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# AUTOMATIC HYDROLOGIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (S.A.I.H.) OF THE EBRO BASIN



## OBJECTIVES OF THE S.A.I.H. SYSTEM

- **Forecast and management of floods**
- **Optimisation and management of water resources**
- **Surveillance of water pollution levels**
- **Increase in dam security through real-time data.**
- **Improvement of meteorological and hydrological databases (water quantity and quality).**



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## S.A.I.H. Ebro



Ebro basin

**Basin area: 85.000 Km<sup>2</sup>**

**Works beginning: year 1989**

**Works ending: year 1997**

**Investment: 74.525.000 euros  
(91.600.000 \$ USD)**



## **S.A.I.H Ebro Description**

**The S.A.I.H structure comprises three hierarchic levels:**

- Control point or remote station (E.R.)(354)**
- Concentration point (P.C.)(14)**
- Basin Processing Centre (C.P.C.)**



## BASIN PROCESSING CENTER (CPC)

Management of:



- A. Incidents generated by the S.A.I.H. Network itself.
- B. Incidents related to operations of the “Confederación Hidrográfica del Ebro” (CHE).

This service works 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.



## S.A.I.H Ebro Network Topology

S.A.I.H Ebro includes 354 remote stations:

**64 dams**

**117 flow gauges in rivers**

**114 flow gauges in canals**

**53 rain gauges**

**6 water quality sensors**



**And 98 radio repeater stations.**



## How S.A.I.H Ebro works:

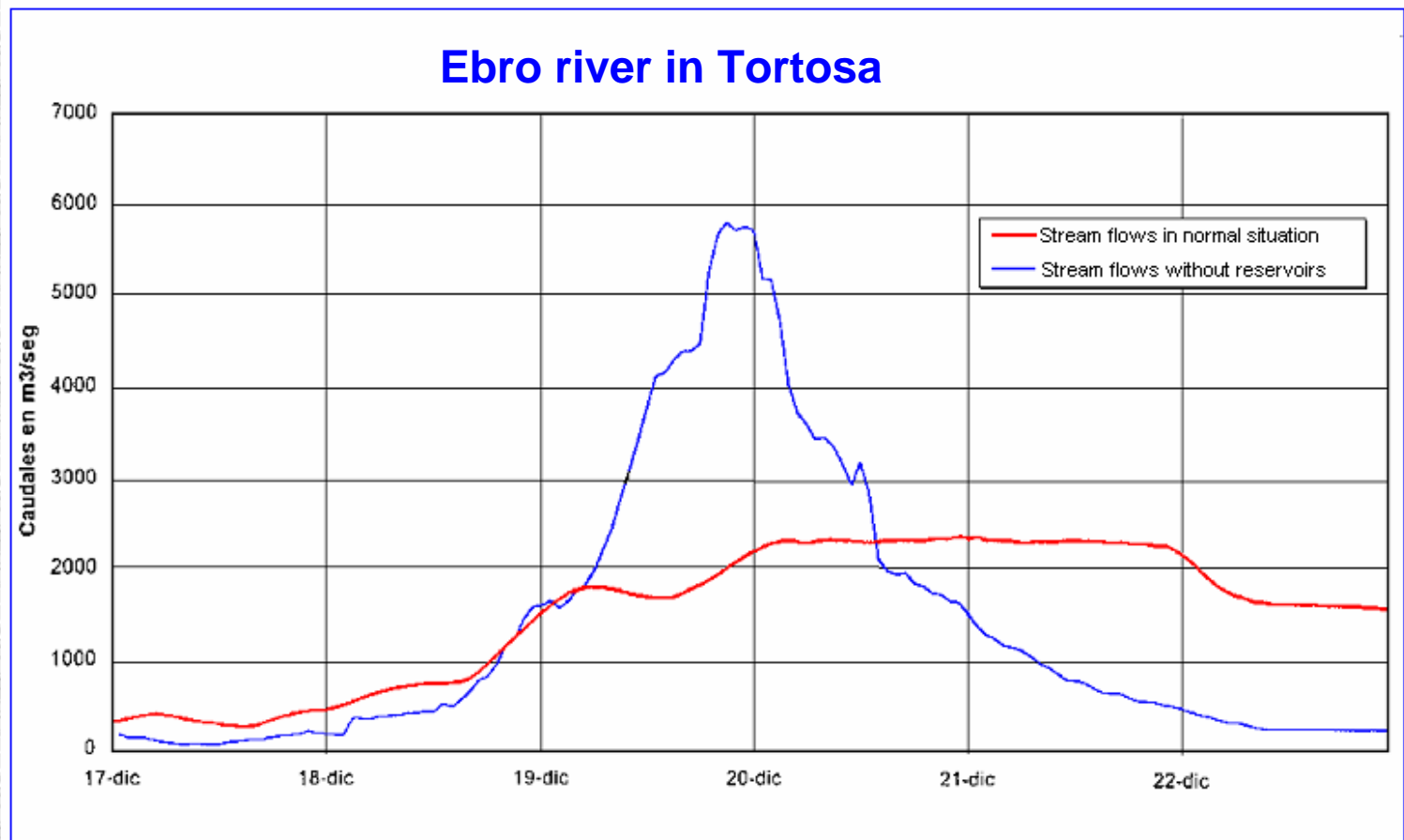
- Remote stations collect and process the sensorized data.
- Concentration points receive data from the remote stations every 15 minutes.
- Concentration points transmit the stored data to the Basin Processing Centre.





