

Large quantities of water are often lost as surface runoff, river discharge, discharge of treated and untreated wastewater, and as discharge of excess water from various sources during periods of low demand. This water can, in principle, be used for the controlled re-filling of exploited aquifers by artificial recharge, referred to as Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR).

Objectives of EU FP7 INNO-DEMO project MARSOL

- Demonstrate in 8 sites that MAR is a sound, safe and sustainable strategy to increase the availability of freshwater under conditions of water scarcity.
- Improve the state-of-the-art of MAR application to enable low-cost, high-efficiency MAR solutions that will create market opportunities for Europe Industry and SME's (MARItoMARive).
- Promote the advantages of MAR by tailored training and dissemination programs to enable and accelerate market uptake.
- Deliver a key technology to face the challenge of increasing water scarcity in Southern Europe, the Mediterranean and other regions of the world.



**PT2\_6: DEMO site**  
**Cerro do Bardo, Algarve, Portugal**

The goal of MAR at Cerro do Bardo, Algarve, Portugal, test site consists in contributing to a regional integrated water management, by infiltrating part of the hydraulic surplus generated during the rainy season at the Funcho, Arade and Odelouca dams watersheds. Ideally, part of this water could be stored in the aquifer and contribute to the increase of groundwater levels in a highly explored aquifer for irrigation purposes. Thus, MAR activities at Cerro do Bardo will act as a preventive mitigation measure to climate change effects and the saltwater intrusion in the aquifer near Arade river/estuary.

**R&D within MARSOL**

During MARSOL project, R&D activities intend to assess:

- the infiltration capacity of the system in large diameter wells, in sinkholes and river bed basins.
- flow direction and residence time of the infiltrated water.
- dimensioning and estimating the costs to build the necessary structures to transport water from the surface water reservoir system to the site.



Location of the well, sinkhole and river, and the possible water sources for MAR at Cerro do Bardo.



Infiltration for a well at Cerro do Bardo (PT2\_6).

**PT1: DEMO site**  
**Campina de Faro, Algarve, Portugal**

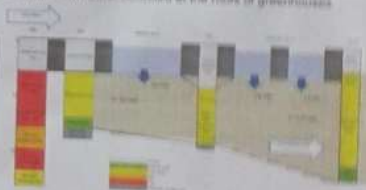
The goal of MAR at Campina de Faro, Algarve, Portugal, aquifer system consists in demonstrating the capacity to improve groundwater quality at the unconfined aquifer of Campina de Faro, regarding nitrate contamination originated from intensive agriculture (which in some places can reach up to 300 mg/l). The techniques of MAR to be implemented comprise two methods: a) recharging the aquifer through infiltration basins located in Rio Saco riverbed with seasonal water flow as water source, and b) recharging the aquifer through infiltration in traditional 5 m large diameter wells with storm water collected at the roofs of greenhouses.

**R&D within MARSOL**

- During MARSOL project programmed, works have been performed, namely:
- PT1\_1 - Clipping test at the downstream Gabardine infiltration basin in order to assess the clipping generated between 2007 and 2014 (total area of 100 m<sup>2</sup>).
- PT1\_2 - Construction of new MARSOL infiltration basin (total area of 200 m<sup>2</sup>).
- PT1\_2 - Quantitative infiltration test at the MARSOL (200 m<sup>2</sup>) and GABARDINE (2 x 100 m<sup>2</sup>) infiltration basins in order to assess the infiltration capacity of the total MAR system.
- PT1\_2 - Qualitative test of the MARSOL basin using soil as tracer in order to estimate not only the residence time, velocity and dispersion of the infiltrated water but also the infiltration capacity of this basin alone.
- PT1\_3 - Infiltration test at a traditional large well (5 m in diameter) in order to assess the infiltration capacity.



River Saco riverbed, August 2014



Local conceptual model of the Rio Saco (200-250 m<sup>2</sup>).

**PT2\_4: DEMO site**  
**São Bartolomeu de Messines, Algarve, Portugal, Wastewater Treatment Plant**

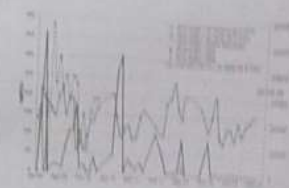
At São Bartolomeu de Messines, Algarve, Portugal, WWTP, the main objective is to develop a SAT-MAR system to improve the water quality of treated effluents from the WWTP (PT2\_4), prior to their current discharge into Ribeiro Meininho river. This river is influent regarding the Querença-Silves aquifer system. In some reaches contributing to the degradation of local groundwater quality.

