

Continual Improvement of 20th
Century Legacy Scientific Software
via 21st Century Computer Science
for Watersheds

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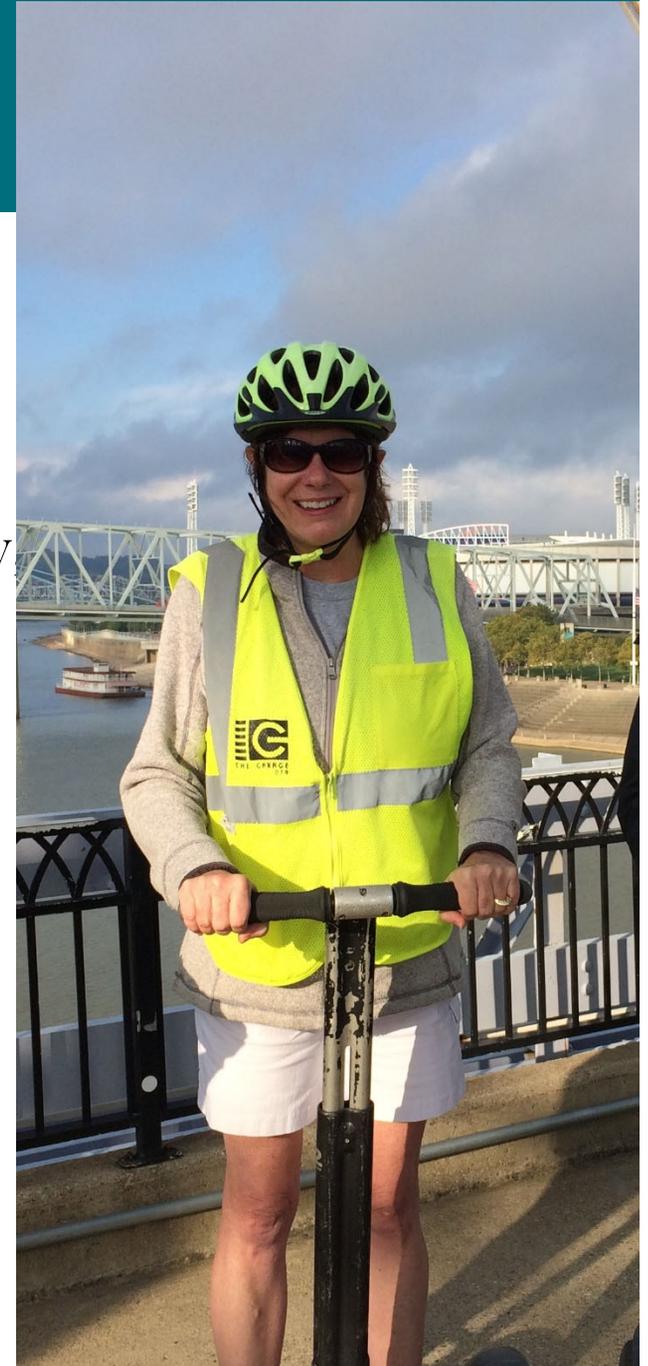
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Speaker Introduction

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EPA Technical POC for Storm Water
Management Model (SWMM)



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Outline

Combination of Computer Science and Environmental Science

- Environmental Protection - History
- Intersection with Computer Science
- Conclusions and Discussions

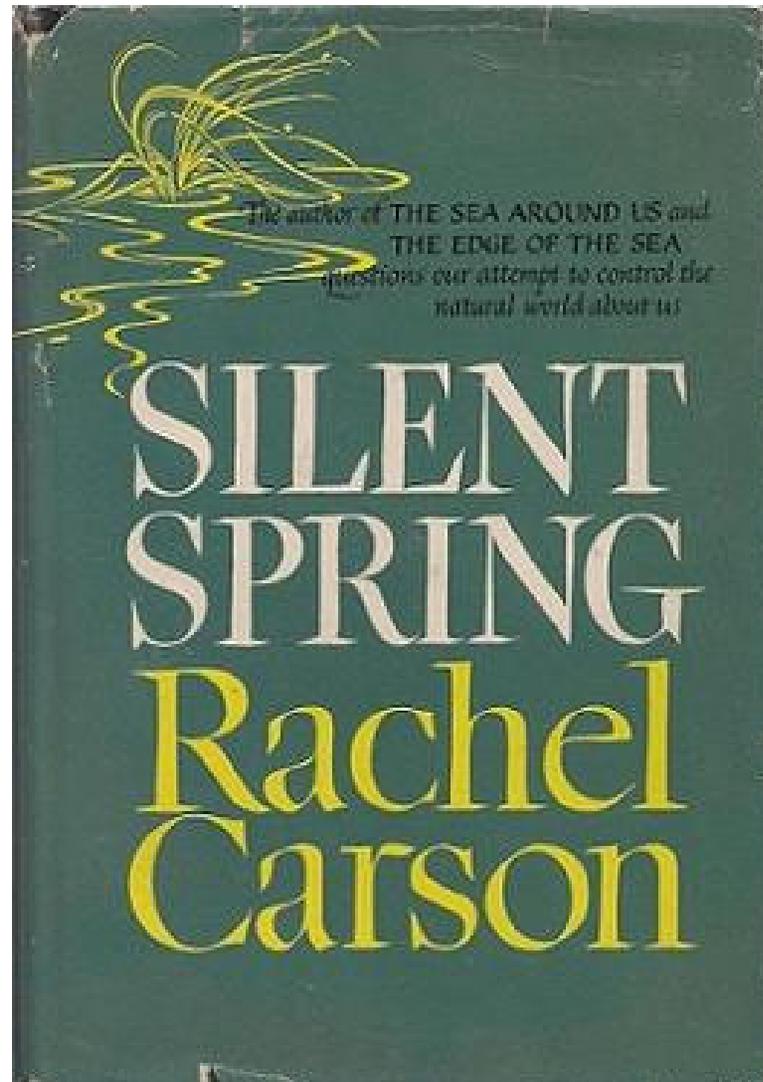
National Parks – March 1, 1872



Grand Canyon - 1919

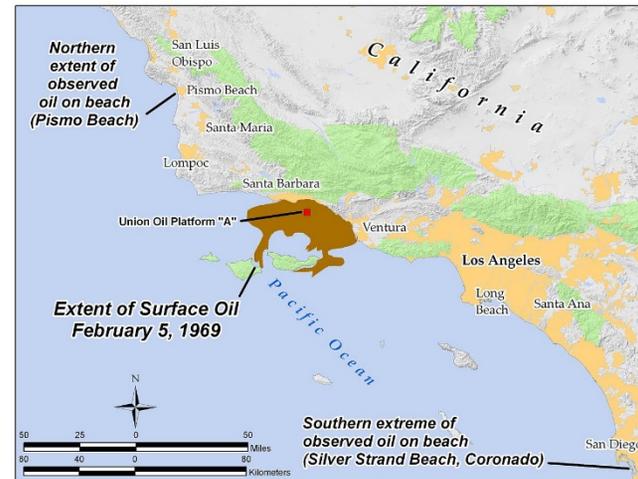


The Silent Spring – Rachel Carson 1962



Polluting the Environment

New York City veiled in smog in 1973
National Archives



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Cuyahoga River Fire – 1952, 1969



