

Hydrological validation of H–SAF precipitation products on Polish basins from different regions (lowland, upland, mountainous catchments)

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The main goals of hydrological validation



The main goals of HV

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Product interfacing and
utilization improvement

Make software for blended products

Perform the analysis of possible
product utility for hydrological tasks

Development of tools to assimilate soil
moisture and snow
cover products to hydrological models

Development of tools (software) for
data format conversion acceptable by
hydrological models

Sensitivity analysis – influence of each
product on final output data



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Impact studies and hydrological validation

Hydrological validation of Products

Case studies

Satelital data assesment and model
calibration



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Hydrological Validation

Hydrological validation of operational or pre-operational H-SAF products:

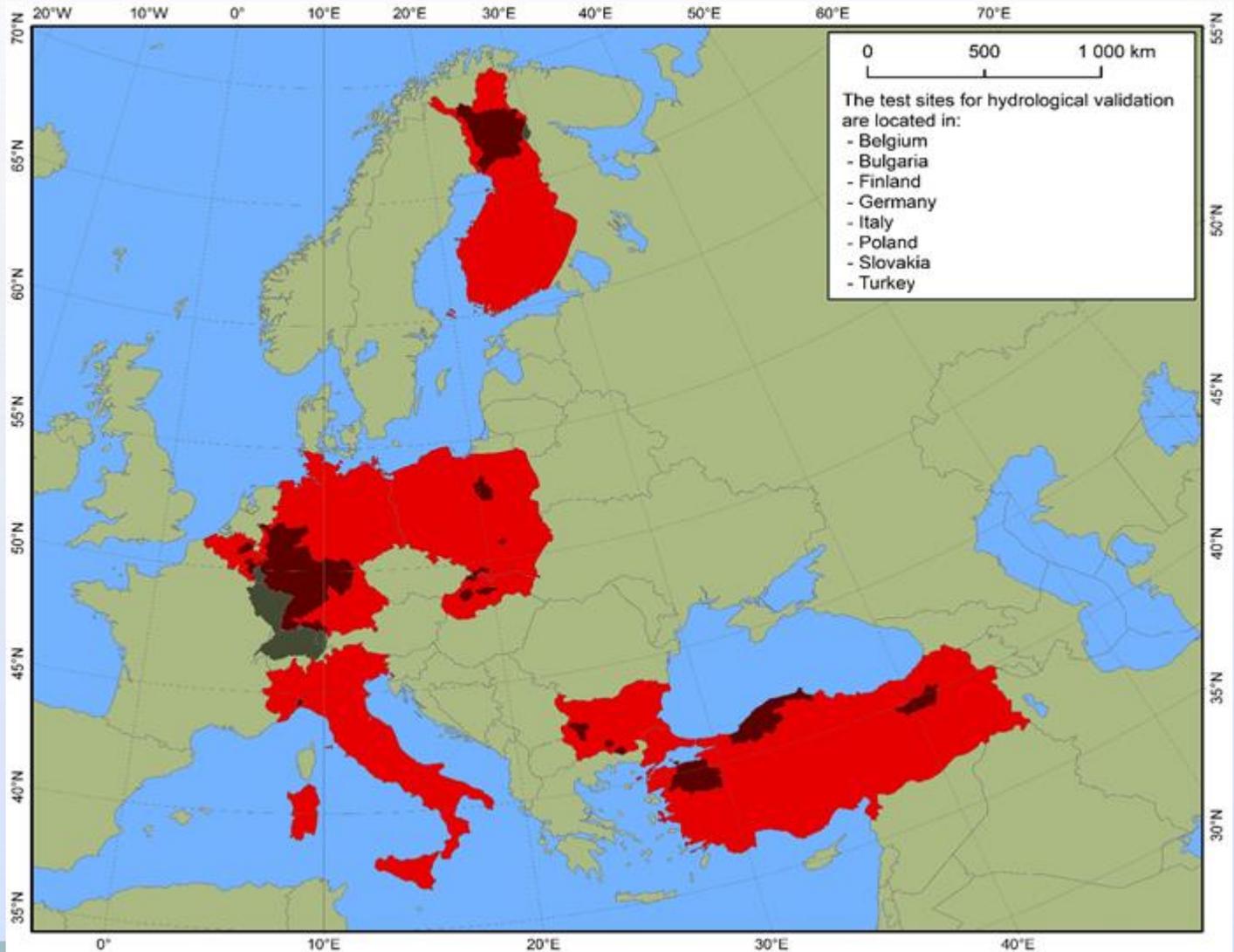
- PR: H03; H04; H05
- SM: H08; H14
- SN: H10; H12; H13

Results are presented in
Hydrological Impact Validation Report (HVR)

Validation Teams, test sites, models

Country	Test site	Hydrological model
Belgium	Demer-Scheldt	SCHEME (SCHEldt and model)
	Ourthe-Meuse	
Bulgaria	Iskar River	Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)
	Varbica river	Mike-11/NAM (Nedbør-Afstrømmings Model)
	Chepelarska	and Isba-Modcou model
Finland	Ounasjoki	Variable Infiltration Capacity (VIC) Model version 4.1.2f
Germany	Rhine	HBV (Hydrologiska Byrans Vattenbalansavdelning model), LARSIME (Large Area Simulation Model)
Italy	Orba	Continuum Model
Poland	Soła	HBV (Hydrologiska Byrans Vattenbalansavdelning model), SRM
	Raba	
	Czarna and Lagowianka	
	Wkra	
Slovakia	Nitra	Hron-NAM (Hron and Nedbør-Afstrømmings Model)
	Kysuca	
	Hron	HBV (Hydrologiska Byrans Vattenbalansavdelning model)
Turkey	Susurluk	HEC-HMS (The Hydrologic Engineering Center – Hydrologic Modeling System)
	Western Black Sea	
	Upper Euphrates	SRM (Snowmelt Runoff Model)
	Kirkgöze	HBV (Hydrologiska Byrans Vattenbalansavdelning model)

Validation Teams, test sites, models



Status of validation

Country		Product							
		H03	H04	H05	H08	H14	H10	H12	H13
Belgium		-	-	YES	-	-	-	-	-
Bulgaria		-	-	YES	-	YES	-	-	-
Finland		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	YES
Germany		-	-	YES	~	~	~	~	~
Italy		YES	-	YES	YES	YES	-	-	-
Poland		YES	YES	YES	-	~	~	~	~
Slovakia		YES	YES	YES	YES	-	-	-	-
Turkey	ITU	-	-	YES	-	-	-	-	-
	AU	-	-	-	-	-	YES	~	YES
Hungary		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	~

