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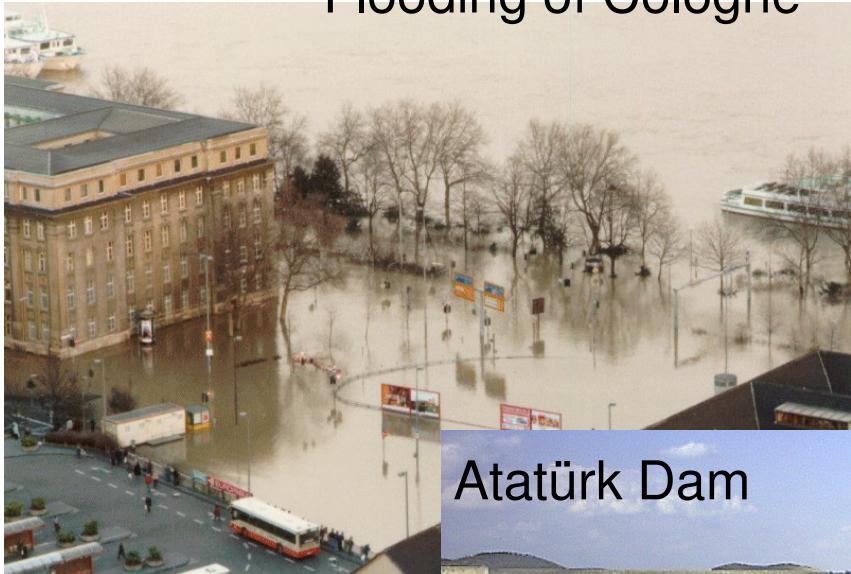
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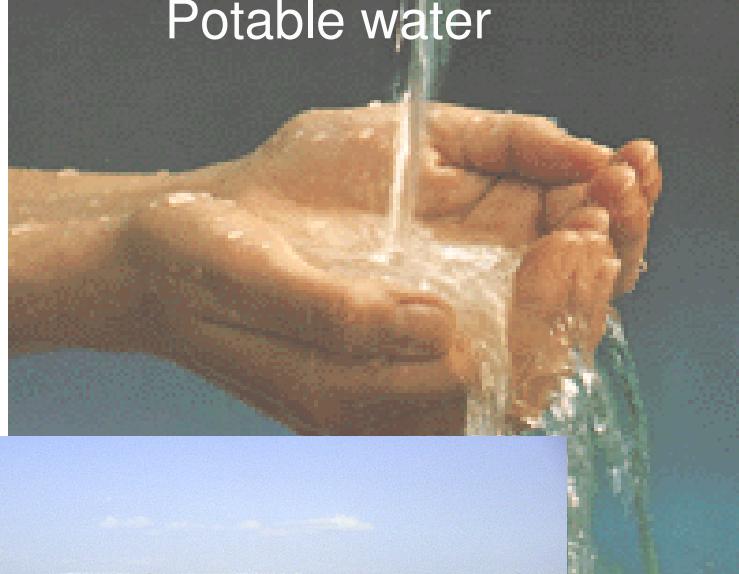
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# Without any doubt, we need reliable hydrologic models

Flooding of Cologne



Potable water



Atatürk Dam



to simulate und develop water resources systems

# INTRODUCTION

In civil engineering hydrological models are mostly developed and applied as part of water resources system models to be an important basis for decision making on investment

Example 1: Ruhr area, Germany, reconstruction of a heavily modified industrial landscape,  $5 \cdot 10^9$  € in 10 years, ongoing

Example 2: The Ebro Basin development, Spain, several 10 reservoirs, 1-3 times the investment of Ex. 1, discussed

Example 3: The EU water directives, enormous investment , impossible to quantify, ongoing

Water resources systems combine hydrology, hydraulics, systems control und others

For my part, engineering hydrology is not and does not want to be a basic science !!! No ivory towers.

# INTRODUCTION

Trade off between physically based and conceptual models, let us not ask for either ... or, there is a best one for each purpose, not a generally best one

## Physically based models

Pros:

- (non linear) physical modelling which can be checked for plausibility
- spatially detailed
- Describe interactions between elementary units



Cons:

- numerical solutions  
=> high computational effort
- => mostly restricted to flood event computation
- large number of data and parameters

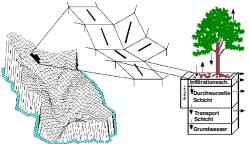
## Conceptual models

Pros:

- analytical solutions provide  
=> high computational efficiency  
=> allow long term simulation

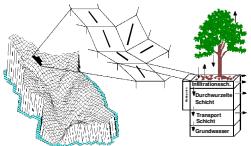
Cons:

- mostly linear approaches
- little interaction between elementary units
- less transparent aggregated process simulation

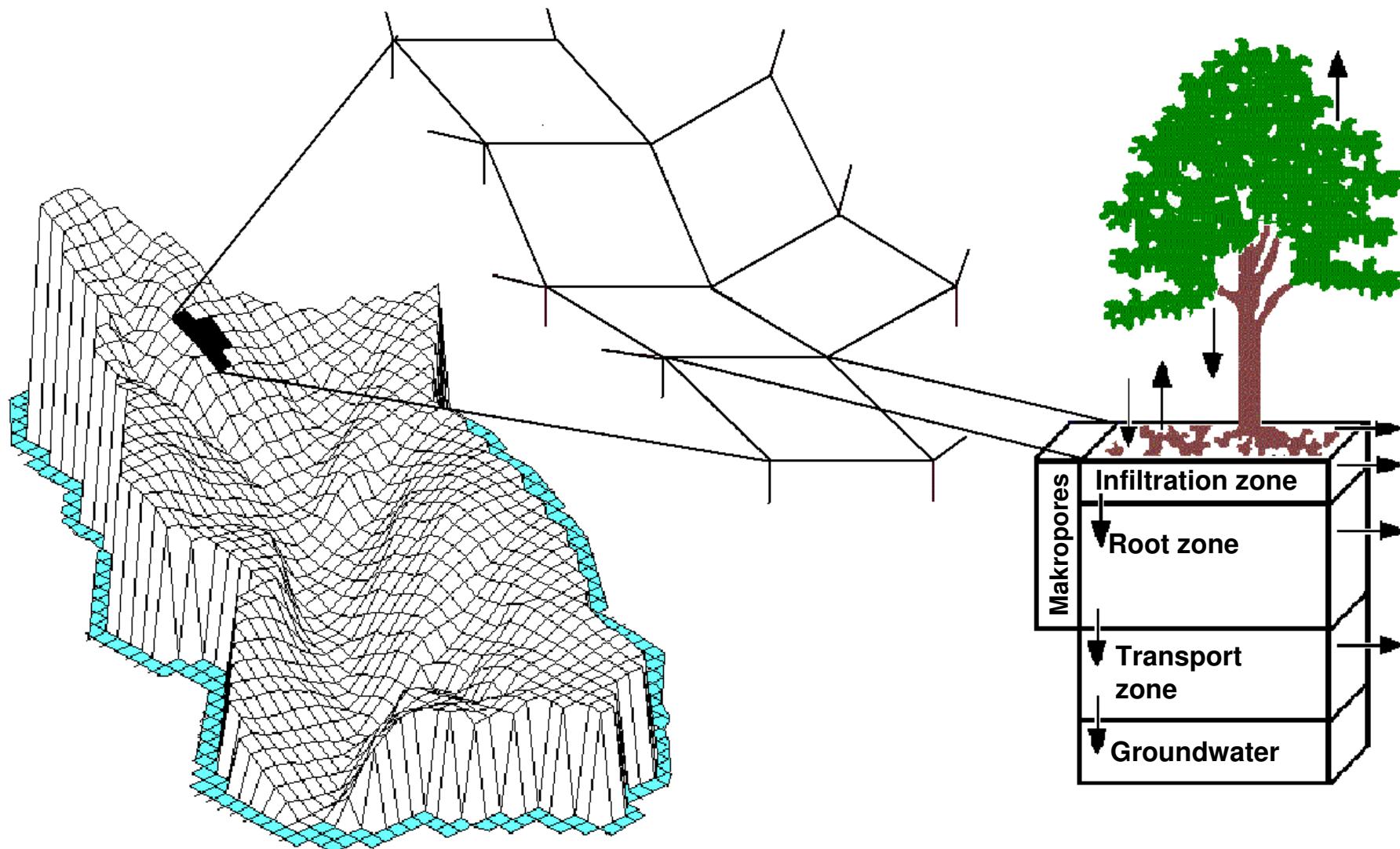


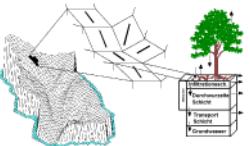
# Modelling concept: Objectives

- continuous long term simulation of water balances at arbitrary temporal scales including flood periods
- high spatial decomposition and description of interactions among neighbouring elements
- consideration of all relevant processes and their interaction
- best possible analytical equivalent to non linear physical differential equations
- efficient computational realisation
- closely coupled with GIS technology

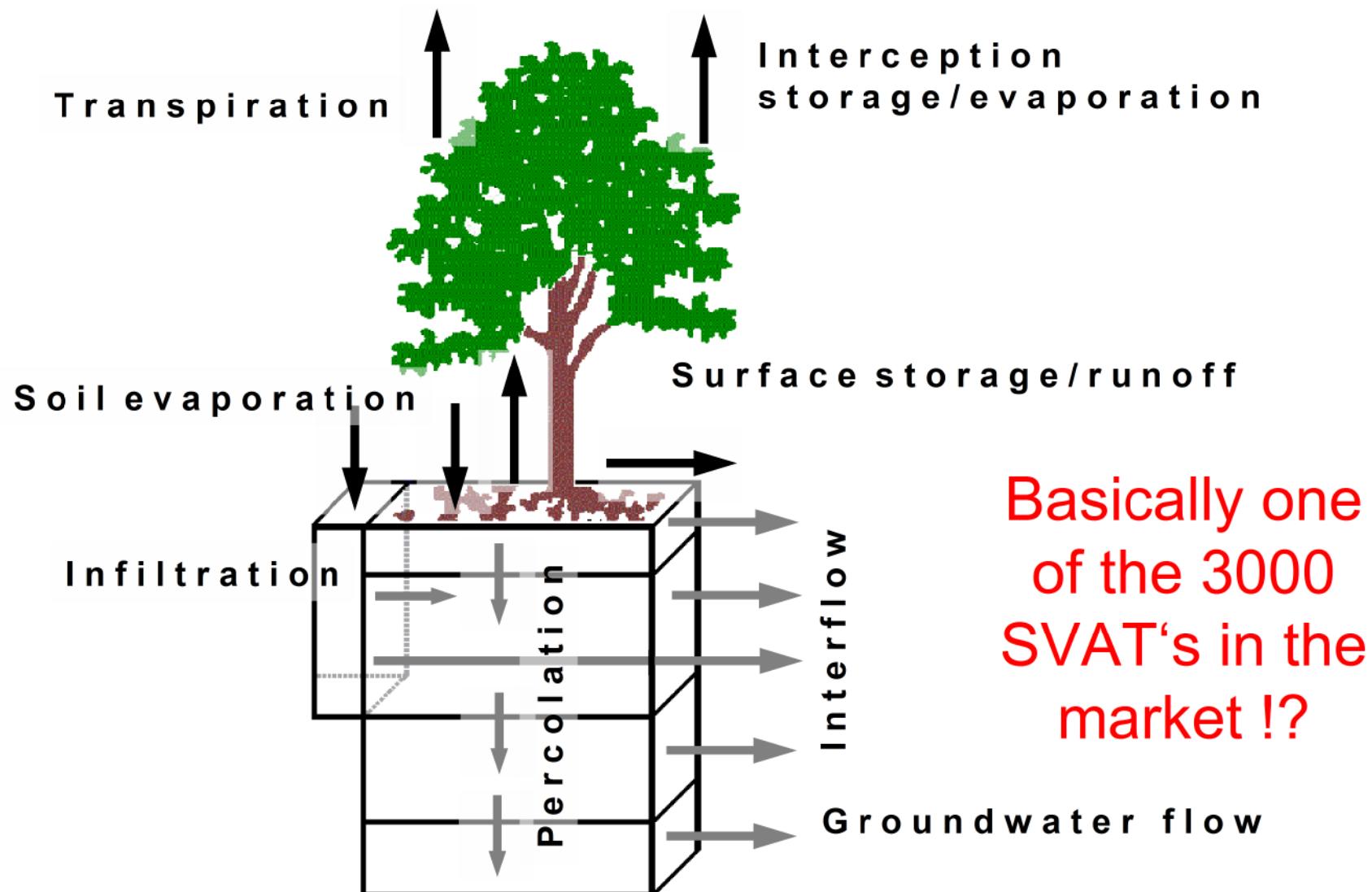


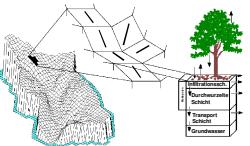
# Modelling concept: principles



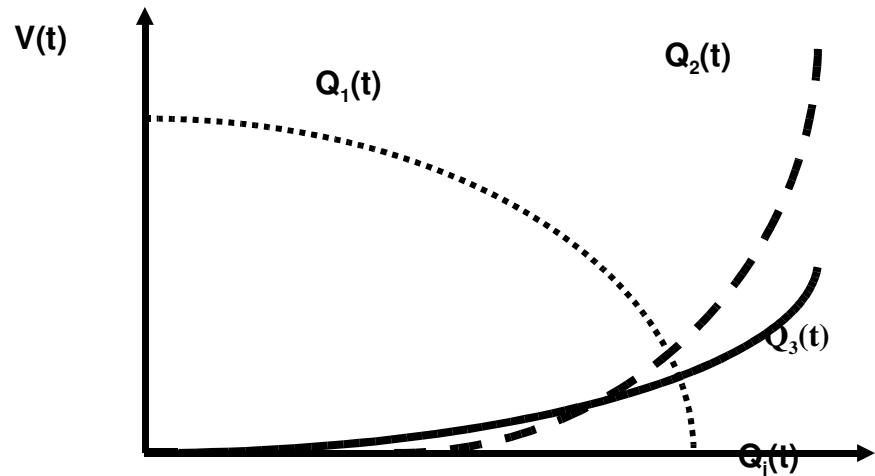
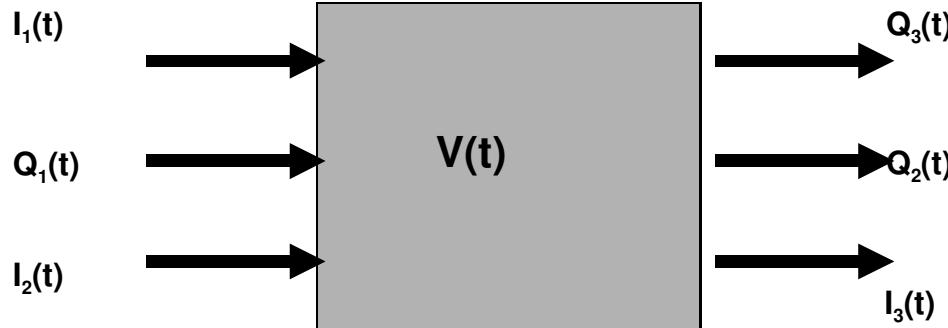


