

Hydrologic performances of rain gardens

– from in-situ monitoring to modeling for a variety of contexts and designs

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01. Introduction

Why rain gardens?

As one of the Sustainable urban drainage systems(SUDS), the rain garden has multiple functions, which can be a solution to different challenges brought by urban stormwater.

At the same time, we know

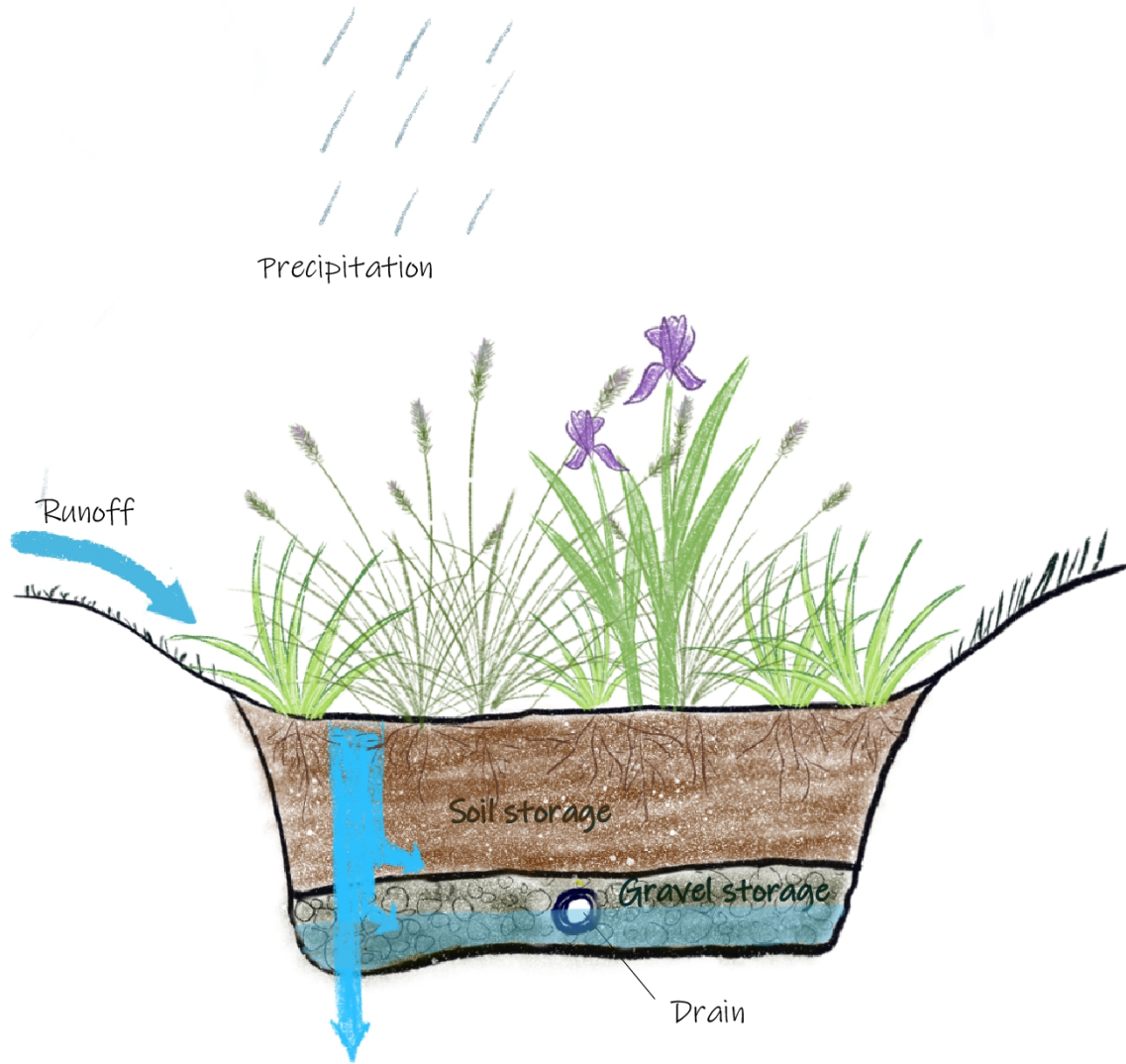
that: Rain gardens design & their implementation context are likely to have a strong influence on their performances.

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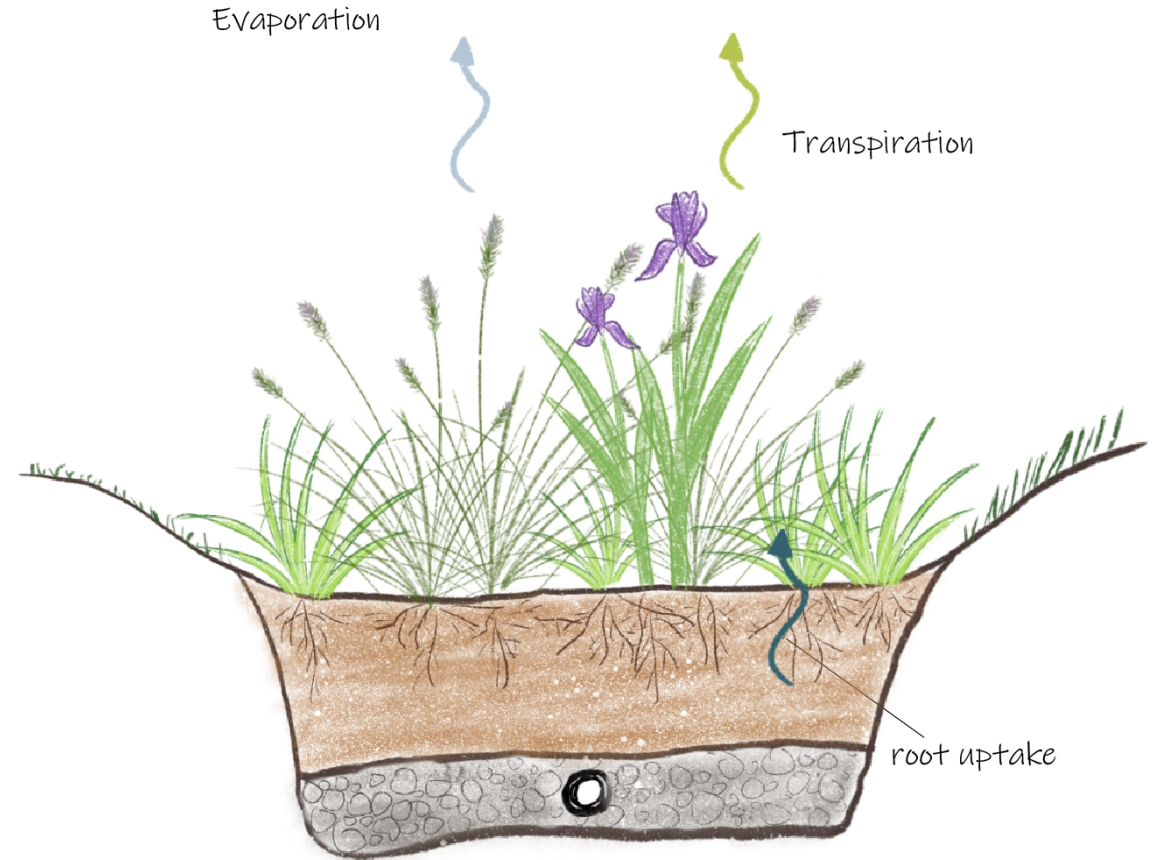
Not completely understood today.



01. Introduction



What is a rain garden?



02. Objectives

The main objective of the project is to study the hydrological performance of rain gardens based on modelling and monitoring work on 3 prototype rain gardens.

Which can be divided to:

- To have a better understanding of the whole hydrologic process (water movement in the soil, vegetation's role)
- To represent the 3 rain gardens in HYDRUS model, and understand the limitations and respective applicability of HYDRUS 2D/3D, HYDRUS 1D models and other conceptual models i.e., SWMM)
- To give a scientific support for a rain garden design guideline (how the configuration and design parameters effect the hydrological performance of a rain garden ?)

03. Experiments design

Subcatchment/infiltrate area ratio: 85 m²/7 m²

Sub catchment type: Asphalt pavement

Inflow type: center

System boundary: lined wall, with low permeability bottom soil

Soil type: Engineered media

Storage: temporally water storage

Subcatchment/infiltrate area ratio: 75 m²/25 m²

Sub catchment type: Roof

Inflow type: Gutter on the one side

System boundary: completely lined

Soil type: local soil

Storage: different depth IWS

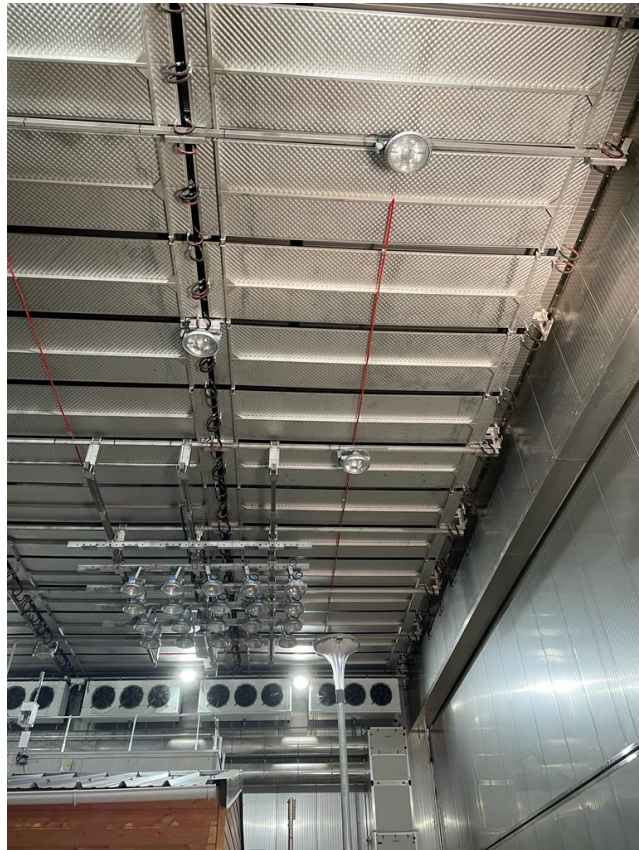


Sense City rain garden

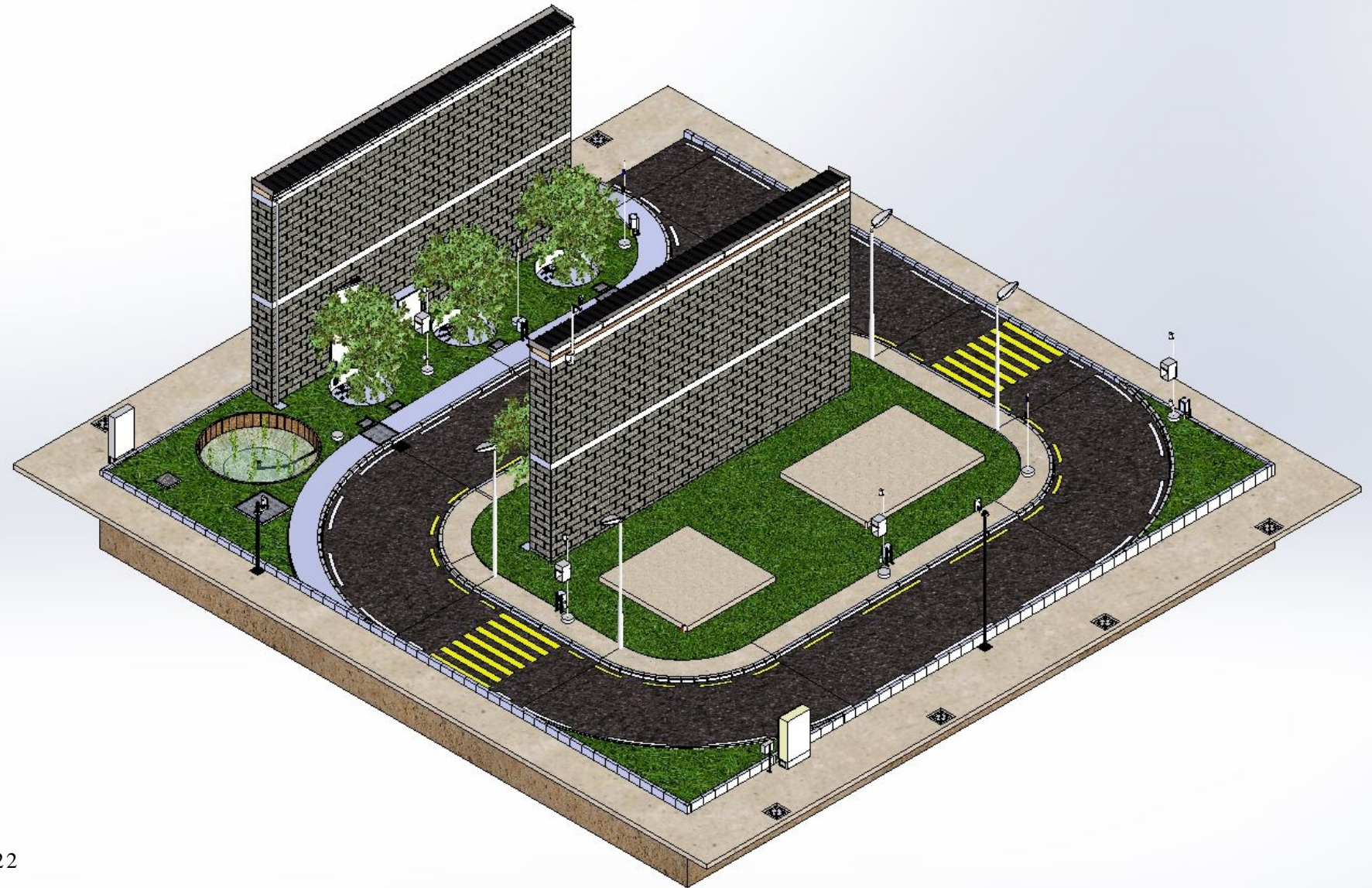


Jardin du Breuil (Sauce: Cerema)

