

# How-to EUROSEM - Part 1.1

## INTRODUCTION TO EUROSEM: MODEL HYSTORY, USE AND .... MISUSE

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## What is EUROSEM

The European Soil Erosion Model (EUROSEM) is a dynamic distributed model, able to **simulate sediment transport, erosion and deposition** by rill and interrill processes in single storms for both individual fields and small catchments. Model **output includes total runoff, total soil loss, the storm hydrograph and storm sediment graph**.

EUROSEM describes the terrain using **cascading planes and channels**, is distributed and physically based. Its hydraulics, despite being **limited to hortonian overland flows**, is based on good mathematics and numerical approximations.

EUROSEM has been developed starting from the model structure of KINEROS (Woolhiser et al. 1990 ), but **implementing new erosion routines and equations** mainly developed in european research in the 80's and 90's

EUROSEM has been developed with Financial support from Directorate General XII and VI of the Commission of the European Communities in the period 1986-2001)

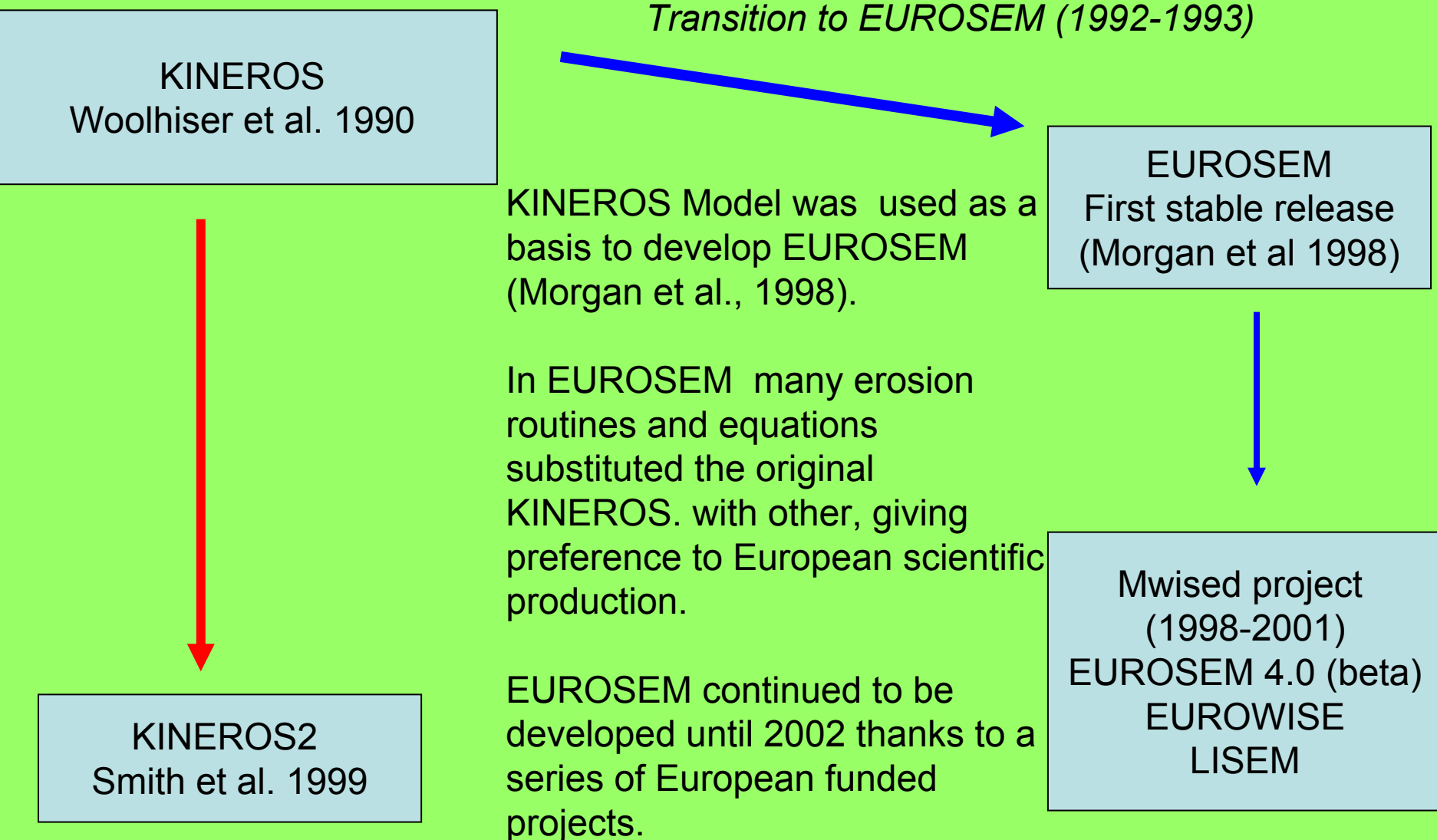
## Why EUROSEM ?

Following objectives were set as requirements for an European soil erosion model (Chisci and Morgan, 1988).

It should:

- (1) enable the risk of erosion to be assessed;**
- (2) be applicable to fields and small catchments;**
- (3) operate on an event basis;**
- and**
- (4) be useful as a tool for selecting soil protection measures.**

## A short history of EUROSEM



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The European Soil Erosion Model (EUROSEM) is a joint effort of many European scientists:

*J. Albaladejo Montoro, V. Andreu, K. Auerswald, P. Bazzoffi, W. Blum, Boiffin, H.R. Bork, P. J. Botterweg, V. Castillo, J.A. Catt, G. Chisci, B. Diekkrüger, W. Everaert, A. Folly, S. Giakoumakis, G. Govers, B. Hasholt, A.J. Johnston, E. Klaghofer, Y. Le Bissonnais, G. Monnier, R.P.C. Morgan, J. Nachtergaele, T. Panini, J.W.A. Poesen, J.N. Quinton, R.J. Rickson, J.L. Rubio, V. Sardo, , R.E. Smith, P. Strauss, M.E. Styczen, D. Torri, G. Tsakiris, R. Webster, M. Vauclin,. .. And many others.*

## Application of EUROSEM

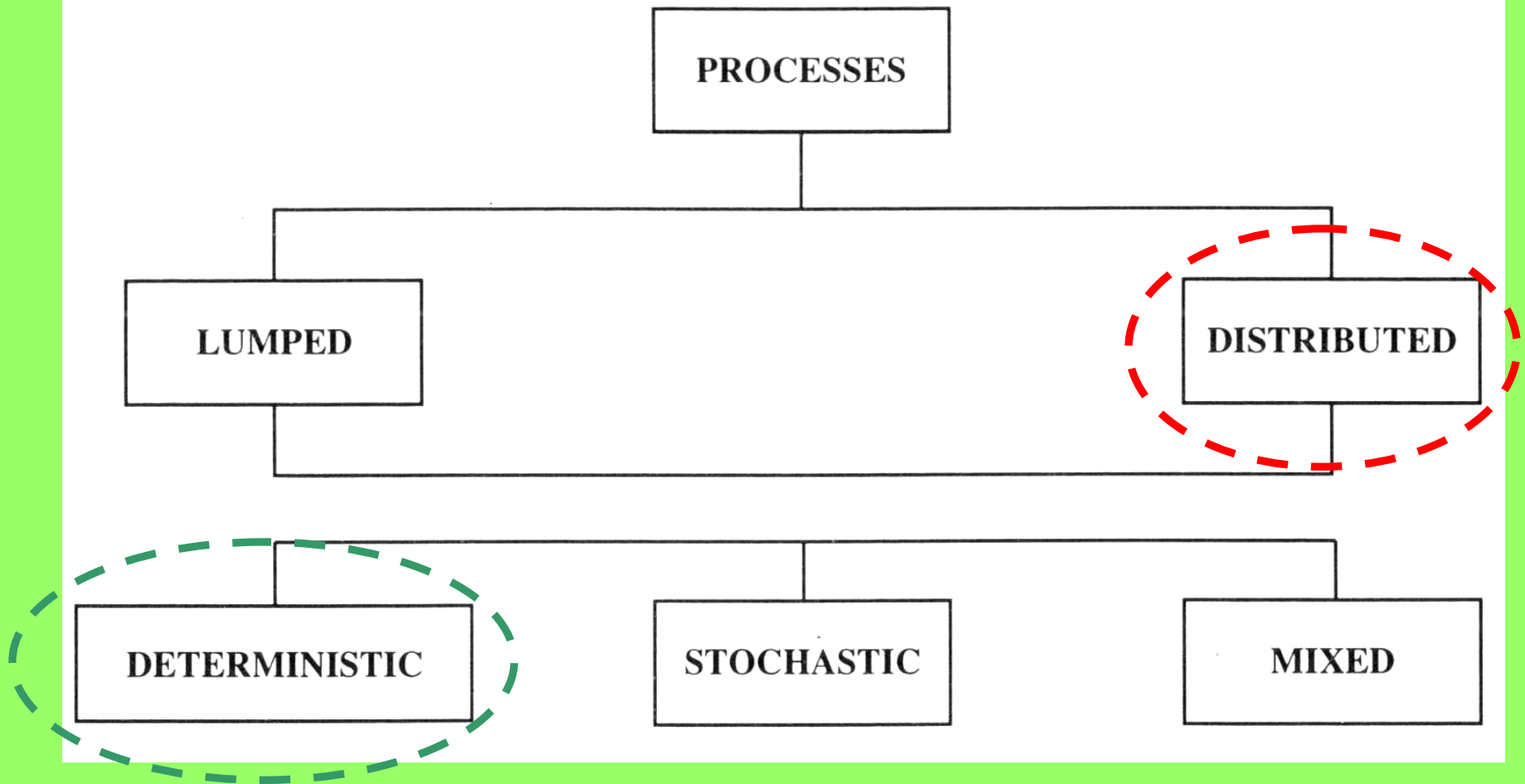
**Assessment of erosion risk in plots, fields and small catchments (<100 ha);**

**Operate on an event basis: single storm or a succession of storm**

(no evapotranspiration, hence no time continuity)

**Tool for selecting soil protection measures via scenario analysis;**

**(a) Classification of models based on process description**

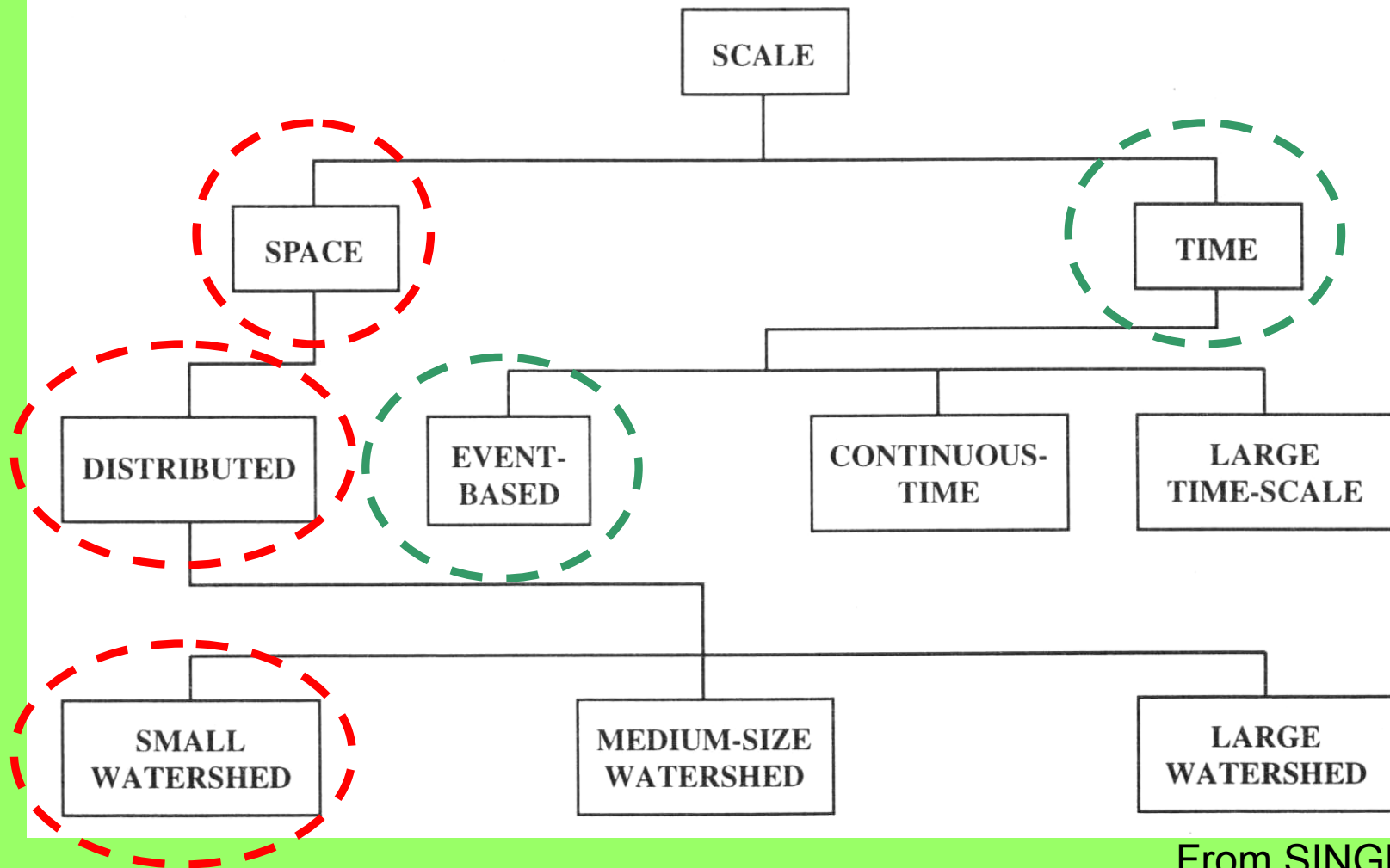


From SINGH (1995)



## Eurosem an other soil erosion models

### (b) Classification of models based on space and time scales



From SINGH (1995)



## **EUROSEM has a modular structure.**

**EUROSEM can be classified as a Distributed – Event based – Deterministic model**

### **The model deals with:**

- the interception of rainfall by the plant cover;
- the volume and kinetic energy of the rainfall reaching the ground surface as direct throughfall and leaf drainage;
- the volume of stemflow;
- the volume of surface depression storage;
- the detachment of soil particles by raindrop impact and by runoff;
- sediment deposition; and
- the transport capacity of the runoff.

Algorithms also deal with and stoniness. Attempts were also made for adding frozen soils

# Main model structure

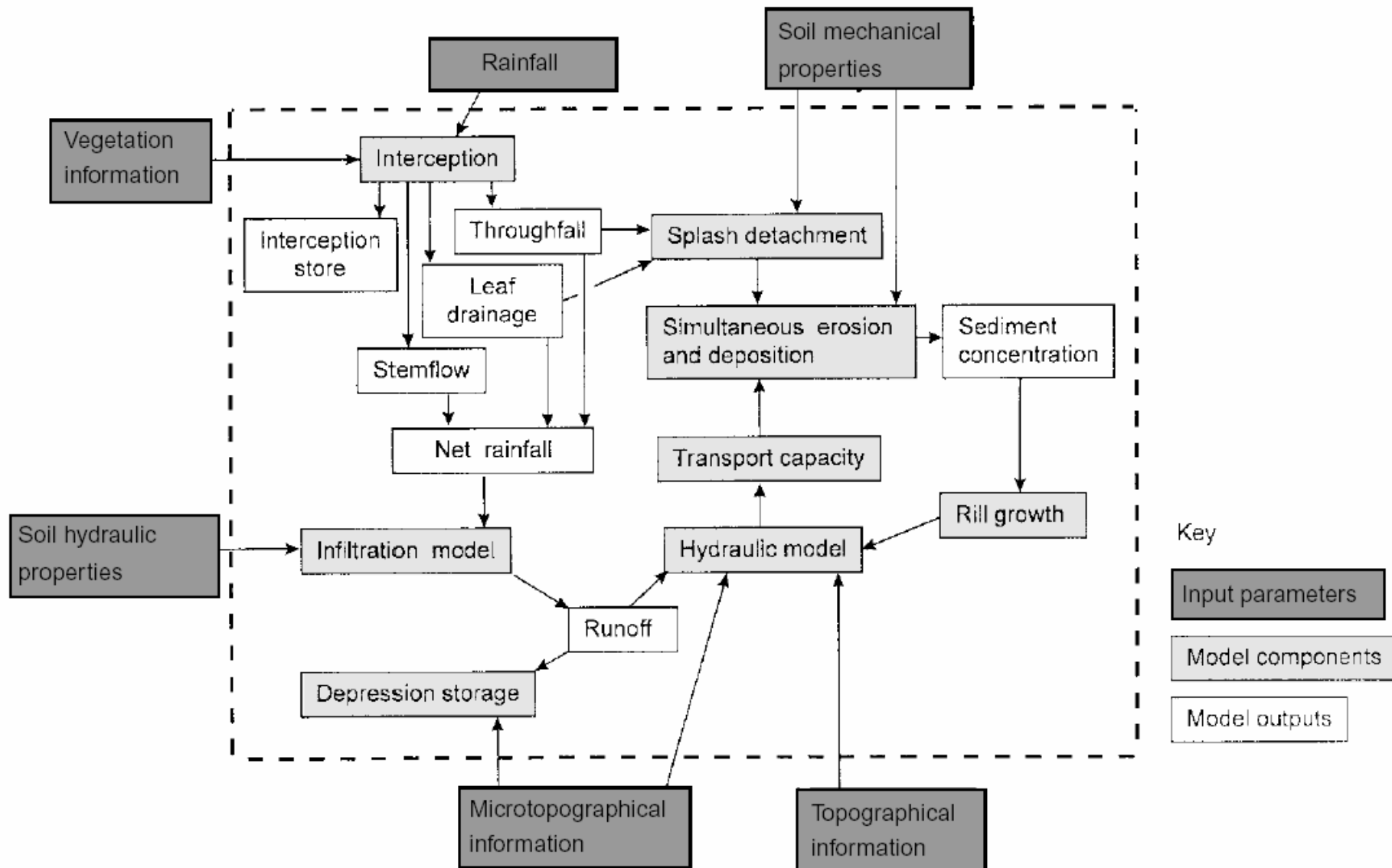
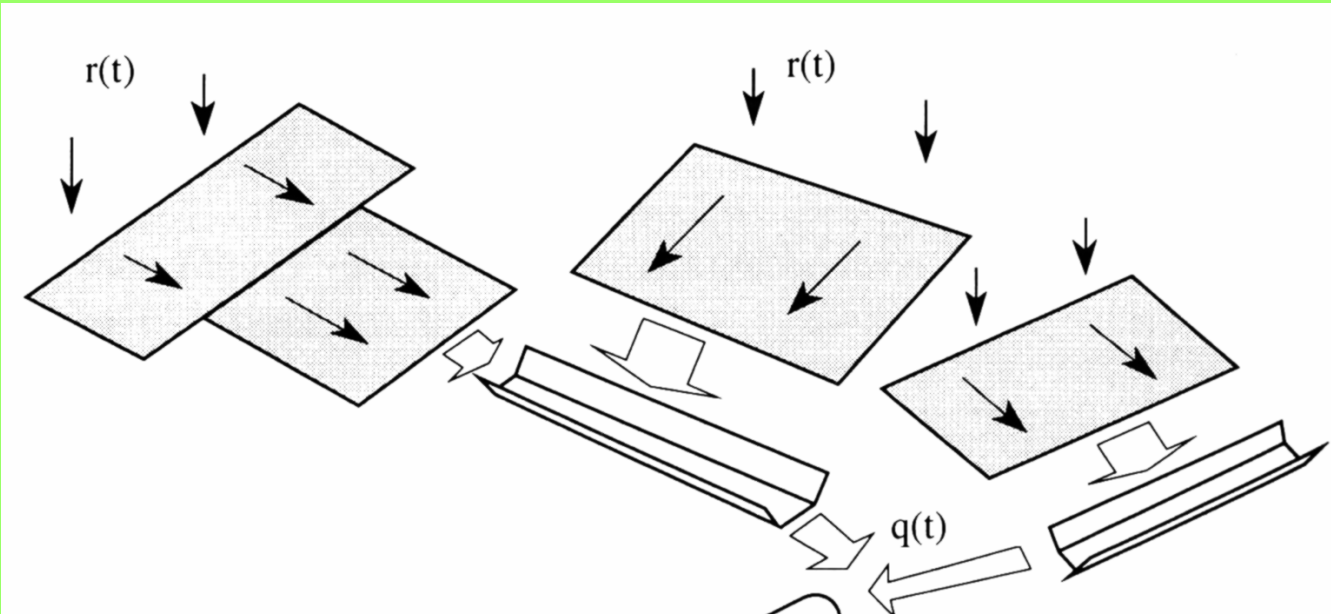


Figure 1. Flow chart of EUROSEM

From Morgan et al. 1998

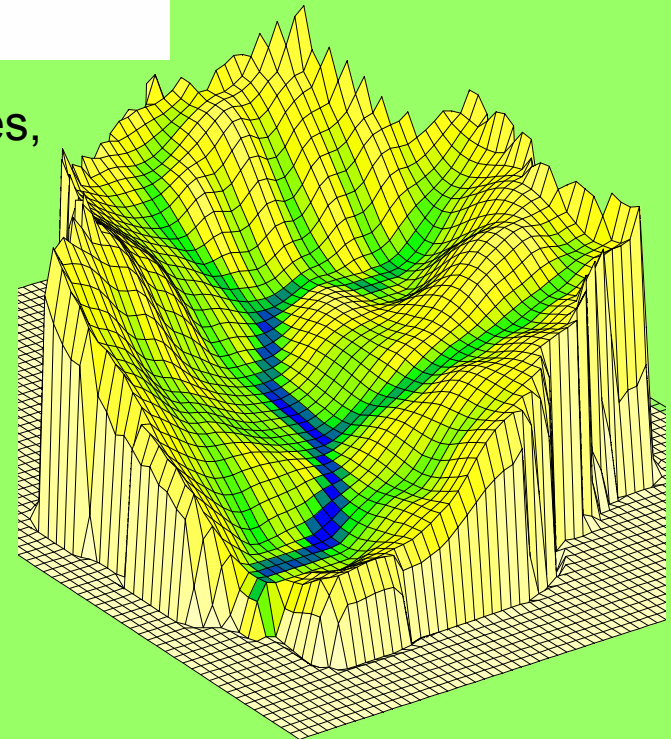
# Geometrical representation on terrain in EUROSEM



Conceptual representation - through a cascade of planes, and channels

## DISTRIBUTED MODELS

Raster representation



# Geometrical representation of terrain: planes and channels

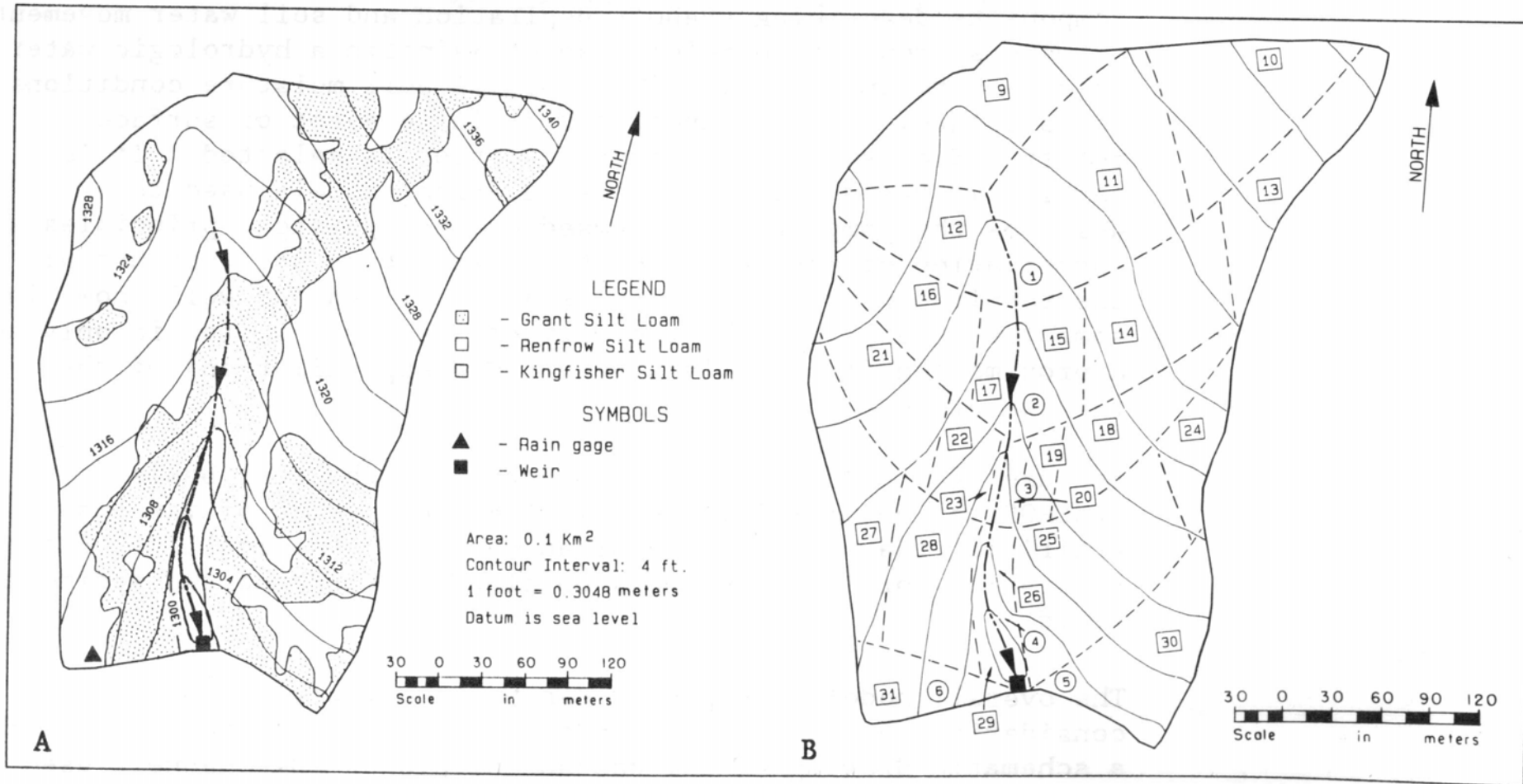


Figure 1.

R-5 catchment, Chickasha, OK: A, contour map; B, division into plane and channel elements.

From KINEROS manual (Woolhiser et al. 1990)

# Geometrical representation on terrain in of EUROSEM planes and channels

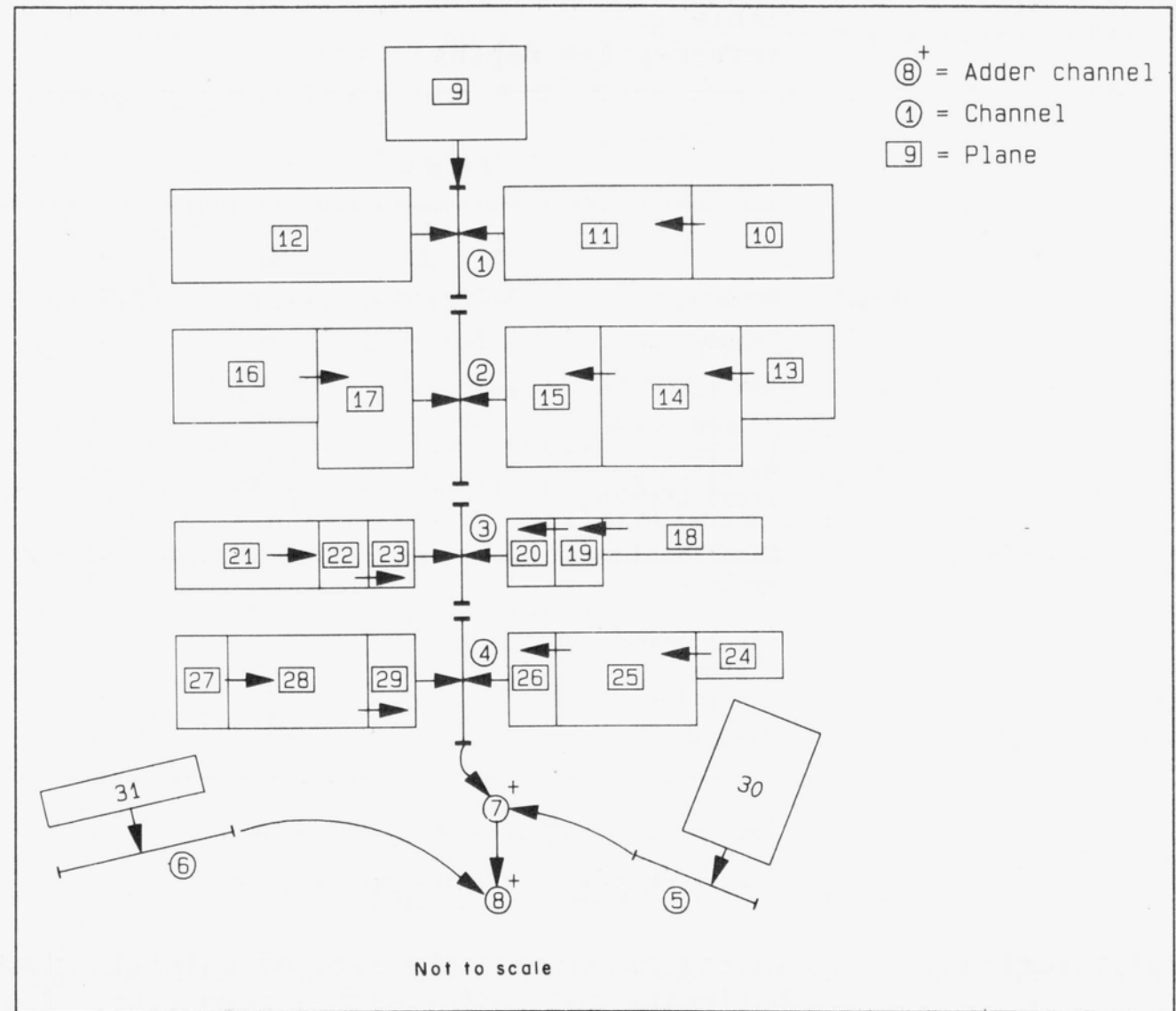
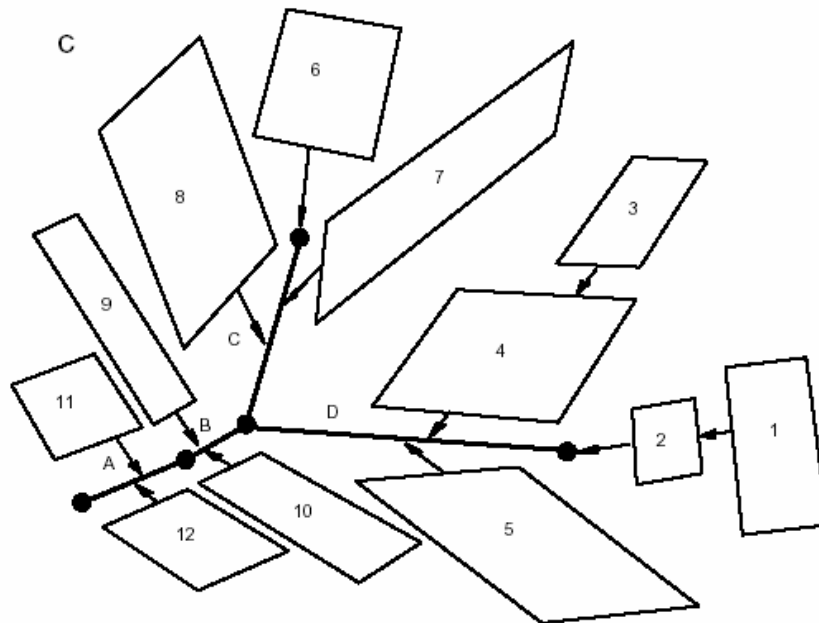
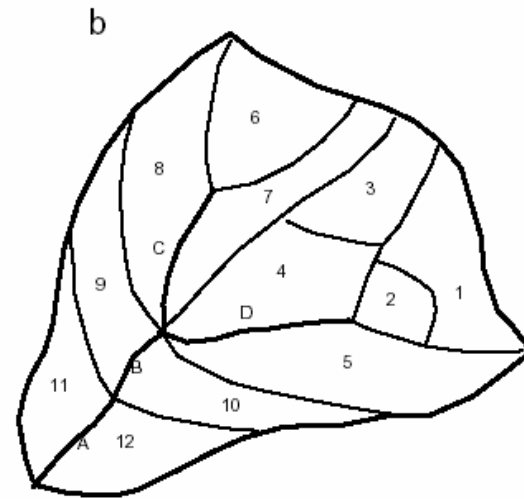
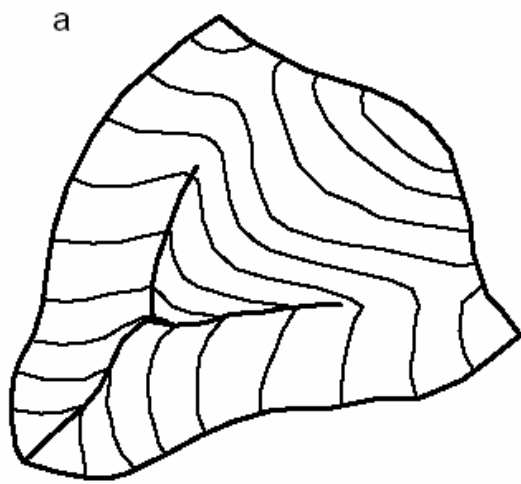


Figure 2.  
Schematic of R-5 plane and channel configuration.

