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# Flood modeling and damage zoning in North Dvina river delta

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# *White sea on the Europe map*

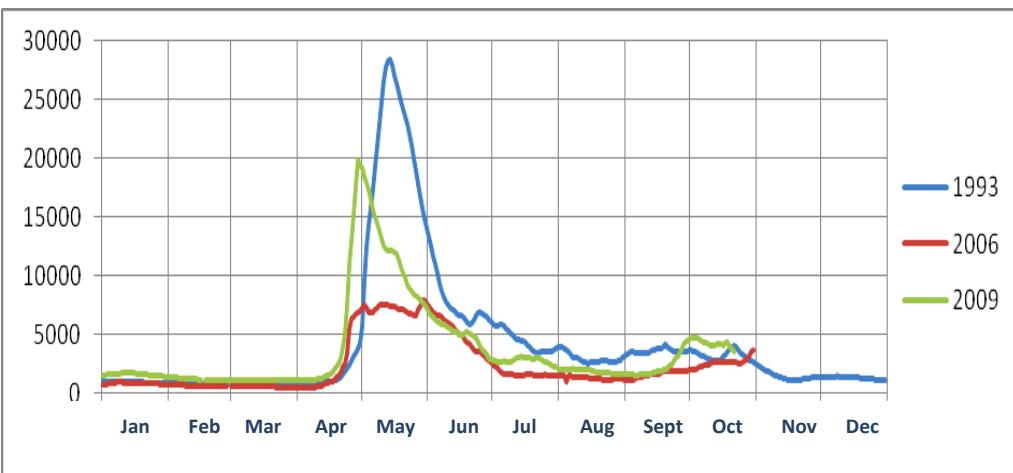


*Area of the  
delta is about  
900 km<sup>2</sup>*

# Hydrological characteristics

## RIVER FLOW

Discharge hydrograph  $Q$ , m<sup>3</sup>/s



River basin area  $F = 360\,000 \text{ km}^2$

Length  $L = 1302 \text{ km}$

Average discharge  $Q_{av} = 3330 \text{ m}^3/\text{c}$

Average maximum discharge  $Q_{max} = 21500 \text{ m}^3/\text{c}$

## MARINE FACTORS

Average tides height **1,3 m**

Average wind surges height **1,9 m**

Distance of wind surges and tide wave penetration **135 km**

The effects of the sea regime are:

- additional rising of flooding levels in spring and in autumn
- inverse flows,
- salt water intrusion

## ICE COVER REGIME

Ice jams create additional friction and sharp water level rising

Arkhangelsk – the largest seaport in

European north of Russia

Severodvinsk – the biggest Russian

shipbuilding center

- wood plants, pulp and paper plant, wood-chemical plants
- Population: more than 0,5 million people



# Methodology: Hydrodynamics models of river flow 2-dimensional

*The Saint Venant system of equations (motion and energy conservation equations) :*

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{g} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{u}{g} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{v}{g} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{u^2}{C^2 h} = - \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \\ \frac{1}{g} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \frac{u}{g} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{v}{g} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{|uv|}{C^2 h} = - \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial(u \cdot h)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(v \cdot h)}{\partial y} = 0 \end{cases} \quad C = \frac{h^{1/6}}{n}$$

Software package for hydrological modeling produced by Danish Hydrological Institute (DHI)

