

*R&D Research Project: Scaling  
analysis of hydrometeorological  
time series data*

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# Extreme Value Statistics of non-stationary and correlated Runoff Time Series Data



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# General Extreme Value Distribution GEV

General form:

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$\mu$  : Location parameter

$\sigma$  : Scale parameter

$\xi$  : Shape parameter

$\xi = 0$  Exponential tail (Gumbel)

$\xi > 0$  Heavy tail (Fréchet)

$\xi < 0$  Finite tail (negative Weibull)

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Special cases: Gumbel, Fréchet, Weibull Distribution

$$\text{GEV}(0, 1, 0) = \exp(-\exp(-x))$$

Gumbel distribution

$$\text{GEV}(1, 1/\alpha, 1/\alpha) = \exp(-x^{-\alpha})$$

Fréchet distribution

$$(x > 0, \alpha > 0)$$

$$\text{GEV}(-1, 1/\alpha, -1/\alpha) = \exp(-(-x)^\alpha)$$

(negative)

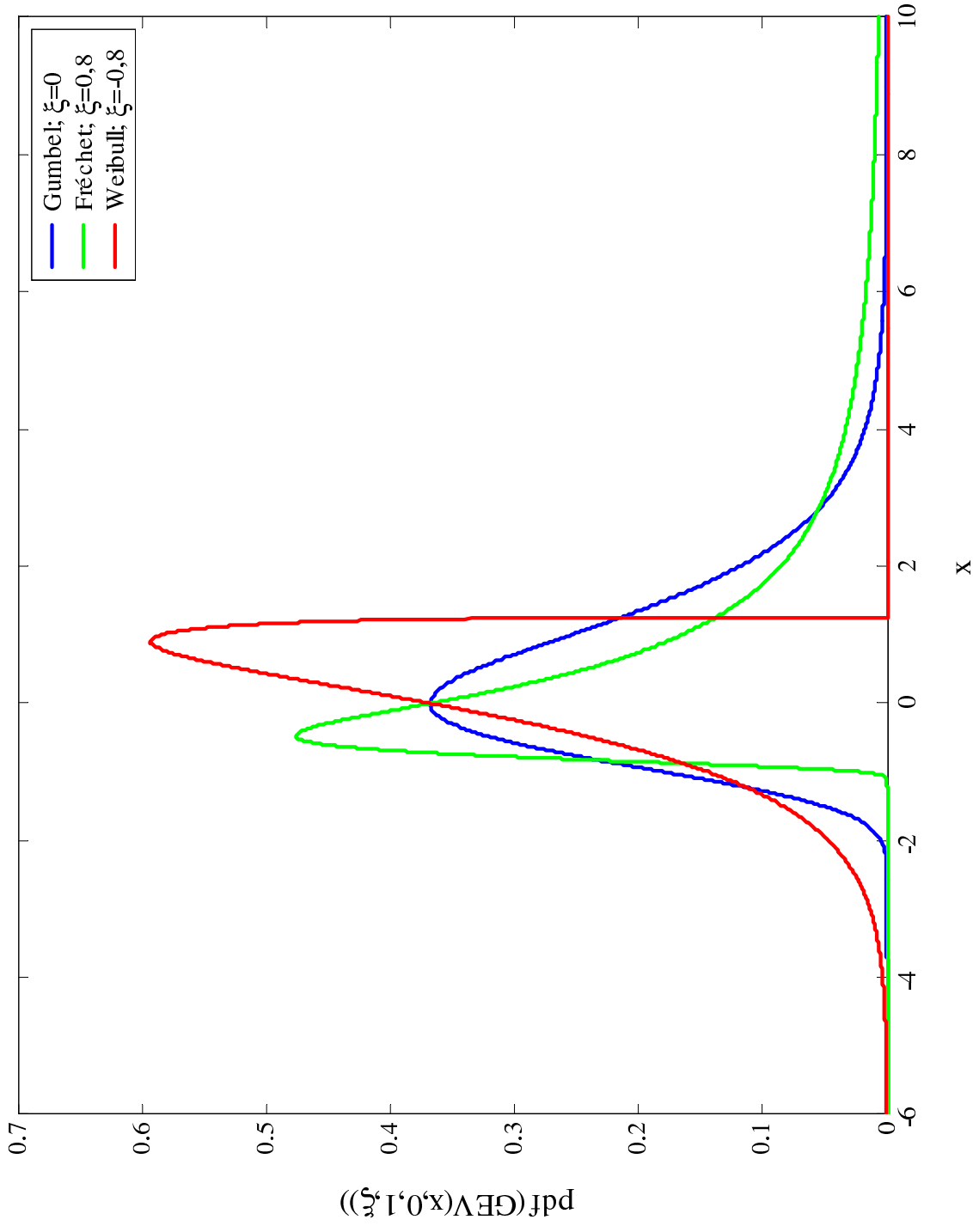
Weibull distribution

$$(x < 0, \alpha > 0)$$

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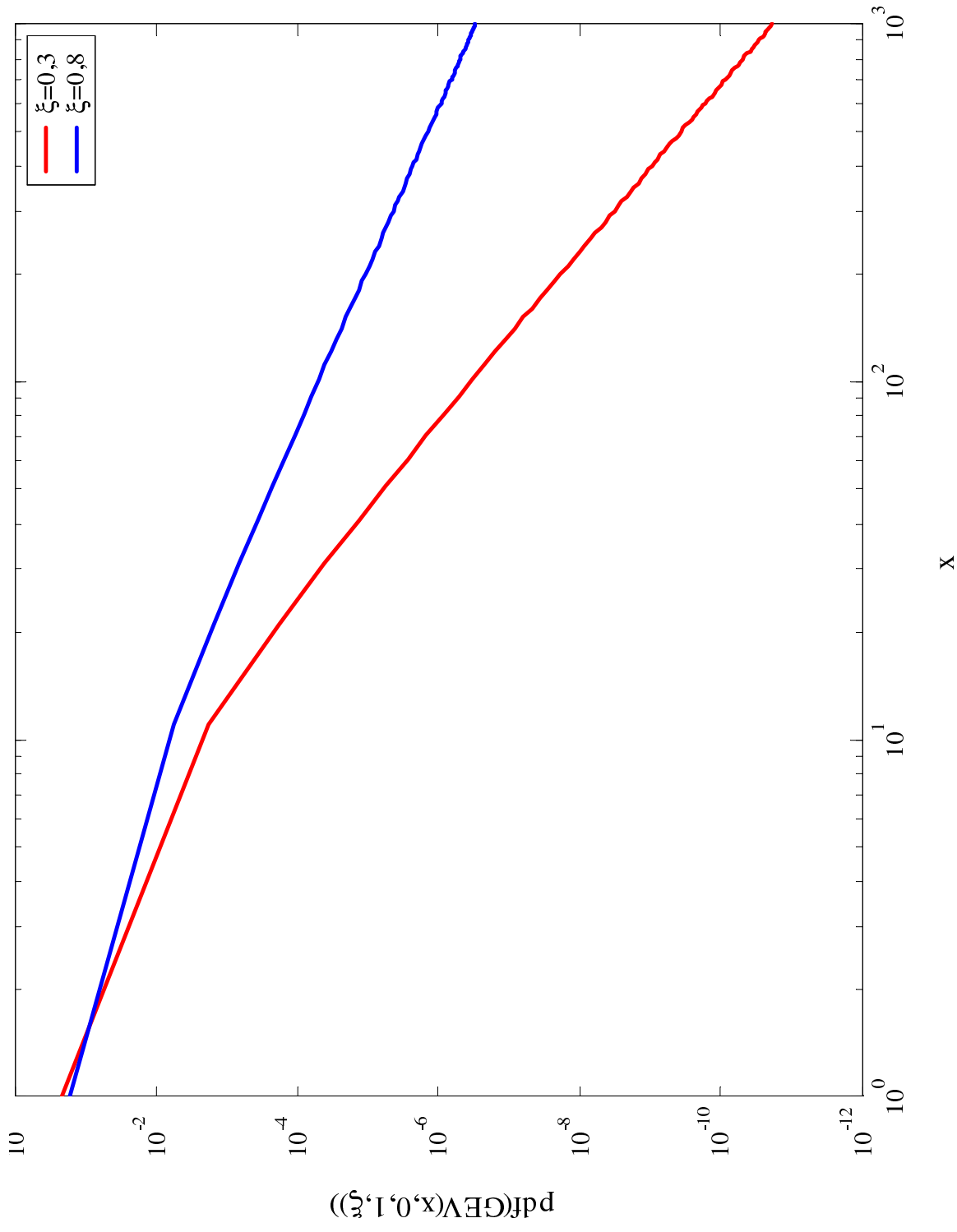
# Three Types of the GEV



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# Impact of the shape parameter on tail behaviour



## Fitting Method

- Software:  
• **‘EVIM: A Software Package for Extreme Value Analysis in MATLAB’**

(April 2001; Ramazan Gençay, Faruk Selçuk, Abdurrahman Ulugülyağci)

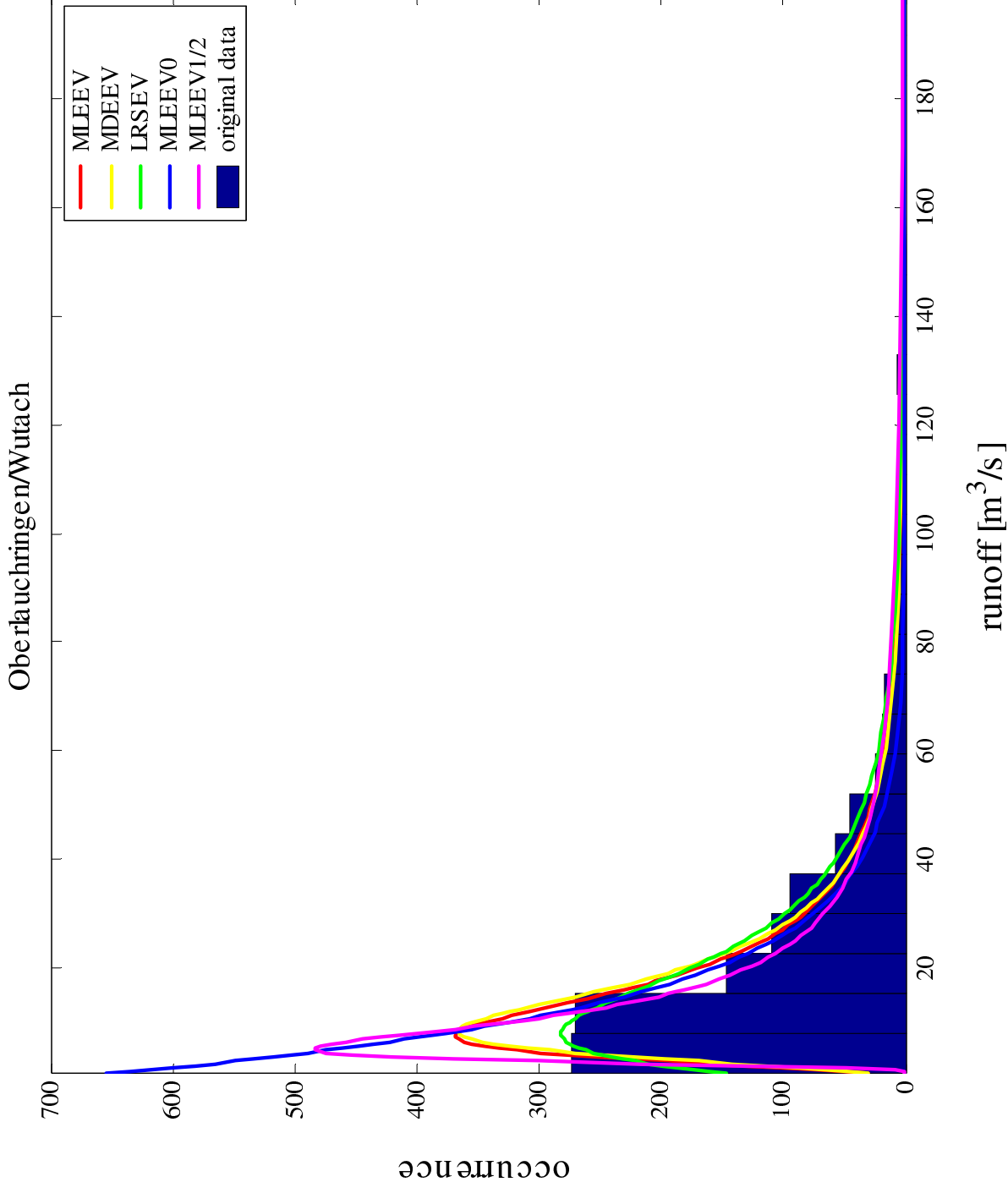
- Maximum Likelihood Estimator
- Model selection with Akaike Information Criterion (AIC)

