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Russian strategy in meteo, hydro, atmospheric composition and ecosystems monitoring



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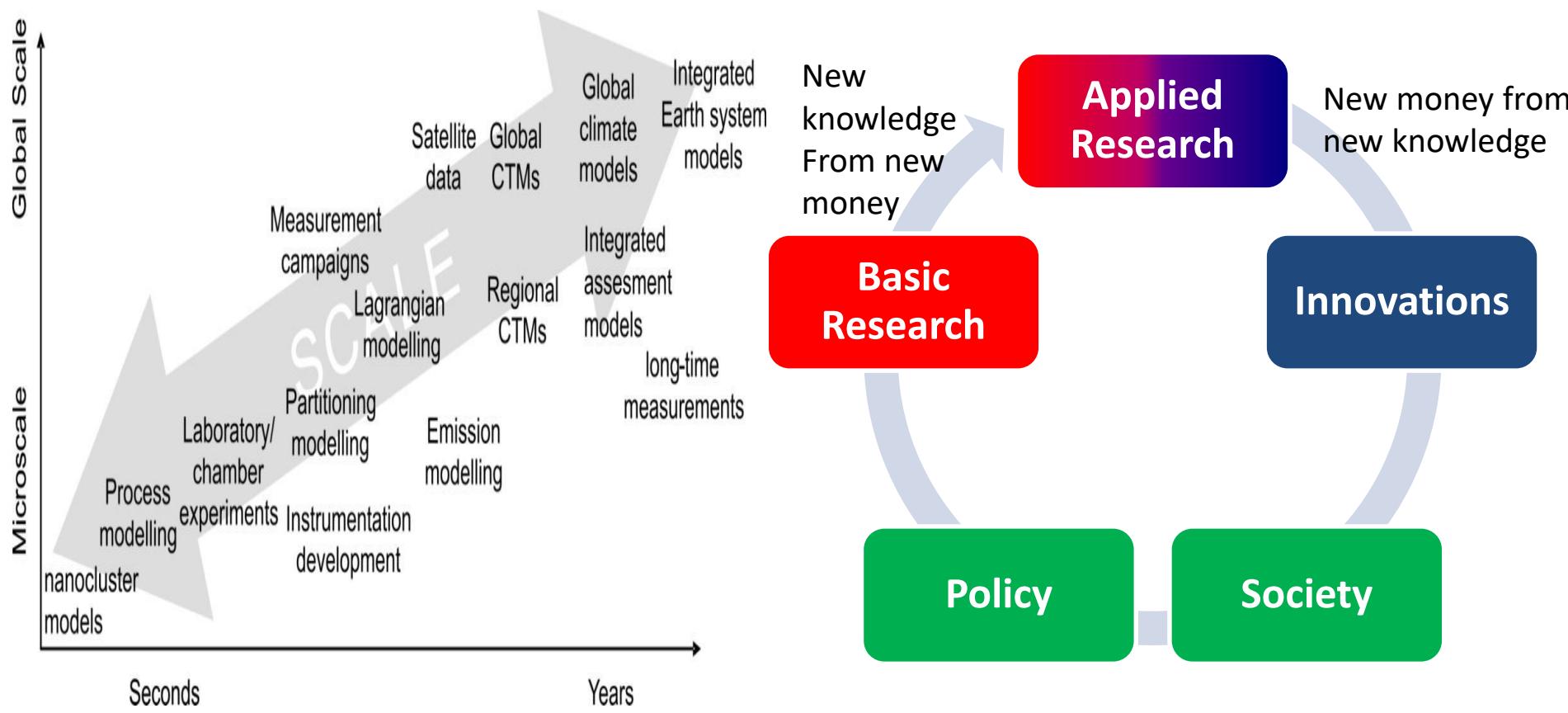
# Background: Scope of Global Grand Challenges



# Grand Challenges:

## How to answer

- ✓ clear and ambitious vision / from deep understanding to practical solutions
- ✓ empirical and experimental / modelling and new theories
- ✓ multidisciplinary (physics, chemistry, biology, meteorology, economy, social sciences etc)
- ✓ from research to innovations; new SMEs



# Stationarity Is Dead: Whither Water Management?

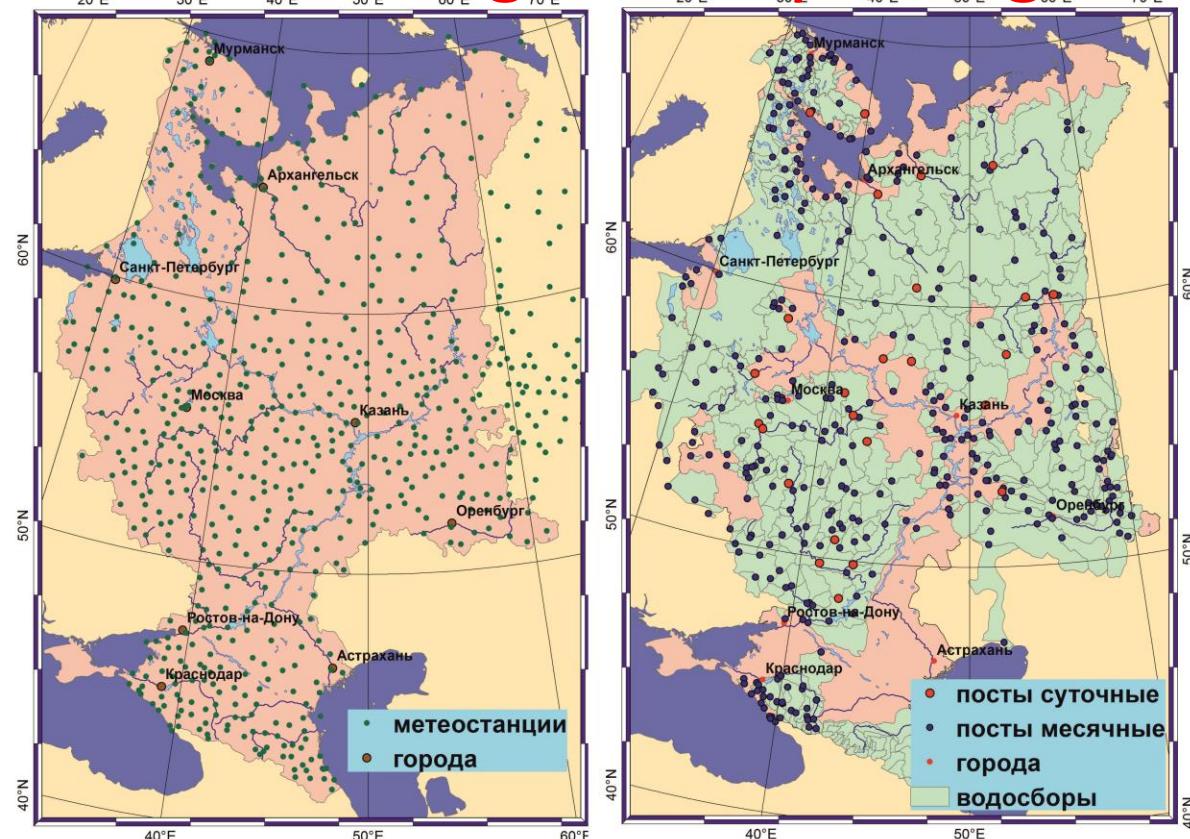
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Systems for management of water throughout the developed world have been designed and operated under the assumption of stationarity. Stationarity—the idea that natural systems fluctuate within an unchanging envelope of variability—is a foundational concept that permeates training and practice in water-resource engineering. It implies that any variable (e.g., annual streamflow or annual flood peak) has a time-invariant (or 1-year-periodic) probability density function (pdf), whose properties can be estimated from the instrument record. Under stationarity, pdf estimation errors are acknowledged, but have been assumed to be reducible by additional observations, more efficient estimators, or regional or paleohydrologic data. The pdfs, in turn, are used to evaluate and manage risks to water supplies, waterworks, and floodplains: annual global invest-



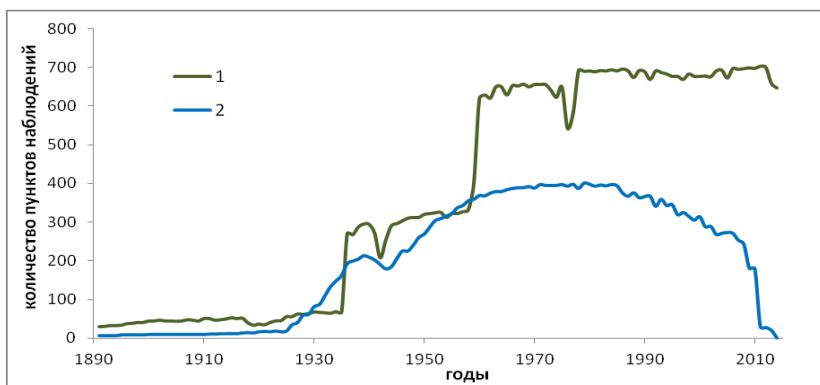
An uncertain future challenges water planners.

# Long-term hydrological monitoring



1- meteostations, 2- hydrological gauges

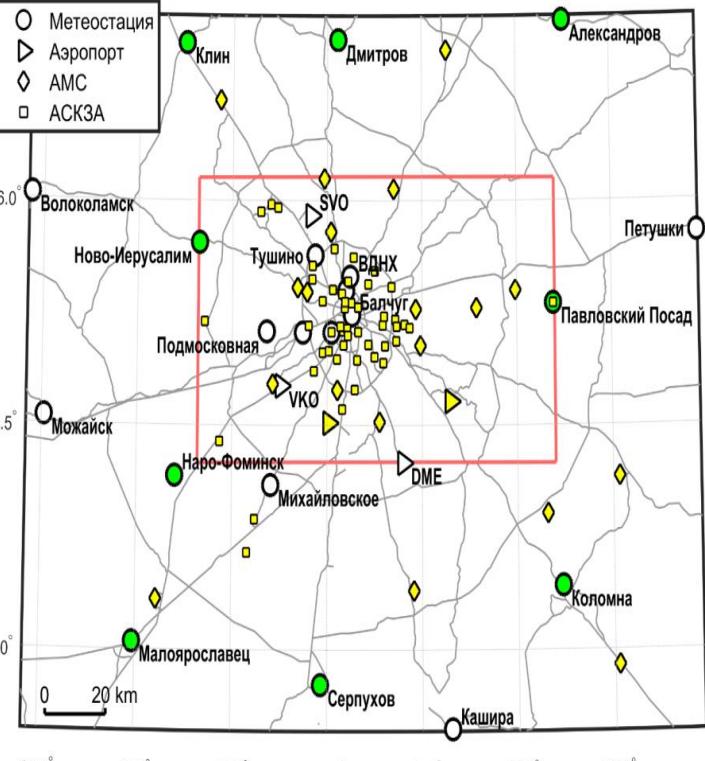
**630** meteostations – temperature, precipitation datasets since 1966.  
 ➤ **350** hydrological gauges – monthly discharges  
 ➤ **27** hydrological gauges – daily discharge datasets



# MONITORING

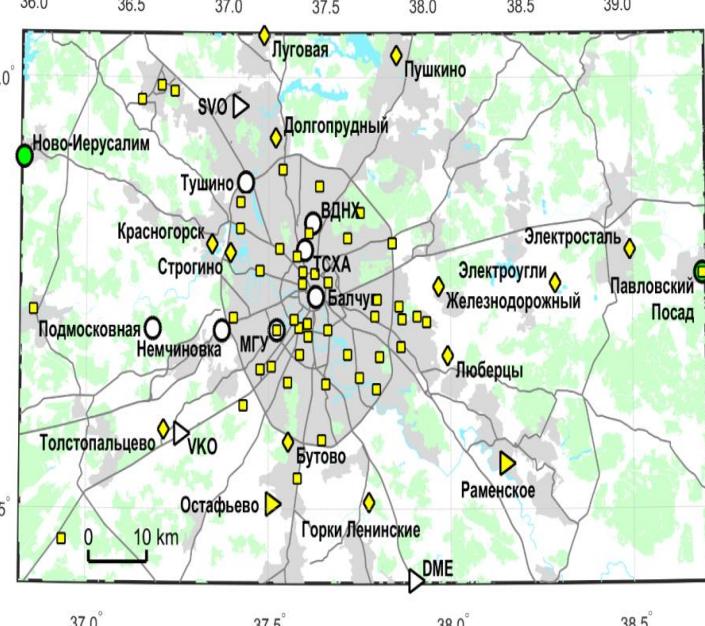
## GROUND-BASED monitoring in Moscow

### Meteorological observations in the Moscow region



The scheme of location of weather stations, and Mosecomonitoring automatic stations for atmospheric pollution (AKZA) for the Moscow region and separately highlighted in red rectangle region around Moscow.

