
'age' of water:

a physics based, fully coupled, distributed model
for watershed assessment

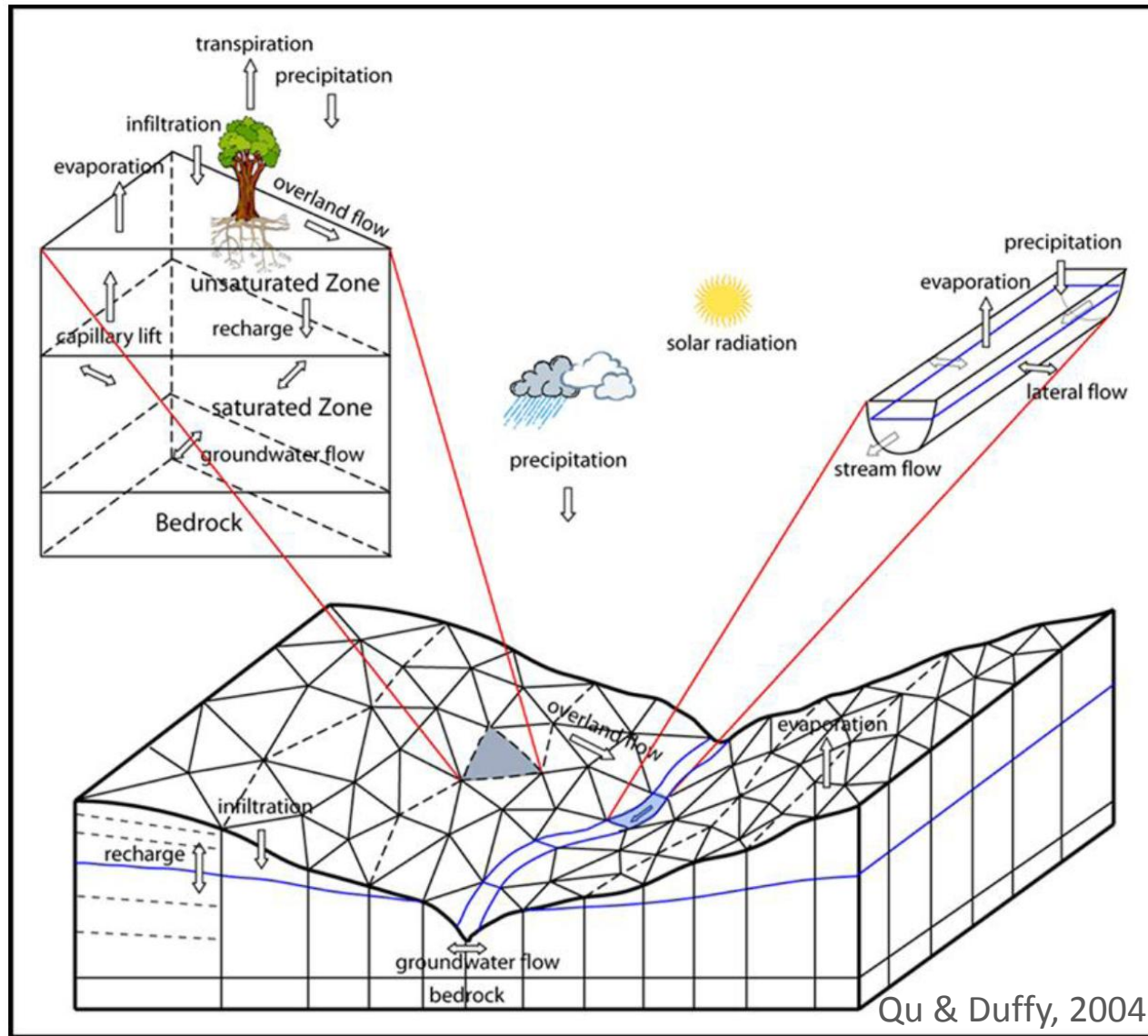
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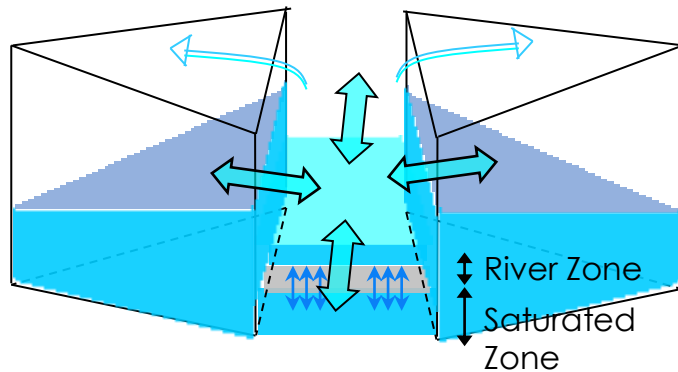
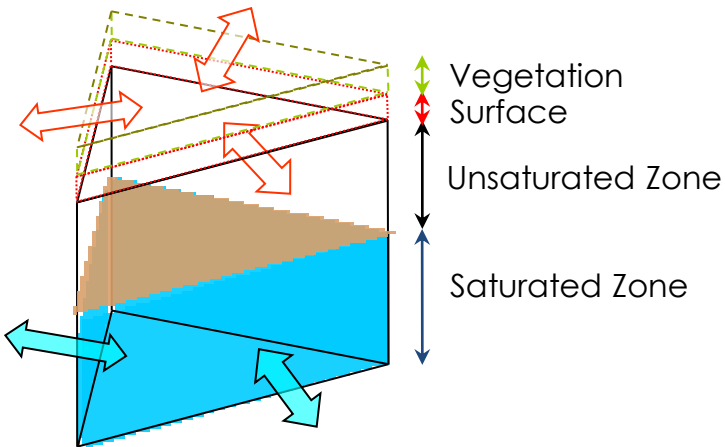
Penn State Integrated Hydrologic Modeling System



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Source code: www.pihm.psu.edu

- PIHM Control Volume Kernel: Semi-Discrete Finite Volume formulation of conservation equations. Finite Volume Method ensures mass balance locally (in each control volume) and globally.



Interception

$$\frac{dy_0}{dt} = G_3 - G_4 - G_5$$

Snow Melt

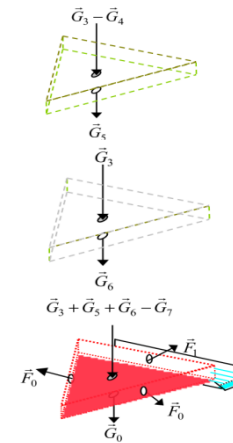
$$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = G_3 - G_6$$

Overland Flow

$$\frac{dy_2}{dt} = G_3 + G_5 + G_6 + G_7 - G_0 + F_0 + \|F_1\|$$

Channel

Sub-Channel
Aquifer

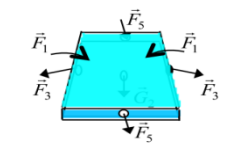


Unsaturated
Zone

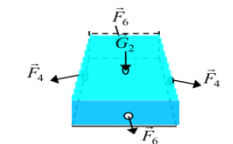
$$\frac{dy_3}{dt} = G_0 - G_1 - G_8 - G_9$$

Saturated
Zone

$$\frac{dy_4}{dt} = G_1 + F_2 + \|F_3\| + \|F_4\|$$



$$\frac{dy_5}{dt} = G_3 - G_2 - G_7 + F_1 + F_5 + \|F_3\|$$



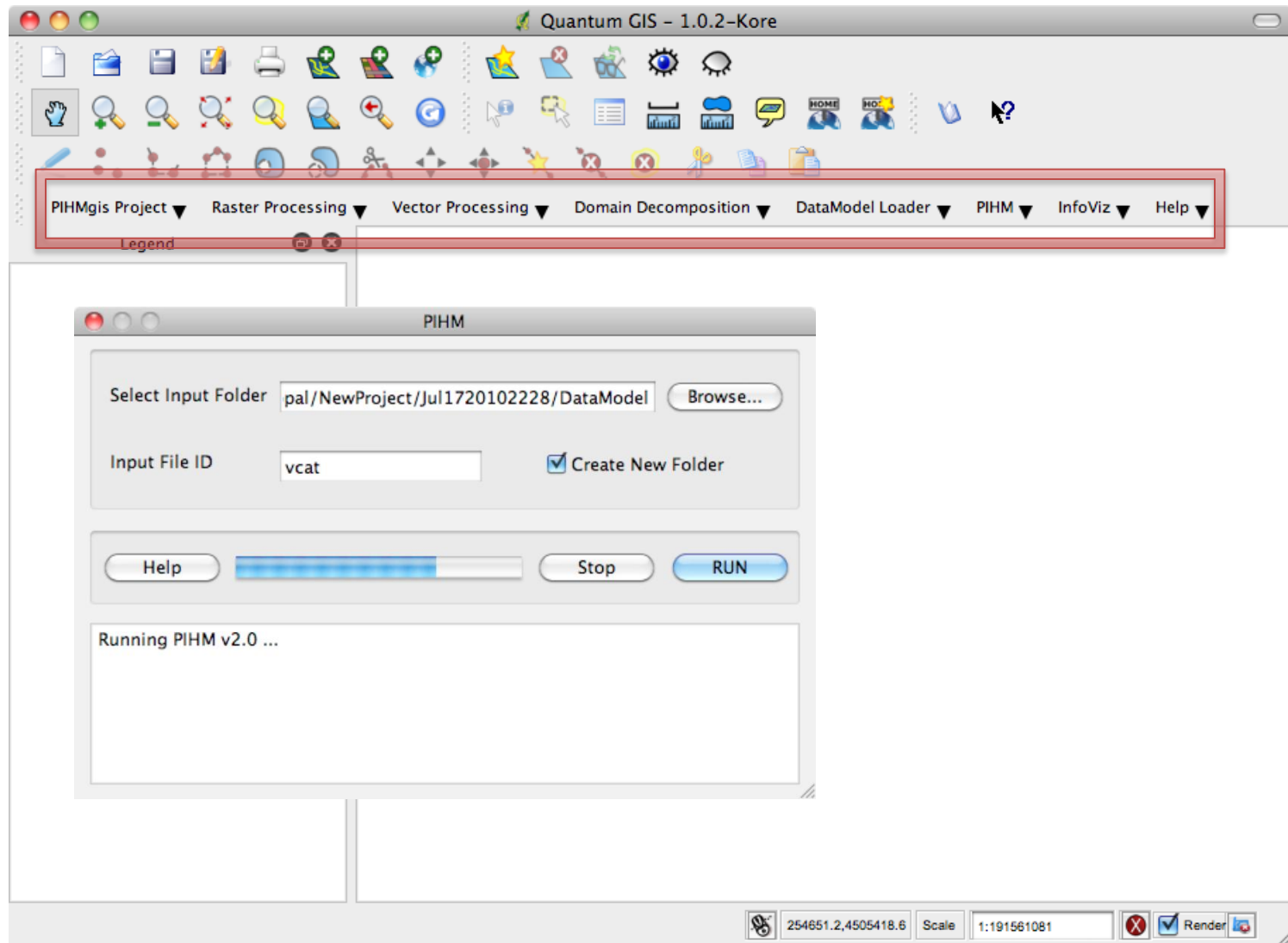
$$\frac{dy_6}{dt} = G_2 + F_4$$

Kumar et. al., 2009

The system of ODEs is solved using state-of-the-art solver with **adaptive time steps**

