

**ÚSTAV
HYDROLÓGIE SAV**
INSTITUTE OF HYDROLOGY SAS

Summary of the main activities

Period: January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2015

IH SAS:

- scientific research institution
- research and teaching in the field of *environmental science*
and *water management*
- improvement and dissemination of knowledge on the circulation and quality of
water in the nature

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FLOODS

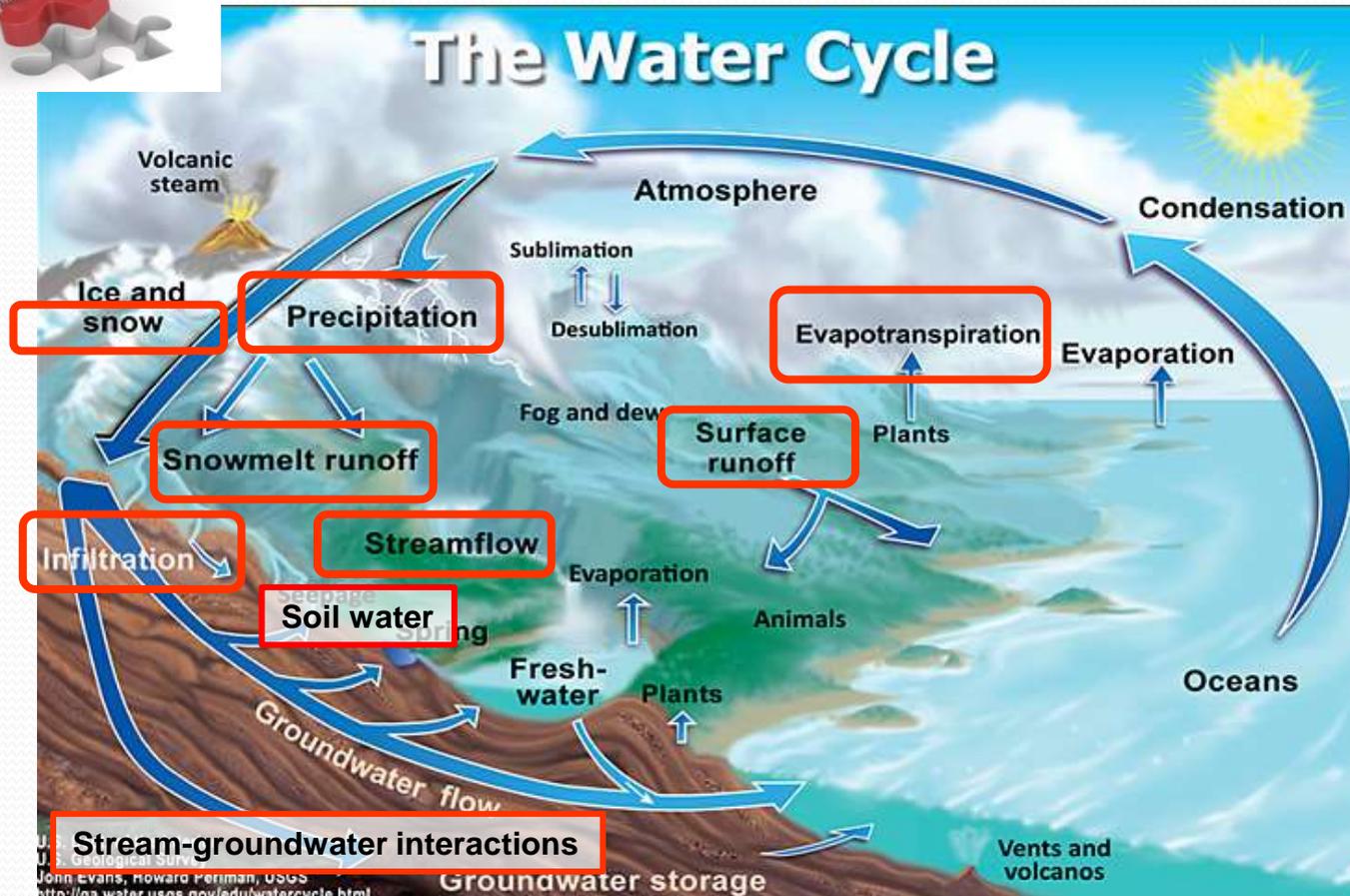
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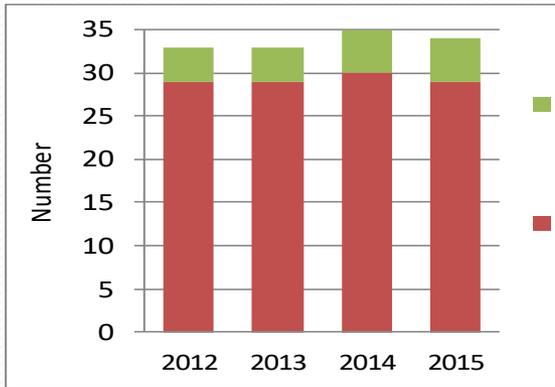
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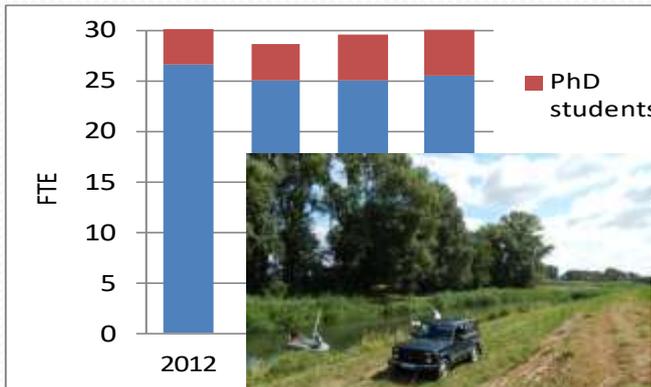
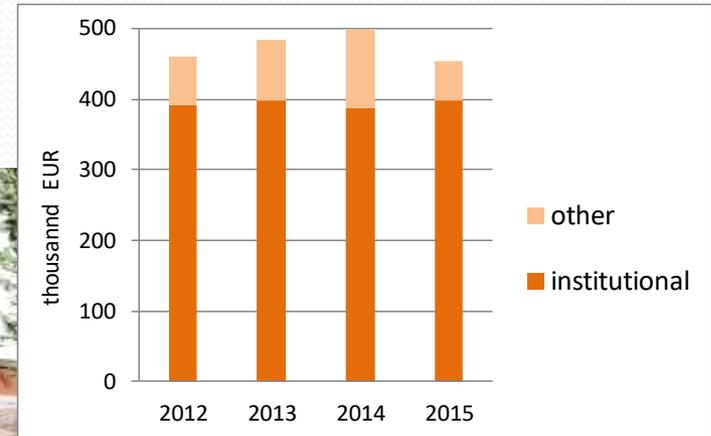
Research focus



Employee structure, budget

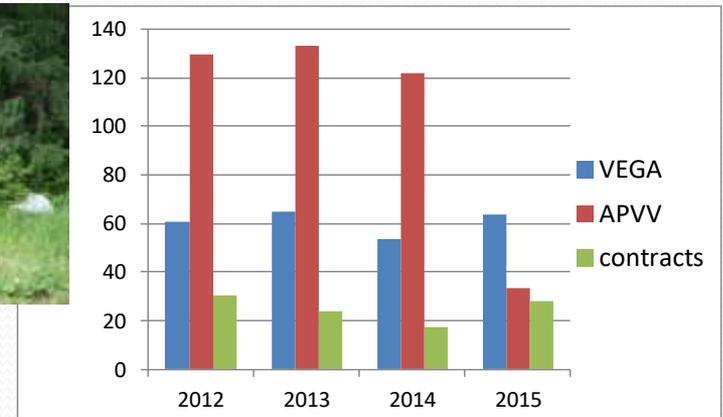


IH SAS = subsidised institution



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Female...11

Male...16 (older)



