

Arc Hydro in Action Webinar Series

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Arc Hydro in ArcGIS Pro
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Welcome to the webinar!

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Announcements

Watch webinar one and two at your convenience

- Arc Hydro in ArcGIS Pro
- Arc Hydro: Flooding & Forecasting



- [Applied Meteorology Using ArcGIS \(webinar series\)](#)



Polling Questions

Did you attend or watch the first two webinars?

- Yes, Arc Hydro in ArcGIS Pro
- Yes, Arc Hydro: Flooding and Forecasting
- No



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Arc Hydro: Hydrology and Hillslope

2021 "Arc Hydro in Action" Webinar Series



Webinar 3 Topics

- **Quick review of Webinars #1 & #2**
- **Statistical hydrology.**
 - Terrain preprocessing, characterization, and streamflow statistics
- **Hillslope Hydrology and Critical Duration tools.**
 - Theory and practice
- **Distributed hydrologic modeling**
- **Questions**



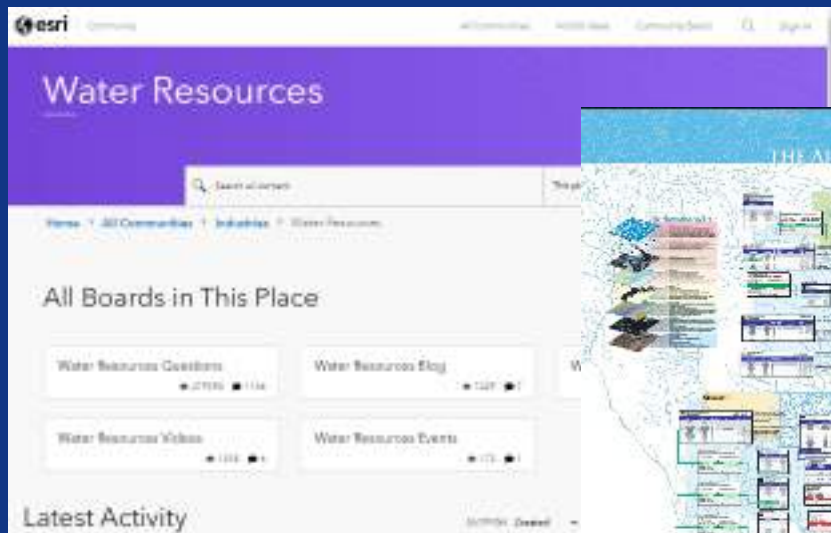
Review of Webinars #1 and #2

Dean Djokic

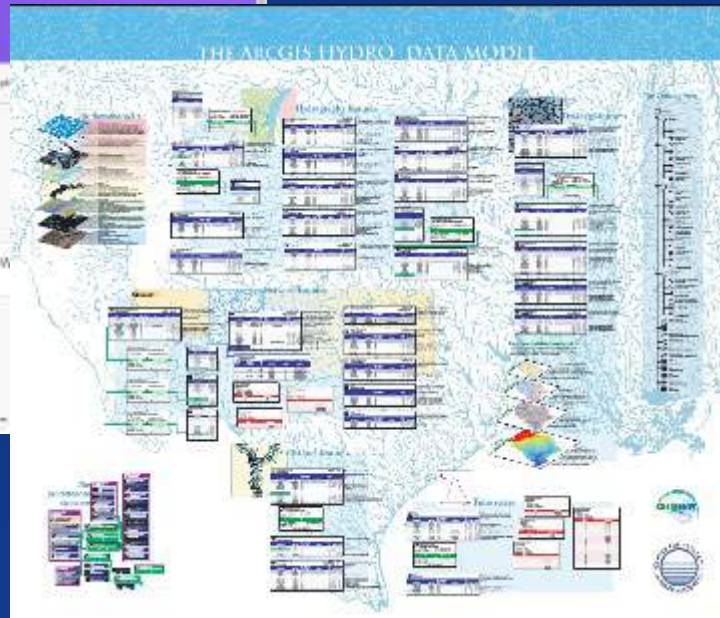


Arc Hydro: Vision

“Provide practical GIS framework for development of **integrated analytical systems** for water resources market.”



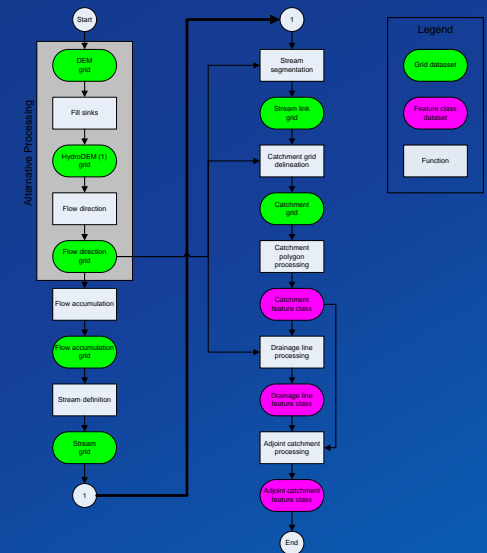
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Data Model



Tools



Workflows

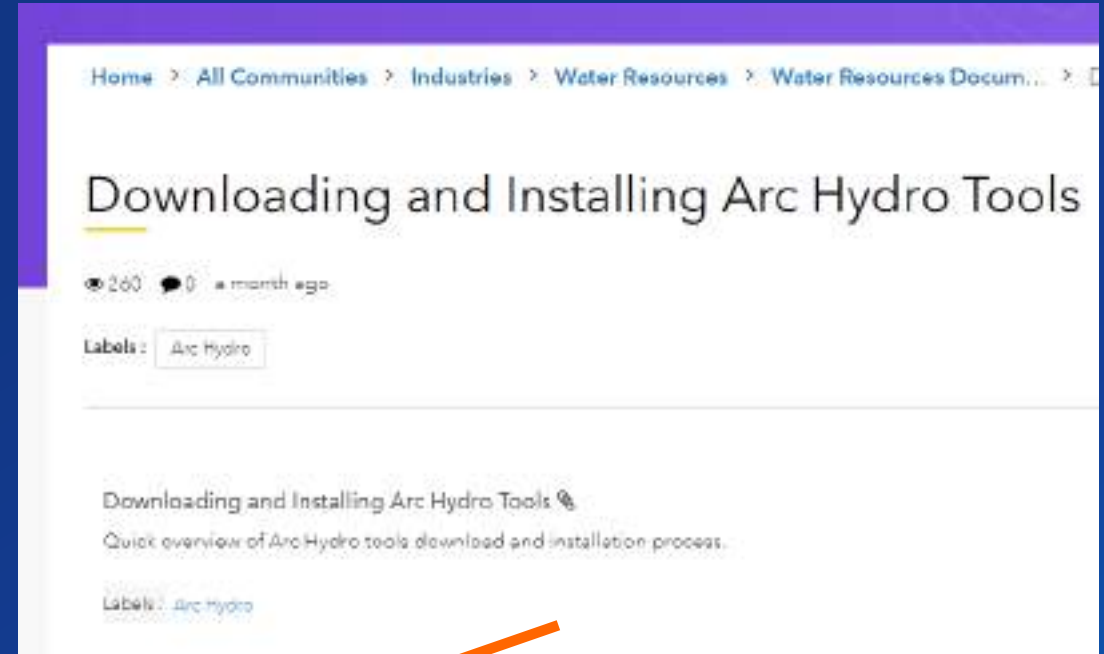
Product \ Capability Summary

- “No fee” downloadable offerings:

- Data model
- Tools
- Workflows
- Documentation
- Available now :
 - ArcMap tools - all versions up to 10.8
 - Pro tools - all versions up to 2.7
 - Web services in the Living Atlas

- Optional offerings:

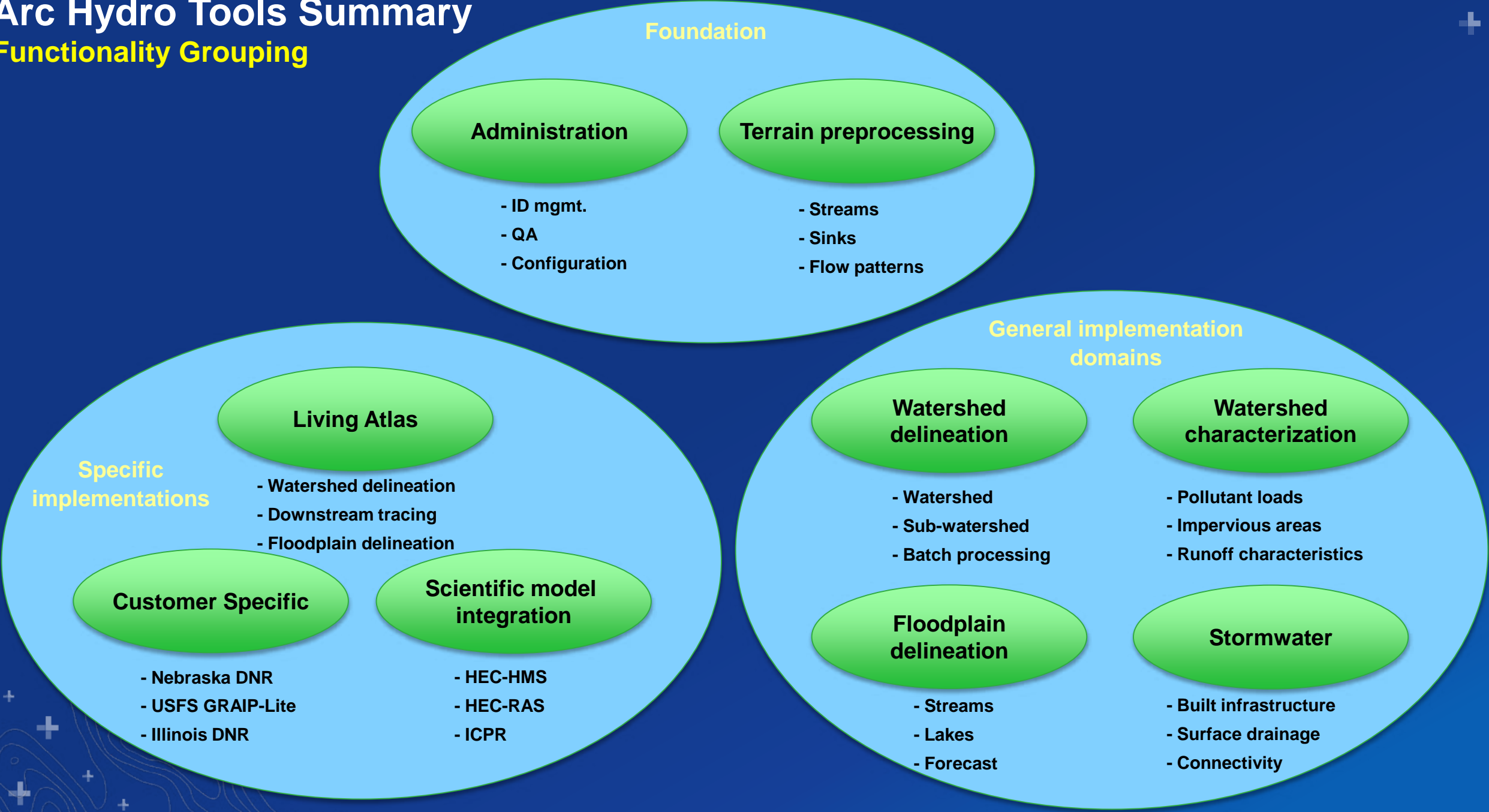
- Training (paid)
- Consulting (paid)