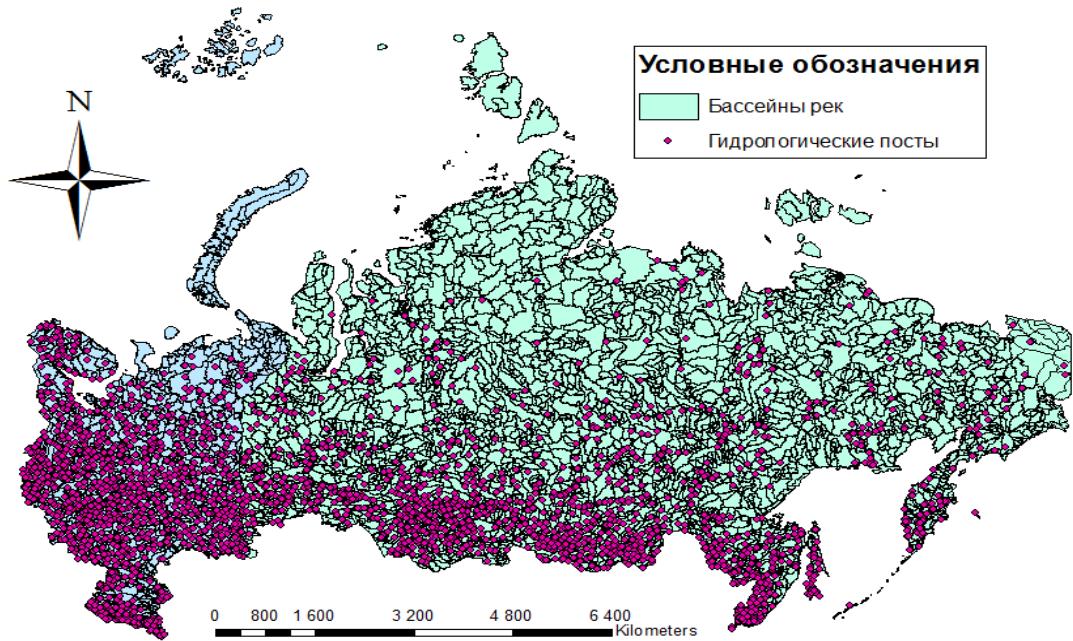
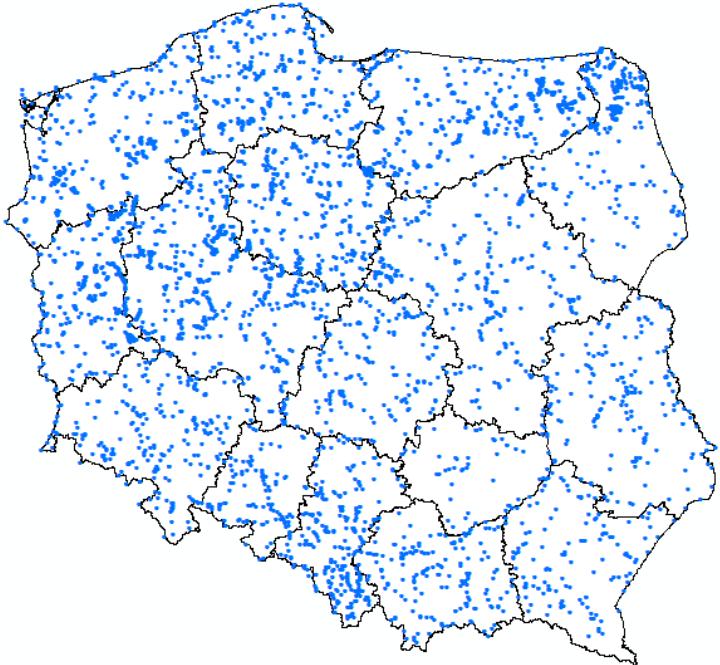
Green circles represent the weather station used to calculate the "background" temperature, yellow – "new" points of measurements which have appeared in recent years.



Slide from N. Chubarova, 2017

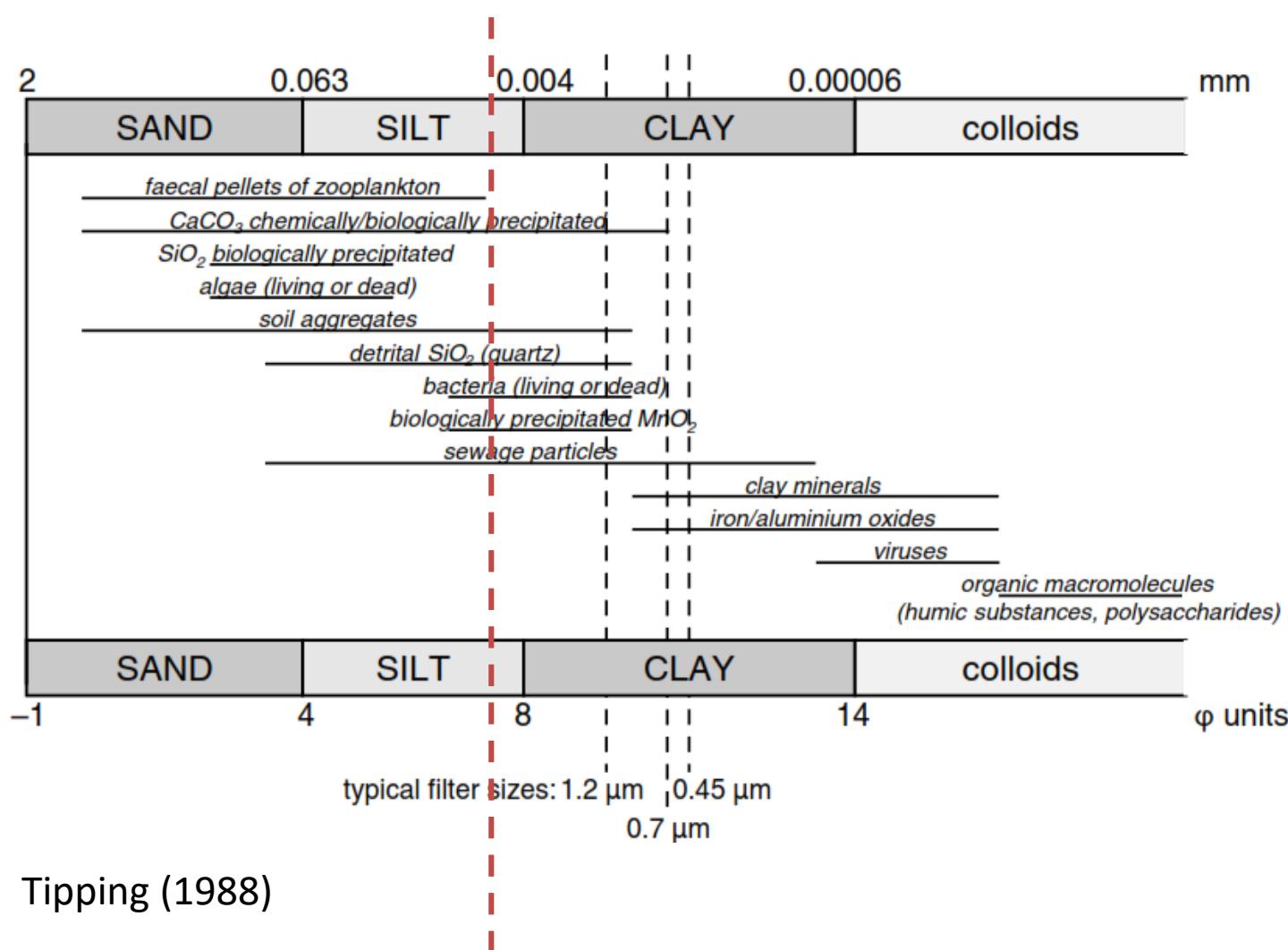
Joint dataset

# Gauging network (hydro): Russian vs EU conditions



- Poland: 3195 sediment monitoring gauges
- Country area: 312 679  $\text{km}^2$
- Russia: 735 gauges
- Country area : 17098246  $\text{km}^2$

# Examples of uncertainties of monitoring programs: fine sediments



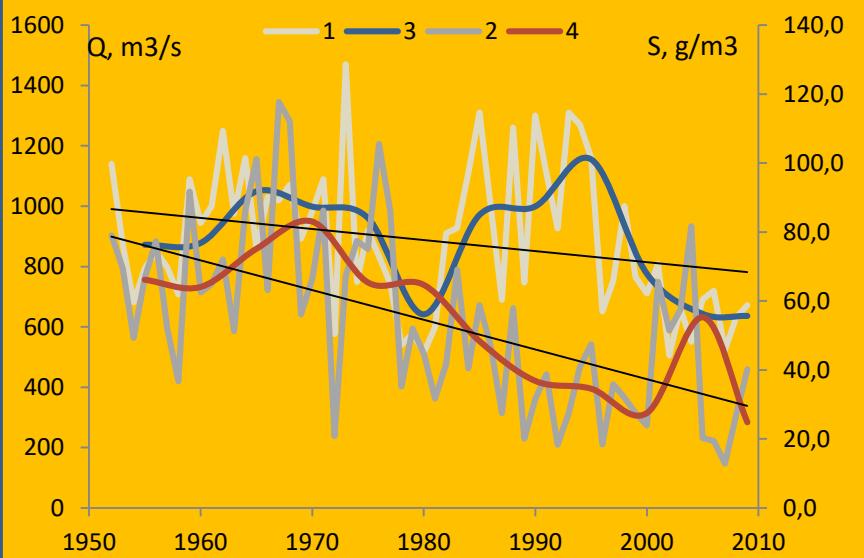
Tipping (1988)

Filter size used in Russian Hydromet Monitoring stations

- Up to 50 % of the suspended sediments are not counted by existed monitoring systems
- This emphasize need in experimental studies

# Irregular observations

Regular measurements,  
rare stations, low quality



Irregular  
measurements,  
dense stations



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# Data availability - constraints

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://gidrohim.com/node/44>. The page content is as follows:

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Федеральной службы по гидрометеорологии и мониторингу окружающей среды

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**ЕЖЕГОДНИКИ И ОБЗОРЫ**

Электронные версии ежегодников и обзоров вы можете скачать на страницах нашего сайта:

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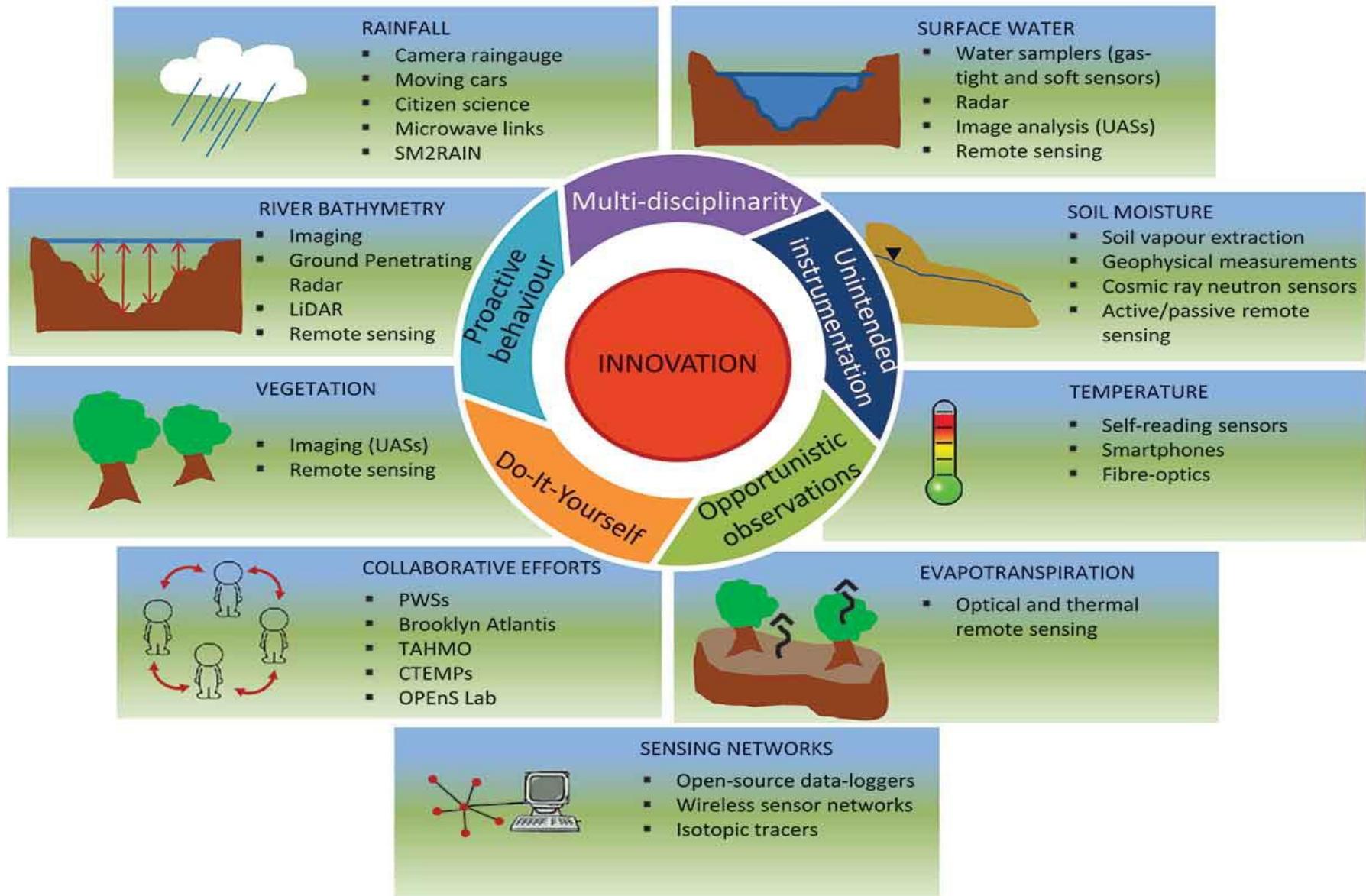
<http://www.meteorf.ru/> Roshydromet annual report 2018

