

***MONERIS***  
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***MOdeling of Nutrient Emissions in Rlver Systems:  
Oder***

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## 1. Modelling nutrient fluxes



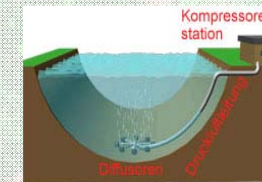
## 2. Nutrient emissions during the last 50 years



## 3. Spatial and temporal variation of emissions



## 4. Measures to reduce emissions and loads



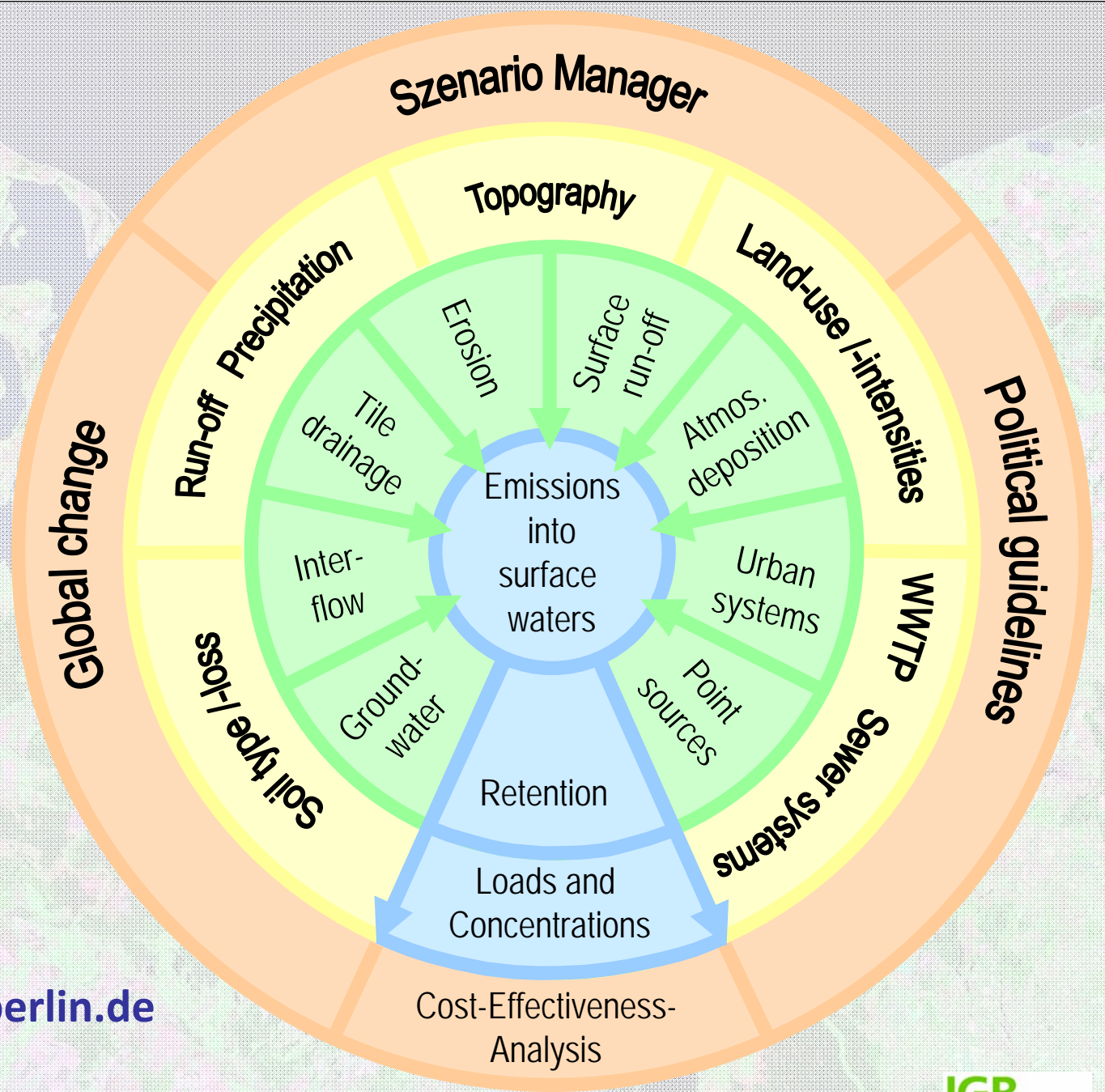
## 5. Paper and perspectives





# MONERIS

- External framework
- Catchment characteristics
- Pathways
- Surface waters



Details: [moneris.igb-berlin.de](http://moneris.igb-berlin.de)

