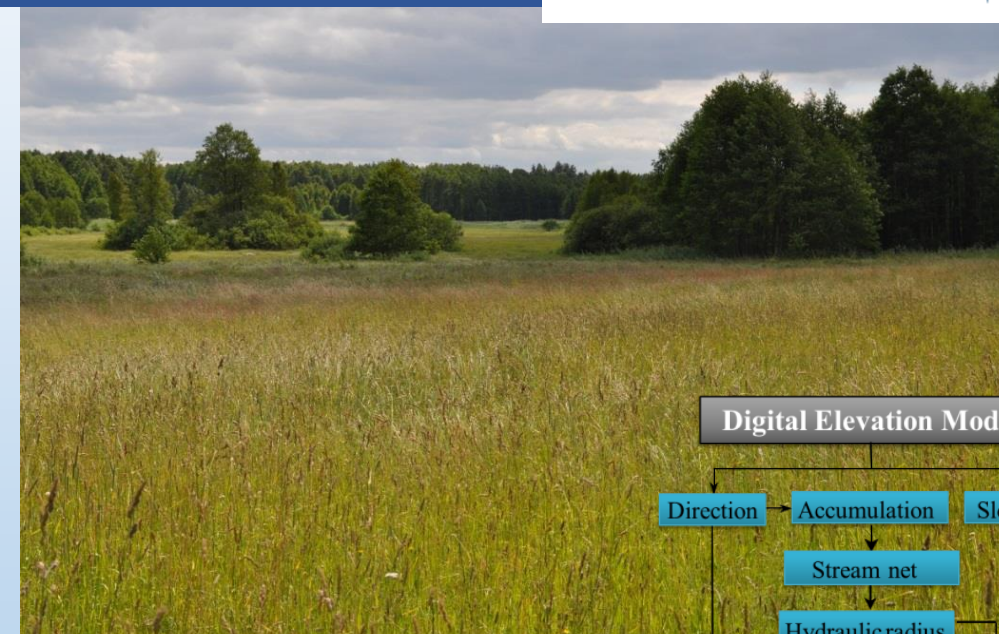


# Integration and Validation of Remote Sensing derived Interception Storage into distributed Rainfall-Runoff model

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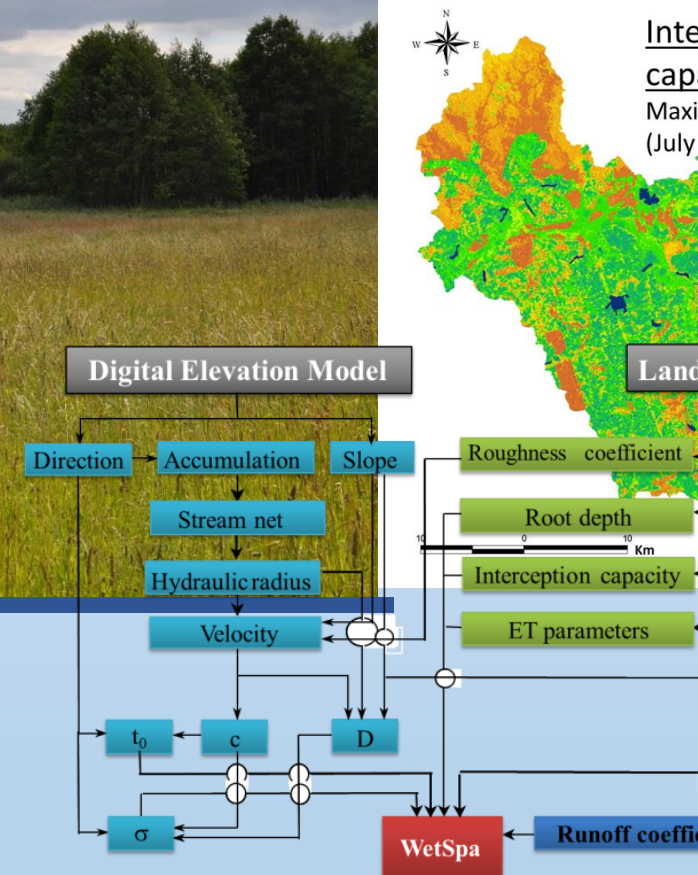
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The extensive floodplain and riverine marshes, forms the big river valley peatland, with an unique diversity of wetland ecosystems. Interception storage capacity of these mostly sedges is a clue of our study.

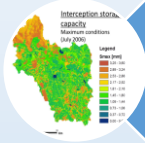
# Intro

- **Distributed models of catchments with significant wetland coverage have to focus on wetland-specific issues such as the hydrological response of natural vegetation, i.e. parameterisation and dynamics of vegetation.**
- **This study focuses on improving the interception capacity calculation in the distributed hydrological model WetSpa and SWAT based on physical parameters**
- **Leaf Area Index (LAI) is an useful, physical parameter describing vegetation canopy structure in terrestrial ecosystems closely related to e.g. biomass and interception storage capacity.**
- **The one of the objectives is to integrate seasonal LAI data: field measurements and remote sensing**
- **The upper Biebrza basin selected for testing**

# Scheme of the conducted research



Remote Sensing data  
(LAI-Landsat relation)



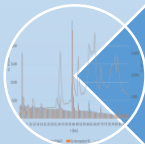
Interception maps –LAI based equations



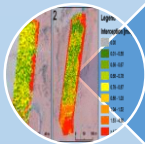
Verification of the interception maps - field sampling and laboratory analysis



Model set up - GIS zonal statistics or distributed GRID

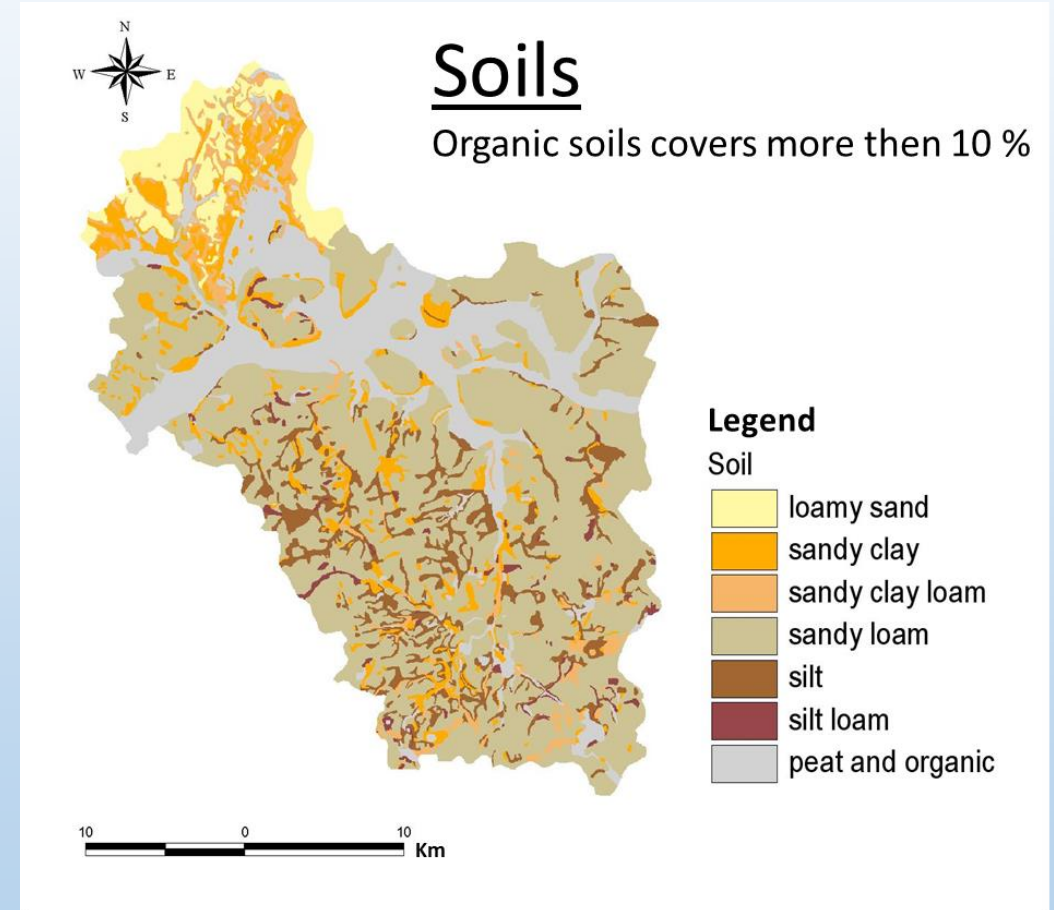
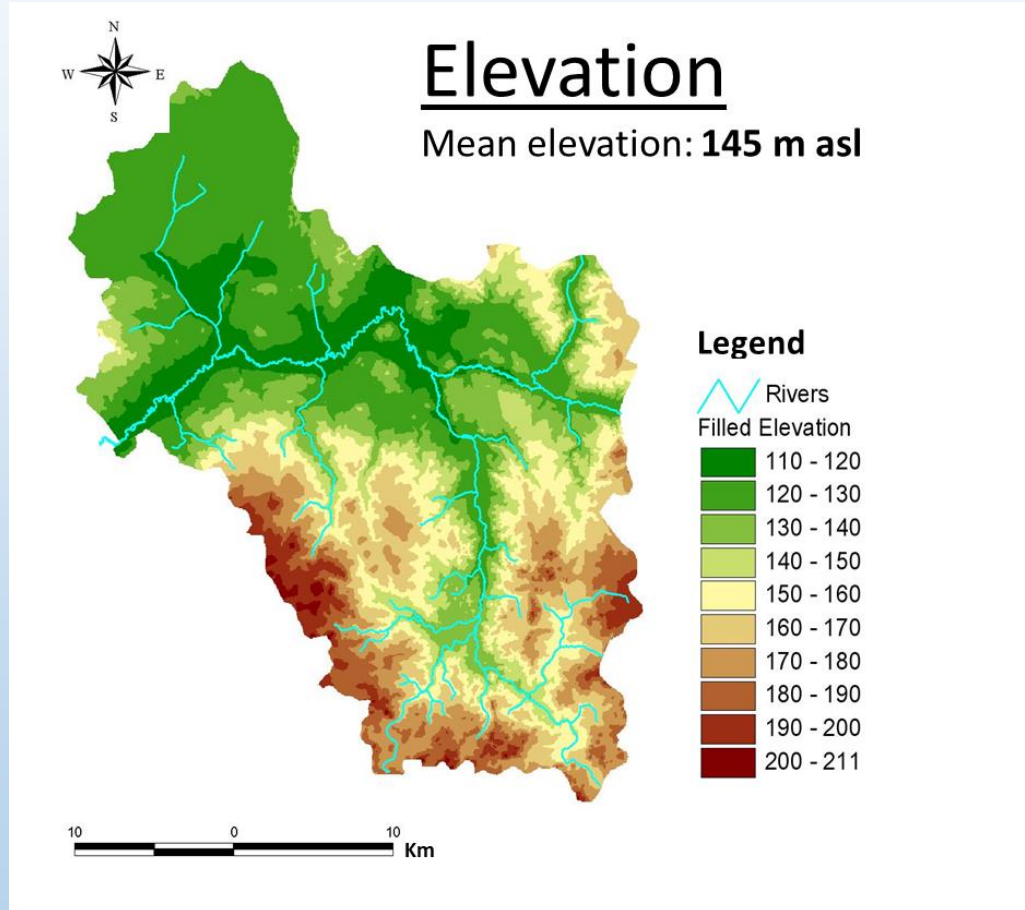


