



Modeling of surface water pollution by hazardous substances - project TETHYS.

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Tethys

- This project is supported by the Interreg Danube Region Programme co-funded by the European Union.

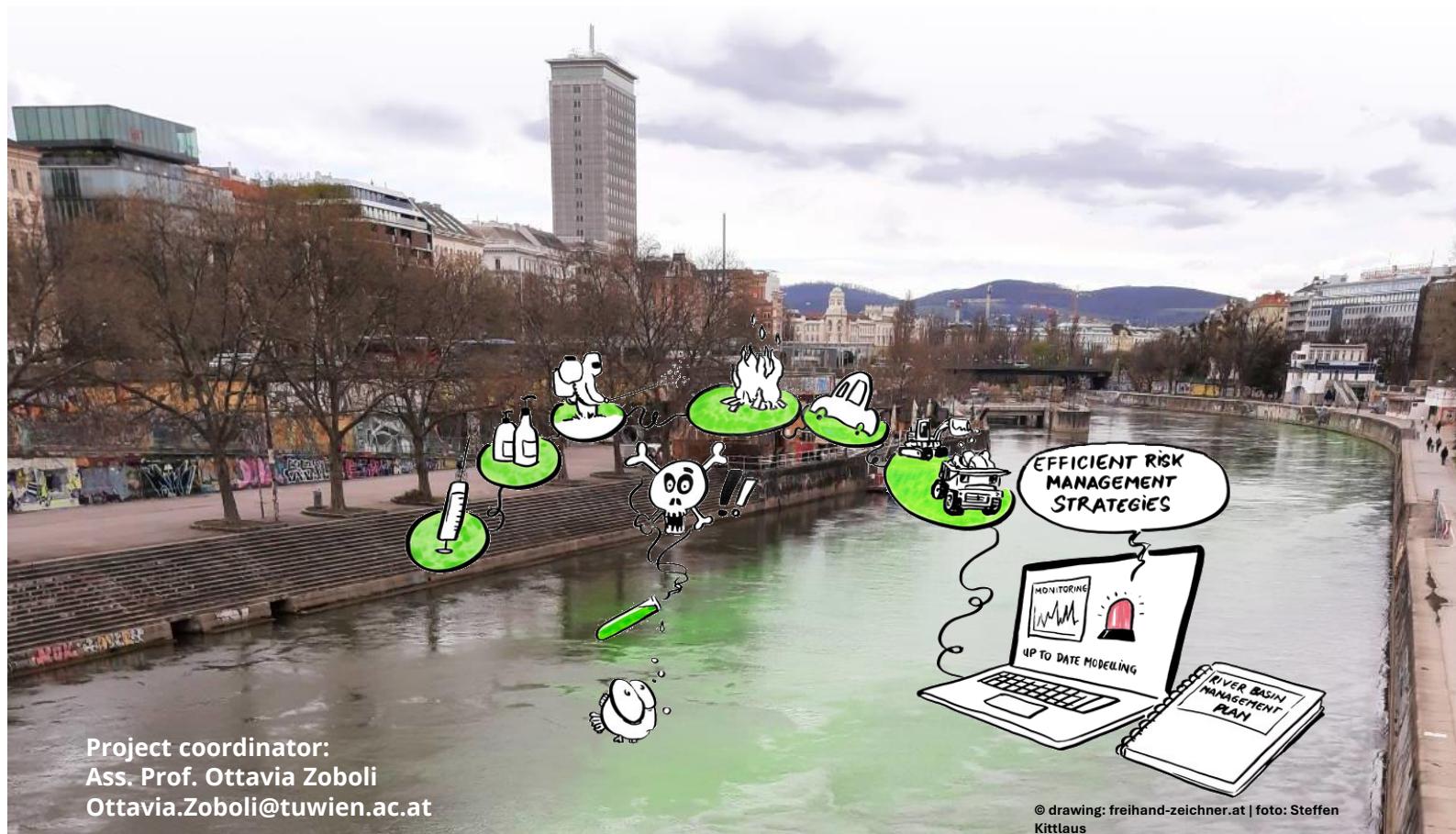
01/2024 - 06/2026

Project duration

2,937,185 €

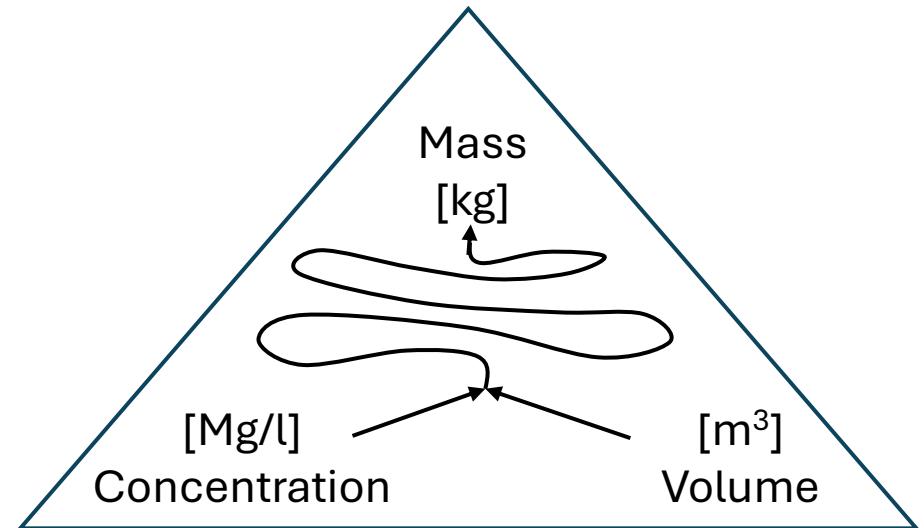
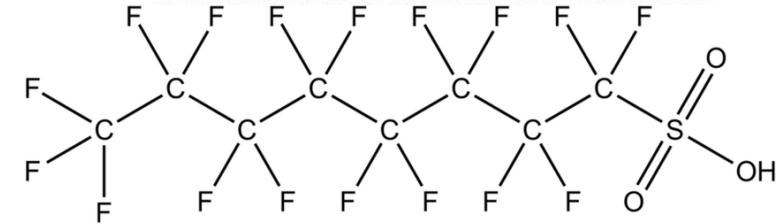
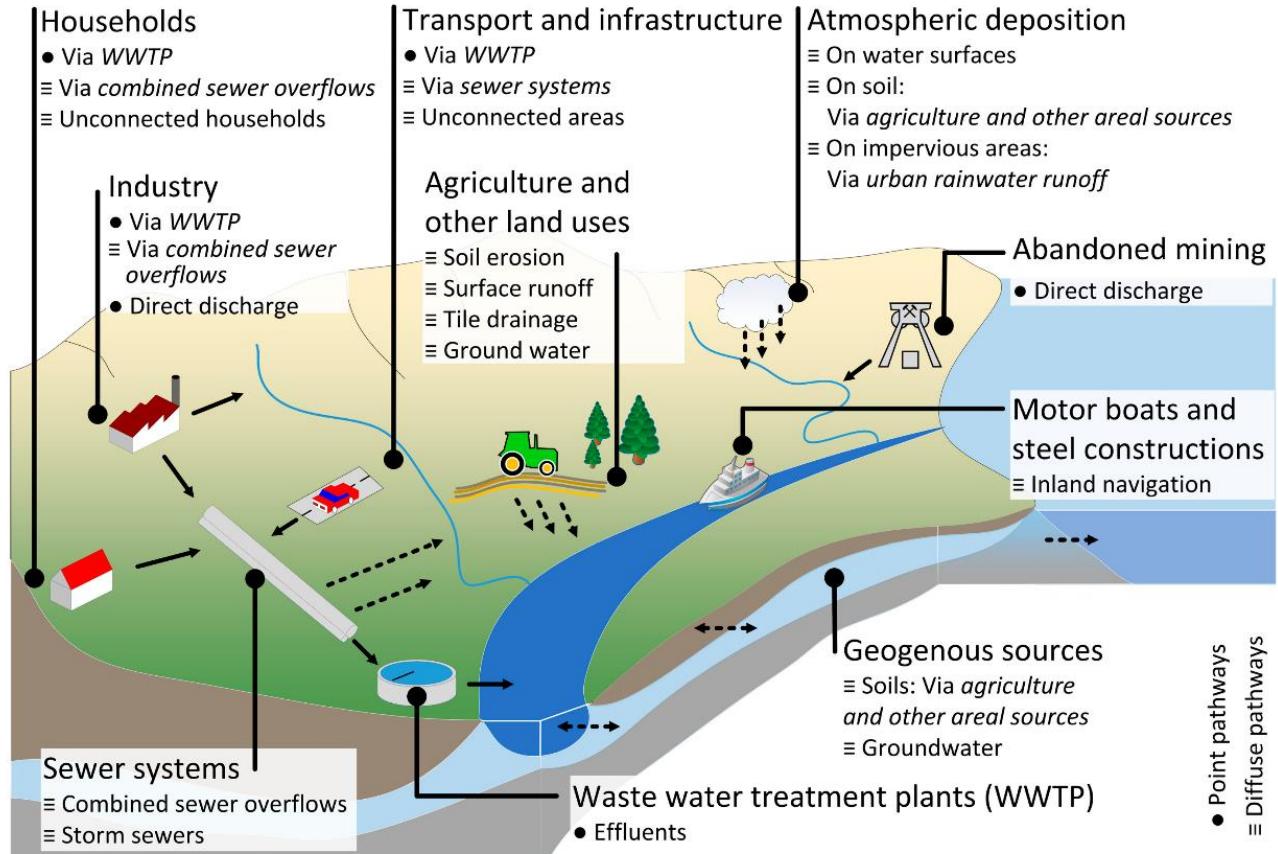
Project Budget

