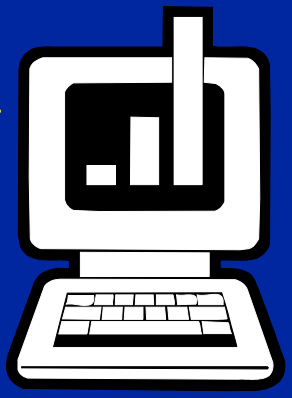
LECTURE #2

INTRODUCTION TO HSPF AND THE MODEL APPLICATION PROCESS

HSPF: HYDROLOGIC SIMULATION PROGRAM - FORTRAN



- Continuous simulation model
- Natural and developed watersheds and water systems
- Land surface and subsurface hydrology and quality processes
- Stream/lake hydraulics and water quality processes
- Time series data management and storage
- Time series data statistical analysis and operations
- Core watershed model in EPA BASINS and Army Corps WMS
- Development and maintenance activities sponsored by U.S. EPA and U.S. Geological Survey

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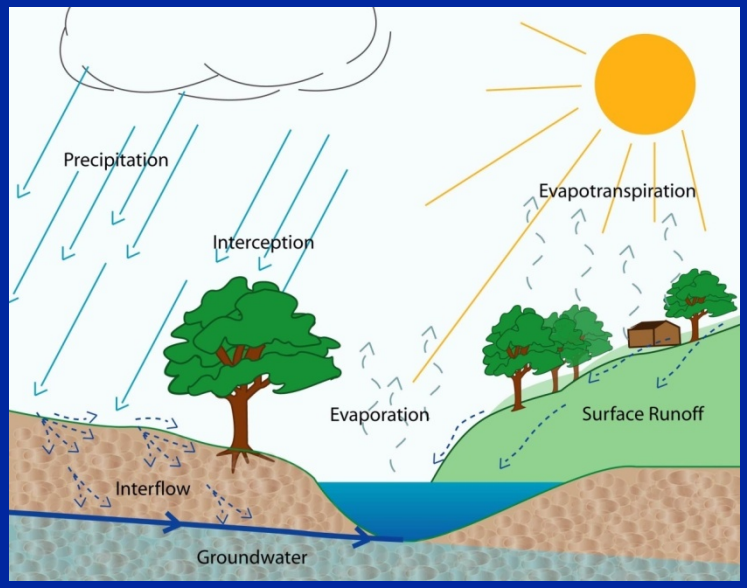
CONTINUOUS SIMULATION

Representing hydrologic processes, storages, and pathways (fluxes) for a watershed, continuously for many days to multiple years, with time steps of one day or less, usually in the range of minutes to hours



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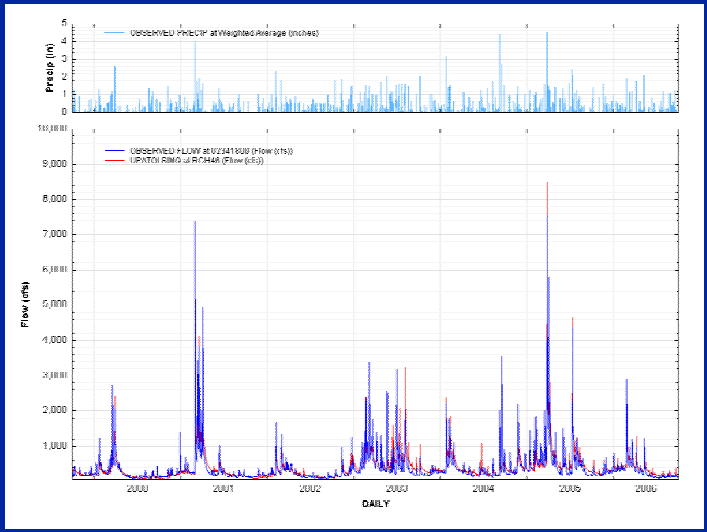
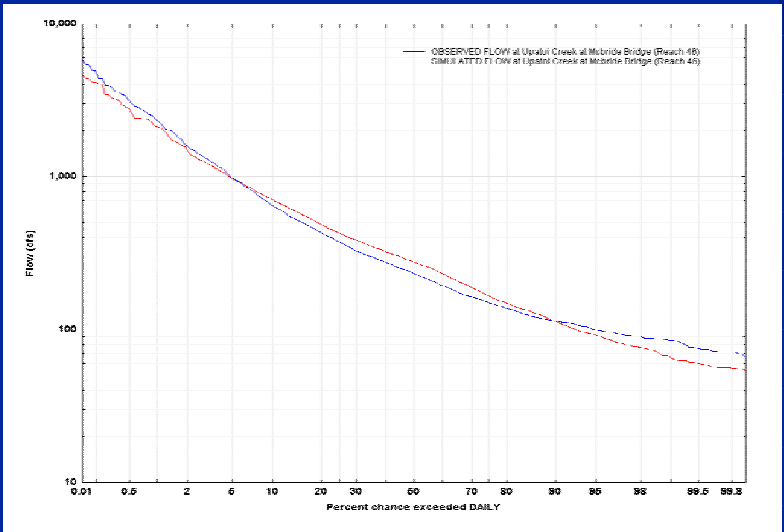
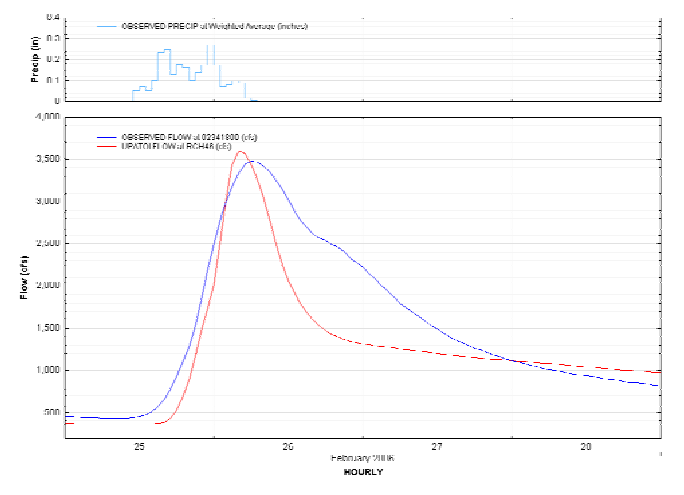
RESULTS FROM CONTINUOUS SIMULATION

