

Coupled Modeling of Hydro-sedimentary Transfer Processes and Socio-Economic Dynamics Evaluating Public Policies to Control Runoff and Erosion: Case Study in Normandy (France)

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Context & Objectives

- Normandy region is located in the European loess belt, and therefore, very sensitive to runoff and erosion → 0.5-10 t/ha/yr (Cerdan et al., 2010)
- Excessive density of muddy flooding → 10-20/km² (Boardman et al., 2019)
- Since 2000, high financial support from several public institutions to reduce erosion and runoff impacts (flooding, damages to infrastructures, turbidity in drinking water, etc.)

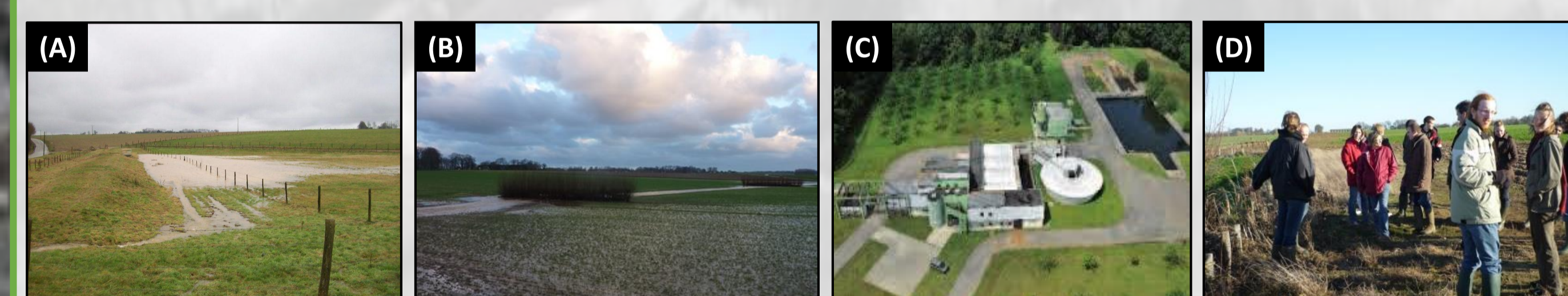
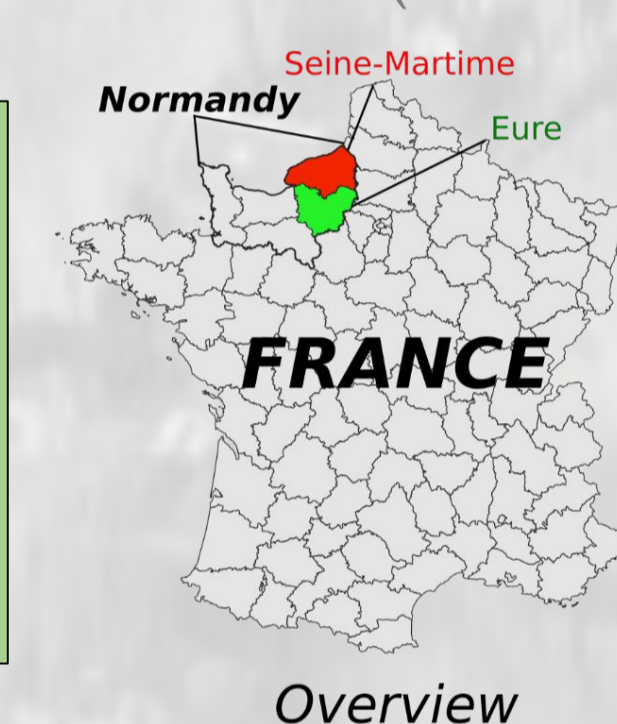


Fig.: (A) Retention pond, (B) Fascines, (C) Water treatment, (D) Animation on the field (credits: AREAS)

