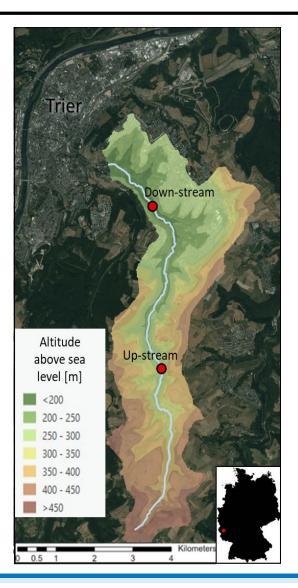
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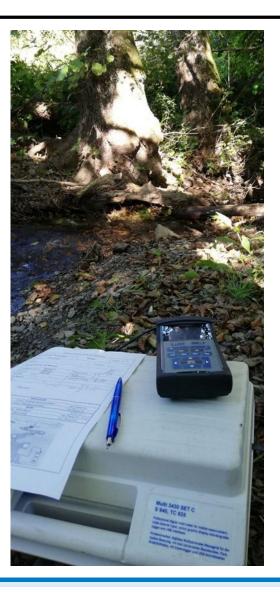


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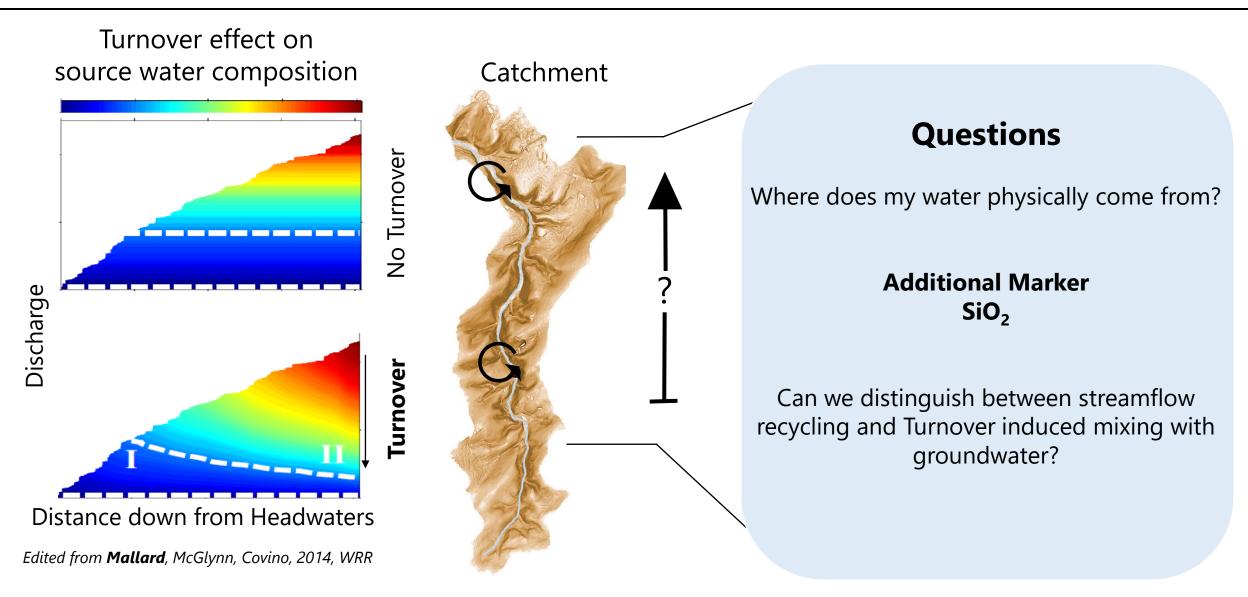