• Average of 1000 views per month of the download page

Arc Hydro Tools Summary

Functionality Grouping



Foundation

Administration

- ID mgmt.
- QA
- Configuration

Terrain preprocessing

- Streams
- Sinks
- Flow patterns

General implementation domains

Watershed delineation

- Watershed
- Sub-watershed
- Batch processing

Watershed characterization

- Pollutant loads
- Impervious areas
- Runoff characteristics

Floodplain delineation

- Streams
- Lakes
- Forecast

Stormwater

- Built infrastructure
- Surface drainage
- Connectivity

Specific implementations

Living Atlas

- Watershed delineation
- Downstream tracing
- Floodplain delineation

Customer Specific

- Nebraska DNR
- USFS GRAIP-Lite
- Illinois DNR

Scientific model integration

- HEC-HMS
- HEC-RAS
- ICPR

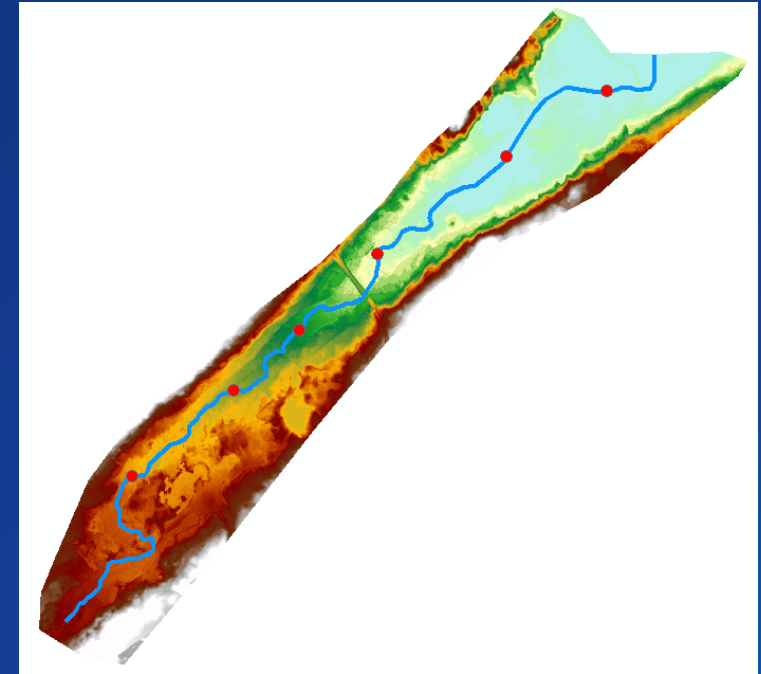
Arc Hydro “Required” Reading

- Arc Hydro - Project Development Best Practices (general)
- Arc Hydro - ArcGIS Pro Project Startup Best Practices (Pro)
- Arc Hydro - Overview of Terrain Preprocessing Workflows (workflow)
- Arc Hydro - HydroPeriod Tool (toolset / workflow)
- Arc Hydro - Wetland Identification Toolset (Pro / toolset / workflow)
- Arc Hydro - Stormwater Processing (toolset / workflow)
- Arc Hydro - Identifying and Managing Sinks (workflow)
- Arc Hydro - Support for Hydrologic Modeling (workflow)
- Arc Hydro - Calling Arc Hydro Tools in Python (developers)

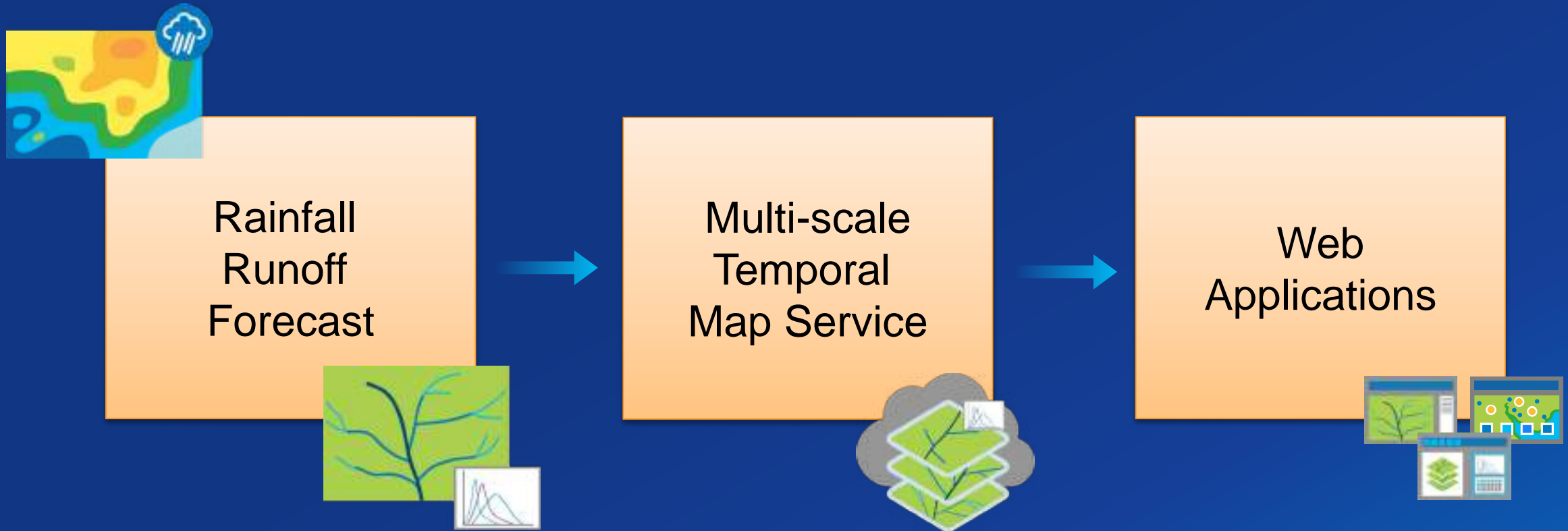


Floodplain Delineation Solutions Matrix

- Different levels of complexity are possible/needed to determine flood extents
- Simple, based on terrain and observations only:
 - “Flooding out” based on DEM, stream centerline, and point data
 - **HAND approach (constant depth of flooding per reach)**
- Complex, based on hydraulic modeling (using external hydraulic models):
 - 1D
 - 2D
 - Full or simplified equations (Navier-Stokes / Saint-Venant / ...)



Flood Impact Forecasting



Flood Impact Forecasting

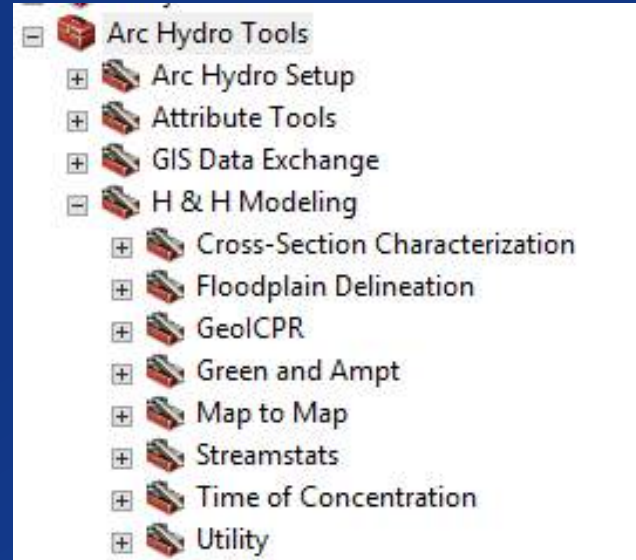
WHEN:

National Water Model



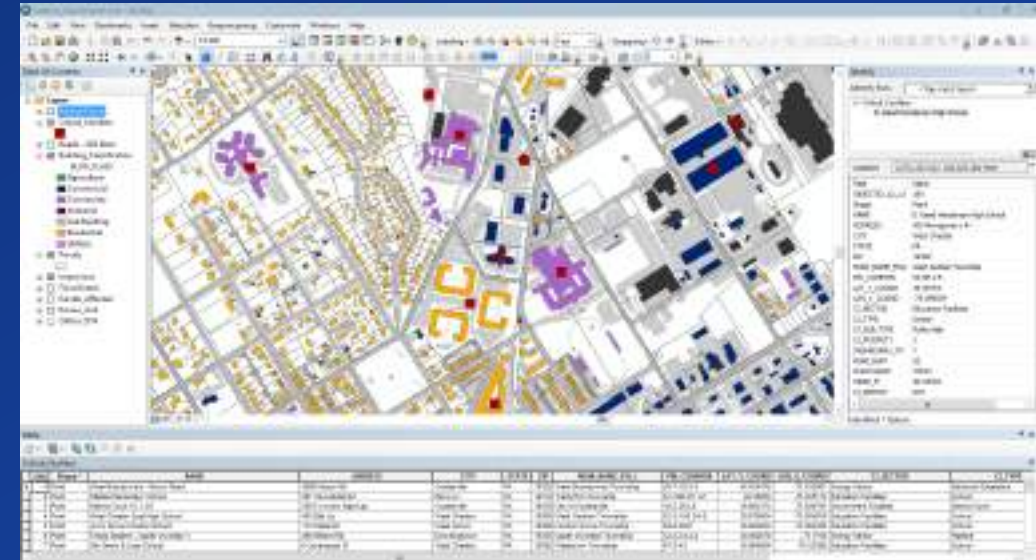
WHERE:

Arc Hydro Tools



WHO:

Local County GIS Data



Quotes of the day/month/year/...

- “All models are wrong, but some are useful” (George Box ~1976)
- “Perfect is the enemy of the good” (Voltaire ~1770)
- “A fool with a tool is still a fool”
 - (reported by Ken Lanfear, USGS ret.)



