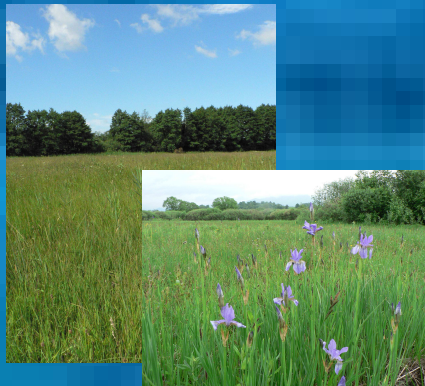


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# Hydrological analysis of wetland system



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## **Aim of the study**

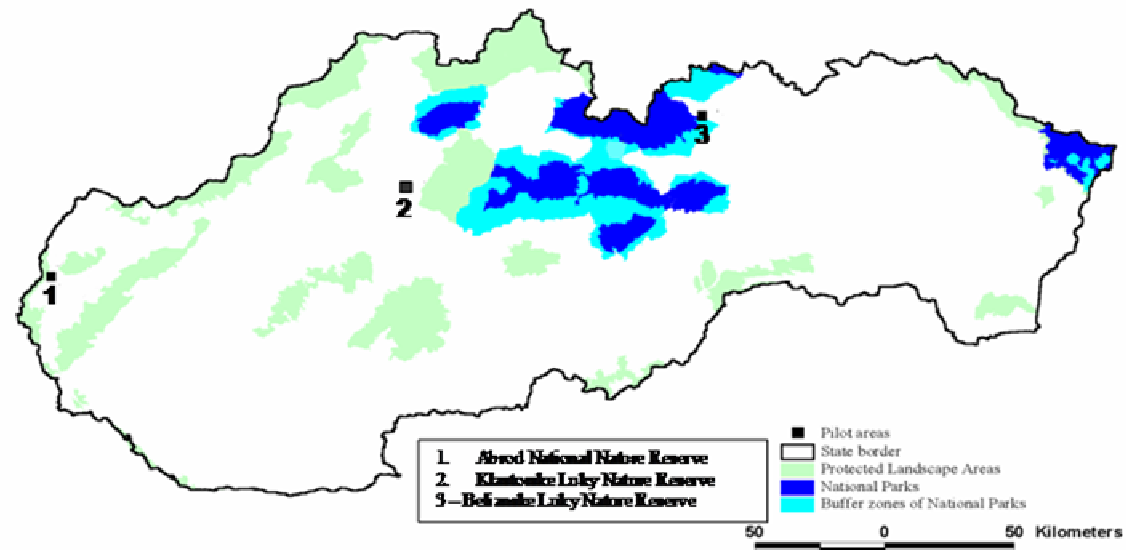
- **to acquire a better understanding of changes in selected wetlands in Slovakia**
- **to build a methodological basis for future improving of their ecological conditions, which will include recommendations for changes in land use in farm areas, as well as proposals for the creation of buffer zones and land purchases**

# Analysis of hydrological and climatological regime

- Discharges
- Precipitation totals
- Temperature
- Ground-water level

Time series analysis and creating of predictions models in a monthly time step

## Study areas





# Abrod wetland



**Abrod** - is a National Nature Reserve

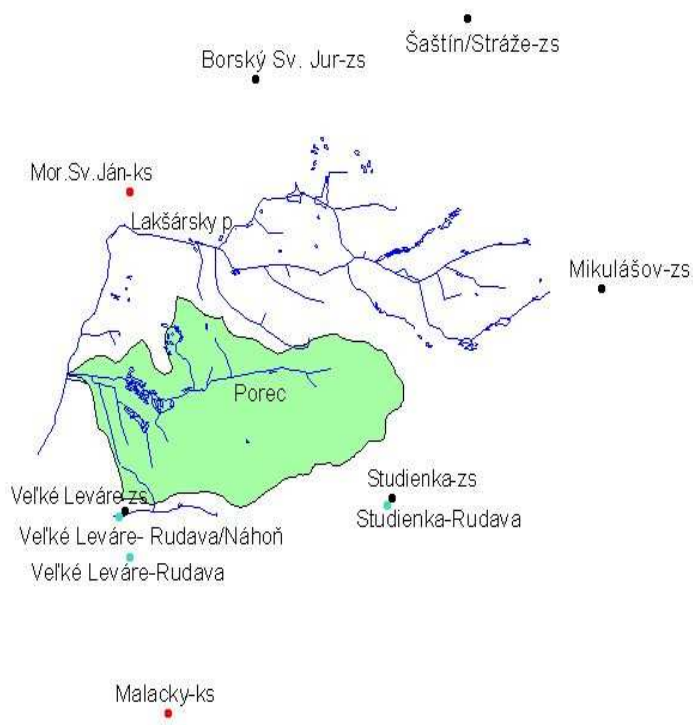
of a 92 hectares, which was designated in 1964 for rich fen protection.

Situated in the Borská lowlands, it has been recognised as a unique botanical and zoological location since 1923.

The wetland is located in natural depression in altitude 153 to 149 m a.s.l.

Currently, 480 taxa of vascular plants have been recorded, including 104 threatened species, of which 3 occur only in this area of Slovakia.

The Porec Creek is draining the Abrod wetland.



Station	Id of gauging station	Observation period	Number of years observation
Vel'ké Leváre/Rudava	5072	1.1.1961 - 31.12.2004	44
Studienka/Rudava	5070	1.1.1971 - 31.12.2004	34





Station	Id of gauging station	Observation period	Number of years of observation
Malackya	16160	1.1.1901 – 31.12.2004	104
Šaštín/Stráže	15200	1.1.1901 – 31.12.2004	104

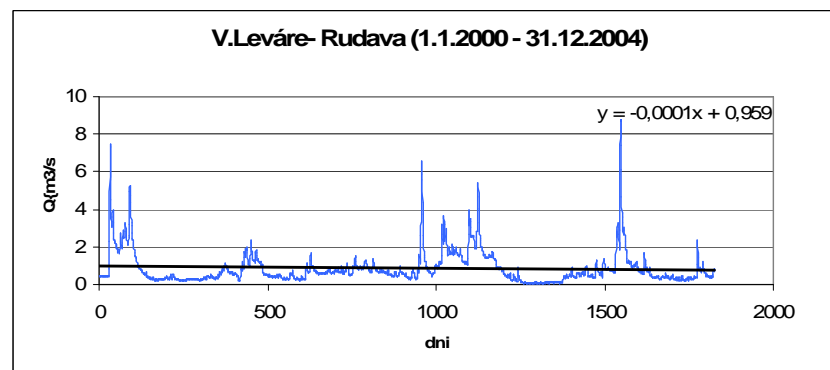
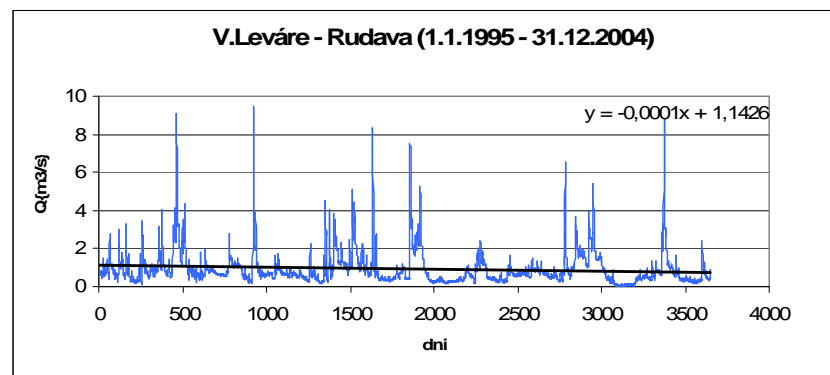
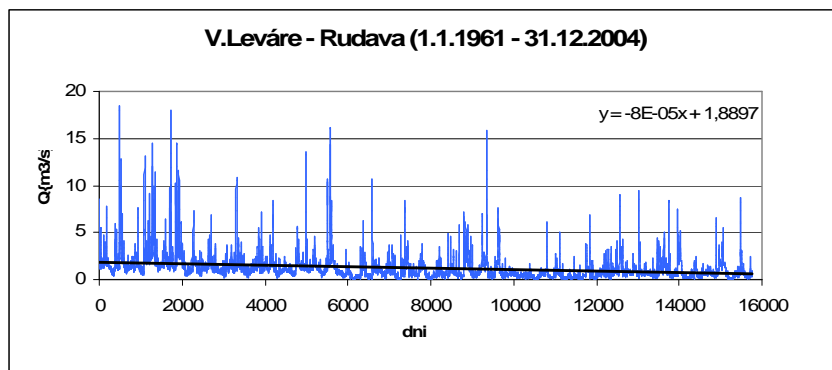
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- Statistical analysis of mean annual, daily and monthly discharges
  - Basic statistical analysis
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  - Trend analysis
  - Analysis of seasonal and cyclical components

# Abrod

## Discharge time series - trends

Last 10 years

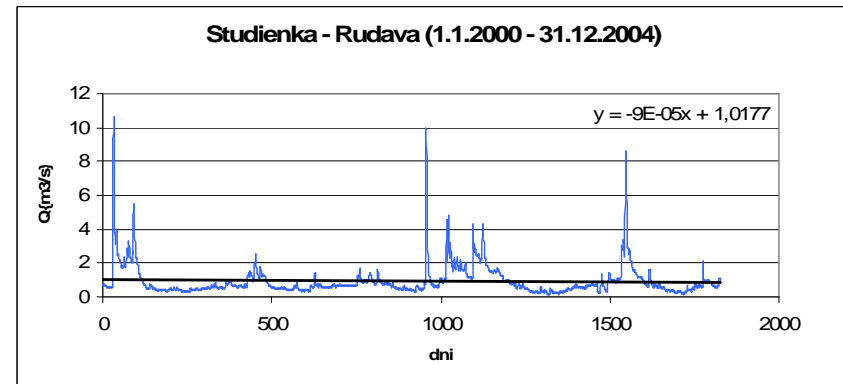
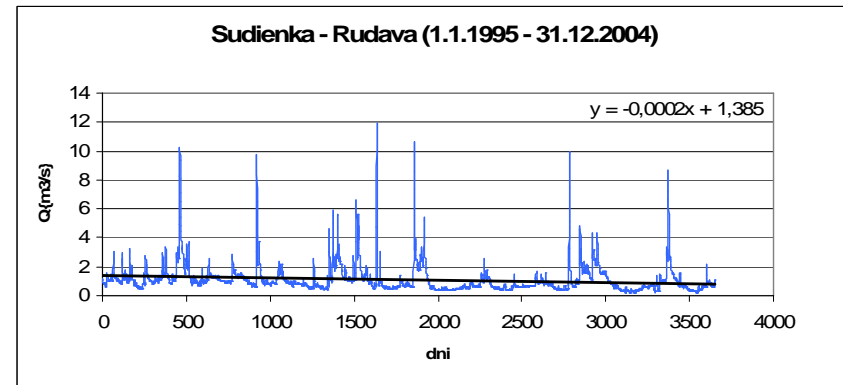
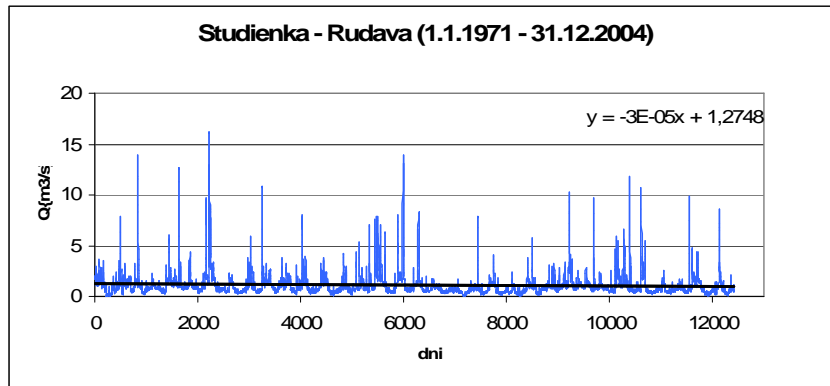


