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# Impact of shape and land use on sedimentation in

# green flood retention reservoirs

Development of an Integrated Management Strategy for Green Flood Retention Reservoirs and Polders for Flood protection

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# **Motivation**



Integrated management strategy for green flood retention reservoirs, polders and floodplains

- <u>Quantity/ quality</u> of deposited sediments?
- <u>Factors influencing</u> <u>deposition</u> in retention reservoirs as well as on floodplains?

# **Overview**

## 1. Aim

- 2. Quantifying transport processes in green flood retention reservoirs
- 3. Impact of reservoir shapes on sedimentation
- 4. Detailed transport simulations
- 5. Impact of land use on sedimentation
- 6. Conclusions



#### Aim



Factors influencing sedimentation processes in green flood retention reservoirs

Background "Integrated management strategy"

Enhancement of the environment by targeted retention of flood induced, released contaminated sediments in green flood retention reservoirs?

Knowledge of effectiveness of factors influencing sedimentation and their interaction is essential!

Investigation of the impact of shape and land use on sedimentation in green flood retention reservoirs



# Quantification of deposition in green flood retention reservoirs

filling and emptying phases unsteady• advection dispersion• C(t) • c(t) • cross sections• modelling• sedimentation• geo data• 2d-hn-modelling• (sorption)• sediment specific	quantification	processes	database	
• physical modelling     • (degradation)     parameters     • (measured events)	filling and emptying phases unsteady → modelling • 2d-hn-modelling • physical modelling	<ul> <li>advection</li> <li>dispersion</li> <li>sedimentation</li> <li>(erosion)</li> <li>(sorption)</li> <li>(degradation)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Q(t) (in, out)</li> <li>c(t)</li> <li>cross sections</li> <li>geo data</li> <li>land use data</li> <li>sediment specific parameters</li> <li>(measured events)</li> </ul>	

time- and resource-intensive complex of

often not available

<u>large scope of investigations</u> (TELEMAC-2D, SUBIEF-2D) concerning factors influencing sedimentation  $\rightarrow$  <u>simplifications necessary</u>:

- sediment is considered to be medium of conservative contaminant transport (no desorption/ degradation)
- basic reservoir shapes, simplified concentration graphs as well as hydrographs
- no erosion (small flow velocities, vegetation)



# **Impact of reservoir shapes on sedimentation**

<u>Objects under investigation</u>: Rectangular instream green flood retention reservoirs, body of water =  $10^6 \text{ m}^3$  in each case,  $k_{\text{str,river}} = 30 \text{ m}^{1/3}/\text{s}$ ,  $k_{\text{str,floodplain}} = 20 \text{ m}^{1/3}/\text{s}$ 



<u>Sediment properties</u> (Sedimentation flux  $Q_d = W_c \cdot c \left(1 - \left(u^* / u_d^*\right)^2\right)$ )

Grain fraction [µm]	20	40	80	150
settling velocity [m/s]	2.75*10-4	1.13*10 <sup>-3</sup>	4.21*10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.29*10 <sup>-2</sup>
critical shear velocity for deposition [m/s]	6.7*10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.7*10 <sup>-2</sup>	9.9 *10 <sup>-2</sup>	0.27



#### <u>Flow BC</u>: idealised inflow hydrograph $Q_{in}(t)$ , $Q_{out} = const.$ in each case



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#### Transport BC for suspended sediments





#### <u>Deposited sediment (percentage of total incoming sediment)</u>; $Q_{out} = 14 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$





## <u>Deposition pattern</u>: $Q_{out} = 14 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$



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#### Time dependency of sedimentation processes



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# **Detailed transport simulations**

Input of <u>several portions of suspended sediment at different levels of filling</u> into the reservoir instead of continous sediment input  $\rightarrow$  <u>1 simulation per input portion</u> (d=20 µm, Q<sub>out</sub>=14 m<sup>3</sup>/s)





#### Result: Deposition (percentage of total incoming sediment); f (time of sediment input)





#### <u>Result: Short circuit (percentage of total incoming sediment);</u> f (time of sediment input)

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### Example of deposition pattern f (time of sediment input)



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# Impact of land use on sedimentation



• Impact of seasonal changes/ different types of land use on sedimentation?

• Degree of uncertainties concerning calculated deposition masses due to estimation of roughness parameters?

Simulations with varying roughness distributions within green flood retention reservoir

Range of amount and pattern of deposited sediments



#### Simulations with varying roughness distributions

#### grain fraction $d = 20 \ \mu m$

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#### grain fraction d = 150 $\mu$ m





# Conclusions

- Effectiveness of sediment retention in green flood retention reservoirs strongly depends on the combination of grain size and reservoir shape
- The bigger the grain size, the smaller the area of deposition and the smaller the impact of shape and land use on sedimentation pattern and masses
- One mean value is not suitable for the description for the effectiveness of sediment retention for a given reservoir due to the strong dependence on time of sediment input
- Different shaped reservoirs have their maximum effectiveness of sediment retention at different stages of filling (knowledge is important for an adaptive reservoir operation)
- The short circuit of suspended sediment flow reduces the effectiveness of sediment retention enormously, this can be influenced by modified operation or reservoir design
- Land use has only a small influence on sedimentation, modelling errors due to rough estimation of parameters are small

# Thank you very much for your attention!

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