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# **Nuove frontiere dell'idrologia per una maggiore sicurezza dei territori**

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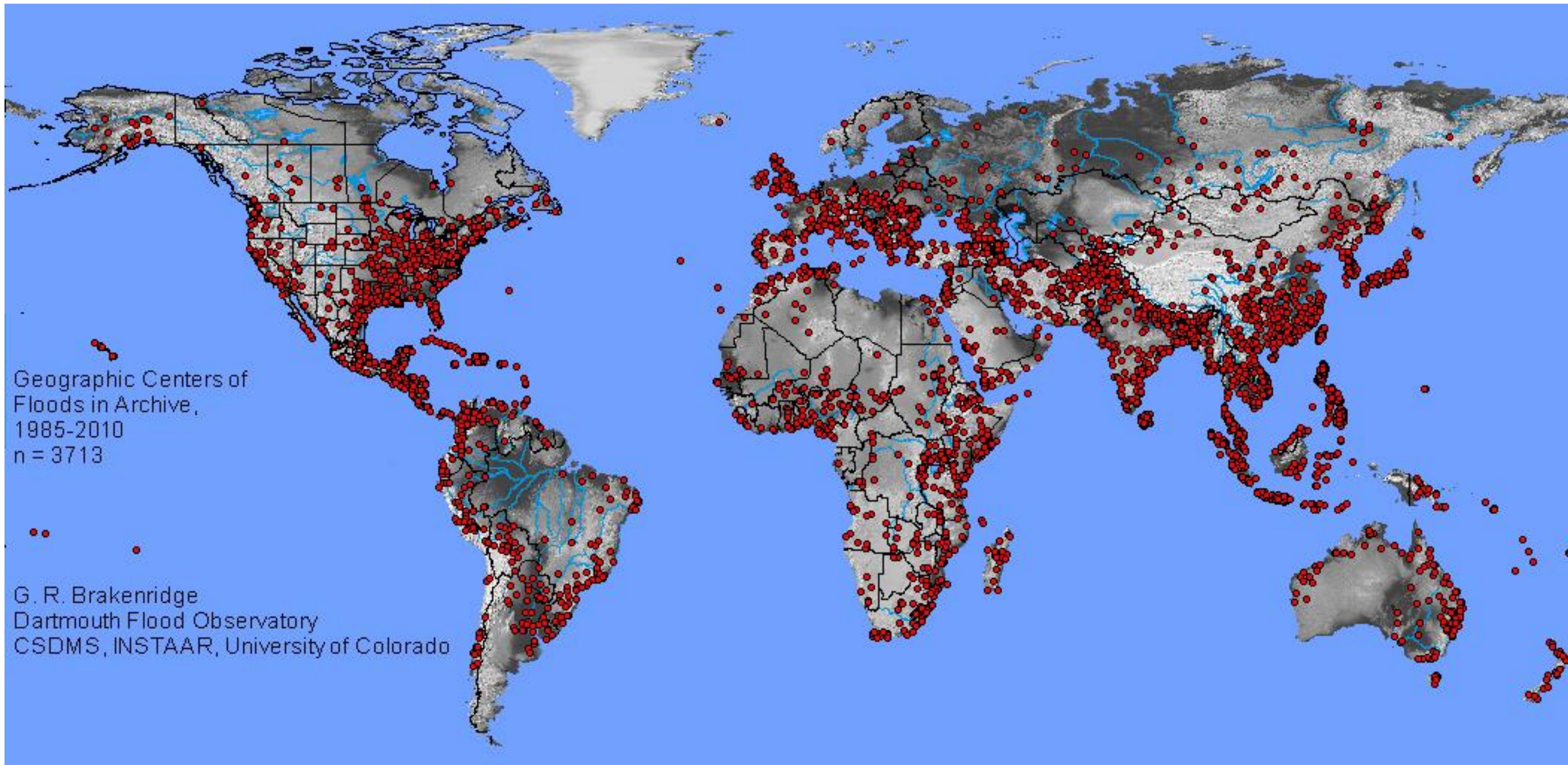
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## **Le alluvioni: rischio e protezione**





# Flood occurrence in the world 1985-2010



*G.R.Brakenridge, "Global Active Archive of Large Flood Events", Dartmouth Flood Observatory, University of Colorado, <http://floodobservatory.colorado.edu/Archives/index.html>.*

# THE HUMAN COST OF NATURAL DISASTERS

2015

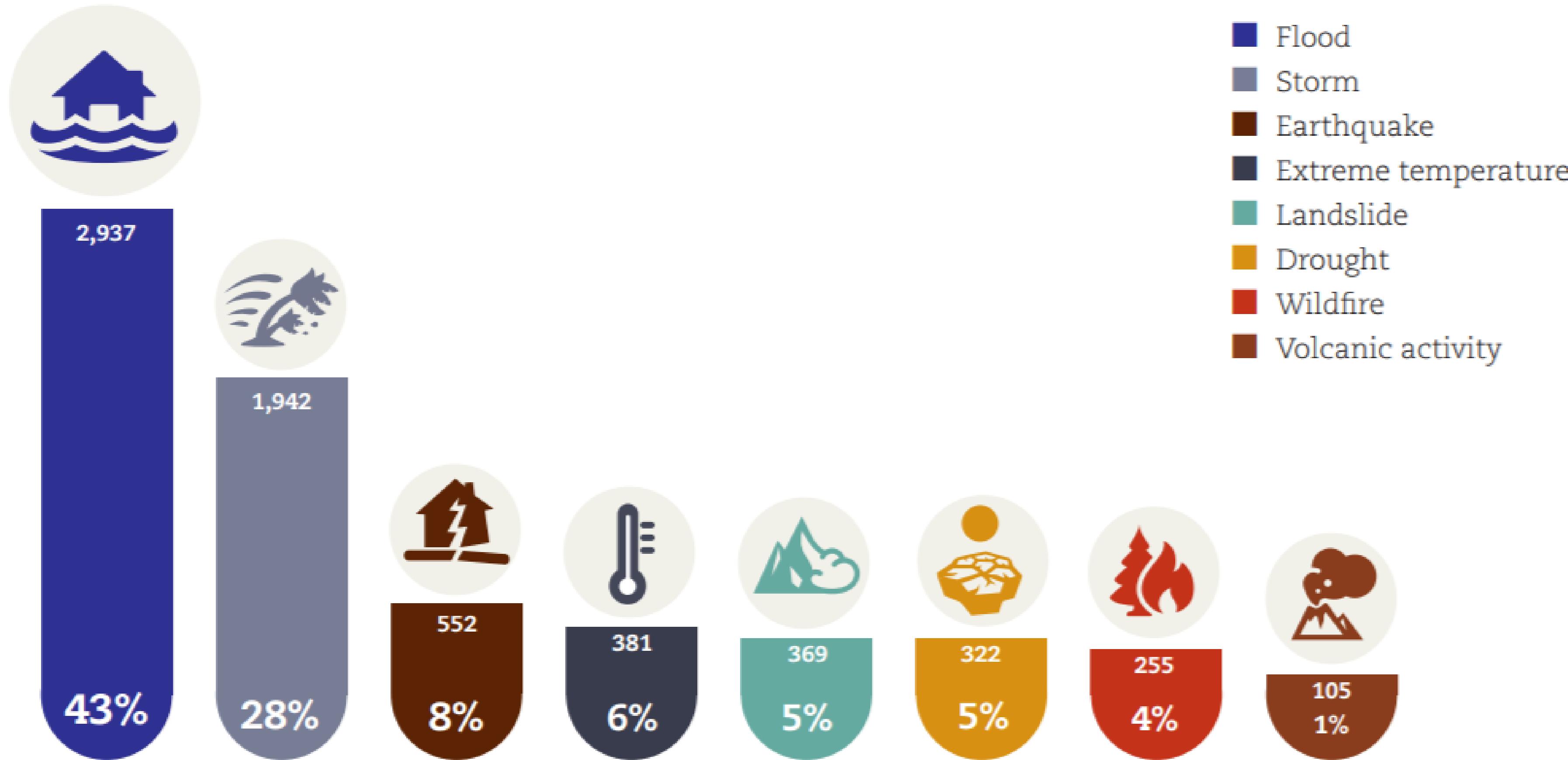
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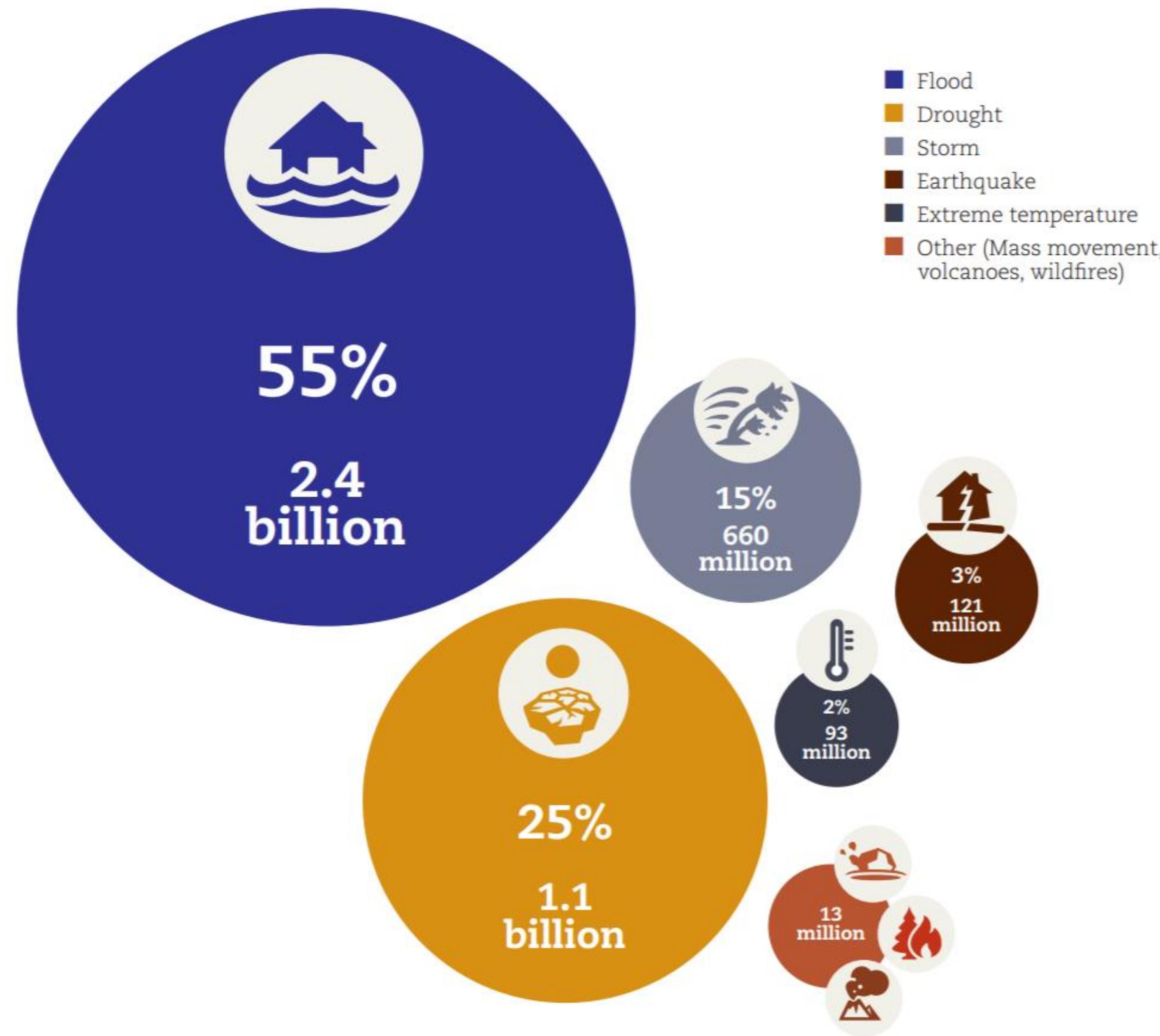
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Geophysical	Hydrological	Meteorological	Climatological	Biological	Extra-terrestrial
Earthquake Mass Movement (dry) Volcanic activity	Flood Landslide Wave action	Storm Extreme temperature Fog	Drought Glacial lake outburst Wildfire	Animal accident Epidemic Insect infestation	Impact Space weather

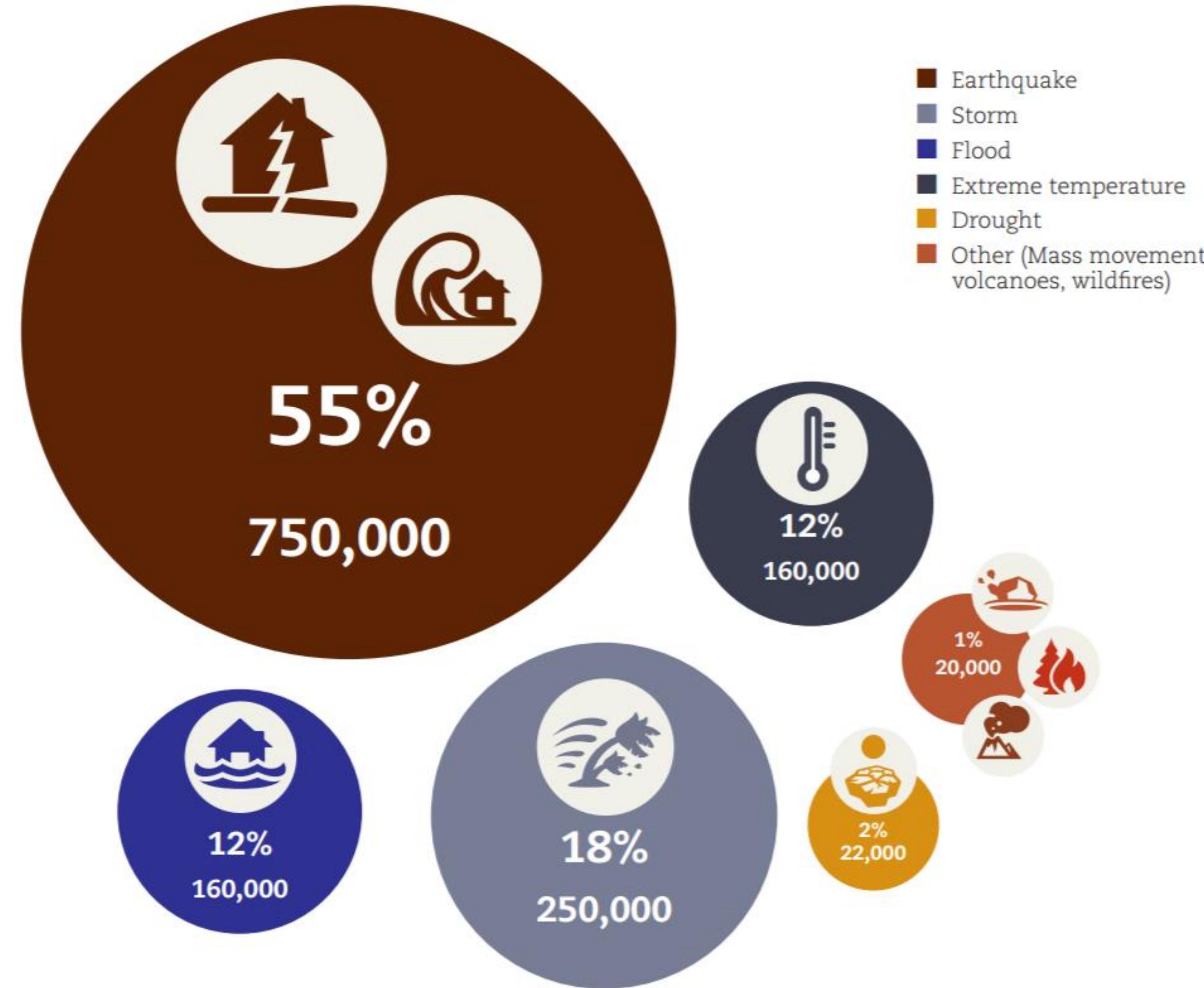
## Share of occurrence of natural disasters by disaster type (1994-2013)



**Number of people affected by disaster type (1994-2013)**  
(NB: deaths are excluded from the total affected)

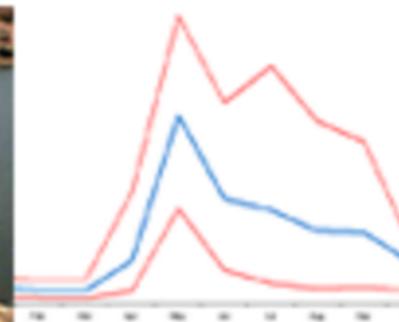


## Number of deaths by disaster type (1994-2013)



- Floods were the most frequent type of disaster in 1994-2013, accounting for 43% of all events.
- They also affected more people than all other types of natural disaster put together, i.e. 55% of the global total in the past 20 years.
- Floods also became increasing frequent, rising from 123 per year on average between 1994 and 2003 to an annual average of 171 in the period 2004-2013.

# Global Runoff Data Center



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## The GRDC - the world-wide repository of river discharge data and associated metadata

The Global Runoff Data Centre is an International data centre operating under the auspices of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). Established in 1988 to support the research on global and climate change and integrated water resources management, the GRDC has been serving for twenty years successfully as a facilitator between the producers of hydrologic data and the international research community. GRDC is a key partner in a number of data collection and data management projects on a global scale.

The GRDC - internationally mandated by the United Nations

### Background

› Who uses GRDC data and data products? For what studies are the GRDC data used?

› The WMO/OGC Hydrology Domain Working Group

# Global Runoff Data Center

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**International River Basin Authorities**

International River Basin Authorities provide the institutional framework to promote regional co-operation by supporting decisions and action on sustainable development and poverty alleviation as a contribution to the UN Millennium Development Goals.

River Basin Authorities act as co-operation agencies at the river basin level. They push and facilitate trans-national actions related to integrated and sustainable water resources management. The acting national partners collaborate on the basis of agreements on the joint management of the shared water resources. Some River Basin Authorities provide technical and administrative services.

Some important trans-national basin authorities are listed below. This list will be extended over time, but is not intended to be exhaustive. Hyperlinks to the related Websites are provided as a convenience only. They imply neither responsibility for, nor approval of, the information contained in those other Websites.

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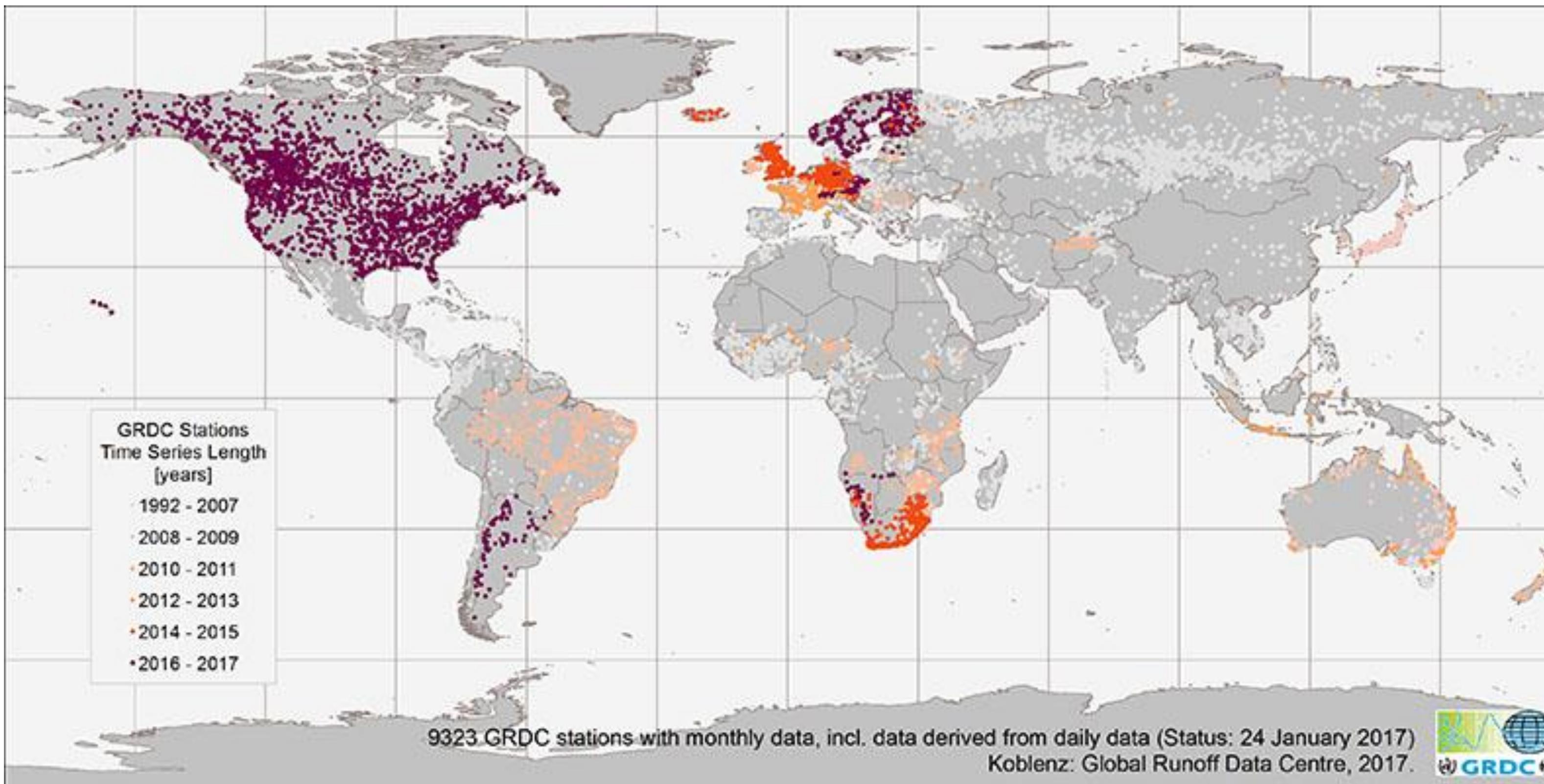


