

**Summer Course 2022**

**"NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS (NBS) TO CONFRONT WATER EXTREMES IN EUROPE: DESIGN AND MODELLING TOOLS"**

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# **General course I – Hydrology and Flood Risk Management**

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# Outline

- Introduction
- Flood Risk – Definition and General Concepts
- Flood Protection Measures
- Flood Chain Uncertainties

# Introduction

# Flood Risk is...

**Likelihood**  
of the runoff event



**Severity**  
of the runoff event

# Flood Risk – a combination of ...

Likelihood  
of a flood event

&

unfavourable **consequences / damages** for:

- human health
- environment
- cultural heritage
- economy
- significant tangible assets

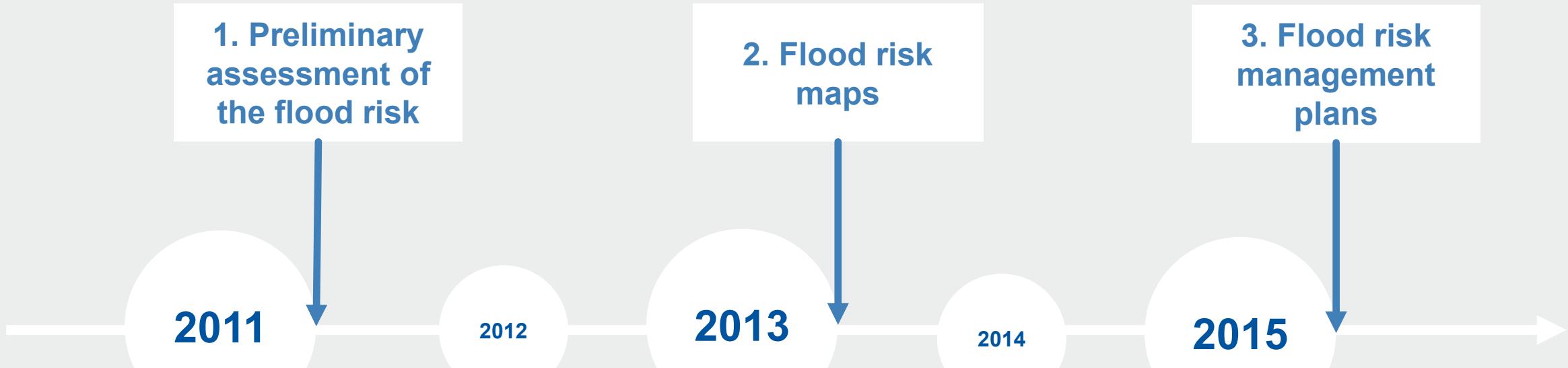
Source: § 73 German Water Management Act

**NATURAL RETENTION**

**TECHNICAL FLOOD  
PROTECTION**

**ADVANCED FLOOD  
PROTECTION**

**Modern Flood Protection**

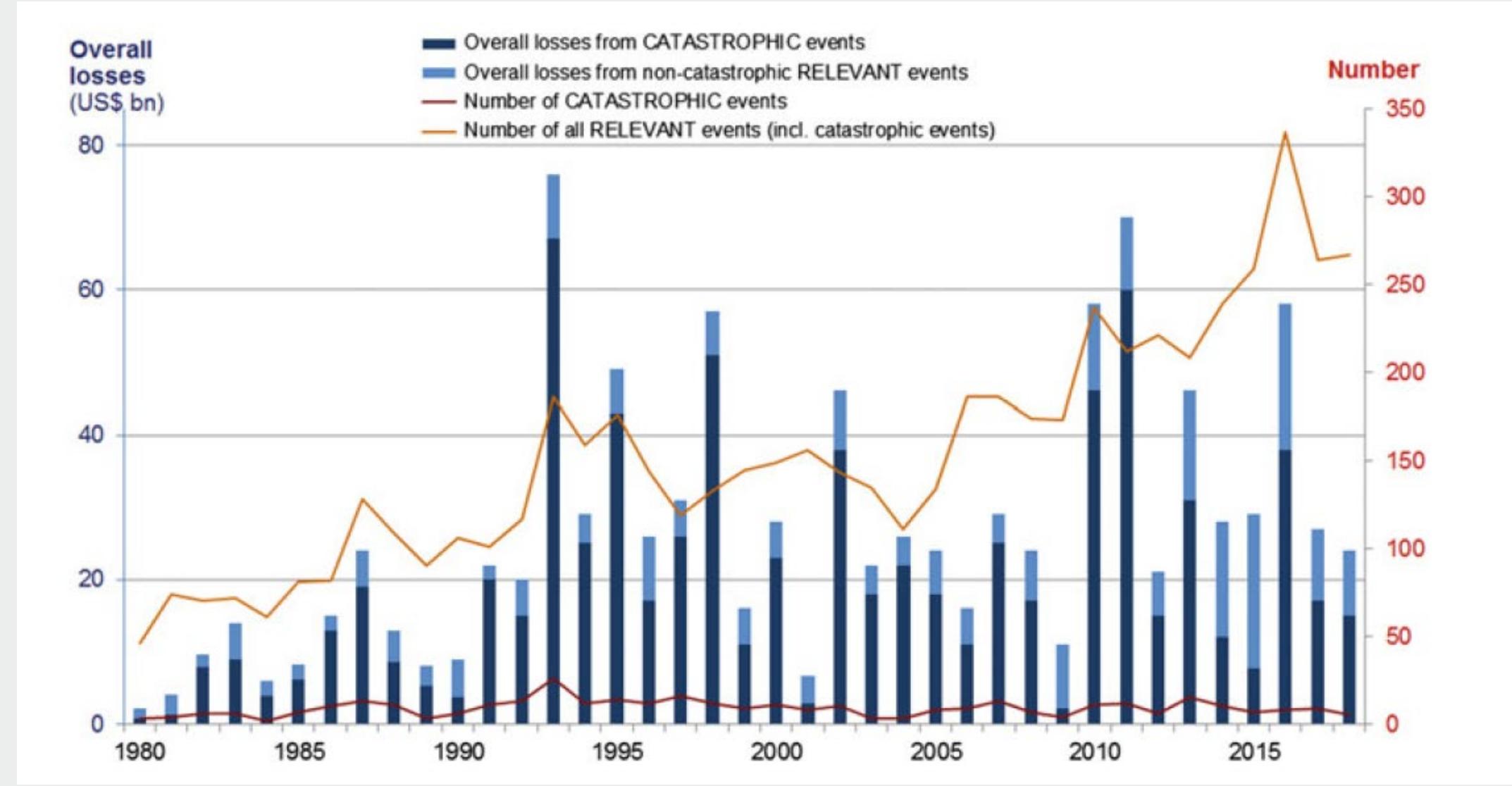


## 3 Steps of the Flood Risk Management Directive



Source: <http://wiadomosci.wp.pl>

**... what it is all about**



## Loss Events worldwide (1980 – 2014)

(Kron et al., 2021)

## Water

Fitness Check of the EU Water Legislation 2019

Blueprint 2012

River Basin Management

Flood Risk Management

### Introduction

About flood risk management

Floods Directive

Key documents

Links

Water Scarcity, Droughts and Water Reuse

# The EU Floods Directive

**Directive 2007/60/EC on the assessment and management of flood risks entered into force on 26 November 2007. This Directive now requires Member States to assess if all water courses and coast lines are at risk from flooding, to map the flood extent and assets and humans at risk in these areas and to take adequate and coordinated measures to reduce this flood risk. With this Directive also reinforces the rights of the public to access this information and to have a say in the planning process.**

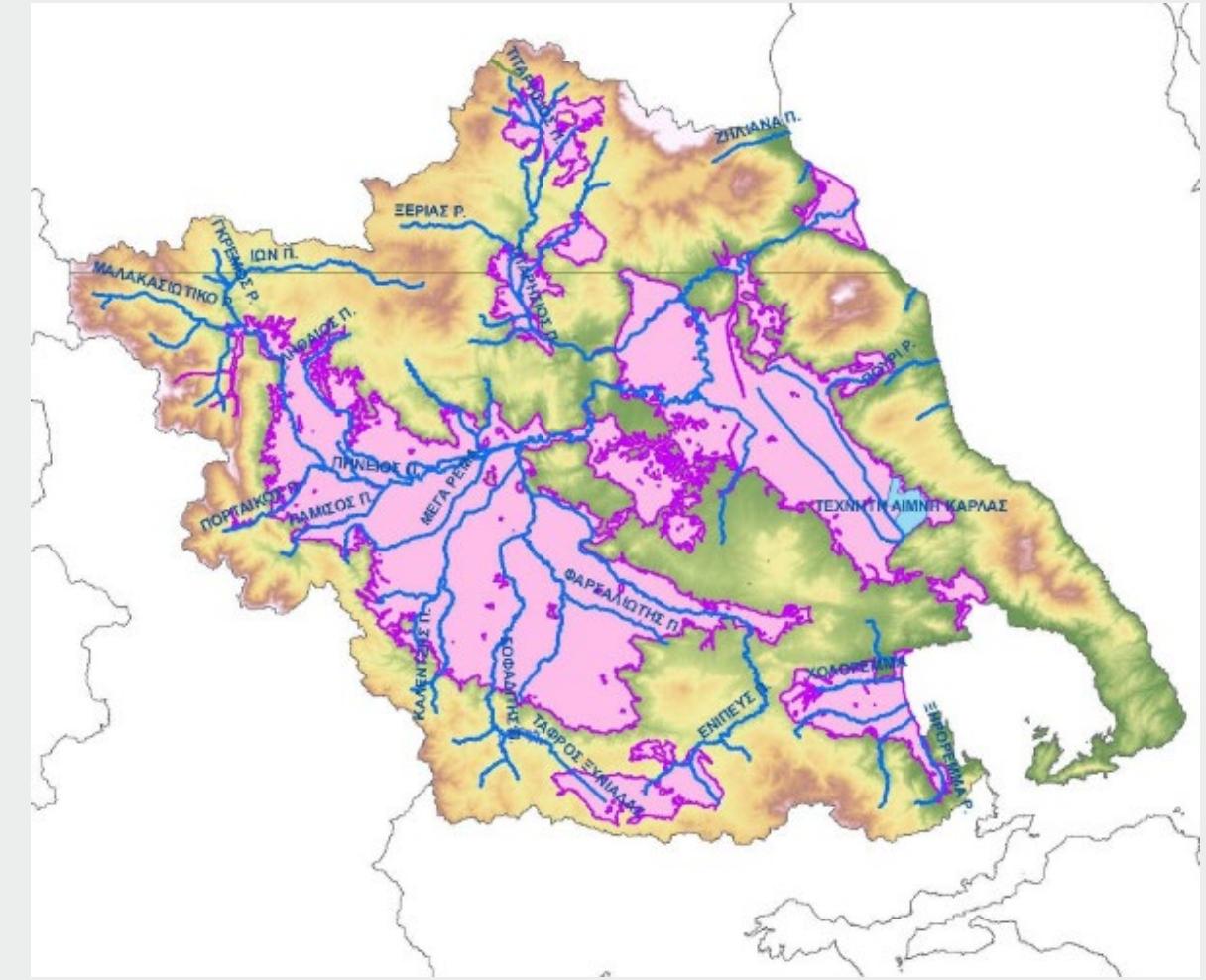


[https://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/flood\\_risk/flood\\_atlas/index.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/flood_risk/flood_atlas/index.htm)

## The EU Floods Directive Portal

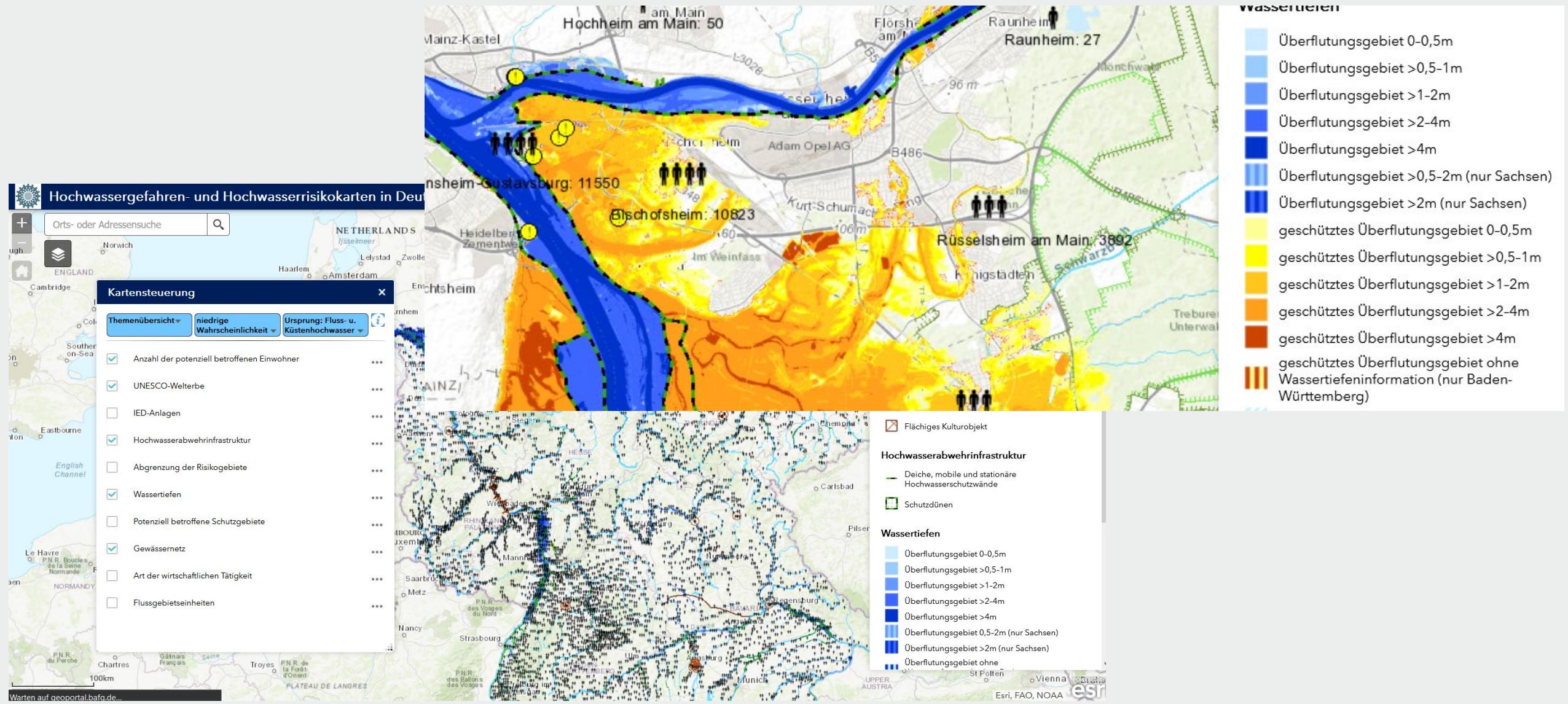


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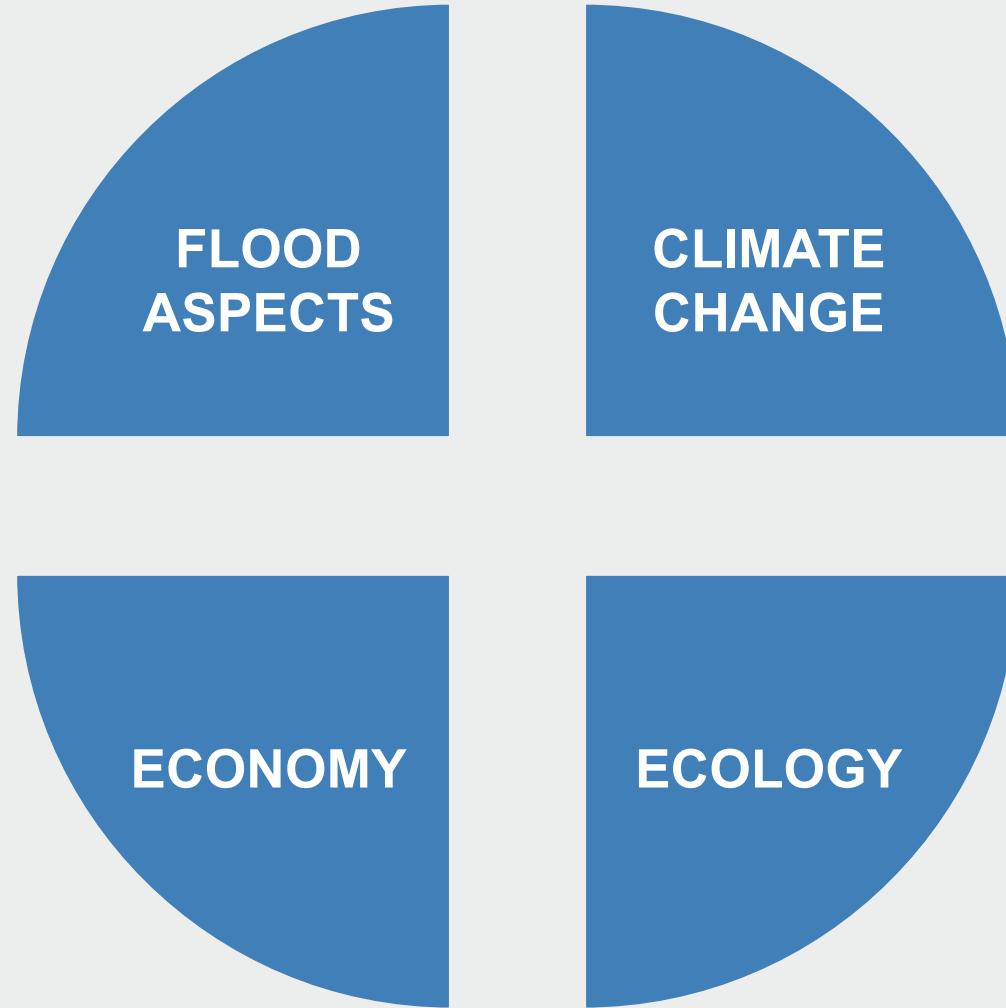
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**Greek Portal for Flood Risk Maps**



[https://geoportal.bafg.de/karten/HWRM\\_Aktuell/](https://geoportal.bafg.de/karten/HWRM_Aktuell/)

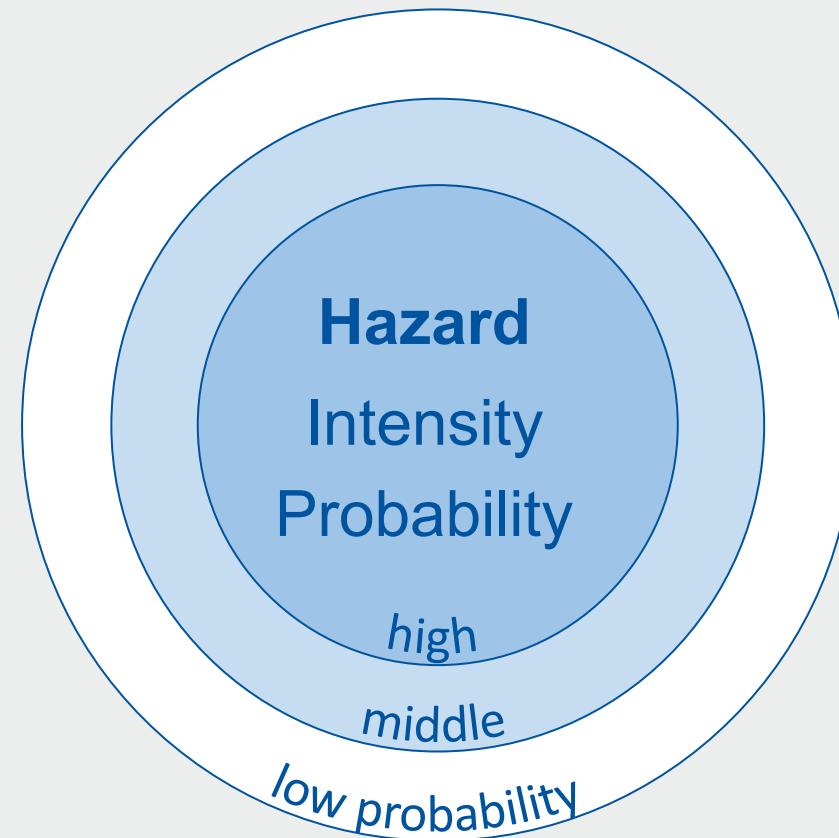
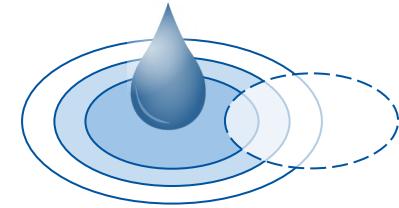
## German Portal for Flood Risk Maps



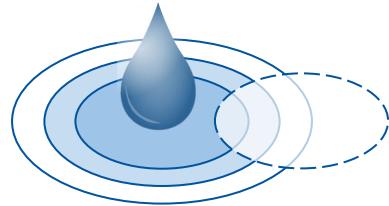
**EG Flood Management Directive & EU Water Framework Directive**

# **Flood Risk – Definition and General Concepts**

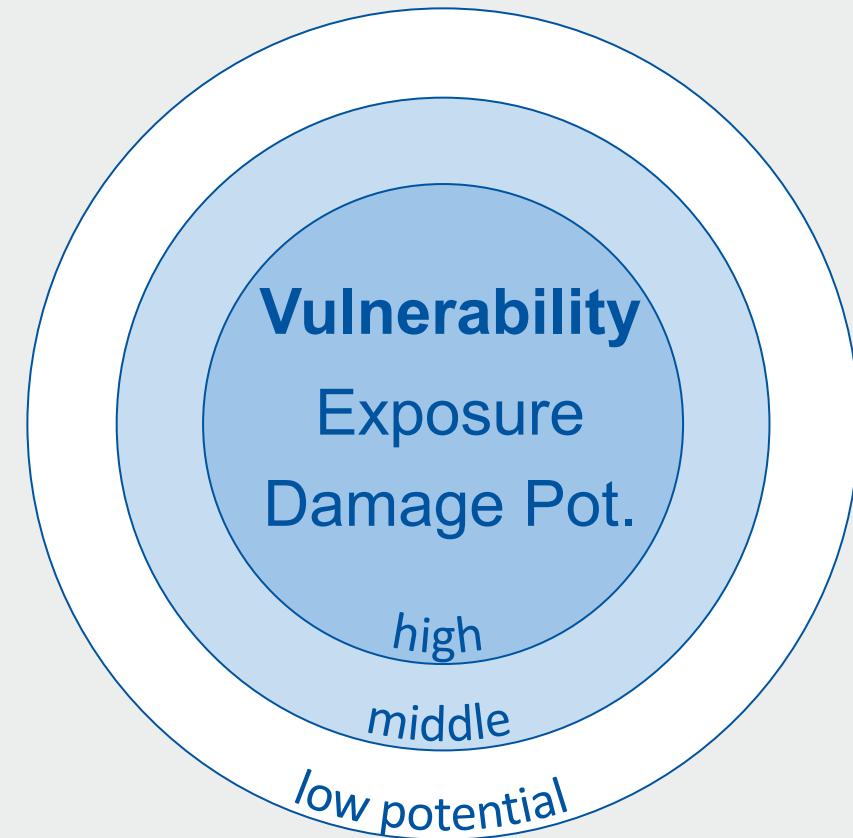
# Definition of Flood Hazard



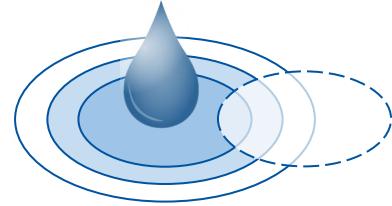
# Definition of Vulnerability



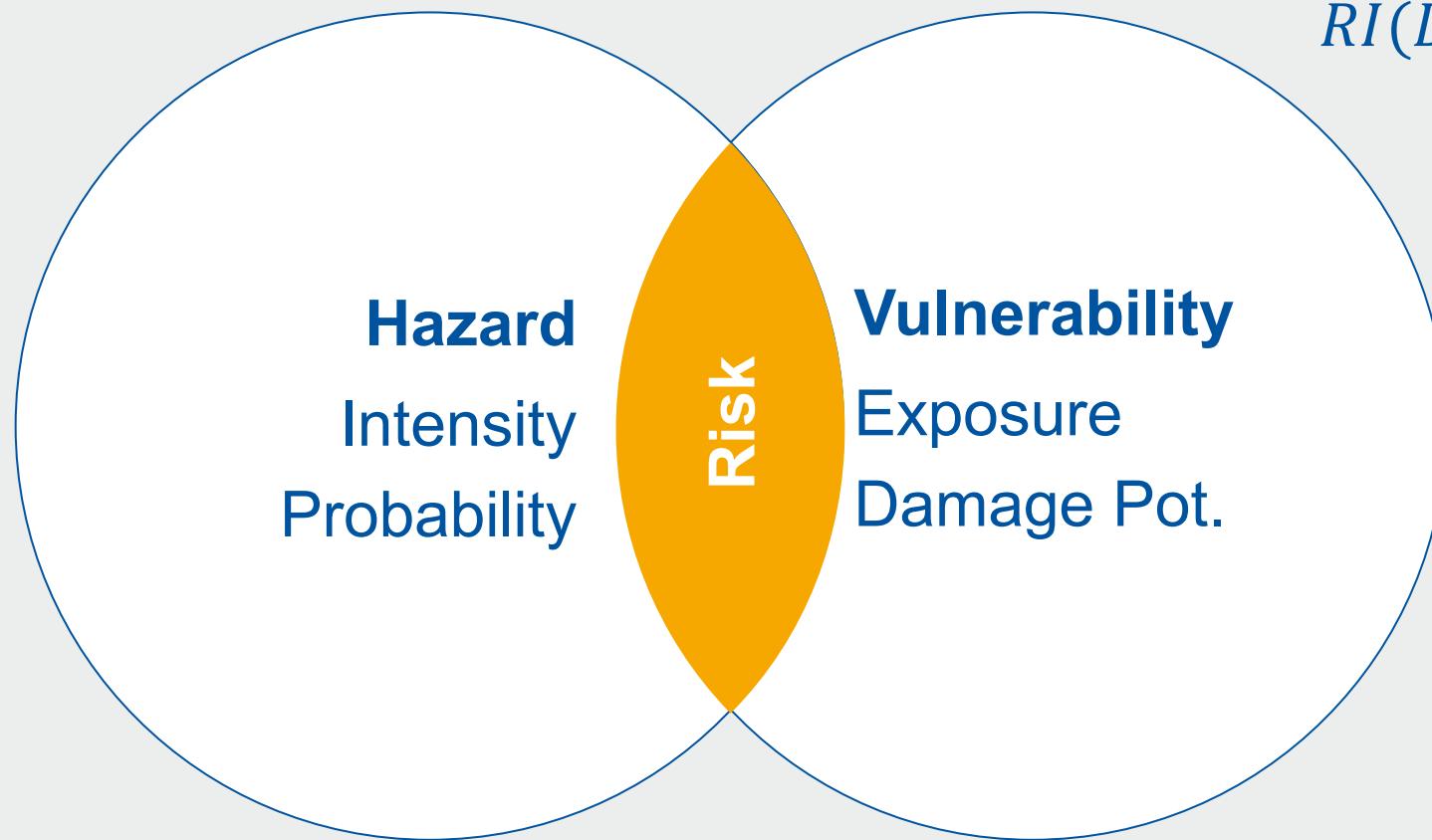
(Wolfgang Rattay/Reuters)



# Definition of Flood Risk



# Definition of Flood Risk



$$RI(\vec{D}) = \sum_j n_j * k_j * \int_0^{\infty} \varphi_j(u) * f_u(u) * du$$

$D$  = measure (scenario)

