

# WATER RESOURCES ON THE GUIANA SHIELD: SENSITIVITY AND EVOLUTION

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# PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

Contribute to the assessment of the water resource on the Guiana Shield and its sensitivity to ongoing climate and anthropogenic changes

- ➔ Compile a **database** (surface water) by integrating available satellite and in situ data and a **documentary database** (including grey literature)
- ➔ Build an **integrated system of observation and forecasting of flows**, water levels and water bodies in the main rivers of the region
- ➔ Assess the sensitivity of surface water resources to anthropogenic and climatic pressures and determine possible changes

**Geographical context: Guiana Shield**



Basemap: OpenStreetMap, made with QGIS 3.16 , Mp.Bonnet

## ➔ Link with ACTO



Bilateral agreements (ANA, CPRM, SENAMHI  
Peru, Bolivia, INAMHI Ecuador, Several  
universities in the basin countries)

ACTO-IRD Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed in 2020

A joint program with 4 tasks:

1. Support for compatibility and complementarity of hydrological and biodiversity information for the Amazon Regional Observatory (ORA).
2. Mercury in water bodies: information on the involvement of mercury in physical and biological processes, the presence of mercury in the atrophic chain from sediments, phytoplankton, to human health effects.
3. Environmental DNA
4. Calculation of ecological flow in the most representative sub-basins to determine ecosystem services

# COMPLEMENTARY POSITIONNING



Collect, process, organize and disseminate comprehensive and internationally comparable official information among the Member Countries, providing information services agreed with the competent national public institutions through their foreign ministries, for the study and development of the Amazon region in the defined topics previously.

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## **Transfer of HYBAM observatory data and Amazonfish database**

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**Beginning of a joint work UnB-IRD to collect available information on mercury in the Amazon basin and create an atlas of vulnerability to mercury exposure. Capacity building is central in collaboration with ANA**

➔ Link with on-going research projects

## Un territoire commun BIO-PLATEAUX

Le projet BIO-PLATEAUX, pour l'Articulation Transfrontalière de l'Eau et de la Biodiversité, est cofinancé par l'Union Européenne au travers du Programme de Coopération Interreg Amazonie. Il vise à développer le partage de données, informations et expériences sur l'eau et la biodiversité en milieu aquatique entre la Guyane Française, le Brésil et le Suriname, en particulier dans les deux bassins transfrontaliers des fleuves Oyapock et Maroni.



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Prendre la mesure de l'eau From space for society

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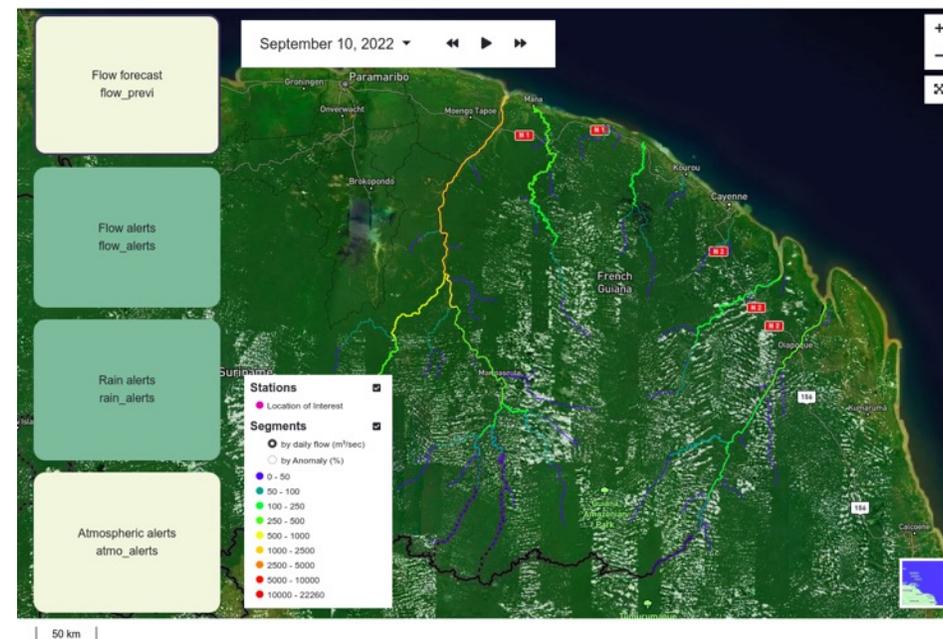


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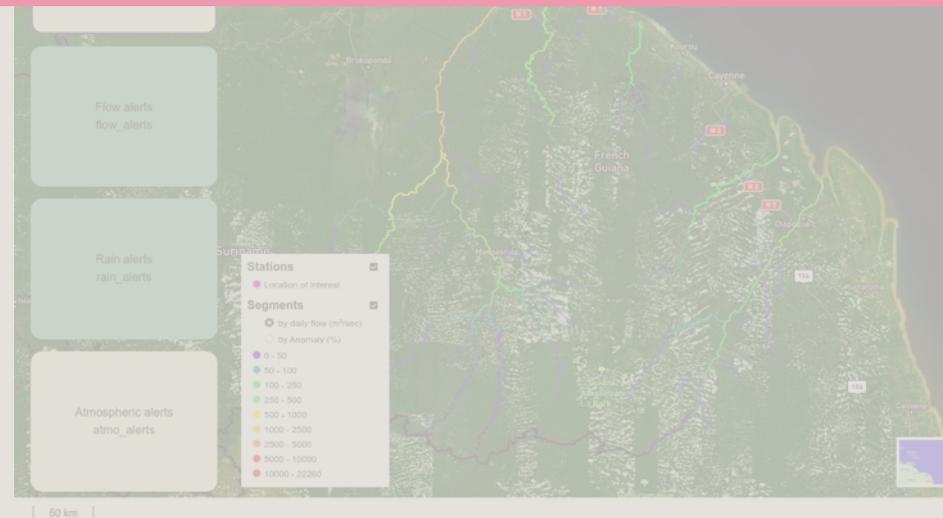


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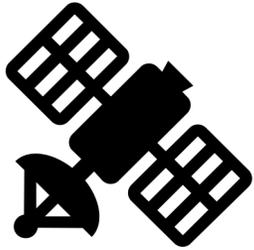
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**STRONG SYNERGIES WITH THE WATER RESOURCE' AXIS – WORKING IN COLLABORATION WITH HYDROMATTERS TEAM**

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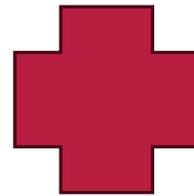
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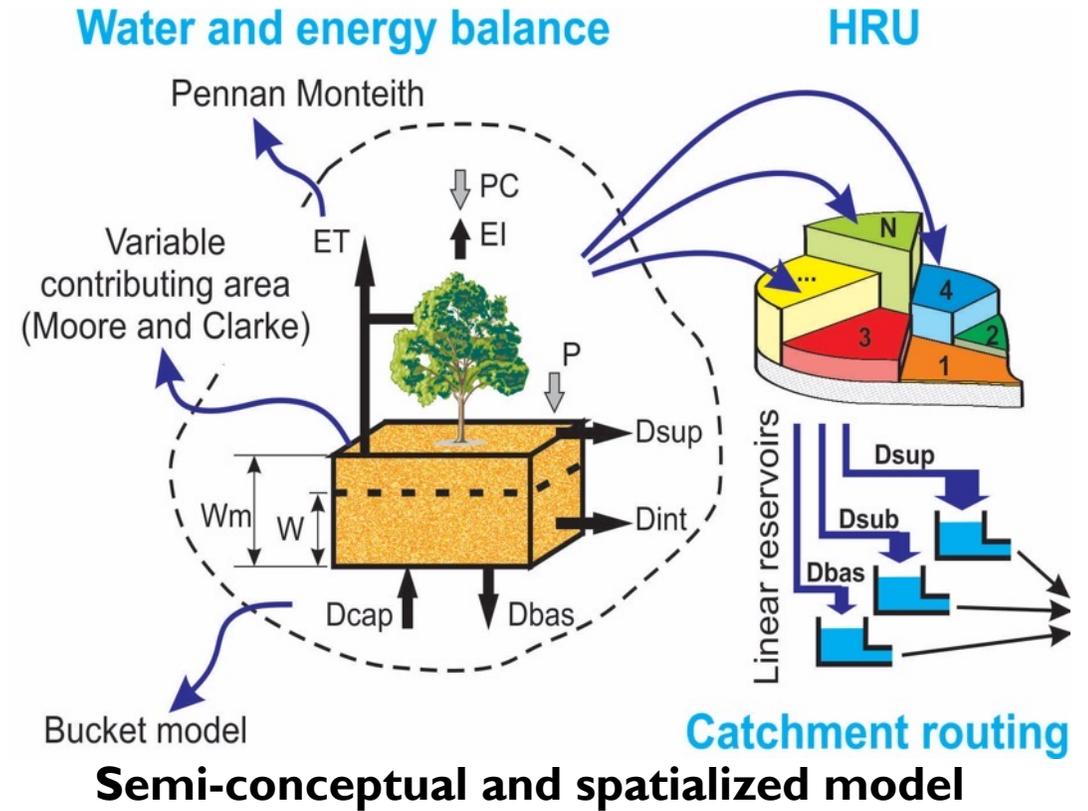
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Water level  
Open Water Extent



