



# Temperature transport model

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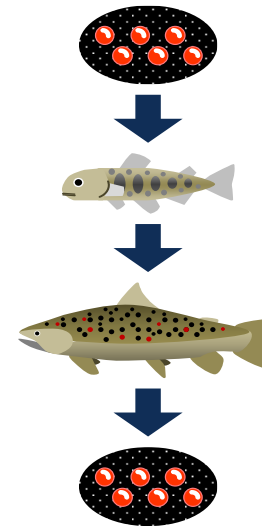
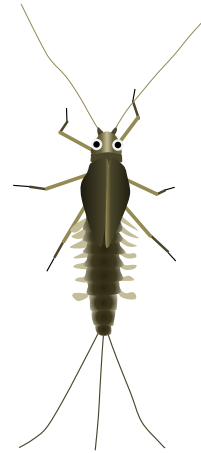
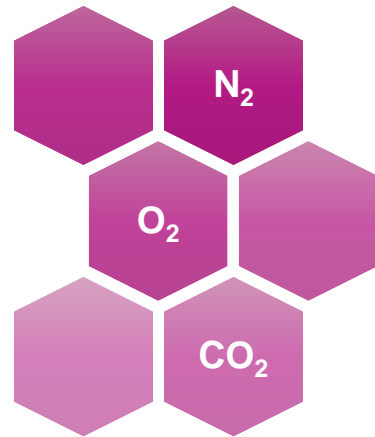
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# Outline

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- Example: hydro-thermopeaking dynamics
- Under the hood: governing equations
- Setup example

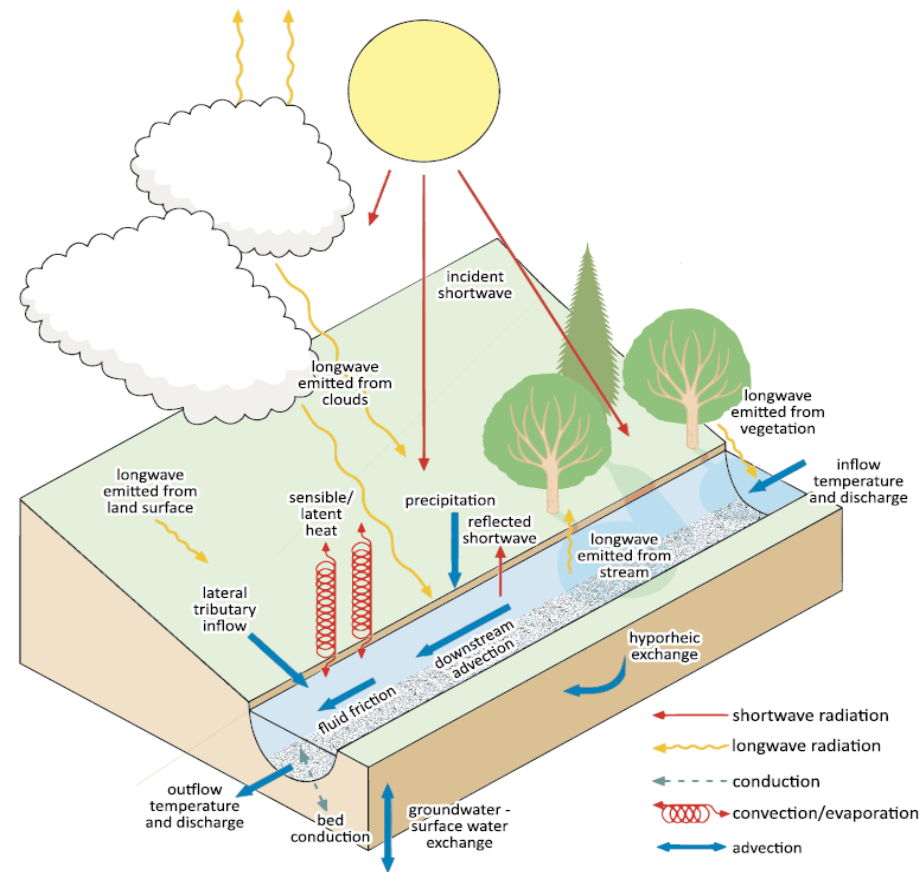
# Motivation

River water temperature is a fundamental physical property



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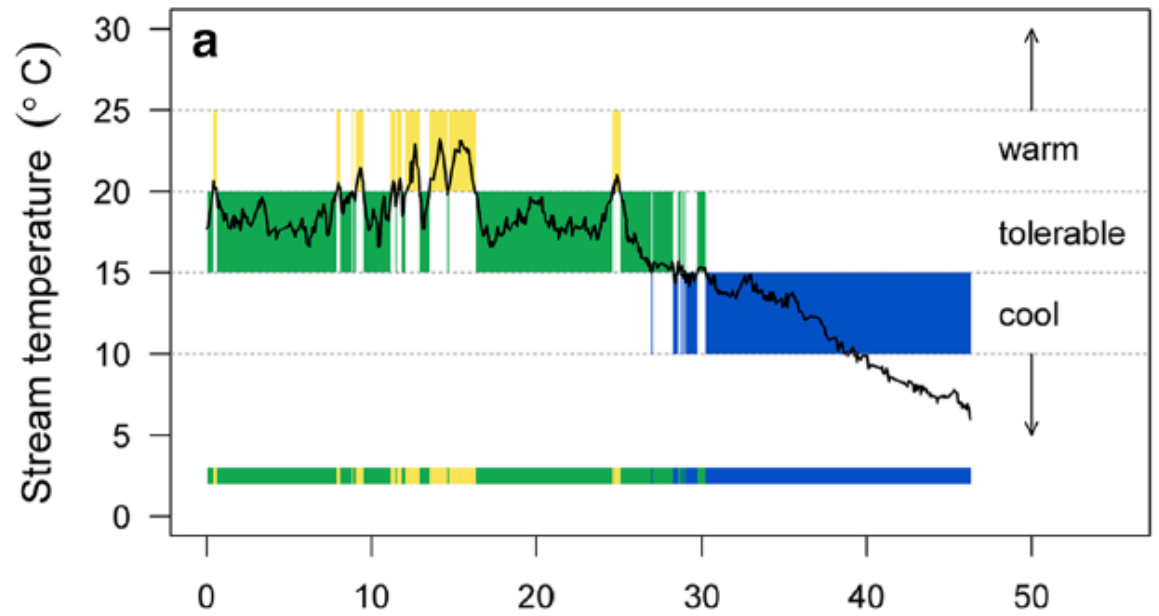
## River water temperature results from multiple heat exchanges



