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### Model predictive control Implemented for the Demer basin

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Halen, September 1998

#### verzekeringsmaatschappijen bereiden zich voor op vergoeding overstromingsschade Demerramp kan om de 25 jaar gebeuren

06/10/2001 om 00:00 door Michel Vandersmissen



BRUSSEL -- Je kan maar best niet in Dinant of in de Zwalmstreek wonen. Tenminste als je rekening houdt met het risico op overstromingsgevaar. Als de regering binnenkort een wet goedkeurt die het verzekeren van overstromingen verplicht maakt, zullen de premies in deze gemeenten vermoedelijk duurder zijn dan in drogere gemeenten. Om de hoogte van die premies en het portefeuillerisico in te schatten, bestelden de herverzekeraar St. Paul Re en de herverzekeringsconsulent Aon Re Belgium een studie over het overstromingsrisico in België.

## Mitigation strategies

#### Give space to the river 1970's: Schulensmeer

#### Local solutions

Dykes, rectifying river stretches, ... 1959: ir. Roovers "enhanced water flow"



# Approach



## Overview

- Introduction
- Conceptual models
  - Methodology
  - Results
- Real time control
  - "Model Predictive Control" (MPC)
  - "Reduced Genetic Algorithms" (RGA)
- Results
- Conclusions



## **Conceptual models**

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### Conceptual model: network



**Conceptual model** 



- Data-based mechanistic approach
- Storage cell concept
- Modular setting

#### Conceptual model structures & parameters



## Conceptual model: results



	InfoWorks RS	Conceptual model
WL nodes	> 3 500	466
Hydraulic structures	> 1 700	391
Reservoirs	/	90
Computation time	1h15m	0.8s



### Conceptual model: results



#### Conceptual model: results



## Real-Time Control by means of RGA-MPC

- Model Predictive Control
  - River model
  - Optimizer
- Reduced Genetic Algorithm
  Based on standard GA
  - Objectives:
    - Retention basin dikes
    - Damage cost
    - Critical dikes
    - Retention basins



### Gate Level scenario generation



#### RGA versus GA



## Ideal MPC results





Total rainfall-runoff [m3/s]

#### Ideal MPC results Sept 1998



E 15 Time [days]

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### Uncertainties in Real-Time Control

- Hydrodynamic model uncertainty
  - Model structure, calibration errors, seasonal vegetation, ...
  - Data Assimilation: State Estimators, Prediction Error Methods
- Input uncertainty
  - Rainfall forecasts, hydrological model uncertainty, ...
  - Robust MPC methods: MMPC, AMMPC, TB-MPC, ...

## Conclusions

- Conceptual modelling
  - Integrated approach
  - Flexible model detail
  - $\circ$  Super fast
  - Several applications
- RGA-MPC for RTC
  - Outperforms PLC
  - Computational efficiency
  - Large and complex networks
  - Uncertainties



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