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# ***Determining the Amount of Sediment Transport of Mojen River by Artificial Neural Network and Mathematical Methods***

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# Introduction:

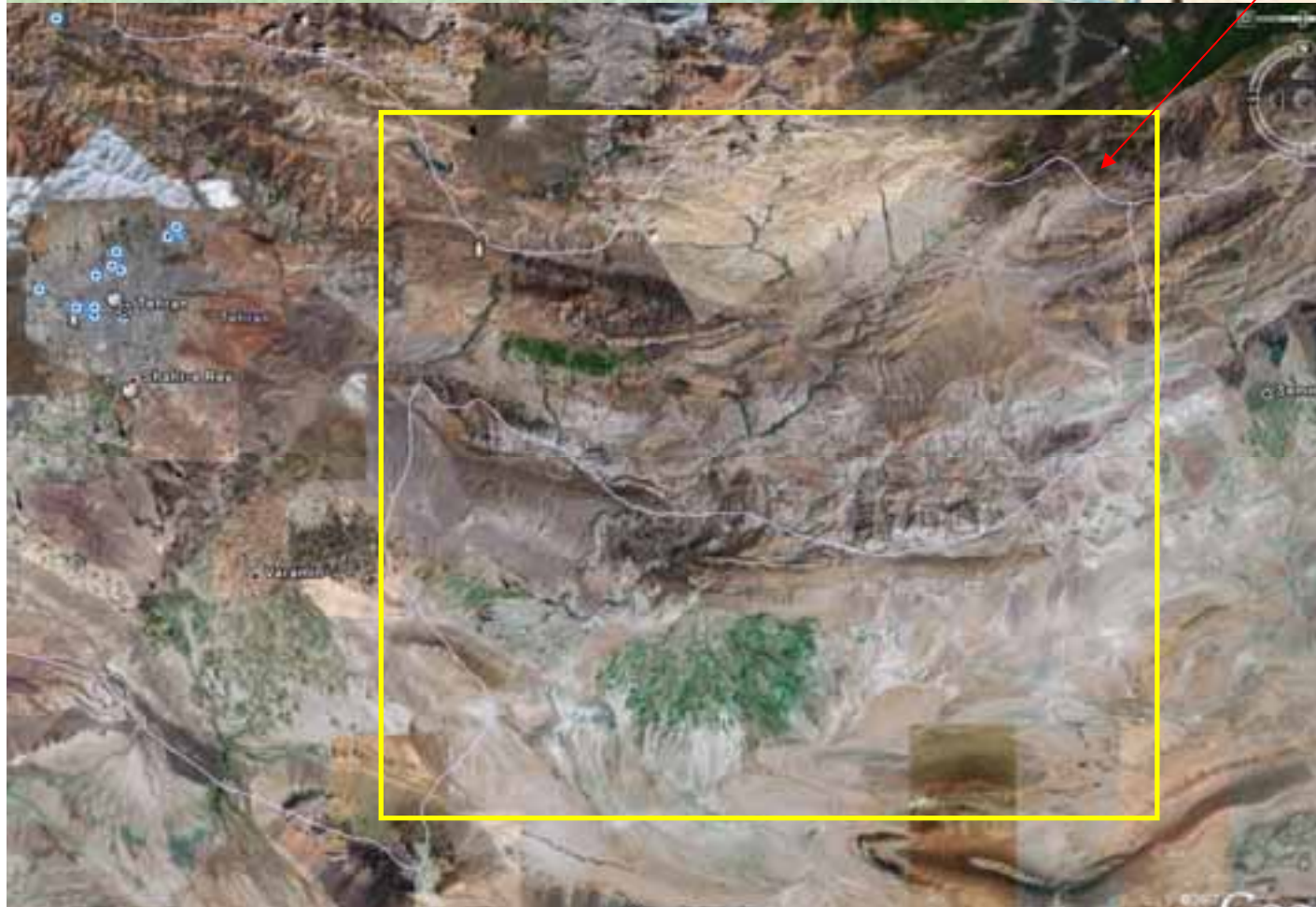
- *Accurate estimation of river load is one of the important issues in river engineering, water resources and environmental issues.*
- *Many researchers have been tried to use laboratory and field experiments for this purpose.*
- *Most of the proposed methods include complex parameters and mathematical formula.*
- *In recent years, neural solutions have been suggested for many hydrologic systems*