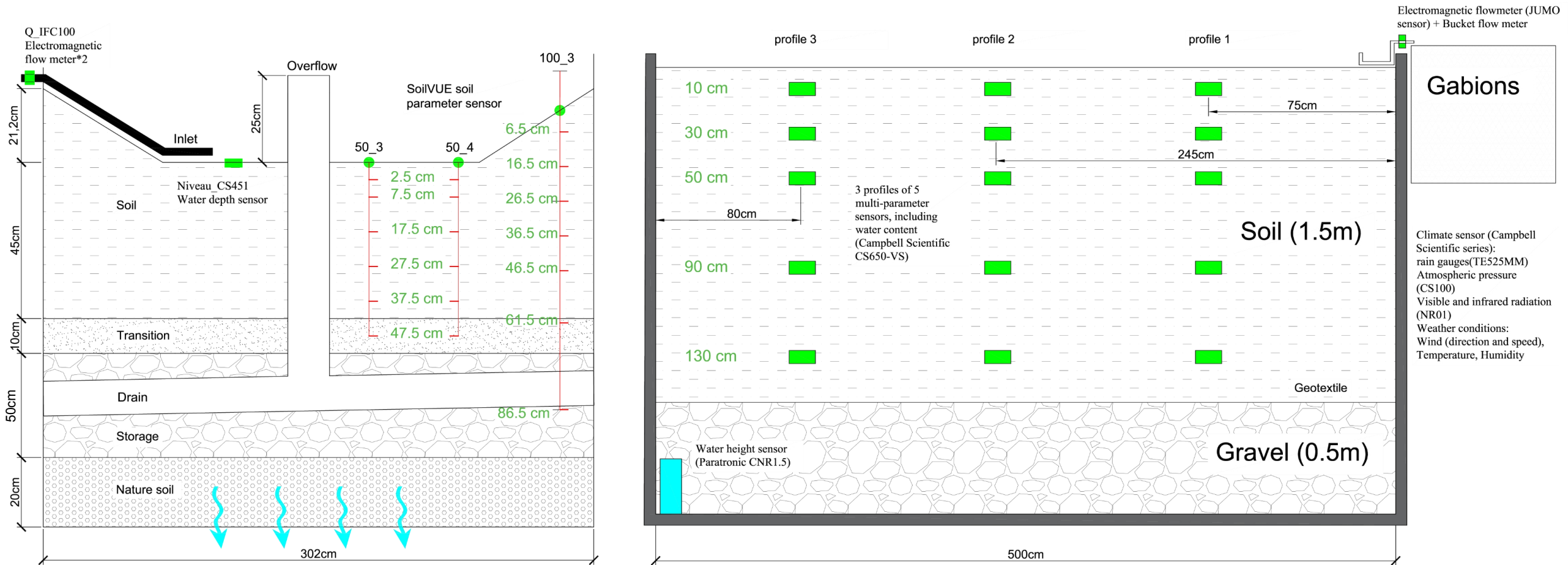
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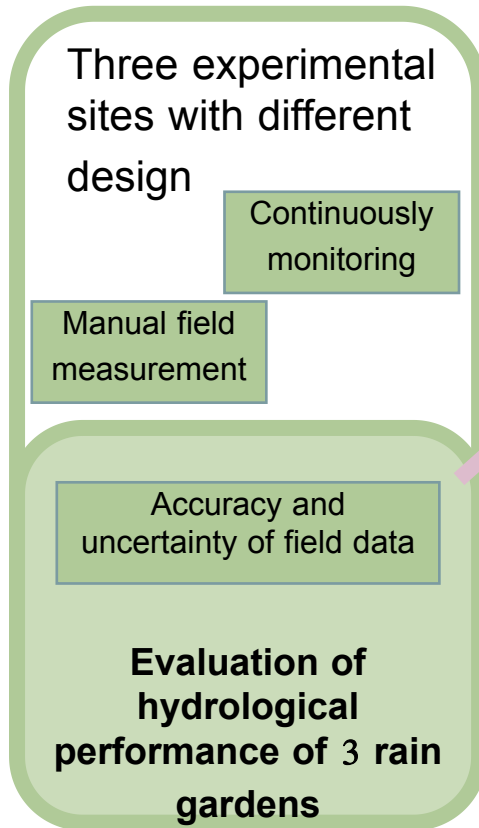
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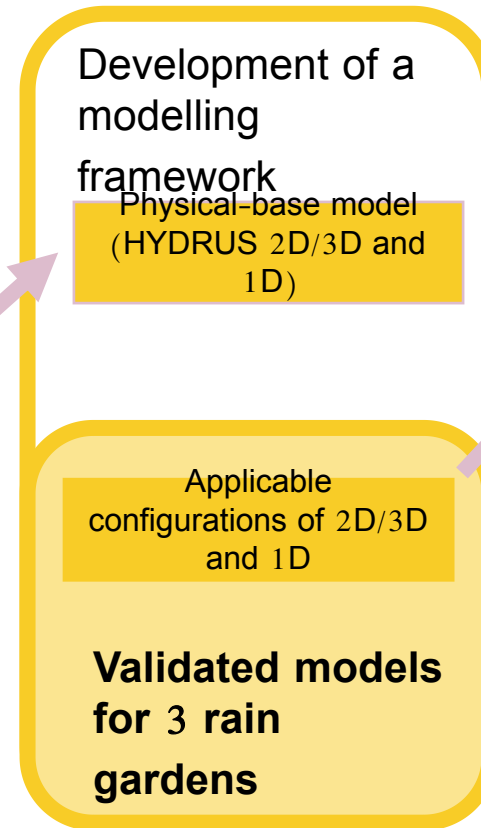
Cross section and sensor location of Sense city (left), Jardin du Breuil (right)

04. Methods

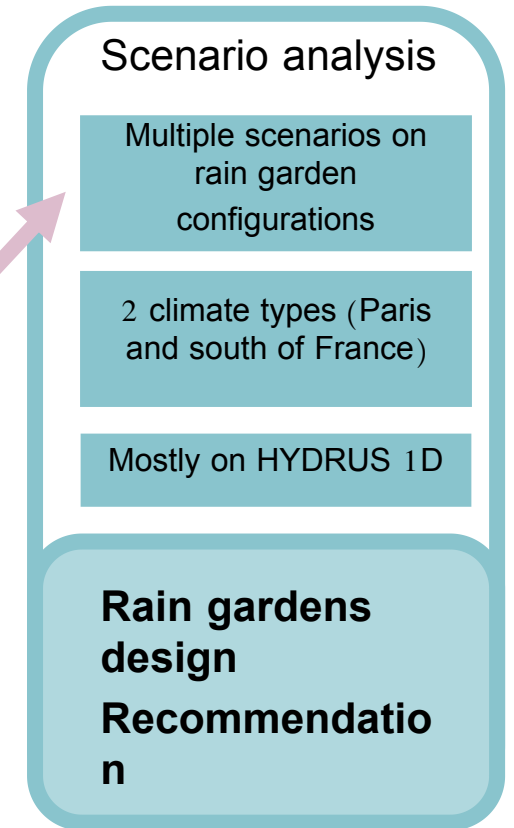
Field data



Model representing



Design suggestion



05. Research questions

Model representing

Development of a
modelling
framework

Physical-base model
(HYDRUS 2D/3D and
1D)

Applicable
configurations of 2D/3D
and 1D

**Validated models
for 3 rain
gardens**

How to represent a rain garden in models?

- **How to represent different configurations in a model?**
 - a. The way inflow
 - b. Distribution of vegetations
 - c. Soil infiltration anisotropic
 - d. Garden surface topography
 - e. Shape of the rain garden
 - f. The condition under the system
- **How these configurations affect the following hydrological process?**
 - a. Lateral flow
 - b. Exfiltration (also need to know how exfiltration affect the surrounding buildings)
- **Comparison between HYDRUS 1D and 2D/3D models:**
 - a. The application and representativeness of each model
 - b. The result accuracy and computation time
 - c. Which kind of configuration can be modelled by 1D model without losing accuracy?

05. Research questions

How to design and which configuration shall we choose under different scenarios?

- **When shall we choose a line/non-lined system?**
 - a. The difference between lined/non-lined (retention capacity, drying time, ET)
 - b. Can surrounding soil make the garden more resilience from the drought?
 - c. The process of exfiltration (rate? how to control?)
- **The effect of an internal water storage (IWS)**
 - a. Functions of IWS, and how its performance change with the IWS depth
 - b. How to transmit water into the substrate from the IWS
- **The role of an underdrain, when is it needed?**
- **The effect of capillary barrier?**
 - a. How we manage capillary barrier effect by changing the rain garden configuration?
 - b. Can capillary barrier increase storage, limit exfiltration or enhance ET?
- **The effect of other configurations (shape, subcatchment/garden surface ratio)**
 - a. The role of these configurations, and how they affect rain gardens' performance (ET, infiltration)
 - b. Can we compensate small but deep raingarden with more ET?

