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First evaluations on Hydrogeological Water Budget to identifying aquifer recharge area in the ET infrastructure site

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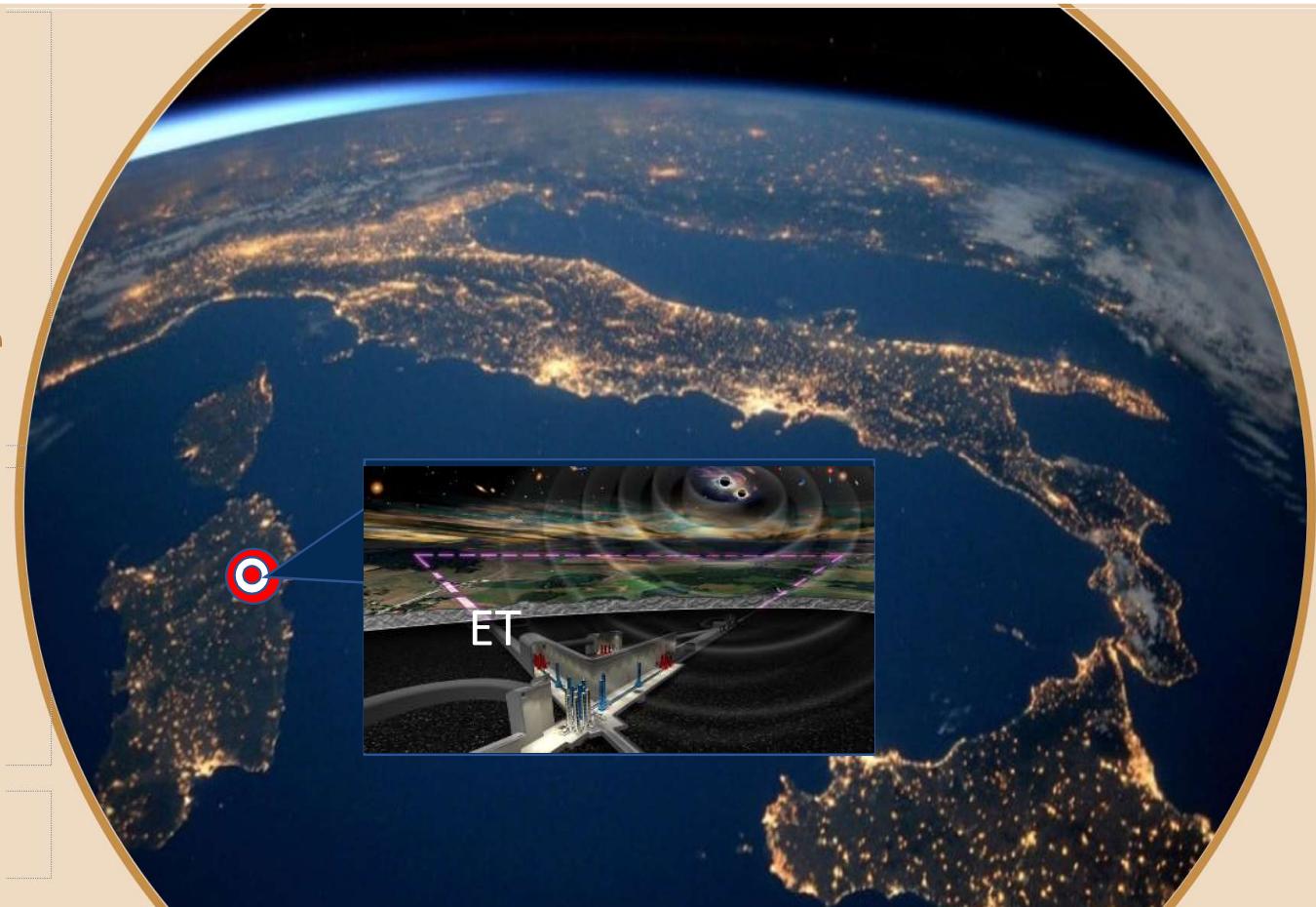
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WP6.6 Hydrogeological modelling

- Hydrogeological model set up to identify:
 - shallow, suspended and deep groundwater lenses or aquifers
 - groundwater hydrogeochemical facies and rock-water interactions
 - groundwater flowpaths
- Characterization of excavation sludge
- Support for the design of hydraulic works for the disposal of groundwater
- Analysis of areas of slope instability



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Future Activity Plan for the Preliminary Site Condition Assessment

- Electromagnetics surveys for the development of a hydrogeological model
- n. 20 geognostic surveys for a development of 5000 m of drilling of which at least 3000 m performed with continuous core drilling using wireline
- installation of n.10 piezometers for a total of 2500 m of pipes installed
- n.4 Lugeon permeability tests in each survey point for a total of n. 80 tests



