

ALOPEX stochastic optimization for pumping management in fresh water coastal aquifers

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Saltwater intrusion

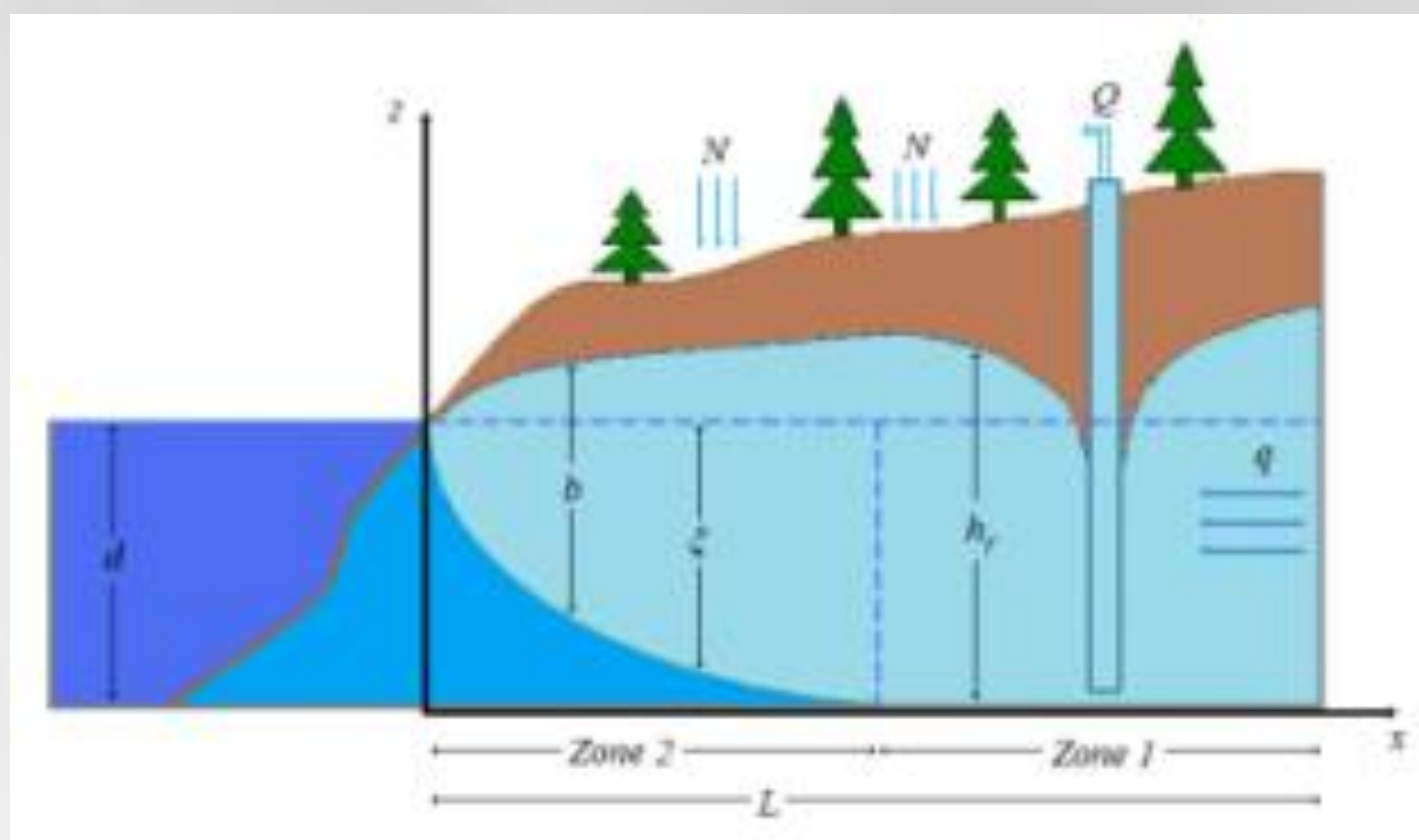
A stochastic optimization technique (ALOPEX) is implemented to solve the problem of uncontrollable freshwater pumping in coastal aquifers. The objective is to maximize the total volume of fresh water pumped by the aquifer wells, while protecting the pumping locations from saltwater intrusion.