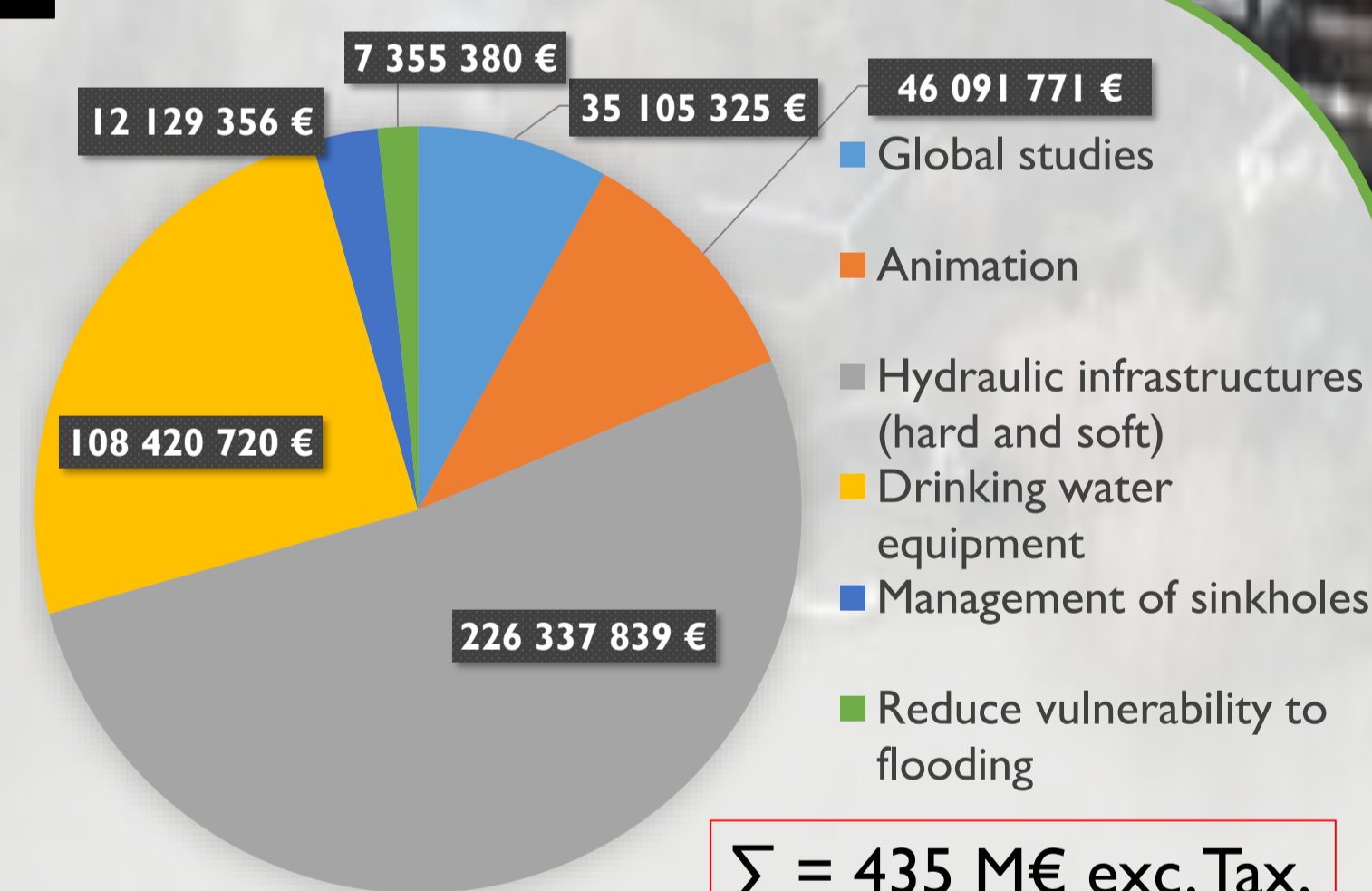
- Economic performance analysis of assets for flood and erosion/runoff mitigation
- Provide key-elements for future public policies through hydro-sedimentary processes and socio-economic dynamics modeling