**R&D within MARSOL**

- 1<sup>st</sup> stage**
- characterize the wastewater effluent main chemicals and pharmaceuticals in different occasions, as well as
  - develop several soil-column experiments in LNEC laboratory facilities using different soils to evaluate the best suited soil to place at the bottom of the SAT-MAR basins.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> stage**
- development of two SAT-MAR basins to treat part of the effluent, prior to its discharge into Ribeiro Meininho, and further into Querença-Silves aquifer.



Scheme of the SAT-MAR planned for 2014



Water and nitrate concentration in different basins



ARMANDO, P. (2004), T. PAVONI, S. MARINO, A. COSTA, W. FIORI

### 2 HYDROGEOLOGICAL SETTING

The Maresol Demo Site is hydrogeologically defined by several aquifers originating from the Brenta river. The main aquifer is the Brenta aquifer, which is a gravelly sandstone aquifer. This aquifer is recharged through the Brenta river.

The Maresol activity and process:

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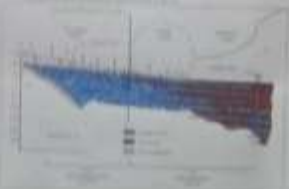
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## INTRODUCTION

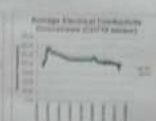
At Los Arenales aquifer, clogging represents a serious impact in scale and magnitude affecting MAR facilities. The on going studies are described in order to increase the aquifer characterization. Three new stations to study unsaturated zone parameters and gas clogging, which have been named ZNS-1 to 3, located in Santiuste village (ZNS-1), Coca (ZNS-2) in Santiuste Basin and Gomezcerracin (ZNS-3) in Carracillo County, respectively, are described herein.



Sensor CTD-HI 100 (T and depth)



HI 9829 multiparametric sensor



ZNS1 station - Sensor HI 9829 (C/20/19)

## PROBLEMS

- Data from different formats and origins
- Failures of telecommunications coverage
- Field conditions require robust sensors
- Vandalism, this is one of the biggest problem in monitoring



Vandalism next to ZNS-1 station



Fresh water in the MAR canal



ZNS-2 concrete tank



ZNS-3 concrete barrier



Carracillo region



Farm houses are interested in MAR

## SOLUTIONS

- Devices protection: fences, padlocks, surveillance cameras, etc.
- Monitoring help us to prevent future occurrences, establish early warning and response system or identify patterns of behavior.
- Internet of things: Digital connections of everyday objects, any time and anywhere.

## FUTURE LINES OF ACTION

- Tests with alternative low cost sensors to replace expensive data-loggers
- Use of metal bars against vandalism as antennas (double use)
- Integrated applications: Big Data, Internet of Things and governance
- Common measurement for the whole consortium
- A final equation to relate gas clogging and tensiometer measures



Raspberry Pi 3 Model B PCB

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## MARSOL STATIONS

### MARSOL ZNS-1 (Santiuste)



**Components of each ZNS station**

- 2 Humidifiers-thermistors (0.5 and 1.10 m depth). Measures every 15 min.
- 1 Temperature
- 1 Data logger

**ZNS-3 also includes:**

- 4 Potentiometers around CTD-TD sensors: water content, temperature and electrical conductivity

### MARSOL ZNS-2 (Coca)



### MARSOL ZNS-3 (Gomezcerracin)



#### MARSOL Potentiometer

The MARSOL ZNS-3 station records real-time data on temperature, humidity and capillary tension in situ. It also has a potentiometer network to control the water table. The station is equipped with a potentiometer, 2 humidifiers-thermistors installed at 0.2 and 0.8 meters depth and arranged in such way that detect and quantify the progress of the humidification bulb, allowing to know their morphology. The potentiometer network consists of 8 potentiometers at 2 meters deep, distributed along the four cardinal points, with respect to the station.

## CONCLUSIONS

- The datasets are a really important component of MARSOL project
- It is important to establish a common measurement procedure for the whole consortium
- The knowledge on humidification bulb shape and gas clogging evolution has increased lately but there remain some steps to be walked
- The selections of low cost and robust sensors eases monitoring
- Detailed description of the stations at [www.dina-mar.es](http://www.dina-mar.es)





# Artificial recharge by highly polished treated sewage effluents for the management of coastal groundwater bodies

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## INTRODUCTION

The overall objective of the Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) activities in the Malta South pilot-site is the development of a pilot sea-water intrusion barrier within the Malta South regional sea-level aquifer system. Groundwater abstracted from the southern region of the Malta Mean Sea Level aquifer system exhibits characteristically high chloride contents. This deterioration in quality has resulted from the intrusion of saline waters in response to the historically high groundwater abstraction rates registered in the area, particularly from the dense and widely distributed private abstraction for agricultural purposes. This situation has resulted in groundwater abstraction for public purposes from this region being discontinued since the early 1990's.