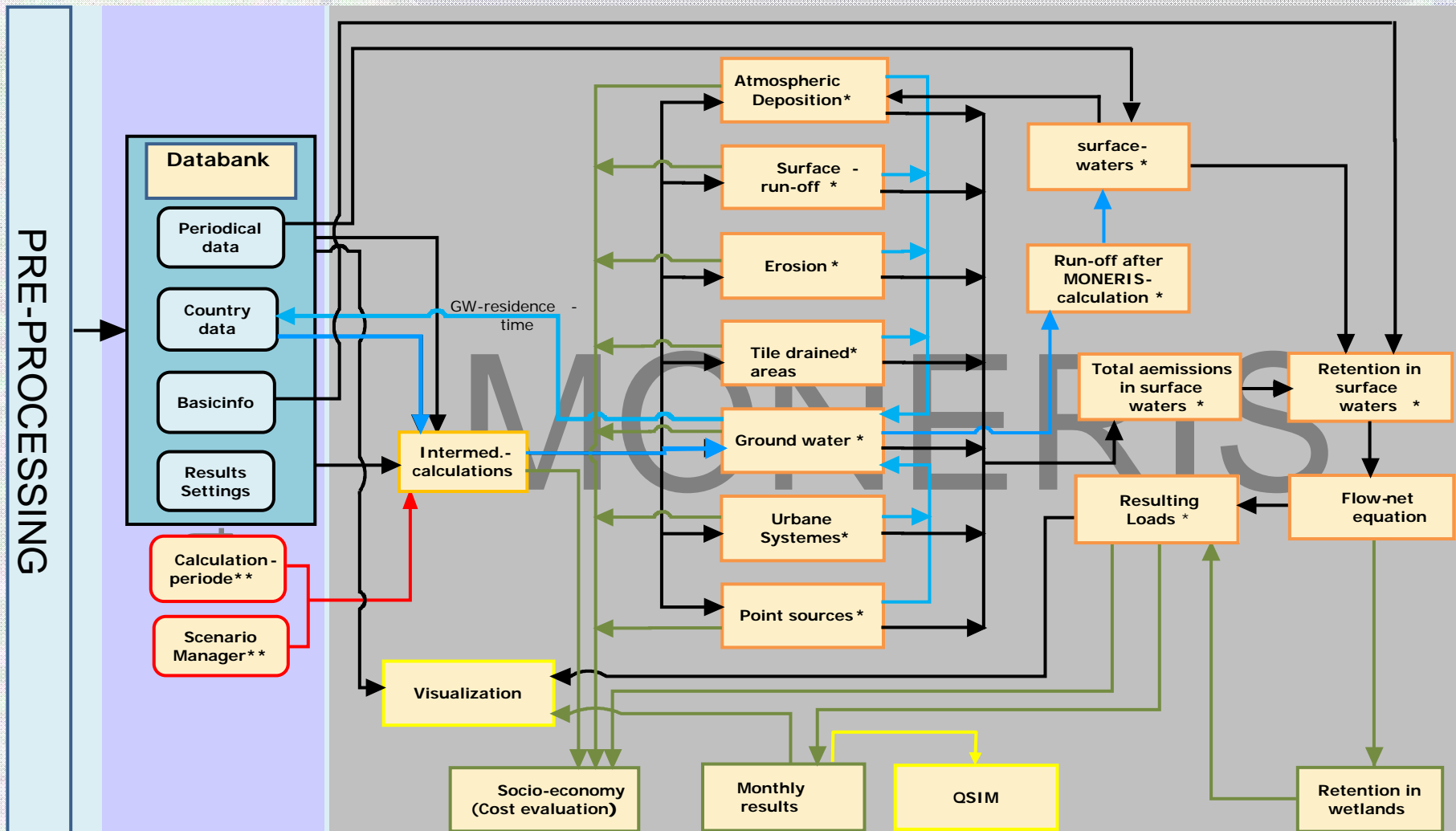


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# Structure of MONERIS



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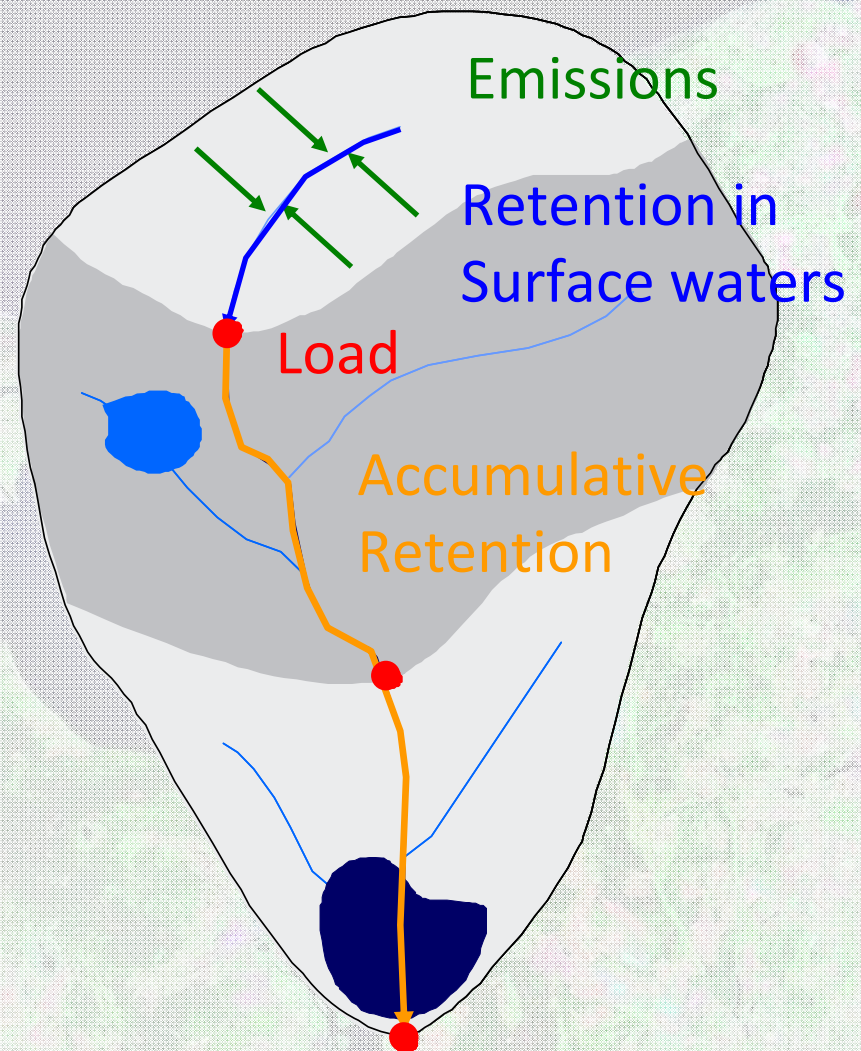




## Nutrient balances in river systems

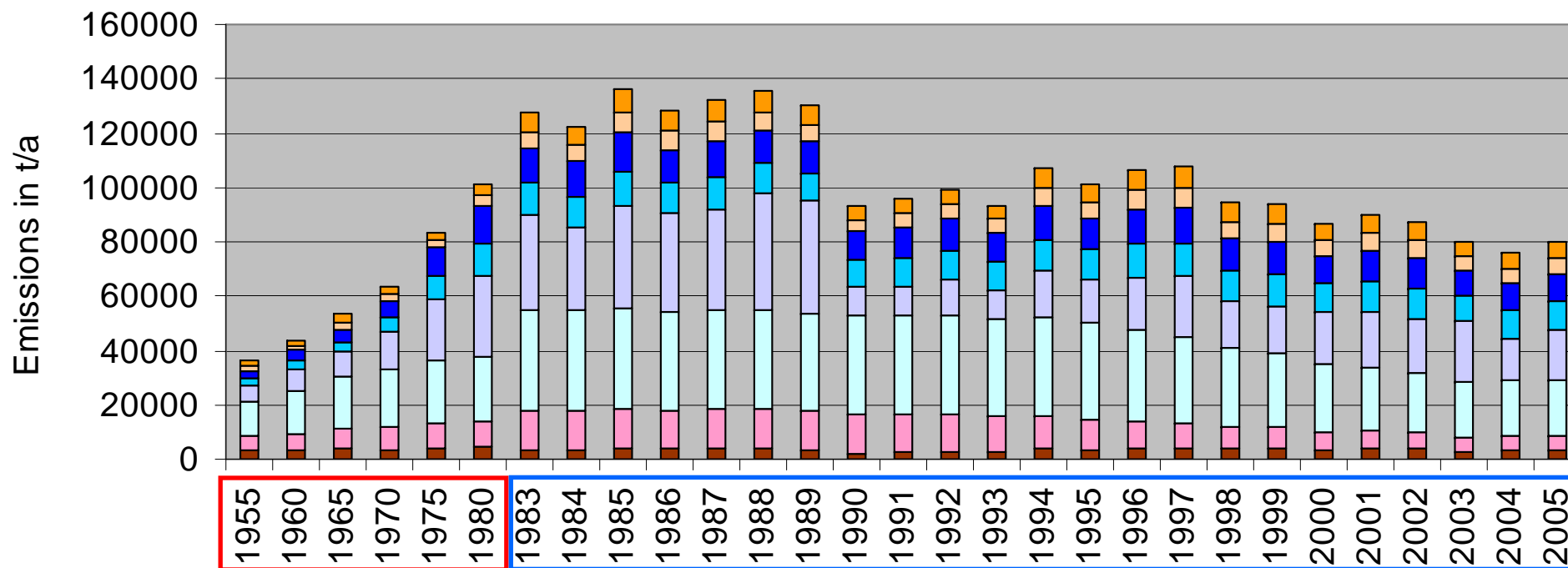
- Calculations for analytical units (semi-distributed)
- Emissions, instream retention and loads by semi-empirical/conceptual approaches
- temporal resolution: annual (disaggregated to monthly)
- spatial resolution: 50 km<sup>2</sup>
- TN, DIN, DON, TP, Si

Impact ratio ( $IR = L\%/E\%$ )

