

# Complex water quality simulations in Želivka river basin and Švihov water reservoir

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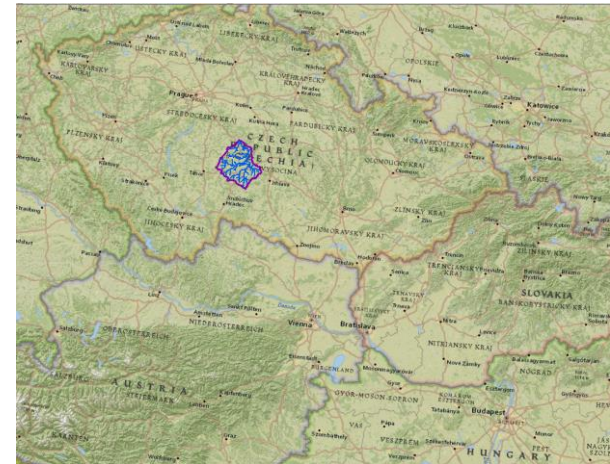
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Overall aim: preserving sustainable water quality in reservoir for future use with reasonably minimized impact to river basin area inhabitants, agriculture and other activities

## Focus:

- A) Scenarios of pollution distribution and transport in water volume of reservoir
- B) Nutrients balance and estimation of input into reservoir from river basin area
- C) Pesticides leaching and transport processes during events in catchments, along streams and in reservoir



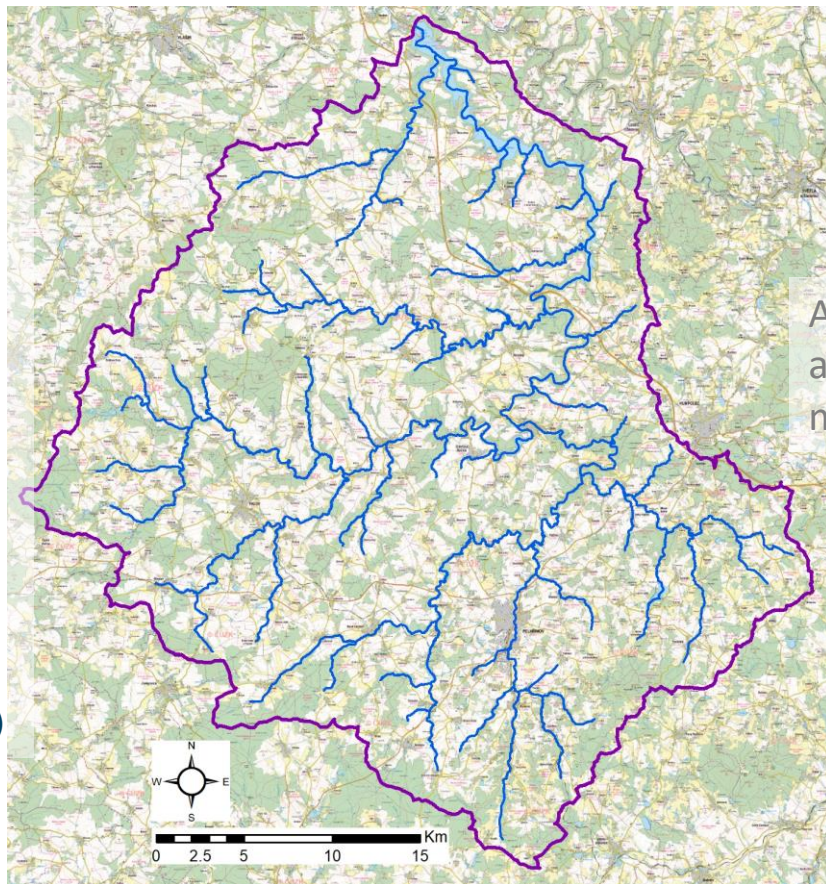
# Želivka river basin

Total area: 1178 km<sup>2</sup>  
 Hilly landscape  
 (315-765 m a.s.l.)

Arable: 51%  
 Forests: 30%  
 Green areas: 16%

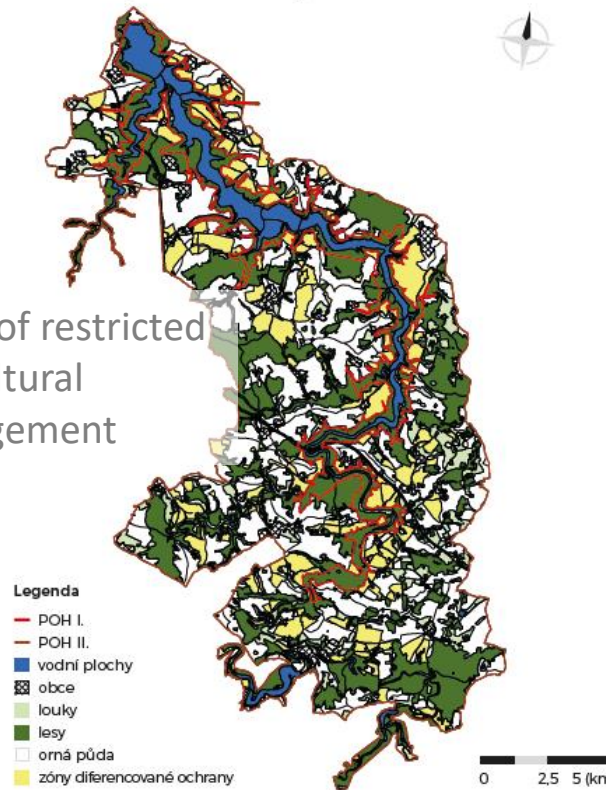
Dystric Cambisol  
 Crystalline bedrock

1 town Pelhřimov  
 (approx 16 000 inh.)



Obrázek 52: Současný stav OPVZ - I. etapa  
 (v rozsahu bývalého PHO II. stupně).

Areas of restricted  
 agricultural  
 management



Source: Kvítek T. (ed.) Retence a jakost v povodí vodárenské nádrže Švihov na Želivce



## Švihov water reservoir

The largest reservoir for drinking water in CZ (CEE)

Source of water for Prague  
via tunnel 51 km long

Water level area 16 km<sup>2</sup>

Volume 309 mil. m<sup>3</sup>

Max. depth 50m

bottom outlet, take-off for water  
treatment plant in variant depths,  
3 functional bridges (3 defunct.)