Economic Overview

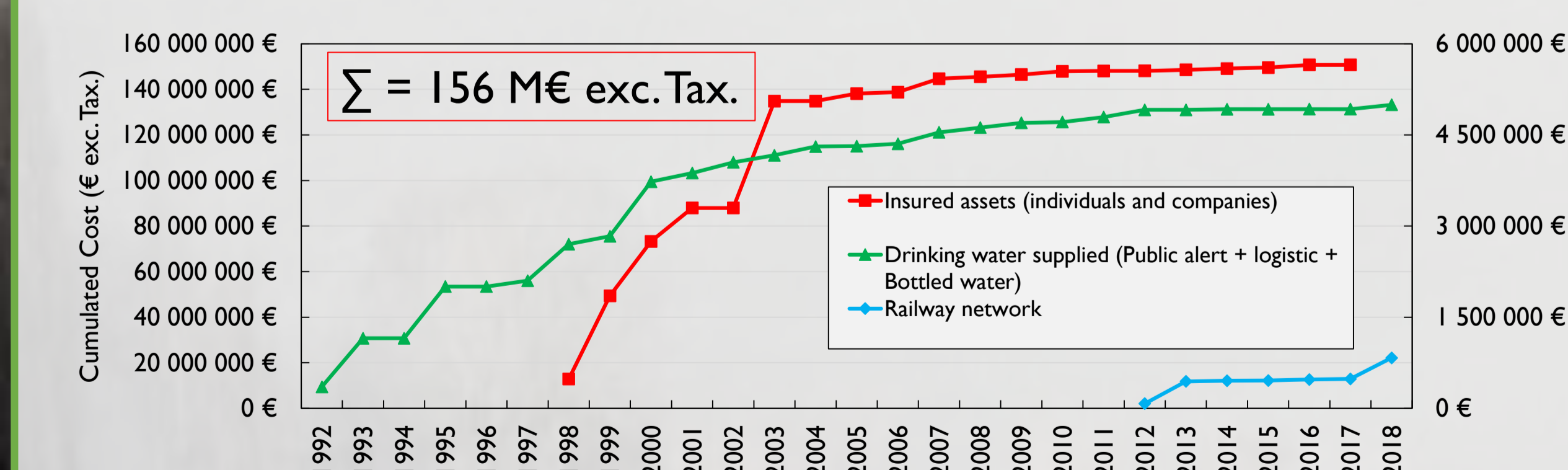
i. Investments

- Seine-Maritime and Eure departments
- Temporal frame: 2000-2017
- 4 public funders (Water Agency, Regional council, Department councils)



ii. Damages

- CatNat French database (Individuals = 102M€; Companies = 48M€)
- Impacts on railway network → mudflow, landslide, flooding
- Excessive turbidity in drinking water induced by erosion/runoff