$n$  = number of elements at risk

$k$  = maximum damage due to event  $u$

$\varphi_j(u)$  = relative vulnerability

$f_u(u)$  = probability density function of event  $u$

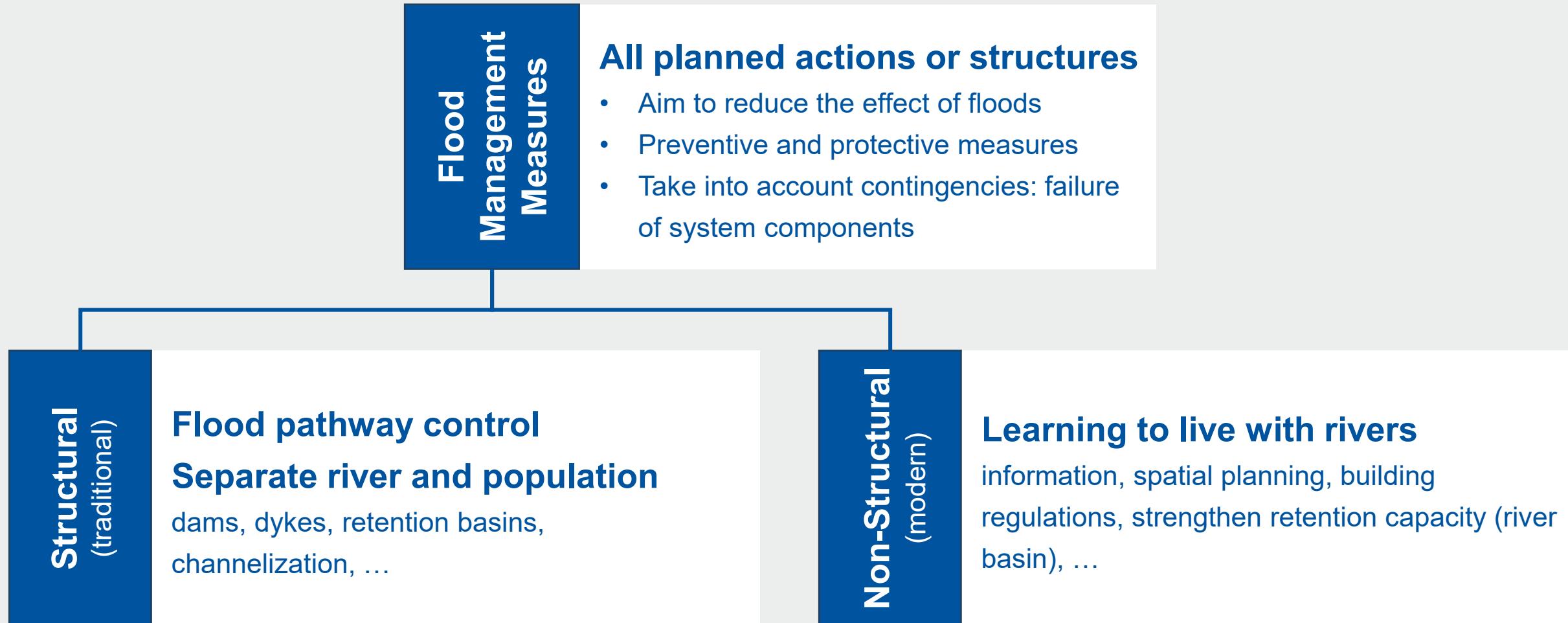
$j$  = category index

$$RI(\vec{D}) = \sum_{(u)} Pr(u) * C(u)$$

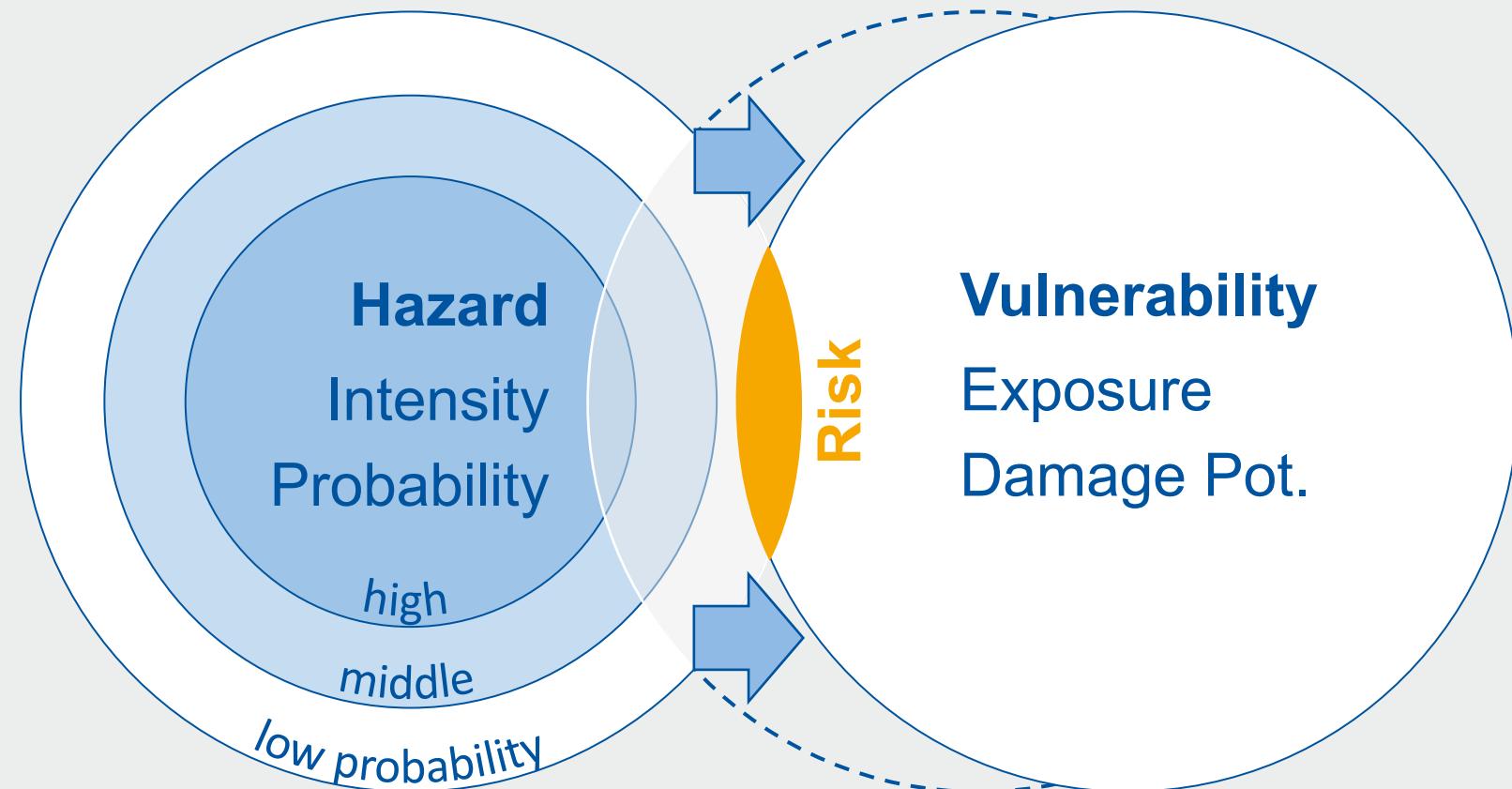
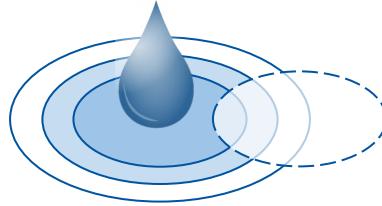
$Pr$  = exceedance probability

$C$  = consequence (cost)

# Structural and non-structural flood protection

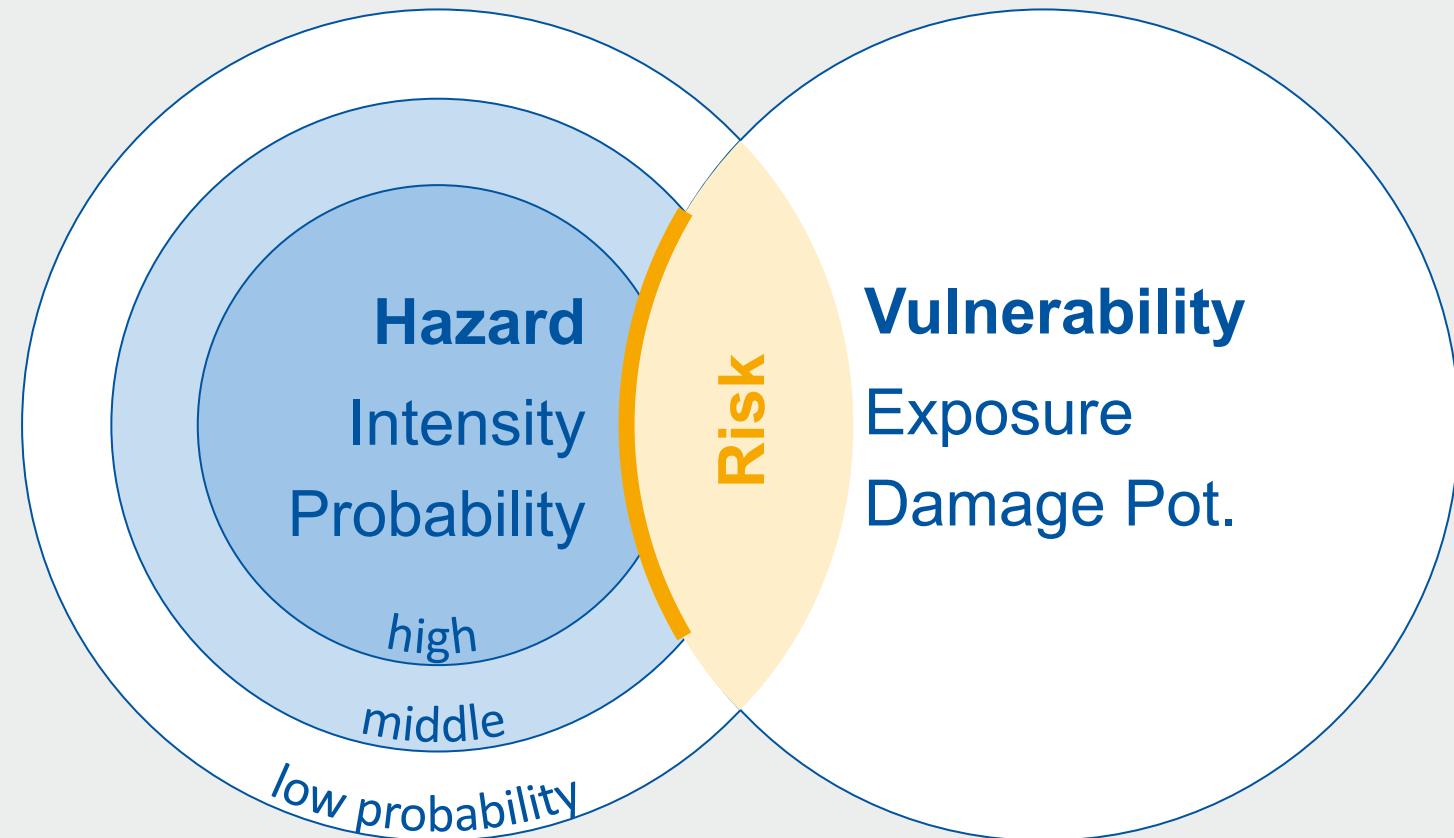
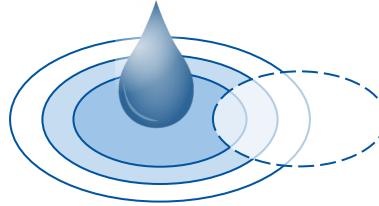


# Avoidance



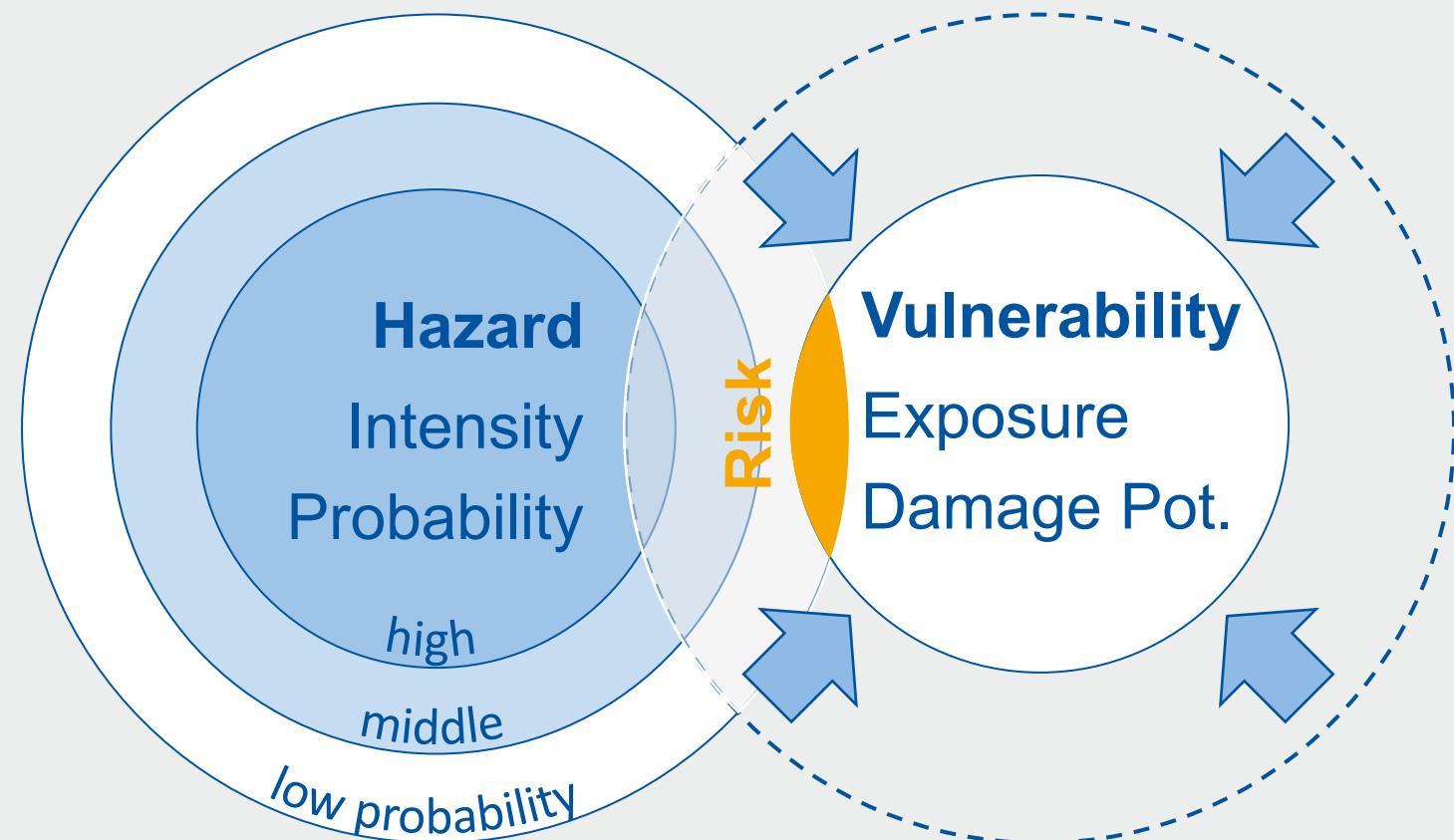
Removal of vulnerable objects out of the risk zone

# Resistance



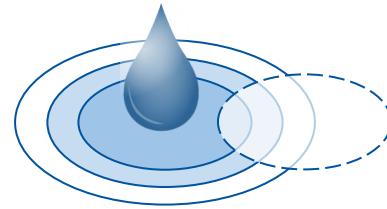
Flood protection by technical measures for a defined exceedance probability

# Alleviation



Reduced vulnerability through resilient design

# Increasing Flood Risk in Urban Areas

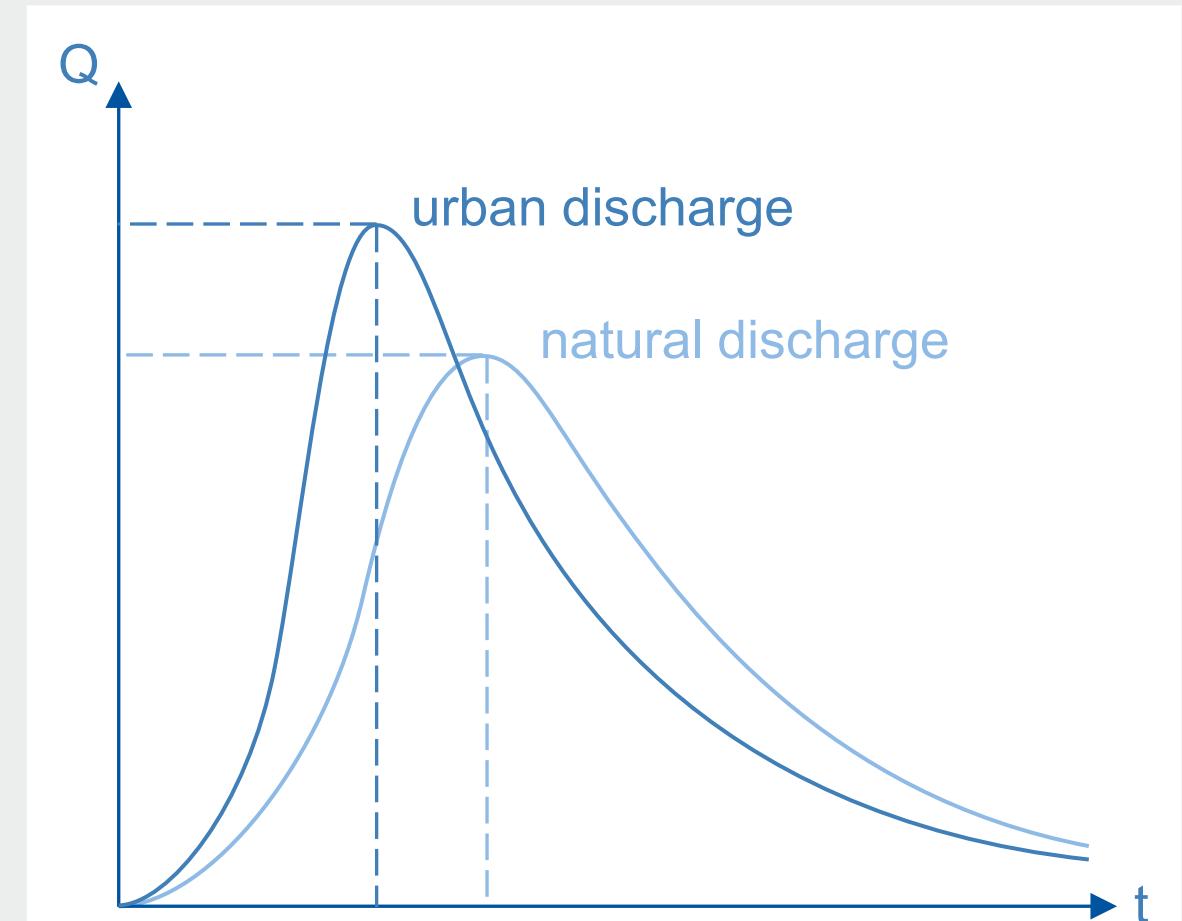


## Climate Change

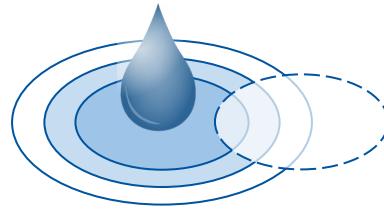
- more frequent and intensive heavy precipitation events
- rise of sea level

## Urbanization

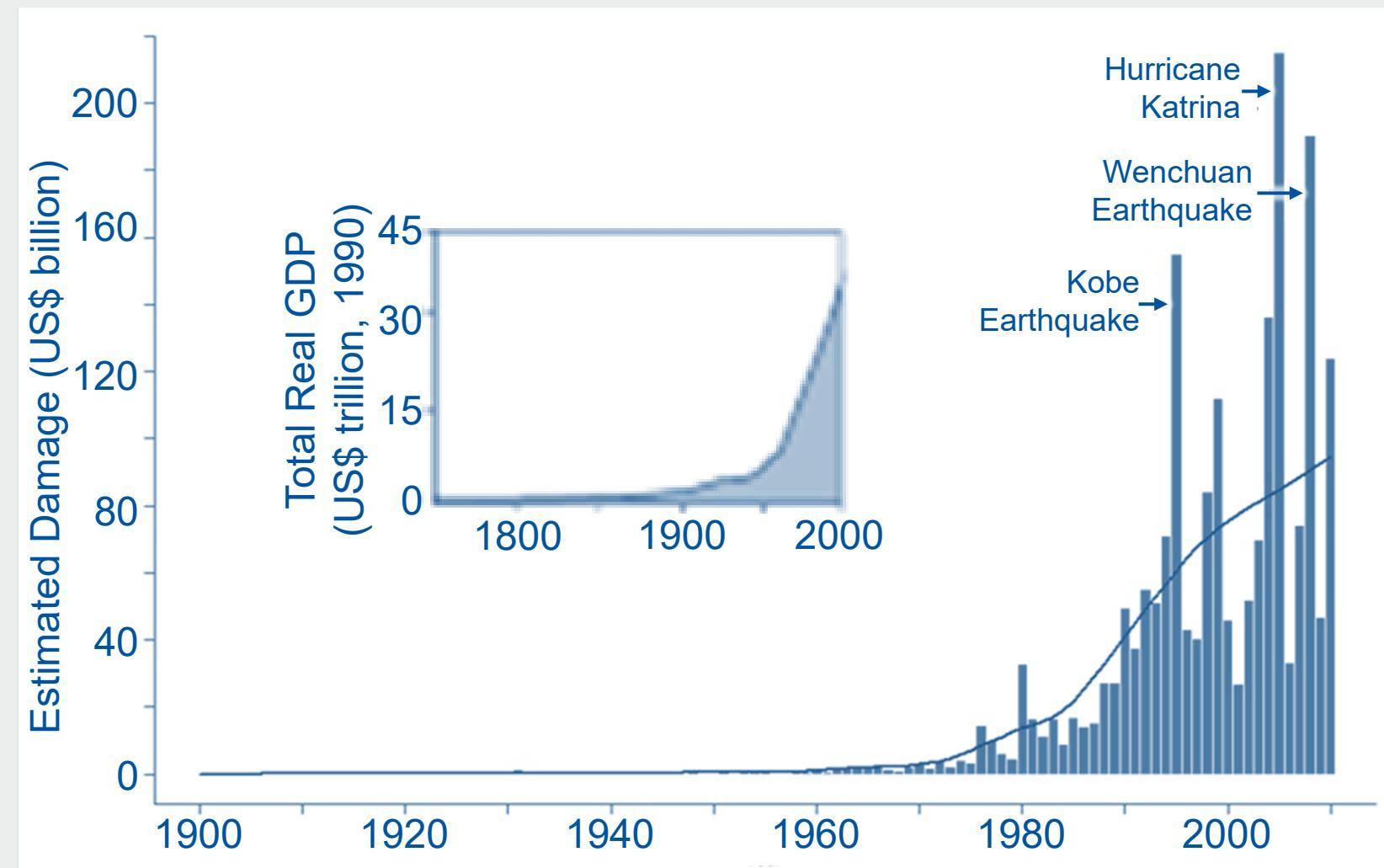
- increased impervious areas in cities
- more assets in flood prone areas
- higher vulnerability



# More GDP – More Natural Disasters



Estimated Damage  
(US\$ billion) caused  
by Natural Disasters  
1900 - 2010



# **Flood Protection Measures 1/3**

## **- Rural Measures-**

# Overview



## Runoff Generation

### Agriculture

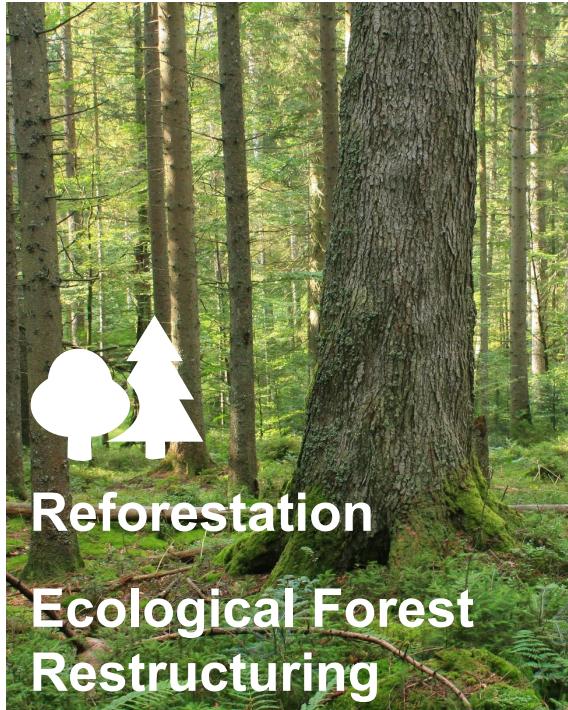


Conservative Tillage  
Removal of Drainage  
Restoration of Swamp

areal distributed

## Runoff Concentration

### Forestry

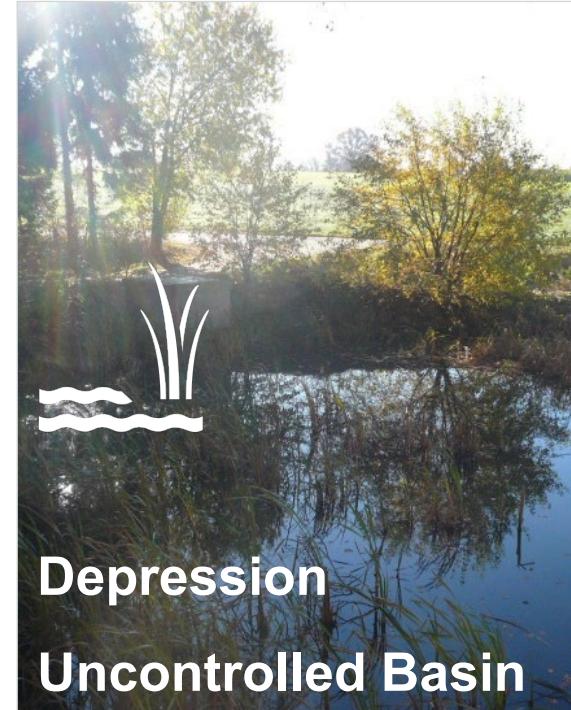


Reforestation  
Ecological Forest Restructuring

point and linear measures

## Routing

### Retention



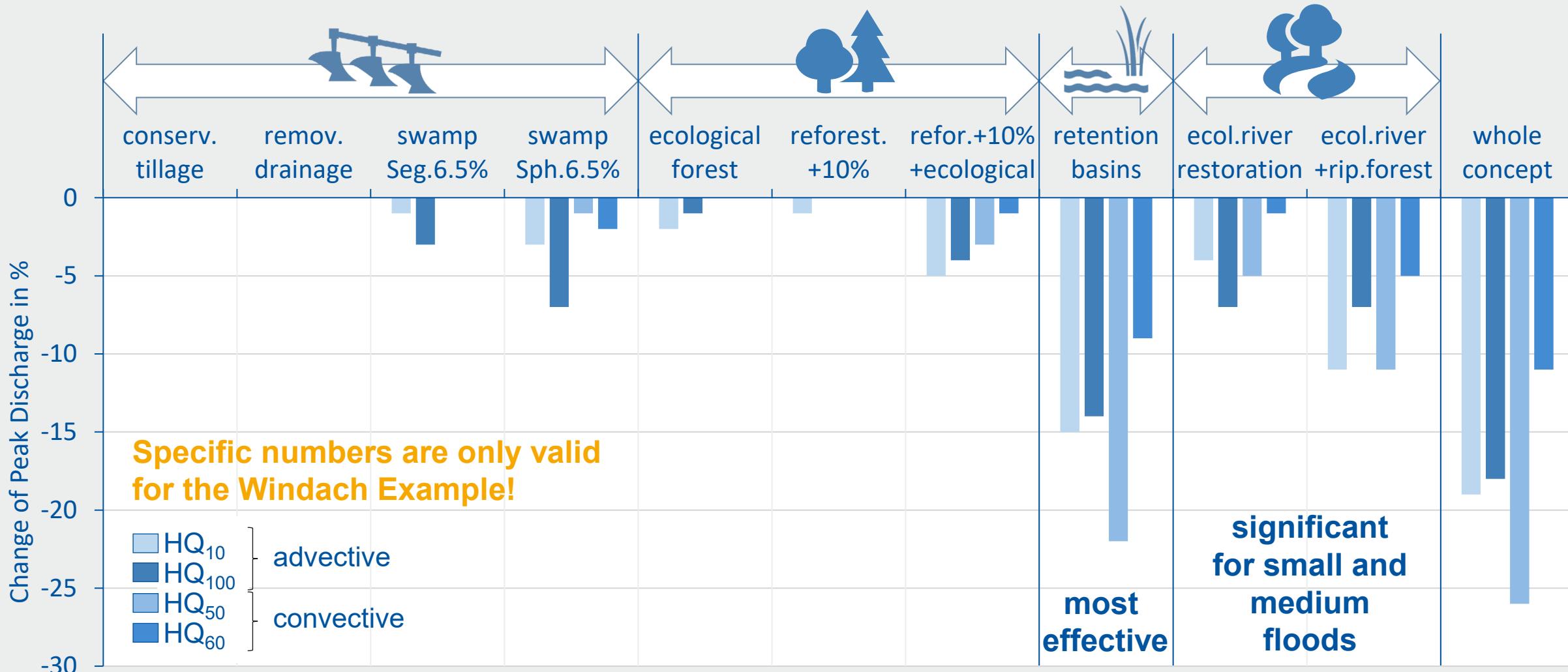
Depression  
Uncontrolled Basin

### Ecol. River Rest.



Meandering River  
Riparian Forest Restoration

# Effectiveness of Decentral Flood Protection



# Summary



## Chances

Small and medium flood events

If central measures not possible

No regret measures



BUT

## Limits

Generally minor effect in large catchments

Not effective for low probability floods

Soil has more influence than land use



## Synergy Effects:

Reducing washout of pesticides

Reducing export of nutrients

Tackling erosion

Mitigation of droughts

Supporting groundwater recharge

Barrier for protection goods

Interconnecting ecosystems

Supporting biodiversity

Enhancing local recreation

Support beauty of landscape

EU-WFD  
...



