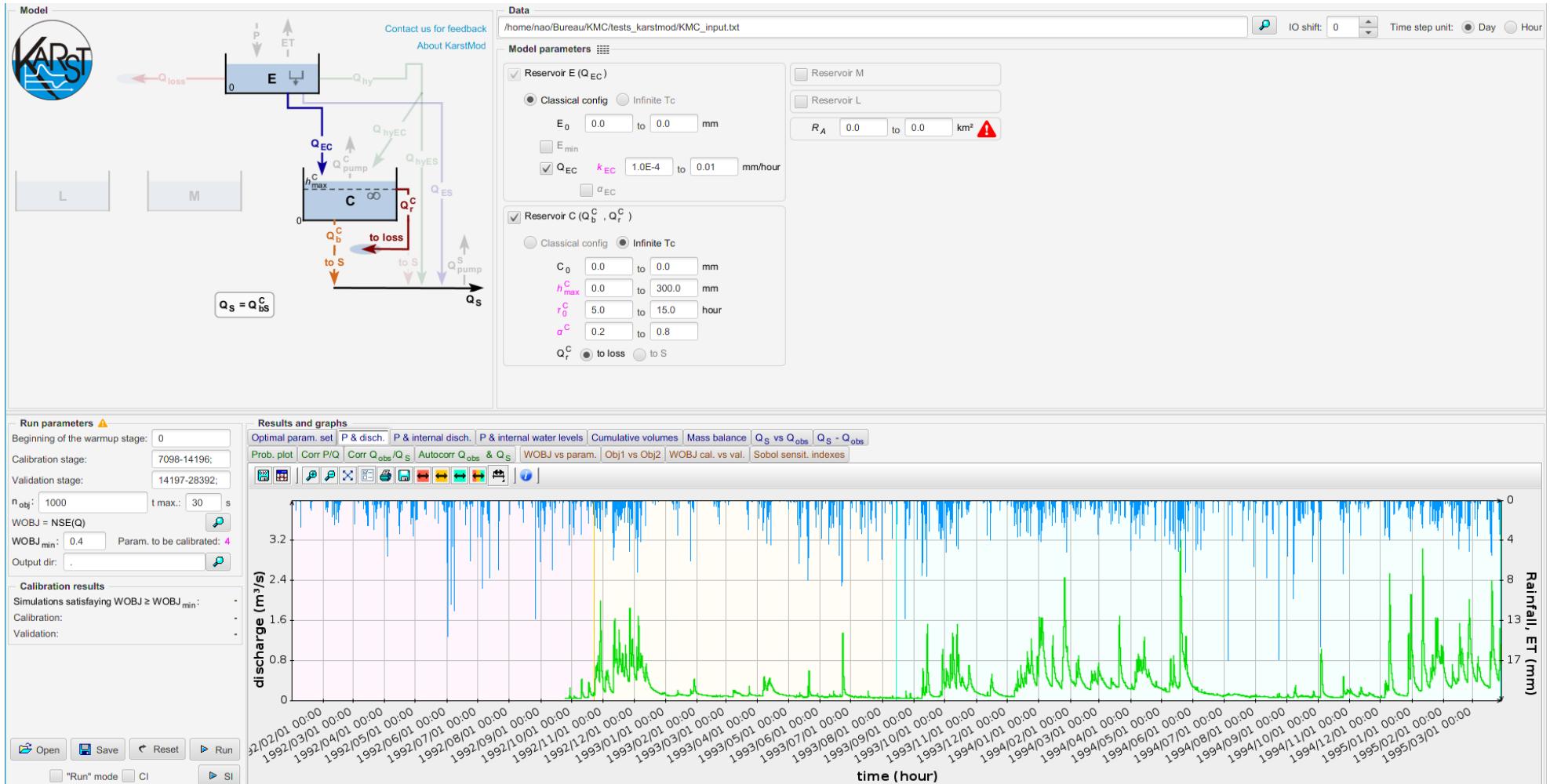
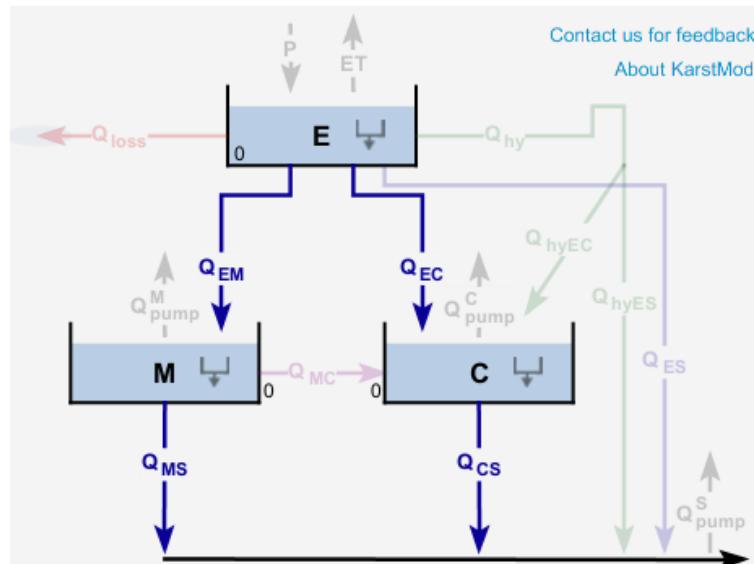
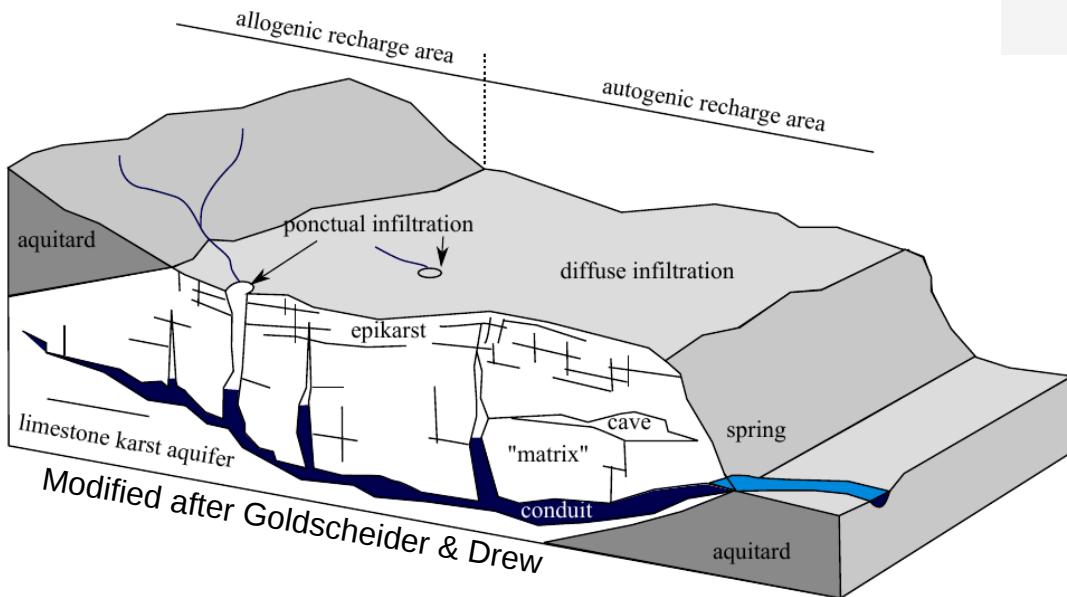
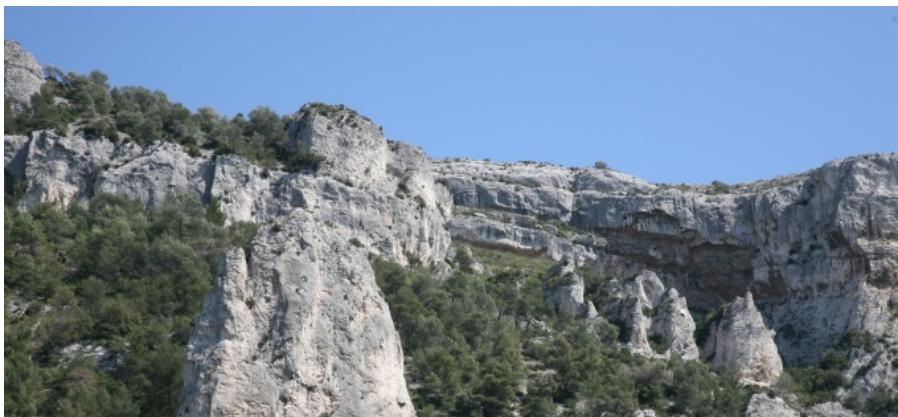


