

# SCAPT

A Strategic Catchment Analysis and Planning Tool

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Aim: To generate knowledge supporting the strategic management of water resources in semi-arid environments at the catchment level under changing supply / demand patterns and water utilisation conditions.



# Context



#### water challenges:

- 31% of Europe's population live in countries using more than 20% of their annual water resource, indicative of high water stress
- climate changes leading to droughts and low river flow/recharge plus increase in extreme events
- water shortages grow esp. in Southern Europe where low water availability combines with increasing demand

#### escalating conflicts:

- water use and conservation
- socio-economic developments
- agricultural, industrial, domestic
- environmental, leisure, amenity

#### responses:

- measures targeted at maintaining sustainable water levels and flows
- integrated catchment management planning
- Water Framework Directive

# Trend in water abstractions



# WFD



#### • Article 13: River Basin Management Plans

- plan required for each catchment
- general characteristics
- statement of significant pressures
- impacts of human activity on surface and groundwater
- updated regularly (6 years)
- Article 14: Public Information and Consultation
  - active involvement of all interested parties
  - stakeholder engagement
  - participatory approach
  - public to receive overview of significant water management issues

Need for water resource management toolkits to help in decision making and information processes



# **Study Area**

#### •Hérault River, S.France

• typical range of conflicts: farming/viticulture, potable water, tourism, leisure & amenity/fishing, population growth, environmental protection

undergoing rapid socio-economic changes







# **SCAPT**

Spatial Catchment Analysis and Planning Tool

#### aims to:

- provide toolkit to aid water resource managers and planners
- inform exploration of adaptive co-evolution
- represent a transferable framework with initial implementation in Hérault

#### estimates:

- the impact of water-resource scenarios
- allows scenario inter-comparisons to be made

#### does not:

- replace experts
- provide analysis, prediction or explanation
  - research tool, not a full DSS









#### **SCAPT Components**

Hydrological:

Runoff and Recharge Residence time & Discharge **River** levels Abstractions & Irrigation

Land Use Cover Transitions Critical Water Requirements **Transition matrices** Geo-Ecological classification

Structures of Water-**Dependent Processes** Micro-component simulations Baseline and demand scenarios

Possible futures, What-if?



### **SCAPT Metrics**

<u>Gridsize:</u> 2km x 2km cells (749 cells) [2,582 Km<sup>2</sup>]

<u>Timestep:</u> 1 month For 20-30 years in future *(240-360 runs)* 

A balance between long and short term catchment dynamics and cycles

Complexity:

360 x 749 = 269,640 14 Landuses = 3,774,960 x 'n' scenarios = !!!



## **Data Organisation**

- Grids
- Communes
- Abstraction Points
- Irrigation Areas
- Meteorological Stations
- Hydrological Subcatchments
- Aquifer Boundaries









## **Hydrological Model**



- Based on BRGM's GARDENIA Model Principles
- Catchment divided into 23 subcatchments (Gardenia Boxes) controlled by gauging stations (Control Points)
- Each subcatchment is structured similarly
- Interactions between the subcatchments through net *contributions & losses*





## LUCC Model

- 14 landuse classes from SPOT
- Three types of landcover:
  - Autogenic:
    - Grassland Garrigue Forest Abandoned Vineyard
  - Allogenic:
    - Vineyard Dense Vineyard Sparse Vineyard Arable Agriculture I (Summer) Arable Agriculture II (Winter) Suburban Urban Abandoned Urban
  - Miscellaneous:

Water Roads Unclassified

 Critical Water Requirements for autogenic landuse







## **LUCC Model Operation**

- Each gridcell has 14 landuse %'s ( $\Sigma$ =100)
- Internal 'Autogenic' change
  - Represent natural processes
  - Transition matrices
    - Succession (direction of change & duration of change)
    - Constraints
      (geomorphology & critical water requirements)
- External 'Allogenic' change
  - Represent planning decisions
  - Scenario driven
    - Additive and subtractive
    - Target and avoid
    - Extreme events (e.g. fire)





# **WUP: Urban Demand**

- Specific Commune Census Data
- Hérault Questionnaire responses
- Simulation of Population Demand
  *per commune*
  - Spatial patterns of water demand
  - Urban Land Cover % from LUCC
  - Urban demand cover
- Transferred to Grid
  - Volumetric basis
  - WUP Scenario matrix



A Q U A D A P T	Household Water Micro-component Model			
www.aquadapt.net	CATEGORY	VARIABLE	CATEGORY	VARIABLE
Cranfield UNIVERSITY	Percentage of Irrigation by:	Hose Watering Can Other	Efficiencies	W.C. Dual Flush Equipped Equipped and Use Small Flush Ratio Efficiencies employed
Silsoe National Soil	Volume per use for :	Hose Watering Can Other	Washing Machine And Dishwasher	Old to New Ratio
Resources				N
Institute	Average incidence of:	Toilet Flush Shower Bath	Garden	Number of households Percentage of households Percentage of those that irrigate Incidence (PW) Irrigation
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3DEC	Market Penetration of	Washing Machine Dishwasher Shower Sink use Bath	Swimming Pool	Percentage of households Size of pool Topping up of swimming pool



#### Urban demand Grid 2x2km







## **SCAPT Scenario Themes**

- Volitional and Directed change in household water use
- Volitional indoor water uses
- Demographic Change
- Land Use Change
- Leisure and Amenity Use of Natural Resources
- Climate Change

Set through Parameters & Action Rules



### Scenario Builder – Mechanisms

## Scenario Builder



For Land Use Cover Change (LUCC) Specify Allogenic changes Specify Autogenic transitions Specify Critical Water Requirements



For Water Use Profiles (WUP) Specify different WUPs Indicate urban demand patterns Specify urban growth scenarios



**For Hydrology** Set initial parameter tables and rules Climate change perturbations Specify abstraction & irrigation scenarios













# **SCAPT Approach**

#### Benefits of Java and Object-Oriented design:

- Generic Modelling Framework
- Flexible Architecture
- Modular Design
- Intiuitive GUI
- Portability
- Self-documenting
- GIS Integration

Framework can accommodate new components that could be integrated with existing ones

Framework could be applied to other catchments



# SCAPT...

**Inter-disciplinary** framework Formal expression of

- catchment dynamics
- catchment inter-relationships
- temporal and spatial patterns

Scenarios addressing socio-economic, technological and environmental issues Revealing sustainable patterns of water resource usage over time, locally and at catchment scale

**Novel implementation** 'Java' computer language - OO

Informing search for adaptive co-evolution Basis for an institutional WFD DSS tool ...