Results



Discussion of different RS interception options

# Input maps: DEM and soil

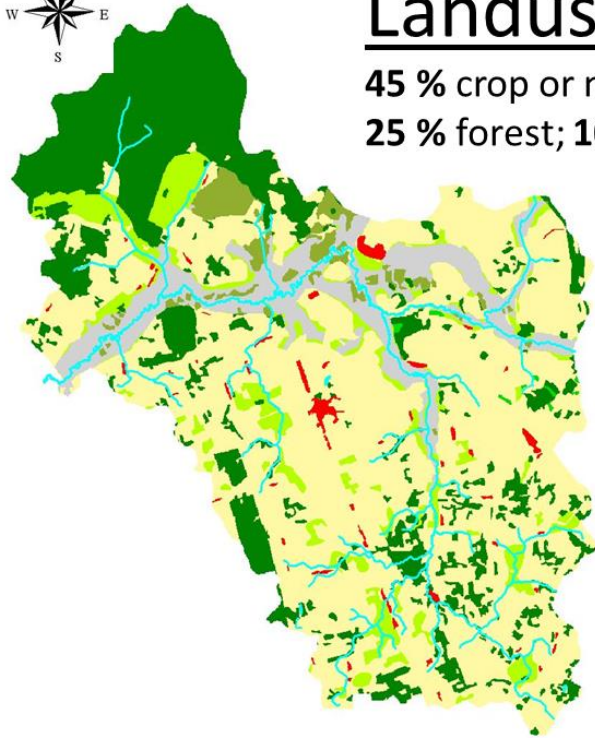


# Input maps: CLC Land use and RS-LC (Landsat, ChrisProbe, ALS Point cloud)



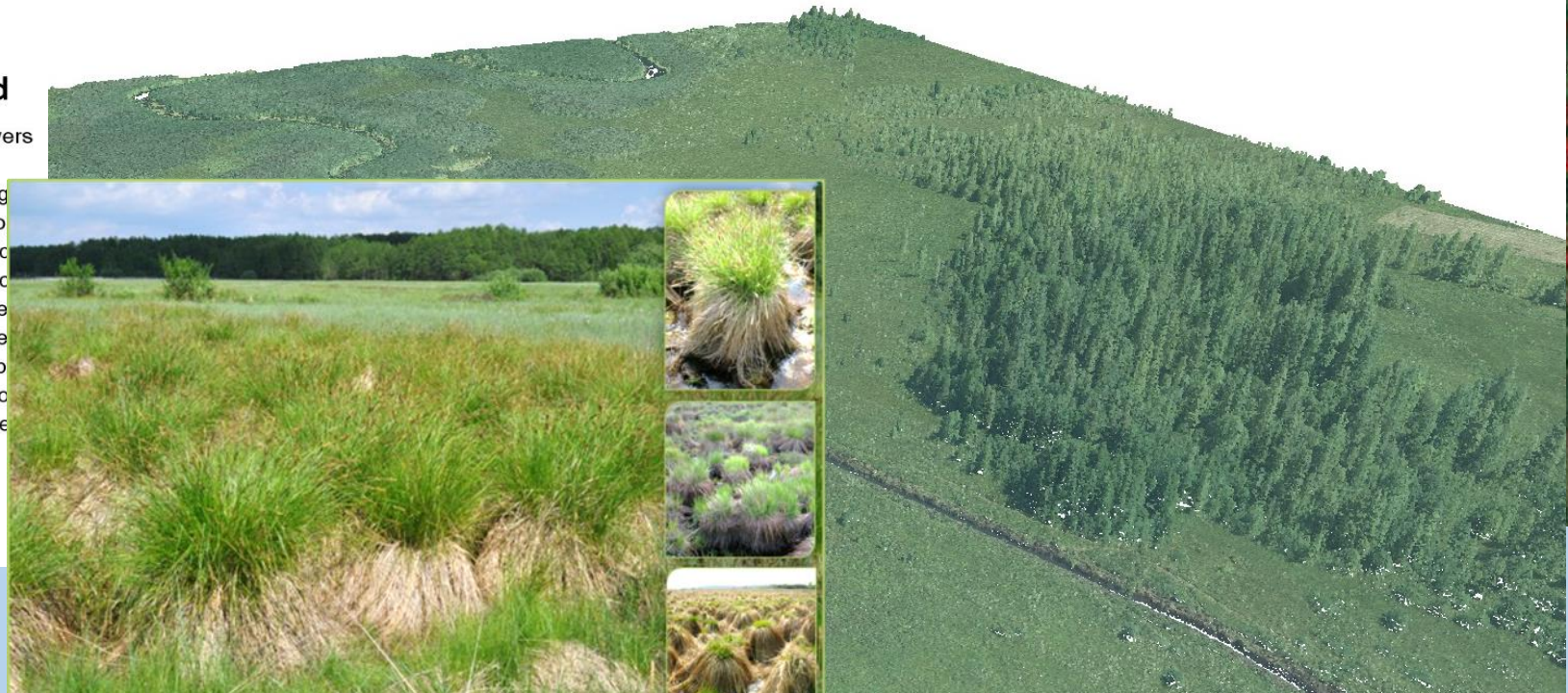
## Landuse

45 % crop or mixed farming;  
25 % forest; 10 % marsh; 7 % grass



### Legend

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- Landuse
  - Bog
  - Cro
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  - Eve
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  - Imp
  - Sho
  - Stre