Important information

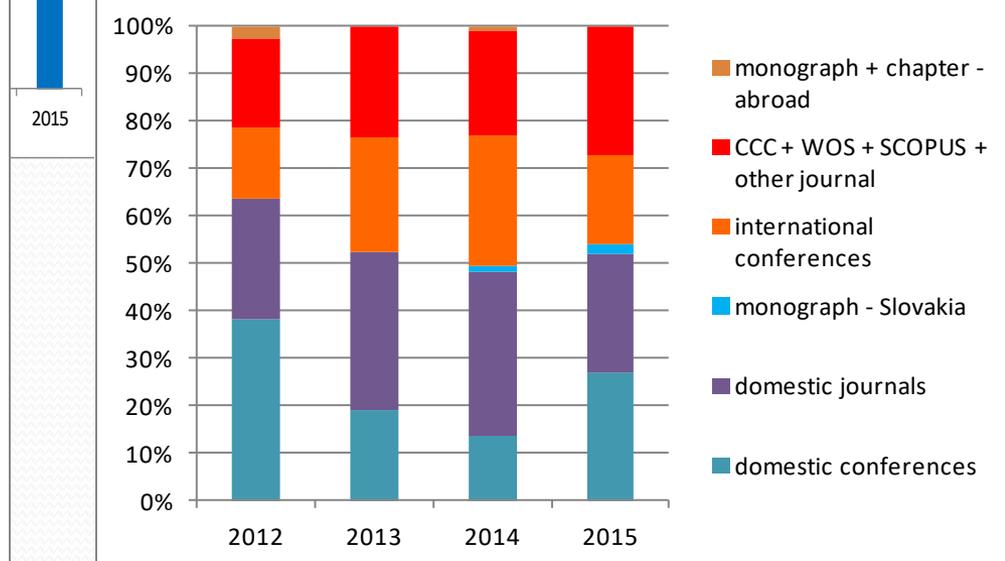
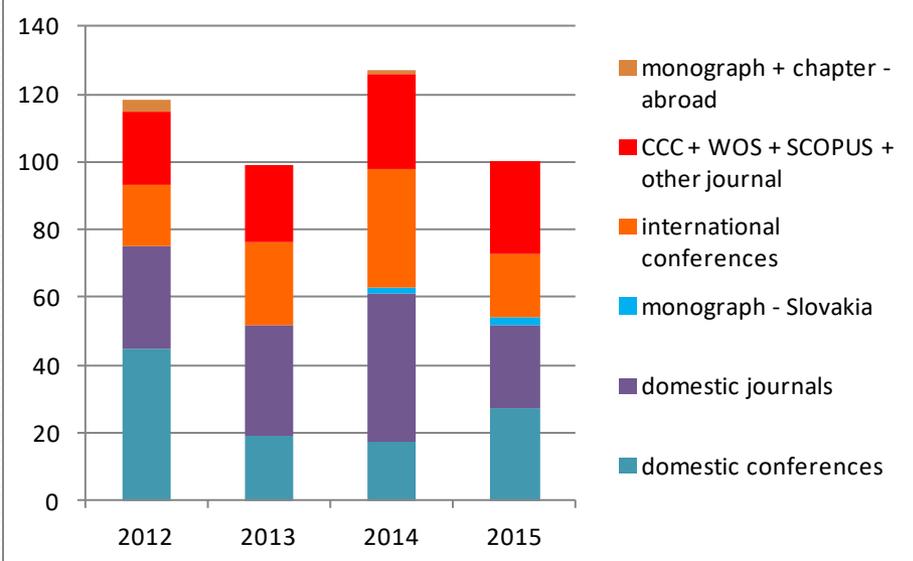
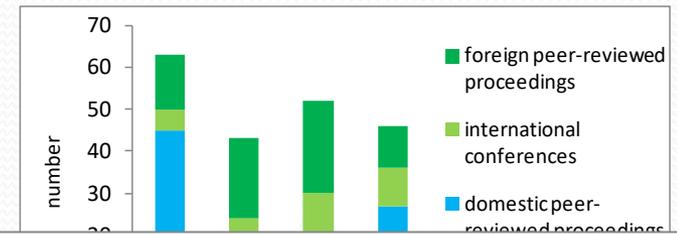
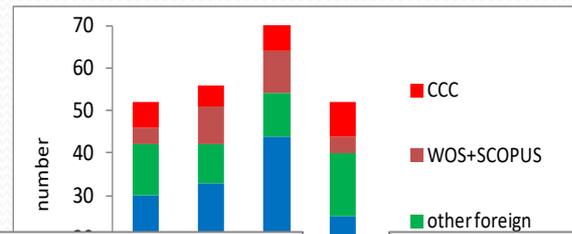
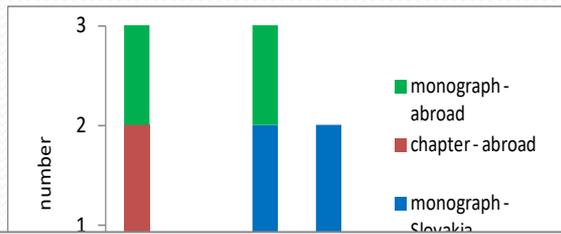
- **new executive body** of IH SAS in June 2012, and now in *September 2016*
- the end of 2013 – **structure changed** (4 departments => 2 departments)
- **younger generation** as *research leaders* (overtook the leading positions in the projects)
- **9 staff members** acquired **higher qualification degree** during assessment period
- **PhD study** was **successfully re-accredited** in September 2015

• Journal of Hydrology and Hydromechanics

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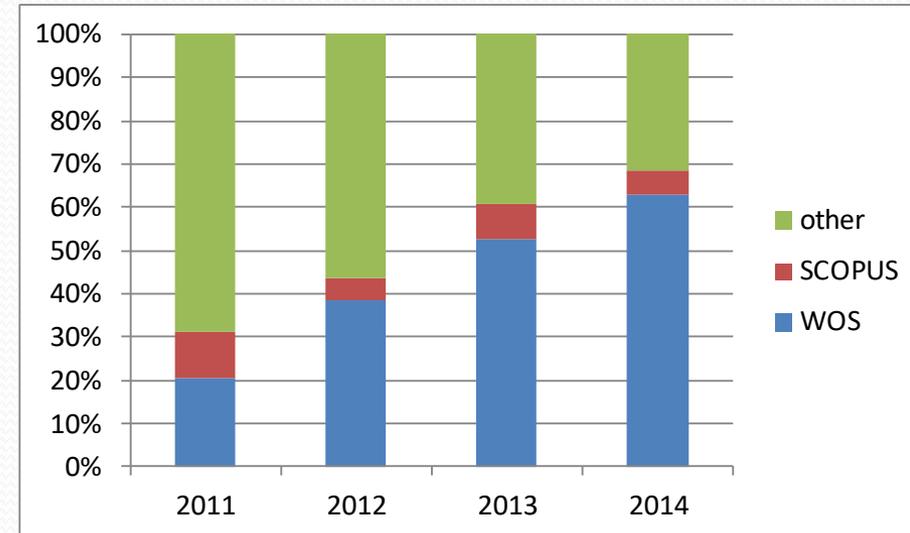
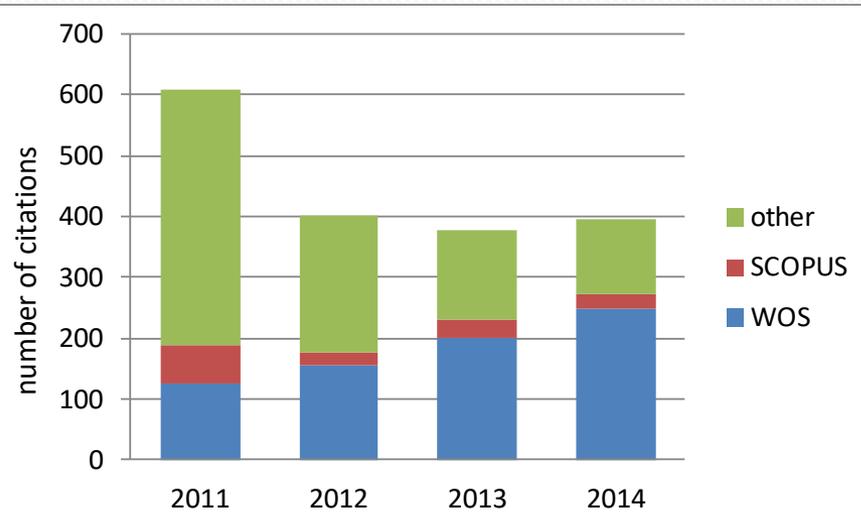


Publications, Citations



*We have strived to **publish the results of our research in high quality CCC journals.***
*However, publication in national journals is also **necessary to transmit the new knowledge to domestic hydrological non-scientific community + documentation of impact of funding from ERDF***

Publications, Citations



Projects - international

FP7

- KORANET 10/2012-9/2013

- GOLDFISH 11/2013-4/2015



International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

- 2 projects

EUREKA

- 1+1 projects

IHP UNESCO

- 2 project

ERB-UNESCO

Global Water Partnership

EUROFRIEND – UNESCO

Danube Countries Cooperation – UNESCO

Collaborations with universities and research institutions in
USA, Russia, Hungary, Austria, Poland, Luxemburg,



Projects - national

SRDA – 3 projects...coordinator
 (APVV) 4 projects...investigator
 2 projects...bilateral
 1 projects.....support FP7

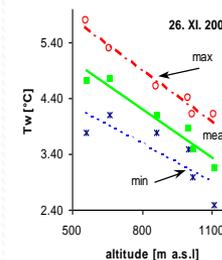
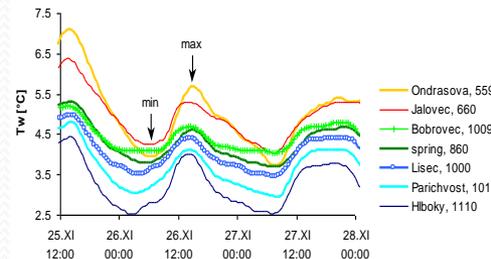
VEGA - 9 projects



EU Structural Funds (coordinator)

CE for the Integrated River Basin Management in the Changing Environmental Conditions (1 590 612 Eur)
Completion of infrastructure of hydrological research stations (2 924 647 Eur)

