



# From site measurements to spatial modelling – multi- criteria model evaluation

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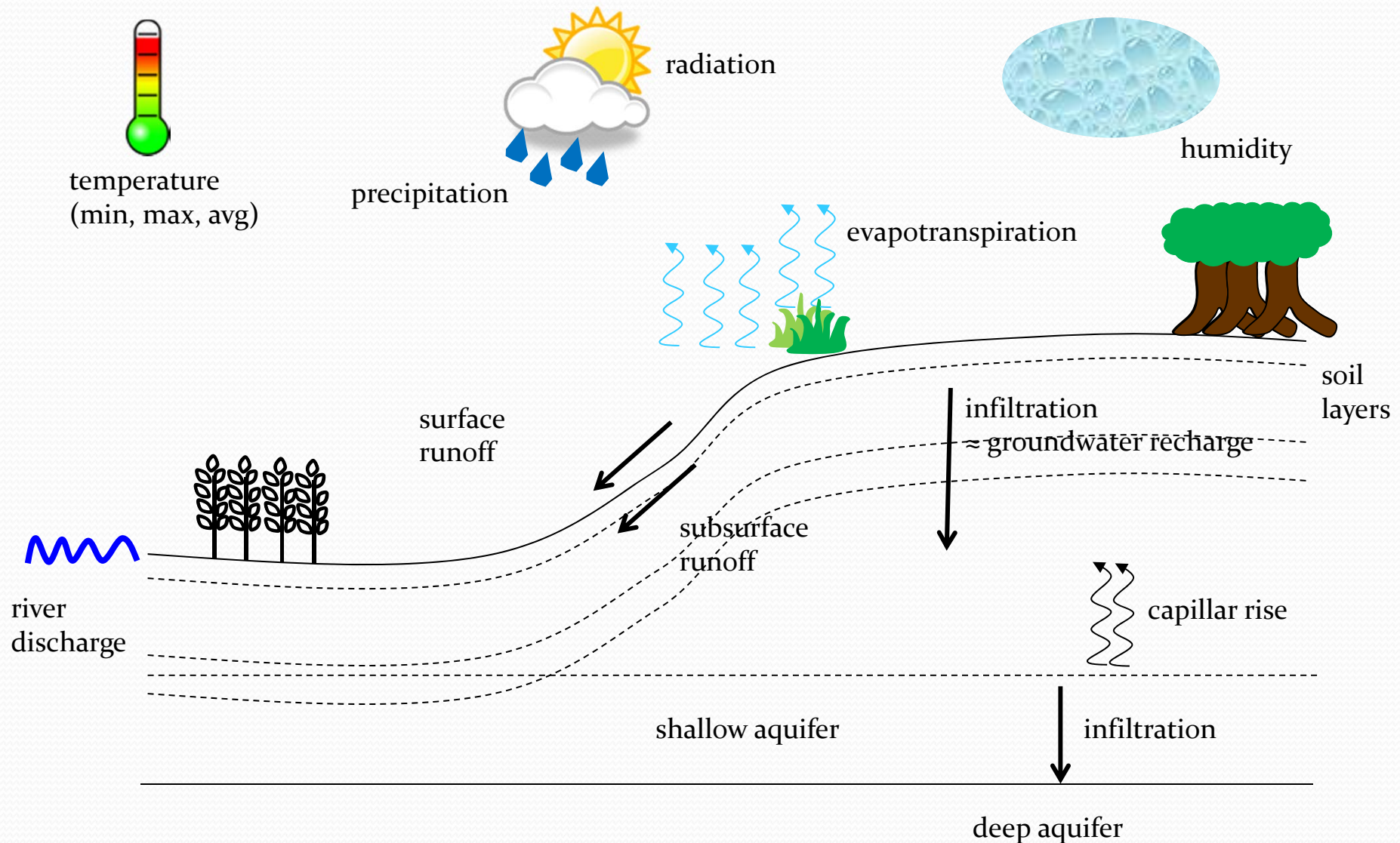
