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The SWAT model for the restoration of Ukraine

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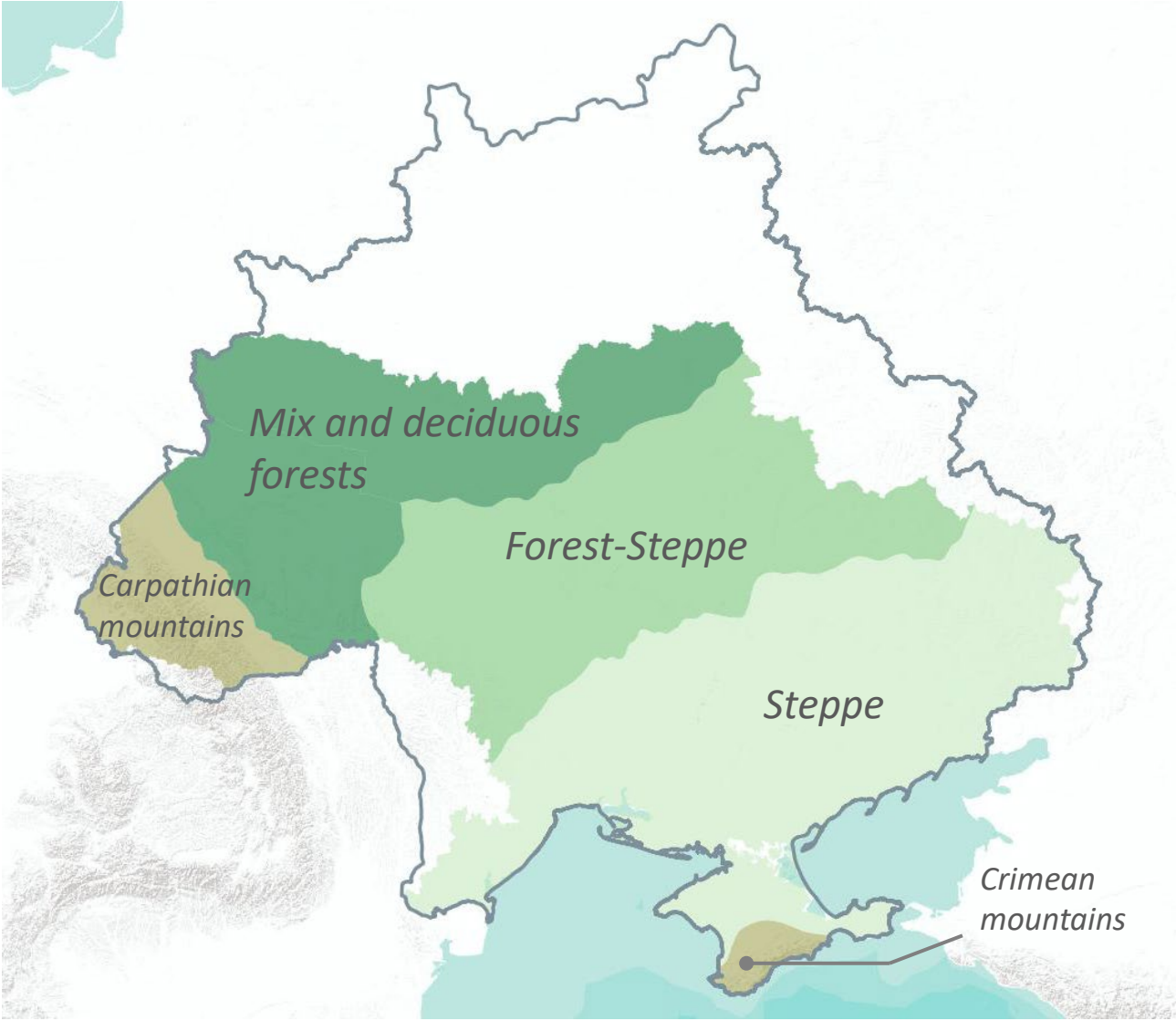
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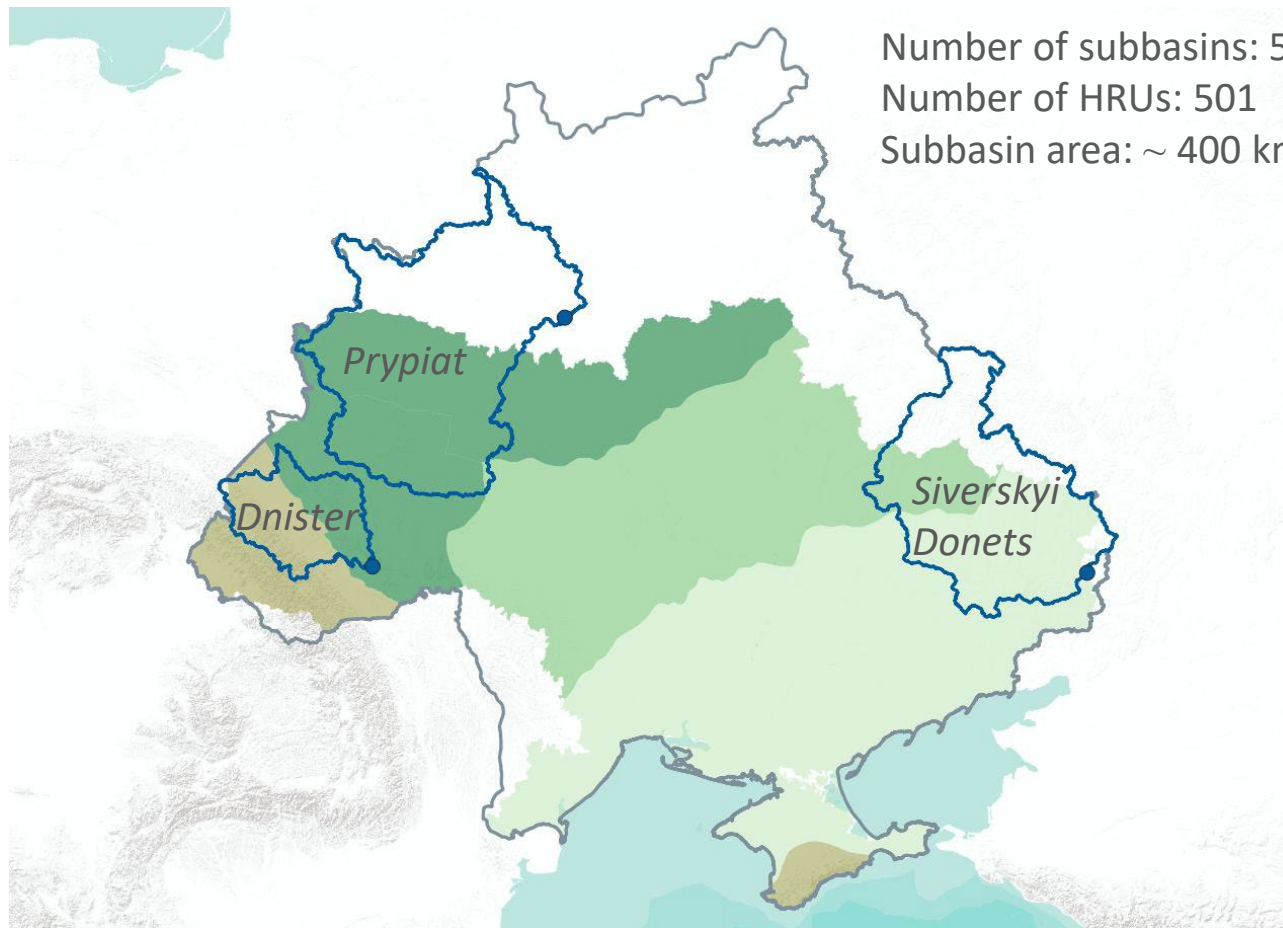
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Ukrainian watershed and Physical-geographical zoning

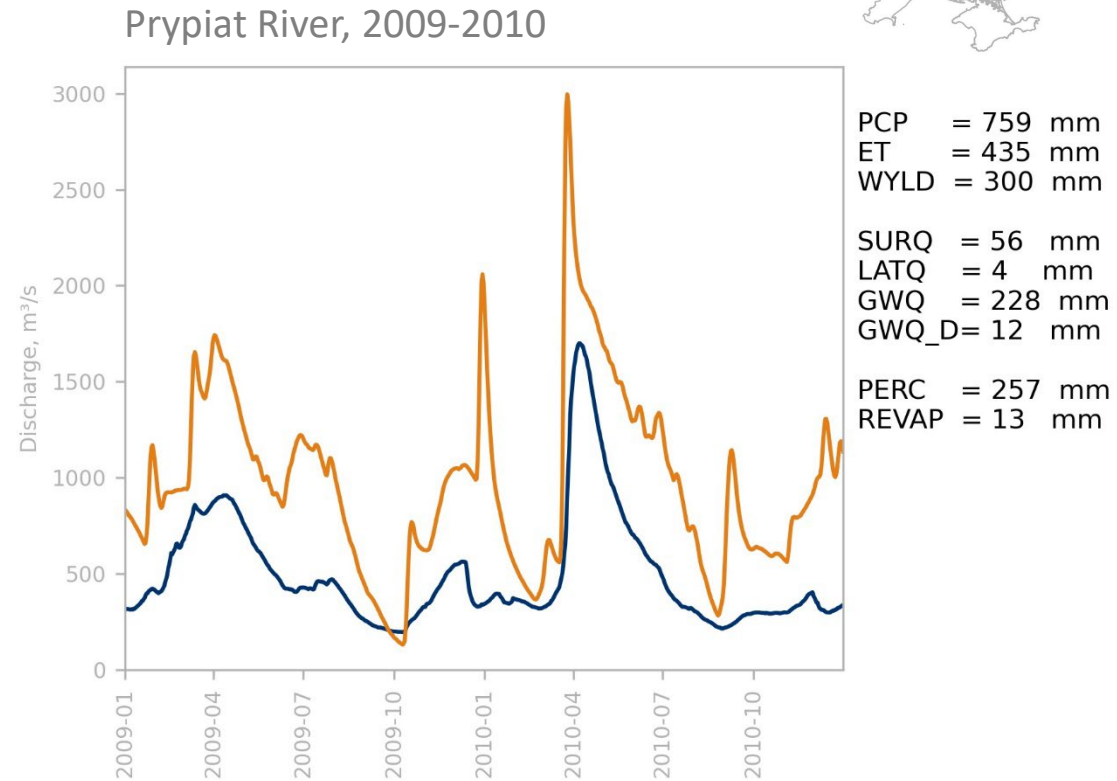


First step – investigation of the SWAT model behavior in different zones



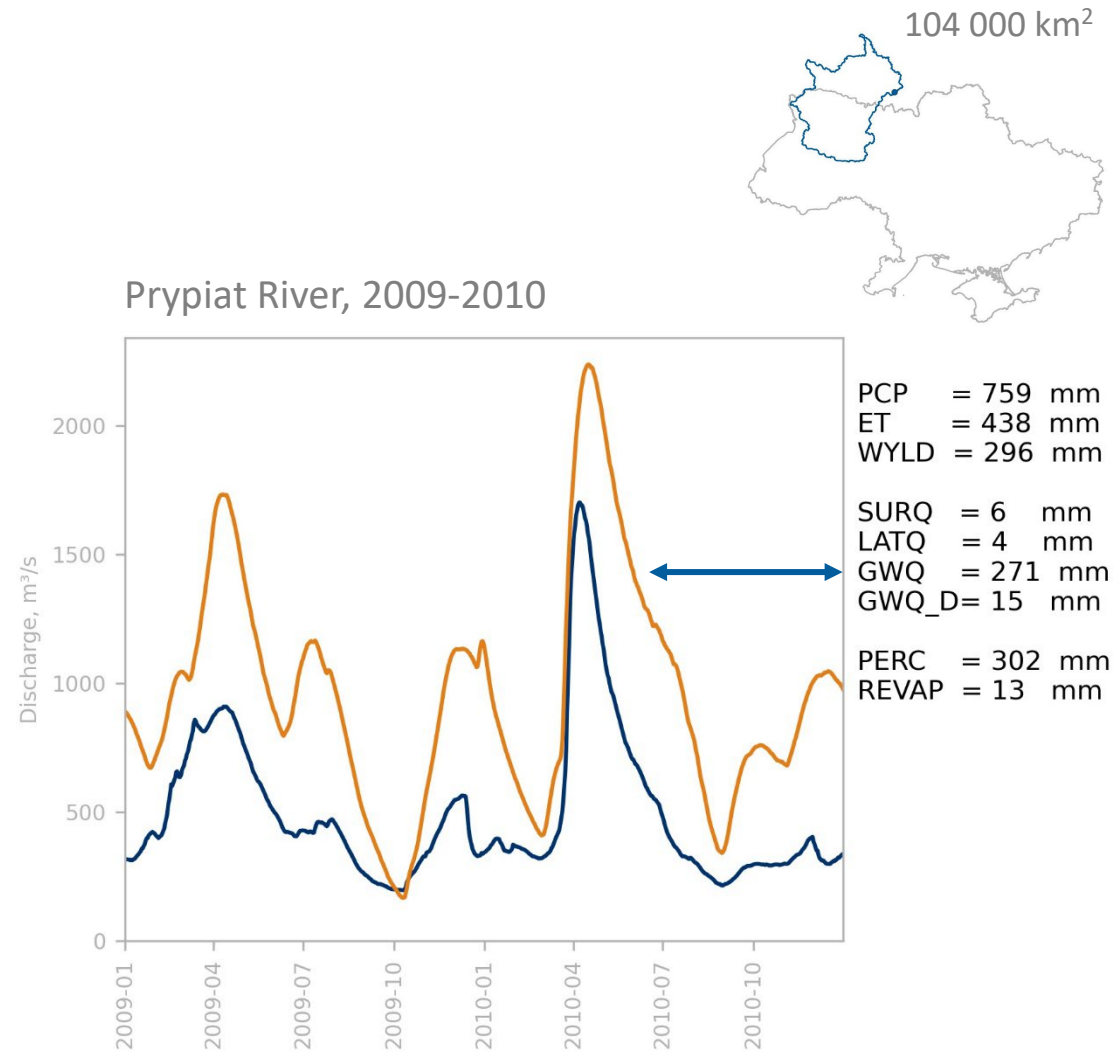
Calibration process

- Default parameters
(except snow parameters)