## ЗАДАЧИ 2019

- Модернизация гидрологических пунктов наблюдений
- Реализация проекта комплексной модернизации гидрологической сети в бассейне р.Волга

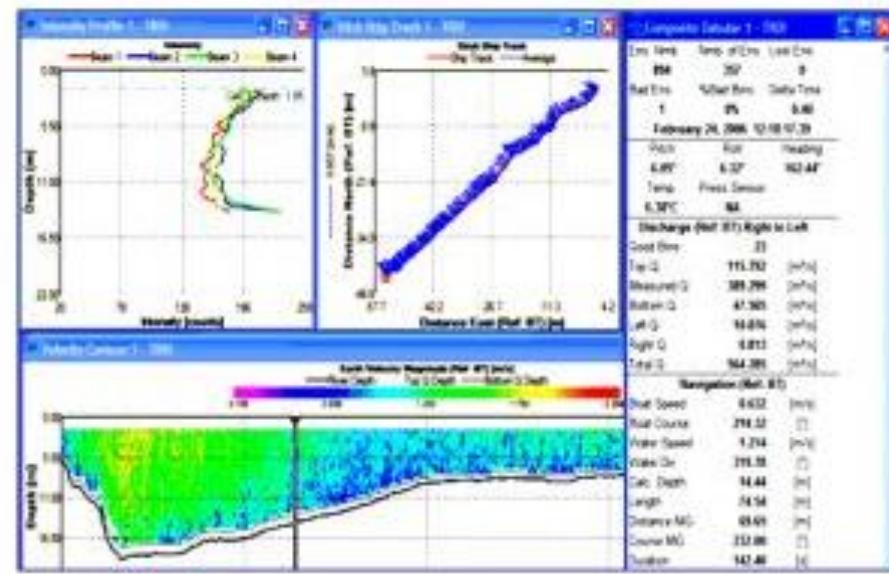
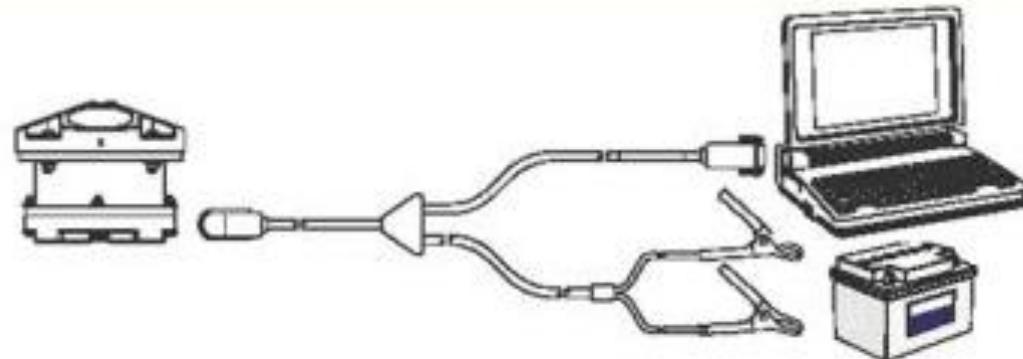


# Innovations in hydrometeorological research



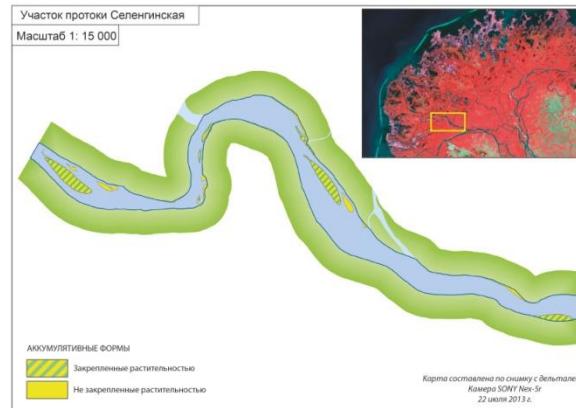
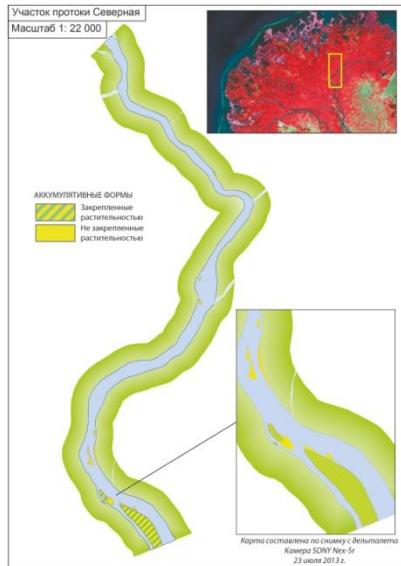
# Novel technologies in Roshydromet practice

ADCP



# Remote sensing applications as an alternative tool for monitoring

## ДЕШИФРИРОВАНИЕ РУСЛОВЫХ ФОРМ ПРОТОК ДЕЛЬТЫ Р. СЕЛЕНГИ



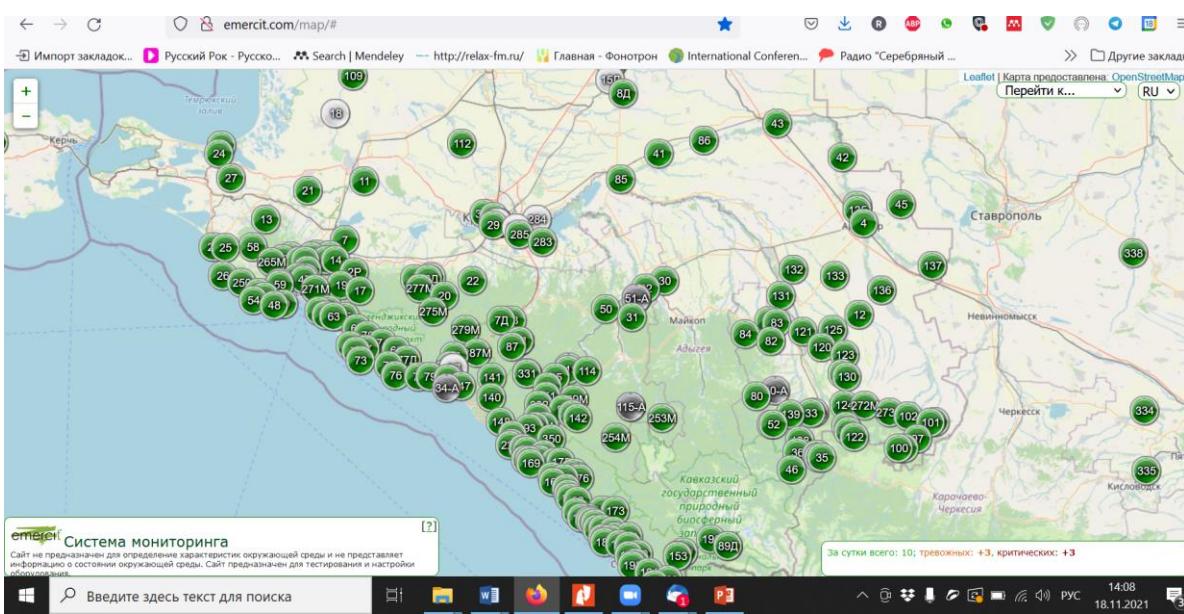
## РАЗВИТИЕ ОВРАЖНОЙ ЭРОЗИИ

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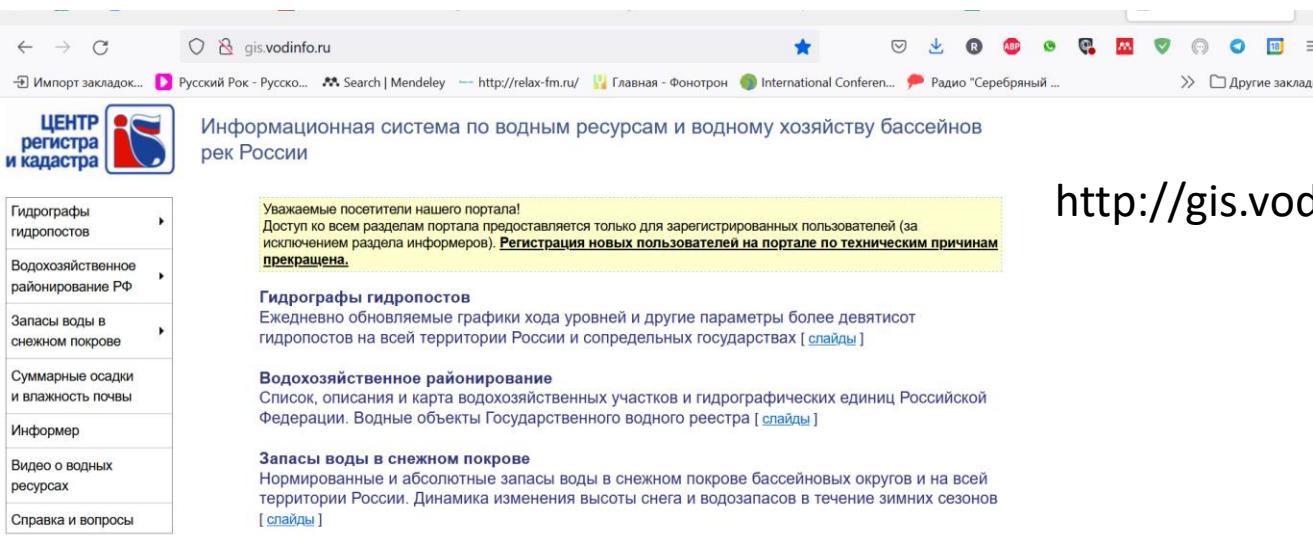


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# Open data – step forward in Russia