# Modelling concept: local processes in/ on elementary units



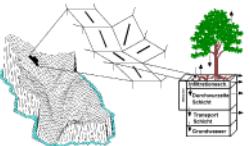


# Modelling concept: Basic module



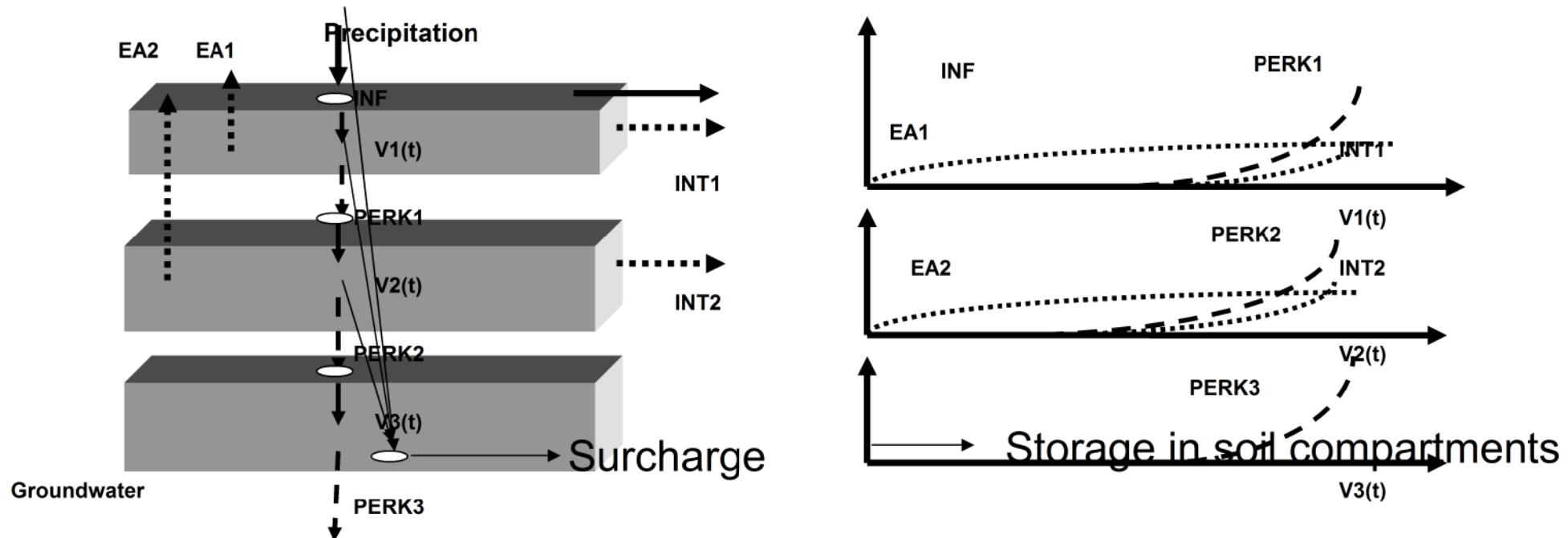
The hydrologic and water resources system is defined as a system of non linear storages and related multiple input / output processes, being known functions of storage or constant or known a priori

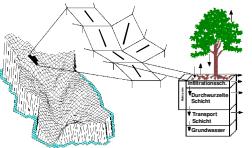
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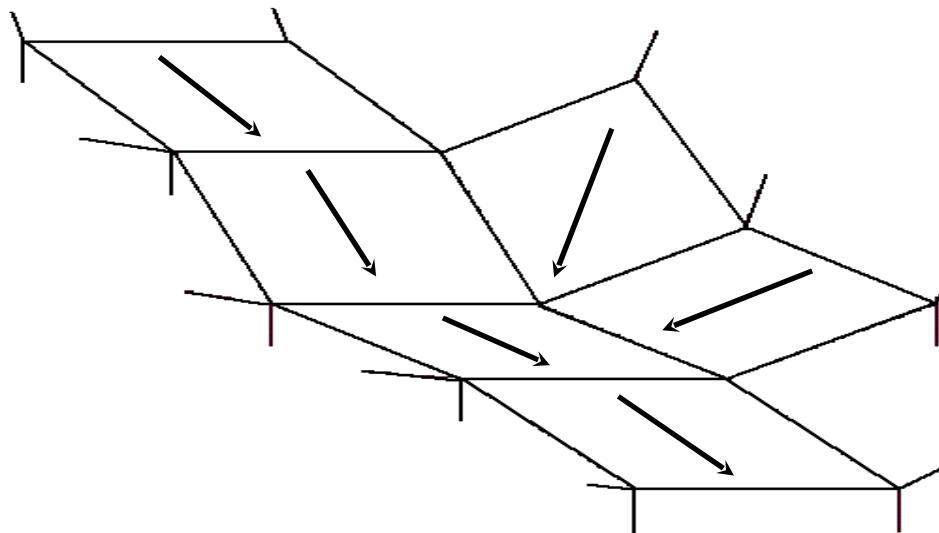
## Example soil moisture storage





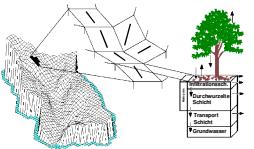
# Modelling concept: Basic module

General concept: flow follows gravity on surface

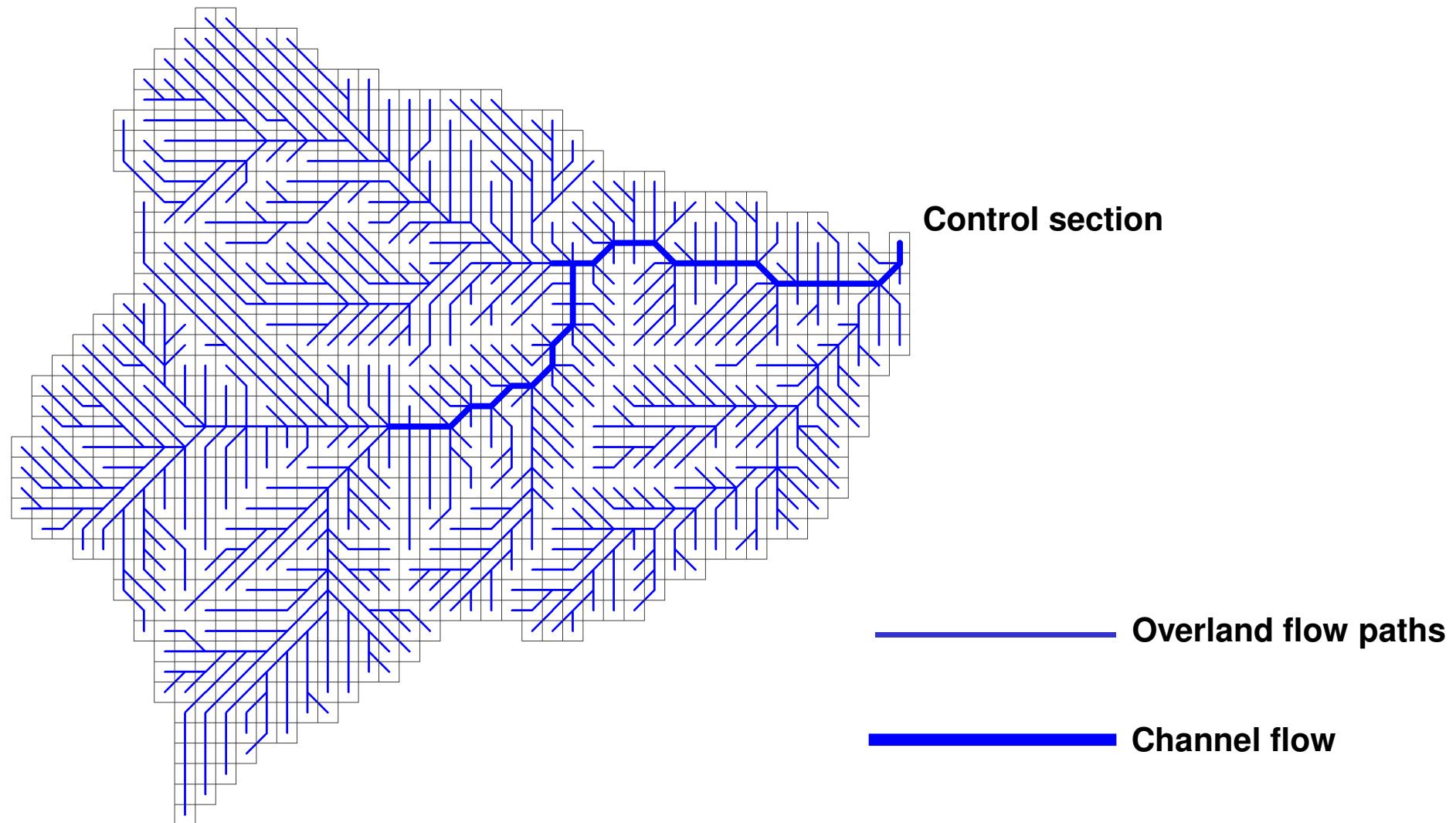


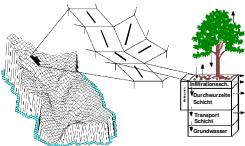
Limitation: The surface and sub surface flow occurs to gravity at surface!!!

The model does not completely observe conservation of momentum, only conservation of mass

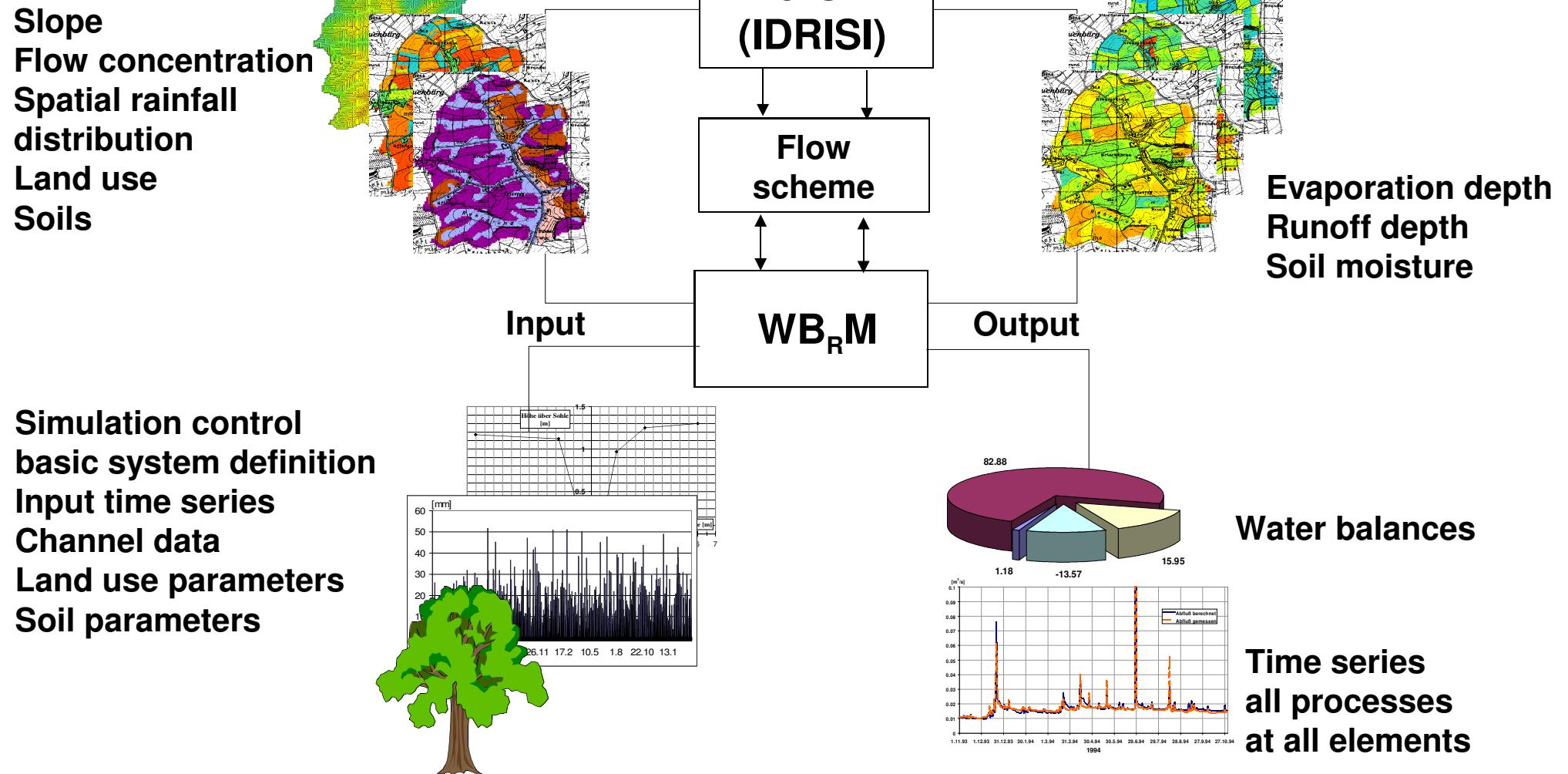


# Modelling concept: The GIS-cascade system





# Modelling concept: Overall scheme

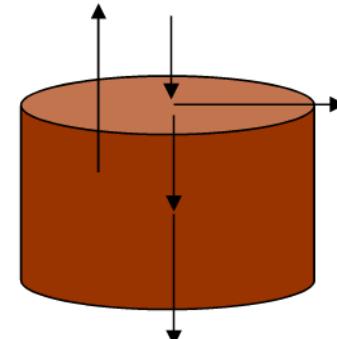
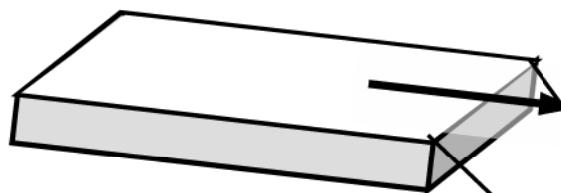




# Modelling concept: point validation and integration

**Surface runoff**

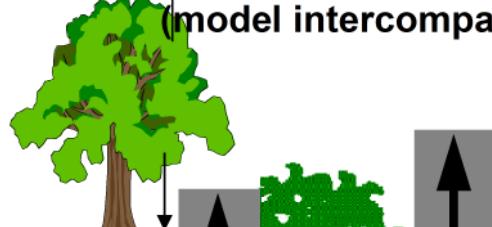
(runoff experiments by Izzard)



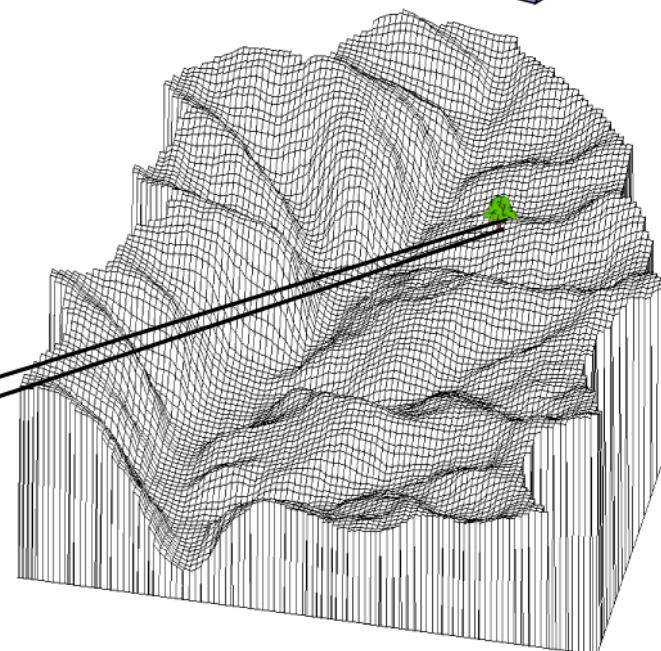
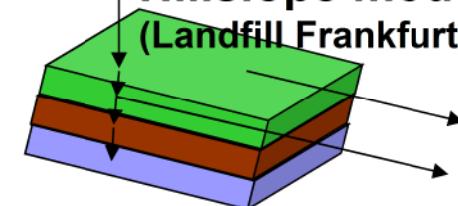
**Soil moisture on  
elementary units**

(Lysimeter station Senne)

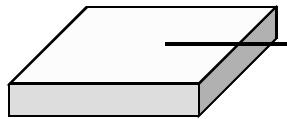
**Interception**  
(model intercomparison)