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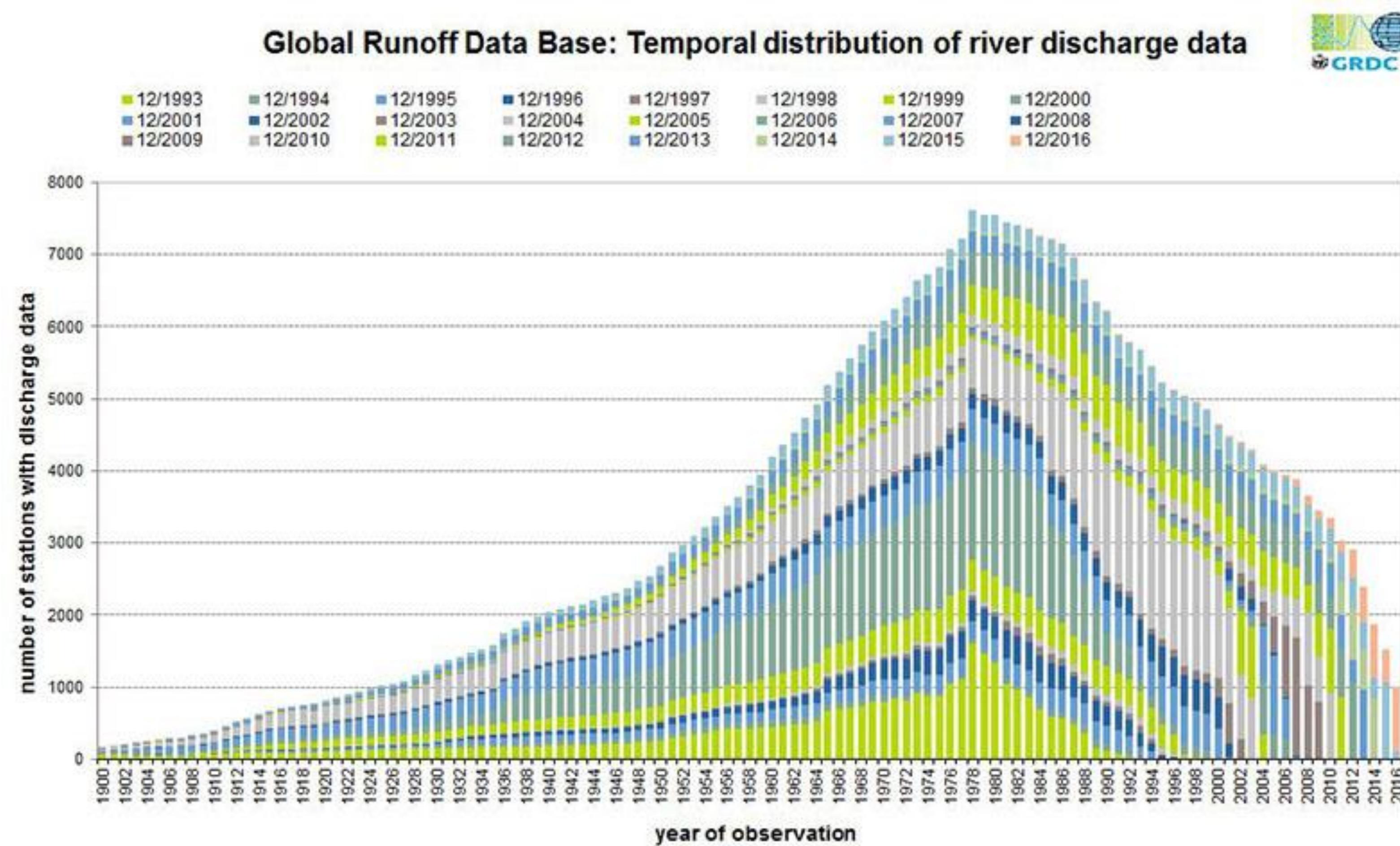
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# Global Runoff Data Base



Today the database comprises discharge data of more than **9,300** gauging stations from all over the world.

# Accessing and sharing data



“Given pressures on funding, there is **a perceived global threat to the maintenance** (never mind expansion) of long-term river flow data archives that cover large geographical domains.” (Hannah et al. 2010)

# Analysis and Understanding



No man ever steps in the  
same river twice, for it's not  
the same river and he's not  
the same man

**Nothing is  
permanent  
except change**

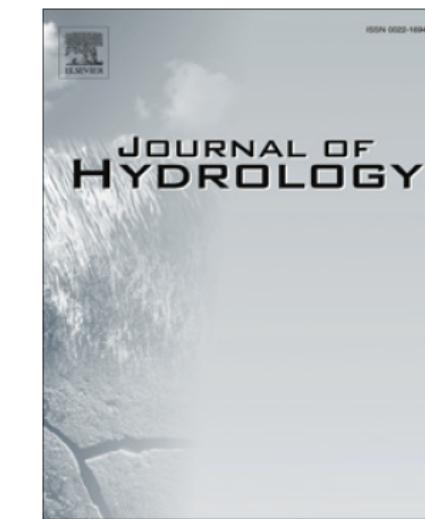
Heraclitus of Ephesus  
(c.535 BC - 475 BC)  
Greek philosopher



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Research papers

## A global-scale investigation of trends in annual maximum streamflow



Hong X. Do <sup>\*</sup>, Seth Westra, Michael Leonard

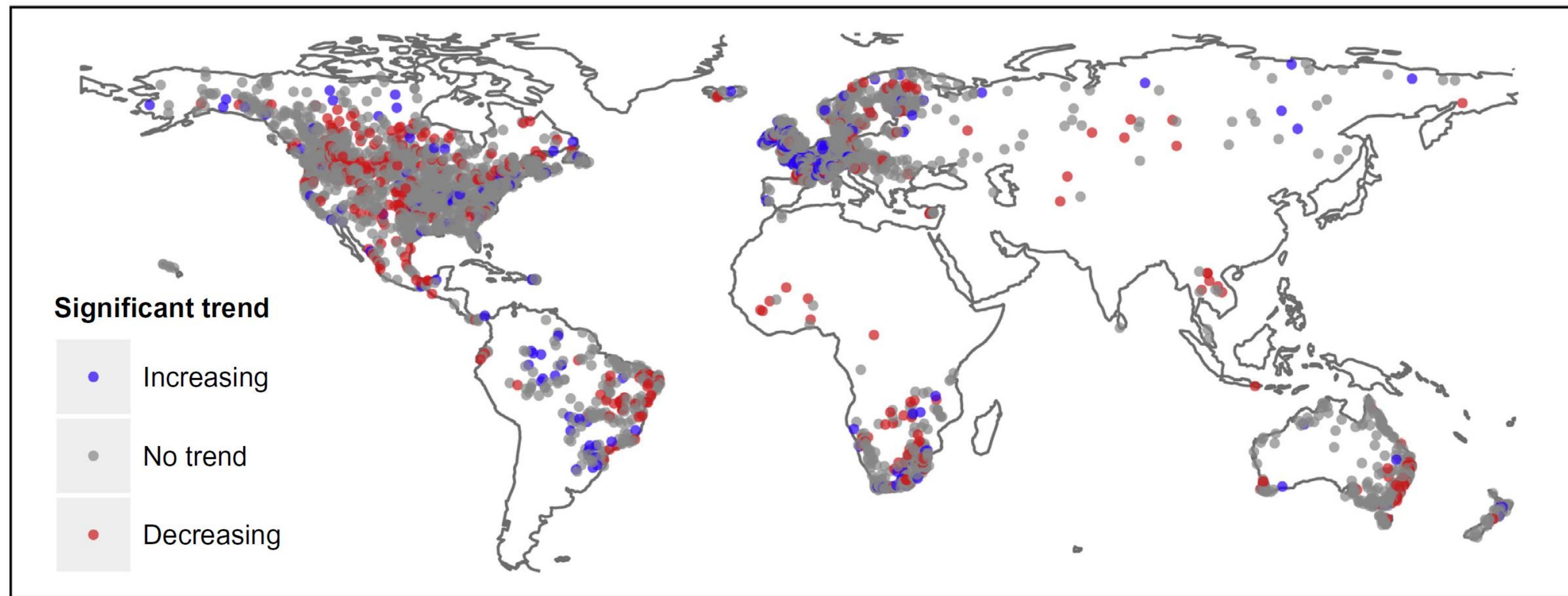
*School of Civil, Environmental and Mining Engineering, University of Adelaide, Adelaide, South Australia 5005, Australia*

This study investigates the presence of trends in annual maximum daily streamflow data from the Global Runoff Data Centre database.

The records were divided into three reference datasets representing different compromises between spatial coverage and minimum record length, followed by further filtering based on continent, Köppen-Weiger climate classification, presence of dams, forest cover changes and catchment size.

Trends were evaluated using the Mann-Kendall nonparametric trend test at the 10% significance level, combined with a field significance test.

Dataset A2 (3478 stations) comprises stations with at least 30 years annual maximum streamflow over the 1955–2014 period (average record length of 47.6 years).



“... over the main reference period (dataset A1; 1966–2005), there were 7.1% of stations with statistically significant increasing trends, and 11.9% of stations with statistically significant decreasing trends. The percentage of stations exhibiting statistically significant increasing trends is consistent with the null hypothesis of no change on average across the global dataset, whereas the percentage of stations showing significant decreasing trends is inconsistent with the null hypothesis”

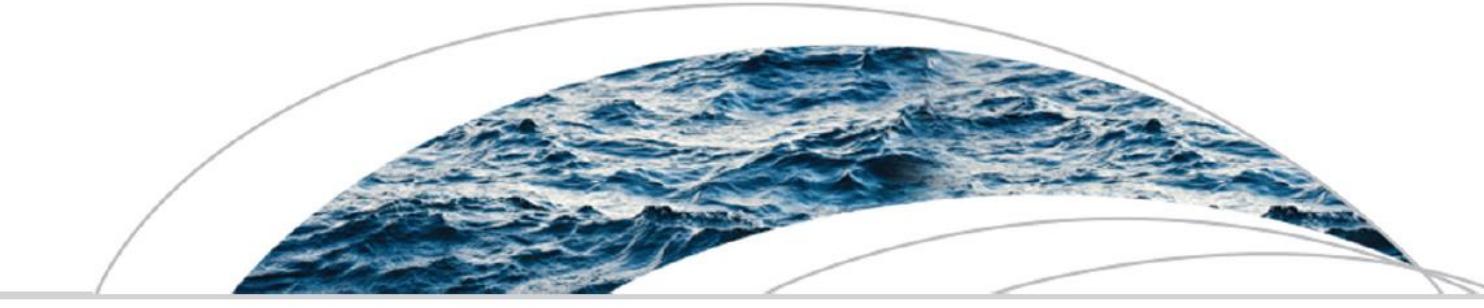
CLIMATE CHANGE

# Stationarity Is Dead: Whither Water Management?

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Climate change undermines a basic assumption that historically has facilitated management of water supplies, demands, and risks.

“Stationarity is dead because substantial anthropogenic change of Earth’s climate is altering the means and extremes of precipitation, evapotranspiration, and rates of discharge of rivers [...]. Warming augments atmospheric humidity and water transport. This increases precipitation, and **possibly flood risk**, where prevailing atmospheric water-vapor fluxes converge.”



## Water Resources Research

### COMMENTARY

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### Modeling and mitigating natural hazards: Stationarity is immortal!

Alberto Montanari<sup>1</sup> and Demetris Koutsoyiannis<sup>2</sup>

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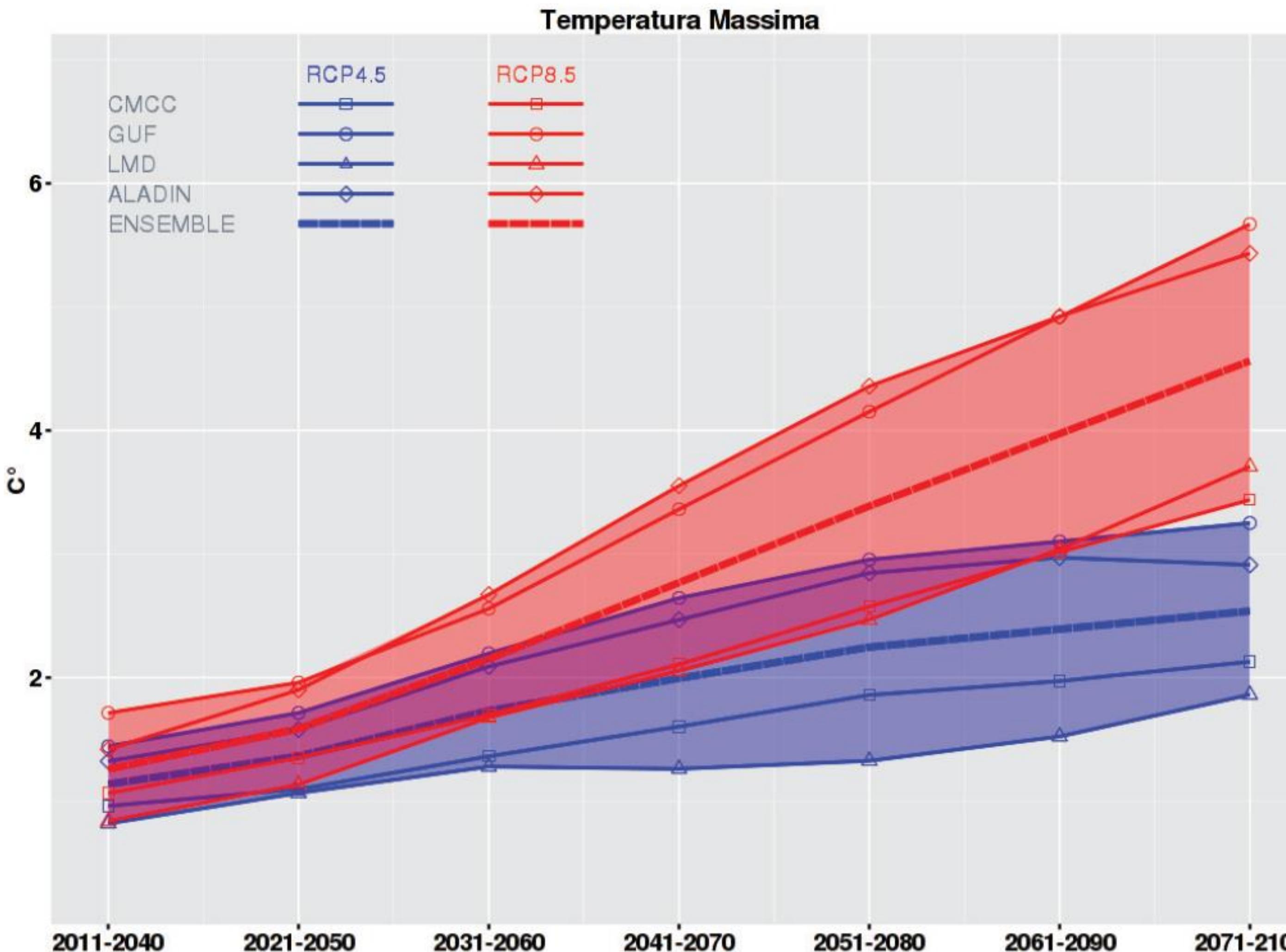
# Hydrological Sciences Journal

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## Negligent killing of scientific concepts: the stationarity case

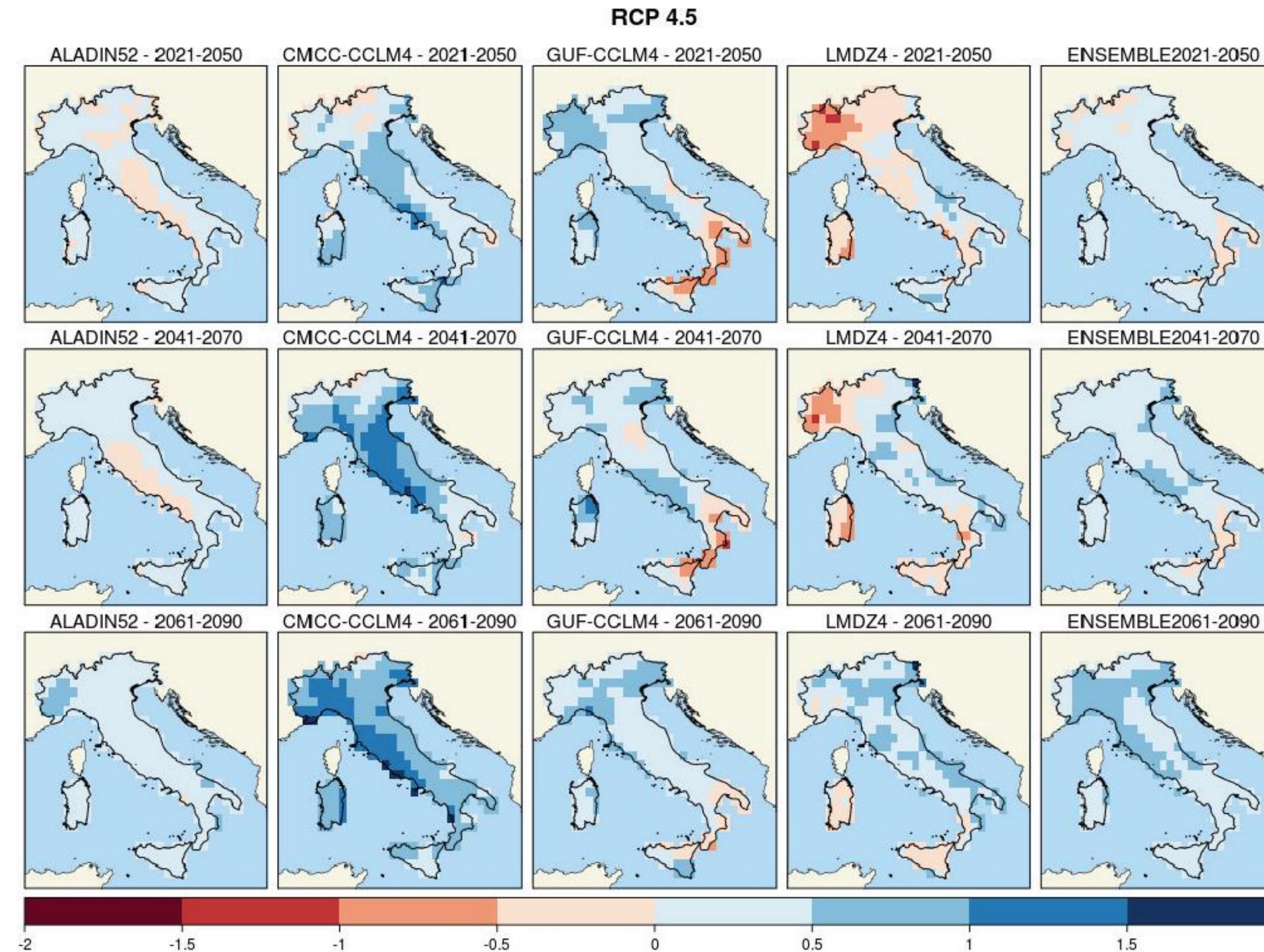
Demetris Koutsoyiannis & Alberto Montanari

*Hydrological Sciences Journal – Journal des Sciences Hydrologiques*, 60 (7–8) 2015



**Figura 3.1 – Temperatura massima.** Variazioni rispetto alla media 1971-2000 dei valori previsti dai quattro modelli (media su periodi di 30 anni) nei due scenari RCP4.5 (blu) e RCP8.5 (rosso). L'area colorata rappresenta lo spread delle previsioni dei modelli mentre la linea tratteggiata indica la media delle variazioni previste dai modelli (ensemble mean).

# IPCC - Representative Concentration Pathways – RCP - scenario intermedio



**Figura 4.6 – Intensità di precipitazione giornaliera (mm/giorno), scenario RCP4.5. Mappe delle variazioni previste dai modelli e dall'ensemble mean ai tre orizzonti temporali 2021-2050 (prima riga), 2041-2070 (seconda riga), 2061-2090 (terza riga).**

# **Revisiting the Concepts of Return Period and Risk for Nonstationary Hydrologic Extreme Events**

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Jose D. Salas, M.ASCE<sup>1</sup>; and Jayantha Obeysekera, M.ASCE<sup>2</sup>

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the concepts of return period and risk are formulated by extending the geometric distribution to allow for changing exceeding probabilities over time

# Contesto

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- ➊ The reduction of uncertainty in the estimation of the **return period of floods** is still one of the main challenges for hydrologists and one of the major needs for flood control agencies;
- ➋ Available methodologies are usually limited by the use of **extrapolation** procedures needed to extend the probability distribution to high return periods.
- ➌ The problem becomes particularly complex as less reasonable is felt to be the basic assumption of **climatic stationarity**, which has driven the scientific research between the 70's and 90's.

# Contesto

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- ➊ Although one may acknowledge that today the best performing methods in terms of accuracy of prediction of extremes are still those based on statistic, regional analyses,
- ➋ These methods are also generally based on the hypotheses of process stationarity and statistical homogeneity of climatic and physiographic variables.
- ➌ Such models are susceptible of improvements and reduction of uncertainty through a deeper analysis of the spatial variability of the hydrological information.