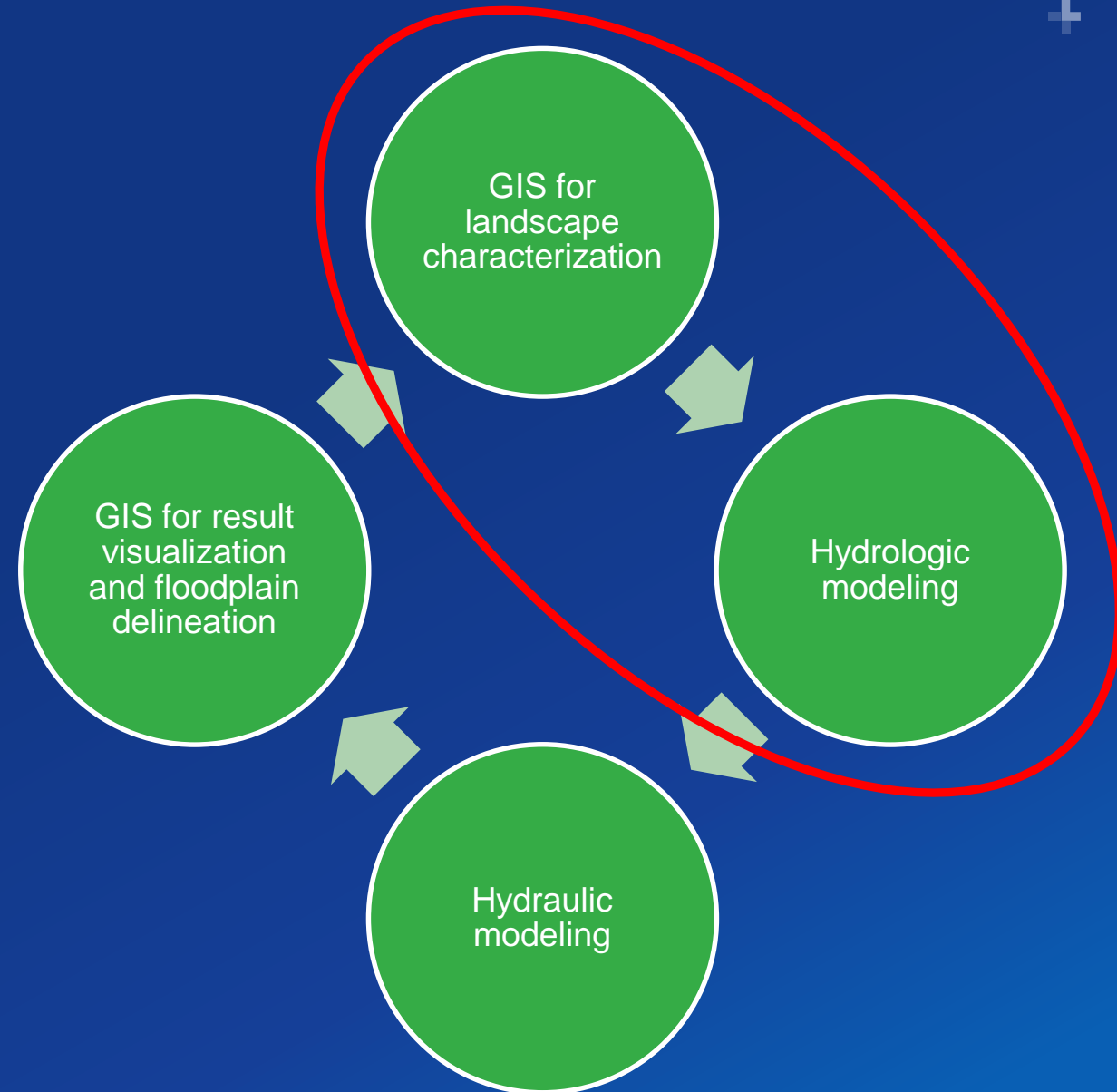
Statistical Hydrology

Dean Djokic



GIS for Hydro Modeling “Cycle”

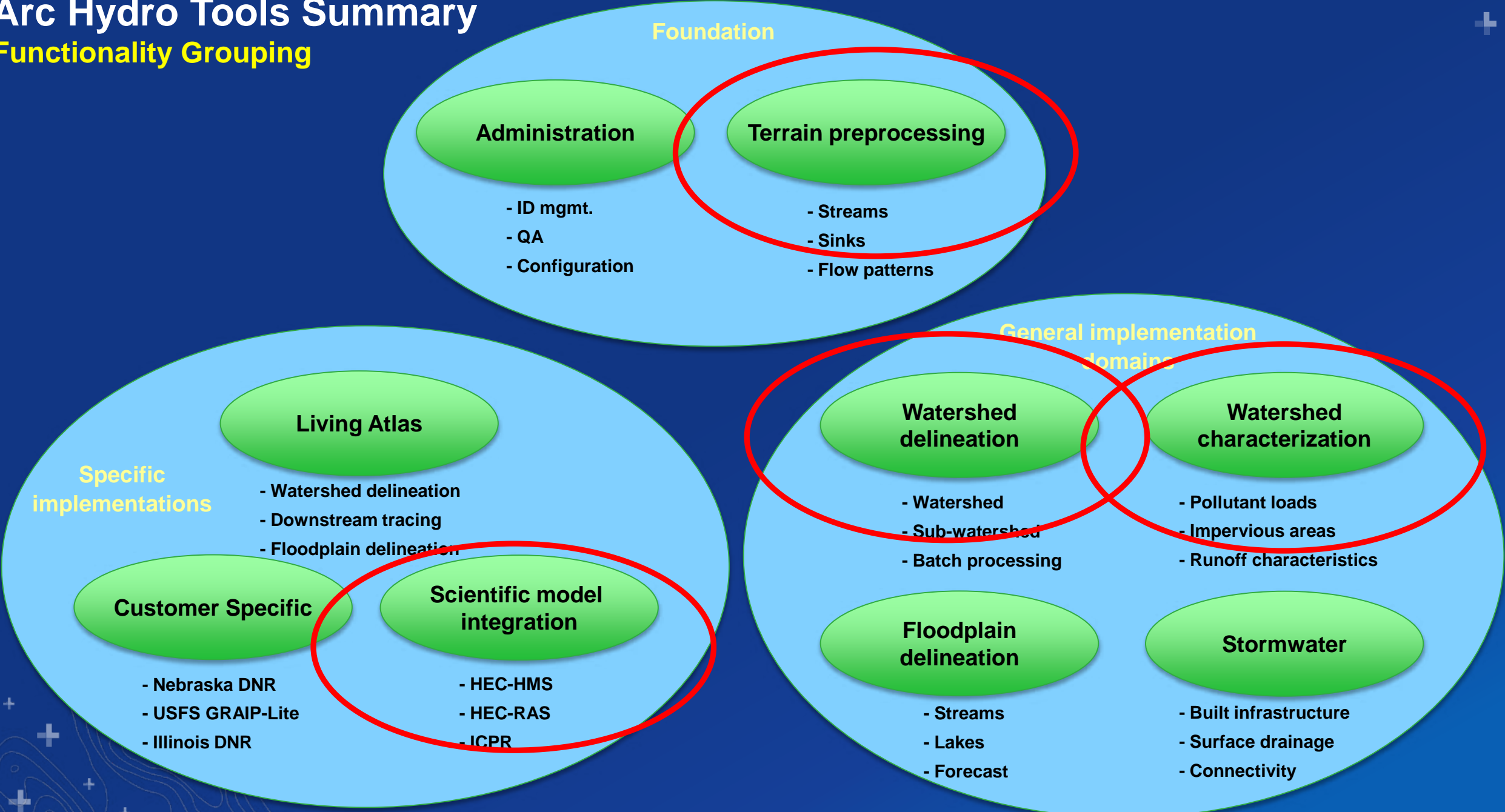
- **GIS** is used for landscape characterization and model parametrization.
- **Hydrology and Hydraulics (H&H)** is used for determination of flows, depths and velocities.
- **GIS** is used for result postprocessing and visualization.
- **GIS and H&H modeling** are closely connected as one impacts the other



... and many arrows in between

Arc Hydro Tools Summary

Functionality Grouping



Regression Equations – USGS StreamStats

- **Used to estimate streamflow statistics, both high and low flows, for ungaged sites (in uncontrolled flow environment)**
- **Relate streamflow statistics to measured basin characteristics**
- **Developed by all 48 USGS districts on a state-by-state basis through the cooperative program (usually sponsored by DOT)**



Example Regression Equation

- Regression equations take the form:

$$Q_{100} = 0.471 * A^{0.715} * E^{0.827} * SH^{0.472}$$

- Where

- **A** is drainage area, in square miles
- **E** is mean basin elevation, in feet
- **SH** is a shape factor, dimensionless

The image shows the cover of a USGS report titled "Estimating Peak-Flow Frequency Statistics for Selected Gaged and Ungaged Sites in Naturally Flowing Streams and Rivers in Idaho". The cover features a photograph of a stream with a large metal culvert pipe. The report is prepared in cooperation with the Idaho Transportation Department. The USGS logo is at the top left, and the title is in the center. Below the title is a photograph of a stream. At the bottom, it says "Scientific Investigations Report 2016-5083, Version 1.1, April 2017" and "U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey".

Overlaid on the right side of the report cover is a table with the following columns: "Regression equation for indicated Q_p", "MFD (log units)", "ADP (log units)", "SIM (percent)", "SDP (percent)", "Percent of Stream", and "Region". The table lists regression equations for Q₂, Q₅, Q₁₀, and Q₁₀₀ for Region 1, 2, 3, and 4. The equations are: Q₂ = 0.000022 * A^{0.715} * E^{0.827} * SH^{0.472}, Q₅ = 0.00046 * A^{0.715} * E^{0.827} * SH^{0.472}, Q₁₀ = 0.0028 * A^{0.715} * E^{0.827} * SH^{0.472}, and Q₁₀₀ = 0.471 * A^{0.715} * E^{0.827} * SH^{0.472}. The table also includes values for MFD, ADP, SIM, SDP, and Percent of Stream for each region and equation.

Basin Characteristics Used for Peak Flows

Basin characteristic	# of States using this (including PR)
Drainage area or contributing drainage area (square miles)	51
Main-channel slope (feet per mile)	27
Mean annual precipitation (inches)	19
Surface water storage (Lakes, ponds, swamps)	16
Rainfall amount for a given duration (inches)	14
Elevation of watershed	13
Forest cover (percent)	8
Channel length (miles)	6
Minimum mean January temperature (degrees F)	4
Basin shape ((length) ² per drainage area)	4
Soils characteristics	3
Mean basin slope (feet per foot or feet per mile)	2
Mean annual snowfall (inches)	2
Area of stratified drift (percent)	1
Runoff coefficient	1
Drainage frequency (number of first order streams per sq. mi.)	1
Mean annual runoff (inches)	1
Normal daily May-March temp (degrees F)	1
Impervious Cover (percent)	1
Annual PET (inches)	1

... and many others

Role of GIS

- **Systematize methodology and datasets used in the process (repeatability).**
- **Provide better tools for deriving characteristics for regression equation determination.**
- **Provide a common (single) access to the methodology (for users and maintenance).**
- **Provide a map-based user interface.**
- **Speed up the process (instead of hours, minutes).**
- **Web and desktop implementation are based on Arc Hydro.**