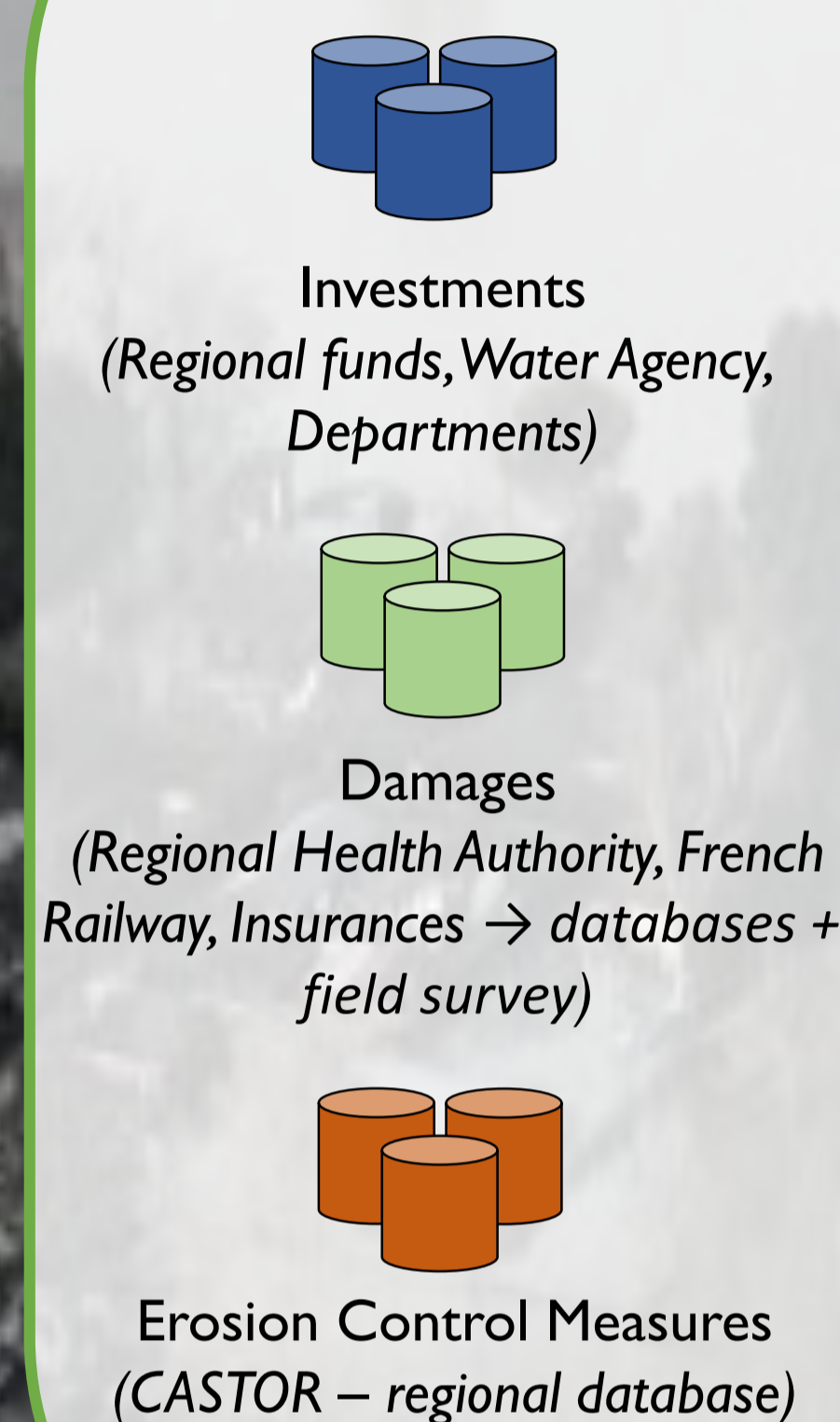
iii. Maintenance

- 774 dams/retention ponds
- 211 km of hedges
- 19.2 km of fascines
- 105 ha of grass strips
- 1427 leach field/pond/ditch/embankment



Methods & Data

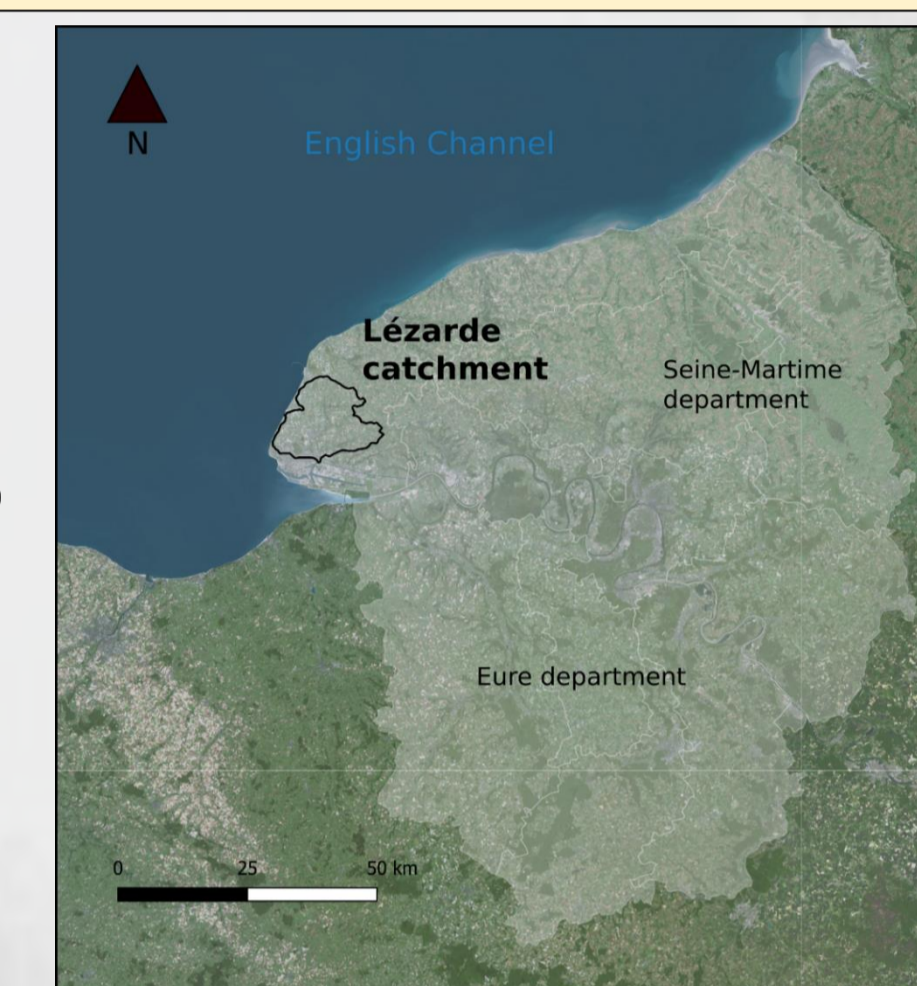
Collecting Data



Data Mining & Analysis

- Investments :**
 - Extract subsidized projects linked to erosion/runoff (n = 4086)
 - Cross-checking for co-financing
 - Building typology → classification
 - Estimate real volume of public investment (€)
- Damages :**
 - Flooding/mudflow events in CatNat (French reinsurance; n = 1379)
 - Records on drinking water prohibition (n = 408) → cost with local case studies
 - Aggregate annual overall damage costs to transport network based on surveys
- Maintenance Cost (MC) :**
 - Dimensions + implementation year
 - Annual MC evaluation → literature review
 - Adjusting for inflation