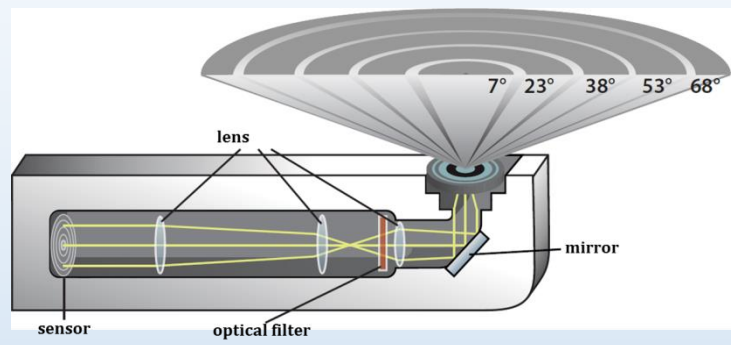
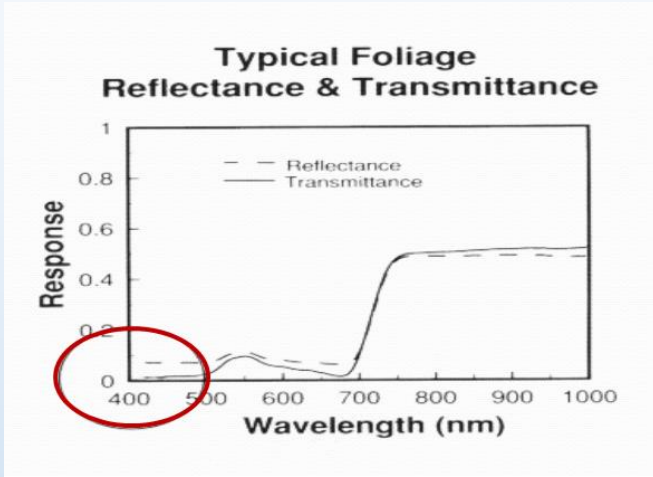
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# Interception storage capacity estimation

- LAI of different plant communities has been measured in a seasonal using LAI-2000 Plant Canopy Analyzer.
- Landsat images are used to represent the different vegetation stages during the growing season (near LAI minimum and LAI maximum).
- Empirical relationships between these measurements and several spectral vegetation indices were tested.
- The highest correlation and the strongest linear relationship regarding LAI has TM *Atmospherically Resistant Vegetation Index* ARVI ( $R^2=0.79$ ).
- The minimum/maximum LAI maps are combined with the existing equations to calculate spatially distributed hydrological parameter maps, i.e. minimum and maximum interception storage capacity.

# Measurement equipment

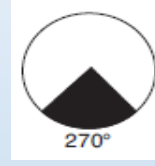
## – LICOR LAI-2000



*Willow shrubs*



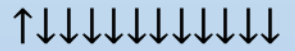
*Sedges and grass*



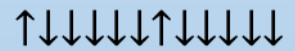
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*Stable sky conditions*



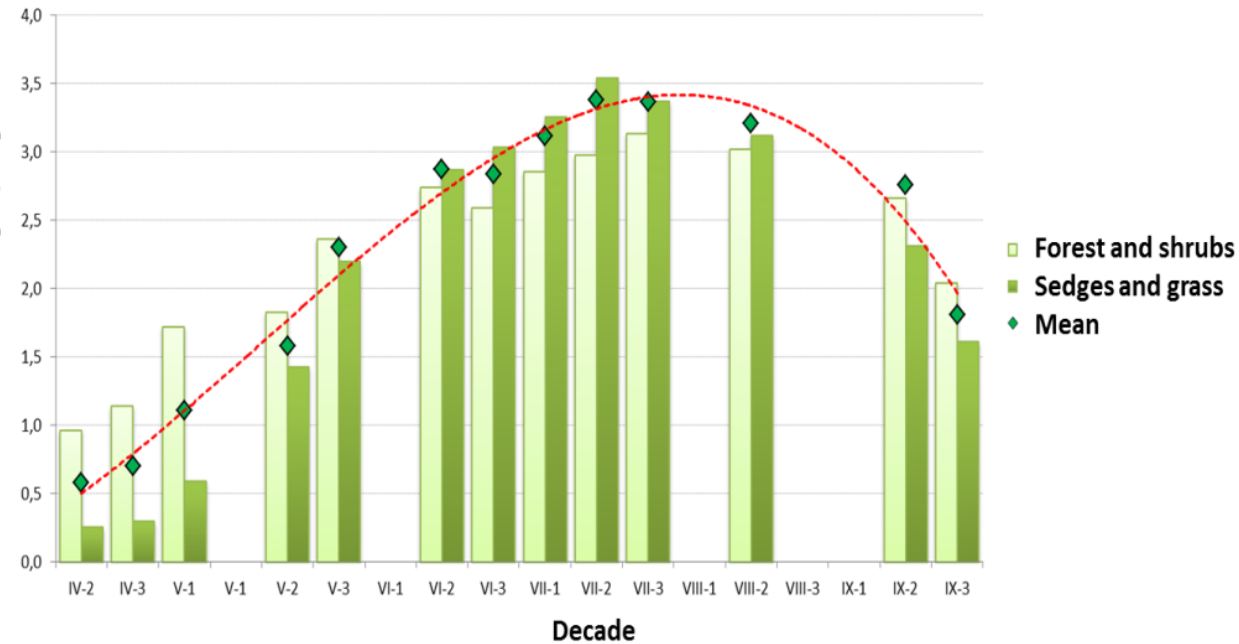
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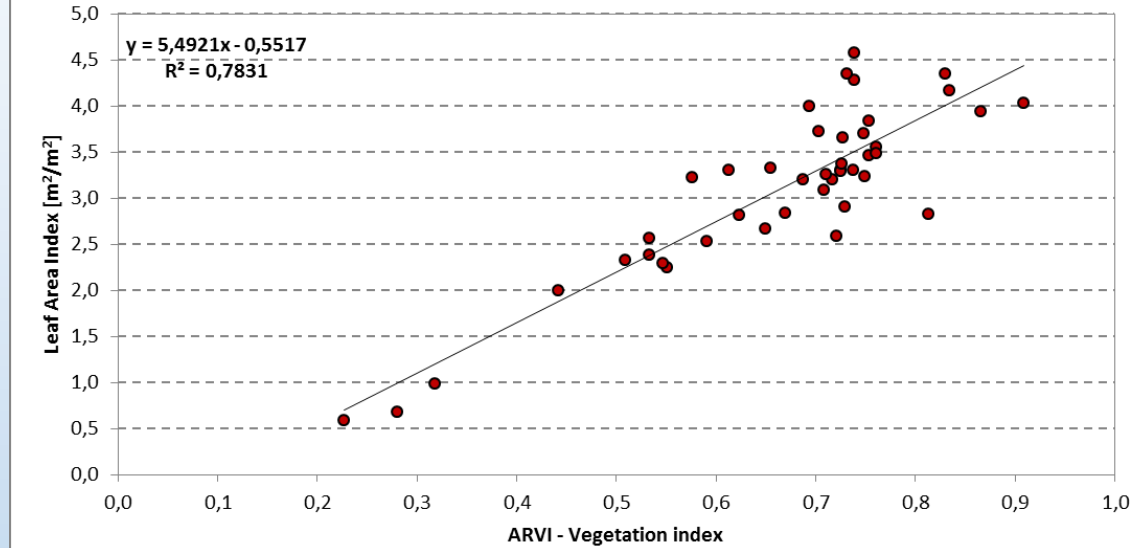


# LAI seasonal variation and its regression to Landsat

## Annual variation of Leaf Area Index in the Biebrza River Valley



## Atmospherically Resistant Vegetation Index-Leaf Area Index Linear regression model



# Interception storage capacity calculation based on LAI (Based on methodology De Jong & Jetten, 2007):

- **Agricultural crops (Hoyningen – Huene ,1981):**

- $S_{\max\_crops\_min} = 0.935 + (0.498 * LAI_{MIN65}) - (0.00575 * (LAI_{MIN65}^2))$

