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Progress to date on HydEF: BGS work

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- Thames basin
 - Drought
 - Other areas:
 - Pang/Lambourn

Outline of talk

- Colne Valley
- Cotswolds
- Thames model
- Eden Valley
- Plans and schemes

















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Role of the Palaeogene and karst in the Chalk groundwater system in the Pang-Lambourn





Colne Valley - Adits





Note alluvium, sands and gravel, and river terrace deposits

Adit Abstraction Systems Modelling Wall Hall Pumping Test

Modelled levels after 100 days pumping



Cotswolds limestones



Geology in 3D using GSI3DTM



Great and Inferior Oolite GW Ievel



River Churn – Flow accretion



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Water balance

 ~3 month delay between peak water surplus and peak river baseflow at the lowest gauging station downstream of the Cotswolds – Why ??



Conceptual understanding

Cotswolds



Cotswolds – modelling approach

• Semi-distributed model of aquifer system: single head calculated in each "bucket".

- Designed to be incorporated into a multi-aquifer model of Thames catchment.
- Code is OpenMI compliant to link with other components.





Linking multiple models in OpenMI





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Туре	1 ID	Description	Extent 🔽
Abstraction Groundwater	north_west_abstraction_point.shp	Clipped to a 4 km buffer	NW and NE
	+north_east		
Boundaries	Eden Catchment		Eden
Boundaries	Eden NRFA Catchment		Carlisle
Boundaries	Eden EA catchment		Eden
Geochemistry	Nitrates, etc	From EA	
Geochemistry	formated for GIS EA data	From EA	
Geochemistry	Nitrate trend plots		
Geological maps	Bedrock	Bedrock geology, 50000	GB
Geological maps	Superficial	Superficial Geology, 50000	GB
Geological maps	Bedrock 250 NW and SD	Bedrock geology, 250000	NW, SD
Geological models	Northumberland Solway	Gocad, Complete, 2008	
	Basin 3D Model	Scale 250, Surface	
Groundwater Levels	ОВН	Observation Bore Holes	4 BHs
		location and information	
Groundwater Levels	Contours	Data from EA	
		(Environment Agency)	
Groundwater Levels	Wellmaster (via GDI)		Clipped to Buffer
Groundwater Levels	ENVIRONMENT AGENCY	Locations of these boreholes	
	GROUNDWATER MONITORING		
	BOREHOLES		
Karst	Karst information		GB
Recharge model	Eden Recharge Model	Recharge model Monthly Potential Evaporation	
Rfrightseemedel	Rainfall	Distributed Daily Rainfall 01/1961 to 12/2007	Edon Catabasart
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			xilcomer 308100
			yiicomer 490250

Plans and schemes - 1

- Thames:
 - Finished with the Cotswolds largely
 - Pang/Lambourn drilled them boreholes and planning a PhD
 - Colne "not a sausage"
 - Thames composition being developed
- Eden just started



Plans and schemes - 2

Papers:

- IAH invited paper for Green Book Fractured Rock Hydrogeology (nearly) ready for submission (Steph)
- Complexity based on Thames nearly completed final draft (AGH/Steph/Denis)
- Hydrogeology of the Cotswolds (Steph/Denis)
- Cotswolds modelling (CRJ/Others)
- Eden Recharge/run-off (Antoine/Denis/CRJ/AGH)
- Thames basin composition (CRJ/Others)
- Imputation Joint with UCL and CEH
- Application of Thames modelling composition (Antoine/CRJ/AGH)
- Maybe more: Gravels in the Cotswolds??



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