

# WATERDAYS – DAY2

Assimilation of satellite-based data for dams and hydropower management

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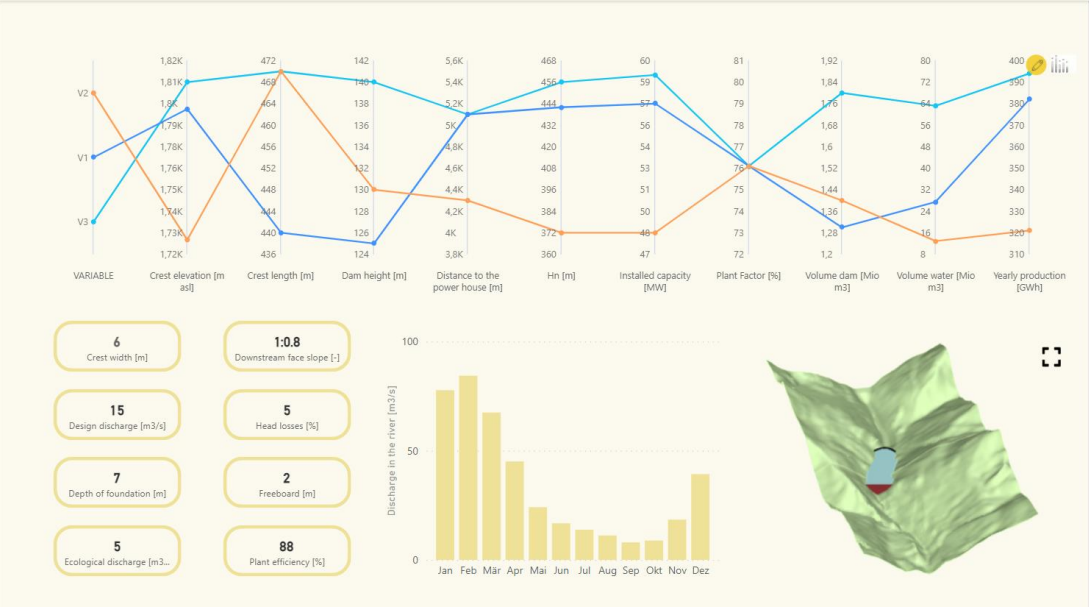
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# HYDROPOWER DESIGN

## DIGITAL ELEVATION MODELS

A detailed knowledge of the topography of the region of implantation is absolutely necessary, Dam engineers need to calculate volumes of material for the construction of the dams, volumes of water retained by the dam for water supply, energy production etc.



Hydrology / **Topography** / Geology

Dam height = 130 m  
L crest = 486 m  
Distance to the power house = 4'289 m

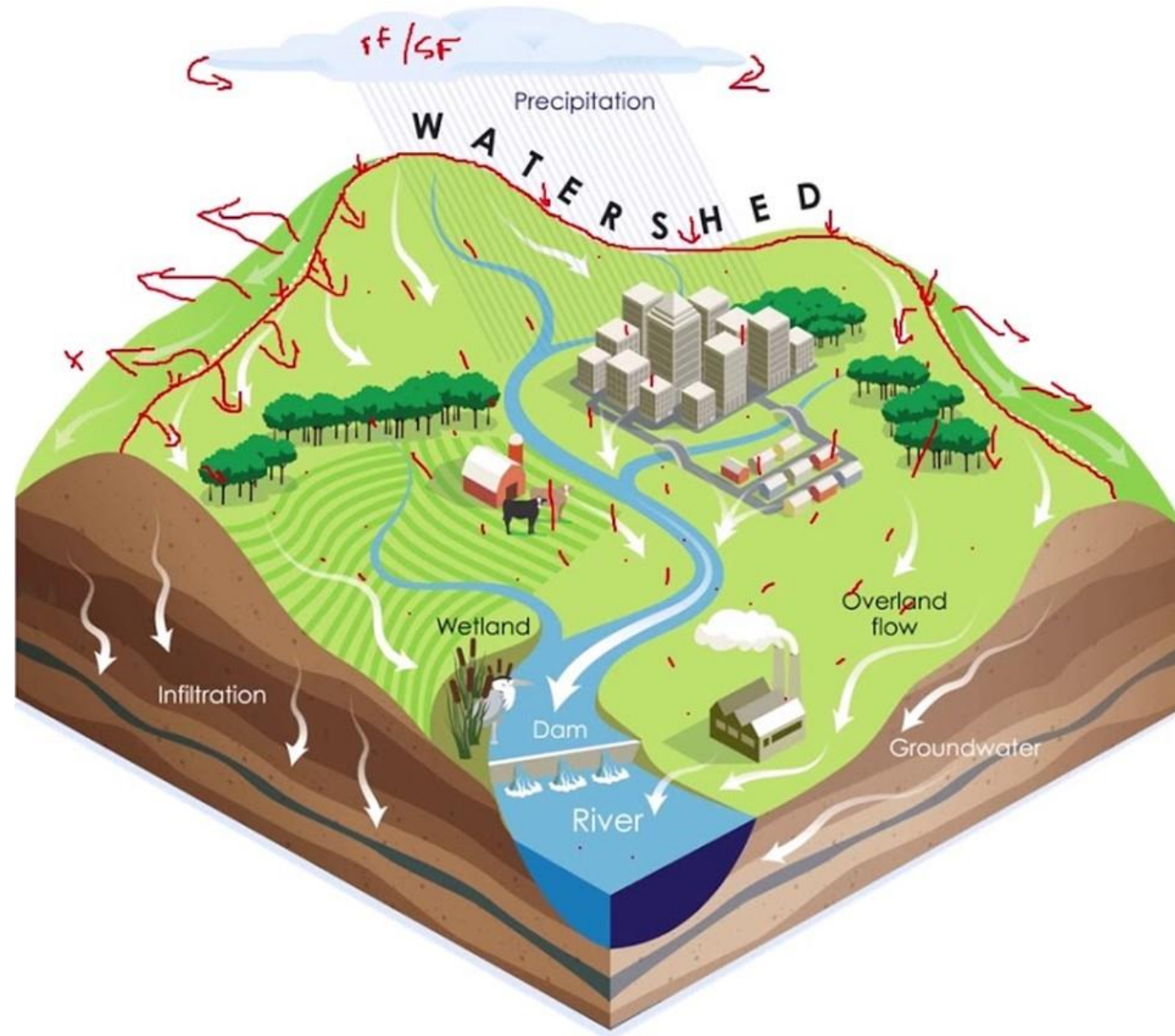
Volume water = 14.5 Mio m<sup>3</sup>  
Volume dam = 1.8 Mio m<sup>3</sup>

