

# Impact of precipitation and temperature on hydrological responses in the Ethiopian Highlands

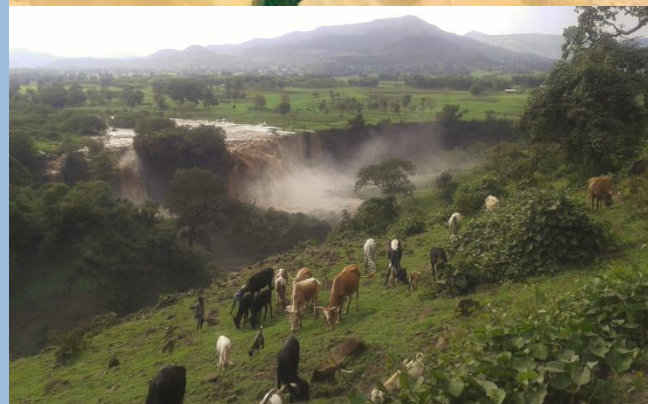
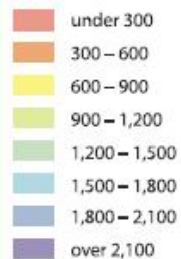
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**TOTAL RAINFALL**  
Average annual millimetres  
1960–90

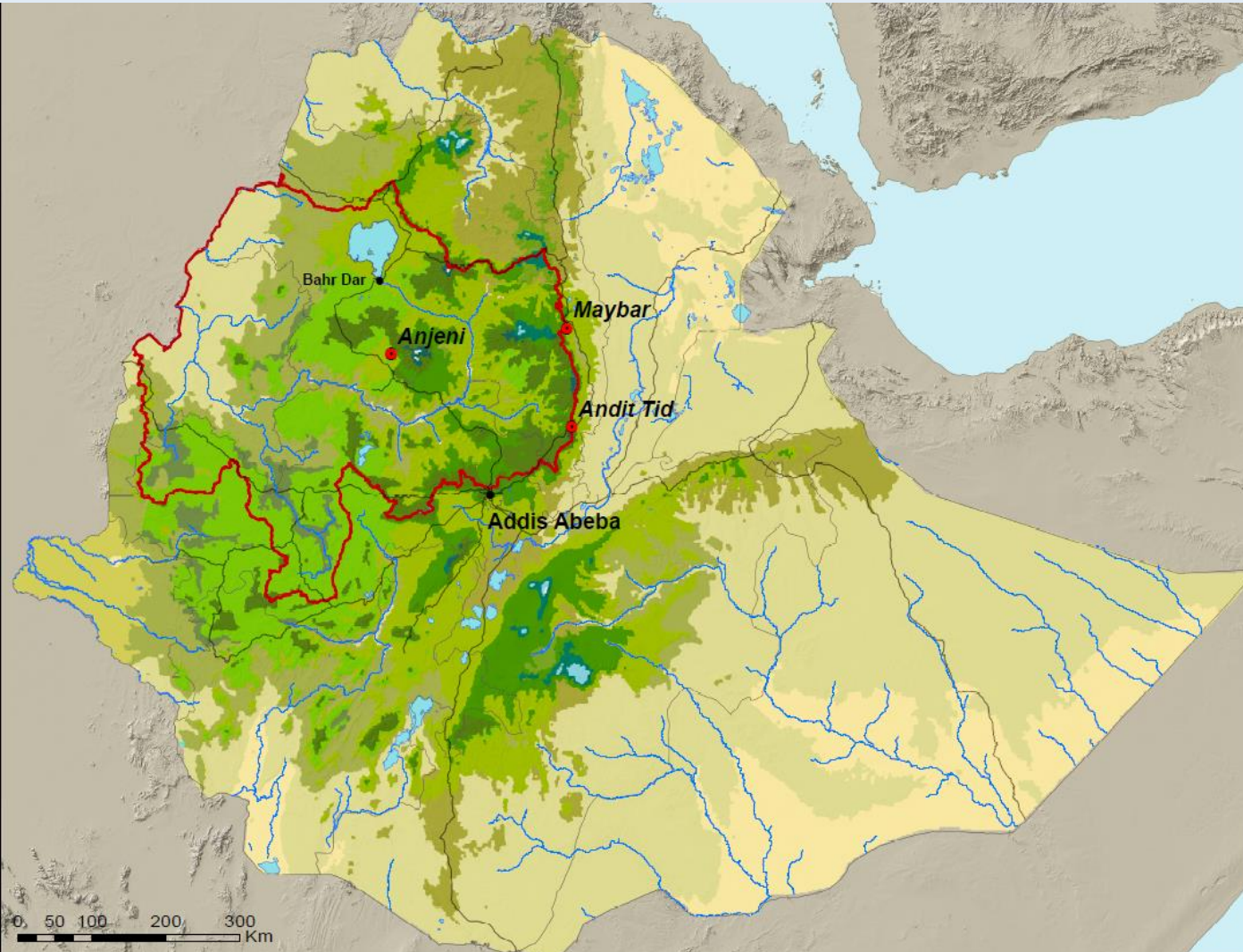


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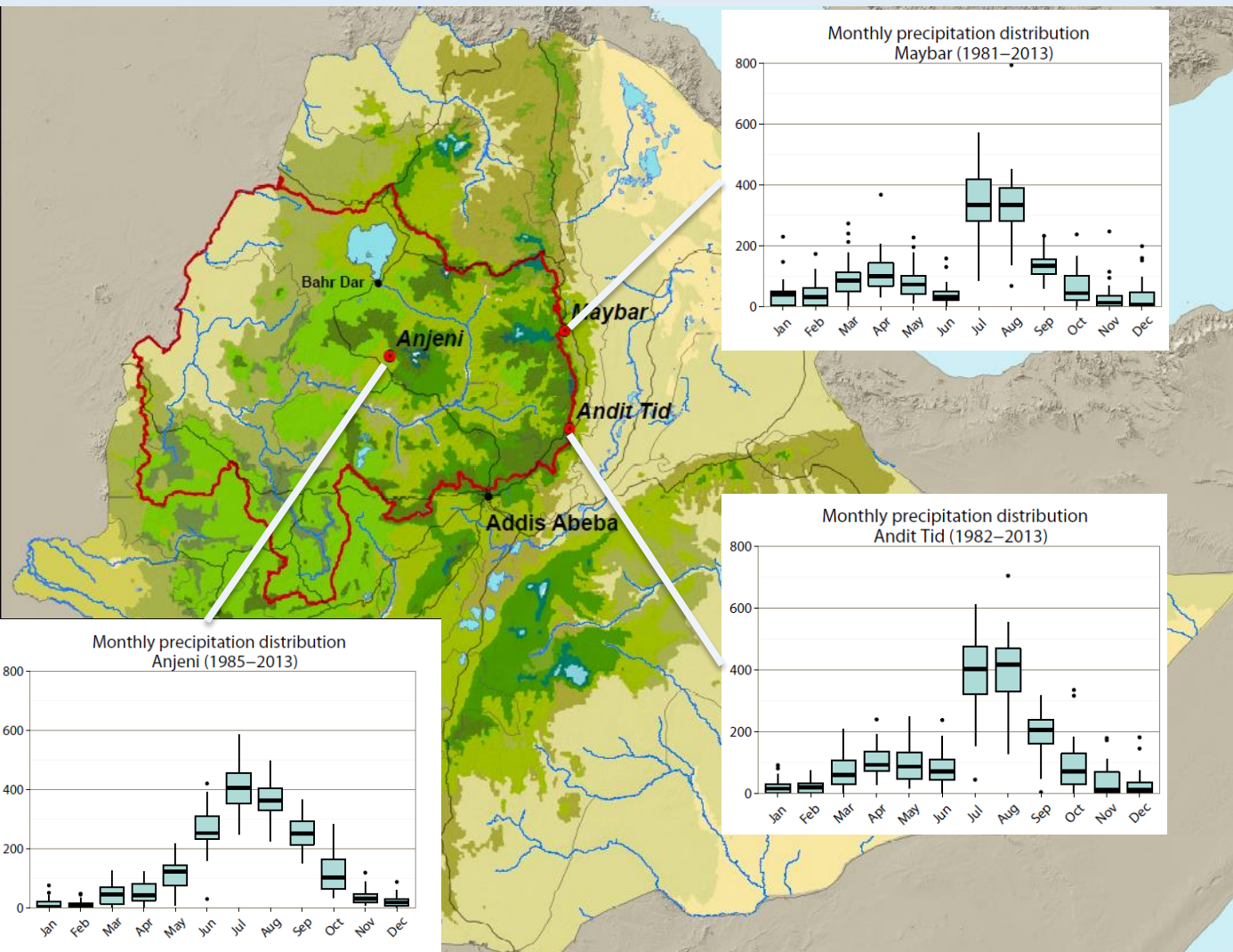
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## *Andit Tid*



