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Application of a novel cascade-routing and reinfiltration concept with a Voronoi unstructured grid in MODFLOW 6, for an assessment of surface-water/groundwater interactions in a hard-rock catchment (Sardon, Spain)

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**Table S1** List of abbreviations and symbols

$\alpha_{i,j}$	Fraction of flow from the cell $i$ to the neighbouring $j$ cell
$a_i$	Land-cover class coverage fraction over the total catchment area for the calculations of $E_{sf}$
$\beta_{i,j}$	Flow partitioning factor used in model calibration
$b_i$	Land-cover class coverage fraction over the total catchment area for the calculations of PET
$c$	Fractional canopy cover
$\Delta S$	Total catchment storage
$\Delta S_g$	Groundwater zone storage
$\Delta S_u$	Unsaturated zone storage
$d_{ext}$	Extinction depth
$d_{surf}$	Surface depth at which groundwater exfiltration can start
elv	Land surface elevation
$E_g$	Groundwater evaporation
$E_s$	Surface evaporation
$E_l$	Canopy interception
ET	Evapotranspiration
ET <sub>g</sub>	Groundwater evapotranspiration
ET <sub>o</sub>	Reference evapotranspiration
ET <sub>oc</sub>	Reference evapotranspiration per unit area of canopy cover
ET <sub>ss</sub>	Subsurface evapotranspiration
ET <sub>u</sub>	Unsaturated zone evapotranspiration
Exf <sub>gw</sub>	Groundwater exfiltration
Exf <sub>gw</sub> <sup>e</sup>	Evaporated groundwater exfiltration
Exf <sub>gw</sub> <sup>i</sup>	Reinfiltrated groundwater exfiltration
Exf <sub>gw</sub> <sup>r</sup>	Groundwater exfiltration transferred down-gradient as runoff
Exf <sub>gw</sub> <sup>s</sup>	Groundwater exfiltration routed to streams
$I$	Net infiltration
$I_a$	Active infiltration

$K_b$	Hydraulic conductivity of stream reach's bed
$K_c$	Crop coefficient
$K_{cb}$	Transpiration crop coefficient
$K_e$	Soil evaporation crop coefficient
$K_h$	Horizontal hydraulic conductivity
$K_{sat}$	Saturated vertical hydraulic conductivity
$K_v$	Vertical hydraulic conductivity
LAI	Leaf area index
$l_{i,j}$	Distance between the centres of the connected $i$ and $j$ cells
$P$	Precipitation
$P_e$	Effective precipitation
PET	Potential evapotranspiration
$q$	Total stream outflow at the catchment outlet
$q_B$	Baseflow
$q_g$	Lateral groundwater outflow
$q_{gs}$	Groundwater leakage to streams
$Q.i.$	<i>Quercus ilex</i>
$Q.p.$	<i>Quercus pyrenaica</i>
$q_{sg}$	Stream leakage to groundwater
$\bar{R}$	Mean rainfall intensity
$RE^i = (RI^i + Exf_{gw}^i)$	Total reinfiltreated water originated from the sum of $RI^i$ and $Exf_{gw}^i$
$RE_{net}^i = RE^i - RI^r$	Net total reinfiltreated water
$RE^s = (RI^s + Exf_{gw}^s)$	Direct runoff originated from the sum of $RI^s$ and $Exf_{gw}^s$
$R_g$	Gross groundwater recharge
RI	Rejected infiltration
$RI^e$	Rejected infiltration evaporated
$RI^i$	Rejected infiltration reinfiltreated
$RI^r$	Rejected infiltration transferred down-gradient as runoff
$RI_{net}^r = RI^r - RE^i$	Net rejected infiltration transferred down-gradient

$RI^s$	Rejected infiltration routed to streams
$R_n$	Net groundwater recharge
$S$	Canopy storage capacity
SAVI	Soil adjusted vegetation index
$S_c$	Canopy storage capacity per unit area of canopy cover
$S_{i,j}$	Slope gradient between cell $i$ and $j$
$S_s$	Specific storage
$S_y$	Specific yield
$\theta_i$	Initial water content
$\theta_{ext}$	Extinction water content
$\theta_{resid}$	Residual water content
$\theta_{sat}$	Saturated water content

