

# Flow study on the Ambatolaona river (Madagascar) for tidal power generation

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# PLAN

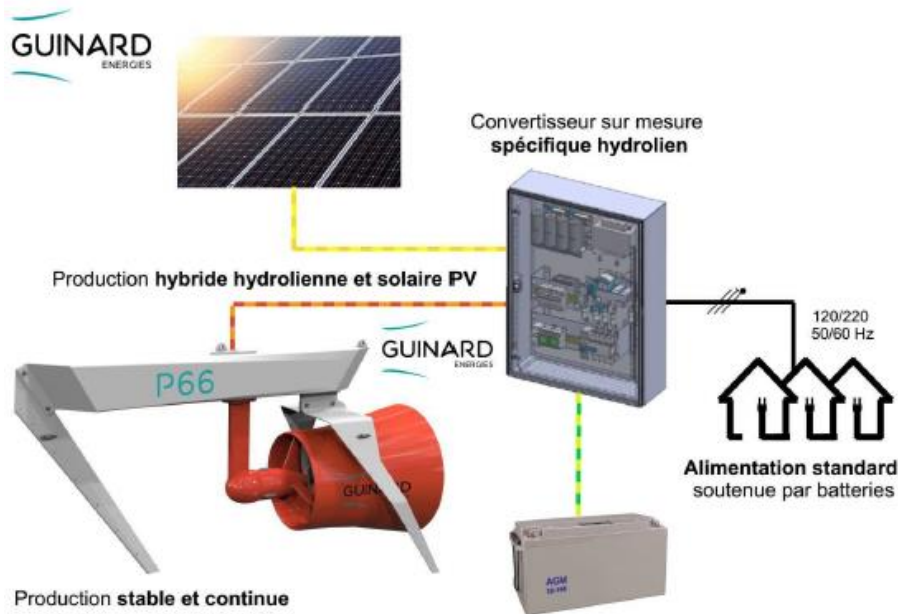
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# INTRODUCTION

## Rural electrification project using a 100% renewable energy hybrid system

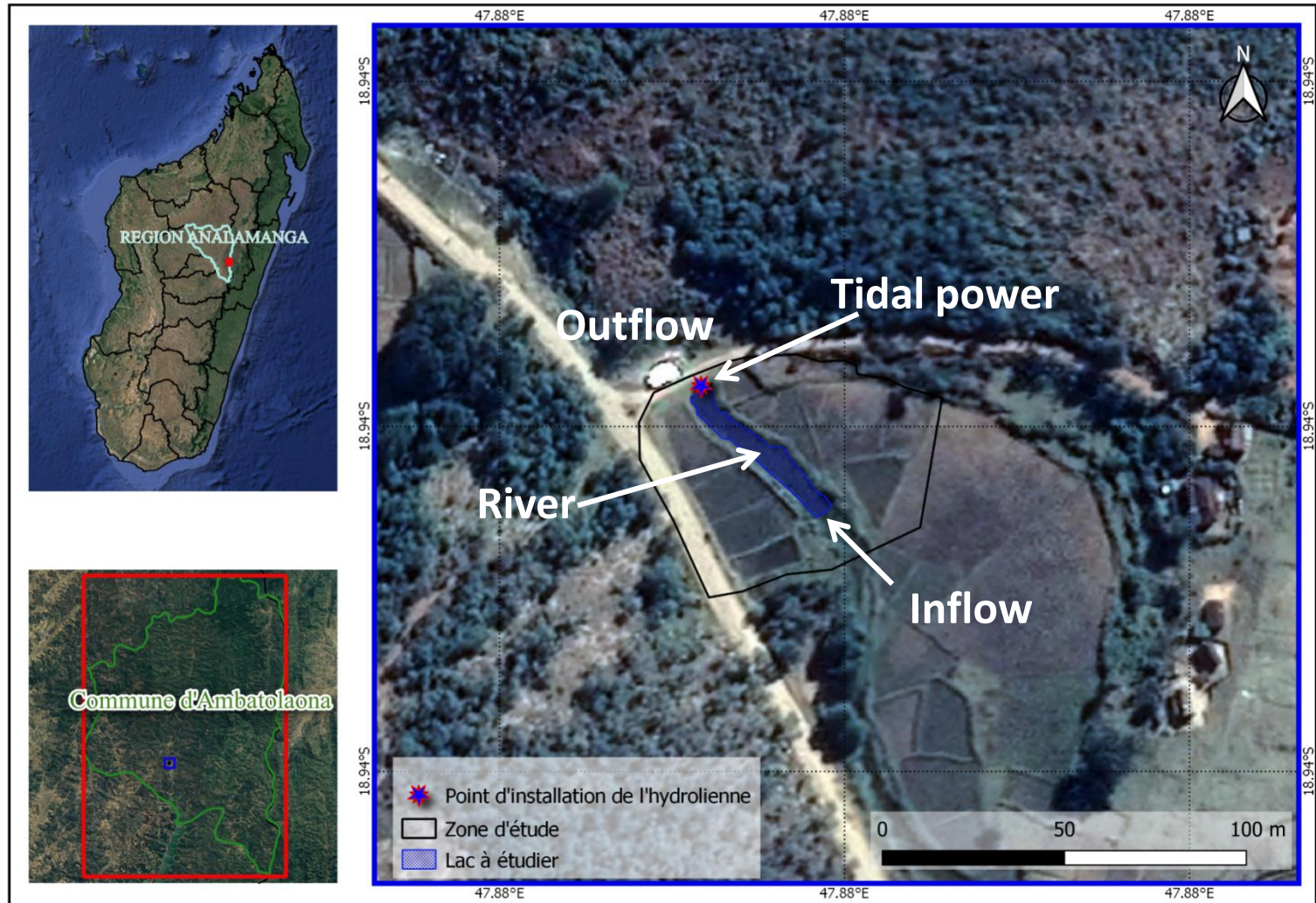
Demonstrator of a hybrid production system combining a P66 tidal turbine and a photovoltaic field, the Rural Electrification project by Hydrolienne Guinard Energies (ERHYGE):