Daily Flow



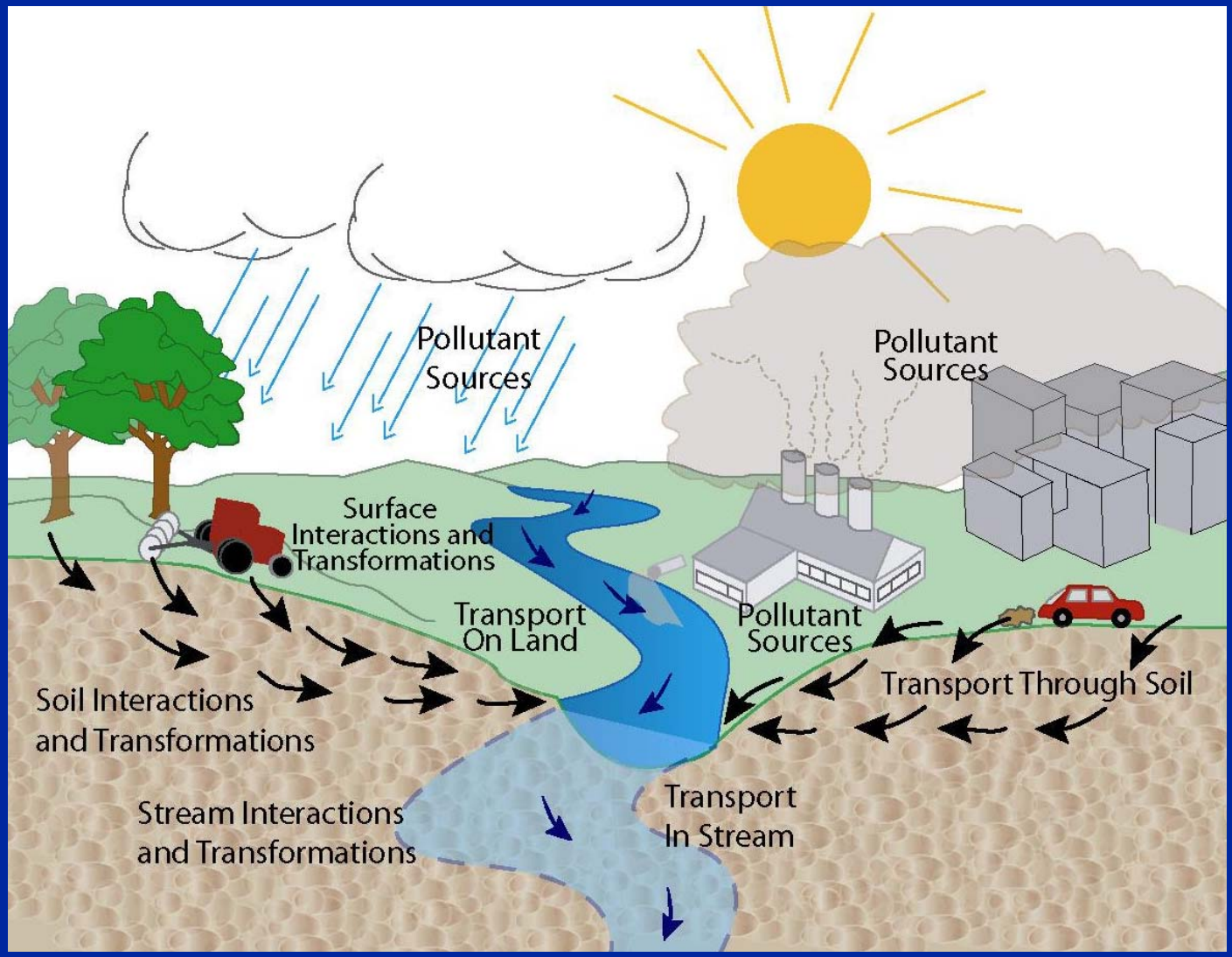
Flow Duration/Frequency





Storm Hydrographs

COMPONENTS OF WATER QUALITY PROBLEMS AND POLLUTION



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COMPONENTS OF WATERSHED WATER QUALITY MODELS

Nonpoint Loading Simulation

- Runoff quantity - surface and subsurface
- Sediment erosion/solids loading
- Runoff quality
- Atmospheric deposition
- Inputs needed by instream simulation

Instream Simulation

- Hydraulics
- Sediment transport
- Sediment-contaminant interactions
- Water quality constituents and processes
- Point source accommodation
- Lake/reservoir simulation
- Benthal processes and impacts

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HSPF APPLICATION & UTILITY MODULES (Version 12, 2001)

APPLICATION MODULES

PERLND	IMPLND	RCHRES	BMP
Snow	Snow	Hydraulics	Flow
Water	Water	Conservative	Any constituent simulated in PERLND, IMPLND or RCHRES
Sediment	Solids	Temperature	
Quality	Quality	Sediment	
Pesticide		Nonconservative	
Nitrogen		BOD/DO	
Phosphorus		Nitrogen	
Tracer		Phosphorus	
		Carbon	
		Plankton	

UTILITY MODULES

COPY, MUTSIN, PLTGEN, DURANL, GENER, DISPLY, REPORT

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PERLND STRUCTURE CHART

PERLND
Simulate a pervious land segment

ATEMP
Correct air temperature

SNOW
Simulate snow and ice

PWATER
Simulate water budget

SEDMNT
Simulate sediment

PSTEMP
Estimate soil temperature(s)