# EXAMPLES OF FLOOD LAMINATION

December 17 - 22th, 1996





## Conclusions

- **Very useful in extreme situations thanks to the real time data collection system:**
  - ⇒ It allows the adoption of optimised dam operation policies
- **Repayed investment: Lamination floods decreases the cost of damages.**
- **Essential tool for water resources management**



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S.A.I.H Network is  
on the Internet since  
November 2002

[www.saihebro.com](http://www.saihebro.com)



The objectives of the S.A.I.H web are:

- Giving access to S.A.I.H real time data to:
  - ✓ The “Confederación Hidrográfica del Ebro” staff.
  - ✓ Companies, Universities, farmer communities, media, individuals, etc.
- Spreading S.A.I.H information on the Internet.



### 3. Available information on the website

There are two kinds of information:

- **General information** : every user may consult real-time data every hour.
- **Specific information (only registered users)** : In addition to general information, some users can have access to further information (real-time data every 15 minutes and historical data).



## Available information for users

<b>Reservoirs</b>	<b>Rivers</b>	<b>Channels</b>	<b>Rainfall gauges</b>
Level	Level	Level	Rain
Volume	Flow	Flow	
% of capacity			
Flow out of reservoirs			

Website data is updated every hour.

Databases store the last 7 days of collected information.



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# Ebro River Basin Decision Support System SAD

**A Real Time Flood Forecasting System**



# Ebro river basin Decision Support System (SAD)

## Objectives:

- Providing an operational flood forecasting and management tool for the Ebro basin.
- Assisting the flood management decision-making process by simulating different dam operations.





## MODEL INPUTS:

### 1.- Real time collected data from SAIH remote stations:

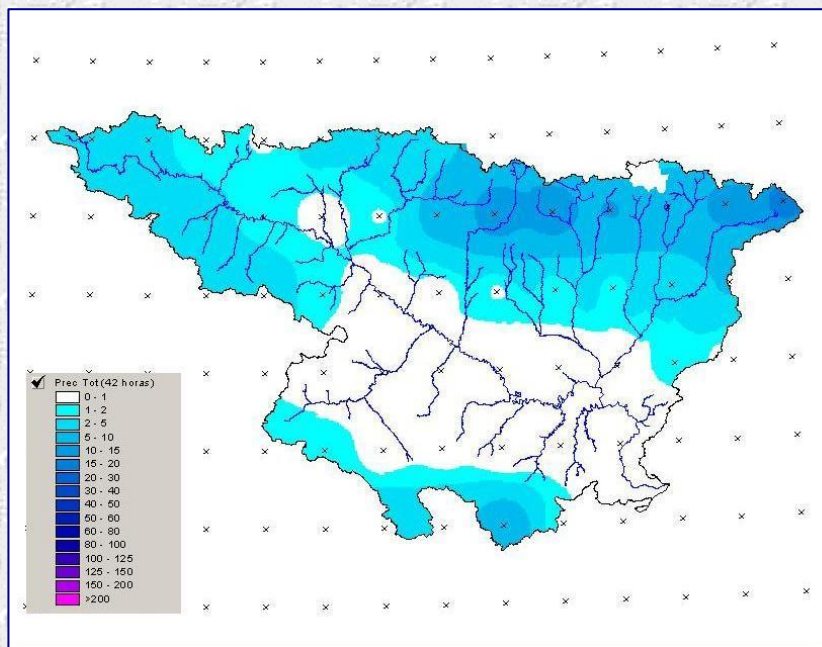
Precipitation, temperature, stream flows ,reservoirs levels and outflows.