-	not validated
~	validation in future
YES	validated

Validation period and products



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Period

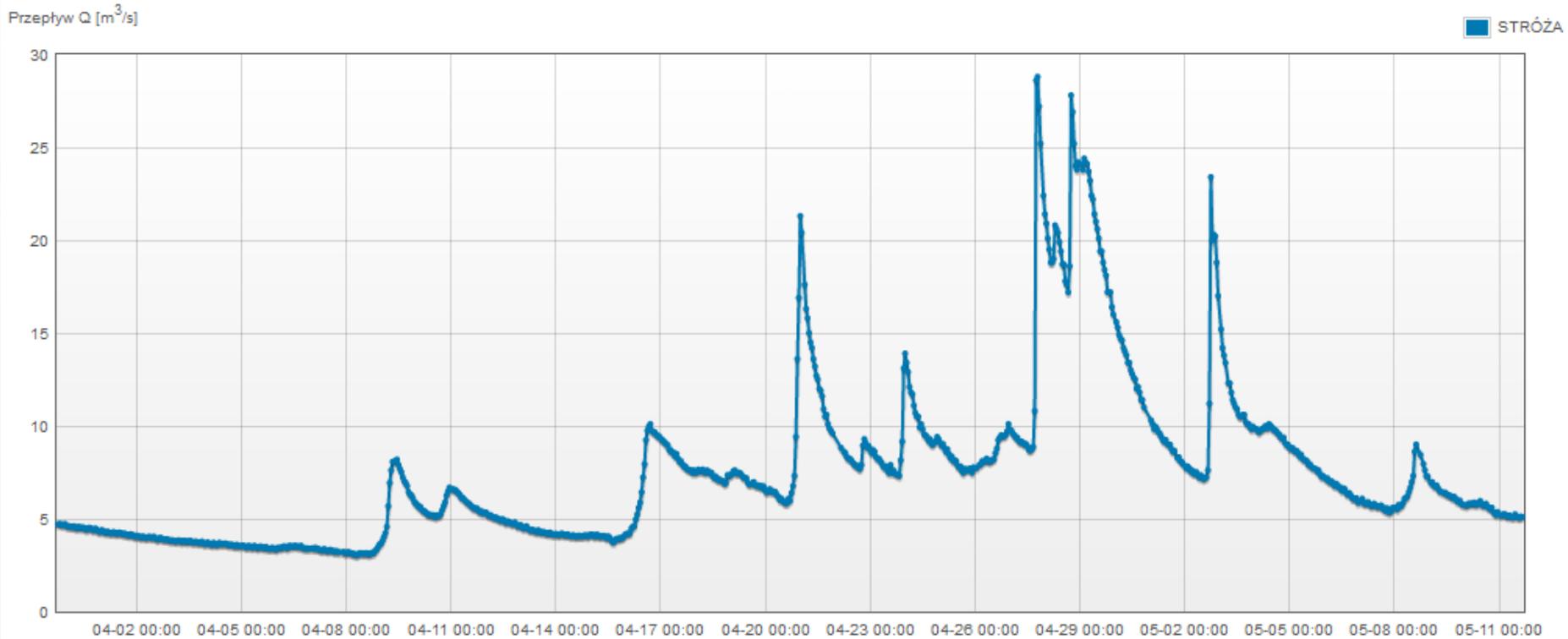
- from 1/7/2012 to 30/6/2013

Precipitation products

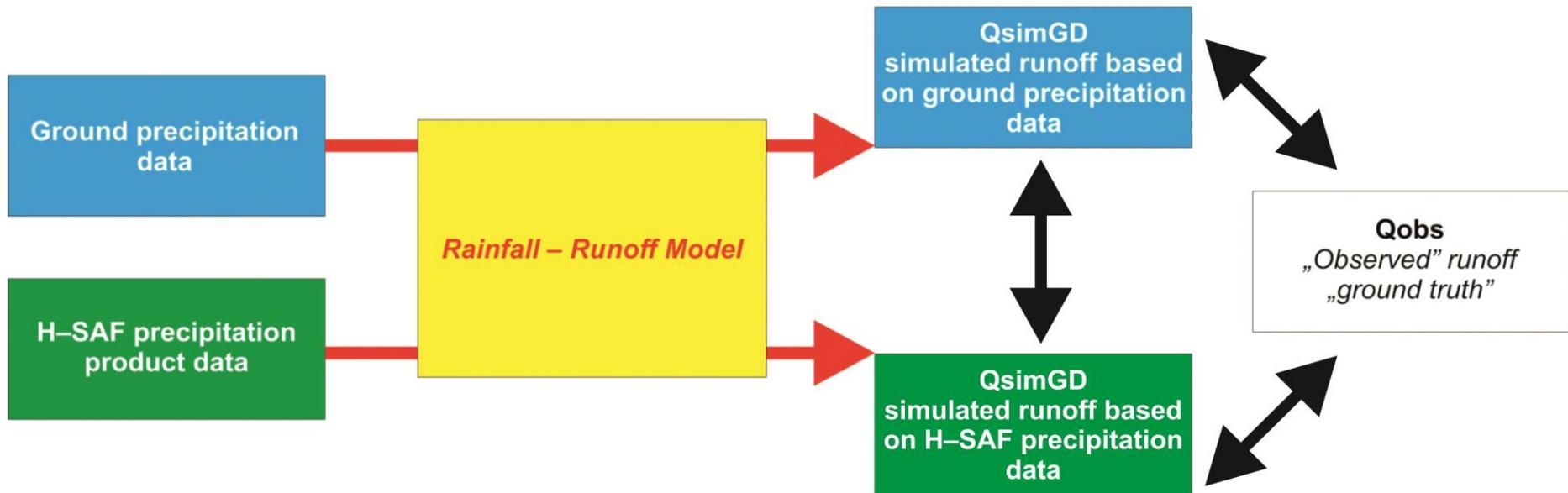
Product		Resolu- tion	Cycle
H03	Precipitation rate at ground by GEO/IR supported by LEO/MW	~ 8 km	15 min
H04	Precipitation rate at ground by LEO/MW supported by GEO/IR (with flag for phase)	~ 8 km	3 hours
H05	Accumulated precipitation at ground by blended MW and IR	~ 8 km	Each 3 hours: MW+IR integrated over the previous 3, 6, 12 and 24

Methods

How to define „*ground truth*”?



Methods: General idea of HV



Methods: HBV model

SF = Snow

RF = Rain

IN = Infiltration

EA = Actual evapotranspiration

EI = Evaporation from interception

SM = Soil moisture storage

FC = Maximum soil moisture storage

LP = Limit for potential evapotranspiration

R = Recharge

CFLUX = Capillary transport

UZ = Storage in upper response box

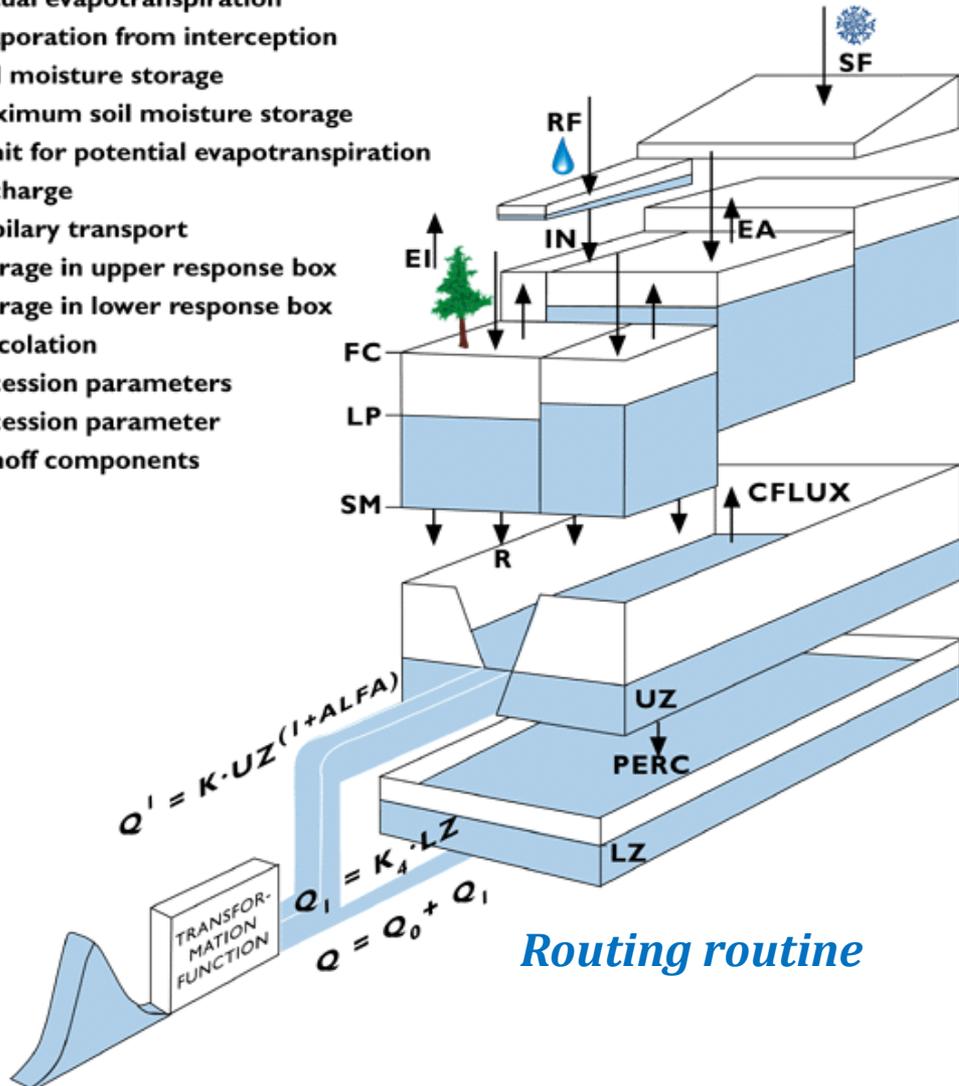
LZ = Storage in lower response box

PERC = Percolation

K, K4 = Recession parameters

ALFA = Recession parameter

Q0, Q1 = Runoff components



Snow routine

Soil routine

Response function

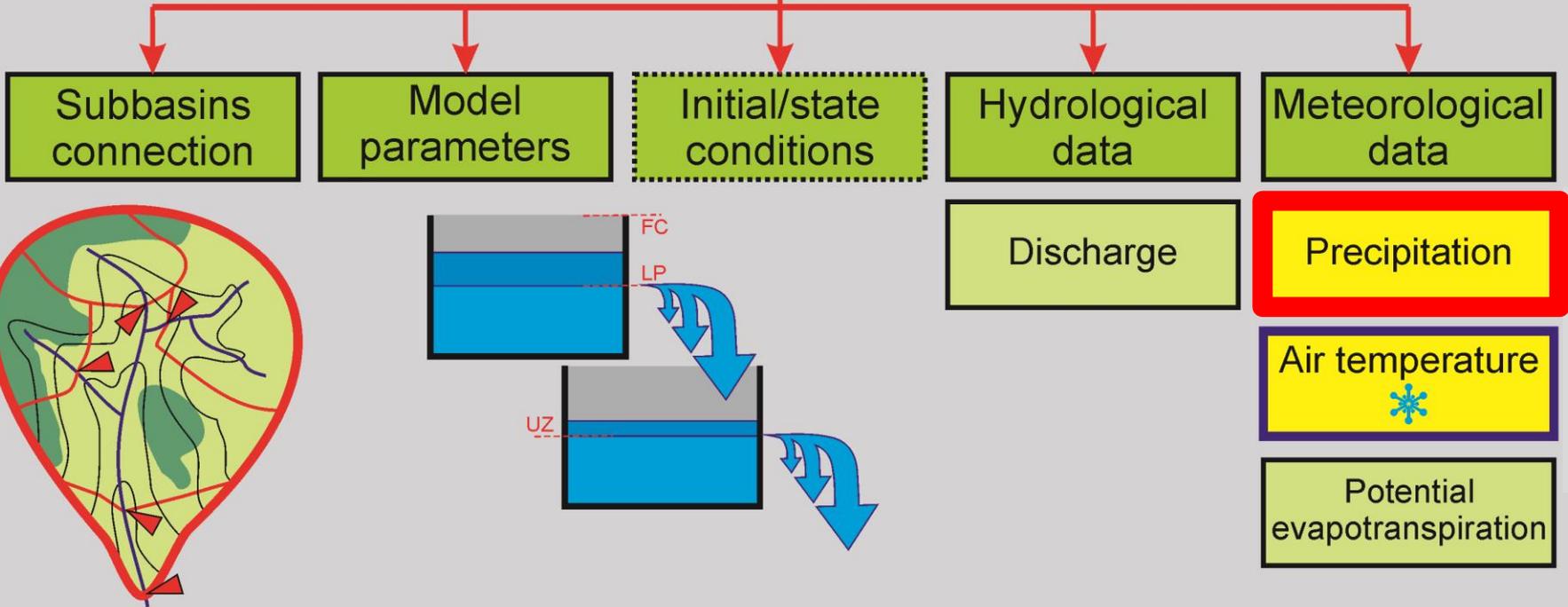
Routing routine

distributed

lumped

Methods

THE BASIC INPUT REQUIREMENTS TO RAINFALL-RUNOFF MODELS



Precipitation

- Weighted mean
- Elevation zones

Temperature

- Weighted mean
- Elevation zones

Data for stations
The time step is
ONE HOUR

Potential evaporation*

- Penman-Monteith/Thornthwaite equation
- Usually long-term monthly mean values

Discharge observations are used to calibrate the model, and to verify and correct the model before a runoff forecast.



Calibration of rainfall-runoff model

(using historical, long time series of ground data)

Validation

- runoff simulation using precipitation ground data as an input
- runoff simulation using satellite precipitation product as an input



