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**TERENO**  
TERRESTRIAL ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATORIES

# TERENO SoilCan

## - The German Lysimeter Network in Operation-

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# Challenges of SoilCan

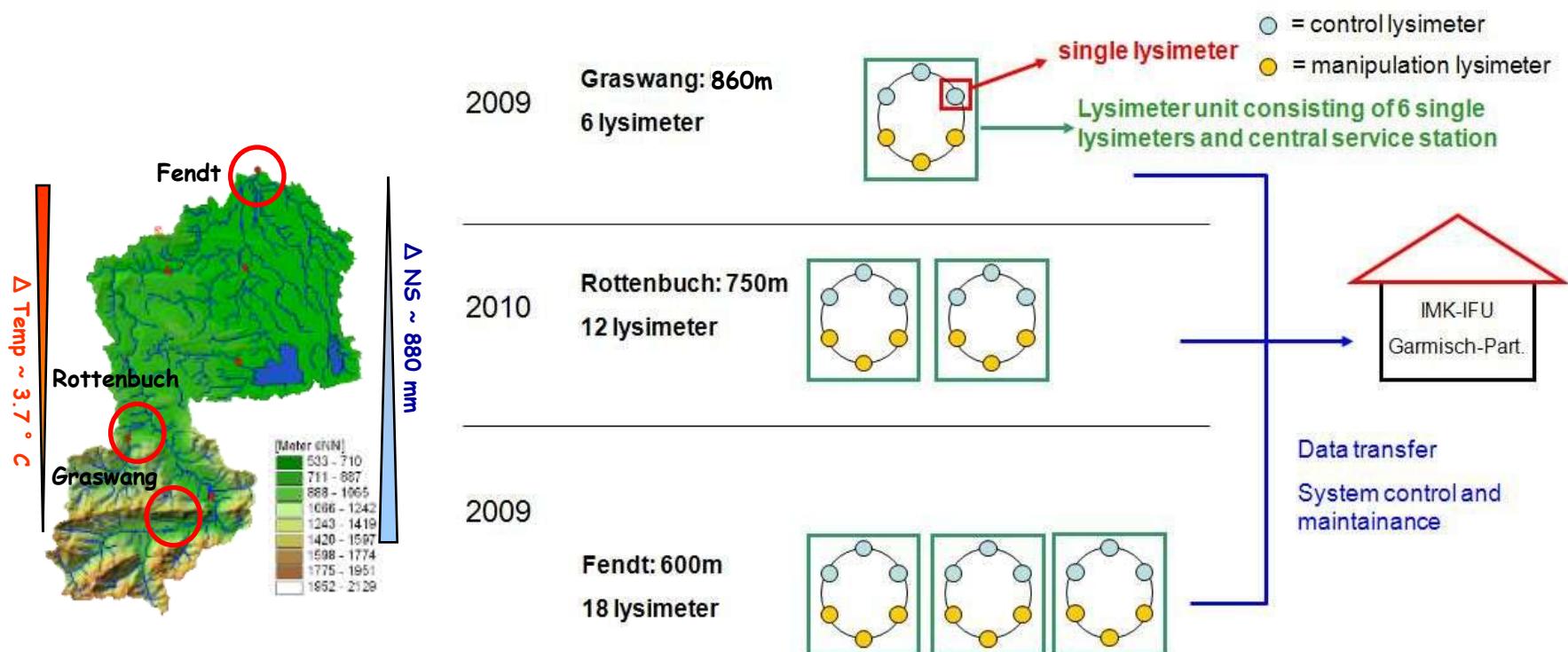
- Observation of long term effects of climate change on terrestrial systems with special focus on:
  - changes of the coupled C-/N-cycles and C-/N-storage (temporal dynamics)
  - biosphere-atmosphere exchange of greenhouse gases
  - vegetation / biodiversity
  - terrestrial hydrology (water balance, evapotranspiration, precipitation variability, water retention capacity)
- Land use changesComprehensive data sets for:
  - modell development
  - modell calibration - remote sensing
- Supplementation of the highly instrumented test sites
- Bridging the gap between single measurement and field (up-scaling)



# TERENO SOILCan

## Large scale climate feedback experiment

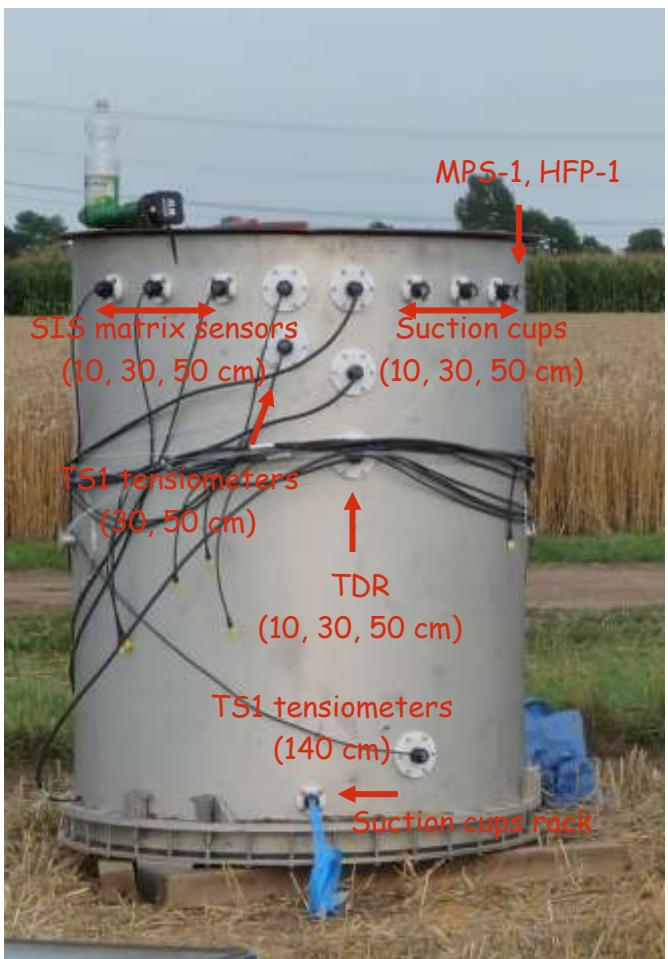
Lysimeter network of the Ammer catchment:





## Sensors per Lysimeter

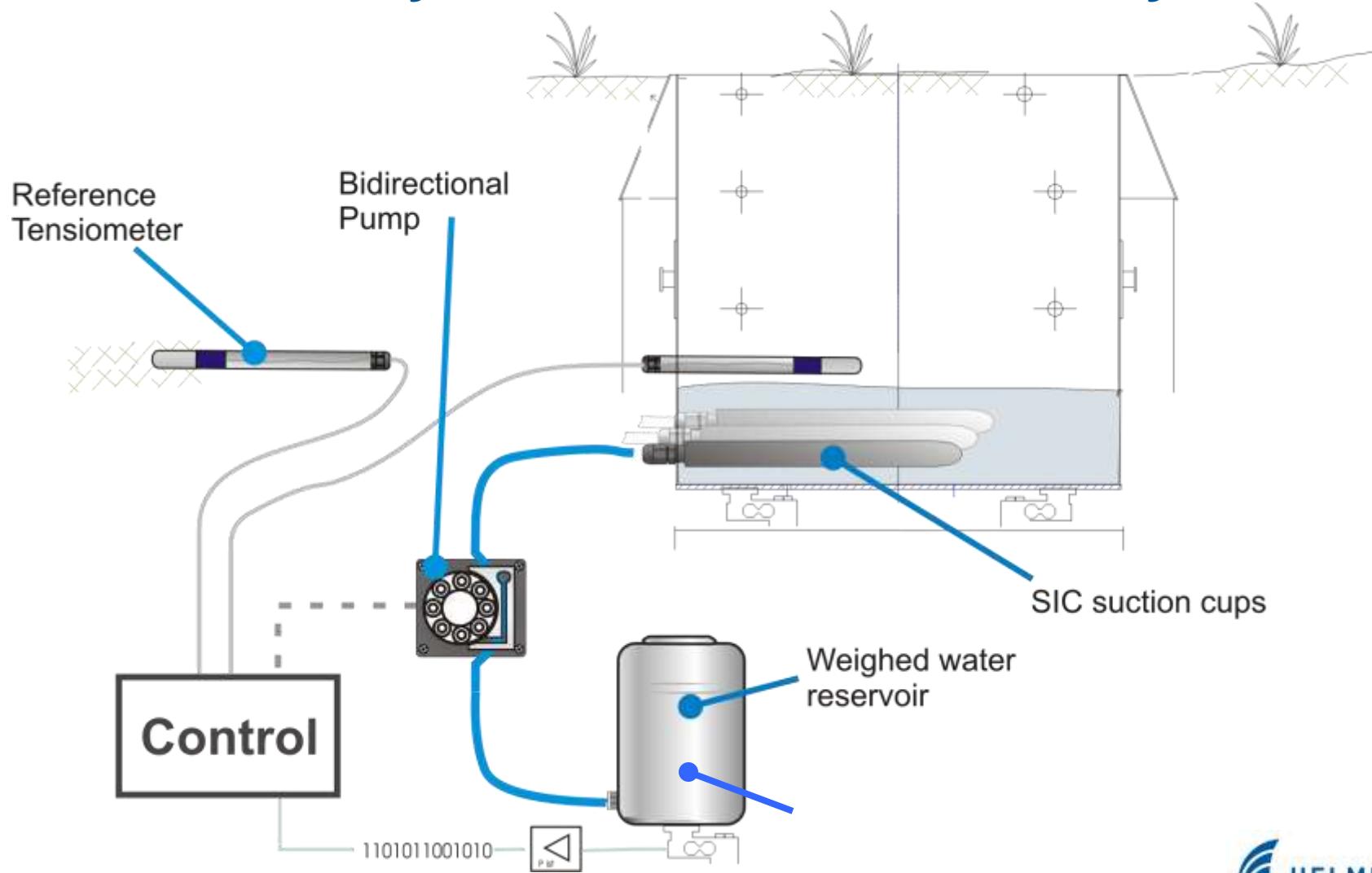
- 3 SIS matrix potential sensors (10, 30, 50 cm)
- 3 suction cups (10, 30, 50 cm)
- 3 TS1 tensiometers (30, 50, 140 cm)
- 3 Campbell Scientific TDR-probes (10, 30, 50cm)
- 1 MPS-1 matrix potential sensor (10 cm)
- 1 HFP1 heat flux sensor (10 cm)
- 6 temperature sensors (10, 30, 50, 140 cm)
- 1  $\text{CO}_2$  gas sensor (10 cm)
- 2 balances (lysimeter, leachate)



Suction cups rack as lower boundary condition



# Lower Boundary Condition of SOILCan Lysimeters







# SoilCan / CT Pedosphere Group activities

## SoilCan-meeting :

10.01. 2011 Fa. UMS, Munich

22.03. 2011 UFZ, Leipzig (crop rotation SoilCan)

20.06. 2011 UFZ, Halle (control of the lower boundary)

Spring 2012 ????

## Technicians Training:

23.11. 2010 Fa. UMS, Munich

18.05 2011 Lysimeter Station Falkenberg, UFZ

Spring 2012 ????



# Soil Characterization for Each SoilCan Testside

Bad Lauchstädt



## Standards for the characterization:

- "Bodenkundliche Kartieranleitung"
- description per soil horizon
- bulk density
- pF/WG-curves
- saturated hydraulic conductivity
- texture analysis
- analysis of chemical soil parameters

Dedelow



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Bildnachweis: M. Sommer, G. Verch,  
W. Hierold, ZALF



# Agricultural Management of the Lysimeters

1<sup>st</sup> approach:

- crop rotation of the source location  
(arable and grassland farming)

2<sup>nd</sup> approach:

- standard crop rotation to focus on climate change  
(rape - winter wheat - pea - winter barley)
- minimum tillage
- straw amendment,
- agricultural management in respect to the local intensity
- grassland farming (intensive/extensive intensity)



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## Maize Harvest Lysimeter Station Dedelow 04.10.2011

Lysimeter	Total-FM kg/Lysimeter	FM dt/ha	DM %	DM dt/ha
1	8.1	810.0	45.7	370.2
2	6.0	600.0	39.4	236.4
3	8.6	860.0	39.4	338.8
4	5.9	590.0	38.5	227.2
5	7.5	750.0	40.4	303.0
6	6.3	630.0	42.2	265.9

MV  
(dt/ha) SD  
(dt/ha)