# KarstMod platform : an overview



# 1D compartment models

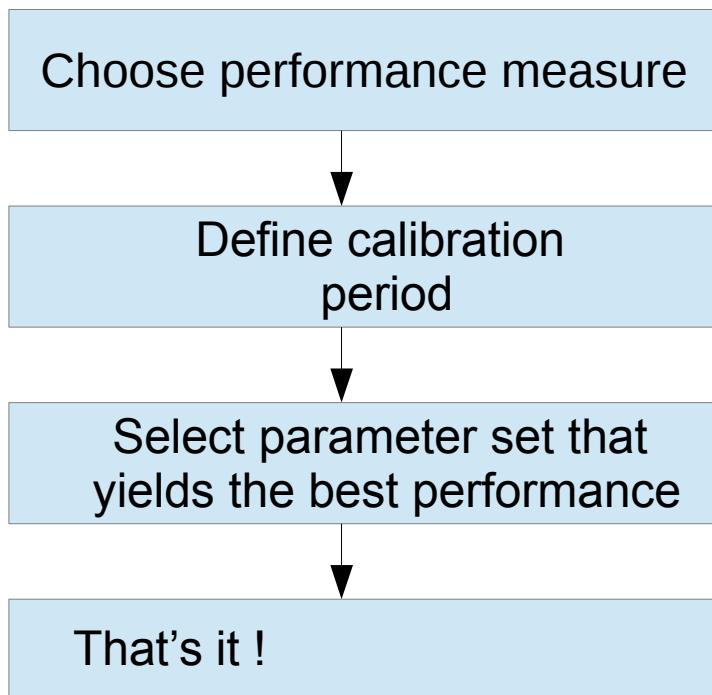


Operational :  
→ Forecast of system response

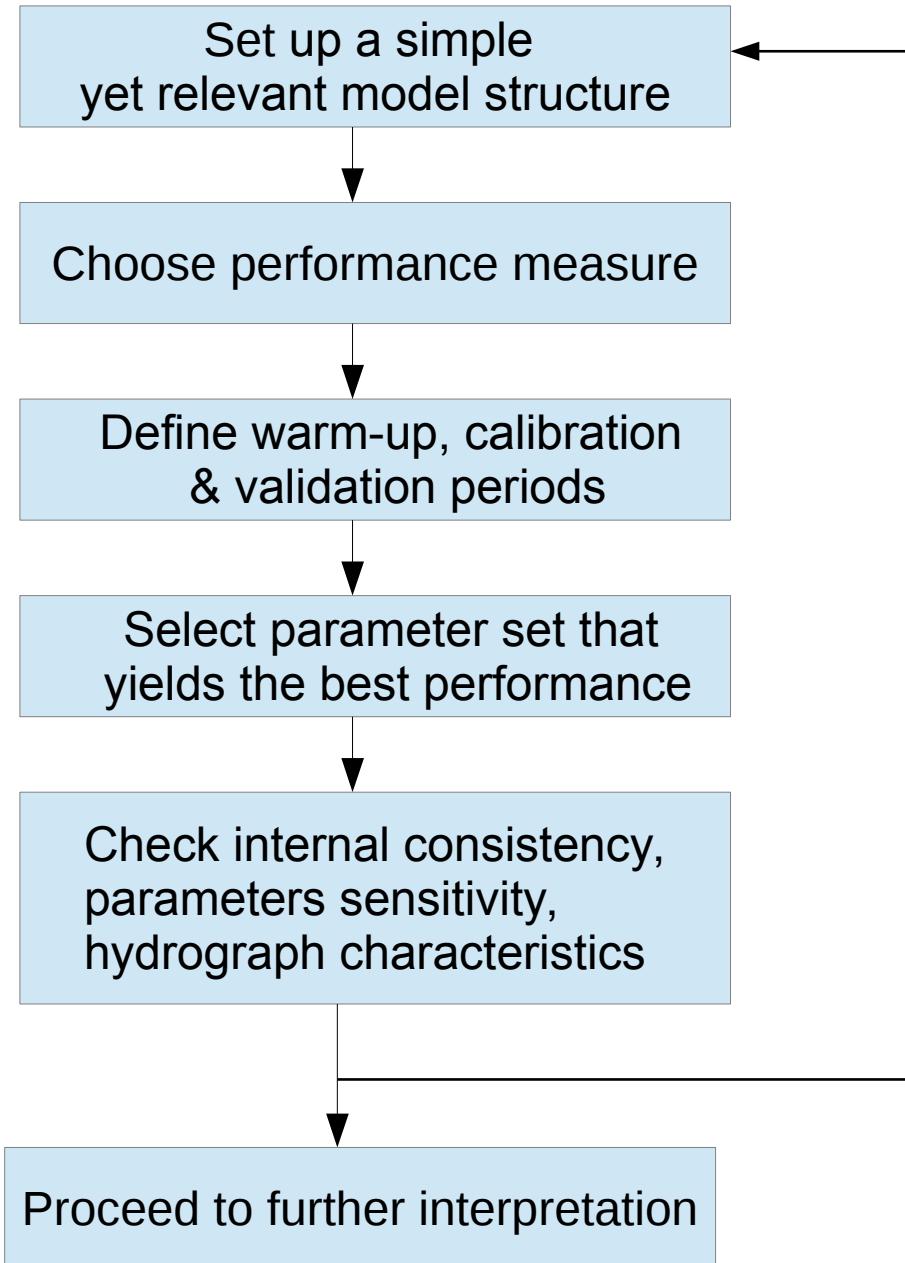
Research  
→ Understanding of the main processes at stake  
→ Insights into internal behaviour