**Table S2** Average monthly  $K_e$  and  $K_{cb}$  of the hydrological year 2010 for the land cover classes

Land cover	Grass/bare soil		Outcrops		$Q.i.$		$Q.p.$					
class					on soil	on outcrops	on soil	on outcrops				
$b_i$ [-]	0.695		0.212		0.036	0.009	0.035	0.013				
Month	$K_{e1}$	$K_{cb1}$	$K_{e2}$	$K_{cb2}$	$K_{e3}$	$K_{cb3}$	$K_{e4}$	$K_{cb4}$	$K_{e5}$	$K_{cb5}$	$K_{e6}$	$K_{cb6}$
Oct-09	0.14	0.22	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.70	0.00	0.73	0.00	0.63	0.00	0.56
Nov-09	0.43	0.28	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.82	0.00	0.78	0.00	0.75	0.00	0.67
Dec-09	0.53	0.29	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.95	0.00	0.84	0.00	0.88	0.00	0.79
Jan-10	0.40	0.49	0.20	0.00	0.00	1.06	0.00	1.01	0.00	1.04	0.00	0.88
Feb-10	0.50	0.43	0.25	0.00	0.00	1.15	0.00	1.11	0.00	1.04	0.00	0.97
Mar-10	0.53	0.41	0.27	0.00	0.00	1.19	0.00	1.13	0.00	1.11	0.00	1.03
Apr-10	0.60	0.38	0.30	0.00	0.00	1.29	0.00	1.25	0.00	1.22	0.00	1.19
May-10	0.27	0.63	0.13	0.00	0.00	1.25	0.00	1.19	0.00	1.17	0.00	1.16
Jun-10	0.30	0.41	0.15	0.00	0.00	1.15	0.00	1.13	0.00	1.14	0.00	1.13
Jul-10	0.07	0.33	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.85	0.00	0.97	0.00	1.11	0.00	1.00
Aug-10	0.11	0.19	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.55	0.00	0.78	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.85
Sep-10	0.32	0.20	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.54	0.00	0.71	0.00	0.93	0.00	0.82

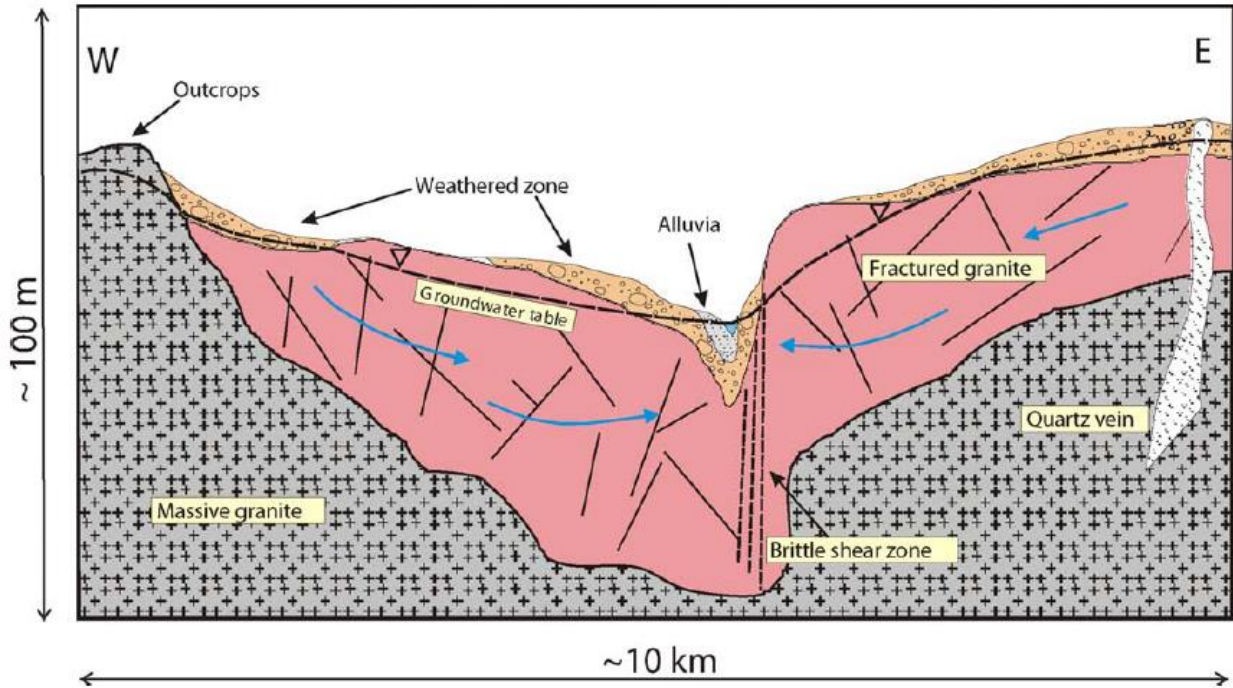


Fig. S1 Schematic cross-section after Lubczynski & Gurwin (2005)

