

Smarte Wasserspeicher - eine Chance für den Wasserkreislauf?

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Water...



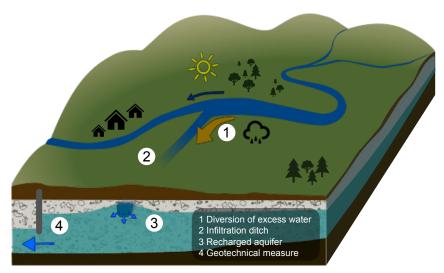


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and goes too fast!

Let's combine flood and drought mitigation



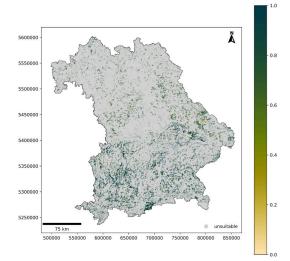


• Buffering of stormwater in aquifers (a variant of Flood-MAR)

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Where?

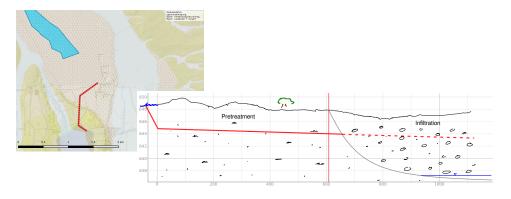




- Definition of specific criteria for sites suitable for co-management of floods and droughts
- Workflow for a reliable, unbiased, transferable, and robust suitability map with publicly available data and Python
- Validation of methodology and criteria with a sensitivity analysis and on-site investigations

Large scale storage solution



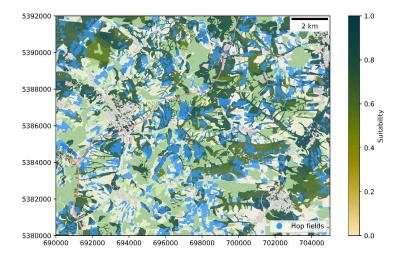


- Infiltration channel connected to flood retention basin
- First part for pretreatment (removal of fines, contaminants)
- Geotechnical measures to keep/slowly release water in the aquifer

Pilot site







Technical Design

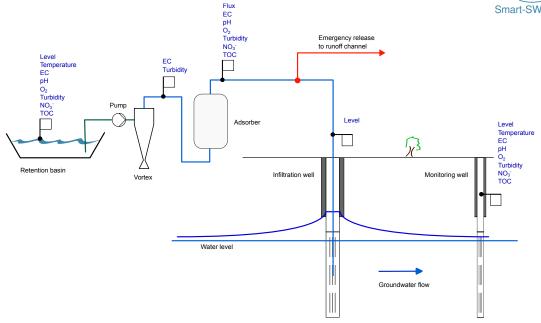




- Fast response of retention basin to rainfall events (catchment 1.3 km², 4 mm/h)
- Tertiary gravel and sand, $k_f \approx 5 \cdot 10^{-4}\,-\,10^{-3}\,m/s$
- Infiltration in groundwater well with storage in upper aquifer

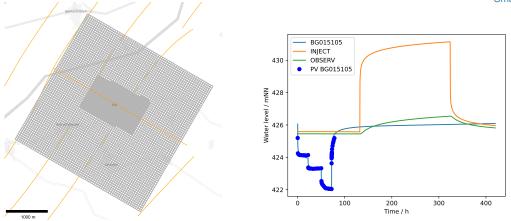
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Model results





- Modflow 6 / FloPy, 5 layers, unstructured grid
- Calibrated with data from pumping tests
- Infiltration for 192 h @ 25 L/s

Implementation





Water Quality Issues?



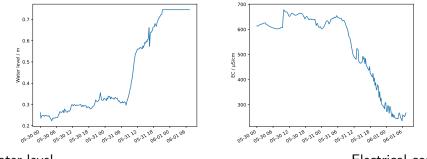


- WFD, Wassergesetz, ...
- but very little data

Water Quality Issues?







Water level

Electrical conductivity

Water Quality at Pilot Site



- Surface water EC 150 μ S/cm NO₃⁻ < LOD Pesticides < LOD
- Groundwater EC 770 μ S/cm NO₃⁻ 70 mg/L Pesticides (some of them long banned...)
- Infiltration acceptable acc. to WFD

Co-management of hydrological extremes



- Multi-criteria decision analysis identifies many suitable sites for combined flood protection and groundwater recharge
- Technical designs need to be site-specific and specially adapted to flood/stormwater dynamics and aquifer characteristics
- Water quality can be ensured by understanding the dynamics and risks of the watershed (after careful monitoring)
- Is implemented at two sites