The Cleveland Press Collection

United States Environmental Protection Agency

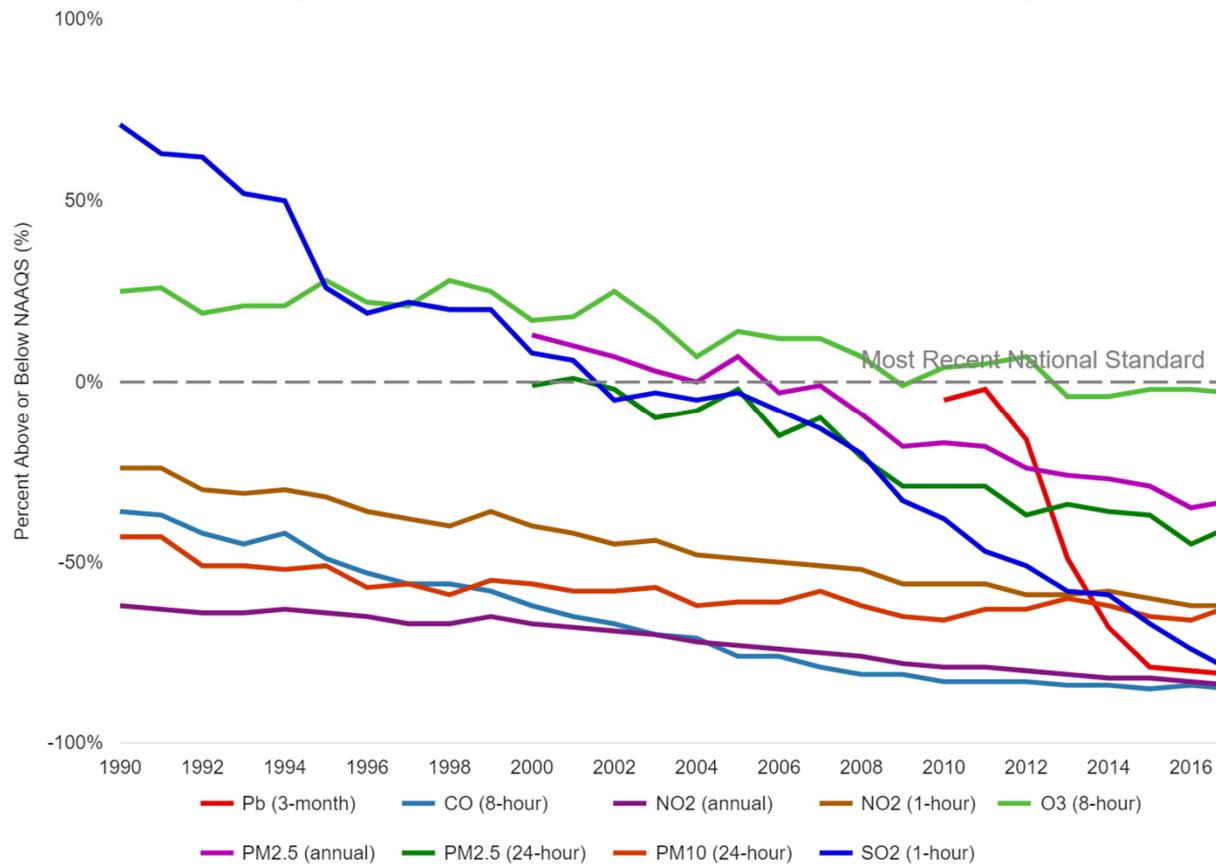


Mission

**To protect Human Health and the
Environment**

EPA Impact on Air Quality

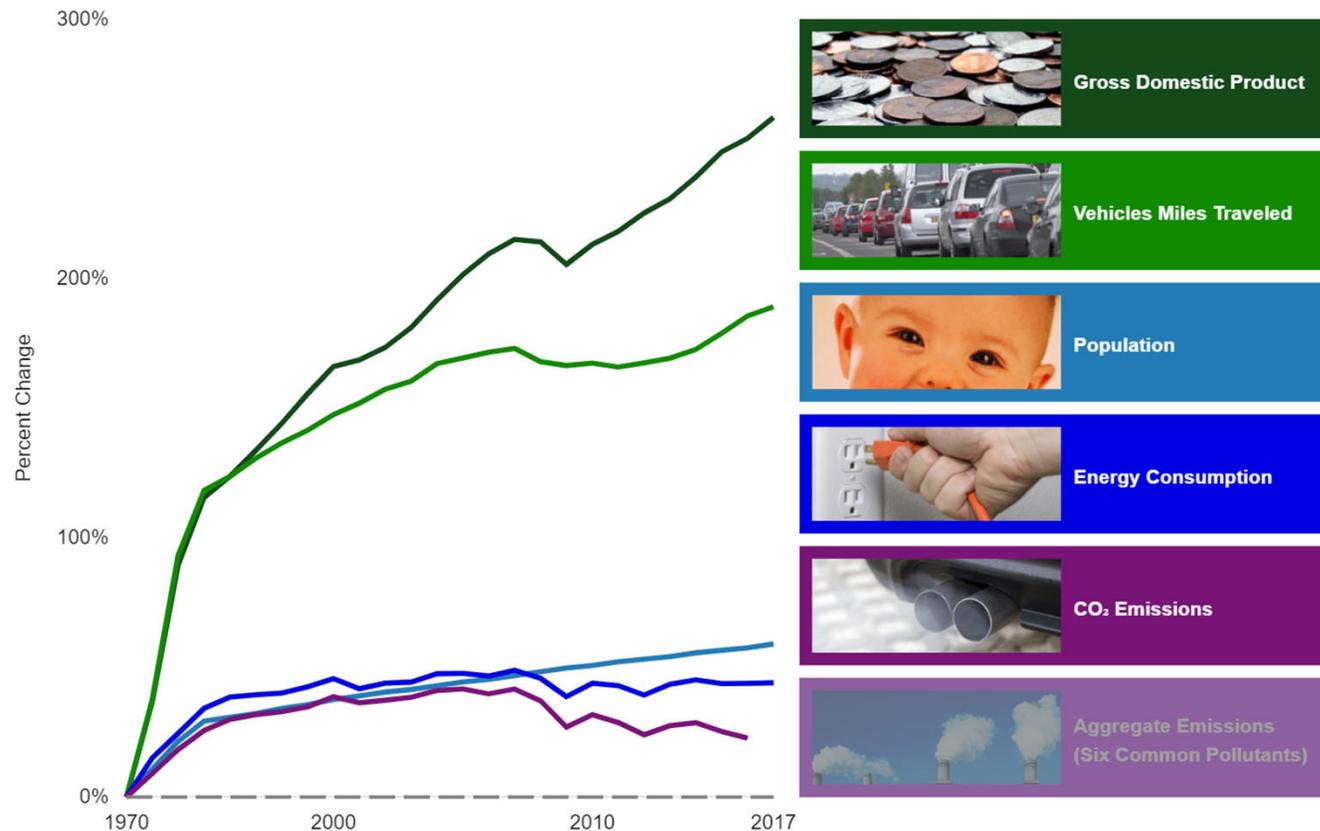
Declining National Air Pollutant Concentration Averages



<https://gispub.epa.gov/air/trendsreport/2018/#growth>

Economic, Population Growth and Environmental Impact

Comparison of Growth Areas and Declining Emissions
1970-2017



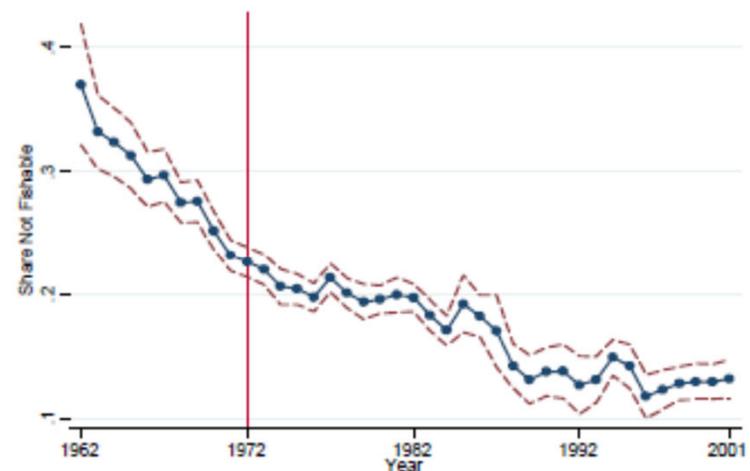
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Clean Water Act Impact

Figure 2. Water Pollution Trends, 1962-2001
Panel A. Dissolved Oxygen Deficit



Panel B. Share Not Fishable

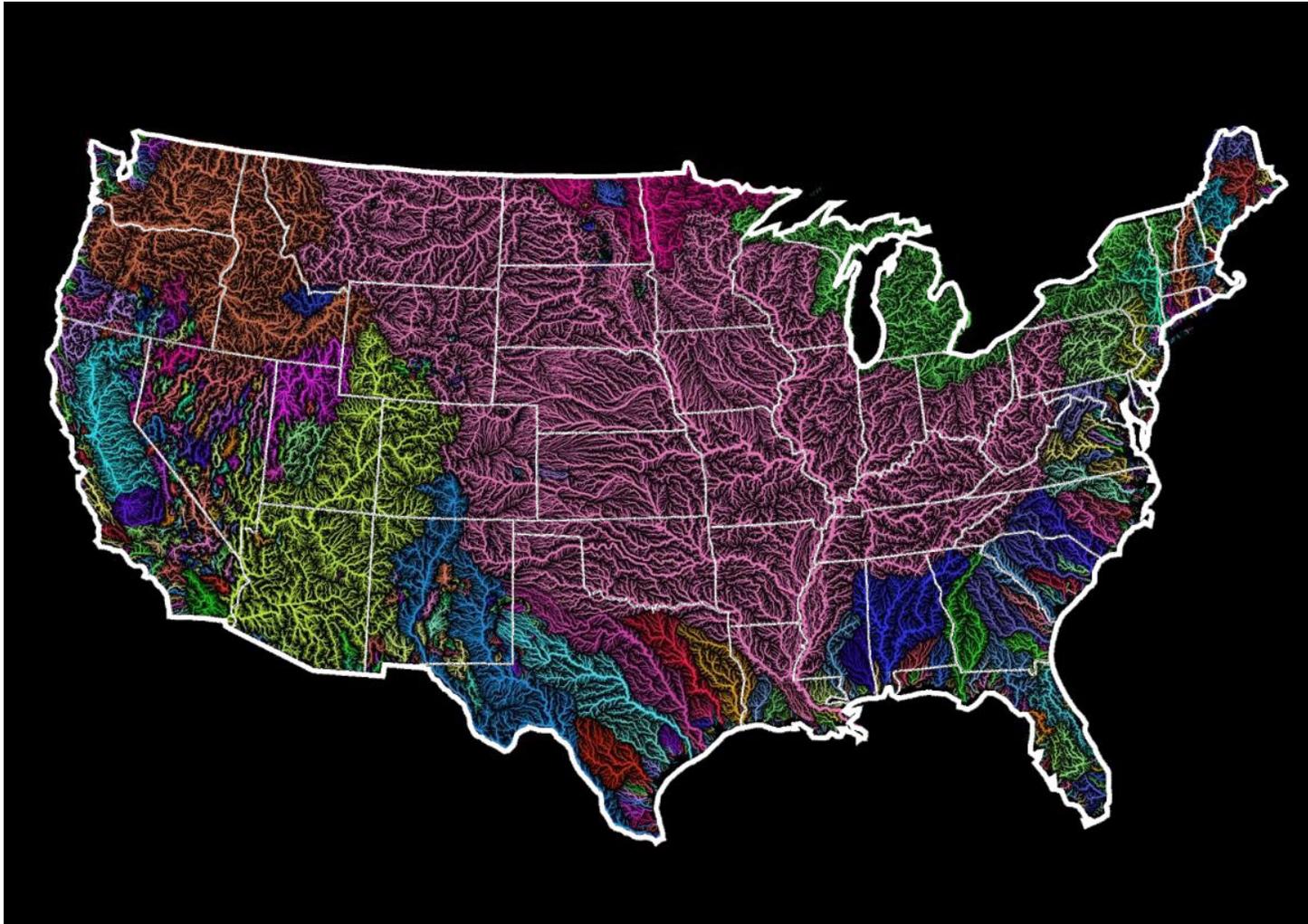


Notes: Graphs show year fixed effects plus a constant from regressions which also control for monitoring site fixed effects, a day-of-year cubic polynomial, and an hour-of-day cubic polynomial, corresponding to equation (2) from the text. Connected dots show yearly values, dashed lines show 95% confidence interval, and 1962 is reference category. Standard errors are clustered by watershed.

<https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/bbd9/ef58e916bc76ae3c036767047e24a0e8512f.pdf>

Watershed

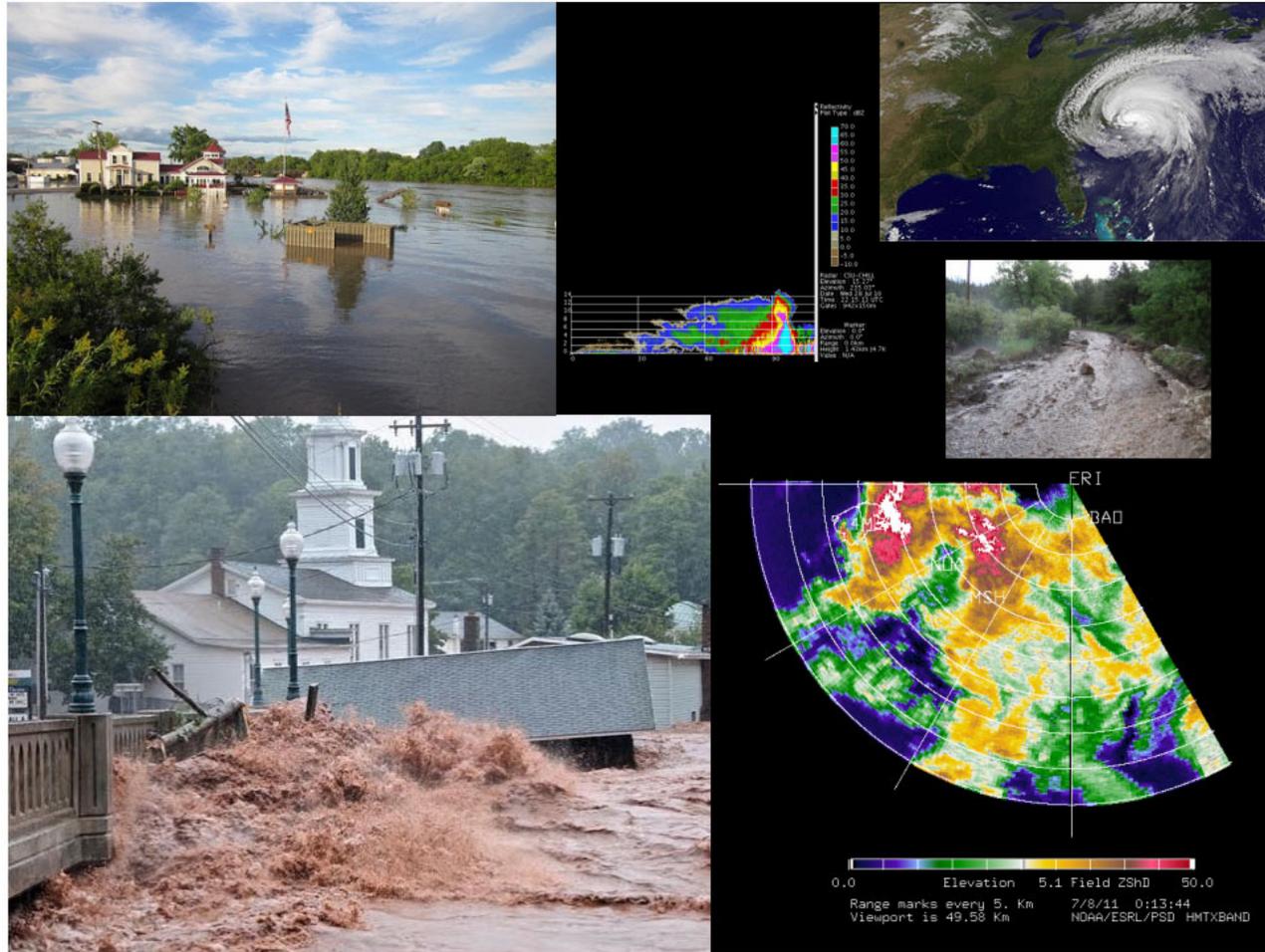
<https://www.visualcapitalist.com/maps-worlds-watersheds/>