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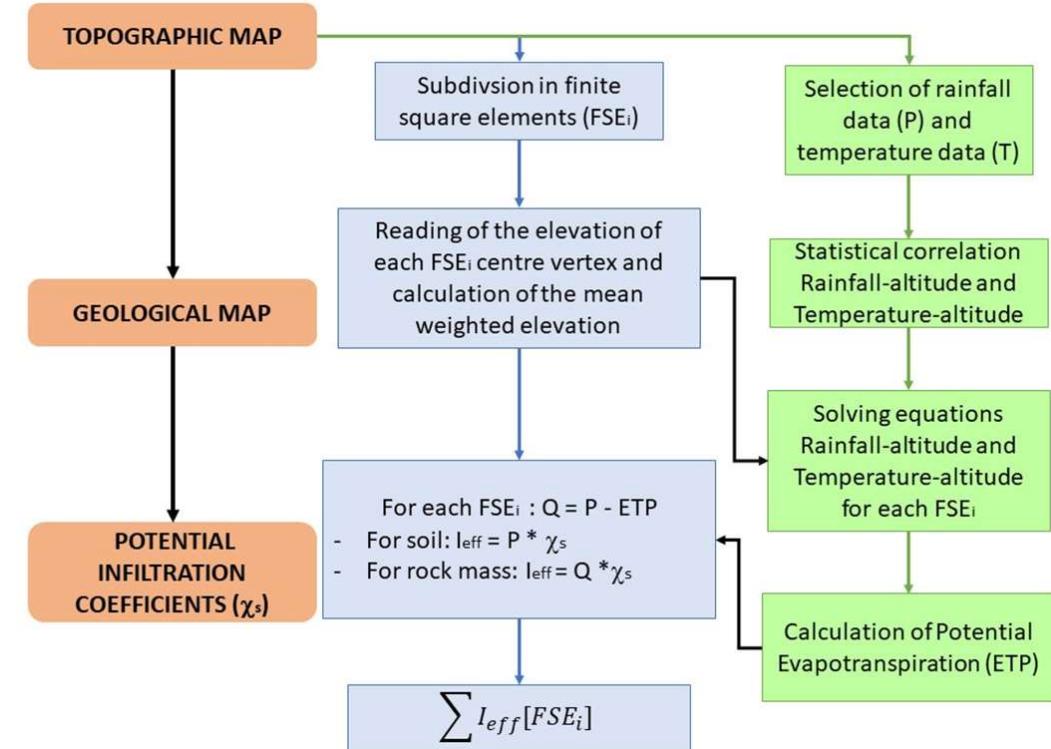
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Potential Recharge Estimation of the ET site using the Inverse Hydrogeological Water Budget

The Inverse Hydrogeological Water Budget (*Sappa et al., 2023**) is a distributed parameter method, which allows estimating the infiltration rate within a study area, taking into account a series of climatic parameters, such as:

- rainfall
- temperature
- elevation
- outcropping geology
- permeability characteristics of the soil



Flow-chart of the Inverse Hydrogeological Water Balance



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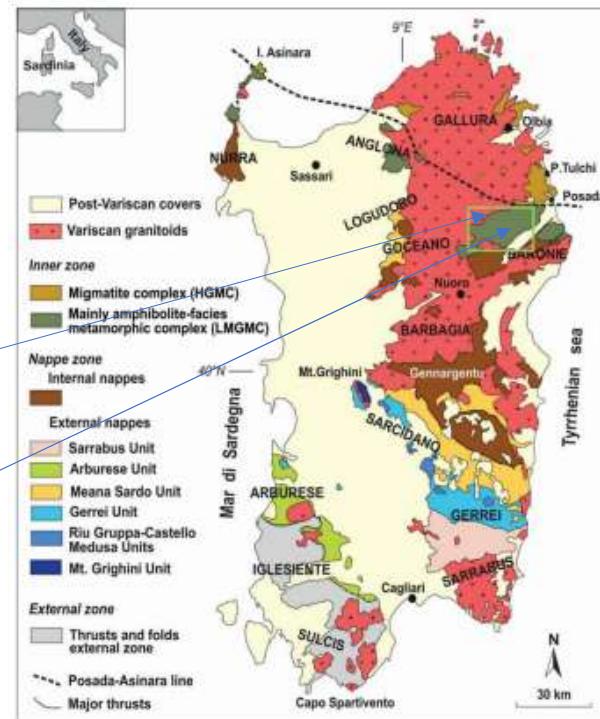
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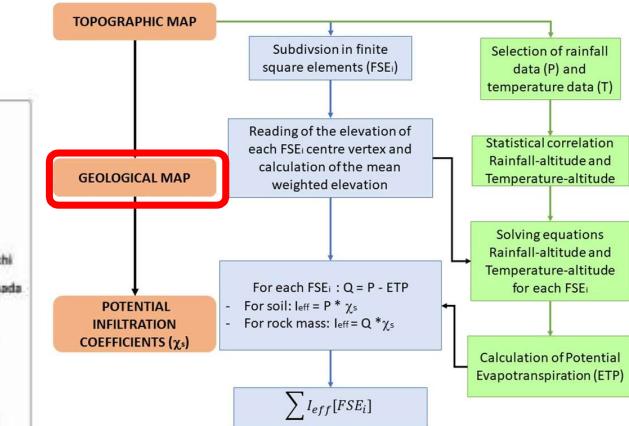
The ET site geological features

The ET site is located in the Variscan basement of Sardinia because of its geodynamic quietness, very low natural seismicity as well anthropogenic seismic noise

- **Intrusive complex**
Granodiorite and monzogranites
- **Methamorphic basement**
Orthogneiss
Phyllites, micaschist and paragneiss



Geological map of the Sardinia region
(Cardello & Oggiano, 2021)





