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## **HYDROLOGICAL MODELING: INTEGRATING THE IMPACT OF THE GROUNDWATER AND ANTHROPOGENIC EFFECT AT THE BASIN SCALE**

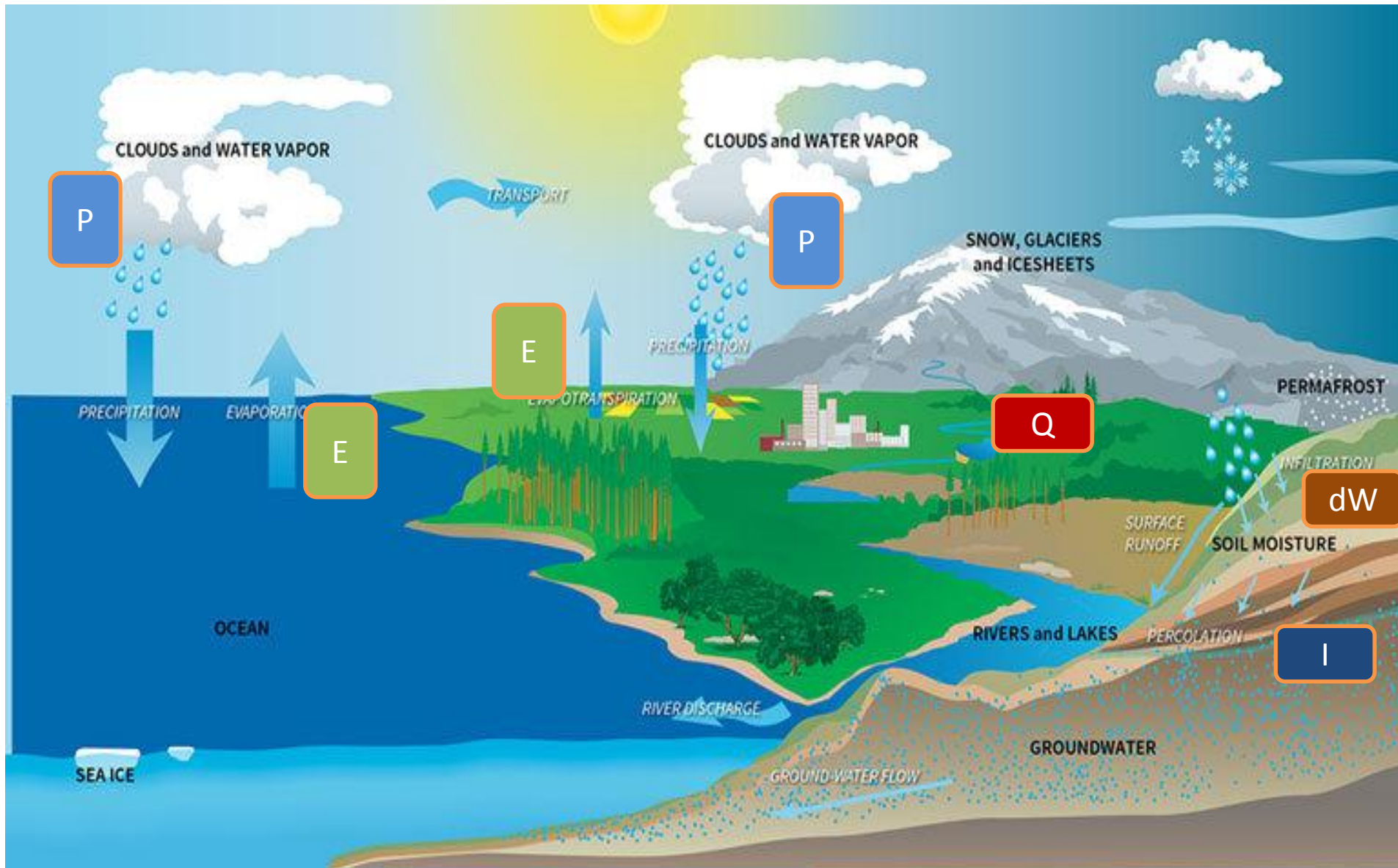
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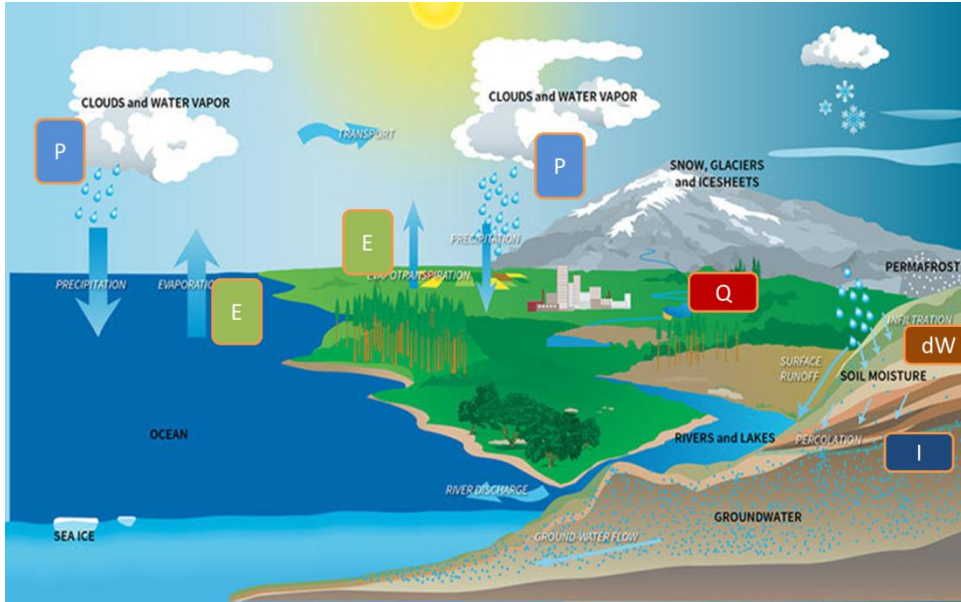
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# 1. The Water Cycle



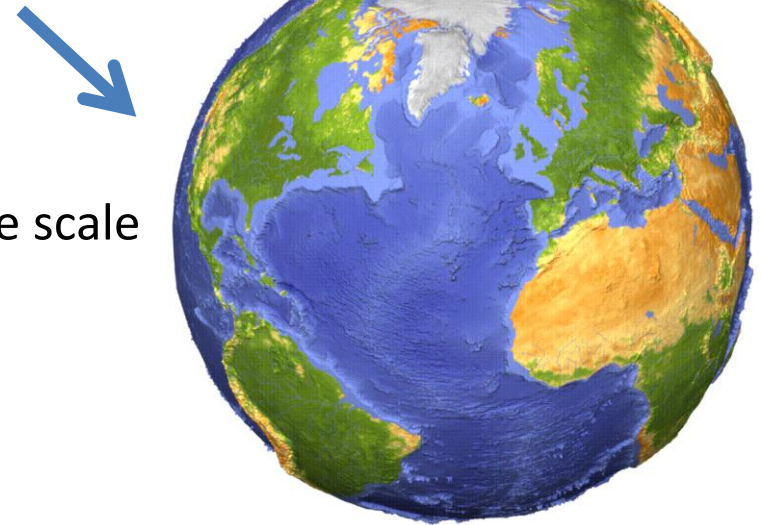
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For an agronomist at daily scale  
 $\Delta w = P - E - Q$

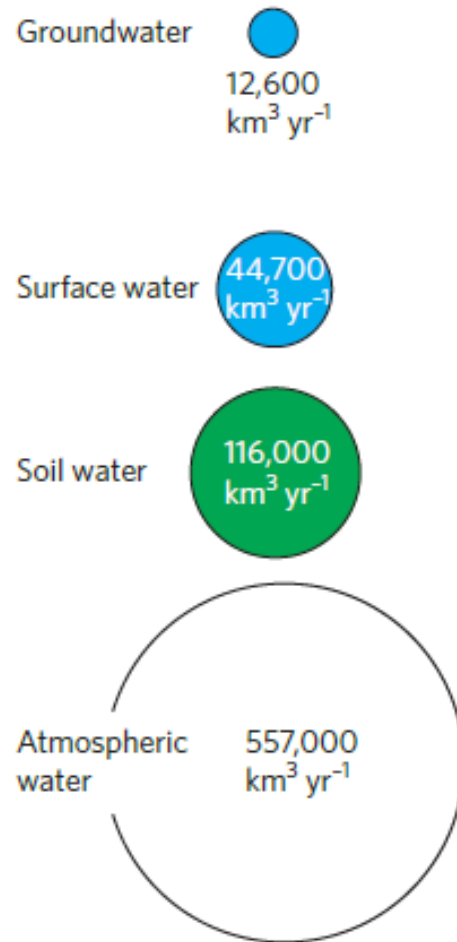
For a hydrogeologist at annual scale  
 $I = P - E - R_o$

At global scale and decadal time scale  
 $P = E$



# 1. The global Water Cycle: composition

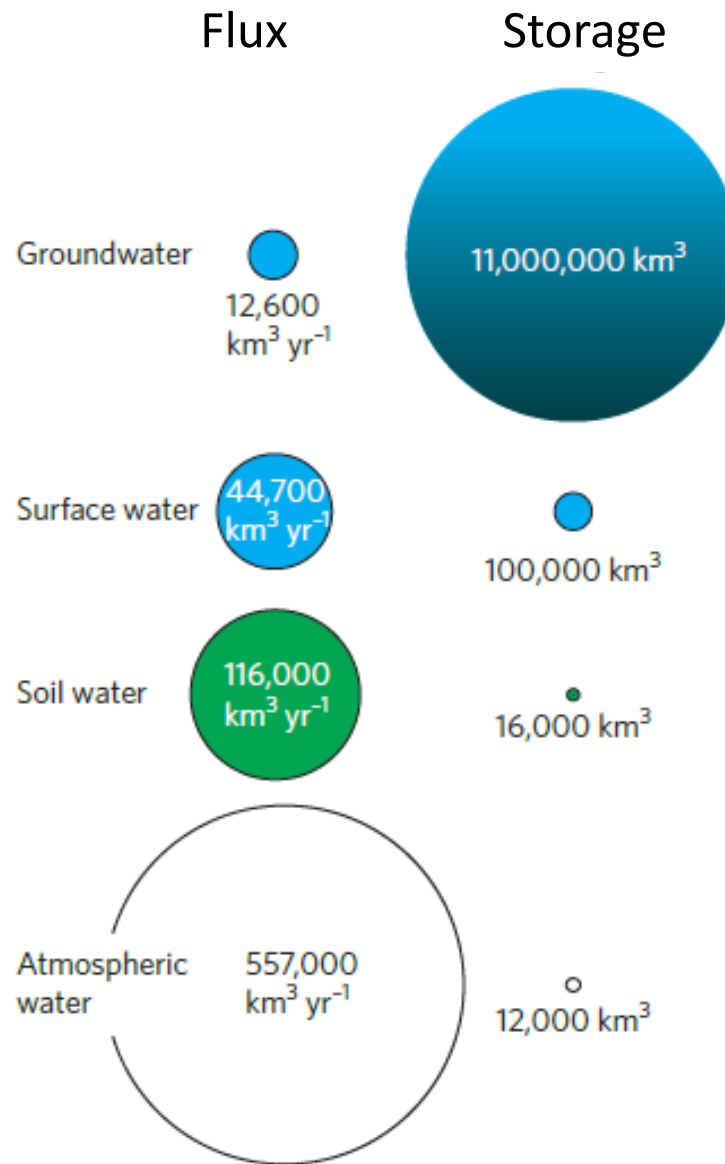
Flux



➔ Focus on atmospheric water: precipitation and evaporation



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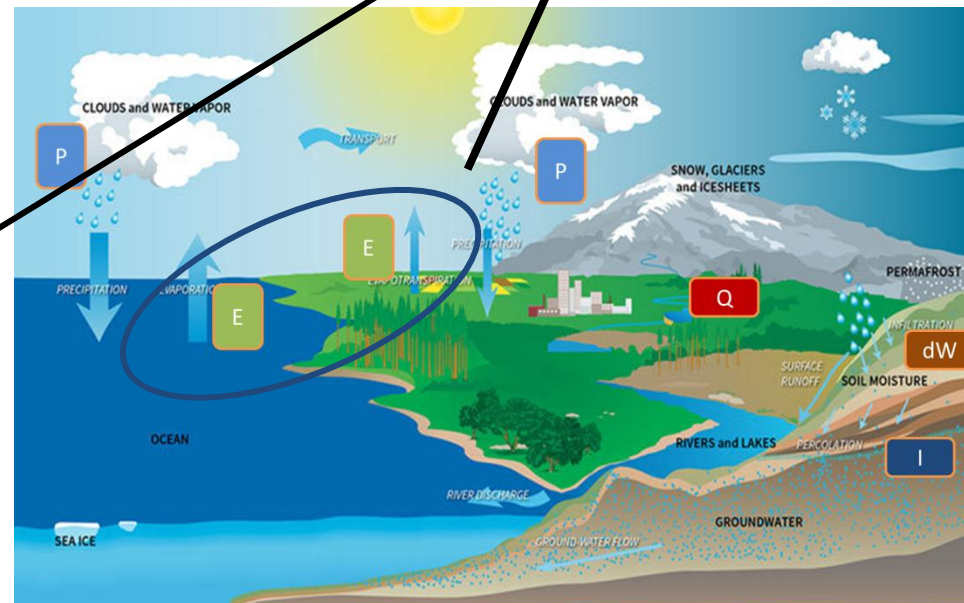
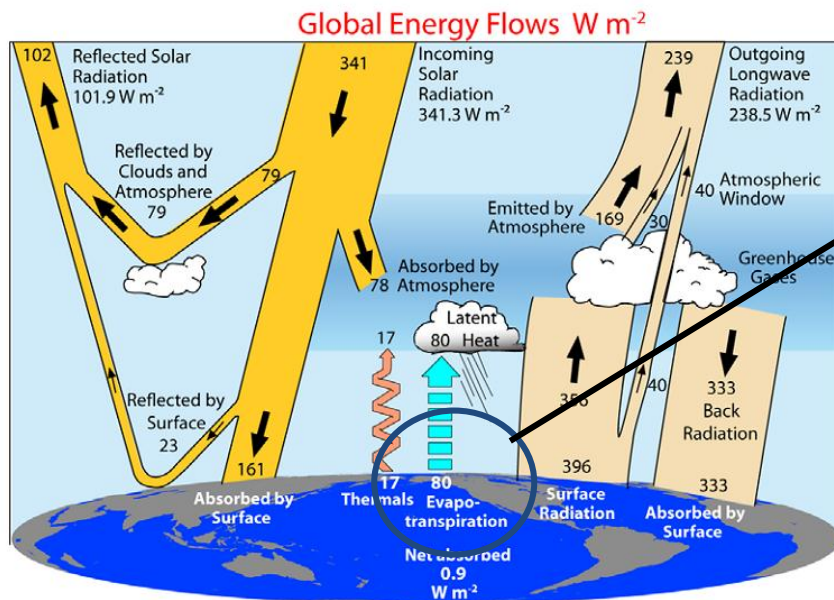


# 1. Water and energy budgets

Energy budget :  $R_{sol} (1-\alpha) + \epsilon(R_{atm} - \sigma T_s^4) = H + L E + G$

Water balance :

$$\Delta w = P - Q - E$$

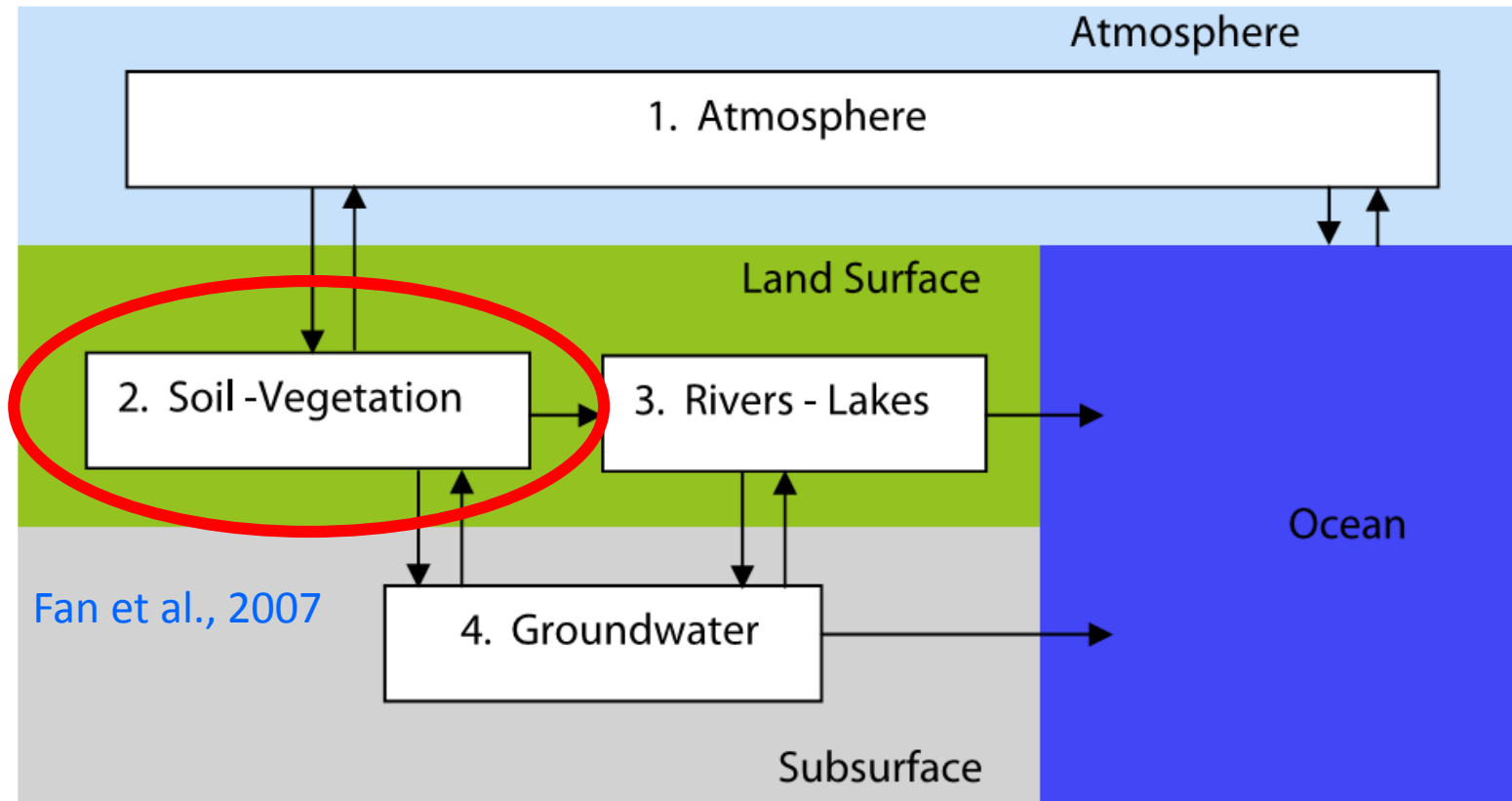


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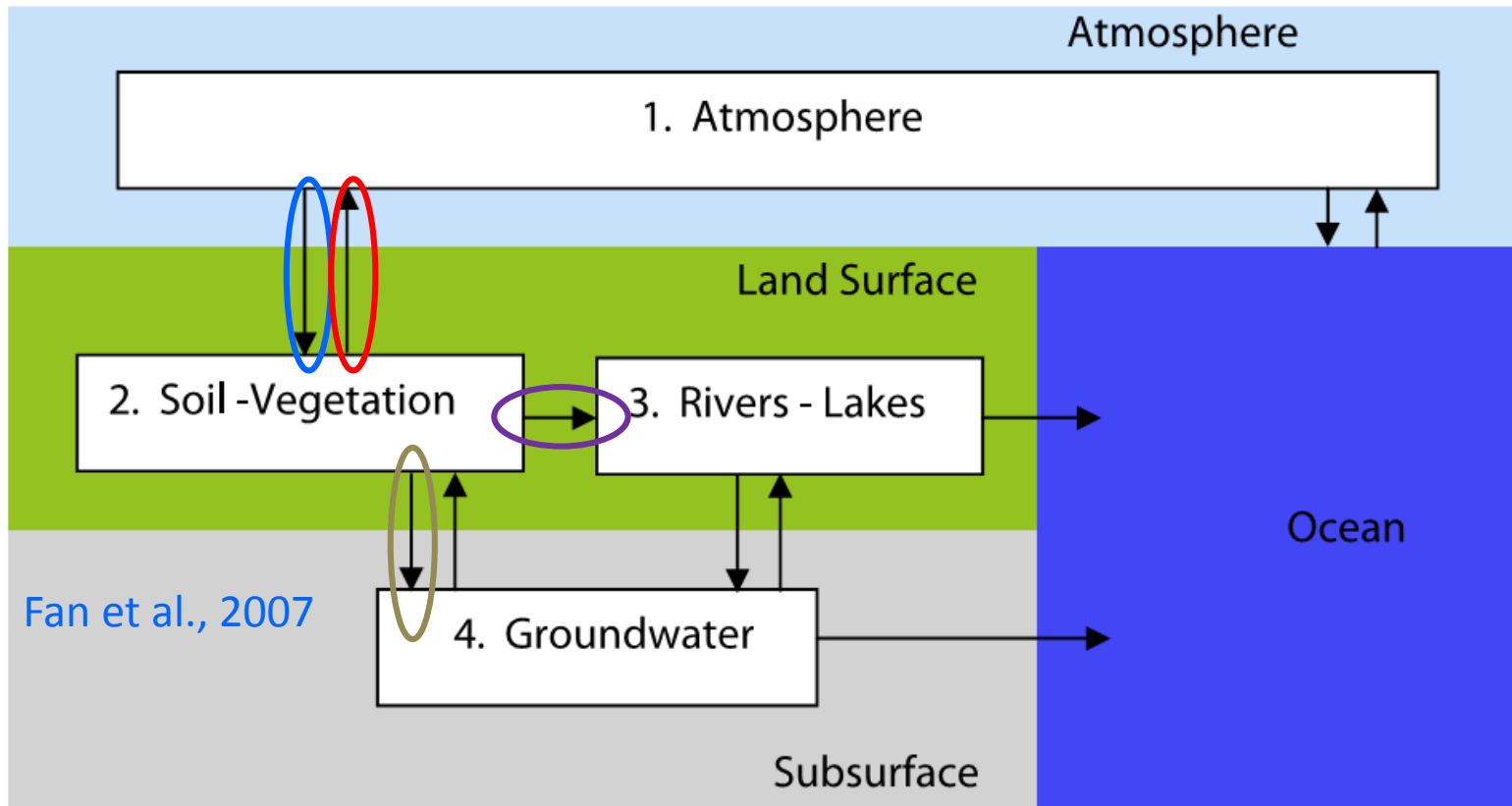
Focus on the soil-vegetation interface





## 2. Water cycle: back to processes

Focus on the soil-vegetation interface



- 1. Precipitation
- 2. Evapotranspiration
- 3. Infiltration
- 4. Surface runoff

## 2. Water cycle: back to processes

### 1. Precipitation :

liquid and solid partition has a strong impact on water balance



Snowfall implies:

- Time delay between fall and runoff
- Modification of the energy budget by modifying the albedo
- Prevent evaporation loss

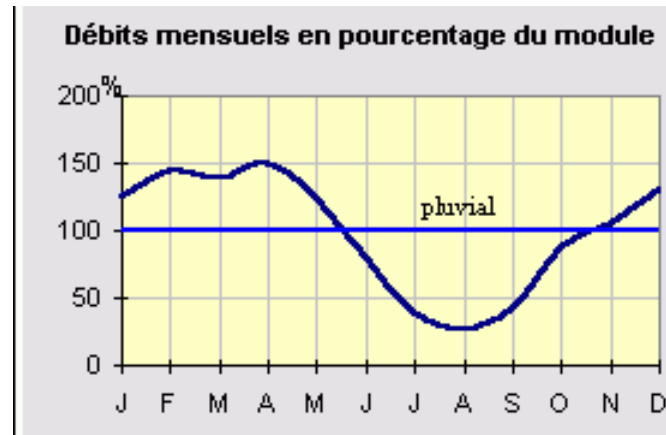
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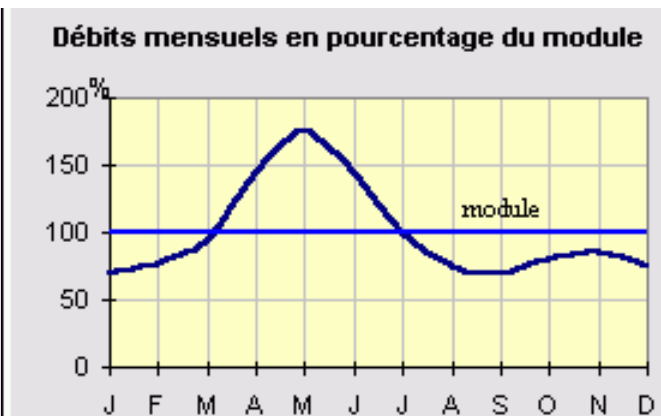
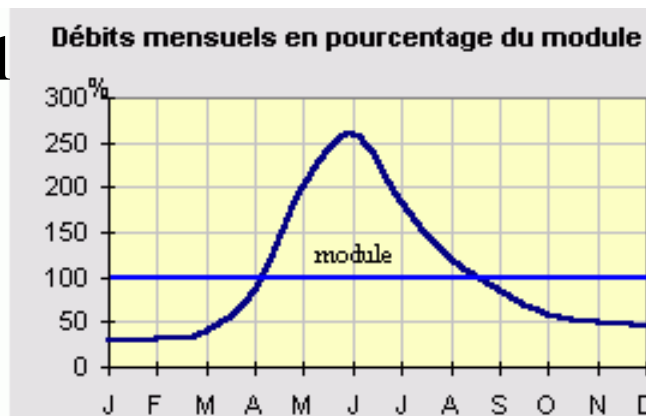
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Hydrologic regime are associated to snowfall

