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Managed Aquifer Recharge: from Global Perspective to Local Planning

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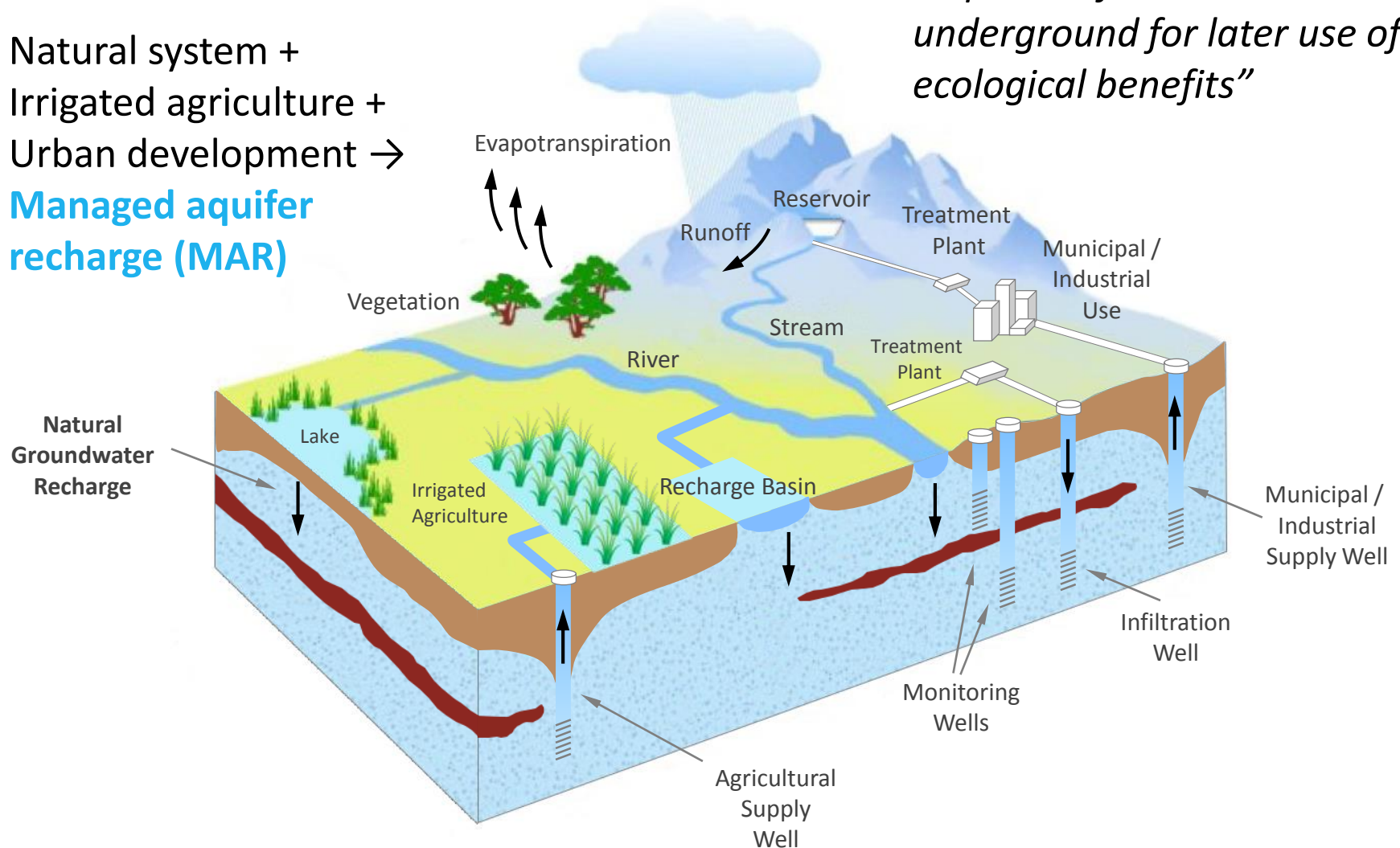
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Introduction

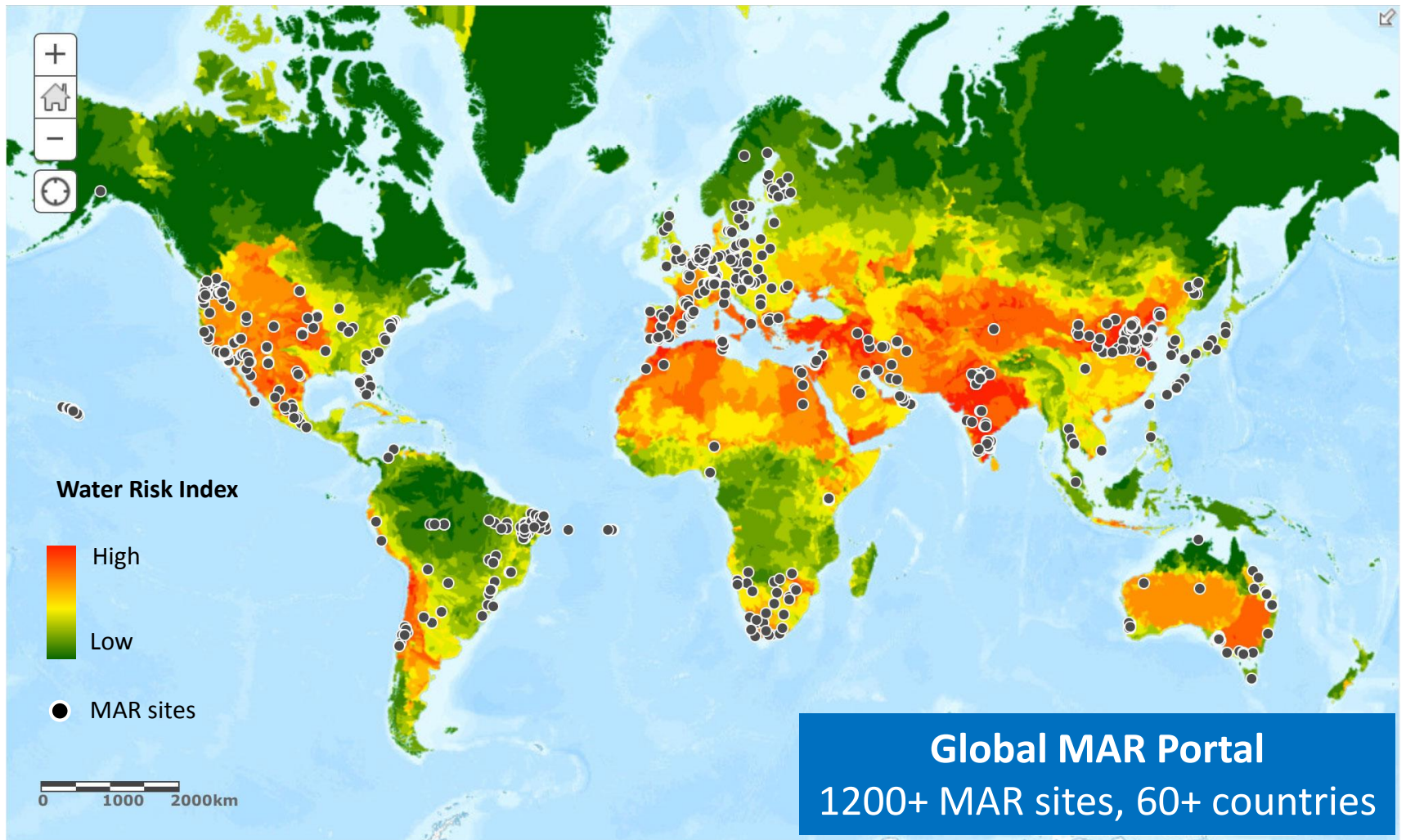
Natural system +
Irrigated agriculture +
Urban development →
**Managed aquifer
recharge (MAR)**