Watershed Flow Animation

https://www.washingtonpost.com/video/national/animation-shows-the-mississippi-watershed-the-largest-drainage-basin-in-north-america/2016/12/08/e294b76a-bd6b-11e6-ae79-bec72d34f8c9_video.html?utm_term=.5262214d85fc

Flooding



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Calculations for Dams

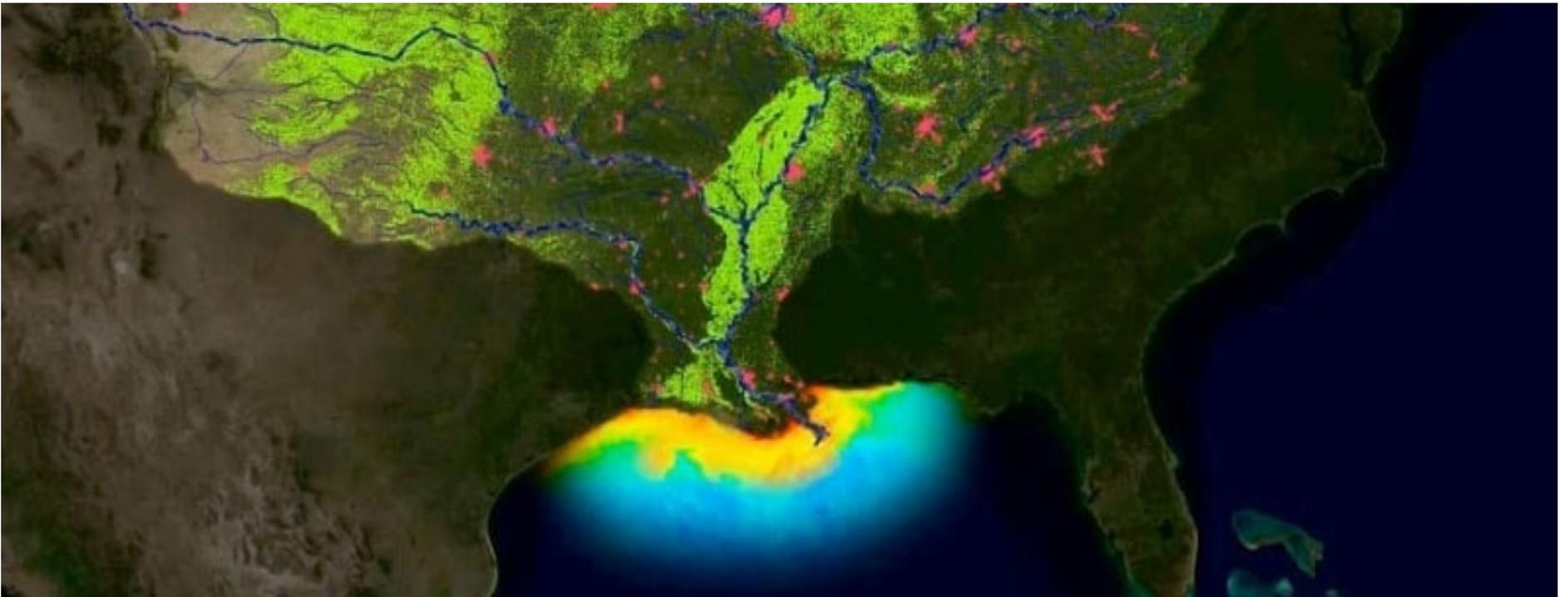
Glen Canyon Dam:

The Upper Basin States' bank account

- Pre-1963 average inflows 12,963,000 AF
- Post-1963 average inflows 10,701,000 AF



Nutrient Runoff – hypoxia zone



US Watersheds



Watershed Model Strategy

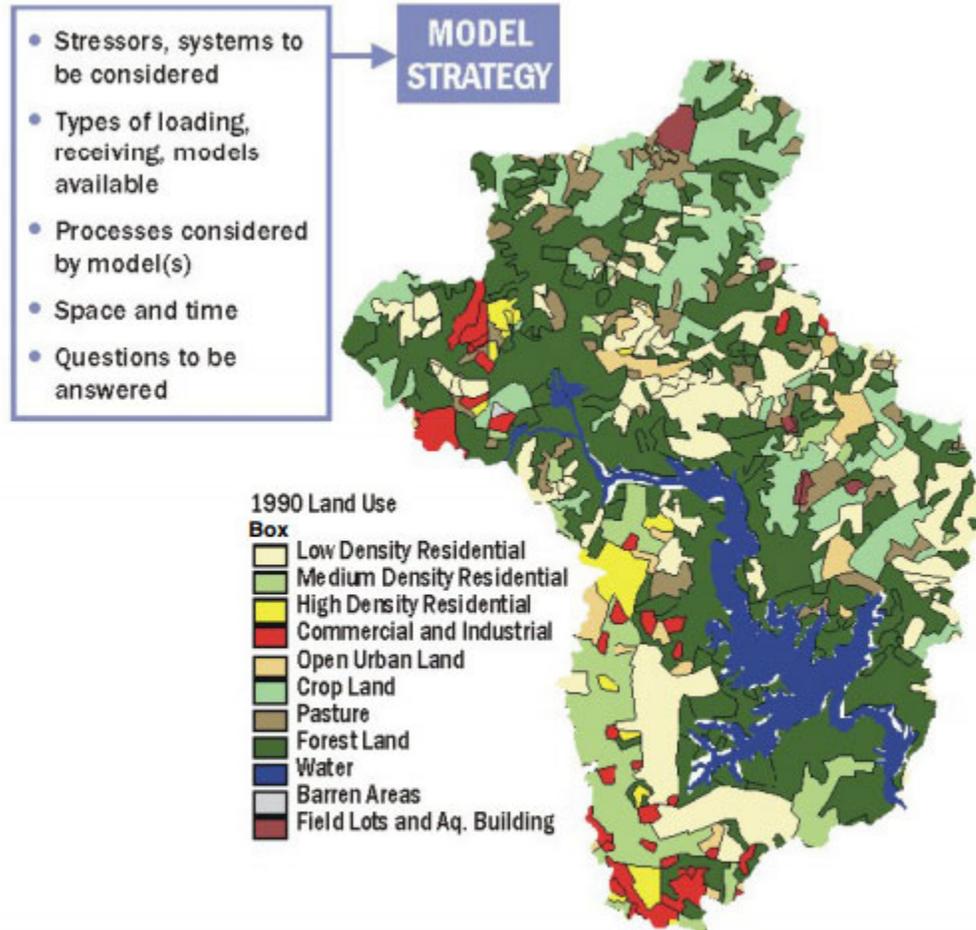
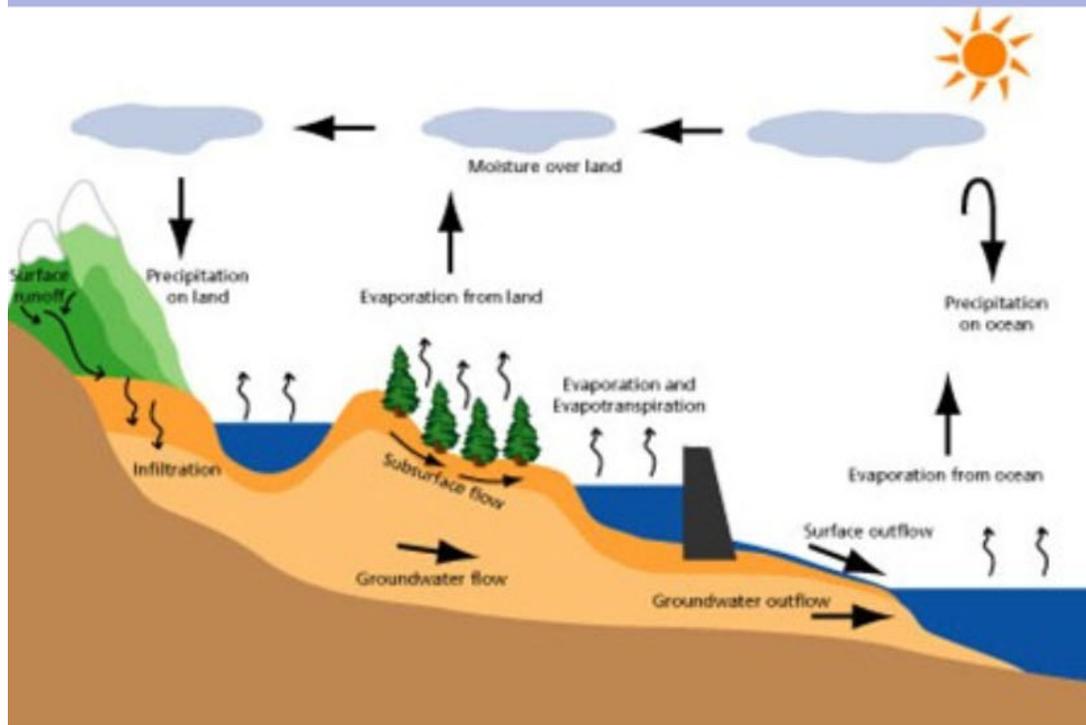


Figure 10

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Conceptual Model for Watershed Modeling



Typical Input

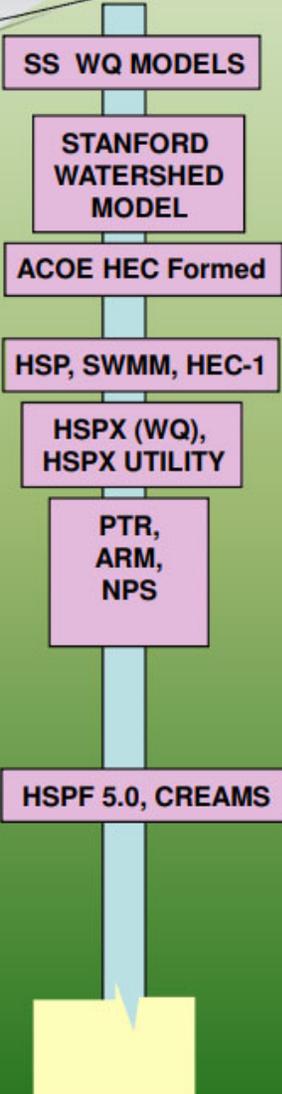
- Topography
- Soil Characteristics
- Land cover
- Land use
- Meteorological data