- Download: <http://www.bilkent.edu.tr/~faruk>

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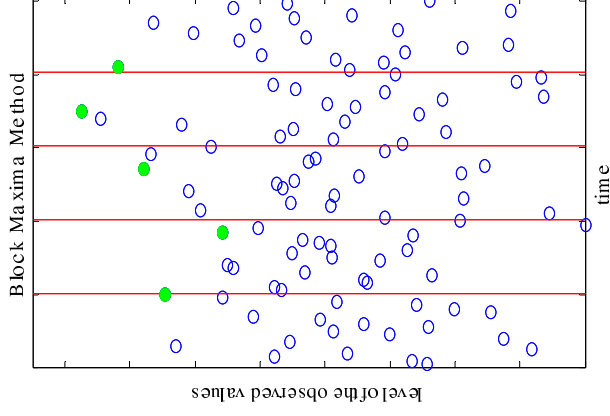
## Impact of the Fitting Method



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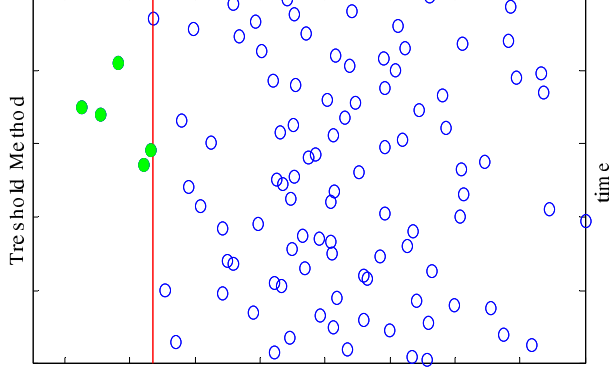
# AMS/GEV vs. POT/GP

AMS= Annual Maxima Series



→ Good for observed data

POT= Peak Over Threshold



→ Good for regional interpolated data  
(e. g. meteorological data)

## Data Set

- 160 runoff time series from Bayern and Baden-Wuerttemberg (basically Danube catchment basin)
- Daily means
- 69 time series without gaps, 120 with gaps < 1 a

	minimum	mean	maximum
length [a]	10	71	177
catchment area [km <sup>2</sup> ]	47	3 300	77 000

**Sources:**



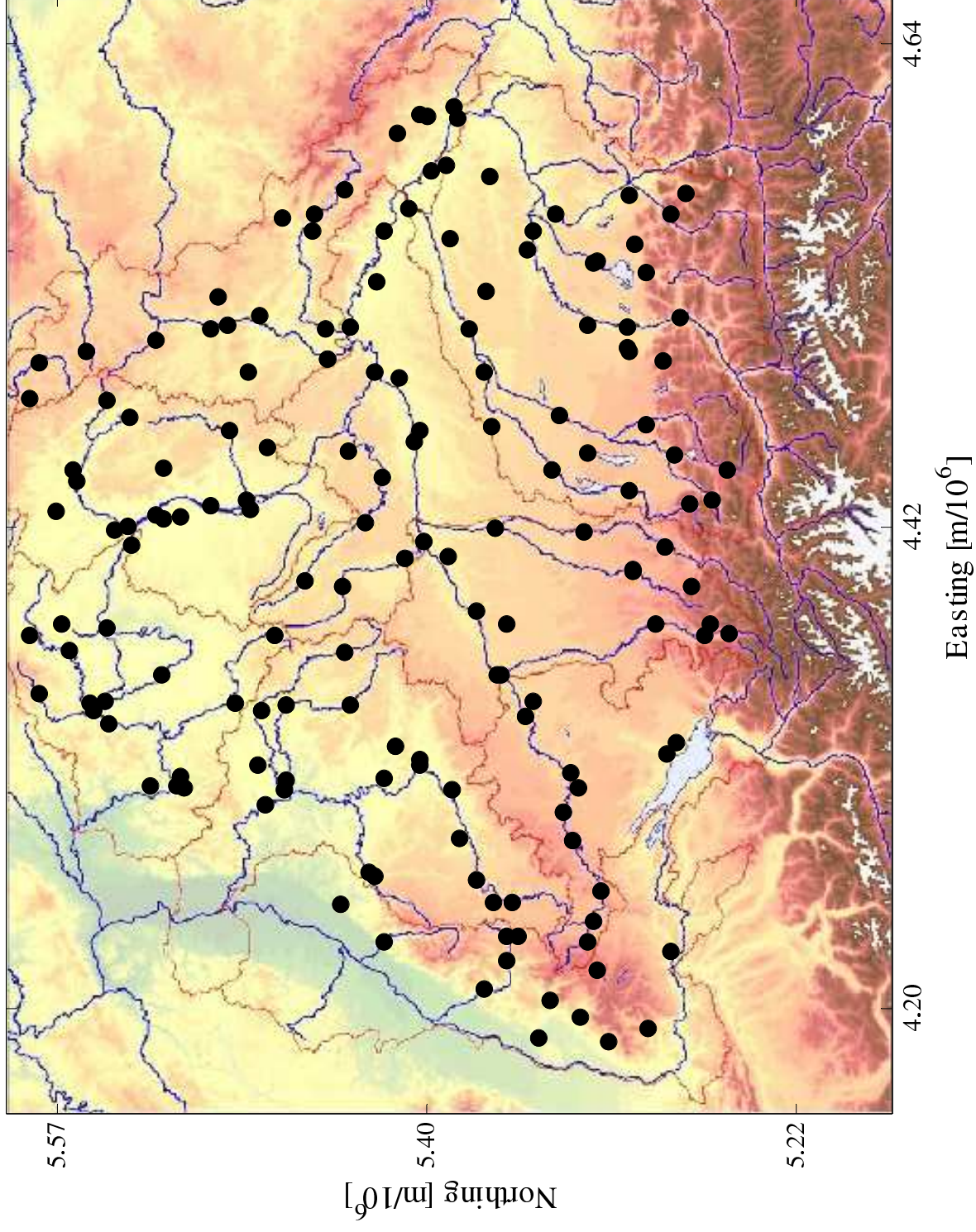
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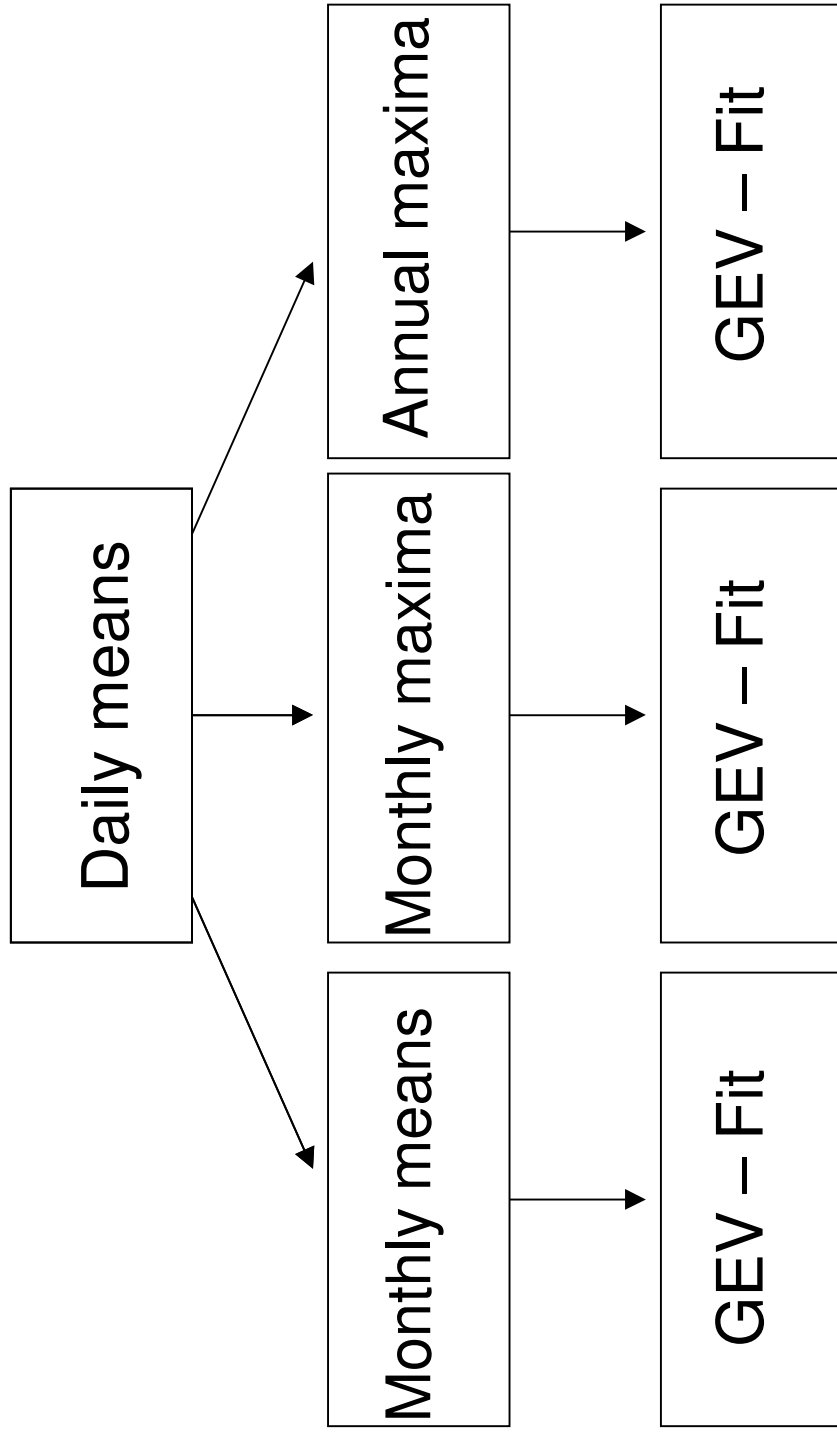
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### Gauges Overview