- Coordinated Danube Action for the titanic endeavour of tackling hazardous substances water pollution under changing pressures, challenges and targets



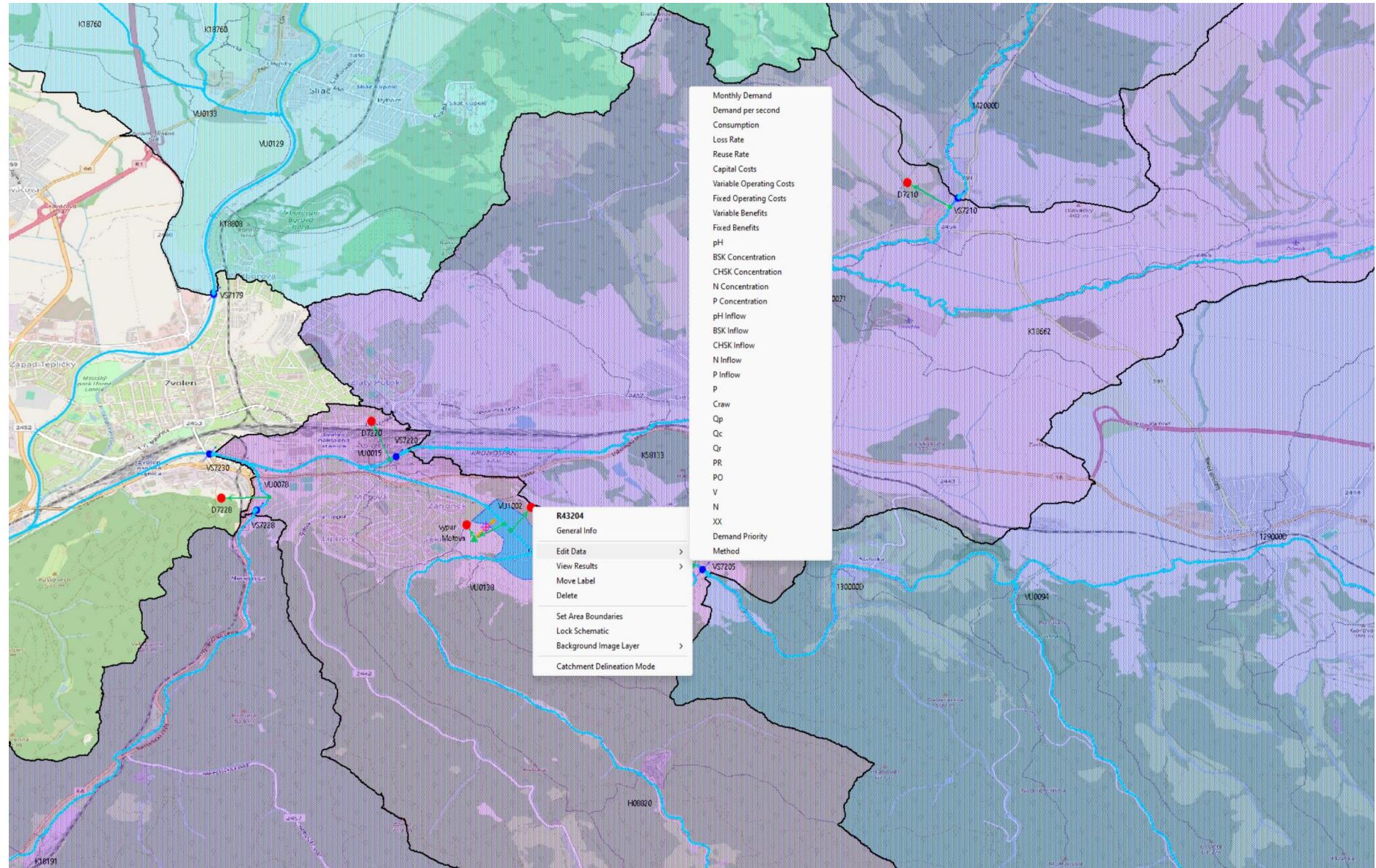
Issue: Hazardous substances :

