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Quantification of risks and costs of climate change impacts on floods and droughts in the Danube basin

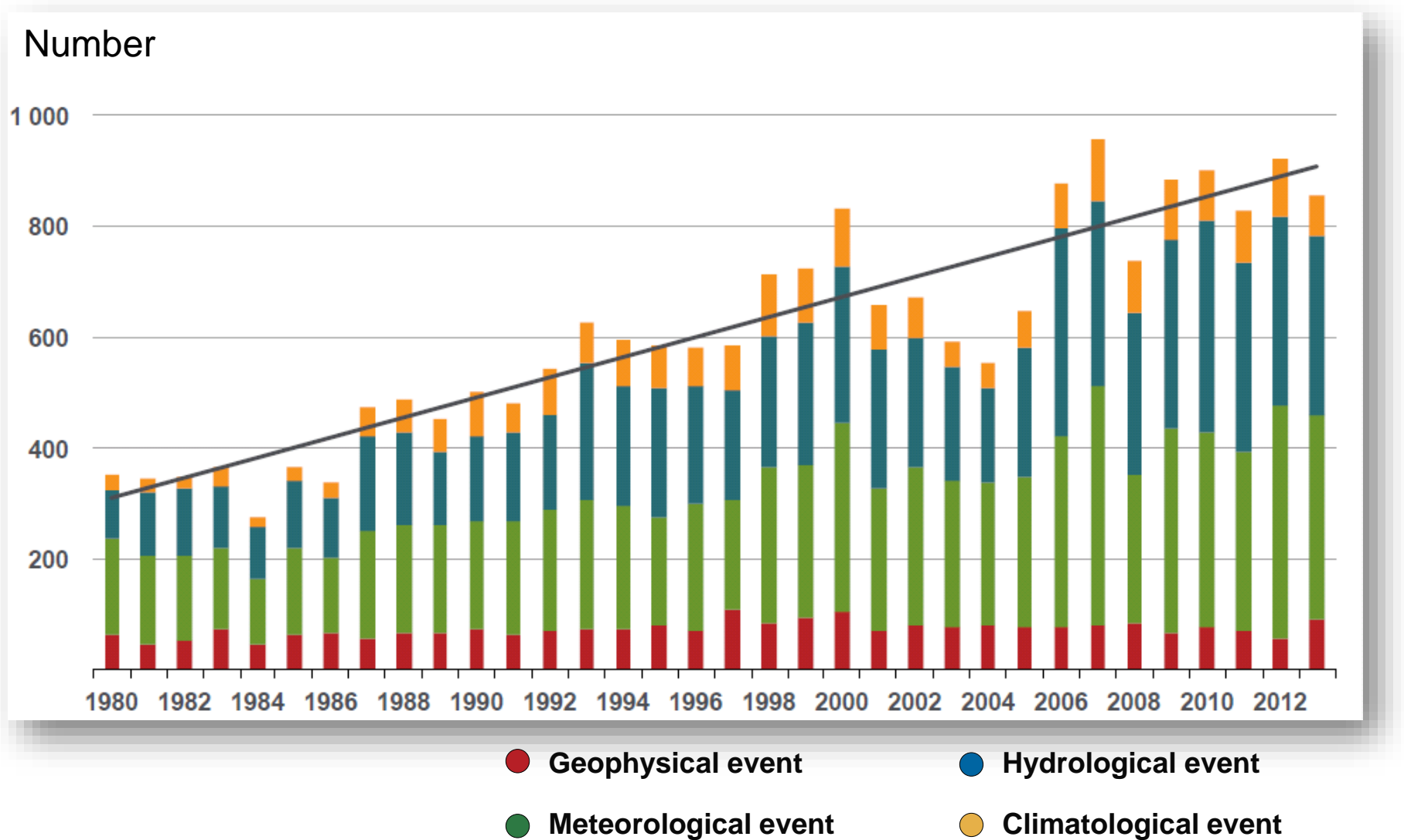
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Number of major events 1980 – 2013 worldwide



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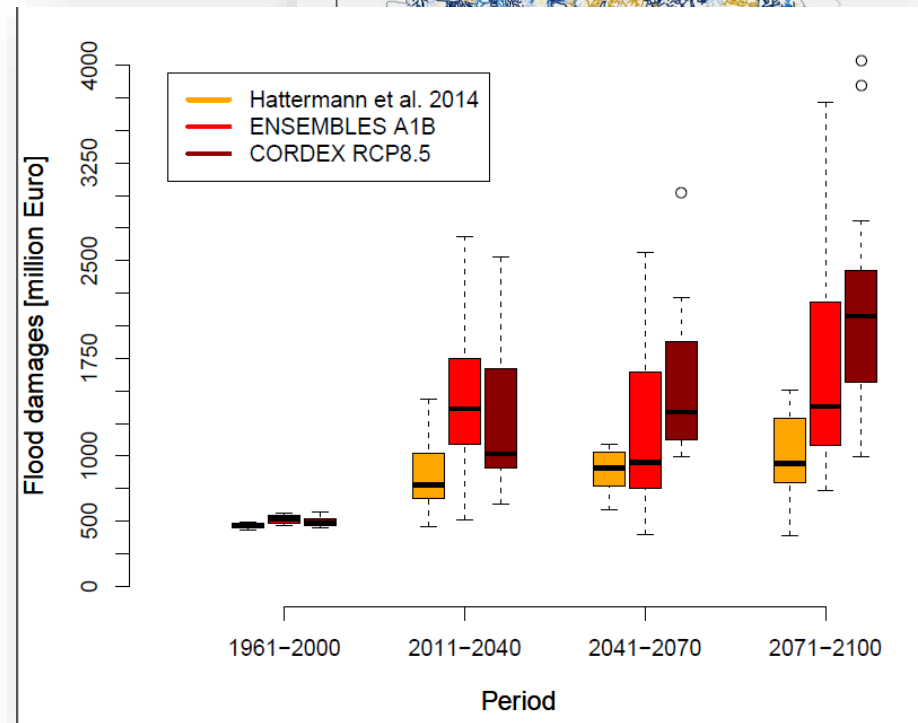
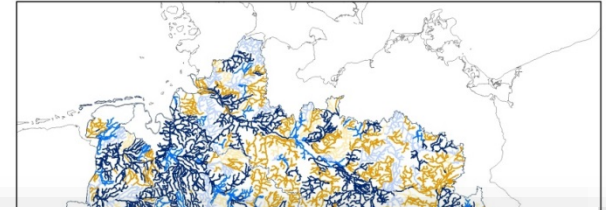
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Previous co-operations with insurance sector



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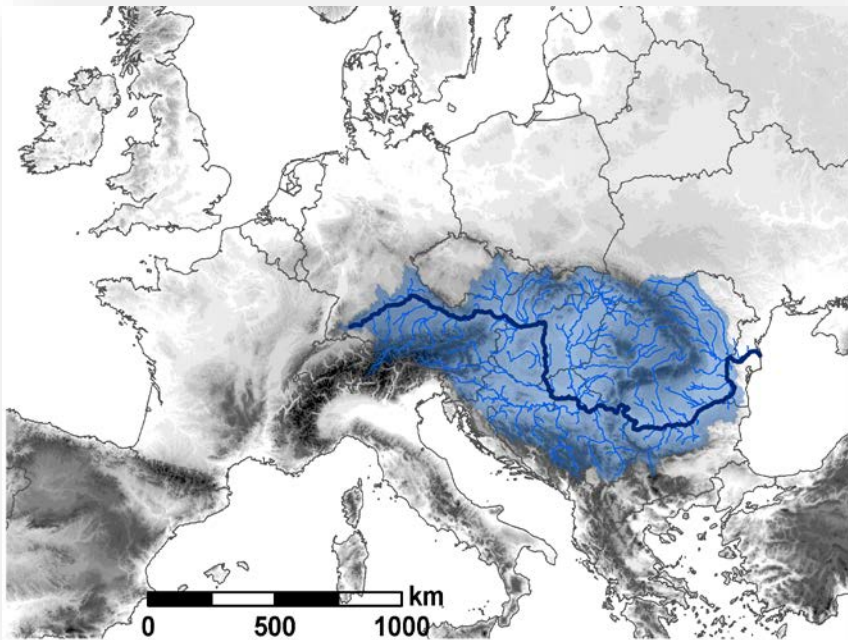
- Climate change impacts on the insurance sector in Germany
- 2008-2011
- Modelling of flood and storm damages under different scenario conditions
- **Strong increase in projected losses**



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Why the Danube?



