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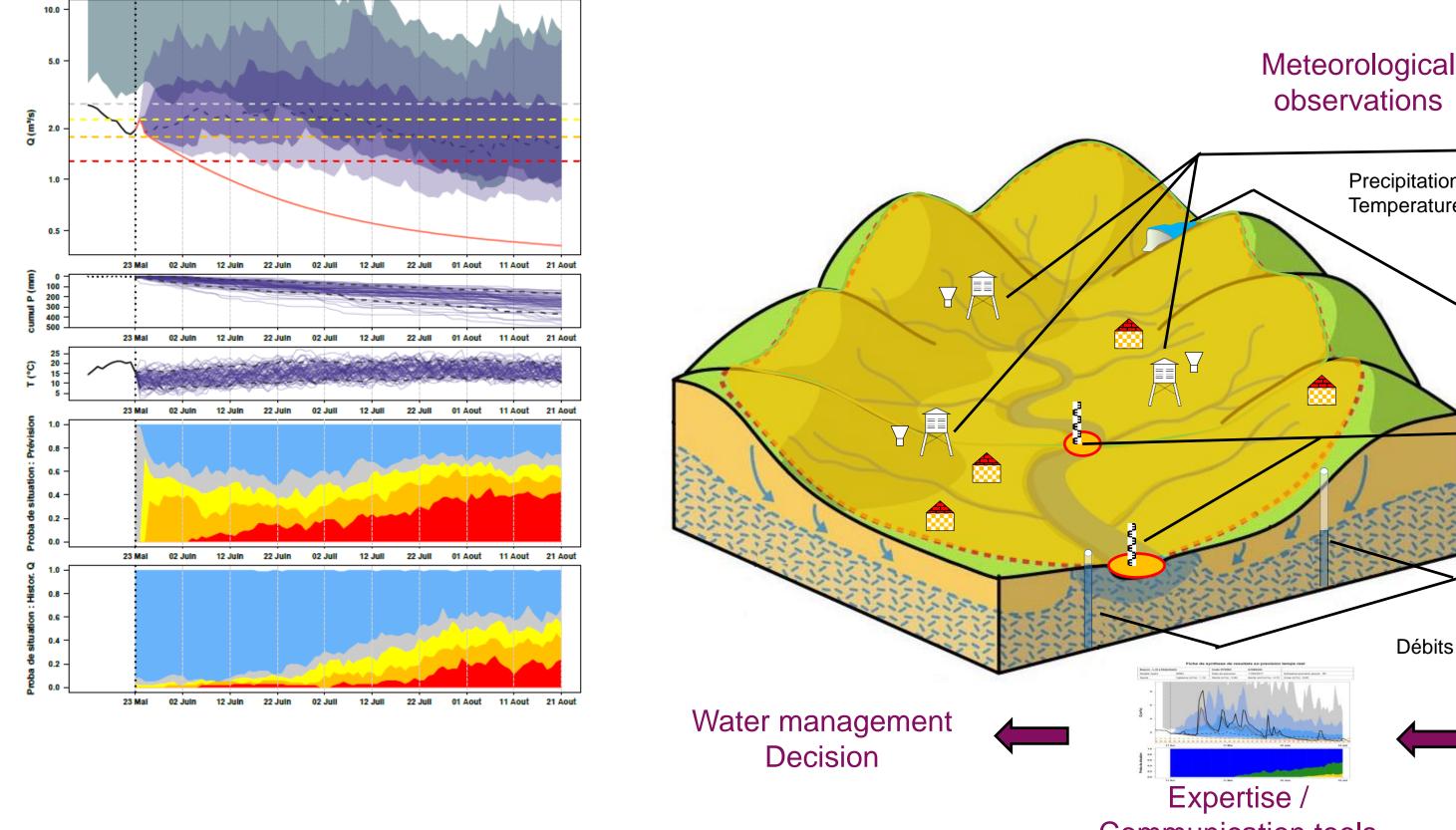