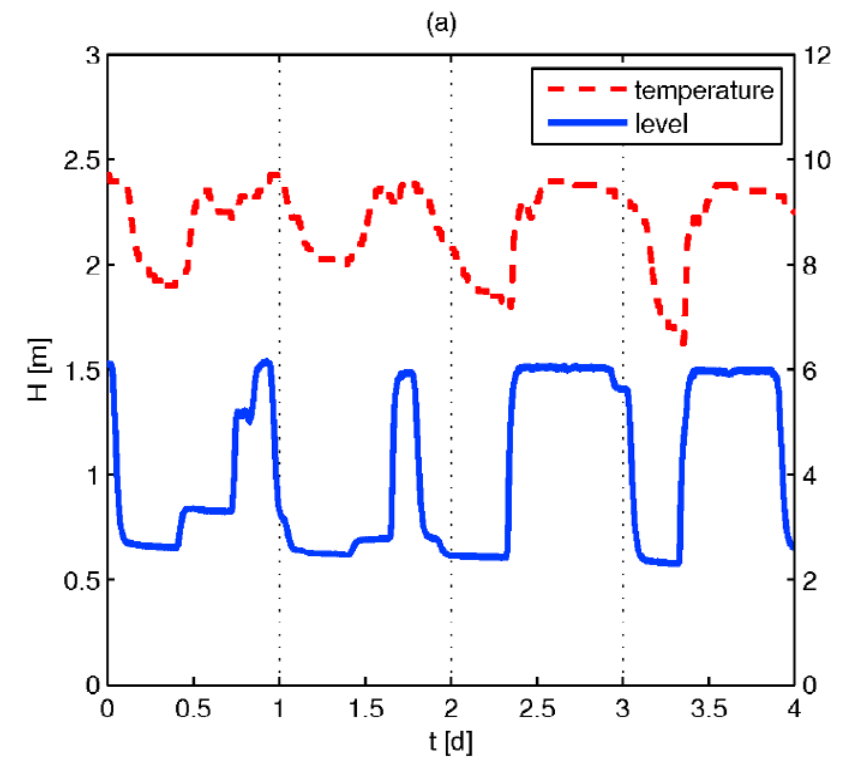
Dugdale *et al.* 2017

# Motivation

Thermal dynamics occur at multiple temporal and spatial scales



Fullerton *et al.* 2018



Toffolon *et al.* 2010

# Motivation

Global warming



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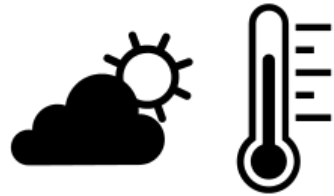
Swiss perspectives in 10 languages

Alpine Environment

Swiss rivers hit record temperatures



Meteorological



Hydrological



Hydropower

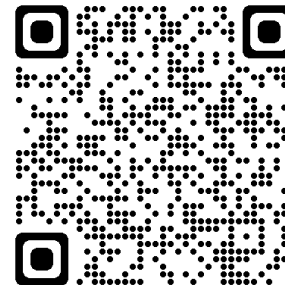
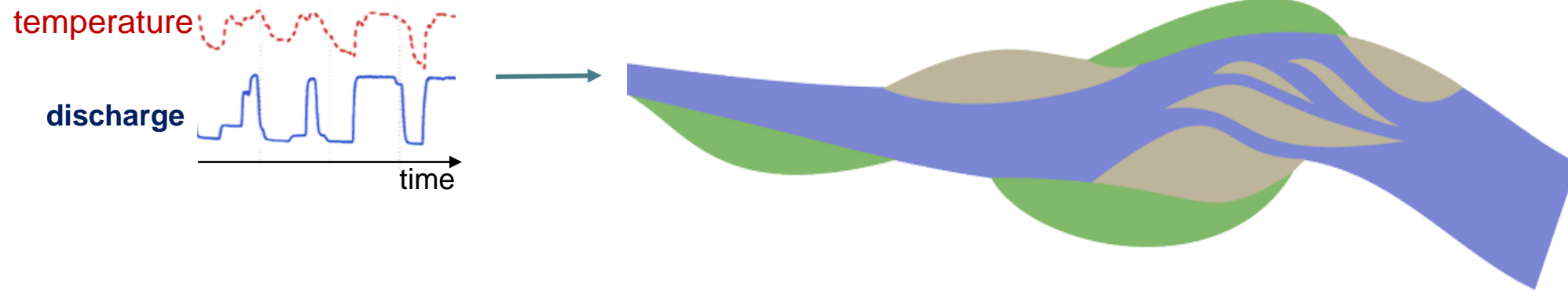


Complementary data



- process understanding
- scenario-based simulations
- decision support
- template for eco/biological studies