# Modelling workflow

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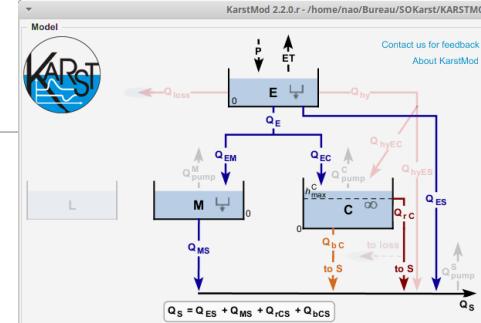
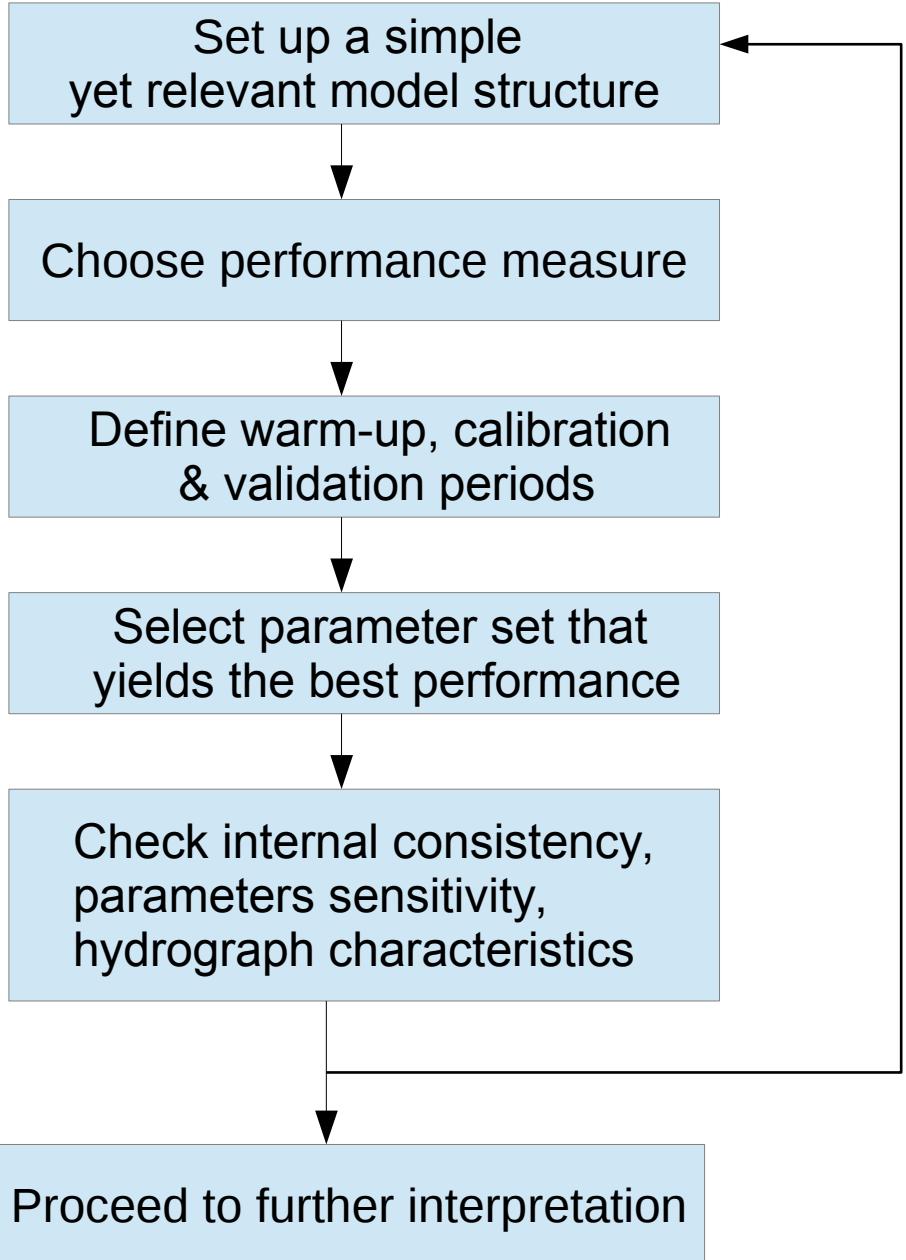


# Modelling workflow



Start simple !  
Do your data really support your model ?  
Gradual complexification approach

# Modelling workflow



## Aim of KarstMod platform

- Provide a friendly environment of 1D rainfall / water level / discharge modelling
- Provide analytical solutions, whenever possible
- Promote good modelling practices

