

# Potential application of the modeling: serious games

## The Cega Catchment in Spain

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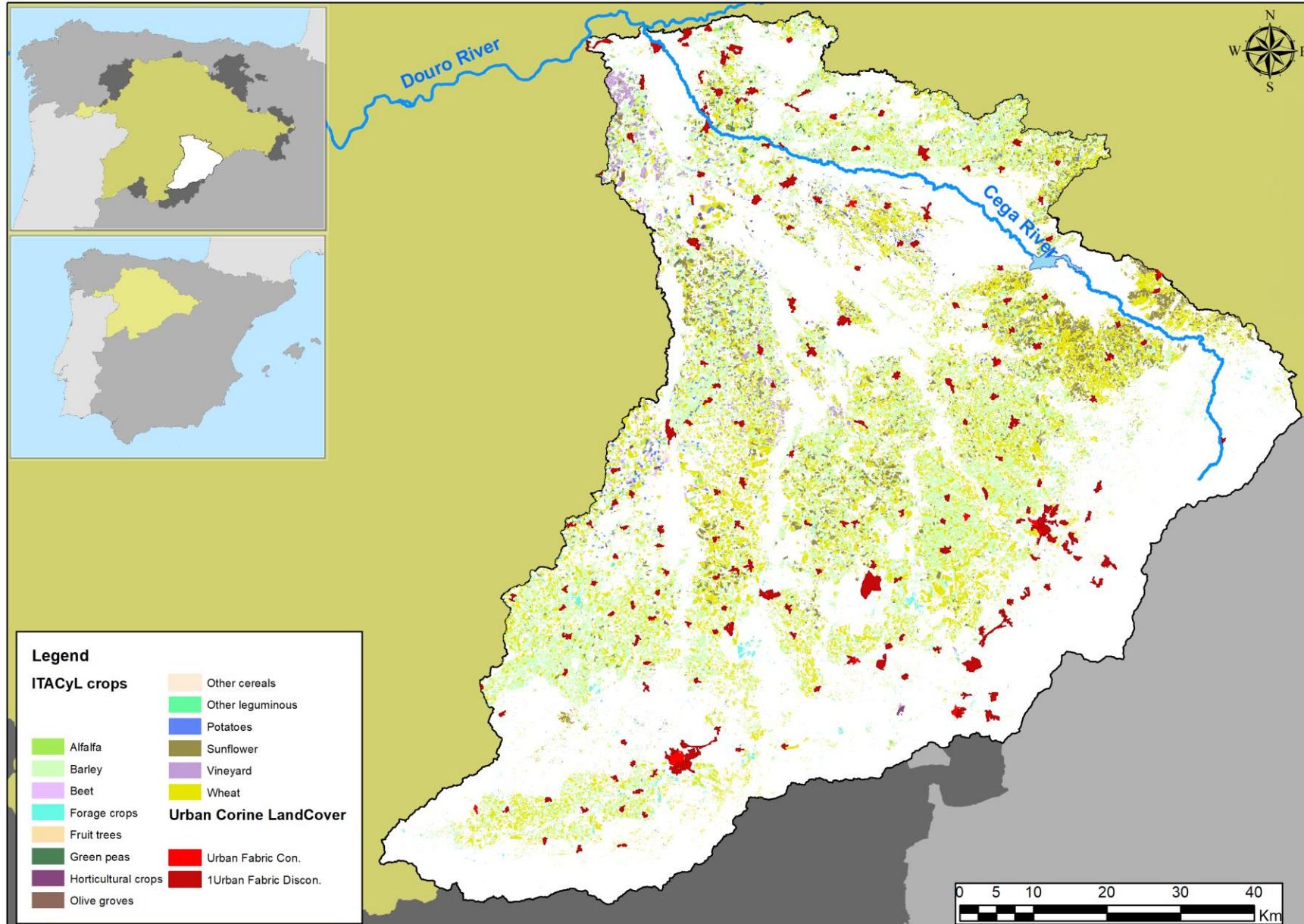


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# Location





# The challenges

1) One of the few non-regulated catchments in Spain



But  
also...