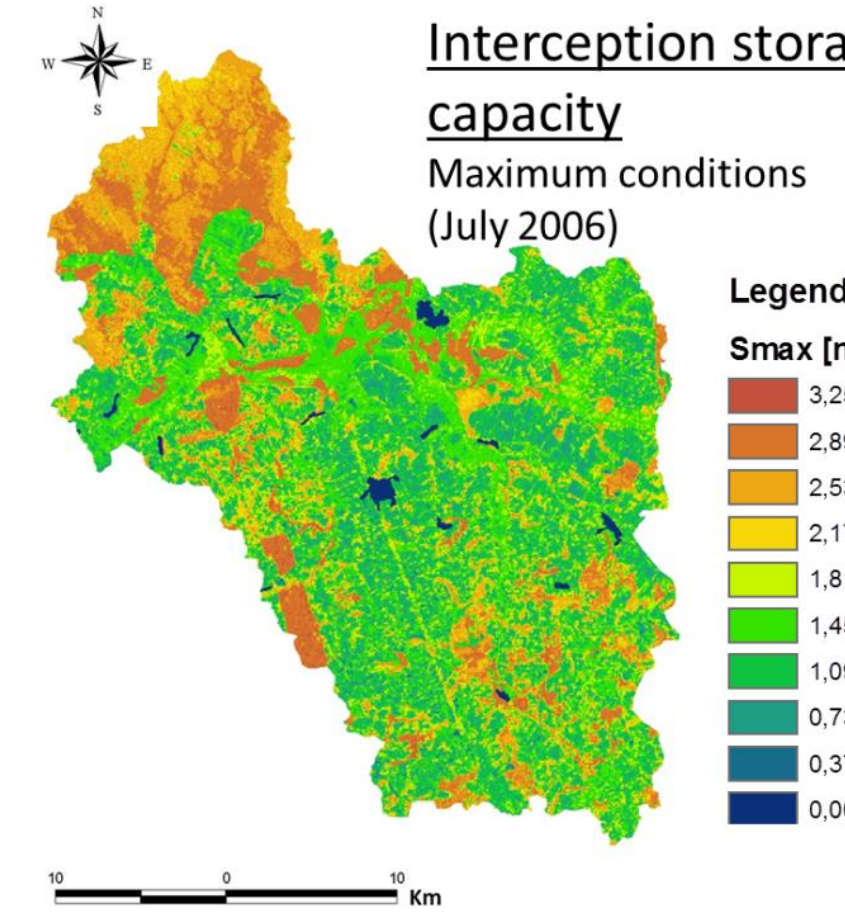
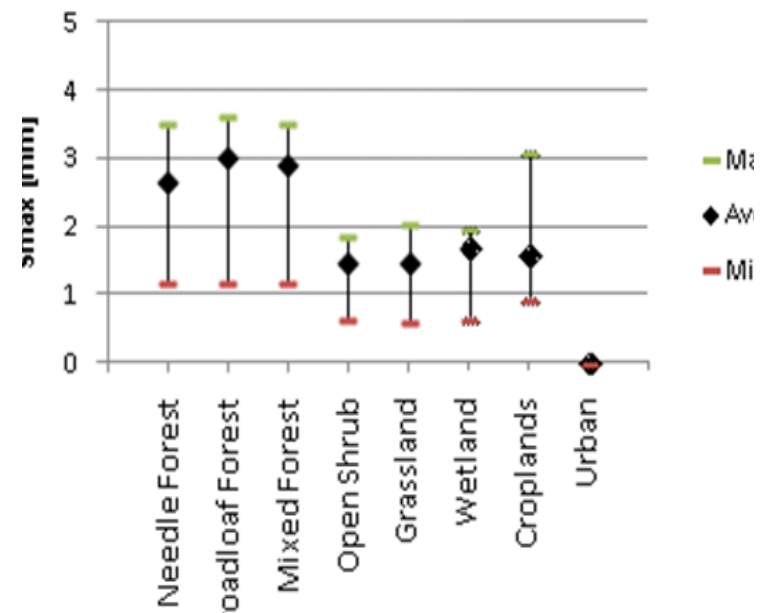
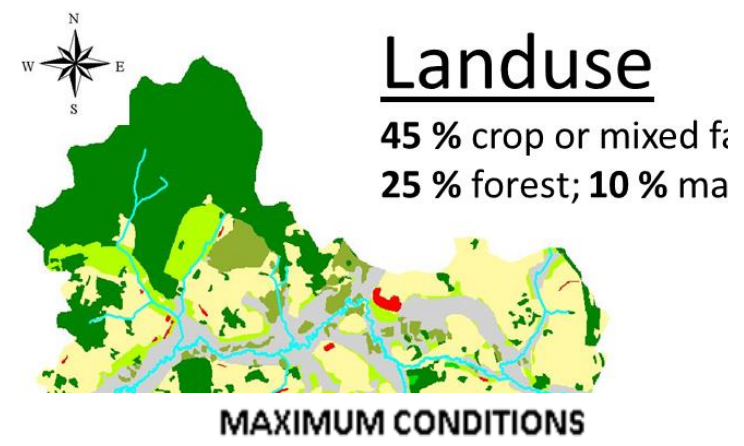
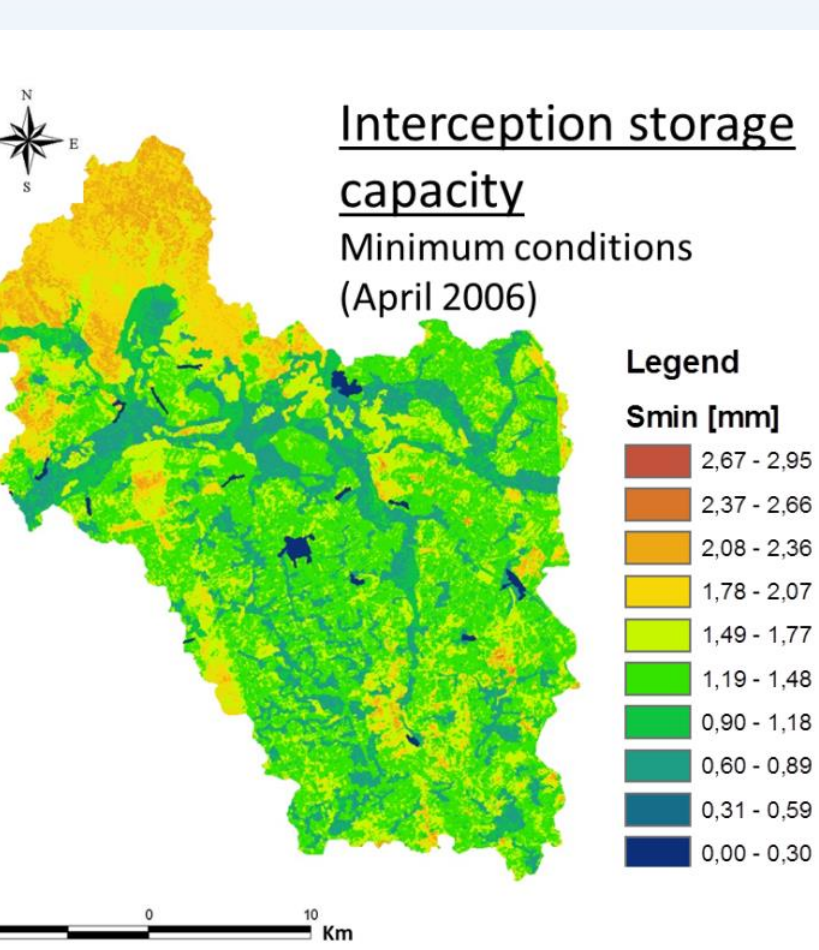
- **Grass and shrubs (Amongst others Gomez et al., 2001):**

- $S_{\max\_grass\_min} = 0.3063 * LAI_{MINCORR65} + 0.5753$

- **Broadleaf forest (Gomez et al., 2001):**

- $S_{\max\_forest\_min} = 1.1840(0.490 * LAI_{MINCORR65})$

# Min and Max Interception storage capacity based on Landsat



# Interception map verification

Sedge ecosystems as dominated habitats in riparian wetland

# Interception canopy water storage estimation

- Sedge interception water capacity (Int) estimation by measurement of leaf water storage capacity (Wohlfahrt et al., 2006)
- Sampling (60-100 pieces per dominated vegetation type)
- Counting: pieces of dominated vegetation species per sq m (n)
- Isolation (wax)
- Weight:
  - Dry (d)
  - After wetting and spraying (w)
  - The water storage as an average difference between wet and dry:  $\text{avg}(w-d)$
- Interception capacity calculation:  $\text{Int} = \text{avg}(w-d) * n$
- Biomass estimation (Wet (3 h after sampling), Dry (drying 24h in 70 C degree))
- Tansley relevé and leaves counting per sq meter