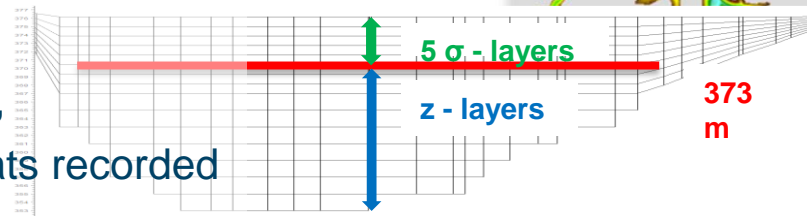


picture: Povodí Vltavy

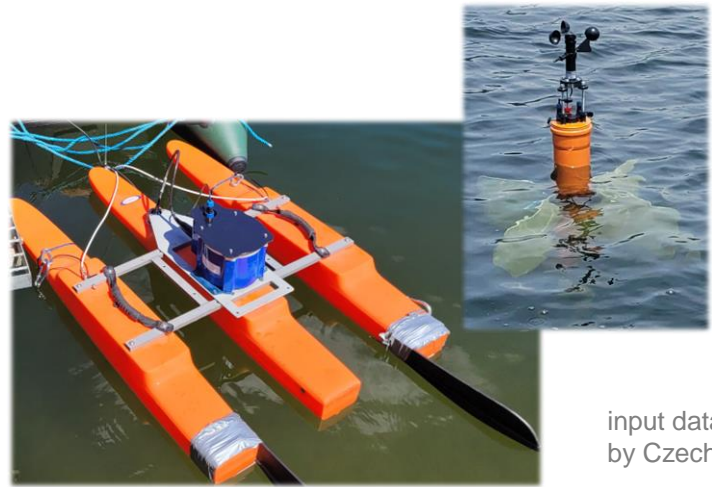
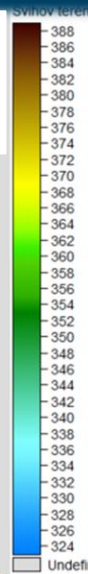
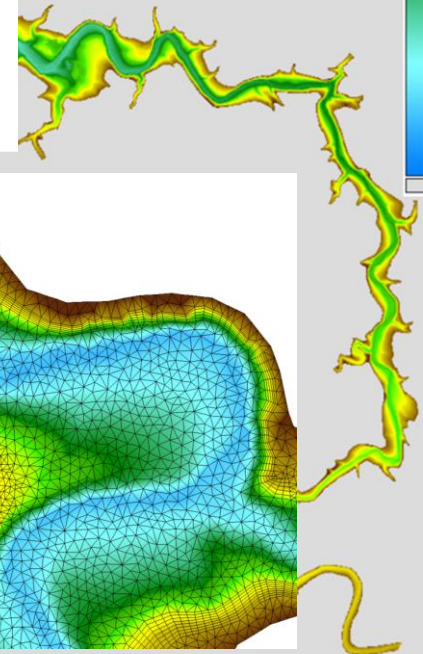
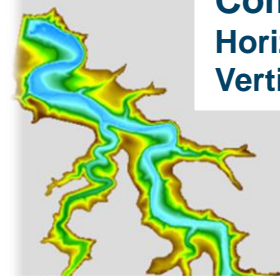
# 3D model of Švihov water reservoir

## MIKE3 FM + ECOLAB

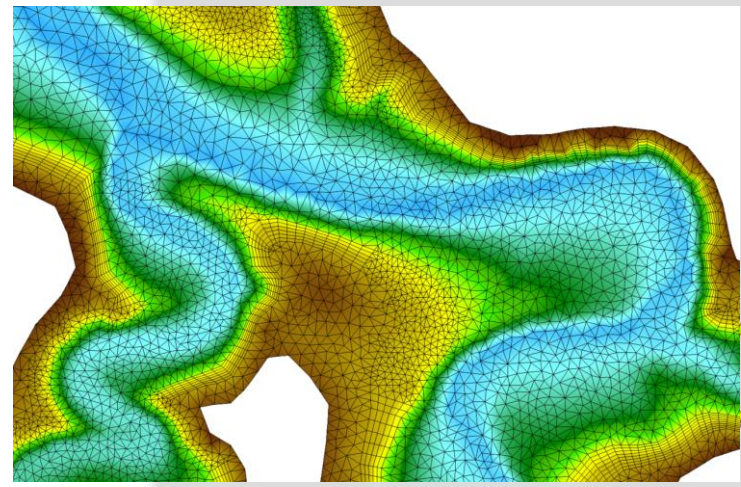
Meteodata and hydrologic data collected  
(incl. distributed wind fields)  
water temperature distribution,  
flow velocity by ADCP and floats recorded



Computational mesh:  
Horizontally 118 623 elements  
Vertically 33 layers

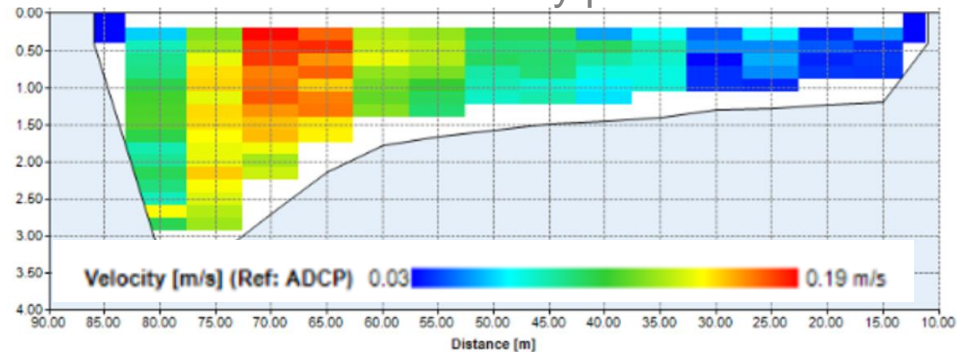


input data provided by CzechGlobe

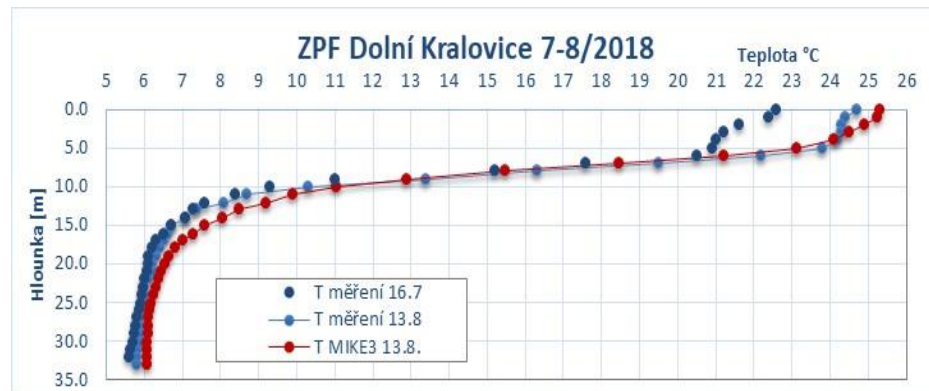
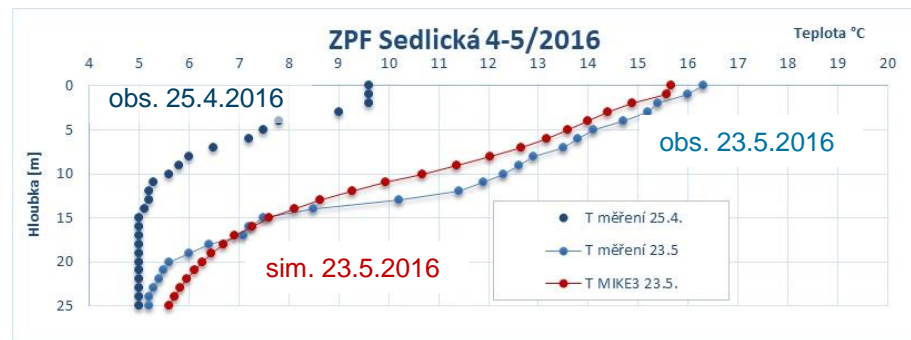
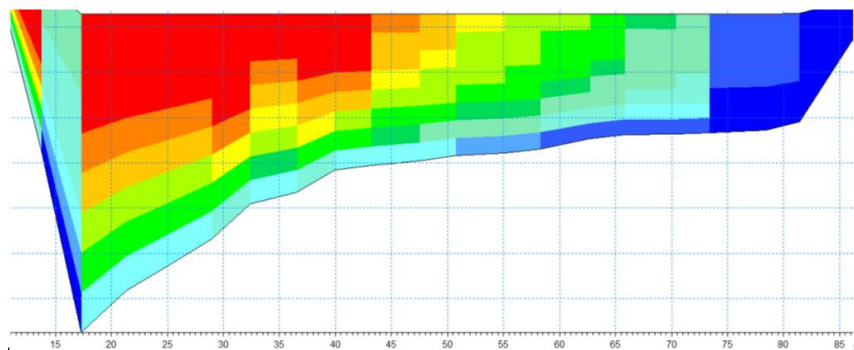