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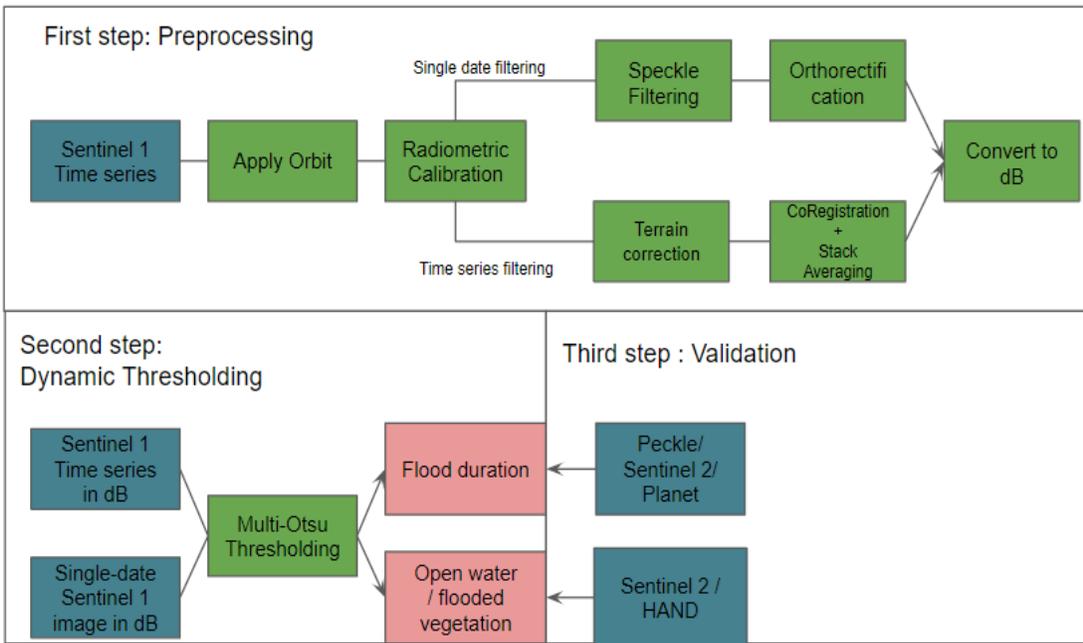
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[Collischonn et al 2007](#)