- **Capability of the method to relate inputs and output with acceptable error bands seems on the great advantages to use in hydrological simulation**
- **One of the most useful methods to cope with the nonlinearity of system is artificial neural networks(ANNs).**
- **Fuzzy logic is a superset of conventional (Boolean) logic that has been extended to handle the concept of partial truth—truth values between ‘completely true’ and ‘completely false’.**
- **Fuzzy logic has emerged as a profitable tool for the control of complex processes and systems. It is used for processes that have no simple mathematical model, for highly non-linear processes.**

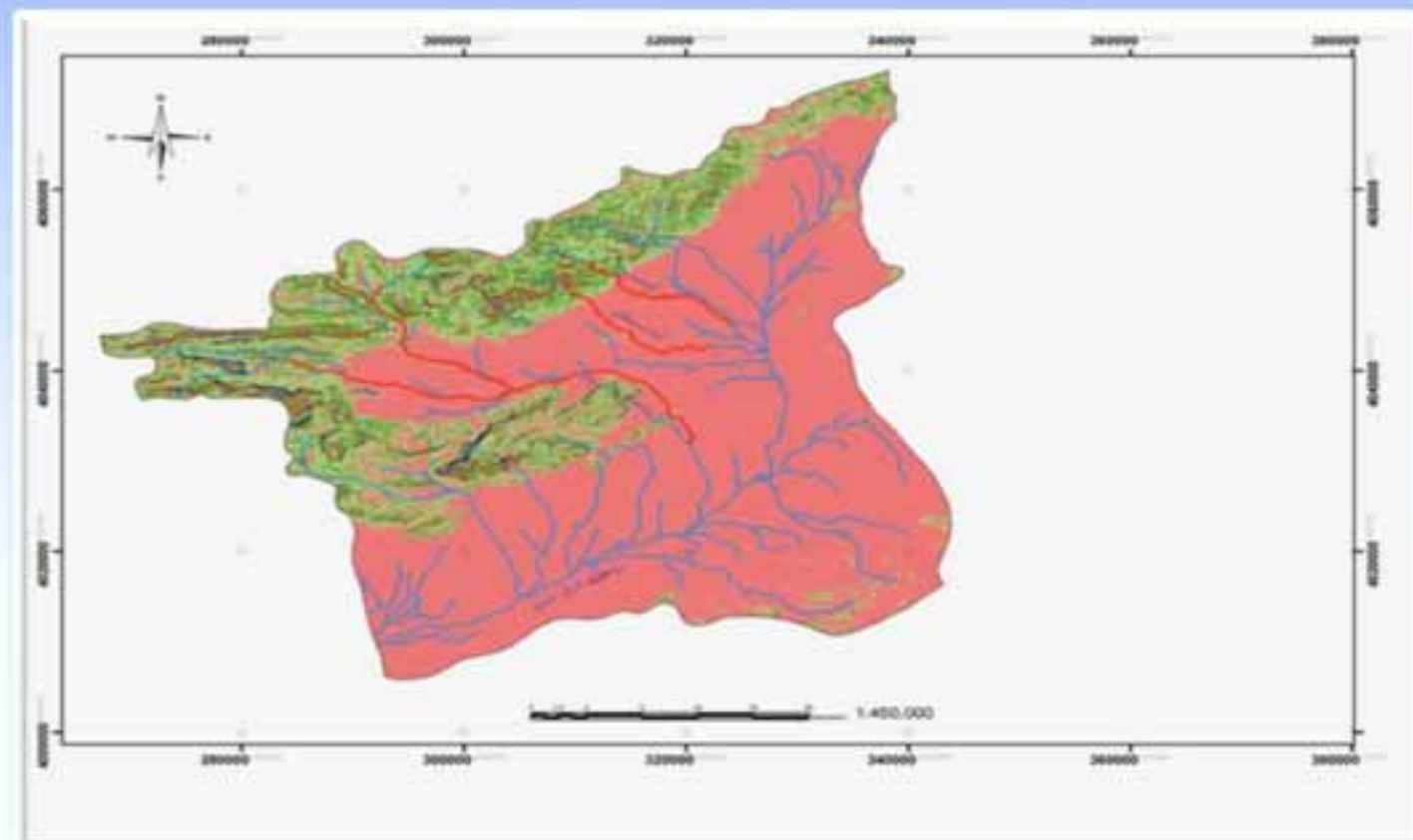
# Objective

- **The purpose of current research is to investigate the capability and accuracy of ANFIS and some mathematical methods for estimating river sediment load in Mojen River Basin. This region was selected because climatic factors are not the only responsible factors for sediment and river flow variation.**
- **Therefore ANFIS can reflect the impacts of human activities and climatic factors on sediment load in this river.**

