

Watershed Modeling and Operation Optimization

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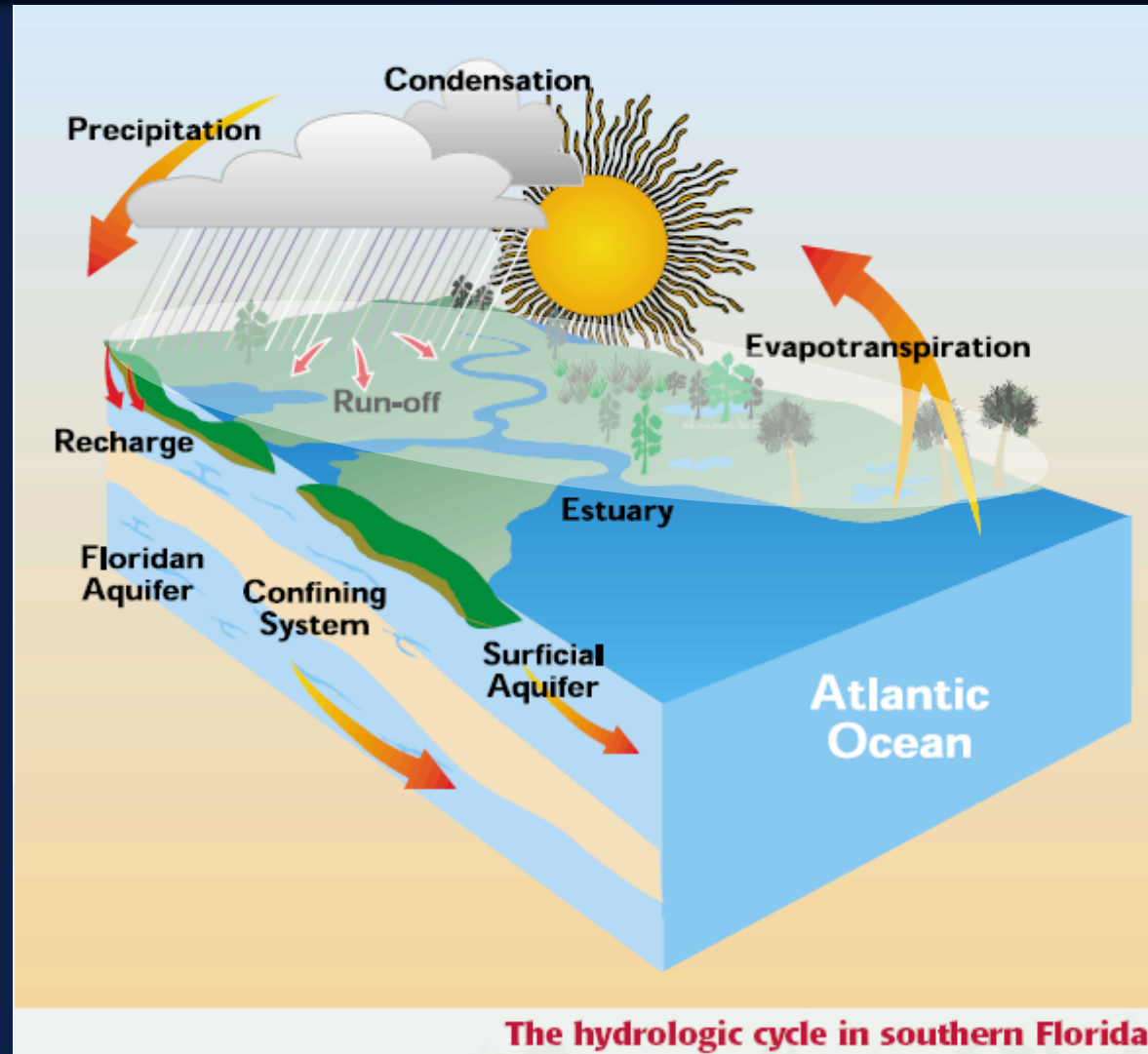
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Watershed Modeling

Watershed modeling is to simulate natural processes of the flow of water, sediment, chemicals, nutrients, and microbial organisms within watersheds, as well as quantify the impact of human activities on these processes.



The hydrologic cycle in southern Florida



Watershed Modeling History

Before 1960s, watershed modeling without watershed model

1966, Stanford Watershed Model (SWM), Crawford and Linsley

1970s and 1980s, proliferation period, conceptual lumped-parameter models

- National Weather Service (NWS) River Forecast System, 1973, Burnash et al.
- Tank model, Sugawara et al., 1976
- TOPMODEL, 1979, Beven and Kirby
- Xin'anjiang Model, 1973, Zhao
- Hydrologic Simulation Program – Fortran (HSPF), 1970s, Bicknell et al.
- Storm Water Management Model (SWMM), 1971, Metcalf & Eddy

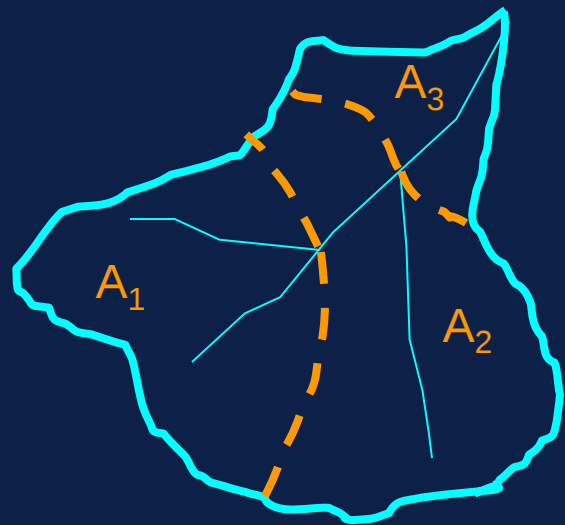
Since 1990s, integrated distributed physically based model development

- System Hydrologique Europeen (SHE), 1986, Abbott et al.
- Gridded Surface and Subsurface Hydrologic Analysis (GSSHA) model, 2002, Ogden
- WAterShed Systems of 1-D RF, 2-D OF, and 3-D GW (WASH123D), 2004, Yeh
- HEC Hydrologic Modeling System (HEC-HMS), USACE-HEC
- WaterShed Water Quality Model (WaSh), SFWMD/URS
- Regional Simulation Model (RSM), SFWMD



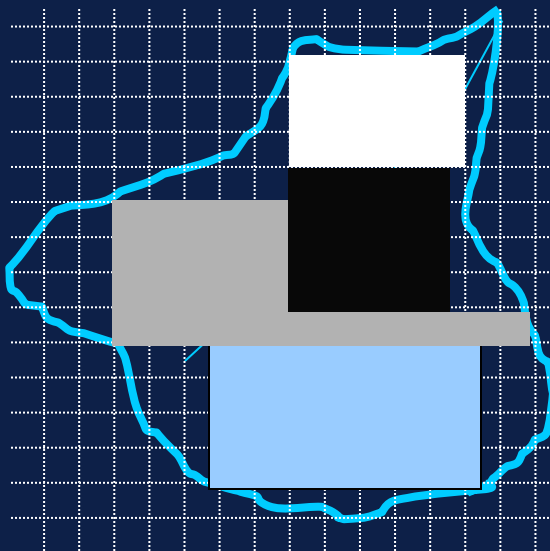
Watershed Model Development Trends

Lumped
Parameters assigned to
each subbasin



1960s – 1980s

Semi-Distributed
Parameters assigned to each
grid cell, but cells with same
parameters are grouped