# Calibration against flow velocity profiles and measured temperature profiles

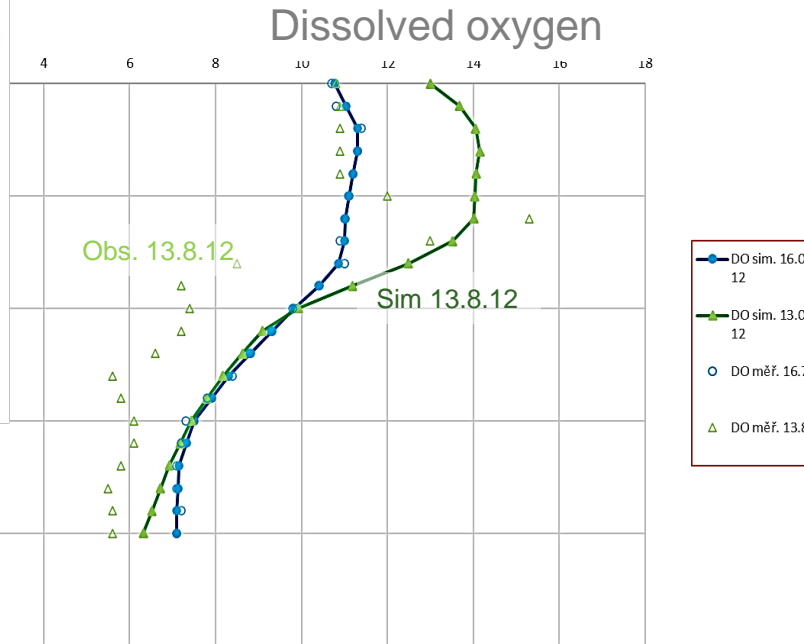
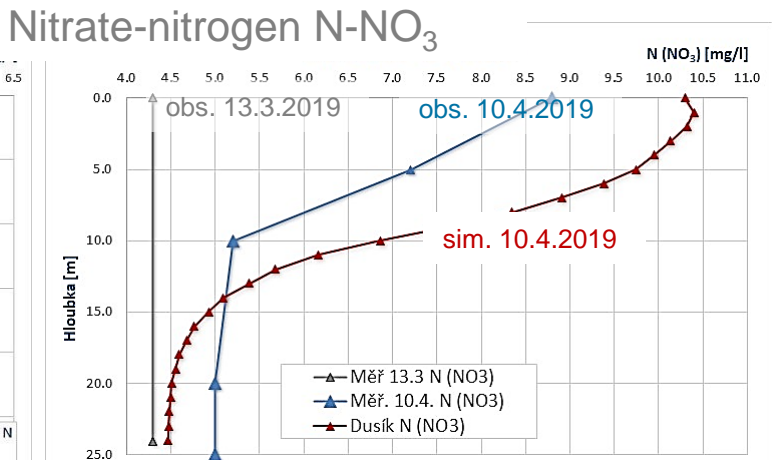
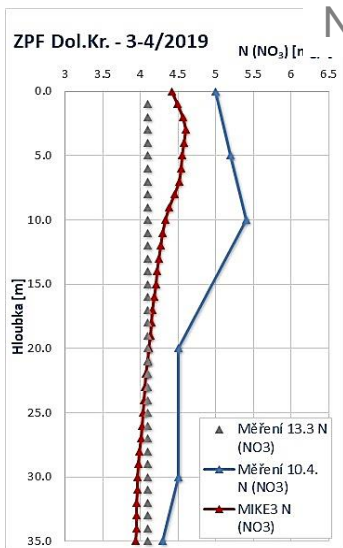
ADCP recorded velocity profile



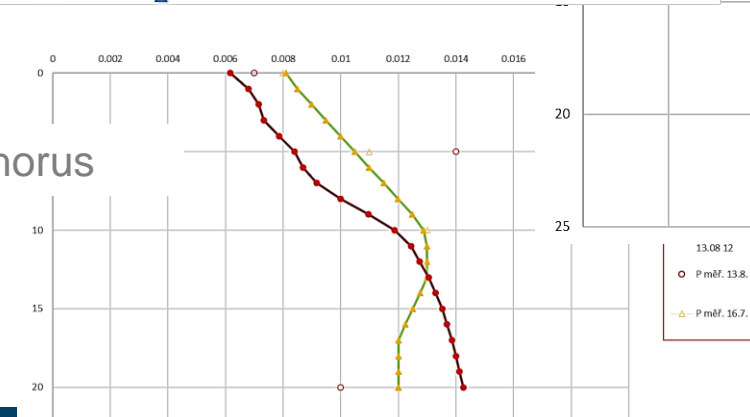
MIKE 3 FM simulated velocity profile



# Simulation of P and NO<sub>3</sub> transport and dissolved oxygen distribution (MIKE 3 + AD/ECOLAB)



## Tot. phosphorus



observed data provided by Povodí Vltavy



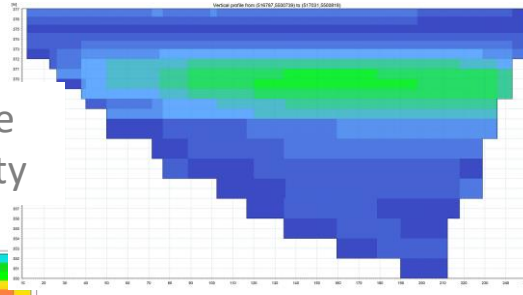
## Simulation of scenarios

Combinations of reservoir water level,  
wind, discharge, season and water  
intake discharge

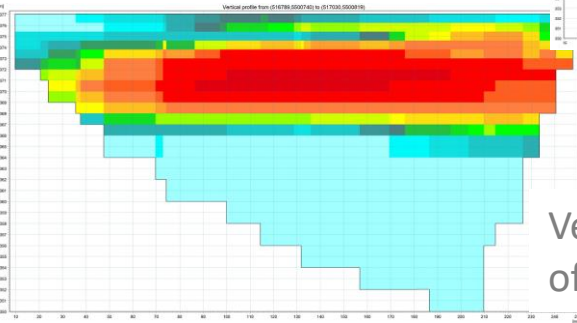
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Variants of locations (point / tributary)  
and type of pollution (temperature /  
conservative)