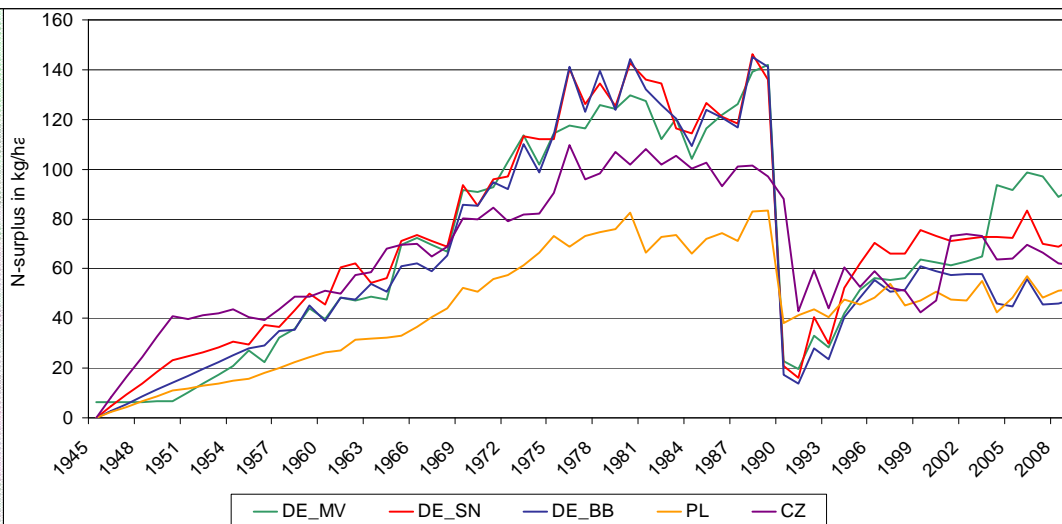




# Changes of TN emissions during last 50 years

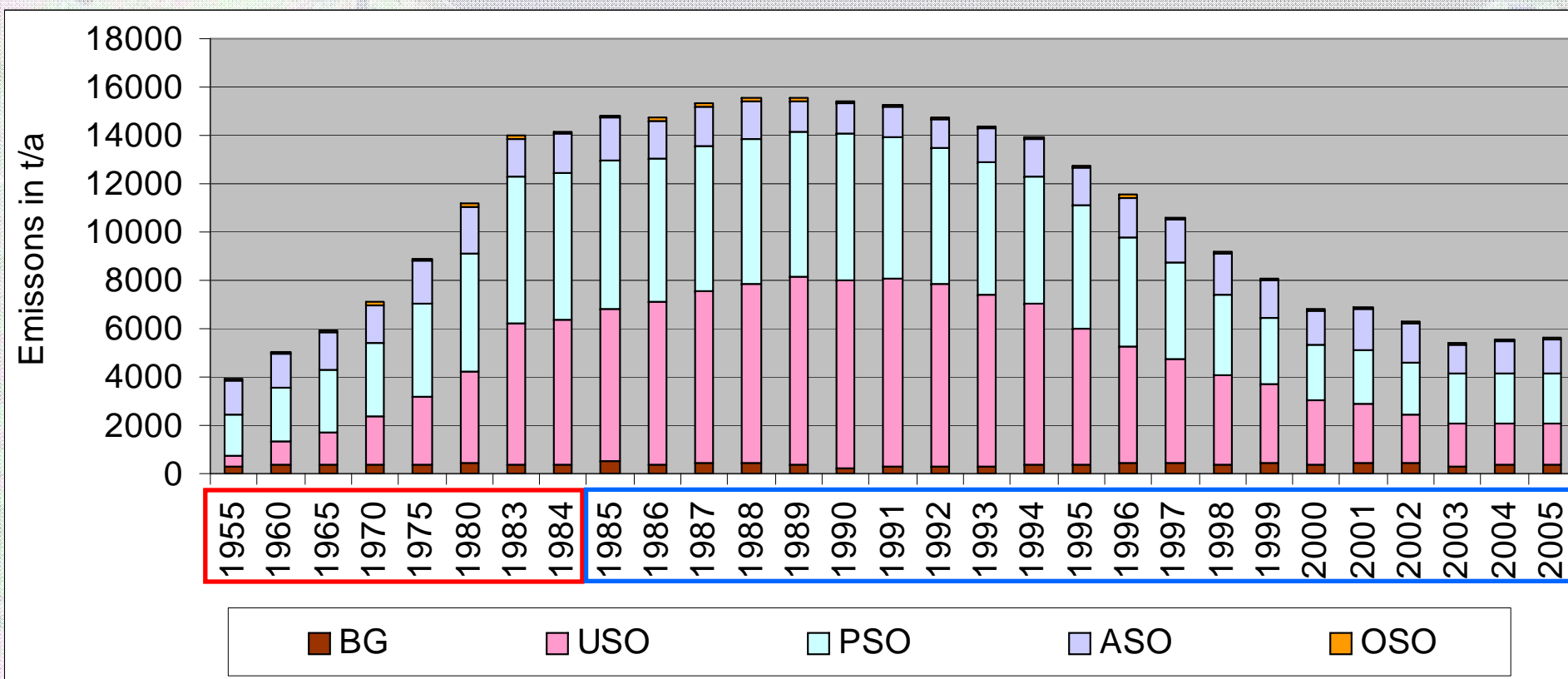


BG
  USO
  PSO
  ASO\_fertilizer
  ASO\_nhy
  ASO\_nox
  OSO\_nhy
  OSO\_nox





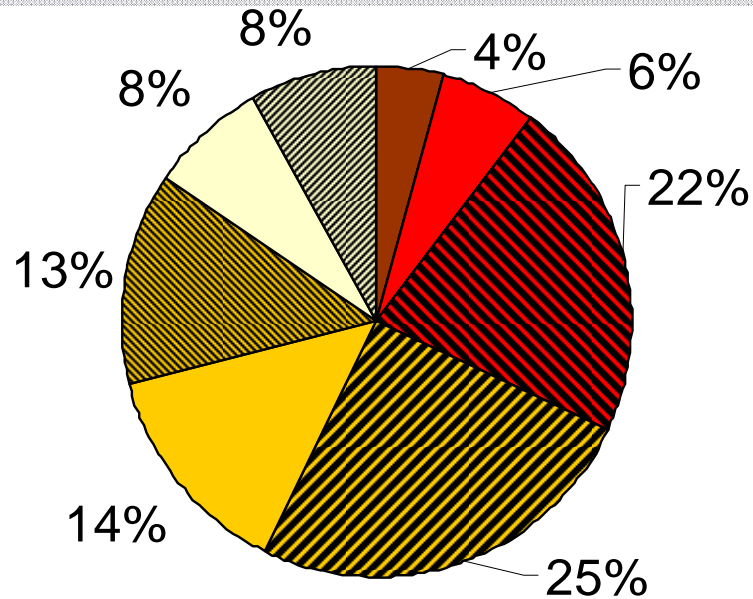
# Changes of TP emissions during last 50 years





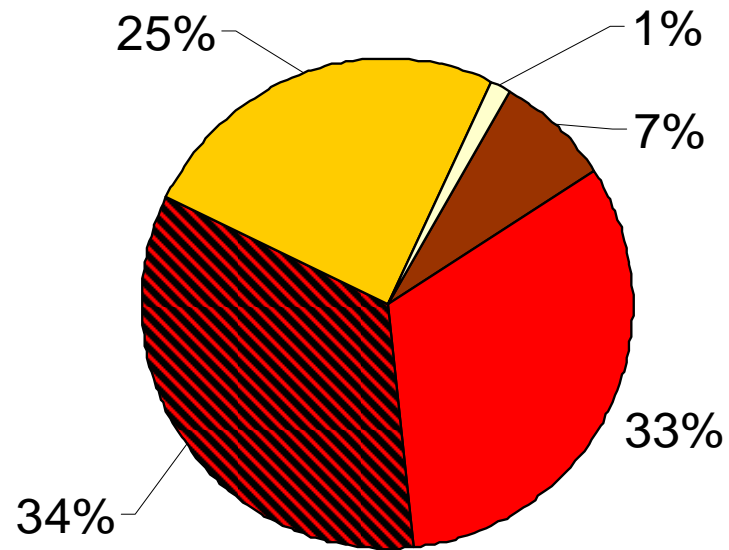
# Source apportionment - 2005

- Nat. background
- Urban systems
- Point sources
- Fertilizer
- Agriculture NHy
- Agriculture NOx
- Others NHy
- Others NOx



TN

TP



- Nat. background
- Urban systems
- Point sources
- Agriculture
- Others

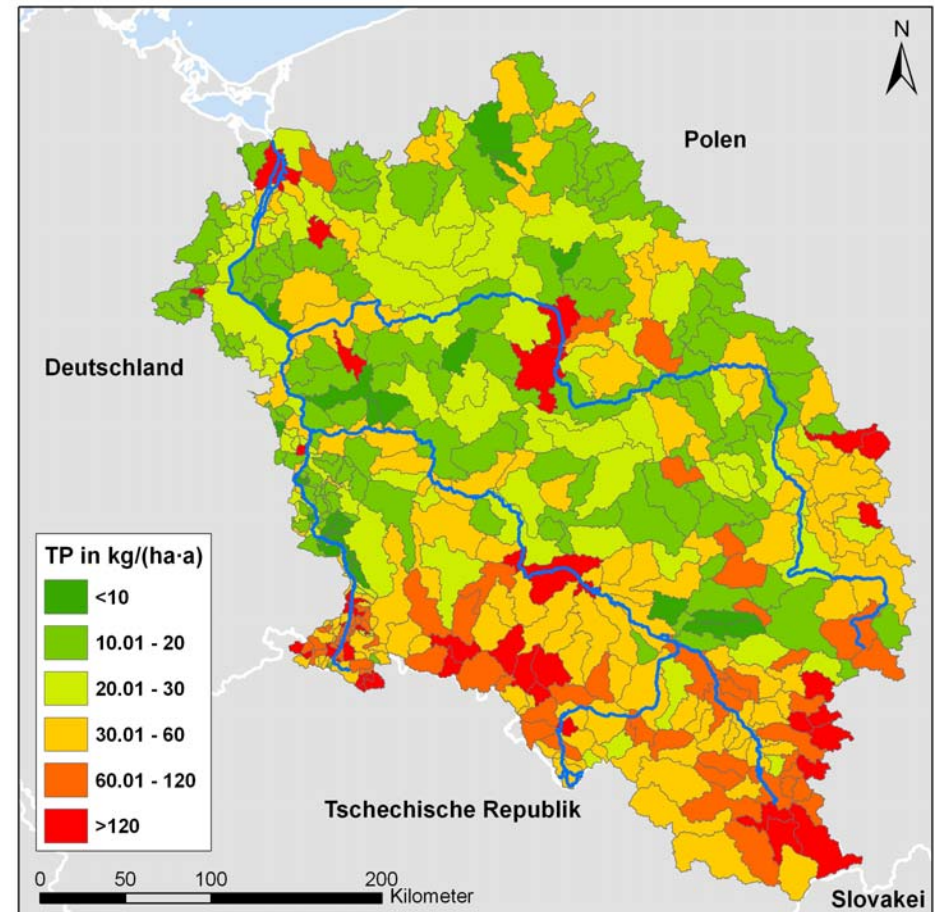
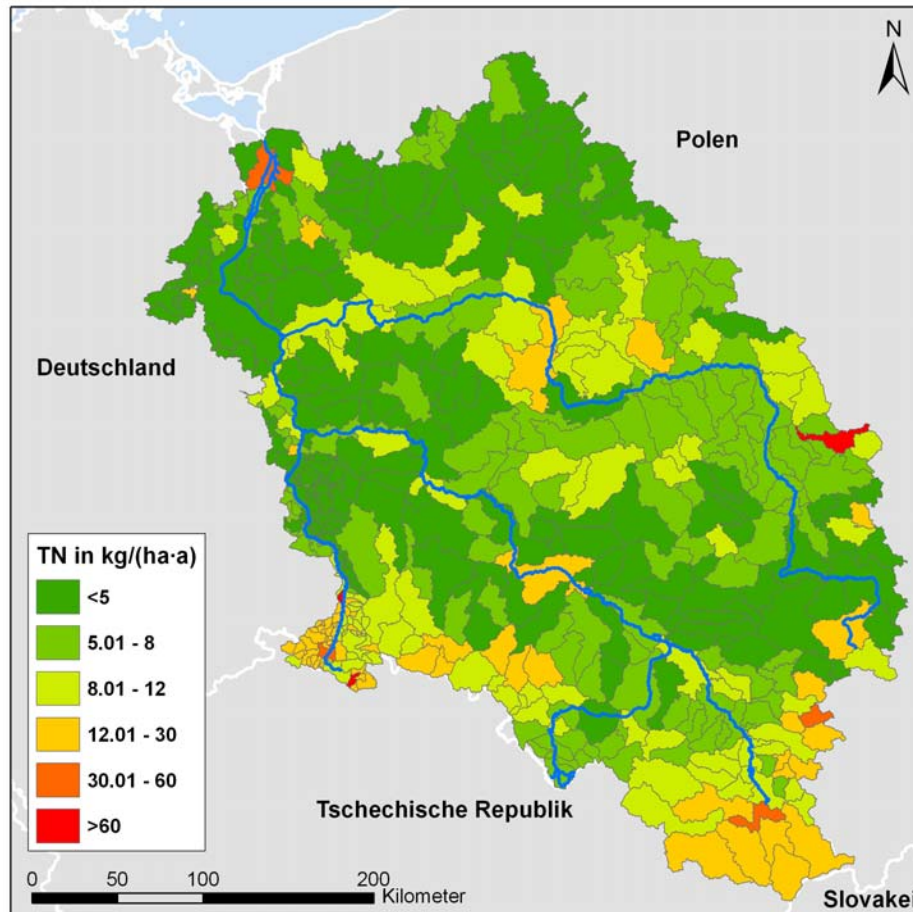