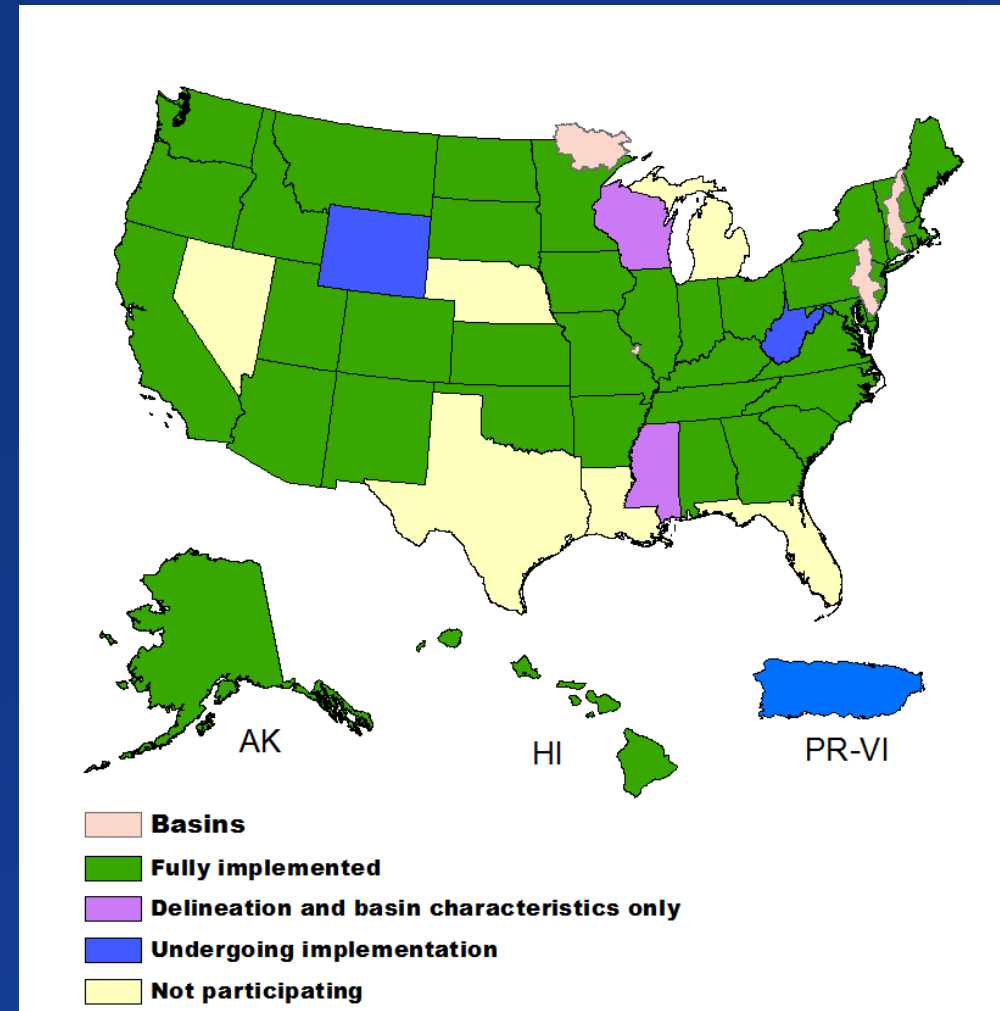


StreamStats Implementation Activities

- USGS lead effort
- State-based
- ArcGIS Server technology (10.7.1)
- Hosted in Denver
- Extended functionality

Source: <https://streamstats.usgs.gov/ss/>

March 2021





StreamStats Demo

<https://streamstats.usgs.gov/ss/>

StreamStats Demo

Report

Enter a report title and/or comments here that will display on the printed report.

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StreamStats Report

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StreamStats Report

Region ID: ID
 Workspace ID: ID20190707003520844000
 Clicked Point (Latitude, Longitude): 45.47590, -115.37571
 Time: 2019-07-06 17:32:22 -0700



Basic Characteristics

Parameter Code	Parameter Description
DRNAREA	Area that drains to a point on a stream
PRECPRES10	Basin average mean annual precipitation for 1981 to 2010 from PRISM

Peak-Flow Statistics Parameters (Peak Flow Report: 12/19/2020)

Parameter Code	Parameter Name	Value	Units
DRNAREA	Drainage Area	0.92	square miles
PRECPRES10	Mean Annual Precip PRISM 1981 2010	25.4	inches

One or more of the parameters is outside the suggested range. Estimates were extrapolated with unknown errors.

Peak-Flow Statistics Parameters (Peak Flow Report: 12/19/2020)

Parameter Code	Parameter Name	Value	Units	Min Limit	Max Limit
DRNAREA	Drainage Area	0.92	square miles	8.53	1040
PRECPRES10	Mean Annual Precip PRISM 1981 2010	25.4	inches	30.5	49.7

Peak-Flow Statistics DRNAREA (Peak Flow Report: 12/19/2020)

One or more of the parameters is outside the suggested range. Estimates were extrapolated with unknown errors.

Peak-Flow Statistics Flow Report (Peak Flow Report: 12/19/2020)

Statistic	Value	Unit
1.25 Year Peak Flood	3.85	ft ³ /s
1.5 Year Peak Flood	3.41	ft ³ /s
2 Year Peak Flood	4.18	ft ³ /s
2.33 Year Peak Flood	4.5	ft ³ /s
5 Year Peak Flood	6.26	ft ³ /s
10 Year Peak Flood	7.61	ft ³ /s
25 Year Peak Flood	9.75	ft ³ /s
50 Year Peak Flood	11.1	ft ³ /s
100 Year Peak Flood	12.7	ft ³ /s
200 Year Peak Flood	14	ft ³ /s
500 Year Peak Flood	16.4	ft ³ /s

Peak-Flow Statistics Citation:

Wood, M.C., Fossess, R.L., Skinner, K.D., and Veilleux, A.G., 2016, Estimating peak-flow frequency statistics for selected gaged and ungaged sites in naturally flowing streams and rivers in Idaho: U.S. Geological Survey Scientific Investigations Report 2016-5063, 56 p.

USGS Product Names Disclaimer: Any use of trade, firm, or product names is for descriptive purposes only and does not imply endorsement by the U.S. Government.

Application Version: 4.3.8

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Desktop Implementation

- **StreamStats or any similar methodology can be implemented within desktop environment.**
- **Need:**
 - Data.
 - Equations (hopefully with well defined GIS parameter extraction methodology).
- **Implementation:**
 - Local watershed delineation and characterization.
 - “Regression calculator”
 - External app.
 - Python
 - Excel

Desktop Implementation

- Pre-StreamStats for Wisconsin was done in ArcView 3 and Excel.

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with the following data:

Wisconsin Peak Flow Regression Calculator (2003 equations)

Basin ID: 788

Input Data	Region 1		Region 2		Region 3		Region 4		Region 5	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
Area (A)	0.25	21.30	0.66	1750	1	2240	0.66	680	1.52	3340
Rainfall (INTENS)	5.15	5.29	3.38	5.28	4.24	5.39	4.24	5.28	4.66	5.29
Channel Slope (S)	3.27	370	3.65	96	0.84	3.4	1.08	204	0.74	74.2
Storage (ST)	0	0.2	0	26.8	0	39.7	0	52.4	0	15.4
Soil Permeability (SP)	0.12	4.22	0.2	2.88	0.12	8.46	0.12	4.68	0.27	1.75
Snowfall (SN)	29.65	45.47	34.29	65.61	36.19	83.5	34.41	171.69	30.2	48.86
Forest Cover (FOR)	0	56.9	3.17	87.9	1.18	95.3	0.19	96	0.42	39.8

Area contribution (%): 0, 85.67332, 0, 14.32668, 0

Return Period (years)	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Final
2	0	1187	-406	535	614	1093.8
5	9	2142	896	916	670	1966.5
10	41	2049	725	1200	1040	2613.5
25	50	3682	694	1586	1277	3554.2
50	65	4572	956	1802	1446	4275.5
100	60	5490	1117	2021	1614	5029.2

Legend:
Valid number
Not applicable
Out of range

Arc Hydro Hillslope: an Arc Hydro tool for hillslope-scale runoff analysis

Anneliese Sytsma and Dana Lapides

In collaboration with: Gina O'Neil, Dean Djokic, Mary Nichols, and Sally Thompson



Polling question

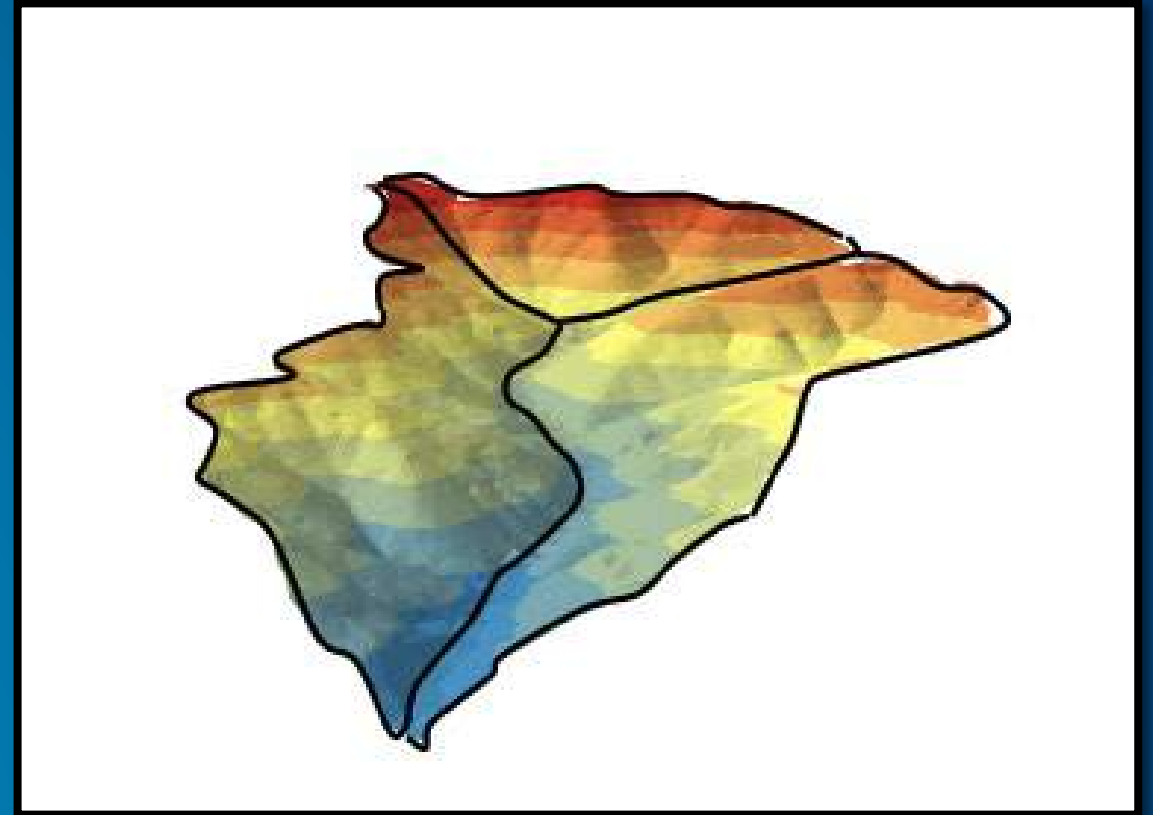
- Have you used the Rational Method for peak flow prediction?
 - Yes
 - Yes, but only in an educational course
 - No

