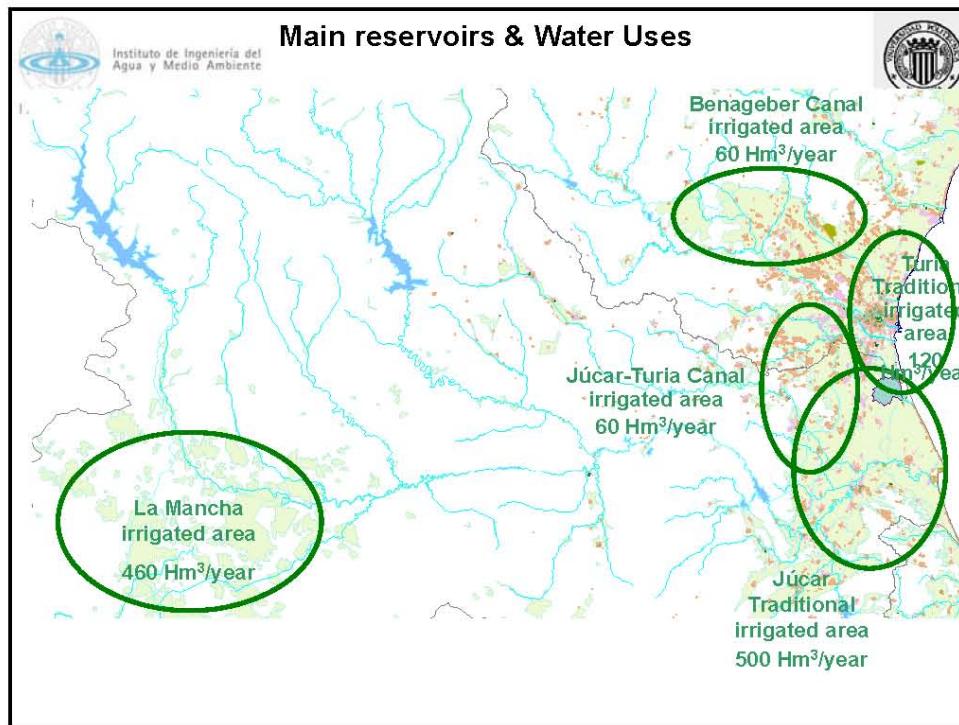


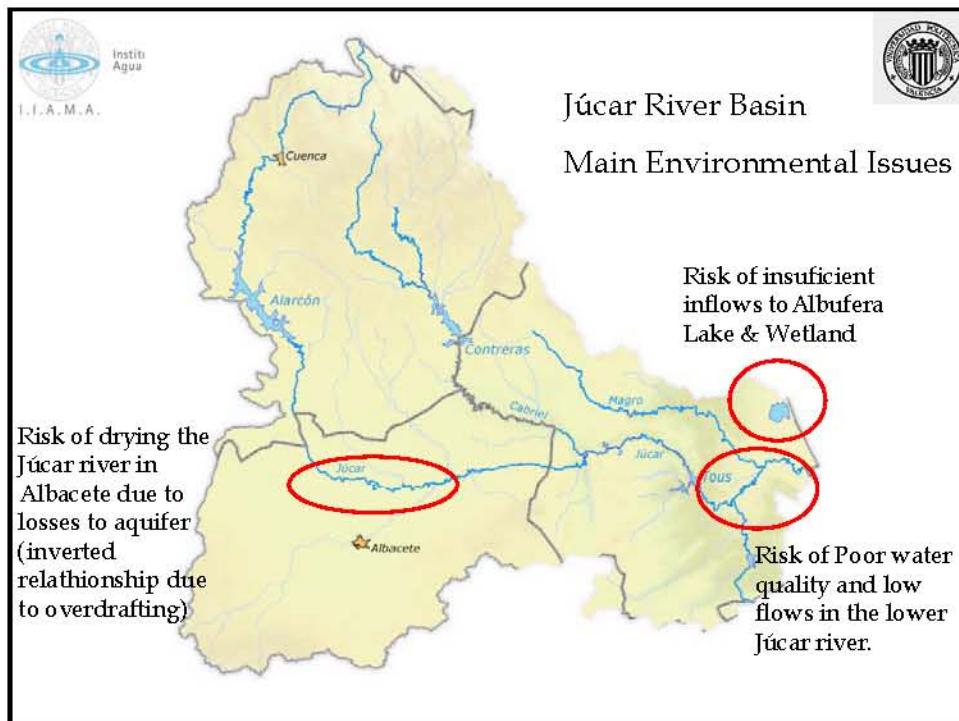
In Spanish River Basin Plans for WFD water licenses and ecological flows are key issues



JUCAR, TURIA
and PALANCIA
basins







Jucar-Vinalopó conflict participatory solution

- **Technical Committee:** Policy Making actors + experts:
 - Ministry of environment
 - Regional Governments (Castilla La Mancha and Valencia)
 - Jucar Basin Authority
 - Traditional Farmers and industrial users of donor basin
 - Farmers and urban users at receptor basin
 - NGO's (2)
 - Experts from universities and other research institutions
- **Working for 4 months**
- **Joint development of DSS**

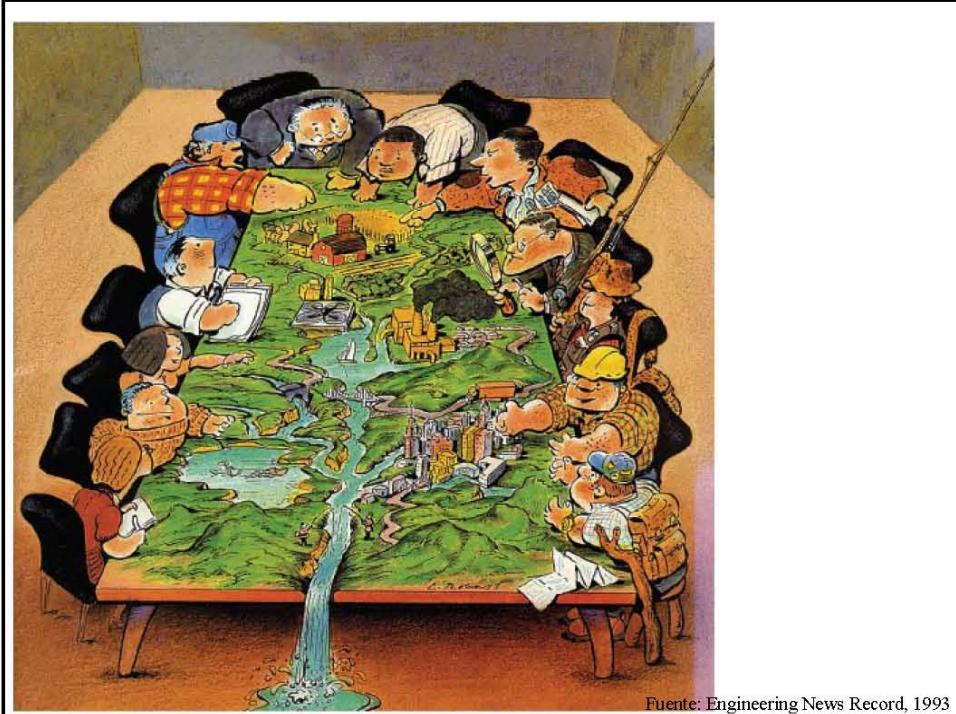
JOINT DSS DEVELOPMENT AND USE

The Technical Commission deeply **reviewed all the components** that constitute the simulation model in order to have an objective common tool to analyze the viability of the project.

In this way they were able to differentiate the objective elements from the subjective opinions on the alternatives and the results.

The **resulting model set up by the Technical Commission was assumed as a shared vision of the system** by all the members and as common tool to simulate the different alternatives and scenarios.

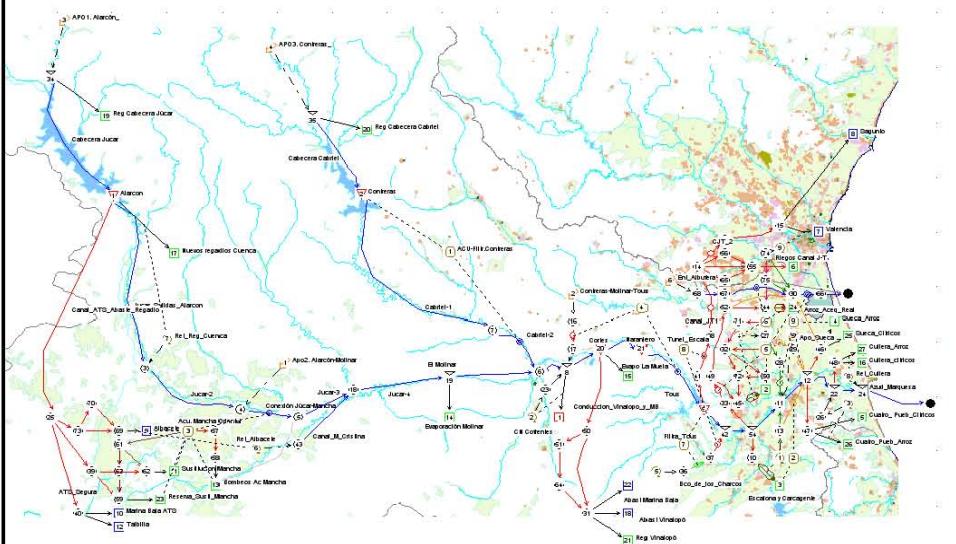
The DSS was put at the disposal of all the members of the Technical Commission, so that they could perform simulations on their own, or for verification of results offered by other parts.