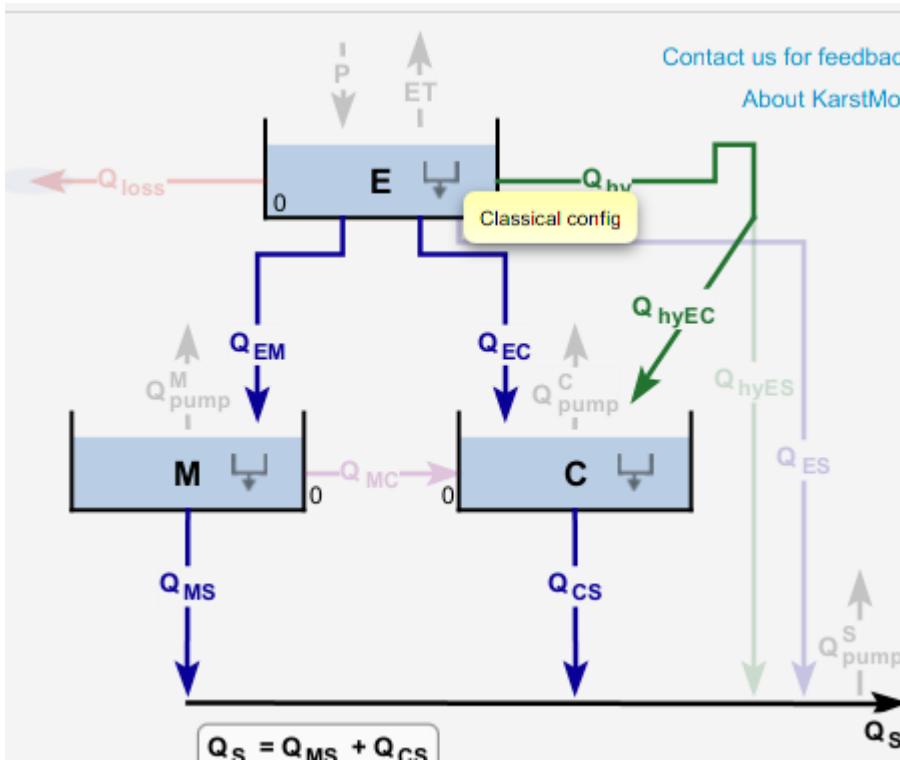
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# Step by Step example

- KarstMod\_2.2.0.r.jar
- Java Runtime Environment 64 bits  $\geq 1.8$
- KarstMod user manual
- Input file : FontaineVaucluse1994\_2000.txt



# Step by Step example : structure selection



2 configurations allowed for each compartment

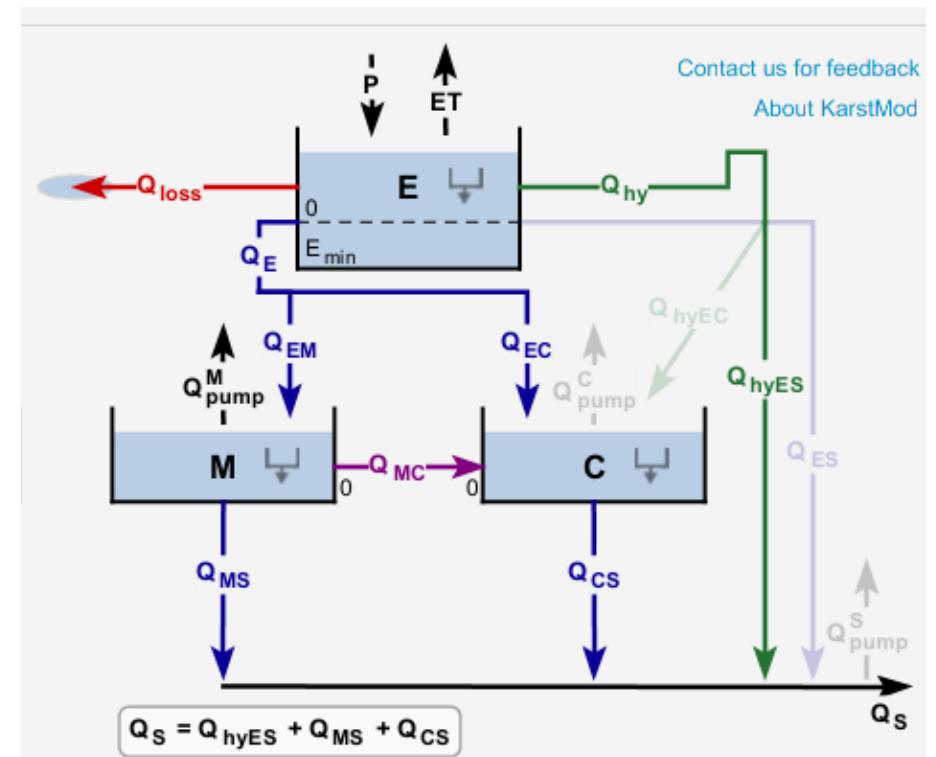
- Classical configuration (Millet-type law)
- Infinite characteristic time transfer function

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# Step by Step example : transfer laws

## Classical configuration

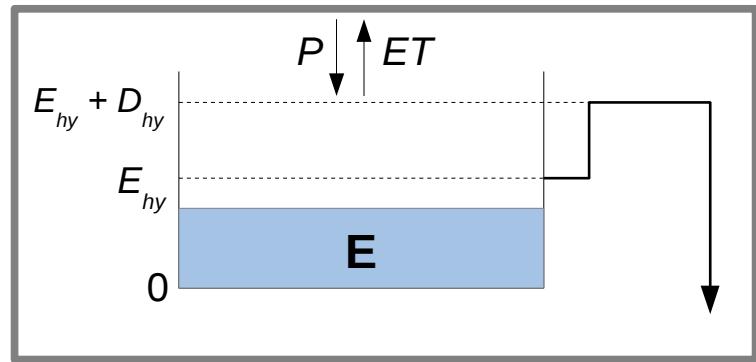
- Linear discharge law  $Q_{AB}(t) = k_{AB} \times A(t)$
- Non-linear discharge law  $Q_{AB}(t) = k_{AB} \times A(t)^{\alpha_{AB}}$
- Activation thresholds
- Soil available water content
- Pumping / Losses
- Hysteretic discharge law
- M-C interaction



