



Comparing SWMM LID Module Results to Field Studies' Data



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 - SWMM – Storm and Waste Water
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Introduction

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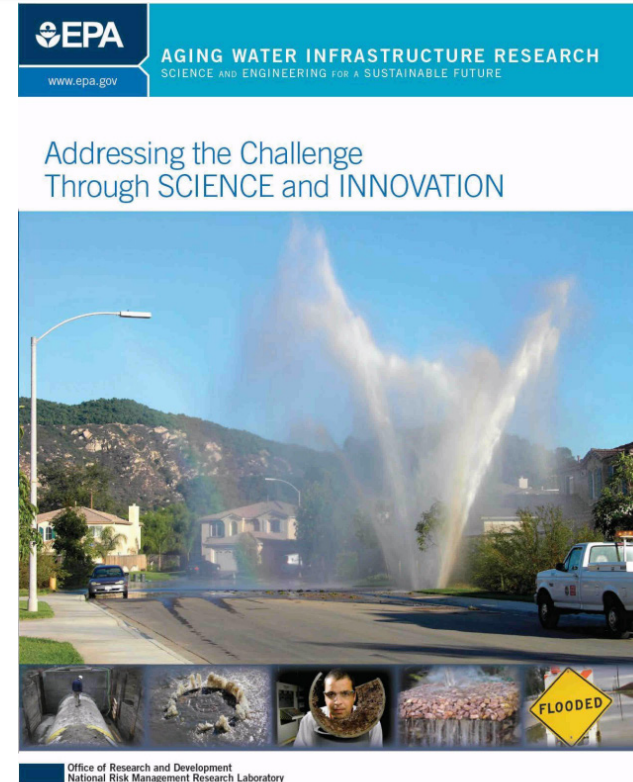
Worked on Superfund Site Cleanup until 2010

Since then, I worked on Storm Water Run-off



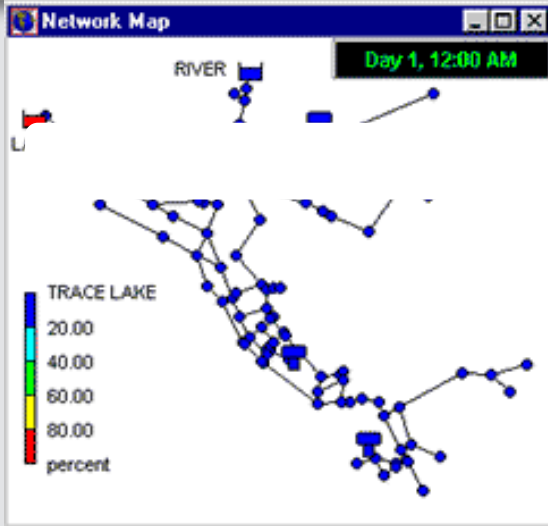
Aging US Water Infrastructure

- ASCE Grade D +
- Drinking Water
- Storm Water and Waste Water
- <https://www.infrastructurereportcard.org/>
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How to Upgrade the Infrastructure



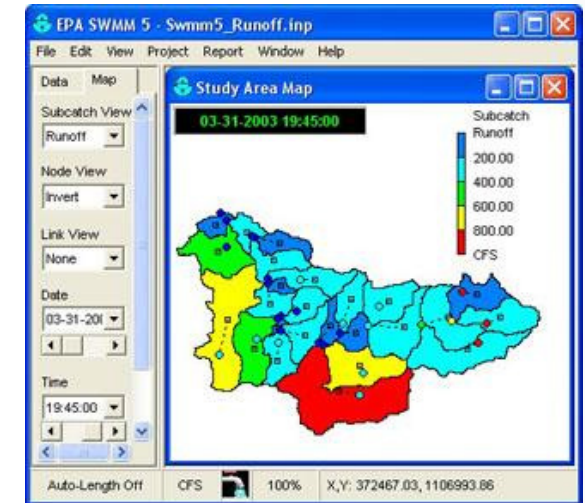
Drinking Water – EPANET

<https://www.epa.gov/water-research/epanet>

Storm Water and Waste Water – Storm Water Management Model - SWMM

<https://www.epa.gov/water-research/storm-water-management-model-swmm>

SWMM Contains Green Infrastructure



SWMM was developed in 1970's, and then redeveloped by Dr. Lew Rossman (EPA 1978 – 2014 emeritus) in the 2000s

- Physical Reality
- Scientific Understanding
- Mathematical Abstraction
- Program
- Parameter estimation
- Results, compared to observations
- Repeat

What is a model?

A useful simplification of a complex reality

Abstraction

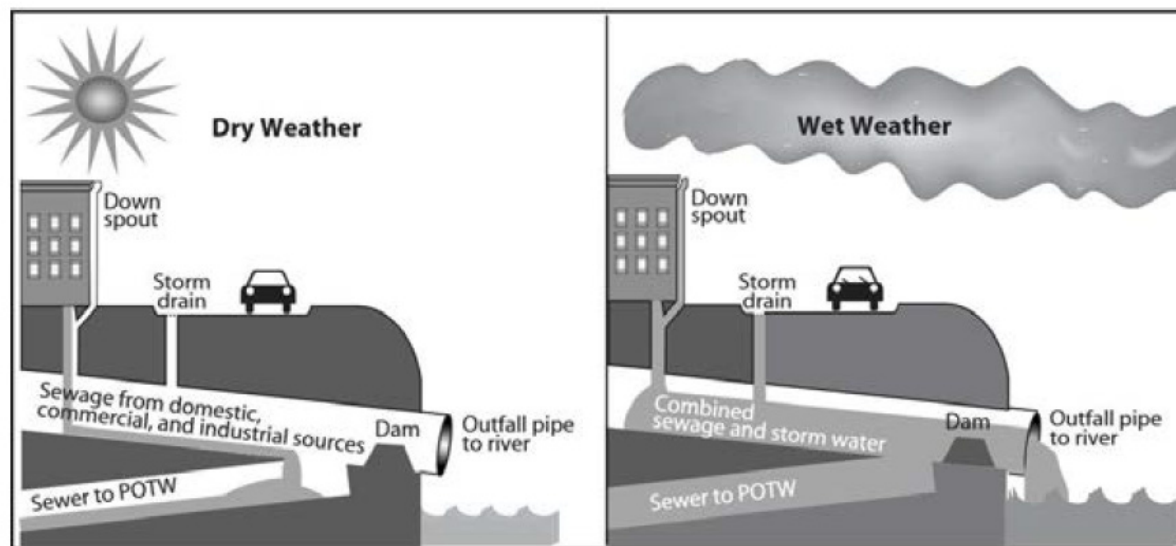
Fidelity — Behavior
— Mechanism

What's the goal?



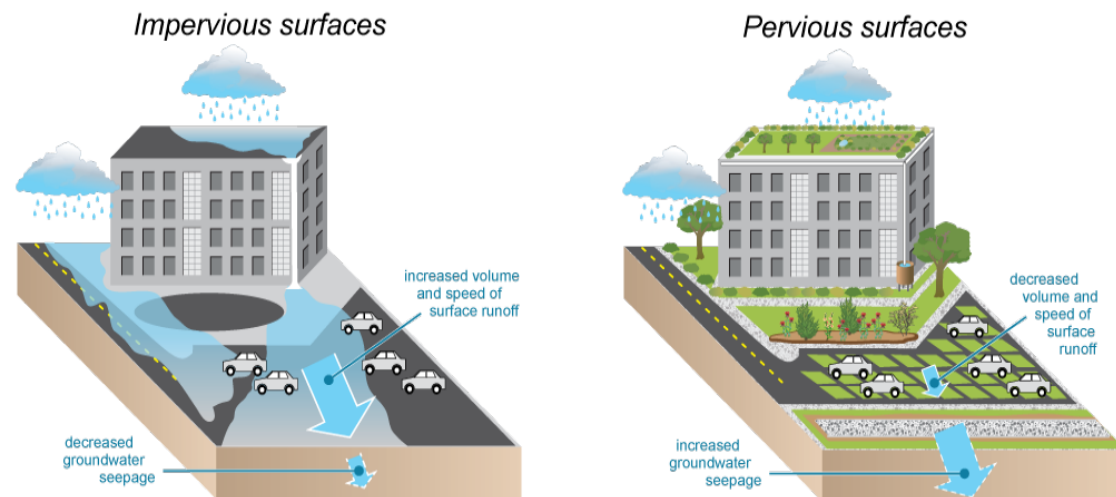
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Combined Sewer Overflows



Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Figure 4. Combined Sewer Systems



Impervious 'hard' surfaces (roofs, roads, large areas of pavement, and asphalt parking lots) increase the volume and speed of stormwater runoff. This swift surge of water erodes streambeds, reduces groundwater infiltration, and delivers many pollutants and sediment to downstream waters.

