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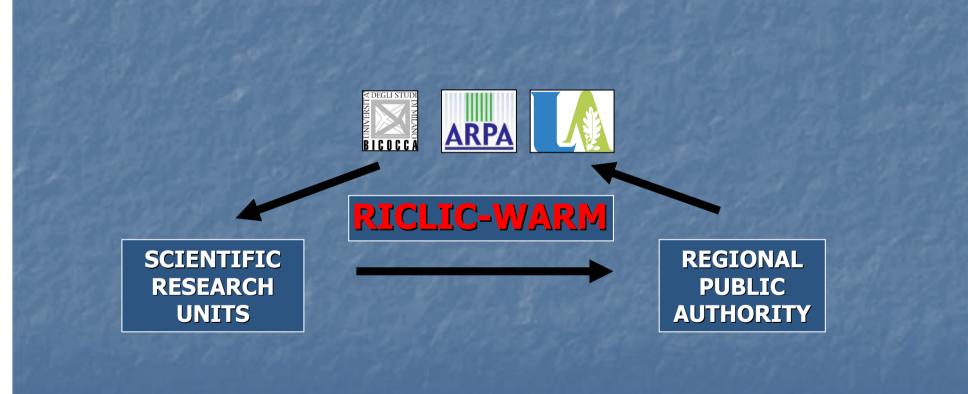
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Water scarcity risk in an alpine area: analysis of water allocation within climate change scenarios

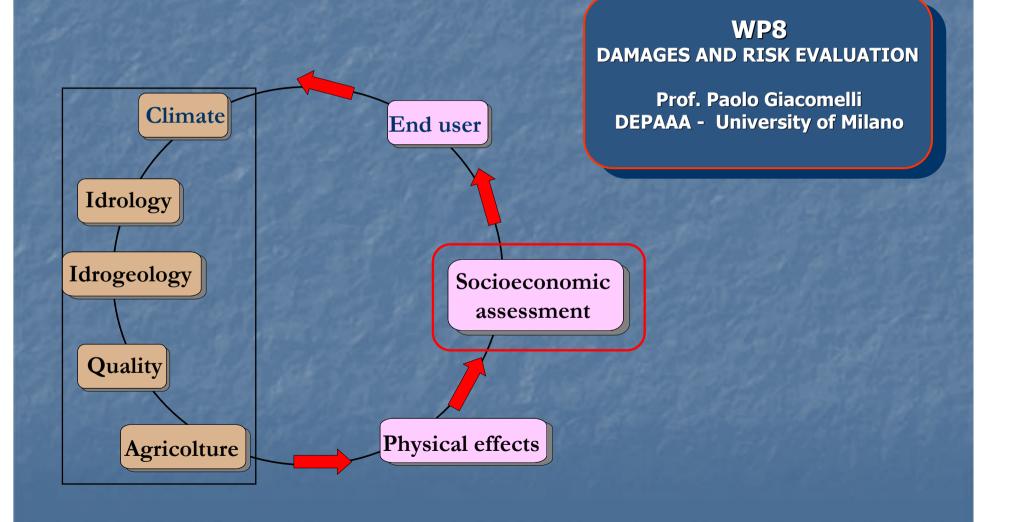
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FINAL GOALS

DEVELOP A SCIENTIFIC METHODOLOGY TO ASSESS CLIMATIC IMPACTS ON WATER RESOURCES AND PROVIDE A SUPPORT TO DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES ON WATER MANAGEMENT



RICLIC-WARM project frame



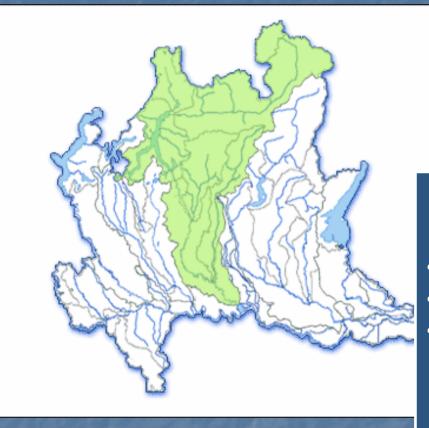








Adda River Basin





Main characteristics

- SURFACE DRAINED: 7.979 km²
 RIVER LENGHT: 313 km
 ALTITUDE RANGE:
 - Sources of Adda: 2.237 m asl
 - Mean Lake Como elevation: 198 m asl
 - Join with Po river: 36 m asl
- RIVER BASIN SURFACE: 38% of Lombardy