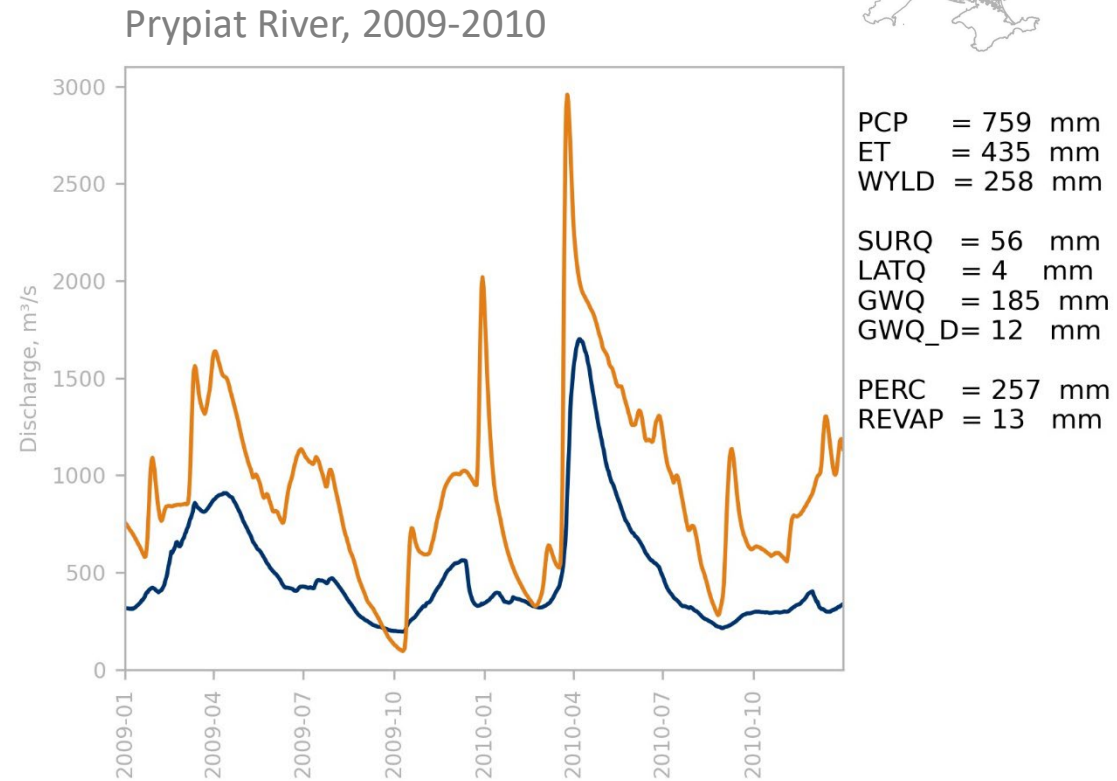
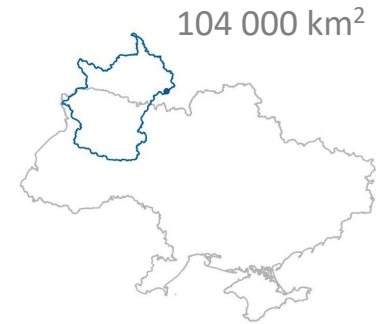
Calibration process: Sensitivity analysis

- $r_{\text{CN2.mgt}} = -0.3$



Calibration process

- CN2.mgt = default
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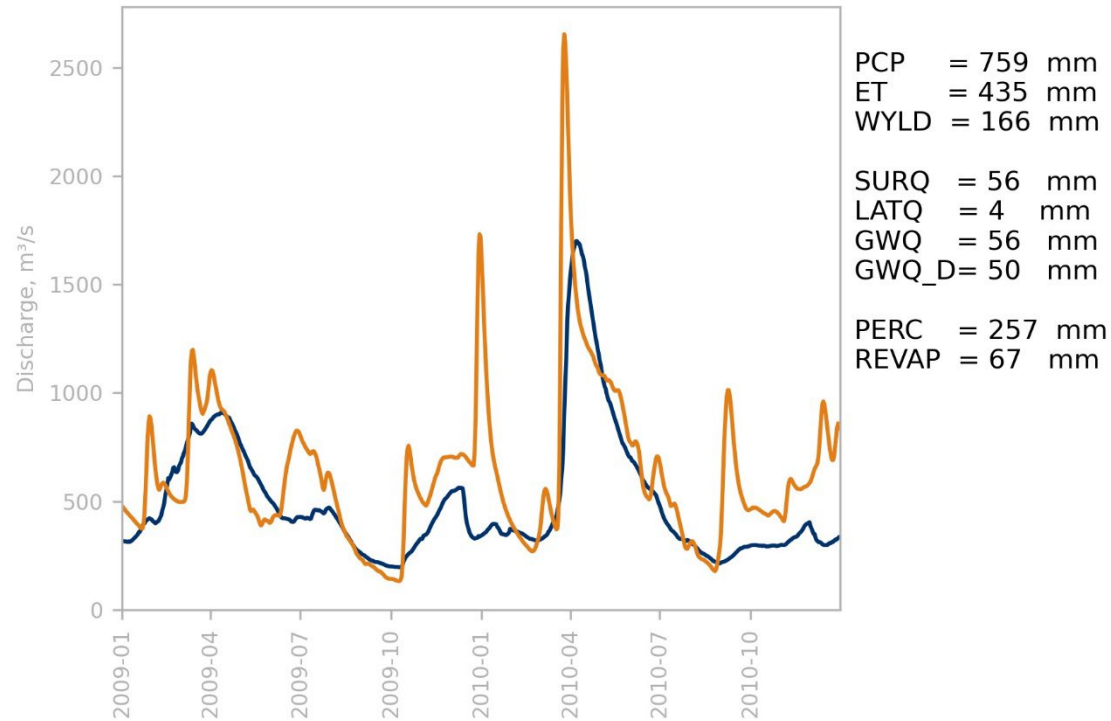


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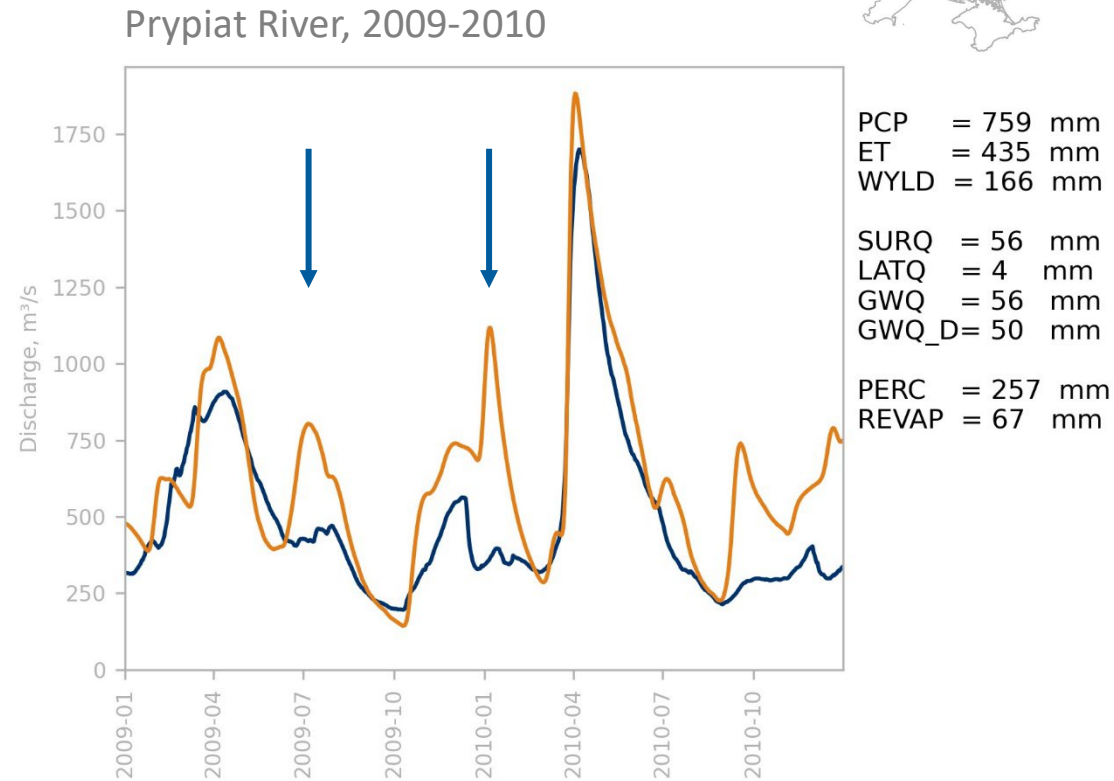


Prypiat River, 2009-2010



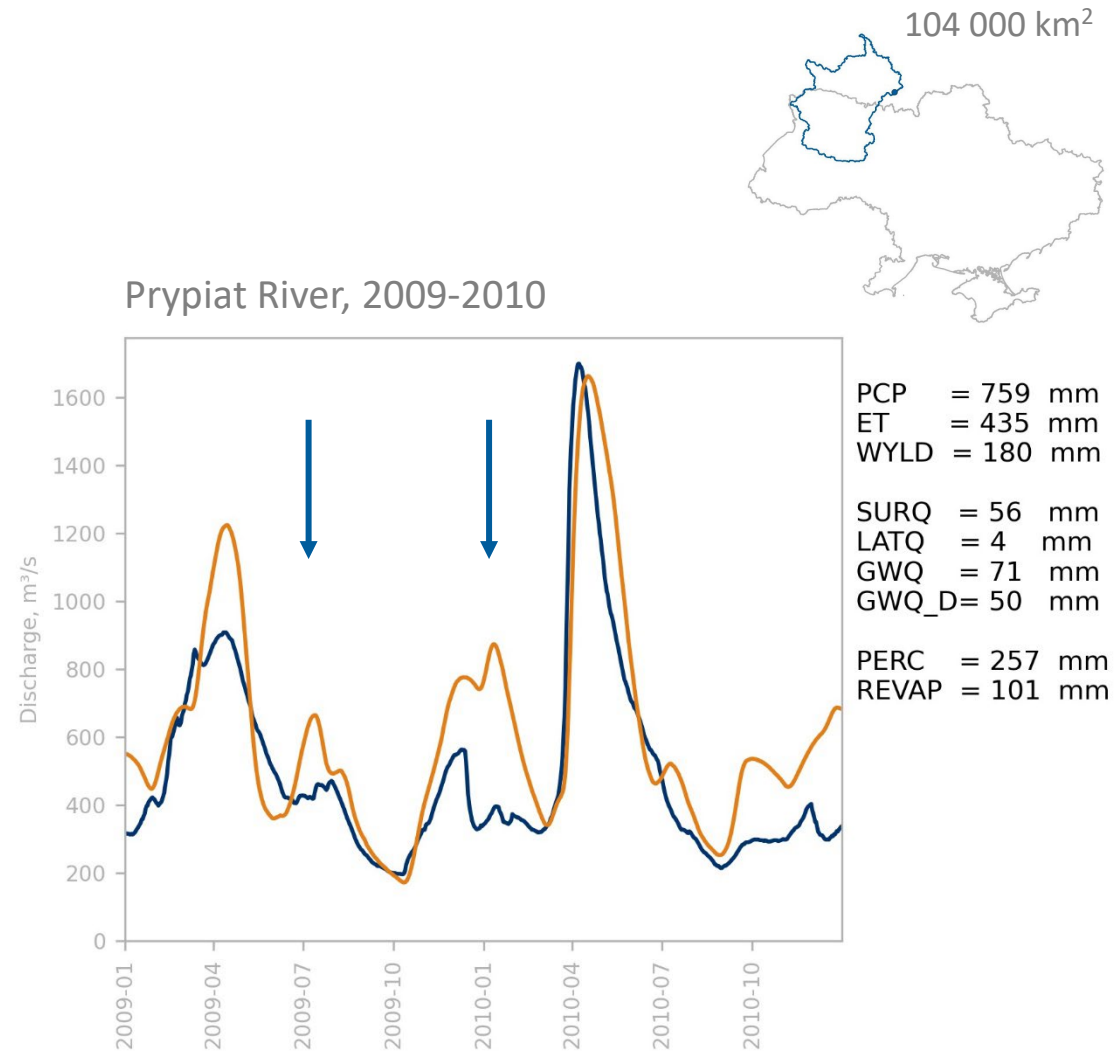
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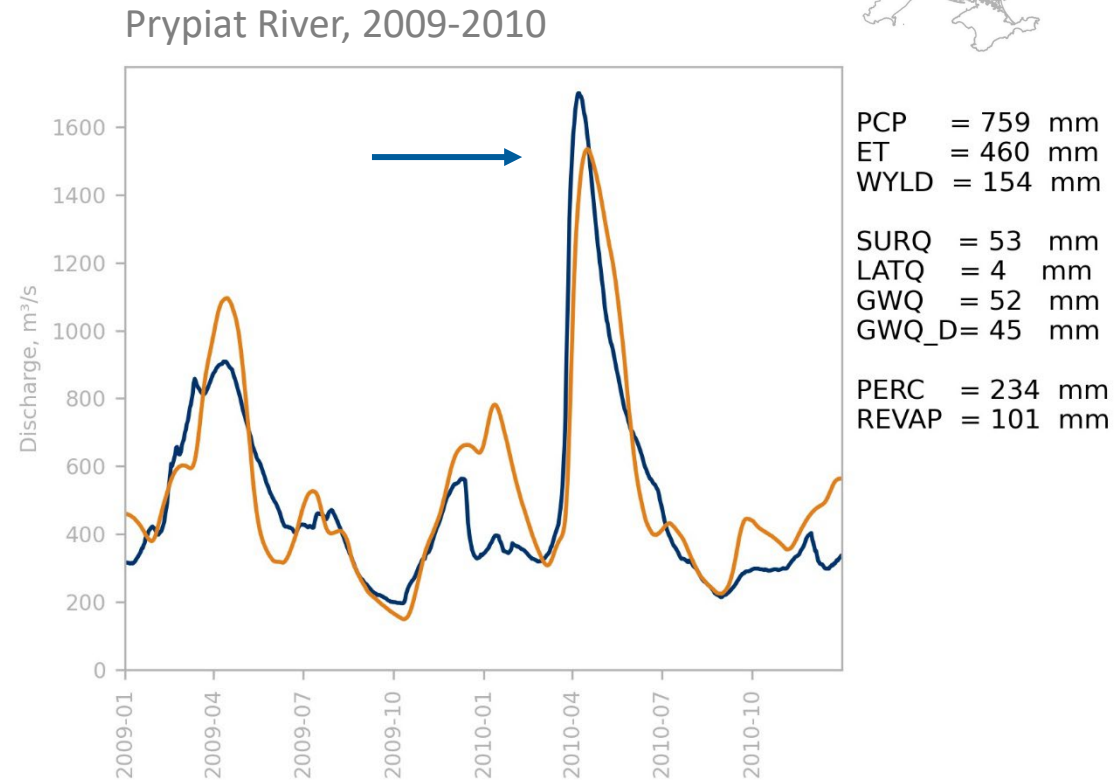
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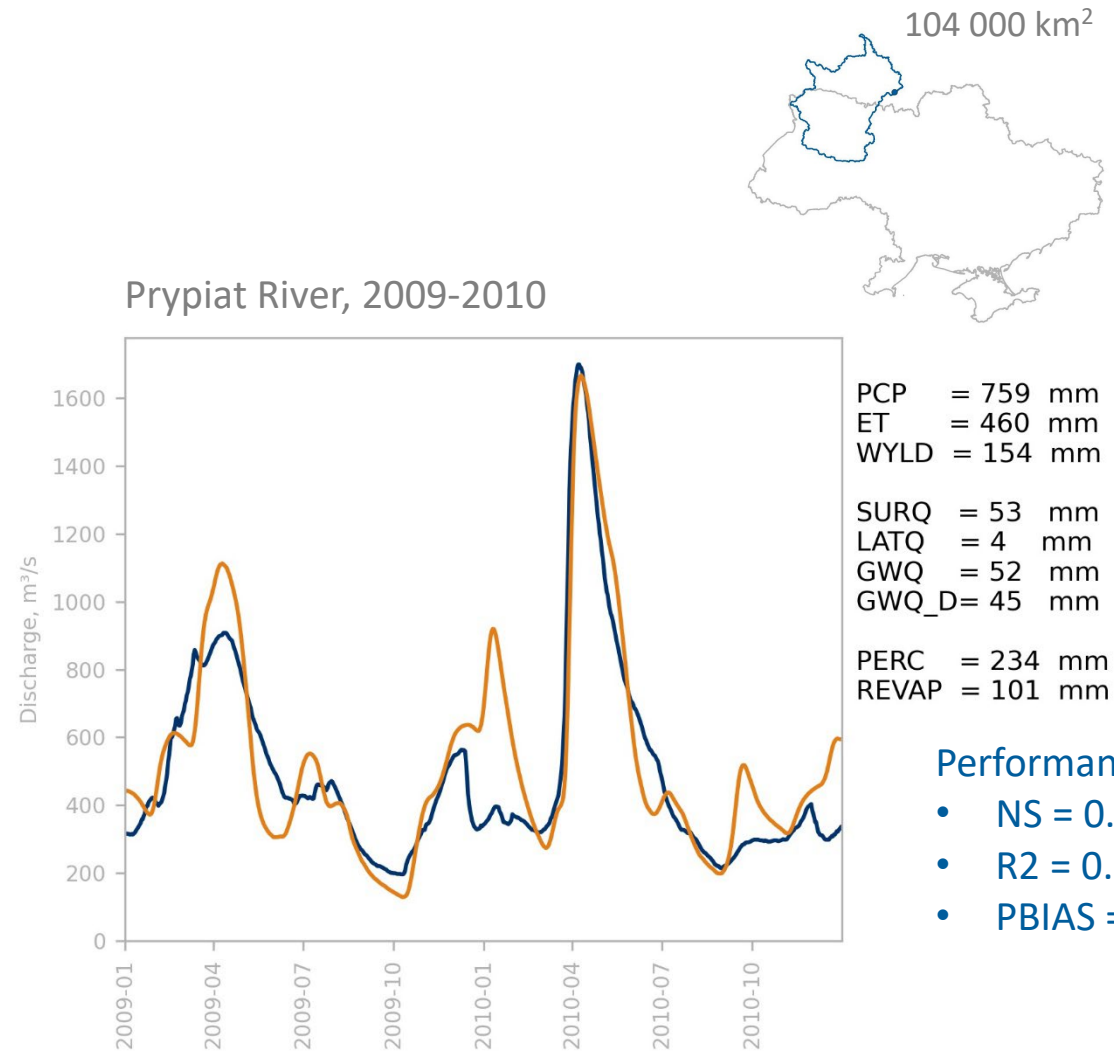
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Calibration process