Parabraunerden lysimeter 1, 3 & 5 of the field close  
to the hexagon

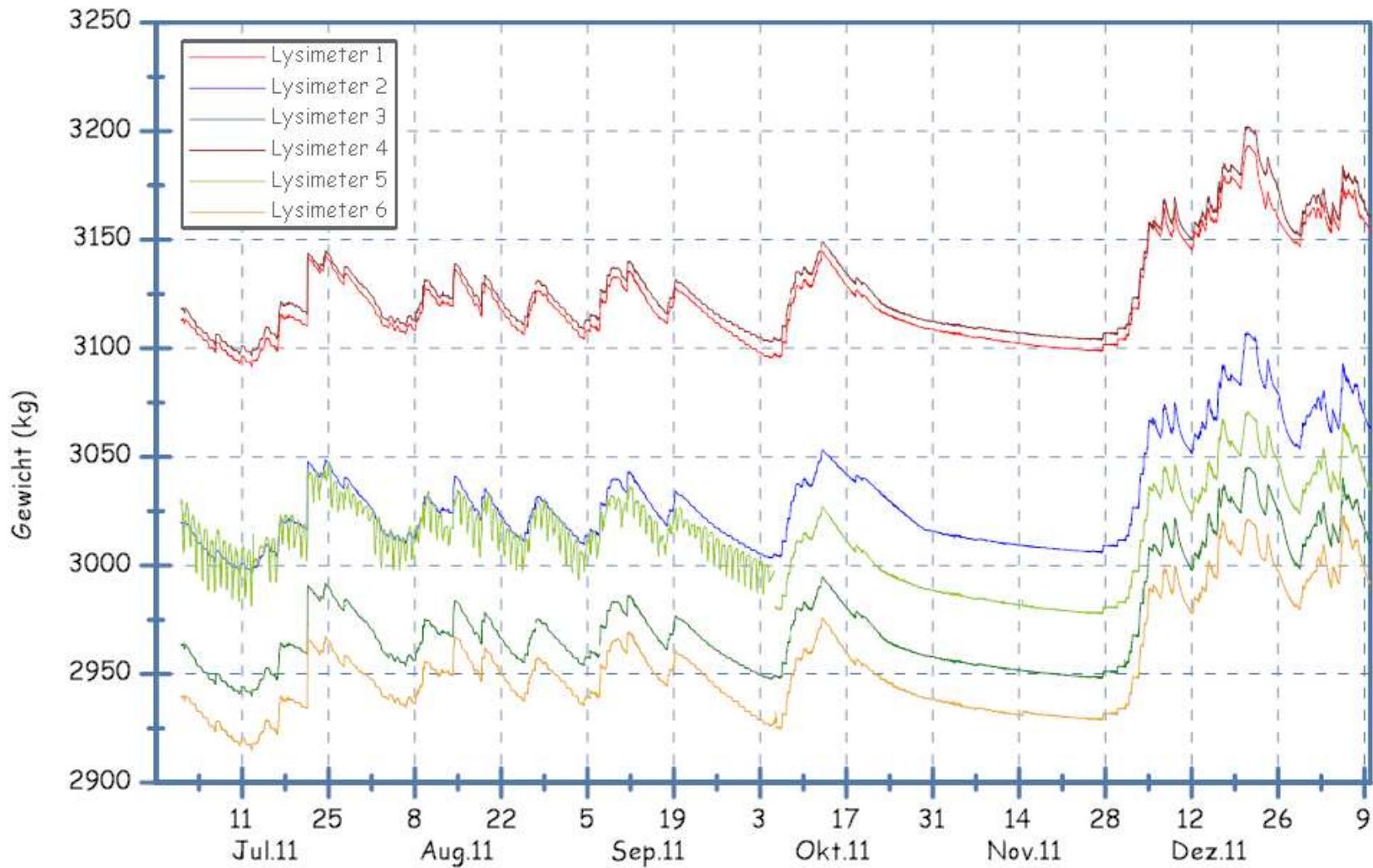
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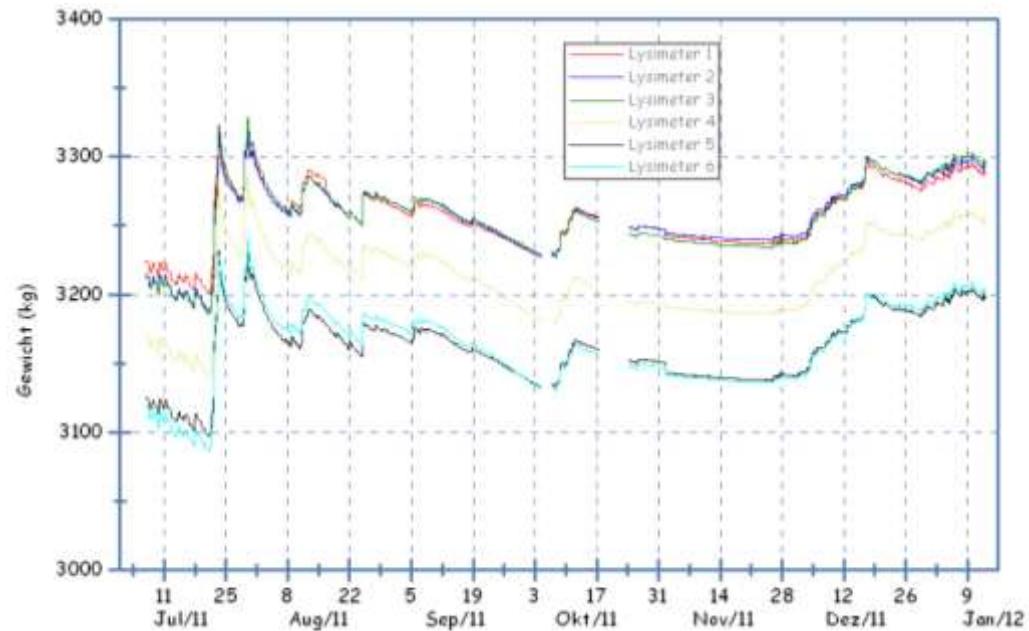
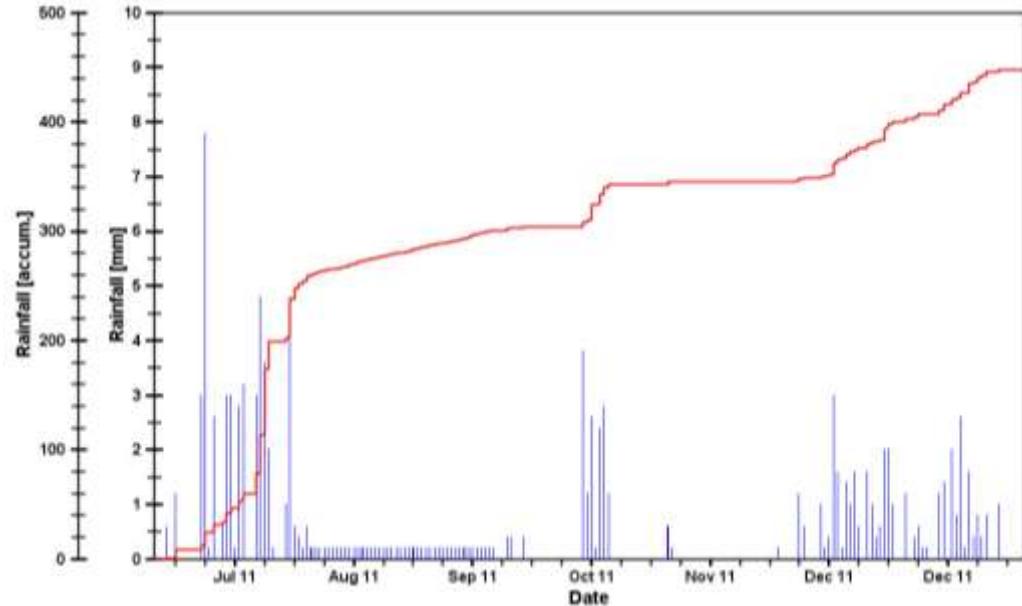
Parabraunerden lysimeter 2, 4 & 6 of the Carbo-  
ZALF-D-experimental site

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# Lysimeter Weight of Wüstebach Station



