GAM Stakeholder Training

Groundwater Availability Modeling (GAM) for the Southern Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer

GAM Groundwater Availability Modeling

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Workshop Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Modeling Overview
   - Modeling Protocol and Practice
   - MODFLOW
   - PMWIN
3. Southern GAM Review
   - Technical Overview
   - Data and Model Inputs
4. LUNCH
5. Hands-On Modeling Lab
   - The PMWIN Interface
   - Steady-State Model
   - Transient Model Exercise(s)

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Workshop Goals

- Provide an introduction to groundwater modeling, MODFLOW, and PMWIN
- Review the development of the Southern Carrizo-Wilcox GAM
- Provide information on model input and associated data sources
- Provide insight into the utility and applicability of the GAM

Workshop Expectations

- To gain an appreciation of the expertise required to use the GAM
- To gain an understanding as to the potential applicability of the GAM
- To gain some understanding of the limitations of the GAM
- To acquire the ability to make minor modifications to the model via PMWIN

The GAM Truth

- If you want to run these models – seek professional help
- "It is very easy for me to calculate the positions of Sun, Moon and any planet, but I cannot calculate the positions of water particles as they move through the earth." Galileo

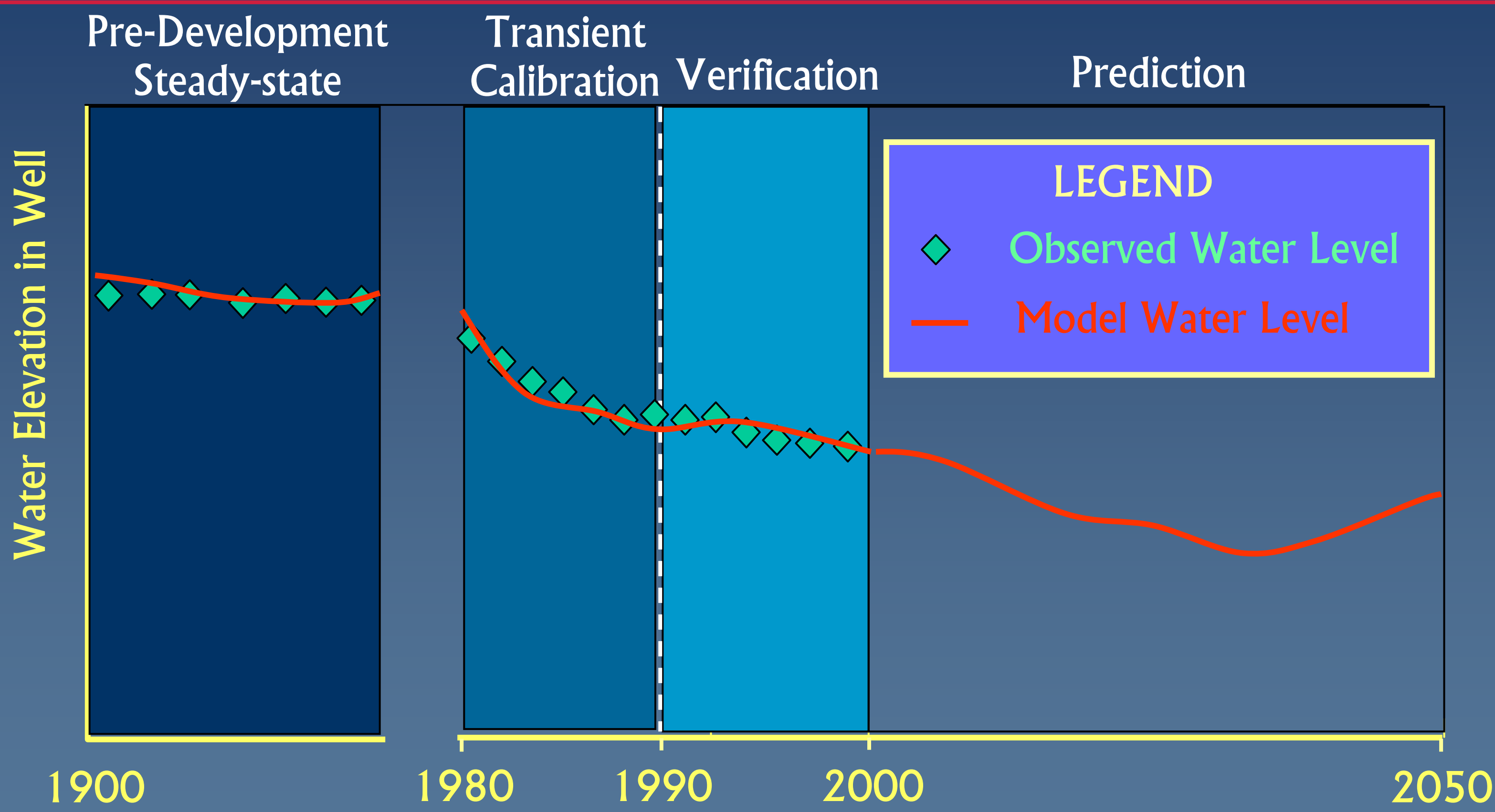
GAM Objectives

- Develop realistic and scientifically accurate GW flow models representing the physical characteristics of the aquifer and incorporating the relevant processes
- The models are designed as tools to help GWCD, RWPGs, and individuals assess groundwater availability
- Stakeholder participation is important to ensure that the model is accepted as a valid model of the aquifer

GAM Model Specifications

- Three dimensional (MODFLOW-96)
- Regional scale (1000's of mi2)
- Grid spacing of 1 square mile
- Include Groundwater/surface water interaction (Stream routing, Prudic 1988)
- Properly implement recharge
- Stress periods as small as 1 month
- Calibrate to within 10% of head drop

GAM Model Periods



Pre-development and transient calibration periods represent different hydrologic conditions

Modeling Overview

- Modeling Protocol & Practice
- MODFLOW
- PMWIN – Processing MODFLOW

Definition of a Model

- Domenico (1972) defined a model as a representation of reality that attempts to explain the behavior of some aspect of it and is always less complex than the system it represents
- Wang & Anderson (1982) defined a model as a tool designed to represent a simplified version of reality

Types of Models

Banks (1993) defines two types of models

1. Consolidative

   consolidates facts regarding the system into a single model used as a surrogate to the real system

2. Exploratory

   a series of computational experiments to explore cause & effect

Types of Models (cont.)

Bredehoft et al. (1996) further subdivided GW models

1. Data driven exploratory models "history matching"
2. Policy question driven models
3. Conceptually driven models

Historical Perspective

- Modeling of groundwater flow began with Darcy's Law published in 1856.
- Advances in numerical groundwater modeling were driven by the need to solve water supply problems in the 1960's.
- The first numerical model applications occurred around 1964 - 1965
- The first-widely used code was PLASM by Prickett & Lonnquist (1971)

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GW Models in Water Resources

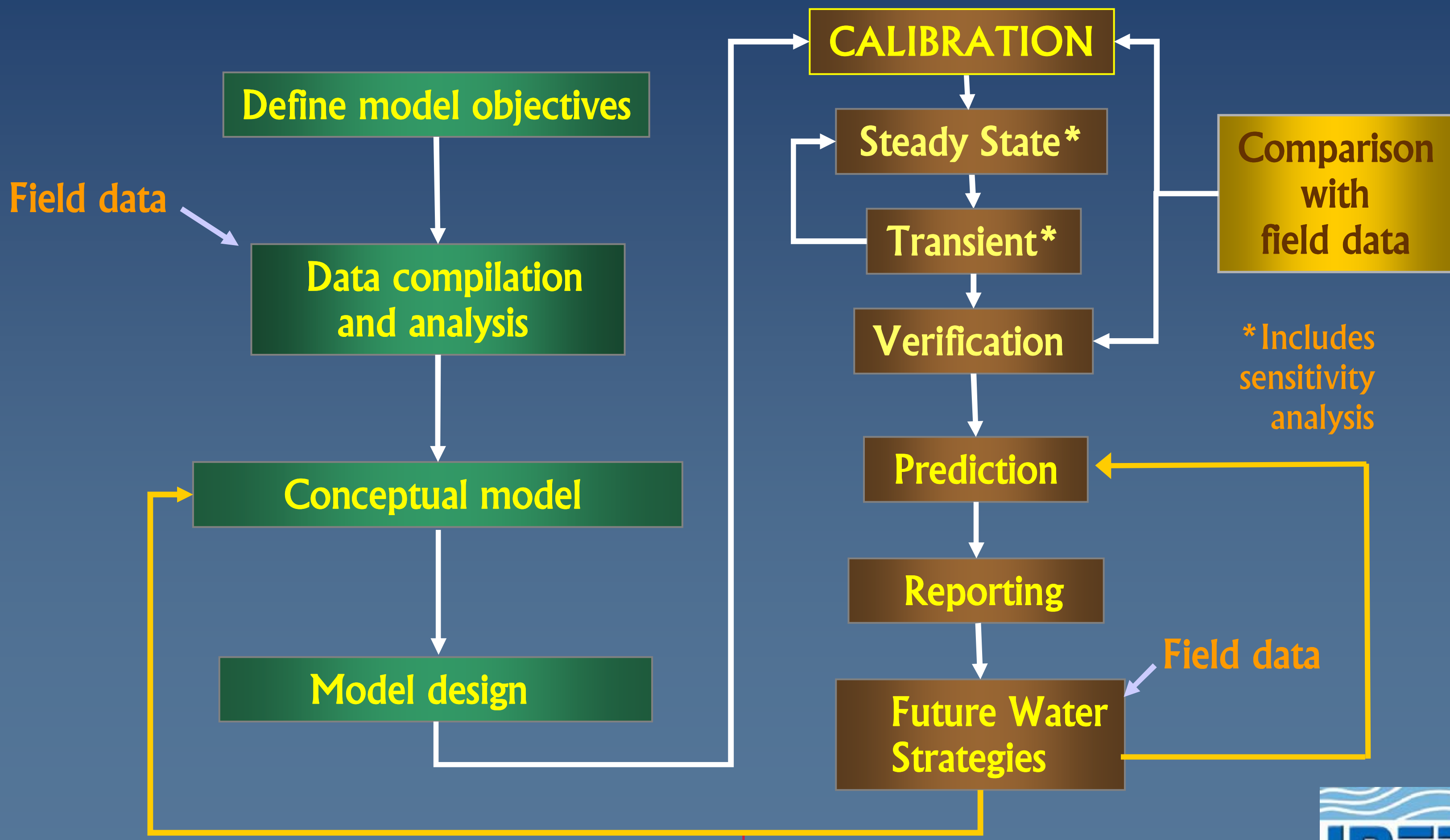
GW Models have been used in water resources in response to 4 basic issues.

- Impact on neighboring resources
- Conjunctive use issues (SW-GW)
- GW mining & resource depletion on practical time scales (regional resource issues)
- Water quality issues

GW Models in Water Resources

- Regional-scale models typically are used to address management as an institutional issue
- Local-scale models typically are used to address management as an operational issue

Modeling Protocol



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Modeling References

- Anderson & Woessner "Applied GW Modeling"
- ASTM D5447 "Standard Guide for Application of a Ground-Water Model to a Site-Specific Problem"
- "Fundamentals of Ground-Water Modeling", U.S. EPA
- Faust & Mercer: "GW Modeling: Numerical Models"
- Mercer & Faust: "GW Modeling: An Overview"

Conceptual Model

- Identify relevant processes and physical elements controlling GW flow in the aquifer:
  - Geologic Framework
  - Hydrologic Framework
  - Hydraulic Properties
  - Sources & Sinks (Water Budget)
- Determine Data Deficiencies
- Conceptual model dictates how you translate "real world" to Mathematical Model

To be Considered in Code Selection

- Simulates Relevant Physical/Chemical Processes
- Public-Domain vs. Proprietary
- Thorough Testing for Intended Use
- Complete Documentation

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Model Design

- Translate Conceptual Model to Mathematical Counterparts
- Procedure
  - Grid Design (Numerical)
  - Define Hydraulic Properties
  - Boundary & Initial Conditions

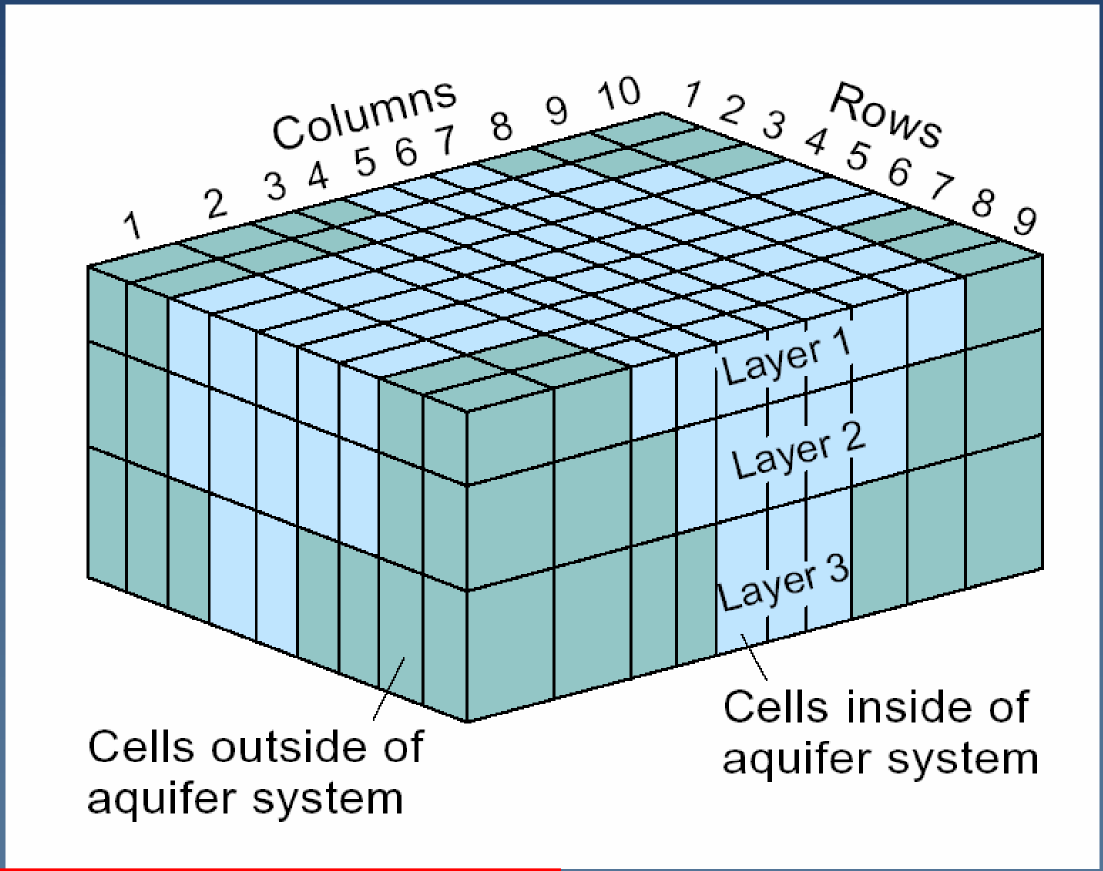
Grid Design – Typical Drivers

- Dimensionality (1D,2D,3D)
  - Vertical Gradients
  - Multiple Aquifers
  - Partially Penetrating Wells
- Number of Nodes
  - Run Time
  - Computer Memory
- Regular vs. Irregular Node Spacings
  - Design Time
  - Accuracy in Areas of Interest

Grid Design – When to use a Regular (constant dimension) Grid

- Regional Studies (e.g. USGS RASA, GAM)
- Preliminary Analyses
- Models Where Area of Interest May Change
- High Resolution Models Where Memory is Not a Concern
- GAM grid defined to be 1 mile square

Model Grid Example



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Model Inputs

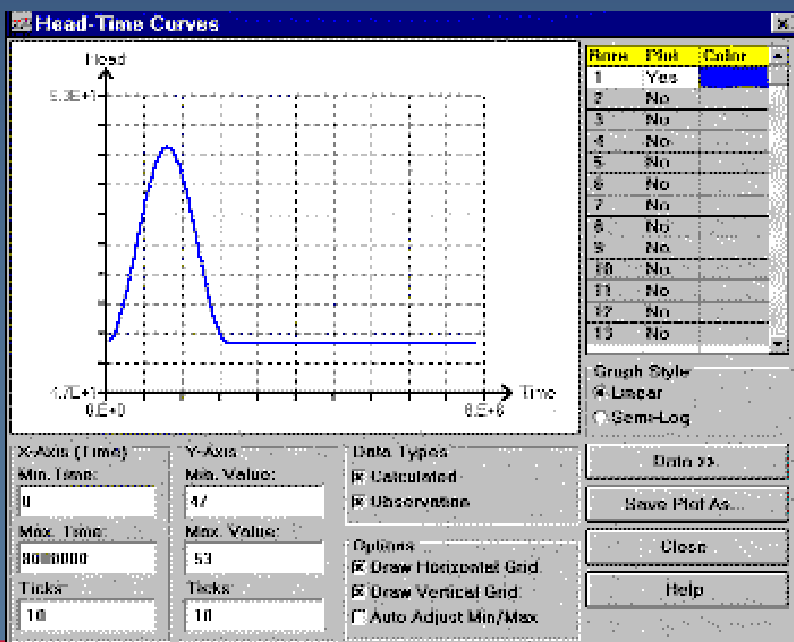
- Hydrostratigraphic Surfaces for each Layer
- Hydraulic Properties:
  - Sand Thickness
  - Hydraulic Conductivity
  - Storativity (transient)
- Hydraulic heads
- Recharge
- Stream Flow (headwater flows, initial C)
- Pumpage

Boundary Conditions

- Boundary Condition is a constraint put on the active grid to characterize interaction between the modeled area and its environment
- Types:
  - Specified Head (Dirichlet – Type 1)
  - Specified Flux (Neumann – Type 2)
  - Head-Dependent Flux or Mixed (Cauchy- Type 3)
- Determination:
  - Based on Natural Hydrogeologic Boundaries
  - Analyze Impact of Artificial Boundaries

Boundary Conditions

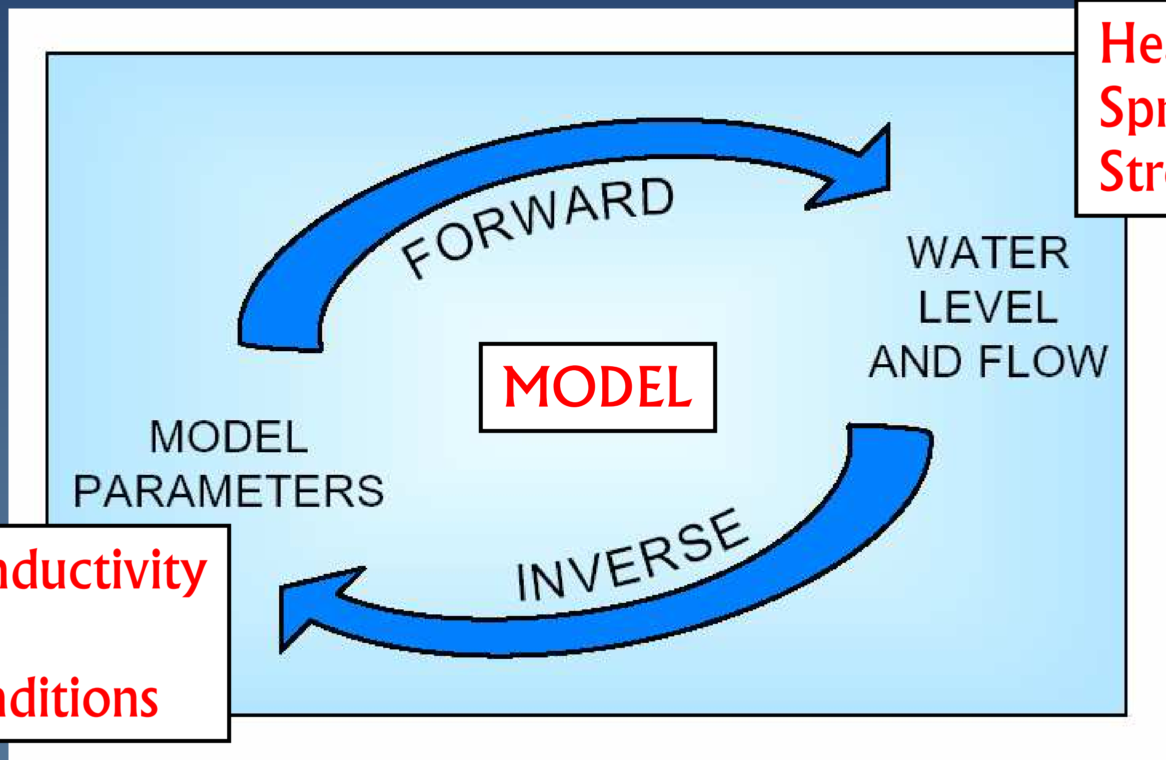
- Boundary conditions may be static or transient



- Recharge or wells – Specified flow
- GHB, Reservoir, Stream – Head dependent flow
- Vertical or lower boundaries – specified flow @ zero = no flow

Modeling Approaches

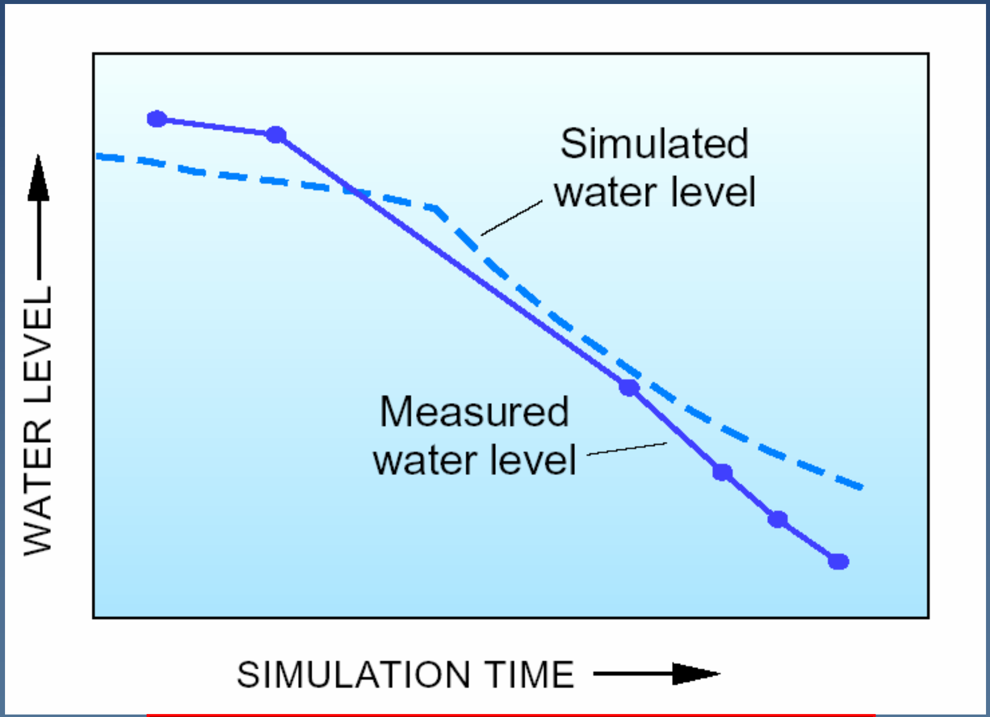
Heads
Spring Flow
Stream Flow



Hydraulic Conductivity
Storativity
Boundary Conditions

Model Calibration

- Process used to produce agreement between observed and simulated data through adjustment of independent variables
- Typical variables adjusted are hydraulic conductivity, storativity, and recharge



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Model Calibration

- Types:
  - Trial-and-Error
  - Automated or inverse
  - Stochastic
- Procedures:
  - Select Calibration Targets
  - Select Calibration Metrics
  - Adjust Boundary Conditions/Properties
  - Analyze Errors

Model Calibration

- Steady-state calibration
  - Assumes that the hydrologic system is static over the time frame of interest
  - Q in = Q out ; No storage effects
- Transient calibration
  - Assumes that dependent variables change with time in response to changing stresses (recharge, pumping, stage, boundaries)

Sensitivity Analysis

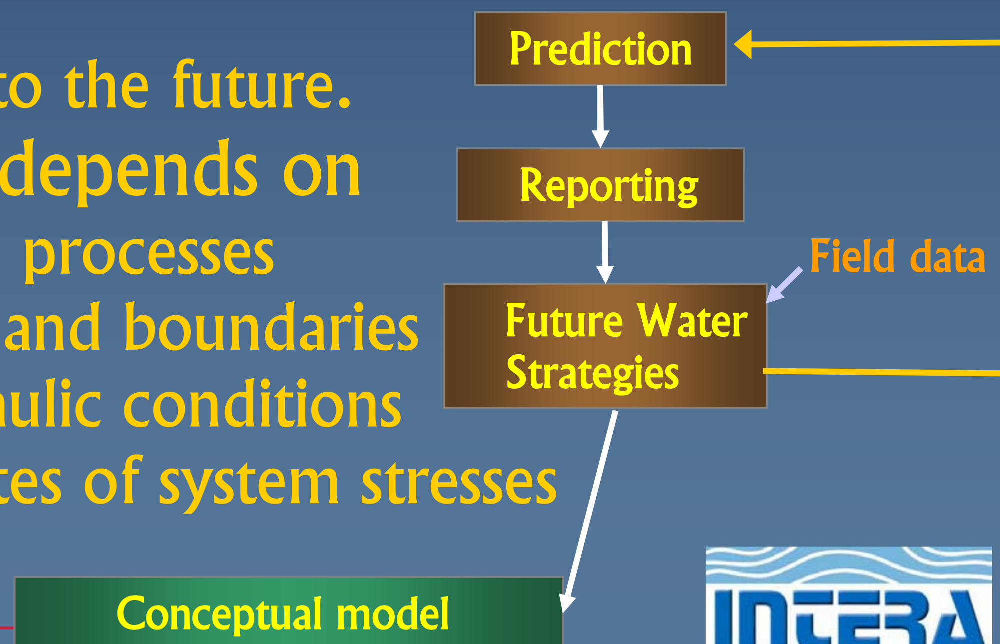
- A sensitivity analysis is a formal means of quantifying the effect of changes in model inputs on model outputs
- Provides a means of identifying parameters which are:
  - Important
  - Correlated
- Most common method is the one-of-method