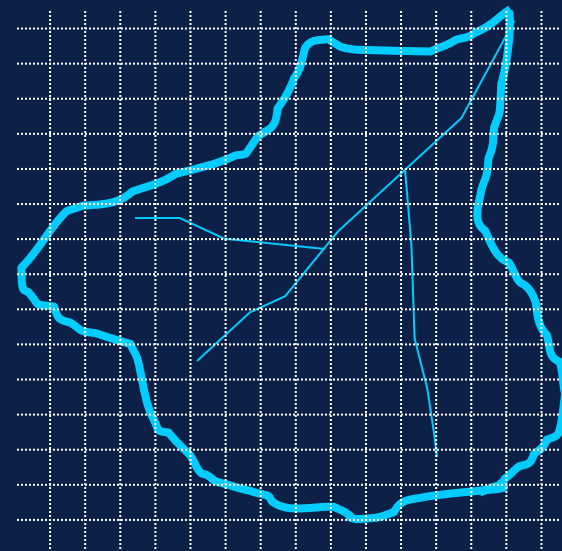
1980s

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Fully-Distributed

Parameters assigned to
each grid cell



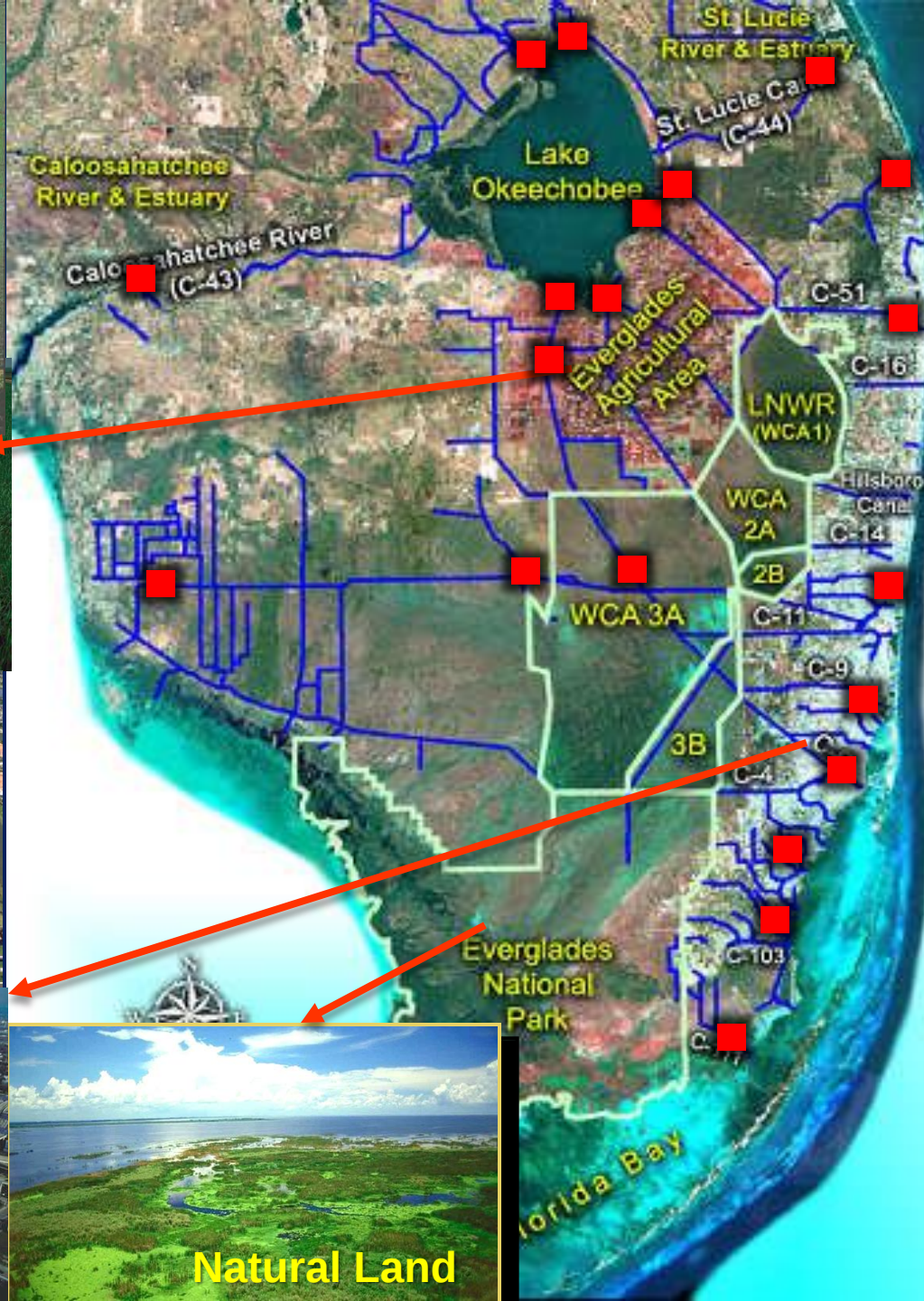
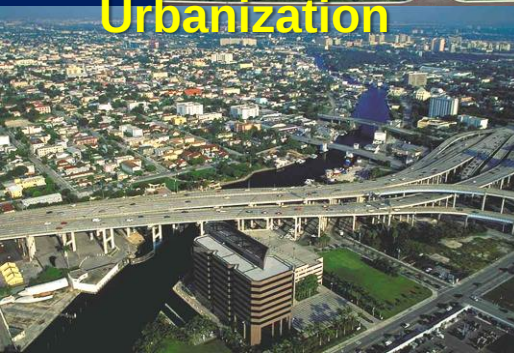
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Agriculture



Urbanization



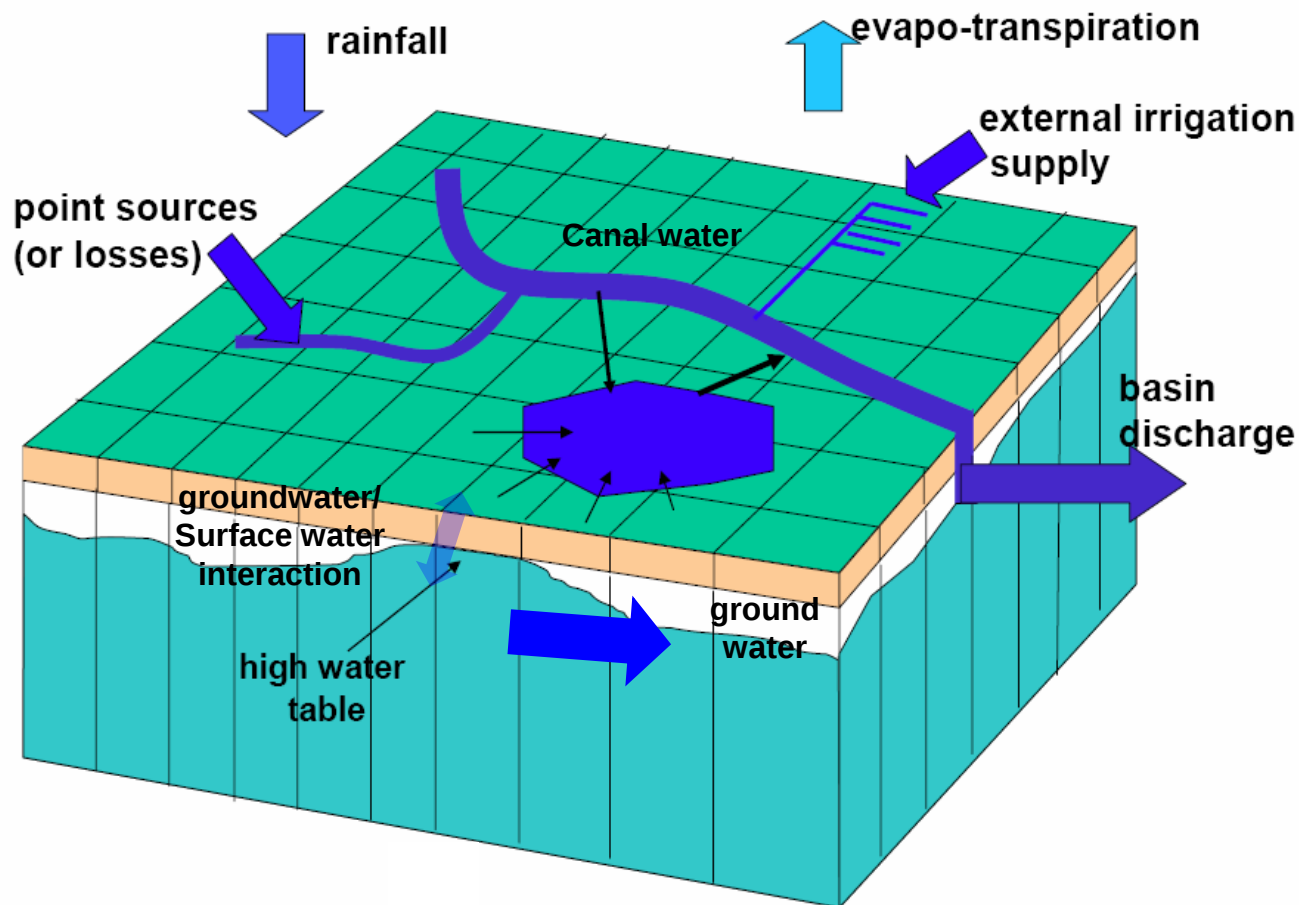
Natural Land

Flow control structures





Watershed Water Quality Model (WaSh)