Design suggestion

Scenario analysis

Multiple scenarios on rain garden configurations

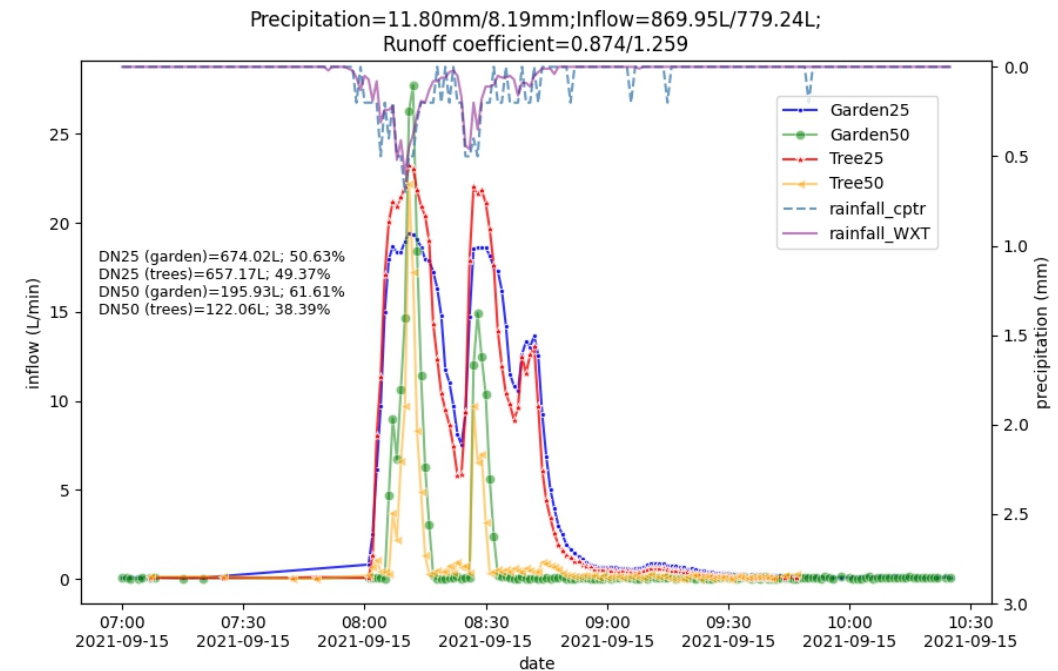
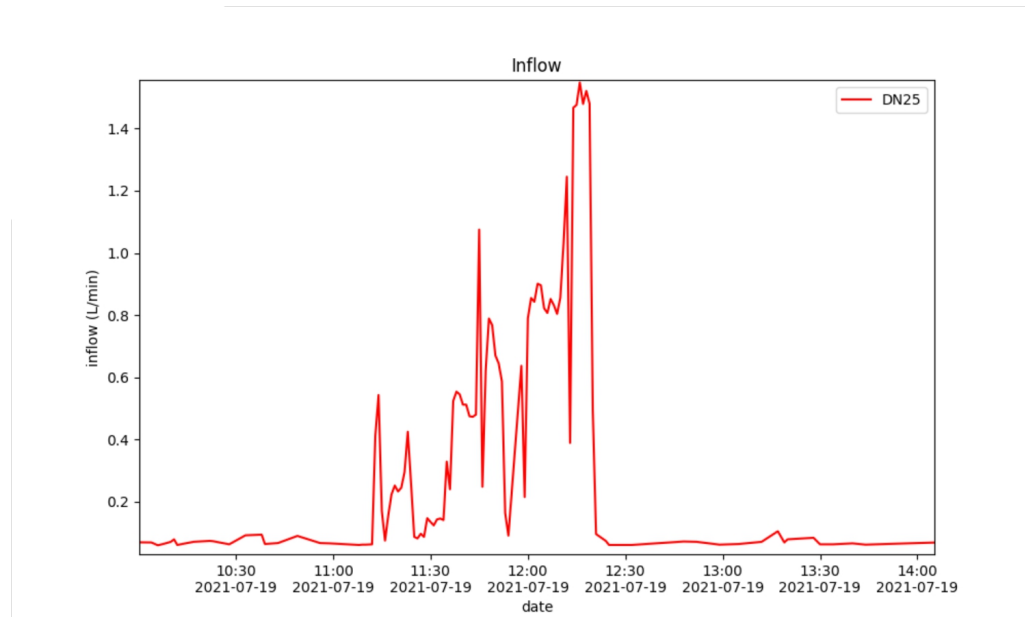
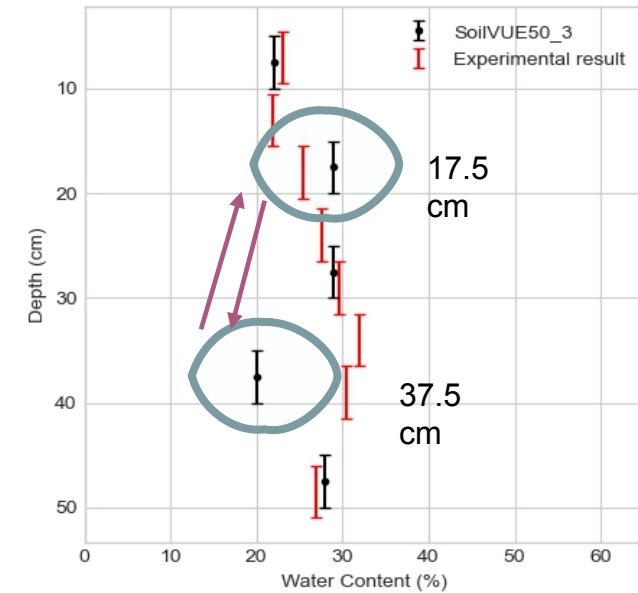
2 climate types (Paris and south of France)

Rain gardens design

Recommendation

Current issues on data

- High noise on inflow data
- The strange sensor measurement
- Wide range of heavy events runoff coefficient (from 0.2 to 1.8)



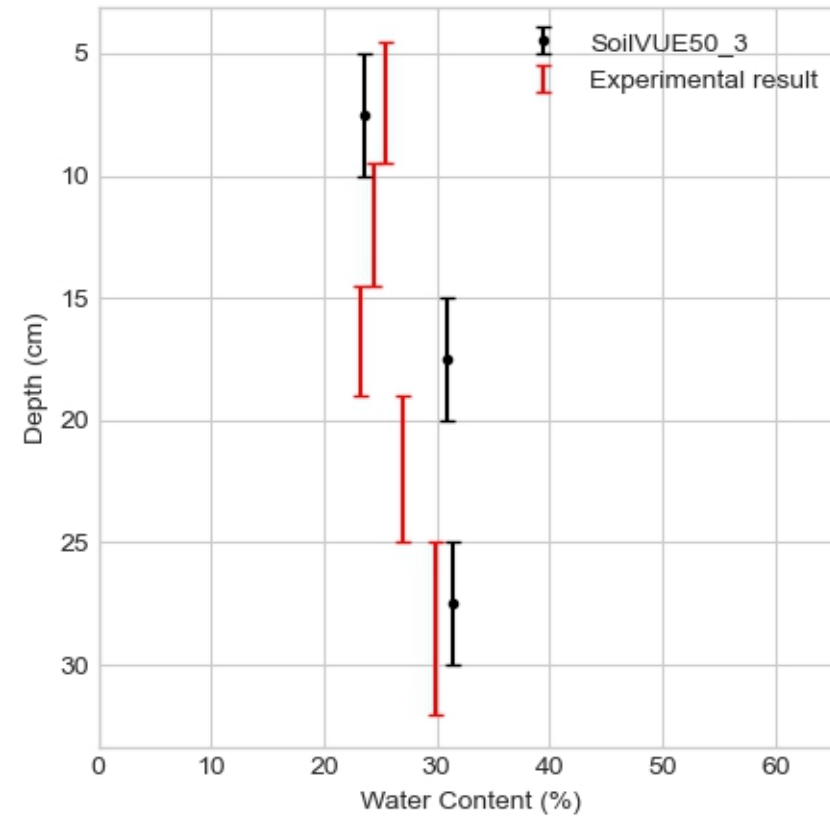
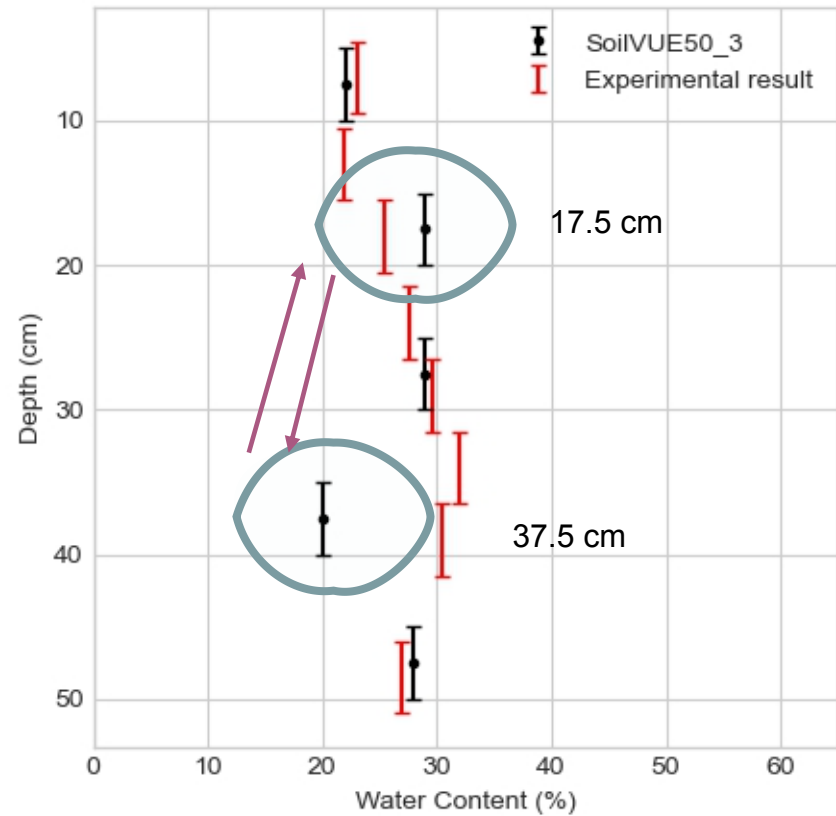