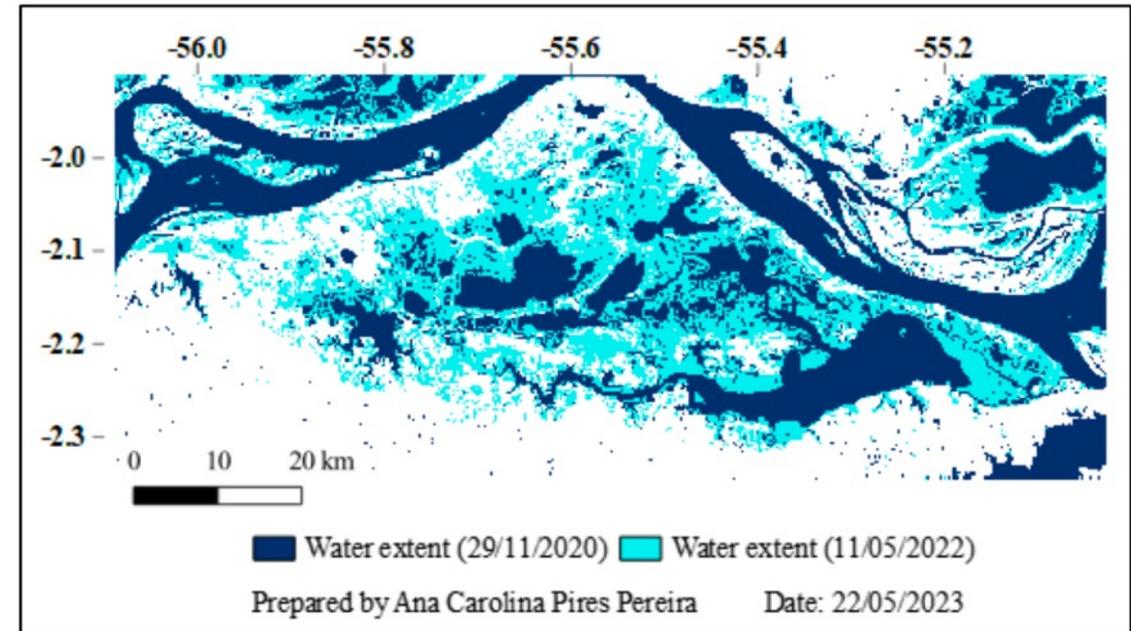
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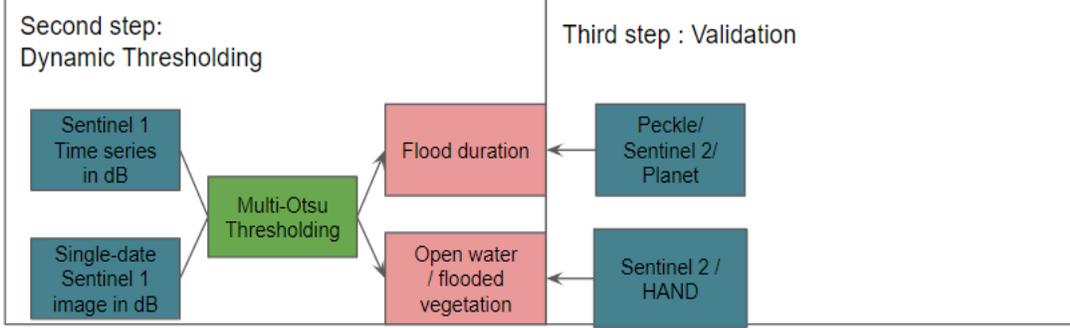
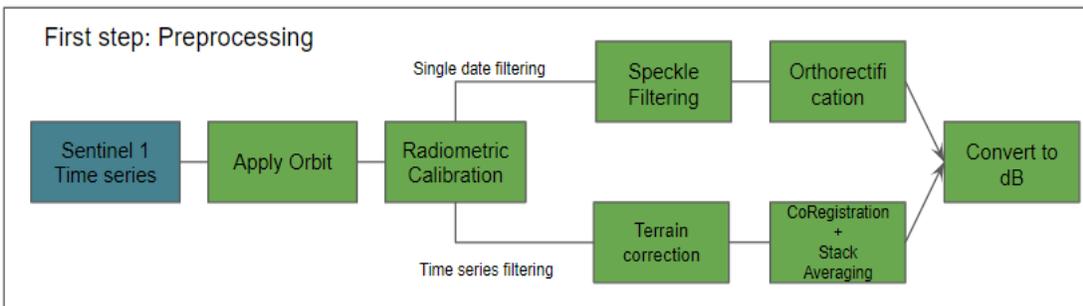
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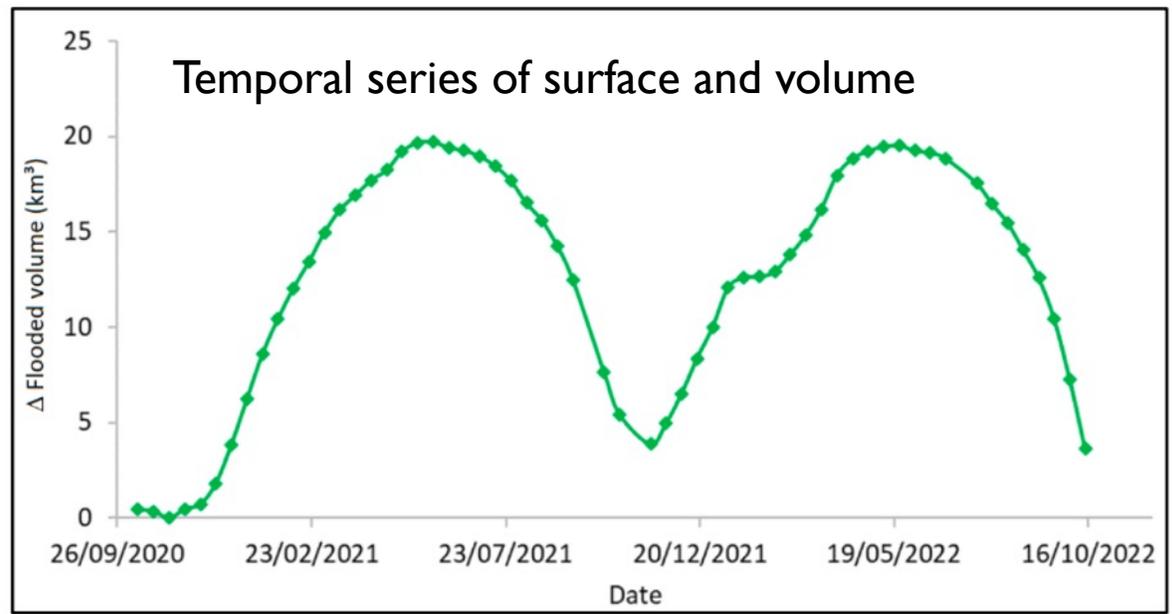
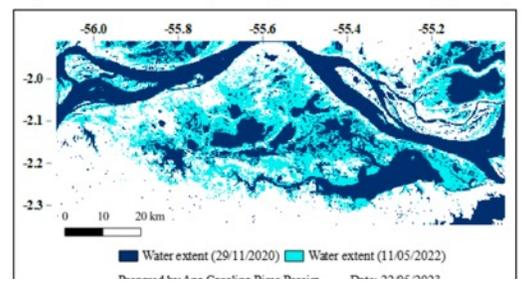
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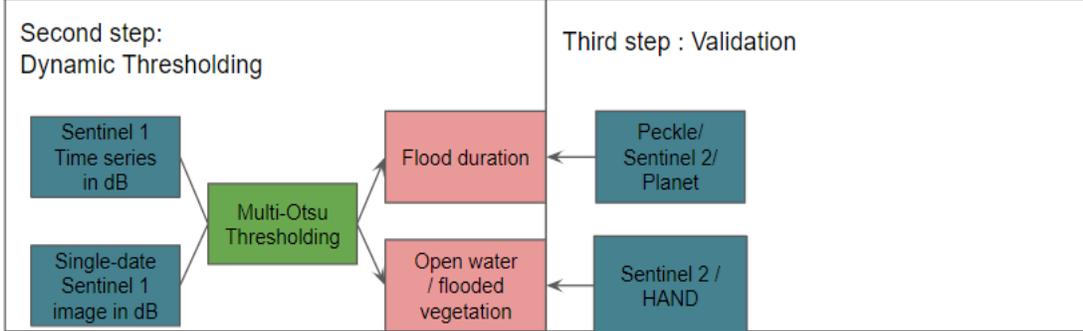
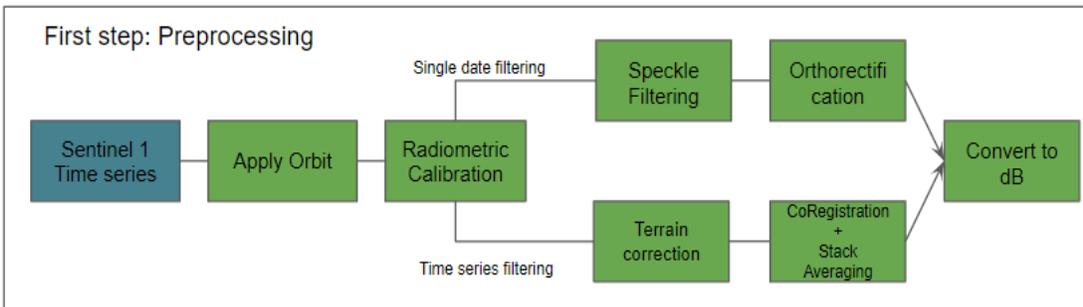
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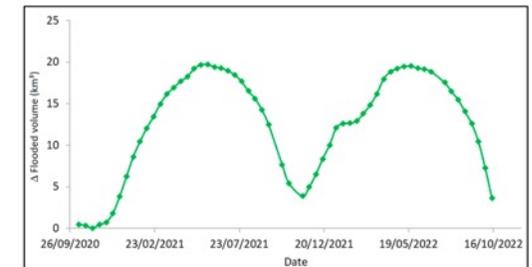
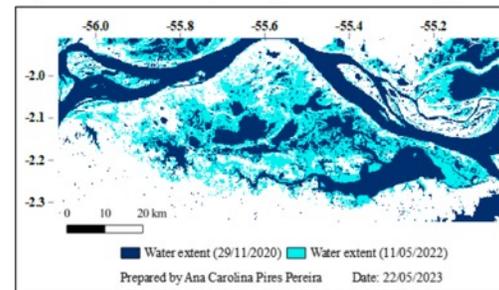
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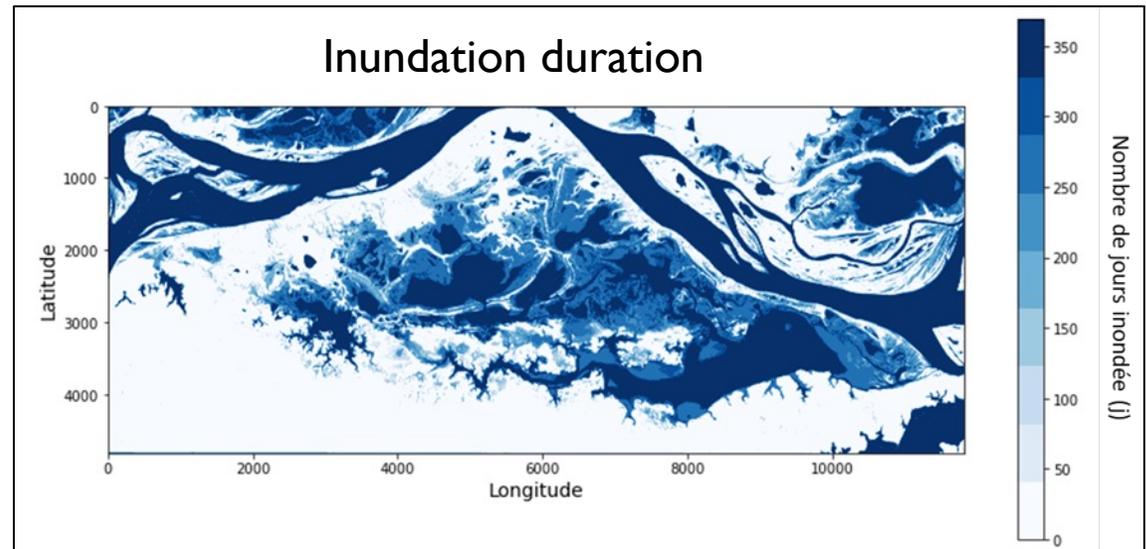
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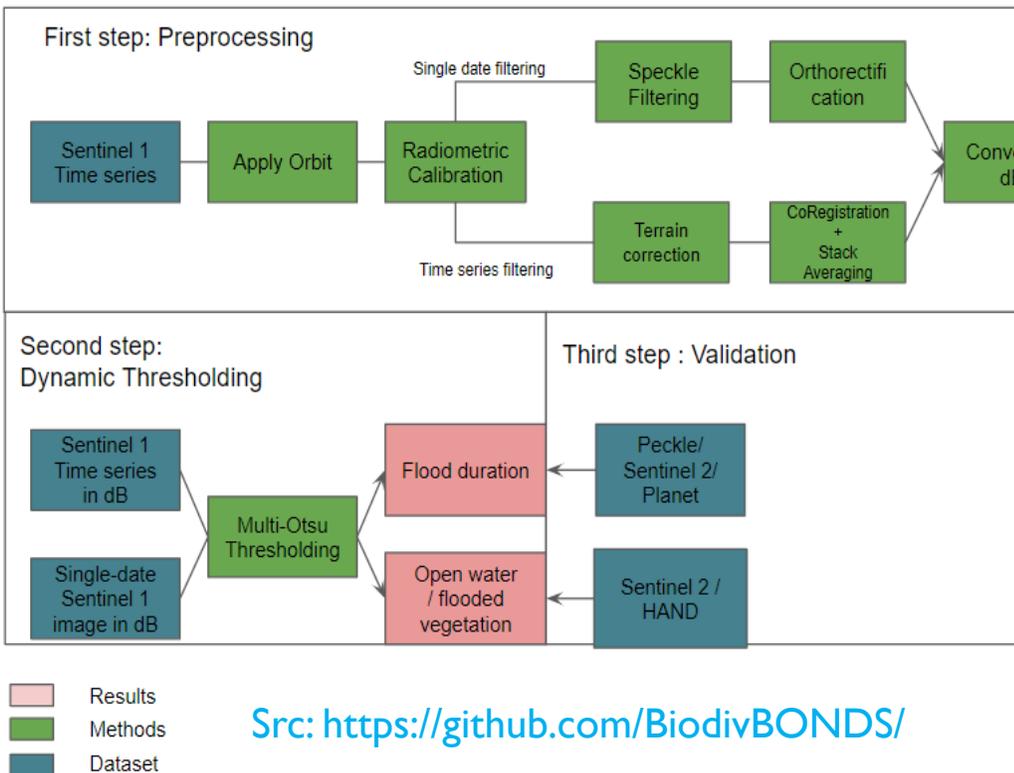


