

# The Flood Forecasting Centre Baden-Württemberg

Founded 1991  
14 years of experience  
in operational work

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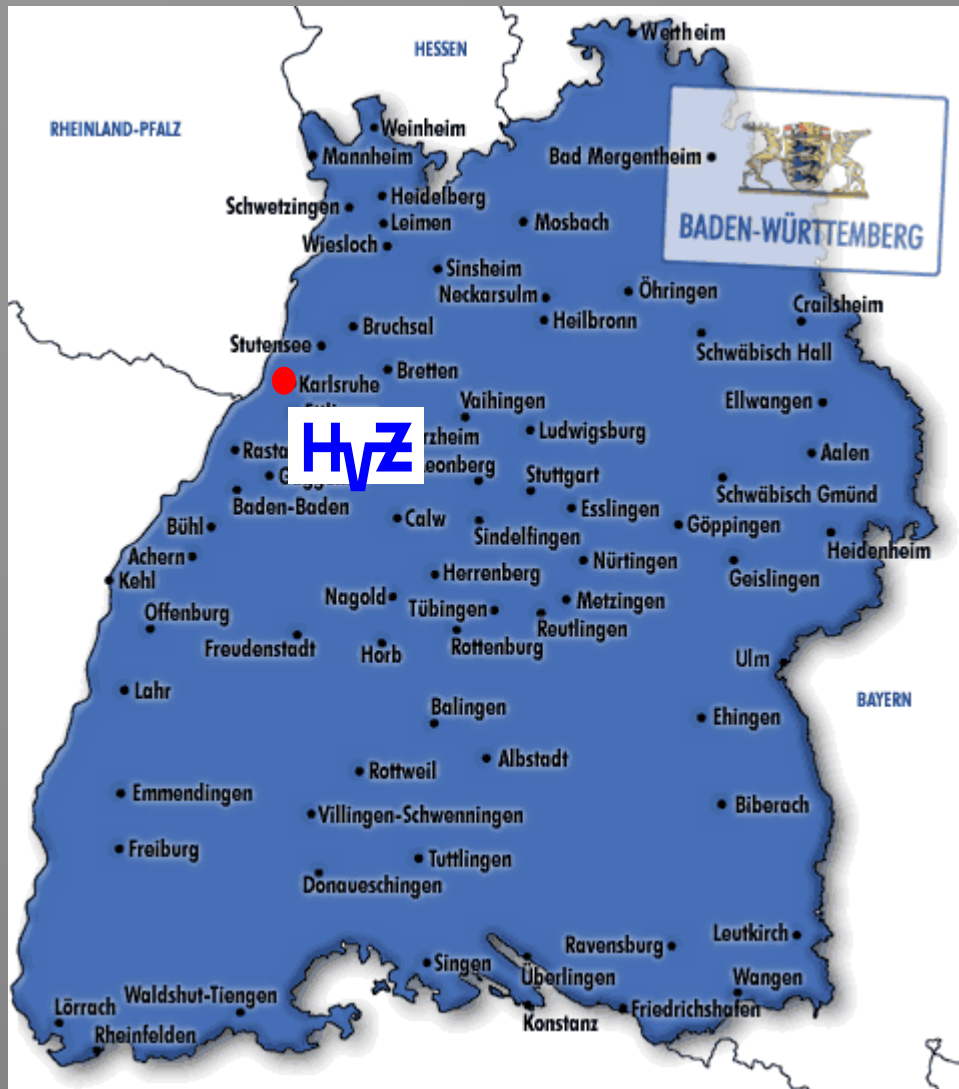


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## General Information



- Area 35 752 km<sup>2</sup>
- Inhabitants 10,5 Mio.
- 111 local authorities
- 291 Inhabitants / km<sup>2</sup>



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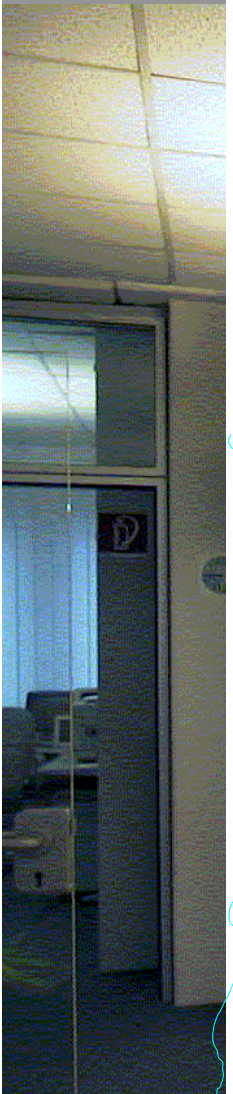
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**Worms: 68.827 km<sup>2</sup>**

**Upper Rhine  
catchment area gauge  
Maxau 50.196 km<sup>2</sup>  
99.97 m a.S.L**

**Feldberg  
1498 m a.S.L.**

< 100 km >



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# Schorndorf, Flood of the River Rems (500 km<sup>2</sup>) 20th March 2002



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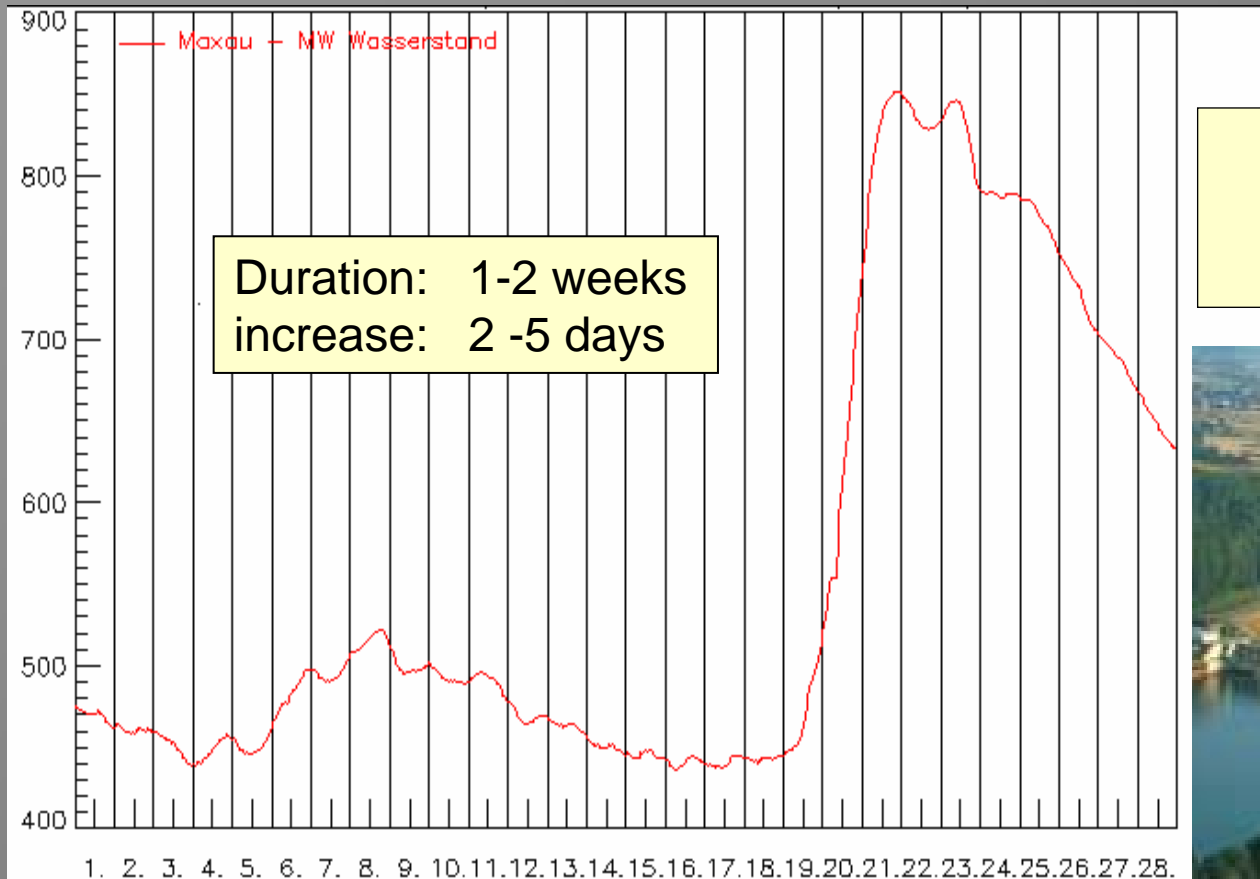