# Spatial distribution of emissions - annual

## TN

## TP



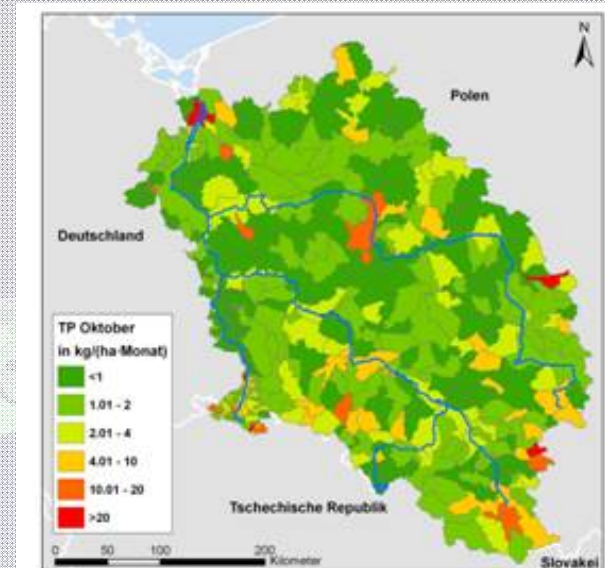
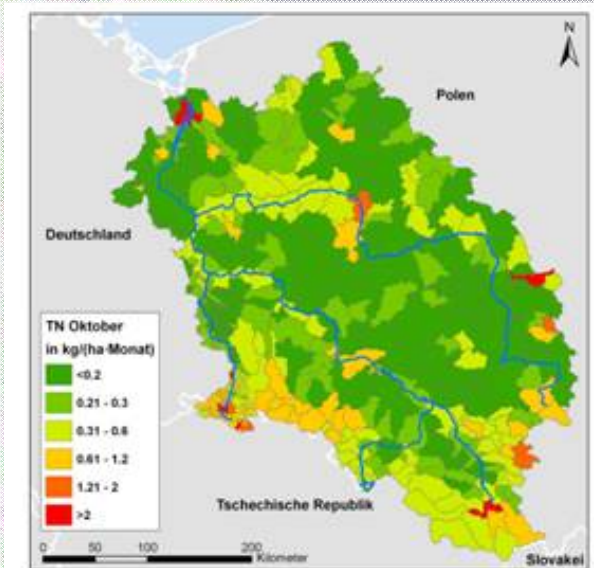


# Spatial distribution of emissions - monthly

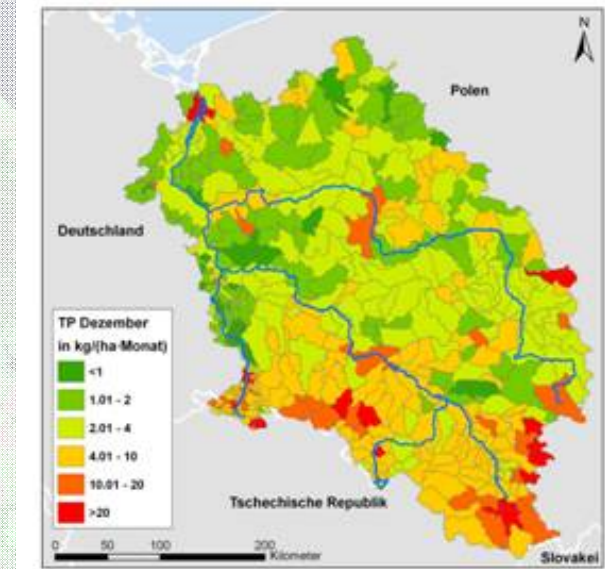
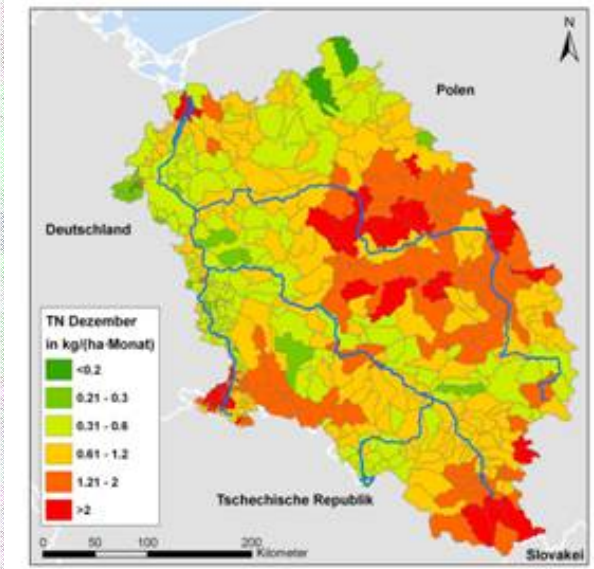
## TN