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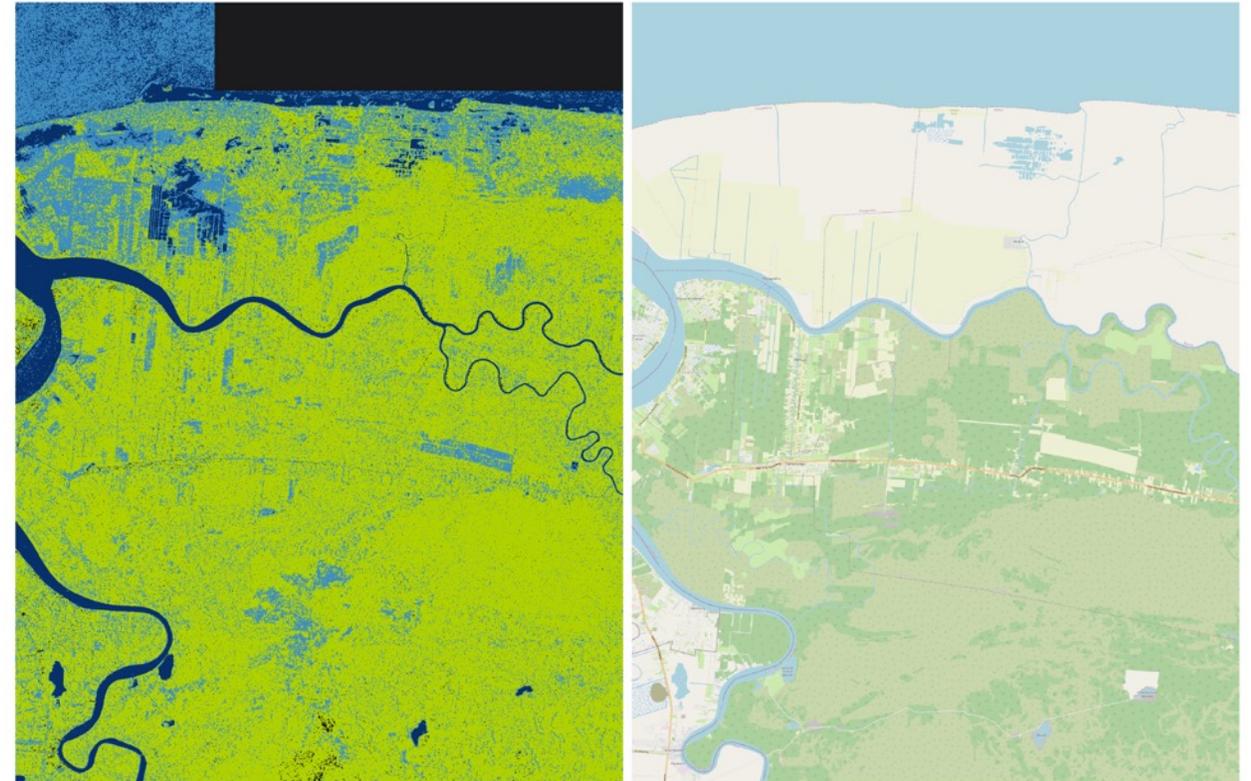
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### Operationalized for PROGYSAT SI-Flood , open water detection in the city of Paramaribo

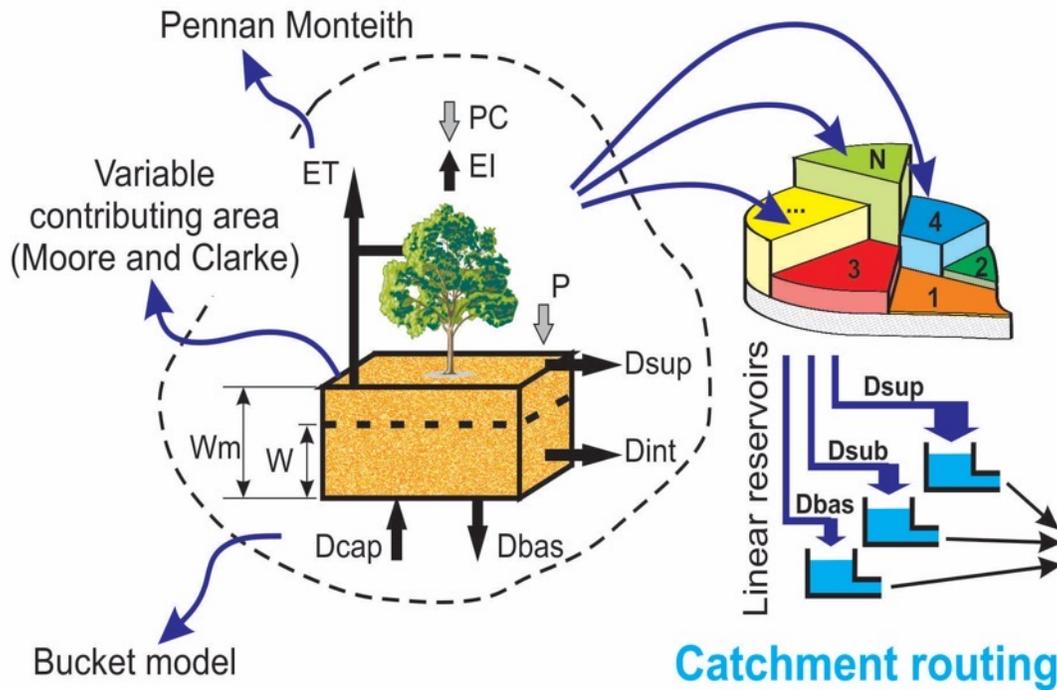


## ➔ Hydrological modelling

### Semi-conceptual and spatialized model

#### Water and energy balance

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Simulated discharges were used to create rating curve at the radar altimetry virtual station (Paris et al, 2016)

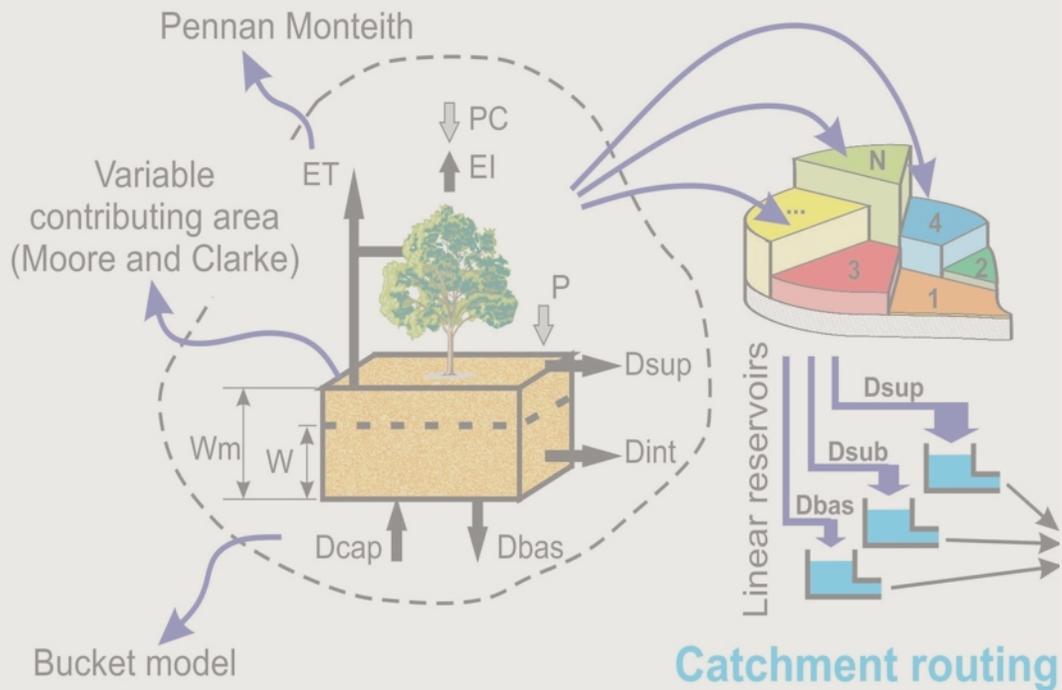
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**A WELL SUITED MODEL FOR THE GUIANA SHIELD CONTEXT**

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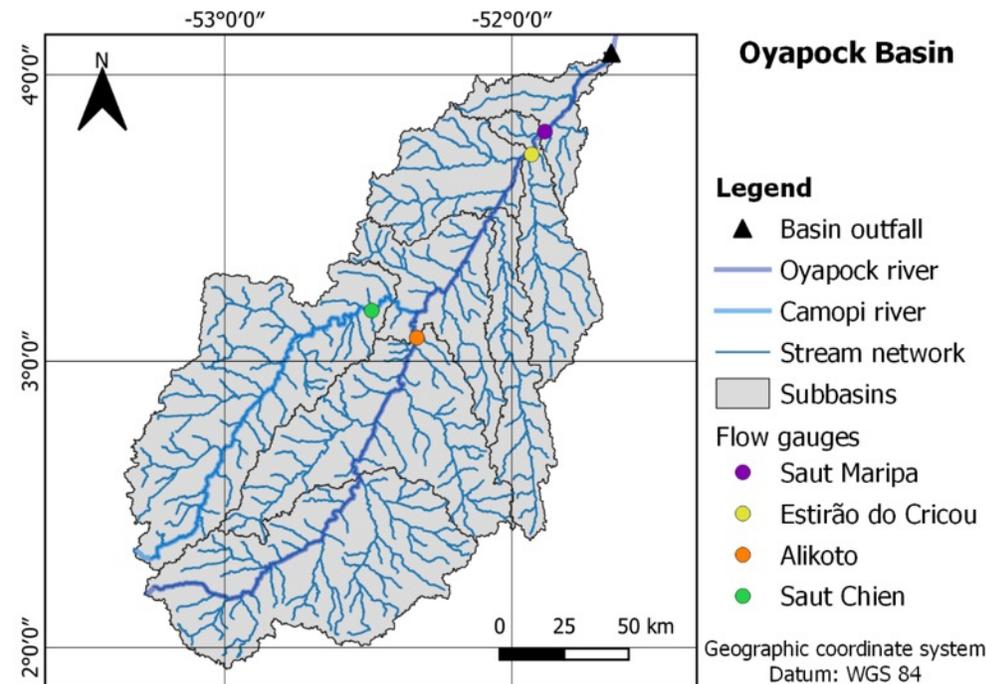
# COMPILING DATA