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*Maybar*

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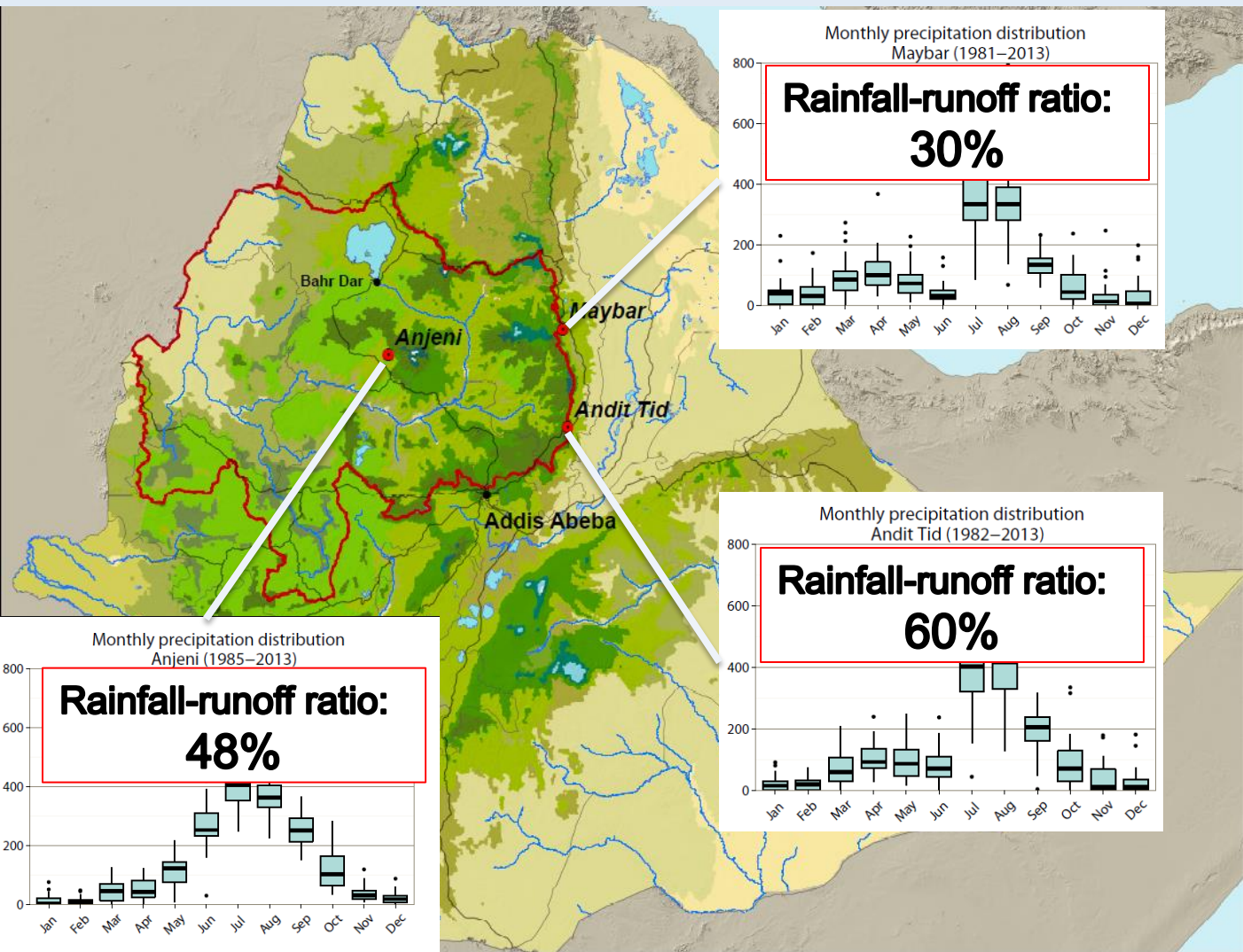
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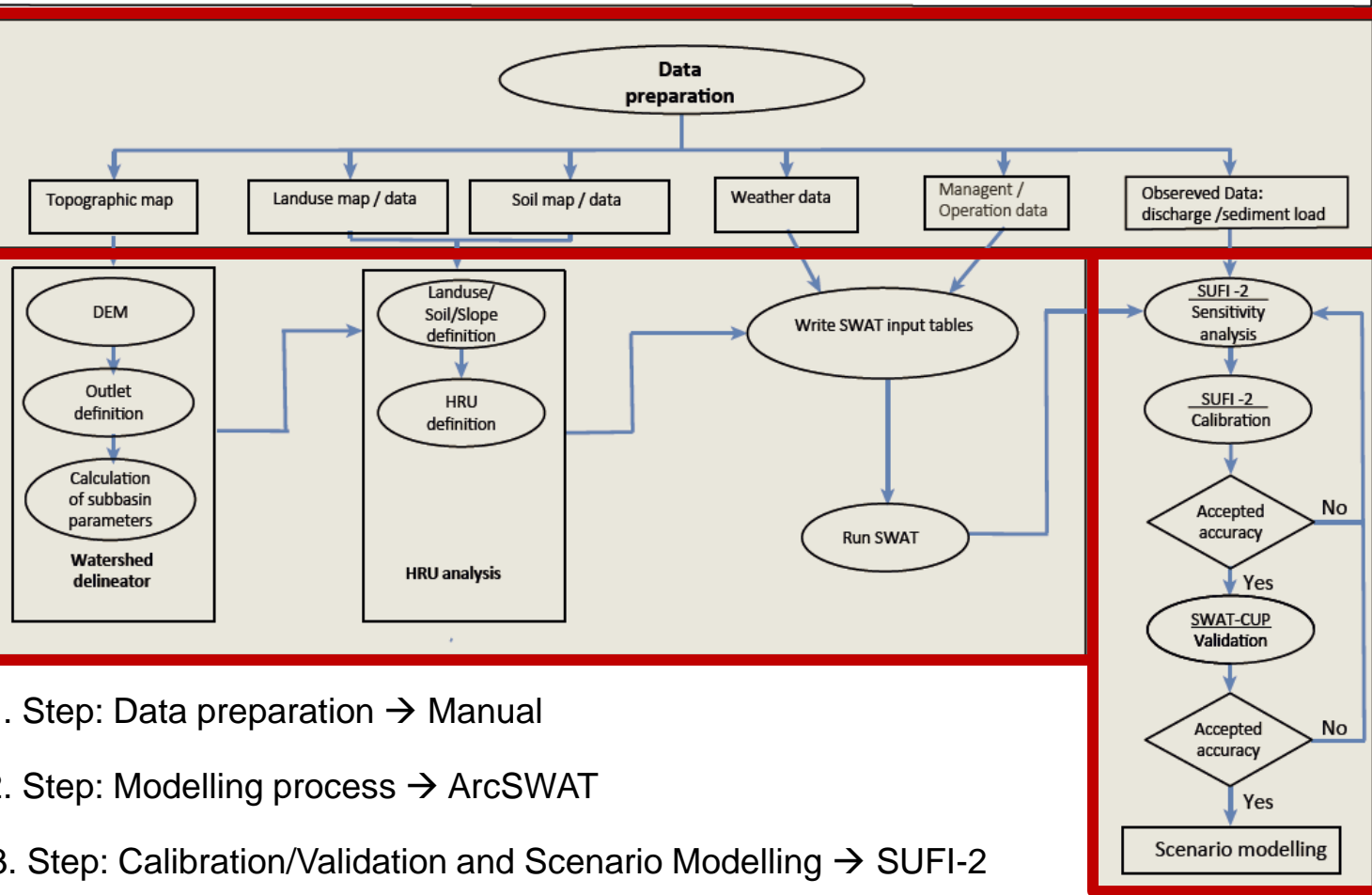
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**Objective of research  
Modelling sediment load and green and blue water distribution**