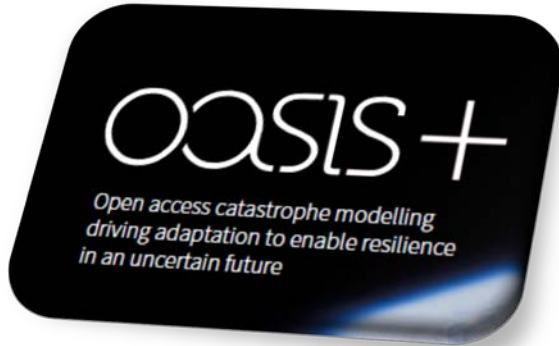
- **19 Countries and 83 million people, 4 capitals**
- **2002 floods in Germany, Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Moldova, Switzerland, and Slovakia, causing total damages of 16,5 billion Euro (3,400 billion insured losses) and 39 fatalities**
- **2013 floods in Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Switzerland, causing damages of 12,600 billion Euro (3,100 billion insured losses), and 25 fatalities (NatCatSERVICE, Munich RE)**



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Future Danube: Project background



EU Climate-KIC funded

- **Open access cat-modelling** driving adaptation to enable resilience **in an uncertain future**
- **Set-up of the flood risk model for the Danube started in 2016**
- **Funding for the Danube until end of 2017**



EU Horizon 2020 funded

- **Project duration Mai 2017 – April 2020**
- **Multi-hazard and multi-risk**
- **Strong cooperation with the OASIS consortium**
- **OASIS LMF and Genillard & Co are partners**
- **Several insurers committed their interest**
- **Climate service call**

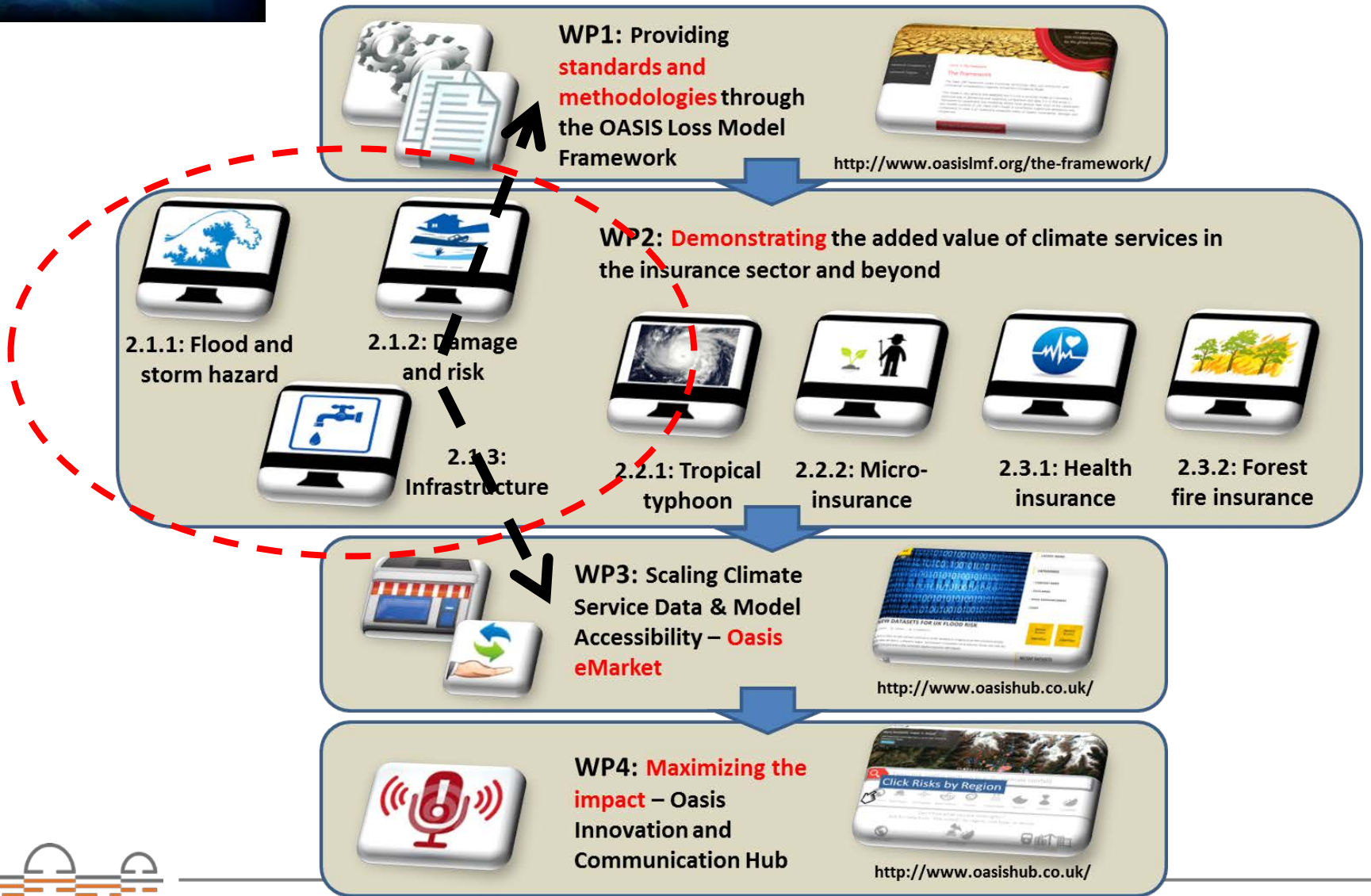


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H2020 Insurance – project background



Future Danube: Model suite



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Weather and climate module:

Stochastic generation of weather extremes under current and future conditions (precipitation, heat waves)



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Hydrological module:

& Additional partners:

- OASIS LMF
- Genillard & Co
- Pannon Pro
- Budapest Water Works
- Budapest Sewage Works
- Insurance sector



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Visualization module:

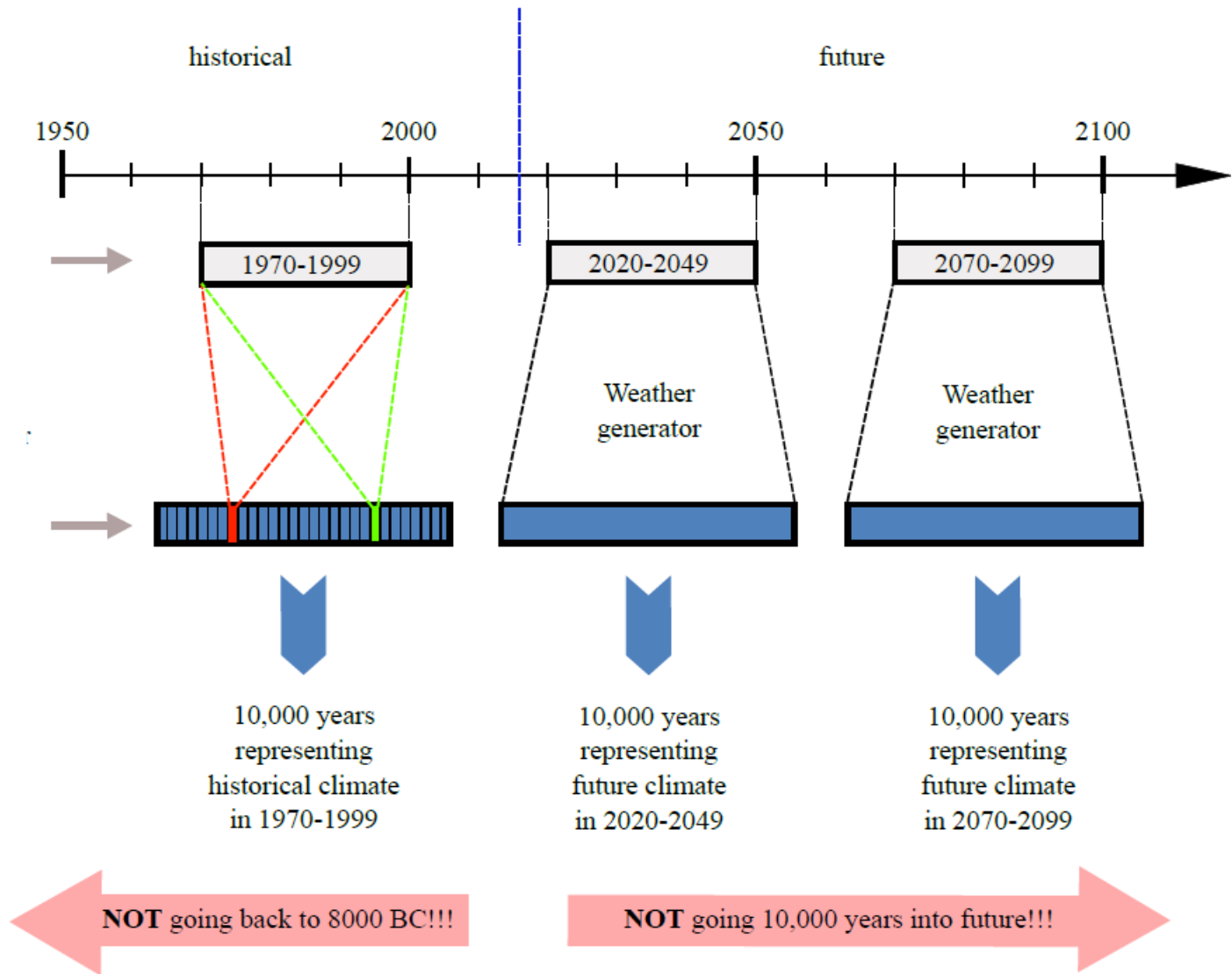
Graphical interface for visualization of hazards and risk and analysis of outputs

WEATHER EXTREMES



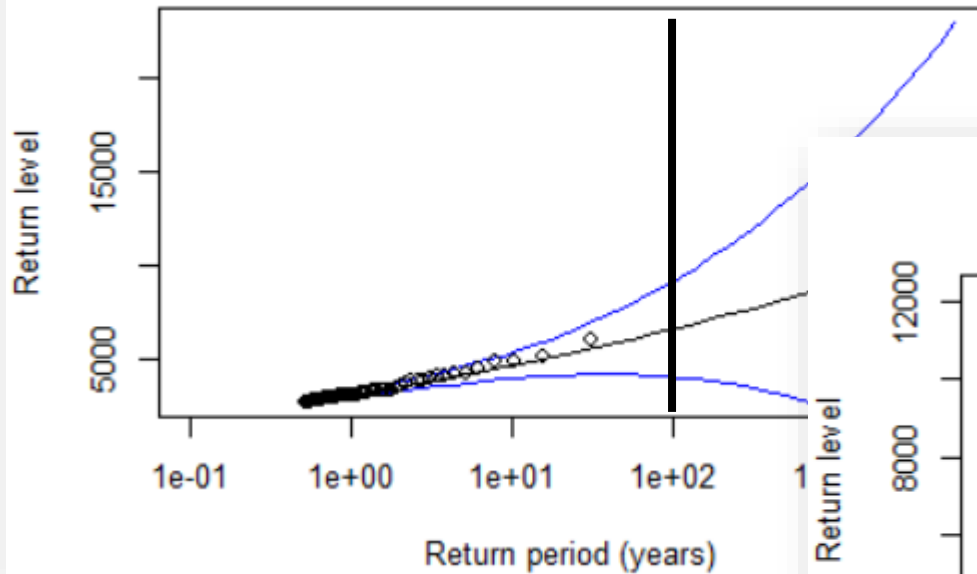
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Modelling concept