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# Floods in Baden-Württemberg: typical Events



**> 50,000 km<sup>2</sup>**  
**extensive rainfall**  
**> ~ 70 mm in 48 h**



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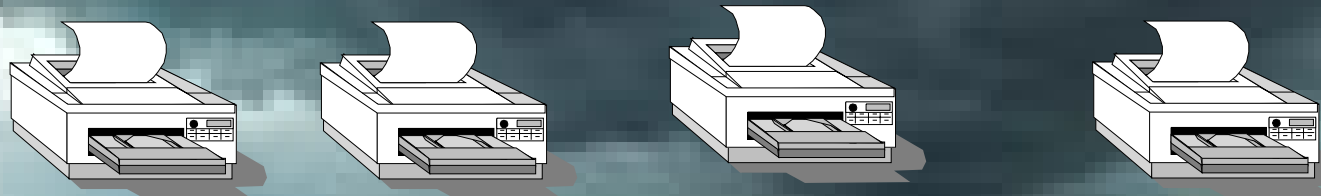
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# Flood Warning



**warning**

heavy rain /  
heavy snow-melt  
expected



Fire-brigade  
Local Head Quarter

Water  
Authority

District  
Administration  
Office

...

# Flood Warning

Excess  
of the **water level**  
threshold

Fire-brigade  
Head Quarter

Call

Water  
authority

District  
Administration  
office

Shipping  
authority

Harbour  
police

Majors  
office

...



## HVZ Data pool: topical Water Levels



### **water-levels:**

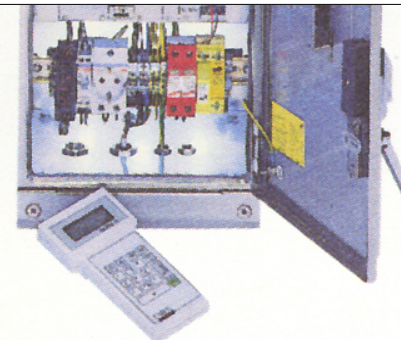
- **about 170 gauges, in parts in France and Suisse**
- **different technical systems**
- **updated every half hour**
- **input for forecasts**

## HVZ Data Pool: Precipitation Measurements

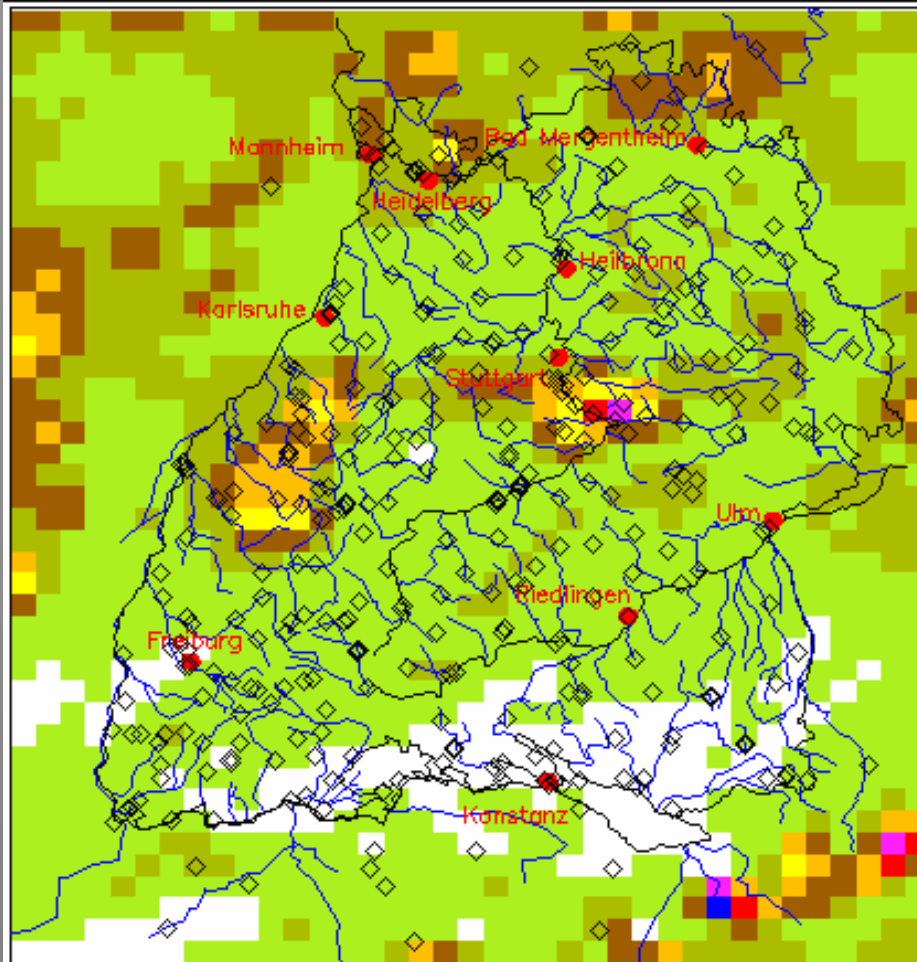


### Precipitation :

- about 230 rain gauges
- updated every hour
- input for forecasts



# HVZ Data Pool: Precipitation Forecasts



DWD-Vorhersage  
Baden - Württemberg

für den 28.3.2005  
Stunde 1-48

## Precipitation Forecasts

- 48 -hour forecast: 3 times a day
- 7 - days forecast: 3 times a day
- Input for forecasts