Last 5 years



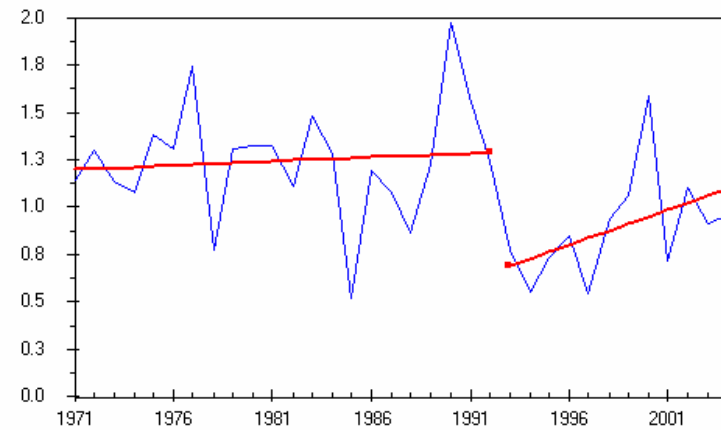
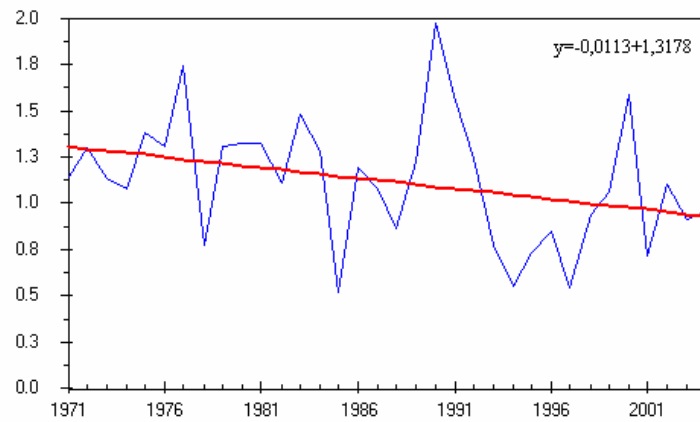
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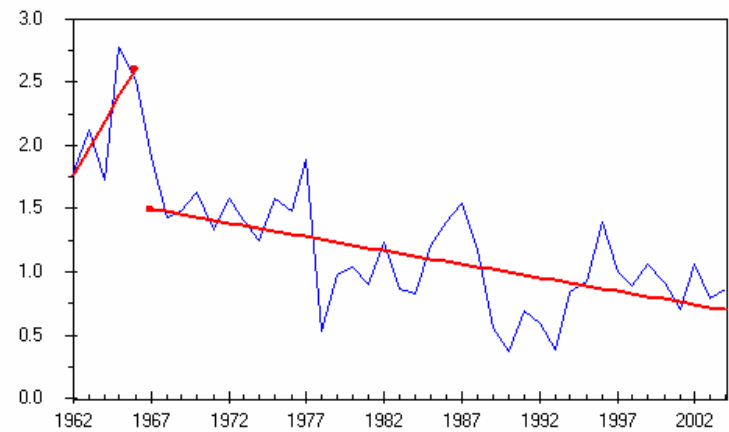
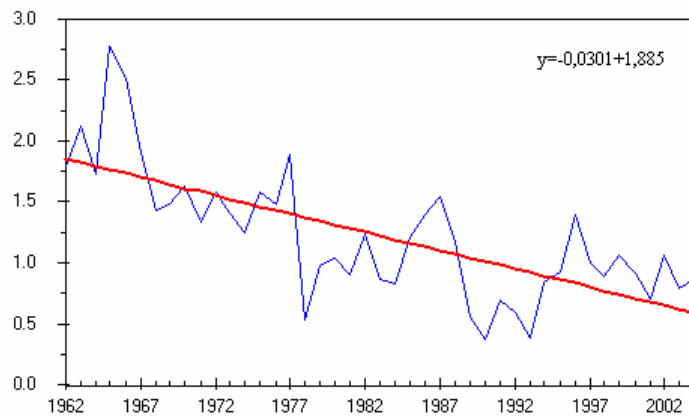


Last 5 years

## Studienka - Rudava



## Veľké Leváre - Rudava



# Sesonality analysis

	Velké Leváre - Rudava		Studienka - Rudava	
Month	Q <sub>max</sub>	Q <sub>min</sub>	Q <sub>max.</sub>	Q <sub>min</sub>
I	<b>11</b>	0	1	2
II	<b>6</b>	0	3	1
III	3	0	<b>8</b>	0
IV	0	2	<b>4</b>	1
V	3	5	2	2
VI	0	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	0
VII	0	<b>8</b>	3	2
VIII	2	<b>6</b>	1	3
IX	2	2	2	<b>9</b>
X	<b>5</b>	3	2	<b>4</b>
XI	<b>7</b>	1	1	<b>7</b>
XII	<b>4</b>	1	2	3

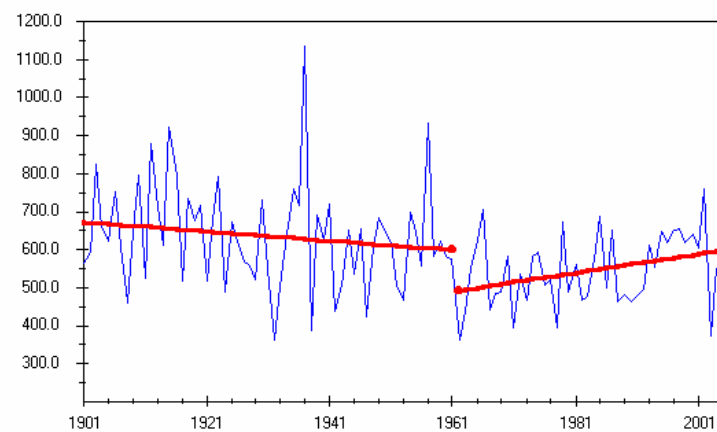
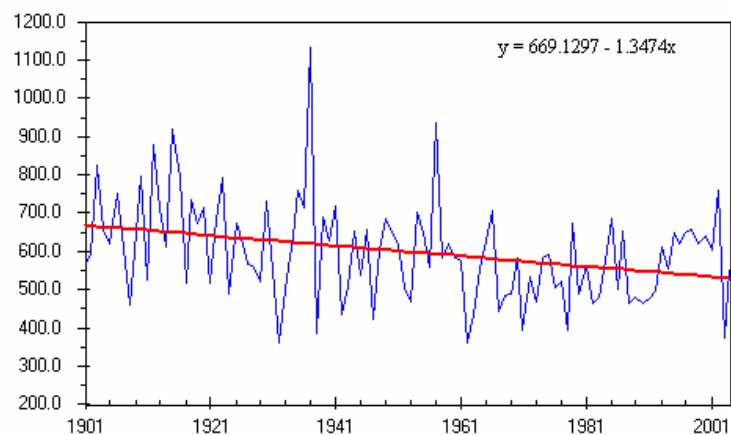
# Results – discharge time series

- trend of mean daily discharges is slightly decreasing for the whole period of observation
- decrease in mean daily discharges is little higher in the last period of 10 years, but not significant
- decrease in mean daily discharges is little higher in the last period of 2000-2004, than in 1984-2004
- maximum discharges – prevailing winter season
- minimum discharges – autumn and summer season

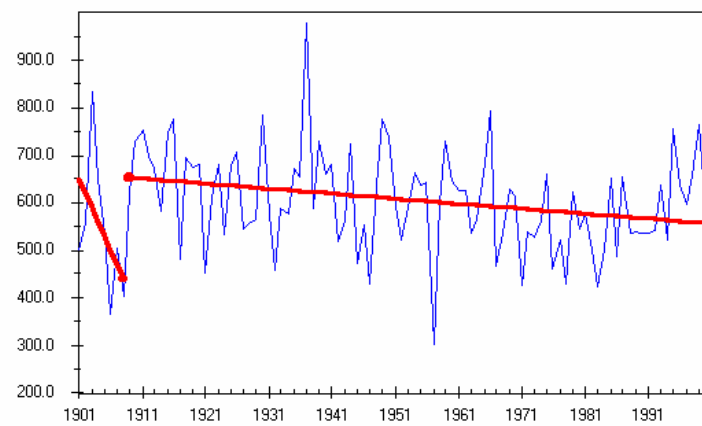
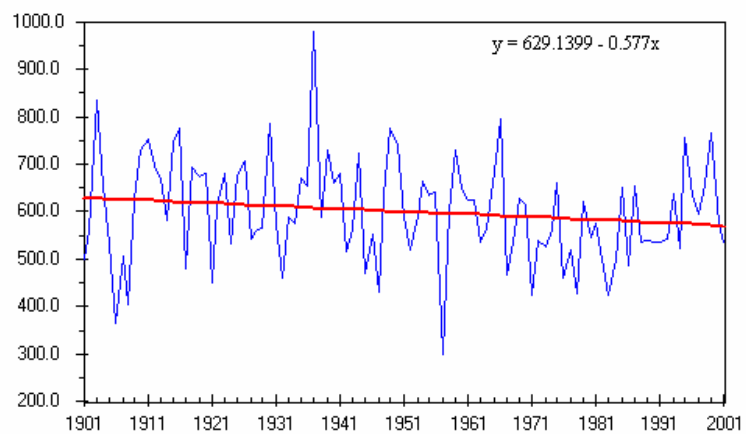
# Analysis of precipitation time series

- Analysis of mean daily, monthly and annual precipitation totals
  - Basic statistical analysis
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  - Analysis of 30-years periods

## Šaštín Stráže

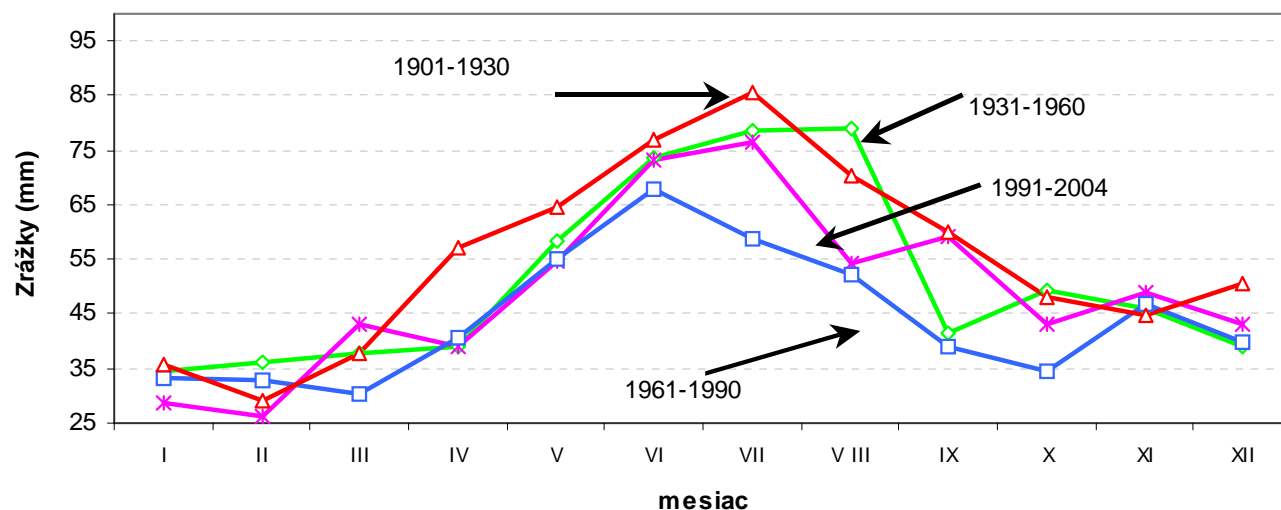


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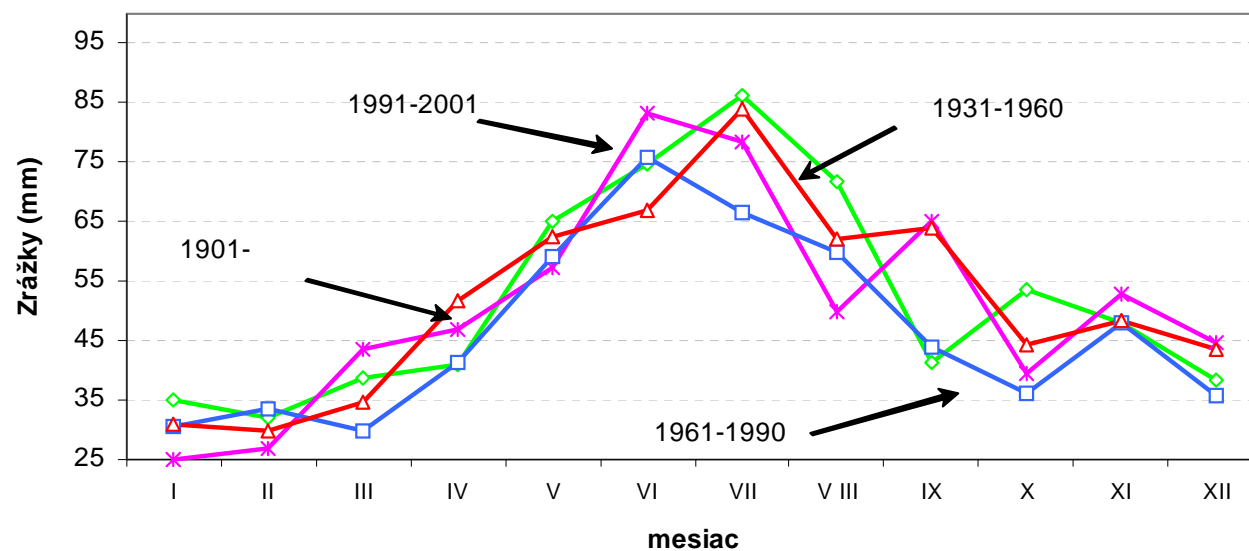




# Monthly precipitation - 30 years periods



**Malacky**



# Seasonality analysis

	Šaštín /Stráže		Malacky	
Month	max	min	max	min
1	1	15	0	17
2	2	27	2	20
3	1	12	1	11
4	5	4	4	9
5	13	4	17	4
6	24	2	18	2
7	22	3	27	3
8	13	1	9	1
9	9	4	12	4
10	9	21	5	16
11	5	6	5	7
12	0	5	1	7

## Results – precipitation time series

- slight decrease in annual precipitation totals in all stations
  - about 30 mm/year within 100 years period of observation
  - from 30 years period the most dry period was in 1961-1990
- maximum precipitation totals – prevailing summer season
- minimum precipitation totals – prevailing autumn and winter season