- List of hundreds classified substances,
- Carcinogen,
- Uncertain pathways and load.



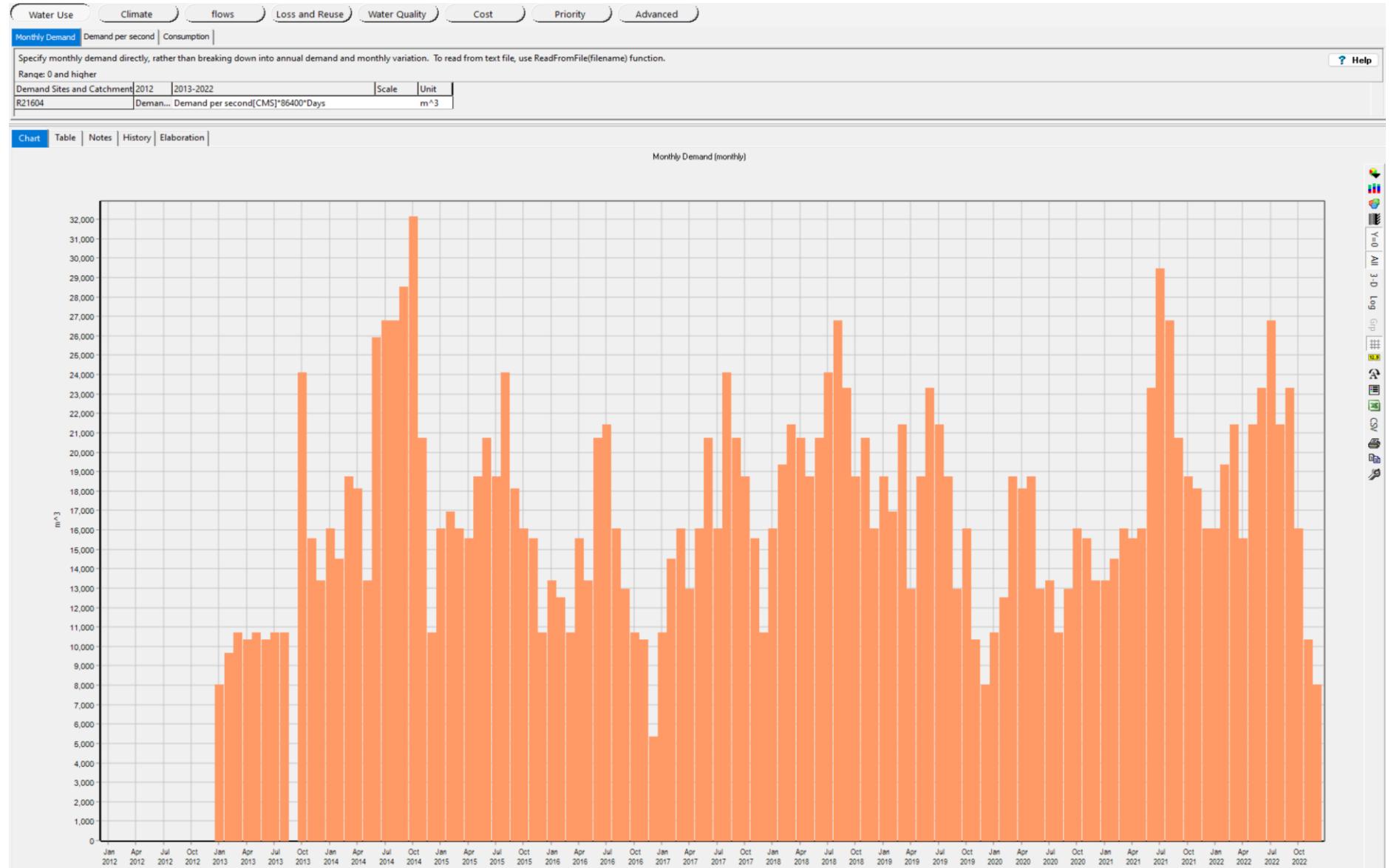