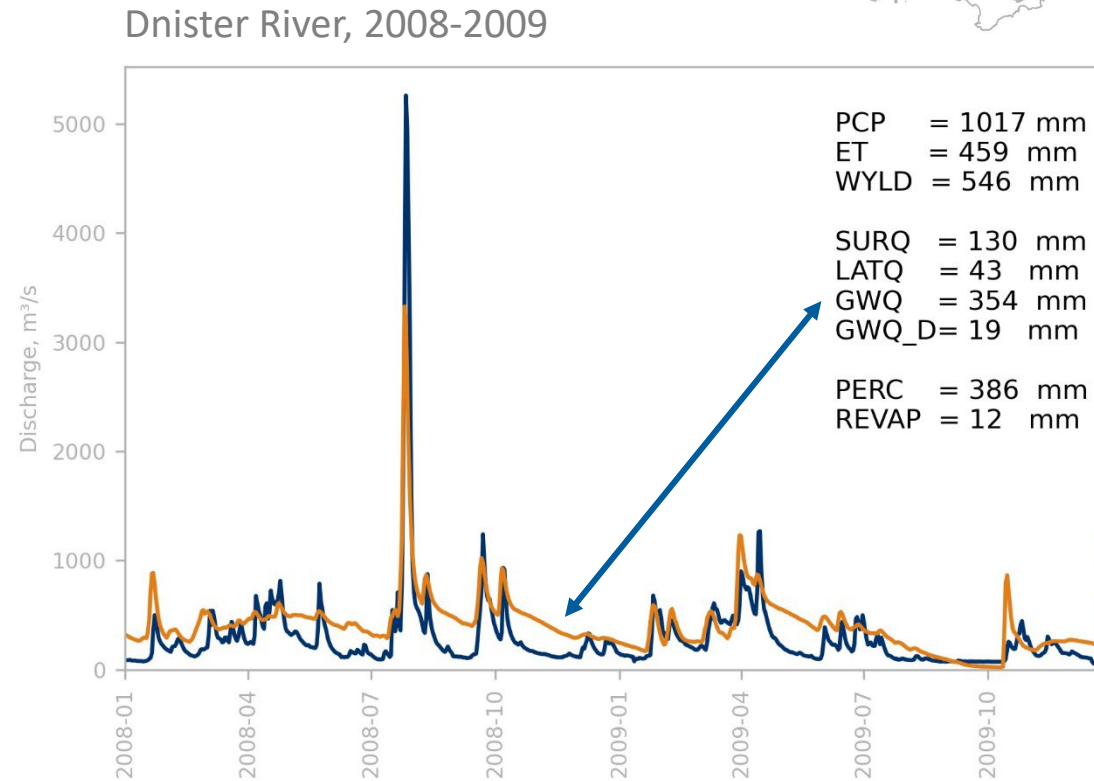
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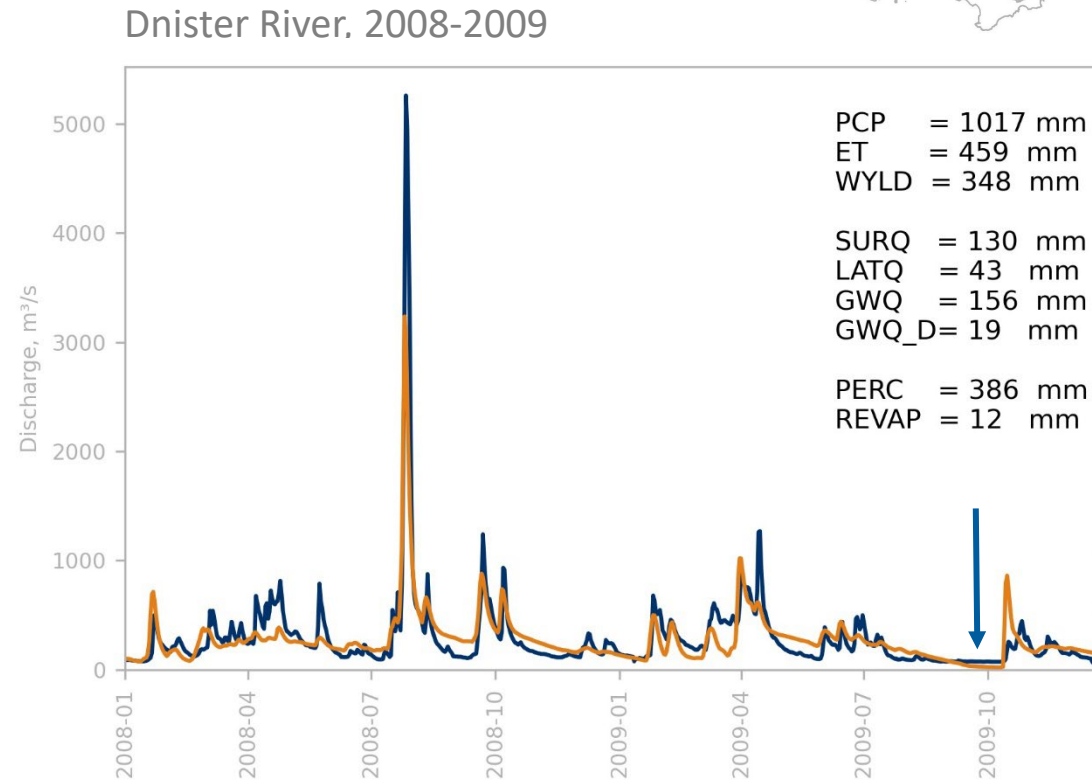
- Default parameters





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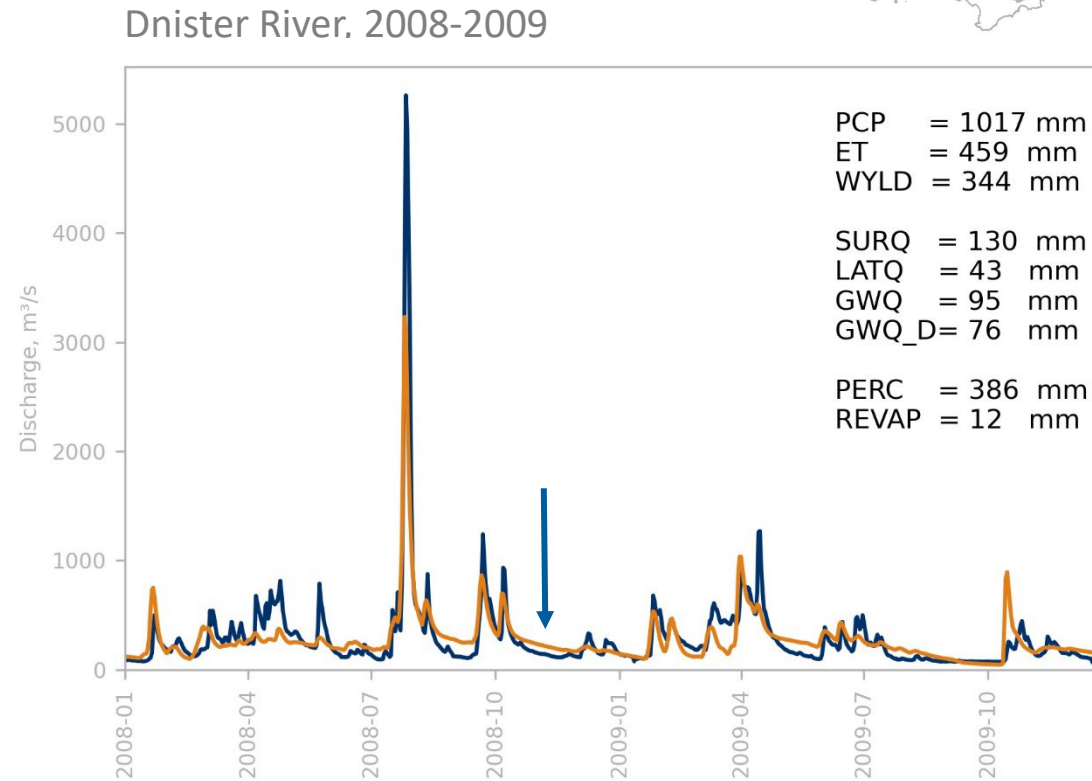
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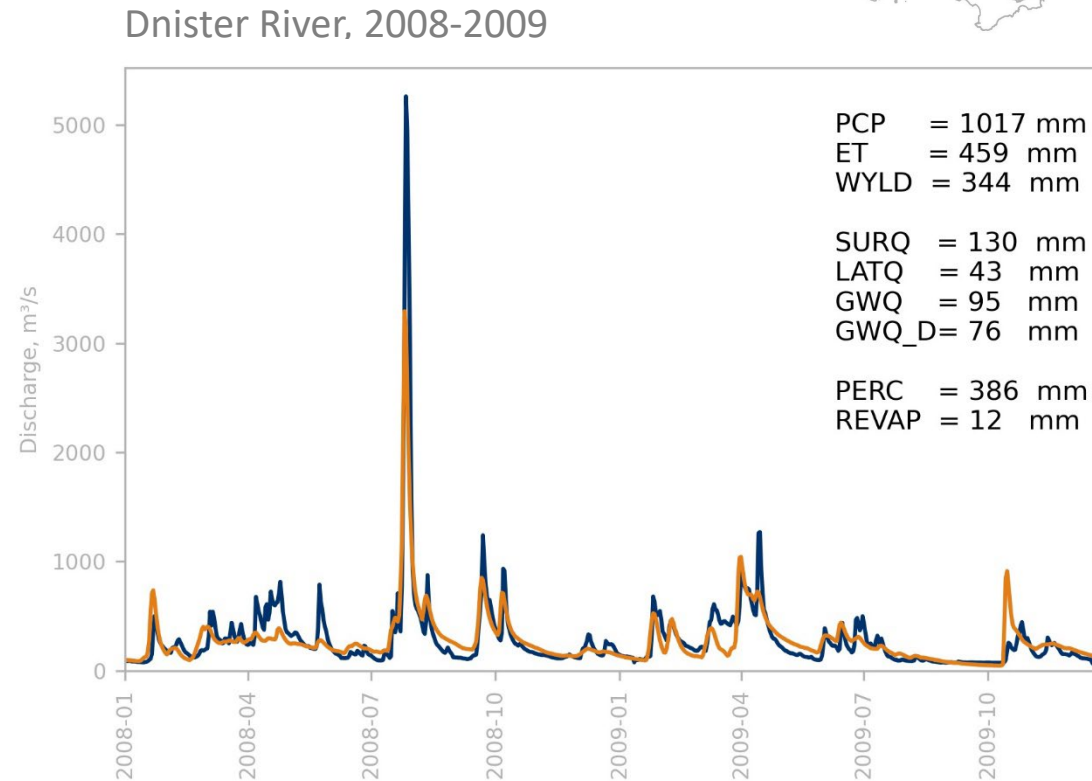
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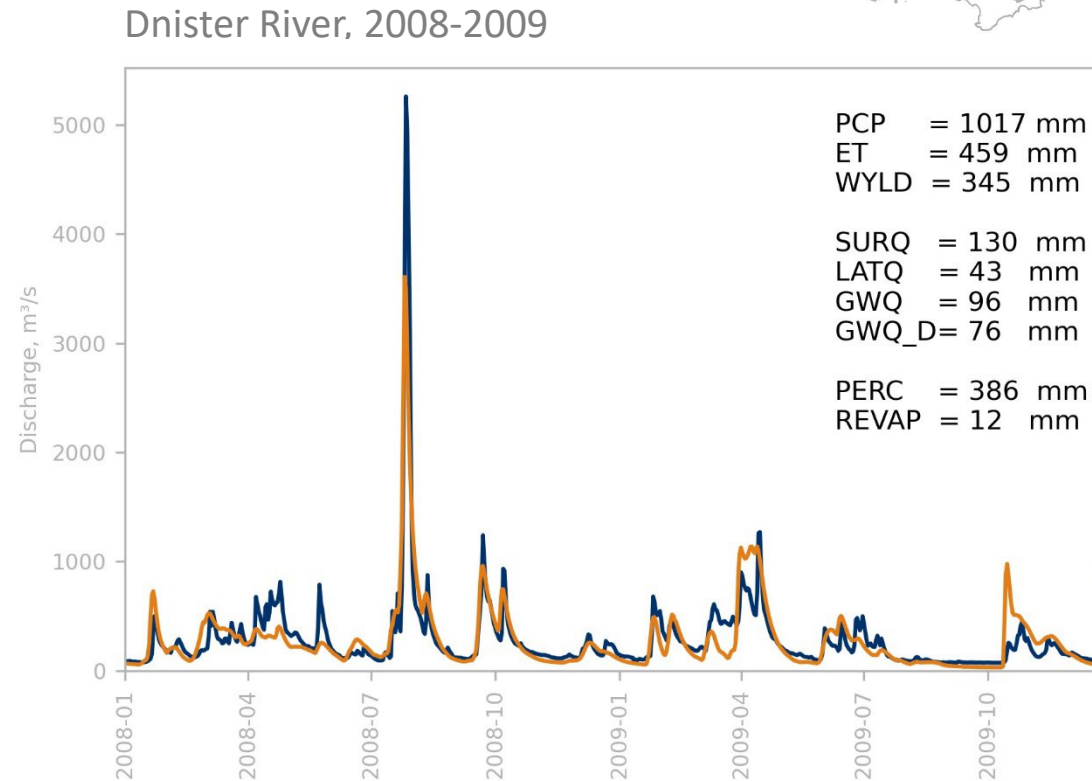
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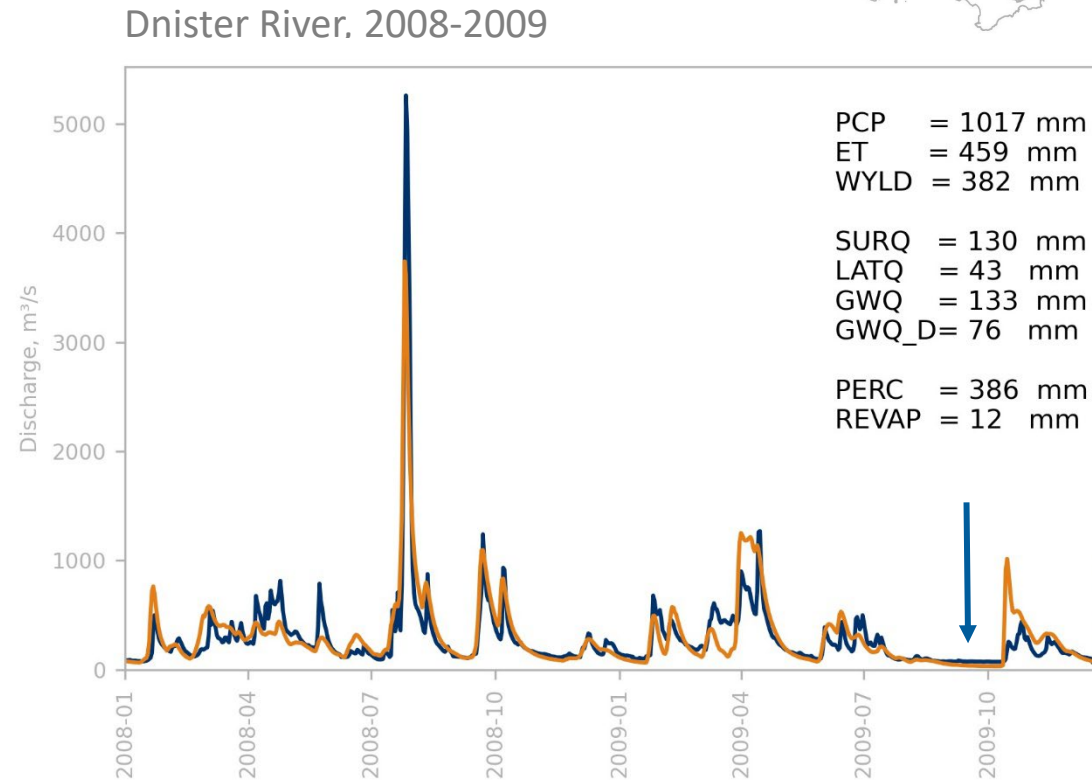
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- $v_GW_DELAY.gw = 5$