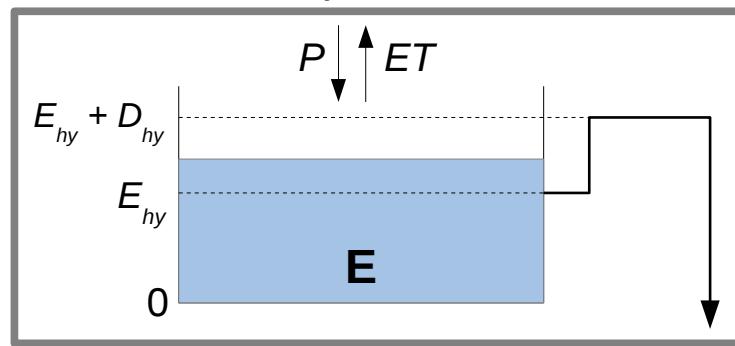
# Step by Step example : transfer laws

Classical configuration : Hysteretic discharge law  $Q_{hy}(t) = k_{HY} (E - E_{hy})^\alpha$

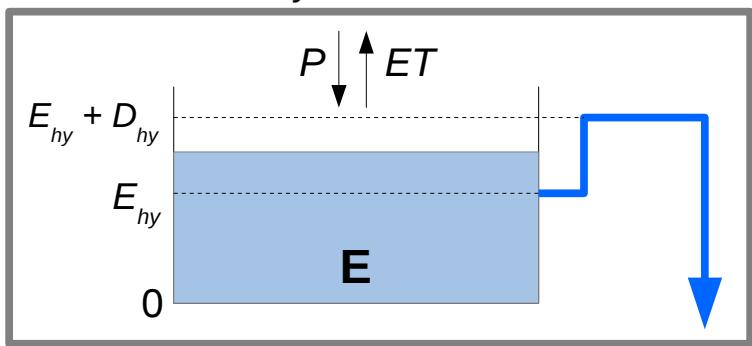
Step 1,  $E < E_{hy}$ , deactivated hysteretic flow



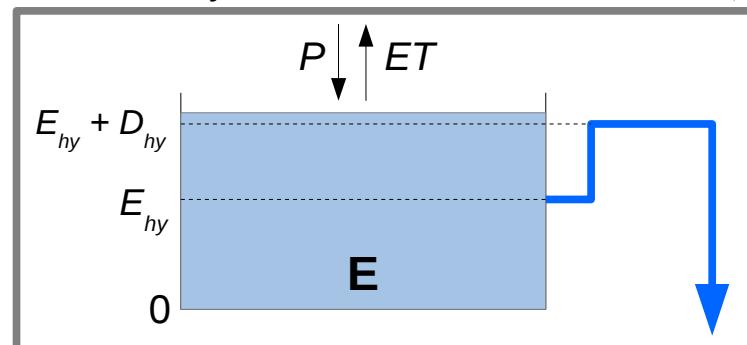
Step 2,  $E > E_{hy}$   
Still deactivated hysteretic flow



Step 3,  $E_{hy} < E < E_{hy} + D_{hy}$   
Activated hysteretic flow



Step 3,  $E > E_{hy} + D_{hy}$   
Activated hysteretic flow

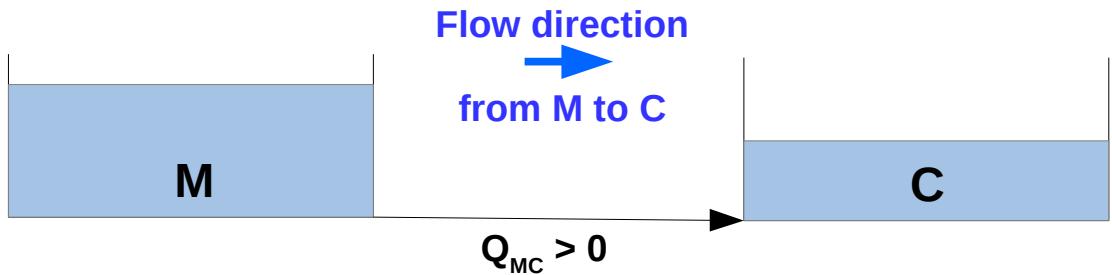


Activation of discharge law depends on prior state of saturation

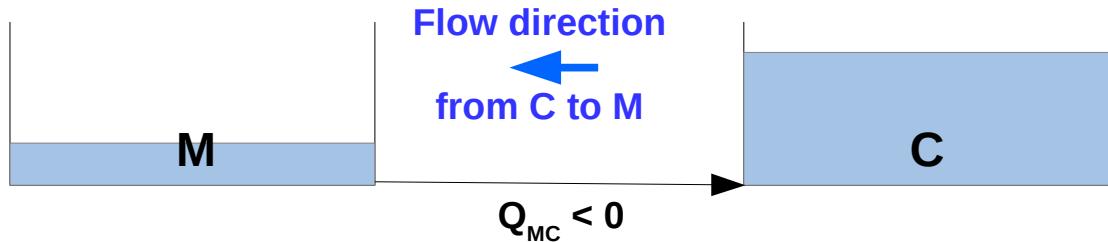
# Step by Step example : transfer laws

Classical configuration : Inter-compartments discharge law  $Q_{MC}(t) = k_{MC}(M - C)^\alpha$

Case 1,  $M > C$



Case 2,  $M < C$



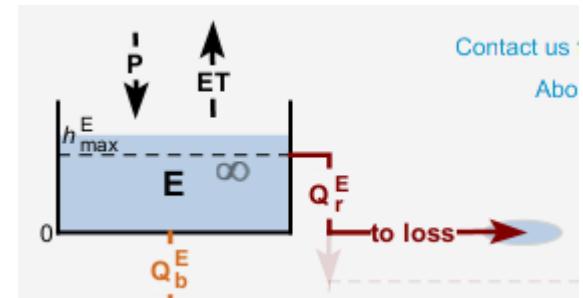
Flow direction depends on relative water levels between compartments