From KINEROS  
manual  
(Woolhiser et al. 1990)



Small watershed representation

## **Major known limits of application of EUROSEM (release 1998-99)**

- **Unable to generate rills/gully from a unrilled overland flow plane!**
- **Within storm soil surface dynamics is not considered !  
(e.g. Soil crusting and sealing , Change of Ksat and porosity)**
- **One soil layer infiltration modelling!**
- **Only One infiltration model!**
- **Many other ....**

## **Performance limits**

- **Long term simulation with Multiple storms are difficult**
- **Present stable version does not have a friendly User Interface**



# The last EUROSEM evolution: Mwised Project (1998-2001)

## Achievements

Models:

- EUROSEM4win: erosion model (Delphi environment) Release 4.0 (beta)
- EUROWISE: erosion model (PCRaster environment – it is part of LISEM)
- RAINGEN 1: rainfall generator (C++, Fortran 90)
- SEI: pedofunctions-algorithms for estimating soil characteristics (JAVA applet)

## New parts implemented in models

in erosion models:

- Ephemeral gully generation
- Ephemeral gully erosion

in RAINGEN 1

- scaling model with time dependent scaling factor

in Pedon-SEI

- water retention curves
- saturated hydraulic conductivity
- net capillary drive

**Contribution to know-how:** *ephemeral gully erosion – shaping new channel – alternative to Manning equation - dynamics of ponded areas in interrill – sealing thickness prediction and evolution – new algorithms for detachability-variable Ks and porosity etc.. (see –MWISED final report )*

## Possible MISUSES of EUROSEM

- Simulation on too large watershed >10-100 ha
- Simulation of too long storm when soil surface dynamics has a strong evidence
- Runoff and erosion controlled by tractor tracks or tillage direction non parallel to slope aspect direction
- Non-hortonian runoff (saturated runoff generation)
- Gully landscape (present version)

# **EUROSEM SOFTWARE**

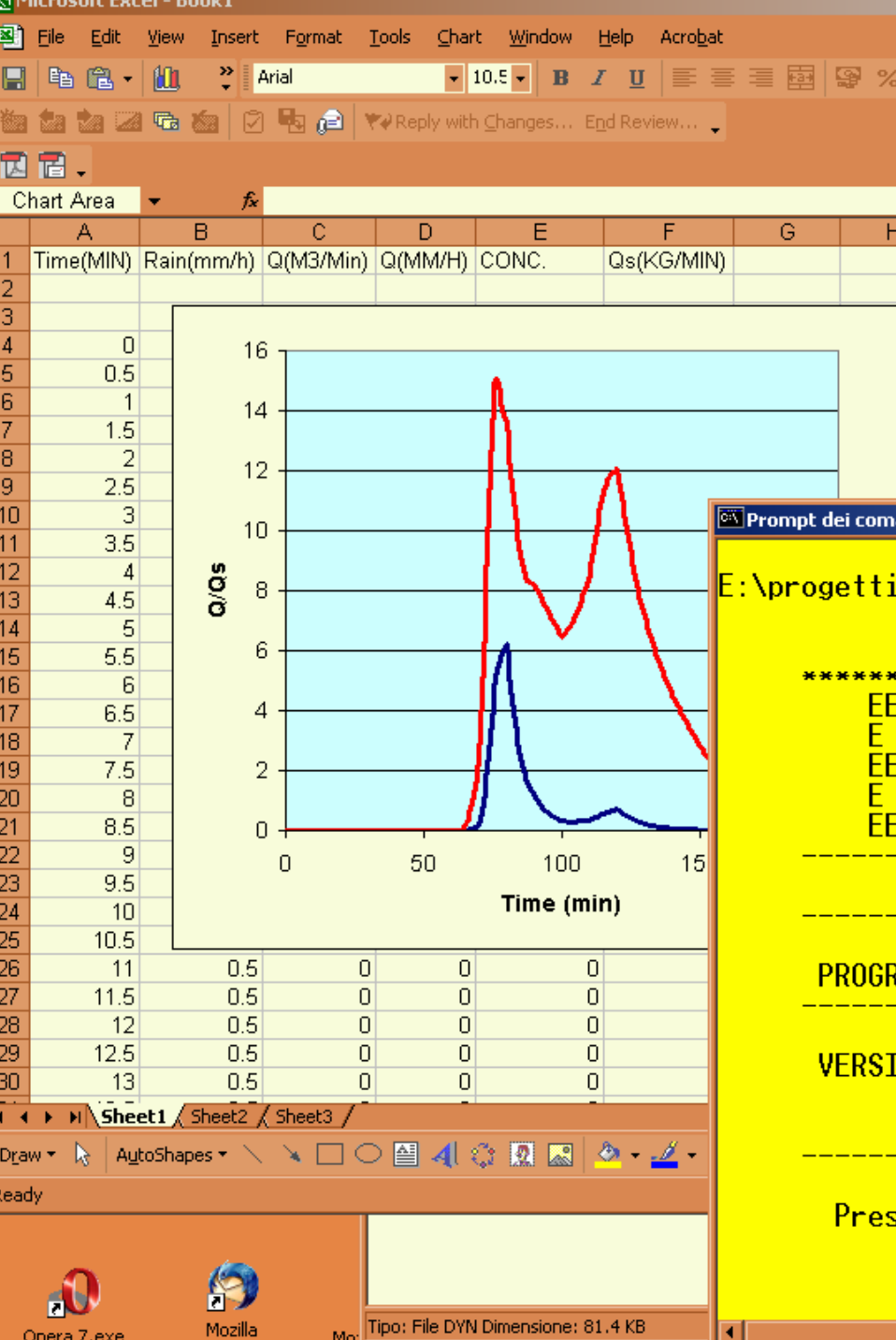
**Freeware and free use (no warranties – but see licence terms)**

**It can be downloaded, with documentation (PDF manual) and example files at no cost, at the following site:**

**[http://www.silsoe.cranfield.ac.uk/nsri/research/erosion/download\\_dos.htm](http://www.silsoe.cranfield.ac.uk/nsri/research/erosion/download_dos.htm)**

**Eurosem (EURO.EXE) operate with a very rough command line and text interface (DOS like console in all Windows OS - Win98/ME/NT/2000/XP)  
Present officiale stable version has only text files as output.**

**But...**



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EUROSEM V. 3.5/96 Parameter Input File P. casciano

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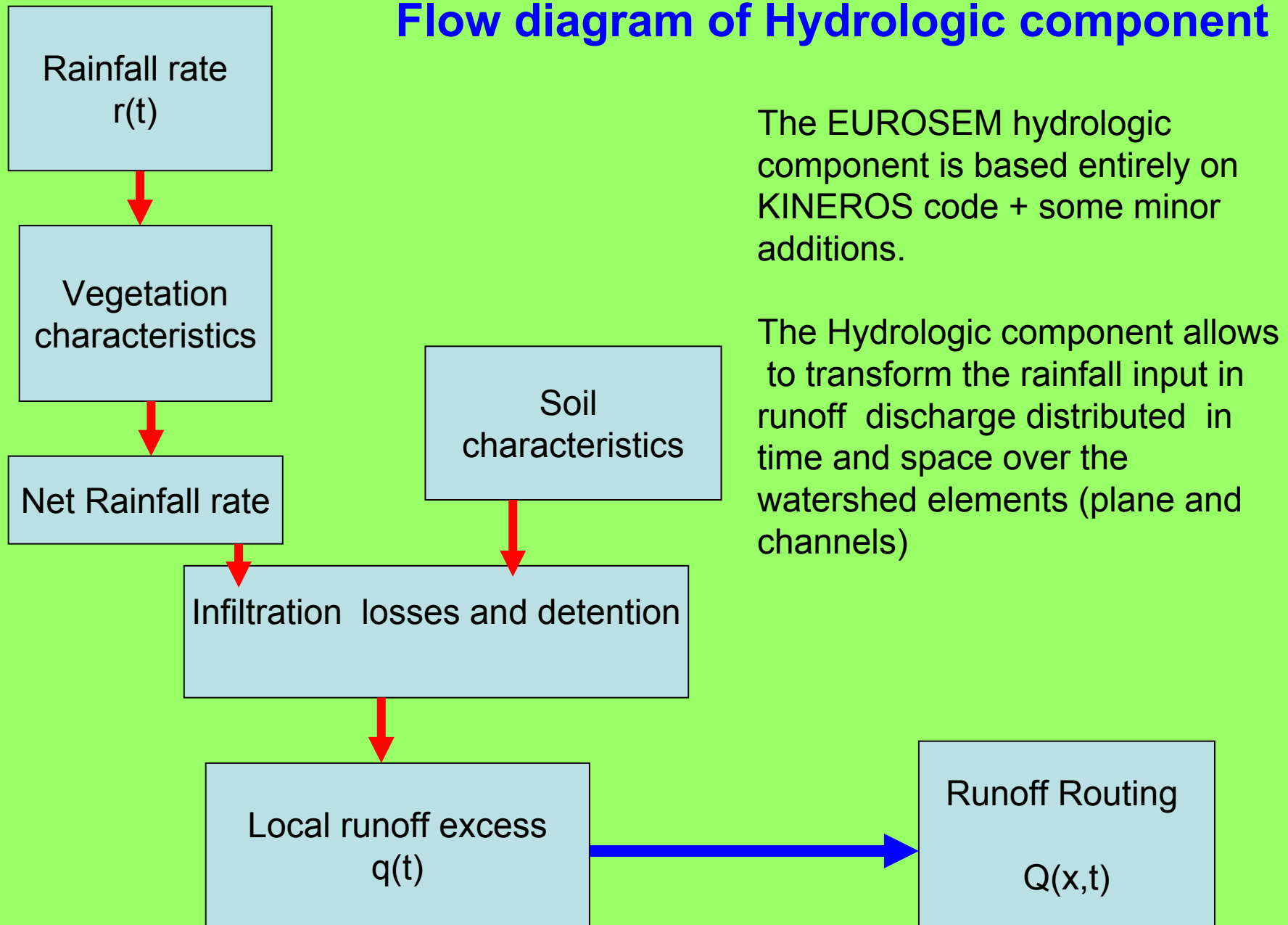
# How-to EUROSEM - Part 1.2

## EUROSEM HYDROLOGIC COMPONENT

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# Flow diagram of Hydrologic component



t (h)	P(mm)	dt (h)	i(mm/h )	Pcum(mm)
10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10.66	2.60	0.66	3.94	2.60
12.00	3.00	1.34	2.24	5.60
12.33	2.00	0.33	6.06	7.60
13.00	0.20	0.67	0.30	7.80
13.33	0.80	0.33	2.42	8.60
14.00	0.00	0.67	0.00	8.60
14.66	0.80	0.66	1.21	9.40
15.40	3.00	0.74	4.05	12.40
16.00	5.60	0.60	9.33	18.00
16.33	7.00	0.33	21.21	25.00
17.66	1.80	1.33	1.35	26.80
18.00	0.00	0.34	0.00	26.80
18.40	0.40	0.40	1.00	27.20
19.00	4.40	0.60	7.33	31.60
19.33	12.20	0.33	36.97	43.80
20.00	3.40	0.67	5.07	47.20
21.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	47.20

## Rainfall input

Information used  
by EUROSEM

Old type of rain gauge  
with graphical recorder

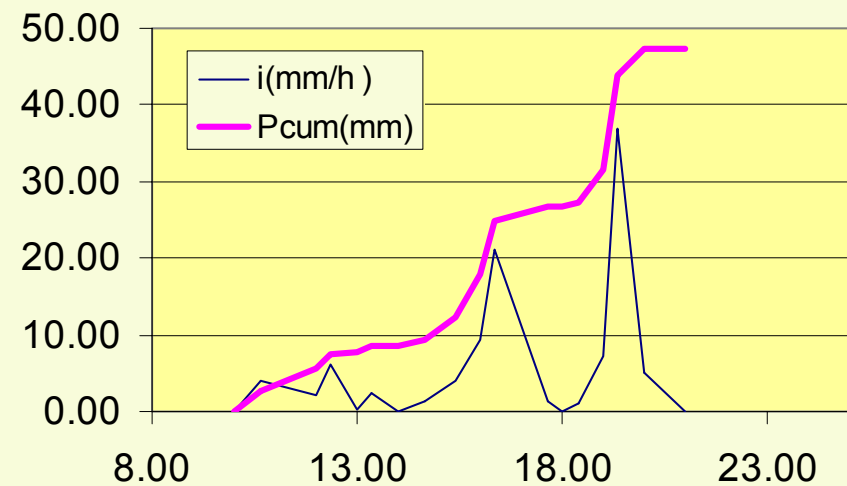
t=time (h)

dt= time step (h)

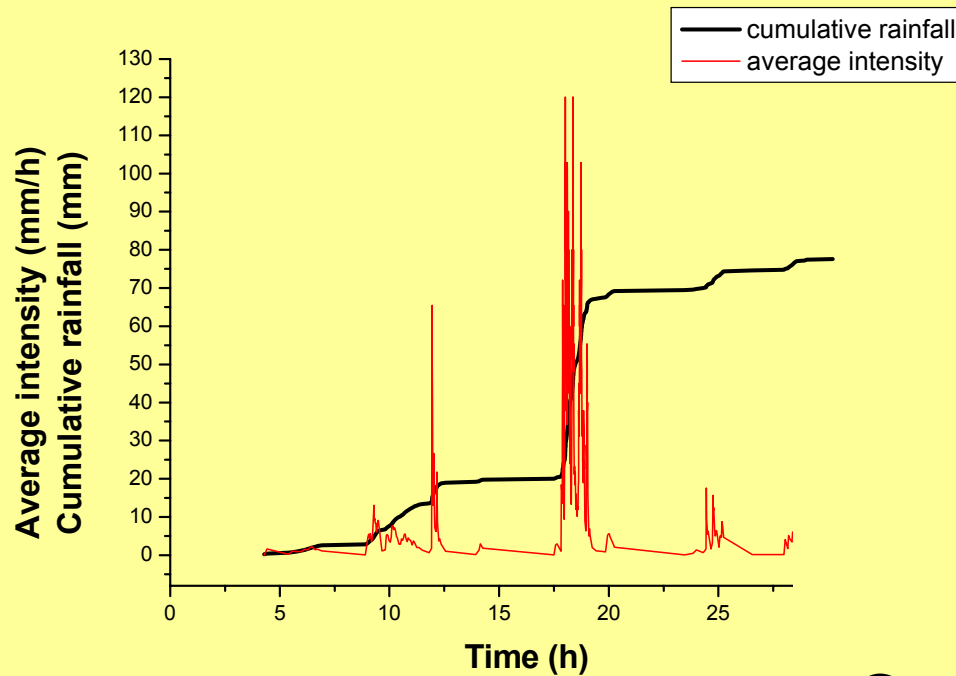
P= amount of rainfall in time step (mm)

i=average intensity in time step(mm/h)

Pcum= cumulyive rainfall (mm)

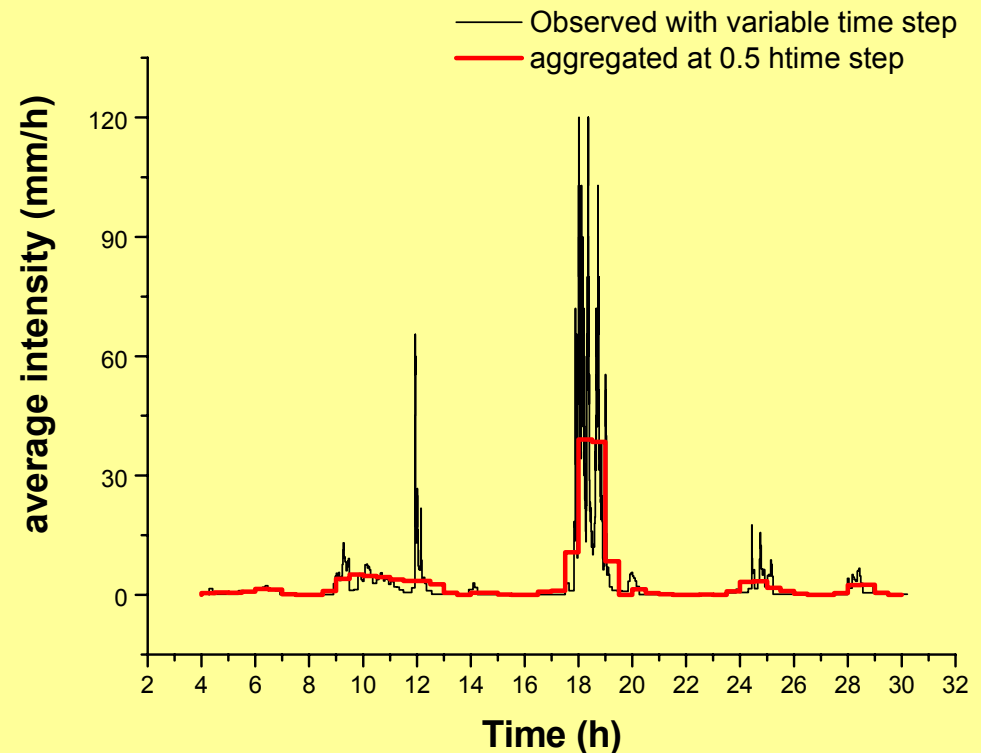






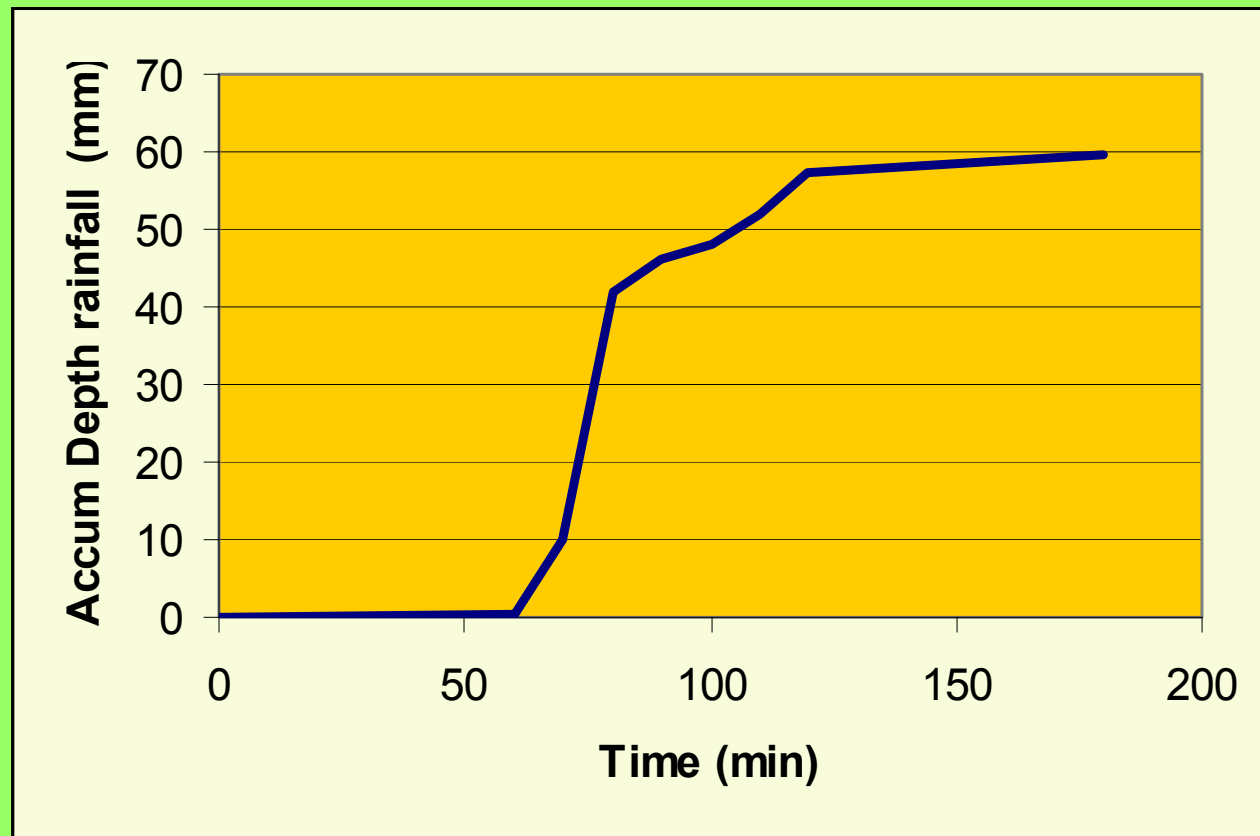
Rain gauge with high resolution digital recording

Effect of time step aggregation on the computation of rainfall intensity



TIME (min)	ACCUM. DEPTH (mm)
0.0	0.0
60.0	0.5
70.0	10.0
80.0	42.0
90.0	46.0
100.0	48.0
110.0	52.0
120.0	57.5
180.0	59.5
200.0	59.5

Rainfall input ...  
As read by EUROSEM



**Basic storm informations are defined for (each raingauge) as:  
Accumulated depth (mm) over time (min).**

**The time step may be variable but it has a strong influence on  
average rainfall intensity computation  $r(t)$**

## From Rainfall

the rainfall amount that is intercepted by canopy is subtracted to rain and distributed between plant storage and stem flow.

Plant storage is dynamic because it re-drip drops while it is refilled by rainfall.

The net rainfall at the ground surface, which is therefore available for infiltration, is the summation of the direct throughfall (DT), stemflow (SF) and leaf drainage(LD) minus interception (IC).

$$LD = TIF - SF$$

$$NR = DT + LD + SF = R - I_{c_{stor}}$$

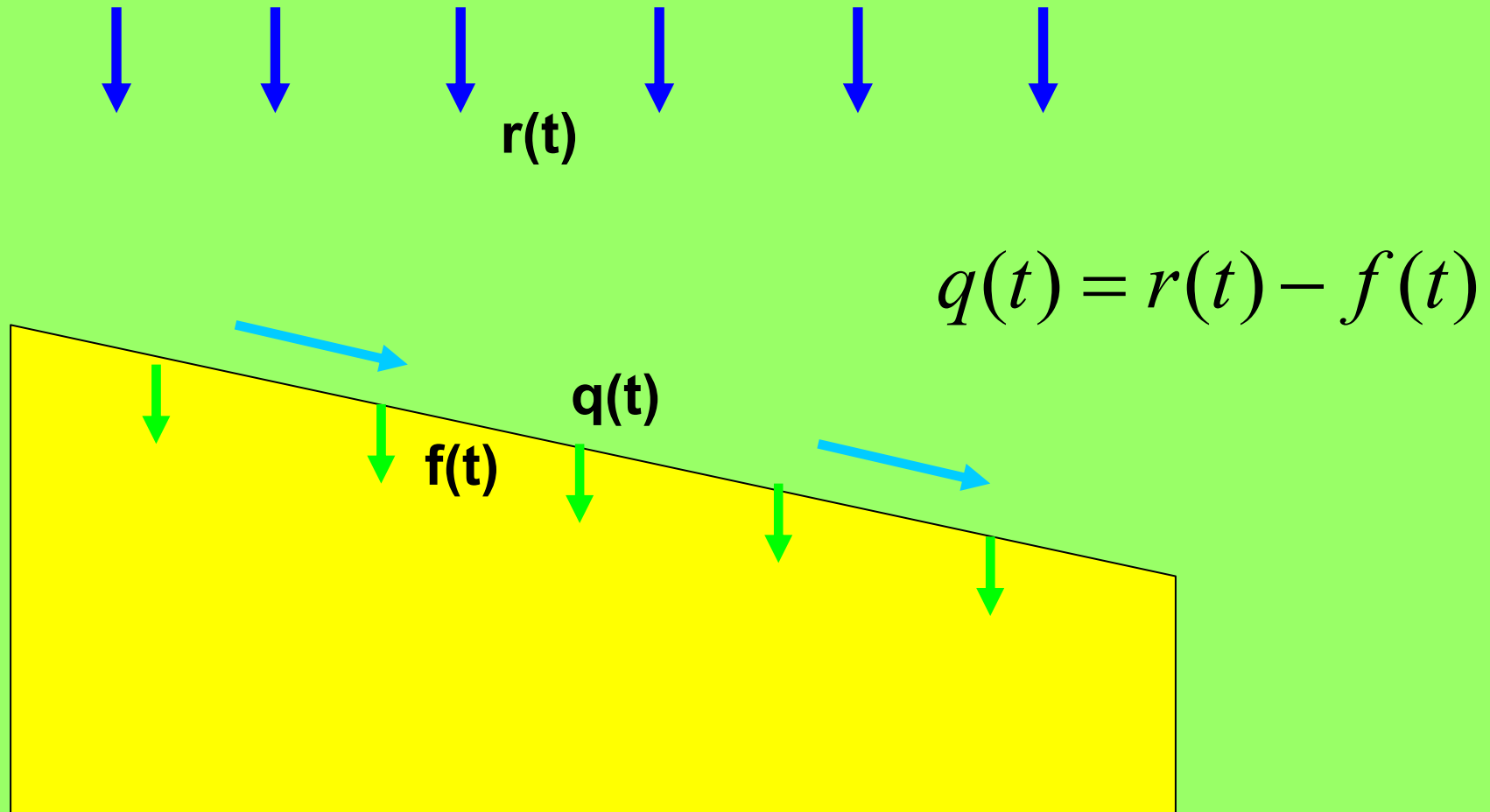
EUROSEM adopts a dynamic approach which allows rainfall to pass from the canopy to the ground at the same time as the interception store (IC max) is being filled.

$$IC_{store} = IC_{max} [1 - \exp (-R_{cum} / IC_{max})]$$

To Net Rainfall

## Infiltration losses - 1

Net rainfall rate  $r(t)$  is transformed in rainfall excess  $q(t)$  by subtraction of the infiltration rate  $f(t)$ . EUROSEM as KINEROS use the Smith & Parlange (1978) model.



## Infiltration losses - 2

### The Smith & Parlange (1978) model.

$$f = k_s \frac{e^{F/B}}{e^{F/B} - 1}$$

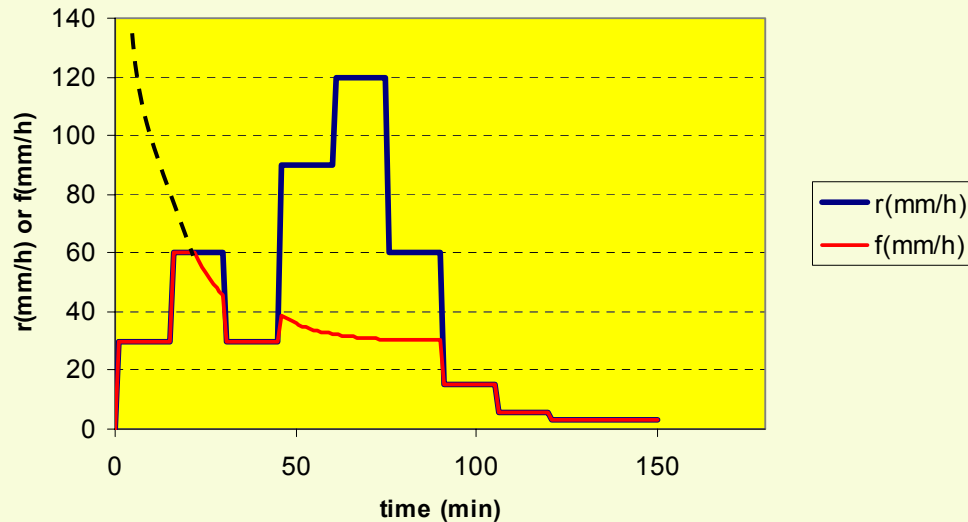
$$B = G(\theta_s - \theta_i)$$

$$G = \frac{1}{k_s} \int_{-\infty}^0 k(\Psi) d\Psi$$

Where:

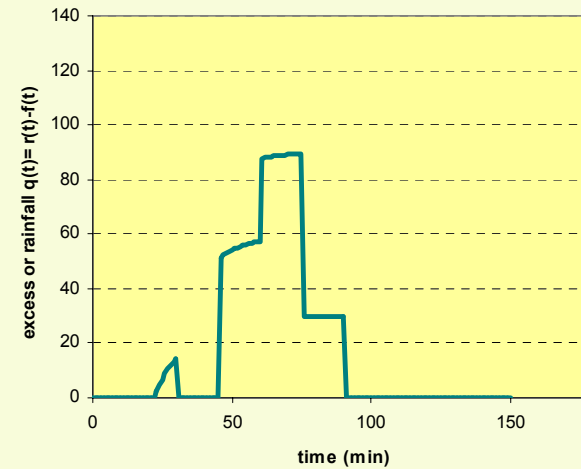
$K_s$  = the **saturated hydraulic conductivity** of the soil (cm min<sup>-1</sup>),  
 $F$  = the **amount of rain already absorbed** by the soil (cm), and  
 $B$  = an **integral capillary and water deficit parameter** of the soil (cm).  
 $G$  = the **effective net capillary drive** (cm)  
 $\theta_s$  = the maximum value of water content of the soil (cm<sup>3</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>).  
 $\theta_i$  = the initial value of soil water content (cm<sup>3</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>).  
 $\psi$  = the soil matric potential (-), and  
 $K(\psi)$  = a hydraulic conductivity function.

Smith and Parlange (1978) simulation



## Infiltration losses - 3

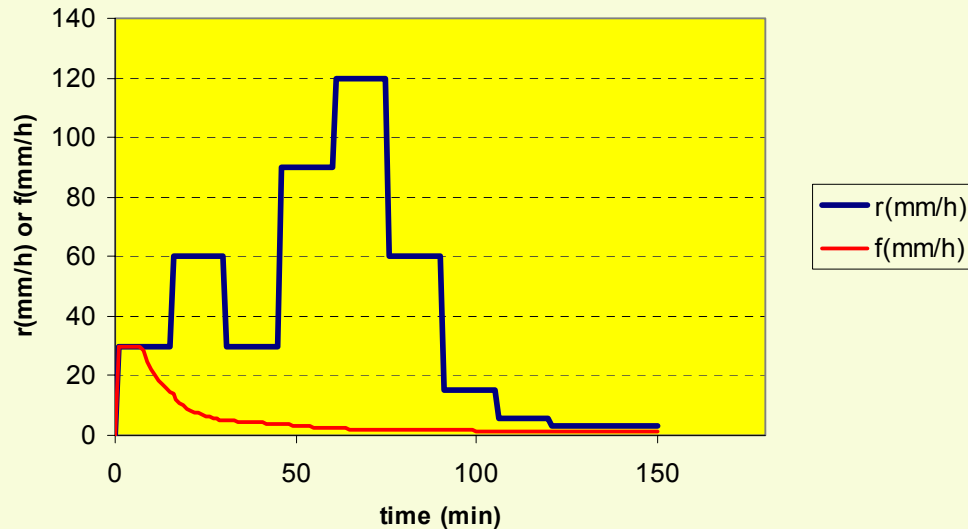
Smith and Parlange (1978) simulation



sandy loam

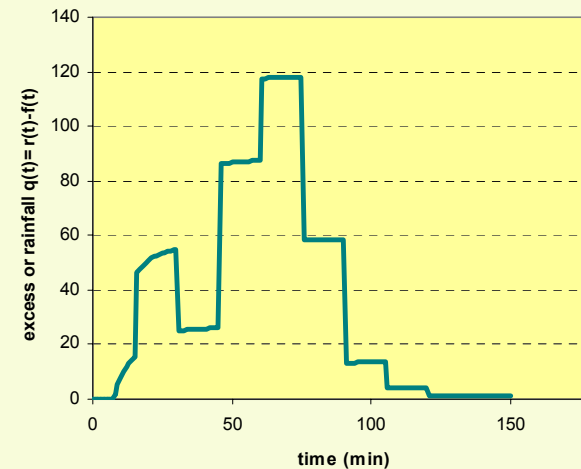
Ks (mm/h)	30
G(mm)	100
dteta	0.2

Smith and Parlange (1978) simulation



$f(t)$  : numerical computation with real hyetogram

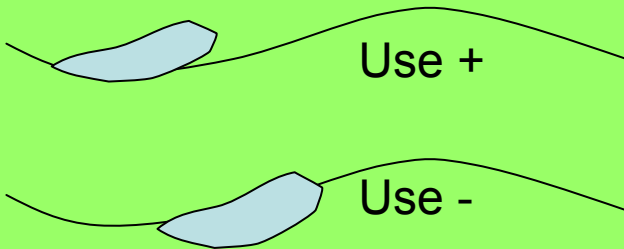
Smith and Parlange (1978) simulation



silty - clay

Ks (mm/h)	1
G(mm)	500
dteta	0.2

$$k_{sroc} = k_s (1 \pm PAVE)$$



$K_{sroc}$  = a modified value of saturated hydraulic conductivity (cm/min)  
 $PAVE$  = aerial rock fragment cover.

Use + if rock fragment sits on the surface  
Use – if Rock fragment is embedded  
(Poesen *et al.*, 1994).

$$B_{roc} = B(1 - ROC)$$

$B_{roc}$  = the parameter  $B$  modified for rock fragments,  $ROC$  = the fraction of the soil composed of rock fragments, expressed as a volume, between 0 and 1

$$k_{sveg} = \frac{k_s}{1 - PBASE}$$

$K_{sveg}$  is the saturated hydraulic conductivity of the soil with the vegetation;  
 $PBASE$  is the total area of the base of the plant stems expressed as a proportion (between 0 and 1) of the total area of the plane.

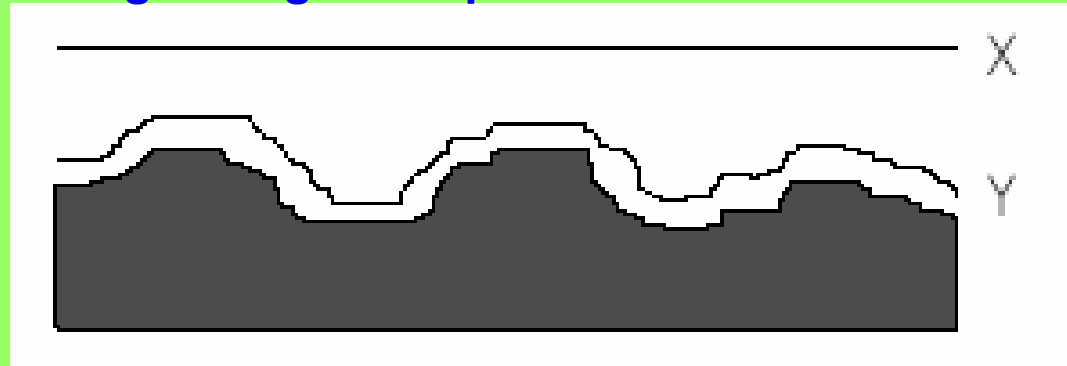


## Other Losses : Depression Storage

Other important losses that reduce the net rainfall is the amount of water that can be stored temporarily in depressions at the soil surface.