# **Flood Protection Measures 2/3**

## **- Urban Measures -**

# Flood Protection Strategies



## Concepts:

- Green City Concept
- Blue City Concept
- Blue-Green City Concept



# The Green City



## Local Conditions:

- Permeable, not-contaminated soil
- Space available
- Groundwater level far from surface

## Strategy:

- New green areas for infiltration
- Decrease of impermeable areas
- Green Roofs
- Green Streets

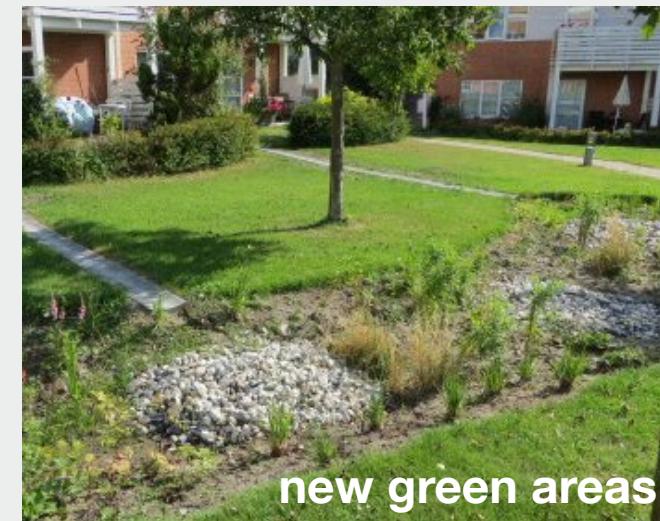
**Examples:** Portland, New York,  
Chicago, London, Melbourne, Sydney



green roofs



permeable pavement

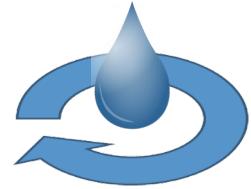


new green areas



bioswales

# The Blue City



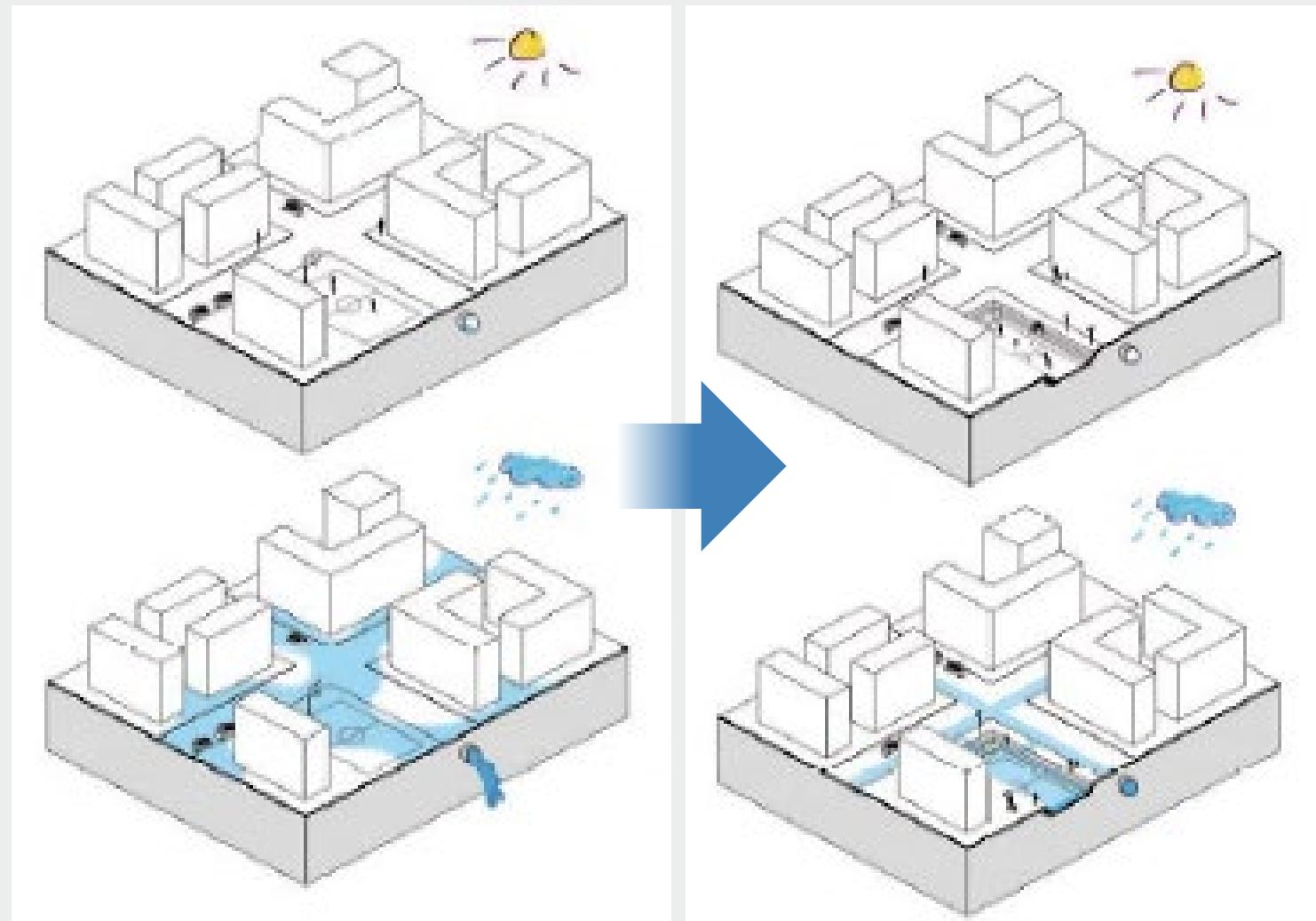
## Local Conditions:

- Low permeability of soil
- Lack of space
- High groundwater level

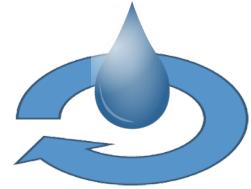
## Strategy:

- Integration of water into the city
- Multifunctional usage of areas
- Green and Blue Roofs

**Examples:** Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Copenhagen



# The Blue City – Example: Rotterdam

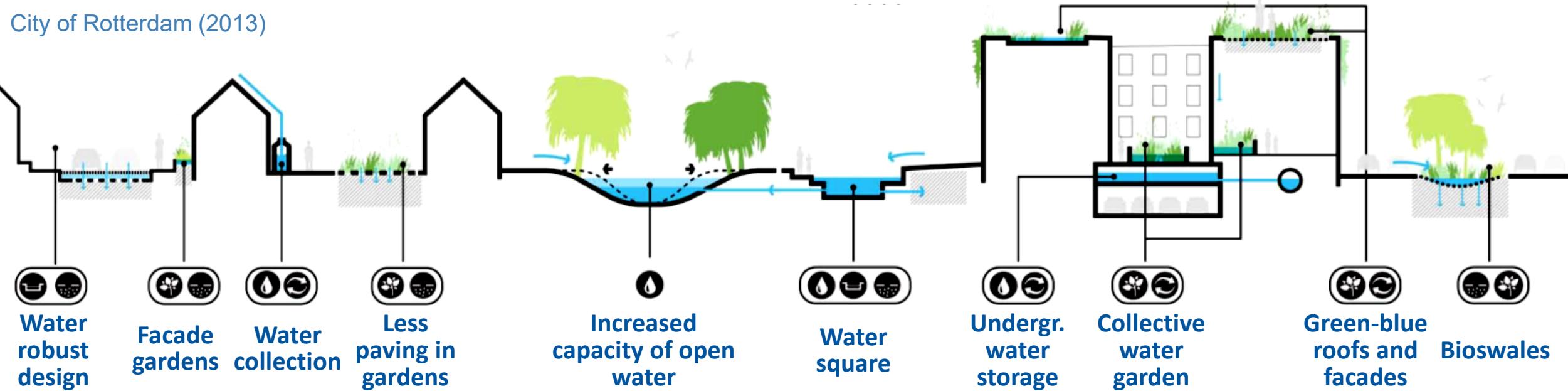


## A City Adapting to Climate Change

- Increased water retention
- Delayed infiltration to open and ground water
- Enhanced recycling of water / flood harvesting
- Temporary and permanent water storages



City of Rotterdam (2013)



# The Blue-Green City



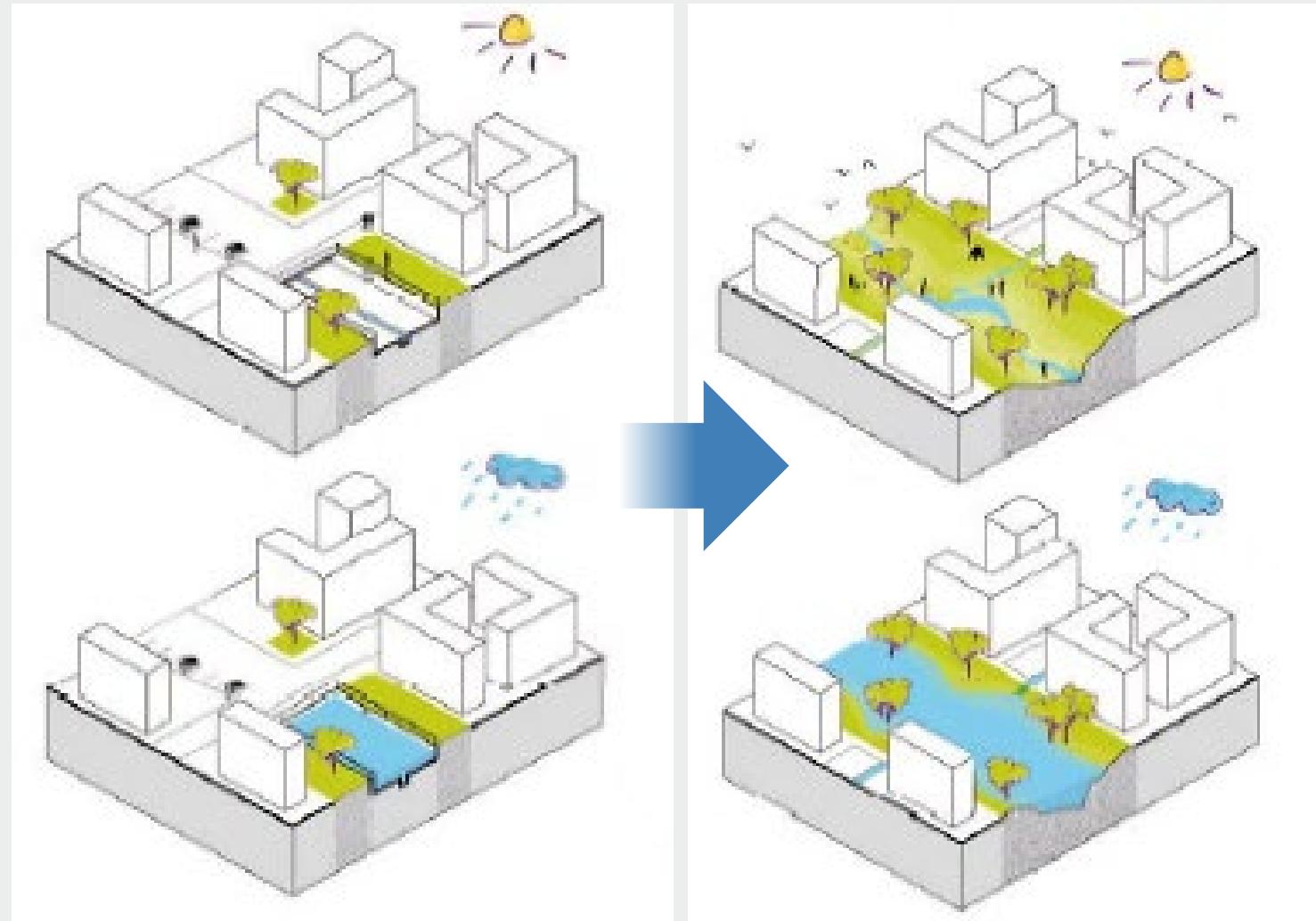
## Local Conditions:

- Affected by river floods
- Space availability along the river
- Low permeability of the soil

## Strategy:

- Integration of river sections into parks
- Ecological restoration of canalized river section
- Reservoirs, ponds, wetlands

**Examples:** Singapore, Houston, Malmö, Seoul, Glasgow, Munich



# The Blue-Green City – Example: Munich



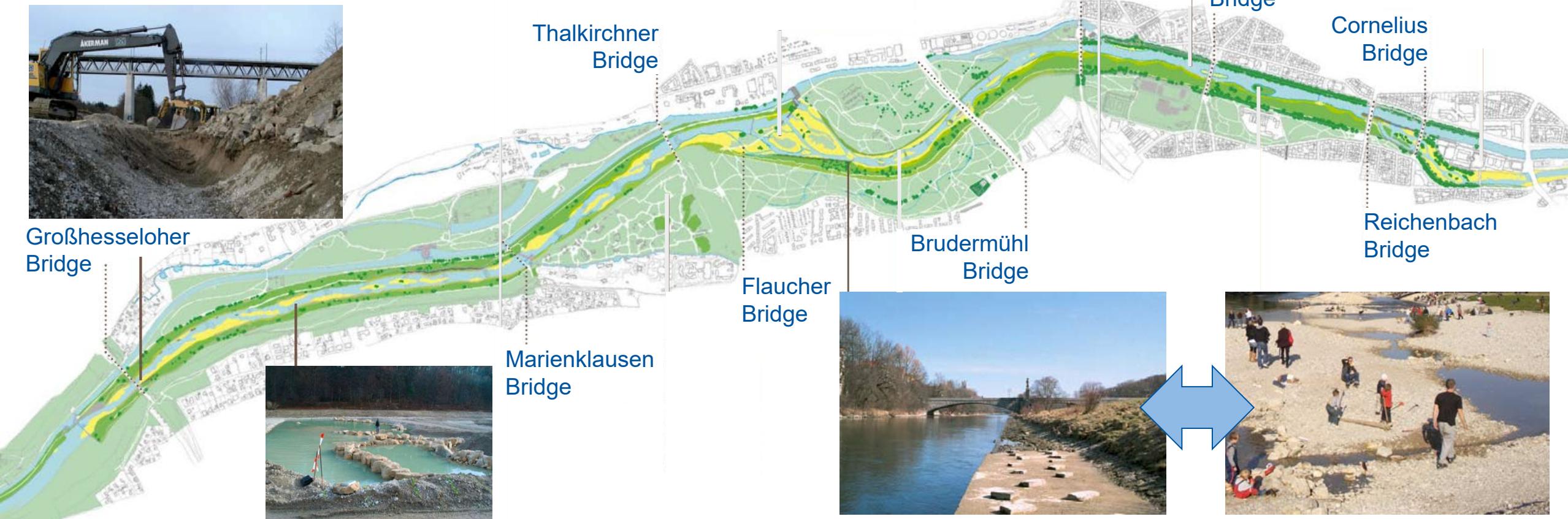
City of Munich (2011)

## Ecological Restoration – Giving Rivers Space

- Increasing habitat connectivity
- Improvement of biodiversity



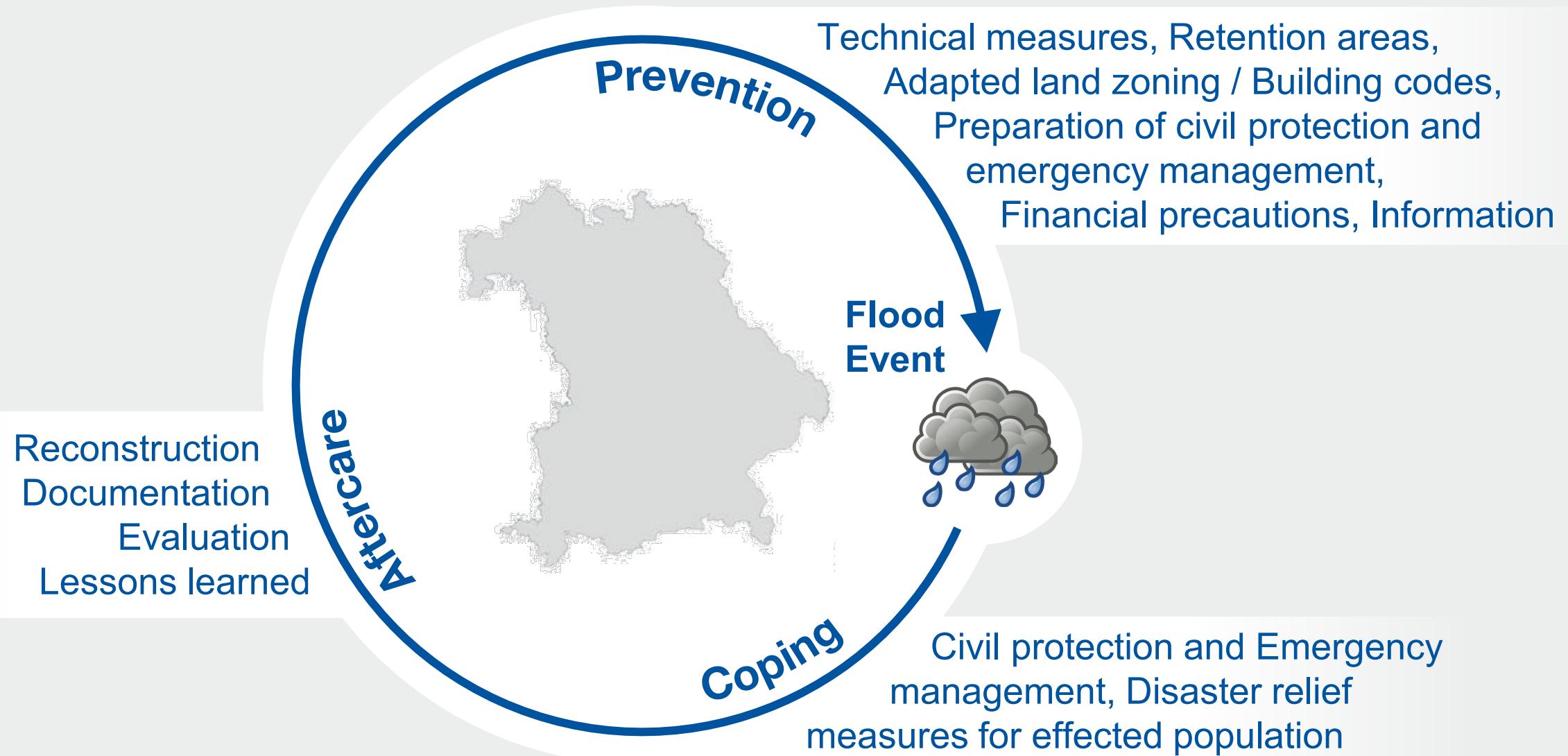
Großhesseloher Bridge



# Flood Protection Measures 3/3

## - Protection Strategies -

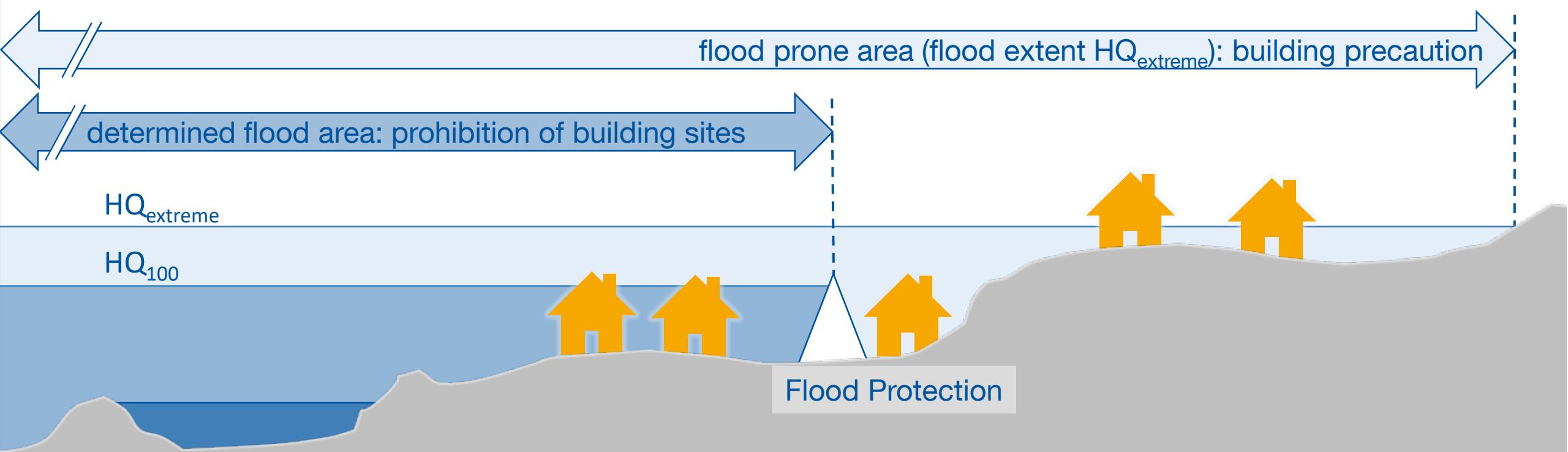
# Flood Risk Management Cycle



# Adapted Land Zoning



**Keeping flood-prone areas free** and determine the way of land use.  
Implementation in urban land-use planning by the government.



# Information

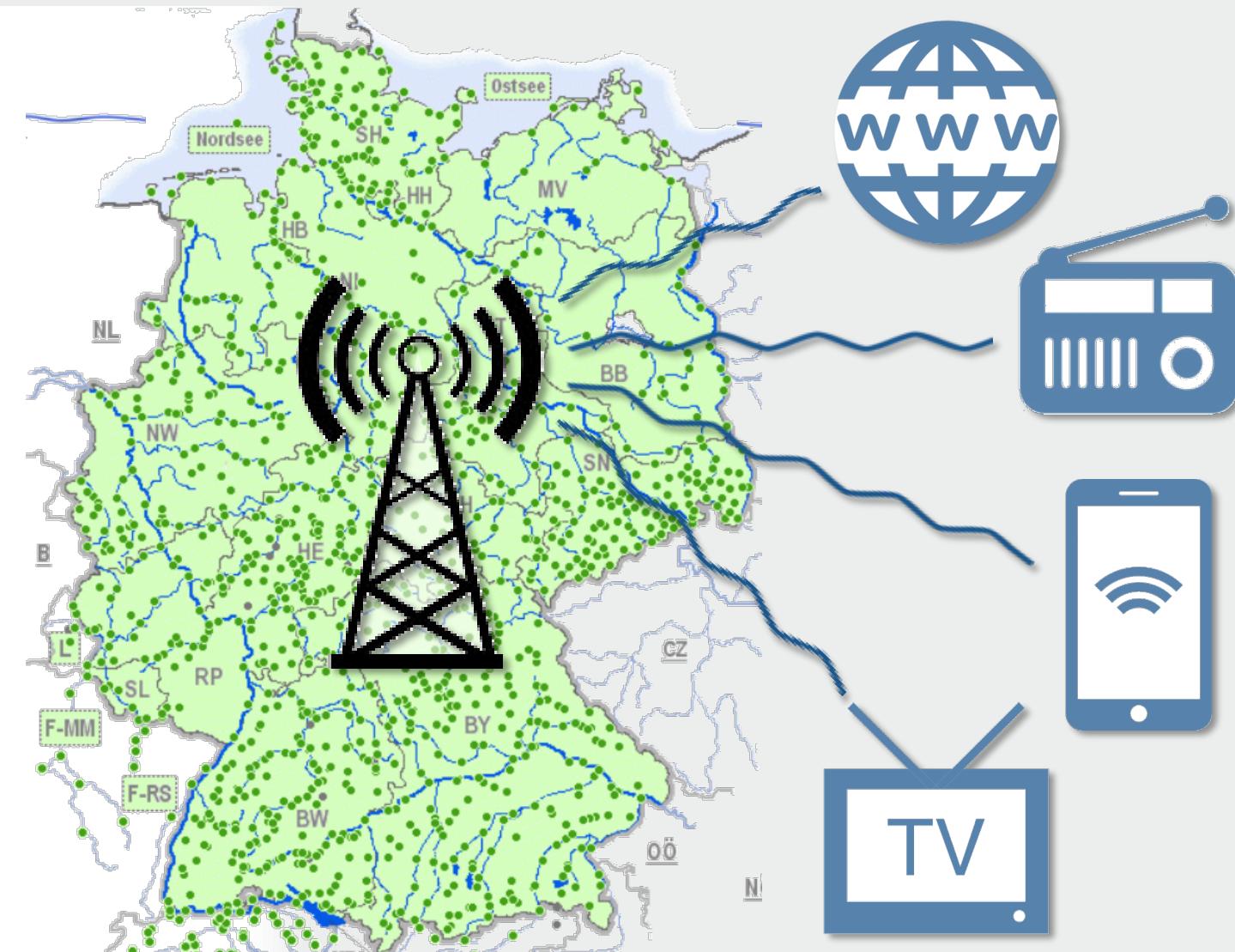


## Goals:

- Increase awareness about flood risk
- Provide information basis for decisions concerning flood protection measures

## Important Aspects:

- Operational flood forecast
- Flood risk warning
- Dissemination of information by media
- Awareness in protected areas



# Emergency Management



**Right behavior before, during and after a flood event, e.g.:**

- Preparedness
- Evacuation plans
- Emergency Planning and Coordination
- Timely implementation of temporary flood protection measures



# Financial Precaution



Own Reserves



Flood Insurance



State Reserves

# Technical Measures – Barriers



## Stationary Measures

- Don't require any lead time or preparation
- Change appearance of landscape
- Need space