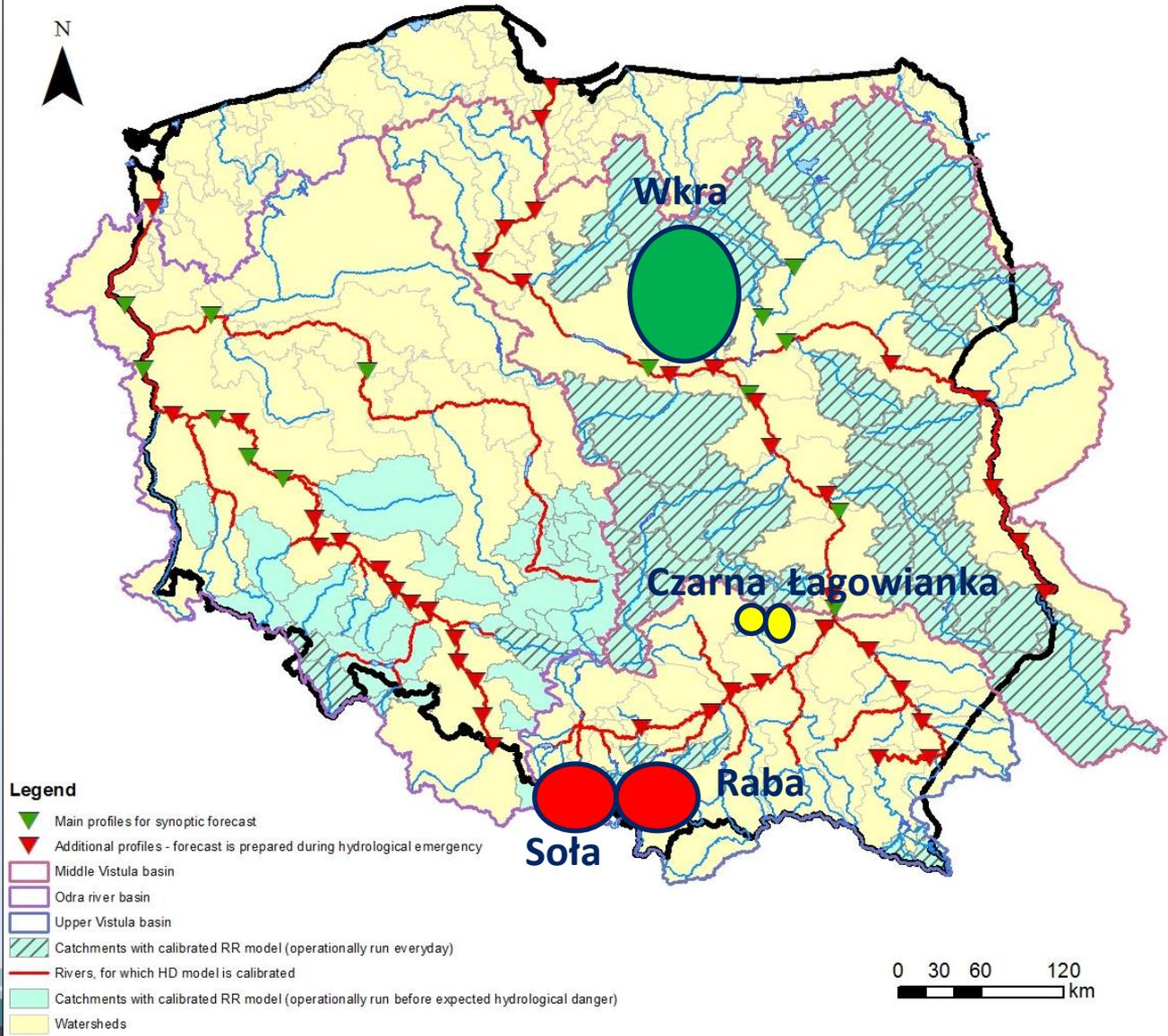
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- Results for each month and for the whole period
- Comparison the obtained run-offs with the measurements
- Evaluations of the H-SAF products were performed, in terms of discharges, by the calculation of the Nash-Sutcliffe model efficiency coefficient, the correlation coefficient, the RMSE and ME and MAE.
- Results: graphs, statistics scores

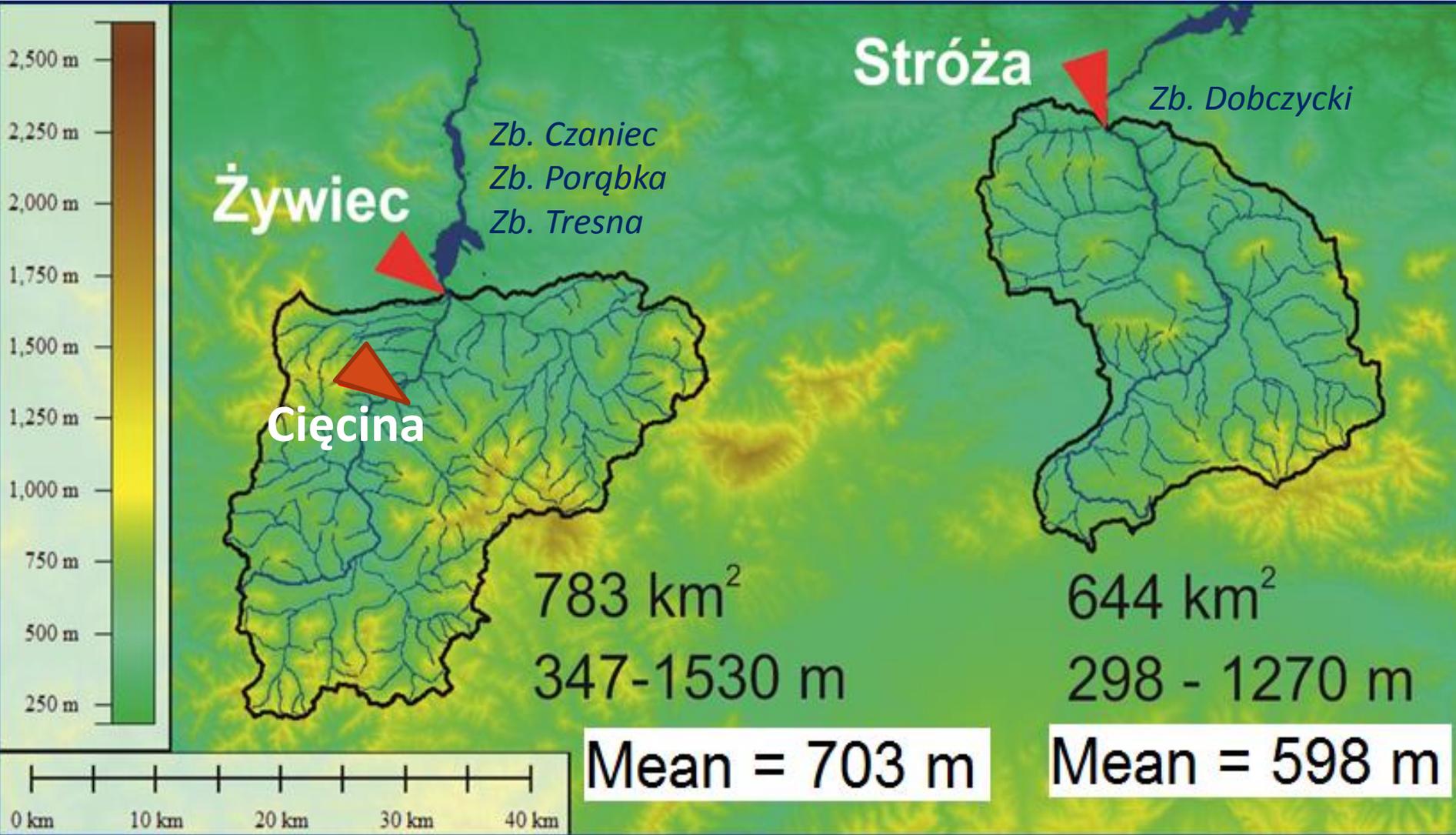
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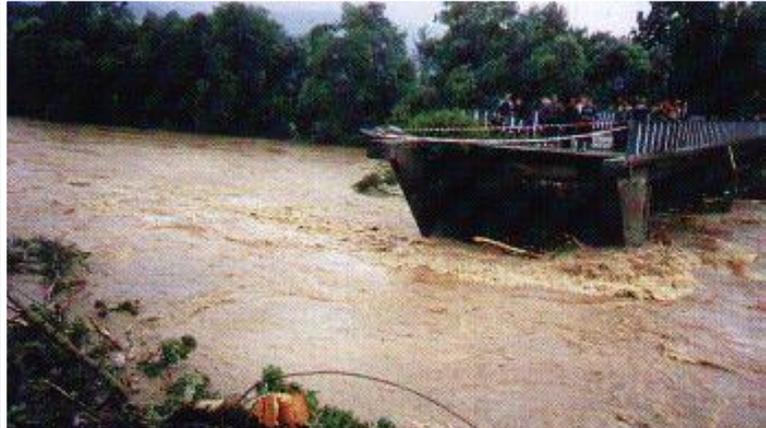
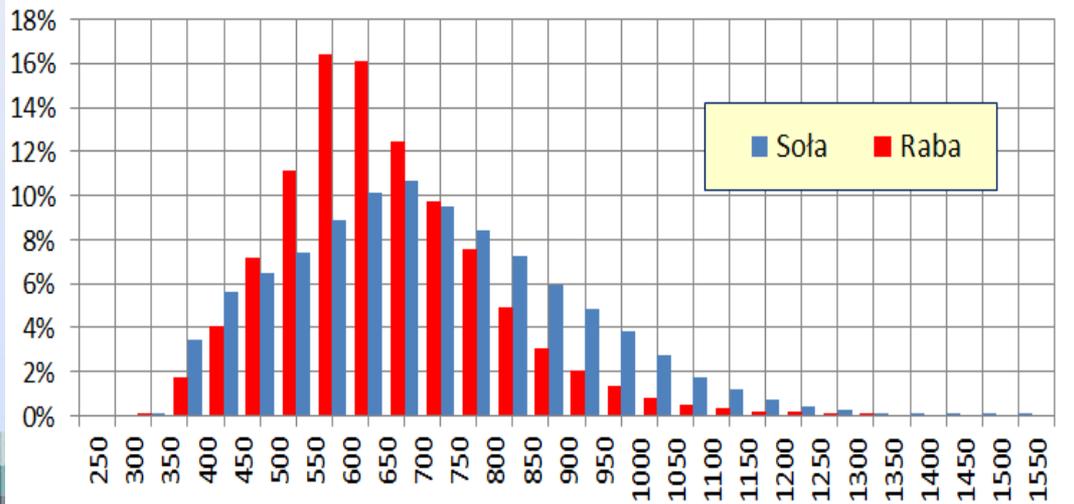
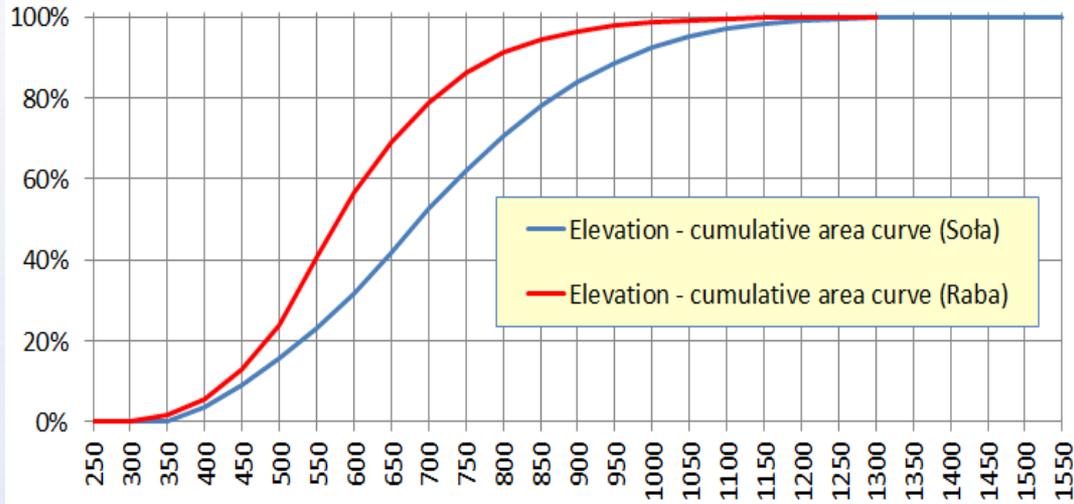
-  lowland
-  upland
-  mountain