Depression storage  $D$  is computed using a roughness parameter  $RFR$

$$RFR = \frac{Y - X}{Y} * 100.$$

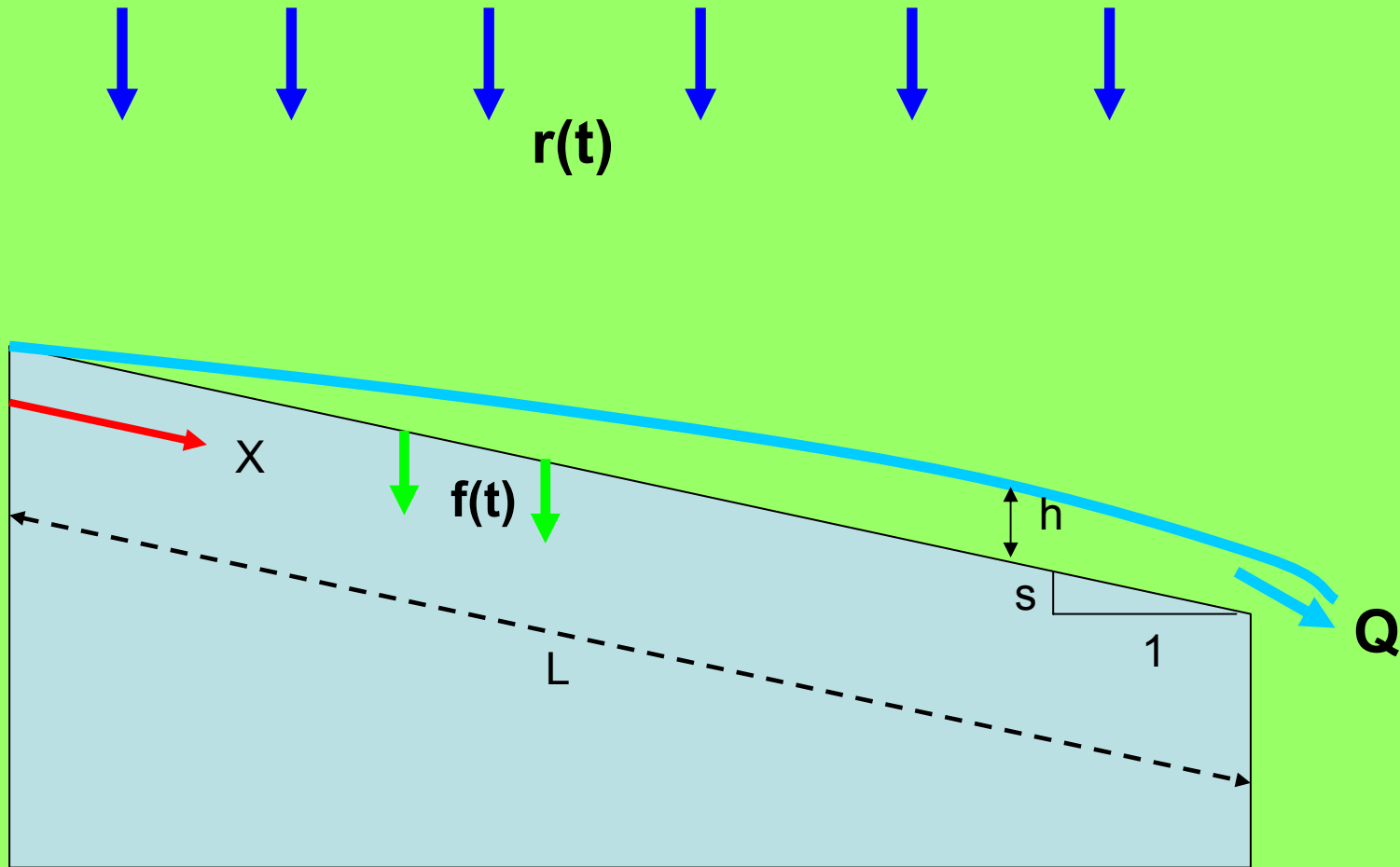


The roughness of the soil surface is expressed in EUROSEM by a roughness measure (RFR) defined as the ratio between the straight line distance between two points on the ground (X) and the actual distance measured over all the microtopographic irregularities (Y)

$$D = \exp(-6.66 + 0.27 * RFR)$$

RFR is converted into a surface storage depth,  $D$  (cm), using a regression equation from Auerswald (1992):

# From Net Rainfall to overland flow



# Runoff routing: Basic equations and algorithms

For each plane and channel the flow is viewed as one-dimensional process. Here flux  $Q$  (unit discharge per unit width) is power function of mean depth of flow  $h$  [eq.1].  $\alpha$  and  $m$  are parameter related to slope, roughness and flow conditions.

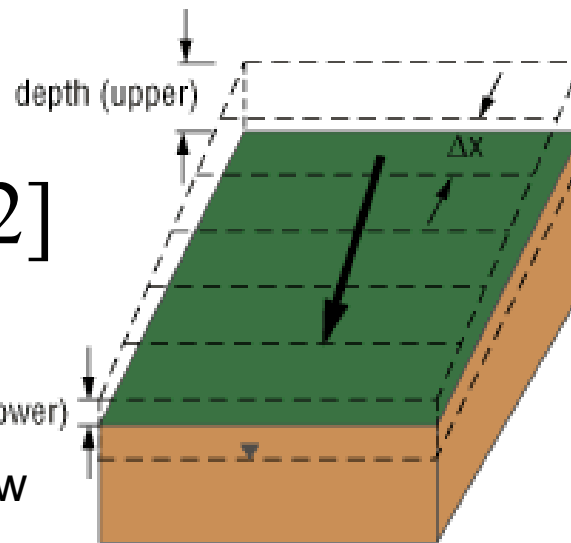
## Kinematic Wave Methods for Overland Flow

$$Q = \alpha h^m \quad [1]$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = q(x, t) \quad [2]$$

[eq.1] and [eq. 2] give [eq. 3], which is valid for diffuse overland flow

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \alpha m h^{m-1} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = q(x, t) \quad [3]$$



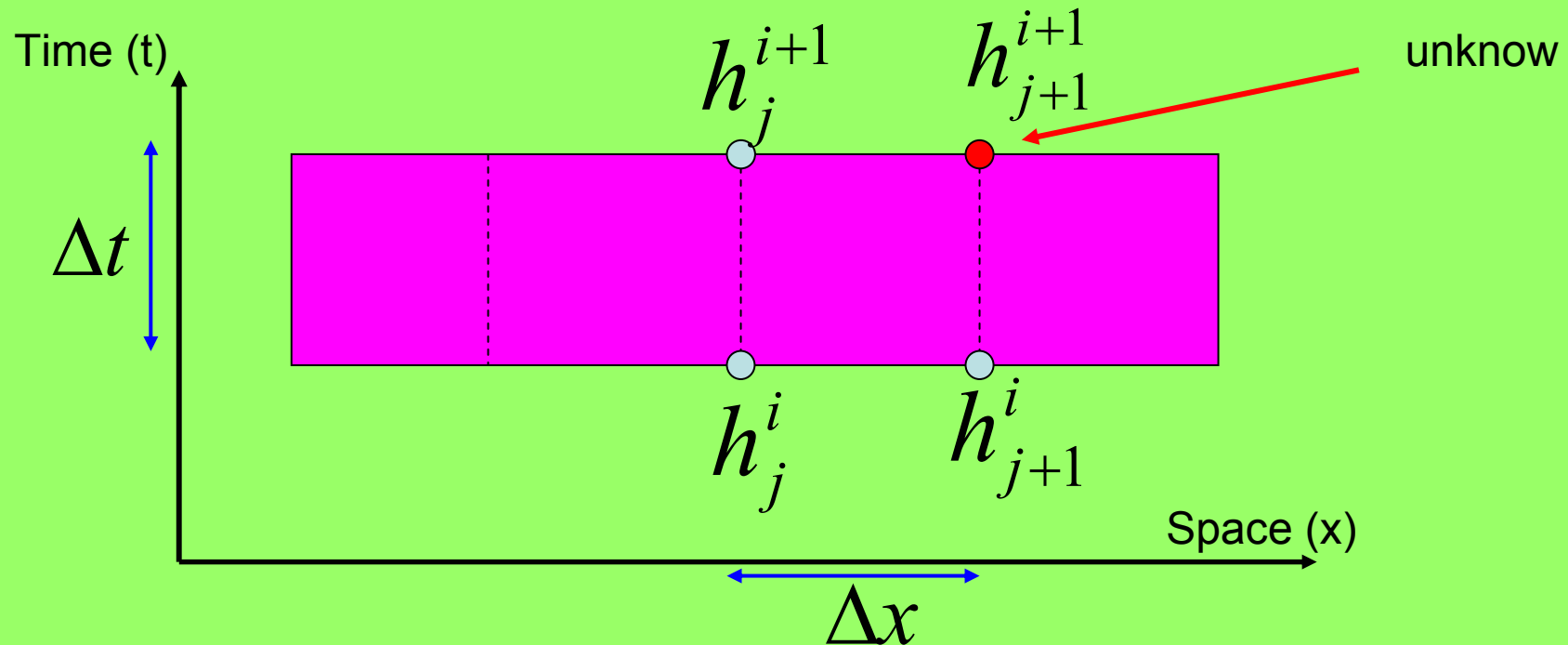
[eq.2 ] ensures mass conservation and continuity:

$t$  is time;  $x$  is space and  $m$  is usually set to 1.66 (Manning's equation)

[eq.2 ] is a simplified form of Saint Venant equation

$q(x,t)$  is the rate of local input (net rainfall) or lateral inflow

# Kinematic wave numerical solution scheme



Four point implicit method. Finite difference equation is non-linear so is solved for the unknown using Newton-Raphson method

$$h_{j+1}^{i+1} - h_{j+1}^i + h_j^{i+1} - h_j^i + \frac{2\Delta t}{\Delta x} \left\{ \theta_w \left[ \alpha_{j+1}^{i+1} (h^m)_{j+1}^{i+1} - \alpha_j^{i+1} (h^m)_j^{i+1} \right] + (1 - \theta_w) \left[ \alpha_{j+1}^i (h^m)_{j+1}^i - \alpha_j^i (h^m)_j^i \right] \right\} - \Delta t (\bar{q}_{j+1} + \bar{q}_j) = 0$$

**THETA factor**  
used to improve  
convergence

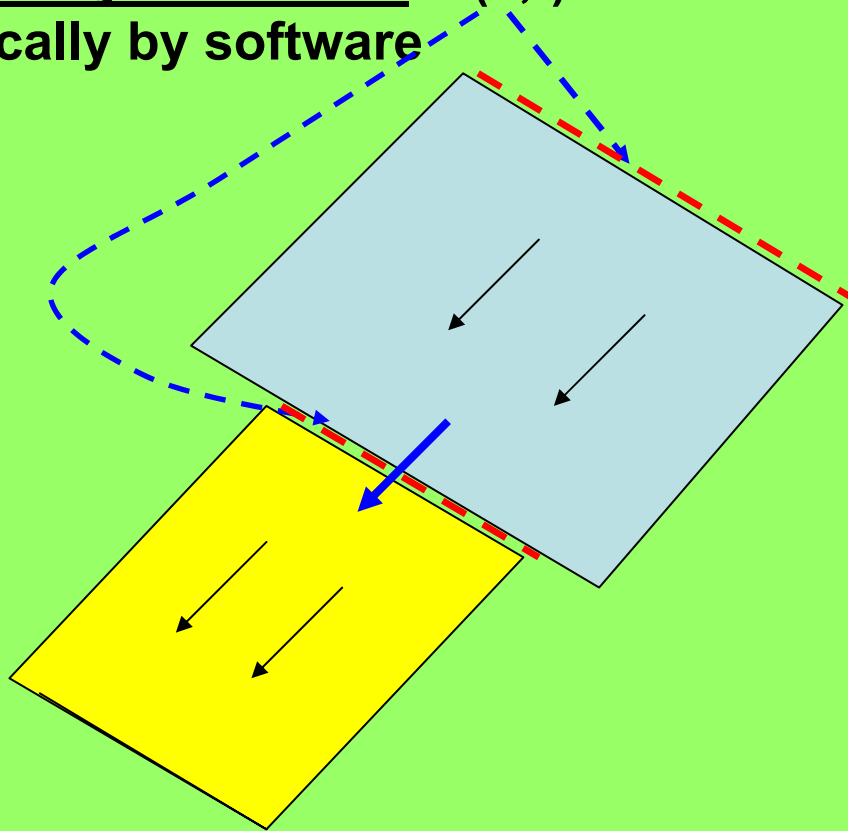
## Numerical stability of solution

The convergence is strongly dependent from:

$\Delta x$  and  $\Delta t$  adopted

THETA parameter (usually in the range 0.6-0.8)

The boundary conditions  $h(0,t)$  are defined automatically by software



**KINEROS and EUROSEM**  
manuals give additional  
informations on  
numerical methods adopted

# Roughness, Channels and final Runoff output

$$\alpha = \frac{s^{0.5}}{n}$$

$\alpha$  depends from slope and roughness (Manning coefficient  $n$ )

$$m = \frac{5}{3}$$

$m$  value depend from type of flow (assumed turbulent)

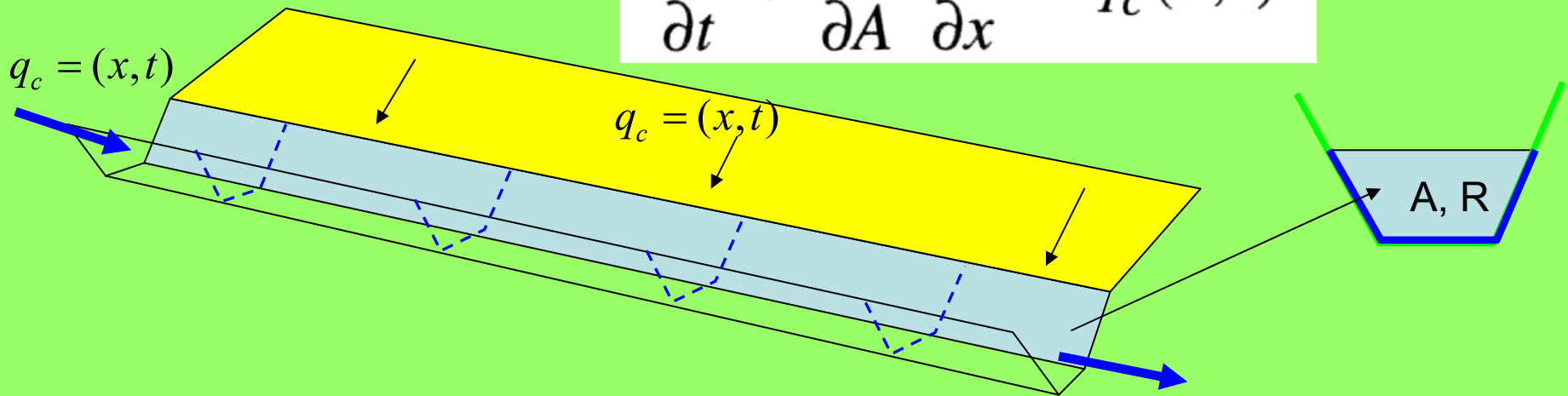
**Channel flow**  
**Continuity equation**

$$Q = \alpha R^{m-1} A$$

**R** = hydraulic radius

**A** = wet cross section  
of flow in channel

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial A} \frac{\partial A}{\partial x} = q_c(x, t)$$



$Q$  = flow rate  
in channel

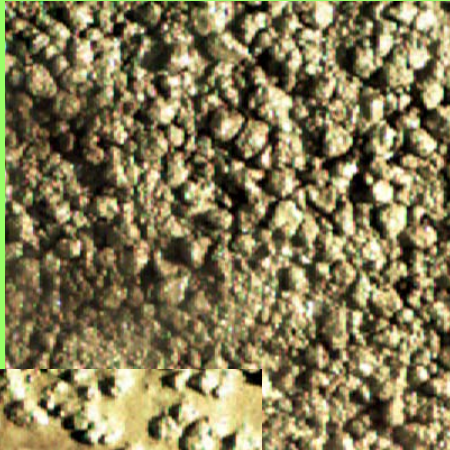
## Some evident weaknesses in EUROSEM hydrologic components!

- Soil surface dynamic within storm
- Deposition/re-entrainment and sealing formation
- $K_s$  changes during the storm
- Roughness changes during the storm
- A ROUGH roughness parameter and algorithm for depression storage computation.
- Infiltration eq. of Smith and Parlange has severe problems with low structural stability soils (see KINEROS2 and MWISED Report). Better performances with other model !

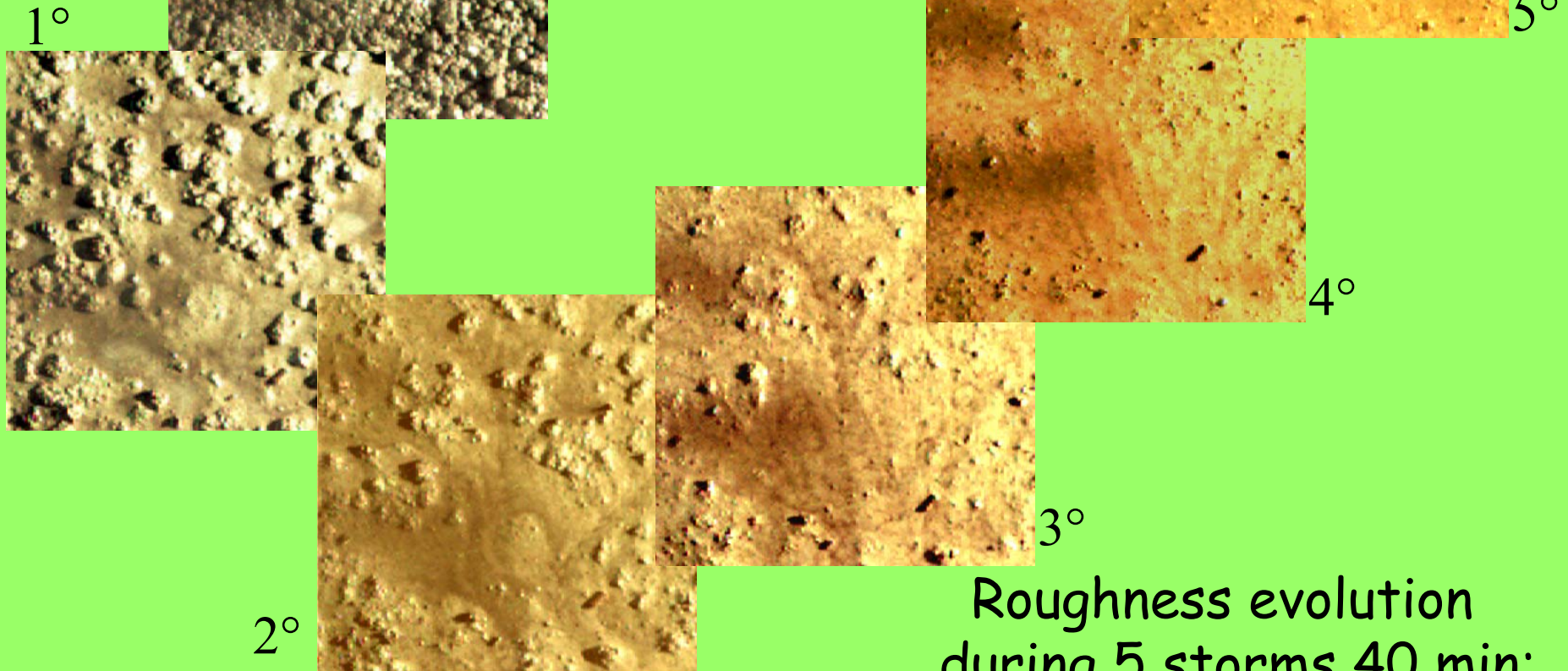


# Infiltration – and soil surface dynamics

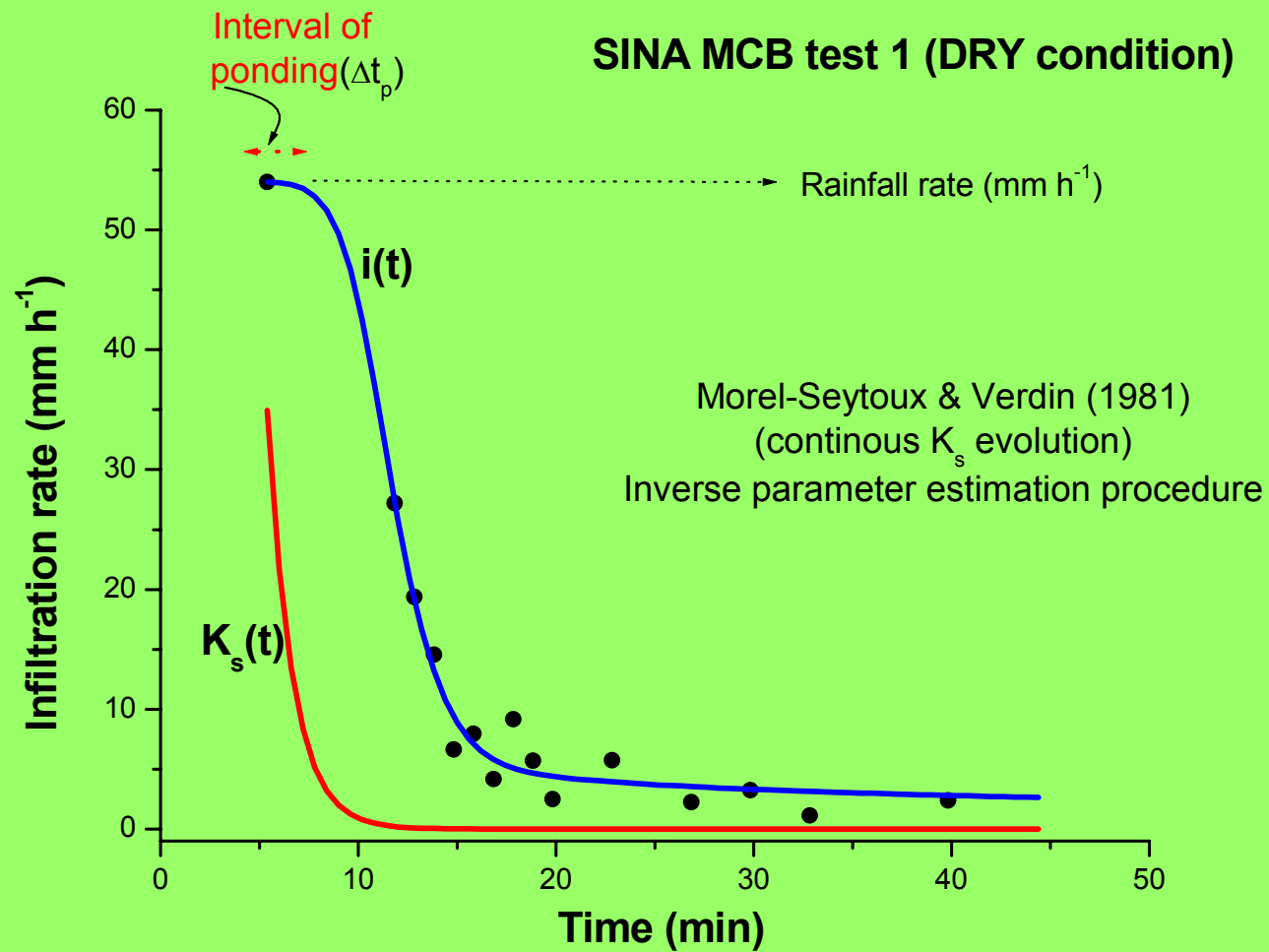
Initial condition

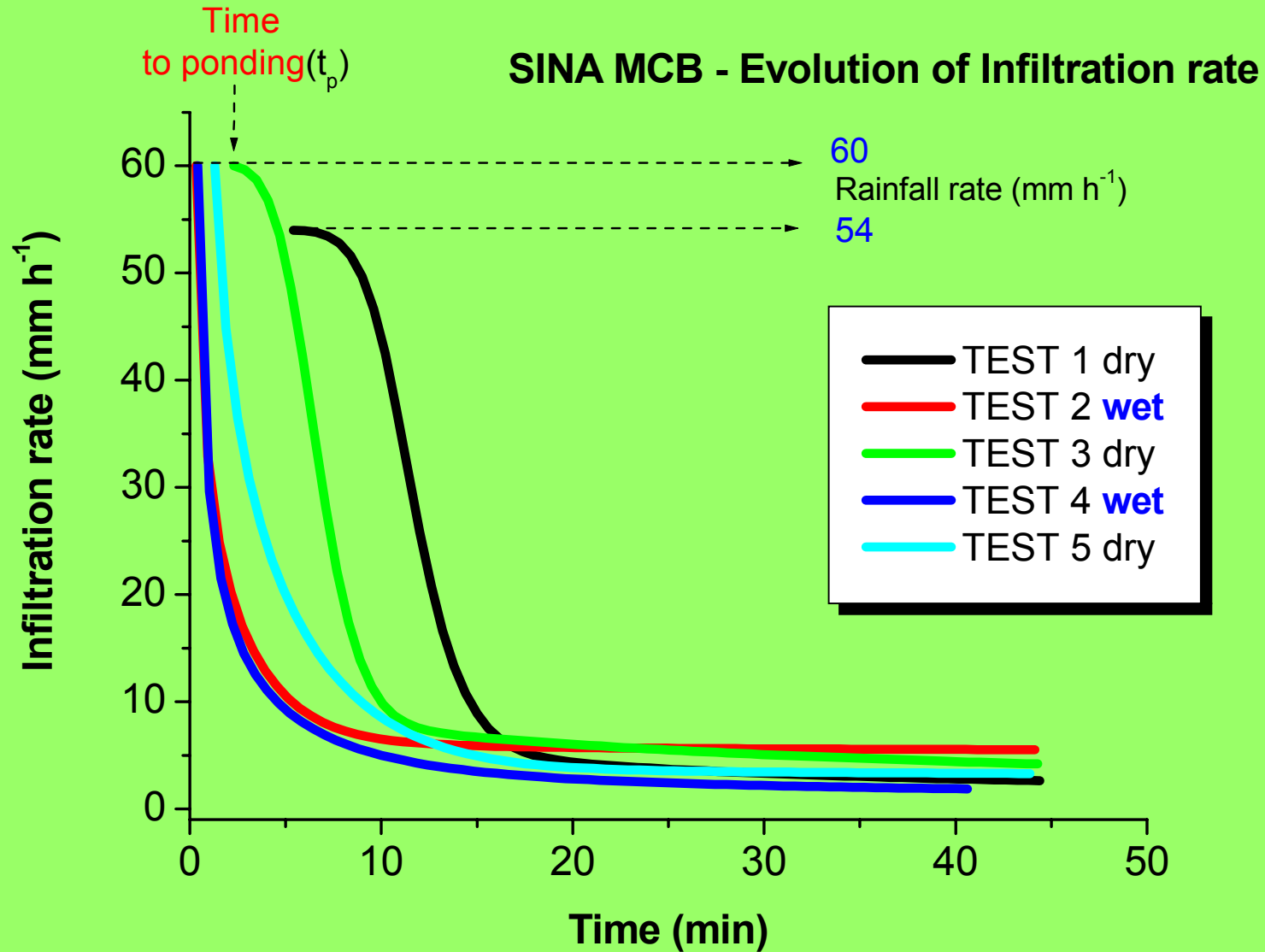


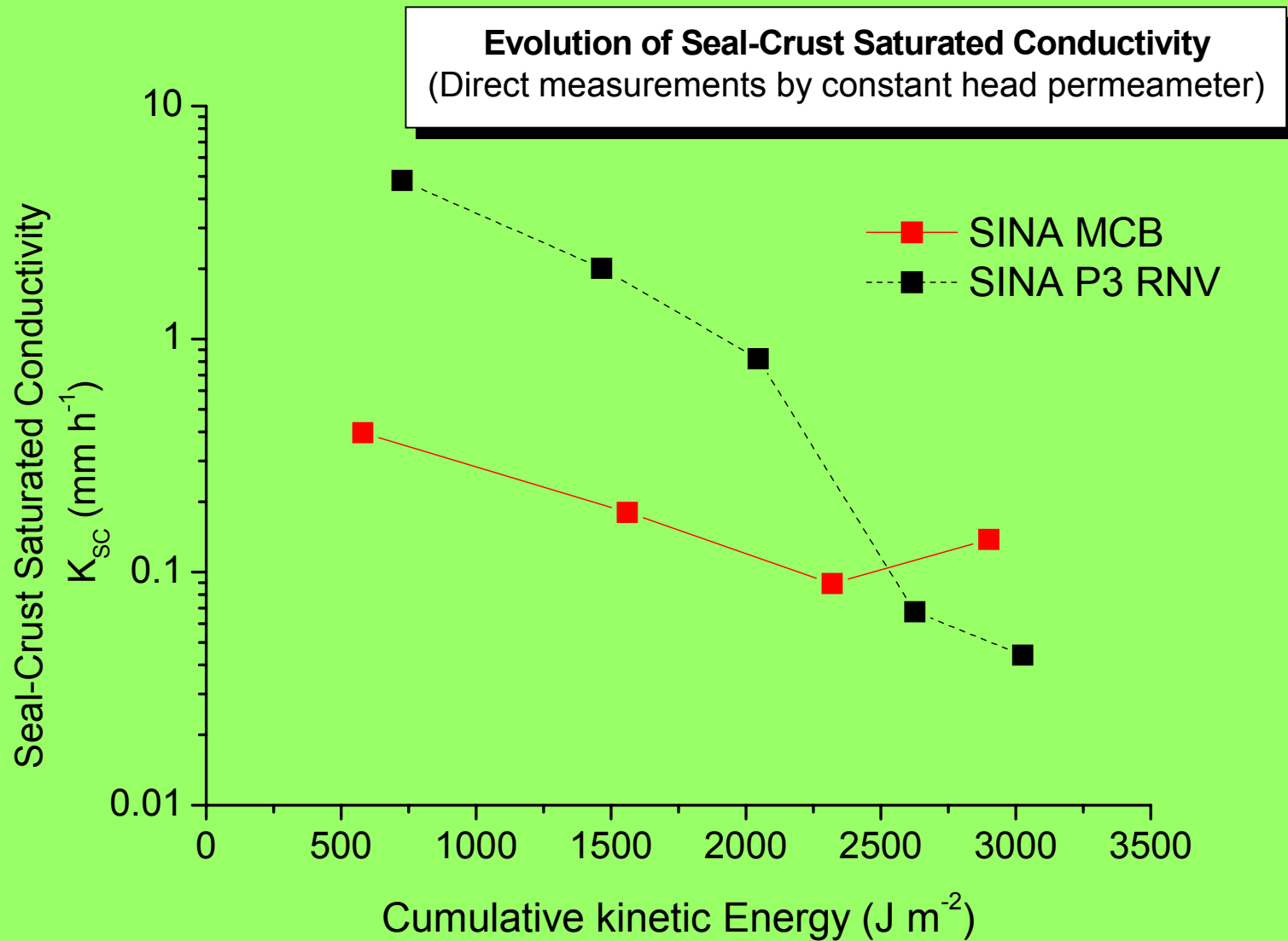
Soil SINA MCB



Roughness evolution  
during 5 storms 40 min;  
 $r=55-60$  (mm h<sup>-1</sup>)







## Key points of the hydrologic component

- **Ranfall interception and transformation in net rainfall rate**
- **Correction of hydraulic parameters for soil surface characteristics (e.g. stoniness)**
- **Infiltration capacity computed numerically – Smith and parlange model**
- **Runoff routing with simplified Saint Venant equation and numerical procedure to solve it.**
- **Dynamic simulation is strongly influenced by adopted TIME STEP and THETA values, and initial values of some soil hydraulic parameters.**
- **Hydrological algorithms do not consider some components that have a low influence on single storm simulation (e.g. evotranspiration )**
- **Hydrological component output is applied to simulate EROSION on the virtual watershed or plot**

# How-to EUROSEM - Part 1.3

## SOIL EROSION PROCESSES IN EUROSEM

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# SOIL EROSION PROCESSES BY WATER :

## As simulated by EUROSEM

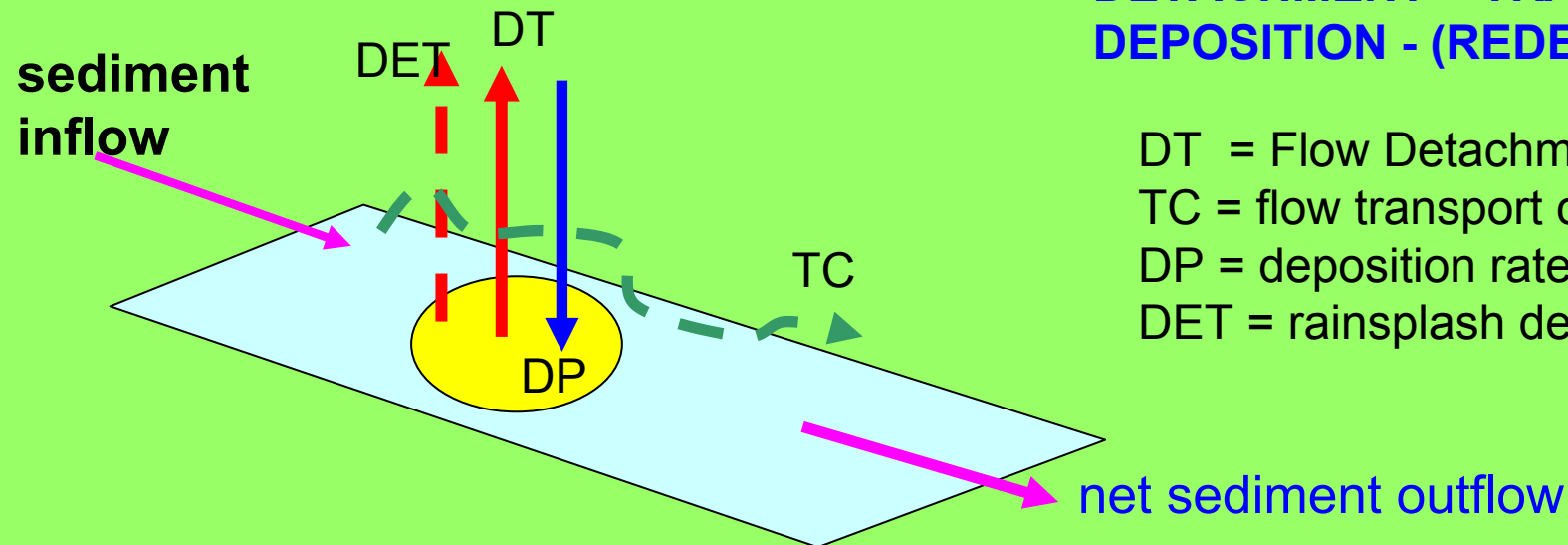
### Basic processes:

- Splash detachment of soil particles
- Sheet erosion by overland flow – interrill erosion
- Rill erosion (side walls collapse not included)
- Erosion in channels (side walls collapse not included)

**Note:** concurrent processes of detachment, transport and deposition are modelled in such a way that at the end of simulation the amount of erosion or deposition may be evaluated for each element of the watershed.