**MIKE 21** is used

## input data:

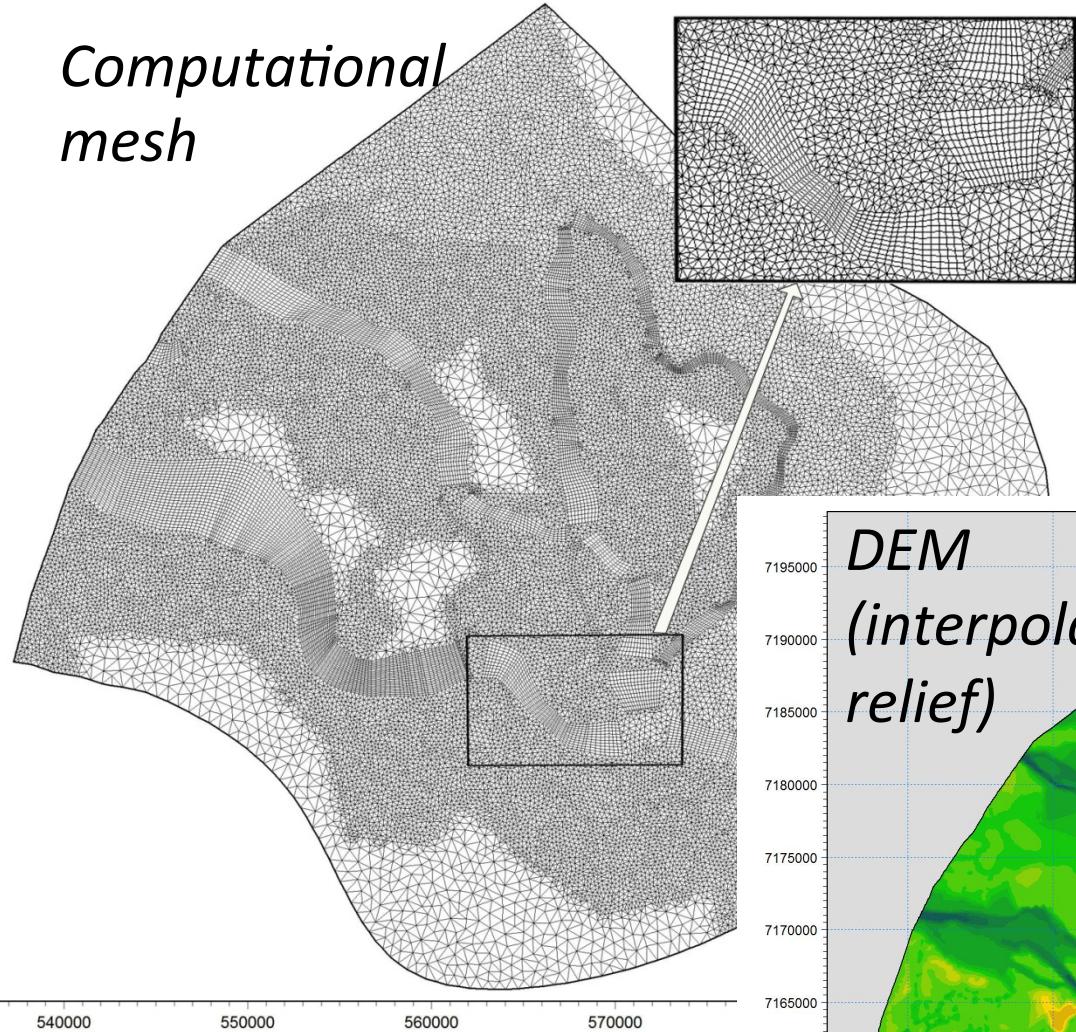
- Relief – DEM (Digital Elevation Model) from topographical and navigation maps, field measurements, remote sensing etc.
- Input water discharge
- Water level in the boundaries

## results:

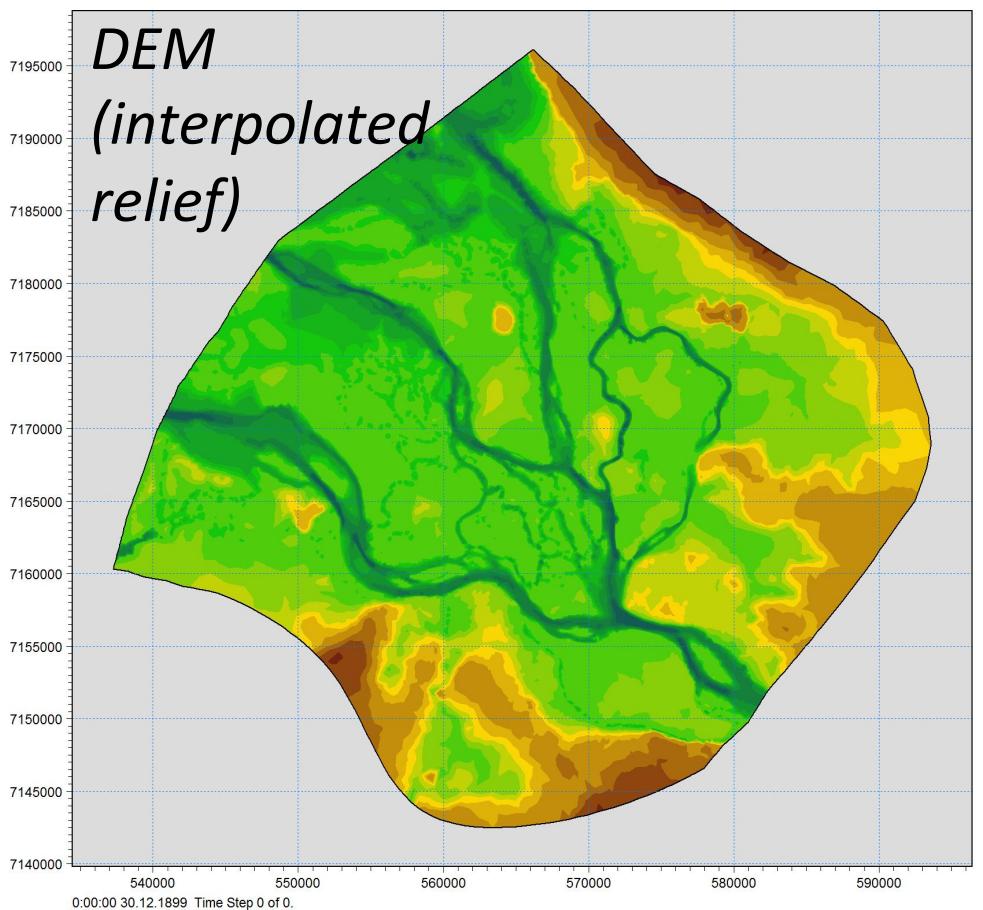
Planned distribution of water levels, depths, velocities  
water discharges in the river branches