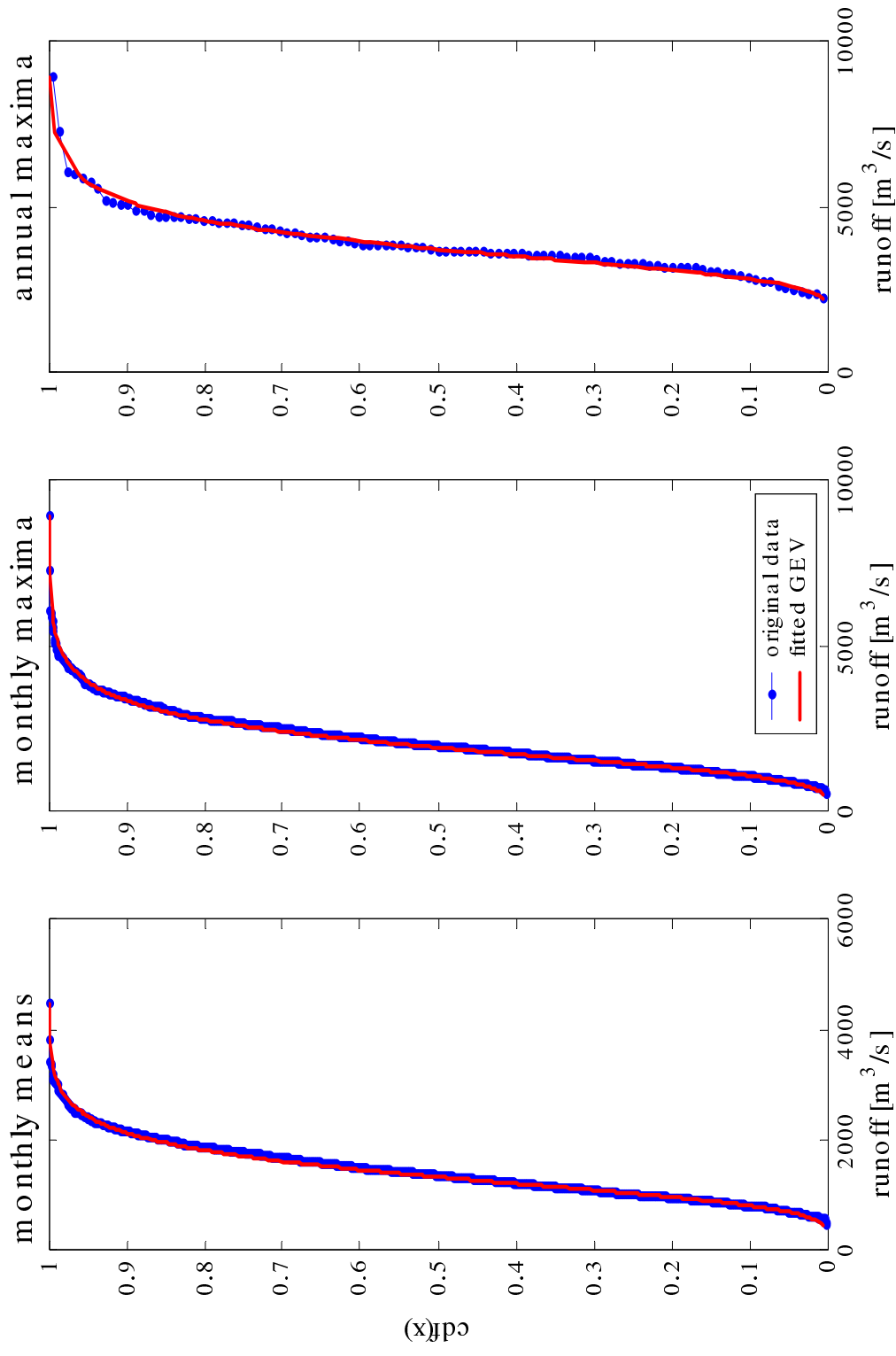
# Procedure



Original data:

Different  
decimation and  
time resolution:

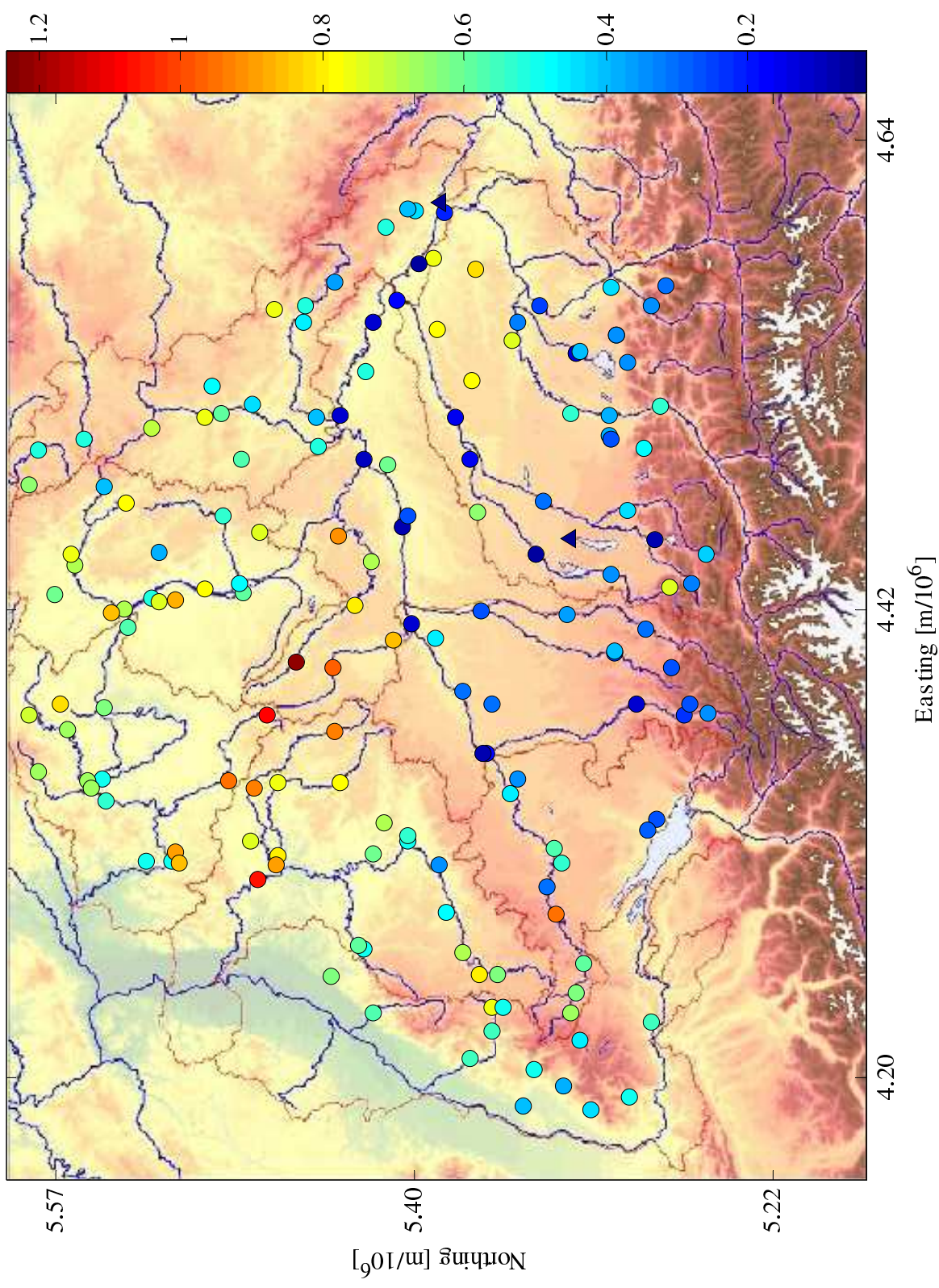
# Example: Achleiten/Danube



### 3. Results

#### a) Overall fits to the GEV

#### Spatial distribution of $\xi$ : Monthly maxima

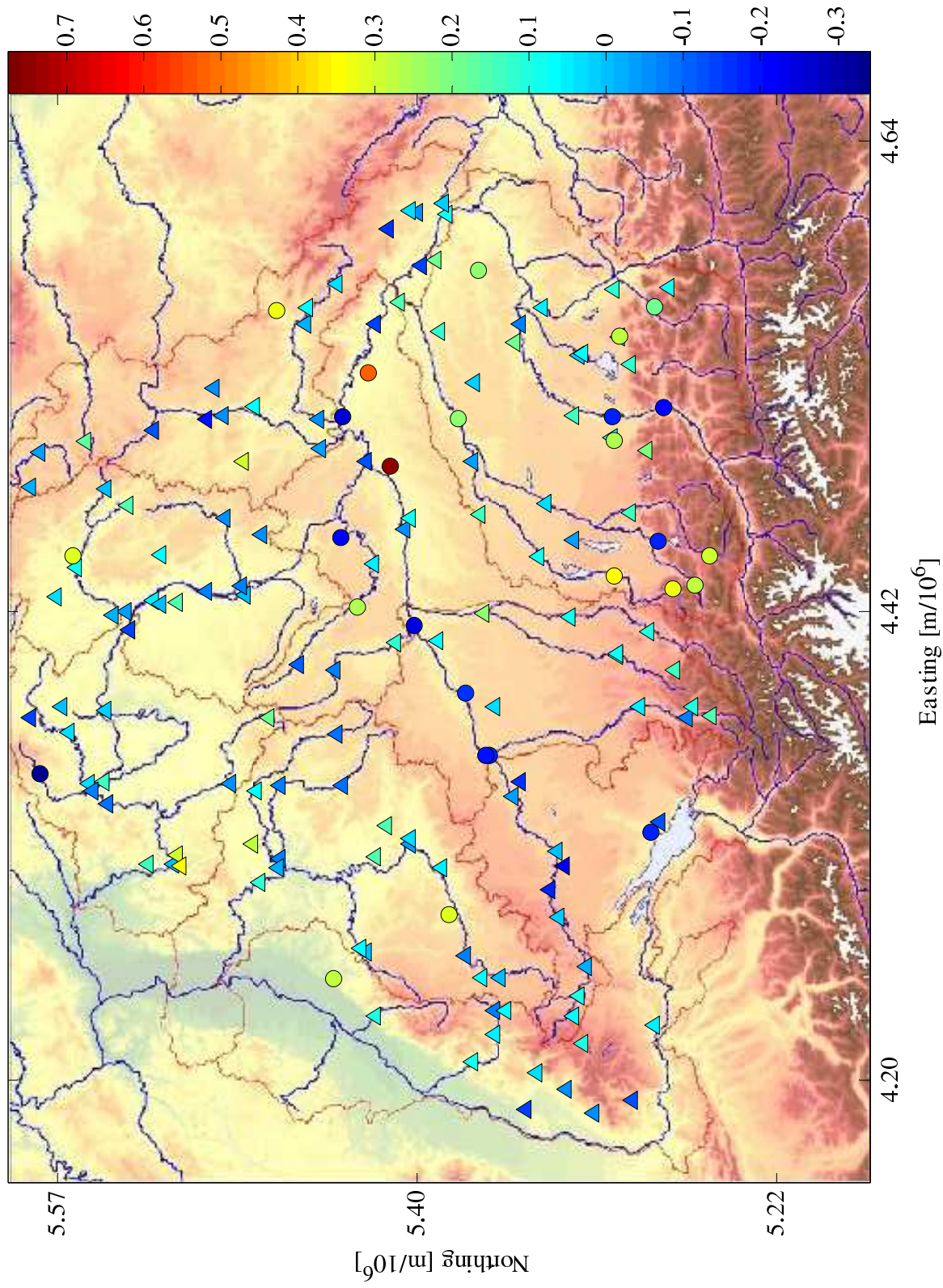


$\triangle$ : Compatible with zero

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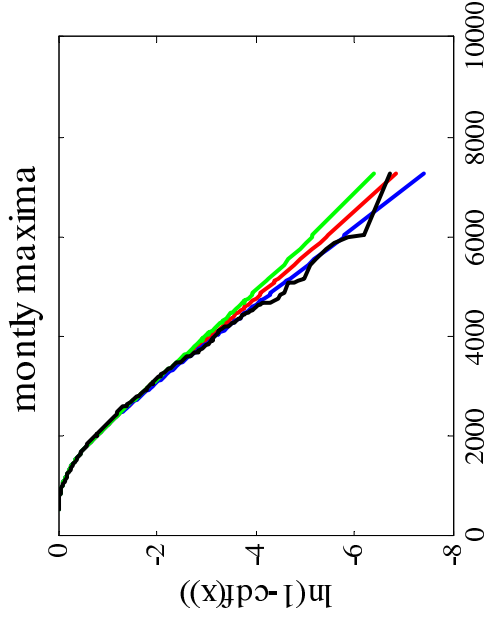
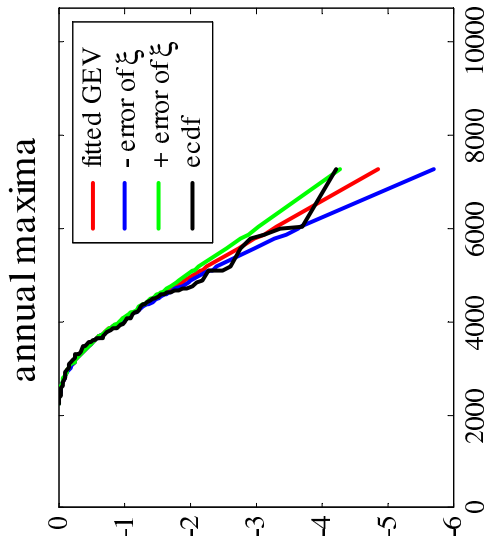
## Are Runoff Data Gumbel Distributed?