Rainfall  
regime



Snowfall  
regime



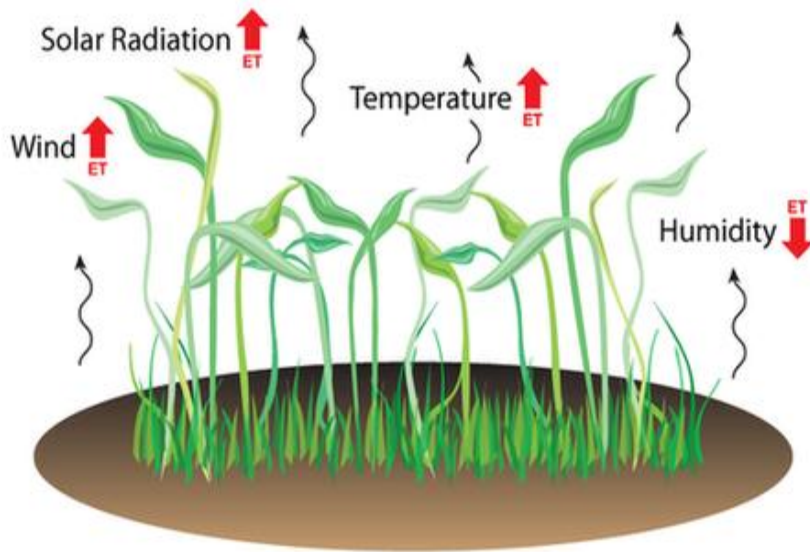
Mixed  
regime

# 2. Water cycle: back to processes

## 2. Evapotranspiration: dominant water flux over continent

Evapotranspiration=

Transpiration+Interception+Bare soil evaporation  
+Sublimation



Sensitivity to the major atmospheric variables:

Wind



Temperature



Incoming Radiations



Air Humidity





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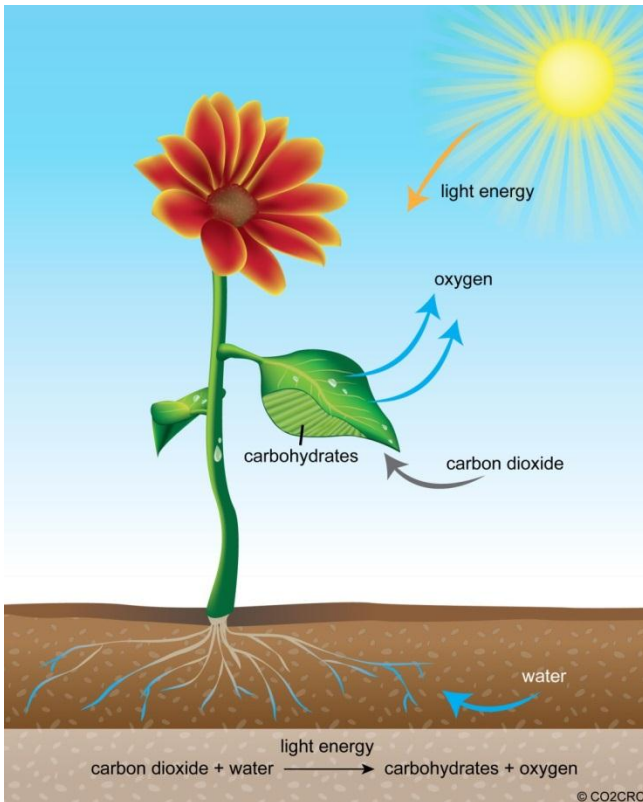
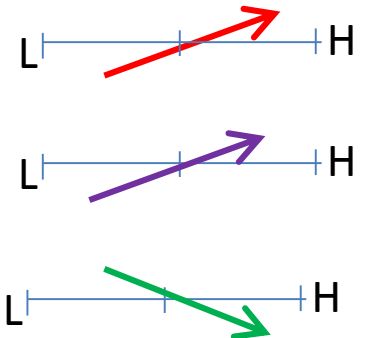
Focus on transpiration: connexion with C, N, P cycles...

Sensitivity to other variables:

LAI

Soil moisture

CO<sub>2</sub>

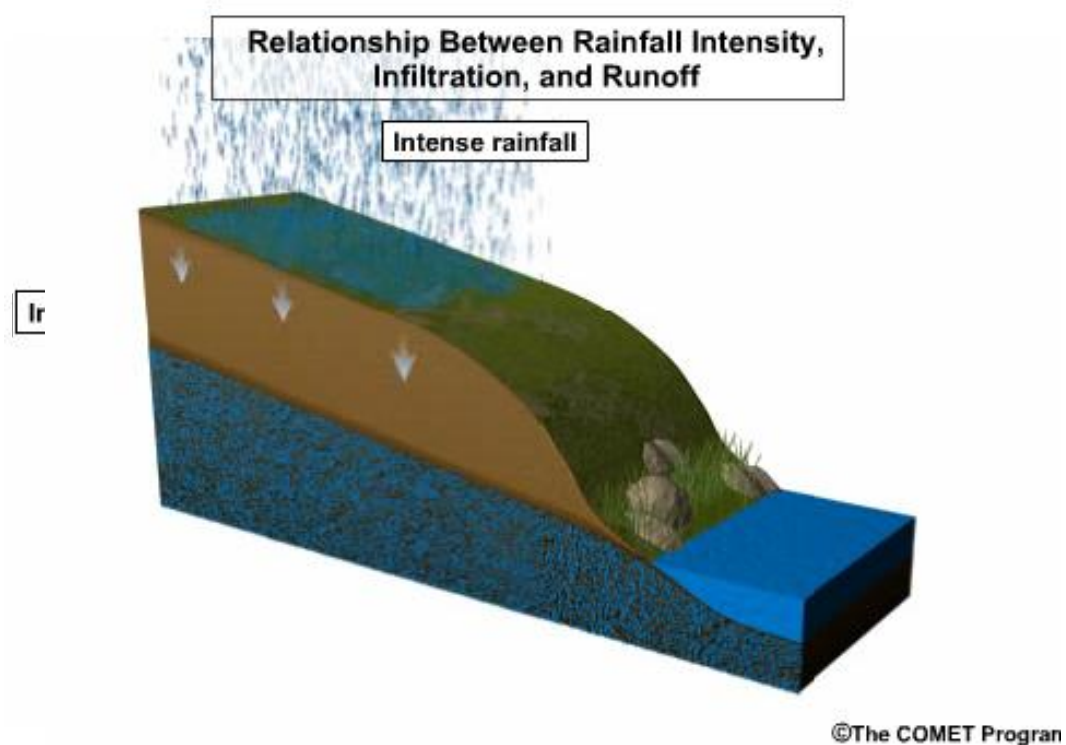


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### 3. Infiltration

### 4. Surface runoff

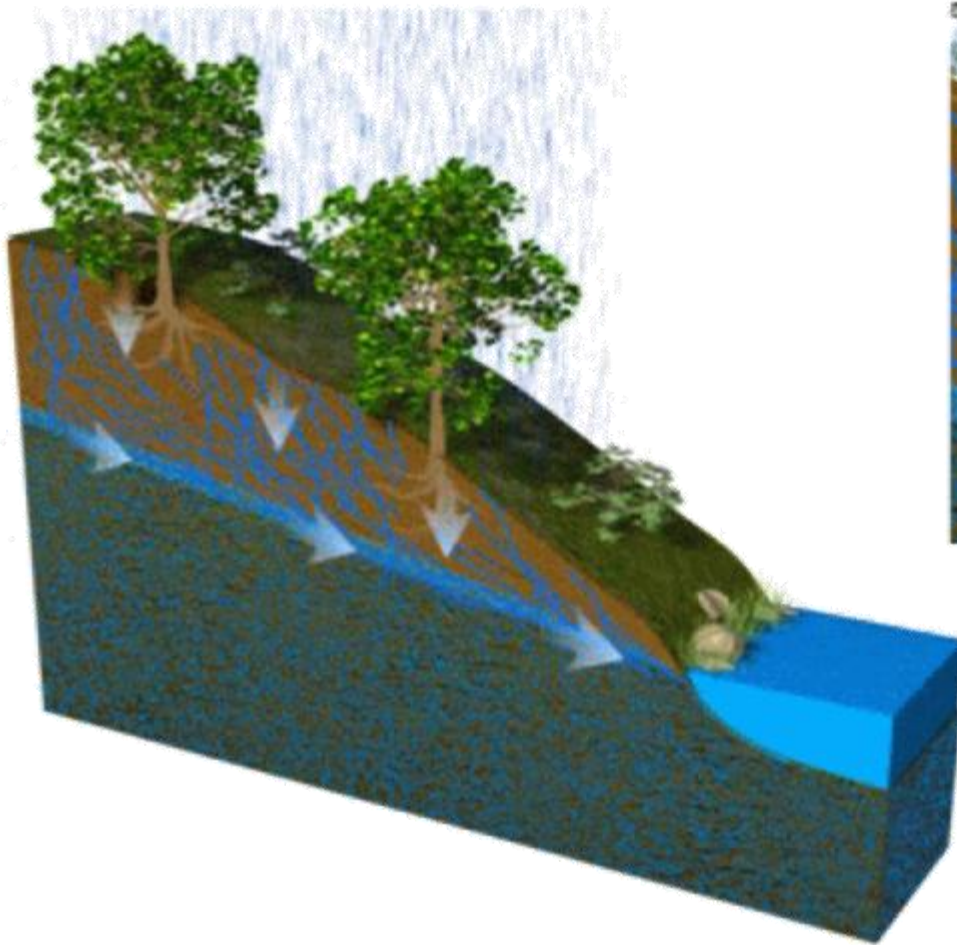
Surface Runoff and Infiltration can occur on the same time



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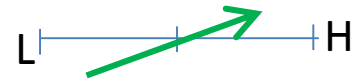
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Sensitive to:

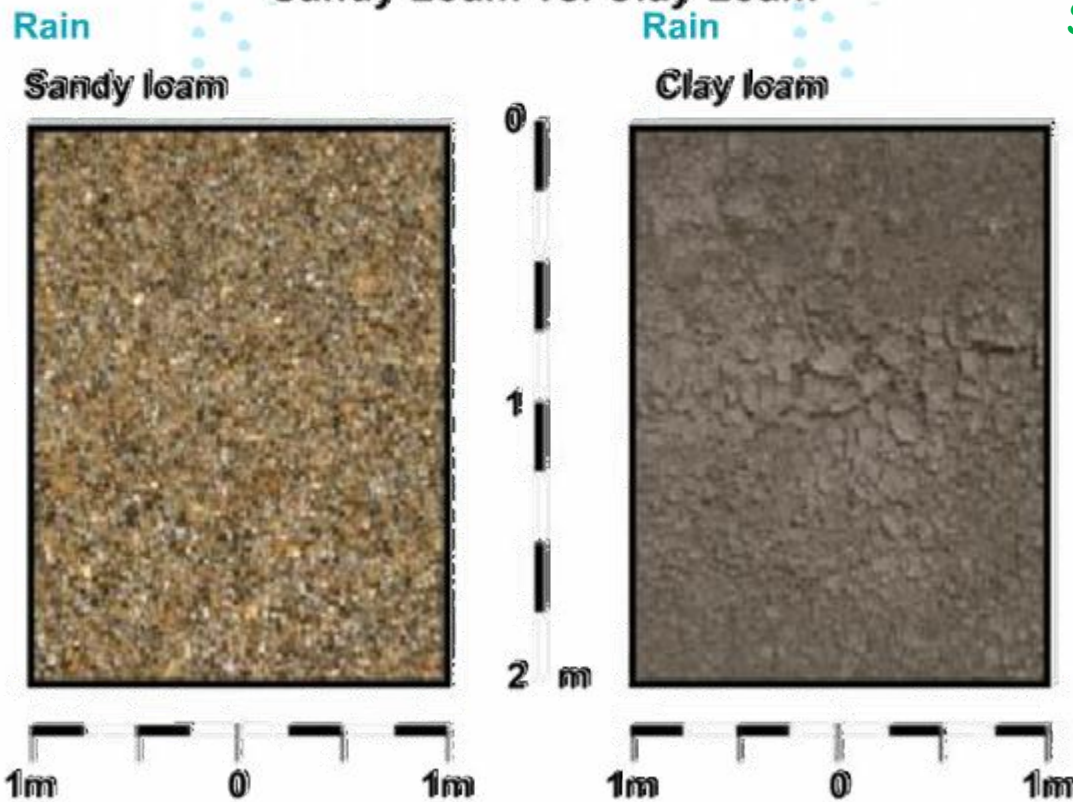
Rainfall intensity



Soil porosity



**Infiltration and Percolation for  
Sandy Loam vs. Clay Loam**



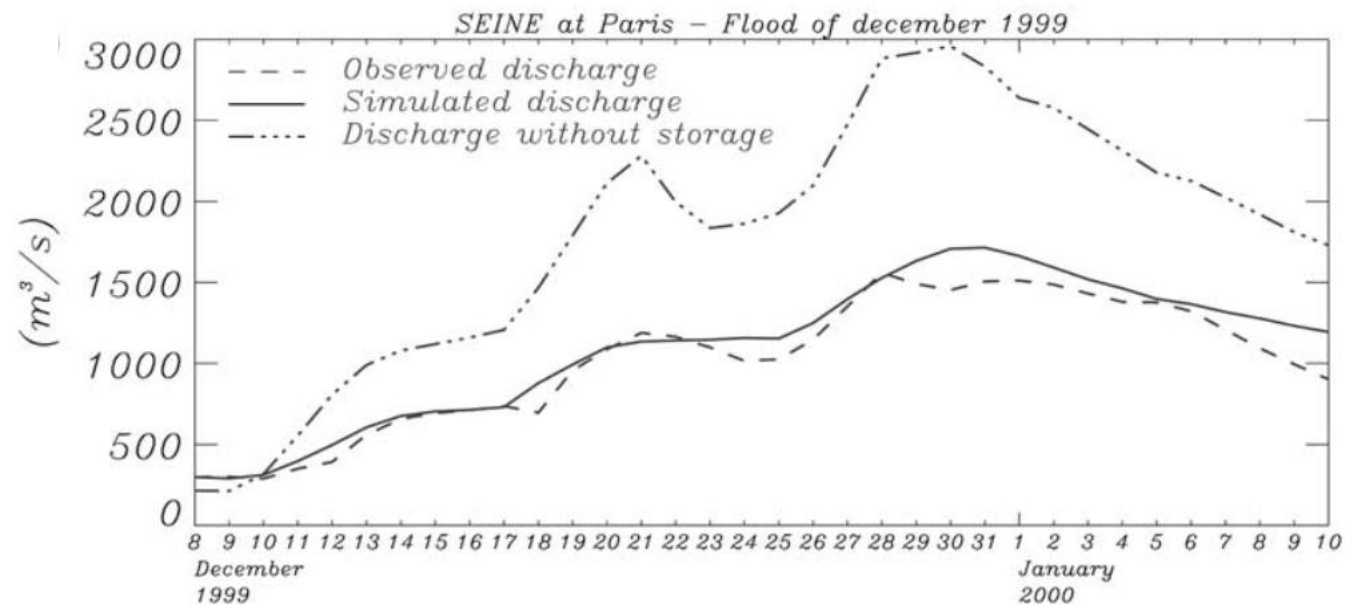
Simulated using Richards equation  
or some simplifications :  
Green & Ampt (1911) → Infiltration front



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### 3. Infiltration

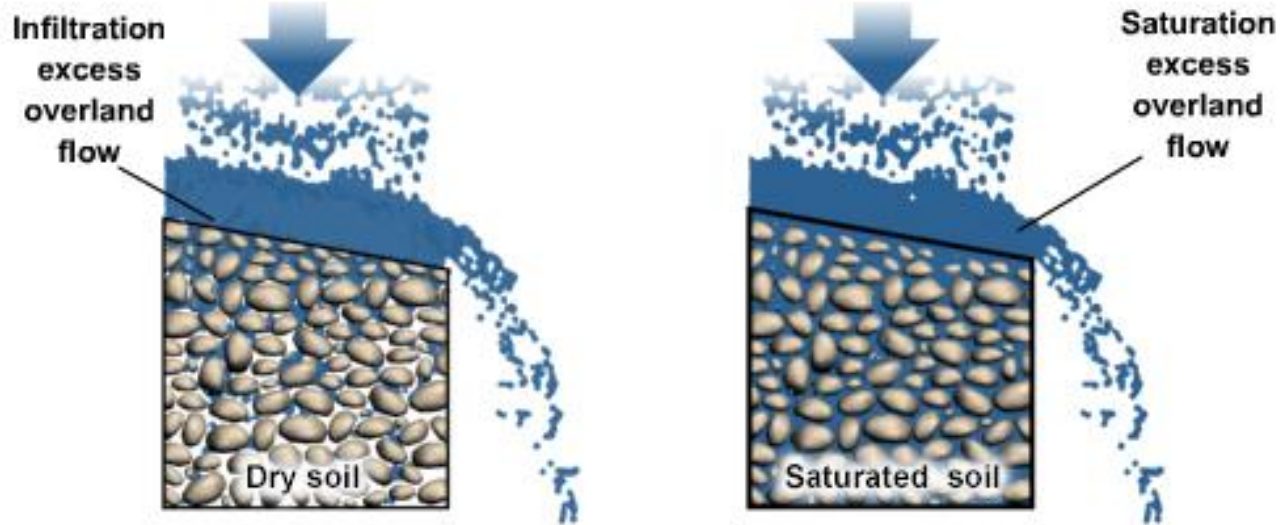
Infiltration to groundwater can decrease flood intensity  
Example in the Seine Basin



## 2. Water cycle: back to processes

### 4. Surface runoff

Two types of surface runoff:



Note: Enlarged soil particles are not drawn to scale.

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Sensitive to:

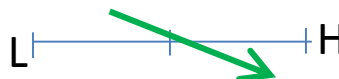
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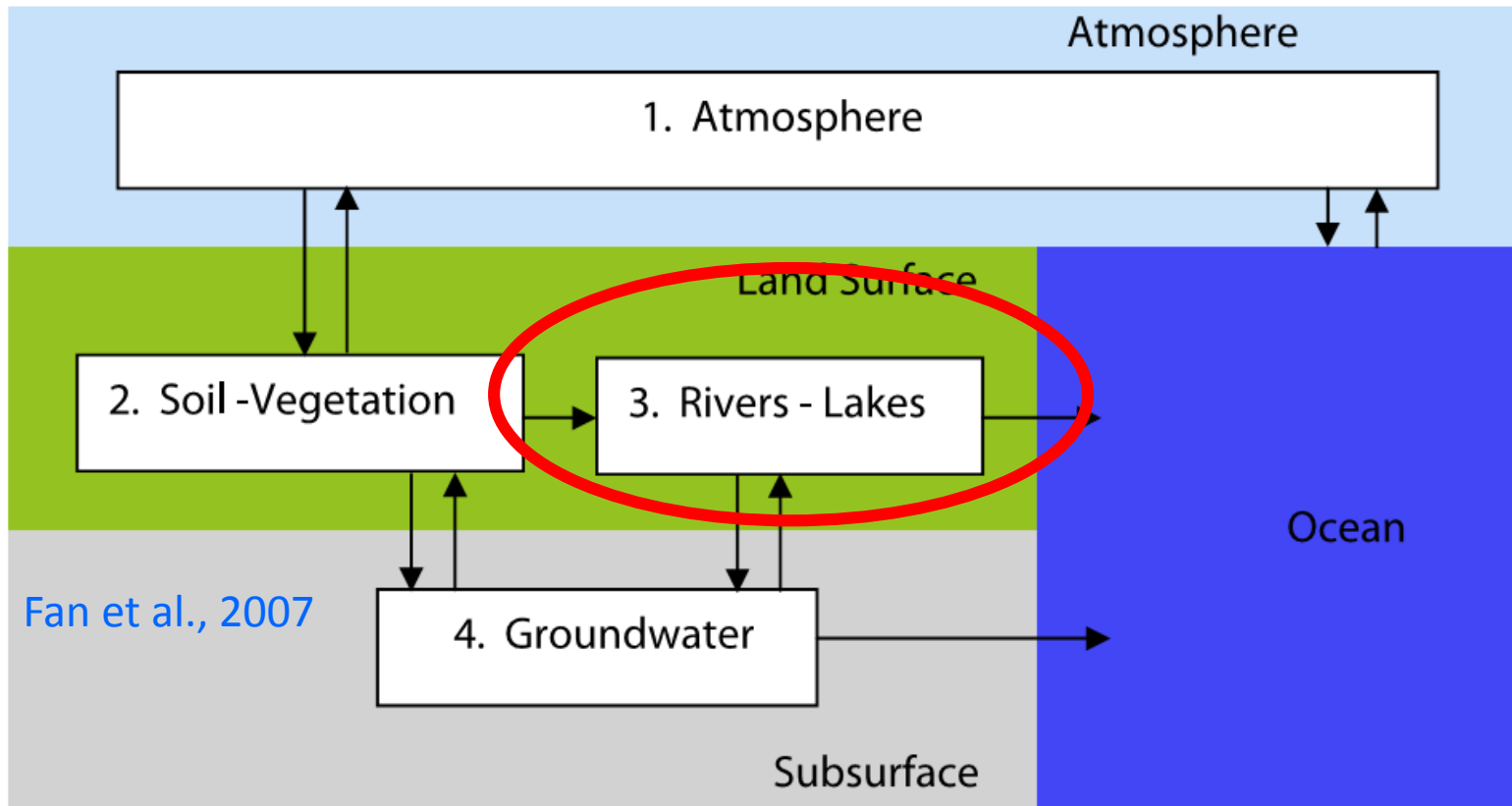
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Simulated using Horton (infiltration excess) or Dune (saturation excess) processes

## 2. Water cycle: back to processes

Focus on river flow

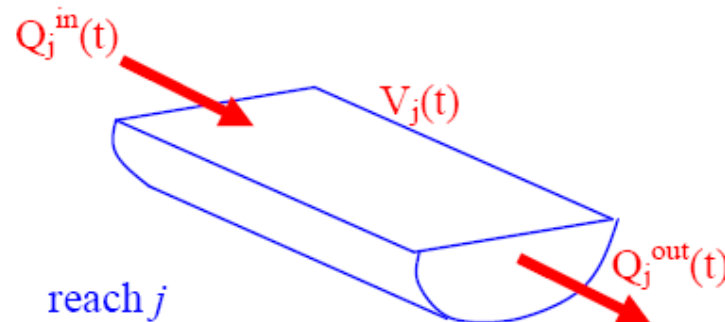


# 2. Water cycle: back to processes

## River routing

Several approaches: Saint Venant equation, diffusive wave, Muskingum approach

$$V_j(t) = K_j \cdot (x_j \cdot Q_j^{in}(t) + (1 - x_j) \cdot Q_j^{out}(t))$$



(David et al., 2011, HP, JHM)

### RAPID Routing model

- estimation of water volume and riverflows on every reaches
- adapted to large scale basin with high spatial resolution
- ➔ Few parameters, inversion process included
- ➔ numerical efficiency (parallel computation)