# Step by Step example : transfer laws

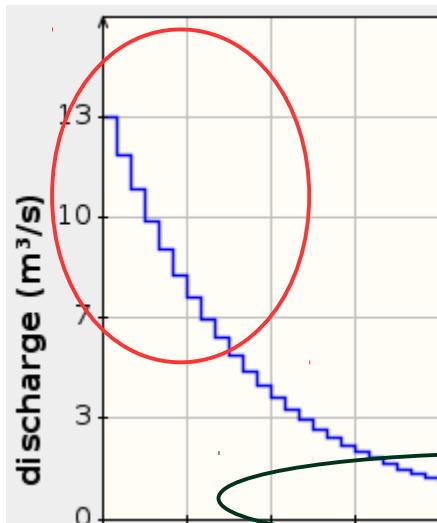
## Infinite characteristic time configuration

► Unit response

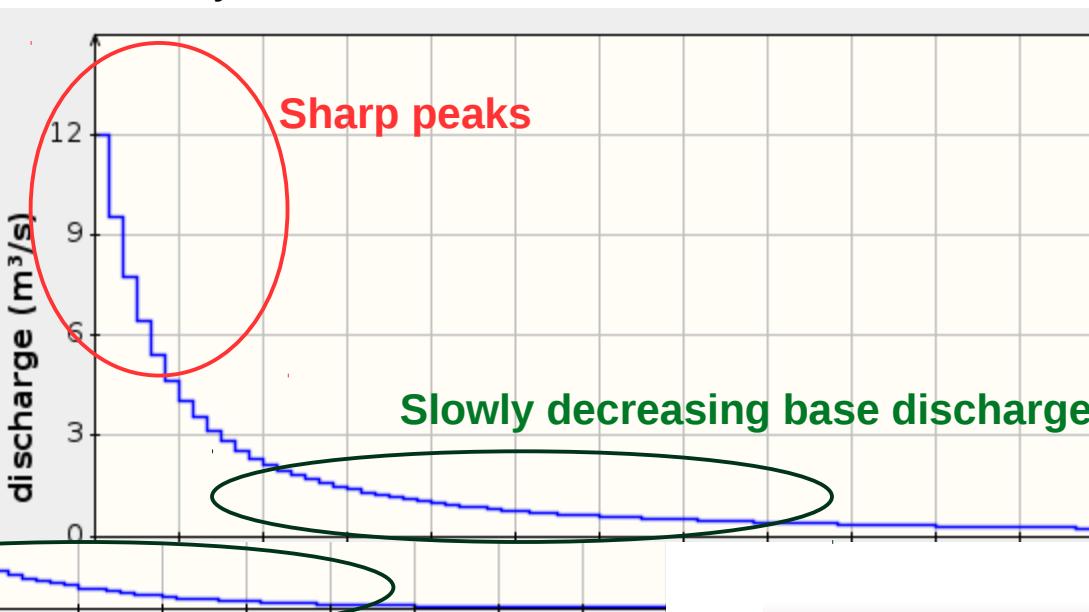
$$\omega(t) = \frac{\alpha \tau_0^\alpha}{(\tau_0 + t)^{1+\alpha}} \quad 0 < \alpha < 1$$



Exponential decay



Tcinf decay



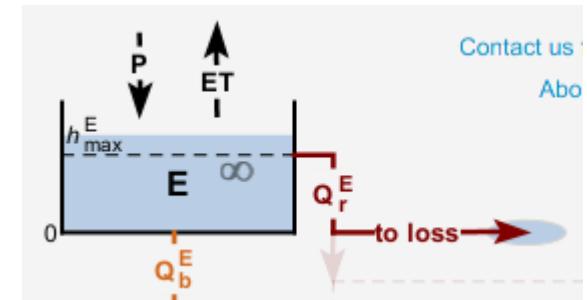
Aims to account for multiple transfer time scales in hydrosystems  
→ Dual flow behaviour

# Step by Step example : transfer laws

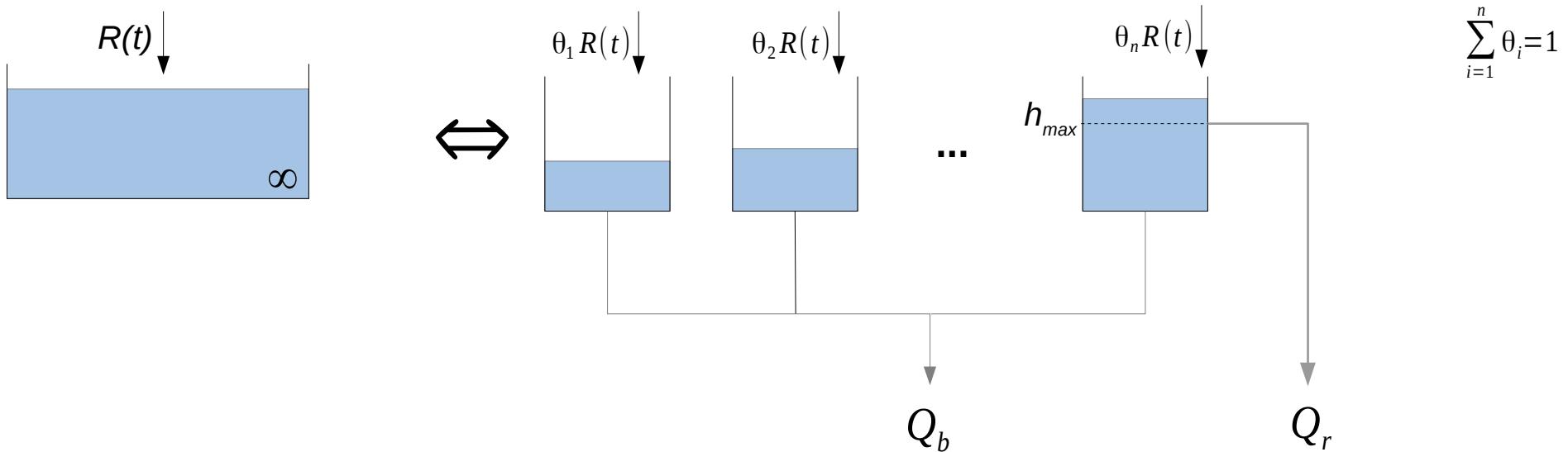
## Infinite characteristic time configuration

► Unit response

$$\omega(t) = \frac{\alpha \tau_0^\alpha}{(\tau_0 + t)^{1+\alpha}} \quad 0 < \alpha < 1$$
$$Q_b = R \otimes \omega(t)$$



► Volume higher than threshold  $h_{\max}$  triggers direct overflow  $Q_r$



Amounts to partitioning reservoir  $C$  into sub-reservoirs with linear discharge law, running in parallel.