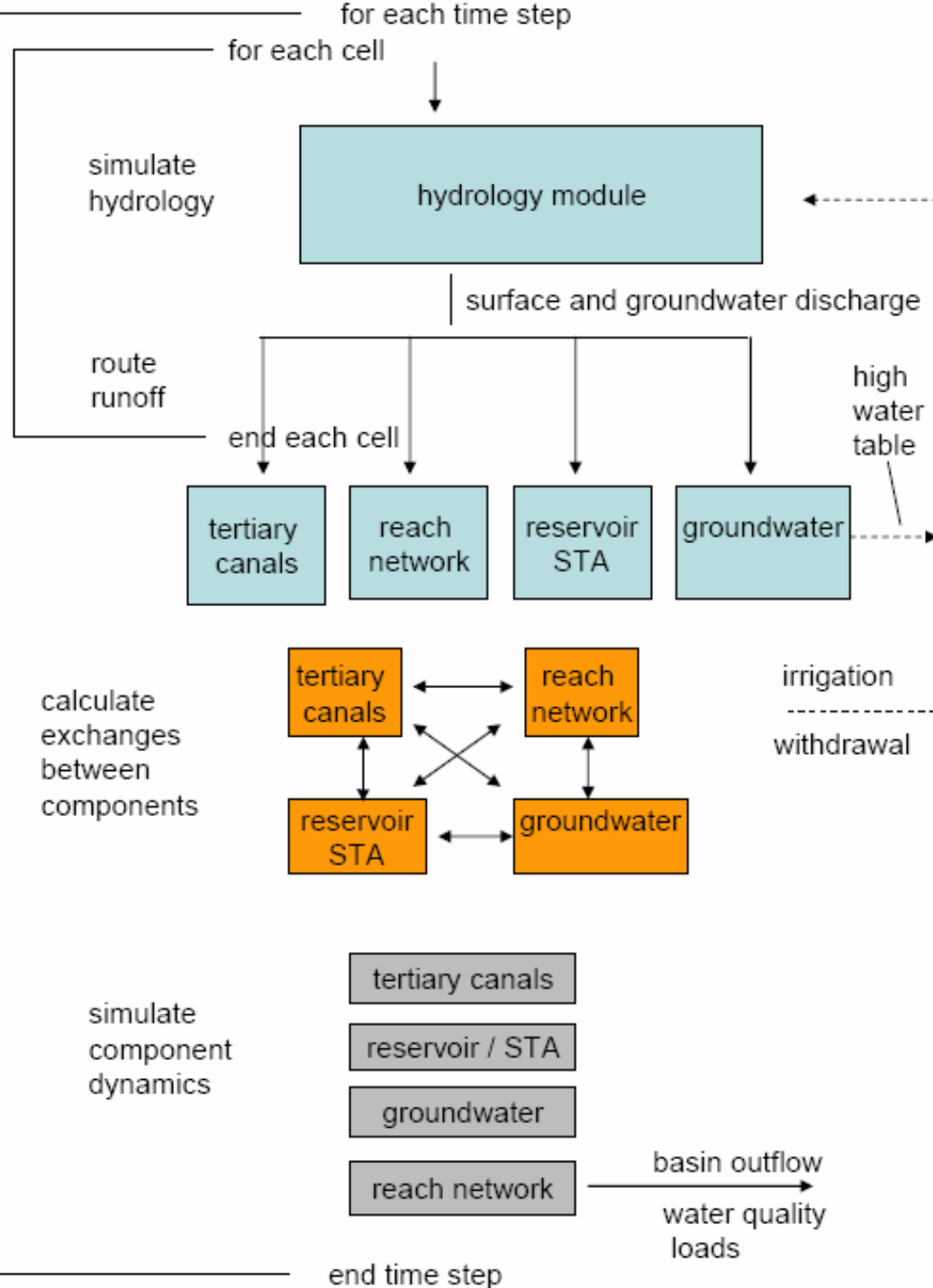
Flow Chart for the WaSh Model

The model computations are divided into four groups:

- (1) Hydrology calculations;
- (2) Cell discharge routing;
- (3) Component interactions;
- (4) Individual component dynamics.

Water Quality simulation has two options:

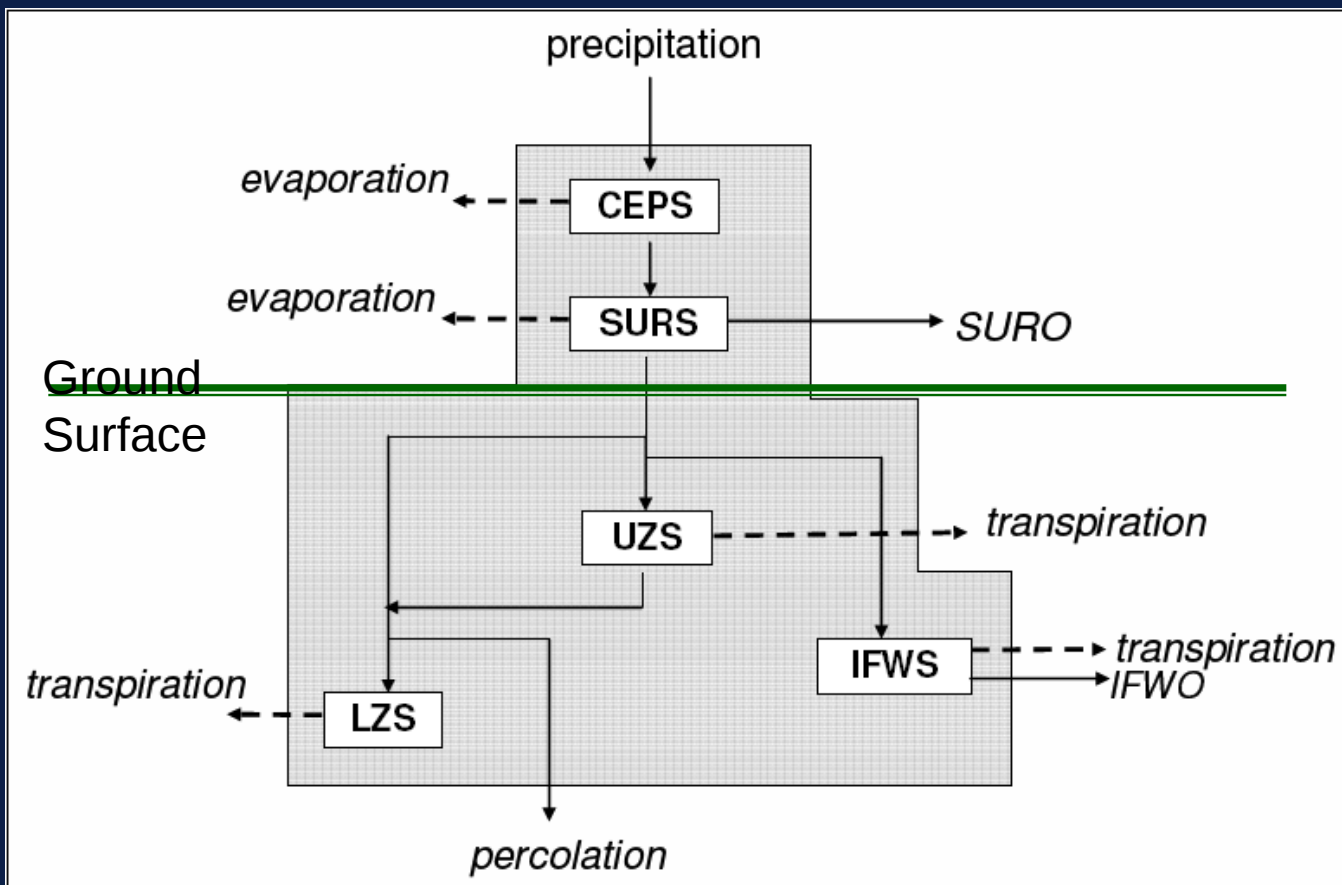
- (1) Basic Water Quality - simulation of 5 constituents;
- (2) Advanced Water Quality - simulation of 8 constituents.





Hydrology Module

- Based on Hydrologic Simulation Program – Fortran (HSPF, EPA) algorithms





Grid Cell Discharge Routing Module

Surface Flow Routing: Chezy-Manning Equation

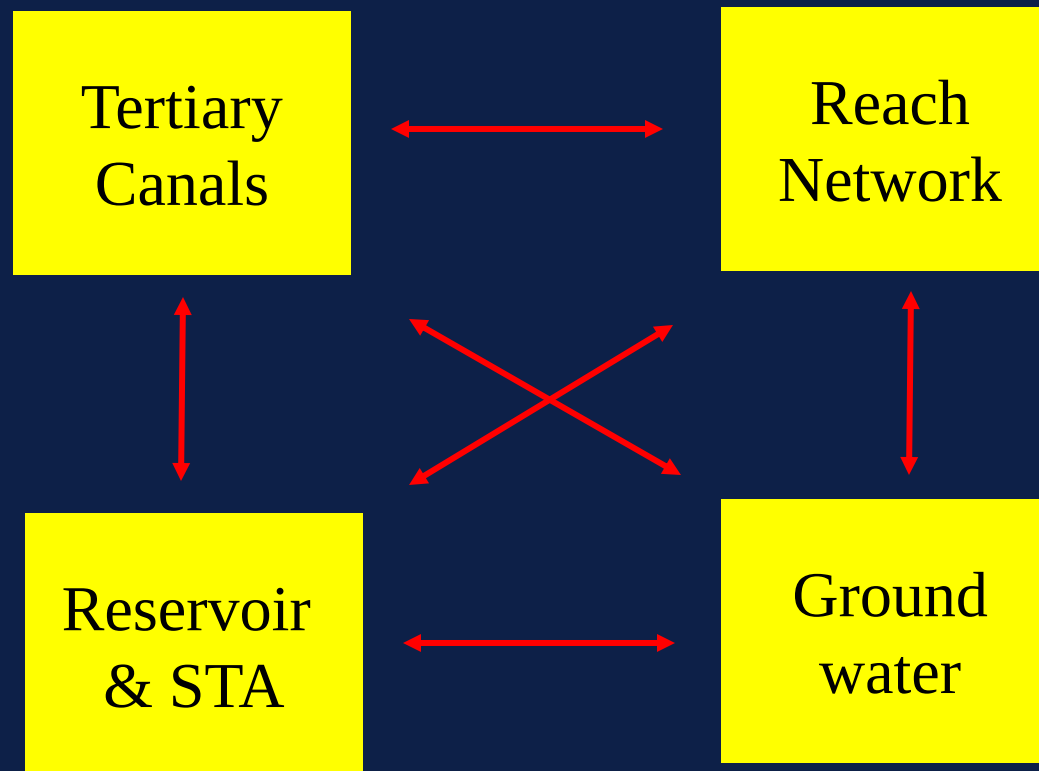
$$q = \frac{1.486}{n} h^{5/3} S^{1/2} \quad \text{Where } h = 1.6 \frac{D_e}{L}, \quad D_e = \frac{0.000818 i^{0.6} n^{0.6} L^{1.6}}{S^{0.3}}$$