Fuente: Engineering News Record, 1993

JOINT DSS DEVELOPMENT AND USE

DSS including a Simulation model of Júcar RB management

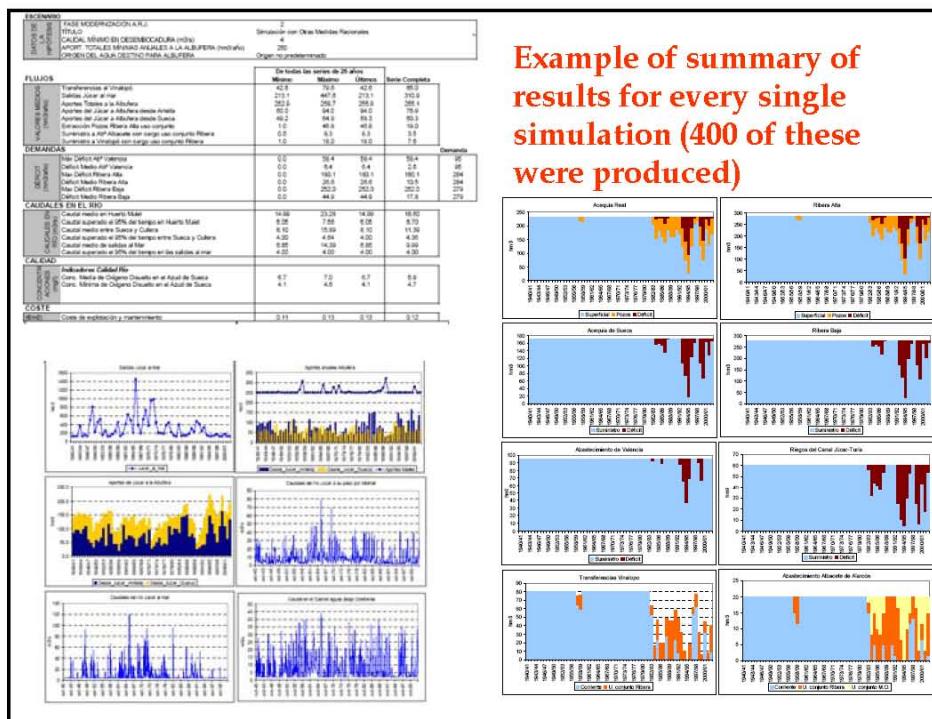


JOINT DSS DEVELOPMENT AND USE

In order to simulate the alternatives, **all data and scenarios where agreed:**

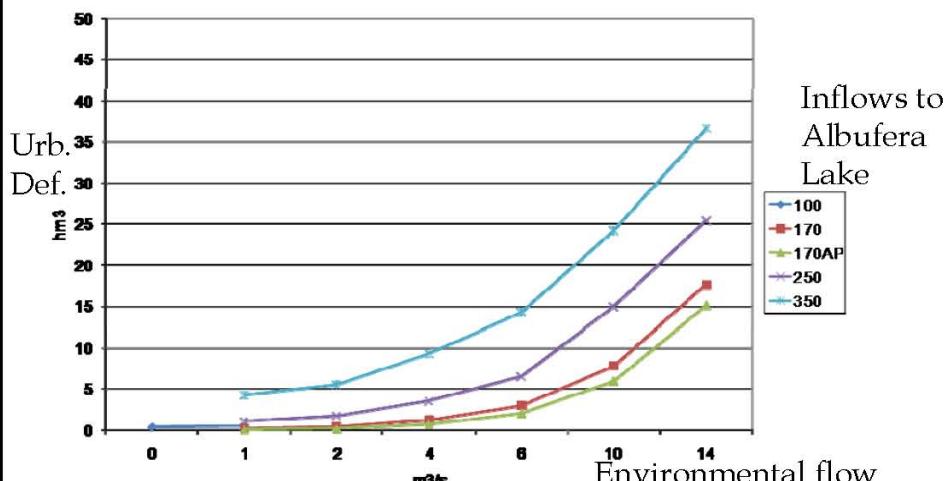
- Hydrological series (Hydrological scenarios)
- Water need by economical uses in different times and different degrees of modernization of agricultural distribution systems (Demand scenarios)
- Environmental requirements in Júcar River and Albufera Wetland
- Operating rules of the system (priorities and drought restrictions, among others)
- Available infrastructure (Infrastructure scenarios)
- Conjunctive use of surface and groundwater and Direct treated waste water reuse (Alternative sources scenarios)

All the combinations of scenarios amount up to more than 600 alternatives to assess, that were reduced to **400 to be simulated** after a preliminary analysis.



Synthesis of results:

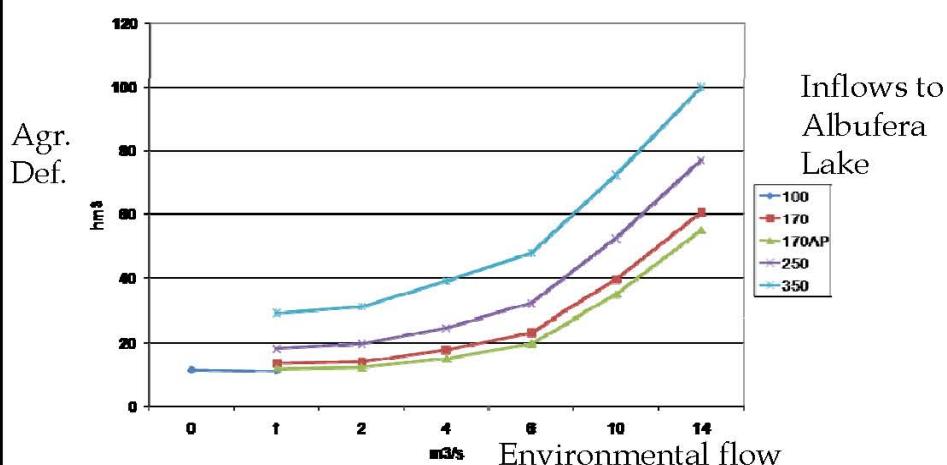
Trade-offs between urban water deficits and environmental requirements at Jucar River and Albufera wetland.



Déficit medio Abastecimiento de Valencia (hm³/año). Media de la última serie de 25 años.
Modernización 2^a Fase. Simulación: Otras medidas racionales sin el Vinalopó. Valores para las diferentes alternativas de asignación a La Albufera (hm³/año) y de caudales ecológicos (m³/s)

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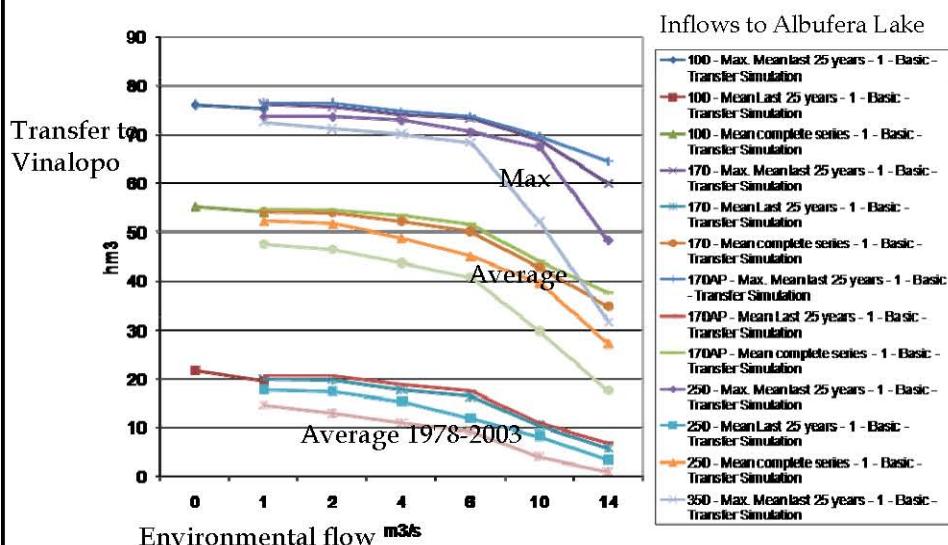


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Synthesis of results:

Potential of average transfer for different environmental requirements at Jucar River and Albufera wetland.