# Step by Step example : objective function

## Performance measure

Volume Error (VE)  
Nash-Stucliffe efficiency (NSE)  
Kling-Gupta efficiency (KGE)

Balance error

Use 1 or a combination of 2  
objective functions

## Dataset

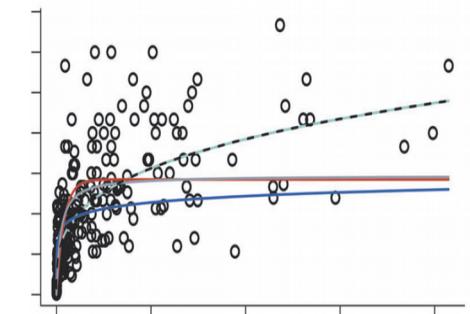
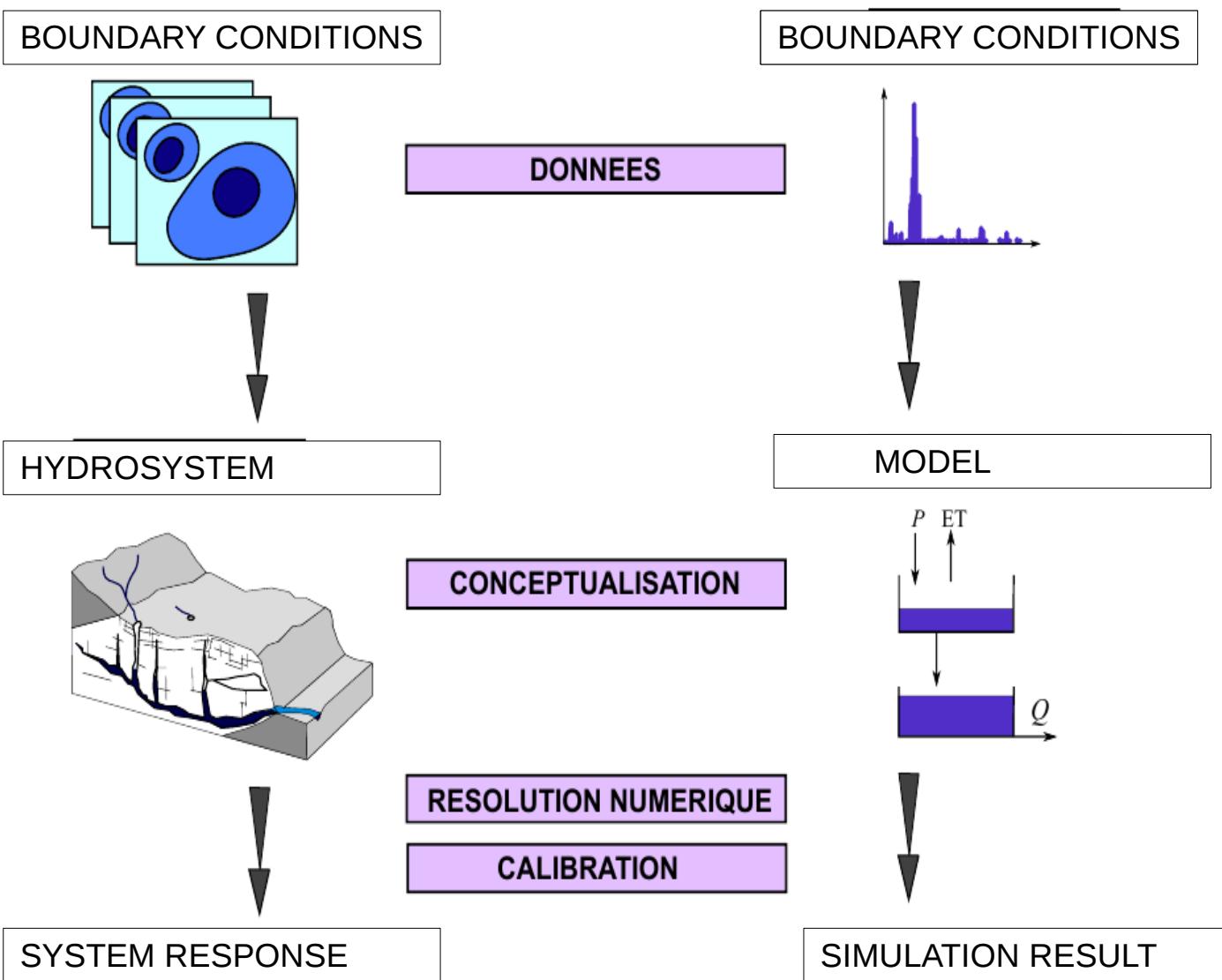
- ✓ Entire dataset  $Q(t)$
- ✓ Peak flow  $Q(t) > Q_{\min}$
- ✓ Base discharge  $Q(t) < Q_{\max}$

## Variable

- ✓ Discharge or equivalent water level
- ✓  $\sqrt{ }, \log()$

Performance measures drive the calibration process  
Which characteristics of the measured signal do you  
want to reproduce ?

# Step by Step example : your model can't perfectly fit the data



Errors occur at all stages  
of the modelling  
process

There's no unique  
solution to the  
modelling problem  
=  
EQUIFINALITY

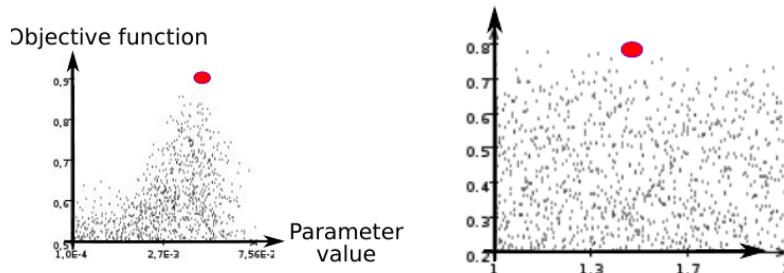
Non-optimal parameters  
set may still provide  
some interesting  
information

