

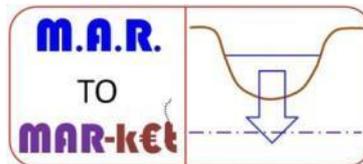
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Practical technical solutions for Managed Aquifer Recharge facilities

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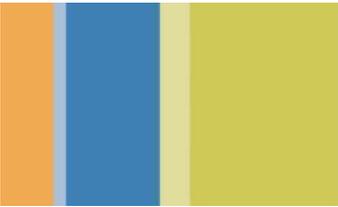
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TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS FOR
MANAGED AQUIFER RECHARGE

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INTRODUCTION

**ADOPTION OF SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS
IN DIFFERENT MANAGED AQUIFER RECHARGE (MAR)
EXPERIENCES AROUND THE WORLD, IN ORDER TO:**

- INCREASE THE RATE OF INFILTRATION**
- INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
EXISTING FACILITIES**
- CREATING DESIGN CRITERIA FOR FUTURE
ONES**

“PROBLEM-SOLUTION” BINOMIALS BASED ON:

- ENGINEERING CRITERIA**
- RISK ASSESSMENT**
- ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

MARSOL INVENTORY FOR MAR FACILITIES

H	SYSTEM	MAR DEVICE	LOGO	FIGURE	PHOTO	LEGEND	1: Lavrion, Greece	2: Algarve and Alentejo, Portugal	3: Los Arenales, Spain			4: Lobregat River, Spain	5: River Brenta, Italy	6: Serchio River, Italy	7: Menashe, Israel	8: South Malta, Malta	
									SANTIUSTE	CARRACILLO	ALCAZAREN						
DISPERSE	1	INFILTRATION PONDS/WETLANDS				Artificial wetland to recharge in Sanchón, Coca, Arenales aquifer			✓	✓							
	2	CHANNELS AND INFILTRATION DITCHES				Artificial recharge channel of the Basin of Santiuste, Segovia, Spain, operative since 2002.			✓	✓	✓						
	3	RIDGES/SOIL AND AQUIFER TREATMENT TECHNIQUES				Furrows at the bottom of an infiltration pond in Santiuste basin (Arenales)			✓								
	4	INFILTRATION FIELDS (FLOOD AND CONTROLLED SPREADING)				Infiltration field in Carracillo, Arenales aquifer				✓							
	5	ACCIDENTAL RECHARGE BY IRRIGATION RETURN				Artificial recharge by irrigation return. Extremadura, Spain. Photo: Tragsa			✗	✗	✗						
	6	BOFEDALES WETLANDS				Bofedales (Colombia)			✗	✗	✗						
CHANNELS	7	RESERVOIR DAMS AND DAMS				Artificial recharge dam in Arenales. Segovia, Spain.			✓	✓	✓						
	8	PERMEABLE DAMS				Permeable dam in Huesca, Spain. Photo: Tragsatec.			✗	✗	✗						
	9	LEVEES				Levees in Santa Ana river, Orange County, California, USA. Photo: A. Hutchinson.			✗	✗	✗						
	10	RIVERBED SCARIFICATION				Scarification at Besós riverbed, Barcelona, Spain. Photo: J. Armenter.			✗	✗	✗						
	11	SUB-SURFACE/UNDERGROUND DAMS				Sub-surface dam in Kitui, Kenya. Photo: Sander de Haas.			✗	✗	✗						
	12	DRILLED DAMS				Drilled dam: Lanjarón, Granada, Spain. Photo: Tragsatec.			✗	✗	✗						

PROPOSAL FOR TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS TO BE APPLIED IN ANALOGOUS SCENERIES

SOME TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS (DESIGNING)

- **Micro-topography** studies
- Pipelines connecting a river and the quaternary aquifer without any pumping (**passive** system)
- Possibility of **electricity** supply
- **Control of the aquifer base level** by means of a dam to get a higher groundwater level in the wells (water level about 2 meters over expected)
- **Pumping cost savings** until **48 %** in about 100 wells
- **MAR water pre-treatment** (at heading and intermediate filters)
- **pH control** by means of mudstone gravel filters
- High efficiency of old **wells connected** to the MAR system (reuse)