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1. Step: Data preparation → Manual
2. Step: Modelling process → ArcSWAT
3. Step: Calibration/Validation and Scenario Modelling → SUFI-2



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## Calibration / Validation with SUFI-2

Name <sup>a</sup>	Definition	Andit Tid <sup>b</sup>		Maybar		Anjeni	
		min	max	min	max	min	max
a__CN2.mgt	SCS runoff curve number for moisture condition 2	-10	10	-10	10	-10	10
v__GW_DELAY.gw	Groundwater delay (days)	350	100	50	200	30	150
v__GWQMN.gw	Threshold depth of water in the shallow aquifer required for return flow to occur (mm).	0	200	0	200	50	200
v__ESCO.hru	Soil evaporation compensation factor.	0.6	1	0.7	1	0.6	0.9
v__GW_REVAP.gw	Groundwater "revap" coefficient	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
v__REVAPMN.gw	Threshold depth of water in the shallow aquifer for "revap" to occur (mm)	0	10	0	8	4	10
v__CH_K2.rte	Effective hydraulic conductivity in main channel alluvium	0.1	130	1	150	0.1	130
v__CH_N2.rt	Manning's "n" value for the main channel	0	0.3	0	0.3	0	0.3
V__SURLAG.bsn	Surface runoff lag time (days)	0.05	1	0.05	0.9	0.05	1
V__RCHRG_DP.gw	Deep aquifer percolation fraction	0	1	0.2	1	0	1
V__EPCO.hru	Plant uptake compensation factor	0	1	0.1	0.7	0	1
R__OV_N.hru	Manning's n value for overland flow	-0.2	0.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.2