Interflow Flow Routing: Linear reservoir routing method

$$q = f(p_{\text{recession}}, q_{\text{in}}, S_{\text{storage}})$$



Component Interactions





Channel Flow, Groundwater Flow, and Reservoir Flow Module

Channel Flow: Saint Venant Dynamic Wave Routing

$$\frac{\partial w_r h_r}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial q_r}{\partial s} = Q_{io}$$

where $Q_{io} = \sum_{i,j} Q_{cell} + Q_{re} + Q_e + Q_{c-r} + Q_{r-res} + Q_{r-gw}$

$$\frac{\partial q_r}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u q_r}{\partial s} + g w_r h_r \frac{\partial h_r}{\partial s} = -w_r \tau_b - g w_r h_r \frac{\partial \eta_r}{\partial s}$$

Solved by semi-implicit
finite difference method

Groundwater Flow: Diffusive Wave Routing

$$n \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(K_x (h - h_c) \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(K_y (h - h_c) \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \right) + S_i - S_e + Q_{c-gw} + Q_{r-gw} + Q_{res-gw}$$

Reservoir Flow: Mass Balance

$$\frac{\partial V_R}{\partial t} = \sum Q_{cell} - Q_{ext} + Q_{io} + R A_R - E A_R$$

Solved by explicit finite
difference method



Water Quality Module

(1) Basic Water Quality

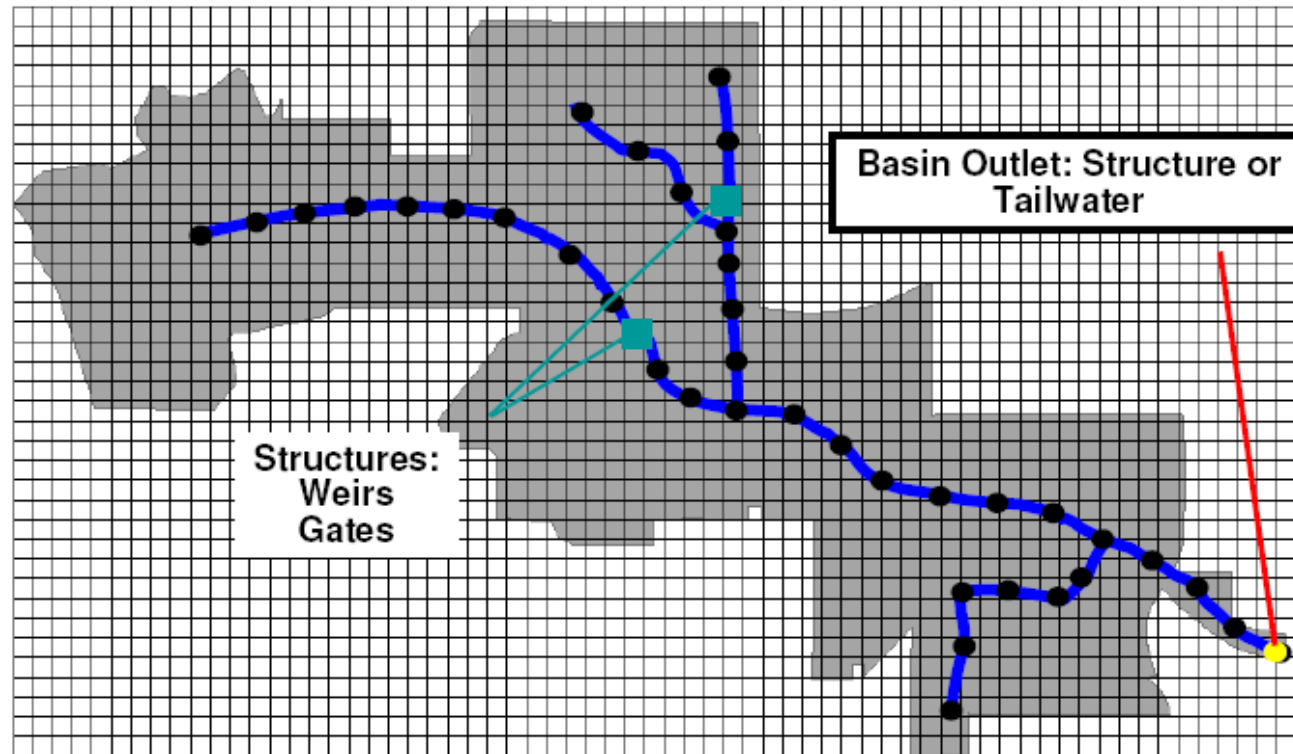
- TSS, PN, PP, SN, SP
- Using EMC approach
- Transport is modeled using mass conservation and first-order decay/settling through canal, reach and reservoir system

(2) Advanced Water Quality

- $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$, $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$, IOP, Phytoplankton C, CBOD, DO, ON, OP.
- EMC approach
- Transport is modeled using mass conservation
- In-stream processes is simulated by non-linear kinetic routing from WASP model.



Grid Cells and Reach Network





Data needs for the WaSh Model

- Meteorological data
- Land use land cover data
- Soil data
- Hydrologic data
- Hydrogeologic data
- Boundary condition

WaSh Model GUI Toolbar (ArcGIS 9.3.1 Extension)

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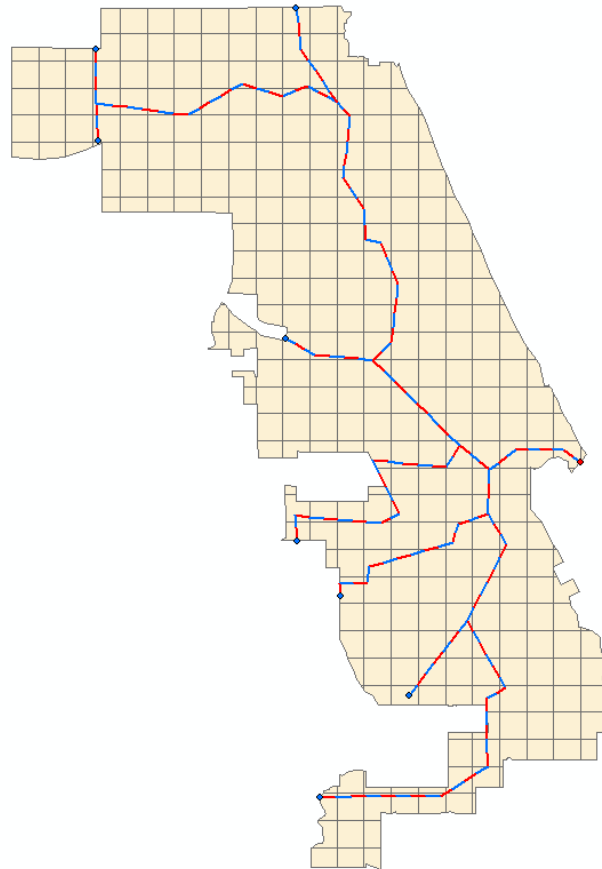
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Layers

- ☒ Structures
 - Structure Type
 - + Culvert
 - ★ Gate
 - ▲ Pump
 - Weir
- ☒ ReachEndPoints
 - ◆ <all other values>
 - Status
 - ◆ outflow
- ☒ Reaches
 - <all other values>
 - EvenOdd
 - 0
 - 1
- ☐ Canals
- ☐ SoilTypes
- ☐ LandUses
- ☒ WashGrid

WASH GUI Toolbar

- Model
 - New Model
 - Open Model
 - TEST 1 Info
 - Change Legend
 - Open Cell Table
 - Open Reach Table
 - Open Reservoir Table
 - Export
 - Copy Model
 - Close Model
- Layers
- Boundary
- Simulation



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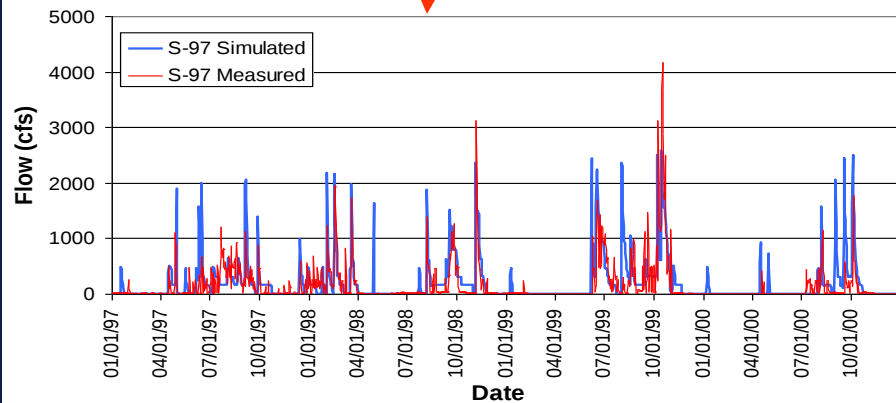
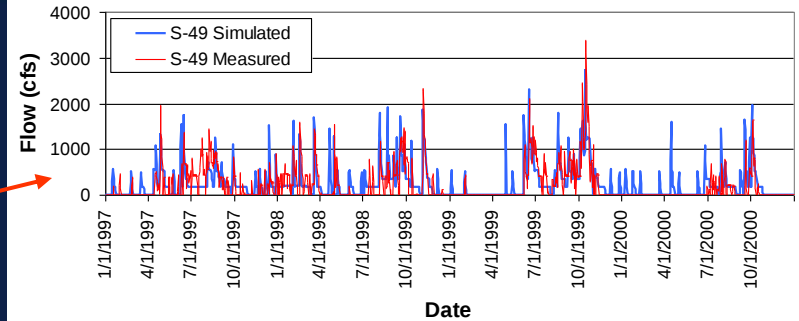
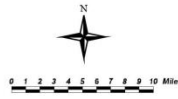
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A map of the St. Lucie River watershed, showing various basins and structures. The map is color-coded and includes labels for different areas and water bodies. Key features include:

- Basins:** C-25, C-24, C-23, C-44, S-153, S-308, Basin 1, North Fork, Tidal St. Lucie.
- Structures:** Gordy Rd. Structure, S-99, G-81, G-79, G-78, S-49, S-97, S-48, S-80.
- Water Bodies:** Lake Okeechobee, Atlantic Ocean, St. Lucie Estuary, St. Lucie Inlet.
- Canals and Rivers:** C-25 Est, C-24, C-23, C-23, C-44, S-153, S-308, L-64, L-65, St. Lucie River, Ft. Pierce Inlet.