Through this pilot initiative, an attempt will be made to raise the regional piezometric levels of a section of the eastern coastal boundary of the aquifer system and develop a sea-water intrusion barrier with the aim of limiting the incidence of both lateral and vertical sea-water intrusion, thereby resulting in an improvement in groundwater quality in this section of the regional aquifer system.

## PILOT SITE

The pilot site is located in the Malta South Wastewater Treatment plant. The location presents the typical hydrogeological characteristics of a coastal 'floating lens' aquifer system, in direct lateral and vertical contact with sea water.

The site is located on the coastal margin of a predominantly agricultural region, which has historically suffered from a shortage of water supply and groundwater degradation due to seawater intrusion. In fact, the use treated sewage effluent was introduced back in the 1980's in the area to augment the locally available water supply base.



Figure 1: Location of the Malta Pilot Site

## METHODS

A monitoring program was set up to monitor the local and regional response of the groundwater system to artificial recharge. Monitoring was initiated with an assessment of the natural background conditions of the aquifer in the area.

The monitoring setup consists of four deep boreholes which traverse the whole length of the aquifer. A combination of pressure and float operated sensors are currently measuring the piezometric level of the aquifer and monitoring the freshwater and seawater interface of the aquifer system. The monitoring boreholes are located upstream of the artificial recharge boreholes at around 300 meters from the coastline. Artificial recharge of the coastal fringes of the aquifer is being carried out through a line of six boreholes located about 120 meters from the coast. The existing setup of the monitoring and recharge boreholes is shown in Figure 2.



Figure 2: Existing monitoring setup and multi-parametric groundwater probe

## BASELINE CONDITIONS

The qualitative and quantitative results from the pilot site prior to the commencement of the recharge pilot area have been collated. Results from one of the monitoring boreholes are represented in Figure 3. Initial results indicate the high saline content of this regional aquifer system, with conductivity in the range of 3000( $\mu$ S).

The piezometric levels of the aquifer are below the 1 meter mark and the aquifer exhibits a typical Ghyben-Herzberg profile with the groundwater turning increasingly saline at around 27 meters below mean sea level. The sharp interface of the conductivity profile indicates a relatively undisturbed aquifer system. These conditions allow for a better assessment of the changes measured in the aquifer following the artificial recharge of the aquifer with highly polished treated sewage effluent.



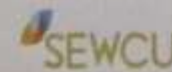
Figure 3: Preliminary results of groundwater level, conductivity and borehole profiling at monitoring borehole number MBH4.

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# Monitoring at Menashe Infiltration basin, Israel

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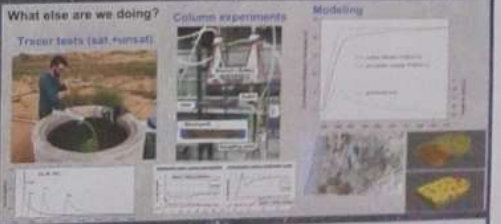
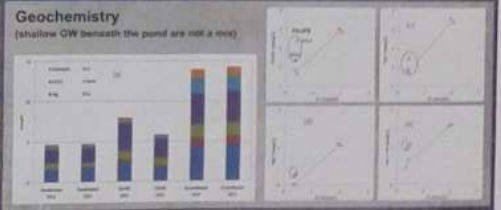
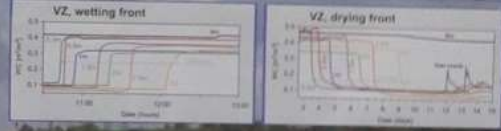
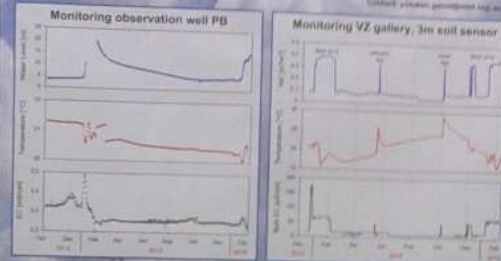
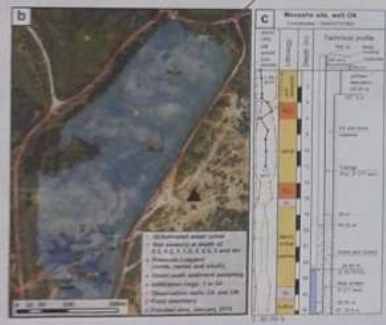
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### Introduction

The increasing demand for fresh water combined with a series of long droughts in the last 25 years has led Israel to invest in large scale desalination plants. During 2016 these plants are planned to reach their full desalination capacity of  $\sim 600 \cdot 10^6 \text{ m}^3/\text{year}$ , which is  $\sim 75\%$  of Israel's domestic water supply. Producing large volumes of desalinated water may provide operational and planned surplus that can be stored by recharge to the underlying coastal aquifer. In this work, managed aquifer recharge (MAR) of desalinated sea water from the Hadera desalination plant is studied.