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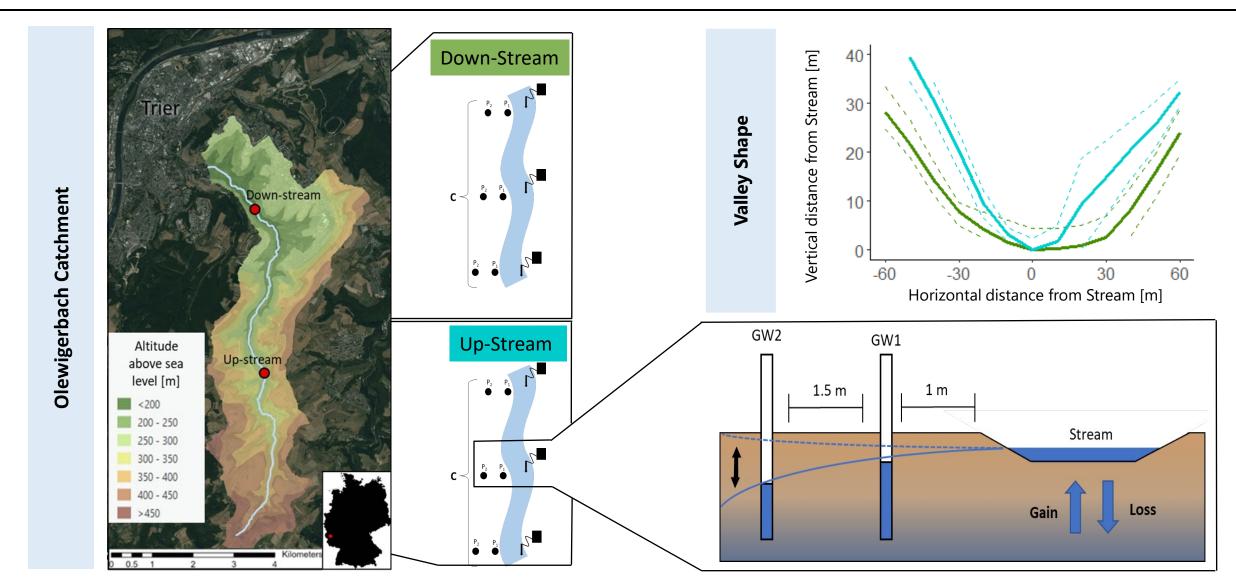
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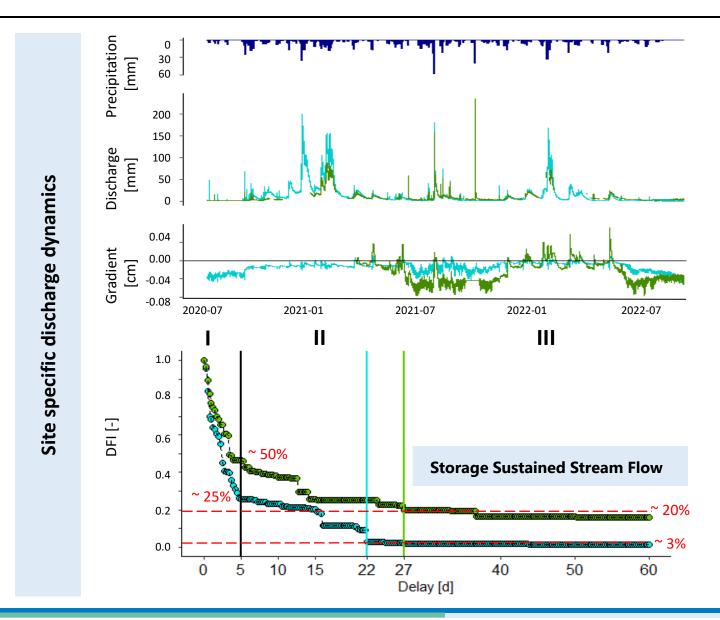
Experimental Site | Methods





Experimental Site | Reach Characterisation





Hunsrück lower mountain range

Geology

Sampling

Delayed Flow Index

- Devonian schist, quartzite inclusions
- SiO₂ as a geogenic tracer of water exposure to bedrock (deeper Groundwater)
- Turnover estimation by dilution gauging
- Measuring Turnover: 72 (06th August 2020 07th December 2022)
- SiO₂ Samples: 270 (9/Turnover measurement)