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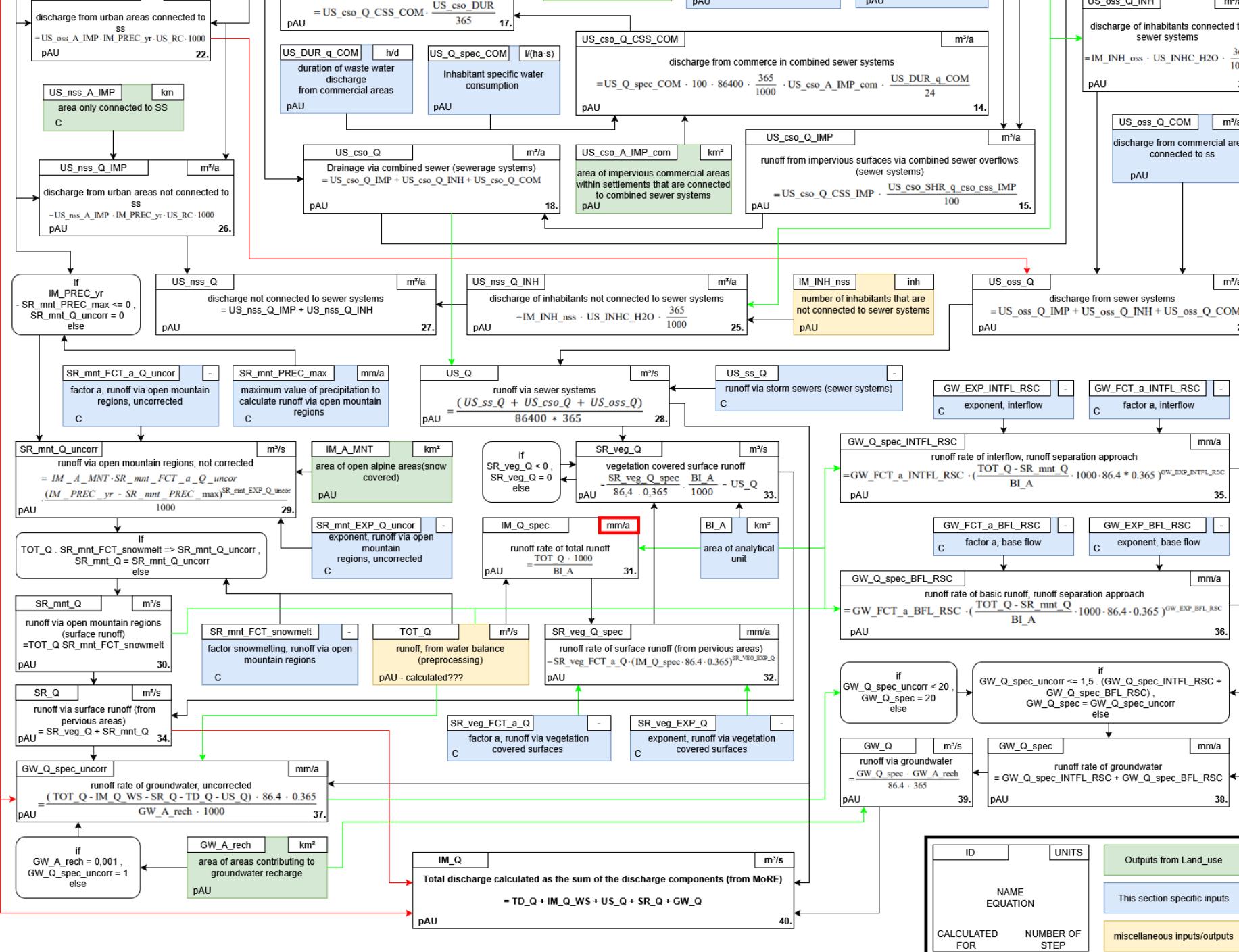