## TP

### October

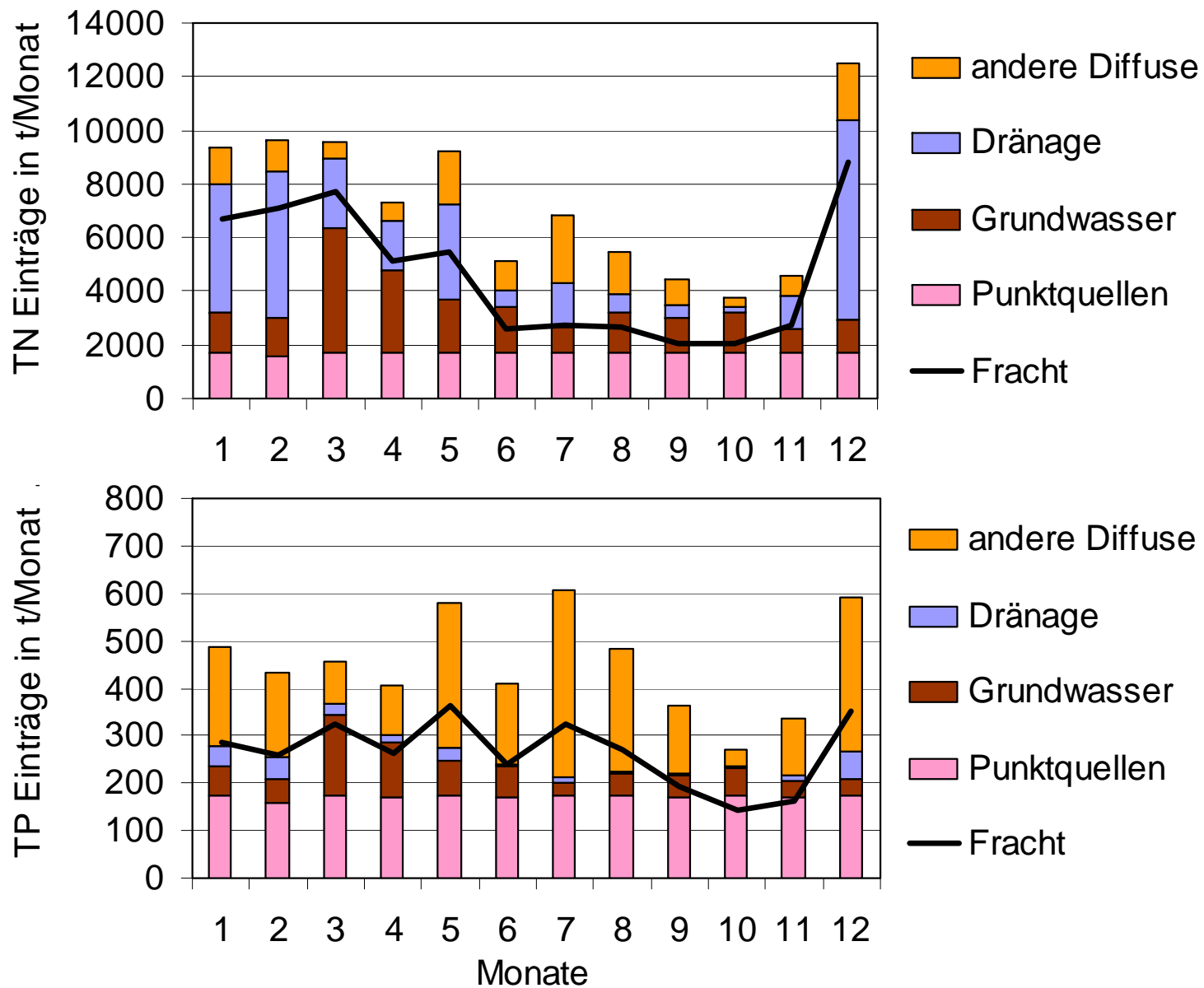


### December



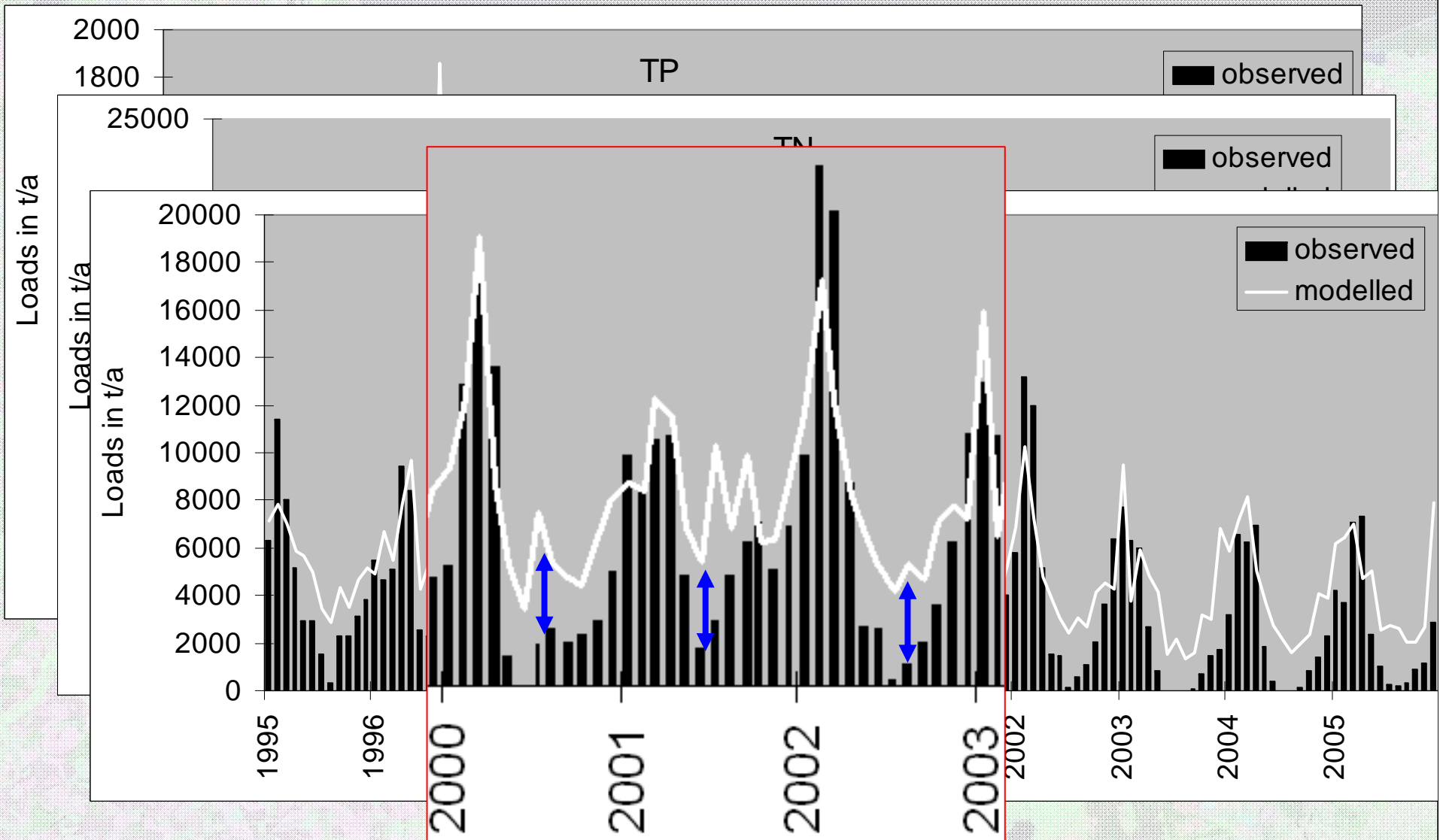


# Monthly emissions in the year 2005





# Monthly load comparison



↕ Nutrient up-take by phytoplacton and phyto-benthos



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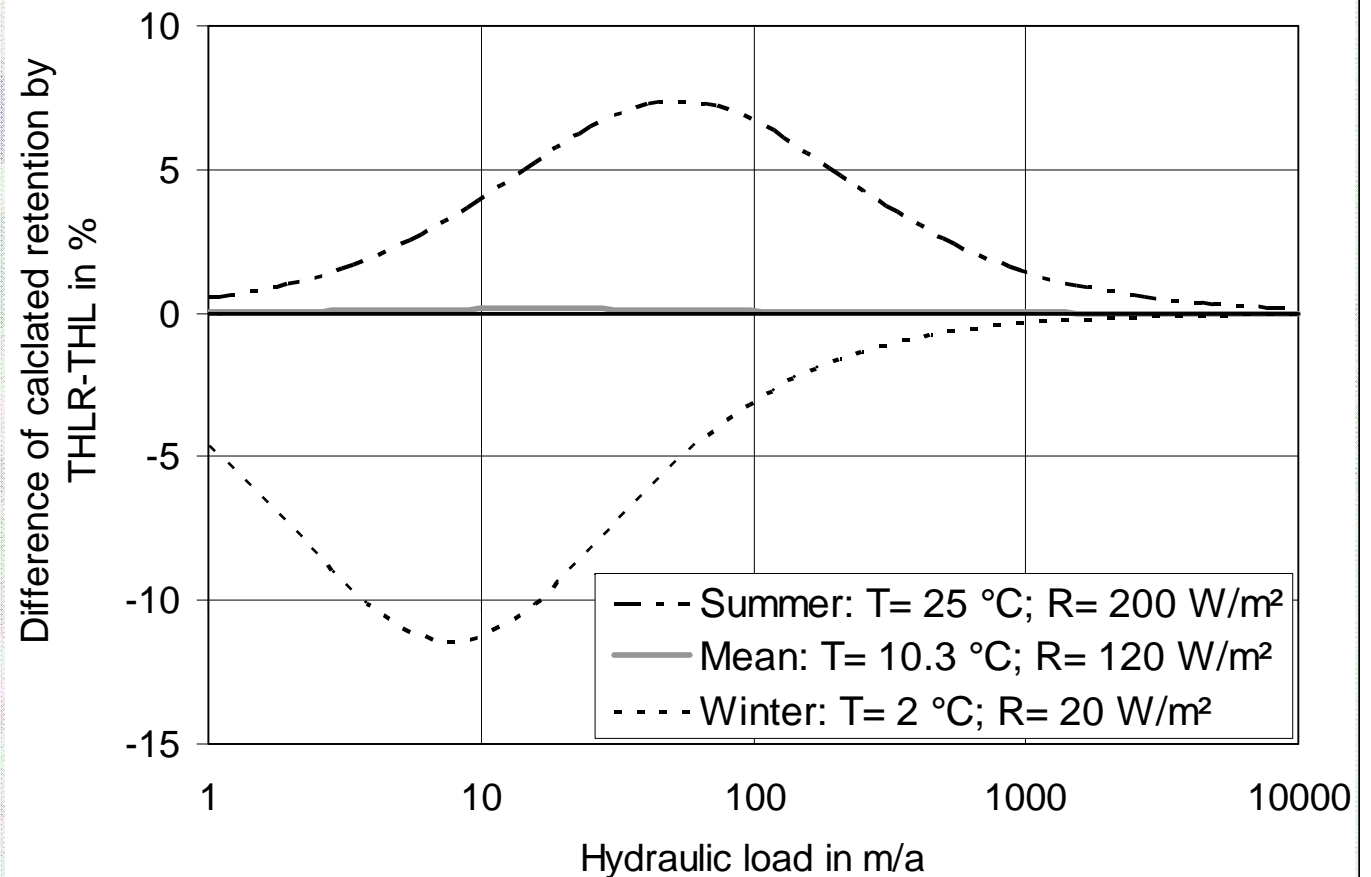
# Monthly Retention - N-Uptake by aquatic organisms

$$RM_{THLR-DIN} = \frac{1}{1 + (4.74 + 0.031 \cdot R) \cdot e^{0.067 \cdot T} \cdot HL^{-1}} \cdot 100$$