- has benefited 50 households,
- 5 businesses
- and all public services including the school Municipality of the locality of Amboarakely in Ambatolaona



# Delimitation of the study area

## Ambatolaona, Manjakandriana, Analamanga (Antananarivo-Madagascar)



# PROBLEMATIC

During the months April – October :  
the tidal turbine is operational





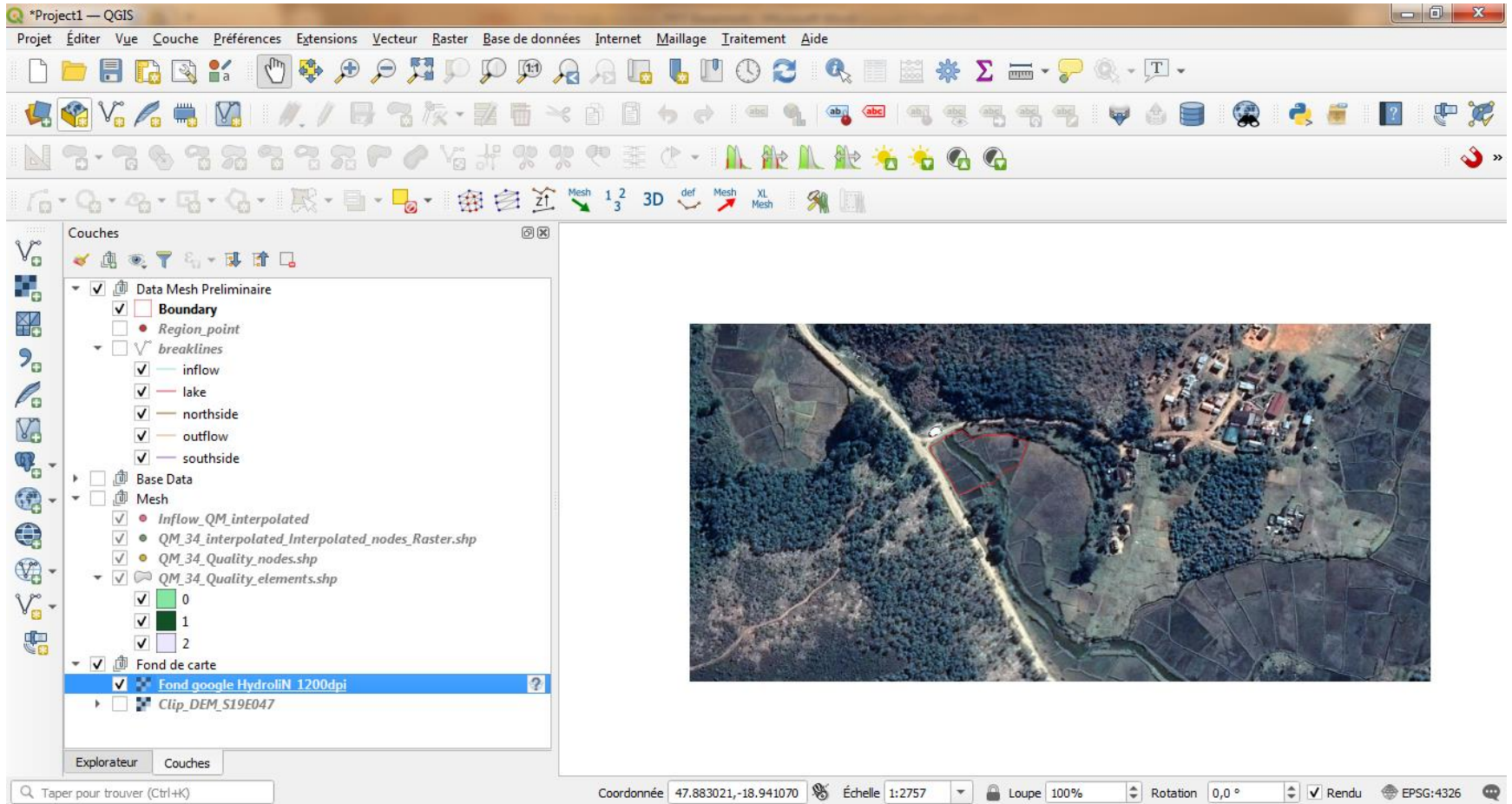
**During the months November – March  
(the rainy season) :**

- The flow of the stream flowing into the canal is reduced
- The tidal turbine: immobile and Not exploited