Typical Output

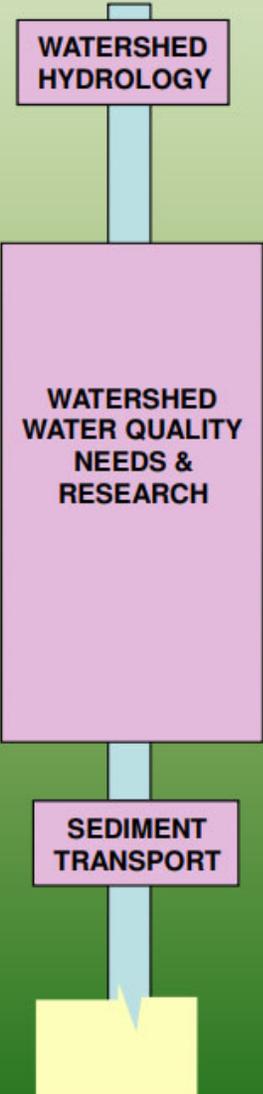
- Streamflow
- Subsurface Flow

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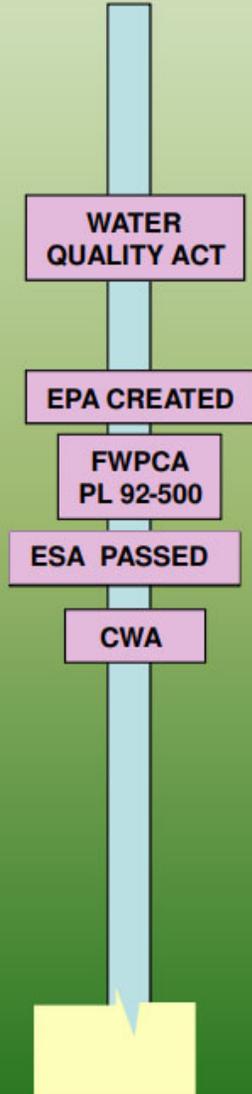
MODELS & SUPPORT TOOLS



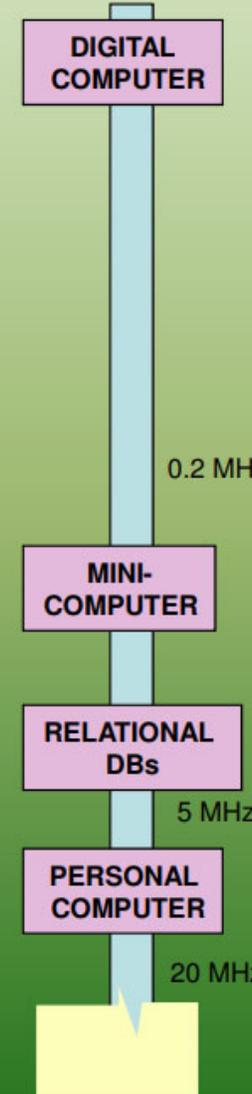
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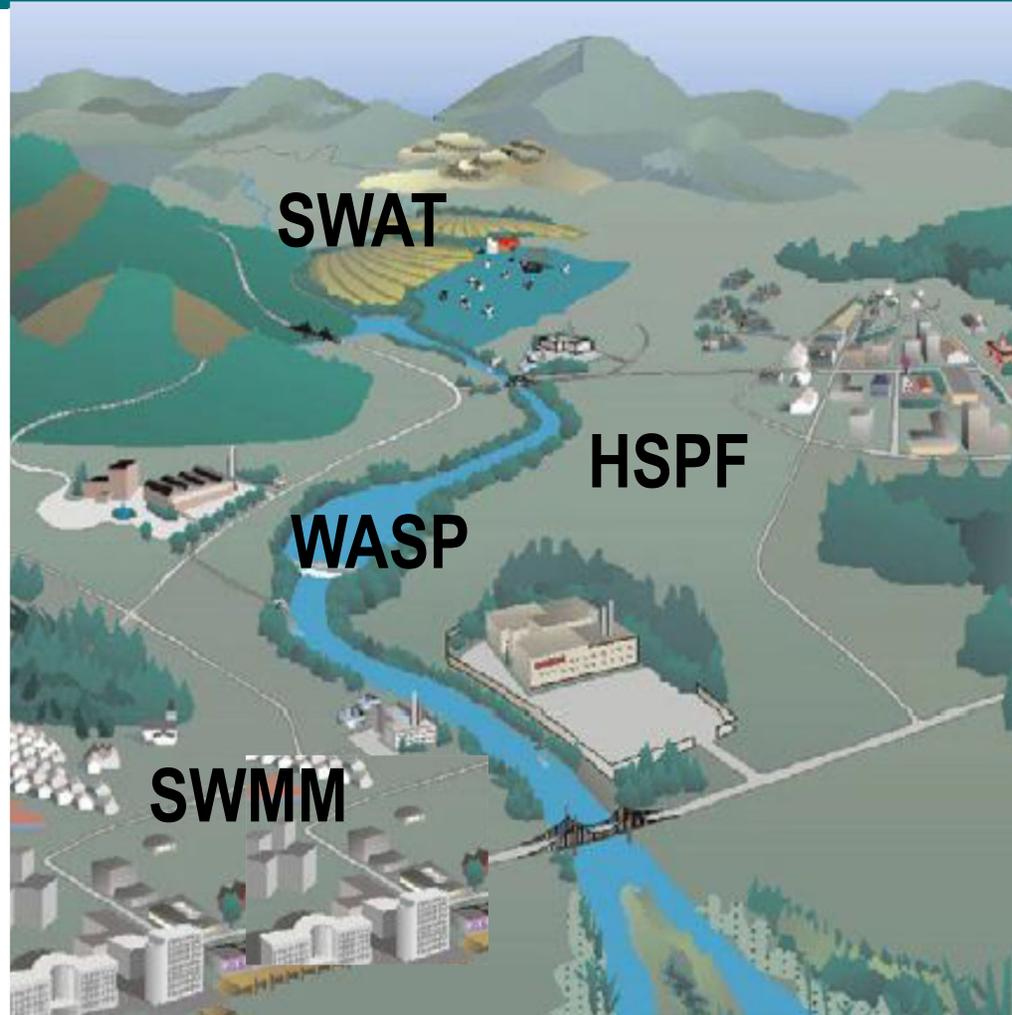
COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY



**EVOLUTION OF WATERSHED MODELING
1960-1985**



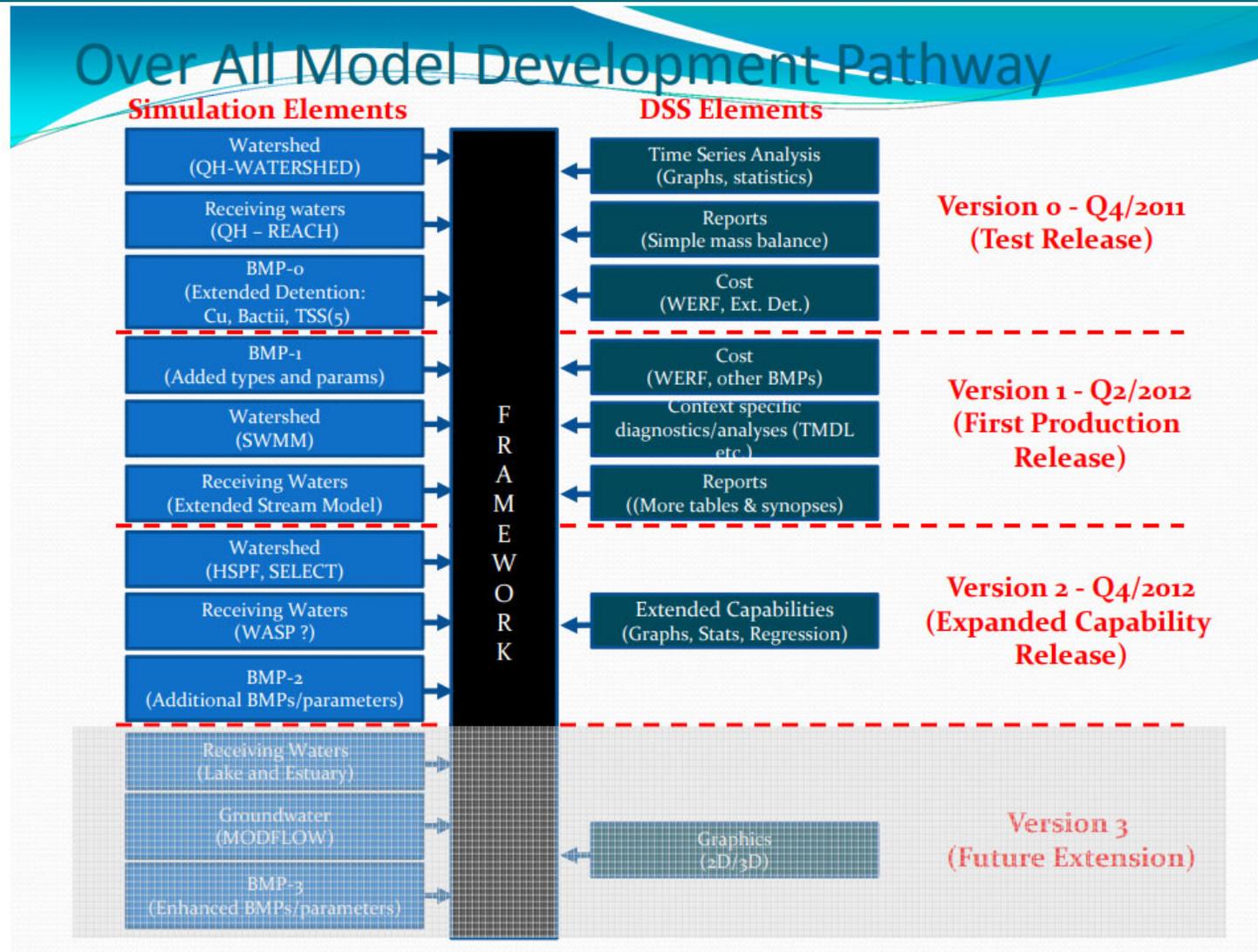
How SWMM, HSPF, SWAT, and WASP Relate



<https://cfpub.epa.gov/watertrain/pdf/modules/WshedModTools.pdf>

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Over All Model Deveopment

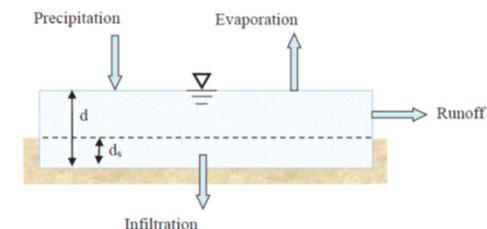
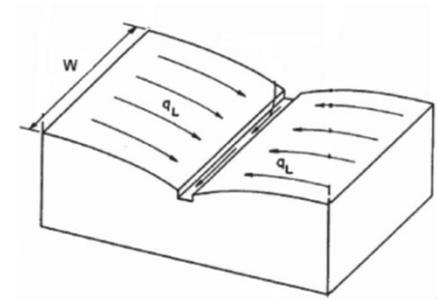