BMUB (2015)

## Temporary Measures

- Require lead time and preparation
- Often foundation needed (type dependent)
- Space can be shared



BMUB (2015)

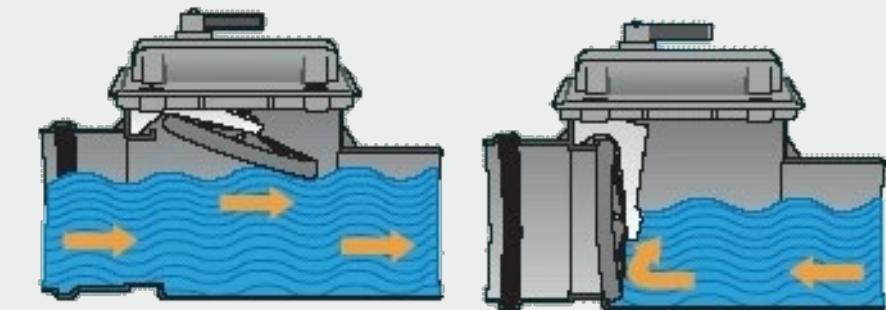
# Technical Measures – Sewer System



Types of Sewer Systems:

**Combined:** waste and storm water in one pipe

**Separated:** waste and storm water in separate pipes



Potential Risks:

**Overflow:** precipitation intensity exceeds drainage capacity (flash floods)

**Backflow:** increasing river water level impounds and pushes back sewer water (river floods)

# Retention Areas



## 1. Infiltration



## 2. Retention



## 3. Retarded Runoff



### Desealing

- Improves permeability
- Increases Evapotranspiration
- Purification

### Green Roofs

- Decentralized retention
- Increases evapotranspiration
- Improves insulation

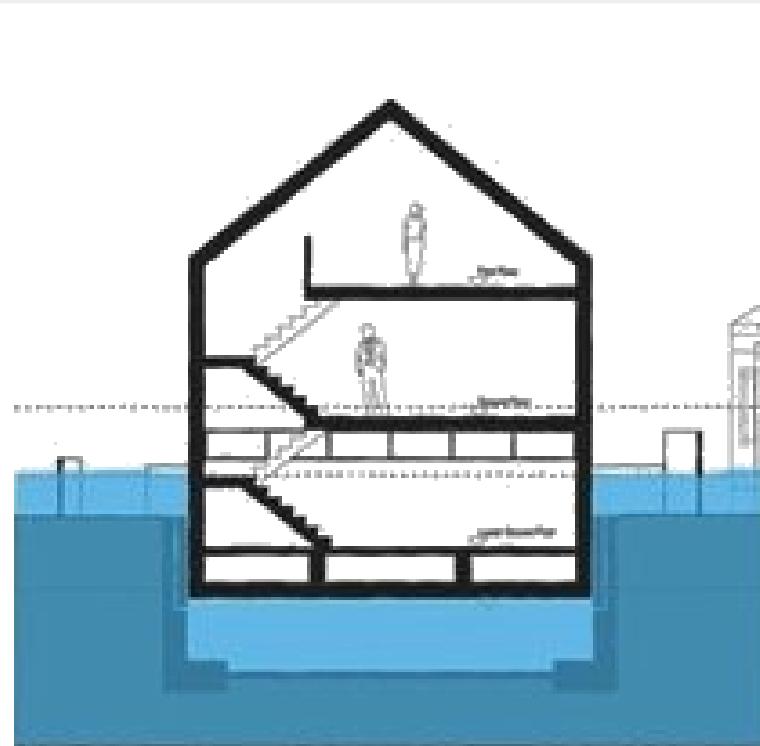
### Sewerage Storage

- Centralized retention
- No spilling of untreated water

# Building Codes



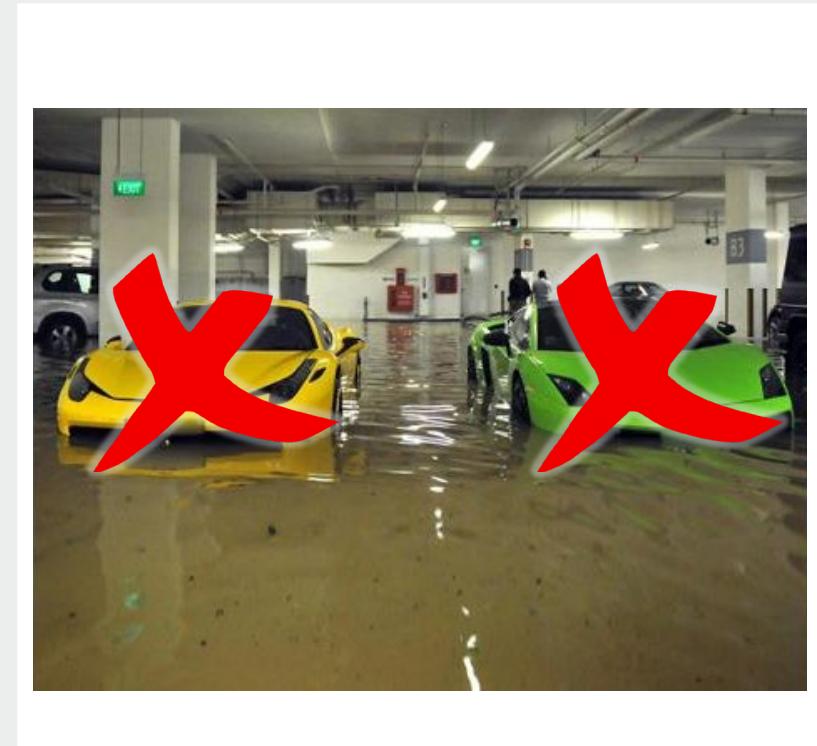
Flood-adapted design and construction measures **implemented by homeowners** to decrease the damage potential of flood events



Avoidance



Resistance

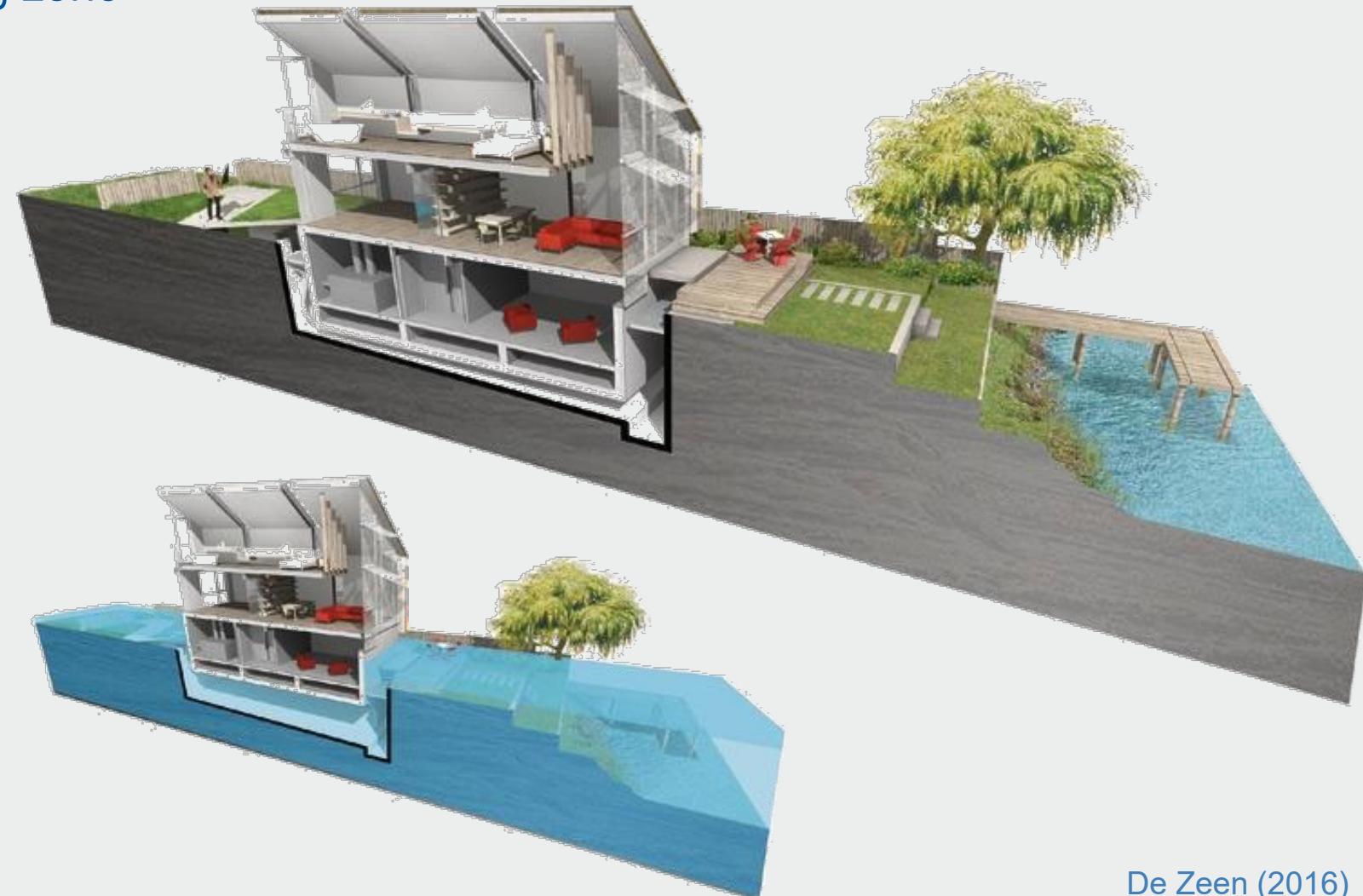


Alleviation

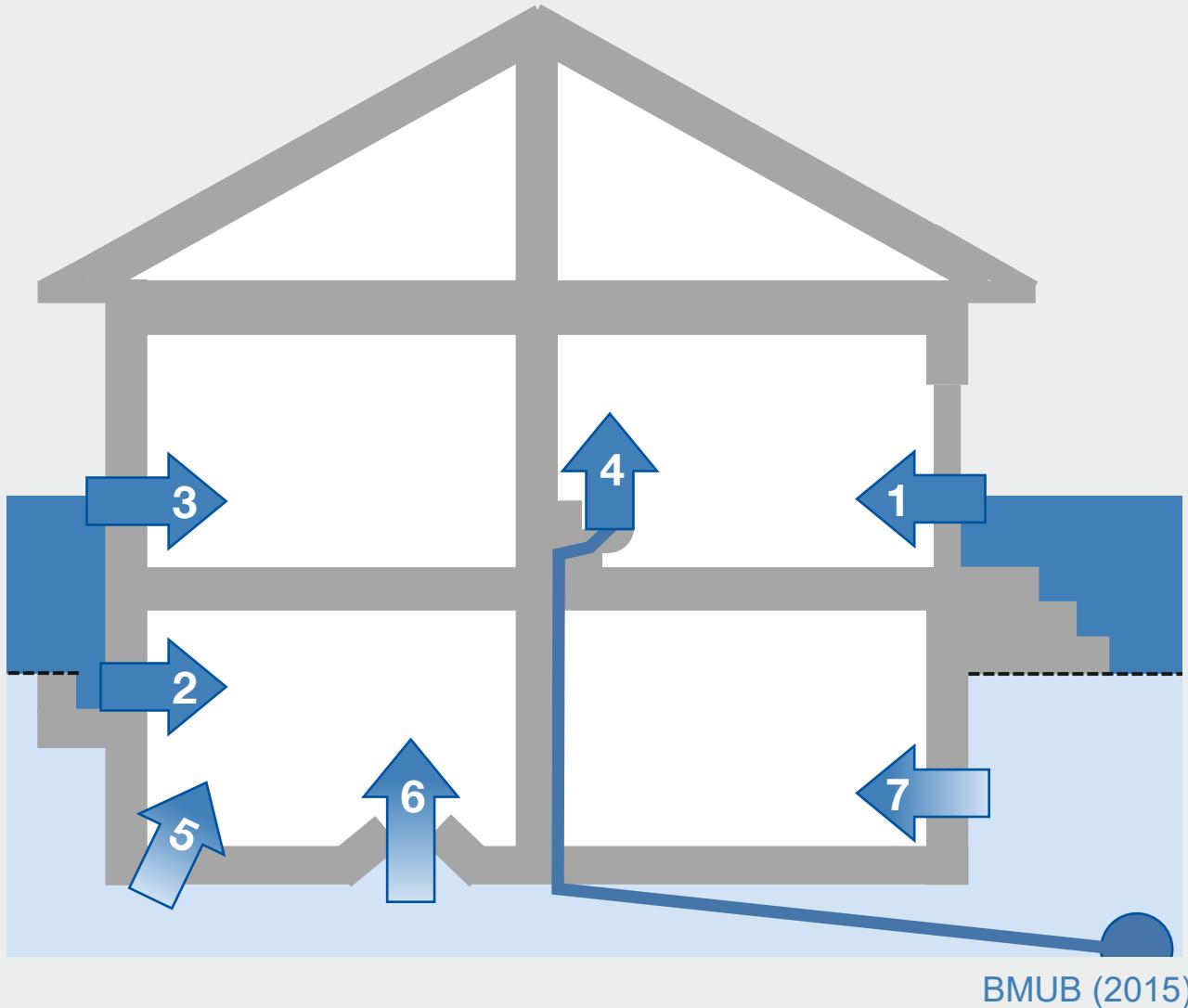
# Building Codes – Avoidance



- Construction outside of the flooding zone
- Building without basement
- Building on stilts or piles
- “Swimming houses“



# Building Codes – Resistance



## Resistance: Shielding against Floods



### Surface Water Invasion:

1. through doors and windows
2. from light wells and cellar wells
3. through permeability in walls

### Sewage Water Invasion:

4. backwater

### Ground Water Invasion:

5. by sealing measures
6. undercurrents of groundwater flows
7. water penetration through walls

# Building Codes – Alleviation



## General:

- Relocation of sensitive furniture and applications to the upper floors
- Water resistant building materials



## Measures for Buildings:

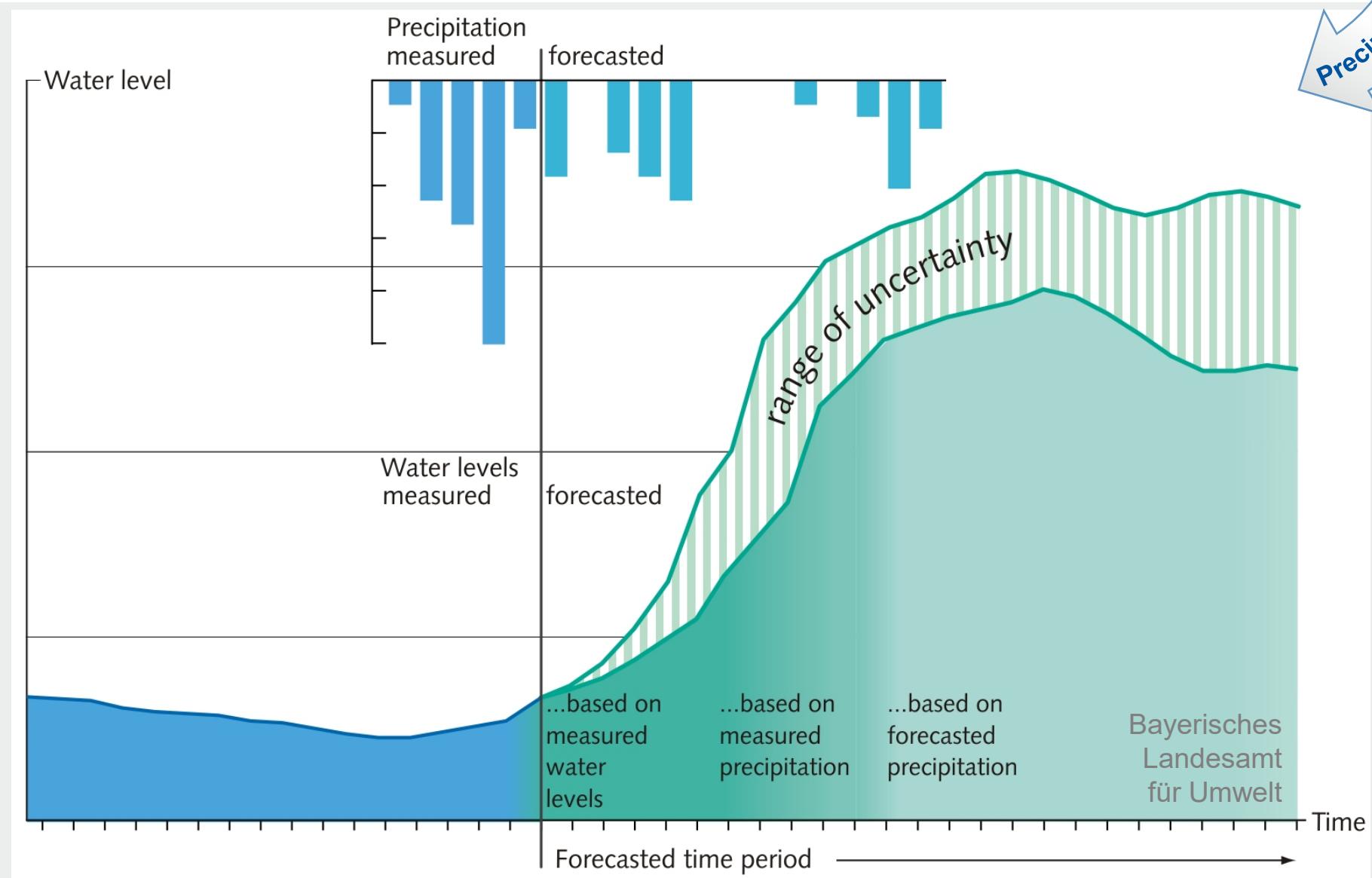
- Brick & Mortar Sealing
- Power Socket Height
- Drainage Points
- Outer layer with waterproof building materials
- Ventilated facade to support drying of isolation

increasing  
water resistance

Anhydrite and Gypsum  
Isolating Materials (Glass wool, etc.)  
Wood  
Cement-bound Building Materials  
Homogeneous Building Materials  
Metal, Glass and New Bricks

# Flood Chain Uncertainties

# Uncertainties in the Flood Forecasting Process



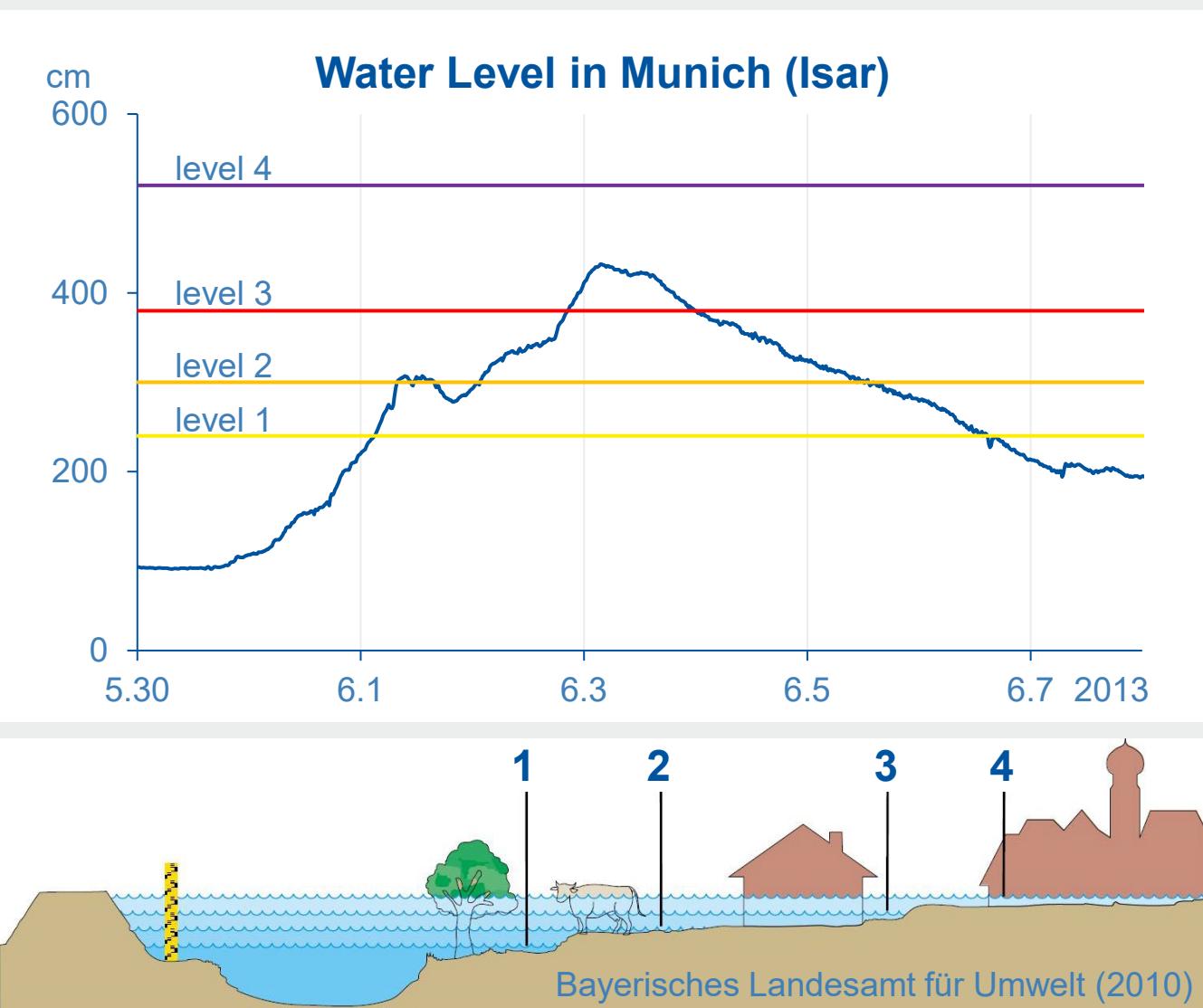
# Online Available Information

How can we know  
the inundated area?

INFORMATION  
HND  
[www.hnd.bayern.de](http://www.hnd.bayern.de)

DOWNLOAD  
BayLfU  
[www.gkd.bayern.de](http://www.gkd.bayern.de)

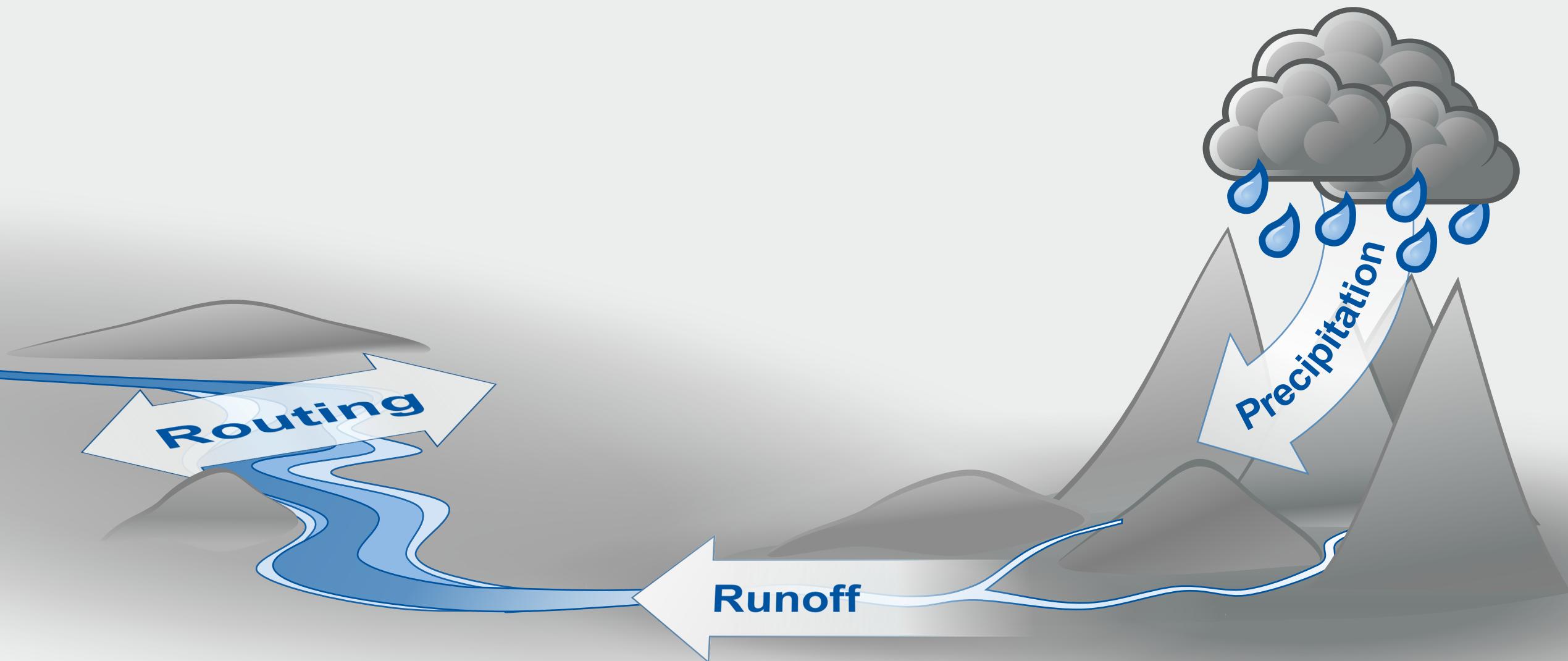
- Gauge**
- Munich / Isar
  - water level
  - discharge
  - discharge table
  - reference data
  - location map
  - inundation area
  - statistics
  - catchment data
  - run time