# Analysis of ground-water level

- Mean monthly values of ground-water levels
- Trend analysis

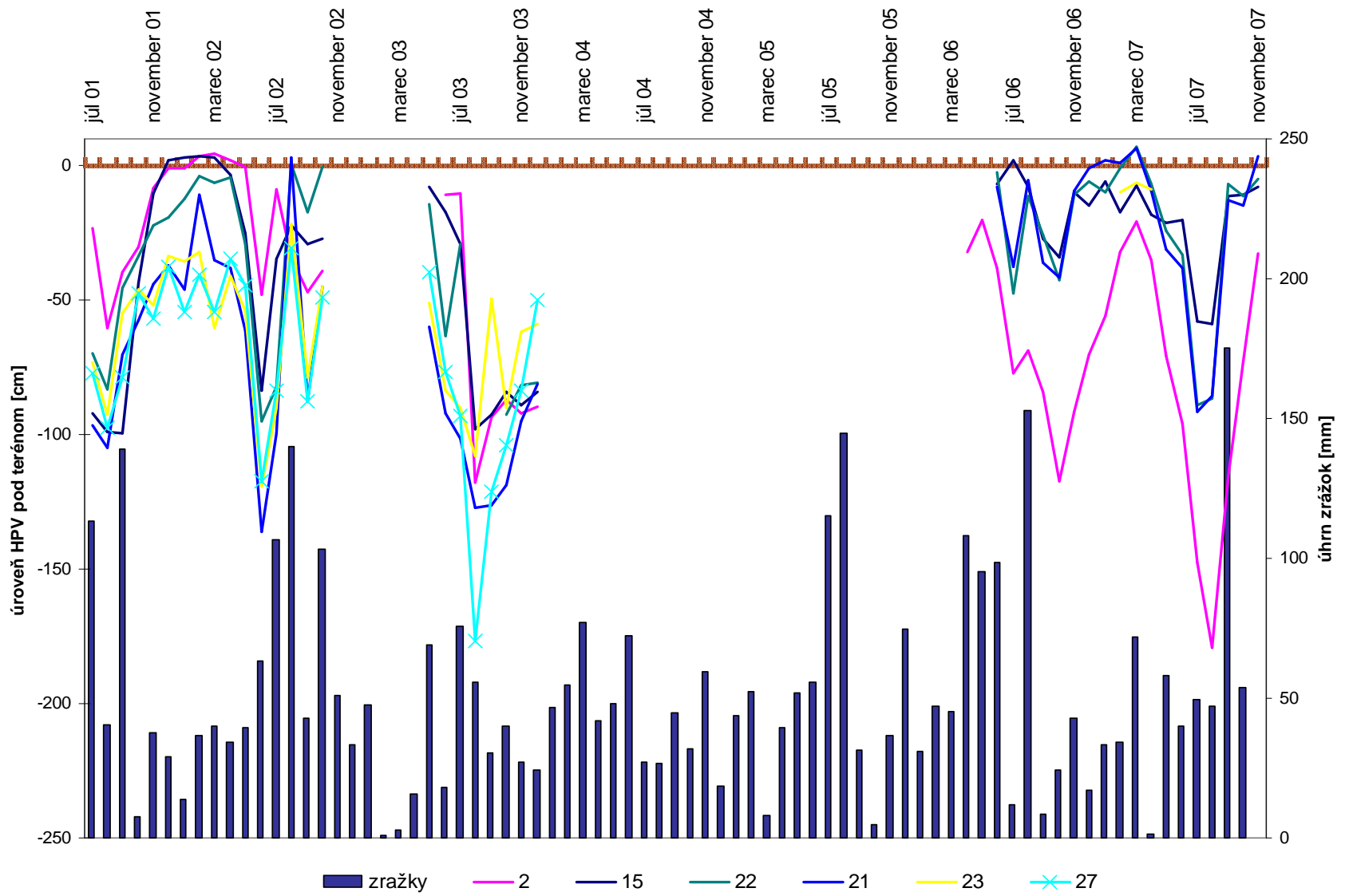
Location of  
probes and  
profiles of  
grounwater  
measurements



Measurements:

1<sup>th</sup> period 8.7.2001 – 21.12.2003

2<sup>nd</sup> period from 23.4.2006



## Results - ground water level

- In the winter and spring periods GWL is very close to the surface,
- Summer period GWL is sinking to 100 cm and more under the terrene, the vaporation is increasing and he precipitation
- GWL trend is influenced by precipitation totals and by surrounding streams
- During the period 1961-2006 the precipitation totals are slightly increasing and the GWL trend is stable (probe of SHMU ZS 20)
- We assunme that in this region no significant decrease of GWL could be expected



# Kláštorské lúky wetland



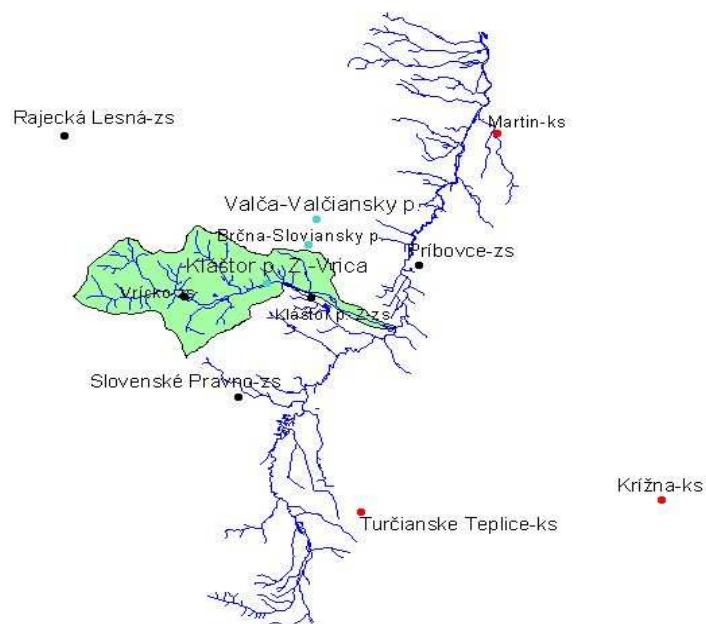
The **Kláštorské lúky** National Nature Reserve wetland is situated in the Strážovské Mountains.

The Kláštorské lúky wetland is a part of the Turiec wetlands, which was designated as the Ramsar site of the international importance in 1998 with a total area of 467 ha.

In 1974, 86 ha were designated as a National Nature Reserve (NNR), the category of strictest protection for national sites of special scientific interest.

Altogether 223 taxons of vascular plants were recorded within the site; of these, 28 are listed as threatened at the national scale.

A total of 90 species of spiders were identified on the site



Station	Id of gauging station	Observation period	Number of years of observation
Kláštôr pod Znievom/Vrica	5995	1.1. 1984 – 31.12. 2004	21
Kláštôr pod Znievom/Znievsky creek	6000	1.1. 1969 – 31.12. 1986	18
Slovany/Vrica	6010	1.1. 1969 – 31.12. 1985	17





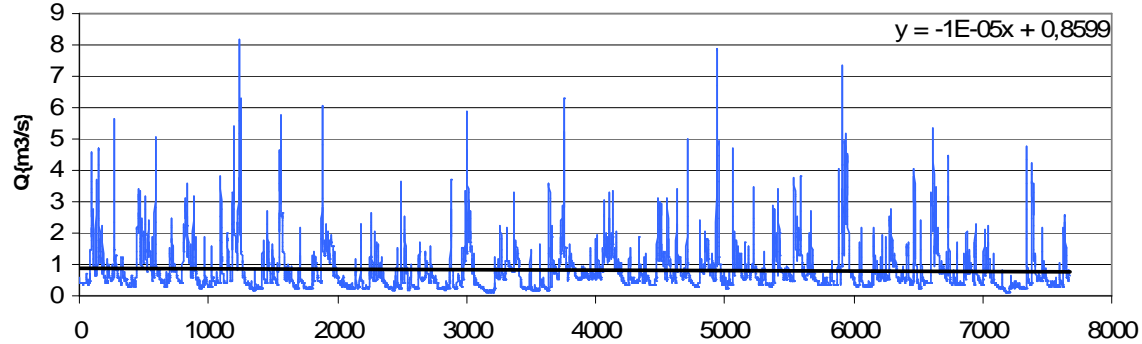
Station	Id of gauging station	Observation period	Number of years of observation
Kláštor pod Znievom	24180	1.1.1901 - 31.12.2004	104
Príbovce	24220	1.1.1901 - 31.12.2004	104

# Analysis of discharges

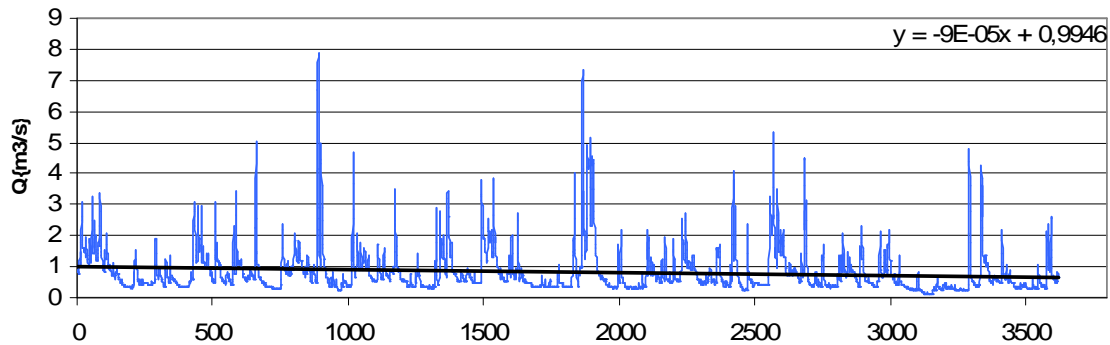
- Statistical analysis of mean annual, daily and monthly discharges
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  - Homogeneity tests
  - Trend analysis
  - Analysis of seasonal and cyclical components

## Kláštor pod Znievom – Vrica- discharges

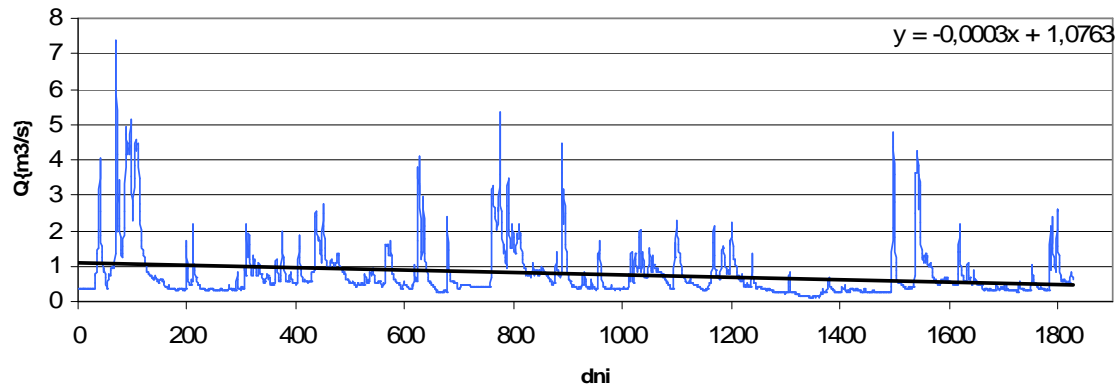
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Kláštor p.Znievom - Vrica (1.1.1995 - 31.12.2004)



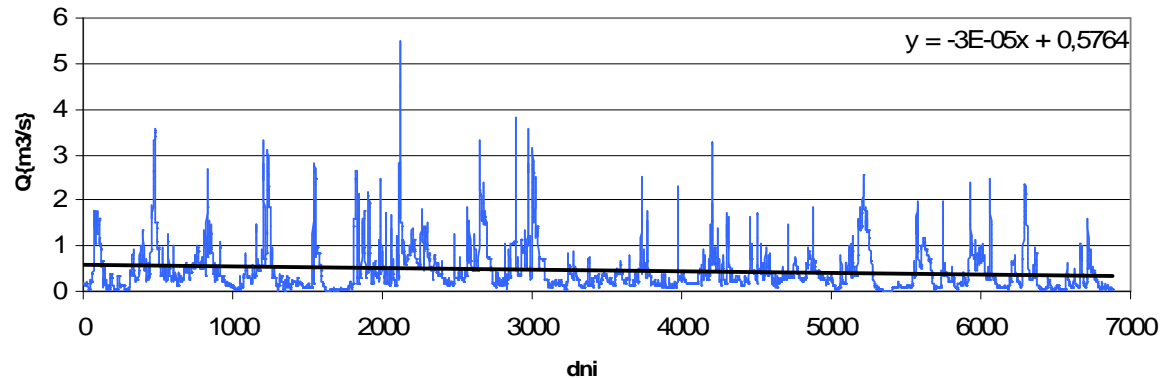
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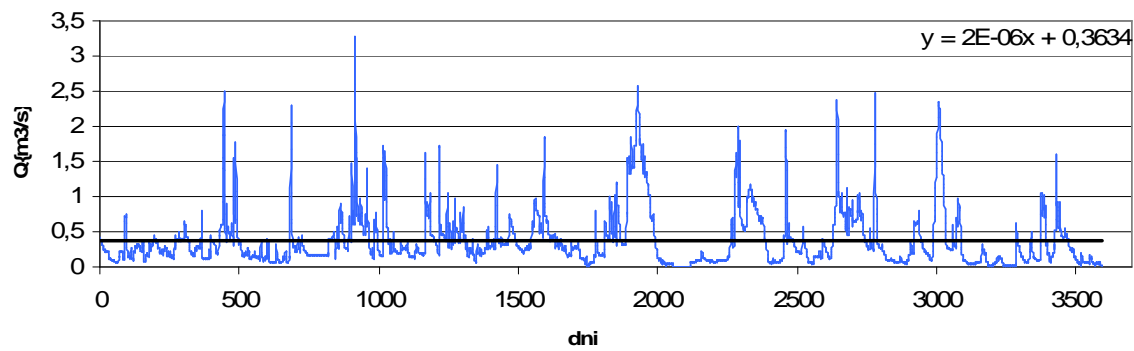


## Slovany - Vrica discharges

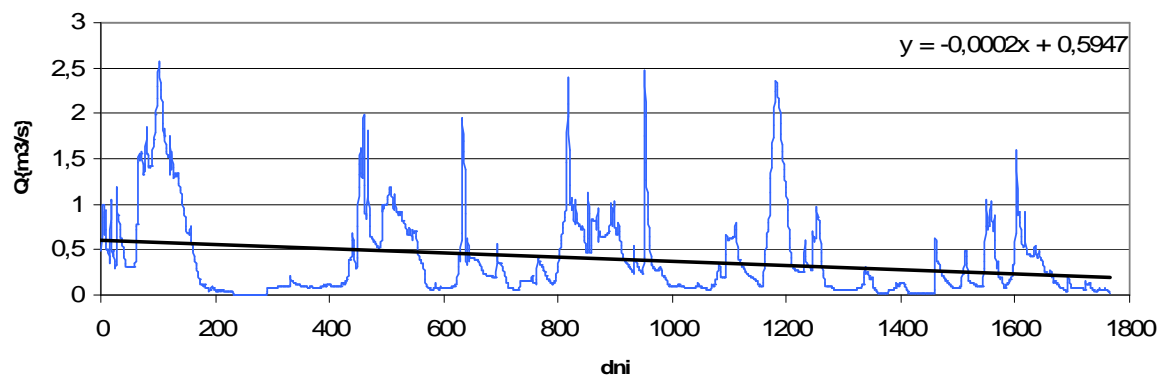
**Slovany - Vrica (1.1.1969 - 31.12.1987)**