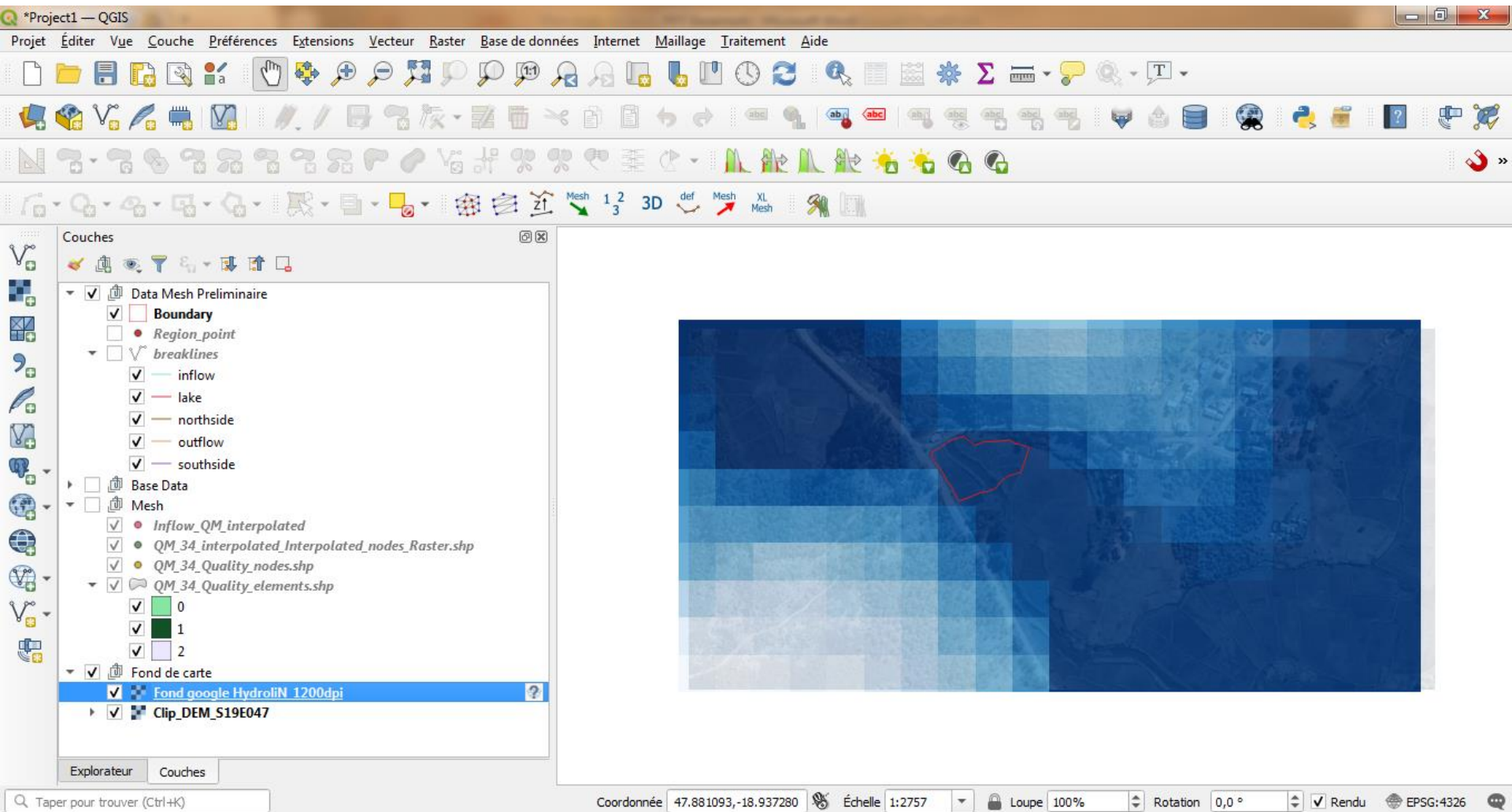


# STUDY BY BASEMENT

## The bottom of the survey zone on a Google



# The imported DEM from the internet (srtm 30m of resolution)





# The breaklines

The screenshot displays the QGIS interface with a project titled '\*Project1 — QGIS'. The main map area shows a satellite image of a lake with several breaklines overlaid, labeled 'inflow', 'lake northside', 'southside', and 'outflow'. The 'Couches' (Layers) panel on the left shows the following layers:

- Data Mesh Preliminaire
  - Boundary
  - Region\_point
  - breaklines
    - inflow
    - lake
    - northside
    - outflow
    - southside
- Base Data
- Mesh
  - Inflow\_QM\_interpolated
  - QM\_34\_interpolated\_Interpolated\_nodes\_Raster.shp
  - QM\_34\_Quality\_nodes.shp
  - QM\_34\_Quality\_elements.shp
    - 0
    - 1
    - 2
- Fond de carte
  - Fond google Hydrolin\_1200dpi
  - Clip\_DEM\_S19E047

The 'breaklines — Features ...' window on the right shows a table of features:

layer	id
lake	1
inflow	2
outflow	3
northside	4
southside	5

The status bar at the bottom indicates the coordinates (47.883407, -18.938975), scale (1:336), zoom (100%), rotation (0,0°), and projection (EPSG:4326).