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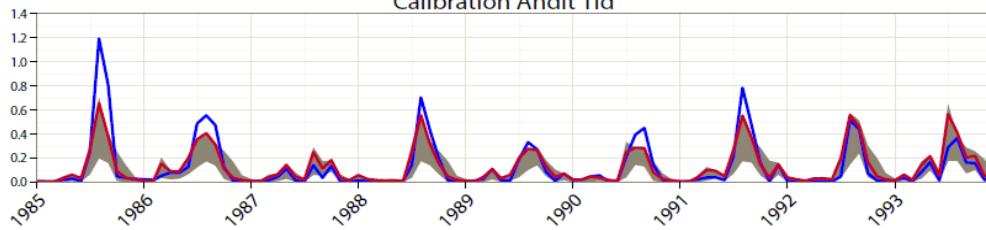
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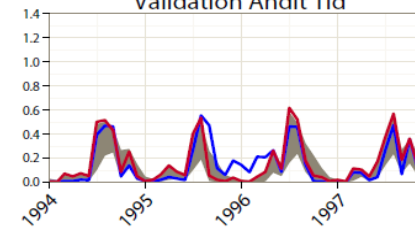
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	P-factor		R-factor		R <sup>2</sup>		NSE	
	<i>Cal.</i>	<i>Val.</i>	<i>Cal.</i>	<i>Val.</i>	<i>Cal.</i>	<i>Val.</i>	<i>Cal.</i>	<i>Val.</i>
Andit Tid	0.84	0.79	0.58	0.79	0.83	0.73	0.8	0.68
Maybar	0.75	0.83	0.77	0.79	0.74	0.78	0.65	0.66
Anjeni	0.81	0.81	0.85	0.77	0.93	0.89	0.93	0.88

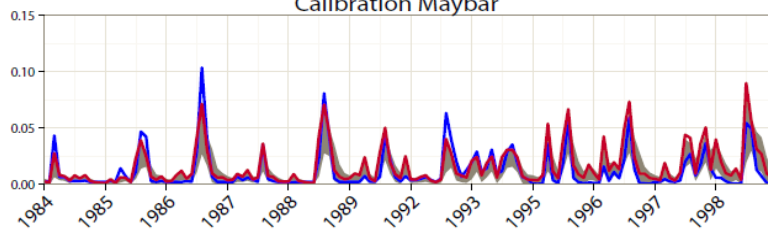
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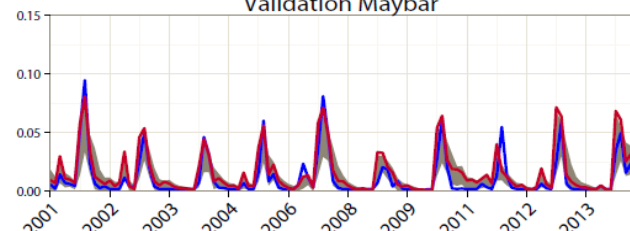
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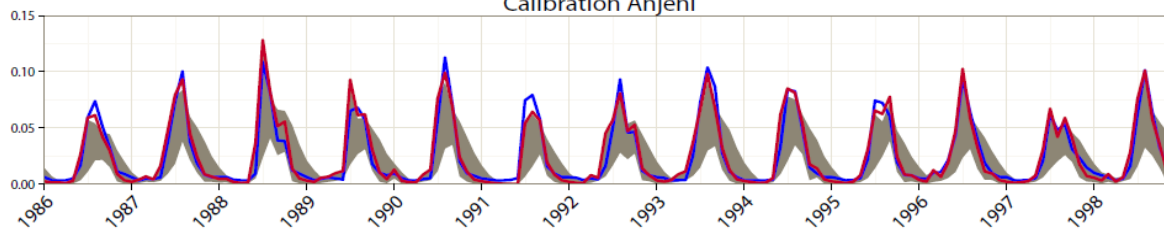
Calibration Maybar



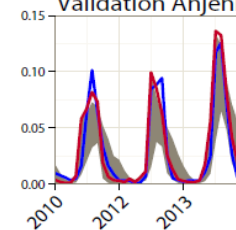
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95PPU Best Sim Observed