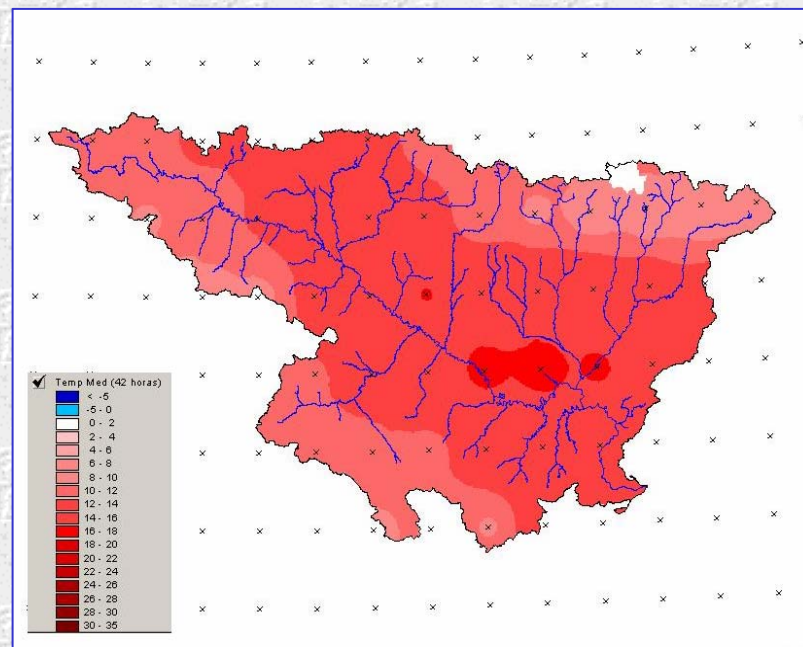


## MODEL INPUTS:

### 2.- Rainfall and temperature forecast for the next 48 hours (provided from the Meteorological National Institute)



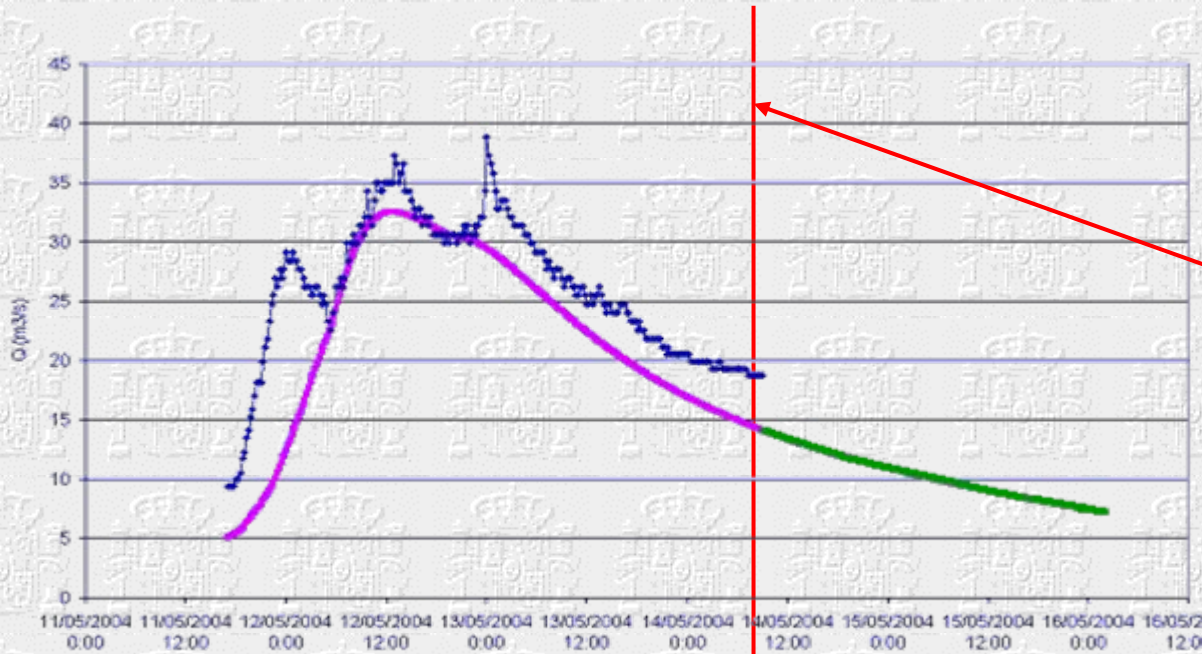
48 hours rainfall forecast map for  
the 26 May 04