“ do not close a well, reuse it”

(invisible MAR structure connected to canals or to infiltration ponds)



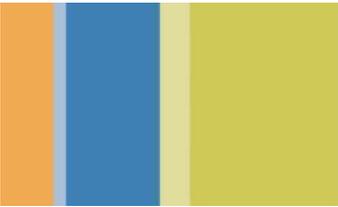
Mustien gravel filters



Dam controlling the aquifer base level



Well connected to the MAR canal



OPERATIVITY TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS

- Avoid gas clogging (cascading effect, water shaking...)
- Avoid over-spilling controlling valves and spillways
- Pay attention to the “alert depth”, recommended 1,5 m
- Avoid water thickness in infiltration ponds over 140 cm
- Manual management depending on rainfall and freezing conditions
- Maximum infiltration rates (%) with flow rates about 200 L/s in canals
- Ploughing infiltration ponds bottom (80 cm)



Water thickness controlled in ponds



Avoid gas clogging in the aquifer

MANAGEMENT TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS

MAR Well used for water management



- Aquifer as a huge water store and a pipeline
- Surface deposits (for zones with very low sand thickness)
- Fishbone pipelines according to the aquifer properties
- Wells used as water stores in low permeability areas
- Wells drilled in aquifer drainage areas
- Users / use registry
- Minimize perching flow rates from the superficial to the depth aquifer
- Users management in order to improve the effectiveness

Stagnation system in infiltration ponds



Stagnation system in the heading



10- Tests in channels with geofabrics



6-8 Hydric restoration of wetlands by means of MAR techniques



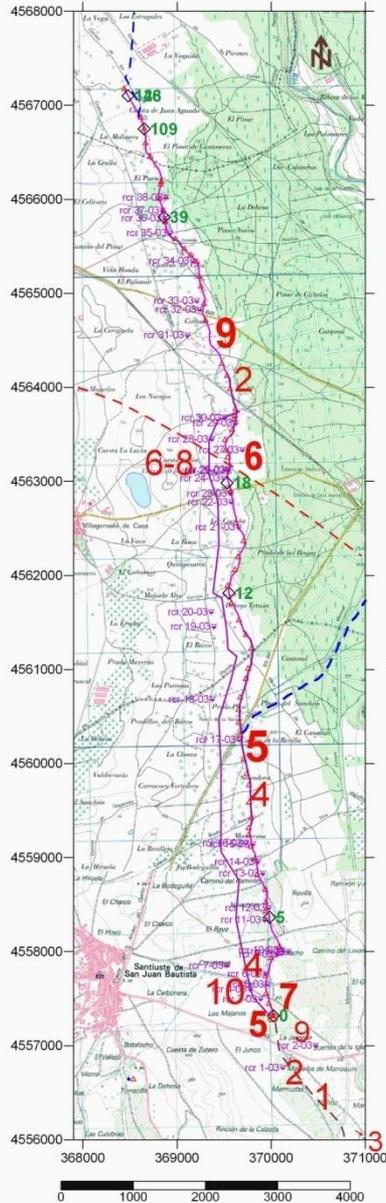
4- High diameter MAR well



2- Pipes sealed across MAR zones



1- Pipe installation in sand soil



9- Improvement of MAR boreholes designs



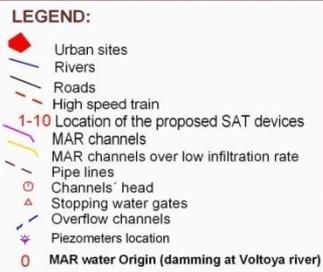
7- Furrows designs for infiltration ponds