Downscaling & Flood Scenarios

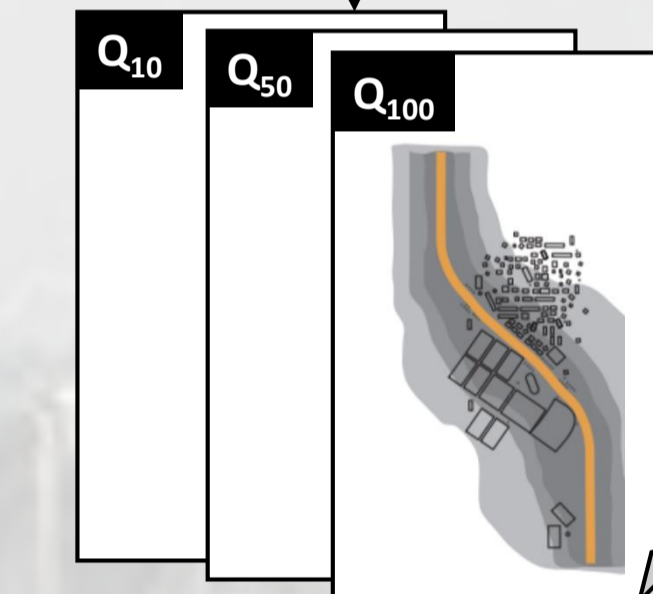


i. Rainfall Frequency Analysis

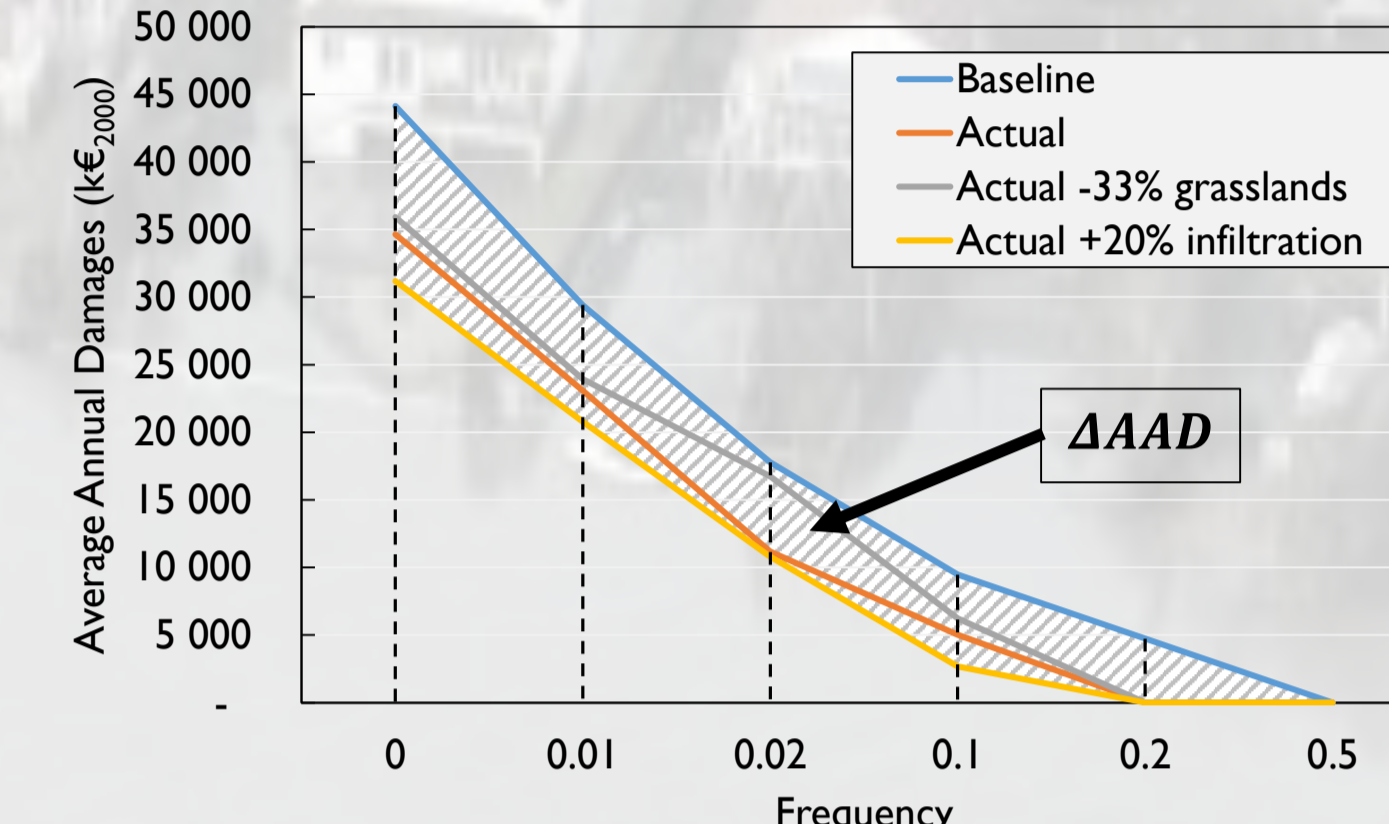
- DDF curves → Meteo France (1996-2006)
- P₁₀=52, P₅₀=75, P₁₀₀=87 (mm d⁻¹)
- ii. Building Scenarios**
 - Baseline (2000) and Actual (2017)
 - Climate change (RCP4.5/8.5)
 - Ploughing up 33% of grassland
 - Best farming practices (+20% infiltration)
 - More, and more, hydraulic infrastructures