Pervious 'soft' surfaces (green roofs, rain gardens, grass paver parking lots, and infiltration trenches) decrease volume and speed of stormwater runoff. The slowed water seeps into the ground, recharges the water table, and filters out many pollutants and sediment before they arrive in downstream waters.

Conceptual diagram illustrating impervious and pervious surfaces. Impervious surfaces are hard and increase stormwater runoff, causing pollutant and sediment delivery in downstream waters. Pervious surfaces are soft and decrease stormwater runoff, which filters out pollutants and sediments before they arrive in downstream waters. Diagram courtesy of the Integration and Application Network (ian.umces.edu), University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. Source: Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund, 2013. Stormwater Management: Reducing Water Quantity and Improving Water Quality. IAN press, newsletter publication.

Source: U.S. Department of Environmental Protection

Figure 5. How Green Infrastructure Works

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City of Hoboken, New Jersey
Proposed Stormwater Management Plan
Health Impact Assessment (HIA)

Final Report

Last Revised: 9/19/2016

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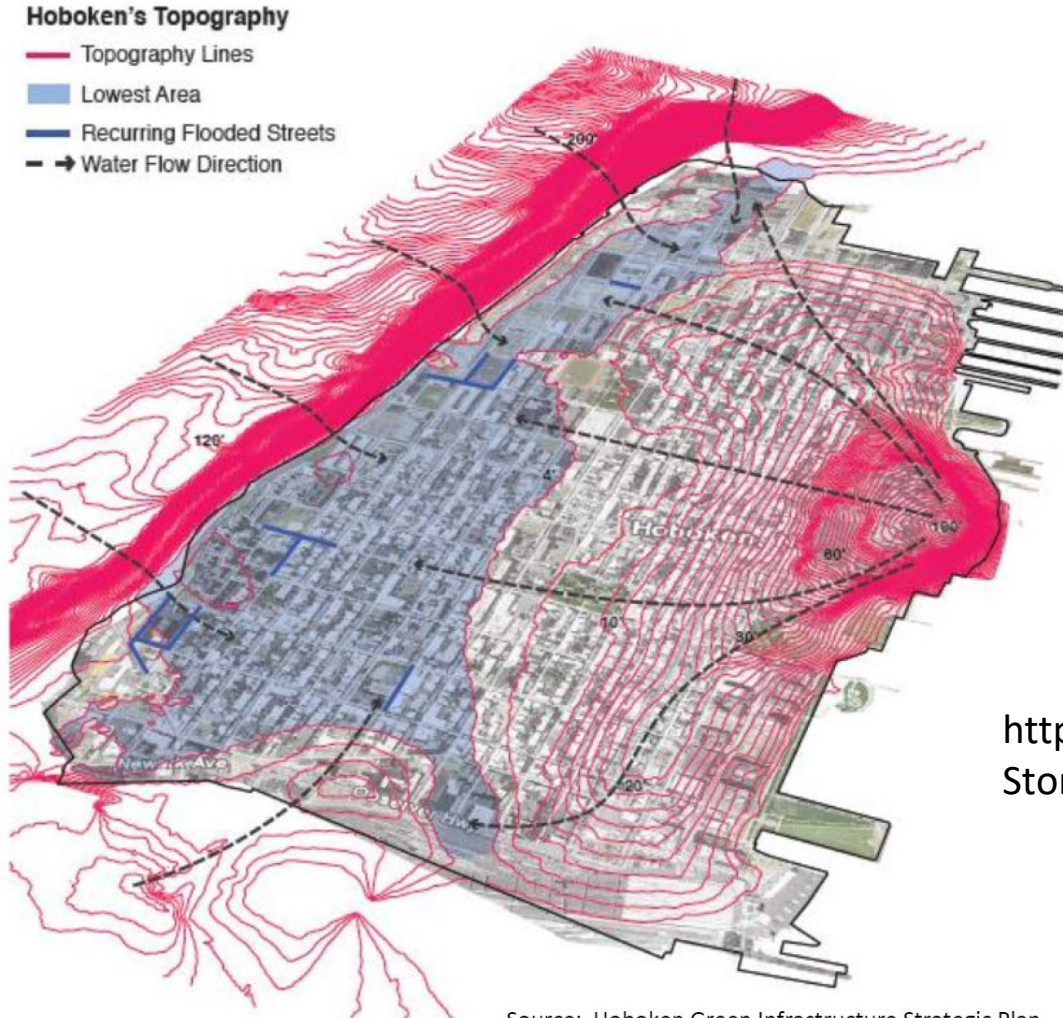
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Flooding in Hoboken



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Source: Hoboken Green Infrastructure Strategic Plan

Figure 1. Hoboken Topography Overlaid with Water Flow & Recurring Flooded Streets

Flooding in Hoboken May 31, 2015

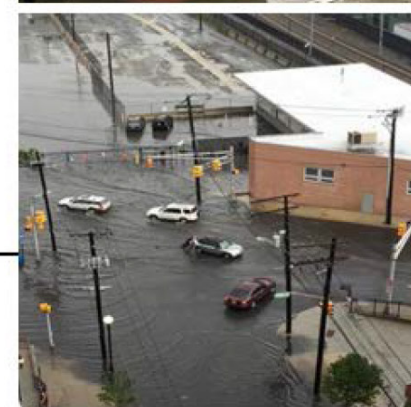


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Figure 3. Flooding in Hoboken, May 31, 2015

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What is SWMM?



SWMM is a public domain, distributed, dynamic hydrologic - hydraulic - water quality model used for continuous simulation of runoff quantity and quality from primarily urban areas.



What is SWMM Used For?



Design and sizing of drainage system components.

Control of combined and sanitary sewer overflows.

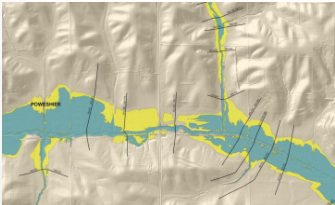


Modeling Inflow & Infiltration in sanitary sewer systems.



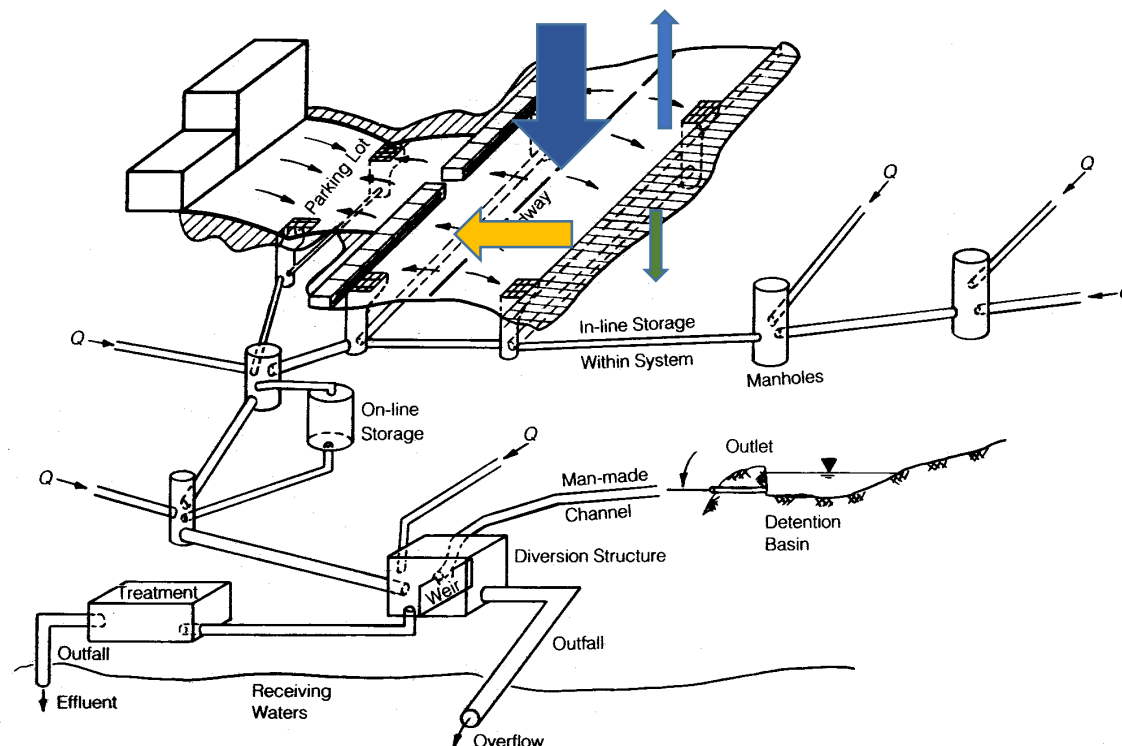
Generating non-point source pollutant loadings for load allocation studies.

Evaluating green infrastructure for sustainability goals.



Flood plain mapping of natural channel systems.

How does SWMM Model?