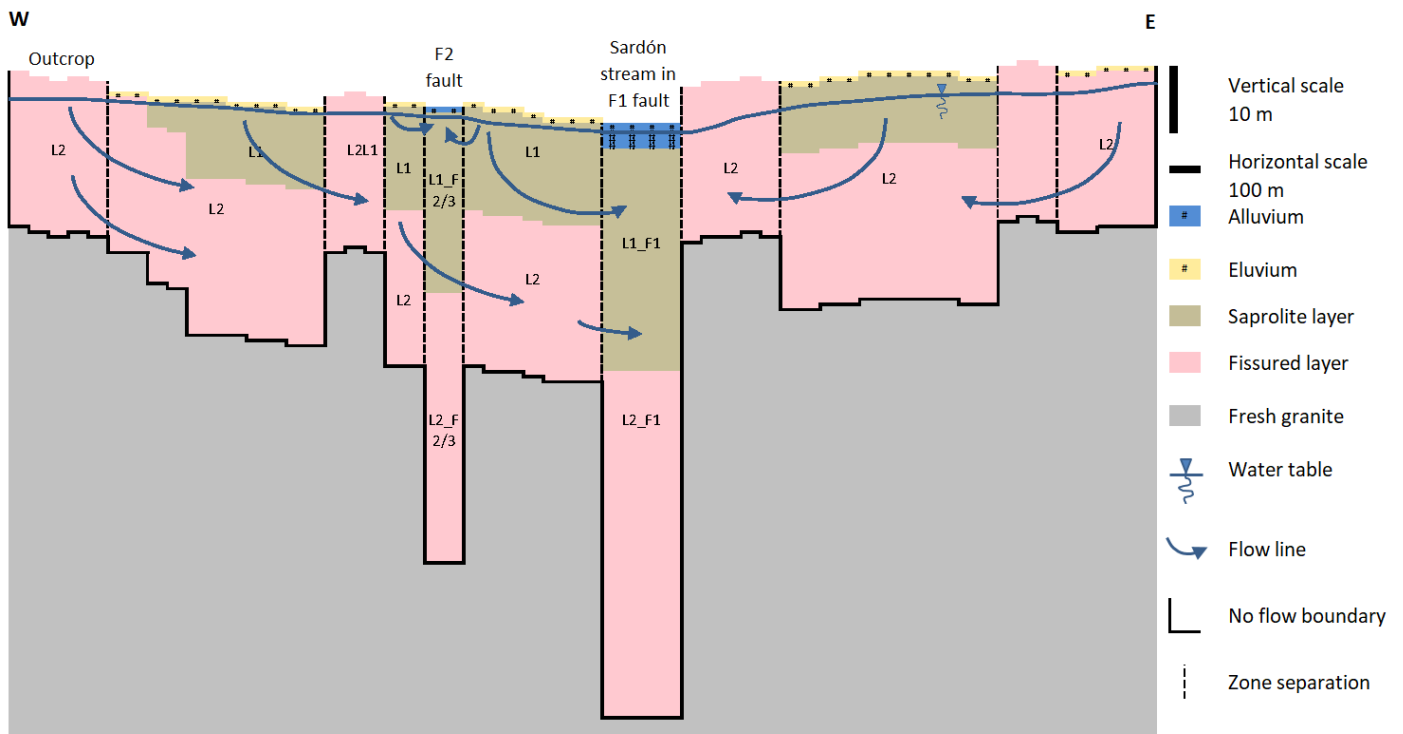
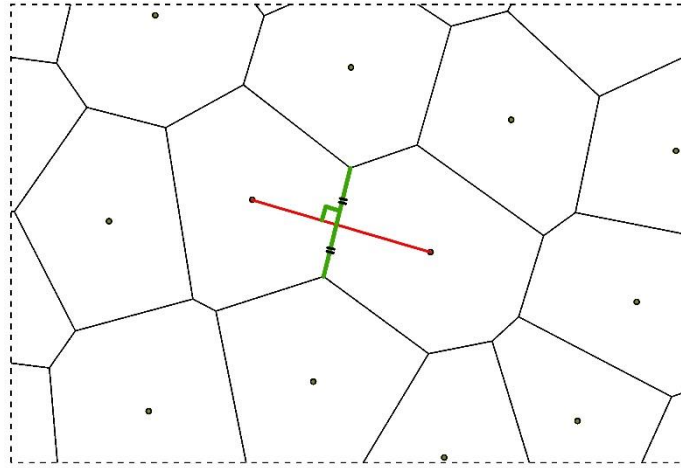