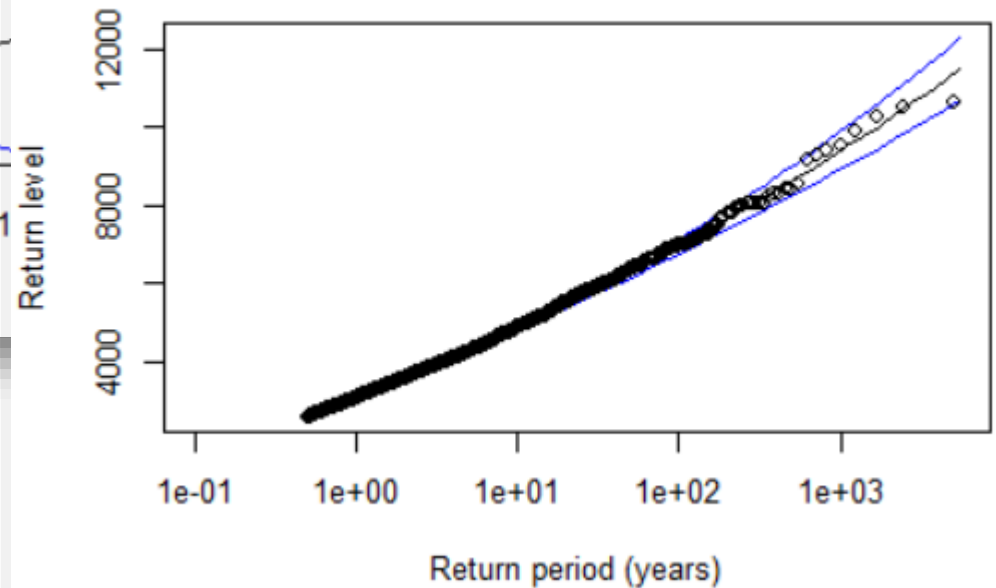
Increasing robustness of risk information

Return Level Plot



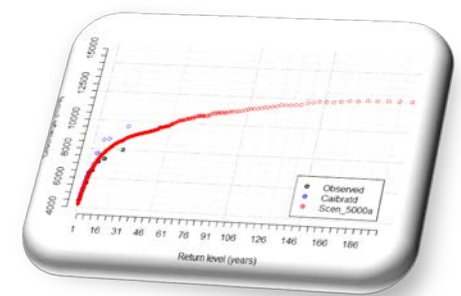
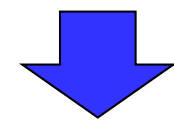
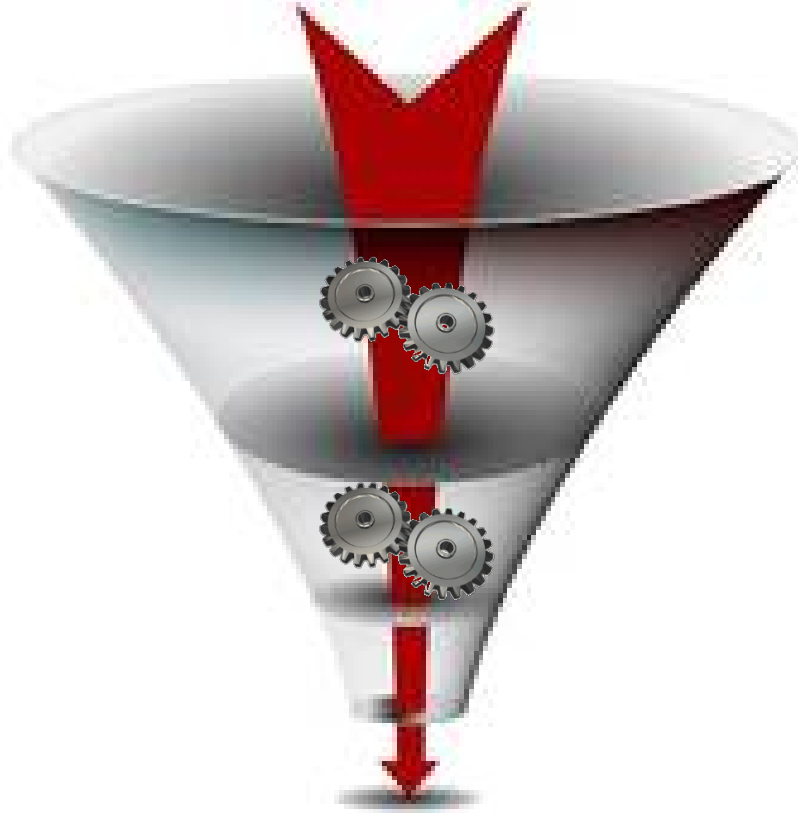
Uncertainty bounds (in blue) before and after -> **decreasing uncertainty**

Return Level Plot



Big data -> condensed information

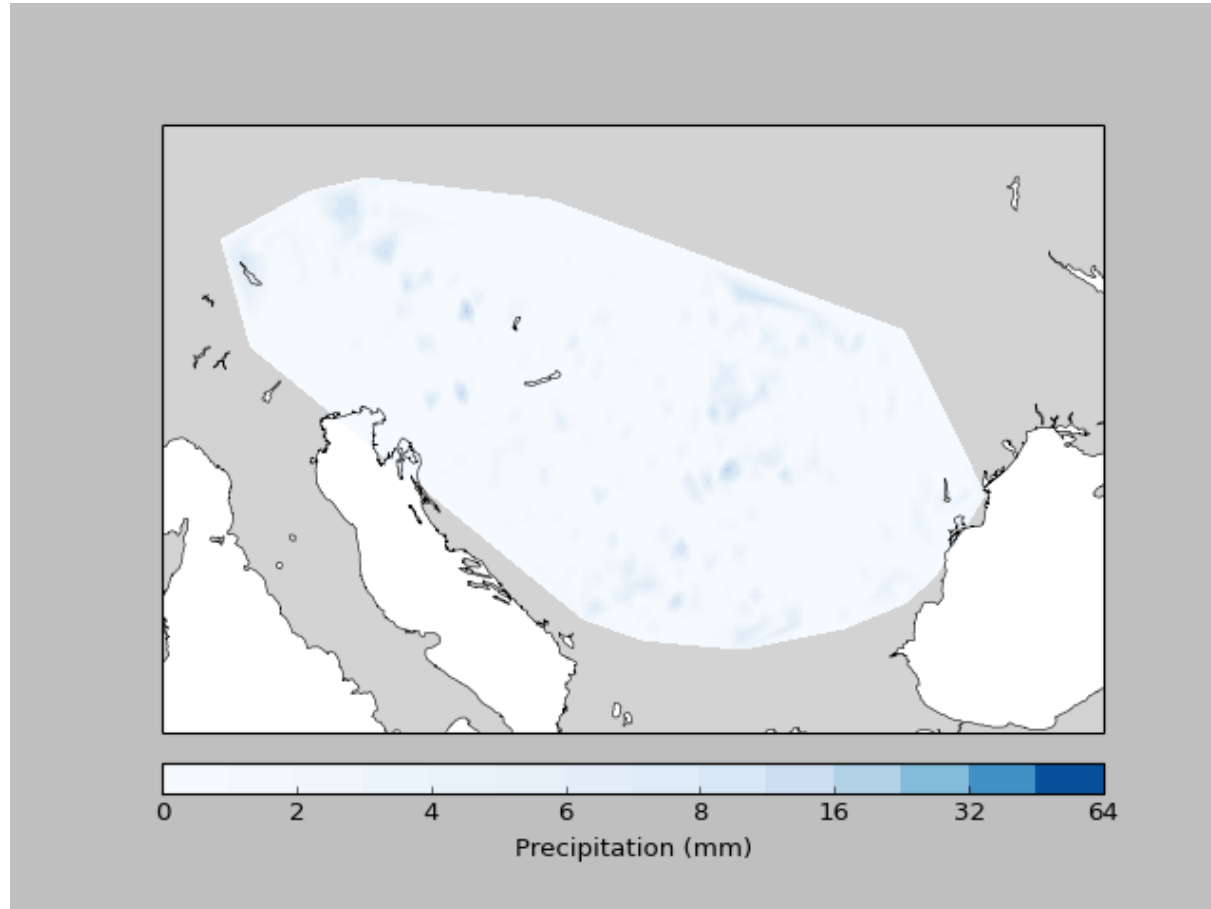
200,000 years of daily climate and hydrological data
~13,000 river sections ~200,000 spatial units