Calibration parameter is bottom roughness  $n$

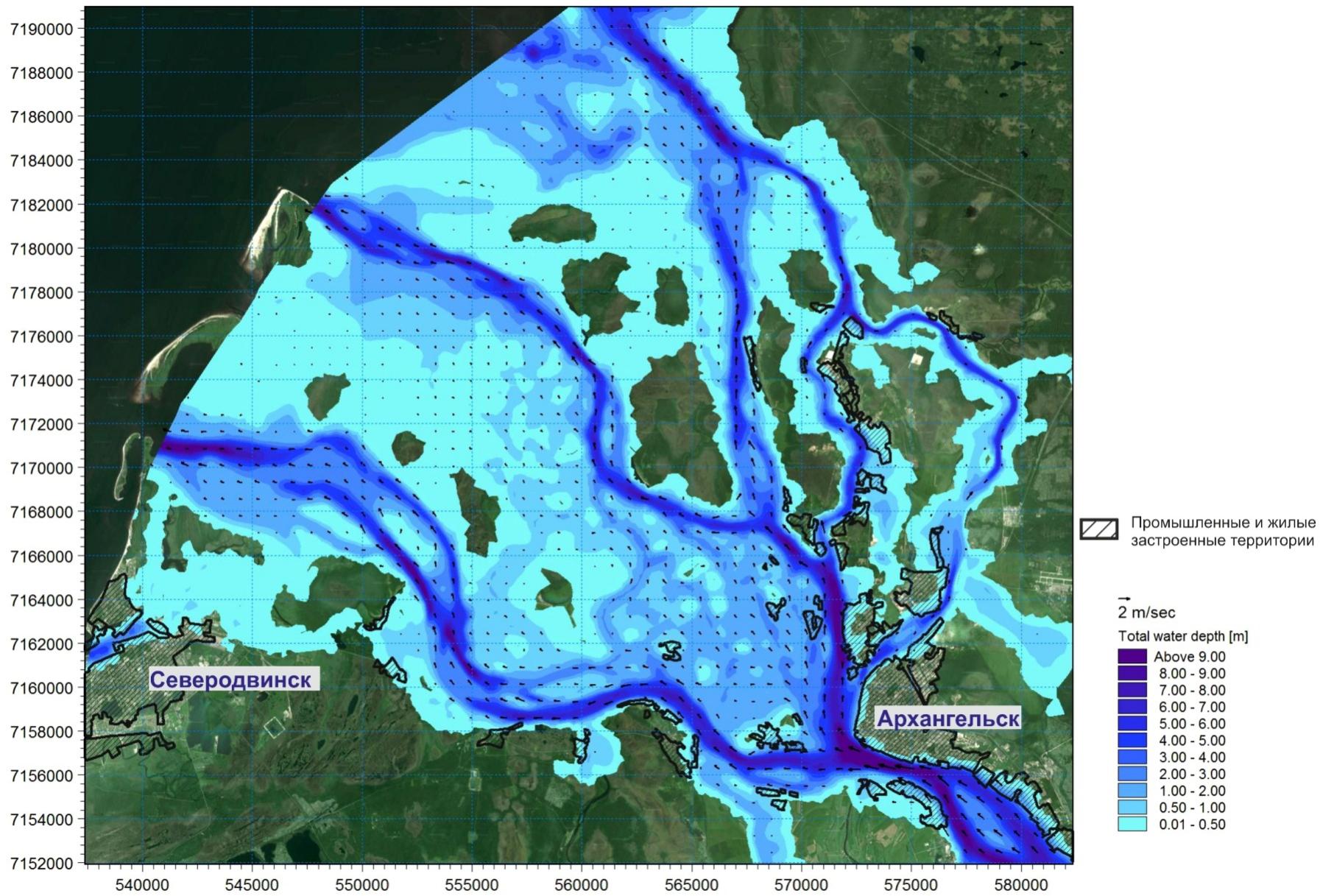
# *Computational mesh*



*DEM  
(interpolated  
relief)*



# Modeled flood depths and velocities (river discharge $Q=29500 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ )



## Application: potential damage assessment (Belikov V.V., 2005 )

Specific flow energy (per unit width)