BASEMENT users' meeting on 3rd of February 2022, Zurich - Suisse

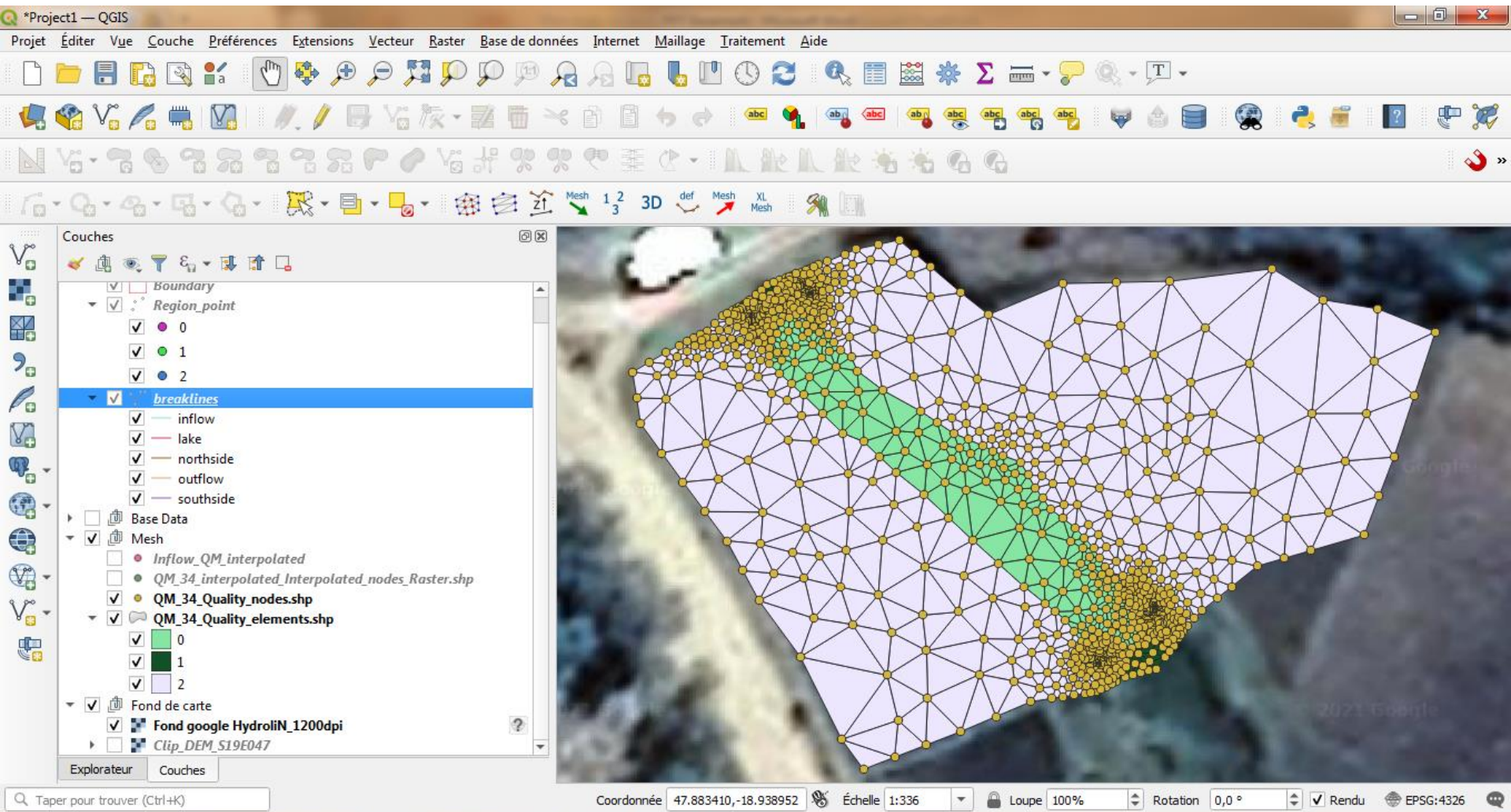
# The region-points

The screenshot displays the QGIS interface with a 'Region\_point' table window open. The table contains the following data:

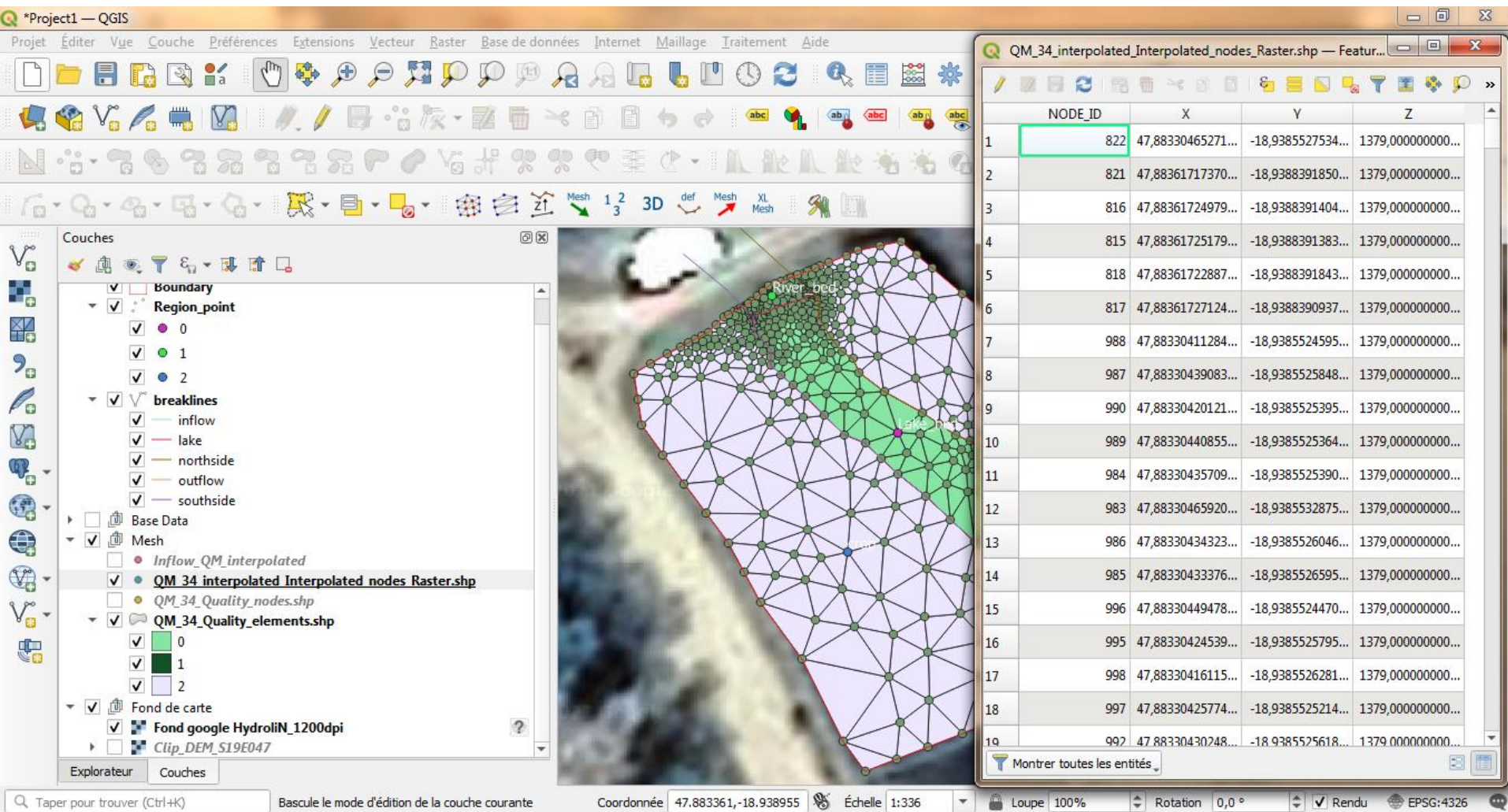
id	MATID	HOLE	Type
1	1	0	Lake_bed
2	2	1	River_bed
3	3	1	River_bed
4	4	2	crop
5	5	2	crop