Collaborations:
 Universities
 and
 Other Research Institutions

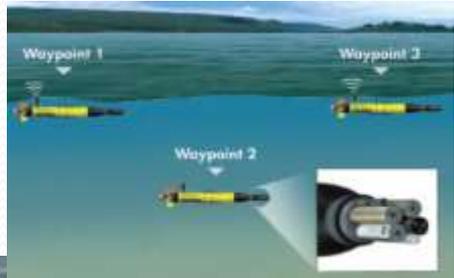


Infrastructure

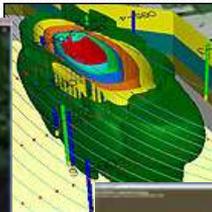


MODFLOW

GMS SMS WMS



Infrastructure



Invited lectures, popularisation activities

Conferences – members of committees

Invited lecture – 23/12



interactive educational programs for primary and secondary schools



experimental snow measurements for students from STU Bratislava

R&D activity

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Department of Sub-Surface Water Hydrology

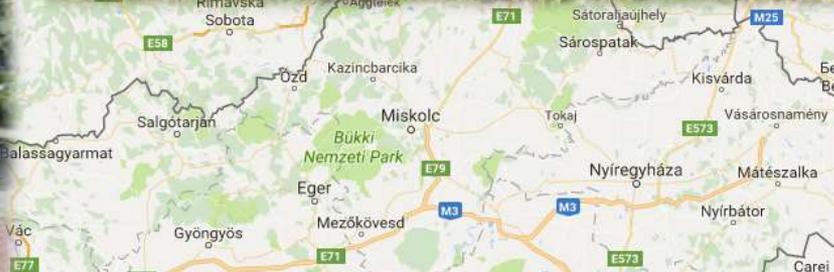
Department of Surface water hydrology



- since 2014, former dept. of Mountain hydrology and dept. of Surface streams and stream water – groundwater interactions

Department of Surface water hydrology

- 13-14 employees with university degree in the evaluation period
- located in Bratislava and in Liptovský Mikuláš



Department of Surface water hydrology

- 8 international projects (FP7, IHP UNESCO, IAEA)
- 9 national projects (VEGA, APVV)
- 2 monographs, 1 chapter in a monograph

Journal publications

- impacted journals (CC, WOS, SCOPUS) 25
- non-impacted journals (WOS, SCOPUS) 6
- other peer-reviewed (domestic) journals 100

Informal collaboration with some leading international teams, e.g. from Technical University in Vienna or Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology

Department of Surface water hydrology

Our research is focused on :

- better understanding of hydrological balance in catchments (precipitation, runoff, evapotranspiration)
- hydrological processes (runoff formation, snow accumulation and melt, forest transpiration)
- eco-hydrological problems (water quality of the streams, variability of streamflows, stream water-groundwater interactions)



Selected results

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Estimation of regional snowline elevation (RSLE) from MODIS images for seasonally snow covered mountain basins



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A new method of snowmelt sampling for water stable isotopes

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Influence of surface water level fluctuation and riverbed sediment deposits on groundwater regime

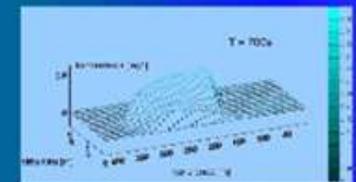
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Disperzia v povrchových tokoch – meranie a modelovanie

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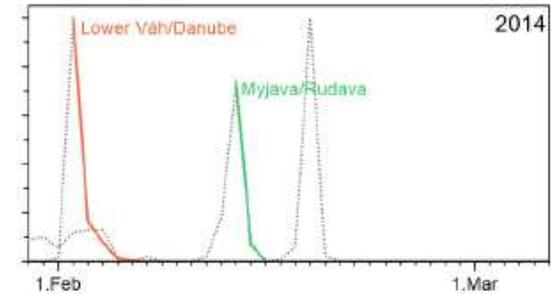
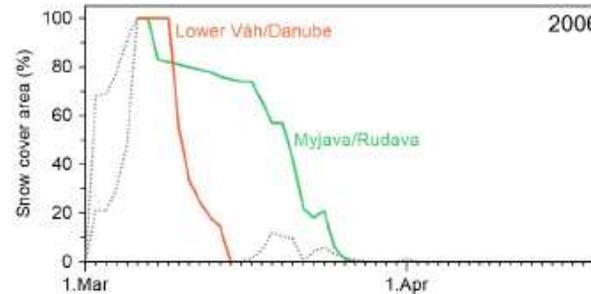
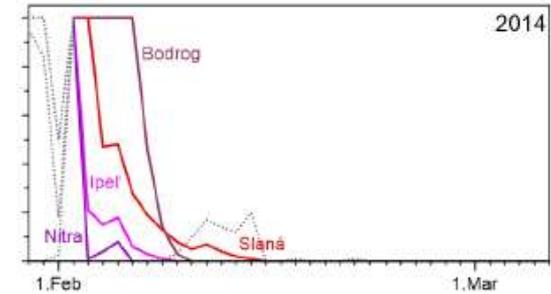
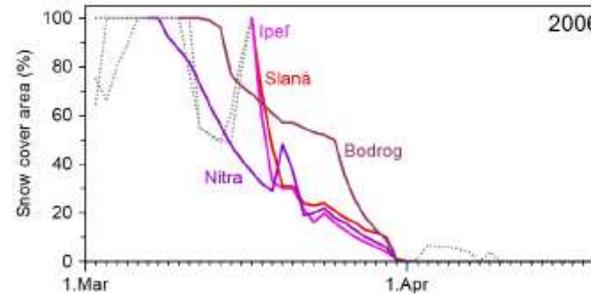
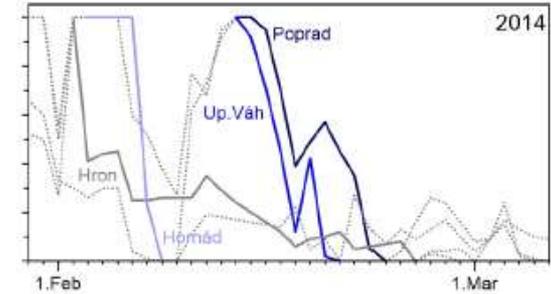
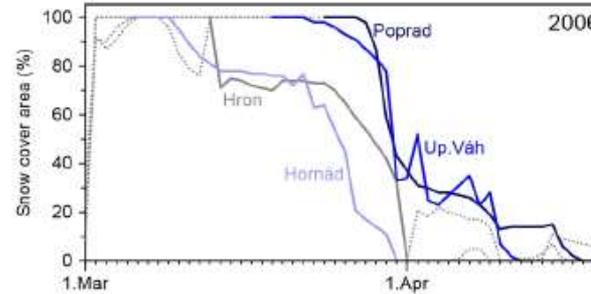
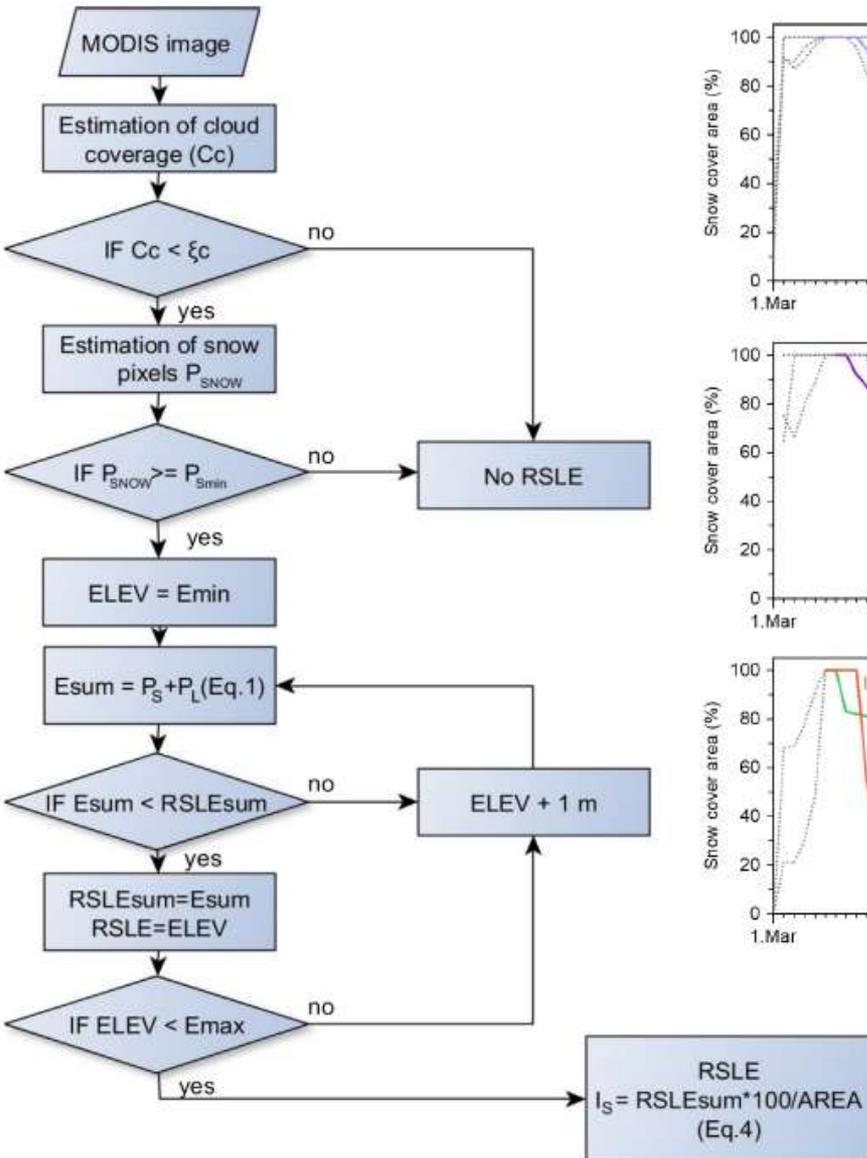
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The role of snow in hydrological cycle