PWTGAS
Estimate water temperature and gas concentrations

PQUAL
Simulate general quality constituents

AGCHEM

MSTLAY
Estimate solute transport

PEST
Simulate pesticides

NITR
Simulate nitrogen

PHOS
Simulate phosphorus

TRACER
Simulate a conservative tracer

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IMPLND STRUCTURE CHART

IMPLND

Simulate a segment of impervious land

ATEMP	SNOW	IWATER	SOLIDS	IWTGAS	IQUAL
(see module PERLND)	(see module PERLND)	Simulate water budget for impervious land segment	Accumulate and remove solids	Simulate water temperature and dissolved gas concs.	Simulate quality constituents using simple relationships with solids and/or water yield

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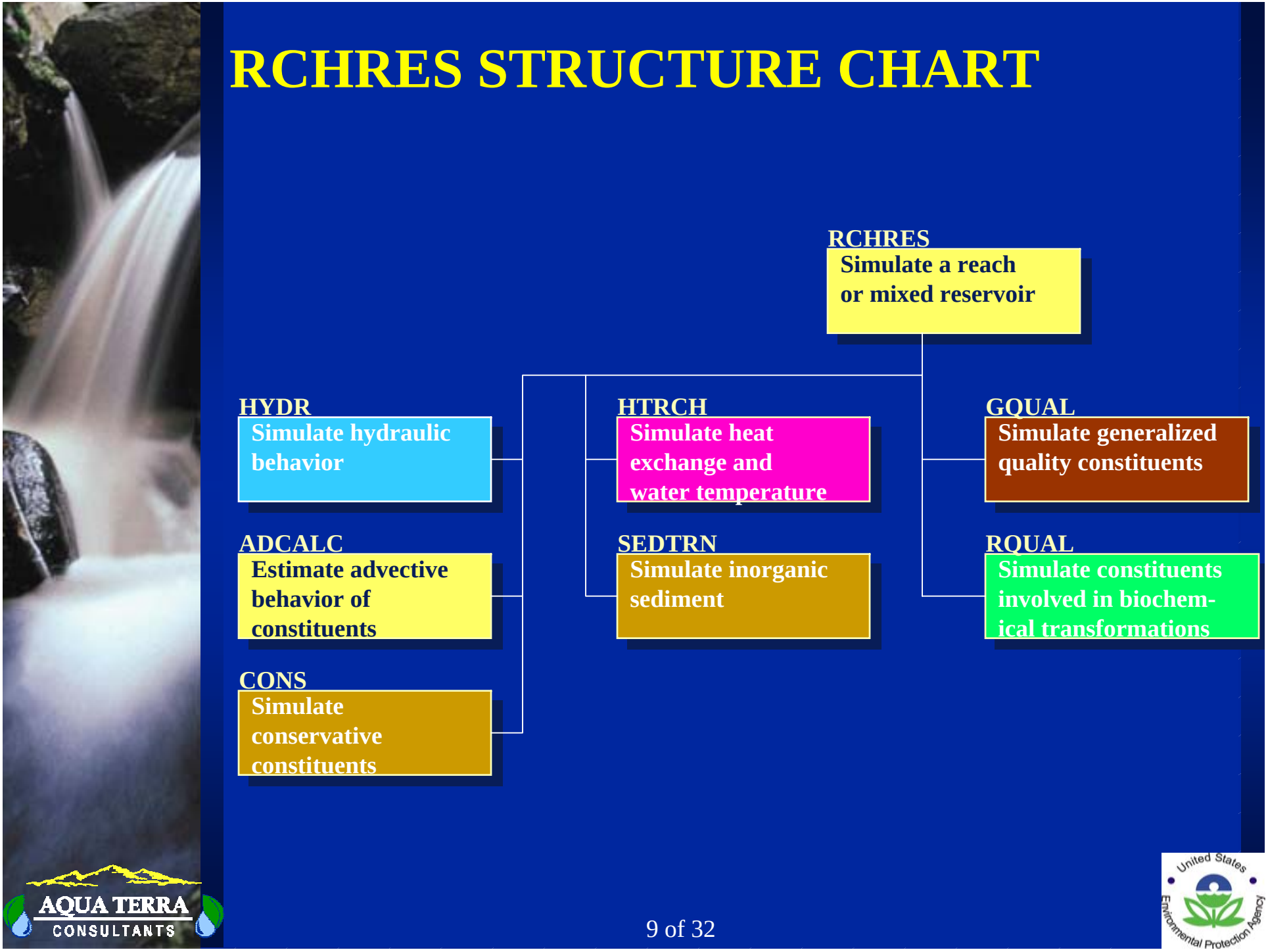
RCHRES STRUCTURE CHART