Robust risk information

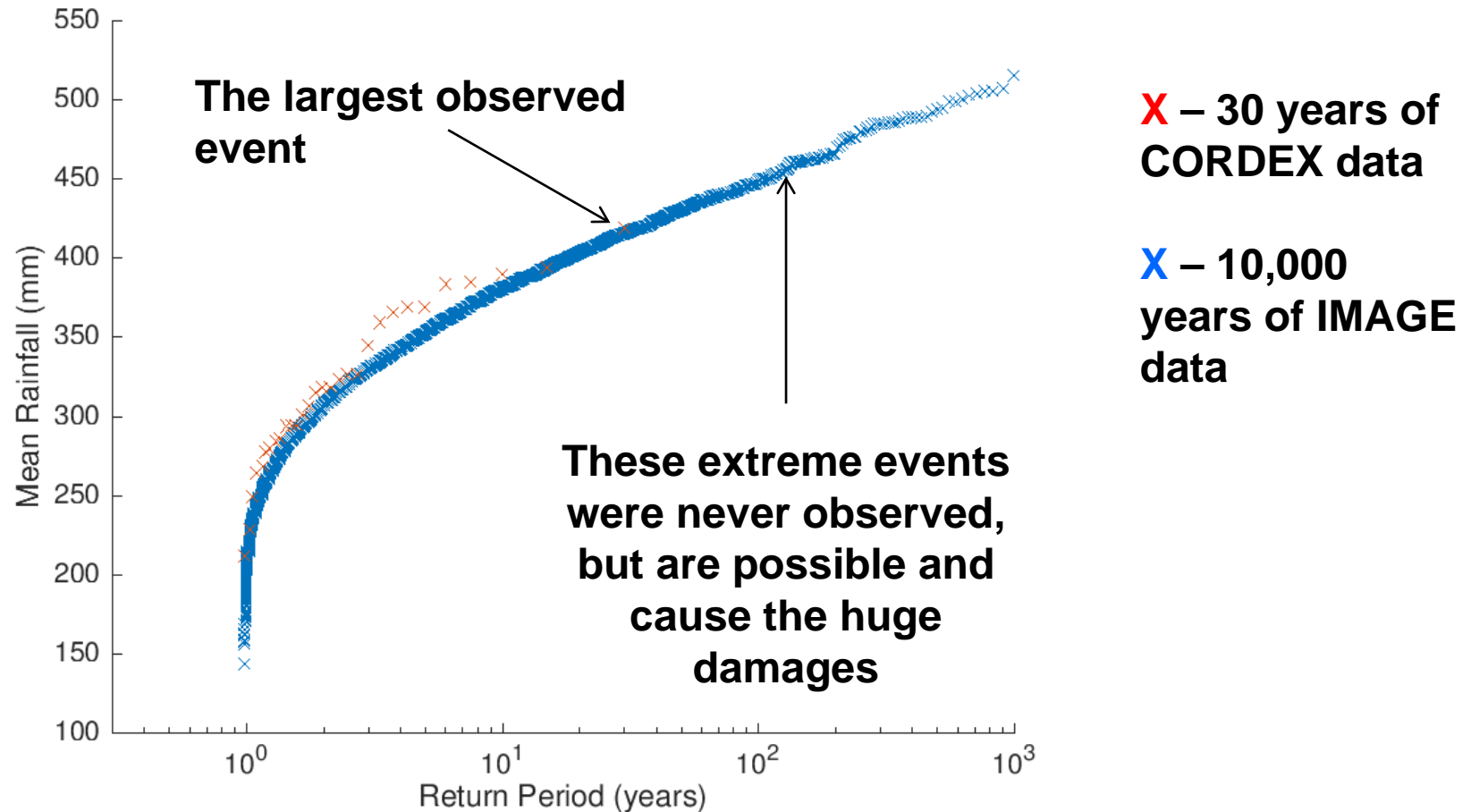


Results weather module

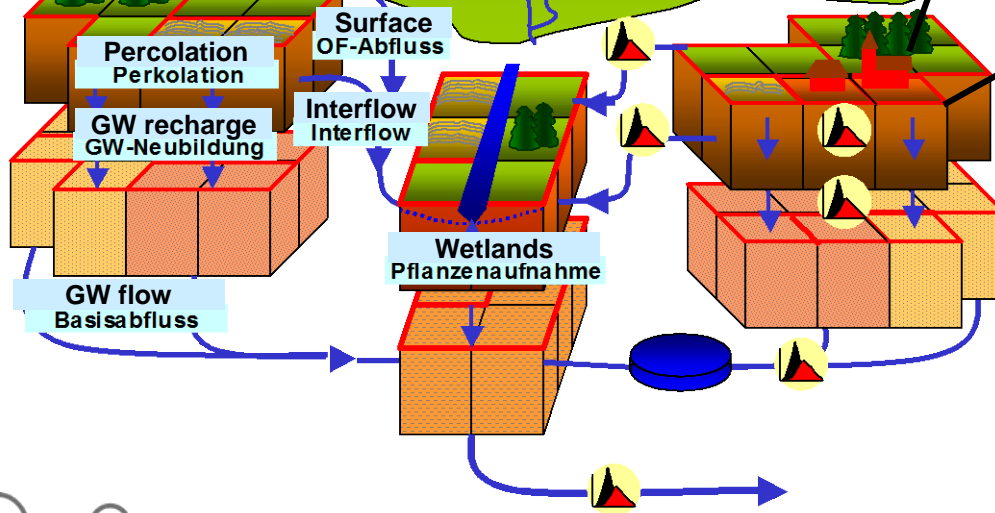
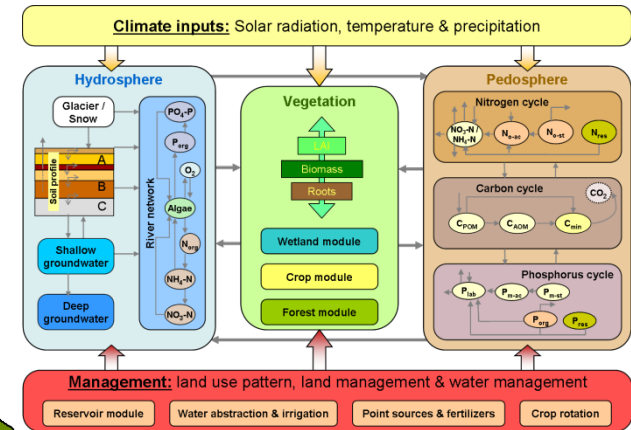
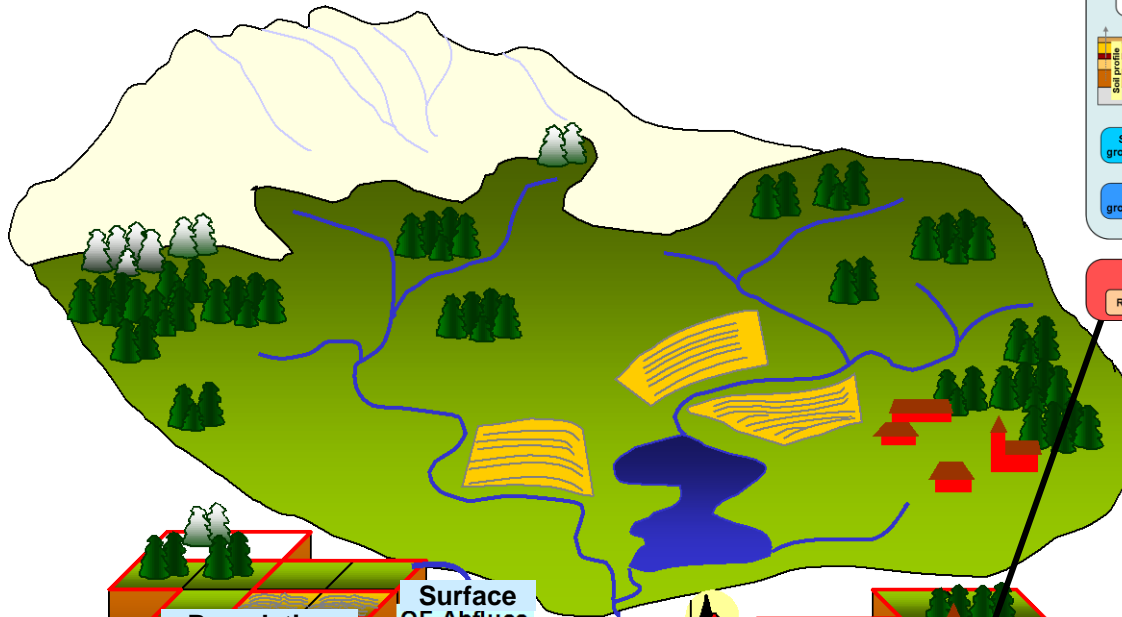


Input: Realistic daily precipitation generated by weather module (many more events than observed -> rare (extreme) events)

JJA precipitation for Upper Danube basin



The weather information is fed into the hydrological module (SWIM)



- Floods/ droughts
- Water resources
- Water management
- Agriculture
- Hydropower
- Water quality