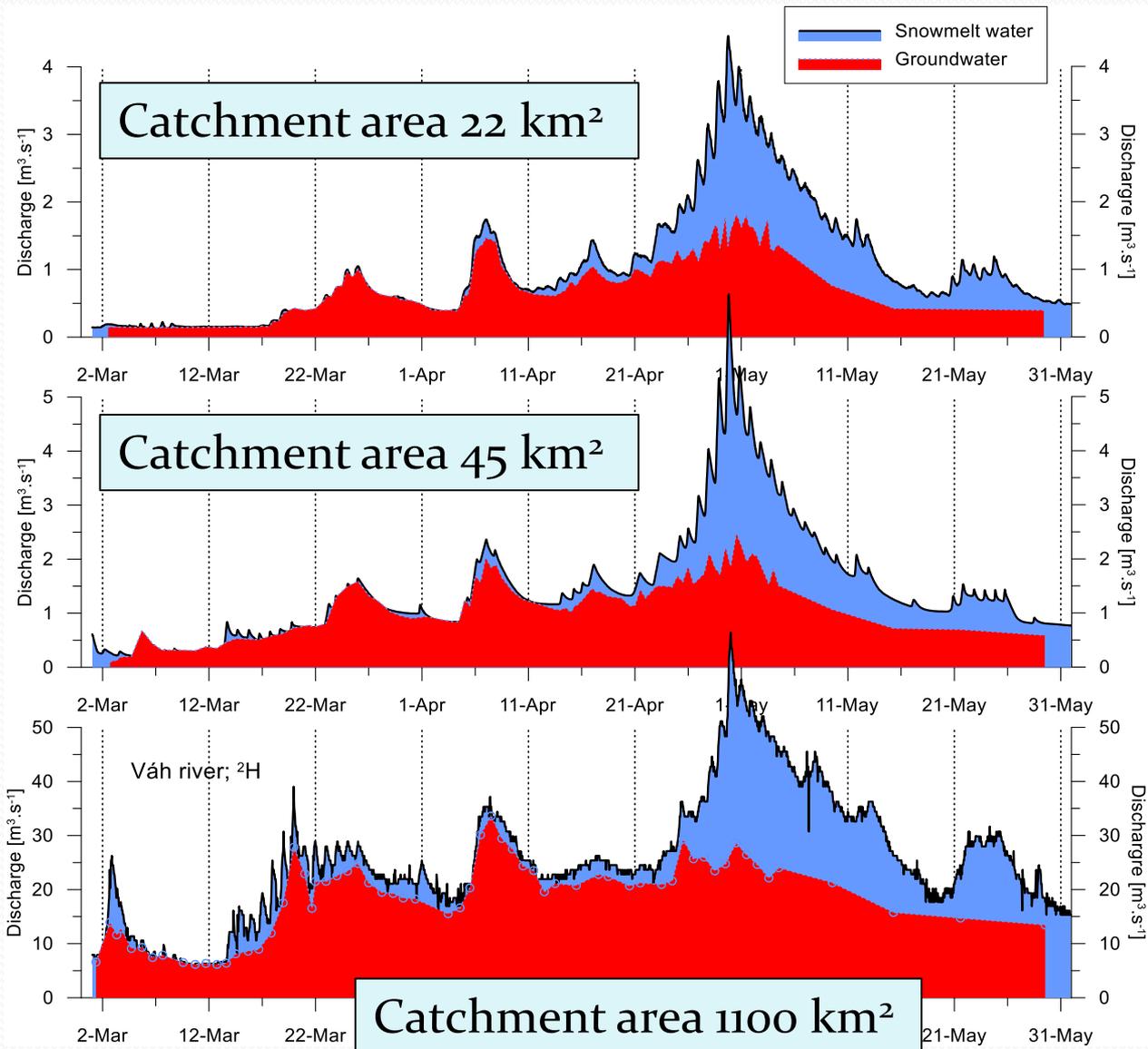
How much water is stored in the snow?
How fast does the snow cover melt?
What is the contribution of snowmelt water to rivers and ground-waters (quantity, pathways, timing)?



Snow line from remote sensing



Contribution of snow to river discharge



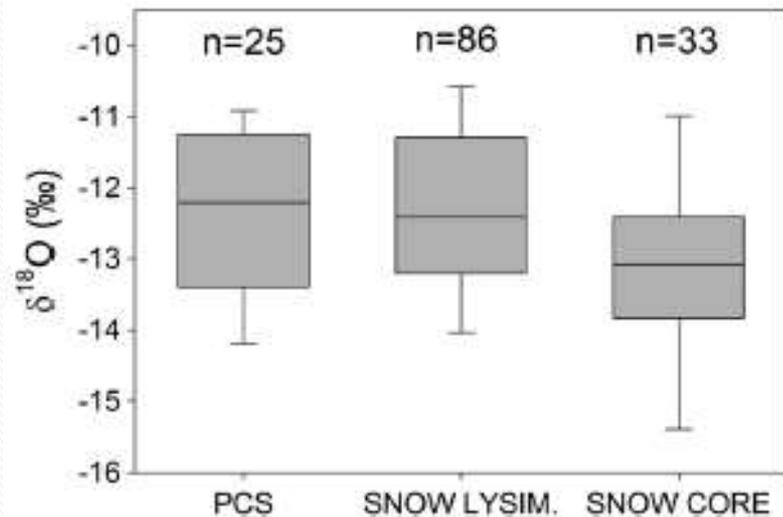
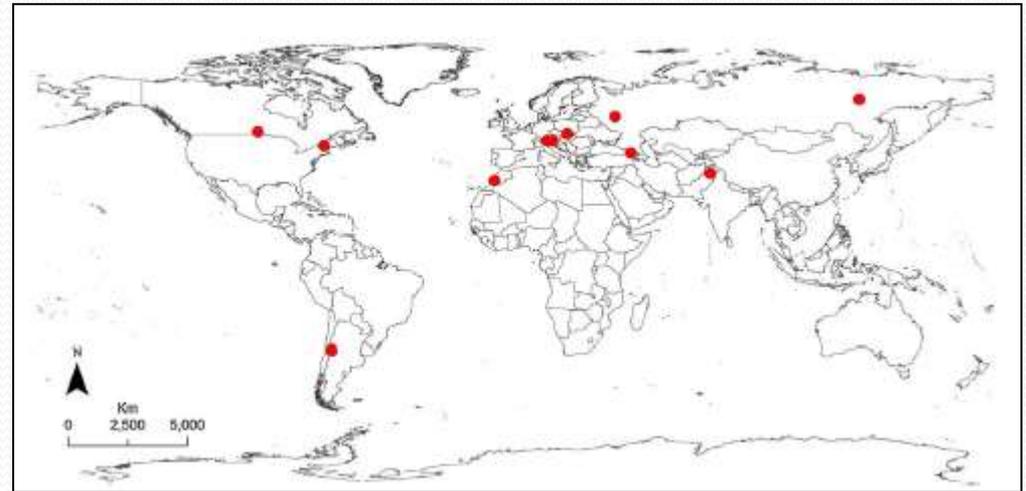
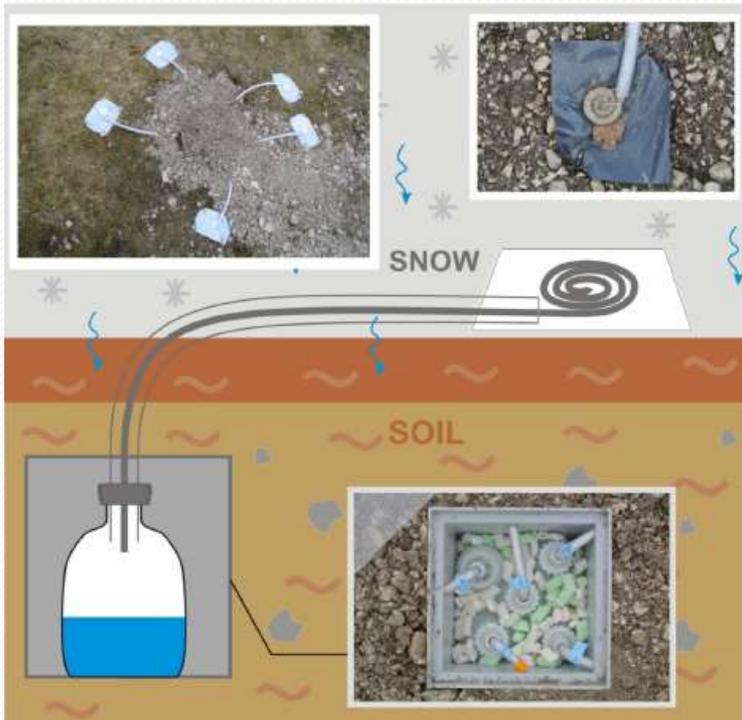
Hydrograph separations for different catchments using stable isotopes