# Sampling and counting, Biomass and relevee



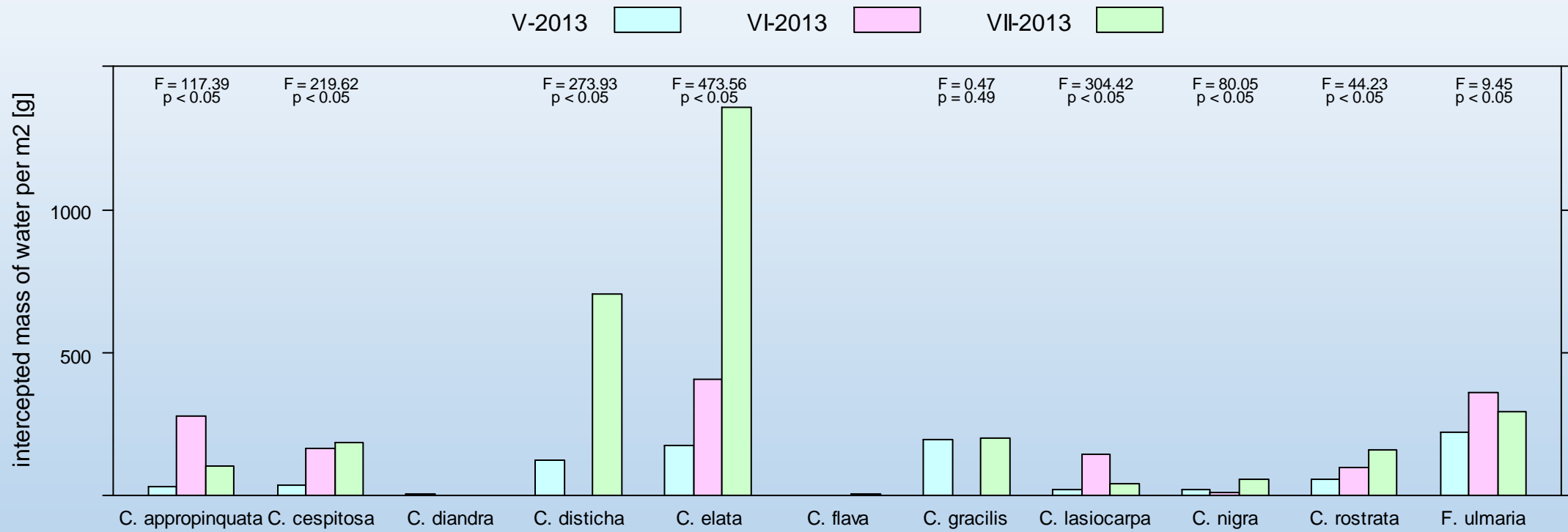
*Carex appropinquata* – 3  
*Rumex acetosa* – 1  
*Filipendula ulmaria* – 2  
*Ranunculus repens* – 2  
*Valeriana officinalis* – 1  
*Carex cespitosa* – 4  
*Geum rivale* – 2  
*Menyanthes trifoliata* – 2  
*Lysimachia thyrsoiflora* – 2  
*Carex nigra* – 1  
*Viola pumila* – 1  
*Cirsium sp.* – 1  
*Polygonum bistorta* – 1

No	Name of ecosystem	Polish name	Latin name of dominated	Avg number of vegetaton individuals
1	Caricetum caespitosa	Turzyca darniowa	Carex cespitosa	341
2	Philipendulatum	Wiązówka błotna	Filipendula ulmaria	52
3	Caricetum appropinquata	Turzyca tunikowa	Carex appropinquata	189
4	Caricetum caespitosa	Turzyca darniowa	Carex cespitosa	375
5	Caricetum nigrae	Turzyca pospolita	Carex nigra	241
6	Caricetum paniceae	Turzyca pospolita	Carex nigra	60
7	Caricetum caespitosa	Turzyca darniowa	Carex cespitosa	378
8	Caricetum appropinquata	Turzyca tunikowa	Carex appropinquata	350
9	Caricetum lasiocarpae	Turzyca nitkowata	Carex lasiocarpa	278
10	Caricetum diandrae	Turzyca łuszczkowata	Carex lepidocarpa	45
11	Caricetum elatae	Turzyca dzióbkowata	Carex rostrata	120
12	Caricetum elatae	Turzyca sztywna	Carex elata	254
13	Caricetum distichae	Turzyca dwustronna	Carex disticha	546
14	Caricetum gracilis	Turzyca zaostzona	Carex gracilis	229
15	Caricetum gracilis	Turzyca zaostzona	Carex gracilis	138

# Isolating, wetting and spraying, weighting

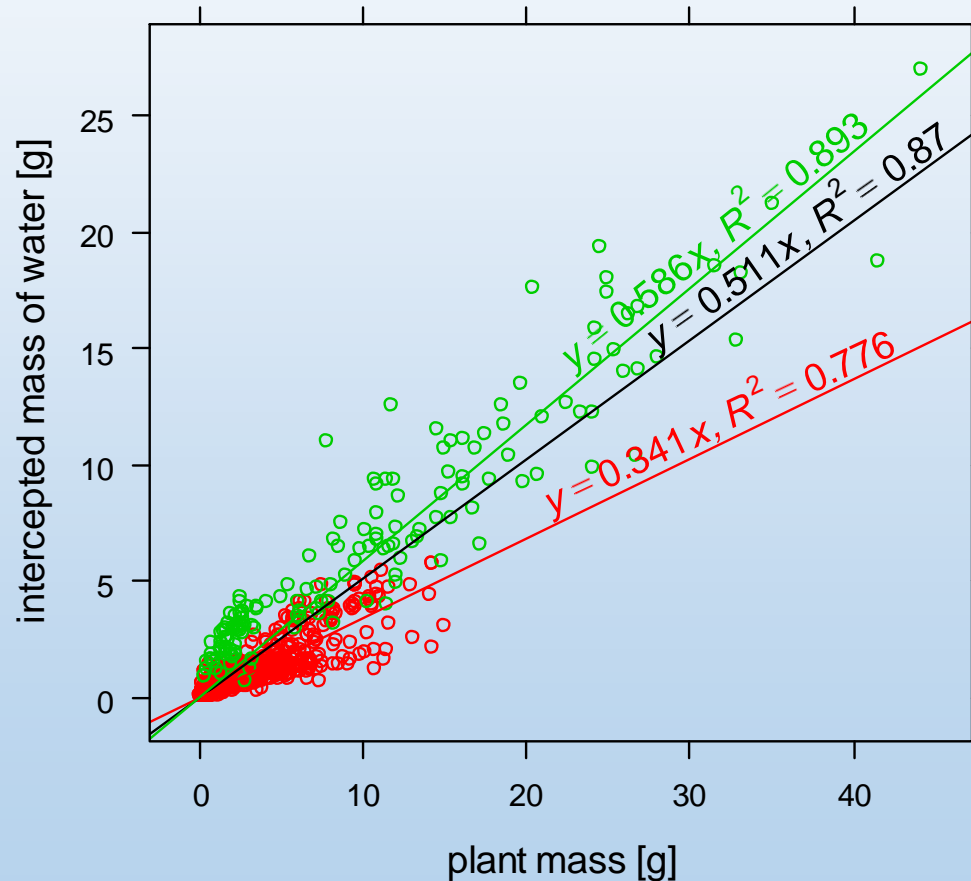


# Results per square meter





# Mass of water stored on versus plant mass



- High correlation between interception and mass of individual plants of Carex genus (red), Filipendula genus (green) and both (black).
- Values of interception obtained for measured locations shows also good agreement with Landsat-LAI based maps