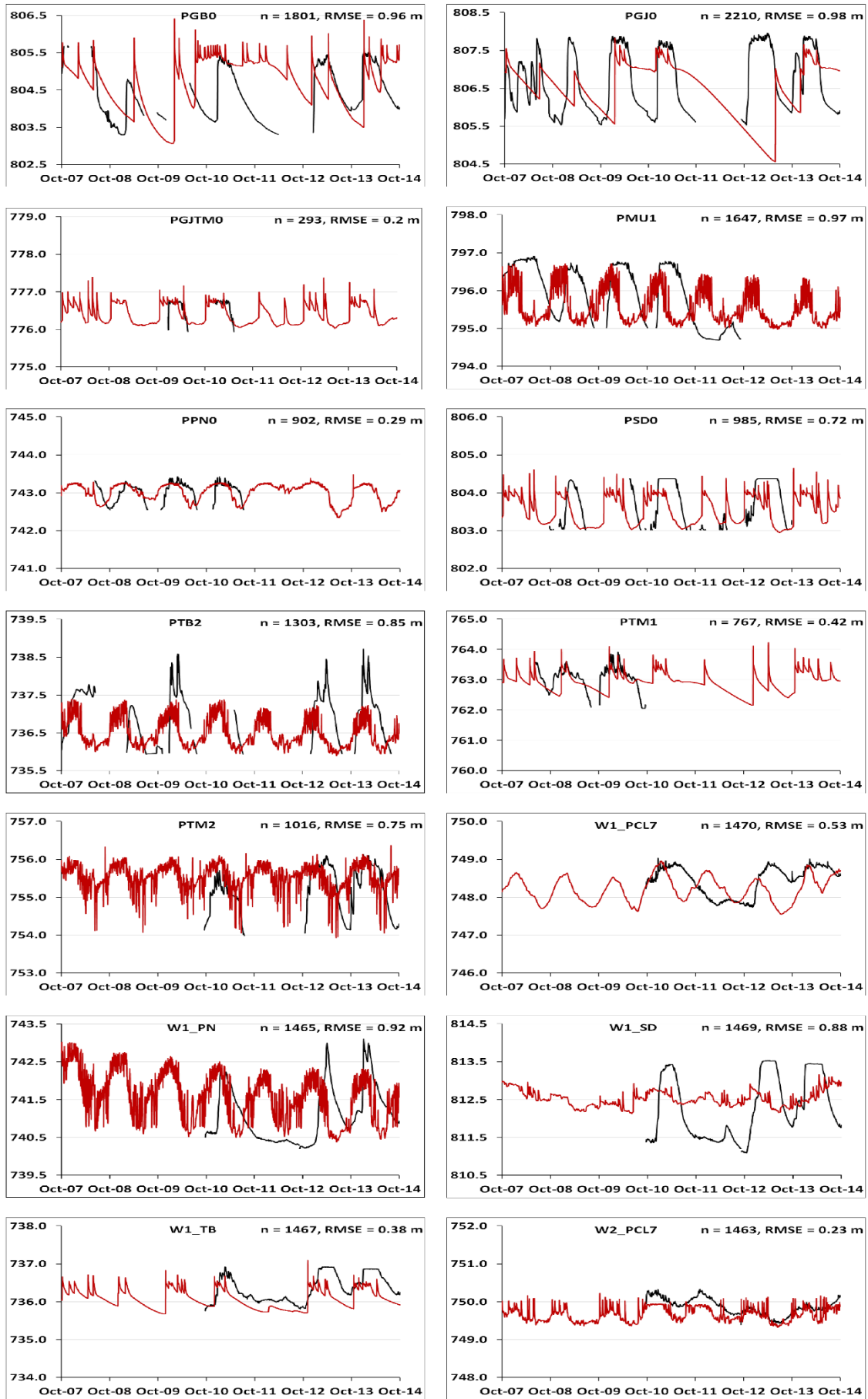