**Hillslope model**  
(Landfill Frankfurt)

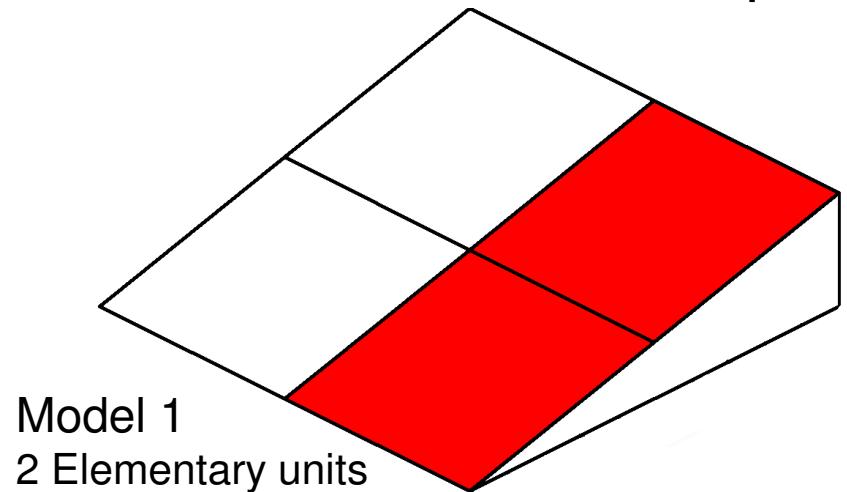


**Integration to complete model**  
(Weiherbach catchment)

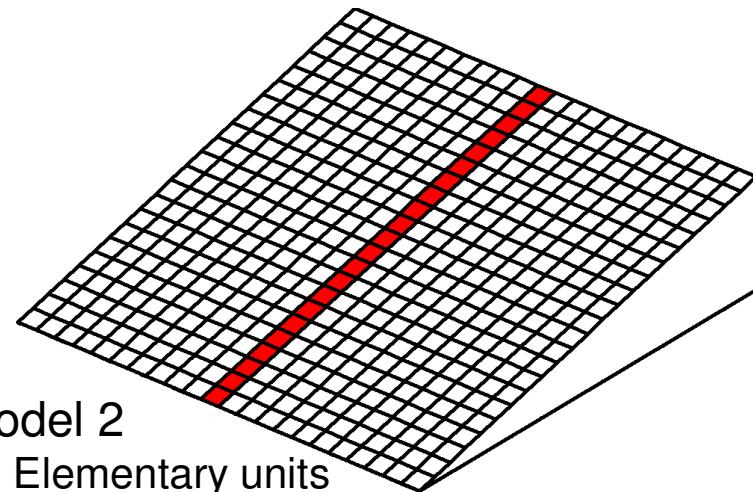


# Modelling concept: point validation (Izzard, 1946)

Surface flow simulation on impervious area



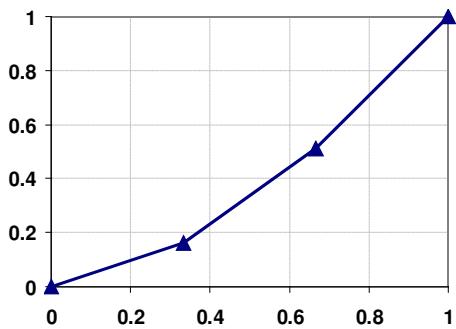
Model 1  
2 Elementary units



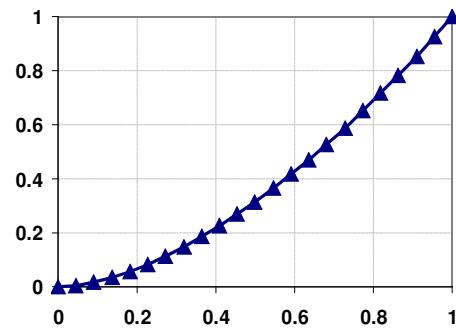
Model 2  
22 Elementary units

## Discretisation of storage-flow function

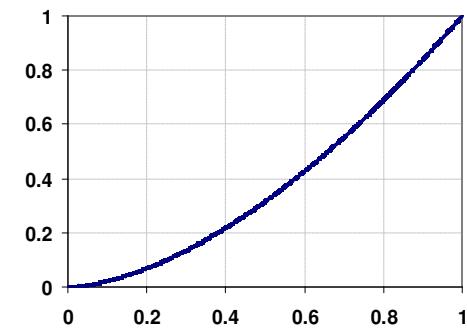
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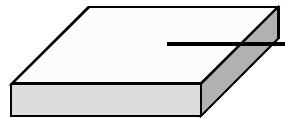


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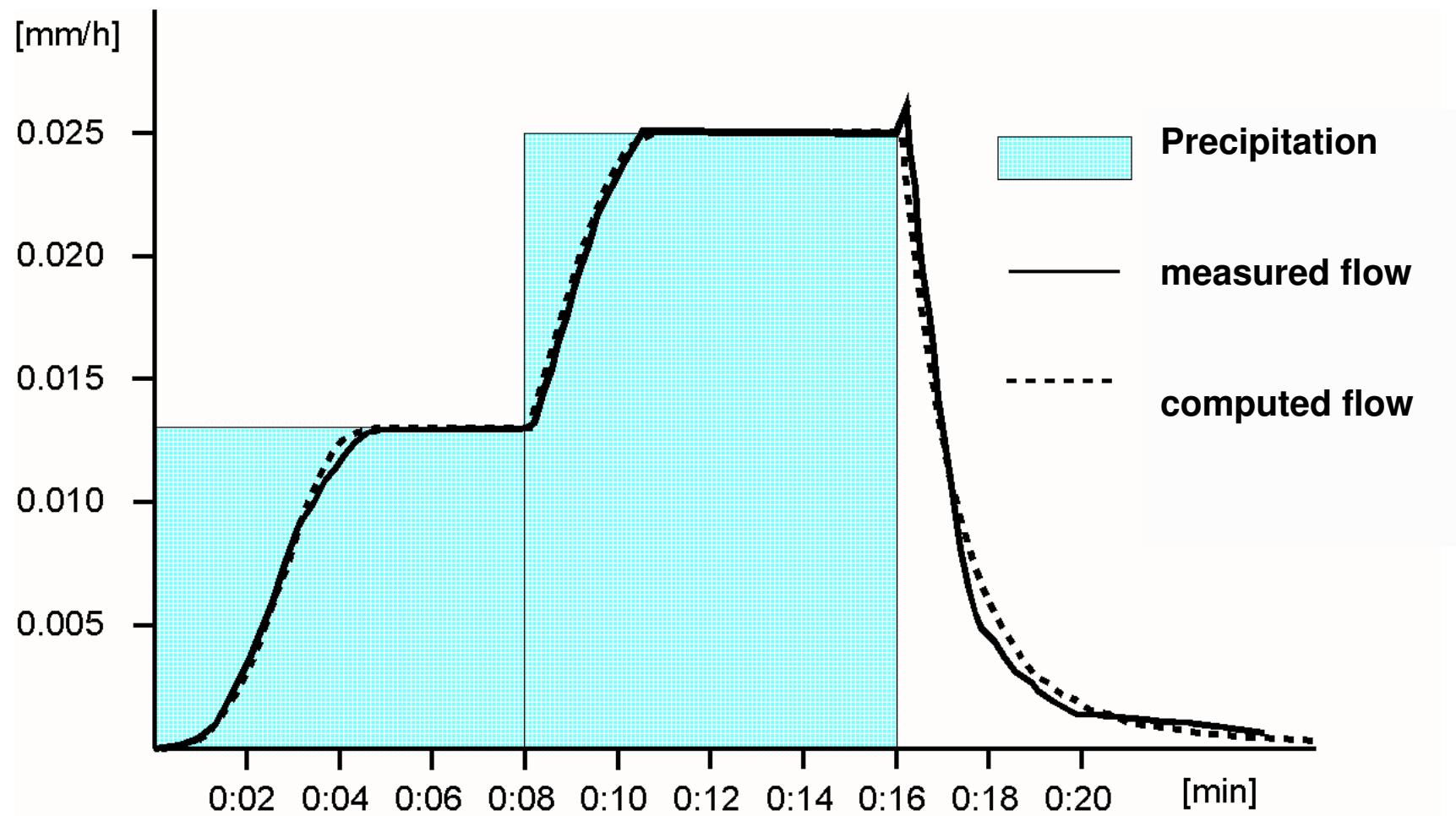
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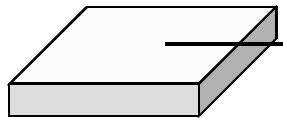




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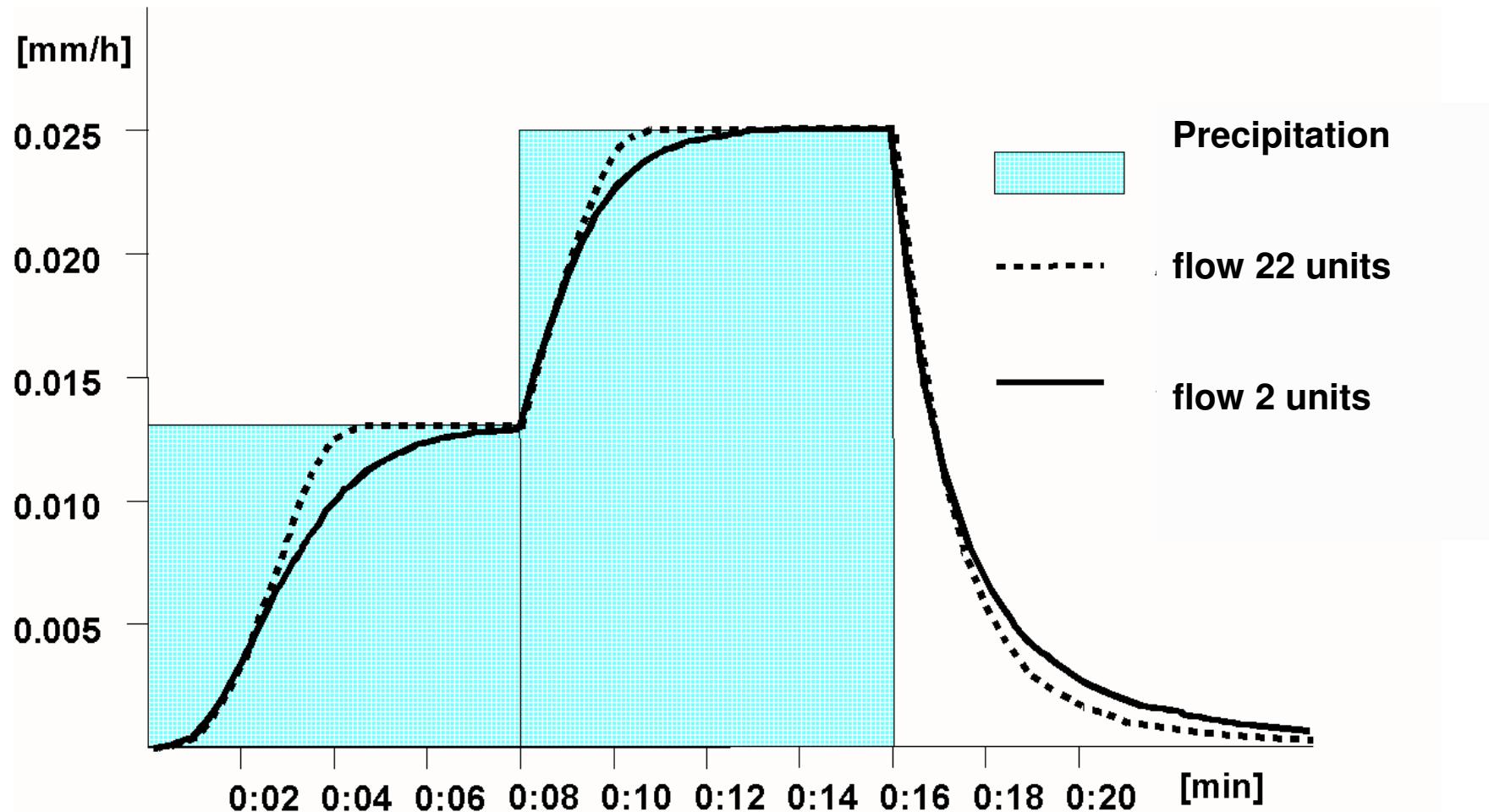
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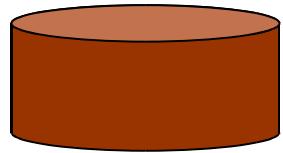




## Modelling concept: point validation

Variable spatial resolution 2 versus 22 elementary units





## Modelling concept: point validation lysimeter

$$\frac{\delta \Theta}{\delta t} = \frac{\delta}{\delta z} \left[ K_u \left( \frac{\delta \psi_m}{\delta z} + 1 \right) \right] + S(t, z)$$

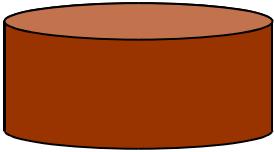
$\Theta$  = soil moisture =  $f(t, z)$  [mm,  $\text{cm}^3/\text{cm}^3$ ,..]

$\psi_m$  = soil tension=  $f(t, z)$  [cm, kPa,..]

$k_u$  = unsaturated hydraulic conductivity =  $f(\psi)$  [m/s, mm/h, mm/d,..]

$z$  = space coordinate (one dimensional vertical) [m]

$t$  = time [s,h,d]

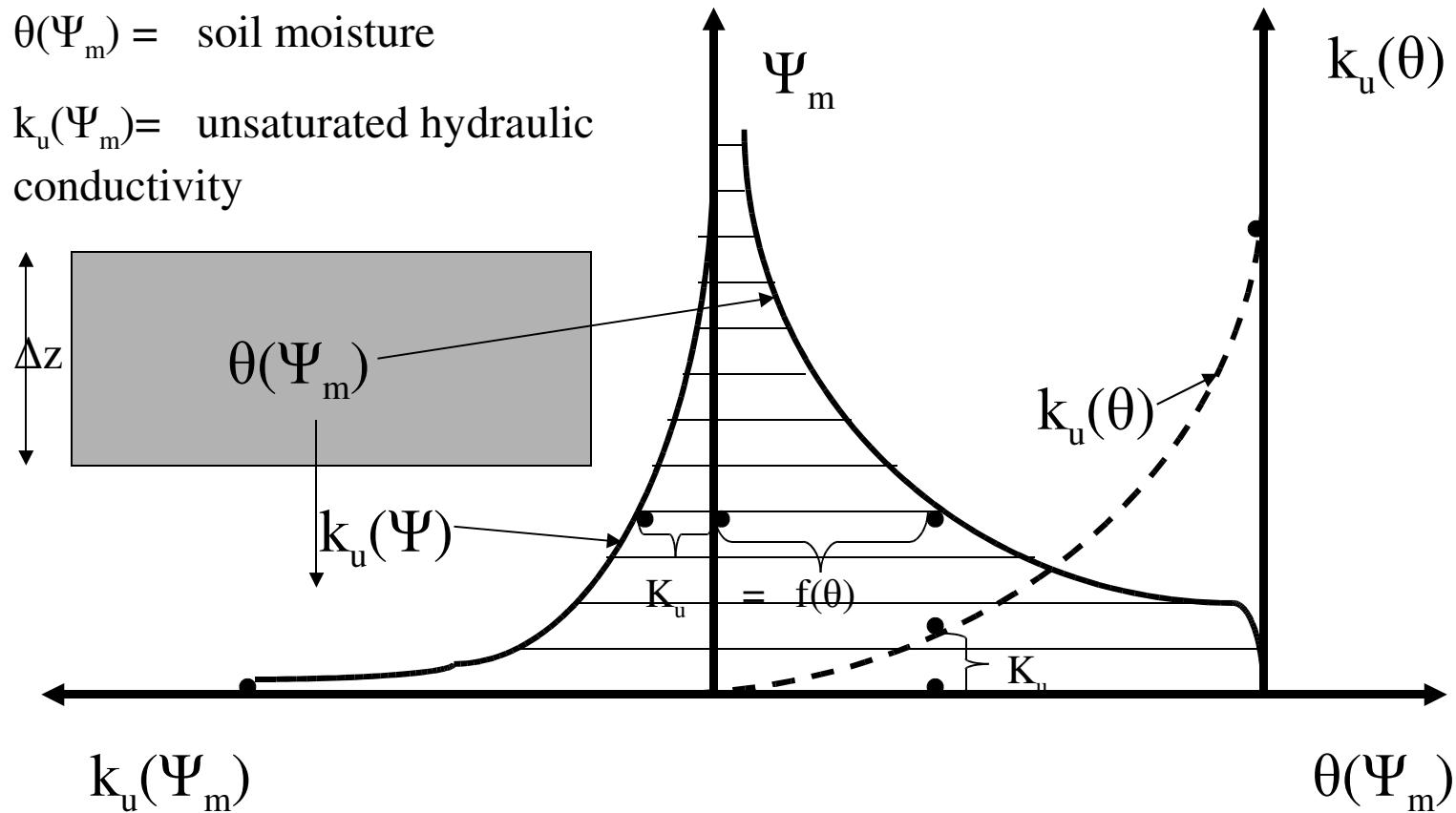


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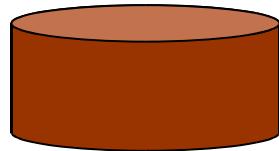
$\Psi_m$  = mean soil tension