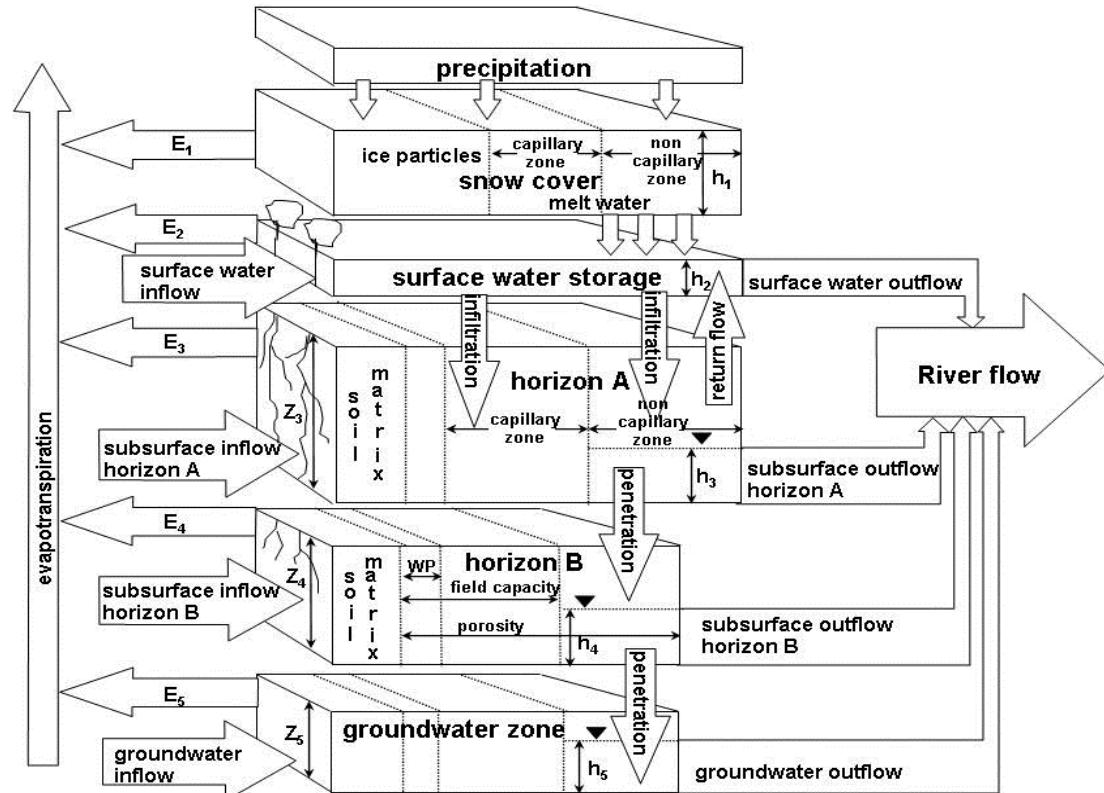
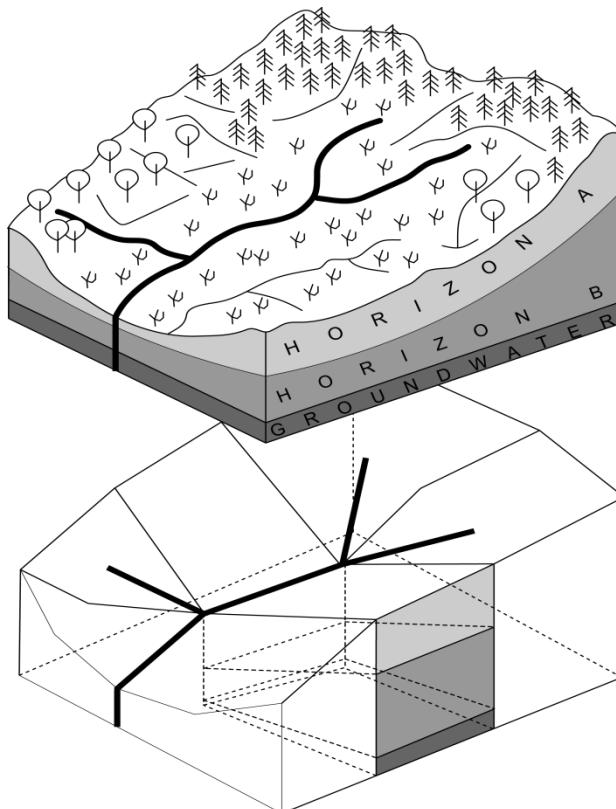
<http://emercit.com/map>



<http://gis.vodinfo.ru/>

# Modelling tools – alternative for on-situ and remote monitoring

## Physically-based semi-distributed model ECOMAG (ECOlogical Model for Applied Geophysics)

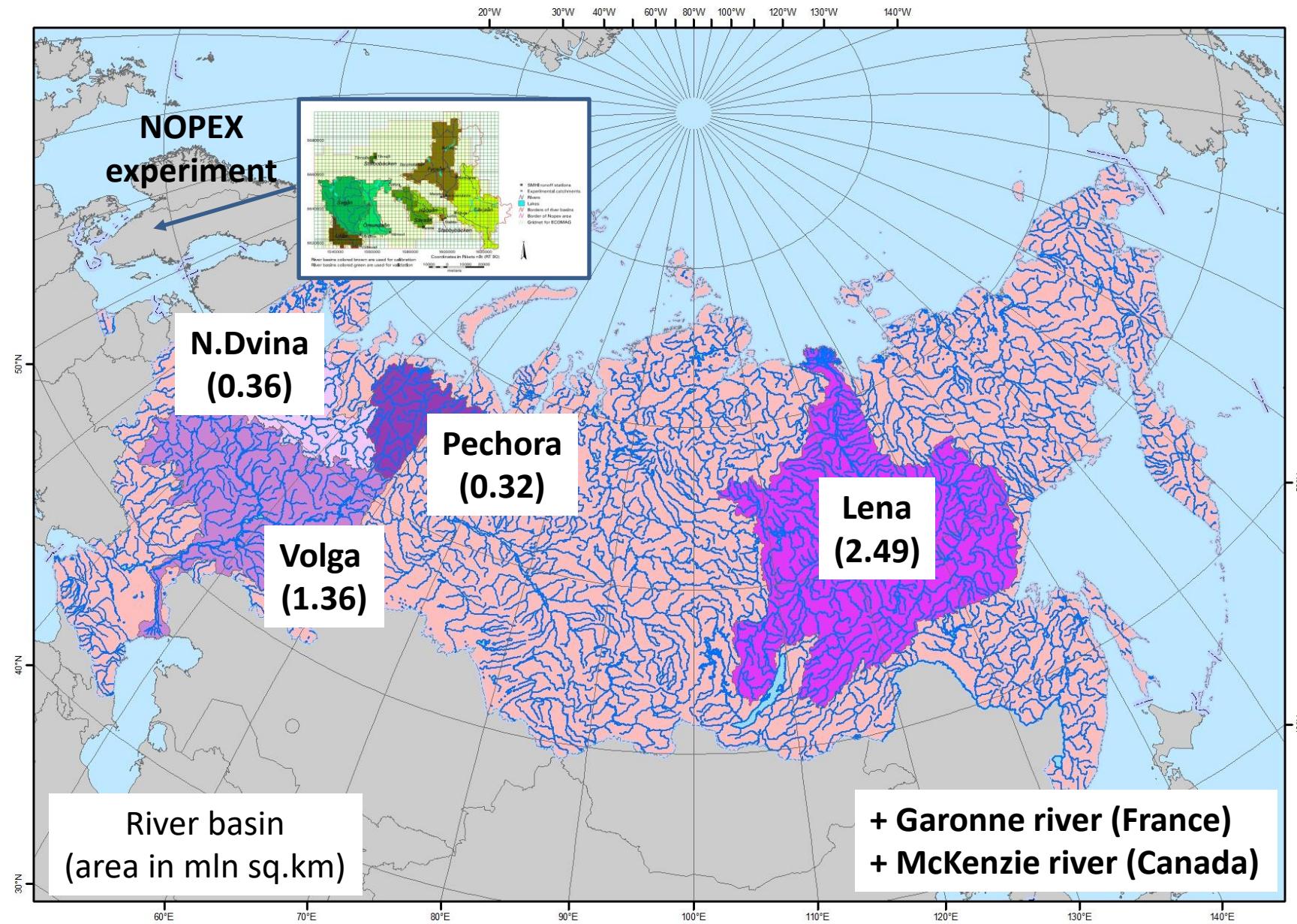


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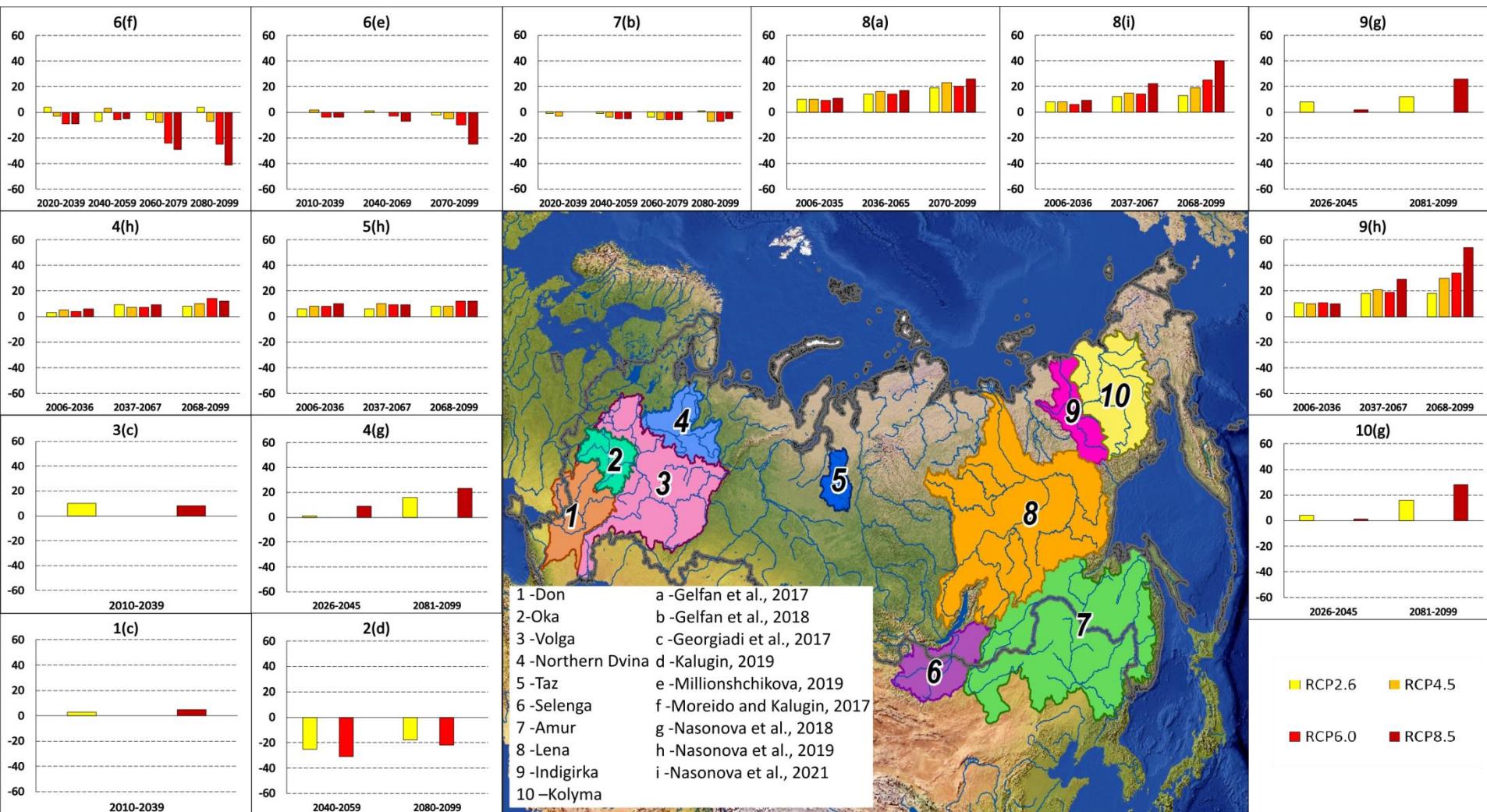
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# ECOMAG applications for predictions of future changes in water and sediment transport rates



# Mean annual runoff projections for the large Russian rivers in the 21th century under the different RCP-scenarios (HMs+GCMs ensemble experiments)



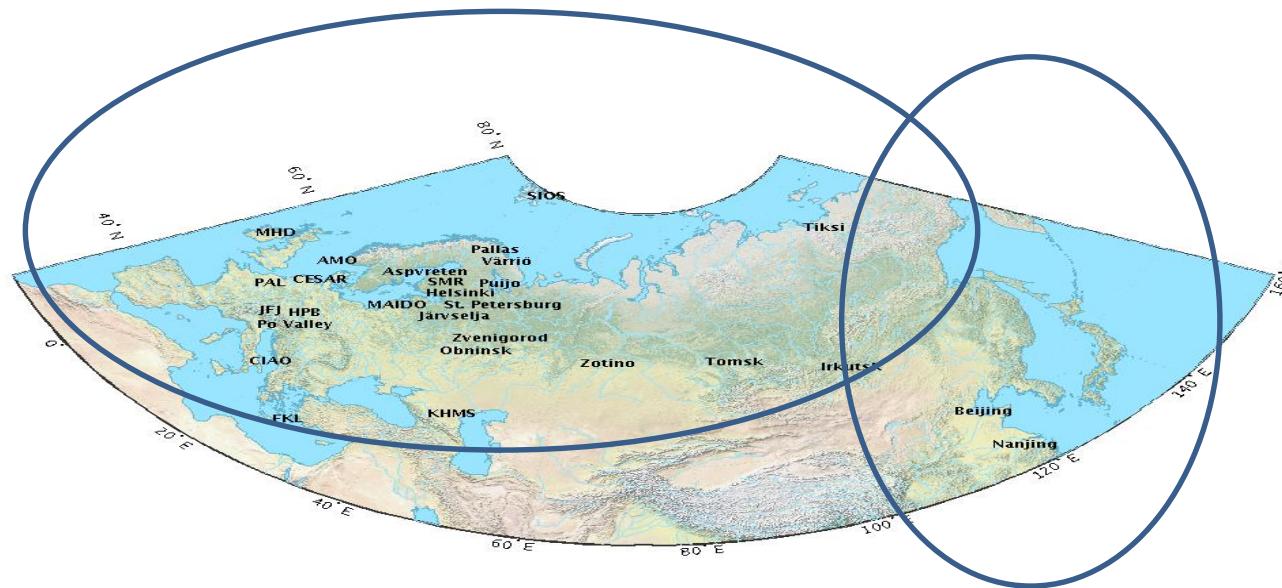
from Gelfan et al., 2022 (in press)