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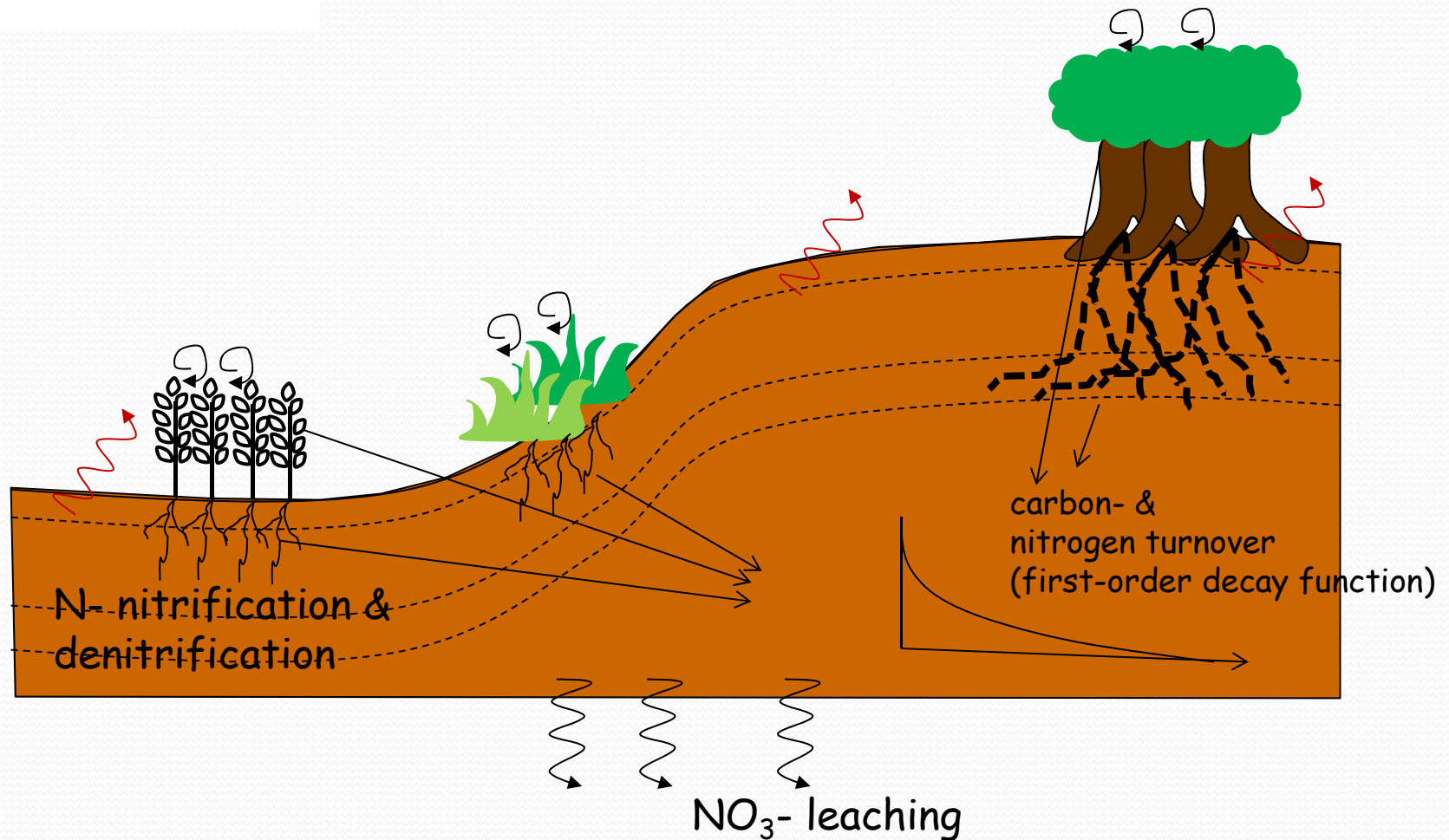
- ... is about the eco-hydrological model SWIM
- ... is about our current activities in multi-criteria model evaluation