SWMM is a **distributed, dynamic rainfall-runoff** simulation model used for **single event** or long-term (**continuous**) simulation of runoff quantity and quality from **primarily urban** areas.

Hydrology – Governing equations

$$\frac{\partial d}{\partial t} = i - e - f - q$$

where:

i = rate of rainfall + snowmelt (ft/s)

e = surface evaporation rate (ft/s)

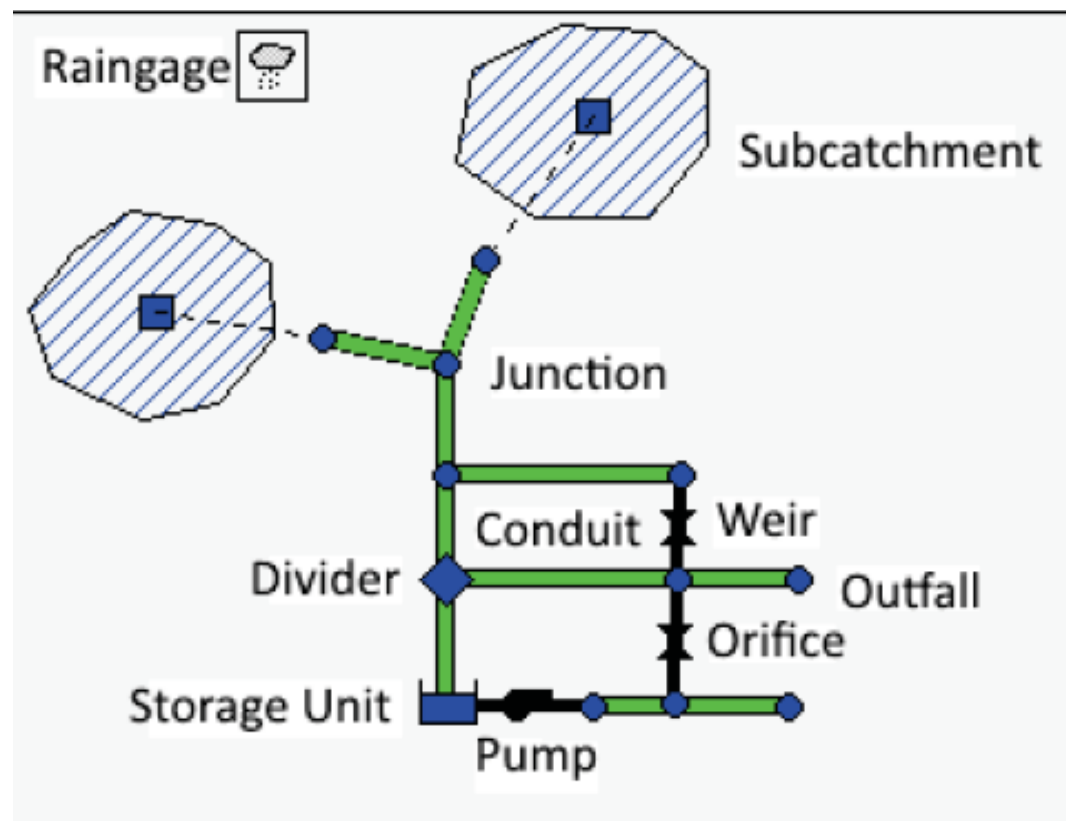
f = infiltration rate (ft/s)

q = runoff rate (ft/s).

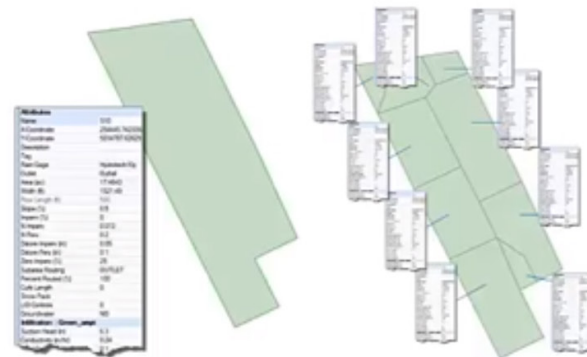
d = depth (ft)

t = time (s)

SWMM's Conceptual Model



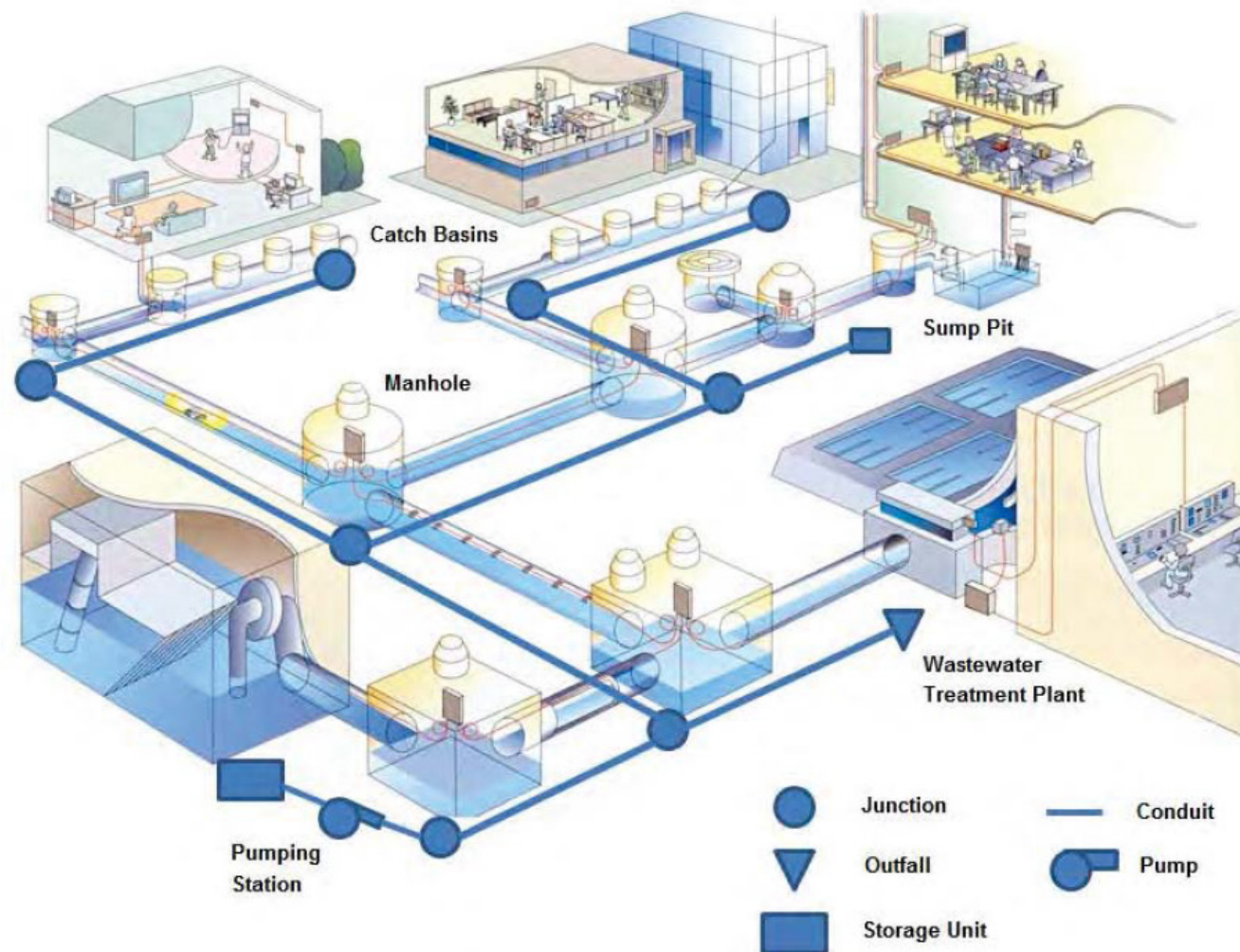
Subcatchment parameters



- Parameters may be averaged (lumped) over a coarse number of subcatchments
- Or further sub-divided (distributed) into a finer number of subcatchments

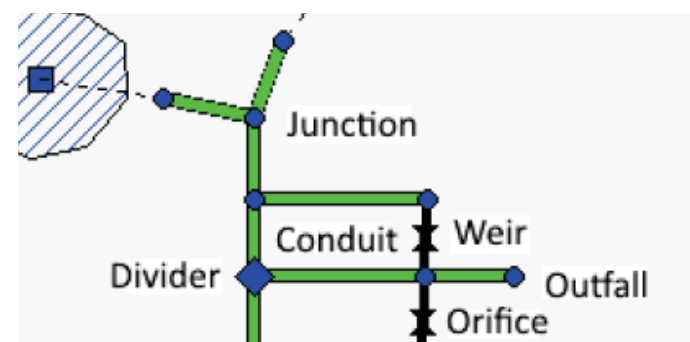
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Hydraulic Model