### Monitoring system



### Summary

The vadose-zone and groundwater monitoring system in the infiltration pond is continuously operating since the end of 2014. Monitoring is automated. Data collection is manual.  
Monitoring reliability is maintained by robust commercial sensors.  
Water quality data (T, EC, NO3, NH4, SO4, Cl, Ca, Mg, K, Na) is collected continuously and manually. Infiltration rates are monitored continuously and manually.



# MONITORING AND CHARACTERIZATION ACTIVITIES THE ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE PILOT POND IN THE LLOBREGAT SITE (WP6), BARCELONA

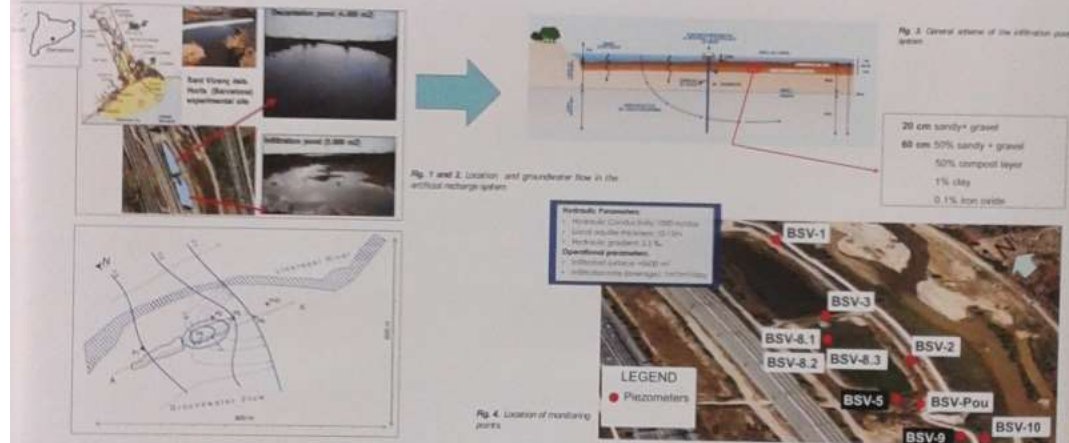
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## FIELD SITE AND OBJECTIVE

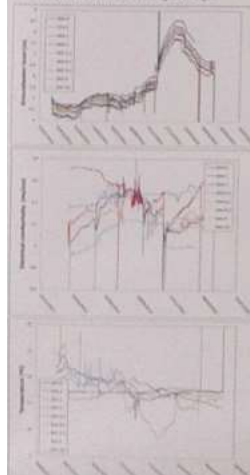
To improve the groundwater quality by means of reactive layer installed at the bottom of the pond aimed at enhancing the coupled degradation of nutrients and emerging pollutants.



## MONITORING AND SAMPLING ACTIVITIES

### Continuous monitoring of electrical conductivity, temperature and pressure

Fig. 6. Several parameters are measured continuously to evaluate hydraulic, chemical and biological changes.



### Monthly vertical multi-parametric profiles

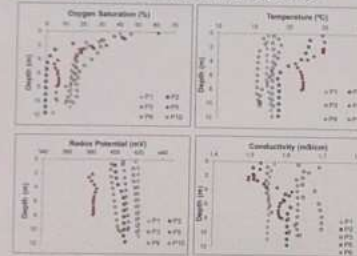


Fig. 6. Vertical profiles of oxygen saturation, temperature, redox potential and conductivity along the saturated zone are taken periodically to understand recharge process in the saturated zone. Measurements were taken during a recharge period on July 2014.

### Hydrochemistry and nitrate isotopes

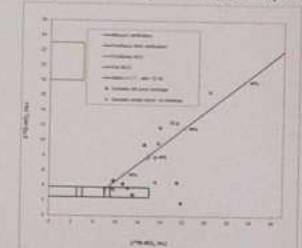
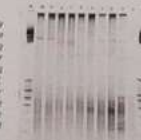