Calibration process

- $v_{GWQMN.gw} = 3500$
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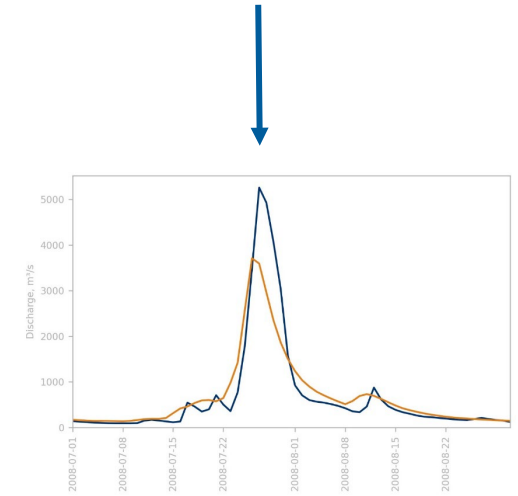
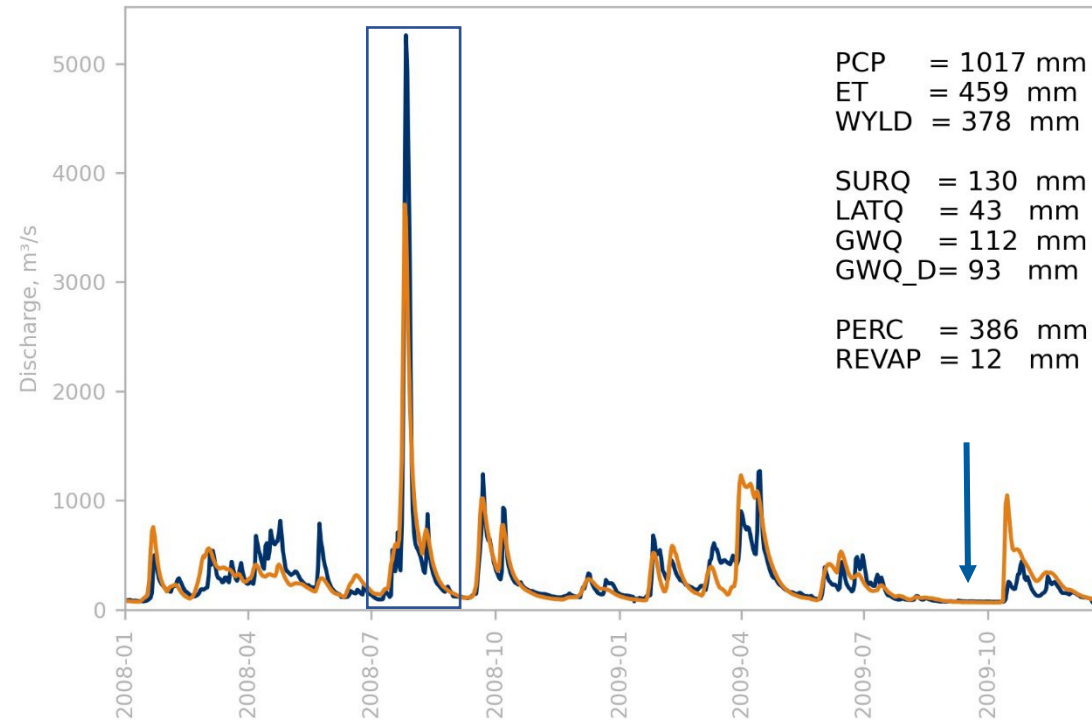


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Dnister River, 2008-2009

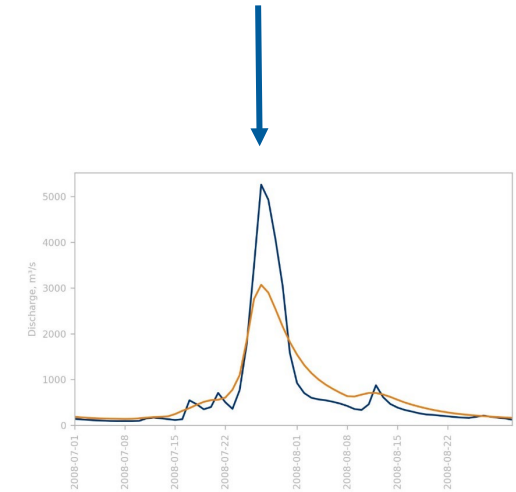
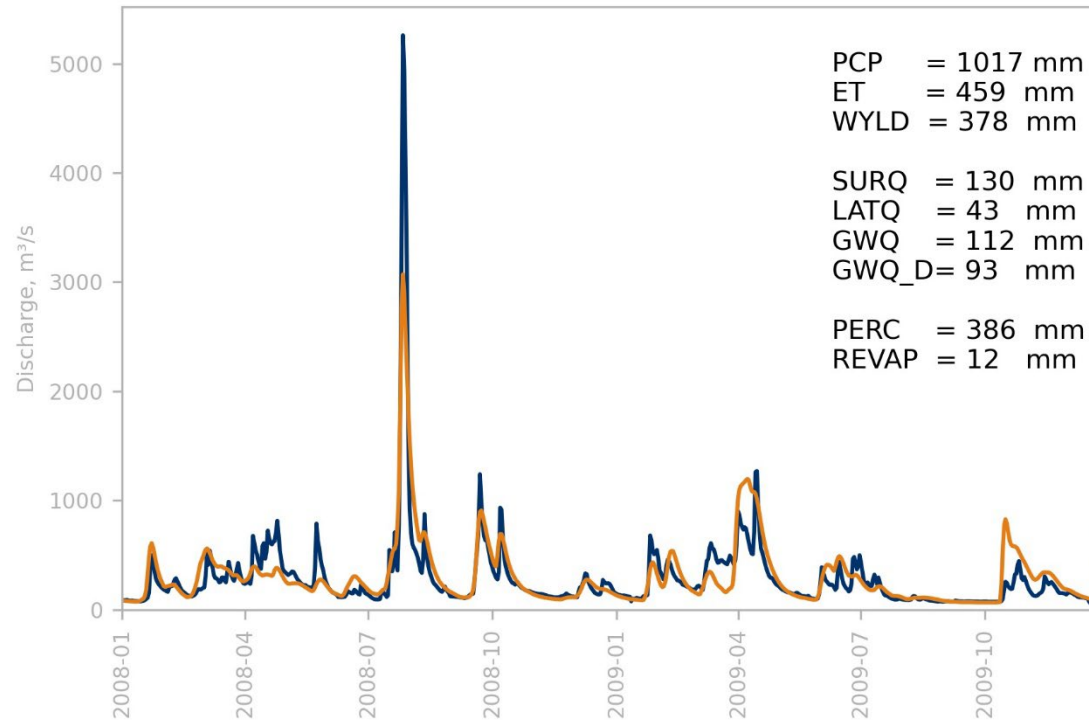


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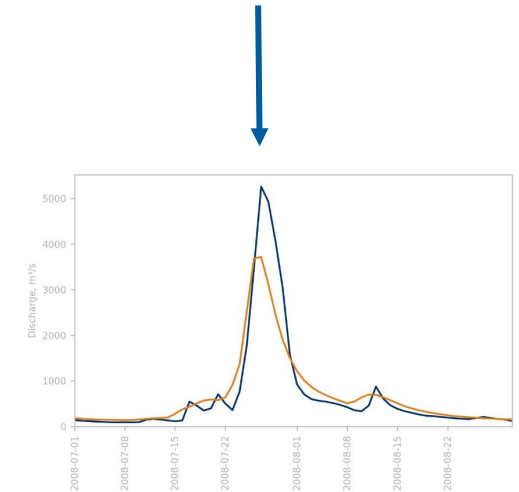
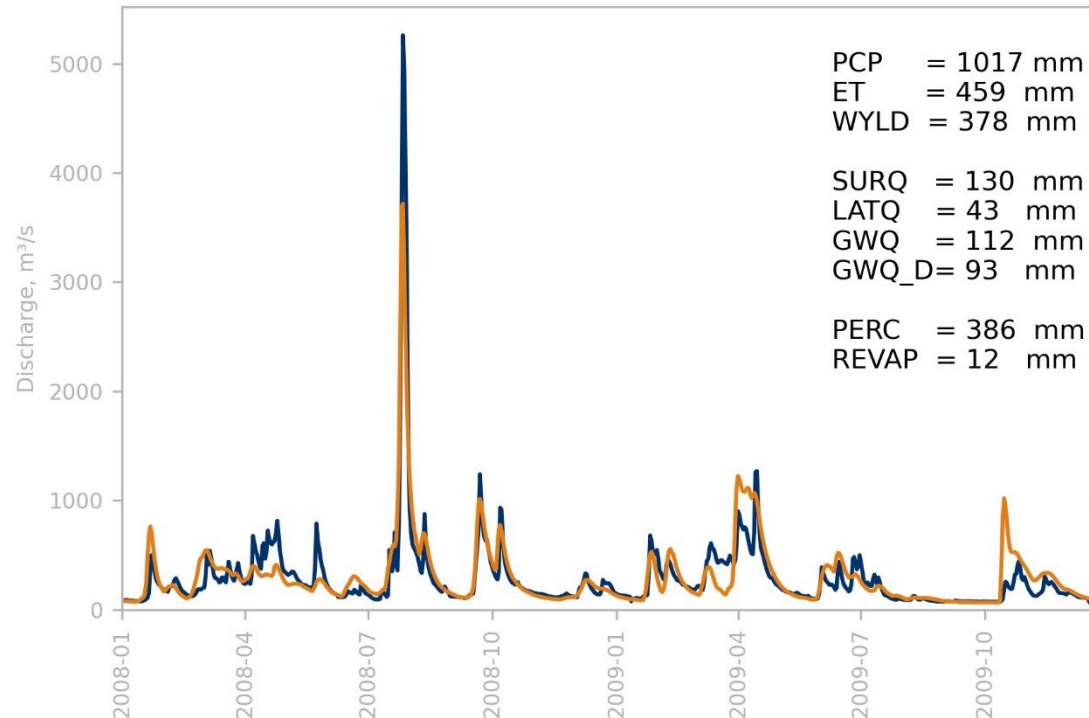


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- $v_{Surlag.hru} = 4$



Dnister River, 2008-2009



Performance criteria (5 years):

- NS = 0.67
- R2 = 0.68
- PBIAS = 5%

SWAT calibration: Future plans

- ✓ Calibration on another monitoring sites
- ✓ Greater number of subbasins and HRUs
- ✓ Longer period (20 yrs)