# Contesto

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- Most procedures for estimating the mean annual flood are still empirical and they are often different from one region to another
- Sometimes statistical regional analysis leads to consider regions different for geology, morphology, climate, etc. as homogeneous

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## **DOPO IL VAPI: LA VALUTAZIONE DELLE MASSIME PORTATE AL COLMO DI PIENA NELL'ESPERIENZA DEL POR CALABRIA**

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# Derived Flood Frequency (DFF)

Peter Eagleson, in 1972, derived the probability distribution of the peak streamflow by integrating the joint density function  $g(i_e, t_e, A_r)$  of the rainfall intensity  $i_e$ , rainfall duration  $t_e$  and contributing area to the peak flow  $A_r$ :



$$G_Q(q) = \text{prob}[Q < q] = \iiint_{R(q)} g(i_e, t_e, A_r) di_e dt_e dA_r$$

💡  $R(q)$ : Domain of  $i_e$ ,  $t_e$  and  $A_r$ , that provide  $Q < q$ .

# Iacobellis and Fiorentino (IF) model

WRR (2000, 2001):

*The variate: Peak of direct stream flow:*

$$Q = u_a a$$

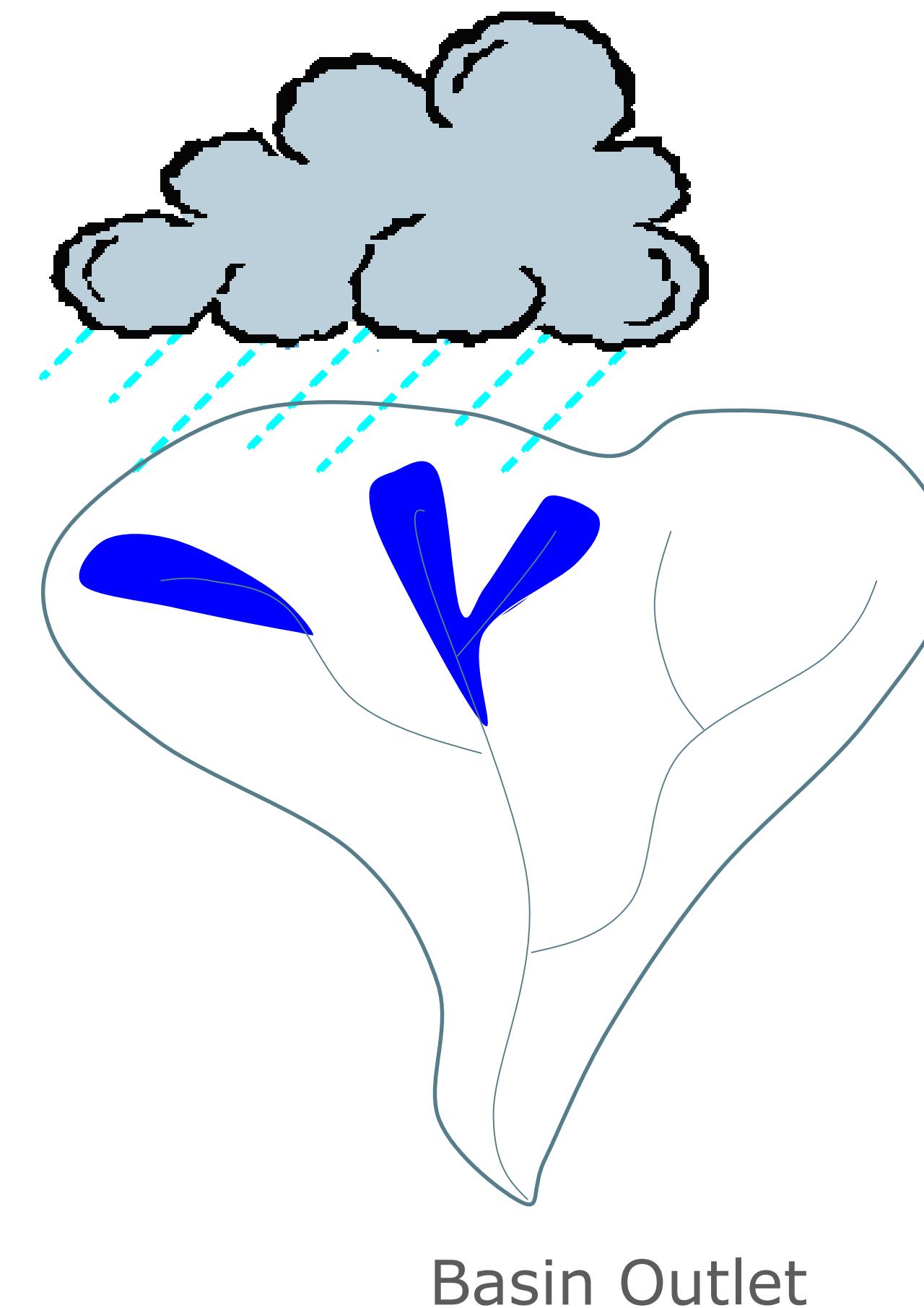
$u_a$  = peak runoff from the contributing (source) area  
 $a$  = contributing area to the peak flow.

*The peak flow cumulative distr'n function:*

$$G_Q(q) = \int_0^A \int_0^q g(u | a) g(a) du da$$

$g(u|a)$  = pdf of  $u$  conditional on  $a$ ;

$g(a)$  = pdf of  $a$ .



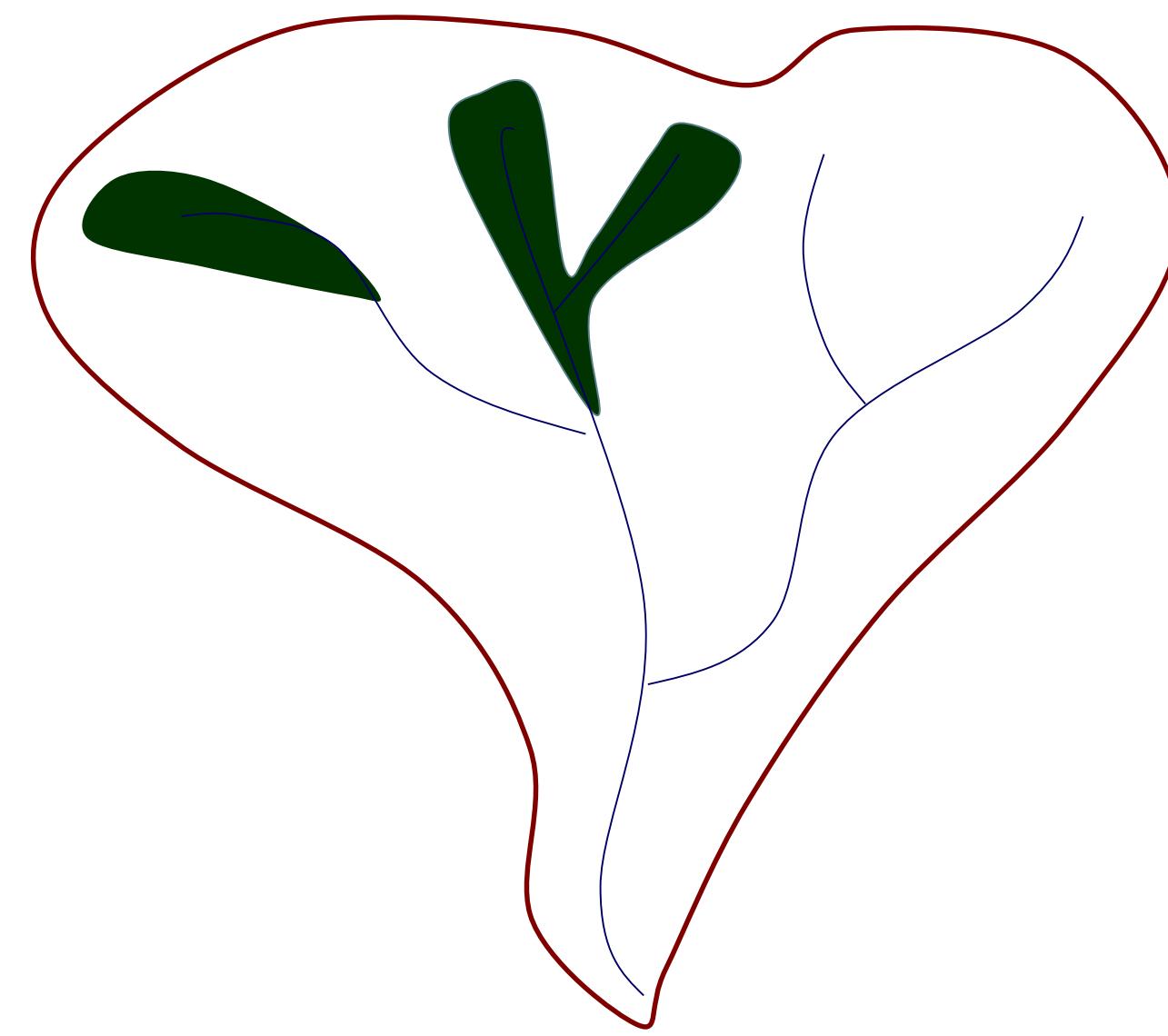
*IF* model:

the contributing area is assumed gamma distributed

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$$g(a) = \frac{1}{\alpha \Gamma(\beta)} \left( \frac{a}{\alpha} \right)^{\beta-1} \exp\left(-\frac{a}{\alpha}\right)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{E[a]}{\beta} \quad \text{and} \quad r = \frac{E[a]}{A}$$

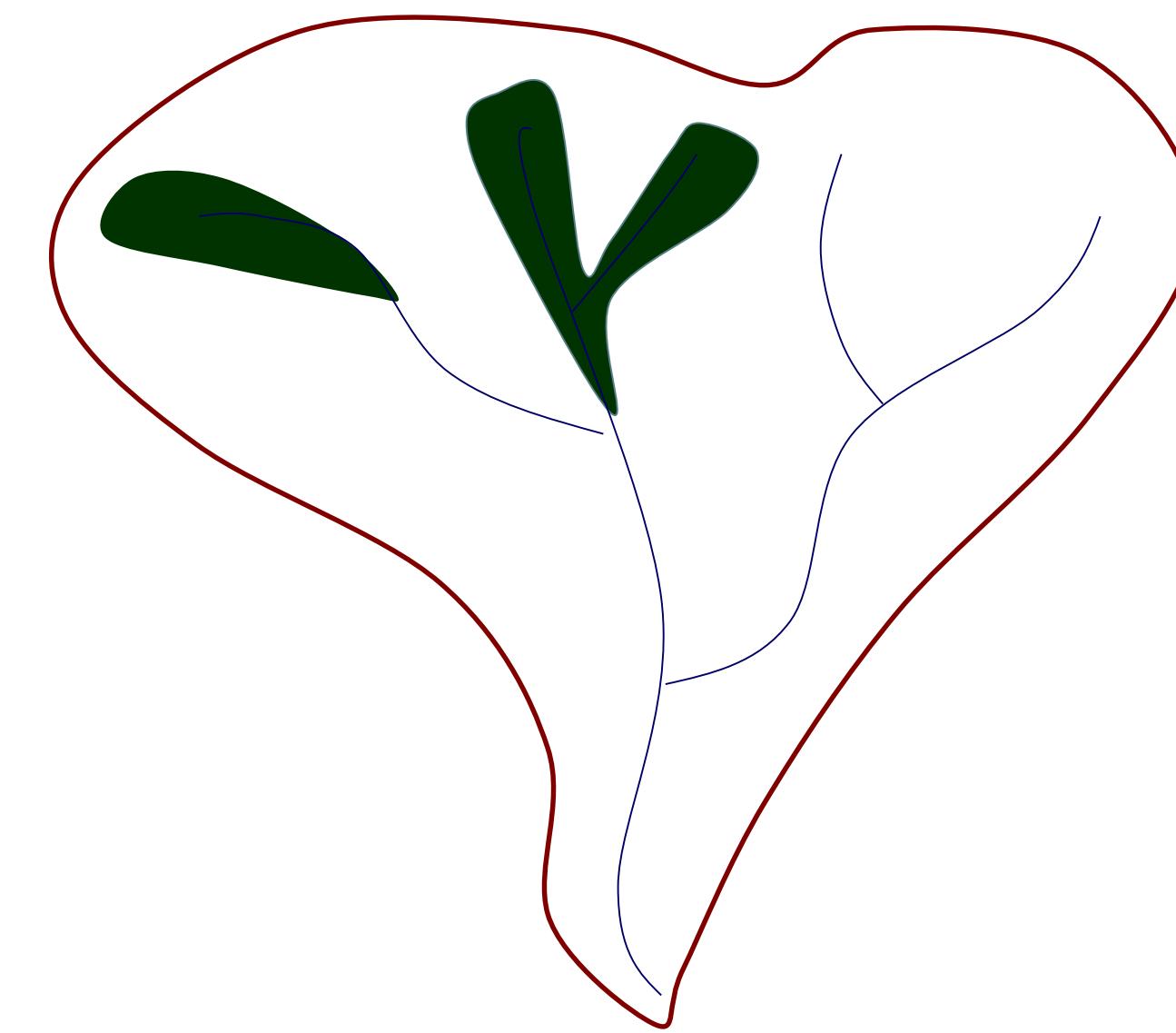


*IF* model:

why the contributing area is gamma distributed?

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- ❖ **this function arises as the distribution of the sum of  $\beta$  stochastic (independent) variables exponentially distributed with equal mean value  $\alpha$ .**
- ❖ **the flood peak can be thought as the superposition of flows coming from a number of sub-basins which can be differently interested by the storm.**
- ❖  **$\beta$  can be found as the number of sub-basins of Horton order immediately smaller than that of the whole basin. According to a well consolidated geomorphologic knowledge, it tends to be invariant at any scale and assumes values ranging between 3 and 5 in nearly all cases (*Horton, 1945*) with expected value equal to 4.**

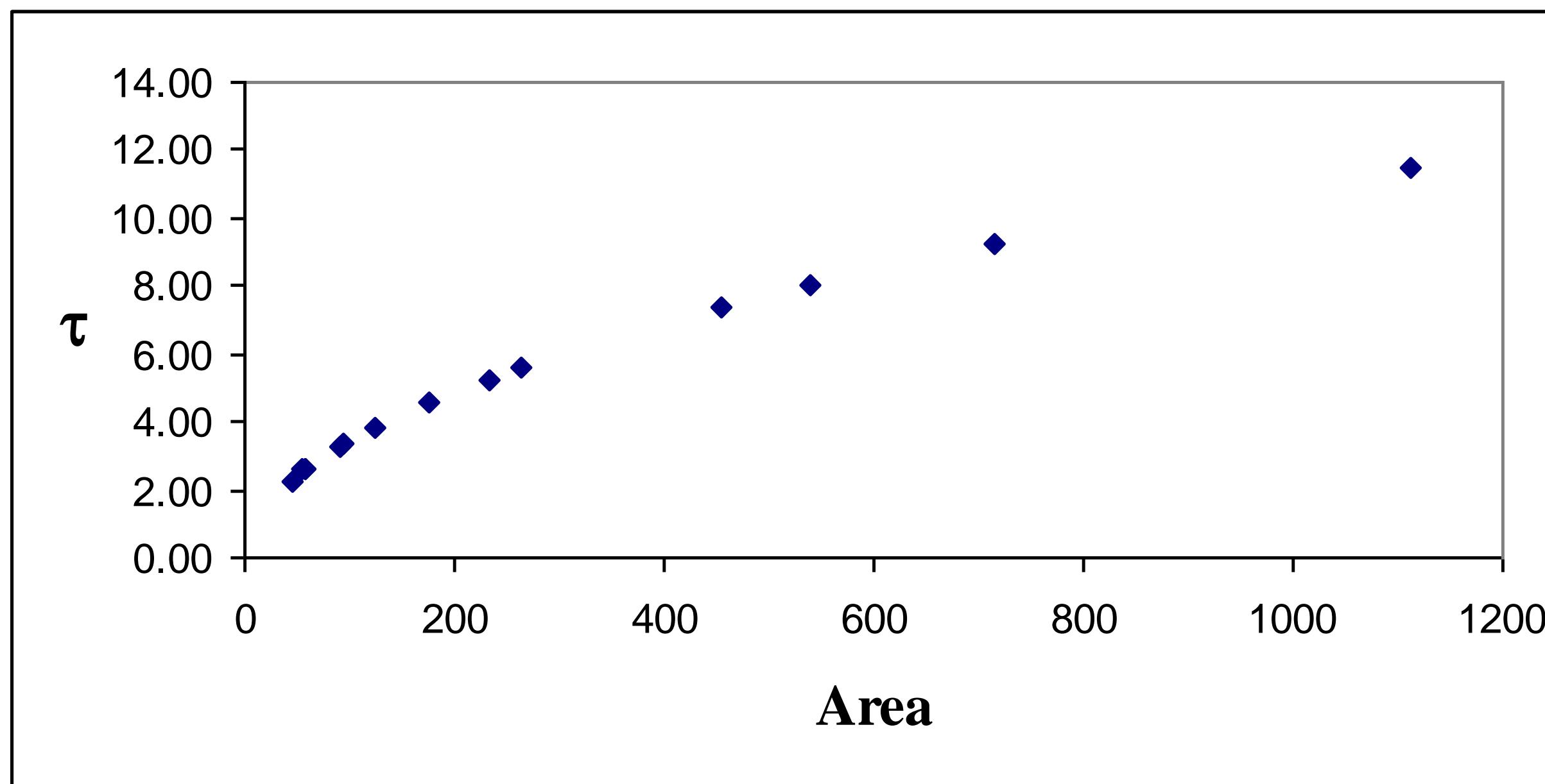


*IF* model:

Basic hypotheses

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The lag-time is assumed to scale with the contributing area by a power law



*IF* model:

Runoff modeling

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- The flood peak is mainly due to runoff generated in a duration equal to the lag time  $\tau$  of the contributing area
- Both concentration process and hydrological losses mainly depend on the contributing area

$$u_a = \xi ( i_{a,\tau} - f_a )$$

*IF* model:

Rainfall modeling

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The areal rainfall intensity is considered

Weibull distributed

$$g(i_a | a) = \frac{k}{E[i_a | a]^k} i_a^{k-1} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{i_a}{E[i_a | a]}\right)^k\right]$$

$$E[i_a | a] = E[i_A] \cdot \left(\frac{a}{A}\right)^{-\varepsilon}$$

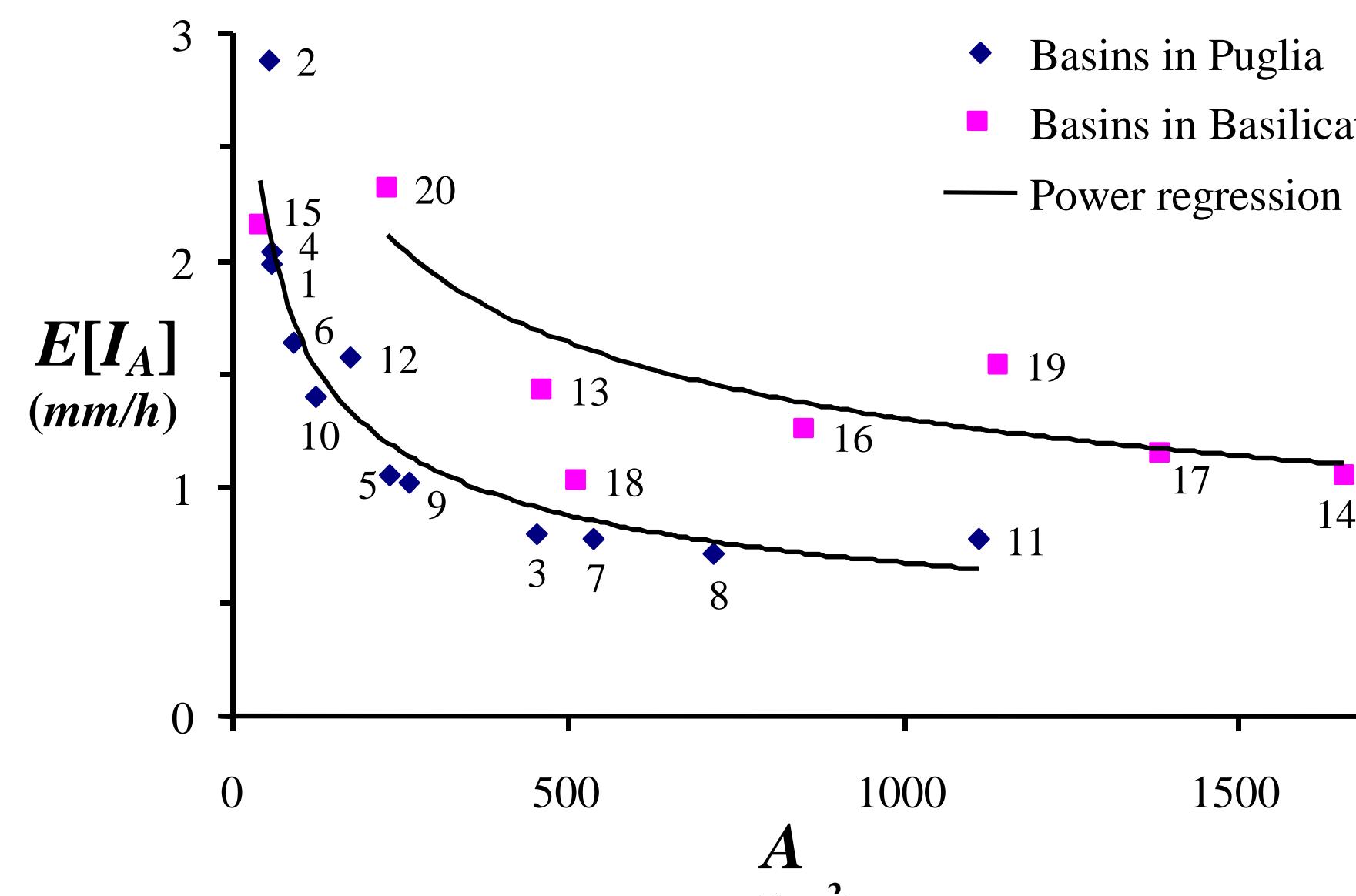
IF model:

rainfall modeling

$p_1$  ed  $n$  are parameters of the intensity duration curve.