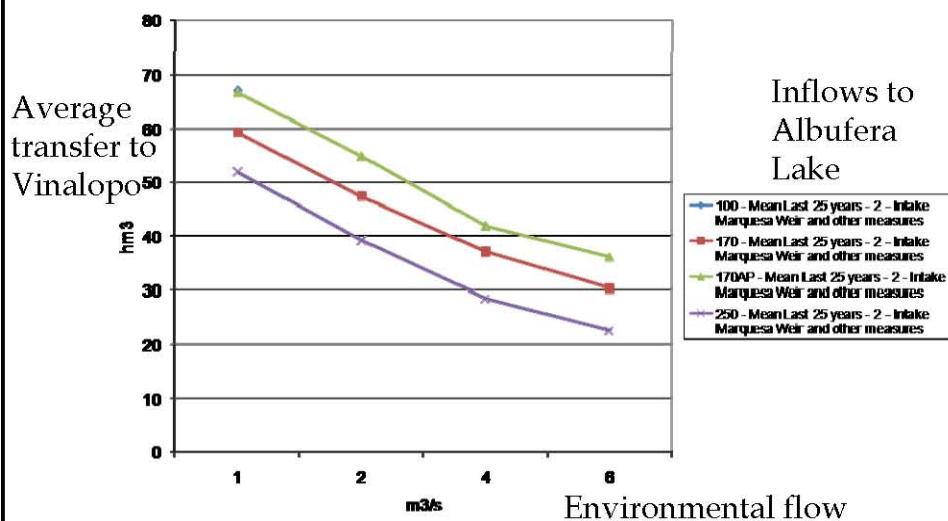
Escenario: F1. Simulación Trasvase - Básica - Modernización de la ARJ en 1^a fase.



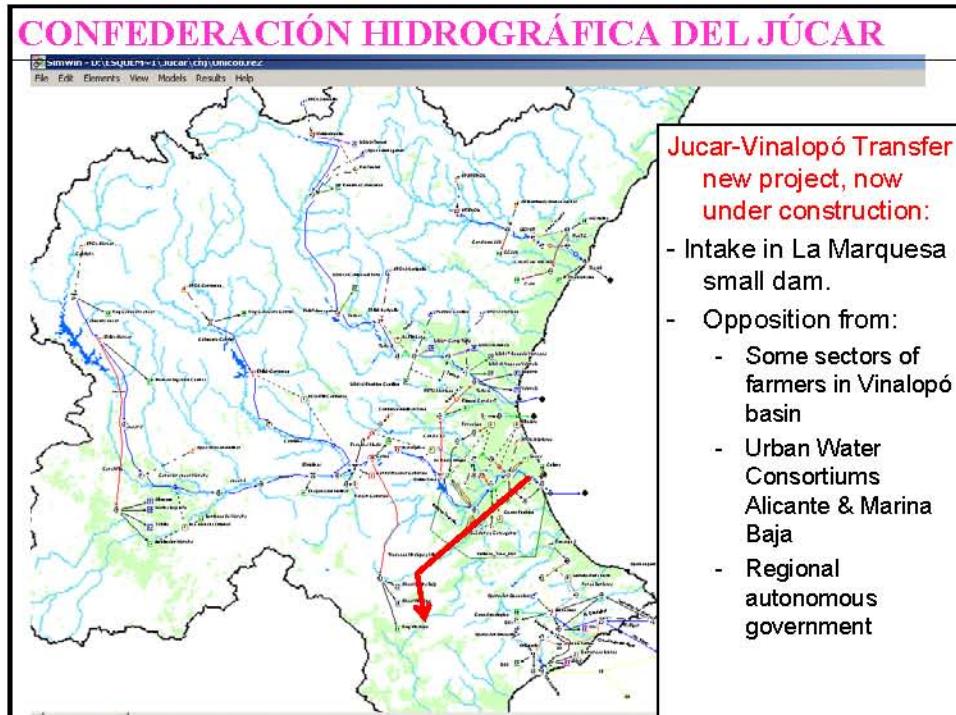
Synthesis of results: NEW INTAKE OPTION AT LA MARQUESA SMALL DAM

Potential of average transfer for different environmental requirements at Jucar River and Albufera wetland.

Escenario: F2. Toma en azud Marquesa y otras medidas. Modernización de la ARJ en 2^a fase. Media últimos 25 años



- A complete report was elaborated, including all agreements, disagreements and results, summaries and synthesis.
- The results were presented in a general meeting including additional representatives of the Regional governments, National Government, and European Commission.
- Finally, it was decided by the Ministry of Environment to modify the project to set up the intake of the transfer in La Marquesa small dam (close to the mouth of the river by the Mediterranean sea).

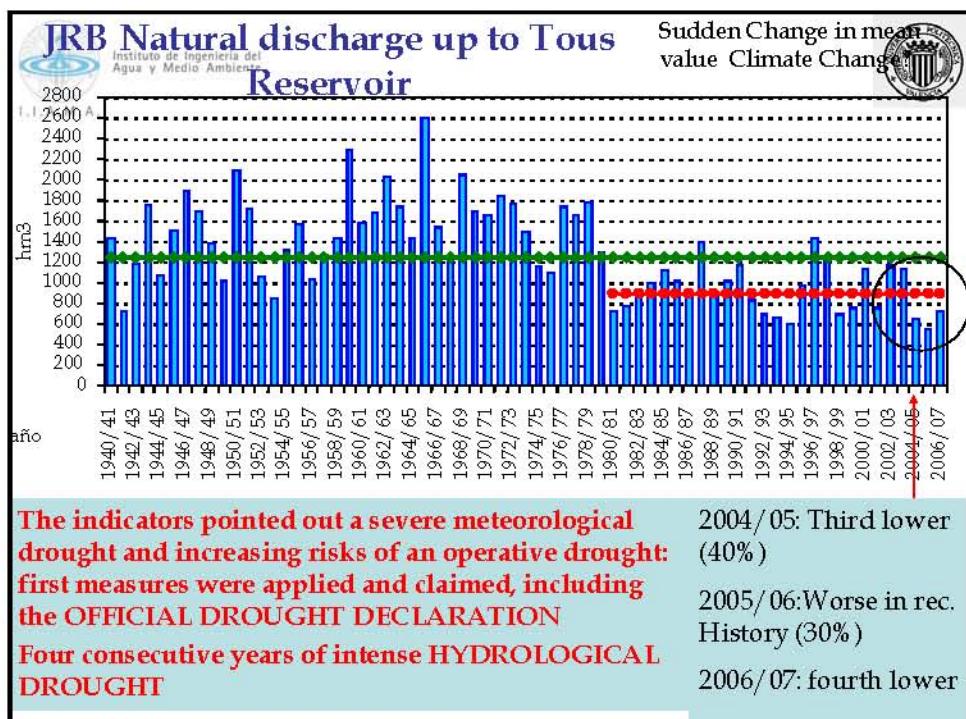




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Assessment of Drought Risk and the effectiveness of measures in Water Resources Systems: Experience in the Jucar basins.





Permanent Drought Commission: RD 1265/2005



(Delegate board from the Governing Board of CHJ (JRBA))

Entitled to vote (13):

- President of JRBA
- JRBA (3) : Commissary, Technical Director, Head of Planning Office.
- Spanish Ministries (2): Industry (IGME) and Environment
- Autonomous Regional Governments (4)
- Urban users representative (Valencia Metr. Area W. Supply)
- Agricultural users representative (Real del Júcar Ditch).
- Industrial users representative (Iberdrola, S.A.)

In advisory capacity (4)

- Environmental Interest Defence: Agró
- Entrepreneurial Representation: AVA
- Labor Unions representation: CCOO
- Local Entities representative: Albacete municipality

Numerous "guests"



PDC Meeting Calendar



1)	1 st December 2005
2)	21 st December 2005
3)	21 st January 2006
4)	13 th February 2006
5)	15 th March 2006
6)	18 th April 2006
7)	22 nd May 2006
8)	27 th June 2006
9)	19 th July 2006
10)	24 th August 2006
11)	12 th September 2006
12)	28 th September 2006
13)	15 th November 2006
14)	15 th December 2006
15)	15 th February 2007
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19)	31 st October 2007
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PDC PROCEDURE: METEO & HYDROLOGICAL INFORMATION + DROUGHT INDEXES



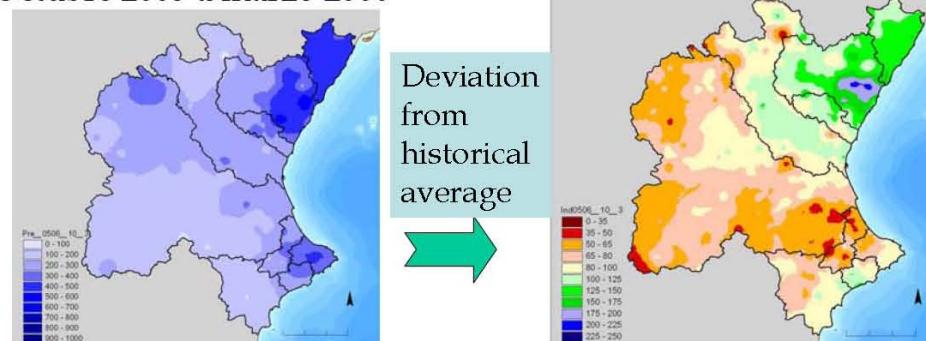
Allow to identify droughts and to compare situations (s-t)