# *Study Region*



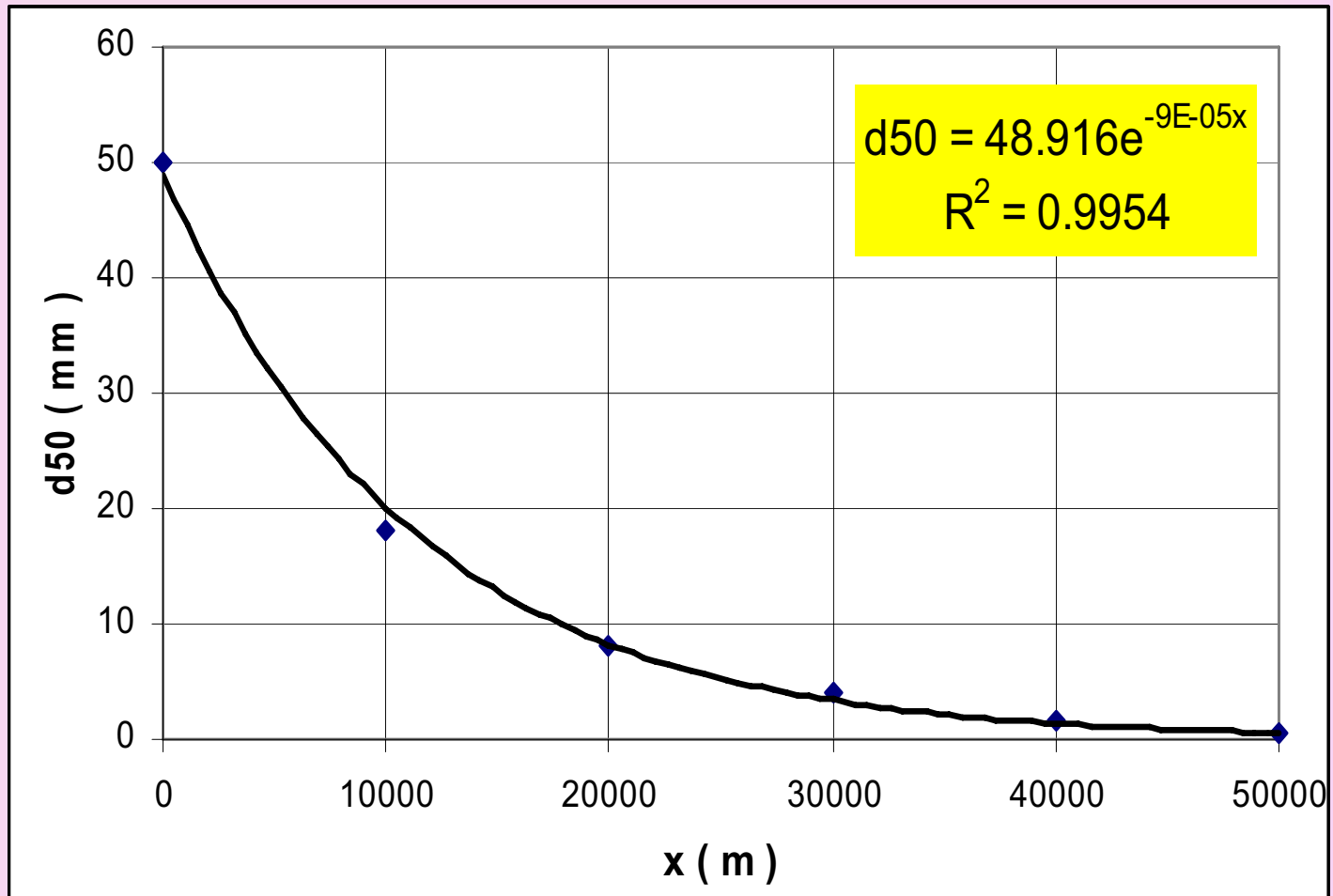
Mojen River Basin is located in north central Iran in Semnan province. The climate is relatively cold in the uplands while dry and cold in the outlet. Long term data set including daily discharge, sediment discharge or concentration of gauging station was used in the research.