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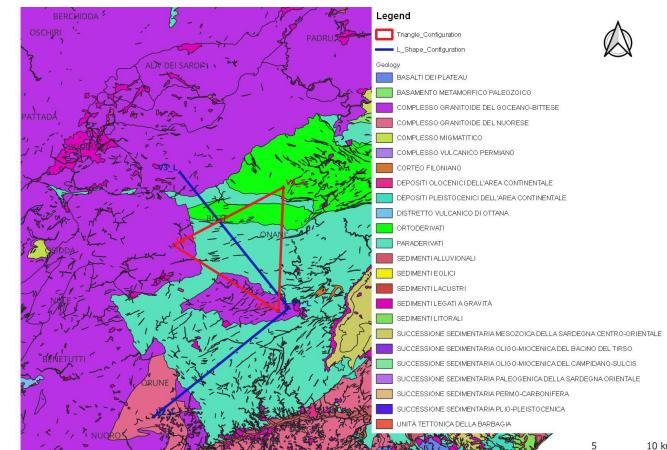
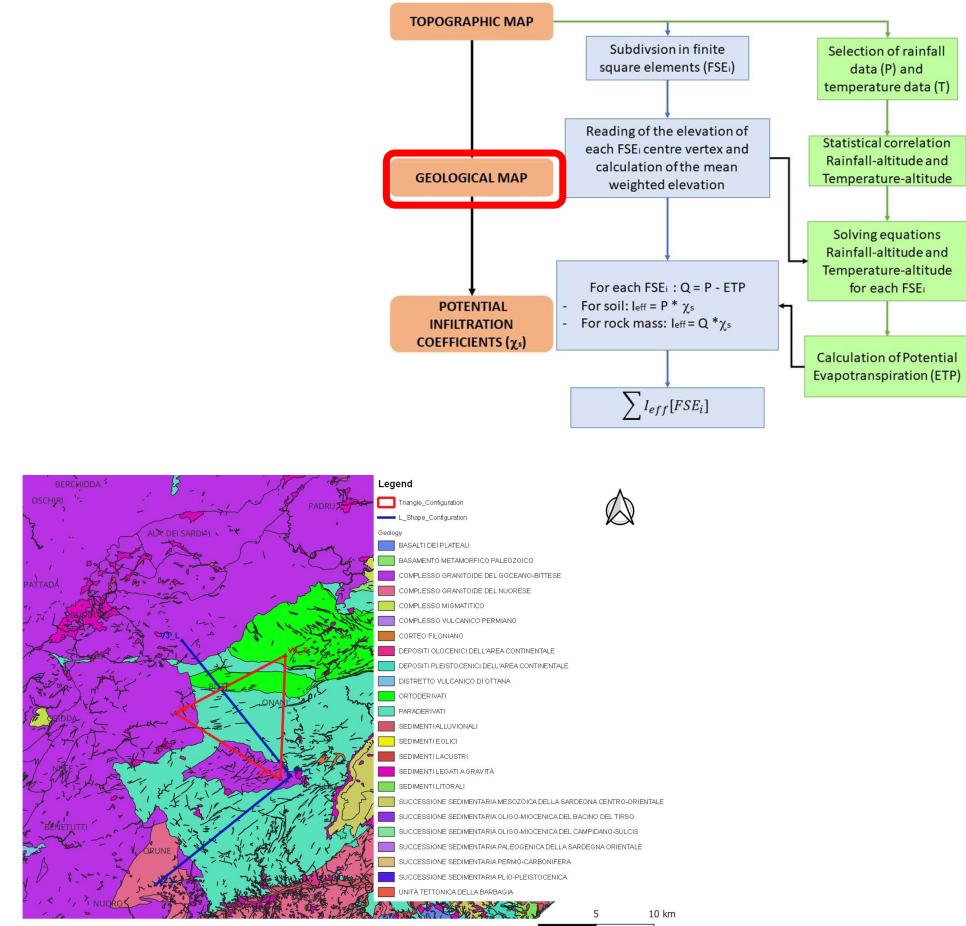


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The ET site geological features

- Bitti granodiorites: granites and biotite orthogneiss (VT1-VT2-VL1-VL3)
- Nuoro granodiorites: post-ercinic granites, medium-grained biotite granites (VL2)
- Mamone orthogneiss: granodiorite orthogneiss, with gray or reddish-grey colouration, and leucocrate orthogneiss with granitic composition (VT3)





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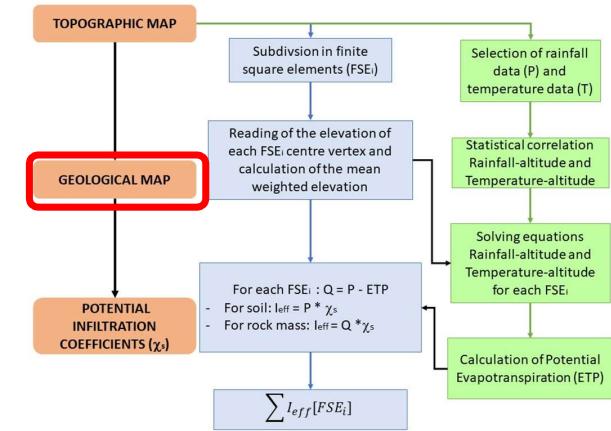
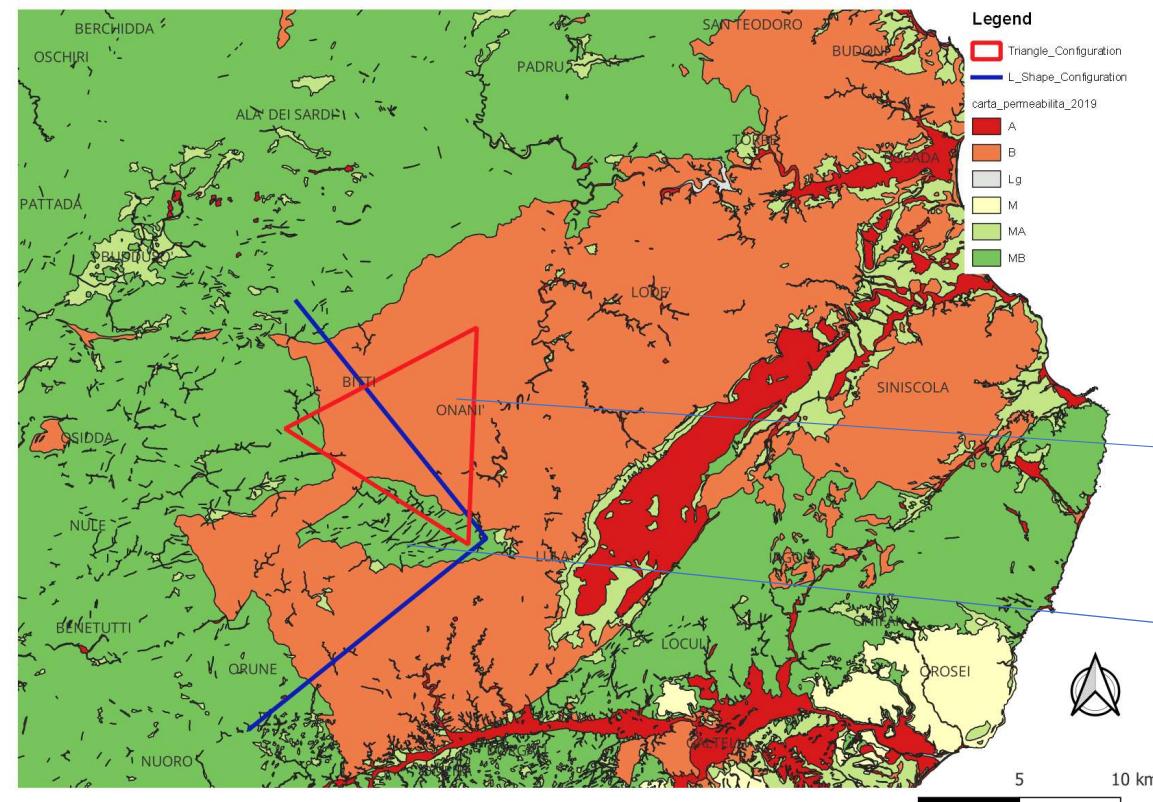
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The ET site permeability map*