$\theta(\Psi_m)$  = soil moisture

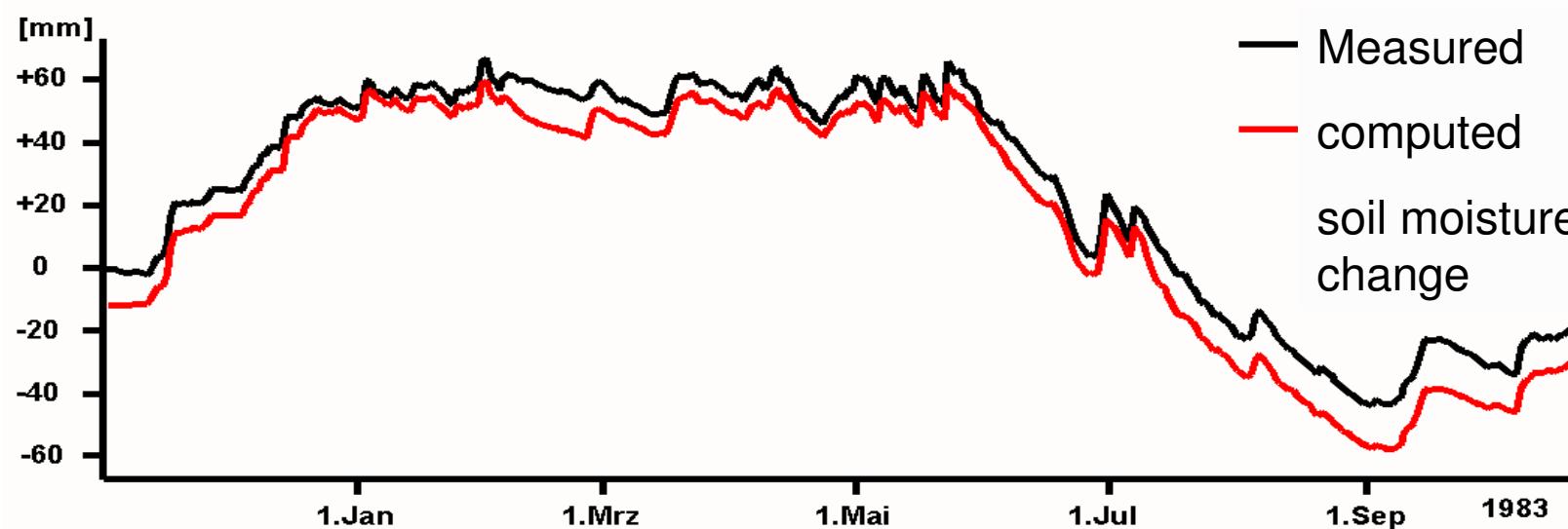
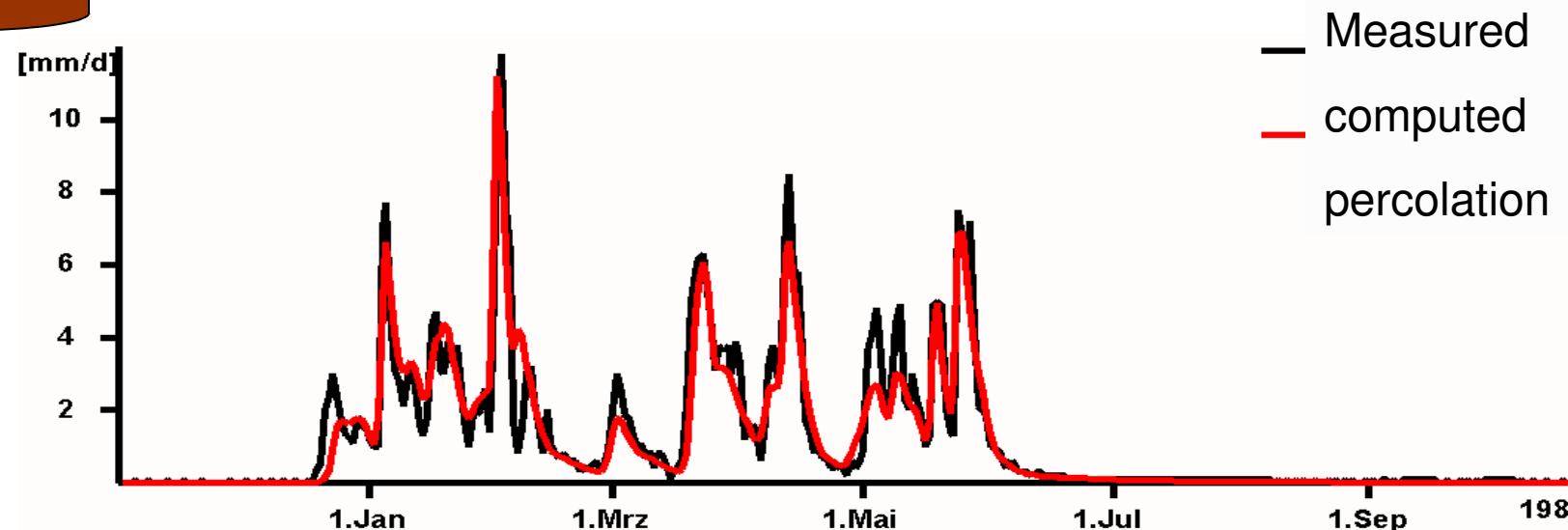
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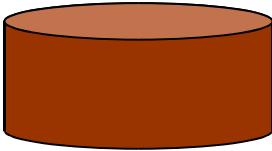


Percolation from a soil compartment

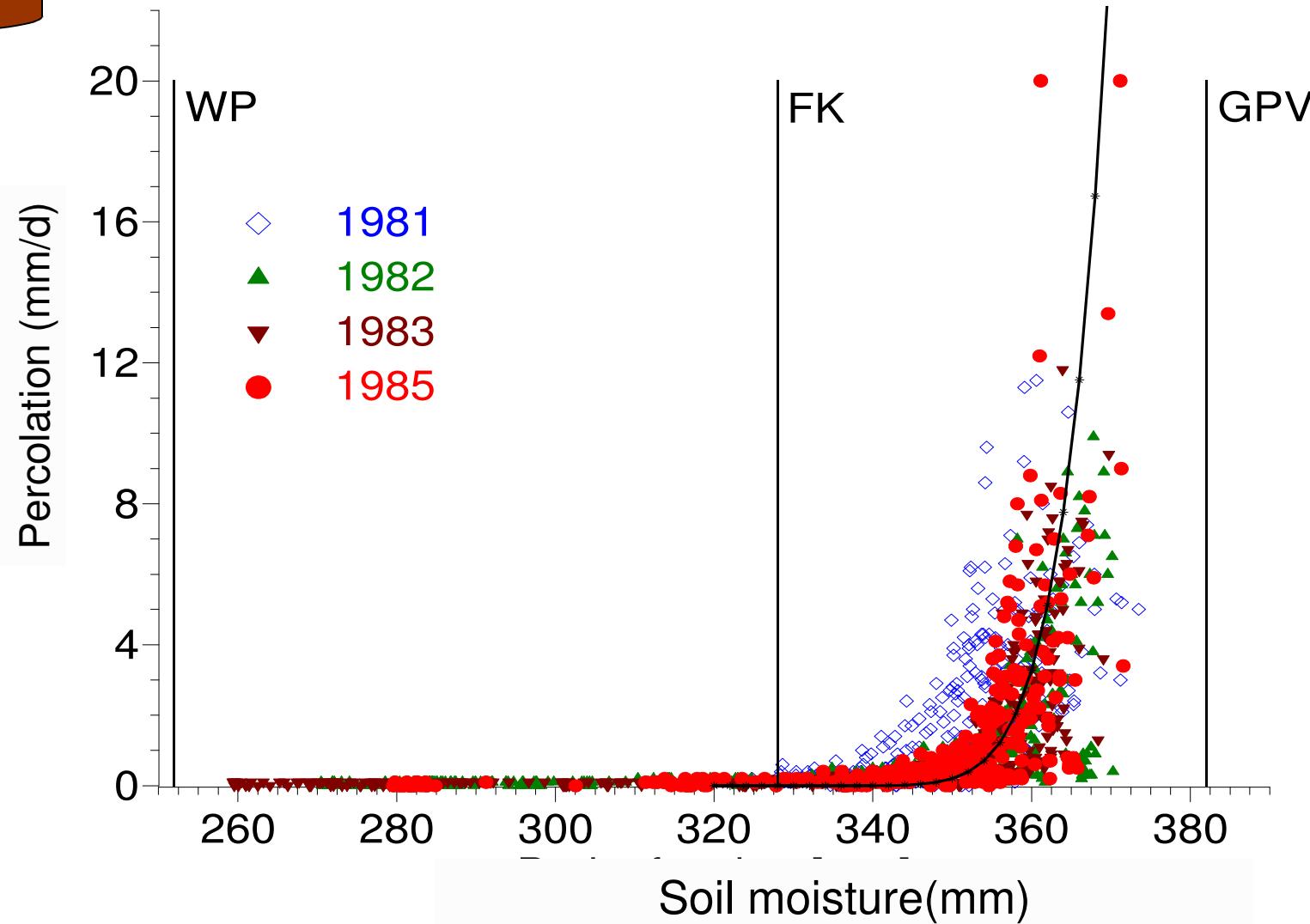


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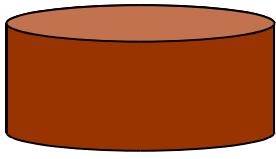




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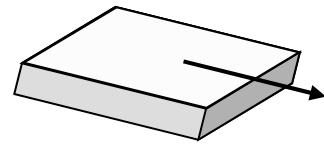
Determination of storage flow function for lysimeter



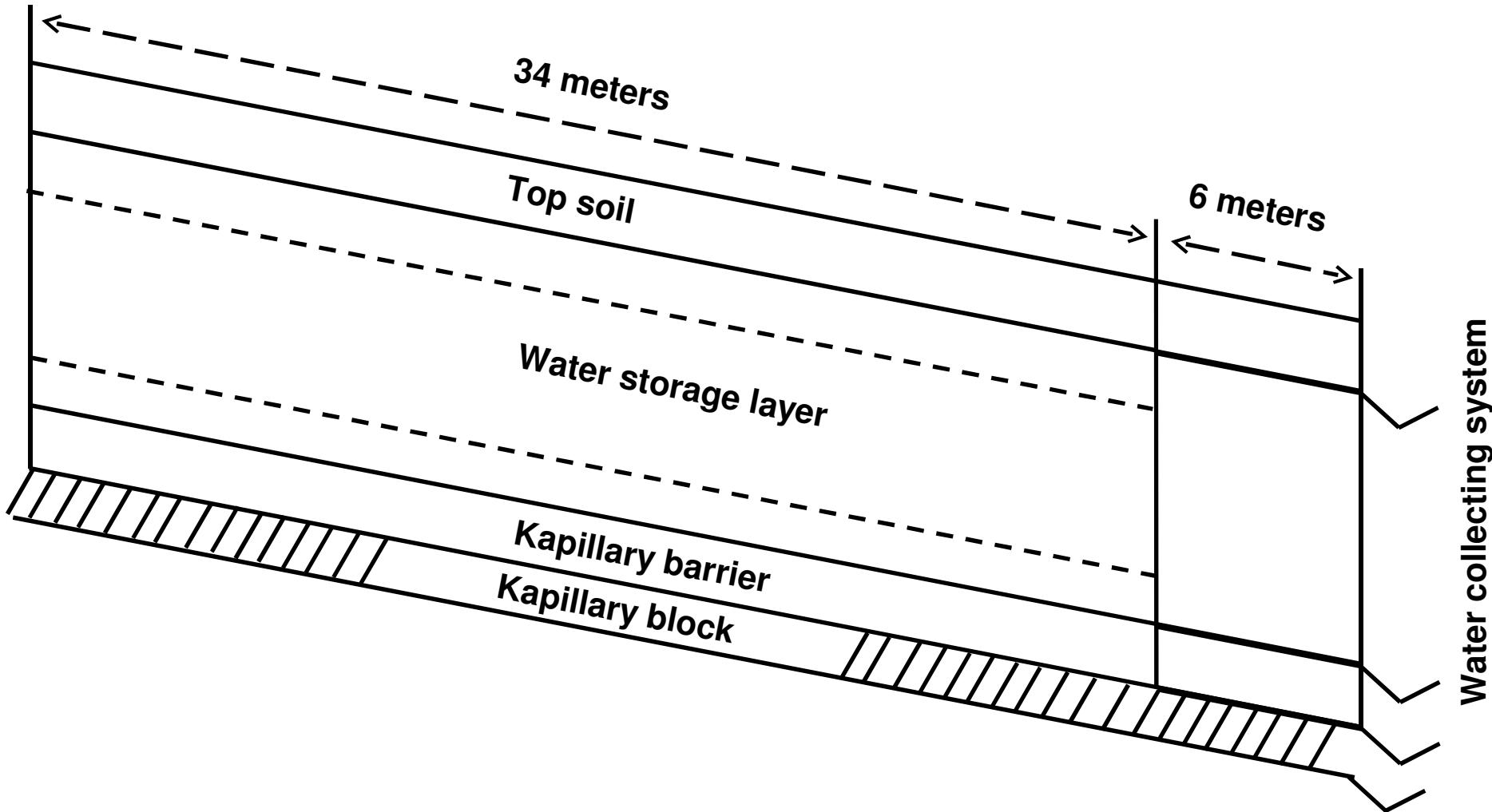
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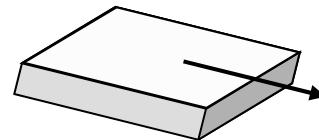
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Lysi 1	Sand	18	78	380	20	42	266	4
Lysi 2	Schluff	108	257	336	4.3	260	305	7
Lysi 4	Lehm	252	328	382	1	330	370	7

Determination of storage flow function for three lysimeters  
to be transferred without major modification