Compiling in situ and satellite products and prepare the MGB input data for the Guiana shield

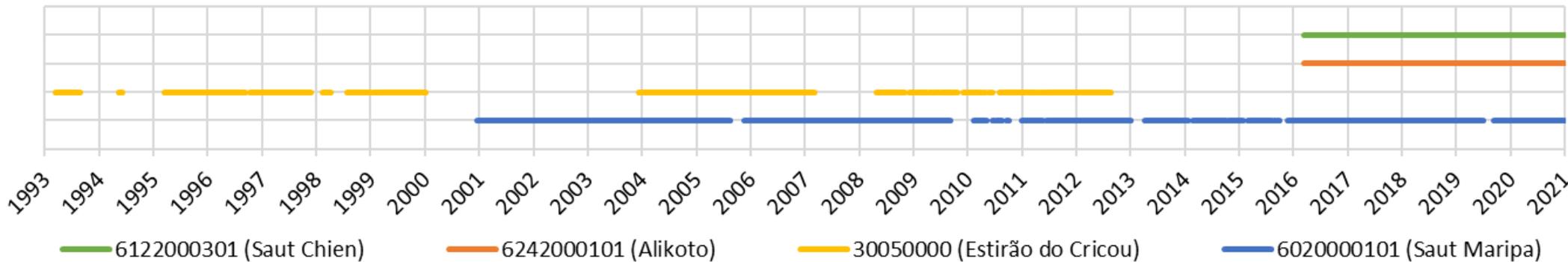
DATA	PRODUCT	Source
Climate	ERA-5	ECMWF(1)
Daily water level and discharge	In situ data	Shapi / Hydroportail ANA/hidroweb(2)
Monthly water level	Altimetric data	Theia/Hydroweb(3)
Elevation and river width	DEM MERIT Hydro	Yamazaki et al, 2019 (4)
Soil type	SOTER	ISRIC/FAO/UNEP(5)
Land cover	Global cover 2019	Copernicus(6)
Hydrography	Stream network	BD Carthage(7)
River depth	A simple global river bankfull width and depth database	Andrealis et al, 2013 (8)
Precipitation	IMERG (0.01 degree) MSWEP GSMAP In situ daily data	GPM NASA(9,10,11)

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➔ A basin with a reasonable amount of data



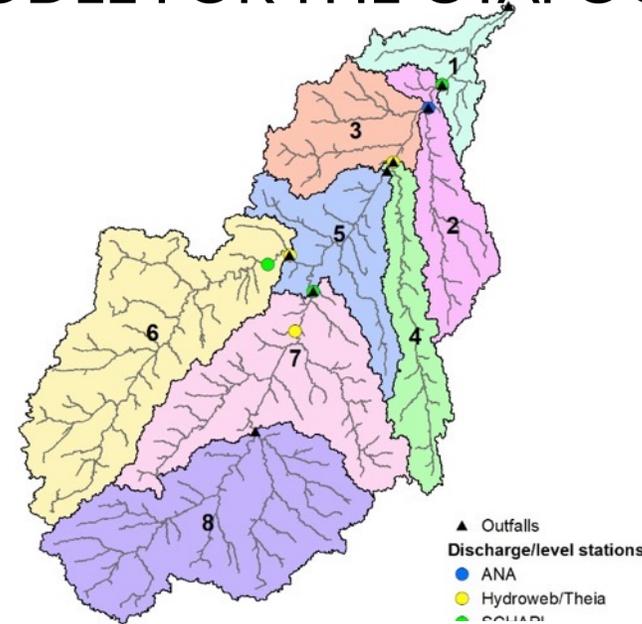
Data availability - in situ flow gauges



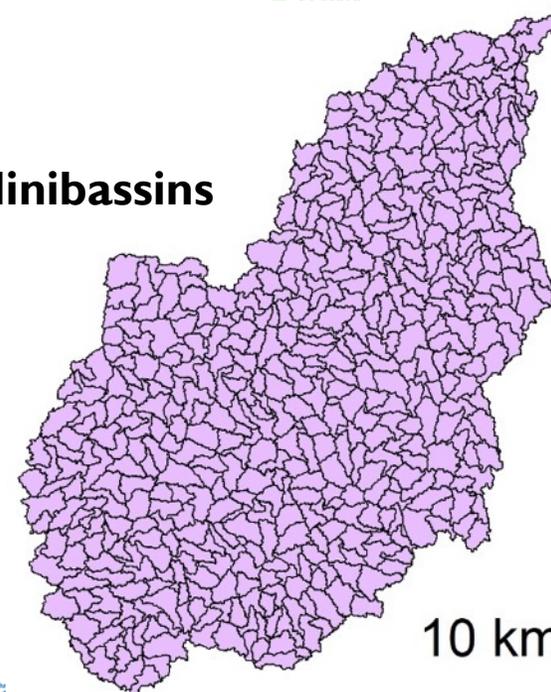
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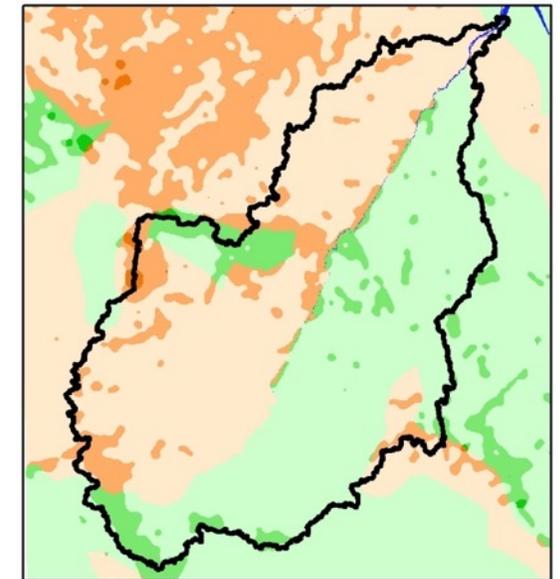
- Automated watershed delineation from DEM (90 m)
- 30 km<sup>2</sup> threshold for stream definition (a stream network compatible with BD Carthage data)
- Subbasin division in order to separate large contributing areas and the areas upstream of discharge/water level measuring stations
- Unit-catchments division with 5 and 10 km stream segmentation in order to compare model performance
- HRU based on land cover, slope and soil types
  - 7 classes were defined



**Minibassins**



**HRU classes map**



- HRC**
- 1 - Ferralsols in slope 0-2%
  - 2 - Ferralsols in slope 2-6%
  - 3 - Ferralsols in slope >6%
  - 4 - Acrisols in slope 0-2%
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  - 6 - Acrisols in slope >6%
  - 7 - Water