# The eco-hydrological model SWIM (Soil and Water Integrated Model)



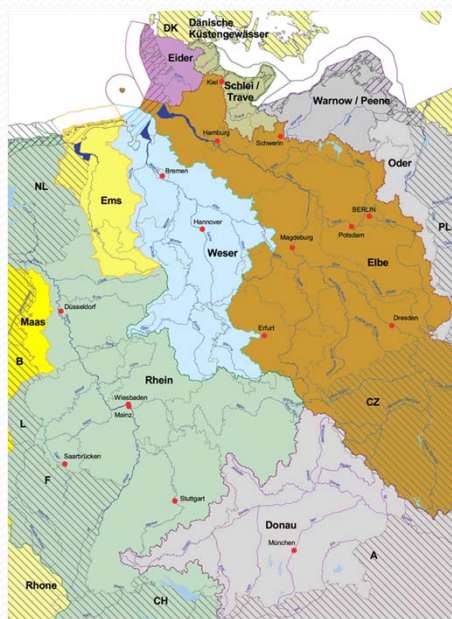
# Carbon & nitrogen processes in SWIM

↻ Carbon assimilation (photosyntheses)



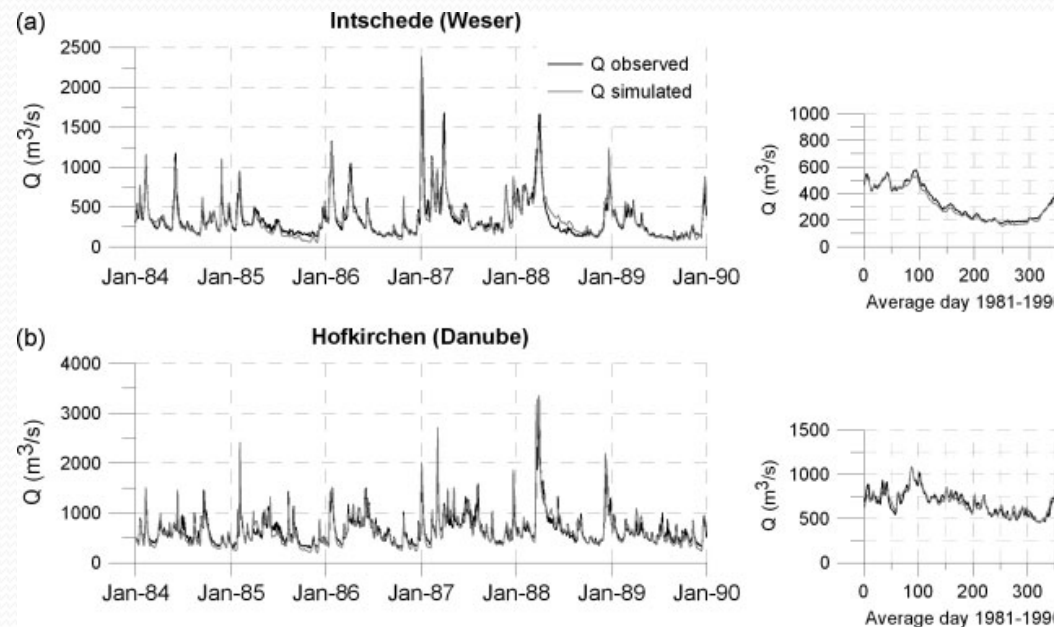
# SWIM-Evaluation for Germany

- Hydrologic evaluation: Huang et al. (2010) – PIK, Assessment of changes in discharge components under climate change
  - Discharge calibration and evaluation
  - Evapotranspiration-, total discharge- & groundwater recharge evaluation



Flussgebietseinheiten in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland (Richtlinie 2000/60/EG - Wasserrahmenrichtlinie)

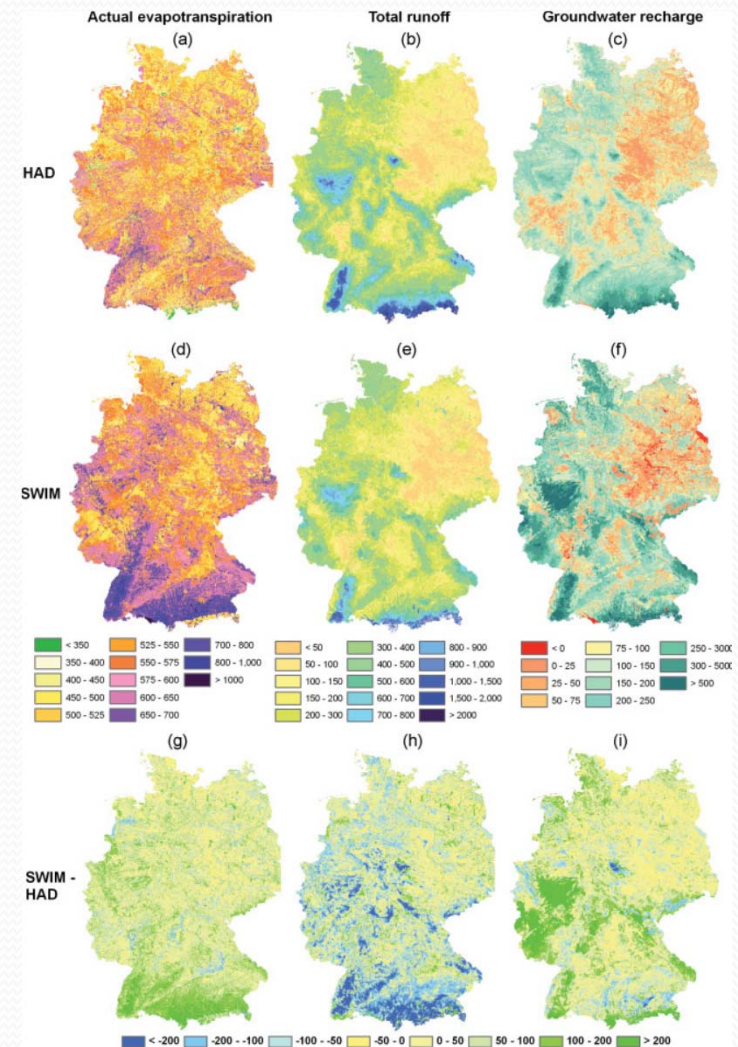
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 Kartengrundlage: Länderarbeitsgemeinschaft Wasser (LAWA), Bundesamt für Kartographie und Geodäsie (BKG)  
 Quelle: Umweltbundesamt, Juni 2004