# 2. Water cycle: back to processes

## River routing

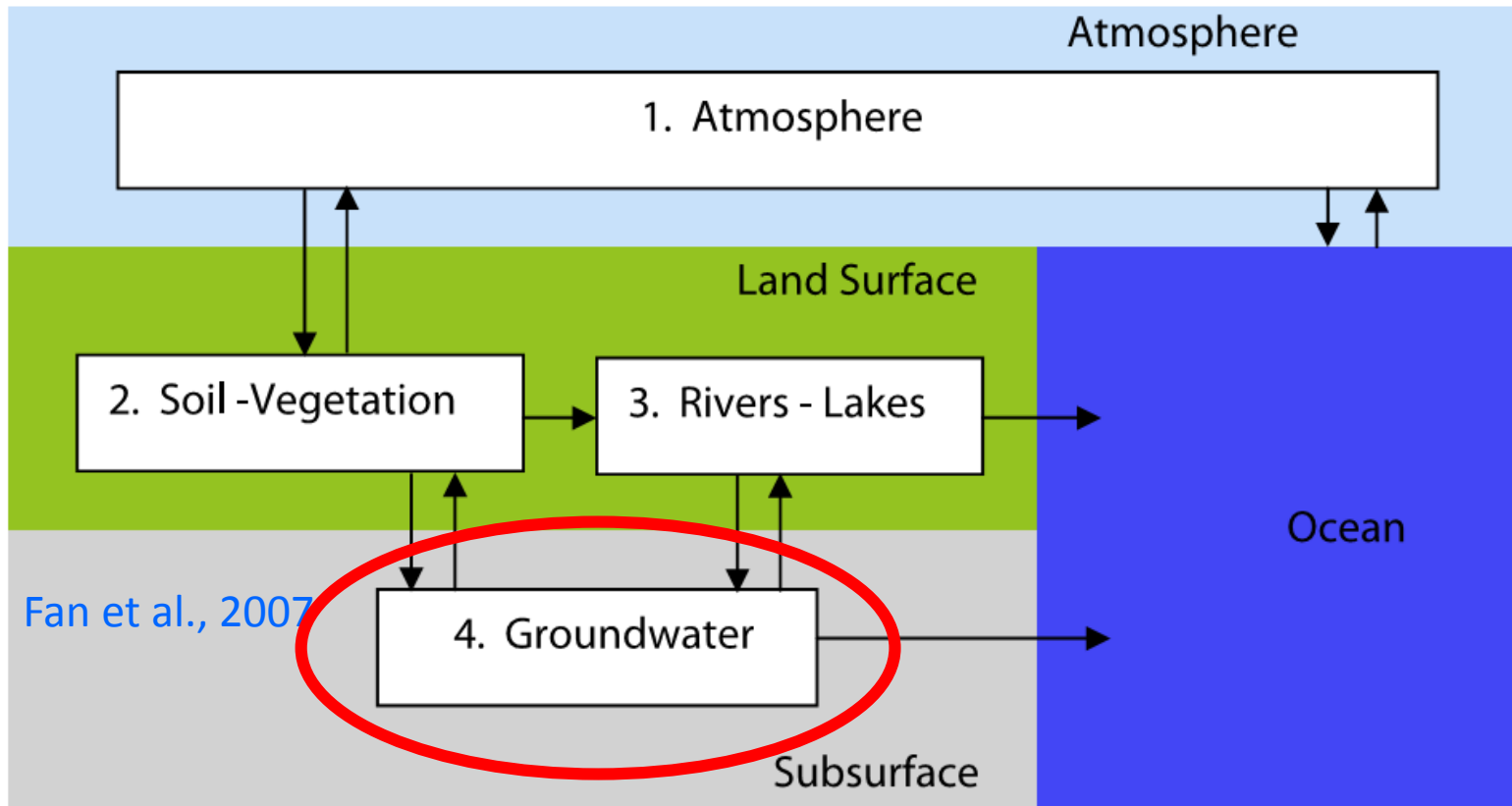
Illustration of the Rapid Model

(David et al., 2011, HP, JHM)



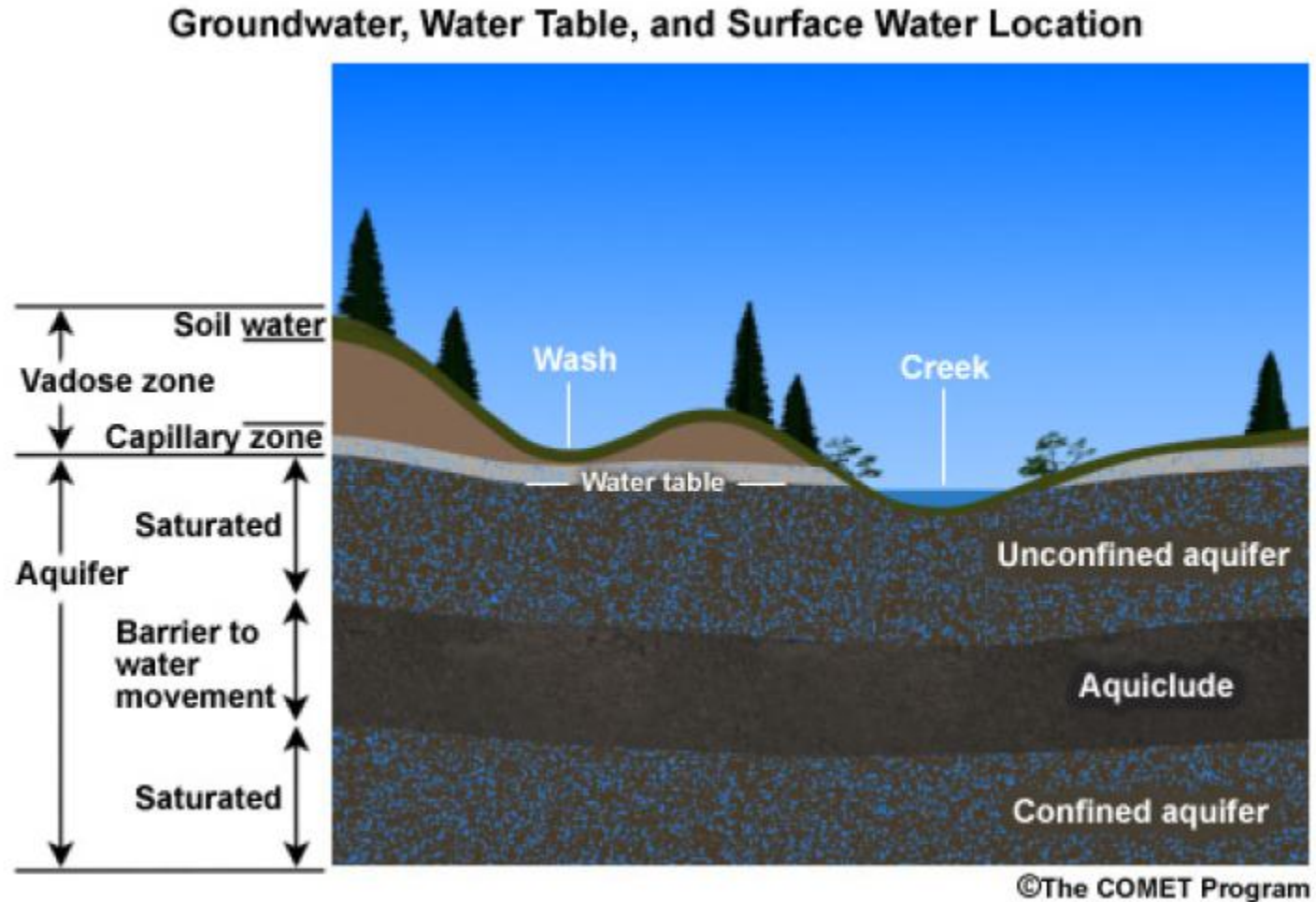
## 2. Water cycle: back to processes

Focus on groundwater



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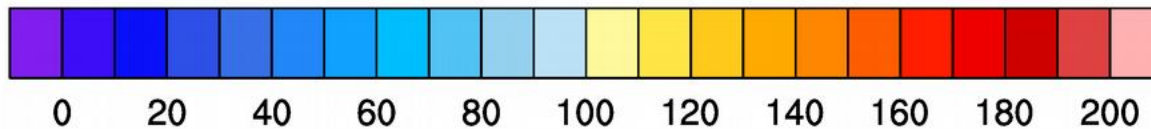
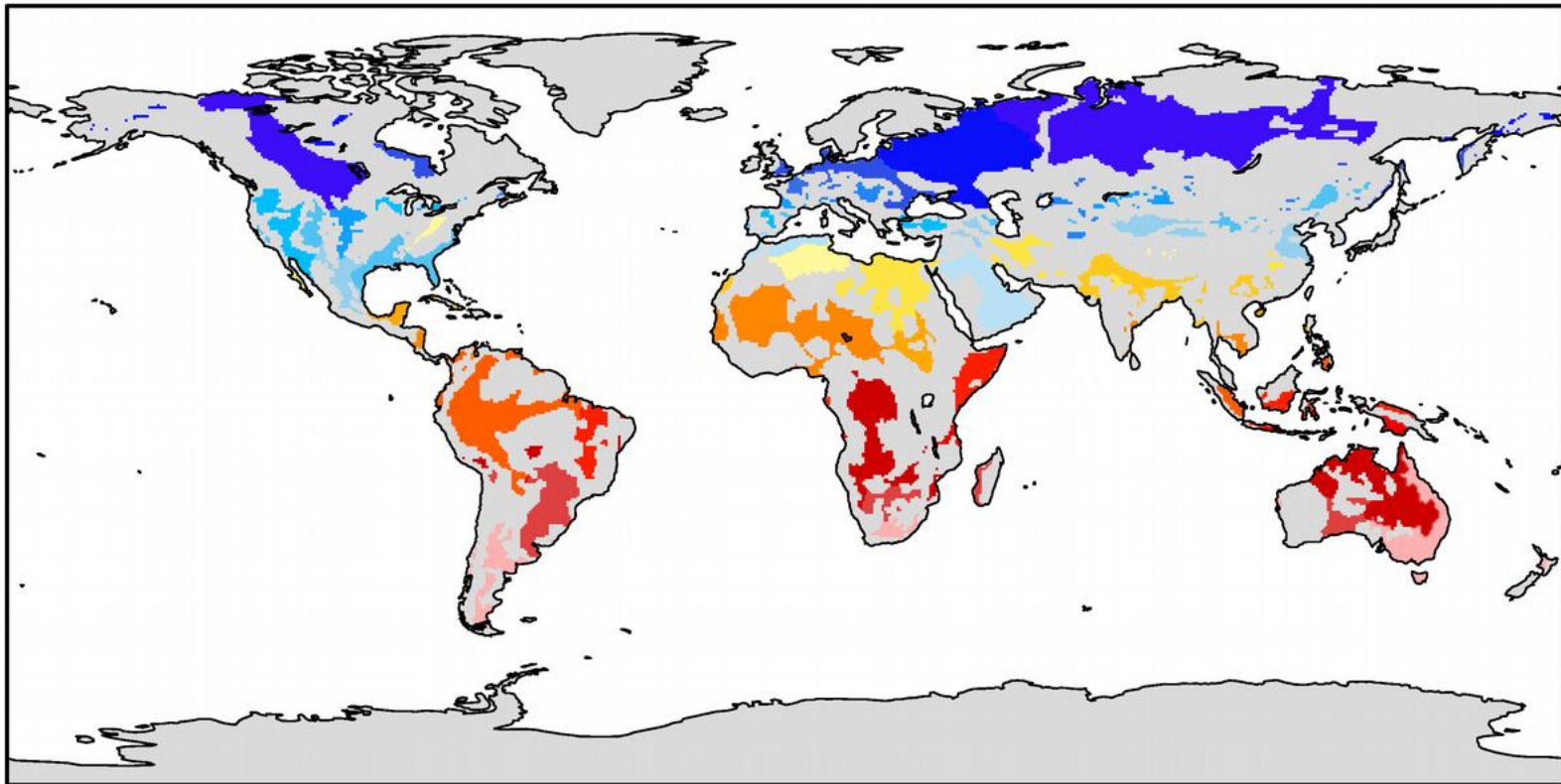
Zoom on groundwater





## 2. Water cycle: back to processes

Main groundwater basins



## 2. Water cycle: back to processes

### Darcy's law



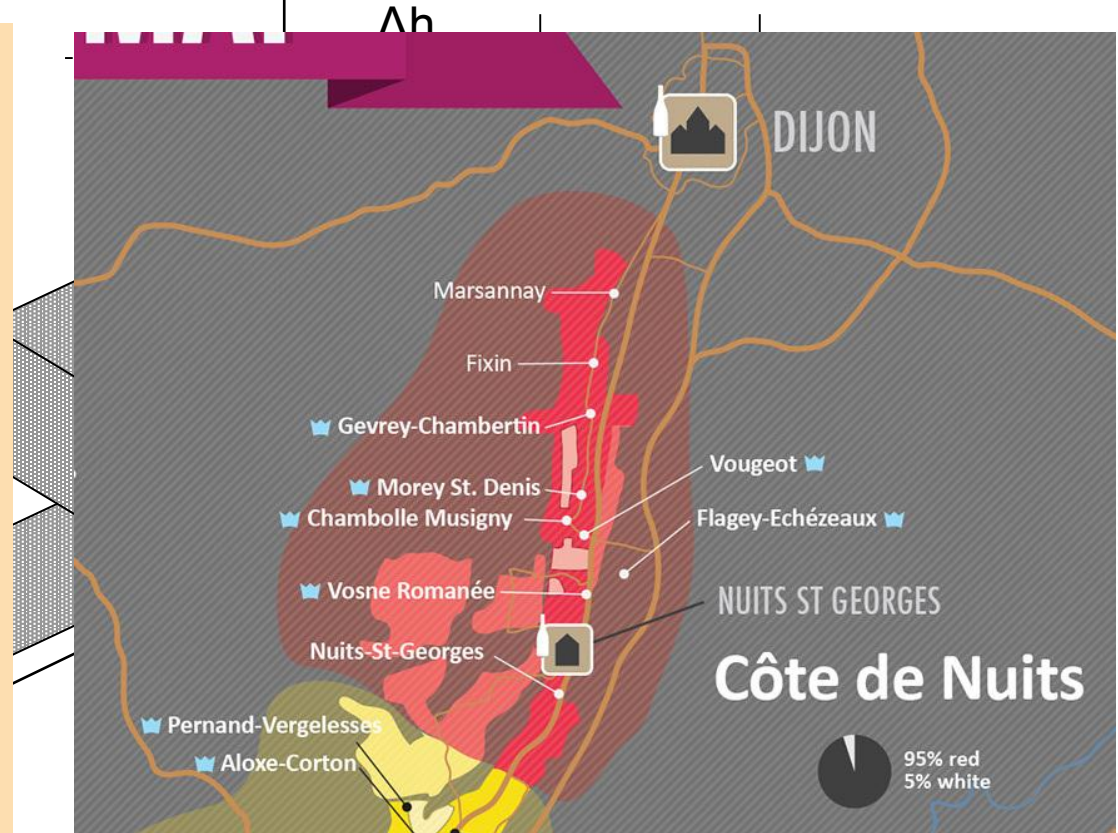
Henry Darcy

Les fontaines publiques  
de la ville de Dijon  
(Éd. 1856)



hachette  
LIVRE

(BnF)



$$V = -K \text{ grad}(h)$$

gradient



## 2. Water cycle: back to processes

### Groundwater flow (2D)

Confined or unconfined aquifer

$$\omega \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\bar{K}(h - z_{sub}) \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\bar{K}(h - z_{sub}) \frac{\partial h}{\partial y}) + \bar{f}$$

#### Parameters

$\omega$  : Porosity or storage coefficient (x)

$K$ : Hydraulic conductivité hydraulique ou transmissivité (x)

$z_{sub}$  : substratum elevation (unconfined aquifer) (x)

$f$  : sink and source (x,t)

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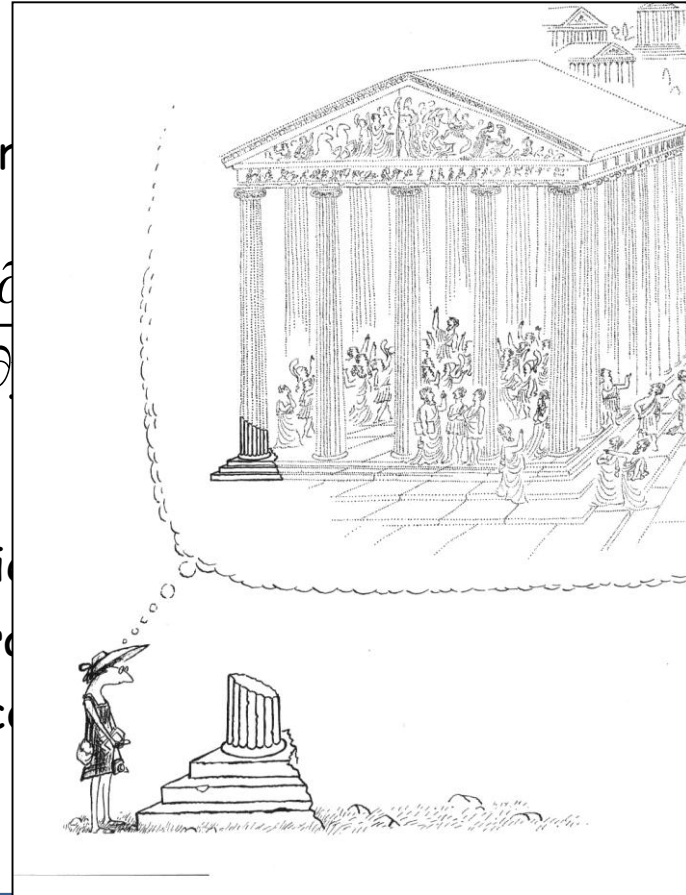
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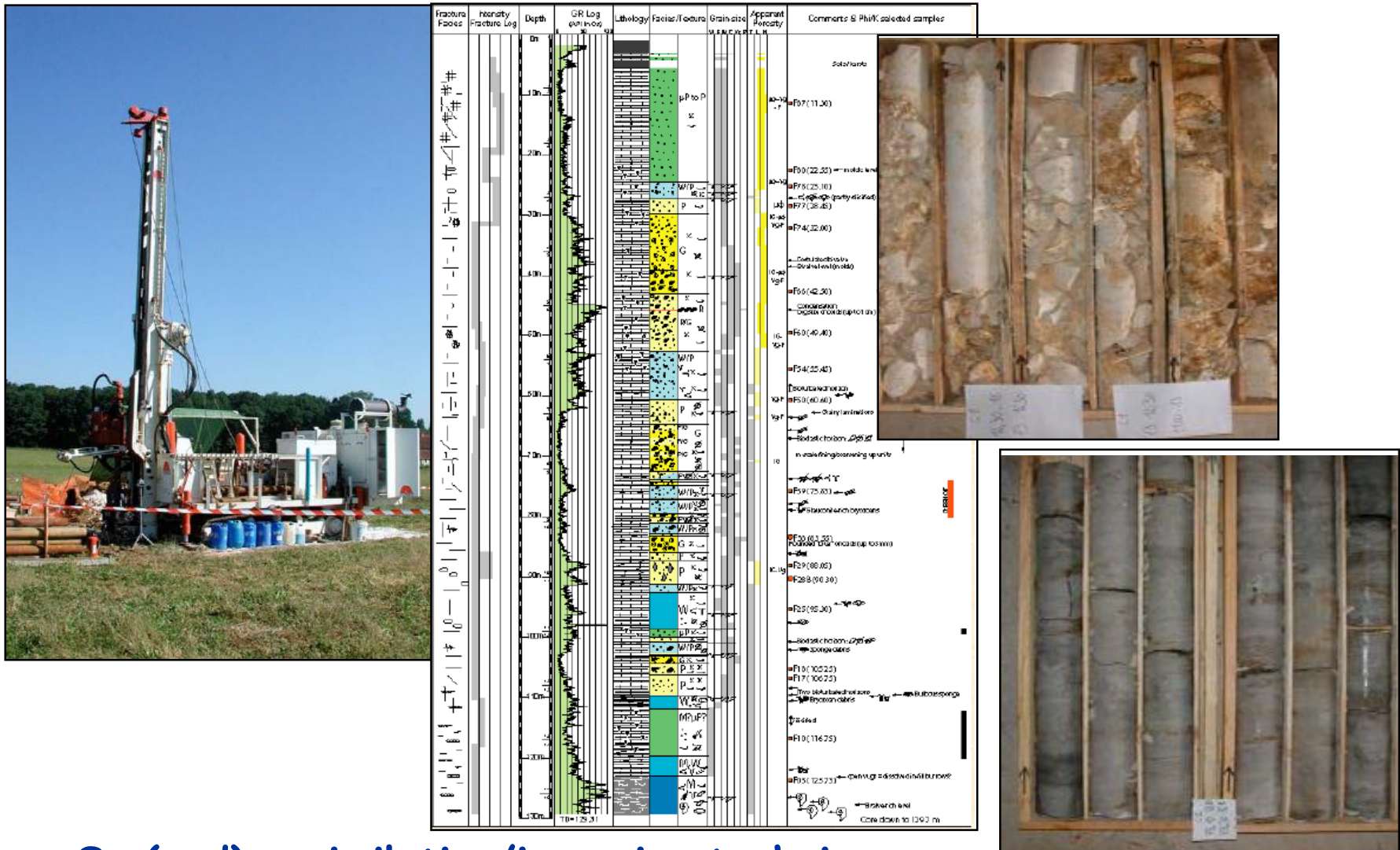
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Problem: how to determine the value of the parameters?

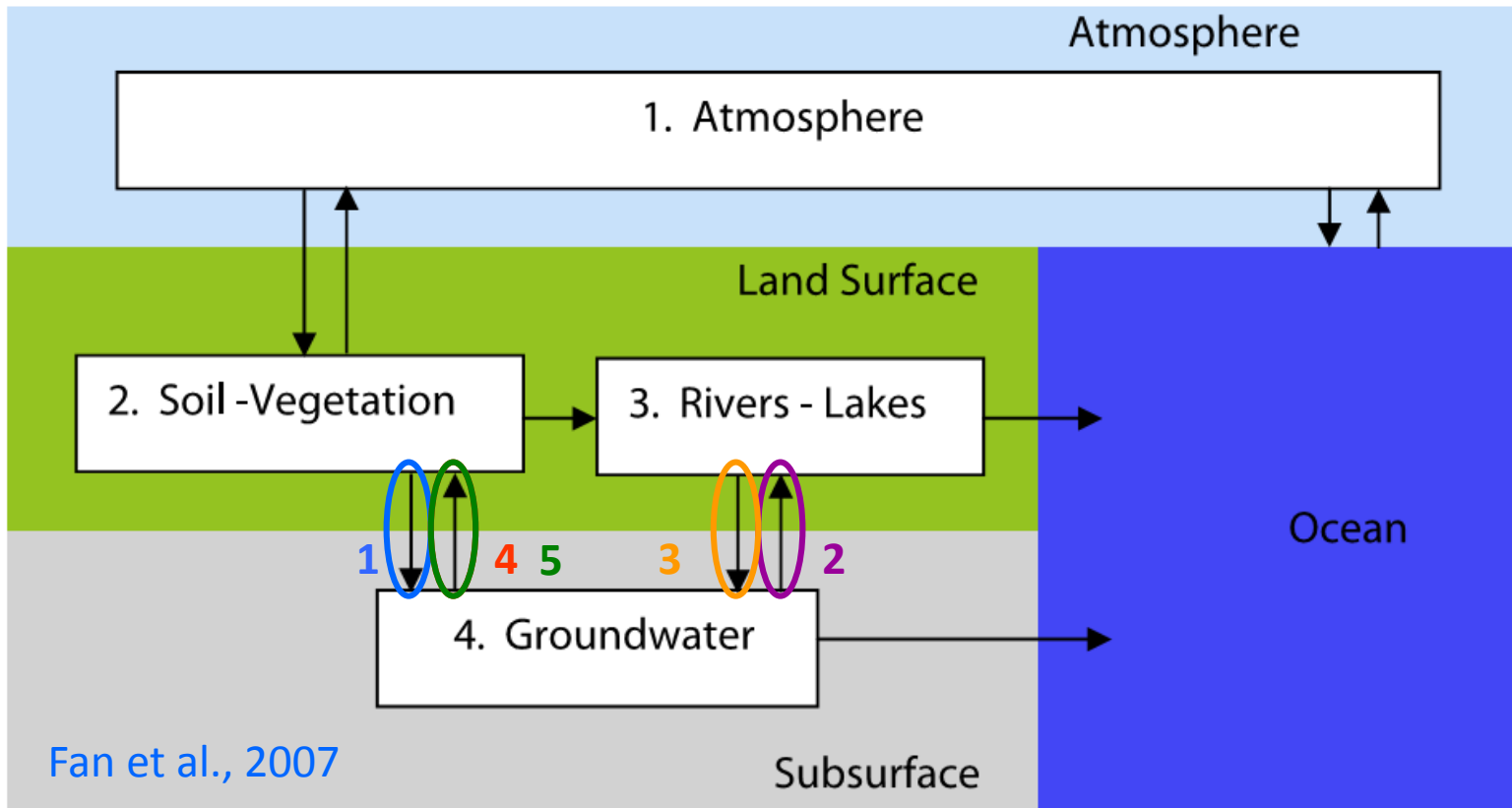
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## Determining groundwater parameters: direct observation