$$\mu_I = p_1 \tau_{(rA)}^{n-1}$$

$$E[i_A] = \frac{p_1 \tau_A^{n-1} [1 - \exp(-1.1 \tau_A^{0.25}) + \exp(-1.1 \tau_A^{0.25} - 0.004A)]}{\Lambda_p S_{\Lambda_p}}$$



The expected value of the space-time averaged rainfall intensity occurring in a duration  $t$  scales with  $a$  according to a power law.

$$E[i_{a,t}] = i_A (a/A)^{-\varepsilon}$$

IF model:

hydrological losses

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$f_a$  scales with the basin area.

$$f_a = f_A (a/A)^{-\varepsilon}$$

Also, under the assumption of a rainfall process with Poisson occurrences and Weibull distributed intensity, the spatial average water loss  $f_A$  is related to the ratio between the average annual rates of rainfall and flood events, respectively  $\Lambda_p$  and  $\Lambda_q$ , as

$$f_A = \frac{E[i_A]}{\Gamma(1+1/k)} \left[ \log \left( \frac{\Lambda_p}{\Lambda_q} \right) \right]^{1/k}$$

IF model:

the Derived Distribution

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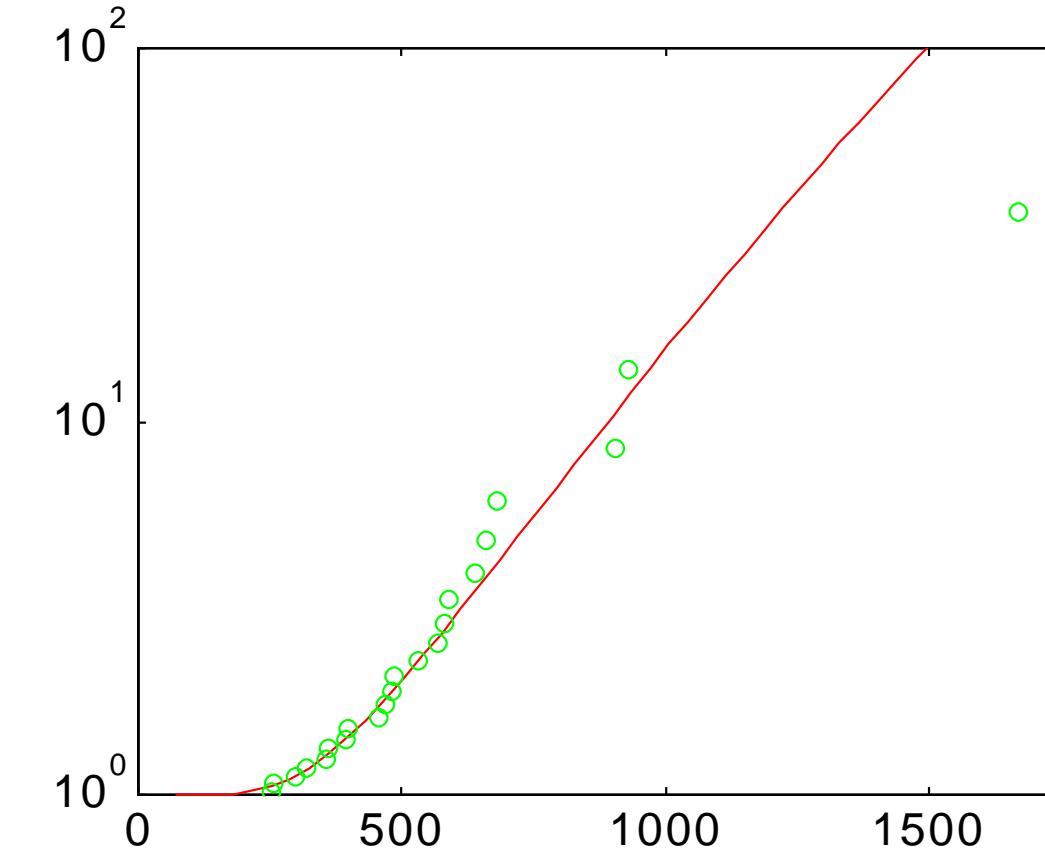
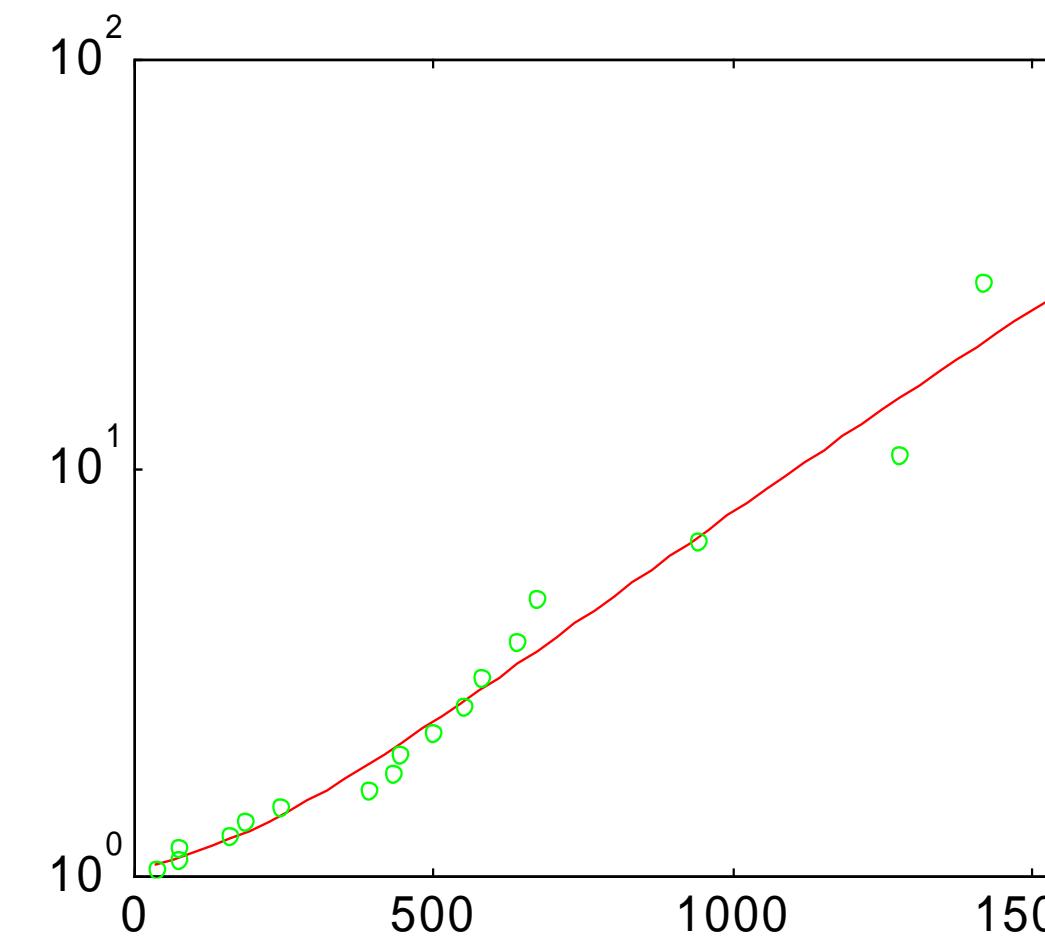
Under the hypothesis of compound Poisson processes of independent floods, the annual maxima flood probability distribution is:

$$F_{Q_p}(q_p) = 1 - \frac{1}{T} = \exp[-\Lambda_q(1 - G_{Q_p}(q_p))]$$

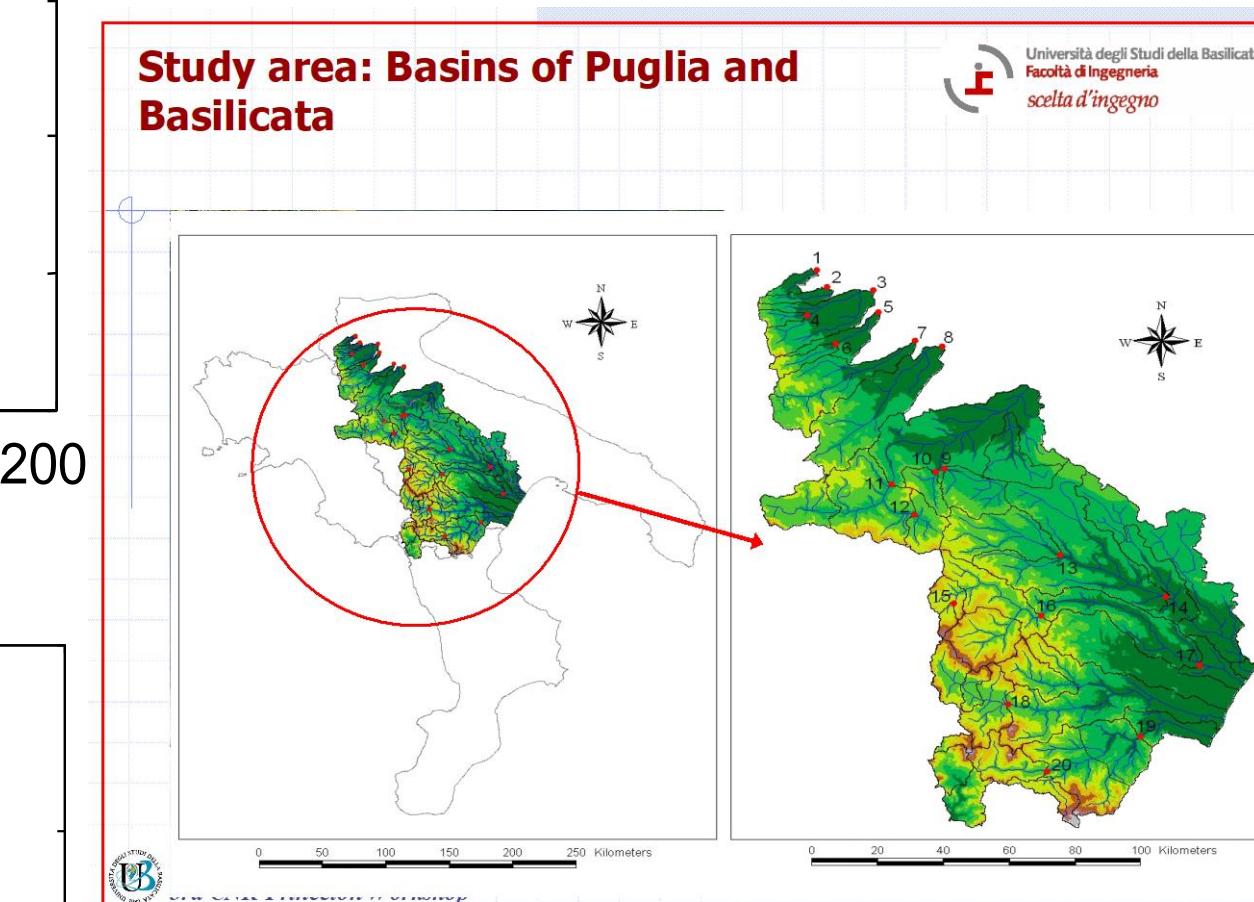
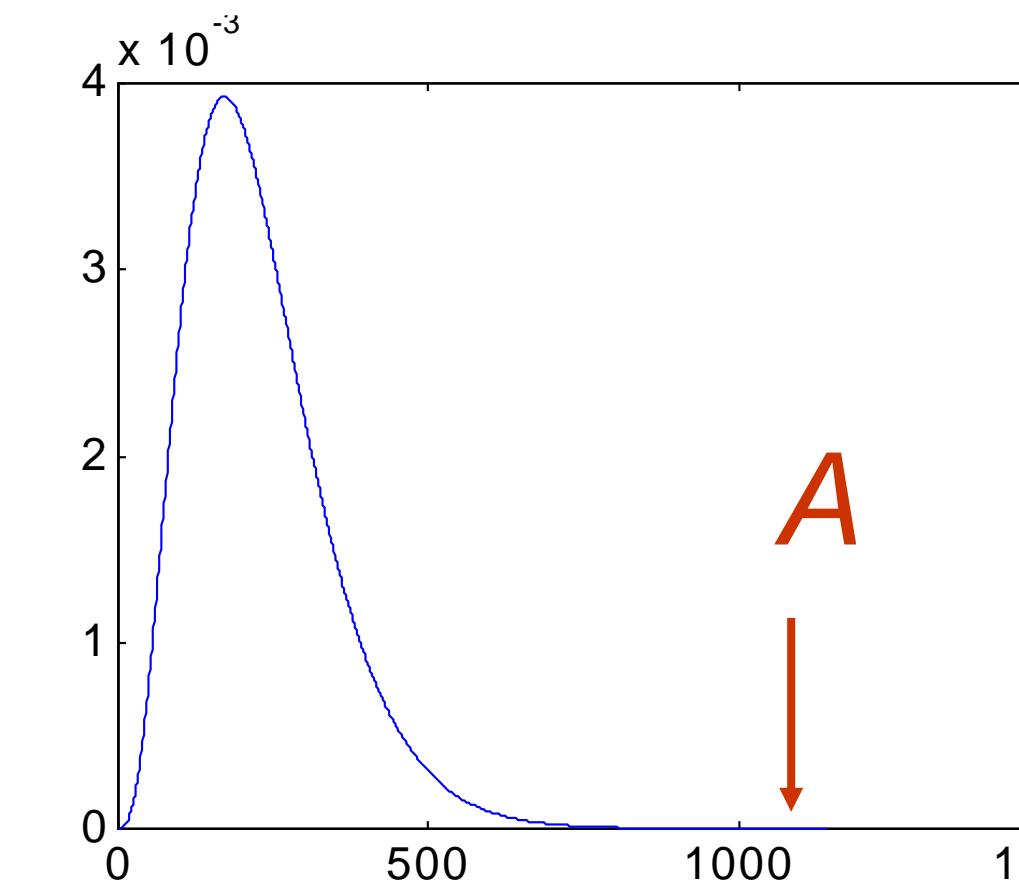
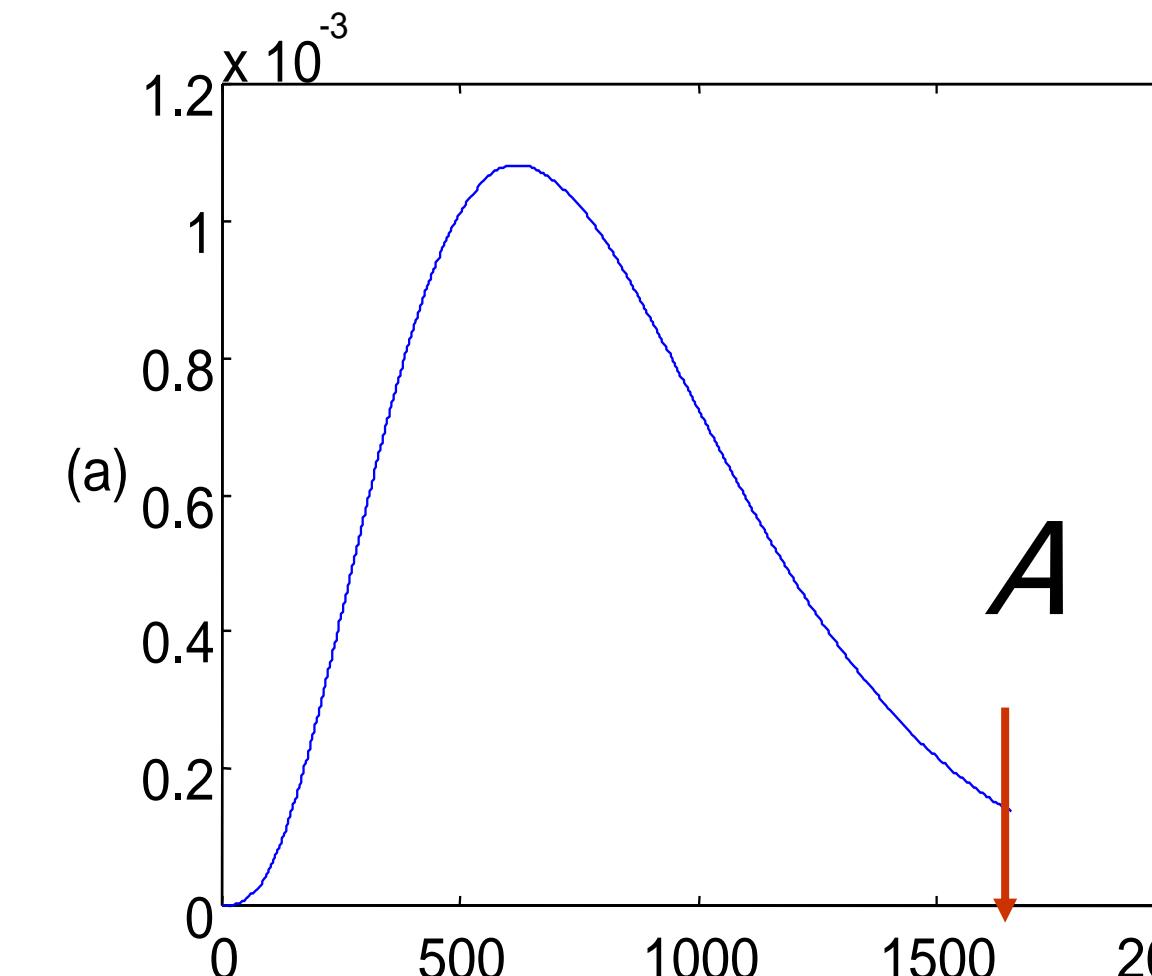
$$F_{Q_p}(q_p) = \exp \left\{ -\Lambda_q \int_0^A \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\alpha \Gamma(\beta)} \left( \frac{a}{\alpha} \right)^{\beta-1} \exp \left( -\frac{a}{\alpha} \right) + \delta(a - A) P_A \right) \right. \right.$$
$$\left. \left. \exp \left( -\frac{((q_p - q_o)/(\xi a) + f_A(a/A)^{-\varepsilon'})^k - (f_A(a/A)^{-\varepsilon'})^k}{(i_A(a/A)^{-\varepsilon} / \Gamma(1+1/k))^k} \right) \right] da \right\}$$

Model consistency: estimated parameters are in the expected range, pdf's of contributing areas are consistent with prevailing runoff generation mechanisms