PIHMgis: a coupled GIS-Modeling System

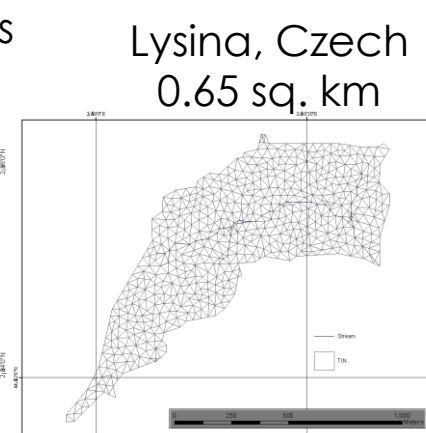
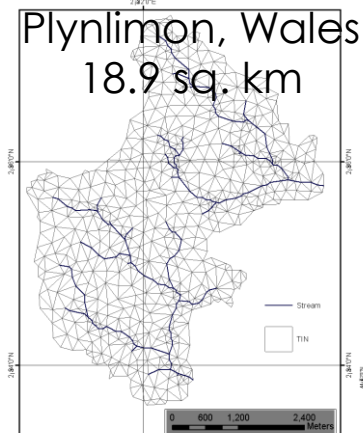
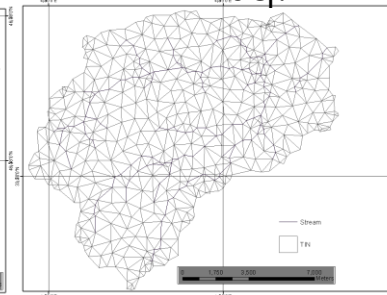
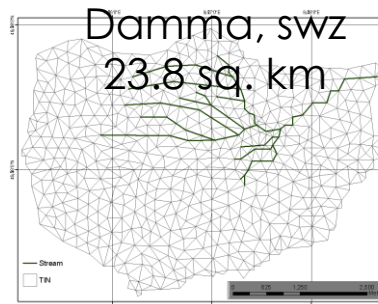
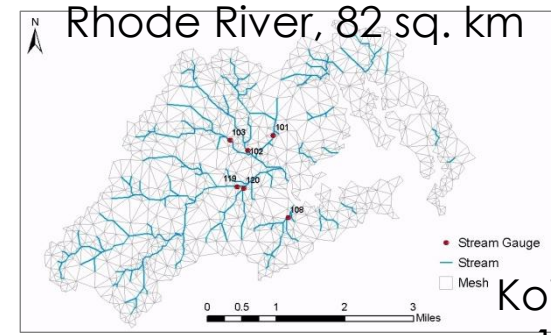
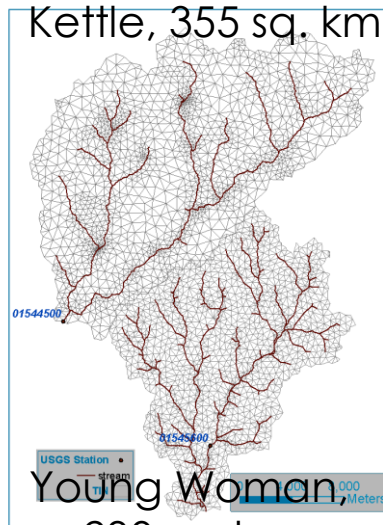
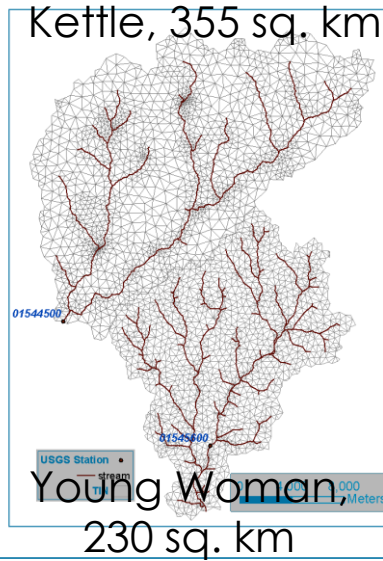
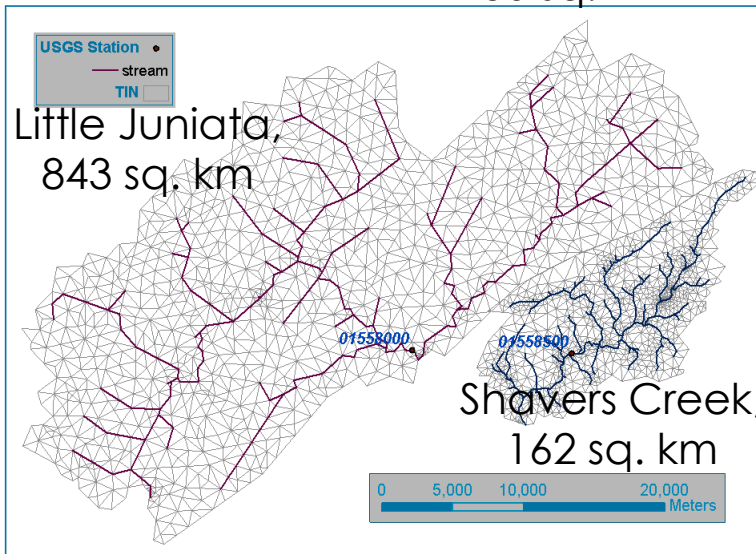
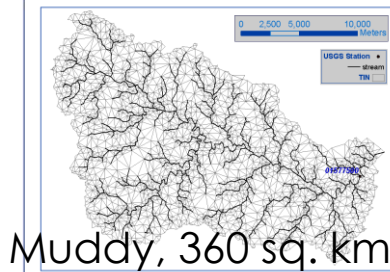
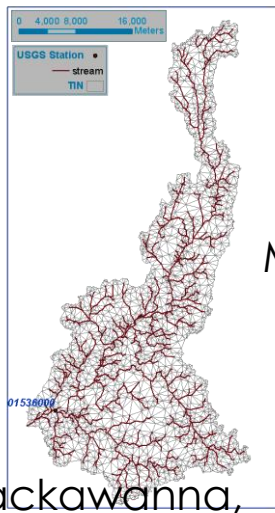
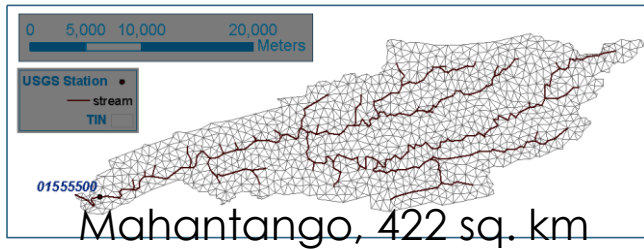
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Open Source, Platform Independent, C/C++ Qt, QGIS, GDAL, OGR, SUNDIALS

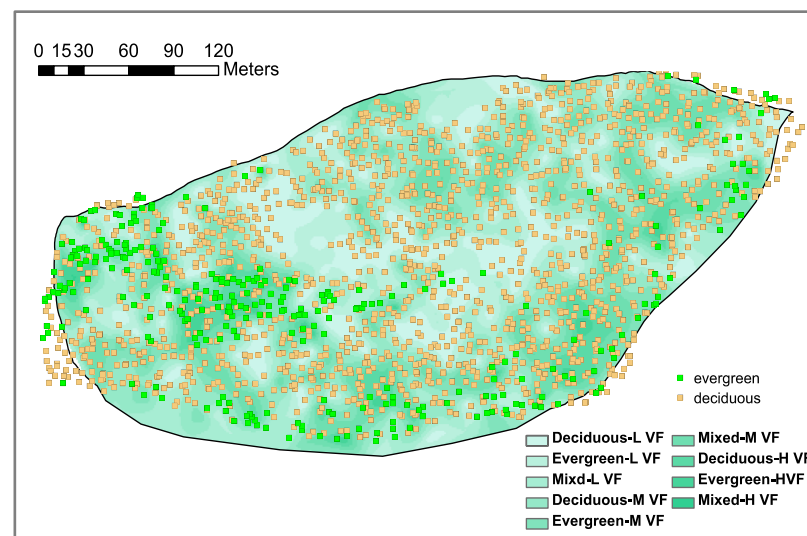
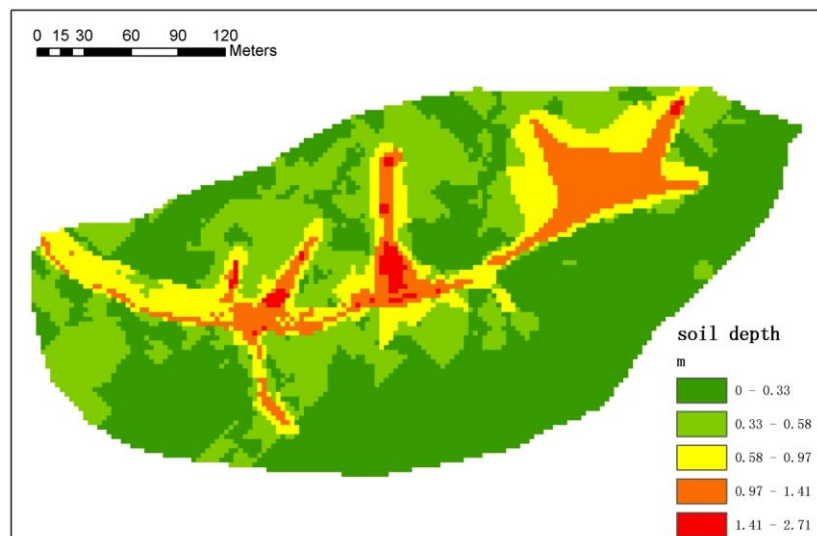
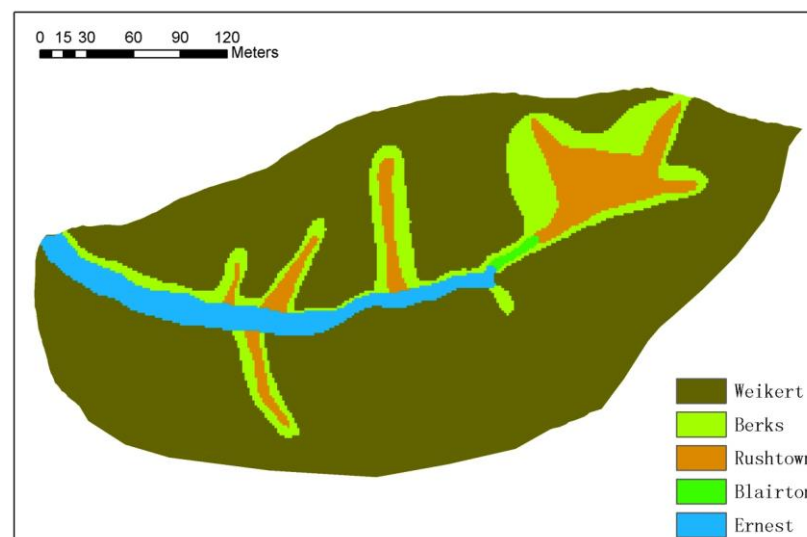
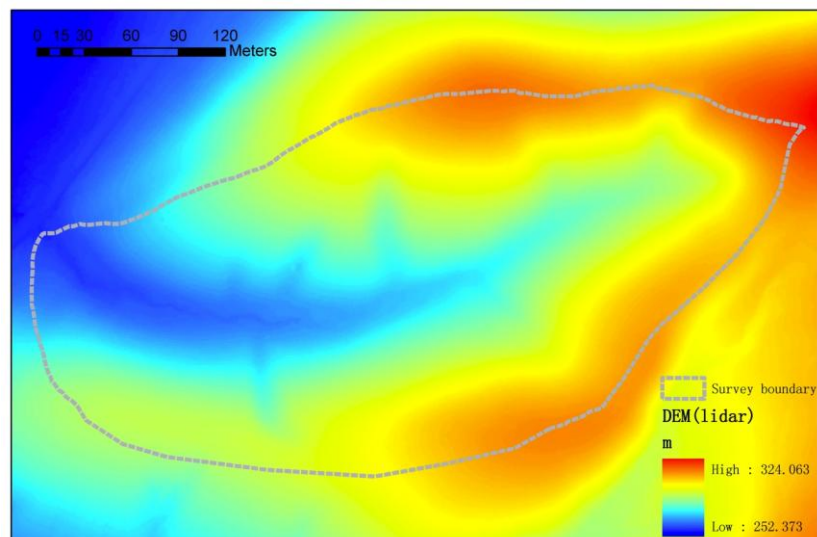
Multi-scale Applications

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Shale Hills – Susquehanna Critical Zone Observatory

0.084 sq. km



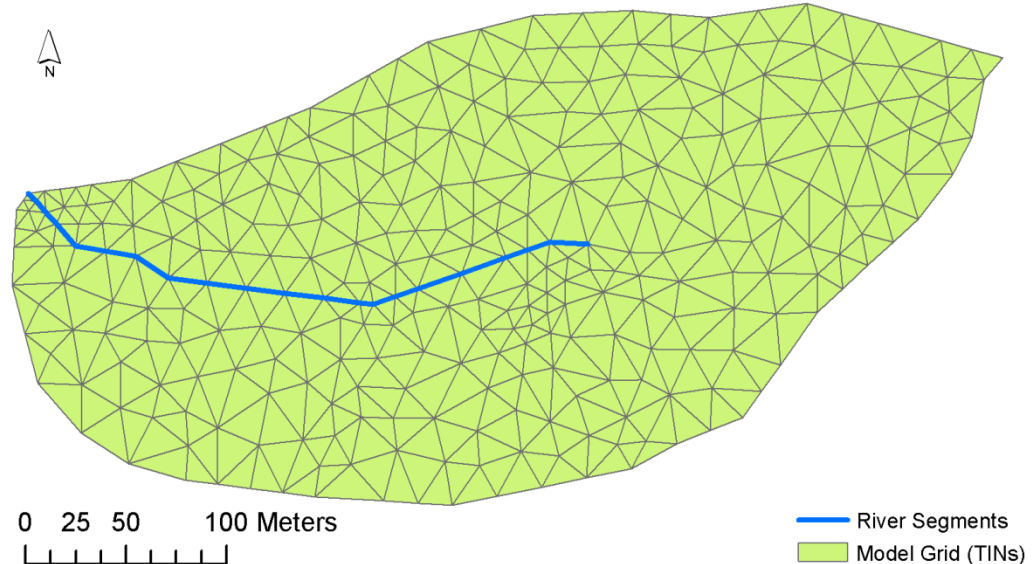
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- Yu et. al. (2011) performed PIHM v2.1 hydrologic reanalysis simulation (1979 – 2010) with improved CZO data products for better numerical representation of the model domain
 - (a) Soil Classification (Lin et. al.);
 - (b) Land Cover classification (Eissenstat et. al.);
 - (c) LiDAR DEM
 - (d) Leaf Area Index