Fig. S2 Schematic cross-section after Francés et al. (2014)

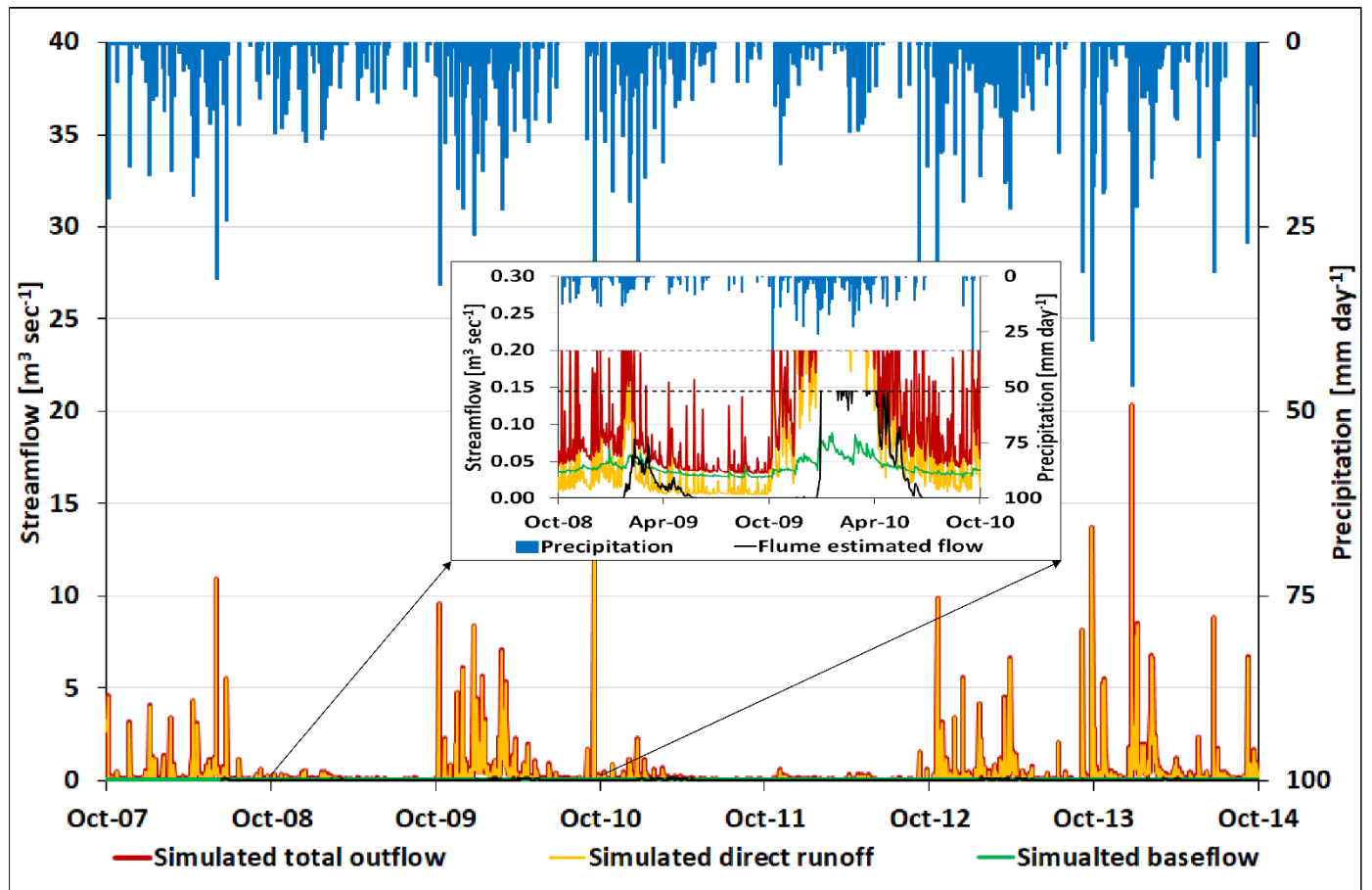


**Fig. S3** CVFD requirements. The red line connecting the centers of the two cells should (1) intersect the shared edge at the right angle (*highlighted by the green line and the green angle symbols respectively*), and (2) bisect the shared edge (*highlighted by the equality signs*)