Verification

- Simulation period where the model is run in a forward mode (ie without adjustment of parameters) to see how the model agrees with observations
- The more variable stresses the better the verification period
- Acceptable verification doesn’t insure accuracy; does enhance model validity

Prediction

- Once the model meets the calibration metrics, it can be used for prediction.
- The basis behind model predictions is the assumption that:
  - The past is the key to the future.
- Predictive accuracy depends on
  - Validity of modeled processes
  - Accuracy of props. and boundaries
  - Knowledge of hydraulic conditions
  - Reliability of estimates of system stresses



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Prediction – Post Audits

- Post-audits have demonstrated that models are moderately reliable and are uncertain
- As approximations to reality, models can, and should, always be improved – (updated)
- A primary value of a model, regardless of the predictive accuracy, is it allows for a disciplined format for the improvement of the understanding of an aquifer (Konikow, 1995)

Calibration Challenges

- Uniqueness of calibration
- Over-Calibration

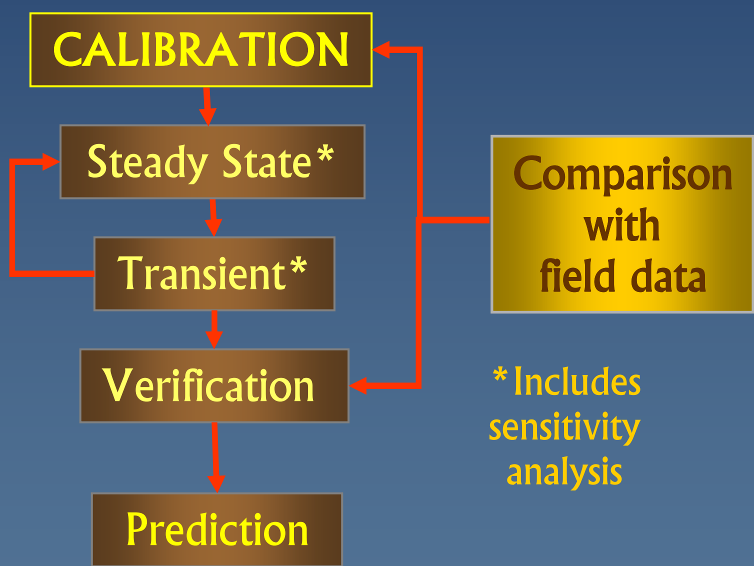
Model Uniqueness (Similarity Solutions)

- Models are inherently non-unique, that is multiple combinations of parameters and stresses can produce similar aquifer conditions.
- The ramification of this is:
  – A good match to observed data does not guarantee an accurate model

Modeling Approach to Deal with Uniqueness

- To reduce the impact of non-uniqueness:
  a) Calibrate to multiple hydrologic conditions
  b) Calibrate with parameters consistent with measured values
  c) Calibrate to multiple performance measures

(a) Calibrate to Multiple Hydrologic Conditions



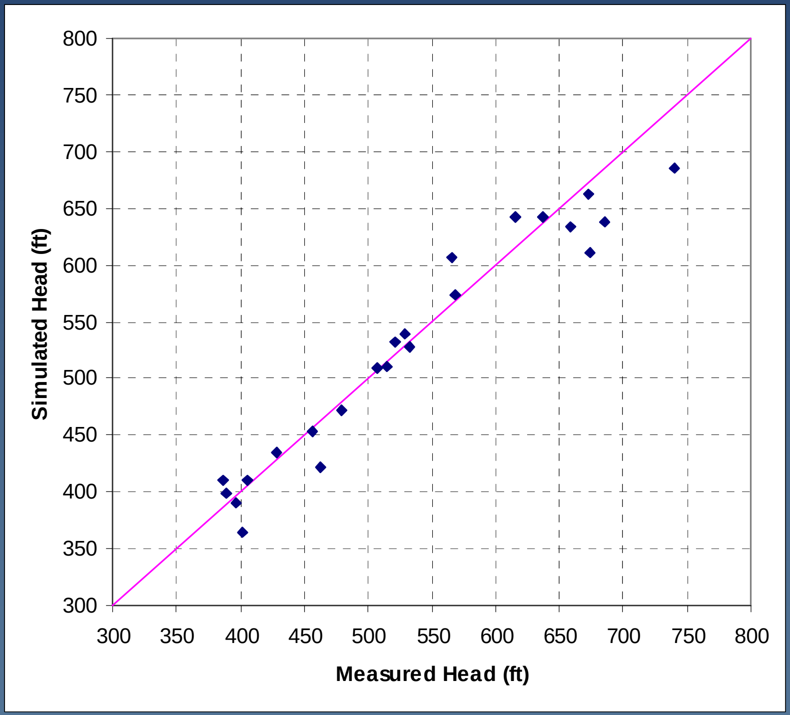
The calibration approach iterates between the steady-state (predevelopment) and the transient calibrations to reach a consistent set of physical parameters that match both sets of observation.

(b) Calibrate with parameters consistent with measured values

- Because of the uniqueness issues, you must consider some parameters known
- On super-regional models such as the GAM, scale issues related to measured data and how they relate to the model is a difficult issue

(c) Calibrate using multiple targets and performance measures

- Heads (SS and transient)
  - Distributions
  - Time series
  - Scatter plots
  - Statistics (RMS, ME)
- Stream aquifer interaction
  - Stream flow rates
  - Gain loss estimates
- Flow balance (qualitative)
- Don't calibrate better than target error (see next slide)



$$RMS = \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(h_m - h_s \right)_i^2 \right]^{0.5}$$

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Over Calibration

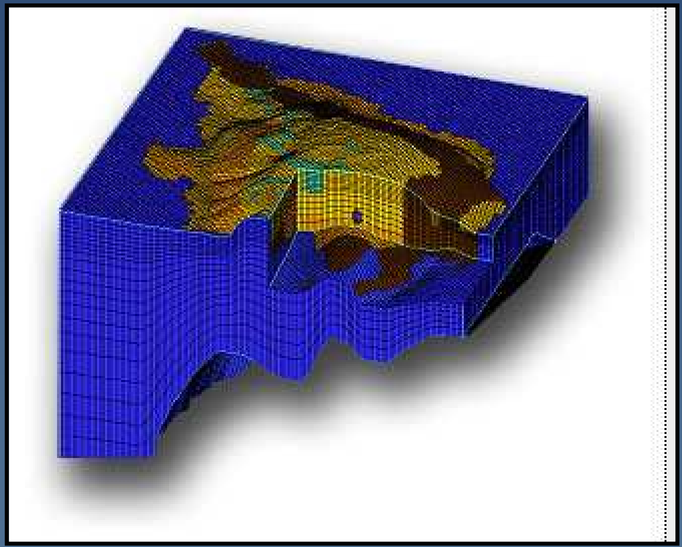
- One must strive to not over-calibrate (tweak) a model; that is:
  - Over parameterize lacking data support
  - Adjust parameters to bring model agreement below performance measure uncertainty
  - In the GAM model, head is the primary performance measure and we have estimated errors associated with heads to be on the order of at least 30 feet

Calibration and Prediction

- Freyberg published a study on calibration and prediction (GW, 1988, Vol. 26, No. 3)
- Nine modeling teams using same data
- Best model prediction came from the model with the least estimated parameters and with inferior local fits
- Good calibration may not equal good prediction
- Best calibrated model yielded poorest prediction

MODFLOW (is a Code)

- Developed by the United States Geological Survey
- Three-dimensional, finite difference groundwater flow CODE



MODFLOW Version History

- Various USGS research codes; Trescott (1975), and others
- MODFLOW (1984)
  - McDonald and Harbaugh, 1986 (Fortran 66)
- MODFLOW (1988)
  - McDonald and Harbaugh, 1988 (Fortran 77)
- MODFLOW96 (1996)
  - Harbaugh and McDonald, 1996
- MODFLOW2000 (2000)
  - Harbaugh et al (2000)

MODFLOW Packages

- Original Packages (88)
  - Basic
  - Block-Centered Flow
  - Recharge
  - Evapotranspiration
  - River
  - Well
  - Drain
  - General Head Boundary
  - Output Control
  - SIP/SOR Solvers
- Add on Packages (96..)
  - Block-Centered Flow 2,3
  - PCG/PCG2 Solvers
  - Horizontal Flow Barrier (HFB)
  - Compaction (IBS)
  - Time-variant C.H. (CHD)
  - Stream Routing (STR)
  - Transient Leakage (TLK)
  - Direct solver (DE4)
  - Various user add ons

Subroutines are called modules
Groups of subroutines representing a "process" are packages

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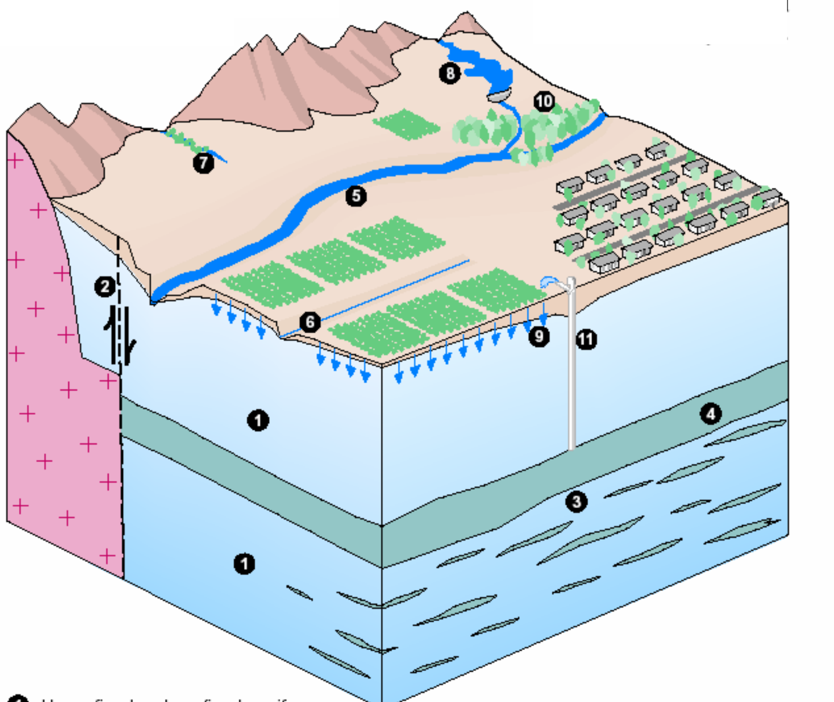
MODFLOW Advantage

- Handles the basic processes
- Well documented
- Testing is documented – courts accept
- Public domain – non-proprietary
- Most widely used model
  - USGS had 12,261 downloads of MODFLOW in 2000
- Multiple utility programs and Graphical User Interfaces (GUIs) available

MODFLOW Processes



1. Unconfined and confined aquifers—Ground-water flow and storage changes
2. Faults and other barriers—Resistance to horizontal ground-water flow
3. Fine-grained confining units and interbeds
4. Confining units—Ground-water flow and storage changes
5. Rivers—Exchange of water with aquifers
6. Drains and springs—Discharge of water from aquifers
7. Ephemeral streams—Exchange of water with aquifers
8. Reservoirs—Exchange of water with aquifers
9. Recharge from precipitation and irrigation
10. Evapotranspiration
11. Wells—Withdrawal or recharge at specified rates

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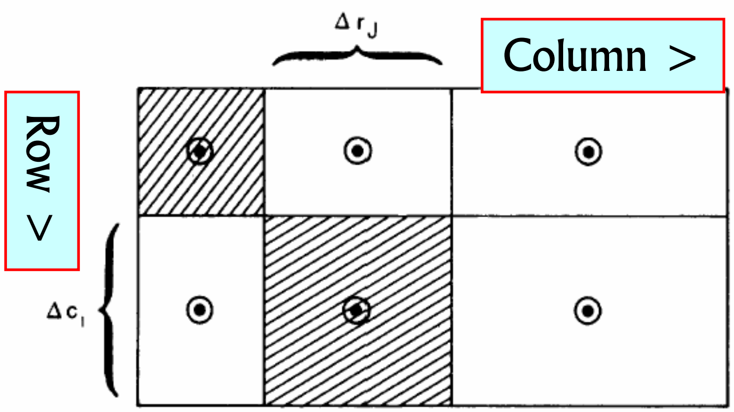
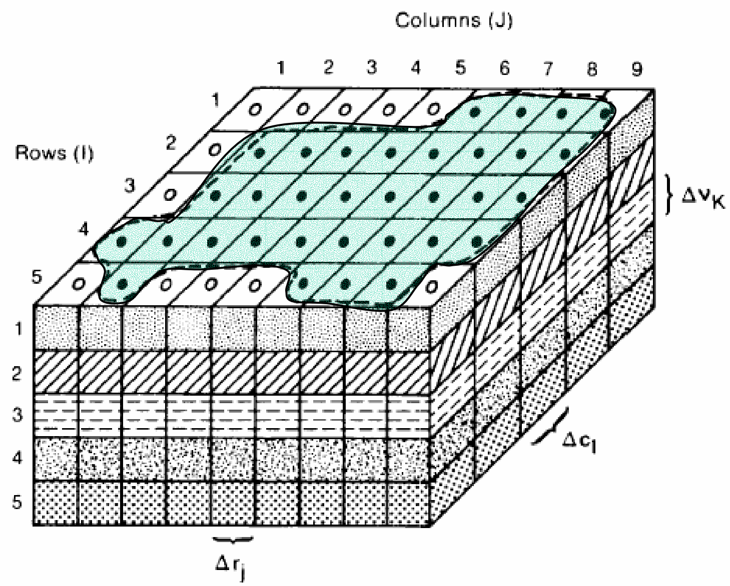
- Important for GAM
  - Confined/unconfined GW flow
  - Recharge/ET
  - Horizontal flow barriers
  - Wells
  - Streams
  - Drains (springs)
  - Reservoirs

Example of a MODFLOW Grid
Note – Regular Grid



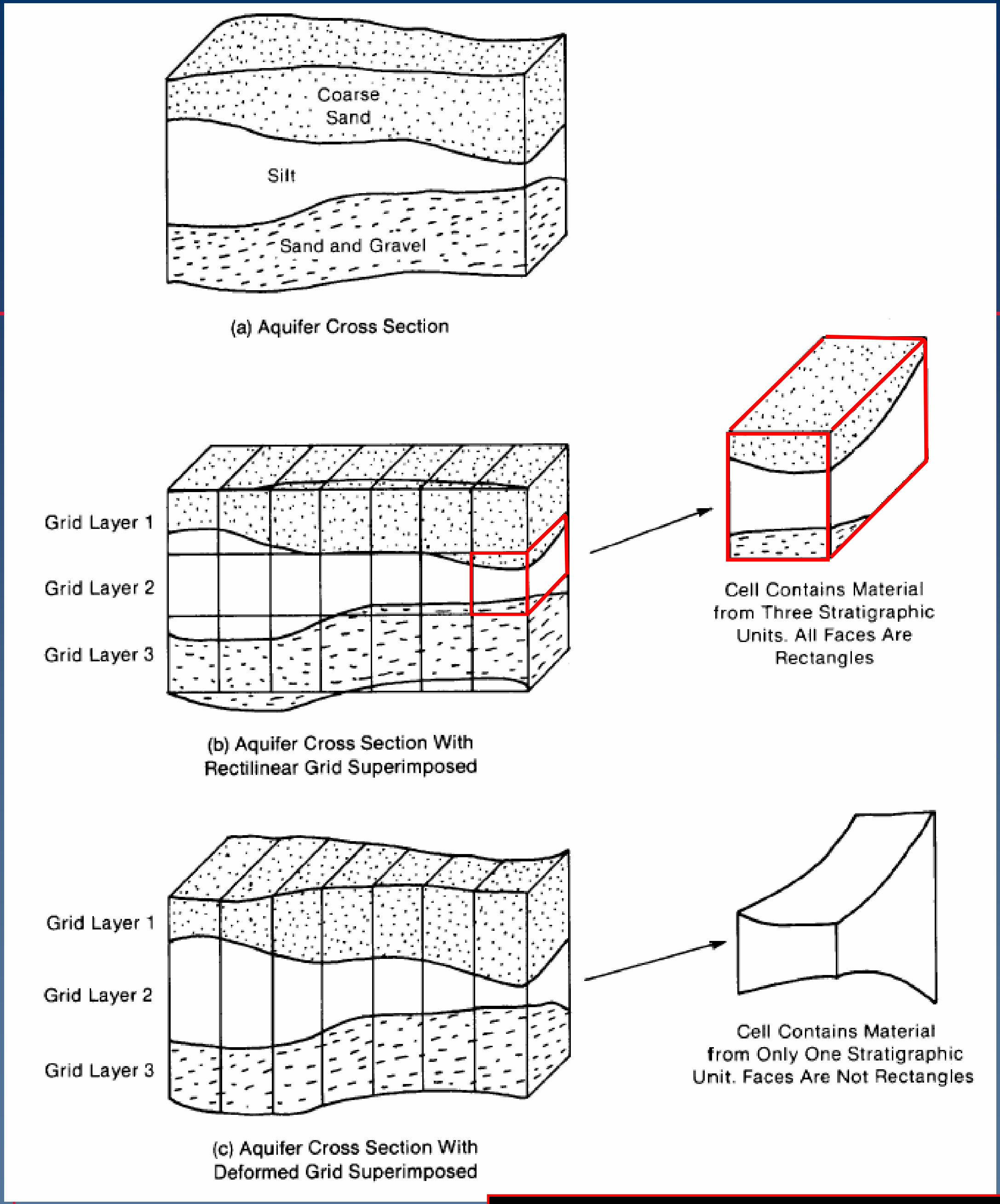
Block-Centered Grid System



Explanation

– – – –	Aquifer Boundary
•	Active Cell
o	Inactive Cell
Δr_J	Dimension of Cell Along the Row Direction. Subscript (J) Indicates the Number of the Column
Δc_I	Dimension of Cell Along the Column Direction. Subscript (I) Indicates the Number of the Row
Δv_K	Dimension of the Cell Along the Vertical Direction. Subscript (K) Indicates the Number of the Layer

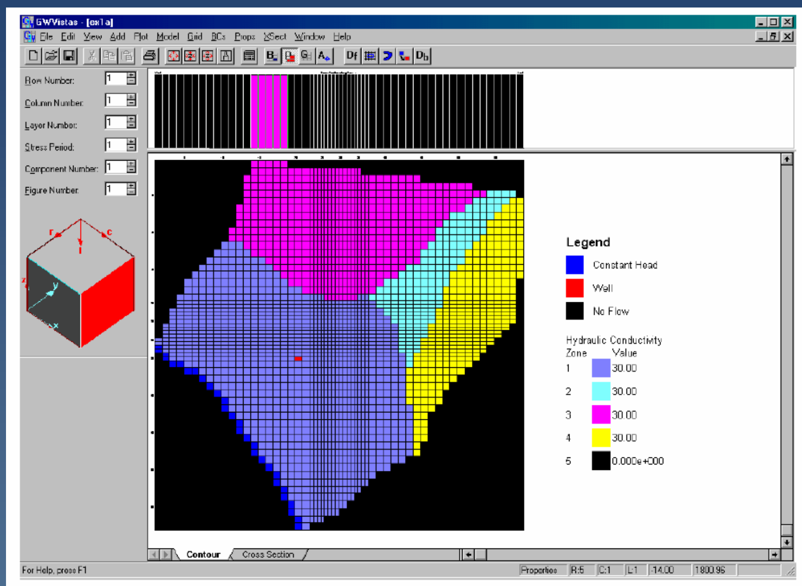
After McDonald & Harbaugh, 1988



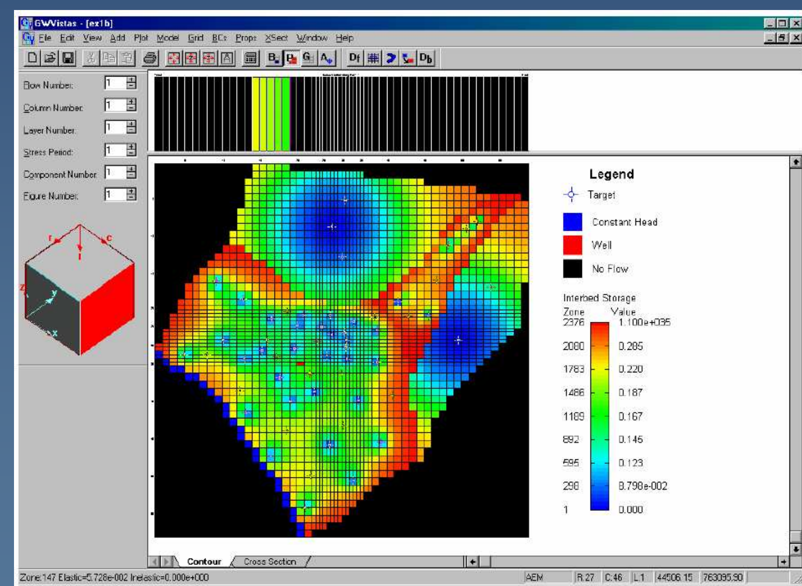
Vertical Discretization
Should have physical significance

After McDonald & Harbaugh, 1988

Assignment of Properties

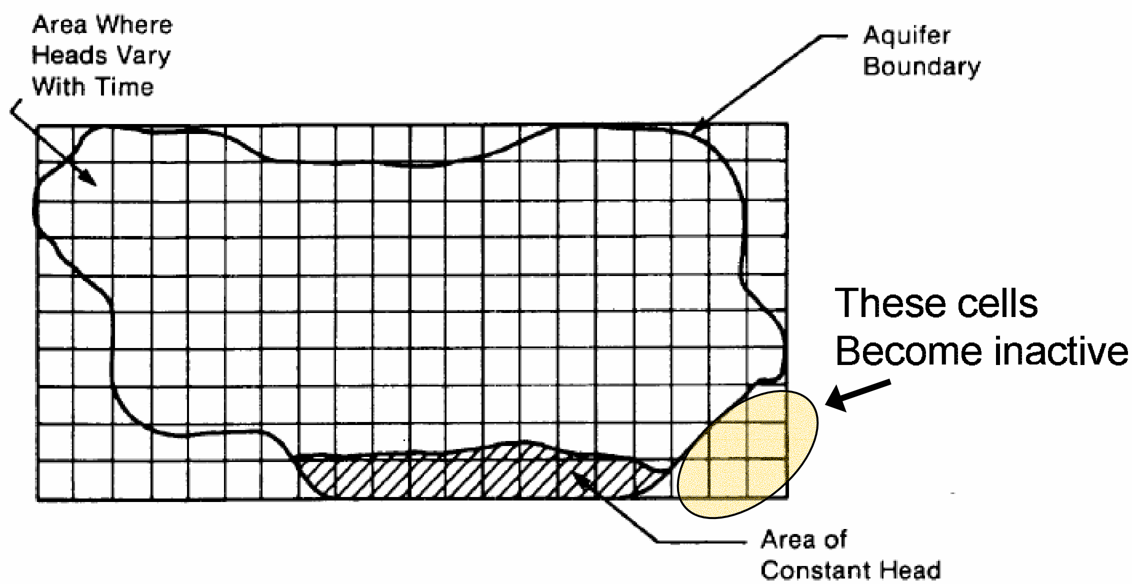


Properties can be assigned on a grid Cell basis as below



Properties can be assigned in zones as above

Single Layer example of conceptualizing a
Model grid and assigning boundary conditions



Example of an IBOUND Array (Basic package) for a Single Layer

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0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0

IBOUND Codes

< 0 Constant Head
= 0 No Flow
> 0 Variable Head

After McDonald & Harbaugh, 1988

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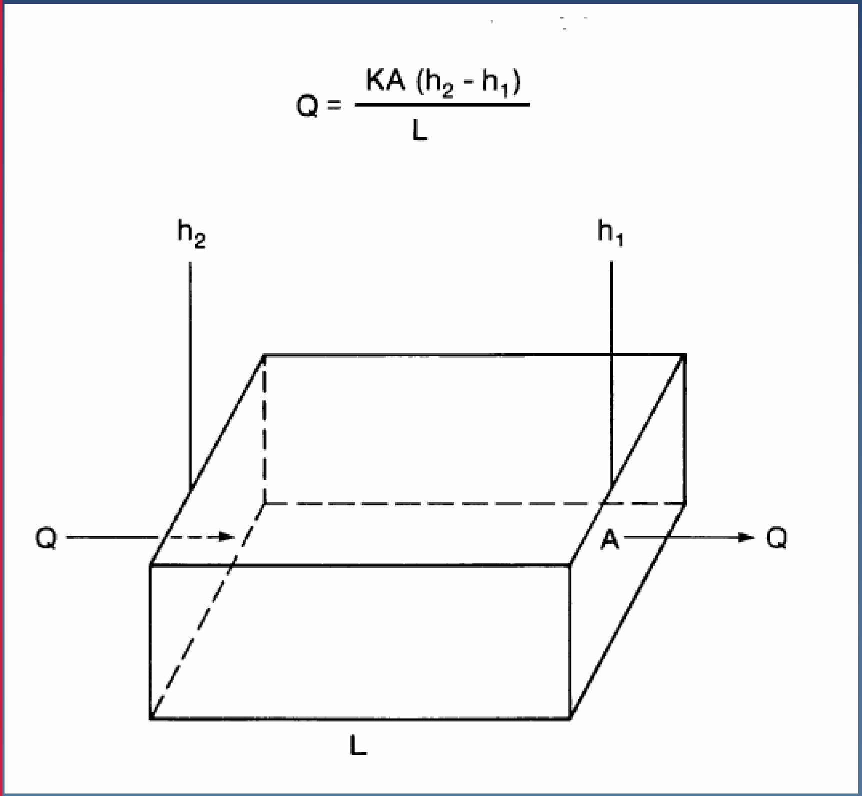
MODFLOW in simplest terms

- MODFLOW calculates flow in 3 dimensions using a finite difference (FD) approach
- The GW flow FD equation form follows from the the application of the continuity equation which stipulates that:
  - The sum of all flows into and out of a cell at a given time step must equal the rate of change of storage within the cell

Steady-state, One Dimensional Flow Darcy's Law – One cell



- Where:
  - K = hydraulic conductivity
  - A = area normal to Flow
  - h = head
  - L = length