# Example: modelling thermal dynamics in hydropeaking river



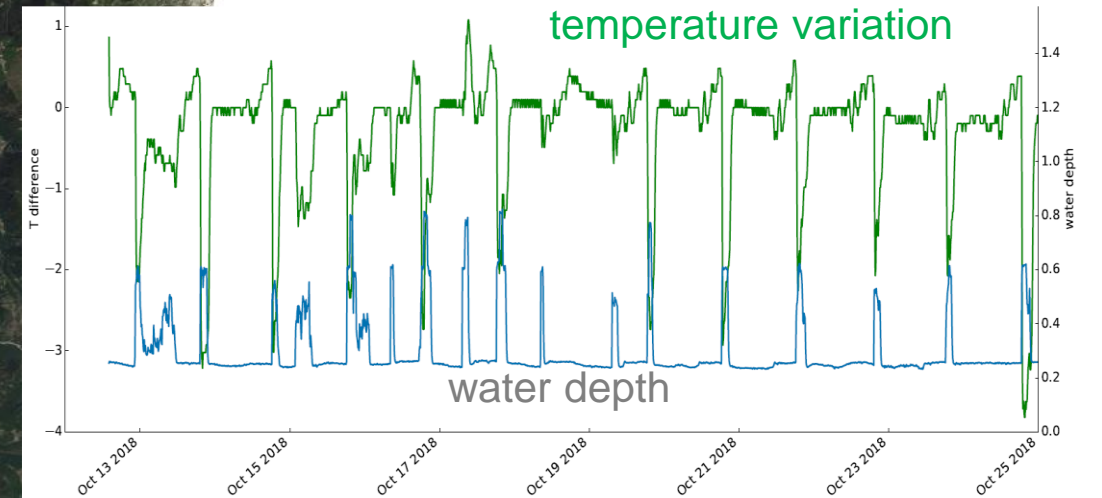
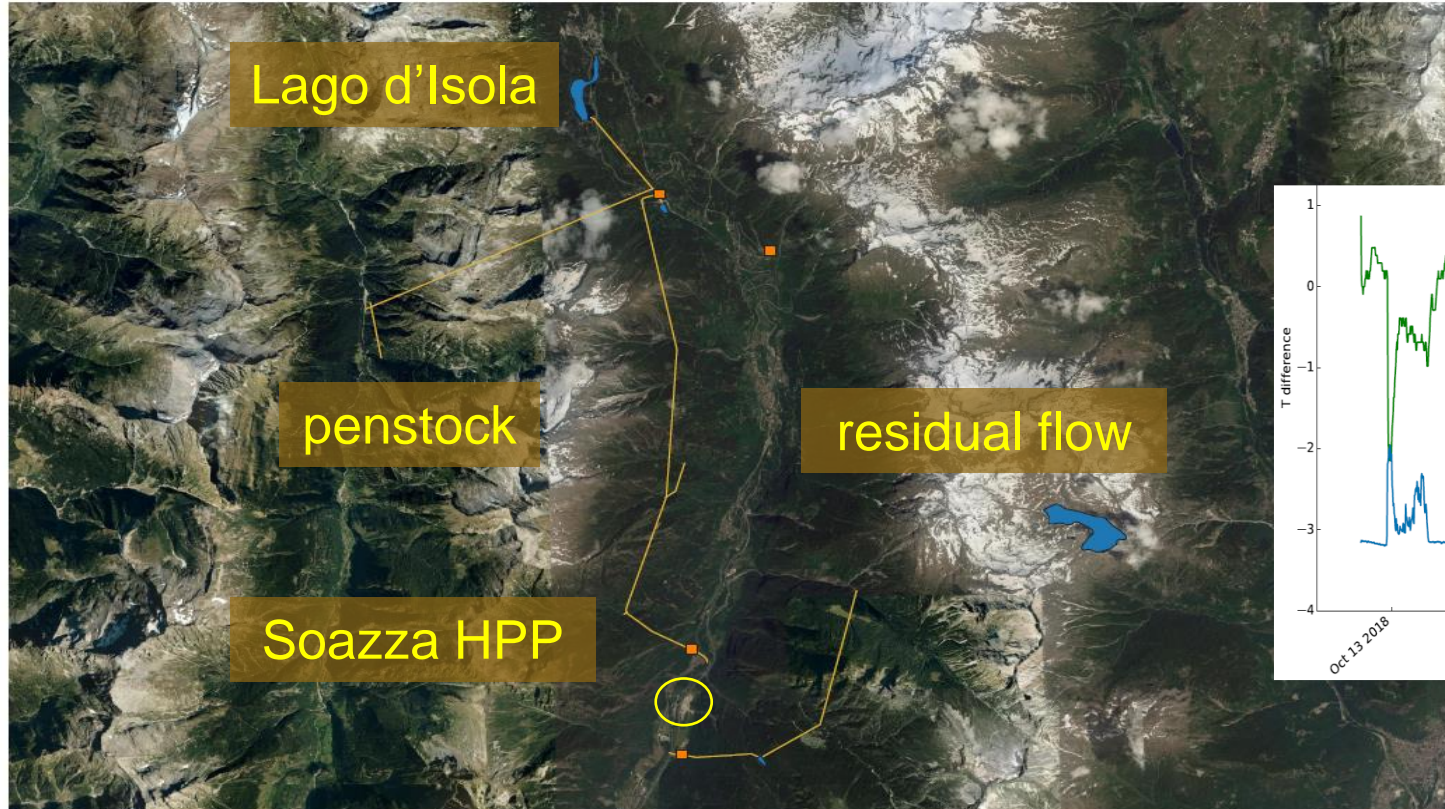
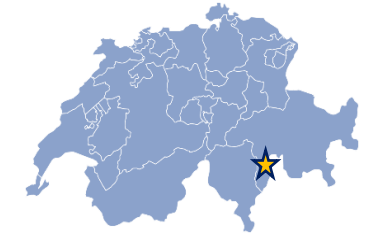
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Integrating two-dimensional water temperature simulations into a fish habitat model to improve hydro- and thermopeaking impact assessment

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# Study case: Moesa River, Graubünden (CH)