## DETACHMENT – TRANSPORT – DEPOSITION - (REDETACHMENT)



DT = Flow Detachment rate  
TC = flow transport capacity  
DP = deposition rate in flow  
DET = rainsplash detachment rate

In EUROSEM the net erosion rate is obtained by a continuous balance between concurrent processes: **detachment, transport capacity, and deposition**

The net flow detachment rate  
 **$DF = f(TC, \text{flow}, \text{soil par..})$**

Net erosion rate  
 **$e = DET + DF$**





# RANDROP SPLASH AND DETACHMENT

**Total kinetic energy of rainfall**  
**KE=KE(DT)+KE(LD) (J m<sup>-2</sup> mm<sup>-1</sup>)**

$$KE(DT) = 8.95 + (8.44 \log r)$$

**KE(DT)** It is estimated as a function of direct throughfall rainfall intensity  $r$  (mm hr<sup>-1</sup>)

$$KE(LD) = (15.8 \cdot PH^{0.5}) - 5.87$$

**PH** = the effective height of the plant canopy (m).  
If  $PH < 0.14$  m  $KE(LD) = 0.0$

**Finally Soil detachment by raindrop impact (DET; g m<sup>-2</sup>) is calculated.**

$$DET = k (KE) e^{-bh}$$

**k** = an index of the detachability of the soil (g J<sup>-1</sup>),  
**KE** = the total kinetic energy of the rain (J m<sup>-2</sup>),  
**b** = an exponent,  
**h** = the depth of the surface water layer (mm).



# FLOW DETACHMENT AND DEPOSITION - 1

The theory assumes that the transport capacity of runoff (TC) reflects a balance between the two continuous counteracting processes of erosion and deposition. It implies that the ability of flowing water to erode its bed is independent of the amount of material it carries and is only a function of the energy expended by the flow, particularly the shear between the water and the bed, and the turbulent energy in the water.

$$DF = \beta w v_s (TC - C)$$

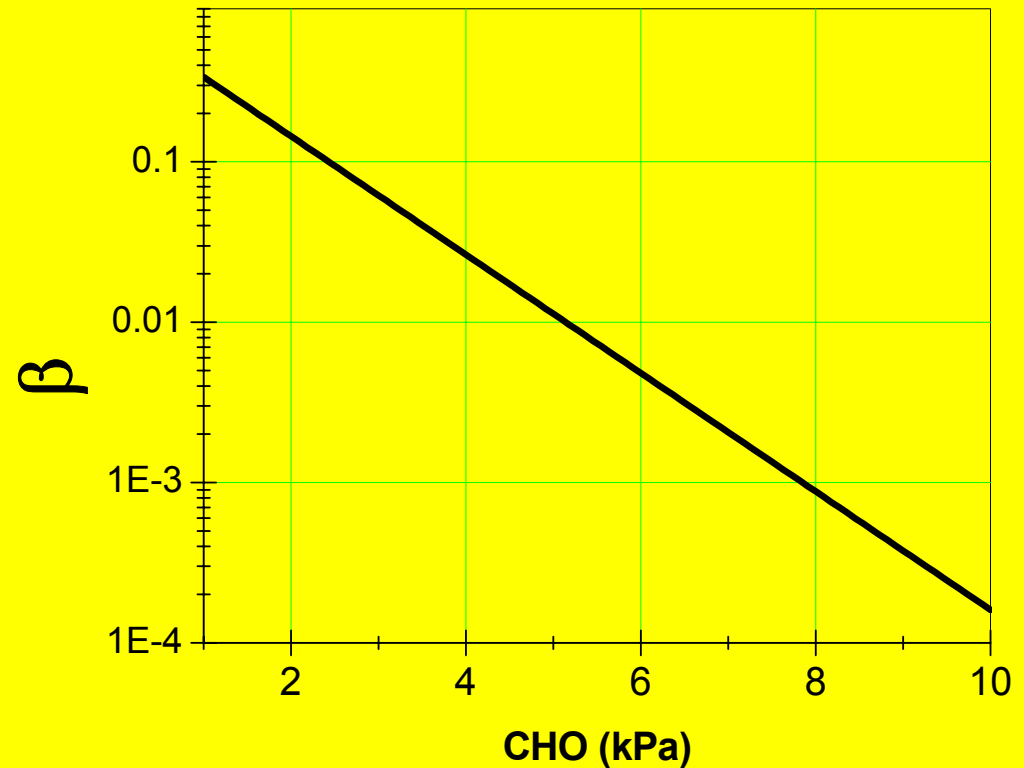
C = sediment concentration ( $\text{m}^3 \text{m}^{-3}$ )  
TC = flow transport capacity ( $\text{m}^3 \text{m}^{-3}$ )  
Vs = settling velocity ( $\text{m s}^{-1}$ )  
W= width of flow (m)  
 $\beta$  = flow detachment efficiency coefficient.



## FLOW DETACHMENT AND DEPOSITION : efficiency function $\beta$

$$\beta = 0.75e^{-0.85CHO}$$

CHO means cohesion.



This equation was not experimentally derived.

It was deduced from the fact that various studies had shown that rill erosion starts after that flow shear stress has overcome a threshold proportional to cohesion



## FLOW DETACHMENT AND DEPOSITION - 2

The Transport capacity is mostly based on UNIT STREAM POWER defined as:

$$\omega = u S$$

**S** = slope (cm cm-1)

**u** = mean flow velocity (cm/s),

### *Interrill Transport Capacity*

$$TC = \frac{b}{\rho_s q} \left( \left( \Omega - \Omega_c \right)^{0.7/n} - 1 \right)^n$$

$$\Omega = \omega^{1.5} / h^{2/3}$$

$\Omega, \Omega_{cr}$  = Bagnold unit stream power and critical unit stream power  
Bagnold (1966), Everaert (1991)

### *Rill Transport Capacity*

$$TC = c (\omega - \omega_{cr})^\eta$$

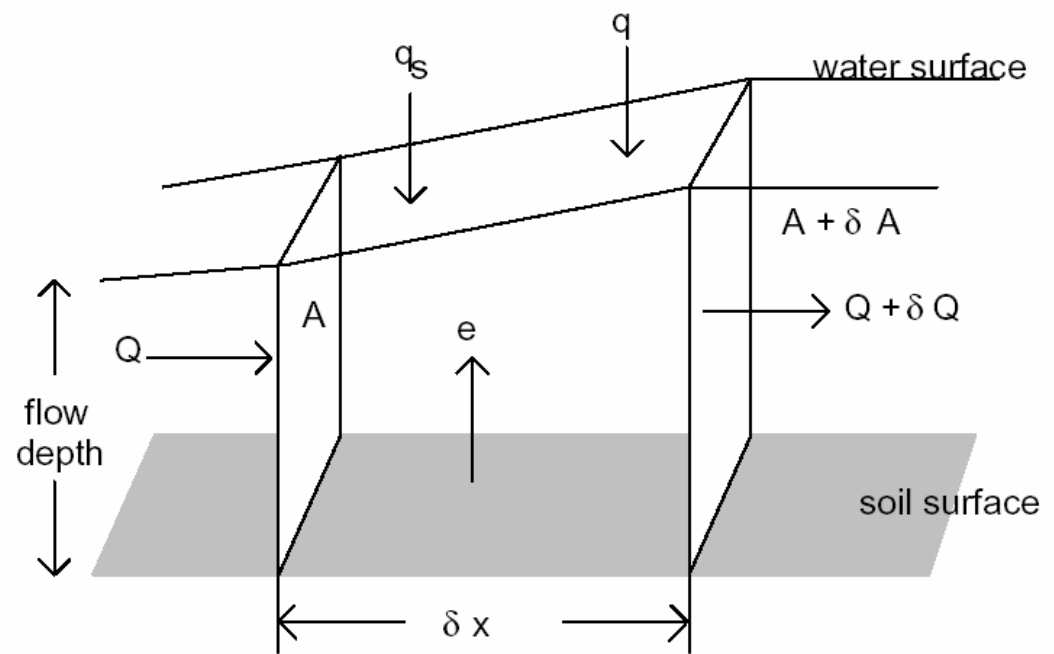
$\omega_{cr}$  = critical value of unit stream power (= 0.4 cm/s),

**c,  $\eta$**  = experimentally-derived coefficients depending on particle size.



# BASIC EQUATION FOR SEDIMENT ROUTING IN (x,t)

The mass balance, continuity, equation is solved for **C**, at **[j+1,i+1]**, position using the same solution scheme for runoff routing in plane and channels

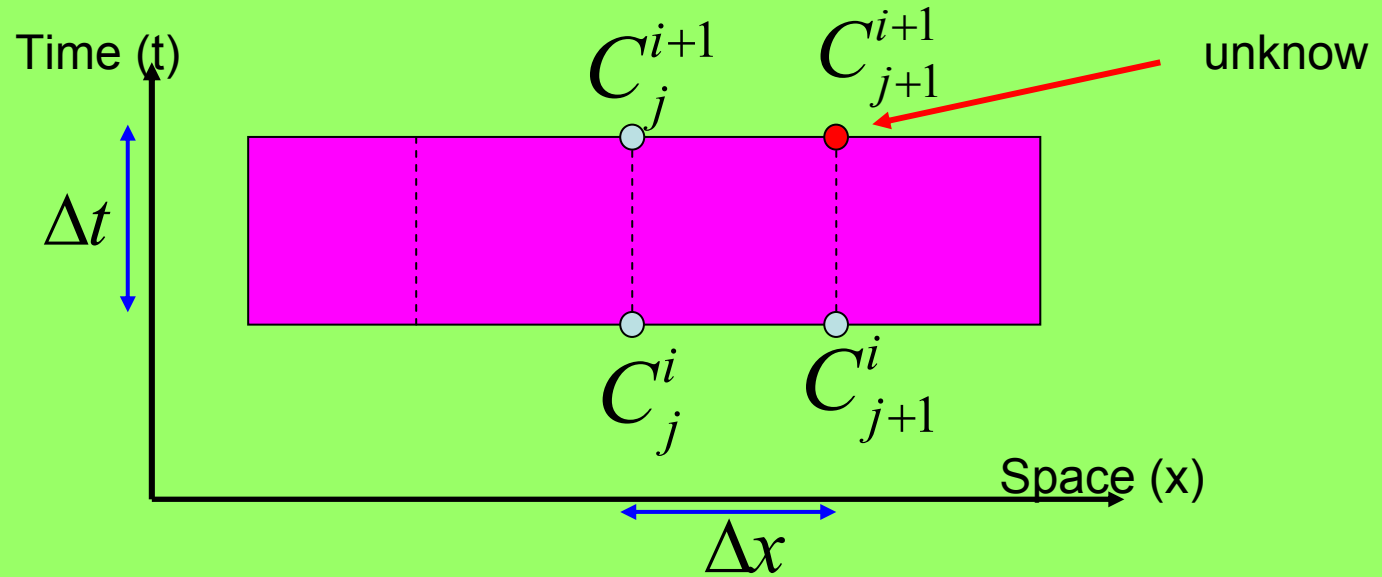


$$\frac{\partial (AC)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (QC)}{\partial x} - e(x,t) = q_s(x,t)$$

from Morgan et al. (1998)

**C** = sediment concentration ( $\text{m}^3 \text{m}^{-3}$ ); **A** = cross sectional area of the flow ( $\text{m}^2$ );  
**Q** = discharge ( $\text{m}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$ );  
 **$q_s$**  = external input or extraction of sediment per unit length of flow ( $\text{m}^3 \text{s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$ );  
 **$e$**  = net detachment rate or rate of erosion of the bed per unit length of flow;  
( $\text{m}^3 \text{s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$ ) ; **x** = horizontal distance; **t** = time.

# FINAL EROSION/DEPOSITION RATE OUTPUT



For each time step and each node along the slope plane, the net rate of erosion ( $e$ ) and the sediment discharge (product  $QC$ ) are calculated. Finally  $e$  is obtained as:

$$e_{j+1}^{i+1} = DET^{i+1} + \beta w v_s (TC_{j+1}^{i+1} - C_{j+1}^{i+1})$$

# KNOWLEDGE BASE IN EUROSEM (1998) AND ITS LIMITATION

At present part of the knowledge base implemented in EUROSEM 3.5 is outdated. This knowledge base photographs the state of the art at 1998. (a state of the art filtered from the scientists that worked at EUROSEM projects .... ).

Some developement during MWISED project were implemented into EUROSEM 4 (beta), which is not distributed due to bugs in the User Interface and no funds to keep correcting them.

Many new erosion algorithms and procedures has been developed since 1998.

New results of basic research in erosion and detachmet has to be reviewed for possible inclusion in new EUROSEM (e.g. detachment of choesive sediments, and probabilistic entrainment).

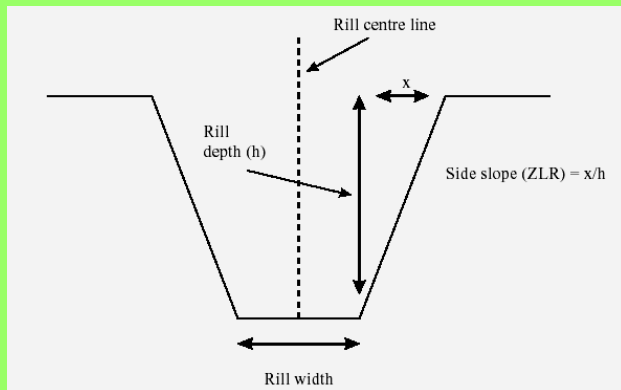
More efficent numerical solution scheme are possible.

.. **And much more.**

# How-to EUROSEM - Part 2.1

## INPUT PARAMETERS IN EUROSEM: MEANING AND GUIDE TO ASSESSMENT

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Texture (*)	Detachability (EROD; g/J)		
	low	mean	high
clay	1.7	2.0	2.4
clay loam	1.4	1.7	1.9
silt	0.8	1.2	1.6
silt loam	0.8	1.5	2.3
loam	1.0	2.0	2.7
sandy loam	1.7	2.6	3.1
loamy sand	1.9	3.0	4.0
fine sand	2.0	3.5	6.0
sand	1.0	1.9	3.0



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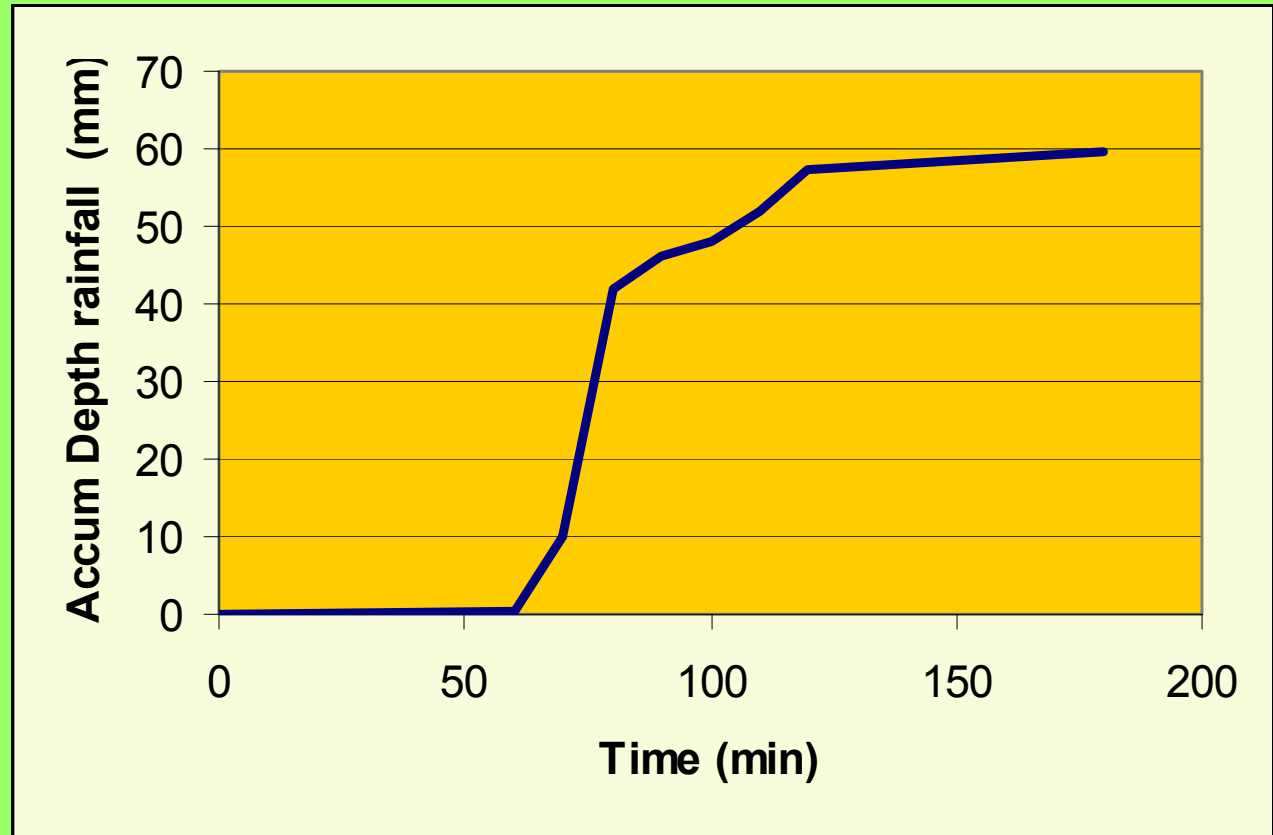
## TYPE OF INPUT PARAMETERS IN EUROSEM

- Measured in field ( RILL DENSITY, SOIL HYDRAULIC PARAMETERS, ROUGHNESS, RAINFALL..)
- Indirect estimation from other parameters (VEGETATION COVER)
- Estimation from reference tables, or algorithms (pedofunctions) (e.g. SOIL HYDRAULIC PARAMETRS)
- As output from other models (VEGETATION PARAMETER)
- Obtained after a preliminary estimation and calibration or tuning procedure (e.g. Manning's  $n$ )

## Rainfall input ...as used by EUROSEM

TIME (min)	ACCUM. DEPTH (mm)
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0.0	0.0
60.0	0.5
70.0	10.0
80.0	42.0
90.0	46.0
100.0	48.0
10.0	52.0
120.0	57.5
180.0	59.5
200.0	59.5



**Basic storm informations are defined for (each raingauge) as:  
Accumulated depth (mm) over time (min).**

**The time step may be variable but it has a strong influence on  
average rainfall intensity computation  $r(t)$**

# SOIL HYDRAULIC PARAMETERS - 1

**FMIN** - The saturated hydraulic conductivity of the soil. The value entered should be that for the soil itself (usually ignoring stones and vegetation) and need not be adjusted for plant cover or rock fragments. Adjustments are made within EUROSEM for taking into consideration soils with a vegetation or rock fragment cover (**permeameters, tension infiltrometers, pedofunctions**). **FMIN = K<sub>s</sub>** (mm/h)

**G** - Effective net capillary drive of the soil (mm) (**Tension infiltrometer, pedofunctions**)

$$G = \frac{1}{K_{sat}} \int k(\psi) d(\psi)$$

Effective net capillary drive can be derived from the following equation relating unsaturated hydraulic conductivity to the matric potential of the soil:

Where

G = effective net capillary drive (mm)

K<sub>sat</sub> = the saturated hydraulic conductivity (mm/h),

K = the unsaturated hydraulic conductivity at matric potential (ψ).

## SOIL HYDRAULIC PARAMETERS - 2

**POR** - The porosity of the soil.

$$\text{POR} = 1 - \rho_b / \rho_s$$

where:

$\rho_b$  = the bulk density of the soil ( $\text{Mg/m}^3$ ),

$\rho_s$  = the particle density of the soil (usually assumed =  $2.65 \text{ Mg/m}^3$ ).

**THI** - The initial volumetric moisture content of the soil, i.e. at the start of the storm (corrected by gravimetric method, or measured by TDR)

**THMAX** - The maximum moisture content of the soil (at field capacity matric potentials -1 m respectively.)

$$\theta_v = \theta_m \rho_b / \rho_w$$

where:

$\theta_v$  = the volumetric moisture content ( $\text{m}^3/\text{m}^3$ ),

$\theta_m$  = the gravimetric moisture content,

$\rho_b$  = the dry bulk density of the soil ( $\text{Mg/m}^3$ ), and

$\rho_w$  = the density of water (=  $1.0 \text{ Mg/m}^3$ ).

**ROC** - The fraction of the soil, expressed between 0 and 1 occupied by rock fragments. (fraction by mass  $\rightarrow$  fraction by volume correction Torri et al. 1994 and EUROSEM manual)

# SOIL HYDRAULIC PARAMETERS - 3

**FMIN=Ks an example of reference table**

Texture (*) (USDA classification)	Saturated hydraulic conductivity (mm/h)		
	low	mean	high
Sand	170	210	600
Loamy sand	18	61	800
Sandy loam	7	26	190
Loam	2	13	65
Silt loam	3	7	25
Sandy clay loam	1	4	50
Clay loam	0.4	2	38
Silty clay loam	0.6	1.5	12
Sandy clay	0.6	1.2	25
Silty clay	0.5	0.9	5
Clay	0.1	0.6	12

After EUROSEM MANUAL – Morgan et. Al. 1998

# SOIL HYDRAULIC PARAMETERS - 4

Others hydraulic  
parameters.  
Example of reference  
table

Direct measurements  
are always preferable  
to assesement  
by reference table, or  
other methods,  
because the calibration  
and tuning procedure  
can be concentrated  
only on the  
unmeasurable (or  
unmeasured)  
variables.

Texture (*)	Porosity (POR) (v/v)			Residual saturation (THR) (v/v) mean	Maximum saturation (THR) (v/v) mean	Net capillary drive (G) (mm)		
	low	mean	high			low	mean	high
Sand	0.37	0.44	0.50	0.020	0.42	22	101	207
Loamy sand	0.37	0.44	0.51	0.035	0.41	41	147	323
Sandy loam	0.35	0.45	0.56	0.040	0.41	98	248	526
Loam	0.38	0.46	0.55	0.030	0.43	185	375	937
Silt loam	0.42	0.50	0.58	0.015	0.47	220	485	1043
Sandy clay loam	0.33	0.40	0.46	0.070	0.33	220	617	1070
Clay loam	0.41	0.46	0.52	0.070	0.39	250	533	1174
Silty clay loam	0.42	0.47	0.52	0.380	0.43	370	720	1470
Sandy clay	0.37	0.43	0.49	0.110	0.32	373	768	1730
Silty clay	0.43	0.48	0.53	0.060	0.42	430	812	1700
Clay	0.43	0.48	0.53	0.090	0.39	460	890	1830

(\*) Texture classes according to USDA classification

Values are those recommended by Woolhiser et al (1990) for use as inputs to KINEROS.

Data for THR and THMAX are taken from the SR and SMAX values respectively in Woolhiser et al (1990) after dividing by soil porosity.

EUROSEM MANUAL – Morgan et. Al. 1998

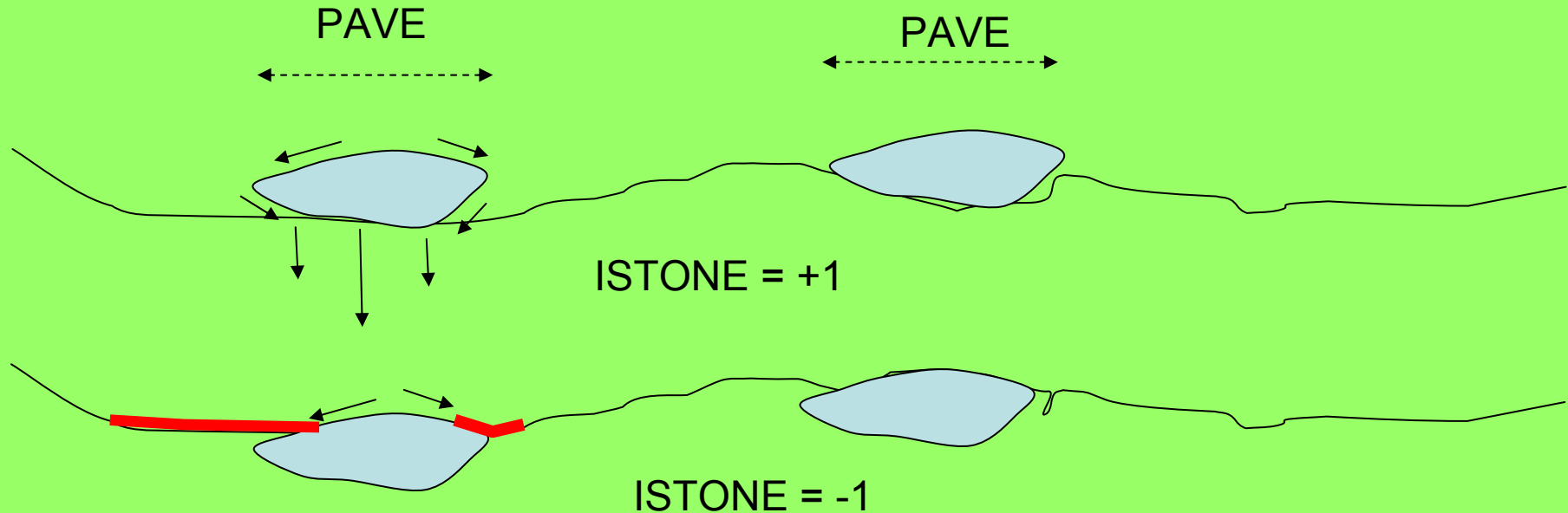
## ROCK FRAGMENTS

**EUROSEM simulates the following effects of rock fragments:**

- (1) a reduction in the relative volume of the soil not acting as a porous medium;**
- (2) a reduction in the area of fine earth exposed to raindrop impact;**
- (3) a change in the effective saturated hydraulic conductivity of the soil.**

**These effects are expressed through the parameters :  
ROC, PAVE and ISTONE respectively.**

**ROC** - The **fraction of the soil**, expressed between 0 and 1 **occupied by rock Fragments**. (fraction by mass → fraction by volume correction Torri et al. 1994 and EUROSEM manual)



## PAVE

The parameter, PAVE, describes the fraction of the soil surface covered by non-erodible material. It can be measured using vertical photograph on gridded square surfaces. Normal image processing software or grid counting method gives the fraction

## ISTONE

The parameter, ISTONE, determines whether the effect of PAVE is to decrease or increase the saturated hydraulic conductivity of the soil (The nature of the effect is dependent upon the size of the element and the position of the rock fragments on the surface of the soil (Poesen and Ingelmo-Sanchez, 1992; Poesen et al, 1994).



# SOIL SURFACE 3

Soil erodibility is described in EUROSEM using two parameters: one is a measure of the detachability of the soil by raindrop impact (EROD) and the other, used to express the detachability of the soil by flow, is soil cohesion (COH).

EROD  
table

**Table A9.1.** Guide values for soil detachability (EROD)

Texture (*)	Detachability (EROD; g/J)		
	low	mean	high
clay	1.7	2.0	2.4
clay loam	1.4	1.7	1.9
silt	0.8	1.2	1.6
silt loam	0.8	1.5	2.3
loam	1.0	2.0	2.7
sandy loam	1.7	2.6	3.1
loamy sand	1.9	3.0	4.0
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sand	1.0	1.9	3.0

(\*) Soil texture classes according to the USDA system.

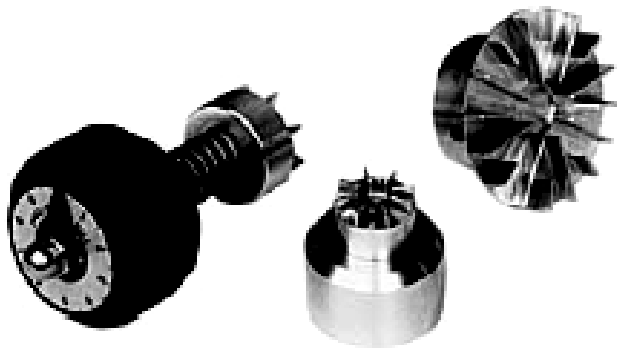
Minimum values should be used when the soil is in a loose and dry initial state. Maximum values should be used when the soil is loose and moist. Mean values are for sealed or compacted top soil.

After Poesen (1985), Poesen and Torri (1988), Govers (1991) and Everaert (1992).

## SOIL SURFACE 4

### COH

Soil cohesion (COH; kPa) should be measured with a **torvane** in the field after the surface has been saturated. At least six replications should be made on a single element; if the variability is greater than 15 per cent, the number of replicates should be increased to 10.