$RM_{THLR-DIN}$  = monthly modelled DIN retention, in %

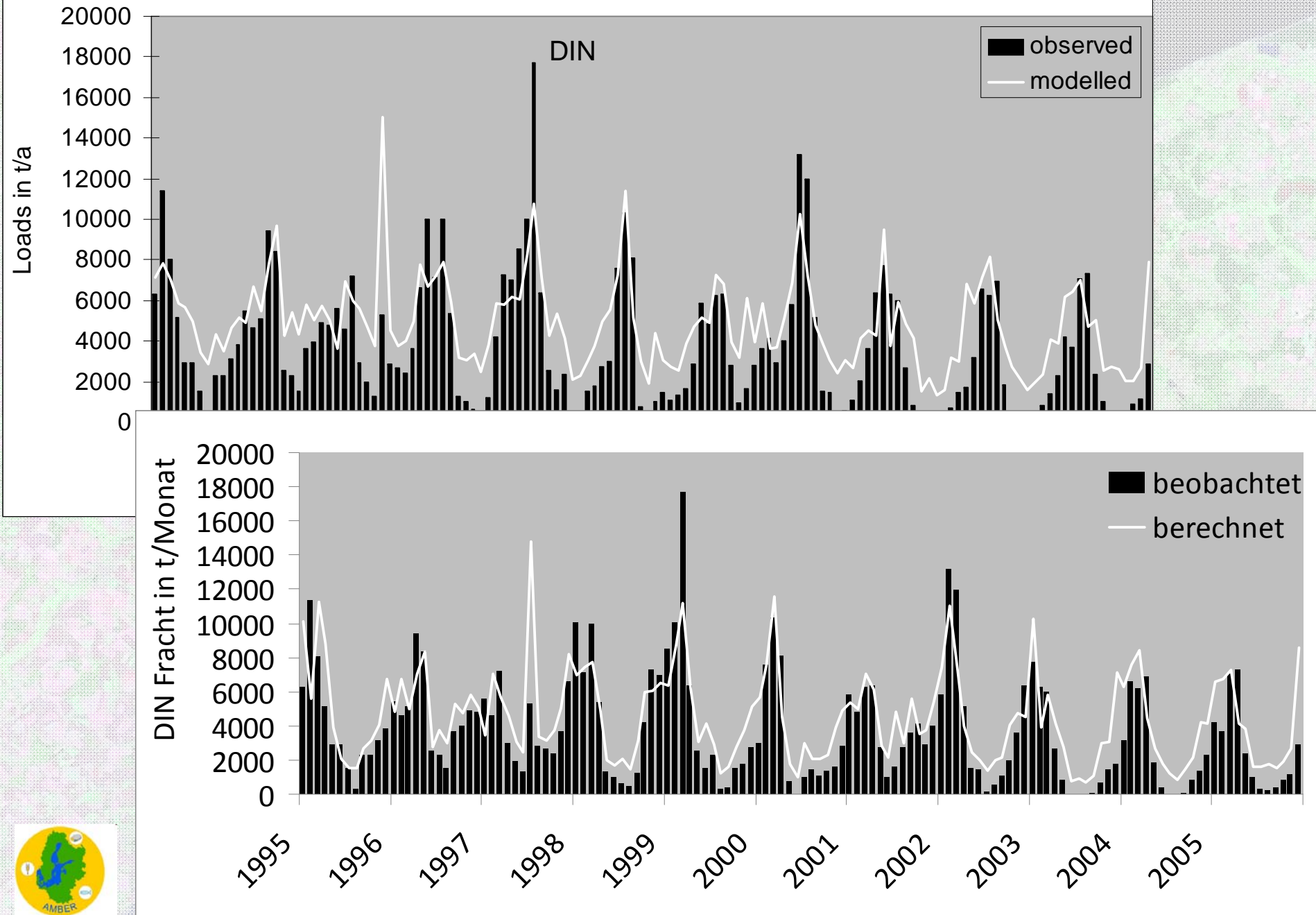
$R$  = incoming short wave radiation at surface level, in  $W/m^2$  (CM-SAF)

The approach was calibrated for a mean monthly radiation of  $120 W/m^2$ .





# Monthly DIN load comparison





# ***Management options (measures)***

## **Land-use changes**

- Conversion of arable land to grassland
- Reduction of soil loss from arable land
- Reduction of tile drained areas
- Retention ponds for tile drainage discharges
- Reconstruction of wetlands / back shift of dikes
- Reduction of impervious urban areas

## **Land-use intensities**

- Reduction of nitrogen surplus on agricultural land
- Reduction of atmospheric deposition
- Use of phosphate-free detergents

## **Wastewater treatment plants (WWTP)**

- Reduction of discharge concentration for individual WWTPs

## **Decentralized waste water treatment plants (DCTP)**

- Assume state of the art technique for DCTP
- Conversion of DCTP to (virtual) WWTP
- Assume P-removal for DCTP and WWTP

## **Sewer systems**

- Increase of storage volume for combined sewers
- Soil filter for rainwater discharges of separate sewers
- increase share of inhabitants connected to sewers and WWTP



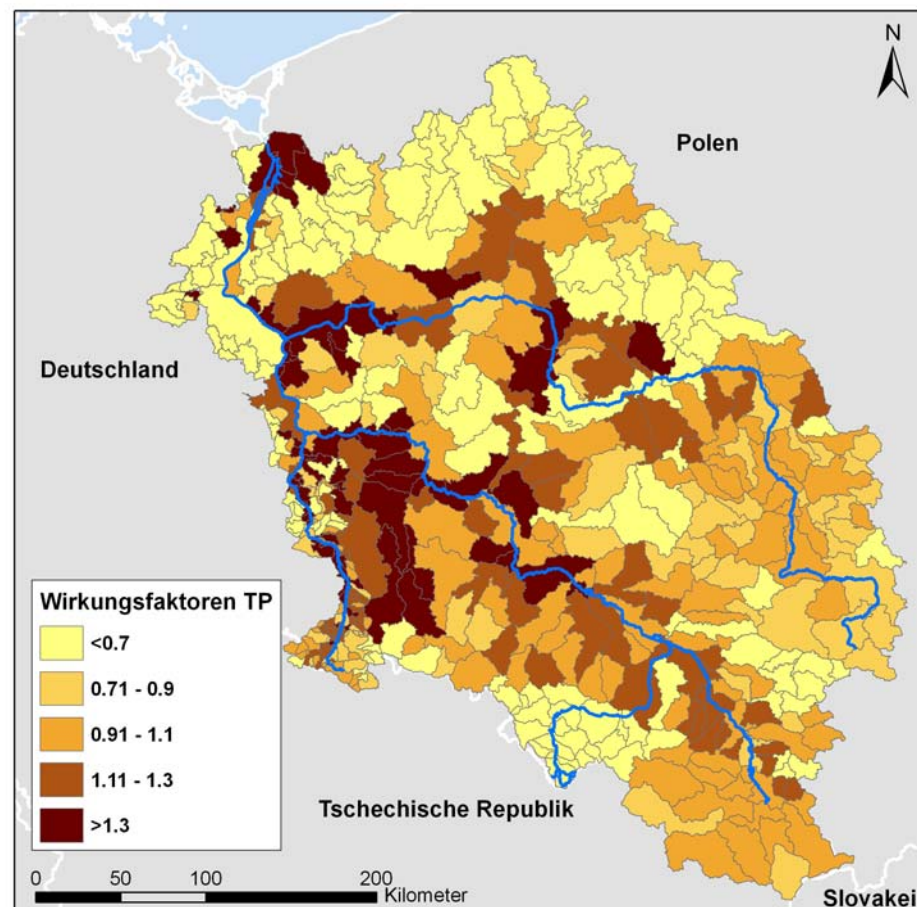
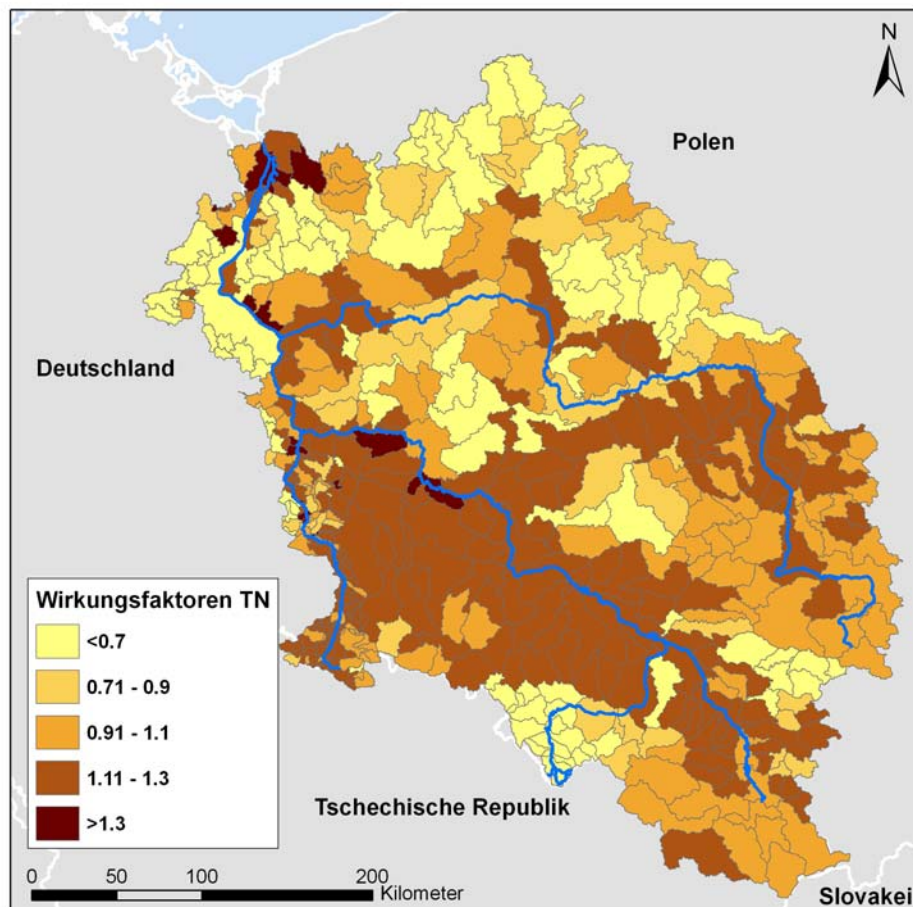


