



# Rareté de l'eau et relations interbassins en Méditerranée sous changements globaux

## Développement d'un modèle hydroéconomique à large échelle

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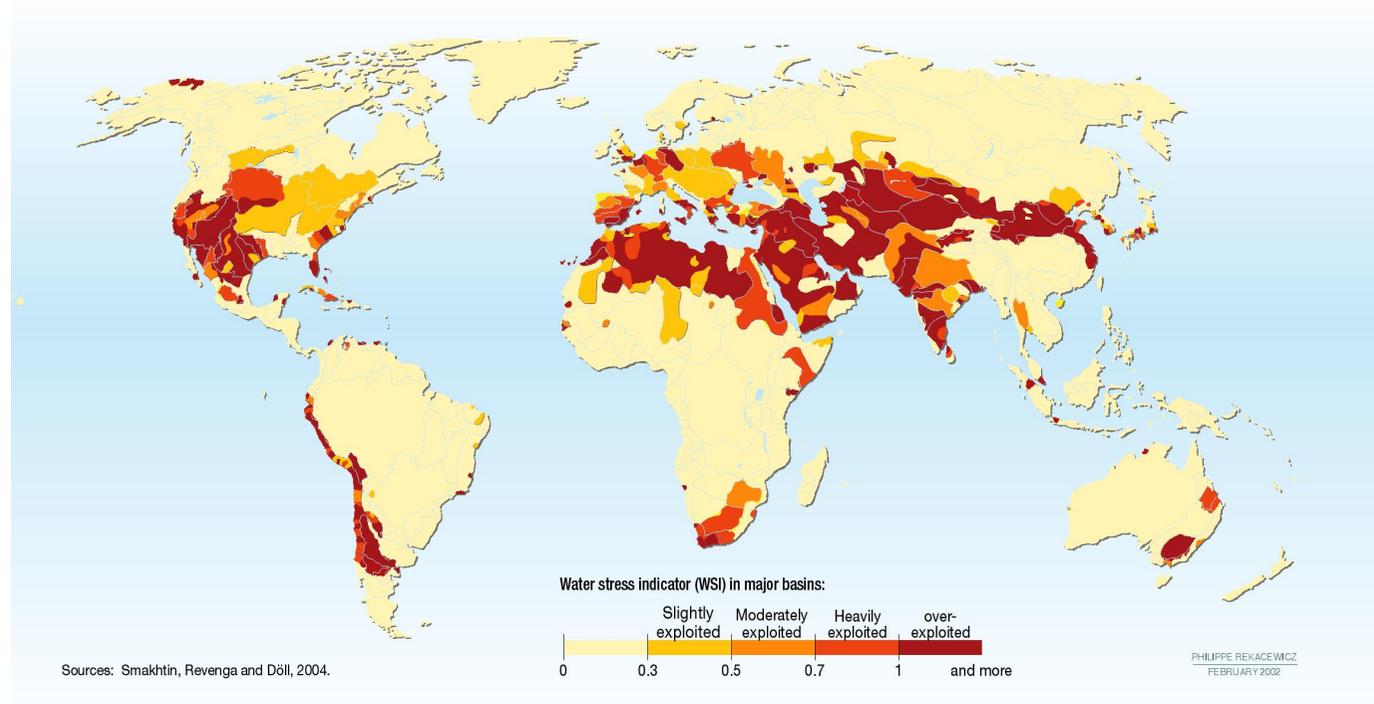
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## Context: tension on water resources in the Mediterranean

- Water scarcity expected to increase with global changes
  - Projection of reduced freshwater availability and longer and more frequent droughts [Cisneros et al., 2014]
  - Demand increase with population and economic growth

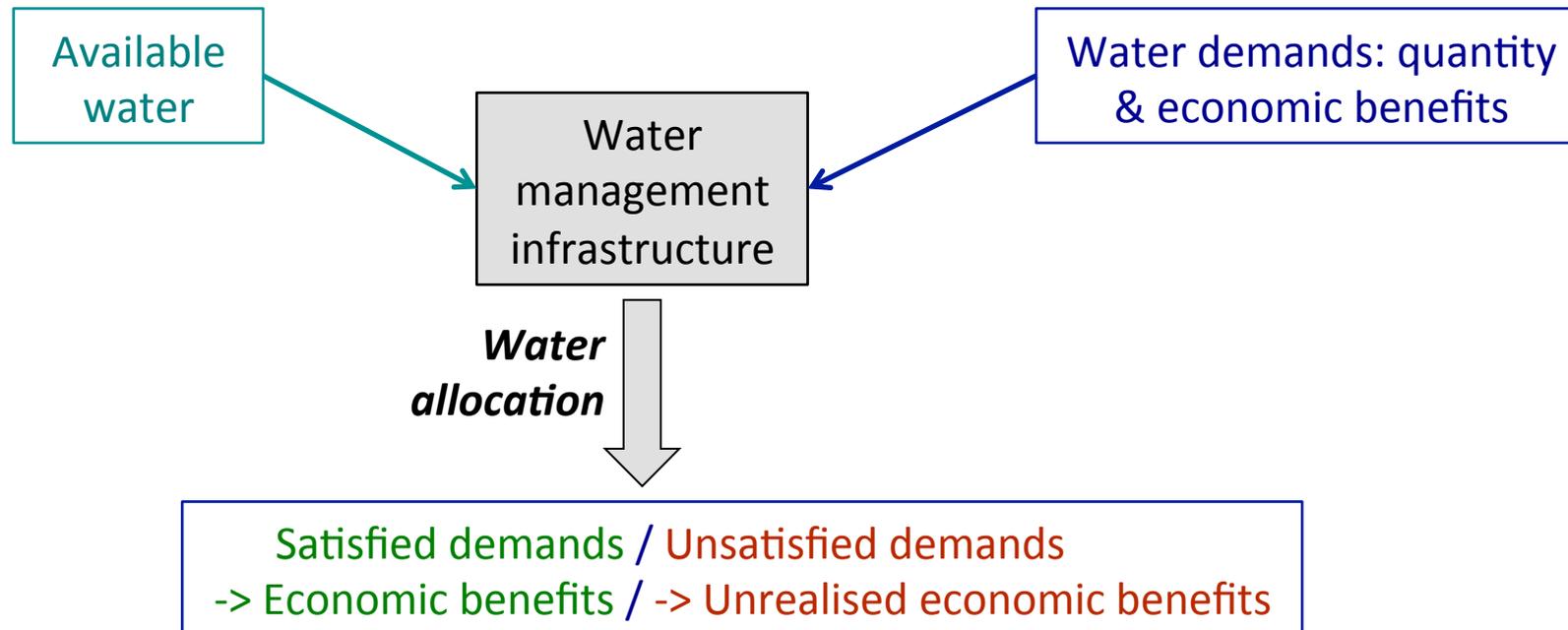


# Objectives

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- Constraint for economic activities and populations  
=> Anticipate future water scarcity issues (quantities and losses)
- Water scarcity mostly contemplated from the basin scale
- Consider the issue at the multi-basin scale
  - Mobility of demand (population, water-using activities) and supply (transfers, virtual water) – Interactions between basins (electricity networks)
- Hydroeconomic models mainly developed at the river basin scale
- Economic dimension generally absent from large-scale assessments
- **Approach:**
  - ⇒ Large-scale hydroeconomic modelling  
ODDYCCEIA framework

# Hydroeconomic modelling



- The use of economic criteria for allocation choices:
  - Simple ranking: not enough for intertemporal prioritization  
=> Valued uses: a proxy (not a description nor a prescription)

# Outline

## I. Project demands and their associated economic values

Domestic and irrigation sectors

## II. Compare to available water

Manage dams, allocate water to minimize the cost of water scarcity

## III. Application to Algeria

# **I. PROJECTING DEMANDS AND THEIR ECONOMIC VALUES**

**Domestic and irrigation sectors**

**Demand side**

# Introduction

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- Usual valuation methods:
  - Irrigation: residual method
  - Domestic: econometric estimation of demand functions