Continuity – also used in EPANET

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} =$$



where

x = distance (ft)

t = time (sec)

A = flow cross-sectional area (ft²)

Q = flow rate (cfs)

Momentum – also used in EPANET

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(Q^2/A)}{\partial x} + gA \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} + gAS_f = 0$$

H = hydraulic head of water in the conduit ($Z + Y$) (ft)

Z = conduit invert elevation (ft)

Y = conduit water depth (ft)

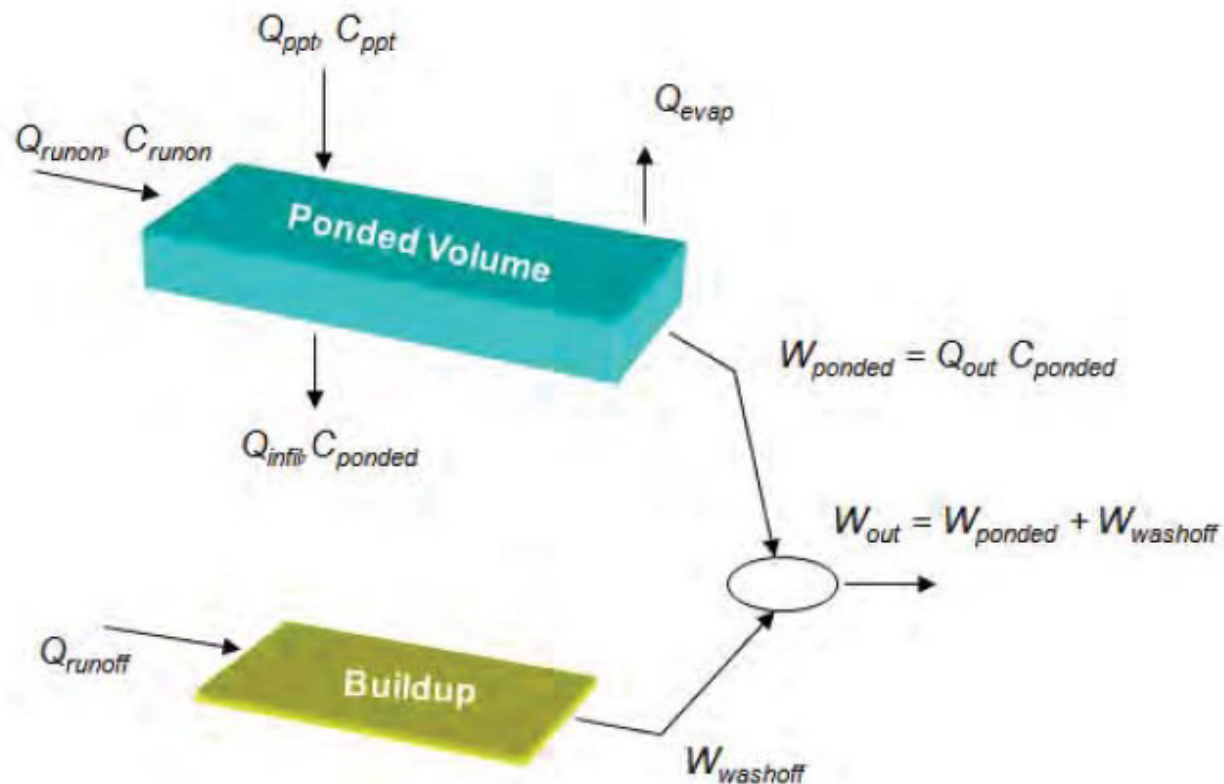
S_f = friction slope (head loss per unit length)

g = acceleration of gravity (ft/sec²)

1. Steady Flow Routing
2. Kinematics Wave Routing
3. Dynamic Wave Routing

SWMM Hydraulics Reference Manual Equation 3-1

Water Quality - Pollutant Buildup and Wash-off





Types of Low Impact Development Storm Control Measures that SWMM can model



Disconnection



Infiltration Basin



Rain Garden



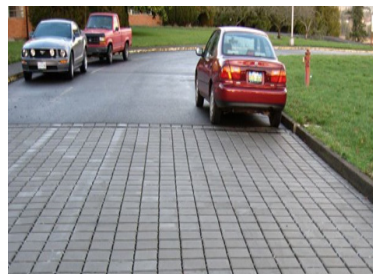
Cistern



Infiltration Trench



Green Roof



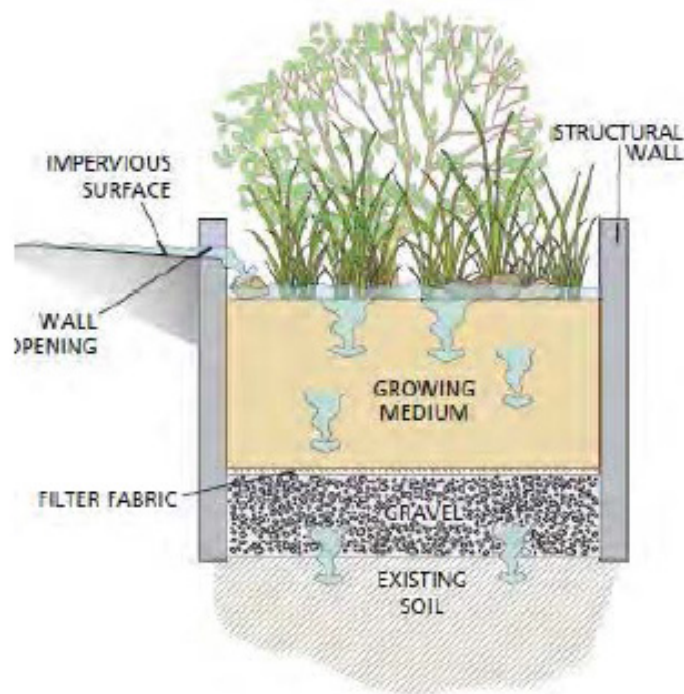
Porous Pavement



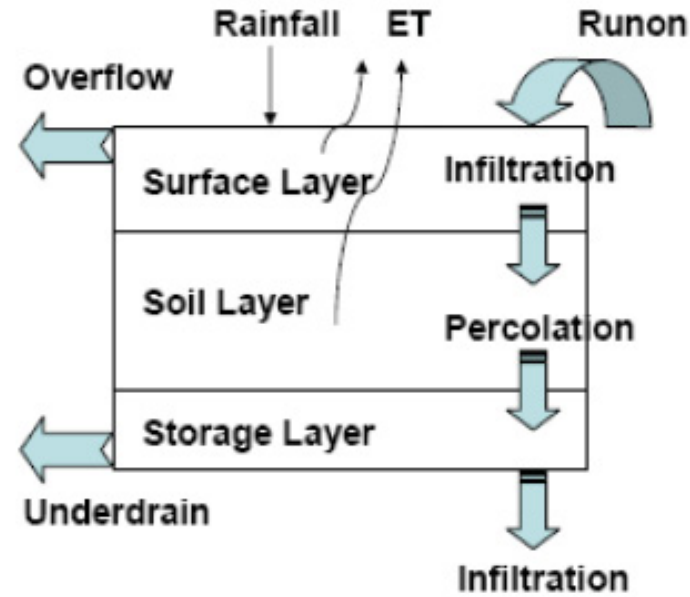
Vegetative Swale



Street Planter



(A)



(B)

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial(uc)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(D \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \right) + r(c)$$





Infiltration

- **Ho**

$$F(t_p) = \int_0^{t_p} f_p dt = f_{\infty} t_p + \frac{(f_0 - f_{\infty})}{k_d} (1 - e^{-k_d t_p})$$

- **Modified Horton**

$$f_p = f_{\infty} + (f_0 - f_{\infty})e^{-k_d t}$$

- **Green_Ampt, Modified Green_Ampt**

$$F = K_s + \psi_s \theta_d \ln \left(1 + \frac{F}{\psi_s \theta_d} \right)$$

- **Curve_Number**

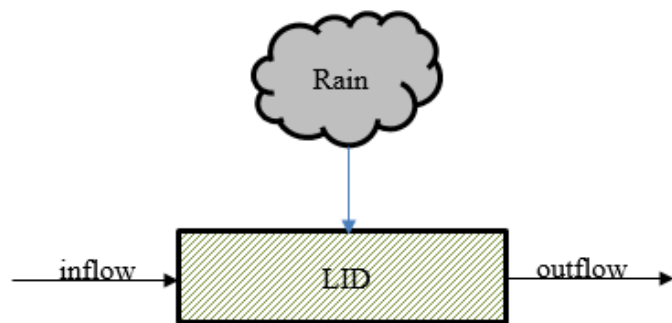
$$S_{max} = \frac{1000}{CN} - 10$$

Infiltration Editor

Infiltration Method	HORTON
Property	HORTON
Max. Infil. Rate	MODIFIED_HORTON
Min. Infil. Rate	GREEN_AMPT
Decay Constant	MODIFIED_GREEN_AMPT
Drying Time	7
Max. Volume	0
Maximum rate on the Horton infiltration curve (in/hr or mm/hr)	