**Slovany - Vrica (1.1.1978 - 31.12.1987)**



**Slovany - Vrica (1.1.1983 - 31.12.1987)**



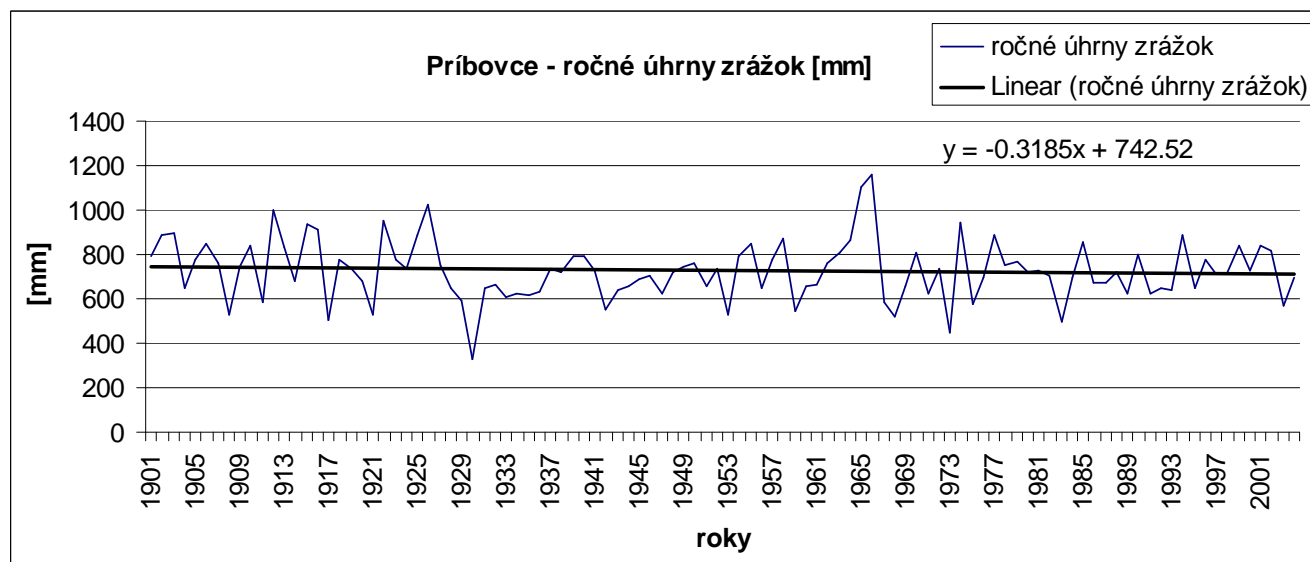
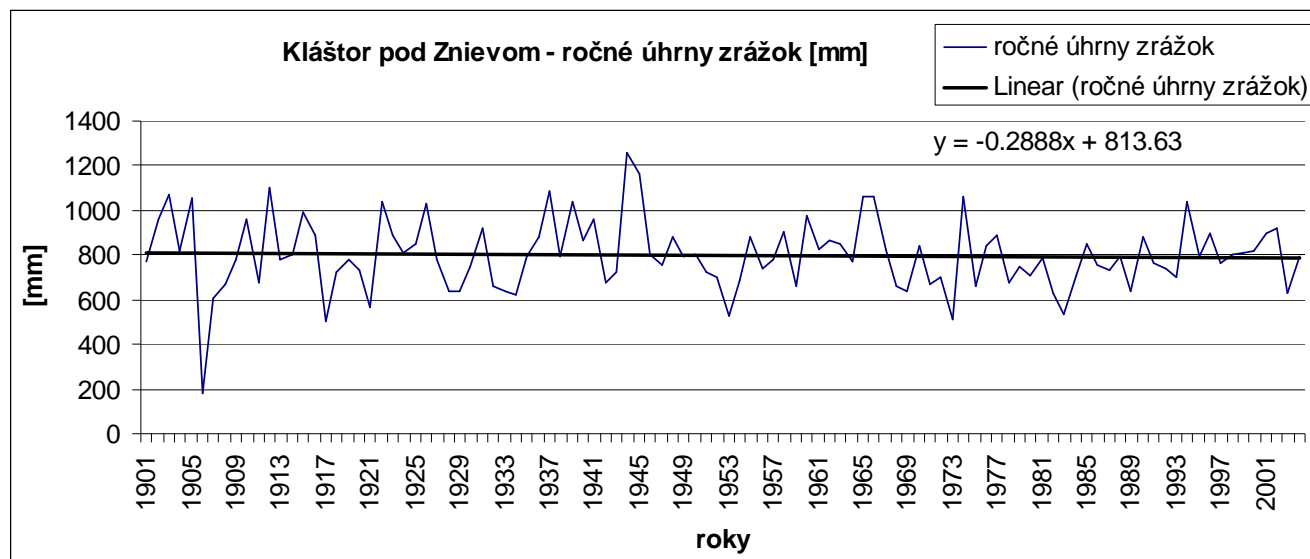
## Results – discharges

- Kláštor pod Znievom - Vríca
  - trend of mean daily discharges is slightly decreasing for the whole period of observation
  - decrease in mean daily discharges is little higher in the last period of 2000-2004 (mean daily discharge = 0,732 m<sup>3</sup>/s, max. daily discharge = 0,783 m<sup>3</sup>/s), in 1984-2004 mean daily discharge = 0,808 m<sup>3</sup>/s, max. daily discharge = 0,819 m<sup>3</sup>/s)
- Slovany – Vríca
  - trend of mean daily discharges is slightly decreasing
- Time series of discharges in both stations were homogenous

# Analysis of precipitation time series

- Analysis of mean daily, monthly and annual precipitation totals
  - Basic statistical analysis
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# Kláštor pod Znievom - precipitation

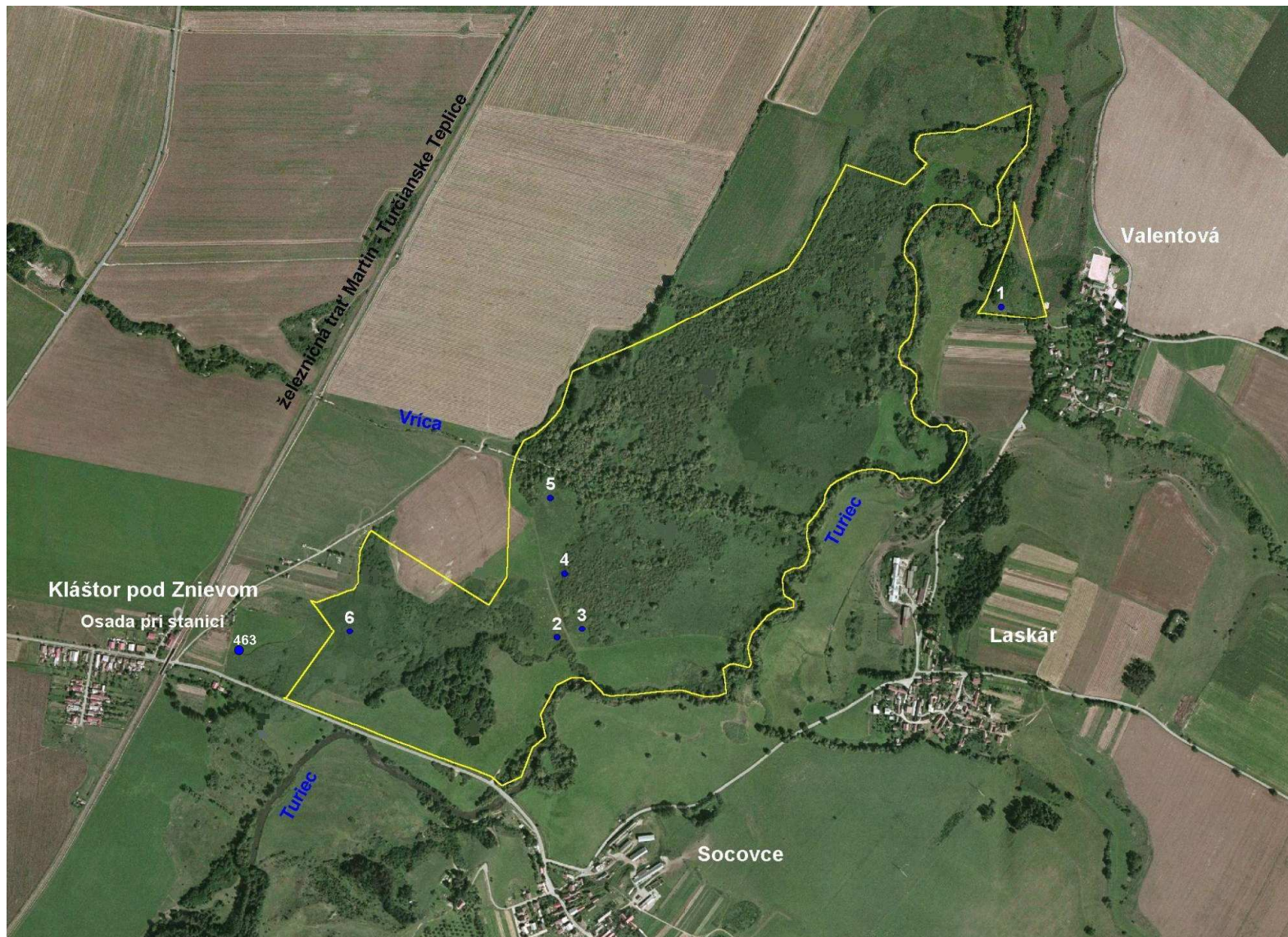


## Observation network of ground-water level

- 1 observation object provided by SHMI (Kláštôr pod Znievom č. 463, observation from 1958)
- 1996 – 2004 – 6 observation objects in the wetland region (some of them were stolen, observation finished)
- From 2005 – observation in 18 objects, new location was proposed