Low
permeability for
fracturing

Medium-Low permeability
for fracturing



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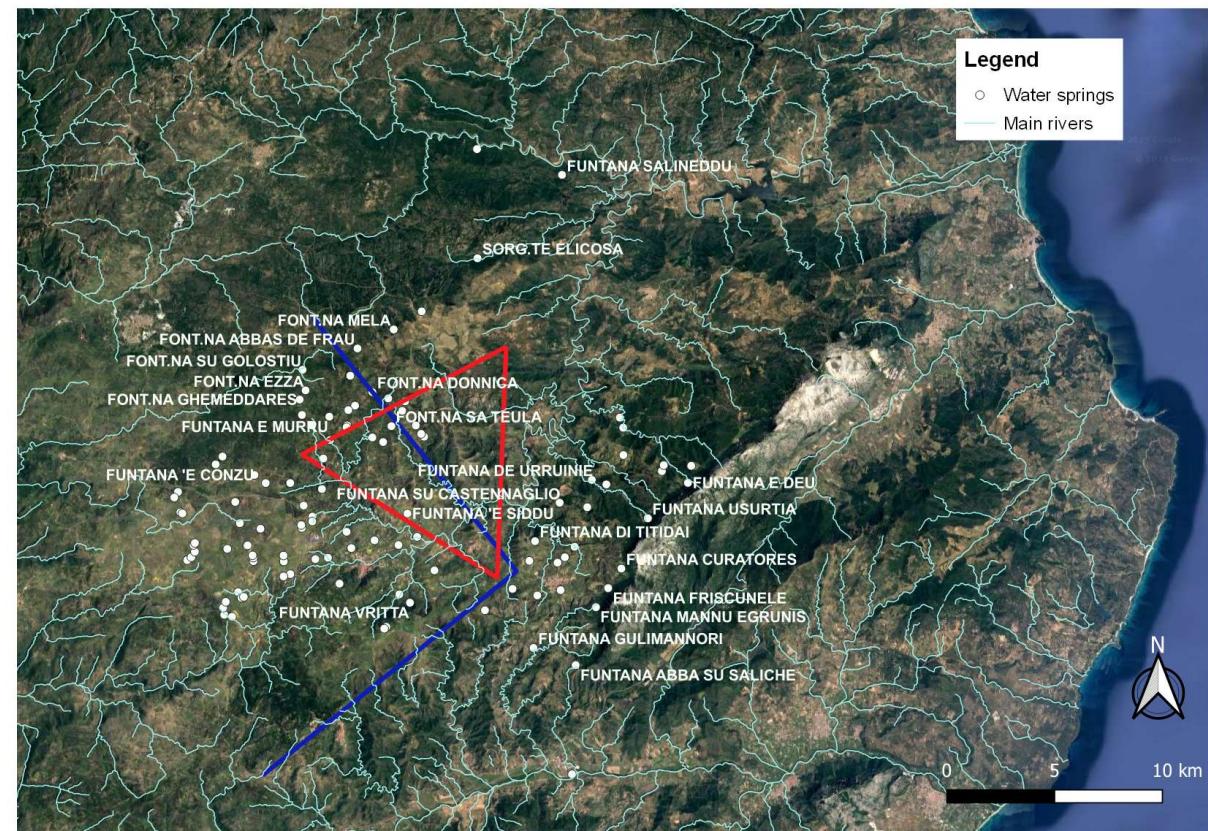


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Local hydrology

- Identification and location of the main groundwater springs respect to the ET triangle and L shape configuration