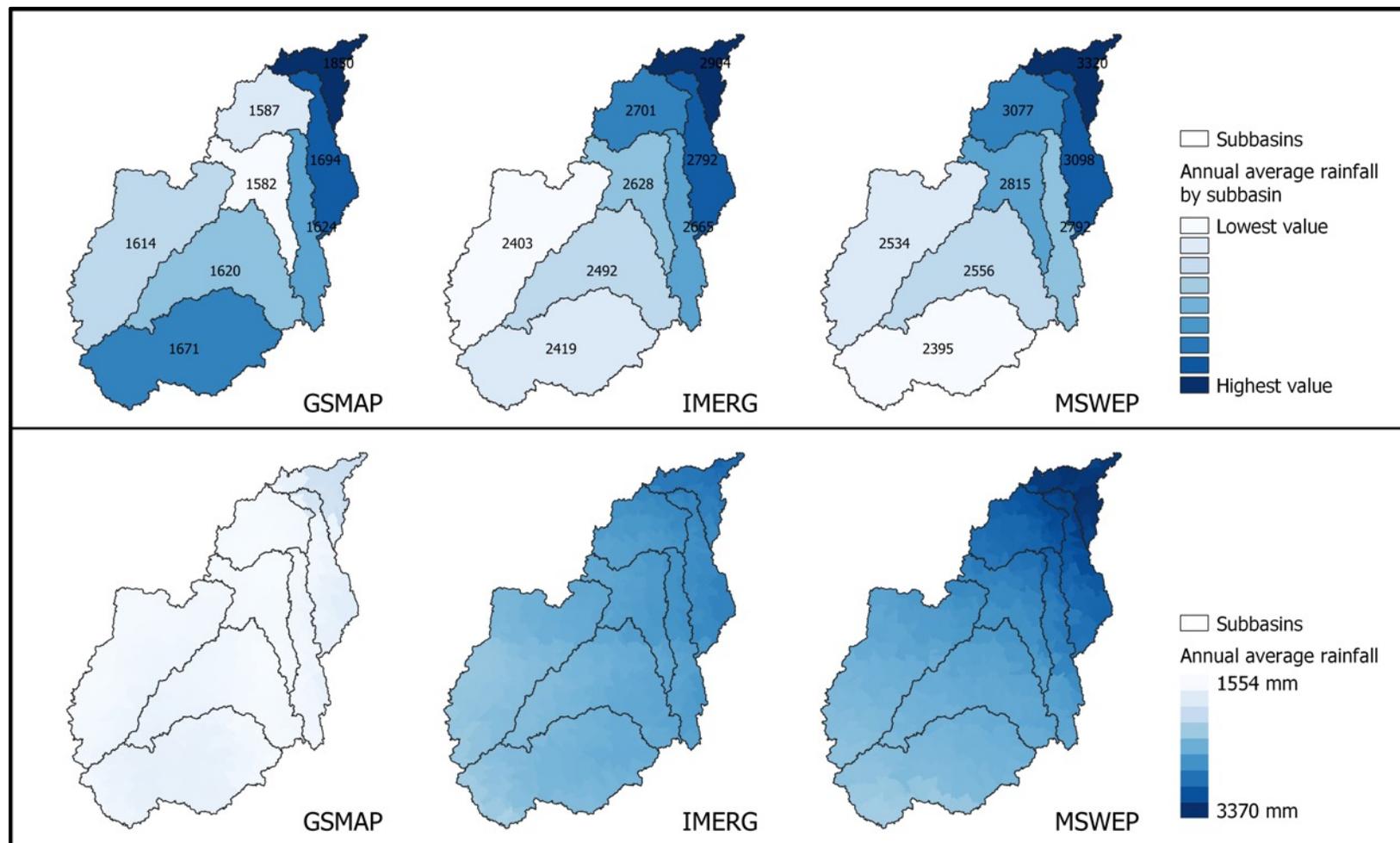
Made with QGIS 3.18

➔ Test different rainfall products

**GSMaP**: a multi-satellite product, resolution 0.1x0.1°, 3 hours

**IMERG** : fuses the precipitation estimates from TRMM satellite with precipitation estimates from the GPM satellite

**MSWEP**: merges gauge, satellite, and reanalysis data, 0.1x0.1°, 3 hours

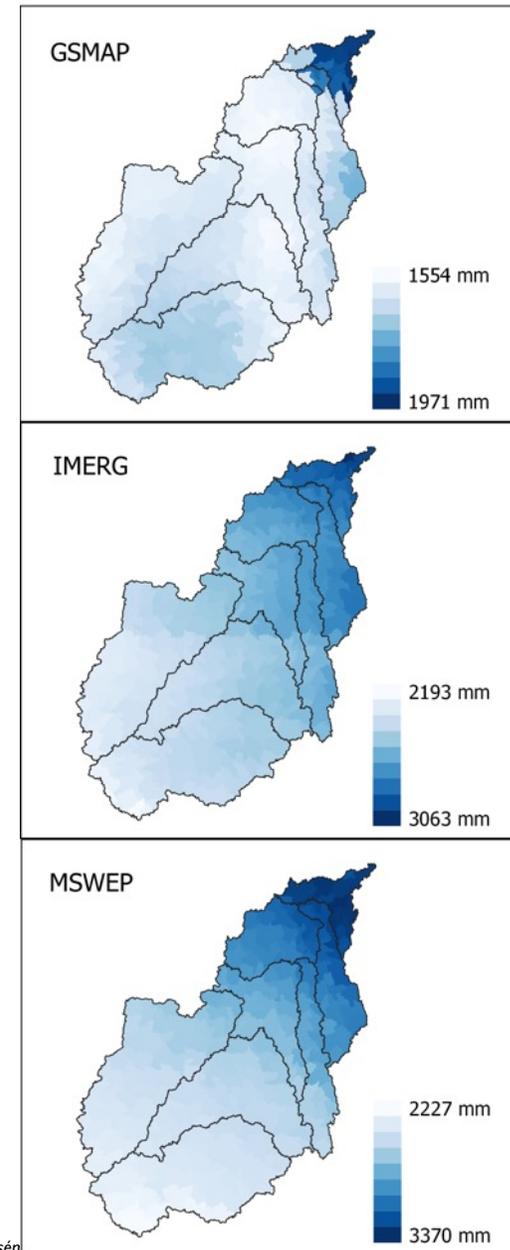


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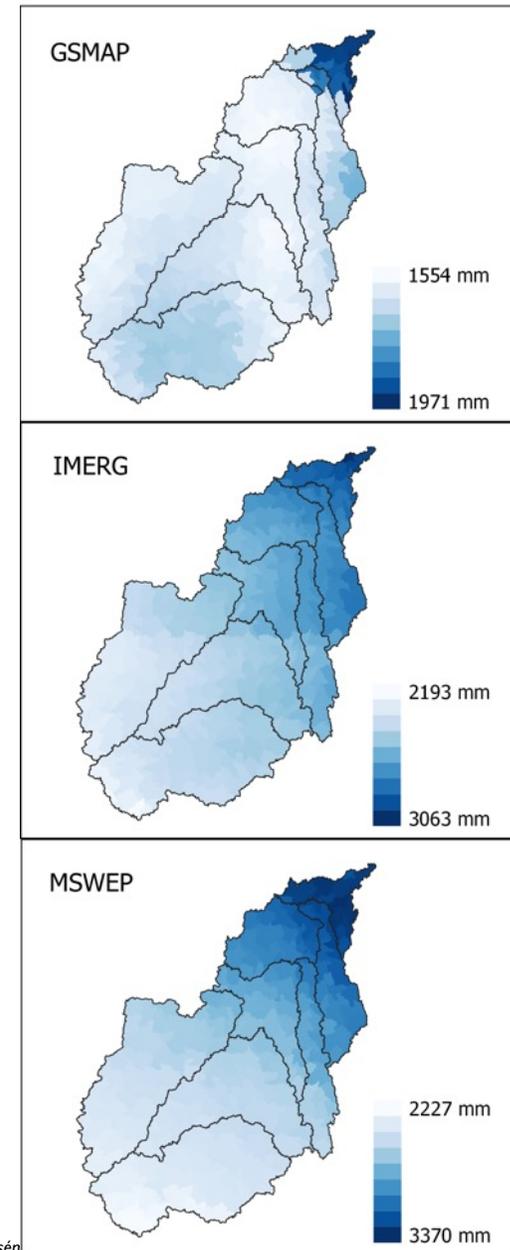