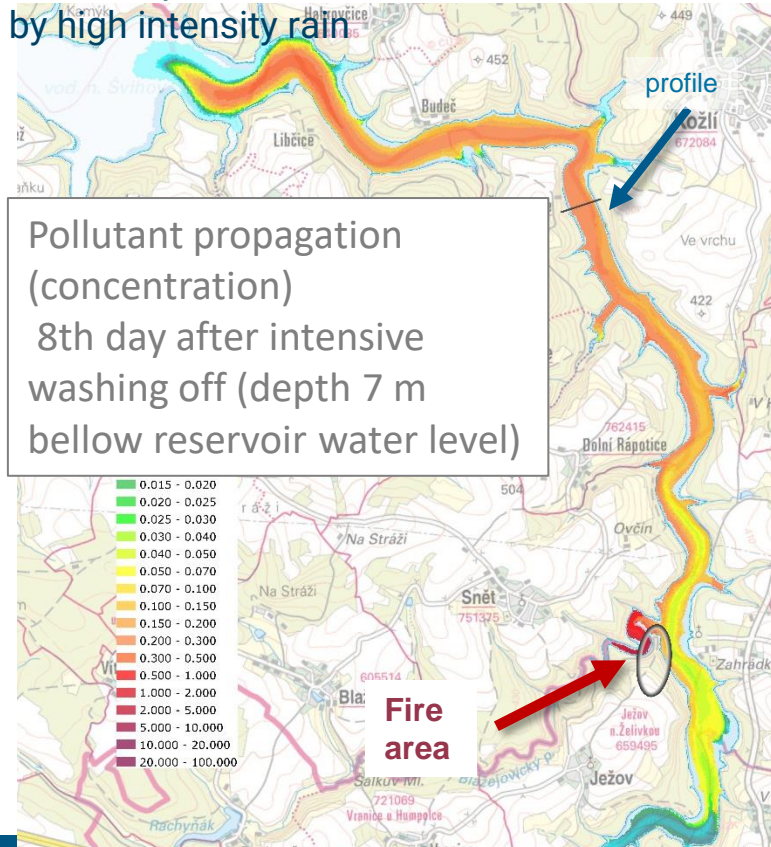
Vertical profile  
of flow velocity



Vertical profile  
of concentration



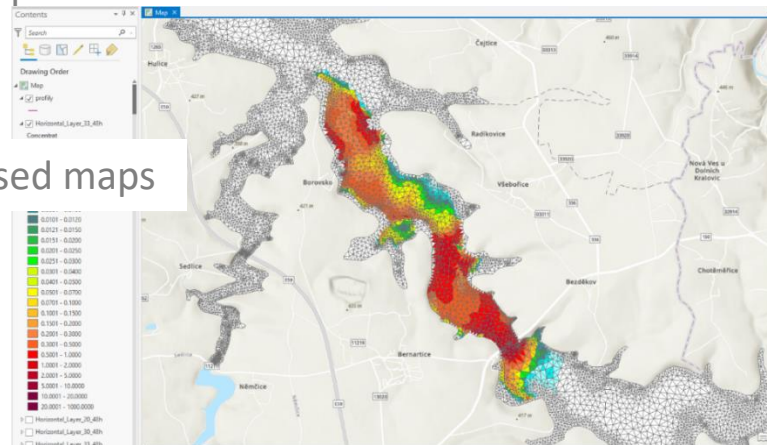
Scenario 3: High Q, full reservoir, summer  
temperature stratification  
Pollutant – the product of the forest fire is washed  
away by high intensity rain



## A tool for decision support in case of pollution events

- Simplified 3D model of flow and transport derived
- Model ready for fast short-term forecast purposes
- Automated chain of processes:
  - data collection
  - pre-processing
  - model simulation
  - results presentation
- Specific user interface created (independent from model code and common DHI software)

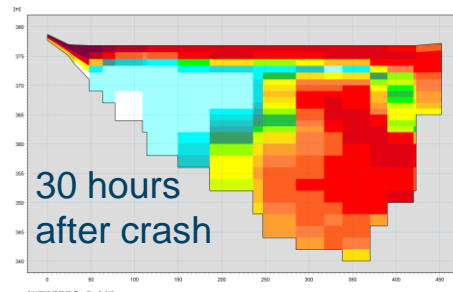
Examples of user interface:



GIS-based maps

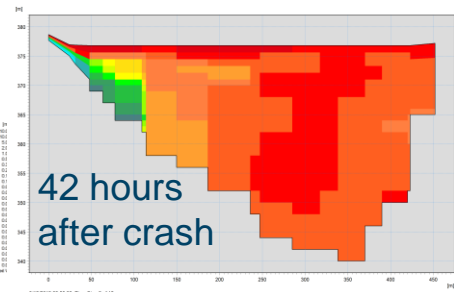
Pre-defined tabular outputs

	A	B	C	D	E
1		Concentration Non Dim[()]:Instantaneous	Concentration Non Dim[()]:Instantaneous	Concentration Non Dim[()]:Instantaneous	Concentration
2		layer_30: Concentration - component 1	layer_29: Concentration - component 1	layer_28: Concentration - component 1	layer_27: Conc
3	3/10/2019 0:00	0	0	0	0
4	3/10/2019 6:00	0	0	0	0
5	3/10/2019 12:00	3.738137007	4.937469959	5.763155937	
6	3/10/2019 18:00	5.191720963	4.149943352	5.641005516	
7	3/11/2019 0:00	1.737227201	0.942106545	2.268623114	
8	3/11/2019 6:00	1.1150508285	1.107563496	1.316570282	
9	3/11/2019 12:00	0.624020875	1.35250926	1.676476598	
10	3/11/2019 18:00	0.871532083	0.76629261	0.874272287	
11	3/12/2019 0:00	2.419434547	2.482123137	2.519948483	
12	3/12/2019 6:00	2.306411505	2.502052307	2.394864082	
13	3/12/2019 12:00	1.723915696	1.588498116	1.514489293	
14	3/12/2019 18:00	1.019806504	0.798297822	0.935654461	
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30 hours  
after crash

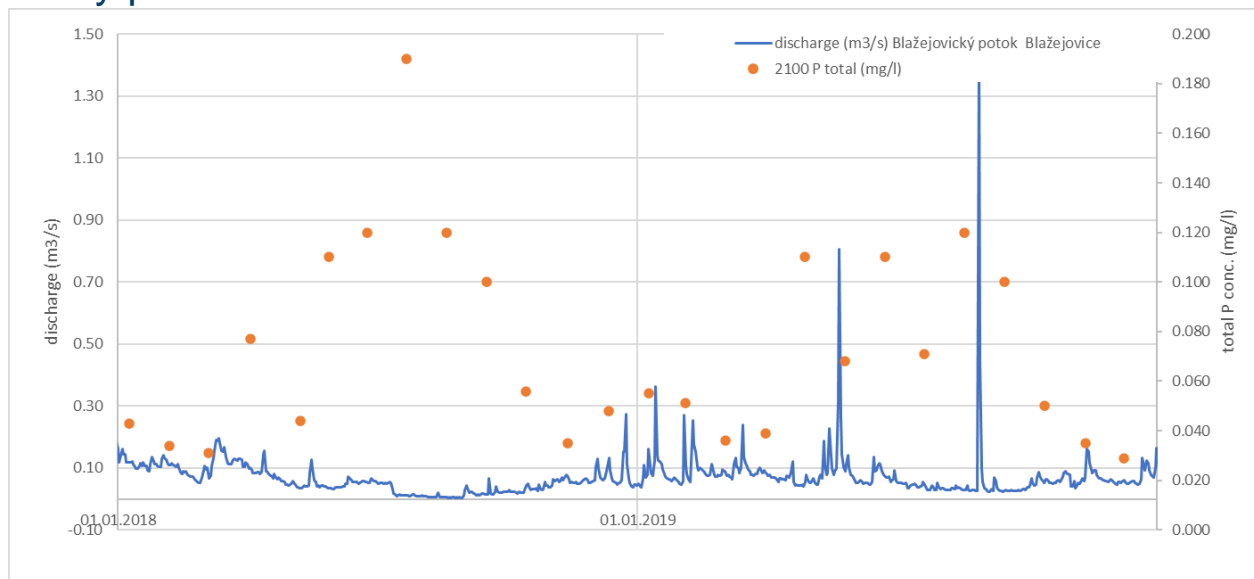
Vertical profiles



42 hours  
after crash

## Simple water balance and nutrient flux calculation

- data discharge records (daily average), discrete sampled nutrients concentrations and annual/monthly point sources data



- 6 matters balanced: P total, N total, N-NH<sub>4</sub>, N-NO<sub>3</sub>, COD, BOD for **2015-2021** period
- results: simulated average monthly discharge, average monthly matter fluxes (concentrations) for current status (2015-2021) in whole river network