Adda River Basin



TIRANO (441 m asl) Year average discharge : 26,75 m³/s

FUENTES (198 m asl) Year average discharge: 88,0 m³/s

MALGRATE (198 m asl) Year average discharge: 158,2 m³/s

JOIN WITH PO RIVER (36 m asl) Year average discharge: 287,72 m³/s

STORAGE CAPACITIES

- LAKE COMO
 - Absolute capacity: 22.500 Mmc
 - Regulation capacity: <u>254,3 Mmc</u> (37%)

HYDROELECTRIC RESERVOIRS:

- 56 reservoirs: <u>419 Mmc</u> (63%)

Source: PTUA Lombardy, 2003

Hydroelectric exploitation

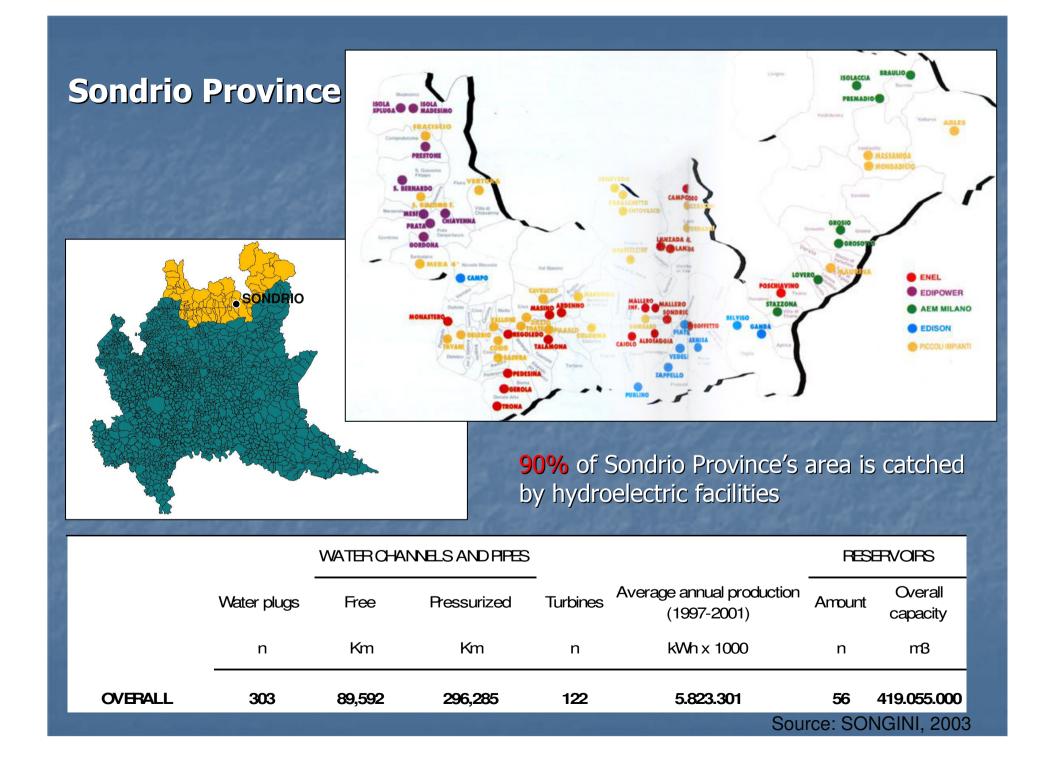
Four companies detain the right of exploitation of Sondrio Province waters:

- EDIPOWER: 8 plants
- ENEL: 18 plants
- EDISON: 8 plants
- A.E.M. MILANO: 7 plants
- OTHER: 32 small plants