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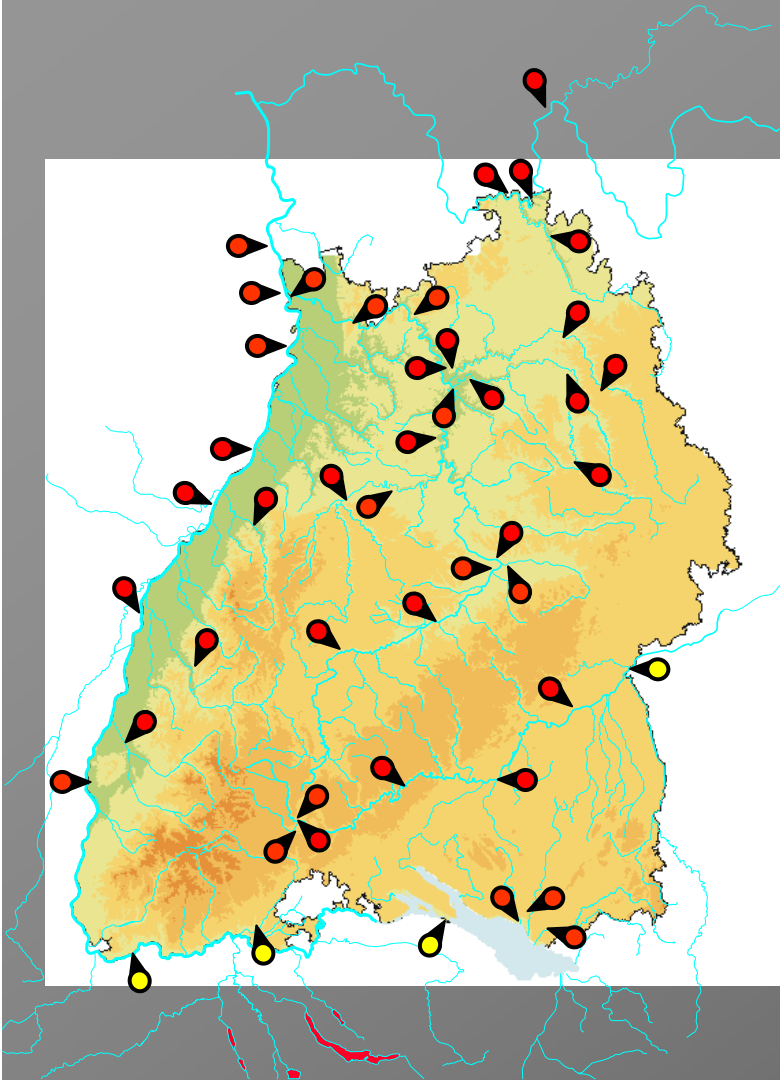
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# Flood- Forecast Models of the HVZ

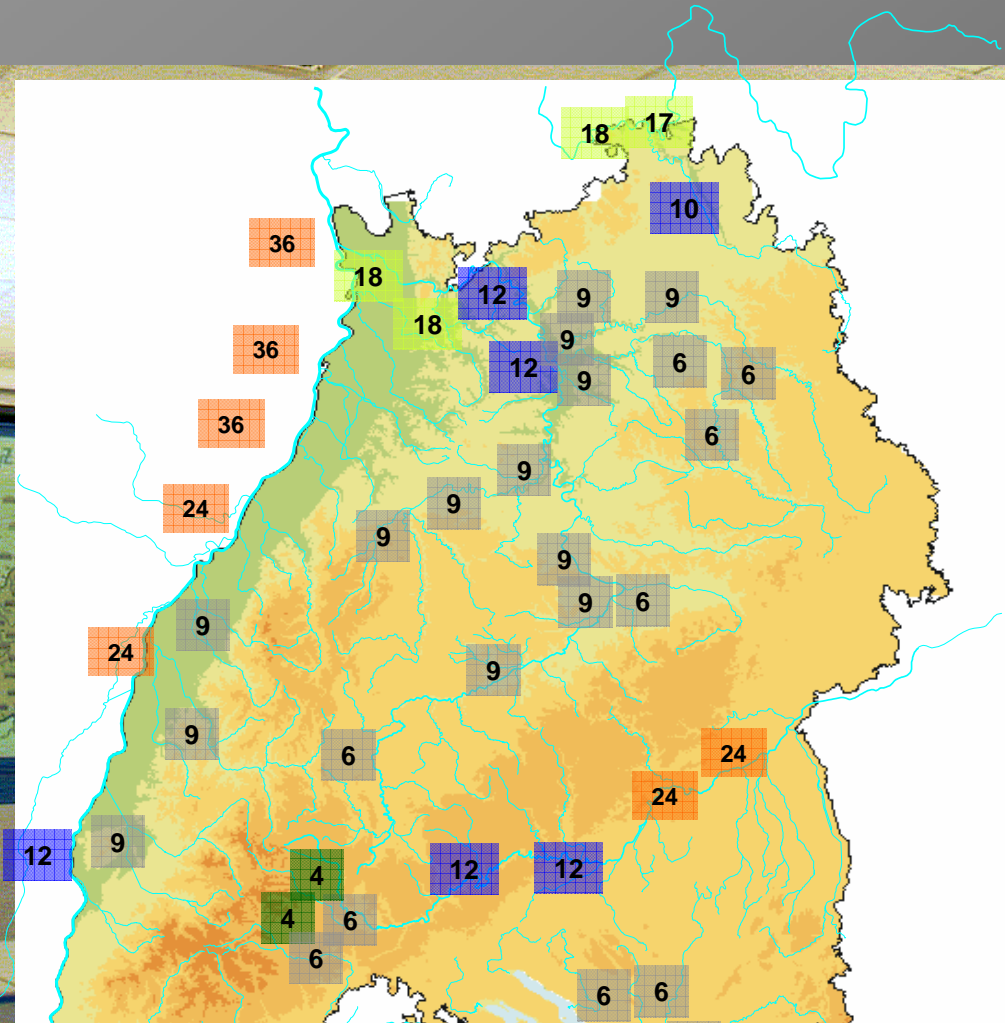
Forecasts are calculated and published fully automatically for about 45 gauges (hourly)

## Hydrological models

- Kalman-Filter-Models
- Catchment Models (RR)
- Synoptic Model Rhine
- Water-Balance Models