OK Cancel Help

Types of LIDs Hydrology Tested



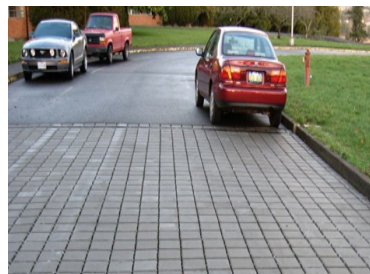
Rain Garden/Bioretention



Infiltration Trench



Green Roof



Porous Pavement



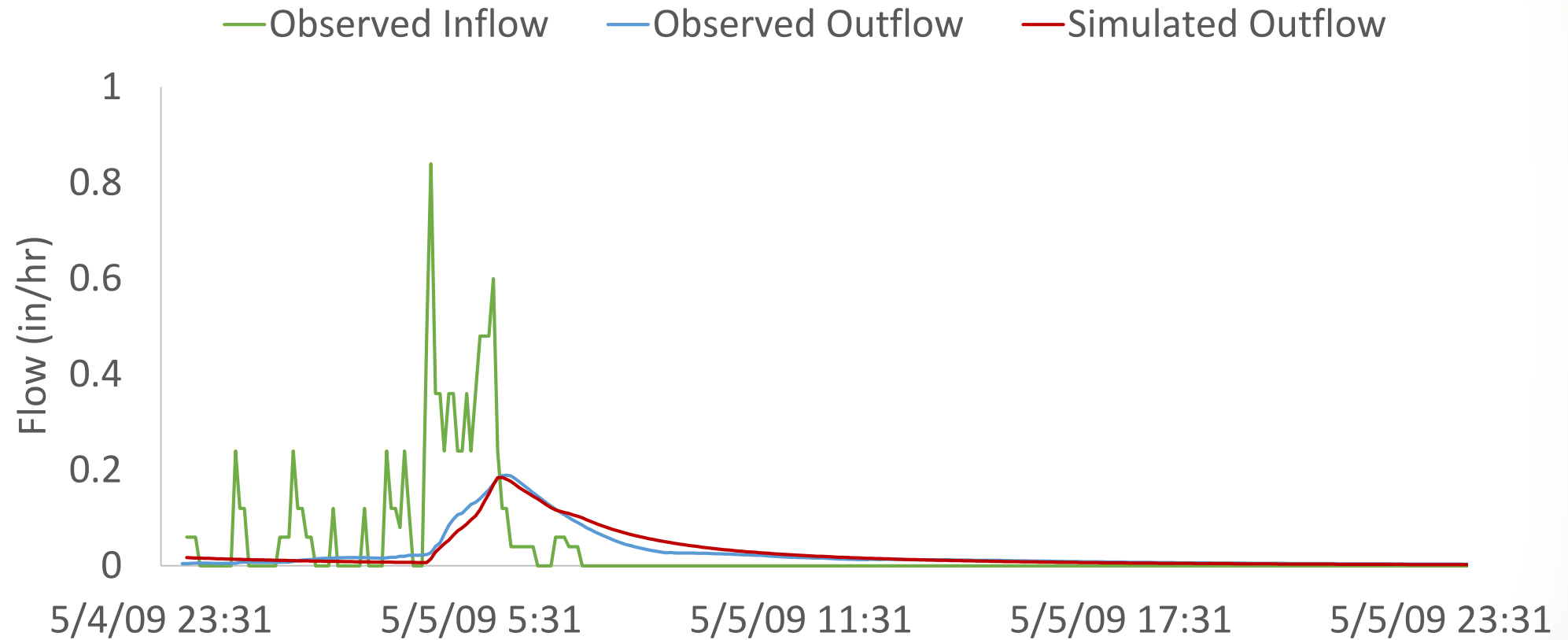
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LID Studies used for testing

LID Type	Research Organization Location	Name of Project	Reference
Bio-retention	North Carolina State University, NC	Graham Bio-Retention	(Passeport et al. 2009)
Rain Garden	Villanova University, PA	Villanova BTI Rain Garden	(Lord 2013)
Infiltration Trench	Villanova University, PA	Villanova Infiltration Trench	(Emerson 2008)
Vegetated Swale	University of Maryland, Savage, MD	UMD BioSwale	(Davis et al. 2012)
Vegetated Swale	Washington State Department of Transportation, King County, WA	Washington DOT BioSwale	(Maurer 2009)
Green Roof	City of Portland, OR	Hamilton Ecoroof	(Hutchinson et al. 2003) (She and Pang 2010)
Green Roof	City of Seattle, WA	EOC Green Roof	(Cardno TEC. 2012)
Green Roof	City of Seattle, WA	FS10 Green Roof	(Cardno TEC. 2012)
Porous Pavement	North Carolina State University, Kingston, NC	Boone Porous Pavement	(Wardynski et al. 2013)

Seattle ECO Green Roof Hydrograph



Coefficient of Determination

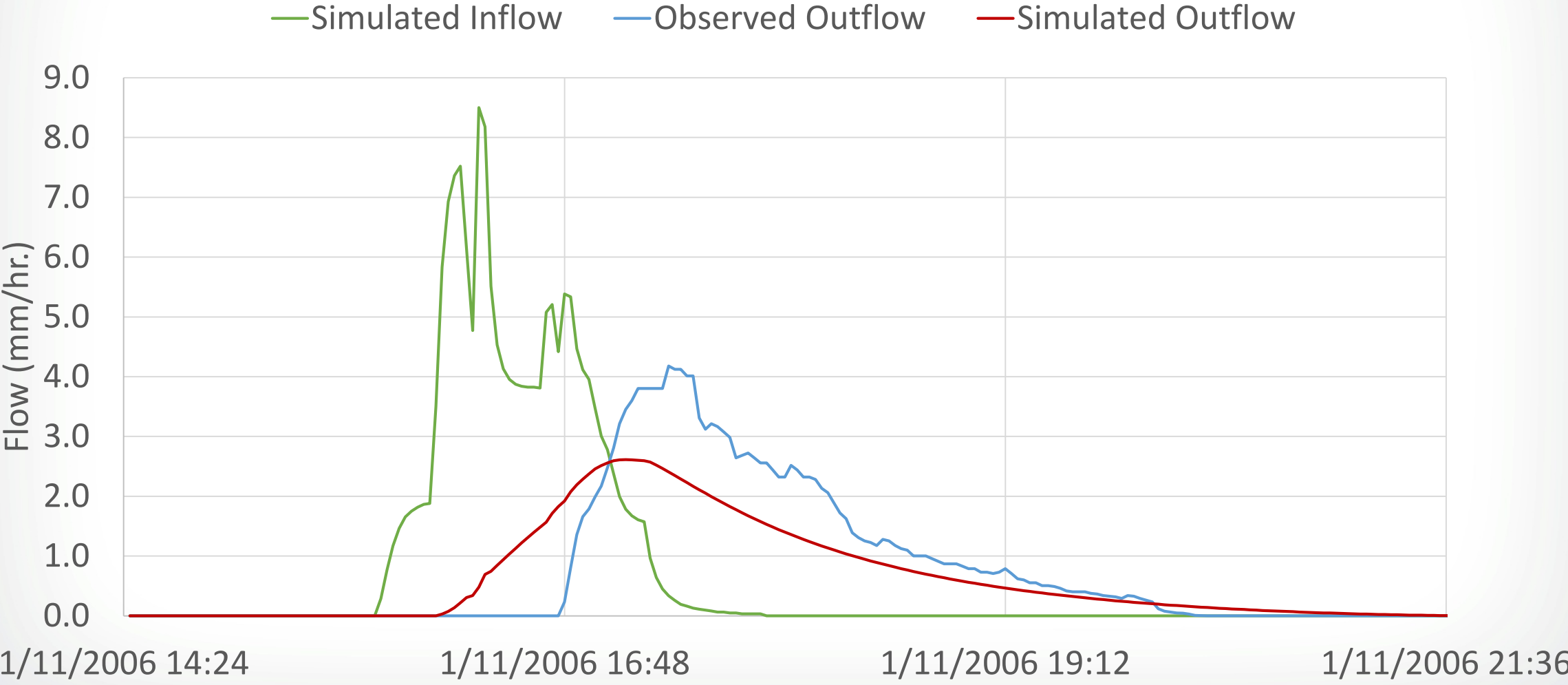
$$R^2 = \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (O_i - O^{mean})(P_i - P^{mean})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (O_i - O^{mean})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (P_i - P^{mean})^2}} \right)^2$$

Nash-Sutcliffe Efficiency Statistic

$$N - S = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (O_i - P_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (O_i - O^{mean})^2}$$