# The challenges

## 2) Expanding groundwater-fed horticulture



# The challenges

3) Existing water retention areas for aquifer recharge cannot meet growing demand



# The challenges

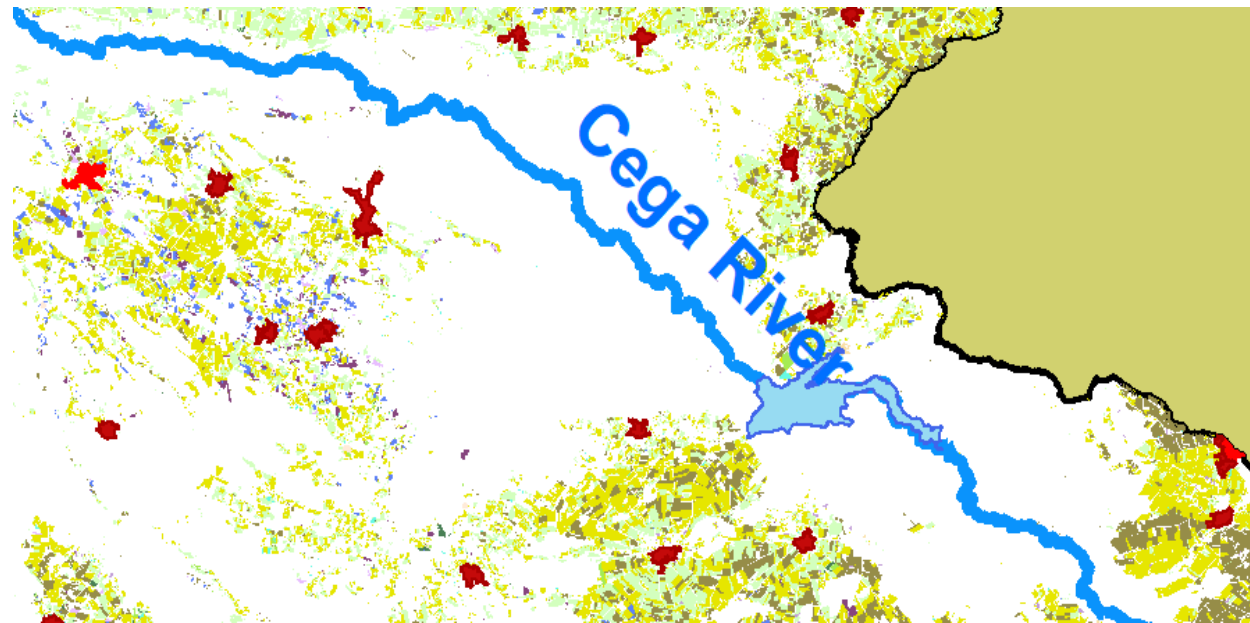
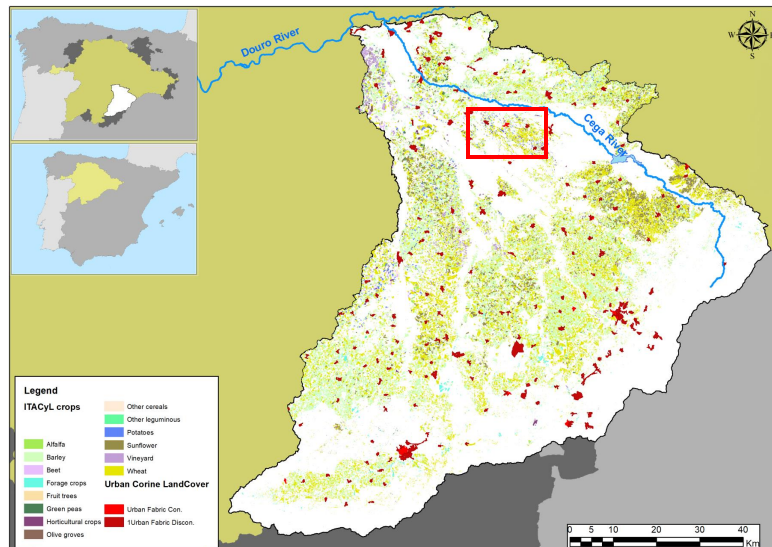
## 4) Deep aquifer overexploited