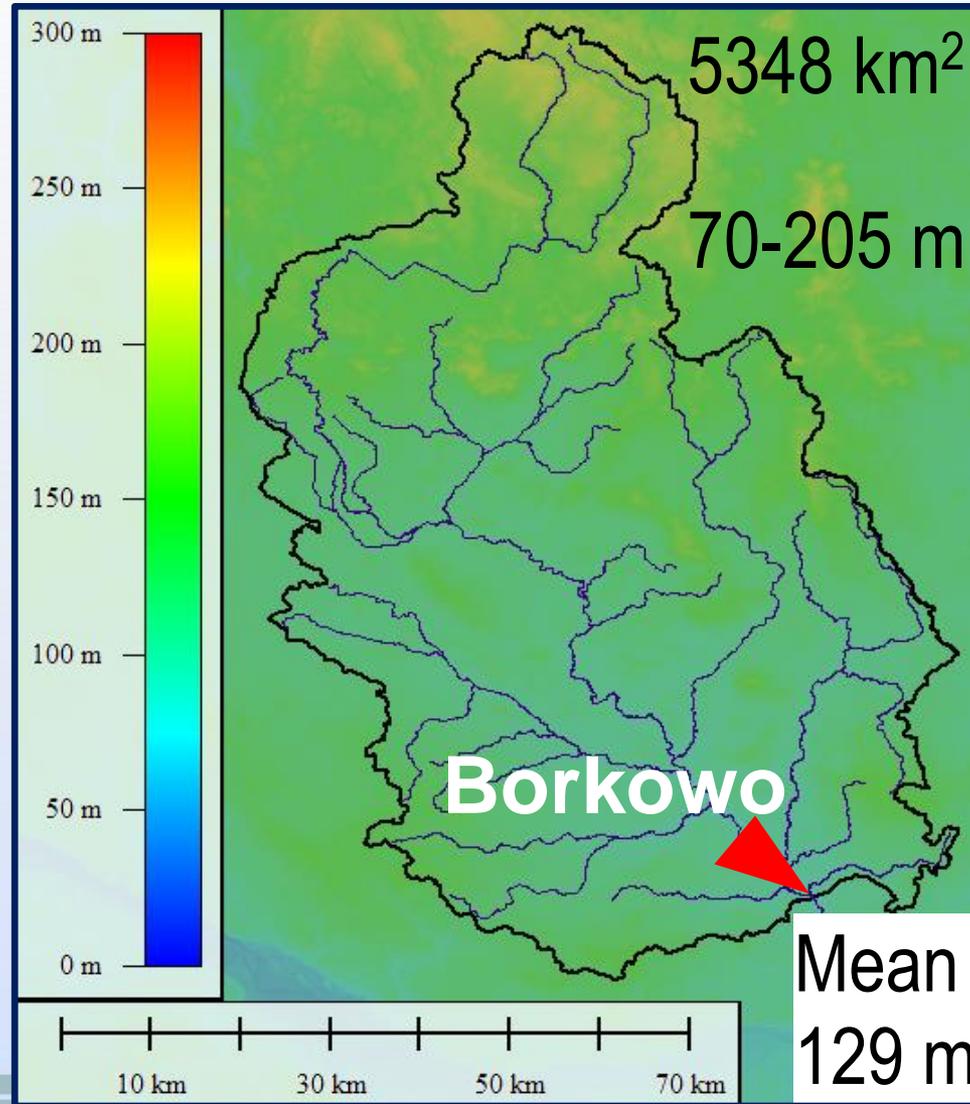
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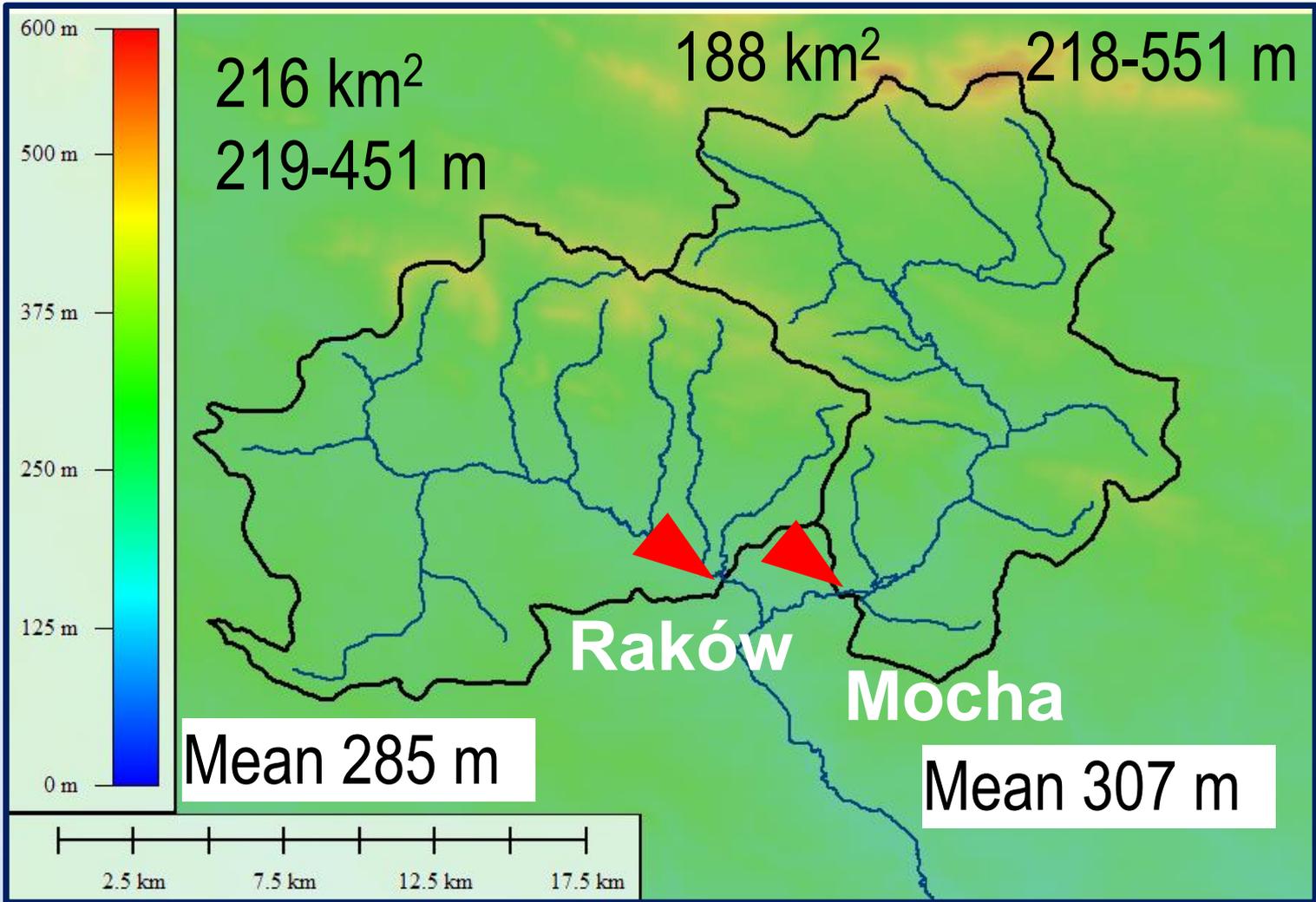
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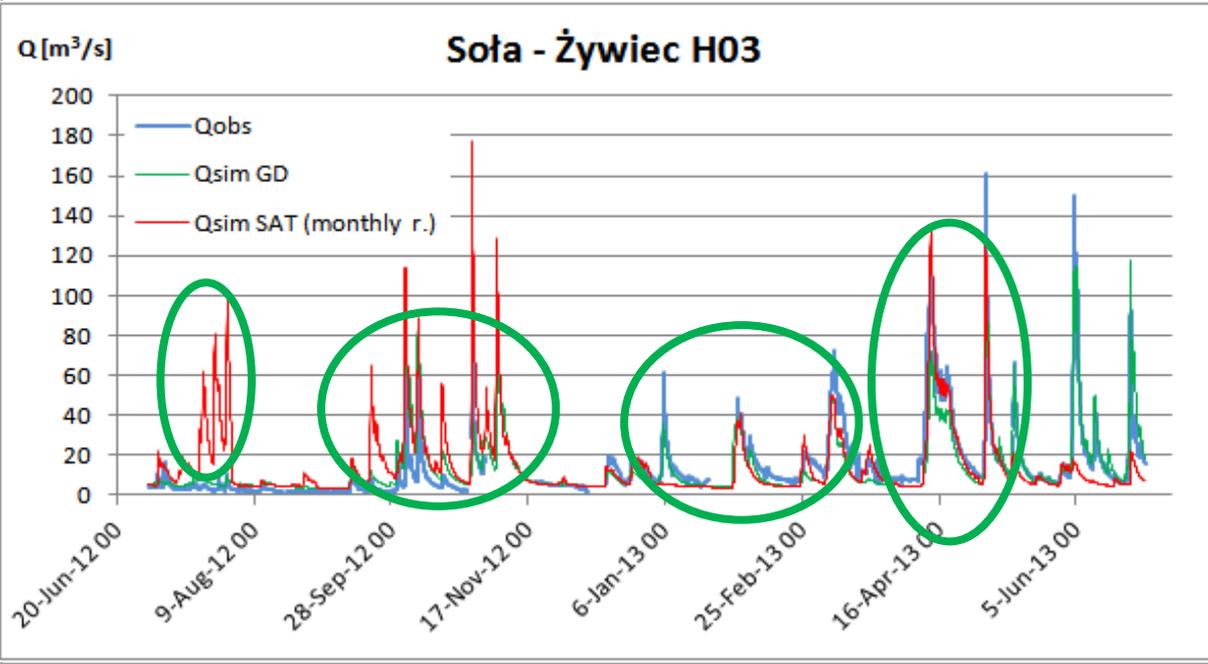
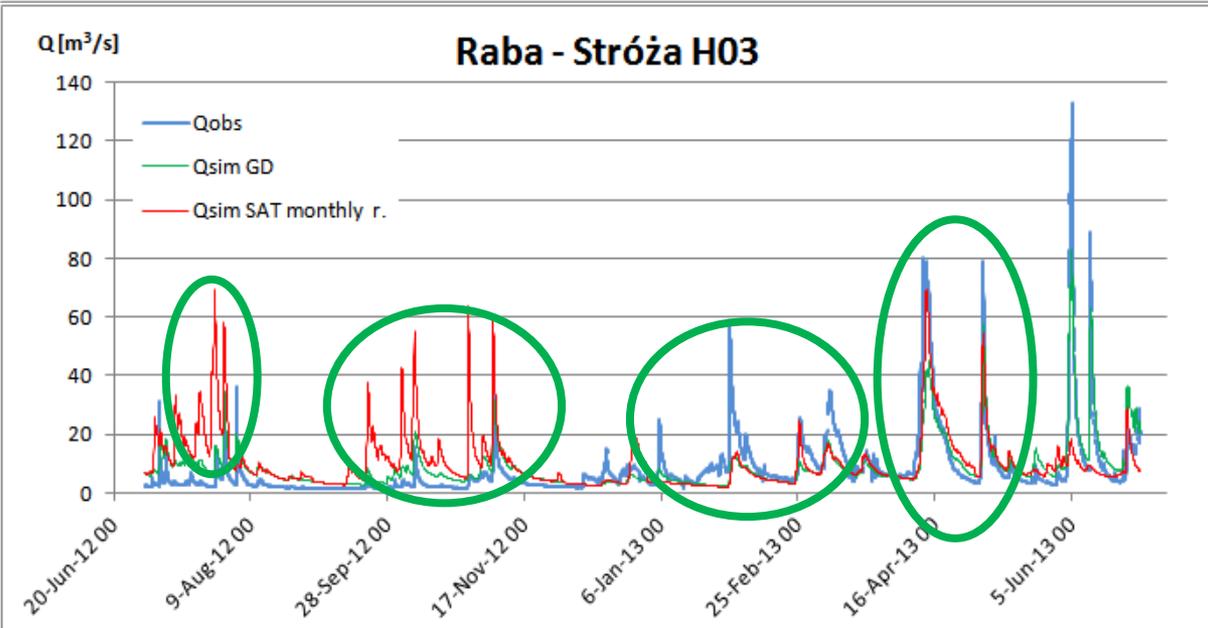