# Interception model sensitivity and simulation

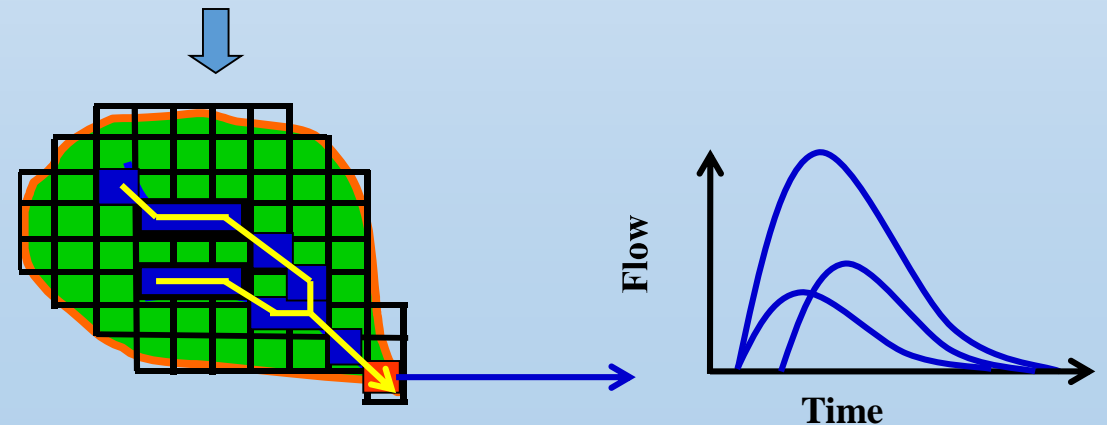
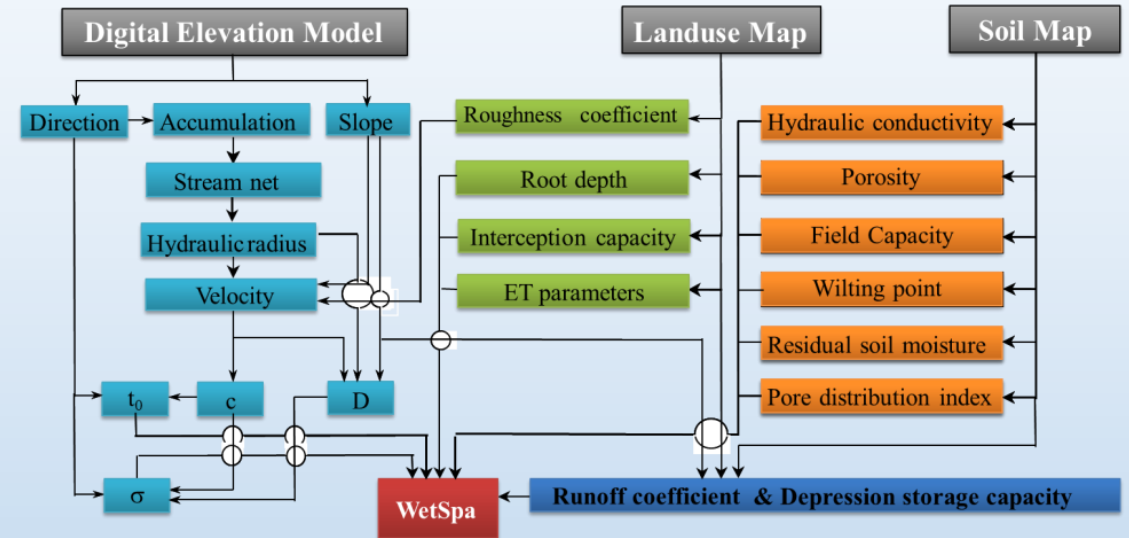
WetSPA water balance

SWAT discharge

# WETSPA - raster based rainfall-runoff model

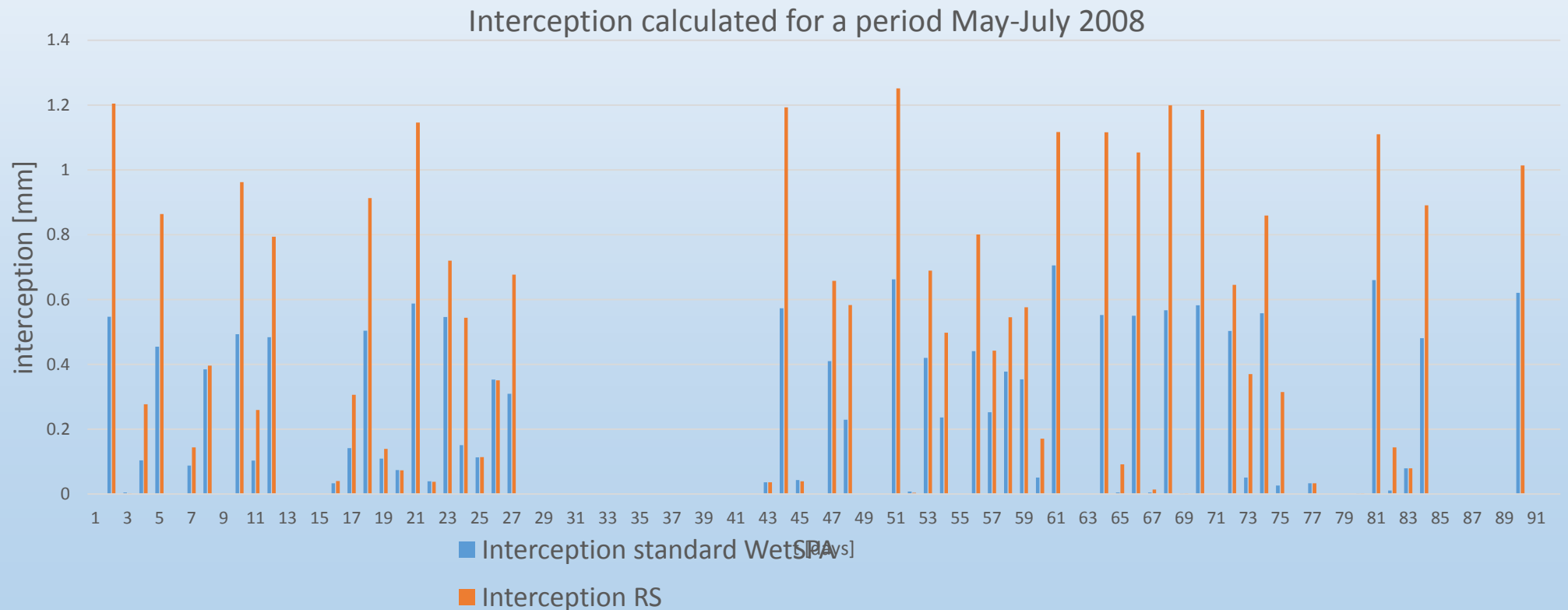
## Input to the model:

- GIS maps: Digital Elevation Model, land use and soil
- Meteo data: Precipitation, Temperature, Potential Evapotranspiration
- Modeling period:
  - 01.11.2007 – 31.10. 2009
  - interval step: daily
- Interception maps in distributed form per GRID



# Water balance results from WetSPA for the period of 2007-2009 –in catchment scale

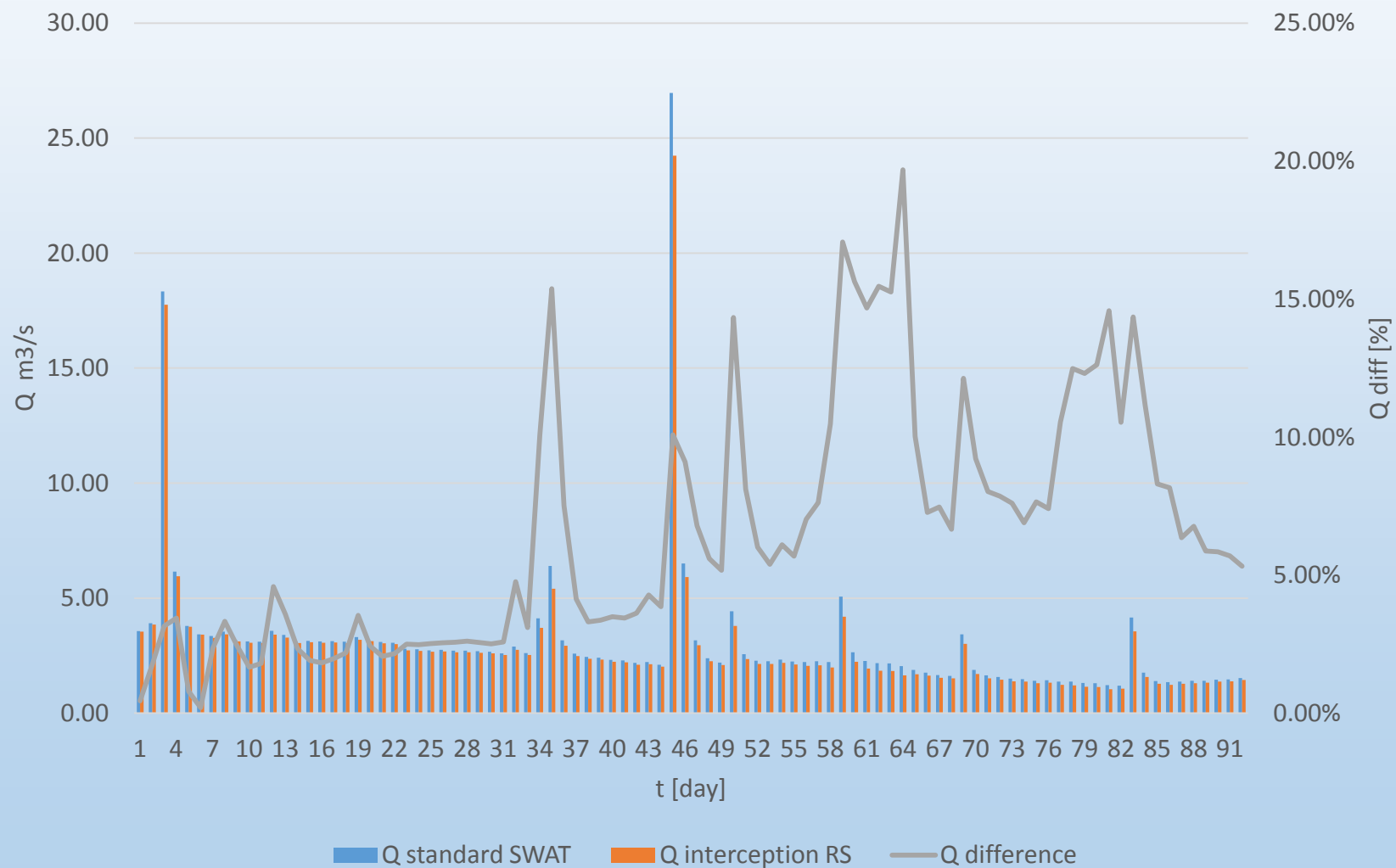
- Yearly rainfall: 676 mm
- Yearly interception standard : 37 mm and interception RS: 68 mm