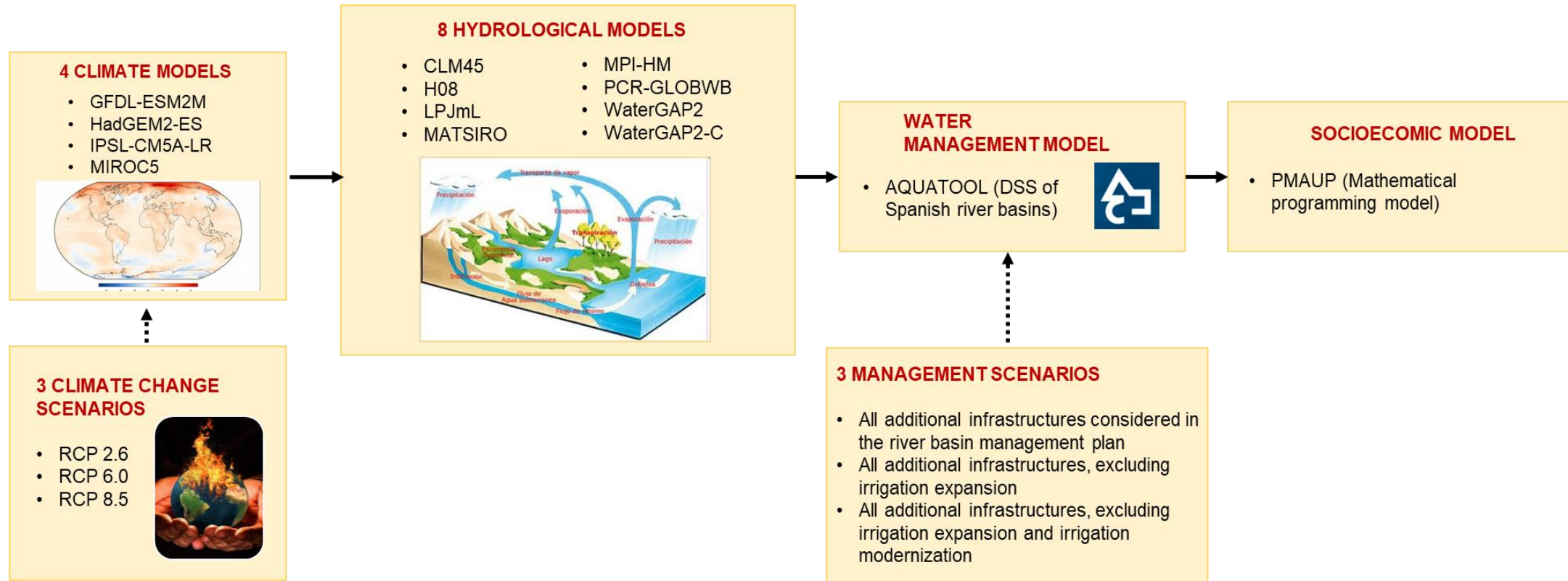


# The challenges

## 5) Dam construction under assessment



# Our approach: a modular hierarchy





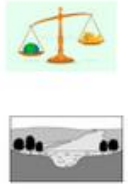
# Serious game?

A serious game is an interactive, digital game designed primarily for **educational or training purposes**, rather than solely for entertainment. It applies gaming principles to achieve specific learning outcomes or solve real-world problems.



# Now, let's play...

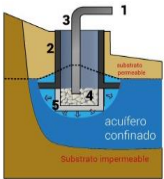
Select one of the following strategies: \*

|                   | Strategy 1                                                                            | Strategy 2                                                                            | Strategy 3                                                                            |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Infrastructure    |     |    |    |
| Management        |    |    |   |
| Financial measure |  |  |  |

# Now, let's play...



Dam



Aquifer Recharge



Irrigation modernization



Irrigation area expansion



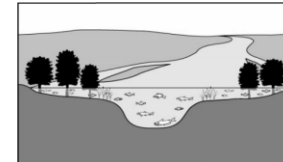
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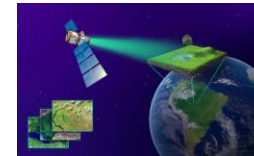
Resource cost



Environmental cost



Environmental Flow



Remote Sensing

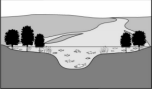
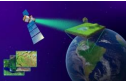


Buyback



Insurance



|                                                                                     |                           | Environment | Economy | Cost |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------|------|
|    | Dam                       | — —         | + +     | +10  |
|    | Aquifer Recharge          | +           | +       | +9   |
|    | Irrigation modernization  | — —         | + +     | +9   |
|    | Irrigation area expansion | — —         | + +     | +3   |
|    | Financial cost            | +           | —       | -5   |
|    | Resource cost             | +           | —       | -3   |
|    | Environmental cost        | +           | —       | -2   |
|   | Environmental Flow        | +           | —       | 0    |
|  | Remote Sensing            | +           | —       | +2   |
|  | Buyback                   | +           | —       | +9   |
|  | Insurance                 | 0           | +       | +1   |

# Results...

| Respuestas 2025 |         |             |         | Respuestas 2035 |         |             |         |
|-----------------|---------|-------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-------------|---------|
|                 | Profit  | Environment | Labor   |                 | Profit  | Environment | Labor   |
|                 | -12.92% | -22.69%     | -24.50% |                 | -15.21% | -43.16%     | -20.24% |
|                 | -32.69% | 1.11%       | -30.67% |                 | -8.46%  | -72.18%     | -10.87% |
|                 | -0.41%  | -42.85%     | -10.34% |                 | 0.09%   | -87.64%     | 0.00%   |
|                 |         |             |         |                 | -39.97% | -1.69%      | -29.92% |
|                 |         |             |         |                 | -57.92% | 13.08%      | -56.17% |
|                 |         |             |         |                 | -3.04%  | -74.65%     | -3.52%  |
|                 |         |             |         |                 | -10.16% | -54.18%     | -16.67% |
|                 |         |             |         |                 | -49.43% | 8.46%       | -48.95% |
|                 |         |             |         |                 | -18.80% | -33.49%     | -29.42% |