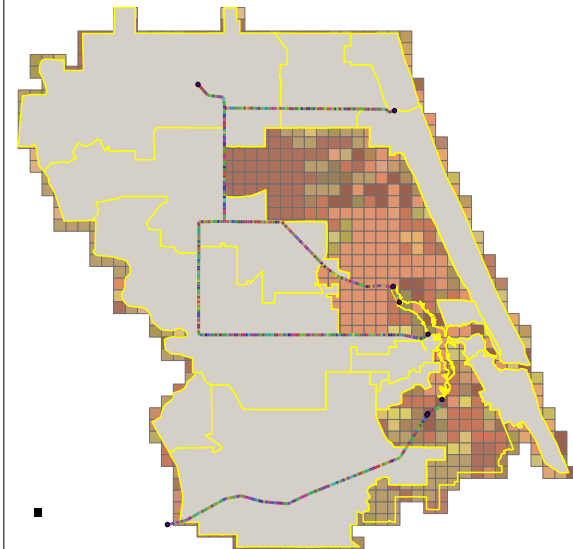


St. Lucie Estuary Watershed



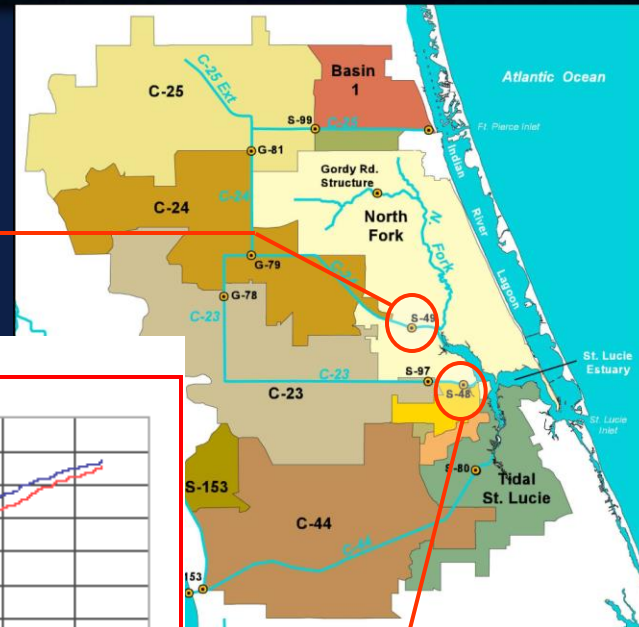
SLE WaSh Model Application

(Grid size: 2500 ft; Segment length: 1000 ft)

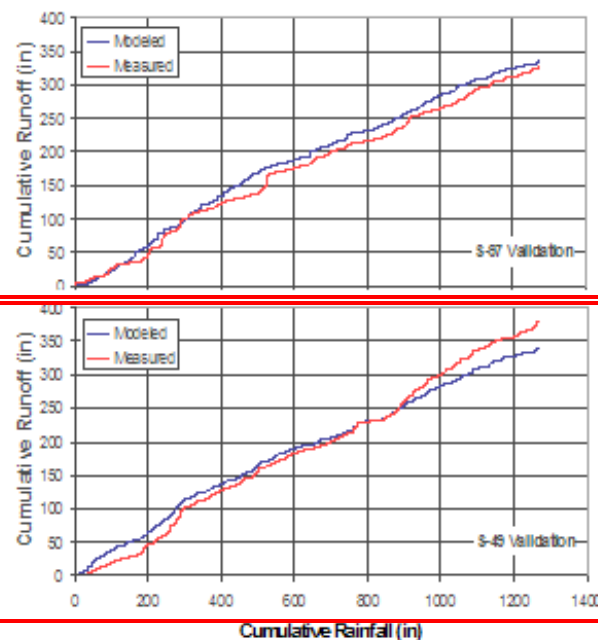
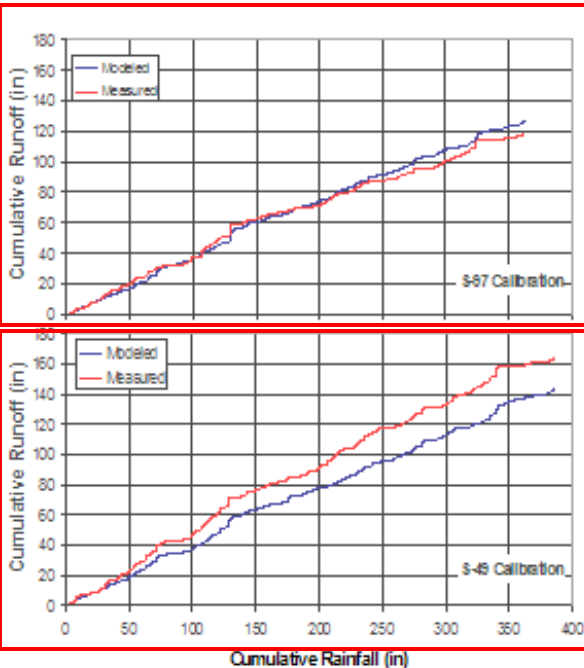




St. Lucie Estuary Watershed Application



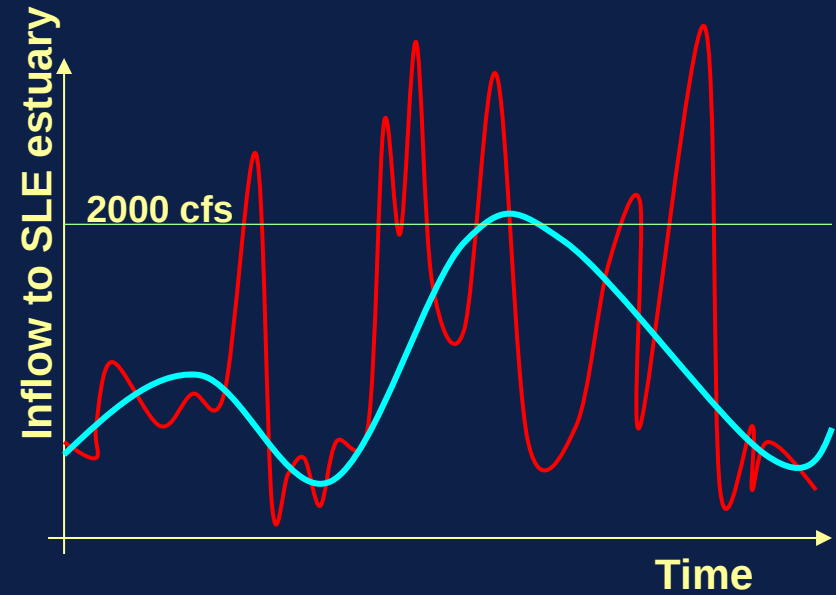
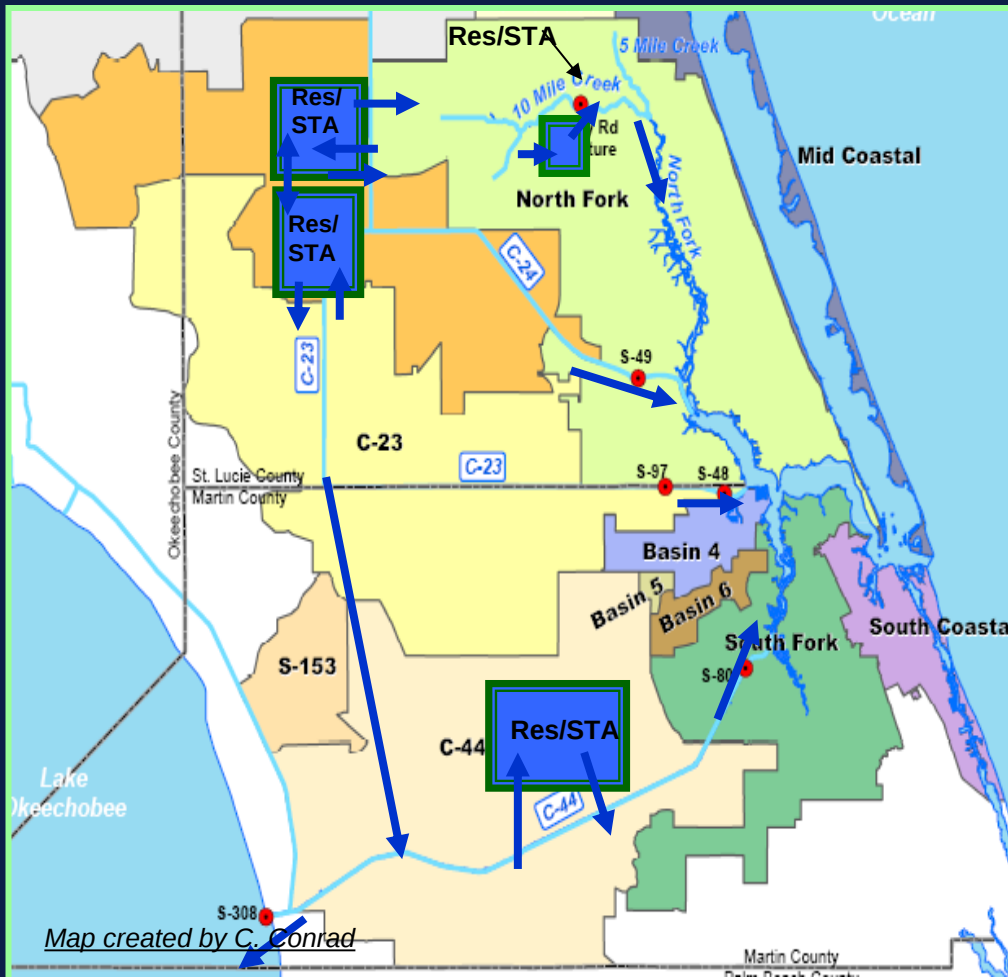
St. Lucie
Estuary
Watershed