Or (and) assimilation/inversion techniques

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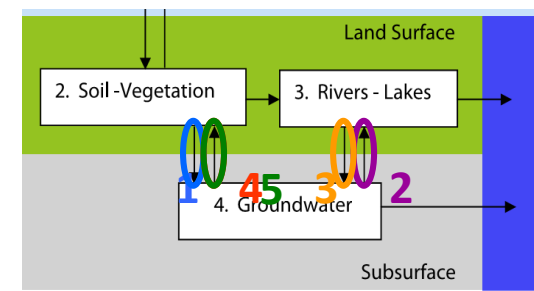


1. Infiltration to the Aquifer
2. Aquifer to river exchange
3. River loss to aquifer
4. Groundwater evaporation loss
5. Groundwater abstraction

# 2. Water cycle: back to processes

## 2. Aquifer to river exchange

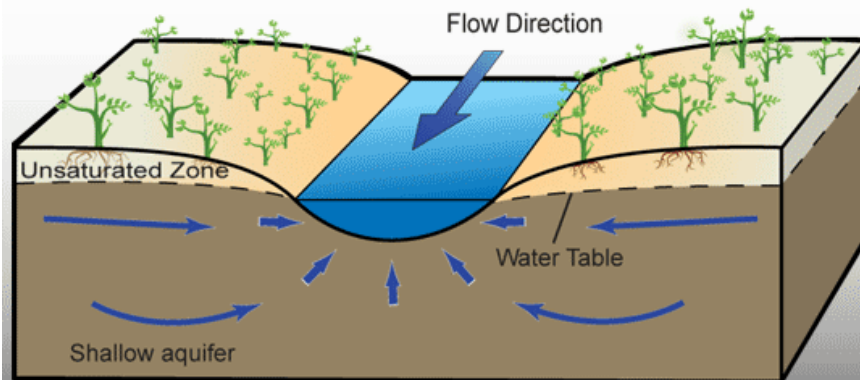
## 3. River loss to aquifer



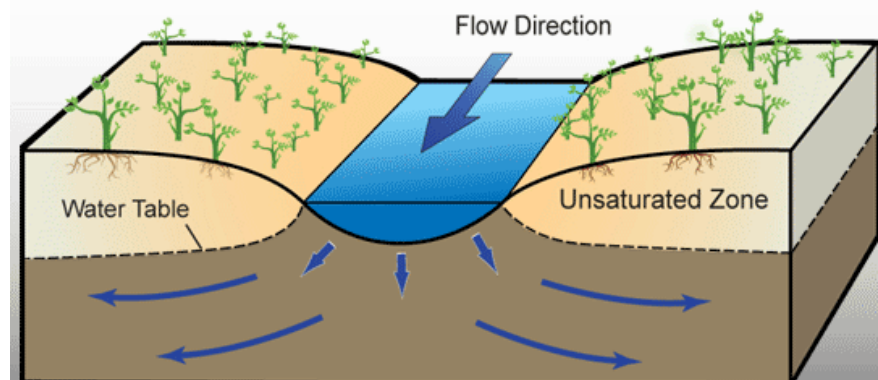
River aquifer interactions are not easy to handle, because of:

- High spatial and temporal variabilities
- Badly known distribution of the effective parameters

Gaining Stream



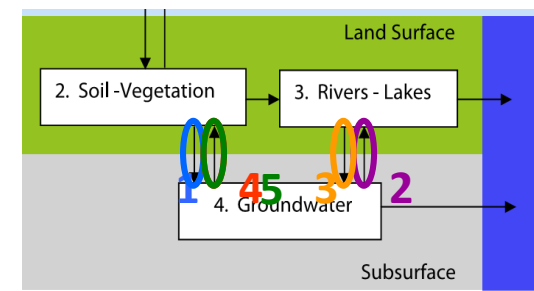
Losing Stream



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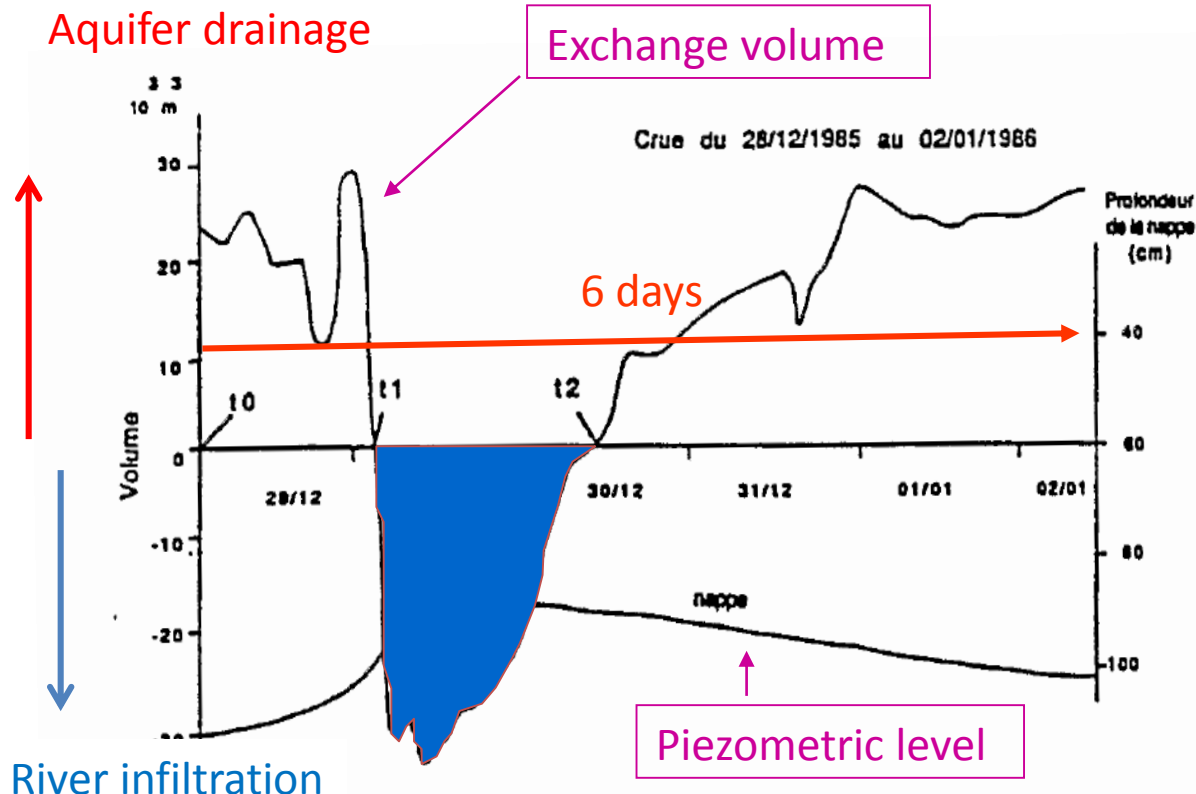


Evidence from observation:

Water balance in the Rhine upper alluvial basin

Aquifer to river exchange volume during a **flood event** in 1986

(Estèves, 1988)



River to aquifer infiltration:  
14% of the river flood peak

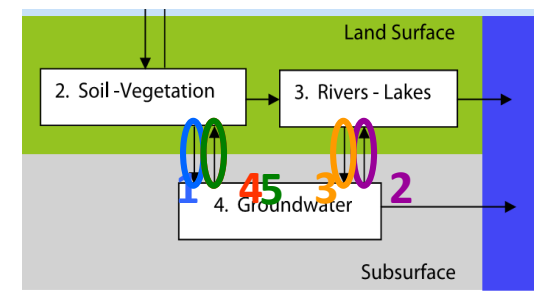
Figure 6 : Volumes d'eau échangés et variations du niveau piézométrique de la nappe au point P2 lors d'une crue.



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## 2. Aquifer to river exchange

## 3. River loss to aquifer



$$Q_{exch_{river-aquifer}} = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} C_{riv} \cdot (H_0 - h) \\ Q_{max} \\ V/\Delta t \end{array} \right.$$

Transfer coefficient

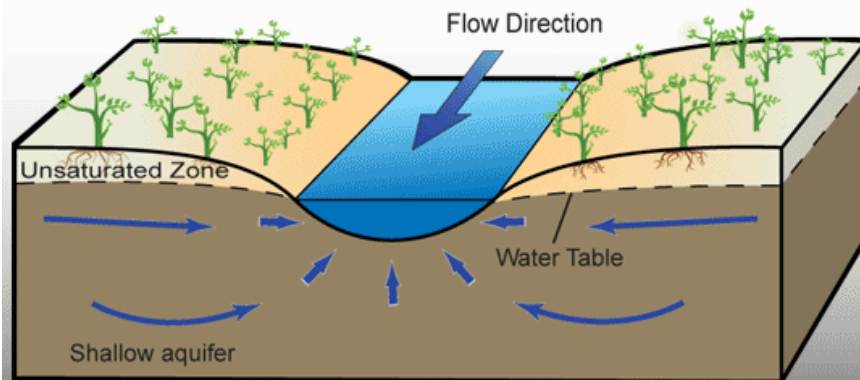
River level

Piezometric level

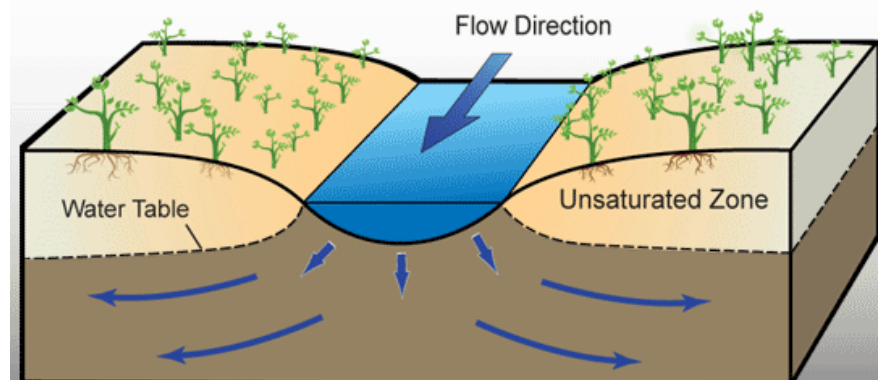
Maximum infiltration rate

Volume of water in the river

Gaining Stream



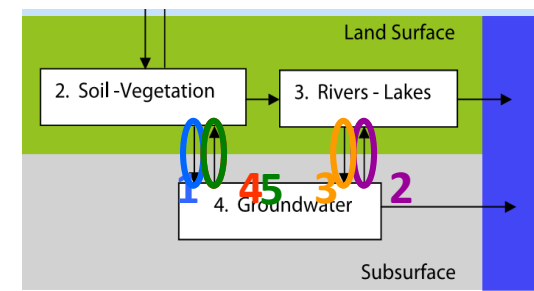
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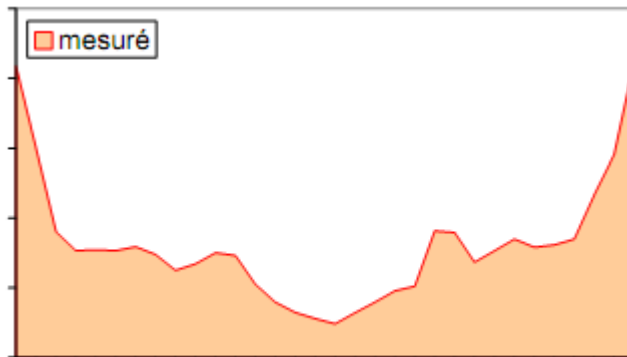
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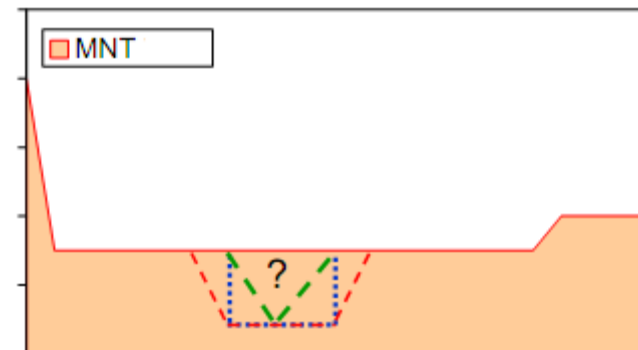


Sensitivity of the river level simulated by an hydraulic model to the river bed geometry

Observed river bed geometry



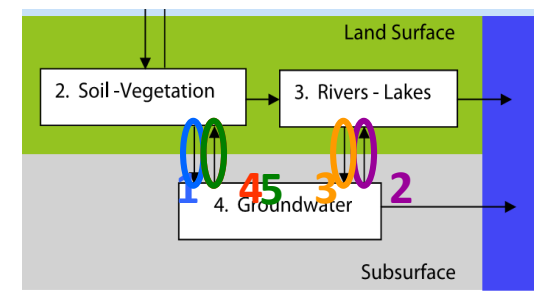
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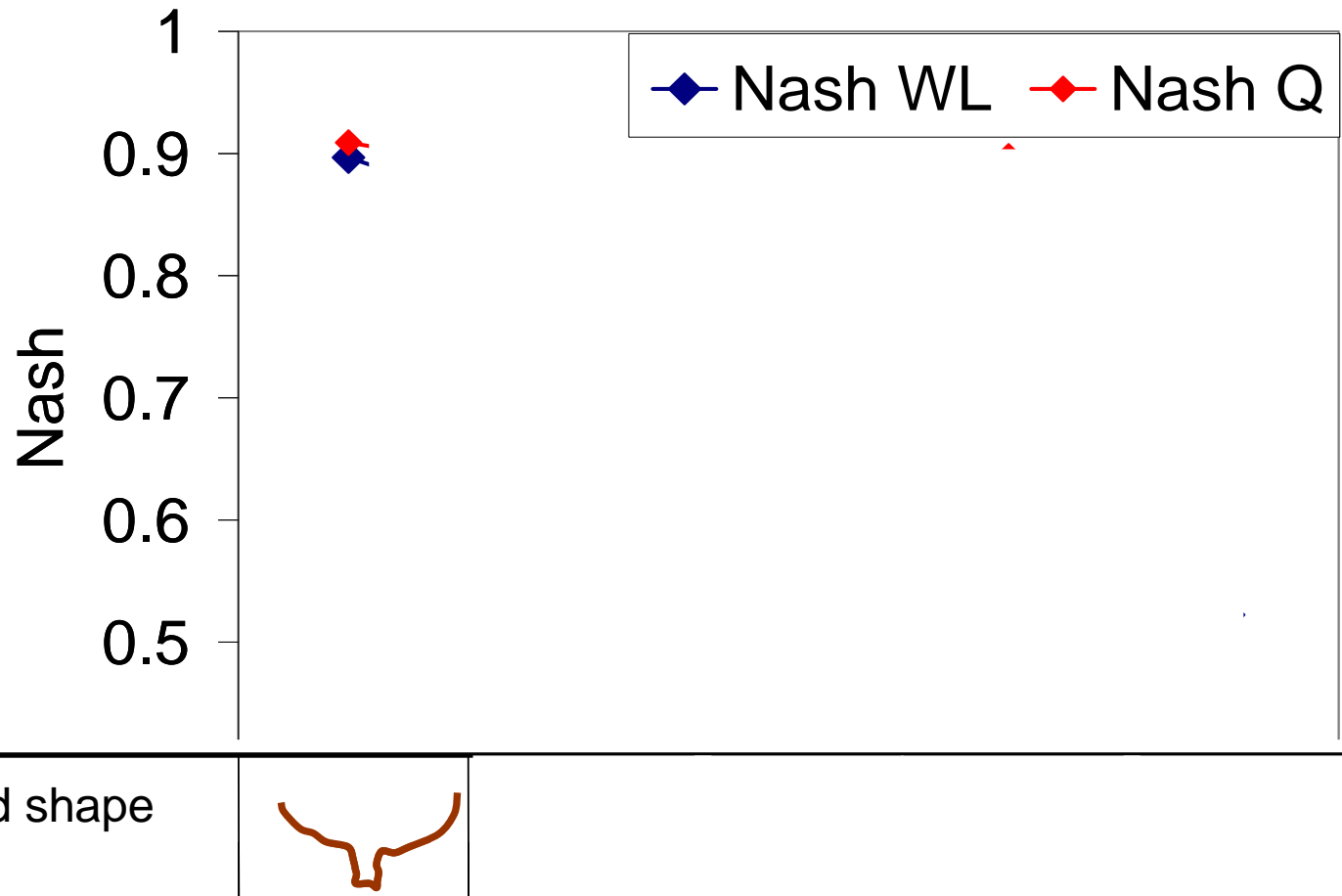
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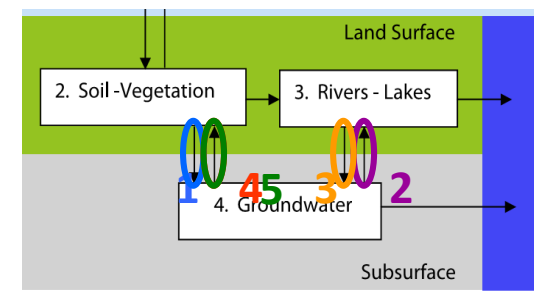


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River level estimation at regionale scale



SWOT mission : Surface Water and Ocean Topography



This satellite mission will provide high resolution water level

<http://swot.jpl.nasa.gov/>

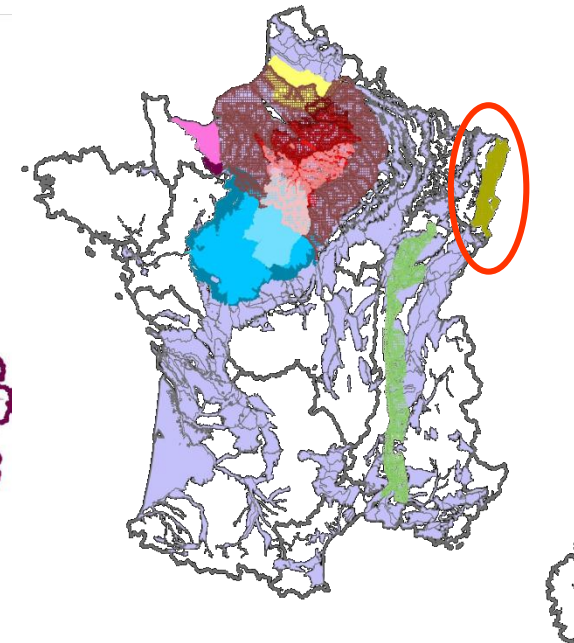
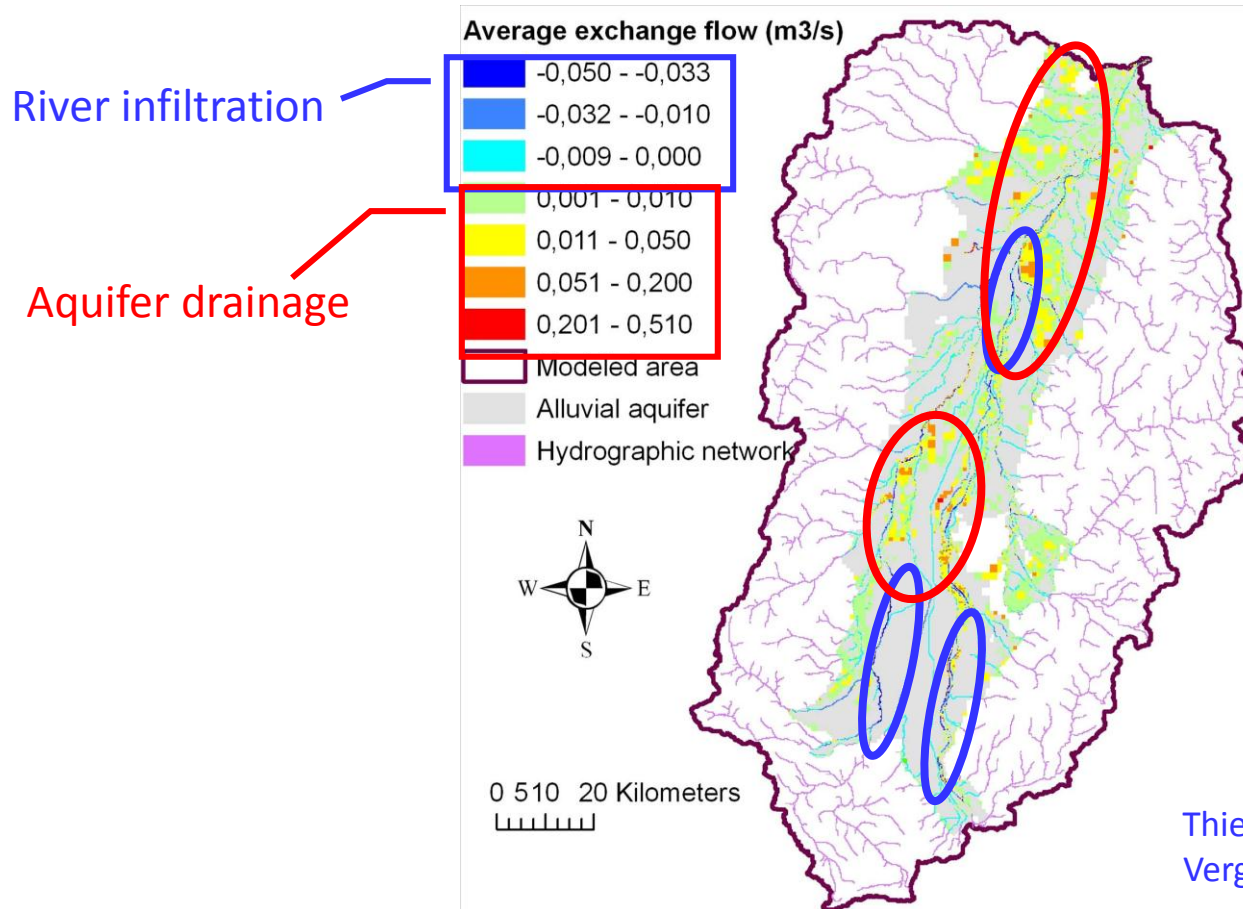
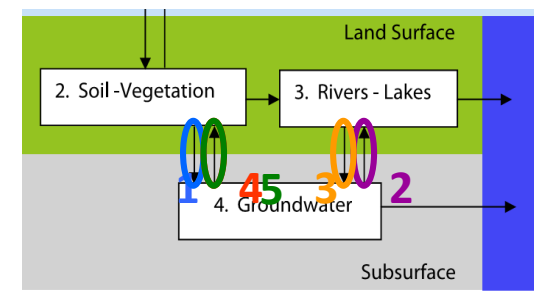
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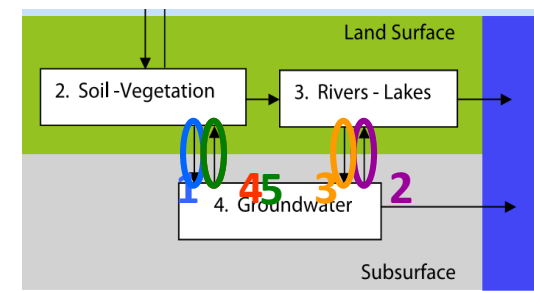
## 3. River loss to aquifer

### Spatial variabilities:

Simulation of the river aquifer exchange with variable river levels

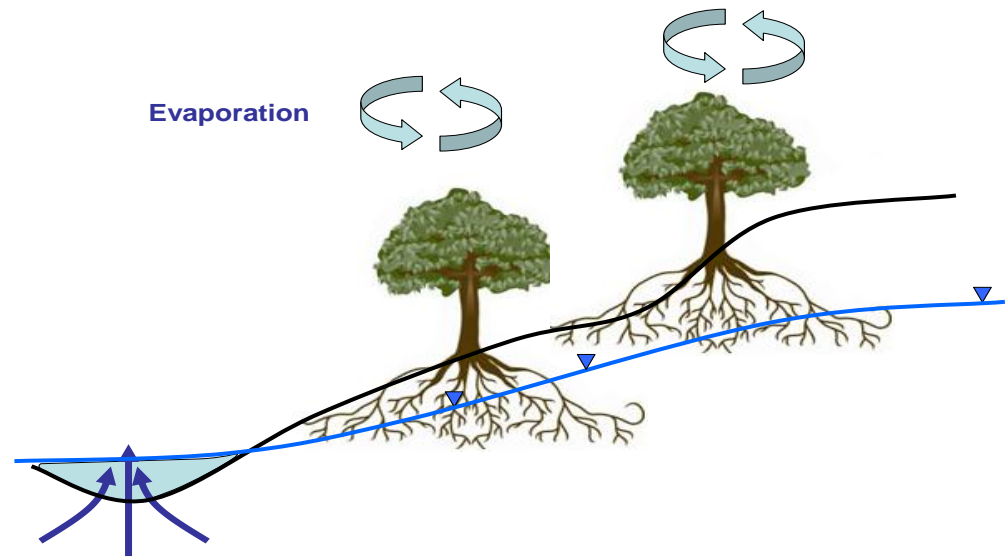


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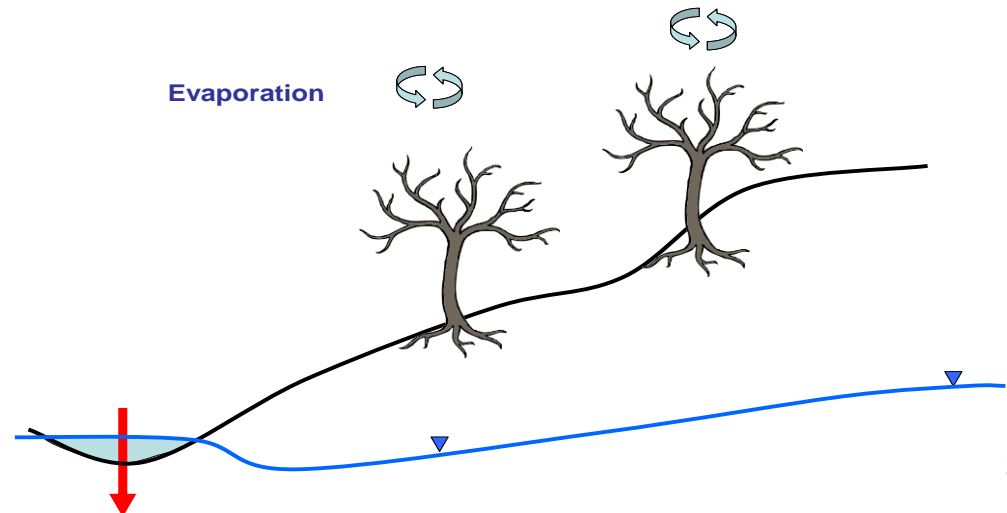


Most of the time, this flux is neglected:

➔ It is implicitly taken into account in the groundwater study



➔ What will happen if the groundwater conditions evolve?