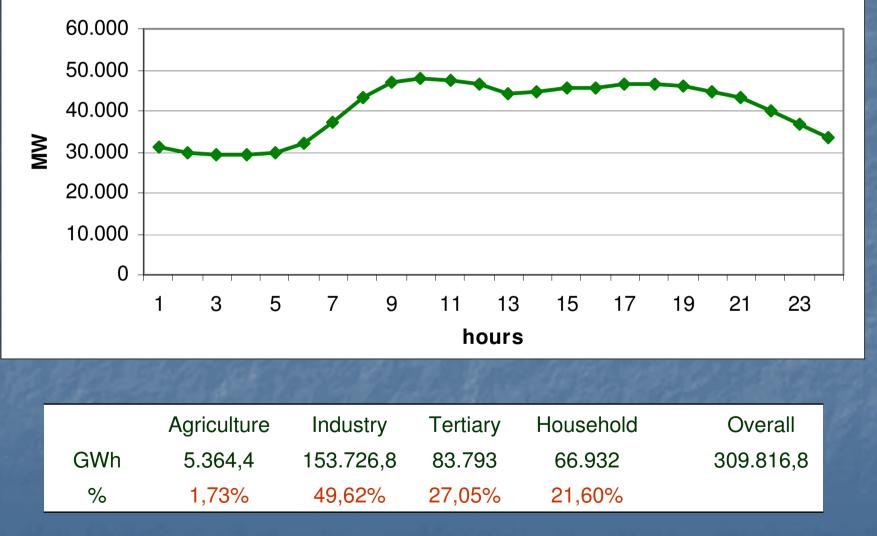
Hydroelectric net production (year 2000): **5.886.000 MWh**

- 11,1% of the national hydroelectric production;
- 45,4% of the regional hydroelectric production;
- only the 16% of the electricity produced is distributed within Sondrio Province.