48 hours temperature forecast map  
for the 26 May 04



# HOW SIMULATIONS WORKS?



Time of forecasting

— Simulated flows from SAIH measured data

— Simulated flows from predicted rainfall in 48 hours

- By using:
- Measured rain, \* temperature (as inputs for the hydrologic models )
  - Hydrologic and hydraulic models
  - Observed flows for comparison and updating routine

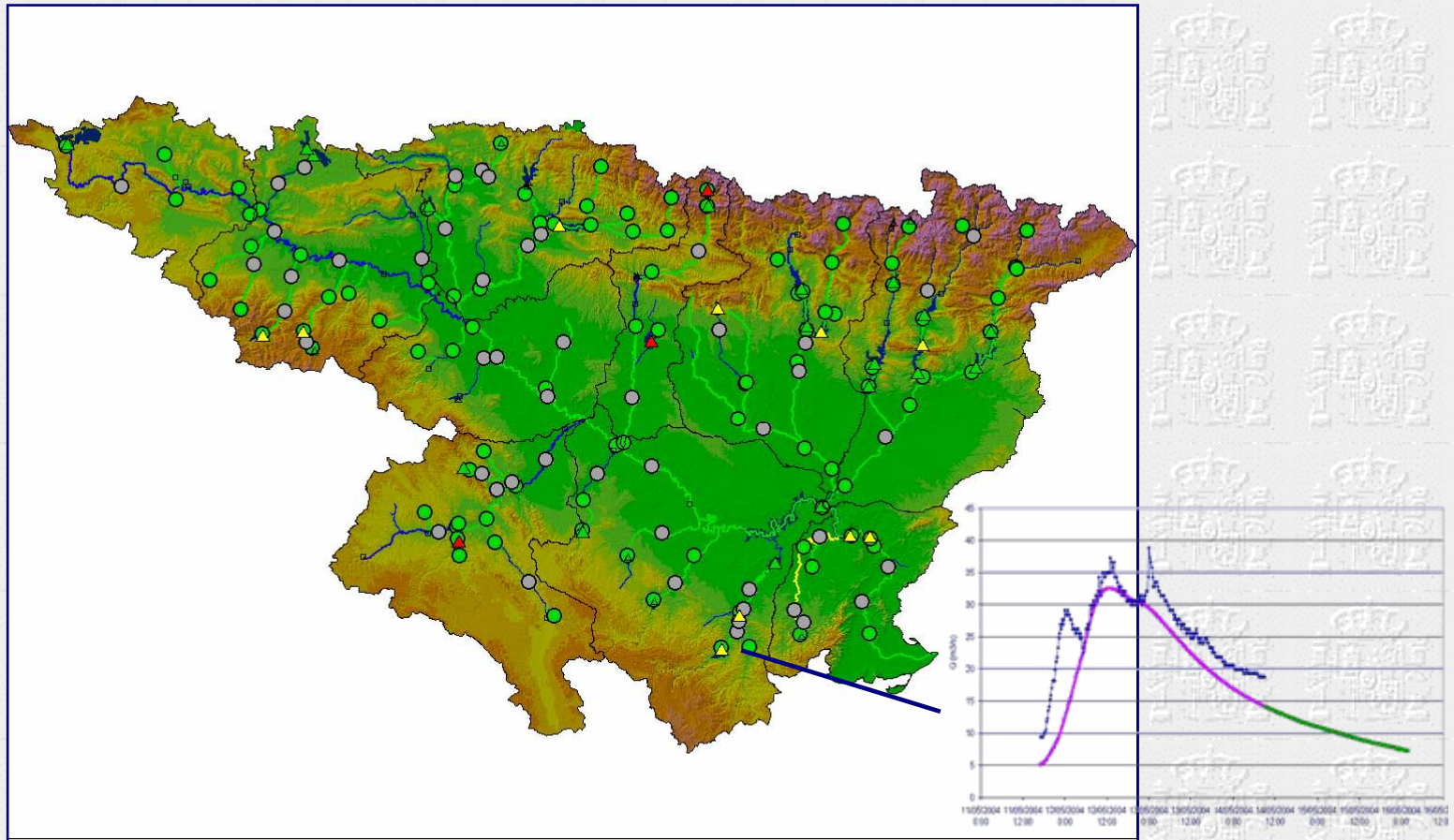
- By using:
- Forecast of rainfall and \* temperature (as inputs for the hydrologic models)
  - Hydrologic and hydraulic models