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Data Requirements

Either you measure it or you download it

- Soil Infiltration from a Soil database (SSURGO or STATSGO)
- Land Use – Land Cover
- National Land Cover Dataset – (NLCD)
- Climatic Data – find closest NOAA station
 - (use Stormwater Calculator)
- Site Configuration
 - Subcatchment area
 - Topography

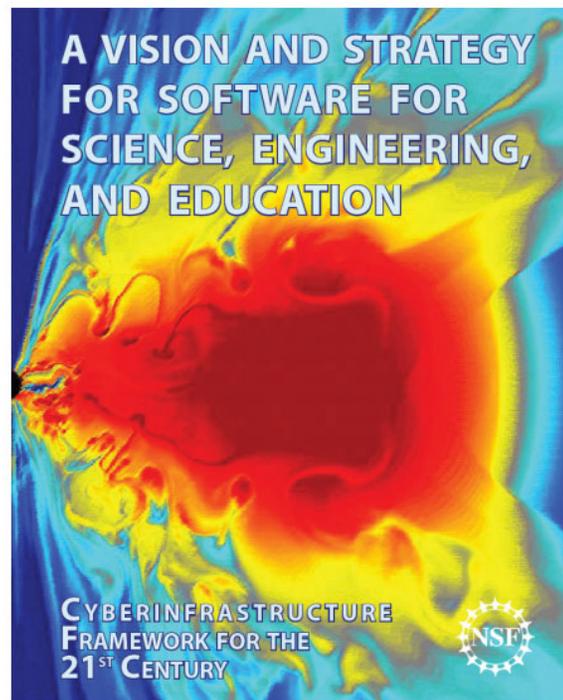


Data Management

NSF vision

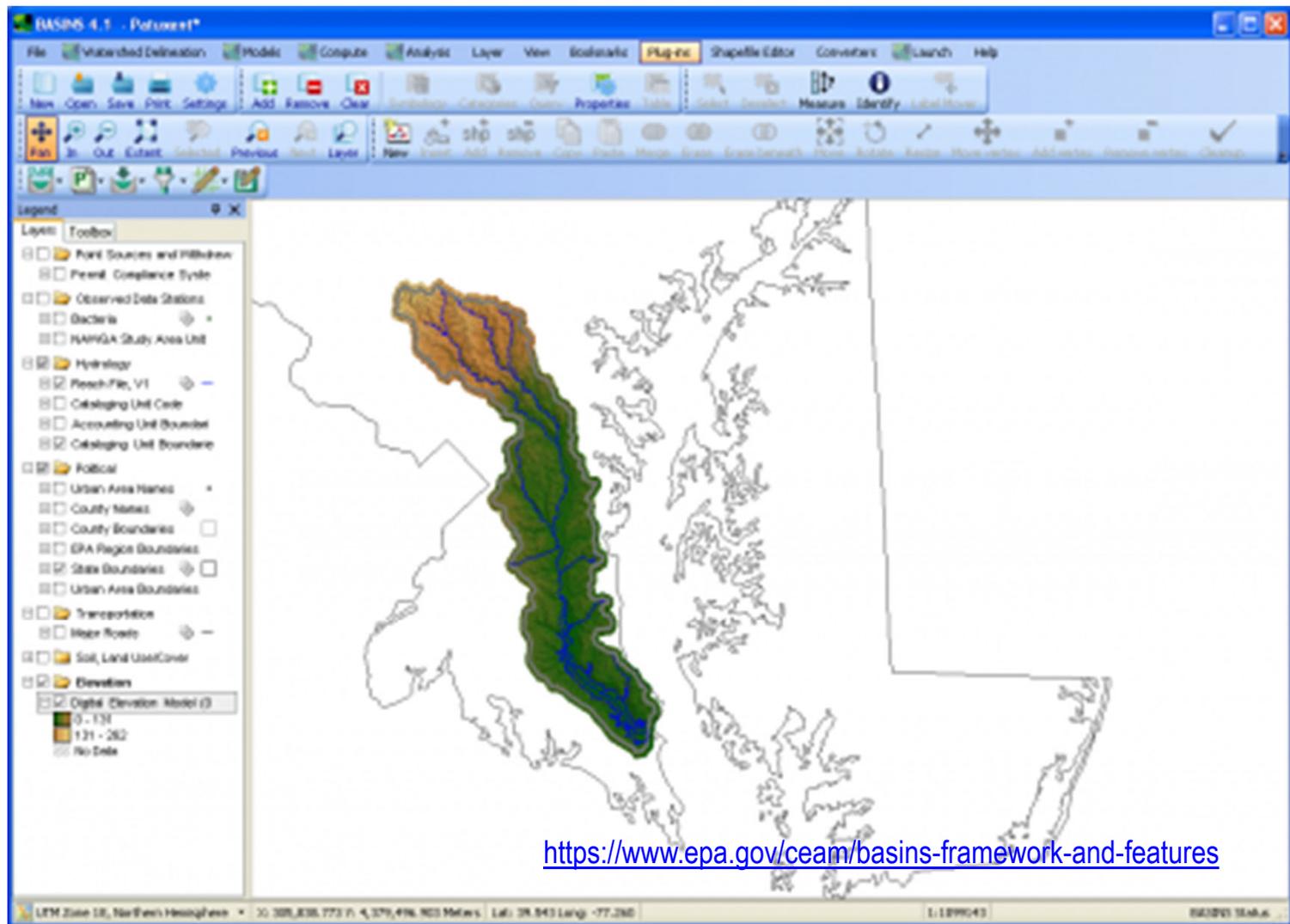
“enabling software systems are needed to create an environment in which the barrier to access is low for innovation and new discovery”

- Data Management and Preservation
- Software Sustainability



<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2012/nsf12113/nsf12113.pdf>

GUI + Data Extracting and Loading



https://datagateway.nrcs.usda.gov/

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
United States Department of Agriculture

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Welcome to GDG

System Status:
Welcome to GDG 6.0.4.7481. All products and services are running normally.

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GET DATA

Place a Data Order **GDG**

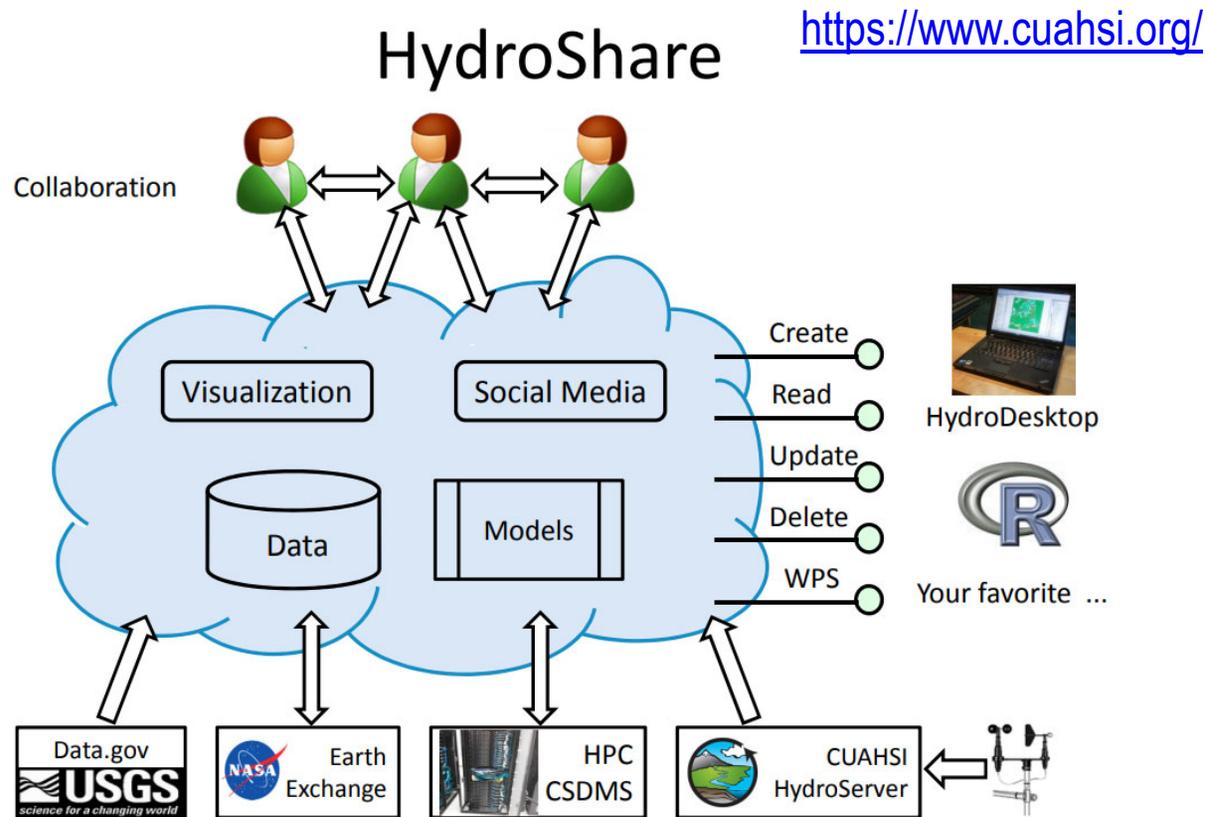
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This service is made available through a close partnership between the three Service Center Agencies ([SCA](#)); Natural Resources Conservation Service ([NRC](#)), Farm Service Agency ([FSA](#)) and Rural Development ([RD](#)).