*Flood peaks CDFs*



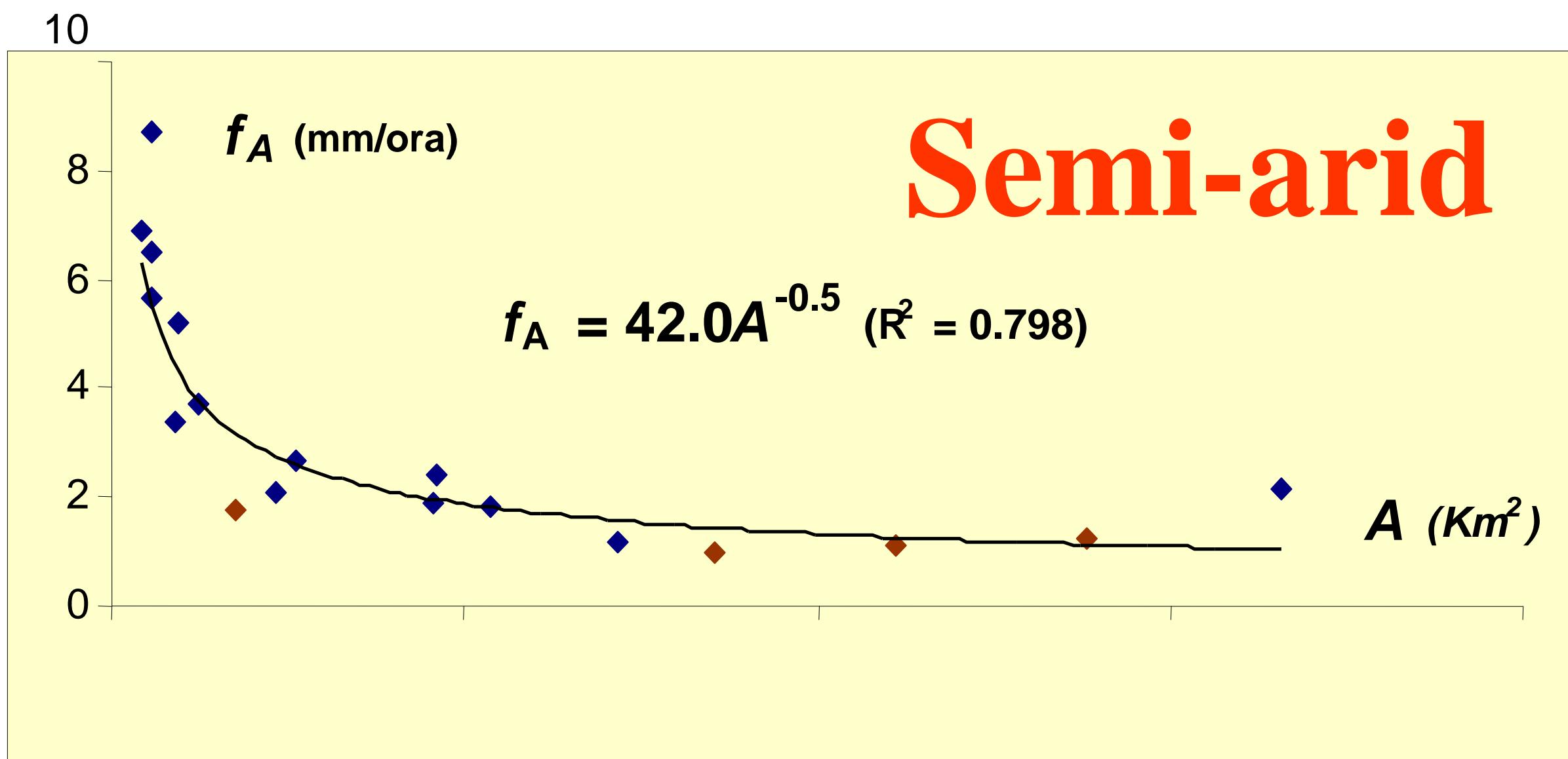
*Contributing areas PDFs*



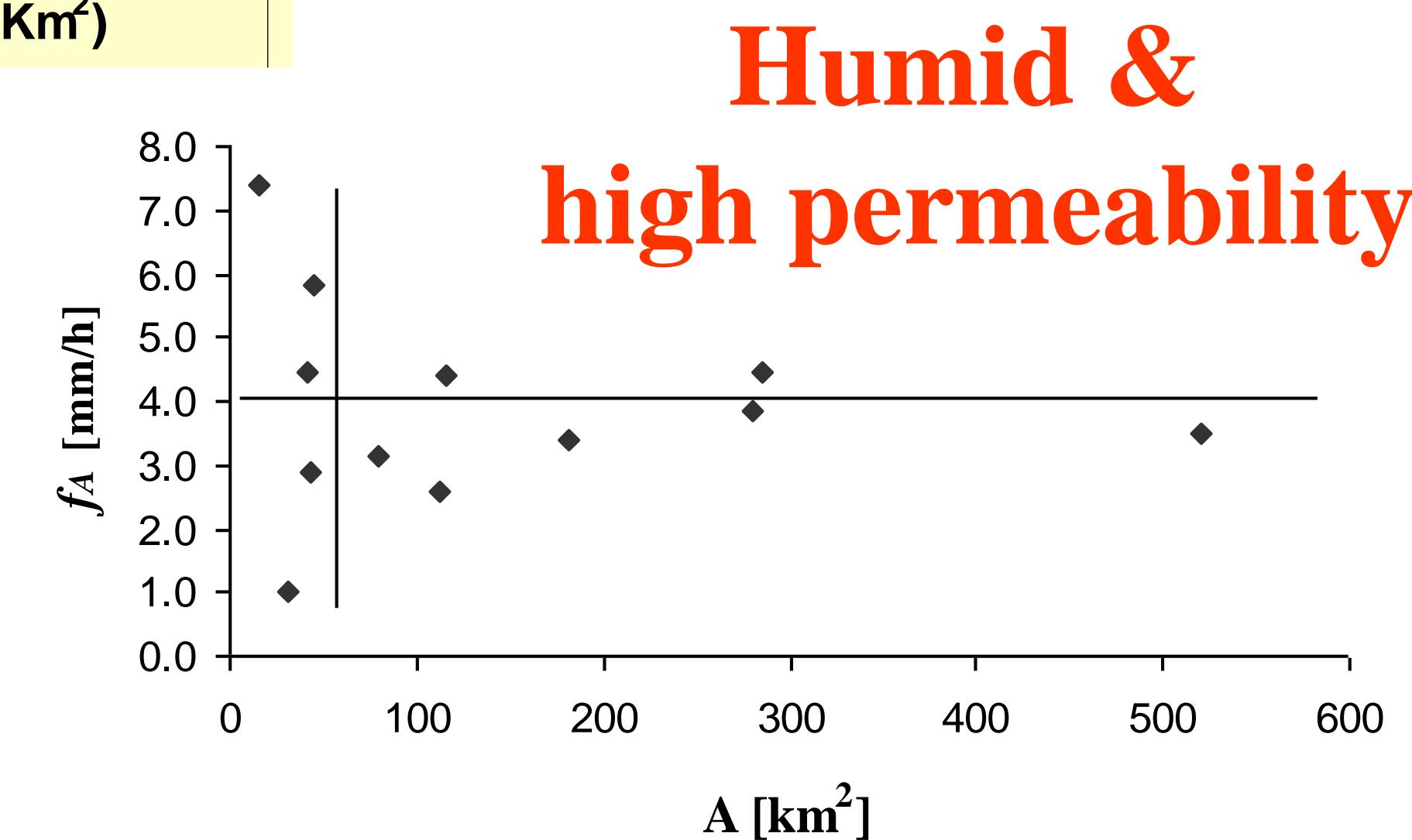
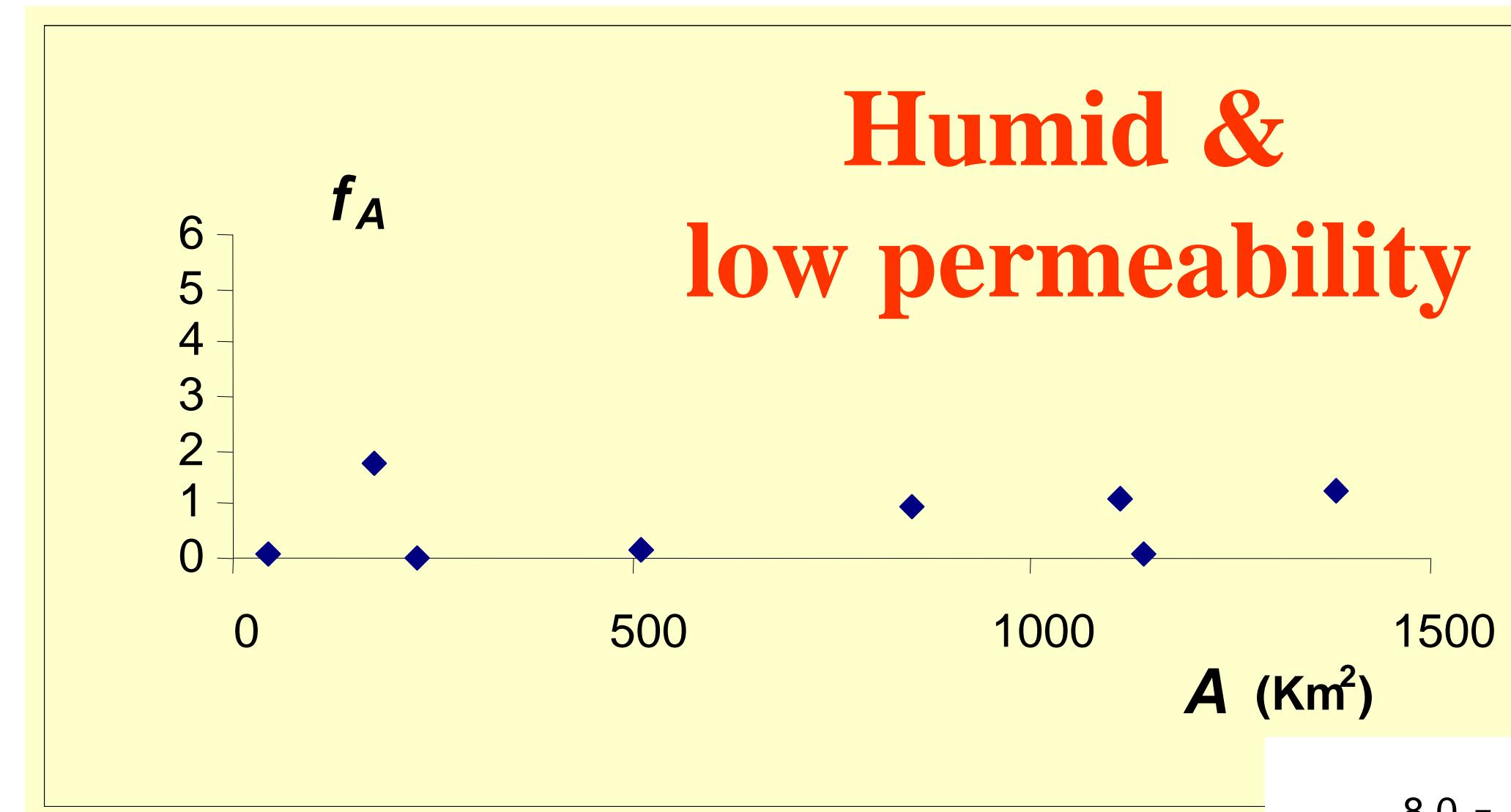
*Iacobellis & Fiorentino (2000)*

## Model consistency: hydrological losses

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## Model consistency: hydrological losses



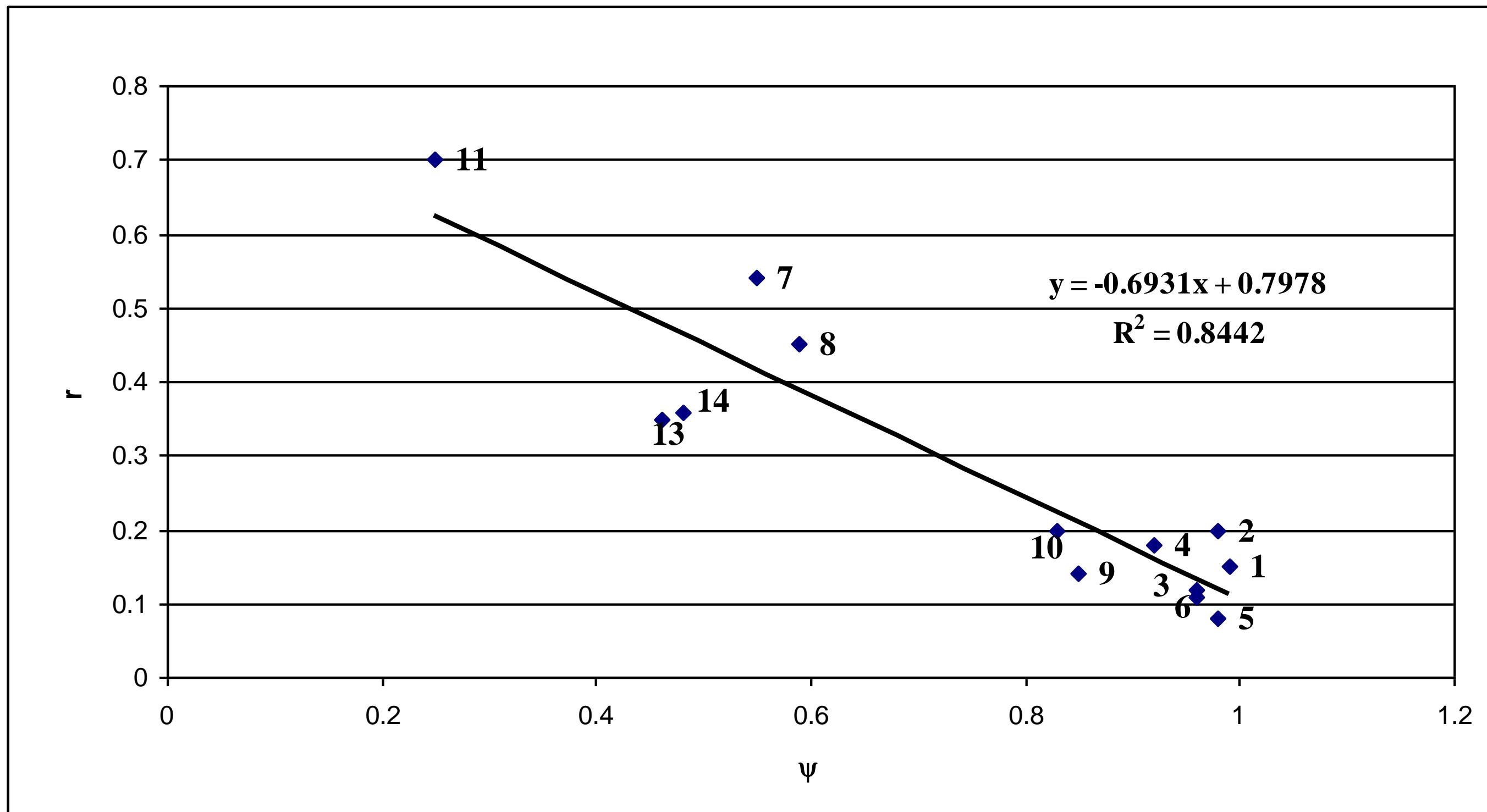
## Model consistency: E[a]

### Semi Arid Climate

In arid climate the mean contributing area was found to depend on the permeability (Fiorentino et al., 2001)

$$r = -0.69 \psi + 0.79, R^2=0.84$$

$$0.1 < r < 0.7$$



$$r = E[a]/ A$$

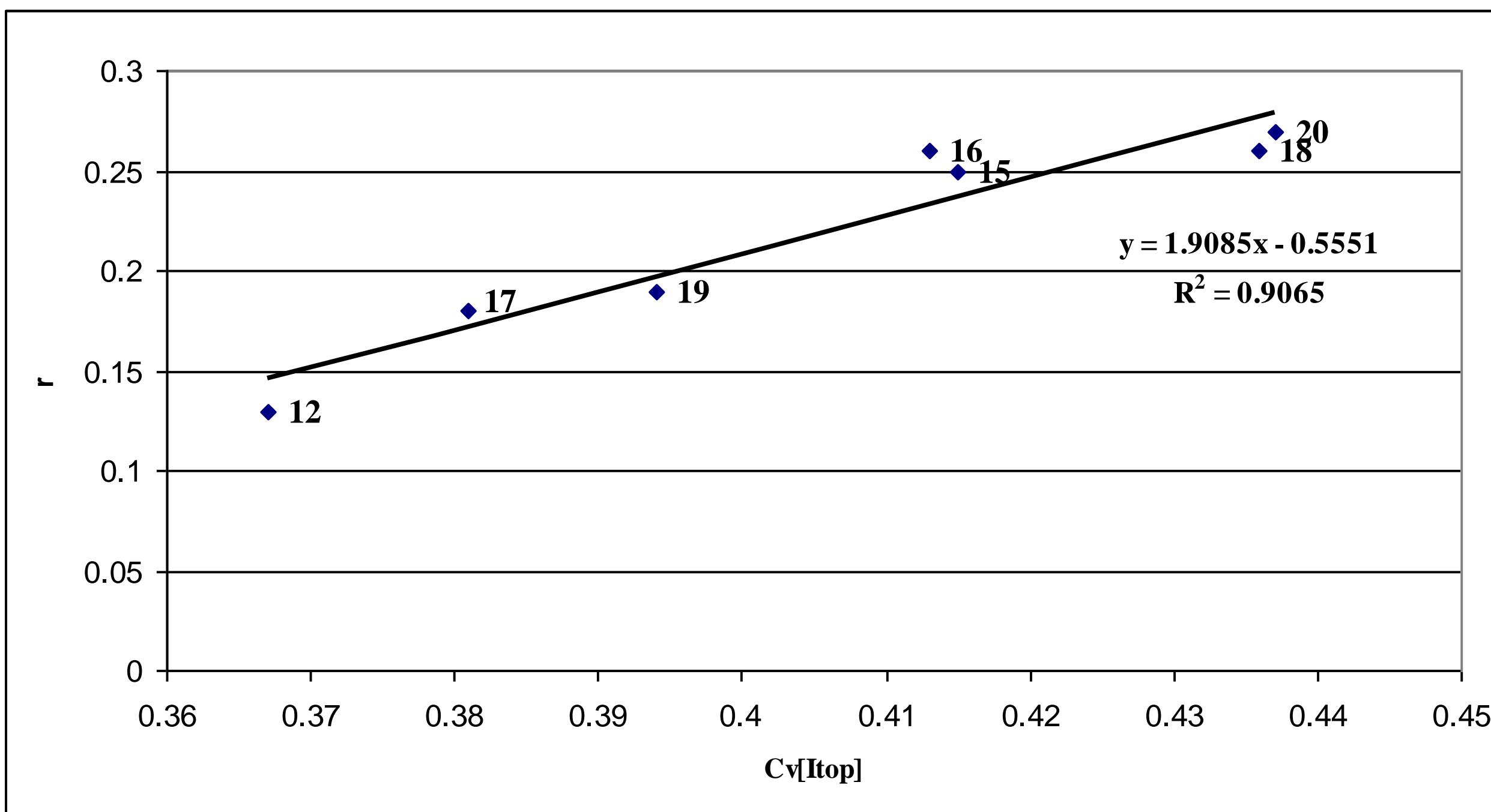
## Model consistency: E[a]

### Humid climate

In humid climate the mean contributing area was found to depend on the variation coefficient of the topographic index (Fiorentino et al. 2002).