Area = 84170 m²

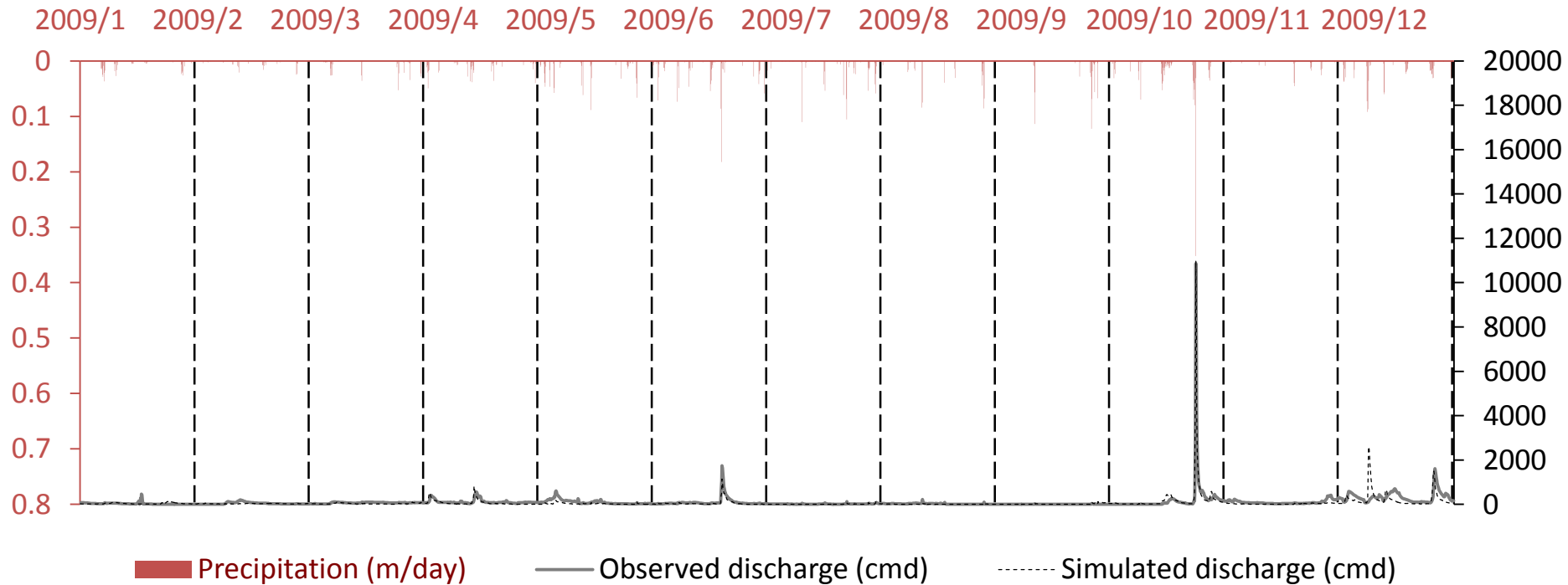
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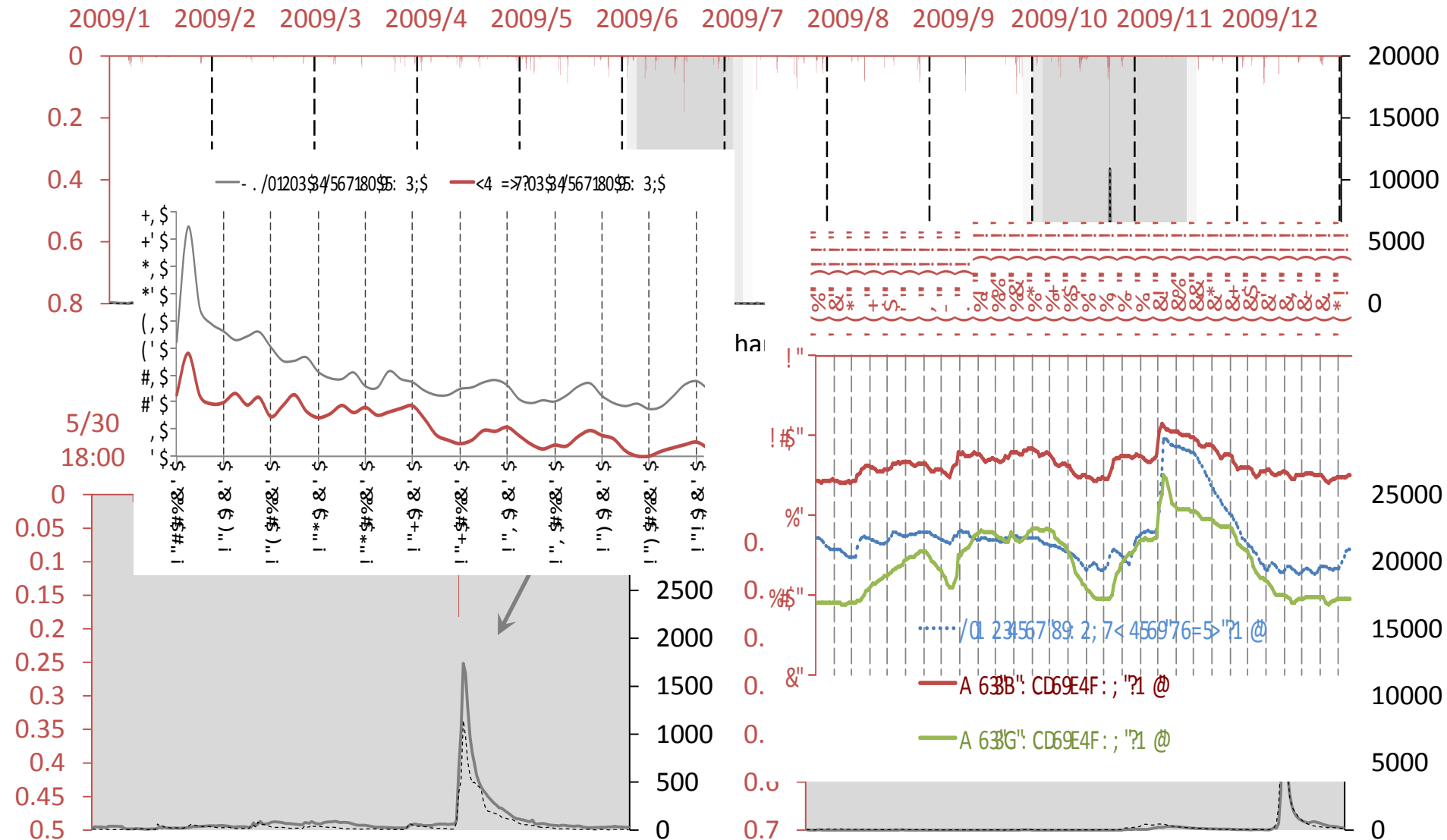


Multistate Validation of the Watershed Response

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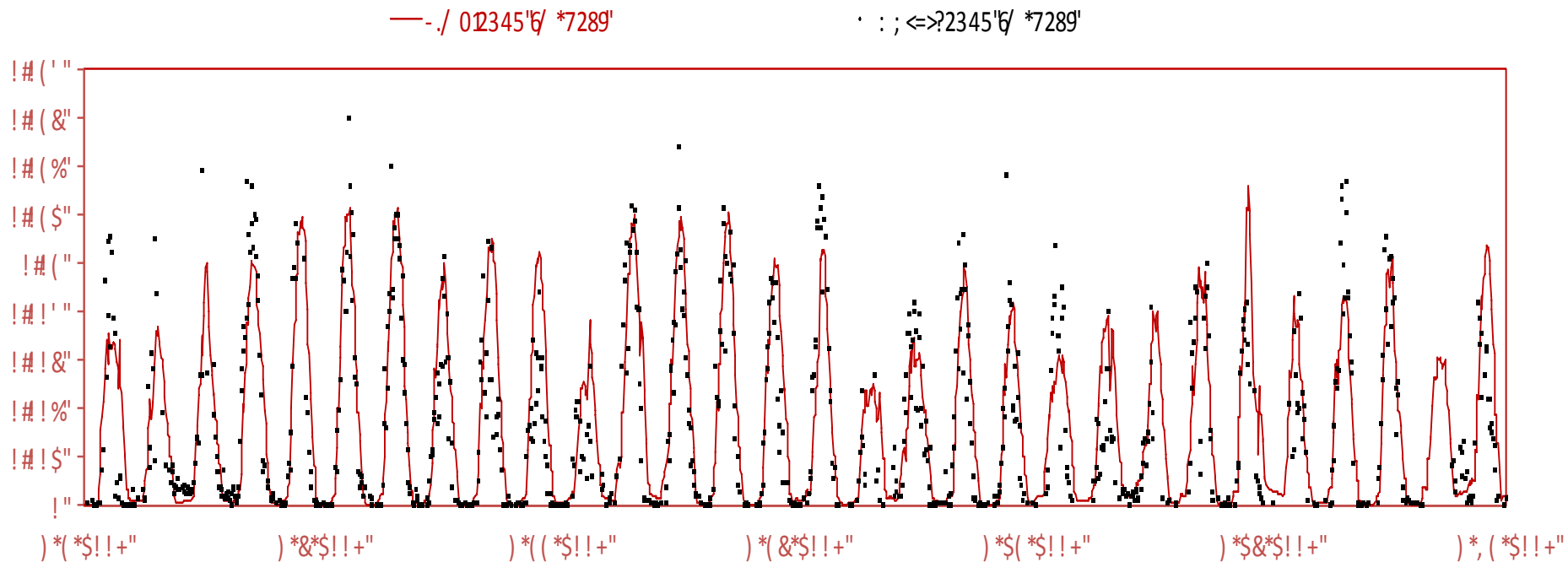


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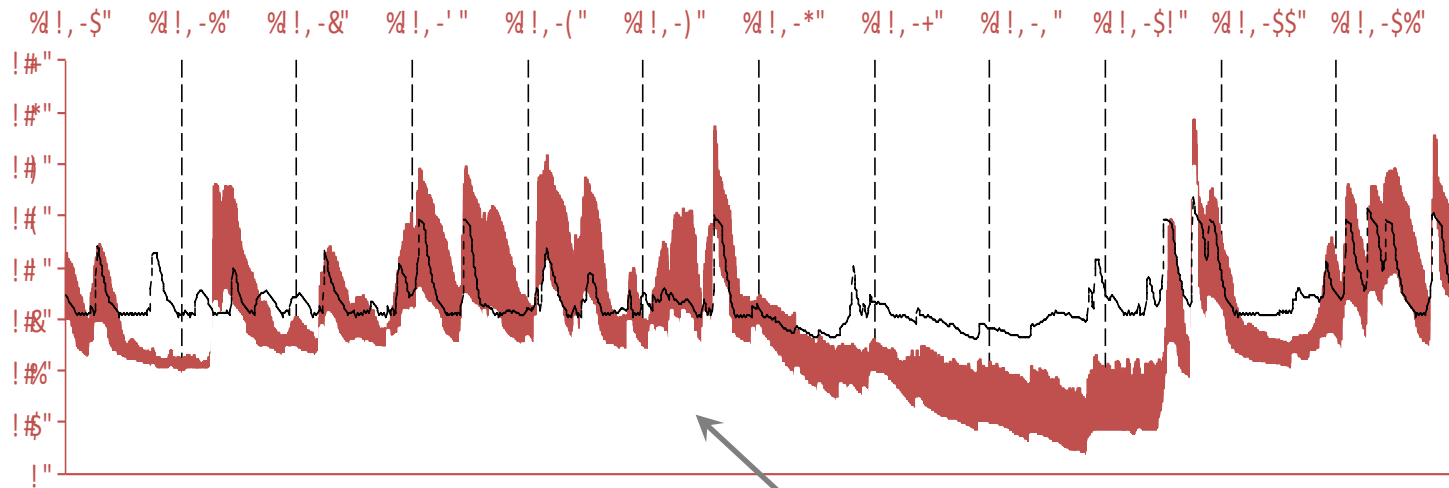
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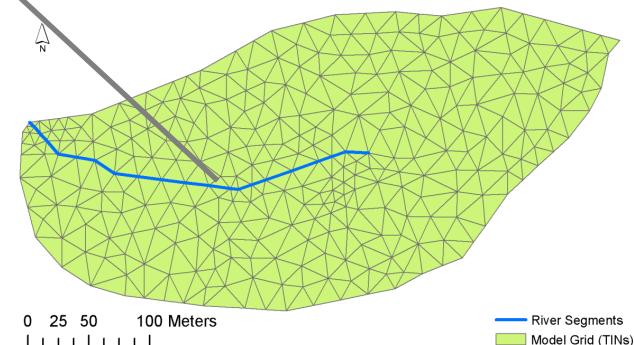
SOIL MOISTURE:



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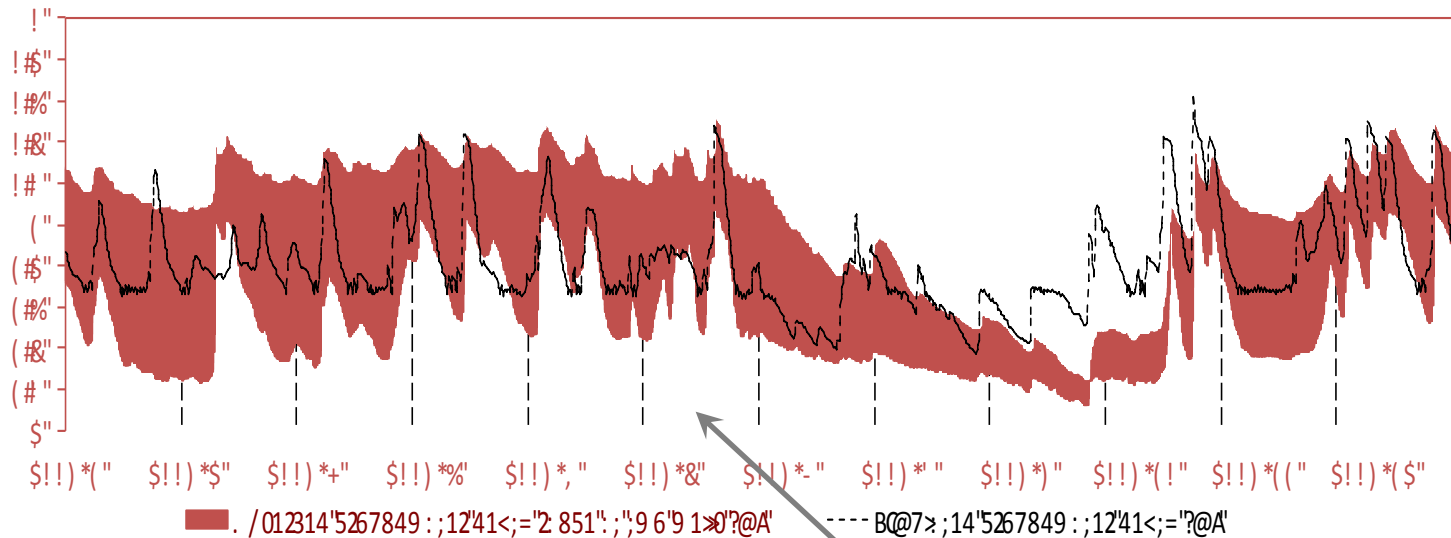
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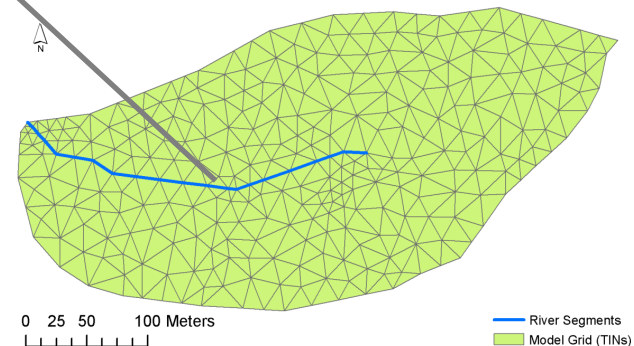