Model equations

The model equations are based on:

- the **sharp interface approximation** and
- the **Ghyben-Herzberg relation**:

$$h_f - d = \delta \xi$$



The **flow potential** $\phi = \phi(x, y)$ is a continuous and smooth function across the boundary between zones 1 and 2, satisfying the differential equation:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(K \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(K \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \right) + N - Q = 0$$

with $\phi = 0$ at the coastline (Dirichlet conditions) and $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} = 0$ at the no flow boundaries (Neumann conditions).

Q: pumping rates, N: rain factor and K: hydraulic conductivity.

Optimization procedure

maximize: $P = P(Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_M) = e^{-\left(1 - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^M Q_j}{\sum_{j=1}^M \bar{Q}_j}\right)^2}$

$$\text{s.t.: } \underline{Q}_j \leq Q_j \leq \bar{Q}_j$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^M Q_j \leq \bar{Q}_A$$

$$x_{\tau,j} \leq x_j - d_s, \quad j \in \{1, 2, \dots, M\}$$

where:

$\bar{Q}_j, \underline{Q}_j$: maximum and minimum well pumping rates/day, \bar{Q}_A : total pumping capabilities of the aquifer/day, d_s : safety distance radius and $x_{\tau,j}$: x-coordinate of the **interface toes area** opposite the jth aquifer well.

ALOPEX

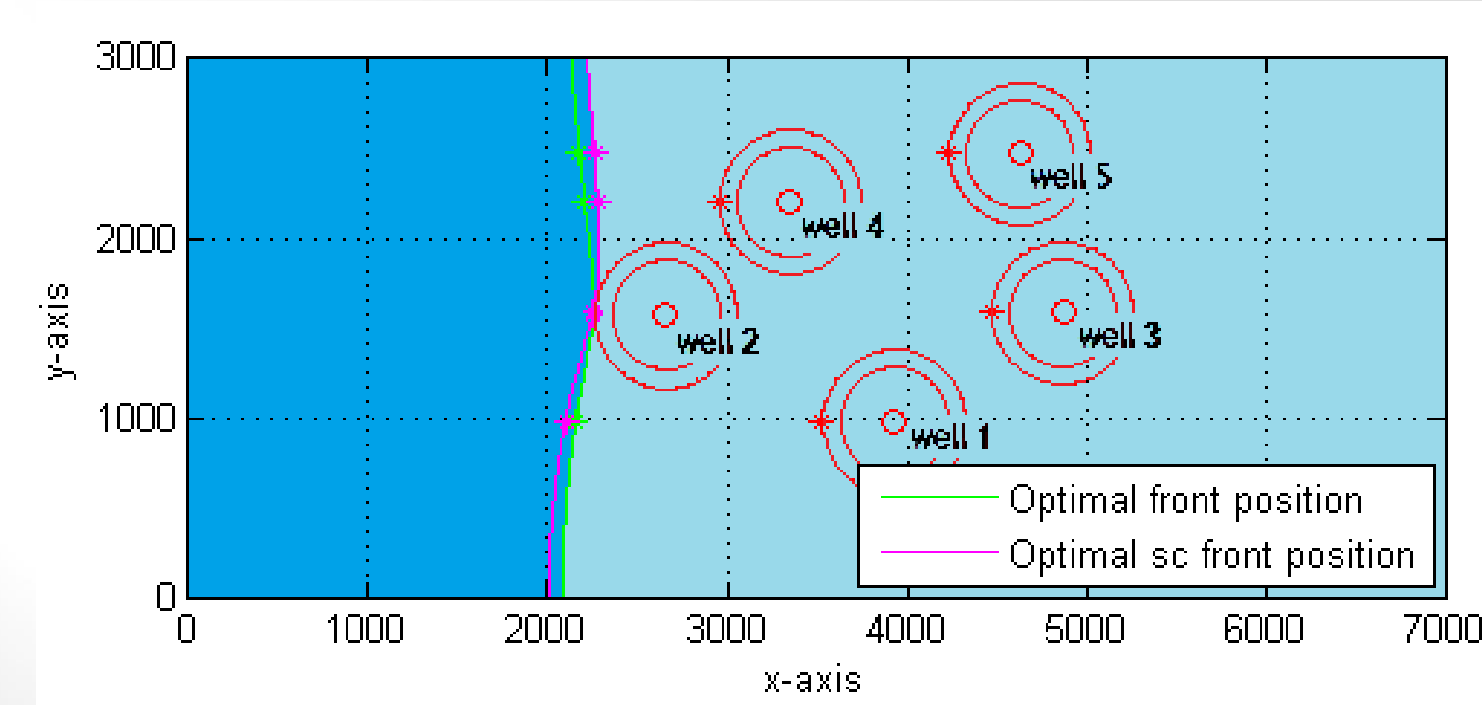
ALgorithm **O**f **P**attern **E**Xtraction is a stochastic iterative procedure, used to produce the new pumping rates in every iteration step.