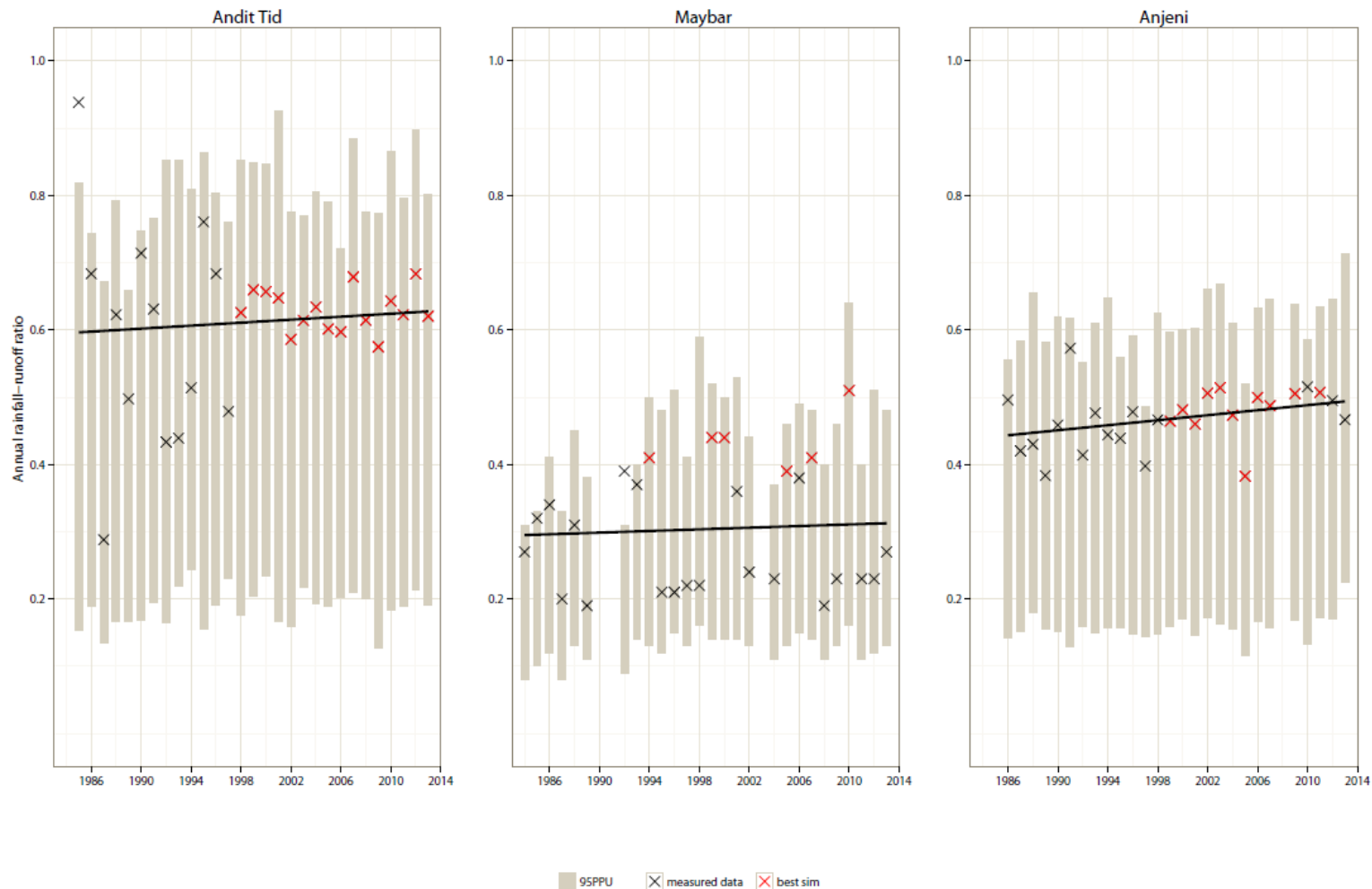
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## Scenario Modelling with SUFI-2

Name <sup>a</sup>	Definition	Mavbar		Andit Tid	
		Scenario 1	Scenario 3	Scenario 2	Scenario 3
r__Precipitation.pcp	Amount of precipitation falling during the day (mm)	0.24	<b>0.24</b>	---	<b>0.1</b>
r__PCPMM.wgn	Average or mean total monthly precipitation (mm)	0.24	<b>0.24</b>	---	<b>0.1</b>
r__RAINHHMX.wgn	Maximum 0.5 hour rainfall in entire period of record for month (mm)	0.24	<b>0.24</b>	---	<b>0.1</b>
r__PCPSTD.wgn	Standard deviation for daily precipitation in month (mm/day)	0.24	<b>0.24</b>	---	<b>0.1</b>
r__TMPMX.wgn	Average daily max. air temperature for month (°C).	---	<b>0.07</b>	0.42	<b>0.42</b>
r__TMPMN.wgn	Average daily min. air temperature for month (°C).	---	<b>-0.21</b>	0.05	<b>0.05</b>
r__MAXTEMP.tmp	Daily maximum temperature (°C)	---	<b>0.07</b>	0.42	<b>0.42</b>
r__MINTEMP.tmp	Daily minimum temperature (°C)	---	<b>-0.21</b>	0.05	<b>0.05</b>
r__TMPSTDMX.wgn	Standard deviation for daily max. air temperature in month (°C)	---	<b>0.07</b>	0.42	<b>0.42</b>