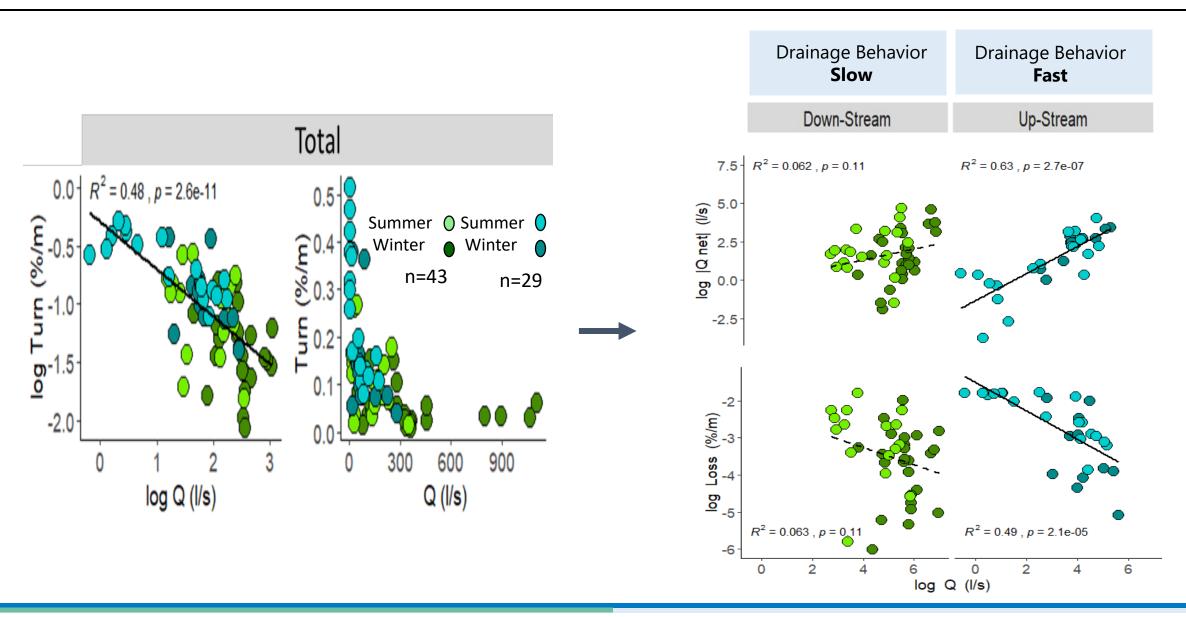
Enhanced graphical baseflow separation, identifying delayed contribution of event water towards stream flow

Stoelzle et al. 2020, HESS

- Four-year hydrograph data in six-hour resolution.
- I Quick-flow defined as delay < 5 days
- II Intermediary-flow
- **III** Storage sustained flow

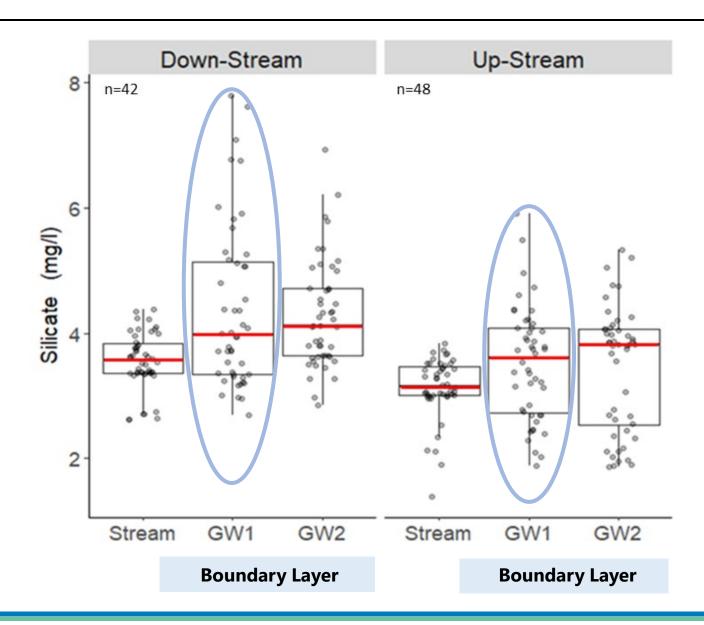
Results | Discharge





Results | SiO₂ as a Conservative Geogenic Tracer





Until now hydrological turnover is only measured via tracer experiments.

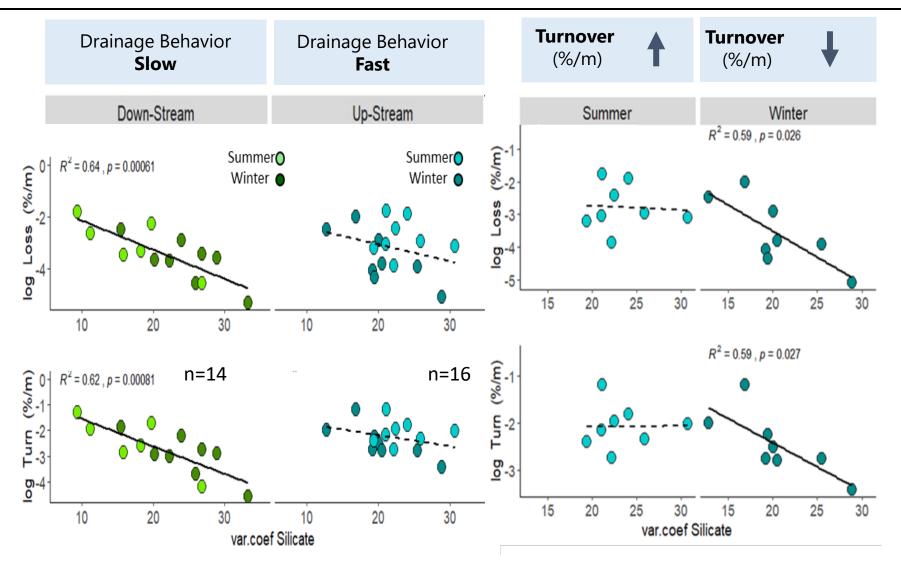
Hypothesis:

Change in SiO₂ variability is caused by Turnover induced mixing between different groundwater storages and recycled stream water.

- SiO₂ as a proxy of prolonged underground contact.
- Using large **variation and memory effect** of sampled groundwater wells in SiO₂ concentrations by analyzing **Variation Coefficients**:

Results | Silicate

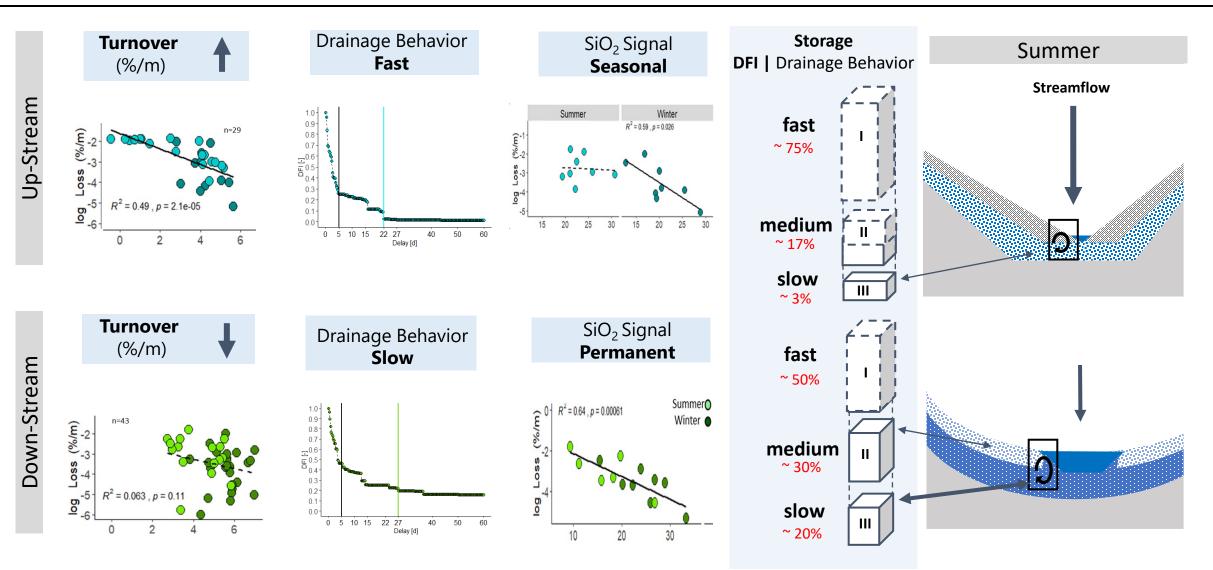




Summary |

Dominant Streamflow generating Processes: *Groundwater inflow vs. streamflow recycling*





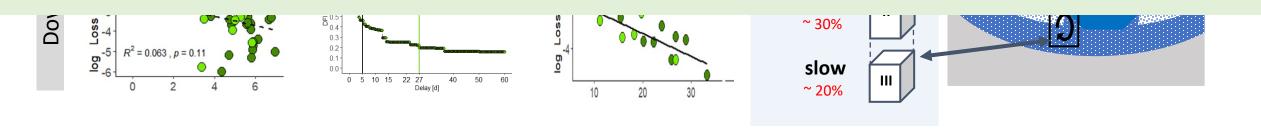
Take Home Message





Bidirectional exchange flows in streams are apparent in geogenic marker variability in near stream groundwater.

However, SiO₂ signals indicating turnover induced mixing is seasonal and depends on reach drainage behaviour and varies within the same catchment.



Thank you for your Attention