# Forecast Lead-times during a Flood Event



Estimations with lead-times of 7 days for flood warning



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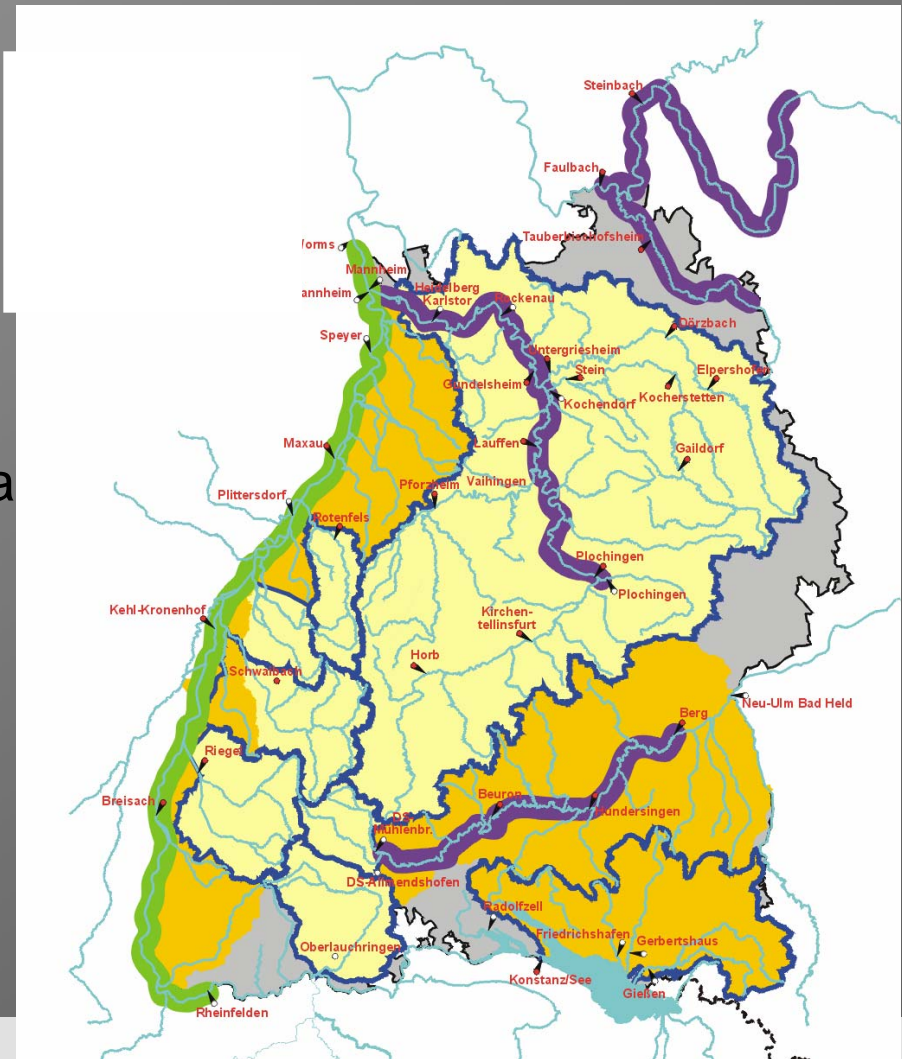
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# Flood- Forecast Models of the HVZ

## Kalman-Filter-Models

- **Statistical Model:**  
regression between upstream gauges and forecast gauge
- fast, small data-requirements
- but without consideration of rainfall data
- and unreliable for extreme events
  
- used for the greater rivers with minor hydraulic gradient (Danube, Main, Neckar)



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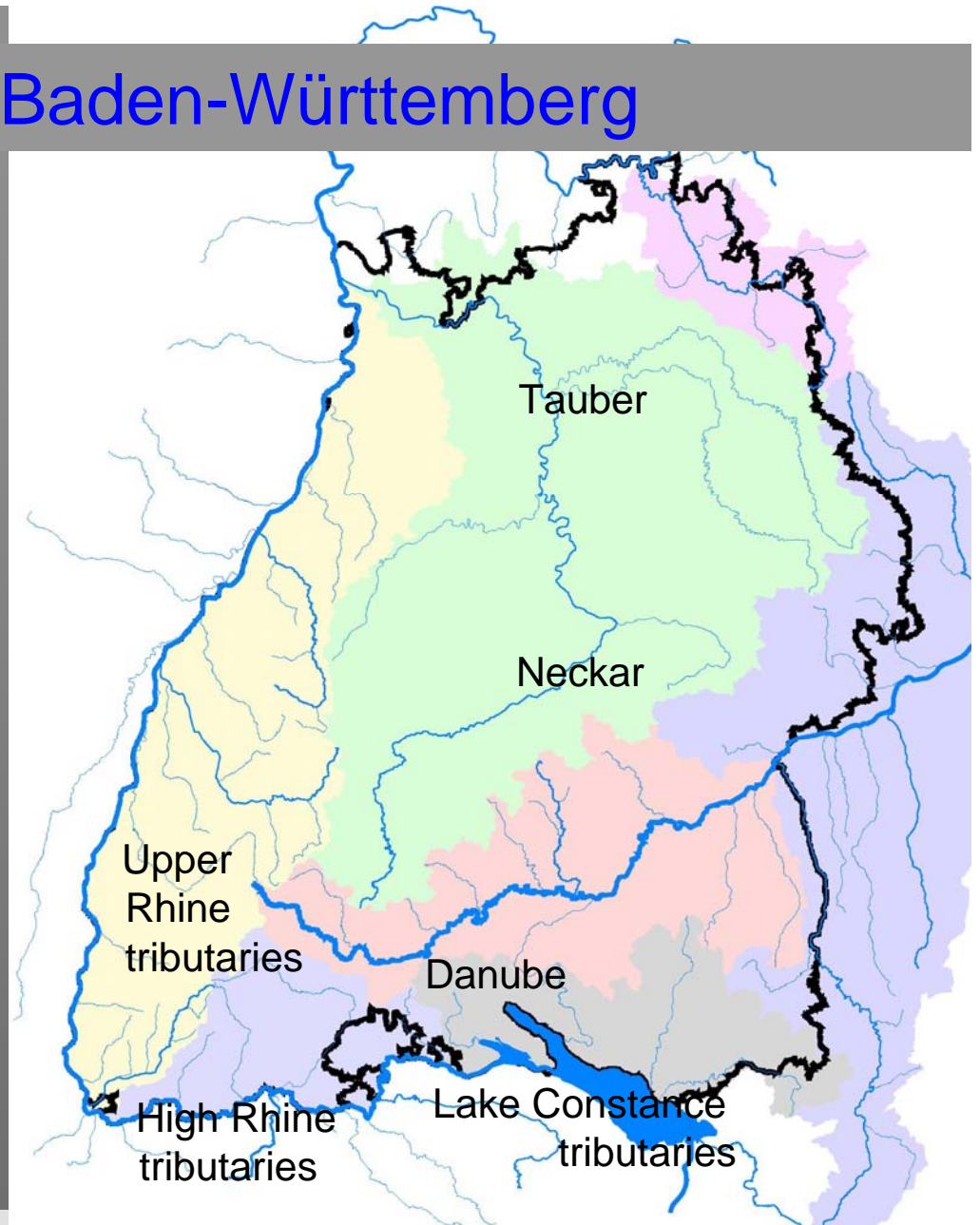
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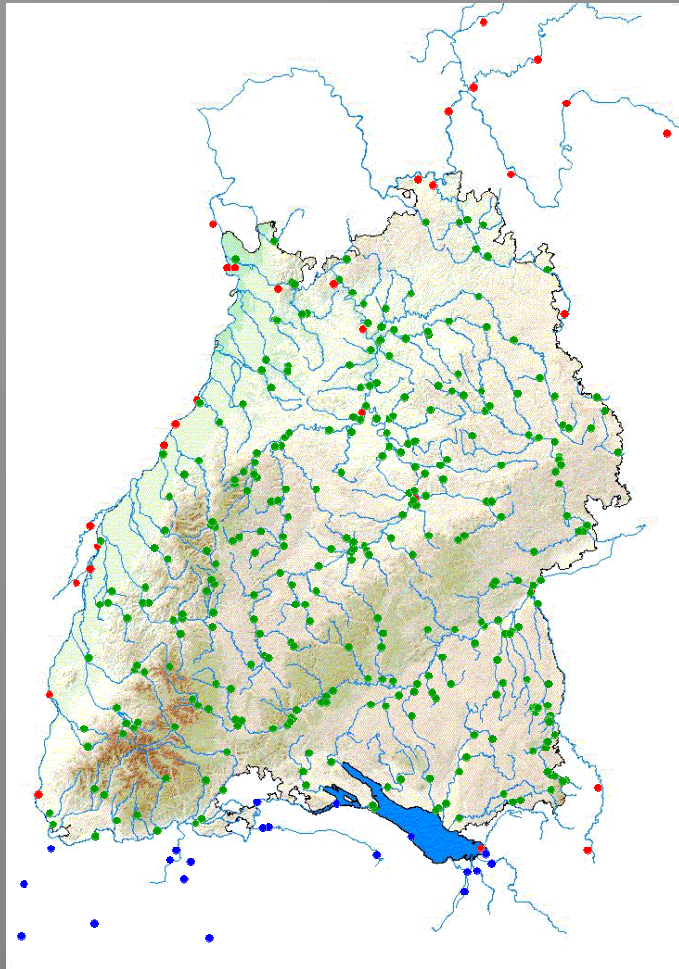
# Flood Models in Baden-Württemberg