Percentage of normal cumulative rainfall

Available resource / normal (average) resource

Advantage: easy to understand

Octubre 2005 a marzo 2006

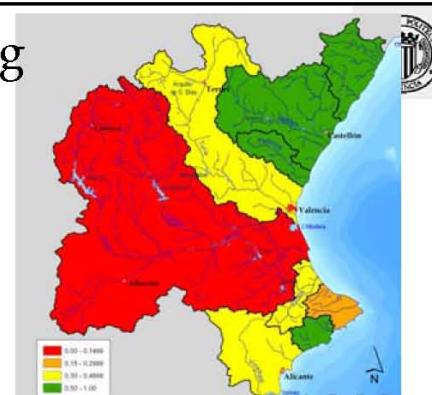


Continuous monitoring

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Drought indicators CHJ (31 January 2006)

Júcar => emergency
Marina Alta => alert



System	Valuation risk	State Index	State
Cenia-Maestrazgo	LOW	0.55	STABLE
Mijares-Plana de Castellón	LOW	0.51	STABLE
Palancia-Los Valles	LOW	0.52	STABLE
Turia	MEDIUM	0.38	INITIAL ALERT
Júcar	VERY HIGH	0.13	EMERGENCY
Serpis	MEDIUM	0.32	INITIAL ALERT
Marina Alta	HIGH	0.28	ALERT
Marina Baja	LOW	0.58	STABLE
Vinalopó-Alacantí	MEDIUM	0.49	INITIAL ALERT

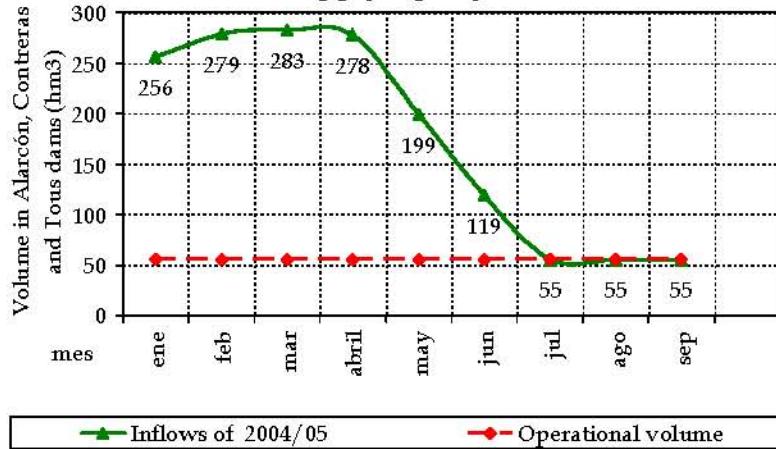


February 2006 forecasts



Deterministic forecast: Future reservoir storage evolution

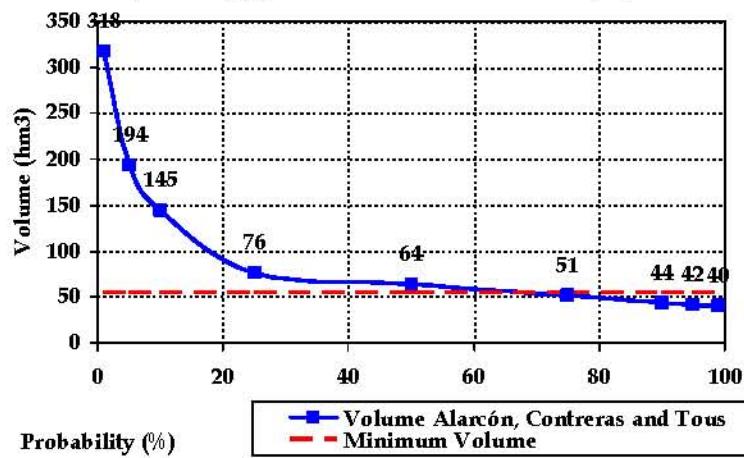
Using same Inflows of last year (2004/05)
without applying any measures



February 2006 Stochastic (Risk) forecast (for 1 October 2006 storage)



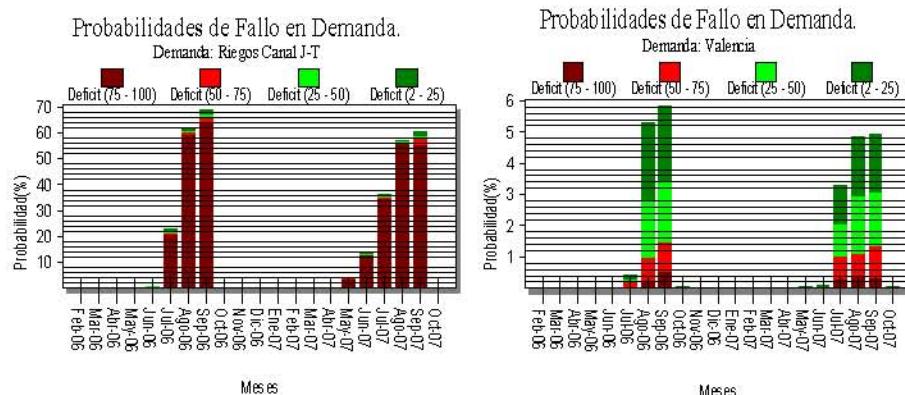
(If the Supply to demands is the same as 2004/05)





Stochastic Risk estimation

Probability of failure in urban and agricultural areas



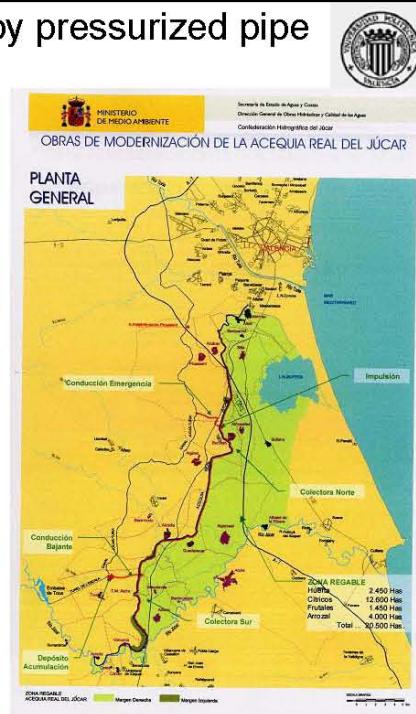
Measures (more detail later ...)

- Increase w. conveyance efficiency
- Increase Conjunctive surf&ground w. use + drought wells
- Increase Reuse of waste water
- Increase reuse of irrigation return flows
- Water rights purchase to preserve environmental flows
- Application of measures to save water: irrigation reduction, and alternative urban supply
- Conjunctive management of Turia and Jucar Basins
- Public education through media (Newspapers, ...) in order to reduce urban consumption
- Intensive monitoring and surveillance, ...
- Other ...

Conveyance canal substituted by pressurized pipe

• Savings of 100 MCM/year

• Part of an ongoing modernization plan



+ Surface Water Allocation Proposal for 2005/2006

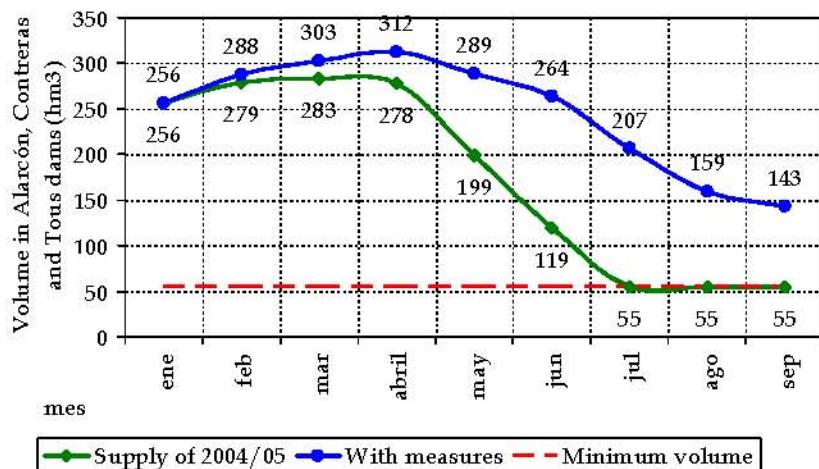
(figures in Hm³=GL)