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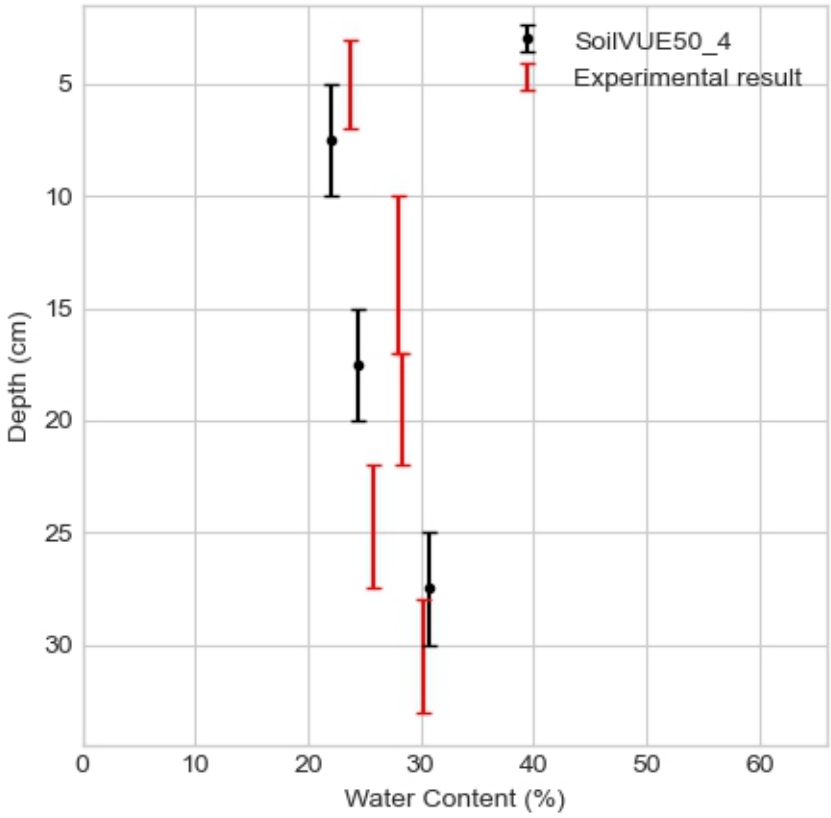
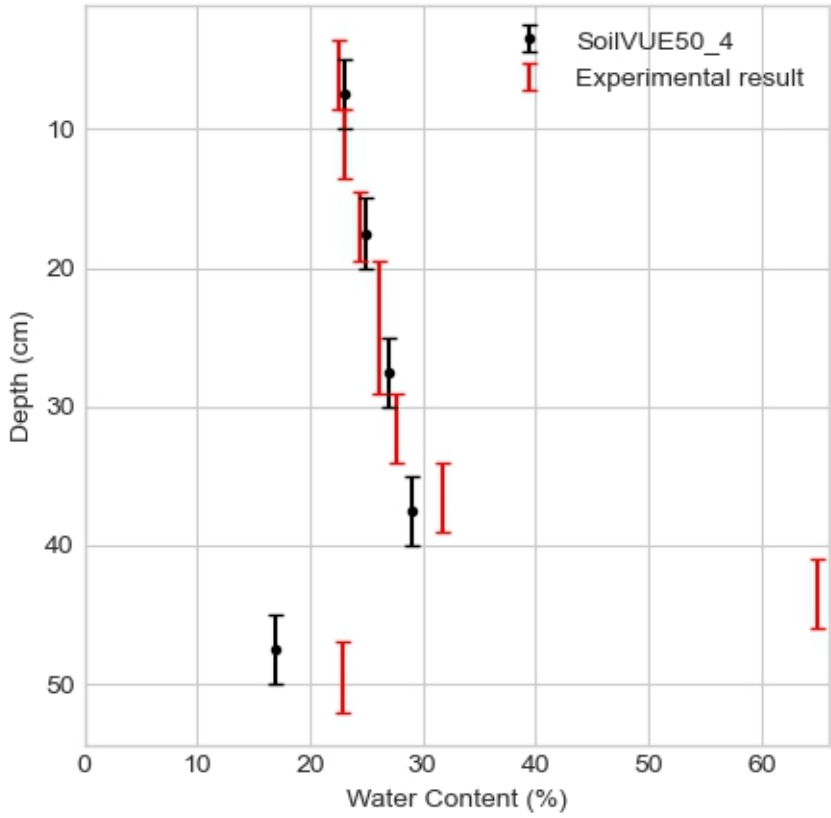
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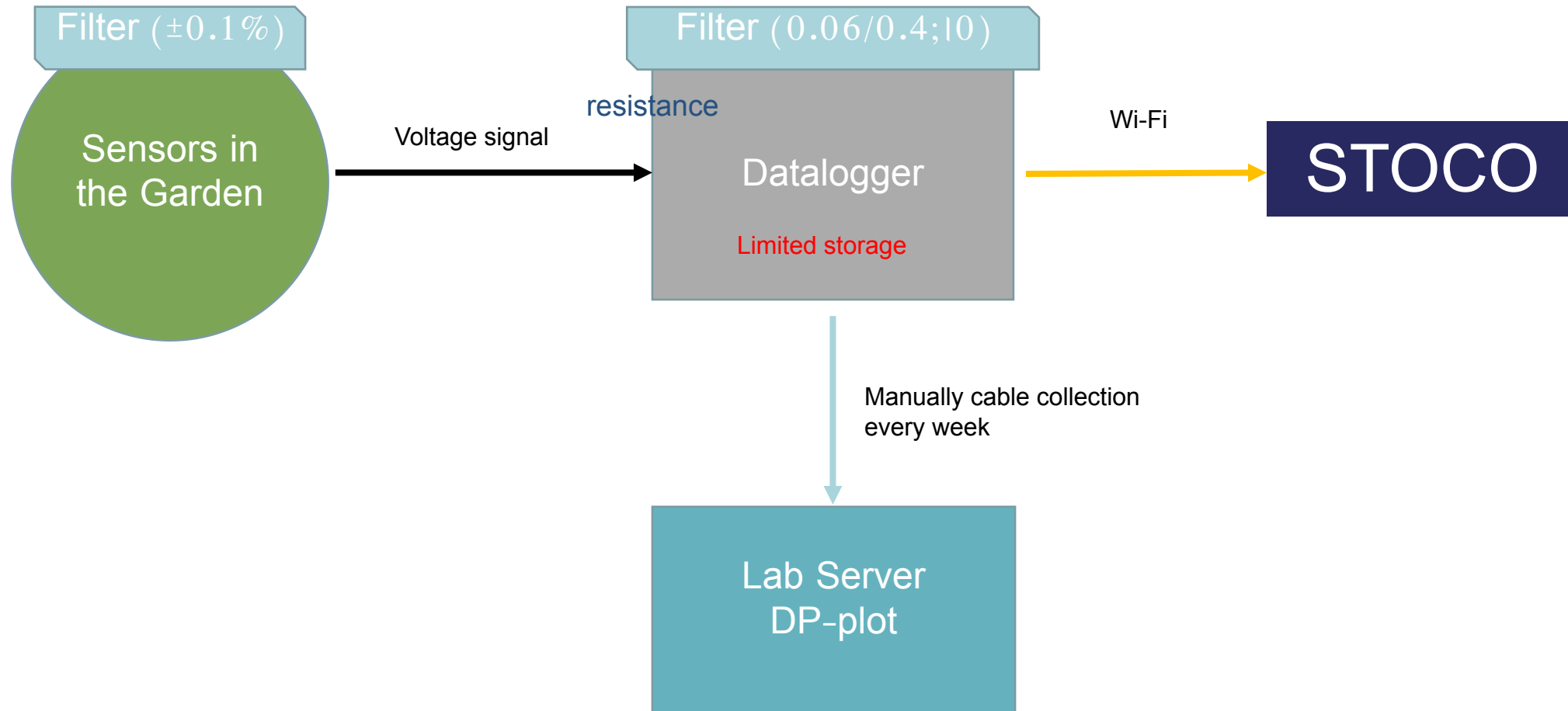
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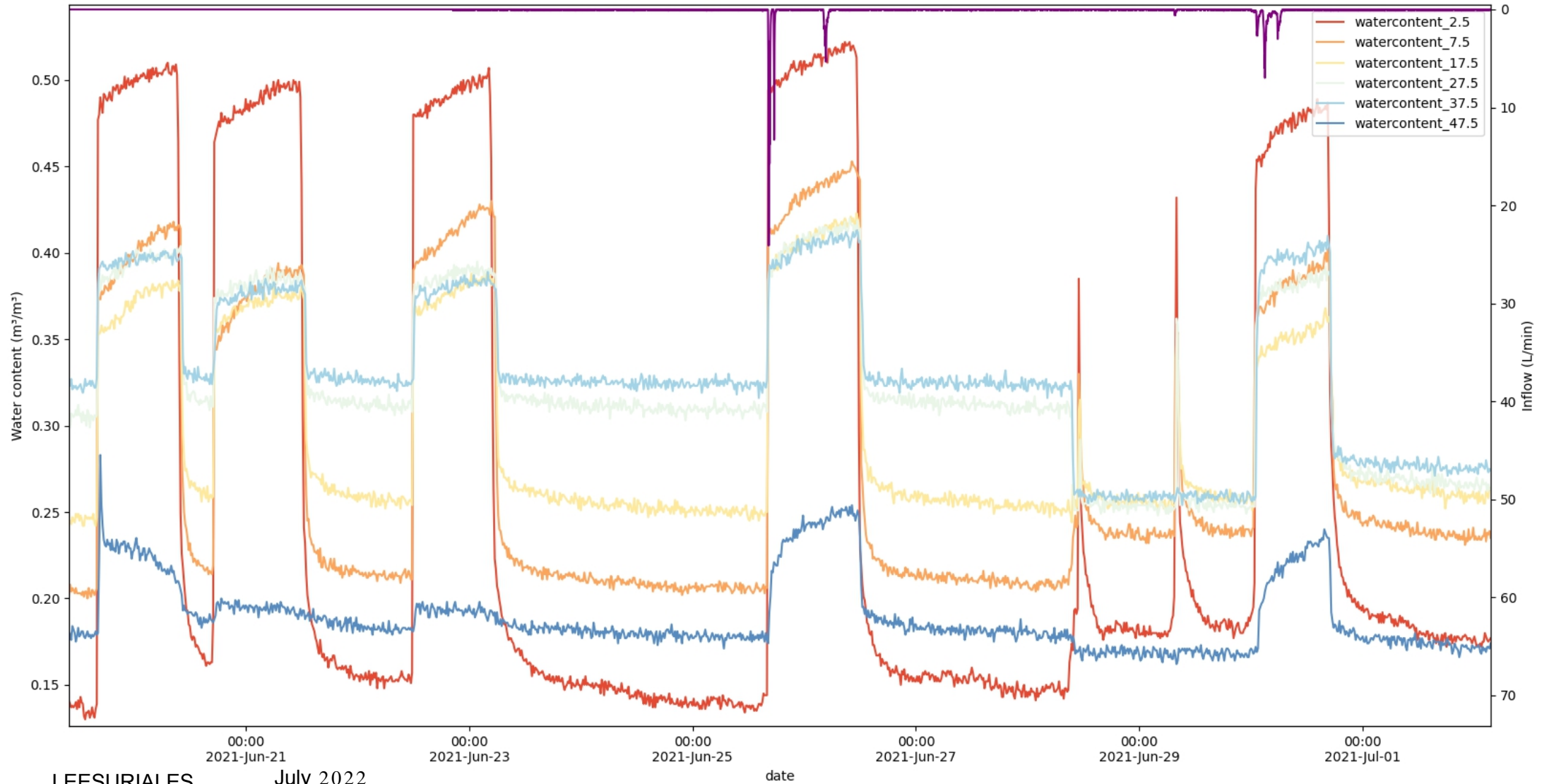