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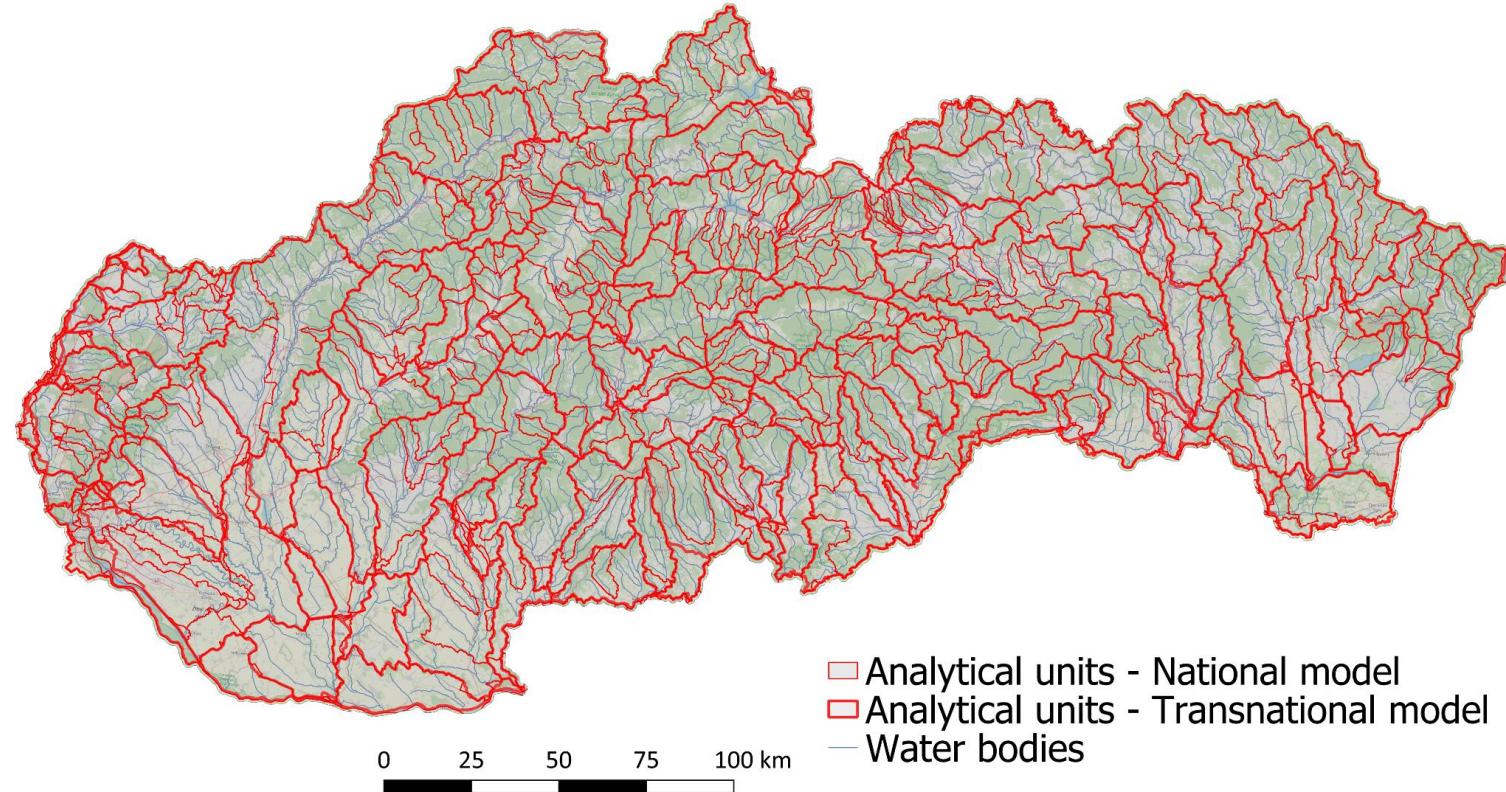
Purpose:

- ✓ Provides more data!
- ✓ Interconnect things together and show impact!
- ✓ SUPPORT decision making!