=> Here: simple methodologies suitable for large-scale

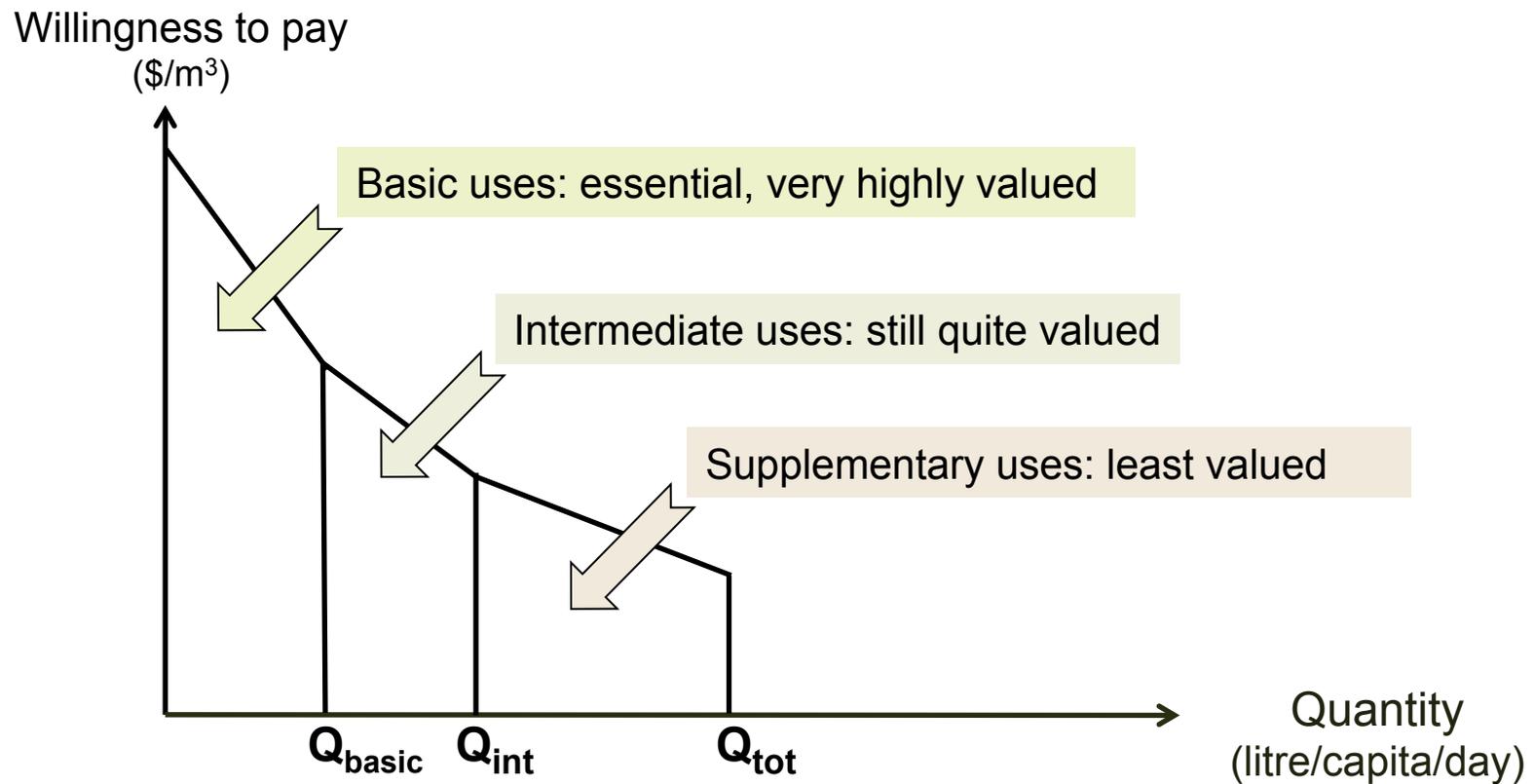
# 1. DOMESTIC WATER DEMANDS

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- Project the combined effects of:
  - demographic growth
  - economic development
  - Evolution of water cost (and price)
- Method: build demand functions, at country scale
  - average demand per capita ( $GDP_t$ ,  $price_t$ )
  - multiplied by  $population_{t,city}$
- Spatial distribution: population homogeneously distributed among existing locations

## Building a simple demand function

- 3-part inverse demand function (average demand per capita)



- 4 points of reference, linear interpolation

## Building a simple demand function: Values

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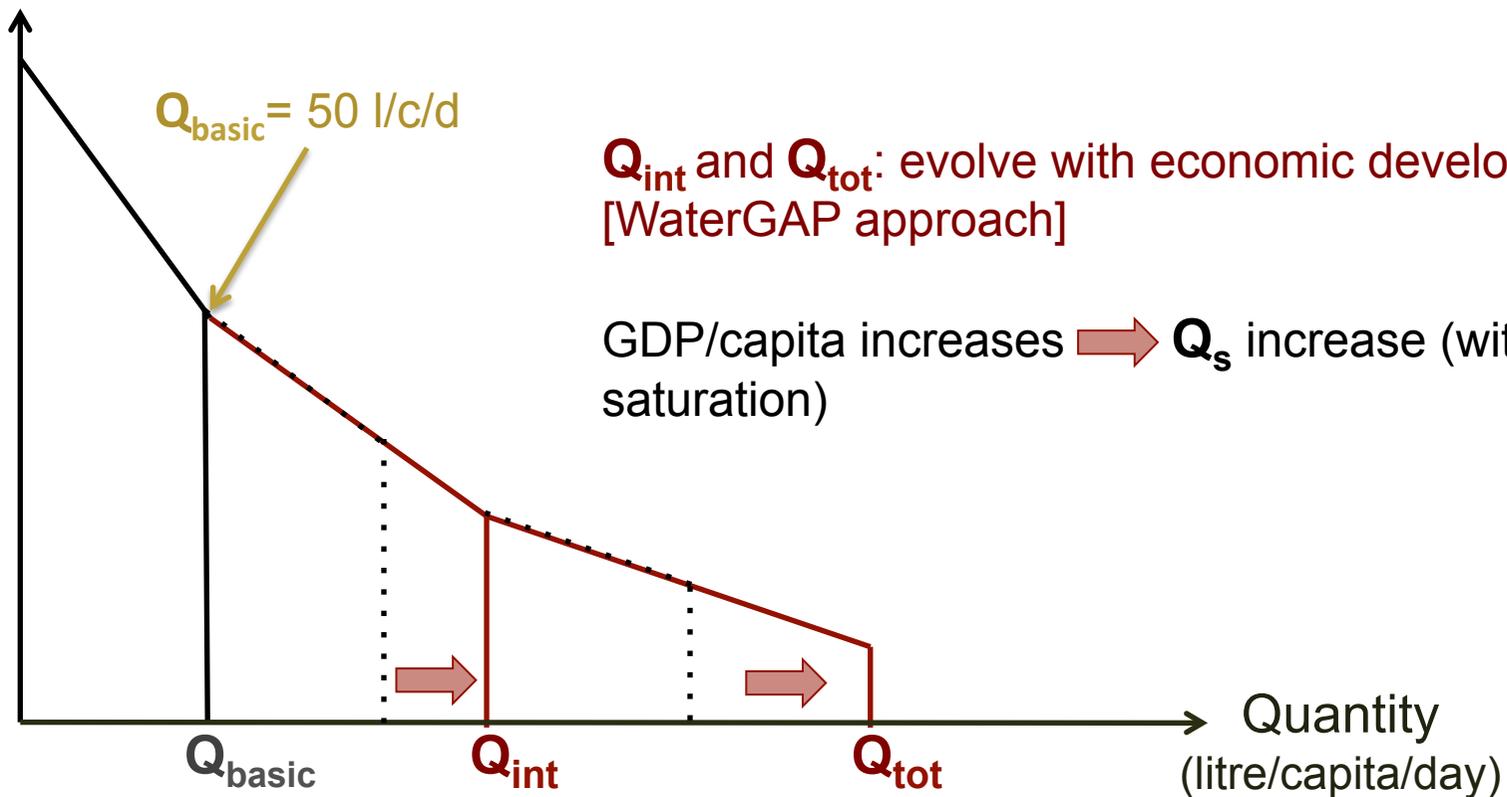
- Willingness to pay based on:

I/cap/day	\$ <sub>2005</sub> /m <sup>3</sup>	Justification
1 <sup>st</sup>	300	Price of bottled water
50 <sup>th</sup>	50	Out of literature data range => assumption
100 <sup>th</sup>	15	Average value for the 100 <sup>th</sup> I/cap/day, calculated based on price elasticities from econometric studies
Maximum potential demand <sub>country</sub>	P <sub>2000</sub>	Observed water price