0 2.5 5 km





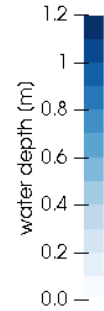
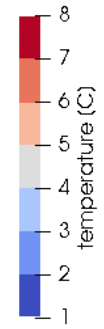
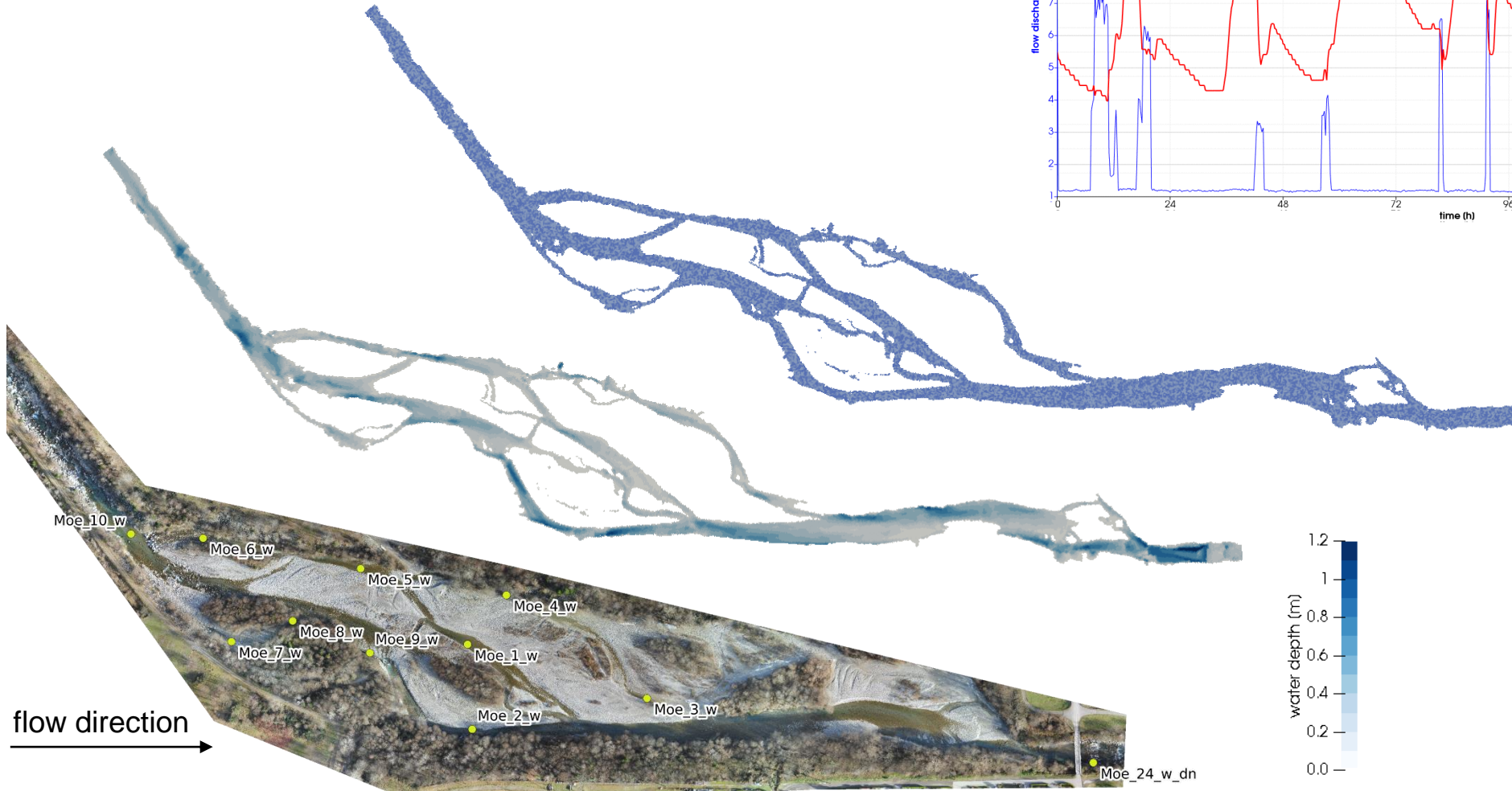
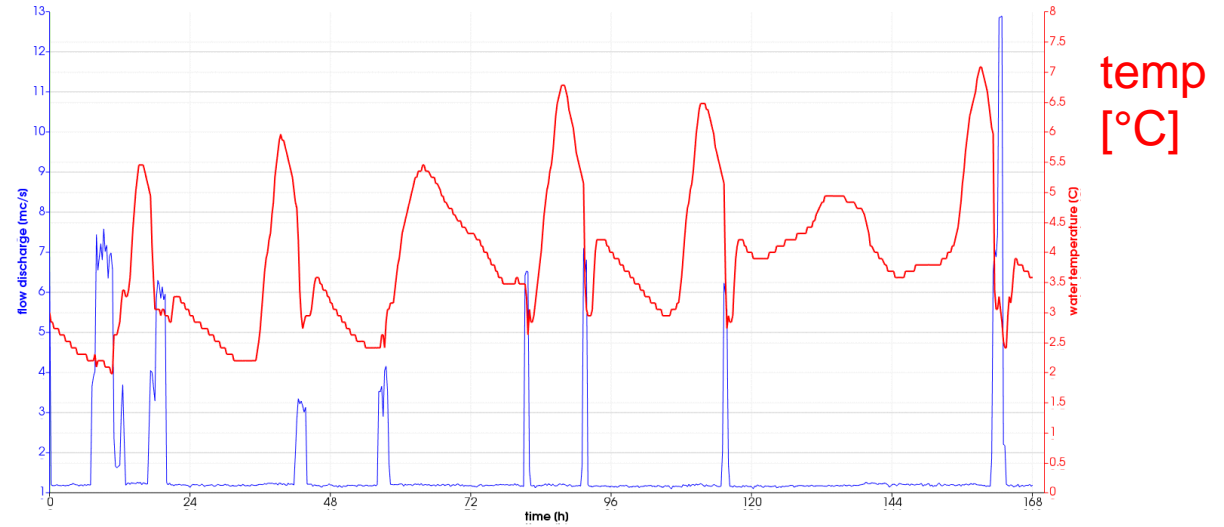
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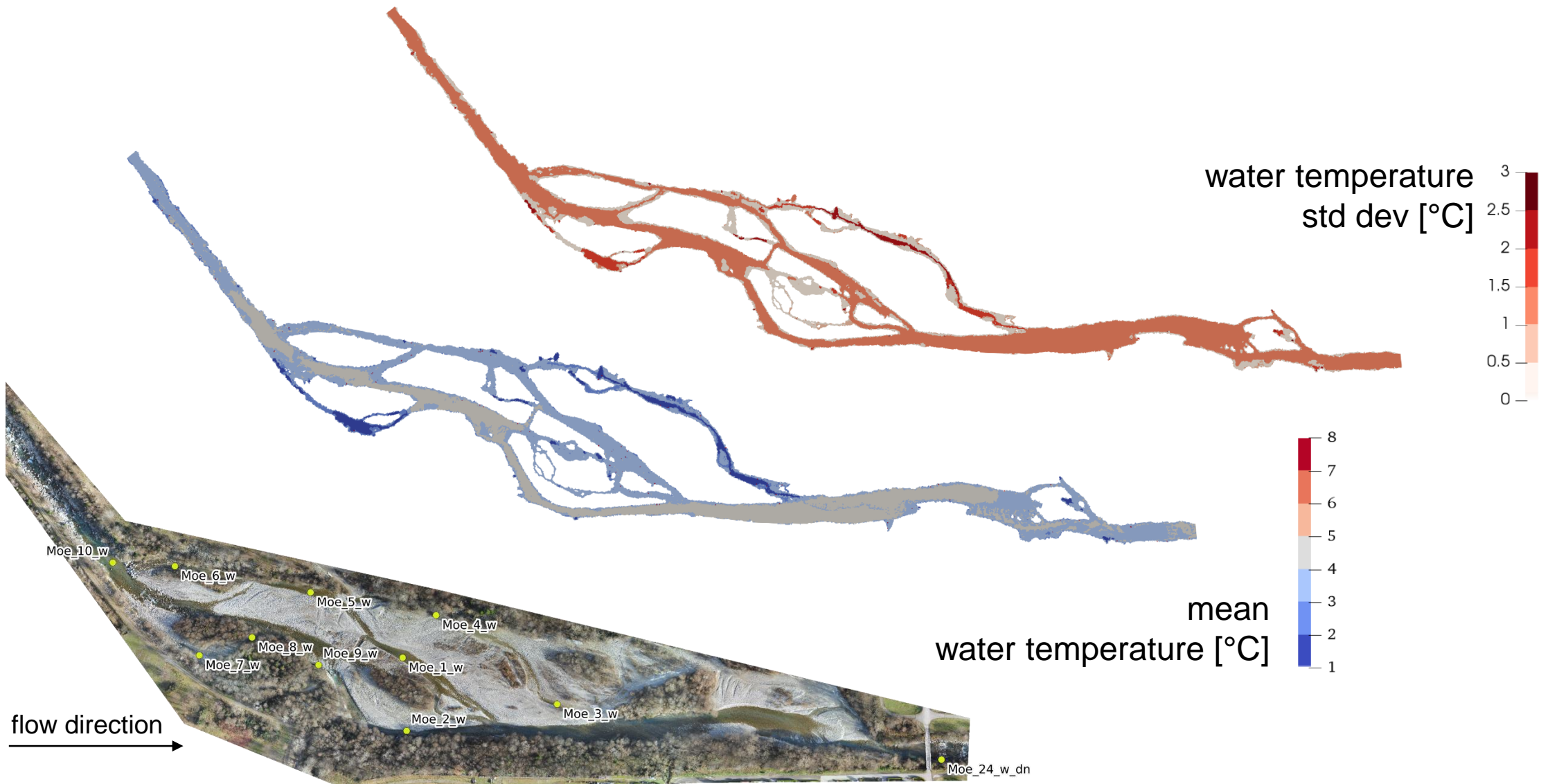
# Simulation results