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Little snowmelt water during the first events
Up to 60% of snowmelt water during maximum discharges

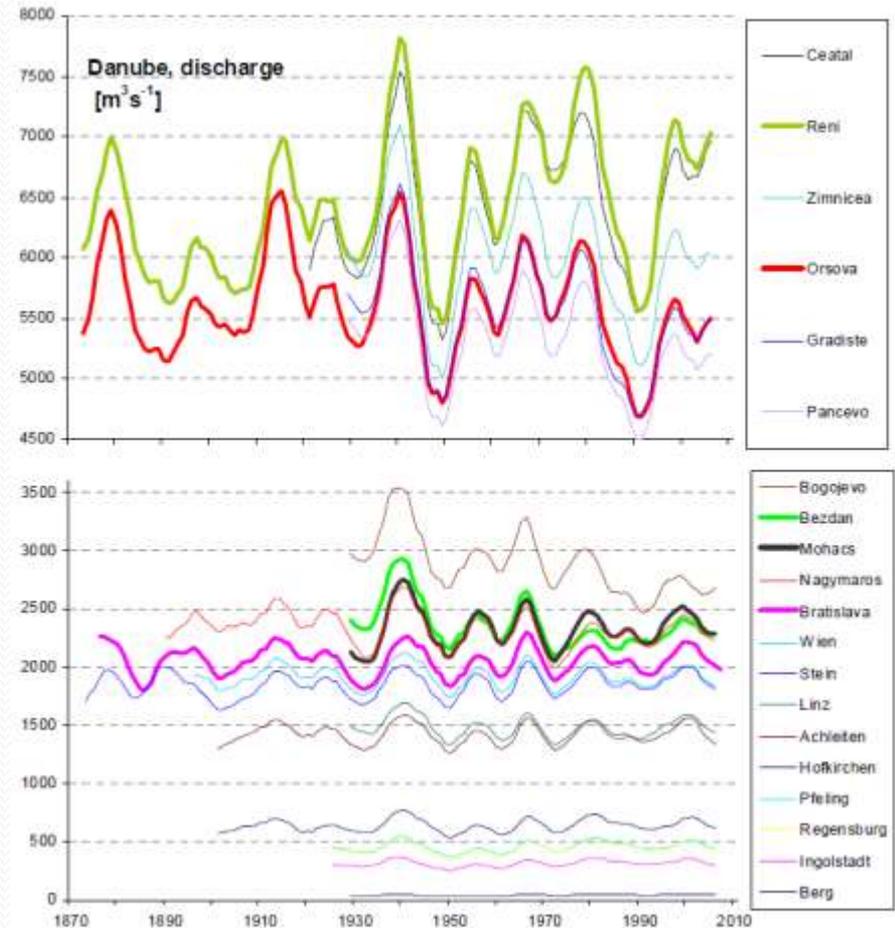
Worldwide testing of a new device to collect snowmelt water samples



Streamflow variability

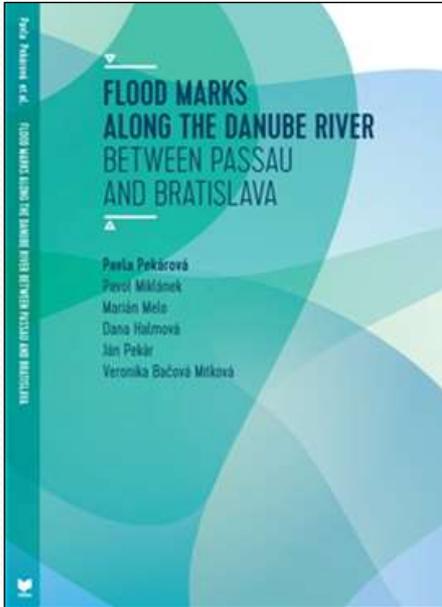
- Are the floods (droughts) at present more frequent than before?
- Do we observe trends or rather cycles in the long-term discharge (precipitation) data series?
- Are they linked to other phenomena?

- Danube river
- Slovak rivers



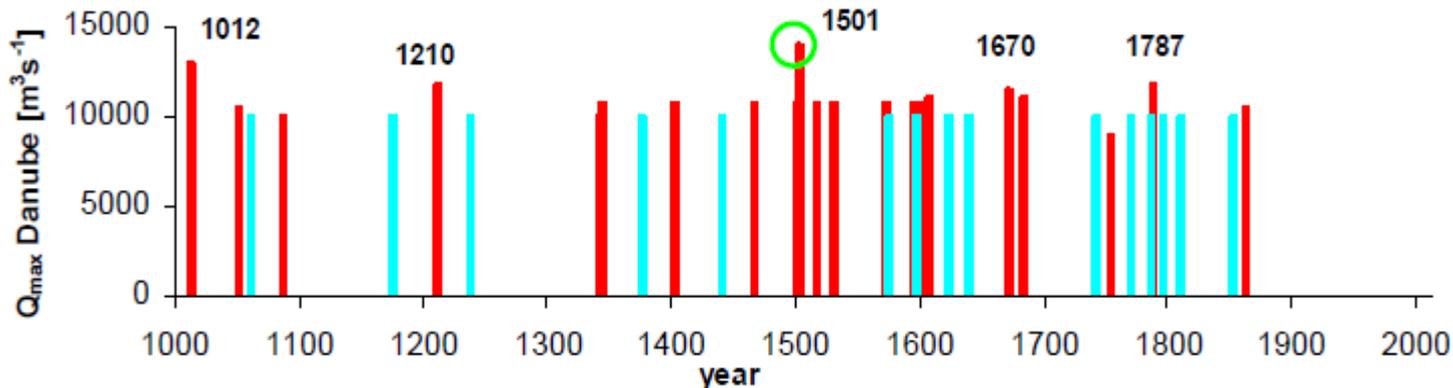
Streamflow variability

- Flood marks between Passau and Bratislava

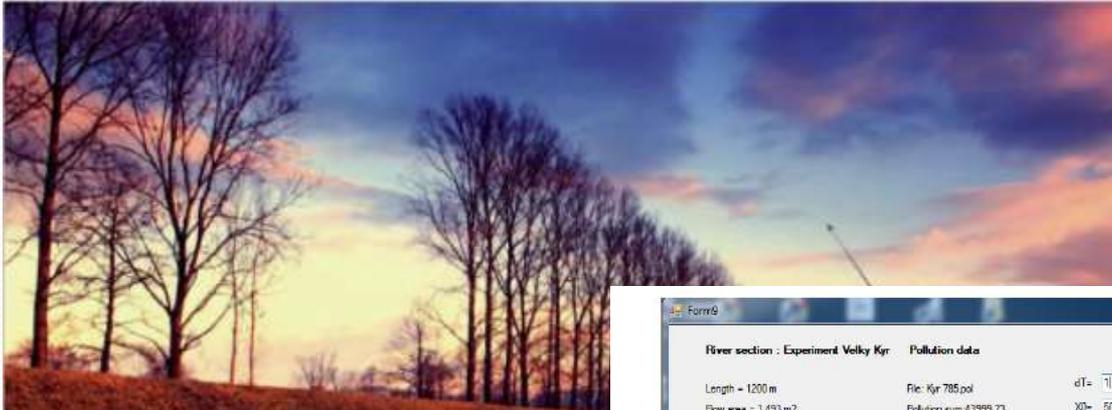


No increase in floods characteristics in 1876-2013

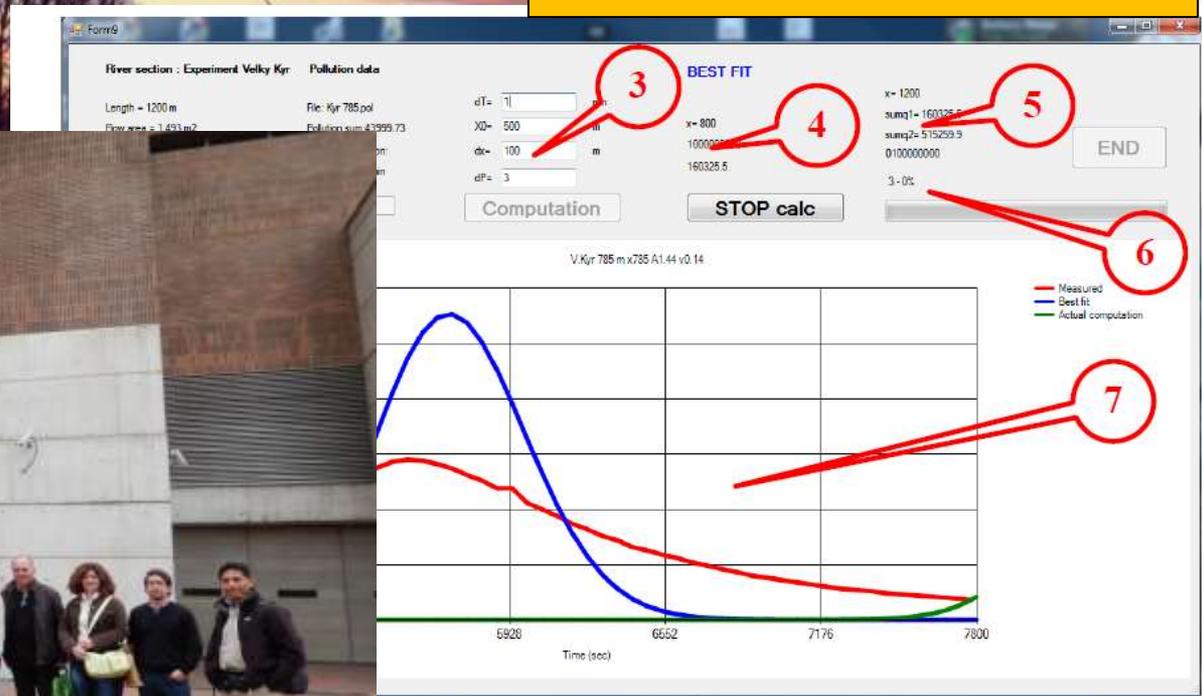
Significant improvement of design discharges