## Building a simple demand function: Quantities

- Incorporate structural change

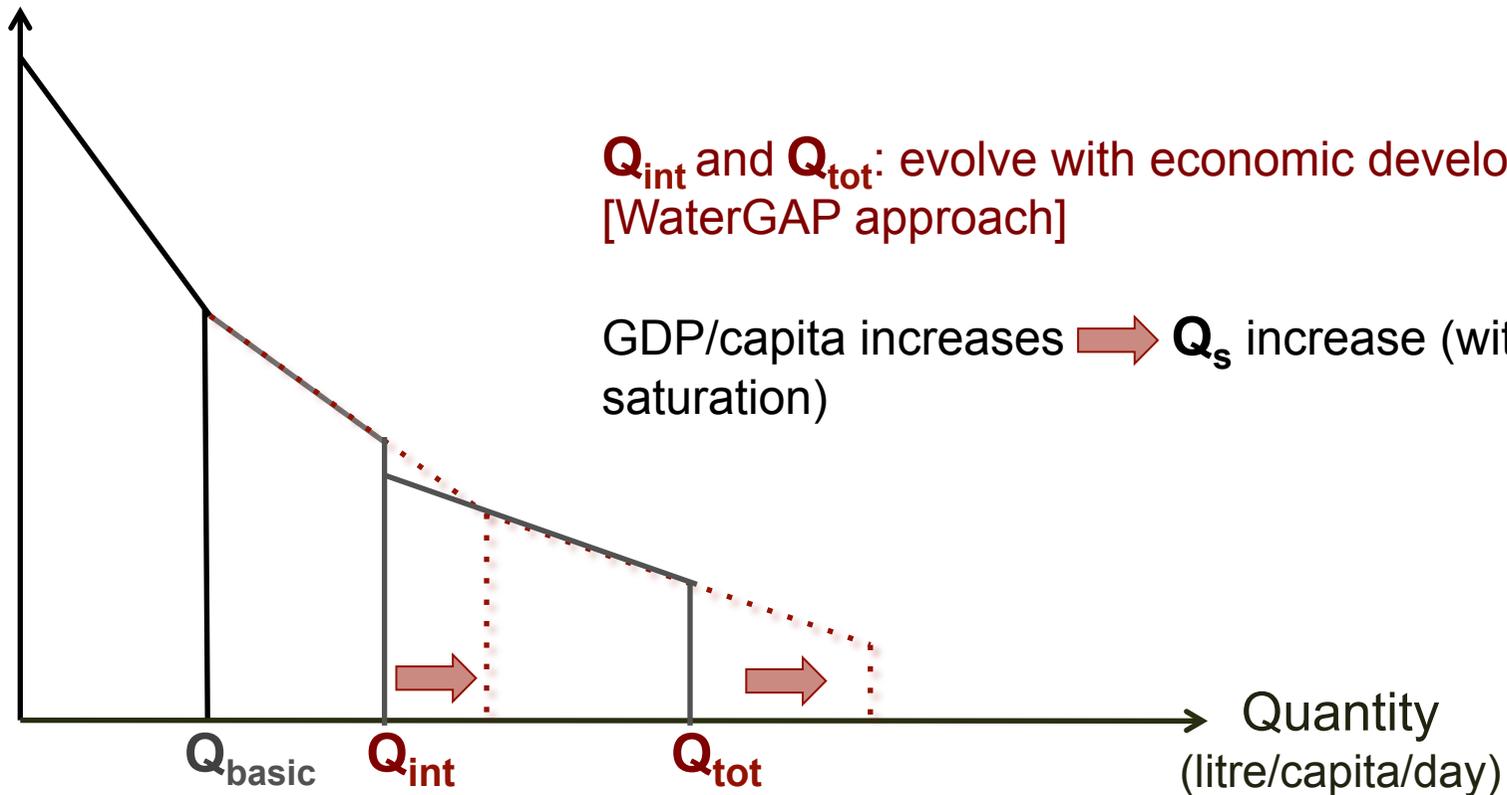
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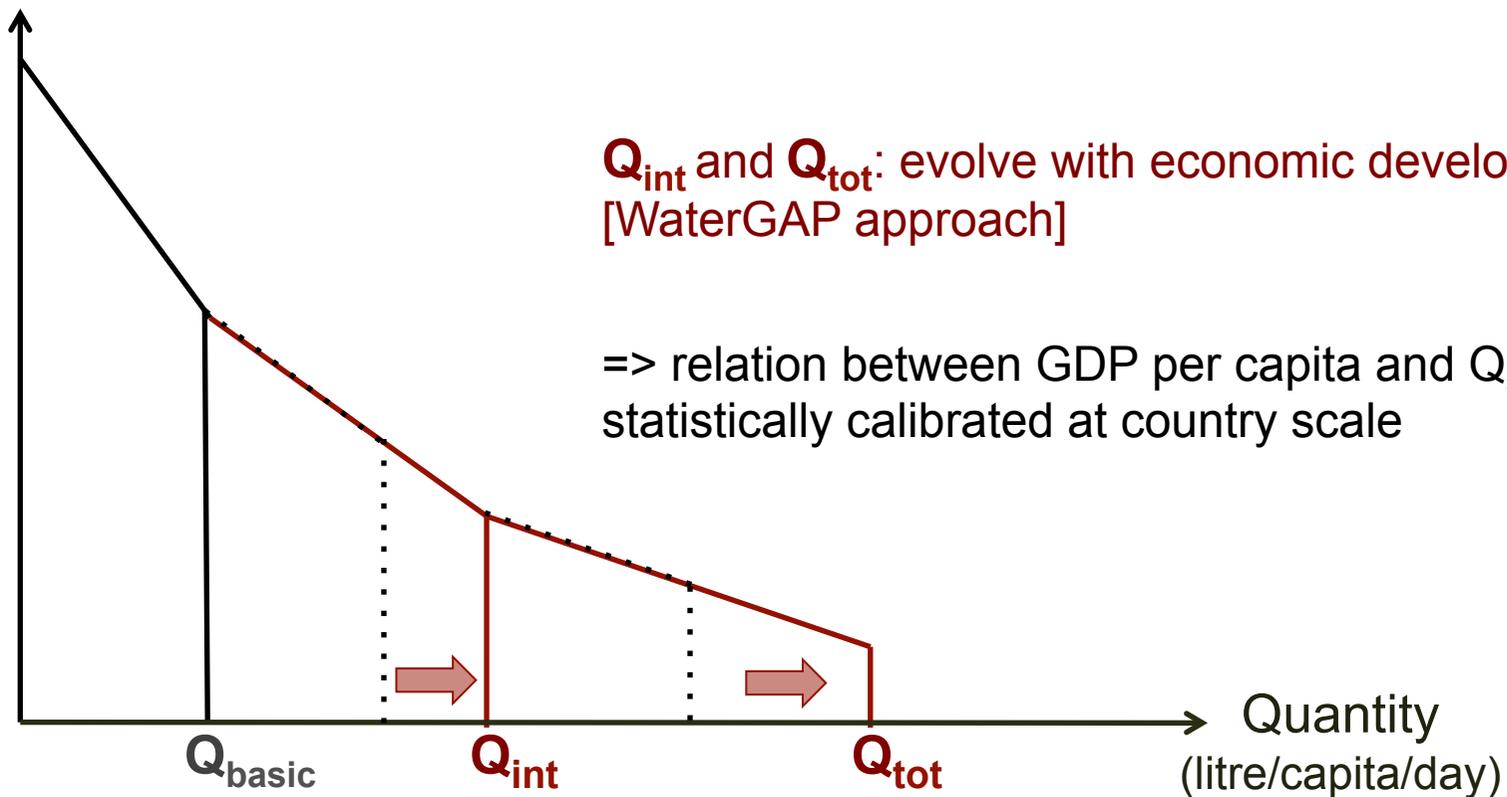
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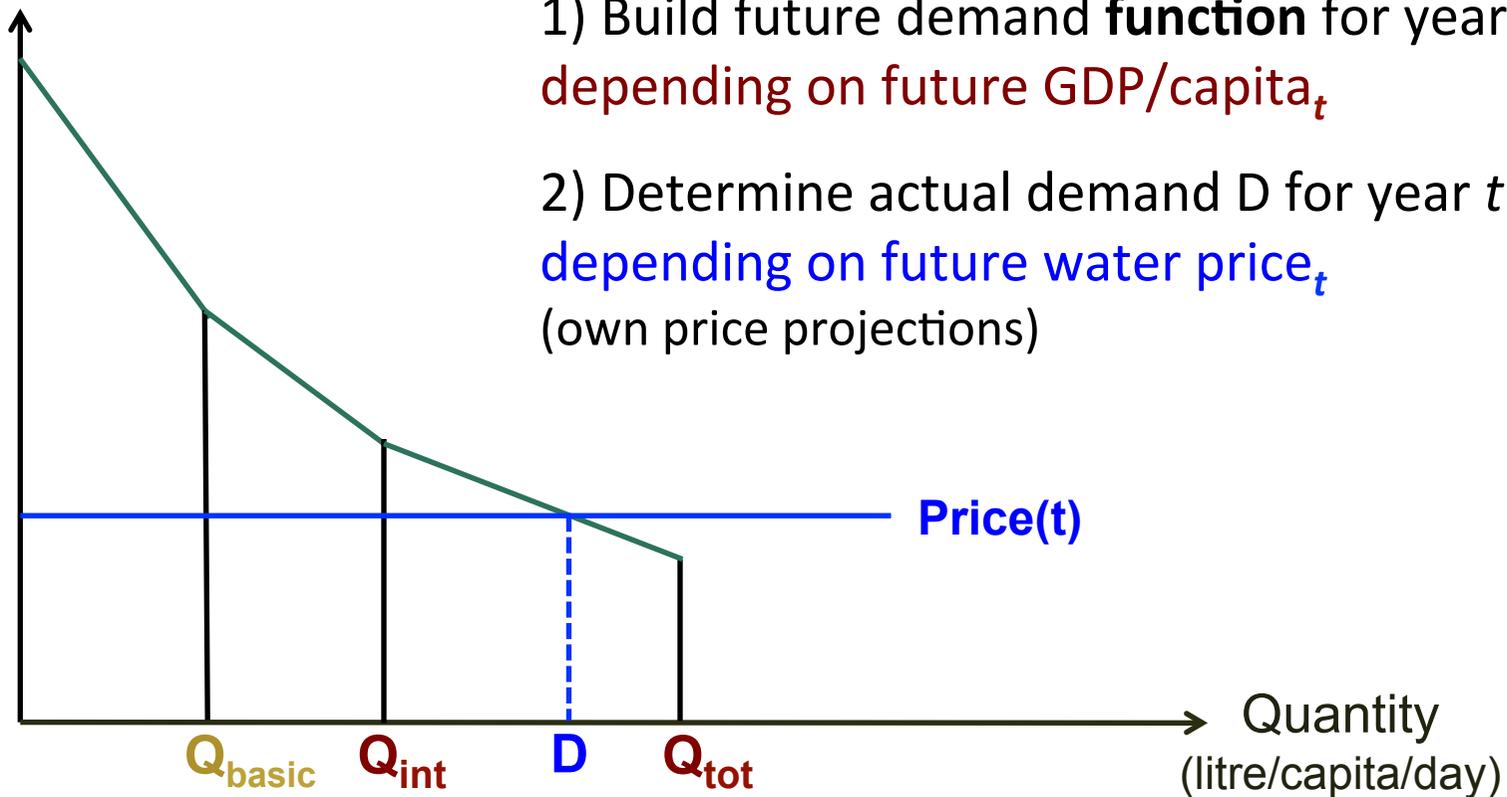
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# Projecting demands