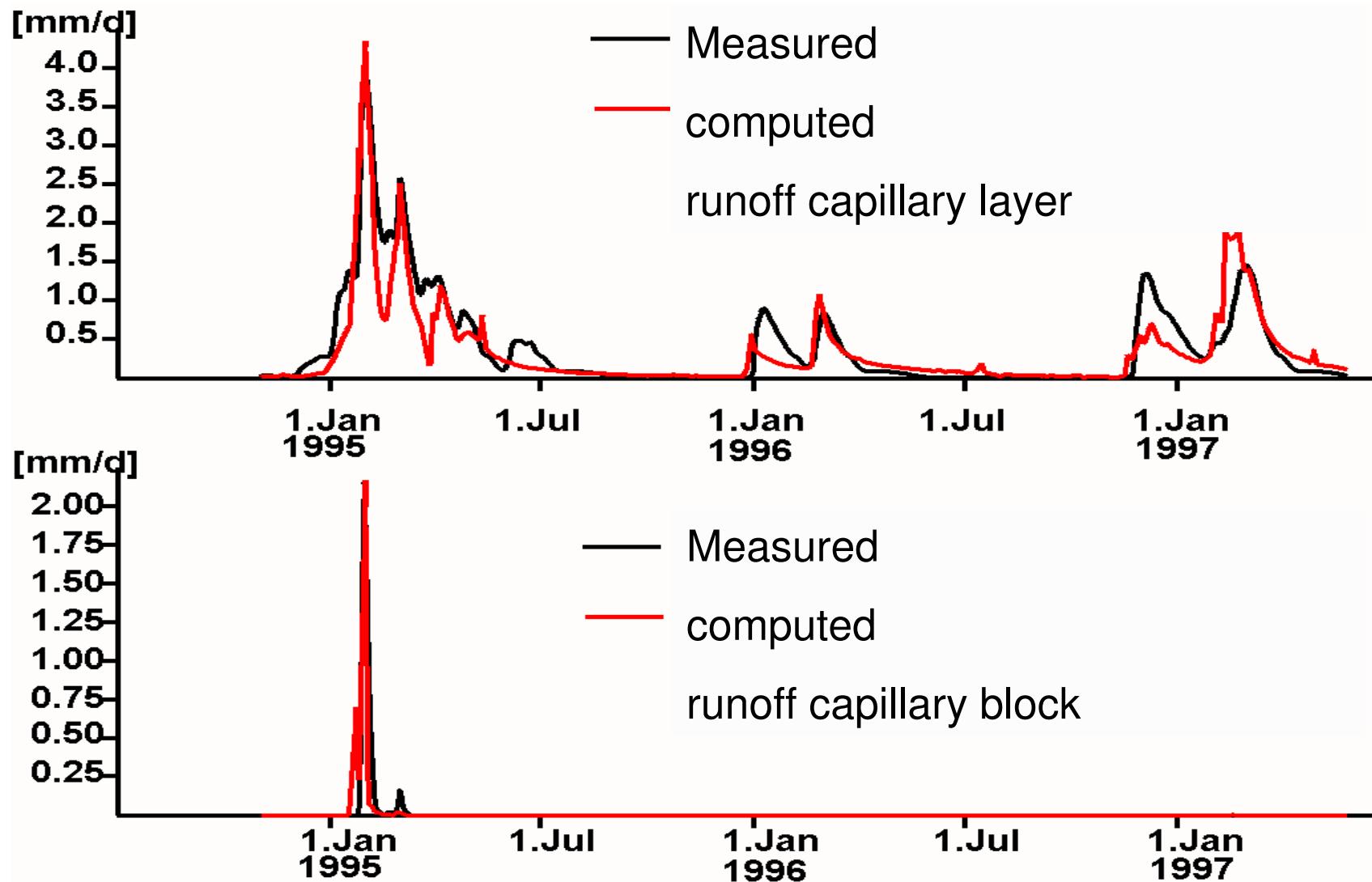


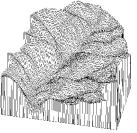
# Modelling concept: point validation landfill





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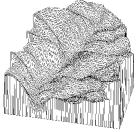




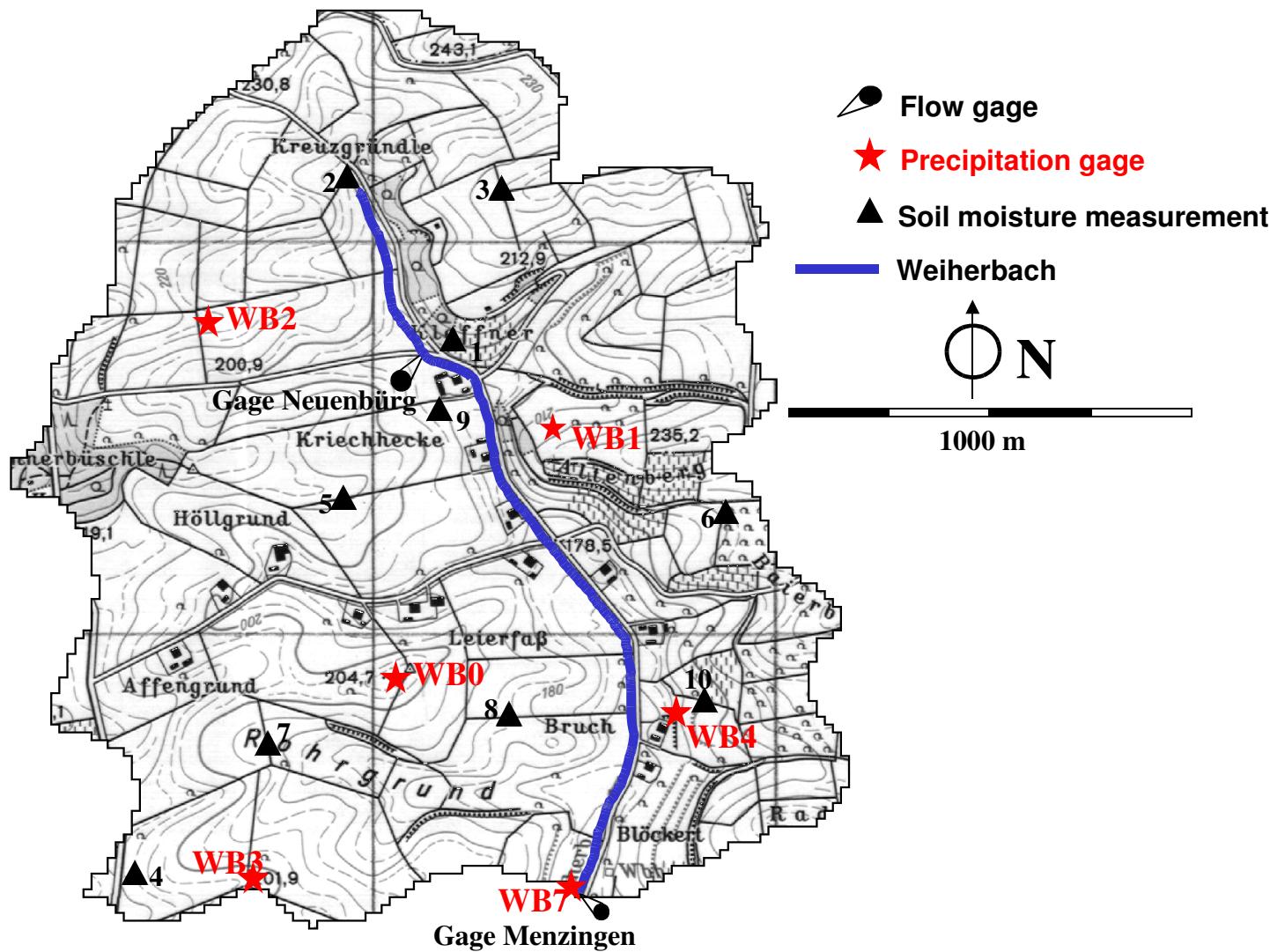
# Modelling concept: integration on catchment

## The test catchment Weiherbach

Location:	Kraichgauer Hügelland
Gage:	Menzingen
Area:	3.46 km <sup>2</sup>
Elevation:	141 - 248 m
Land use:	18.7 % pasture und meadows 71.6 % agricultural fields 5.9 % partially sealed 3.8 % forest
Soils:	Pararendzina / colluvium on loess
Hydrology:	Precipitation = 670 mm/a Runoff: MQ = 17.5 l/s HQ = 7.67 m <sup>3</sup> /s
Simulation Period:	11.1991 - 08.1996
Simulation type:	longterm with daily valued / detailed flood simulation