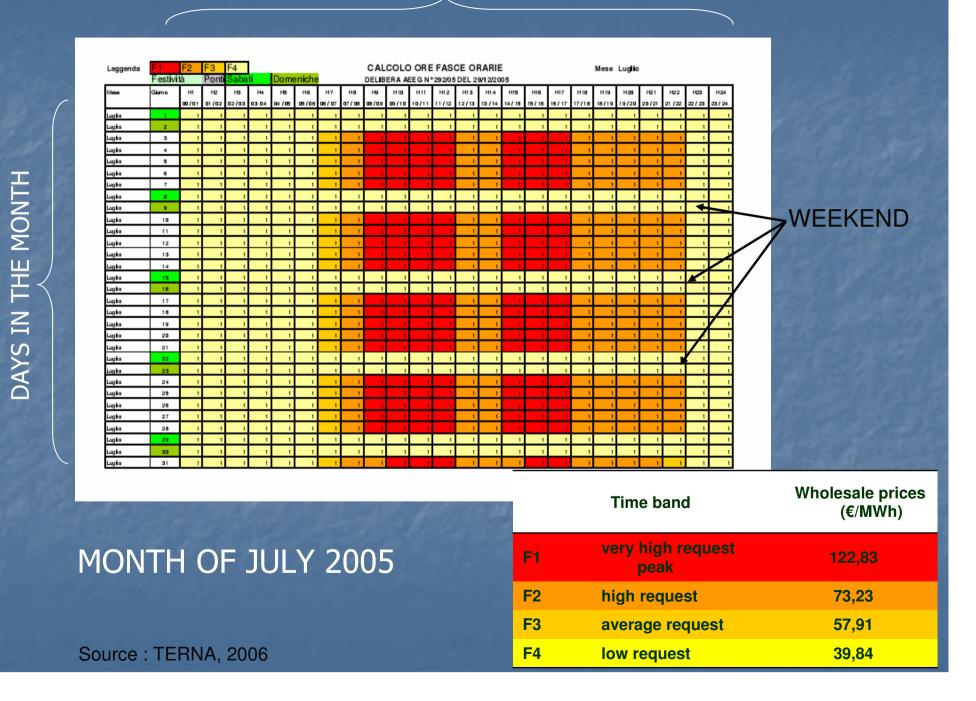
Daily electricity demand oscillations



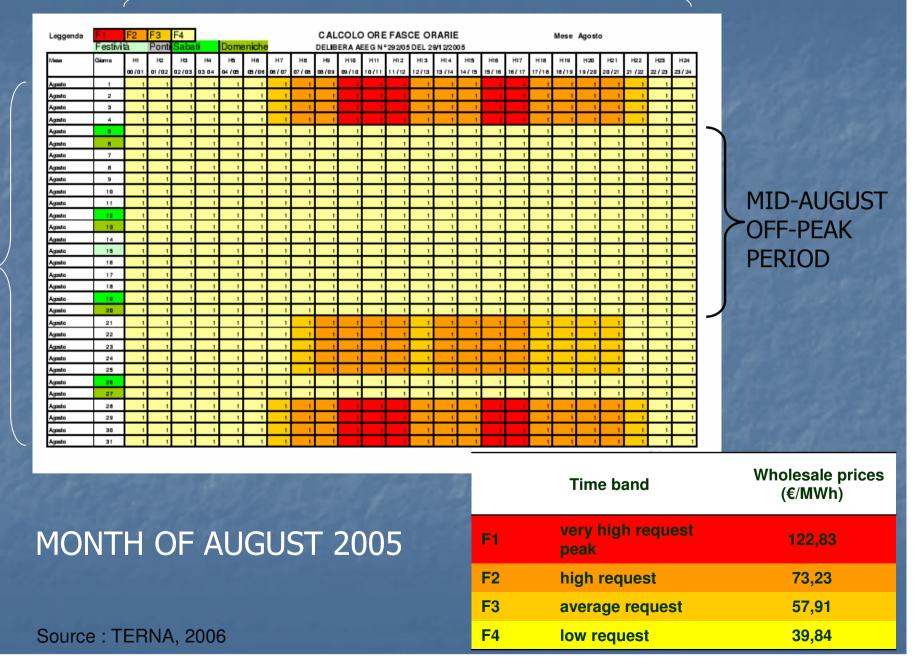


Source : TERNA, 2006

HOURS OF THE DAY



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DAYS IN THE MONTH

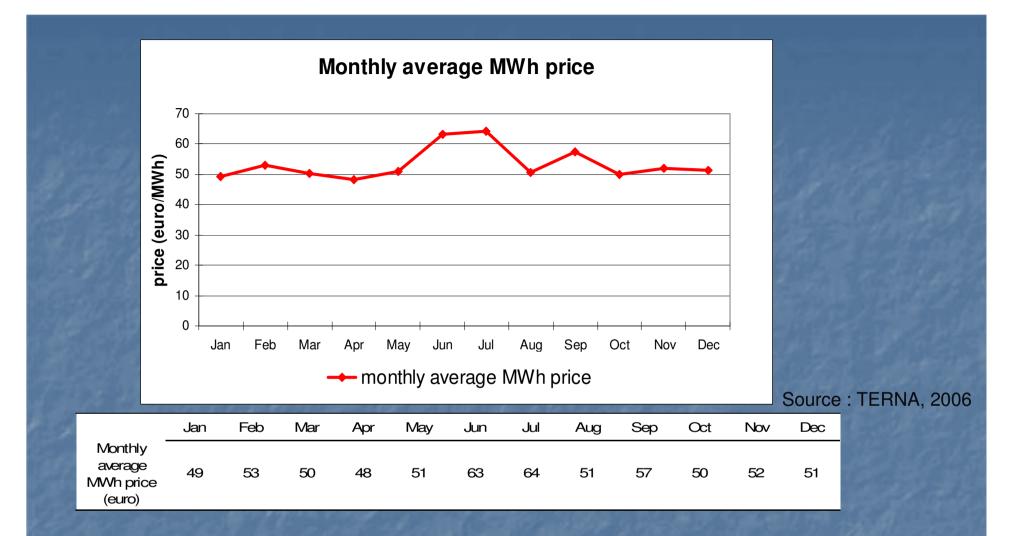
Monthly aggregation of the amount of hours belonging to different time-bands

	overall monthly hours for each time-band			
MONTH	F1	F2	F3	F4
Jan	0	192	32	520
Feb	0	240	40	392
Mar	0	147	161	436
Apr	0	60	220	440
May	0	176	132	436
Jun	133	160	25	402
Jul	147	168	21	408
Aug	40	117	41	546
Sep	60	178	94	388
Oct	0	147	147	450
Nov	16	155	123	426
Dec	50	100	60	534