Double mass curve during the calibration period (1994–2000) and validation period (1965–1993) at S-97 and S-49 Stations

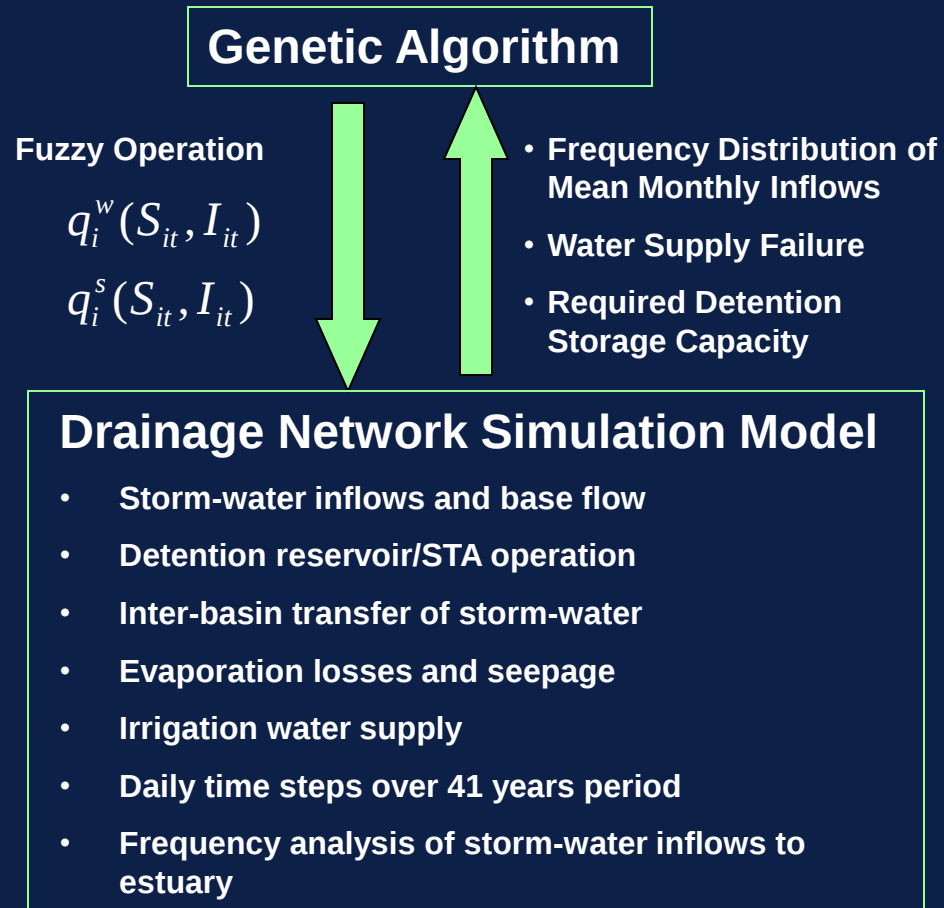


OPERATION OPTIMIZATION



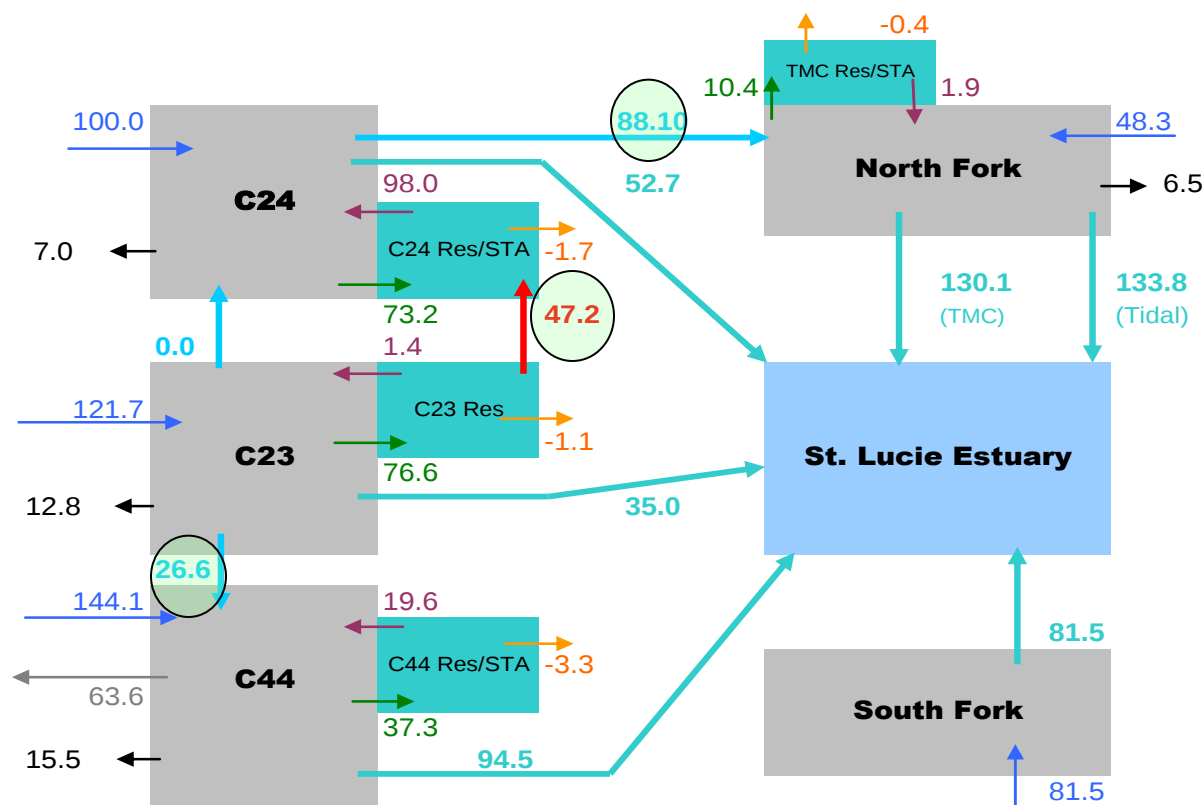


OPTI6 Model Structure



(Source: Y. Wan et al., Optimization of Frequency Distribution of Storm-Water Discharges for Coastal Ecosystem Restoration, *J. of Water Resources Planning and Management.*, ASCE, Vol. 132, No. 5)