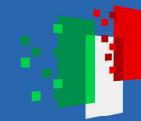




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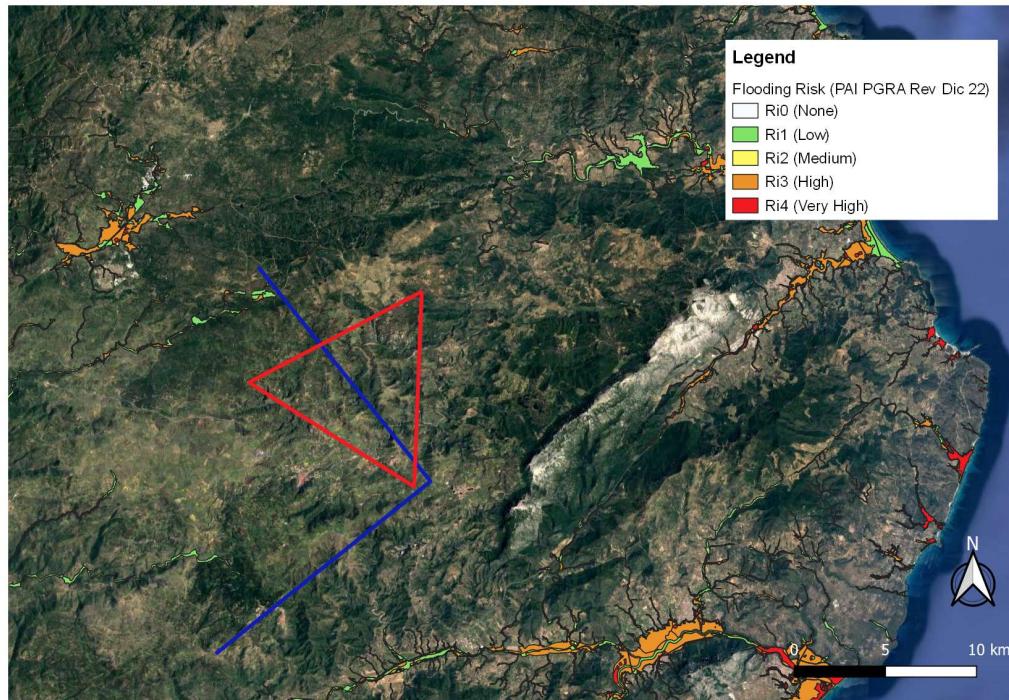
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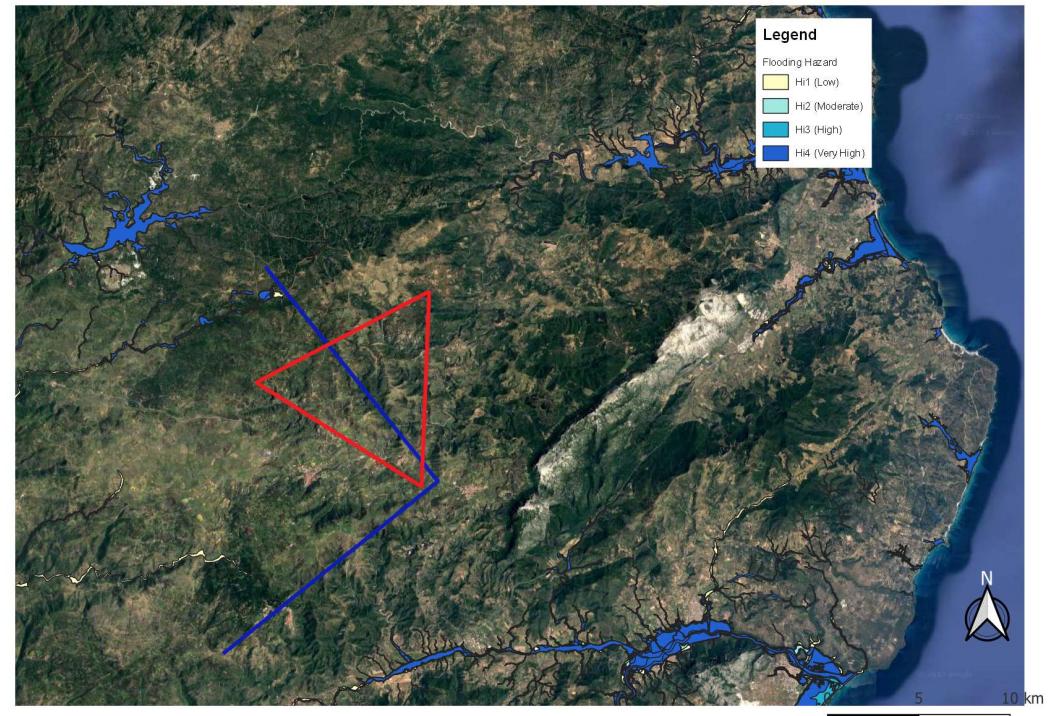
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Flooding risk



Flooding hazard





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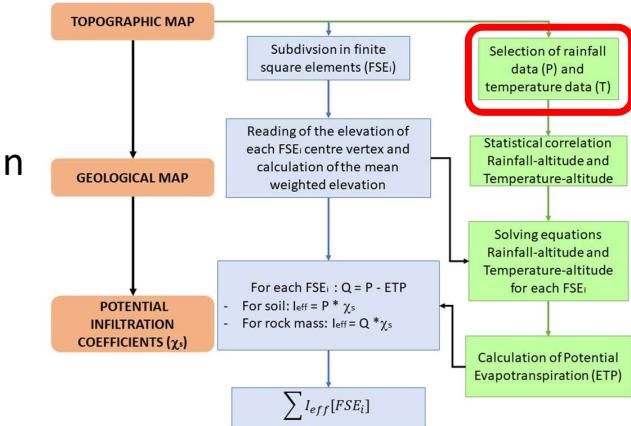
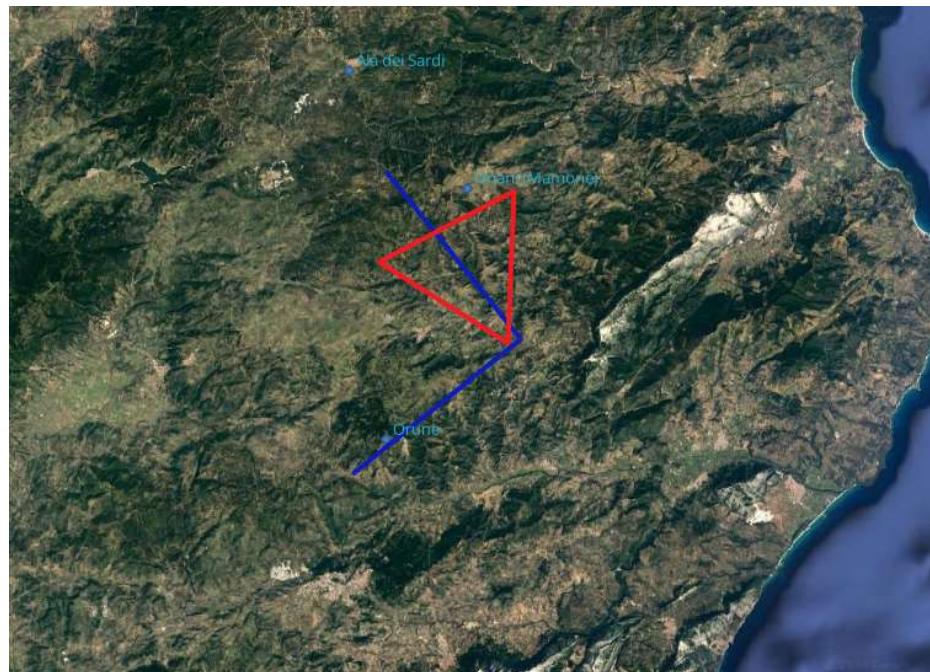


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The Rainfall and Temperature data

They have been considered, on the first, the existing meteorological station network in the surroundings of the study area.