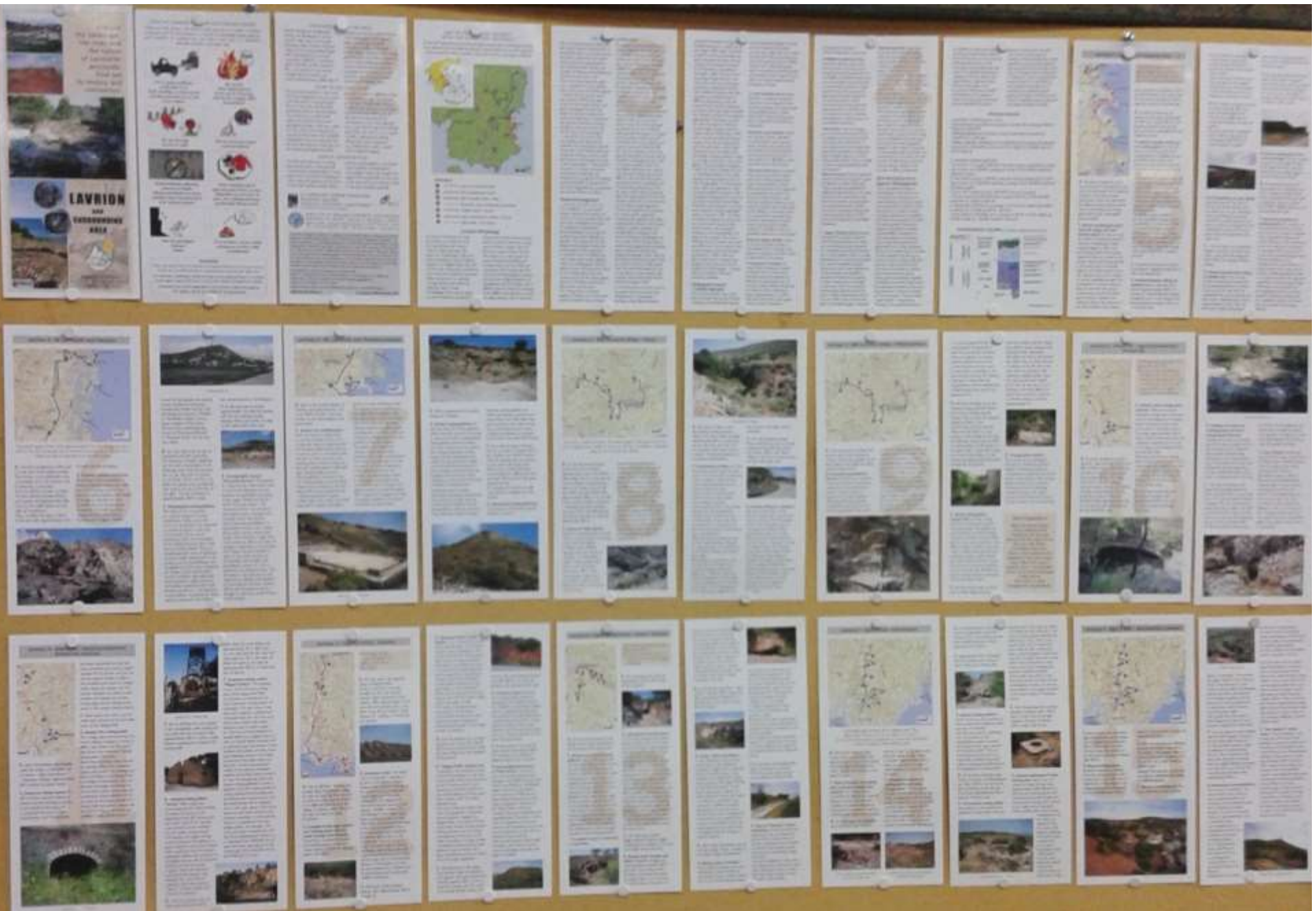
Fig. 7. Samples for hydrochemical analysis and nitrate isotopes have been collected during a recharge period (a) and during a non-recharge period (b). Boxes represent the characteristic isotopic composition of main nitrate sources in the study area (Murga et al., 2001). Slope of the nature of the nitrate attenuation induced by the reactive layer. The slope of the solid line represents a value for a ratio of 1.7, obtained in the lab experiment.

### Microbial characterization

Fig. 8. A sampling campaign was carried out in July 2014 (wet) and March 2015 (dry) to compare microbial populations under different (over/under) recharge conditions. A total of 5 soil samples and 13 water samples with duplicate were analyzed. The sampling points were distributed along the aquiferization point, reactive layer, middle zone and groundwater (upstream and downstream at different depths). The 16S rDNA was amplified using primers for the domain Bacteria (27F/338R) and products were resolved in OGE gels.



Microbial population richness and equitability were measured from OGE band profiles by the Shannon Index (H') and Pielou's Evenness Index (E). The former measures species diversity of a natural community.



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# Integrated monitoring technologies for the management of a Soil-Aquifer-Treatment (SAT) system

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## INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW

Artificial recharge of groundwater has an important role to play in water reuse as treated wastewater effluent can be infiltrated into the ground for aquifer recharge. As the effluent moves through the soil and the aquifer, it undergoes significant quality improvements through physical, chemical and biological processes in the underground environment. Collectively, these processes and the water quality improvement obtained are called soil-aquifer-treatment (SAT) or geopurification (Fig. 1).