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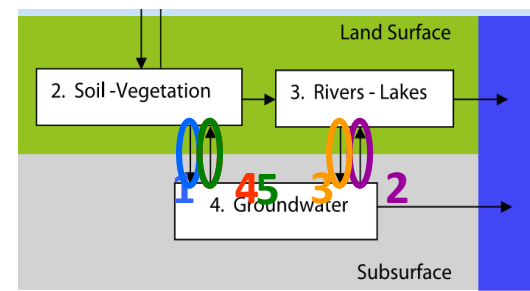
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Estimation based on observations

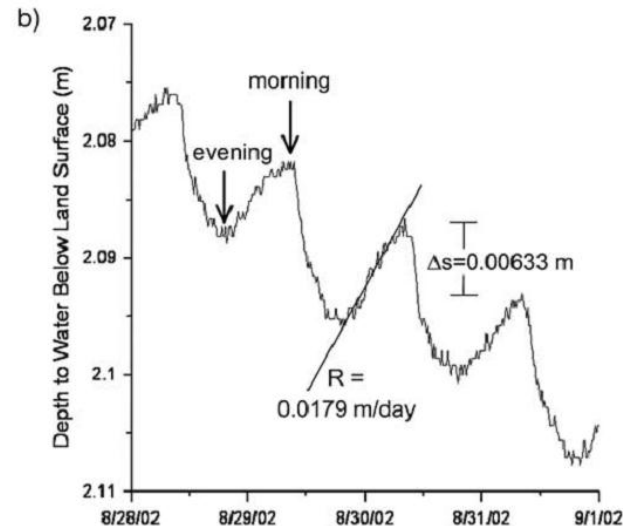
Biochemistry & Isotopic observations

High evaporation losses in the Rhine wetlands

[Sanchez Pérez et al., 2008](#)



High frequency analysis of piezometric change



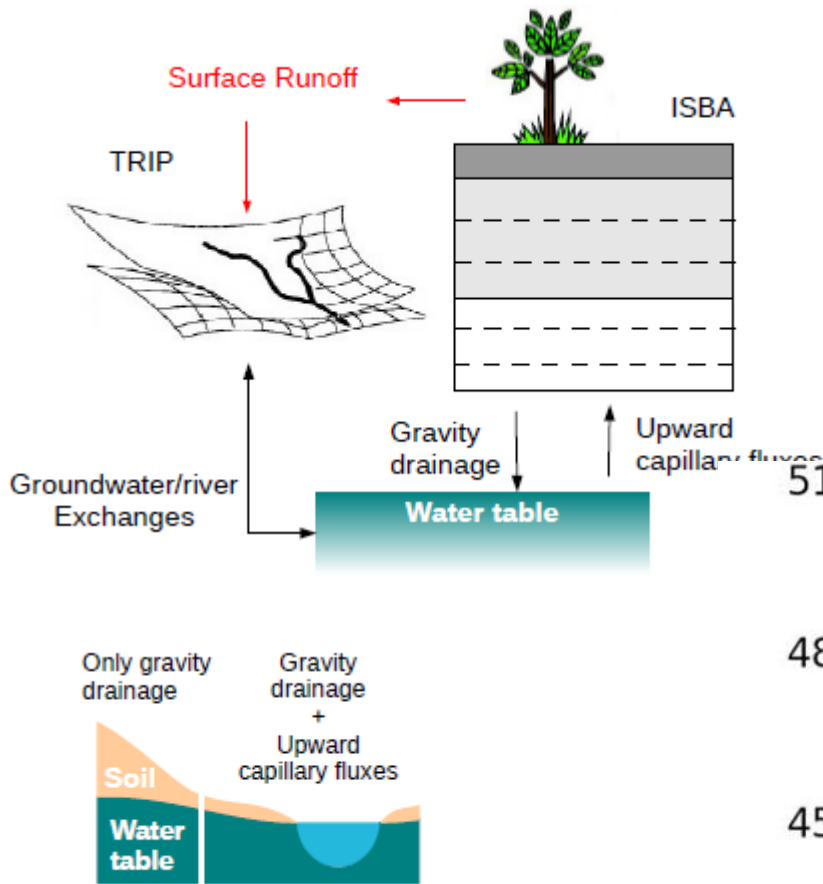
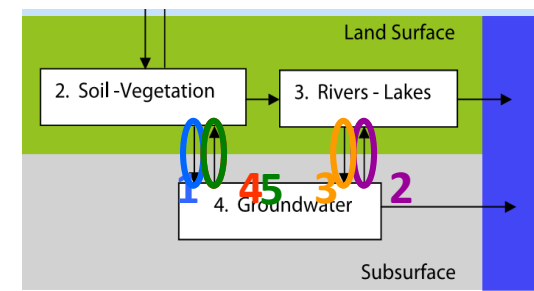
~50% of ETR in the Tagon basin

[Guillot, 2011, Ephyse](#)

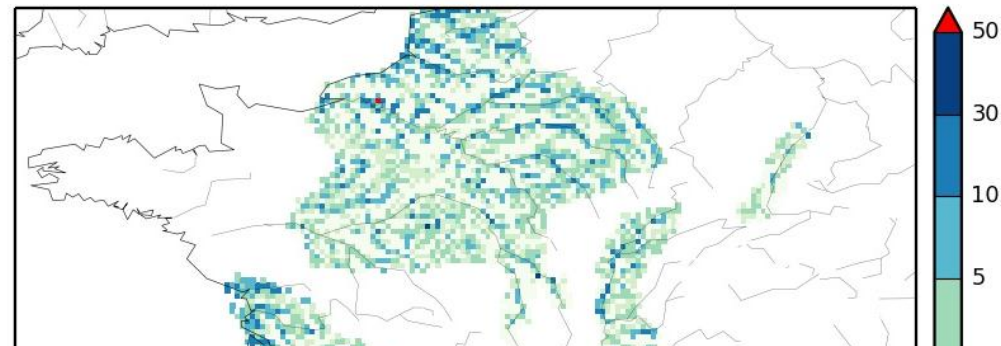
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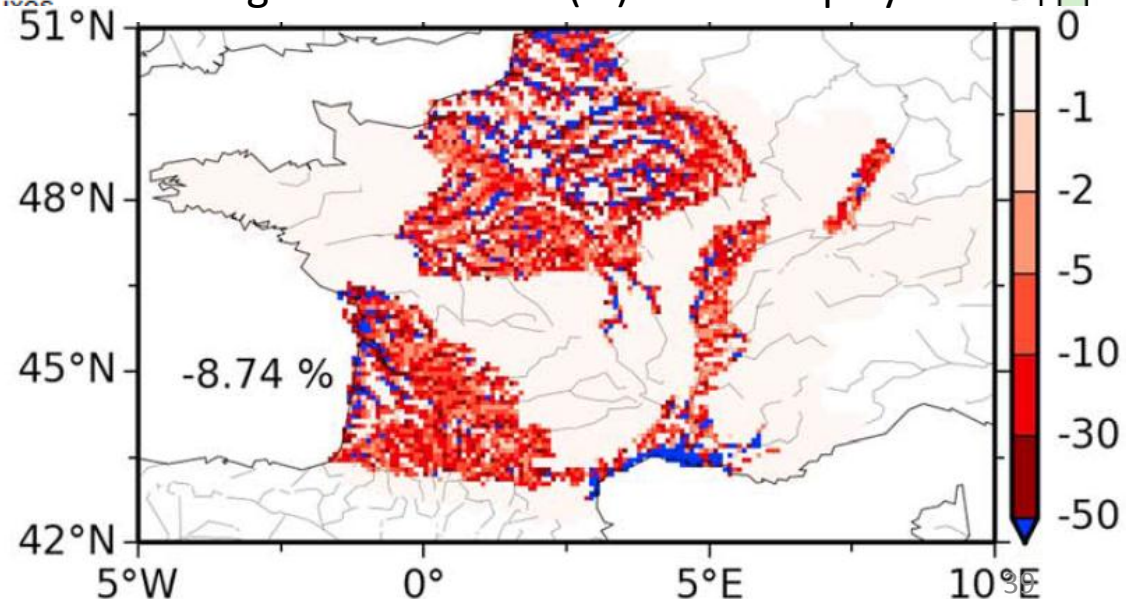
Estimation based on modeling



Change in evaporation (%) due to capillary rise



Change in infiltration (%) due to capillary rise

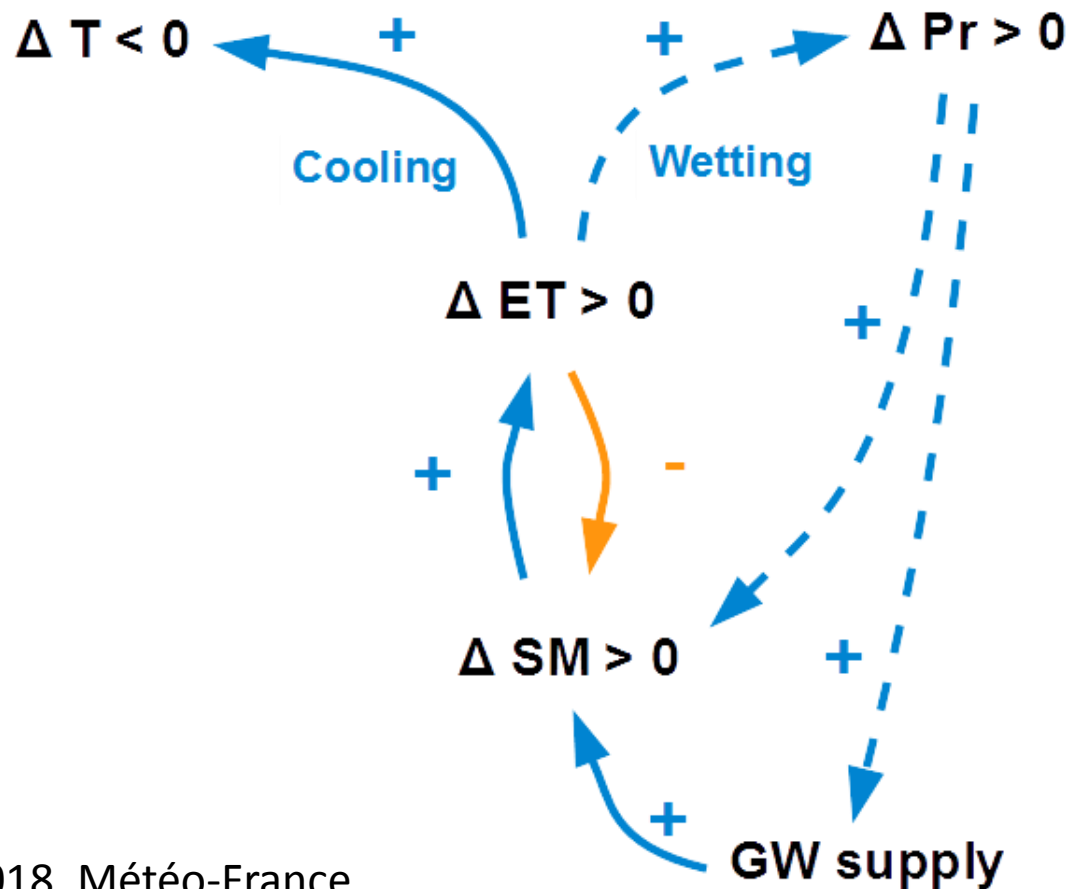


About 9% on average but locally above 50%

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### 4. Groundwater evaporation loss → Feedback to atmosphere

Cooling and wetting effects : mechanism



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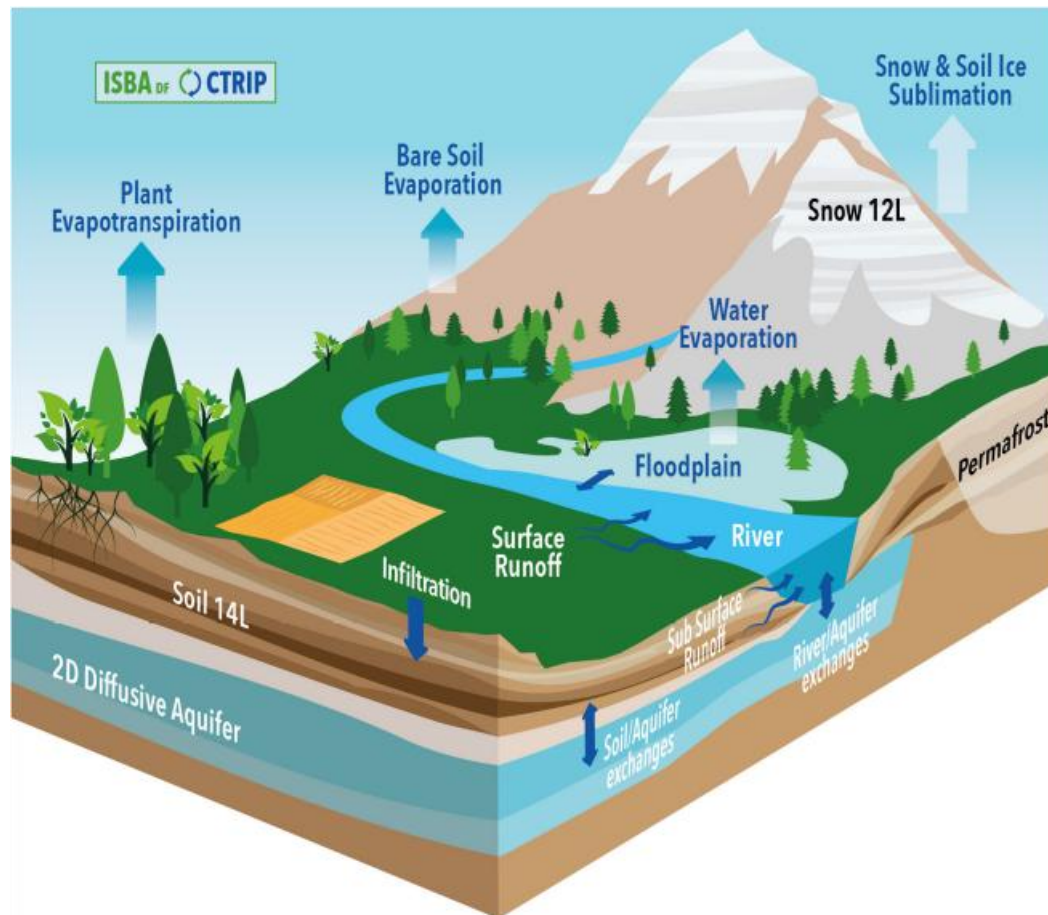
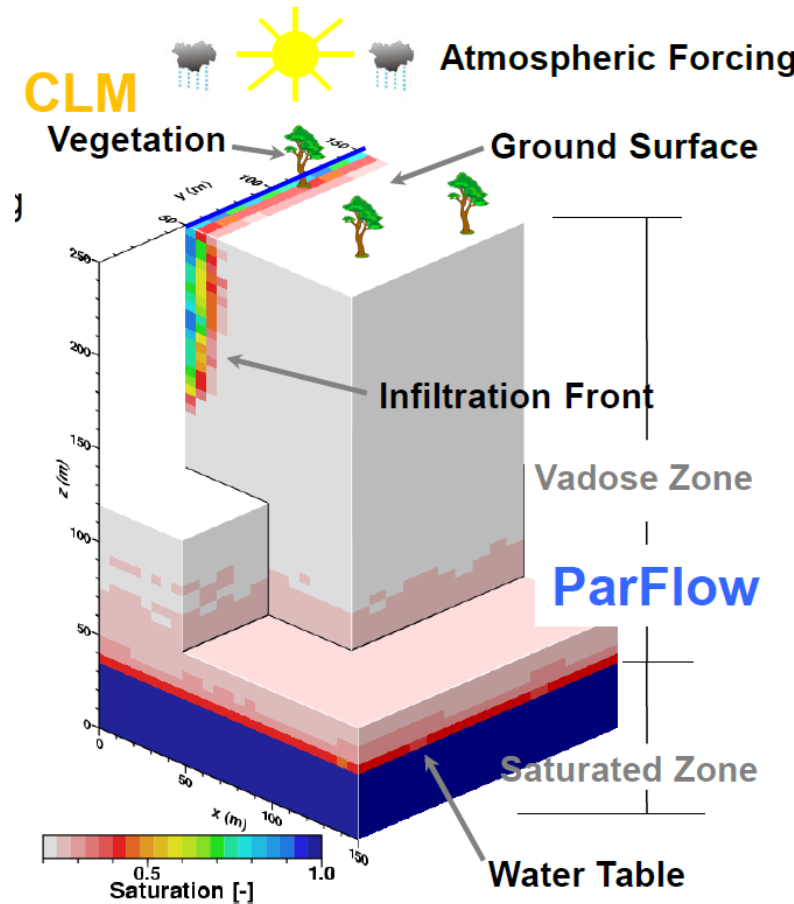
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Several coupled Groundwater Atmosphere model are getting developed

*Decharme et al. 2018 (in prep)*  
CNRM-CM

TerrSysMP Kuntz et al.,  
2016, Kollet et al., 2018

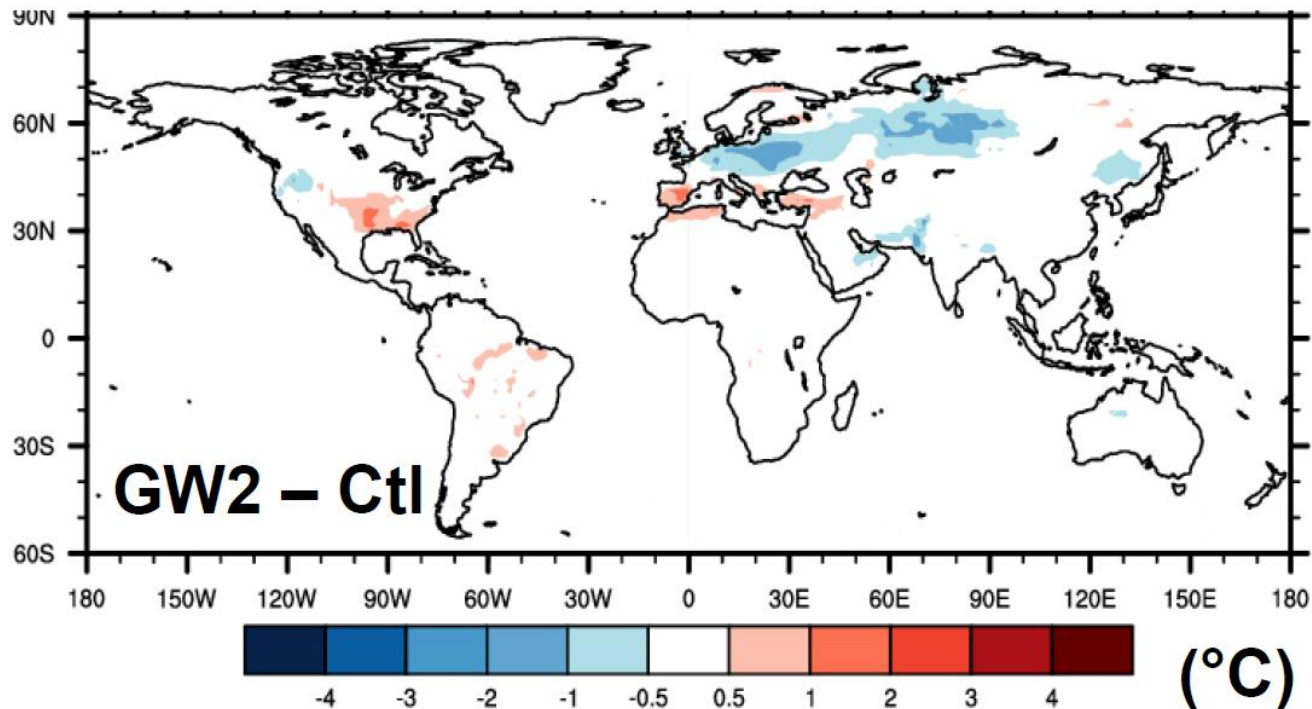
**COSMO**



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Impact of Groudwater in the context of climate change with CNRM-CM



=> Up to -2 °C

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- 3. Impact of human activities**



# 3. Anthropogenic impacts on the water cycle

Direct impacts:

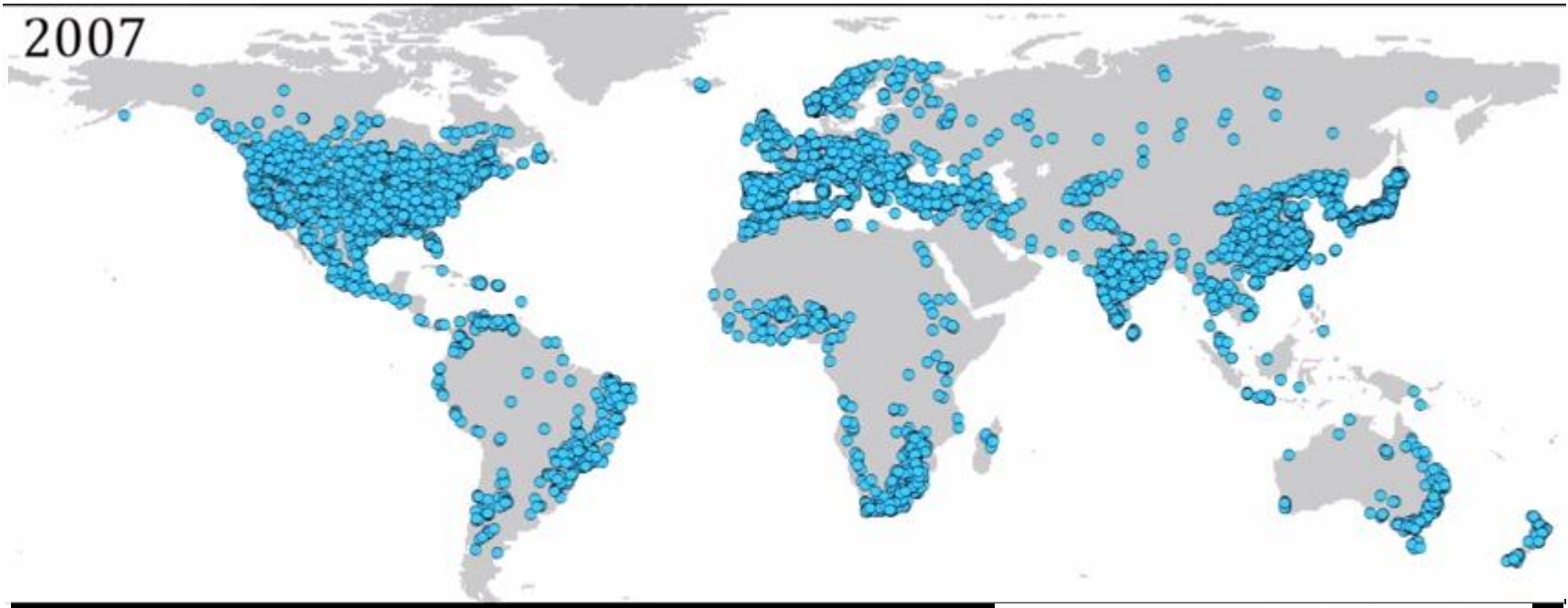
- River Dams
- Groundwater abstraction

Indirect impacts:

- Land Use change
- Sea Level Rise
- Erosion and subsidence
- Climate change
- Pollution...