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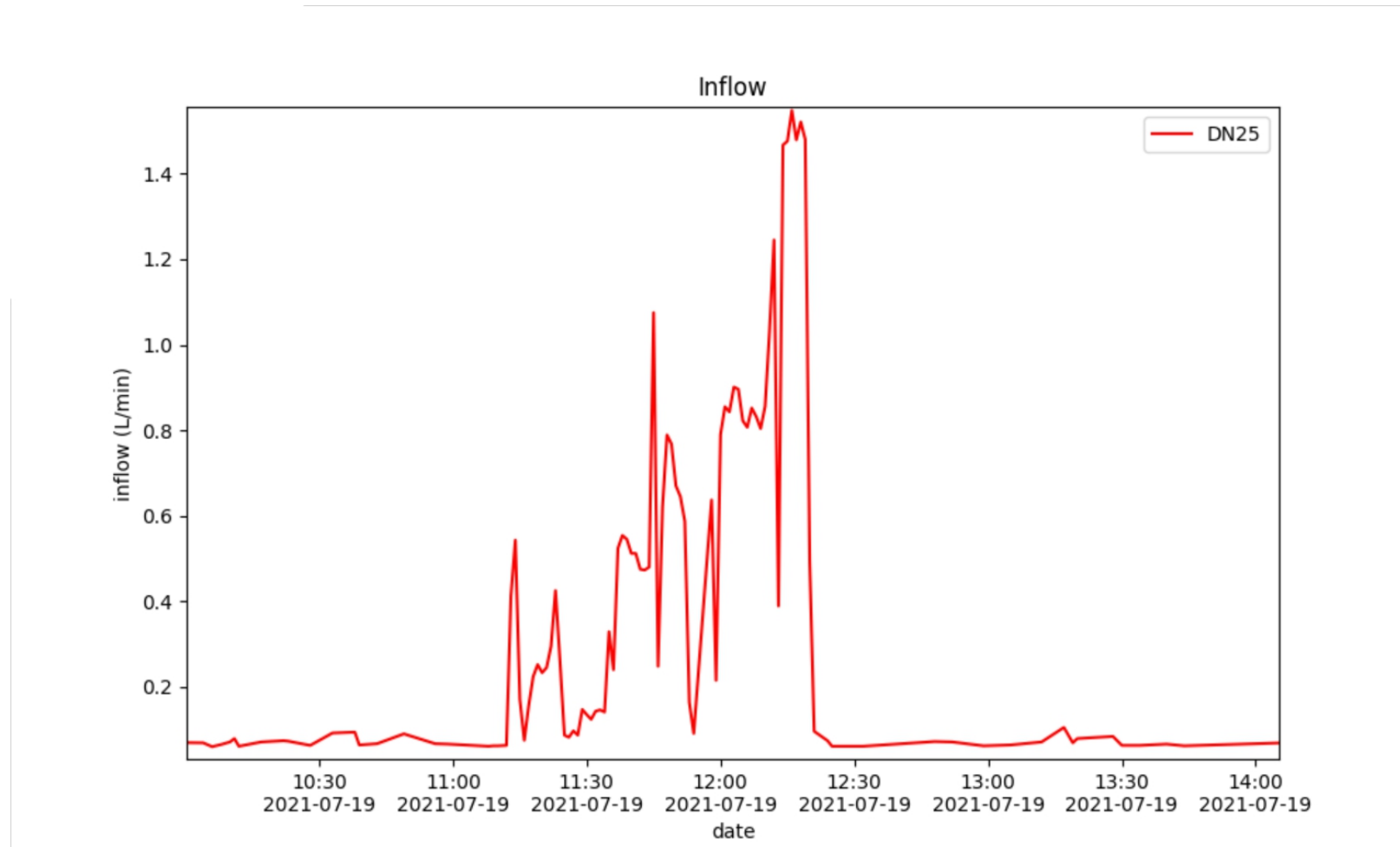
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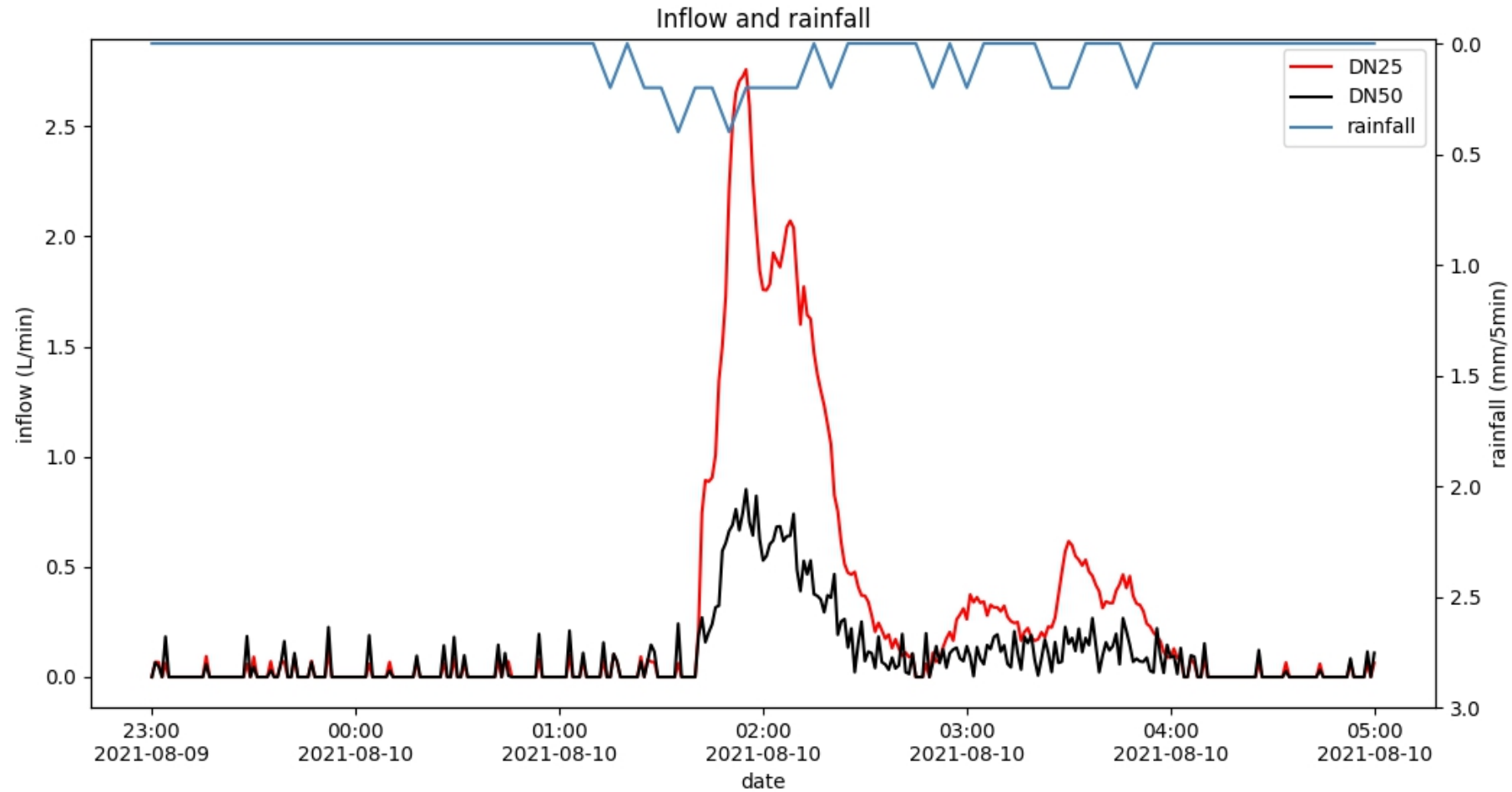
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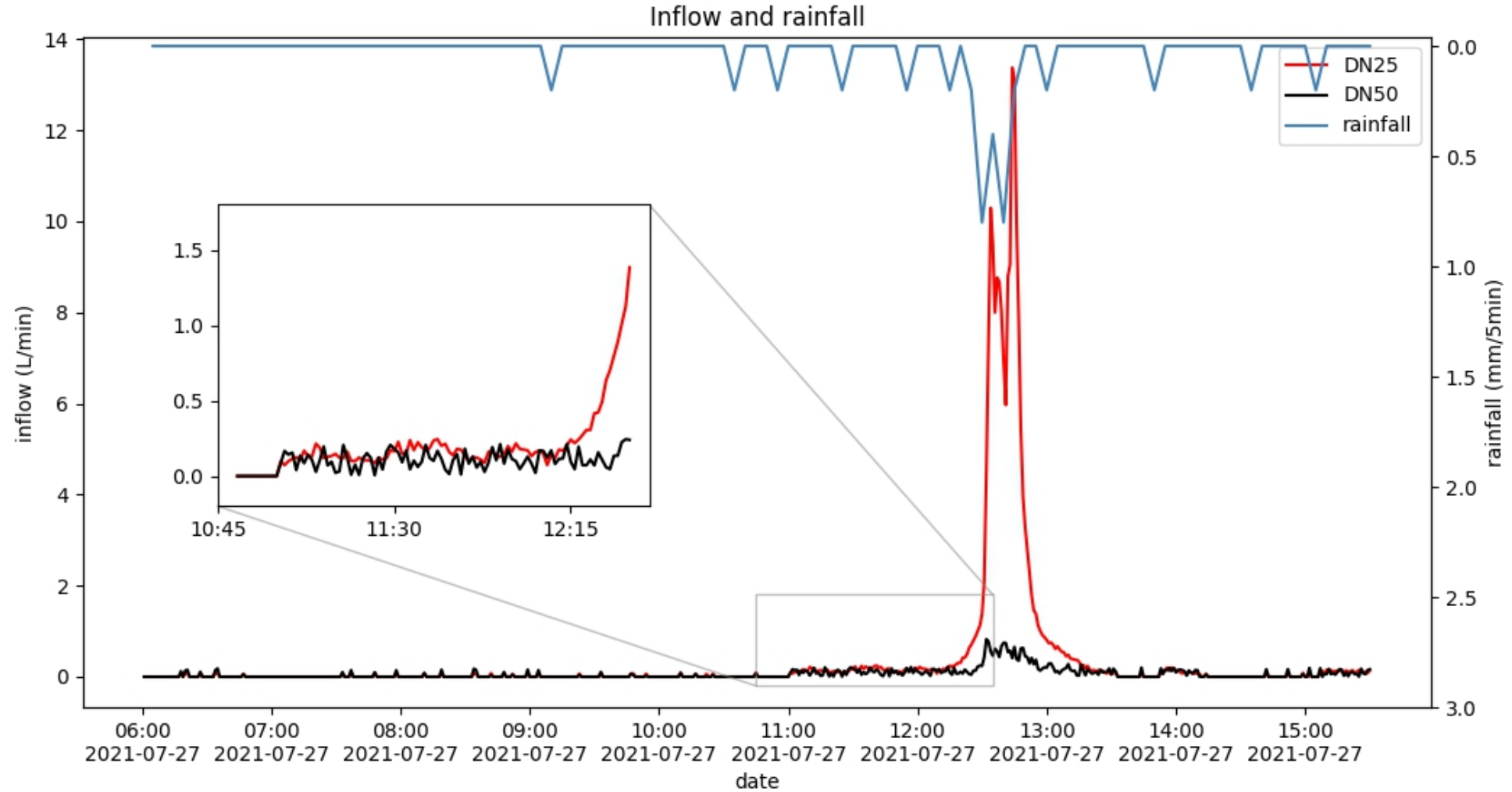
Inflow data noise