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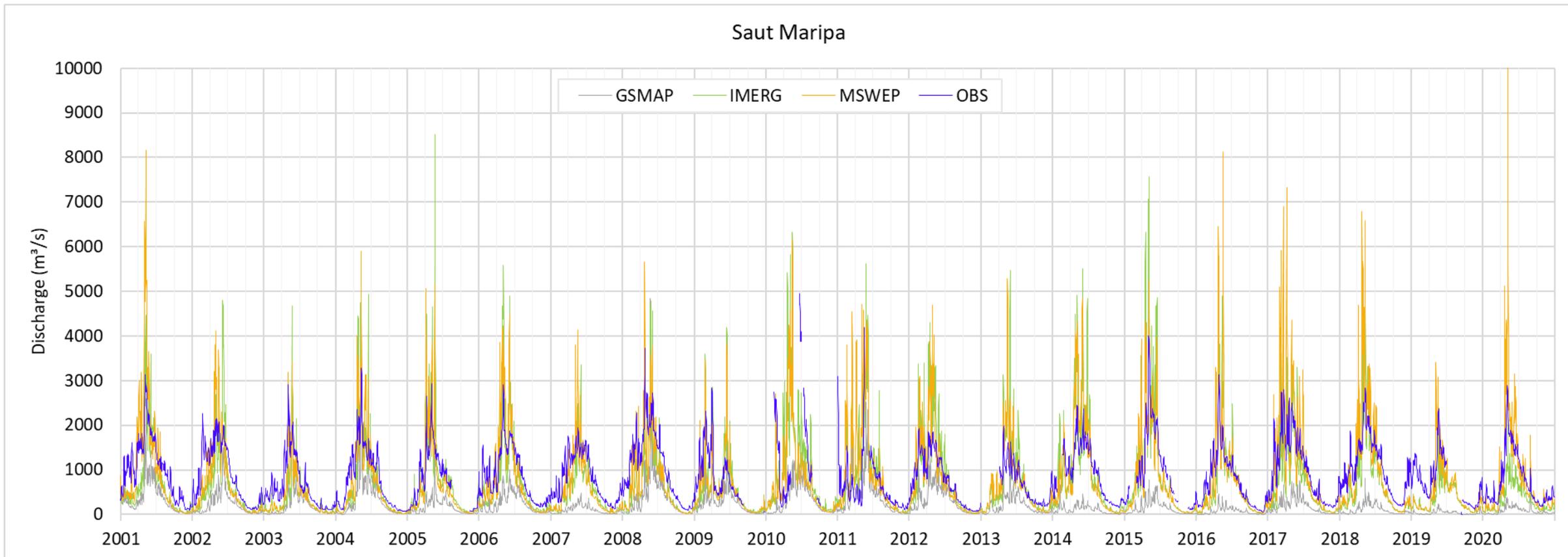
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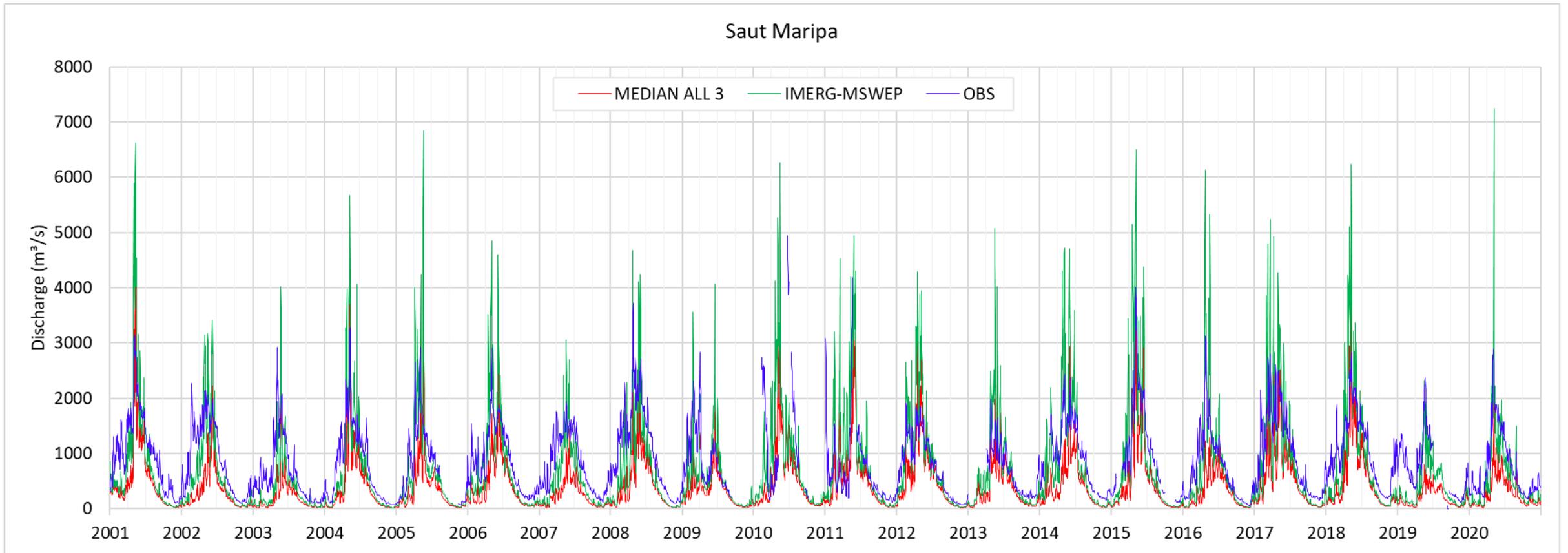
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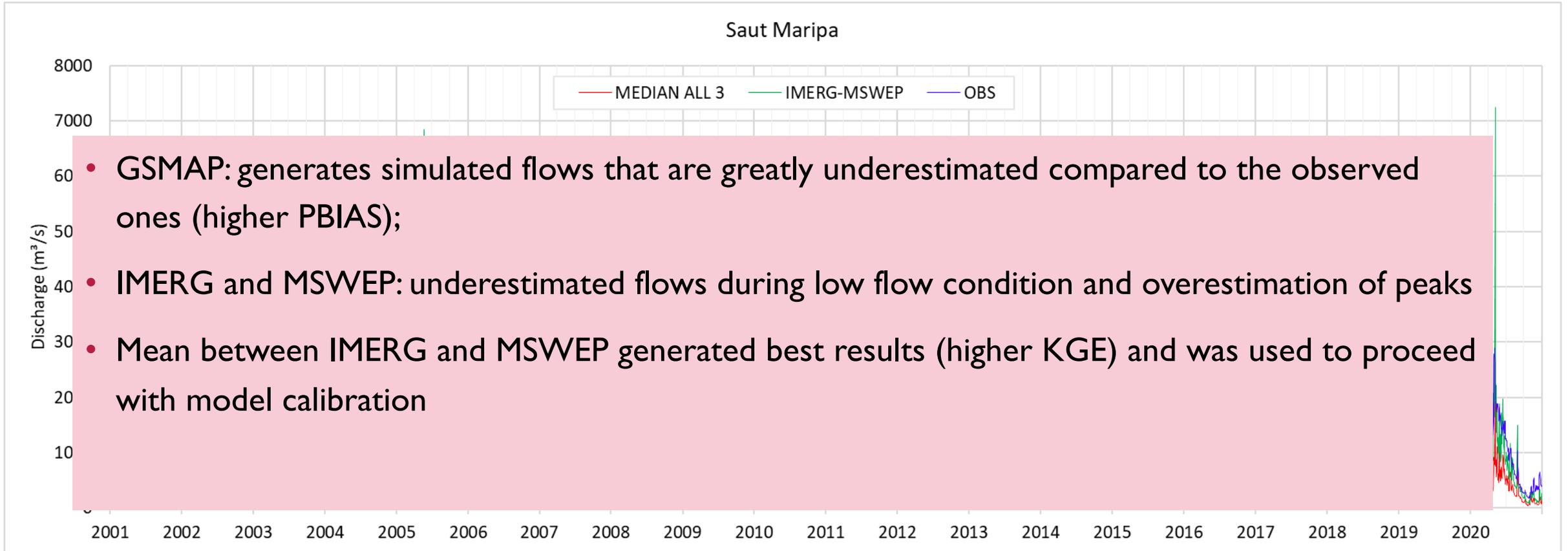
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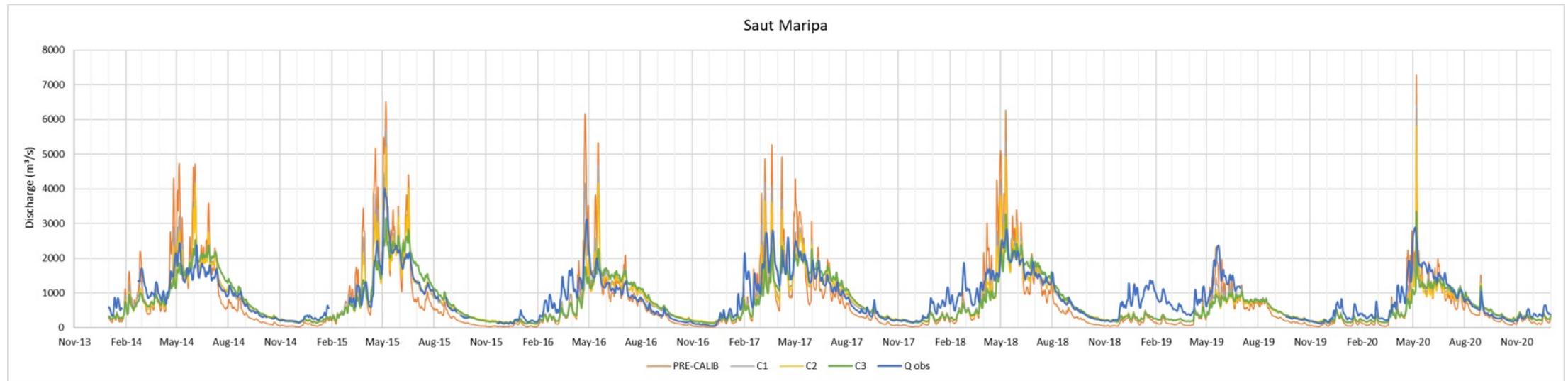
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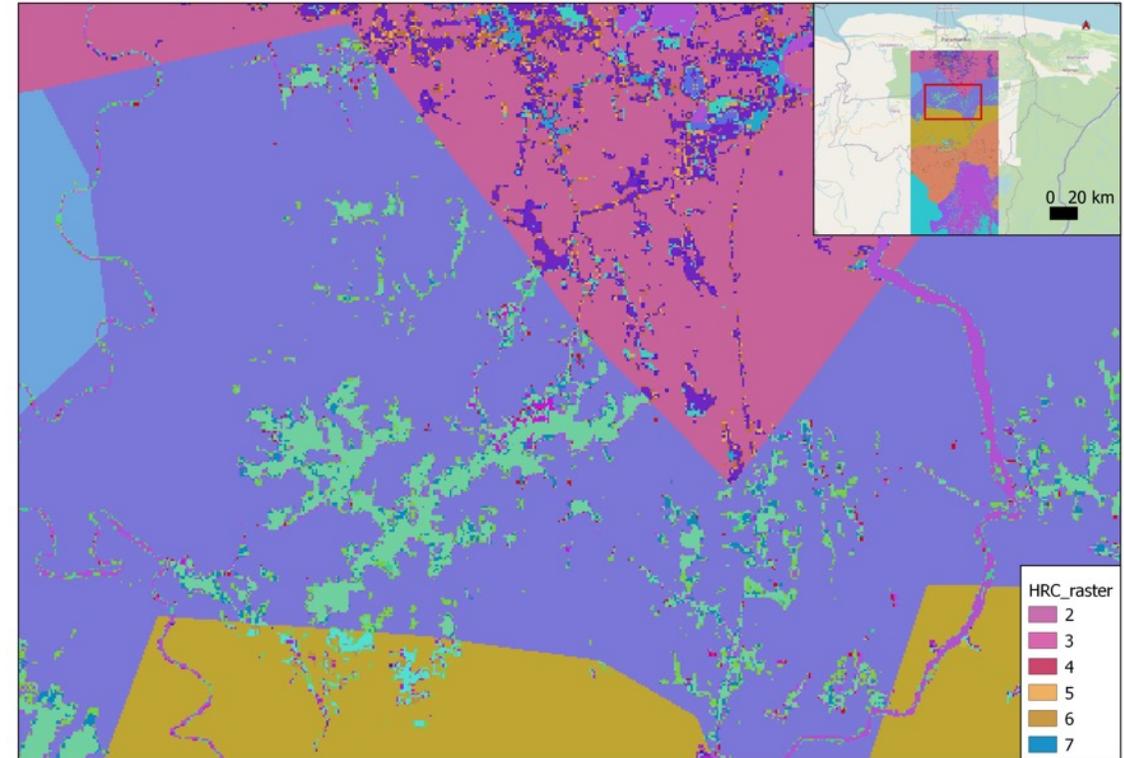