The map view shows a satellite image with a red boundary and several region points labeled: 'River\_bed' (green dots), 'Lake\_bed' (purple dot), and 'crop' (blue dots). The 'Region point' layer is visible in the 'Couches' panel on the left.

# The quality mesh



# The height-interpolated mesh



The screenshot displays the QGIS interface with a map showing a height-interpolated mesh. The mesh is overlaid on a map of a river and lake area. The mesh is denser near the river and lake. The 'Couches' panel on the left shows the layer 'QM\_34 interpolated Interpolated nodes Raster.shp' selected. The 'Table' window on the right shows a list of nodes with columns for NODE\_ID, X, Y, and Z. The status bar at the bottom shows coordinates (47.883361, -18.938955) and scale (1:336).

	NODE_ID	X	Y	Z
1	822	47,88330465271...	-18,9385527534...	1379,000000000...
2	821	47,88361717370...	-18,9388391850...	1379,000000000...
3	816	47,88361724979...	-18,9388391404...	1379,000000000...
4	815	47,88361725179...	-18,9388391383...	1379,000000000...
5	818	47,88361722887...	-18,9388391843...	1379,000000000...
6	817	47,88361727124...	-18,9388390937...	1379,000000000...
7	988	47,88330411284...	-18,9385524595...	1379,000000000...
8	987	47,88330439083...	-18,9385525848...	1379,000000000...
9	990	47,88330420121...	-18,9385525395...	1379,000000000...
10	989	47,88330440855...	-18,9385525364...	1379,000000000...
11	984	47,88330435709...	-18,9385525390...	1379,000000000...
12	983	47,88330465920...	-18,9385532875...	1379,000000000...
13	986	47,88330434323...	-18,9385526046...	1379,000000000...
14	985	47,88330433376...	-18,9385526595...	1379,000000000...
15	996	47,88330444978...	-18,9385524470...	1379,000000000...
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17	998	47,88330416115...	-18,9385526281...	1379,000000000...
18	997	47,88330425774...	-18,9385525214...	1379,000000000...
19	992	47,88330430248...	-18,9385525618...	1379,000000000...

# Basement

D:/Mr Niri/Base\_Mesh\_Final/Ambatolaona\_Basement.bmc - BASEMENT Command File Editor

File Tools

Input Structure

- ▲ BASEMENT
  - PROJECT
    - ▲ DOMAIN
      - PARALLEL
      - PHYSICAL\_PROPERTIES
        - ▲ BASEPLANE\_2D (ambatolaona)
          - ▲ GEOMETRY
            - STRINGDEF (northside)
            - STRINGDEF (southside)
            - STRINGDEF (inflow)
            - STRINGDEF (outflow)
            - STRINGDEF (lake)
          - ▲ HYDRAULICS
            - PARAMETER
            - FRICITION
            - INITIAL
            - BOUNDARY (zero\_gradient)
            - BOUNDARY (hydrograph)**
            - TURBULENCE\_MODEL
          - TIMESTEP
          - ▲ OUTPUT
            - SPECIAL\_OUTPUT (BASEviz)

## BOUNDARY

New Tags/Blocks

Add Tag

- (11) available -

type

hydrograph

string\_name

inflow

slope

0.006

file

load file

edit

graph

**Error for tag 'file':** Empty filename received

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Ambatolaona_Basement - Bloc-notes
Fichier Edition Format Affichage ?
// -----
// BASEMENT log file:
// version: 2.6 R// bmc file: D:/Mr Niri/Base_Mesh_Final/Ambatolaona_Basement.bmc
// started: Mon Jan 24 16:48:30 2022
// -----
/*
-> InputParser: reading input from bmc file 'D:/Mr
Niri/Base_Mesh_Final/Ambatolaona_Basement.bmc'
*/
PROJECT {
  title = Hydro_Ambatolaona
  author = anonymous_author
}
DOMAIN {
  multiregion = unnamed_multiregion
  PARALLEL {
    number_threads = 1
  }
  PHYSICAL_PROPERTIES {
    gravity = 9.81
    viscosity = 1e-006
    rho_fluid = 1000
  }
  BASEPLANE_2D {
    region_name = ambatolaona
    GEOMETRY {
      type = 2dm
      file = Ambatolaona_Mesh.2dm
      STRINGDEF {
        name = northside
        node_ids = (80 439 436 445 441 443 451 425 447 454 442 455 453 465 462 476 478 474 422 497 509 505 513 508 421 555 523 564
568 563 576 581 588 603 648 417 650 639 667 649 691 673 670 666 416 675 674 713 668 669 655 671 689 660 631 598 656 629 833 714 672 748 838 415 834 914 979 967 1009
983 1136 935 1251 1105 1078 908 690 715 754 677 759 960 1362 1470 1252 414 1377 1318 1403 1390 1402 413 1547 1482 1492 1505 1579 1572 1533 1680 1608 1693 1829 1643 968
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1272 1060 958 904 1207 1374 2196 2197 2443 2462 2326 81)
        upstream_direction = right
      }
      STRINGDEF {
        name = southside
        node_ids = (87 63 1134 1132 1157 1200 1129 1219 1199 1305 1126 1303 1600 1117 1587 1852 2121 2074 2122 1073 1980 1102 1952
1951 2107 2138 2169 2163 2155 2203 2272 2288 2302 2315 2286 64 2452 65 2665 2657 66 2746 67 2766 68 69 70 71 72 2729 73 2681 74 75 2558 2561 2577 2560 2584 2559 2476
2600 2576 76 2084 2324 2298 2190 2090 2475 2458 77 1908 1913 1917 1899 1898 699 1909 1799 1801 1824 1817 1792 1795 1793 1772 1619 1607 1516 1517 1511 1514 1513 1508
1512 1500 1506 1486 1551 1435 1476 1373 1240 1175 1203 1141 932 930 766 928 768 842 772 771 770 867 939 972 1043 1210 1311 1312 1485 1472 1515 1529 1526 1507 1573 753
1378 758 1204 1222 763 931 933 856 1163 1076 1306 1704 1791 741 1796 78 88)
        upstream_direction = right
      }
      STRINGDEF {
        name = inflow
        node_ids = (36 2660 16 2449 17 98 2407 2405 2408 2395 2345 2406 18 2492 101 2480 19 2591 2495 2502 20 99 2401 2412 2284 2335