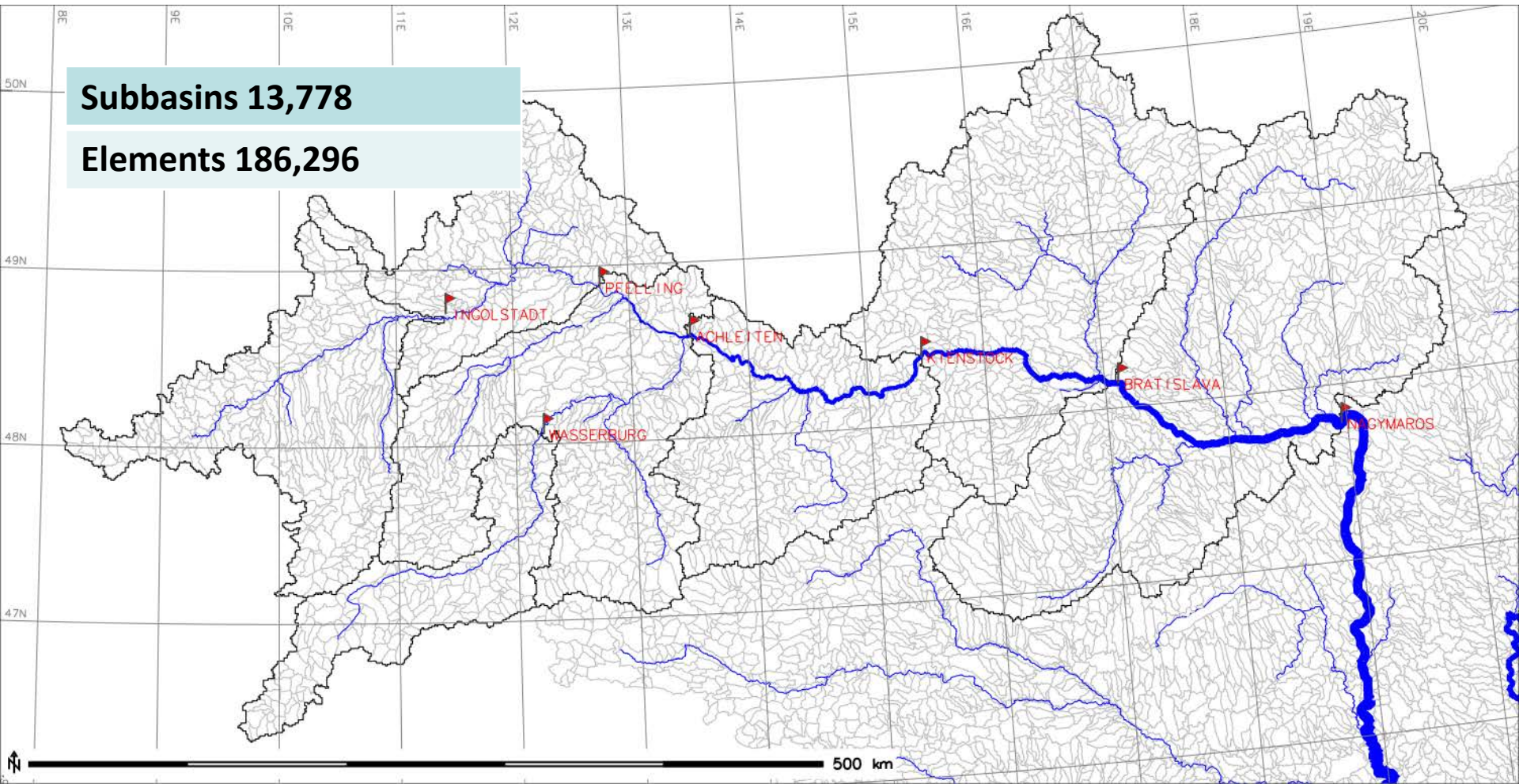
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River sections and subbasins upper part of the Danube until Budapest

Subbasins 13,778

Elements 186,296

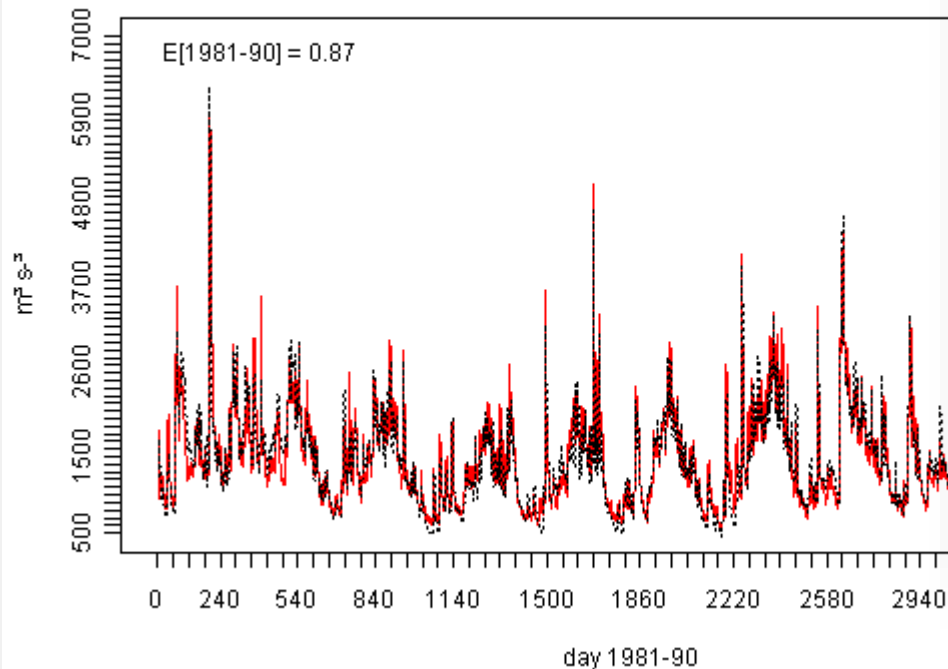


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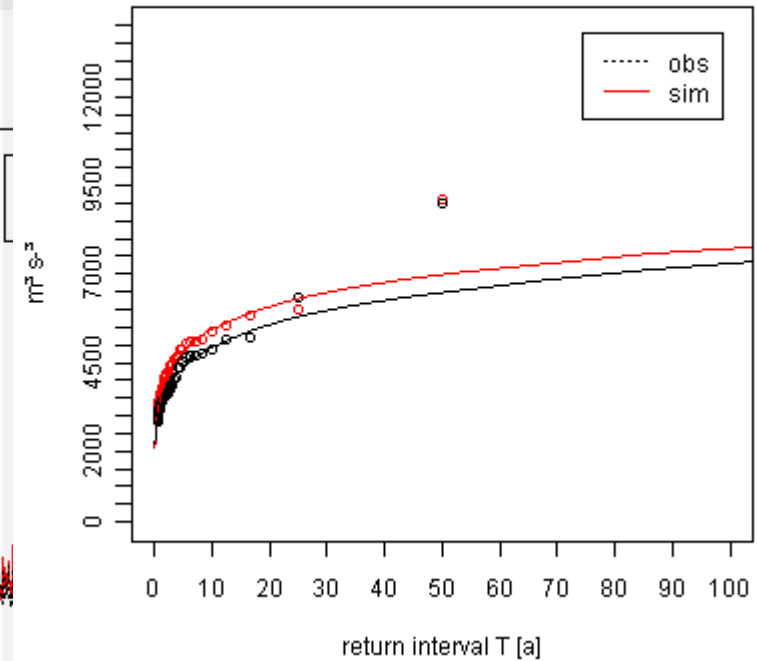
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Calibration and validation of SWIM using observed climate data

River Danube, gauge Achleiten

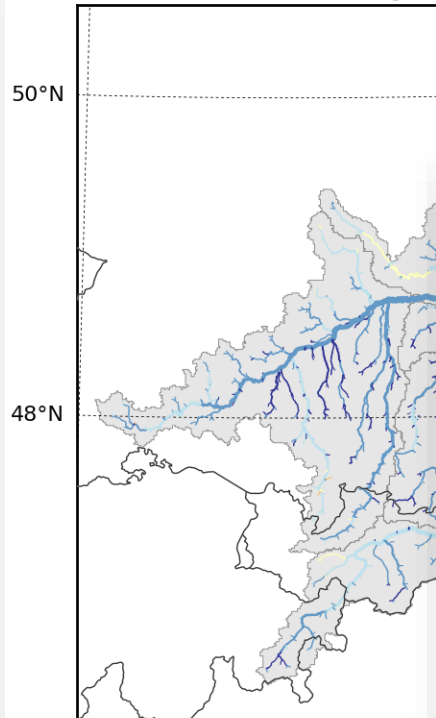


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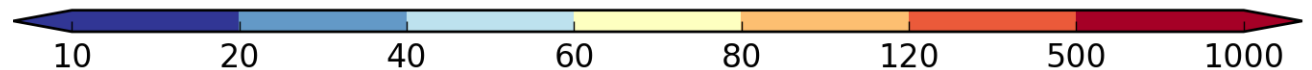
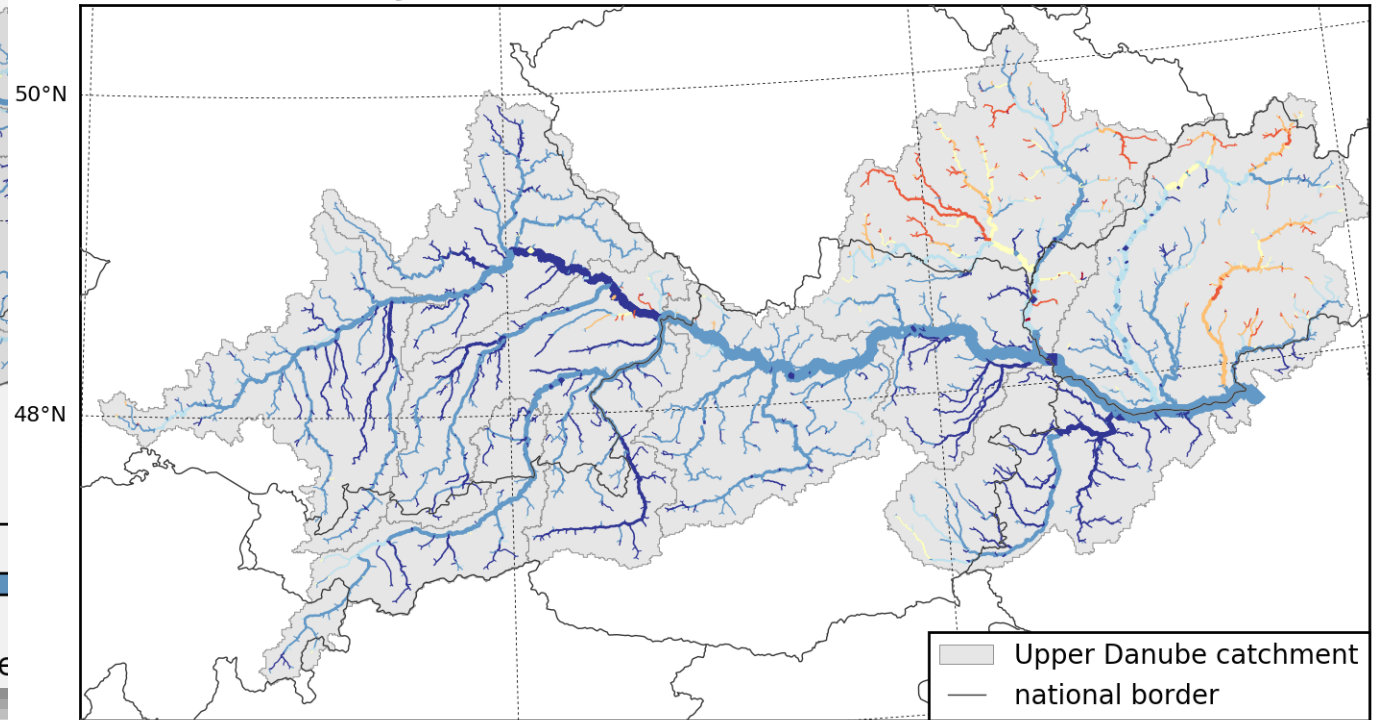
Results SWIM: Change in recurrence of 100 year flood