	monthly means	monthly maxima	annual maxima
$\xi_e > 0$	145	158	16
$\xi_e = 0$	15	2	134
$\xi_e < 0$	-	-	10

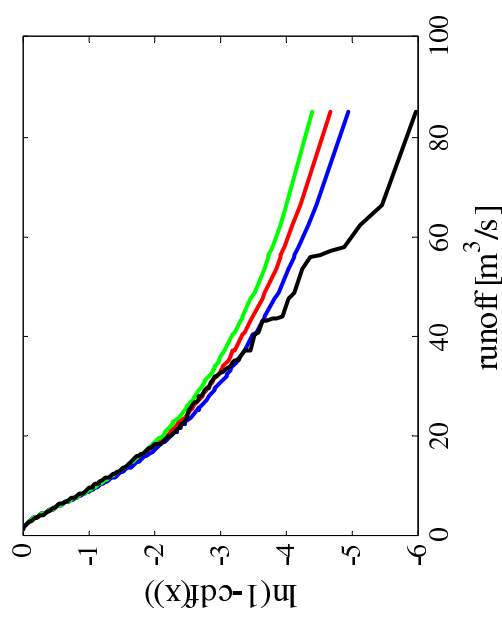
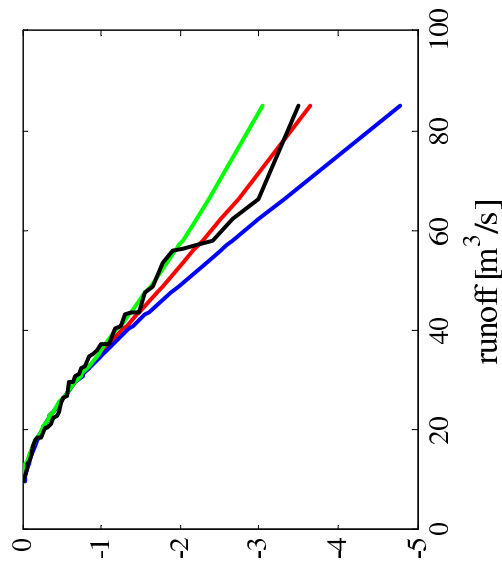
→ annual maxima mostly Gumbel distributed

→ monthly data mostly Fréchet distributed

# Quality of the GEV - Fit



Achleiten/Danube:



Anger/Attel:

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Seasonal effects

→ series for separate month

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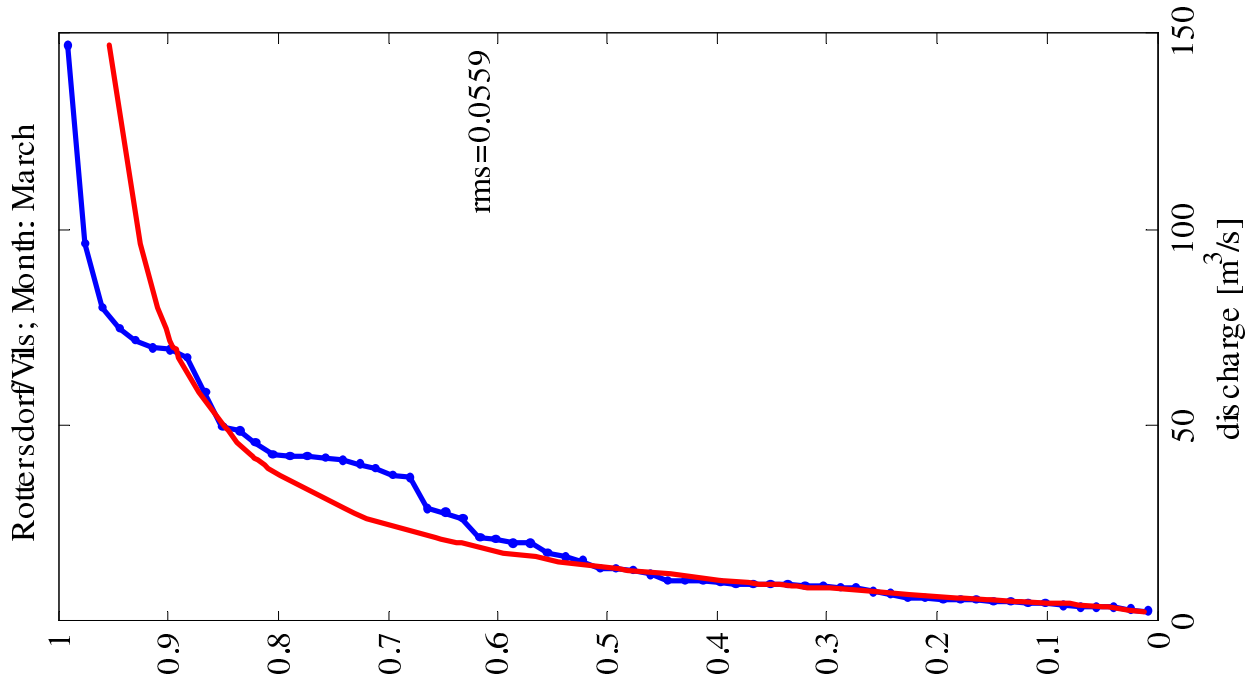
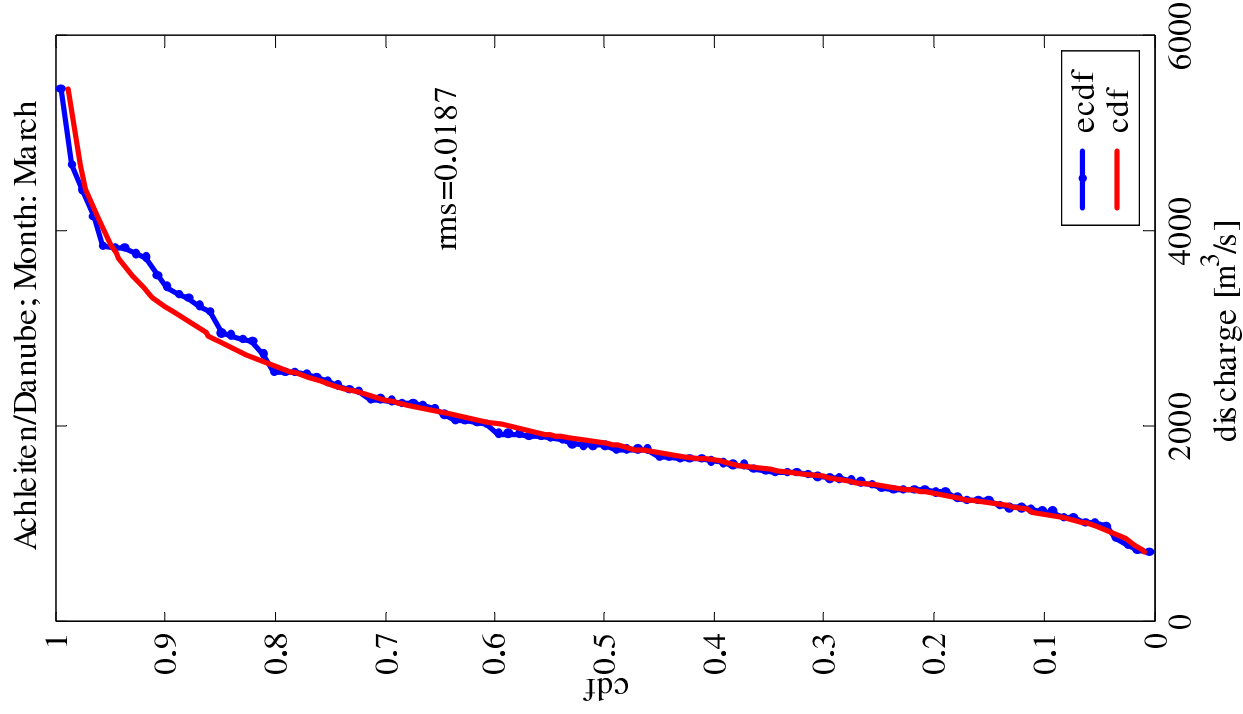
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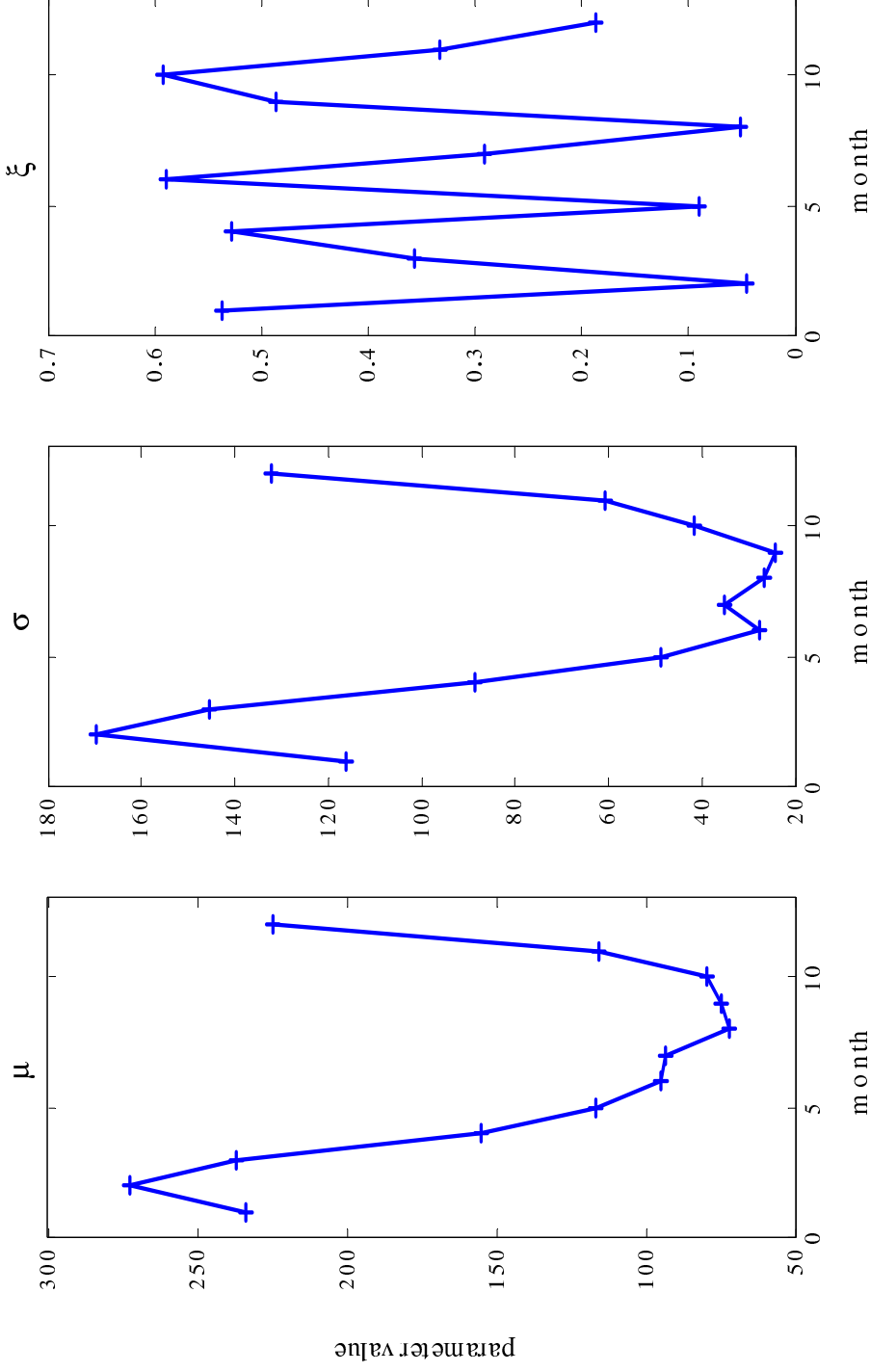
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## Example: Trunstadt/Main