METRICS	FULL SIMULATION PERIOD	NOV-DEC- JAN	FEB-MAR- APR	MAY-JUN- JUL	AUG-SEP- OCT
NSE	0,65	0,04	0,17	0,22	0,17
KGE	0,79	0,14	0,55	0,59	0,75
PBIAS	-12,55	-40,50	-37,09	+1,92	+19,35
$\Delta$ Volume	-2,2E+10	-8,3E+09	-2,0E+10	+1,6E+09	+4,2E+09

## Still in progress

Once the model has been calibrated on the Oyapock basin, regionalization is relatively straightforward, assuming the same parameters for the HRUs.

## HRU for the Suriname

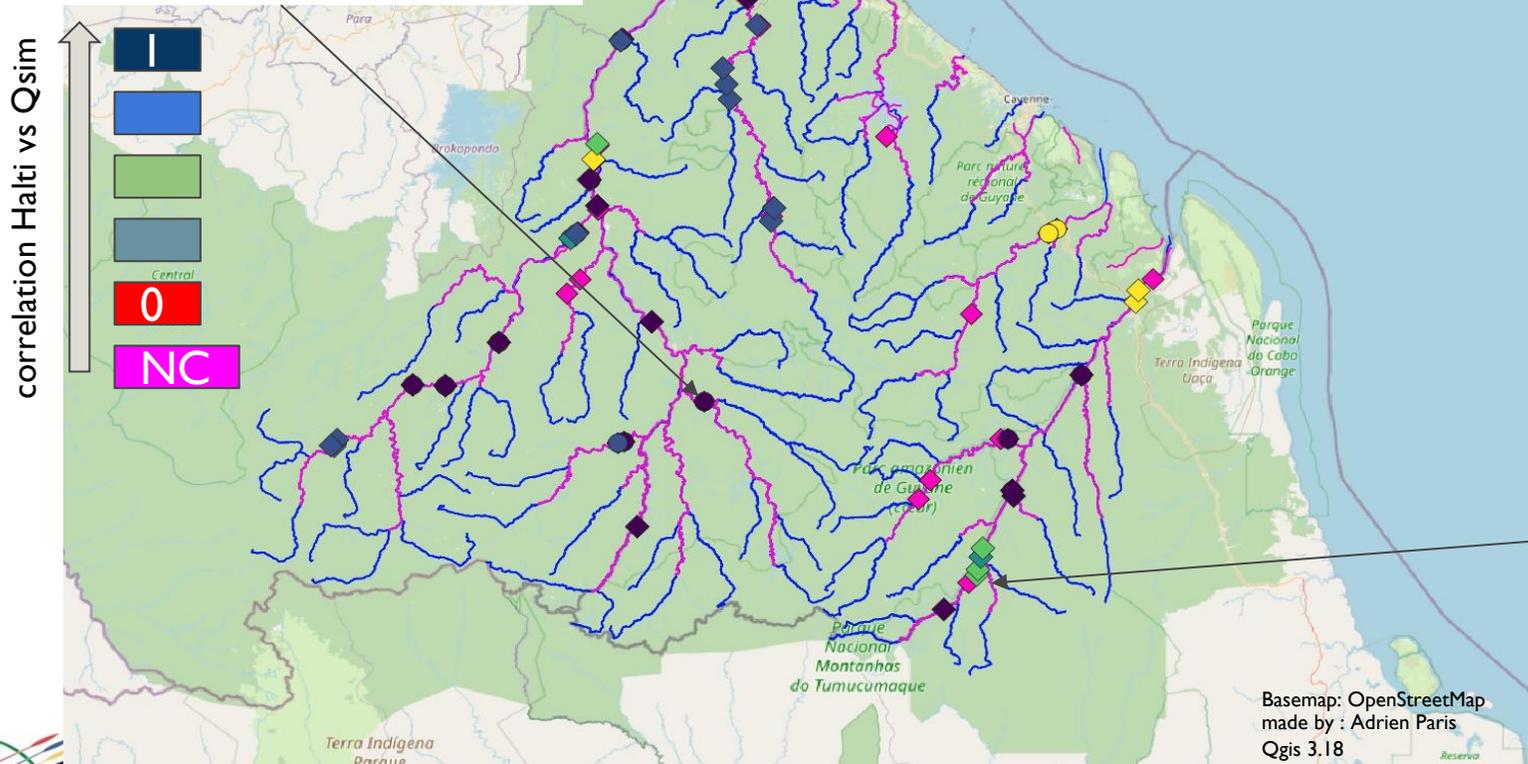
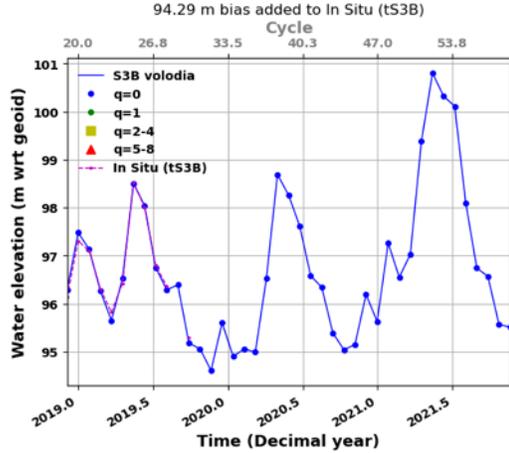


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## OPHYSE & SAGUI : French Guyana basins

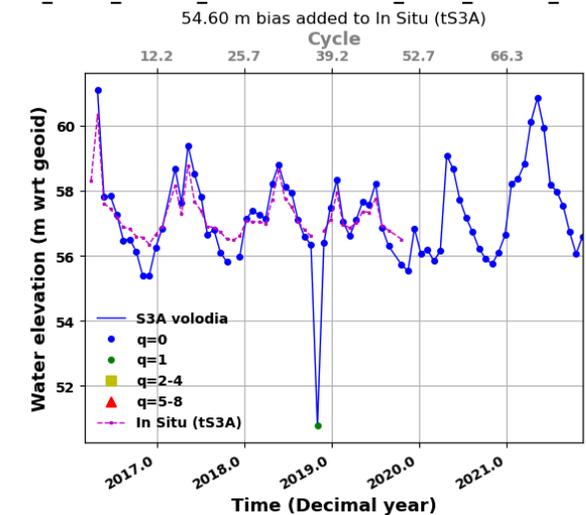
Toward a monitoring of unmonitored small rivers and discharge basins of French Guiana (and Guiana Shield by extension) with altimetry and hydrological models

S3B\_0433\_N0340\_W05389 vs GAU\_0000\_N0341\_W05383



- Virtual stations from Hydroweb
- ◇ New virtual stations (HM)

S3A\_0547\_N0321\_W05245 vs GAU\_0000\_N0318\_W05249



## Scientific and technical activities

- Data processing chains, models, methods
  - ✓ SI-FLOOD  
<https://github.com/BiodivBONDS/S1-pre-processing/blob/main/>
  - ✓ Oyapok hydrological simulation
- ✓ Articles, communications, conférences, posters...
  - ✓ 2 extended abstracts (Brazilian symposium of water resources (SBRH) Novembre 2023)

## Activités de formation, transfert

- Students and University formation
  - 1 M2, Univ de Montpellier
- Training or reinforcement of professionals
  - 1 CDD at IRD
  - 1 CDD at UnB (master level)

## Webography

(1) <https://www.ecmwf.int/>

(2) <https://www.data.gouv.fr/>

(3) <https://www.snirh.gov.br/hidroweb/>

(4) [http://hydro.iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/~yamadai/MERIT\\_Hydro/](http://hydro.iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/~yamadai/MERIT_Hydro/)

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