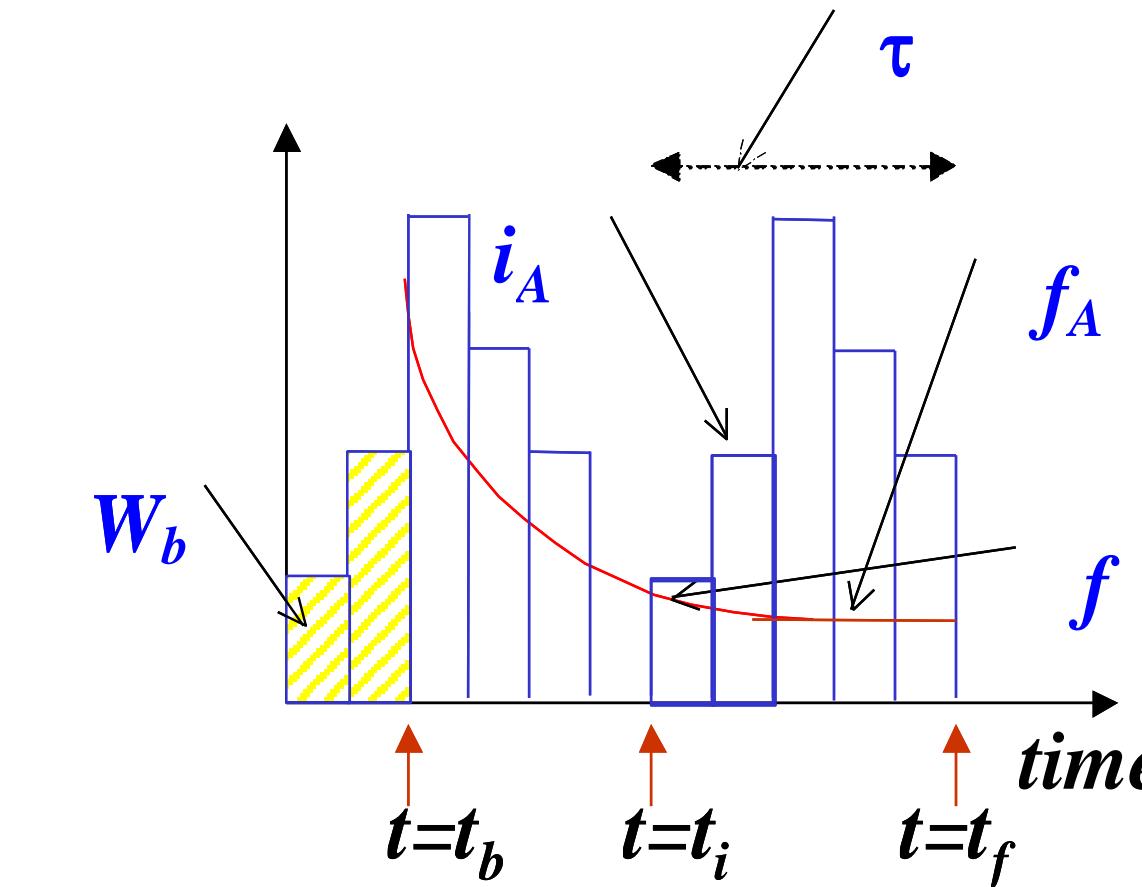
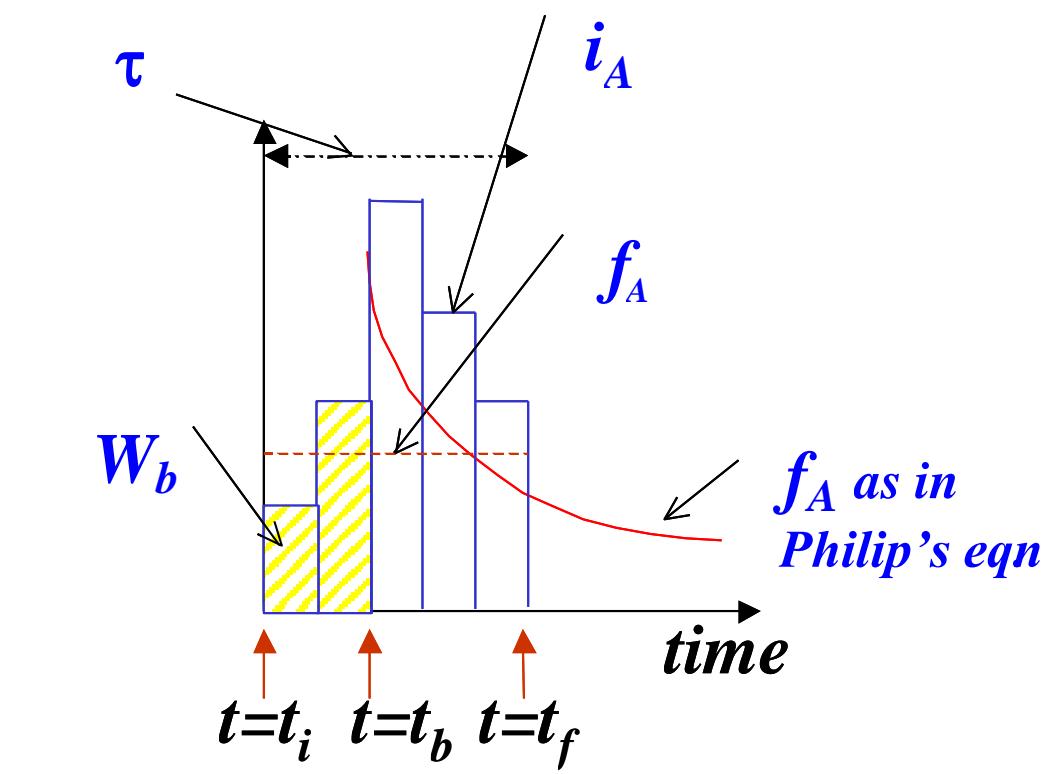
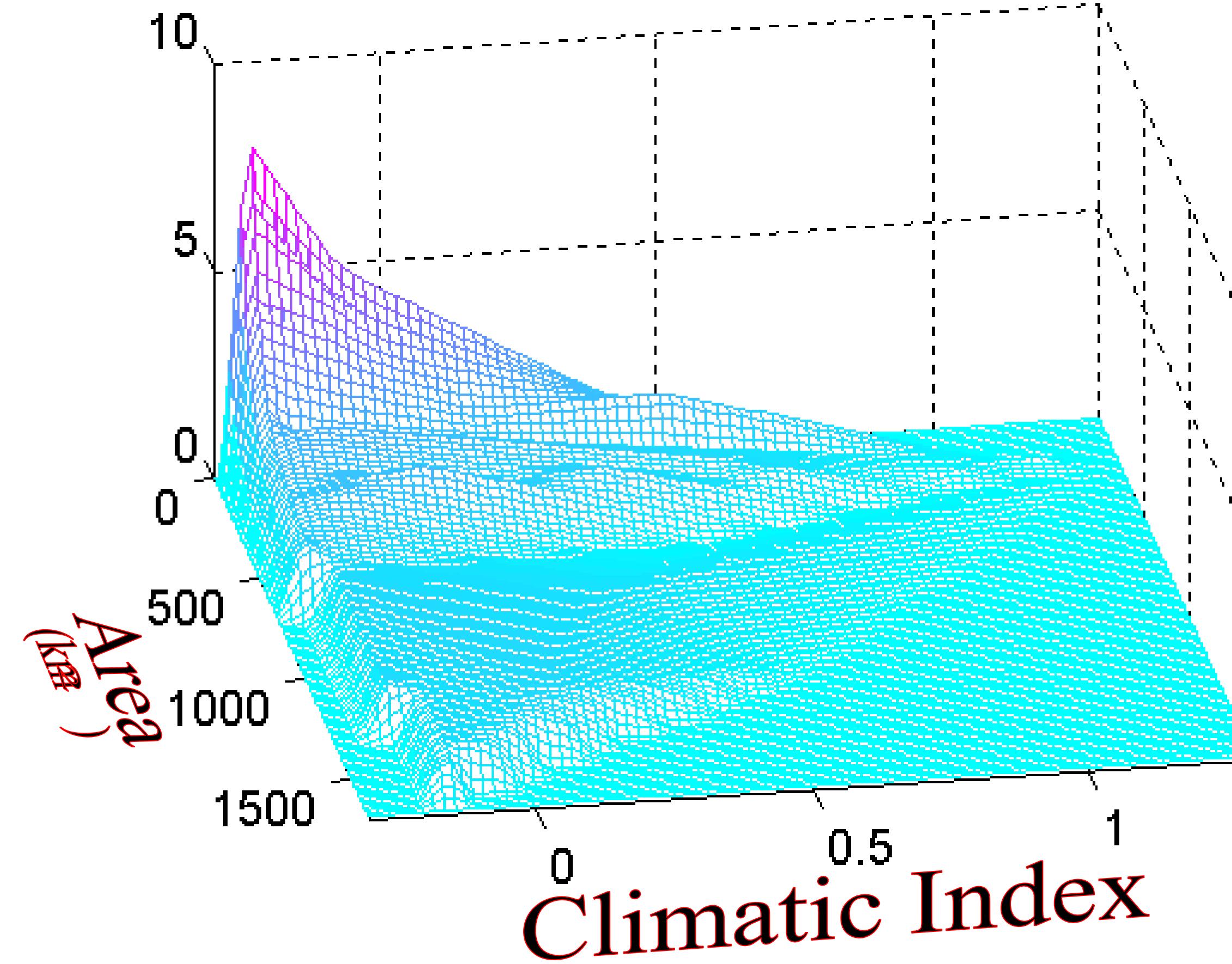
$$r = 1.9 Cv_I - 0.55, R^2=0.90$$

$$0.15 < r < 0.3$$

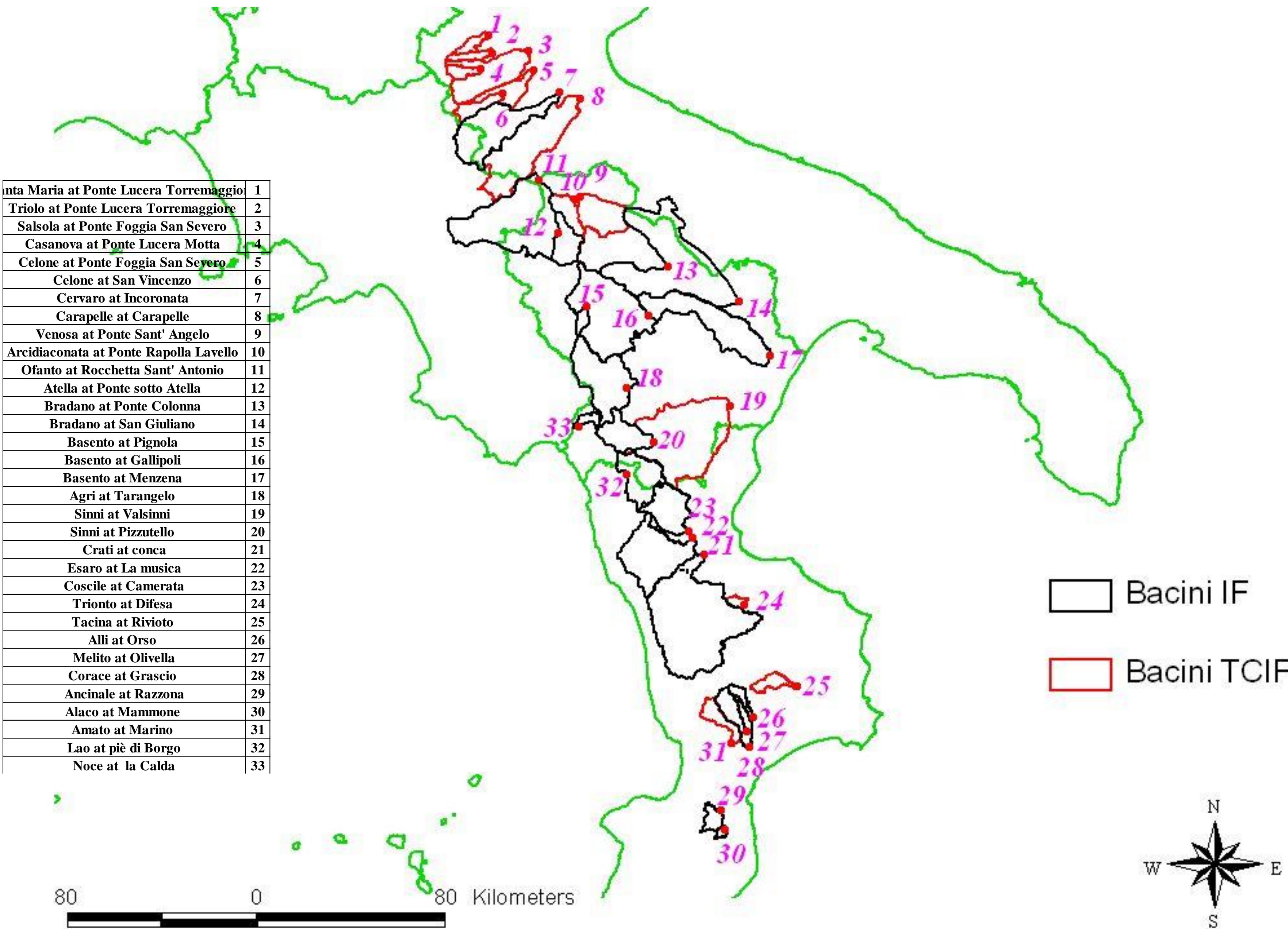


$$I_{Top} = \ln\left(\frac{a}{\tan(\beta)}\right)$$

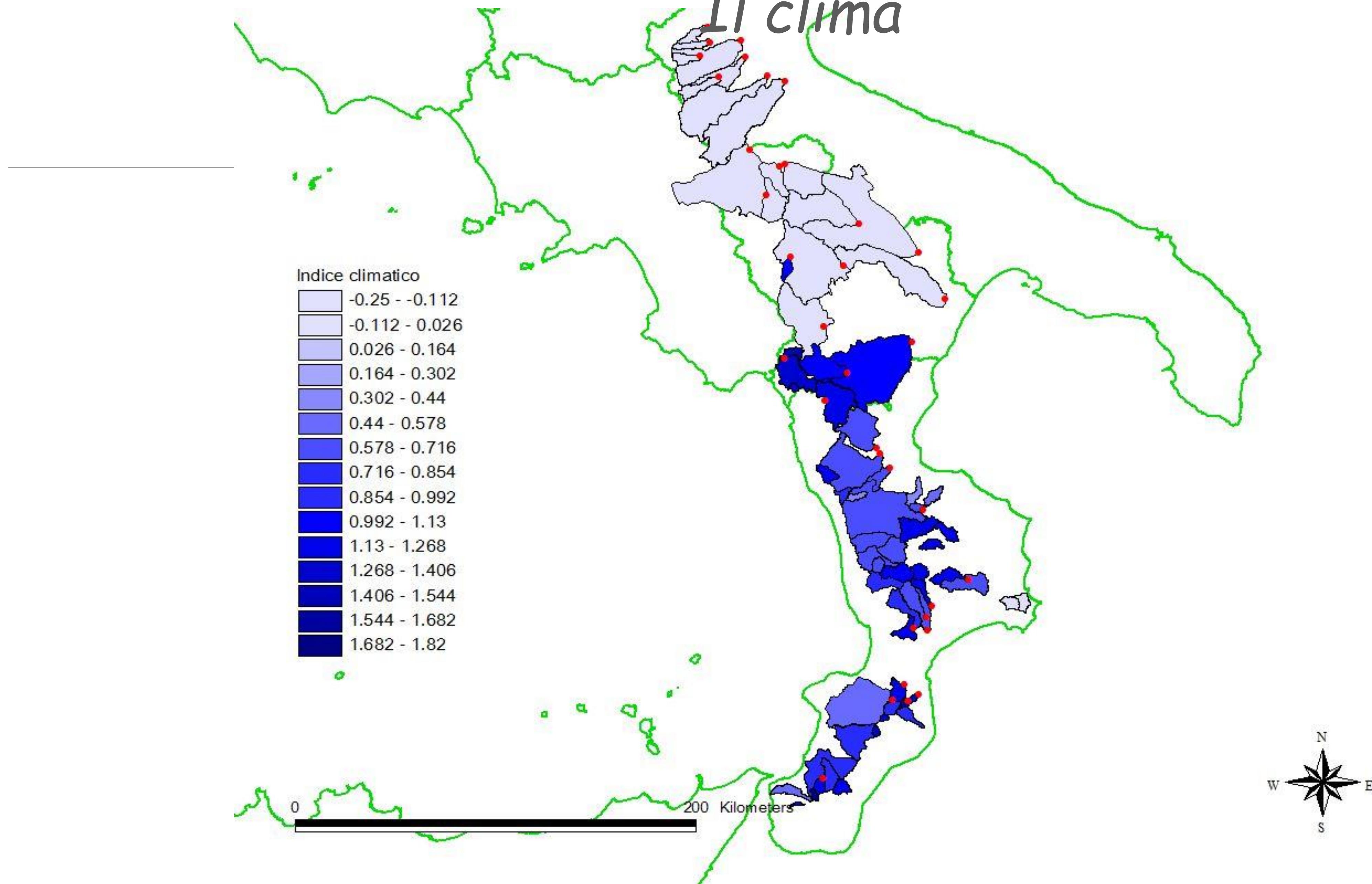
## Model consistency: Hydrological losses



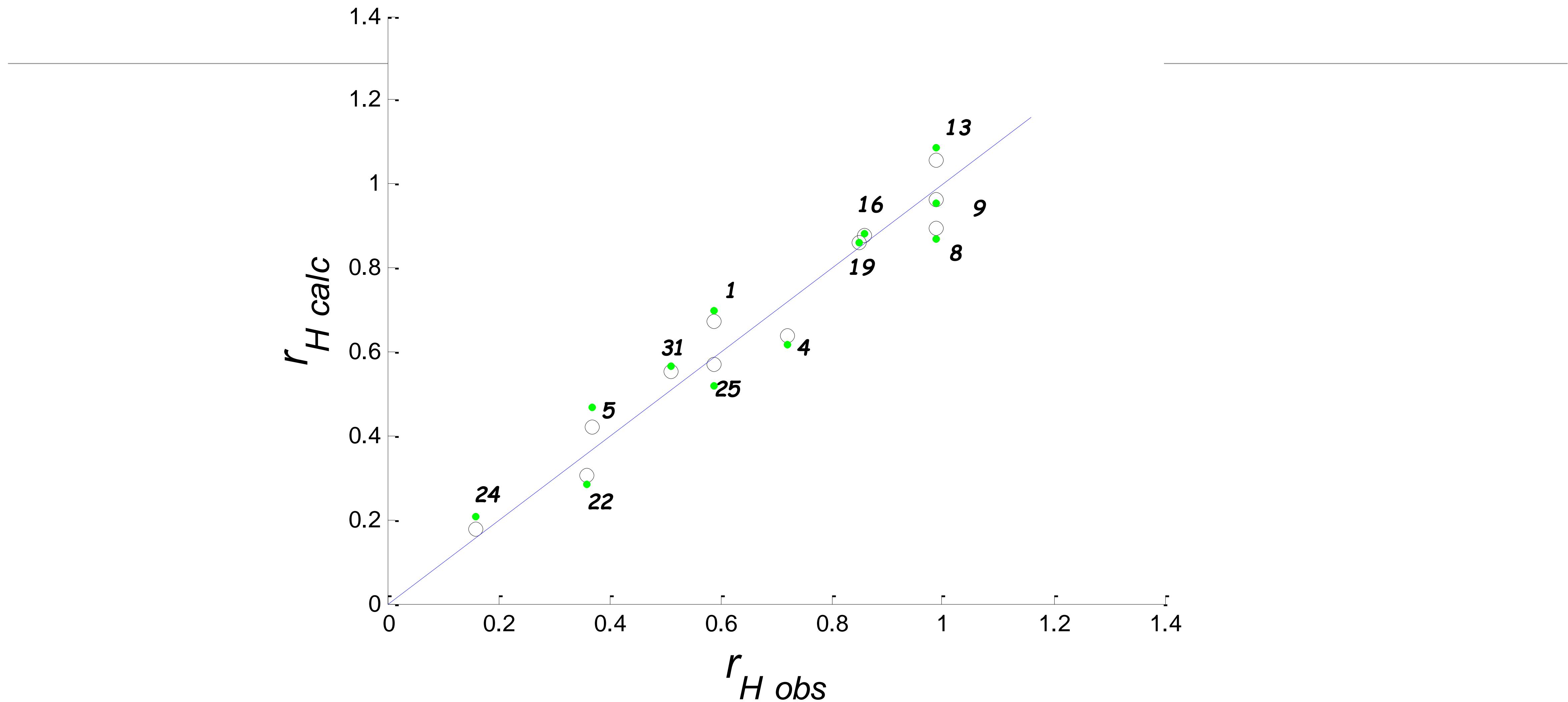
# Un caso di studio: individuazione del modello