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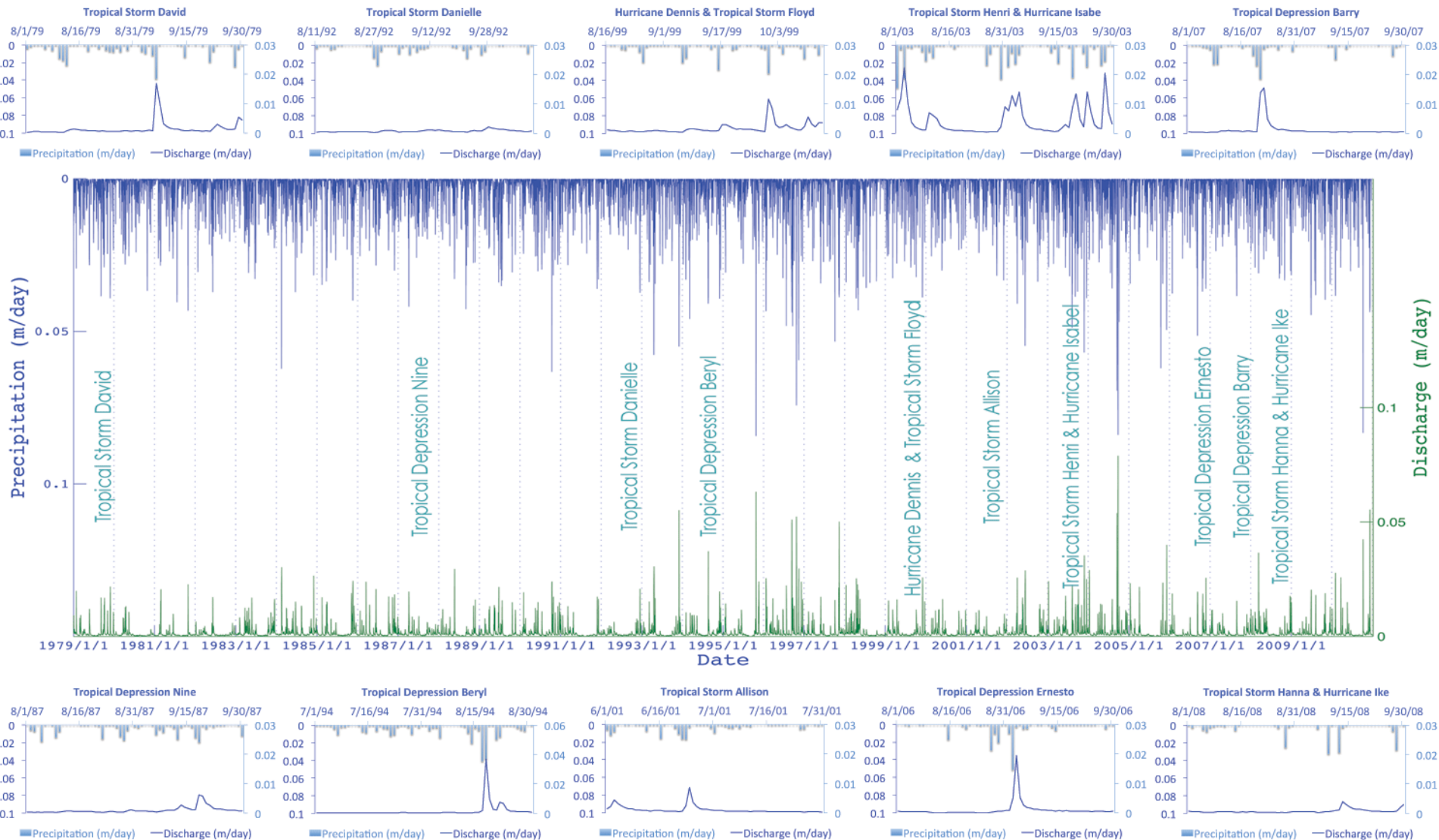
GROUNDWATER:



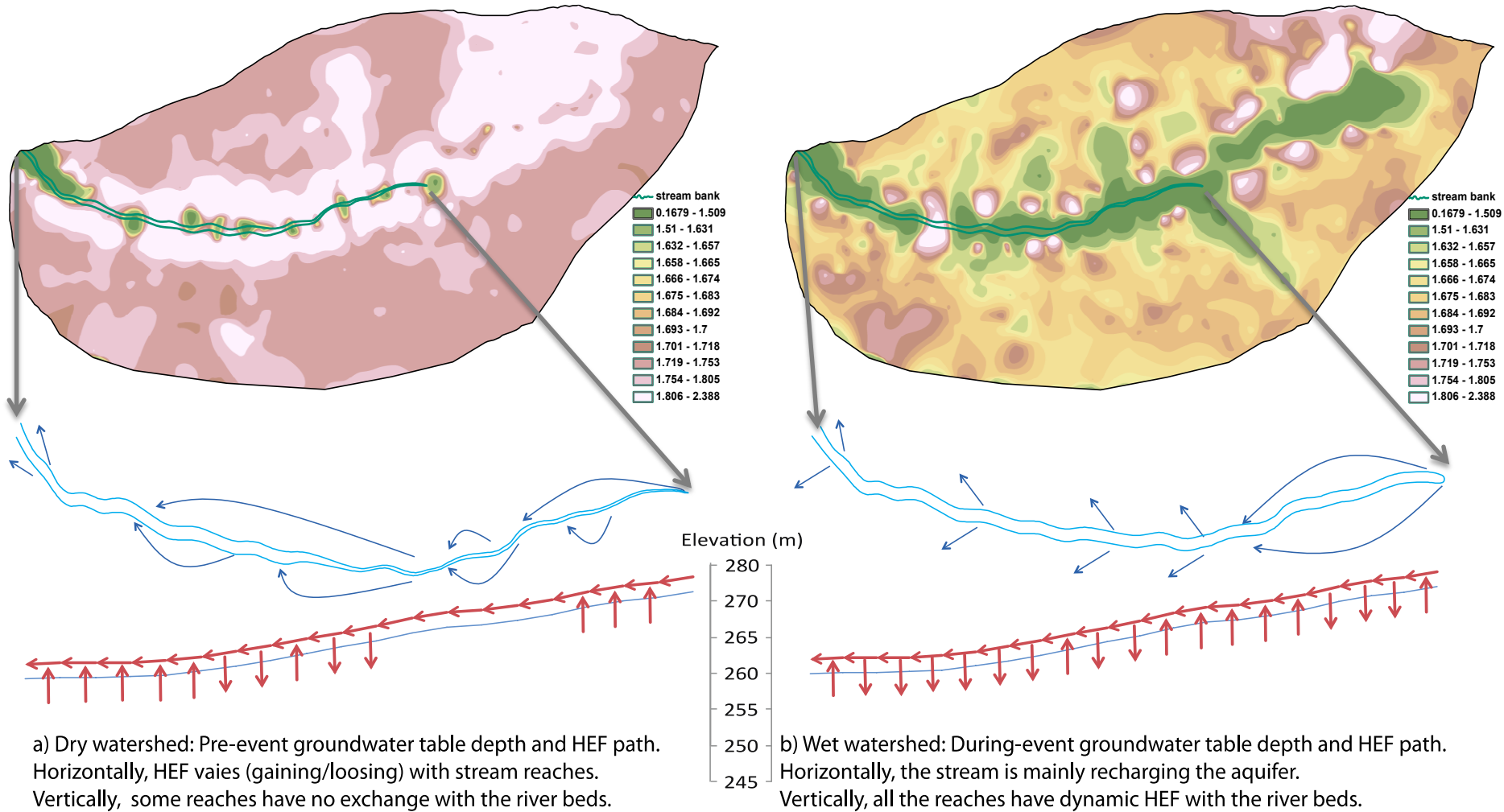
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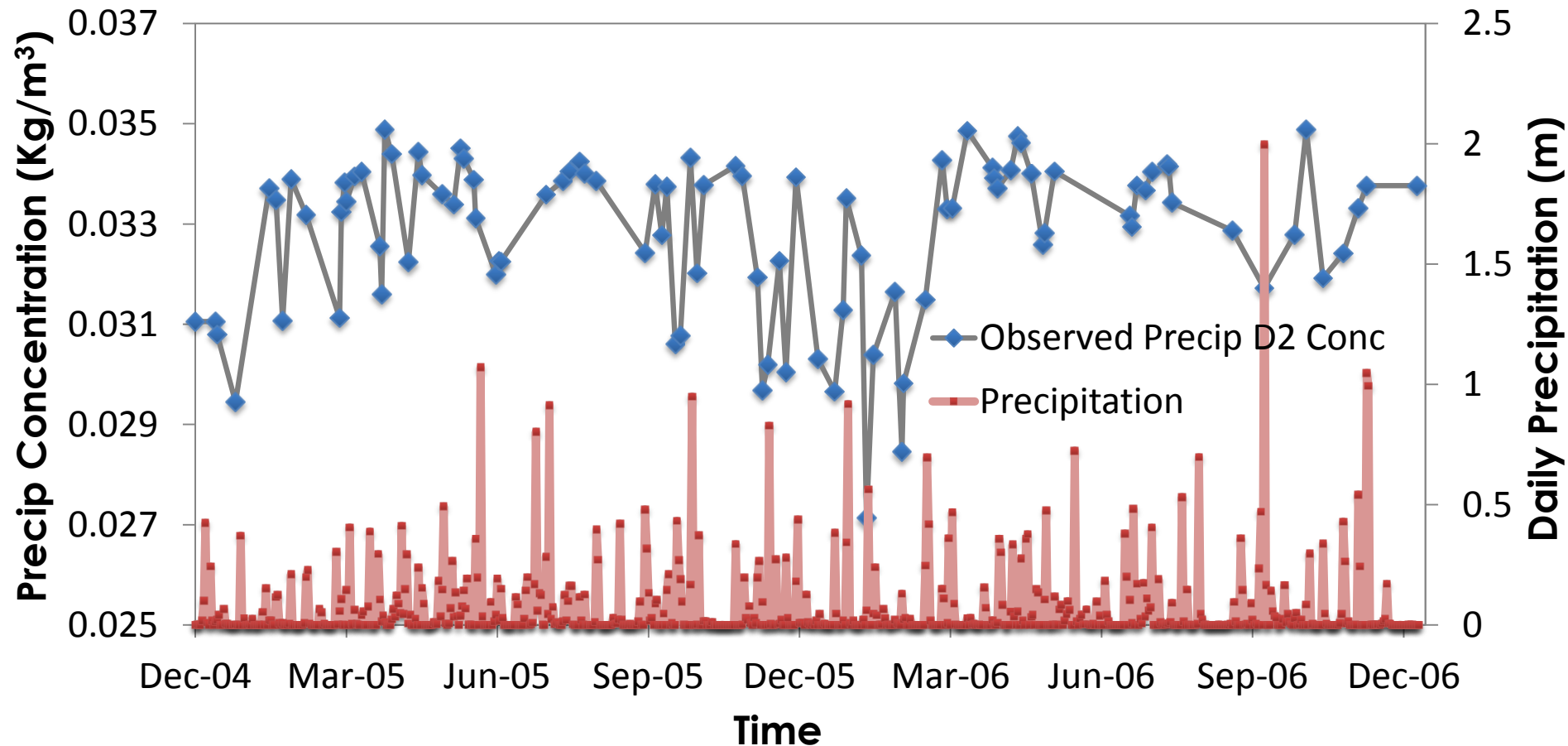
Hyporheic Exchange Flow (HEF)



Observed D (^2H) Conc. at Shale Hills

(Holmes et. al. 2011)