100-year flood in 2020-2049 under RCP-8.5



Future

100-year flood in 2070-2099 under RCP-8.5

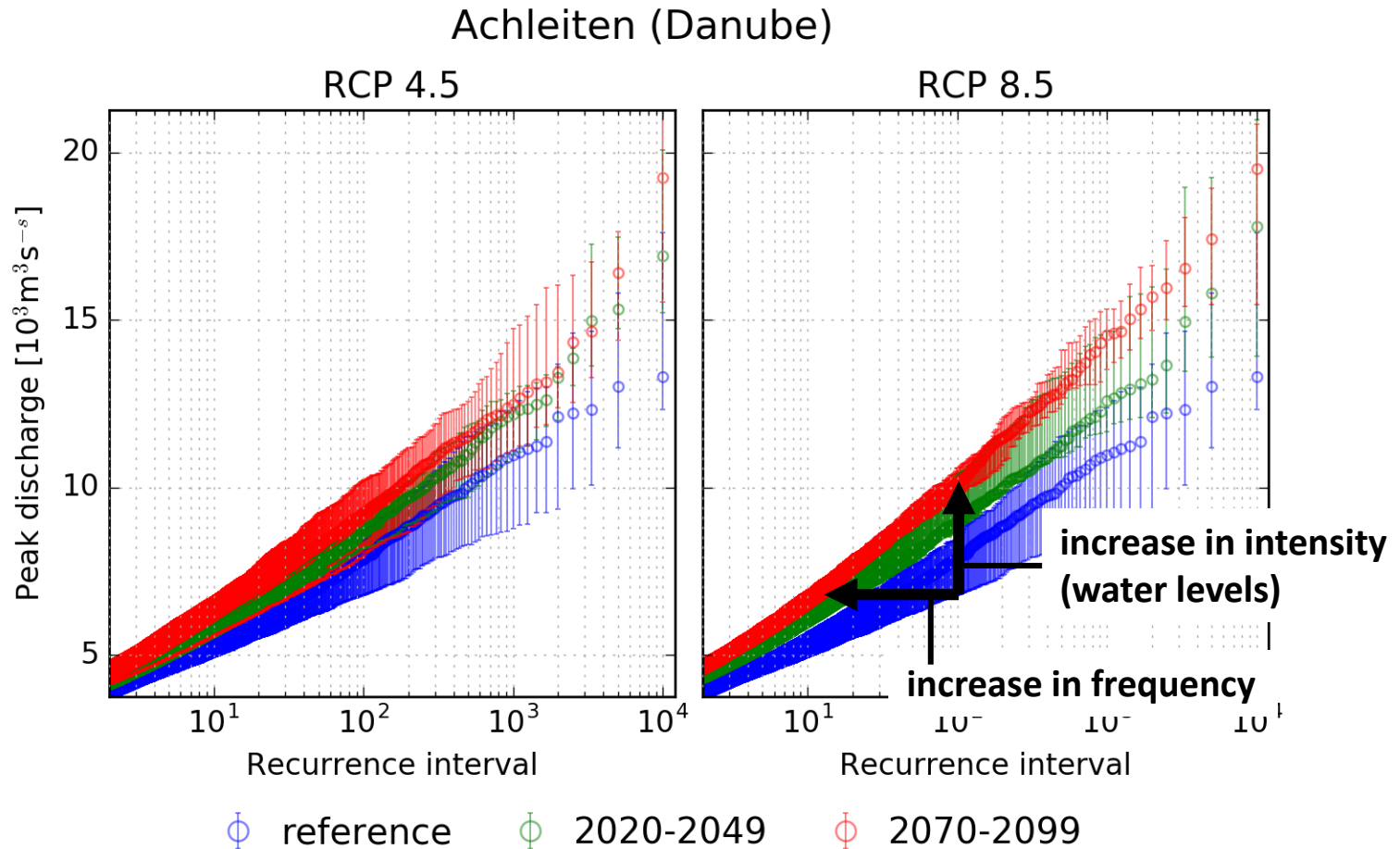


Future recurrence of the 100-year flood [years]

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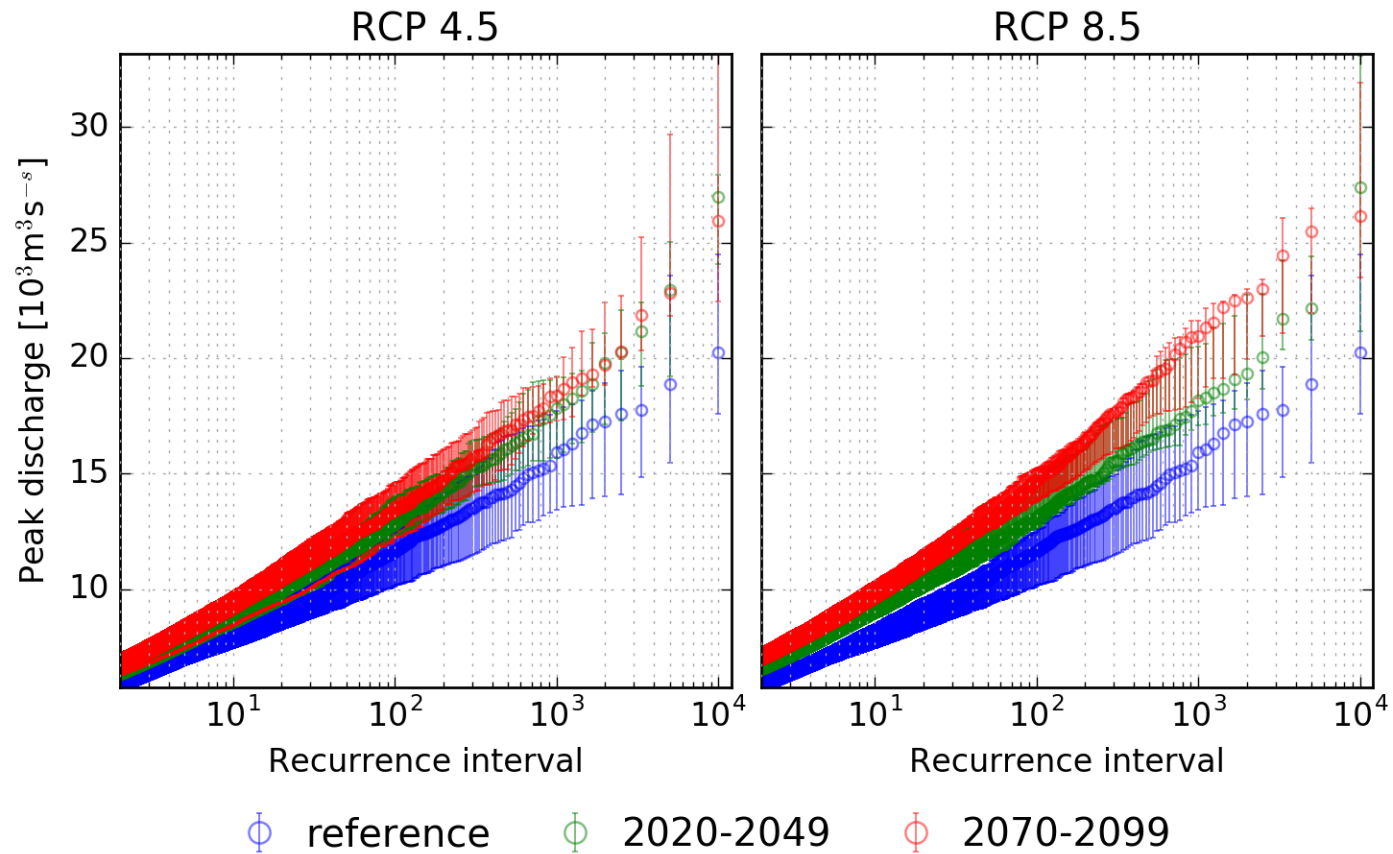