## Catchment models

- Catchments are divided in partial areas
- Rainfall-outflow-modelling per area
- Translation and retention at each river-stretch according to the geometry of the river
- Use of rainfall-measurements and quantitative precipitation forecasts
- also suitable for fast-acting catchments



# Collecting of Data under operational Conditions



The data are collected from different measurement stations.  
The HVZ recall the data...

... from own measurement stations

... from measurement stations of other administrations (Bavaria, water management of the Federal Republic, France)

... from files via ftp (Suisse, Austria)



# Collecting of Data under operational Conditions

## Data recall of HVZ: Facts

Data of about 380 measurement stations (with more than 7000 different components) daily collected

During a flood, collecting of water level data for 180 stations every half hour

Collecting the data of more than 10 different devices or types of communication

Data collecting with more than 30 modems, 2 ISDN- und 2 ftp-Ports (parallel)



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## Experiences in operation

The systems works reliable and with sufficient speed (180 measurement stations in 10 minutes)

The manufacturers of the measurement stations provides the interface for data communication.

Direct call (modem -> station) is more efficient than ftp

## Steering of the flood forecast models

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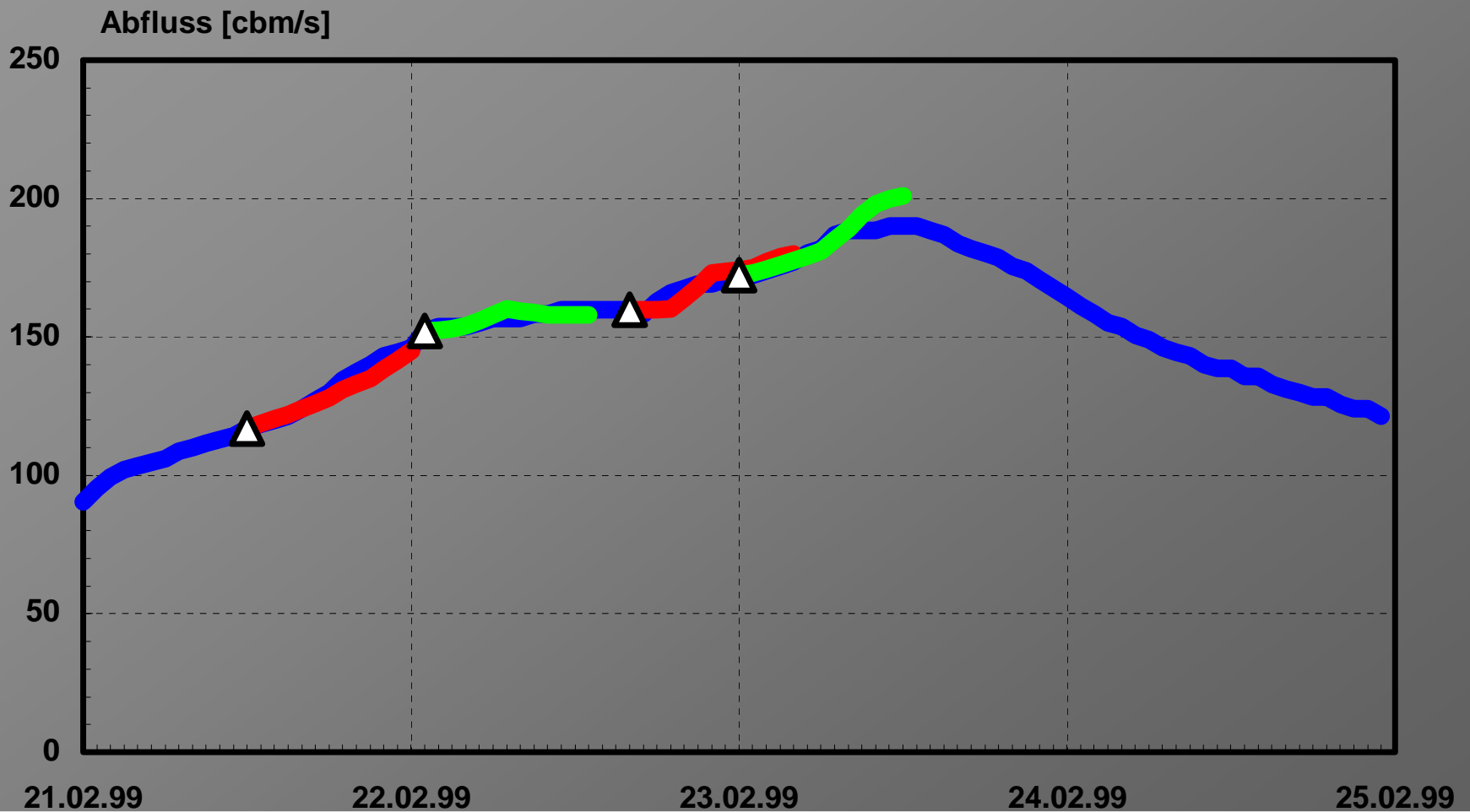
- Activating of single models for the automatic forecast service
- Selection of the meteorologic forecast-input  
(QPF input / rainfallpersistence / QPF-forecastfactors)
- Simultaneously calculation with different models  
(e.g. catchment model Neckar or KF-Neckar)
- Effects of controlled retention  
according to agreed regulation or individual case)