Referenz: Huang, S., Krysanova, V., Österle, H., Hattermann, F.F., 2010, Simulation of spatiotemporal dynamics of water fluxes in Germany under climate change, Hydrological Processes, 24, 3289-3306

# SWIM-Evaluation for Germany

- Comparison to hydrological Atlas of Germany

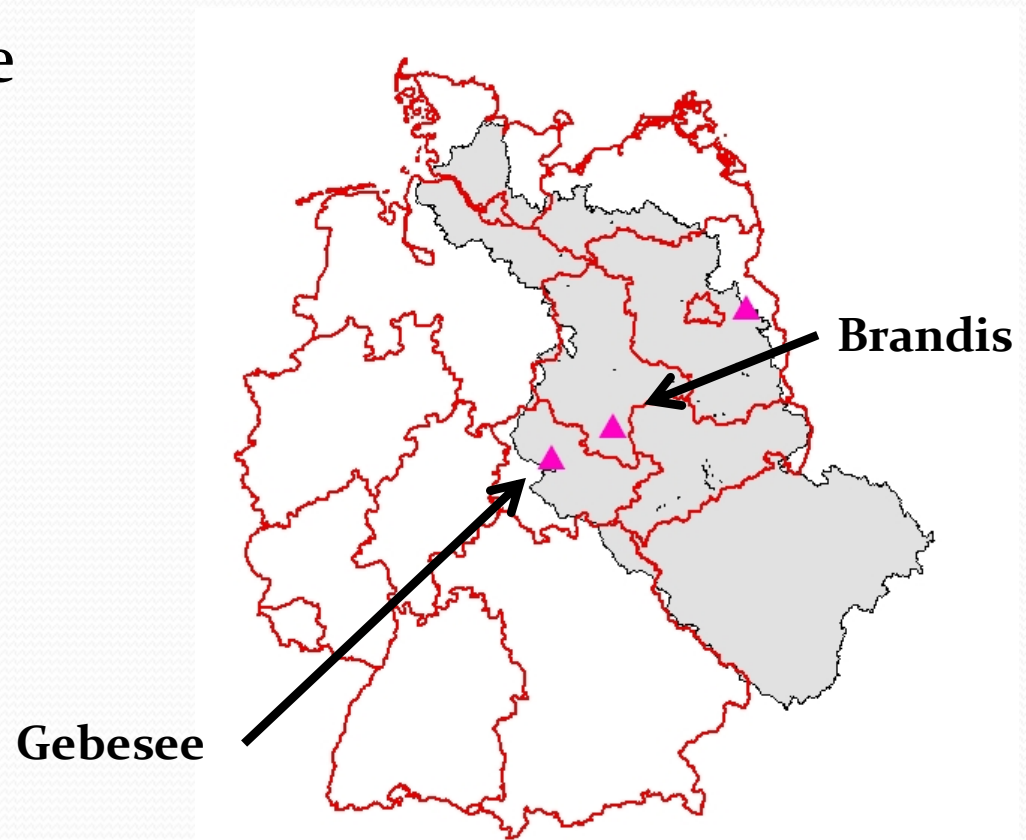


# Evaluation data

- river discharge data
- data from lysimeter sites
- eddy-flux data
- statistic yield data
- soil, vegetation monitoring data
- etc.