Complex Modeling Chain

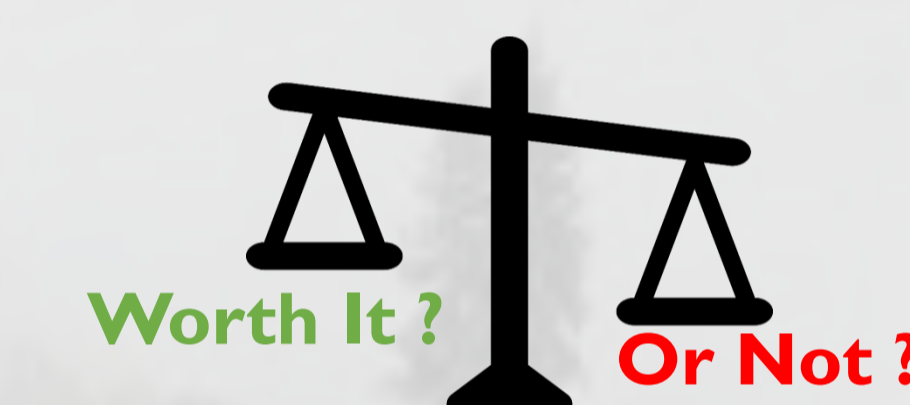
- Runoff/Flood Hazard modeling**
 - WATERSED (Landemaine et al., 2015 – BRGM)
 - MIKE Hydro River 2019
- Runoff/Flood Hazard exposure**
 - Housing/Economic activities/Public institutions
 - Cultivated lands
- Methods:**
 - Land-Use database (RPG, cadastral maps, etc.)
 - Google Street view + Field Survey
- Damage estimation**
 - Damage functions (CGDD, 2018)
 - *NEW = sediment management function*



Cost-Benefit Analysis



- Calculate Net Present Value (NPV; €)
- Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR)
- Identification of sensitive parameters



Flood & Runoff Modeling

- Coupled modeling : WATERSED (Erosion/Runoff) + MIKE (Flood)
- Damages cost is influenced by both the surface of asset flooded and the height of water