# Contribution of single AUs on the load at the outlet

TN

Impact ratio (IR = L%/E%)

TP



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## Measures to reduce emissions to surface waters

Szenario	WWTP	Urban Systems	N-surplus	Erosion	Drainage Ponds	Atmosph. Deposition
		%	kg/ha	%	ha/km2	%
COMP1		RBF: + 10 MKS: + 10	Max. 60	BA: -60 MG: >4 GR: 5	10	
COMP2	waste water	RBF: ± 20 MKS: ± 20	Max. 40	BA: -90 MG: >4 GR: 10	20	NOx -33
PARTLY1	directive fulfilled	RBF: ± 20 ** MKS: ± 20 **	Max. 40 *	BA: -90 ** MG: >2 ** GR: 20 **	20 *	NHy ± 0
PARTLY2		RBF: ± 50 ** MKS: ± 50 **	Max. 20 *	BA: -90 ** MG: >2 ** GR: 50 **	50 *	
COMP3	extended	RBF: ± 50 MKS: ± 50	Max. 20	BA: -90 MG: >2 GR: 50	50	NOx -50 NHy -25

Only if IR for \* Nitrogen & \*\* Phosphorus is > 1,1

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## Effect of measures to reduce emissions to surface waters

Scenario	WWTP	Urban Systems	N-surplus	Erosion	Tile Drainages	Atmosphär. Deposition	Total	Load
COMP1		N: -0,1 P: -0,3	N: -0,0 P: -0,0	N: -0,1 P: -1,5	N: -1,9 P: -0,6		N: -12,0 P: -12,6	N: -13,9 P: -18,6
COMP2		N: -0,2 P: -0,8	N: -0,9 P: -0,0	N: -0,4 P: -4,7	N: -3,6 P: -1,0		N: -14,2 P: -16,7	N: -15,9 P: -21,6
	N: -4,4 P: -9,5	N: -0,1 P: -0,4	N: 0,0 P: 0,0	N: -0,3 P: -3,6	N: -1,6 P: -0,5	N: -5,6 P: -0,8	N: -11,4 P: -14,4	N: -13,7 P: -21,0
PARTLY2		N: -0,1 P: -0,6	N: -2,2 P: 0,1	N: -0,4 P: -4,0	N: -2,3 P: -0,6		N: -13,6 P: -16,1	N: -16,0 P: -22,8
COMP3	N: -8,0 P: -16,3	N: -0,3 P: -1,2	N: -4,9 P: -0,1	N: -0,8 P: -9,0	N: -7,6 P: -1,8	N: -13,1 P: -1,1	N: -32,8 P: -30,1	N: -33,9 P: -37,1





## *Paper and perspectives*

### Paper:

- New retention approach
- joined paper on comparison of potential of measures and reduction goals in Elbe and Oder
- Climate + Nemunas → Jens Hürdler

### Perspectives:

- Development of a catalogue of measures to transfer „real“ management options into MONERIS
- Results from GLOWA-Elbe-III, AMBER, RADOST, NITROLIMIT and AGRUM Weser +
- Option to consider this catalogue in next UFO-Plan of UBA (under discussion)
- Methods will be used by ICPDR
- Approach on monthly retention will be checked and further developed in NITROLIMIT





***Thank you for your attention***



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**Slides for discussion!**



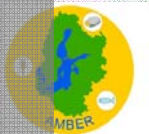
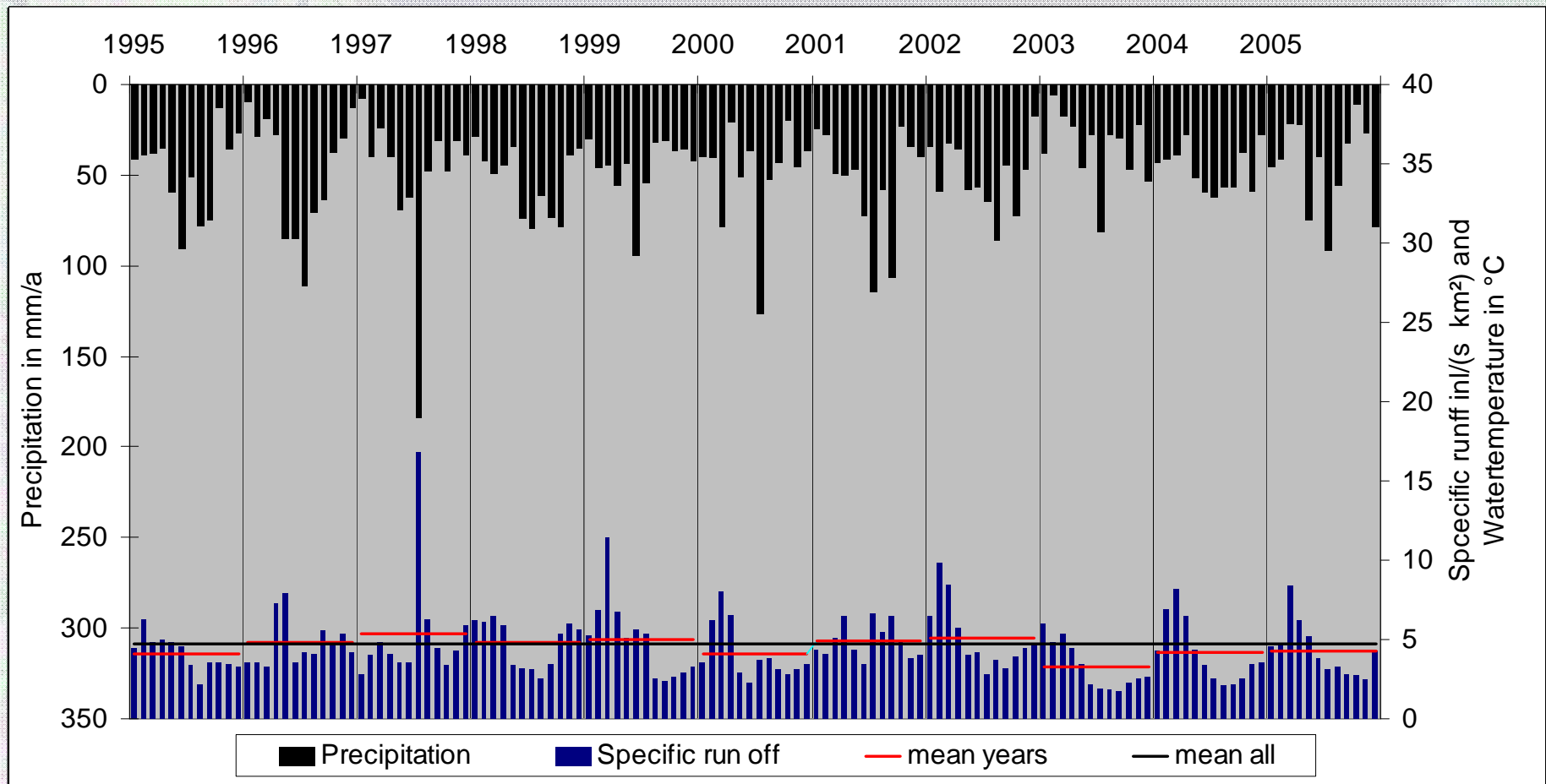
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# Monthly precipitation, temperature and run off

4. Monthly emissions and loads from 1995 to 2005



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## Methods for monthly disaggregation of emissions and loads

**Hypothesis:** *The seasonal changes of the emissions are caused by the different portion of the pathways and their hydrological components.*

*→ concentrations almost constant during year*

Point sources: constant discharges during year (Load / 12)

Tile Drainage, ground water,  
other diffuse sources

(precipitation on surface waters, erosion, surface run off, urban areas)