- 2 steps

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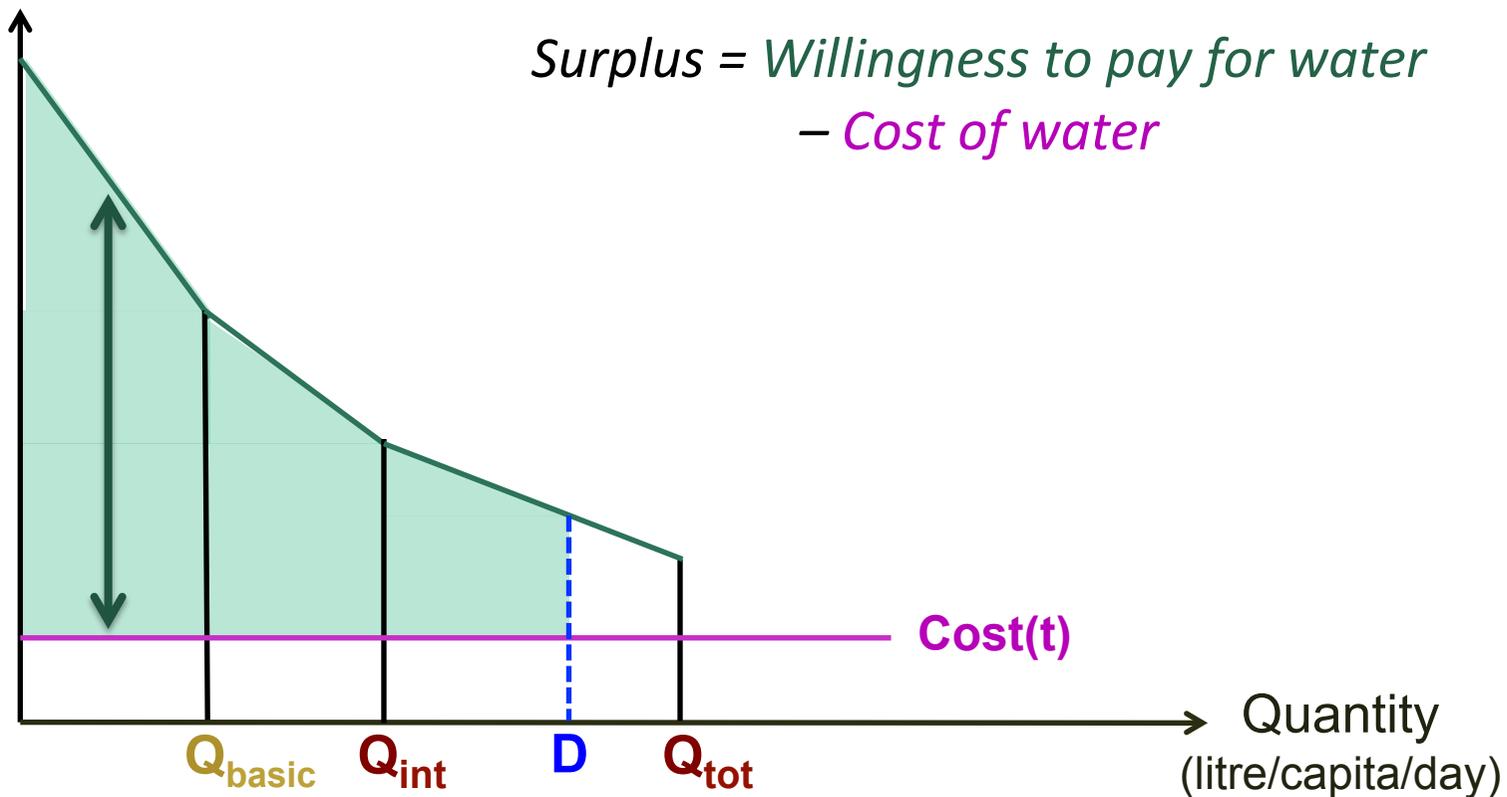