Darcy's Law Can be Rewritten

$$Q = C\,(h2 - h1)$$

Where C is equal to the hydraulic conductance (L3/T L)

$$C = K\,A\,/\,L$$

MODFLOW uses hydraulic conductance to calculate flow rates using Darcy's Law

Vertical Conductance - Vcont

- Simply stated – Vcont is the interval conductance divided by the area (plan view)
- MODFLOW uses Vcont (also known as leakance) to calculate vertical flow

$$\frac{C_{i,j,k+1/2}}{DELR_j\, DELC_i} = \frac{1}{\sum_{g=1}^{n} \frac{\Delta z_g}{K_g}}$$

$$Vcont_{i,j,k+1/2} = \frac{1}{\sum_{g=1}^{n} \frac{\Delta z_g}{K_g}}$$

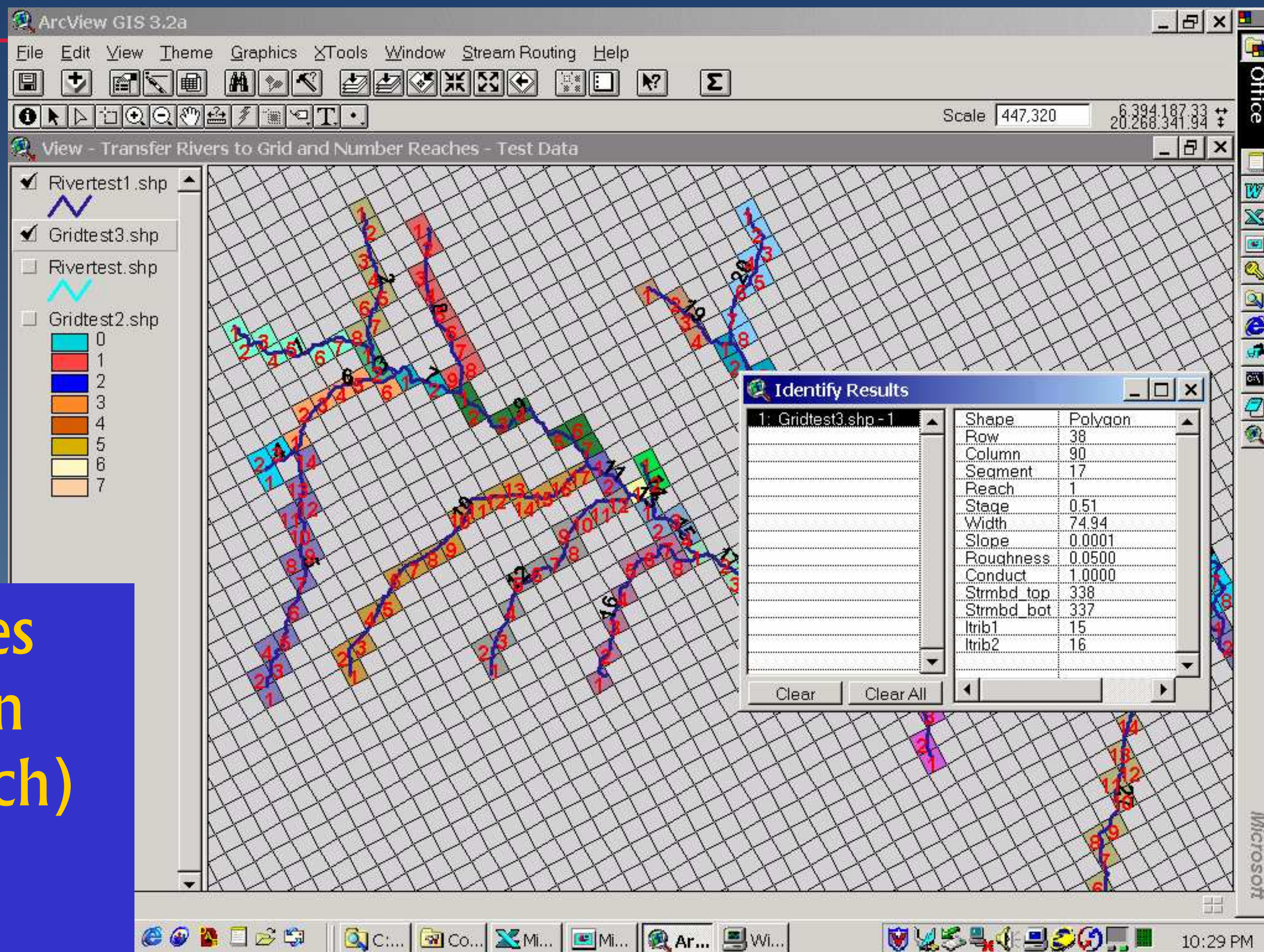
Wells in MODFLOW96

- MODFLOW96 does not have a wellbore submodel
  - Therefore, simulated heads are representative of the grid volume
- Well rates are specified by row, column, layer (r,c,l)
- Multiple wells can be assigned one grid cell
- Wells are specified in the well package (.wel)

Stream Routing

- Use MODFLOW Stream Routing Package (Prudic, 1988)
- Stream stages are calculated using Manning's equation
- Stream-routing package routes surface water and calculates stream/aquifer interaction (gaining/losing)
- Input headwater flow rate, stream conductance, stream dimensions, and Manning's n parameter

Stream Routing Package

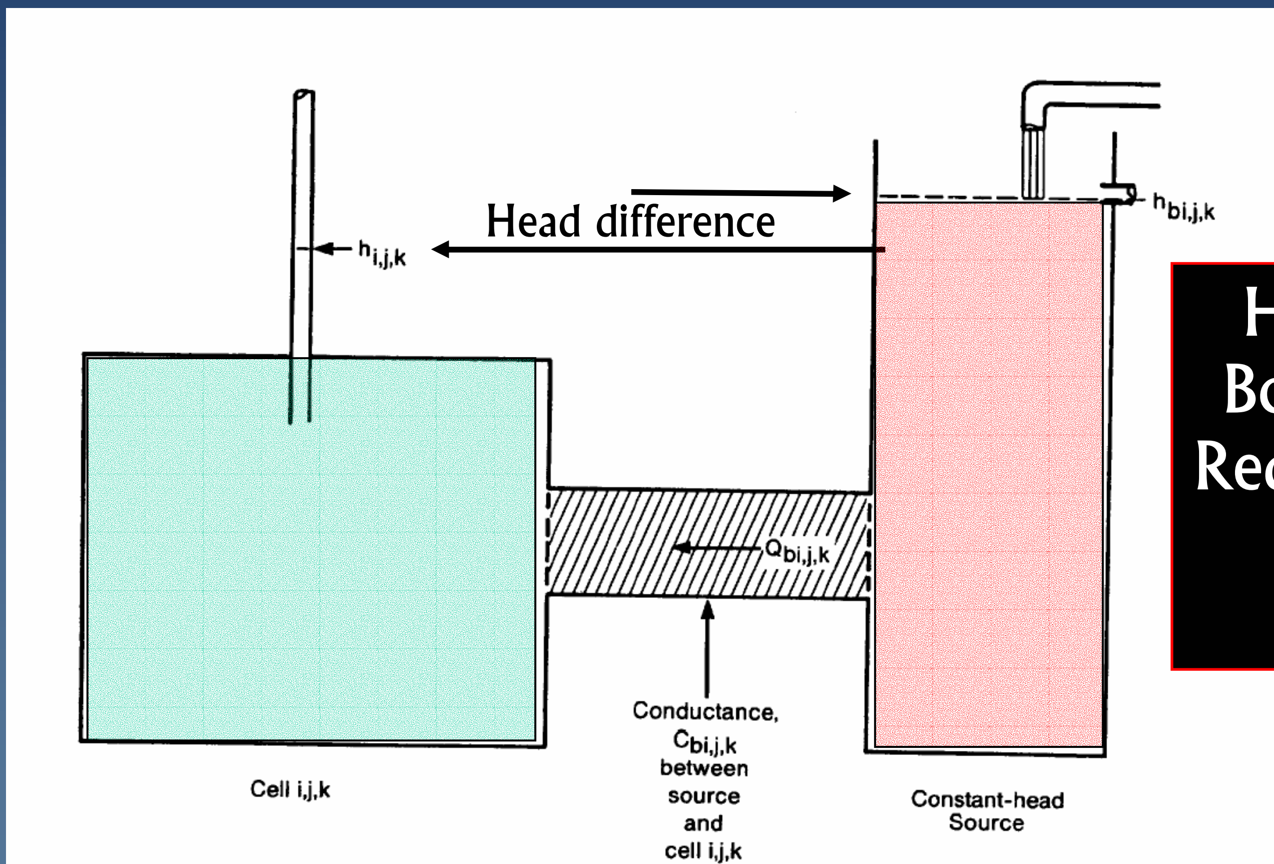


Stream reaches (each cell is an individual reach) and segments must be numbered

Head Dependent Flow Boundaries

- General head boundaries
- Reservoirs
- River cells
- Stream cells
- Drains

Head-dependent Boundaries



Head dependent Boundaries always Require input of the Conductance

C = K A / L

Specified-flow Boundaries

- Wells
- Recharge
- Evapotranspiration ET (hybrid – head dependent)

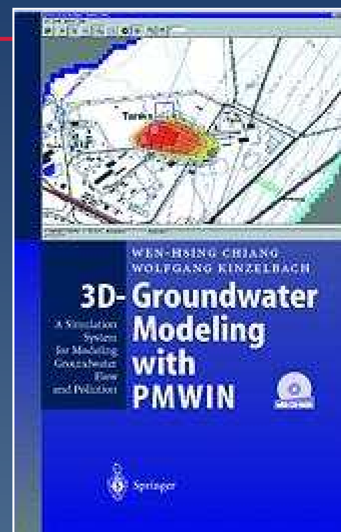
MODFLOW Interfaces

- PMWIN
  - Academic, commercially available
- Groundwater Modeling System (GMS)
  - DOD, commercially available
- GWVistas
  - Private, commercially available
- Visual MODFLOW
  - Private, commercially available

PMWIN – Processing MODFLOW

- Developed at the Institute of Hydromechanics and Water Resources Management, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich
- Authors:

  Wen-Hsing Chiang and Wolfgang Kinzelbach



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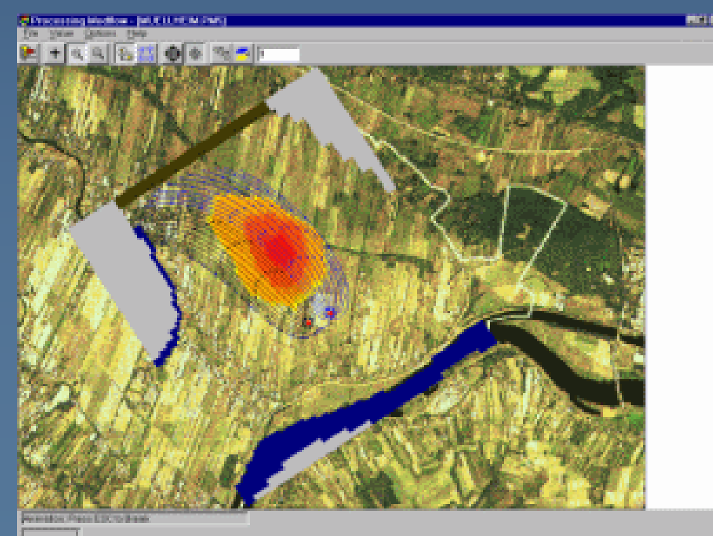

PMWIN

- Offers a Windows based interface for developing MODFLOW models and for using the family of MODFLOW codes
- Imports existing standard MODFLOW models
- Supports all standard packages
- Allows many options for data input through raster graphics (bitmap), vector graphics (DXF)
- Imports Surfer grid files, exports Surfer data files
- Allows for telescopic grid refinement
- Some degree of checking of input prior to execution

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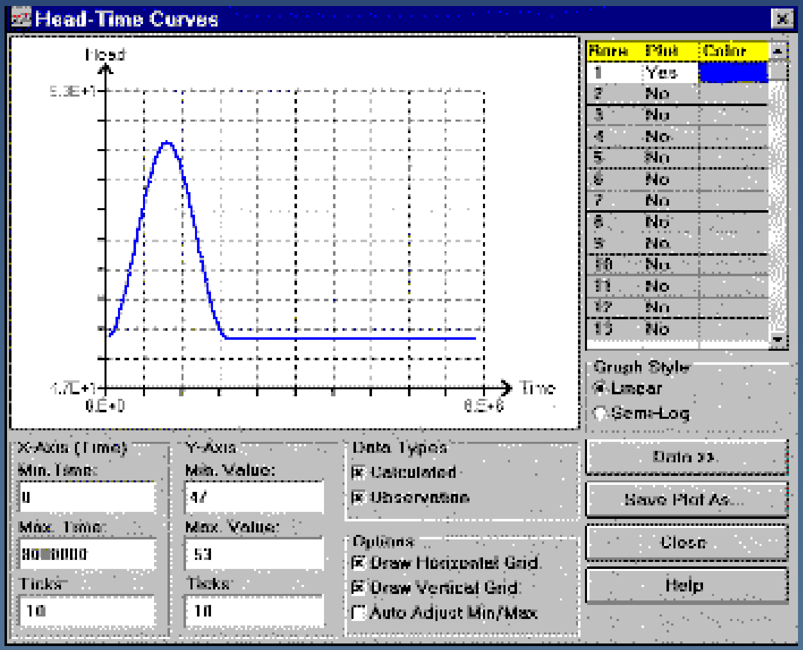
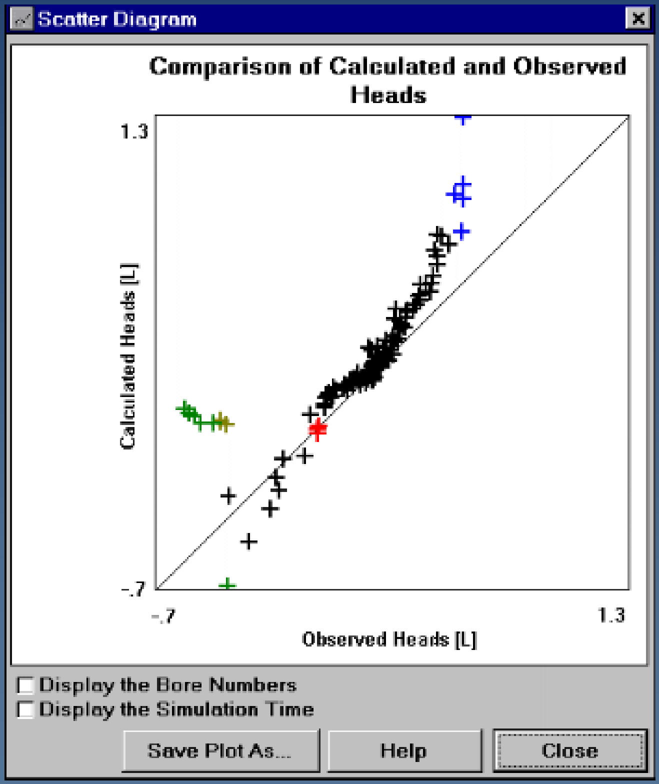
PMWIN Requirements

- Pentium or better
- Windows 95/98/2000/NT 4.0/XP
- 16 MB RAM (32 Recommended)
- GAM model
  – Requires at least 128 MB RAM
  – 2 GIGs or better disk space

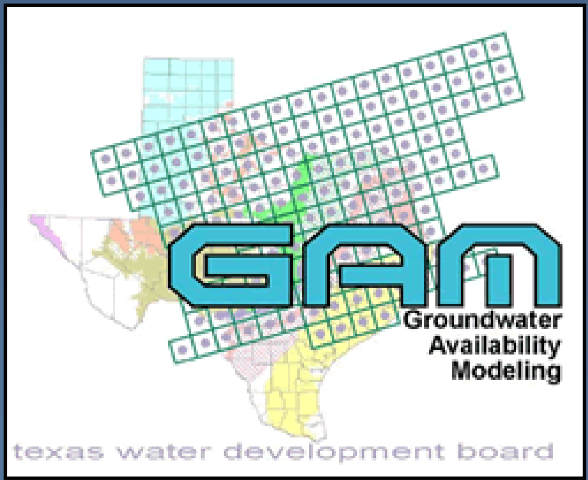
PMWIN Interface



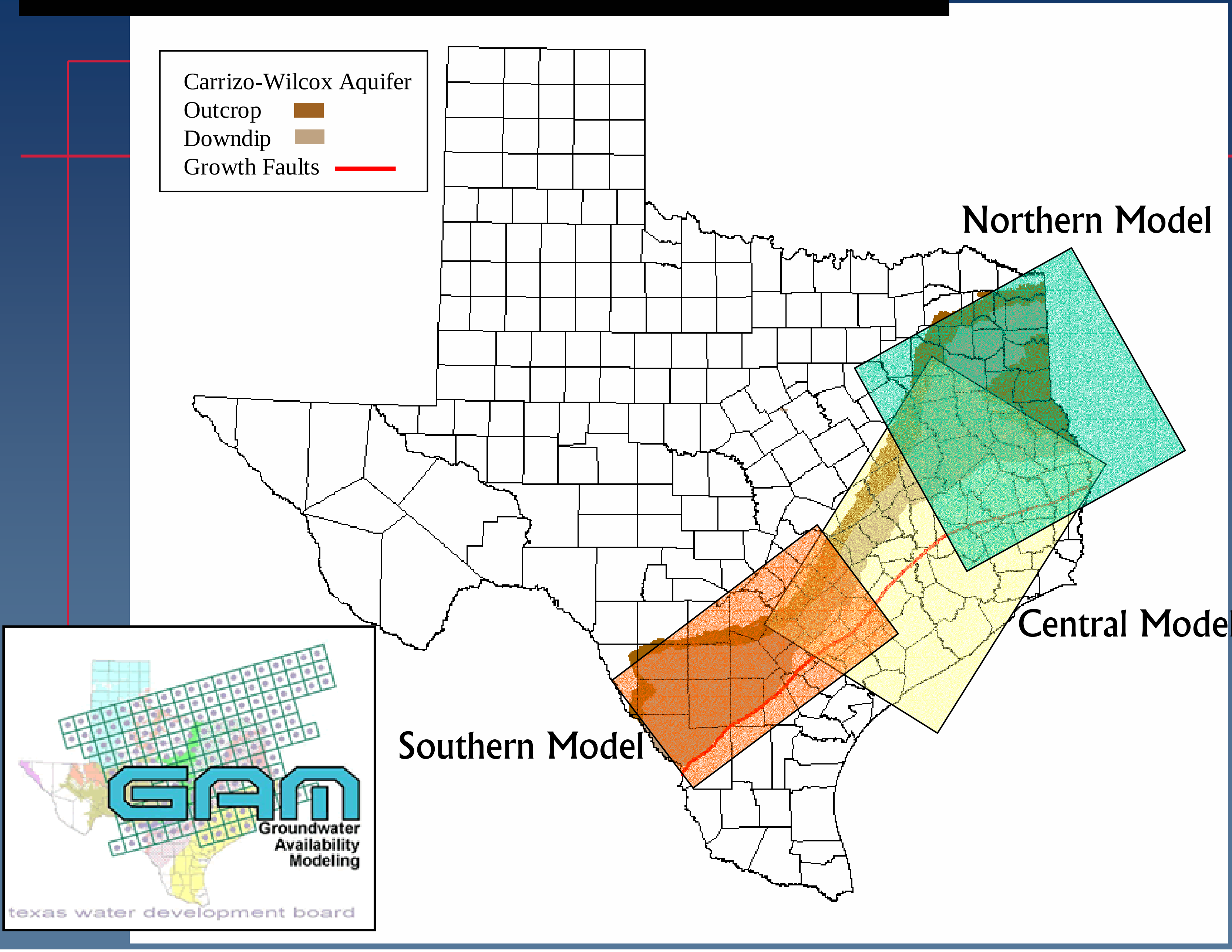


Southern GAM Review

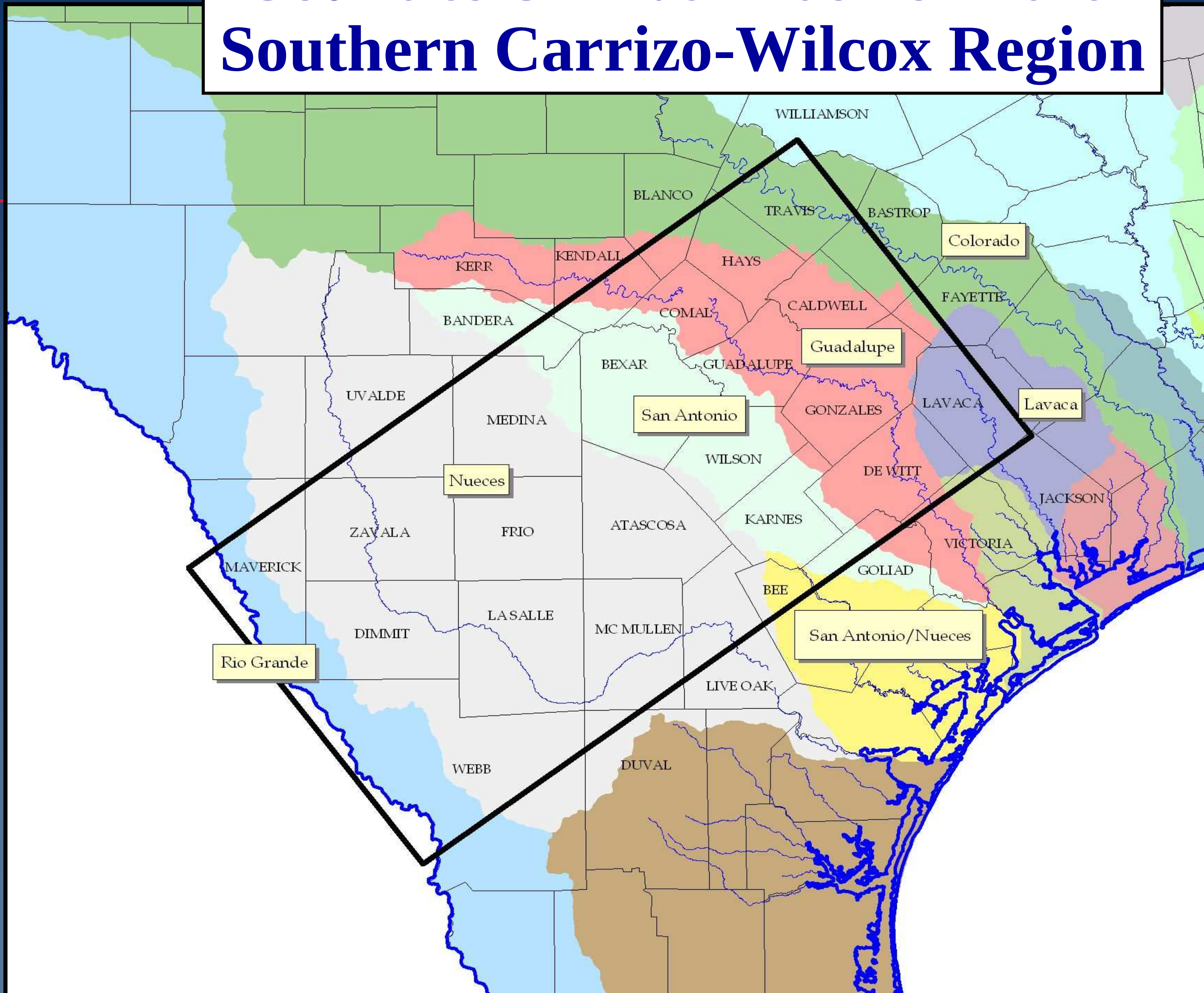
- Technical Overview
  - Emphasis on Data and Model Inputs