Detection of river water contamination:

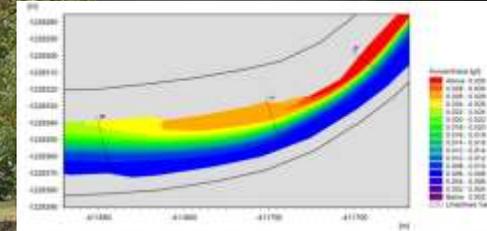
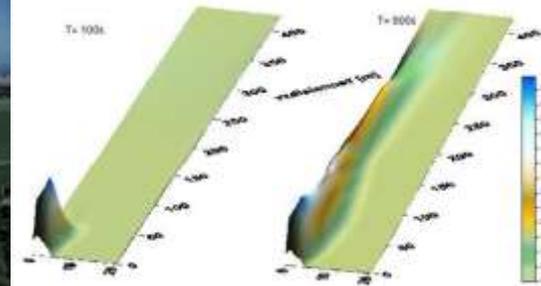


Developed method successfully tested in Slovakia, Poland and Colombia



river data, 2 – pollution data, 3 - computation parameters, 4 – best actual fit, 5 – computation progress, 6 – progress bar, 7 – chart area)

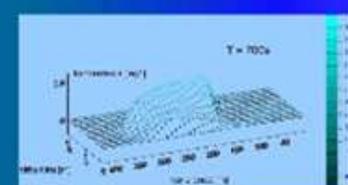
Dispersion in surface streams – measurement and modelling



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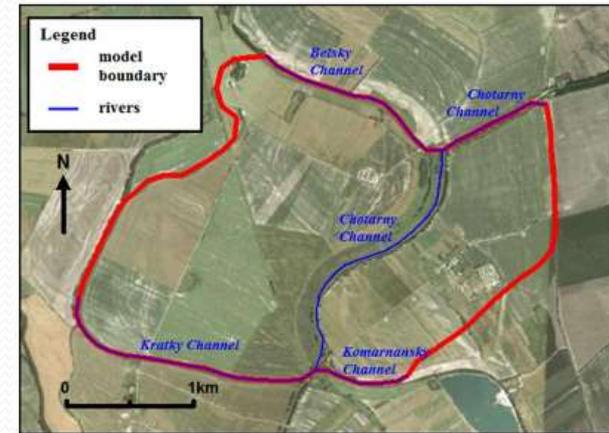
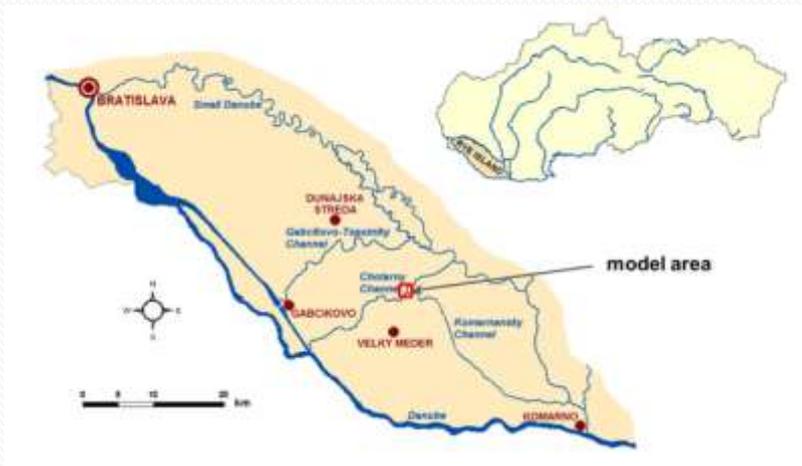
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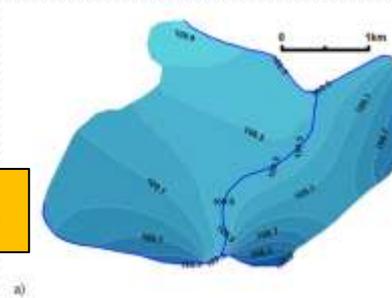
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Stream water-groundwater interactions

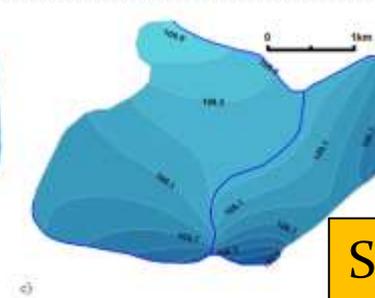


Influence of river water level and channel sediments on groundwater regime

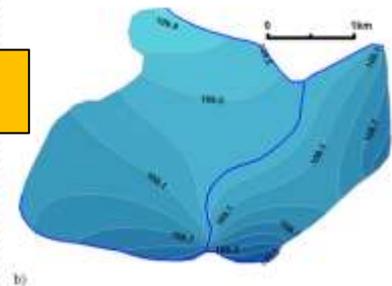
No sediments



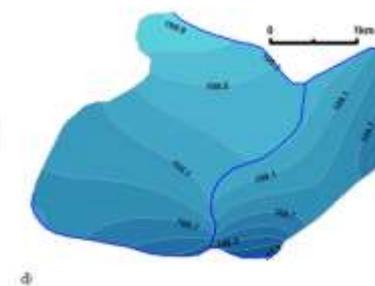
Sediments 1 m



Sediments 0.5 m



Sediments 2 m



Department of Subsurface Water Hydrology



Established in 2014, former Dept. of soil hydrology and Dept. of Lowland hydrology

Department of Subsurface Water Hydrology

- 14-15 employees with university degree during the evaluation period
- located in Bratislava and in Michalovce



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- 8 international projects (EUREKA, GWP, MAD, APVV)
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Journal publications

- impacted journals (CC, WOS, SCOPUS) 20
- non-impacted journals (WOS, SCOPUS) 11
- other journals 27+53

Monographs (or chapter in M.): 5



Informal but regular collaboration with some leading international teams, e.g. from USDA Salinity laboratory in Riverside (California), University of Valencia, in BOKU University in Vienna, University of Aberdeen,

Department of Subsurface Water Hydrology

- Understanding of hydrological processes below the ground surface (infiltration, runoff-initiation processes, percolation, GW recharge) and within the Soil-Plant-Atmosphere System (evapotranspiration)
- Regime of subsurface-water resources (in context of climate change, land use changes and other global phenomena), agro-hydrology
- eco- and bio-hydrological problems (GW quality, mutual relationships between SSW and biota, soil degradation)



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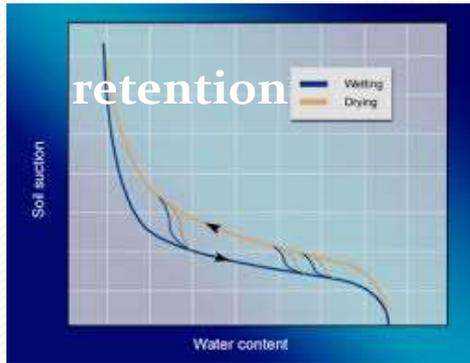
Degradation

(denudation, compaction, erosion,
Exc. pumping, draining)

Extremes

(saturation, GW depletion)

Retention



Selected results



How severe and subcritical water repellency determines the seasonal infiltration in natural and cultivated sandy soils



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PLANTS AND BIOLOGICAL SOIL CRUST INFLUENCE THE HYDROPHYSICAL PARAMETERS AND WATER FLOW IN AN AEOLIAN SANDY SOIL

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A relatively simple scaling method for describing the unsaturated hydraulic functions of stony soils

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Abstract

Few if any methods exist to estimate the effects of stone content (stoniness) on the unsaturated soil hydraulic properties. A relatively simple scaling method is presented to estimate the hydraulic conductivity of unsaturated stony soils having different stone contents. A key assumption of the method is that van Genuchten's water retention parameters α and n of the fine soil fraction are the same as those of the stony soil. The method further assumes a linearly decreasing relationship between the saturated hydraulic conductivity and the stone content, based on previous numerical simulations. Using the proposed method, it is possible to calculate the hydraulic conductivity of unsaturated stony soils, knowing the saturated hydraulic conductivity of the fine soil fraction, the retention curve of the fine soil fraction, and the particular stoniness of the soil.