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1618 2114 38)

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        upstream_direction = right
    }
}
HYDRAULICS {
    PARAMETER {
        minimum_water_depth      = 0.002
        riemann_solver            = exact
        riemann_tolerance         = 1.0e-6
        simulation_scheme         = exp
        velocity_update_partial   = volume_area
        dynamic_depth_solver      = on
        geo_min_area_ratio        = 0.05
        geo_max_angle_quadrilateral = 45
        geo_min_aspect_ratio      = 0.06
    }
    FRICTION {
        type                      = strickler
        default_friction          = 30
        wall_friction             = on
        grain_size_friction       = no
    }
    INITIAL {
        type = index_table
        index = (0 1)
        u = (0 0)
        v = (0 0)
        wse = (0 5007)
    }
    BOUNDARY {
        type = zero_gradient
        string_name = outflow
    }
    BOUNDARY {
        type = hydrograph
        string_name = inflow
        slope = 0.006
        file = inflow.txt
    }
    TURBULENCE_MODEL {
        kinematic_viscosity = 0.000001307
        type = algebraic
        const_eddy_viscosity = -1
        turbulence_factor = 1
        boundary_gradient = zerogradient
    }
}

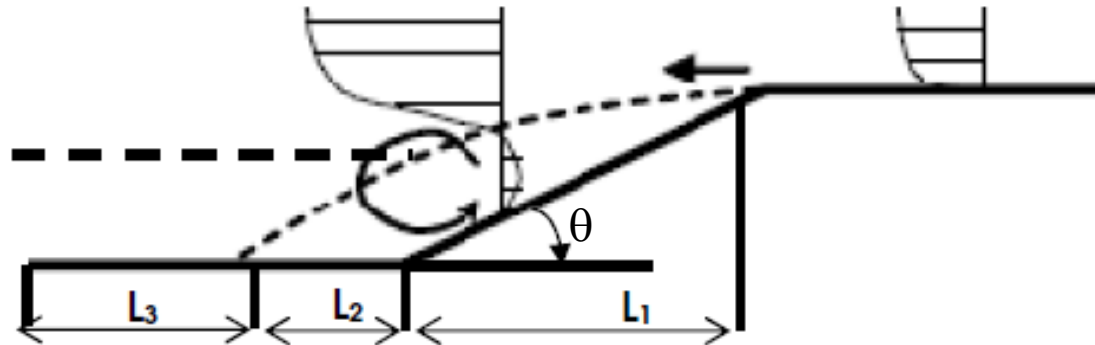
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**Problem: Basement is blocked and closed????  
Unfortunately, we cannot display the résultats**



## SOLUTION PROPOSED

**Proposition to solve the problem:** we have observed an area that constitutes a basin fed by the movement of inclined fluids



- **On zone  $L_1$** , Inclined plane: the direction, the slope and the roughness of the bed are invariable,
- **On the zone  $L_2$** , when the fluid is close to the stoppage of the angle  $\theta$ : the movement is rapidly varied, a hydraulic jump or a sudden fall,
- **On the zone  $L_3$** , the movement is uniform: the parameters which characterize the flow remain invariable, therefore the flow is almost uniform.



## Swirl curves in the basin: characteristic quantities ( $h_{n1}$ , $h_c$ , $h_{n2}$ )

The hydraulic head at the sill is:

$$H = h_c + \frac{Q^2}{2B^2 h_c^2 g} + p = 1,60385 \text{ m}$$

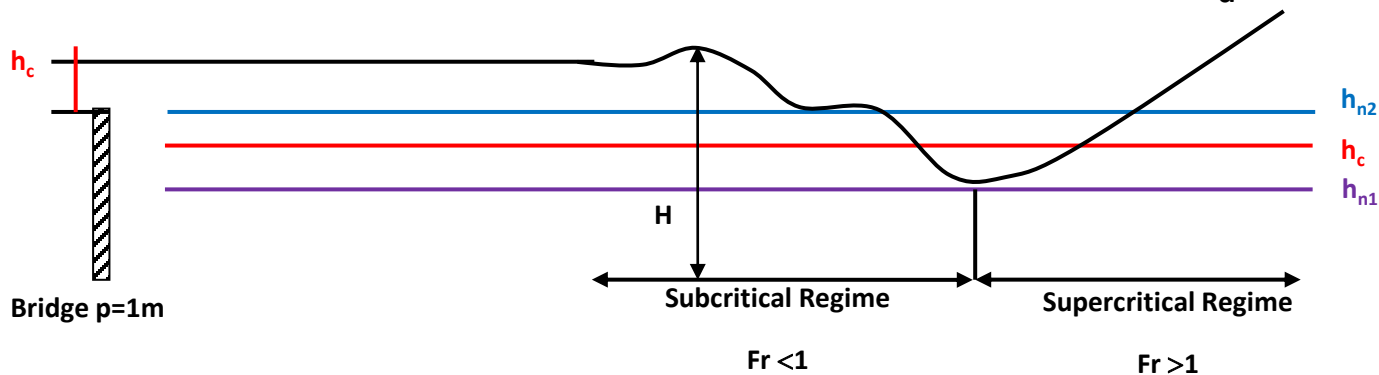
No losses in the channel, so the hydraulic head  $H$  is conserved