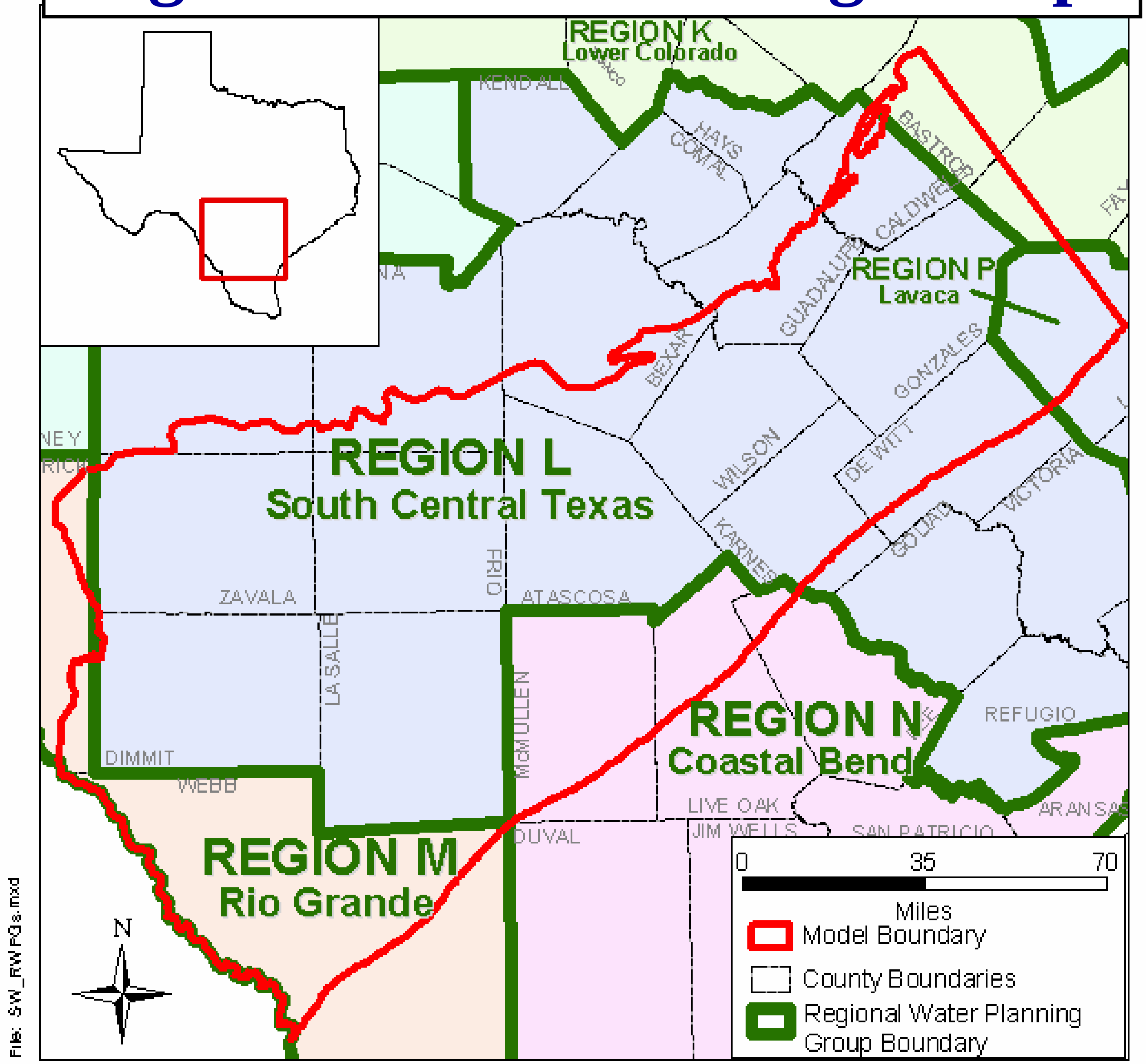
Carrizo-Wilcox GAM Model Domains



Counties & River Basins in the Southern Carrizo-Wilcox Region



Regional Water Planning Groups



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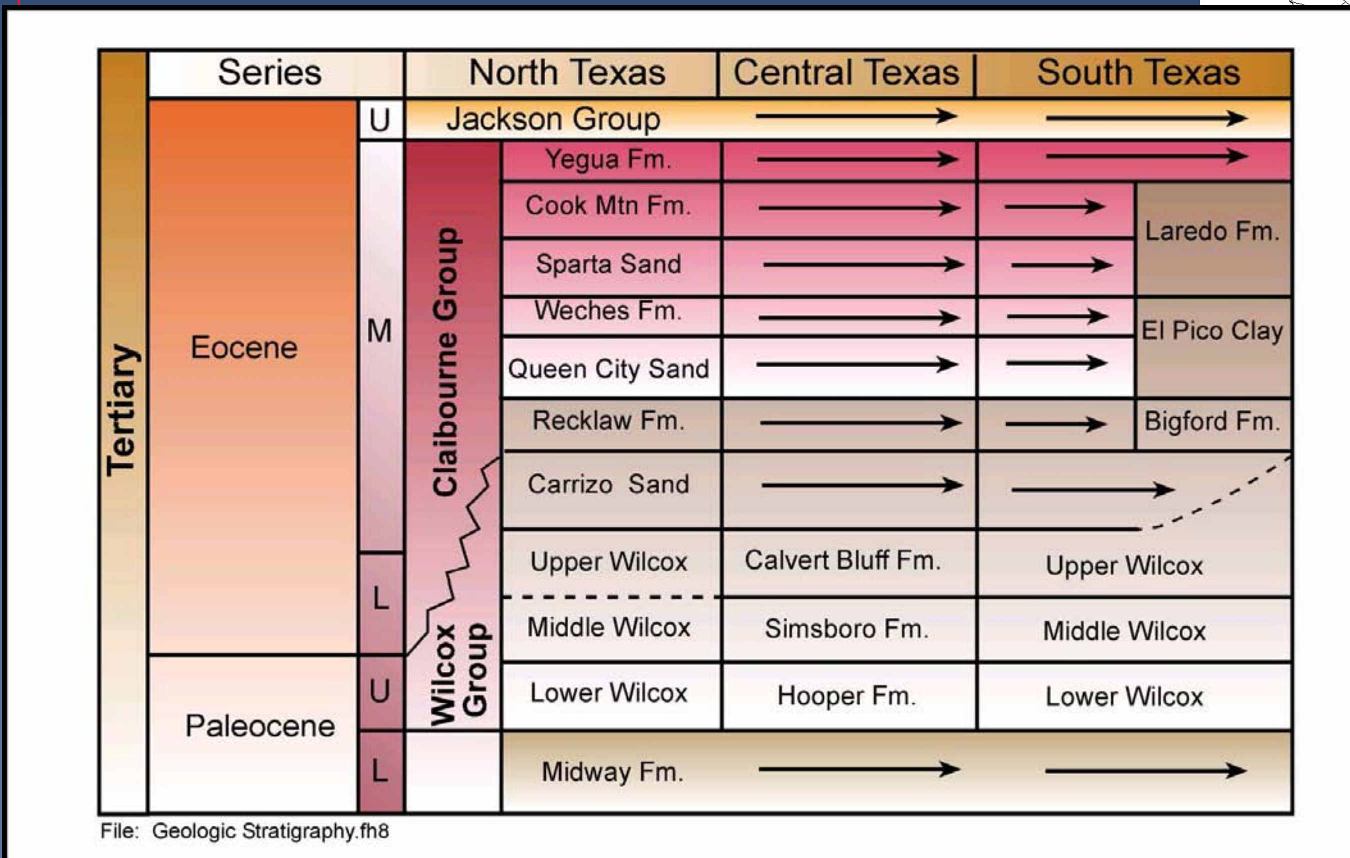
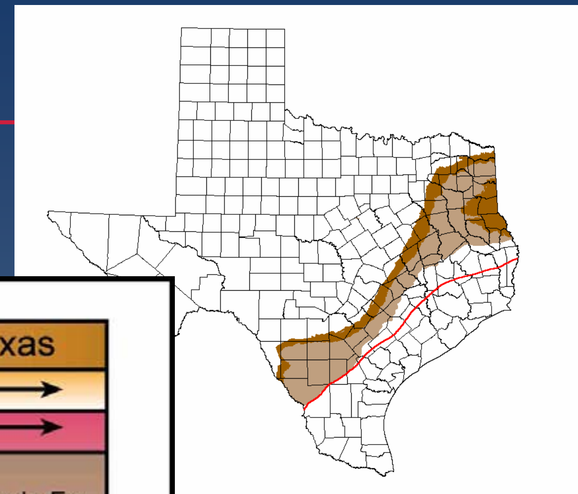
Geologic Framework — Stratigraphy





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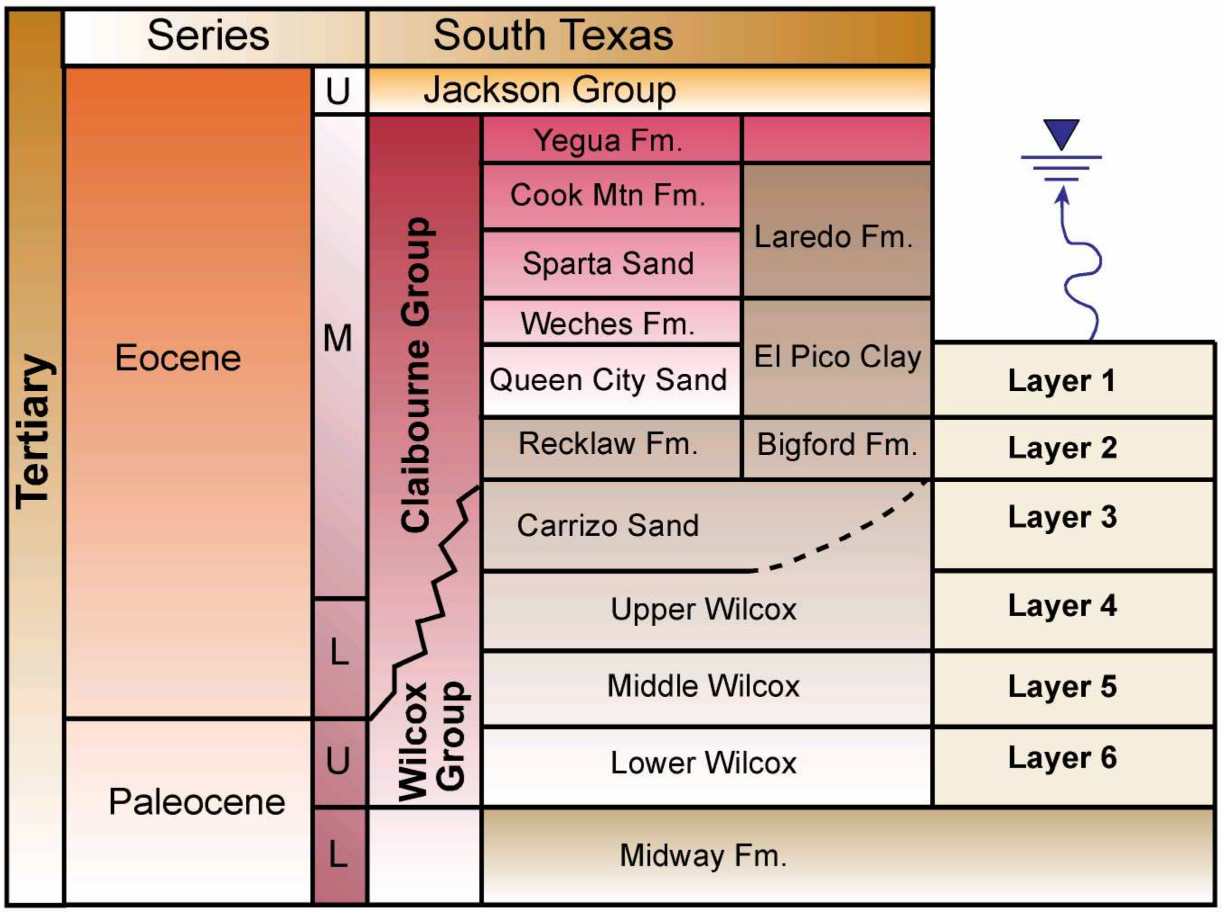

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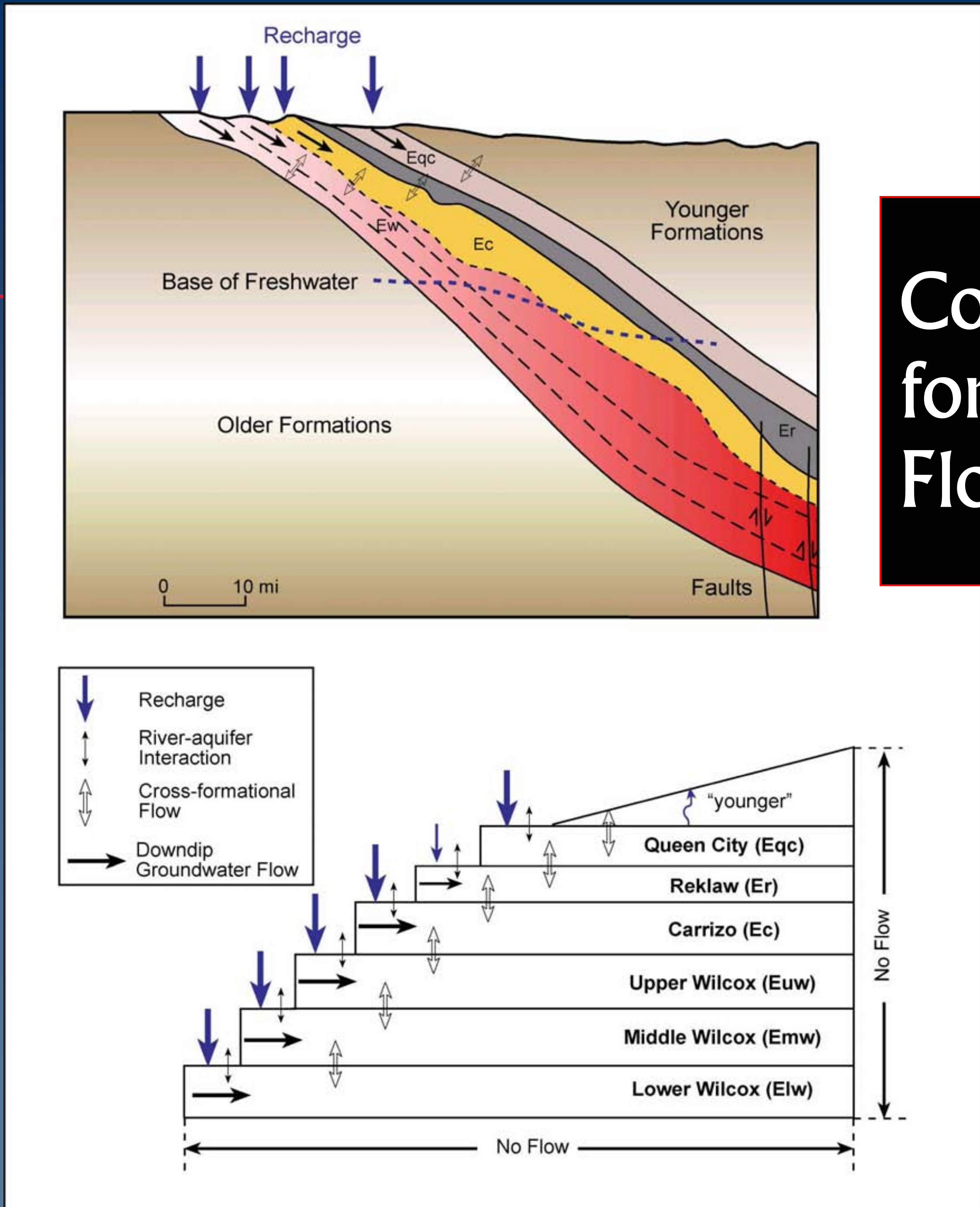
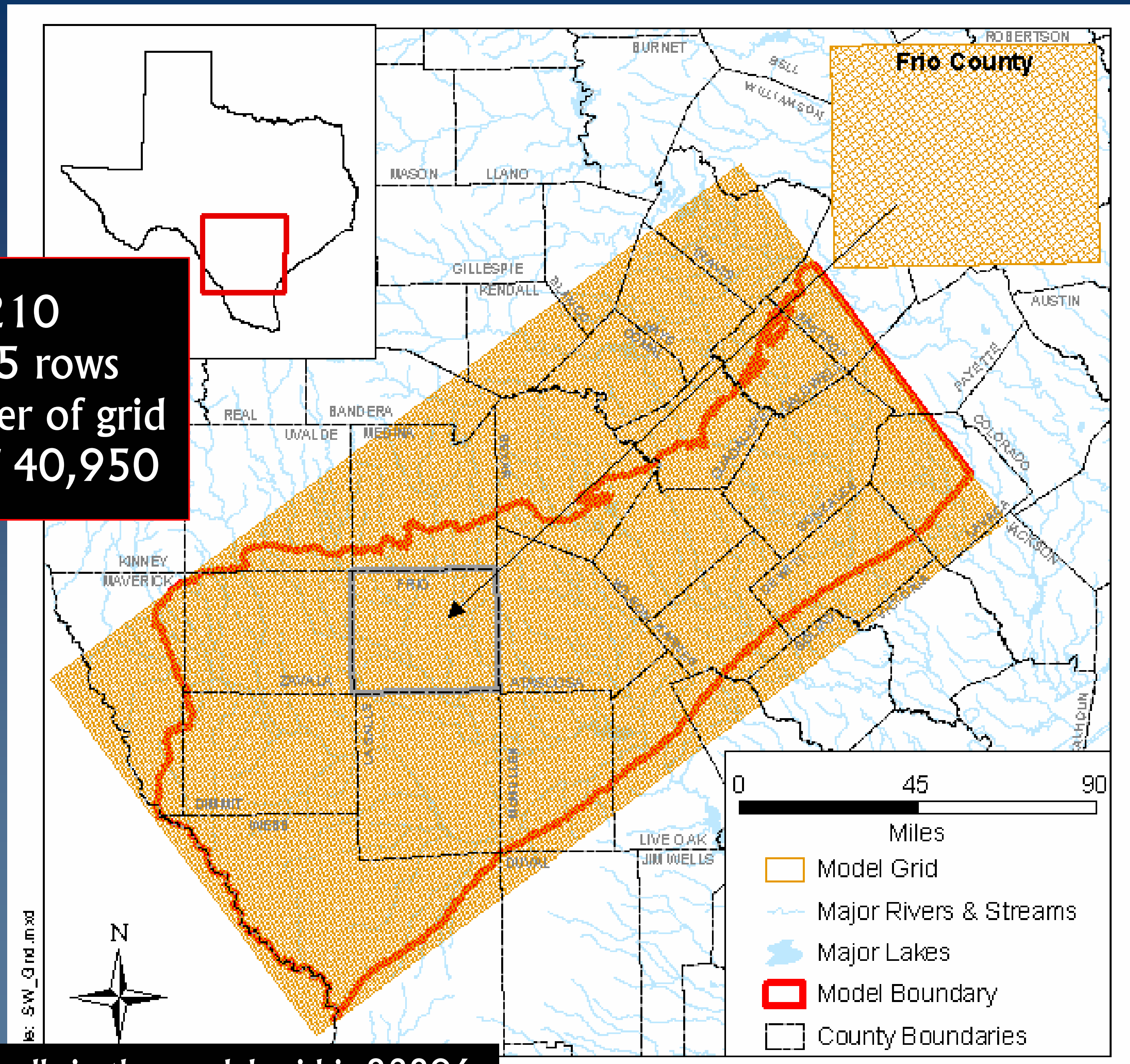


Conceptual Model for Groundwater Flow

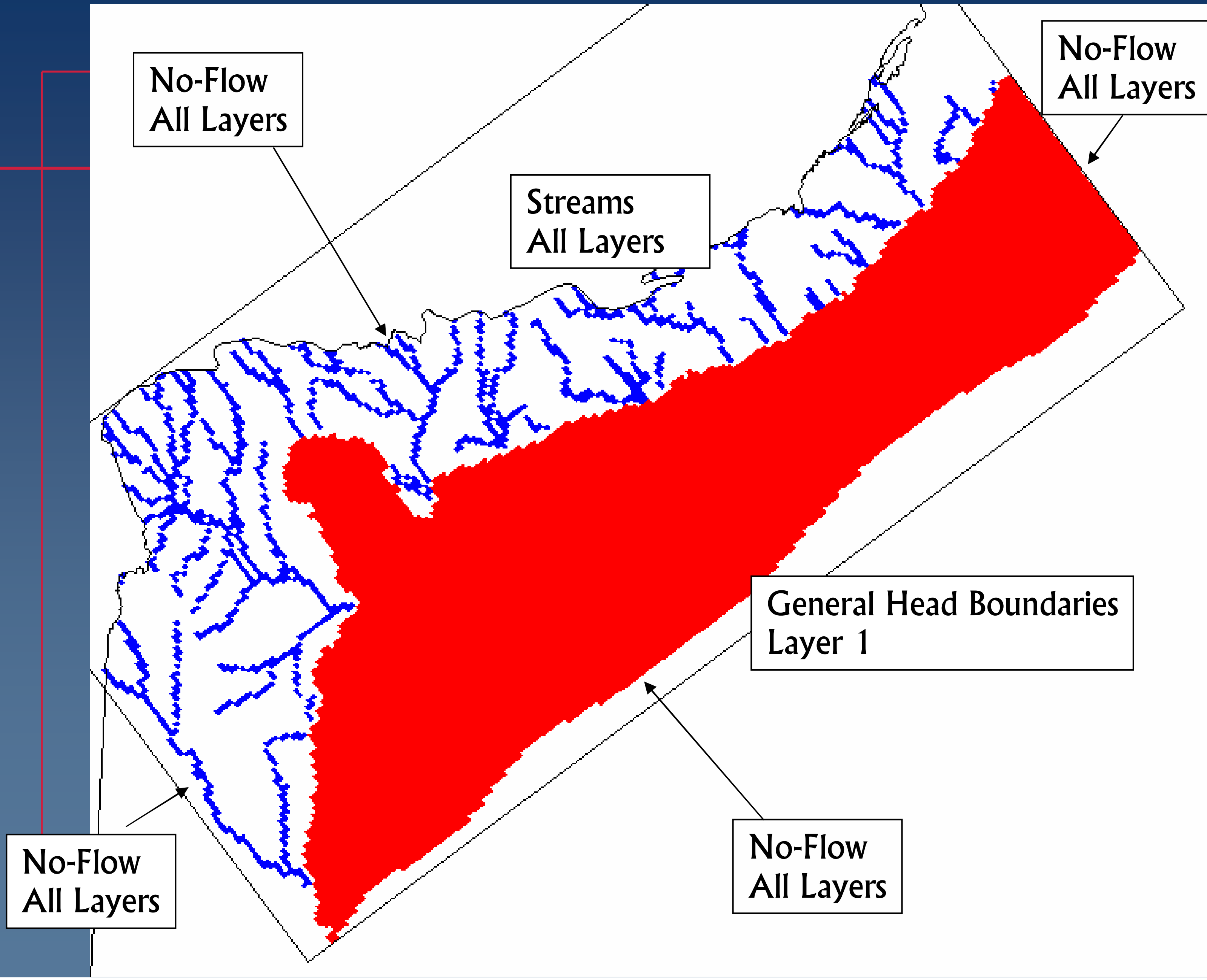
Model Grid

The model has 210 columns and 195 rows for a total number of grid cells per layer of 40,950



Active grid cells in the model grid is 82896

Model Boundaries



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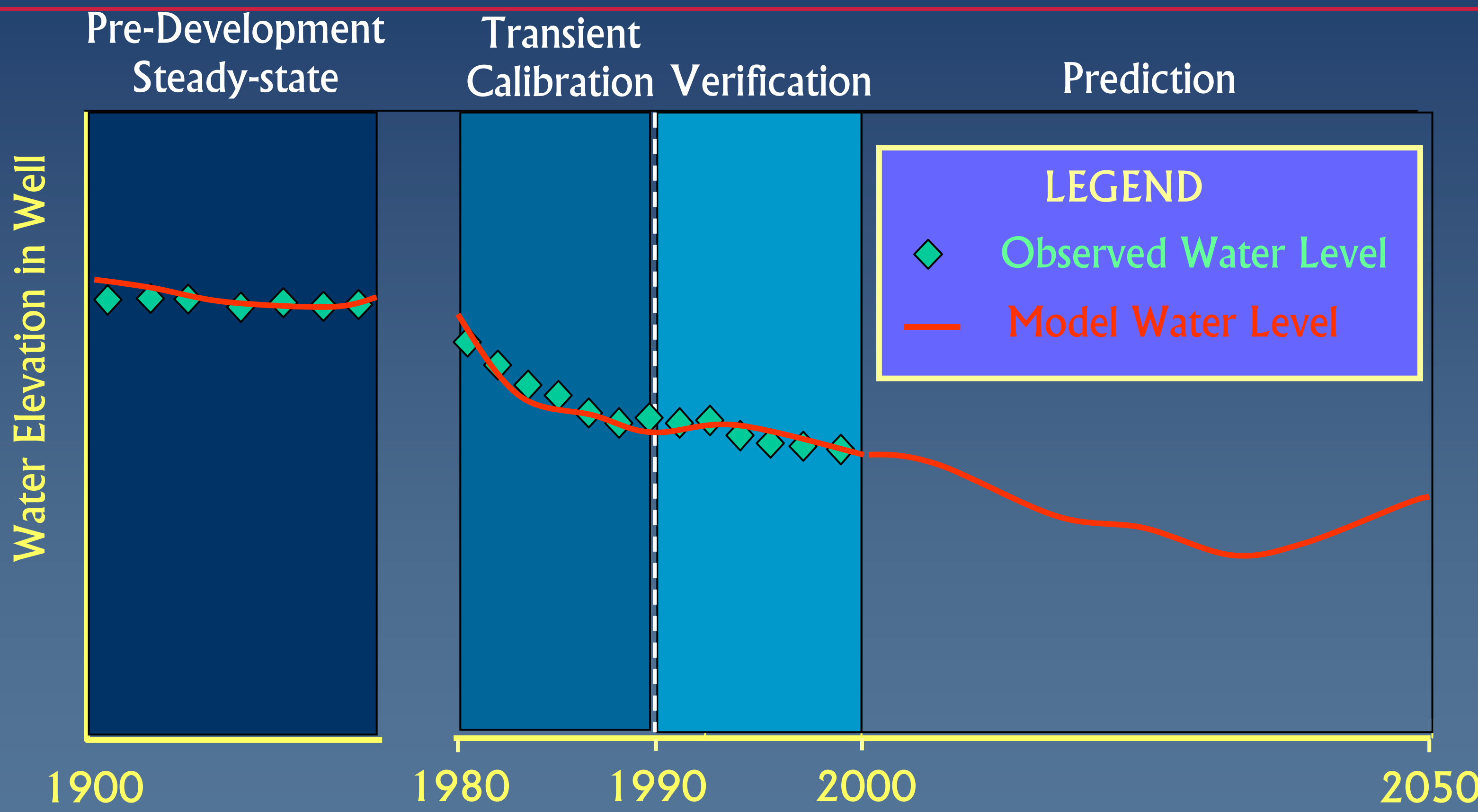

Pre-development and transient calibration periods represent different hydrologic conditions

Model Input – Supporting Data

- Hydrostratigraphic Surfaces for each Layer
- Hydraulic Properties:
  - Hydraulic Heads
  - Sand Thickness
  - Hydraulic Conductivity
  - Storativity (transient)
- Recharge
- Stream Flow
- Pumpage (transient)

All model data, source and derived, was delivered to the TWDB and will be available to the public

Assessment of Supporting Data

Hydraulic Parameter	Supporting Data
Horizontal Hyd. Cond.	Measured values
Vertical Hyd. Cond.	Model estimates
Recharge	Field and model
Storage	Limited measurements
Stream flow rates	Limited
Gain loss estimates	Limited

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GAM Structure Data Sources

Data Sources for Layer Elevations for the Southern Carrizo-Wilcox Model:

Model Layer Boundary	HDR (1998)	Klemt et al. (1976) (TWDB)	Wilson and Hosman (1987) (USGS)	TWDB (1972)	County Reports for Gonzales & Karnes Counties	Hamlin (1988) (BEG)	Bebout et al. (1982) (BEG)	Central Carrizo-Wilcox GAM Model	Surface Elevations (USGS)
Top of Queen City/El Pico	X								X
Top of Reklaw/Bigford	X		X		X			X	X
Top of Carrizo		X		X				X	X
Top of Wilcox		X						X	X
Top of Middle Wilcox						X	X		X
Top of Lower Wilcox							X	X	X
Base of Wilcox			X				X	X	X

Data Format for the Various Sources:

Data Source	Report Number	Format
Klemt et al. (1976)	TWDB Report 210	Arc Info files of elevation contours provided by the Austin office of the USGS.
Wilson and Hosman (1987)	USGS Open-File Report 87-677	Printed tables.
TWDB (1972)	TWDB Report 157	Elevation contour map.
Shafer (1965) (Gonzales County)	TWDB Report 4	Geologic sections and a base map.
Anders (1960) (Karnes County)	TBWE Bulletin 6007	Geologic sections and a base map.
Hamlin (1988)	BEG ROI No. 175	Elevation contour map and isopach map.
Bebout et al. (1982)	BEG ROI No. 117	Geologic sections and a base map.
Central Carrizo-Wilcox GAM Model		Text files containing x, y, and elevation.
Surface Elevations		DEM files.