Key words: soil hydrology / stoniness / soil characteristics / fine soil fraction / rock fragments

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Selected results



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Effects of vegetation at different succession stages on soil properties and water flow in sandy soil

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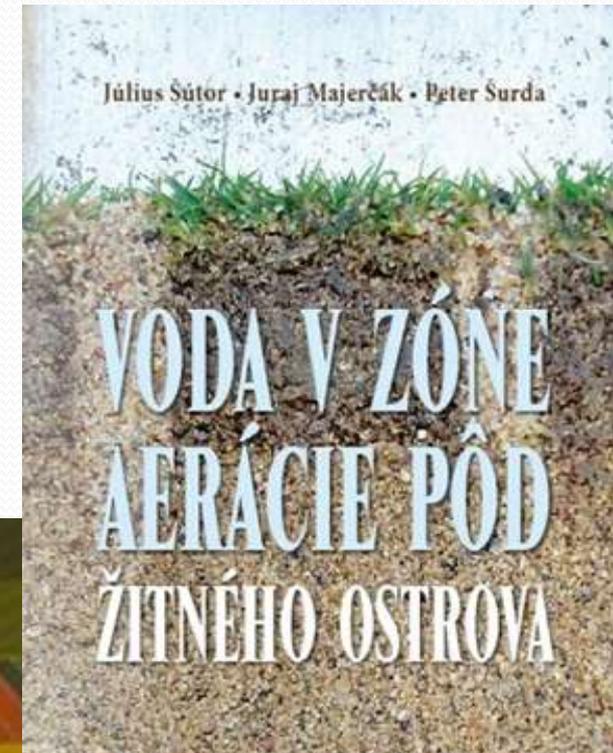
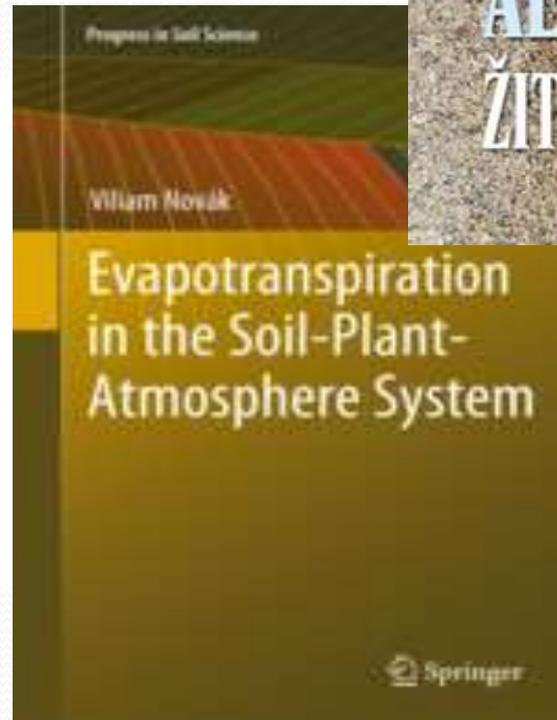
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ORIGINAL PAPER

The influence of stoniness and canopy properties on soil water content distribution: simulation of water movement in forest stony soil

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How water repellency determines the seasonal infiltration in natural and cultivated sandy soils



Wetting pattern after the first 10 ml infiltrated Wetting pattern after the second 10 ml infiltrated Wetting pattern after the third 10 ml infiltrated

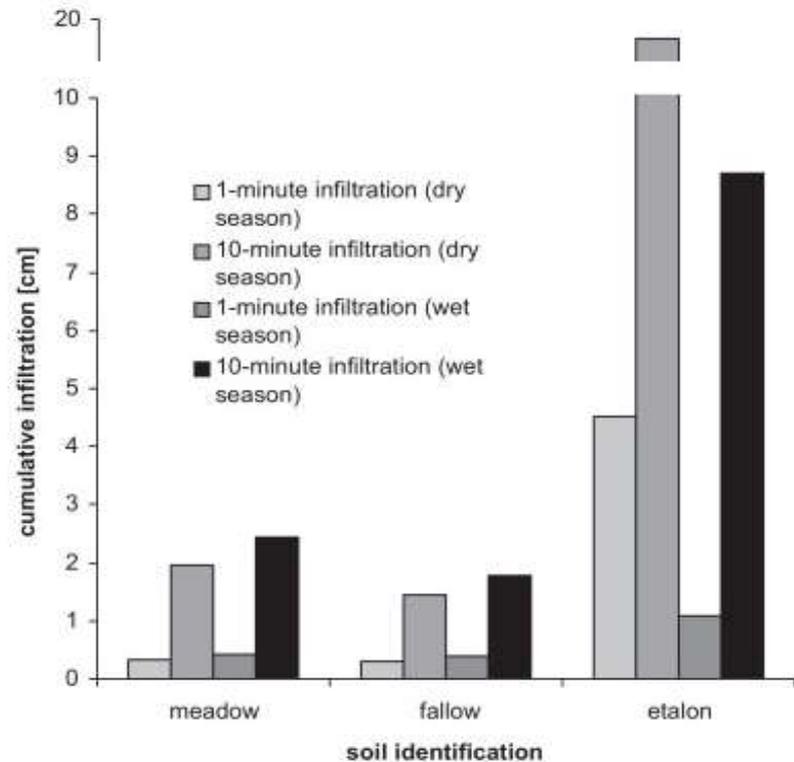
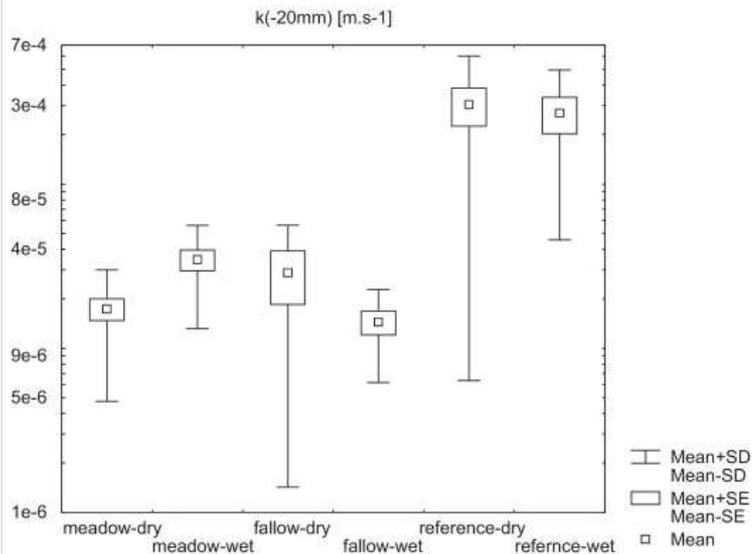
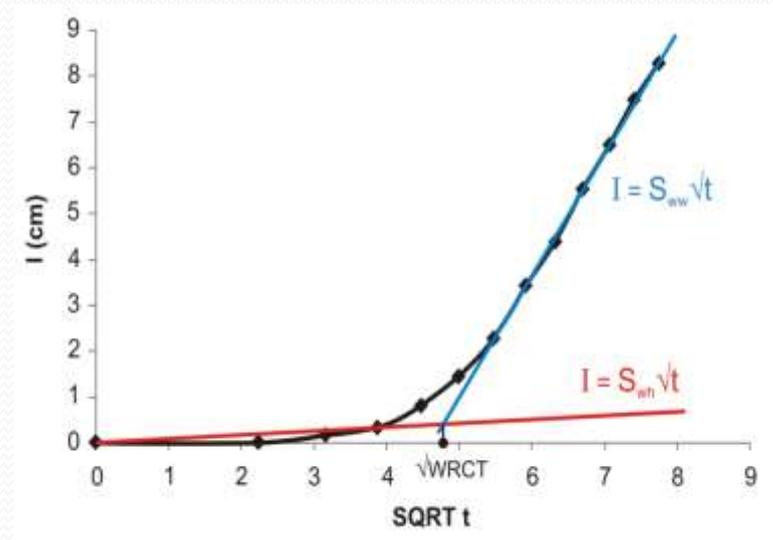