I.I.A.M.A. IRRIGATION	Supply 1994/95	Supply 2004/05	Proposal 2005/06 Surface water	Reduction w.r. to 2004/05 Surface water
Regadíos canal Júcar Turia	42	46	16,1	65 %
Sustitución de bombeos y consolidación de MO	0	21	7,35	65 %
Riegos tradicionales Júcar (Ribera Alta)	179	316	158	50 %
Riegos tradicionales Júcar (Ribera Baja)	204	305	183	40 %
URBAN SUPPLY	Supply 2005/06	Proposal 2005/06 From Júcar River	Other sources	Reduction w.r. to 2004/05
Abastecimiento Albacete	15	10	5	33 %
Abastecimiento Valencia	126	70	56	44 %
Abastecimiento Sagunto	7	4	3	43 %
INDUSTRIAL USE				
Central N. Cofrentes	20	15	5	25 %

Effectiveness of the measures

February forecasts (if measures are applied)

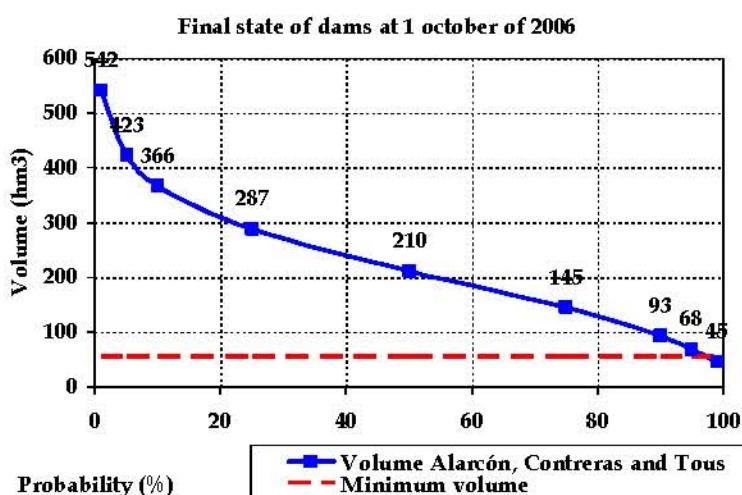
Deterministic forecast: Future volume reservoir evolution
Using same Inflows as last year (2004/05)



Supply of 2004/05 With measures Minimum volume

New February Stochastic forecast

for 1 October 2006 (if measures are applied)



Volume Alarcón, Contreras and Tous Minimum volume

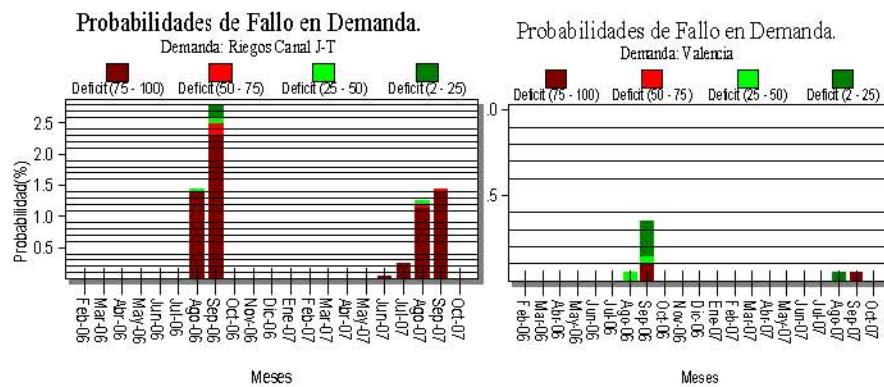


New values for Risk of failures in demands



I.I.A.M.A.

Probability of failure in urban and agricultural areas



March 2006. Agreement for irrigation supply from SW



I.R.R.I.G.A.T.I.O.N	Supply 1994/95	Supply 2004/05	Reduction w.r. to 2004/05	Proposal 2005/06
Regadios canal Júcar Turia	42	46	60 %	18,4
Asignación para sustitución de bombeos y consolidación de MO	0	21	60 %	8,4
Riegos tradicionales Júcar (Albacete) (*)	8,7	8,7	45 %	4,8
Riegos tradicionales Júcar (Ribera Alta y Baja)	383	621	43 %	354

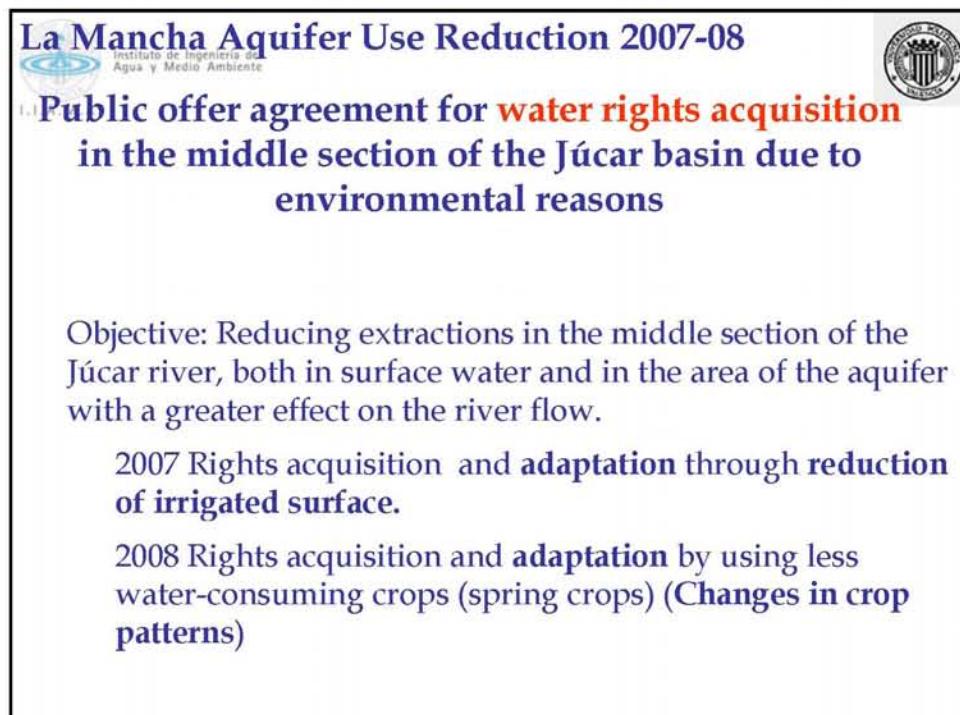
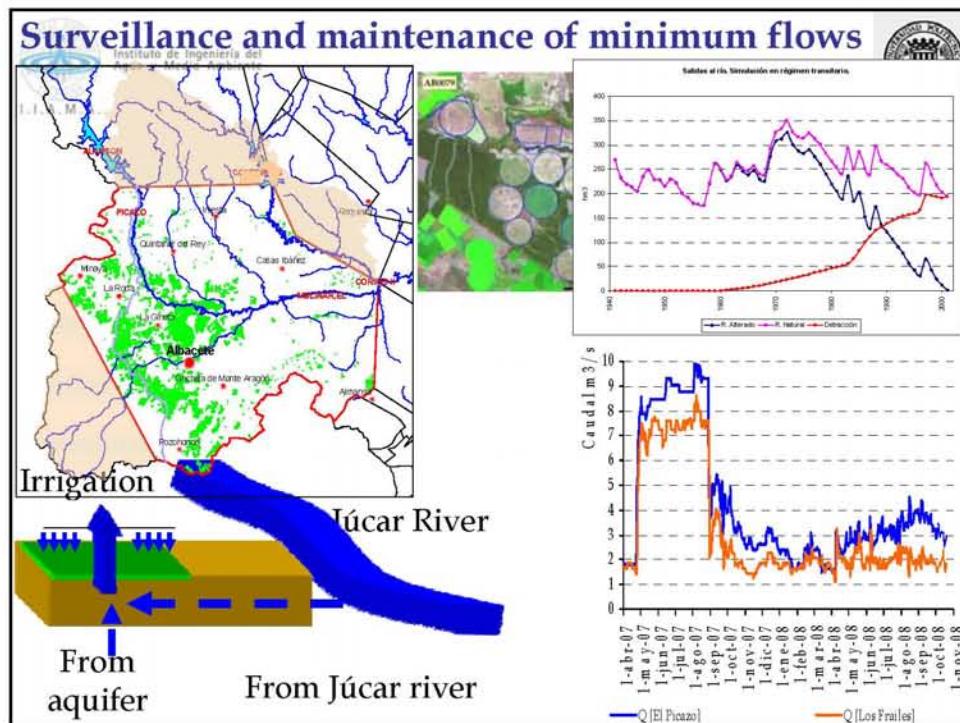
REGADIOS SUBTERRÁNEOS