# PEEX (Pan Eurasian Experiment)

2013 - 2033 (-2100)

[www.atm.helsinki/peex](http://www.atm.helsinki/peex)

PEEX region



**Station network, Marine, Airborne, remote sensing,  
multiscale modelling, Supradisciplinary**

# Baikal Selenga Network (BaSeNet) is a separate subprogram in PEEX



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BaSeNet is interested in investigating and quantifying the waterborne transport of matter under changing hydro-climatic conditions on large drainage basin scales. BaSeNet aims to utilize and further develop an already established unique monitoring and modeling platform within Lake Baikal and its main tributary Selenga River Drainage Basin which are considered as a large-scale field laboratory. The area represents a region of the Arctic Ocean catchment, which will also be used for cross-regional comparison with other parts of the world.

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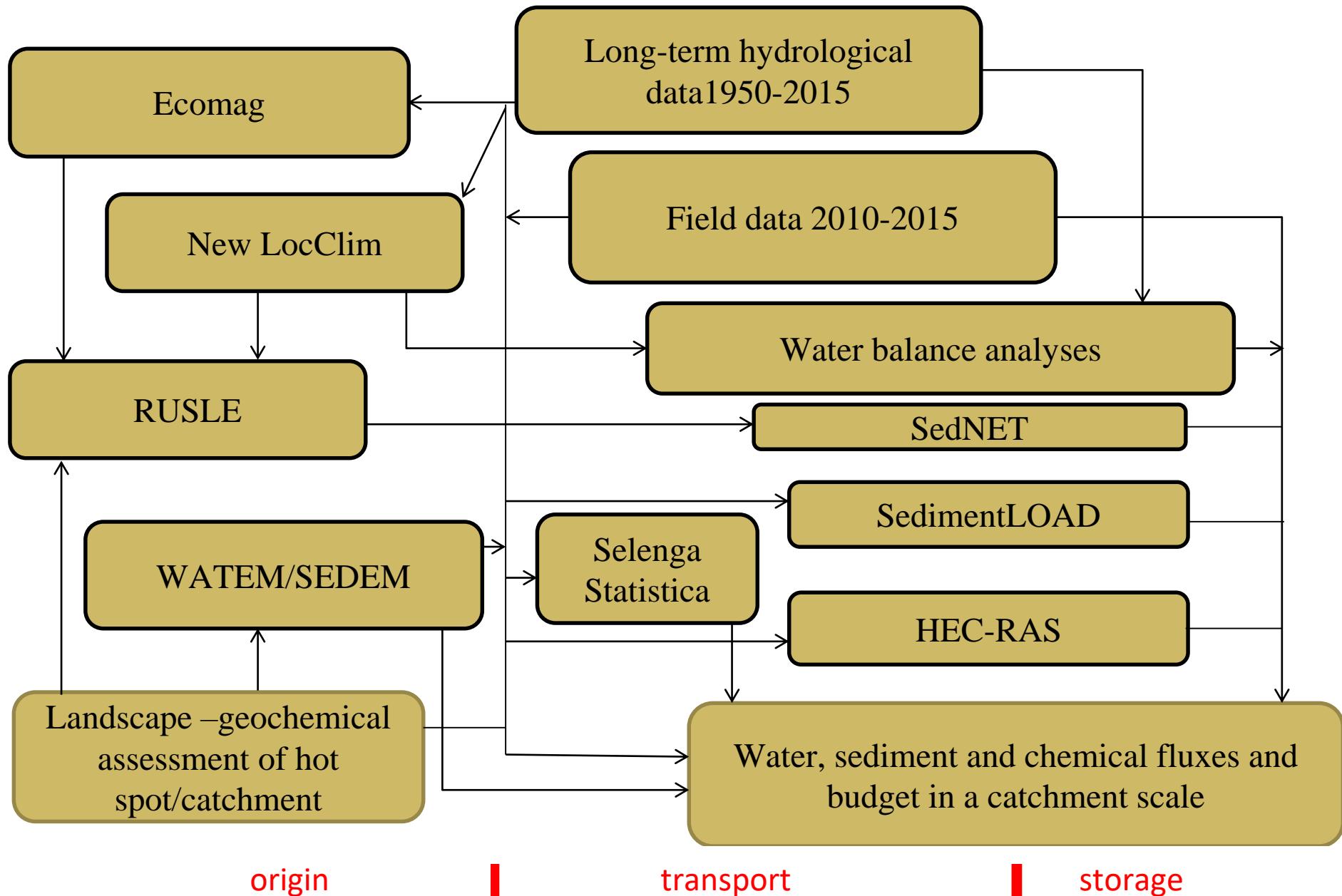
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# Flowchart for modeling system of Selenga River basin

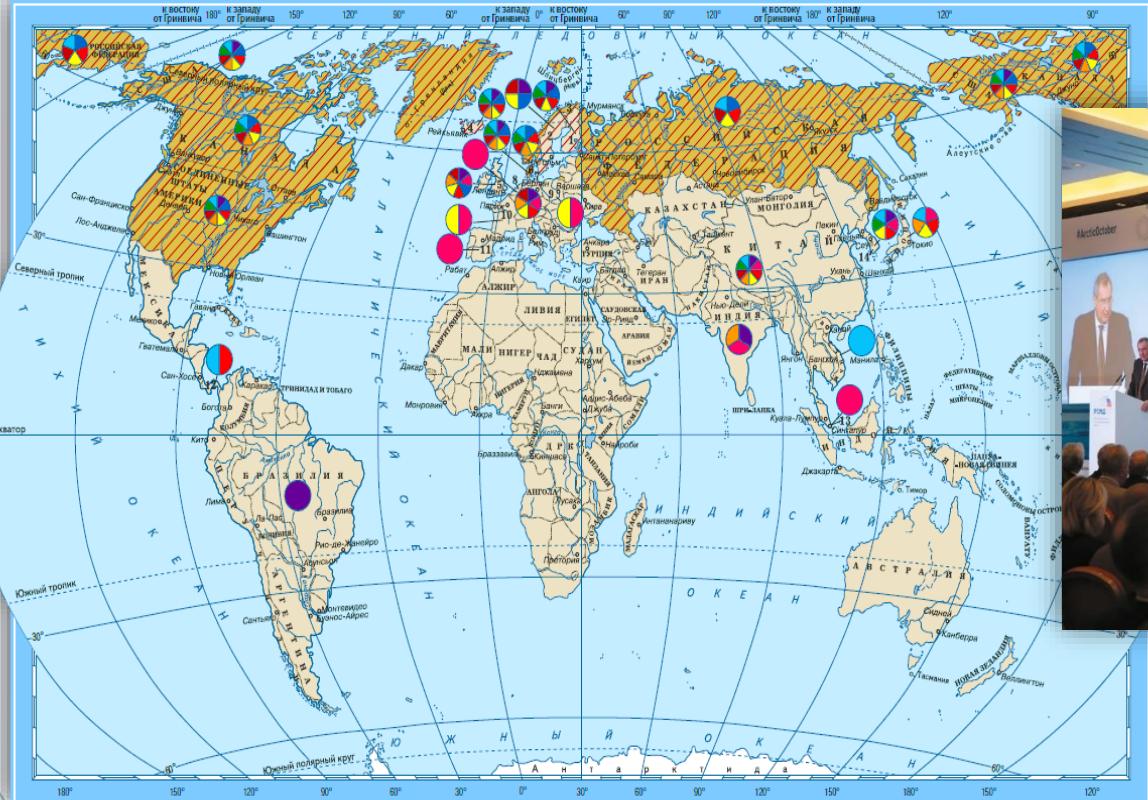


# Arctic Environment Laboratory

## ЛКЭ-ГИА Objectives

- Utilize all available observations and modelling products to quantitatively assess changes in meteorological, oceanographic and environmental variables **that directly affect ongoing and future societal well-being and economic development** in the coastal areas of the Circumpolar Arctic.
- Quantitatively evaluate the impacts of climatic and environmental changes on the societal well-being and economic development of the Arctic coastal areas. These include fossil fuels and mineral extraction, maritime and land transportation, industrial fishing, and infrastructure development.
- Quantitatively assess the magnitude and the spatial pattern of positive and negative climate-induced changes which have the potential to influence the economic development in the Circumpolar Arctic.
- Prepare a suite of recommendations to mitigate negative climate-induced impacts to achieve a sustainable development that contributes to the highest possible quality of life in the Arctic and benefits both the region and the Arctic nations.

# The Arctic is a zone of international cooperation



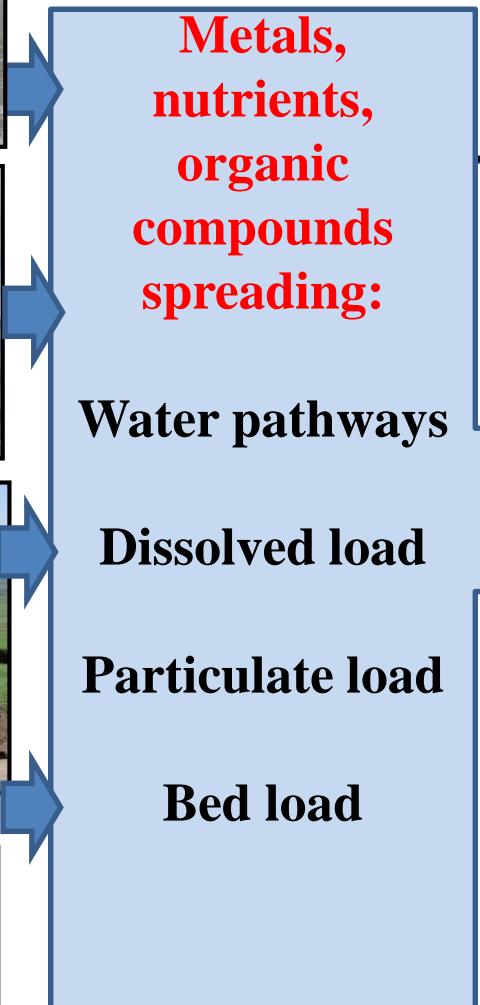
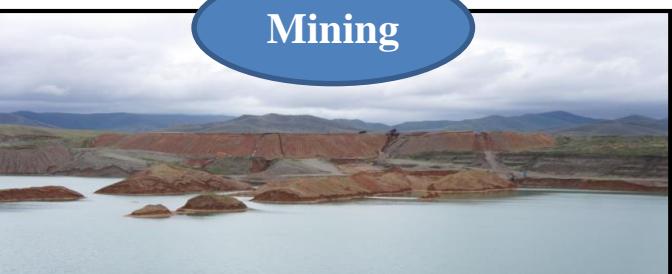
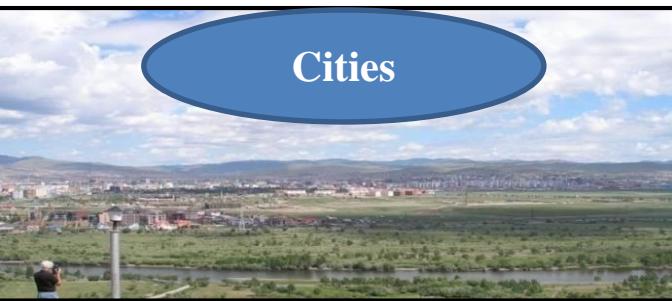
National atlas of the Arctic