*“Intentional storage of
surplus surface water in
underground for later use of
ecological benefits”*



Attribute	Storage <u>above</u> ground	Storage <u>below</u> ground
Land area required	large	very small
Proximity to the city	far	within
Capital costs	high	low
Investigations costs	high	low
Intake and supply rate	high	low
Evaporation losses	moderate	low
Algal problems	moderate	low
Mosquitos	moderate	low
Mixing loses	none	none to high
Pathogen removal	some	substantial
Recontamination potential	moderate	none to moderate
Relief requirements	suitable valley	suitable aquifer

Source: adapted from Dillon et al., 2009

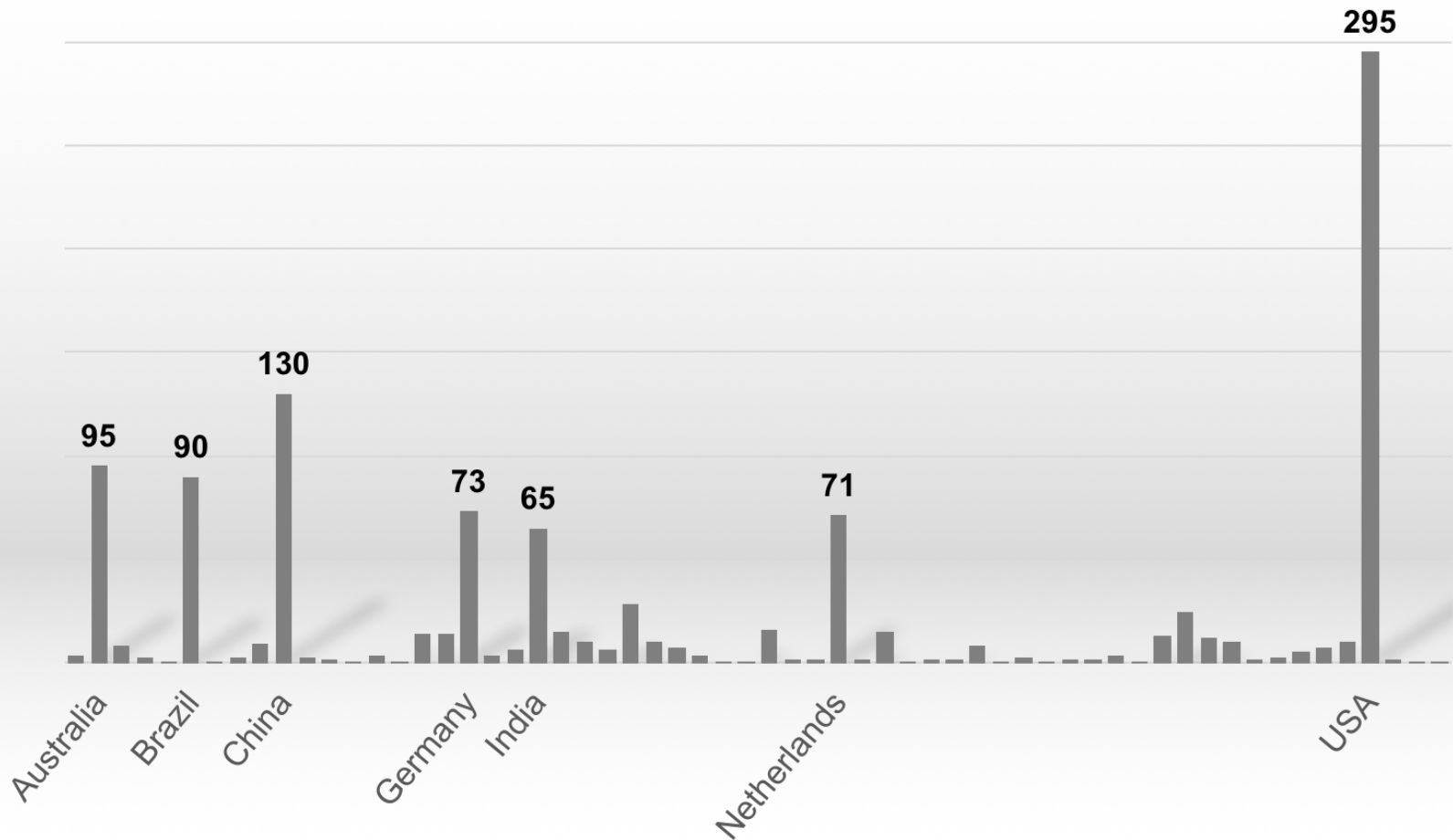


Stefan and Ansems, 2018 | <http://marportal.un-igrac.org>

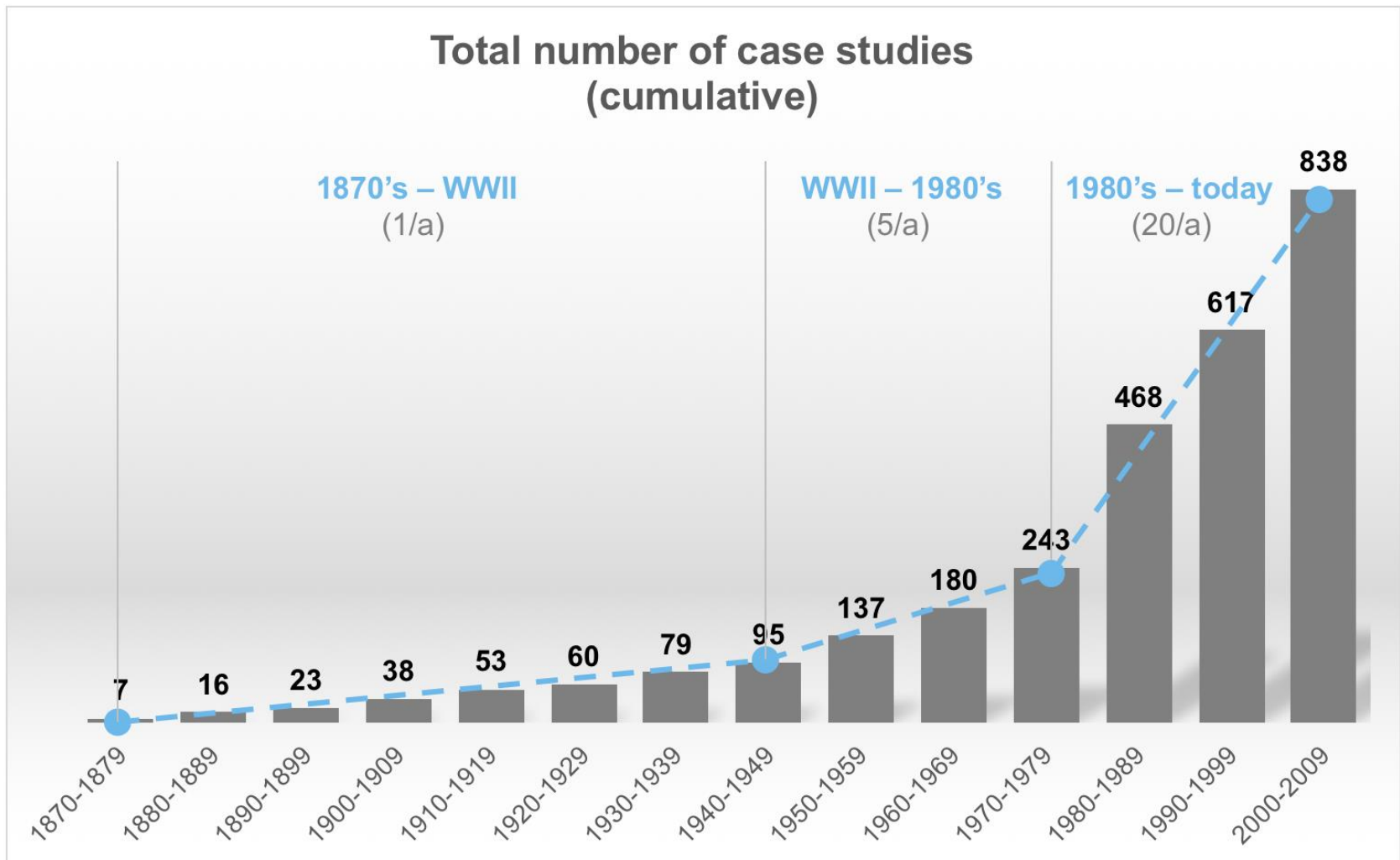
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MAR case studies by country