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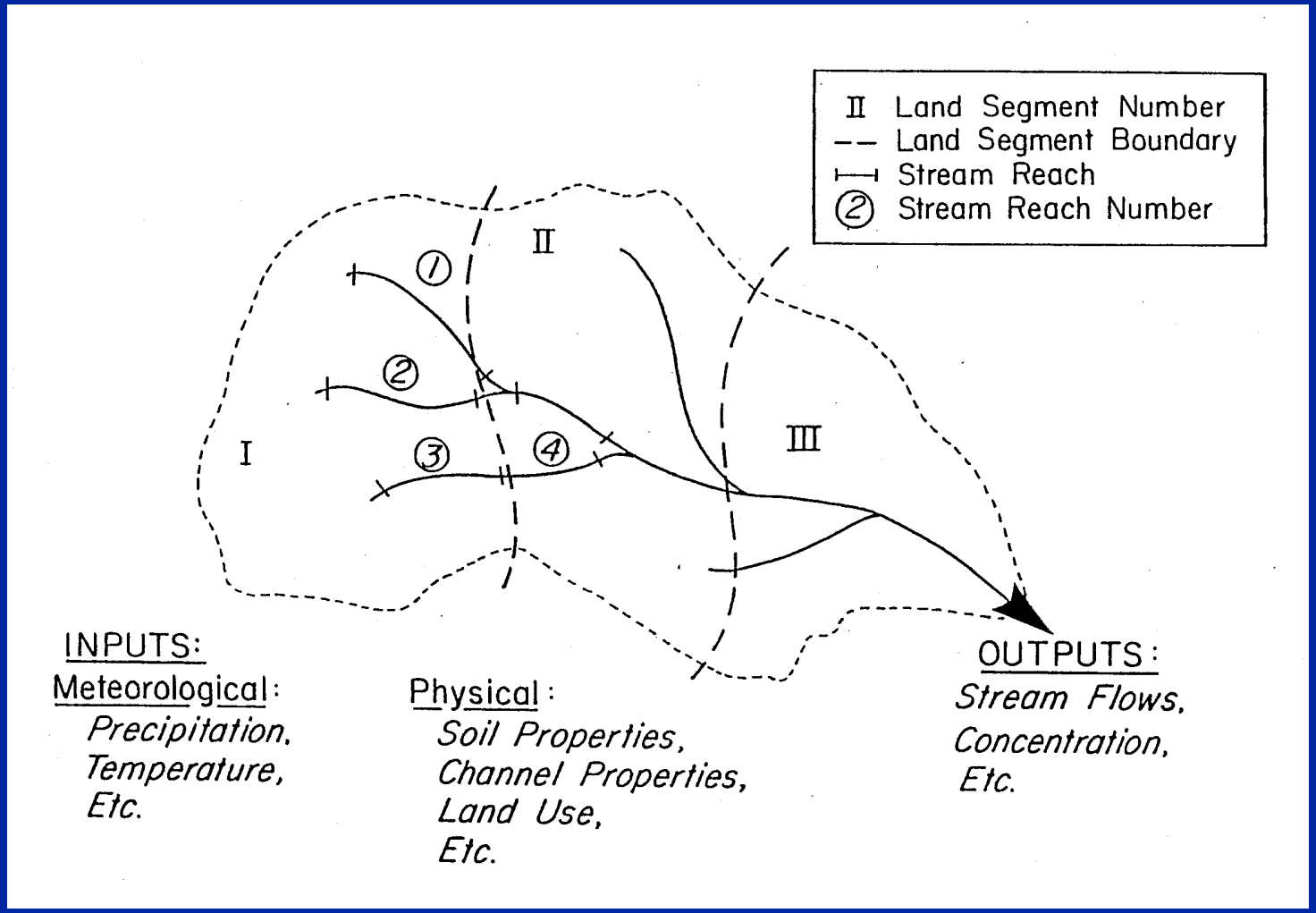
SEGMENTATION OF COMPLEX WATERSHEDS FOR MODELING



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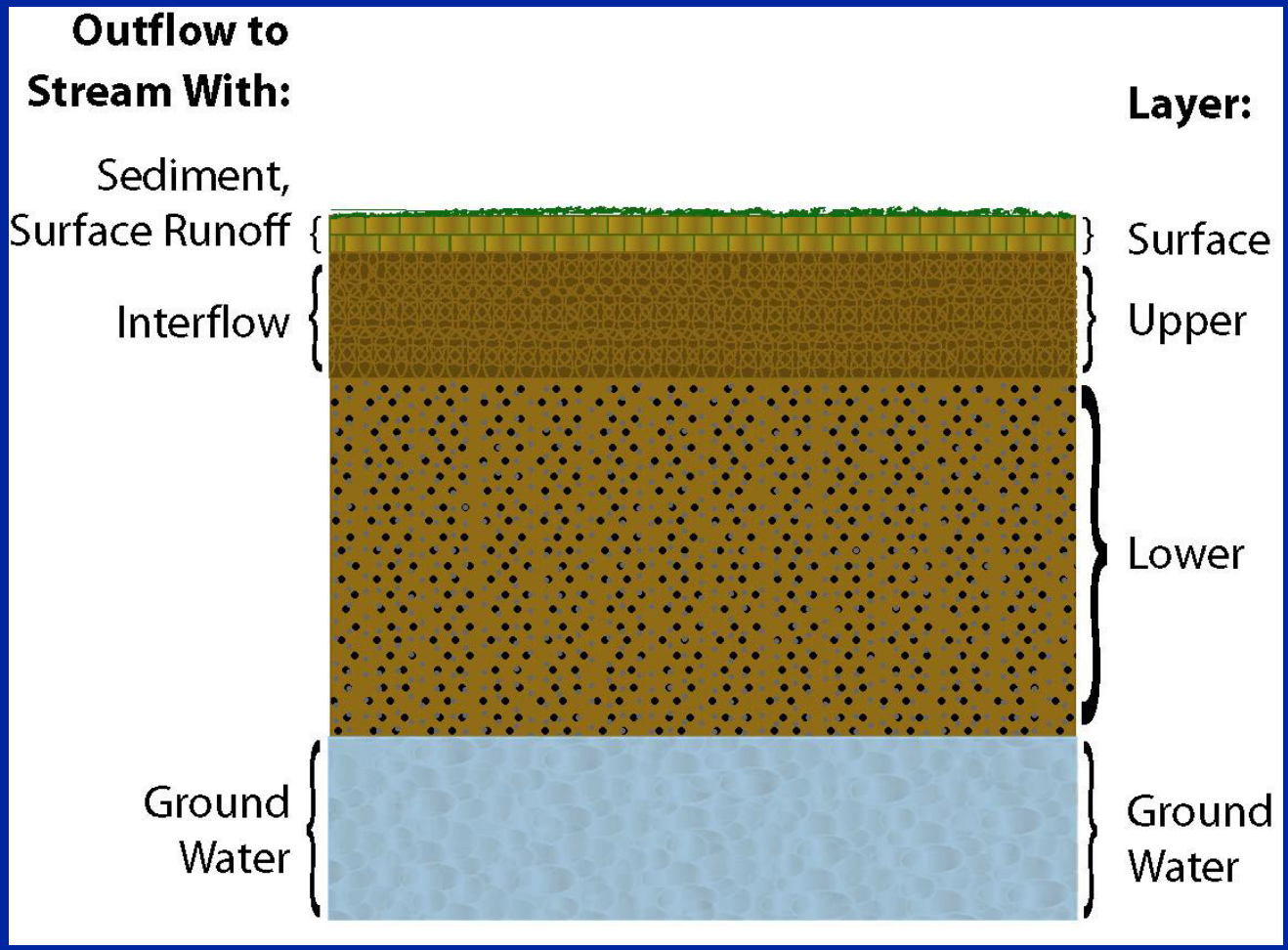
SOIL PROFILE REPRESENTATION BY THE AGCHEM MODULE



HSPF - STRENGTHS

- Comprehensive representation of watershed land and stream processes
- Comprehensive representation of watershed pollutant sources, including nonpoint sources (by multiple land uses), point sources, atmospheric, etc.
- Flexibility and adaptability to a wide range of watershed conditions
- Well-designed code modularity and structure
- Companion database and support programs to assist model users (e.g., WDMUtil, WinHSPF, GenScn, HSPEXP)
- Ongoing development and support by U.S. EPA and U.S.G.S.
- Continuing code enhancements funded by numerous groups
- Strict code version control through joint agreement of U.S. EPA & U.S.G.S.