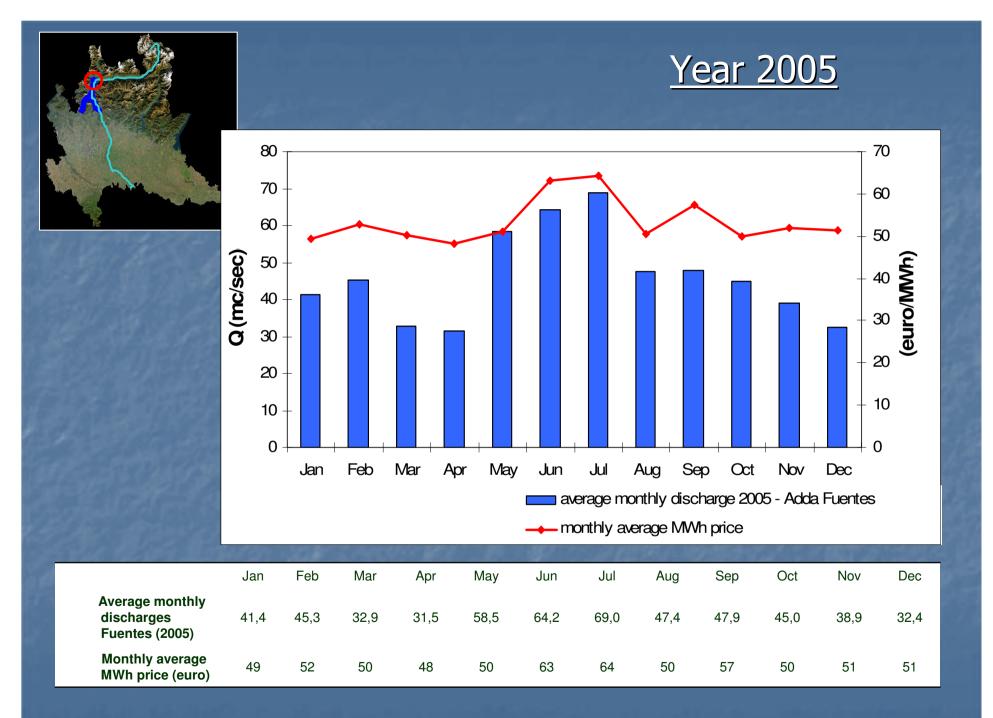
	Wholesale prices (€/MWh)
F1	122,83
F2	73,23
F3	57,91
F4	39,84

• Main on-peak months: JUNE, JULY, SEPTEMBER

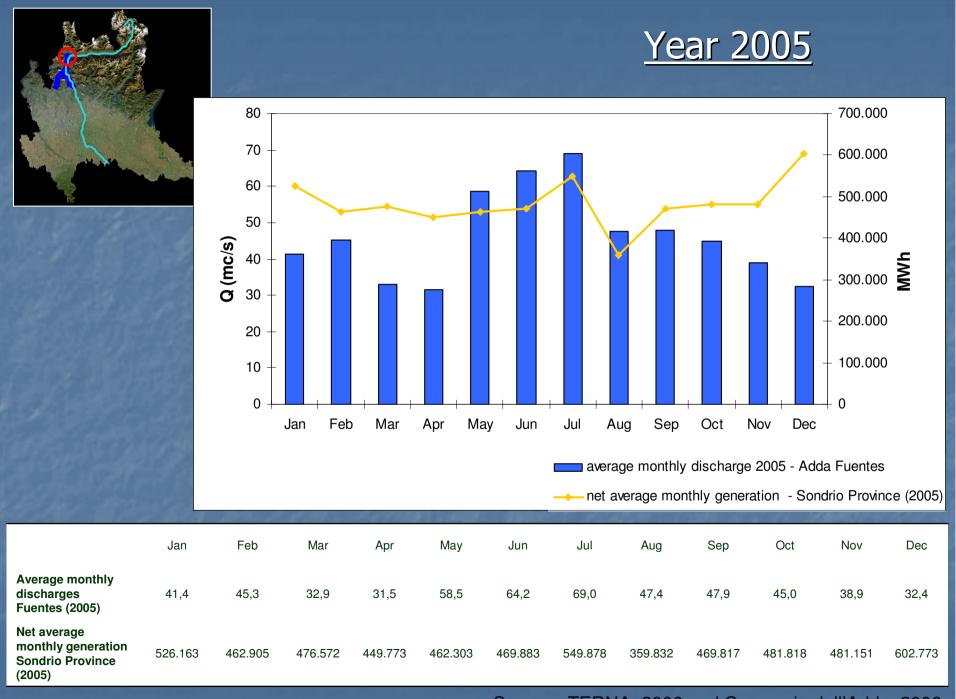
Main off-peak months:
 JANUARY, APRIL, AUGUST