Texture (*)	uncompacted			compacted		
	low	mean	high	low	mean	high
clay	10	12	14	29	33	44
clay loam	9	10	14			
silty clay	9	15	11			
silty clay loam	10	9	26			
sandy clay loam	8	3	10			
silt loam	2	3	5	6	9	17
loam	2	3	4	7	7	8
fine sandy loam	2	3	3	5	6	8
sandy loam	2	2	4	4	7	10
loamy sand	2	2	3	6	8	9
sand	2	2	3	8	8	9

(\*) Soil texture classes according to the USDA system

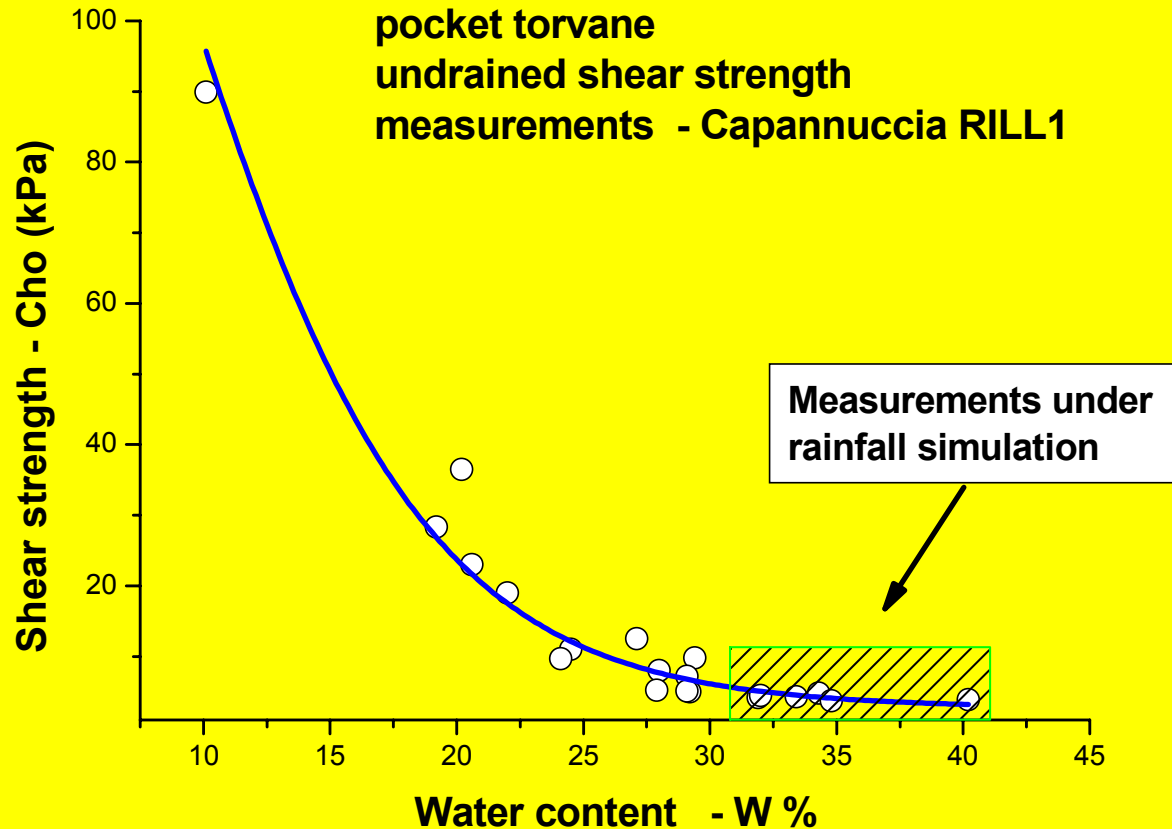
After Vickers (1993)

The Torvane is a hand-held vane shear device for rapid determination of shear strength in cohesive soils either in the laboratory or in the field

## SOIL SURFACE 5

Measurements with torvane are affected by:  
water content  
irregular soil surface,  
insufficient maintainance

Pocket Penetrometer  
as modified to measure  
crust strength and  
undrained Shear  
strenght (CHO):  
Borselli (1995),  
Borselli(1996)

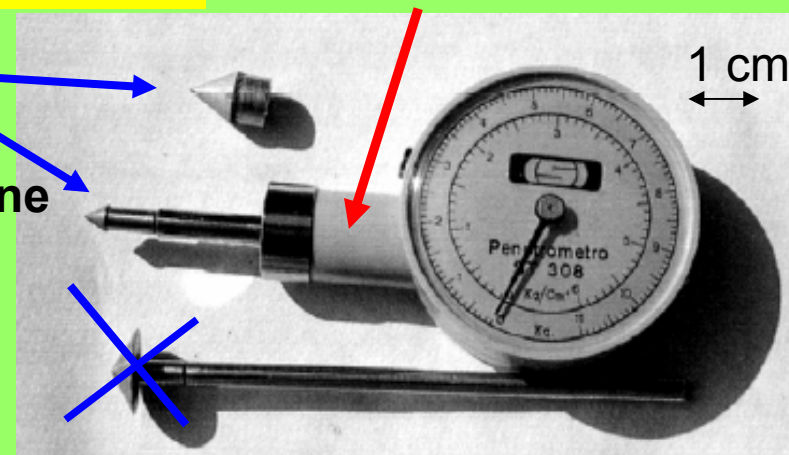


Modified spring



Modified tips

Comparison between torvane  
and Non Modified pocket  
are available from Zimbone  
et al (1996)



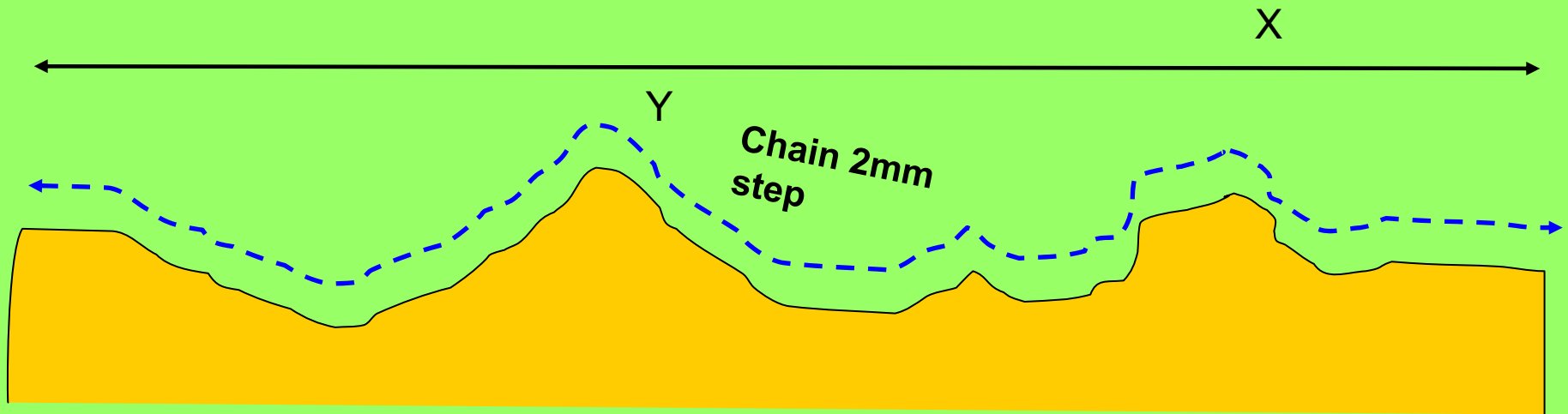
**Table A9.3.** Guide values for increases in soil cohesion (COH) brought about by root reinforcement

Vegetation type	Increase in soil cohesion (COH; kPa)
barley	0.2-0.6
grass	1-8
marram grass	1.5-15
chaparral, matorral	0.3-3
alfalfa	10
Alder	2-12
Sitka spruce	4-12
Hemlock	1-8
Willow	6
Poplar	2
Maple	4-6
Pines	4-10
Coniferous forest	1-17.5
Candlenut	15-35
Acacia	1-5

After Gray and Leiser (1982), Greenway (1987) and Wu (1995)

## SURFACE ROUGHNESS-1

$$RFR = 100 \frac{Y - X}{Y}$$



### RFR

The parameter, RFR, expresses the roughness of the soil surface as measured in the downslope direction (i.e. the direction of surface water flow).

It is used in EUROSEM to estimate the surface depression storage.

The parameter is related to the ratio of the straight-line distance between two points on the ground (X) to the actual distance measured over all the microtopographic irregularities (Y). Tape metre and steel chain (each chain ring being about 2-3 mm along its longest axis) is used for the measurements.

## SURFACE ROUGHNESS-2

### RECS (cm)

The term, RECS, defines the average value of the maximum local difference in microrelief. It is used to drive the infiltration process within the KINEROS model when, after the cessation of rainfall, infiltration is controlled by the depth of water lying on the surface.

The value of RECS can be obtained by measuring the absolute difference in height between the highest and lowest point in each of the transects used to determine RFR, and taking the average of, at least, 10 measurements.

maximum local difference in microrelief.  
Inside the profile (RECS)



### REFERENCE VALUES FOR RFR

Tillage implement	Roughness ratio (RFR; cm/m)
Mouldboard plough	30-33
Chisel plough	24-27
Cultivator	15-23
Tandem disc	25-28
Offset disc	32-35
Paraplow	32-35
Spike-tooth harrow	17-23
Spring-tooth harrow	25
Rotary hoe	21-22
Rototiller	23
Drill	20-21
Row planter	13-22

Data assembled by K.Auerswald from studies by Alberts et al (1989), Williams et al (1990) and Yoder et al (1991).

# SURFACE ROUGHNESS-4

**Mannig's '*n*'  
for fields and  
cultivated  
areas**

Manning's *n* is used in EUROSEM to describe the roughness imparted to flow.

Manning's *n* value has key importance for runoff routing in plane and channels

Since Manning's *n* cannot be measured directly, its value needs to be estimated.

Rock fragment fraction correction:

$$n_{roc} = n \cdot e^{0.018 ROC}$$

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Land use or cover		low	mean	high
Bare soil: roughness depth	< 25 mm	0.010	0.020	0.030
	25-50 mm	0.014	0.025	0.033
	50-100 mm	0.023	0.030	0.038
	> 100 mm	0.045	0.047	0.049
Bermuda grass: sparse to good cover				
very short grass	> 50 mm	0.015	0.023	0.040
short grass	50-100 mm	0.030	0.046	0.060
medium grass	150-200 mm	0.030	0.074	0.085
long grass	250-600 mm	0.040	0.100	0.150
very long grass	> 600 mm	0.060	0.150	0.200
Bermuda grass: dense cover		0.300	0.410	0.480
Other dense sod forming grasses		0.390	0.450	0.630
Dense bunch grasses			0.150	
Annual grasses (e.g. Sudan grass)			0.200	
Kudzu		0.070	0.150	0.230
Lespedeza (legumes)			0.100	
Natural rangeland		0.100	0.130	0.320
Clipped range		0.020	0.150	0.240
Wheat straw mulch	2.5 t/ha	0.050	0.055	0.080
	5.0 t/ha	0.075	0.100	0.150
	7.5 t/ha	0.100	0.150	0.200
	10.0 t/ha	0.130	0.180	0.250
Chopped maize stalks	2.5 t/ha	0.012	0.020	0.050
	5.0 t/ha	0.020	0.040	0.075
	10.0 t/ha	0.023	0.070	0.130
Cotton		0.070	0.080	0.090
Wheat		0.100	0.125	0.300
Sorghum		0.040	0.090	0.110
Mouldboard plough		0.020	0.060	0.100
Chisel plough; residue rate	< 0.6 t/ha	0.010	0.070	0.170
	0.6-2.5 t/ha	0.070	0.180	0.340
	2.5-7.5 t/ha	0.190	0.300	0.470
	> 7.5 t/ha	0.340	0.400	0.460
Disc/harrow residue rate	< 0.6 t/ha	0.010	0.080	0.410
	0.6-2.5 t/ha	0.100	0.160	0.250
	2.5-7.5 t/ha	0.140	0.250	0.530
	> 7.5 t/ha		0.300	
No tillage: residue rate	< 0.6 t/ha	0.030	0.040	0.070
	0.6-2.5 t/ha	0.010	0.070	0.130
	2.5-7.5 t/ha	0.160	0.300	0.470
Coulter		0.050	0.100	0.130

After Petryk and Bosmajian (1975), Temple (1982) and Engman (1986)



# SURFACE ROUGHNESS- 5

## Assessment of Mannig 'n' for rill and small channels

### Cowan's summation method

$$n = (n_0 + n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + n_4)m_5 .$$

#### *Material, $n_0$*

earth	0.020
rock	0.025
fine gravel	0.024
coarse gravel	0.028

#### *Degree of surface irregularity, $n_1$*

smooth	0.000
minor (e.g. only minor slumping)	0.005
moderate (e.g. moderate slumping)	0.010
severe (e.g. badly slumped, or irregular rock surfaces)	0.020

#### *Variation of channel cross section, $n_2$*

gradual	0.000
alternating occasionally	0.005
alternating frequently	0.010–0.015

#### *Relative effect of obstructions (e.g. debris, roots, boulders), $n_3$*

negligible	0.000
minor	0.010–0.015
appreciable	0.020–0.030
severe	0.040–0.060

#### *Vegetation, $n_4$*

none	0.000
low	0.005–0.010
medium	0.010–0.025
high	0.025–0.050
very high	0.050–0.100

#### *Degree of meandering, $m_5$ (multiplier)*

minor (sinuosity < 1.2)	1.00
appreciable (sinuosity 1.2–1.5)	1.15
severe (sinuosity > 1.5)	1.30

After Cowan (1956)

## **COVER**

The percentage canopy cover (COVER: proportion between 0 and 1) of the ground surface obscured by vegetation when viewed vertically from above

## **PLANTH**

The average height of the canopy (PLANTH; cm)

## **SHAPE**

plant shape factor (SHAPE) between thin bladed vegetation such as grasses, cereals and needle-leaved trees (SHAPE = 1) and broad-leaved vegetation (SHAPE = 2).

## **PBASE**

Percentage basal area of the vegetation (PBASE). PBASE is the total area of the plant stems expressed as a proportion (between 0 and 1) of the square metre.

## **DINTR**

The maximum interception storage (DINTR; mm) of a vegetation cover.

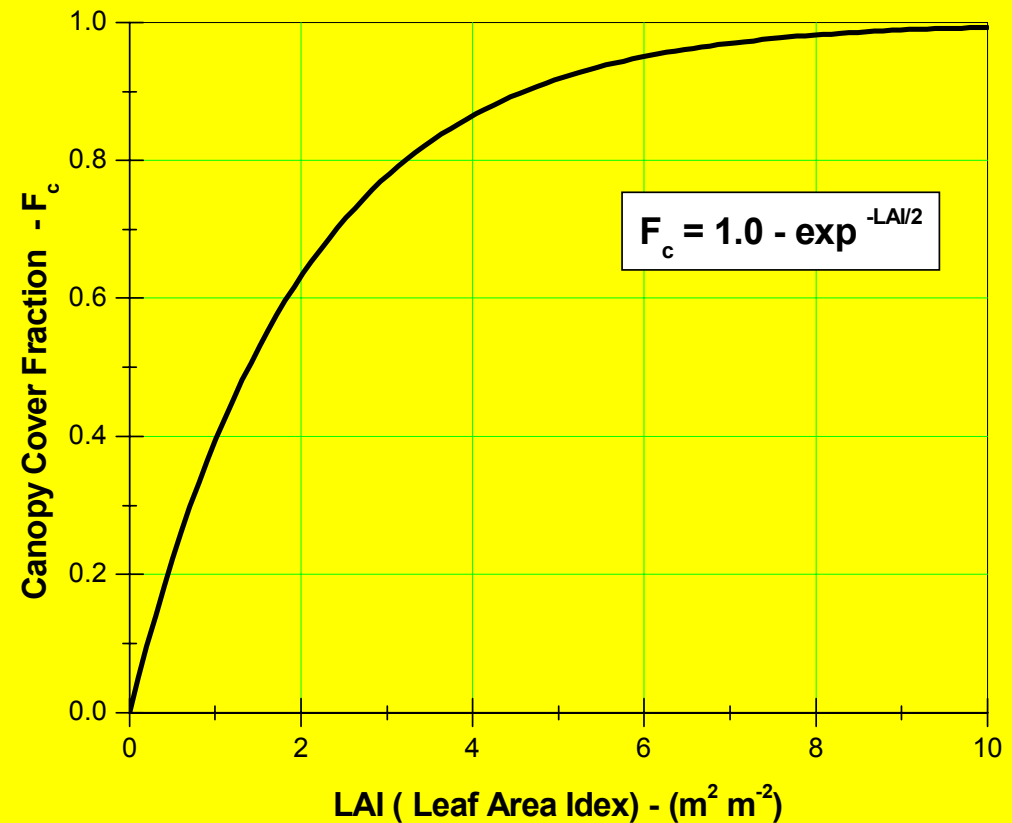
## **PLANGLE**

The average angle of the stems (PLANGLE; degrees) of the vegetation cover.

## COVER

The percentage canopy cover (COVER: proportion between 0 and 1) of the ground surface obscured by vegetation when viewed vertically from above.

Ground cover can also be calculated from LAI (leaf area index) which is given by crop-grow models



*after Choudhury(1989)*

## VEGETATION - 2

### DINTR

The maximum interception storage (DINTR; mm) of a vegetation cover depends upon its canopy cover and the size, shape and roughness of its leaves.

EUROSEM MANUAL  
Morgan et al. 1998

**Table A7.1.** Guide values of maximum interception storage for mature plants

Vegetation/Crop type	DINTR (mm)
Fescue grass	1.2
Molinia	0.2
Rye grass	2.5
Meadow grass, clover	2.3
Blue stem grass	2.3
Heather	1.5
Bracken	1.3
Tropical rain forest	2.5
Temperate deciduous woodland: winter	1
Temperate deciduous woodland: summer	2.5
Needleleaf forest: pines	1
Needleleaf forest: spruce, firs	1.5
Evergreen hardwood forest	0.8
Apple	0.5
Soya beans	0.7
Potatoes	0.9
Cabbage	0.5
Brussels sprouts	1
Sugar beet	0.6
Millet	0.3
Spring wheat	1.8
Winter wheat	3
Barley, rye, oats	1.2
Maize	0.8
Tobacco	1.8
Alfalfa	2.8

Plant type	Height (m)	Stem angle (°)	Shape factor
Maize	2-3	50-80	2
Millet, sorghum	1-2	50-80	2
Oilseed rape	1-1.4	25-60	2
Linseed	0.8-1.6	60-90	2
Pineapple	0.5-1	70-90	2
Potato	0.6-1	30-50	2
Cassava	2.5-3	70-90	2
Rice	0.5-1	70-80	1
Sugar beet	0.8-1	70-80	2
Sugar cane	3-6	70-90	2
Tobacco	1.5-2	10-60	2
Wheat, barley, oats	0.5-1.5	80-90	1
Rye	1-2	80-90	1
Rubber	18-30	20-80	2
Oil palm	9-10	0-90	2
Coffee	4-4.5	40-80	2
Tea	1-1.5	60-80	2
Cocoa	4.5-7	60-80	2
Coconut	18-30	0-90	2

## VEGETATION - 3

parameters

**PLANT  
PANGLE  
SHAPE**

Extracted from EUROSEM MANUAL – Morgan et. Al. 1998

After Cobley (1956), Bogdan (1977), Tindall (1983), Doorenbos and Kassam (1986), De Rougemont (1989) and Langer and Hill (1991). These references should also be consulted for crops not listed.

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## VEGETATION 3

### PBASE

PBASE is the total area of the plant stems expressed as a proportion (between 0 and 1) of the square metre.

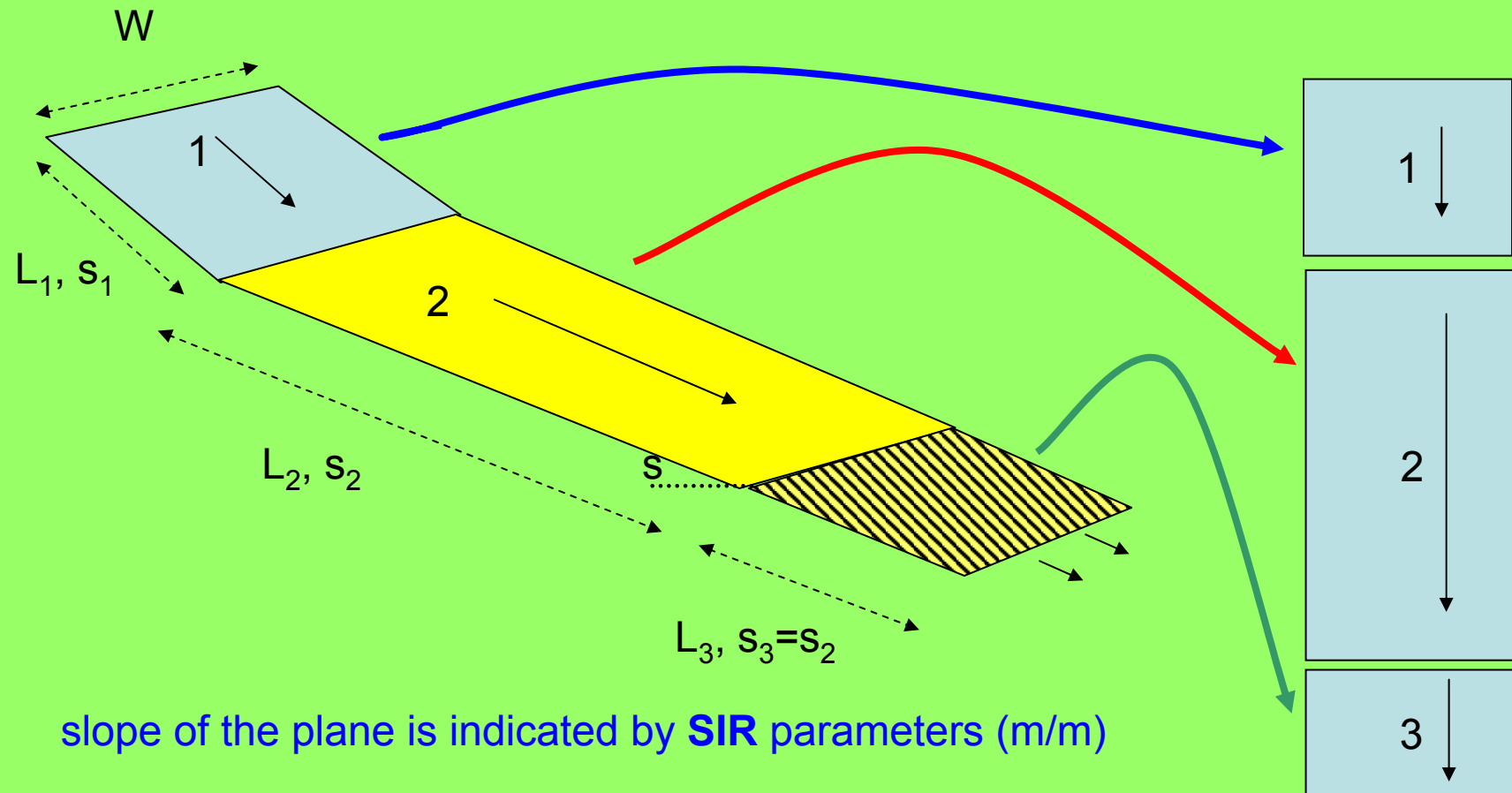
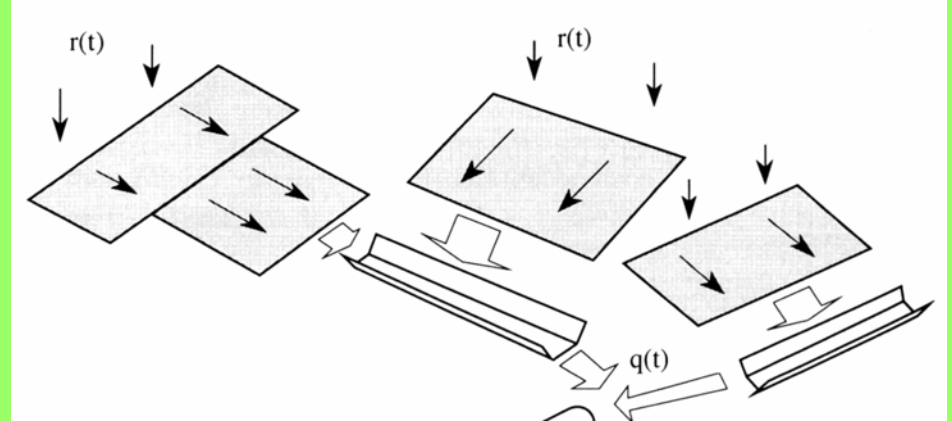
Land use or cover	Cover condition	Proportional basal area (PBASE)
Fallow: after row crops		0.1
Fallow: after sod		0.3
Row crops	poor	0.1
	good	0.2
Small grain	poor	0.2
	good	0.3
Hay - legume	poor	0.2
	good	0.4
Hay - sod	poor	0.4
	good	0.6
	excellent	0.8
Pasture or range (bunch grass)	poor	0.2
	fair	0.3
	good	0.4
Temporary pasture - sod	poor	0.4
	fair	0.5
	good	0.6
Permanent pasture or meadow	poor	0.8
	good	1.0
Woods and forest		1.0

After Holtan (1961)

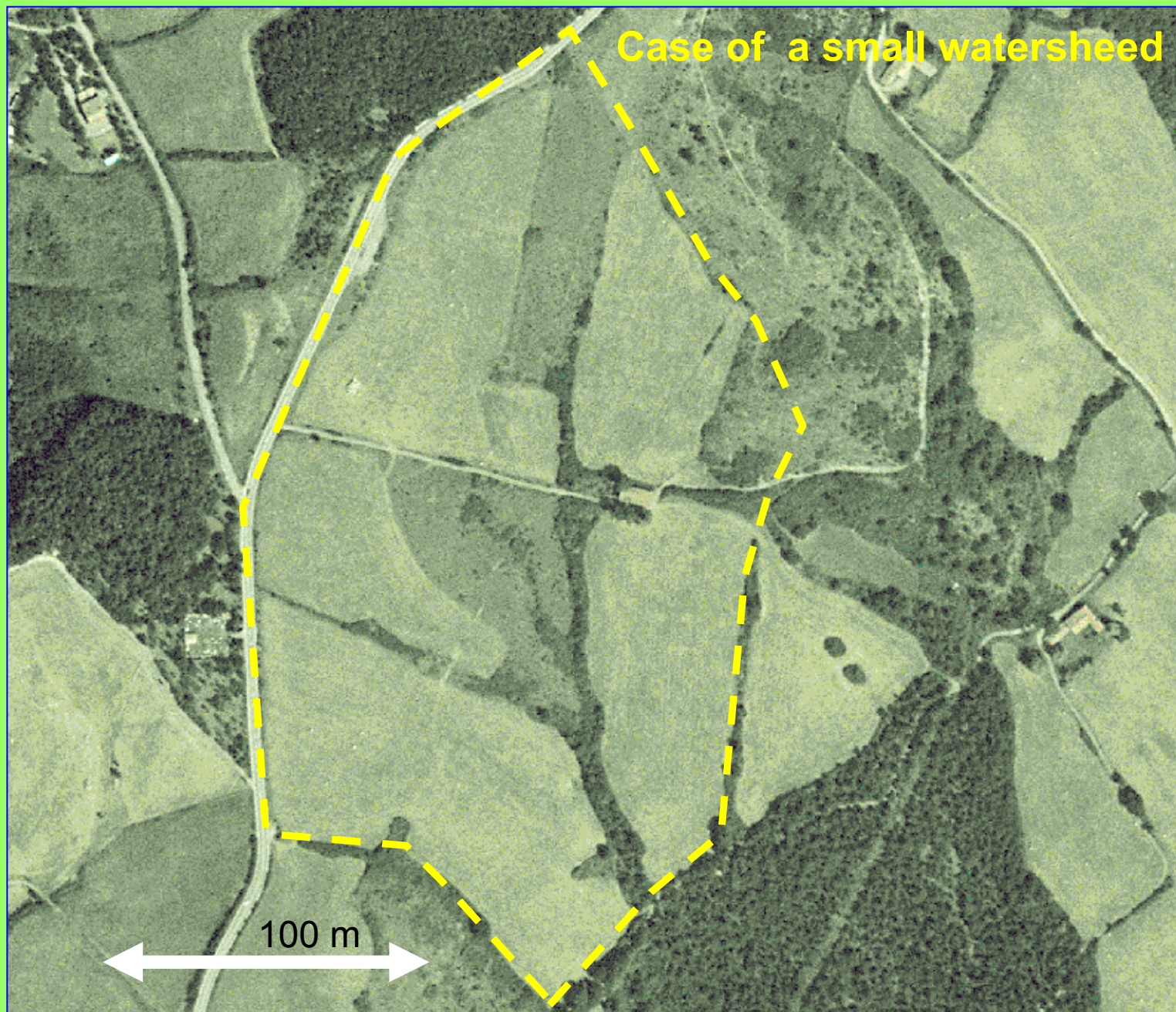
# VIRTUAL WHATERSHED AND FIELD REPRESENTATION

Regular Field Plot

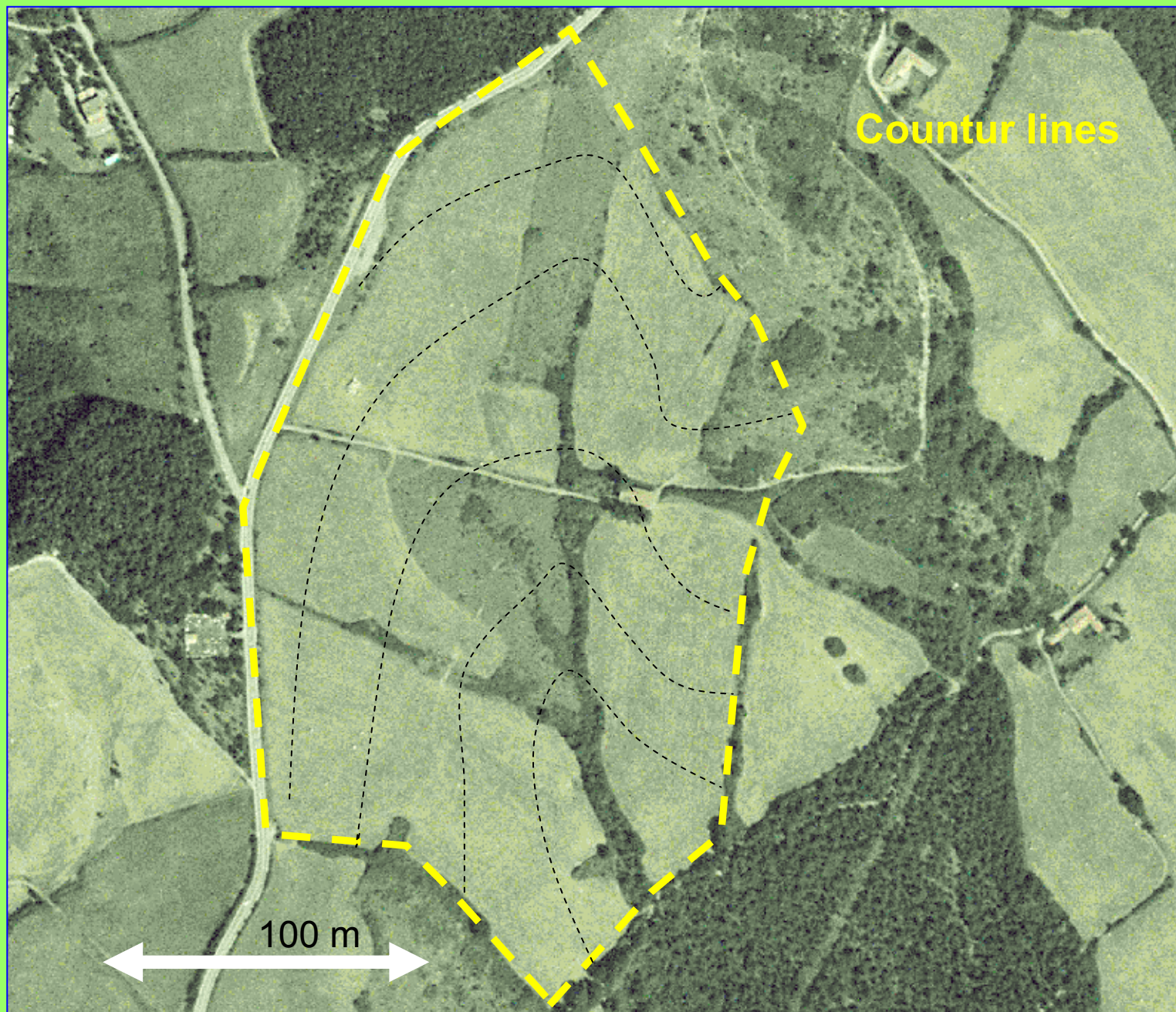
Modelled with cascading planes



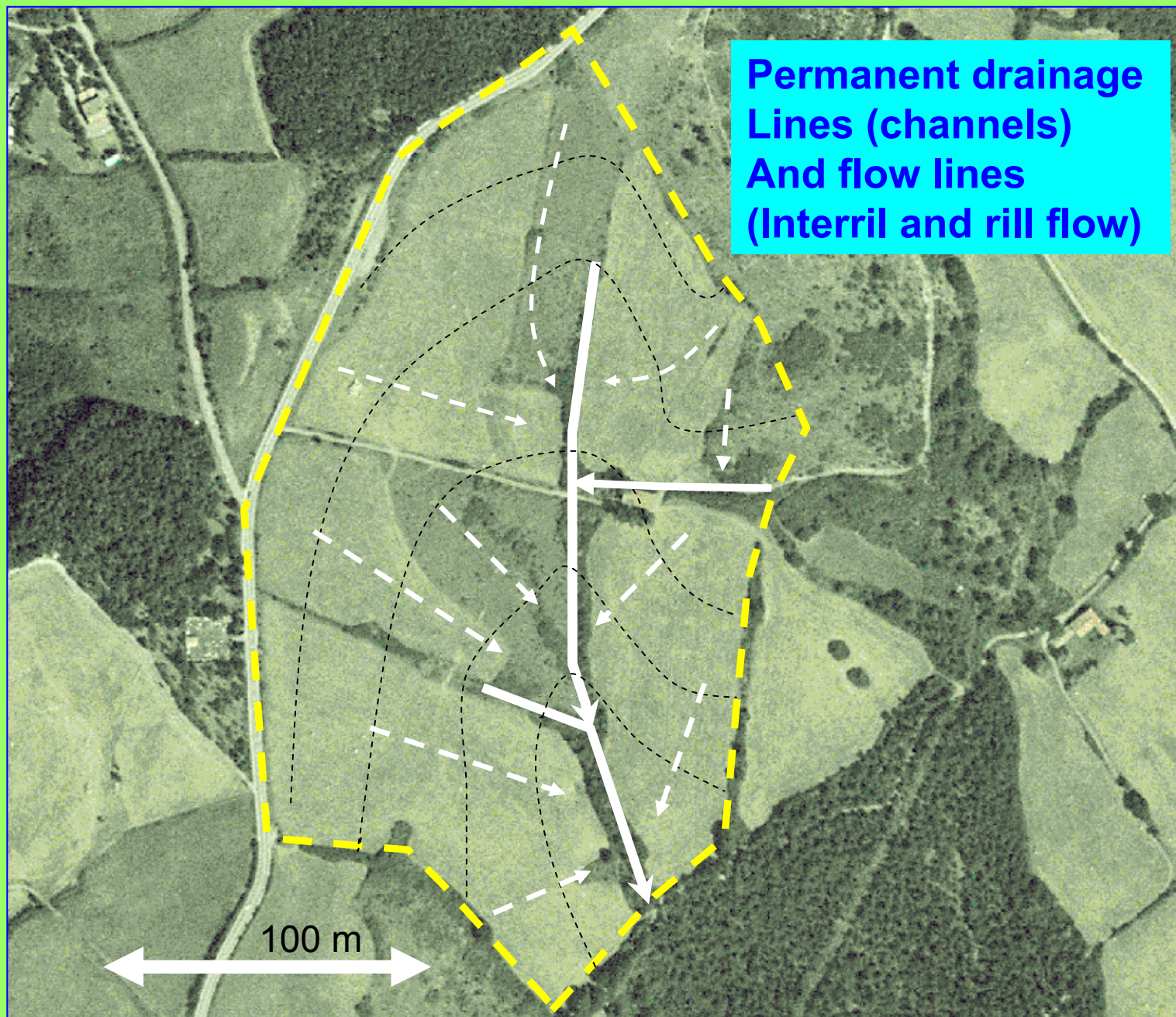






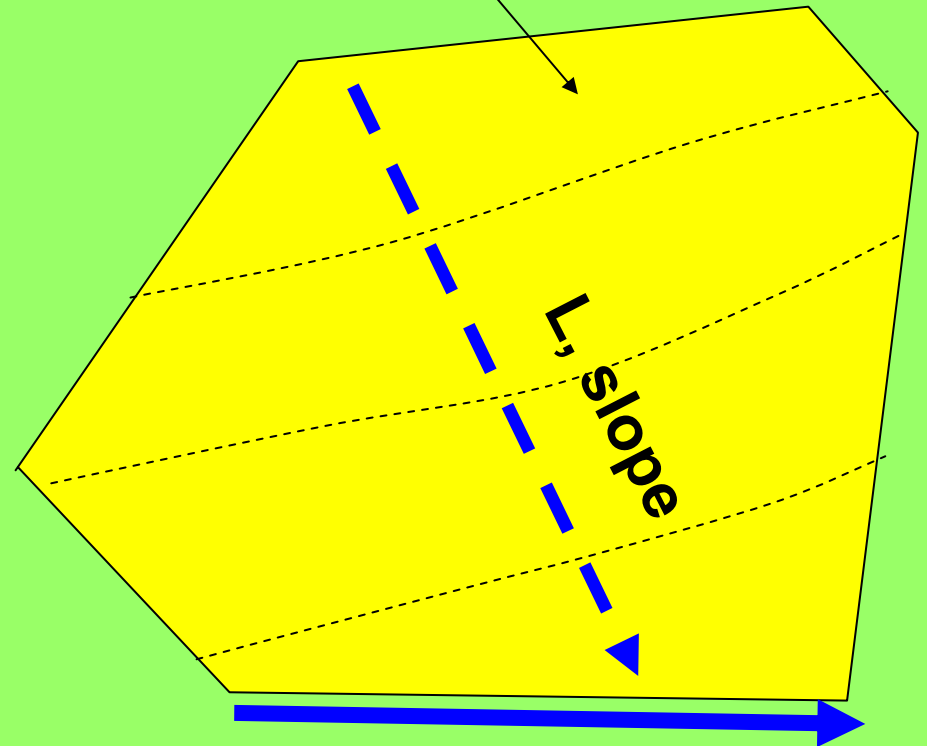
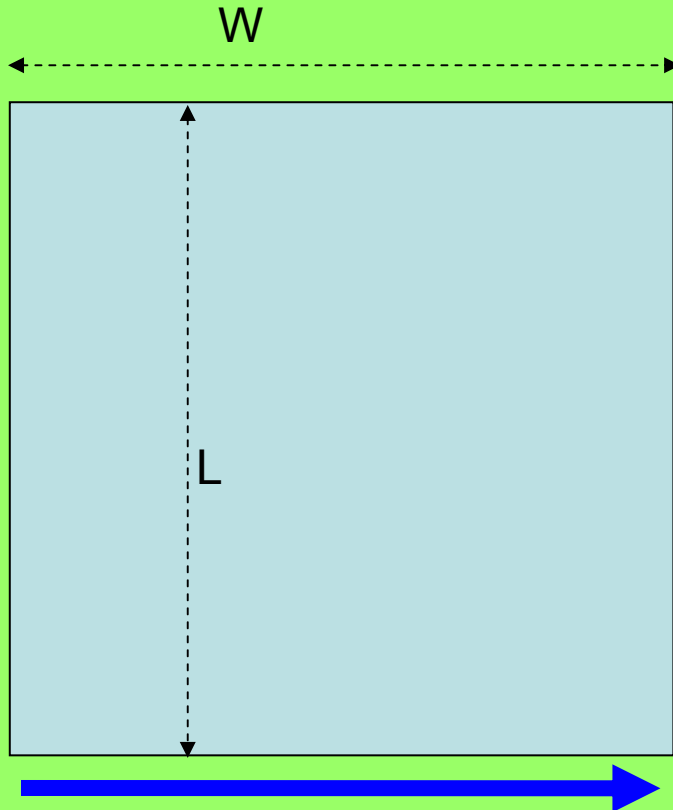