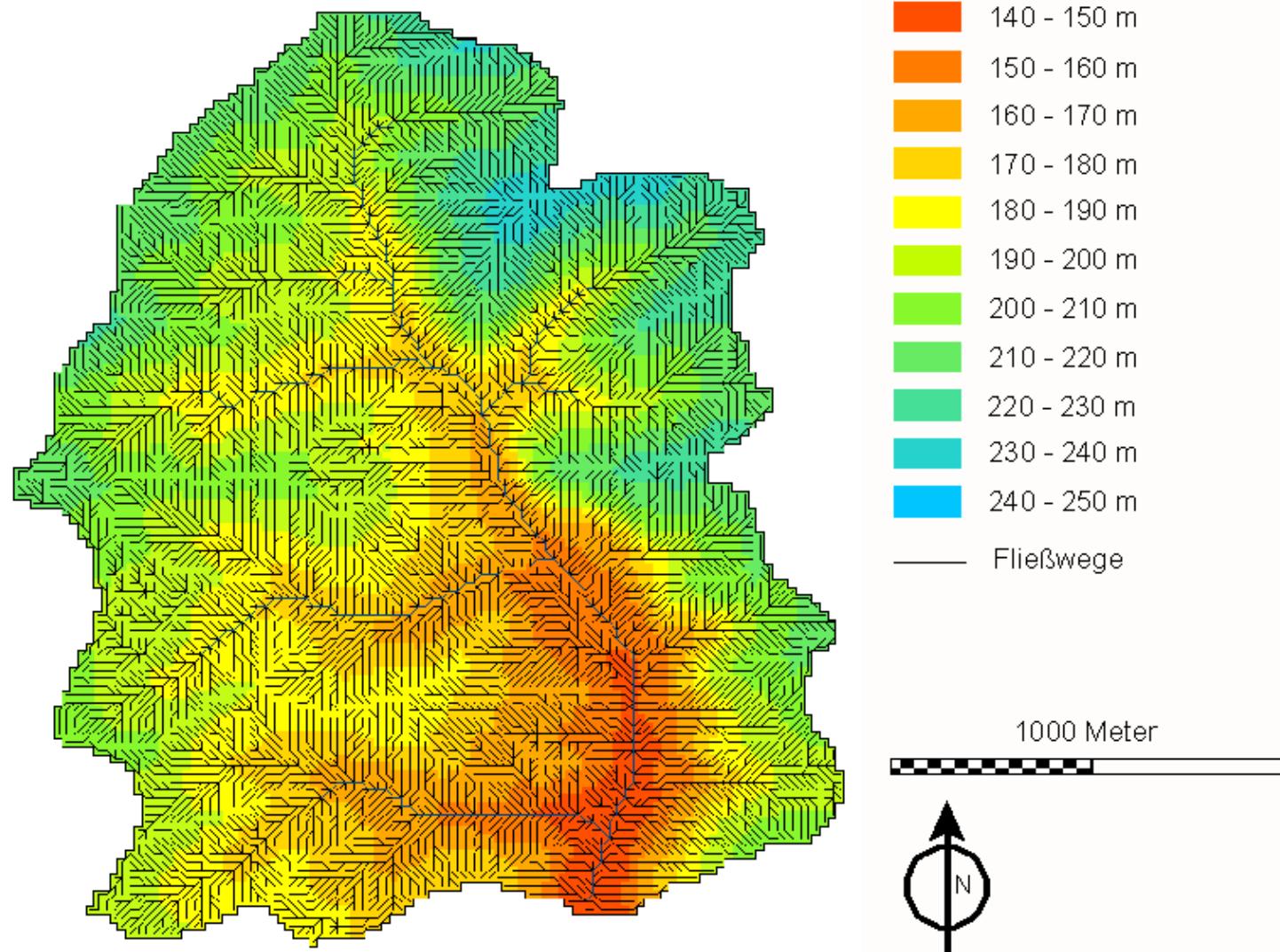


# Modelling concept: integration on catchment Measurement network



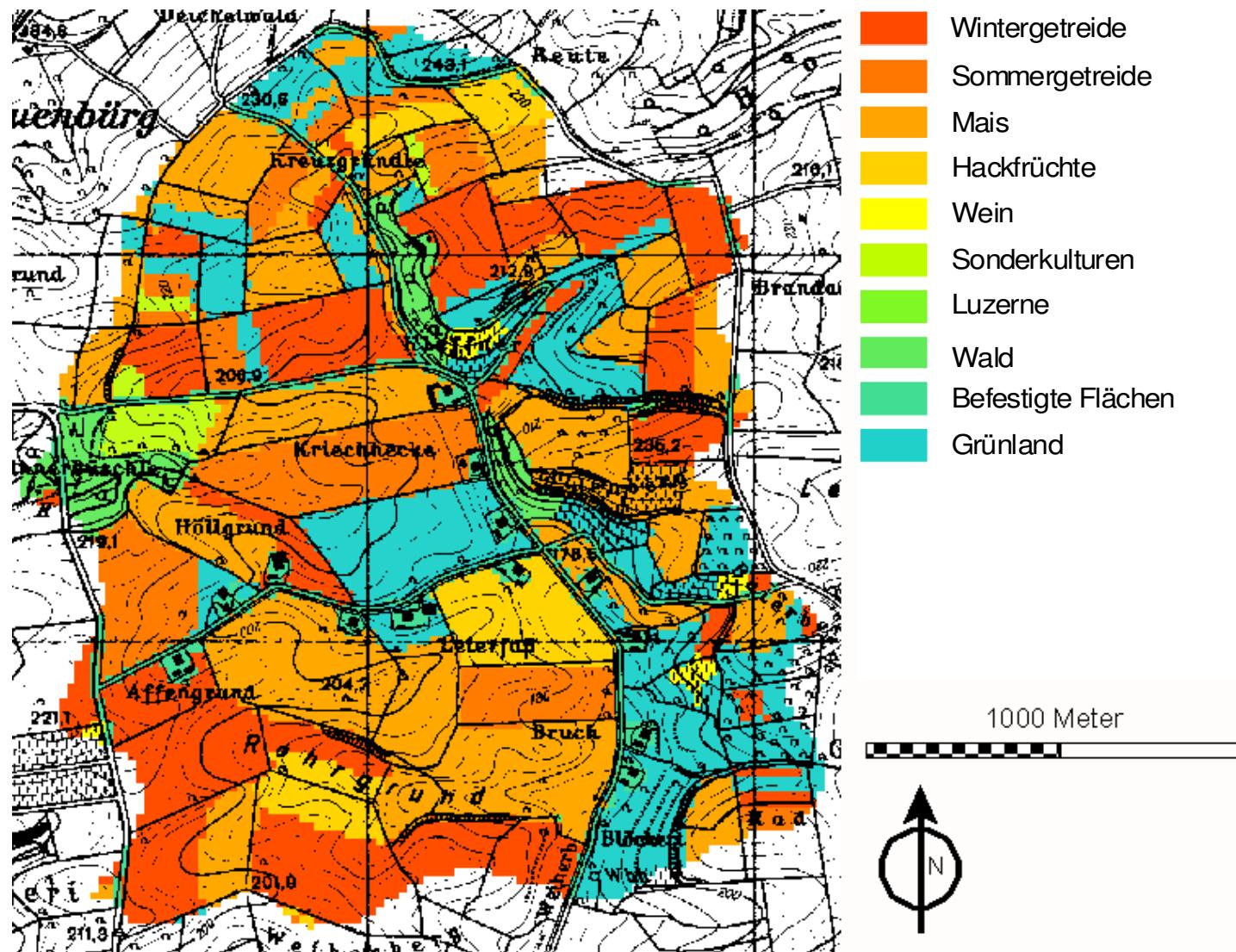


# Modelling concept: integration to catchment scale Elevation



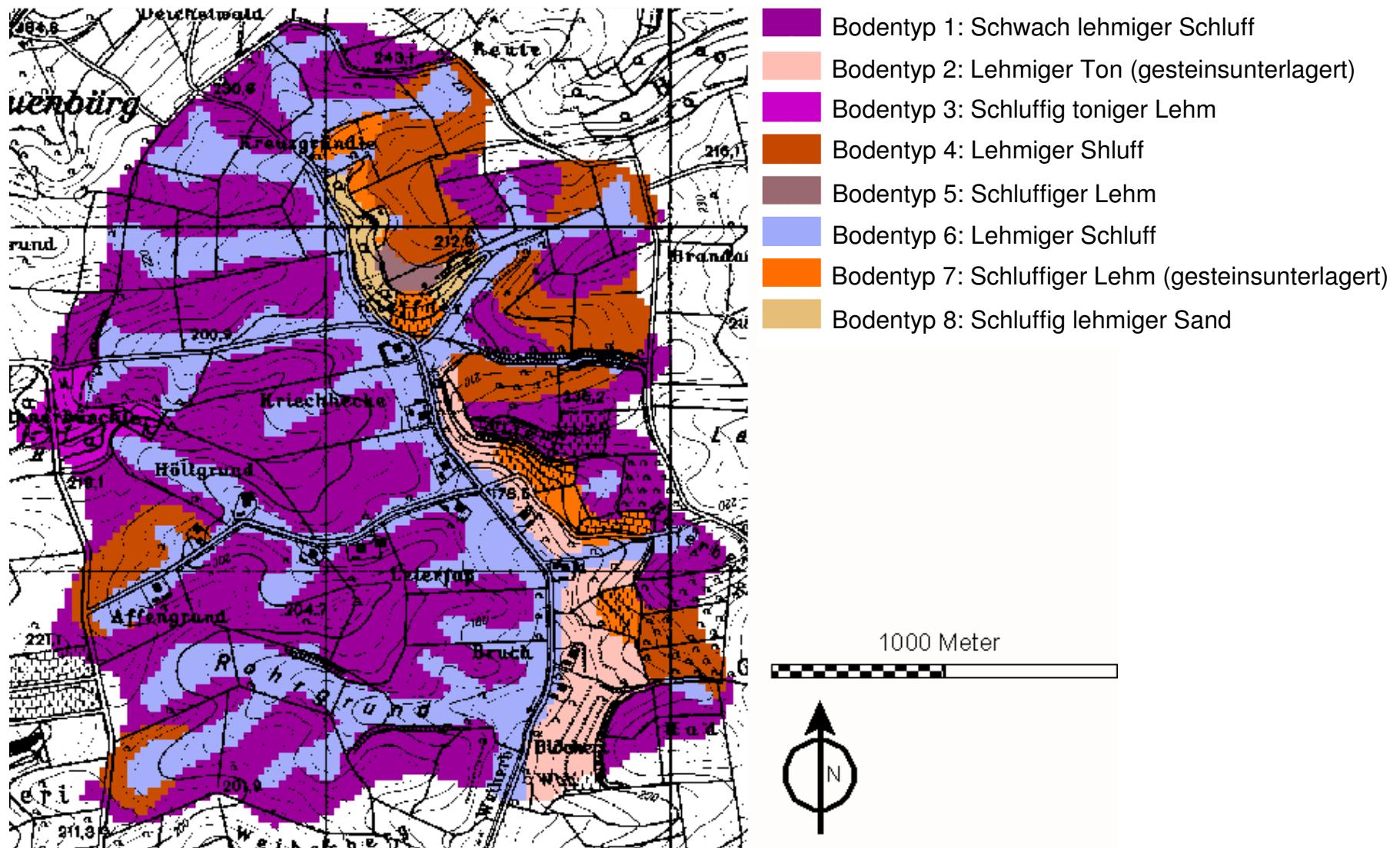


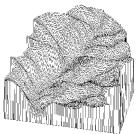
# Modelling concept: integration to catchment scale Land use





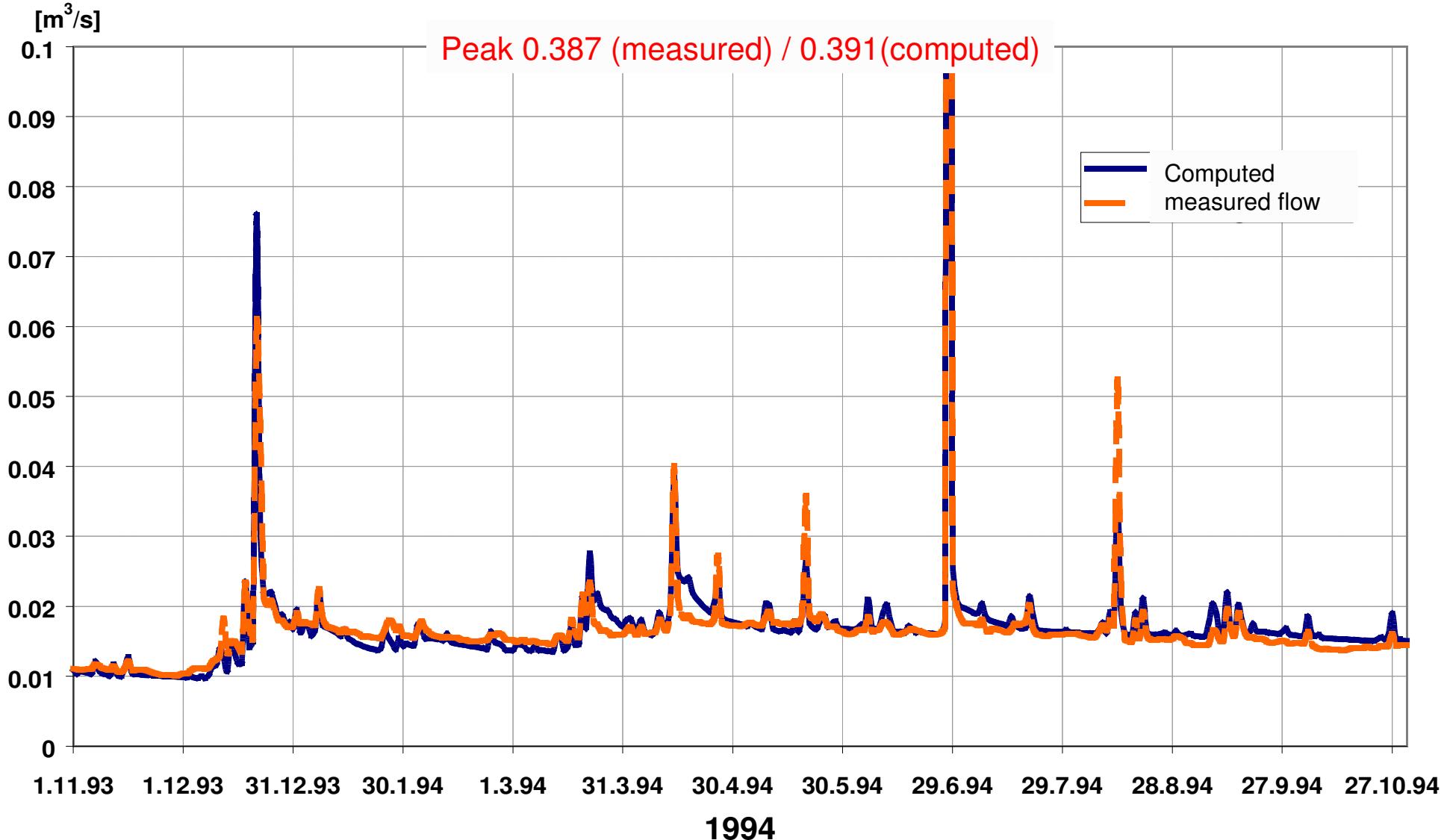
# Modelling concept: integration to catchment scale Soil types

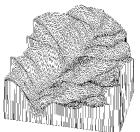




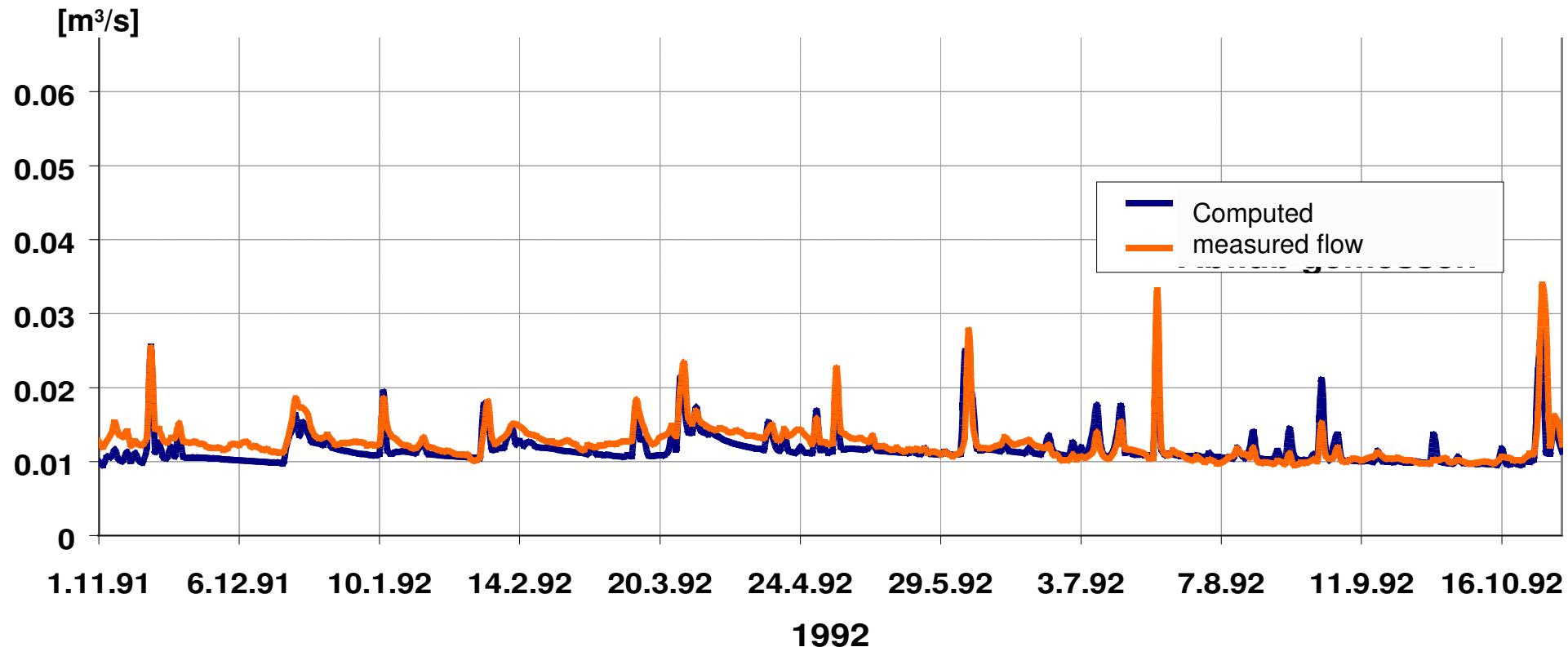
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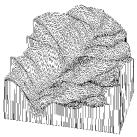
## Continuous simulation 1994





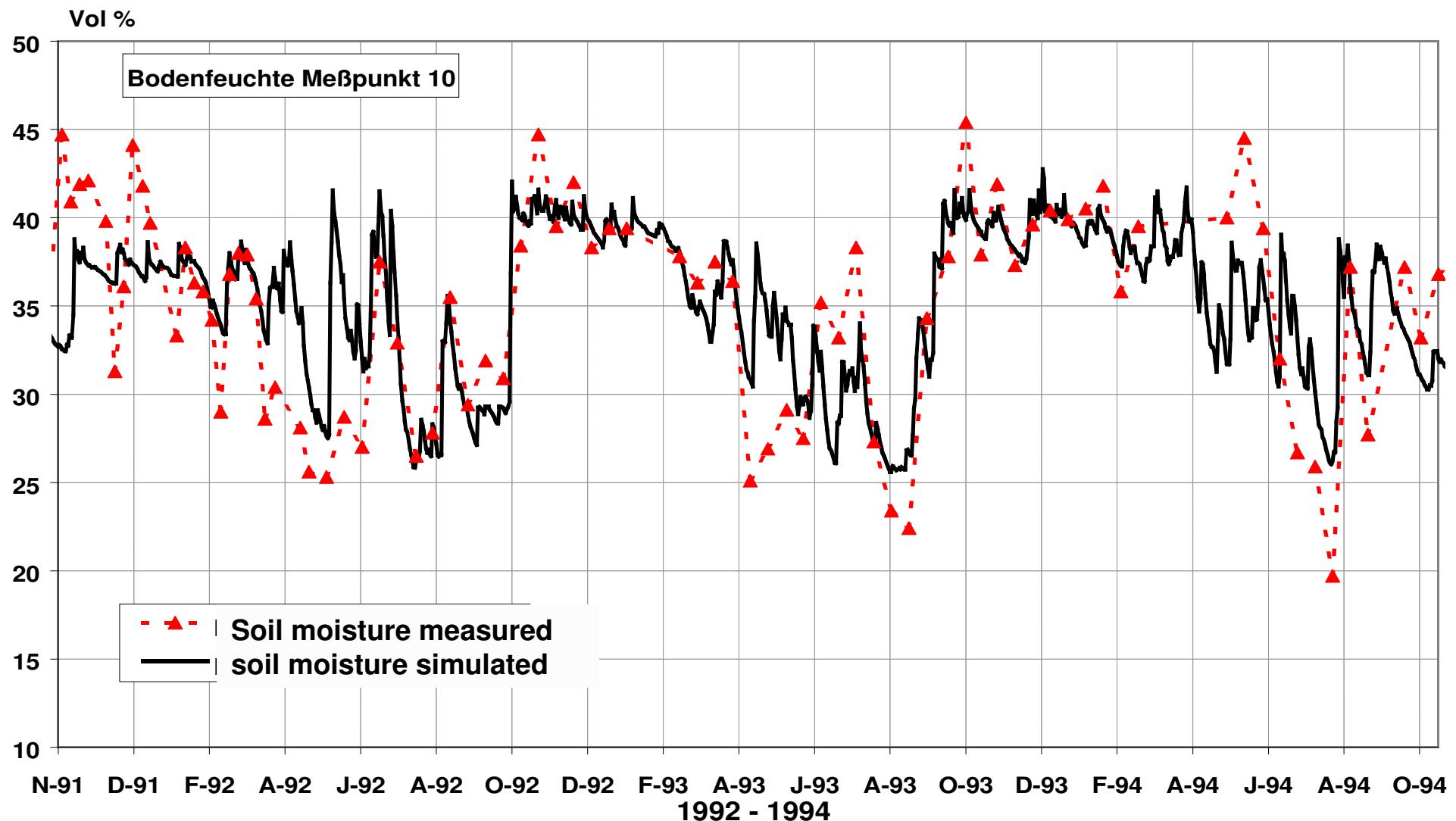
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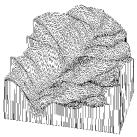