❄ Winter week: 5-12 Feb 2019

discharge  
[m<sup>3</sup>/s]



# Simulation results



# Under the hood: governing equations

$$\partial_t q_T + \partial_x \left[ \frac{q_x q_T}{h} - h (K_{xx} \partial_x T + K_{xy} \partial_y T) \right] + \partial_y \left[ \frac{q_y q_T}{h} - h (K_{yx} \partial_x T + K_{yy} \partial_y T) \right] = \underbrace{\frac{H_{atm}}{c_w \rho_w} + \frac{H_b}{c_w \rho_w}}_{\text{SOURCE}}$$

DIFFUSION

- Water temperature as passive tracer
- Advection-diffusion-reaction equation
- Evaluated variable is  $q_T = hT$
- Possibility to switch on/off **DIFFUSION** and **SOURCE** terms
- Available for BASEHPC domain (GPU-ready)

# Under the hood: governing equations

Exchanges with atmosphere

$$H_{atm} = H_{sn} + H_{an} + H_{br} + H_e + H_c$$

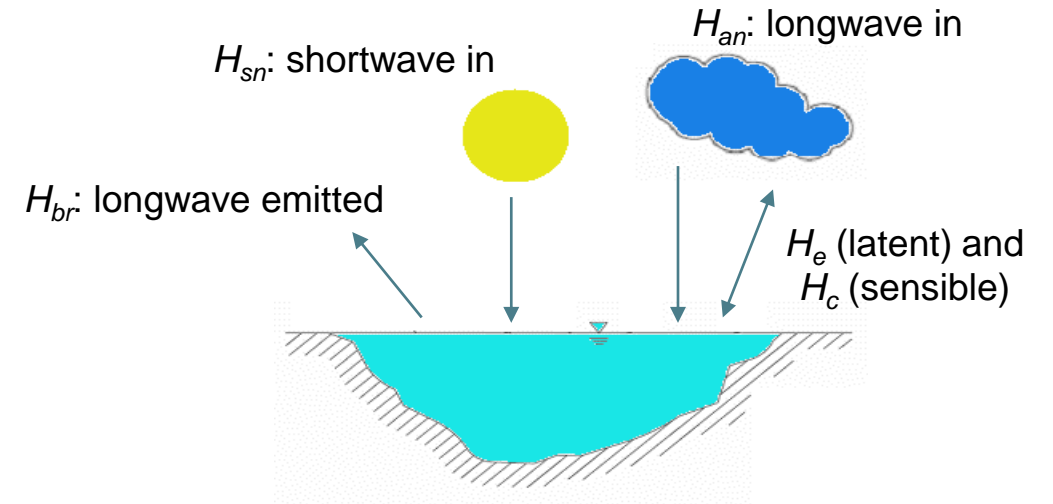
$$H_{sn} = 0.97 H_{si} (1.0 - SF)$$

$$H_{an} = \sigma (T_a + 273.15)^4 (Ca + 0.084900481 \sqrt{e_a}) (1 - R_l)$$

$$H_{br} = -\sigma \epsilon (T + 273.15)^4$$

$$H_e = - (9.2 + 0.46 v_w^2) \cdot (e_v - e_a)$$

$$H_c = -0.47 (9.2 + 0.46 v_w^2) \cdot (T - T_a)$$