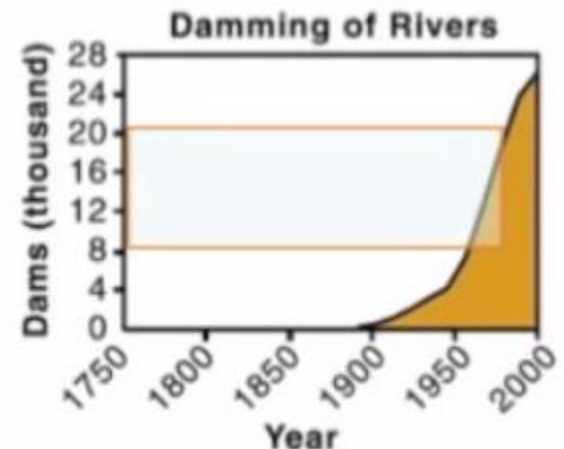
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## Damming of river



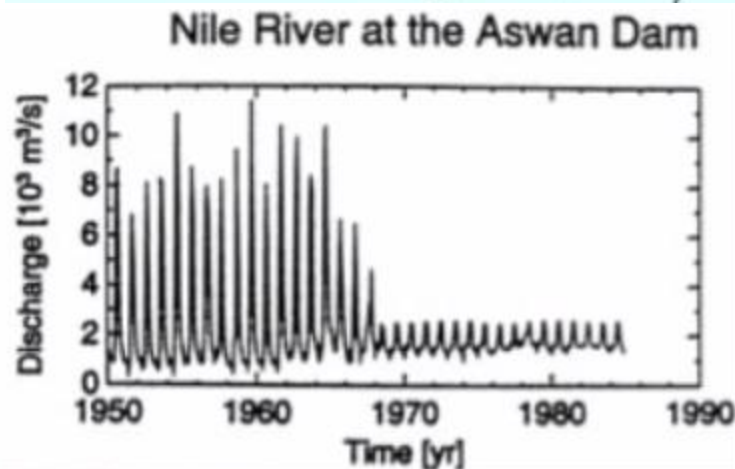
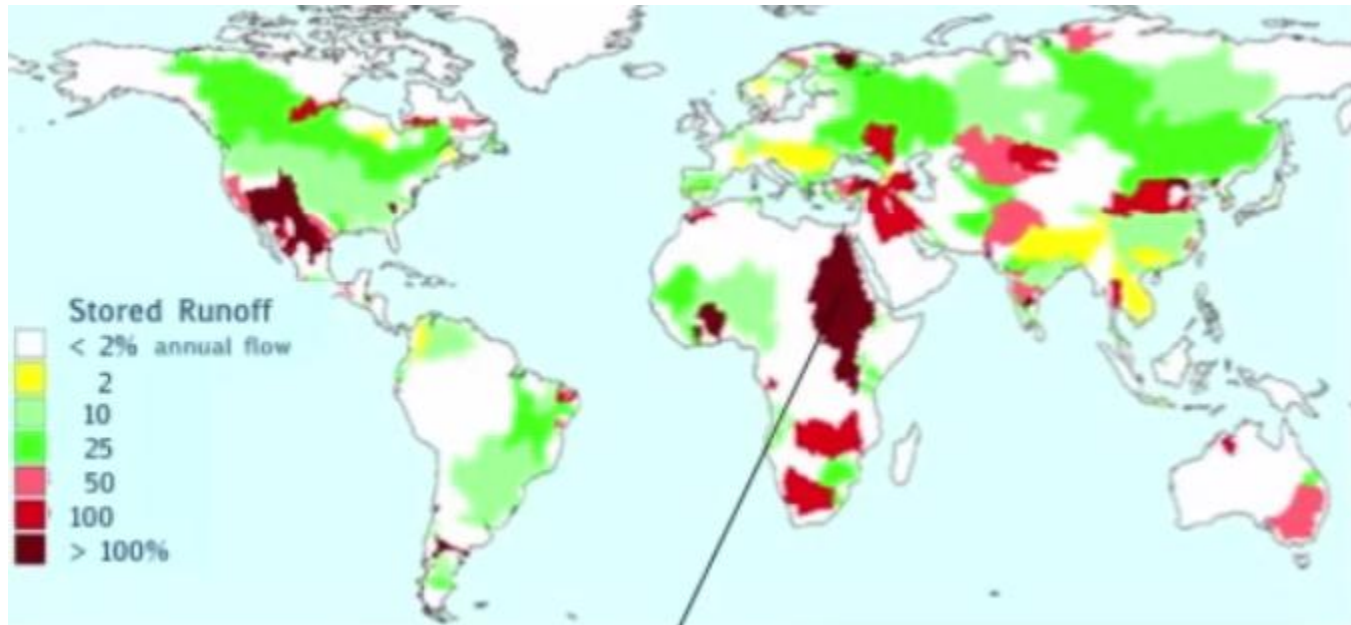
Global Reservoir and Dam (GRanD) database  
Lehner et al., 2011  
Dams with reservoirs larger than 0.1 km<sup>3</sup>

➔ 6,862 large dams, 6.1 km<sup>3</sup> water store



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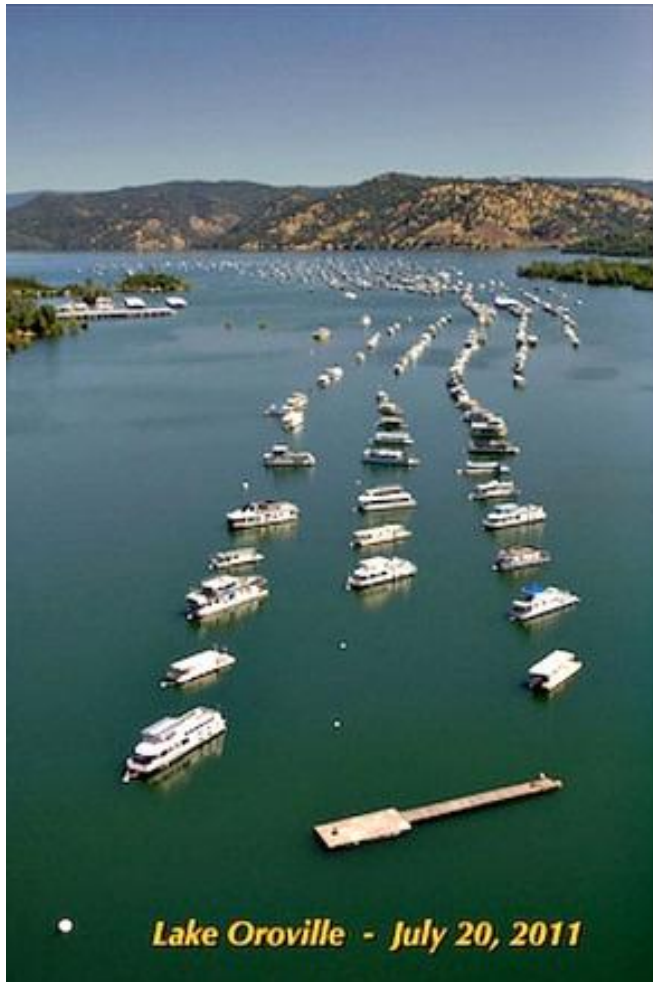
Impact on river flows and wetlands  
➔ Impact on aquifer recharge

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Damming of river **The limits of managing the water resource by the o**

Difficulty to fill up the dams

**Building new dams will not necessarily provides more water**

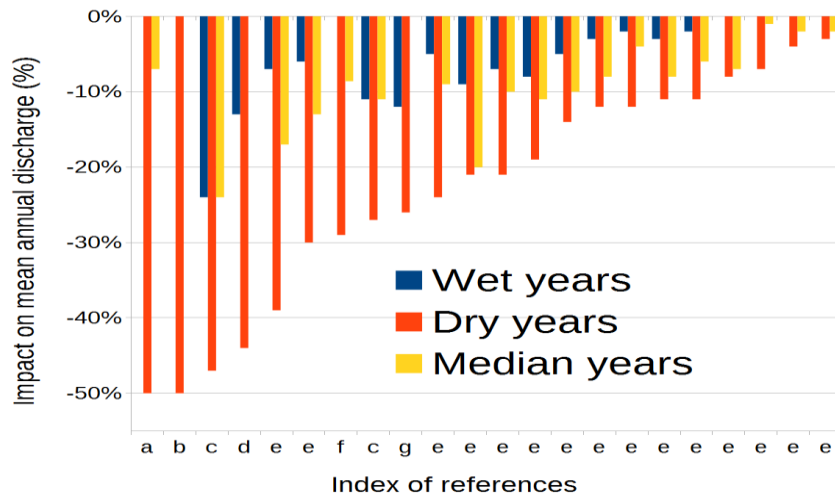


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## Damming of river: small dams

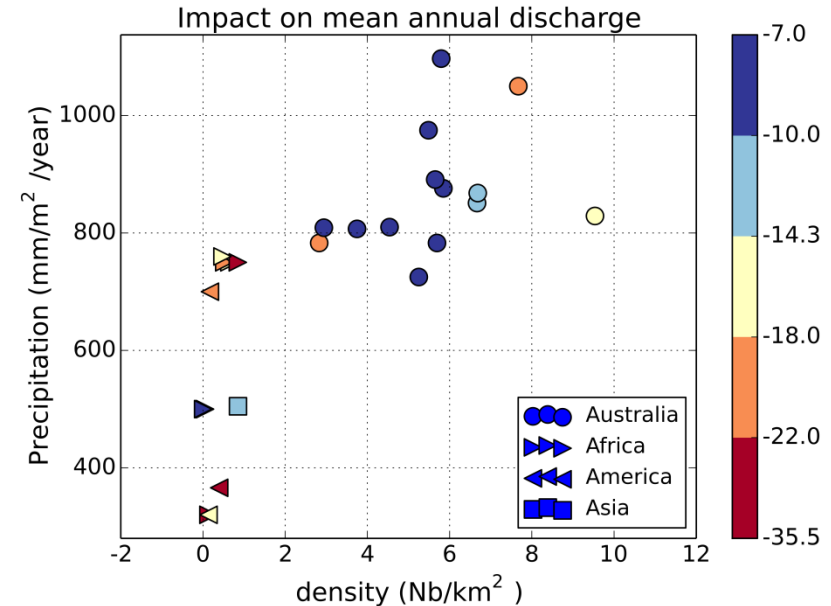
### Strong impact on riverflows

Evolution of annual riverflow of watershed highly equiped with small dams(%) as a function of the humid/dry years



On average, small dams reduce annual discharge by 10%  
But far more the dry year....

Impact of the small dam network difficult to anticipate due to the various management of the dams

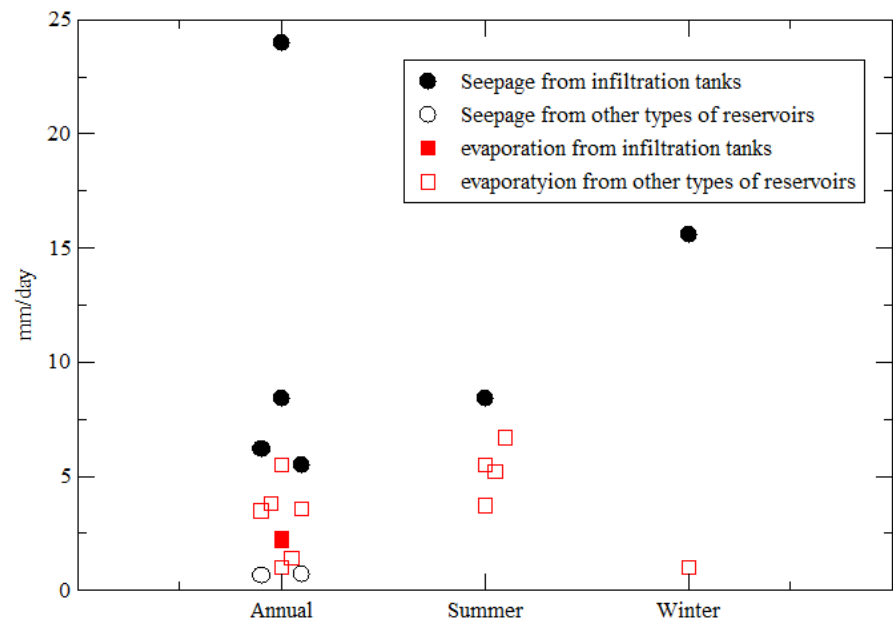
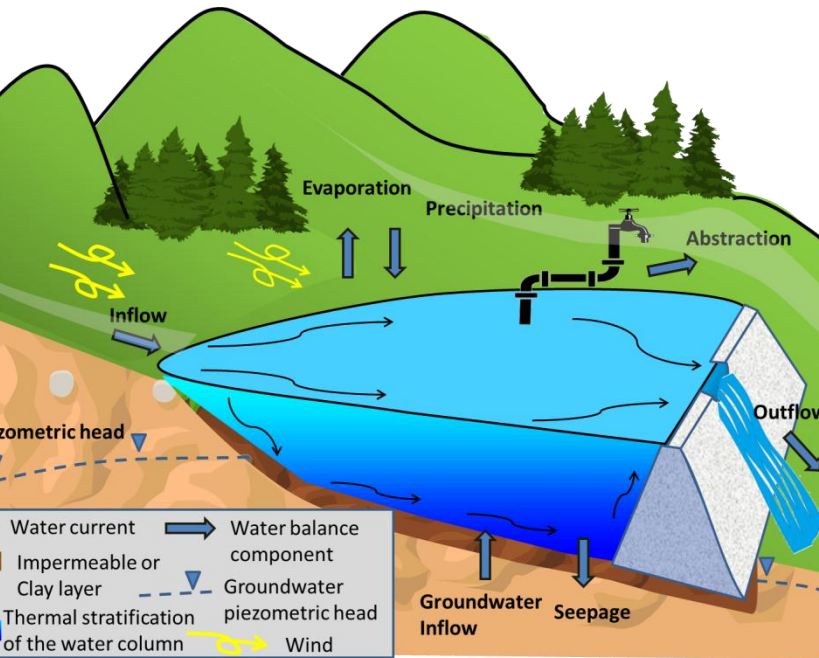


Habets, Molénat et al., 2018



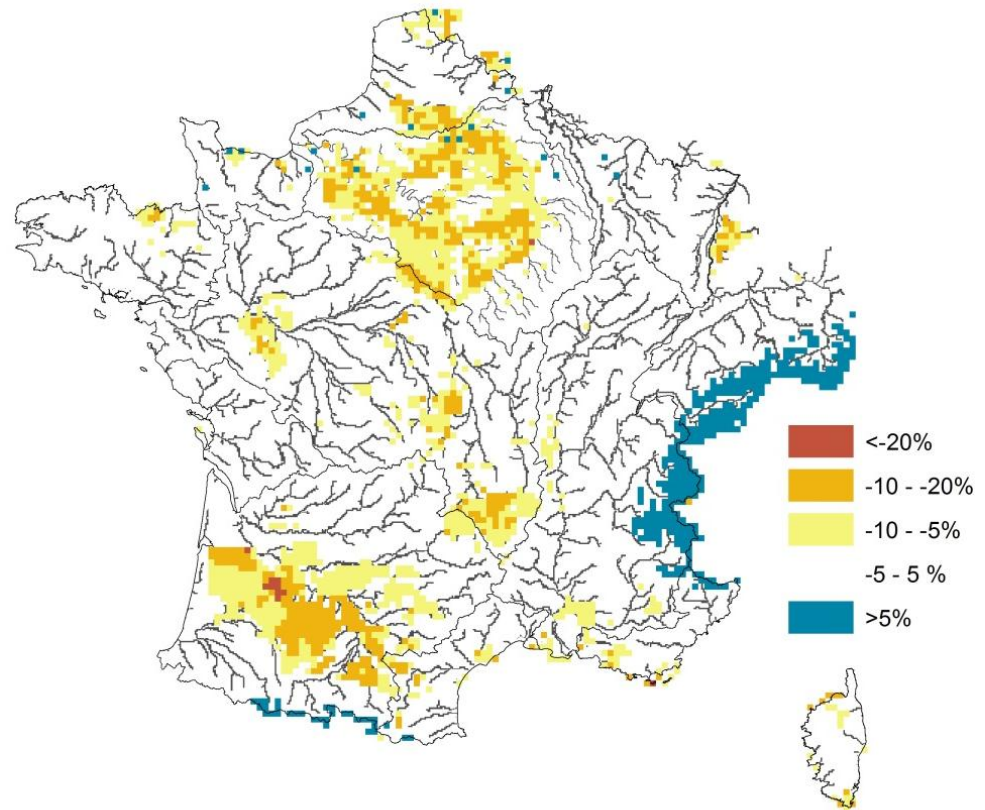
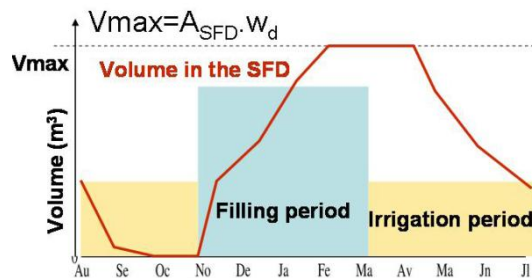
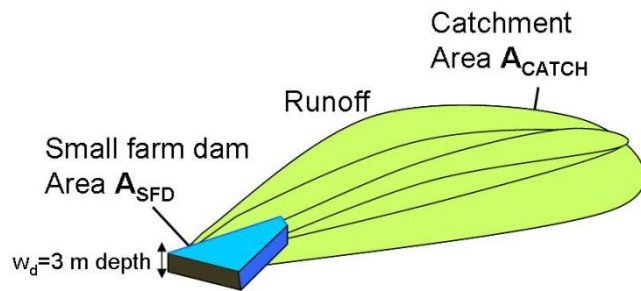
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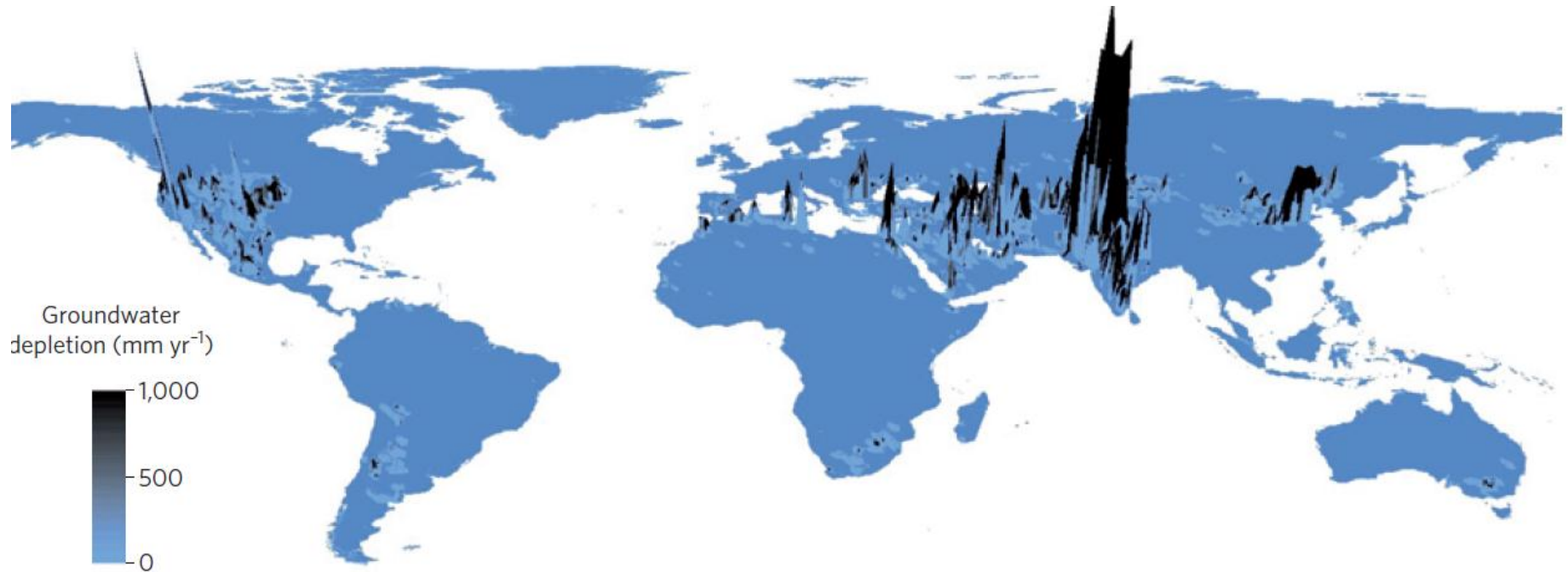
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Damming of river: small dams:  
modeling allow to project the efficiency (dam's filling)



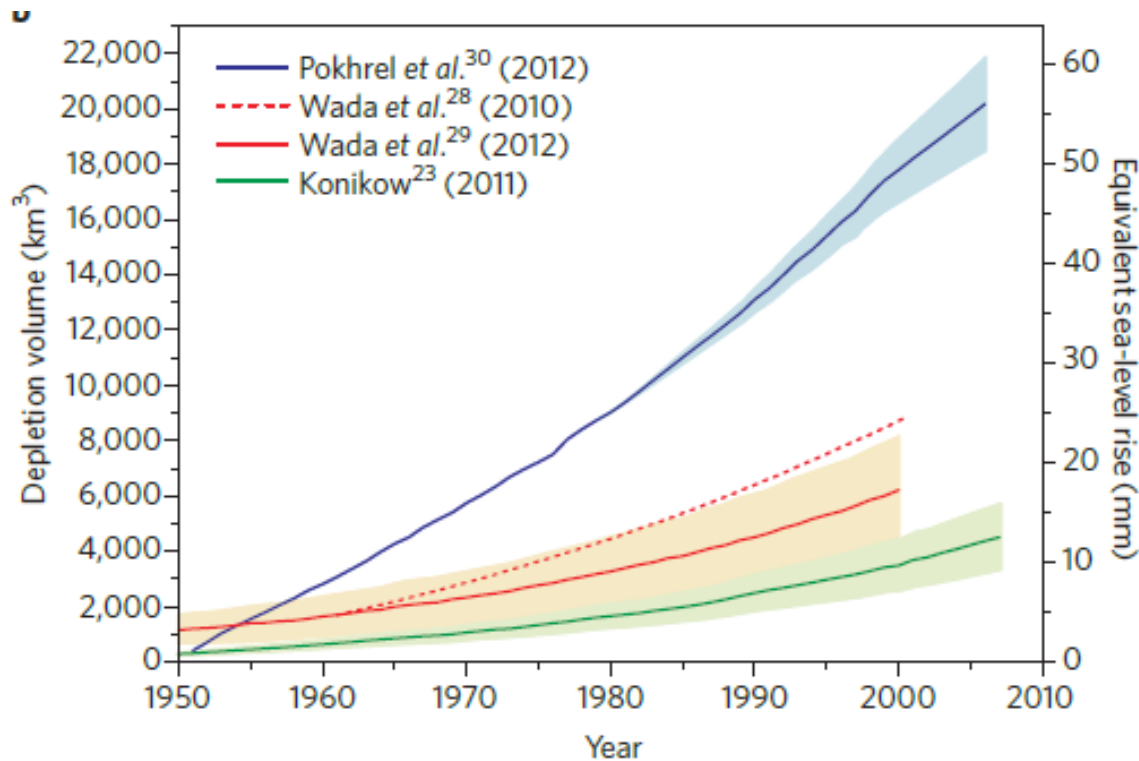
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## Groundwater abstraction