Национальный атлас Арктики

# Risks in the Arctic

- Harsh and fragile environment
  - Special protection for people, infrastructure
- Economic development, environmental impact
  - Protection from anthropogenic impact, balance
- Adequate protection
  - Estimate the potential to damage, the impact
- Design appropriate infrastructure
  - Ports, towns, roads, exploration and exploitation sites
- Consider changes due to climate change
  - Sea ice cover, storms, wave climate, river discharge, freeze-up, spring break-up, permafrost, snow cover, albedo/radiation balance, gas exchange (methane)

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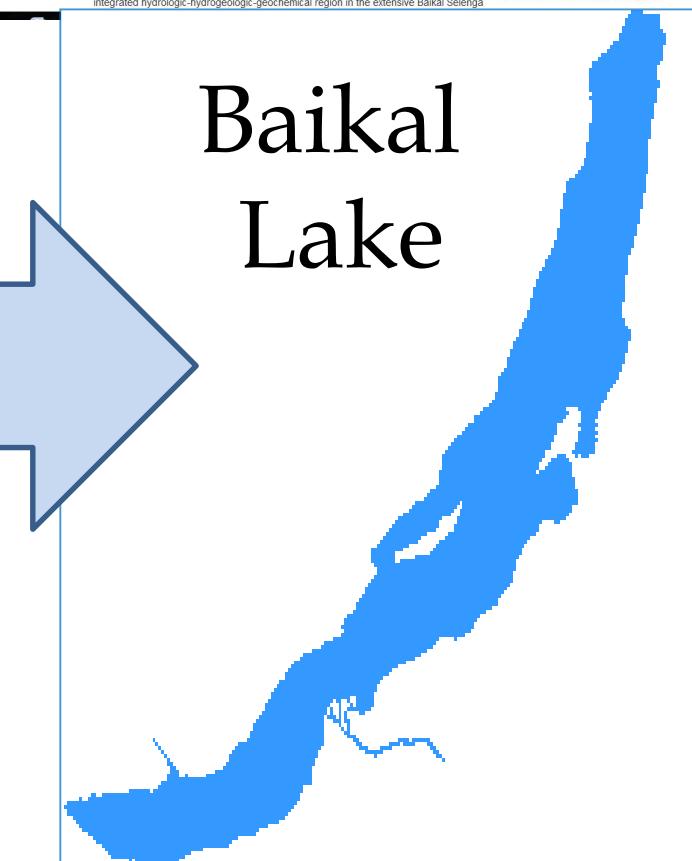
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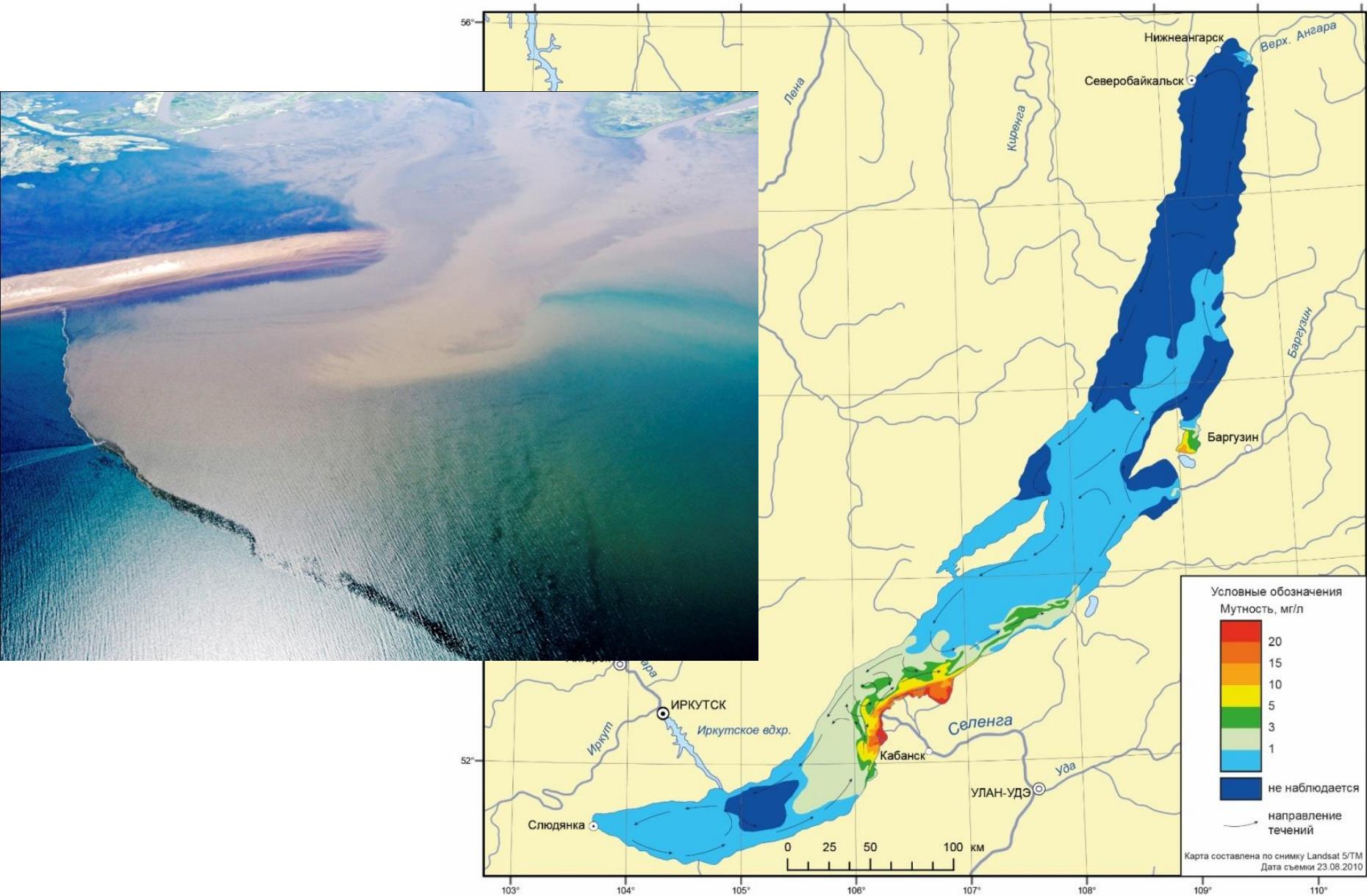


ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE  
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- 2013-2016: Basin-scale hydrological spreading of pollutants and wetland opportunities for reducing them under different hydroclimatic and other regional conditions, funded by the Swedish Research Council Formas (coordinator from Russia)
- 2015-2016 International Bureau of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF-IB) project "WQQ Baikal - Modelling of Water Quantity and Quality in the Selenga-Baikal-Angara Region: Current Potentials and Future Necessities"
- 2013-2015 International Bureau of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF-IB) "Sustainable Water Management in the Baikal-Selenga Basin: Development of an Integrated Monitoring Concept for a Transboundary Catchment with Multiple Stressors"
- 2012-2016: проект UNDP-GEF «Комплексное управление природными ресурсами трансграничной экосистемы бассейна Байкала» "Integrated Natural Resource Management in the Baikal Basin Transboundary Ecosystem"
- On-going submission for Era-Net Rus Plus

# Effects on the Lake Baikal conditions



# Management of transboundary rivers project (Mantra-rivers project)

**Germany** (Technical University Dresden, Helmholtz Center for Environmental Research UFZ)

**Ukraine** (Ukrainian Hydrometeorological Institute (UHMI))

**Russia**

(Lomonosov Moscow State University (LMU))

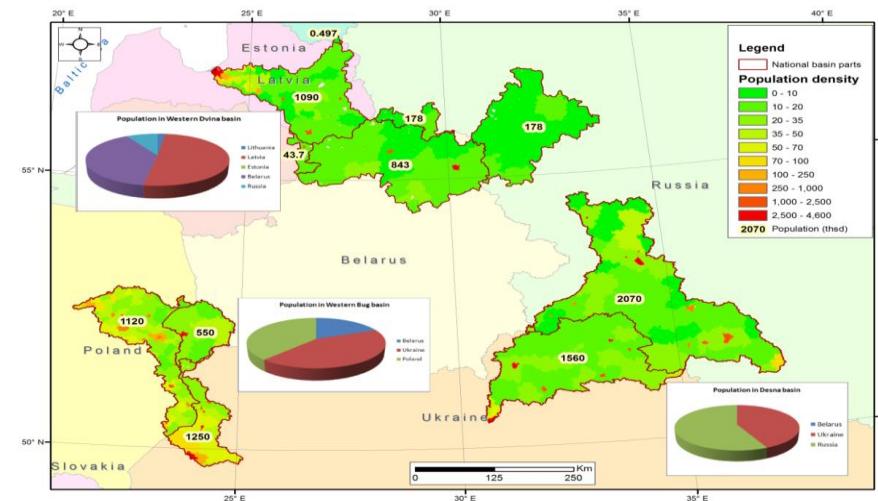
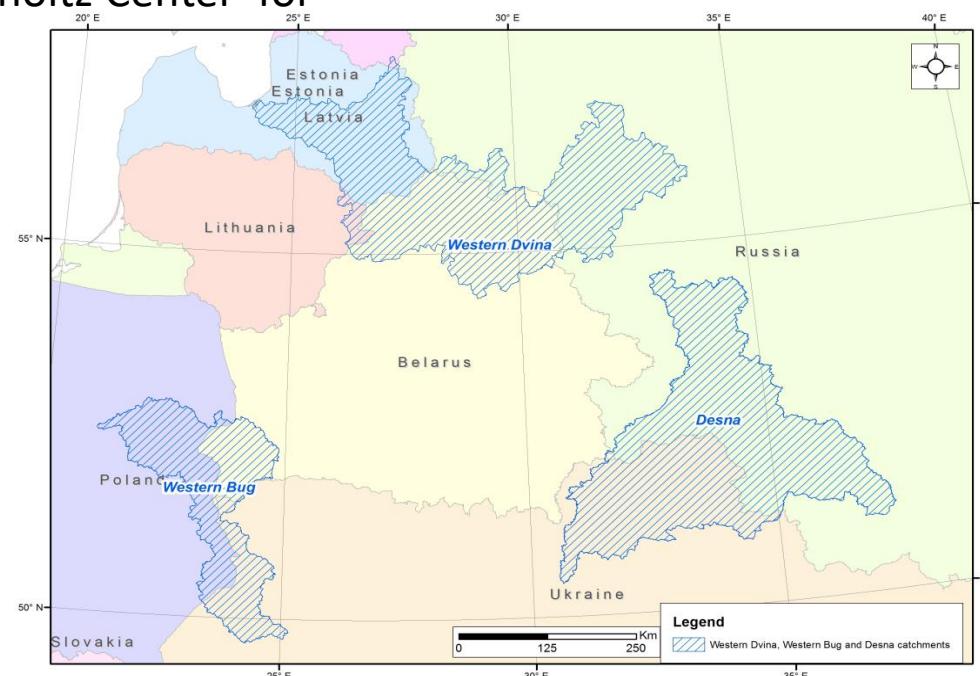
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Goals of the trilateral VWS projects:

- Strengthen crossborder cooperation's
- Build up confidence and understanding
- Maintain the dialogue between colleagues

Three Basins:

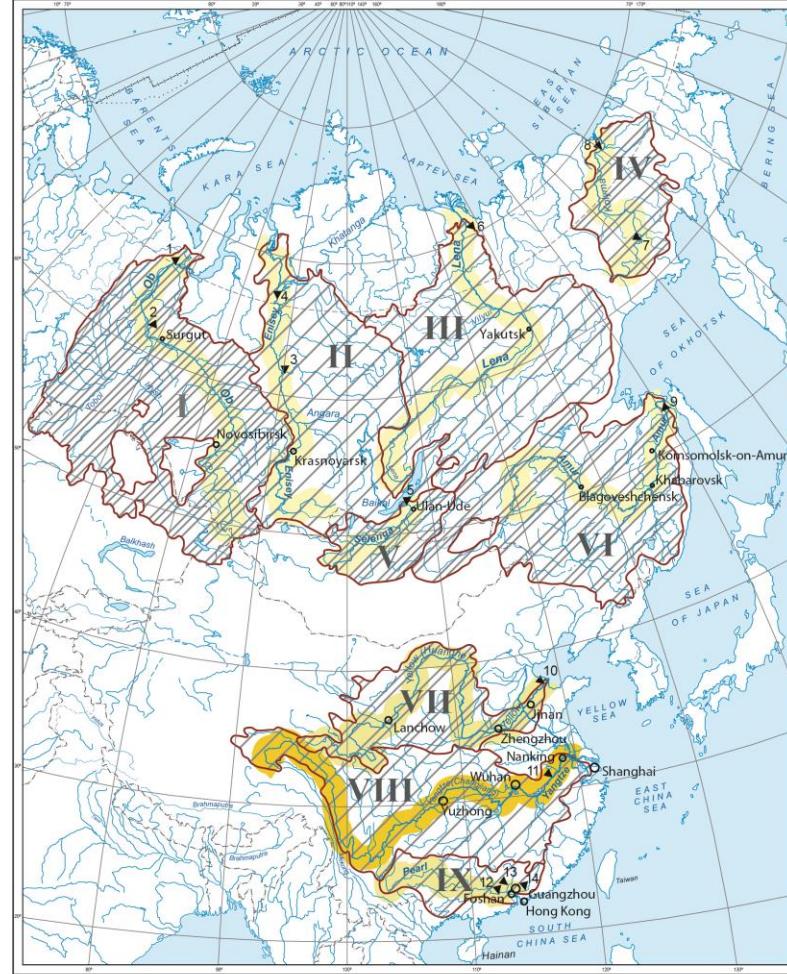
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# Large rivers research