-If we consider the only hydroelectric power, calculated prices are <u>underestimated</u>, since the calculation assume unchanging levels of energy production throughout the year, while the actual generation (and selling) is concentrated in the most profitable hours of the year (on-peak periods).



Source : TERNA, 2006 and Consorzio dell'Adda, 2006

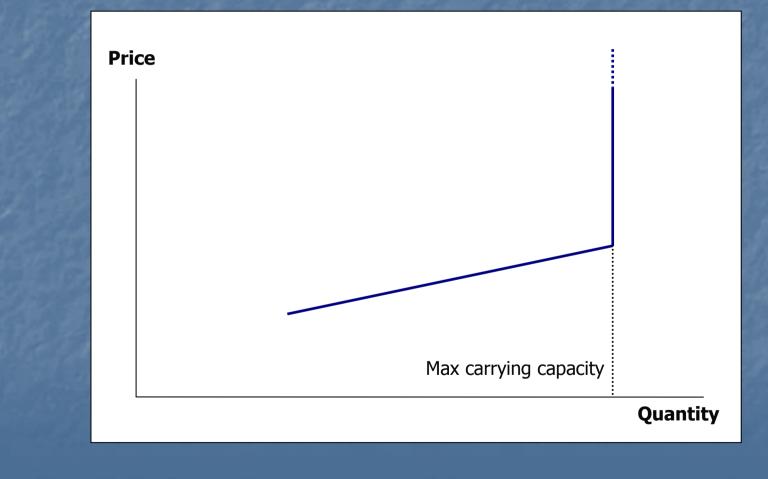


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The controversial role of hydroelectric power production

- The hydroelectric right of exploitment fee does not depend on the actual production, but on the installed capacity (18 €/kW);
- the selling price of hydroelectric energy is not constant but fluctuates both in the short and in the long period;
- the order of priority of water uses (CIVIL, AGRICULTURAL and INDUSTRIAL) is not respected.
- LOW FLOW LIMITS represent the only constraint to hydroelectric company activities;
- *ramp-up* and *ramp-down* constraints are not given;