$$Q_j^{(k)} = Q_j^{(k-1)} + c \left(Q_j^{(k-1)} - Q_j^{(k-2)} \right) \left(P^{(k-1)} - P^{(k-2)} \right) + g_j^{(k)}, \quad j \in \{1, \dots, M\}$$

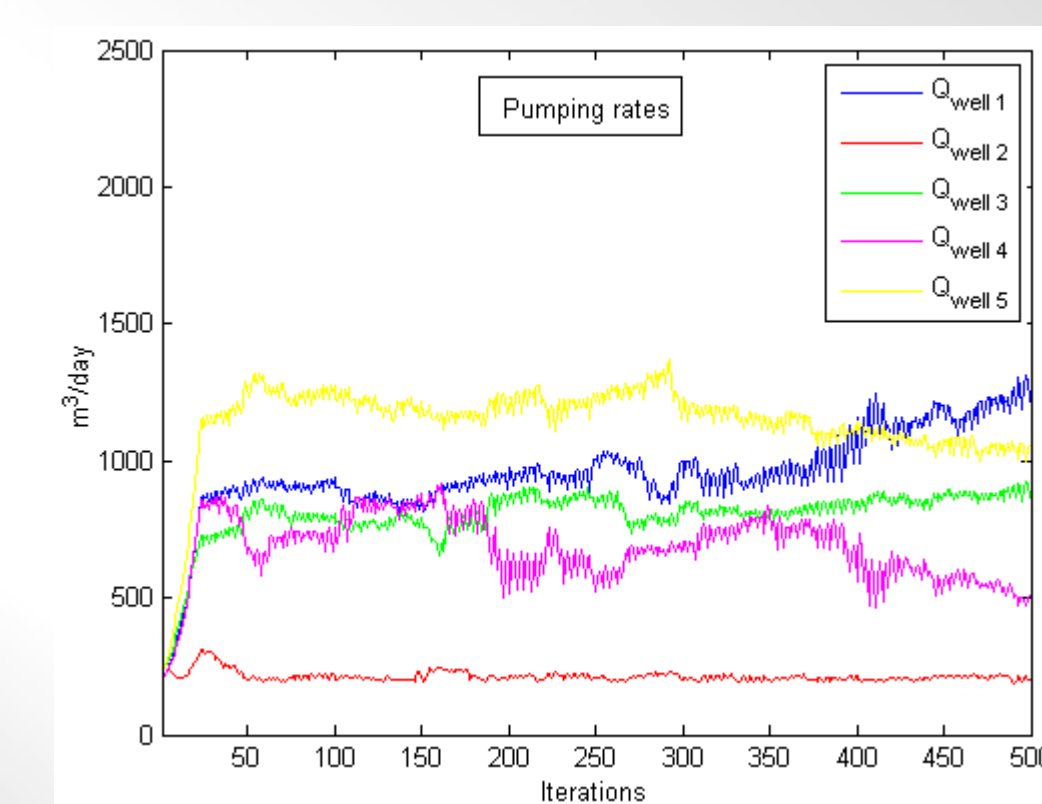
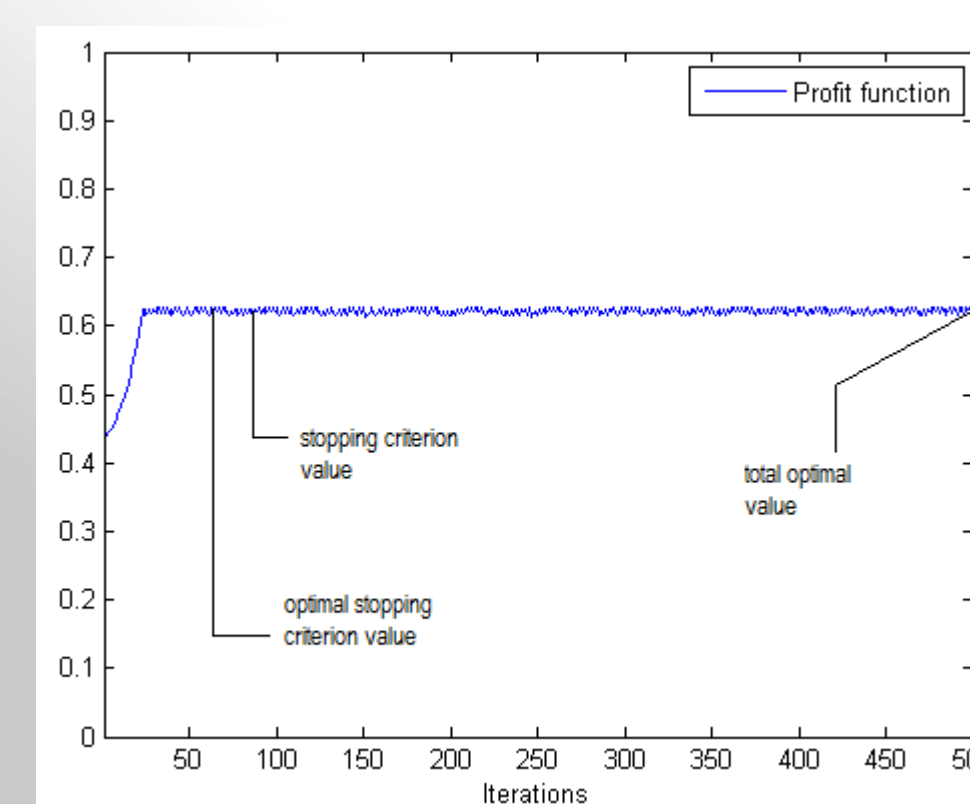
where:

c: acceleration factor and $g_j^{(k)}$: white noise for the jth well at kth iteration.

Kalymnos aquifer



Analytical solution in cooperation with **ALOPEX V** numerical results.

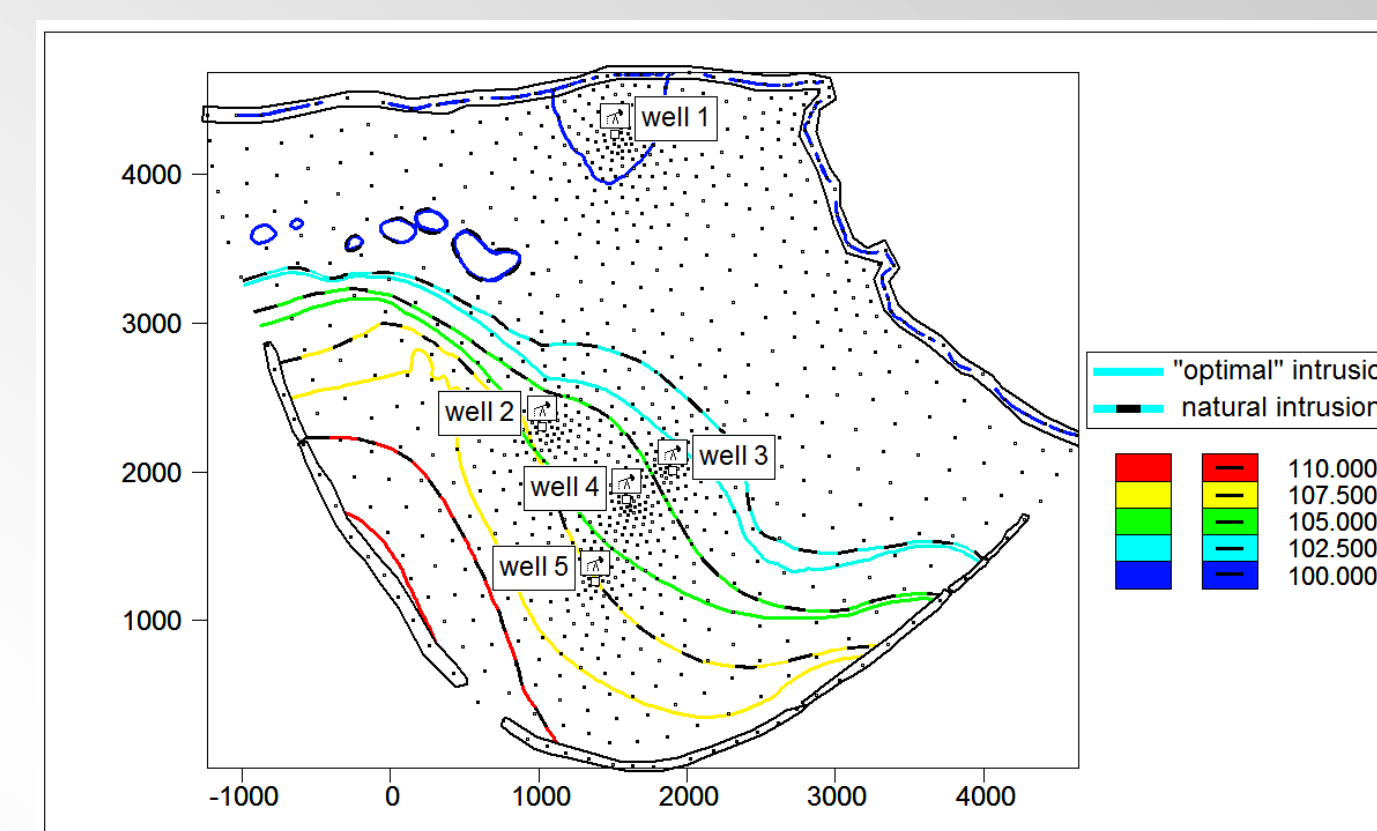


Optimal pumping rates :