ID	Metereological staion	E	N	Altitude(m a.s.l.)	Province
1	Alà dei Sardi	527431	4499493	665	OT
2	Onanì (Mamone)	535739	4491173	868	NU
3	Orune	530002	4473540	870	NU

25-year historical series (1997-2022) of rainfall and temperature data are considered



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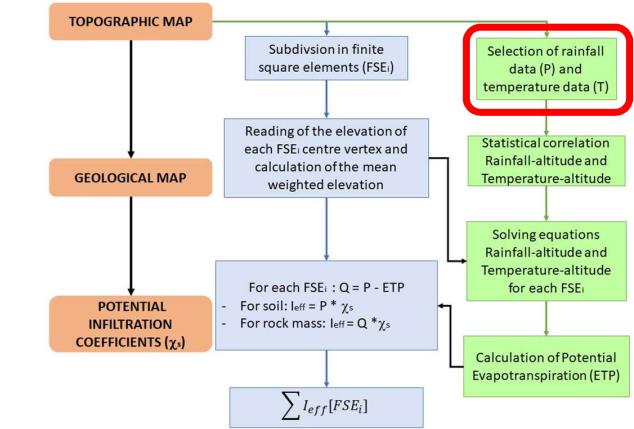
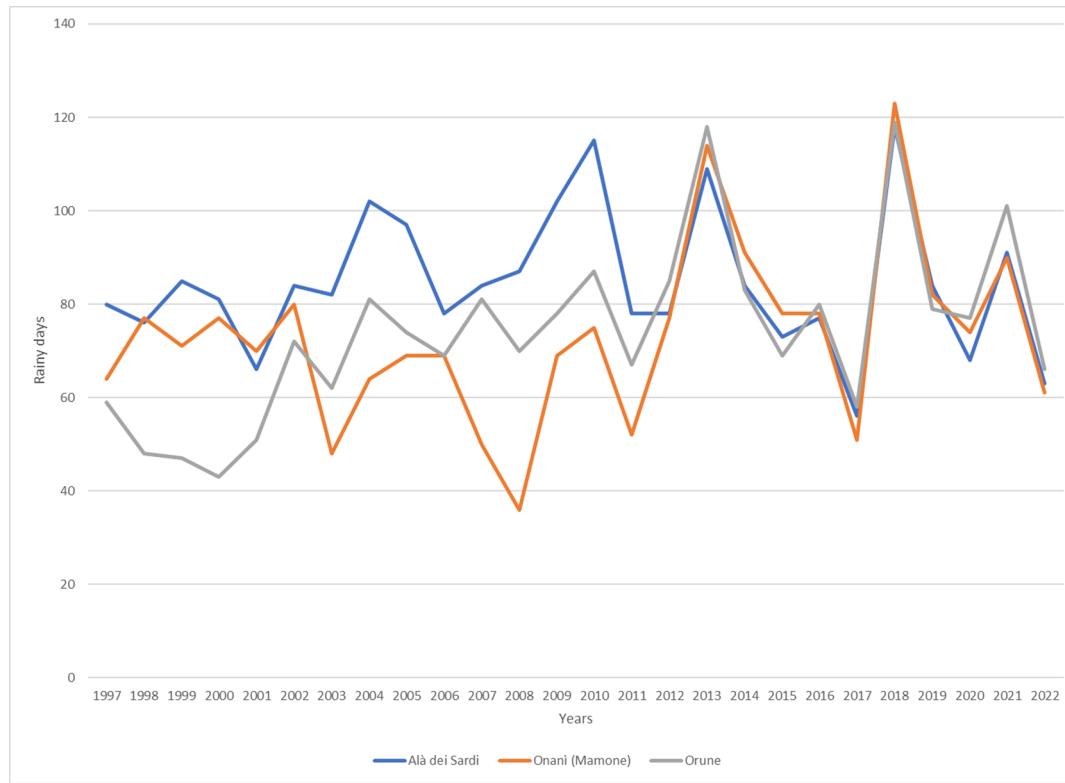
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Rainfall days distribution



