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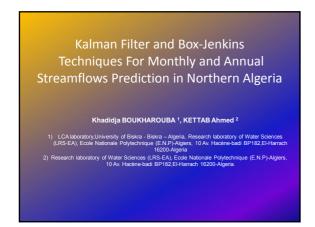
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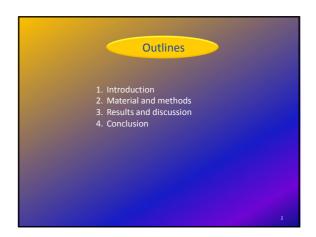
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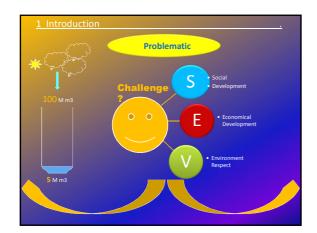
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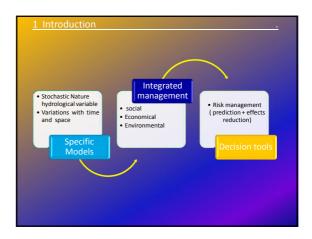
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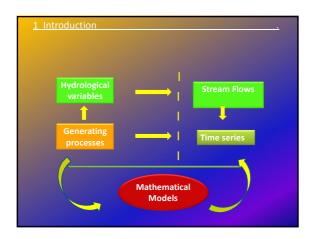
Analyzing stream flow records can give significant ideas for both past and future characteristics of stream flows. Therefore, recording and analyzing stream flow measurements have highly important roles in water resource management, planning and design. Unfortunately, hydrological processes, such as stream flows, are very complex because they are dependent of many hydro-physiographic parameters, additionally they vary with time and space. To cope with these difficulties, two different techniques have been applied to the modeling and prediction of the monthly and annual stream flow data in Northern Algeria: 1) the conventional time series approach of Box-Jenkins (BJ), a class of stochastic processes that is known by its good modeling of hydrological time series, so as stream flows, and many other environmental relating variables. Such time series are generally characterized by a strong temporal dependence between successive observations. In addition, they can be represented by some linear models, which means that the concerned time series can be considered as the output of a linear system whose input is a discrete white noise. Unfortunately, this class of stochastic processes presents the limitation of working under the restrictive assumptions of stationary and normality, in addition it needs large amount of available data, 2) the adaptive prediction approach of Kalman filtering (KF) is considered to be one of the most well-known and often-used significant mathematical tools that can be used for stochastic estimation from noisy measurements. It is as an optimal recursive data processing algorithm, which is constituted essentially by a set of 5 mathematical equations that implement a predictor-corrector type estimator that is optimal, in the sense that it minimizes the estimated error covariance, when some presumed conditions are met. Those equations are recursive and present the great advantage to provide accurately with the prediction error. The obtained results show the superiority of Kalman filter. The best model is sought using the performance measures including mean square error and determination coefficient.

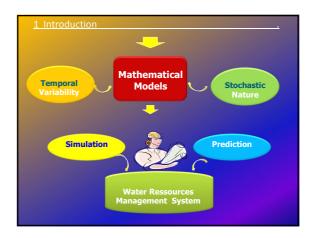


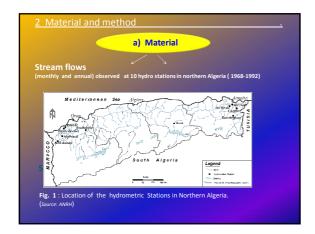


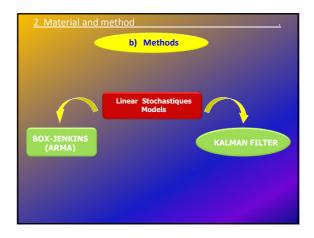












2 Material and method ...

MOVING AVERAGE model of q order MA(q)

The centred output Z_t is the weighted sum of q+1 precedant values of a white noise ε_t . $Z_t = \varepsilon_t - \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} - \theta_2 \varepsilon_{t-2} - \cdots - \theta_q \varepsilon_{t-q}$ $Z_t = (1 - \theta_1 B^1 - \theta_2 B^2 - \cdots - \theta_q B^q) \varepsilon_t$ $Z_t = \theta(B) \varepsilon_t$ $\theta(B) \text{ is the operator MA(q) which is a polynôm in B of ordre q that converges for <math>|\theta| < 1$, to insure the invertibility condition of the process.