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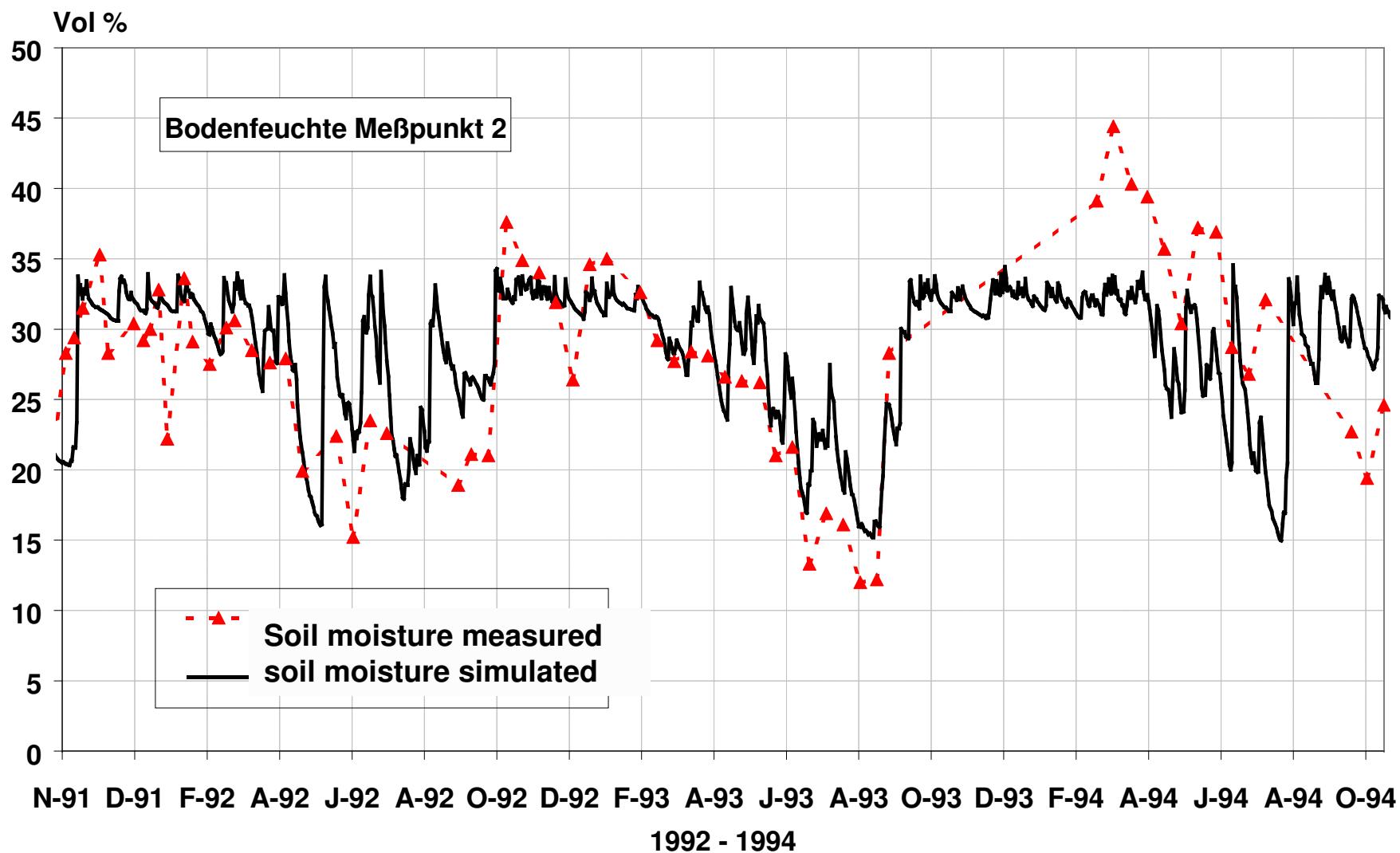
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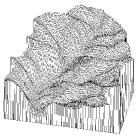




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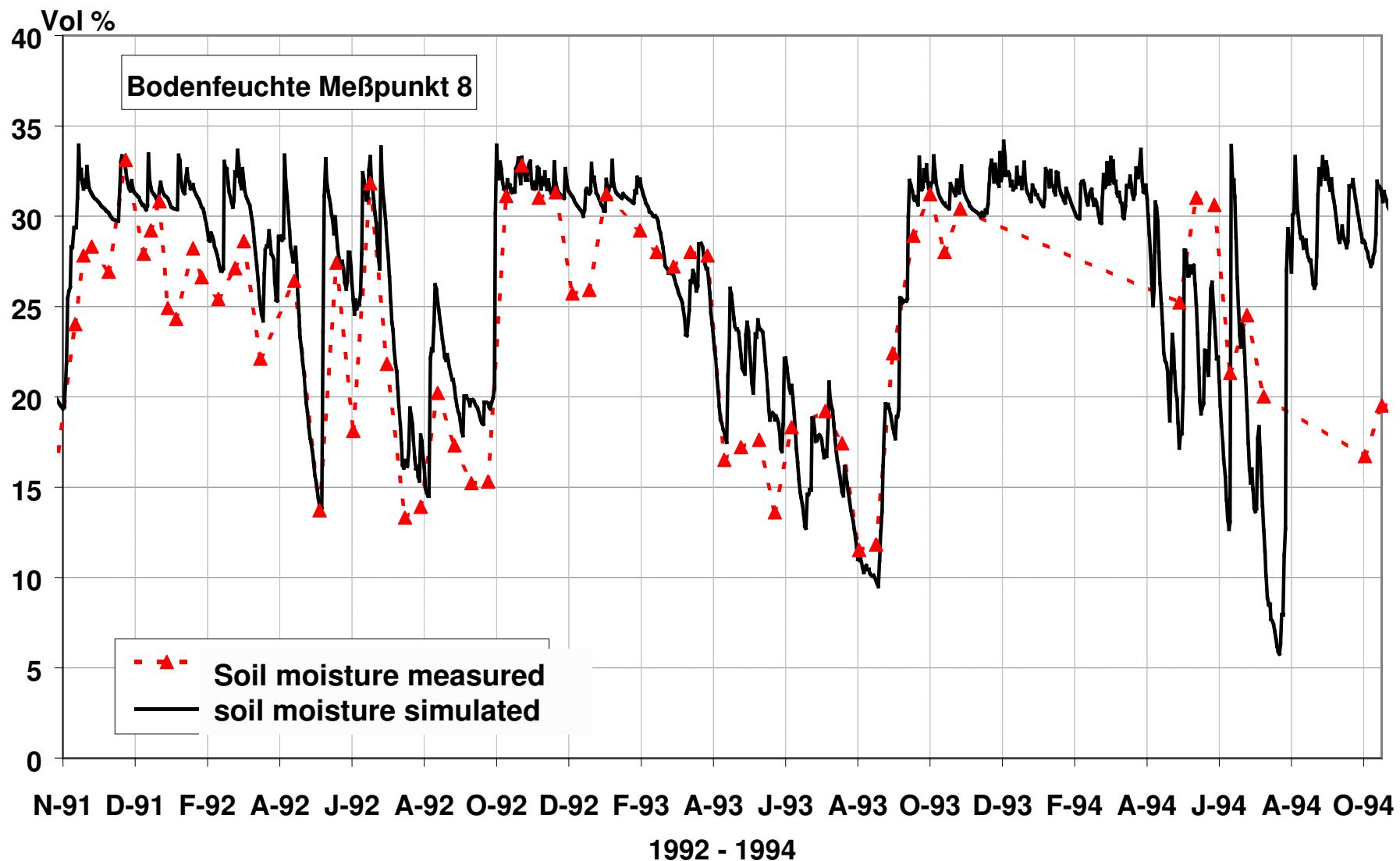
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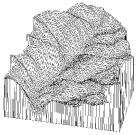




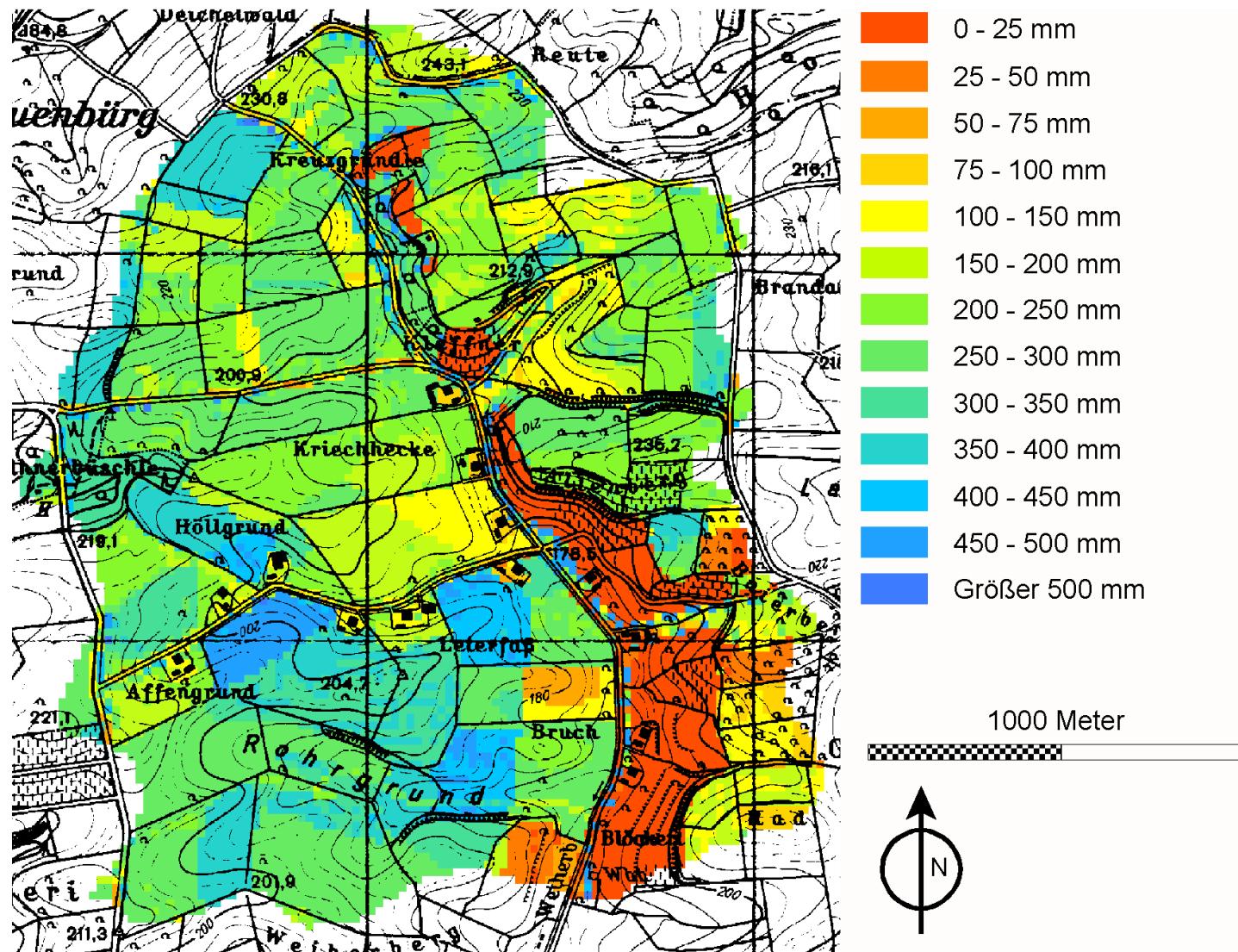
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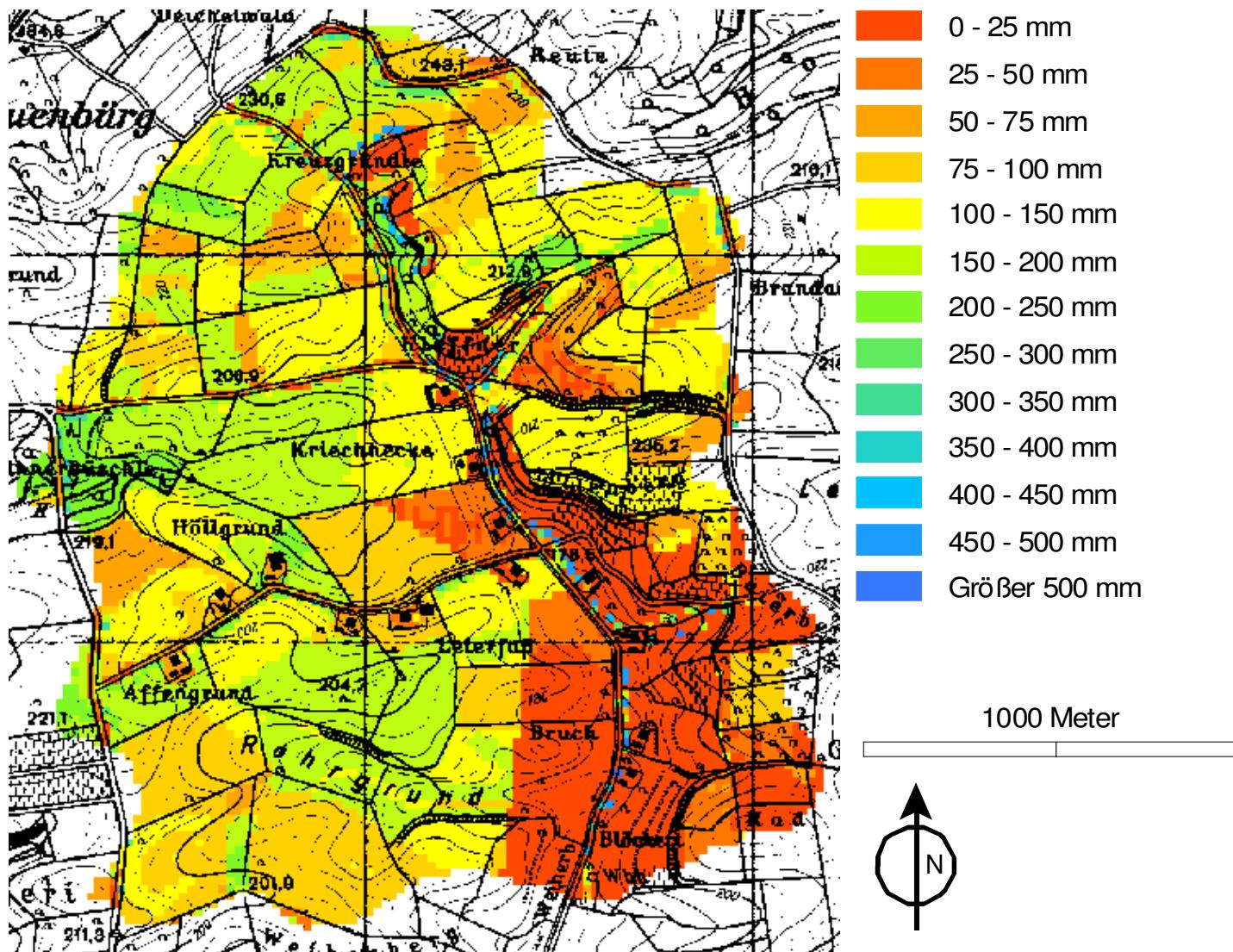