\* Only for snow basins



## MODEL OUTPUTS:

- 1.- Forecasted levels and flows in river gauge stations
- 2.- Forecasted flows in other interesting points.

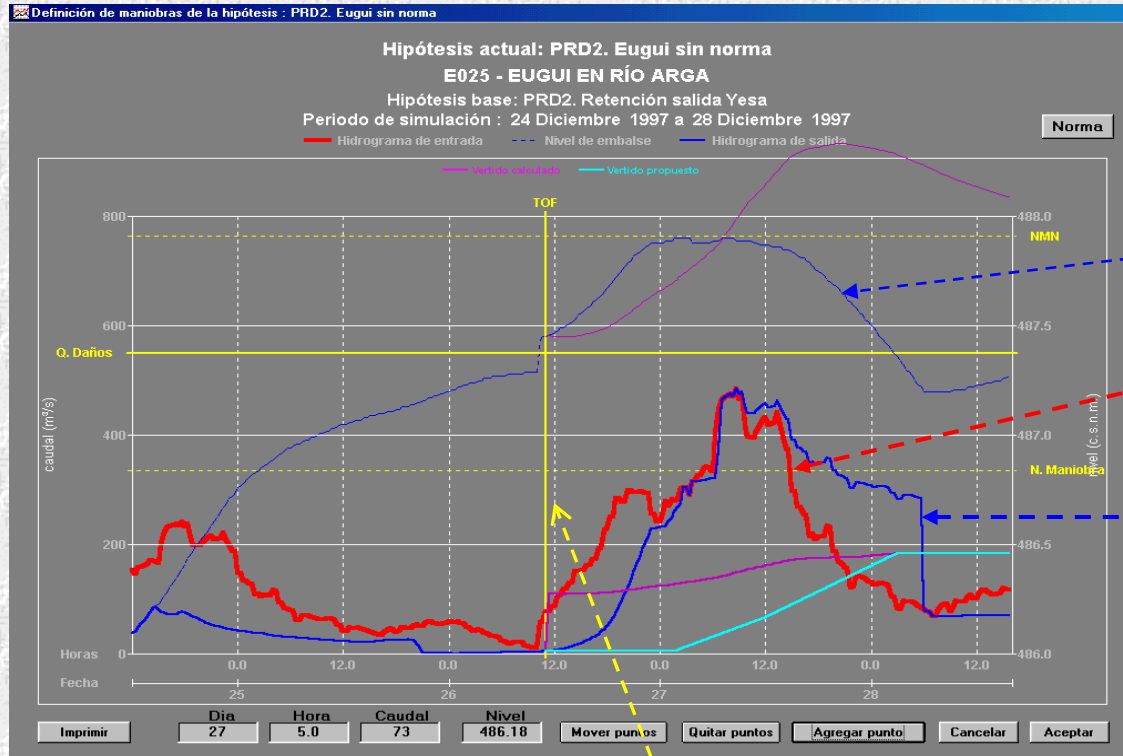




## MODEL OUTPUTS:

3.- Future reservoir inflows and outflows.