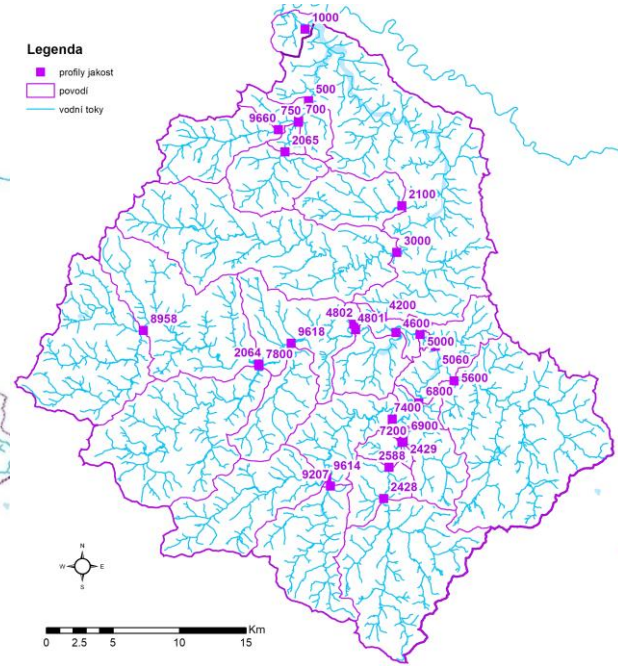
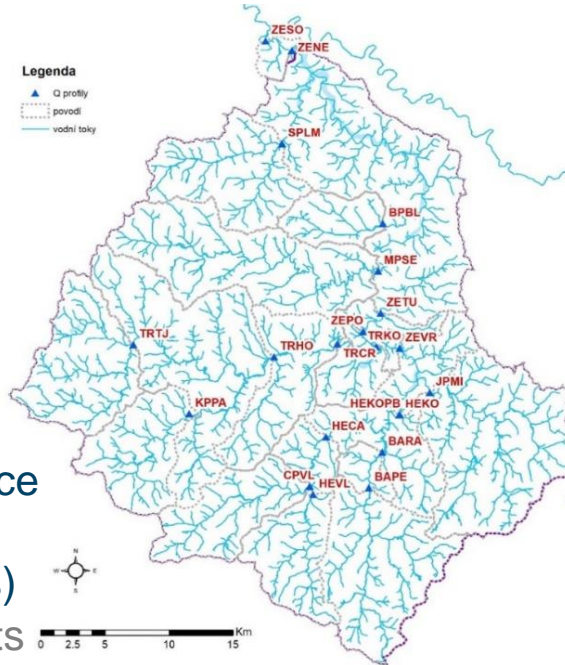
## River basin, river network, data sources

18 discharge gauges (Povodí Vltavy), 27 water quality sampling points (Povodí Vltavy)

area 1178 km<sup>2</sup>  
 100 point sources  
 11 water users  
 3 small water reservoirs

**MIKE BASIN:** simple water balance  
 and WQ model (1st order decay  
 along river reaches)

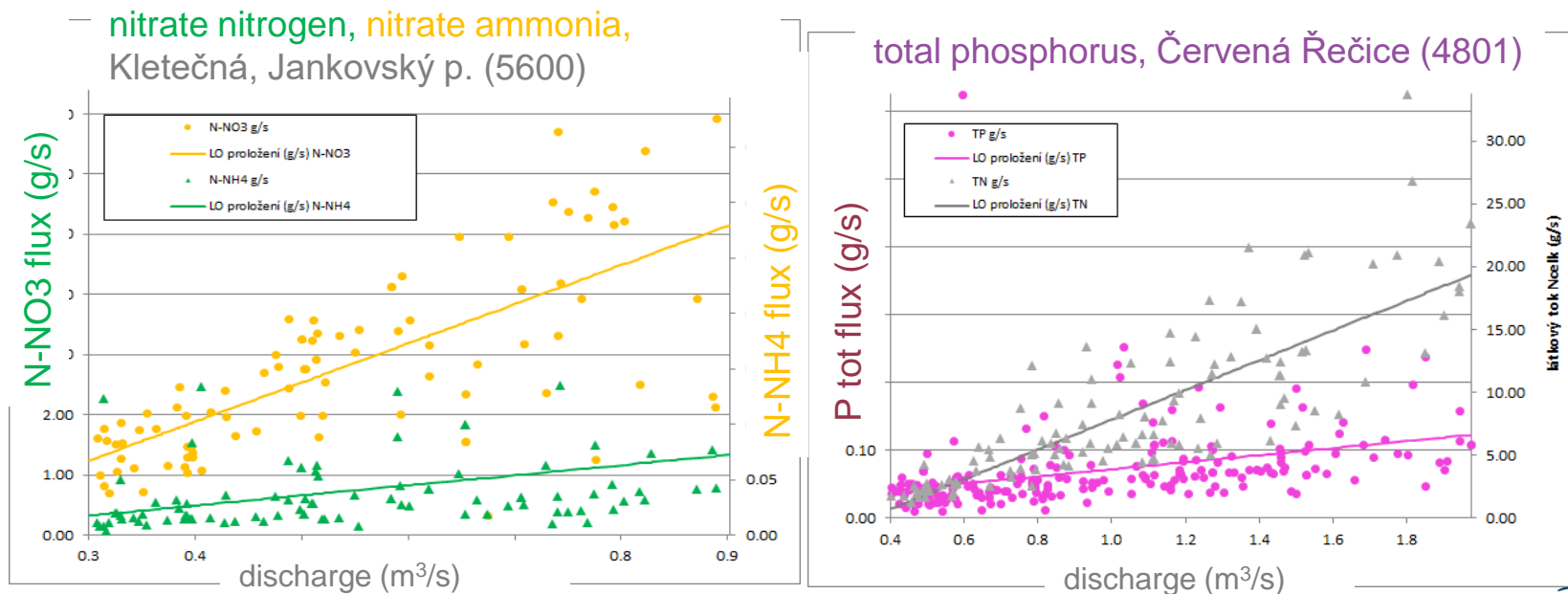
159 computational sub-catchments  
 447 river reaches (total length 539 km)