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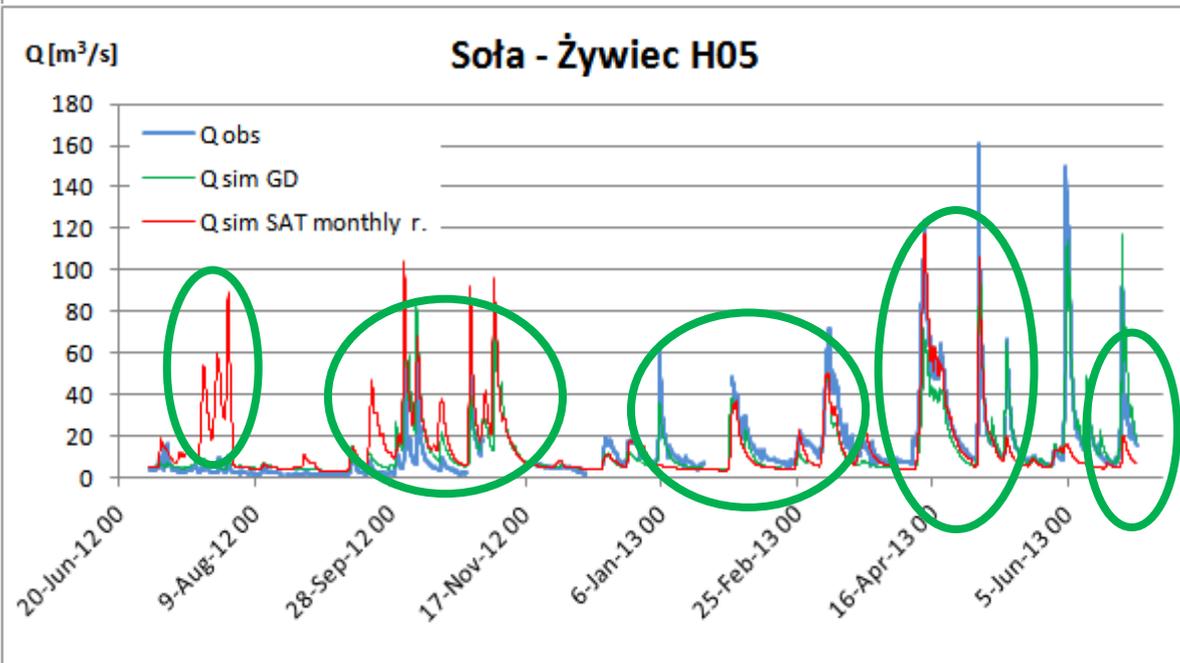
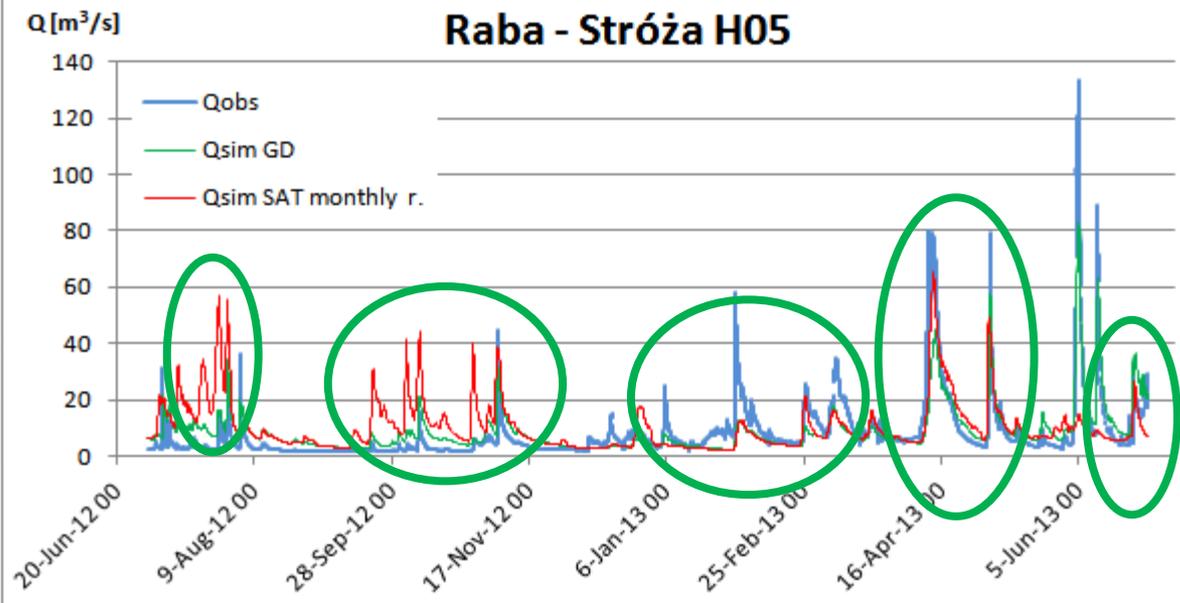
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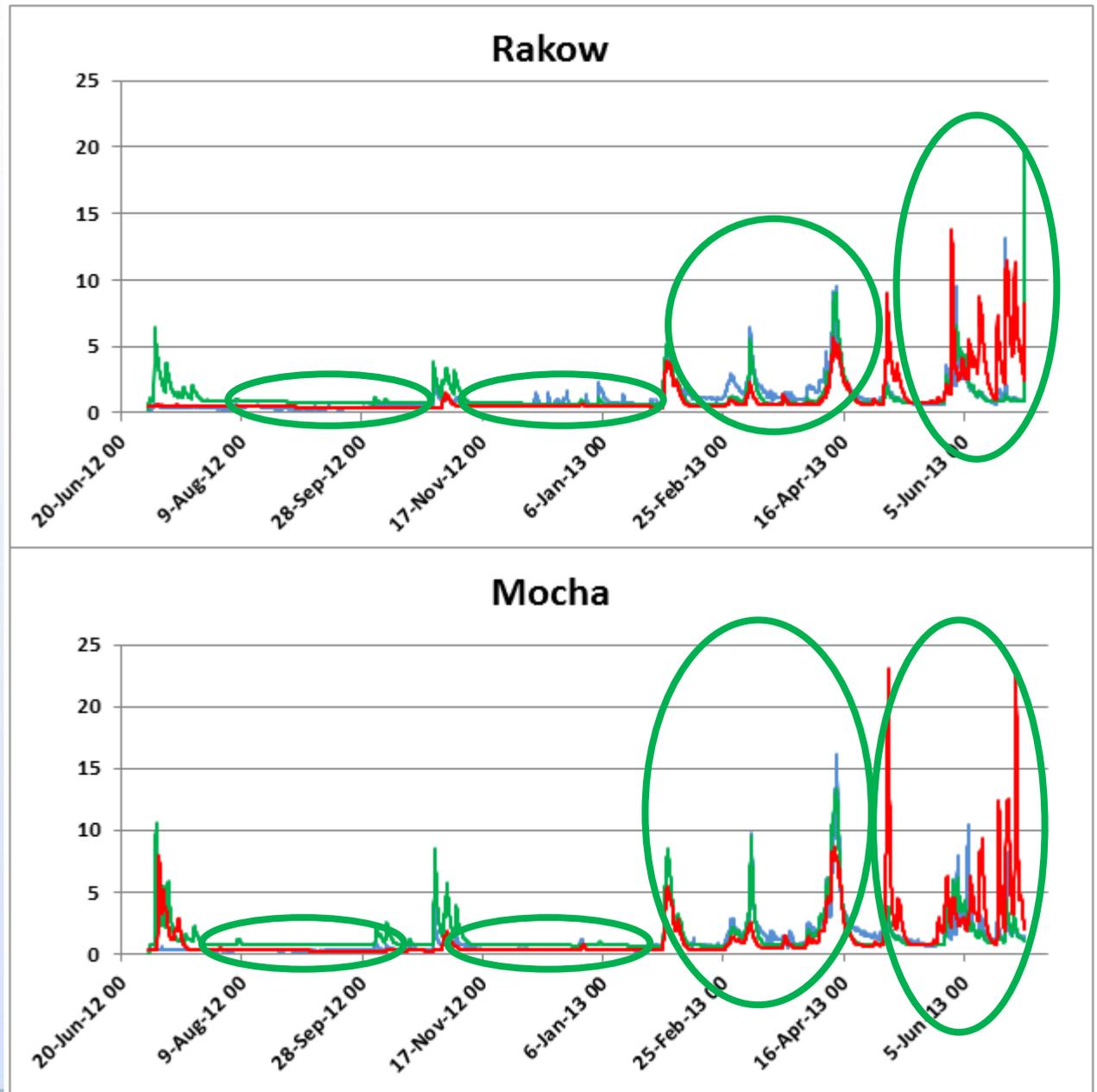
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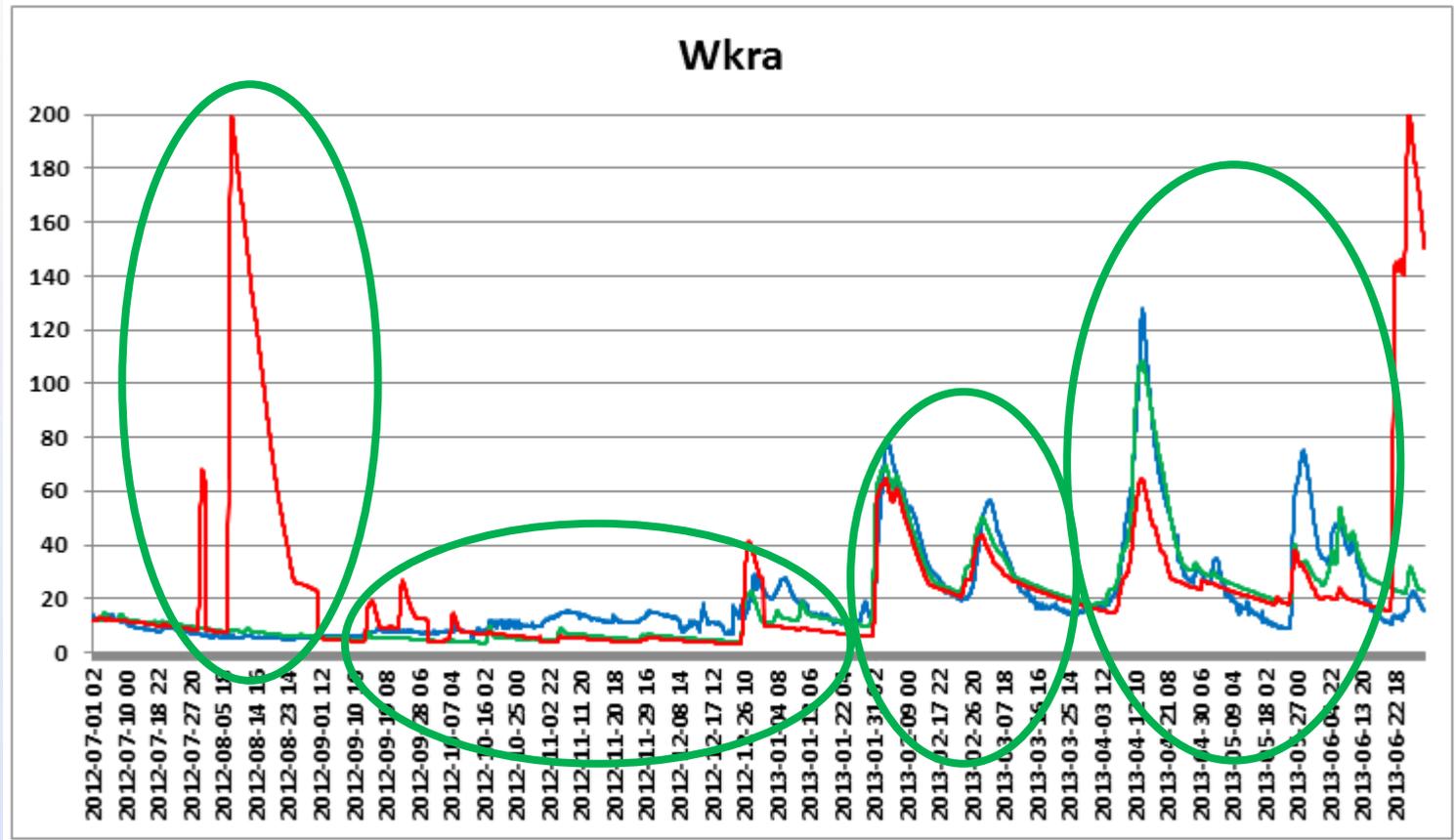
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2012-2013
H04