Hn = 374 m  
Installed capacity = 48.39 MW  
Yearly production = 322.59 GWh  
Plant Factor = 76.1 %

# HYDROPOWER DESIGN

AN ENGINEER WANTS TO DESIGN A DAM IN AN AREA WHERE **LITTLE OR NO DATA** IS AVAILABLE.

- ✓ Sediment management plan
- ✓ Safety management
- ✓ Energy loss
- ✓ Upstream and Downstream impact
  - ✓ Operators → flushing
  - ✓ E&S impacts → Mitigation measures





# HYDROPOWER DESIGN



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Literature

B



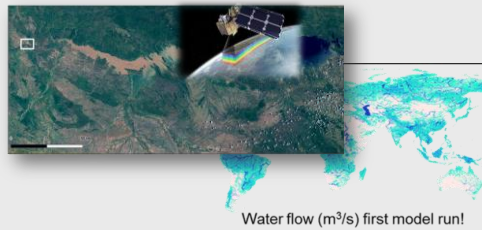
Raw geo information  
e.g. USLE equation

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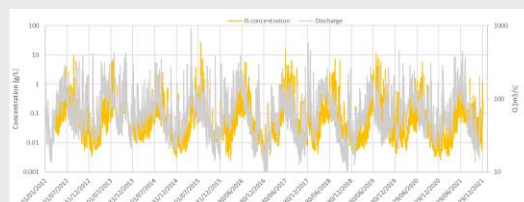
Global modelling  
World-Wide HYPE -  
Sediment

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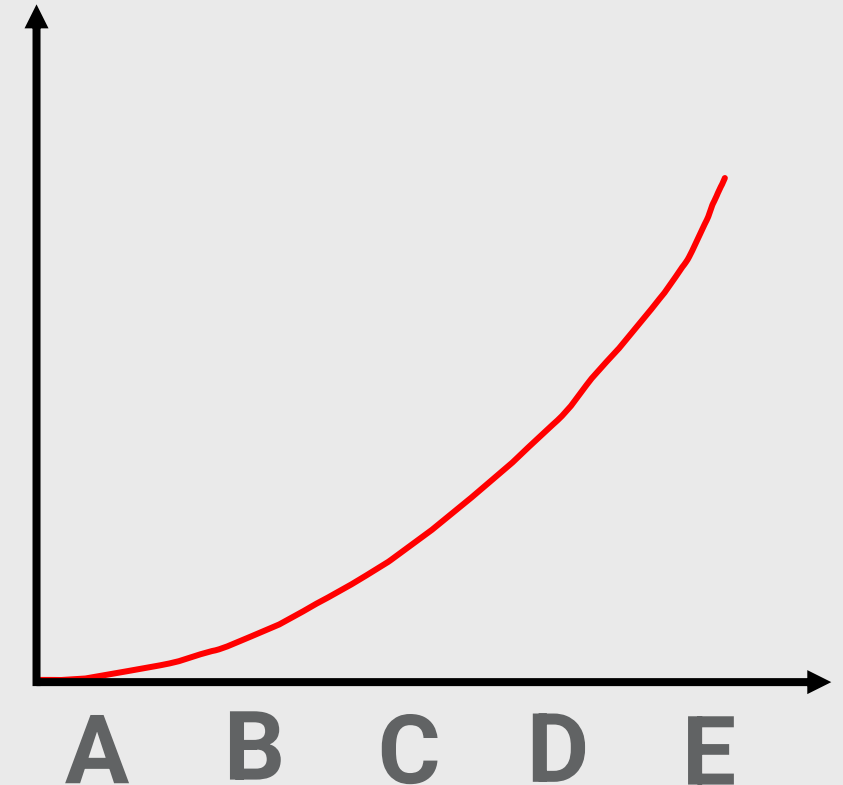
Combining in situ, modelling  
and satellite data