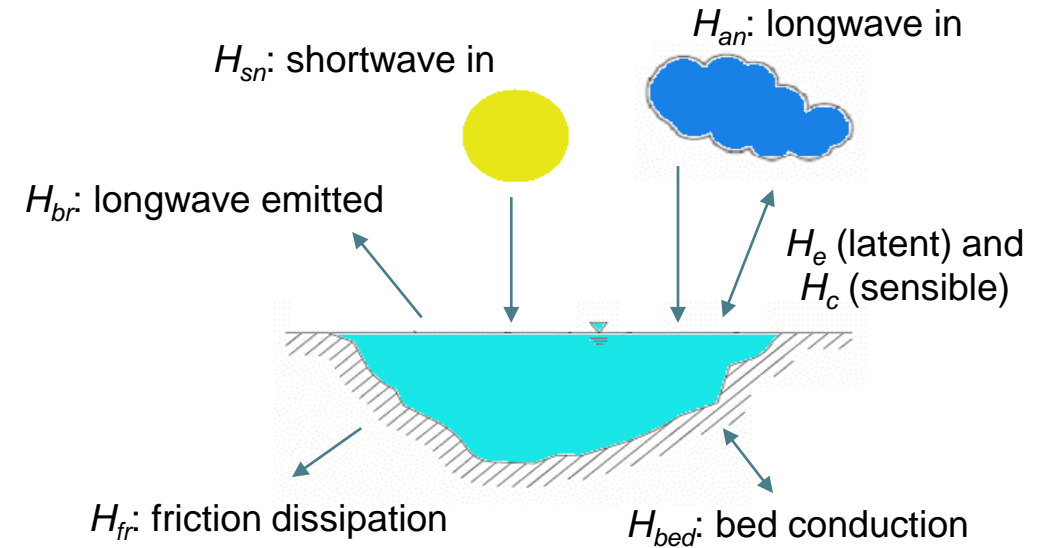
# Under the hood: governing equations

Exchanges with river bottom

$$H_b = H_{bed} + H_{fr}$$

$$H_{bed} = -k_b \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \approx -k_b \frac{T - T_b}{L_b}$$

$$H_{fr} = f_{fr} \rho_w \frac{u^3}{c_f^2}$$



## DISCLAIMER: use with caution

- $H_{bed}$  is a crude simplification, use with caution
- $H_{fr}$  proposed for modelling ice formation in rivers

# Setup example

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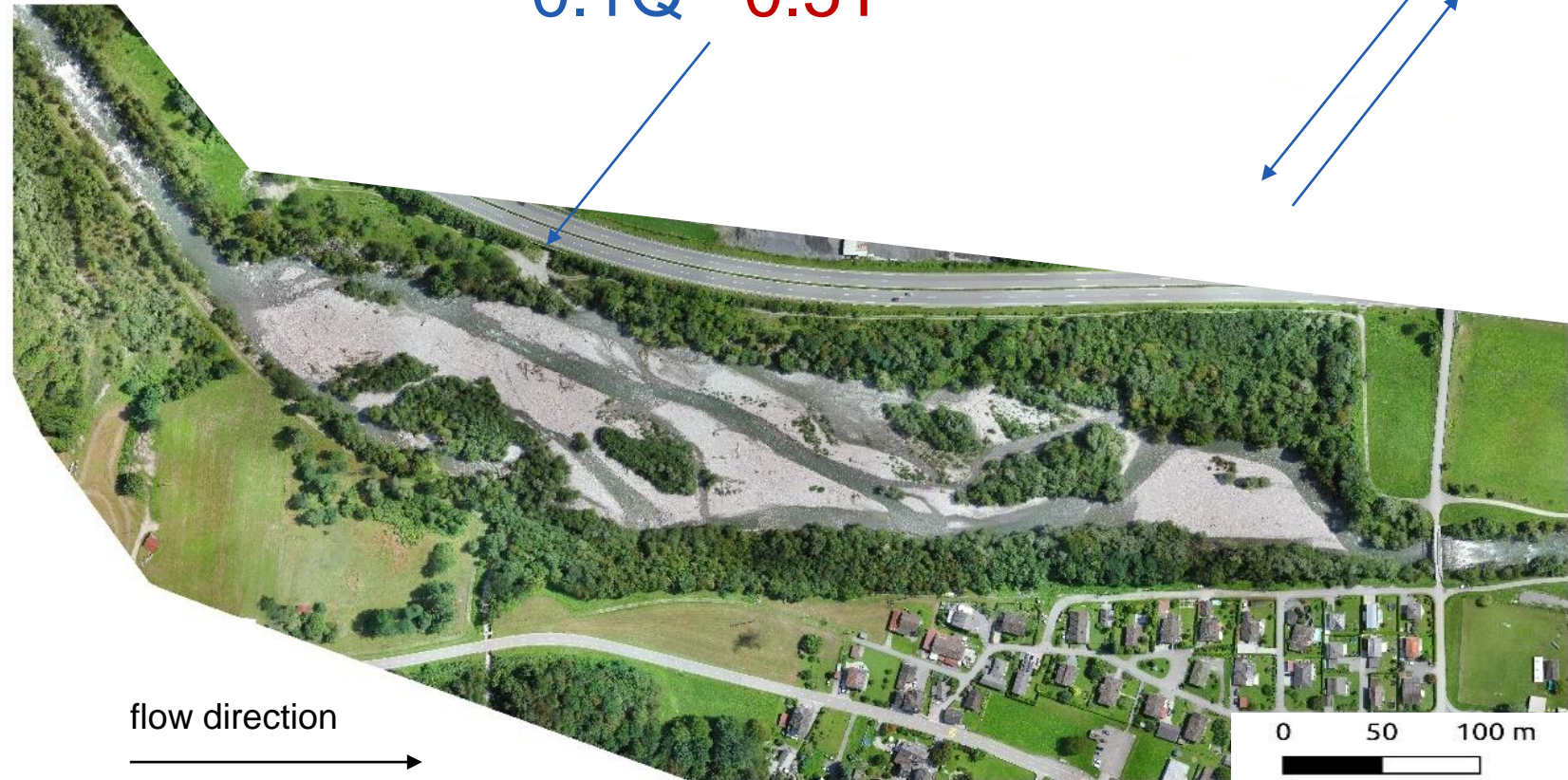
residual flow →

Q T

small lateral tributary

0.1Q 0.5T

Exchanges with atmosphere



# Setup example: REGION definition

- Region definition for diffuse meteorological forcing terms
- **WARNING:** the same MatID can define 2 different regions ONLY if regions are not used in the same MODULE

Parameter	Value	Validation
GEOMETRY		
INTERPOLATION		
method	"weighted"	
REGIONDEF		
[0]		
[1]		
[2]		
[3]		
index		
[0]	4	
name	"Blocksatz"	
[4]		
index		
[0]	5	
name	"Blockwurf"	
[5]		
index		
[0]	1	
[1]	2	
[2]	3	
[3]	4	
[4]	5	
name	"all"	