# Flood Chain Uncertainties 1/3

## - Precipitation -

# The Flood Chain: Precipitation – Runoff – Flood Routing



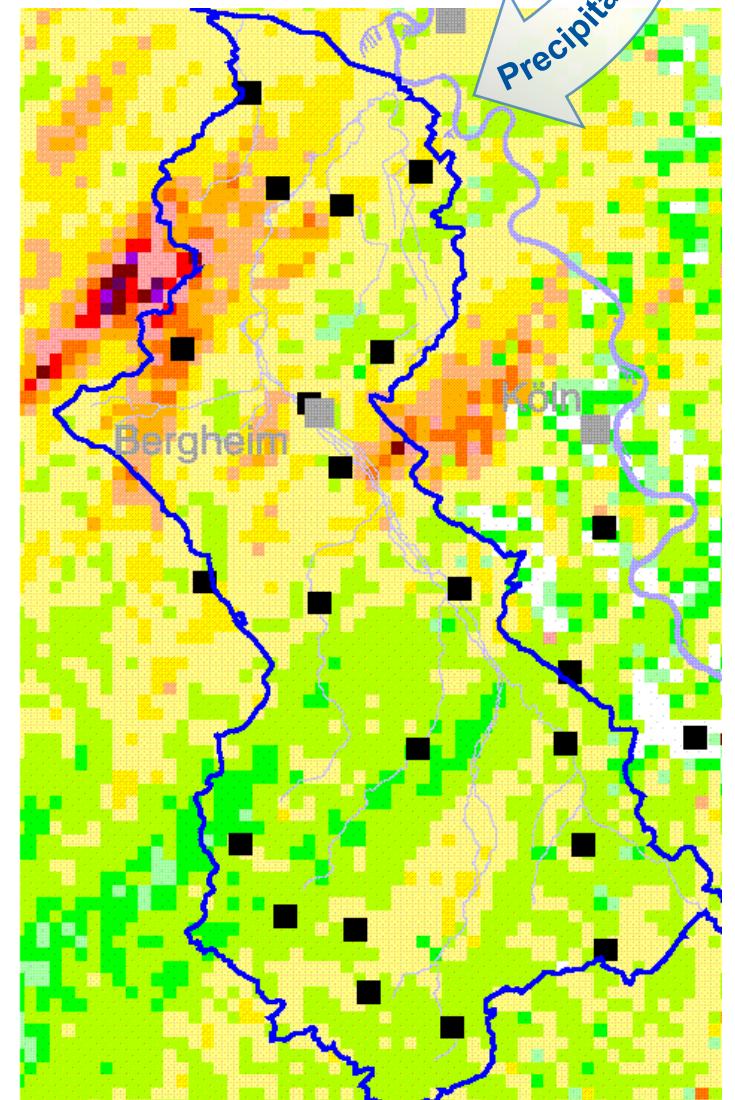
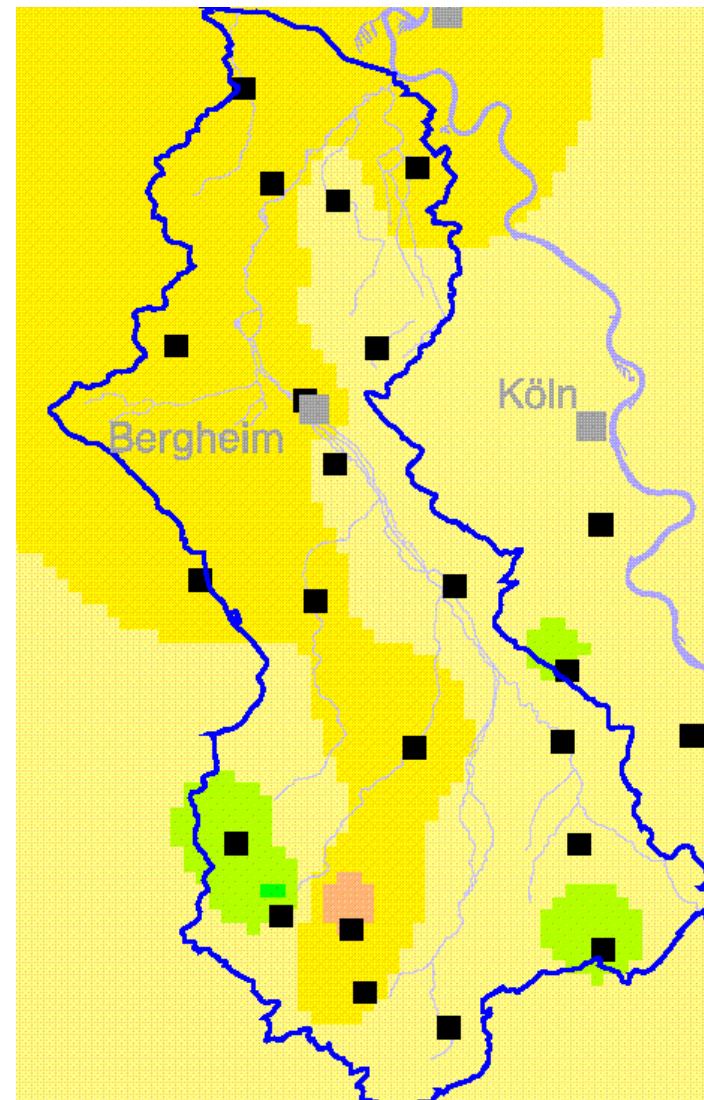
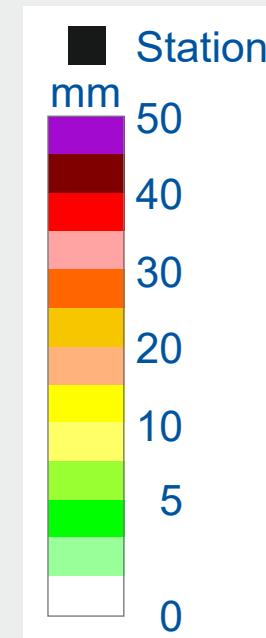
# Measurement and Interpolation (Radar)



## Comparison of Interpolated Ground Measurement and Radar Data

Precipitation from  
Interpolated Point  
Measurements (left) and  
Radar Records (right)

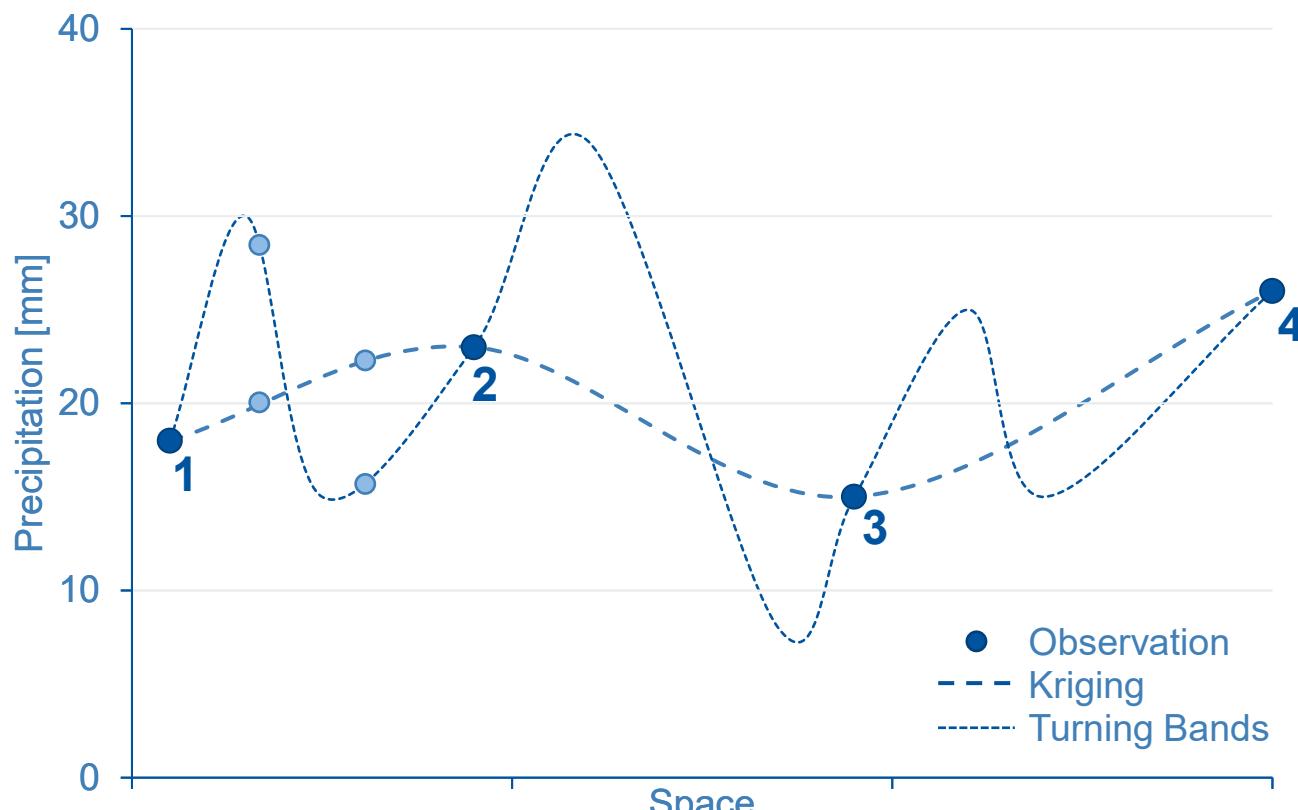
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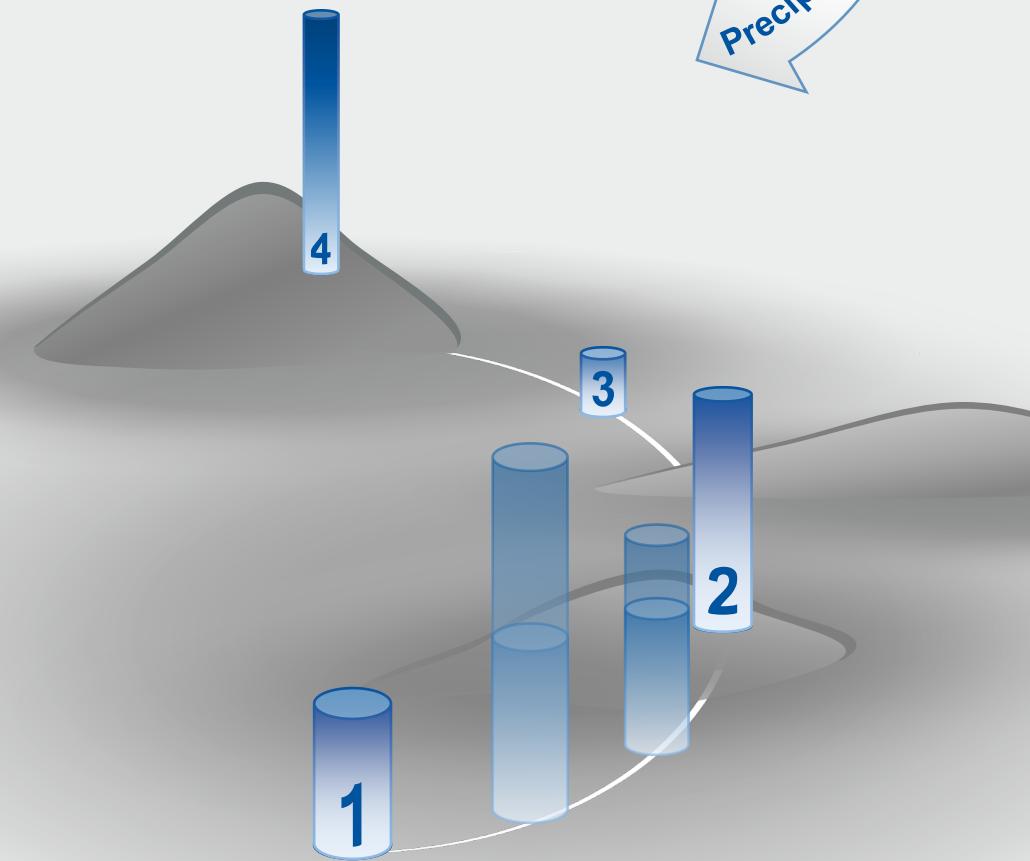
# Measurement and Interpolation (Turning Bands)



## Areal Interpolation of Precipitation



Bleiericht et al, 2008



# Example White Main

catchment size: 360 km<sup>2</sup>

grid cells: 1 x 1 km<sup>2</sup>

flood event: 5/27 - 6/1/2006

0 5 10 20 km

- Gauge stations
- Bridge
- Streams
- Main
- Urban Model
- Subcatchment



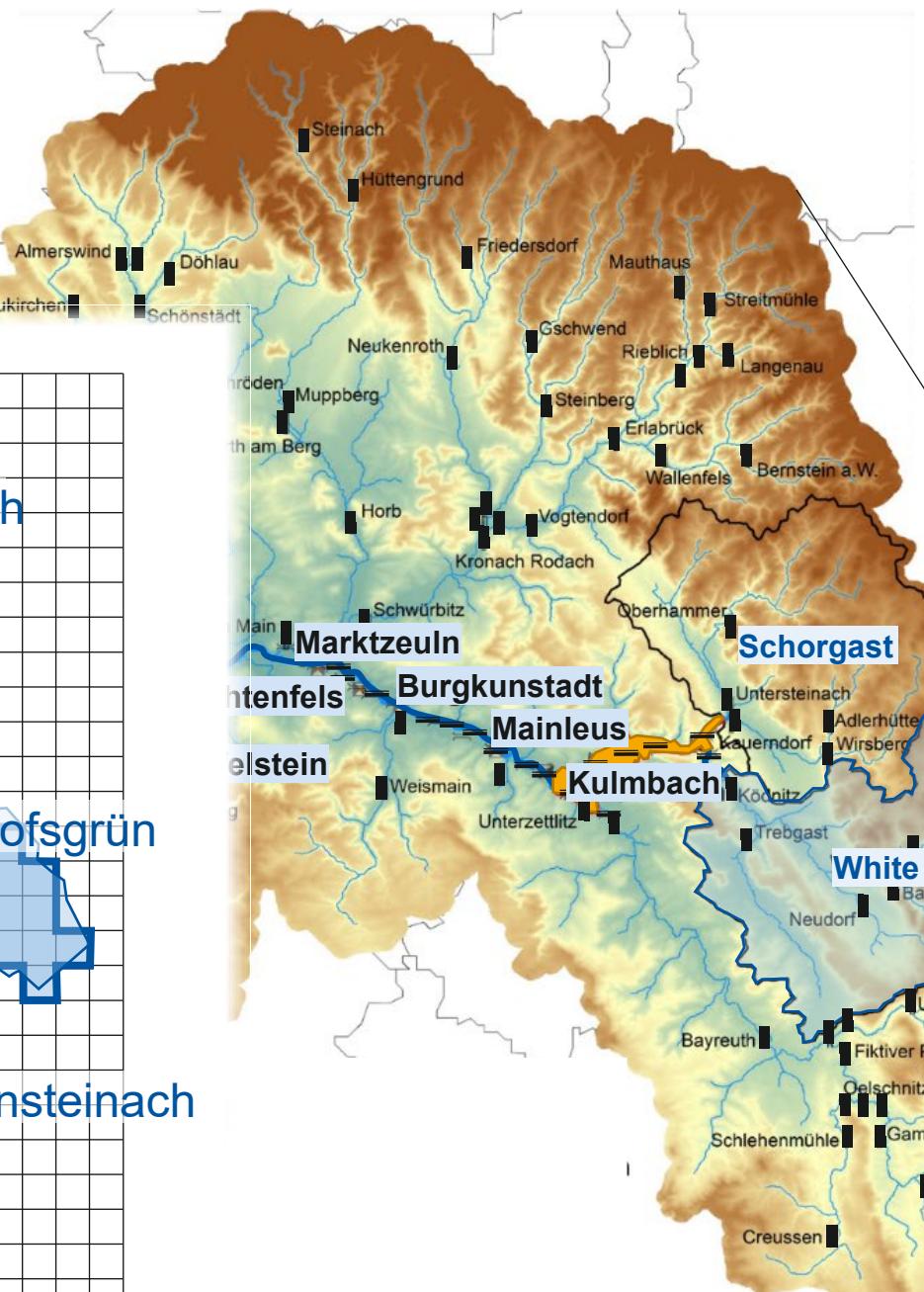
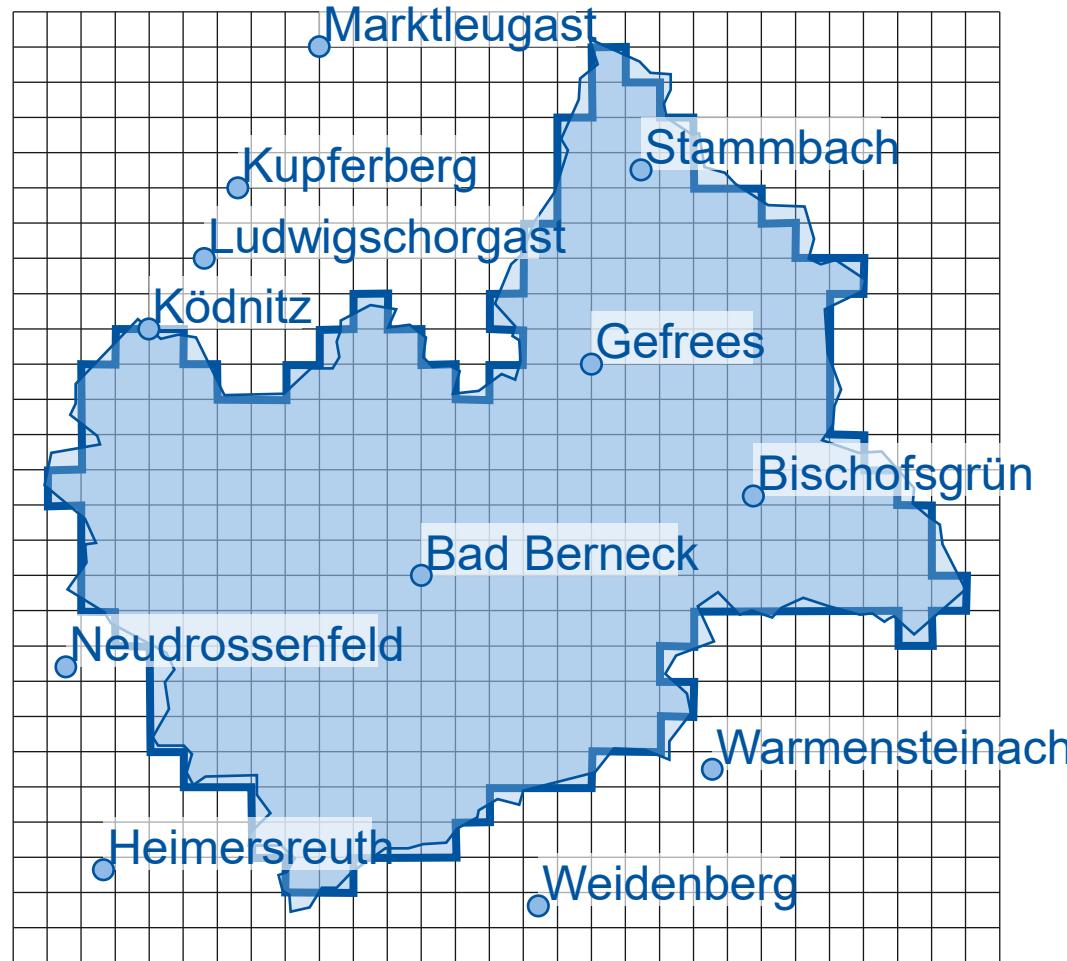
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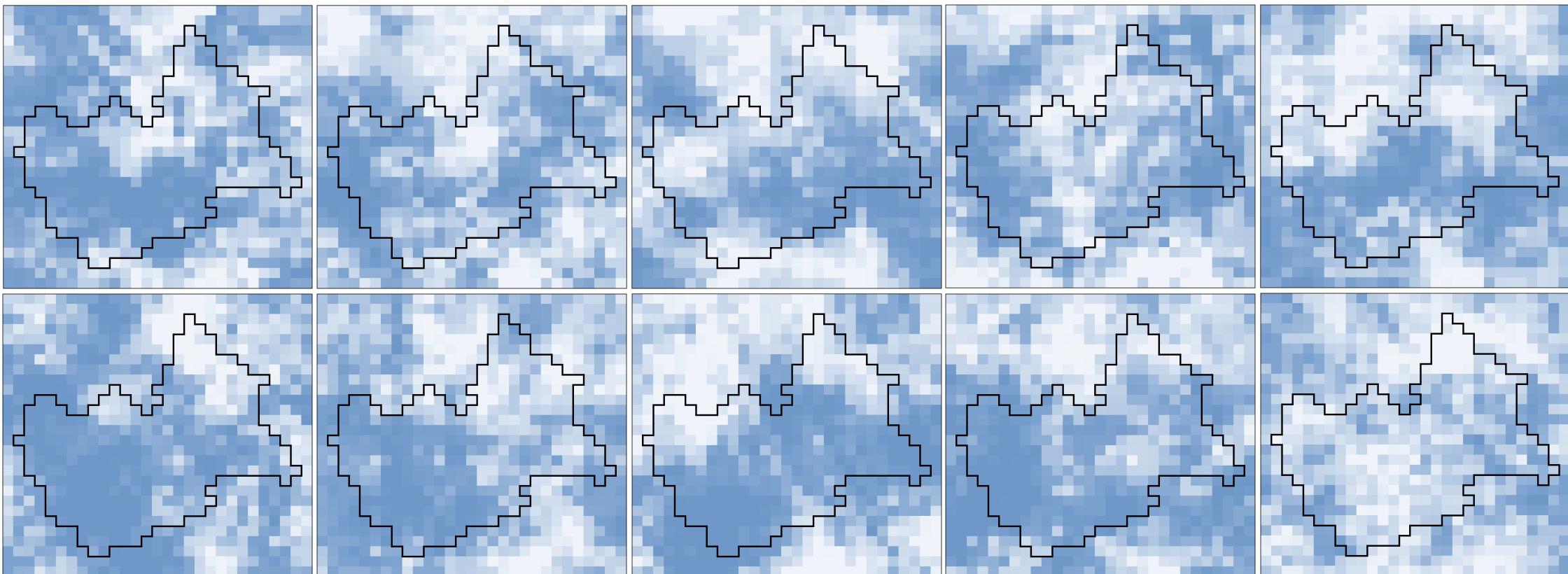
# Spatial Distribution (Turning Bands)



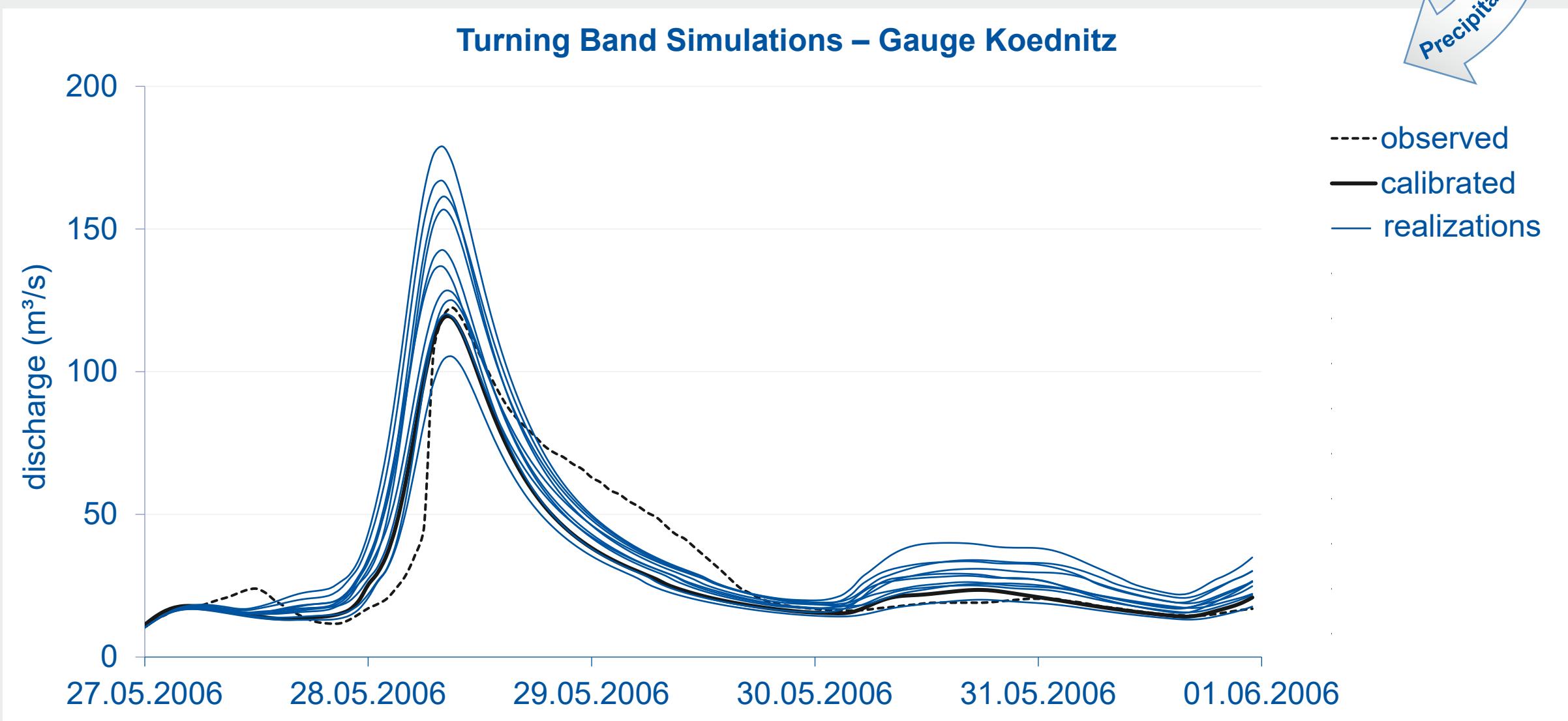
10 Realizations for Turning Band with 8 Stations

Precipitation [mm]

Time: 05/28/2006, 3:00 am



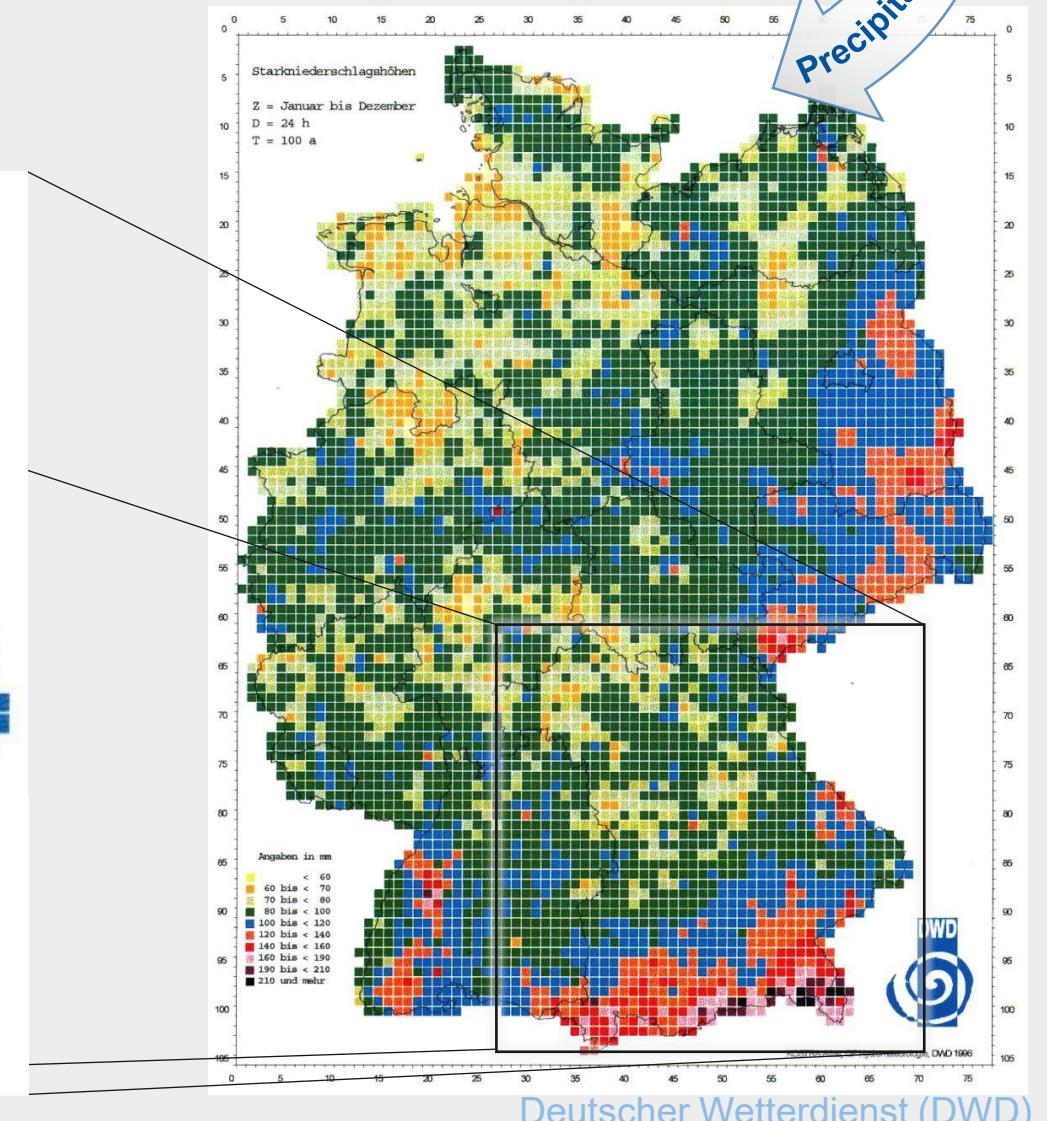
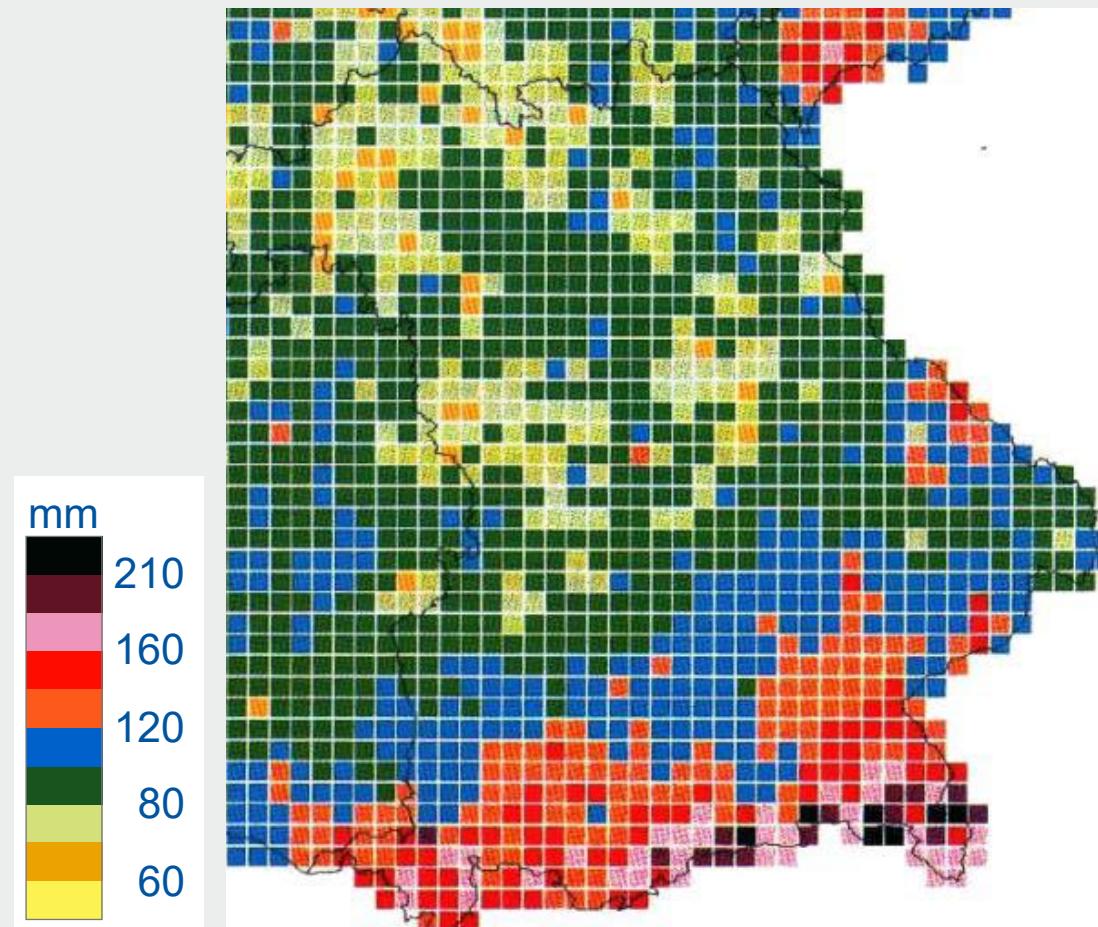
# Resulting Flood Waves (Rainfall Runoff Model LARSIM)