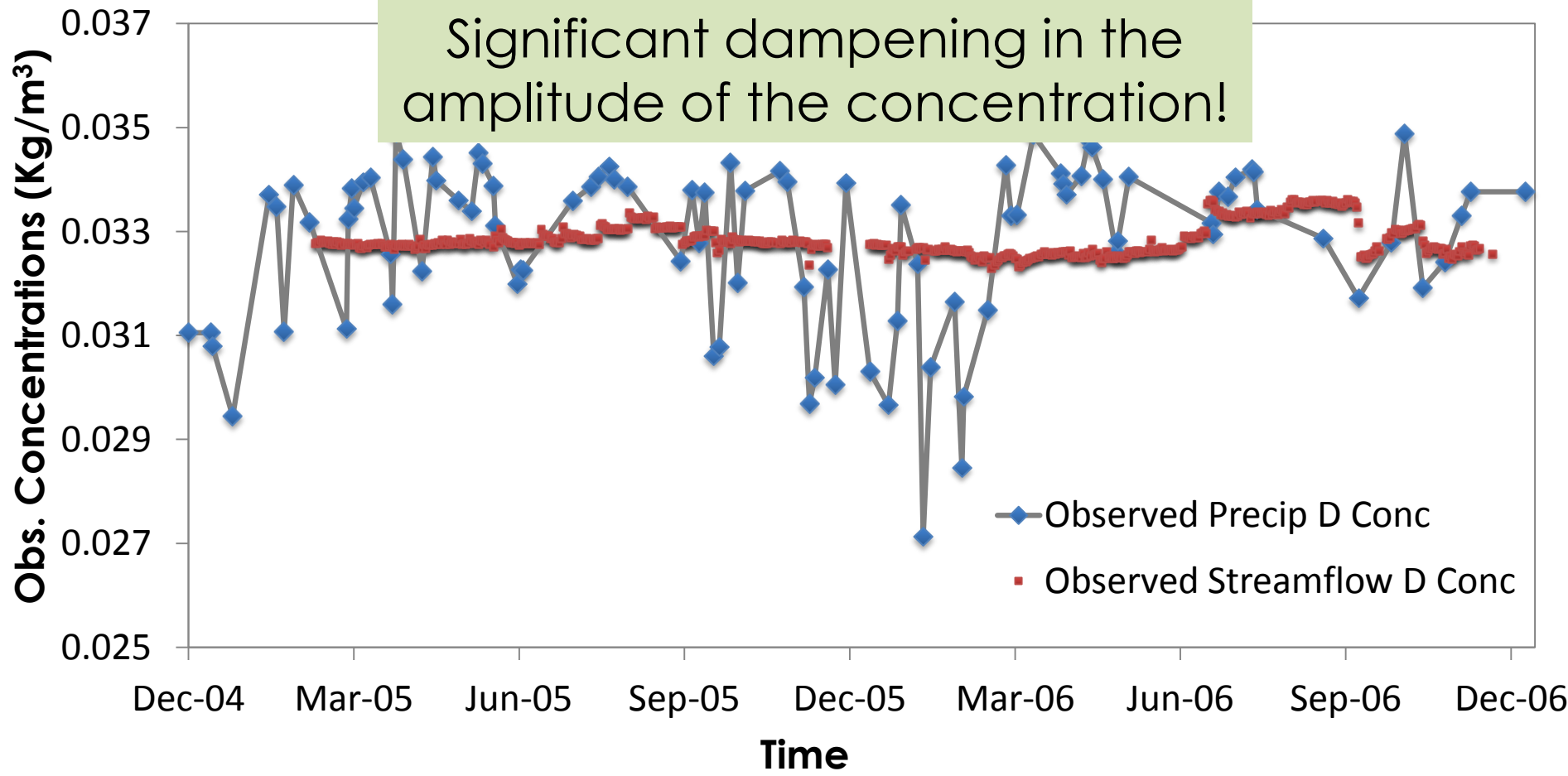
- δ representations were converted to standard concentration units [Dewitt et. al. 1980]



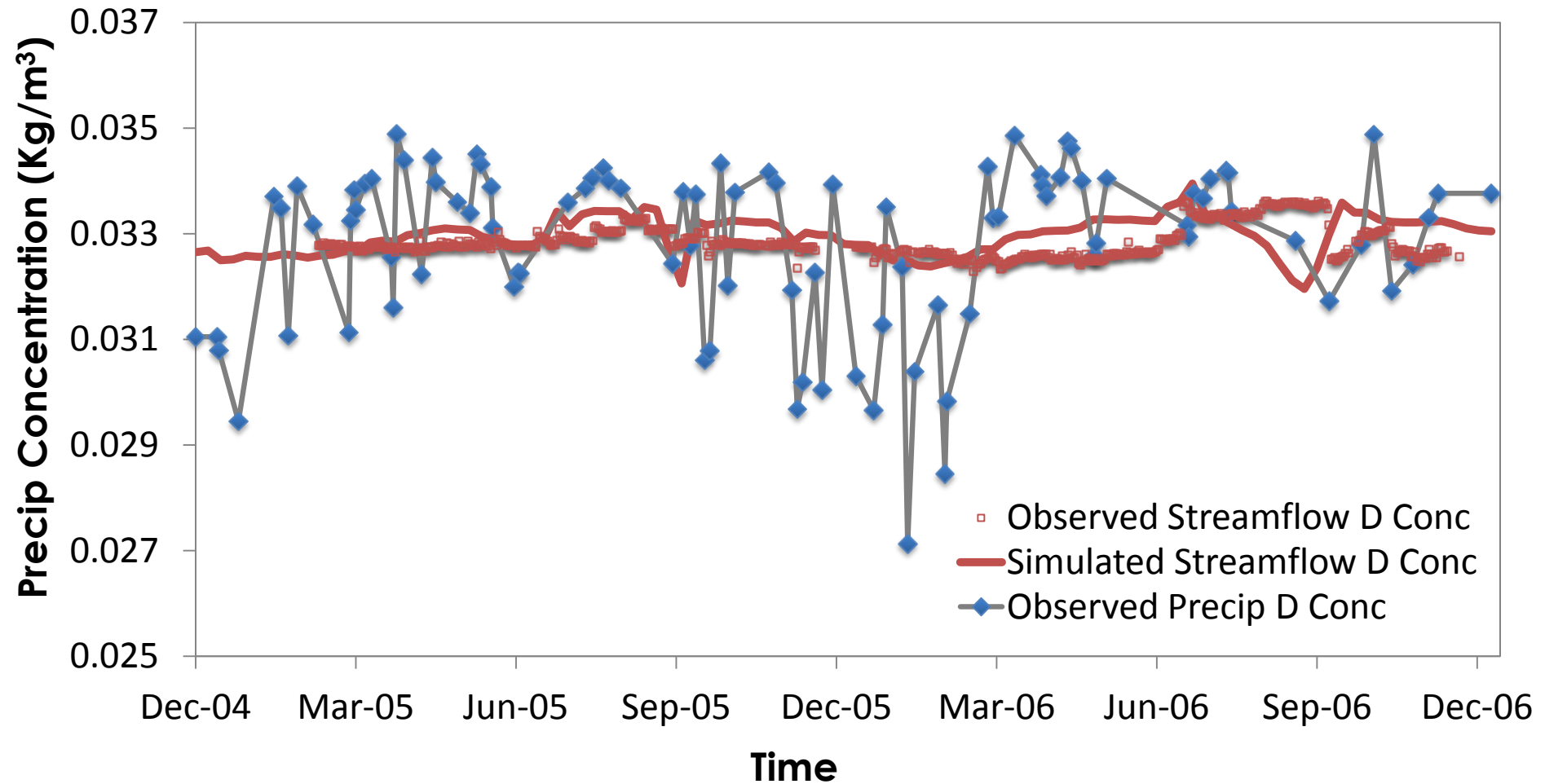
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Precipitation vs. Streamflow

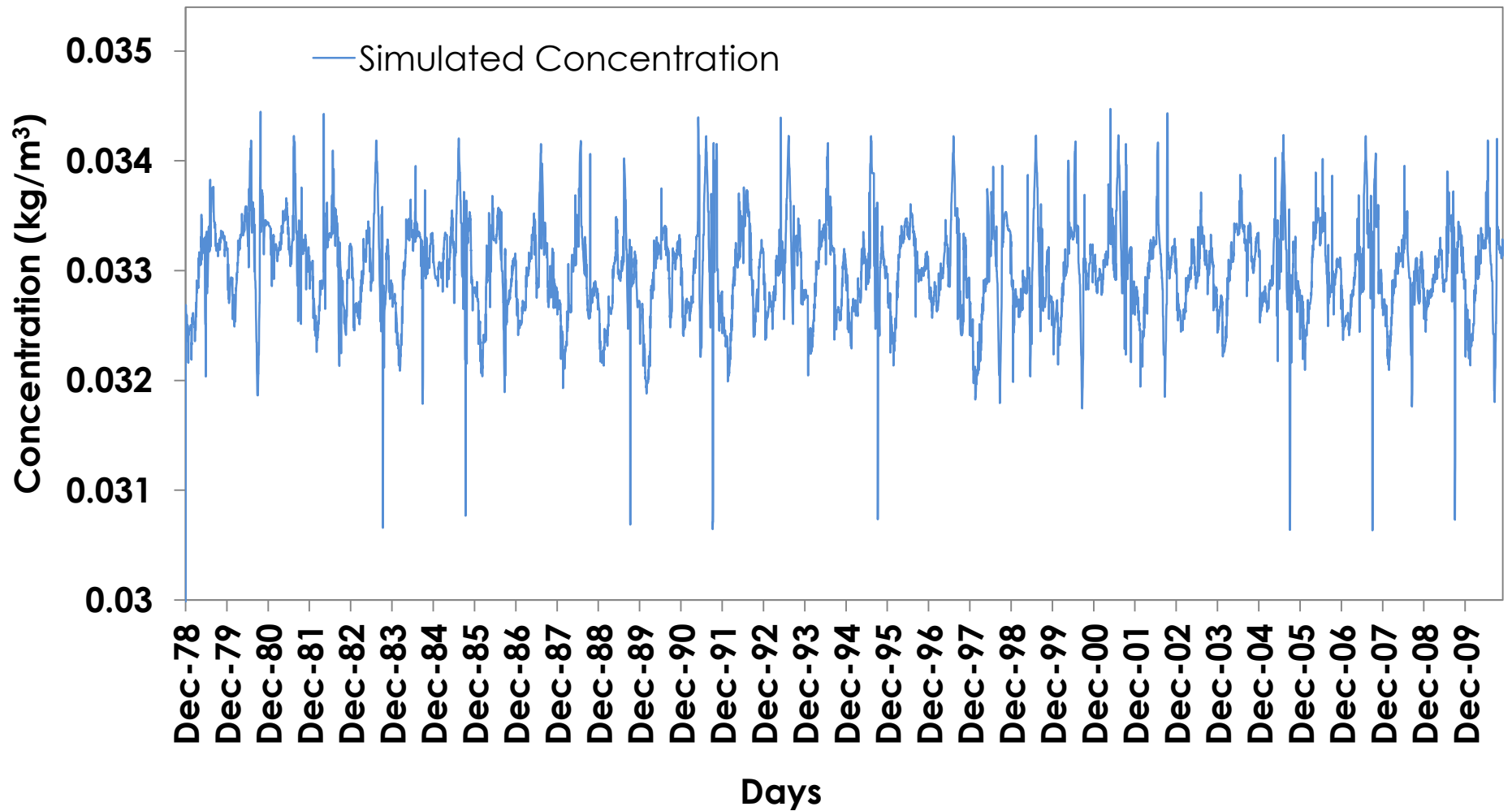


Simulated Streamflow D Conc.



Model is able to Simulate the Dampening of the Concentration Signal

Reconstructed D Concentration



Theoretical Considerations

We extended the numerical formulation of conservative solute transport (concentration) to define 'age' Concentration.

$$A = aC$$

where,

C = Solute Concentration

a = age

A = Age Concentration

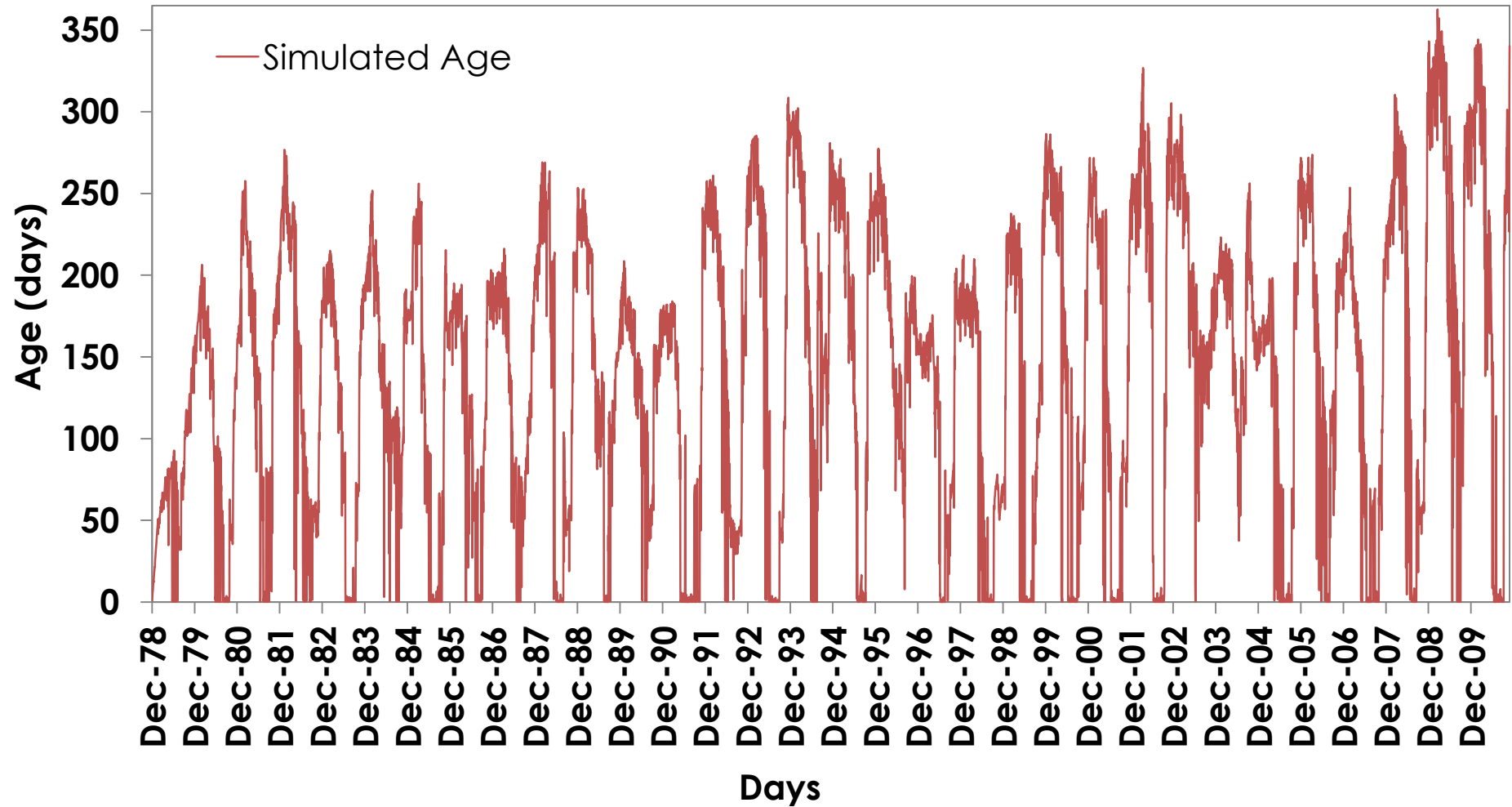
Use ODE below on each numerical FV element :