## Observation in 1996-2004



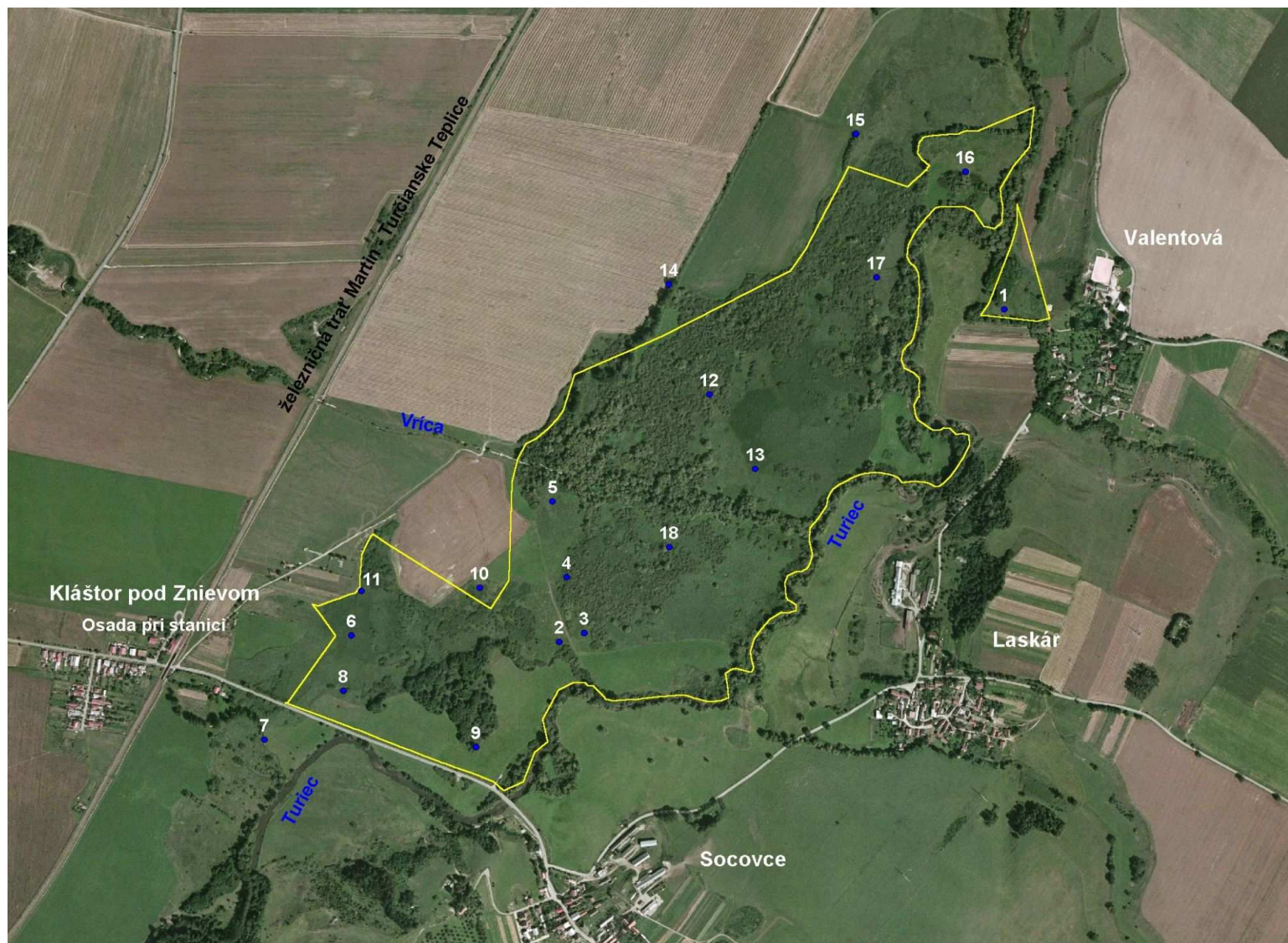


## Proposal a new observation system





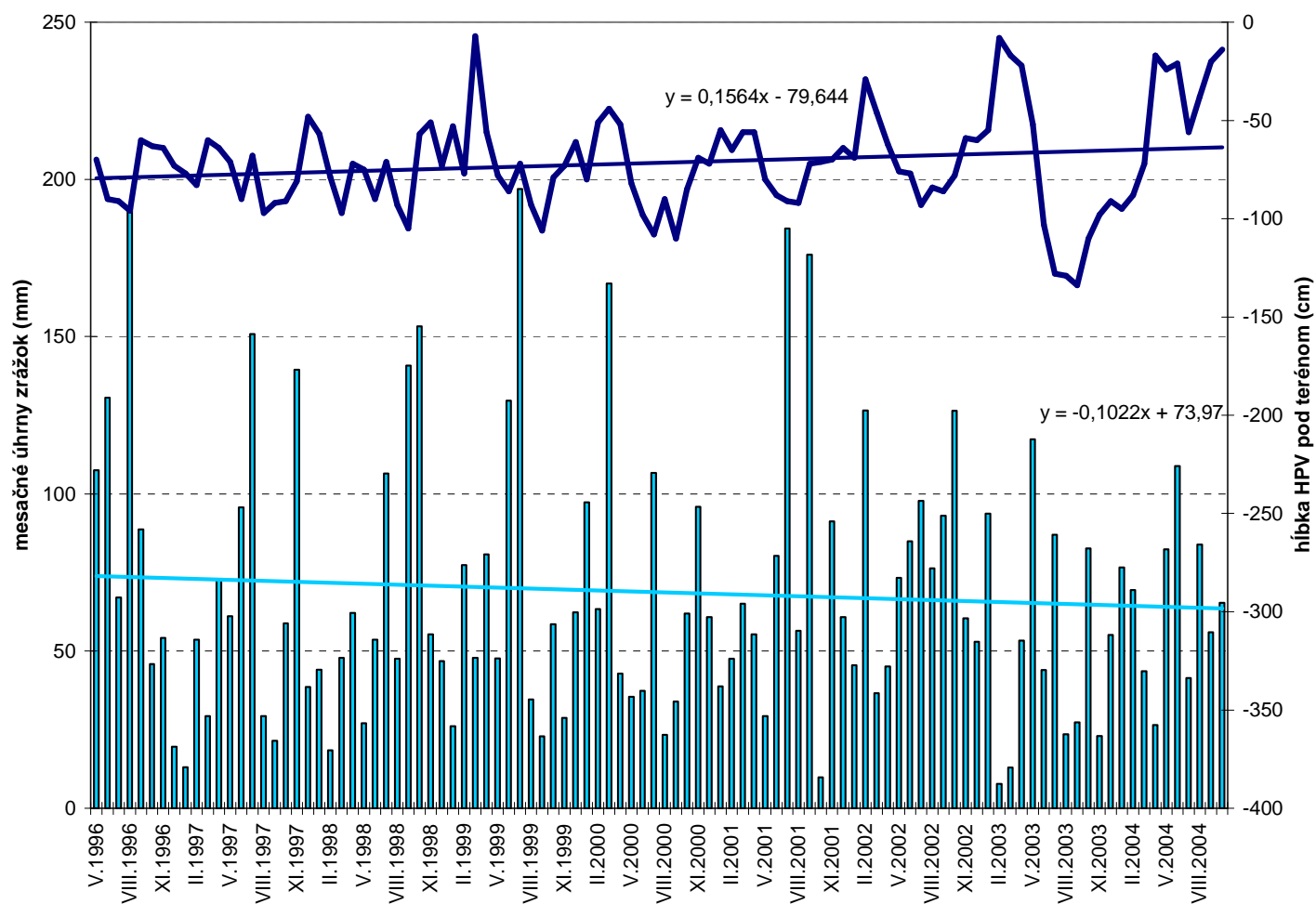
## New network of ground-water observation (1-18) from 2005



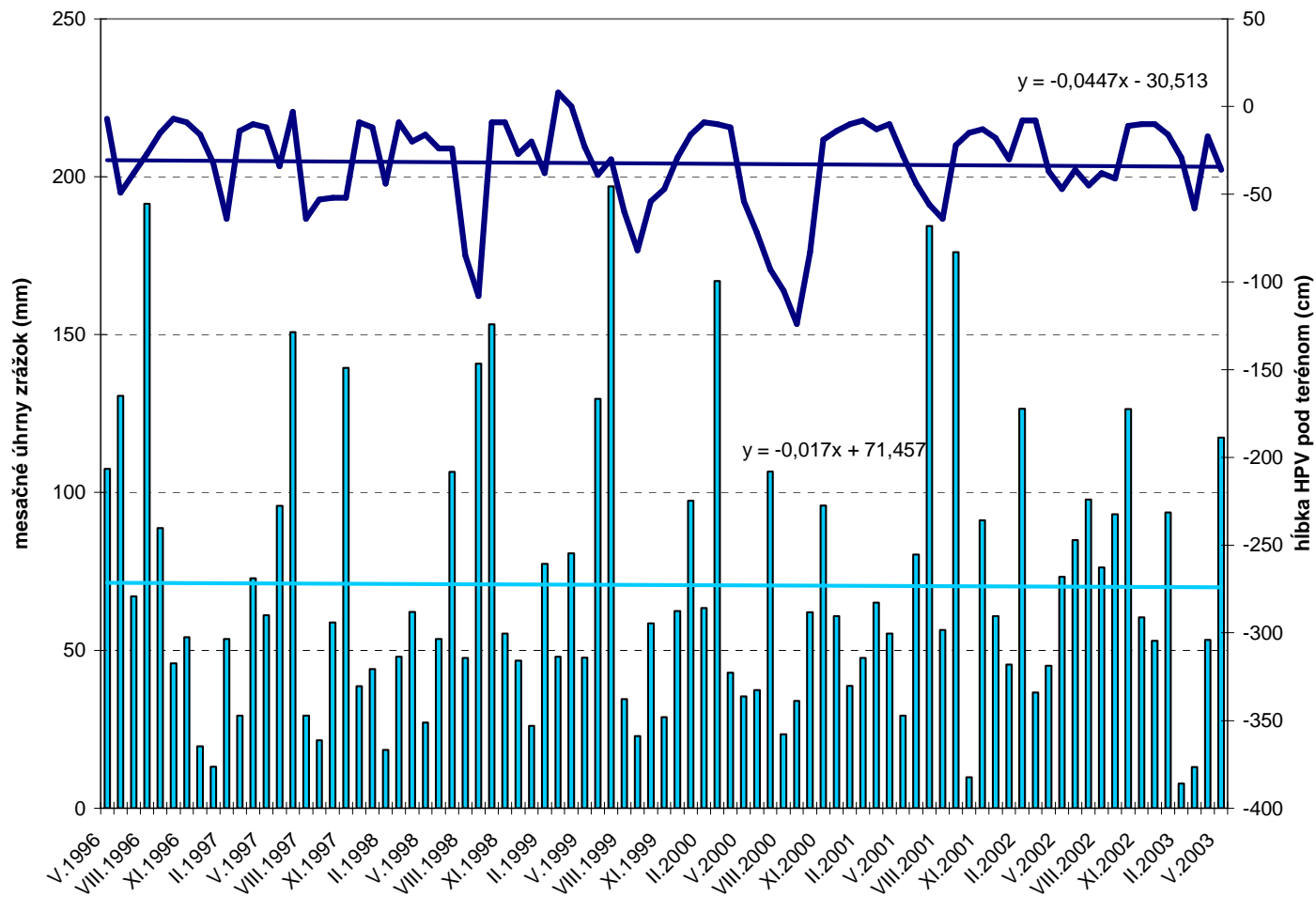
# Analysis of ground-water level

- Object of SHMI No. 463: 1958 - 2004
- Objects 1, 2, 3, 4, 6: 1996 – 2004
- Mean monthly values of ground-water levels
- Trend analysis