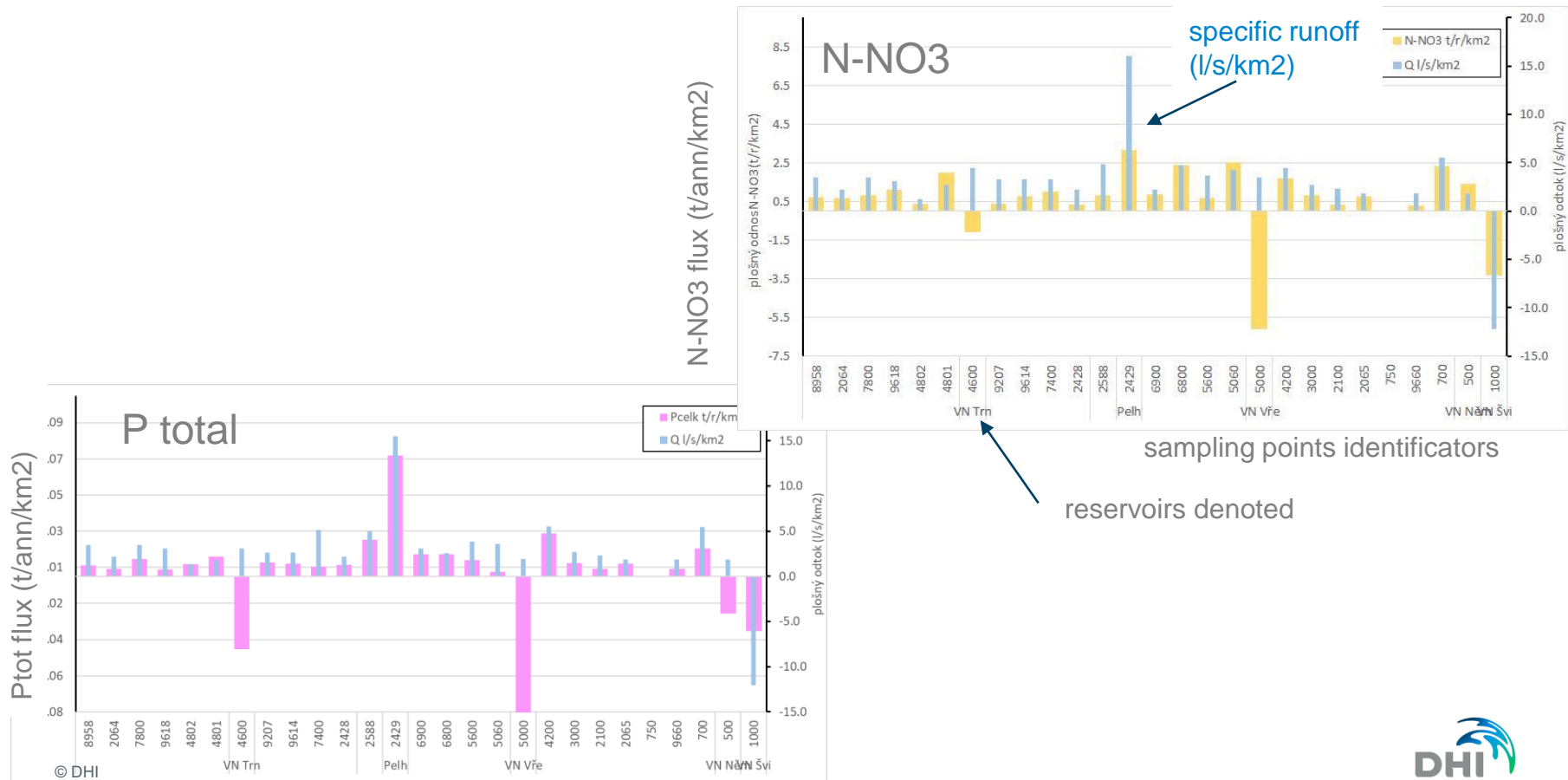


## Method

- Corelation between flux and dischrage in day of sampling
- 12 monthly median values of river discharge and concentrations in sampling points are used for calculation of runoff and flux catchments and river reaches



# Annual flux balance for catchments



# Concentrations in river network

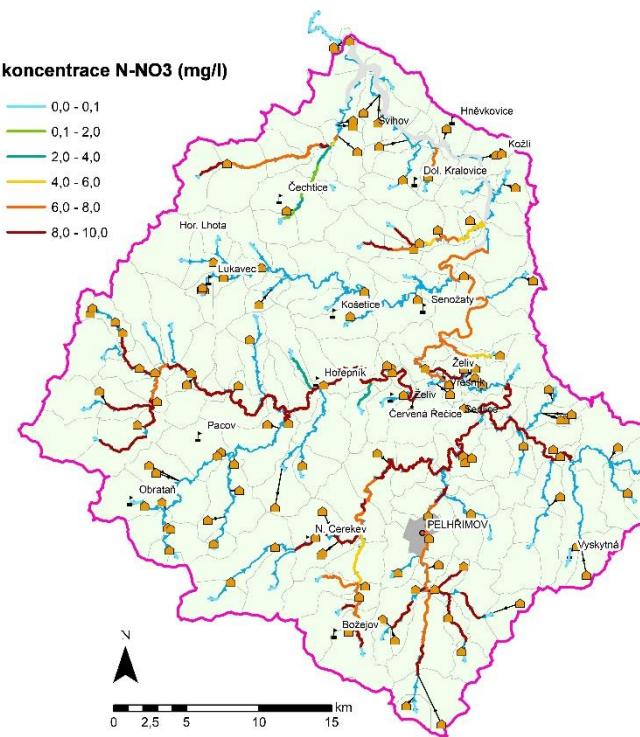
example: simulated N-NO<sub>3</sub> concentrations (mg/l) along river network

March

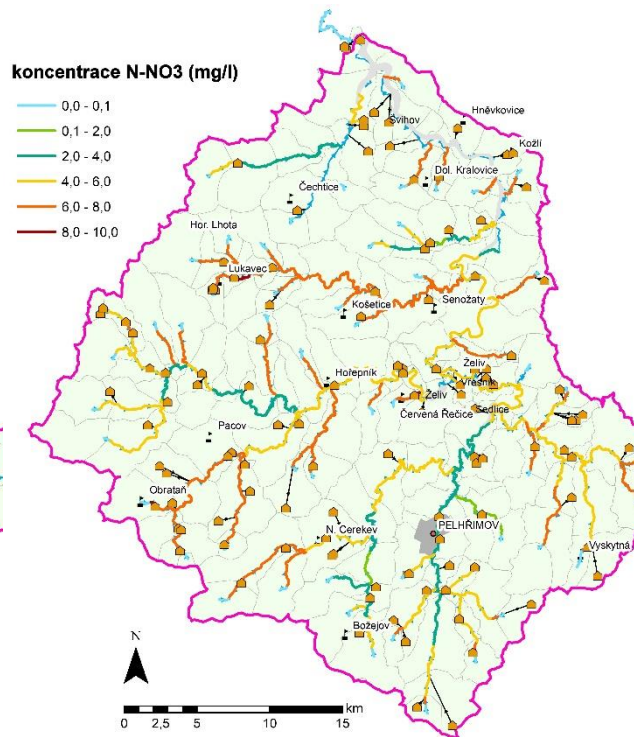
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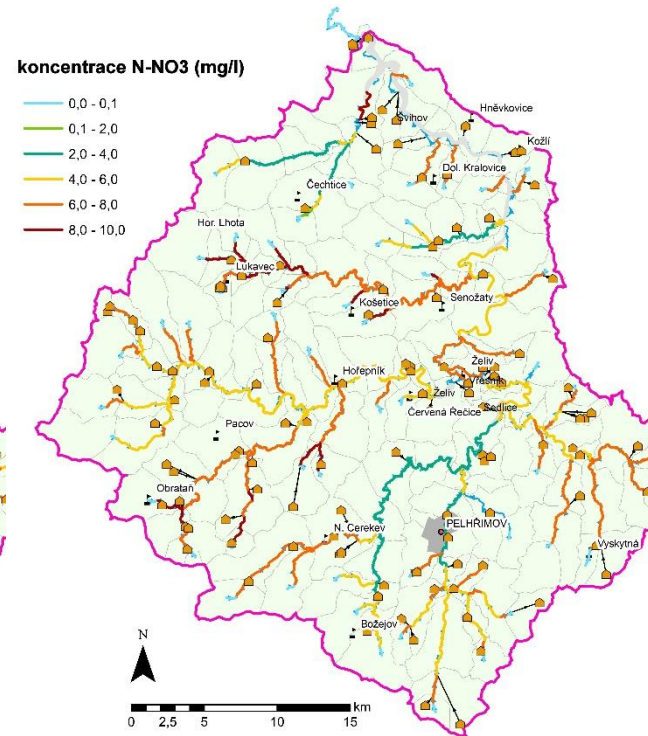
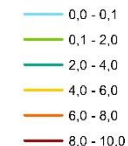
**koncentrace N-NO<sub>3</sub> (mg/l)**



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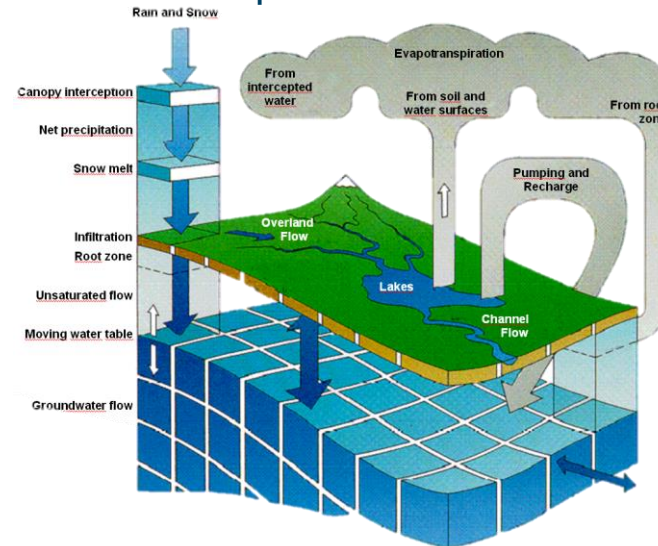


# Detailed distributed hydrological and water quality modelling in catchments

## Aims

- understanding of pathways of different kind of pesticides detected in water courses
- simulation of future conditions impact to water quantity and quality
- Simulation of rapid land use change impact
- Tool for optimization of adaptation measures
- Background for reasonable measures settings and their impact assessment