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HSPF - IDENTIFIED/PERCEIVED LIMITATIONS AND WEAKNESSES

- Extensive data requirements (e.g., hourly rainfall) – BASINS helps
- User training normally required – BASINS helps
- No comprehensive parameter guidance available – BASINS helps
- Limited spatial definition (i.e., lumped parameter approach)
- Hydraulics limited to non-tidal freshwater systems and unidirectional flow
- Simplified representation of urban drainage systems (e.g., culverts, pipes, CSOs)
- Limited representation of algal species - phytoplankton, zooplankton, benthic algae – 3 types of BA in V 12

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HSPF - RECENT ENHANCEMENTS AND DEVELOPMENTS

- Wetlands and shallow water-table hydrologic capabilities (funded by SFWMD)
- Implementation of water quality linkage between land segments for modeling buffer strips, riparian zones, grass waterways, etc. (funded by MPCA)
- Irrigation capabilities added to define application methods and sources (funded by SFWMD)
- Simplified snow algorithms (degree-day method) added to minimize meteorologic data needs (funded by EPA OW/OST for use within BASINS)
- Online interactive HSPF HELP available (complete HSPF Manual, V.11 in Windows) (funded by USGS)
- Development of Scenario Analysis (GENSCN) GUI software for generation, display, and evaluation of watershed model scenarios (funded by USGS & EPA)
- BMP and REPORT modules developed (funded by TMDL studies in Georgia)
- Multiple benthic algae species incorporated (Version 13, funded by NV group)

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THE BASINS/HSPF APPLICATION PROCESS

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THE MODELING PROCESS

Phase I
- Data collection
- Model input preparation
- Parameter evaluation

Phase II
- Calibration
- Validation
- (Post-audit)

Model Testing

Phase III
- Analysis of alternatives

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HSPF APPLICATION PROCESS

- Study definition
- Development of modeling strategy
- Learn operational aspects of HSPF
- Input/management of time series data
- Parameter development
- Calibration/validation
- Analysis of alternate scenarios

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STUDY DEFINITION

- Problems/questions for analysis, study goals
- Data availability
- Project resource availability (time, money, expertise)

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MODELING STRATEGY

- Processes, constituents, and sources to be modeled
- Watershed segmentation (spatial and temporal detail)
- Channel segmentation and tributary areas
- Data to support modeling effort
- Human impacts, alternatives to be analyzed
- Develop simulation plan

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CONSTITUENT SOURCES IN HSPF

- Initial storages
- Nonpoint loadings
- Point loadings
- Atmospheric deposition
- Chemical transformations
- Releases from the channel bottom
- Atmospheric gas invasion

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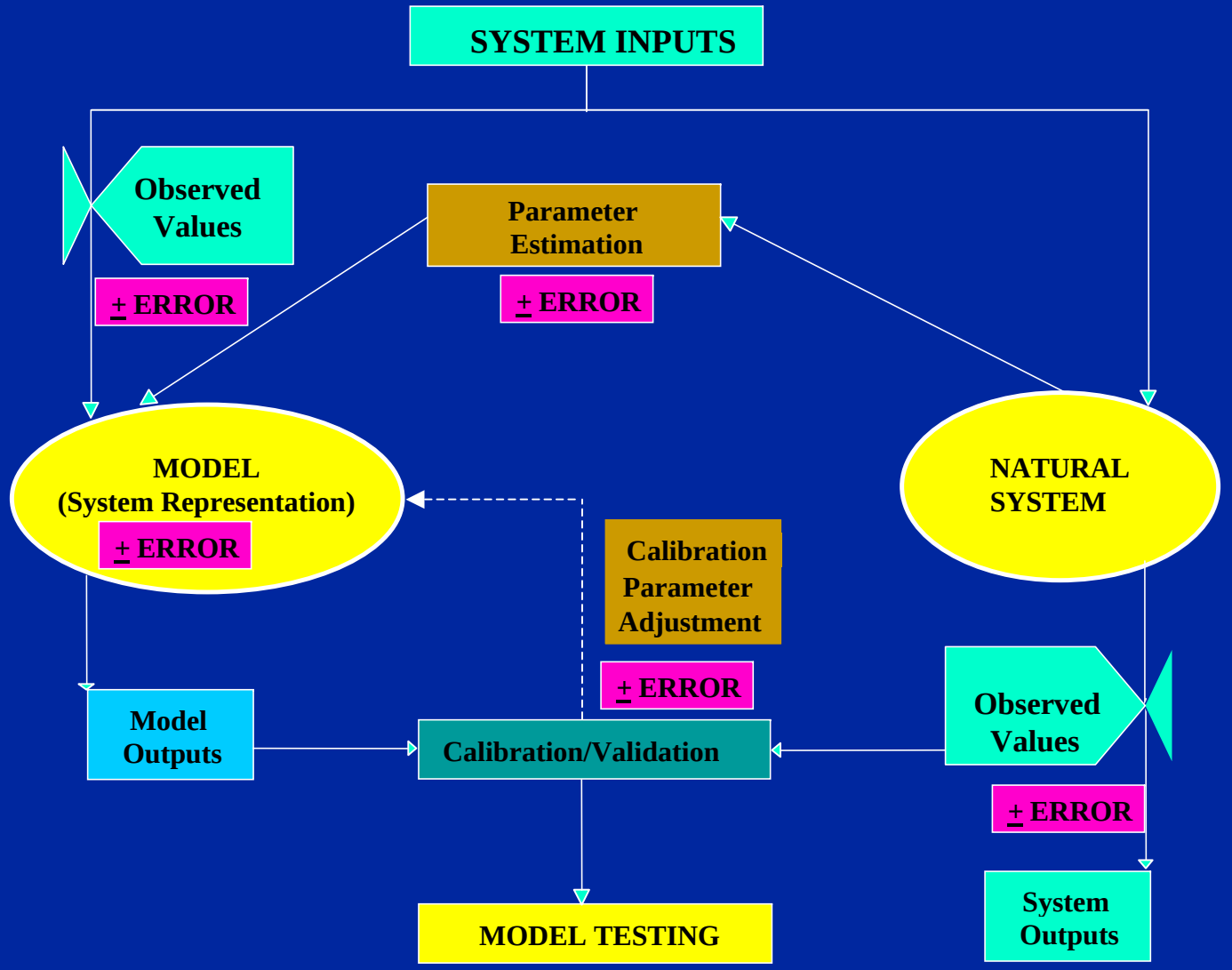
MODEL VERSUS NATURAL SYSTEM: INPUTS, OUTPUTS, AND ERRORS



ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES

- Definition of alternatives
- Selection of constituents and numeric/statistical measures
- Representation of alternatives
  - input changes
  - system configuration
  - parameter changes

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RELATIVE EFFORT FOR HSPF APPLICATION STEPS (through calibration/validation)

TASK	% EFFORT
• Problem definition	5
• Modeling strategy	10
• Learn operational aspects	10
• Development and input of time series	30
• Parameter development	15
• Calibration and validation	30

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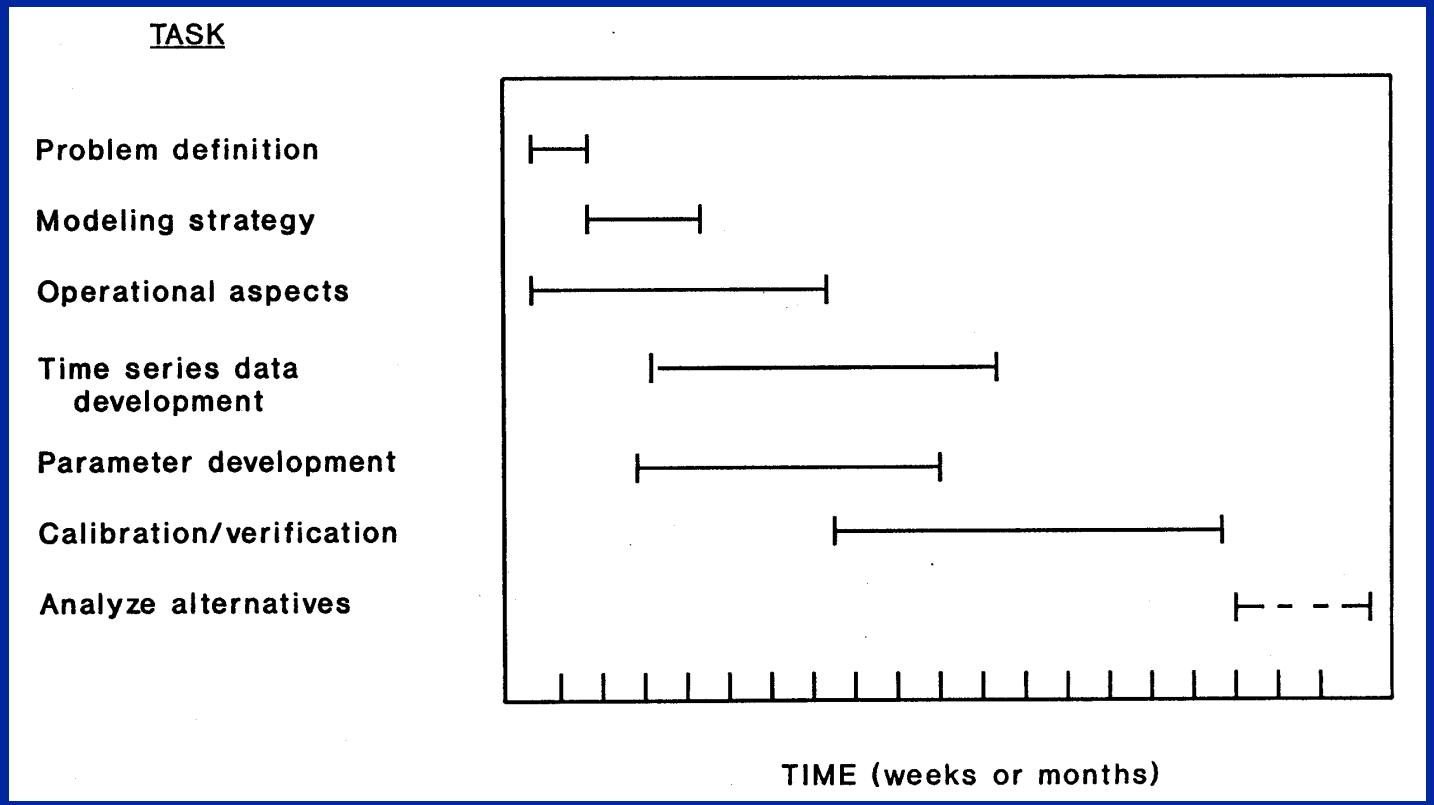
REPRESENTATIVE HSPF PROJECT SCHEDULE