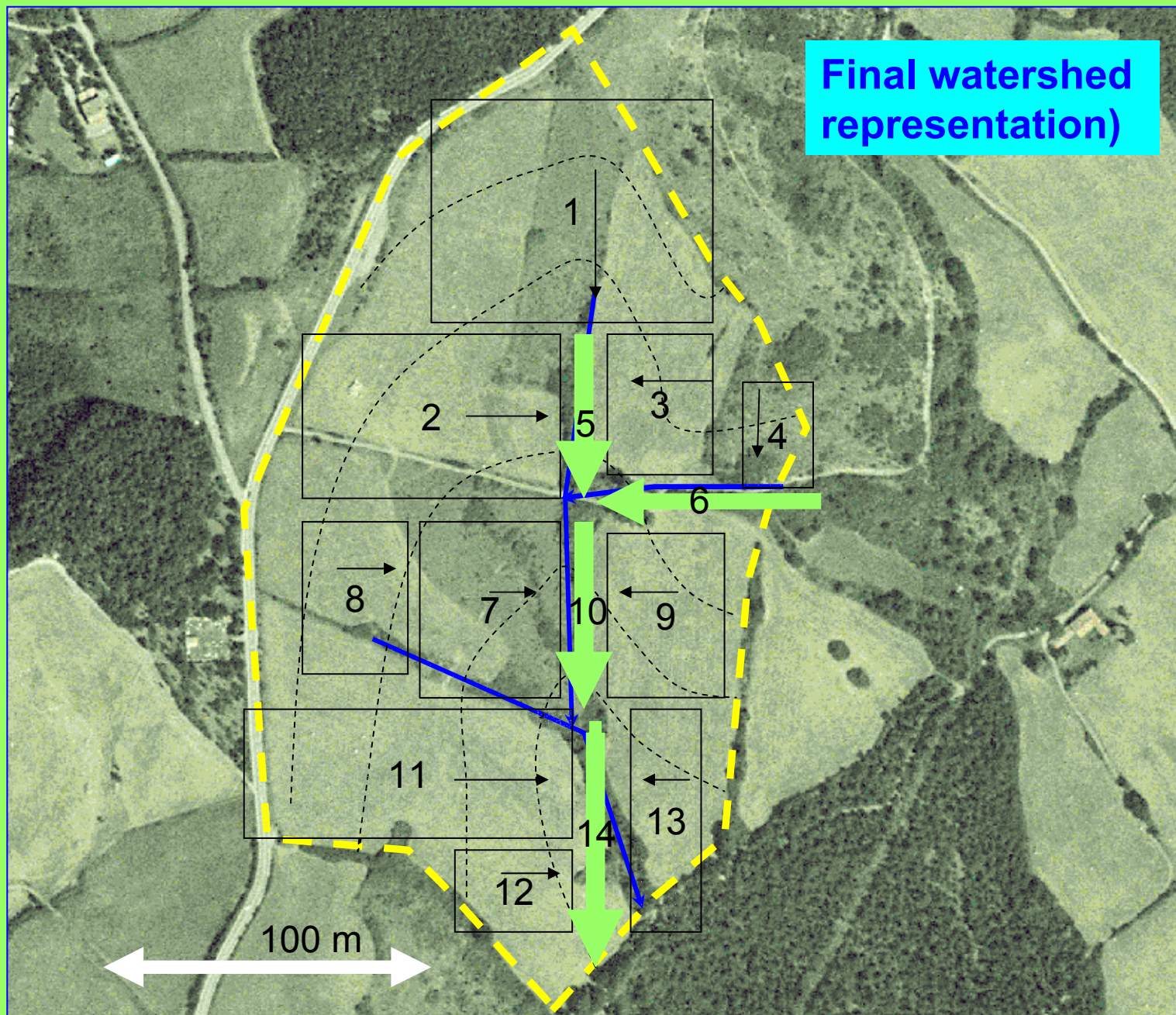
Irregular field plot

A (m<sup>2</sup>)

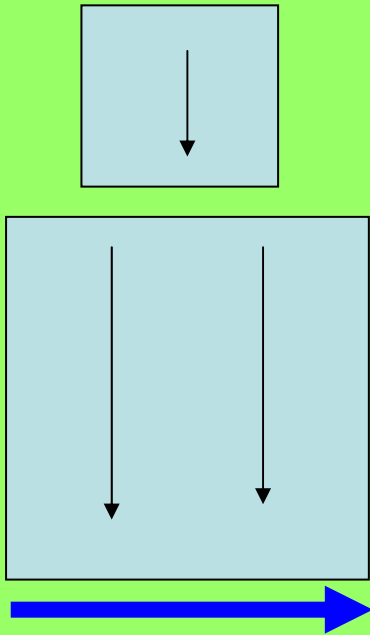


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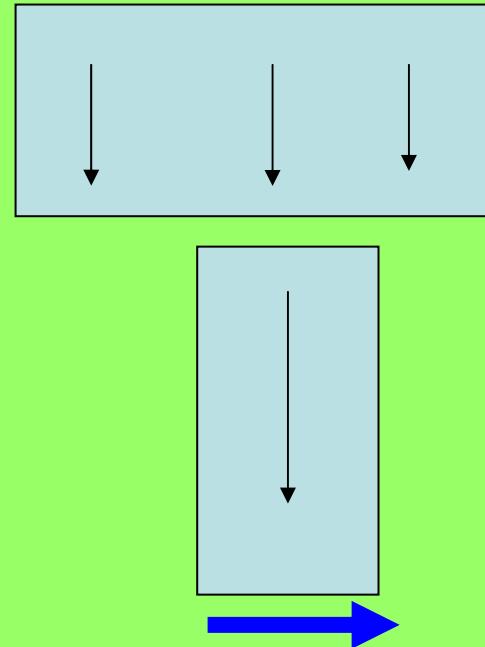




## FLOW DIVERGENCE AND CONVERGENCE

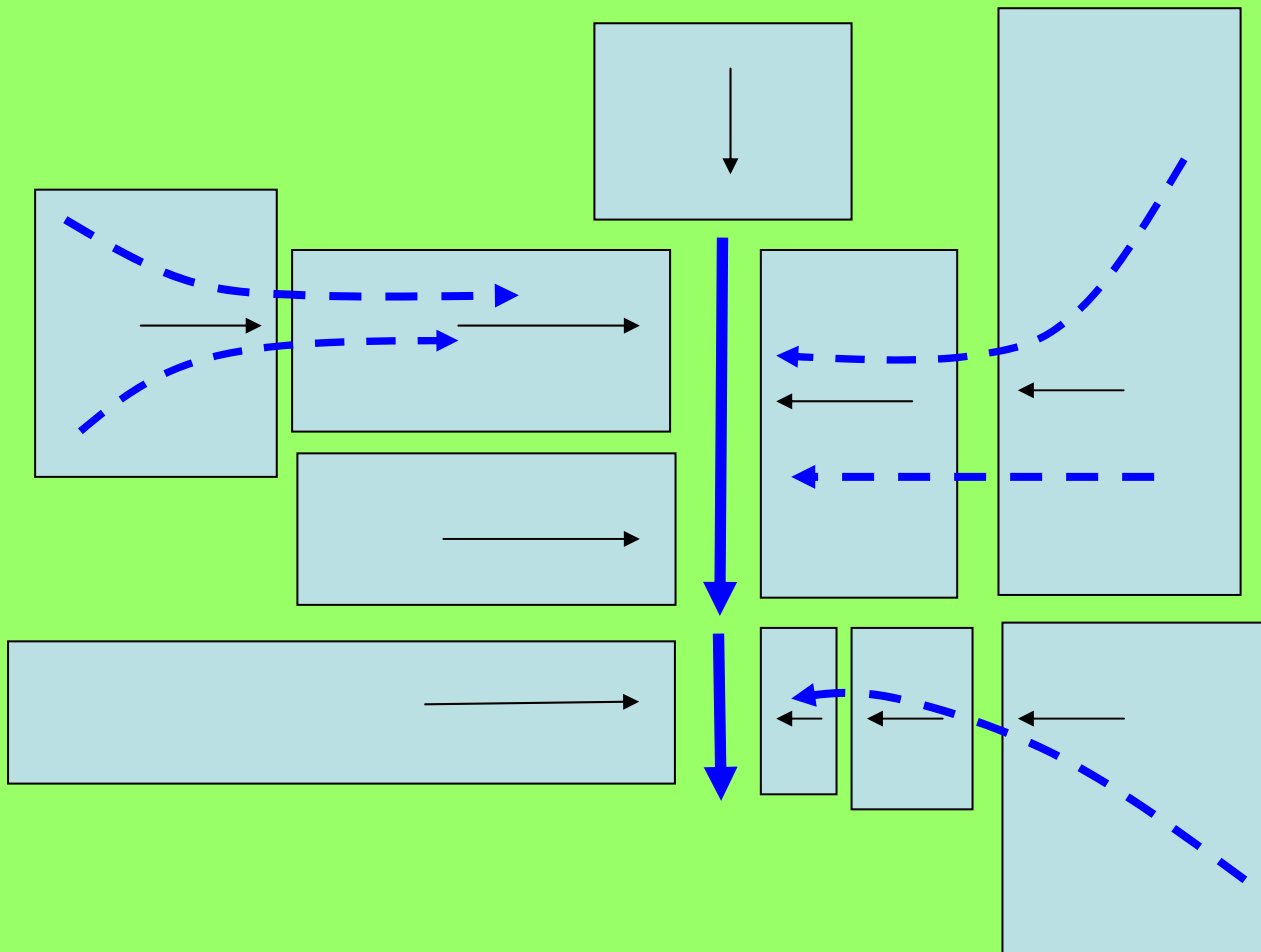


**Cascade of planes with  
Flow divergence**



**Cascade of planes with  
Flow convergence**

## Plane and channel arrangement



## WATERSHED AND PLOTS REPRESENTATION TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS

For field plots:

- Graphical sketch in scale with relevant informations as:
- flow direction,
- slopes in flow direction,
- connections and changes of land use
- Presence and geometry of rill or furrows
- All the information associated at each homogeneous portion of it.

For small watershed

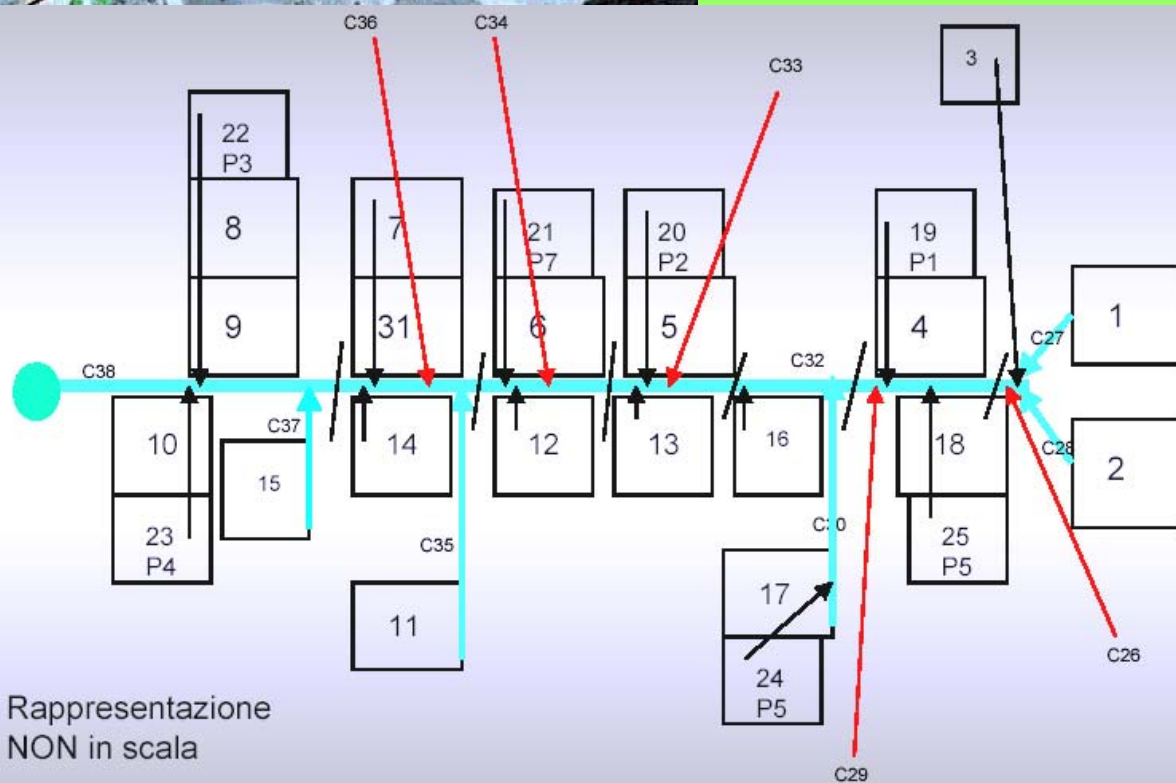
- A good DEM with contour levels,
- mainstream channel,
- Slopes ,
- land uses
- flow direction,
- and connectivity hillslope channels
- In case of irregular plots take the maximum flow length **L** and compute width **W** dividing **A** by **L**

And ... GOOD luck



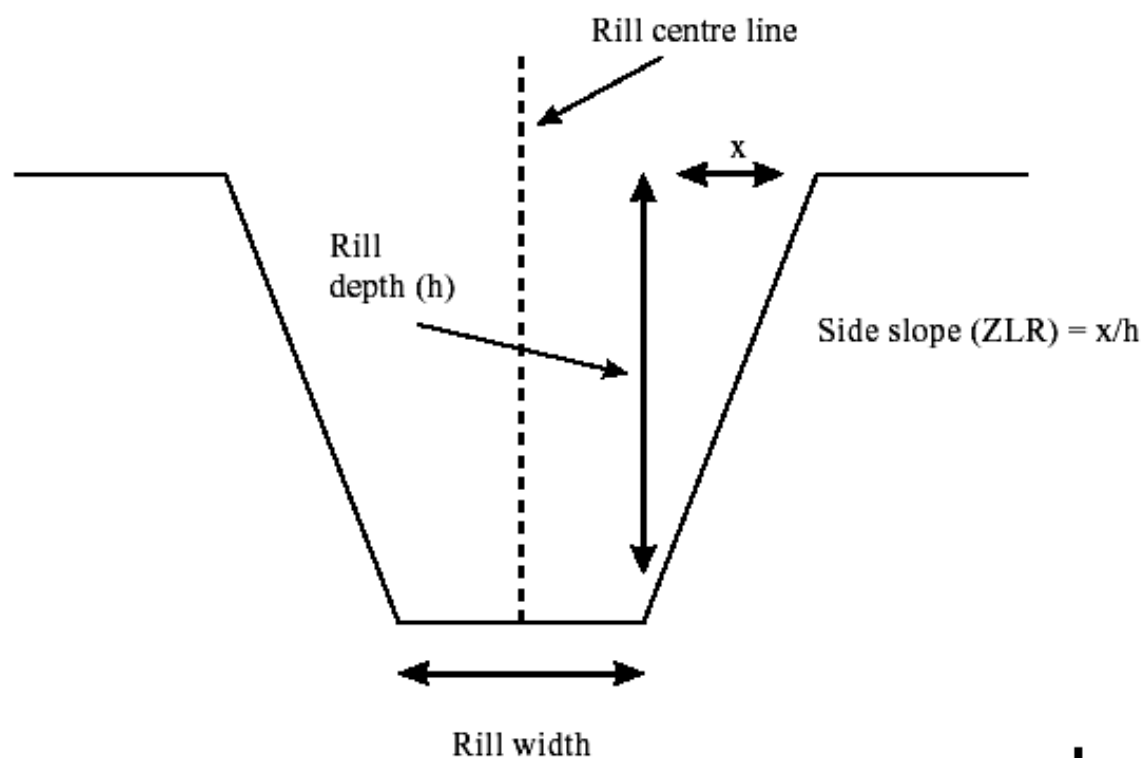


A complex example  
After Acutis (2001)





## Rills and channels - 1



EUROSEM rill geometry

## ILL GEOMETRY

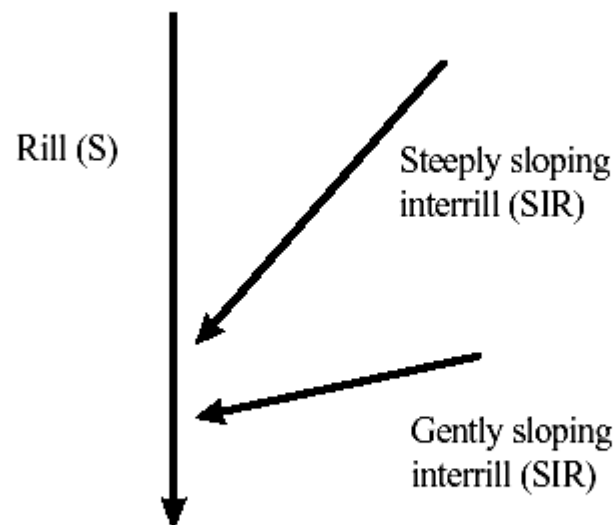
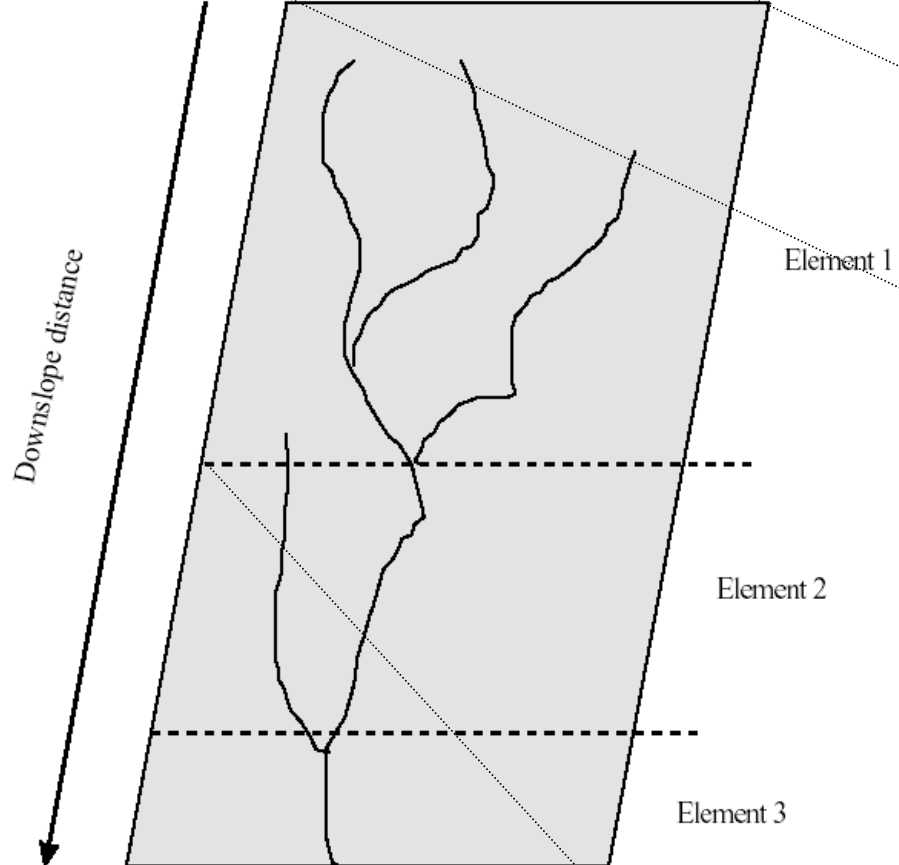
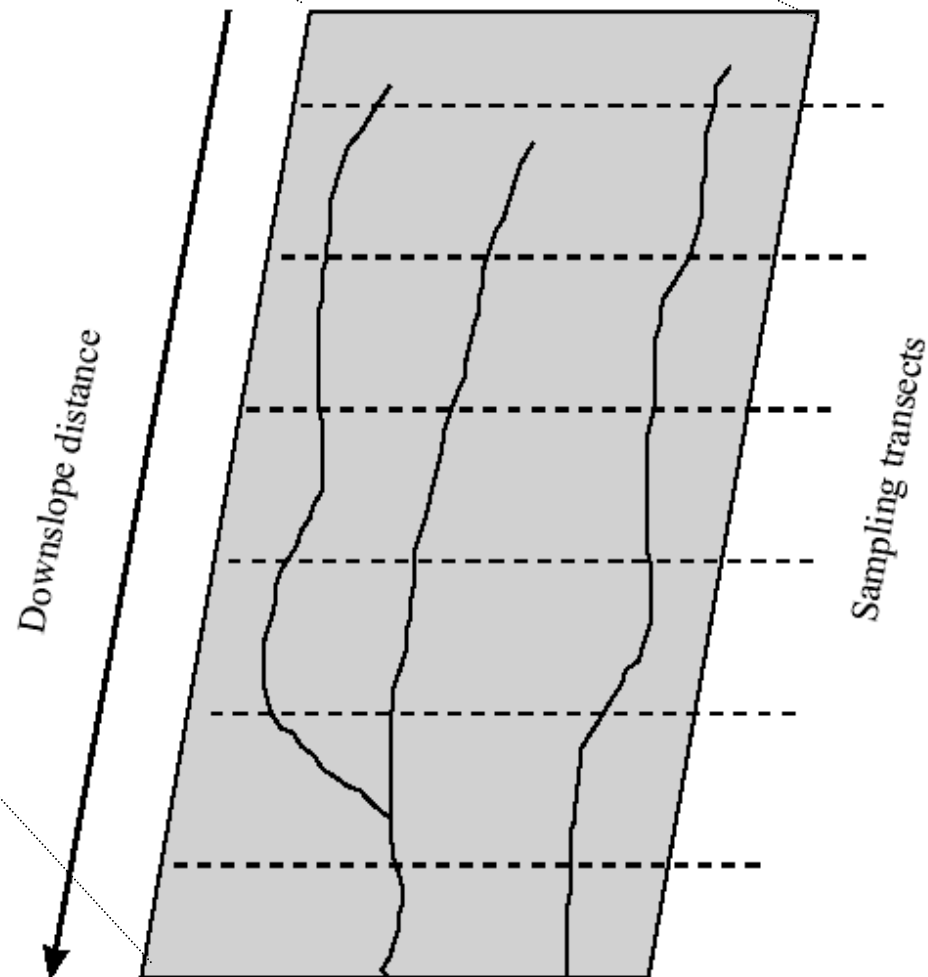


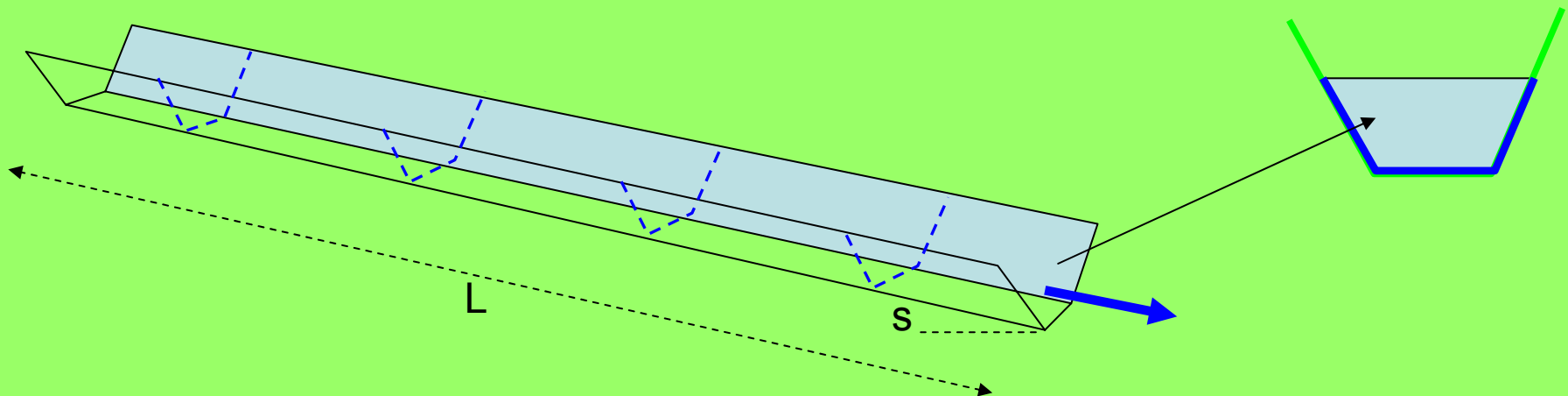
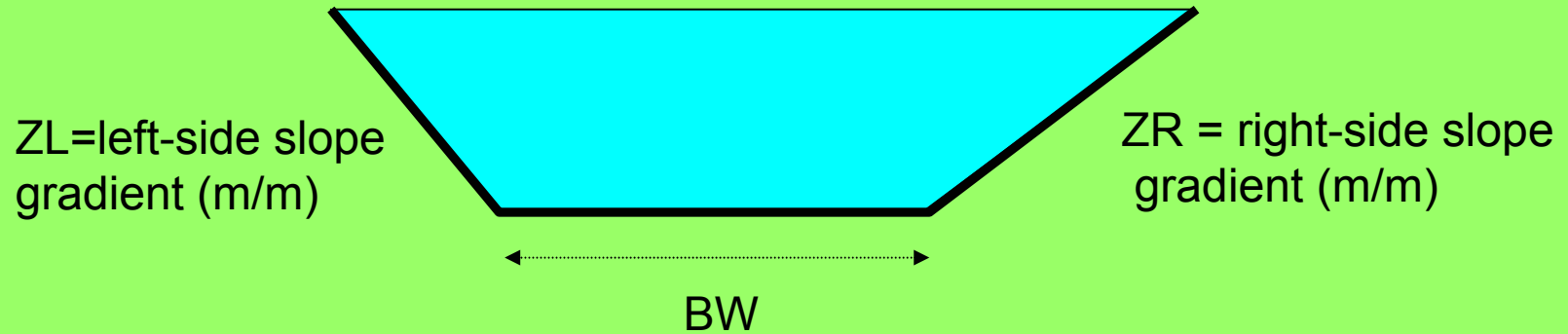
Figure A2.1. Rill (S) and interrill (SIR) slope paths on a plane (hillslope) element

## Rills and channels - 2



## RIII DENSITY DETERMINATION

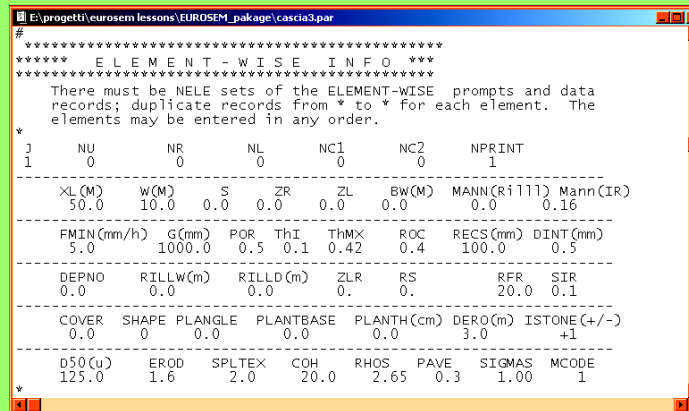




# How-to EUROSEM - Part 2.2

## INPUT FILES IN EUROSEM: STRUCTURE AND GUIDE TO CREATION

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```
#
*****
***** ELEMENT - WISE INFO *****
*****
There must be NELE sets of the ELEMENT-WISE prompts and data
records; duplicate records from * to * for each element. The
elements may be entered in any order.
*
J      NU      NR      NL      NC1      NC2      NPRINT
1      0      0      0      0      0      1
-----
XL(M)  w(M)  S  ZR  ZL  BW(M)  MANN(Rill)  Mann(IR)
50.0   10.0  0.0  0.0  0.0  0.0   0.0       0.16
-----
FMIN(mm/h)  G(mm)  POR  Thi  ThMX  ROC  RECS(mm)  DINT(mm)
5.0         1000.0  0.5  0.1  0.42  0.4   100.0     0.5
-----
DEPNO  RILLW(m)  RILLD(m)  ZLR  RS  RFR  SIR
0.0    0.0      0.0      0.0  0.  20.0  0.1
-----
COVER  SHAPE  PLANGLE  PLANTBASE  PLANTH(cm)  DERO(m)  ISTONE(+/-)
0.0    0      0.0      0.0        0.0        3.0      +1
-----
D50(u)  EROD  SPLTEX  COH  RHOS  PAVE  SIGMAS  MCODE
125.0   1.6   2.0    20.0  2.65  0.3   1.00     1
*

```



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# TYPES OF INPUT FILES

- **Rainfall input file (usual extension: .PCP)**

It contains:

The data which represents the hyetogram in cumulated form : time (min) versus cumulated depth of rainfall (mm)

The data are given for each raingauge

The table associating raingauge number to plane number must be correctly compiled

- **Parameters input file (usual extension: .PAR)**

It contains:

The information of watershed structure and links between elements

The ELEMENT WISE INFORMATIONS for each elements (plane or channel) of the virtual watershed.

The constants assumed for the dynamic simulation (time step, Theta, ....)

# STRUCTURE OF INPUT FILES

All the input files are ASCII text files.

They can be edited using a normal TEXT EDITOR program:

- Commercial programs
- Programs present in the Window OS (e.g. notepad.exe, write.exe)
- Freeware text editors (e.g. ConText, PFE .....