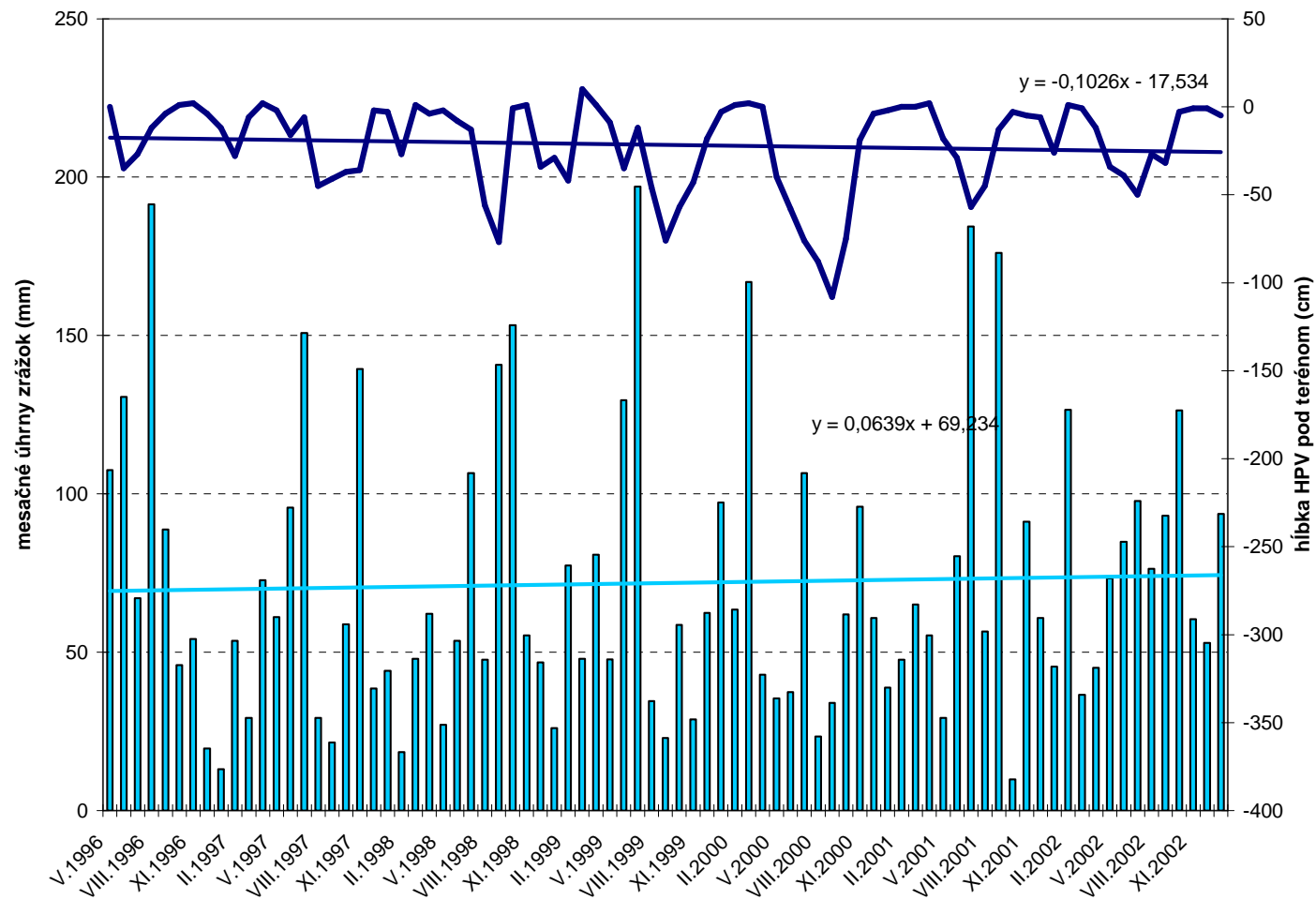
## Object 1: 1996-2004



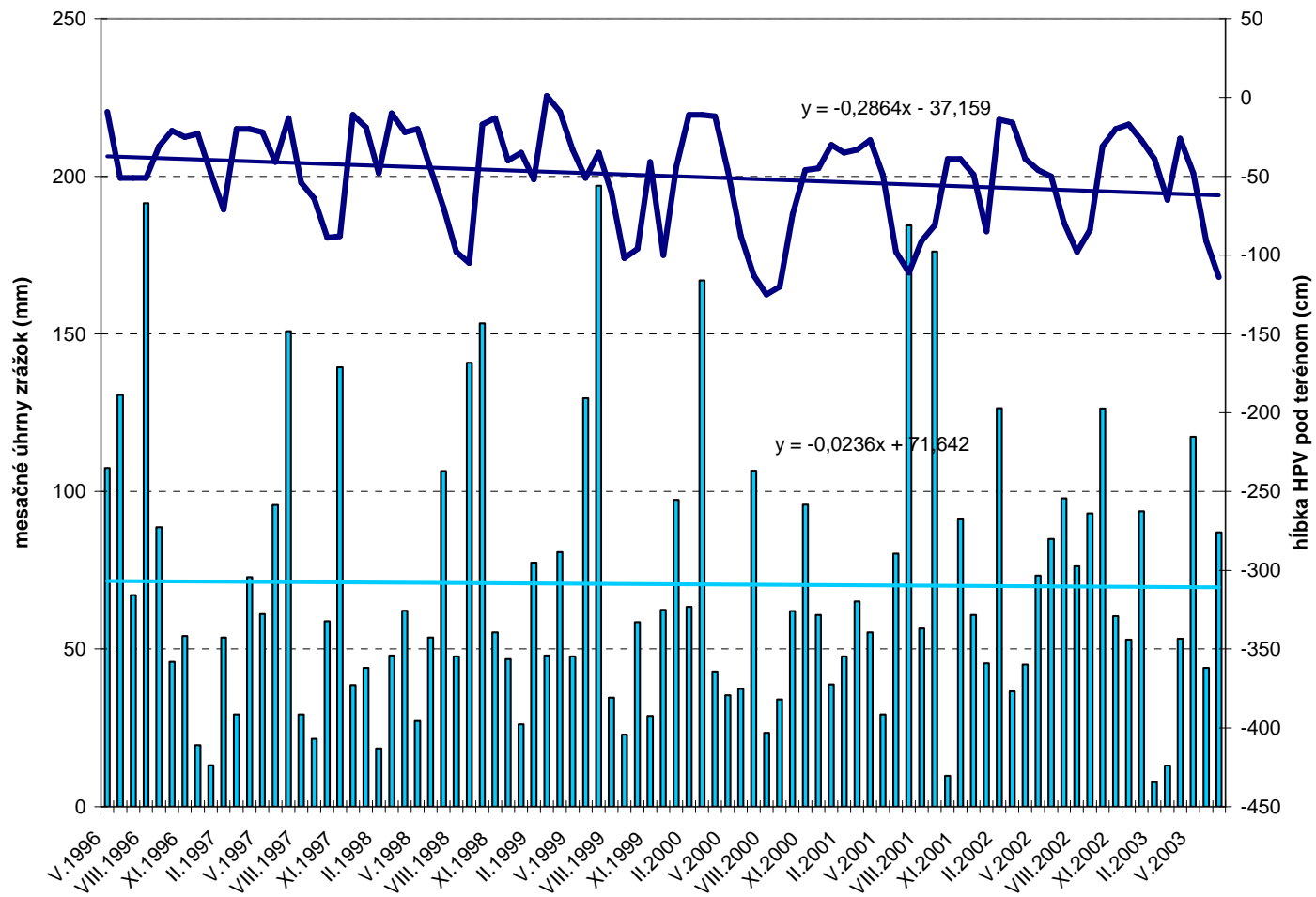
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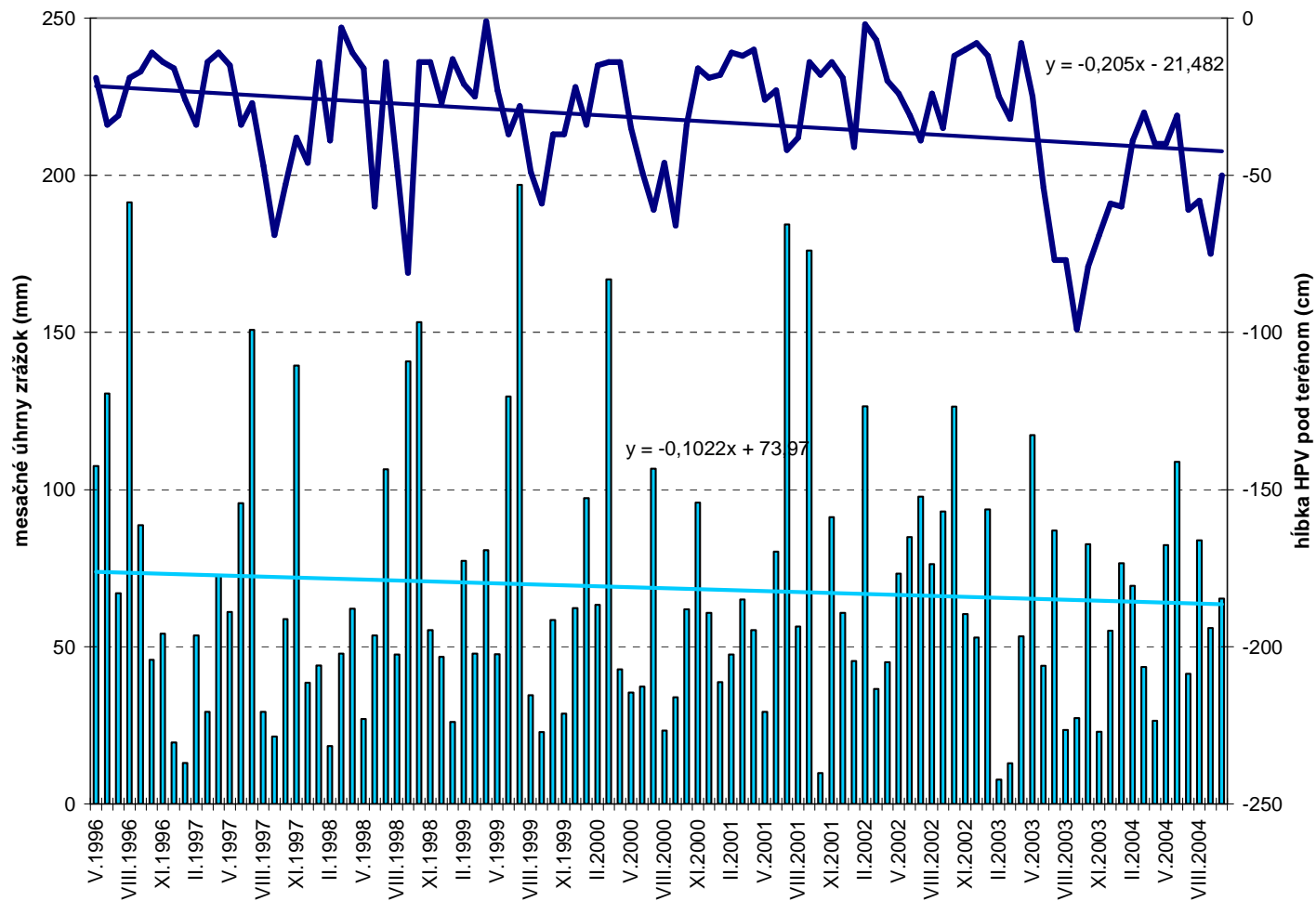
## Object 3: 1996-2004



## Object 4: 1996-2004

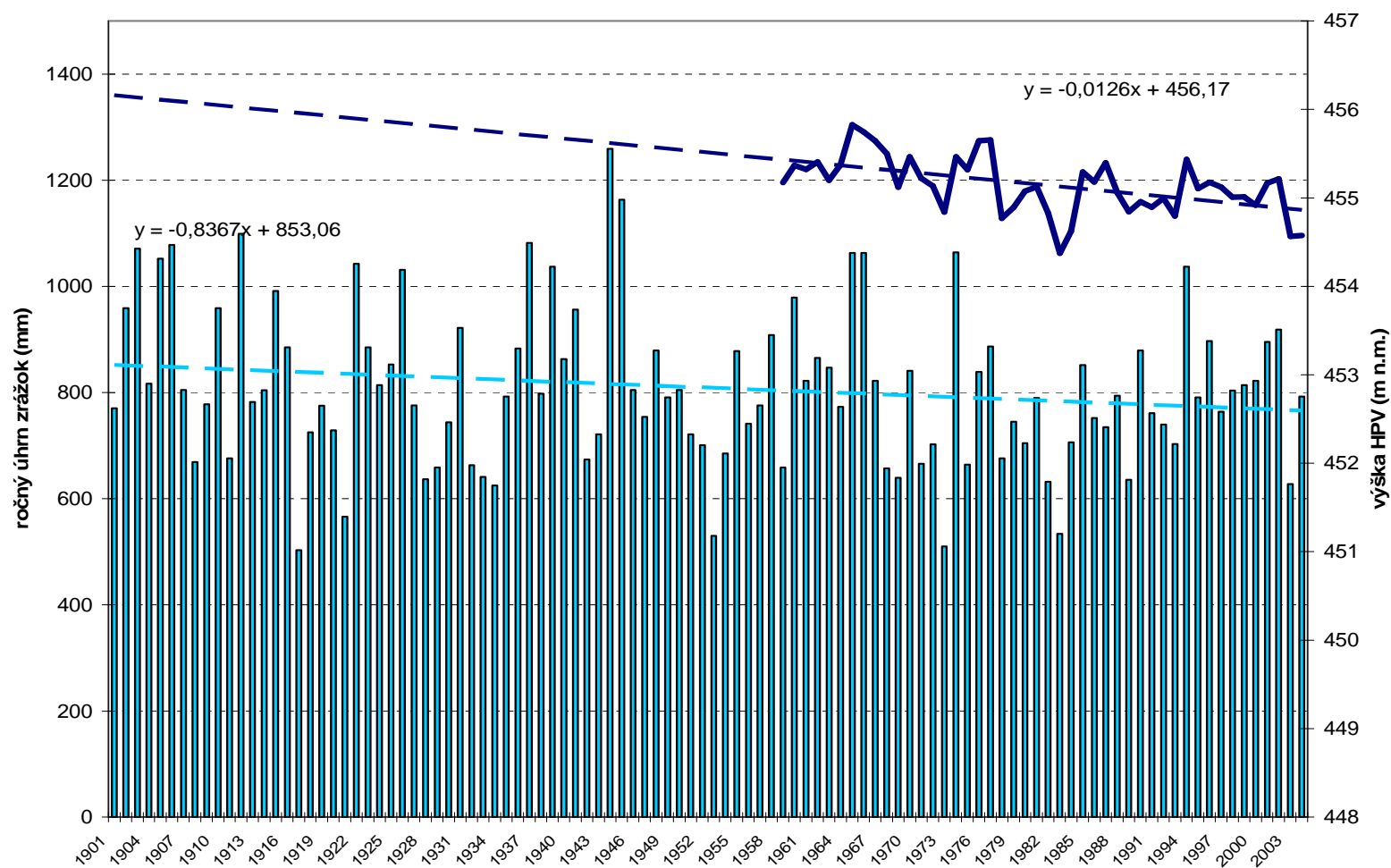


## Object 6: 1996-2004





# Ground-water level in 463: 1959-2004 and annual precipitation totals: 1901 -2004



## Results - ground water level

- In all probes and gaging objects the minimum of GWL was observed during August till October and maximum in February till April
- Precipitation totals have slightly decreasing trend during the period 1901-2004 influencing the GWL,
- In the future slight decreasing trend of the GWL can be presupposed

# Belianske lúky



The National Park - **wetland Belianske lúky** (892 500 m<sup>2</sup>) is situated in the north - east part of Slovakia, near villages Spišská Belá, Strážky and Ždiar in the basin of the Biela River.

The area forms the biggest spring-fed fen system in Slovakia with an extraordinarily high value of biodiversity.

51 different threatened taxa of higher plants have been recorded from a total number of 220 species in the locality thus far.





Station	Id of gauging station	Observation period	Number of years of observation
Spišská Belá-Strážky/ Čierna voda	8200	1.1.1976 - 31.10.1985	10
Spišská Belá/ Beliansky potok	8210	1.1.1976 - 31.10.1985	10



Station	Id of gauging station	Observation period	Number of years of observation
Tatranská Lomnica	12140	1.1.1901- 31.12.2004	104
Kežmarok	12180	1.1.1901- 31.12.2004	104

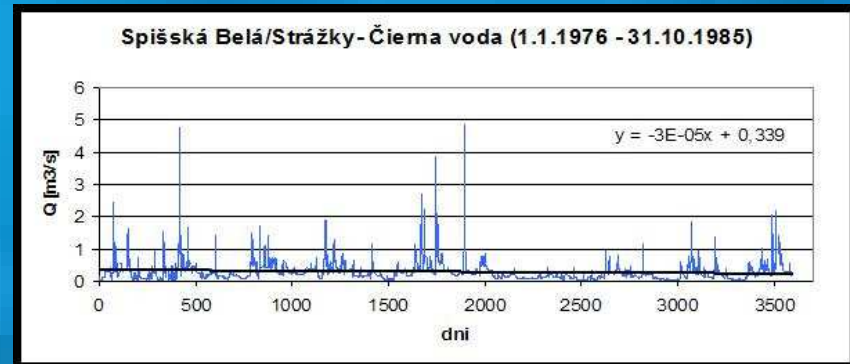
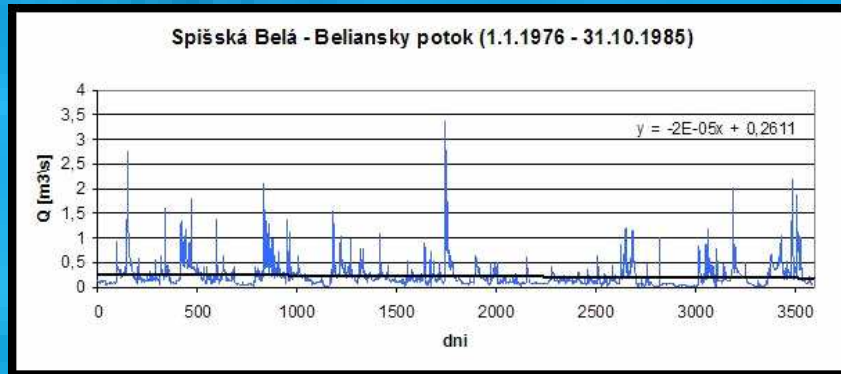


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# Results - discharge time series