$$H = h_a + \frac{Q^2}{2B^2 h_a^2 g}$$

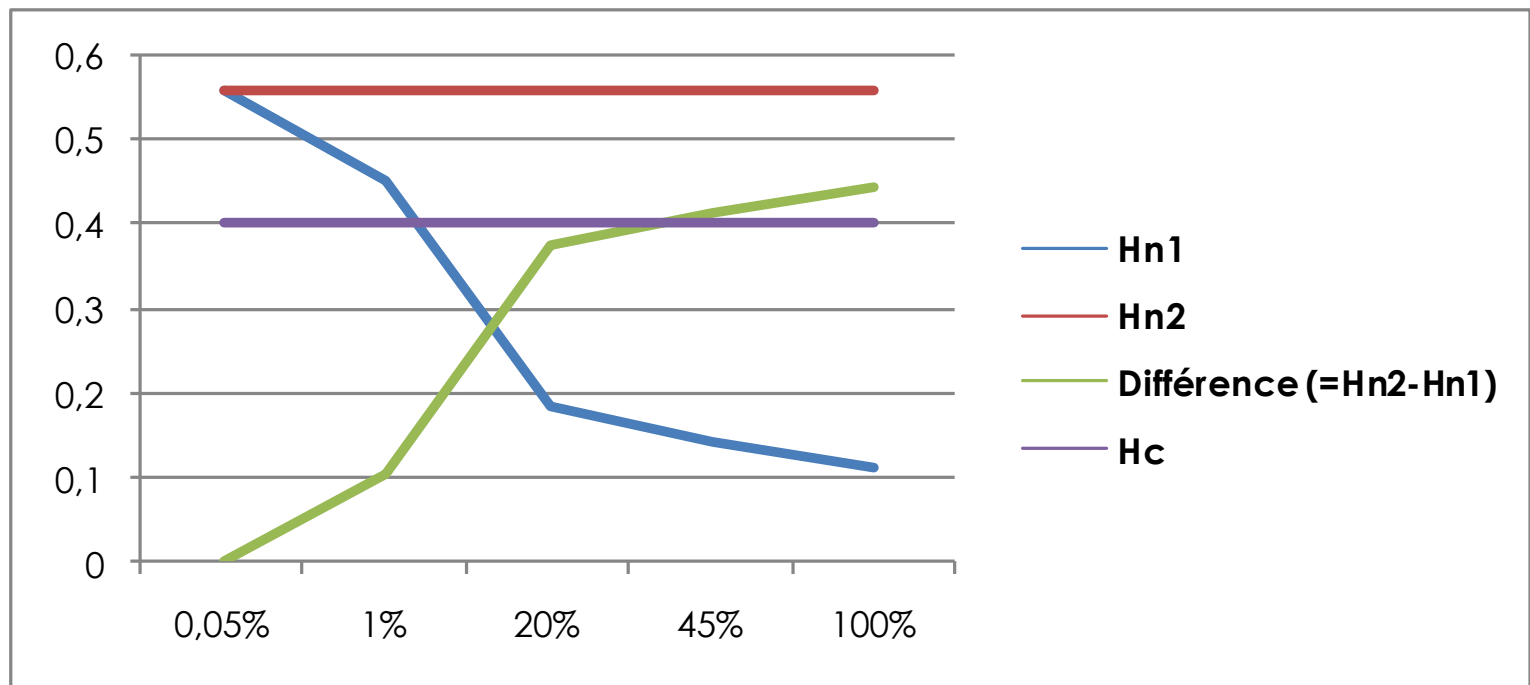
$$f(h_a) = h_a^3 - Hh_a^2 + \frac{Q^2}{2B^2 g}$$

$$h_a^3 - Hh_a^2 + \frac{Q^2}{2B^2 g} = 0$$

Polynomial equation of degree 3, after numerical resolution, one of the three converges to  $h_a = 1.50001 \text{ m}$ , then  $h_a \approx H$



The loads  $h_{n1}$ ,  $h_{n2}$ ,  $h_c$  and the difference  $(h_{n1}-h_{n2})$  as a function of  $I_{av}$ ,  
 Note: **the intersection  $h_c$**  of and the difference  $(h_{n1}-h_{n2})$ :  $I_{av} = 45\%$   
 This is **the optimum angle** for **smooth flow** downstream and upstream in the basin



# Study by BASEchain: the basin proposed considered by a survey 1D

The BASEchain module is based on the Saint Venant Equations (SVE) for unsteady one dimensional flow

- The continuity equation: 
$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - q_l = 0$$

- The momentum equation: 
$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(QV)}{\partial x} + gA \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + S_f \right) = 0$$