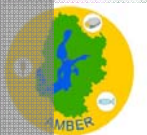
$$C_a = E_a / Q_a \cdot C_u$$

$C_a$  = mean annual concentration in mg/l

$E_a$  = mean emissions from pathway(s) in t/a

$Q_a$  = mean run off in m<sup>3</sup>/s

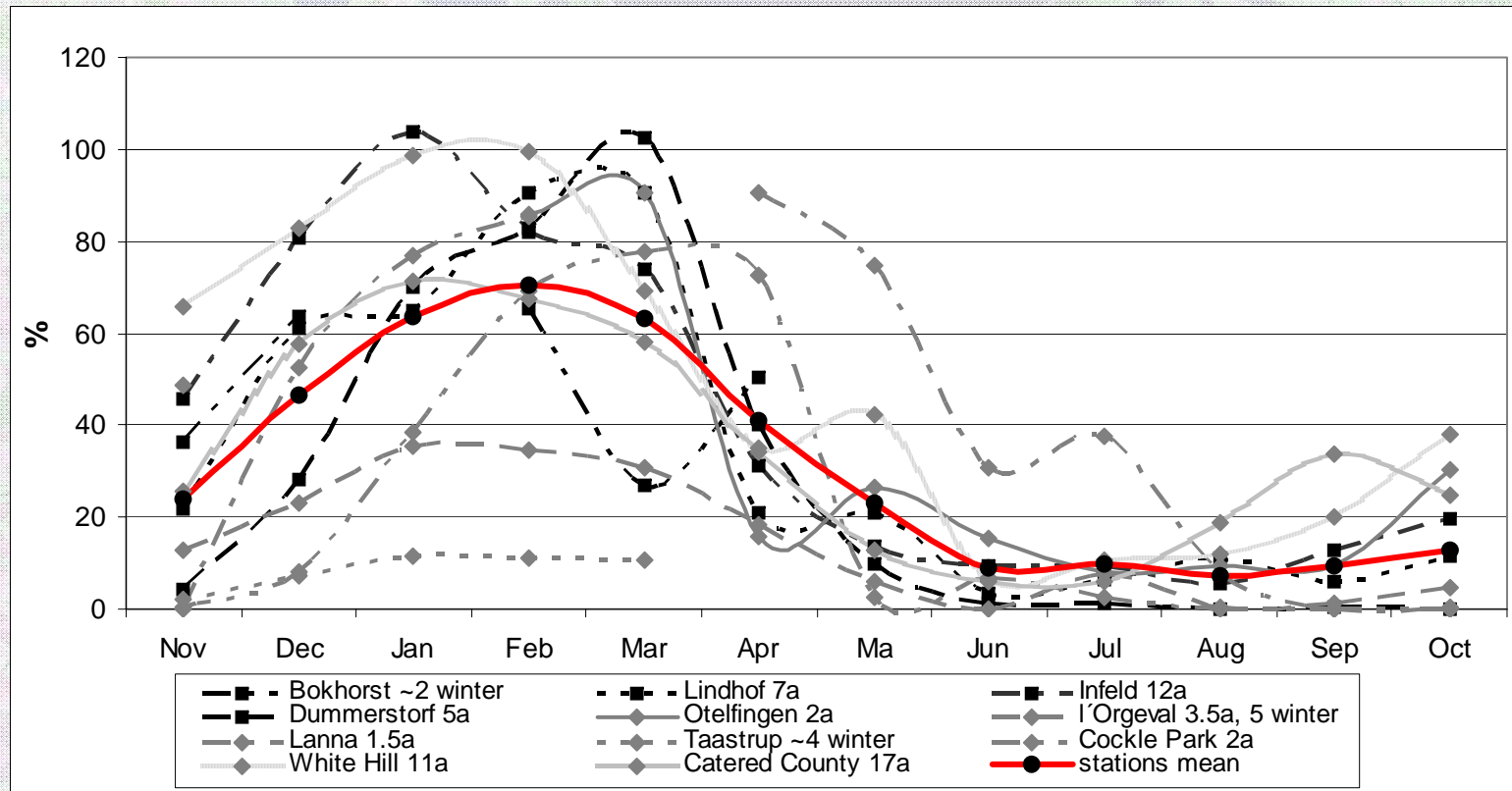
$C_u$  = unit correction factor





# Monthly discharges from tile drained areas

Measured discharges from tile drainages  
as percentage of the monthly precipitation



(U. Hirt, IGB)





## Monthly discharges from diffuse sources and from ground water

Monthly discharges from diffuse sources according to precipitation distribution

$$Q_{\text{dif\_m}} = Q_{\text{dif\_yr}} * P_{\text{m}} / P_{\text{yr}}$$

$Q_{\text{dif\_m}}$  = mean monthly discharge from diffuse sources in m<sup>3</sup>/s

$Q_{\text{dif\_yr}}$  = mean annual discharge from diffuse sources in m<sup>3</sup>/s

$P_{\text{m}}$  = monthly precipitation in mm/a

$P_{\text{yr}}$  = annual precipitation in mm/a

Ground water discharge as residual from total run off

$$Q_{\text{gw\_m}} = Q_{\text{tot\_m}} - Q_{\text{dif\_m}} - Q_{\text{td\_m}}$$

$Q_{\text{gw\_m}}$  = mean monthly discharge from ground water in m<sup>3</sup>/s

$Q_{\text{tot\_m}}$  = mean total run off from sub-catchment in m<sup>3</sup>/s

$Q_{\text{td\_m}}$  = mean monthly discharge from tile drainages in m<sup>3</sup>/s





# *Input data*

## **Input data on sub-catchment scale**

- Land-use
- Soil type
- Hydro-geology
- Catchment topology

- Inhabitants / connection to sewer systems (time series)
- atmospheric deposition (time series)
- Inventory on wastewater treatment plants
- Run off and concentrations (time series)

## **Input data for administrative units**

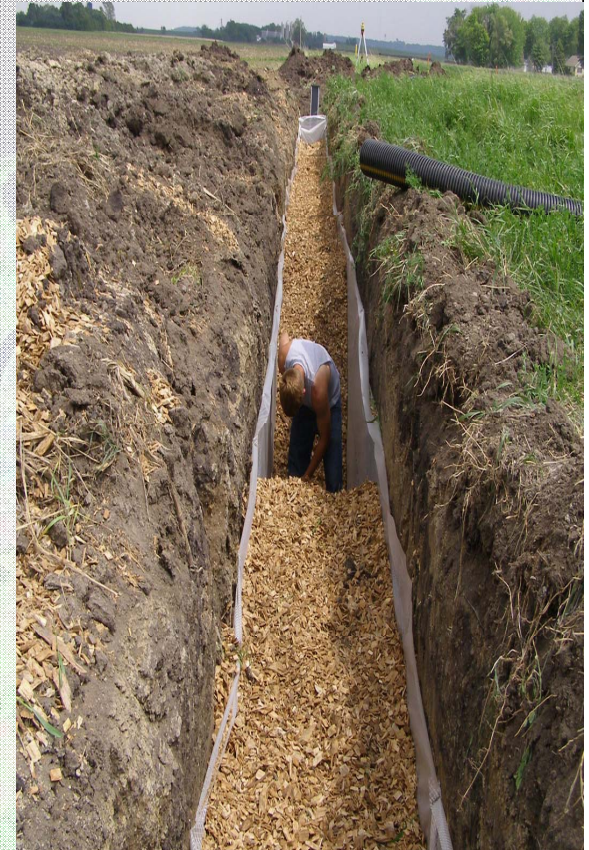
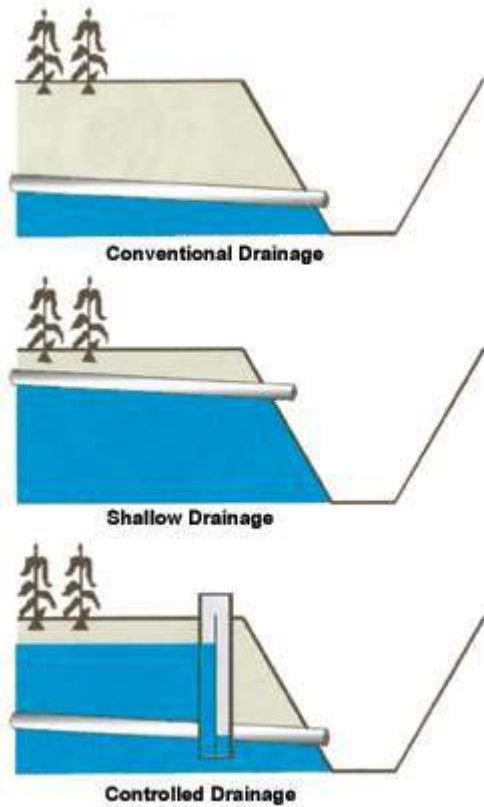
- Nitrogen balance (time series)
- Inhabitant specific P-emissions/ use of P in detergents (time series)

PRE-PROCESSING





# Wirkung von Dränmaßnahmen ?



Controlled drainage system

Bio-reactor

Retentionsteich

→ Implementierung ins Maßnahmentool in MONERIS



Hirt et al. (2011): Reduktion de AN- und P-Verluste durch Dränmaßnahmen. DWA-Themenheft.





## Conclusions

- *The MONERIS approach has been further developed to calculate monthly emissions and loads on sub-catchment level.*
- *Present loads are 60% (TN) and 40% (TP) higher than loads in the 1960's.*
- *Loads from 2003 to 2005 shown an increasing trend.*
- *There a very limited potential for nutrient emissions reduction by agriculture or waste water treatment plants.*
- *For a higher reduction also atmospheric deposition has to be considered.*
- *In terms of water quality measures to reduce emissions should be evaluated considering monthly fluctuations in the emissions and the achieved reduction.*
- *Monthly variation of emissions and impact ratio could be a good basis to identify sub-catchment with a potential to reduce emissions to surface waters and loads to the lagoon.*