# Evaluation „sites“

- Spatial yields: Germany
- Eddy-flux site: Gebesee
- Lysimeter: Brandis







# Spatial yield evaluation

- Yields are key factors for the landscape water and nutrient balances
- They are proxies for biomass development where biomass constitutes the link between the water and carbon household via stomata (photosynthesis/transpiration)
- Furthermore, they serve as proxy for the return of organic matter (carbon and nitrogen) to the soil, which is determining for the calculation of carbon sequestration and nutrient cycling

# Yields

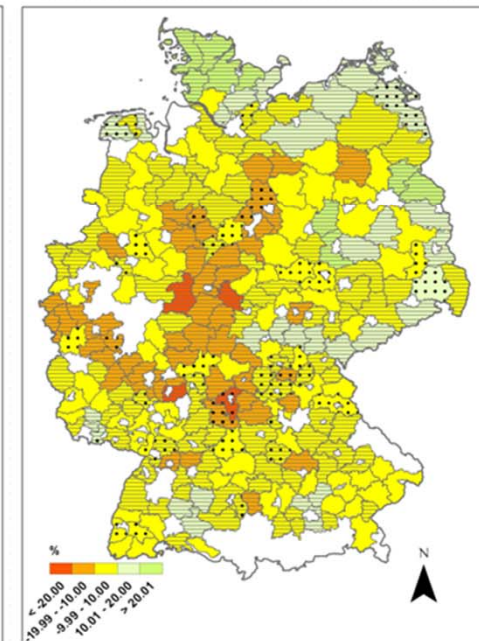
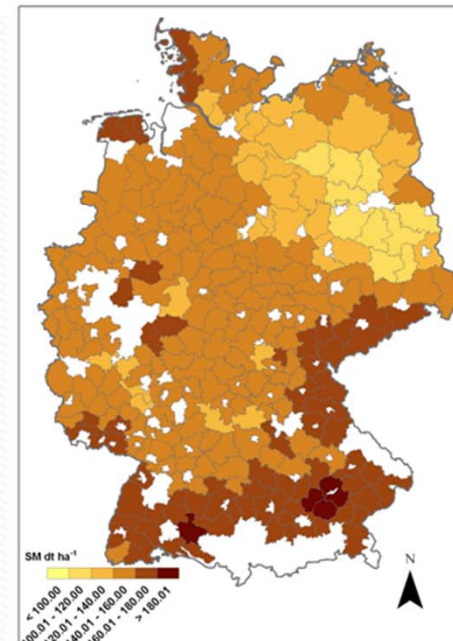
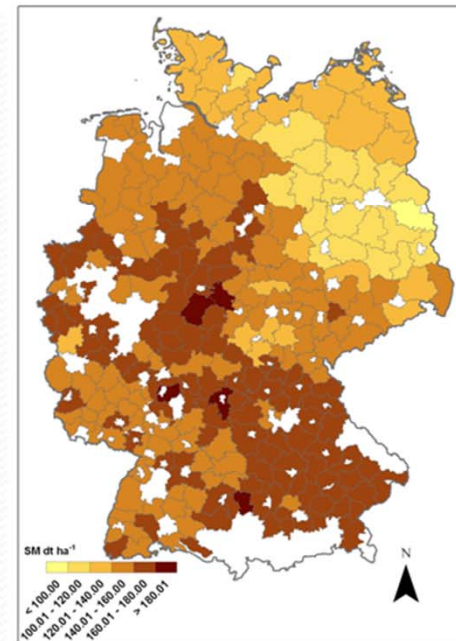
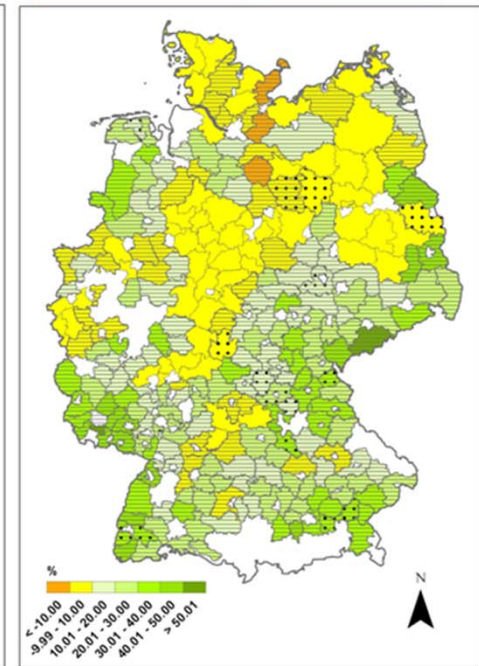
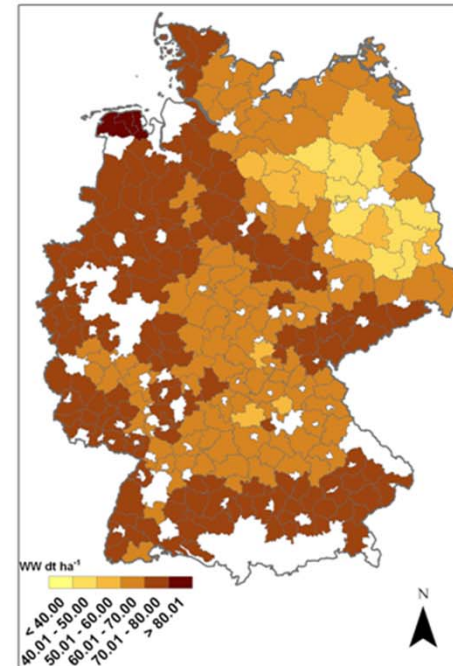
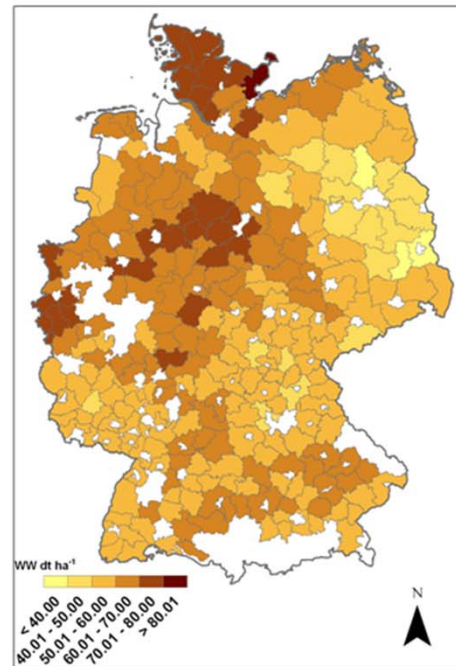
20-year averages  
1991-2010