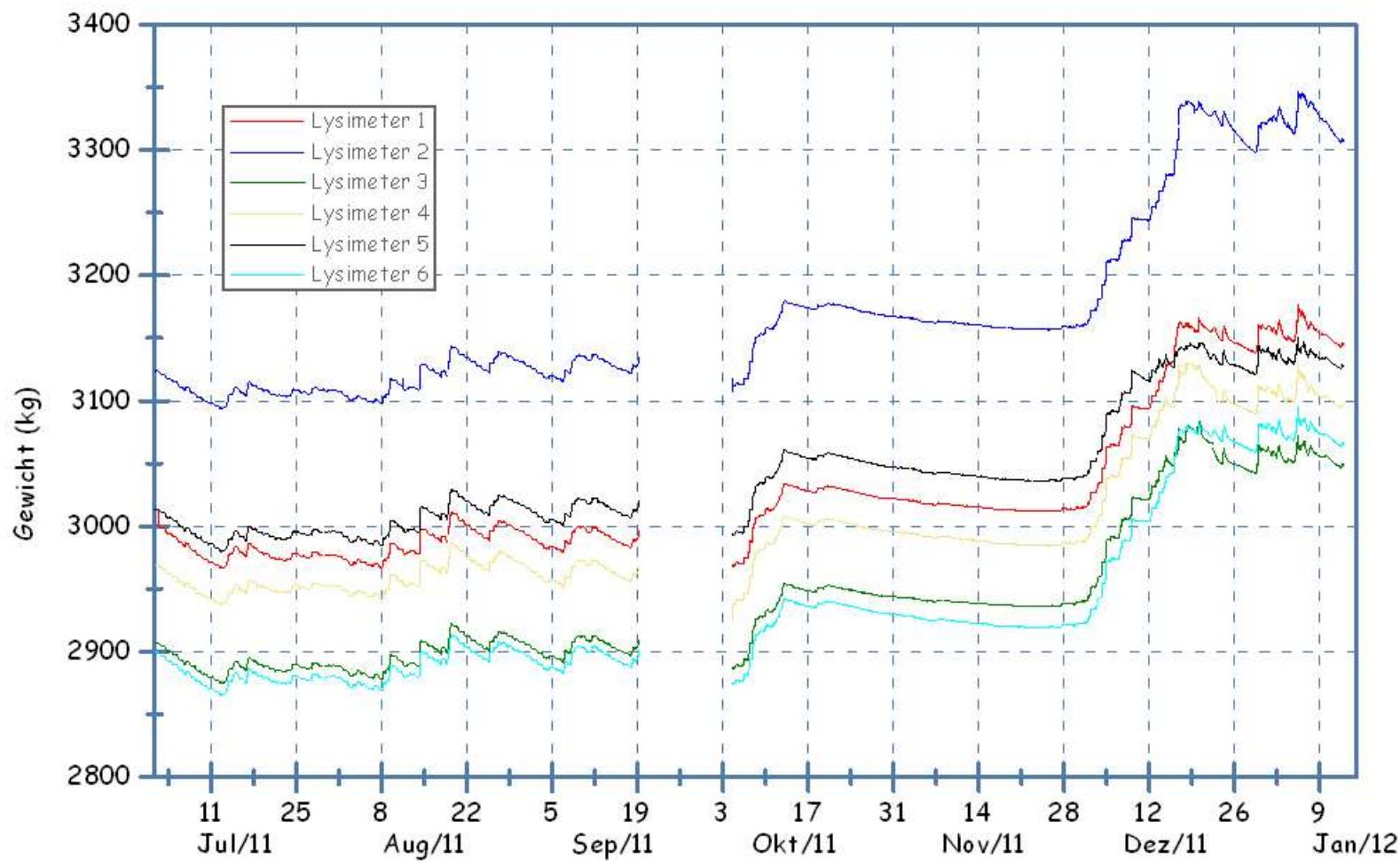


Rainfall in Seeberg  
Close to Demmin

Lysimeter Weight of  
Demmin Station

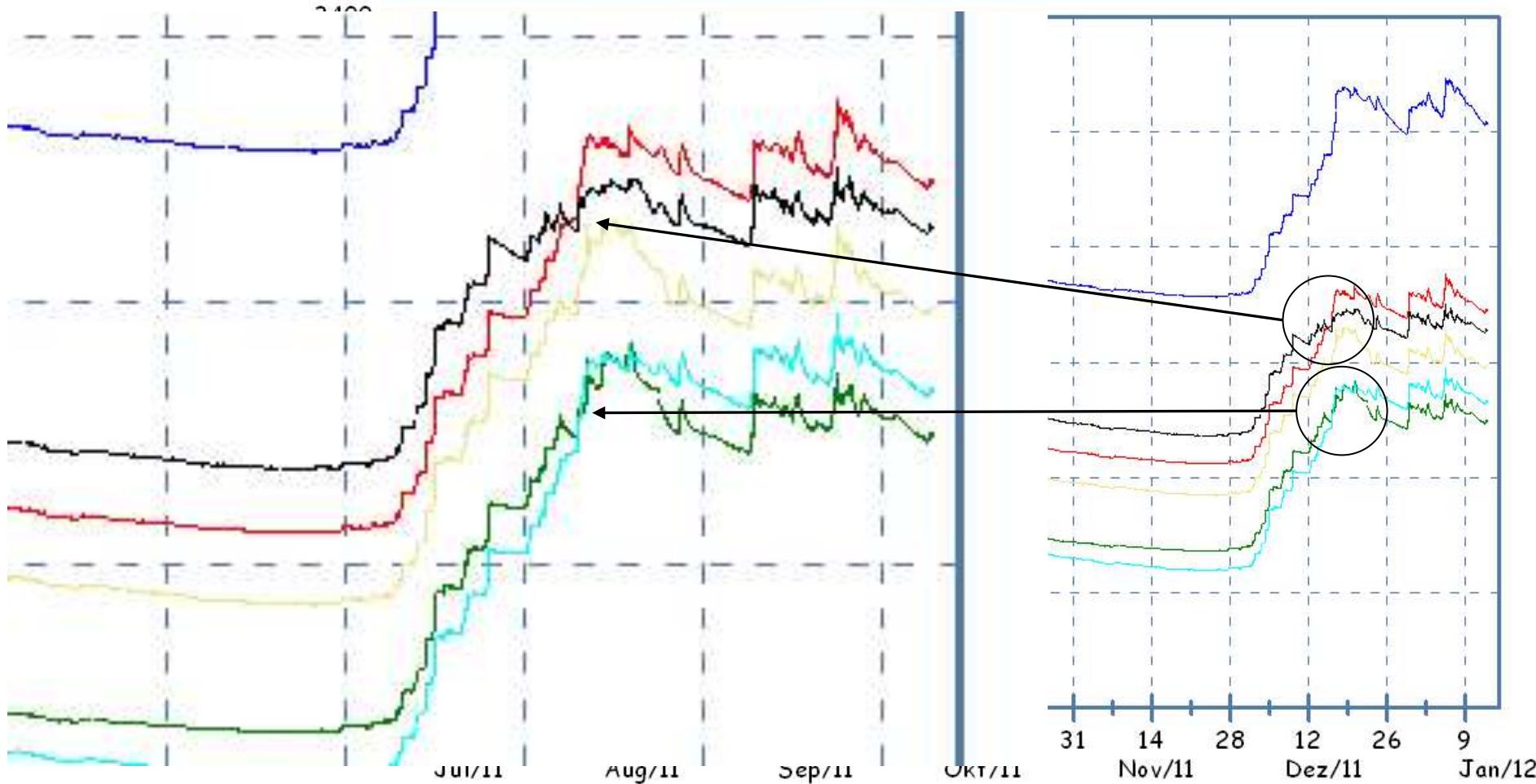


# Lysimeter Weight of the Rollesbroich Station



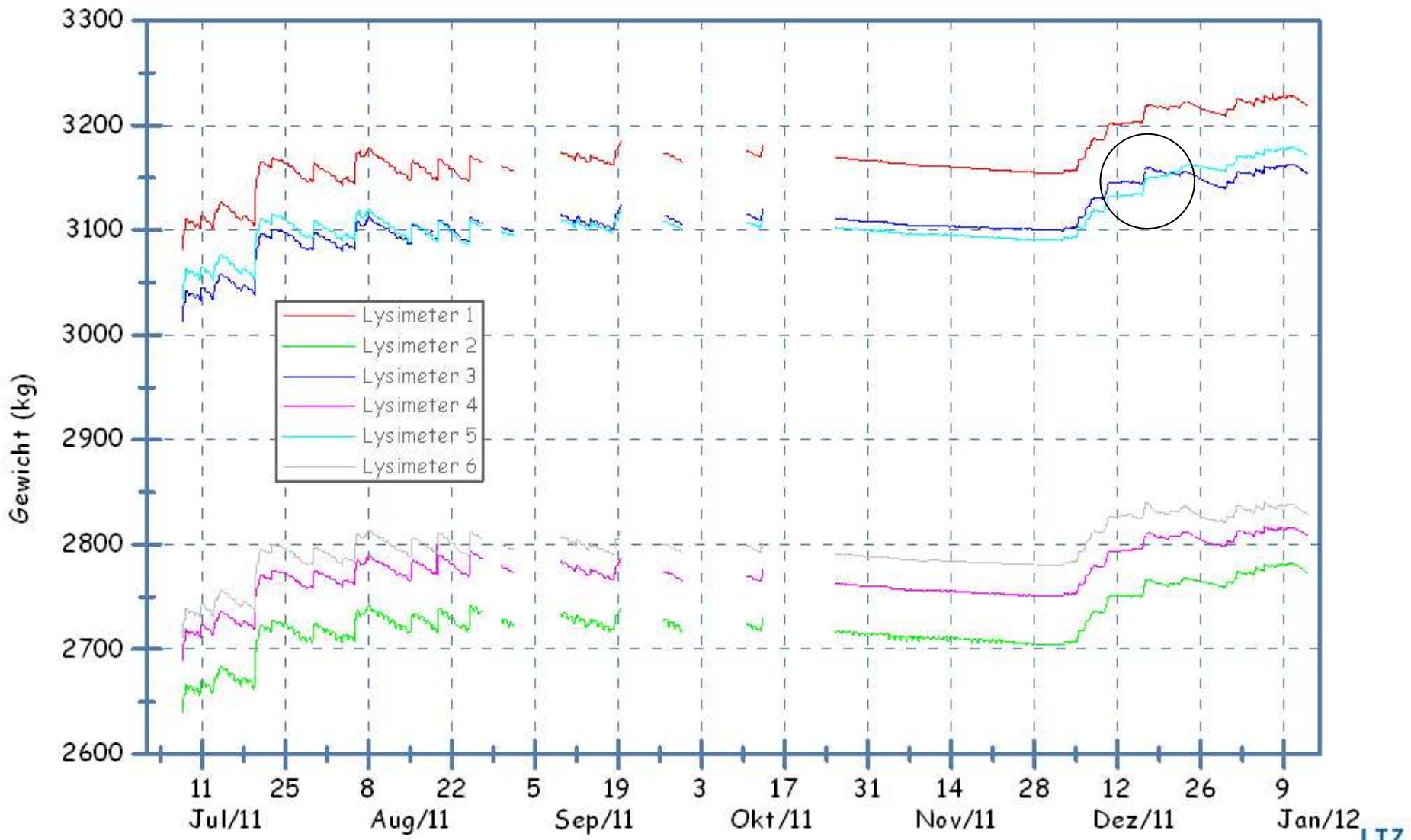


# Control Problems of the Lower Boundary



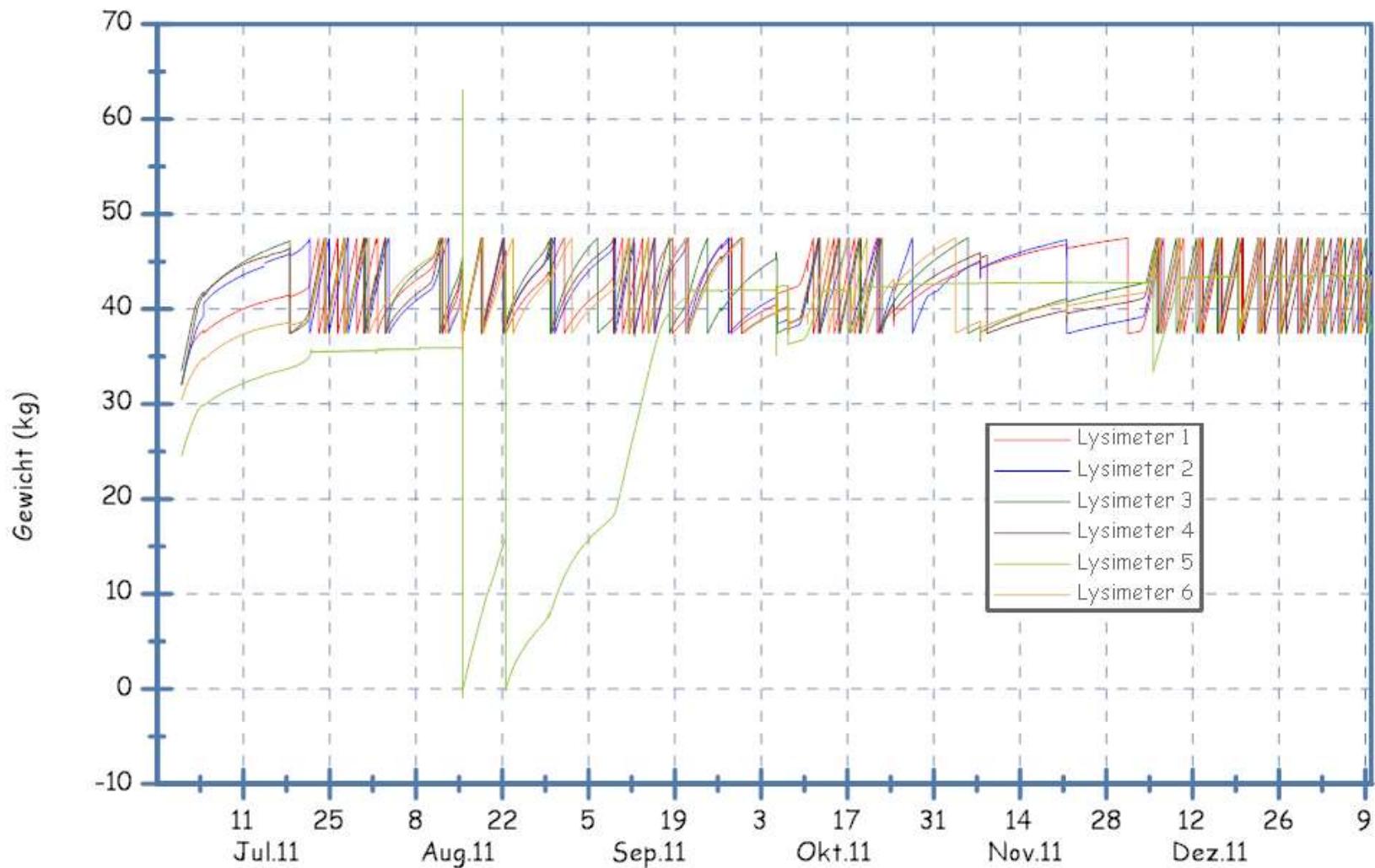


# Lysimeter Weight of the Scheyern Station



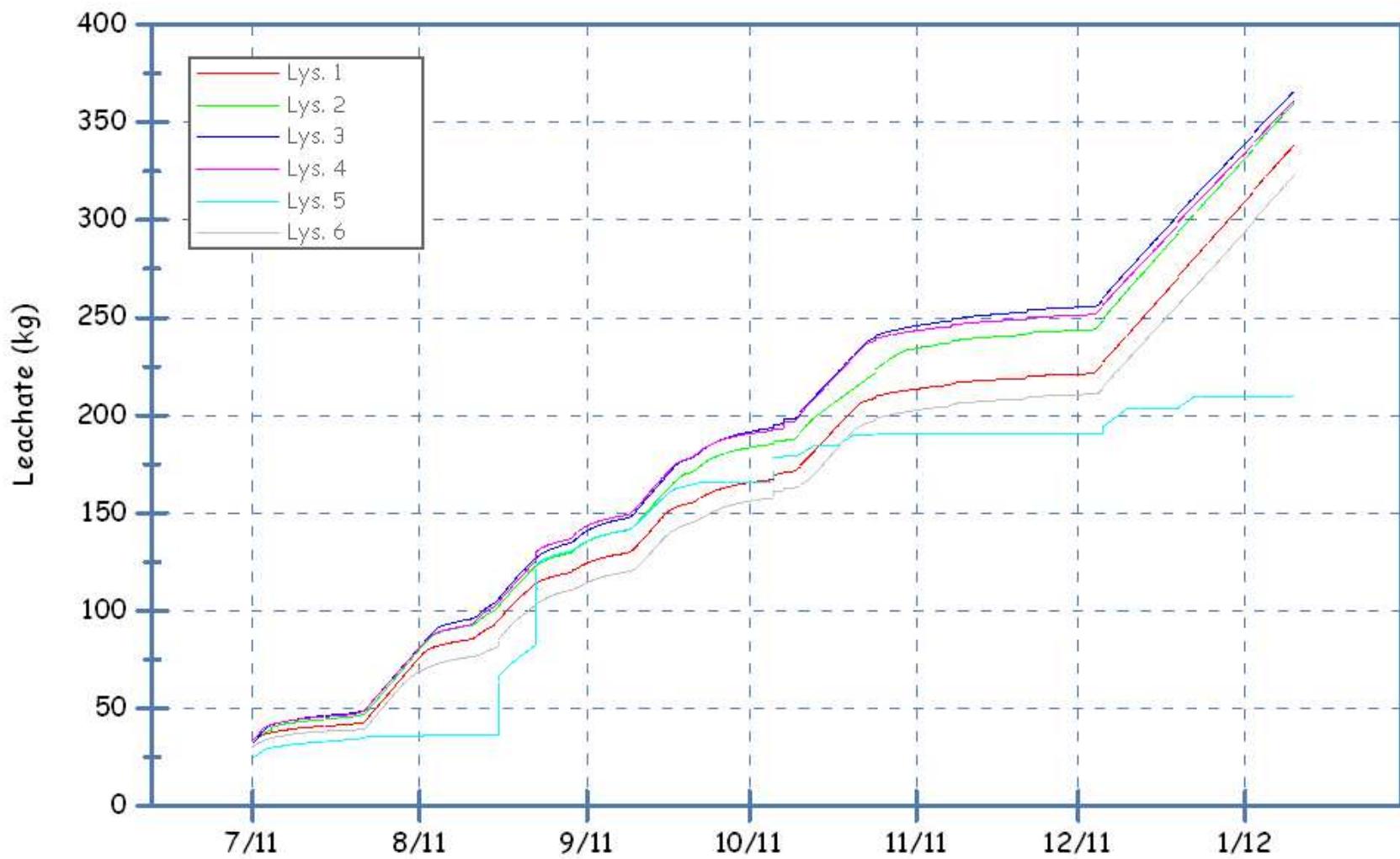