Change in flood frequency under CC



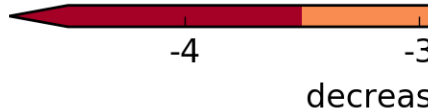
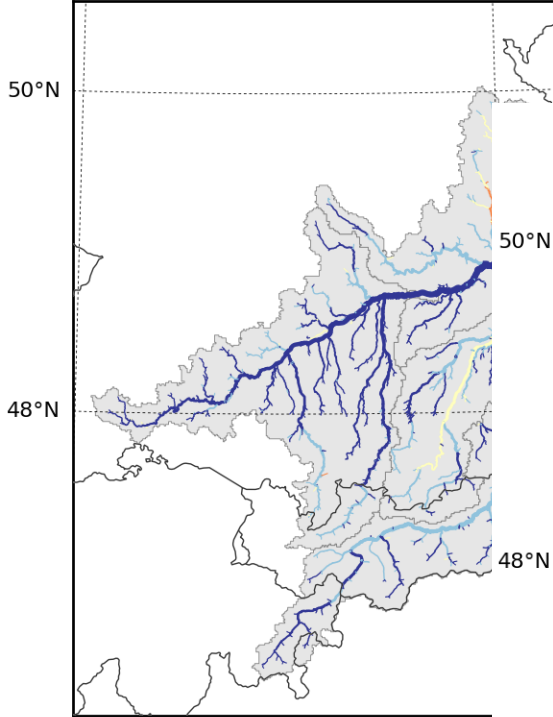
Change in flood frequency under CC

Nagymaros (Danube)

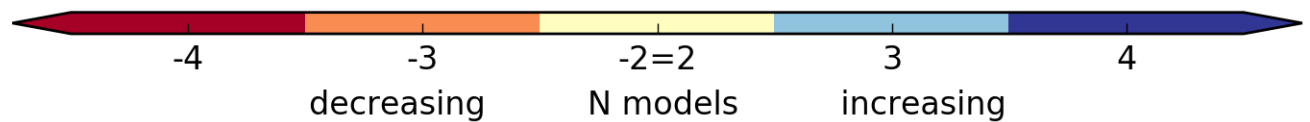
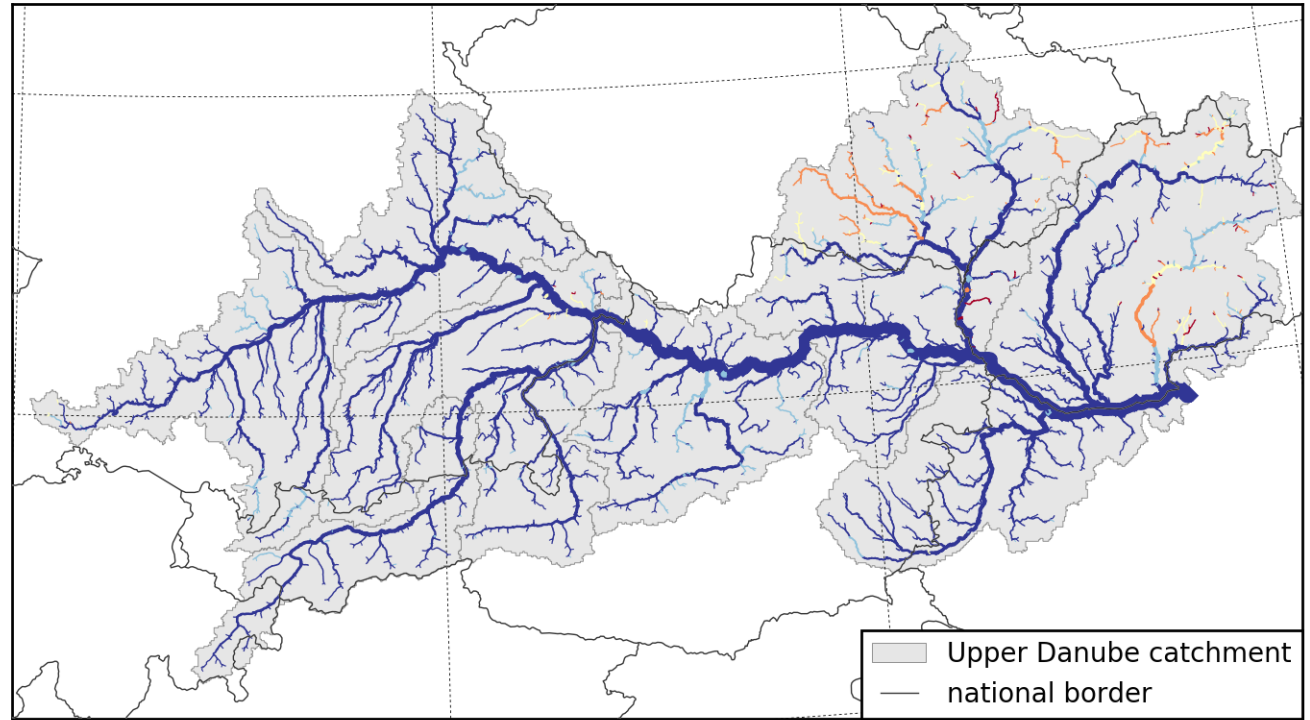


Agreement in projections

Agreement in change of 100-year flood under RCP-4.5 (2020-2049)



Agreement in change of 100-year flood under RCP-8.5 (2070-2099)



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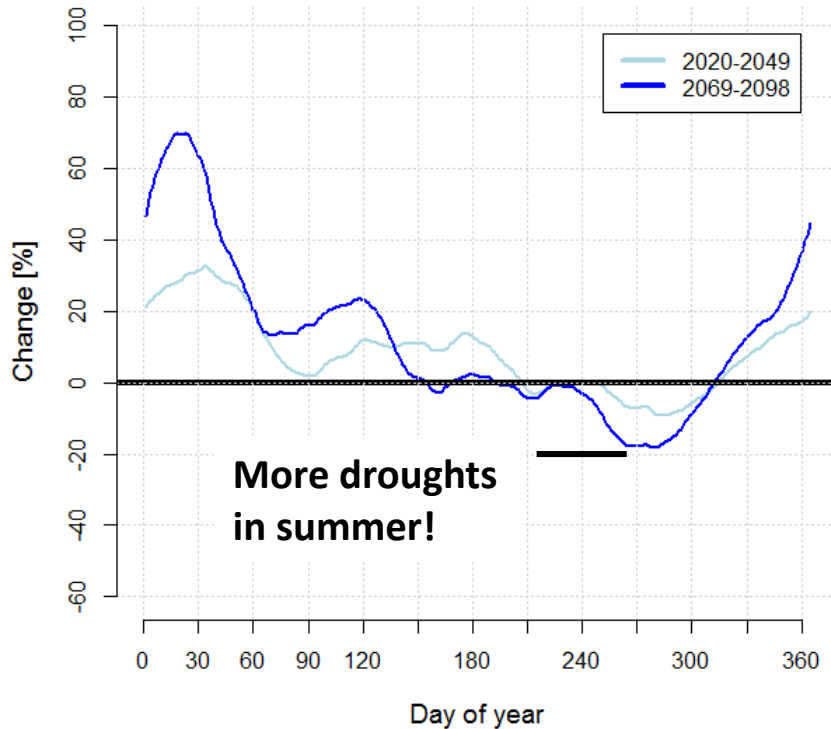
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Average change in water availability

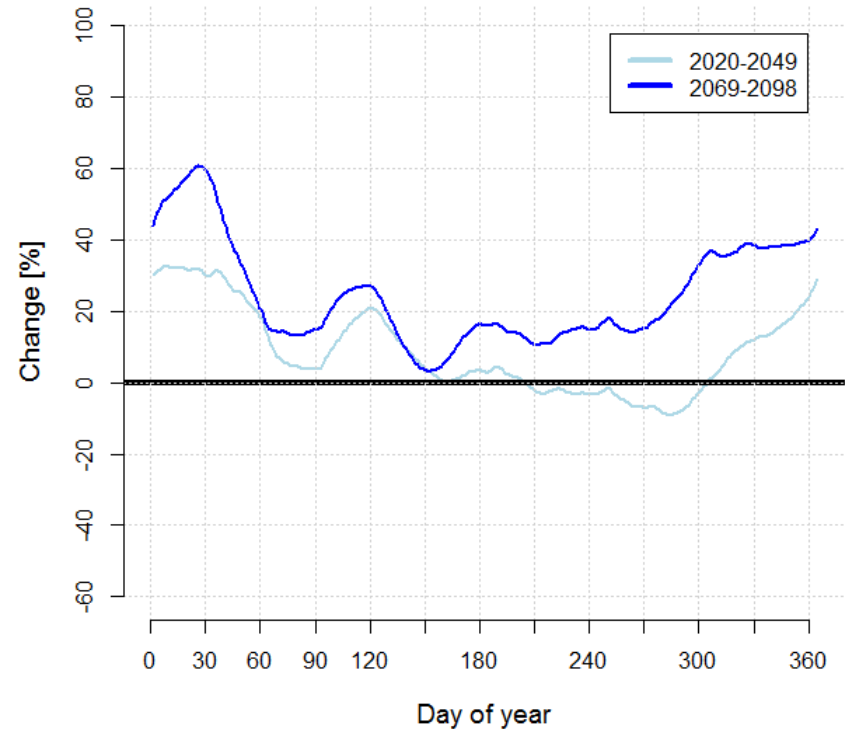
High end scenario (RCP8.5)

Danube at Nagymaros



Moderate scenario (RCP4.5)