Winter wheat  
Silage maize

statistics

simulated


difference





# Yields

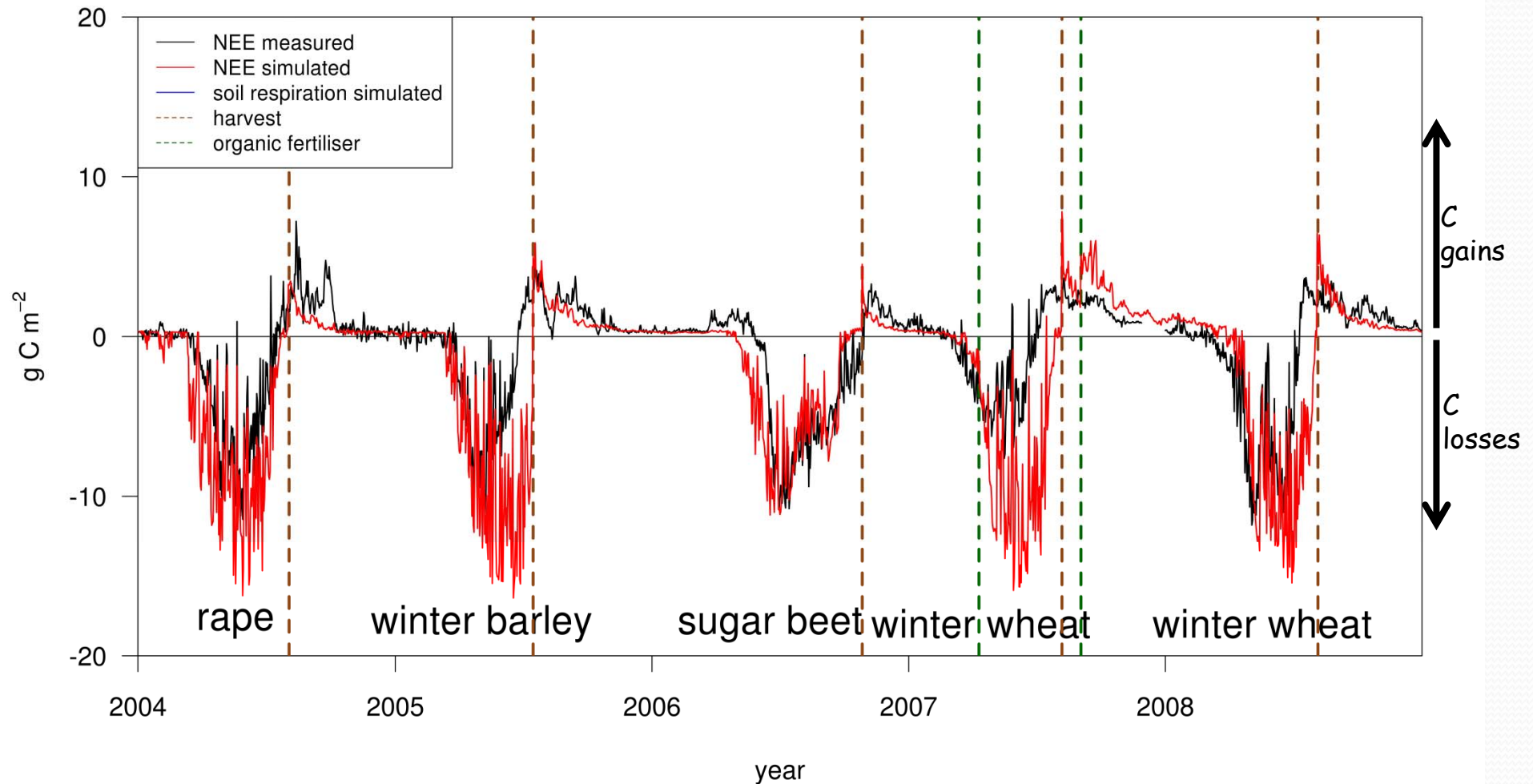
- the results show partly unsatisfactorily results
- this highlights problems which impact on hydrological model results as well
- to get sound hydrological results, yield results have to be achieved at a satisfactoring level