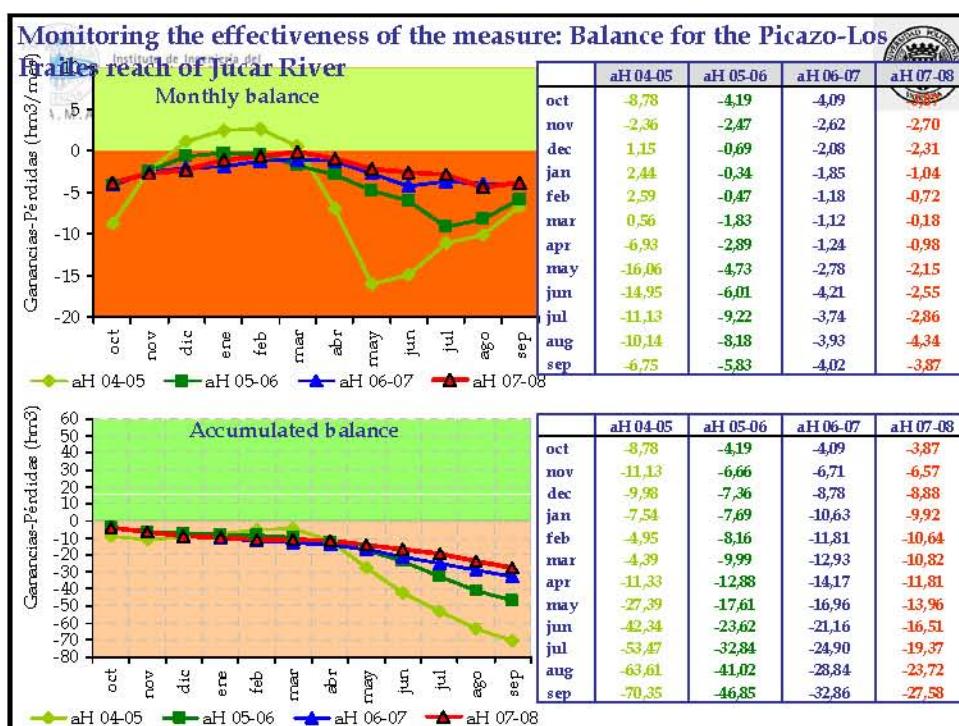
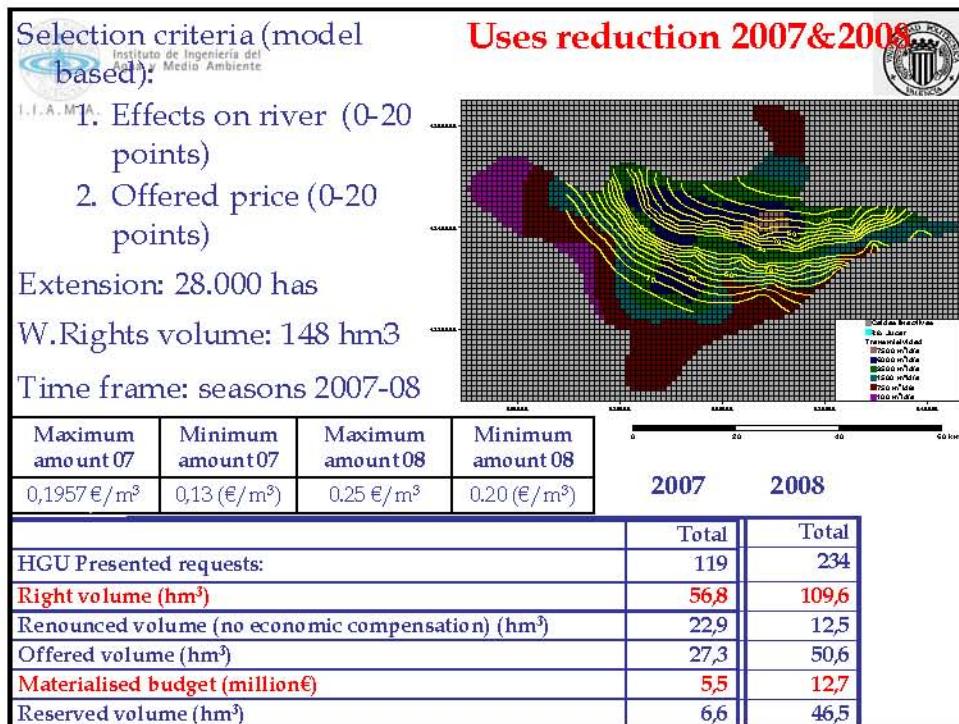
Ahorro generalizado en las extracciones en el conjunto del acuífero de Mancha Oriental: 15% respecto a 406 hm³ (61 hm³). Posibilidad de materializar en tres años, con un mínimo del 5% en el primer año. Aprobada la modificación del Plan de Explotación de la JCRMO en su Asamblea del 25 de marzo de 2006

Ahorro en las extracciones en pozos con afección prácticamente inmediata al río similar a las tomas superficiales: 45%.

TRAMO MEDIO DEL JÚCAR

Posibilidad de indemnización económica por reducciones adicionales







Surveillance middle section of Júcar river

Objective: flow maintenance downstream from Alarcón reservoir



Júcar river in summer 1995



Júcar river in summers 2006 and 2007

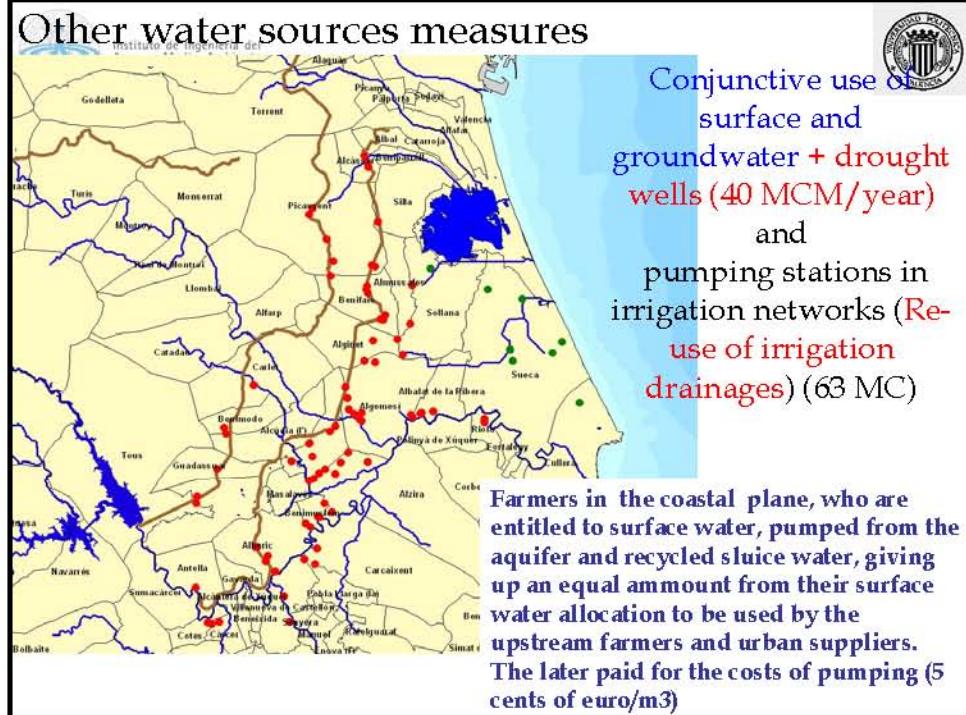
Strict control of water abstraction:

- Satelite & field control in MO aquifer
- Meters at main canals automatically meas.

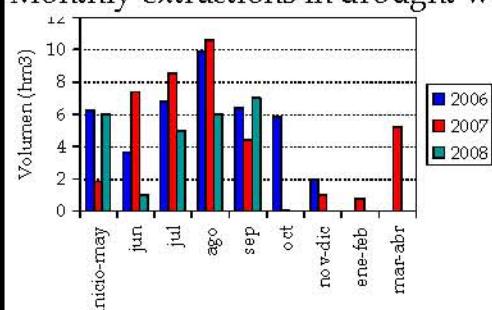
Demand management and water savings (increased water use efficiency):

- Turns in traditional irrigated farms (every 15 days)
- Improvement in trad. Conveyance system

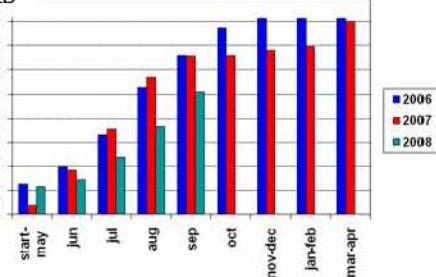
Other water sources measures



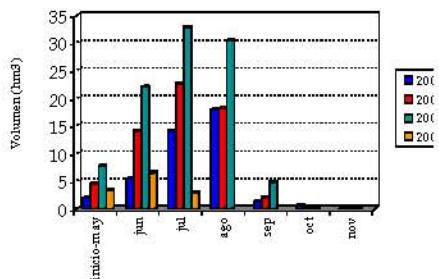
Monthly extractions in drought wells



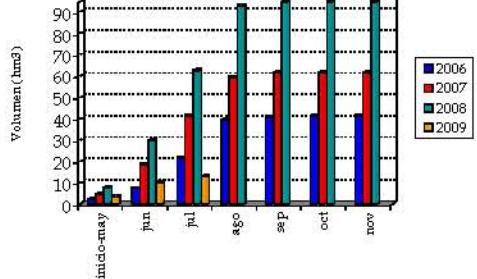
Accumulated extractions in drought wells