# Temporal Distribution (KOSTRA)



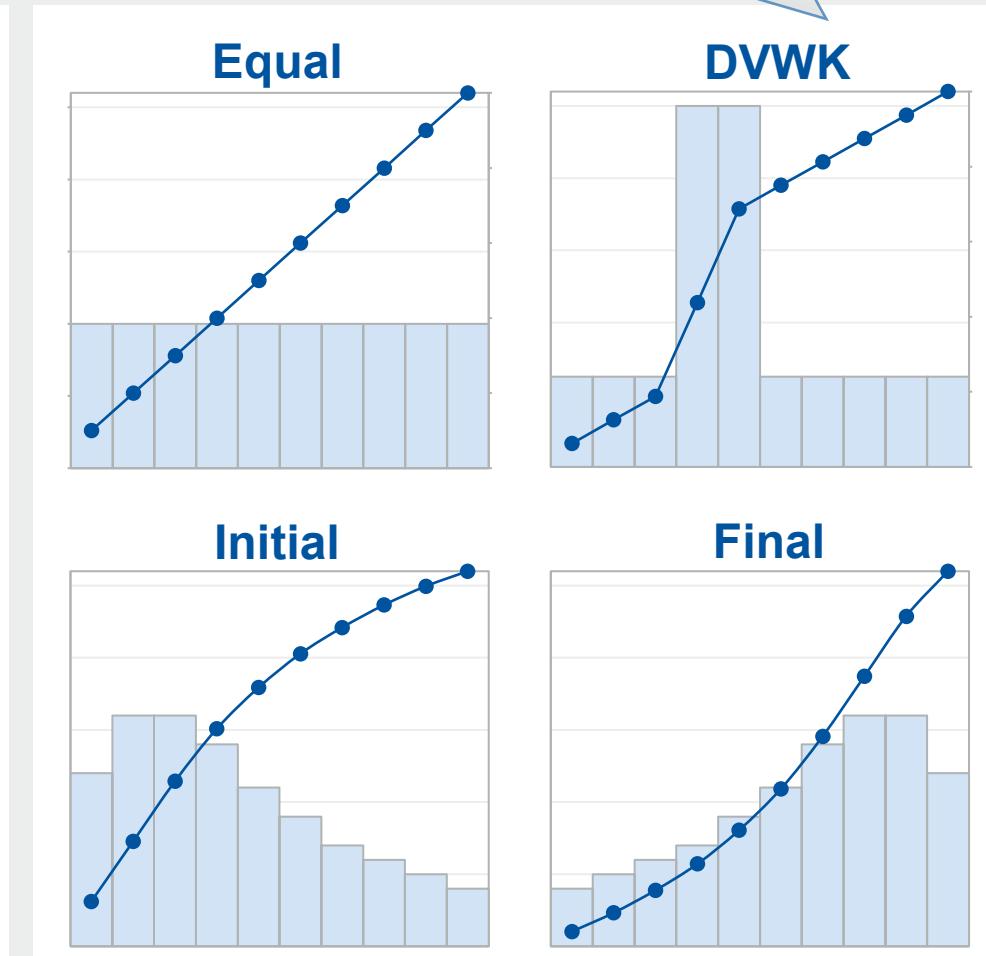
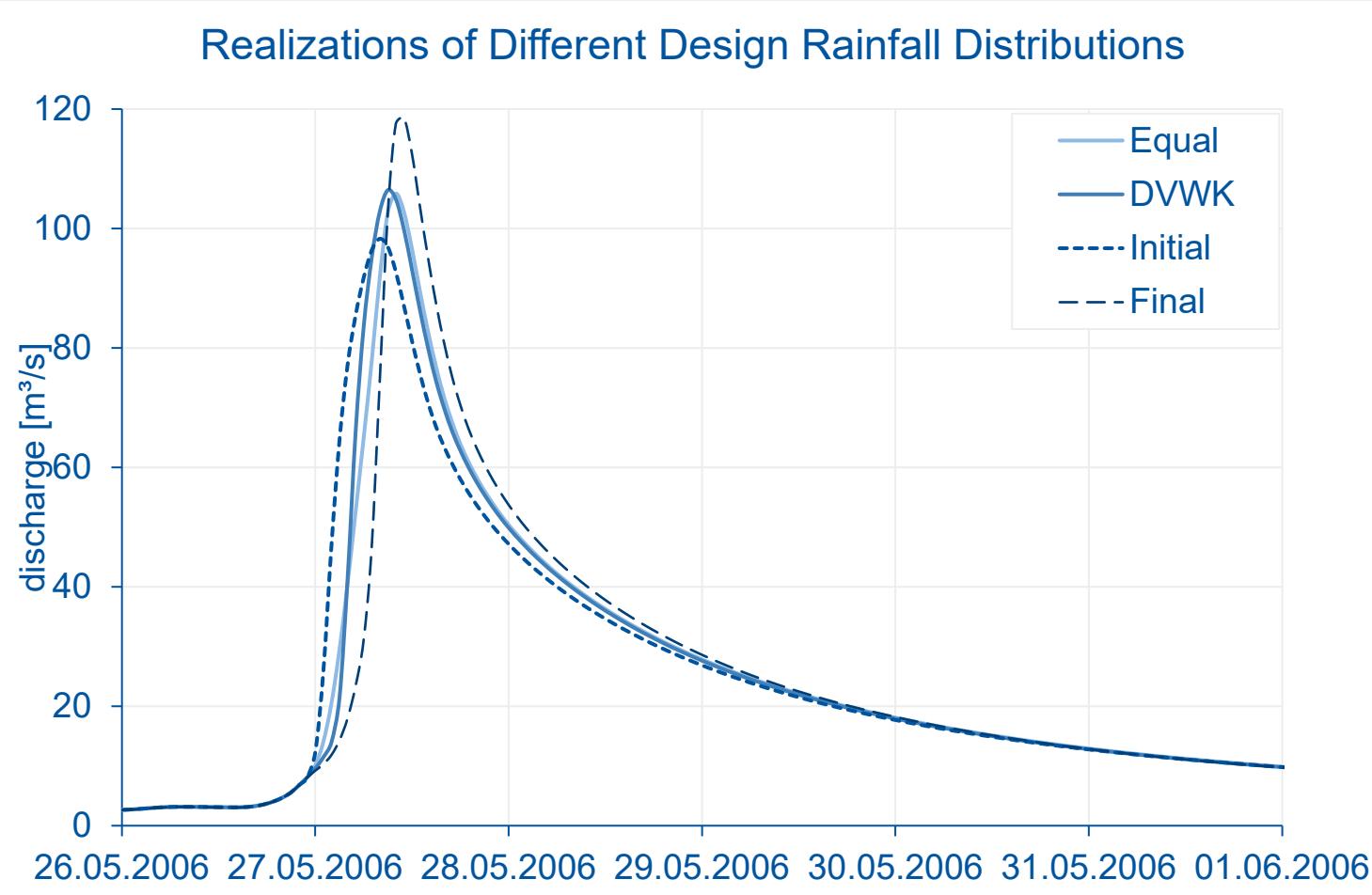
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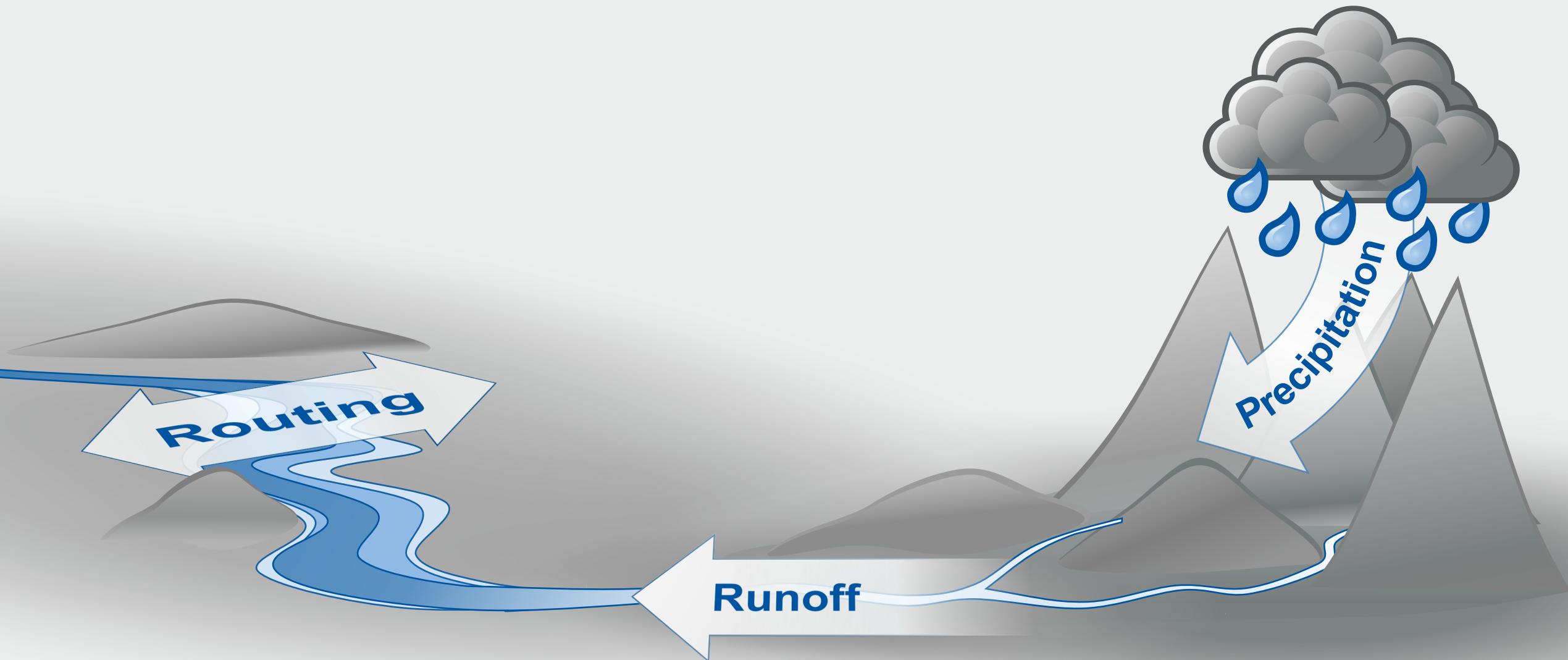
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# **Flood Chain Uncertainties 2/3**

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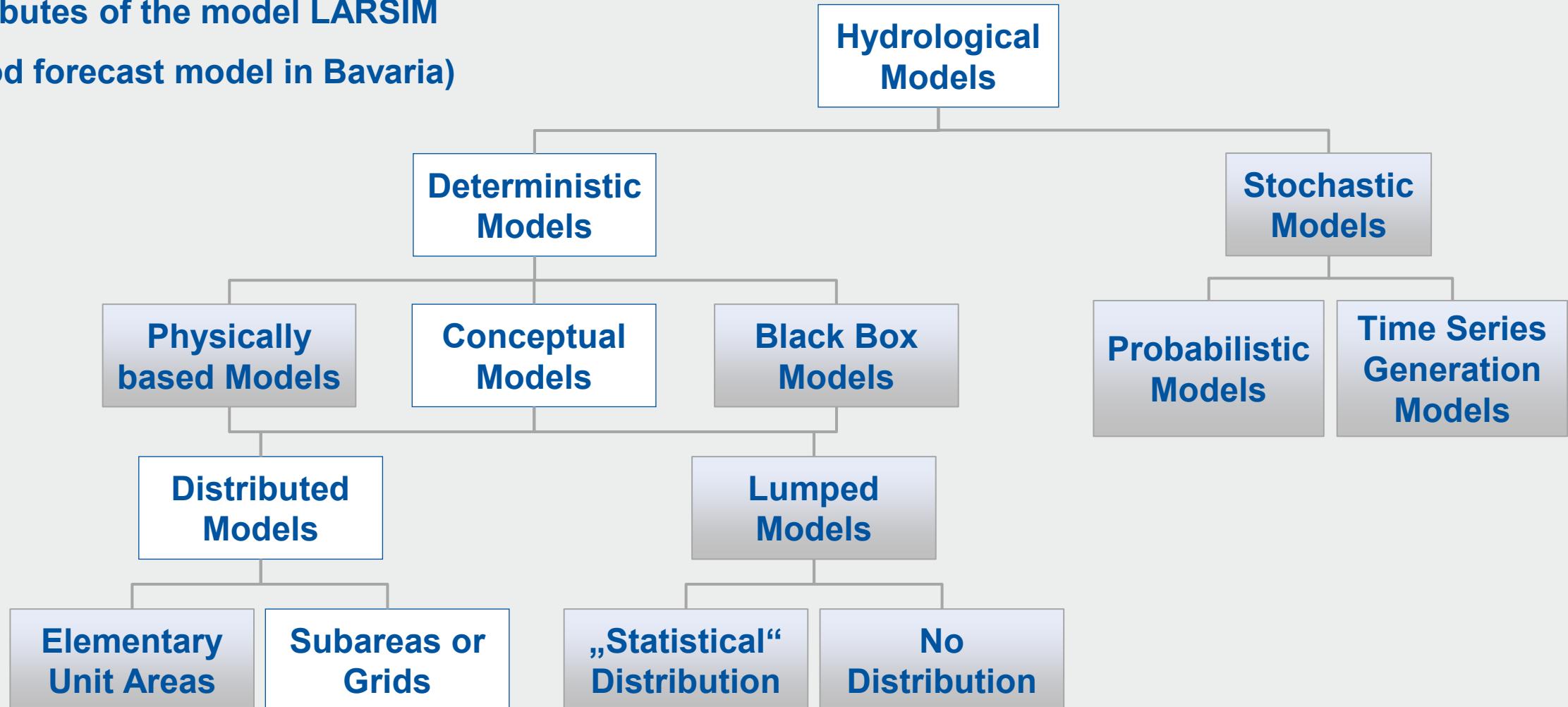
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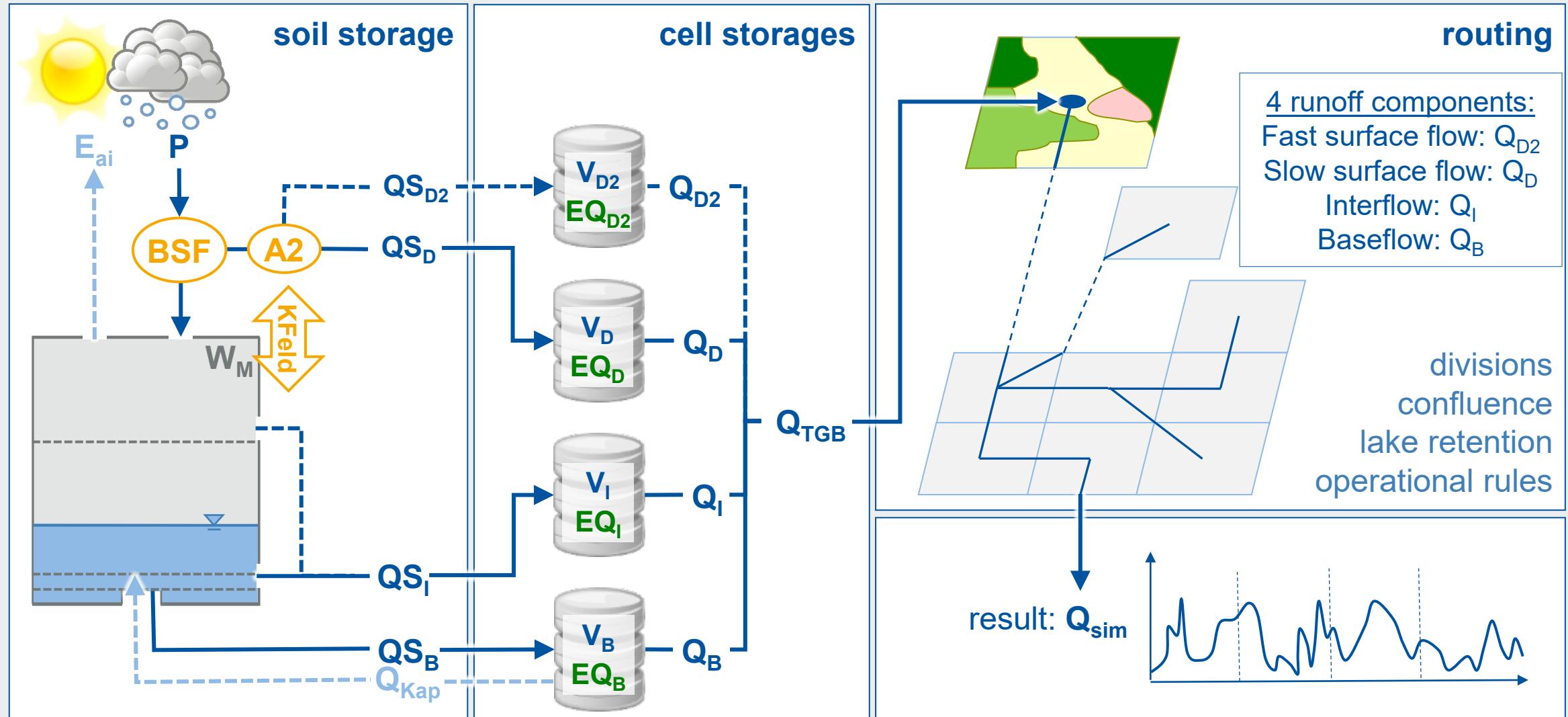
# Classification of Rainfall-Runoff-Models



Attributes of the model LARSIM  
(flood forecast model in Bavaria)



# Structure of the Rainfall-Runoff-Model LARSIM

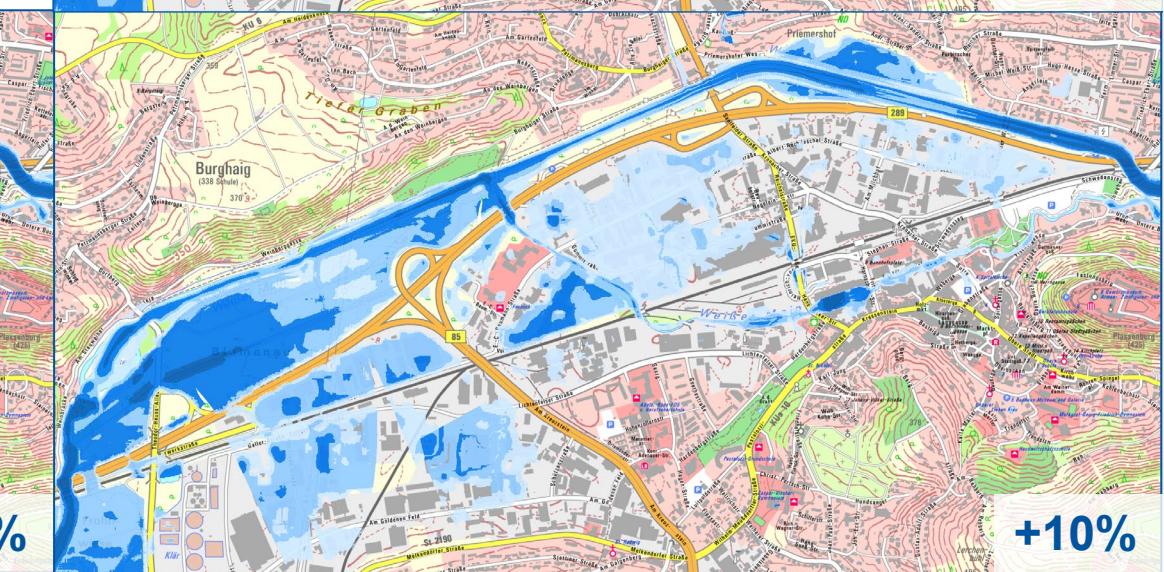
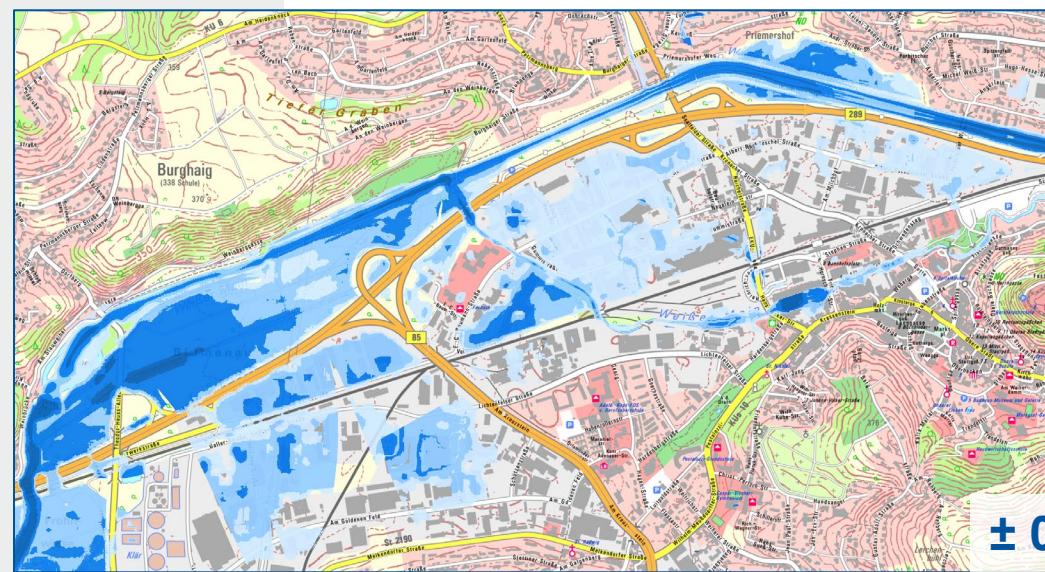
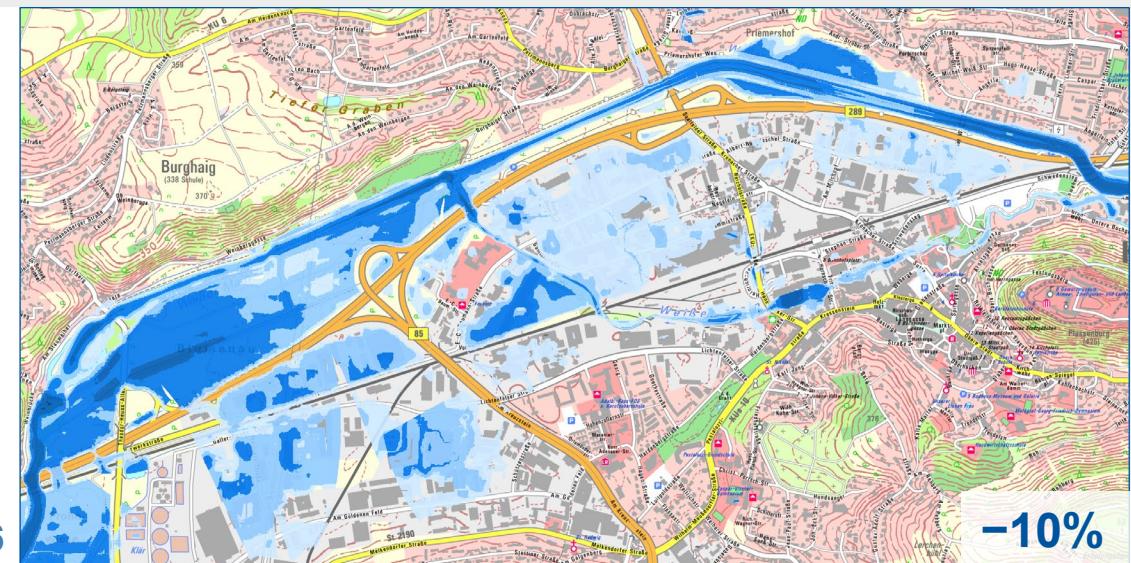
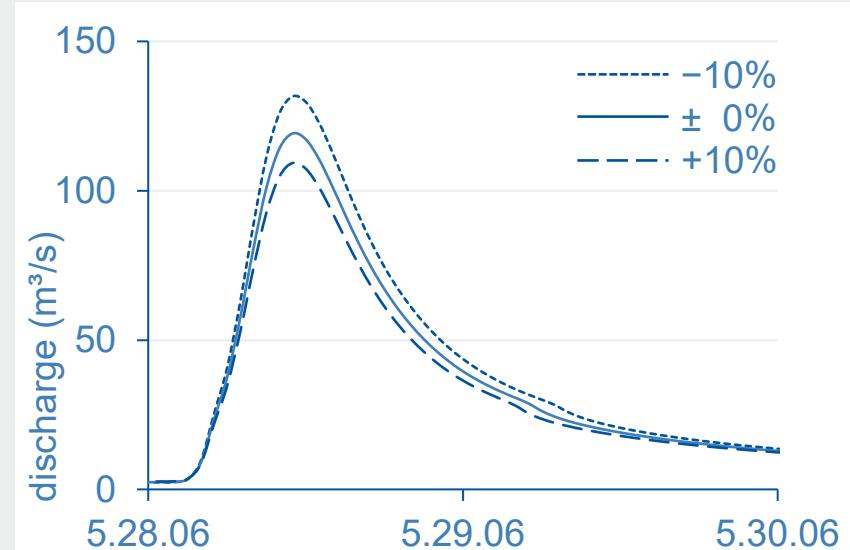