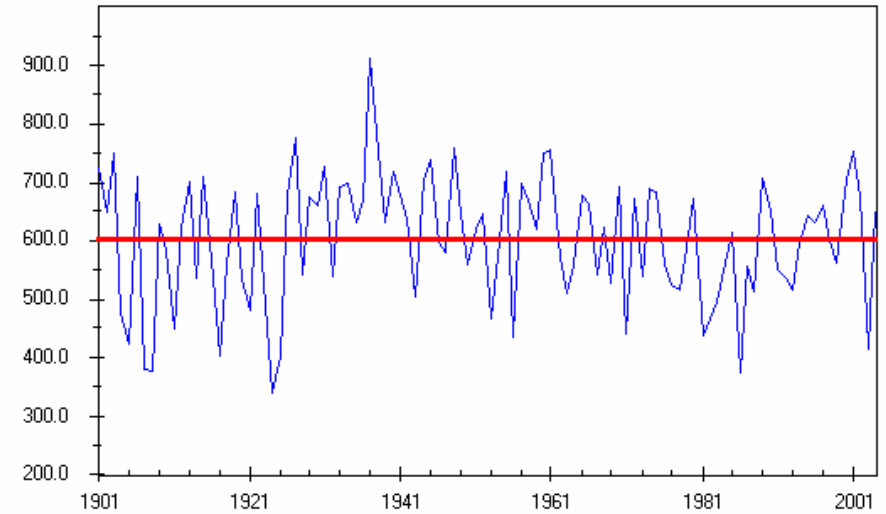
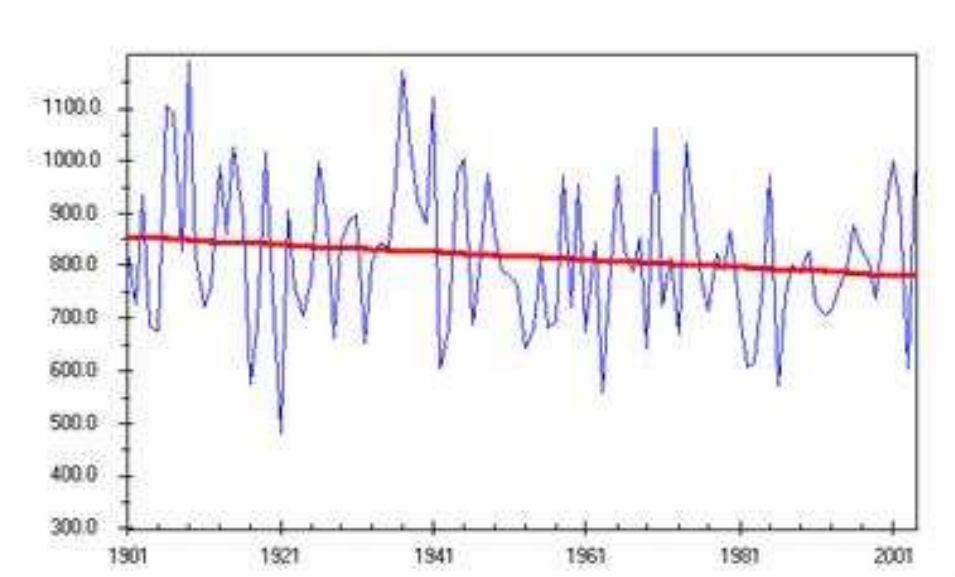


- trend of mean daily discharges is slightly decreasing for the whole period of observation
- maximum discharges – prevailing spring
- minimum discharges – autumn and summer season

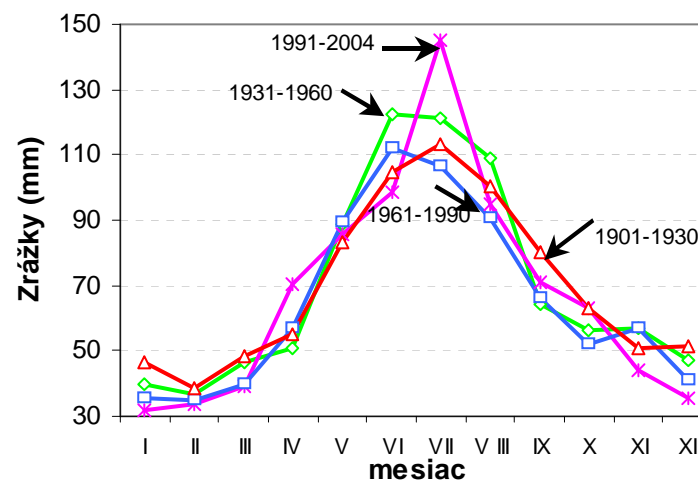
# Analysis of precipitation time series

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  - Analysis of 30-years periods

# Tatranská Lomnica and Kežmarok – trend of mean annual precipitation



**Kežmarok**



## Results – precipitation time series

- slight decrease in annual precipitation totals in all stations
  - from 30 years period the most dry period was in 1961-1990
  - the wettest period was 1991-2004
- maximum precipitation totals – prevailing summer season
- minimum precipitation totals – prevailing winter season

# Analysis of ground-water level

- Mean monthly values of ground-water levels
- Trend analysis

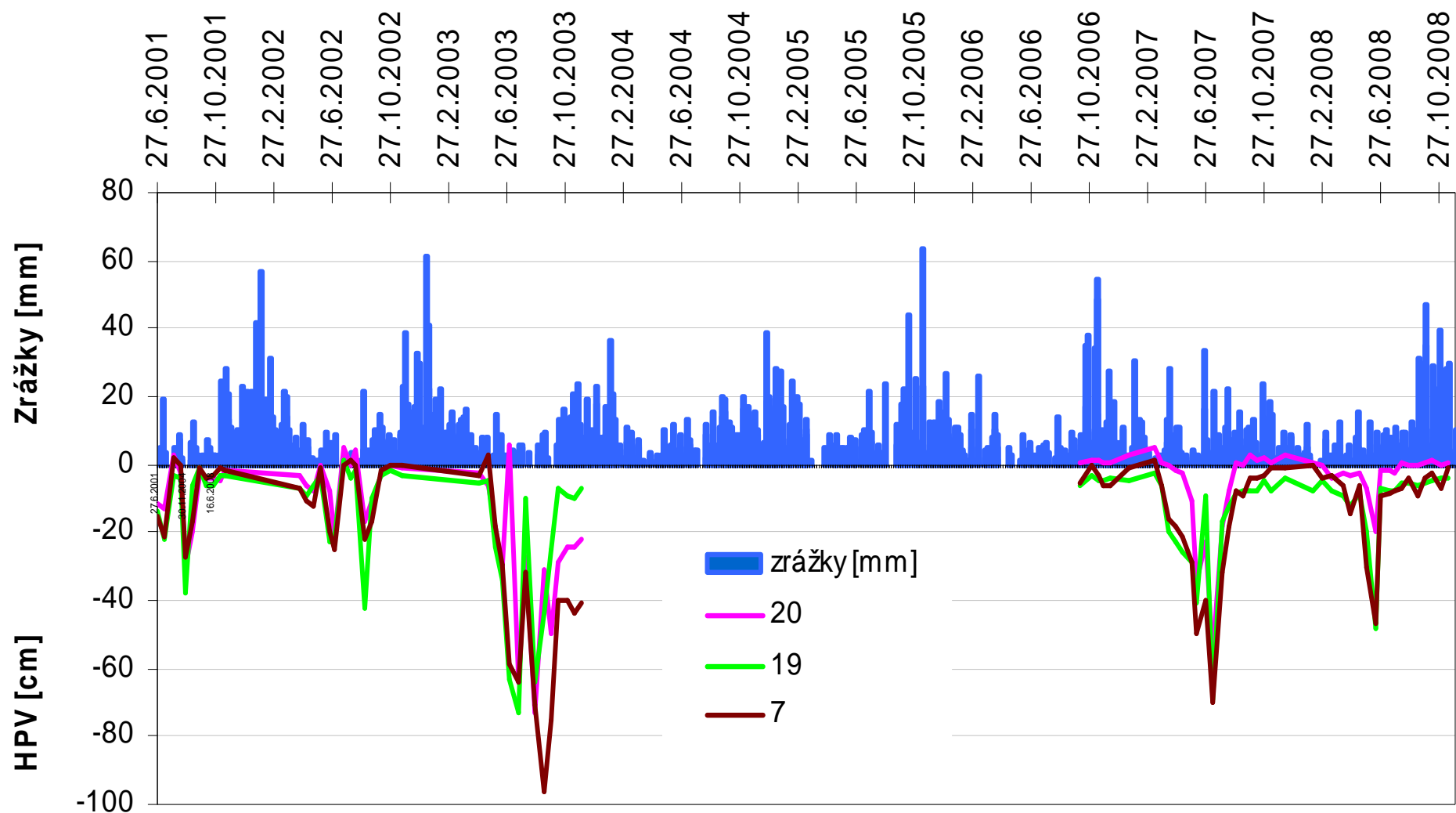
Measurements:

1<sup>th</sup> period 27.6.2001 – 27.9.2003

2<sup>nd</sup> period from 6.10.2006

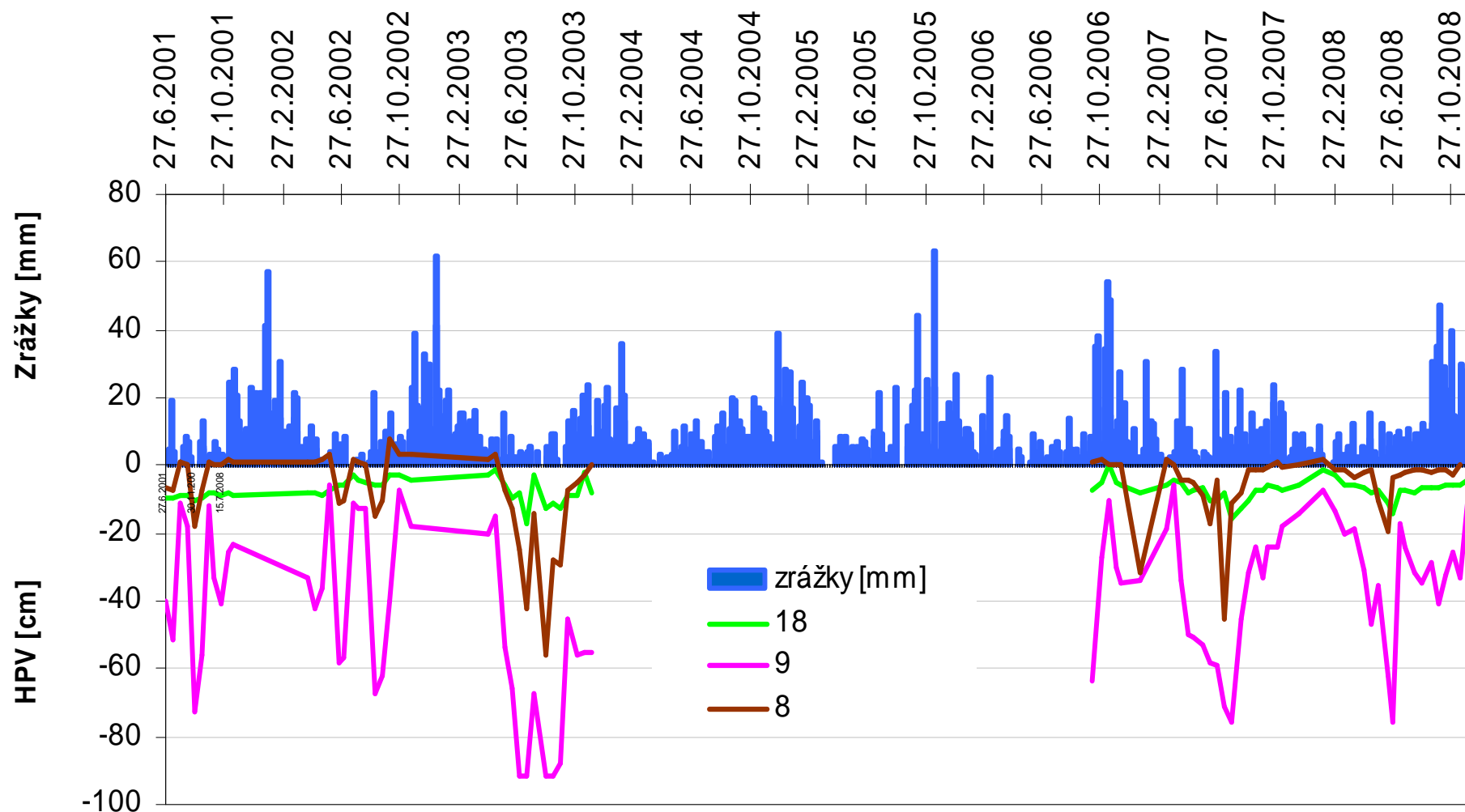


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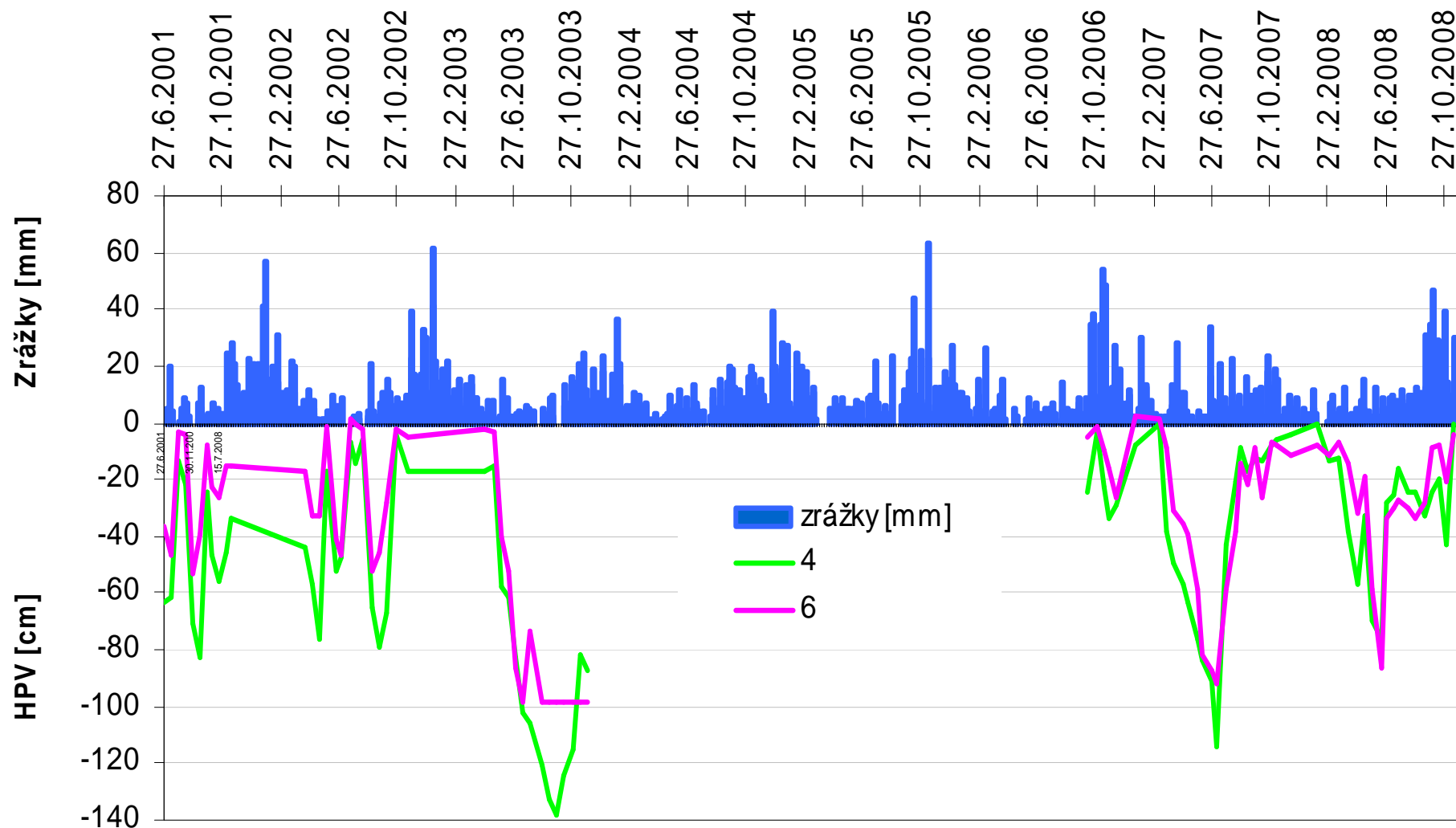