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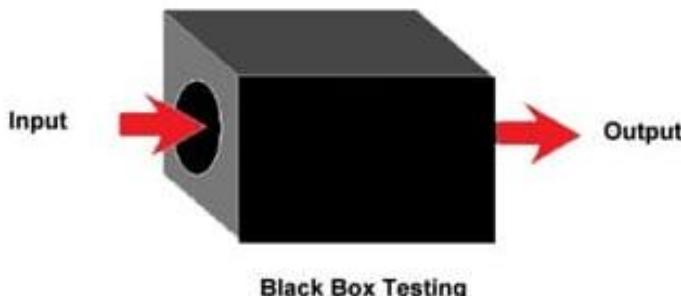


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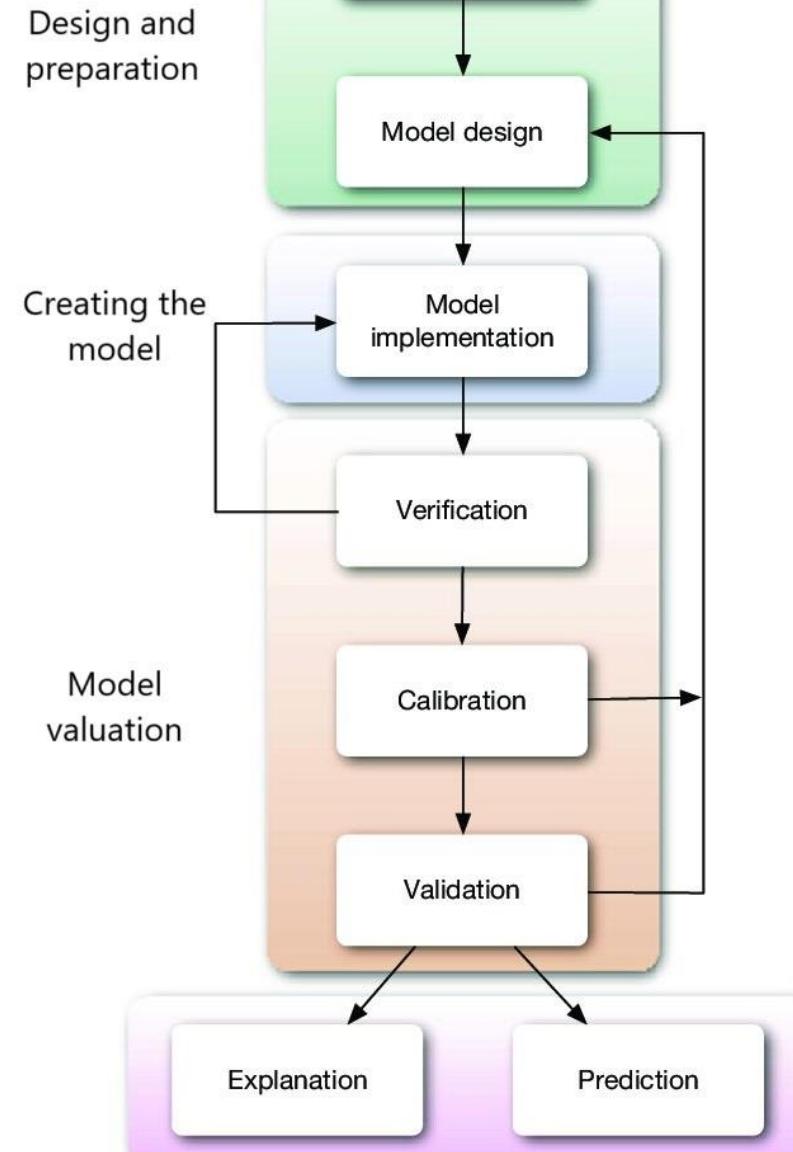
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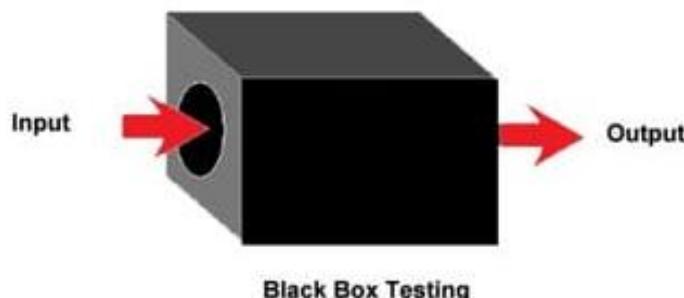