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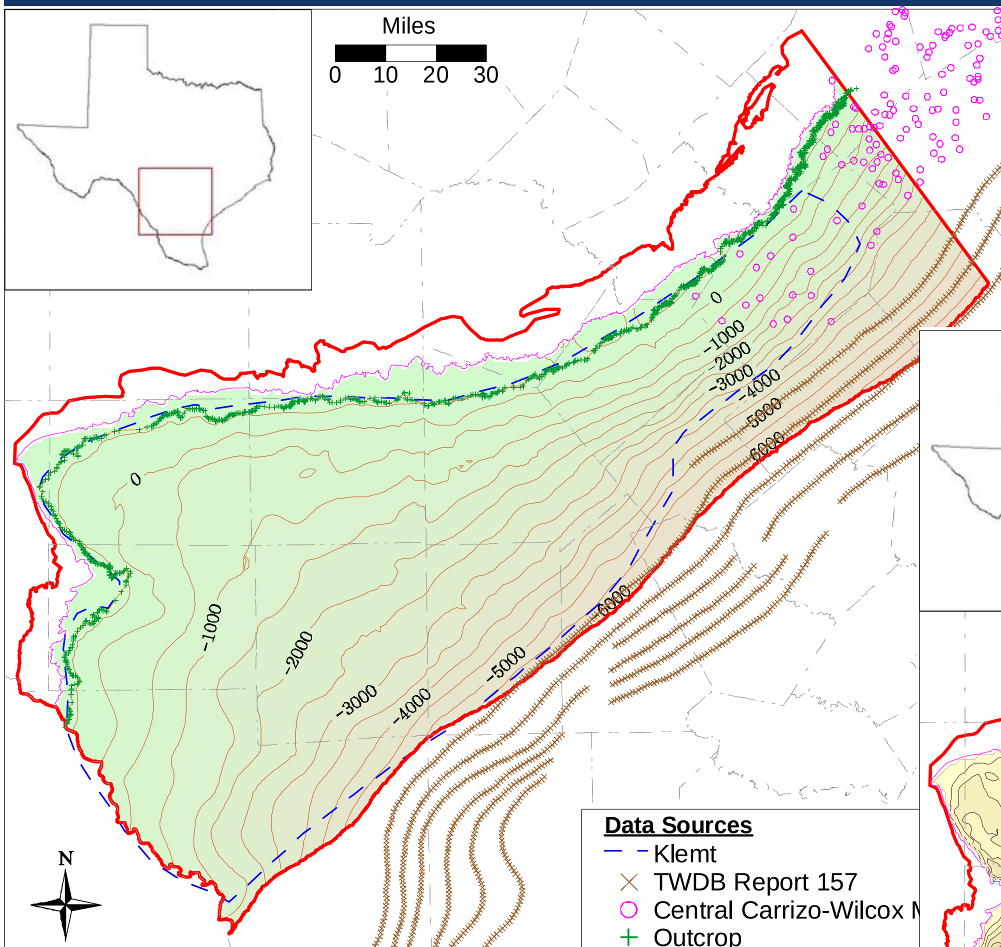
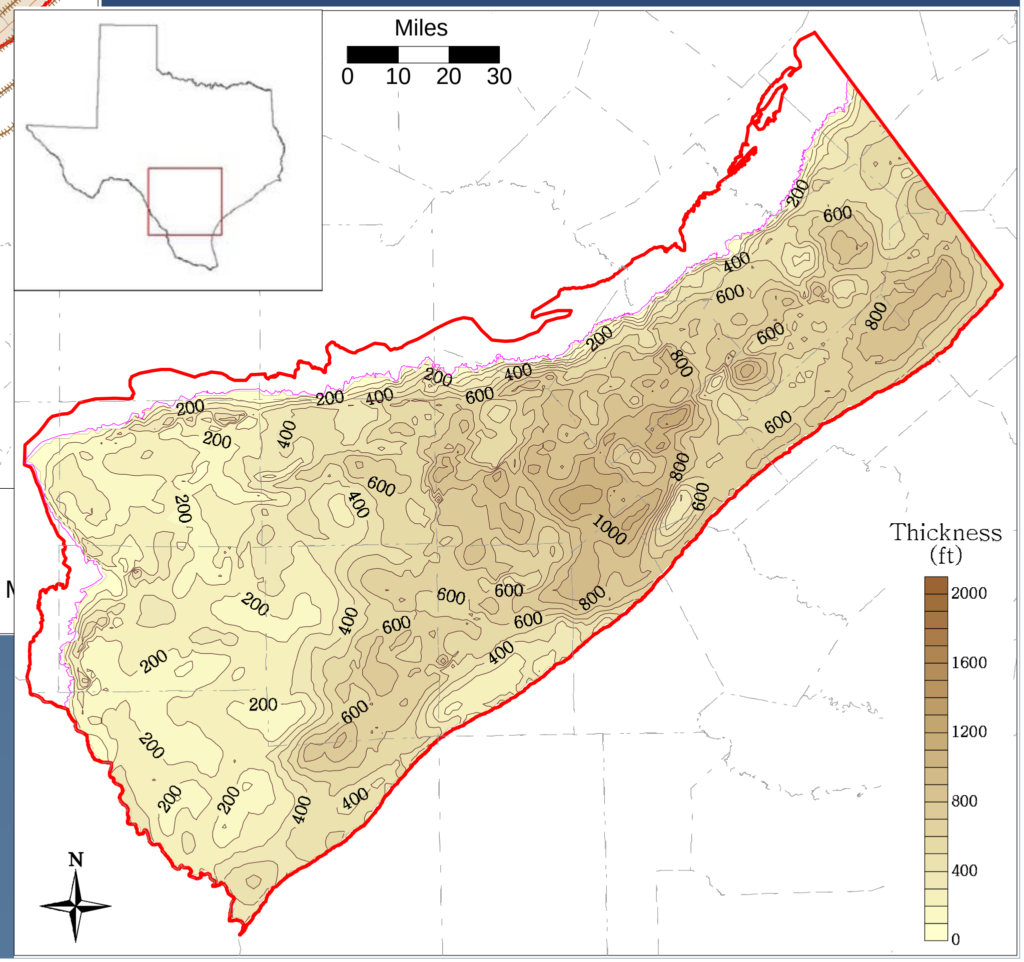
Structure Data Manipulation

- Blank kriged data.
- Merge kriged data with outcrop elevation grid.
- Insure that no elevations are above surface.
- Calculate layer thicknesses.
- Insure that layer thicknesses are no less than 20 ft throughout.



Carrizo Structure

Carrizo Thickness



Hydraulic Heads - Predevelopment Heads

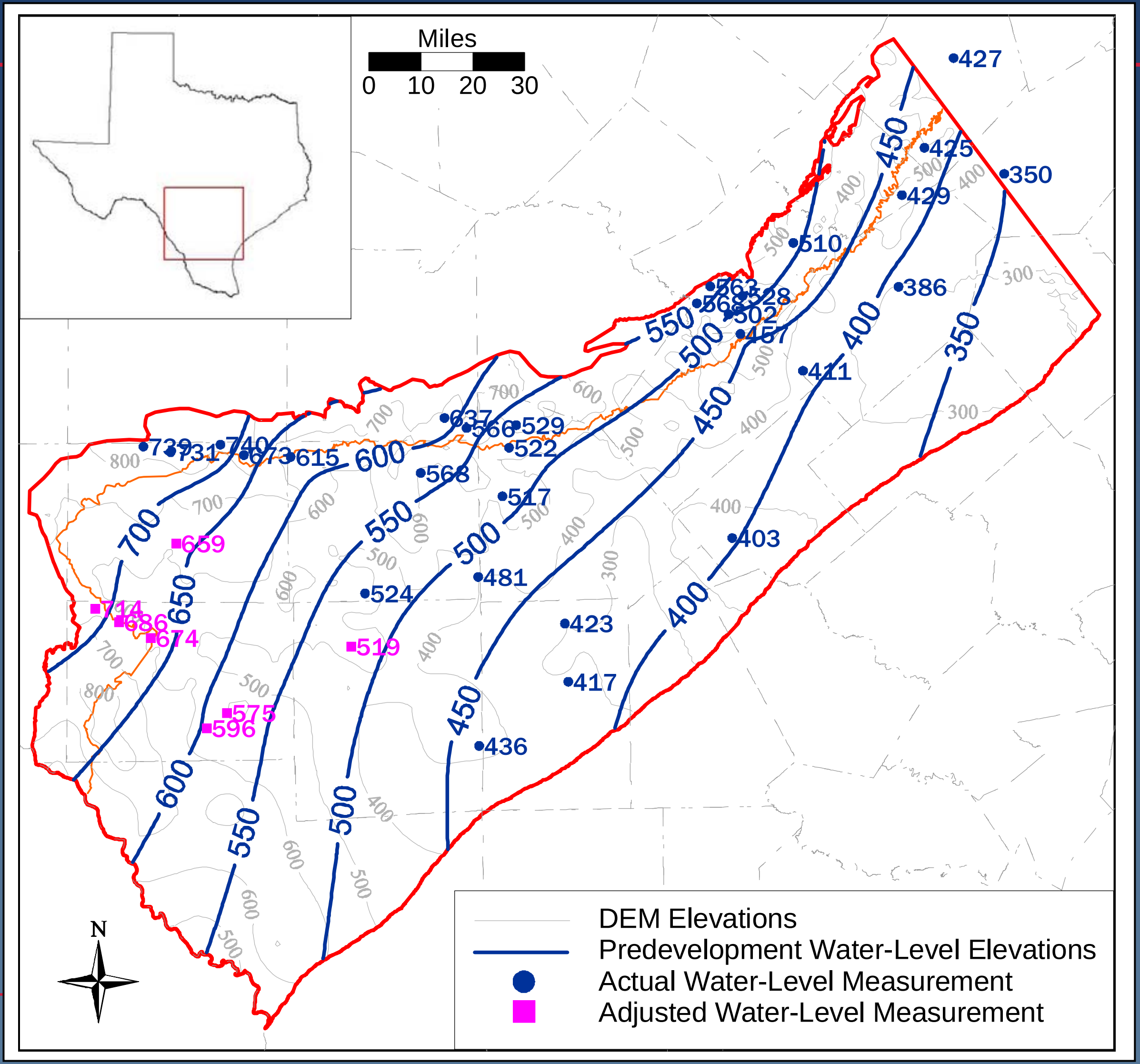
- Evaluated water-level data on a county by county basis
- Conducted a literature review on the historical development of the Carrizo and Wilcox in each county
- In many areas, artesian pressures within the aquifer were originally sufficient to drive water above ground surface

Methodology (continued)

- Un-altered water-level data were used to generate the predevelopment water-level elevation contours at all locations except
  - Dimmit County
  - northwestern LaSalle County
  - southern Zavala County

  where all water-level measurements reflected the effects of pumpage

Pre-development heads

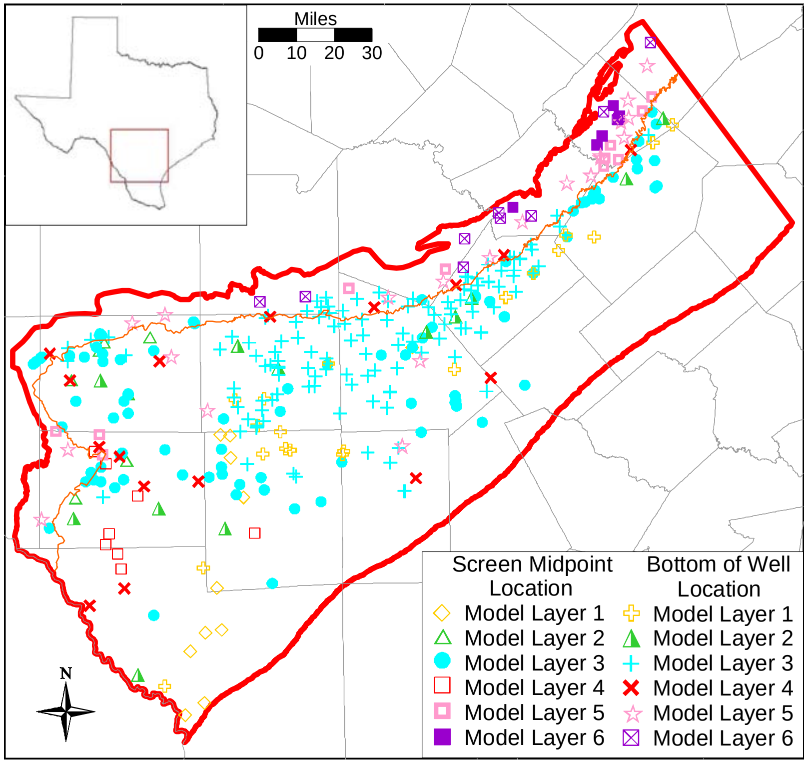


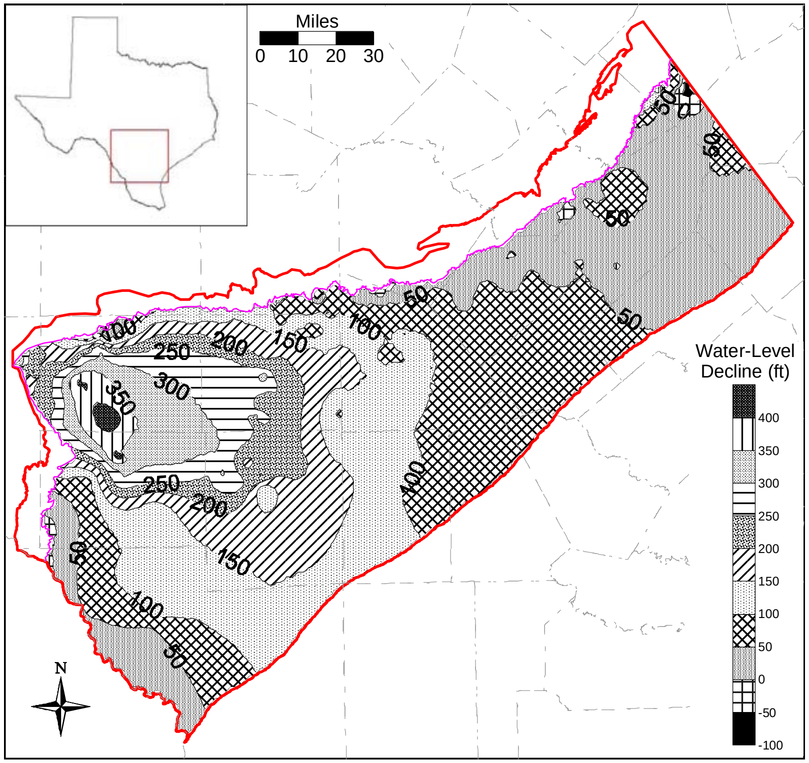
Historical Period (1975-2000)

- Used the TWDB head database
- Developed head surfaces for Carrizo
- 1980, 1990, 2000
- Developed hydrographs (time series) for transient calibration

Historical Heads

Drawdown (PreD – 1980)





Transient Hydrograph Locations

Hydraulic Conductivity

- Horizontal hydraulic conductivity point measurements are available (Mace et al, 2000) MS Access Database (file: cw_97_xp.mdb)
- Five aquifer tests provided through LBG-Guyton and URS Corp.
- Poor correlation between measured values and estimated sand patterns
- Must scale K_h and K_v to regional grid scale
- Vertical hydraulic conductivity is not measurable at the grid scale.

Effective Horizontal Conductivity

- Estimate block center K through kriging
- Estimate block center net sand thickness (b_{sand})
- Effective K calculated based upon $b_{sand}/b_{aquifer}$
- Horizontal K interpolated or zonal when data density is less than the correlation length

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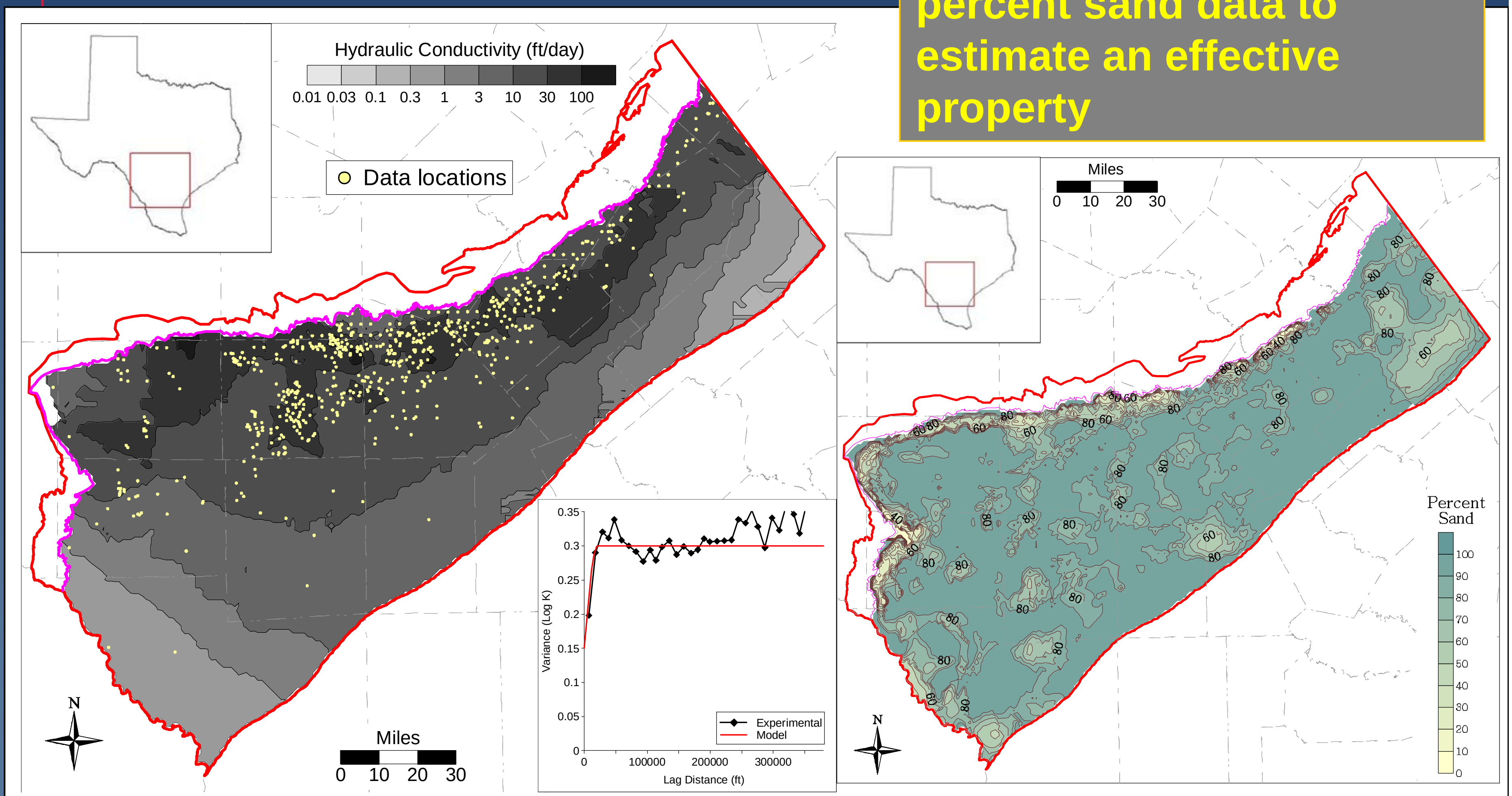
Horizontal Hydraulic Conductivity Distribution

Combined K data with the percent sand data to estimate an effective property



Effective Vertical Conductivity

- No measurements at model scale
- Kh/Kv will be a calibrated parameter based on:
  - Observed drawdowns (vertical gradients)
  - X-formational flow by 10,000 ppm
  - Specification of recharge
  - Depositional environments/sand distributions

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Storage Estimates

- Mace et al. (2000a) compiled 107 estimates of storativity and calculated 64 estimates of specific storage
- Storativity geometric mean equal to 3x10-4
- Specific storage geometric mean 4.6x10-6 1/m
- Unconfined storativity used = 0.25
- Specific storage used = 3x10-6 1/m

Recharge Estimation: SWAT (Soil and Water Assessment Tool)

- SWAT developed by Blacklands Research Center
- Physically based (primarily) watershed scale model
- Infiltration/runoff based on SCS Curve Number method (daily timestep)
  - Land use
  - Soil type
  - Antecedent soil condition
- Recharge = Infiltration – Evapotranspiration

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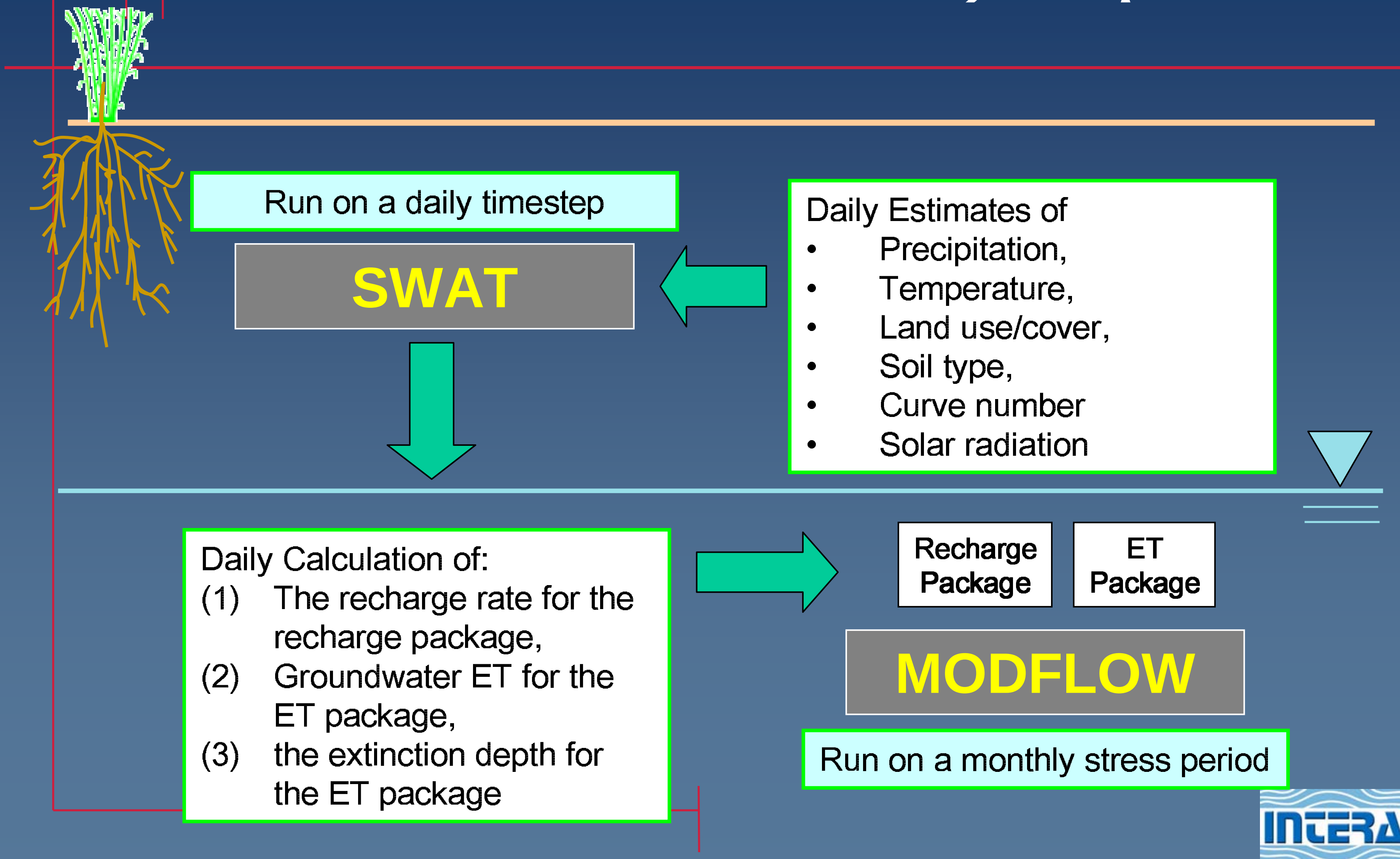
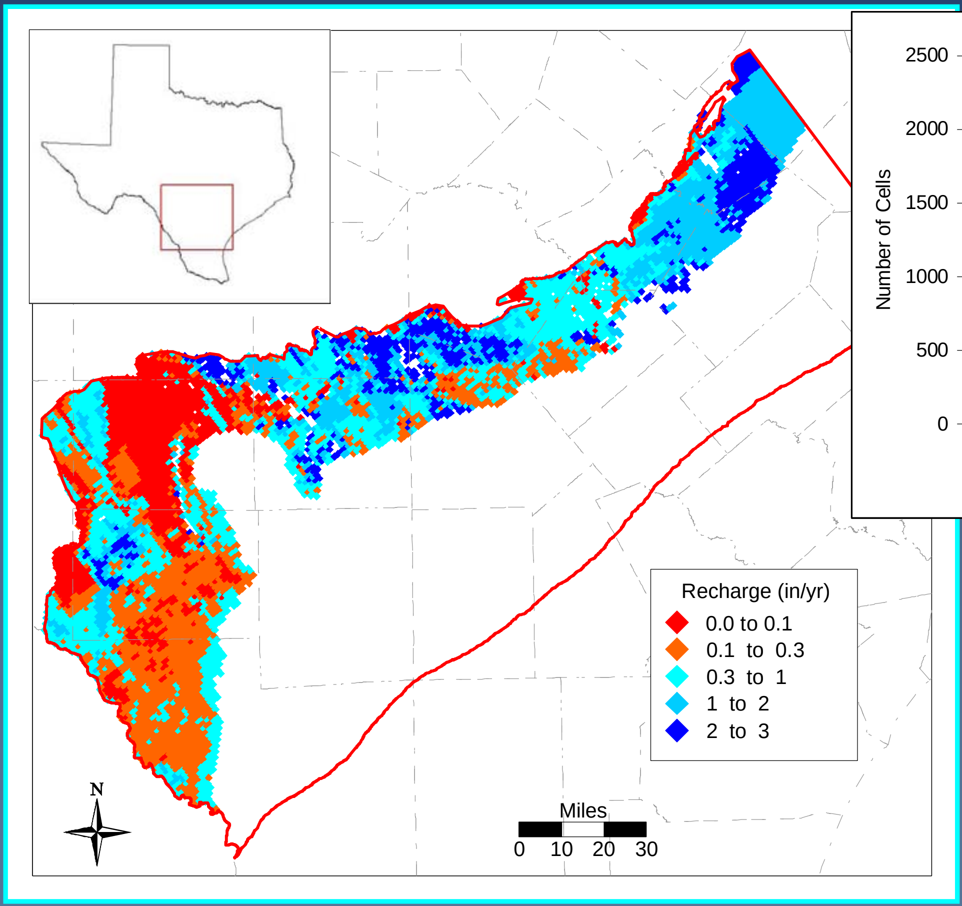
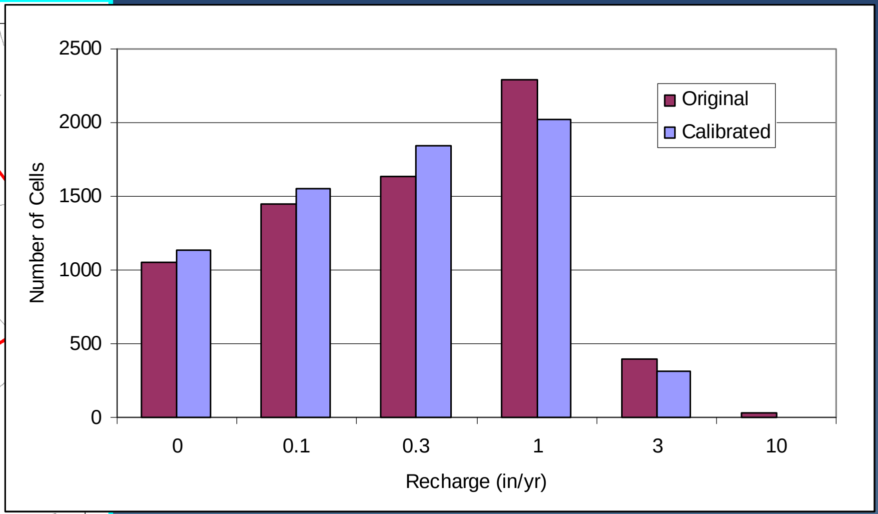
SWAT-MODFLOW one-way couple