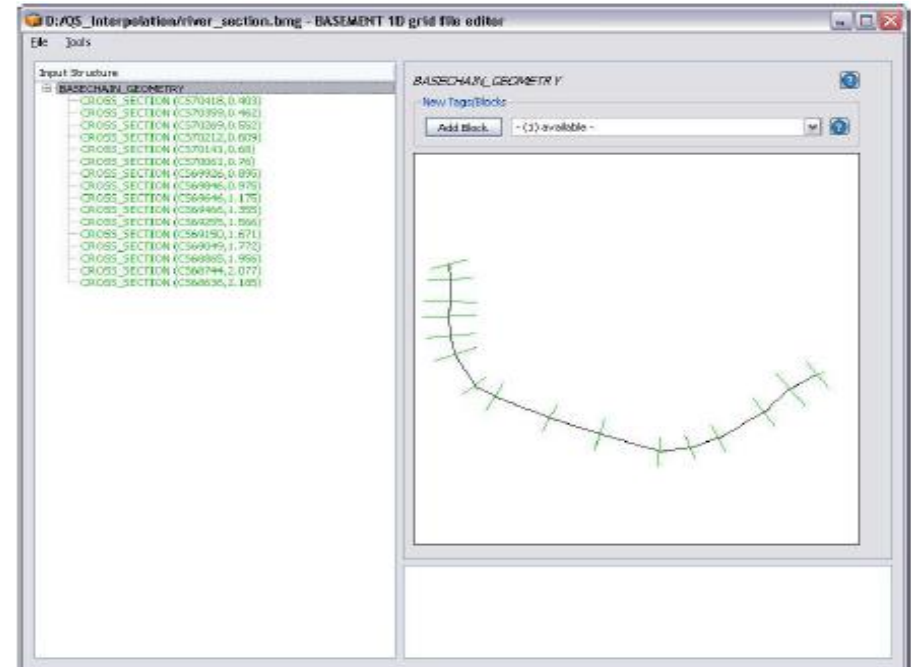
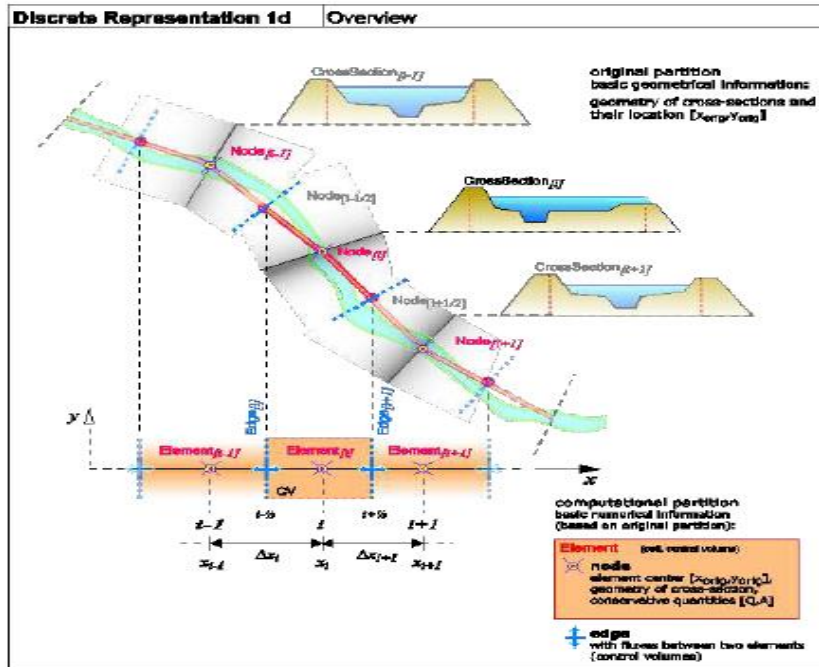
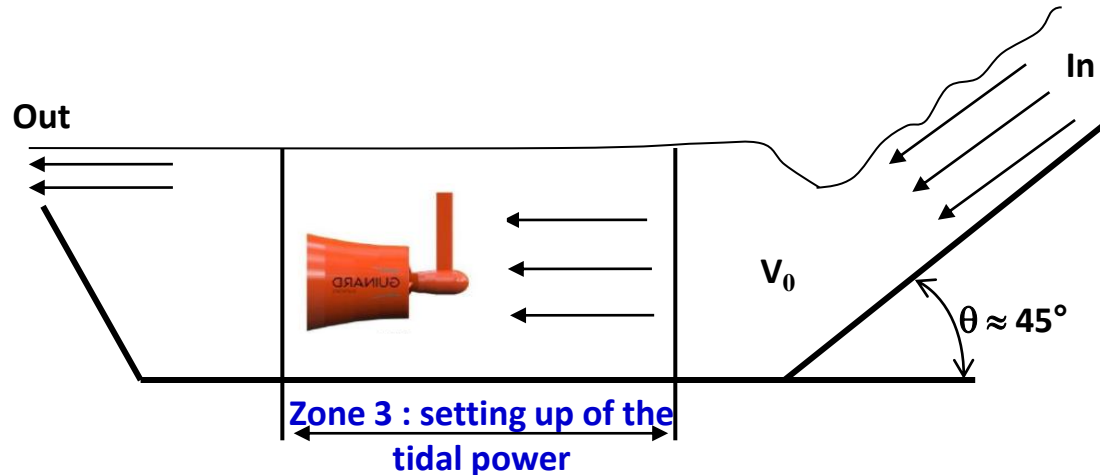


Figure : Discrete Representation of the Topography within BASEchain (BASEMENT System Manuals)

- The flow in **zone 2** presents **turbulence** and the closer the flow approaches **the edge of the basin**, the velocities are **reduced but the turbulence still exists**.
- The field lines in **zone 3** are **uniform**, **better performance** for the turbine.
- To optimize the tidal turbine installation, **zone 3 is chosen** for flow speeds of water at **least 2 m/s**.



## CONCLUSION

- The studies that we did **are not complete, don't succeed to the final results** of the Basement. Therefore **we continue** them and **we need the collaborations**;
- It is therefore essential that the site of installation of tidal is chosen well to get a better output all along the year and very weak in maintenance, of natural basin (renewable Energy) or constructs in concrete with an angle of slant  $i_{av} \approx 45\%$  upstream and that has an uniform out-flow downstream to immerse the tidal.

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