# Ground-water levels HPV in probes 8 – 9 and 18 in the Belianske lúky and precipitation totals at the station Tatranská kotlina during 2001-2008



# Ground-water levels HPV in probes 4 and 6 in the Belianske lúky and precipitation totals at the station Tatranská kotlina during 2001-2008



## Results – ground water level

- In all probes and gaging objects the minimum of GWL was observed during summer months and maximum in the spring season
- Precipitation totals have slightly decreasing trend during the period 1966-2006 and are influencing the GWL
- The GWL in the station Spišská Belá (1966-2006) has observed increasing trend
- In the future no significant change of the GWL can be presupposed

# Time series modeling and creating of monthly forecasting models



# Time series modeling

## Decomposition of time series:

- Testing of trend  $T$ ,
- Seasonal component  $S$ ,
- Cyclical component  $C$ ,
- Residual component  $e$

additive way of decomposition

$$X_t = T_t + S_t + C_t + e_t$$



## Tested models

**Linear models** – AR [p] (AutoRegressive model),  
MA [q] (Moving Average model), ARMA[p,q]

**Models with long memory – ARFIMA**  
(AutoRegressive Fractional Integrated Moving Average)

## Nonlinear models

<b>TAR</b>	(Threshold Autoregressive)
<b>SETAR</b>	(Self-Exciting Threshold Autoregressive)
<b>STAR</b>	(Smooth Transition Autoregressive)
<b>LSTAR</b>	(Logistic Smooth Transition Autoregressive)

## Comparison of derived models

**RMSE** (Root Mean Squared Error)

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N (y_t - \hat{y}_t)^2}$$

**MAE** (Mean Absolute Error)

$$MAE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N |y_t - \hat{y}_t|$$

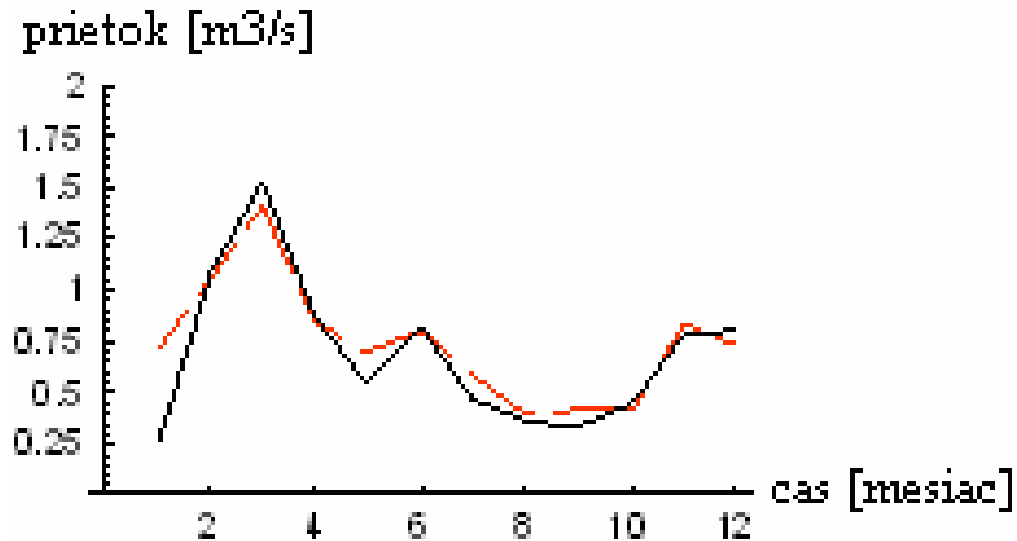
# Comparison of modeling results RMSE and MAE errors

## Example - Klášťorké lúky

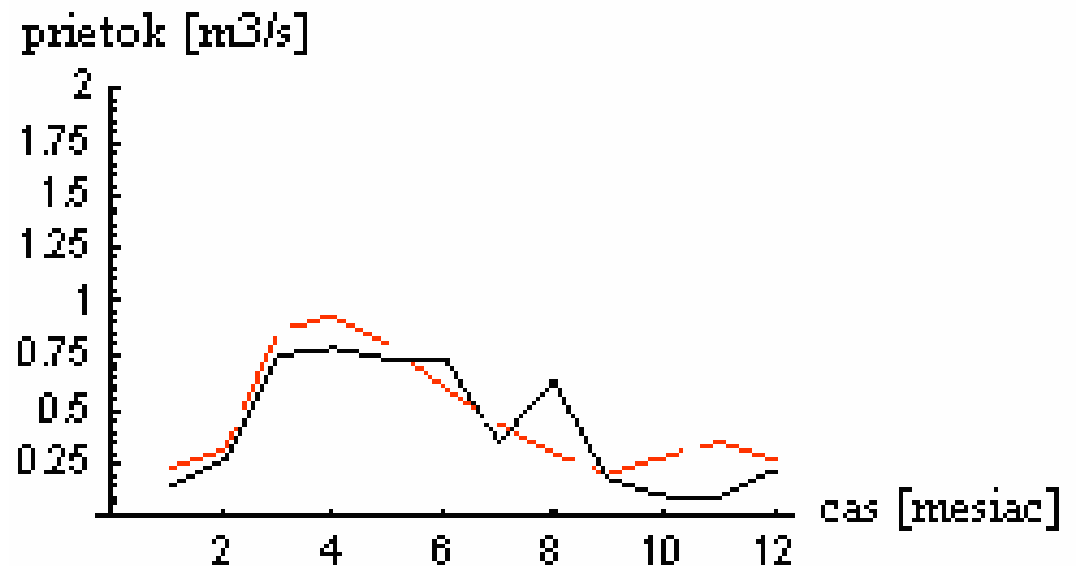
Station	Klášt'or pod Znievom	Príbovce	Klášt'or pod Znievom/ Vrica	Klášt'or pod Znievom/ Znievsky potok	Slovany/ Vrica
Model					
ARMA model	19.241 23.096	22.251 18.844	0.216 0.154	0.202 0.128	0.19 0.161
	AR[1]	AR[1]	AR[1]	MA[1]	AR[1]
(LM)	Short memory	Short memory	0.102 0.154	Short memory	0.129 0.159
			AR[1]		ARMA[1,1]
TAR	lin	lin	0.788 0.736	lin	lin
			SETAR [1,1]d=1		
TAR_LM			0.107 0.086		0.113 0.087
			SETAR [1,1] d=1		SETAR [1,1] d=1

# Models with long memory

Kláštór pod Znievom/  
Vŕica; ARFIMA  
(AR[1])

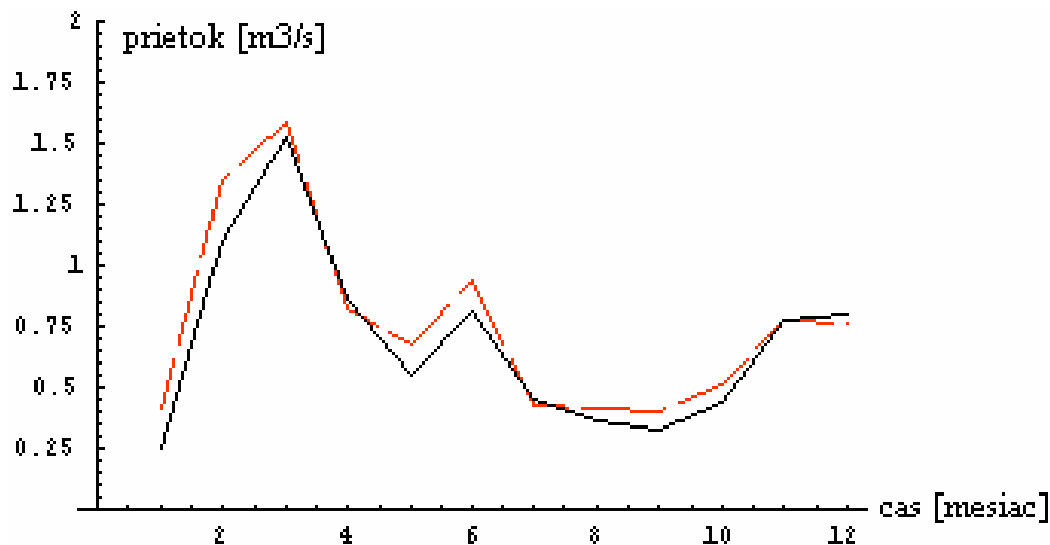


Slovany/ Vŕica;  
ARFIMA (ARMA[1,1])

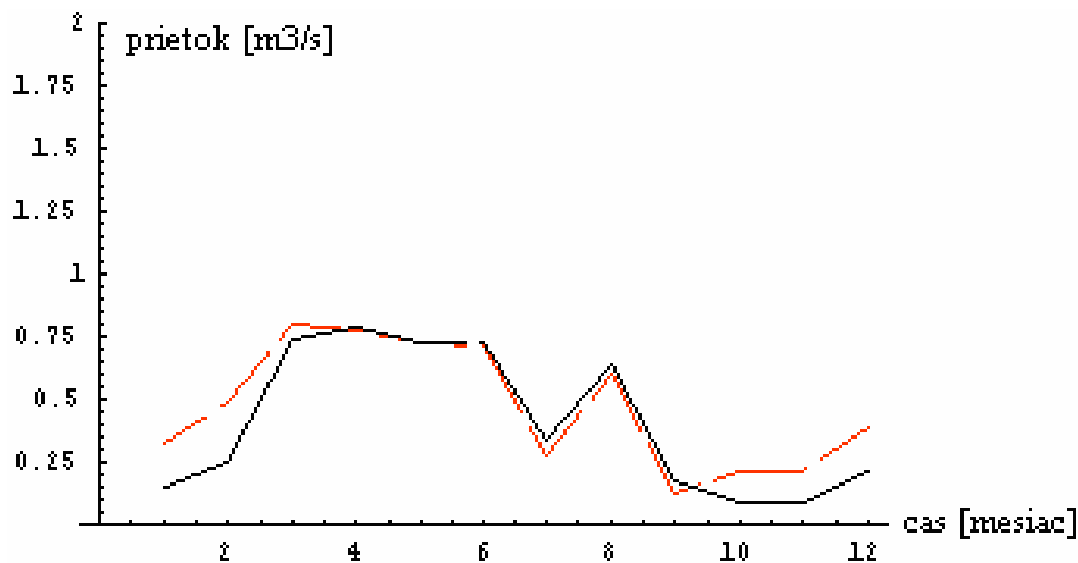


# Nonlinear TAR models with long memory

Kláštór pod Znievom/  
Vŕica; TAR\_LM  
(SETAR [1,1] d=1)



Slovany/Vŕica; TAR\_LM  
(LM\_SETAR [1,1] d=1)





## Prediction errors MAE and RMSE and selected best models for analysed gauging stations

Wetland Kláštorské Lúky			
Station	Best model	MAE	RMSE
Kláštôr pod Znievom/Vríca	TAR_LM	0.086	0.107
Kláštôr pod Znievom/Znievsky Creek	SETAR (1,1) d=1 MA(1)	0.128	0.202
Slovany/ Vríca	TAR_LM SETAR (1,1) d=1	0.087	0.113
Kláštôr pod Znievom	AR(1)	23.123	19.272
Príbovce	AR(1)	22.309	18.973
Wetland Belianske Lúky			
Spišská Belá/ Beliansky Creek	AR(1)	0.074	0.092
Spišská Belá Strážky/ Čierna voda	ARFIMA(1,1) d=1	0.120	0.139
Tatranská Lomnica	AR(1)	22.158	18.985
Kežmarok	AR(1)	16.458	14.532
Wetland Abrod			
Studienka/ Rudava	AR(1)	0.452	0.555
Veľké Leváre	ARFIMA(1,2) d=1	0.242	0.339
Šaštín Stráže	AR(1)	25.265	30.584
Malacky	AR(1)	22.704	28.972

## Conclusions - modeling discharge time series

- The models tested were the linear ARMA, ARFIMA models with a long memory, the nonlinear TAR models and the TAR models combined with the long memory model.
- For discharge predicting the most suitable models were the linear AR models, long memory models or combined model TAR and long memory model, which provided the best results.

## Conclusions – modeling discharge time series

- Linear ARMA models were suitable for the time series of the mean monthly precipitation totals.
- Modeling and forecasting the mean monthly precipitation totals was not satisfying, therefore for future studies the use of models like ARCH (Autoregressive Conditional Heteroscedasticity) and GARCH (Generalized ARCH) or MSW (Markov-Switching) can be recommended for testing.
- The derived predicting models could help ecologists in decision-making concerning wetland management, in improving the ecological conditions in the wetlands and in planning future eco-technical measures in the analysed wetlands.

A photograph of a lush field of wildflowers, primarily purple and white, with green foliage. In the background, there is a dense forest of tall evergreen trees under a cloudy sky. The text "Thank you for your attention" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font in the lower-middle part of the image.

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