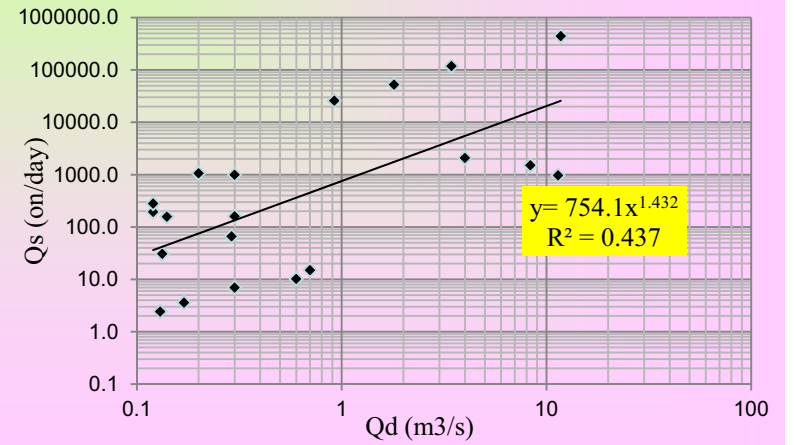
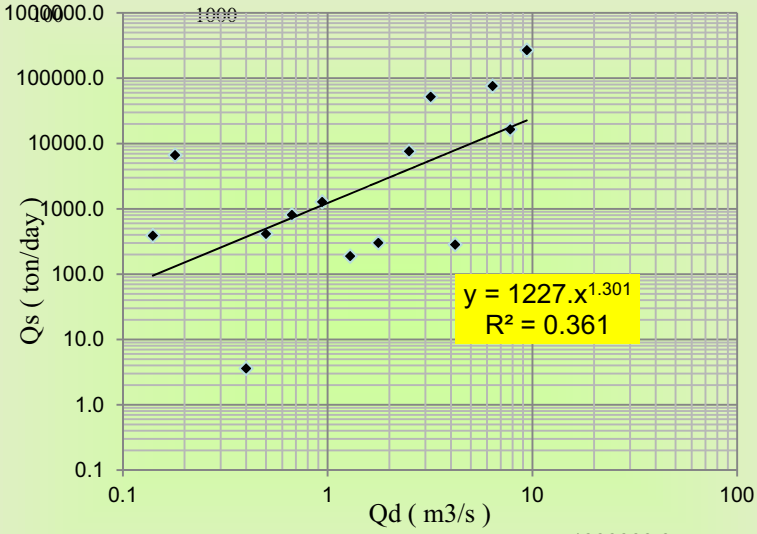
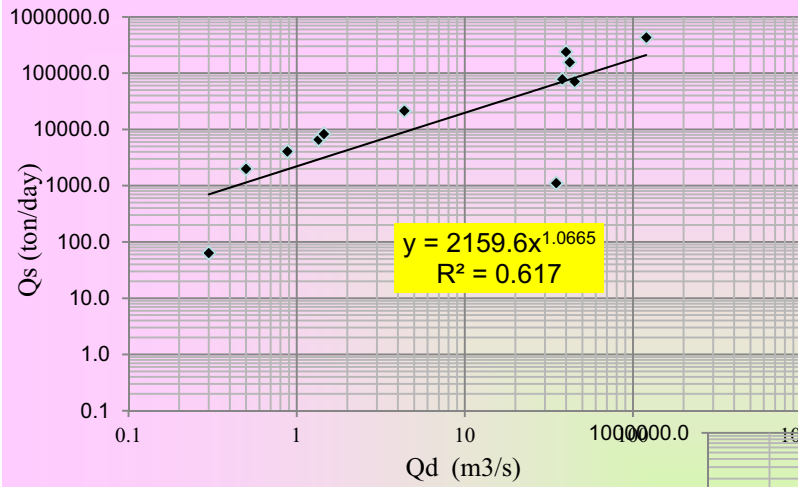
**Some field methods such as MPM (Meier-Peter- •  
Muller), Shockleagu and Yang equations were also  
used for estimating river sediment.**