5- Stopping devices affected by cascading effect



3- RBF system besides a dam



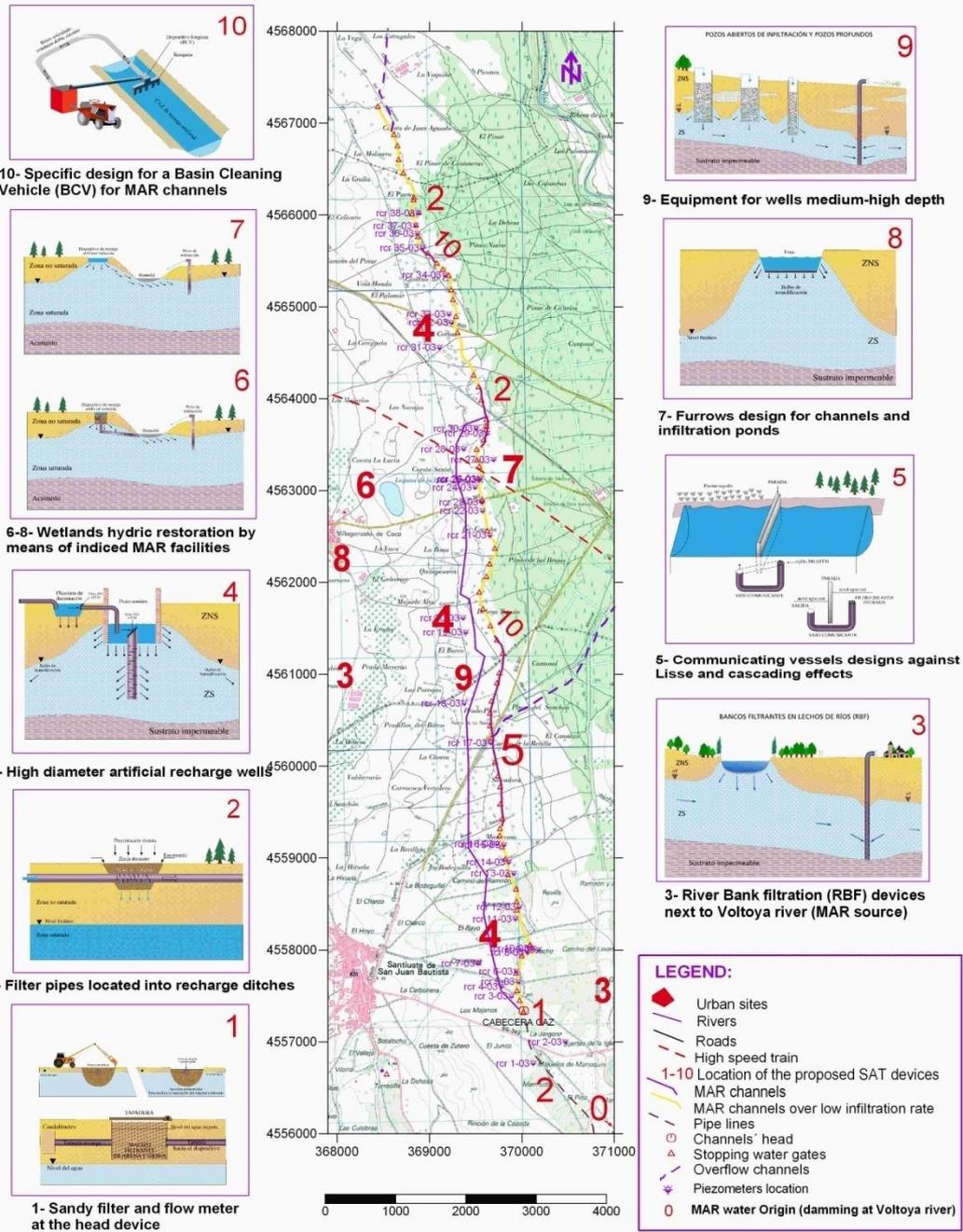
Steps forwards a higher water management efficiency for irrigation

- 1- Pretreatment filters
- 2- Invisible conductions
- 3- Valves for manual management
- 4- Wells without gas clogging /clay
- 5- Ideas to avoid cascading effect (gas clogging)
- 7- How to increase water salinity for salt lakes restoration
- 8- Ponds and canals with bottom ploughed and stable slopes
- 9- Wells reused
- 10- Modify the morphology of the canals and ponds, and design specific cleaning techniques

**SANTIUSTE BASIN MAR FACILITIES
OPERATIVE PROBLEMS DETECTED**

Some solutions proposed for the environmental impacts and dysfunctions have involved several years of research and progressive improvements:

- 1-2. Recharge devices inserted into pipes for MAR "in itinere"
- 3. New boreholes drilled related to MAR facilities
- 4. The newly constructed artificial recharge wells with decanters and filters
- 5. Communicating vessels below stopping devices to avoid gas clogging
- 6-7. Devices have been designed for the induced modification of the quality of artificial recharge waters destined for environmental purposes
- 8. Ploughed furrows 80cm equidistant ridges have provided higher infiltration values
- 9- wells with specific designs
- 10. In order to improve cleaning and maintenance operations, a specific Basin Cleaning Vehicle (BCV) has been designed



SANTIUSTE BASIN. SAT TECHNIQUES AND STRUCTURAL DESIGNS APPLIED

COROLLARY OF SAT TECHNIQUES FROM OTHER MAR EXPERIENCES

There have been distinguished **four sorts of operations**:

- applied to water from its original source (in both quantity and quality)
- to the receiving medium (in both soil and aquifer)
- to the combination of all of them
- management parameters plus cleaning and maintenance operations

Recharge water (quantity)

- **Temporary storage** in surface reservoirs
- Control of the **flow velocity** of recharged Waters
- **Avoid** operations in **freezing weather /season /cycles**
- Use of thermostatic cameras/chambers
- **Selective criteria at origin**
- **Cleaning and maintenance**



Recharge water (quality)

- **Preselecting:** selective criteria for the origin of recharge waters: **Filtering and decantation waters**, etc (membranes, mud lines, filters, packets?)
- **Overflow/run-off** tramps and decantation structures and stagnation structures
- Anticorrosion **devices**
- **Design** and preservation of **slope** (rubble works, gabions...)
- **Design of channel bottoms** (furrows), use of geofabrics
- **Limitation of the water layer height: Pretreating type *DBP* (*Disinfection by Products*):** Cl₂, I, O₃, H₂O₂, UV rays, etc.
- Cleaning **vegetation** during AR / Specific plantation during summer season
- **Avoid aeration** on AR waters: communicating vessels, open structures, velocity / reduce the speed of waters in channels
- **De-aeration** using piezometers, increase distance between injection-extraction points
- **Dual systems:** Algae drying, natural bed drying, cryotreating, cracking (cake), scarification of silting zones and cleaning /replacement
- **Isolation** from atmosphere/sunlight
- **Specific fishes (e.g. *medaka*).**
- **Filtering beds and chemical additives**, to eliminate clogging layers
- Avoid recycling effect
- **Denitrification** (e.g. annamox): irrigation / watering tuning the deep of pump placement
- **Avoid natural salinization:** Induced recharge. Barriers in salty areas



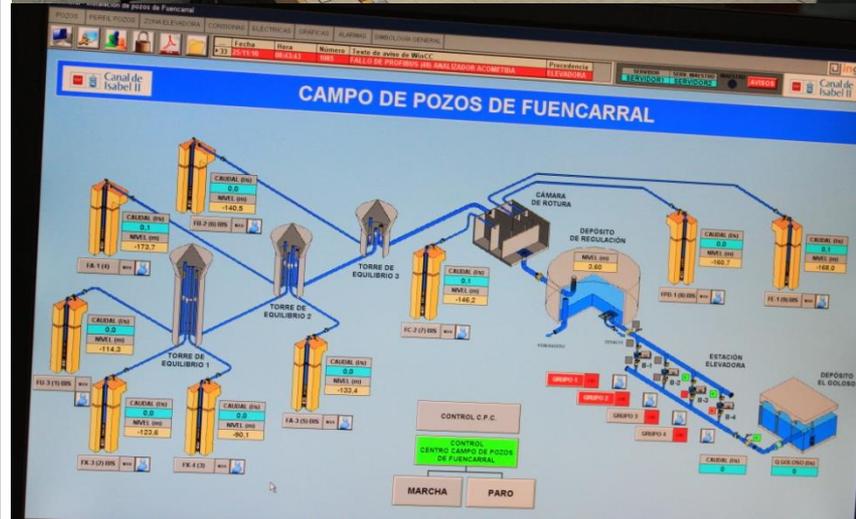
Receiving medium (soil and aquifer)