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = a \frac{dC}{dt} + C$$

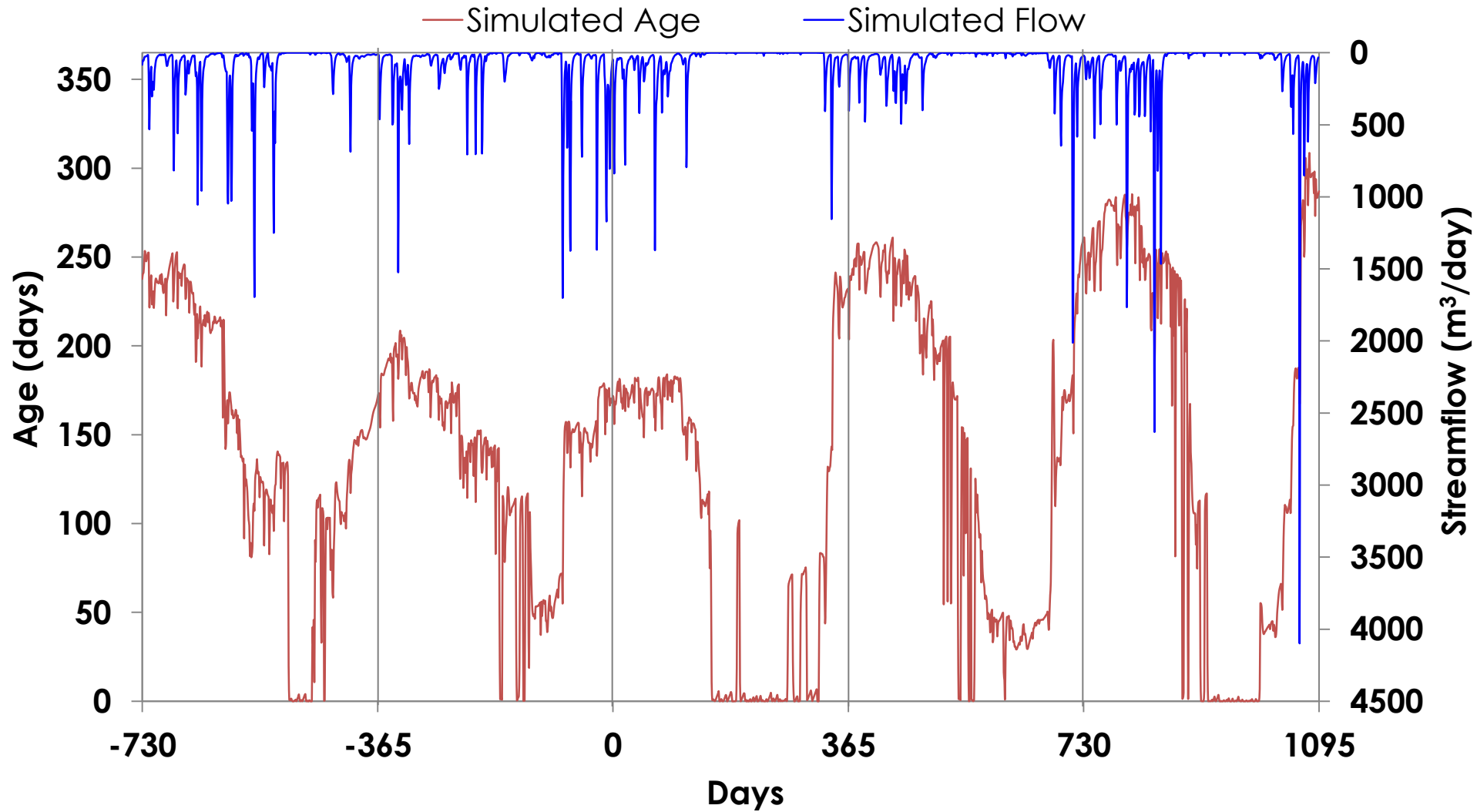
Calculate Age

$$a = A / C$$

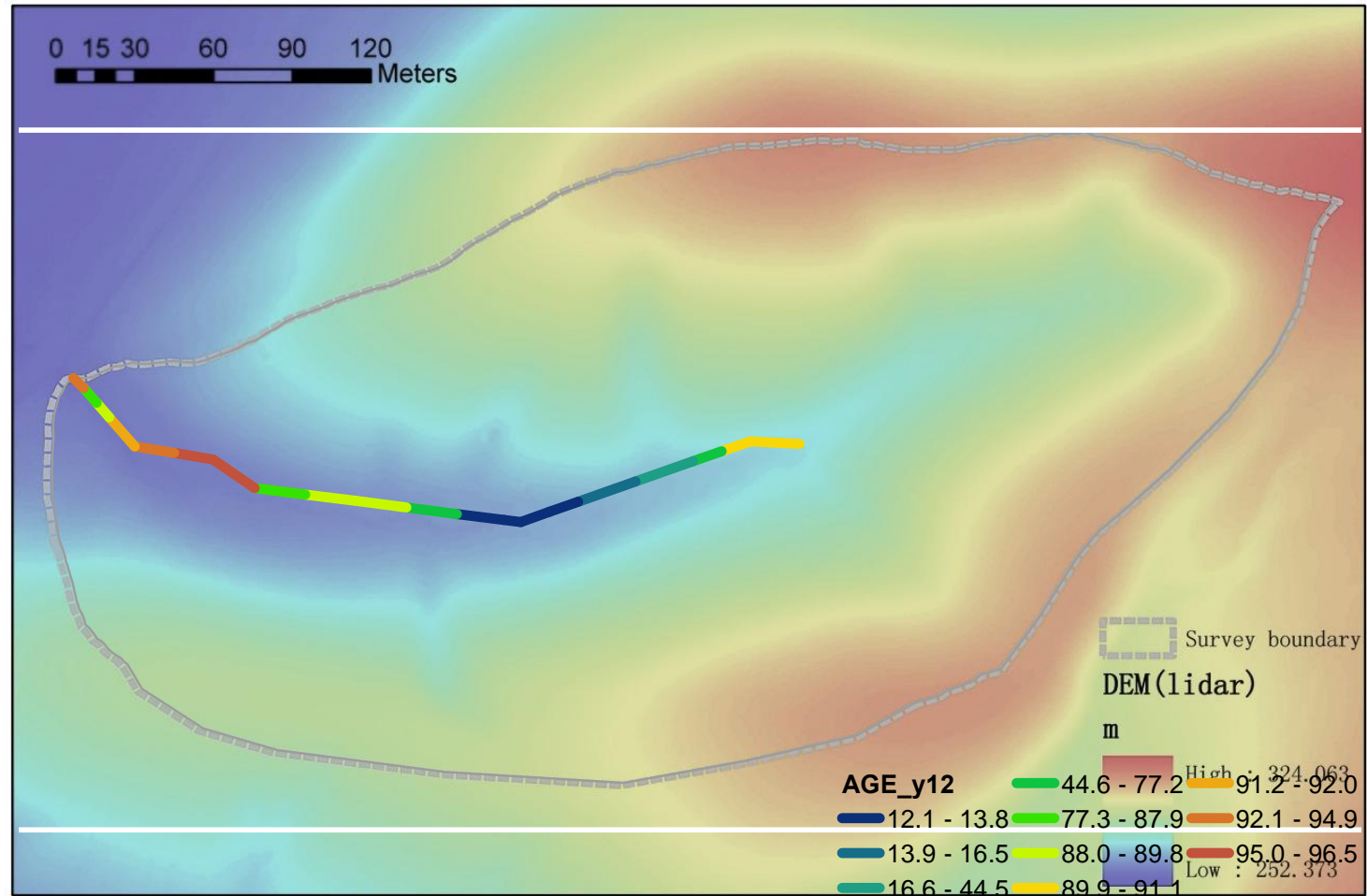
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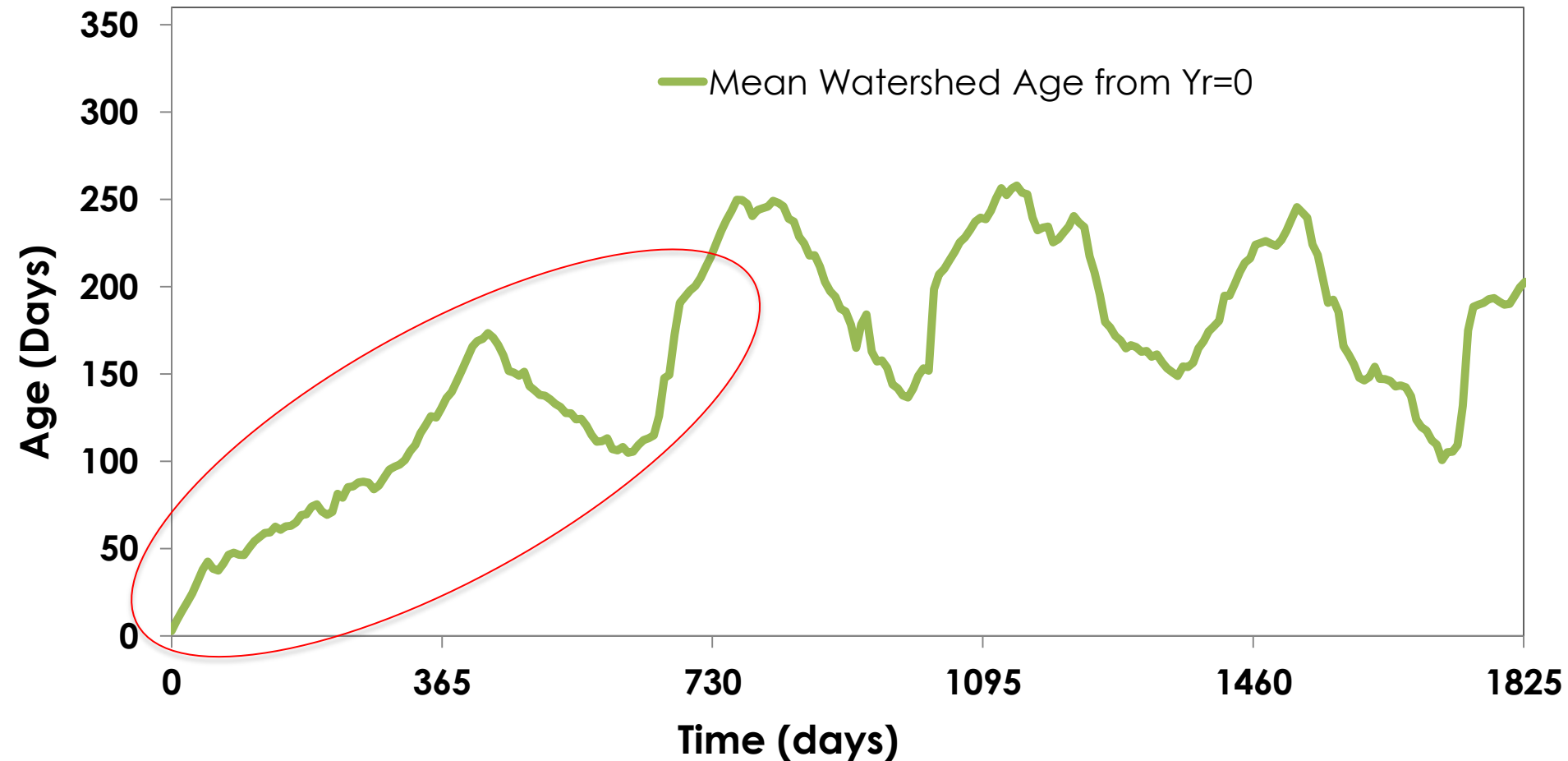