# Evaluation of the water- and carbon household at the eddy-flux site Gebesee

(data source: W.L. Kutsch, TI Braunschweig)

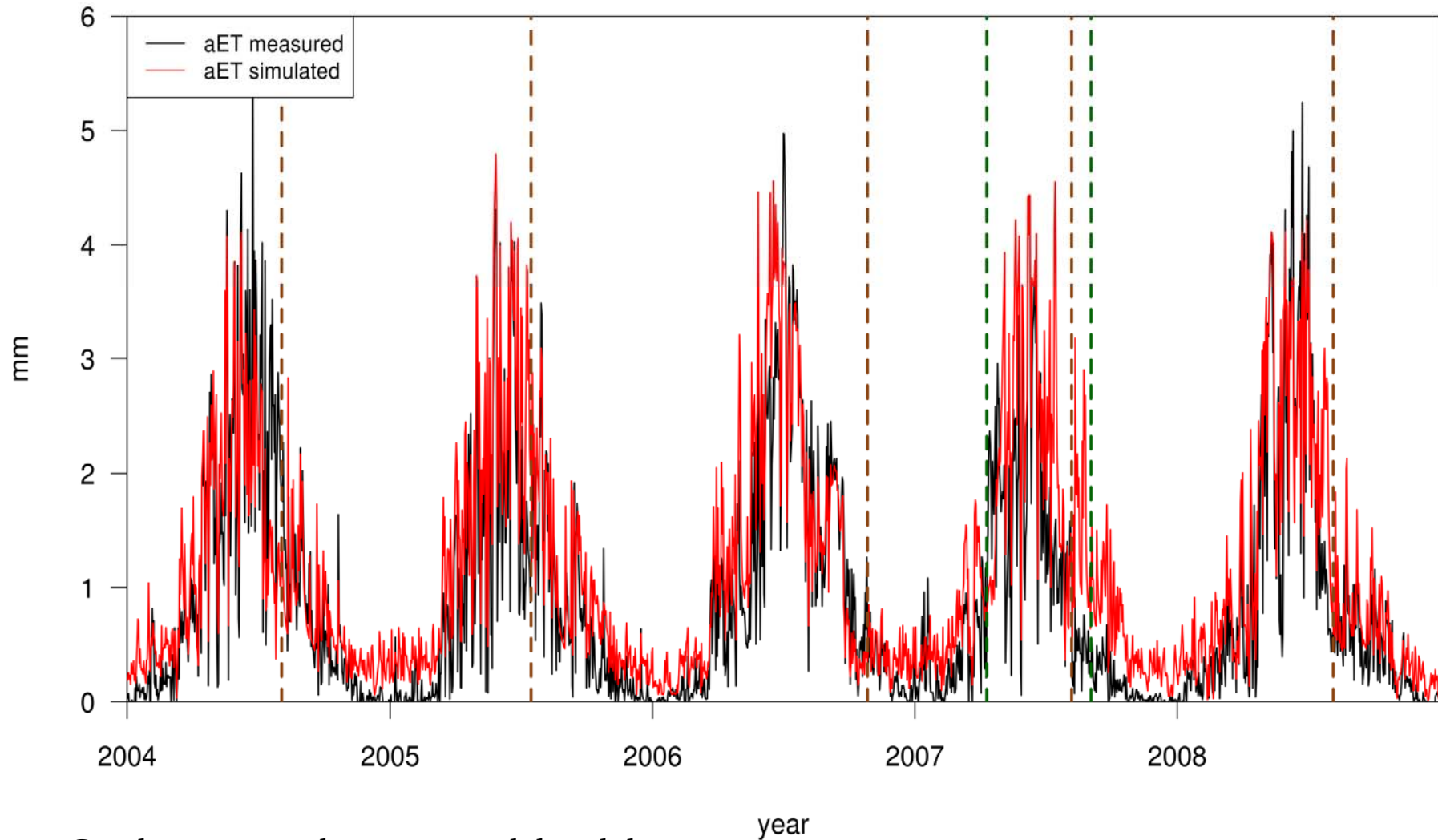
# Net eco-system exchange (NEE) [g C m<sup>-2</sup>]