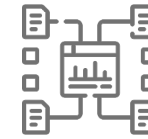
Benefits of the SWAT-HAWQS linkage



User-friendly interface to adjust SWAT parameters



External servers



Scenarios comparison



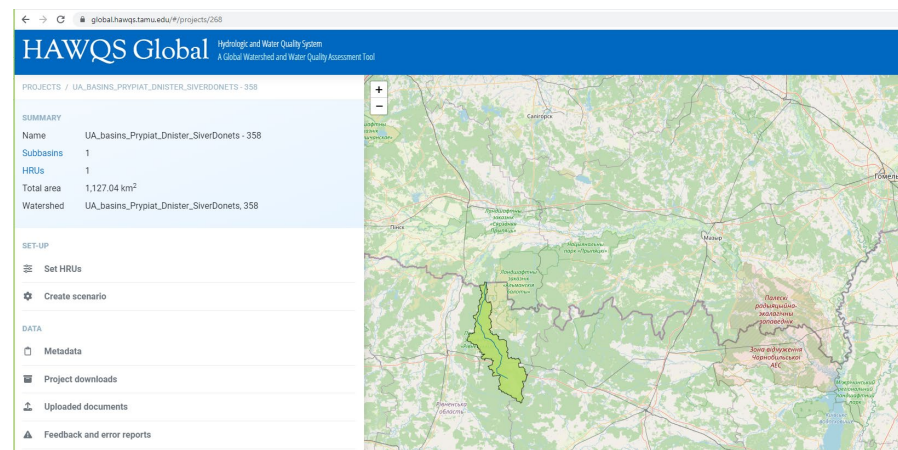
Maps and charts



90% reduction in time

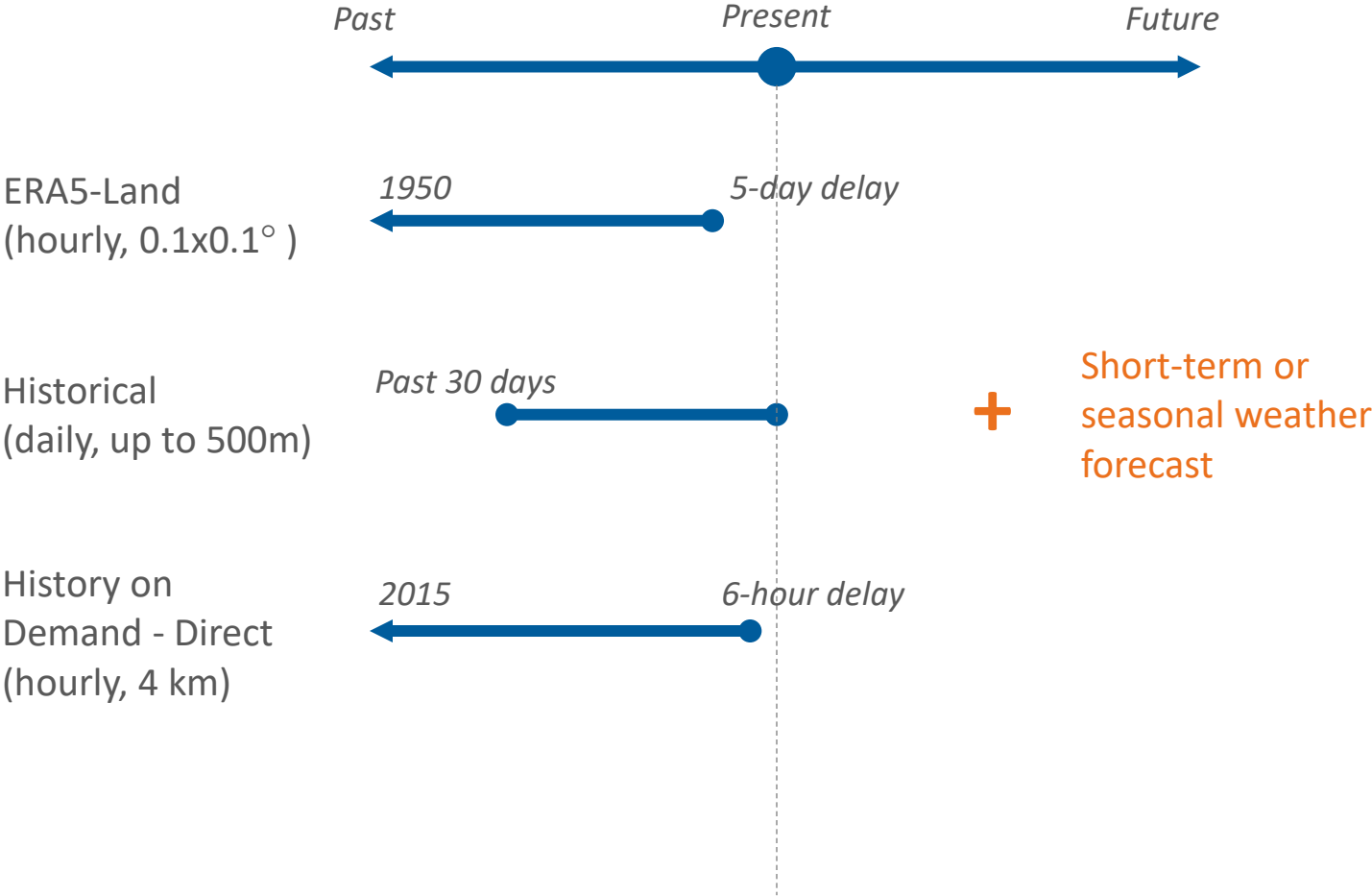


Additional datasets



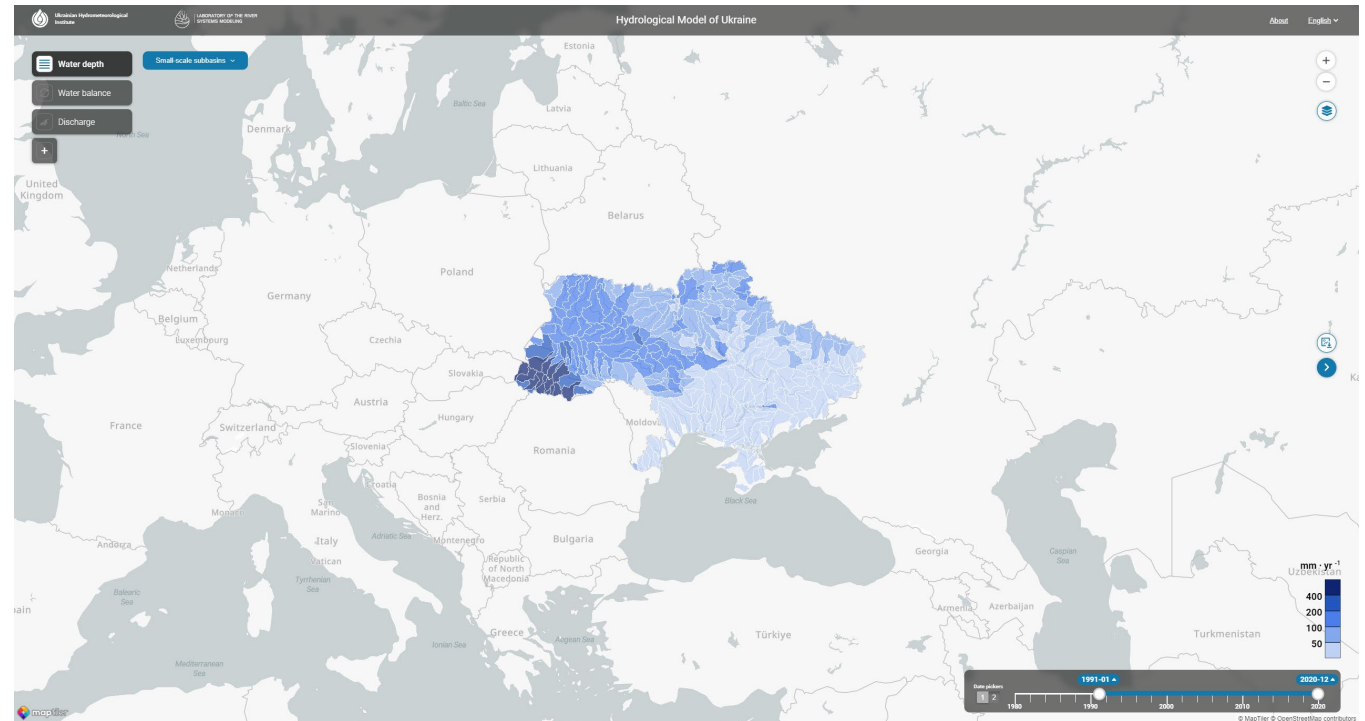
Connecting the SWAT model with near-real time data using IBM

API



Web platform “Hydrological model of Ukraine”: Introducing the SWAT model for potential users

Test version <http://hydrological.uhmi.org.ua/>



Model inputs for each subbasin: topography, soils, land use, crop rotation, fertilizers



SWAT simulation results with daily time step



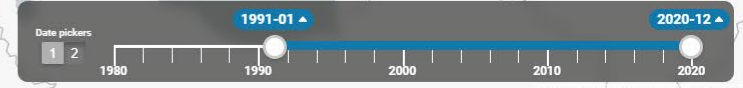
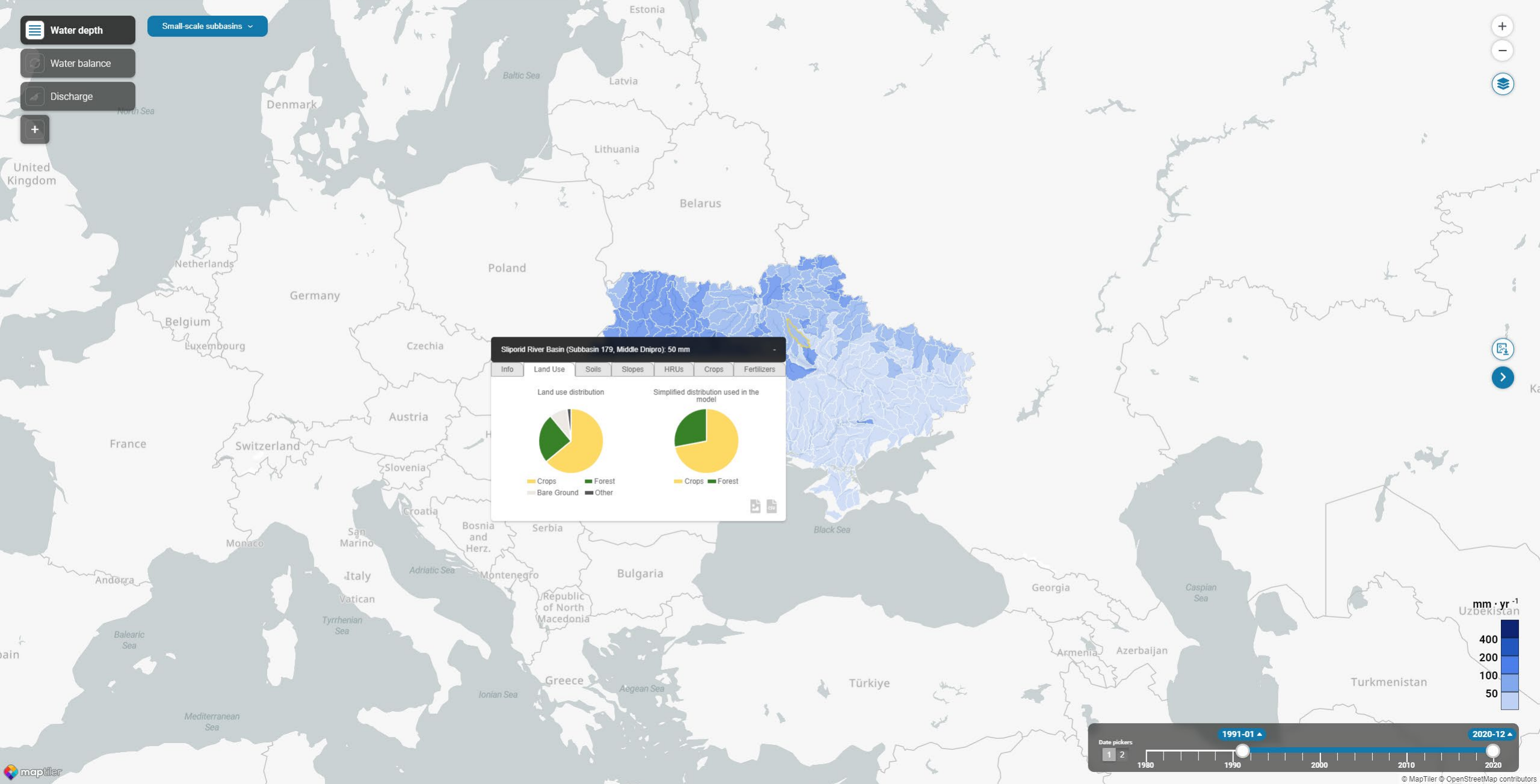
Downloading maps and graphs



Smooth transition to HAWQS

- Water depth
 - Water balance
 - Discharge
 - +
- Small-scale subbasins

Map navigation controls: zoom in (+), zoom out (-), full screen, and a right arrow.