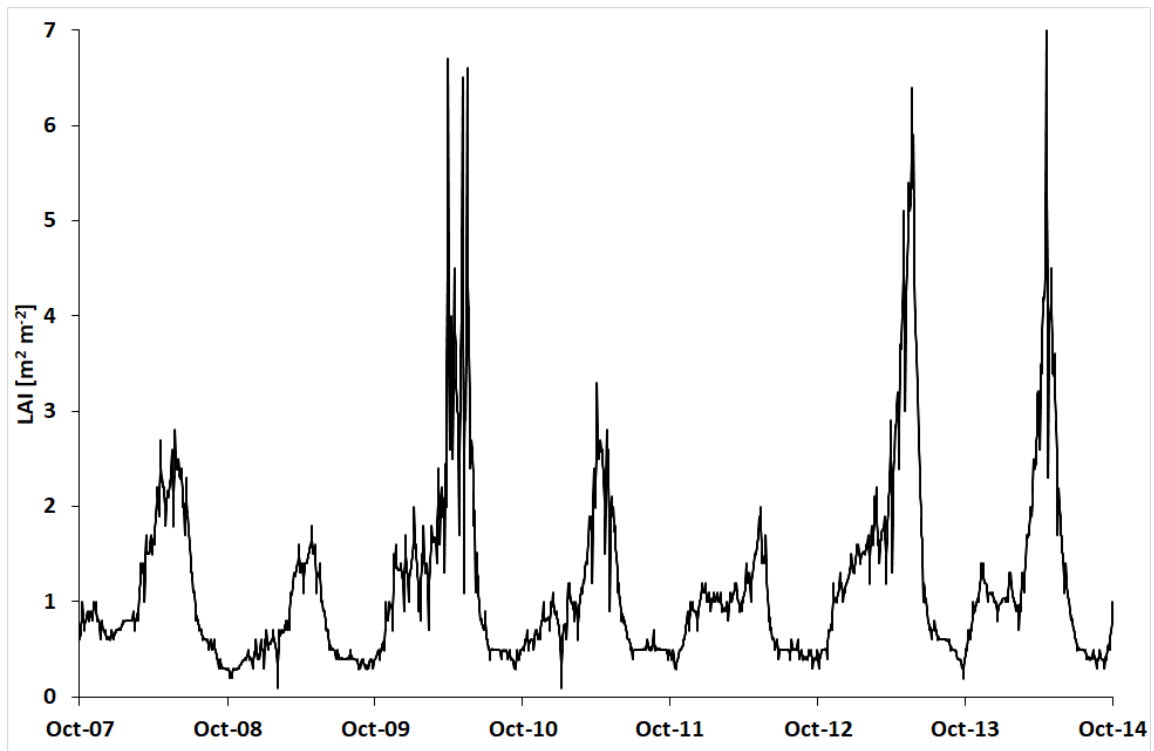


**Fig. S4** Groundwater hydrographs: the simulated heads (*red lines*) versus the observed heads (*black lines*) at the 14 observation points within the study period (1 October 2007 – 30 September 2014); *n* is the number of daily records while RMSE is the root mean square error between simulated and observed heads; the locations of the head observation points are presented in Fig. 1 of the main article





**Fig. S5** Components of Sardon catchment daily outflow versus precipitation presented for the seven hydrological years studied, i.e. from 1 October 2007 to 30 September 2014; the zoom window presents flows in the dry year 2009 and in the wet year 2010. Note: (i) the flume-estimated flow is limited to  $0.145 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ , as marked by *black dash horizontal line* and (ii) simulated total flow, and direct runoff are graphically restricted by *purple dash horizontal line* to  $< 0.2 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$  for visualization purposes



**Fig. S6** Daily LAI of the seven hydrological years (1 October 2007 – 30 September 2014) for the land-cover class “grass/bare soil”, as presented in Fig. 2 of the main article

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