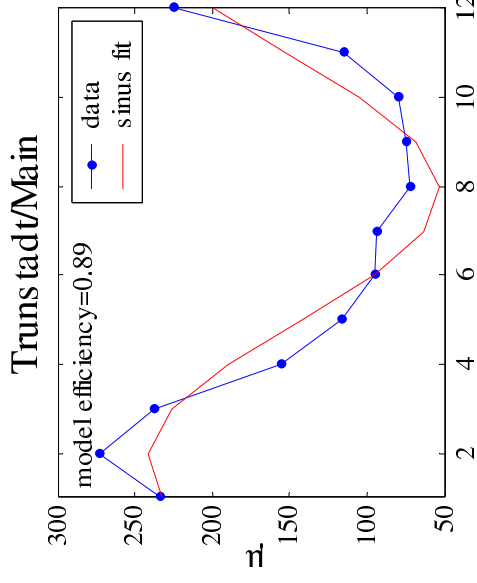
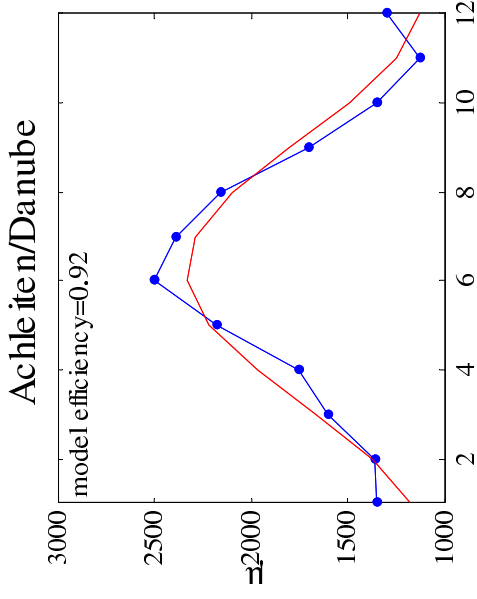


→ Seasonal variations exist

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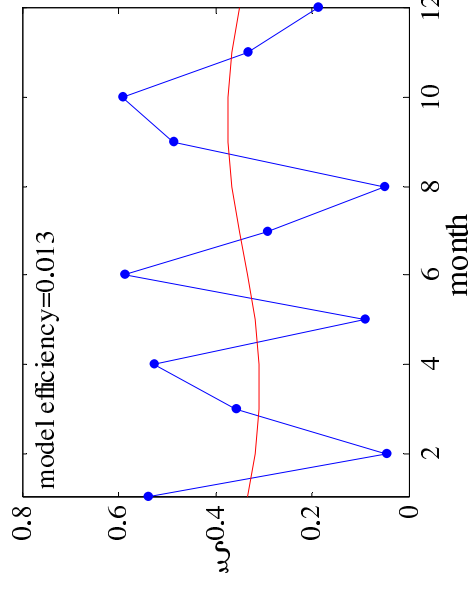
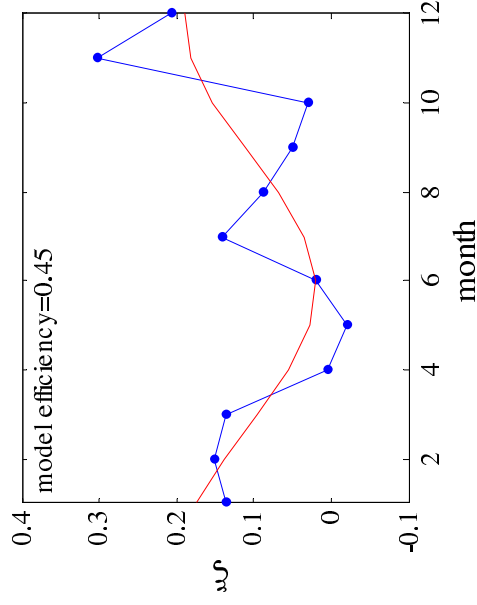
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## Sinus Fit



Model efficiency:

$$R = 1 - \frac{\sum (x^{org} - x^{mod})^2}{\sum (x^{org} - \bar{x})^2}$$

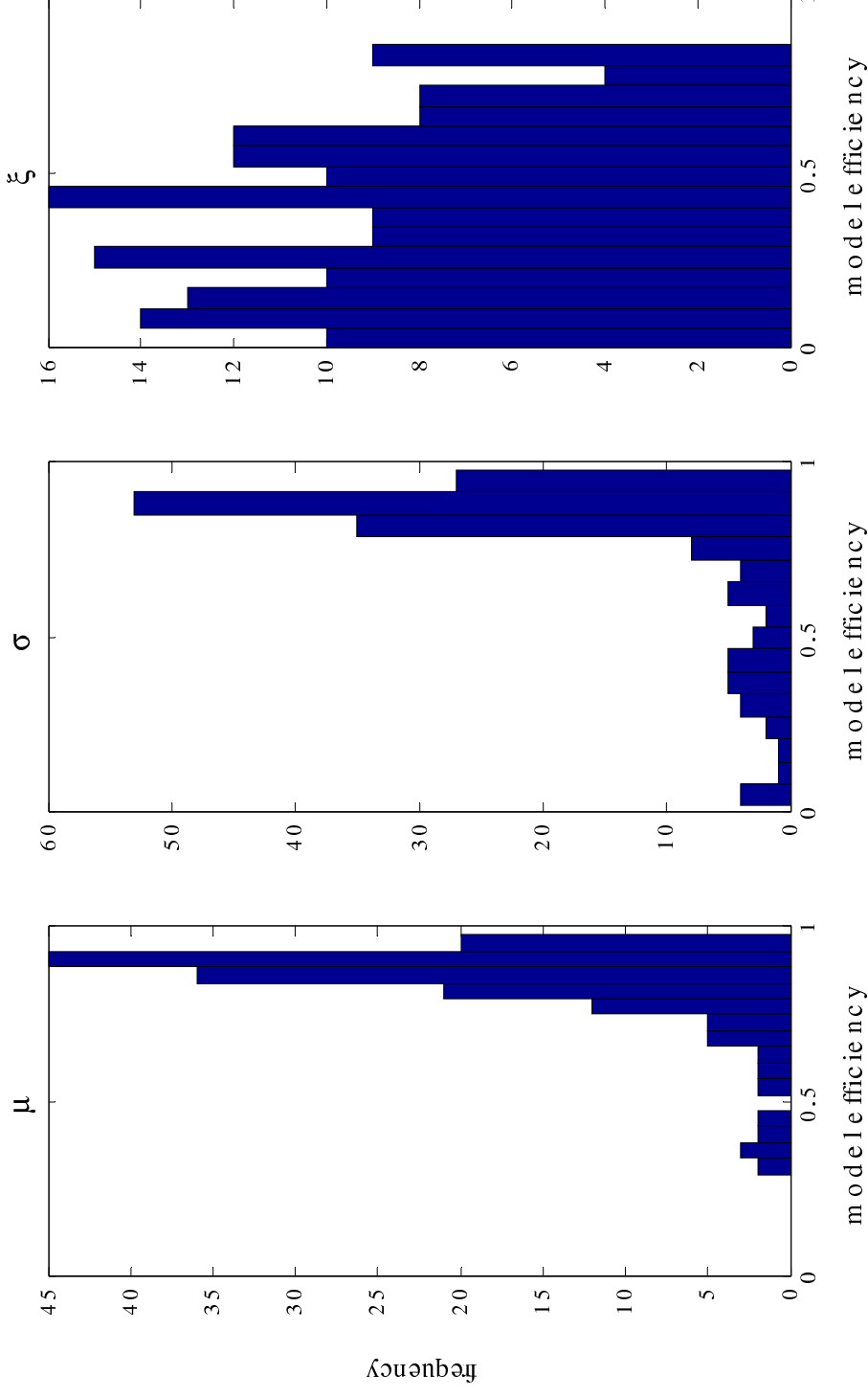


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## Histogramms of the Modell Efficiency for the Sinus Fit



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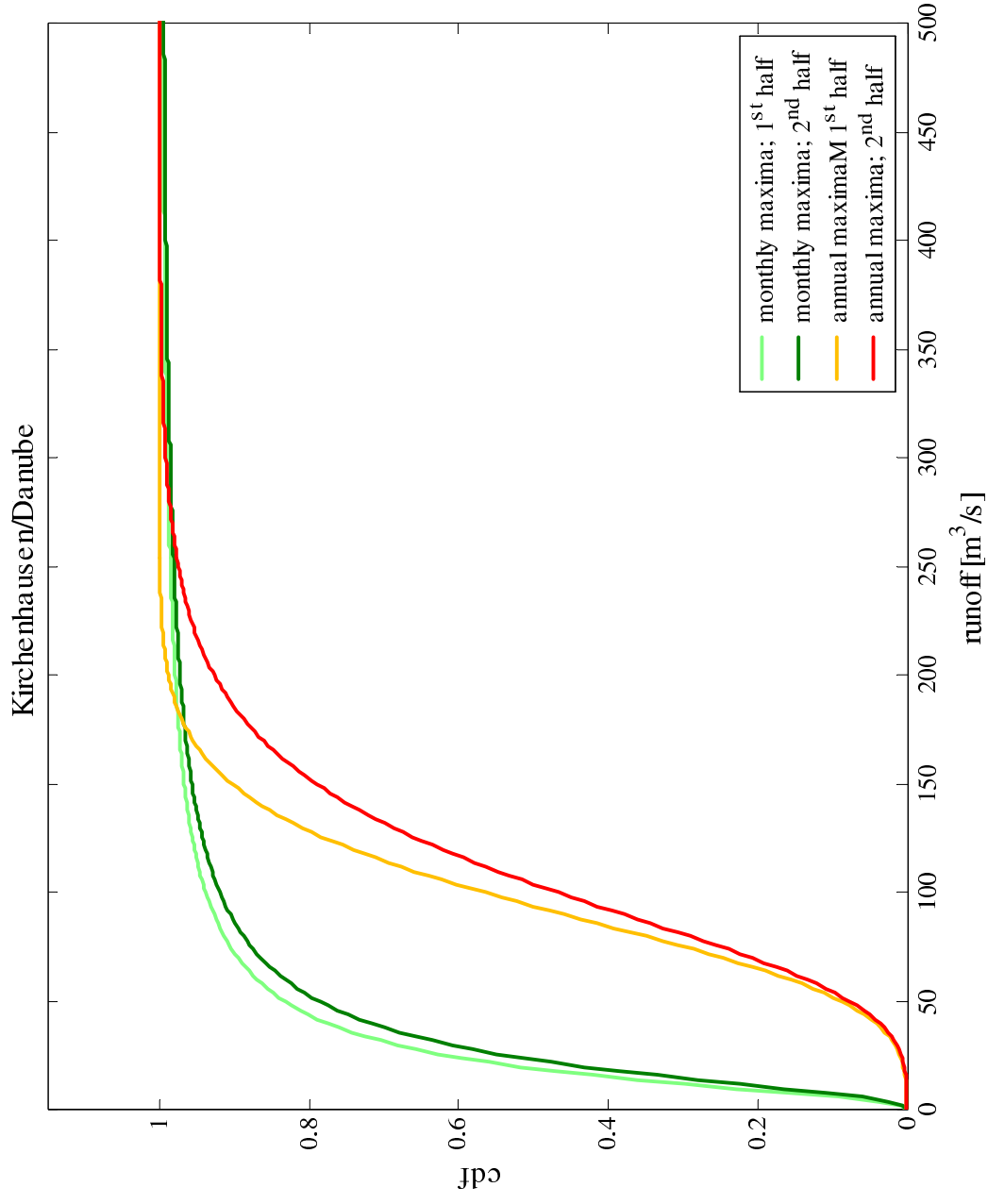
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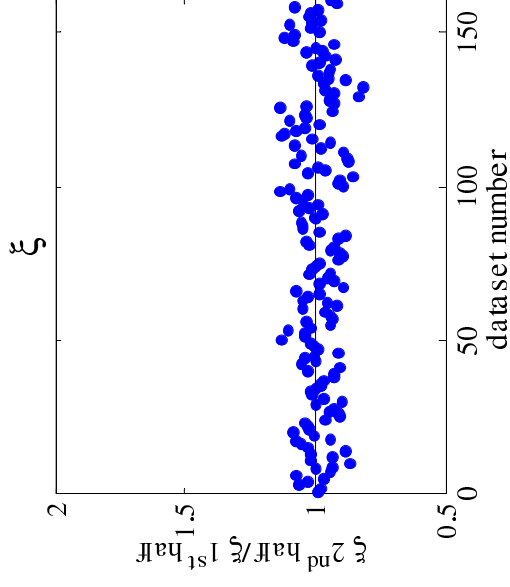
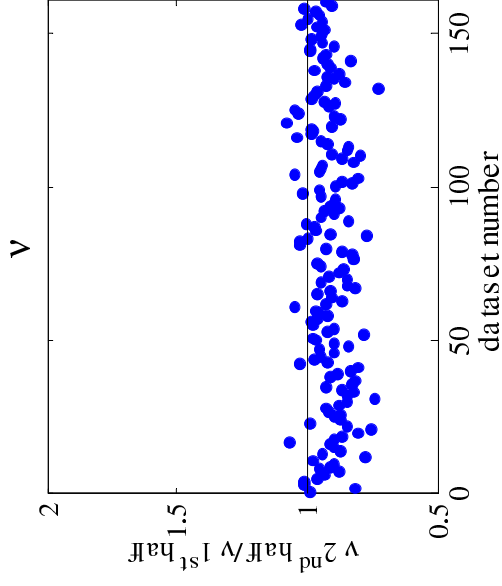
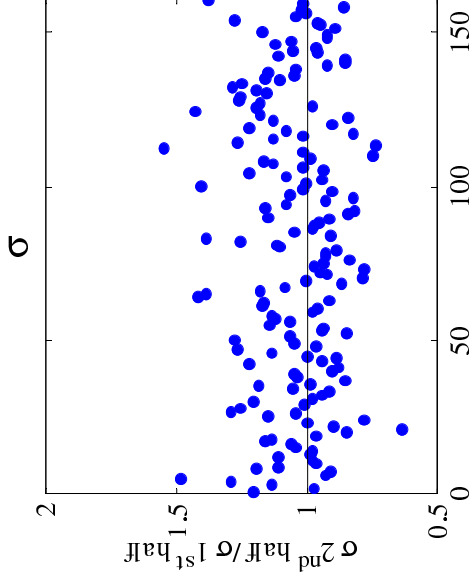
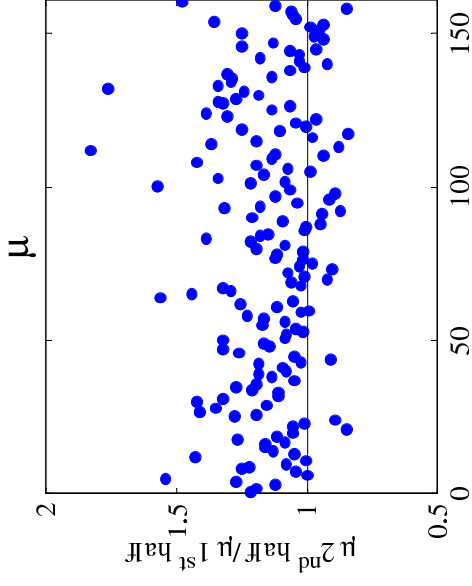
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# Changes in Time of the cdf