```

# EUROSEM V. 3.5/96 Parameter Input File P. casciano
*****
***** S Y S T E M *****
*****
* NELE  NPART  CLEN(M)  TFIN(min)  DELT(min)  THETA
*   3      0      150.    180.      0.5      0.7
*****
***** O P T I O N S *****
*****
NTIME  NEROS
 2      2
*****
***** COMPUTATION ORDER *****
*****
There must be NELE elements in the list. NLOG
must be sequential. ELEMENT NUM. need not be.
#
COMP. ORDER  ELEMENT
(NLOG)      NUM. (J)
-----
 1           1
 2           2
 3           3
*****
***** ELEMENT - W I S E  I N F O  *****
*****
There must be NELE sets of the ELEMENT-WISE prom
records; duplicate records from * to * for each e
elements may be entered in any order.
*
J      NU      NR      NL      NC1      NC2      NP
1      0        0        0        0        0        0
-----
XL(M)  W(M)  S  ZR  ZL  BW(M)  MANN
50.0   10.0  0.0  0.0  0.0  0.0    0.
-----
FMIN(mm/h)  G(mm)  POR  ThI  ThMX  ROC  RECS
5.0         1000.0  0.5  0.1  0.42  0.4  100
-----
DEPNO  RTILW(m)  RTILD(m)  ZLR  PS
-----

# EUROSEM Rainfall Input Data V3.5 7/96 P.casciano
*****
***** Gage Network Data *****
*****
#
NUM. OF RAINGAGES      MAX. NUM. OF TIME-DEPTH DATA P
(NGAGES)                (MAXND)
-----
 1                      10
*****
# There must be NELE pairs of (GAGE WEIGHT) data
*
ELE. NUM. (J)  RAINGAGE  WEIGHT
-----
 1             1         1.0
 2             1         1.0
 3             1         1.0
*****
# Rainfall Data
*****
There must be NGAGES sets of rainfall data. Repeat 1
for each gage inserting a variable number of TIME-DE
(see example in User Manual).
#
* ALPHA-NUMERIC GAGE ID: eurosem test data
#
GAGE NUM.      NUM. OF DATA PAIRS (ND)
-----
 1             10
*****
# There must be ND pairs of time-depth (T D) data: NOT
must be greater than TFIN (the total computational t
#
TIME(min)  ACCUM. DEPTH(mm)
-----
 0.0       0.0
 60.0      0.5
 70.0     10.0
 80.0     42.0
 90.0     46.0
100.0     48.0
110.0     52.0
-----

```

# THE RAINFALL DATA FILE - 1

Max number of time - depth data pairs

The number of raingages

Correspondence table between raingages and element number

If you change the number of elements (plane+ channels)

You must update the correspondence table

```
E:\progetti\eurosem lessons\EUROSEM_package\cascia3.pcp
EUROSEM Rainfall Input Data V3.5 7/96 P.casciano 28/08/98
#
*****
Gage Network Data
*****
#
NUM. OF RAINGAGES (NGAGES)    MAX. NUM. OF TIME-DEPTH DATA PAIRS FOR ALL GAGES (MAXND)
-----
1                               10
#
There must be NGAGES pairs of (GAGE WEIGHT) data
*
ELE. NUM. (J)    RAINGAGE    WEIGHT
-----
1                1          1.0
2                1          1.0
3                1          1.0
#
*****
Rainfall Data
*****
There must be NGAGES sets of rainfall data. Repeat lines from * to *
for each gage inserting a variable number of TIME-DEPTH data pairs
(see example in User Manual).
#
* ALPHA-NUMERIC GAGE ID: eurosem test data
#
GAGE NUM.    NUM. OF DATA PAIRS (ND)
-----
1            10
#
```

## THE RAINFALL DATA FILE - 2

Raingage identification number and no. of data pairs

```
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#
*****
      Rainfall Data
*****
There must be NGAGES sets of rainfall data. Repeat lines from * to *
for each gage inserting a variable number of TIME-DEPTH data pairs
(see example in User Manual).
#
* ALPHA-NUMERIC GAGE ID: eurosem test data
#
GAGE NUM.      NUM. OF DATA PAIRS (ND)
-----
      1              10
#
There must be ND pairs of time-depth (T D) data: NOTE: The last time
must be greater than TFIN (the total computational time).
#
TIME(min)  ACCUM. DEPTH(mm)
-----
      0.0      0.0
      60.0      0.5
      70.0     10.0
      80.0     42.0
      90.0     46.0
     100.0     48.0
     110.0     52.0
     120.0     57.5
     180.0     59.5
     200.0     59.5
*
```

Time – depth data pairs

data must be  
entered for  
each rain gauge



# PARAMETERS FILE - 1

Theta parameter  
For numerical solution

Time step  
for simulation

Simulation  
end after ...


No. Of elements

```
E:\progetti\eurosem lessons\EUROSEM_package\cascia3.par
EUROSEM V. 3.5/96 Parameter Input File P. casciano
#
*****
*****  S Y S T E M  *****
*****
NELE  NPART  CLEN(M)  TFIN(min)  DELT(min)  THETA  TEMP
 3      0      150.    180.        0.5      0.7     20.
#
*****
*****  O P T I O N S  *****
*****
[NTIME  NEROS
 2       2
#
*****
*****  C O M P U T A T I O N  O R D E R  *****
*****
There must be NELE elements in the list. NLOG
must be sequential. ELEMENT NUM. need not be.
#
COMP. ORDER  ELEMENT
(NLOG)      NUM. (J)
-----
1           1
2           2
3           3
#
```

Maximum cumulate  
length on connected  
elements

The parameters  
indicated  
with this symbol  
should never be  
changed

# PARAMETERS FILE - 2

The parameters indicated with this symbol  should never be changed

Element identification

W and L of element (plane)

Splash erodibility

Cohesion

Total impervious fraction

Manning's n (interrill)

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\*\*\*\*\* ELEMENT - WISE INFO \*\*\*\*\*

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\*

1

NU  
0

NR  
0

NL  
0

NC1  
0

NC2  
0

SIGMA

NPRINT  
1

XL(M)  
50.0

W(M)  
10.0

S  
0.0

ZR  
0.0

ZL  
0.0

BW(M)  
0.0

MANN(Ri111)  
0.0

Mann(IR)  
0.16

FMIN(mm/h)  
5.0

G(mm)  
1000.0

POR  
0.5

ThI  
0.1

ThMX  
0.42

ROC  
0.4

RECS(mm)  
100.0

DINT(mm)  
0.5

DEPNO  
0.0

RILLW(m)  
0.0

RILLD(m)  
0.0

ZLR  
0.

RS  
0.

RFR  
20.0

SIR  
0.1

COVER  
0.0

SHAPE  
0

FLANGLE  
0.0

PLANTBASE  
0.0

PLANTH(cm)  
0.0

DERO(m)  
3.0

ISTONE(+/-)  
+1

D50(u)  
125.0

EROD  
1.6

SPLTEX  
2.0

COH  
20.0

RHOS  
2.65

PAVE  
0.3

SIGMAS  
1.00

MCODE  
1

Hydro

Vegetation

And silt

parameters

Hydraulic,  
Vegetation,  
And surface  
parameters

# PARAMETERS FILE - 3

Element 1

The table of the parameters must be repeated for each element (plane or channel)

Element 2

Element 3

J	NU	NR	NL	NC1	NC2	NPRINT		
1	0	0	0	0	0	1		
XL(M)		W(M)	S	ZR	ZL	Bw(M)	MANN(Ri111)	Mann(IR)
50.0		10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.16
FMIN(mm/h)		G(mm)	POR	ThI	ThMX	ROC	RECS(mm)	DINT(mm)
5.0		1000.0	0.5	0.1	0.42	0.4	100.0	0.5
DEPNO		RILLW(m)	RILLD(m)	ZLR	RS		RFR	SIR
0.0		0.0	0.0	0.	0.		20.0	0.1
COVER		SHAPE	PLANGLE	PLANTBASE	PLANTH(cm)	DERO(m)	ISTONE(+/-)	
0.0		0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	+1	
D50(u)		EROD	SPLTEX	COH	RHOS	PAVE	SIGMAS	MCODE
125.0		1.6	2.0	20.0	2.65	0.3	1.00	1

J	NU	NR	NL	NC1	NC2	NPRINT		
2	1	0	0	0	0	1		
XL(M)		W(M)	S	ZR	ZL	Bw(M)	MANN(Ri111)	Mann(IR)
100.0		20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.12
FMIN(mm/h)		G(mm)	POR	ThI	ThMX	ROC	RECS(mm)	DINT(mm)
3.0		700.0	0.5	0.1	0.42	0.2	150.0	0.5
DEPNO		RILLW(m)	RILLD(m)	ZLR	RS		RFR	SIR
0.0		0.0	0.0	0.	0.		15.0	0.2
COVER		SHAPE	PLANGLE	PLANTBASE	PLANTH(cm)	DERO(m)	ISTONE(+/-)	
0.9		1	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	-1	
D50(u)		EROD	SPLTEX	COH	RHOS	PAVE	SIGMAS	MCODE
63.0		1.6	2.0	10.0	2.65	0.2	1.00	1

J	NU	NR	NL	NC1	NC2	NPRINT		
3	2	0	0	0	0	1		
XL(M)		W(M)	S	ZR	ZL	Bw(M)	MANN(Ri111)	Mann(IR)
20.0		20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00

# LIST OF INPUT PARAMETERS -1

Variable	Symbol	Definition	Units
ACCUM.DEPTH		Accumulated depth of rain	mm
BW		Width of channel bottom	m
CLEN		Characteristic length of catchment. Use maximum lengths of cascading planes or longest channel	m
COH	J	Cohesion of the soil or soil-root matrix as measured at saturation using a torvane	kPa
COVER	COV	Percentage canopy cover	%
D50	d <sub>50</sub>	Median particle diameter of the soil	µm
DELT		Time increment number used in calculations, usually 1 minute	min
DEPNO		Average number of concentrated flow paths (rills) across the width of the plane	
DERO		Maximum depth to which erosion can occur because of a non-erodible layer in the soil	m
DINT	IC <sub>max</sub>	Maximum interception storage of the vegetation cover	mm
ELE.NUM.(J)		Element number	
EROD		Detachability of the soil particles by raindrop impact	g/J
FMIN	k <sub>sat</sub>	Saturated hydraulic conductivity of the soil	mm/h
G	G	Effective net capillary drive of the soil	mm
GAGE.NUM		Rain gauge number	
ISTONE		Governs effect of rock fragments on saturated hydraulic conductivity (+1 = increase in hydraulic conductivity; -1 = decrease in hydraulic conductivity)	
J		Element number	
MANN(IR)	n	Value of Manning's n for the interrill area, allowing for roughness effects of soil particles, rock fragments, surface microtopography and vegetation cover (also used for non-rilled elements and channel elements)	m <sup>1/6</sup>
MANN(RL)		Value of Manning's n for the rills, allowing for roughness effects of soil particles, rock fragments, surface microtopography and vegetation cover	m <sup>1/6</sup>
MAXND		Maximum number of time-depth pairs for all rain gauges	
MCODE		Governs selection of sediment transport equations for interrill flow (0 = Govers; 1 = Everaert)	

Variable	Symbol	Definition	Units
NC1		Element number of first channel contributing at upstream boundary of a channel element	
NC2		Element number of second channel contributing at upstream boundary of a channel element	
NELE		Total number of plane and channel elements	
NEROS		Allows user to call or reject erosion option within KINEROS. Set = 2 for EUROSEM	
NGAGES		Number of rain gauges (1-20)	
NL		Element number contributing flow to left-hand side of channel (when facing downstream)	
NLOG		Governs computation order	
NPRINT		Controls amount of information provided in the auxiliary output file. Normally set at 1 (other options are 2 and 7).	
NR		Element number contributing flow to right-hand side of channel (when facing downstream)	
NU		Element number of plane contributing to upslope boundary	
NUM.OF DATA PAIRS (ND)		Number of time-depth pairs for rainfall data	
NUM.(J)		Number of element corresponding to NLOG. Governs order in which elements are treated in computation.	
PAVE	PAVE	Fraction of surface covered by non-erodible material, e.g. rock fragments, concrete, tarmac	
PBASE	PBASE	Percentage of basal area of vegetation expressed as a proportion between 0 and 1	
PLANGLE	PA	Average acute angle of the plant stems to the soil surface	degrees
PLANTH		Effective canopy height	m
POR		Soil porosity	% v/v
RAINGAGE		Identification number assigned to the rain gauge	
RECS	RECS	Infiltration recession factor	mm
RFR	RFR	Downslope roughness	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
RHOS		Specific gravity of the sediment particles	m
RILLD		Average depth of concentrated flow paths (rills)	m
RILLW		Average width of concentrated flow paths (rills)	m
ROC	ROC	Proportion of rock fragments in the soil by volume	

# LIST OF INPUT PARAMETERS -2

Variable	Symbol	Definition	Units
RS		Governs the option of whether the width and depth of rills are uniform over the length of the element or whether they increase downslope	
S	s	Average slope of the rills or concentrated flow paths on a plane element	m/m
SHAPE		Plant leaf shape factor, 1 = bladed leaves; 2 = broad leaves. A value of 0 = no vegetation and sets stemflow to zero	
SIGMAS		Standard deviation of sediment diameter (not used in present version of EUROSEM)	
SIR	s	Interrill slope (also used for slope of plane elements without rills and for channel elements)	m/m
SPLTEX	b	Water depth exponent affecting soil detachment by raindrop impact (set to 2.0 in present version of EUROSEM)	
TEMP		Air temperature at time of rainfall	° C
TFIN		Duration of model simulation. Value must be less than the end-time of the last time-depth pair of the rainfall data	min
THETA		Weighting factor in finite difference equations, usually set between 0.5 and 1.0	
THI	$\theta_i$	Initial volumetric moisture content of the soil	% v/v
THMAX	$\theta_s$	Maximum volumetric moisture content of the soil	% v/v
TIME		Accumulated time from start of storm	min
W		Width of plane element (set to 0.0 for channels)	m
WEIGHT		Multiplication factor for weighting of RAINGAGE	
XL		Length of plane or channel element	m
ZL		Side slope of left side of trapezoidal channel	1:x
ZLR		Side slope of concentrated flow paths (rills)	1:x
ZR		Side slope of right side of trapezoidal channel	1:x

# TIPS TO CREATE AND MANAGE INPUT FILES

A sketch of the watershed or field plot, with all the relevant parameters must be available

It is useful to have, as reference, the example input data files given with The EURO.EXE program

They can be edited and modified easily with a text editor before running each simulation, if required.

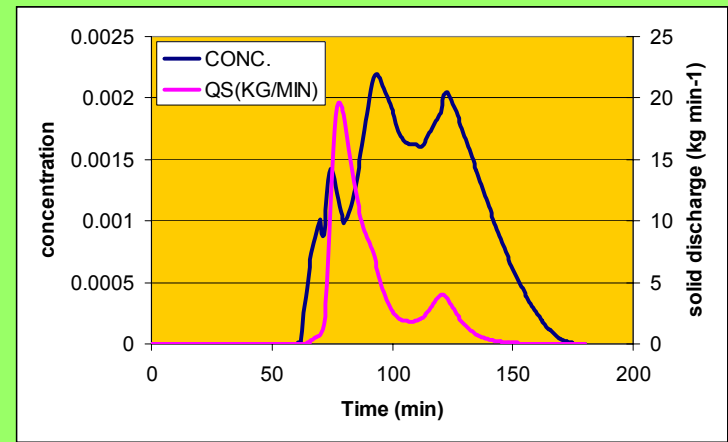
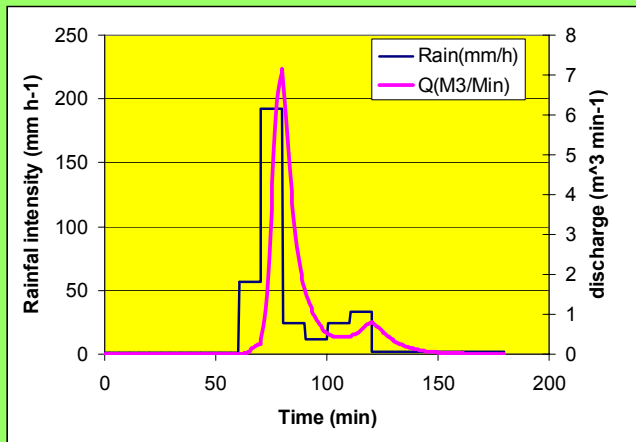
If some error message appears instead of the NORMAL COMPLETION message the program should give indications of possible errors due to mistakes in the input files.

Other tips are indicate in USER manuale of EUROSEM.

# How-to EUROSEM - Part 2.3

## OUTPUT FILES IN EUROSEM: STRUCTURE AND INTERPRETATION

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# TYPES OF OUTPUT FILES -1

THREE OUTPUT FILES ARE PROVIDED AUTOMATICALLY:

## Static output file (extension .STA)

The file gives information identifying the study area and a list of the input data used in the simulation. The file follows with a summary of the total erosion or deposition simulated for the storm with separate accounting for the rill and interrill areas.

[**syntetic informations on simulation results**]

## Dynamic output file (extension. DYN)

The file contains:

data on each element;

the total sediment removed from each element,

data on runoff volume, runoff depth,

sediment concentration and total sediment removed from the element for each time step in the simulation,

time to peak flow rate and the rate of flow at the peak,

water balance calculation for the storm.

[**Detailed informations on simulation results**]



## TYPES OF OUTPUT FILES -2

### Auxiliary Output File(extension .Aux)

The file gives auxiliary information on :

**Local water balance, inteception, vegetation interaction.**

Separatedly for the interrill and rill areas it provides:

- A sediment budget comprising the volume of material eroded on the element (eros),
- the input of sediment from the element above, if any (susp),
- the volume of sediment removed from the element (sedout)
- the overall sediment balance.

**Final spacings and dimensions of the rills or concentrated flow paths;**

The total surface erosion or deposition within the storm for each node on the element for which simulations were made.

**[Auxiliary information to inspect, in each element, the quality of the simulation]**

# STRUCTURE STATIC OUTPUT FILES

Summary of input data  
For the element

```
INPUT DATA FOR ELEMENT      2
=====
NU:      1
W:      20.00 M      XL:      100.00 M      S:      .00
MANN:      .000      FMIN:      2.40 MM/HR      G:      700.00 MM
POR:      .50      THI:      .10      THMX:      .42
ROC:      .20      RECS:      150.00 MM      DINTR:      .50 MM
DEPNO:      .00      RS:      .0      RFR:      15.000 %
ZLR:      .00      RILLW:      .00 M      RILLD:      .00 M
COVER:      .90      SHAPE:      1      PANG:      .00 o
PBASE:      .00      PHEIG:      .00 M      D50:      63.00 um
EROD:      1.60 G/J      SPLTX:      2.00      COH:      10.00 KPA
RHOS:      2.65kgm3      PAVE:      .20      SIGMA:      1.00
SIR:      .200      DERO:      3.00 m
Derived parameters:      MN(IR):      .139      SurfStor:      .000074 mm
```

Erosion summary

```
EROSION SUMMARY
-----
GROSS INTERRILL EROSION      691.741 kg      3.459 t/ha
NET EROSION/DEPOSITION      678.233 kg      3.391 t/ha
(a minus denotes deposition)
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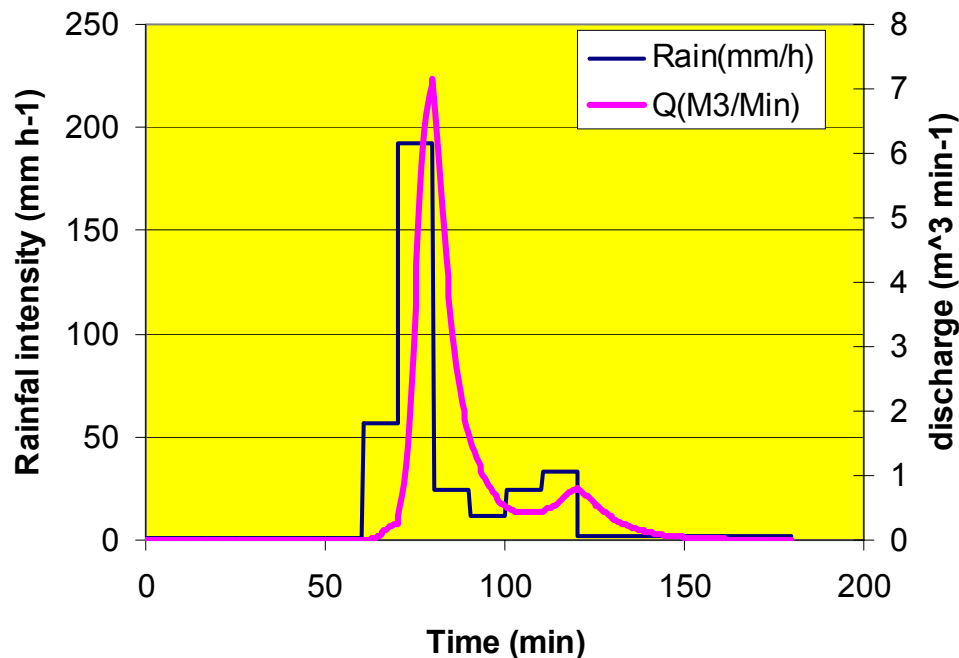
Hydrological data  
sumamry

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HYDROLOGY SUMMARY, ELEMENT      2
=====

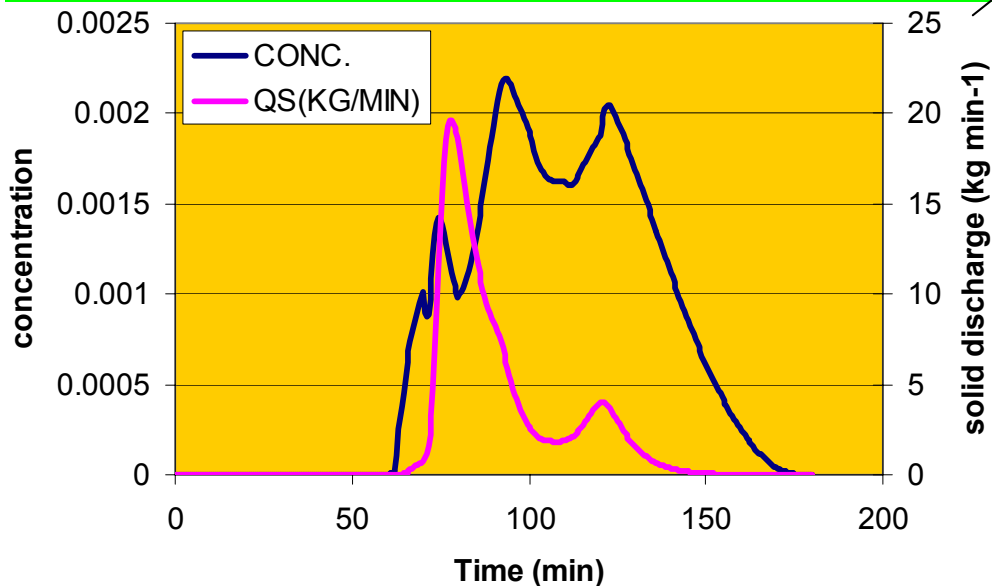
NET RAINFALL      =      59.050      (MM)
PEAK RAINFALL RATE      =      192.00      (MM/H)

TIME TO RUNOFF      =      64.000      (MIN)
DURATION OF RUNOFF      =      116.00      (MIN)
TIME TO PEAK FLOW RATE      =      80.000      (MIN)
PEAK FLOW RATE      =      149.27      (MM/H)

TIME TO PEAK SEDIMENT DISCHARGE      =      76.000      (MIN)
PEAK SEDIMENT DISCHARGE      =      15.045      (kg/MIN)
```



## DYNAMIC OUTPUT FILE DATA PLOTTING



ELE #	TYPE	VOL. BAL. ERROR %	SED. TOTAL (KGS.)
2	PLANE	.146E-01	692.988

.0735 mm Inactive Storage Capacity on plane

HYDROGRAPH FOR ELEMENT 2  
CONTRIBUTING AREA = 2500.00 SQ. METER OR .2500 HECTARES

Time (MIN)	Rain (mm/h)	Q (M3/Min)	Q (MM/H)	CONC.	QS (KG/MIN)
.00	.50	.000000	.000	.000000000	.0000
.50	.50	.000000	.000	.000000000	.0000
1.00	.50	.000000	.000	.000000000	.0000
1.50	.50	.000000	.000	.000000000	.0000
2.00	.50	.000000	.000	.000000000	.0000
//	//	//	//	//	//
66.00	57.00	.01829	.439	.00858816	.4162
66.50	57.00	.02863	.687	.00742054	.5629
67.00	57.00	.04157	.998	.00668683	.7366
67.50	57.00	.05719	1.373	.00618703	.9376
68.00	57.00	.07555	1.813	.00582528	1.166
68.50	57.00	.09662	2.319	.00555319	1.422
69.00	57.00	.12088	2.901	.00532733	1.706
69.50	57.00	.14721	3.533	.00516252	2.014
70.00	57.00	.17647	4.235	.00502351	2.349
70.50	192.00	.37381	8.971	.00346113	3.429
71.00	192.00	.62421	14.981	.00273960	4.532
71.50	192.00	.92395	22.175	.00232089	5.683
72.00	192.00	1.27289	30.549	.00204259	6.890
72.50	192.00	1.66776	40.026	.00184245	8.143
73.00	192.00	2.09636	50.313	.00169617	9.423
73.50	192.00	2.57420	61.781	.00157444	10.74
74.00	192.00	3.09402	74.256	.00146754	12.03
74.50	192.00	3.63656	87.277	.00137042	13.21
75.00	192.00	4.17330	100.159	.00127986	14.15
75.50	192.00	4.65525	111.726	.00119767	14.77
76.00	192.00	5.03967	120.952	.00112651	15.04
76.50	192.00	5.31857	127.646	.00106656	15.03
77.00	192.00	5.51367	132.328	.00101615	14.85
77.50	192.00	5.65564	135.735	.00097332	14.59
78.00	192.00	5.77087	138.501	.00093640	14.32
78.50	192.00	5.87661	141.039	.00090422	14.08
79.00	192.00	5.98172	143.561	.00087615	13.89
79.50	192.00	6.09361	146.247	.00085148	13.75
80.00	192.00	6.21946	149.267	.00082913	13.67
80.50	24.00	5.69781	136.747	.00086444	13.05
81.00	24.00	5.22476	125.394	.00090327	12.51
81.50	24.00	4.78803	114.913	.00094586	12.00
82.00	24.00	4.37928	105.103	.00099288	11.52
//	//	//	//	//	//
174.50	2.00	.00421	.101	.03317351	.3701
175.00	2.00	.00406	.097	.03269653	.3514
175.50	2.00	.00391	.094	.03223731	.3341
176.00	2.00	.00378	.091	.03179568	.3183
176.50	2.00	.00366	.088	.03137076	.3039
177.00	2.00	.00354	.085	.03096148	.2906
177.50	2.00	.00344	.083	.03056634	.2785
178.00	2.00	.00334	.080	.03018365	.2674
178.50	2.00	.00326	.078	.02981162	.2572
179.00	2.00	.00318	.076	.02944834	.2478
179.50	2.00	.00310	.074	.02909195	.2391
180.00	2.00	.00303	.073	.02874054	.2309

TIME TO PEAK FLOW RATE = 80.000 (MIN)  
PEAK FLOW RATE = 149.27 (MM/H)

# AUXILIARY OUTPUT FILE

Number of nodes for numerical  
Solution.

Real time vegetation effects

Relevant data about  
hyetograph (e.g. kinetic energy)

Erosion or accumulation  
depths at each node!!

```
*** PLANE NO.      2  DIAGNOSTIC INFORMATION ***
stocap(m) :      .000074

Downslope flow distance divided into 10 nodes 11.11 m apart.
```

INTERCEPTION DATA FOR ELEMENT 2

ALL DATA EXPRESSED AS MM PER TIME DEPTH PAIR

TIME MIN	RAIN MM	TFALL MM	DRIP MM	STEM MM	VEGSTORE MM	ERROR %
60.	.500	.050	.273	.000	.17706	.00000
70.	9.500	.950	8.277	.000	.27292	.00000
80.	32.000	3.200	28.800	.000	.00002	.00000
90.	4.000	.400	3.600	.000	.00000	.00000
100.	2.000	.200	1.800	.000	.00000	.00000
110.	4.000	.400	3.600	.000	.00000	.00000
120.	5.500	.550	4.950	.000	.00000	.00000
180.	2.000	.200	1.800	.000	.00000	.00000
200.	.000	.000	.000	.000	.00000	.00000
0.	.000	.000	.000	.000	.00000	.00000

```

                                RAINFALL HYETOGRAPH FOR PLANE NO.      2
                                (AFTER INTERCEPTION REMOVED)
                                Kinetic Energy (J/m2/mm)
TIME (MIN)      INTENSITY (MM/HR)      Rain      Leaf Drip
.0              .32              .310      .000
60.0            55.36            4.307      .000
70.0            192.00            5.332      .000
80.0            24.00            3.577      .000
90.0            12.00            2.992      .000
100.0           24.00            3.577      .000
110.0           33.00            3.846      .000
120.0            2.00            1.480      .000
180.0            .00            .000      .000
200.0            .00            .000      .000

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THE RAIN GAGE FOR PLANE      2 IS GAGE NO.      1
PPCT. WEIGHT IS 1.00  INTERCEPTION IS .45 (MM)

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Surface contains no explicit rills

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InRill eros, susp, sedout, and Bal. (m*3):
-.26103      .00472      .00000      -.25631
Rill eros, susp, sedout, and Bal. (m*3):
.00000      .00000      .26150      .25594

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GEOM. PARAMETERS ARE L= 100.0 W= 20.0 S= .2000
ROUGHNESS: MANNINGS N= .139
INFILT. PARAMETERS ARE FMIN= 2.40000 mm/h; G= 700.000 mm
POR= .1000 SMAX= .5000 SI= .4200 ROC= .200 RECS= .15 mm
EROSION PARAMETERS ARE ---
D50= 63.0 RHOS= 2.65 POR= .50 PAVE.FAC.= .200
ACCUMUL. SURFACE DEPOSIT. OR EROSION (NEG.) AT EACH NODE (m.)
-.11083      -.48068E-02      -.49208E-02      -.49538E-02      -.50301E-02      -.51456E-02
-.53092E-02      -.54909E-02      -.56612E-02      -.56680E-02

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**** WATER BALANCE AT END OF PLANE ****
<INFLOW BASED ON (PPT*GAGE WT) - INTER. + RUNON>
INFLOW= .130E+03 OUTFLOW= .129E+03 STOR.= .220E+00 ERROR= .146E-01 %

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## **KEY POINTS for OUTPUT INTERPRETATION**

**A valid guide on output interpretation is given by EUROSEM reference manual.**

**The output data are given for each element (plane or channel)**

**Erosion data related to the last element in the cascade are the net erosion simulated for the watershed or cascading planes**

**Mass balance error is given in the output files (.sta, .dyn) of each element  
The mass balance error should be less than 0.5-1.0% to be accepted.  
If the mass balance is higher reduce the time step or change the THETA value**

**Data in static output file may be plotted using a spreadsheet  
by COPY and PASTE data columns from a TEXT editor program**

**Output interpretation, and evaluation, is the most important part of our job... !!**

## How-to EUROSEM - Part 2.4

# COMPARISONS WITH MEASURED DATA: MODEL EVALUATION, SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS AD TUNING

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# SOURCES OF UNCERTAINTY RUNNING EUROSEM -1

Some papers dealing with source of uncertainty in eurosem model running (Quinton, 1997; Folly et al. 1999; Veihe and Quinton (2000); Veihe et al. 2000; Veihe al. ,2001).

These studies indicate the inherent difficulties for reducing the uncertainty and improving model performances.

