Pre-launch SWOT capabilities & Cal/Val activities for land hydrology in Quebec

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Main objectives

- Contribution to the SWOT ST
- Pre-launch evaluation of SWOT using available simulators from JPL and CNES
- Post-launch investigation of the real SWOT errors through comparison with in-situ data
- Study of errors that could be expected from different official SWOT products over rivers, lakes and reservoirs in Quebec, Canada.

How does SWOT capture very rapid flooding events?

• Specific Objective: improving the performance of the LISFLOOD-FP model using the

Pre-launch Activities

• Evaluation of SWOT products using the Large- Scale Simulator from the CNES

Lakes within SWOT orbit (complete coverage)







-71°30.00 -71°0.00

Reservoir within SWOT orbit (partial coverage)



2013.01 2019.05 2019.09 2020.01 2020.05 2020.09 2021.01 2021.05 2021.09 2022.01

Bias analysis of SWOT simulated water levels (1 year simulation, Eastmain case)



Contribution of the SWOT data to hydrological modeling of lakes and reservoirs

• Specific Objective: valorisation of SWOT lake and reservoir products in hydrological modelling to improve the water balance estimation

Study Area

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Integrating Hydrometric Data from SWOT into the HYDROTEL Hydrological Model

 Specific Objective: assessment of SWOT river vector products for enhancement of the river discharge estimation using the HYDROTEL hydrological model

Study Areas



Conclusions

 Simulations demonstrated the pre-launch potential of SWOT for monitoring rivers, lakes and reservoirs in Quebec.

•A number of different in-situ measurements were collected that support calibration and validation of the SWOT data products

• Various projects are under development that contribute to the assessment of the official SWOT data and their integration into hydrological modelling



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