# Projecting demands and values

Willingness to pay  
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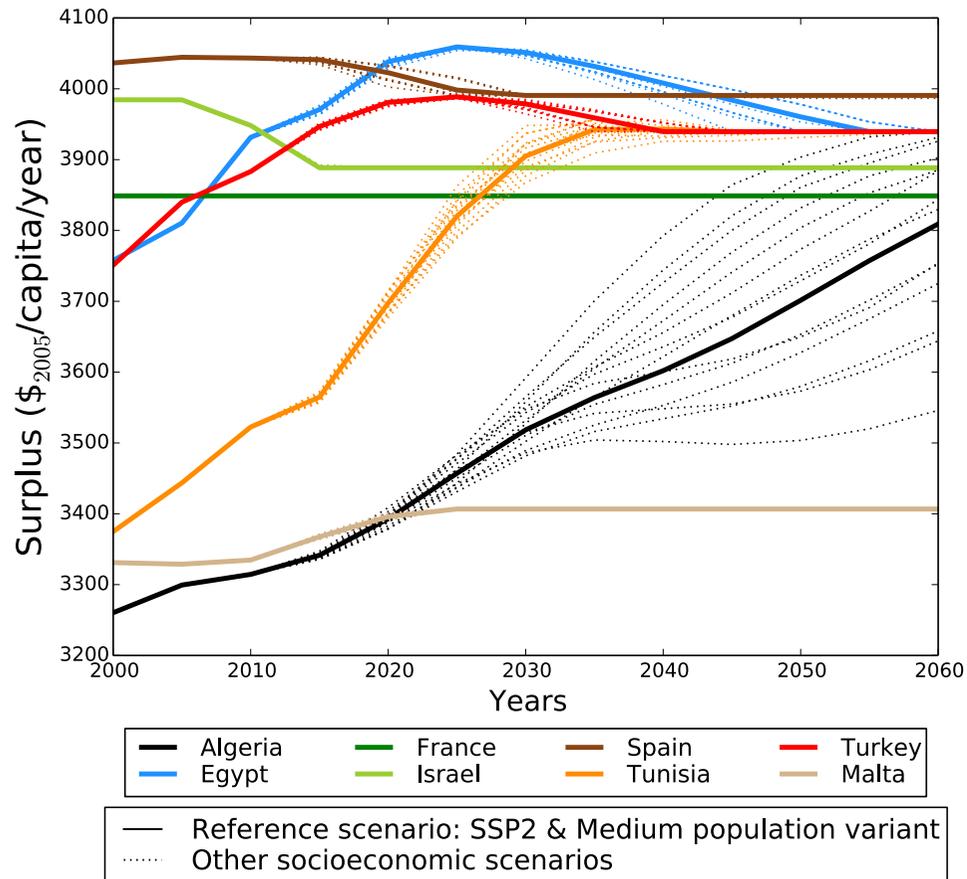
Value of water = economic surplus:

$$\text{Surplus} = \text{Willingness to pay for water} \\ - \text{Cost of water}$$



# Application to Mediterranean countries

- Robust to most uncertainties except level of demand saturation and quantity of basic water needs
- Evolution of surplus per capita in different countries



## 2. IRRIGATION WATER DEMANDS

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- Irrigation water needs [Nassopoulos, 2012]
  - 12 crop types, located in irrigation perimeters
  - Irrigation requirements computed for the different stages of the growing season [Allen, 1998]
  - Water requirements: deficit between *ETc* and *usable precipitation*
  - Future irrigation water demand projected under climate change (CNRM model [Dubois et al., 2012] outputs, A1B scenario)
  
- Irrigation water value
  - Yield comparison approach

## Yield comparison approach

- Yield comparison between **rainfed** and **irrigated** crops  
=> additional net benefit associated with the use of water

Volumetric value

$$V = \frac{\overbrace{[Y_{ir} \times Price_{crop} - Cost_{ir}]}^{\text{Net benefit if crop is irrigated}} - \overbrace{[Y_{rf} \times Price_{crop} - Cost_{rf}]}^{\text{Net benefit if crop is rainfed}}}{W}$$

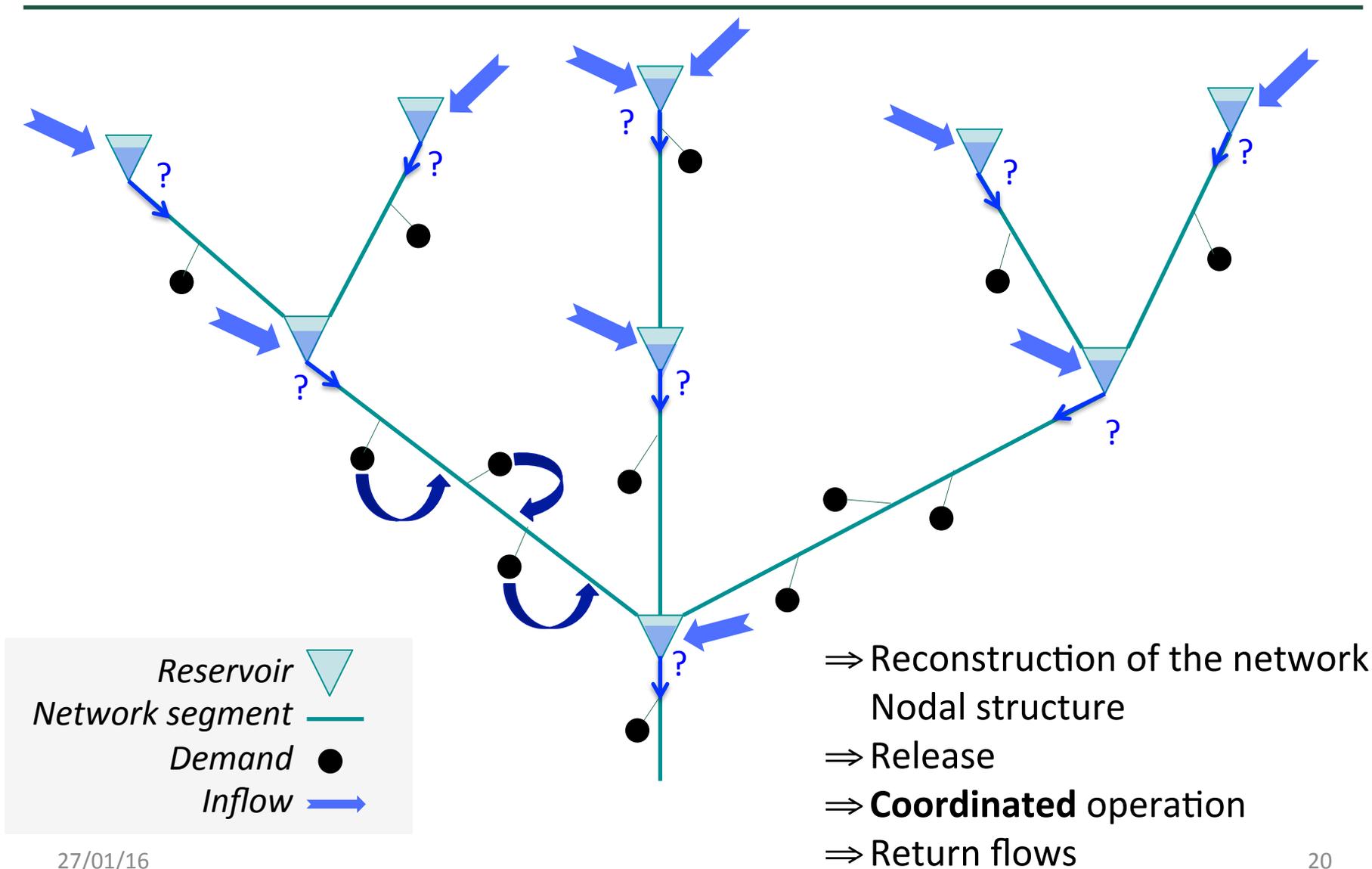
Quantity of irrigation water

- Model yield as a simple function of available water and crops water needs
  - Calibrated using LPJmL model outputs [Bondeau et al., 2007]
  - $Y_{rf}(precip, ETc)$      $Y_{ir}(precip, W, ETc)$
- Average value