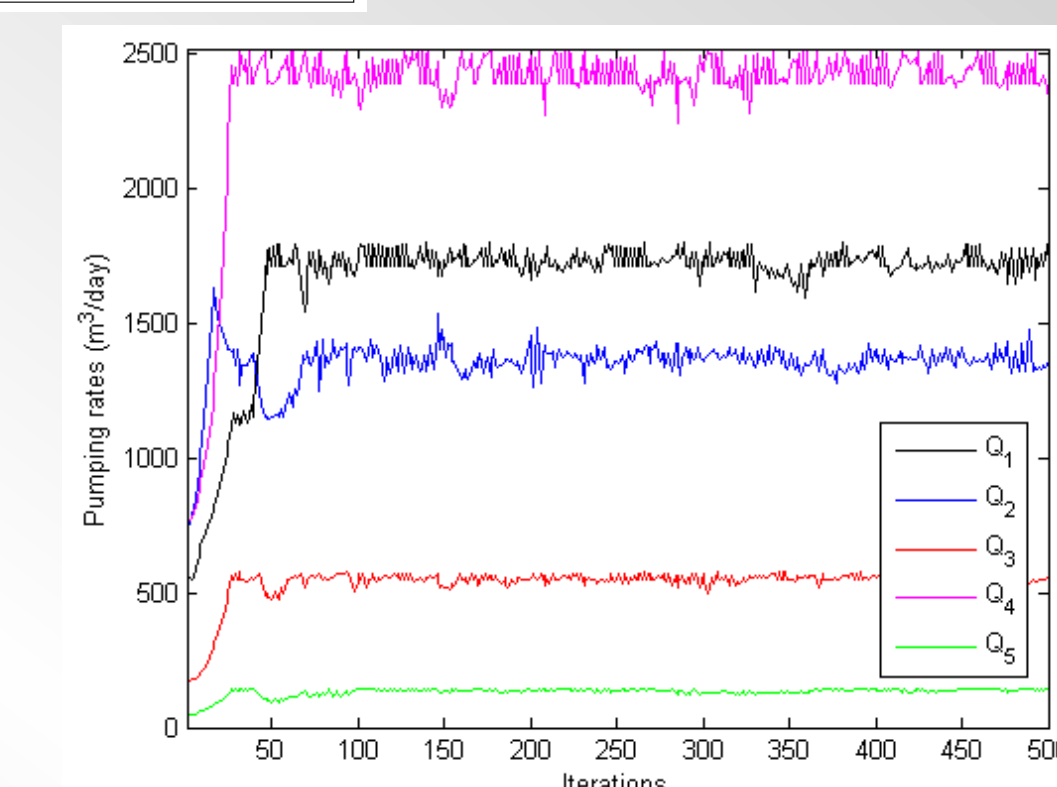
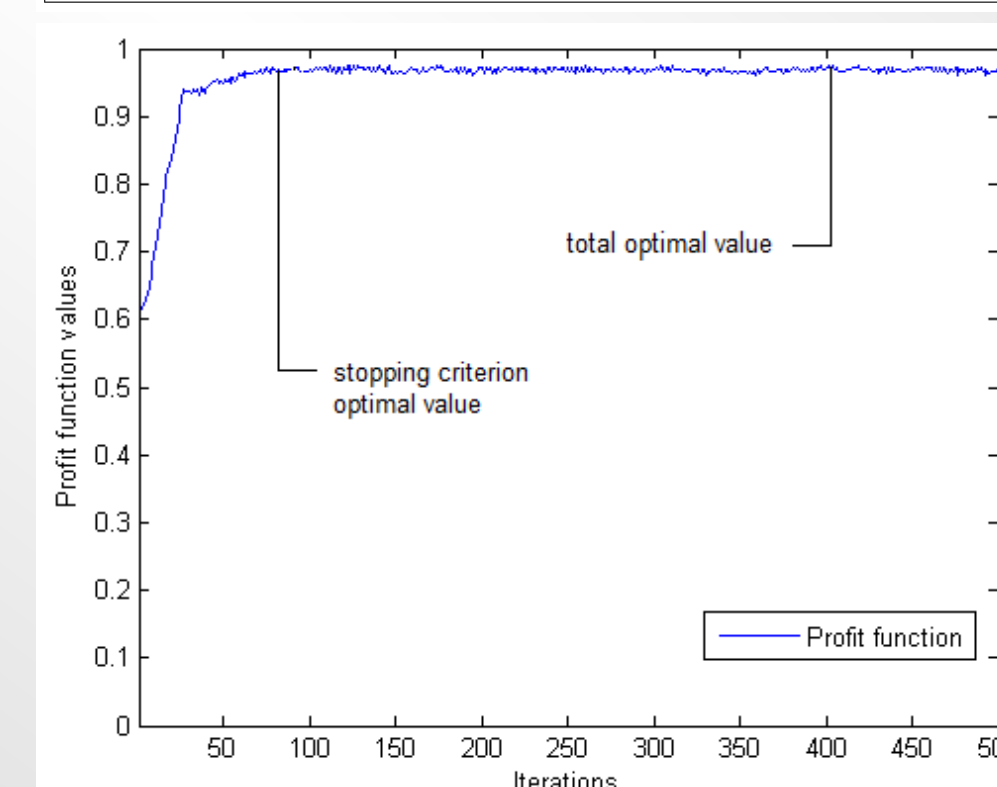
$$Q_{optimal} = [1303.05, 202.27, 912.85, 504.38, 1047.07] \text{ m}^3/\text{day}$$

$$\Sigma(Q_{optimal}) = 3969.62 \text{ m}^3/\text{day}$$

Hersonissos aquifer



PTC code in cooperation with **ALOPEX V** numerical results.



Optimal pumping rates :

$$Q_{optimal} = [1710.00, 1652.19, 557.41, 2342.64, 136.60] \text{ m}^3/\text{day}$$

$$\Sigma(Q_{optimal}) = 6398.84 \text{ m}^3/\text{day}$$

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