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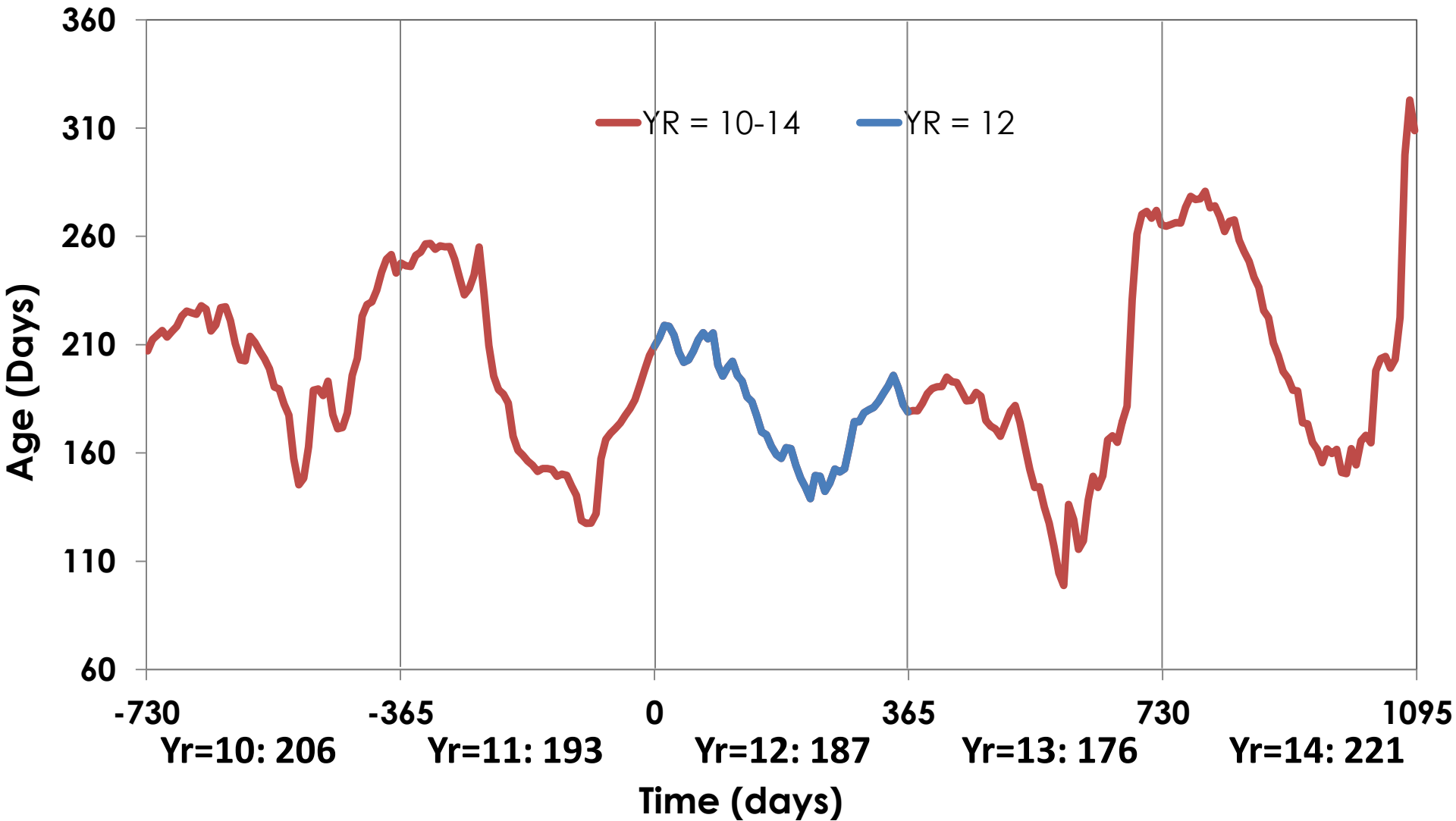