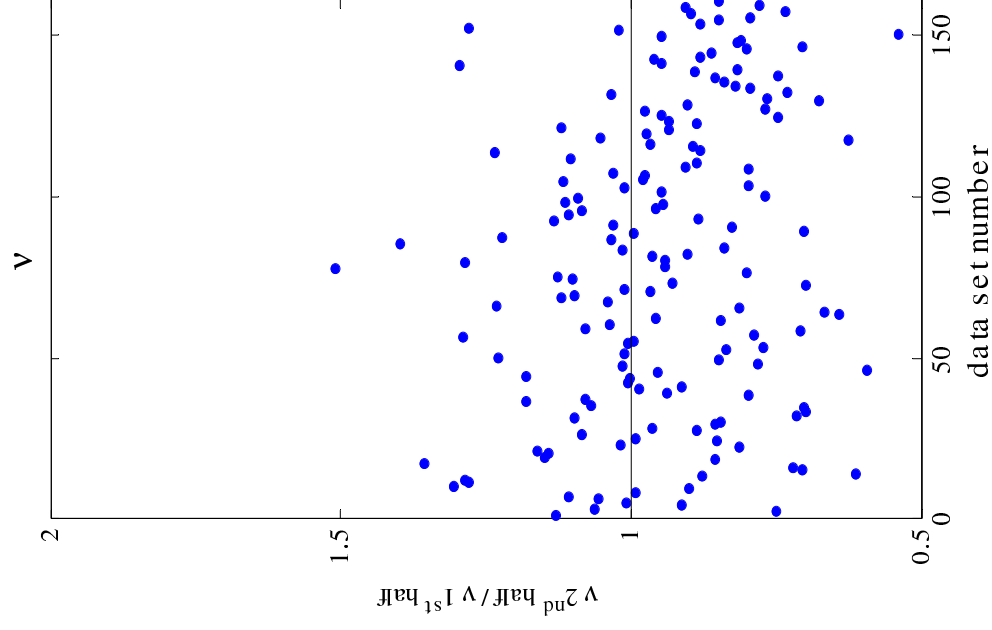
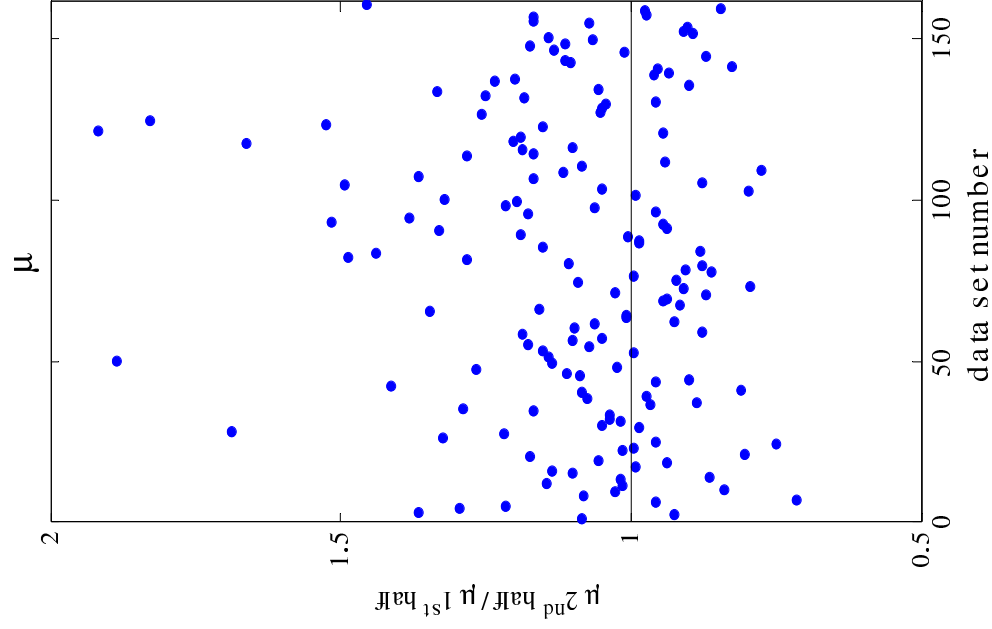


# Monthly Maxima



$$\nu = \frac{\sigma}{\mu}$$

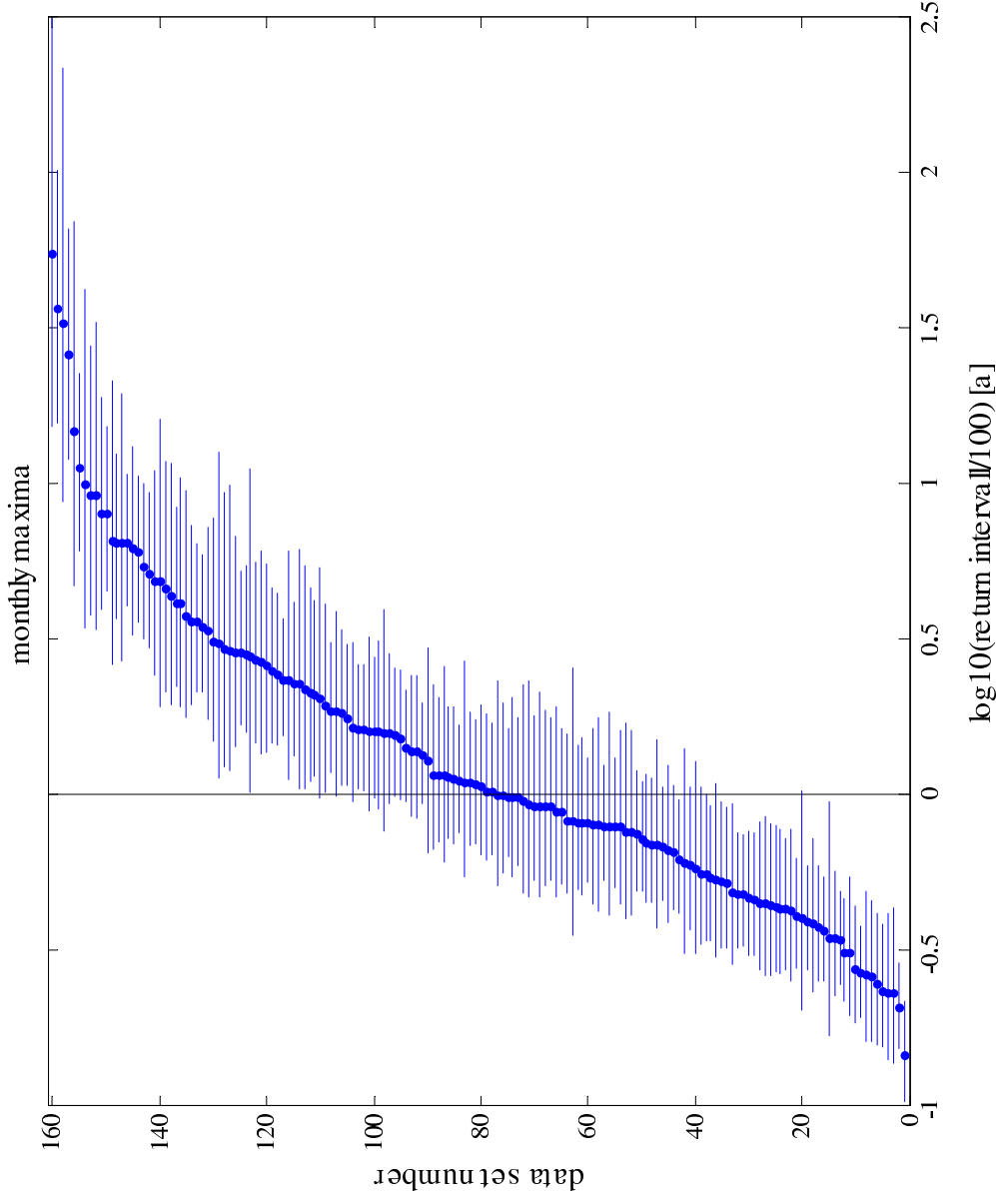
# Annual Maxima



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### c) Variations in time of the GEV - parameters

## HQ100



Exceedance probability:

$$E(x) = \Pr(X > x) = 1 - cdf(x)$$

Return interval:

$$T(x) = \frac{1}{E(x)}$$

Return value:

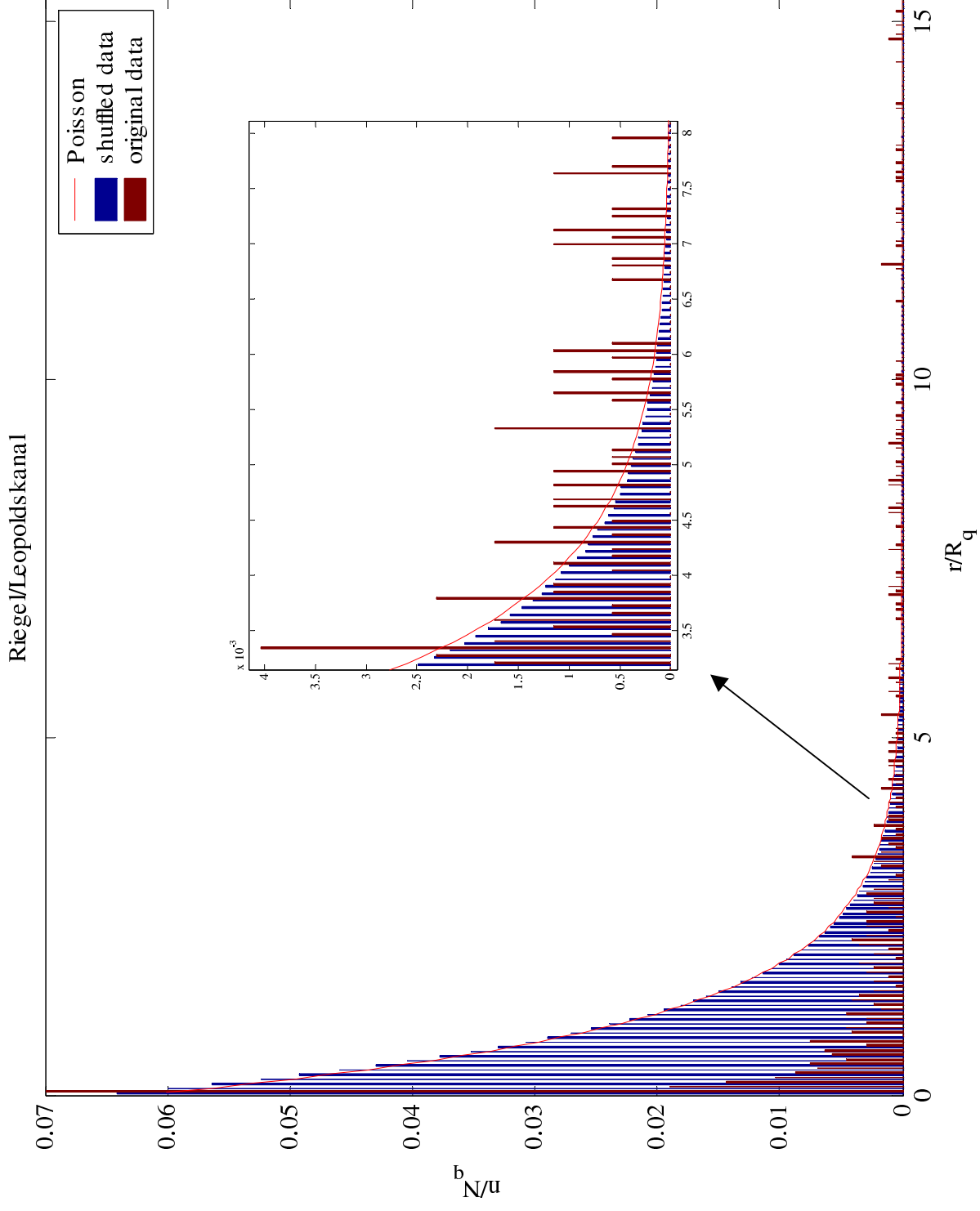
$$x_T = cdf^{-1}(1 - 1/T)$$

**HQ100**: Level of a runoff event, which occurs statistically every 100 years once

## Conclusions

- Monthly maxima mostly not Gumbel distributed
- Decimation big impact on the results and quality of the fit
- GEV parameter fits for  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  are strongly seasonal dependent
- No pattern for  $\xi$  estimate
- Dominating upward trend for  $\mu$
- No change in  $\xi$
- Return intervals vary strongly between halves
  - $\sim 50\%$  show larger return intervals
  - Asymmetry between shorter and longer return intervals

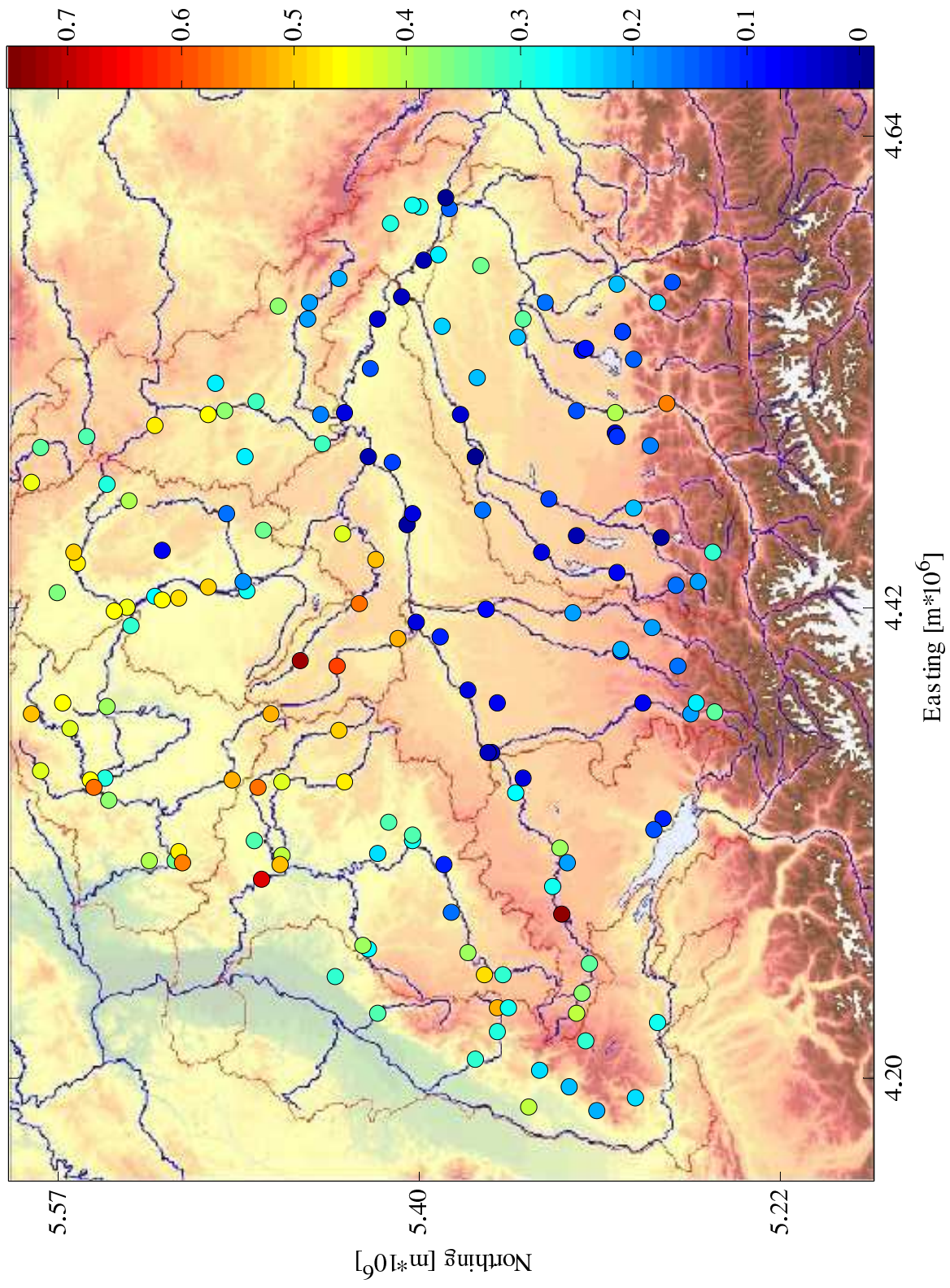
# Return Intervals



# Overview of the Fitted GEV - Parameters

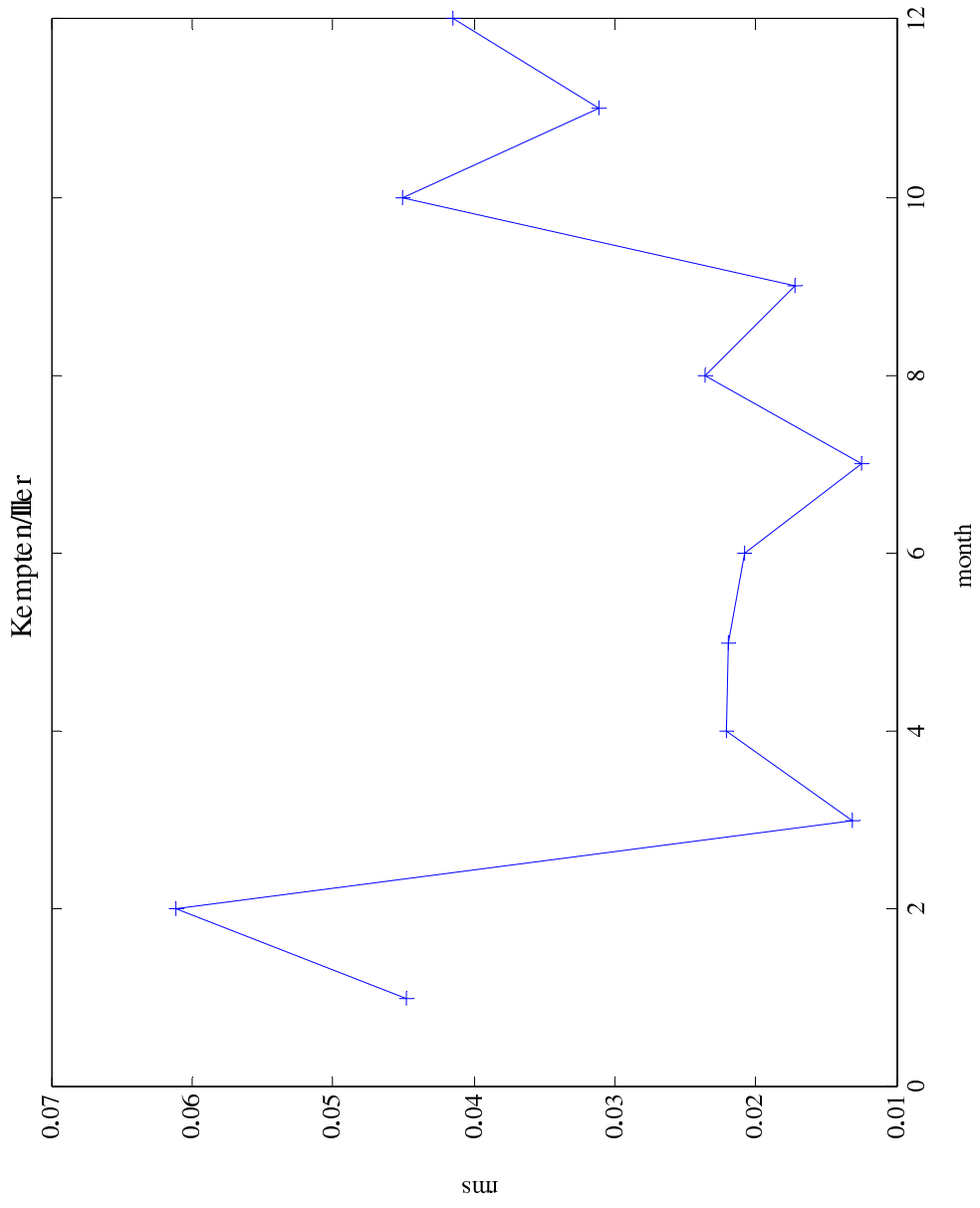
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	$\mu_e$	$\sigma_e$	$\xi_e$	$\mu_e$	$\sigma_e$	$\xi_e$	$\mu_e$	$\sigma_e$	$\xi_e$
<b>maximum</b>	1 200	430	0,75	1 700	720	1,3	3 500	750	0,78
<b>mean</b>	42	18	0,28	65	36	0,53	190	66	0,046
<b>minimum</b>	0,34	0,21	-0,012	0,62	0,60	0,033	3,9	2,0	-0,34