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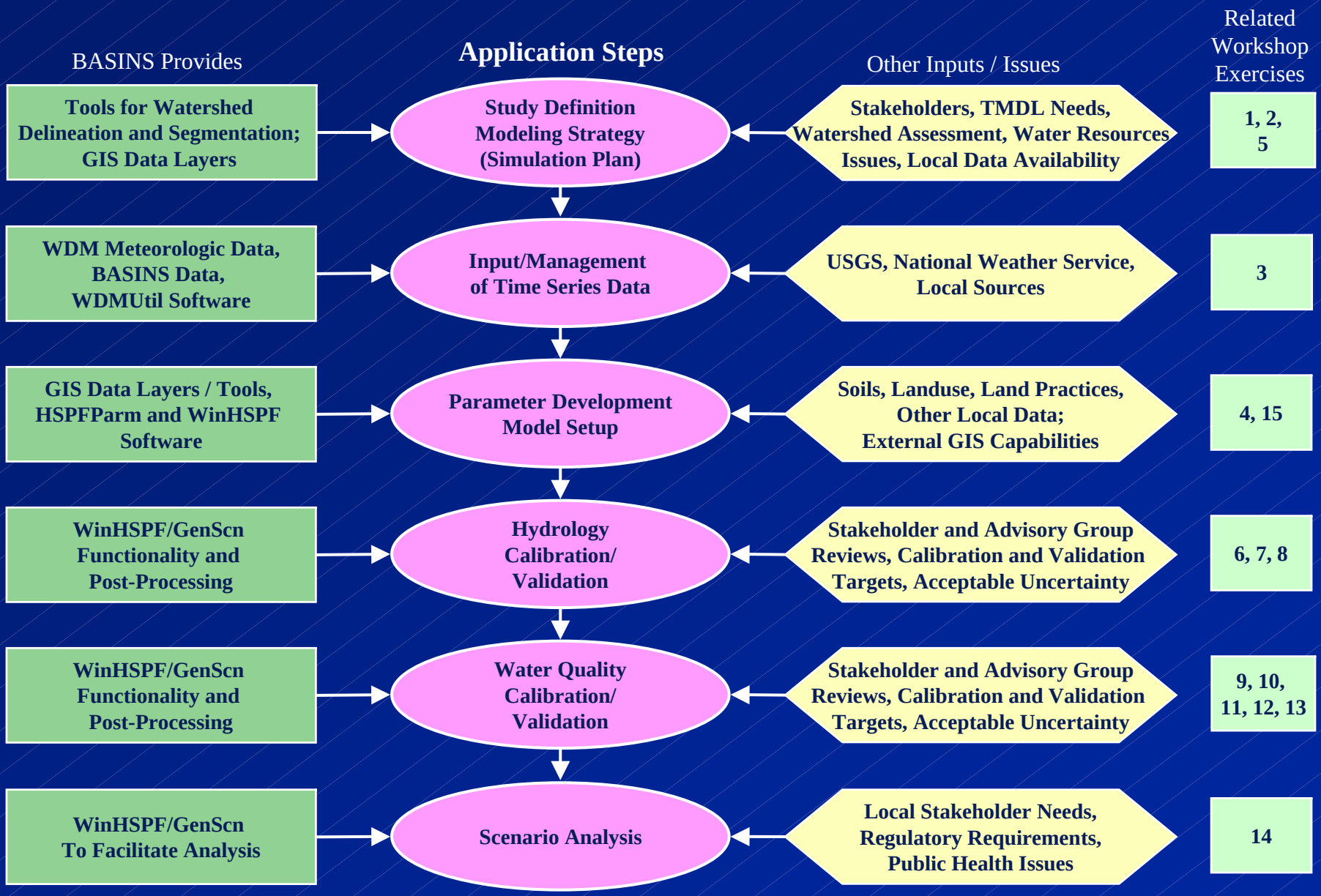
WATERSHED ASSESSMENT WITH BASINS/HSPF



CASE STUDY INTRODUCTION

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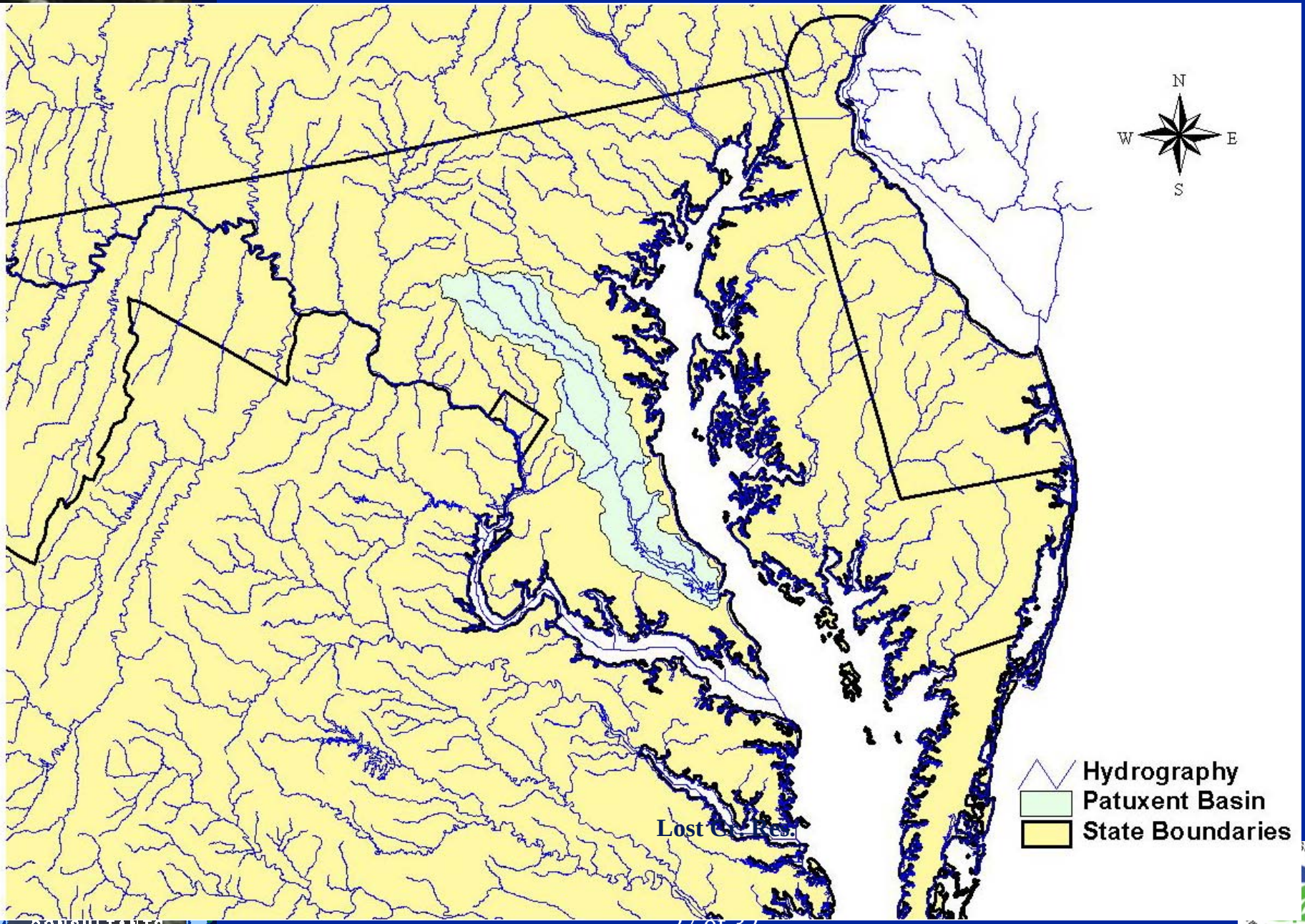
PATUXENT RIVER BASIN