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- Same digital and hydr-meteo input like for WetSpa;
- 76 subbasins (area 513-2331 ha)
- 1342 HRU
- **Maximum condition interception map** (Maximum canopy interception parameter in SWAT) included as
  - Scenario 1 - average value per landuse type (e.g. 0 – urban; 1,66 – wetland, 3,02 leafy forest)
  - Scenario 2 average per subbasin
- Total av. yearly runoff difference between observed and simulated not calibrated discharge in standard SWAT data: ca.100%



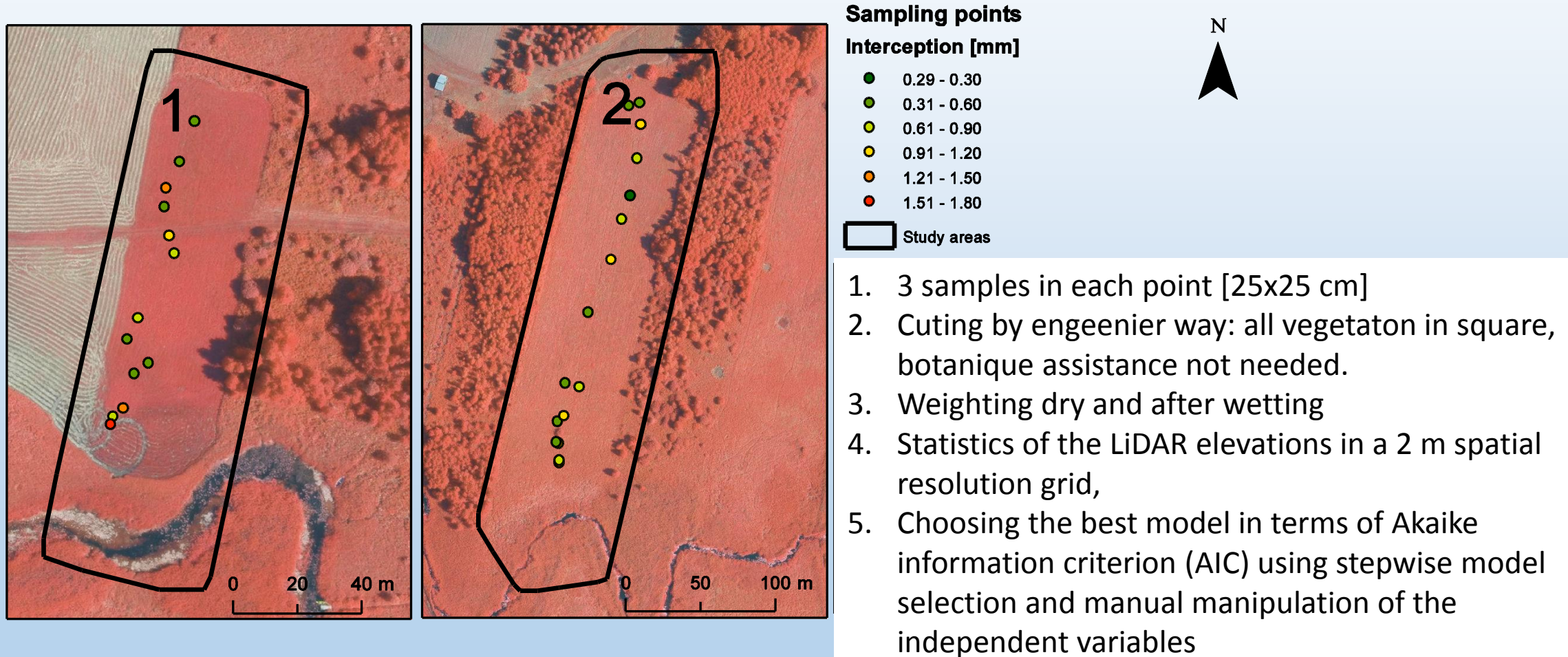
# RS local upscaling models of riparian vegetation (sedge, reed, sedge-moss)