Supply behaviour deriving from hydroelectricity production

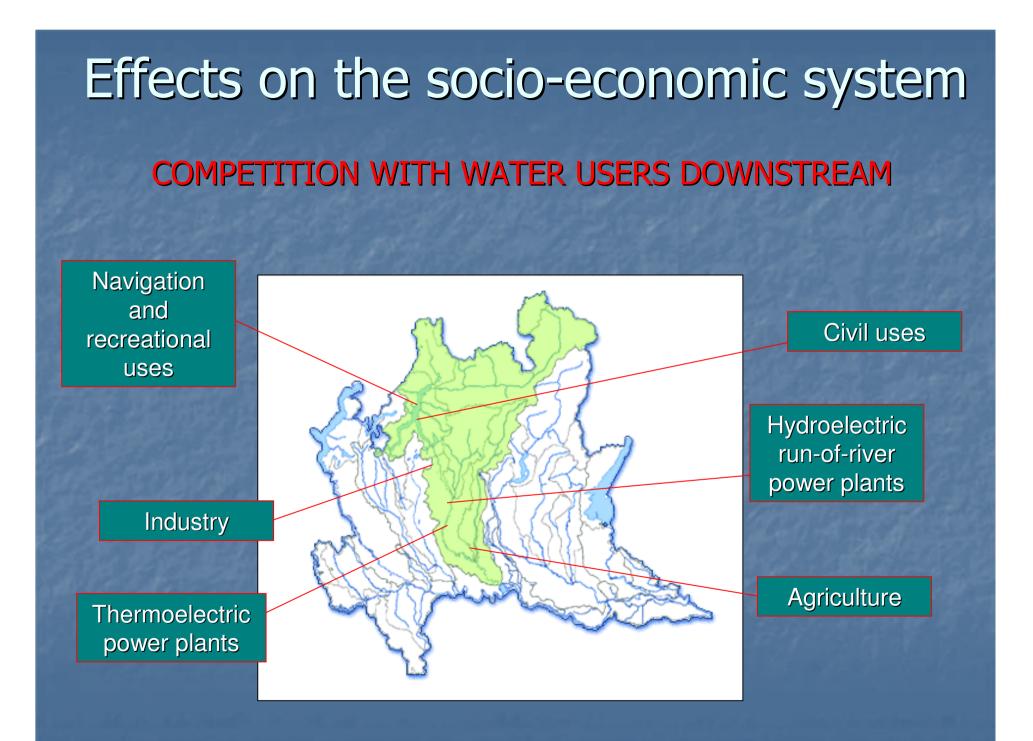


Effects on the environment

Alteration of natural hydrological cycles:

- . day/night variations of discharges;
- . seasonal variations of discharges;
- . ecological effects on the river ecosistems along the watershed (SEDIMENT TRANSPORTATION INHIBITED, EFFECTS ON BIOLOGICAL CYCLES, EFFECTS ON RIVER BANKS EROSION).

Alteration of Lake Como hydrometric levels and quality: . ecological problems (FISH REPRODUCTIVE PERIODS); . loss of water quality and rise of sanitary consequences.



Climate change and socio-economic system

STRONG INTER-CONNECTION BETWEEN NATURAL CYCLES AND HUMAN ACTIVITIES

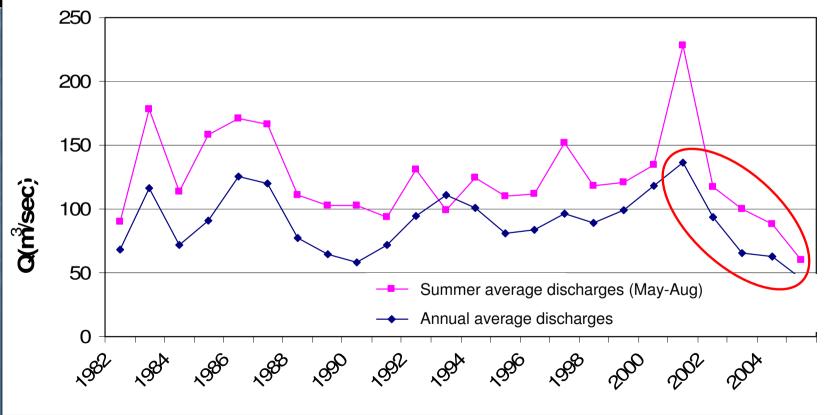
- <u>CLIMATE CHANGE</u>: INFLUENCE ON WATER RESOURCES DISTRIBUTION (STOCKS/FLOWS)
- <u>SOCIO-ECONOMIC SYSTEM</u>: INFLUENCE OF COMPETING WATER USERS ON WATER BALANCES