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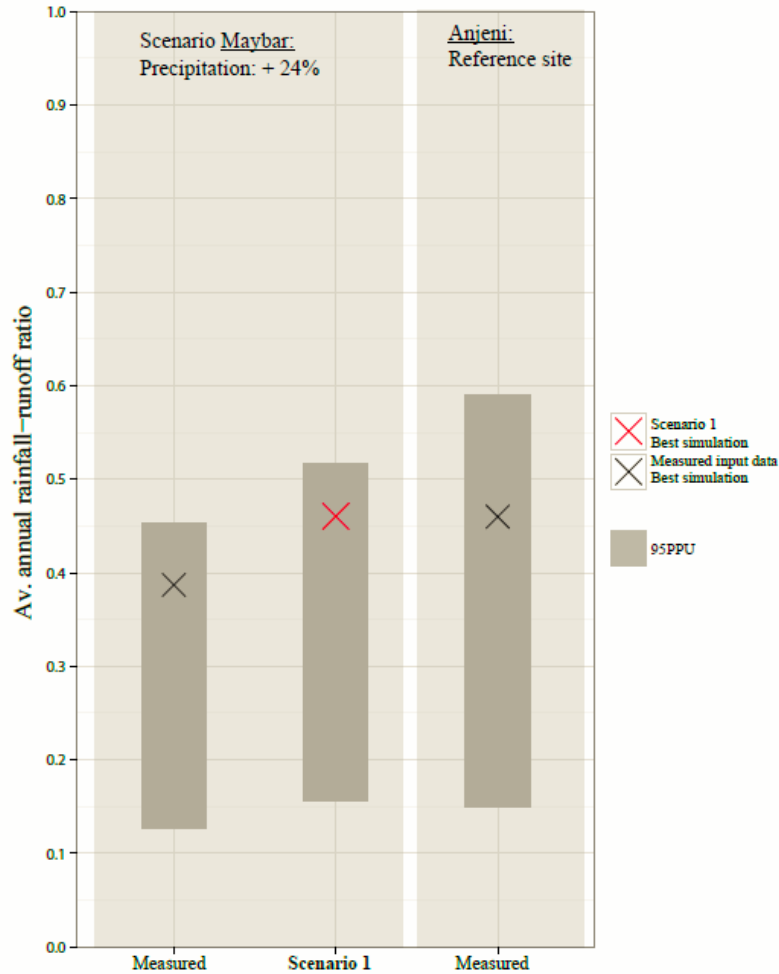
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Rainfall-runoff ratio: Scenario 1



## Scenario 1 for Maybar

+ 24% precipitation

Same av. annual precipitation as Anjeni

+ ~50% more discharge

+ ~20% higher drainage ratio  
infiltration-excess processes

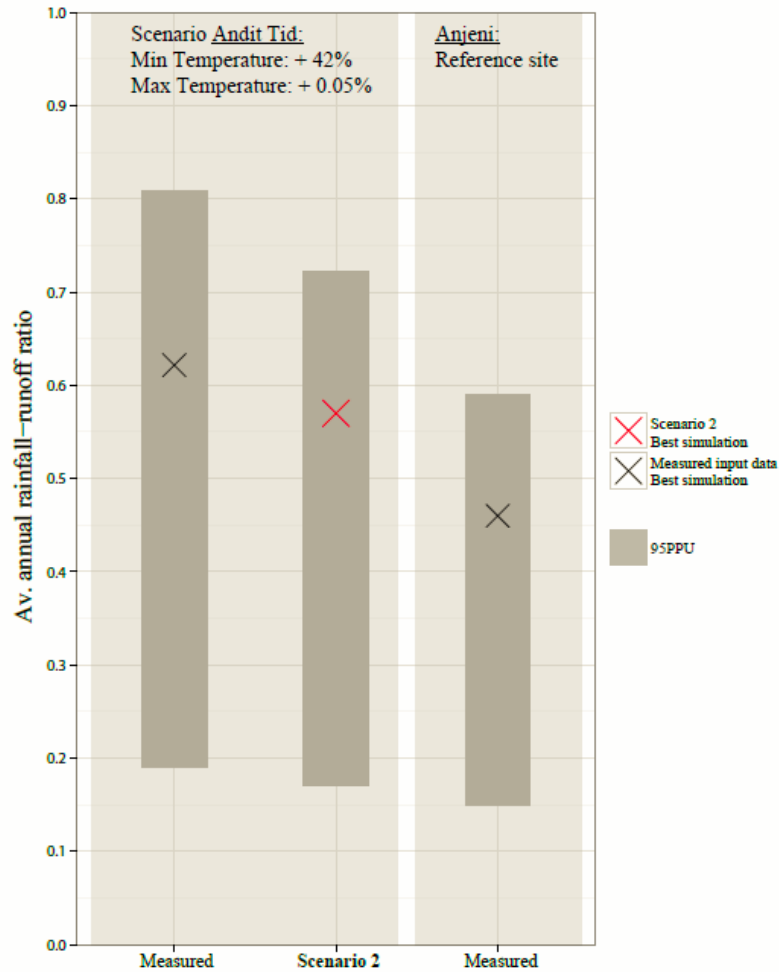
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Rainfall-runoff ratio: Scenario 2