Hiperspectral – Chris Probe reflectance model of LAI

Airborne Laser Scanning density model of biomass and interception

# Interception directly linked to the ALS point cloud

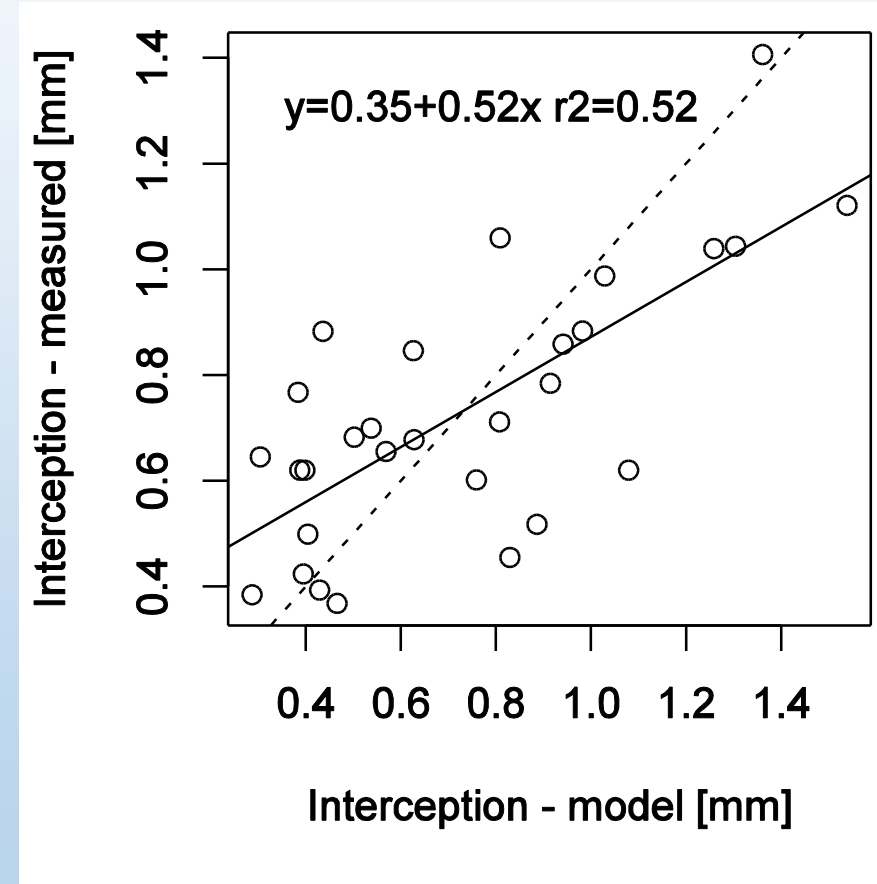
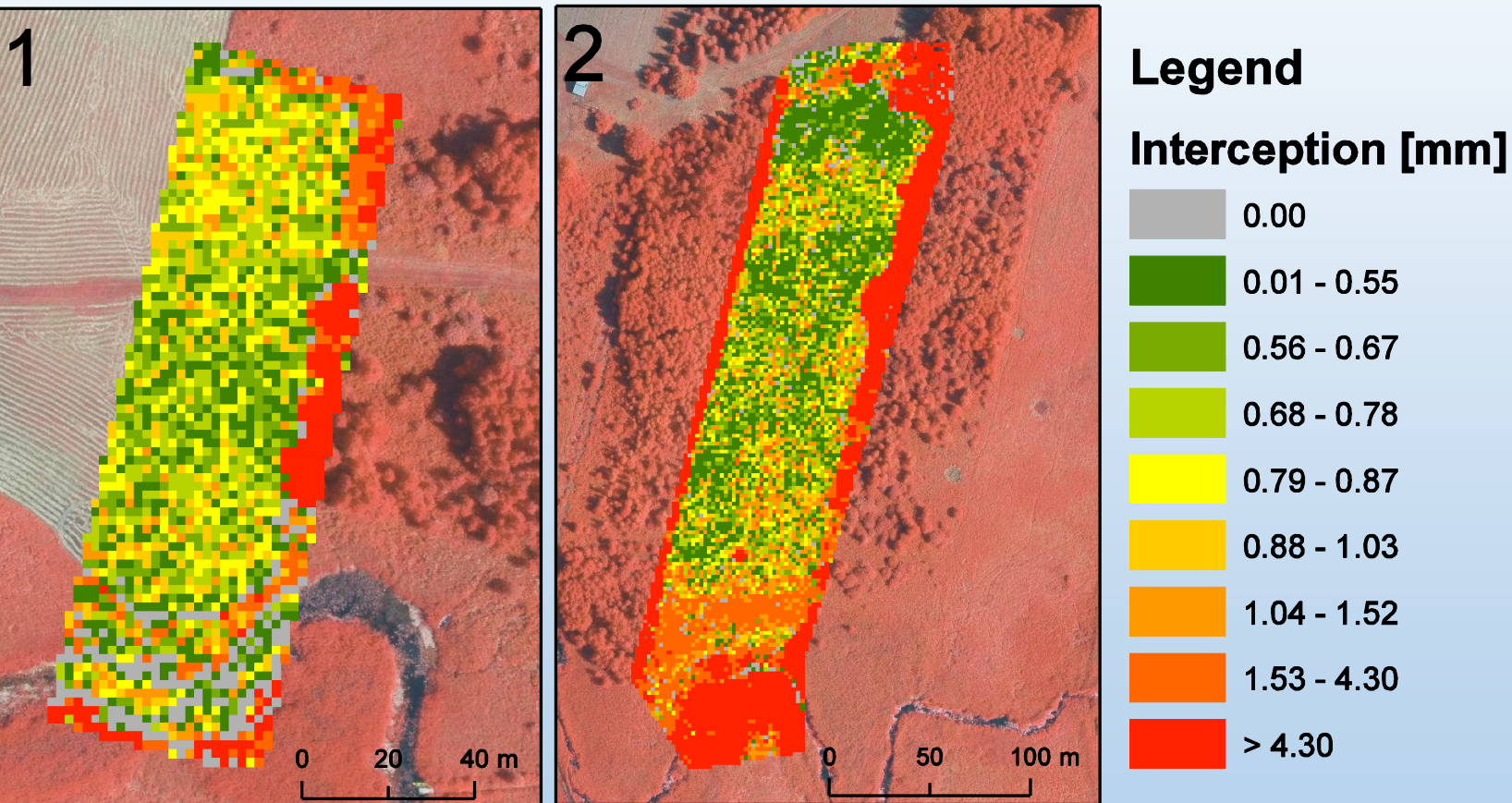
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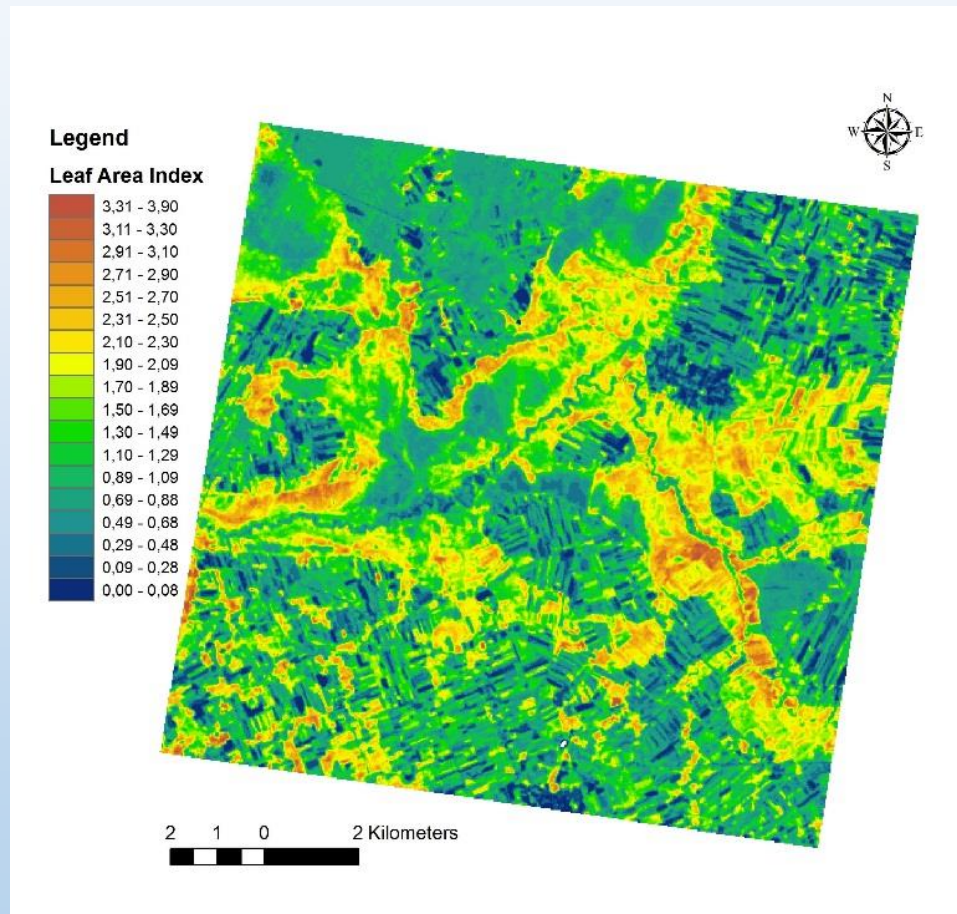
# Interception directly linked to the ALS point cloud

## 2. interception storage capacity maps



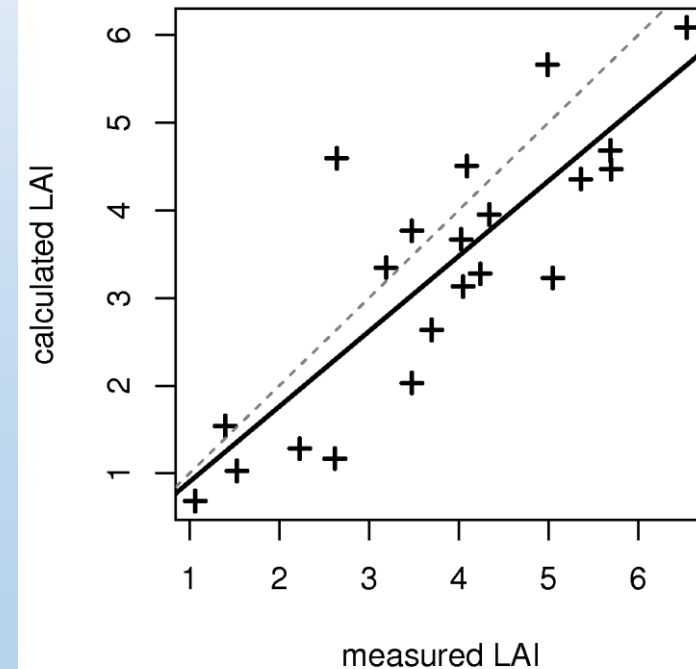
the best model with the rainfall interception

# LAI model based on Chris Probe satellite



$$LAI = 14.508 * index11-52^{6.245}$$

- $index11-52 = (b11 - b52) / (b11 + b52)$
- $R^2 = 0.69$   $RMSE = 0.84[-]$
- $b11 = 530$  nm;  $b52 = 886$  nm (10nm bands)



Validation plot

# Conclusion

- The interception estimation in the *rainfall-runoff models* (WetSpa, SWAT) was improved by integrating remote sensing data
- The minimum/maximum LAI maps are combined with the interception equations to calculate spatially distributed hydrological parameter maps, i.e. minimum and maximum interception storage capacity.
- The model application yields considerable spatio-temporal differences in interception estimates for scenarios using interception maps calculated based on LAI measurements and remote sensing data, compared to the CLC.
- **The water balance calculation shows significant results in total basin interception storage (90%)**
- **SWAT model was found as sensitive for remote sensing interception scenarios (up to 20% difference in daily discharge)**
- The interception storage capacity based on ALS (SAR in global scale) data is promising method for develop in the future as one which directly indicate vegetation structure