-Participating institution  
since 2013



#### Catchment area

- I - Ob
- II - Enisey
- III - Lena
- IV - Kolyma
- V - Selenga
- VI - Amur
- VII - Huanghe (Yellow)
- VIII - Yangtze (Changjiang)
- IX - Pearl

#### Dams frequency (number per square kilometer of the catchment)

- 0 - 0,000003
- 0,00002 - 0,00003
- more then 0,0001

#### Unconfined channels (percent from total main stem length, %)

- less than 42
- 55-78
- 85-100

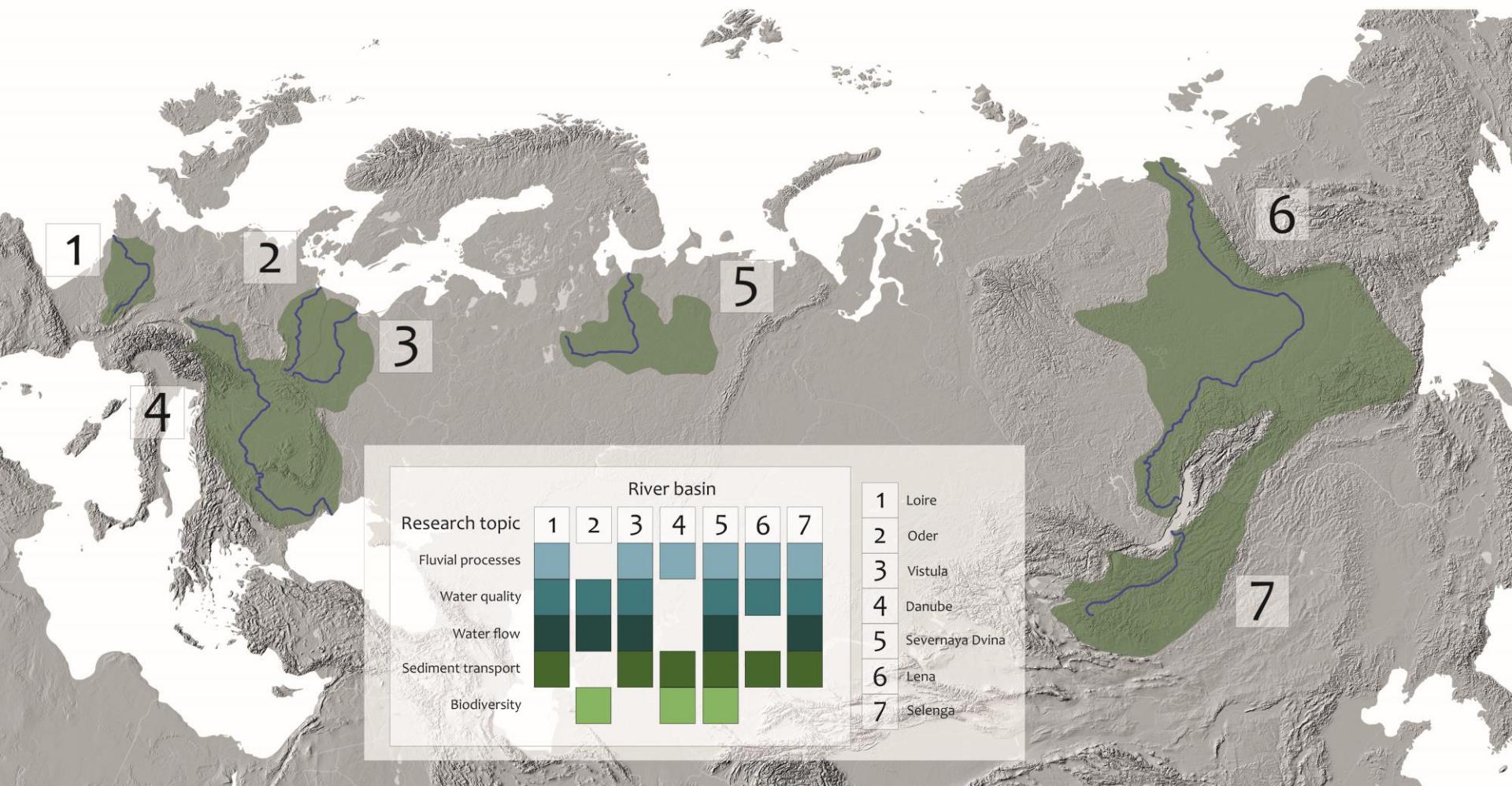
#### Largest cities (amount of citizens)

- less then 1 million
- from 1 to 2 million
- from 3 to 10 million
- more then 10 million

#### Gauging stations

- 1 - Salekhard (Ob)
- 2 - Karym Kary (Ob)
- 3 - Podkamennaya Tunguska (Enisey)
- 4 - Igarka (Enisey)
- 5 - raz'ezd Mostovoy (Selenga)
- 6 - Kyusyr (Lena)
- 7 - Ust-Srednekan (Kolyma)
- 8 - gidrostvor Kolymskoe 1 (Kolyma)
- 9 - Bogorodskoye (Amur)
- 10 - Lijin (Huanghe)
- 11 - Datong (Yangtze)
- 12 - Gaoyao (Pearl)
- 13 - Shijiao (Pearl)
- 14 - Boluo (Pearl)

# Natural Features and Anthropogenic Impact on selected Northern Eurasian Rivers: Mutual Understanding for Science and Practice



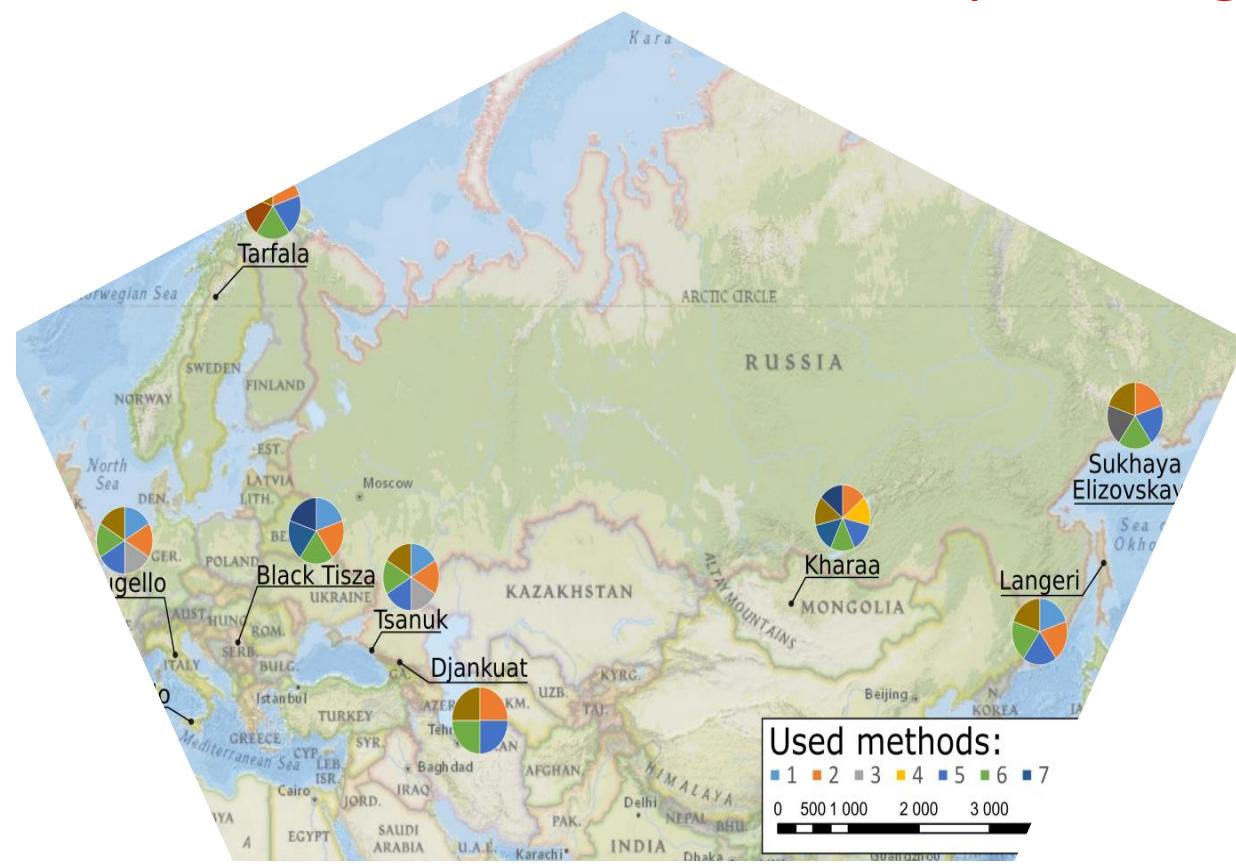
# Strategies and Protocols for Climate Change Impact Assessment in Polar and Mountain Regions



# Sediment and contaminants spreading in small catchments

«Marie Curie International Research Staff Exchange Scheme»

«Fluvial processes and erosion in European river systems, its ecological and social sequence under climate change and human activities impact»)

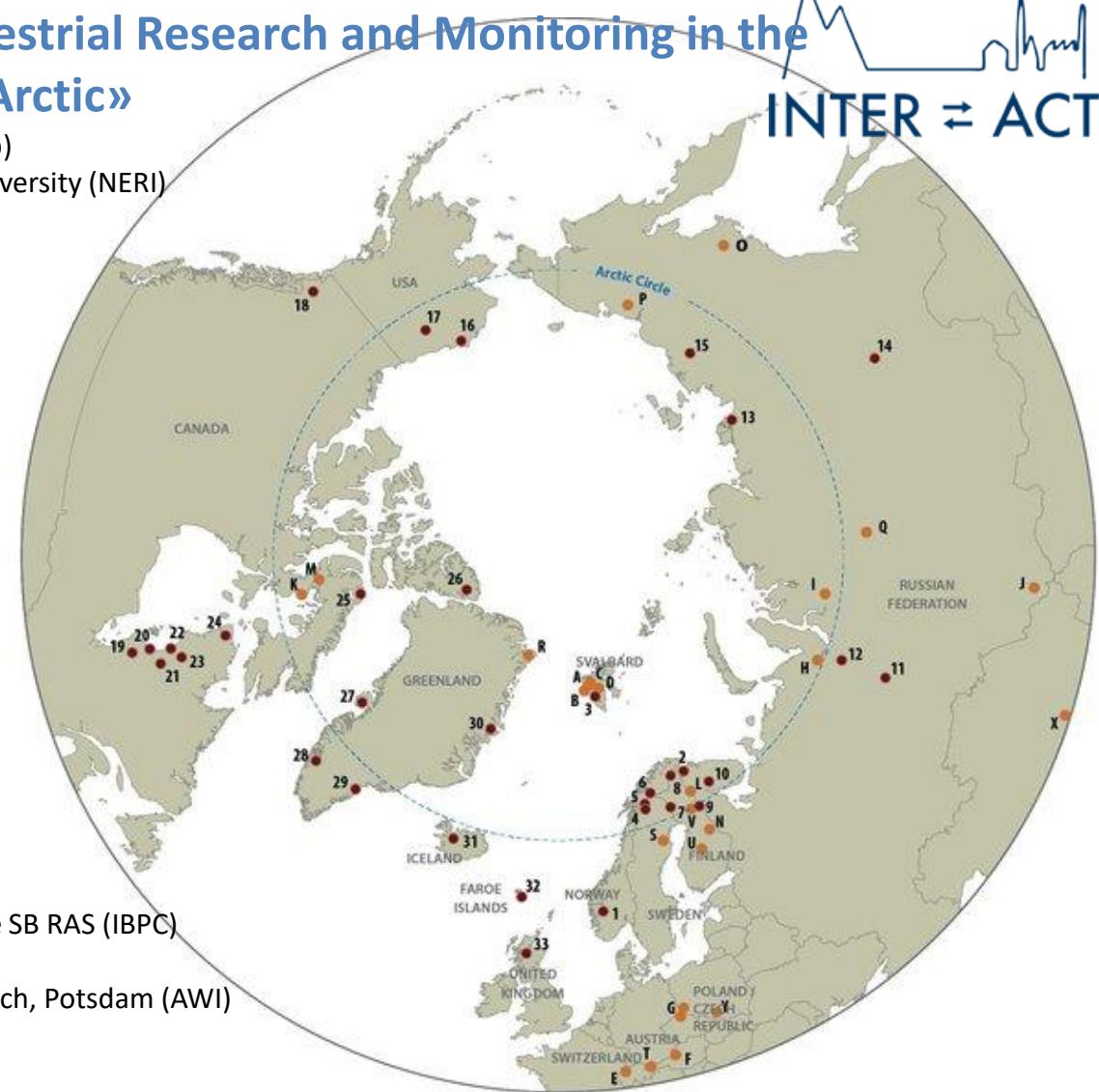


- 1 - Laser scanning/geodetic techniques for the quantification of mass wasting slope processes;
- 2 - In-situ monitoring of sediment transport; 3- Soil morphological method and dating techniques;
- 4 - Sediment source fingerprinting;
- 5 - Sediment-water discharge relationships;
- 6 - Morphometric analysis;
- 7 - Riverbed monitoring based on remote sensing/historical maps;
- 8 - Satellite data for sediment transports estimates;
- 9 - Remote sensing for channel sediment connectivity);
- 10 - Soil erosion modeling and gully erosion;
- 11 – channel hydrodynamic modeling