## II. ALLOCATING WATER

Supply side

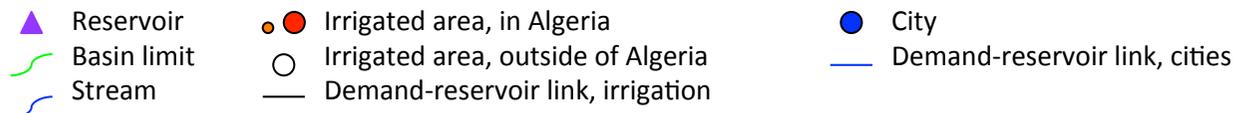
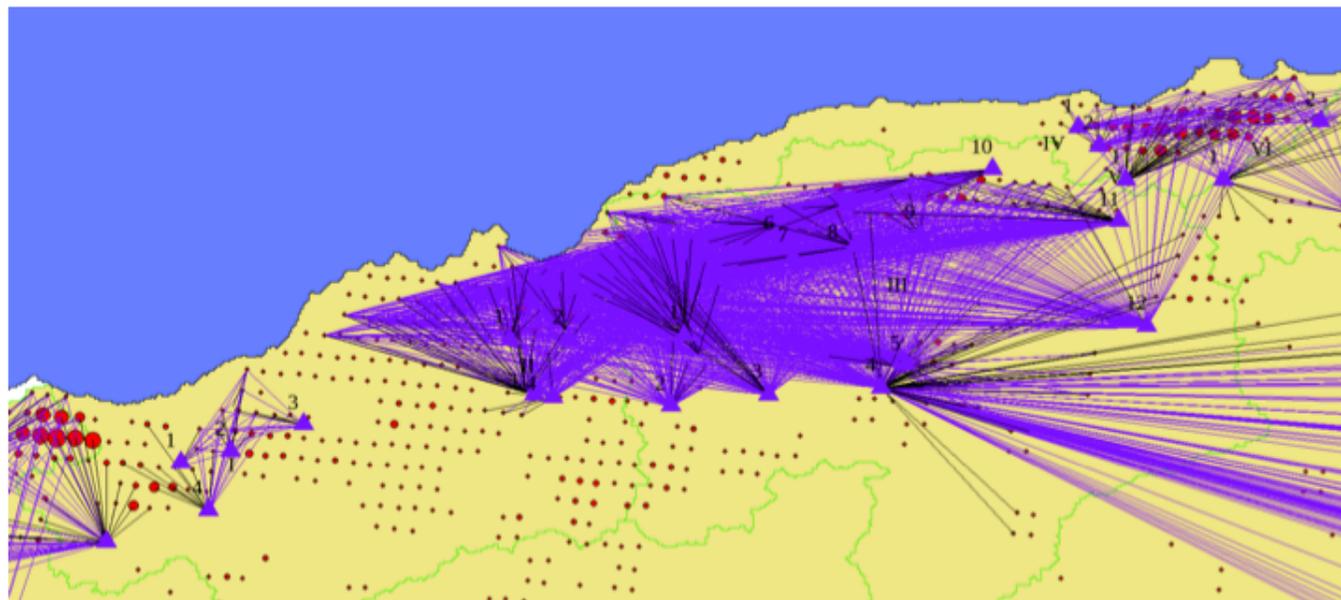
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- Reservoir-reservoir links (upstream-downstream)
- Reservoir-demand links

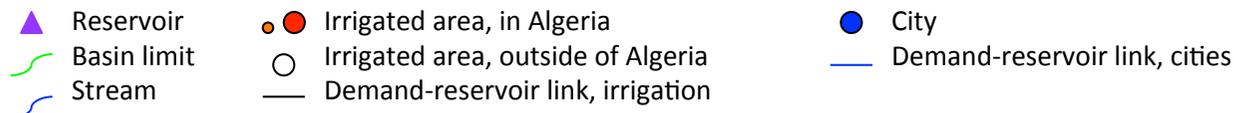
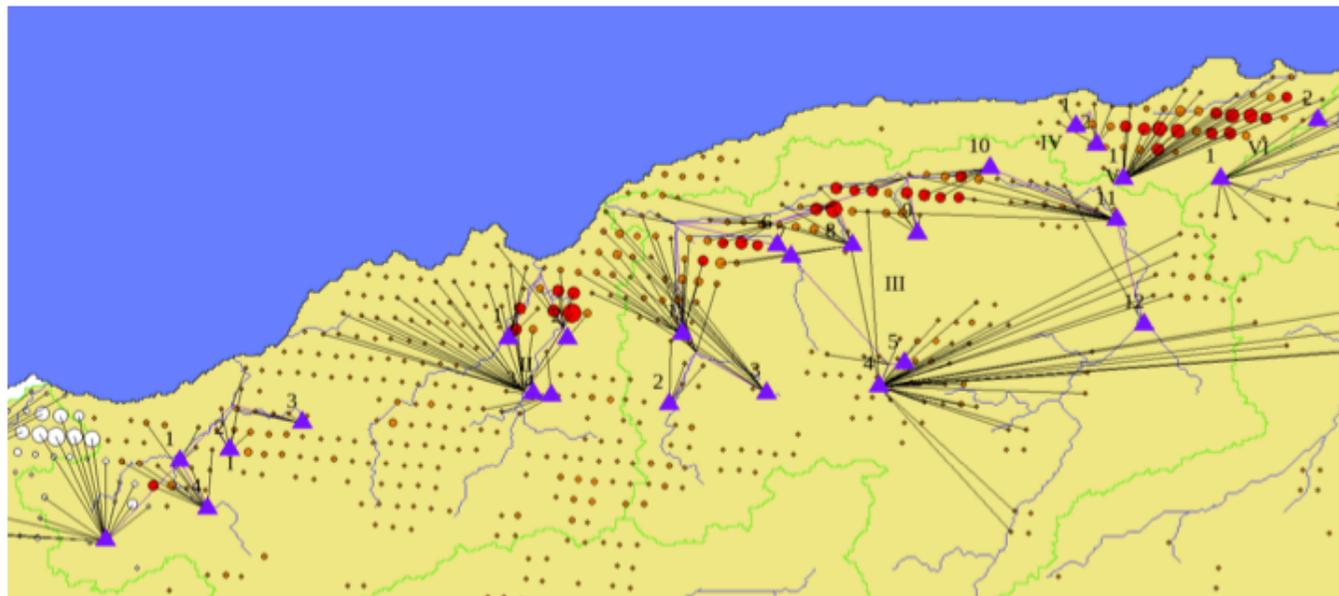
Association paths based on topography. Cost function: penalisation of distance covered and ascending moves. [Nassopoulos, 2012]



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# 1. RECONSTRUCTING THE WATER NETWORK

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- Order of the demands on a segment of the network
  - Demands associated to water inlets, located on the stream, to take into account return flows.
- Flows to the reservoirs [[Nassopoulos, 2012](#)]
  - Runoff taken from the outputs of CNRM climate model
  - sub-basin flow-accumulation area of each reservoir based on a Digital Elevation Model [HYDRO1k elevation derivative database]

## 2. OPERATING RULES OF RESERVOIRS NETWORKS

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- Coordinated operation of reservoirs for a better supply-demand balance
- Objective function: maximise economic benefits of the allocated water
- Parameterisation-Simulation-Optimisation approach  
[Nalbantis and Koutsoyiannis, 1997]