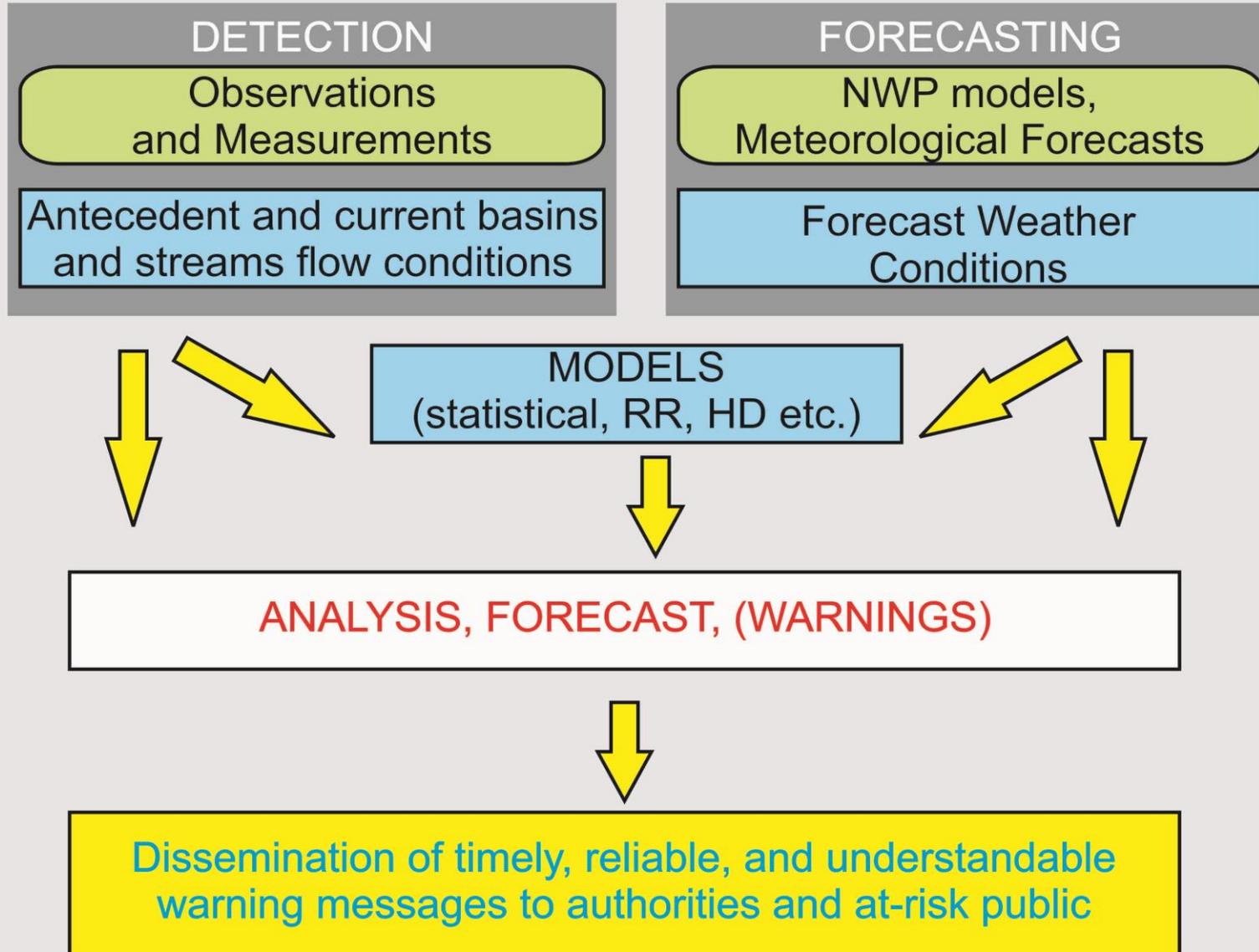


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H04

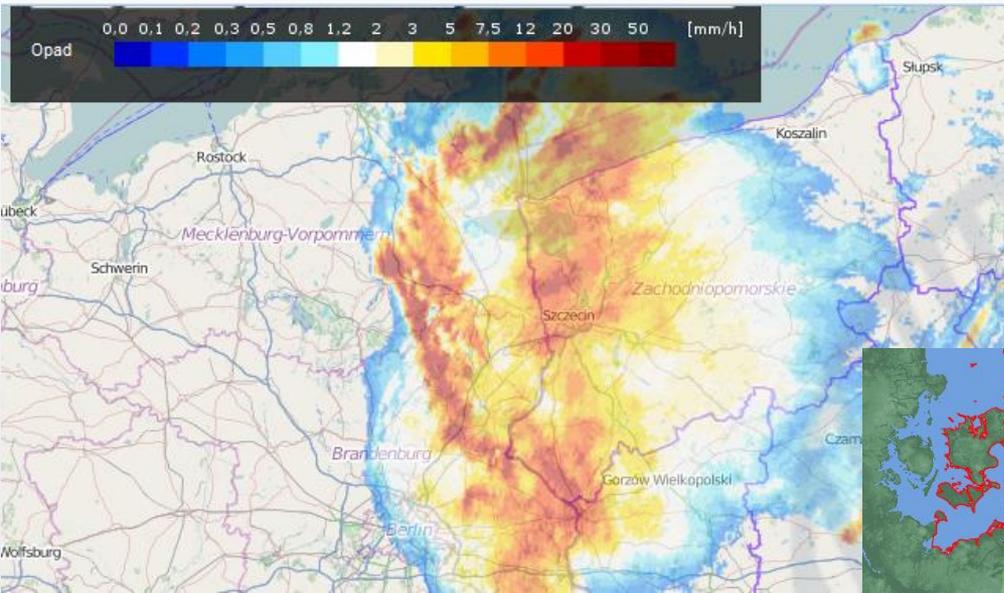


H-SAF products in Operational Hydrology

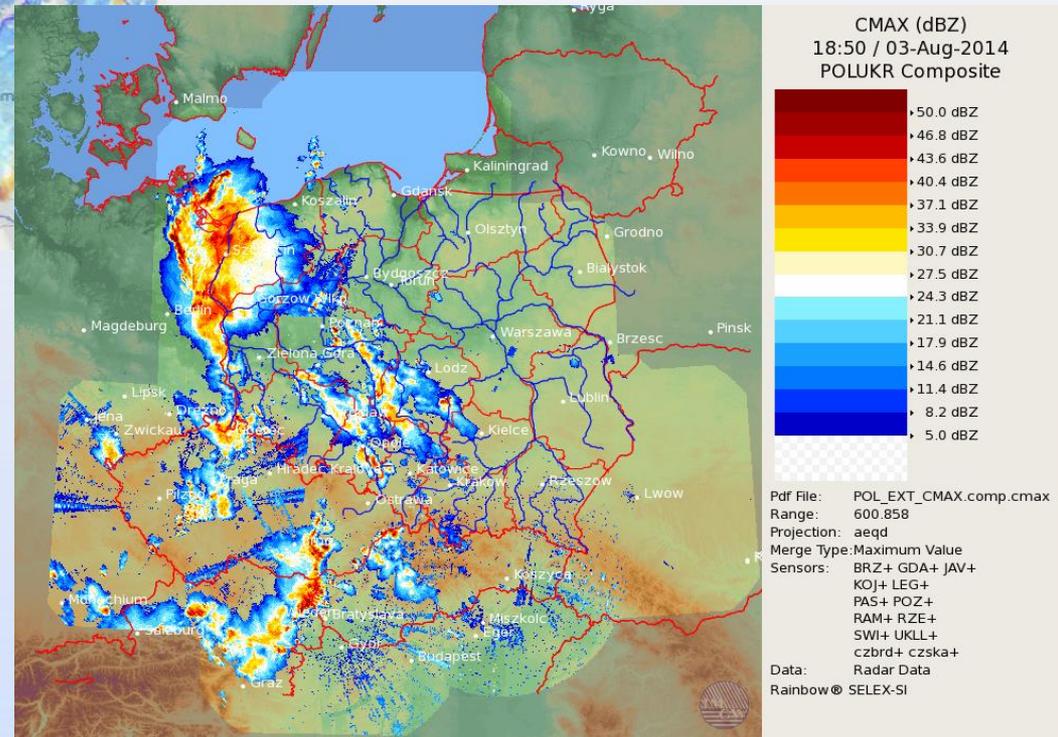
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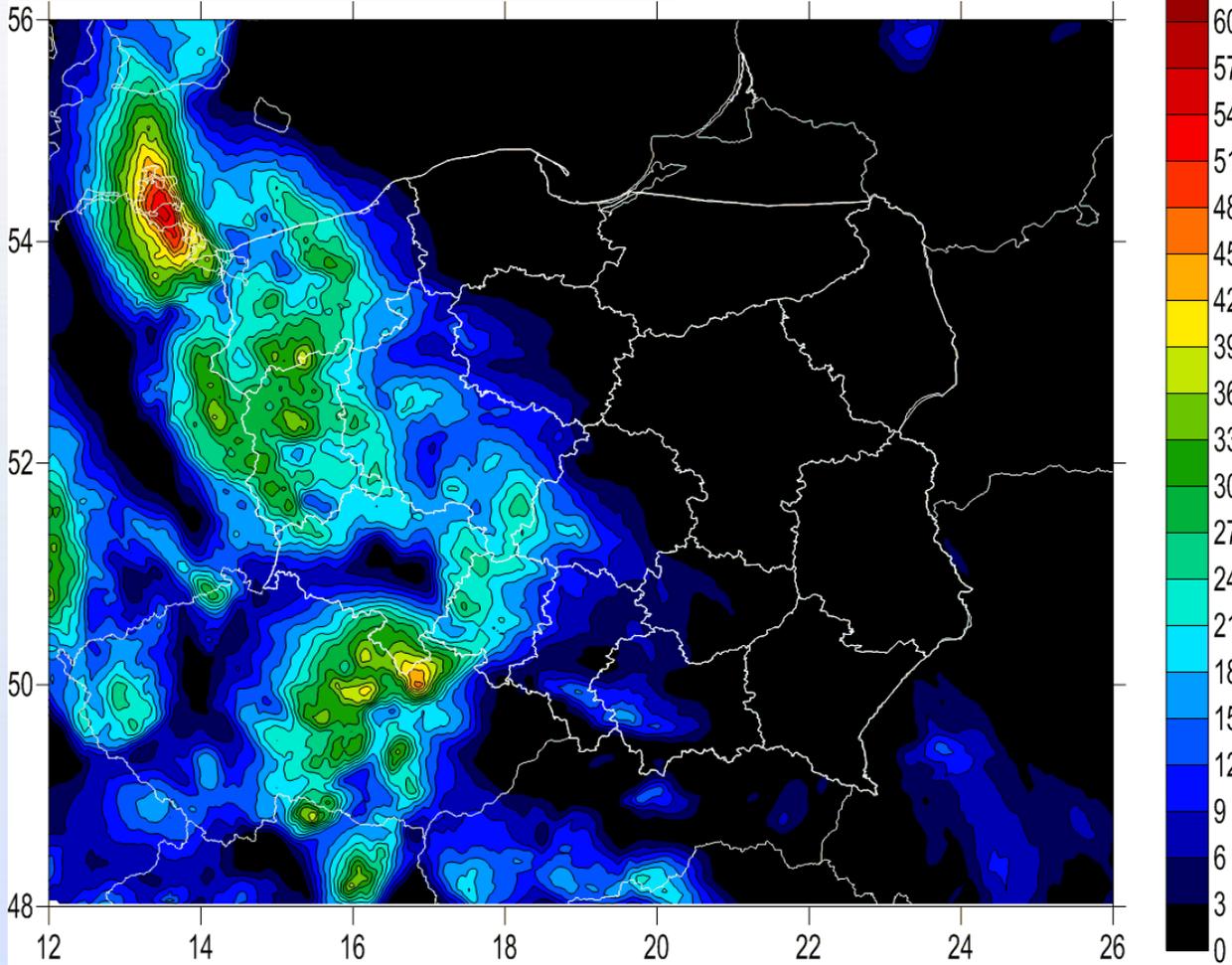


Radar Data



Precipitation products in OH

03.08.2014 - suma opadu za ostatnie 24 h, na godzinie 18:00 [mm]



Satellite
Data



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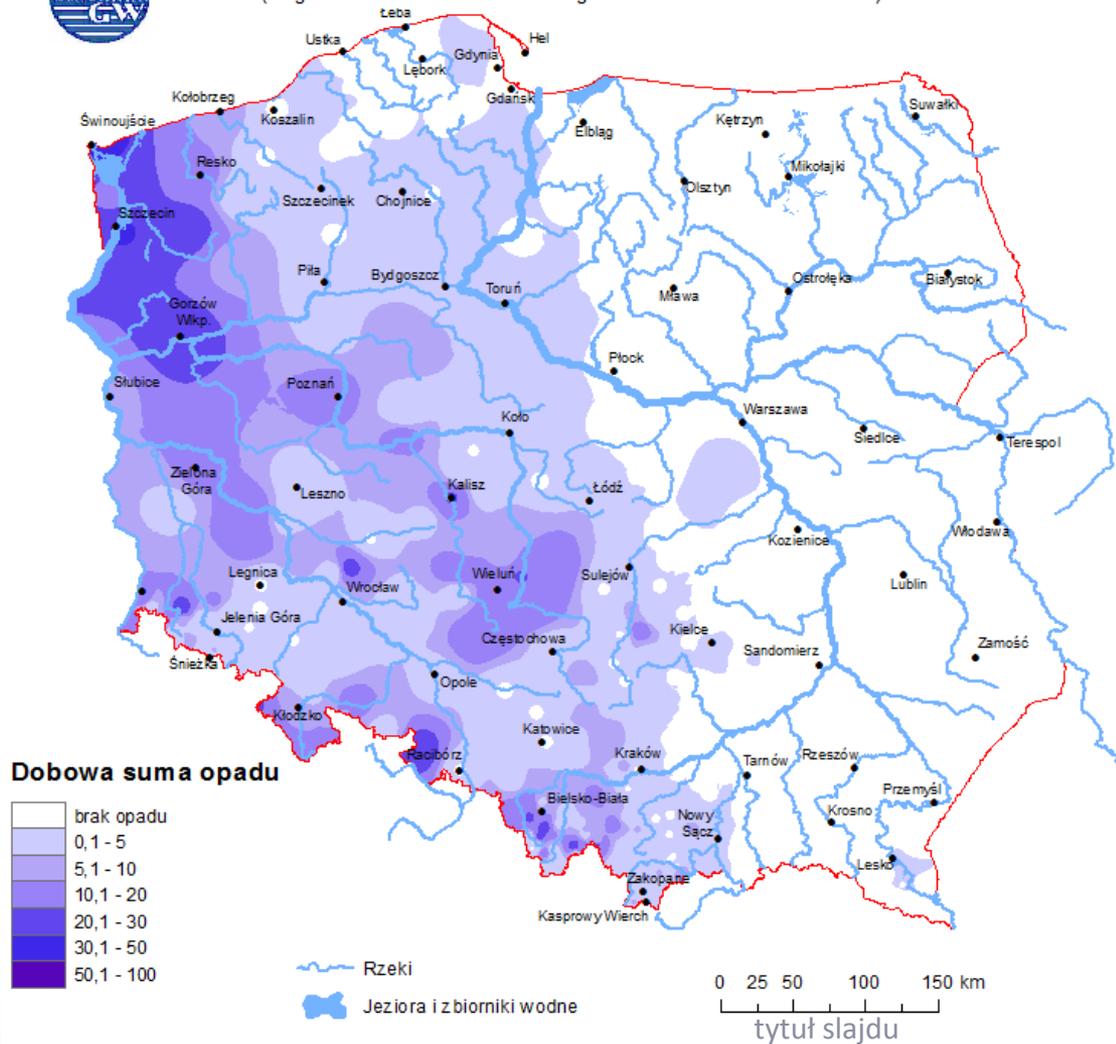