Versatile modelling tools:  
**MIKE SHE WM +WQ + ECOLAB**

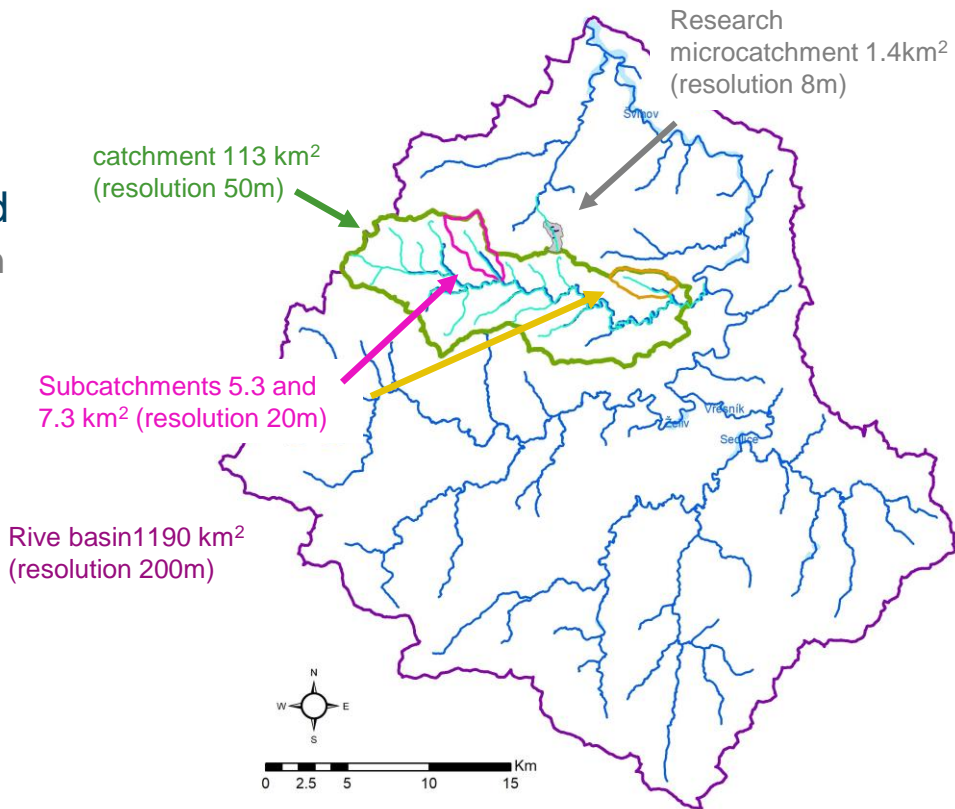




## Set of spatially distributed models

1. **Microcatchment** (research area):  
understanding runoff formation and pesticide transport
1. **2 sub-catchments** with standart inputs and various agricultural management: application of approach with limited inputs
2. **Catchment** of individual tributary to reservoir: generalisation to catchment scale
3. **Whole Želivka river basin area:**  
long-term full area scenarios

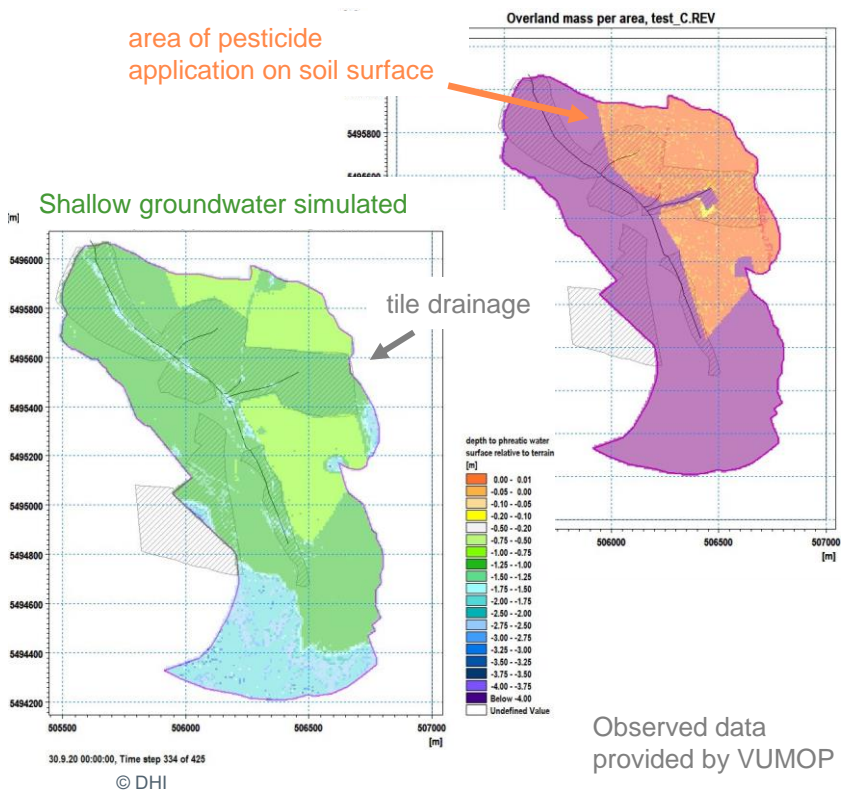
Fully distributed inputs and parameters,  
Time series in 10min / 1h /1 day time step  
Focus on runoff processes, stable water balance and transport (Advection-dispersion, 1st order decay + ECOLAB)



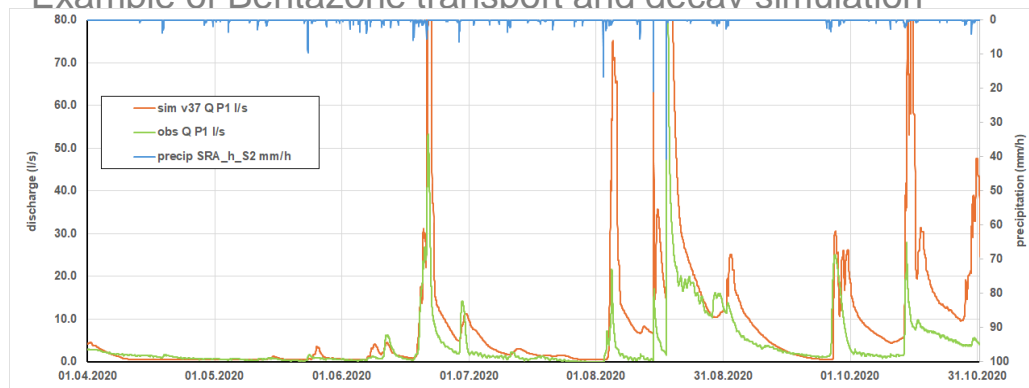
Detailed WQ data collected in frame of project „B4- Support of measures for decrease impact of agriculture in Želivka river basin“

# Hydrologic and WQ model of research microcatchment Černiči

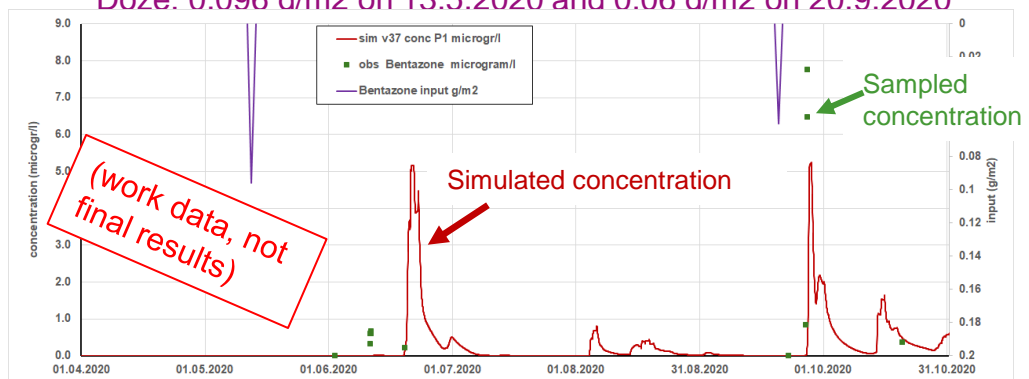
1.4 km<sup>2</sup>, Resolution 8x8m, time step 10/15min, simulated period 2018-2022