Calibrated Steady-State Recharge

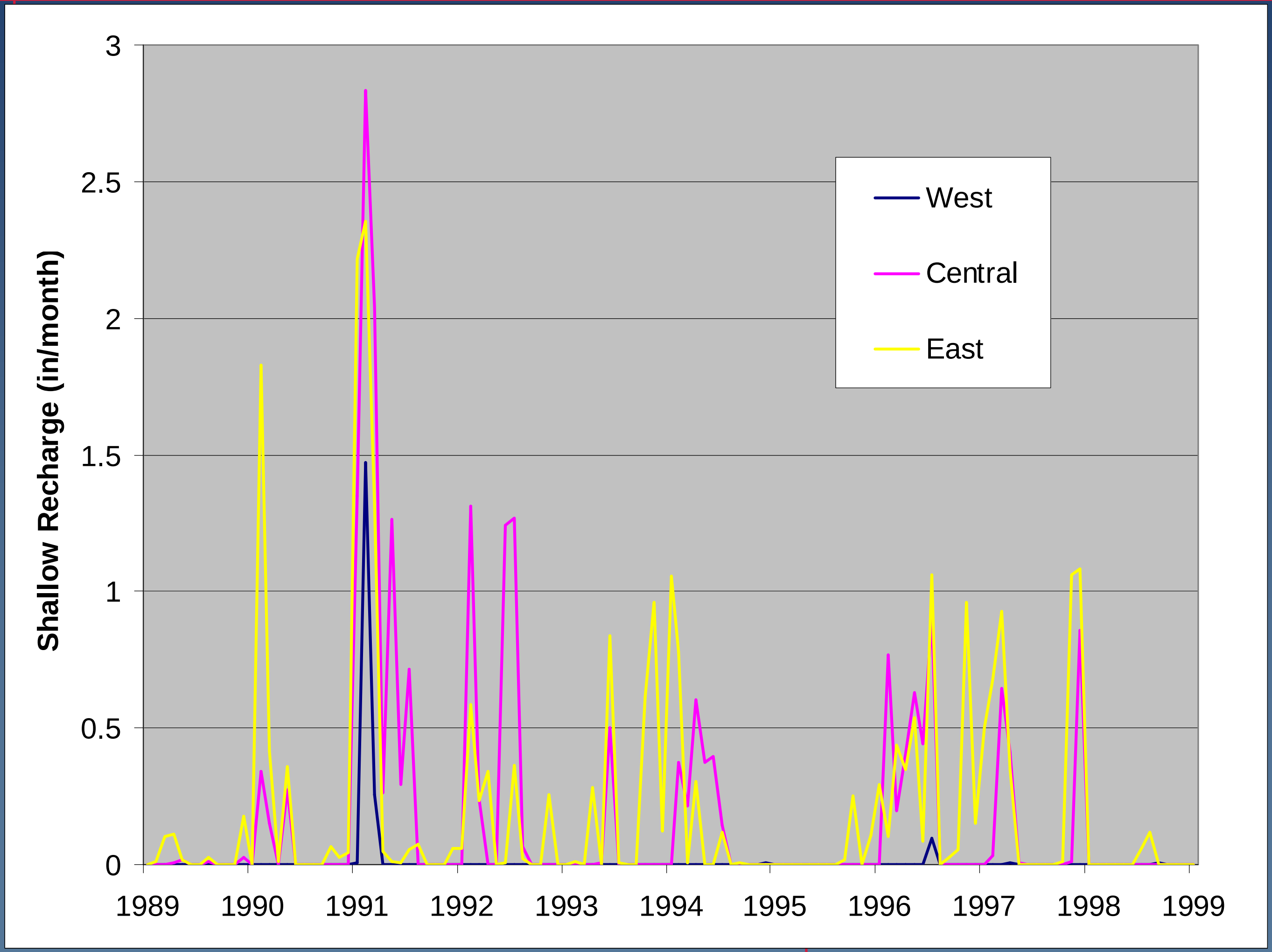




Recharge varies from nearly 0 to 3 in/yr

Median = 0.5 in/yr

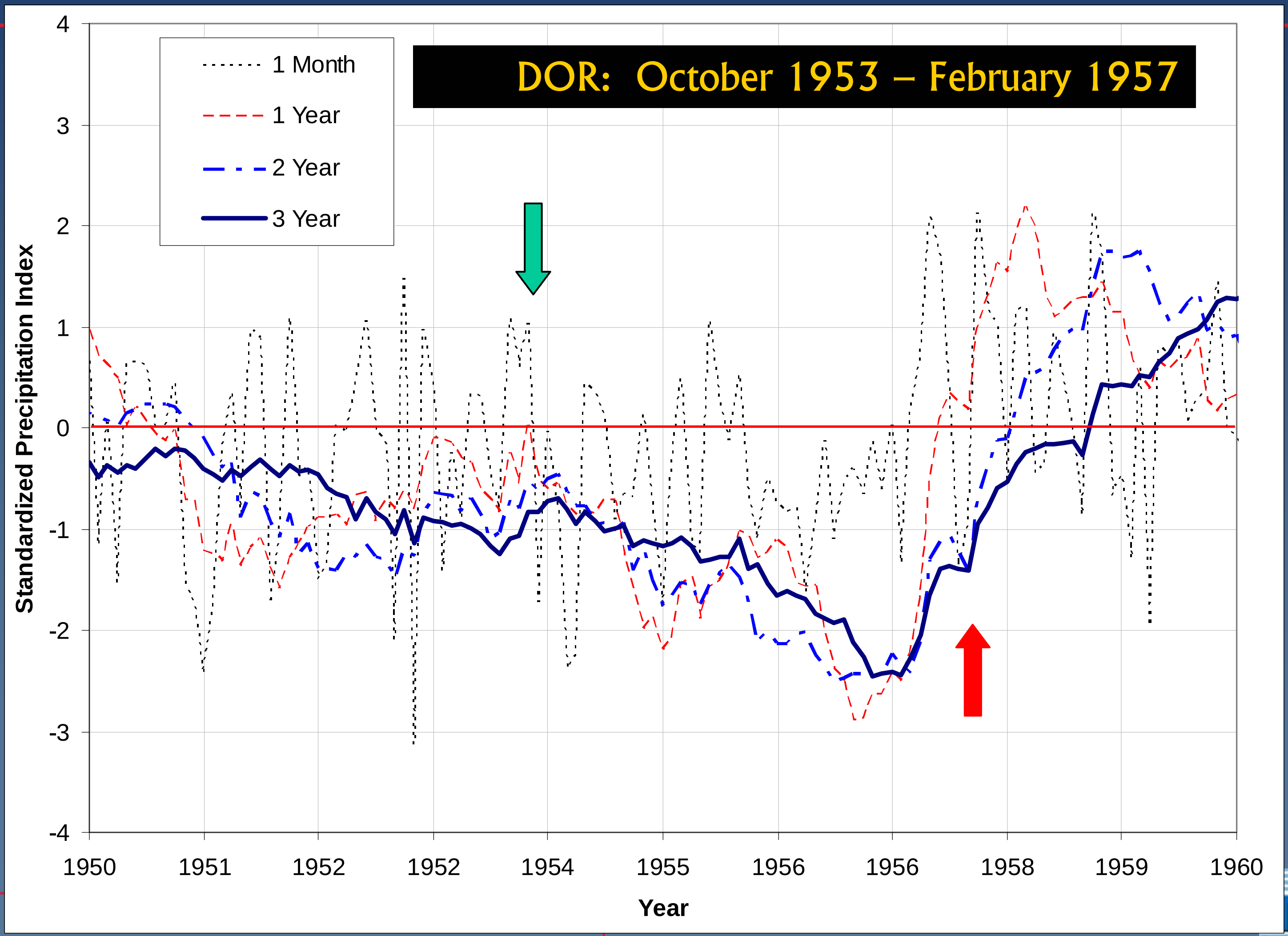
Transient Recharge Functions



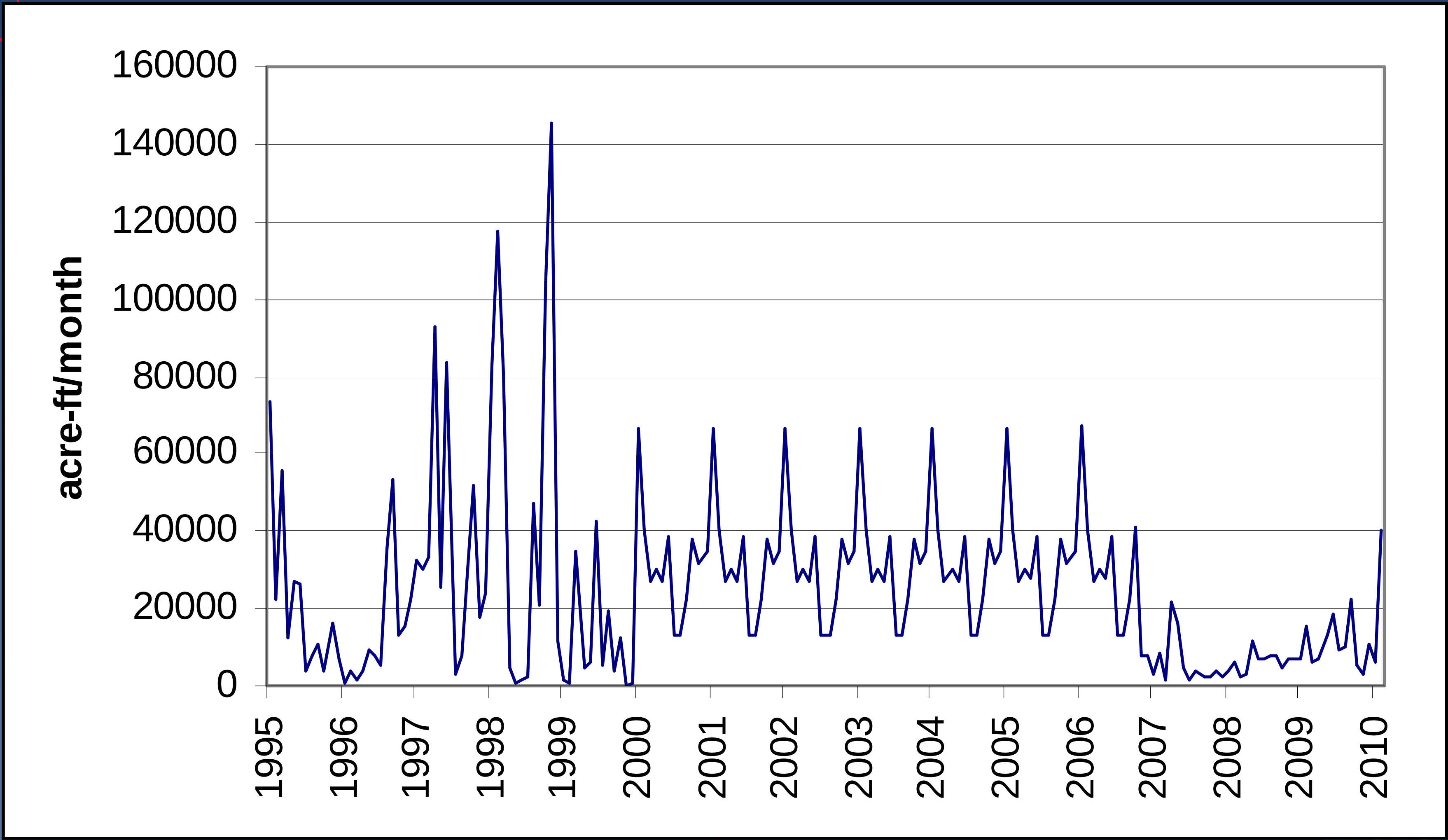
Shallow Recharge

Representative
5 square mile areas

Drought of Record: 1950s



Transient Recharge (1995-2010)

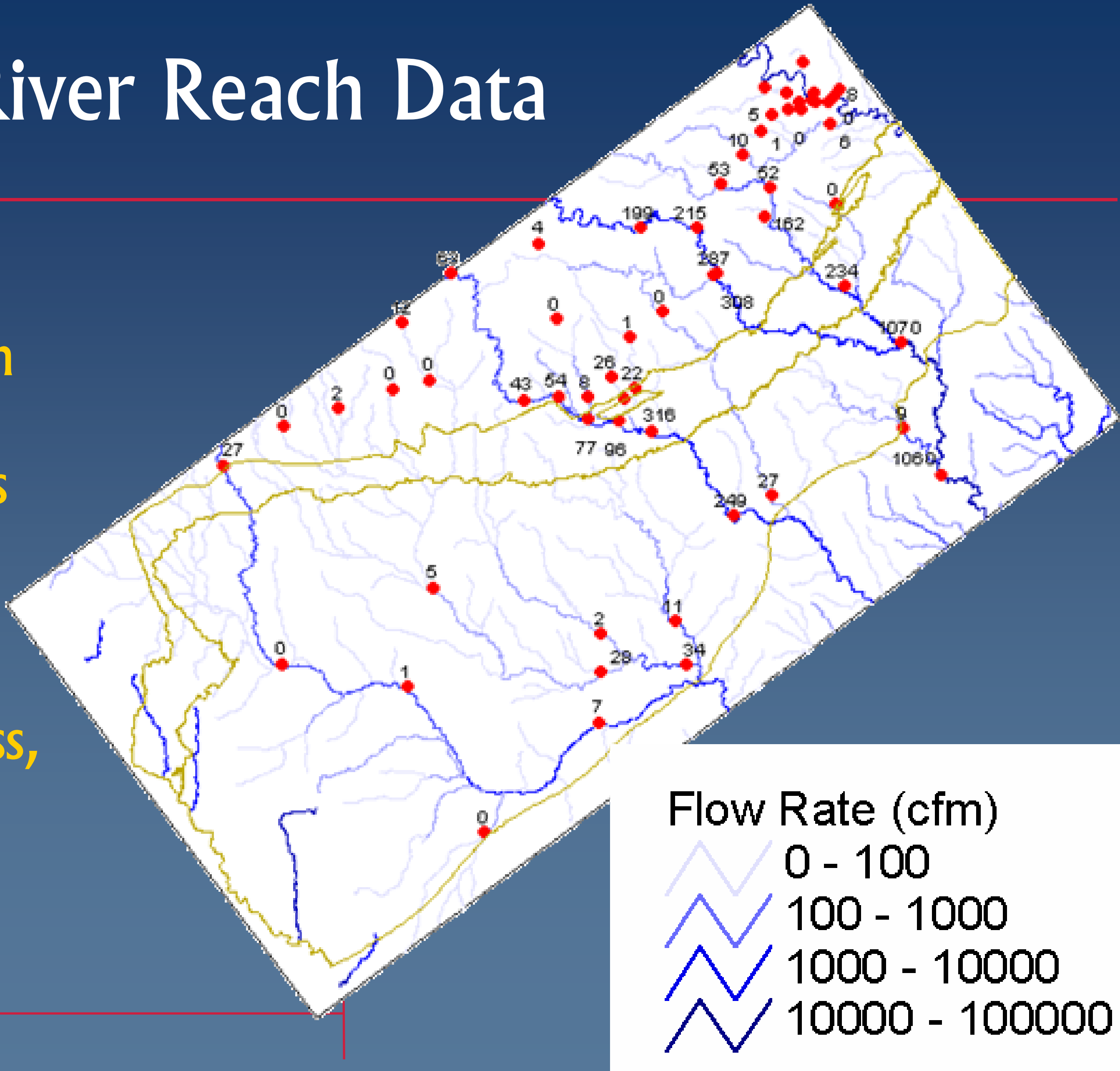


Stream Routing

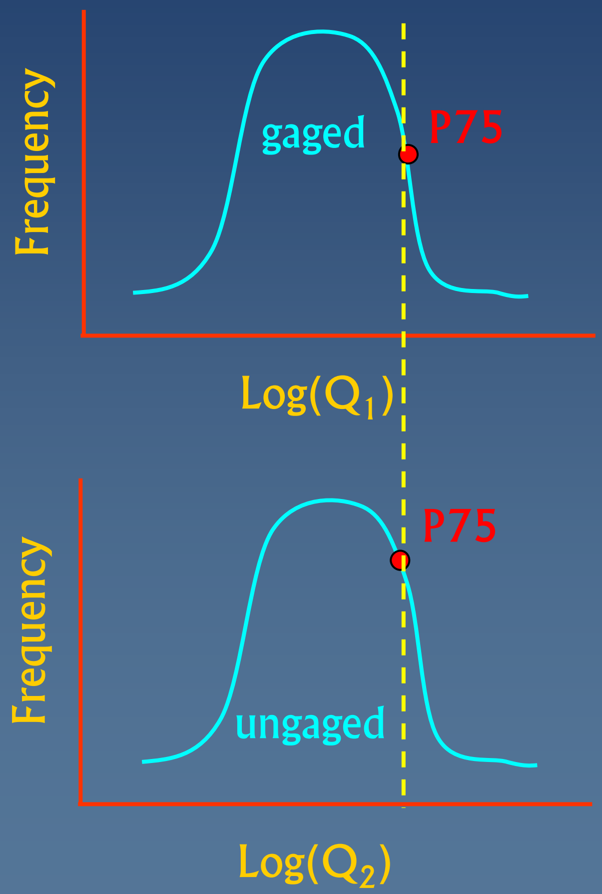
- Initial stream conductance estimated from EPA RF1 reach file parameters
- (http://www.epa.gov/region02/gis/atlas/rf1.htm)
- Variation in modeled conductance primarily due to stream width
- Relative bed conductivity scaled during calibration

EPA River Reach Data

EPA river reach data include many attributes needed in MODFLOW: width, depth, stage, roughness, and an average flow rate



Estimating Stream Flows at Headwater Process



In month X we have a measured monthly average flow rate equal to the 75th percentile (P75).

Knowing the mean monthly flow rate and the standard deviation, we can then calculate the 75th percentile flow rate for the ungaged stream.

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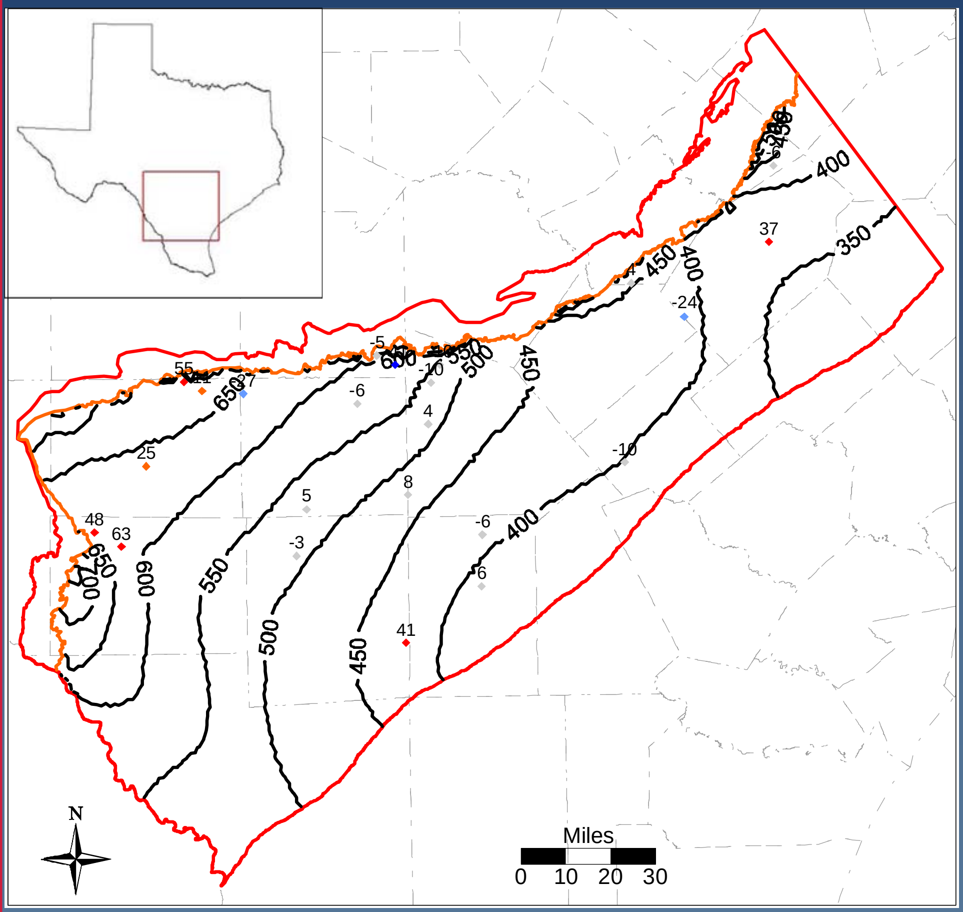
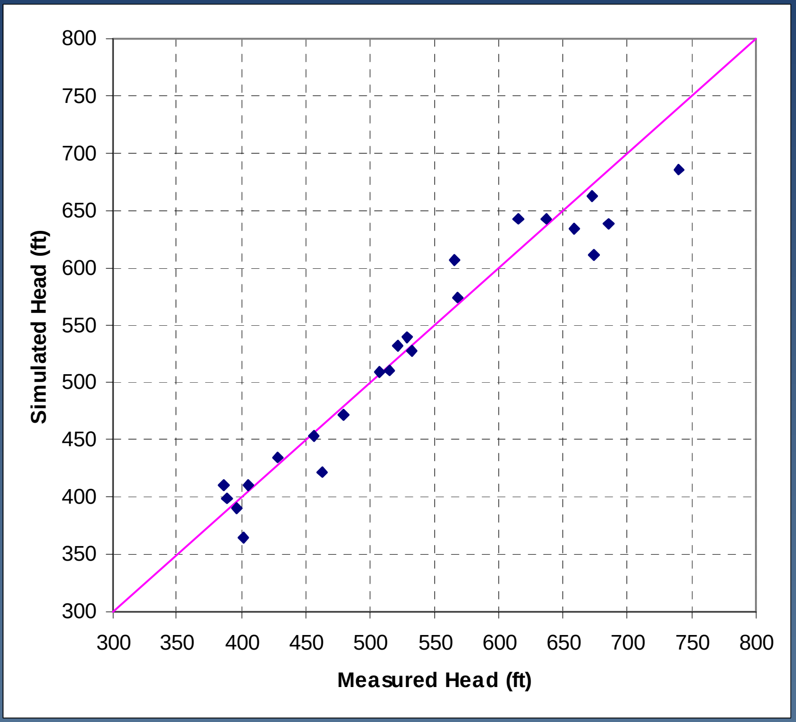
Pre-development Calibration: Carrizo

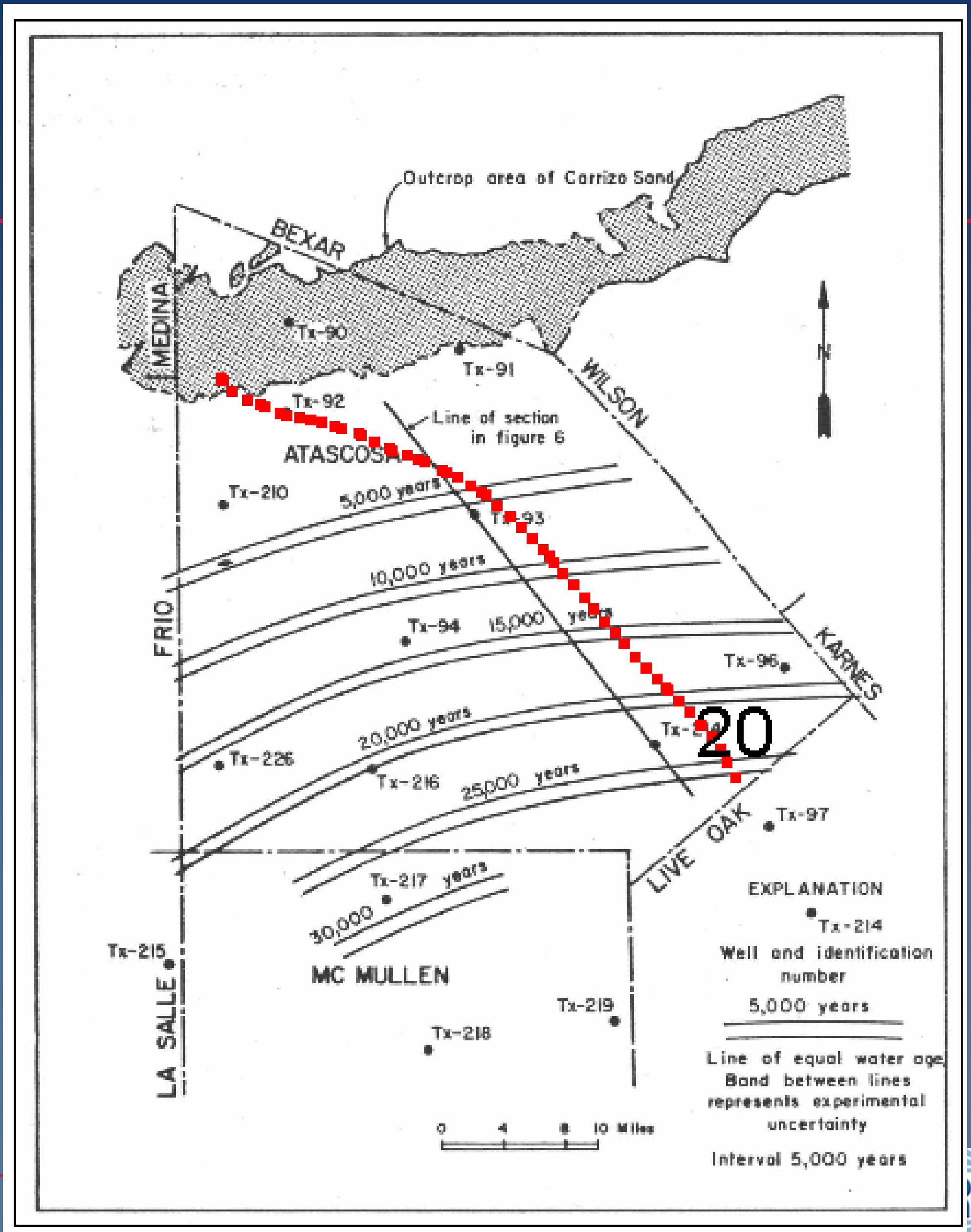




RMS	Range	RMS/Range
26.9	353.4	0.076

Steady-State Calibration: Particle Tracking

Steady-state particle travel path and travel time compared to the groundwater age dating study of Pearson and White (1967).