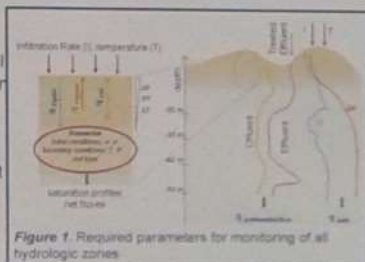


Figure 1. Required parameters for monitoring of all hydrologic zones

## DEVELOPED MONITORING TECHNOLOGIES

The pilot site of Lavrion Technological & Cultural Park (LTCP) of the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA) involves the employment of plot infiltration basins at experimental scale, which will be using waters of impaired quality as a recharge source, and hence acting as a Soil-Aquifer-Treatment, SAT, system. The LTCP site will be equipped with new technological developments, which will be providing continuous monitoring of the quantitative and qualitative characteristics of infiltrating groundwater through all hydrologic zones (i.e. surface, unsaturated and saturated zone).

The development of an integrated system of sensing technologies, installed on-site (Fig. 2), offers continuous evaluation of the performance of the SAT system that proves the sustainability of all involved water quality treatment processes within unsaturated and saturated zone.

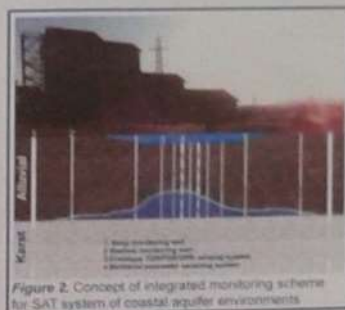


Figure 2. Concept of integrated monitoring scheme for SAT system of coastal aquifer environments

## TDR/FDR DEVELOPMENT & ANALYSIS SOFTWARE

The prototype system of Time Domain Reflectometry (TDR) is shown in Figure 3. The TDR Analysis software enables the analysis of the TDR signal acquired by various TDR instruments. The software is a Microsoft Windows application (Microsoft® .NET 4.5 Framework) designed to be instrument vendor neutral.

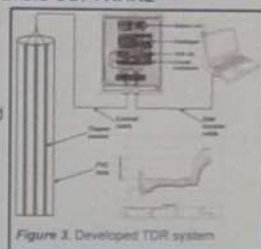


Figure 3. Developed TDR system

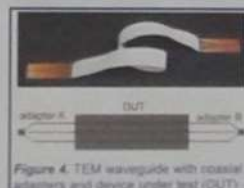


Figure 4. TEM waveguide with coaxial adapters and device under test (DUT)

A full two-port broadband frequency domain forward model for propagation of transverse electromagnetic (TEM) waves in coaxial waveguide has been implemented (Fig. 4). It is based on the propagation matrix approach for layered transmission line sections. Homogenized and extensible storage of waveforms in a database system enables the selection (query) and correlation of waveforms and other measurements and meta-data according to criteria imposed by the user. Each waveform is automatically processed by the system (Fig. 5).

## ELECTROMAGNETIC RESISTIVITY TOMOGRAPHY MONITORING

Developed Electrical Resistivity Tomography (Fig. 6) setup with electrodes on surface and in two drillings at certain distances can fine detect the stratigraphy and moisture content fluctuations within the unsaturated zone.

Development and installation of wireless ad-hoc sensor to ensure reliable data acquisition. The combination with commercial sensors and/or other low-cost screening sensors (e.g. turbidity, conductivity) provides an open platform for a real-time monitoring of the system (Fig. 9).

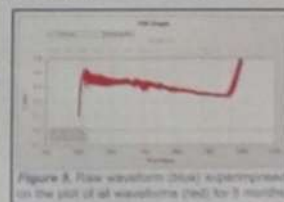


Figure 5. Raw waveform (blue) superimposed on the rest of all waveforms (red) for 3 months

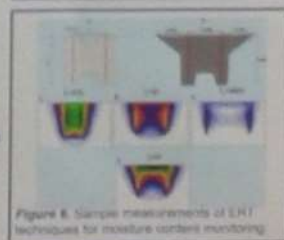


Figure 6. Sample measurements of ERT techniques for moisture content monitoring

## DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF RADAR BASED SENSORS

As a complementary monitoring technique, this research involves the development and construction of two different radar based sensors to achieve: (i) continuous wave radar as a tool to qualitatively assess the impacts of preferential flow in TDR measurements (Fig. 7) and (ii) pulsed Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) for the monitoring of water table fluctuations within karstified conduit networks (Fig. 8).