## Scenario 2 for Andit Tid

+ 42% (6.8°C) Min Temperature  
Same av. annual temperature as Anjeni

+ ~ 60% potential Evapotranspiration  
from 1,099 to 1,608 mm

- ~10% discharge

- ~ 10% drainage ratio

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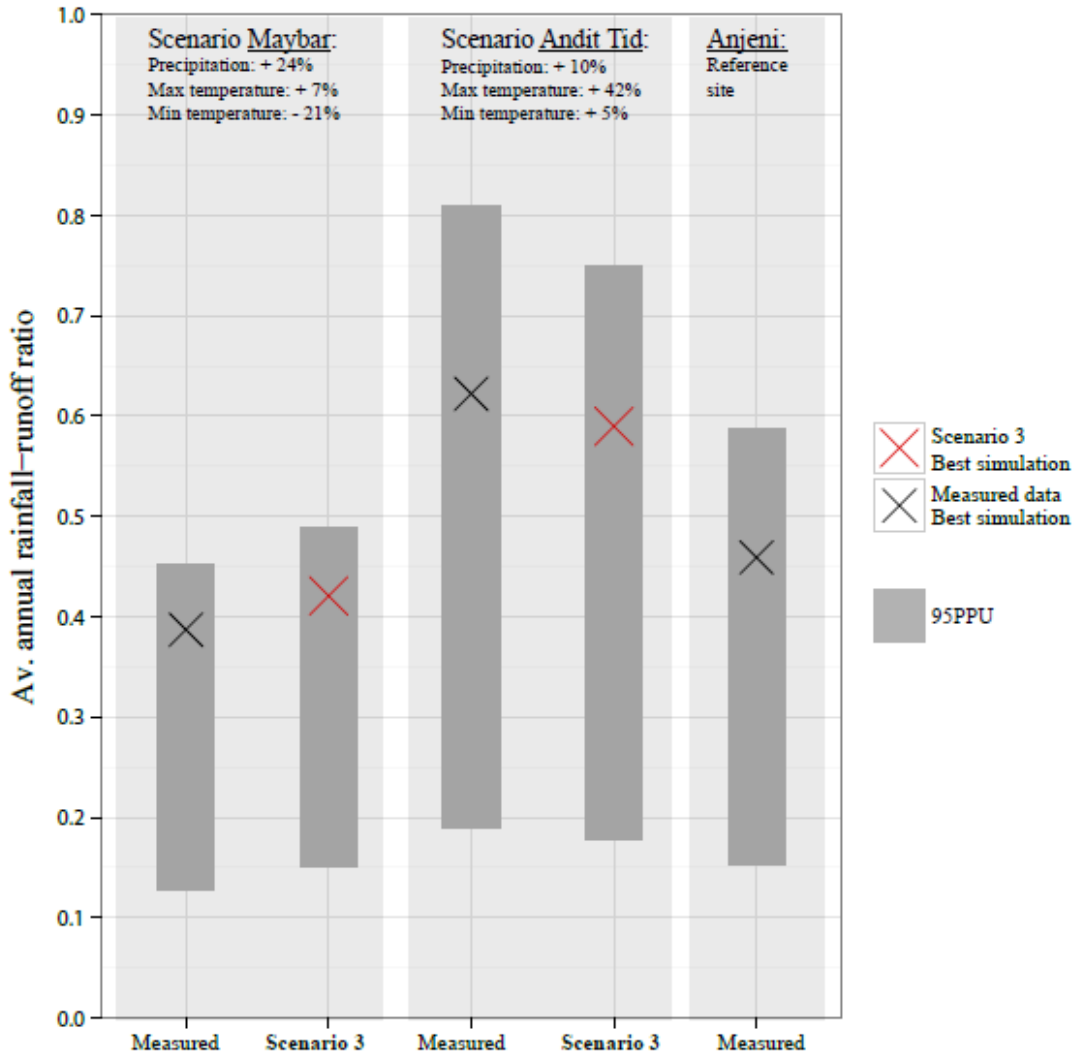
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### Rainfall–runoff ratio: Scenario 3



**Increasing temperature → Decreasing rainfall-runoff ratio**

**Increasing precipitation → Increasing rainfall-runoff ratio**

Differences of rainfall-runoff ratio in small scale catchments are largely caused by temperature and precipitation

Changes in temperature or precipitation (e.g. climate change) have far-reaching consequences for blue and green water distribution

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Thank you!

Questions?