• HIGH STRESS ON WATER RESOURCES UNDER CURRENT CONDITIONS

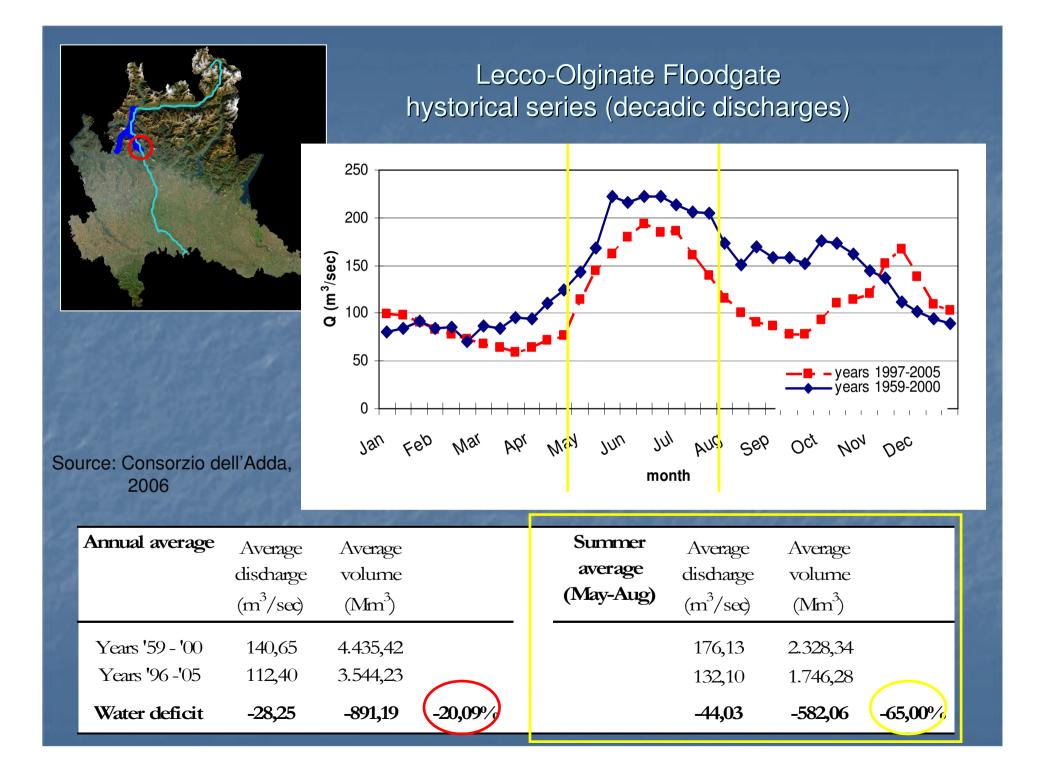
• HIGH SENSITIVITY OF THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC SYSTEM TO VARIATIONS ON WATER INPUTS



Fuentes (Valtellina outflows) hystorical series: annual and summer average discharges

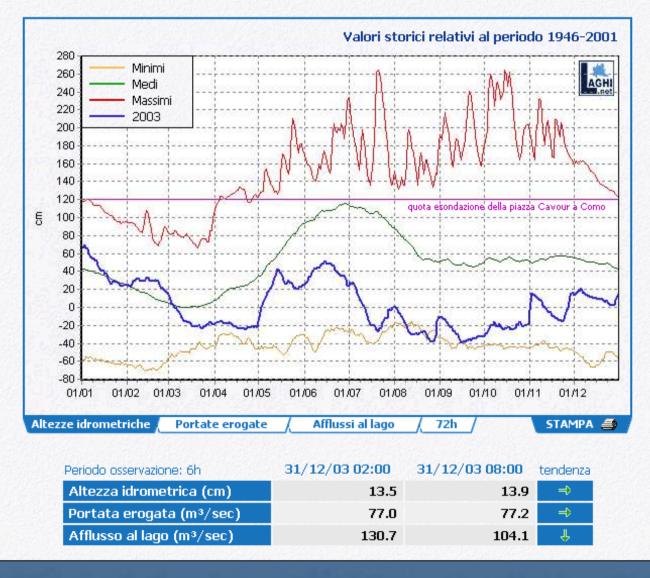


Source: Consorzio dell'Adda, 2006



Critical hydrologic conditions observed: year 2003

Lago di Como a Malgrate



Source: Consorzio dell'Adda website, 2003

Summer 2003 – direct effects observed

- **AGRICULTURE**: crop losses, damage to crop quality;
- **TOURISM**: reduction in recreational uses (e.g.: navigation, bathing) on Lake Como;
- **POWER GENERATION**: change in hydropower potential through the year, altered potential for run-of-river power;
- **PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY**: reduction in availability of summer municipal water, increase of water demand.

CONCLUSIONS

Hydroelectric activities generate adverse effects on mountain region communities and environment;

- The alteration of river discharges at the local and at the watershed scale occurs according to external dynamics (energy wholesale market/electricity demand). The management of the reservoirs retain/release cycles is carried with the aim of maximizing the company income;
- With water becoming scarcer and susceptible to quantitative variations, the existing allocation problem among different competing users might be exacerbated with increasing potential effects on mountain local communities;
- The right of exploitment fee need to be adapted to a more realistic situation of water resource exploitment.

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