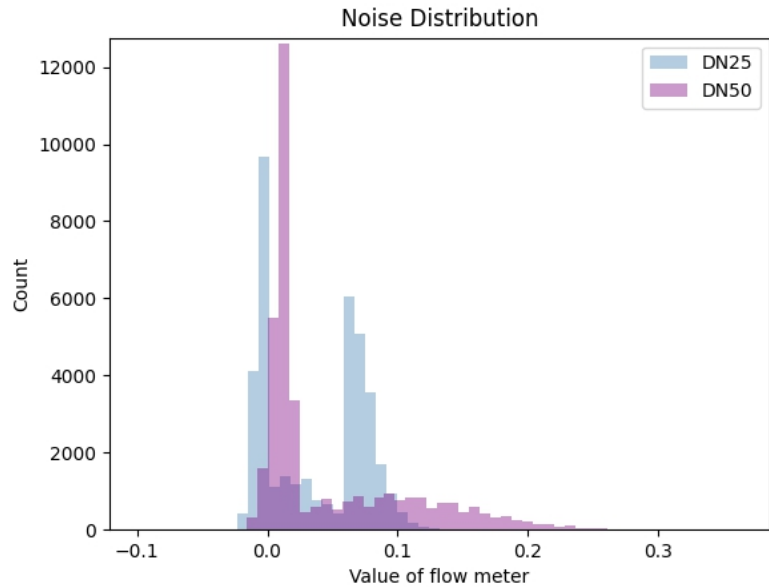
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Inflow data noise



Filter :
DN25 < 0.06L/s
DN50 < 0.4L/s

Objectives:

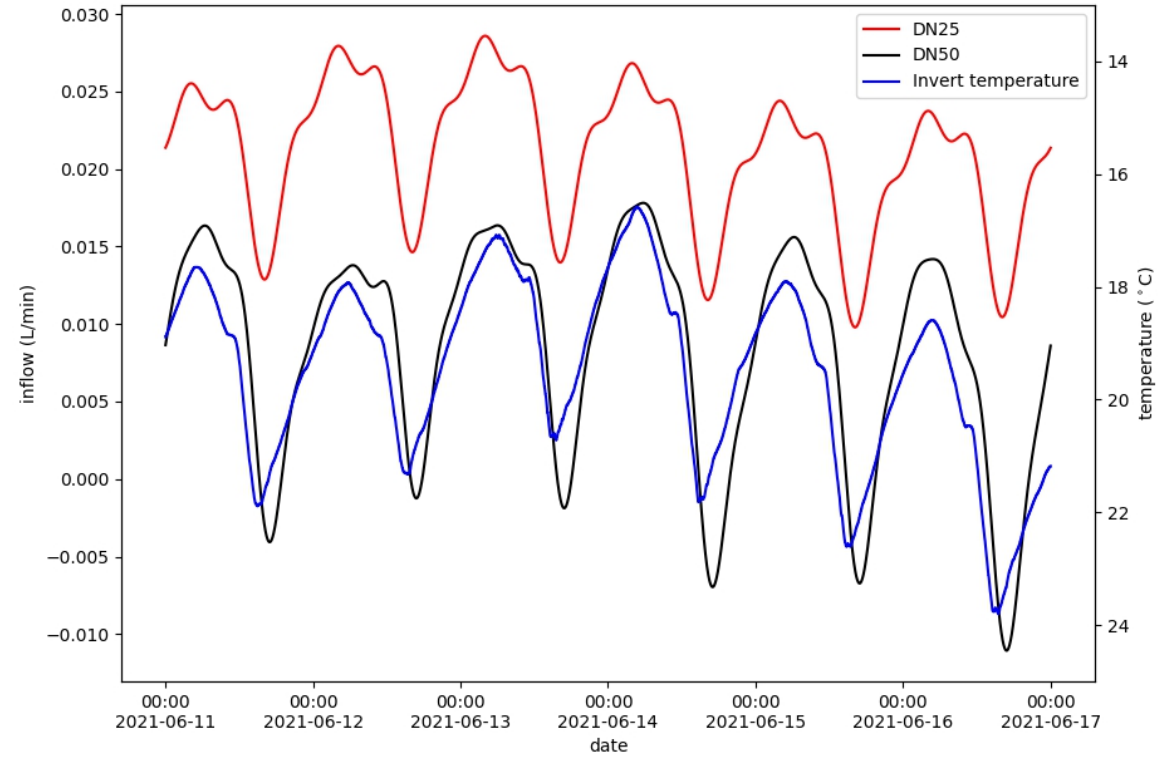
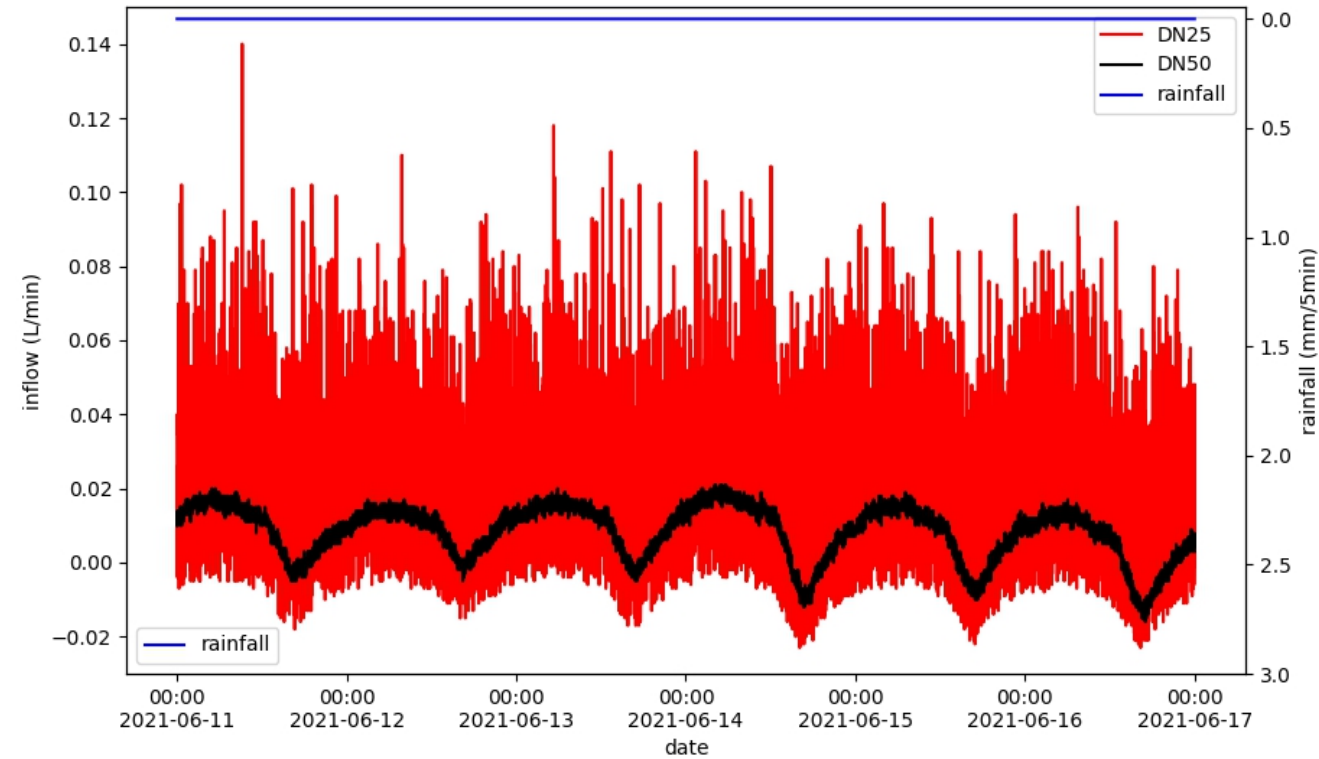
1. Remove the Non-white noise
2. Smooth the data
3. Detect the early inflow