CUASHI Hydrologic Data Share System



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Modeling process

Mathematical Abstraction

$$\frac{\partial(\phi C)}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (J_{adv} + J_{disp})$$

$$\frac{\partial(\phi C)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial(\phi v C)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2(\phi D_h C)}{\partial x^2}$$

$$C = \frac{C_0}{2} \left[\operatorname{erfc} \left(\frac{L - vt}{2\sqrt{D_h t}} \right) + \exp \left(\frac{vL}{D_h} \right) \operatorname{erfc} \left(\frac{L + vt}{2\sqrt{D_h t}} \right) \right]$$

with the initial and boundary conditions:

$$C(x, 0) = 0 \quad x \geq 0$$

$$C(0, t) = C_0 \quad t \geq 0$$

$$C(\infty, t) = 0 \quad t \geq 0$$

Convert Math to Code

```
// Storage layer properties
double storageThickness = theLidProc->storage.thickness;
double storageVoidFrac = theLidProc->storage.voidFrac;

//... retrieve moisture levels from input vector
surfaceDepth = x[SURF];
storageDepth = x[STOR];

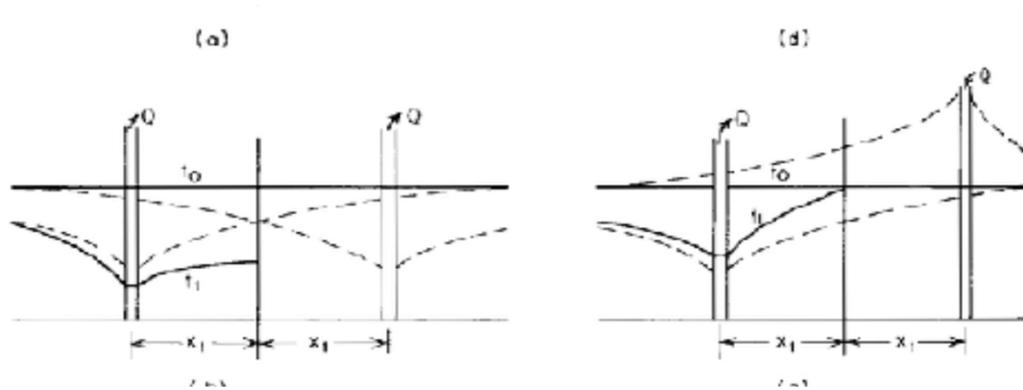
//... convert moisture levels to volumes
SurfaceVolume = surfaceDepth * theLidProc->surface.voidFrac;
SoilVolume = 0.0;
StorageVolume = storageDepth * storageVoidFrac;

//... get ET rates
availVolume = (storageThickness - storageDepth) * storageVoidFrac;
getEvapRates(SurfaceVolume, 0.0, 0.0, StorageVolume, 1.0);
```

<https://www.openswmm.org/SWMM51013/lidproc-c/trenchFluxRates>

Numerical Methods

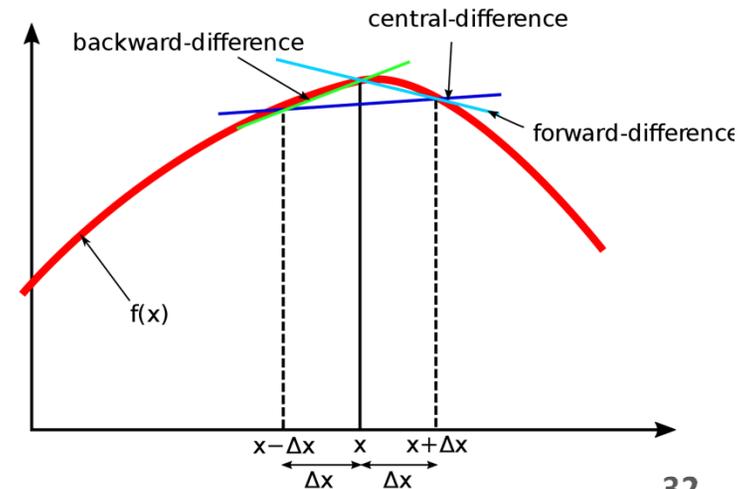
Analytical Element



http://utdallas.edu/~brikowi/Teaching/Applied_Modeling/GroundWater/LectureNotes/analytic_element.pdf

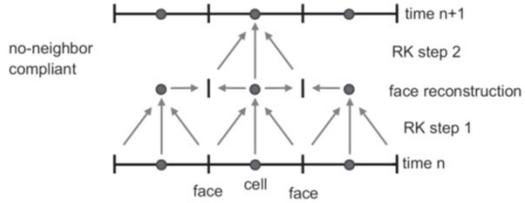
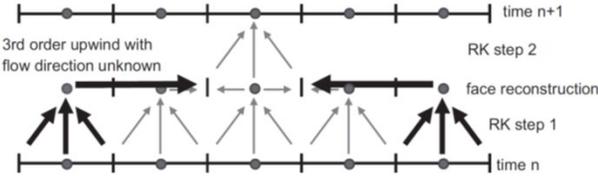
Finite Difference

$$\delta_h[f](x) = f\left(x + \frac{1}{2}h\right) - f\left(x - \frac{1}{2}h\right)$$



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New Solver



Computational engine

Why?

Processors aren't getting faster, they are just getting more parallel

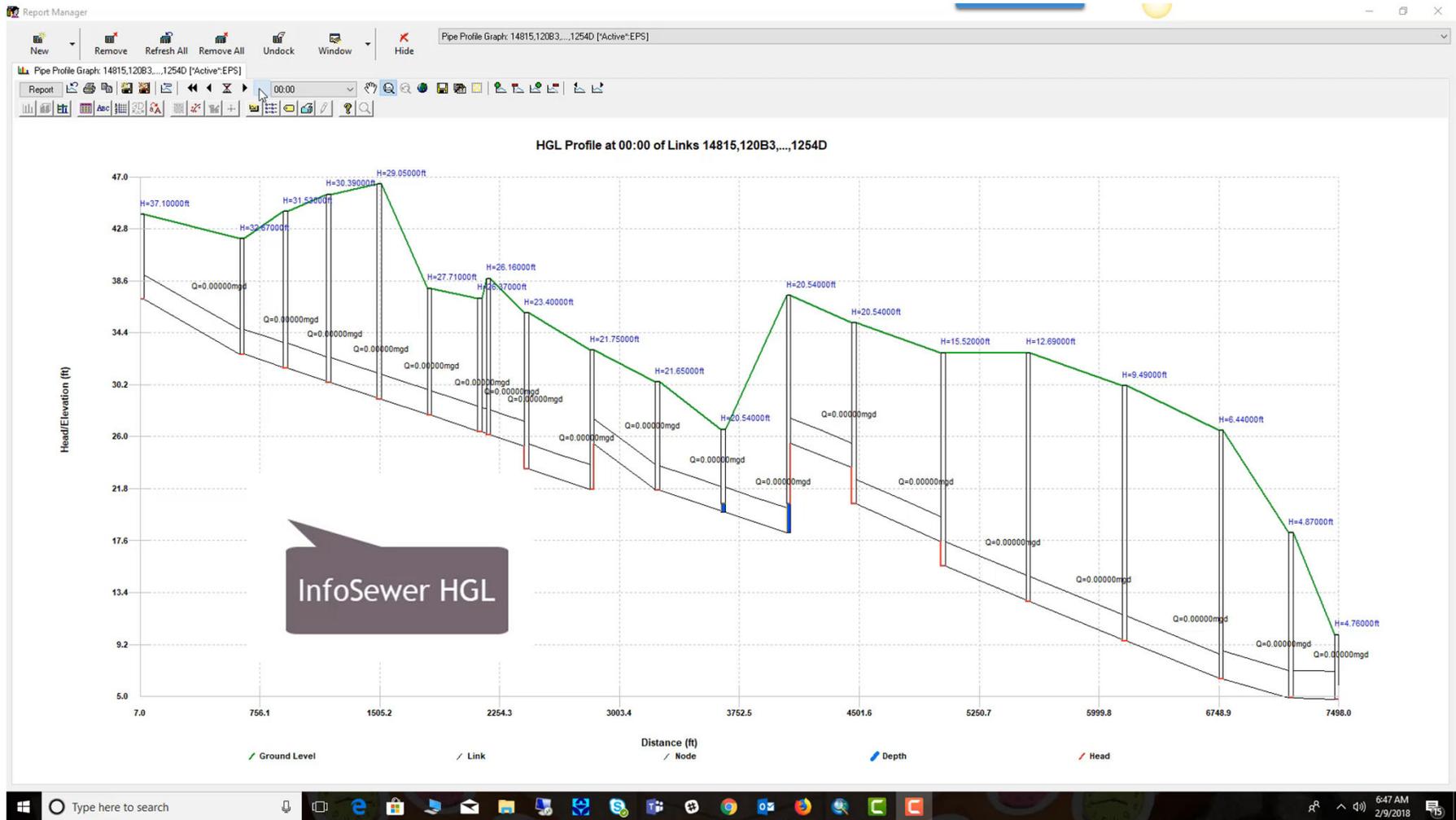
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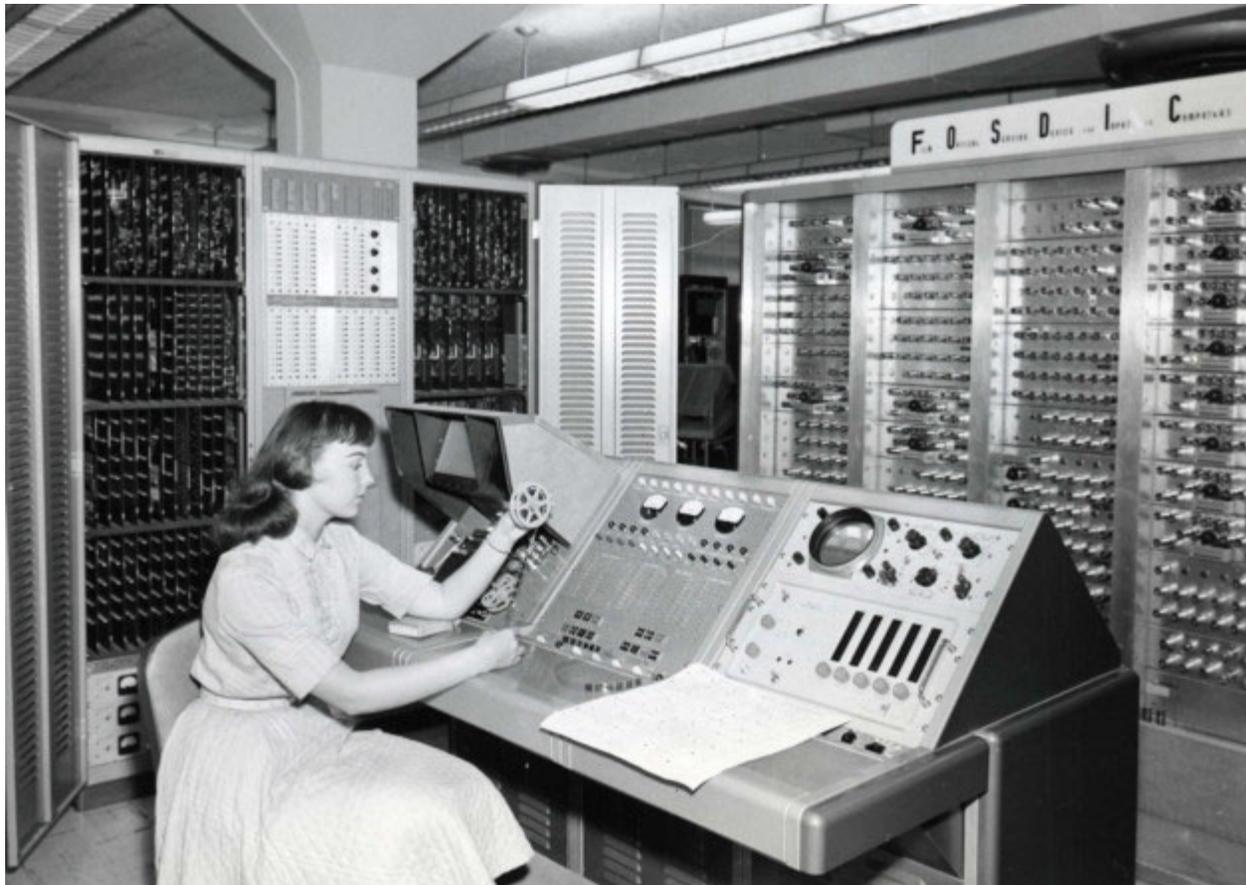
Hydraulic Animation

(Courtesy of Robert Dickinson, Innovyze)