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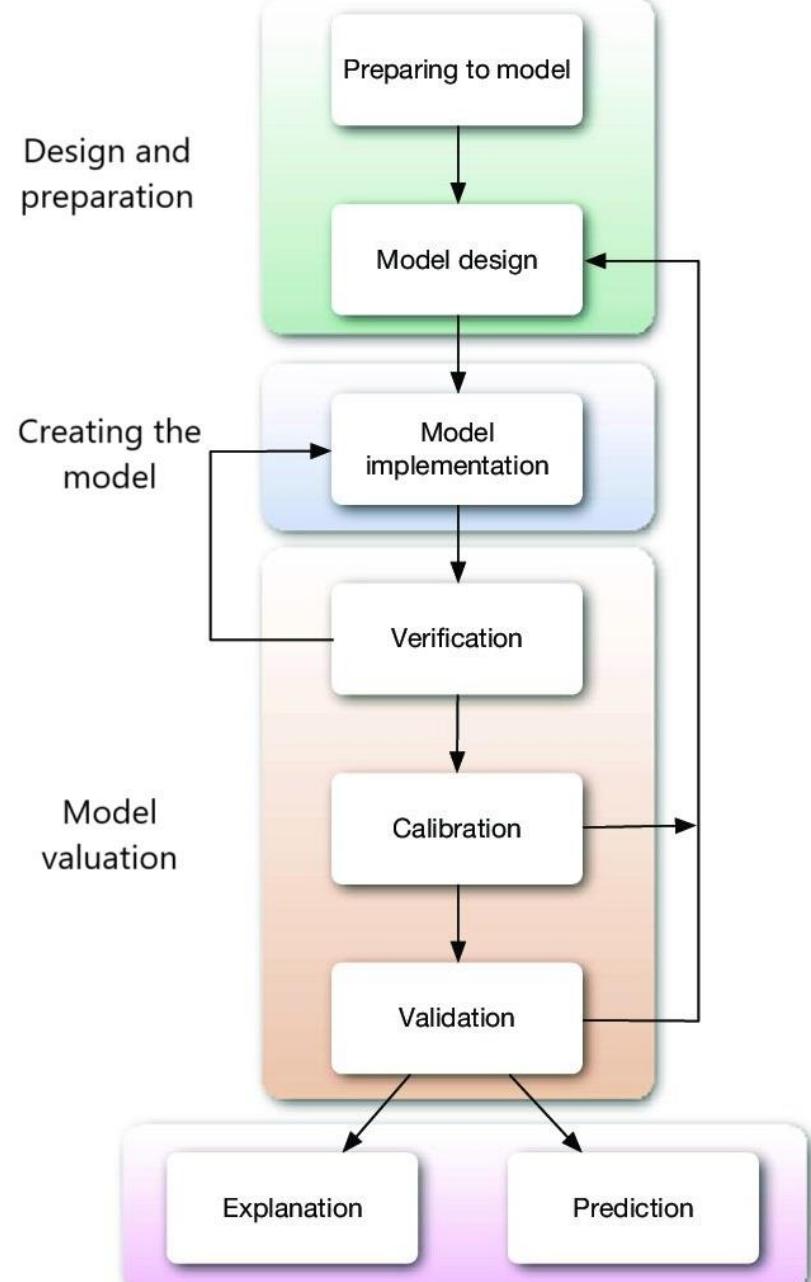
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Prediction





Thank you for your attention.

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