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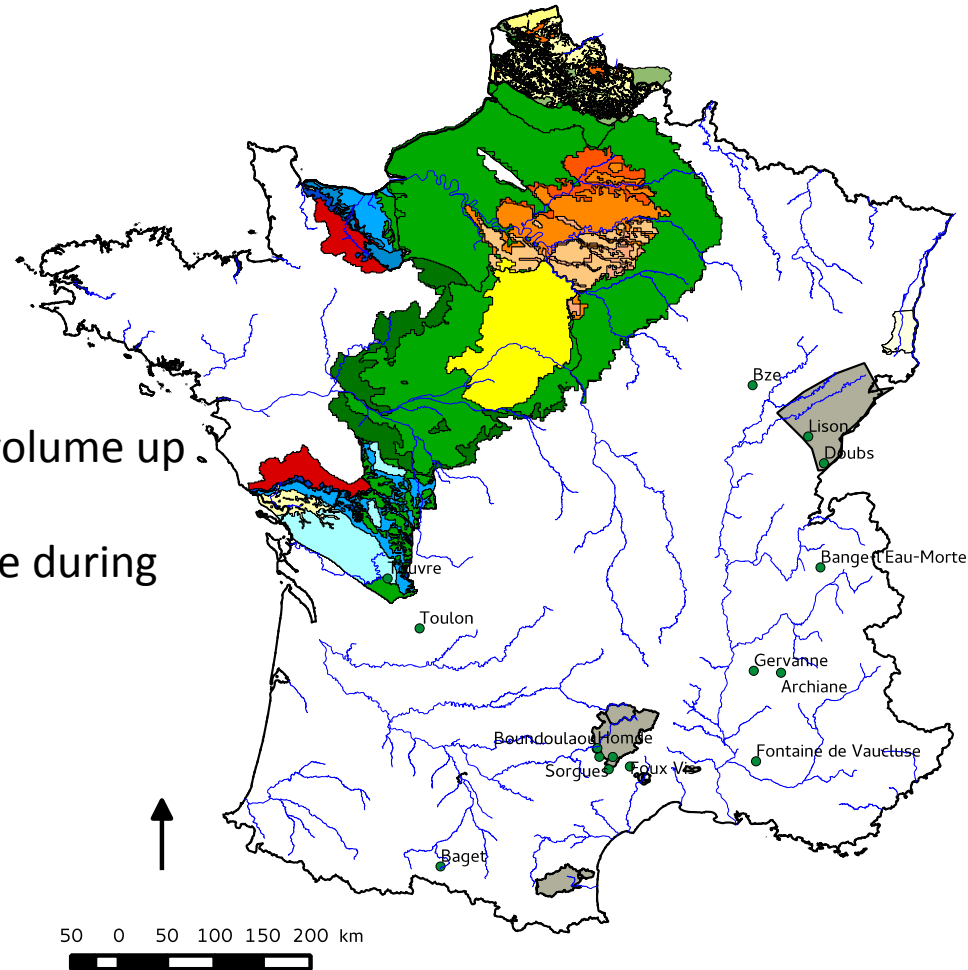
Estimated groundwater depletion and corresponding sea-level rise

# 3. Anthropogenic impacts on the water cycle

## Groundwater abstraction

Example within the Aquif-FR project

- Over **16 000** GW abstractions points, for a volume up to **2.4 billion** m<sup>3</sup>
- Pumpings can represent half or the recharge during dry year
- Pumpings affect low flow



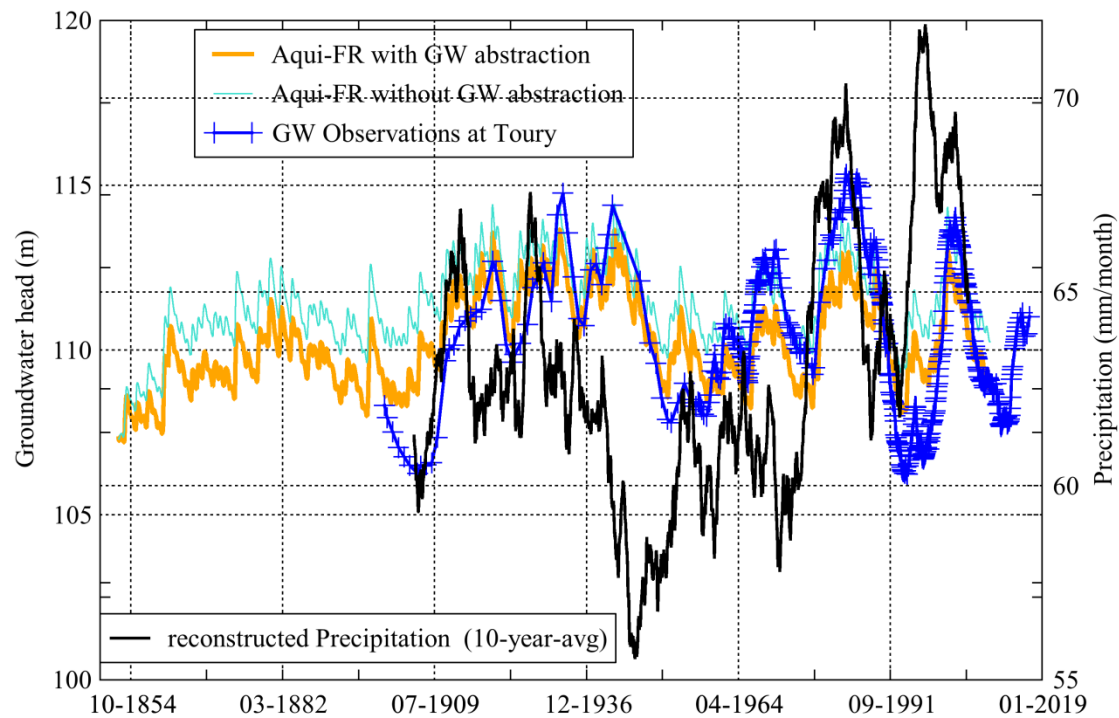


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## Groundwater abstraction

Example within the Aquif-FR project and the XXth century reconstruction by Bonnet et al. 2018 (CERFACS)

Comparison with the Observation Head at Toury (Beauce aquifer)



# 4. Climate change & Anthropogenic impacts cycle

Climate change !

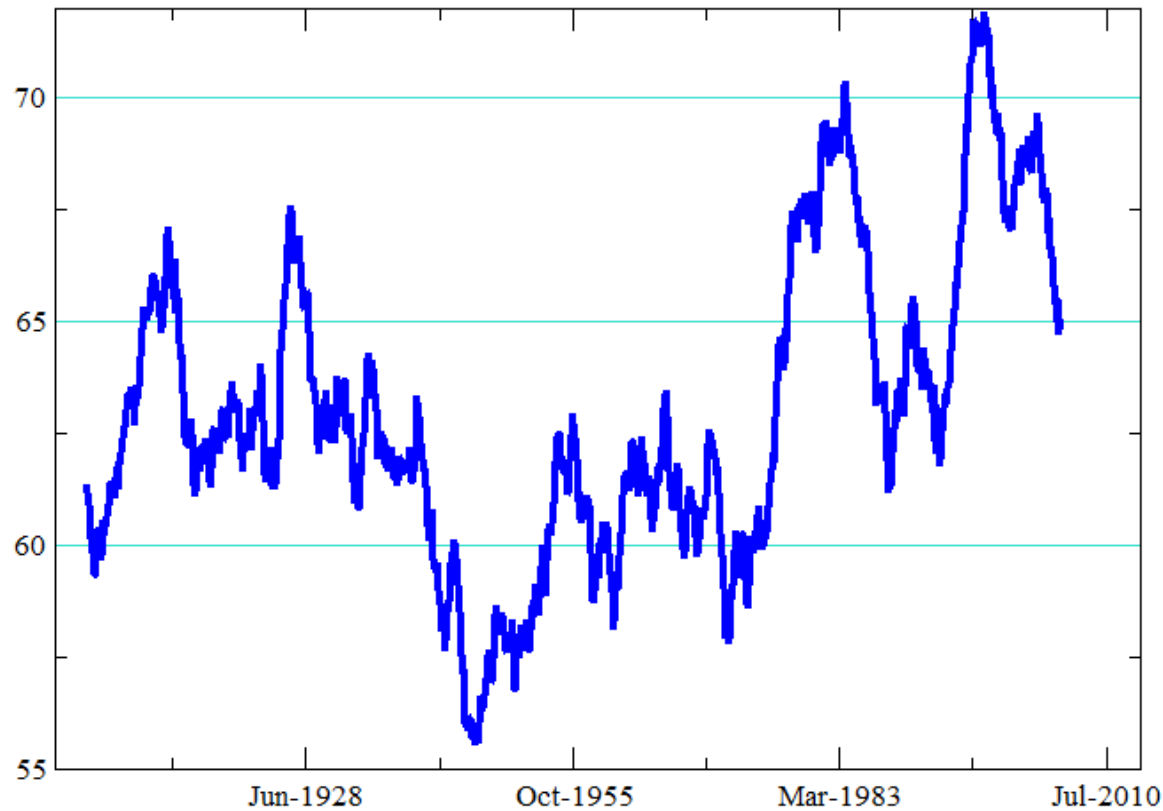
Still difficult to disentangle climate change and anthropogenic change

In the last 70 years:

- There are climate variabilities + changes
- Change in land Use
- Change in agricultural practises : yield of wheat increase by 700%!

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## Evolution of monthly precipitation in the Seine Basin

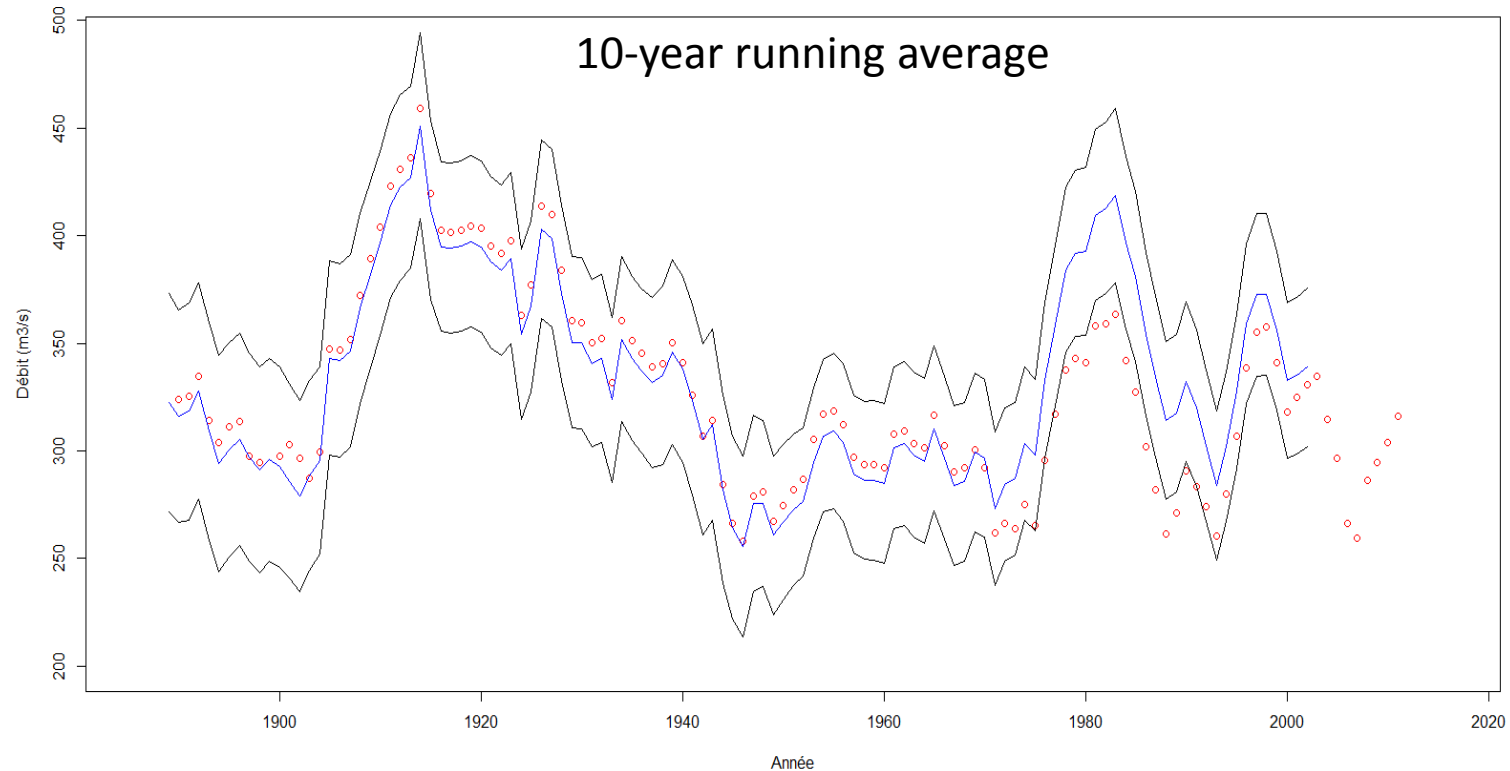


Strong pluri-annual variabilities  
Trend of an increase of precipitation

Source: GPCC

# 4. Climate change & Anthropogenic impacts cycle

## Evolution of the river flow in Paris

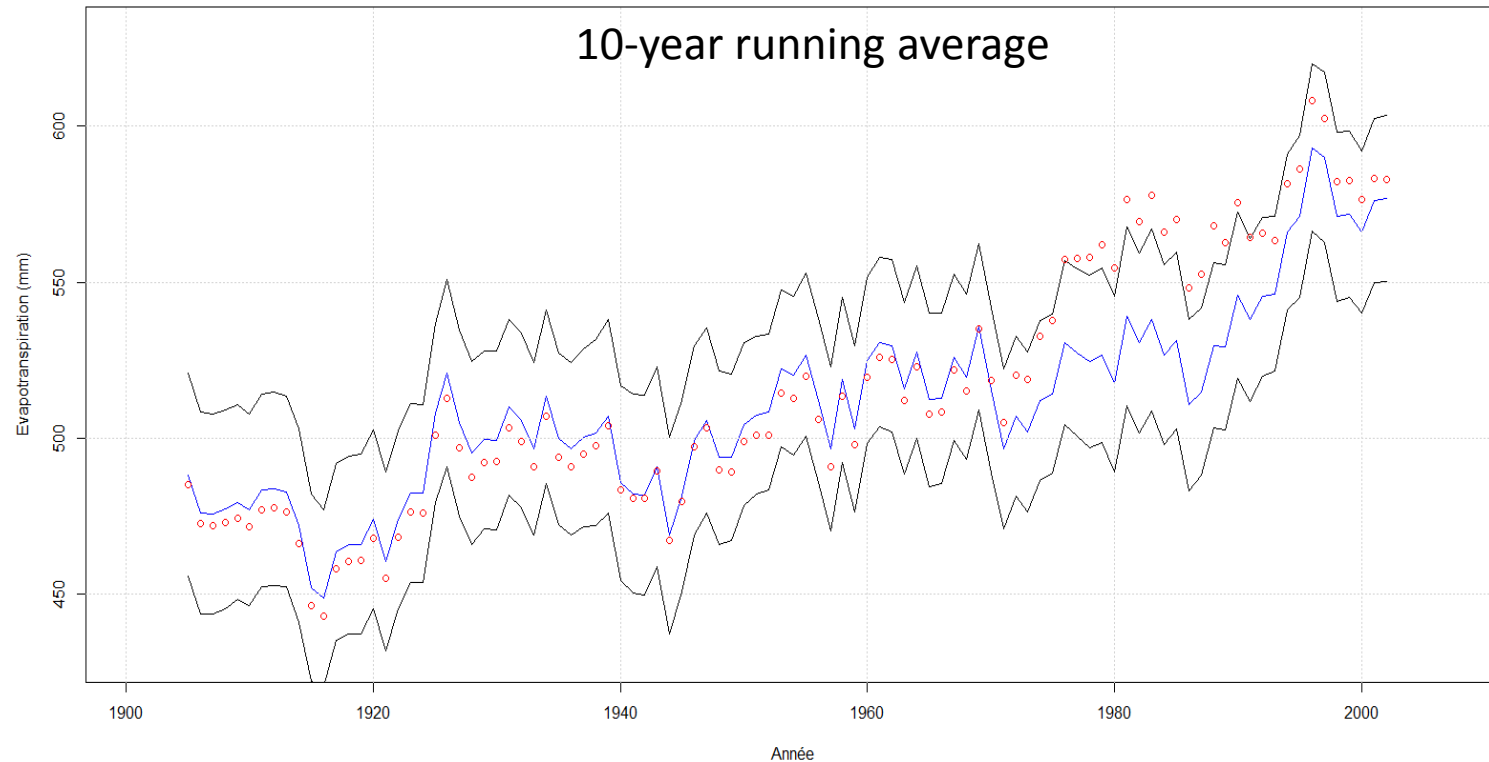


➔ Strong variabilities, no increase trend

Source: LEFE project Vitesse, Boé et al.

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Estimation evolution of the actual evapotranspiration in the Seine basin  
 $E=P-Q$



➔ strong increase !

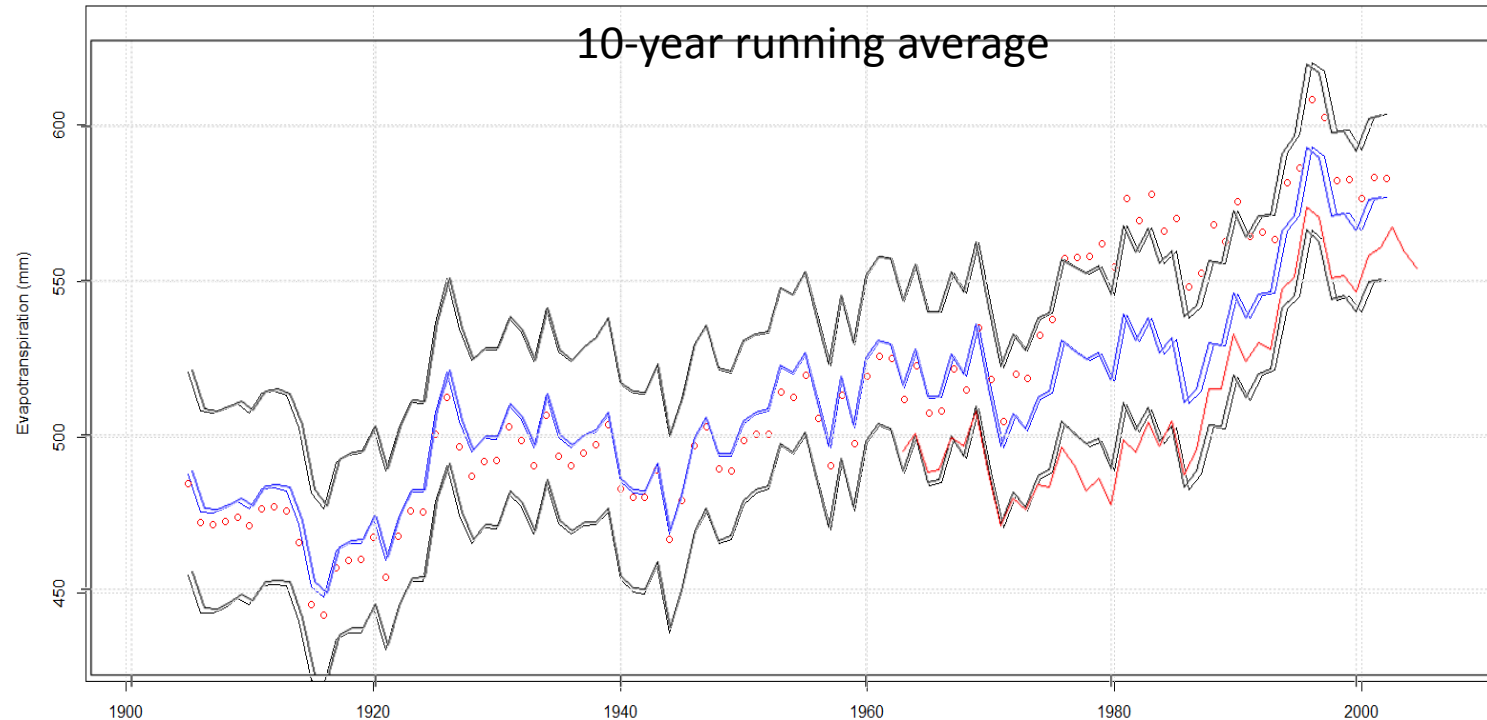
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Estimation of the evolution of the actual evapotranspiration in the Seine basin

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The model reproduces the trend on evaporation although it doesn't take into account the change in land use, agricultural practices, nor damming....

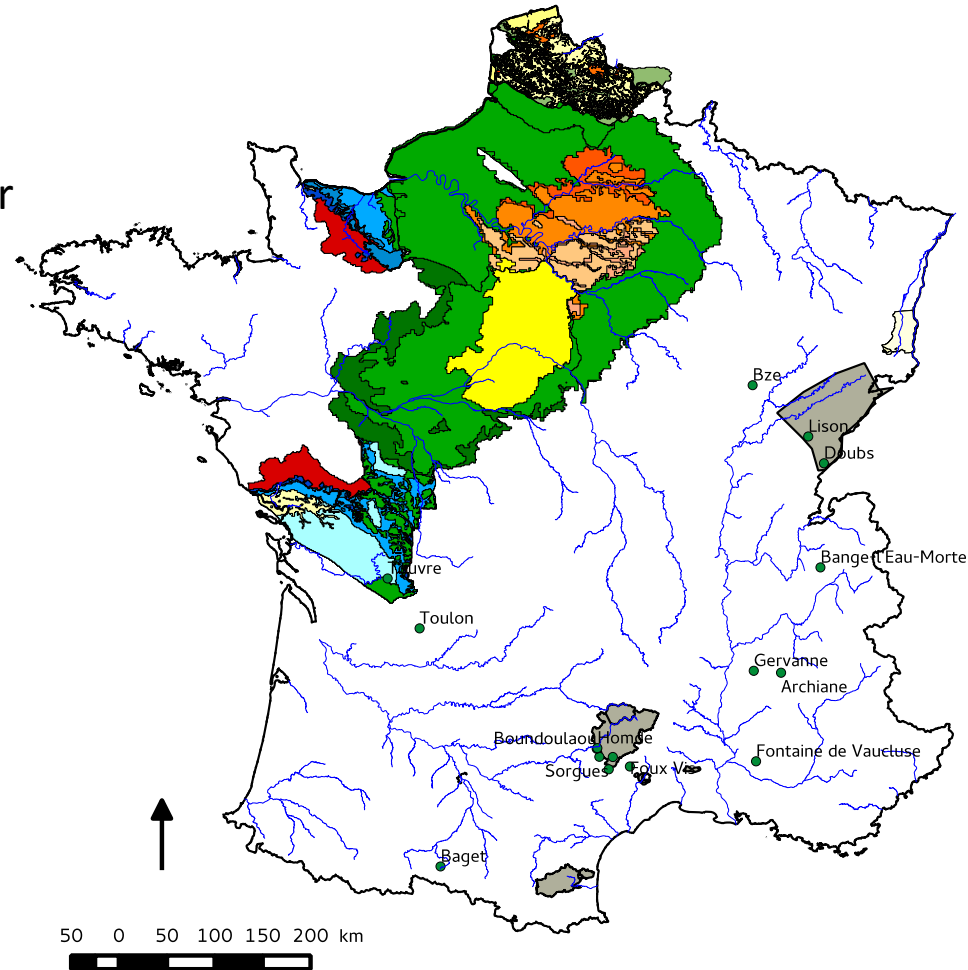
**Is it error compensation (luck?)  
Or is it that anthropogenic change is already weaker than  
climate change ?**

# 5. Climate change & groundwater

## Impact on River & groundwater with the Aquif-FR model

Assessment of present day simulation over

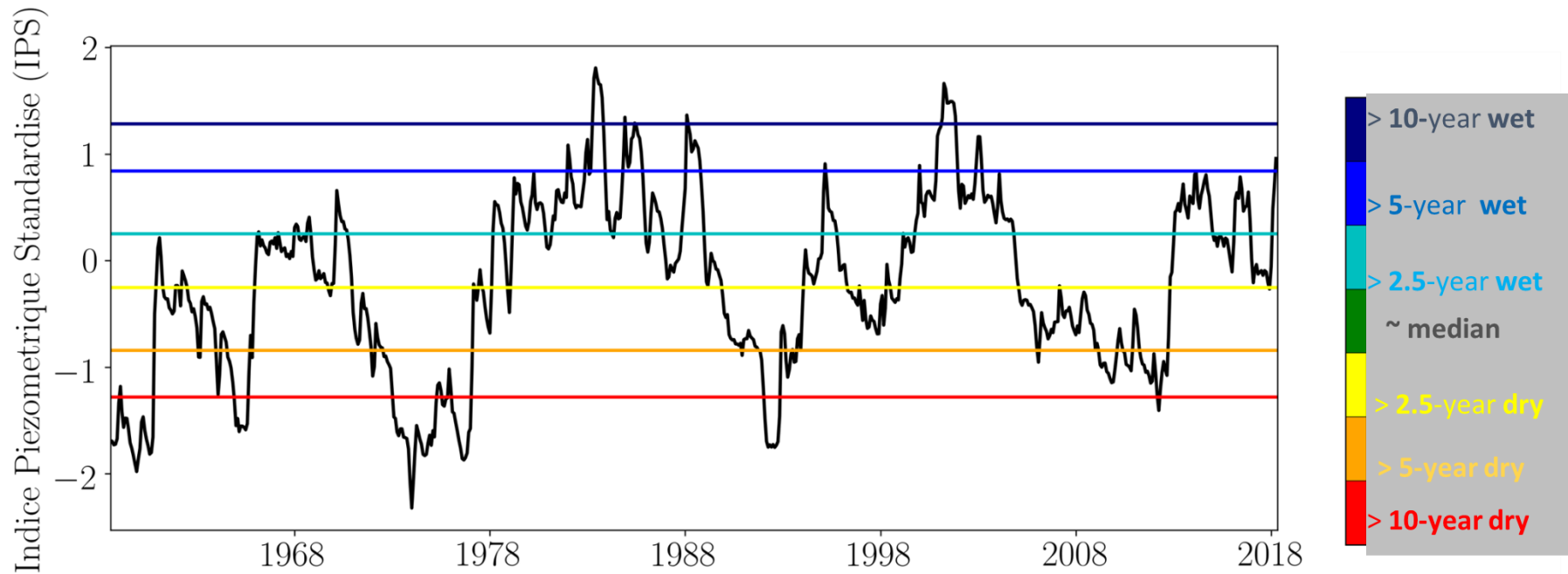
- 554 river gages (**BD Hydro**)
- 629 piezometric gages (**ADES**)