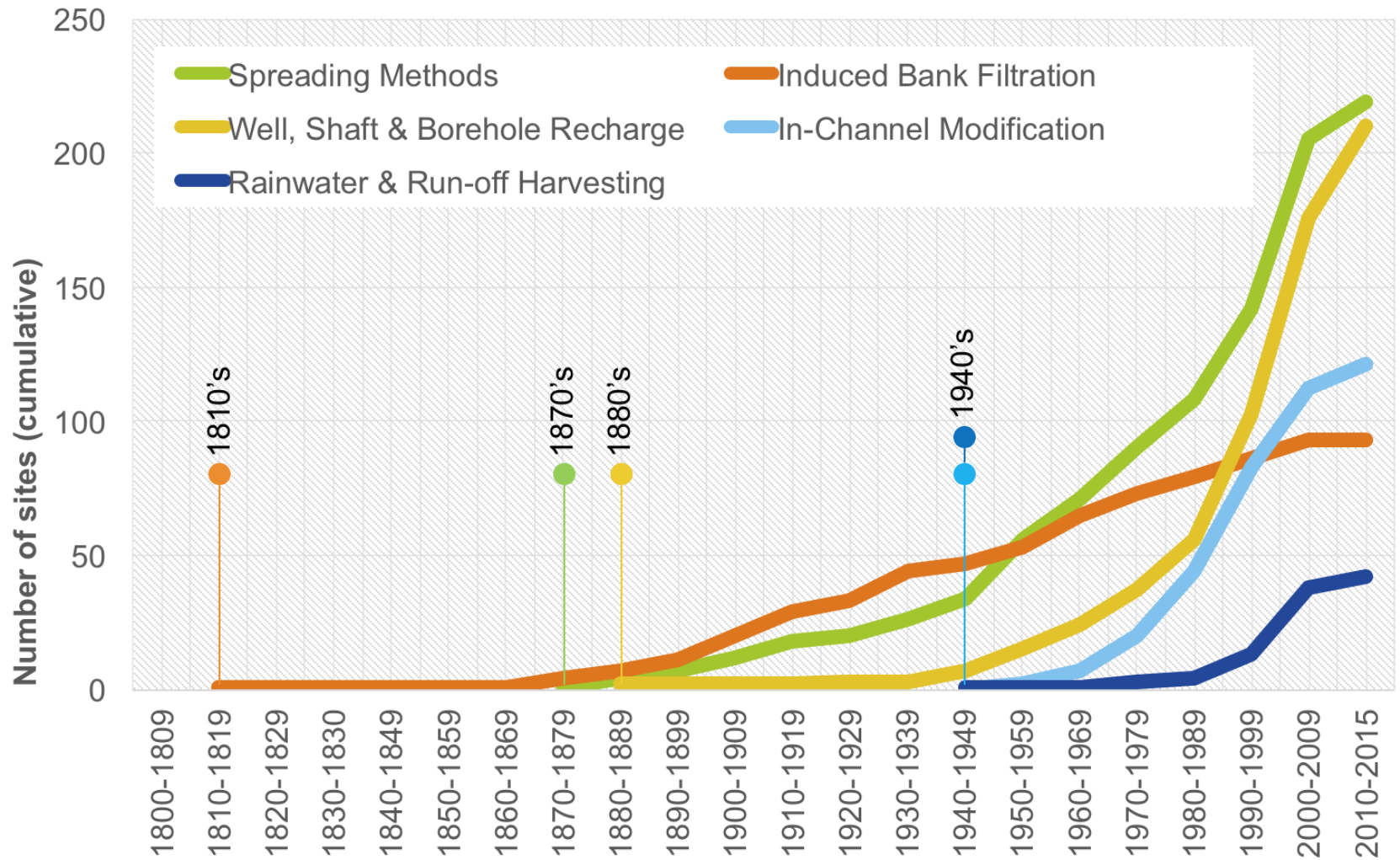
Number of case studies per country



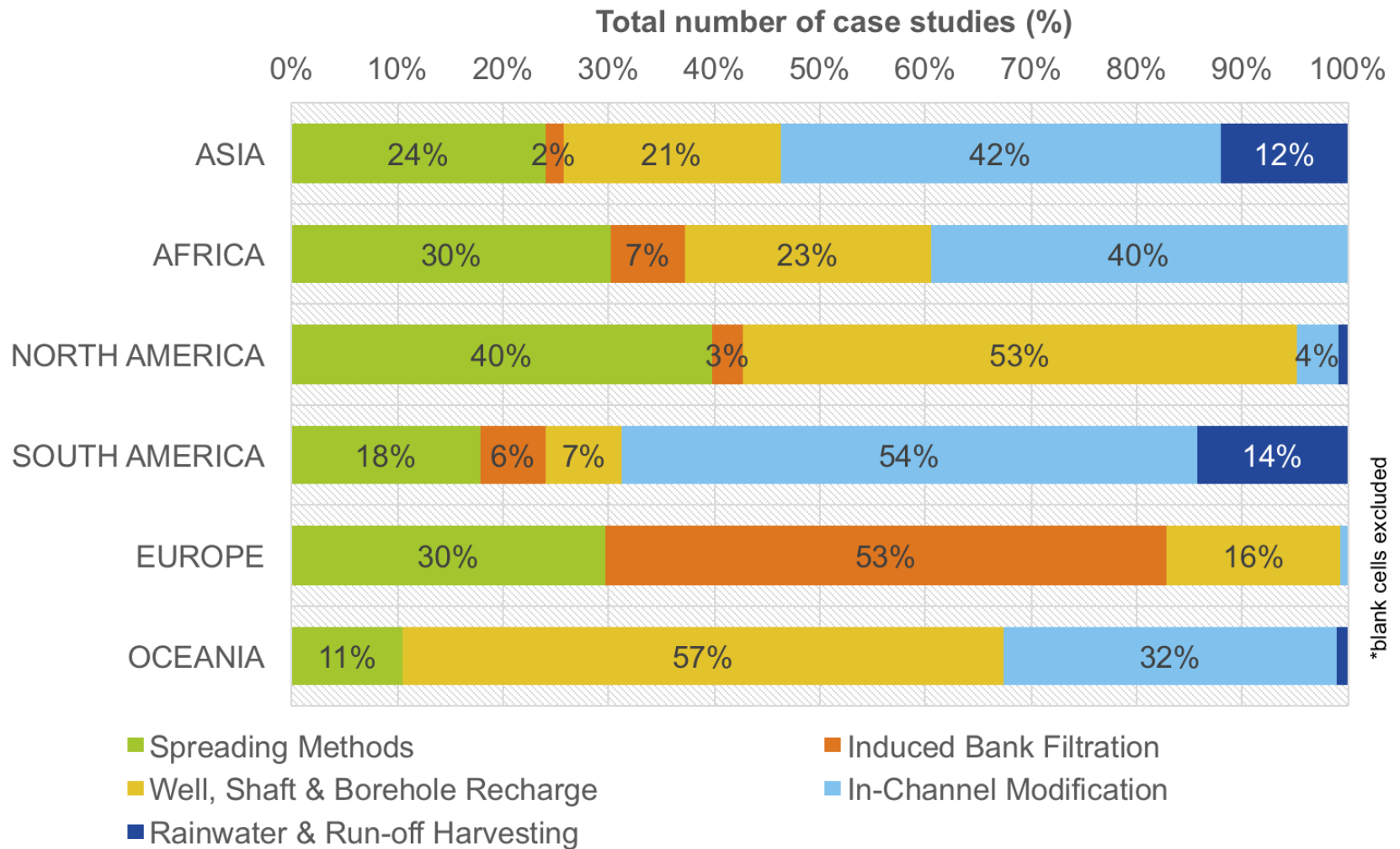
MAR historical development