The reason are:

- **Model uncertainty (EUROSEM unable to simulate some processes (e.g. soil crusting).**
- **Watershed representation**
- **Spatial temporal variability of some parameters (e.g. hydraulic variables)**
- **Presence of some unmeasurable parameter that has high sensitivity (e.g. n Manning)**

# SOURCES OF UNCERTAINTY RUNNING EUROSEM - 2

To resolve part of the problems some indications are given:

- Measure what can be measured
- Multiple simulation to verify parameters sensitivity
- Parallel calibration and validation test
- Strategies for calibrating some parameters
- Possibility to force some parameters outside
- Parameter normal reference range of variability

## Comparison techniques

- Visual graphical comparison between time series(observed/simulated)
- Statistical parameters (e.g. MF – modelling efficiency)

## General steps for comparisons:

- 1) First compare the Hydrograms
- 2) Then compare the sedigraphs
- 3) Compare the total amount (runoff and erosion)



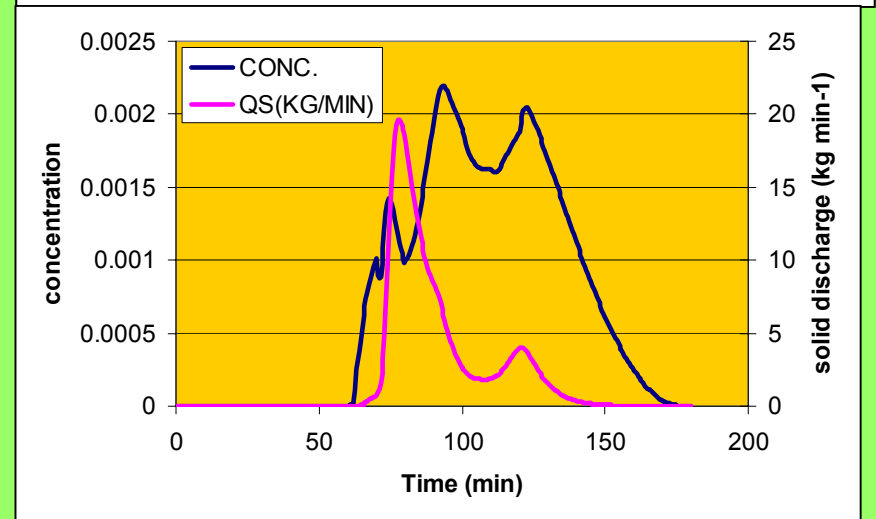
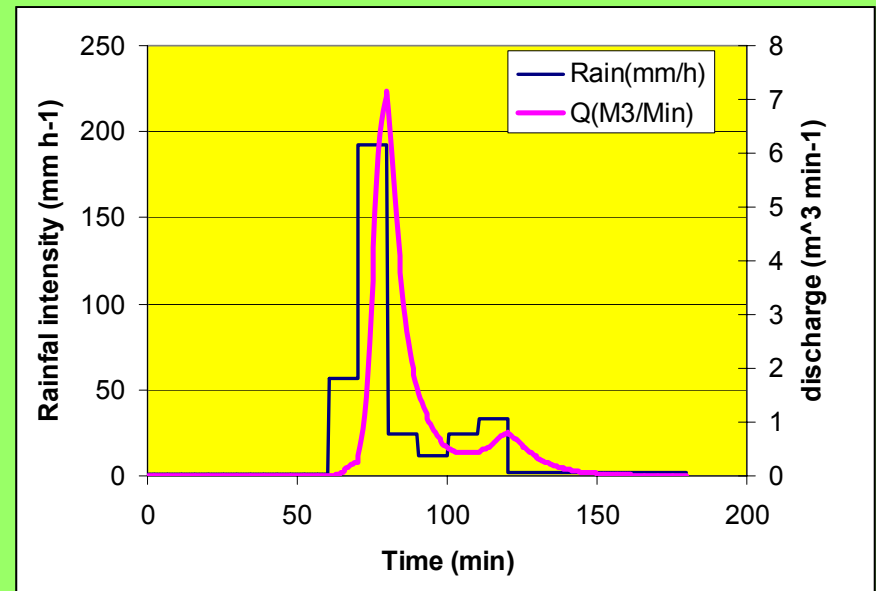
# MEASURED DATA

## TIME SERIES:

- RUNOFF RATE (mm/h)
- LIQUID DISCHARGE ( $\text{m}^3/\text{min}$ )
- SEDIMENT DISCHARGE ( $\text{kg}/\text{min}$ )
- CONCENTRATION

## TOTAL AMOUNTS:

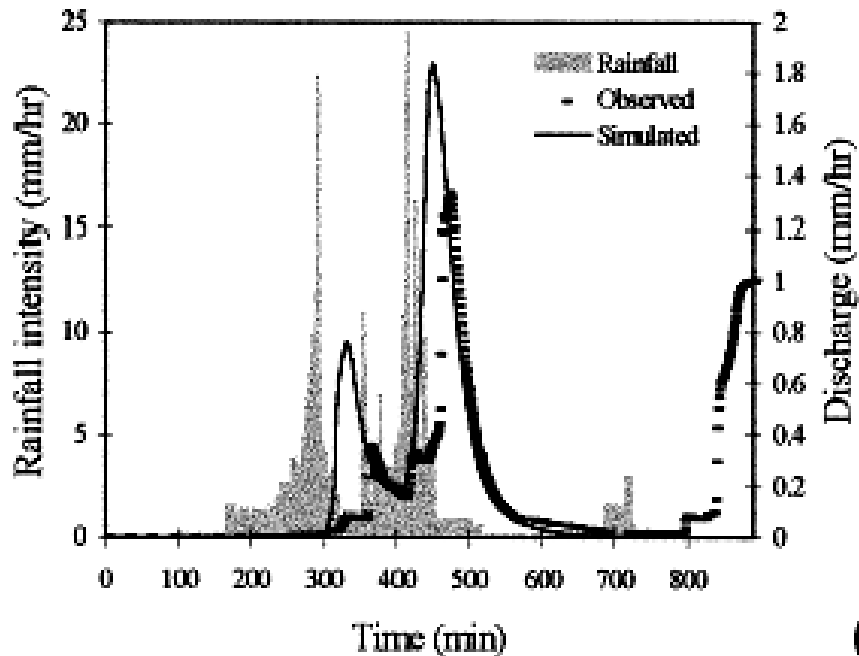
- INFILTRATION (mm)
- RUNOFF (mm)
- EROSION/DEPOSITION AMOUNT AND RATE (kg,  $\text{kg}/\text{ha}$ )



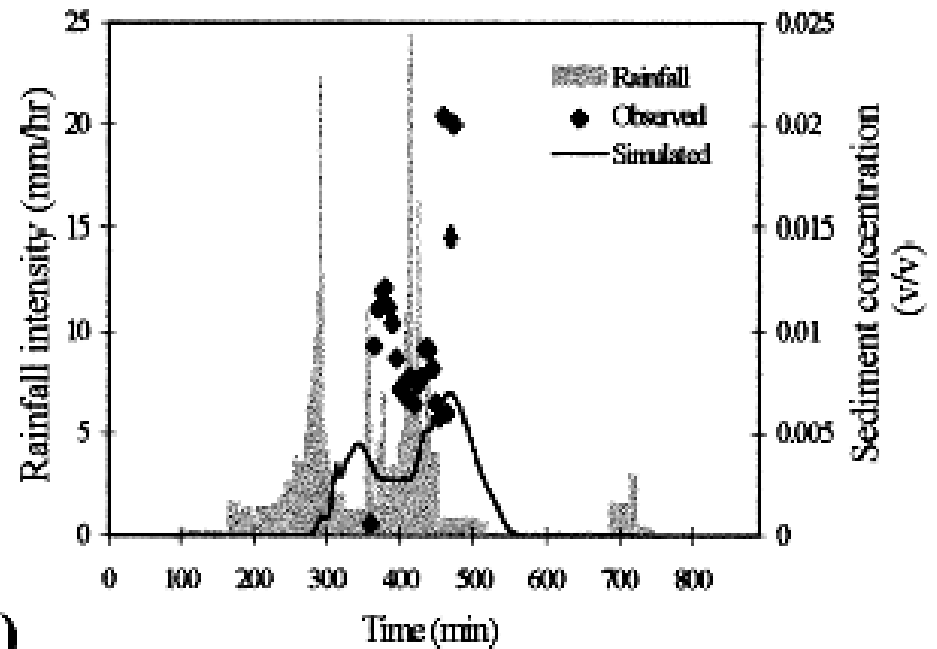
## EURISTIC COMPARISON TECHNIQUES WITH OUTPUT TIME SERIES

- Visual correspondance of peaks
- Visual correspondance of runoff start time
- Visual correspondance of steady state values
- Visual correspondance of raising and decreasing limb

14 October 1993



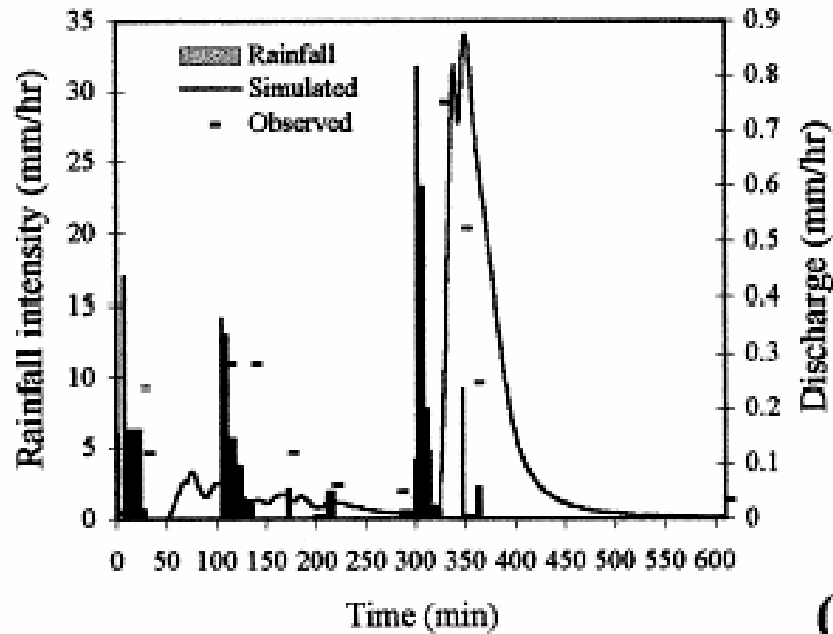
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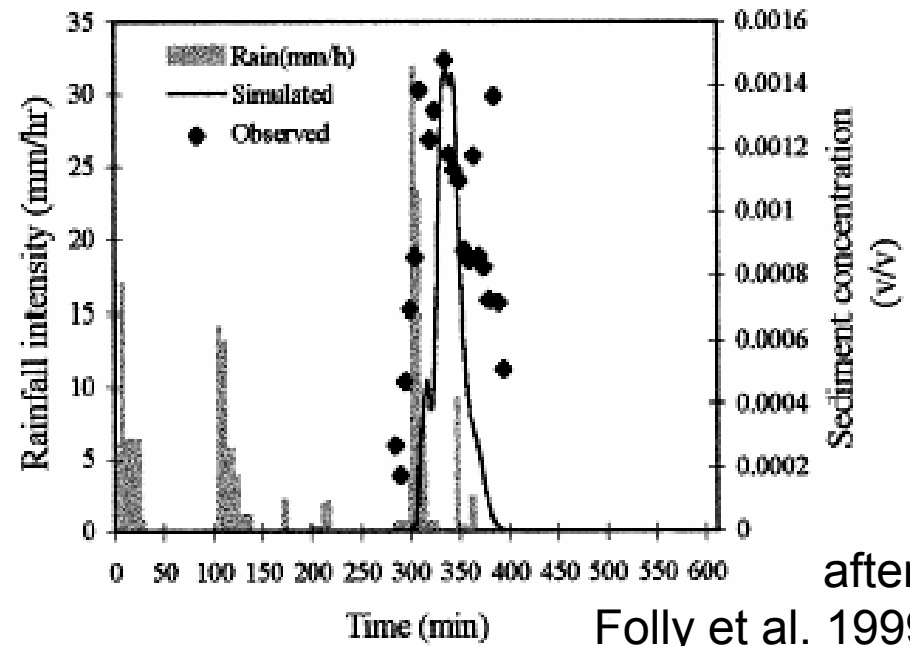
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after Folly et al. 1999

13 May 1987



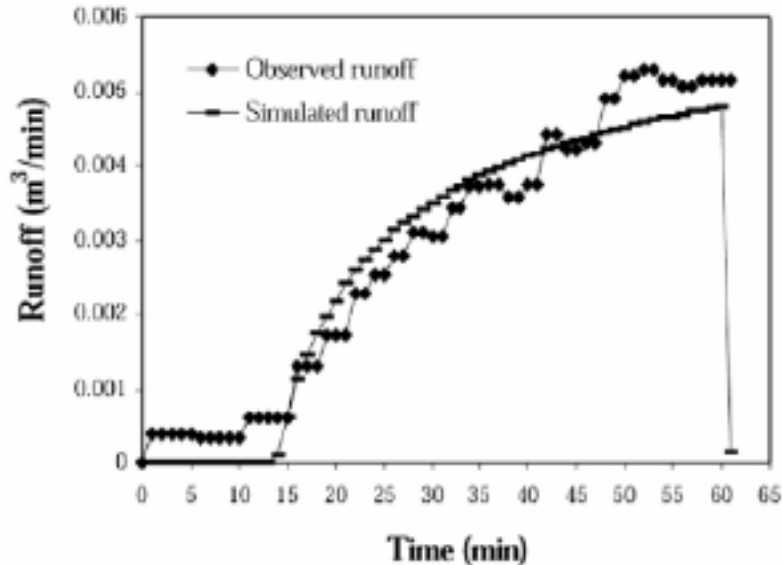
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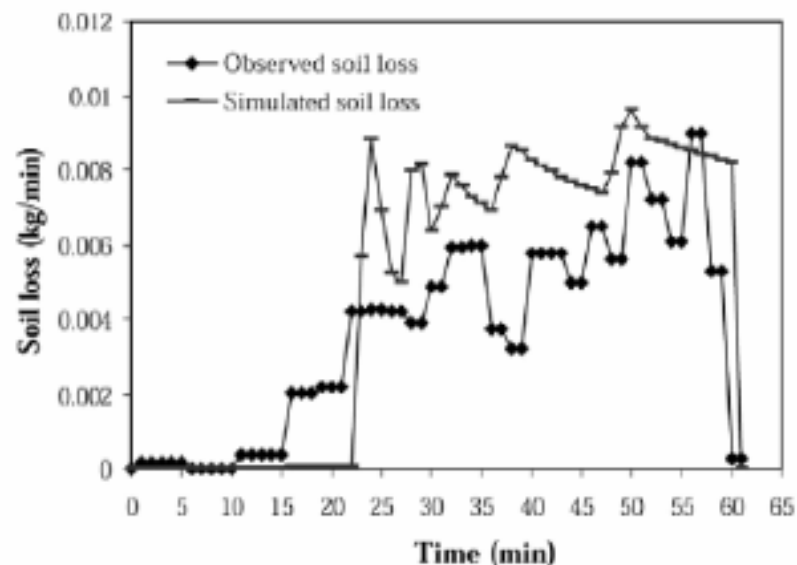
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after  
Folly et al. 1999

Maize, calibration



Maize, calibration

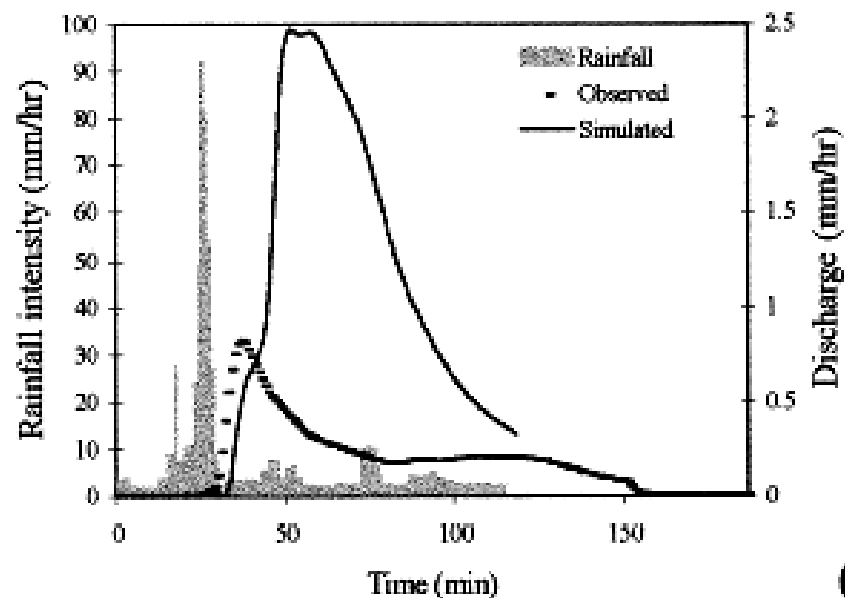


after

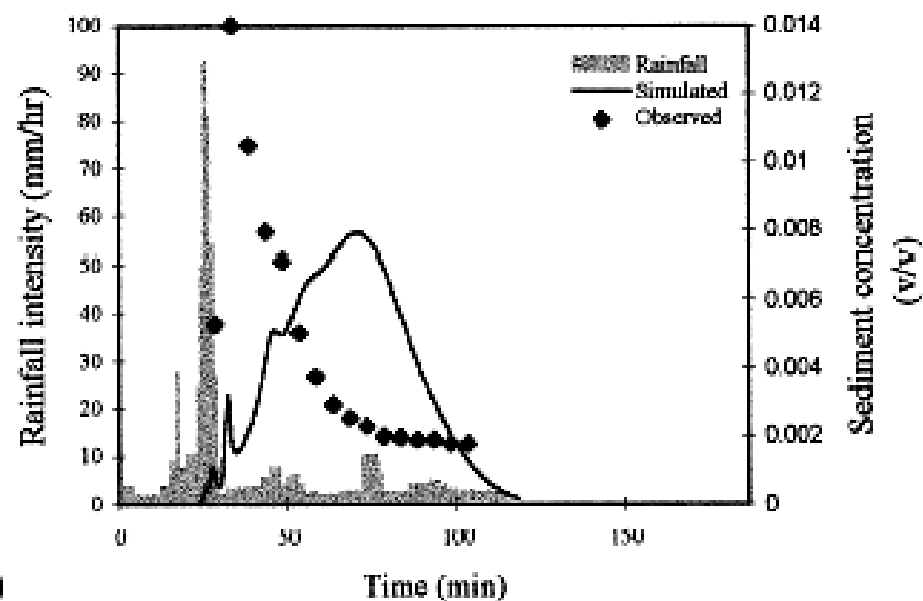
Veihe et al. 2000

# Examples of non correspondance

22 January 1993



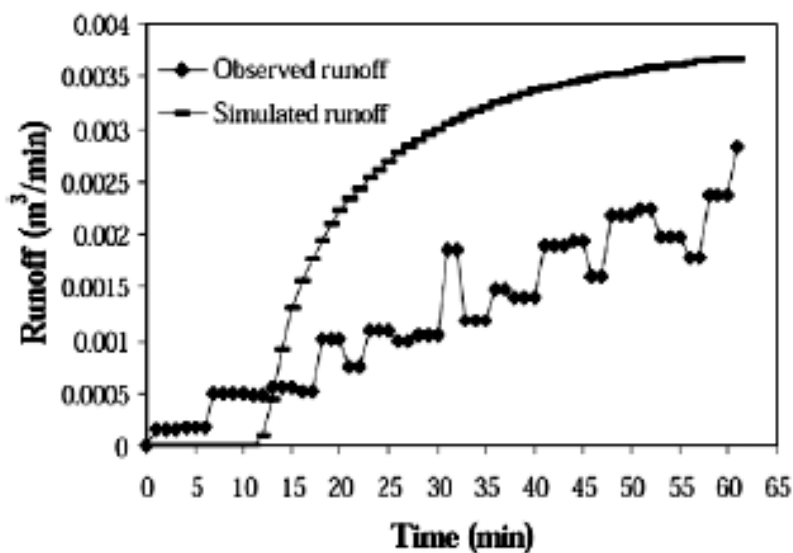
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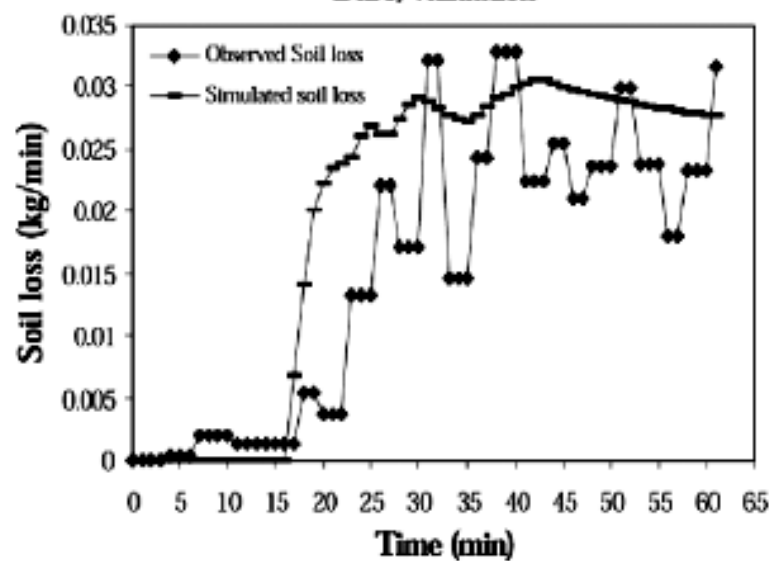
(b)

after Folly et al. 1999

Bare, validation



Bare, validation



after Veihe  
et al. 2000

## TOTAL AMOUNT COMPARISONS

Model results for the validation storms with respect to discharge, soil loss, peak discharge and peak sediment discharge (N/A = not available)

Location and storms	Discharge (m <sup>3</sup> /ha)		Soil loss (t/ha)		Peak run-off (l/min)		Peak soil loss (g/min)	
	Simulated	Observed	Simulated	Observed	Simulated	Observed	Simulated	Observed
<i>Costa Rica</i>								
Bare1	478.8	266.1	3.9	3.1	3.7	2.8	30.6	32.8
Bare2	154.2	51.0	0.1	0.1	2.3	1.7	8.5	4.0
Maize	443.5	914.7	0.0	1.3	4.8	7.8	0.0	12.9
Grass	140.0	1043.7	0.2	0.2	2.5	7.7	14.5	3.4
<i>Nicaragua</i>								
1994	1446.9	892.9	56.9	55.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1995	689.0	727.1	28.3	29.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Mexico</i>								
Plot 10c	115.1	100.7	2.7	3.9	0.6	0.8	14.3	21.5
Plot 24a	165.8	91.7	0.1	1.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	4.3
Plot 45a	135.8	91.7	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.3	1.0	0.8
Plot 45b	353.9	101.9	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.7	1.4

after Veihe et al. 2001

## MODELLING EFFICIENCY CRITERIA

$$ME = 1 - \frac{\sum (Y_{\text{obs}} - Y_{\text{pred}})^2}{\sum (Y_{\text{obs}} - Y_{\text{mean}})^2}$$

**ME (model efficiency) , proposed by Nash and Sutcliffe (1970) was used as a measure of likelihood:**

**Where:**

**$Y_{\text{obs}}$  is the observed value,**

**$Y_{\text{pred}}$  is the predicted value,**

**$Y_{\text{mean}}$  is the mean observed value.**

**Values for ME range from +1 to  $-\infty$ .**

**The closer ME approximates 1, the better the model will predict individual values.**

**For time series and comparisons for non linear model  
ME is generally superior to RMSE as evaluation criterion.  
But ... Beware to use only ME !**

# SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS - 1

## Usual range of variability of some common parameters

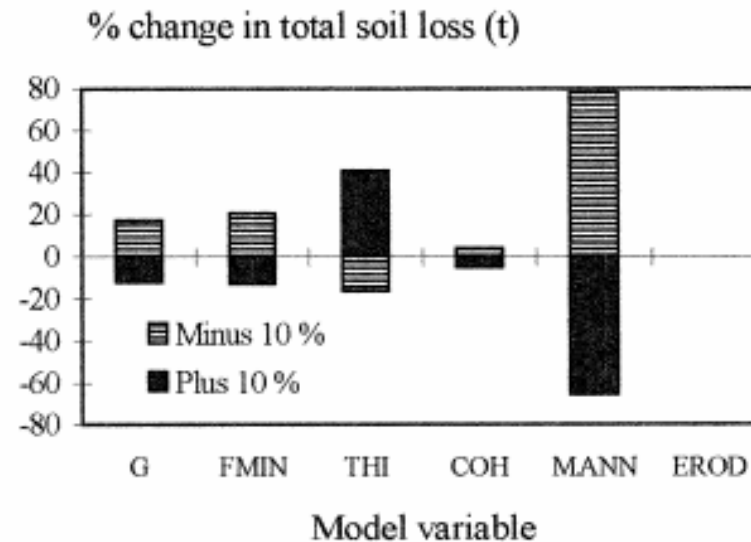
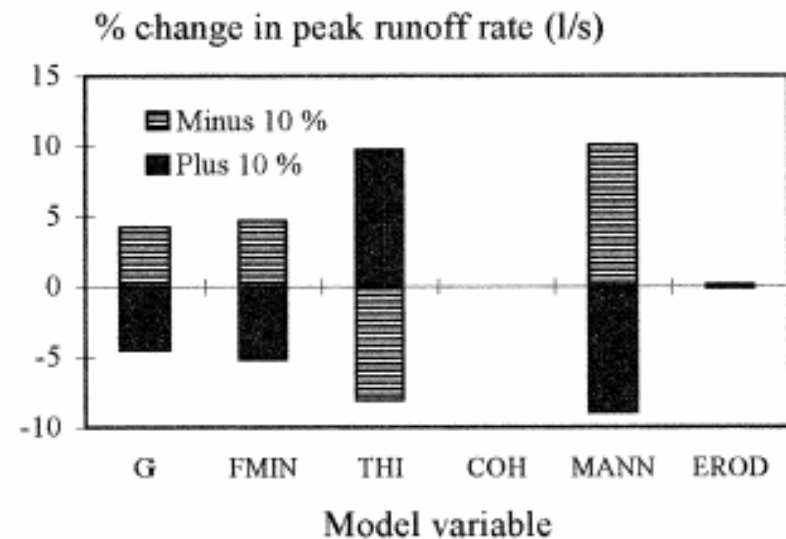
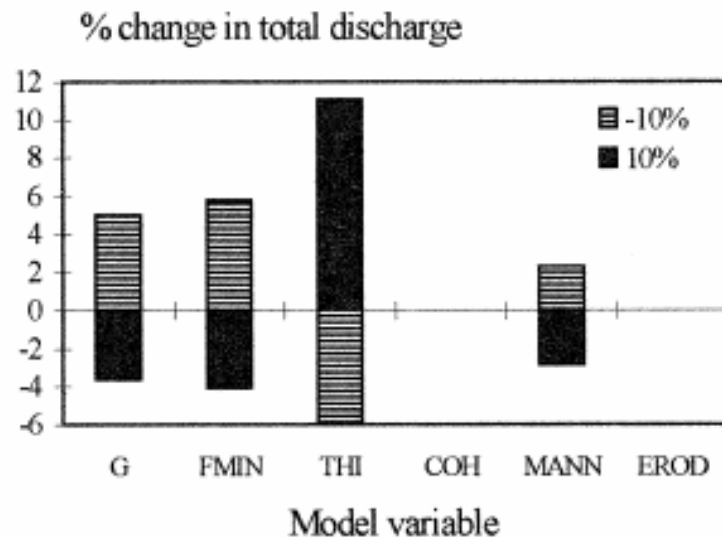
Table I. Soil and vegetation characteristics

Category	Parameter	Mean	Range	SD	CV (%)	Units	Source
Soil hydrology	Saturated hydraulic conductivity	29	0.0–75	22	0.86	mm/h	4
	Maximum volume moisture content	0.40	0.25–0.45	0.14	0.35	v/v	2
	Initial volume moisture content	0.35	0.05–0.40	0.12	0.35	v/v	2
	Effective net capillary drive	400	10–1000	240	0.60	mm	
	Soil porosity	0.45	0.35–0.60	0.04	0.09	v/v	5
Soil erodibility	Cohesion	5	0.5–35	1.25	0.25	kPa	6
	Median particle size	100	25–250	8	0.08	μm	3
	Detachability of soil particles	5	1–10	1.25	0.25	g/J	1
Vegetation	Maximum interception storage	1.5	0.1–5	0.50	0.33	mm	
	Percentage basal area	0.2	0.01–0.75	0.10	0.50		
	Percentage canopy cover	0.5	0.01–1.0	0.20	0.40		
	Angle of plant stems	45	10–90	10	0.22	Degrees	
	Effective canopy height	45.9	0–150	34.6	0.75	cm	7

1. Poesen (1986), 2. Bhatti *et al.* (1991), 3. Healy and Mills (1991), 4. Tiscareno-Lopez *et al.* (1993), 5. Persicani (1995), 6. Folly (1997), 7. Fog and Krogh (Personal communication).

after Veihe and Quinton 2000

## SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS STUDIES -3



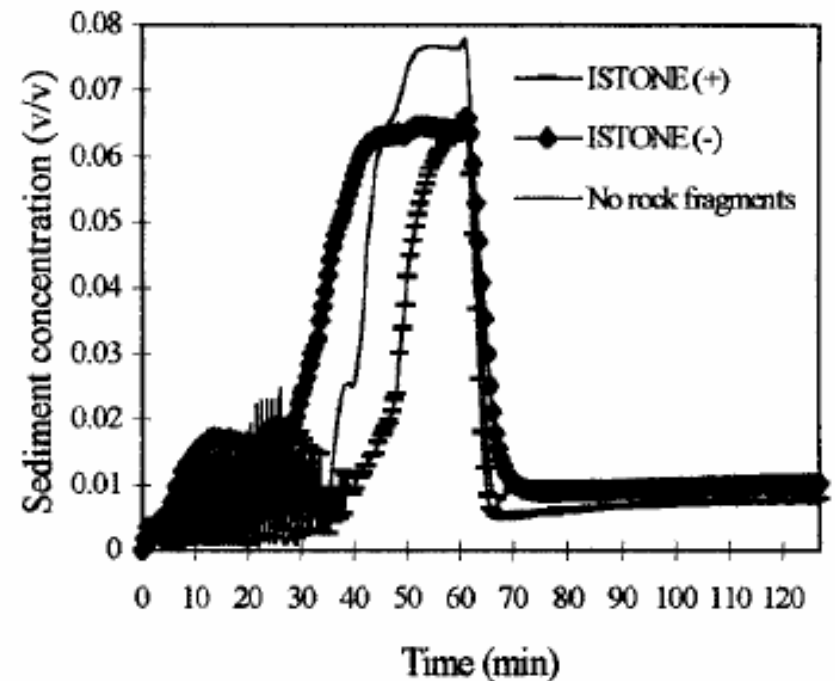
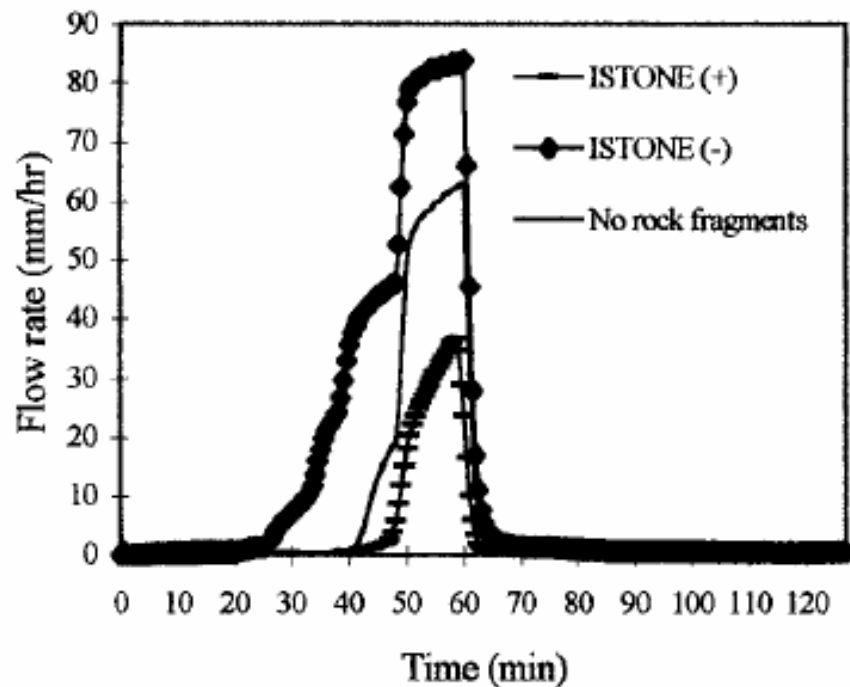
Folly et al. 1999



## SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS STUDIES – 4

$$K_{\text{sroc}} = K_s(1 - PAVE)$$

$$K_{\text{sroc}} = K_s(1 + PAVE)$$



## Sensitivity analysis studies

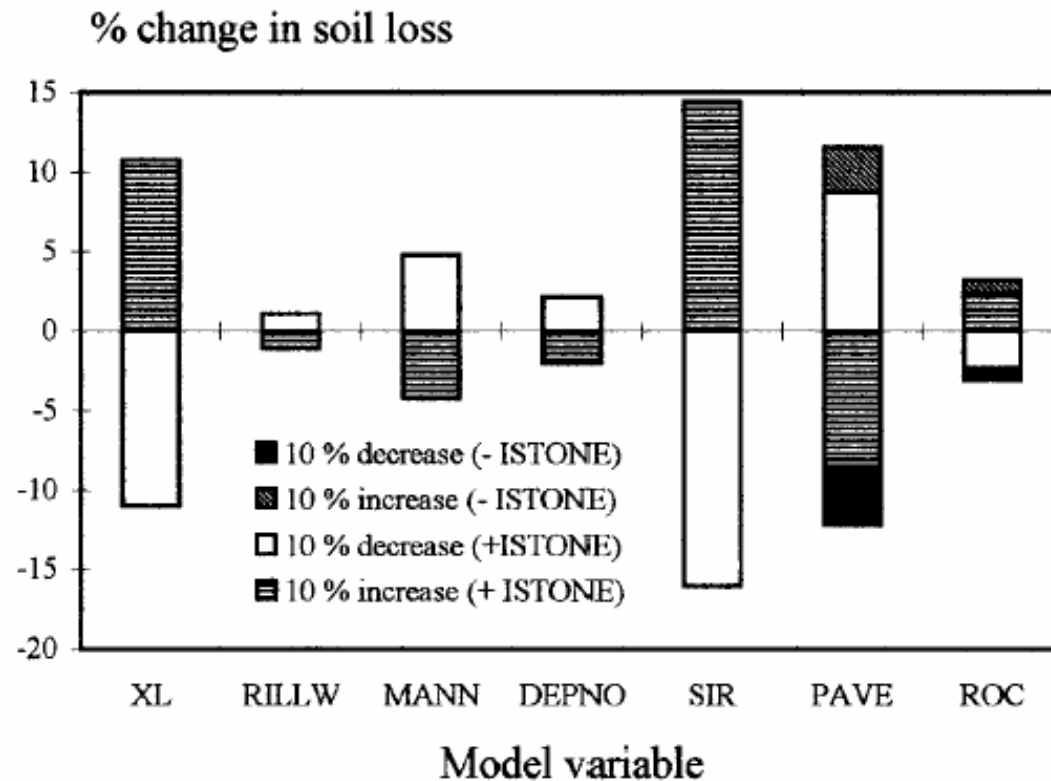


Figure 5. Sensitivity of the model output of total soil loss to changes in the slope length (XL), rill width (RILLW), Manning's  $n$  (MANN), the number of rills (DEPNO), interrill slope (SIR), the fraction covered by non-erodible material (PAVE) and the fraction of rock fragments (ROC)

Veihe et al 2000

**Measure how many parameters as possible!**

**Ks**

**G**

**porosity**

**CHO**

**...**

**vegetation parameters**

**...**

**Use other as tuning tools**

## Tuning and Forcing

**Tuning should be concentrated on a selected group of parameters because it gets more reliable results**

**Forcing can be admitted but be careful to use values which keep The parameter's physical meaning (e. g. sat. conductivity):**

Calibration required (percentage wise increase or decrease in parameter values) in order to fit EUROSEM to observed data					
Calibration parameter	Costa Rica		Nicaragua	Mexico	
	Maize	Grass		Plots 24b + 27	Plot 10b
<i>Hydrologic parameters</i>					
Saturated hydraulic conductivity		- 100	+ 185	+ 200	
Porosity			+ 11		
Maximum initial moisture content			+ 11		
Net capillary drive	+ 40			+ 50	+ 50
Soil detachability					TV
Manning's <i>n</i>	Set to 0.18	0.5			
<i>Soil parameters</i>					
Soil cohesion	+ 100	Max. TV	- 20	TV	TV
<i>Other parameters</i>					
Rill depth and width			+ 100		
Total area of plant stems (%)		+ 20			

TV = Table values and refers to the EUROSEM User manual (Morgan et al., 1998b).

## **SOME KEY POINTS IN EUROSEM**

**Validation may be developed in a series of rules to define reliable applications under specific conditions.**

**In this case we should maintain the coherence with the objective and structure of the model (model limitations).**

**Application rules can extend the model documentation itself.**

**The Application of Eurosem is not simple because it has inherent complexities. Actual runoff generation and erosion processes are much more complex than those described in the EUROSEM code (e.g.: only hortonian runoff)**

**Present version of EUROSEM collect reduced set of erosion/runoff algorithm and knowledge (until 1998-1999)**

**The model needs updating and its range of validity must be enlarged to include in it new knowledge and algorithms (e.g. saturated overland flow).**