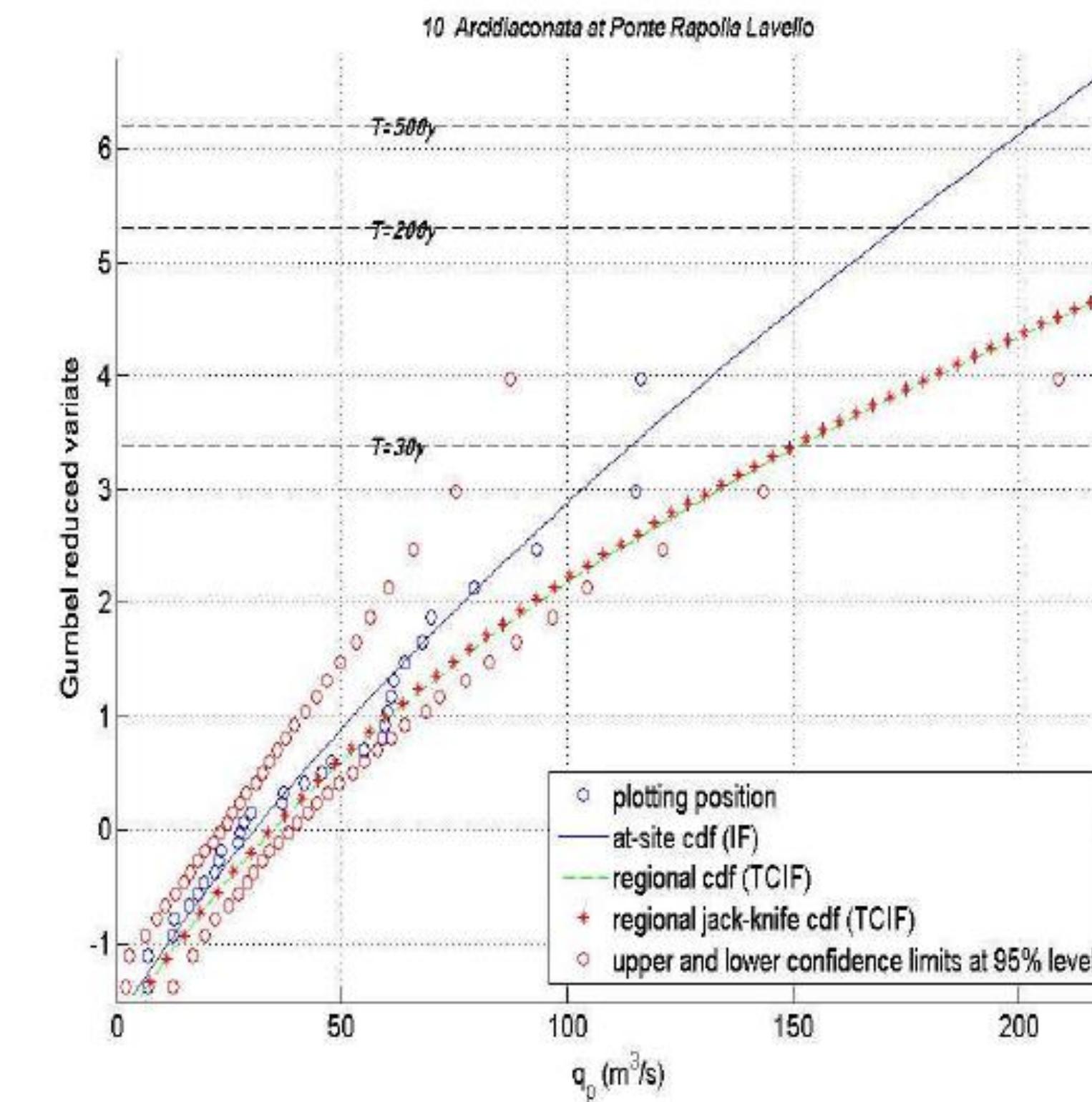
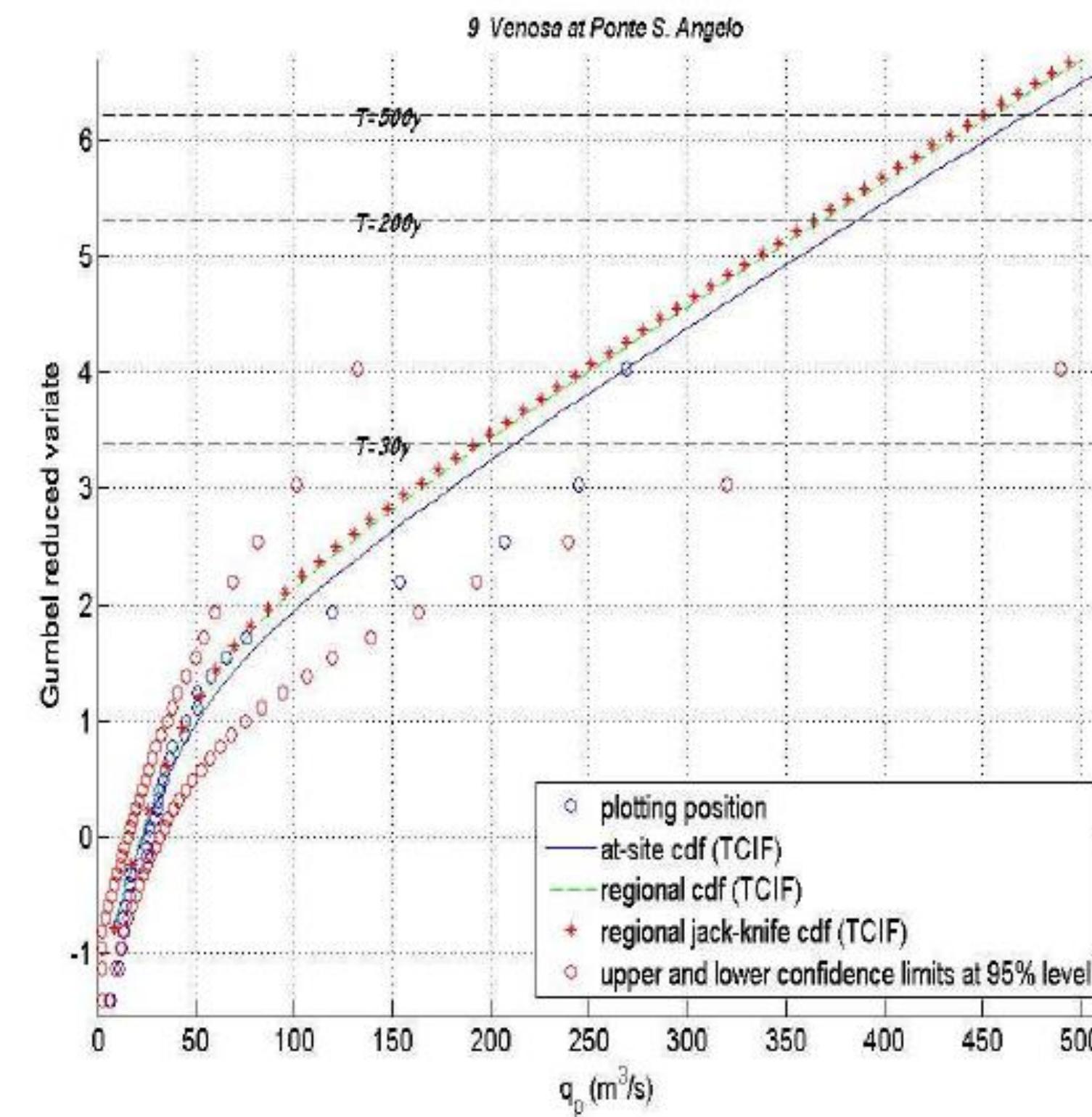
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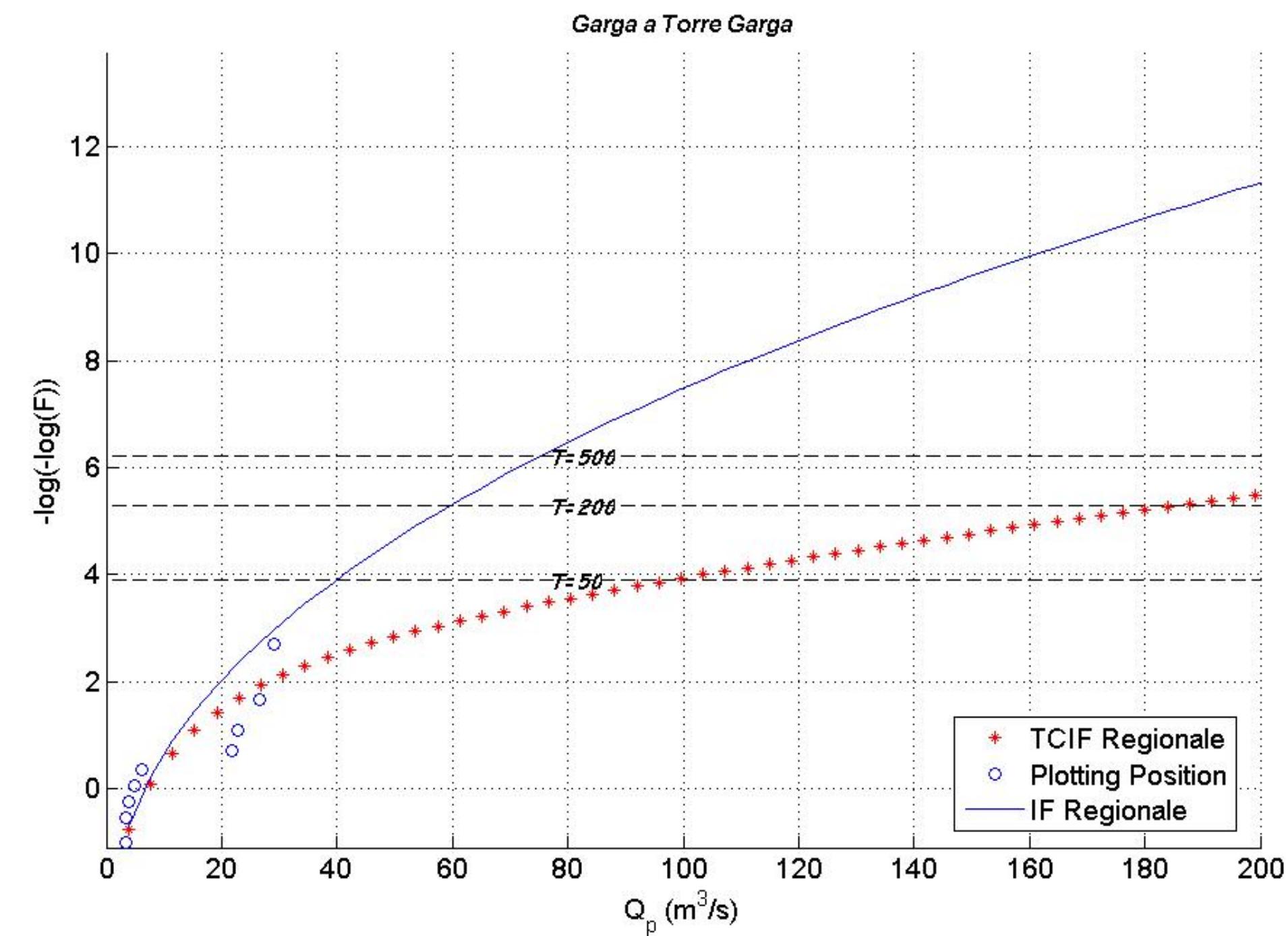
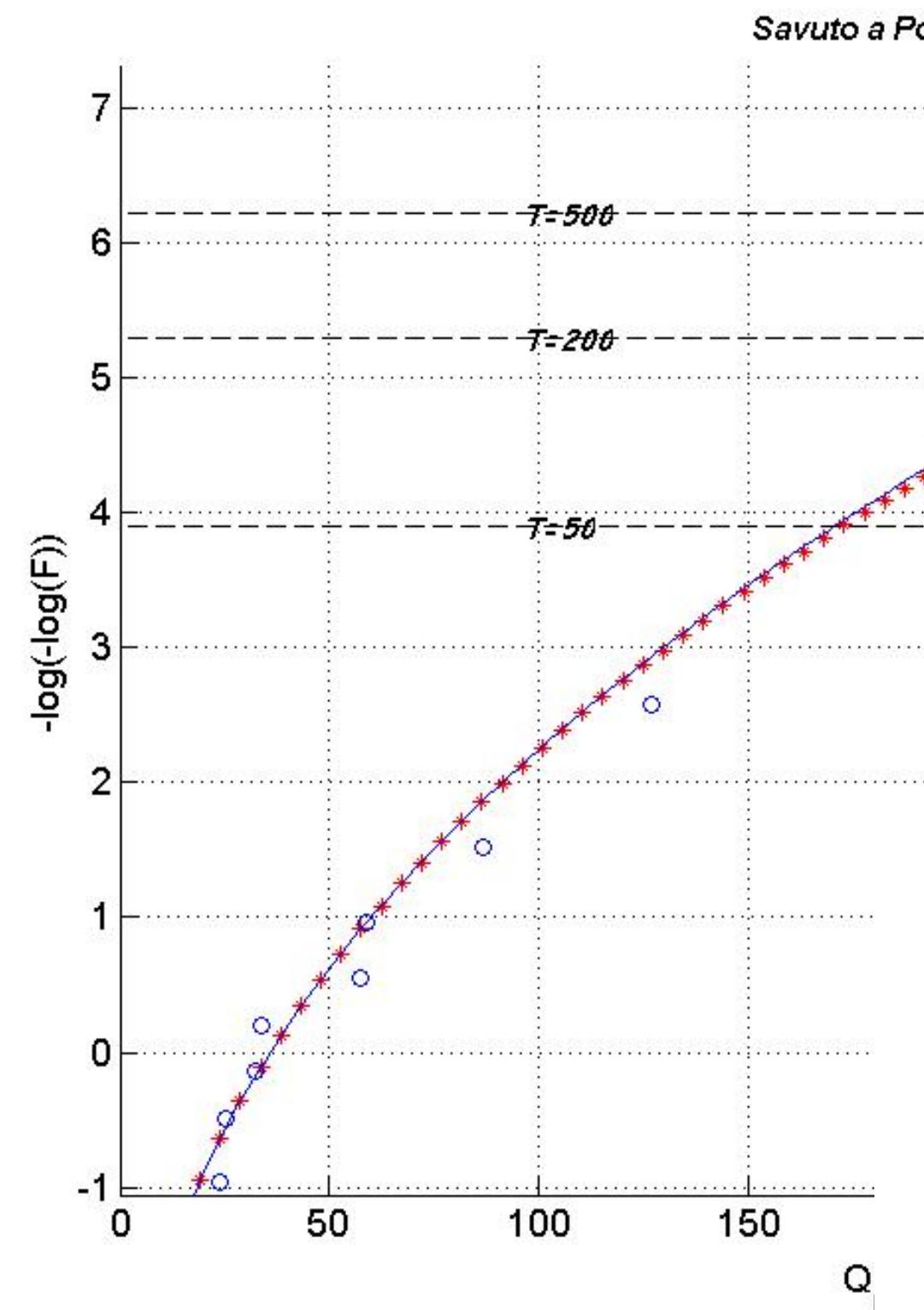
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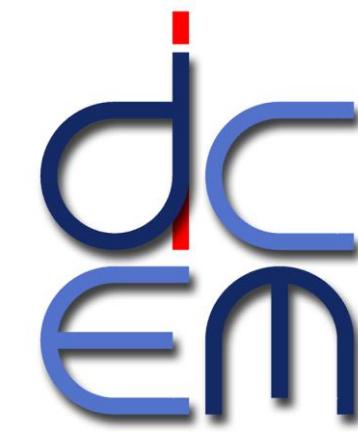


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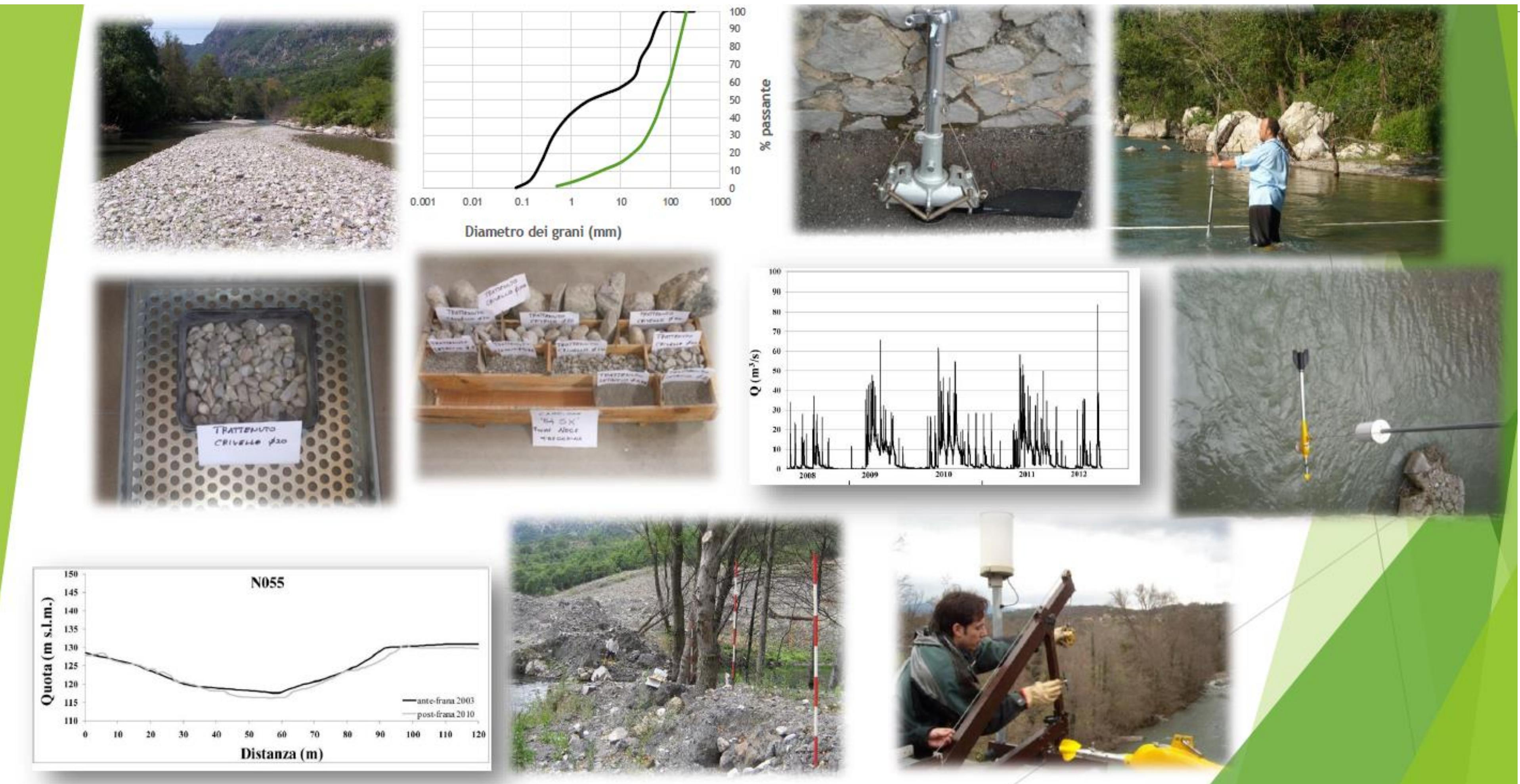
HYDROLAB of the University of Basilicata has a group of researchers that cover a wide range of research activities in the field of Hydraulic Constructions, Hydraulics, hydrology and Ecohydrology.

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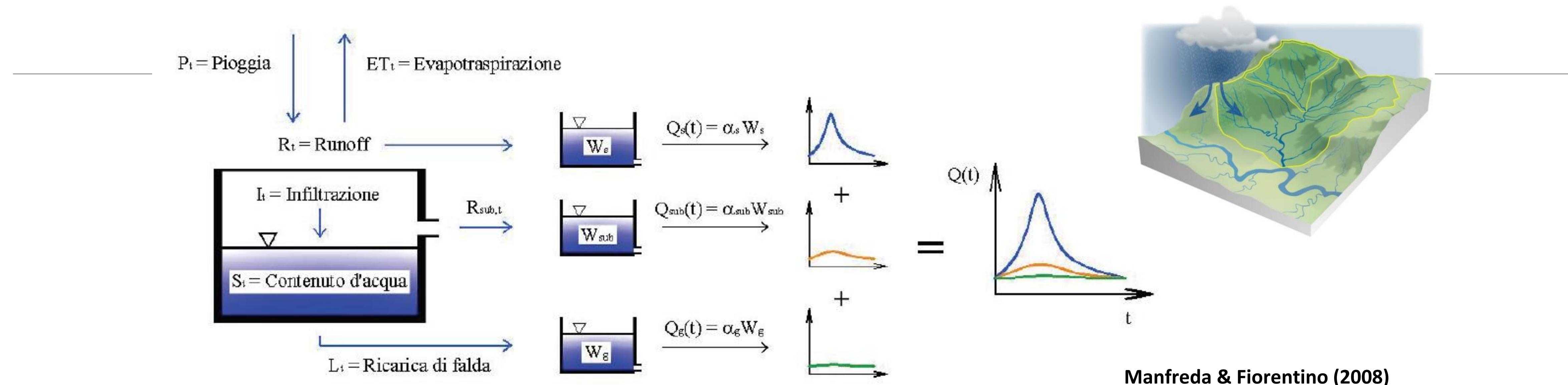
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- Laboratory of Hydraulic Construction and Hydraulic
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- Numerical Modelling LAB
- Techniques for the Management of River Basins

# Field Measurements



# Hydrological Modeling

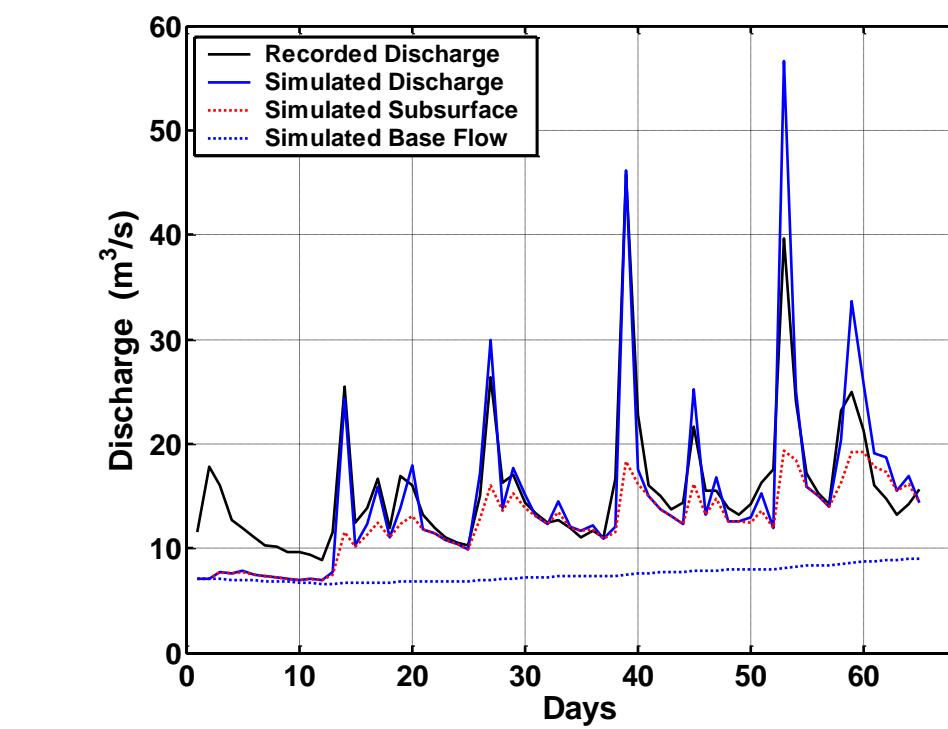
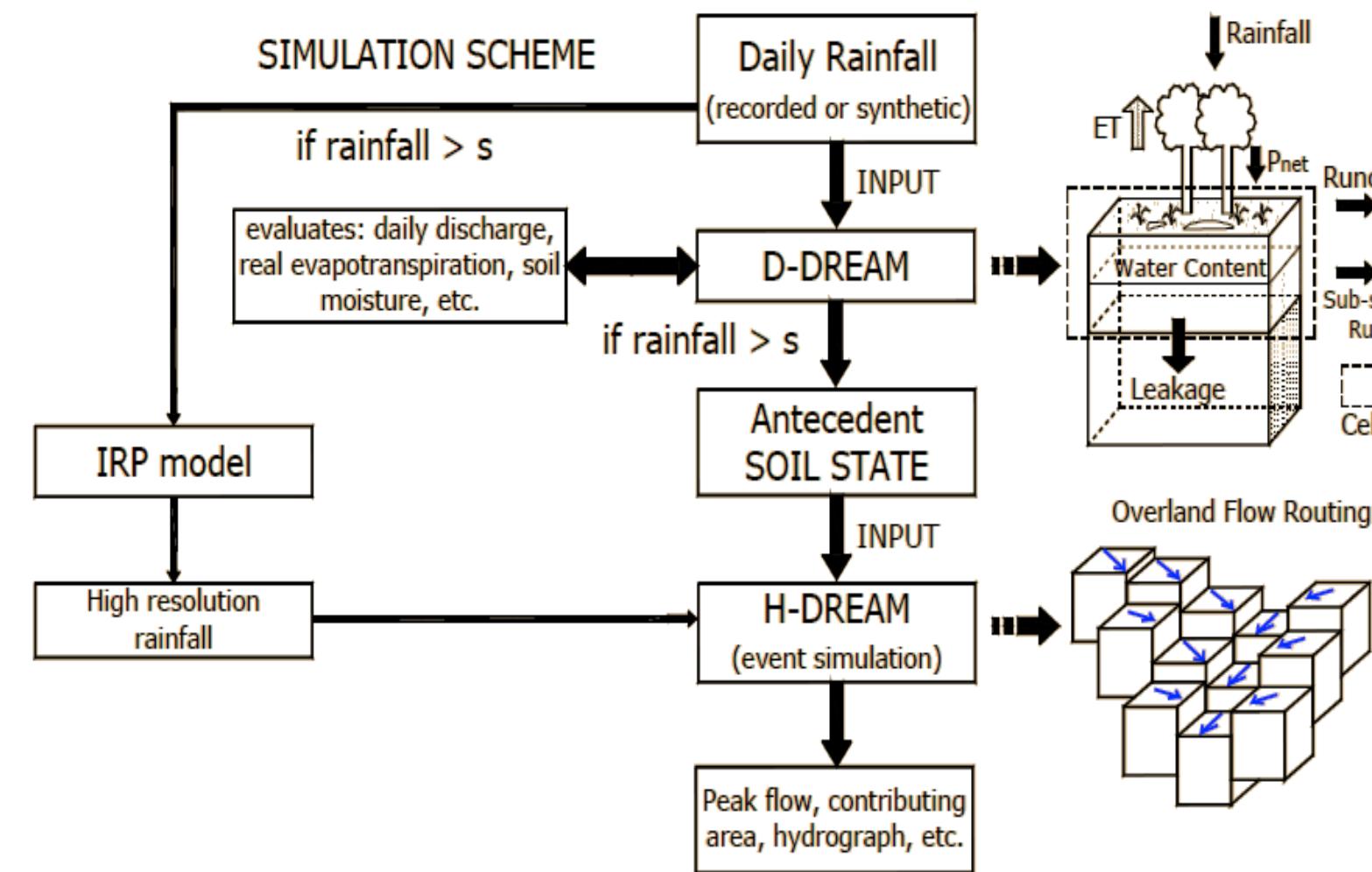


## AD2 (Aflussi-Deflussi 2)

- Lumped model with physical based parameters.
- AD2 has been applied for hydrological forecast (meteo-hydrological) with the advantage of a **limited number of parameters** and **reduced computational complexity**.
- the **calibration** of the model makes the model **versatile** for applications in **different environmental and climatic conditions**.