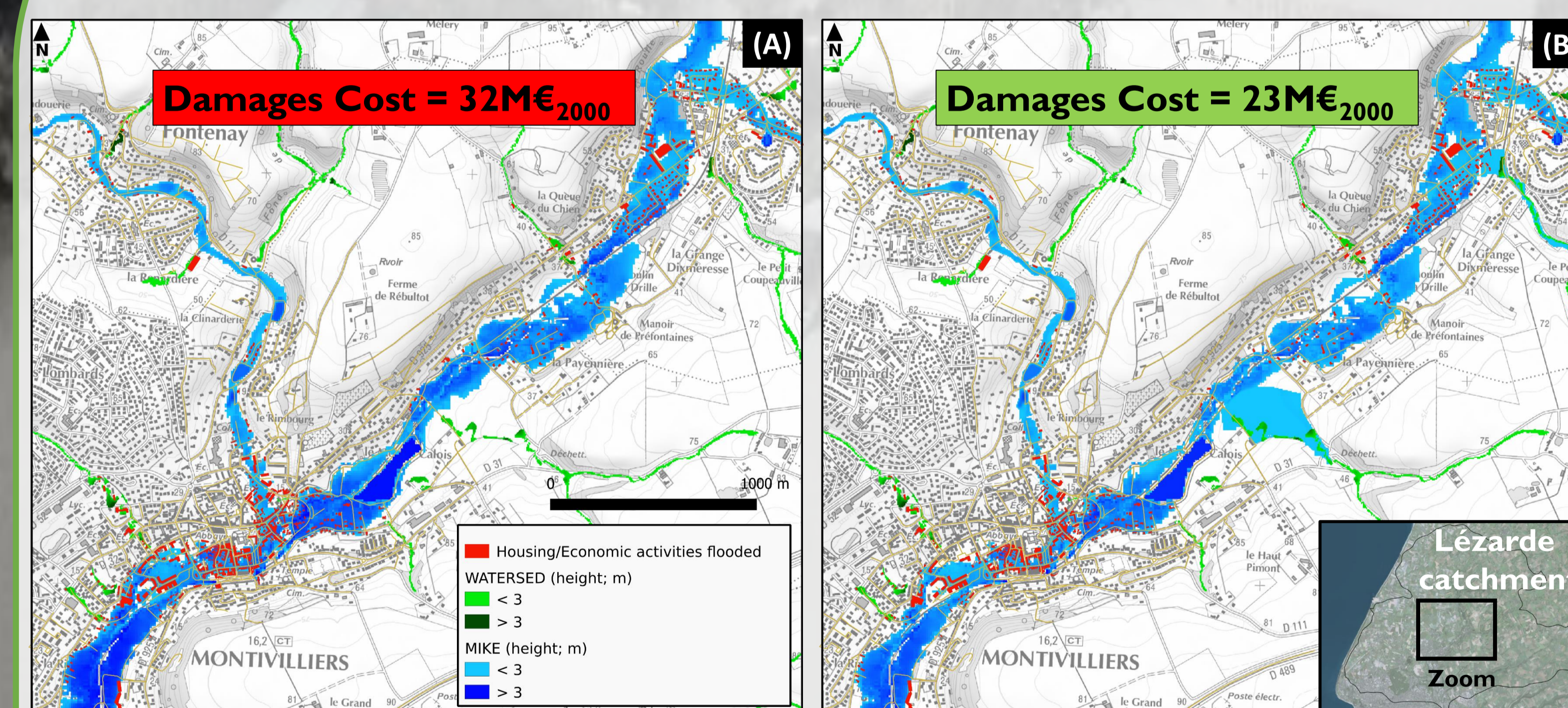
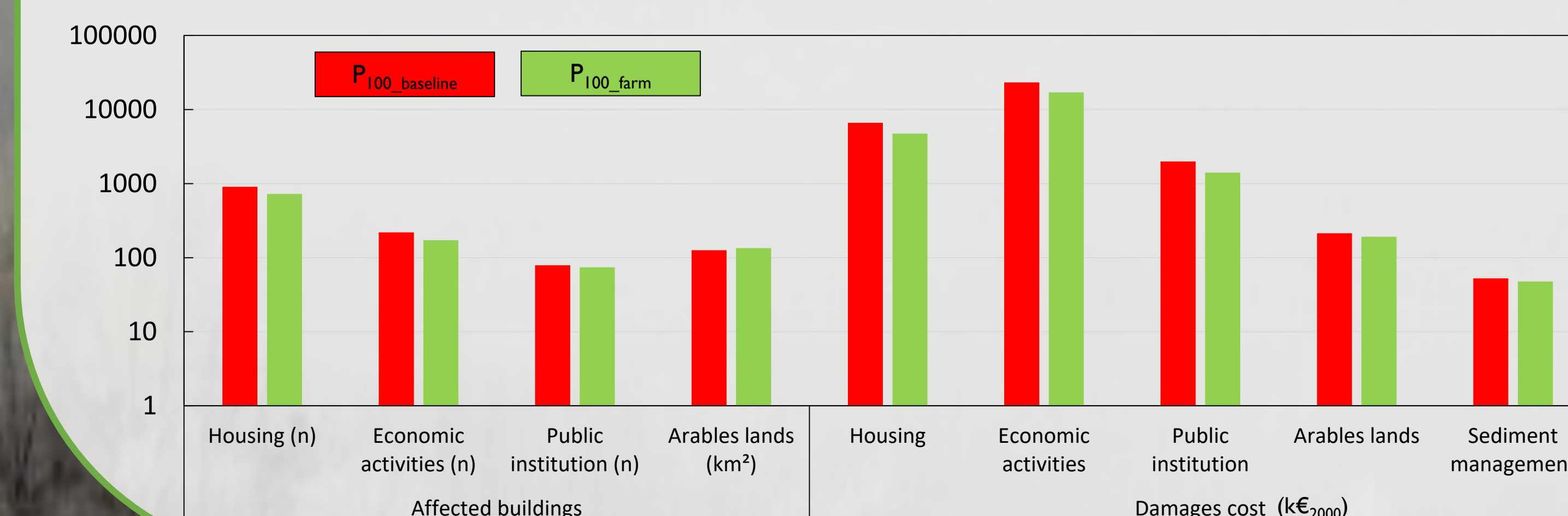
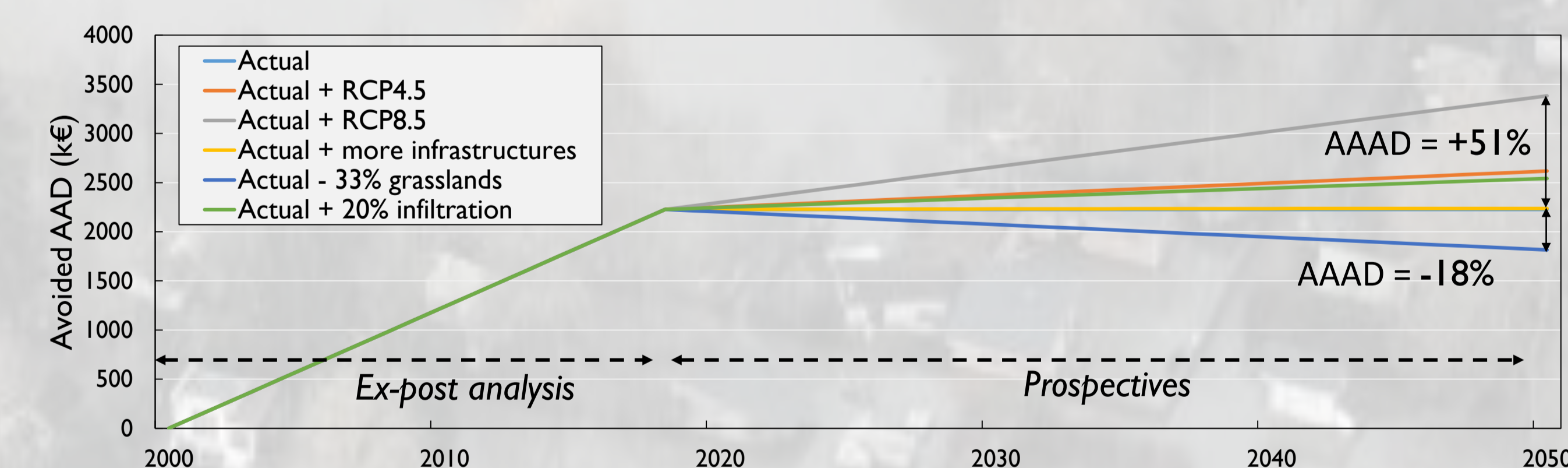