# Setup example: INITIAL CONDITIONS

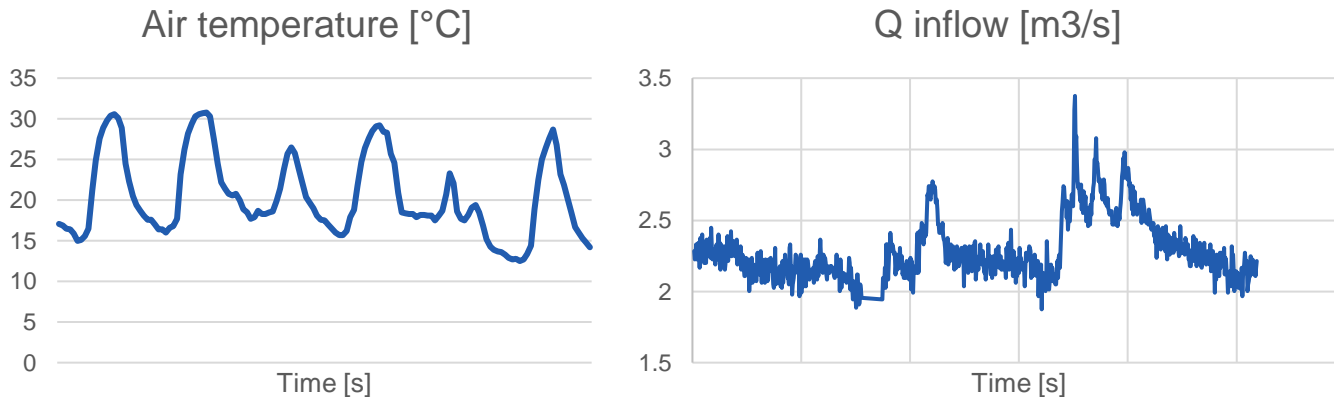
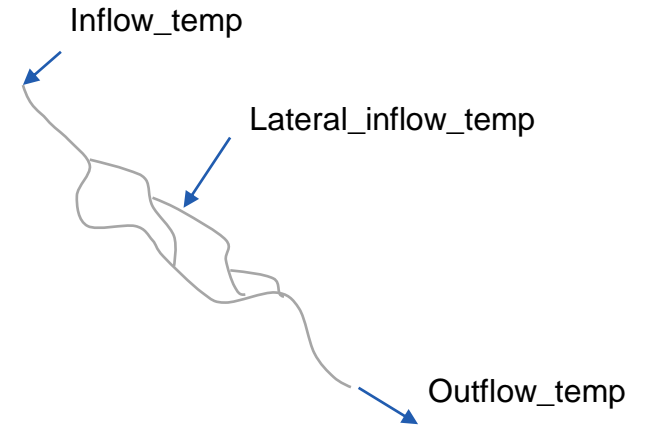
- Options
  - “zero”
  - “region\_defined”
  - “continue”
  - “assigned\_from\_file”

▼ INITIAL	
▼ regions	
▼ [0]	
region_name	▶ "all"
value	▶ 14.0
type	▶ "region_defined"

\*for developers: temperature read from text file  
with correct cell order

# Setup example: BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

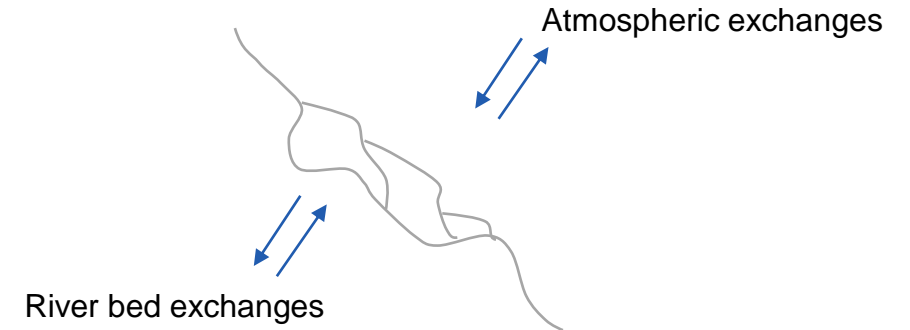
- currently only STANDARD type
- “passive\_in” for inflows
- “passive\_out” for outflows
- single value (“value”) or timeseries (“value\_file”)
- “factor” multiplies the timeseries from “value\_file” (default value 1)



```
▼ BOUNDARY
  ▼ STANDARD
    ▼ [0]
      name           ► "inflow_temp"
      string_name    ► "inflow"
      type           ► "passive_in"
      value_file     ► "input_data/waterT_rf.txt"
    ▼ [1]
      name           ► "lateral_inflow_temp"
      string_name    ► "lateral"
      type           ► "passive_in"
      factor         ► 0.5
      value_file     ► "input_data/waterT_rf.txt"
    ▼ [2]
      name           ► "outflow_temp"
      string_name    ► "outflow"
      type           ► "passive_out"
```

# Setup example: SOURCE TERMS

- currently only “meteo” type: meteorological forcing terms
- all forcing terms as single value (“air\_temp”) OR timeseries (“air\_temp\_file”)



```
▼ SOURCE
  ▼ [0]
    type           ▶ "meteo"
    region_name    ▶ "all"
    name           ▶ "meteo_forcing"
    air_temp_file  ▶ "input_data/air_temp_GRONO.txt"
    relative_humidity_file ▶ "input_data/rel_hum_GRONO.txt"
    total_incoming_rad_file ▶ "input_data/glob_rad_GRONO.txt"
    wind_speed_file ▶ "input_data/wind_speed_GRONO.txt"
    shade_factor   ▶ 0.4
    bed_temp       ▶ 13.0
```

# Setup example: PARAMETER

- They all have default values
- “temperature\_start”: possibility to delay the beginning of temperature calculation
- “source\_update\_time”
  - 0 = at every computational timestep
  - >0 [sec] update at given interval (faster, but convergence to be tested)
- “friction\_heating\_factor”: to calibrate the heat dissipation by friction (0 by default, i.e. deactivated)
- “bed\_thermal\_thickness”: vertical thickness to reach constant soil temperature
- “bed\_thermal\_conductivity”: depends on soil type
  - **TIP**: set to 0.0 to exclude from simulation

PARAMETER	
fluid_specific_heat	▶ 4186
temperature_start	▶ 0.0
source_update_time	▶ 0.0
friction_heating_factor	▶ 0.0
bed_thermal_thickness	▶ 1.0
bed_thermal_conductivity	▶ 1.5

$$H_{fr} = \underbrace{f_{fr}}_{\text{friction factor}} \rho_w \frac{u^3}{c_f^2}$$

$$H_{bed} = \underbrace{-k_b}_{\text{thermal conductivity}} \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \approx -k_b \frac{T - T_b}{\underbrace{L_b}_{\text{thermal thickness}}}$$