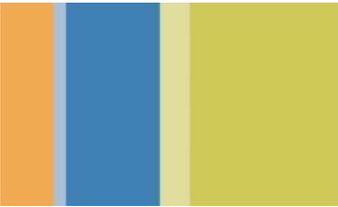


- **Pre-treating of water for MAR**
- **Natural drying** of bed, and cracking
- **Cryotreating**
- Use of **dual systems** allowing cleaning of one of them whilst the other is operating
- **Inverse pumping** in wells pits close to canal
- **Alternate normal and inverse pumping**
- **Backwashing** in geo fabrics, membranes and filters
- **Use of jet type** cleaning techniques
- Mechanical (wall brushing and scratching) and chemical (use of chemical additives) techniques for the **regeneration** for recharge **wells**
- **Cleaning** techniques with the highest possible frequency
- **Injection well daily pumping**
- **Use of Basic Cleaning Vehicles (BCVs)**

Management/good Practices/ use criteria and codes

- Choosing the most adequate period & place
- Initiate 'soft' MAR cycles
- Input flow and speed control
- **Monitoring chemical properties** of MAR water during recharge cycles
- Use of **protection devices** for fauna and people
- Early adoption of the **best available techniques**
- Design and adoption of a proper Watching and **Control Program**
- Specific protocol for **clogging control**
- Protocol for proper **hydro-mechanical** aspects in space and time
- **Integral systems**: all elements are interconnected
- Limit fertilizers
- **Promote participation of farmers** in water management
- Installation of adapted waste water treatment plants and decrease untreated spilling
- **Protected perimeter**
- **Public use regulation** * Modificado de Fernández Escalante, 2005





CONCLUSIONS

- NEGATIVE **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS** FROM MAR ACTIVITIES **CAN BE RESOLVED**. MANY OF THESE BY ADOPTING SAT TECHNIQUES, NEW STRUCTURAL DESIGNS AND CHANGES TO MANAGEMENT PARAMETERS
- THE MAJORITY OF IMPACTS DETECTED CORRESPOND TO **CLOGGING** PROCESSES, EXCESSIVE INTAKE OF **AIR** INTO THE AQUIFER AND LIMITED **PRE-TREATMENT OF THE RECHARGE WATER**
- THE DESIGN CHANGES AND **MANAGEMENT PARAMETERS MUST BE CREATED “A LA CARTE”**, DEPENDING ON THE CLIMATE AND CHARACTERISTICS OF EACH SYSTEM
- A **COROLLARY** HAS BEEN PROPOSED WITH THE AIM TO PRESENT A SERIES OF OPTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN IMPLEMENTING A SOLUTION (**DSS INSTRUMENT**)
- THE **PROCESS IS OPENED**. EACH IMPROVEMENT APPLIED BECOMES A NEW ELEMENT TO IMPROVE
- **FRUGAL INNOVATION**: INGENUITY AT WORK IN ADVERSITY, FOR DOING MORE WITH LESS:
 1. *KEEP IT SIMPLE*
 2. *DO NOT REINVENT THE WHEEL*
 3. *THINK HORIZONTALLY*

JUGAAD SOLUTIONS



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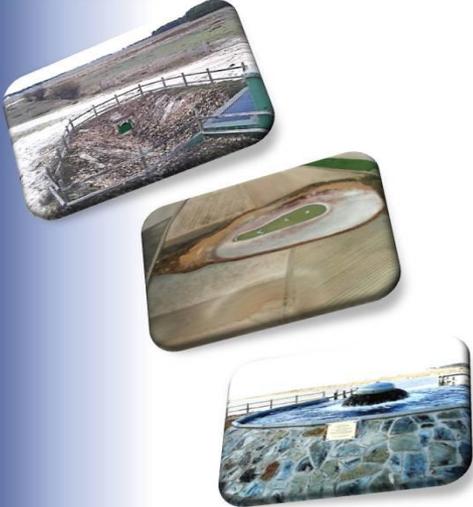
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