#### Under development:

- Effect of dam failure or non modular flow

# Examples of Forecasts

Pegel Hundersingen / Donau



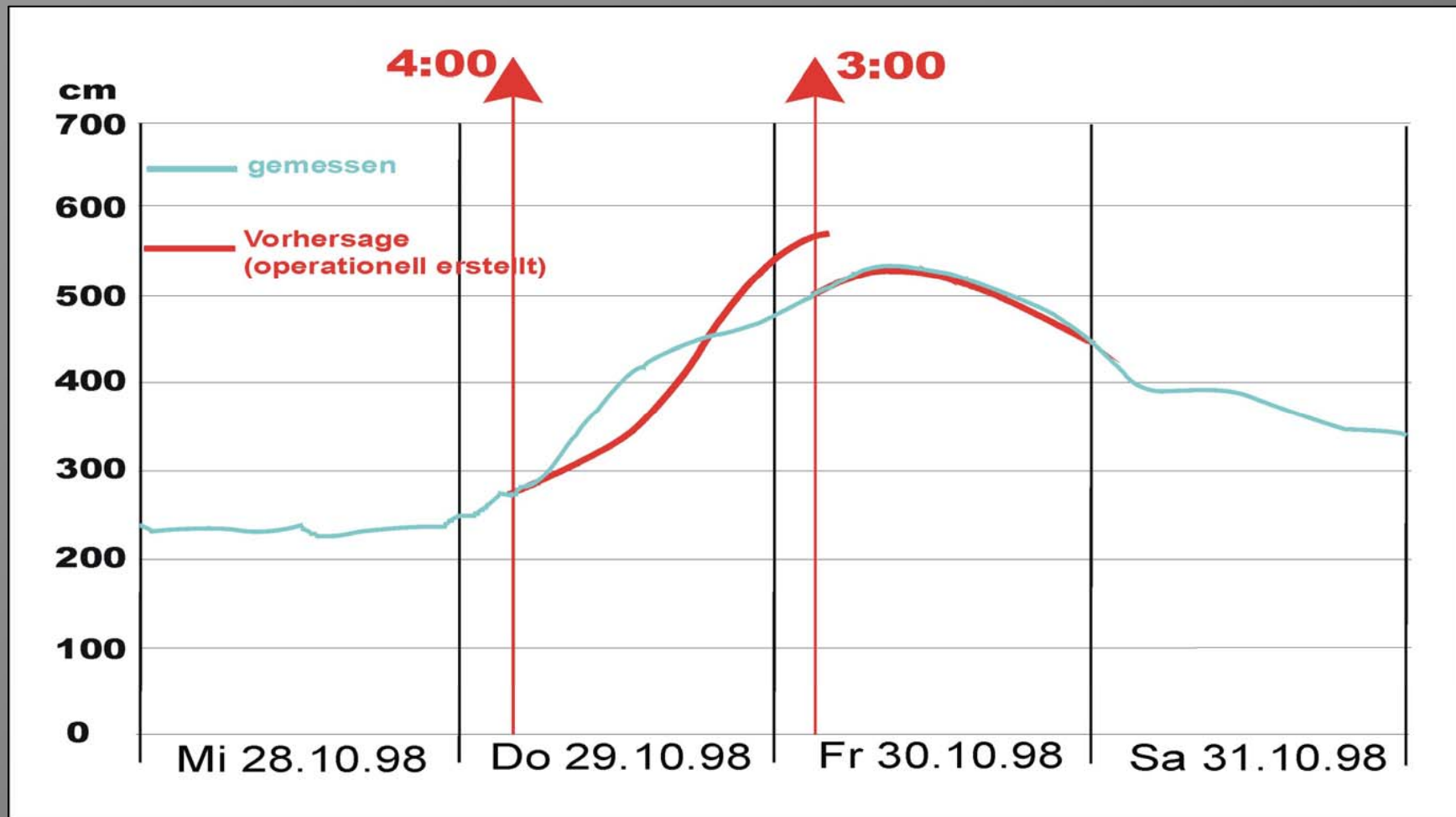
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# Berechnung von Hochwasser-Vorhersagen

## Pegel Heidelberg / Neckar



## Flood - Forecasts in Baden-Württemberg

Consideration of Retention Basins along the River Rhine

Use and calculation of the retention measurements according to the international agreement with fixed rules.

Use, different from the agreed rules, only, if

- the forecast points out a use with better results
- and all partners agree with the deviation

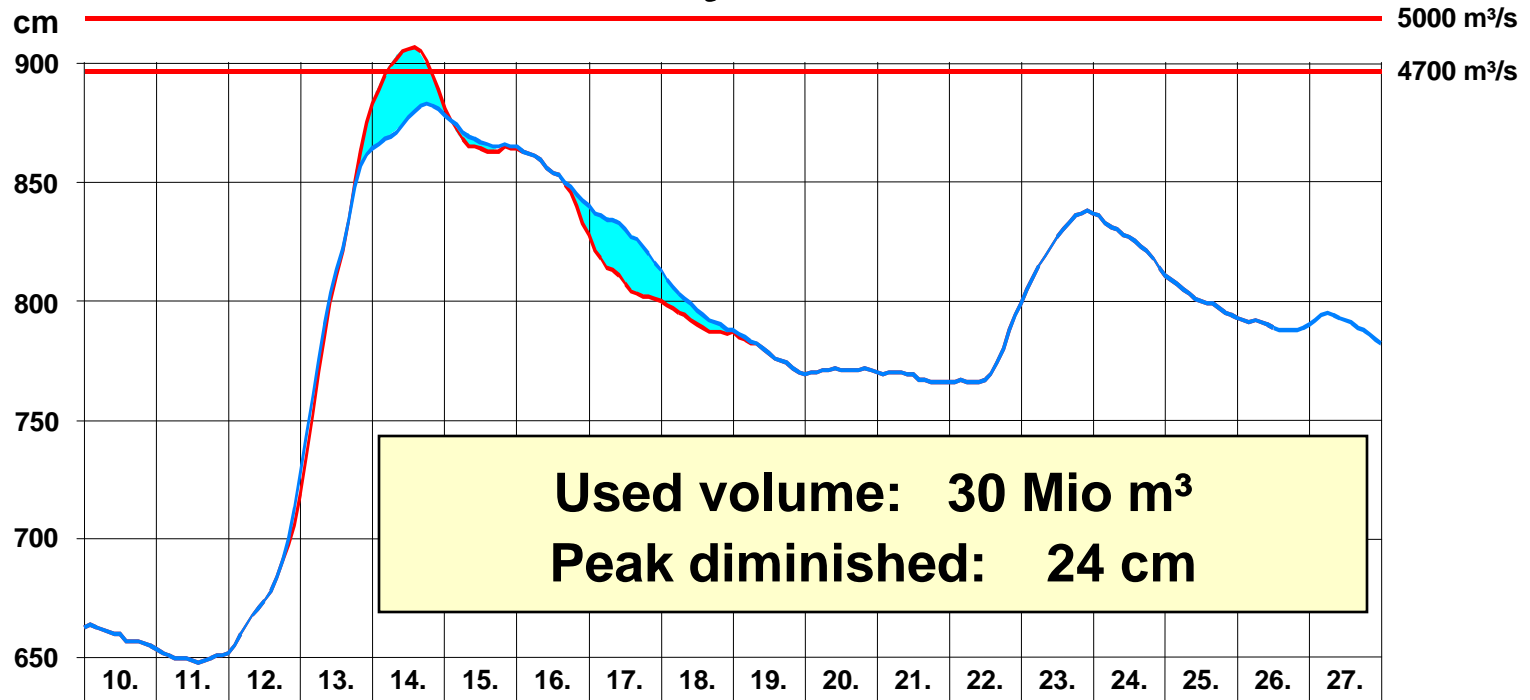
## Retention-basins (Polder) of the Upper Rhine (in use and planned)