## Example of Bentazone transport and decay simulation

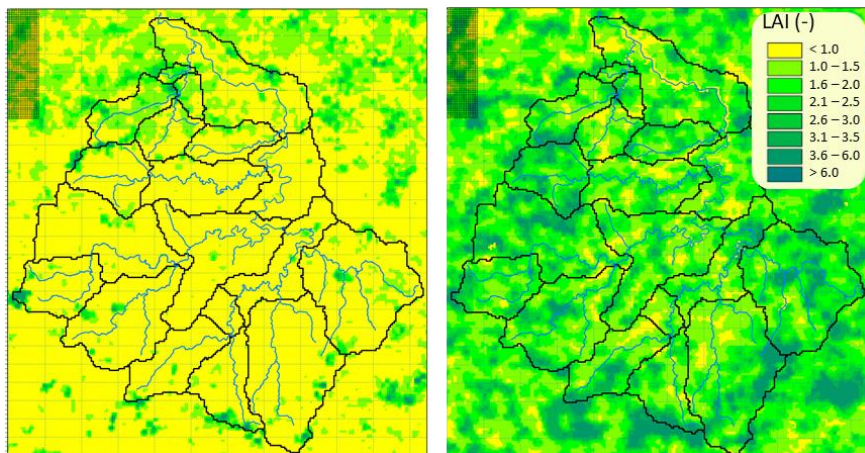


Doze: 0.096 a/m<sup>2</sup> on 13.5.2020 and 0.06 a/m<sup>2</sup> on 20.9.2020

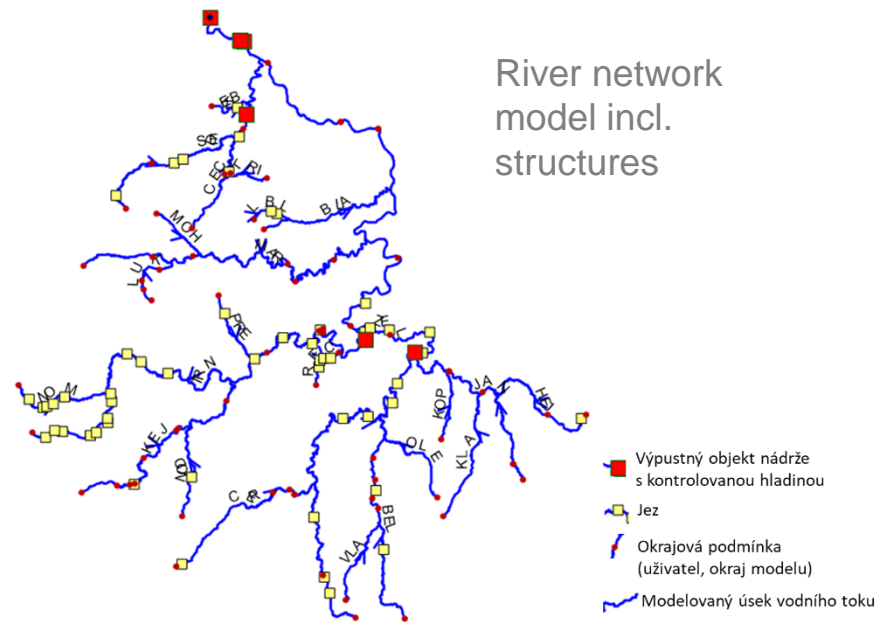


# MIKE SHE hydrologic model of Želivka river basin

Resolution 200x200m, time step 1 day. Used for long-term climate impact simulations



Fully distributed inputs: LAI



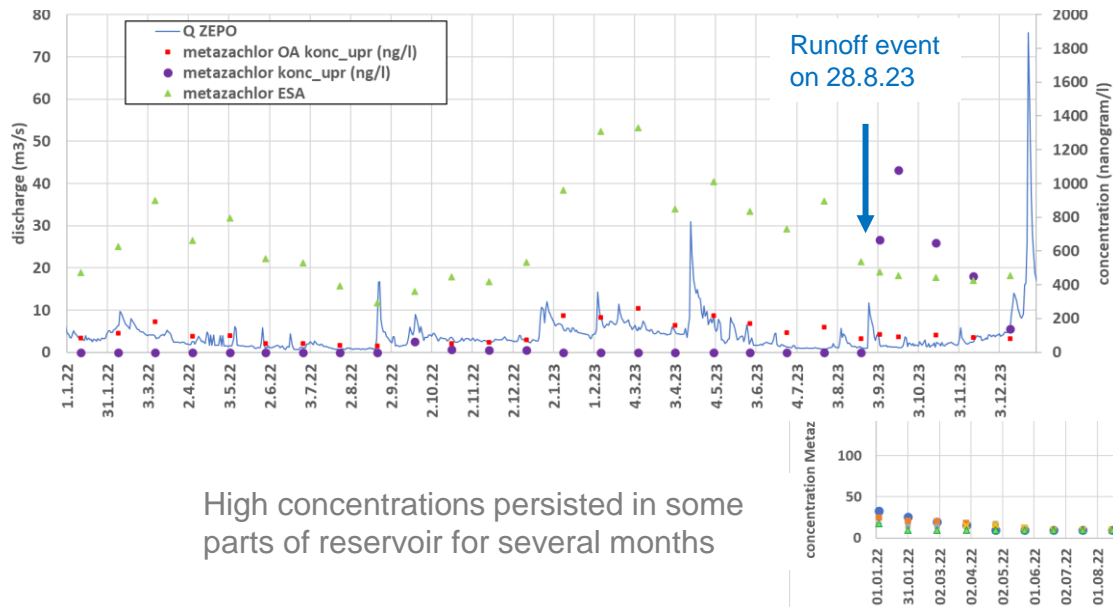
River network model incl. structures

Upcoming steps: upscale transport processes to coarse resolution model

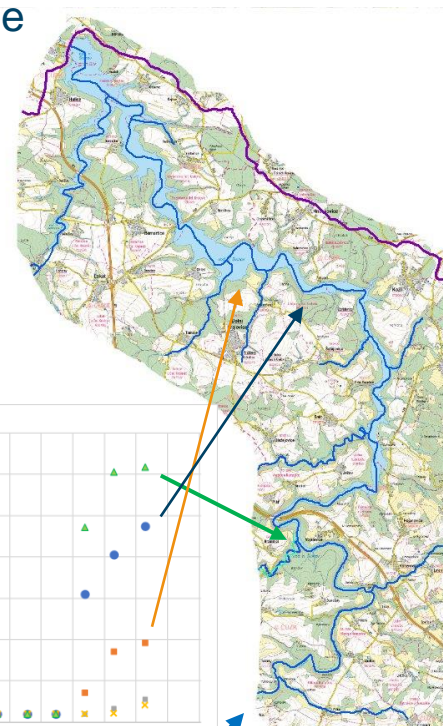
# Complex approach is necessary

Real case: 8/2023 event - flush of notable amount of Metazachlor pesticide from part of river basin area

High concentrations indicated at some of water reservoir tributaries by regular monthly sampling after „common“ runoff event



High concentrations persisted in some parts of reservoir for several months





# Complex water quality simulations in Želivka river basin and Švihov water reservoir

Approach used: **interconnected modelling tools** for simulation of impact of various threads to water quantity and quality at river basin and Švihov water reservoir. These tools are based on up-to date knowledge and recent data available.

Result: Vltava river basin authority will receive a complex set of tools, knowledge and service for enhanced and timely **decision-making process**.

These tools support **adaptation** of management of this important water resource affected by **changing conditions**.

This will help keep **sustainable water quality** for drinking purposes  
for current time as well as for future.

# Thank you for attention

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