Spatial distribution of  $\xi$ : Montly means



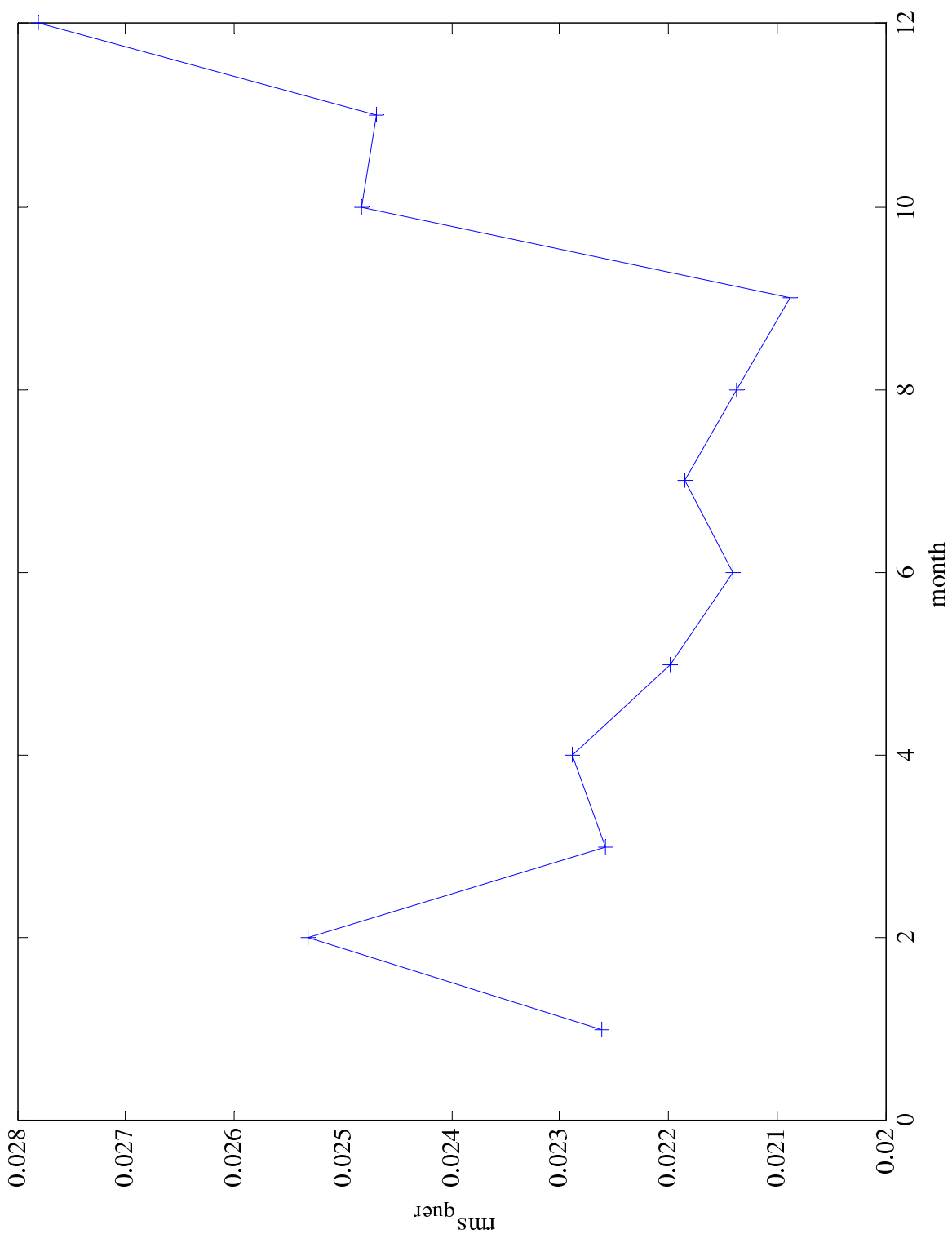
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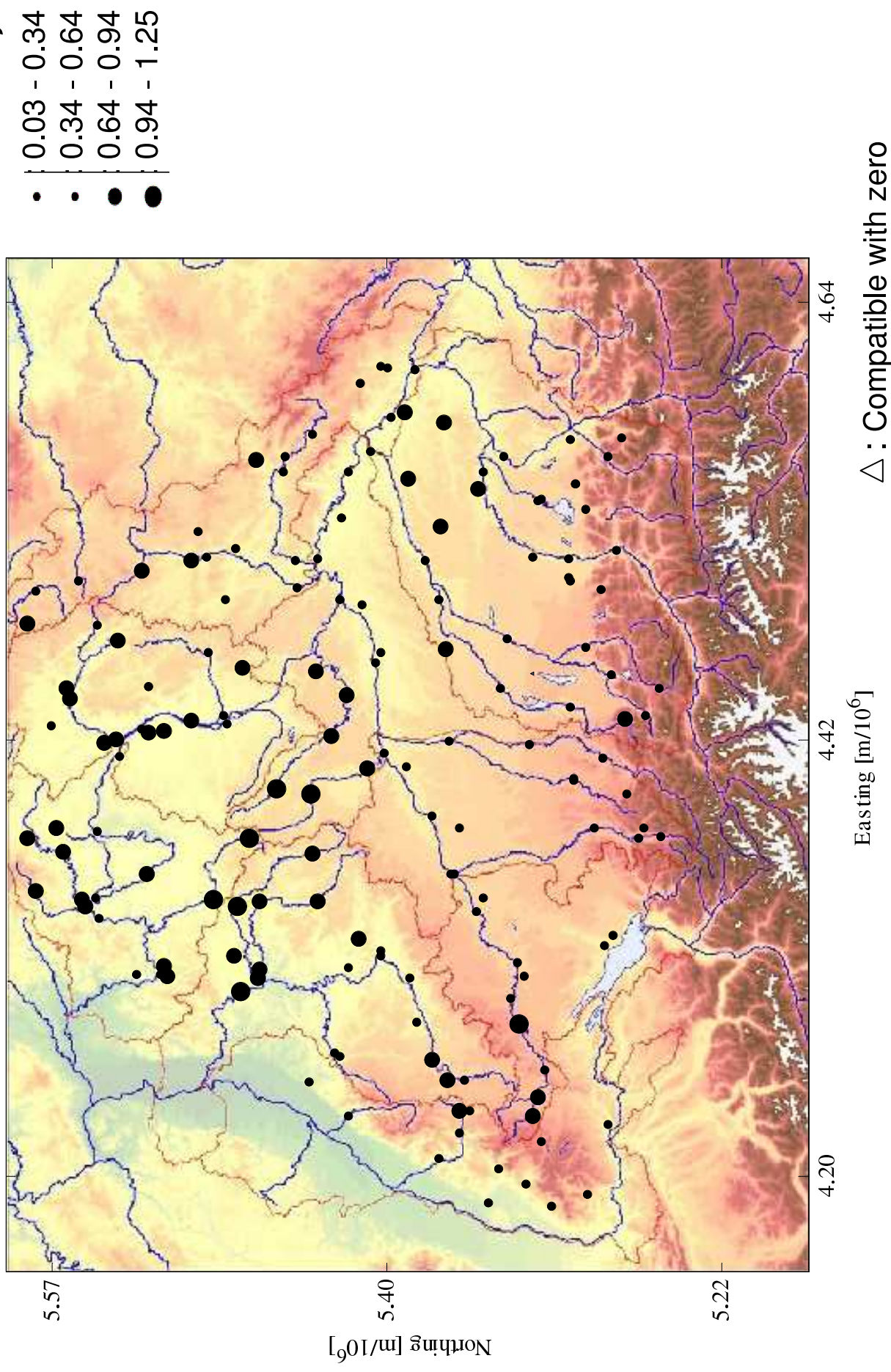
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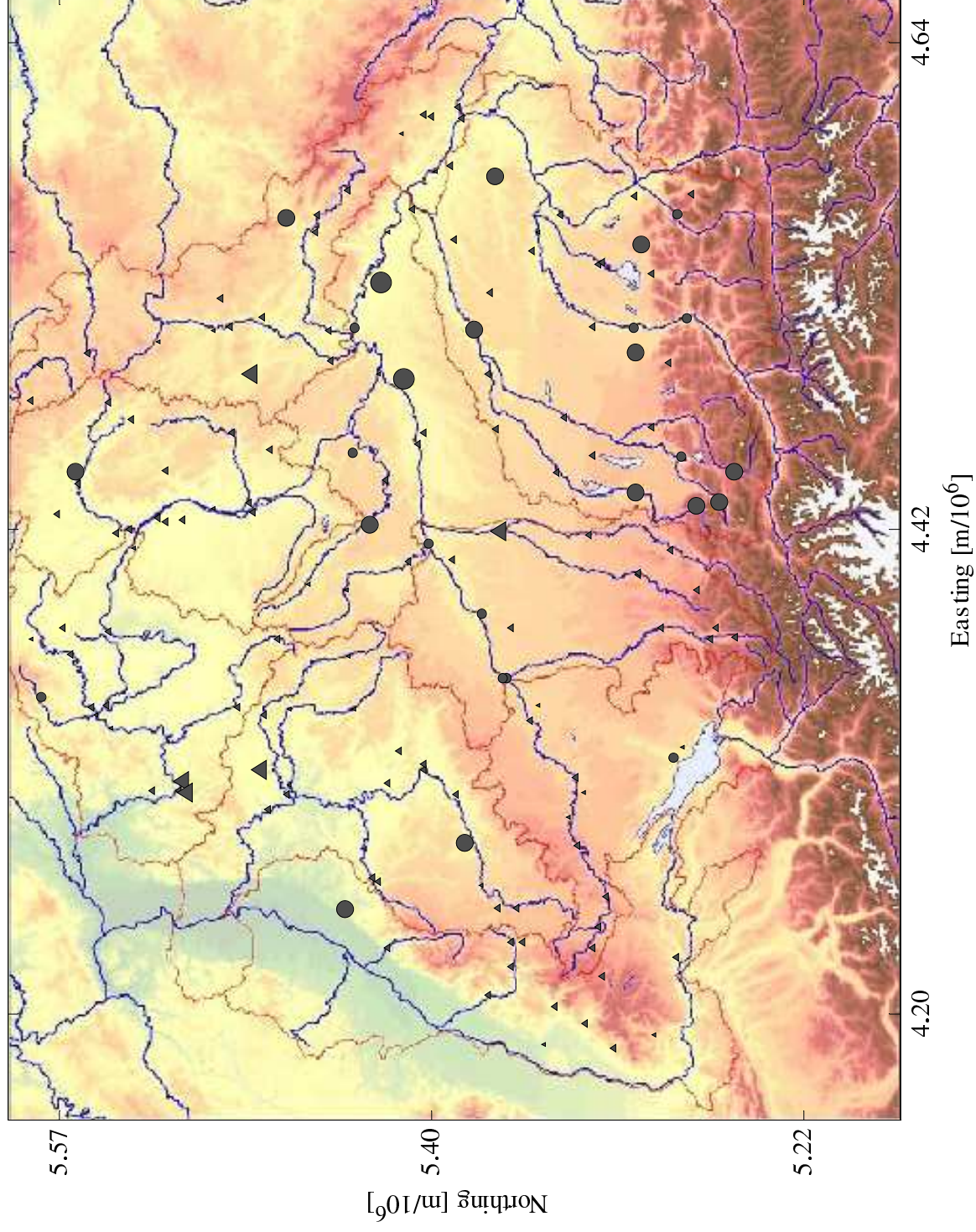
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## Separate Months