Background and Motivation: Hillslopes and Curvature

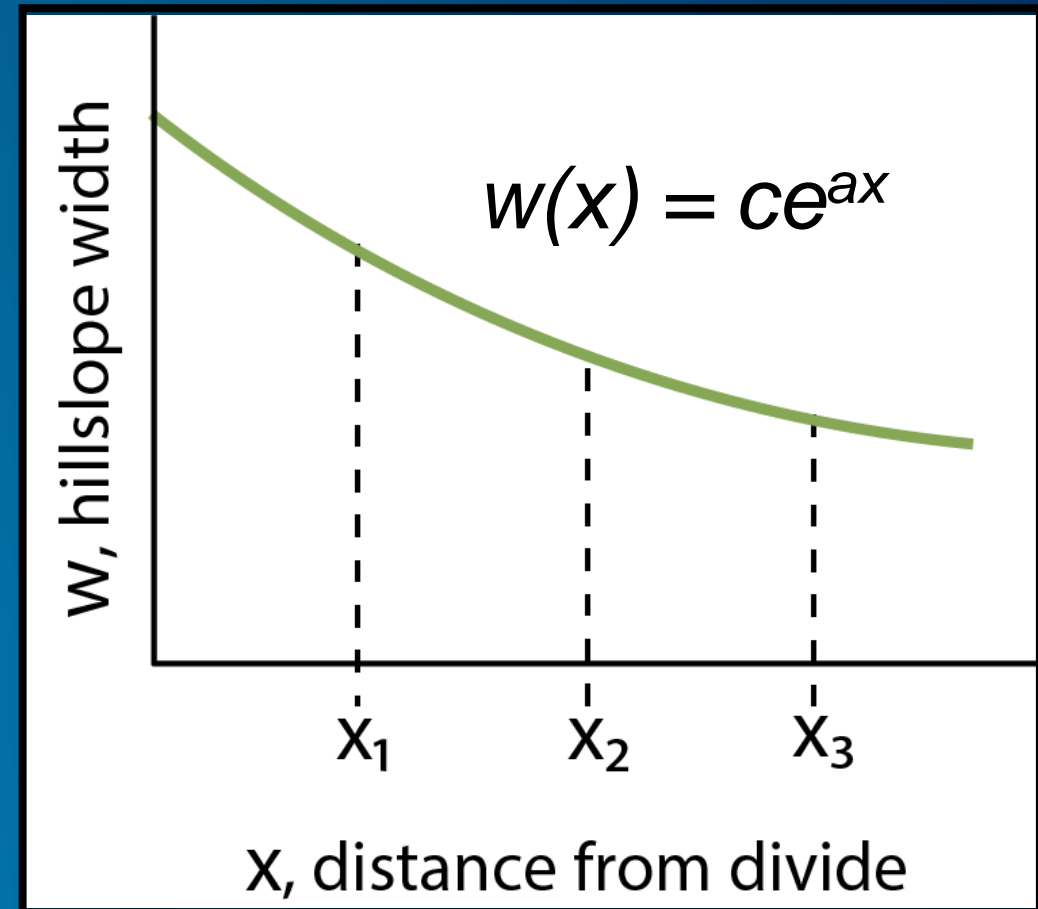
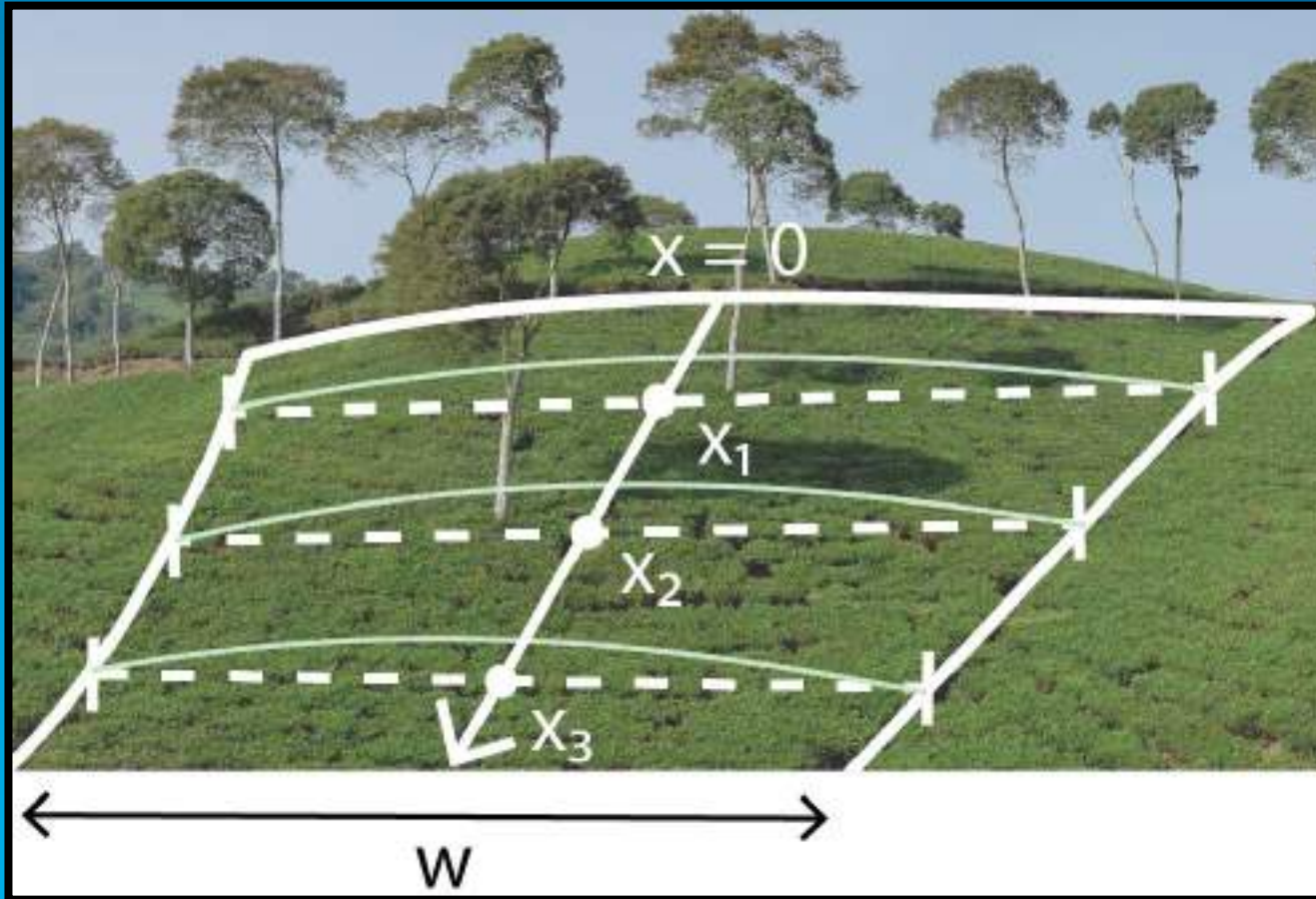
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Hillslopes

- Deliver water and sediment to streams
- Can be used as a hydrologic response unit
- Allow for analysis of important questions related to hydrology and morphology



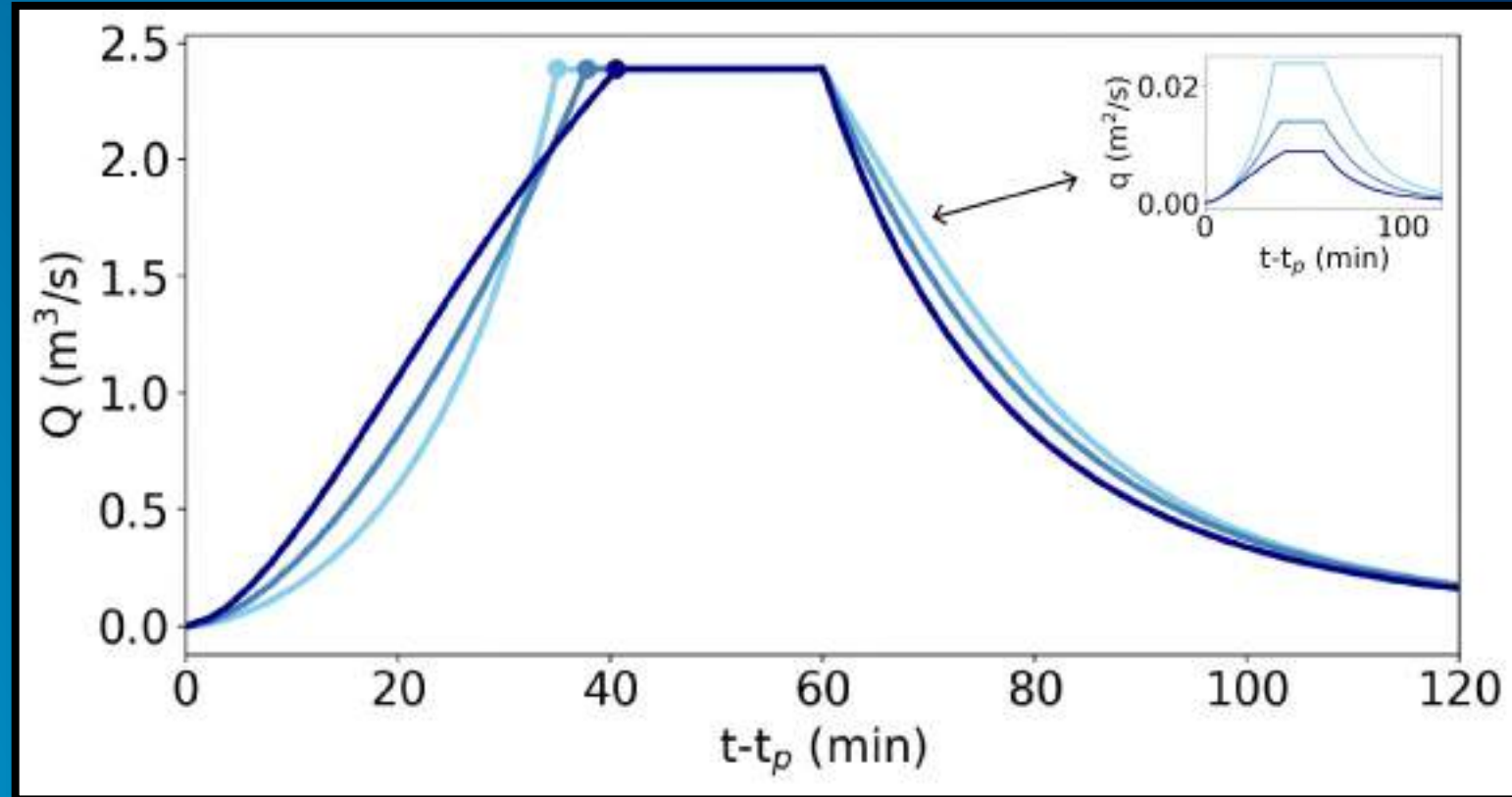
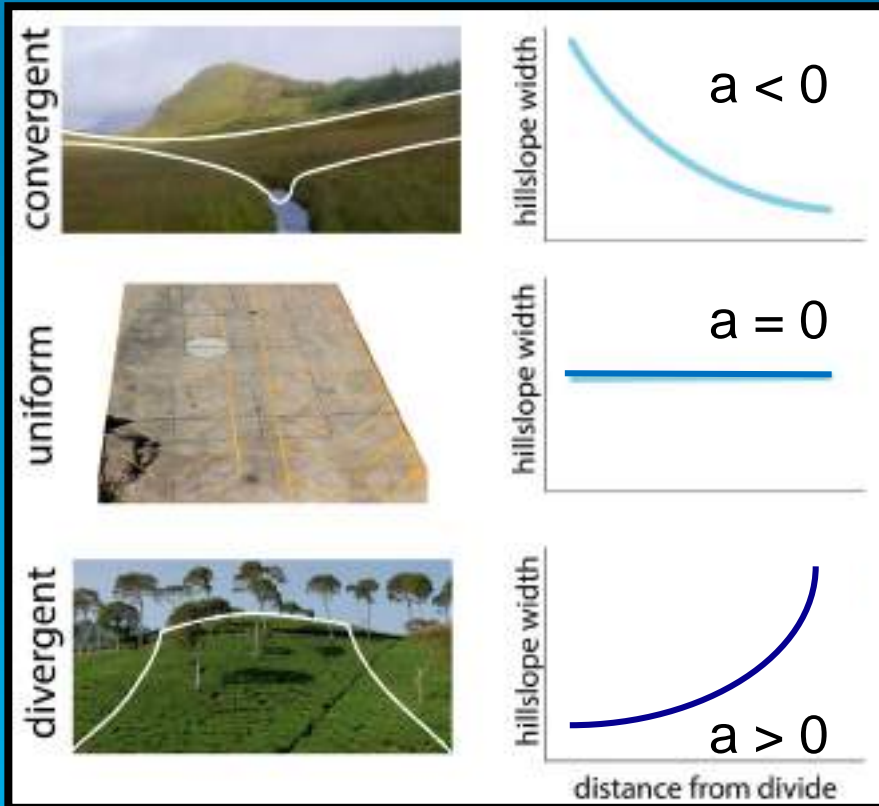
Hillslope Width Functions