- Forecasts for the tributaries are taken into account
- Effects of 8 (future 27) protection-measurements are taken into account



# Forecasts for the River Rhine

## Flood May 1999



— Maxau without retention measurements

— Maxu, measured values (with measurements)



# Flood - Centres along the River Rhine



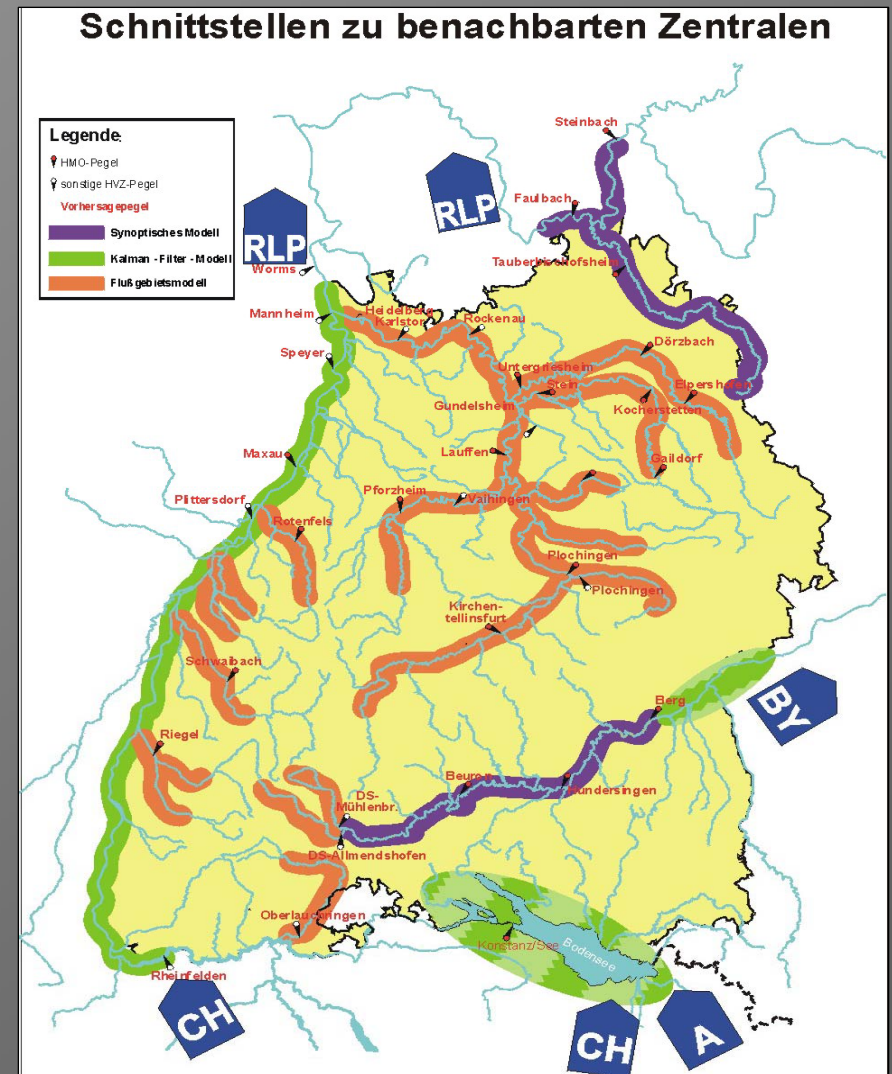
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# Data-Exchange HVZ <-> other Centres

Forecast –exchange via ftp

- Centres along **the Rhine:**  
CH → HVZ → RP → NL
- Centres along the **Danube:**  
HVZ → BY
- Centres Lake **Constance:**  
CH ↔ AU ↔ HVZ



# Provided Flood Information

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## published information:

- |                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| - water levels and discharge   | hourly        |
| - <b>water level forecasts</b> | <b>hourly</b> |
| - precipitation measurements   | hourly        |
| - weather alerts               | as required   |
| - situation reports            | as required   |



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# Published Information

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Landesamt für Umweltschutz

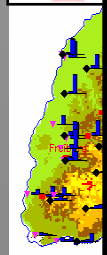
**HvZ** Hochwasser-Vorhersage-Zentrale  
Baden-Württemberg

**Lagebericht**  
von Dienstag, den 19.06.01, 10:30 Uhr:

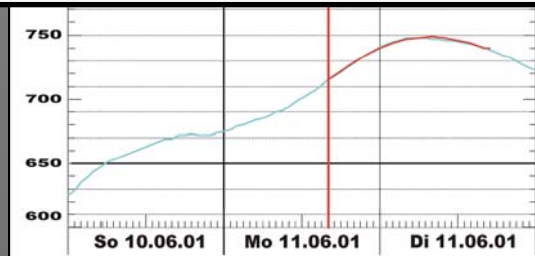
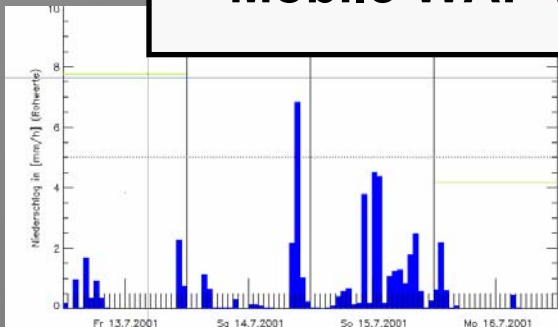


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8 <sup>00</sup>	5,81	20 <sup>00</sup>	5,65
9 <sup>00</sup>	5,81	21 <sup>00</sup>	5,65
10 <sup>00</sup>	5,80	22 <sup>00</sup>	5,64
11 <sup>00</sup>	5,79	23 <sup>00</sup>	5,64

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	5,75
	5,72
	5,70
	5,70
	5,68



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**Thank you for your Attention**



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#### Maxau, Statistische Werte:

(Jährlichkeiten sind bei diesem Pegel nur aus den Scheitelabflüssen der hydrologischen Winterhalbjahre ermittelt, Ausbauzustand 1977, ohne die Wirkung von Hochwasserrückhaltmassnahmen)