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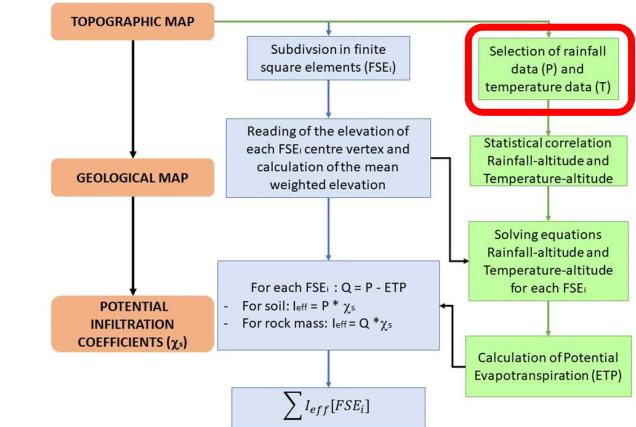
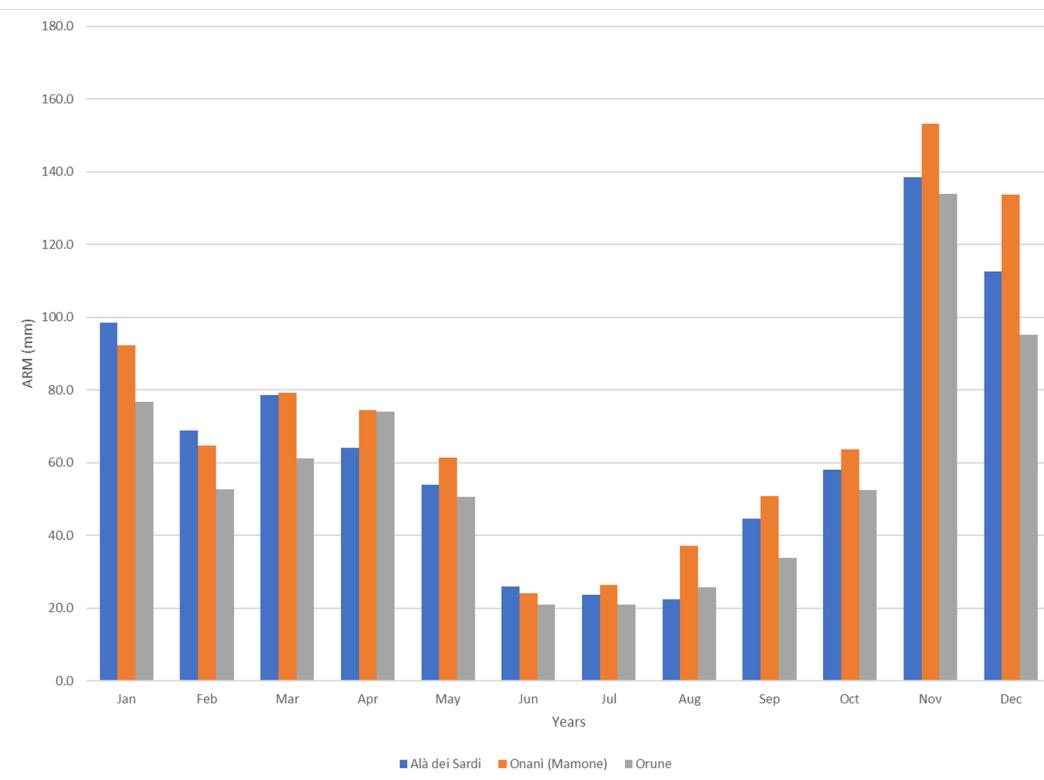
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Rainfall distribution



ID	Meteorological station	AARM (mm)
1	Alà dei Sardi	472.3
2	Onanì (Mamone)	512.0
3	Orune	412.0



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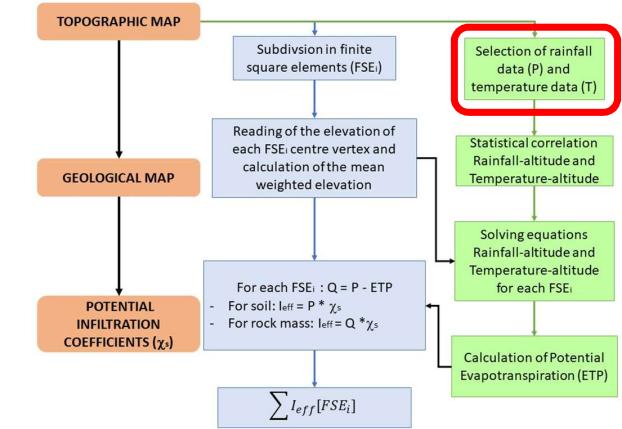
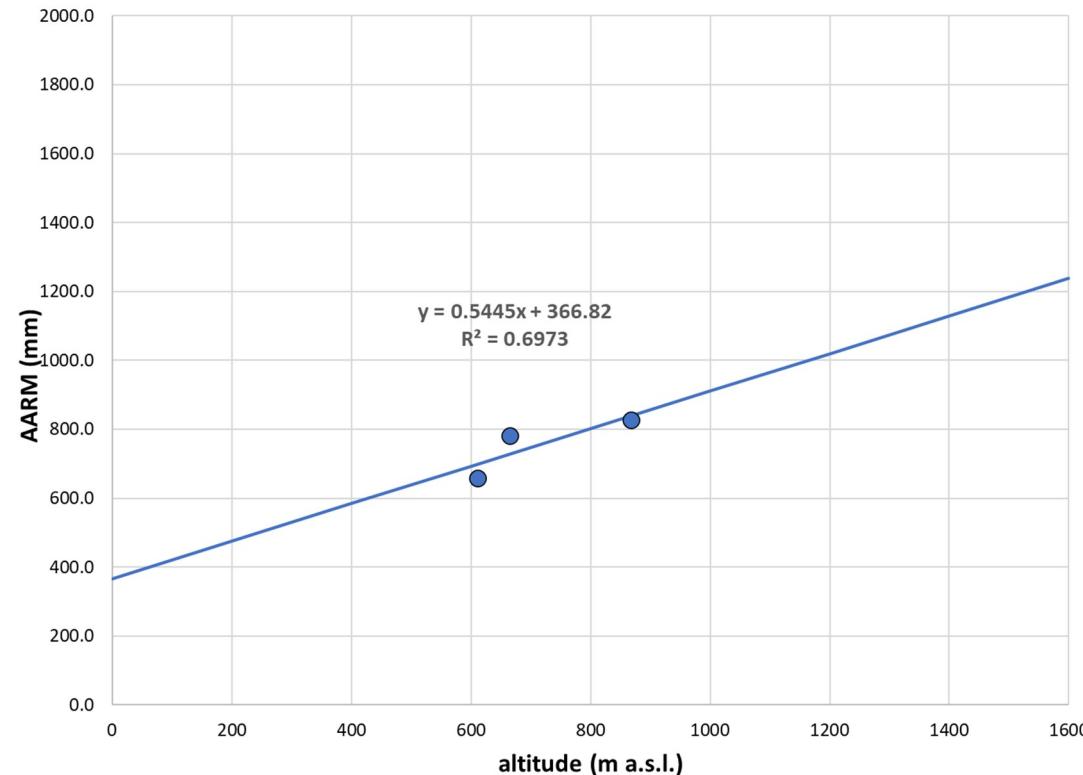
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The rainfall- altitude relationship