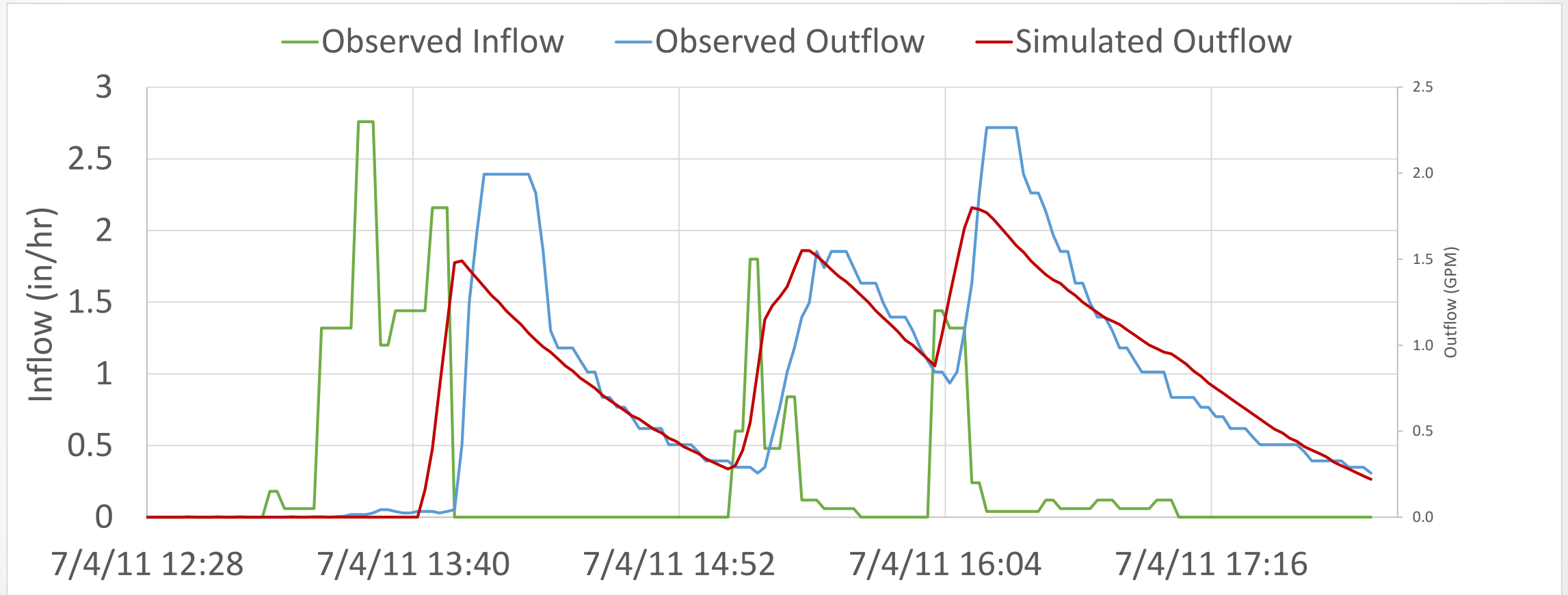


Hydrograph from *UMD Bioswale* analysis depicting early outflow start-time





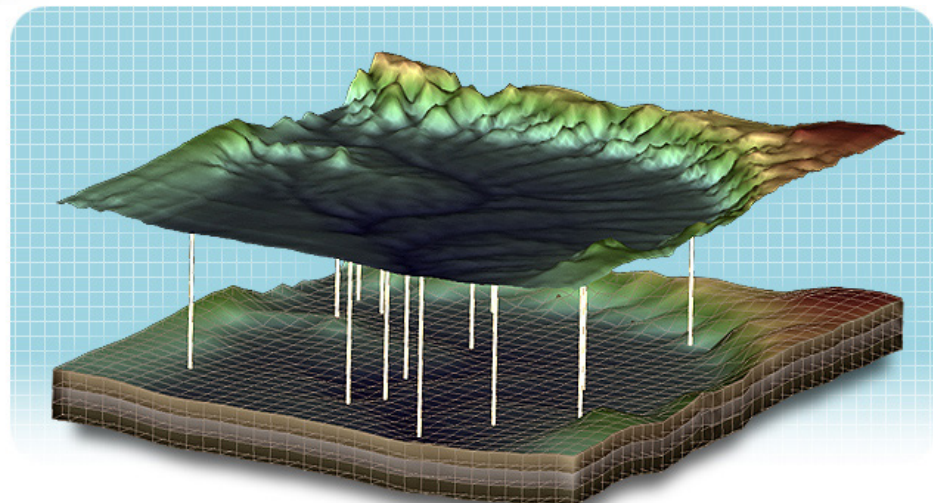
Boone Porous Pavement hydrograph depicting early outflow start-time





Multi-event Calibration Method

	Storm 1	Storm 2	Storm 3	Storm 4	Average
	Calibration NSE	NSE	NSE	NSE	Storm 1 Calibration AVG NSE
	NSE	Calibration NSE	NSE	NSE	Storm 2 Calibration AVG NSE
	NSE	NSE	Calibration NSE	NSE	Storm 3 Calibration AVG NSE
	NSE	NSE	NSE	Calibration NSE	Storm 4 Calibration AVG NSE

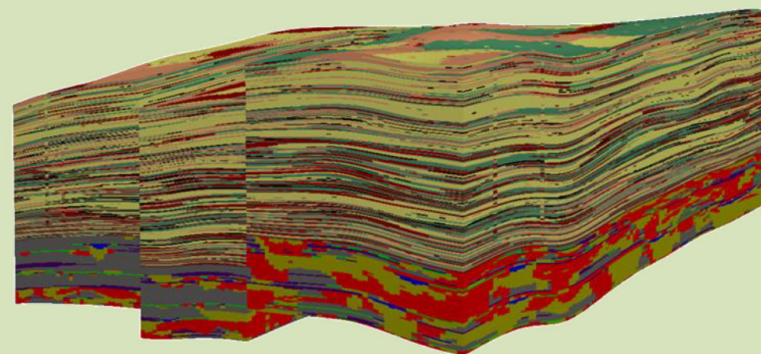


PEST

Model-Independent Parameter Estimation & Uncertainty Analysis

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Calibration and Uncertainty Analysis for Complex Environmental Models



PEST: complete theory and what it means for modelling the real world

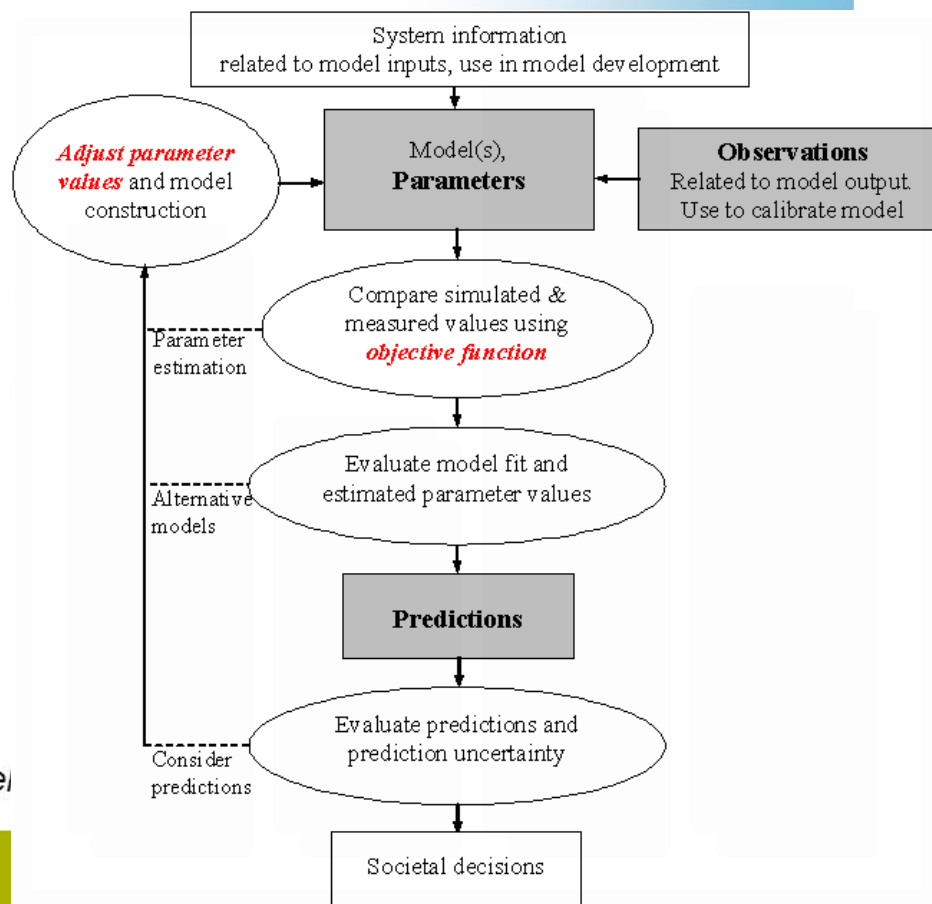
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How PEST Works

PEST (Parameter Estimation Software)

PEST is a nonlinear parameter estimation package capable of estimating parameters for any computer model. It solves a nonlinear least squares problem and minimizes the differences between the model's outputs and field measurements such as the calculated and measured discharges.