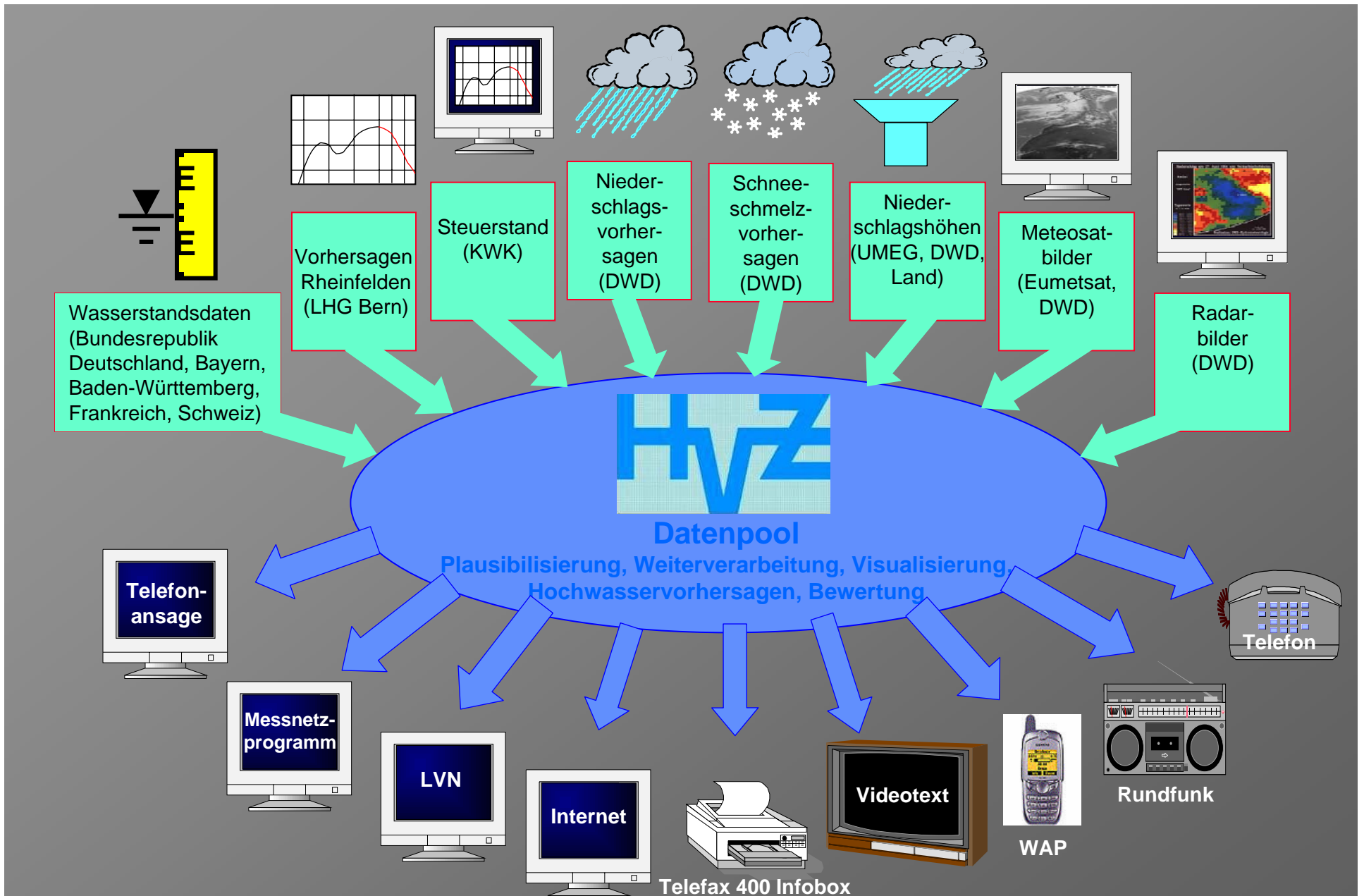
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100-jährlicher HW-Wasserstand	9.41	[m]
2-jährlicher HW-Abfluss	3100	[m <sup>3</sup> /s]
5-jährlicher HW-Abfluss	3700	[m <sup>3</sup> /s]
10-jährlicher HW-Abfluss	4100	[m <sup>3</sup> /s]
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100-jährlicher HW-Abfluss	5300	[m <sup>3</sup> /s]
200-jährlicher HW-Abfluss	5700	[m <sup>3</sup> /s]
1000-jährlicher HW-Abfluss (Schätzwert)	6500	[m <sup>3</sup> /s]



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100-jährlicher HW-Wasserstand	7.99	[m]
10-jährlicher HW-Abfluss	4750	[m <sup>3</sup> /s]
20-jährlicher HW-Abfluss	5200	[m <sup>3</sup> /s]
50-jährlicher HW-Abfluss	5750	[m <sup>3</sup> /s]
100-jährlicher HW-Abfluss	6300	[m <sup>3</sup> /s]



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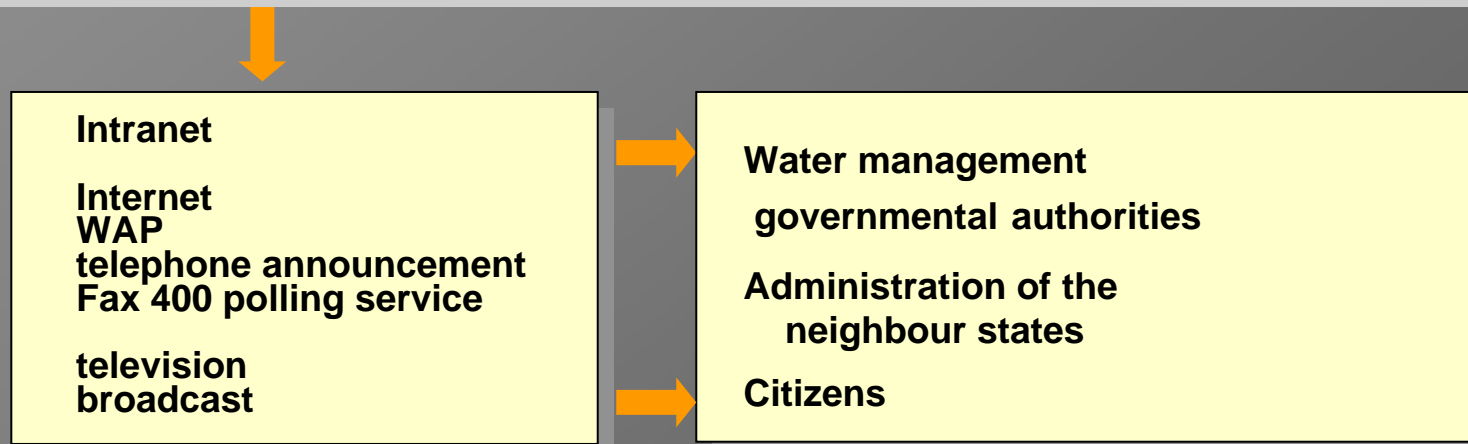
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