Danube at Nagymaros

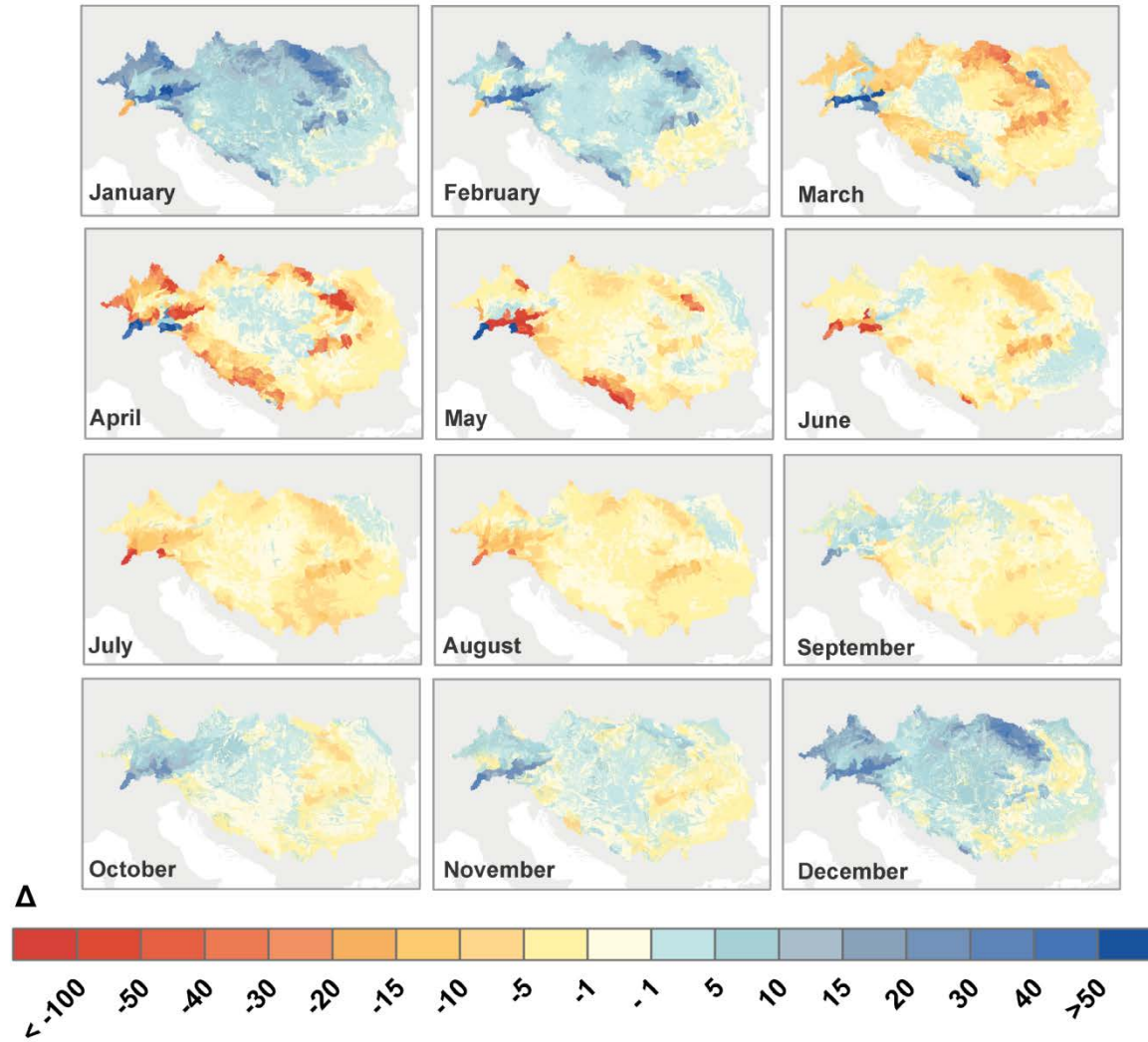


These statistics are there for each of the 13,000 river sections



Spatial change in water resources

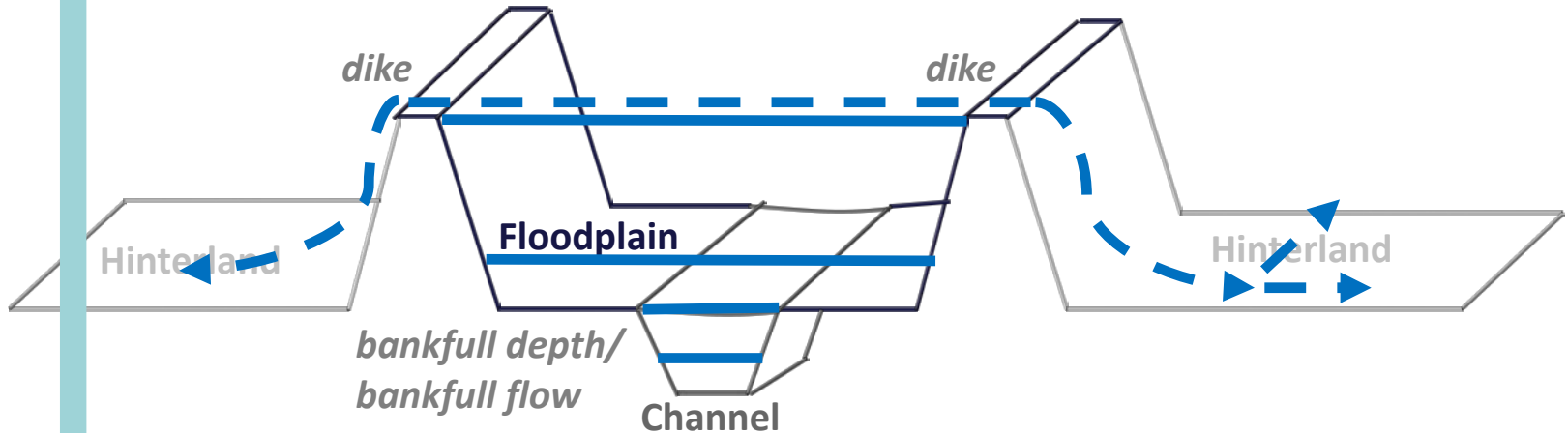
Changes in total runoff [absolute] (2031-2060 minus 1971-2000)



1D Channel / 2D Hinterland inundation model

River Network
Routing:
1D Channel
Network Model

1D (diffusive wave: continuity, pressure, friction, slope)



dike over-
topping
discharge

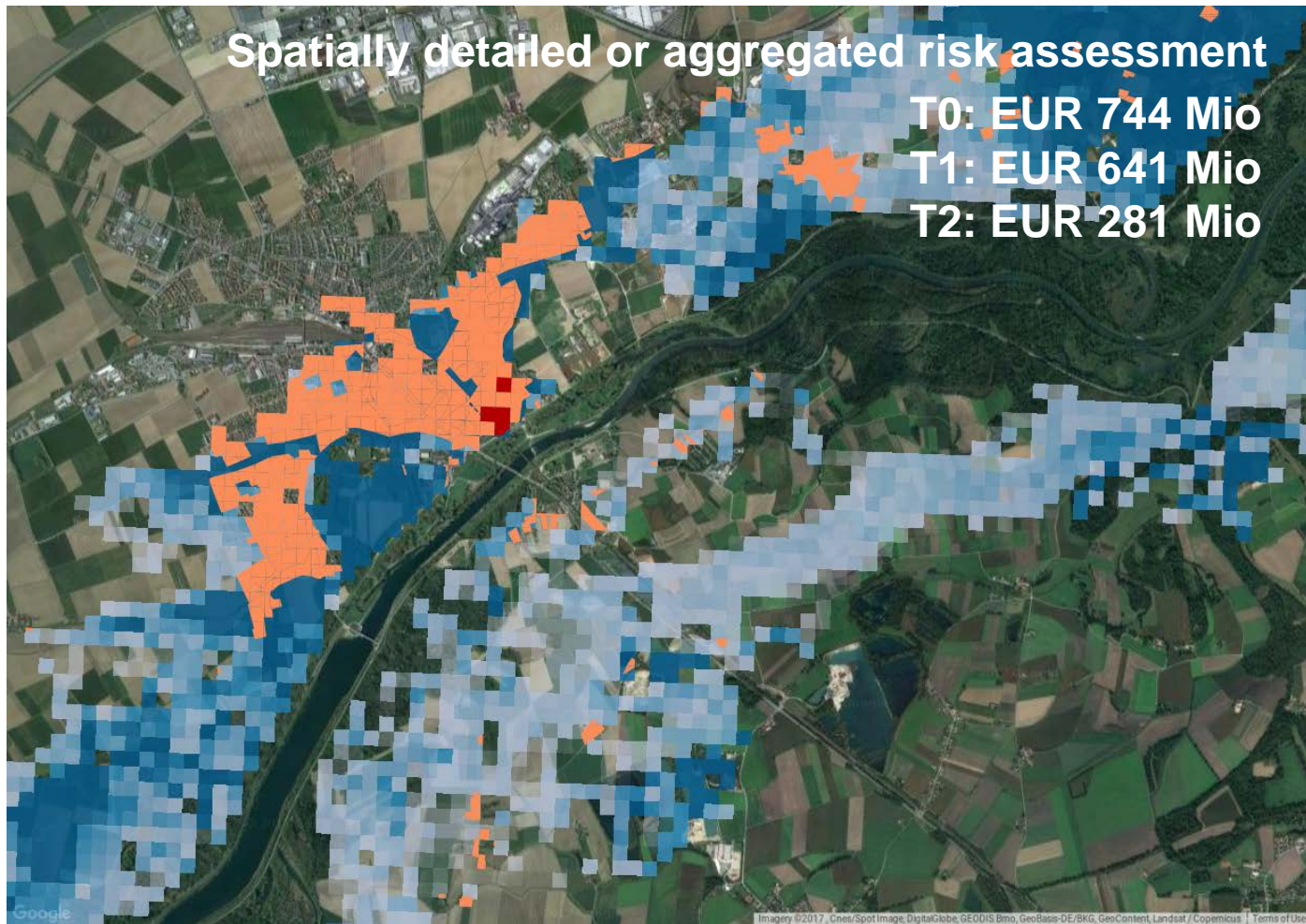
Hinterland
Inundation:
2D Raster-Based
Inertia Model

2D shallow water equations (continuity, pressure, friction, slope, local acceleration, no advection)
Explicit scheme, structured mesh 100m, GPU parallelisation

**flood maps of max. water
levels, duration, velocities**



Loss estimation



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