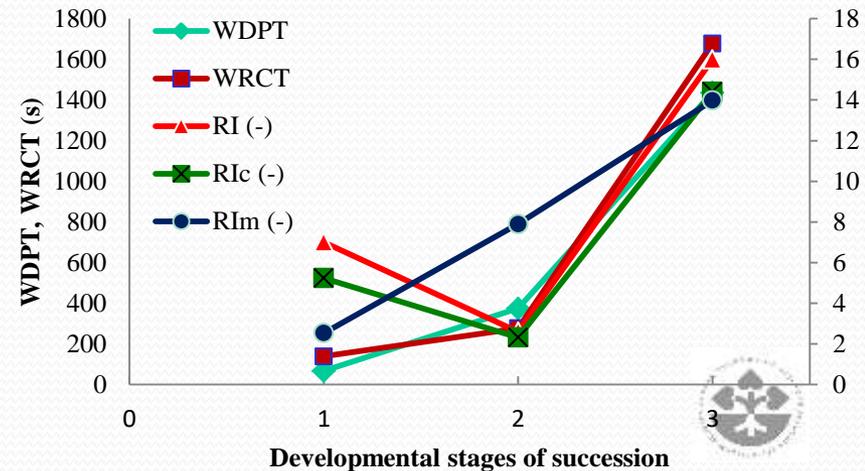
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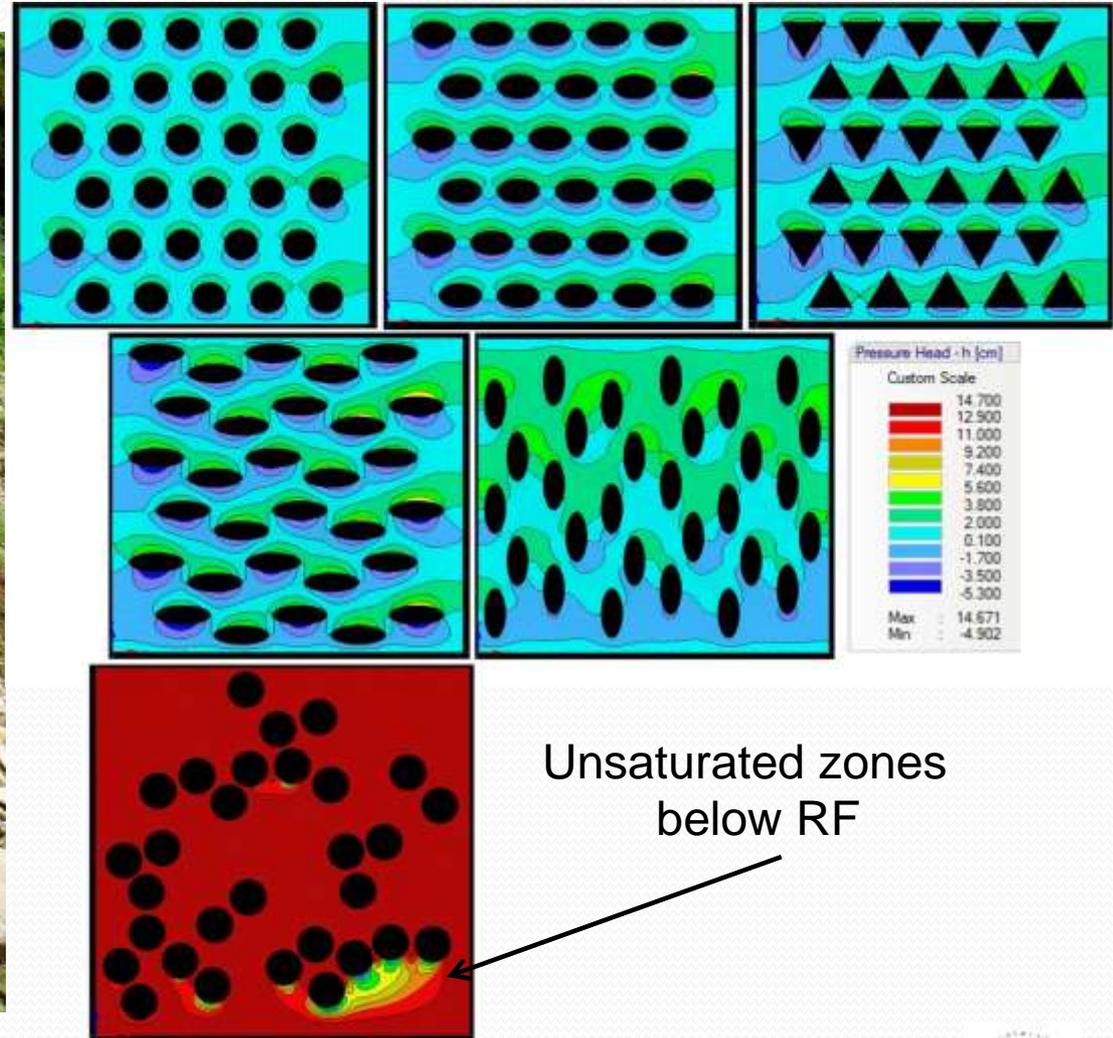
Evaluation of water infiltration into soils covered with biological soil crust



Primary succession in Sekule, Slovakia



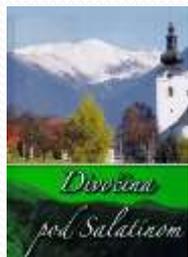
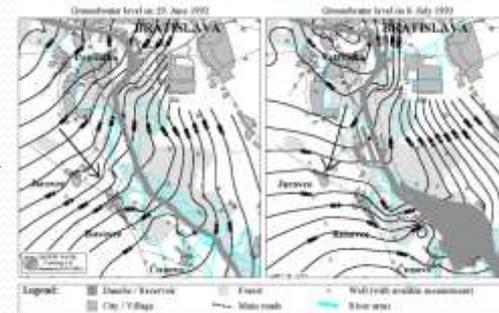
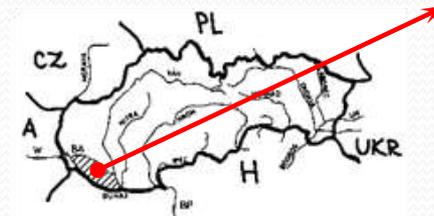
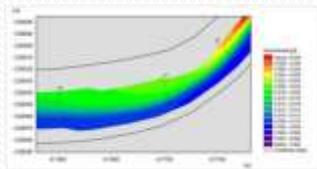
Hydraulic functions of stony soils



Unsaturated zones
below RF

social impact improvement of water management practice in Slovakia

Impact of Gabčíkovo Hydropower Plant on GWL



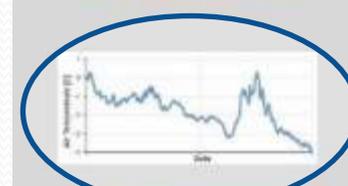
review of Standards, participation in think-tanks



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Selected meteorological data measured at Jalovecky creek basin

PhD study, cooperation with universities

study programme

Water Management Engineering, study field 5.1.6

In 2015 we were reaccredited up to August, 31, 2020.

PROBLEM: *Decrease in the number of educated specialists – hydrologists, water managers, meteorologists*

Currently, there is no PhD study program in hydrology accredited at any university in Slovakia



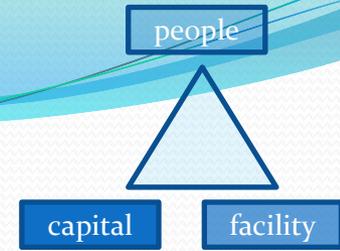
Joint Research Laboratory/Facilities with universities...3x

Centre of Excellence of Integrated Flood Protection Systems

Centre of Excellence for Protection and Use of Landscape and for Biodiversity

Centre of Excellence for the Integrated River Basin Management in the Changing Environmental Conditions

Future, research strategy



WATER

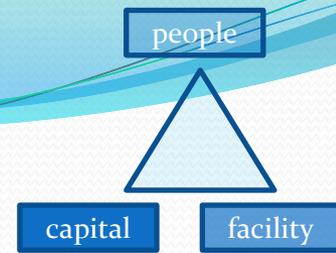


Antropocene



Humans significantly affect the water cycle
Greater demand on water resources
EU legislation

Future, research strategy



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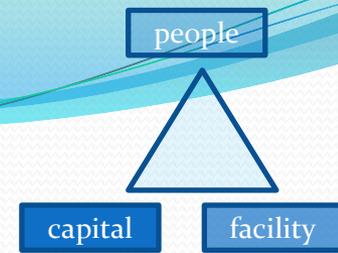
- IH SAS – participate in European Network of Experimental and Representative Basins (20 countries)
- in the framework of the International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO project EUROFRIEND (39 countries)
- continue the project Flood Regimes of Rivers in the Danube Basin (14 countries)

HORIZON 2020, COST,.....

national

- IH SAS – the leader in experimental hydrology and tracer hydrology
- principal research organization for solution of pollutant dispersion in SW from the hydrodynamic point of view
- the process of water, energy and dissolved substances transport in the soil, as part of (GW-S-P-A) system

Future, research strategy



Improved *quality of instrumentation*



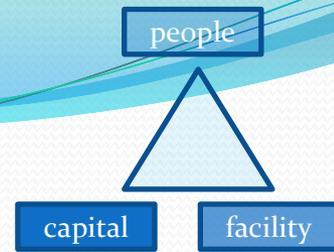
modern methods application, faster and more effective processing of the collected data

basis for excellent research in the next period

CCC, WOS, SCOPUS

domestic scientific journals

Future, research strategy



reflect the worldwide trends in hydrology and effectively contribute to the international hydrological research with new knowledge from our country

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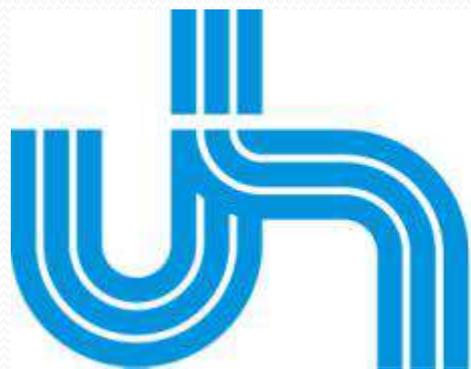
for our country

be active in international collaborations

be active in national collaborations

cooperation with private sector

impact on decision makers



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