- NEE as proxy for biomass growth
- The temporal development of biomass is well reflected by the model
- The model overestimates biomass growth at times


Observed data from Dr. W.L. Kutsch  
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# Actual evapotranspiration



- Good agreement between model and data
- This component of the water household is well reflected by the model

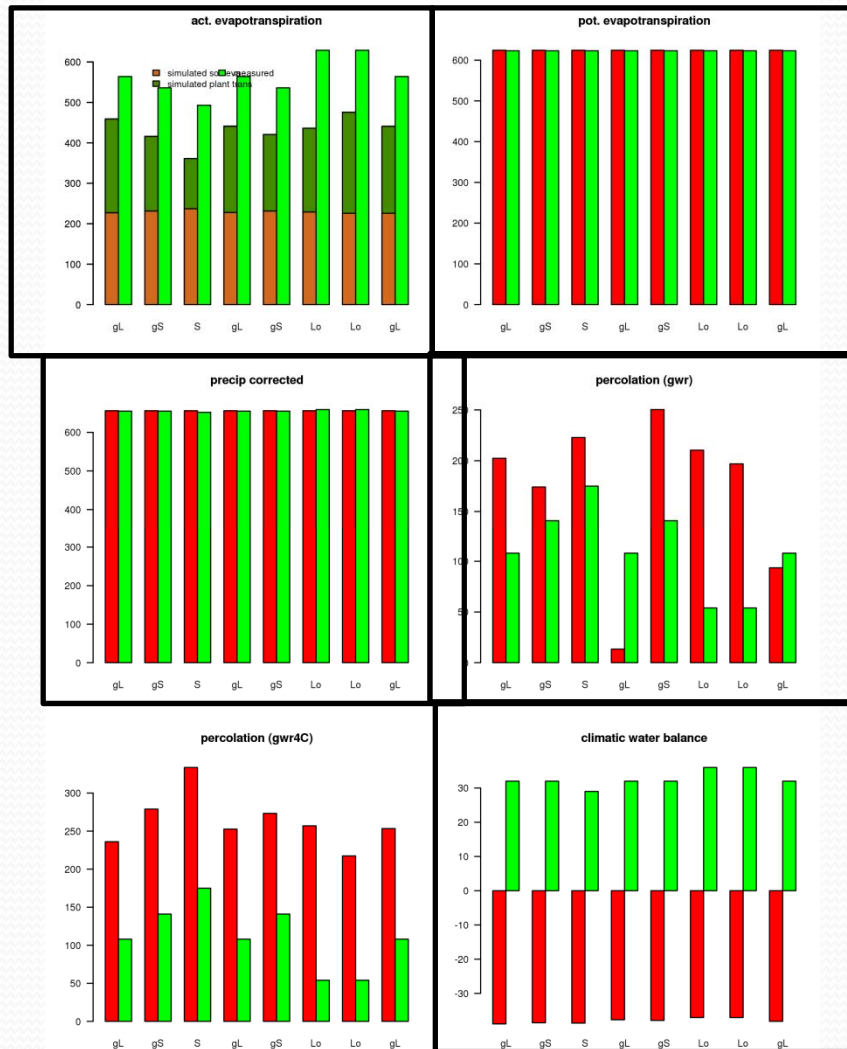
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# Evaluation of hydrological components at the lysimeter site Brandis

(data source: Dissertation of Haferkorn, 2000)

# Yearly average hydrologic parameters of 8 soil types



- Adjusted model input data:
  - Pot. evapotranspiration
  - Precipitation
- actual evapotranspiration
- Percolation/groundwater recharge
- Climatic water balance

■ measured  
■ simulated  
■ plant transpiration simulated  
■ soil evaporation simulated





# Wrap-up

- multi-criteria model evaluation is a valuable approach to constrain model performance
- it helps to identify problems and to improve the model
- to compensate for limited data sets from one site we use several data sources from different sites



**Thank you for your attention!**