# Setup example: DIFFUSION parameters

- “diffusion\_type”
  - none (equivalent to removing the block)
  - constant: fixed diffusion coefficients
  - dynamic: diffusion coefficients depend on flow conditions
- “maximum\_relaxation\_parameter”: deals with the numerical solver\* (default value is ok)
- “molecular\_diffusion” [m<sup>2</sup>/s] with default value
- “longitudinal\_diffusion\_coeff” (default=0)
  - constant value in [m<sup>2</sup>/s] if type=constant
  - non-dimensional factor\* if type=dynamic
- “transversal\_diffusion\_coeff” (default=0)
  - constant value in [m<sup>2</sup>/s] if type=constant
  - non-dimensional factor\* if type=dynamic

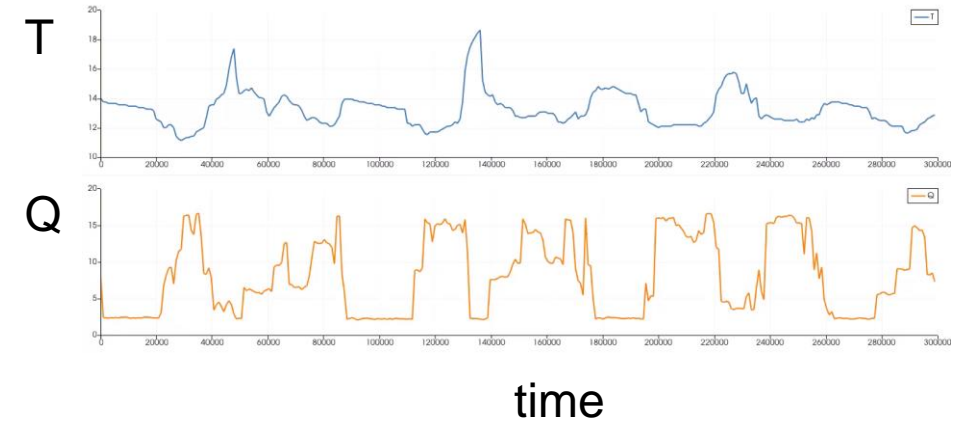
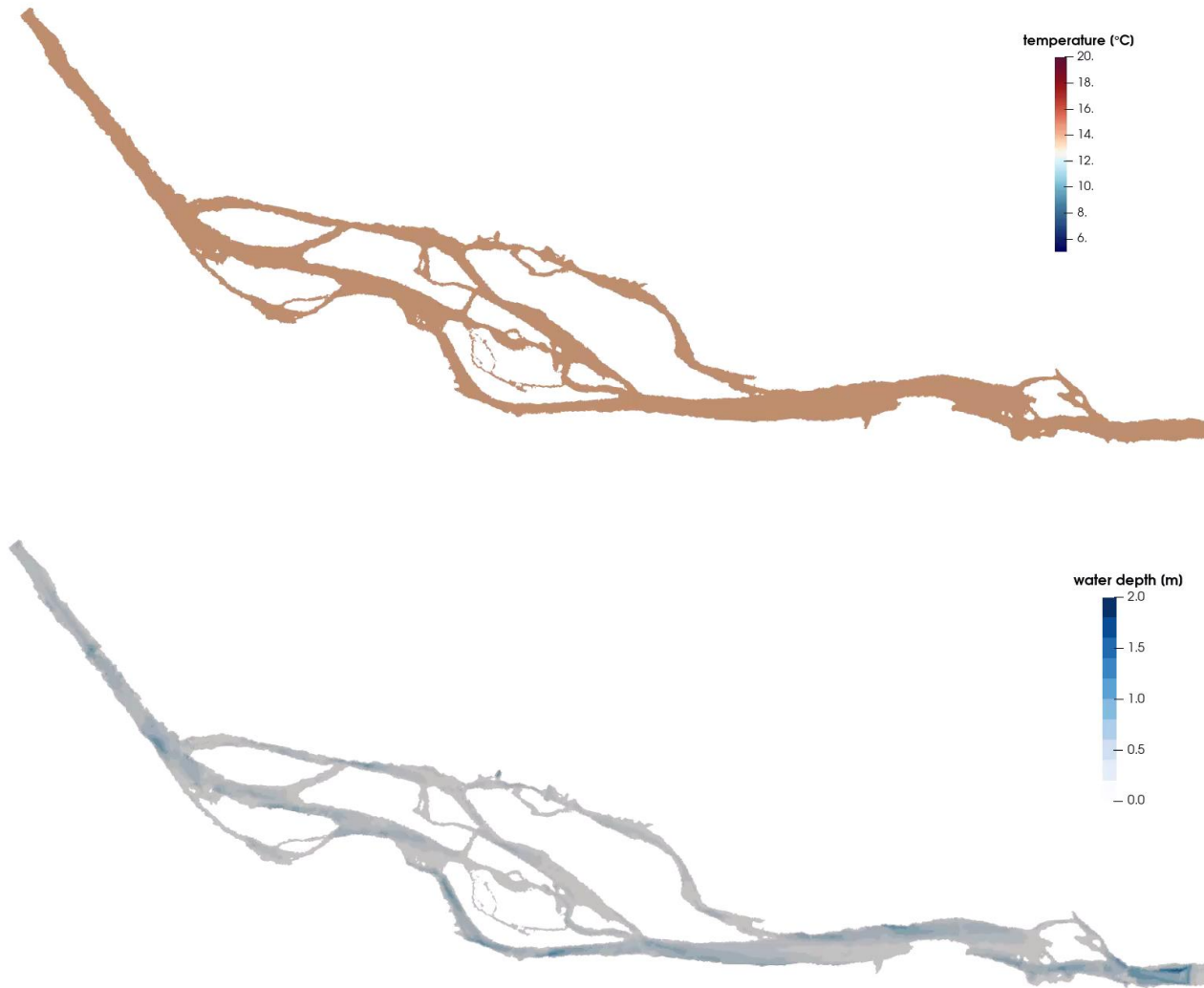
TEMPERATURE	
DIFFUSION	
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maximum_relaxation_parameter	▶ 0.1
molecular_diffusion	▶ 1e-09
longitudinal_diffusion_coeff	▶ 5.93
transversal_diffusion_coeff	▶ 0.15

\*See manual and



Vanzo, D et al. (2016). Pollutant transport by shallow water equations on unstructured meshes: Hyperbolization of the model and numerical solution via a novel flux splitting scheme. JCP.

# Simulation results



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