Evaluation of Historic Pumping Demand

- TWDB Technical Memo on Pumping allocation and distribution (see www.twdb.state.tx.us/GAM)
- Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) developed for historical (1980-1999) Pumping
- Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) developed for predictive simulations (2000-2050)
  - Based on TWBD predictive data found in GAMPredictivePumpage_2002SWP.xls
- Developed by Parsons.

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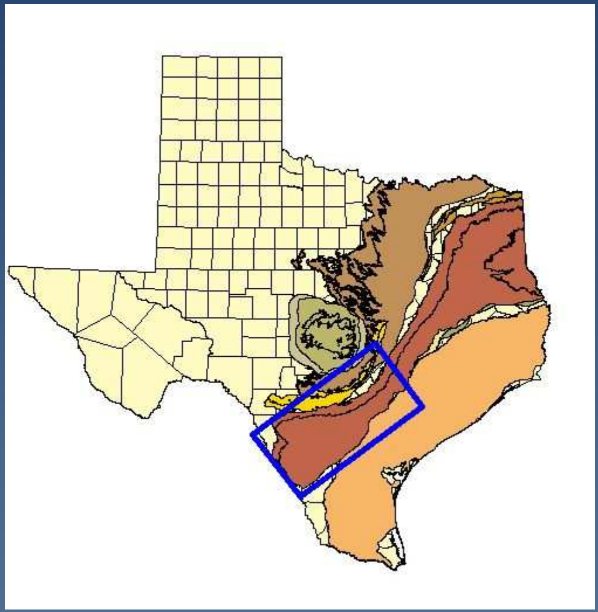
Pumping - Data Sources for Groundwater Use Provided by the TWDB (1980-1999)



1. Annual Water Use summary by major aquifer
2. Annual Water Use summary by individual county and river basin
3. Monthly Water Use summary for municipal users
4. Monthly Water Use summary for manufacturing users (includes manufacturing, power generation, and mining)

Categories of Groundwater Use

Point Source Data

- Municipal
- Manufacturing
- Power
- Mining

Non-Point Source Data

- Irrigation
- Livestock
- Rural Domestic

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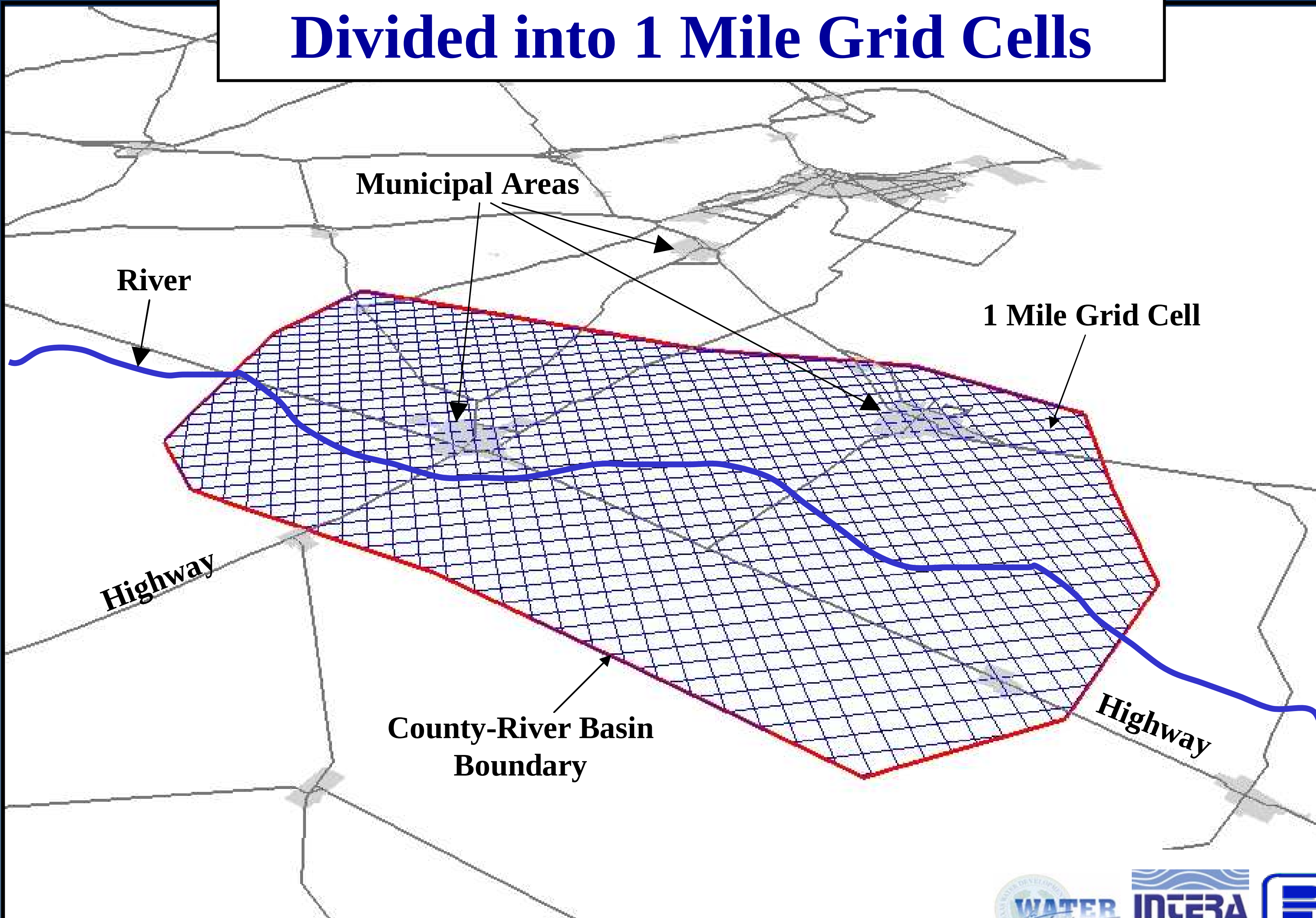
Database Processing

- Utilize TWDB Technical Memorandums
- Prepare 1 mile by 1 mile grid cells using GIS (Geographic Information Systems) computer programs
- Separate point source municipal wells from non-point source rural domestic wells
- Distribute monthly pumpage for each of the 7 groundwater uses across each grid cell

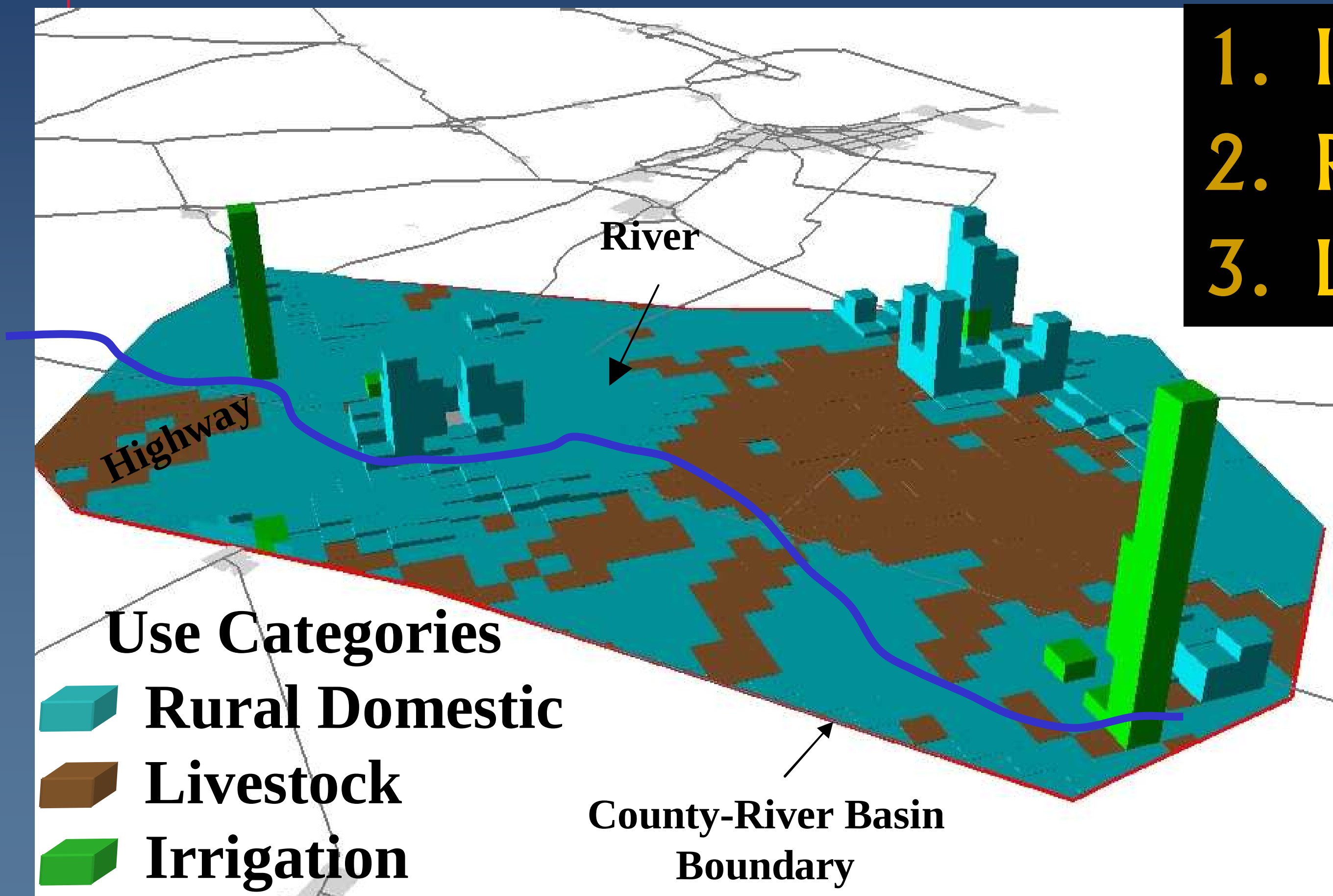
Conceptual County & River Basin Divided into 1 Mile Grid Cells



Locate Pumpage Using Point Source Data

- Applicable for municipal, manufacturing, power and mining uses
- Utilize TWDB water use survey and TWDB well database
- Assign well screened intervals (top and bottom) to specific groundwater flow layers within the model
- Label each pumping record with the appropriate grid cell identifier

Locate Pumpage Using Non-Point Source Data



1. Irrigation
2. Rural/Domestic
3. Livestock

Pumping Implementation

- Once the pumping has been estimated for each of the seven user groups;
  - It is summed across all user groups for a given model cell (row, column) and a given model layer
  - This process is repeated for all active model cells in the model domain for each transient stress period.
  - The stress period used in the transient simulations is 1 month.
- A well package is written for each stress period

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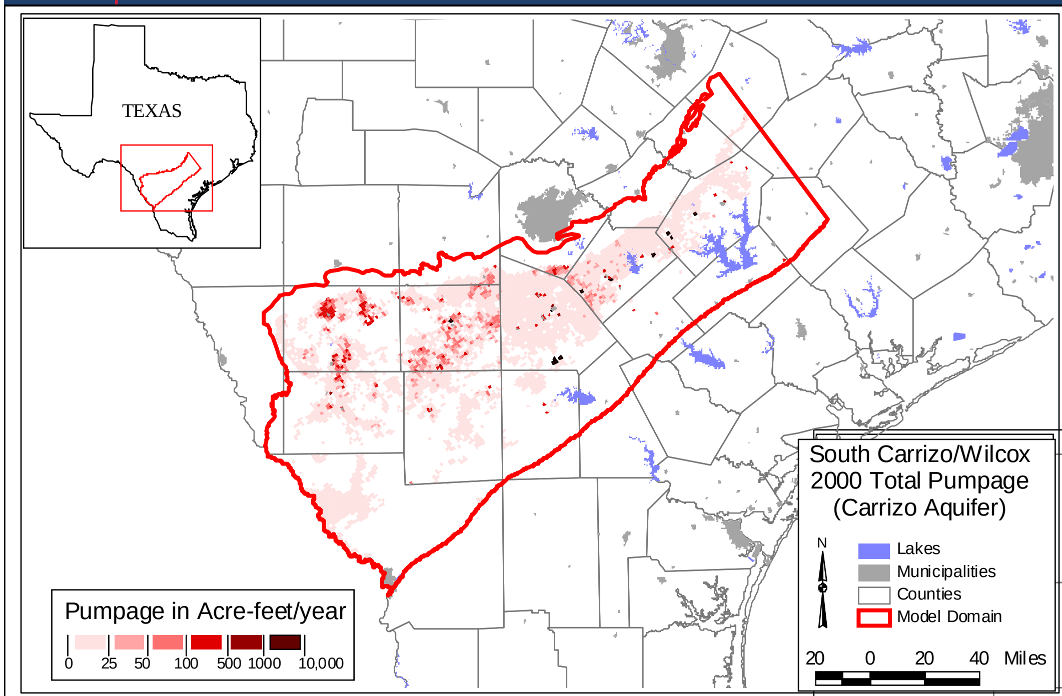
Pumping Estimates (AFY)

COUNTY	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
ATASCOSA	72676	56463	18938	19388	19916	8905	11365	18926
BASTROP	830	1233	5612	6655	7698	8829	10259	12793
BEE	0	0	80	81	80	82	84	88
BEXAR	7658	6681	36709	37699	37688	32316	32882	31340
CALDWELL	2184	3163	7245	7608	7972	8312	8363	8390
DEWITT	9	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
DIMMIT	22321	9350	10360	10070	10111	10476	10562	10704
FAYETTE	87	105	8	8	7	7	6	6
FRIO	77550	83623	20587	20680	20736	5614	5723	5808
GONZALES	3516	4589	3174	2998	2837	2688	2640	2607
GUADALUPE	2060	2680	12761	14176	15769	18001	19879	21254
KARNES	1650	841	3266	2932	2782	2591	2556	2532
LA SALLE	9068	7320	4922	4752	4552	4116	3979	3839
LAVACA	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIVE OAK	115	80	171	171	171	171	171	171
MAVERICK	1203	3625	576	1061	1601	1505	1367	1244
MCMULLEN	433	1560	578	510	470	440	414	395
MEDINA	8433	1630	6556	6612	6650	2422	2476	2570
UVALDE	4740	366	4442	4388	4345	1544	1533	1512
WEBB	347	712	2580	7430	9096	12597	12599	12628
WILSON	10031	15879	13679	13570	12370	11276	11901	12613
ZAVALA	85741	80449	26771	26789	26744	7465	7704	8005
Total	312636	282351	181015	189588	193615	141387	148503	159475

Pumping – Carrizo 1990 & 2000



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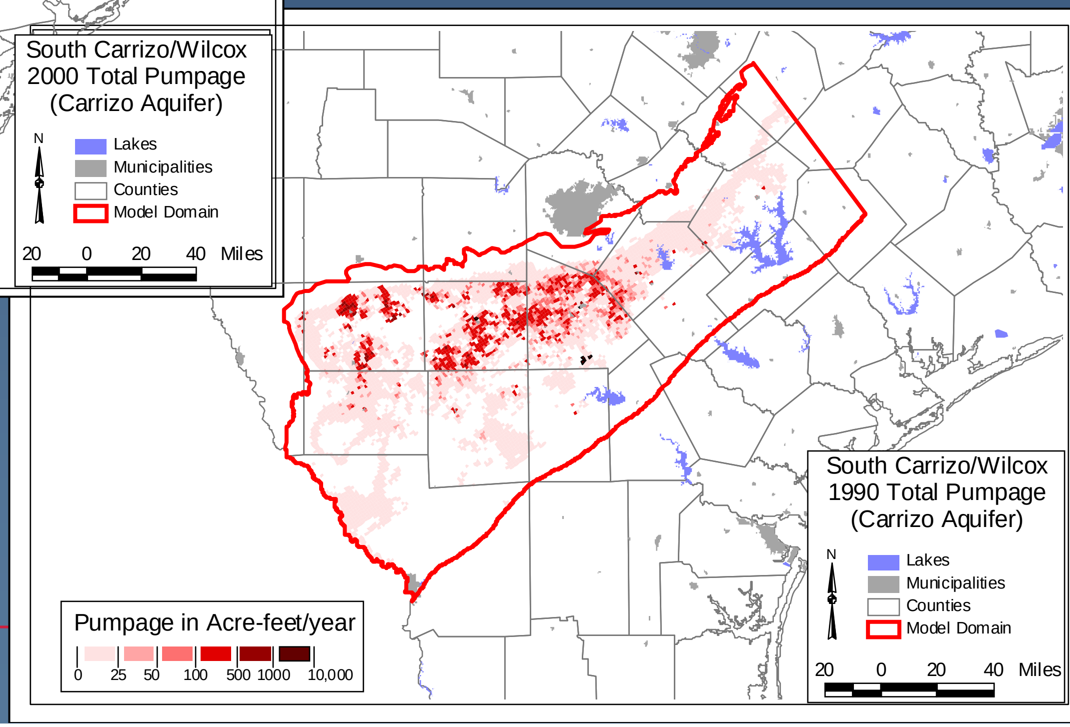

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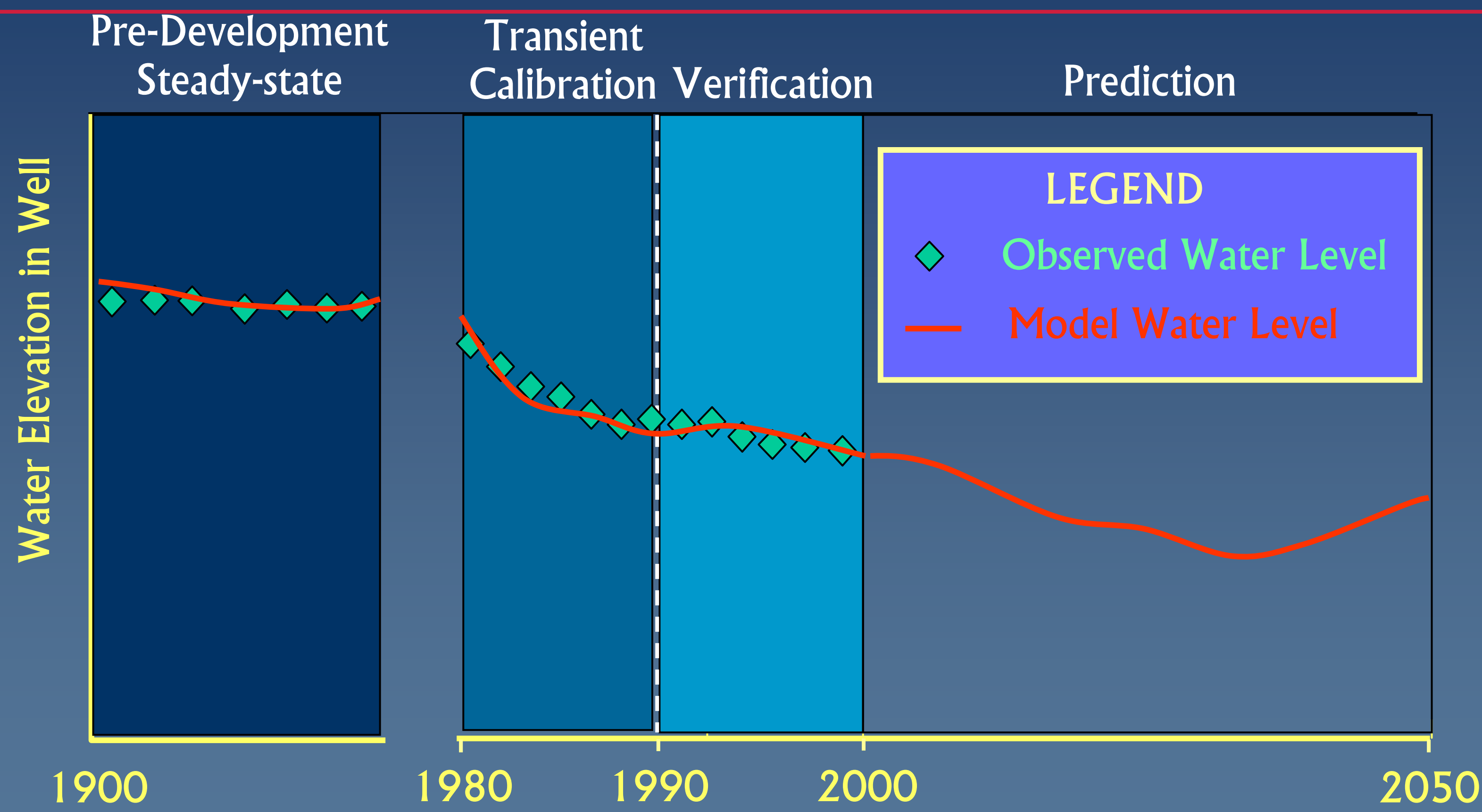
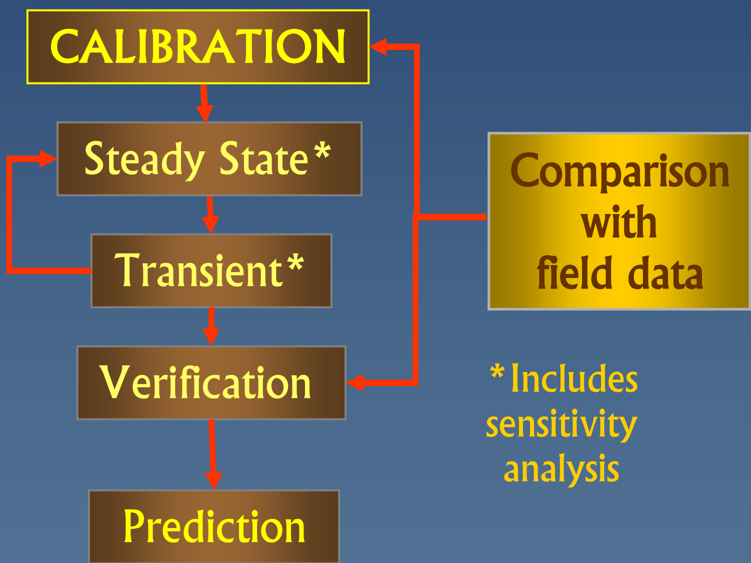


Pre-development and transient calibration periods represent different hydrologic conditions

Calibration Approach

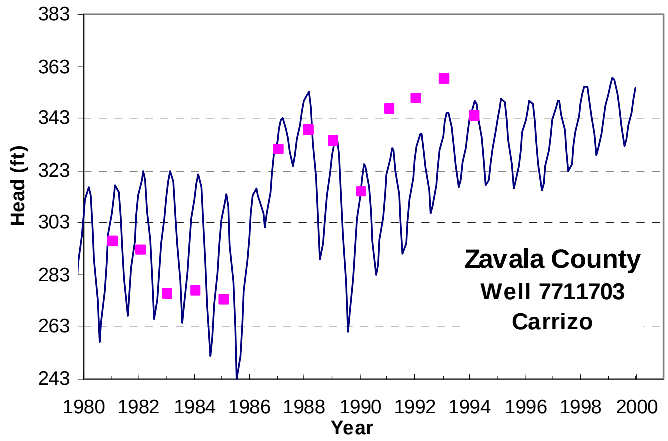


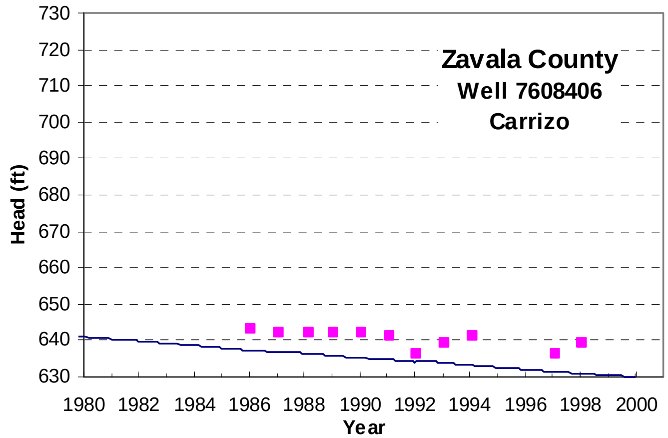
The calibration approach iterates between the steady-state (predevelopment) and the transient calibrations to reach a consistent set of physical parameters that match both sets of observation.