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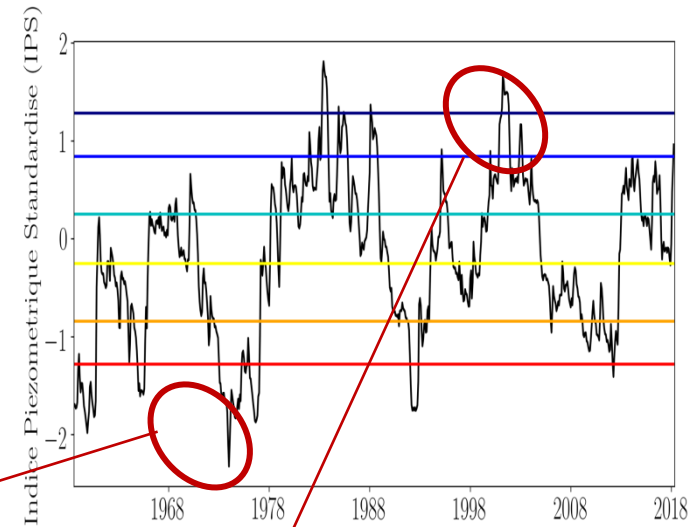
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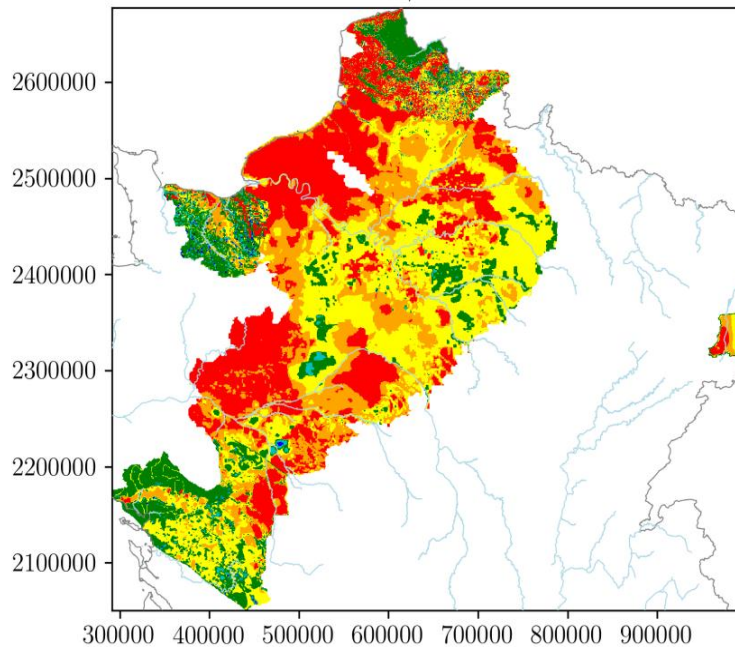


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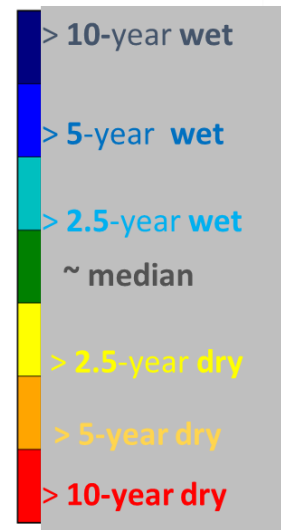
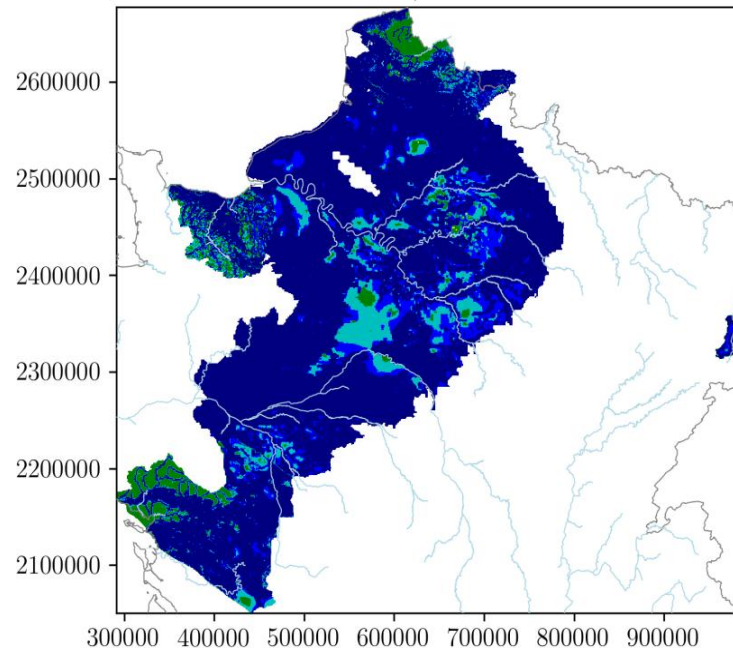
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- → Extreme years



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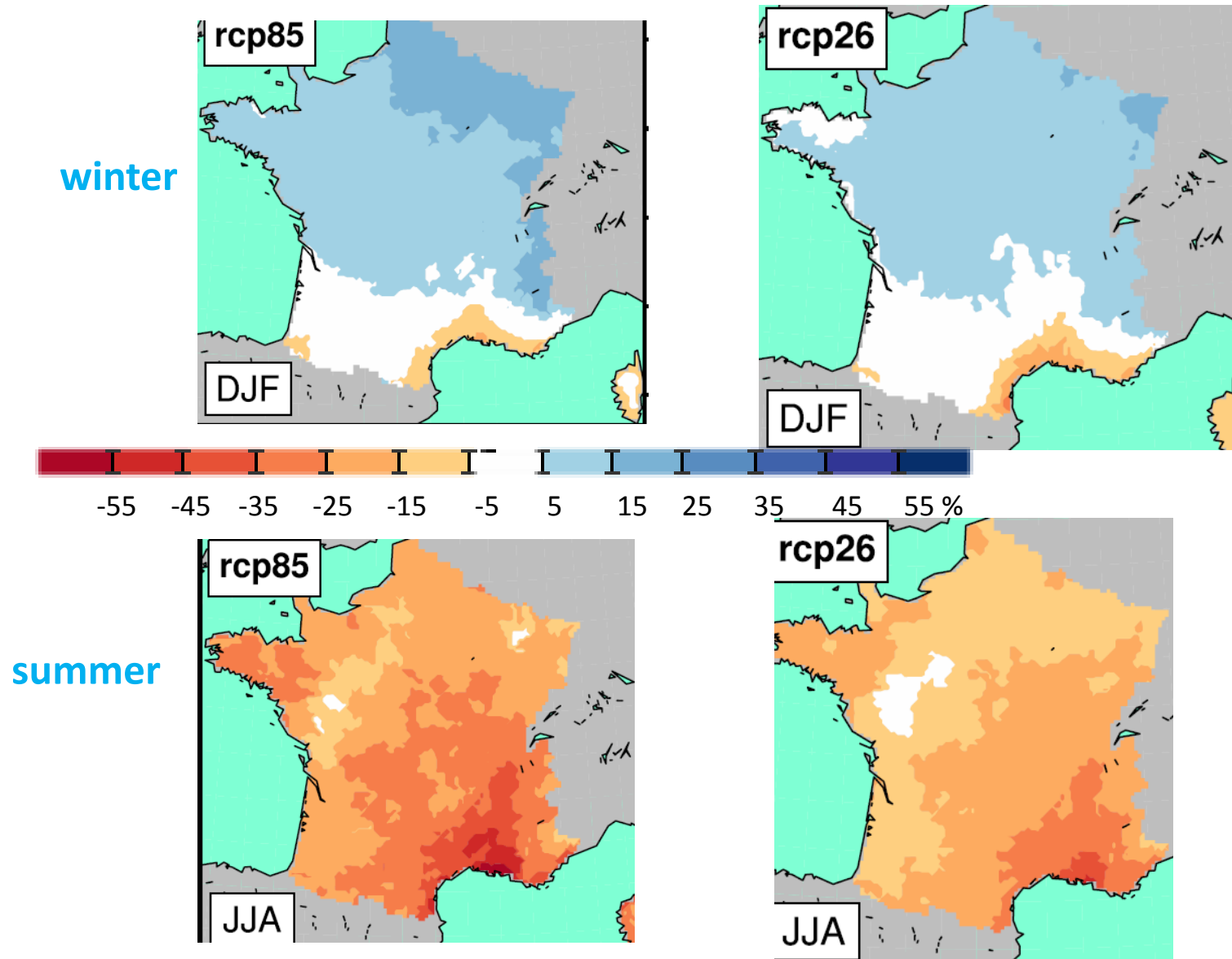


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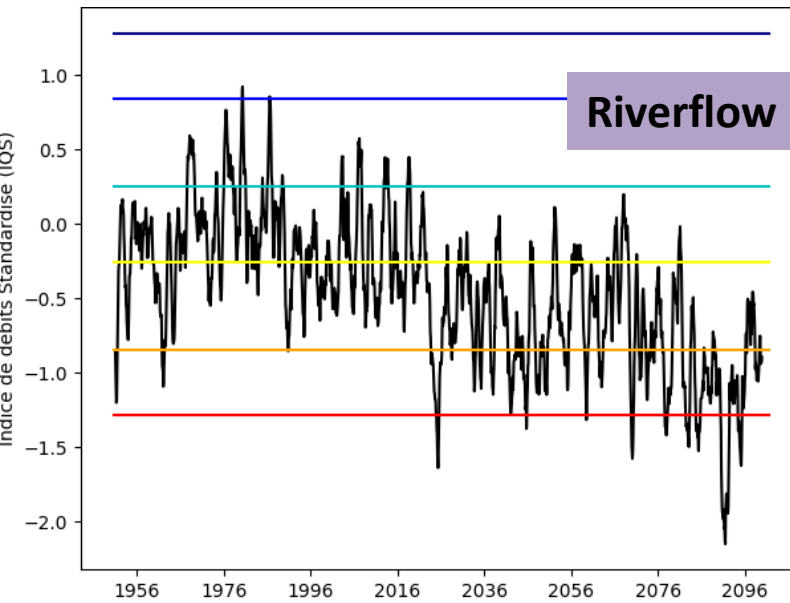
## Change in precipitations in France in 2070-2099



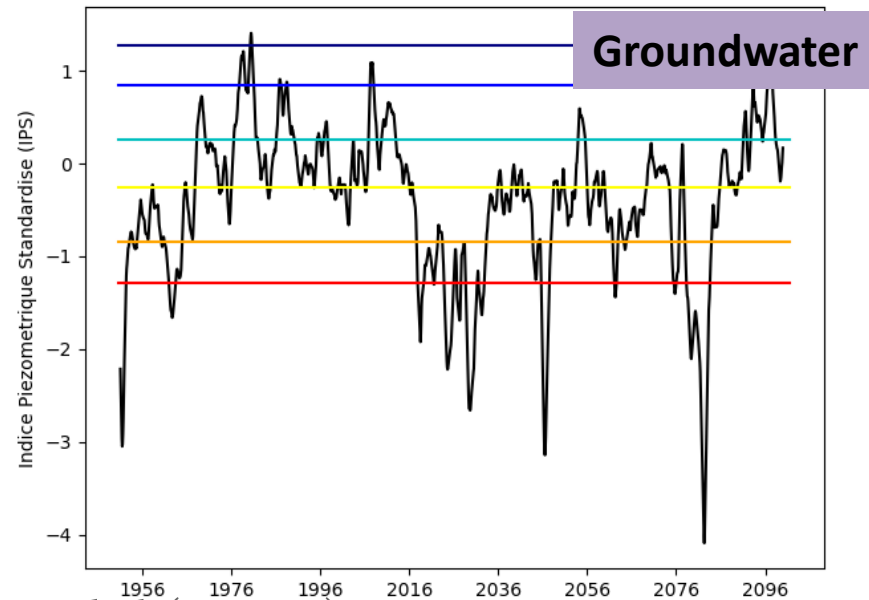
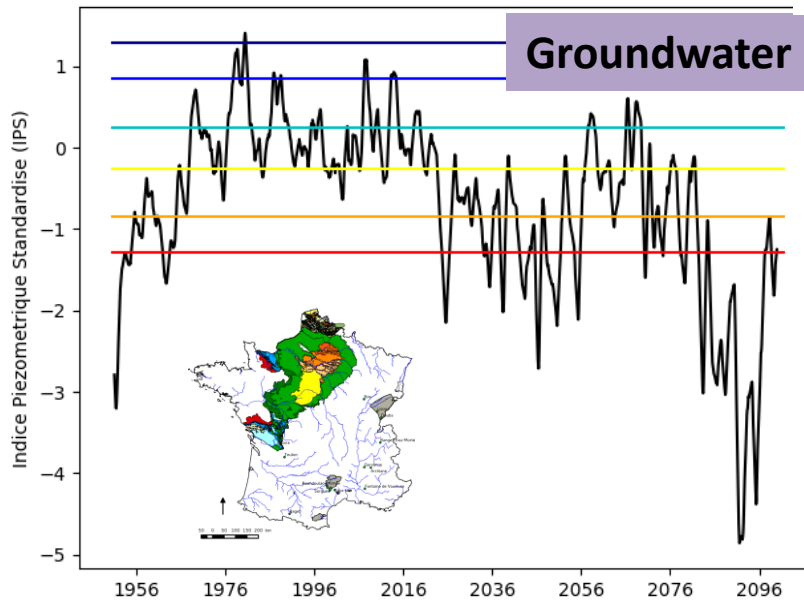
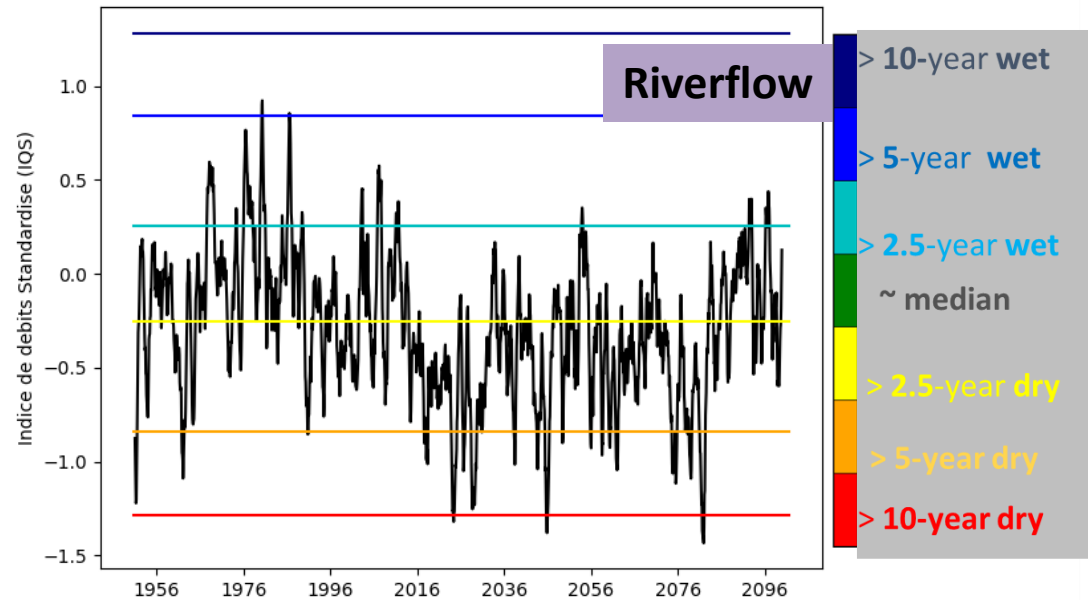


# 5. Climate change & groundwater

RCP8.5



RCP2.6



# 5. Climate change & groundwater

## Evolution of the standardized riverflow

2070-2100 compared to 1960:1990

**RCP8.5**

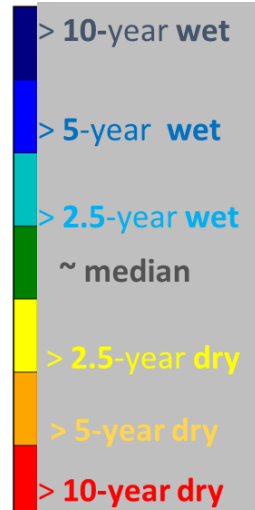
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Riverflow

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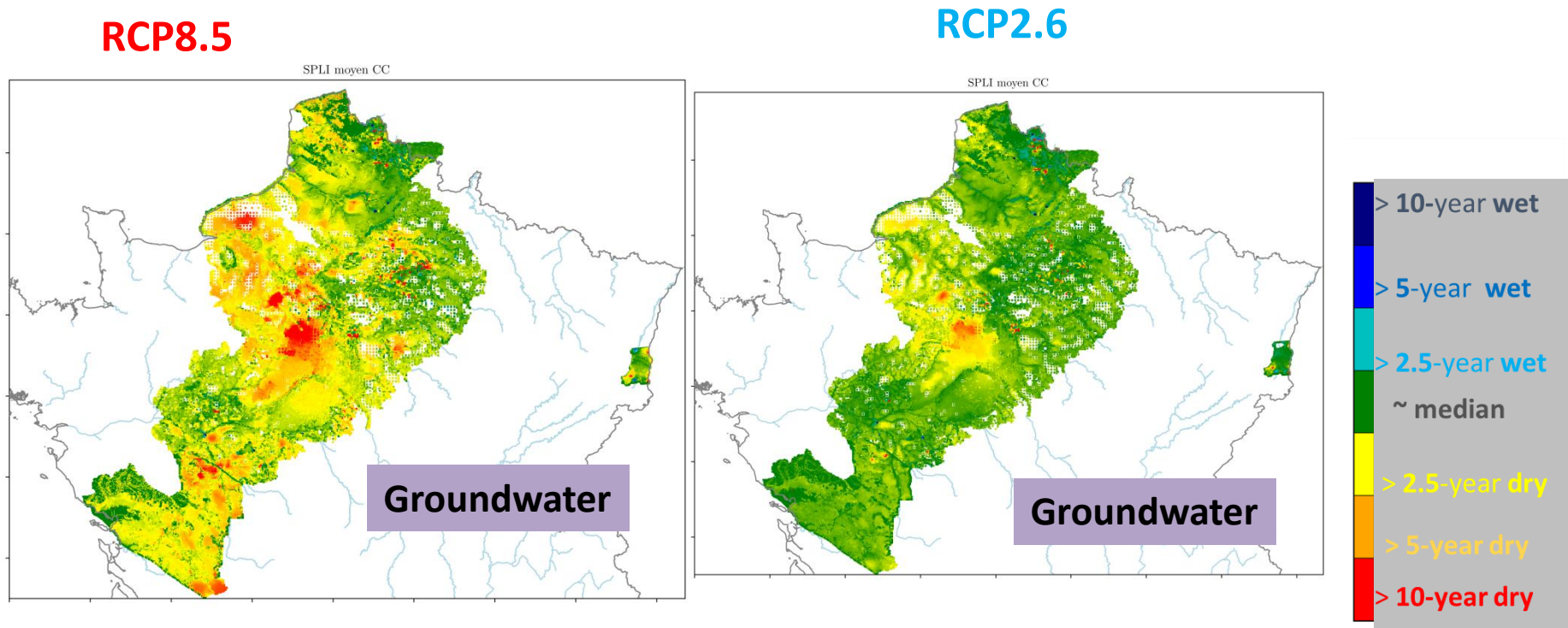
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# HYDROLOGICAL MODELING: INTEGRATING THE IMPACT OF THE GROUNDWATER AND ANTHROPOGENIC EFFECT AT THE BASIN SCALE

The strategies to adapt to climate should take into account groundwater:

- Improving infiltration to the groundwater reduces the risk of (fast) flood and help providing water resource during the period of scarcity
- Groundwater storages have a small evaporation loss compare to dam
- Filtration of the water to the aquifer improves groundwater quality

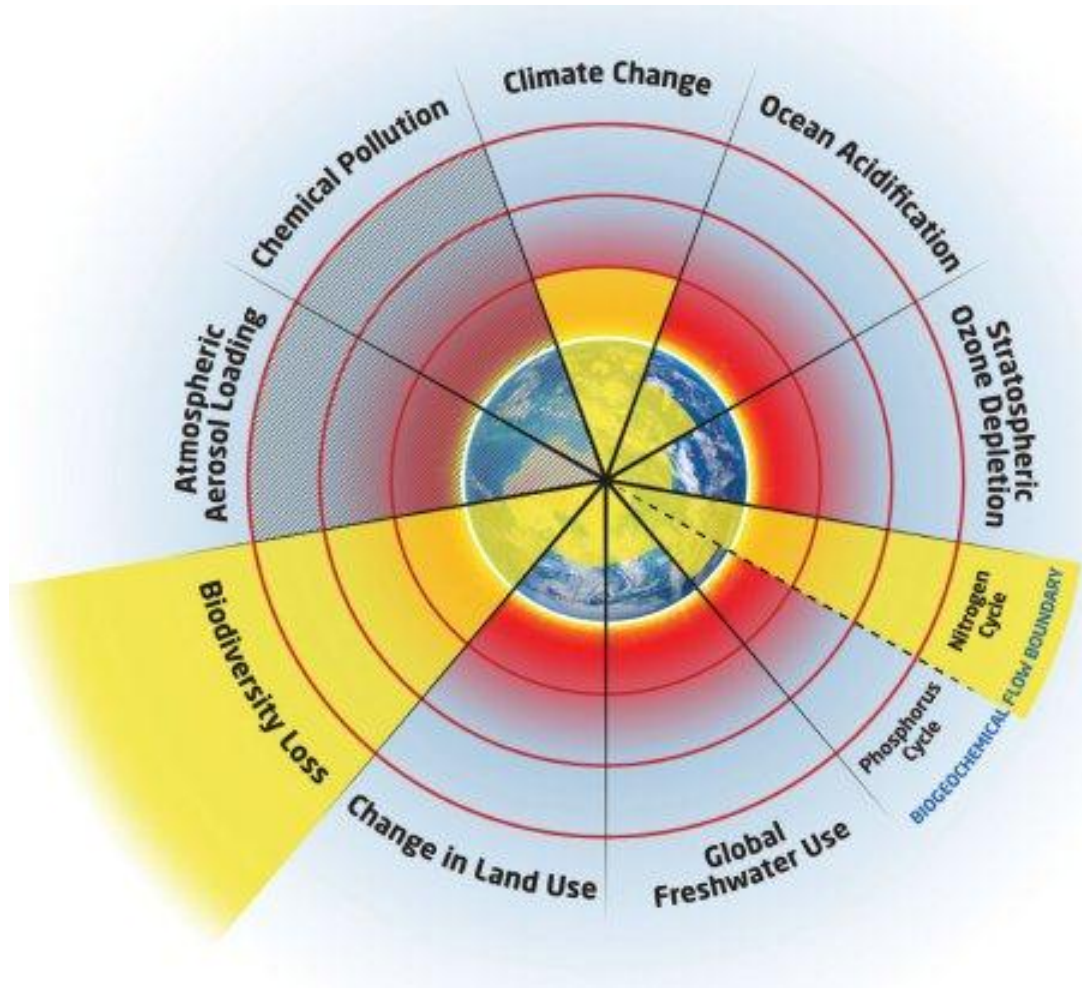
BUT:

- Risk of long duration flooding exists when aquifer levels are high
- Aquifer management, including artificial recharge and reuse can have impact on the groundwater quality
- Abstraction of groundwater should be controled to be sustainable....



# Conclusion

## The planetray boundaries



Rockstrom et al., 2009, modified by IGBP