# Uncertainties of Soil Parameter *KFeld* in LARSIM

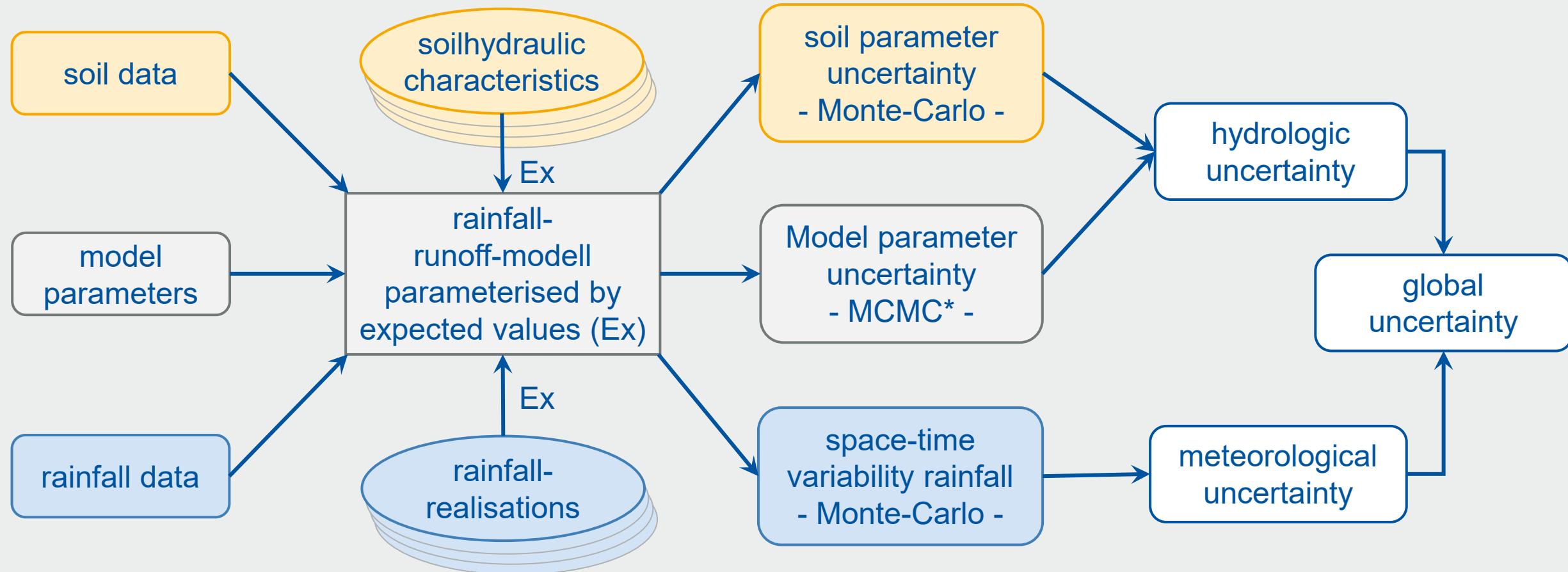


Variation of soil parameter **Kfeld**  
(storage volume of upper soil):  $\pm 10\%$

Basis: Geodata - Bavarian Surveying Administration  
Munich



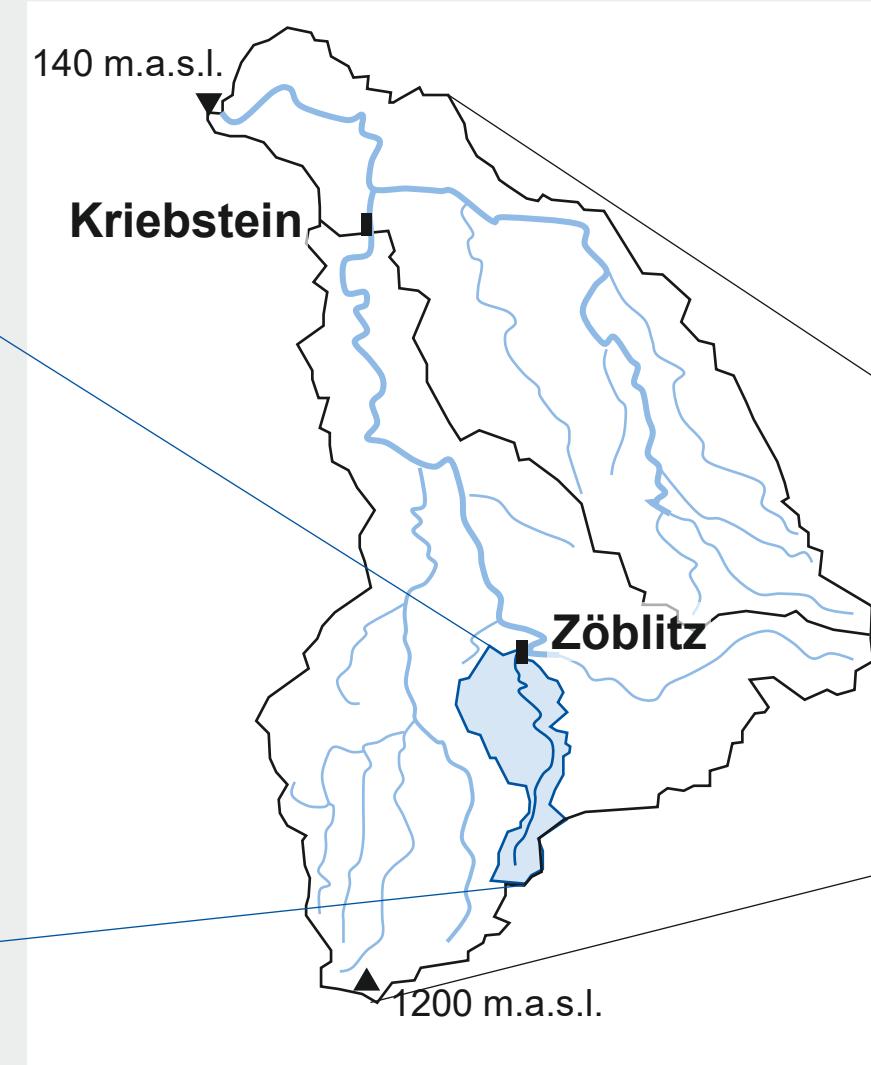
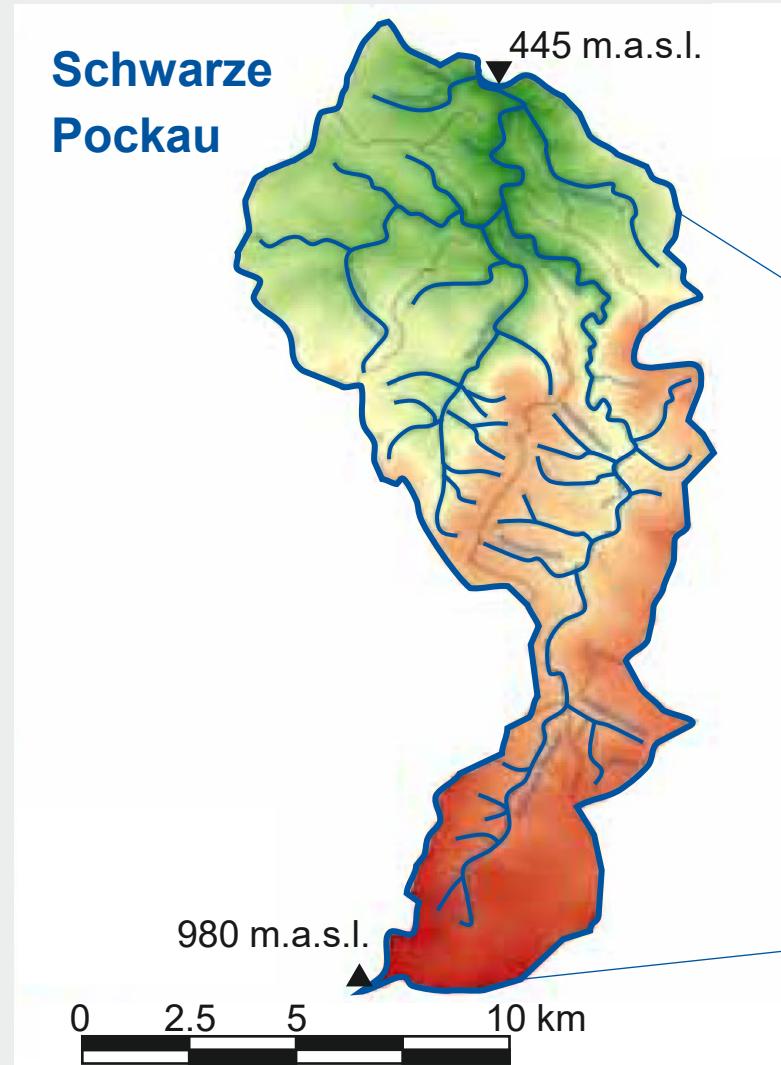
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Numerical solution:

\*Markov-Chain-Monte-Carlo (MCMC) method

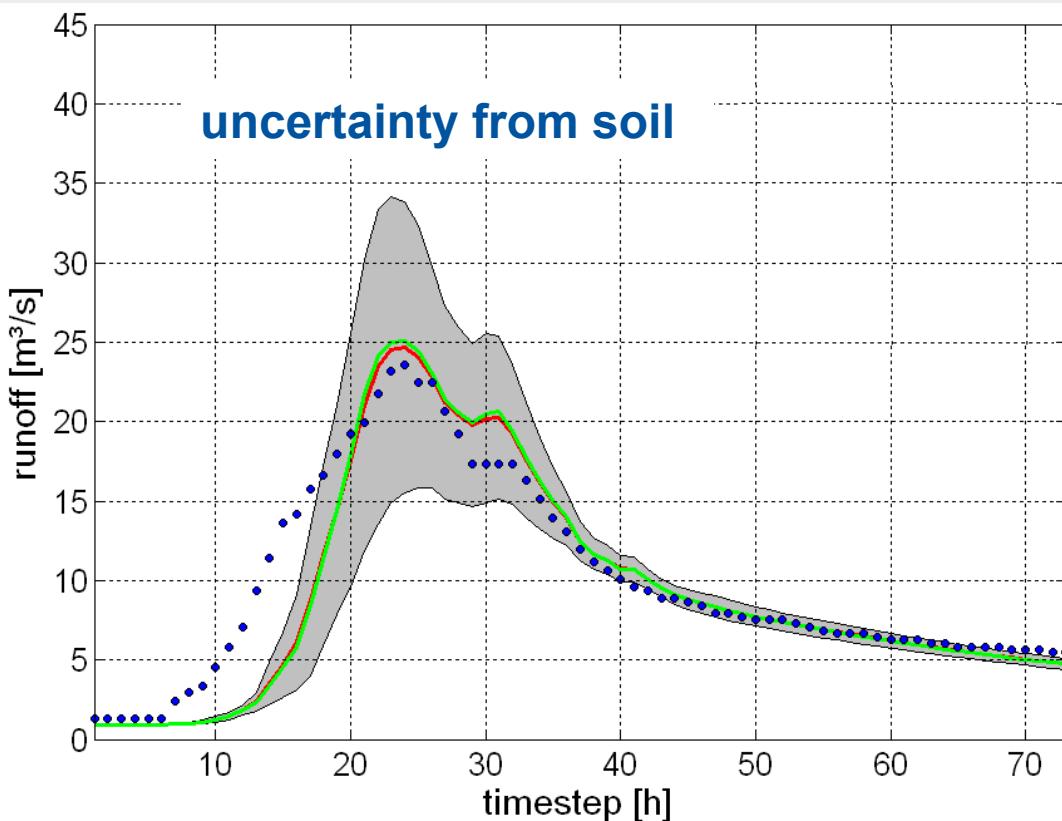
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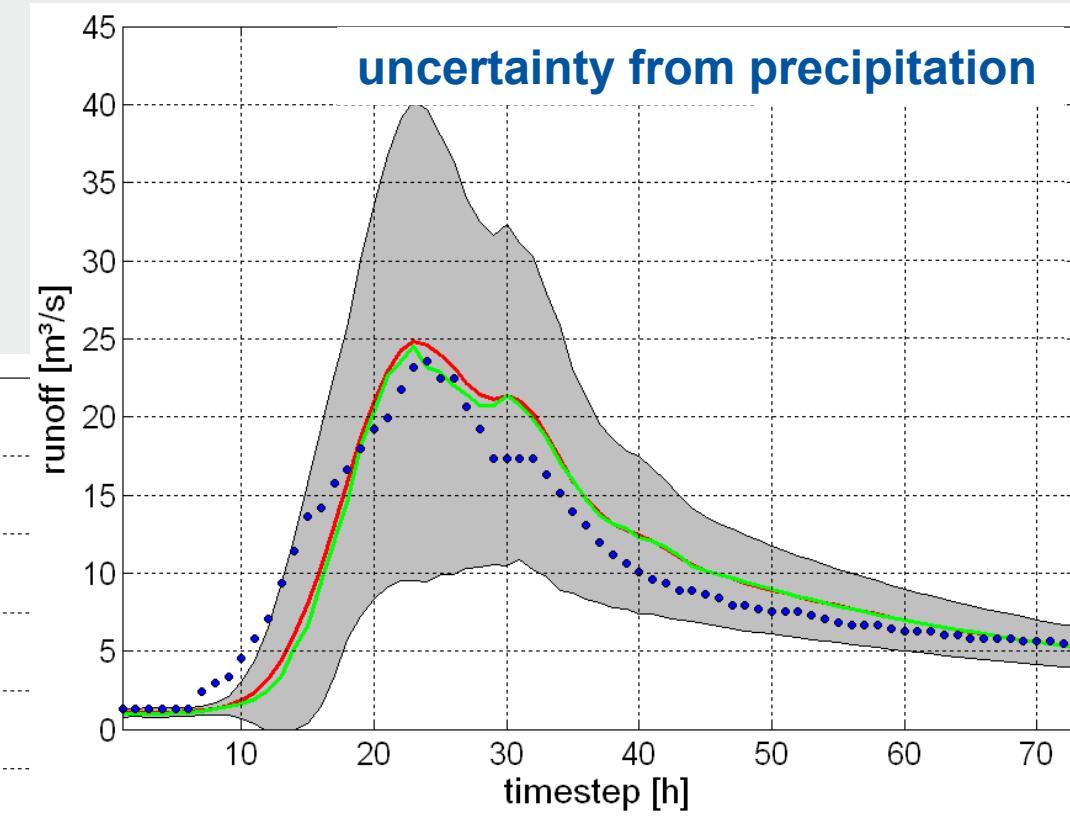


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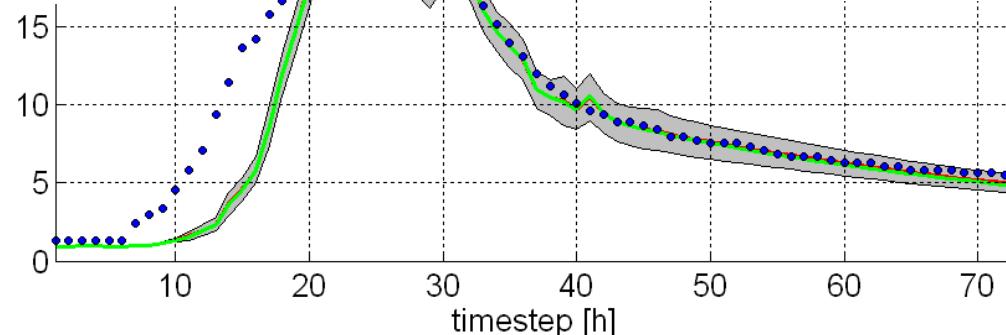


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**uncertainty  
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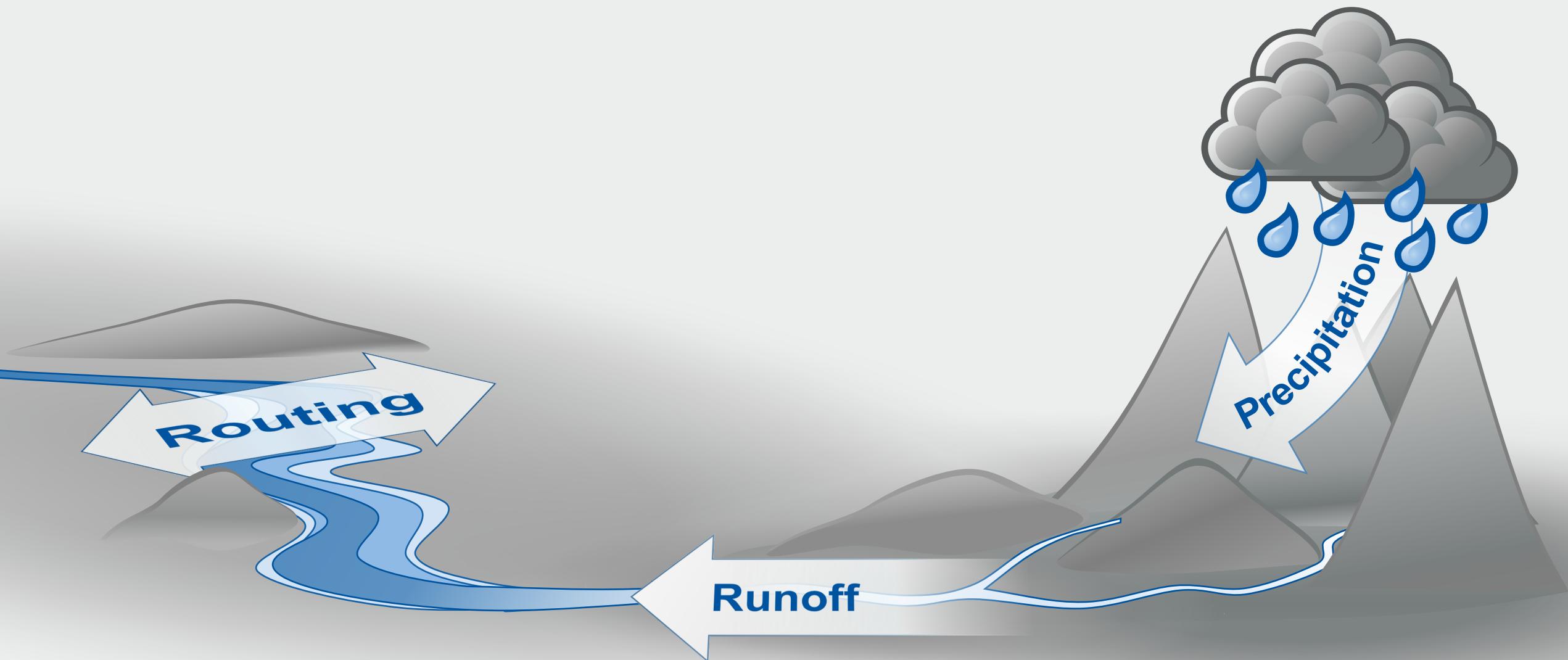
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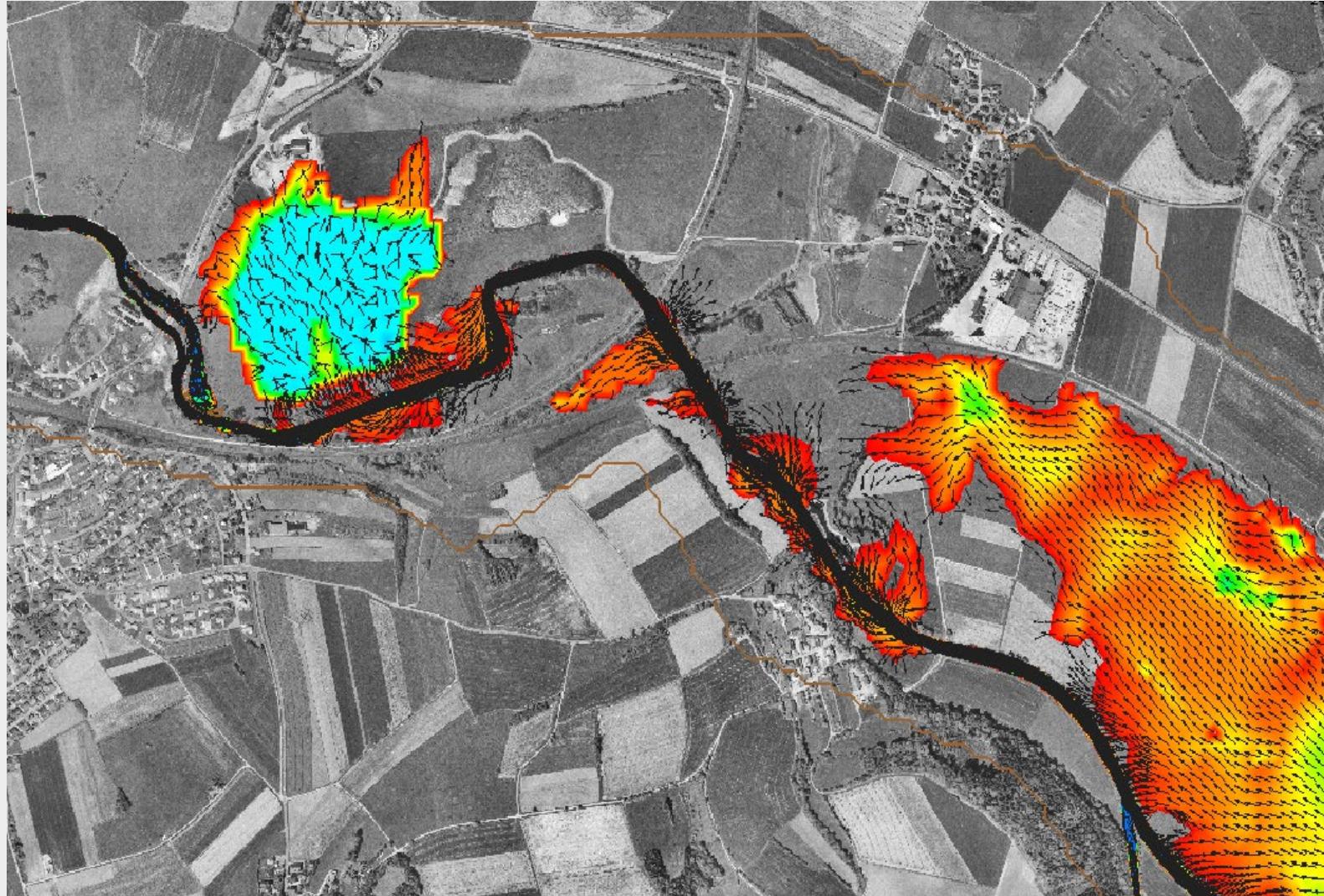
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## - Routing -

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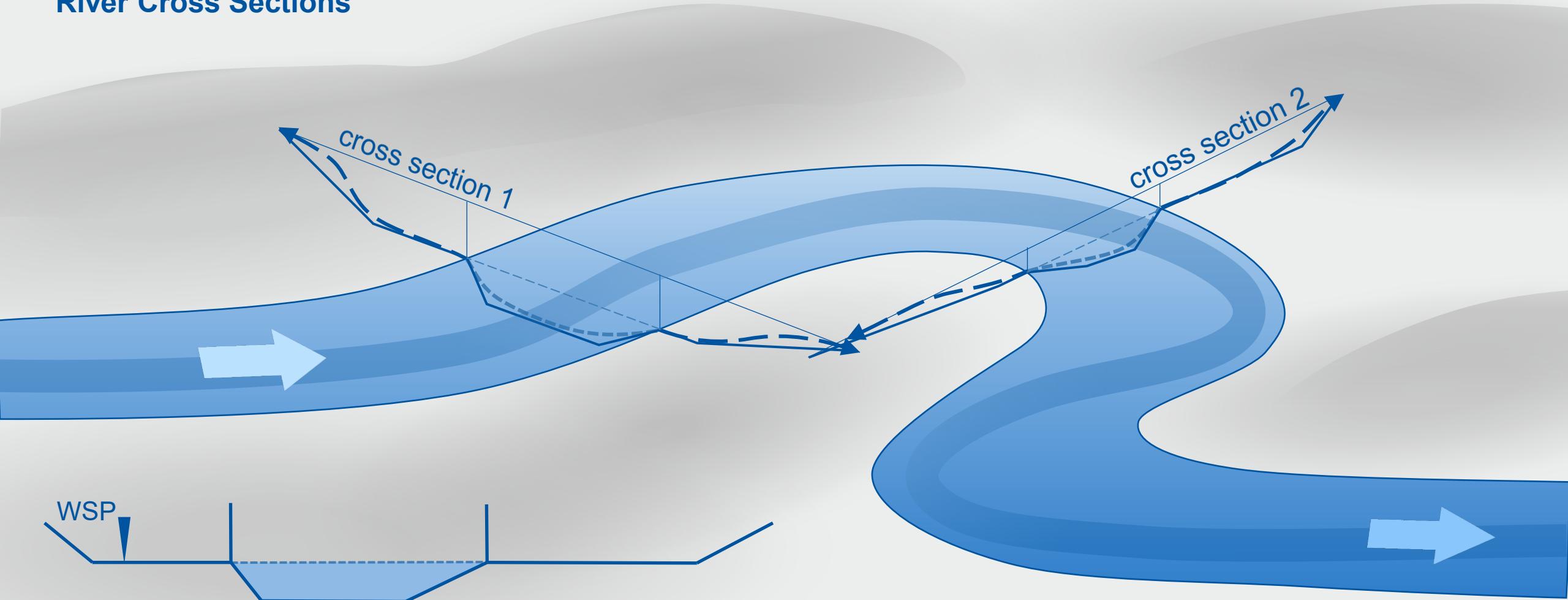
# Hydrodynamic Modelling: 1D or 2D?