PATUXENT STUDY

- Initiated in 1985 by the U.S. Geological Survey and the Maryland Department of the Environment
- Nonpoint source nutrient loadings
- Representative of other subbasins of the Chesapeake Bay

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MAJOR ISSUES

- Substantial commercial, residential, and industrial development
- Investigate effects of future growth on water quality
- Planning growth to minimize potential adverse effects

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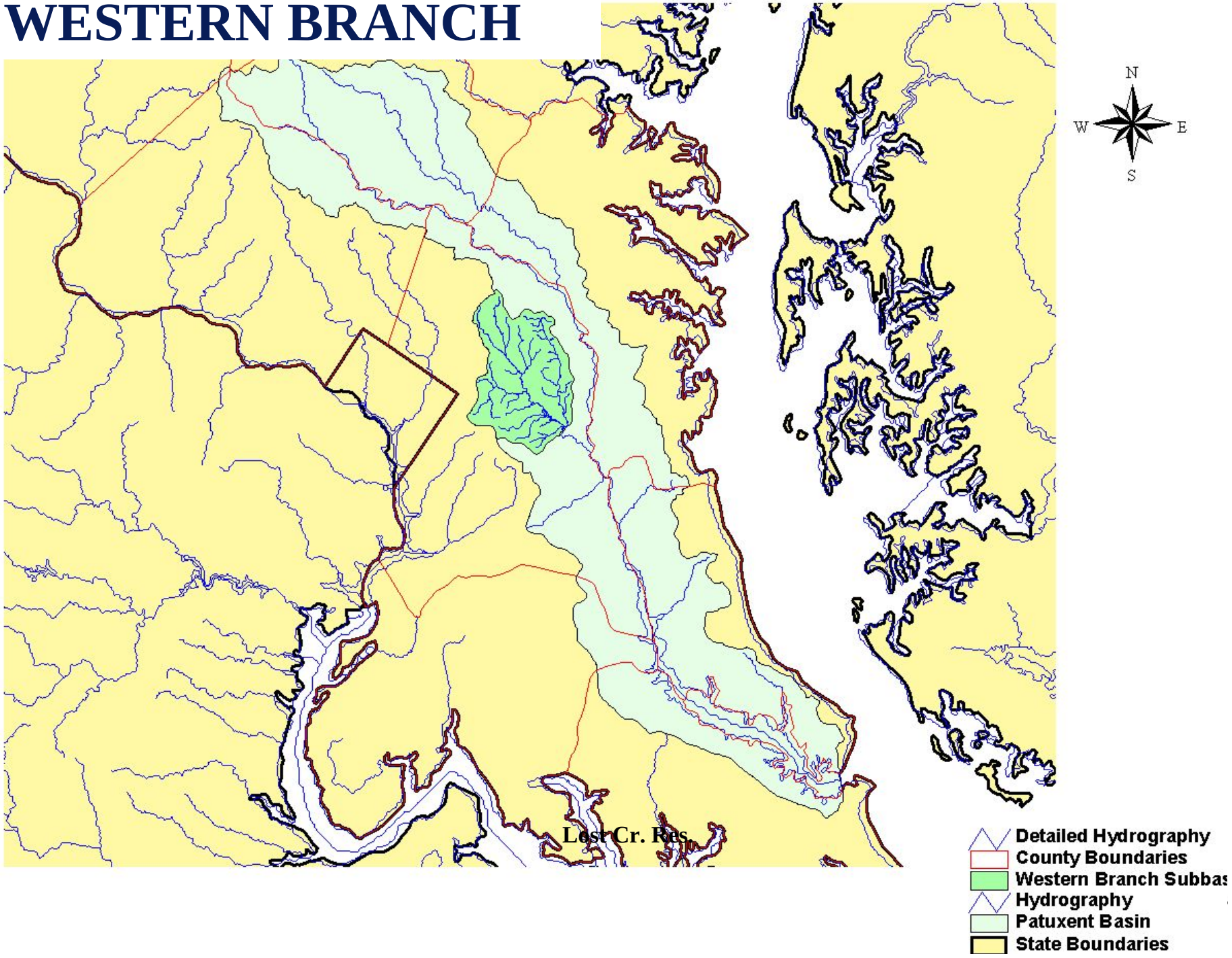
WESTERN BRANCH



WESTERN BRANCH

- Discharges directly to the Patuxent estuary
- Land use 45% Forest/Wetland, 25% Agriculture, 25% Urban
- Gage at Upper Marlboro, drainage area about 90 square miles

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WATER QUALITY CONSTITUENTS SIMULATED

- Water Temperature
- Sediment
- Dissolved Oxygen, BOD
- Nitrogen – NH_3, NO_2/NO_3, Org N
- Phosphorus – PO_4, Org P
- Plankton – Phytoplankton, Benthic Algae (as Chl a)

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