Overland flow with Hillslope Width Functions

$$w(x) = ce^{ax}$$

$$q = \alpha h^m$$



Using HWF to explore curvature impacts on design peak flows

Dana Lapides

The Rational Method

$$Q_{max} = CIAI$$

Design peak flow [L³/T]

Design storm intensity [L/T]

Contributing Area [L²]

Runoff Coefficient

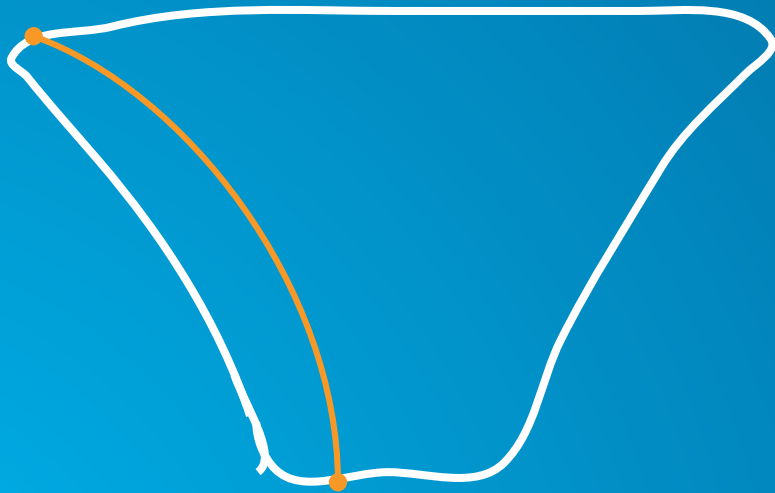
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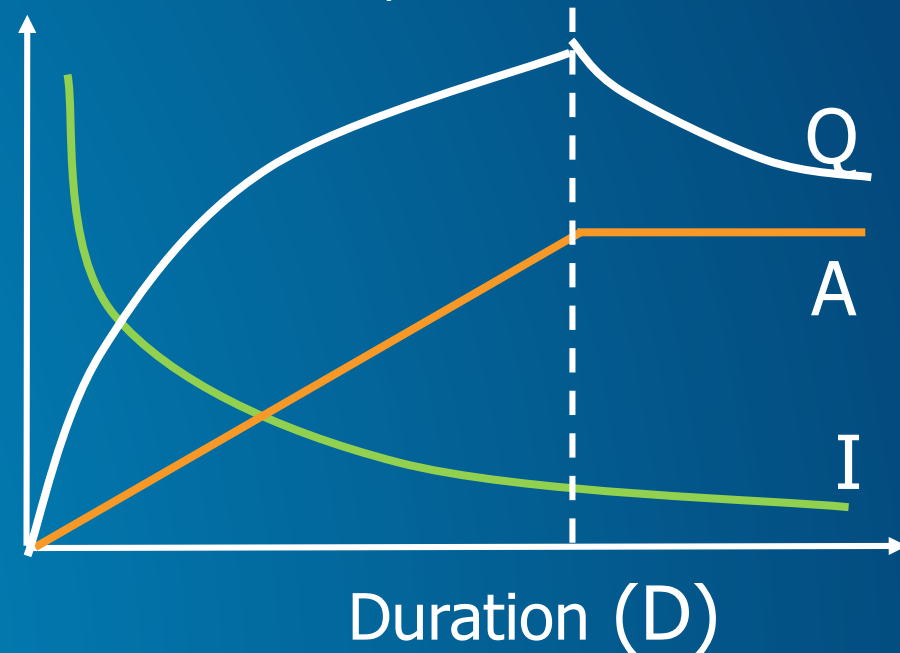
$$Q_{max} = CAI$$

Timescales

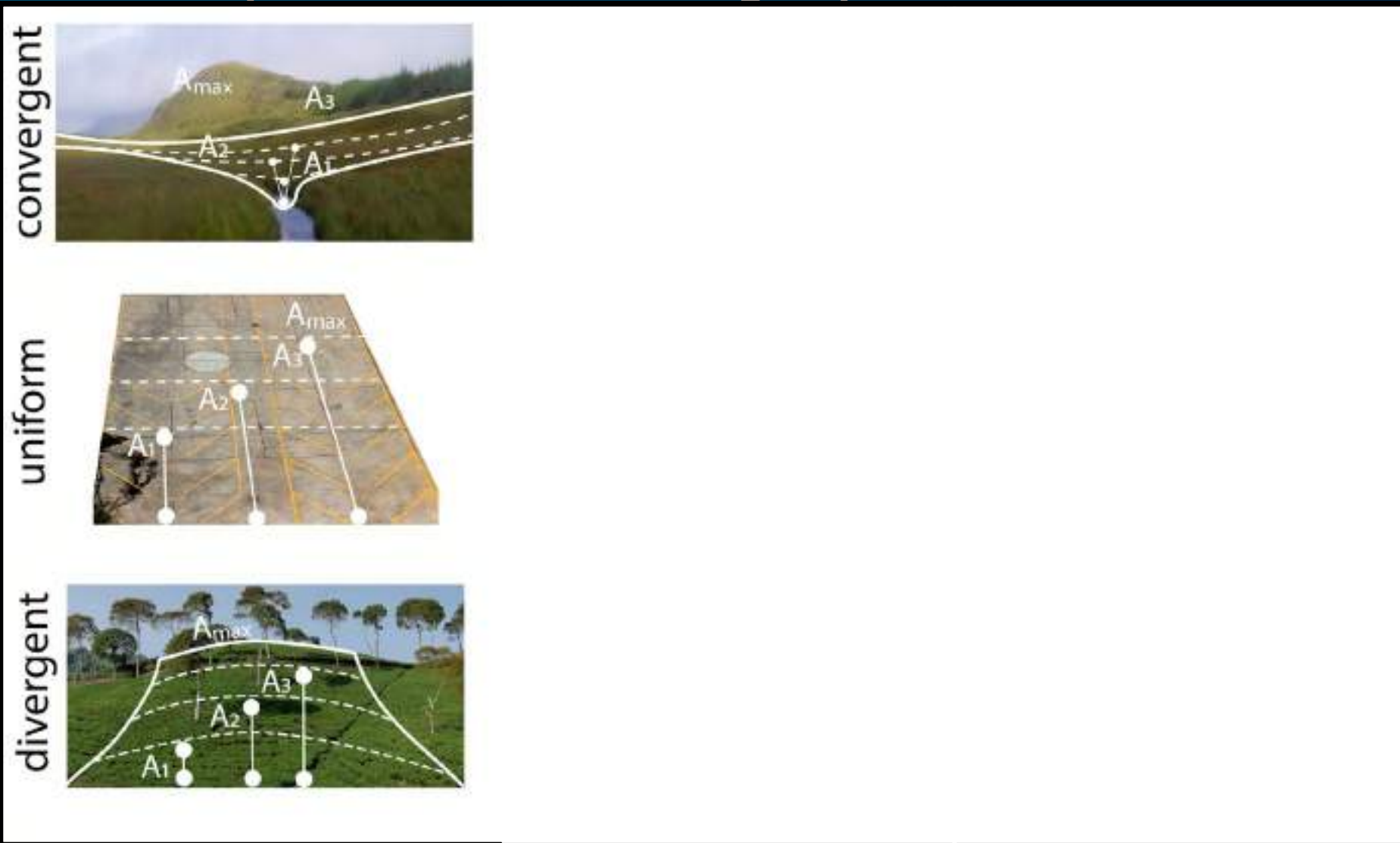
- Time of Concentration
 - Travel time to outlet from furthest point in landscape