# Step by Step example : relevant realizations approach

→ In KarstMod, all simulations that comply  $W_{OBJ} > W_{OBJ_{min}}$  are retained for analysis

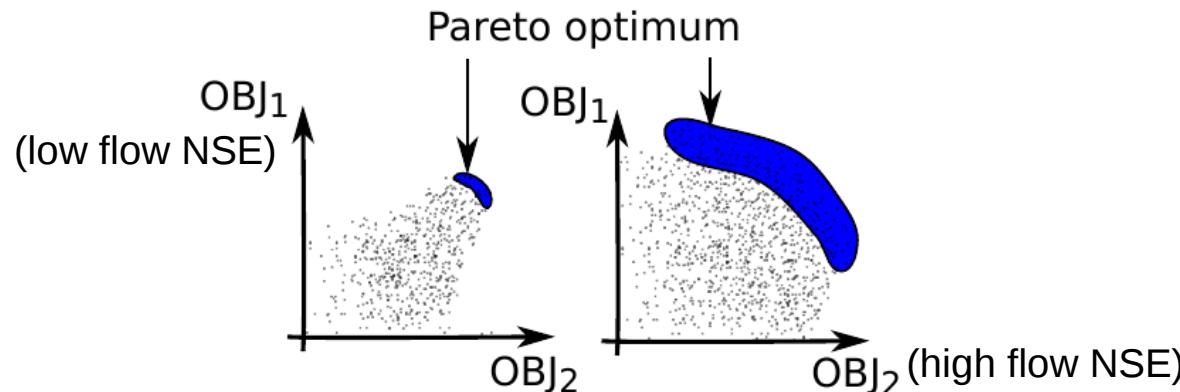
1/ At first, set a low minimal performance measure  $W_{OBJ_{min}}$

→ check parameter bounds & optimum



→ check key parameters  
(sensitivity indexes)  
→ ...

→ check possible conflicts between signal characteristics



Final choice of wobj

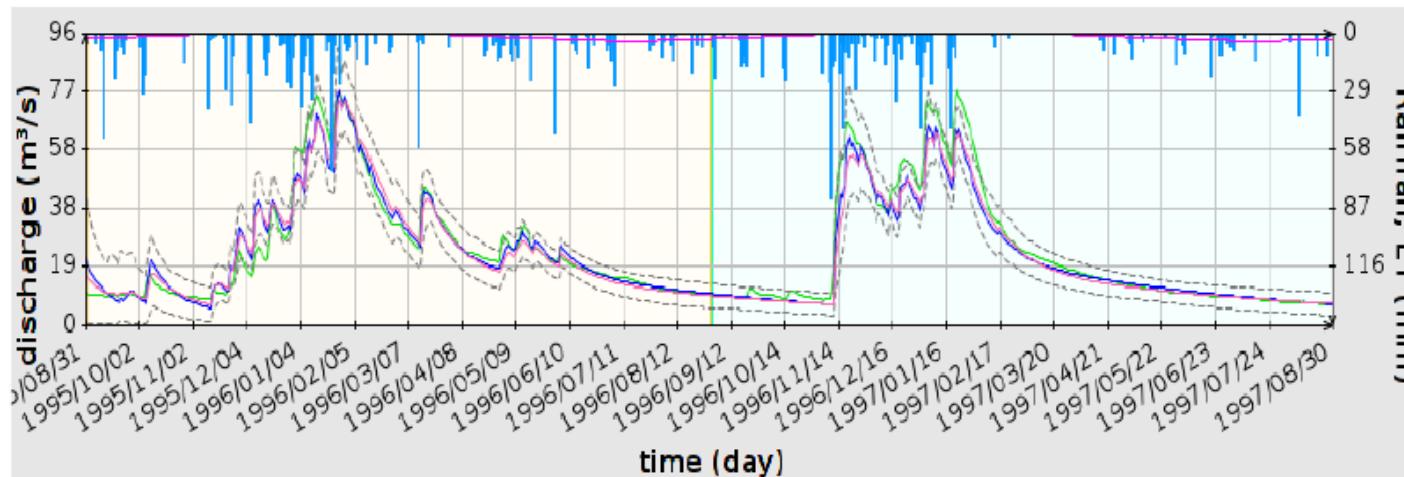
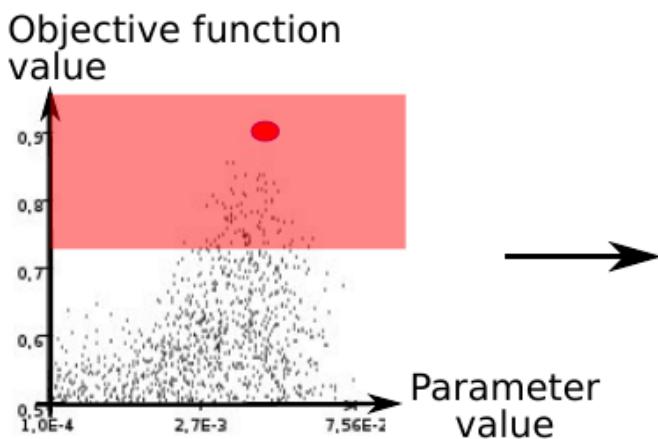
Set model structure &  
transfer laws

# Step by Step example : relevant realizations approach

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1/ At first, set a low minimal performance measure  $W_{OBJ_{min}}$

2/ When model structure is deemed adequate, use higher  $W_{OBJ_{min}}$



- simulation resulting from optimal parameter set (best wobj)
- min & max Q values from set of acceptable simulations
- most likely Q value based on set of acceptable simulations
- 95 % confidence bounds based on acceptable simulations

GLUE methodology : Beven 1992

# **APPENDIX**

## PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS

- $\in ]-\infty, 1]$
- $Q_{OBS} = Q_{sim} \Rightarrow NSE = 0$

**NSE provide a relative quantification of model performance**

$$NSE = 0.8$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

erreure quadratique moyenne  $\div 5$   
As compared to reference simulation

NSE will be higher if the reference model is bad (high variability of  $Q(t)$ )

Nash-Sutcliff efficiency

$$NSE = 1 - \frac{\sum (Q_{OBS} - Q_i)^2}{\sum (Q_{OBS} - \bar{Q}_{OBS})^2}$$

more pertinent reference simulations can be used

NSE may be low even though the general shape of  $Q(t)$  is ok