# Leachate Weight of Wüstebach Station



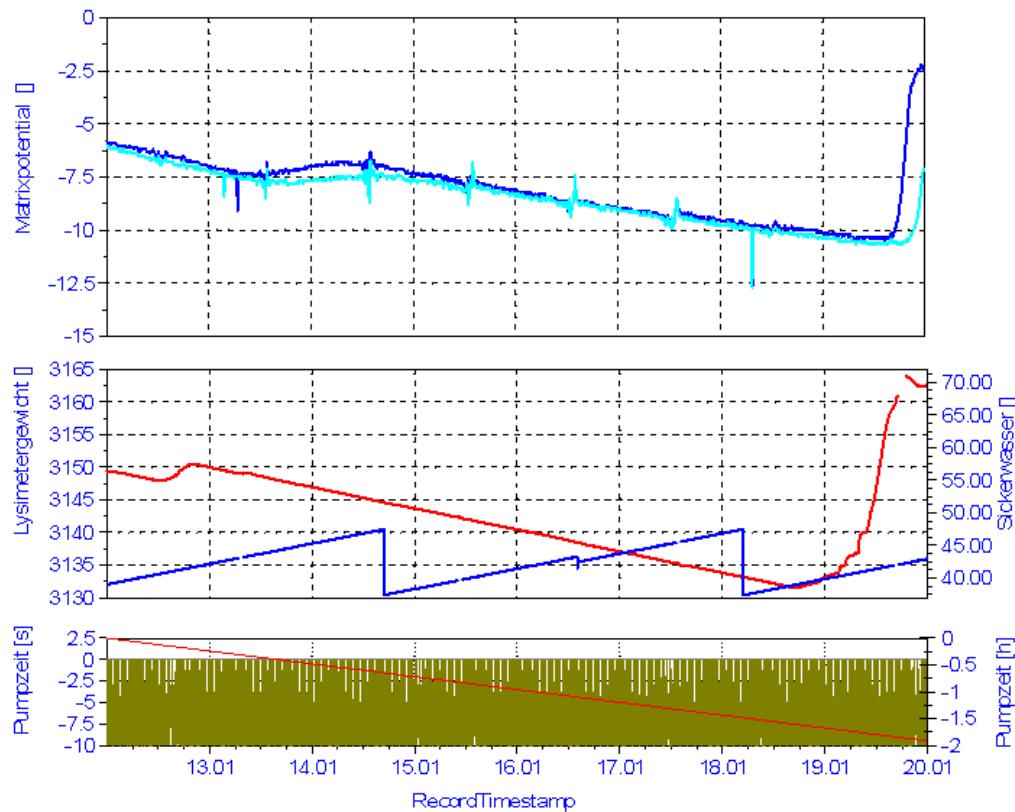


# Leachate Weight of Wüstebach Station





# Lower Boundary Lysimeter 1 (Wüstebach Station)



Lysimeterherkunft: Wüstebach

Job / Lysimeterstandort: WU-V103

Herkunftsdatei: Wüstebach\_FS1\_7Tage.TDM

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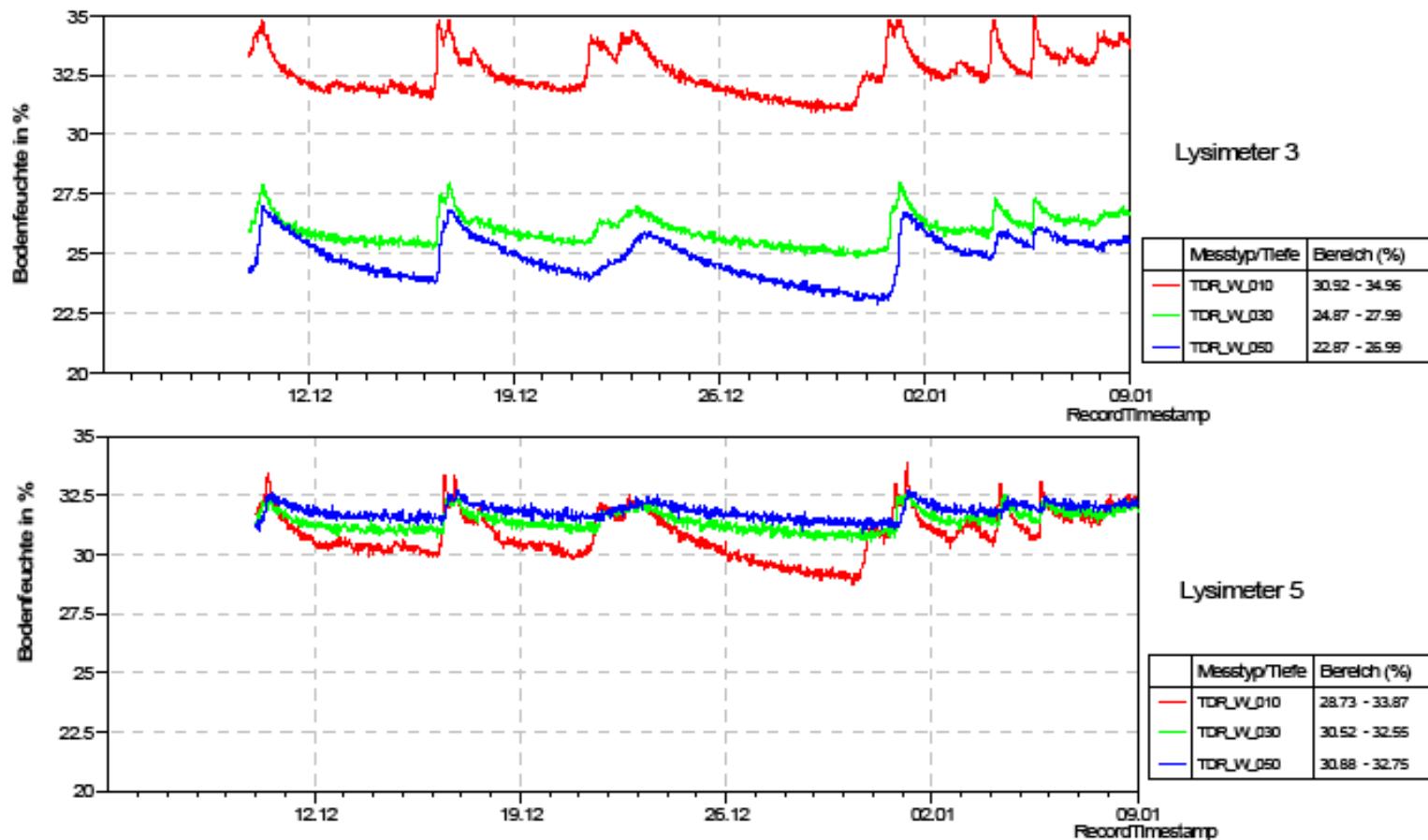
## Balance Measurement - Status

- since October 2010 all balances problems are eliminated
- subsequent installation of bottles for leachate sampling is almost finished
- in progress: control of the lower boundary for lysimeters transferred to other test sites
- in progress: pump intervals of the leachate
- **very important: continuous plausibility check of the data!!!**