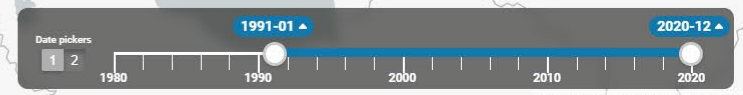
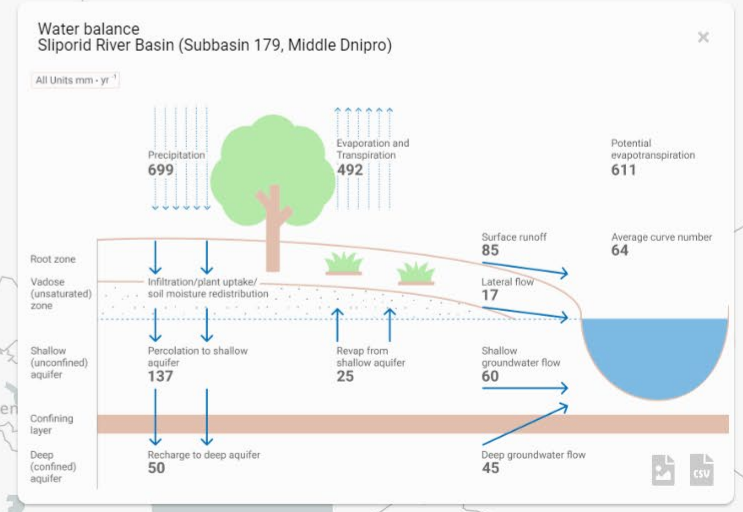
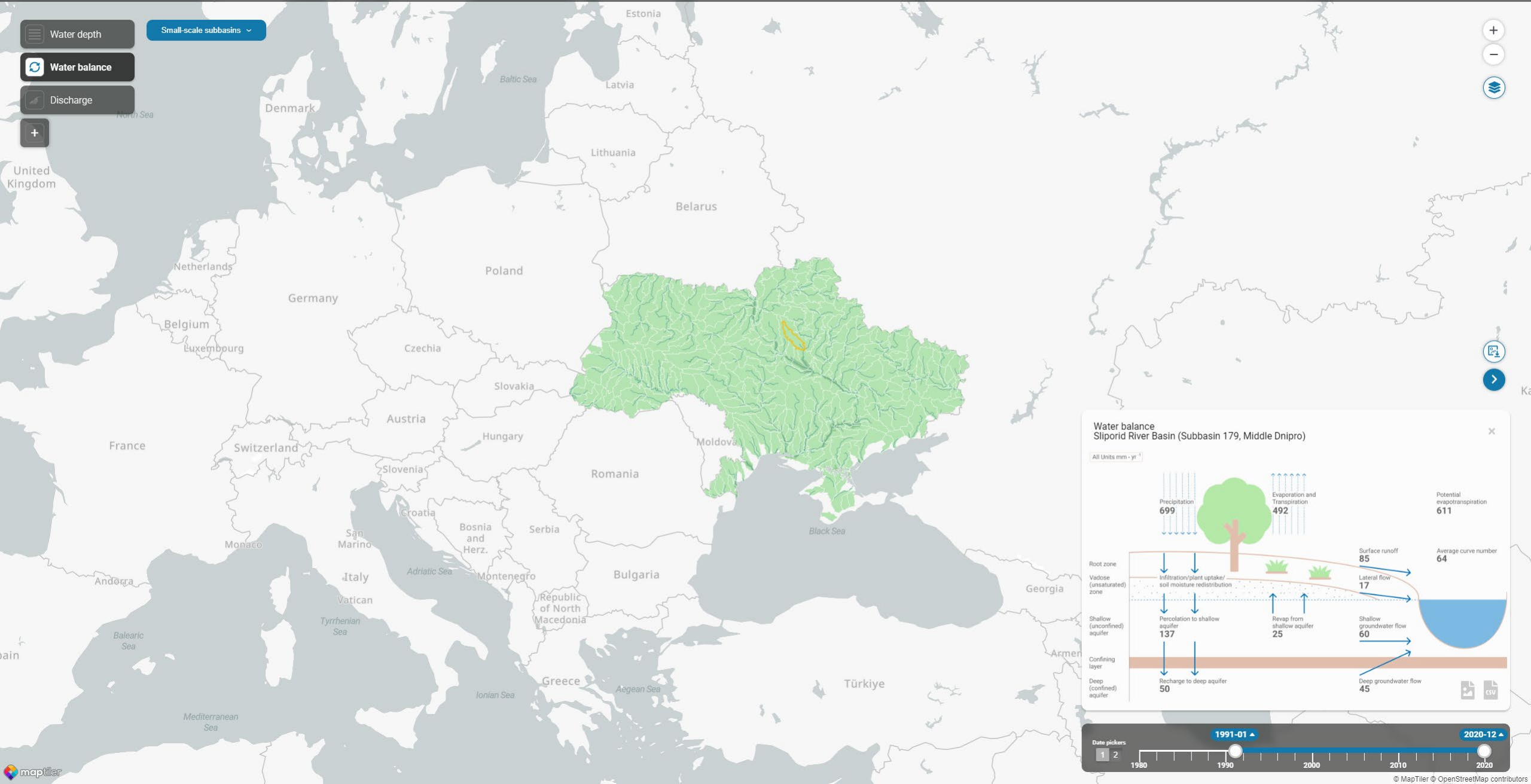
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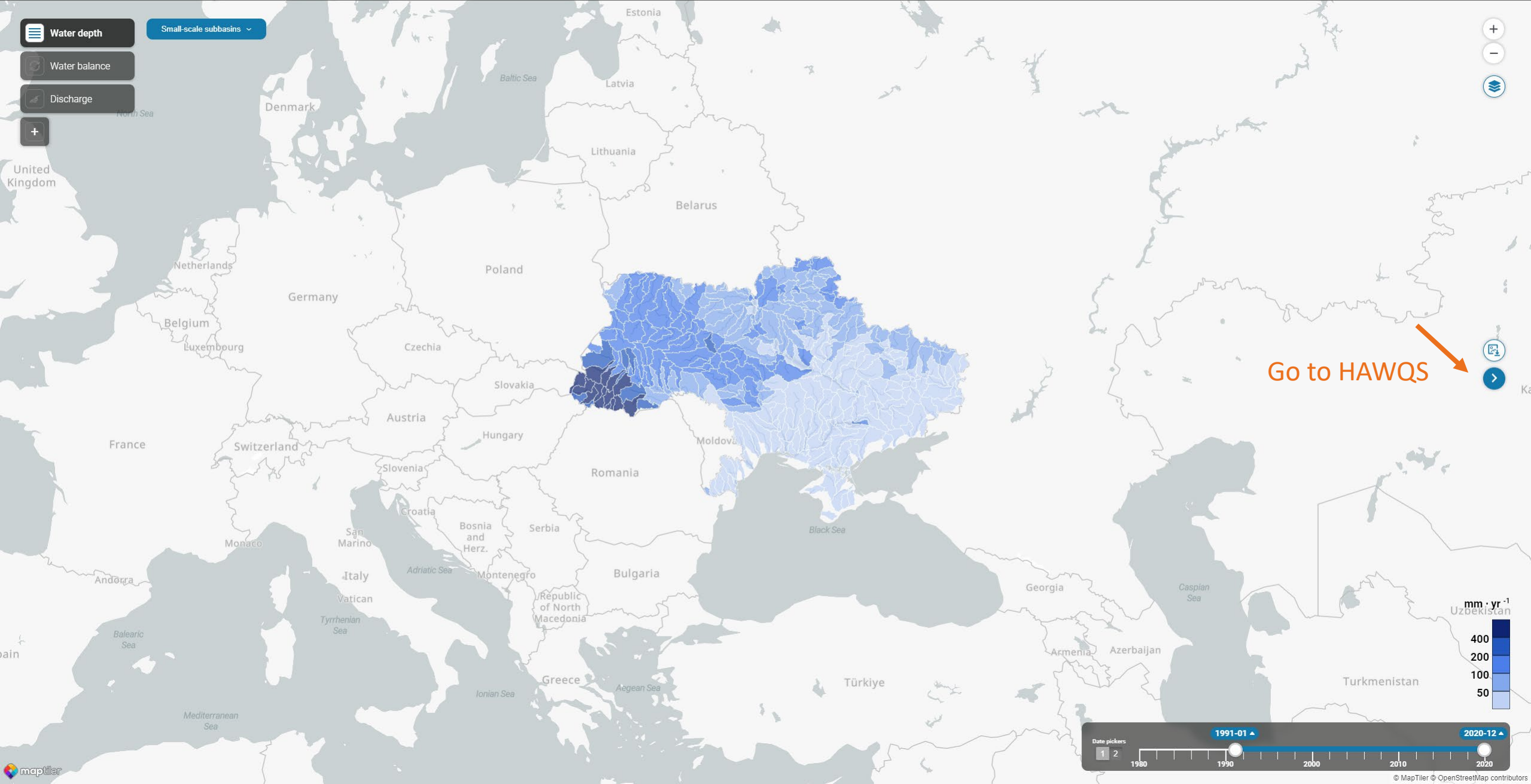
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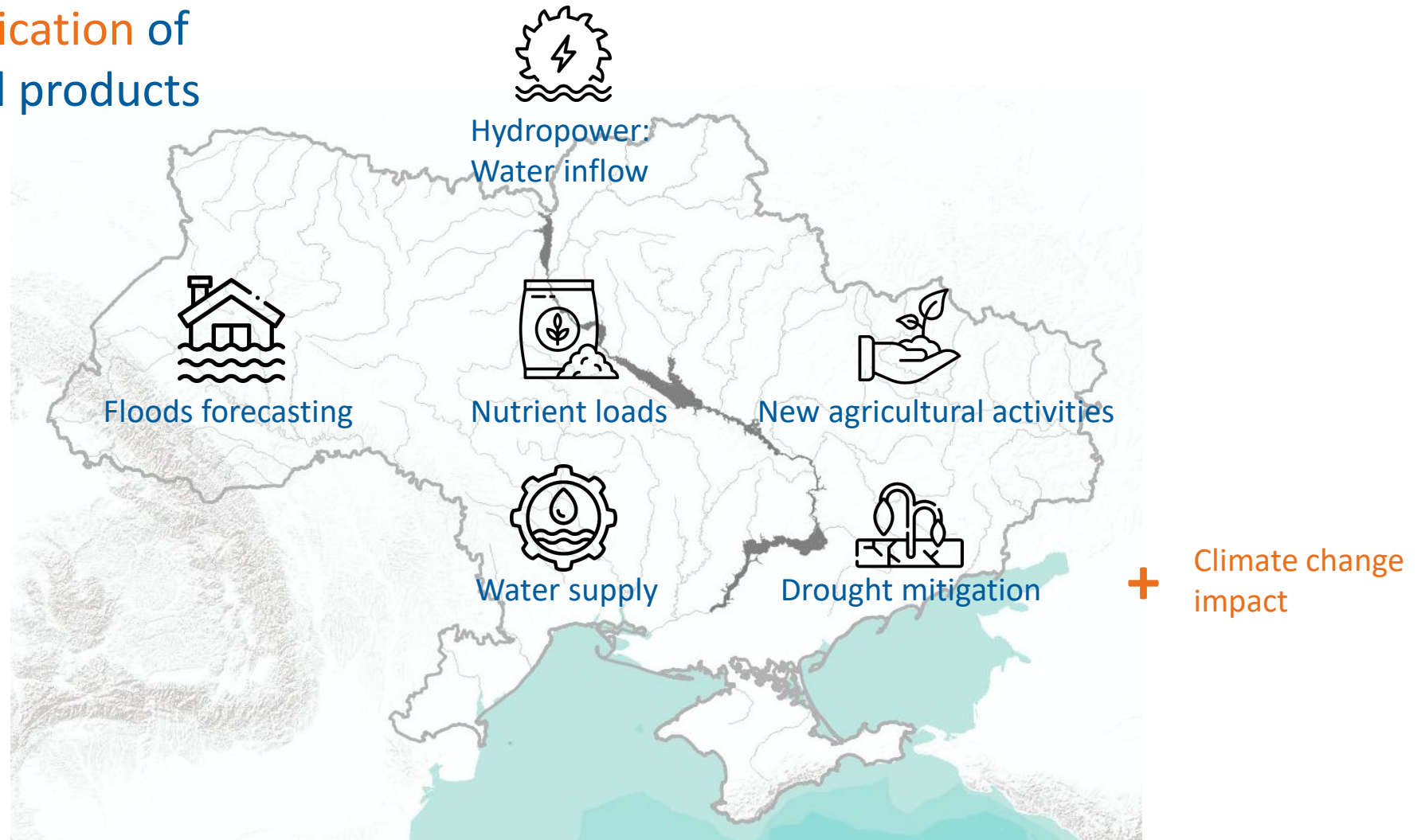
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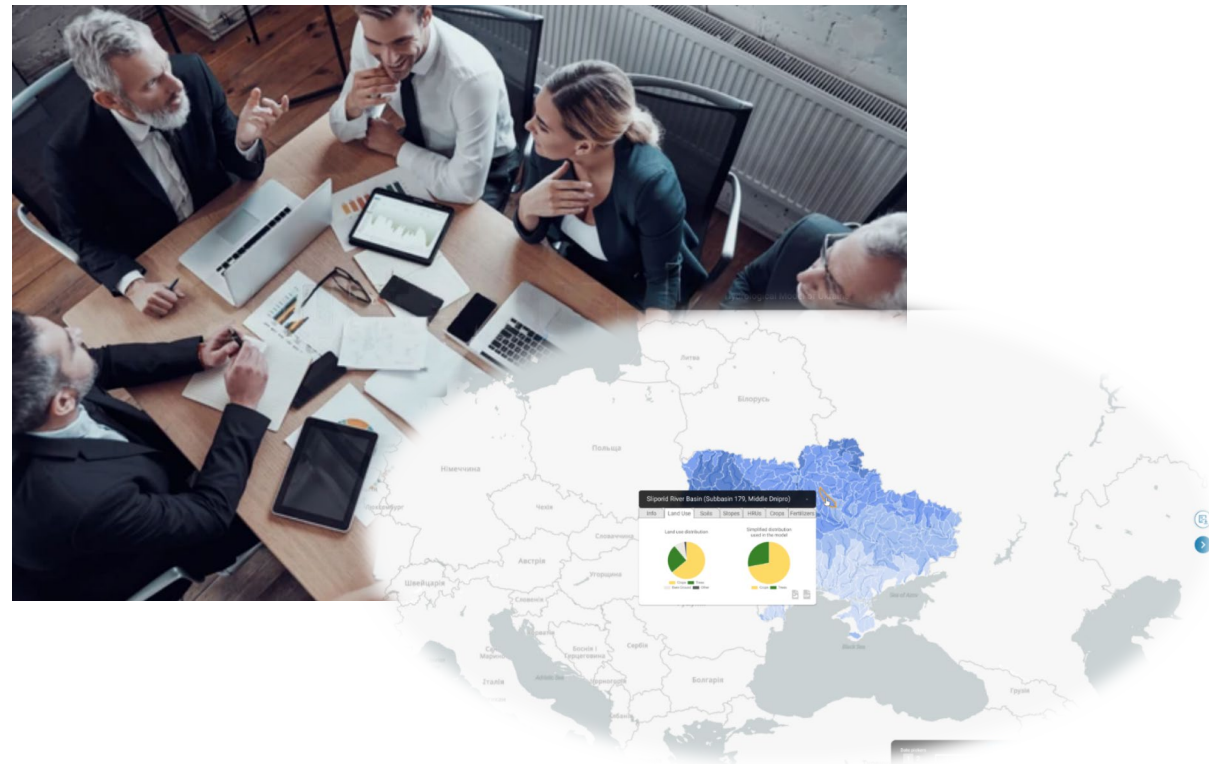




Possible application of SWAT-related products in Ukraine



Future plans: **User research** in order to adapt SWAT-related products for Ukrainian users



The functionality and interface of the platform should address users needs, goals, motivation, and technical level