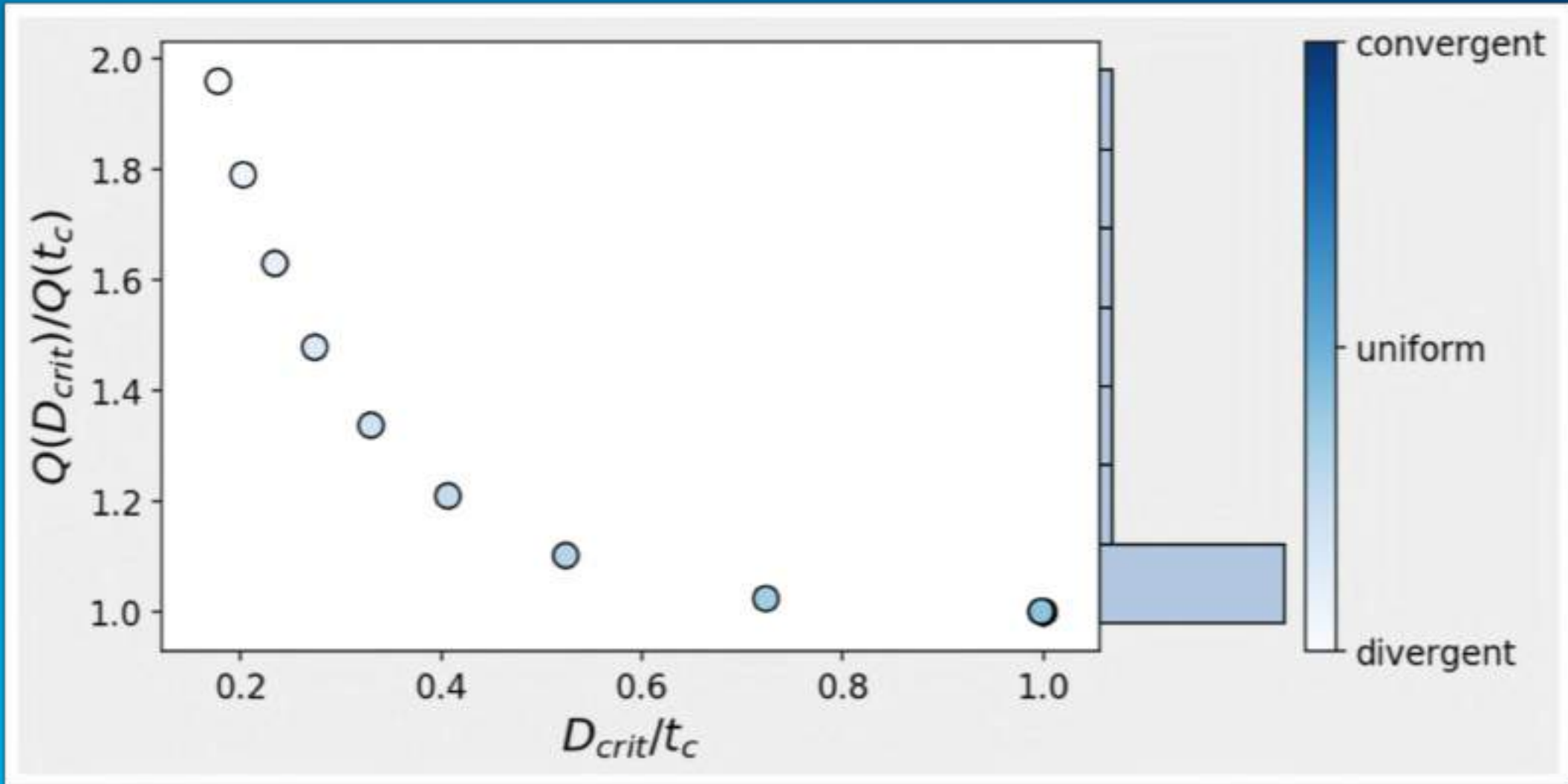
- Critical Duration
 - Storm duration that maximizes peak flow for a given IFD curve and hillslope



Impact of hillslope curvature on timing of peak flows



Impact of curvature on timescales and peak flow



Arc Hydro Hillslope and Critical Duration toolbox

Anneliese Sytsma

Toolbox overview

Arc Hydro Tools Pro

- Attribute Tools
- Critical Duration
 - Hillslope Roughness
 - Optimize Critical Duration
- GIS Data Exchange
- H & H Modeling
- Network Tools
- Point Characterization
- Terrain Morphology
- Terrain Preprocessing
 - Partition Hillslopes
 - Hillslope Width Function

The image shows a screenshot of the Arc Hydro Tools Pro toolbox. Five tools are highlighted with orange boxes and numbered 1 through 4. The tools are: 1. Partition Hillslopes, 2. Hillslope Width Function, 3. Hillslope Roughness, 4. Optimize Critical Duration, and 5. Hillslope Width Function. The toolbox is organized into several categories, including Attribute Tools, Critical Duration, GIS Data Exchange, H & H Modeling, Network Tools, Point Characterization, Terrain Morphology, and Terrain Preprocessing.

Partition hillslopes

- Prerequisite steps:
 - 1) Fill DEM
 - 2) Basic dendritic terrain processing



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Arc Hydro Tools Pro

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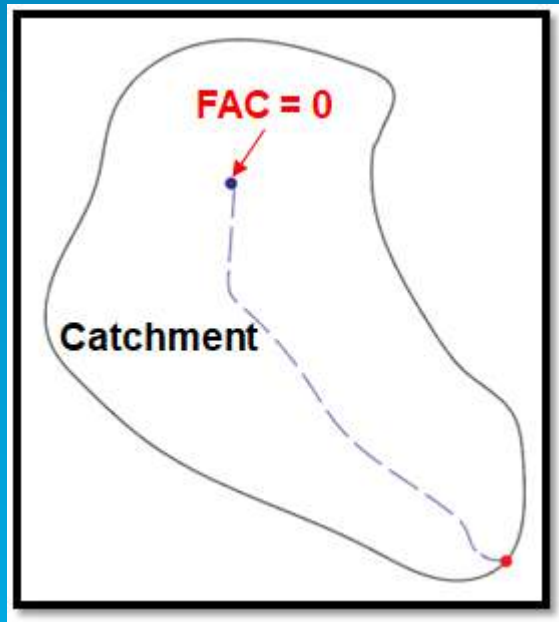
Partition Hillslopes

Parameters Environments

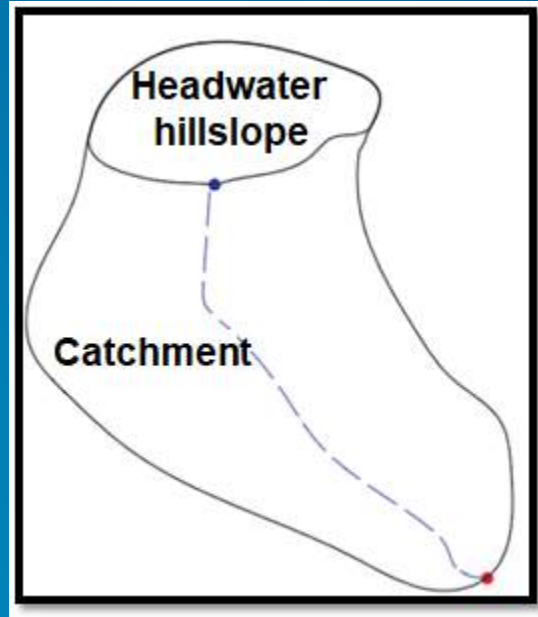
- * Input Catchments
- * Input Flow Direction Raster
- * Input Flow Accumulation Raster
- * Input Drainage Lines
- Input Threshold 1500
- * Output Hillslopes

Partition hillslopes

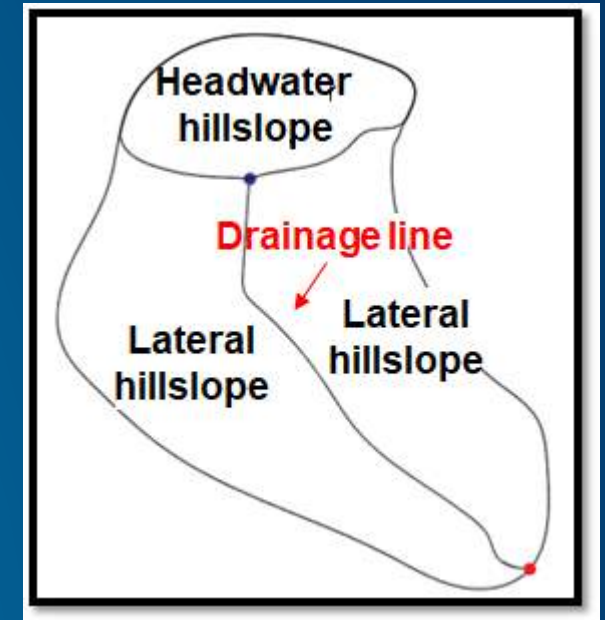
Identifies catchment initiation point (headwater hillslope outlet)