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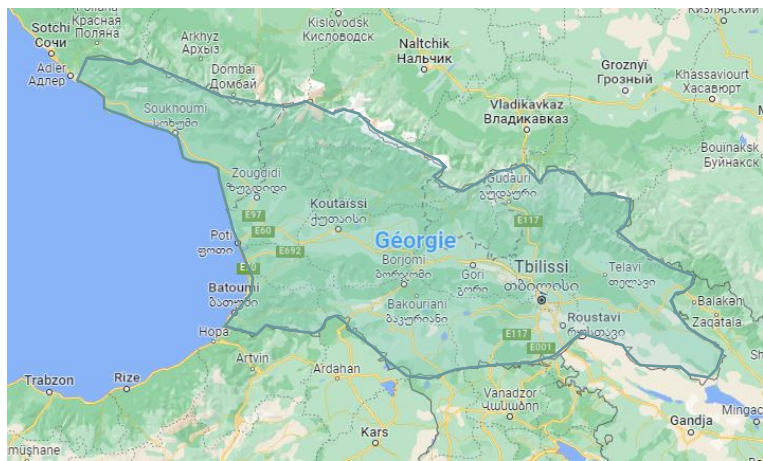
Integrating sediment dynamics

Accuracy /  
Degree of discretization

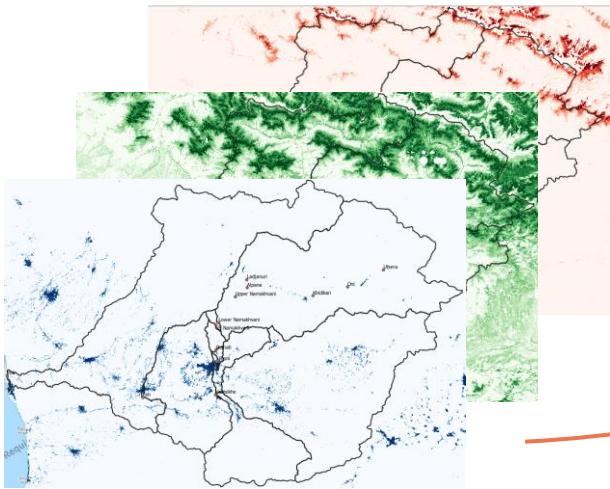
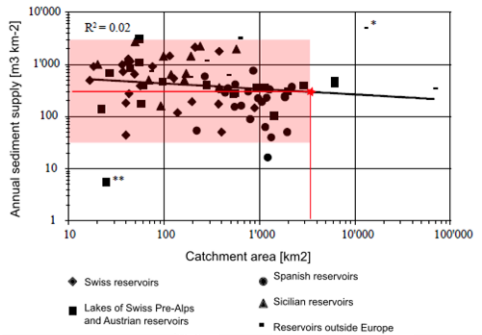
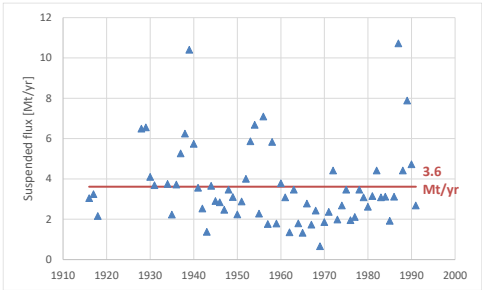