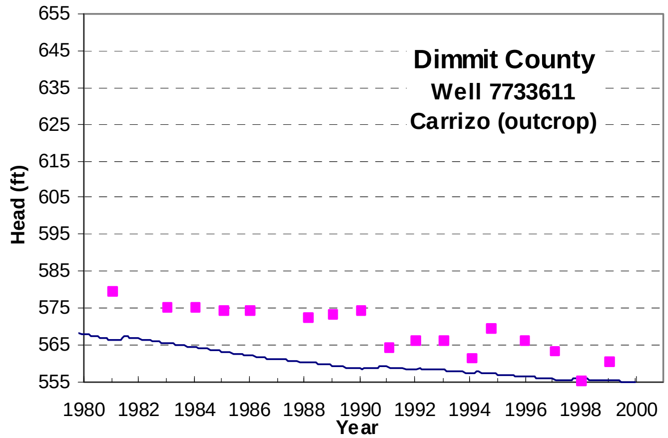
Transient Model Calibration

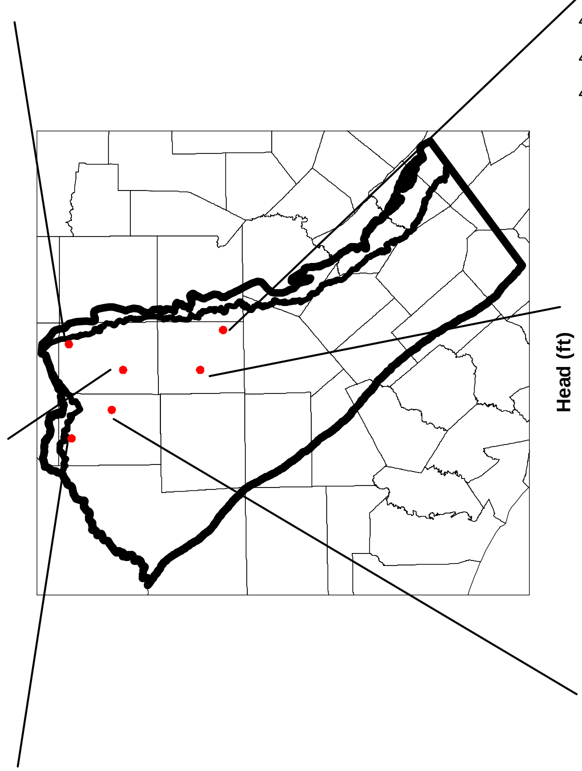
- Transient calibration required:
  - Reduced K_v of the Reklaw/Bigford, particularly west of the Frio river
  - Reduced K_v of the Wilcox layers
  - Adjusted conductivity of the GHBs attached to the Queen City

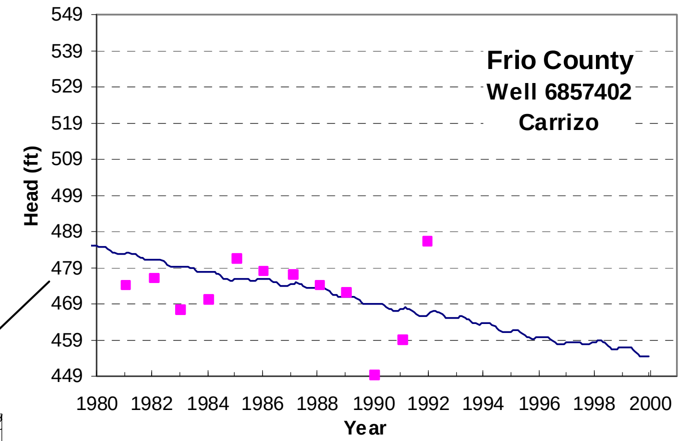
Hydrographs Carrizo

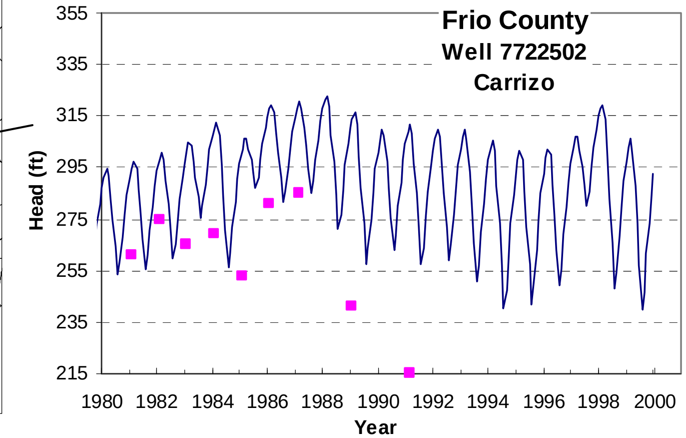


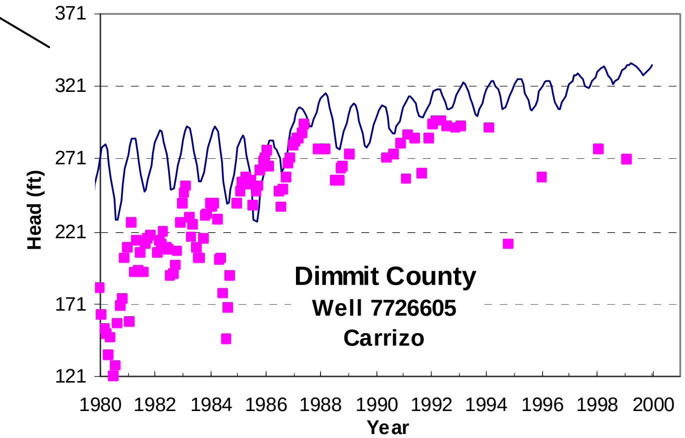












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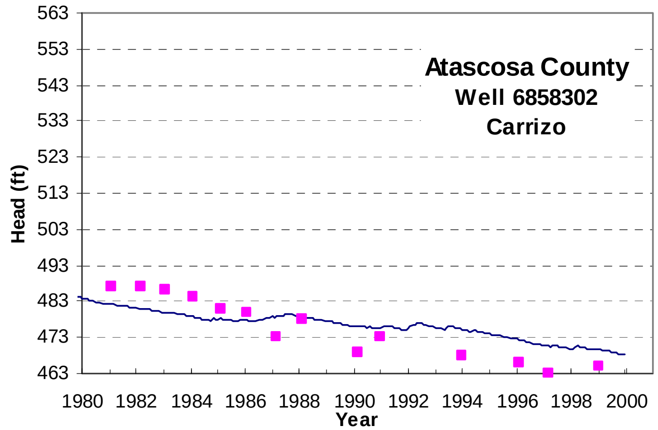

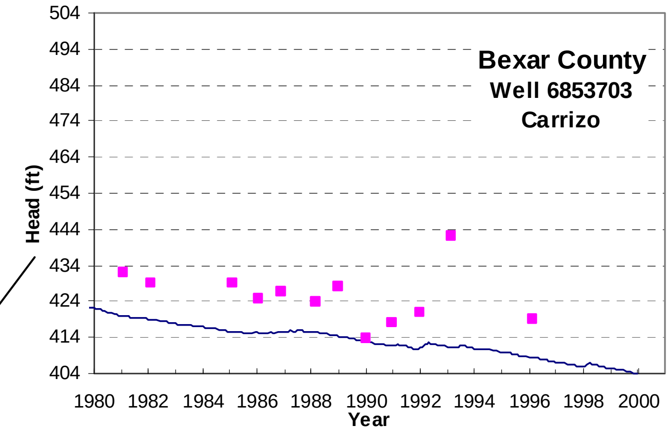

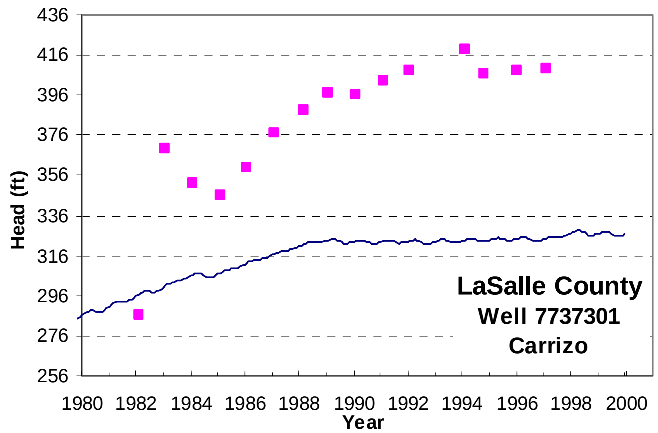

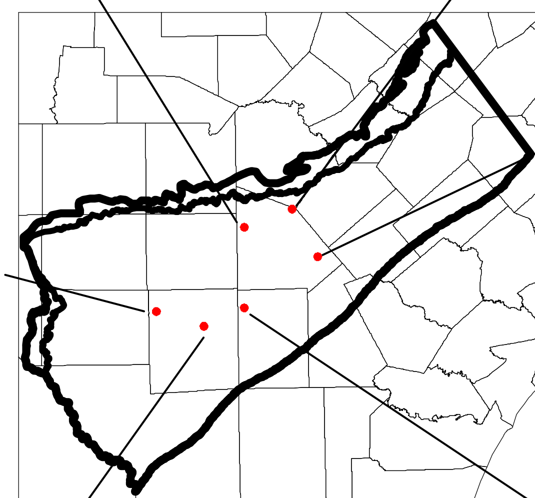

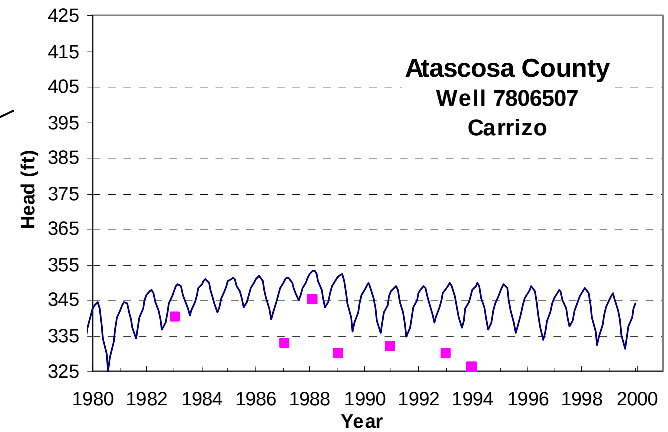

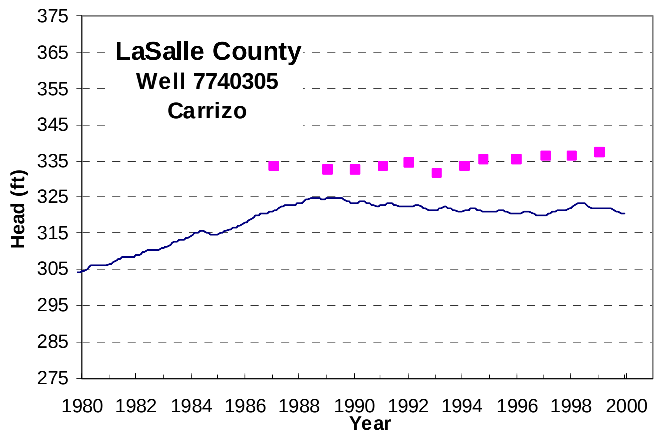

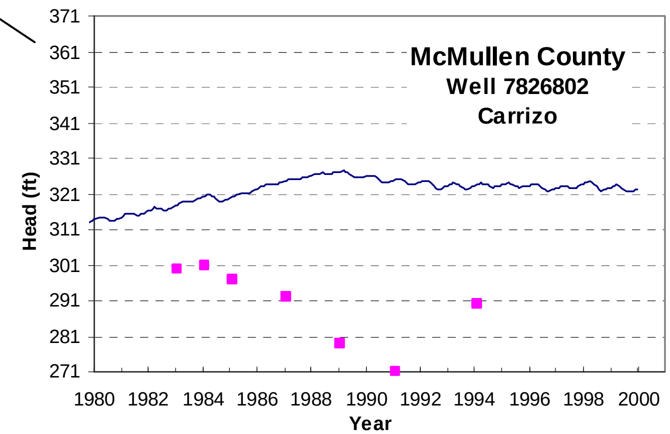

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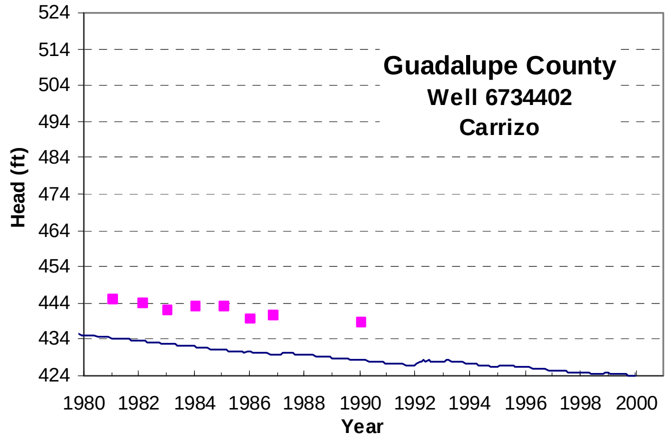

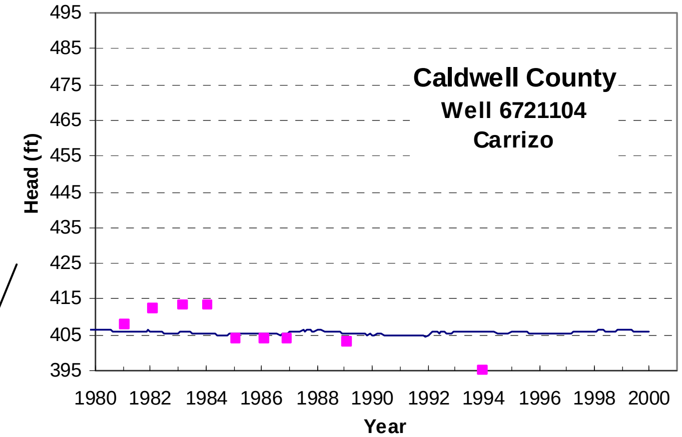

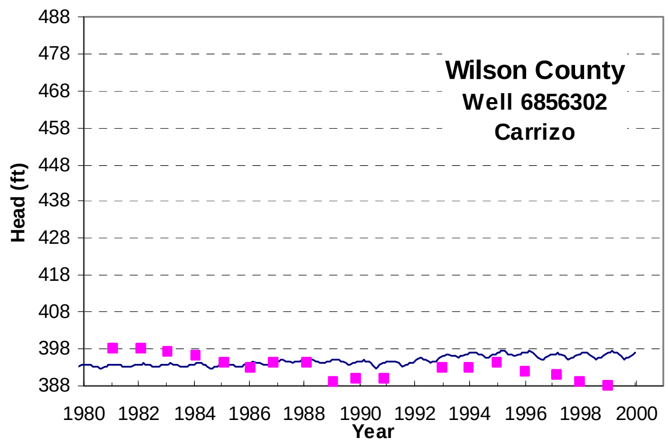

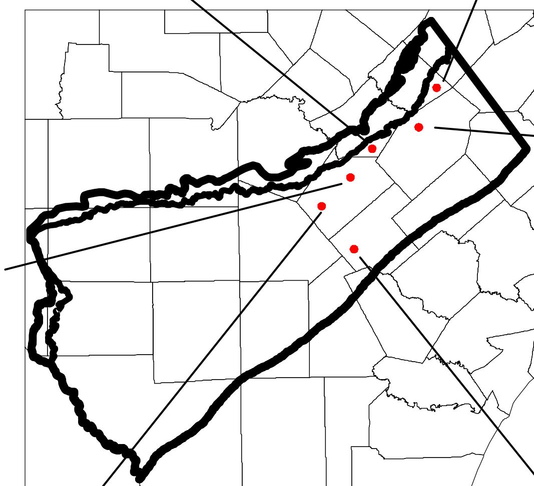

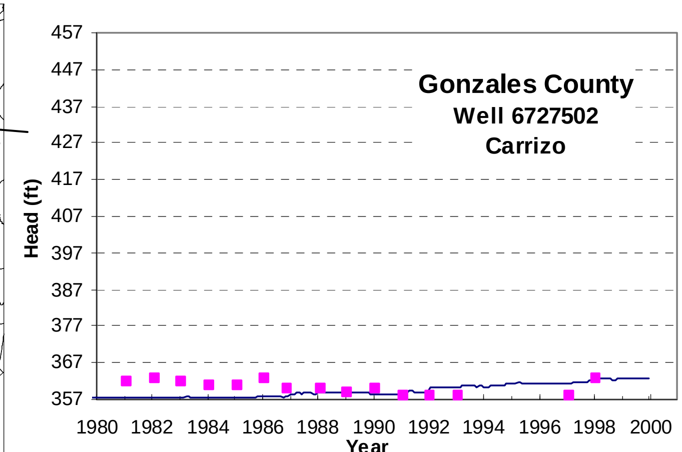

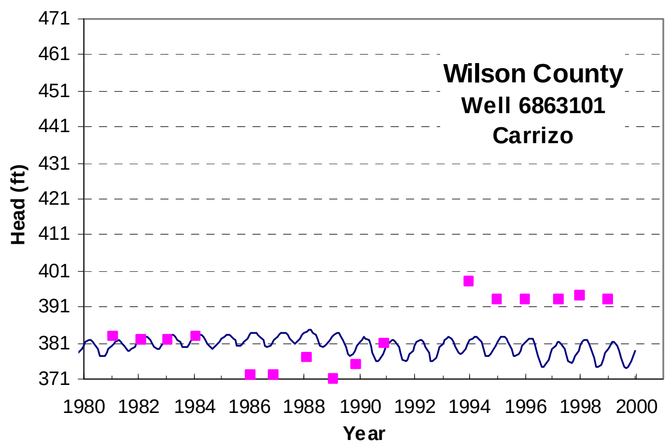

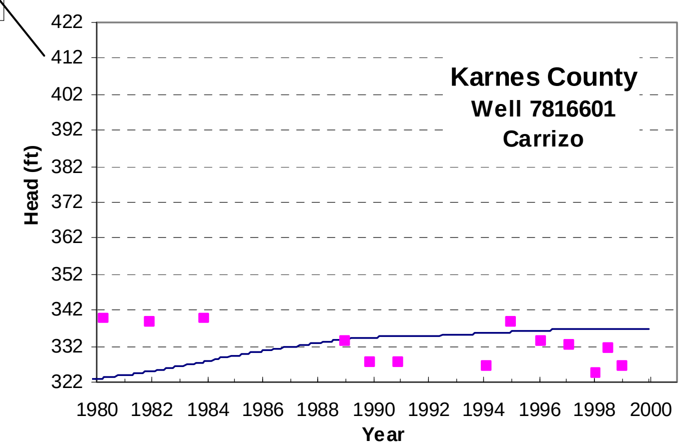

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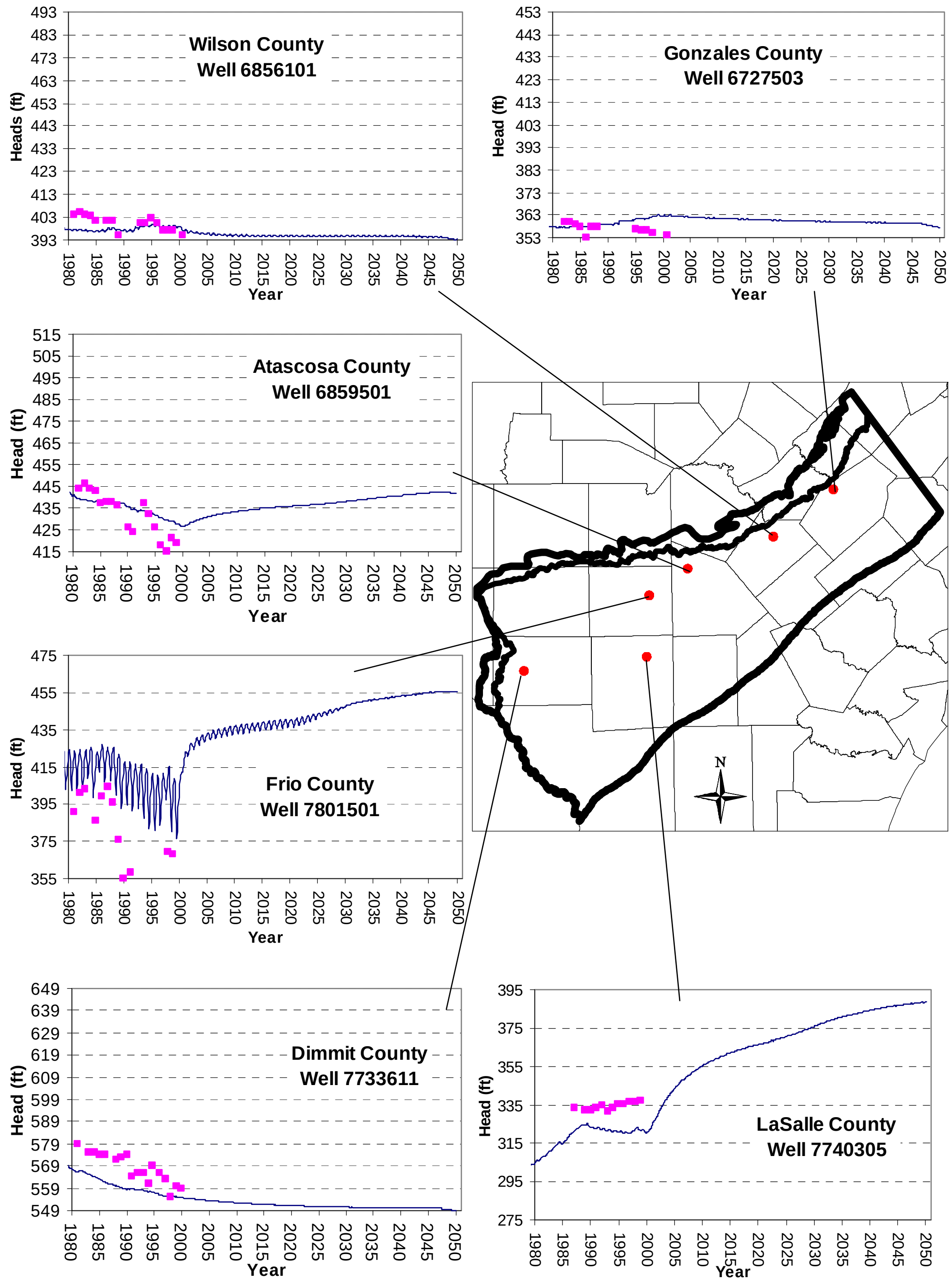

Conclusions

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- The GAM allows regional consideration of interference between resource strategies

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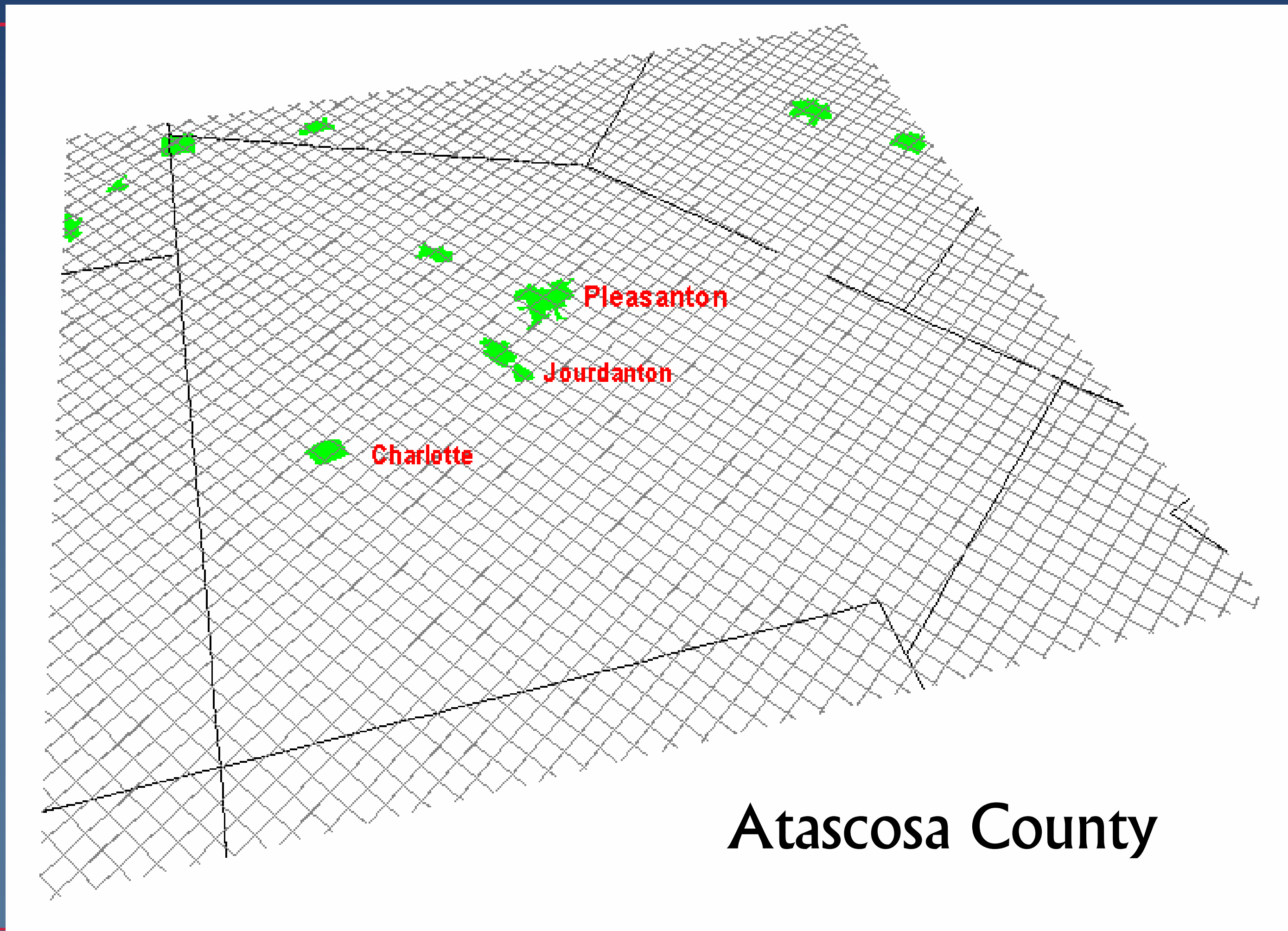

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- The GAM model provides a first-order approach to coupling surface water to groundwater
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