Old Computers

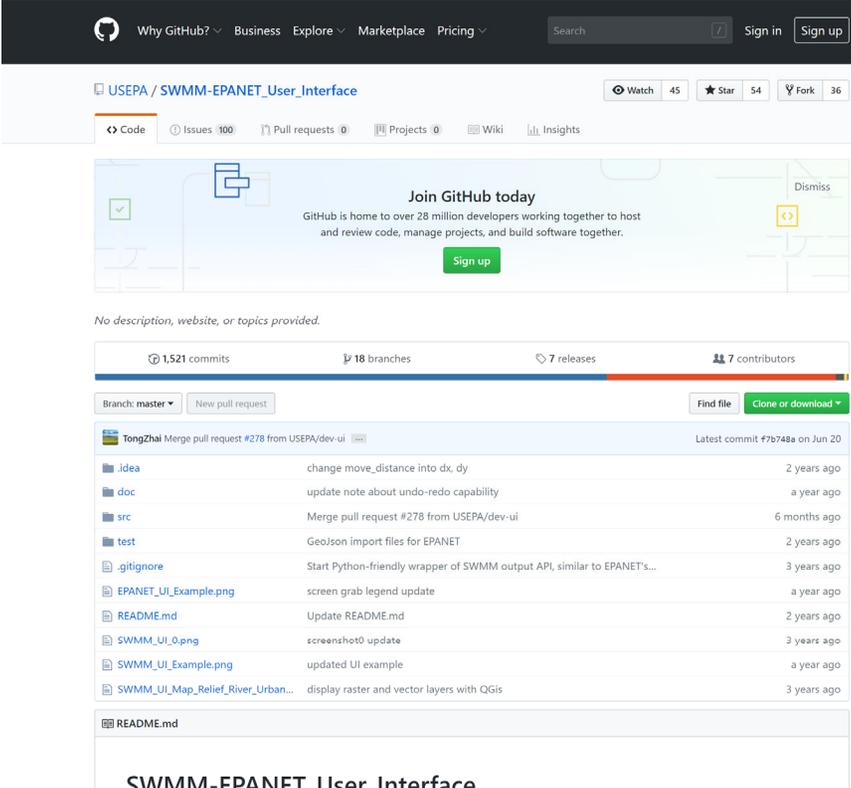
<https://www.eadt.co.uk/property/computers-i-ll-give-them-five-years-shows-how-wrong-you-can-be-1-4445178>



<https://www.computerhistory.org/timeline/1980/>

Developmental Actions

- Development tools and tricks
- Technical Support – OPENSWMM
- GitHub
 - Track Code versions and changes
 - Developmental Tools, e.g., CI, doxygen
 - Debugging
 - Code testing
 - Unit Testing
 - Feature Testing
 - Result Regression Testing
 - Coverage Testing
- Uncertainty\ground-truthing
 - PEST – Suraj Kamble, Xuanyi Lin
 - Calibration



The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the repository 'USEPA / SWMM-EPANET_User_Interface'. The repository has 45 watchers, 54 stars, and 36 forks. It contains 100 issues, 0 pull requests, 0 projects, and 0 wiki pages. A banner encourages joining GitHub today. The repository statistics show 1,521 commits, 18 branches, 7 releases, and 7 contributors. The current branch is 'master'. A list of files and folders is shown, including .idea, doc, src, test, .gitignore, EPANET_UI_Example.png, README.md, SWMM_UI_0.png, SWMM_UI_Example.png, and SWMM_UI_Map_Relief_River_Urban... The latest commit is #7b748a on Jun 20. The README.md file is open, showing the title 'SWMM-EPANET_User_Interface'.

Technical Support - OPEN SWMM

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- Mission and Intent**

The SWMM Knowledge Base is intended to function as an online learning resource for users of the public domain EPA SWMM program. It consists of digitally curated content from the SWMM-USERS list server, organized in an easily readable format. Fully searchable, the SWMM Knowledge Base provides a high signal-to-noise ratio, and promotes content discoverability through related topic suggestions.

Together with the open access Journal of Water Management Modeling, the annual International Conference on Water Management Modeling, and the SWMM-USERS list server, the SWMM Knowledge Base rounds out a group of high quality resources that supports, promotes and encourages development of SWMM by the EPA and the user community.

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Innovations – Cloud Computing



Figure 4 is an example of accessing services in the cloud through Web 2.0 and media control interface APIs.

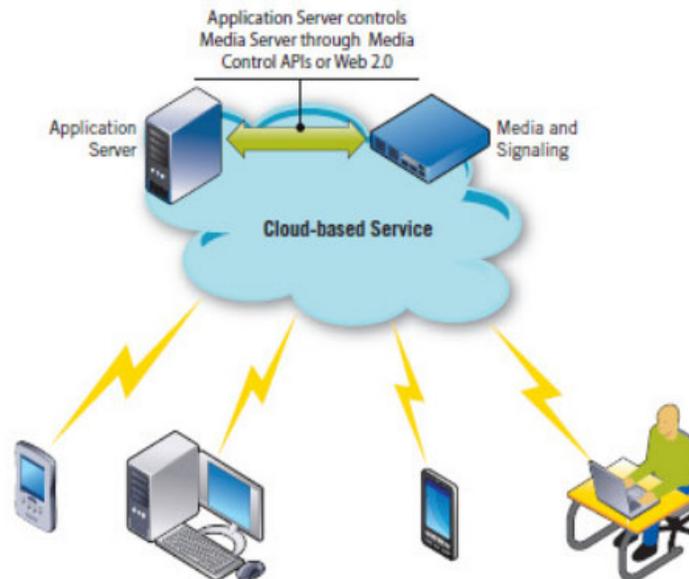


Figure 4. Accessing the Communications Capabilities from Within the Cloud

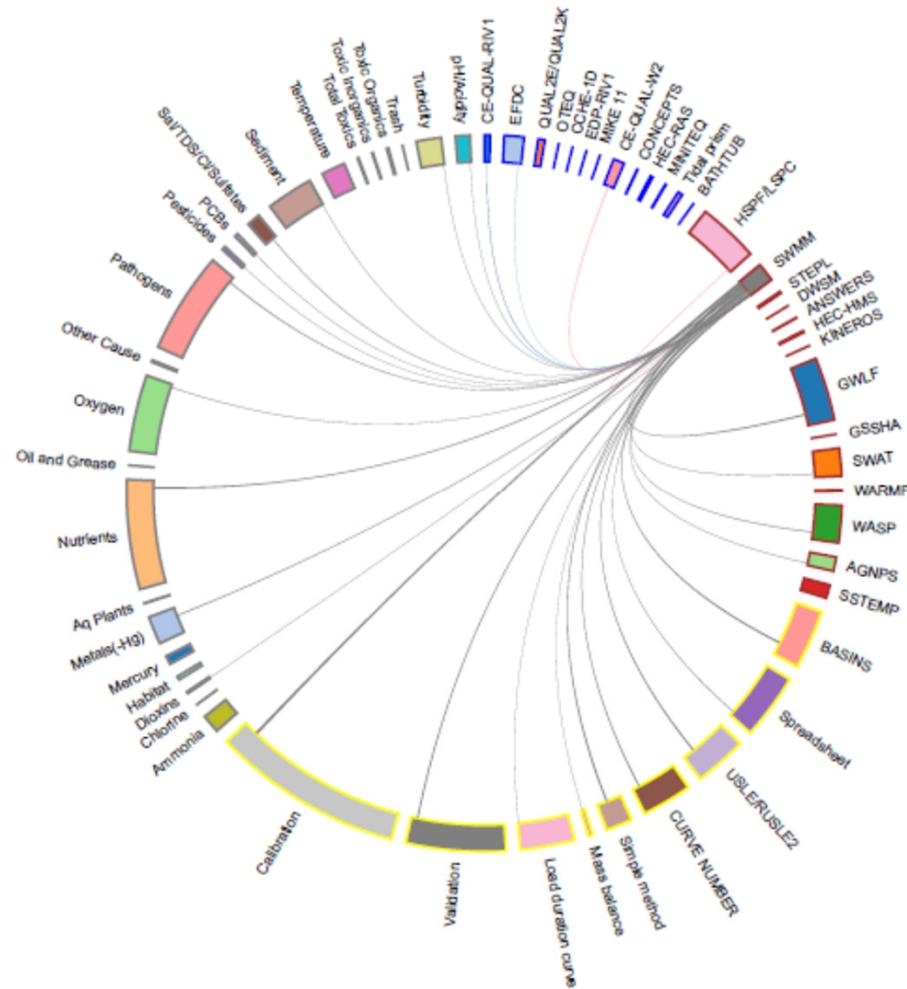
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The Future

Overview

- Background:
 - Initial Research Problem
 - The Internet-of-Things (IoT)
 - Types of Cloud Computing
 - Development of the IoT for Infrastructure Monitoring and Control (DRTC/OptiRTC)
- Modeling-as-a-Service (MaaS)
- What does all of this look like in the real world?
- Closing thoughts

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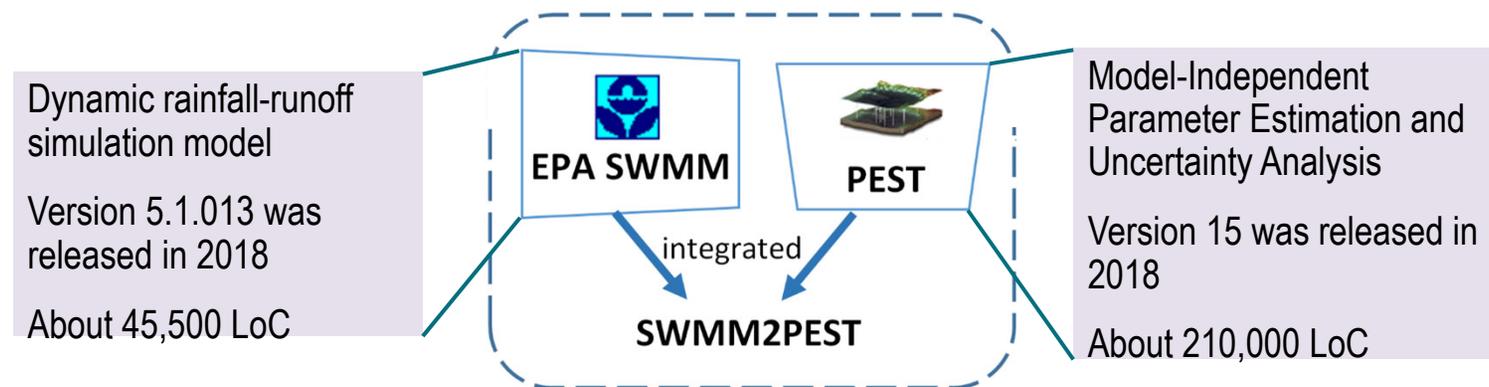


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Linking SWMM and PEST

SWMM2PEST

An integration of the SWMM and PEST scientific programs



Metamorphic testing on SWMM2PEST

Hierarchical Metamorphic Relations for Testing Scientific Software

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Exploratory Metamorphic Testing for Scientific Software