4.- Future reservoir levels.



Reservoirs levels

Reservoirs inflows

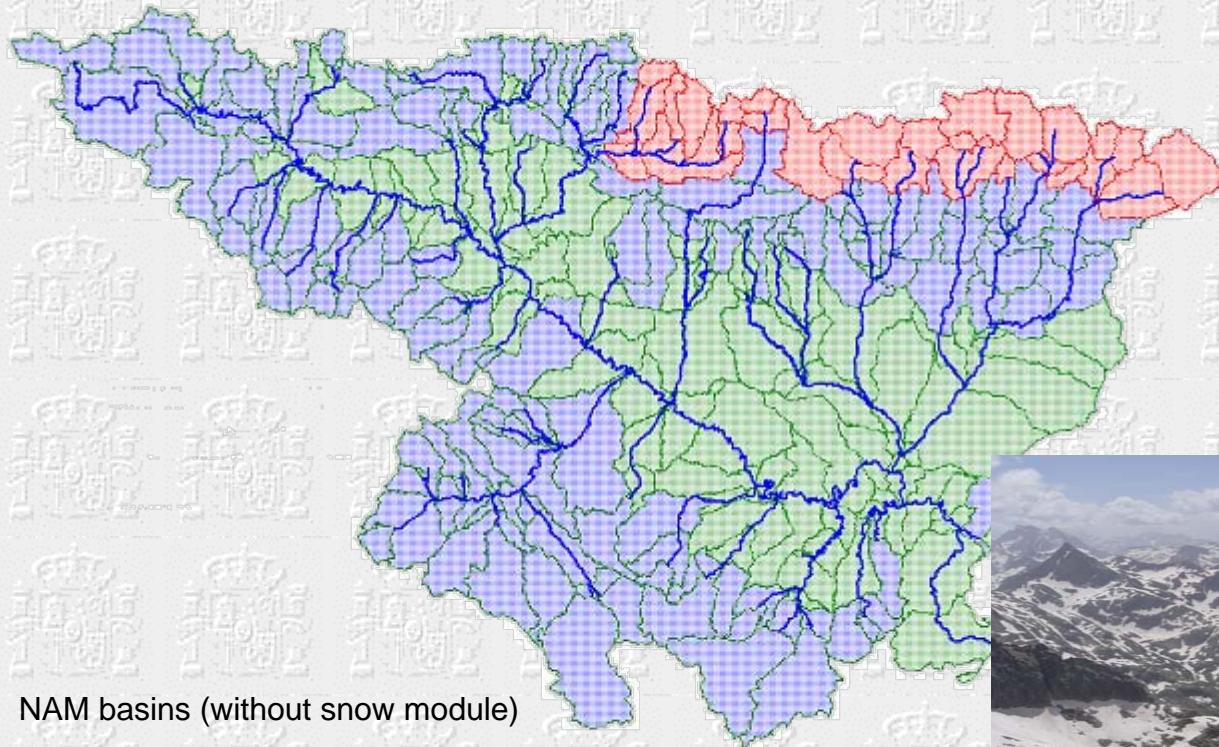
Reservoirs outflows




Time of forecasting



## MODEL OUTPUTS:

### 5.- Snow package and derived flows from the snowmelt in 183 basins.



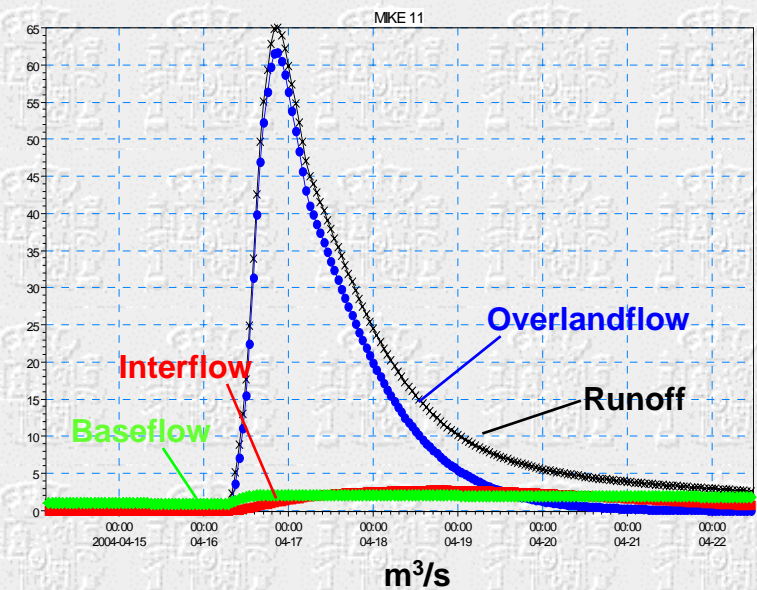
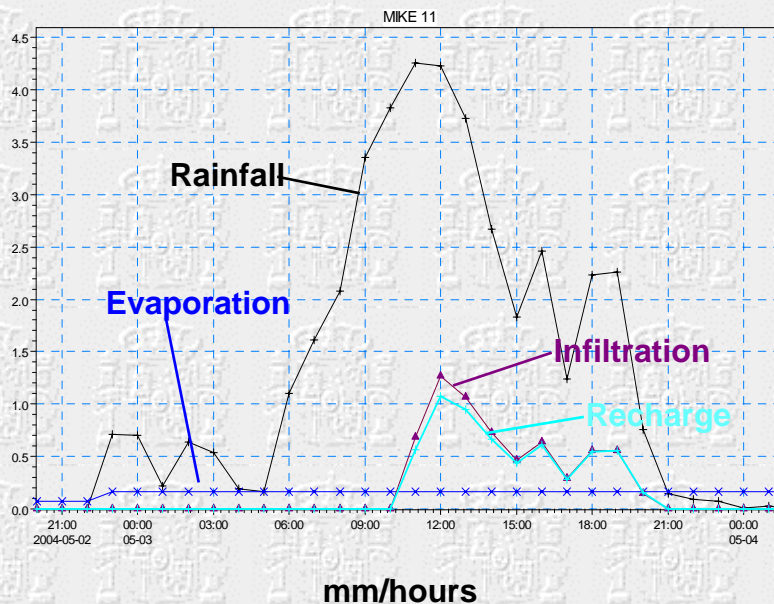
-  NAM basins (without snow module)
-  NAM basins (with snow module)
-  ASTER basins (with snow module)





## MODEL OUTPUTS:

**6.-The hydrologic status of the Ebro basin: components of hydrologic cycle such as evaporation, infiltration, interflow, baseflow, overlandflow ,water store in the different deposits...**



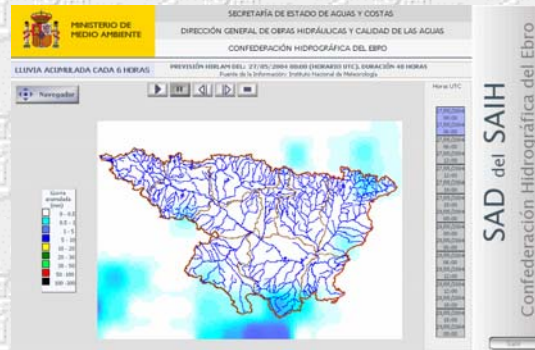


# WEBSITE OF SAD:

Restricted users can consult the results of the SAD system simulation:



Forecasted flows in river gauge stations and other interesting points



Animated maps of rainfall forecasting



Evolution of the forecasted rainfall throughout the simulation period



The comparison between observed and predicted rainfall