OPTI6 Model Simulation Results



Legend

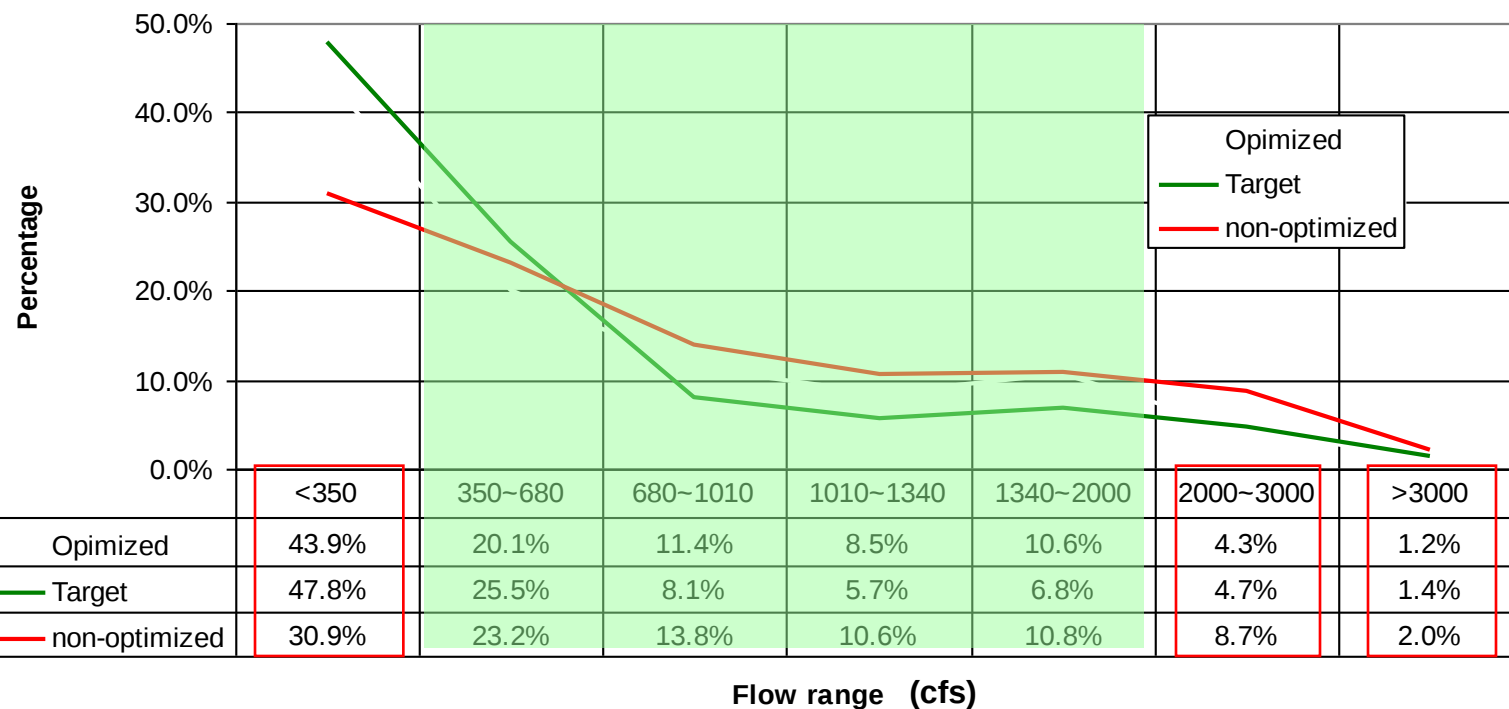
- Runoff Inflow
- Pump Into Rse/STA
- Pump Out From Rse/STA
- Flow to Estuary
- Inter Basin Transfer Flow

- Equilibrium Flow Between STAs
- Net ET from Reservoir/STA
- Irrigation Water Supply
- Flow to Lake Okeechobee
- UNIT: kcf-yr



Flow Distribution Comparison

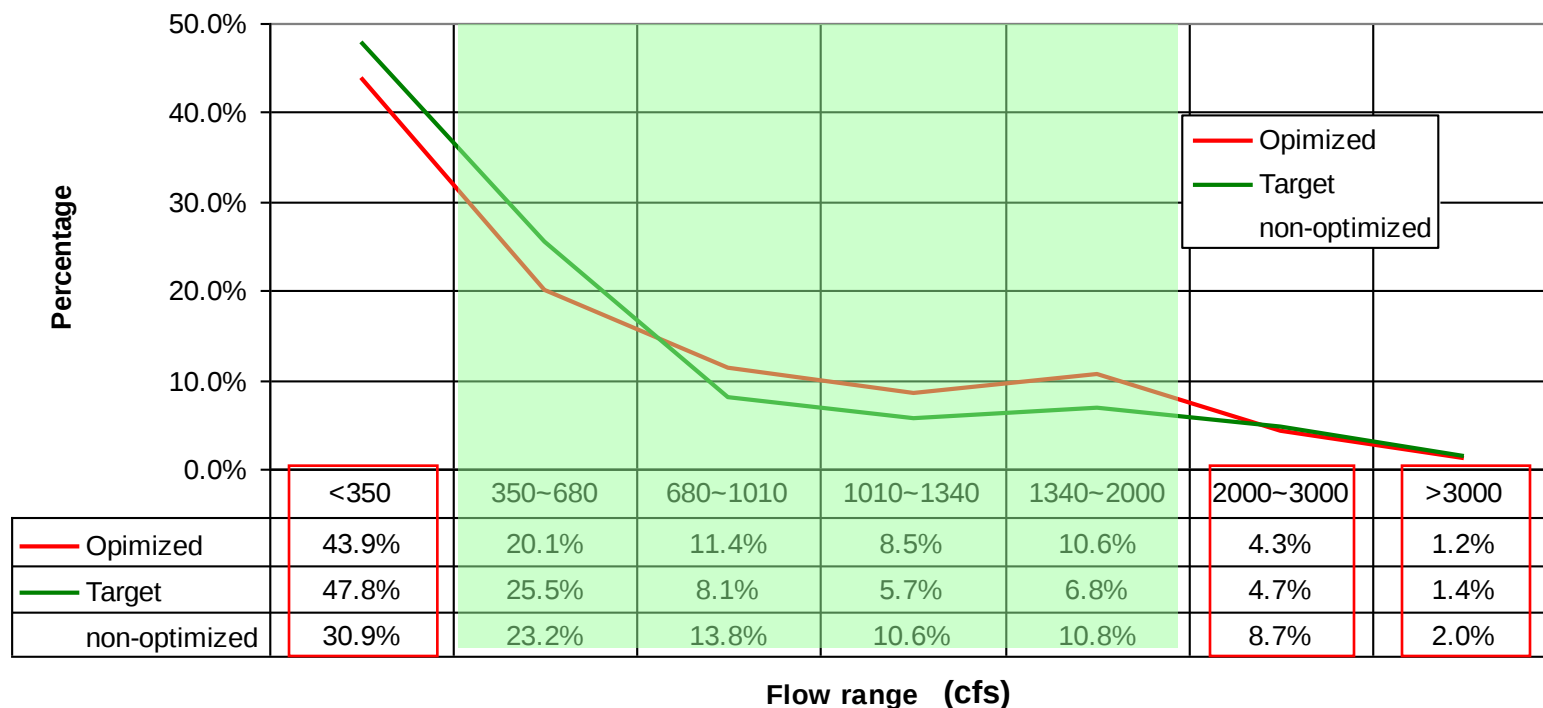
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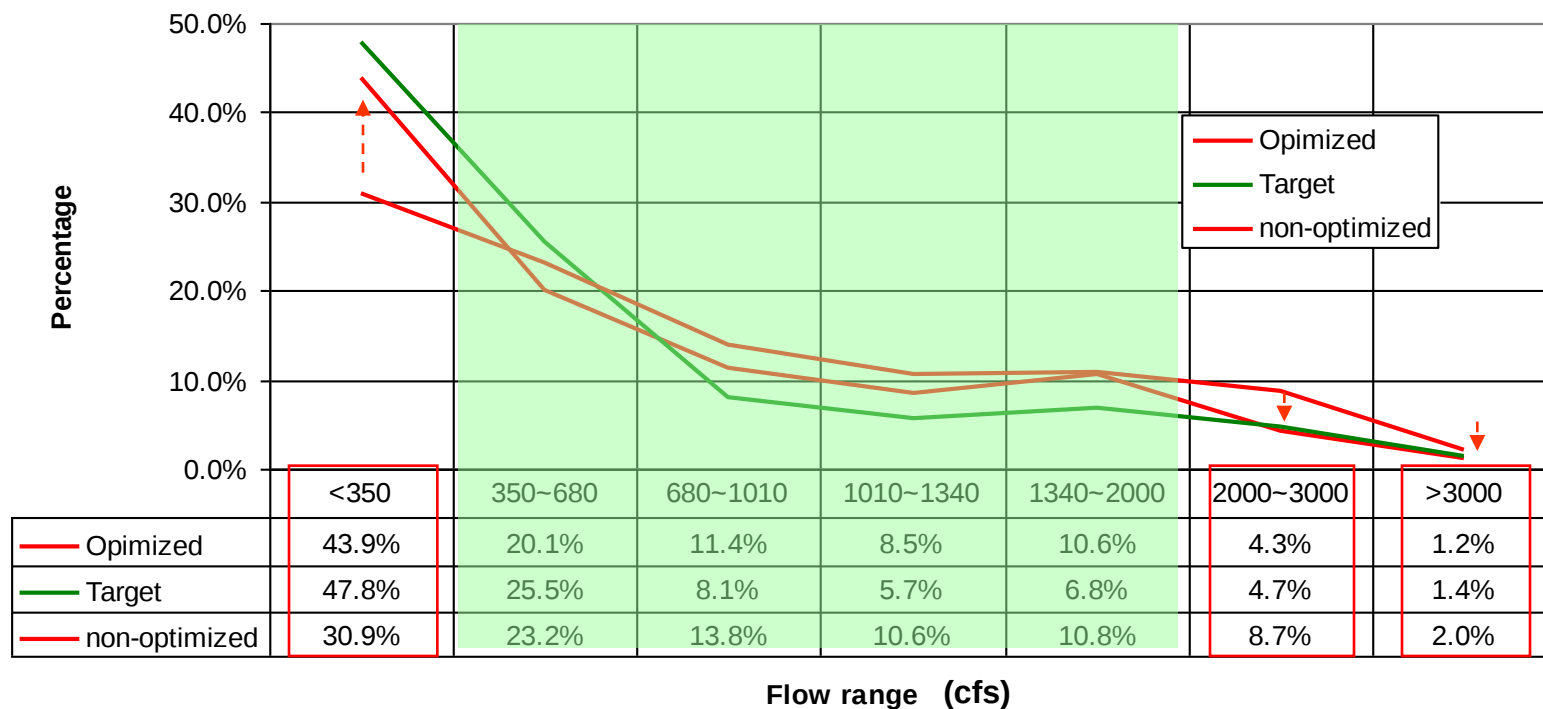
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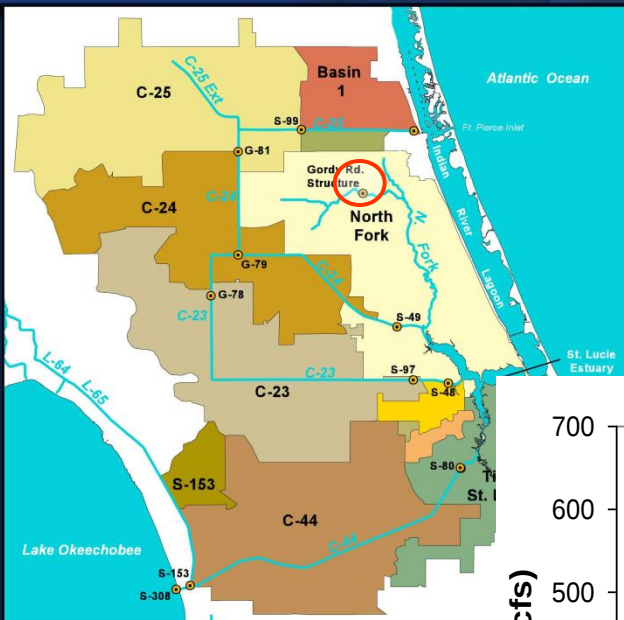
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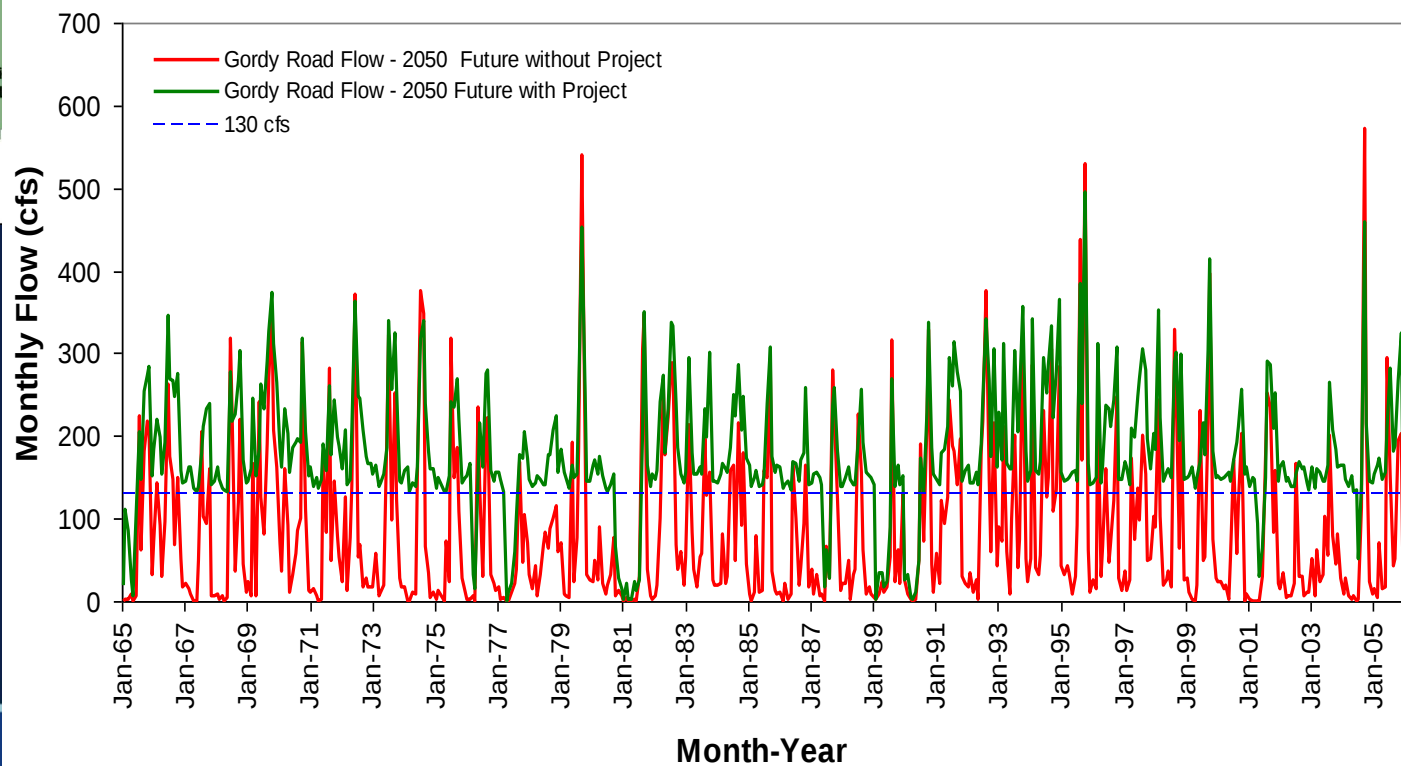