Our ongoing work

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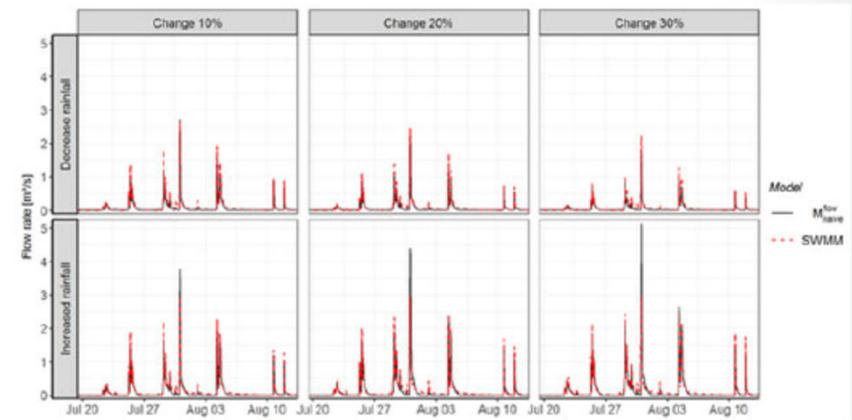
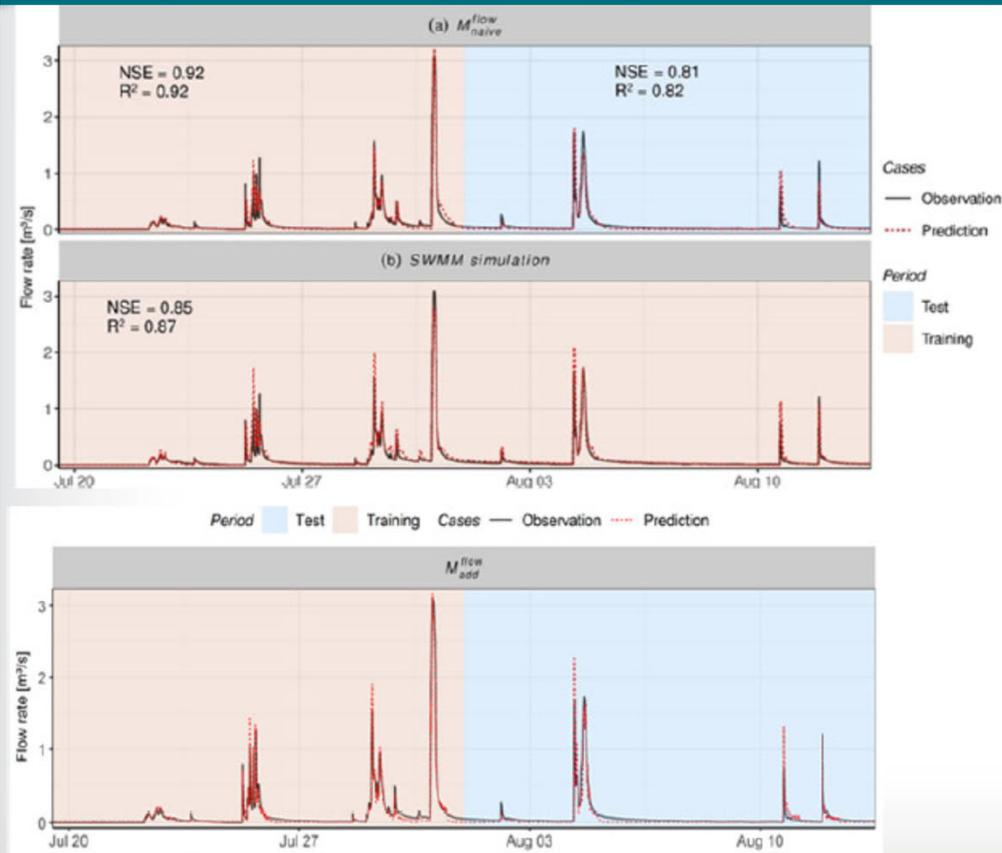
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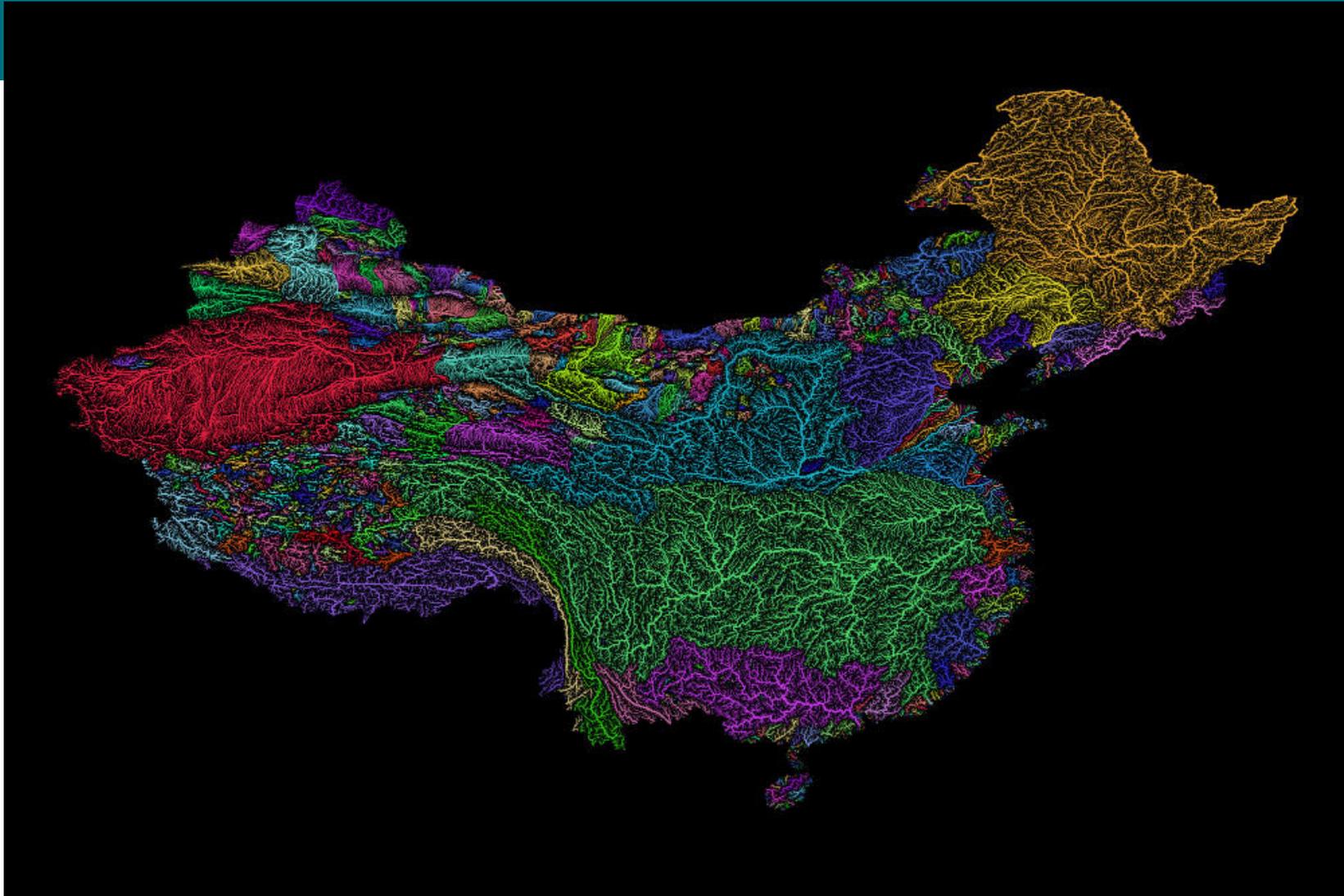
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Machine Learning and SWMM

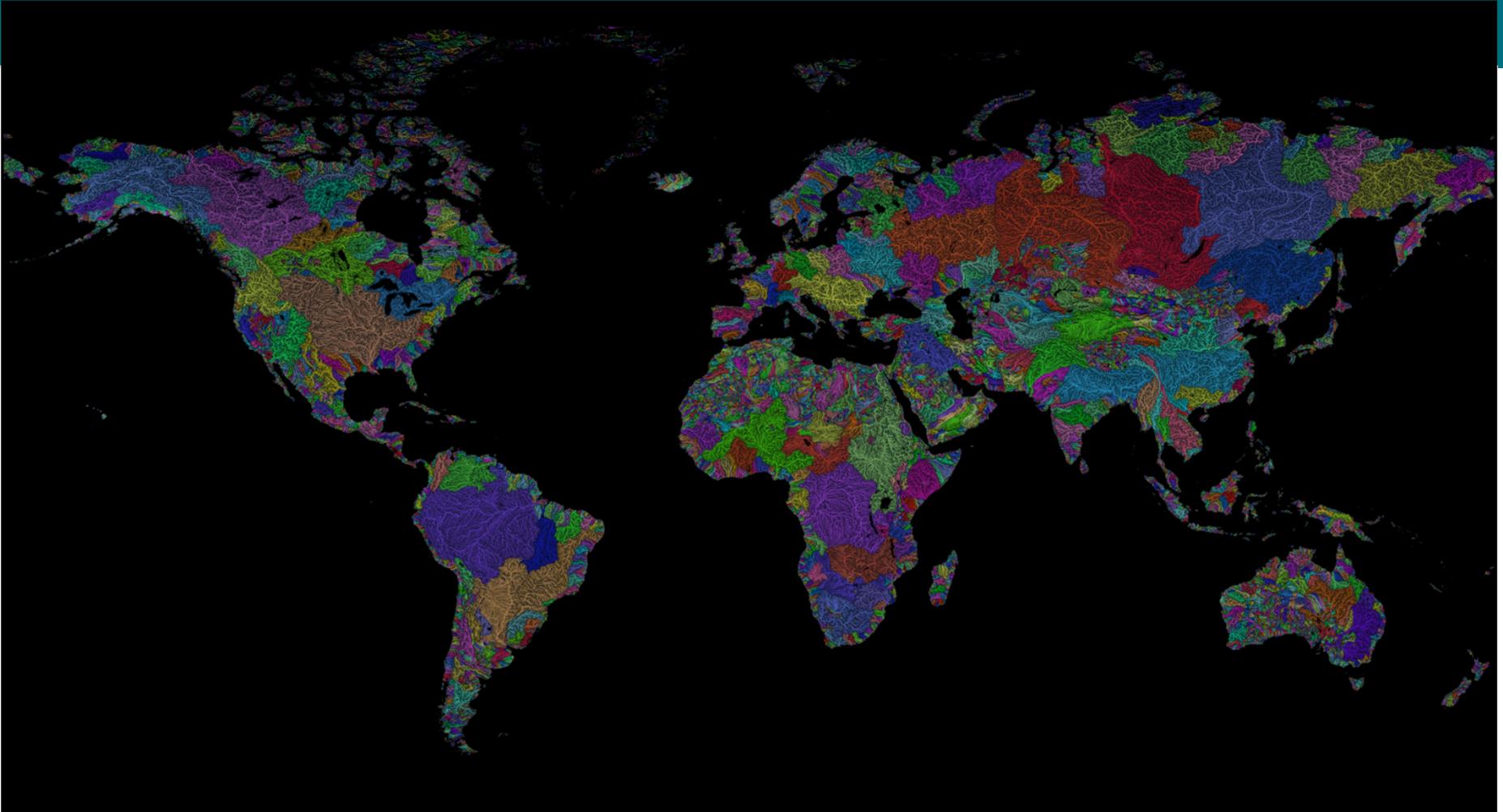


Watersheds of China



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Watersheds of the World



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