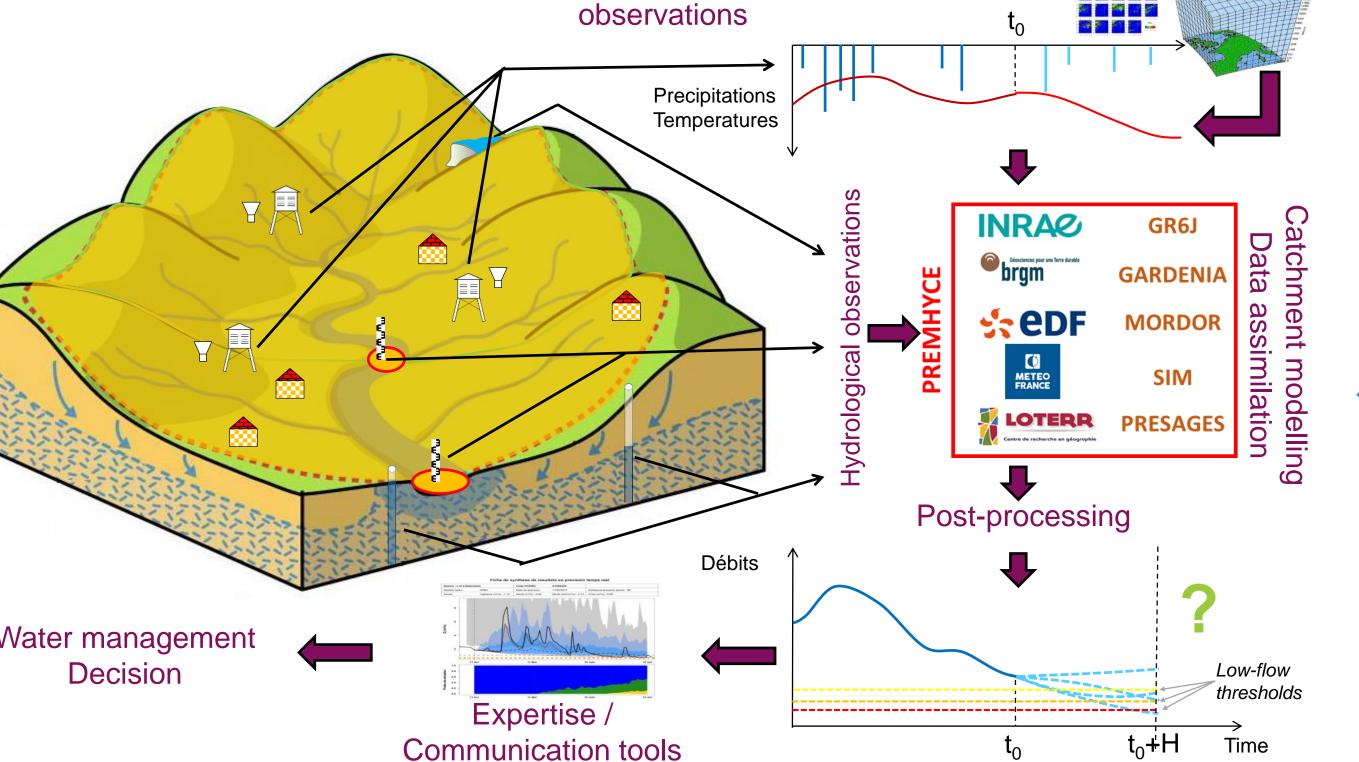
- Growing interest in extending forecast lead times to facilitate water allocation and management during droughts and low-flow events
- Need to improve integrated hydrometeorological forecasting systems, to provide seamless forecasts of future meteorological and hydrological conditions over continuous space and time scales
- In France, proof-of-concept of the PREMHYCE multi-model platform for preoperational low-flow forecasting
- Main objective of the CIPRHES project: building an efficient and integrated methodology and an online operational service for a France-wide hydrological drought and low-flow forecasting system

#### **PREMHYCE platform and outputs** PREMHYCE platform based on a multi-model approach. The level of a station (observed or forecast) is defined from the regulatory threshold if available. In the absence of regulatory thresholds statistical thresholds are flows smoothed over 3 days since 01.01.2000. The observed state is defined by the average of the flows The predicted state is defined as follows 1) The forecast flows are smoothed over 3 days in the D+1 to D+7 for ECMWF scenarios D+1 to D+31 for the SAFRAN historical climatology and 2) The probabilities of underpassing these smoothed flow 3) The state of the station is equivalent to the lowest hreshold underpassed by the median of the smoothe he evolution is defined by the difference between the oserved state and the predicted state: up, stable or down Forecast flow level Moderately low Exceptionally low No data

Hydrological multi-model forecast (90 days ahead) obtained from seasonal forecasts issued by Météo-France on 1st May 2022

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## **CIPRHES:**

- Integrated chain of low-flows and droughts hydrometeorological forecasting
- 4 years (March 2021 Feb. 2025)
- 5 partners, 263 person-months
- 27 deliverables
- Full cost: 1,800 k€; Funded by ANR: 750 k€



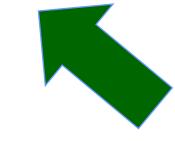
Durance River (France) downstream of the La Saulce Dam, Sept. 2019

#### **CIPRHES objective #1**

To produce efficient seamless atmospheric forecasts combining information from climatology, weather predictions and seasonal forecasts

### **CIPRHES objective #2**

To develop an integrated hydrometeorological modelling approach for short- to long-term seamless hydrological forecasts at gauged and ungauged locations



### **CIPRHES objective #5**

To design a robust and usertailored online hydrometeorological service for efficient and informative realtime low-flow forecasts

#### **CIPRHES objective #4**

To set up and apply advanced 'crash-testing' frameworks to better evaluate the performance, robustness and usefulness of lowflow forecasts

#### **CIPRHES objective #3**

To develop approaches to explicitly identify and quantify the various sources of uncertainty affecting low-flow forecasts

#### Communications linked to CIPRHES at IAHS 2022:

- ➤ El Khalfi et al., IAHS2022-623, Session 3 Low flow characterization and forecasting in a non-stationary context
- > Gbangou et al., IAHS2022-579, Session 8 Seamless meteorological forecast production and evaluation towards hydrological decision-making in France: CIPRHES project
- > Tilmant et al., IAHS2022-66, Session 10 Low-flow forecasting in France using the PREMHYCE operational platform: recent advances and perspectives

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