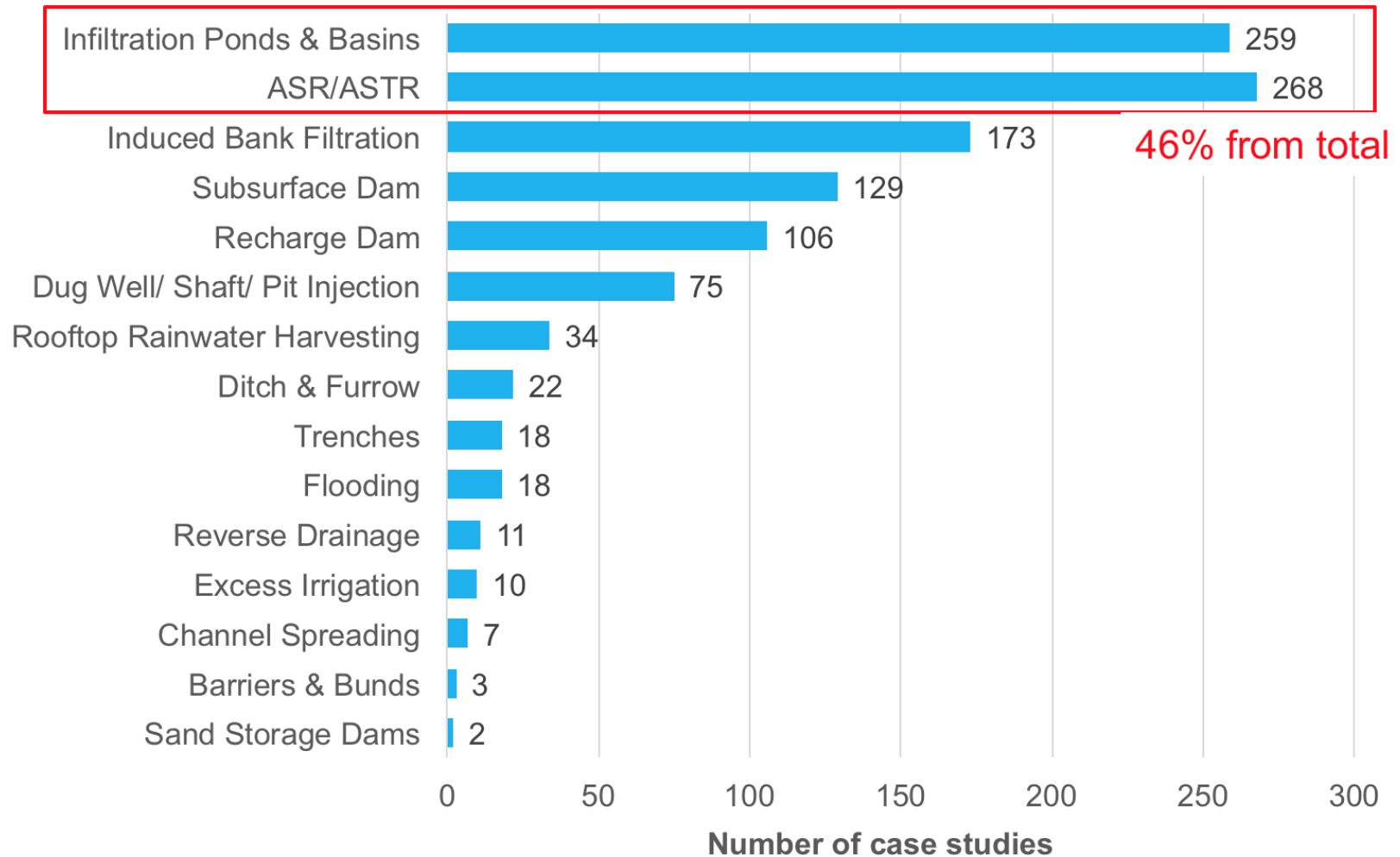
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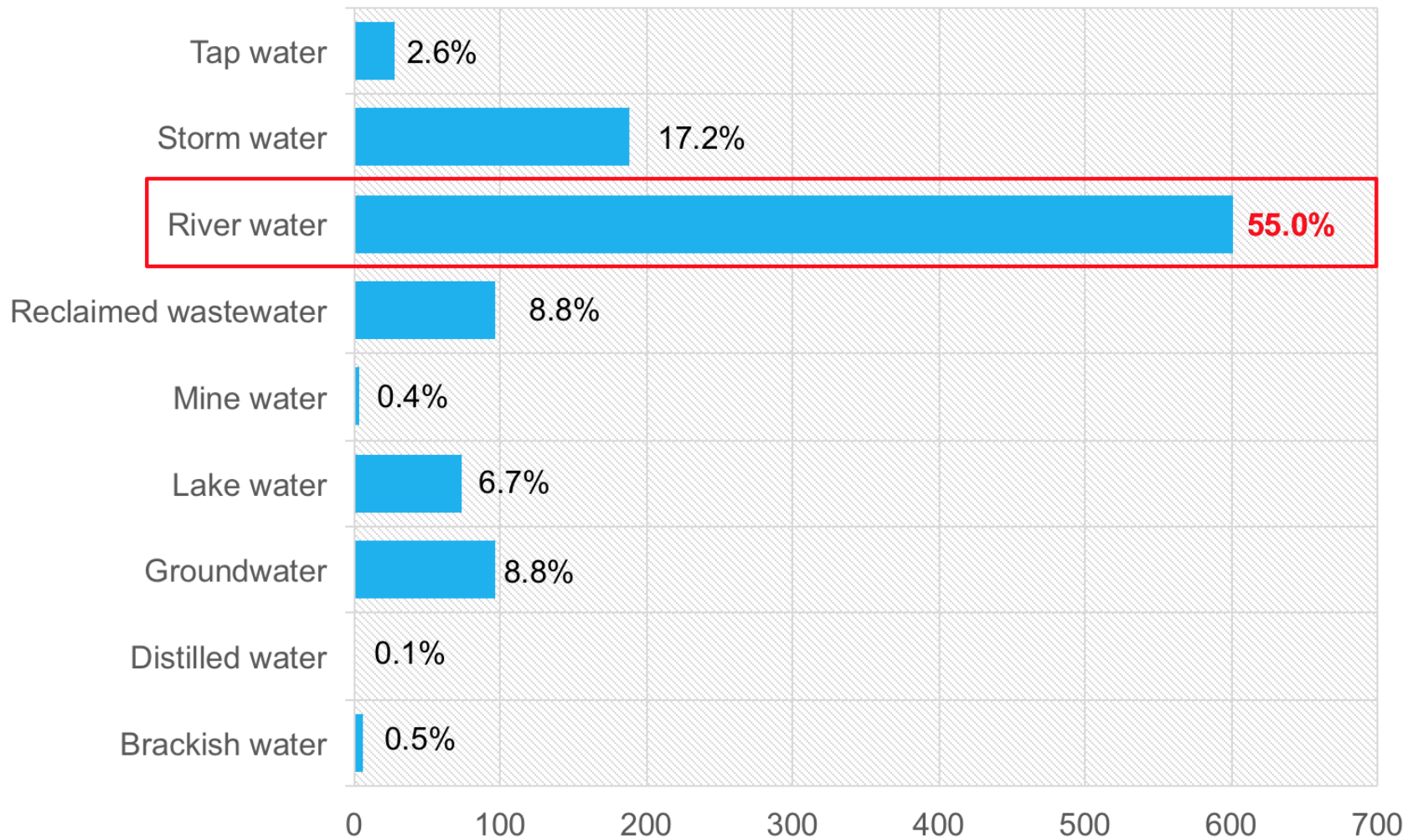
Main MAR types