Tested solution:

1. Fourier transform
2. Wavelet filter
3. Moving window average method

Fourier transform

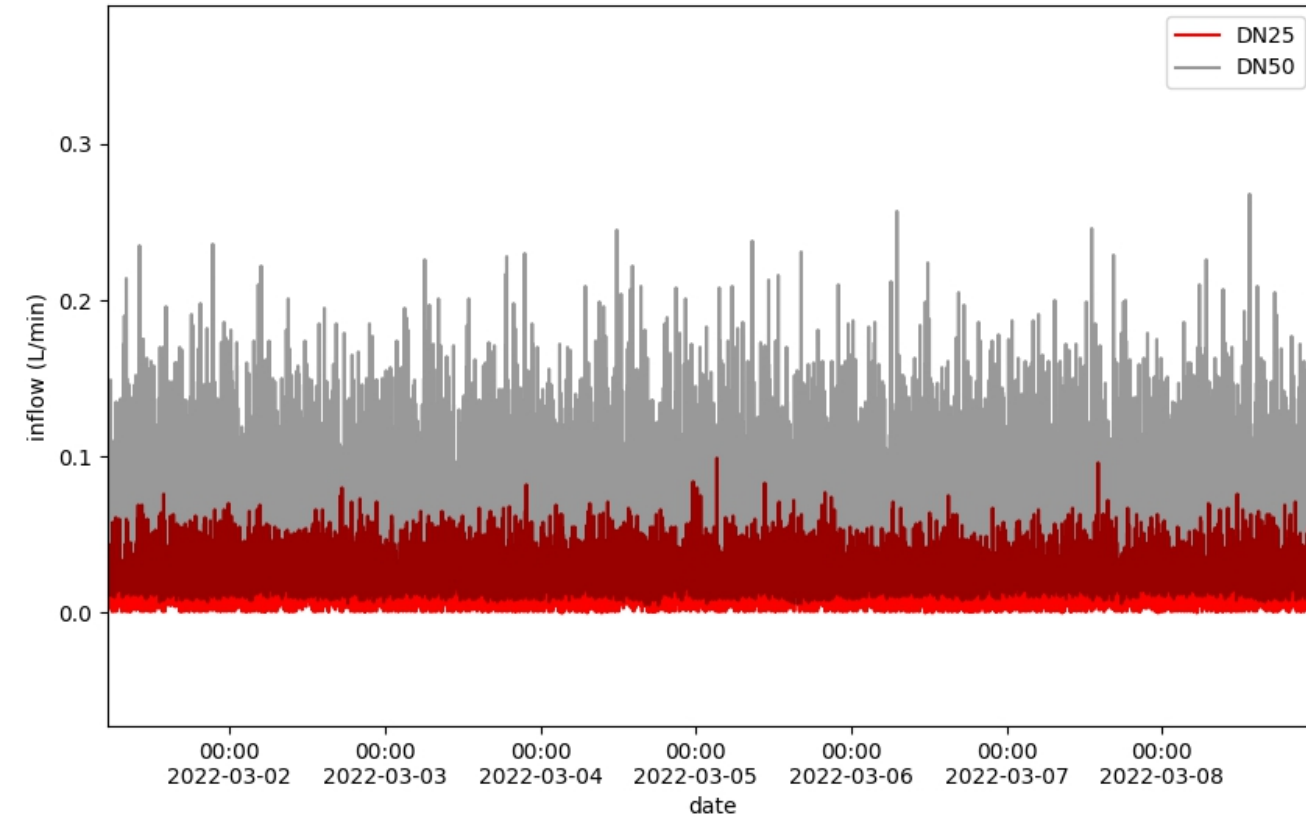
Inflow and rainfall



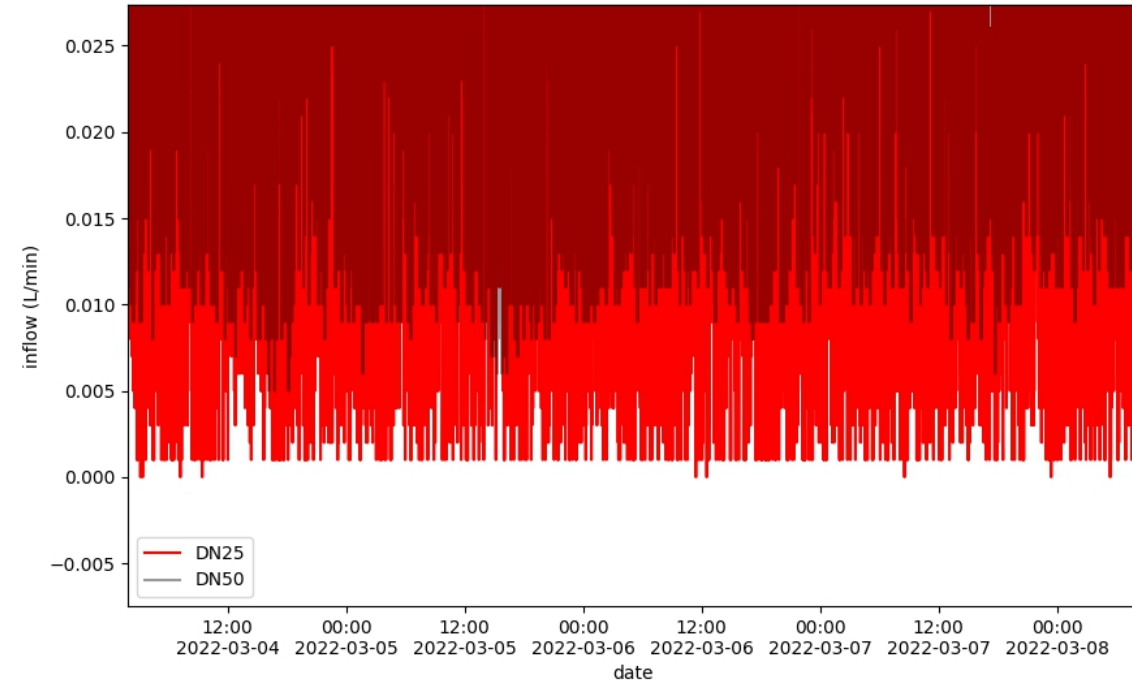
Fourier transform

two baseline of 0.0215 (DN25), 0.0603 (DN50),

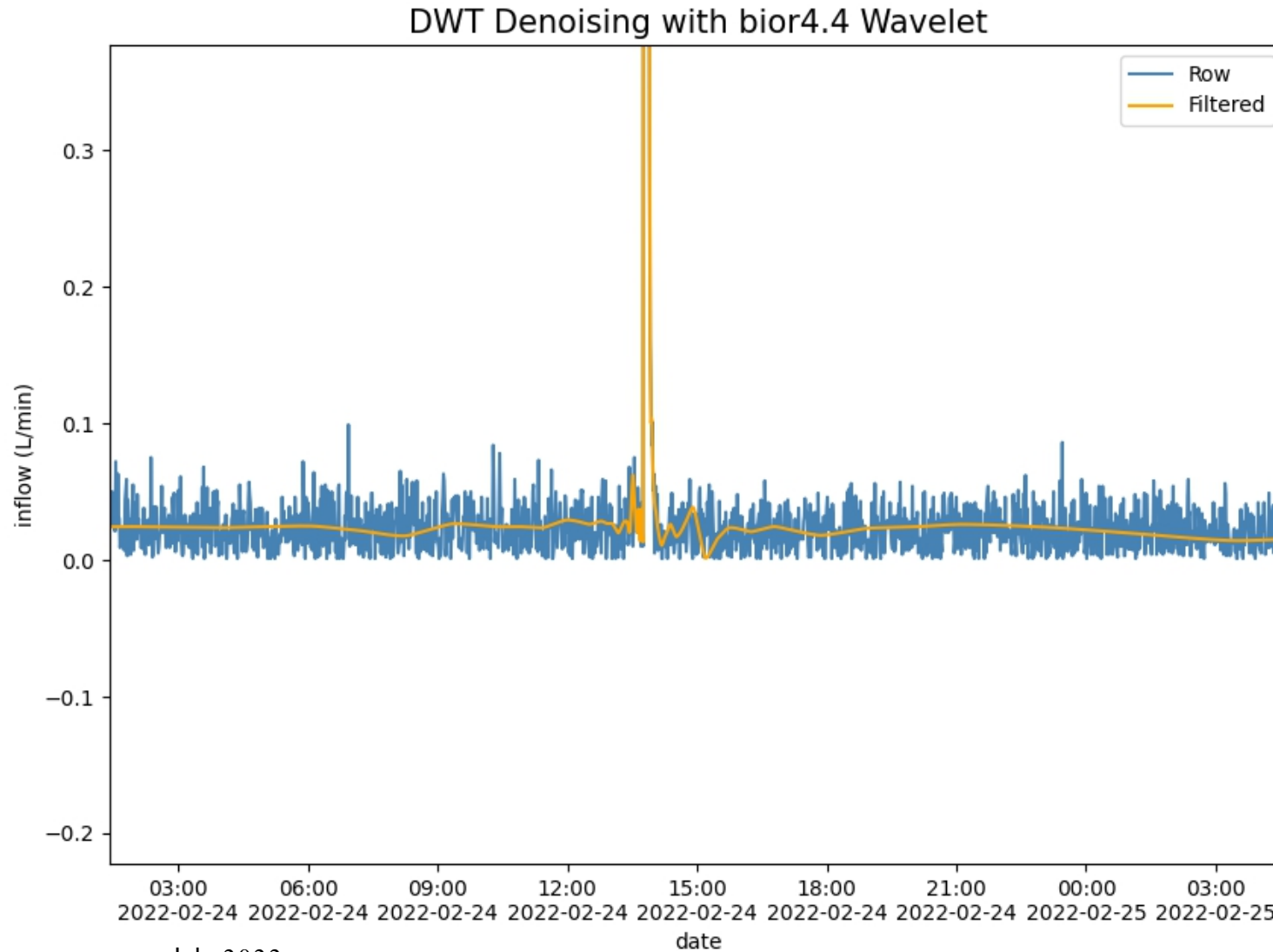
Inflow in March



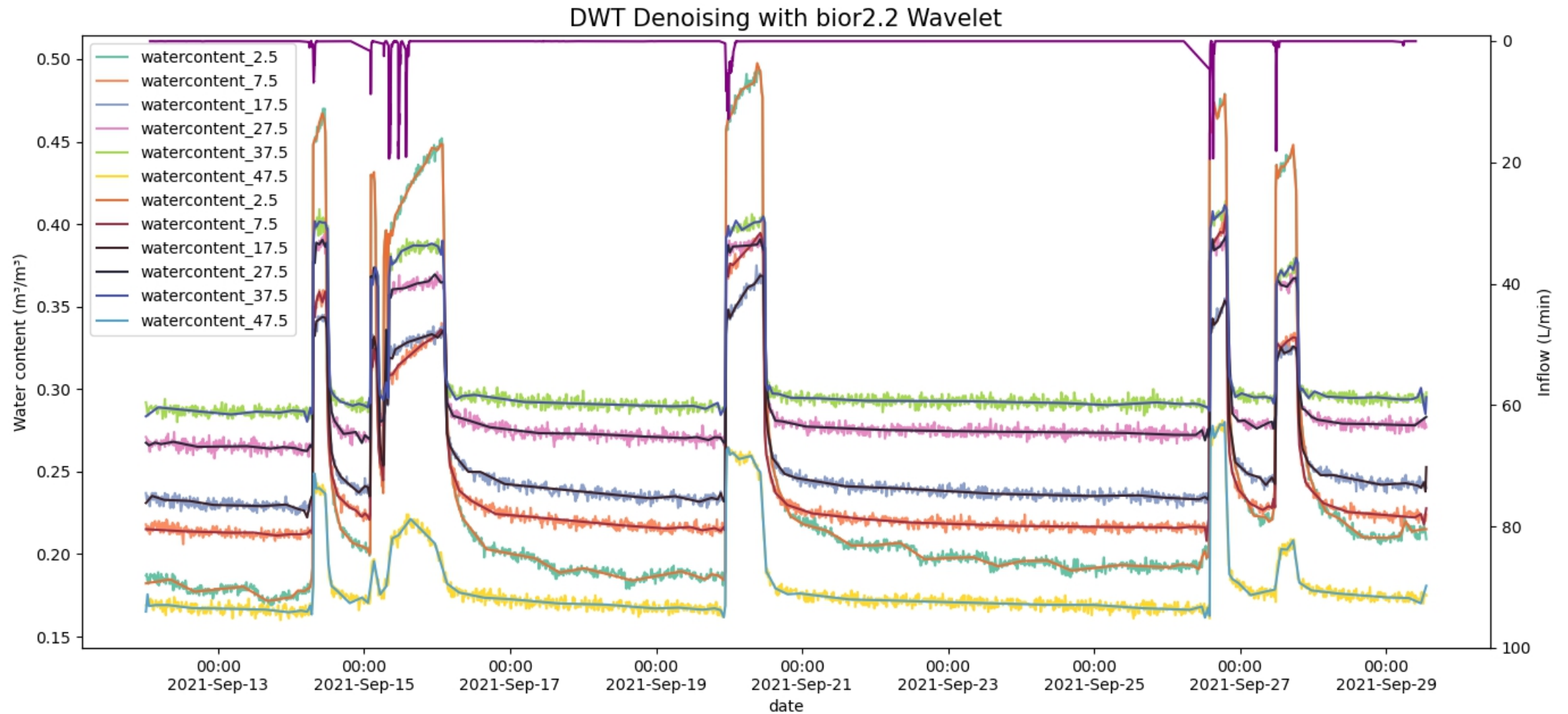
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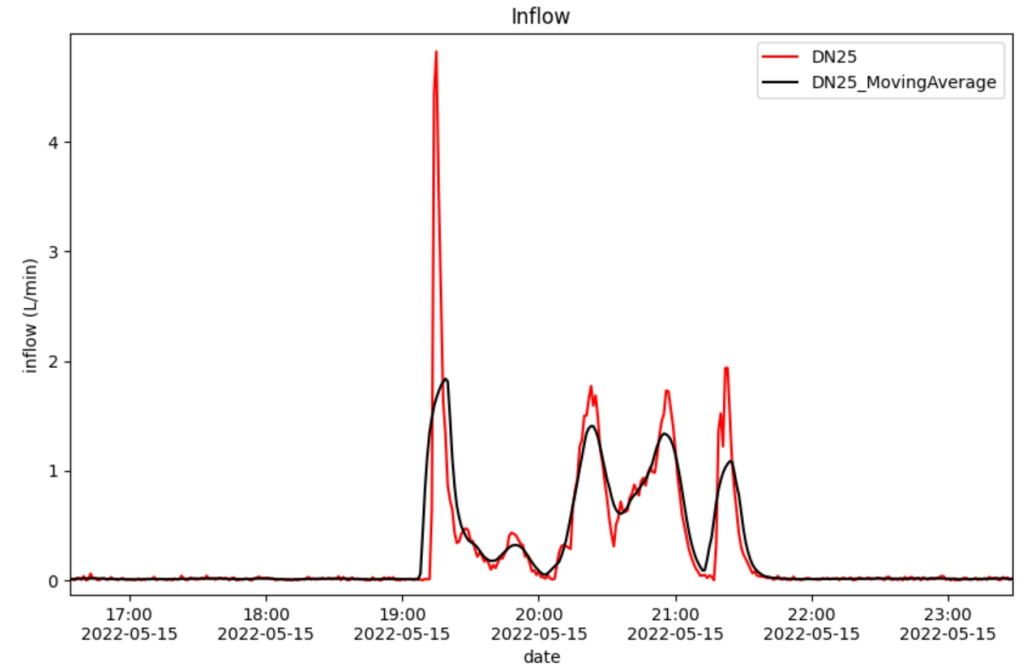
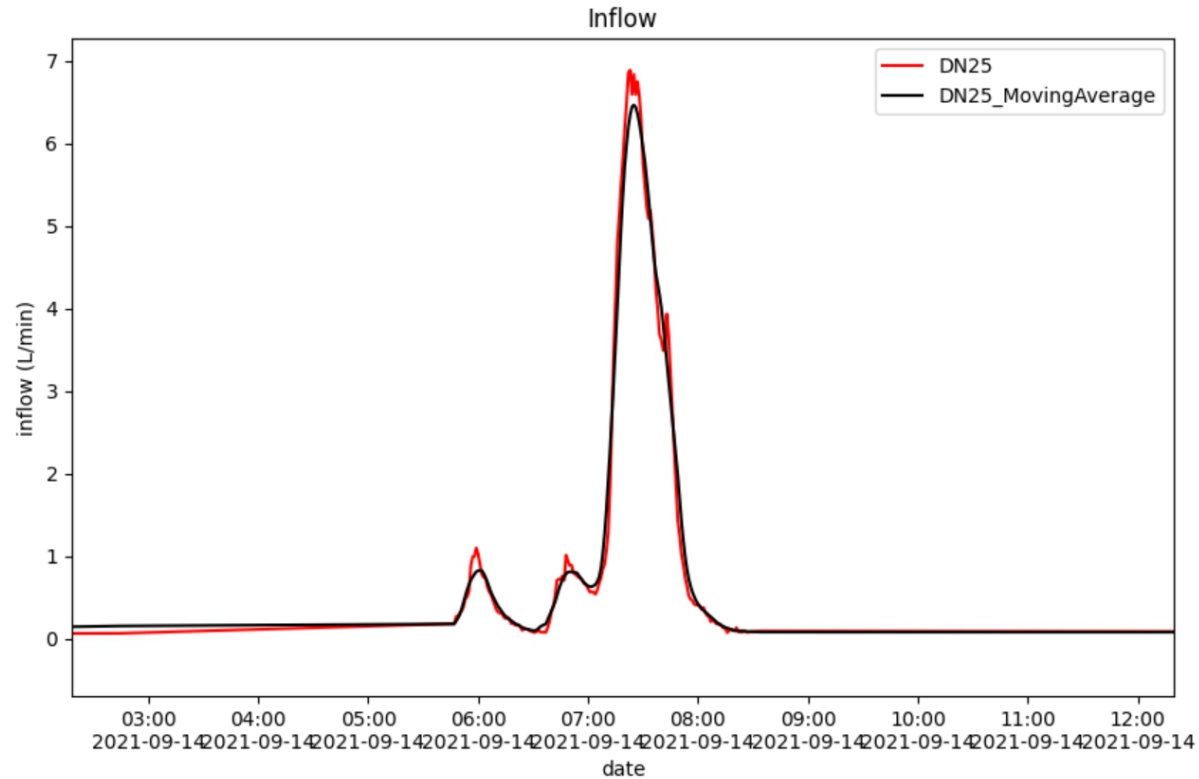
Smooth the data-wavelet