Evolution of Age of the Watershed

from Zero-Age Initial Condition

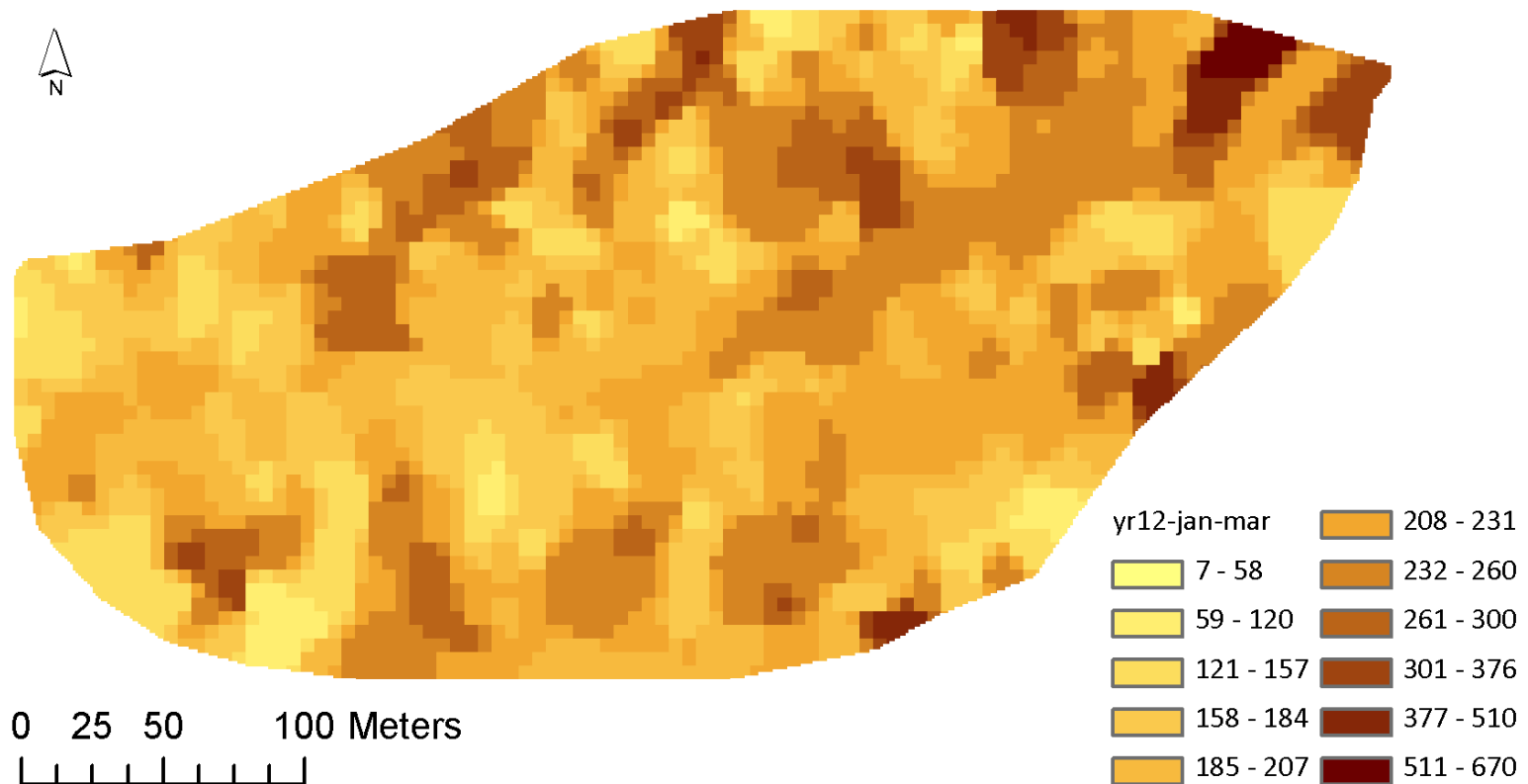


Watershed Age



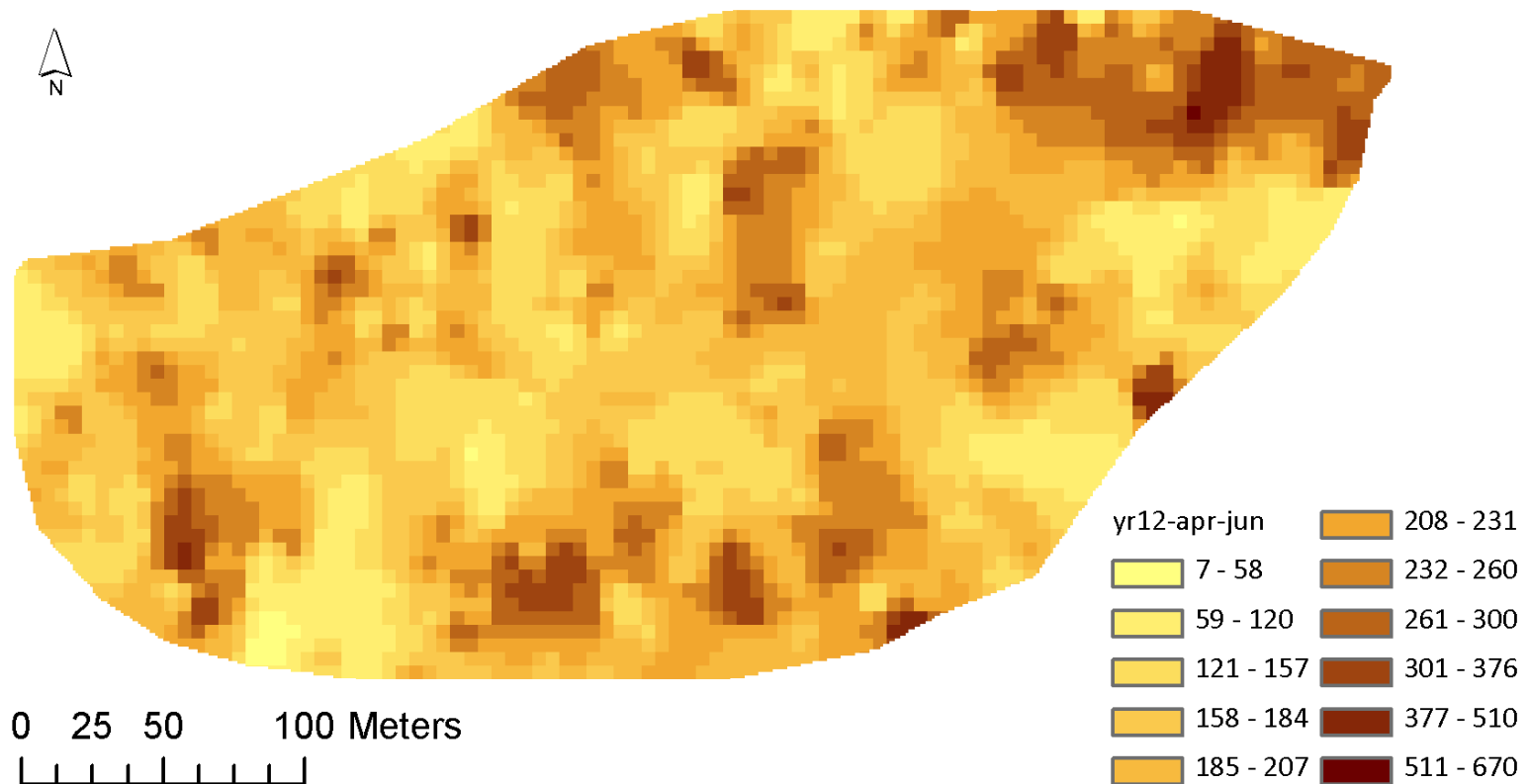
JAN – MAR

Mean Watershed Age = 210.9 days



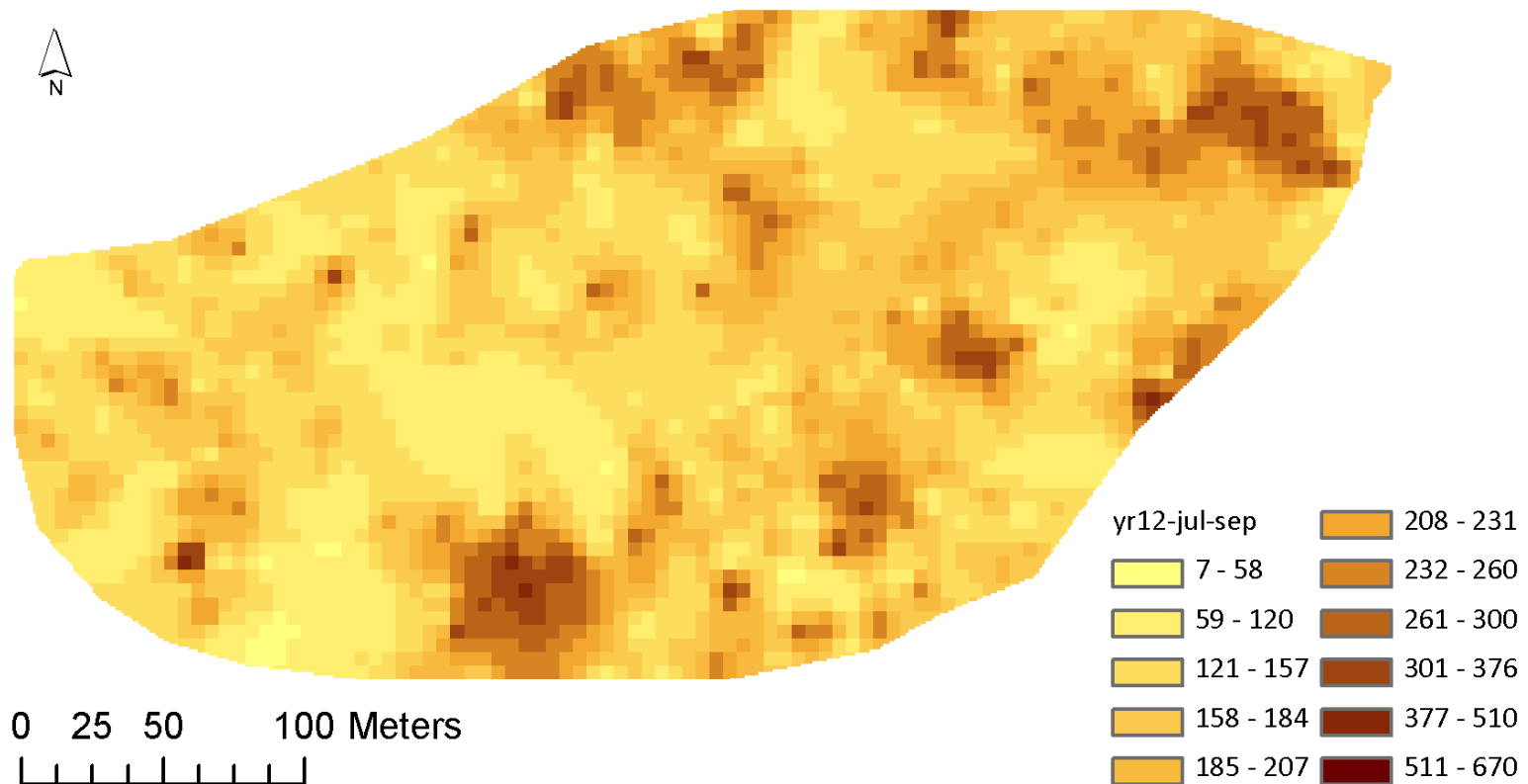
APR – JUN

Mean Watershed Age = 188.7 days



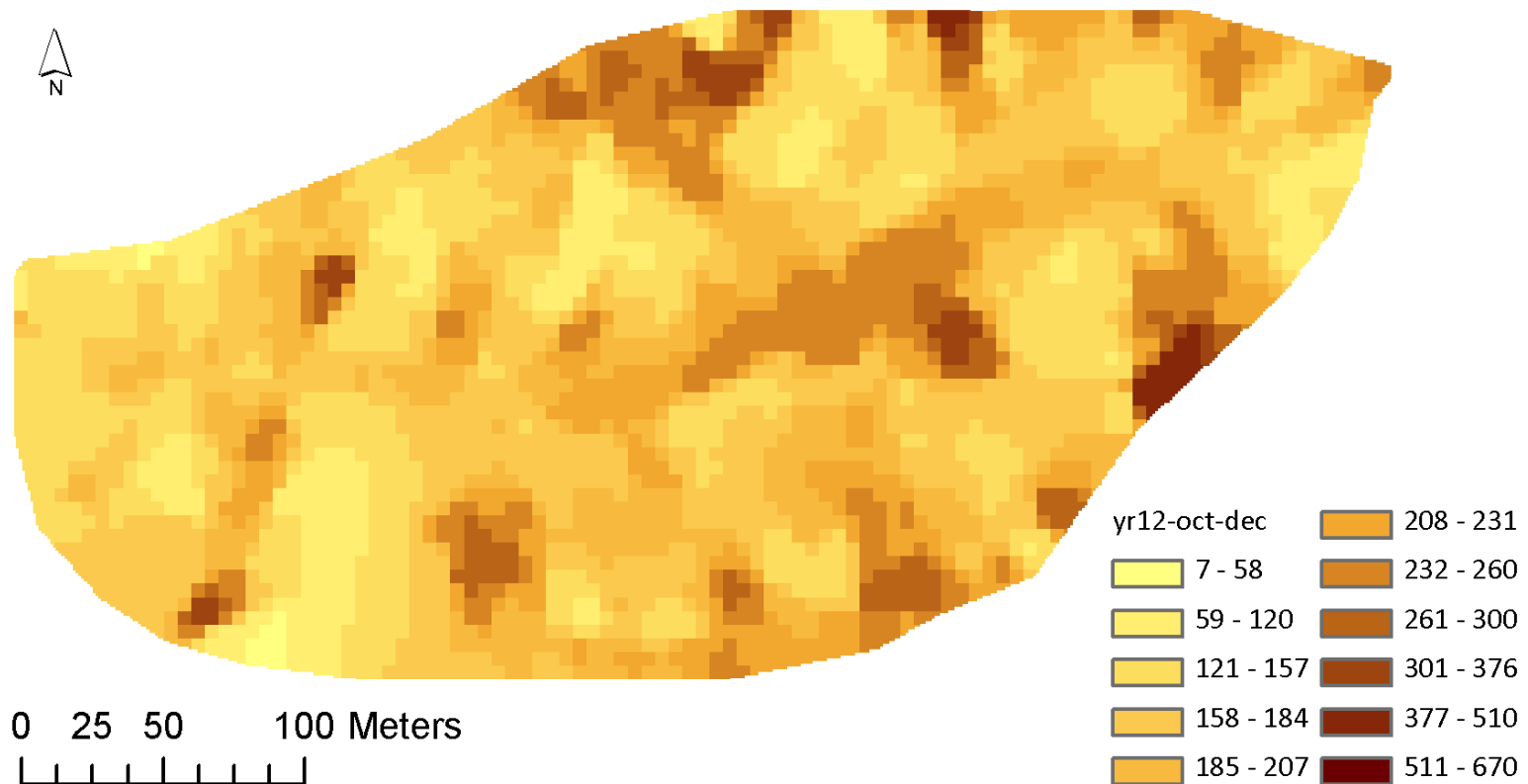
JUL – SEP

Mean Watershed Age = 161.6 days

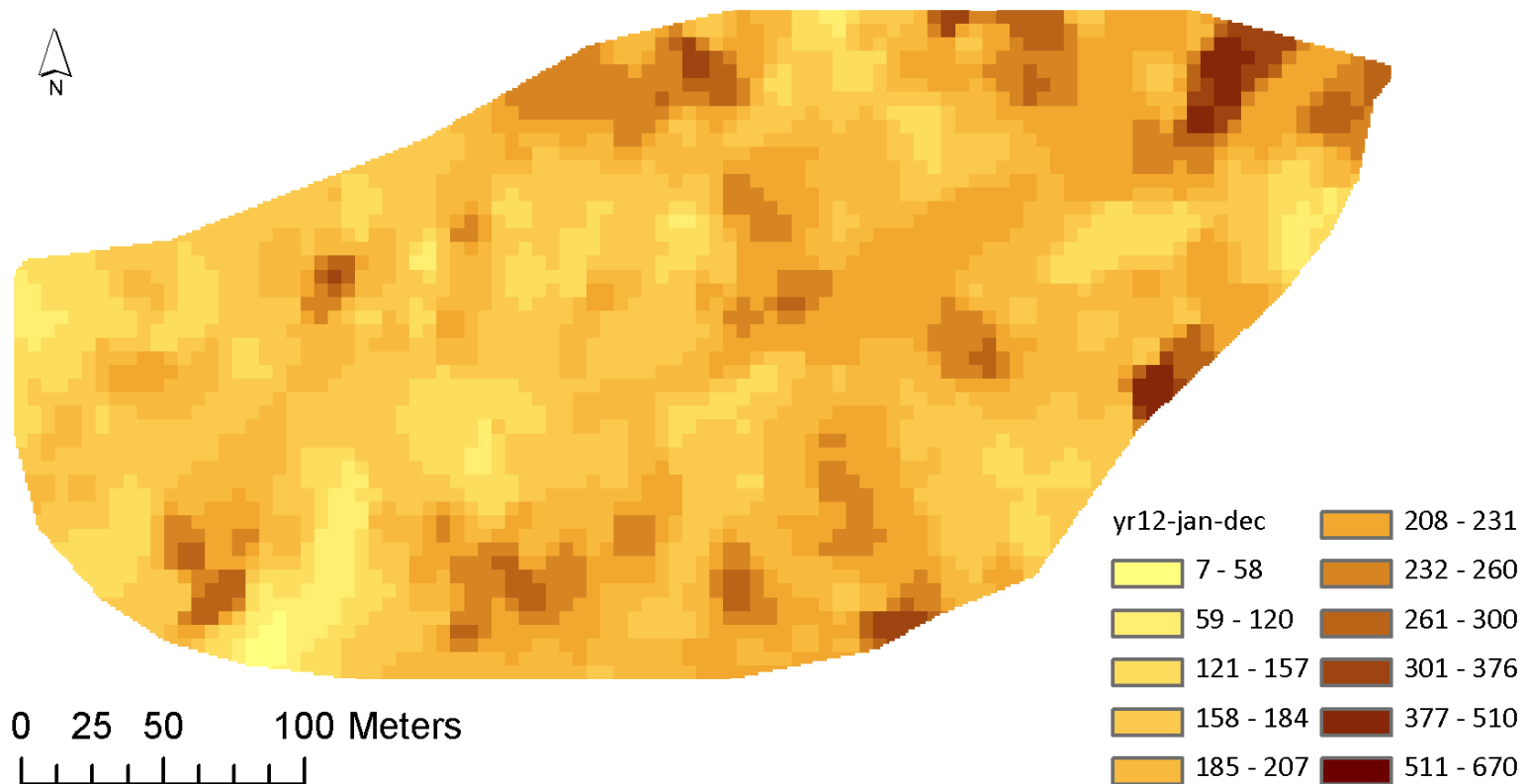


OCT – DEC

Mean Watershed Age = 180.1 days

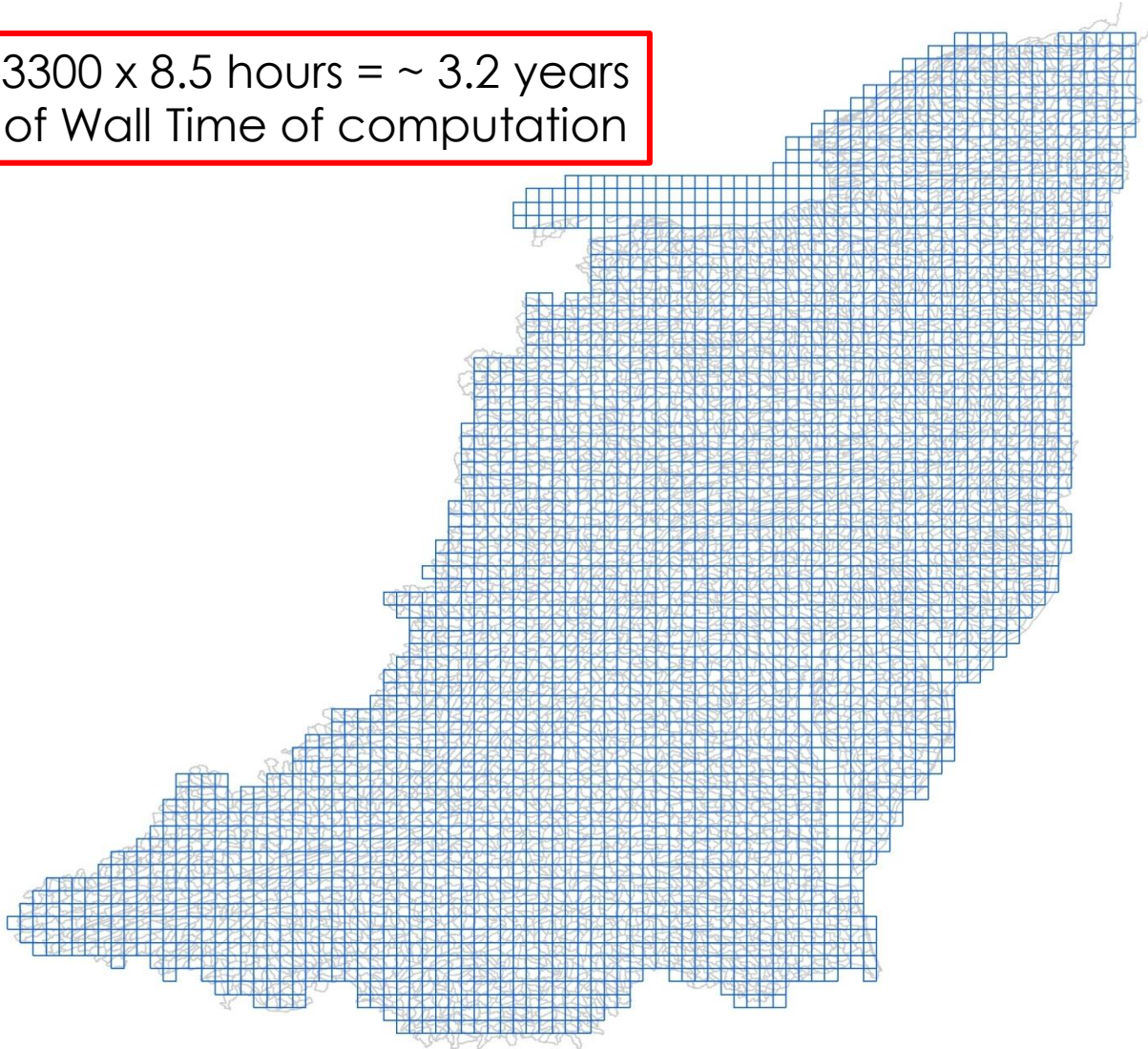


Average Age of the Watershed = **187 days**



Data :: Climate :: NLDAS v2 (1979 – 2011)

3300 x 8.5 hours = ~ 3.2 years
of Wall Time of computation



8km **Hourly** time-series

1. Precipitation
2. Temperature
3. Solar Radiation
4. Vapor Pressure
5. Relative Humidity
6. Wind Speed

We have developed tools that extracts forcing variables (from NLDAS-2 grib2 data) and formats all above mentioned variables according to PIHM data structure