PEST adapts to the model



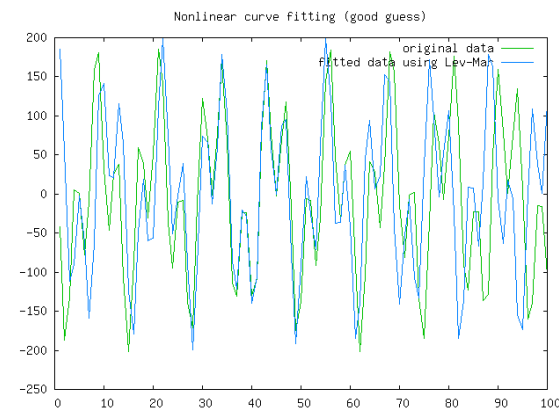
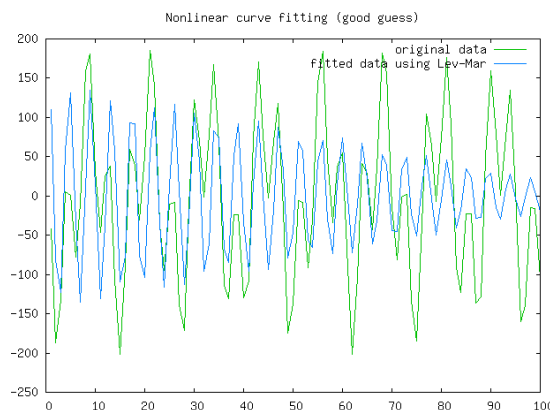
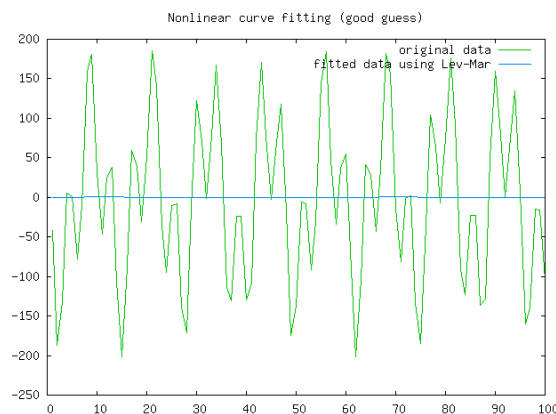


Parameter Estimation Algorithm

Levenberg–Marquardt algorithm (LMA or just LM),AKA damped least-squares (DLS)

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^m r_j^2(x)$$

$$\nabla^2 f(x) = J(x)^T J(x)$$



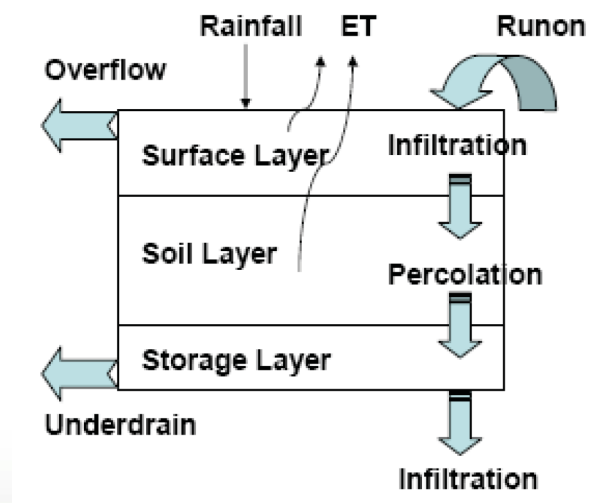
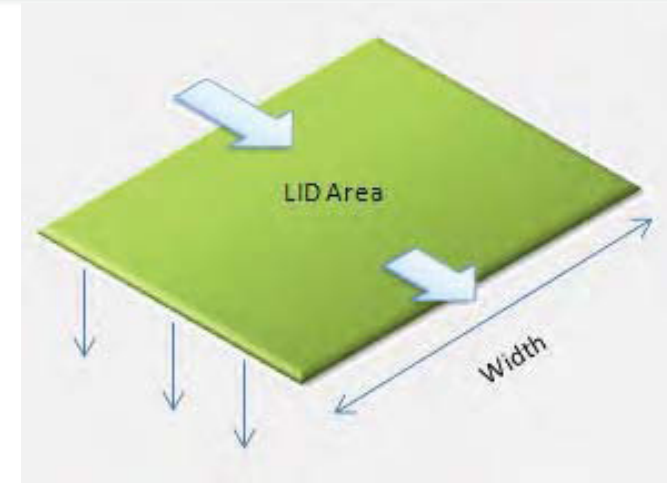
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$$y = \text{acos}(bX) + \text{bsin}(aX)$$

Parameters for a SWMM LID Green Roof

Parameter
Maximum Freeboard, inches (D_1)
Surface Void Fraction (ϕ_1)
Soil Layer Thickness, inches (D_2)
Soil Parameters:
Porosity (ϕ_2)
Field Capacity (θ_{FC})
Wilting Point (θ_{WP})
Plant Available Water ($\theta_{FC} - \theta_{WP}$)
Saturated Hydraulic Conductivity, in/hr (K_{2S})
Wetting Front Suction Head, inches (ψ_2)
Percolation Parameter (HCO)
Drainage Layer Thickness, inches (D_3)
Drainage Layer Void Fraction (ϕ_3)
Drainage Layer Roughness (n_3)
Capture Ratio (R_{LID})





Most Sensitive Parameters

1 = most sensitive
7 = least sensitive

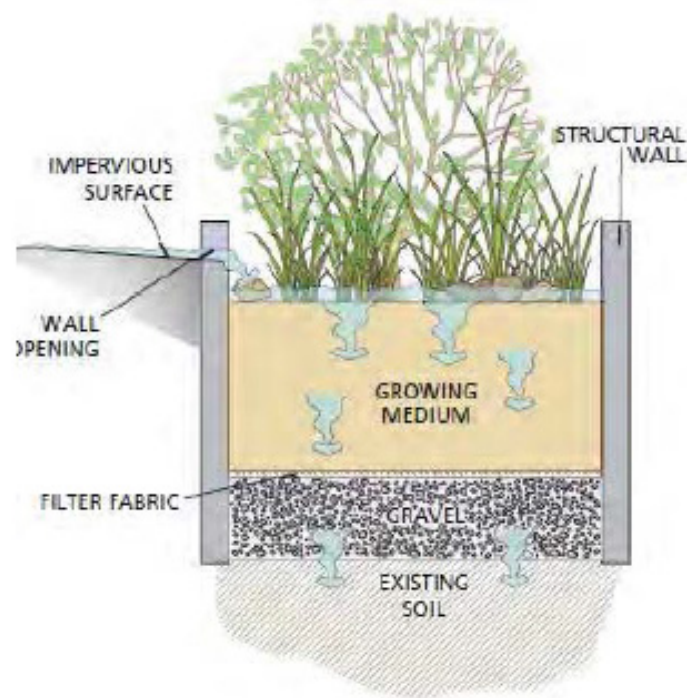
Parameter		Rank
LID Usage	Width (ft.)	7
	Initial Saturation	5
Soil	Porosity	4
	Field Capacity	2
	Wilting Point	1
Drainage Mat	Void Ratio	3
	Roughness	6



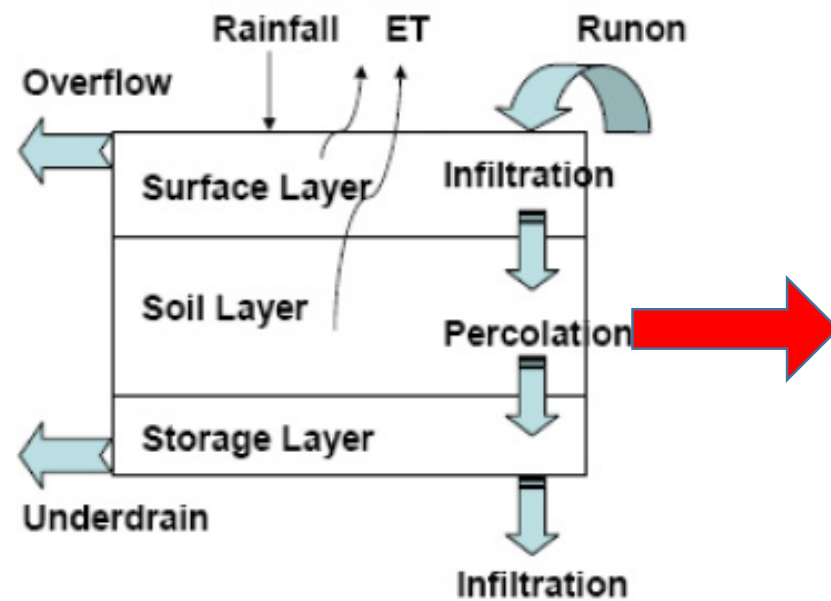
LID Module Performance Summary Table

LID Name	Average NSE Value	Average r^2 Value
Graham Bio-retention	0.86	0.93
Villanova BTI Rain Garden	0.86	0.96
Villanova Infiltration Trench	0.65	0.67
UMD BioSwale	0.78	0.87
Washington DOT BioSwale	0.70	0.91
Hamilton Ecoroof	0.92	0.90
EOC Green Roof	0.94	0.97
FS10 Green Roof	0.93	0.84
Boone Porous Pavement	0.74	0.89