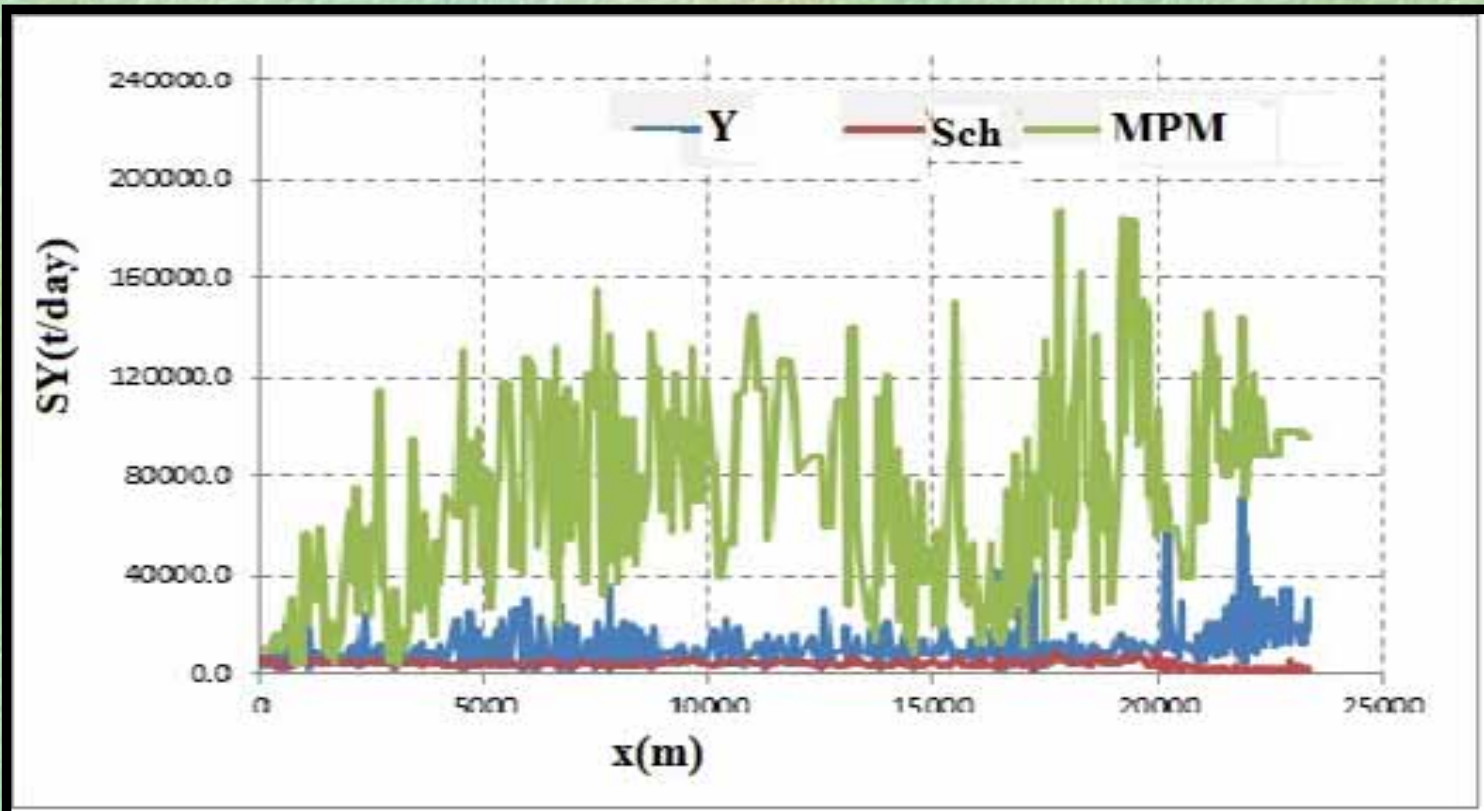
$$\frac{q_{sb}}{[g(G_s - 1)D^3]^{0.5}} = 8 [(\mu)^{1.5} F_s - 0.047]^{1.5}$$

$$q_{sb} = \frac{2.5}{G_s} S^{1.5} (q - q_c)$$

$$q_c = 0.26(G_s - 1)^{1.67} \frac{D_{40}^{1.5}}{S^{1.167}}$$

$$\log C = 5.435 - 0.286 \log \frac{wD}{\nu} - 0.457 \log \frac{u_*}{w}$$
$$+ ((1.799 - 0.409 \log \frac{wD}{\nu} - 0.314 \log \frac{u_*}{w}) \log(\frac{V \cdot S}{w} - \frac{V_{cr} \cdot S}{w}))$$