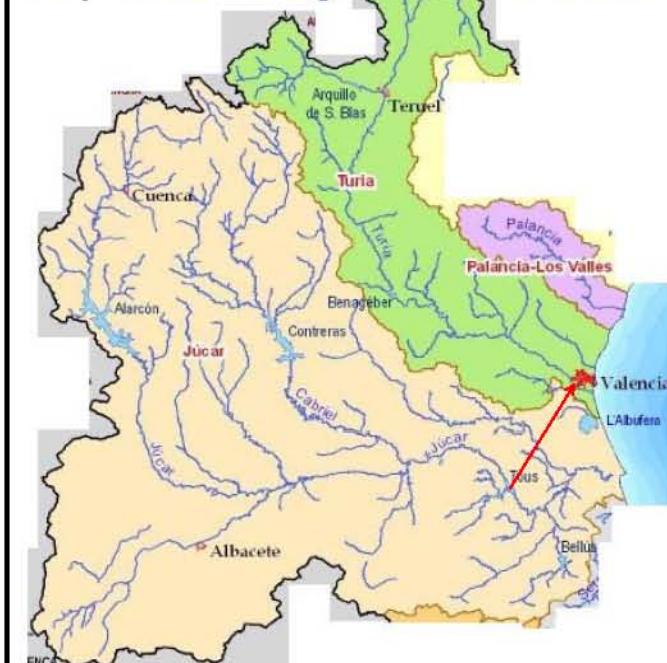
Monthly recycling of sluice waters



Cumulative recycling of sluice waters



Conjunctive management of Júcar and Turia Basins



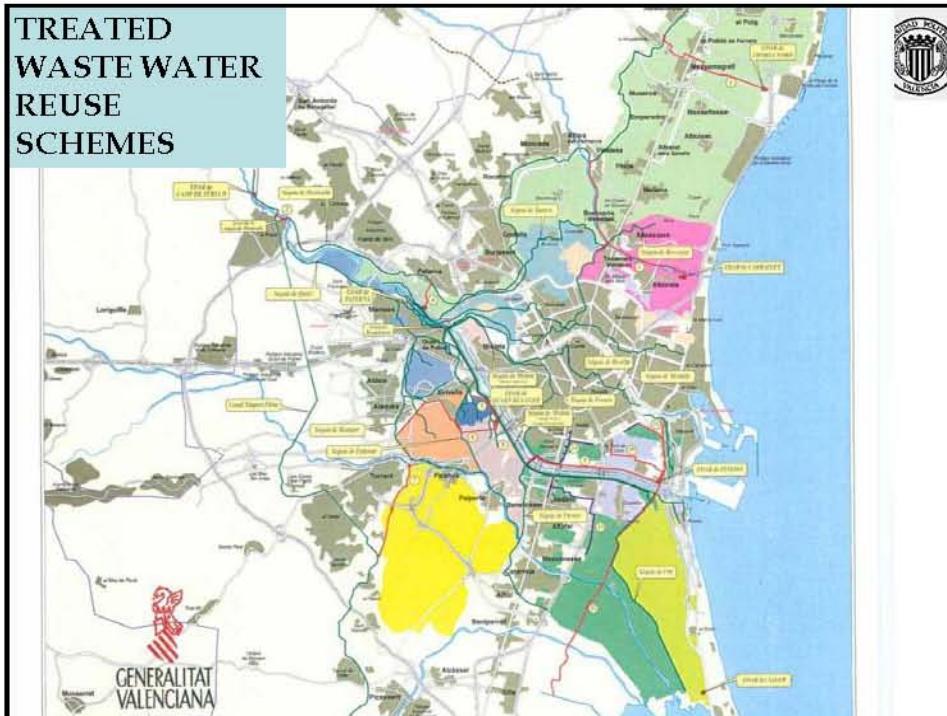
Metropolitan area of Valencia:

- uses up to 90 MCM from Júcar Basin

- produces up to 120 MCM of treated wastewater

Trades with traditional irrigation areas:

TREATED WASTE WATER REUSE SCHEMES





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DIRECT REUSE OF RECLAIMED (TREATED) WASTEWATER



Volumes of Direct re-use of treated wastewater during drought

EDAR	Pinedo II. Extension		Quart-Benatger	Carraxet	Paterna-Fte. del Jarro		TOTAL
	Tradit.I. Vega de Valencia. Rest of Ditches	Del Oro Ditch	Tradit.I. Vega de Valencia. Rest of Ditches	Tradit.I. Vega de Valencia. Rest of Ditches	Tradit.I. Vega de Valencia. Rest of Ditches	Tradit.I. Vega de Valencia. Real Ac de Moncada	
User	Favara Ditch (B)	Del Oro Ditch (G)	Ditches of Andarella (B), Kirivella (B), Benager (B), Faitanar (B) y Favara (G)	Rascanya Ditch (B)	Formos Ditch (G)	Real de Moncada Ditch (B)	
	(Hm ³)	(Hm ³)	(Hm ³)	(Hm ³)	(Hm ³)	(Hm ³)	(Hm ³)
2005/06	6.015	22.156	0	0	0	0	28.171
2006/07	6.781	50.153	9.008	3.791	0.603	0.829	71.165
2007/08	9.946	66.857	12.782	3.444	0.214	0.913	94.157

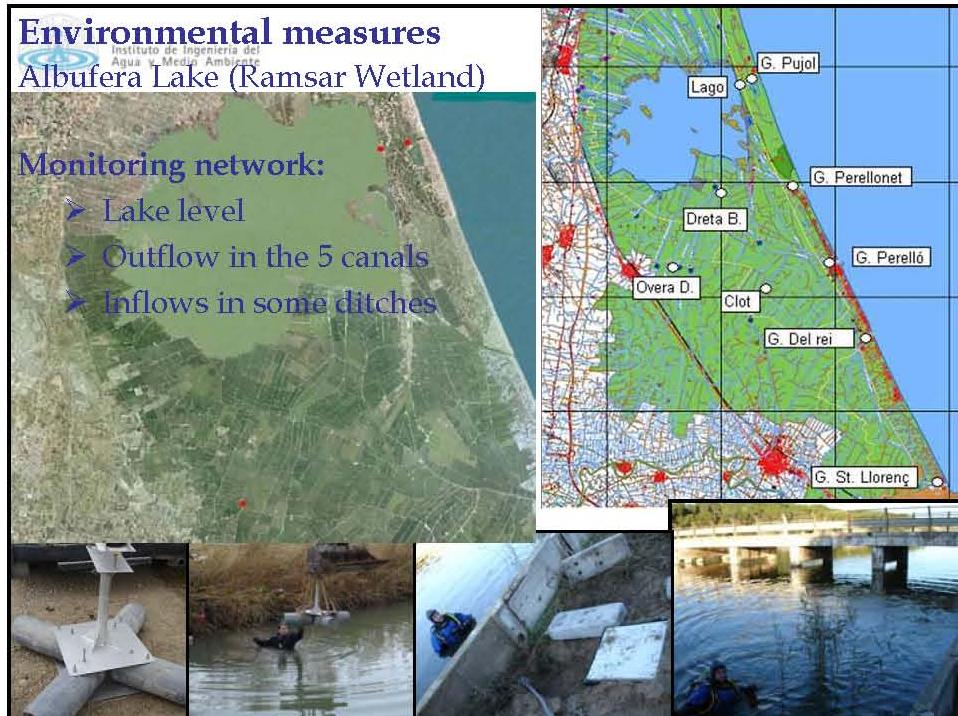
Environmental measures

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Albufera Lake (Ramsar Wetland)

Monitoring network:

- Lake level
- Outflow in the 5 canals
- Inflows in some ditches



Special control & monitoring of Aquifers, and Springs



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Drought wells: flows, levels, and w.quality