# TDR-Messungen



Lysimeterherkunft: Scheyern

Standort: Scheyern

Herkunftsdatei: Scheyern\_30Tage.TDM

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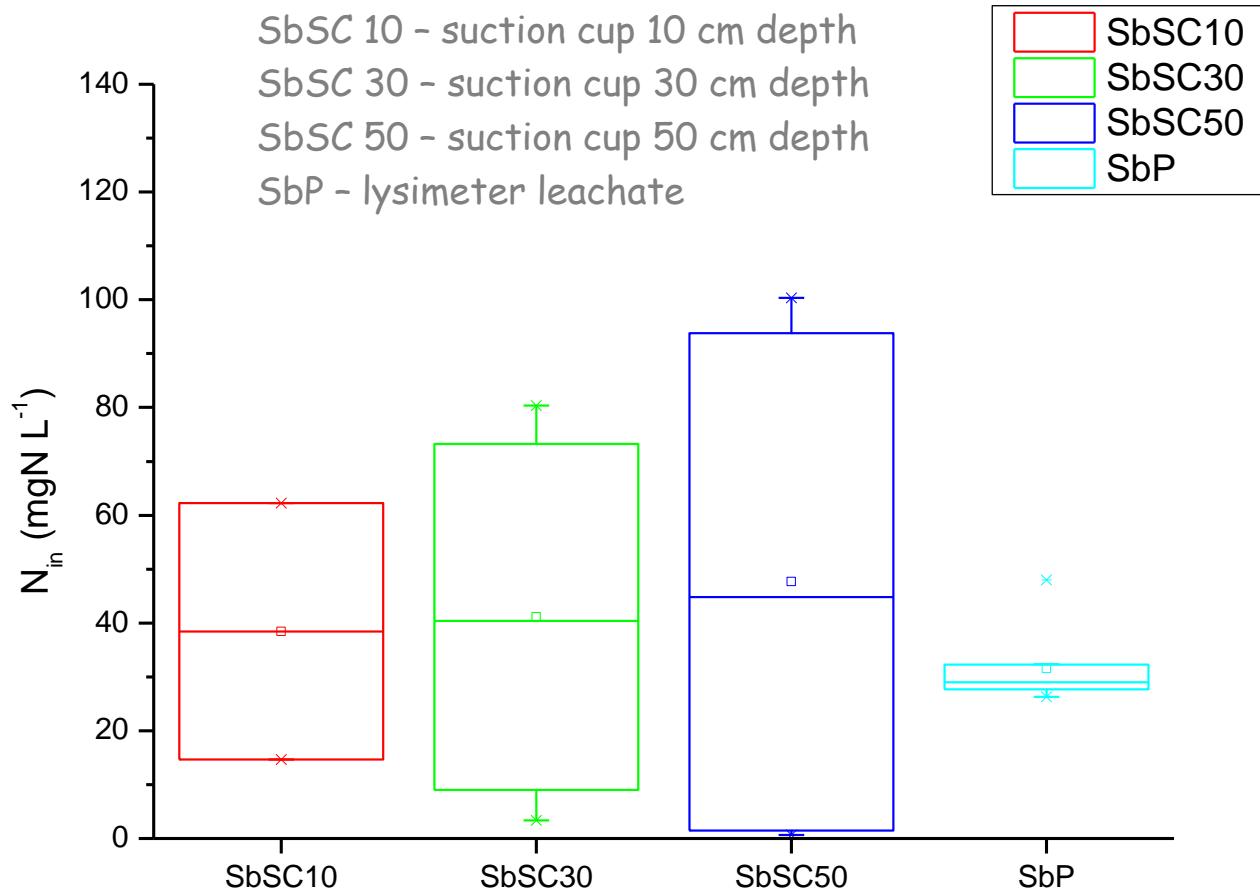


## TDR-Measurement - Status

- Sensor installation: almost all sensors of UFZ-sites show good raw data signals
  - Garmisch soil very clayey, this results a larger noise of the water content (main problem of the TDR-analysis)
  - singular, direct measurement of the raw data signals (traces) for all SoilCan sites for verification of the logged signals is recommended
  - periodic measurements of control traces via data logger (e.g. 14-day)
- at few test site problems in the measurement chain: multiplexer → TDR-device → data logger (e.g. Selhausen)
- in progress: optimization of the analysis of raw data signals → absolute volumetric water content
- **very important: continuous plausibility check of the data!!!**