## Taking into account the value of water

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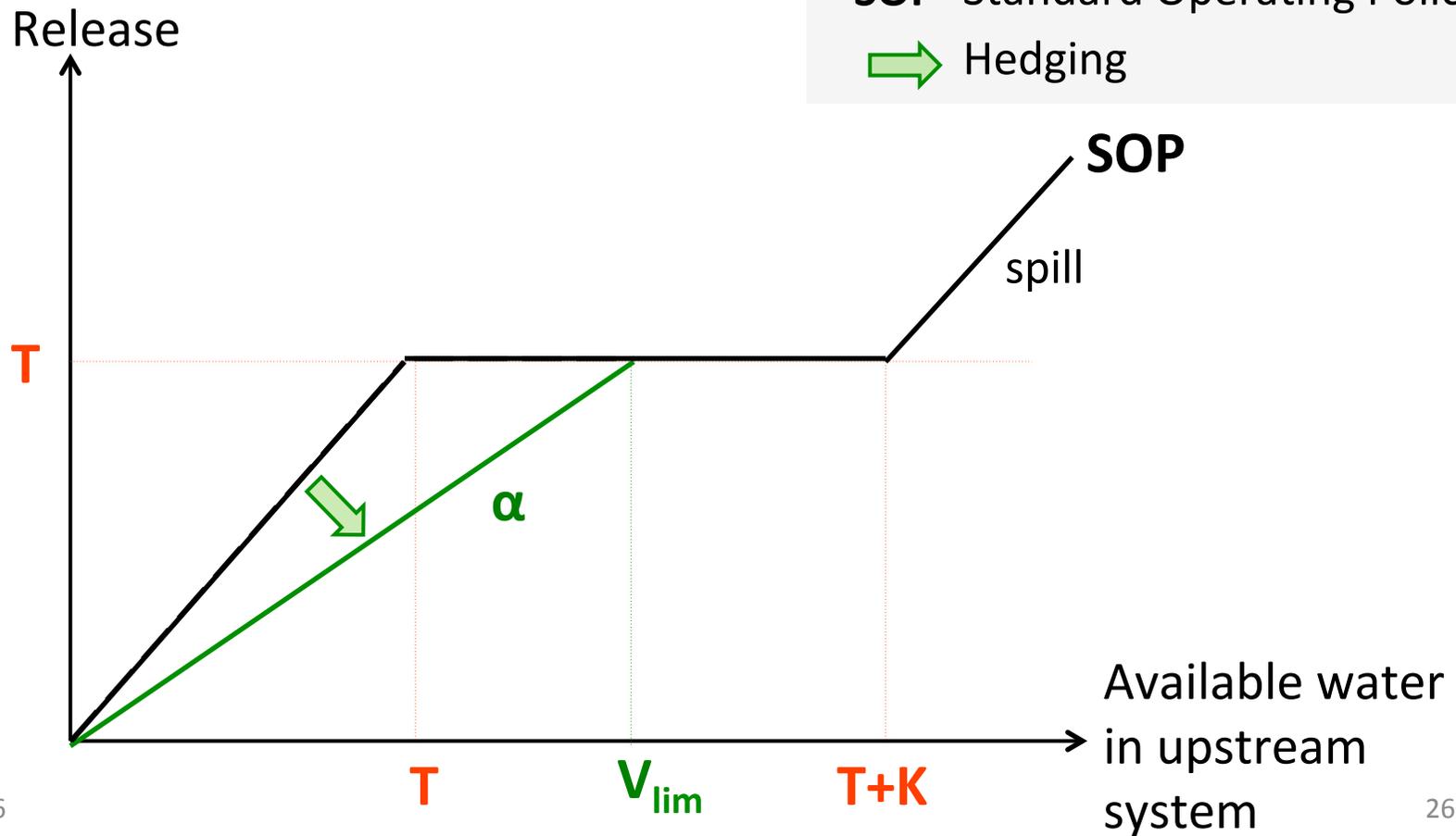
- Priorities among demands
  - Give priority to the satisfaction of demands with a high valorisation of water
  
- Demands of a higher priority can be:
  - Located on different segments
  - Occurring at different time-periods

=> Spatial and temporal trade-offs
  
- Prudential rules

## Prudential rule

- 1-point hedging

**T** Target  
**K** Capacity of reservoir  
**SOP** Standard Operating Policy  
➔ Hedging



## Operating rules taking into account water value

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- Prudential release rules:
    - Prudential parameters, both intertemporal and inter-branch:  $\alpha$  parameters (hedging)
  - Other water release rules:
    - Reservoirs in series: release from most downstream reservoir
    - Reservoirs in parallel: parameter  $\beta$
- => 2 parameters for each reservoir ( $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ )
- Parameters are optimised

## III. APPLICATION TO ALGERIA

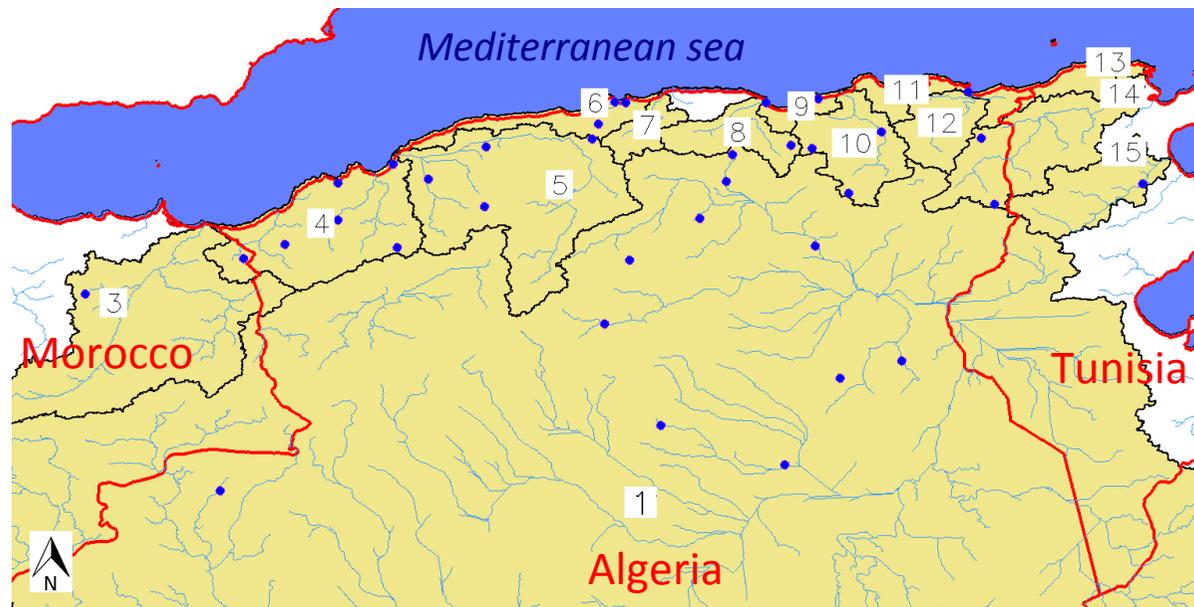
# 1. DEMAND EVOLUTION

- At country level :

Domestic sector becomes a major sector of water use

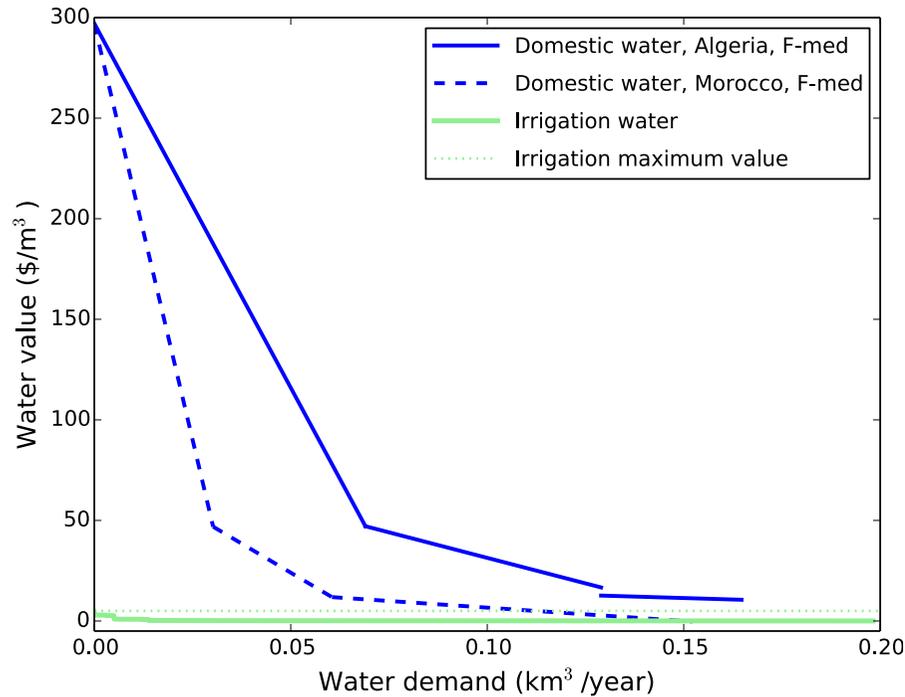
- Irrigation: +8% by 2050 (A1B SRES scenario, constant irrigated areas)
- Domestic: [+200;+358]% by 2050; share: 16 % in 2000 -> 35-45% in 2050