$$P = 0,5 \rho H V^2$$

H – flow depth

V – flow velocity

$\rho$  – fluid density



The grade of potential damage

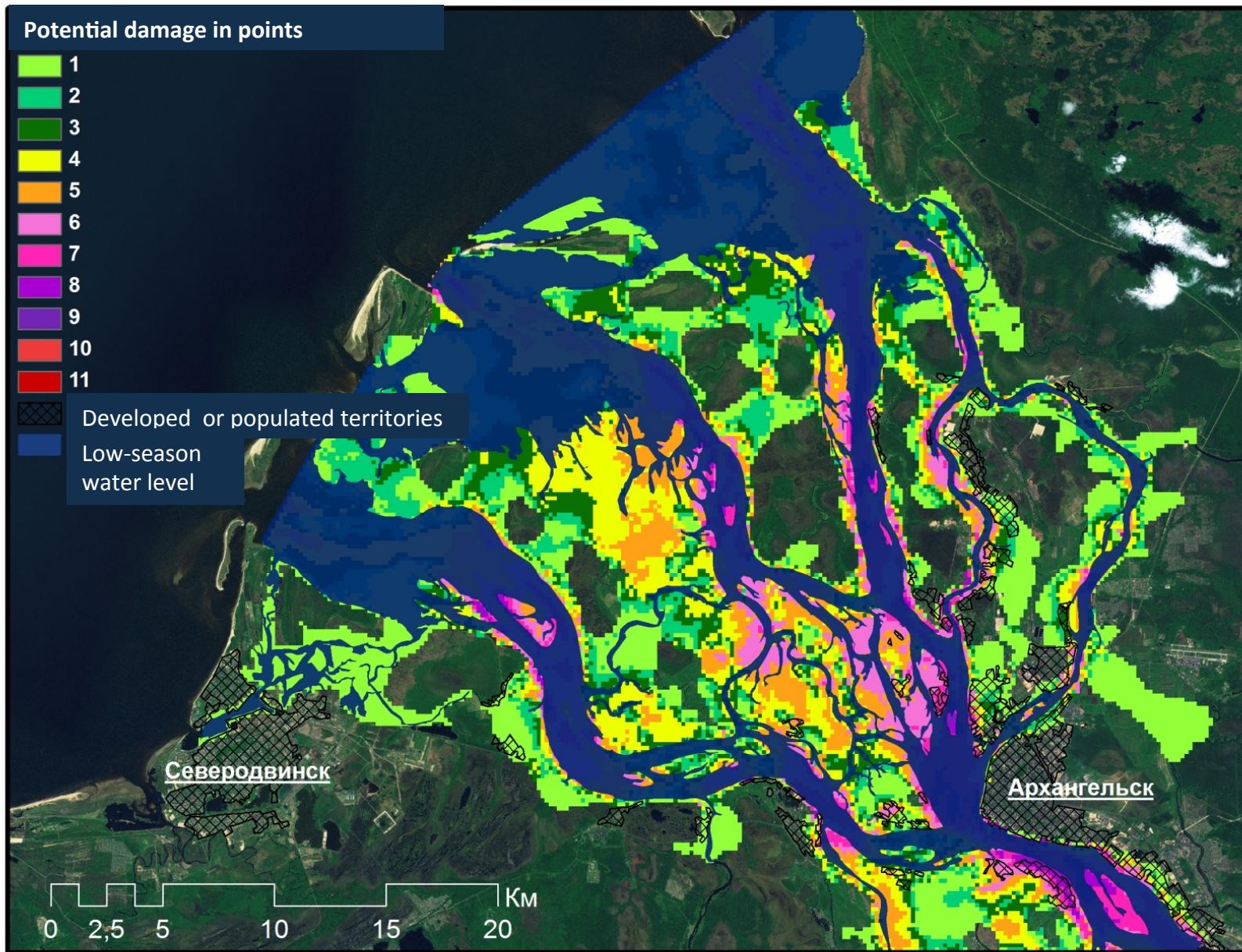
$$B = 2Lg(P)$$

$B = 1$  - no significant  
destructions

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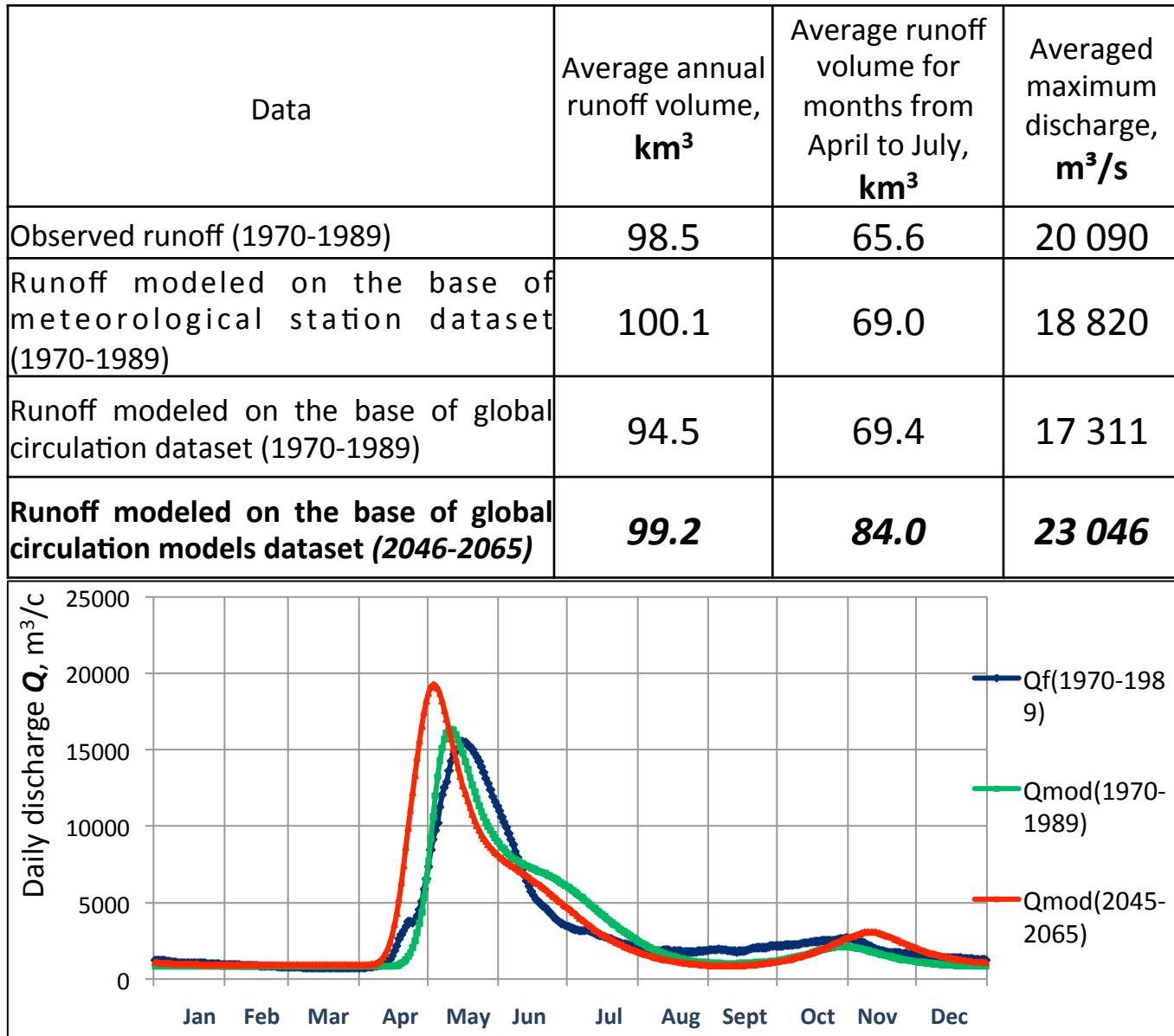
$B = 11$  - complete failure  
of concrete  
constructions

# Grades of potential damage from flooding from 1 (min) to 11 (max) while river discharge is 29500 m<sup>3</sup>/s (5 % exceedance probability)



# Basin runoff formation modeling (Ecomag model, Motovilov Yu., 1999)

Results of estimation  
of future North Dvina  
runoff changes,  
based on data from  
global circulation  
models (Krylenko  
I.N., Antokhona E.N.,  
2012



**Thank you for your attention!!!**