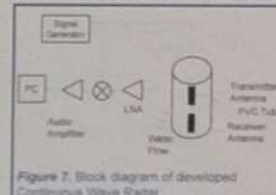


Figure 7. Block diagram of developed Continuous Wave Radar

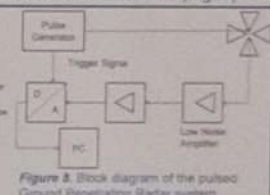


Figure 8. Block diagram of the pulsed Ground Penetrating Radar system

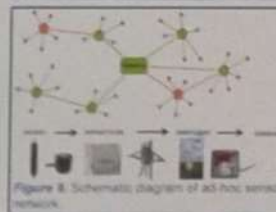


Figure 9. Schematic diagram of ad-hoc sensor network

## SUMMARY

An integrated approach of the performance evaluation of any operating SAT system should aim at simultaneous monitoring of all hydrologic zones, proving the sustainability of all involved water quality treatment processes within the unsaturated and saturated zone.

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# MARSOL: Demonstrating Managed Aquifer Recharge as a Solution to Water Scarcity and Drought

The Mediterranean region is suffering from increasing water scarcity, which is further exacerbated by climate change, high population density, and high water consumption by agricultural, industrial, and urban uses. Not only quantity but also quality is of increasing importance, e.g. due to intensive use of fertilizers and seawater intrusion. Meanwhile, large water quantities are lost to the Mediterranean Sea as surface runoff, river discharge, discharge of treated and untreated wastewater, and as discharge of excess water from various sources during periods of low demand. This water can be used in principle for the controlled (re-)filling of exploited aquifers by artificial infiltration, referred to as *Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR)*.

## 1. Lavrion Technological & Cultural Park, Greece

Development and implementation of advanced sensors

- Treated wastewater effluents
- Infiltration basins
- Replenishment of exploited aquifer
- Combating seawater intrusion
- Soil Aquifer Treatment



## 2. Algarve and Alentejo, Portugal

River water infiltration at three sites

- Surface water
- Infiltration basins
- Wells
- Improving the ecological and chemical status of the aquifer



## 3. Arenales, Castile and Leon, Spain

River water infiltration in two catchments

- Surface water
- Treated wastewater effluents
- Infiltration ponds, artificial wetlands, drainage ditches
- Replenishment of exploited aquifer
- Soil Aquifer Treatment



## Demonstration Sites

For the project eight demonstration sites have been selected to represent different MAR purposes and hydrological settings.

MARSOL follows an holistic approach, which considers different:

- Recharge water sources
- Recharge techniques
- MAR objectives



## 8. South Malta Coastal Aquifer, Malta

Create a seawater intrusion barrier at a coastal wastewater treatment plant

- Treated municipal sewage effluent
- Injection boreholes
- Combating seawater intrusion



## 7. Menashe Infiltration Basin, Hadera, Israel

Aquifer storage of surplus water from the Hadera desalination plant

- Desalinated water
- Infiltration basin
- Seasonal storage and aquifer storage recovery of surplus desalinated water



## 6. Serchio River Well Field, Tuscany, Italy

River bank infiltration with an advanced monitoring network

- Surface water
- Induced river bank filtration
- Improving groundwater quantity and quality
- Continuous monitoring and automated operations



## 4. Llobregat River, Catalonia, Spain

River water infiltration basin

- Surface water
- Infiltration basin
- Replenishment of exploited aquifer
- Improving the ecological and chemical status of the aquifer



## 5. River Brenta Catchment, Vicenza, Italy

Agricultural area with a network of ditches

- Surface water
- Forested infiltration area
- Replenishment of exploited aquifer
- Improving the ecological and chemical status of the aquifer



## The Project

- 21 Partners
- 36 months, starting 12/2013
- Total budget ~ 8.0 million EUR
- EU contribution ~ 5.2 million EUR

## MARSOL Project—Main Objectives

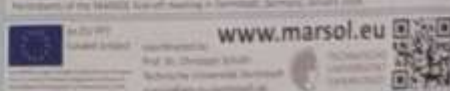
- Demonstrate at 8 field sites that MAR is a sound, safe, and sustainable strategy to increase the availability of freshwater under conditions of water scarcity
- Improve the state of MAR applications to enable low-cost, high-efficiency MAR solutions that will create market opportunities for European Industry and SMEs (MAR to Market)
- Promote the advantages of MAR by tailored training and dissemination programs to enable and accelerate market penetration
- Deliver a key technology to face the challenge of increasing water scarcity in the Mediterranean region of southern Europe and other regions of the world.