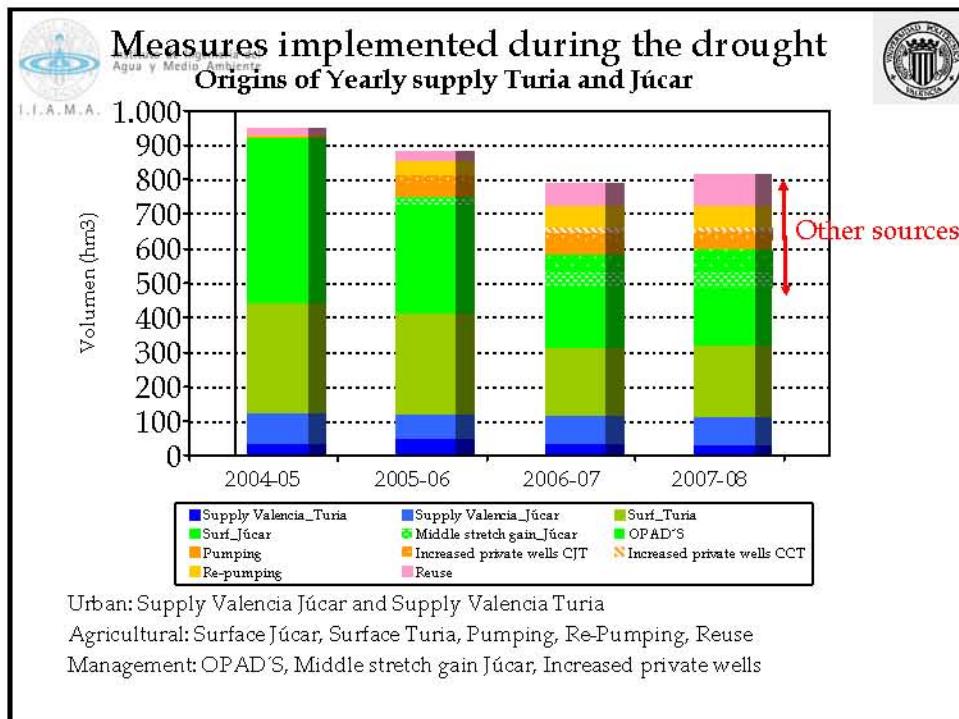
W. Quality of Re-cycling in irrigation network



Transparency: Public information on CHJ web page

WWW.CHJ.ES





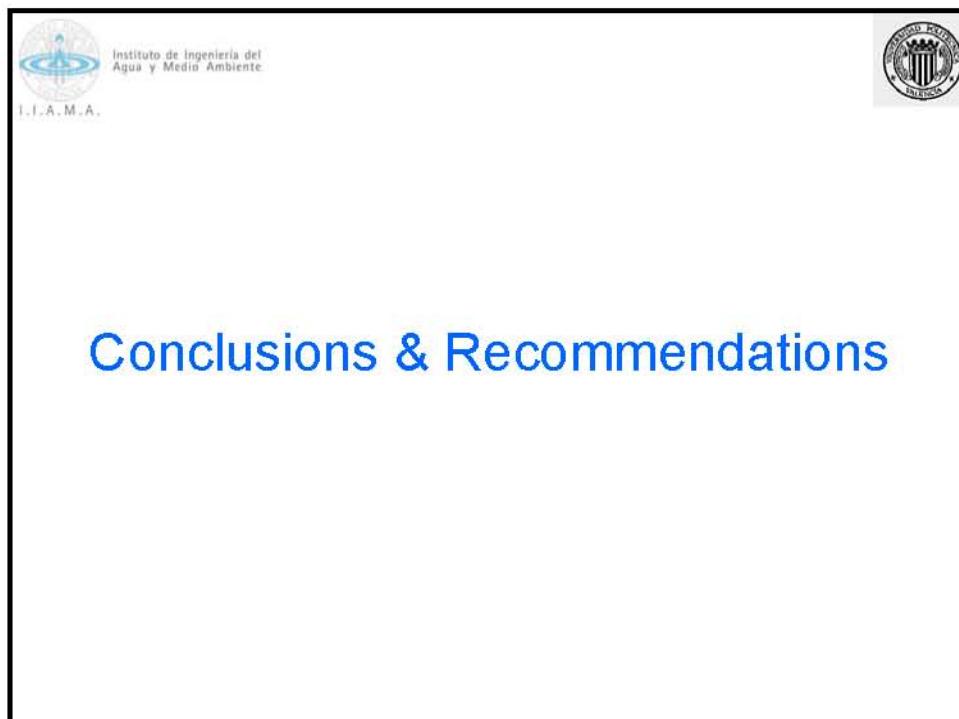
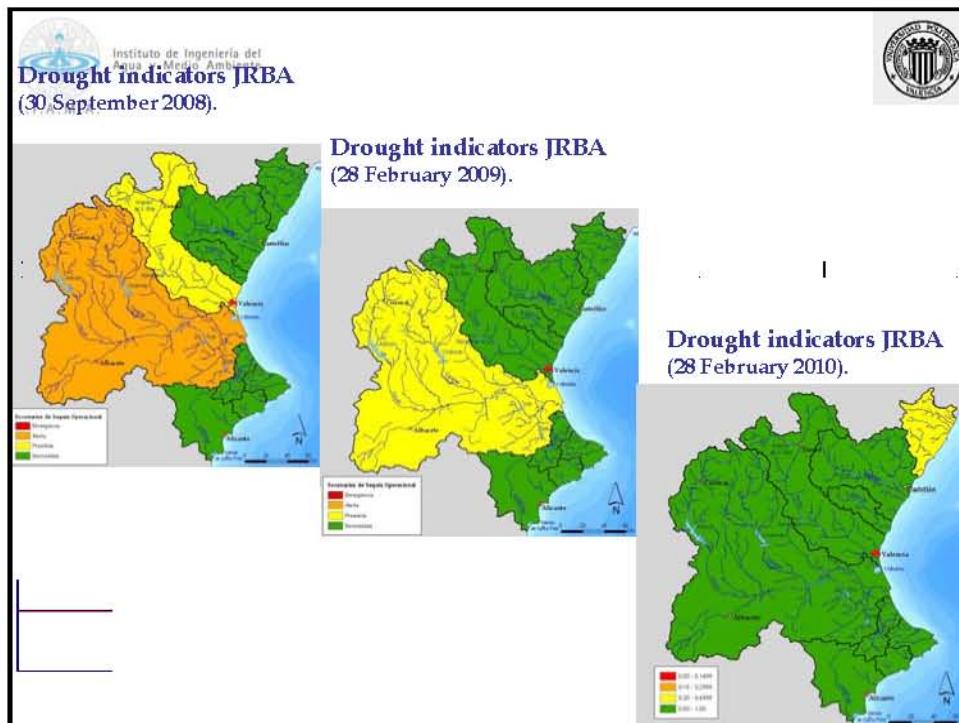
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Emergency works

Main investments in:

- Improvement in the supply guarantee for urban areas and sources for alternative resource
- Improvement in drinking water treatment systems
- Improvement in the efficiency of irrigation systems

Emergency Works	Budget (thousand €)
Emergency Works 2005	19.285,0
Emergency Works 2006	35.286,0
Emergency Works 2007	15.350,0
Emergency Works 2008	4.940,0
Total	74.861,0



DSS in Planning

- DSS are essential for the purpose of providing
 - Integration,
 - Transparency
 - easiness of use by PMA and
 - shared vision for conflict resolution.
- They are also very valuable for
 - sensitivity analysis
 - risk assessment
 - Trade-off assessment



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DSS in Planning



I.I.A.M DSS USE DURING NEGOTIATIONS PROVIDES MANY ADVANTAGES:

- u Development of MODELS, SHARED by the technicians, stakeholders, and policy makers: SHARED VISION OF the SYSTEM
- u OBJECTIVE FRAMEWORK AND REFERENCE that allows each group to evaluate the consequences of the alternatives that are proposed by them and by the others.
- u TOOL FOR the RATIONAL ANALYSIS OF MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION POLICIES of resulting systems (CRUCIAL FOR REACHING AGREEMENTS AND TO AVOID FUTURE CONFRONTATIONS)
- u OBJETIVITY OF TECHNICAL ASPECTS that allows negotiations to be developed IN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL TERMS THAT ALLOW EQUITABLE AGREEMENTS.

CONCLUSIONS

- Water **Scarce** Basins are usually also **drought** prone
 - We will never have 100% reliability.
 - Permanently prepared for droughts.
- New drought management policy
 - Planning and proactive vs. Emergency and reactive
 - Special Drought Plans
 - Efficient water management oriented to drought
 - Anticipation: Indicators must be useful to anticipate, and to manage drought (not only statistical figures) at basin or water resources system scale:
 - CHJ-ODIndicators + Risk assessment (MODELS)
- Drought = CONFLICT: participation, negotiation, transparency, tools and knowledge available to the stakeholders, ...
 - Thrust atmosphere, cooperation, consensus
 - Important role of DSS as a tool for drought risk estimation, planning and management, efficiency of measures, and as a common shared vision among the stakeholders.

CONCLUSIONS (Cont.)

- 2005-2008 Drought was the worst in recorded history
- Permanent Drought Commission Plans of action:
 - Equilibrium
 - Environment protection measures
 - Control and management measures
 - Water conservation
 - Alternative resources generation
 - **EFFICIENT** resource allocation
- The most intensive drought in historical records was passed with:
 - Low environmental damage (reversible)
 - Low decrease in agricultural production (due to other circumstances, benefits were higher in some areas) (loses due to a simultaneous freezing in citric and fruits were higher)
 - No restrictions on urban uses
- **Science and Policy can go together.**
- Every drought is different:
 - SDP are guides
 - But drought management must rely on **adaptation** to each drought