# Result Scenario 1

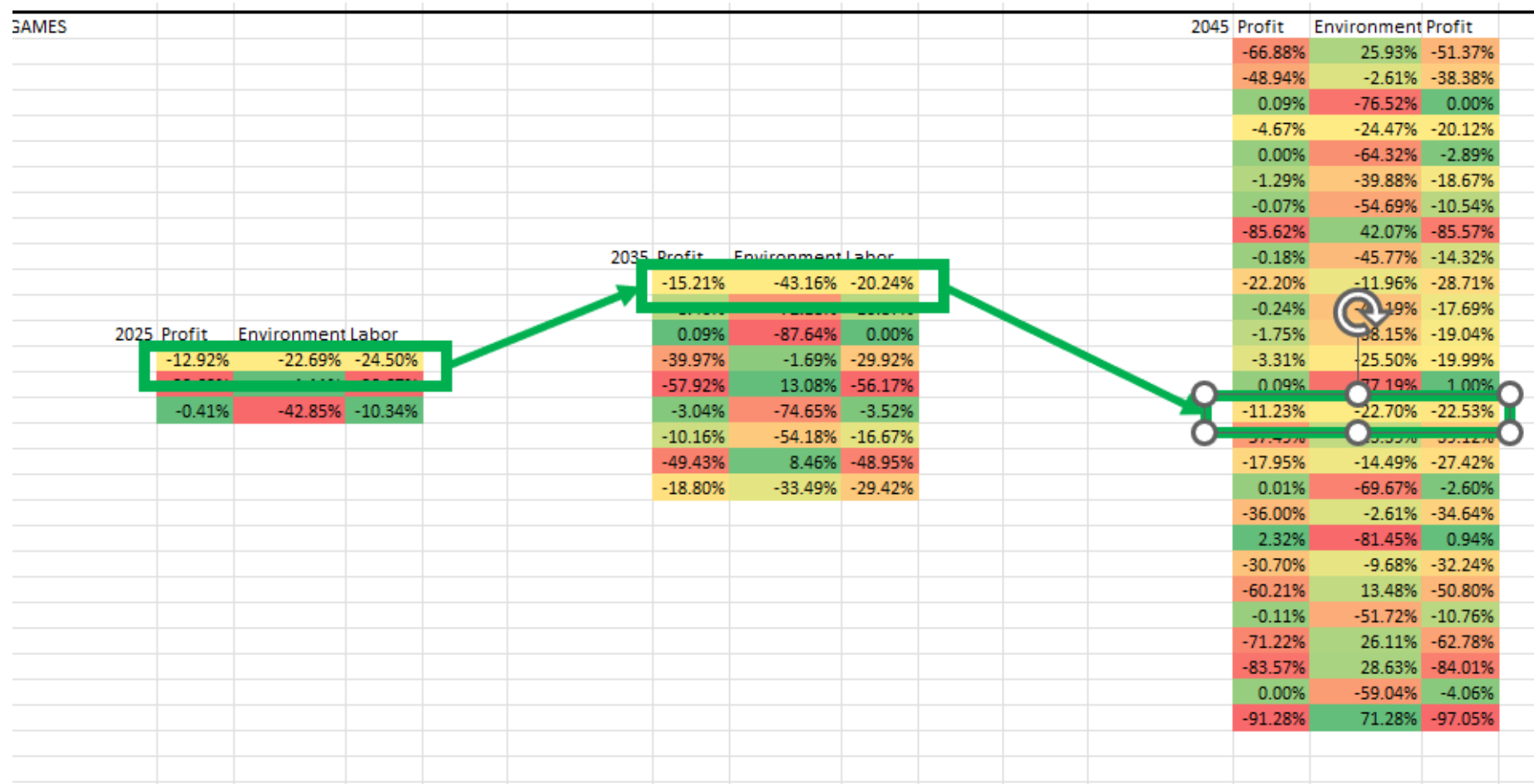
| 2025 | Profit  | Environment | Labor   |
|------|---------|-------------|---------|
|      | -12.92% | -22.69%     | -24.50% |
|      | -0.41%  | -42.85%     | -10.34% |



# Result Scenario 2

| 2025 Profit Environment Labor |         |         | 2035 Profit Environment Labor |         |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------------|---------|---------|
| -12.92%                       | -22.69% | -24.50% | -15.21%                       | -43.16% | -20.24% |
| 0.00%                         | 0.00%   | 0.00%   | 0.09%                         | -87.64% | 0.00%   |
| -0.41%                        | -42.85% | -10.34% | -39.97%                       | -1.69%  | -29.92% |
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# Result Scenario 3



# Thank you for the attention



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