## Tools to Reach the Objectives

- Data collection
- Monitoring (improvement of sensors, new sensors)
- Improvement of MAR devices (planning, design, and maintenance)
- Modelling (to simulate the impact of MAR on aquifer hydrology and hydrogeochemistry)
- Scenario analysis
- Development of a Decision Support System
- Definition of guidelines and policies
- Increase of public participation within Public Private Partnership (PPP) schemes
- Market analysis on the potential market exploitation solutions



Members of the MARSOL kick-off meeting in Darmstadt, Germany, January 2014



# WHAT IS FREEWAT?

**FREEWAT** is an HORIZON 2020 project financed by the EU Commission under the call WATER INNOVATION: BOOSTING ITS VALUE FOR EUROPE. FREEWAT aims at promoting water resource management by simplifying the application of the Water Framework Directive and other EU water related Directives by means of innovative GIS integrated open source and public domain ICT simulation tools (the FREEWAT platform).

**Main impact:** help produce scientifically & technically sound decisions and policy making based on:

- data and innovative data analysis tools and
  - support a participatory approach not only in the final stage of discussion but during the phase of scenario generation.
- FREEWAT main result** is an open source and public domain GIS integrated modeling environment for the simulation of water quantity and quality in surface water and groundwater with an integrated water management and planning module.

## FREEWAT Current Development

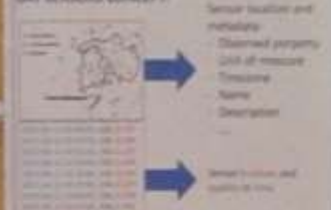
The FREEWAT platform is integrated as a plugin for the QGIS GIS desktop. The core of the FREEWAT platform is the SID&GRID (Rossetto et al. 2013) framework ported to the QGIS desktop and complemented (June 2015) with solute transport (density dependent) capabilities in aquifers within the MARSQL (2014) EU FP7 project.

### Observation-Analysis Tool (OAT)

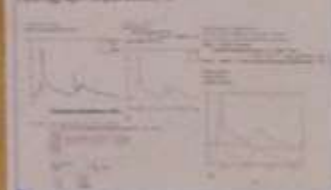
New module developed to add a number of time-series processing functionalities for statistical analysis of observations and help prepare model input data.

- Module partially inspired by the TURBOC utilities (Wentzow et al., 2012). It includes:
- analysis of raw data (regularities, data integration, filling, filtering, selection and data quality assessment);
- decomposition or filtering of time series (low, medium, high frequencies);
- aggregation and recedence-time calculation, summary statistics and period statistics;
- hydrological-related goodness of fit, volume calculation, series calculation, etc.

#### OAT SENSORS CONCEPT



FD, plot, example: filter, recedence time, hydrograph separation...



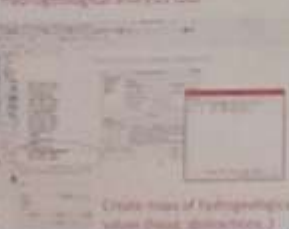
### AkvaGIS Hydrochemical Analysis Tools Hydrogeological Analysis Tools

- Management and integration of a vast amount of time and spatial dependent data of different kinds (e.g. groundwater quality data, hydrogeological data, etc)
- Homogenization and harmonization of data collected from diverse sources gathered with different techniques
- Communication and exchange of data of different formats
- Management of data with diverse temporal and spatial ranges.

#### Hydrogeochemical analysis tool



#### Hydrogeological analysis tool



### Flow & Transport model and Model Calibration

- SID&GRID hydrological model**
- Groundwater Flow (MODFLOW-2005) & Unsaturated zone flow
  - Water flow in stream (1D Saint Venant eq.)
  - Option to activate Local Grid Refinement(x)
  - Overland flow → new package to be connected with I2F or xSF
  - Heat and solute transport in the saturated zone (SEWAT)
- New in FREEWAT:**
- Solute transport in the unsaturated zone: I2F-MT3MS (recent development of MODFLOW)
  - Specific modules for sensitivity analysis and calibration (SCODE\_2014)
  - Water & Irrigation management & crop growth module (based on MODFLOW-FARM package)



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## FREEWAT CONSORTIUM

## FREEWAT MAIN OBJECTIVES

1. coordinate previous EU and national research to integrate existing software modules for water management in a single environment and
2. support FREEWAT application in an innovative participatory approach gathering technical staff and relevant stakeholders (in particular policy and decision makers) in designing scenarios for the proper application of water policies. The open source characteristics of the platform makes this an initiative "ad includendum" as further research institutions, private developers etc. may contribute to the platform development.



FREEWAT will be applied to 10 case studies in the EU, 3 in neighboring countries (Switzerland, Turkey and Ukraine) and to a large trans-boundary aquifer in Africa. The case studies address different issues on WFD, GWD and other water related Directives and rural water management topics.

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