User research with water and agro-sector authorities, and farmers

Conclusions

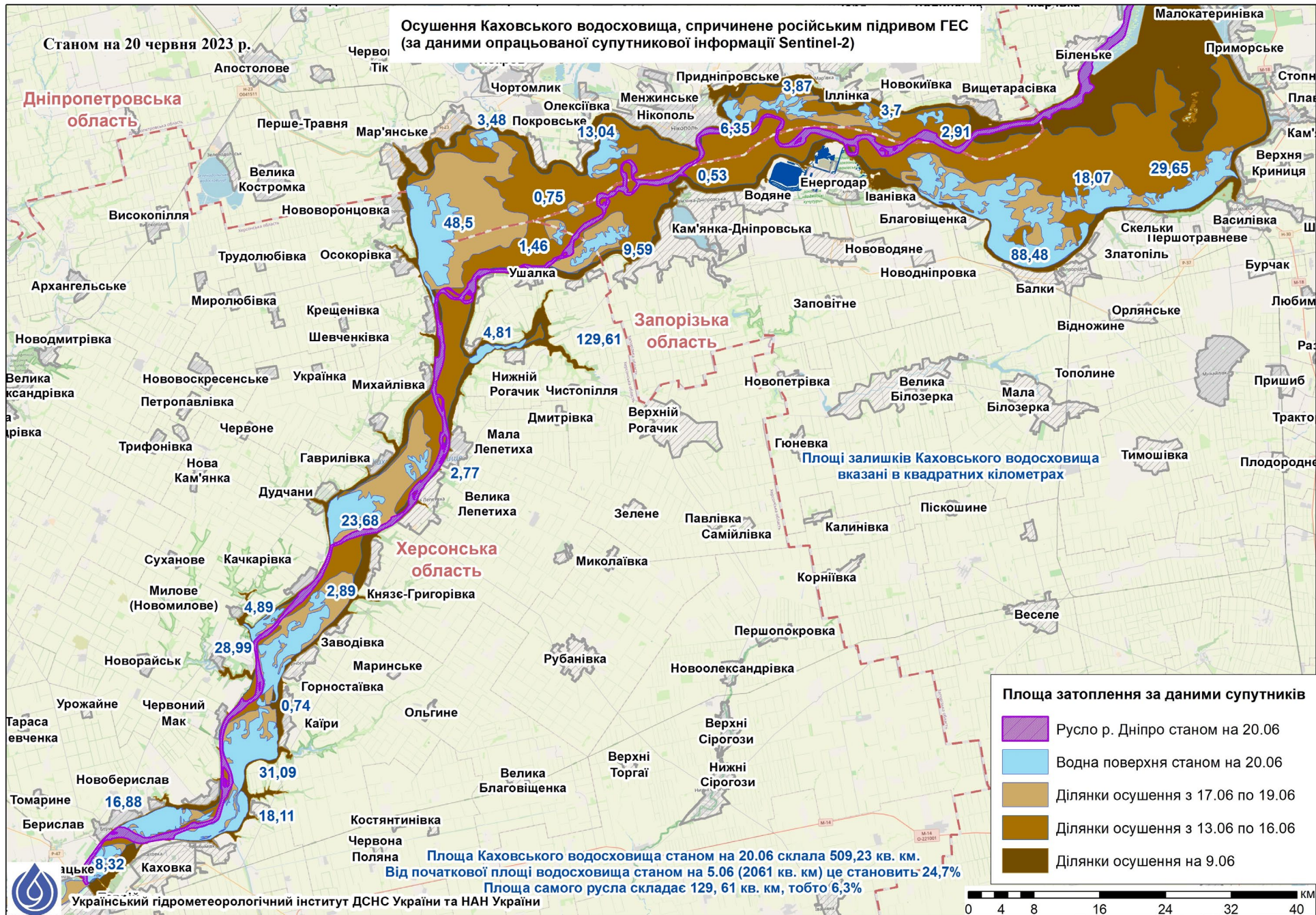
- ✓ The best hydrological model for Ukraine
- ✓ HAWQS: Web platform for your model
- ✓ IBM API: Additional datasets and infrastructure
- ✓ Possible applications: Water and agro-sector restoration
- ✓ Future plans: User research and better products

Acknowledgment



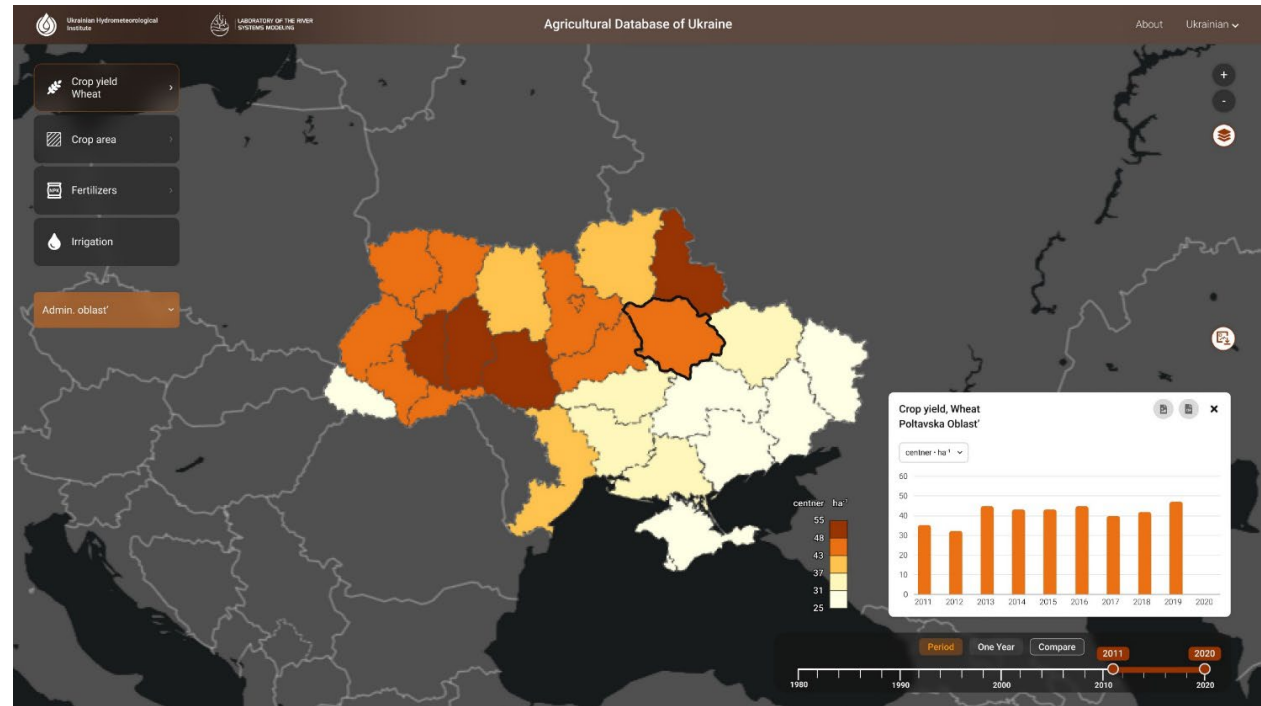
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Additional slides



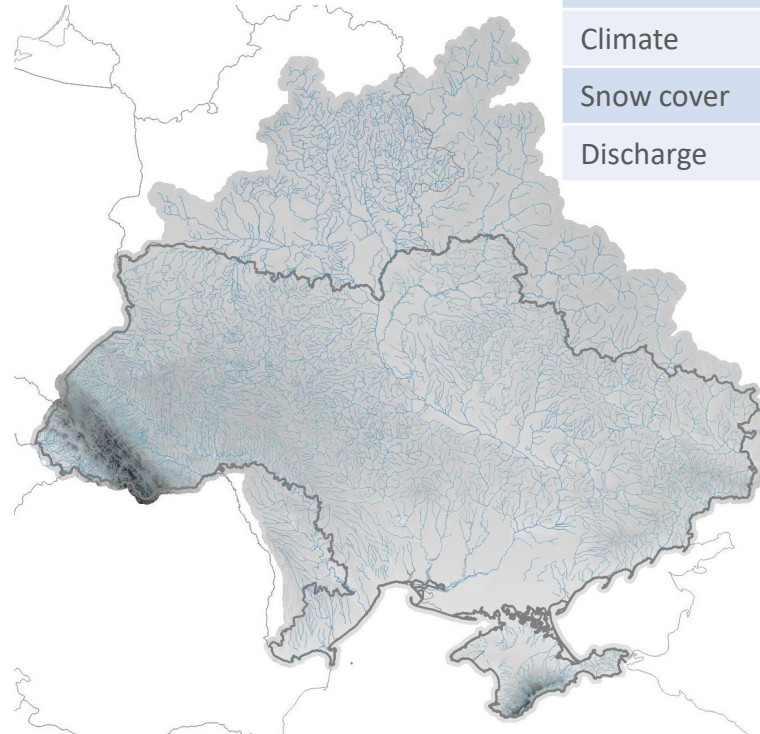
Interactive web platform “Agricultural database of Ukraine”: Decision support tool for agro-sector

- ✓ Analysis of trends in sown area, crop yields, and fertilizer use
- ✓ Data for environmental modeling (e.g., SWAT)
- ✓ Downloading maps and graphs



Study area and calibration process

- ✓ Input data (Ukraine and transboundary parts)
- ✓ Snowmelt calibration
- ✓ Model setup
- ✓ Sensitivity analysis (visual)
- ✓ Calibration: 3 gauges
- Calibration: 19+ gauges
- Calibration: Soft data



Inputs	Source
DEM	SRTM, 90m
River network	Real streams
Soils	Country-scale maps
Land use	ESRI, 10 m
Agriculture	Official statistics at regional scale
Climate	Reanalysis ERA5-Land (1980-2020)
Snow cover	Monitoring sites (Ukraine)
Discharge	Monitoring sites (Ukraine and Belarus)

Snow parameters in SWAT+



Snow parameters of the SWAT+ model (ranges and best simulation value in brackets)

	fall_tmp	melt_tmp	melt_max	melt_min	tmp_lag
▲	1.1..1.4 (1.3)	0.2..0.5 (0.3)	2.5..3.0 (2.5)	2.0..2.5 (2.5)	0.7..0.9 (0.8)
▲	1.0..1.2 (1.0)	-0.4..0 (-0.2)	2.0 (2.0)	2.0..2.5 (2.0)	0.7..0.9 (0.8)
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* For the forested areas tmp_lag = 0.3..0.4

Performance criteria* of the snow cover height calibration using SWAT+

	Calibration (39 sites, 1998-2014)			Validation (22 sites, 1998-2014)		
	NS	R2	PBIAS	NS	R2	PBIAS
▲	0.65	0.8	1%	0.75	0.81	-3%
▲	0.56	0.71	-6%	0.8	0.85	-3%
▲	0.58	0.73	-3%	0.71	0.8	1%
▲	0.55	0.72	2%	0.62	0.73	5%
▲	0.77	0.81	3%	-	-	-

* Additionally, visual control was made

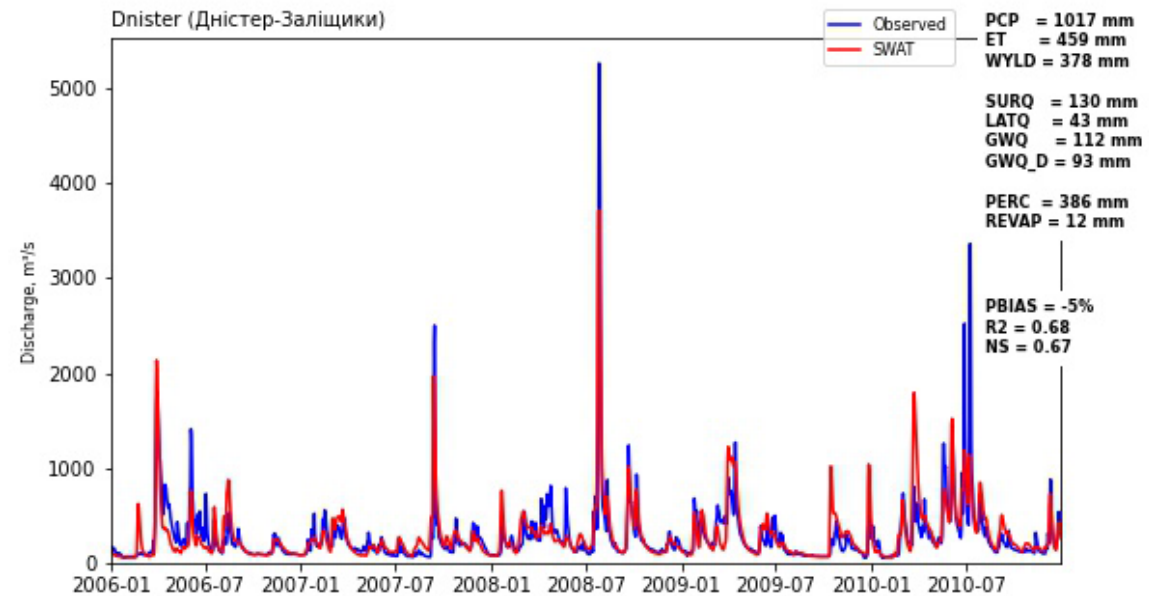
SWAT calibration: Dnister river basin - Carpathian mountains



Manual calibration to understand the model behavior



Performance criteria:
NS > 0.65
PBIAS < 5%



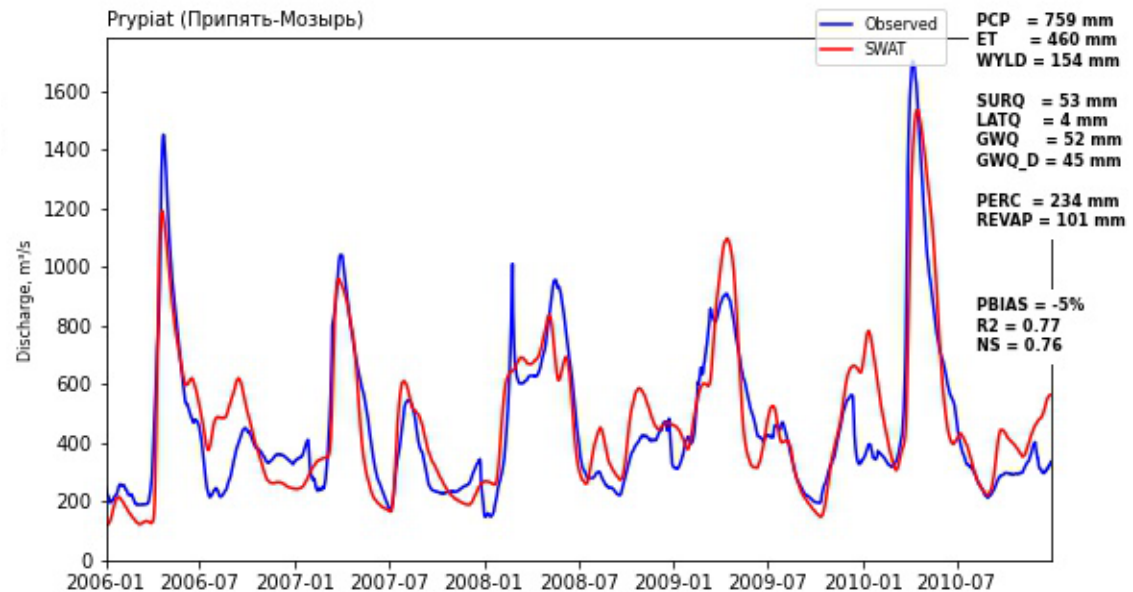
SWAT calibration: Prypiat river basin – Mix and deciduous forests zone



Manual calibration to understand the model behavior



Performance criteria:
NS > 0.75
PBIAS < 5%



SWAT calibration: Siverskiyi Donets river basin – Steppe zone

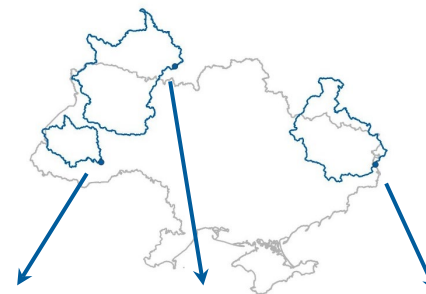


Manual calibration to understand the model behavior



Performance criteria:
NS > 0.6
PBIAS < 5%





SWAT calibration: Parameters values



Zonal pattern for
groundwater
parameters

Parameter ¹	Description	Dnister	Prypiat	Siverskiy Donets
r_CN2.mgt	Runoff curve number for moisture condition II	0 (default)	0 (default)	-0.08
v_ESCO.hru	Soil evaporation compensation factor	0.95 (default)	0.9	0.95 (default)
v_Surlag.hru	Surface runoff lag coefficient	4	1	2 (default)
v_GWQMN.gw	Threshold depth of water in the shallow aquifer required for return flow to occur, mm H2O	3500	1500	1500
v_ALPHA_BF.gw	Shallow groundwater alpha factor, 1/days	0.8	0.048 (default)	0.1
v_GW_DELAY.gw	Groundwater delay time (days)	10	31 (default)	31 (default)
v_RCHRG_DP.gw	Deep aquifer percolation fraction	0.25	0.2	0.45
v_ALPHA_BF_D.gw	Deep groundwater alpha factor, 1/days	0.003	0.01 (default)	0.0005
v_GW_REVAP.gw	Groundwater "revap" coefficient	0.02 (default)	0.15	0.02 (default)
v_CH_N1.sub	Manning's "n" value for the tributary channels	0.025 ²	0.075 ²	0.075 ²
v_CH_N2.rte	Manning's "n" value for the main channel	0.025 ²	0.075 ²	0.075 ²