Specific MAR types

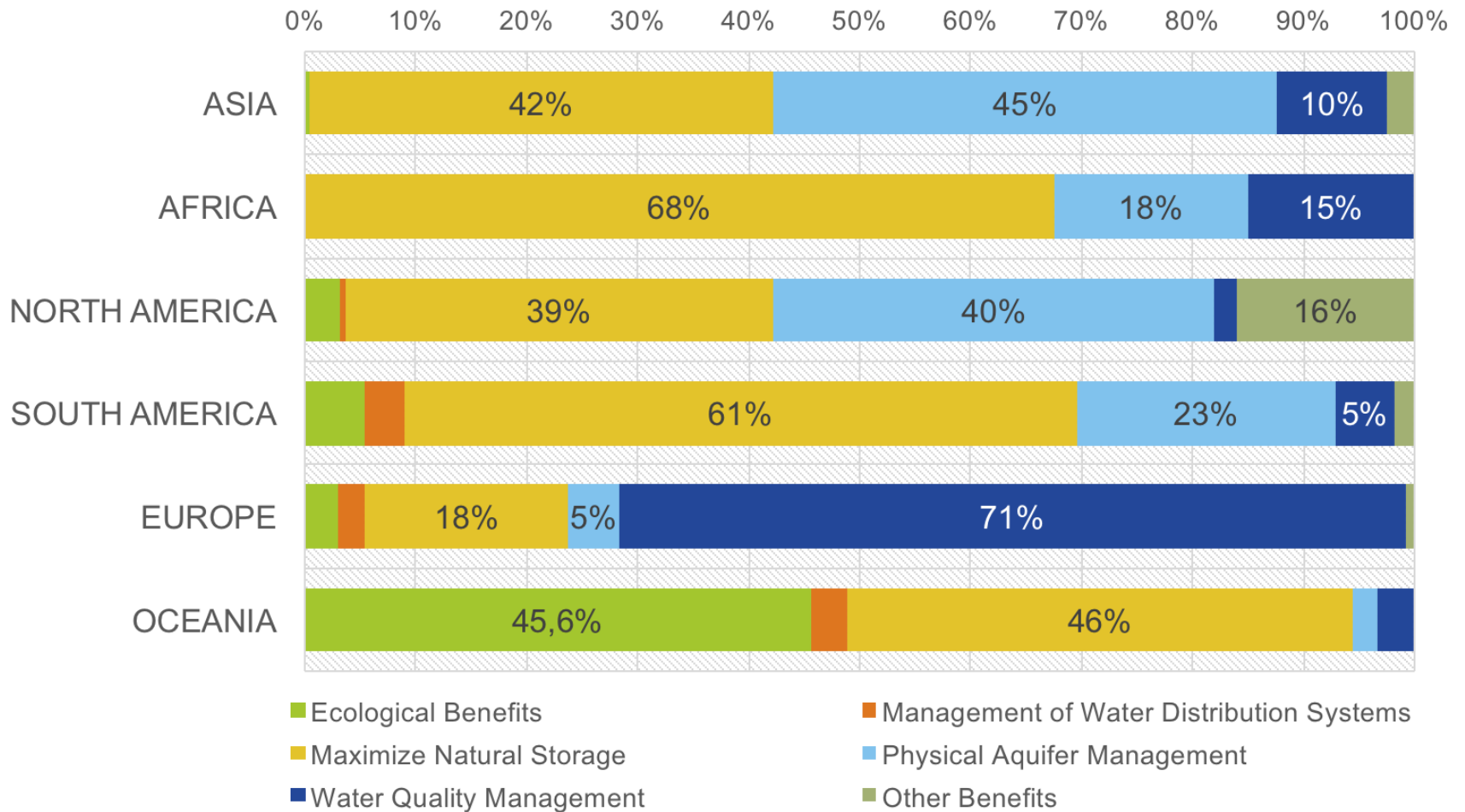


Types of water source for MAR

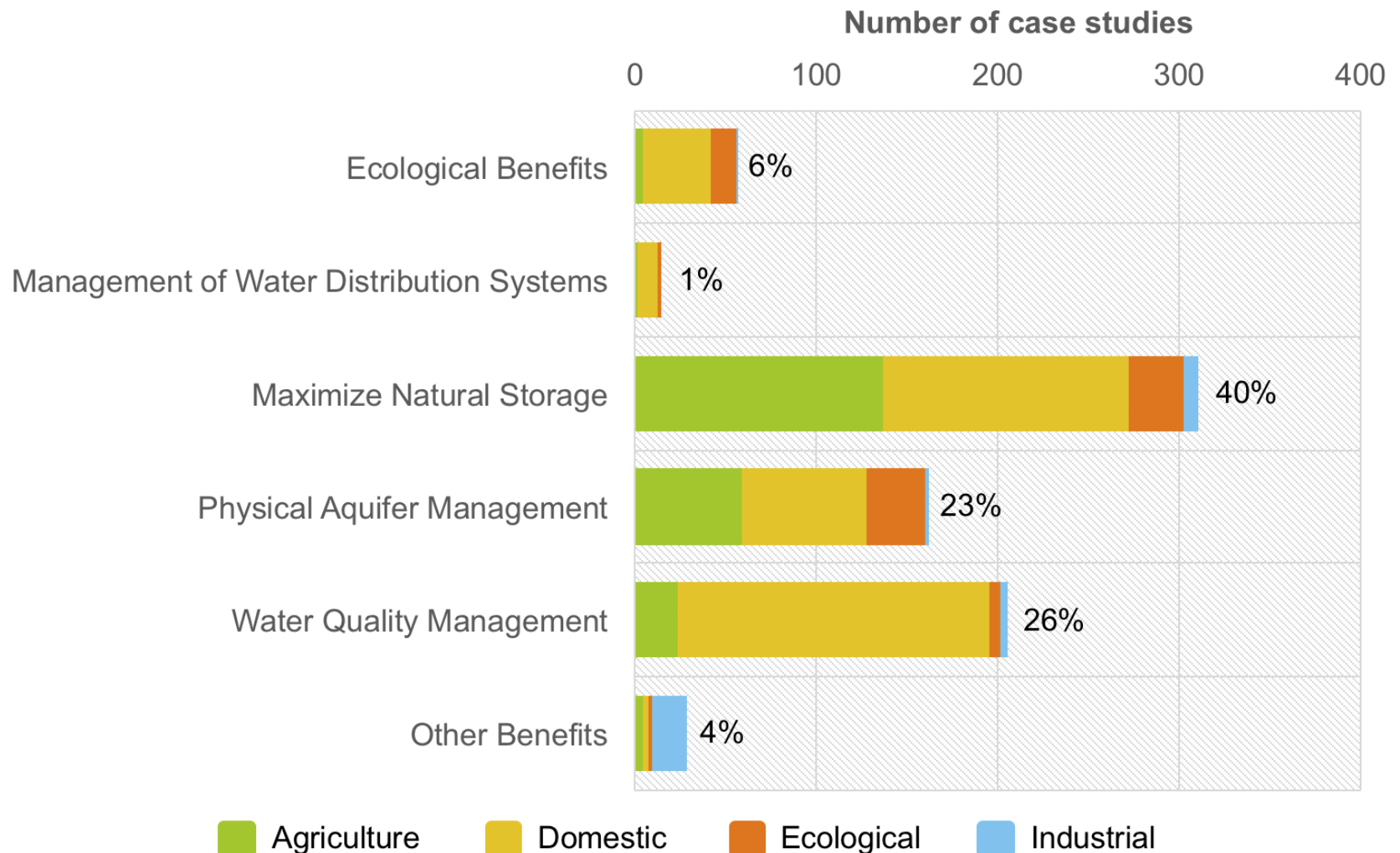


MAR objectives

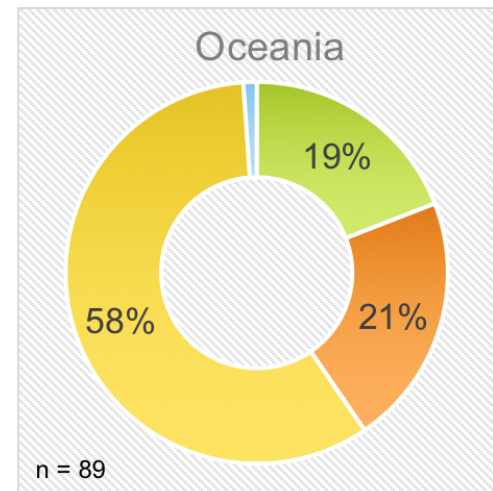
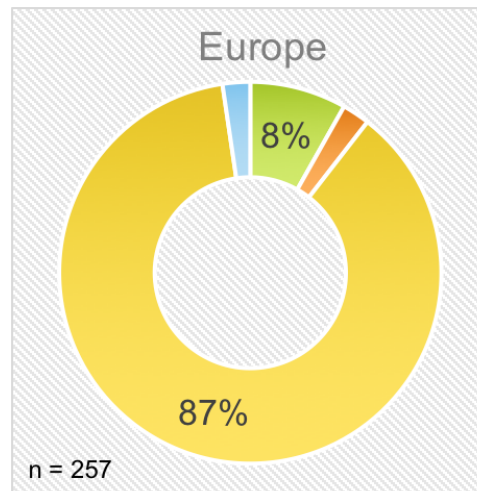
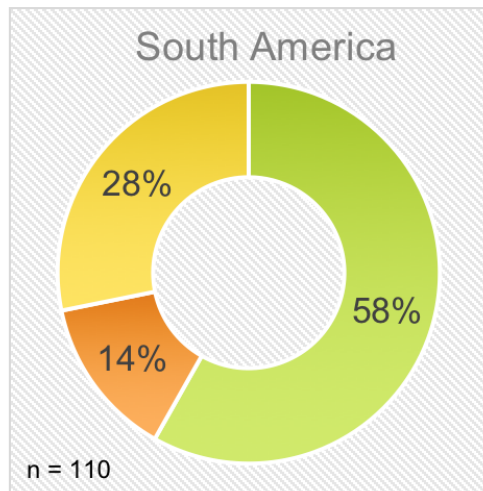
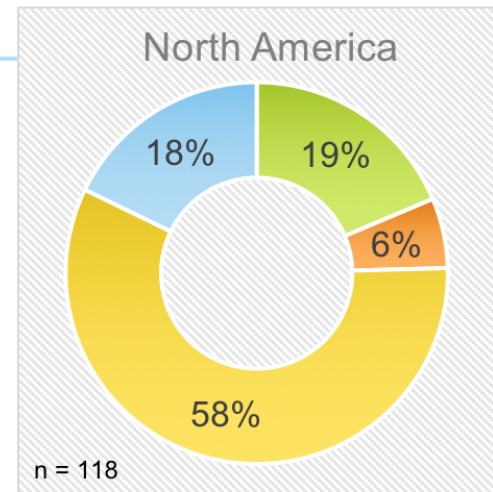
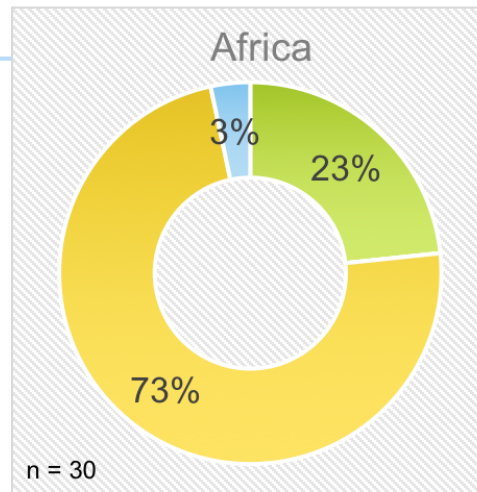
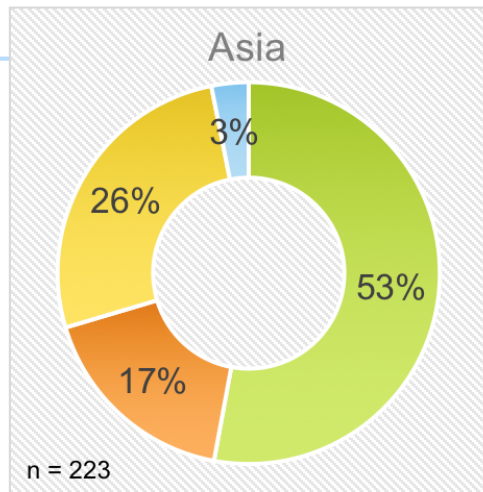
Total number of case studies (%)



MAR objectives vs. final water source



MAR beneficiary sector



Agriculture Domestic Ecological Industrial

Further readings

Sustainable Water Resources Management (2018) 4:153–162
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE



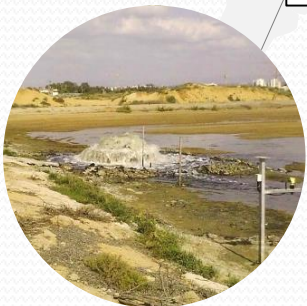
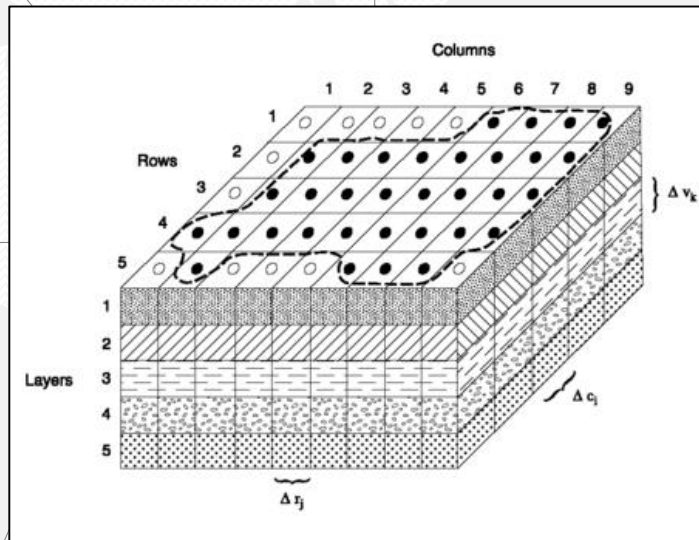
Web-based global inventory of managed aquifer recharge applications

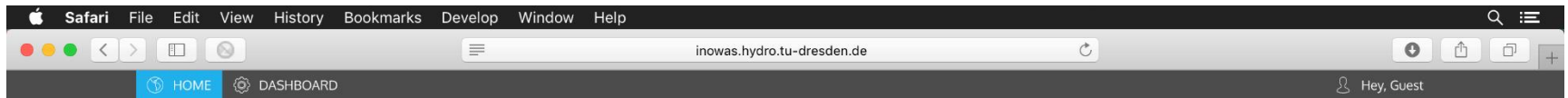
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Abstract

Managed aquifer recharge (MAR) is being successfully implemented worldwide for various purposes: to increase groundwater storage, improve water quality, restore groundwater levels, prevent salt water intrusion, manage water distribution systems, and enhance ecological benefits. To better understand the role of MAR in sustainable water management and adaptation to climate and land use change, about 1200 case studies from 62 countries were collected and analyzed with respect to historical development, site characterization, operational scheme, objectives and methods used, as well as quantitative and qualitative characterization of in- and outflow of water. The data harvested was used for the compilation of a global inventory of MAR schemes, whose main goal is to provide access to existing MAR projects and techniques and demonstrate their benefits. To increase the availability and facilitate continuous update of the MAR inventory, an MAR web-based portal was developed



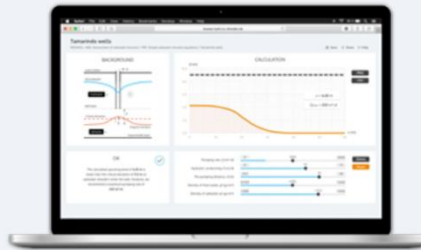


TOOLBOX



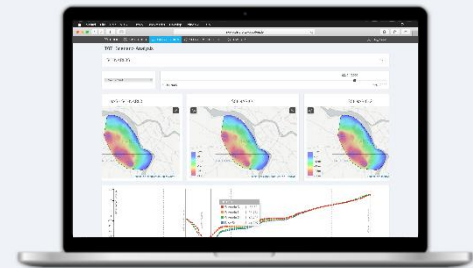
Simple tools derived from data mining and empirical correlations

1



Practical implementation of analytical equations of groundwater flow

2



Reliable simulations using complex numerical flow models (i.e. MODFLOW)

3

The applications are based on a collection of simple, practical and reliable web-based tools of various degrees of complexity. The tools are either included in application-specific workflows or used as standalone modelling instruments.

EXAMPLES OF TOOLS



T07. APPLICATION-SPECIFIC SCENARIOS ANALYZER

This tool makes use of the output files of the MODFLOW-based model and uses them for the customized analysis of user-defined model scenarios

Global MAR Portal

The screenshot displays the Global Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) Portal web-GIS interface. The browser window shows the URL `inowas.hydro.tu-dresden.de`. The interface includes a top navigation bar with 'HOME' and 'DASHBOARD' buttons. A search bar is located above the map. The left sidebar contains a 'Layers' panel with logos for INOWAS, DEMEAU, and igrac, and a 'Catalog' panel listing various MAR projects and maps. The 'Active layers' panel shows 'Main MAR type' selected and a legend for spreading methods. The main map area displays a world map with numerous colored markers representing MAR projects. A large igrac logo is overlaid on the map. The bottom right corner of the map area contains the text '© IGRAC, © OpenStreetMap contributors'.

Web-GIS portal for visualization of MAR projects and suitability maps

Saltwater Intrusion Assessment

Safari File Edit View History Bookmarks Develop Window Help
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HOME DASHBOARD DOCUMENTATION Hey, Guest

T09_c. Saltwater intrusion // Upconing

BACKGROUND

Land surface

Groundwater

Freshwater ρ_f

Well base

Critical elevation

Original interface

Saltwater ρ_s

Impermeable layer

Q

K

d

z

CALCULATION

$z(0) = \frac{Q}{2\pi d K \Delta\rho}$

$z = 8.5 \text{ m}$

$Q_{\max} = 2120.6 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}$

$d \text{ (m)}$

$x \text{ (m)}$

PNG

CSV

OK

The calculated upconing level of 8.5 m is lower than the critical elevation of 9.0 m so saltwater shouldn't enter the well. However, we recommend a maximum pumping rate of 2120.6 m³/d.

Pumping rate, Q (m³/d)

Hydraulic conductivity, K (m/d)