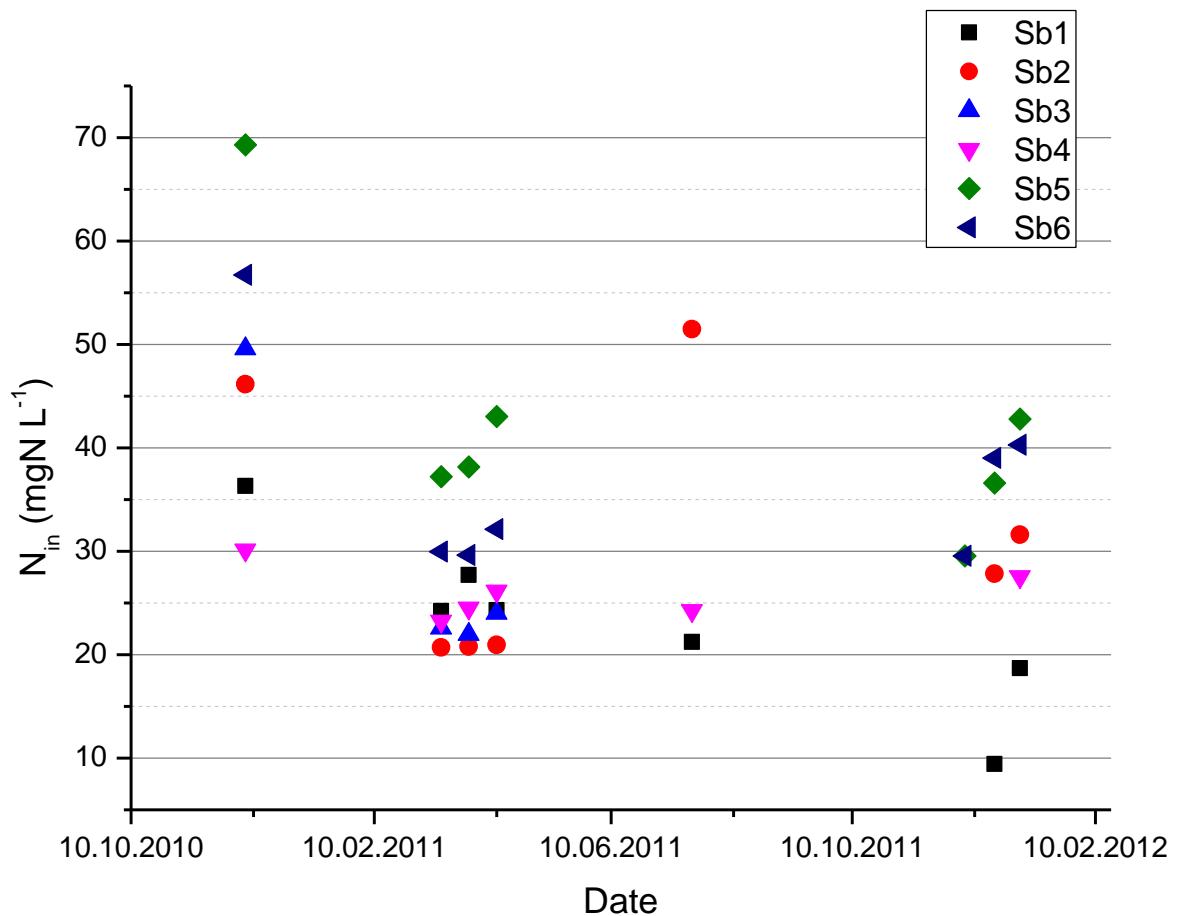


# Concentration of Inorganic Nitrogen ( $N_{in}$ ) in suction cup seepage and lysimeter leachate, site Sauerbach (Sb)





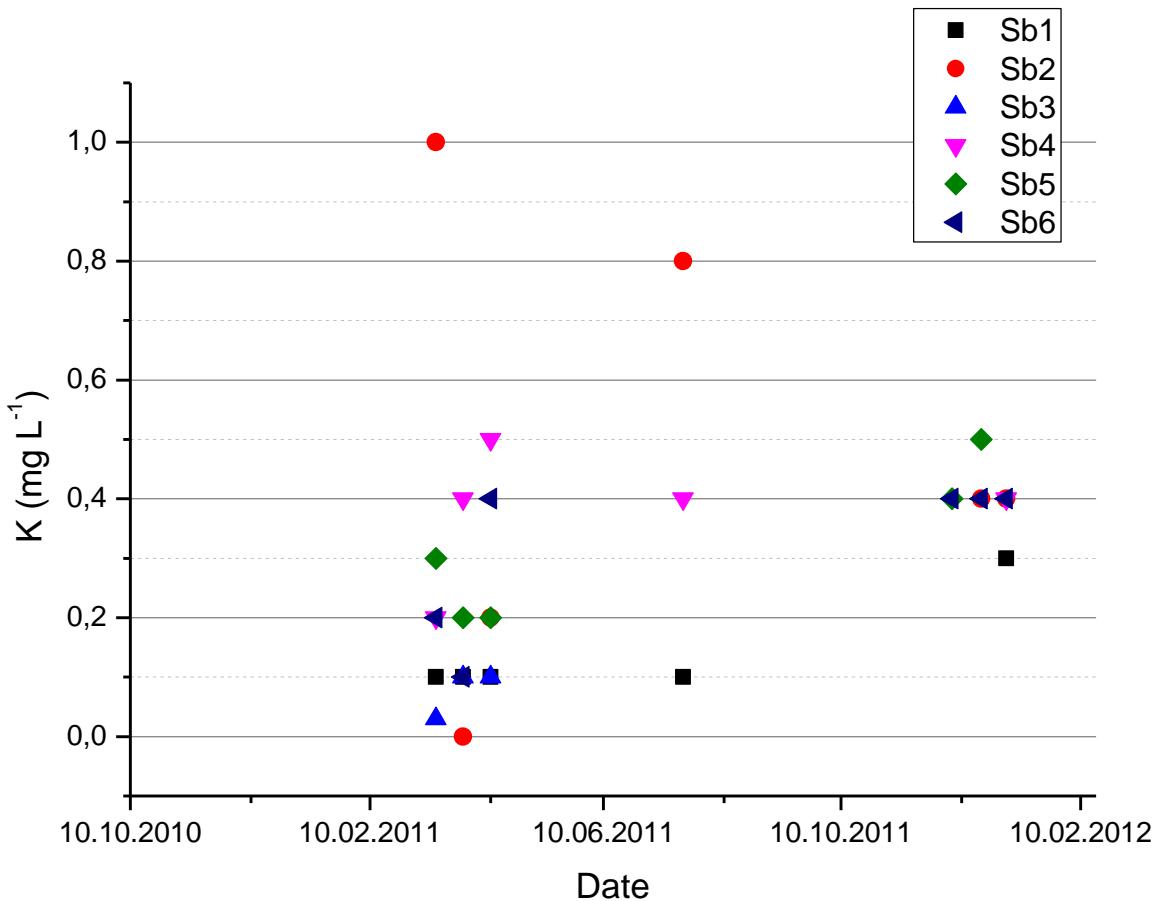
# Concentration of Inorganic Nitrogen ( $N_{in}$ ) in Lysimeter Leachate, Site Sauerbach (Sb)



Sb1 - Sauerbach lysimeter 1  
Sb2 - Sauerbach lysimeter 2  
Sb3 - Sauerbach lysimeter 3  
Sb4 - Sauerbach lysimeter 4  
Sb5 - Sauerbach lysimeter 5  
Sb6 - Sauerbach lysimeter 6



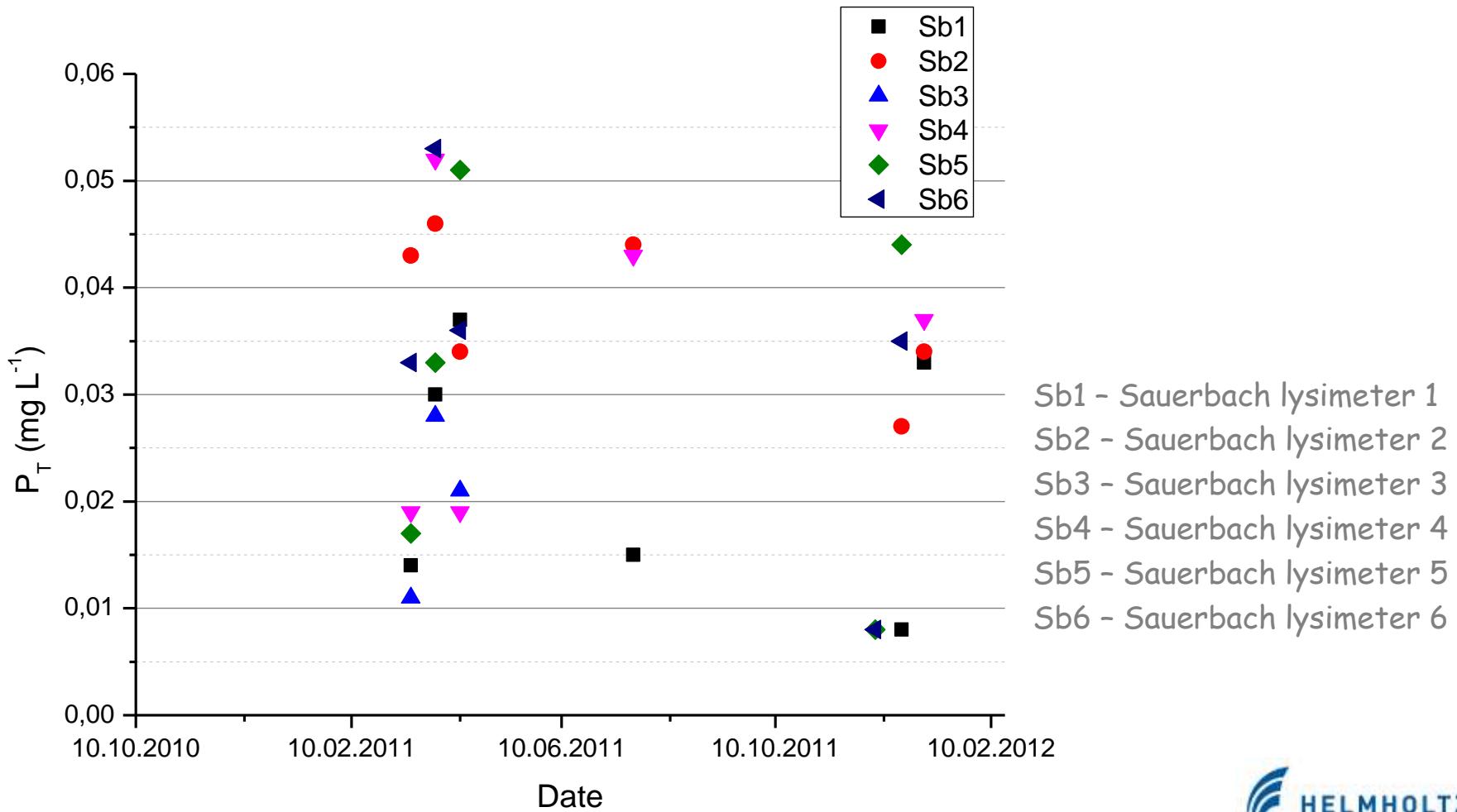
# Potassium (K) Concentration in Lysimeter Effluent, Site Sauerbach (Sb)



Sb1 - Sauerbach lysimeter 1  
Sb2 - Sauerbach lysimeter 2  
Sb3 - Sauerbach lysimeter 3  
Sb4 - Sauerbach lysimeter 4  
Sb5 - Sauerbach lysimeter 5  
Sb6 - Sauerbach lysimeter 6



# Total Phosphorus ( $P_T$ ) Concentration in Lysimeter Leachate, Site Sauerbach (Sb)





## Outlook

- Detailed documentation of:
  - Soil identification and characterization
  - Physical and chemical soil parameters
  - Botanical / vegetation acquisition
- Evaluation of TDR-systems, tensiometer, lysimeter balances
- Evaluation of the control of the lower boundary
- Measurement of the soil solution and leachate in reference to our agreement
- Tracer experiment on all lysimeters to check their functionality and characterize the water balance
- Data management
- Start of the monitoring/experimental program



# Test Site Selhausen (l) & Soil Respiration Chamber (r)