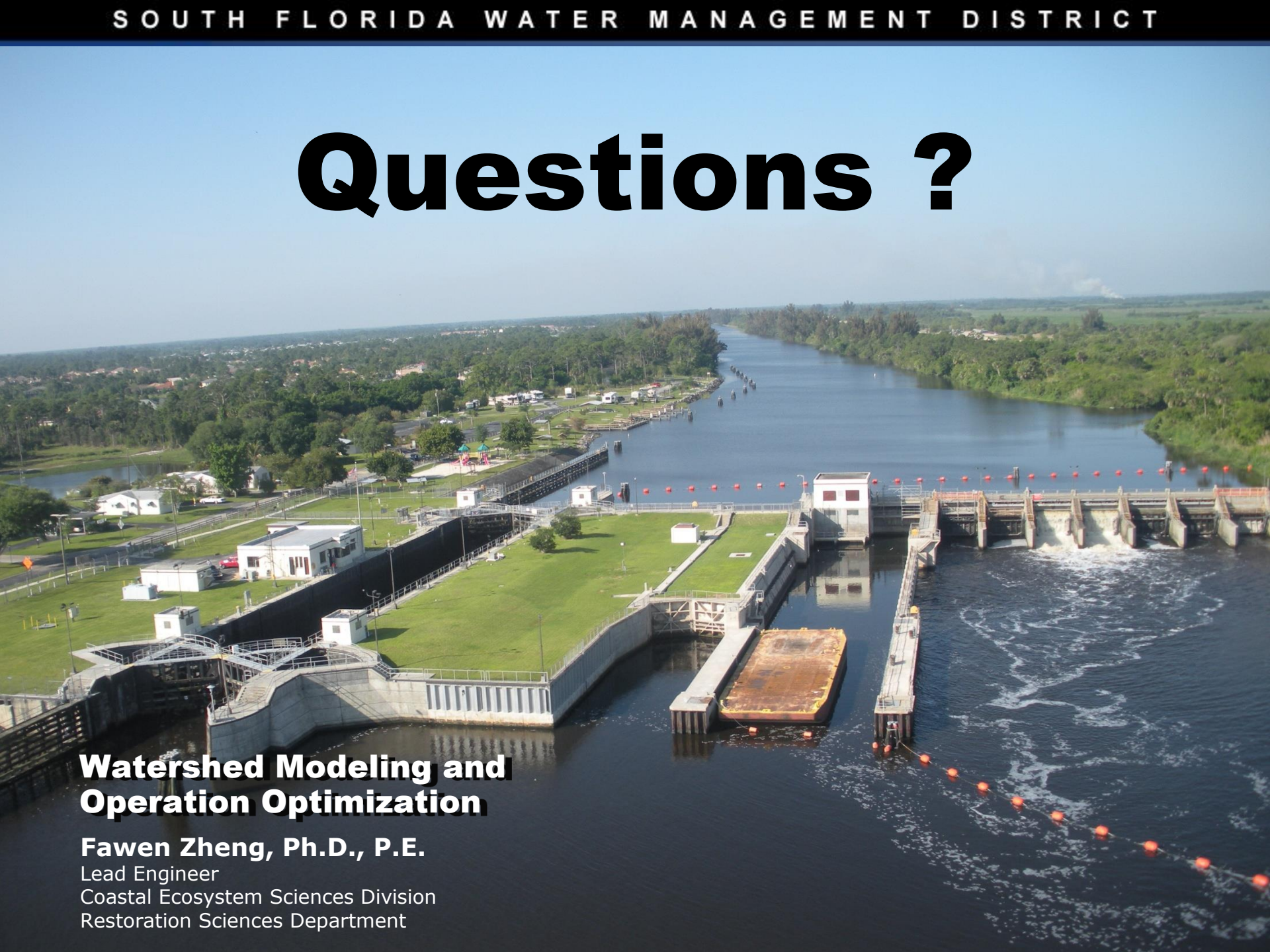
Monthly Flow over Gordy Road Structure



St. Lucie Estuary



Questions ?

An aerial photograph of a water management facility. In the foreground, a large concrete dam with multiple spillways is visible, with water cascading over it. A large, flat, brown barge is moored in the water near the dam. To the left of the dam, there is a grassy area with several small white buildings and a paved road. In the background, a river or canal flows through a lush, green landscape with trees and some residential buildings. The sky is clear and blue.

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