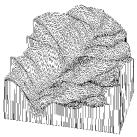
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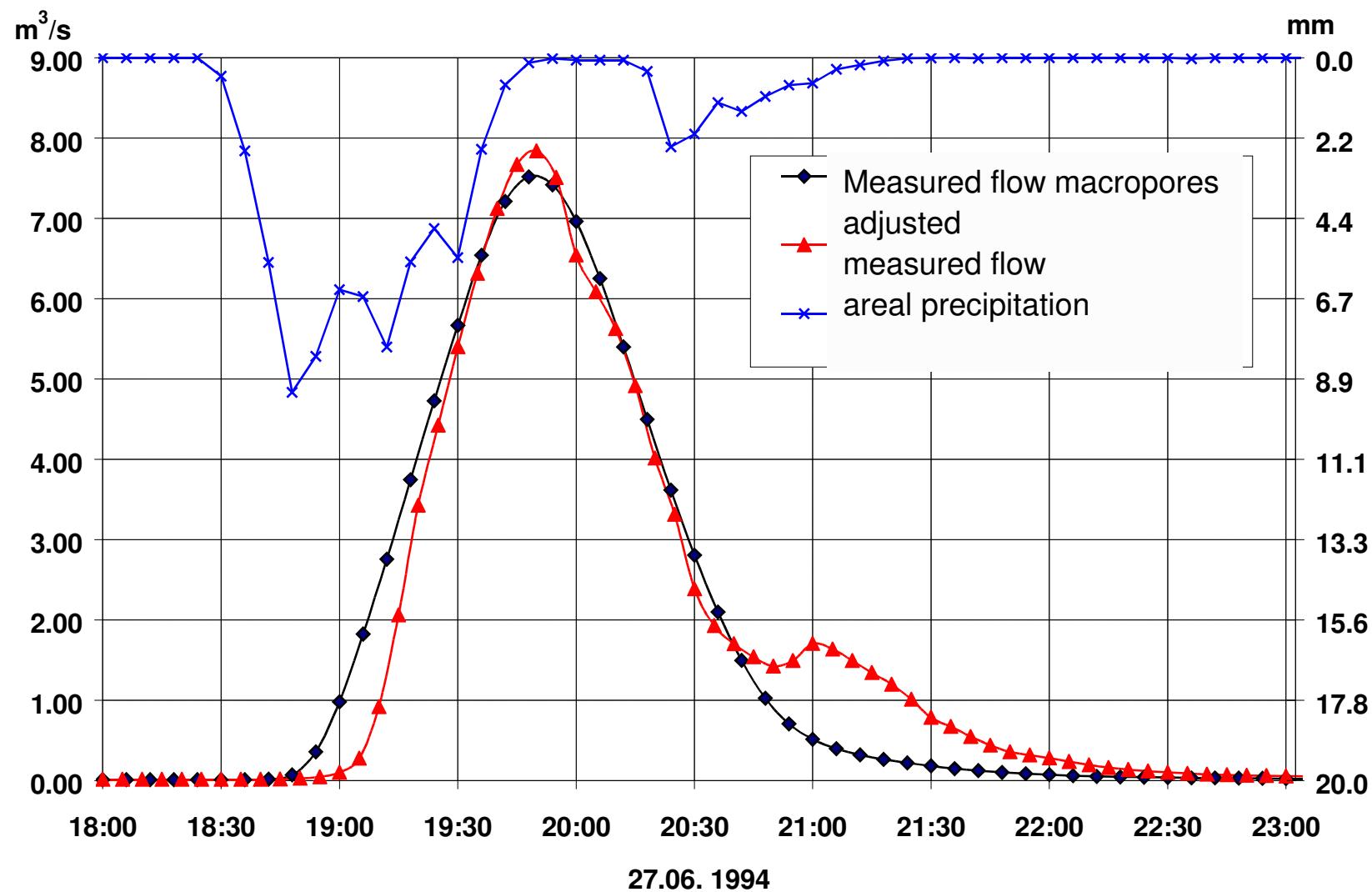


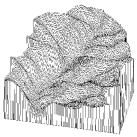
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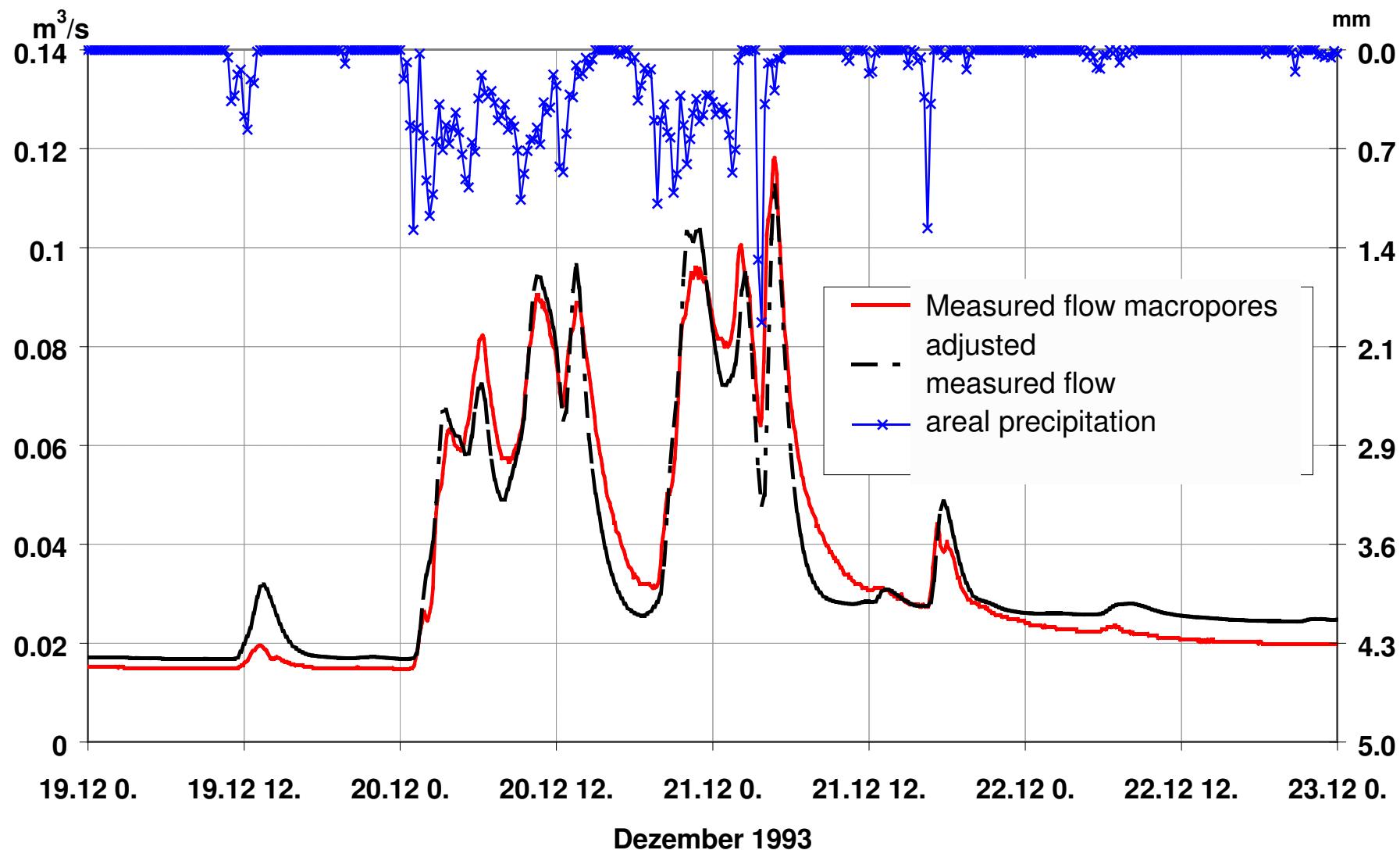


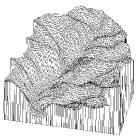
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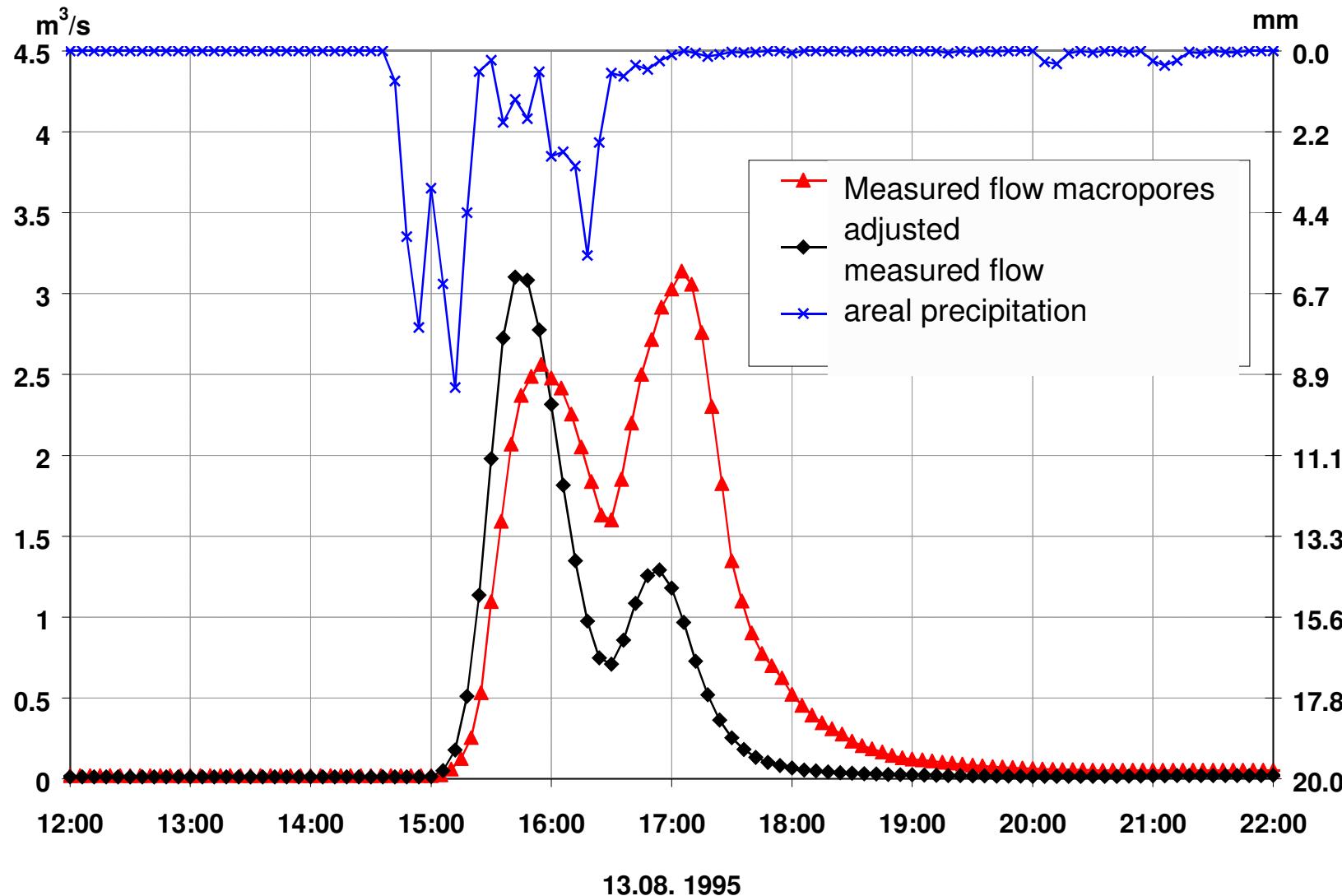


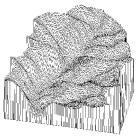
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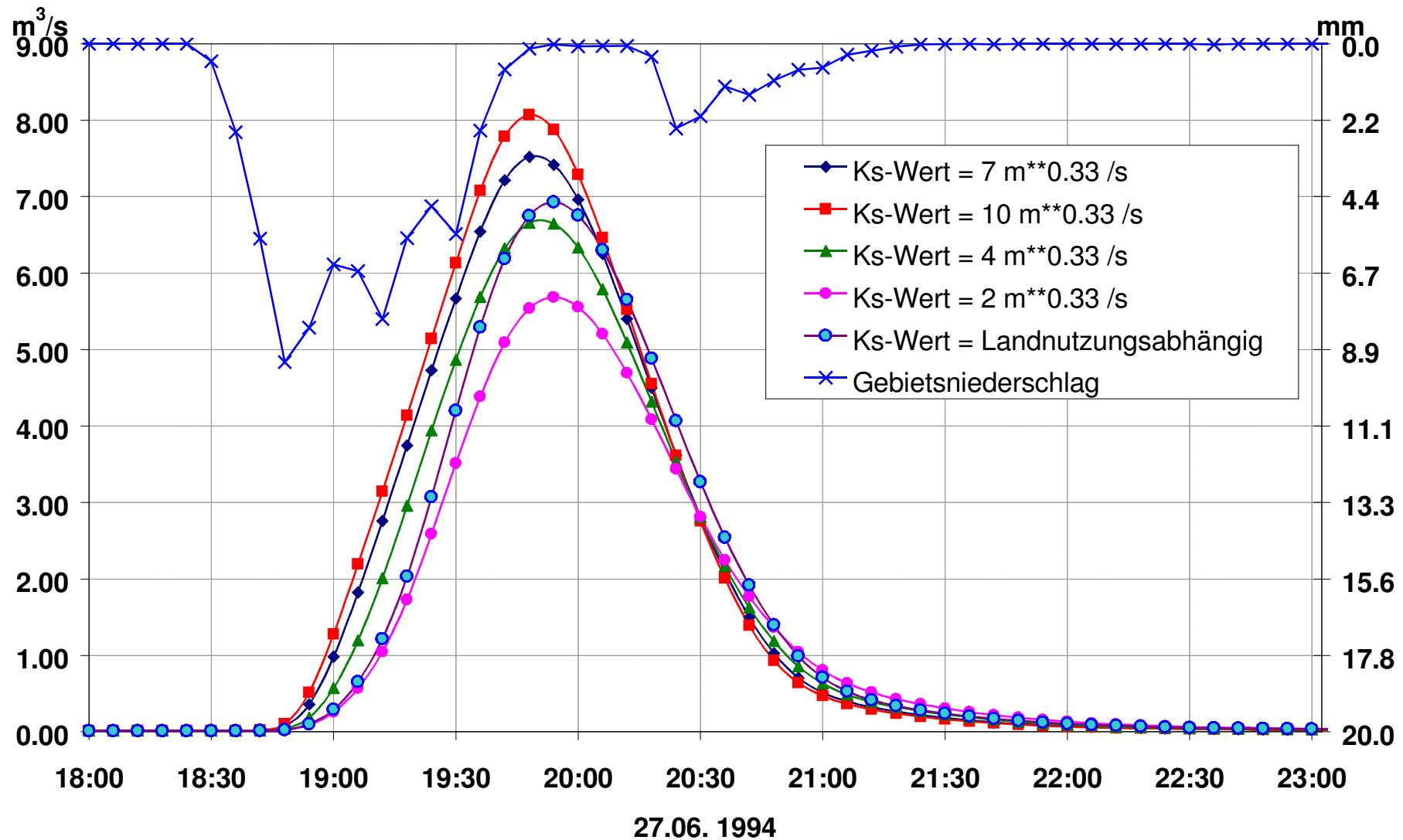


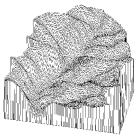
# Modelling concept: application on catchment scale flood event no 7





# Modelling concept: application on catchment scale flood event no 4- sensitivity Manning's n (ks=1.49/n)





# Modelling concept: application on catchment scale goodness of fit criteria

	<b>MQ<sub>gem</sub></b>	<b>MQ<sub>ber</sub></b>	<b>Korrelationskoeffizient</b>		
<b>Jahr</b>	[m <sup>3</sup> /s]	[m <sup>3</sup> /s]	<b>Regression (r)</b>	<b>Nash-Sutcliffe (r)</b>	
<b>1991</b>	<b>0.014</b>	<b>0.014</b>	<b>0.83</b>		<b>0.78</b>
<b>1992</b>	<b>0.012</b>	<b>0.012</b>	<b>0.77</b>		<b>0.72</b>
<b>1993</b>	<b>0.013</b>	<b>0.012</b>	<b>0.88</b>		<b>0.72</b>
<b>1994</b>	<b>0.017</b>	<b>0.017</b>	<b>0.99</b>		<b>0.99</b>
<b>1995</b>	<b>0.020</b>	<b>0.018</b>	<b>0.94</b>		<b>0.92</b>
<b>1996</b>	<b>0.021</b>	<b>0.019</b>	<b>0.75</b>		<b>0.46</b>
<b>Gesamt</b>			<b>0.96</b>		<b>0.96</b>
	<b>MQ<sub>gem</sub></b>	<b>MQ<sub>ber</sub></b>	<b>NQ<sub>gem</sub></b>	<b>NQ<sub>ber</sub></b>	<b>HQ<sub>gem</sub></b>
	[m <sup>3</sup> /s]	[m <sup>3</sup> /s]	[l/s]	[l/s]	[m <sup>3</sup> /s]
	<b>0.016</b>	<b>0.015</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0.387 *</b>

# Summary

A GIS based model was presented, that is based on non linear, physically relationships between inflow, outflow and interrelated storage compartment

The model uses parameters (LAI, kstrickler, PWP, FC, Total pore volume) which can be mostly derived from analog und digital maps and from measurements

It has proved that the initial runs are often close to measurements. Thus it seems to be usefull for ungaged catchments