- Demands and values in Algerian basins

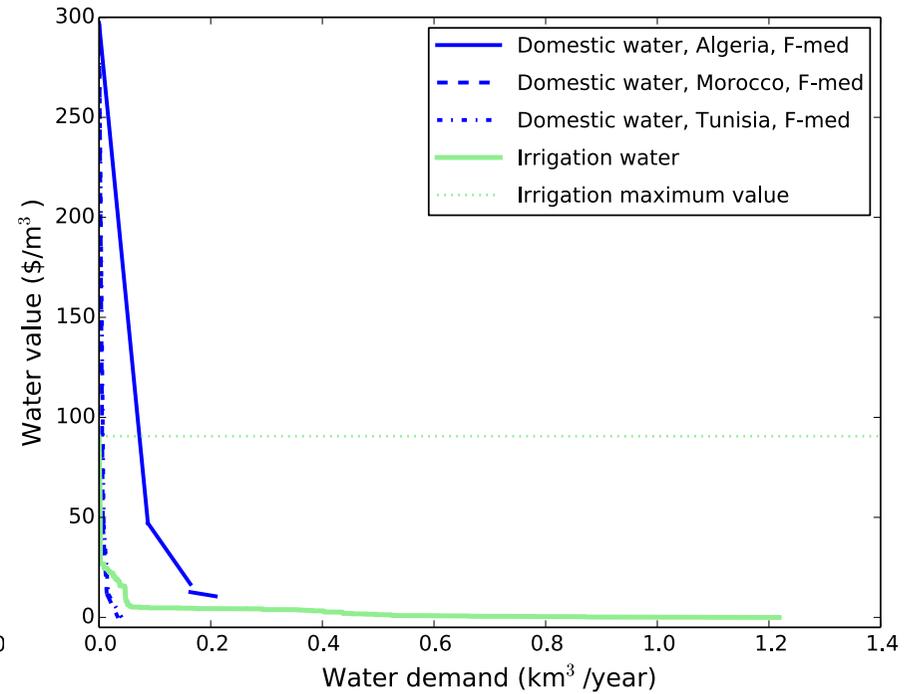


# Domestic and irrigation demands in Algerian basins

- Domestic and Irrigation demands in Algerian basins



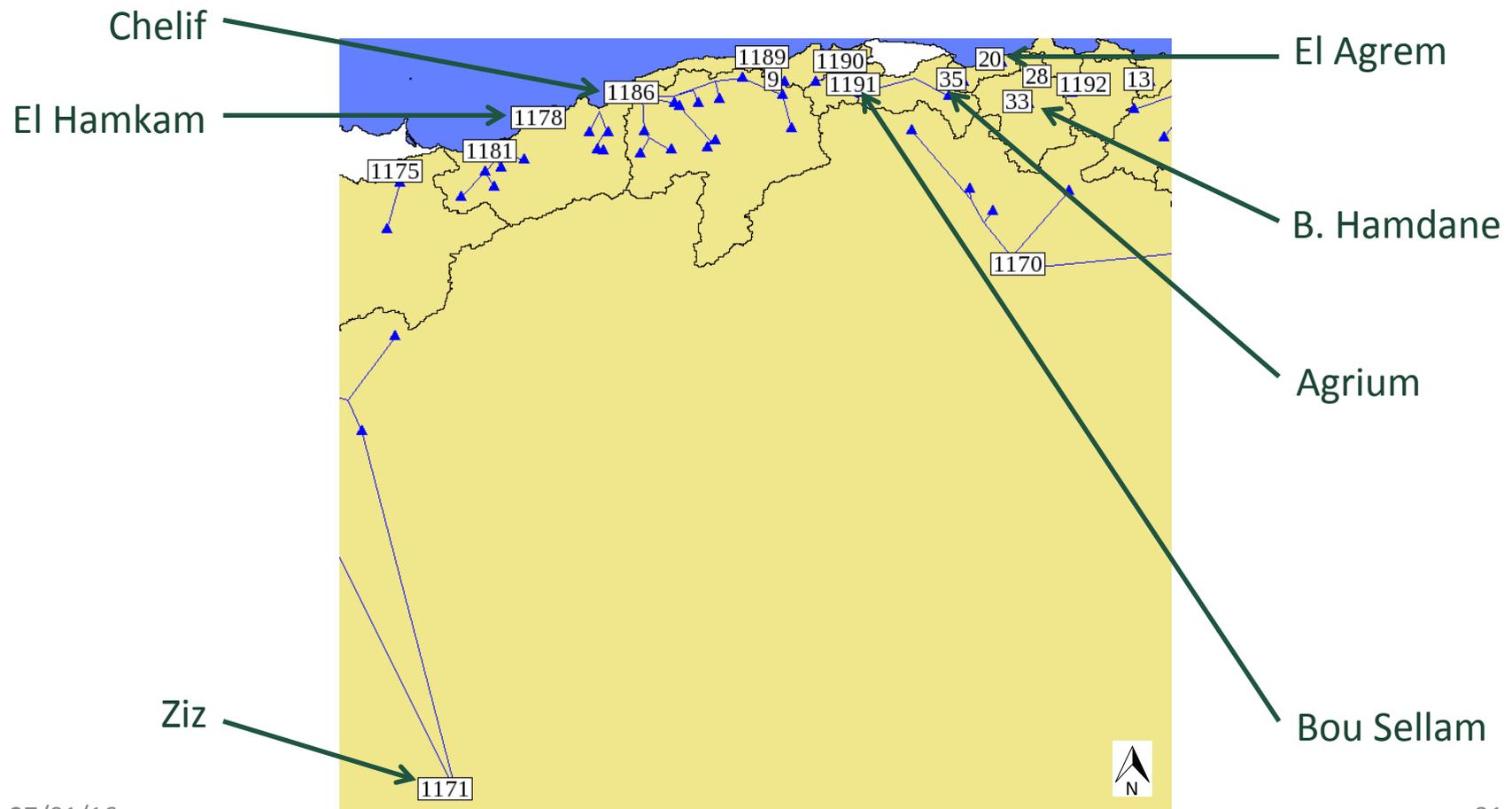
Basin 4



Basin 1

## 2. DEMAND-SUPPLY GAP

- a system = river catchment network of reservoirs



## Demand satisfaction rates

- Evolution under future conditions (2050 horizon)

System	Quantity			Value		
	Past	Future	Evolution	Past	Future	Evolution
Agrium	72.4 %	84.4 %	+ 11.9	99.7 %	99.9 %	+ 0.2
Ziz	11.0 %	15.3 %	+ 4.3	22.6 %	28.2 %	+ 5.6
Bou Sellam	60.3 %	42.3 %	- 18.0	72.8 %	56.0 %	-16.8
B. Hamdane	31.8 %	17.5 %	-14.4	60.0 %	28.6 %	-31.3
El Agrem	53.3 %	11.7 %	- 41.6	53.3 %	32.1 %	-21.1

2 systems: improvement of supply-demand balance in the future

Most catchments: Increase in supply-demand imbalance in the future

## Demand satisfaction rates

- Impact of demand prioritisation
  - Prioritisation: value & prudential rules -> maximise economic benefits
  - No prioritisation: no value & no prudential rules -> maximise quantity

System	Quantity		Value	
	Past	Future	Past	Future
El Hamkam	- 3.3 %	+ 1.6 %	+1.4 %	+3.4 %
Bou Sellam	+ 2.0 %	+ 0.8 %	+ 11.3 %	+ 6.4 %
El Agrem	+ 2.5 %	+5.5 %	+ 2.4 %	+20.2 %
Chelif	- 0.1 %	+ 0.6 %	+ 6.4 %	+ 6.3 %

With prioritisation: lower satisfaction rate in terms of quantity

With prioritisation: better satisfaction rates in terms of quantity

Positive impact of prioritisation on satisfaction rates in terms of economic benefits

# CONCLUSION

## Conclusions and discussion

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- Large-scale hydroeconomic model
  - Anticipate water scarcity issues under global changes
  - Basin scale + Large-scale coverage
  - Quantities + Associated economic losses
  
- Use of globally available data has its limits
  - There can be errors in reconstruction of reservoirs-demands networks
  - Use of models for crops yields and water demands
  - Assumptions for domestic water willingness to pay, agricultural costs etc.
  - Operating rules could follow other principles
  
- Not designed to provide a detailed representation of catchments for operational purpose but to **represent heterogenous impacts of global changes at the local scale**
  - Suitable for the representation of inter-basin interactions (virtual water, water transfers, activity relocation)

## Perspectives

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- Extend to the whole Mediterranean basin
- A screening tool to investigate water management and adaptation policies, at the country or regional scale
  
- Evaluation of indirect impacts and costs
- Groundwater
- Electricity sector
- Quality ?
  
- ANR on two major Chinese rivers: validation, hydropower, coupling to Land Surface Models (ORCHIDEE)

# Merci de votre attention

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