# *Why ANFIS????*

- *Adaptive Network-based Fuzzy Inference System (ANFIS) allows the fuzzy systems to learn the parameters adaptively.*
- *By using a hybrid learning algorithm, the ANFIS can construct an input-output mapping based on both human knowledge and numerical data.*
- *The result is compared with other different algorithms. And comparing the above mentioned methods, the ANFIS algorithm gives the most accurate prediction result at the expense of the highest computation cost.*

## ✓ *ANFIS Model Construction in the Study Region:*

By examining the input data, the relatively inaccurate data were removed from calculations. Table 1 shows some statistical features of the data.

**Table 1. A summary of some statistical characteristics of the data.**

<b>Sediment Discharge (m<sup>3</sup>/ s)</b>	<b>Flow discharge (m<sup>3</sup>/ s)</b>	<b>Parameter</b>
<b>12.27</b>	29.19	<b>Max.</b>
<b>2.7</b>	5.5	<b>Min.</b>
<b>8.99</b>	12.85	<b>Mean</b>
<b>24.77</b>	<b>9.08</b>	<b>S.D.</b>

- ✓ *The data were divided into two groups including training group (80% of data) and testing group with remaining 20% of data.*
- ✓ *Then analysis were conducted based on premise and consequent parameters to find out the most appropriate model which optimize membership function better than other models.*



**Finally three approaches including ANN, ANFIS and regression method were tested using the 20% remaining data based on the following statistical indices.**

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Q_{si} - \tilde{Q}_s)^2}$$

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Q_{si} - \tilde{Q}_s)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (Q_{Si} - \tilde{Q}_s)}$$

$$MAE = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |Q_o - Q_e|}{n}$$

# ➤ Results

**The results of optimized ANFIS and ANN techniques for the study region are shown in Tables 2 and 3.**

**Table 2. Characteristics of the selected ANFIS model in the region**

<b>Number of Mfs</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Epoch</b>	<b>210</b>
<b>Mf Type</b>	<b>Gbell Mf</b>
<b>Optimum Method</b>	<b>Back propagation</b>
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**Table 3. Characteristics of the optimized ANN model in the region**

<b>Number of neurons in input layer</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Number of neurons in first hidden layer</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Number of neurons in second hidden layer</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Number of neurons in third hidden layer</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Number of neurons in output layer</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Activation function</b>	<b>Sigmoid</b>
<b>Rate of learning</b>	<b>0.01</b>
<b>Algorithm</b>	<b>Back propagation</b>
<b>Iteration</b>	<b>2500</b>

**Table 4. The result of statistical comparison between methods**

<b>Model</b>	<b>RMSE</b>	<b>MAE</b>	<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>ANFIS</b>	<b>30.45</b>	<b>21.97</b>	<b>0.978</b>
<b>ANN</b>	<b>51.3</b>	<b>31.16</b>	<b>0.96</b>
<b>MR</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>52.85</b>	<b>0.81</b>

# **□ Conclusion**

**A**pplication of methods such as Artificial Neural Networks and Fuzzy Logic for modeling nonlinear and uncertain systems is considered by hydrologists in recent years.

**N**euro-Fuzzy approach incorporates capabilities of both Artificial Neural Networks and Fuzzy Logic and then reflect more accurate predictions of the system.

**F**urther advantageous of ANFIS is that it does not require trial and error process to find the optimum structure if network but it is needed in ANN technique.

**I**mproved learning for ANFIS learning in this research which used 210 Epoch while in ANN, about 2500 Epoch are needed which shows higher capability if ANFIS approach.

**S**econd order of accuracy of the results provided by ANN compared to regression model.

**ANFIS results were relatively similar to the results provided by MPM approach.**

**HOWEVER, we need more sampling data and gaging site to exactly tell that our results exactly describes the complexity of the sediment delivery process of the rivers.**

***Thank You  
Very Much***