# «International Network for Terrestrial Research and Monitoring in the Arctic»

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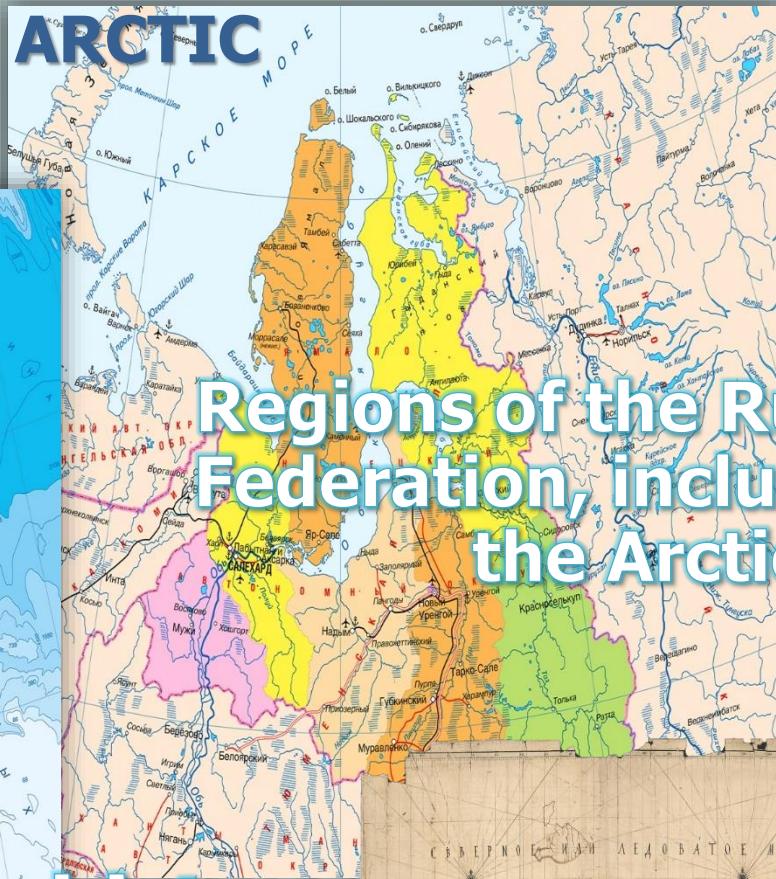
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Regions of the Russian Federation, included in the Arctic zone

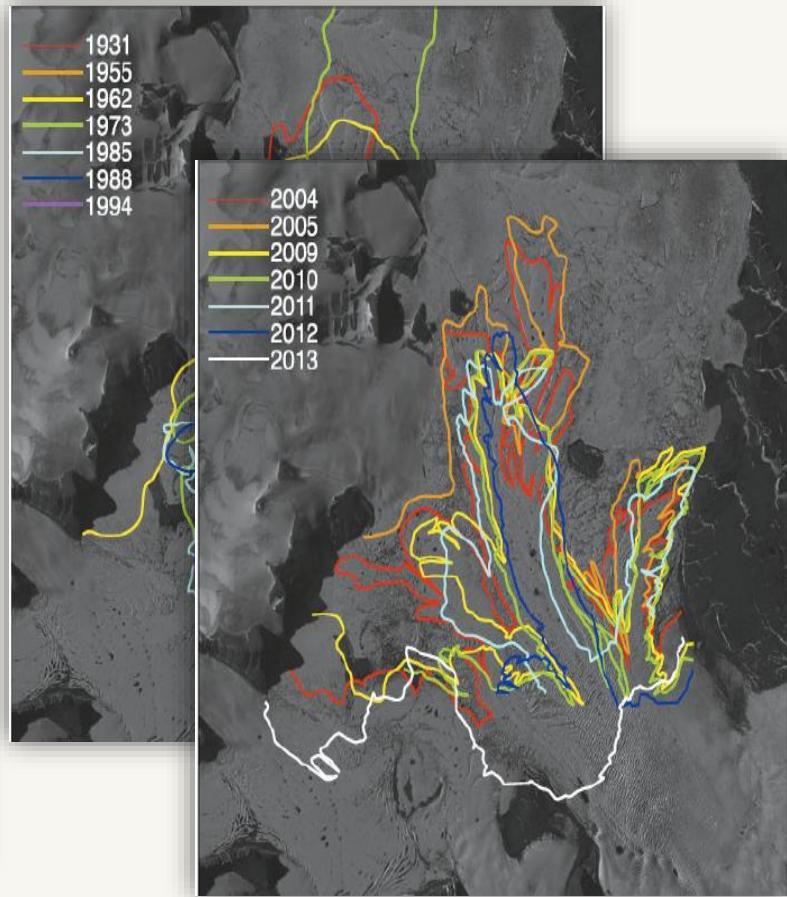
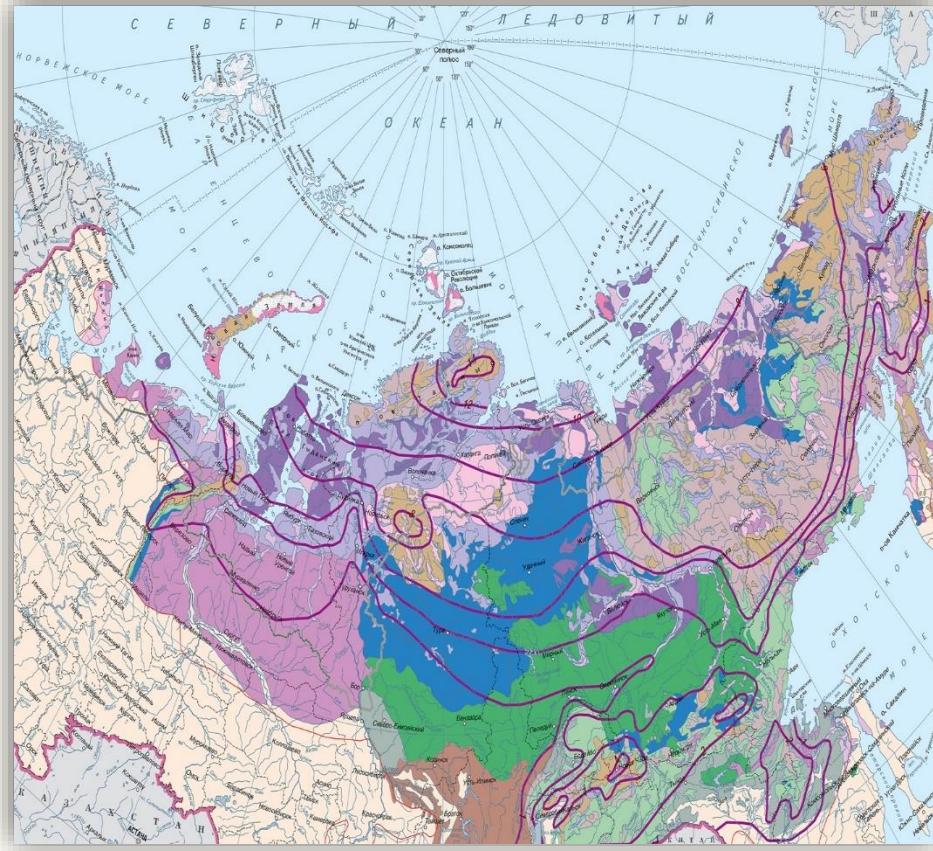
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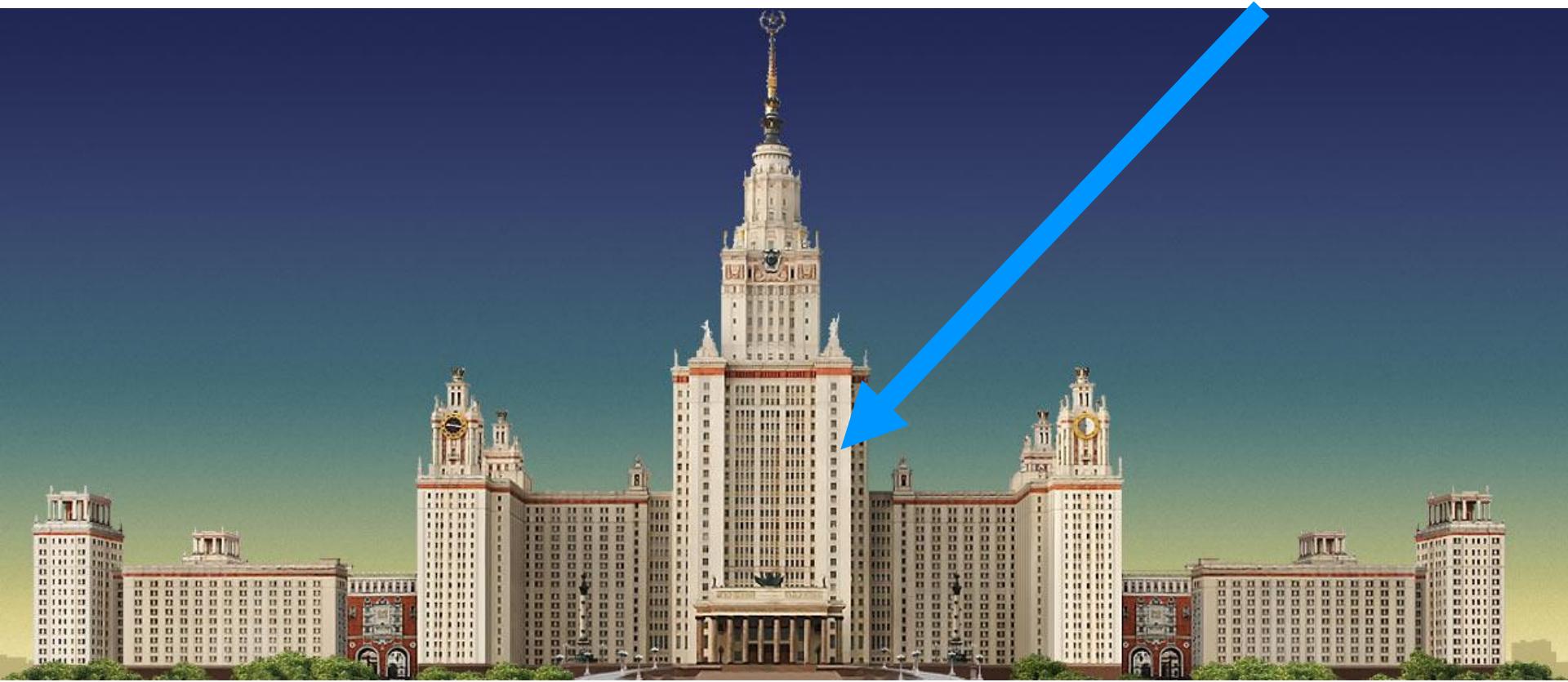
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