# Distributed Modelling DREAM

(Distributed model for Runoff, Evapotranspiration, and Antecedent soil Moisture simulation)



Manfreda et al. (ADGEO,2005)

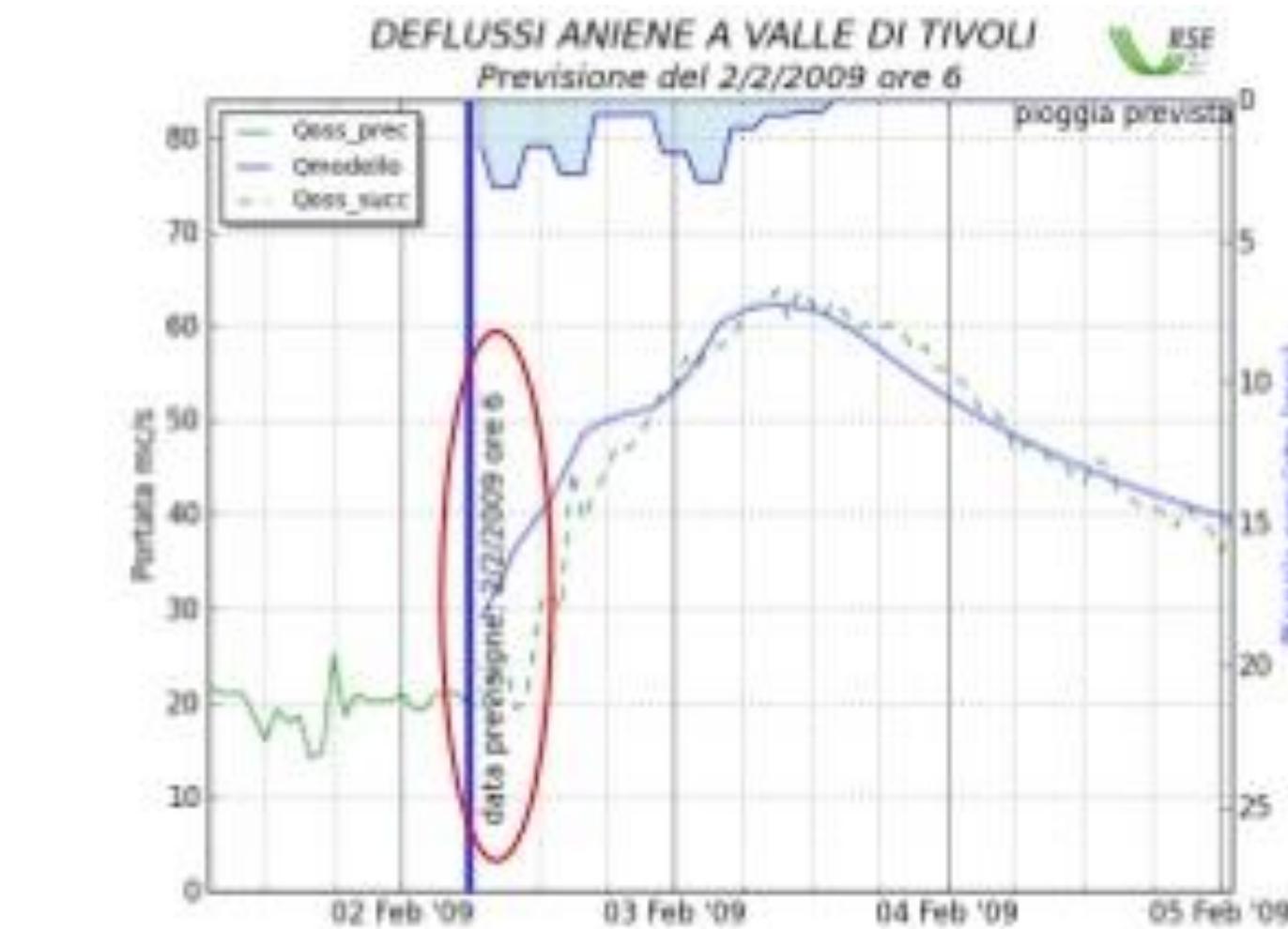
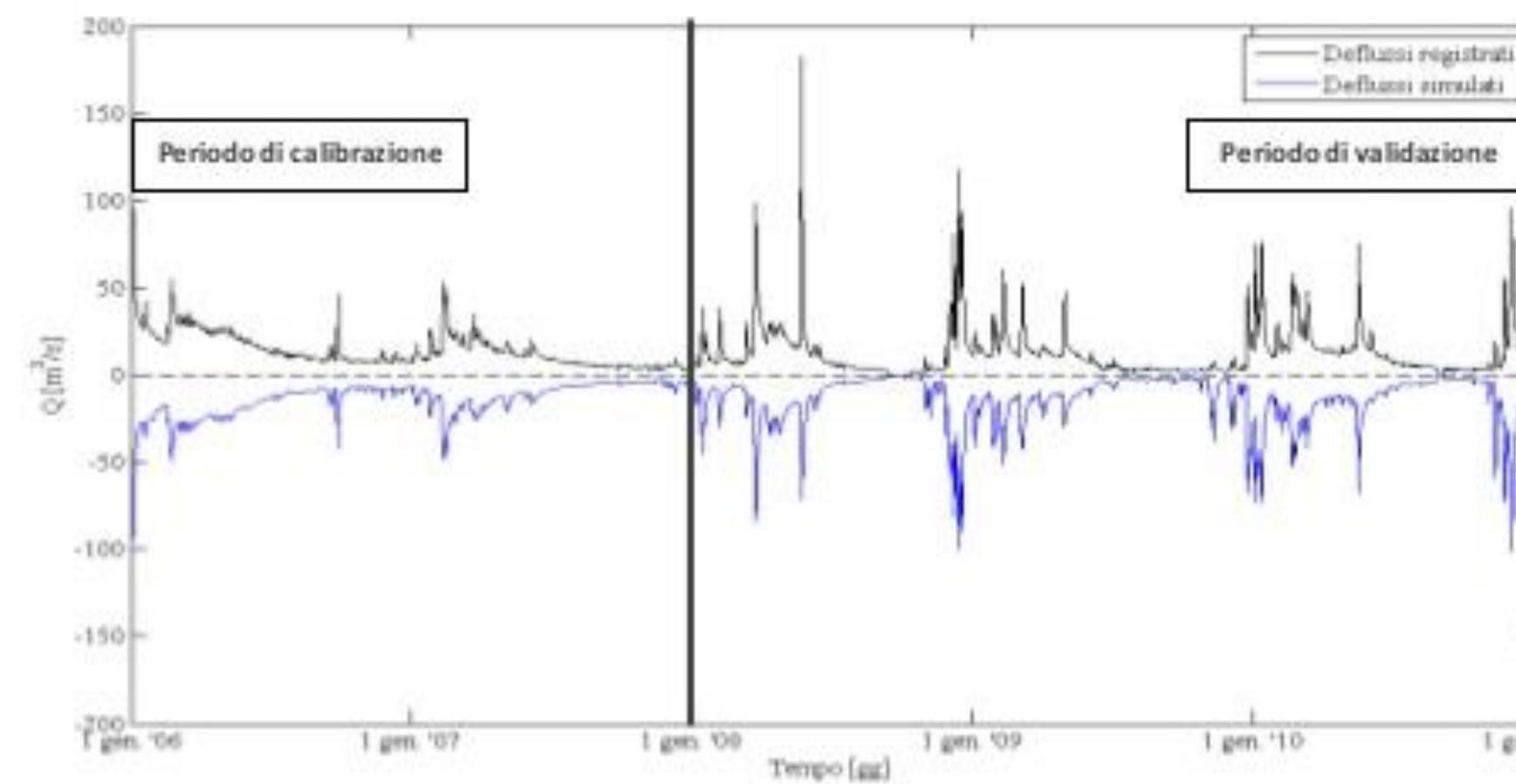
- Takes into account the **spatial heterogeneity of hydrological variables** using **distributed data** contained in digital elevation models (DEMs), land use and soil texture maps.
- The model includes two sub-models operating at distinct time-scales.
- DREAM is a suitable model for the support of **integrated models for the prediction of flood events** that make use of forecasts obtained from models in global circulation and/or limited area

# Hydropower Energy Optimization

## SPR-IDRO<sup>2</sup>

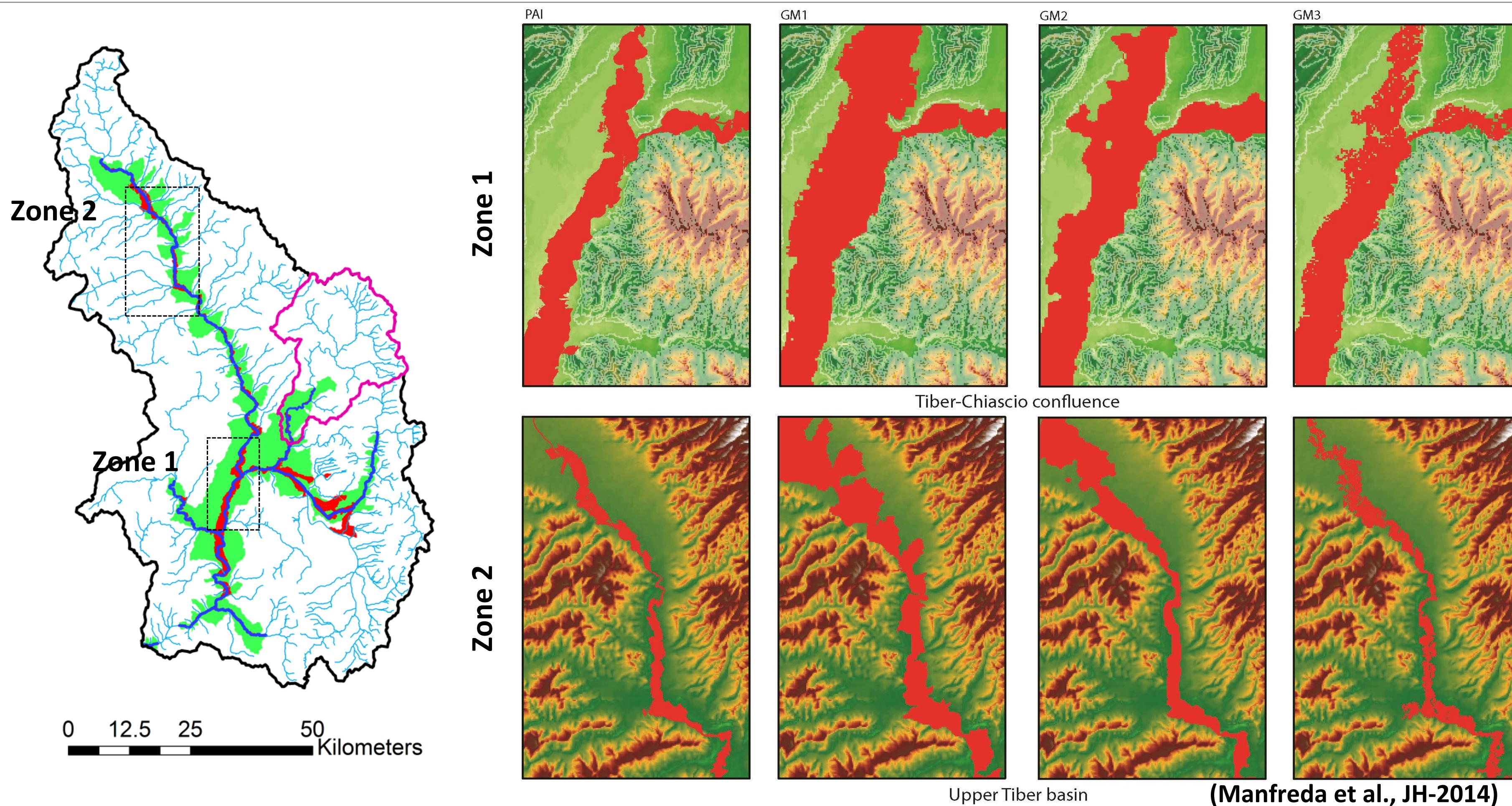
(Sistemi di PRevisione IDROlogica per la gestione di impianti IDROeletrici ad acqua fluente)

software platform that couples a meteorological model with a hydrological model in order to create tools needed to optimize the production of electricity from reservoirs and river plants. This tool will be able to provide a forecast on the potential production of energy at 24-48-72 hours.

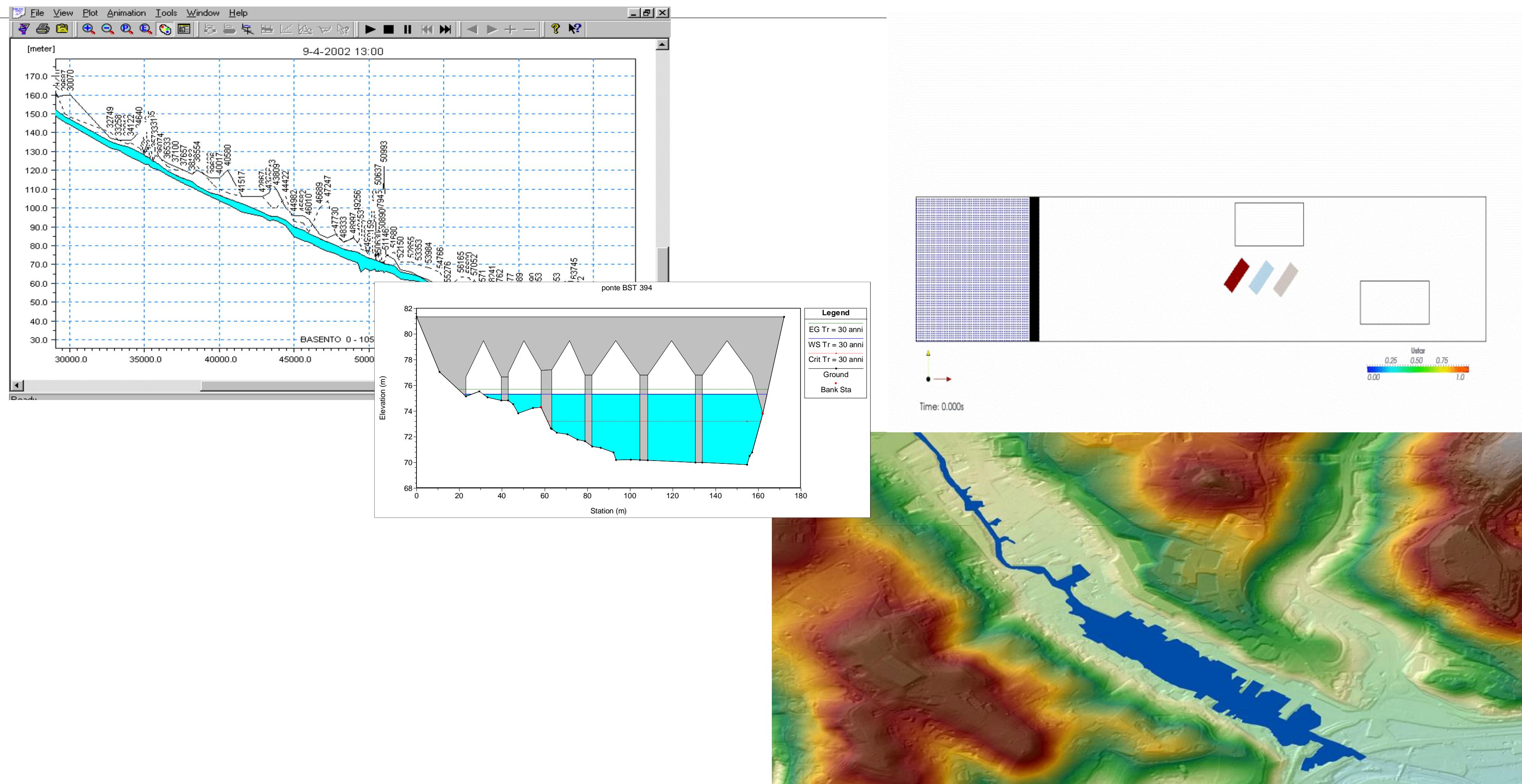


Manfreda e Mancusi (2013)

# *Geomorphic Approaches for the Delineation of Flood Prone Areas*



# *Advances in Hydraulic Modeling and Flood Impact*



(Albano et al., in press 2014)

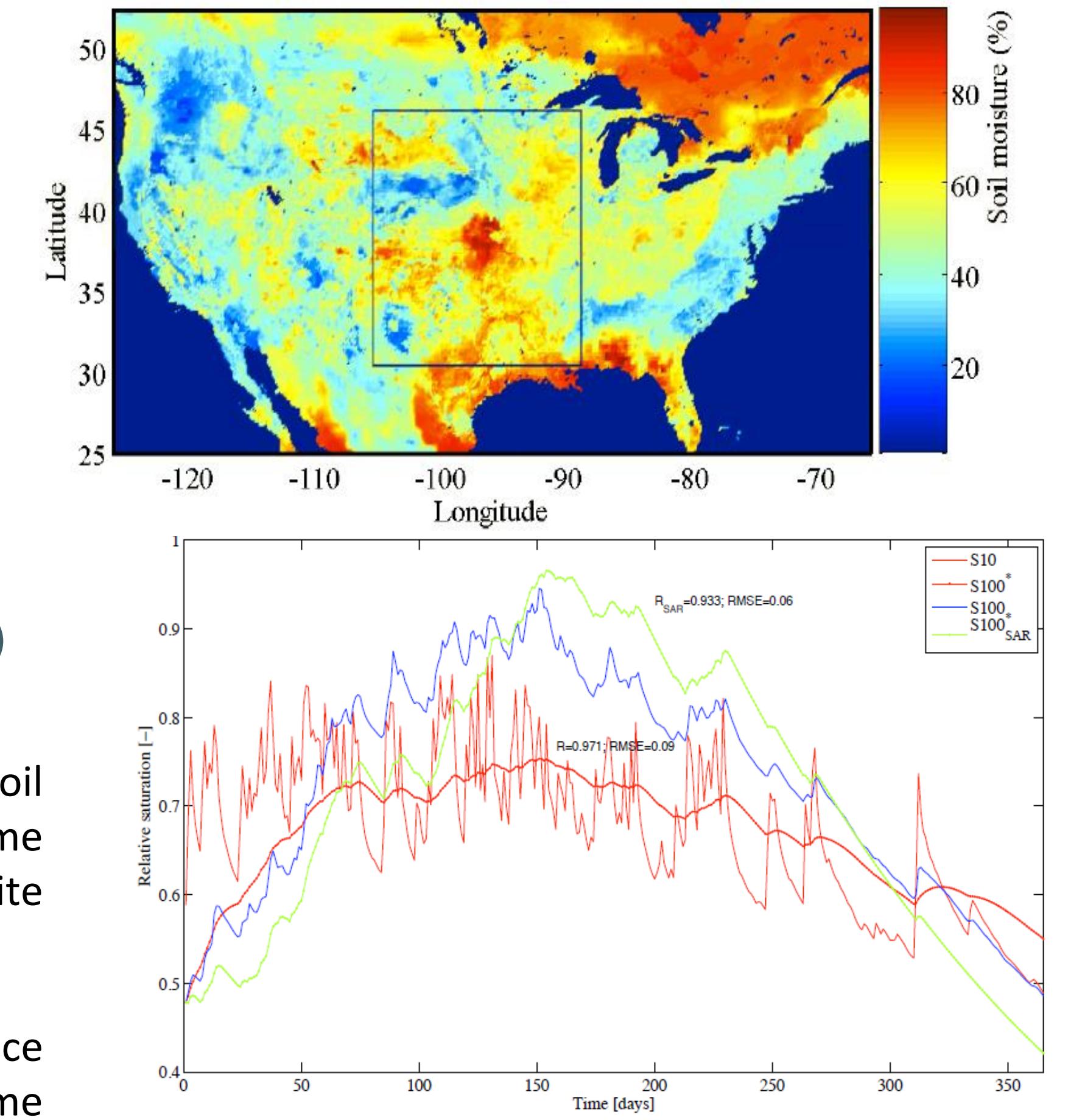
(Sole et al., 2013)

# *Soil Moisture Monitoring*



## **SMAR** (Soil moisture analytical relationship)

- describes analytically the relation between surface soil moisture and the moisture of the root zone on the basis of time series of surface soil moisture data acquired by satellite measurement systems.
- deduces the state of humidity of the soil below the surface using the data of humidity of the soil surface together with some physical parameters characteristic of the site in question.



**(Manfreda et al., HESS-2014)**

# *Vegetation Patterns*