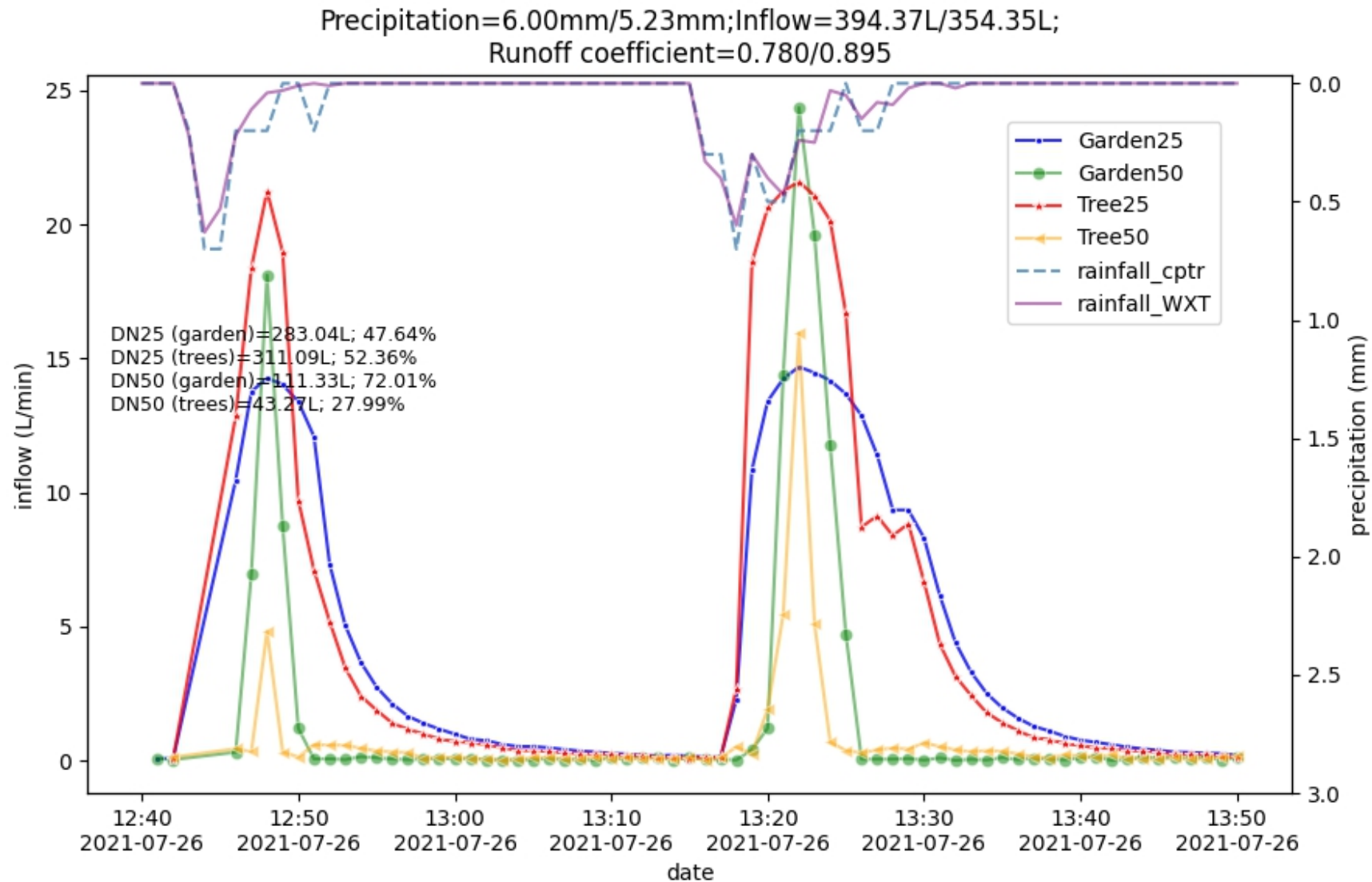
On both the data-wavelet



Moving window average

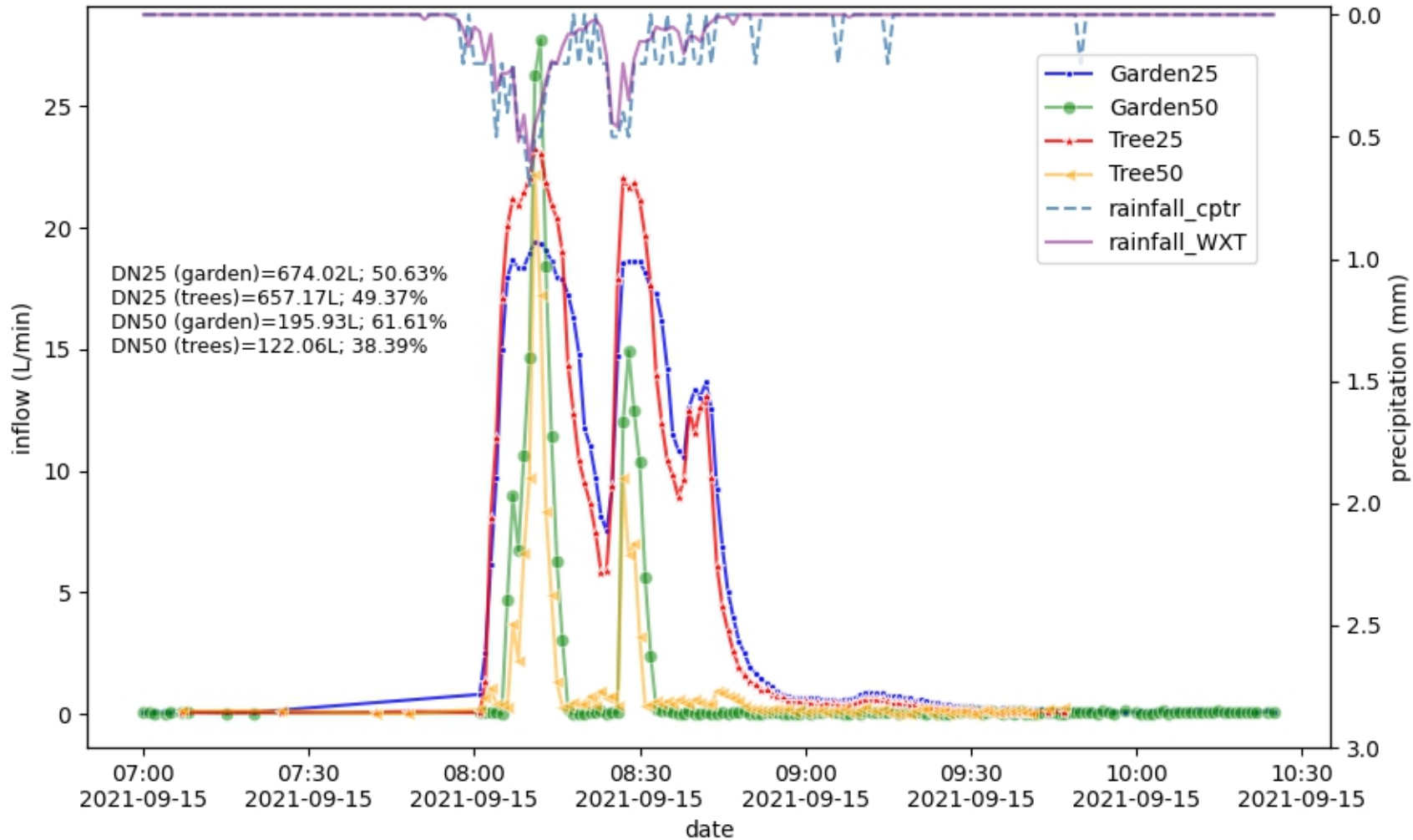


Runoff coefficient

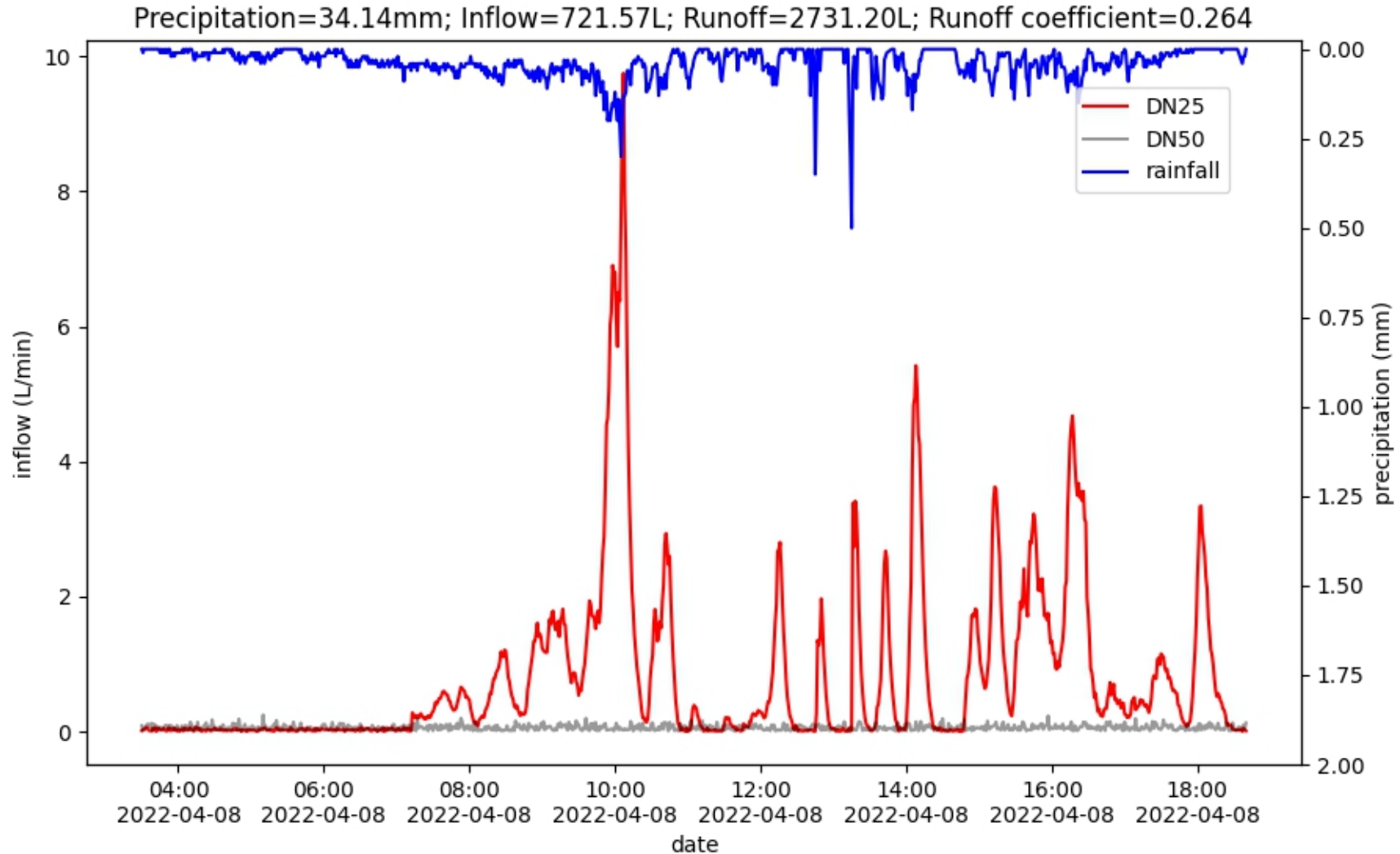


Runoff coefficient

Precipitation=11.80mm/8.19mm; Inflow=869.95L/779.24L;
Runoff coefficient=0.874/1.259

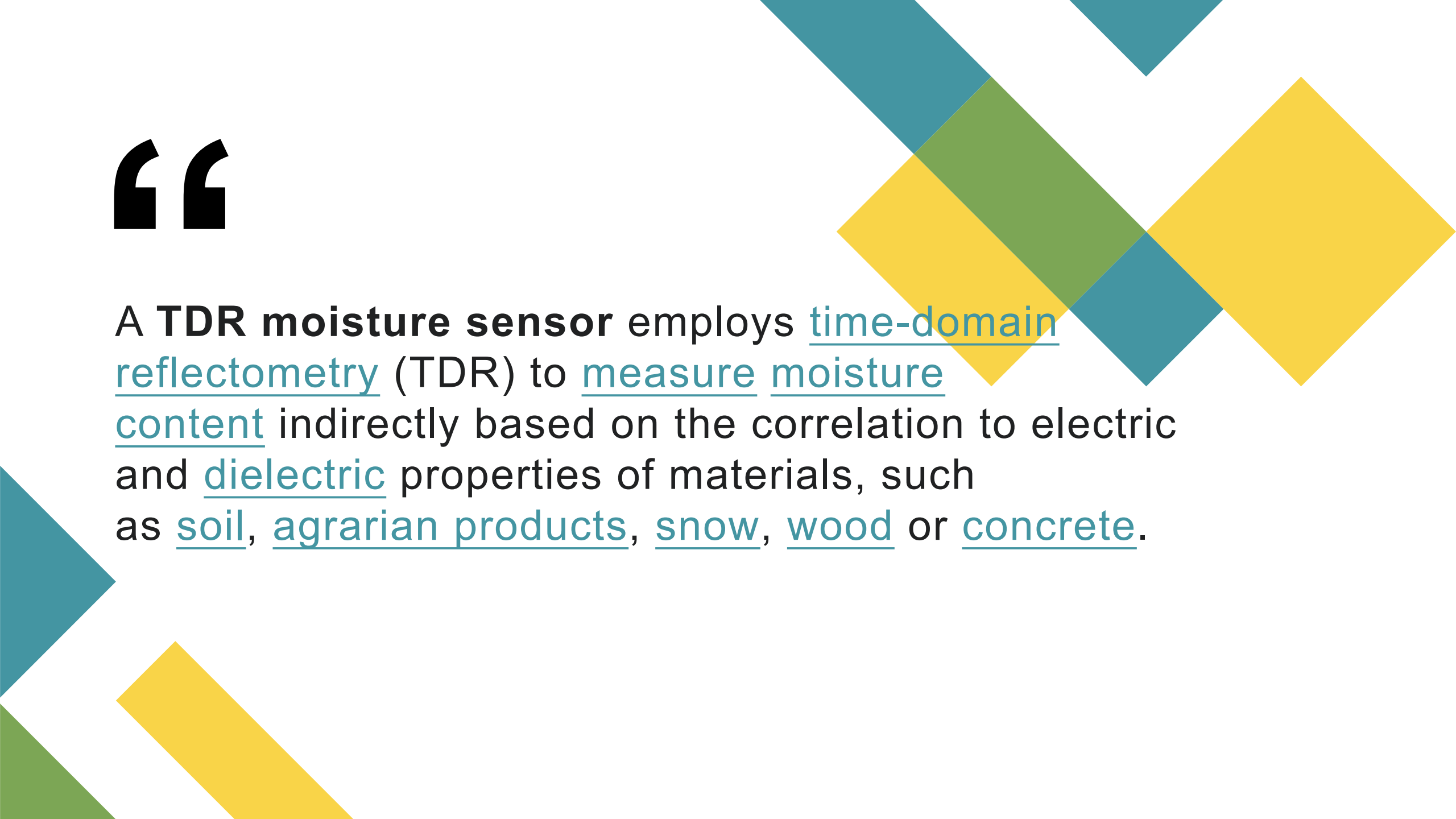


Runoff coefficient



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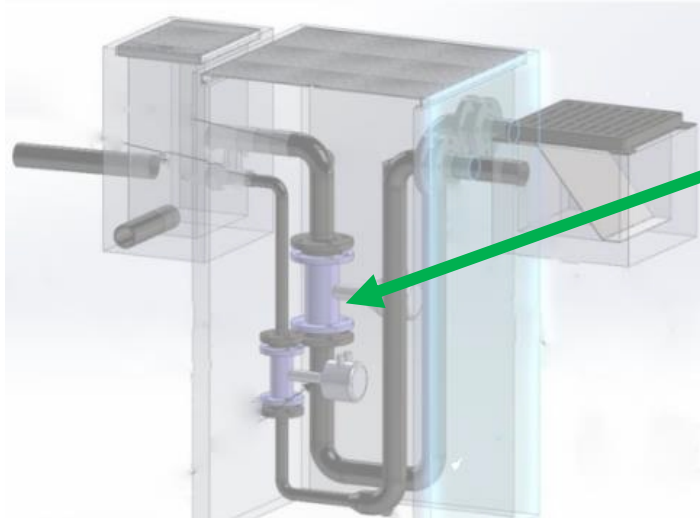




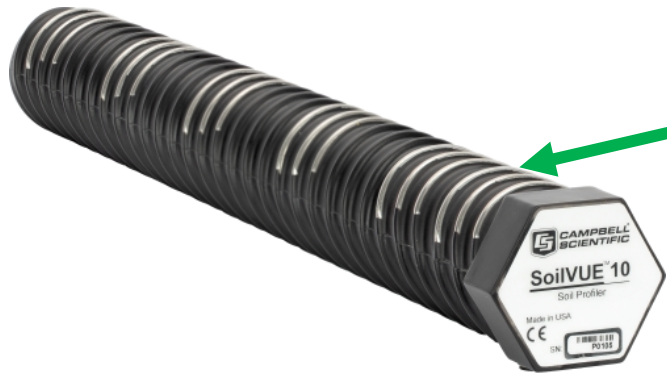
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A **TDR moisture sensor** employs time-domain reflectometry (TDR) to measure moisture content indirectly based on the correlation to electric and dielectric properties of materials, such as soil, agrarian products, snow, wood or concrete.

03. Methods & Experiments design



Inflow monitoring system (Sauce: Yassine, 2021)



SoilVUE10 sensor (Sauce: Campbellsoci.com)