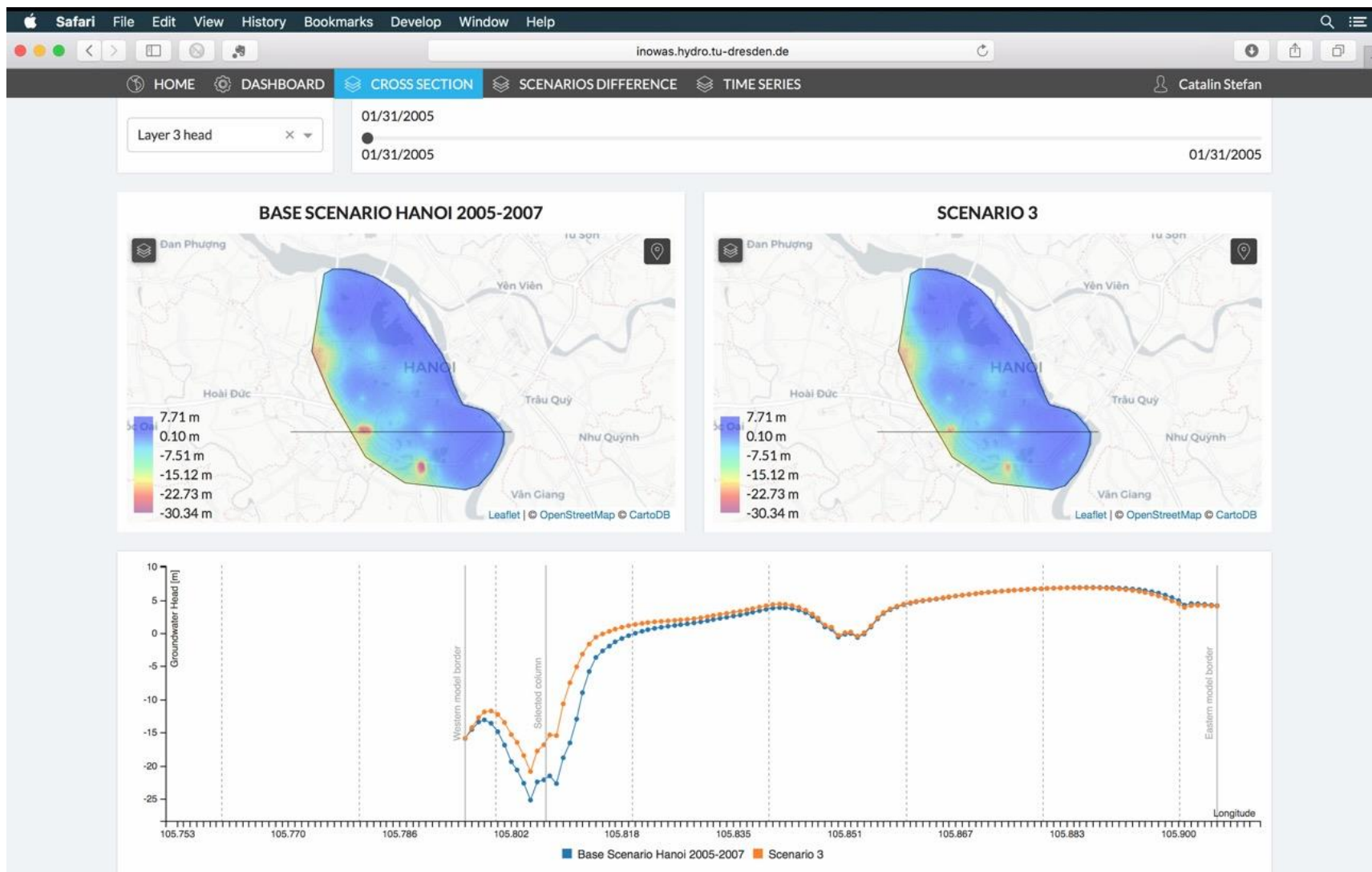
Pre-pumping distance, d (m)

Density of freshwater [g/cm³]

Density of saltwater [g/cm³]

Interactive web-based implementation of analytical equations

MODFLOW-based Groundwater Modeling



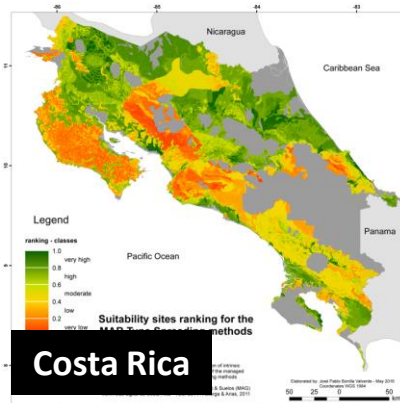
Setup, calculation, optimization and visualization of MODFLOW models



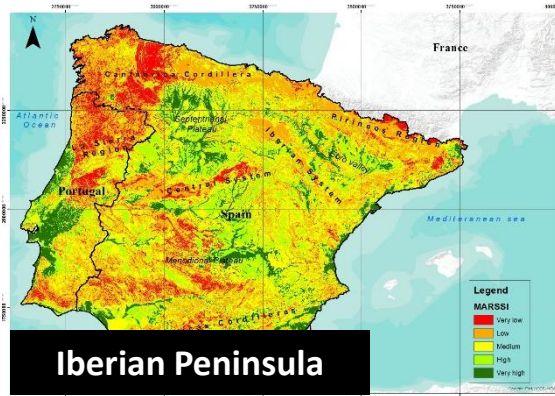
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		ModelMuse	Visual MODFLOW Flex	INOWAS
SPECS	MODFLOW code	✓	✓	✓
	Pricing model	free	9,000 USD	free
	Web-based interface	✗	✗	✓
	Multiple tools (over 20)	✗	✗	✓
FEATURES	Scenarios analysis	✗	✗	✓
	3D visualization	✗	✓	✗
	Shared models	✗	✗	✓
	Optimization algorithms	✗	✗	✓
	Cloud-based scalability	✗	✗	✓
PACKAGES	Analytical equations	✗	✗	✓
	MODFLOW-2005	✓	✓	✓
	MT3DMS	✓	✓	✓
	SEAWAT	✗	✓	in progress
	MODPATH	✓	✓	✗

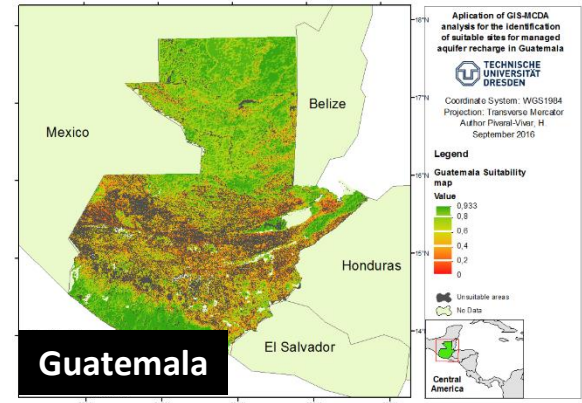
GIS-based MAR suitability mapping



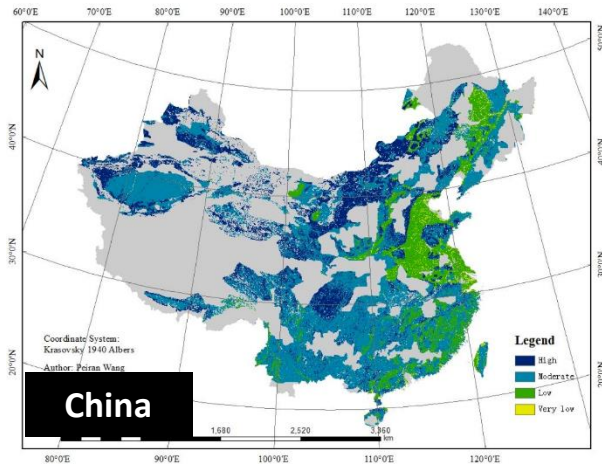
Bonilla et al., 2016



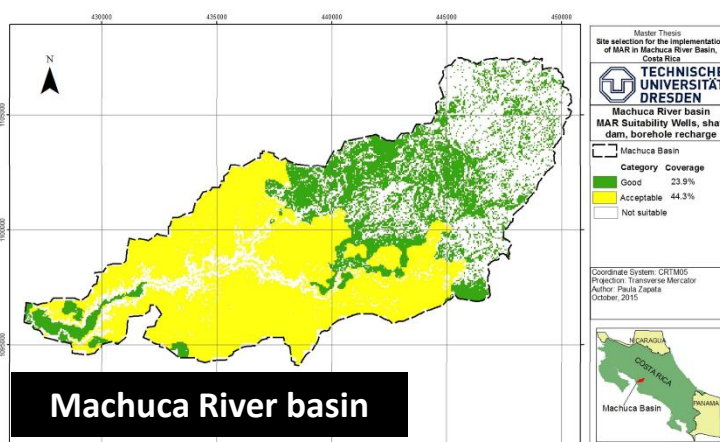
Vasquez, 2017



Pivarał, 2016



Wang, 2017



Zapata, 2015

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