SWMM LID Modeling Weakness



(A)



(B)

- PEST is a useful tool for parameter estimation
- SWMM LID can model hydrology with
 - NSE ranging from 0.65- 0.94
 - R^2 ranging from 0.67 – 0.97
- SWMM LID Module does not account for lateral exfiltration which is important for deep, narrow, LIDs, such as Infiltration Trenches
- EWRI LID Group was formed to improve scientific underpinnings of SWMM
- Next step – test water quality and LID aggregations



Questions?



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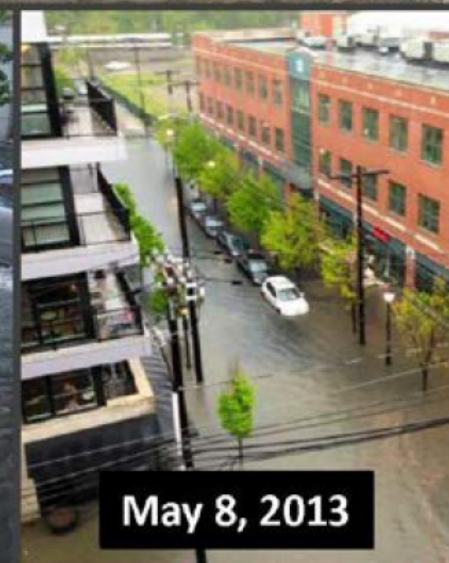
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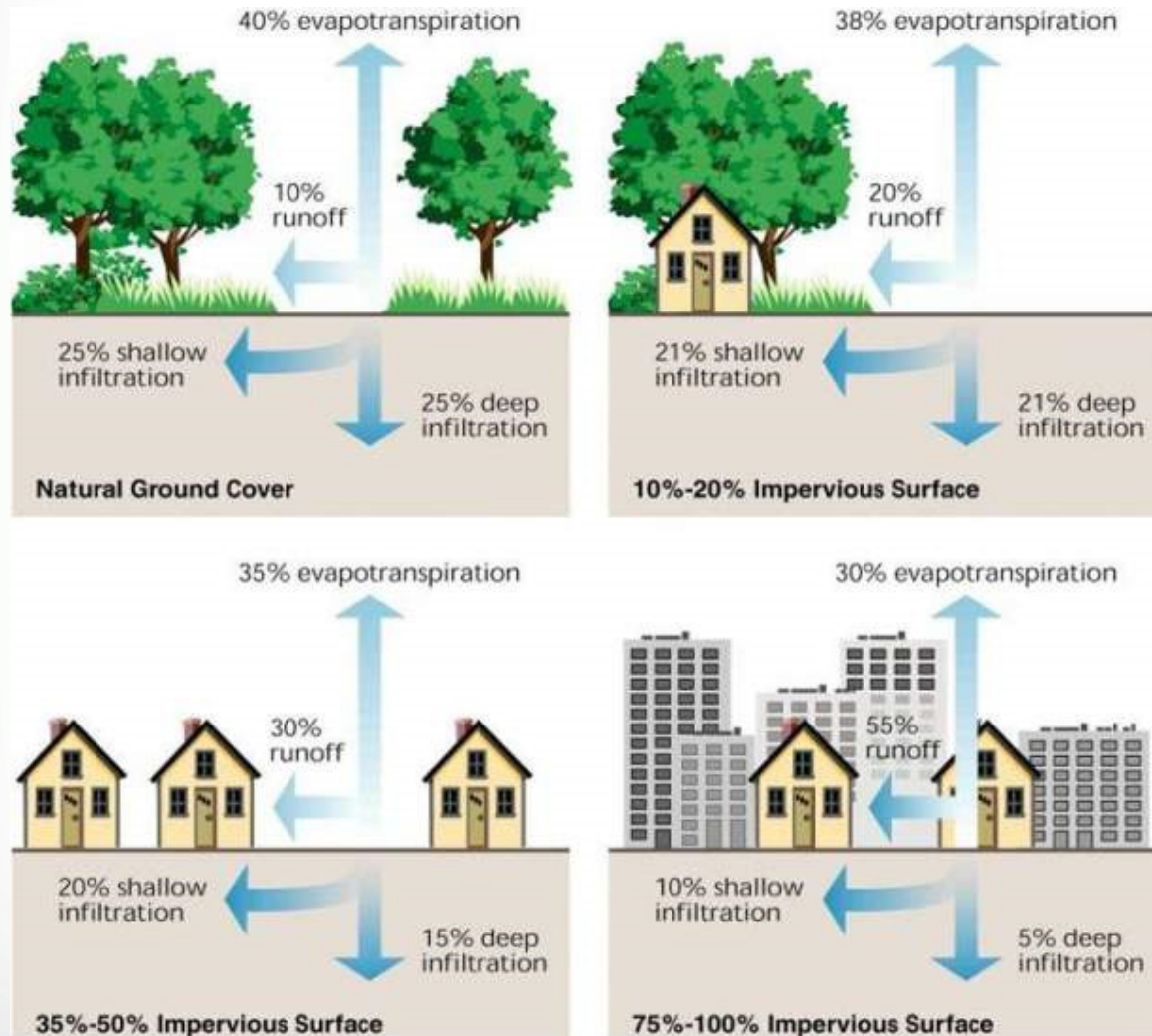


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Urbanization Changes the Hydrologic Cycle

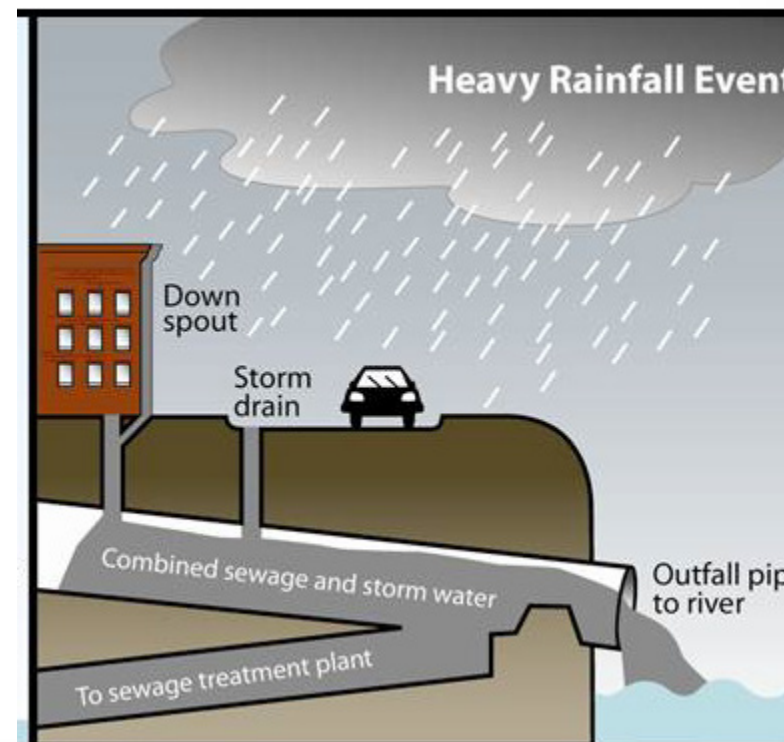


- Soils and vegetation are replaced with impervious surfaces
- Impervious surfaces are connected to dense drainage networks
- Runoff drains directly into streams, lakes, wetlands, and coastal waters
- Even small storms generate significant runoff

Urban Stormwater Impacts

Hydrologic, Geomorphic, and Biological Impacts:

- Increased stormwater volume and velocity causes **flooding, erosion, and sewer overflows.**
- Impaired habitat and **water quality** impact fisheries and shellfish harvesting due to microbes, metals, PAHs, and other pollutants.
- **Reduced groundwater** recharge impacts water supplies.





US Map of Combined Sewer Overflow Agreements