Fig.: Flood and runoff hazard modeling for the P₁₀₀ (87 mm d⁻¹) on (A) the baseline scenario, and (B) the scenario including best farming practices by 2050. Total Damages Cost accounts for the entire catchment.



Economic Analysis of Scenarios

- Temporal analysis of Avoided Average Annual Damages (AAAD) Evolution
- NPV calculation → Economic flows discounted at 2.5%
- All costs adjusted for inflation → €₂₀₀₀



	B/A	B/(A+RCP4.5)	B/(A+RCP8.5)	B/(A+G)	B/(A+F)	B/(A+I)
ΔAAD (M€ ₂₀₀₀)	44.2	46.2	50.1	42.1	45.8	44.3
NPV (M€ ₂₀₀₀)	15.7	17.7	21.7	13.6	17.4	11.4
BCR	1.554	1.624	1.763	1.479	1.611	1.347

*B=baseline; A=actual; G=ploughing up grasslands; F=best farming practices; I= More infrastructures

Conclusions & Perspectives

- Hydraulic asset's BCR significantly positive → High contribution of dam/retention pond
- Cost valuation less sensitive to sediment load reduction
- Climate Change tends to increase the relevance of 'past' investments (RCP8.5 = +51% AAAD in 2050)
- High sensitivity to farming practices (+20% infiltration = +14%AAAD ; -33% grasslands = -18%AAAD)
- Farming practices improvement highly encourage by upcoming Climate Change

- Improving the assessment of sediment load in each asset
- Refining the cost function of sediment management
- Integrating and Modeling sediment discharge to water treatment plant with Deep Learning algorithm (Patault et al., 2020, In prep)