¹ Snow parameters presented on additional slide

² Recommended values for natural streams with stones or brush

Future plans: Investigation of IBM Environmental Inelegance Suite **API**

Api Details	Spatial resolution	Temporal resolution	Data Period	Columns
Historical	Past 30 days Daily Summaries	Daily	Past 30 days, collection start ~ 20.06.2023	'precip24Hour', 'snow24Hour', 'temperatureDewPoint', 'temperature', 'windSpeed', 'relativeHumidity'
Historical	Past 24 hours Hourly Summaries	Hourly	Past 24 hours, collection start ~ 20.06.2023	precip24Hour, snow24Hour, temperatureMax, temperatureMin
History on Demand - Direct	4km	Hourly	2015-06-29 to Present, 6 hours delay	'precip1Hour', 'snow1Hour', 'temperature', 'temperatureDewPoint', 'relativeHumidity', 'windSpeed'
Historical data for Analytical Tooling	4km	Daily	2015-06-29 to Present, 1 day delay	'DewpointLocalDayAvg', 'RelativeHumidityLocalDayAvg', 'TemperatureLocalDayAvg', 'TemperatureLocalDayMax', 'TemperatureLocalDayMin', 'WindSpeedLocalDayAvg', 'pcp', 'snow'

Benefits of the SWAT-HAWQS linkage

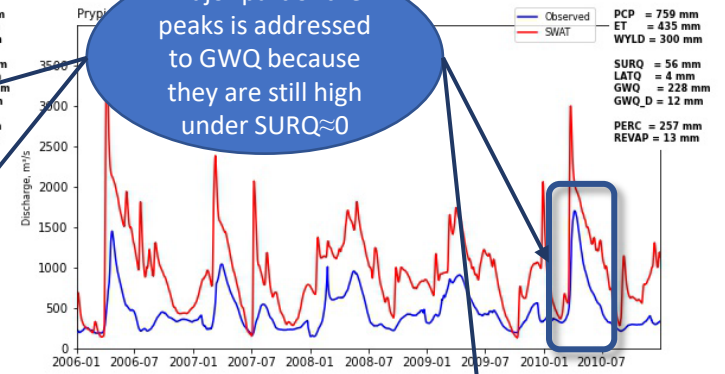
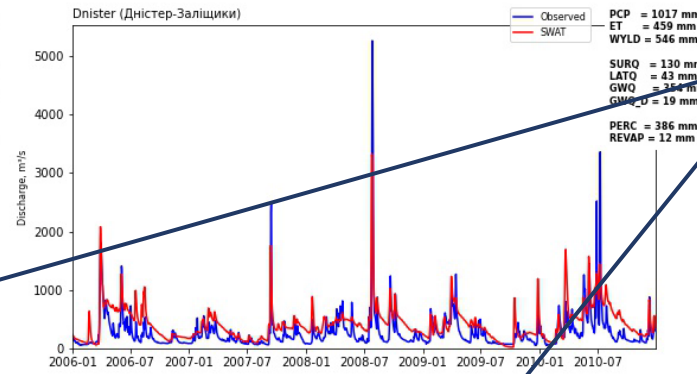
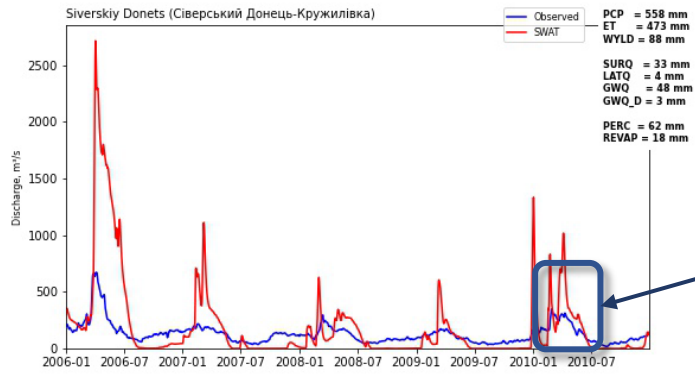
- ✓ External servers and built-in data processing capabilities
- ✓ Collaborative modeling
- ✓ No GIS software or knowledge required
- ✓ User-friendly interface to adjust SWAT parameters
- ✓ 90% reduction in time
- ✓ Additional datasets
- ✓ Scenarios comparison
- ✓ Maps and charts

Possible application of SWAT-related products in Ukraine



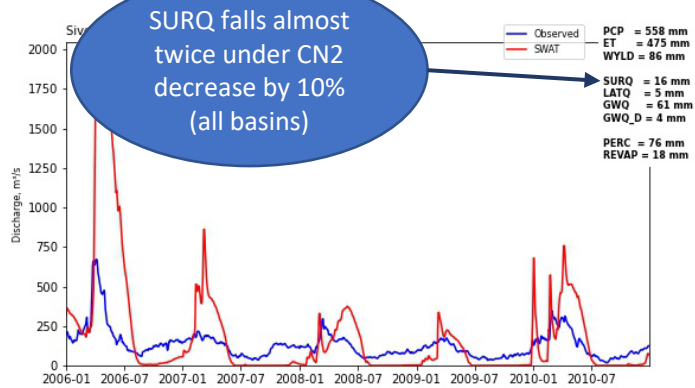
Example of a sensitivity analysis: default values of the SWAT model (except calibrated snowmelt parameters that were set previously) and variations of CN2.mgt

default

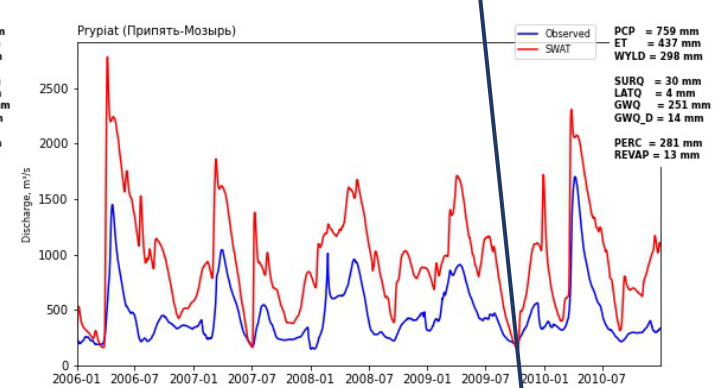
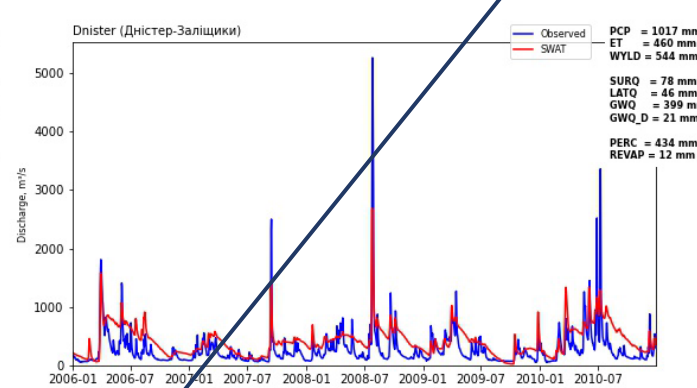


Major part of the peaks is addressed to GWQ because they are still high under SURQ≈0

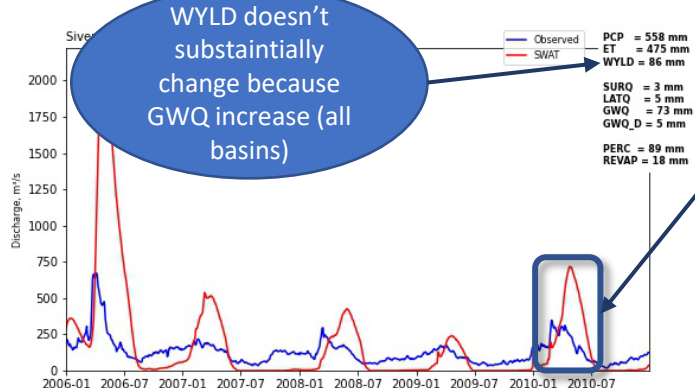
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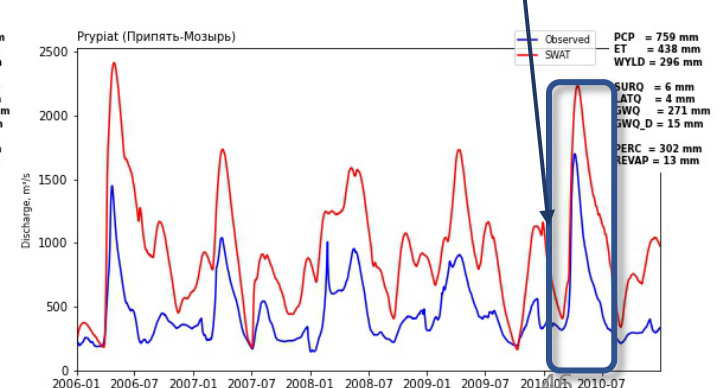
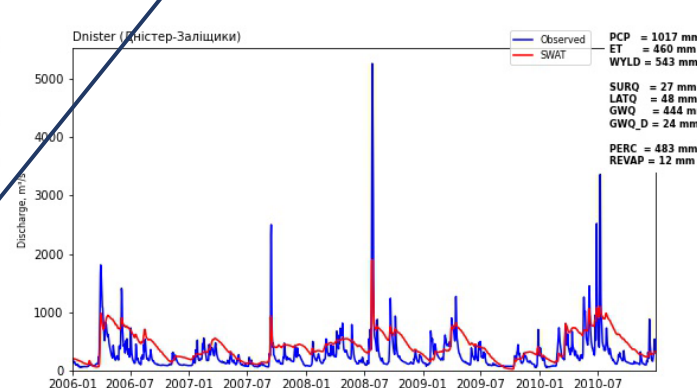
SURQ falls almost twice under CN2 decrease by 10% (all basins)



r_CN2_-0.3

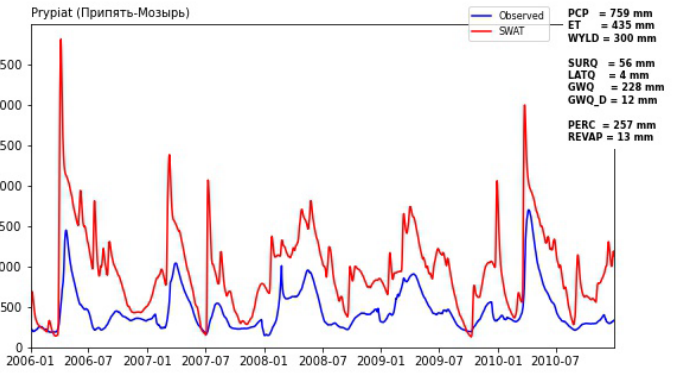
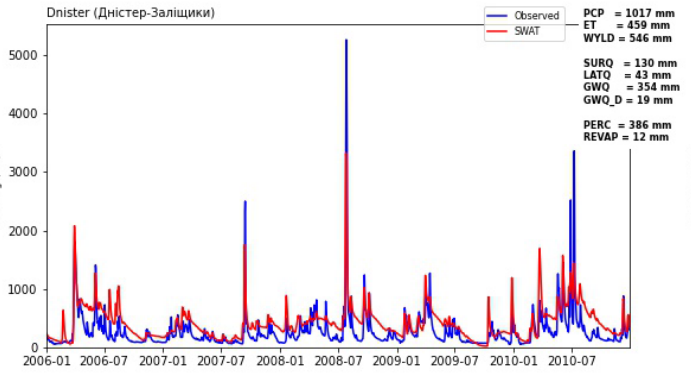


WYLD doesn't substantially change because GWQ increase (all basins)

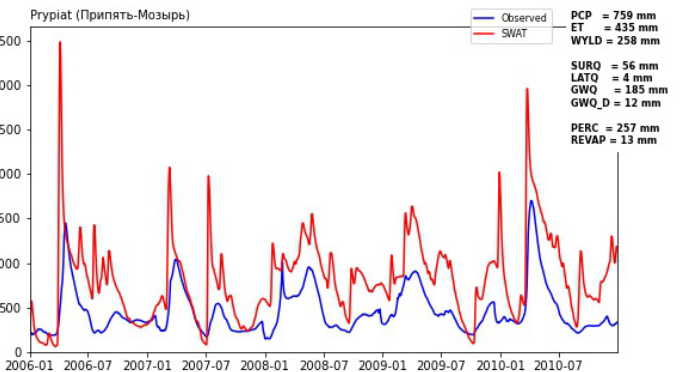
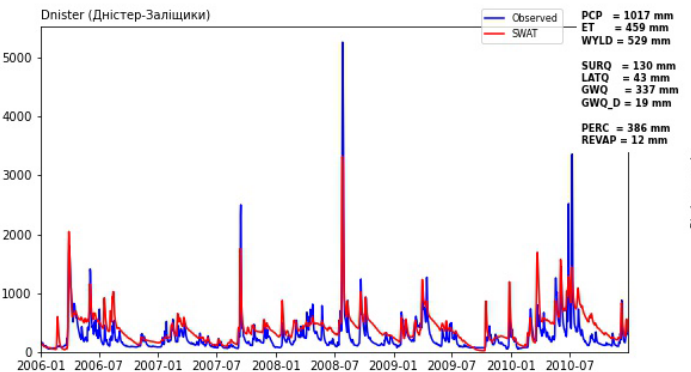
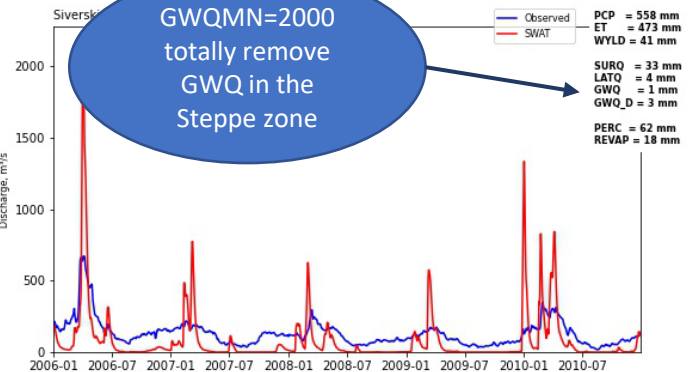


Example of a sensitivity analysis: default values of the SWAT model (except calibrated snowmelt parameters that were set previously) and variations of GWQMN.gw

Default
($v_GWQMN = 1000$)



$v_GWQMN = 2000$



$v_GWQMN = 4000$