# 1D Hydrodynamic Modelling



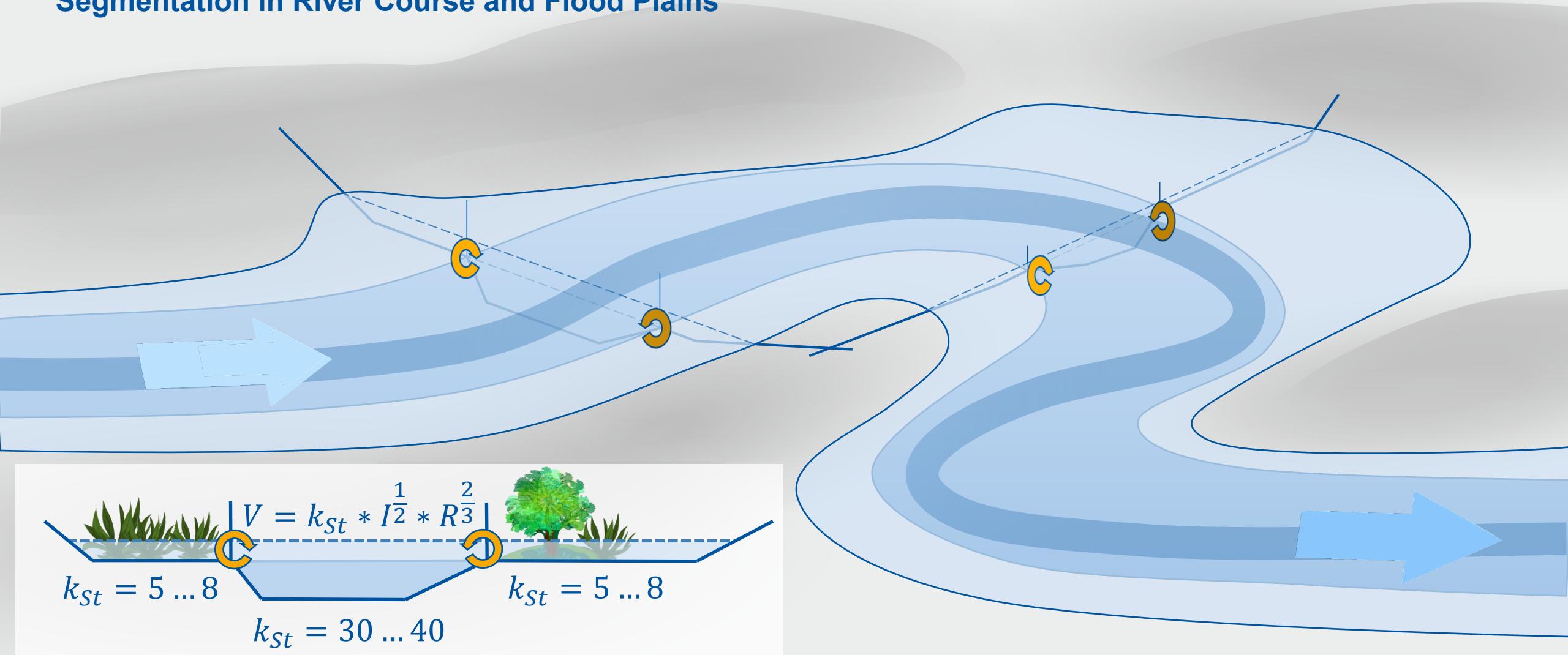
## River Cross Sections



# 1D Hydrodynamic Modelling



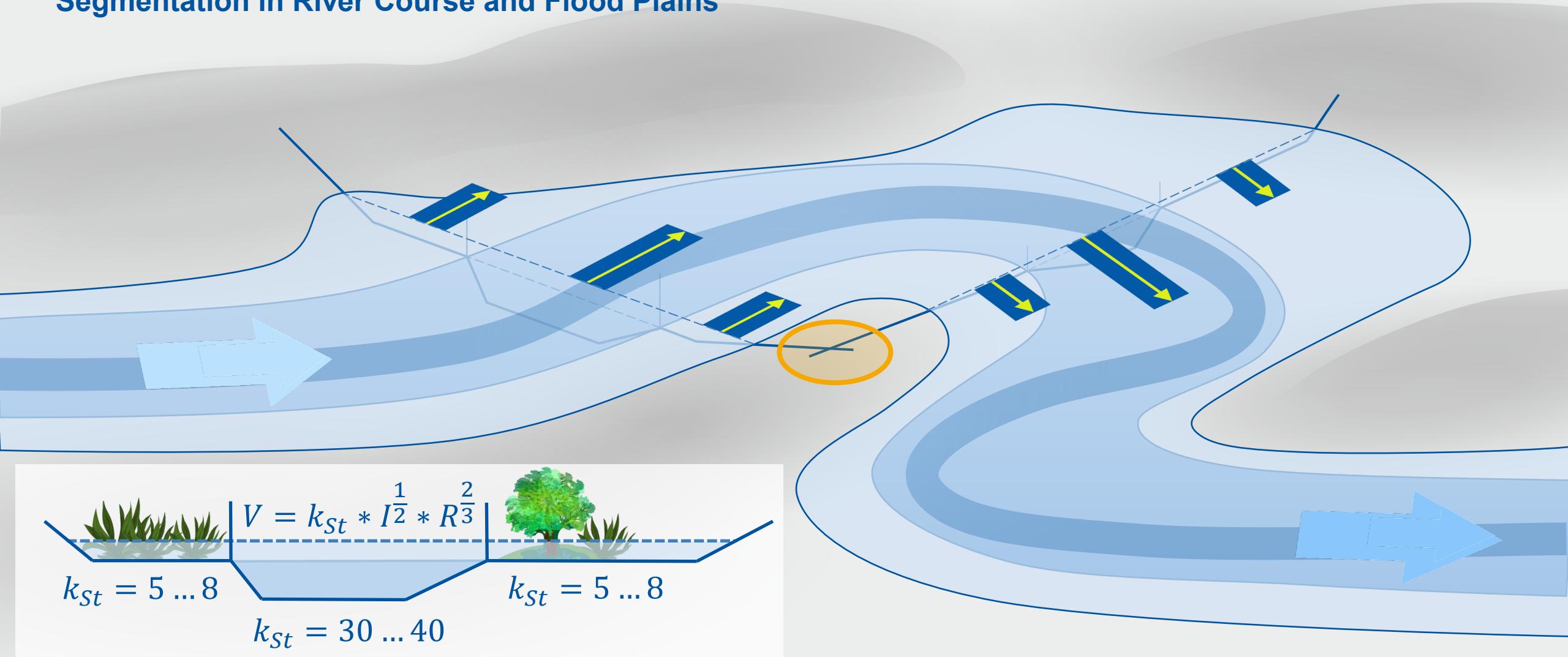
## Segmentation in River Course and Flood Plains



# 1D Hydrodynamic Modelling



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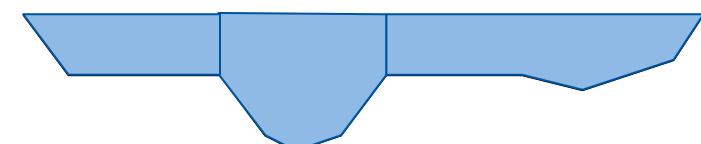


## Pros:

- short computation time
- very good modelling of the 1D water routing (flow in the river bed)

## Cons:

- flow in flood plains is difficult to simulate
- no turbulent shear stresses
- handling of overlapping cross sections





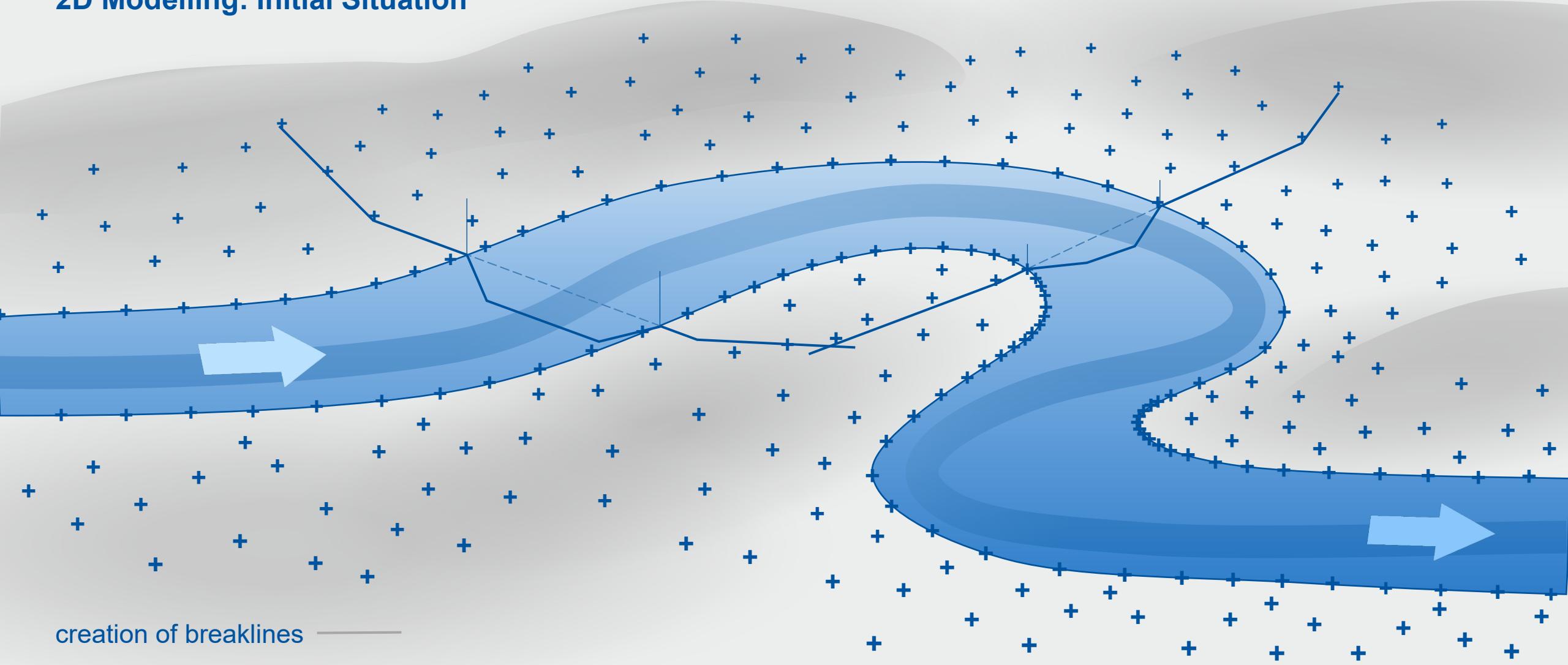
## Setup

1. Segmentation in cross sections (compact / structured)
2. Creation of the river system including structures
3. Reproduction of short cut flows and flow around structures by secondary branches
4. Implementation of breaklines (i.e. roadway embankments)
5. Segmentation of the river system in sections with different roughnesses
6. Calibration
7. Validation

# 2D Hydrodynamic Modelling



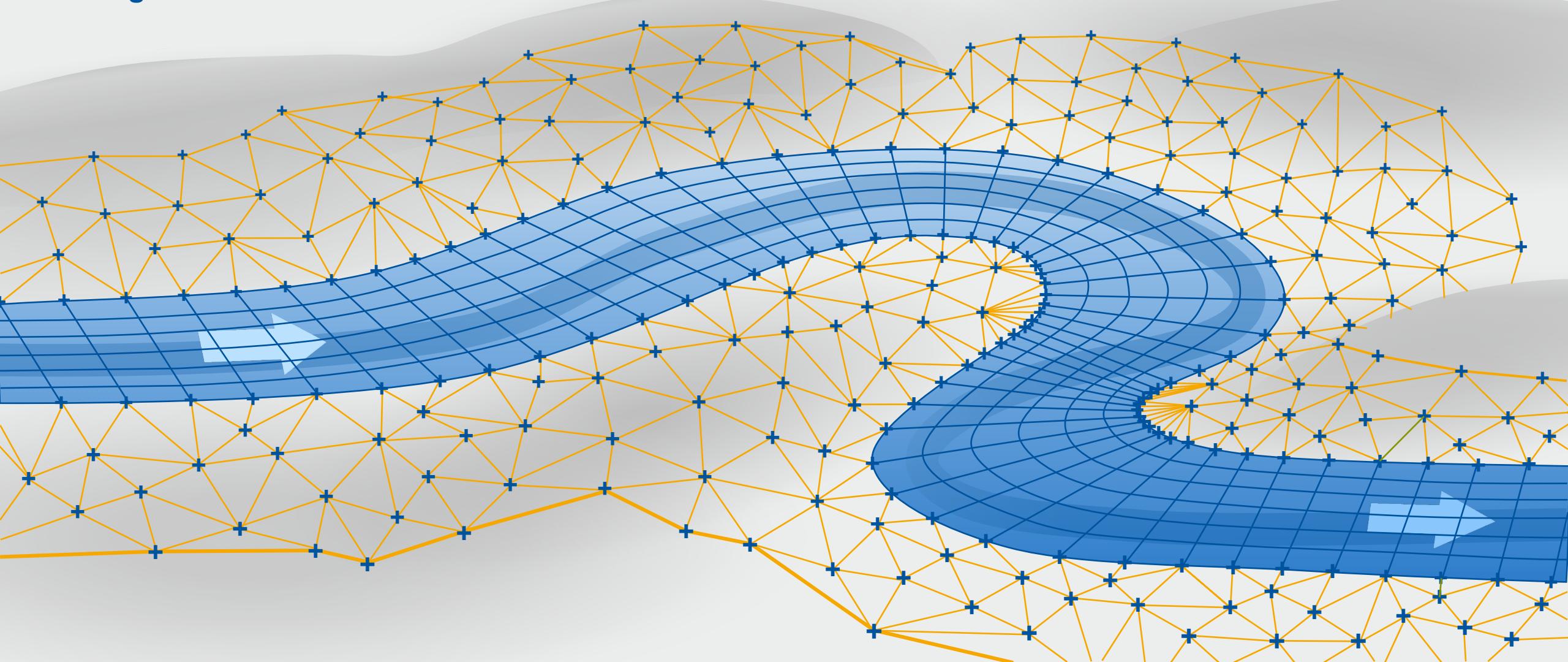
## 2D Modelling: Initial Situation



# 2D Hydrodynamic Modelling



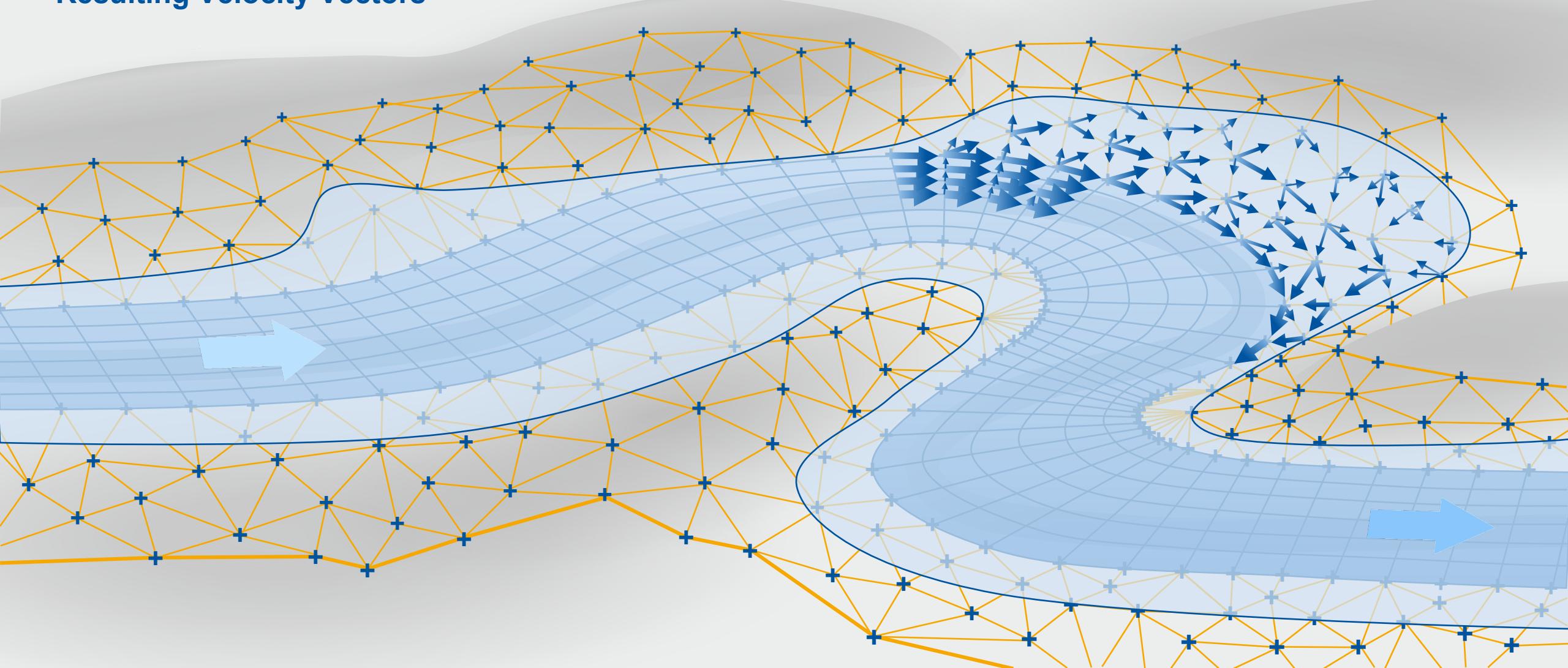
Triangulation



# 2D Hydrodynamic Modelling



Resulting Velocity Vectors



# 2D Hydrodynamic Modelling



## Pros:

- Very good reproduction of flow processes in flood plains
- Higher accuracy of runoff simulation
- Convenient for retention calculations

## Cons:

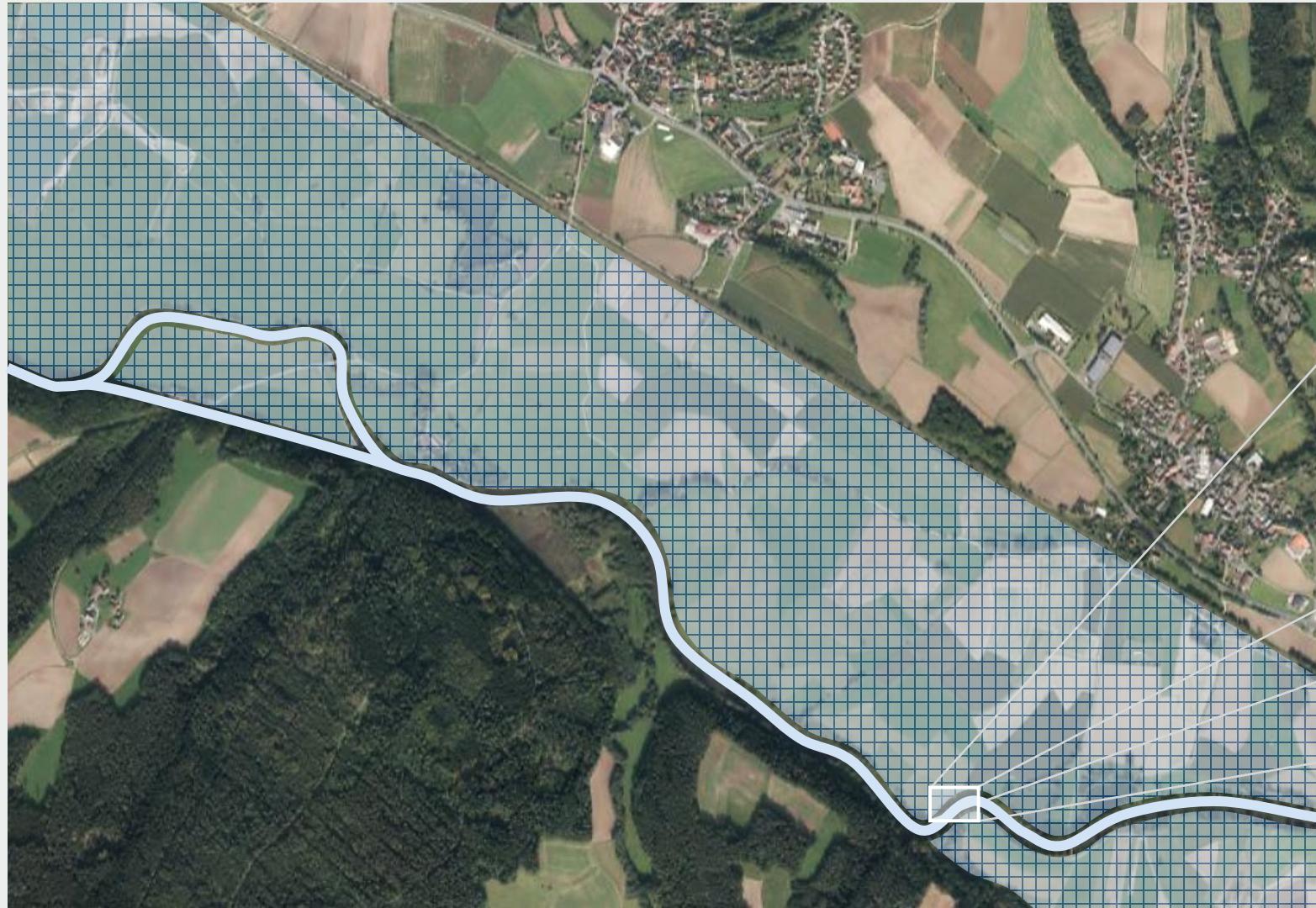
- High computational effort



## Setup

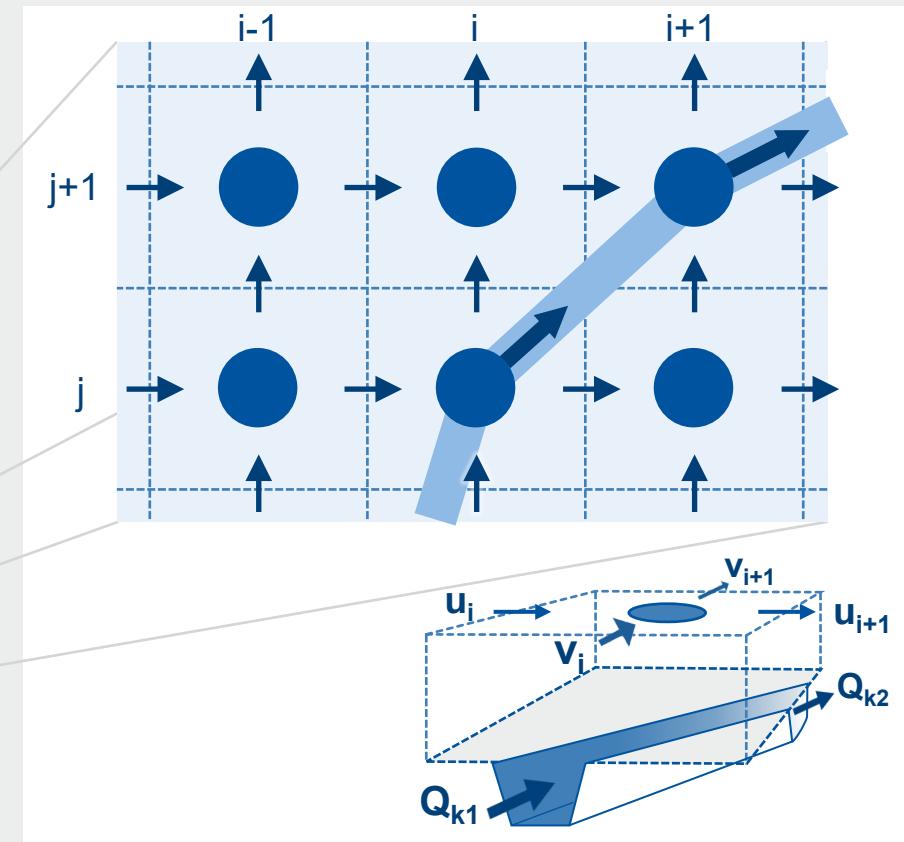
1. Creation of the river mesh
2. Creation of the mesh in the floodplains (consideration of breaklines)
3. Merge of river mesh and floodplain mesh
4. Implementation of buildings, bridges and other constructions
5. Segmentation of the river system in sections with different roughnesses
6. Calibration
7. Validation

# 1D/2D Hydrodynamic Modelling

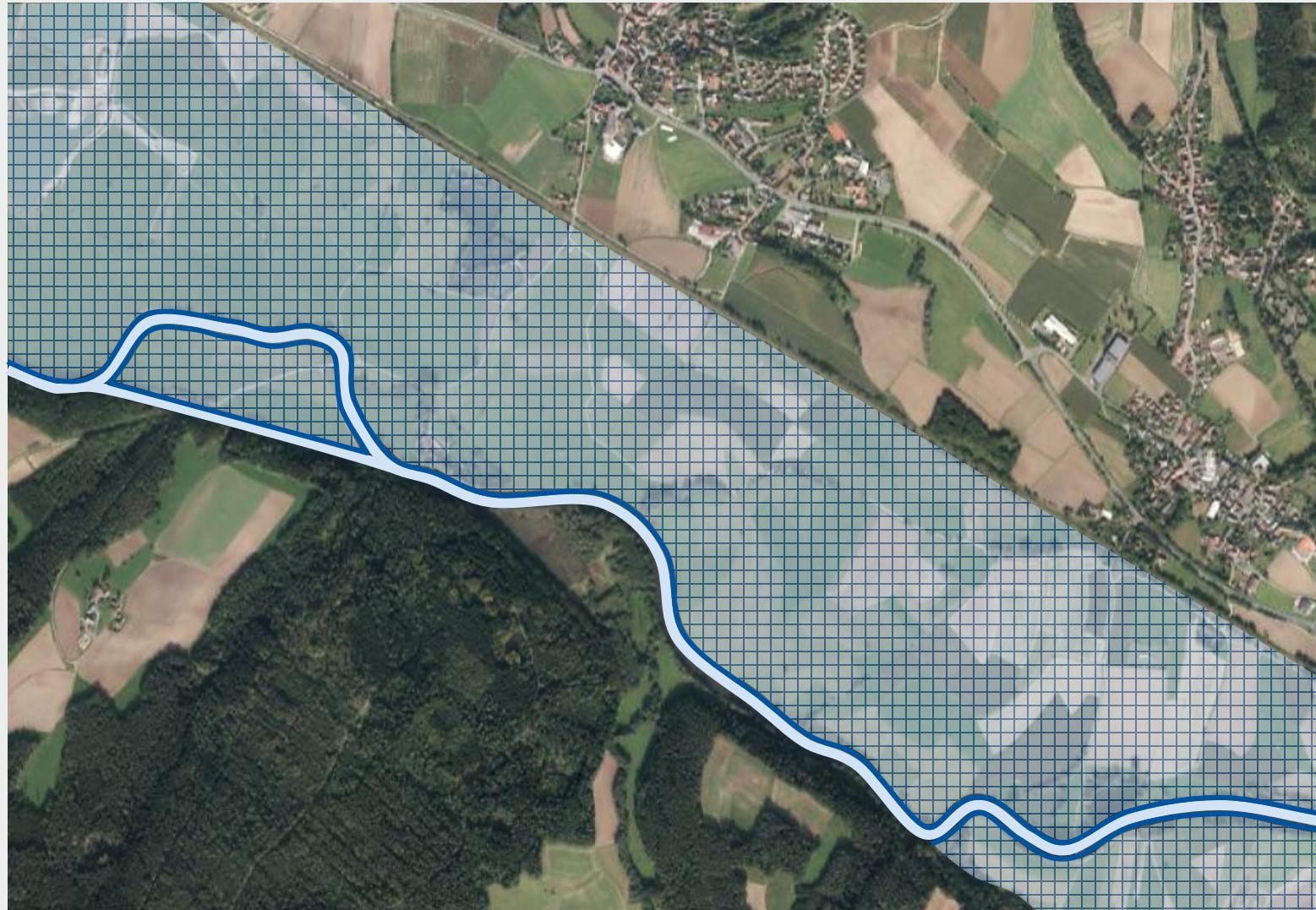


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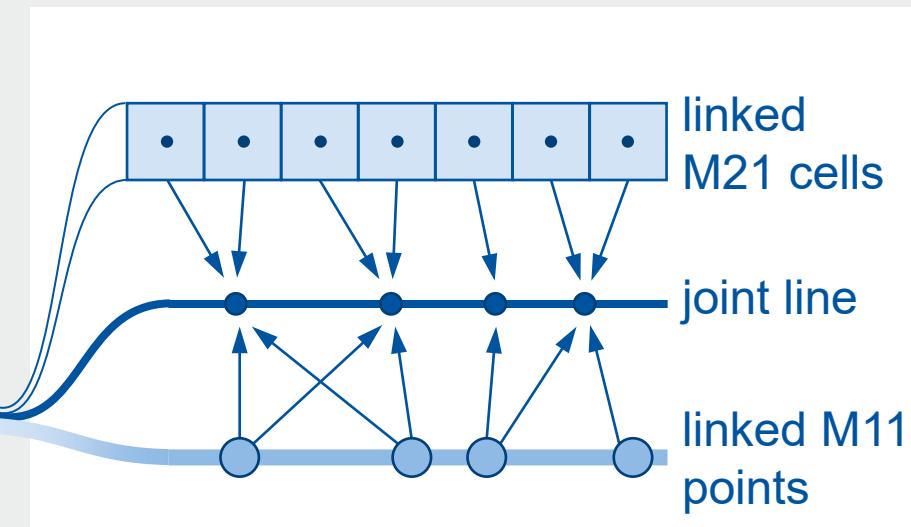


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**Thank you  
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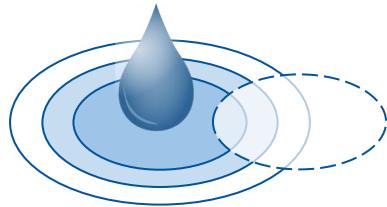
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