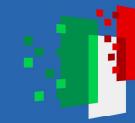
Rainfall = f (altitude)
→ AARM = f (altitude)



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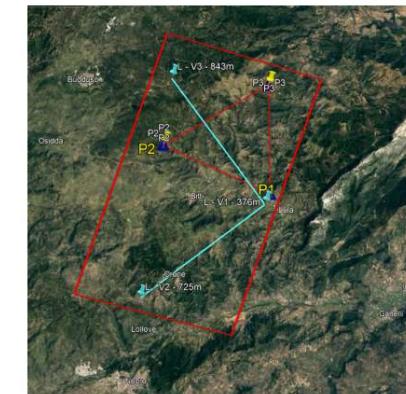
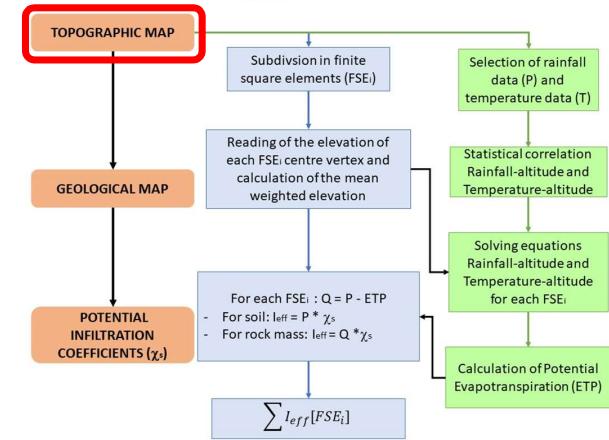
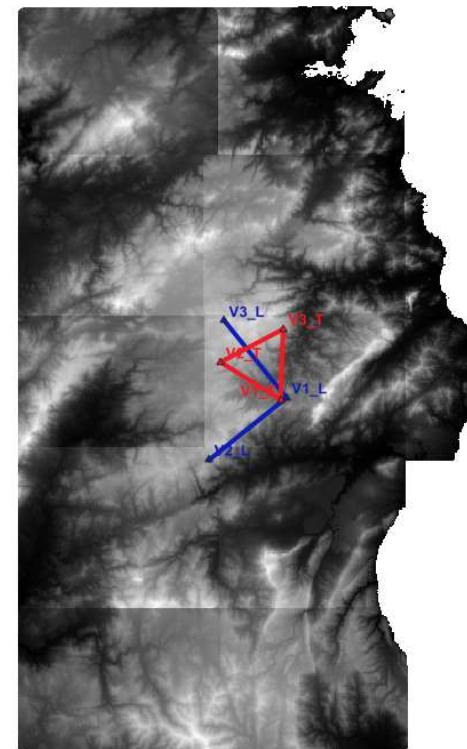
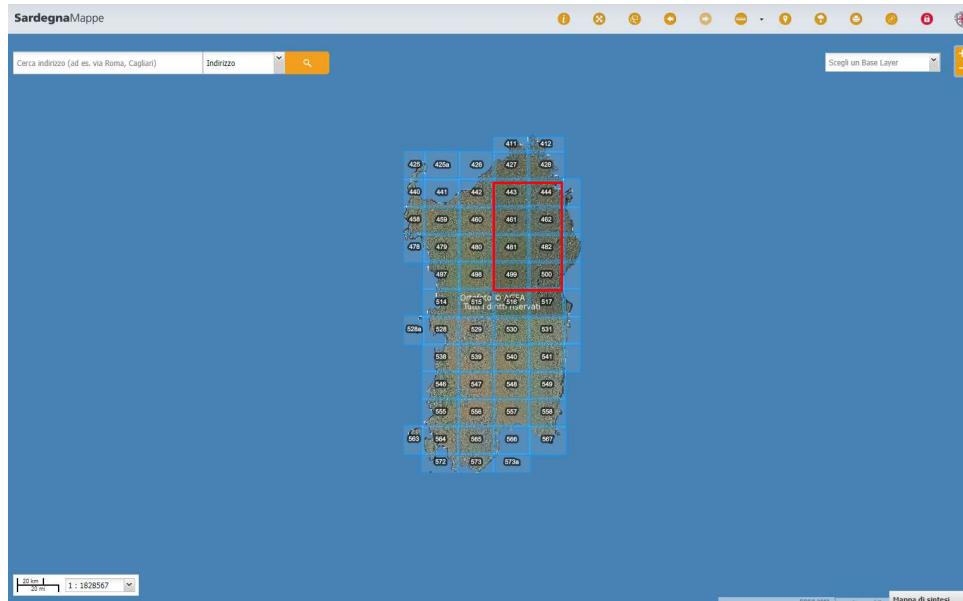


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The Inverse Hydrogeological Water Budget

10 mt DTM (source: Sardegna Geoportale)



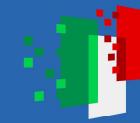
SURVEY AIRBORNE EM (15 x 25 Km)



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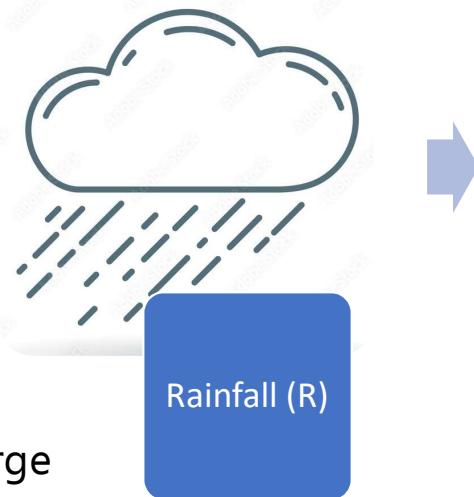


The Inverse Hydrogeological Water Budget

Next steps

Identification of the Hydrogeological basin

Discretization of the study area in Square Finite Elements (FSE)



And then:
• Recharge