# TYPICAL WORKFLOW

## Use Case : Georgia



## Data Analysis



## Large Range

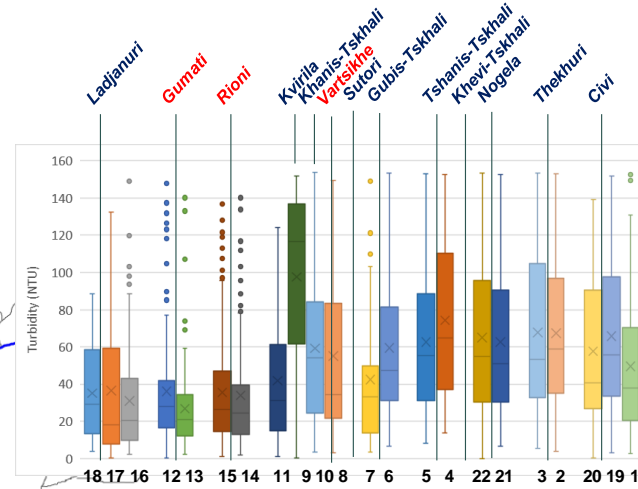
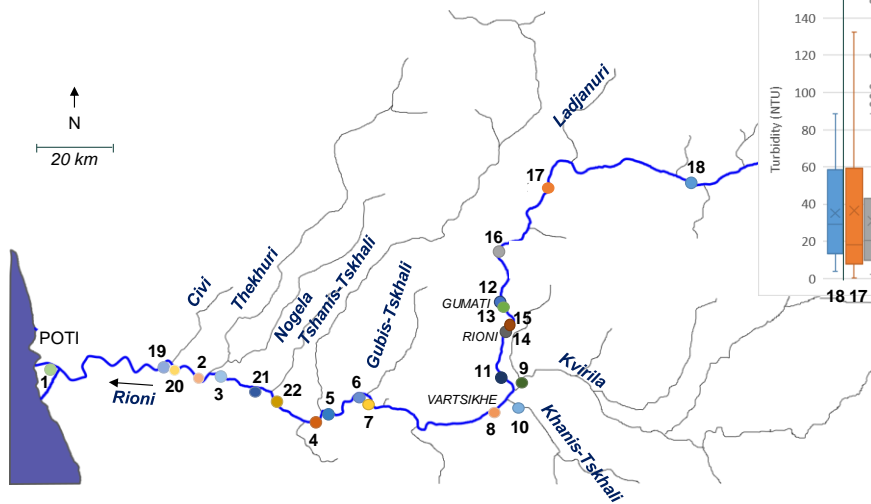
Total sediment transport  
2 M to 12 Mt / year



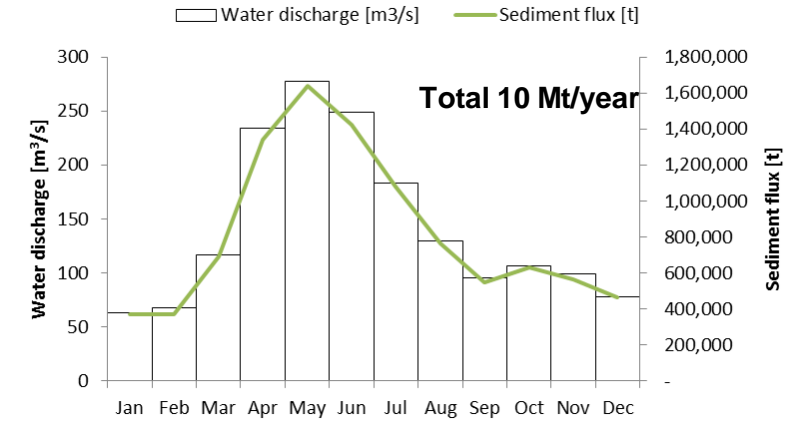
# WORKFLOW WITH



## Stations along river transects



## Seasonal variations



## Outcome:

- ✓ 10 Mt/year was defined as a basis for the design
- ✓ A sediment management plan has been proposed
- ✓ Sediment monitoring network is to be installed





## Key Benefits for Water Management



### **HOLISTIC VIEW**

Sound information  
on the entire river  
catchment



### **MORE ACCURATE DATA**

Historical information,  
validating existing data or  
filling data gaps



### **LOWER COSTS**

Improved periodicity  
planning, optimized gauging  
stations



### **FLEXIBLE WORKFLOW**

Integration of multi-source  
data, customized reporting

## OTHER APPLICATIONS

- MULTISPECTRAL SATELLITE IMAGERY USED TO SUPPORT THE DETERMINATION OF DAM FAILURE
- DAM SAFETY MONITORING
- HYDROLOGY SUPPORT - RESERVOIR WATER LEVEL, WATER LEVEL FLUCTUATION, LANDCOVER, GLACIERS, SNOW COVER (WATER AVAILABILITY)



THANK YOU!

ANY QUESTIONS OR OTHER IDEAS ON HOW TO USE  
THE DATA?

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