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Rozkład dobowej sumy opadów [mm]

(od godz. 06 UTC w dniu 03.08 do godz. 06 UTC w dniu 04.08.2014)



Rain gauges

Bias-Correction

BIAS-correction

Satellite precipitation products have systematic errors called **bias**, which need to be corrected since the biases can affect the hydrological processing in the mathematical models...

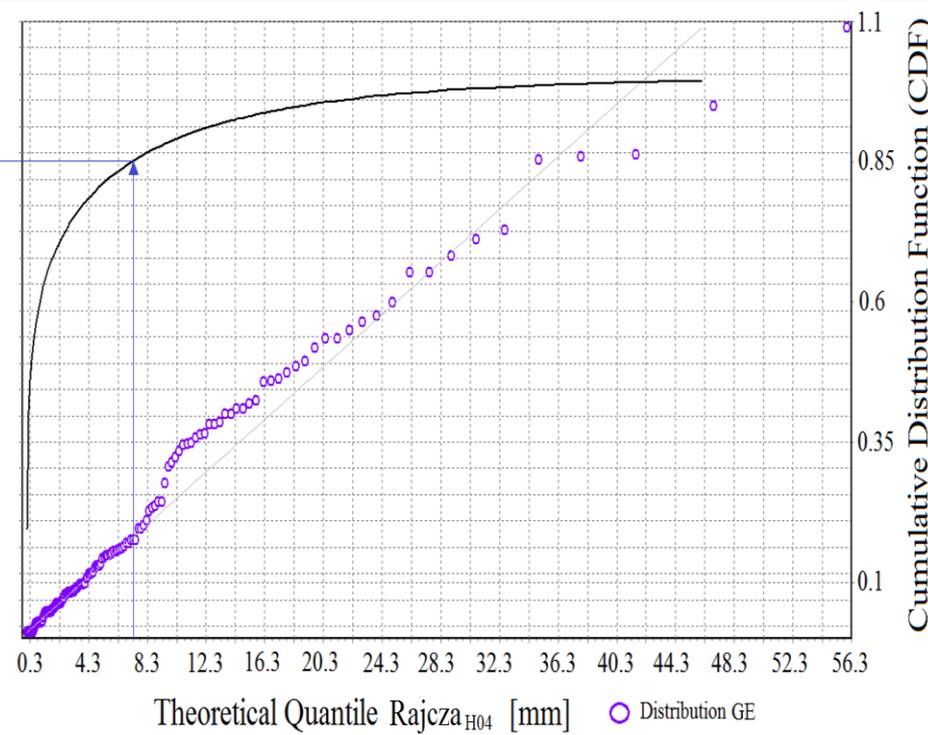
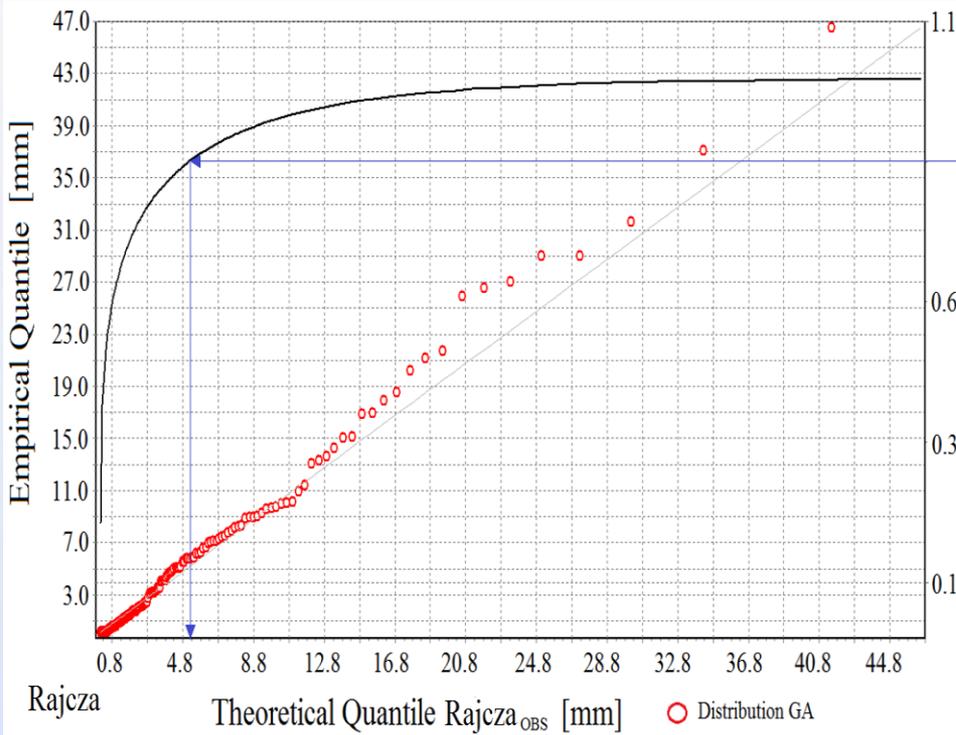
- Problem to solve:

(...) to transform precipitation derived from H-SAF, to the observed precipitation

- based on simple changes (Lehner et al., 2006), DELTA method
- parametric transformation (Piani et al., 2010; Maraun et al., 2013; Rojas et al., 2011),
- nonparametric transformation (Wood et al., 2004; Boé et al., 2007; Bennet et al., 2011),
- **distribution derived transformation** (Sharma, 2007; Salvi et al., 2011; Kurnik et al., 2012).

(...) to find the optimum function, that maps the modeled variable P_{MOD} from H-SAF precipitation Product in such way that a new distribution equals the distribution of the observed variable P_{OBS} , i.e.,

$$P_{\text{OBS}} = f(P_{\text{MOD}})$$



Density and quantile functions for selected probability distributions

Sets of equations obtained by MLM method for GA, GE probability distributions.

gamma distribution		
GA	$f(x) = \frac{(x - \varepsilon)^{\lambda-1}}{\alpha^{\lambda} \Gamma(\lambda)} \exp\left(-\frac{x - \varepsilon}{\alpha}\right)$ $\Gamma(\lambda) = \int_0^{\infty} t^{\lambda-1} \exp(-t) dt - \text{gamma Euler function}$	$\lambda > 0$ - shape, $\alpha > 0$ - scale, $\varepsilon \geq 0$ - lower left-side bound $\varepsilon \leq X \leq +\infty$
generalized exponential distribution		
GE	$f(x) = \alpha \lambda \exp(-(x - \varepsilon)\lambda) [1 - \exp(-(x - \varepsilon)\lambda)]^{\alpha-1}$ $x_p = \varepsilon - \frac{1}{\lambda} \ln \left[1 - (1 - p)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \right]$	$\alpha > 0$ - shape $\lambda > 0$ - scale $\varepsilon \geq 0$ - lower left-side bound $\varepsilon \leq X \leq +\infty$
GA	Initial values: $\alpha = 1, 0, \lambda = \left(3, 0 - c + \left[(c - 3)^2 + 24c \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) / 12c,$ where: $a = \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \varepsilon), b = \sum_{i=1}^N \ln(x_i - \varepsilon), c = \ln \frac{a}{N} - \frac{b}{N}$ $\begin{cases} \ln \lambda - \psi(\lambda) = \ln \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \varepsilon) \right) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \ln(x_i - \varepsilon) \\ \alpha = \frac{1}{\lambda N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \varepsilon) \end{cases}$	
GE	Initial value: $\lambda = \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \varepsilon - \bar{x})^2 \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ $\frac{N}{\lambda} - \left[\frac{N}{\sum_{i=1}^N \ln[1 - \exp(-\lambda(x_i - \varepsilon))]} + 1 \right] * \left[\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(x_i - \varepsilon) \exp(-\lambda(x_i - \varepsilon))}{1 - \exp(-\lambda(x_i - \varepsilon))} \right] - \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \varepsilon) = 0$ $\alpha = -\frac{N}{\sum_{i=1}^N \ln[1 - \exp(-\lambda(x_i - \varepsilon))]}$	

Goodness-of-fit tests for probability distributions of random variables P_{OBS} , P_{H03} , P_{H04} and P_{H05}

<p>Kolmogorow-Smirnow (K-S)</p>	<p>$D_N = \max_{1 \leq i \leq N}(\hat{\delta}_i)$, where: $\hat{\delta}_i = \max \left[\frac{i}{N} - F_0(x_i; \hat{\theta}), F_0(x_i; \hat{\theta}) - \frac{i-1}{N} \right]$,</p> <p>$N$ – size of random sample, $F_0(x_i; \hat{\theta})$ theoretical cumulative distribution, $\hat{\theta}$ - vector of parameters.</p>
<p>Anderson-Darling (A-D)</p>	<p>$A_N^2 = -N - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left\{ (2i-1) \ln F_0(x_i; \hat{\theta}) + (2N+1-2i) \ln (1 - F_0(x_{N+1-i}; \hat{\theta})) \right\}$</p>
<p>Liao-Shimokawy (L-S)</p>	<p>$L_N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\max \left[\frac{i}{N} - F_0(x_i; \hat{\theta}), F_0(x_i; \hat{\theta}) - \frac{i-1}{N} \right]}{\sqrt{F_0(x_i; \hat{\theta}) [1 - F_0(x_i; \hat{\theta})]}}$</p>
<p>Kuiper (K)</p>	<p>$V_N = \max_{1 \leq i \leq N}(\hat{\delta}_i^+) + \max_{1 \leq i \leq N}(\hat{\delta}_i^-)$, gdzie: $\hat{\delta}_i^+ = \max \left[\frac{i}{N} - F_0(x_i; \hat{\theta}) \right]$,</p> <p>$\hat{\delta}_i^- = \max \left[F_0(x_i; \hat{\theta}) - \frac{i-1}{N} \right]$</p>

- Statistical characteristics

Characteristic		Zywiec OBS	Zywiec MOD
Skewness	H03	3.277	3.936
	H04		4.371
	H05		3.608
Kurtosis	H03	12.529	21.390
	H04		26.283
	H05		17.036
Standard Deviation [mm]	H03	3.513	6.375
	H04		5.928
	H05		6.174
Variance [(mm) ²]	H03	12.343	40.637
	H04		35.147
	H05		38.116
Arithme- tic Mean	H03	1.693	2.918
	H04		2.641
	H05		2.919
Median [mm]	H03	0.200	0.300
	H04		0.100
	H05		0.100

Results of goodness-of-fit tests for P_{H03} H-SAF rate at ground and P_{OBS} for **Sola** sub-catchments (bolds refers to the best fitted theoretical probability distribution for Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) and underlying refers to the best fitted for Anderson-Darling (A-D) test. The symbol ✓ means, that the best fitted distribution was selected by Quantile theoretical-Quantile empirical ($Q-Q$) and probability plots analysis.

H03

Sub-catchment	Method of lower limit estimation	Distribution	L&S	K	K-S	A-D	AIC	Selected
Zywiec OBS	A-D	GA	3.5530	0.4863	0.3039	25.8521	316.0350	
		GE	3.5508		0.3028	<u>25.7393</u>	316.2770	✓
Zywiec MOD	AIC	GA	2.9672	0.4341	0.2715	19.9196	97.2590	✓
		GE	2.9972		0.2702	<u>19.8280</u>	97.5187	

H04

Zywiec OBS	A-D	GA	3.5530	0.4863	0.3039	25.8521	316.0350	
		GE	3.5508		0.3028	<u>25.7393</u>	316.2770	✓
Zywiec MOD	AIC	GA	3.8366	0.5165	0.3234	29.7588	1.4314	✓
		GE	3.8279		0.3224	<u>29.6316</u>	1.8855	

H05

Zywiec OBS	A-D	GA	3.5530	0.4863	0.3039	25.8521	316.0350	
		GE	3.5508		0.3028	<u>25.7393</u>	316.2770	✓
Zywiec MOD	AIC	GA	4.1661	0.5082	0.3167	30.3203	54.1876	
		GE	4.1500		0.3158	<u>30.1451</u>	53.8405	✓



Catchment of Sola River	Transformation function	
Zywiec	H03	$GE_{A-D-GA_{AIC}}$
	H04	$GE_{A-D-GA_{AIC}}$
	H05	$GE_{A-D-GA_{AIC}}$

H-SAF	root mean square error (RMSE)	Δ
H03	CORR_OBS	-2.086
	MOD_OBS	
H04	CORR_OBS	-1.752
	MOD_OBS	
H05	CORR_OBS	-1.959
	MOD_OBS	
H-SAF	efficiency index	Δ
H03	CORR_OBS	+1.444
	MOD_OBS	
H04	CORR_OBS	+1.275
	MOD_OBS	
H05	CORR_OBS	+1.350
	MOD_OBS	

H-SAF	maximum absolute deviation	Δ
H03	CORR_OBS	-15.70
	MOD_OBS	
H04	CORR_OBS	-21.64
	MOD_OBS	
H05	CORR_OBS	-9.661
	MOD_OBS	
H-SAF	mean absolute error	Δ
H03	CORR_OBS	-0.878
	MOD_OBS	
H04	CORR_OBS	-0.557
	MOD_OBS	
H05	CORR_OBS	-0.851
	MOD_OBS	
H-SAF	mean squared error	Δ
H03	CORR_OBS	-17.778
	MOD_OBS	
H04	CORR_OBS	-15.695
	MOD_OBS	
H05	CORR_OBS	-16.620
	MOD_OBS	

Summary



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Status of validation: Results

- The usage of precipitation products sometimes can improve the performance of the models...
- Some peaks are well simulated (some events were partly successfully simulated)...
- Precipitation products can be useful if there is no other information on precipitation amounts...
- Some „operations” can make precipitation products more useful in hydrological modeling („updating”)
- To make precipitation products more useful for hydrological purposes it is necessary to develop merge products/blended products (H-SAF products + ground data + radar data) and correction methods