Delineates headwater hillslopes draining to headwater outlet



Bisects catchment with drainage line



Hillslope Width Function

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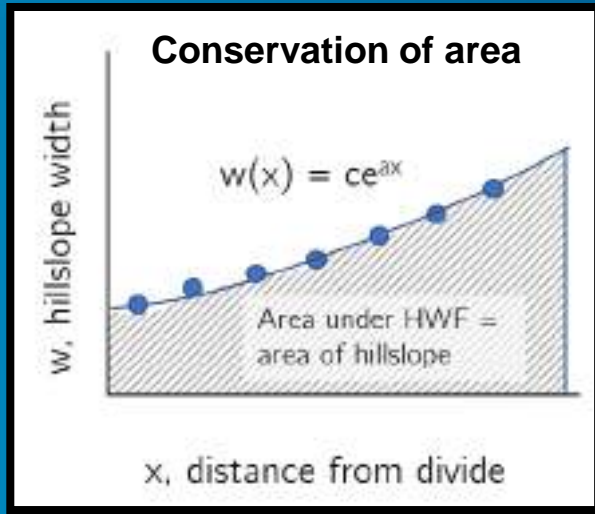
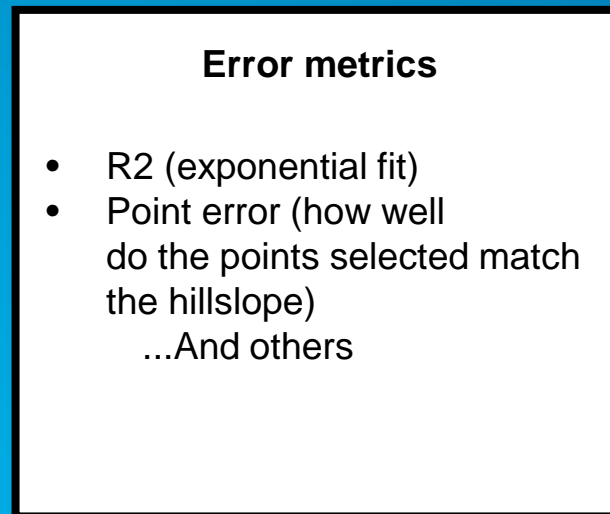
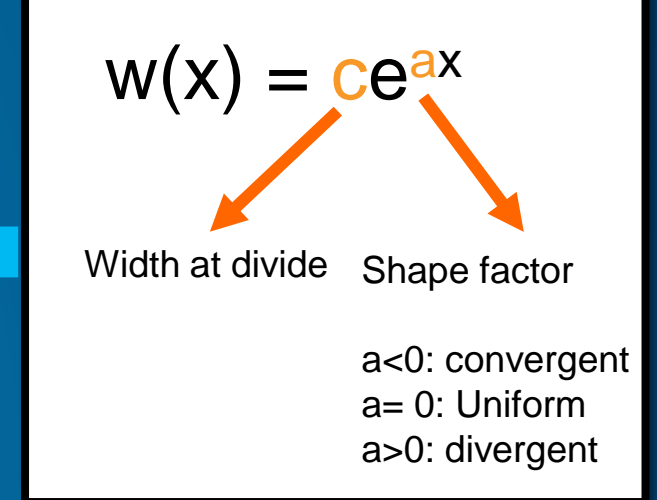
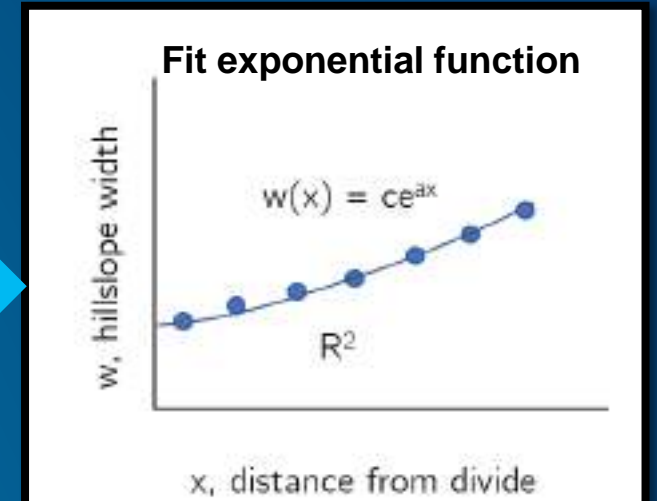
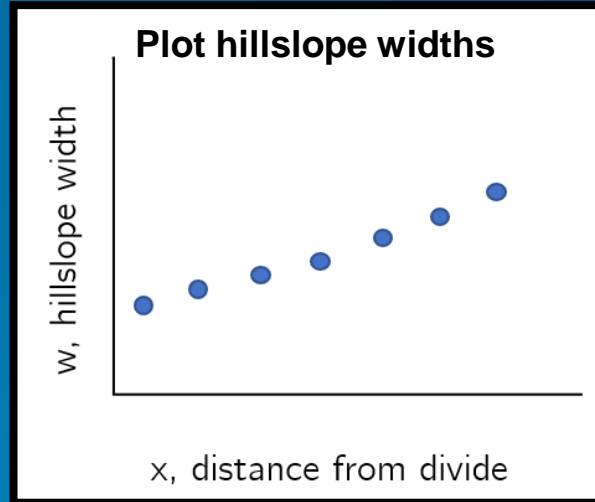
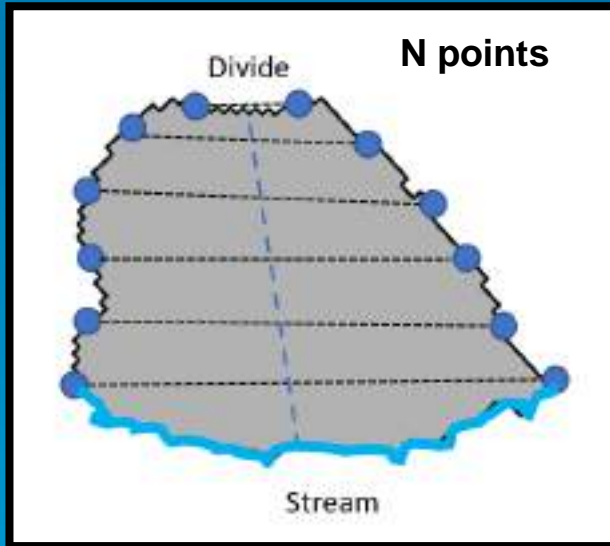
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Hillslope Width Function

Parameters Environments

- * Input Partitioned Hillslopes
- * Input Drainage Lines
- Input Number of Points: 24
- * Output Width Function Hillslopes

Hillslope Width Function



Hillslope roughness

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Arc Hydro Tools Pro

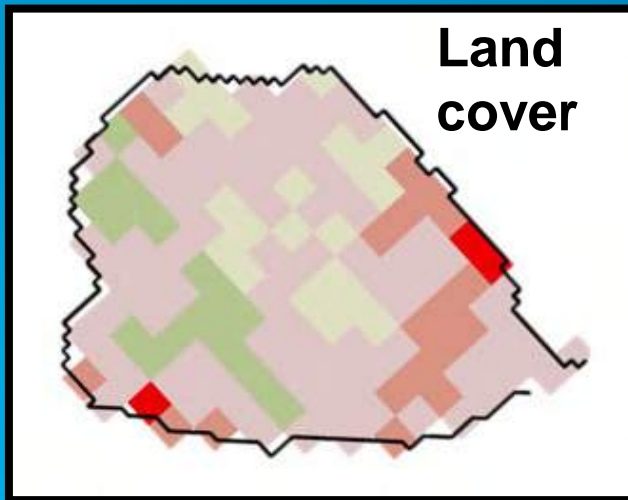
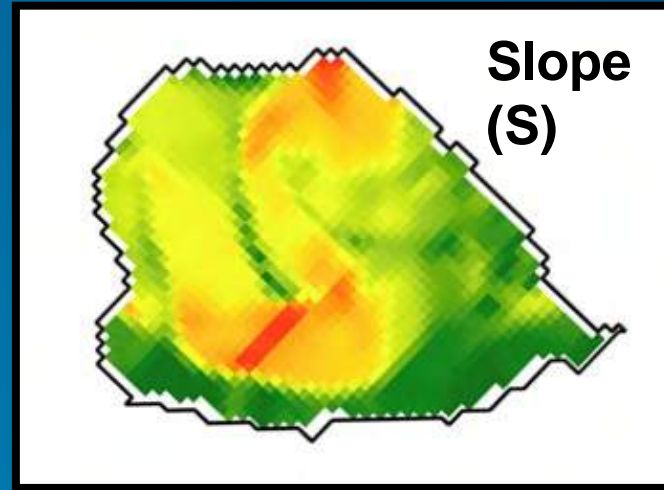
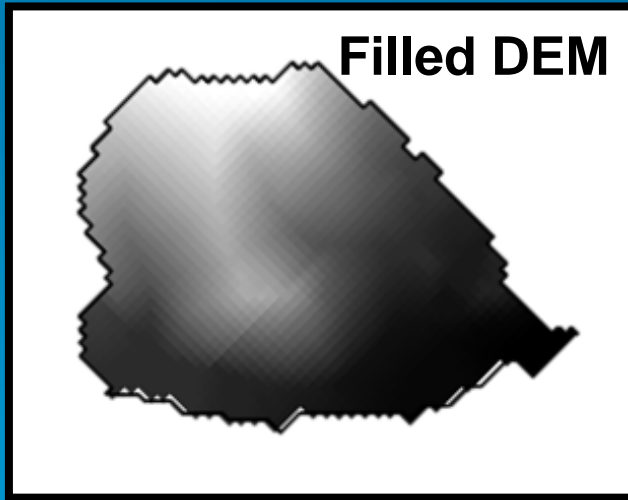
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Hillslope Roughness

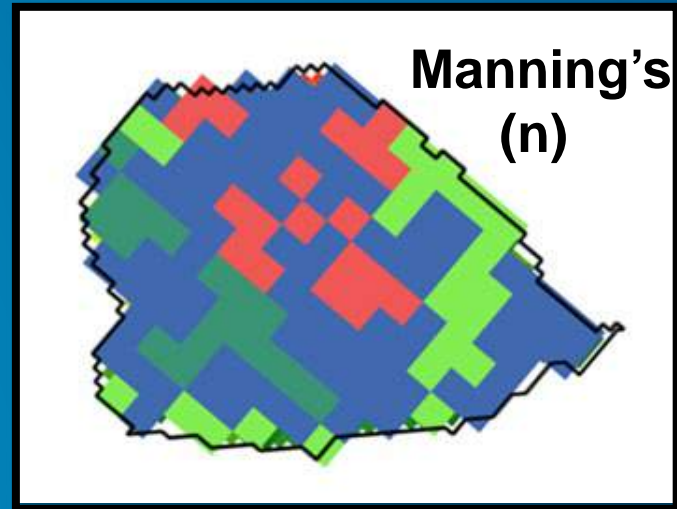
Parameters | Environments

- * Input Width Function Hillslopes
- * Input Landcover Raster
- * Input Hydro DEM

Hillslope roughness



Conversion factors from Kalyanapu, 2009



$$\alpha = \frac{\sqrt{S}}{n}$$

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Optimize Critical Duration

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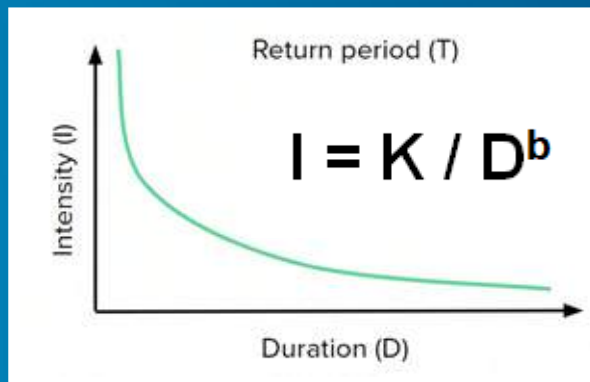
- Arc Hydro Tools Pro
 - Attribute Tools
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 - Hillslope Roughness
 - Optimize Critical Duration
 - GIS Data Exchange
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 - Terrain Morphology
 - Terrain Preprocessing
 - Partition Hillslopes
 - Hillslope Width Function

Optimize Critical Duration

Parameters Environments

* Input Alpha Hillslopes

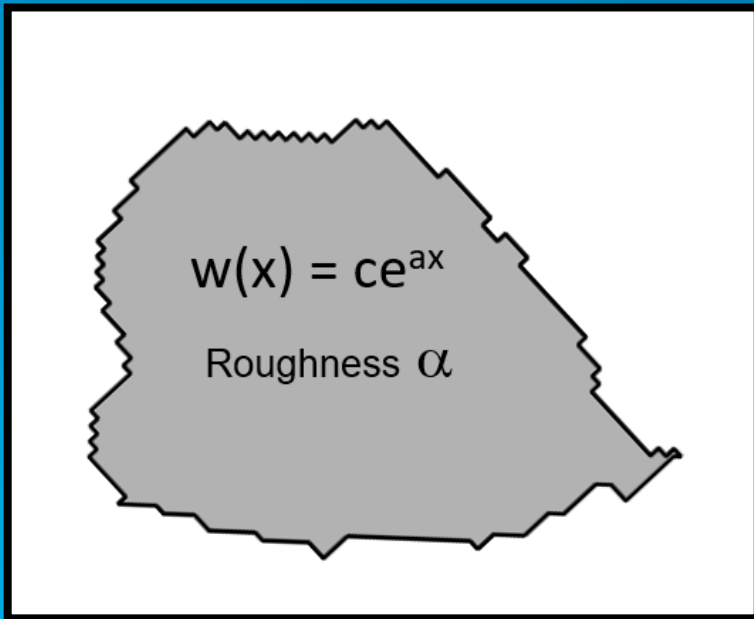
Input K Parameter for Rainfall Intensity	0.0005
Input b Parameter for Rainfall Intensity	0.5
Input Saturated Hydraulic Conductivity Ks [mm/s]	0.0009



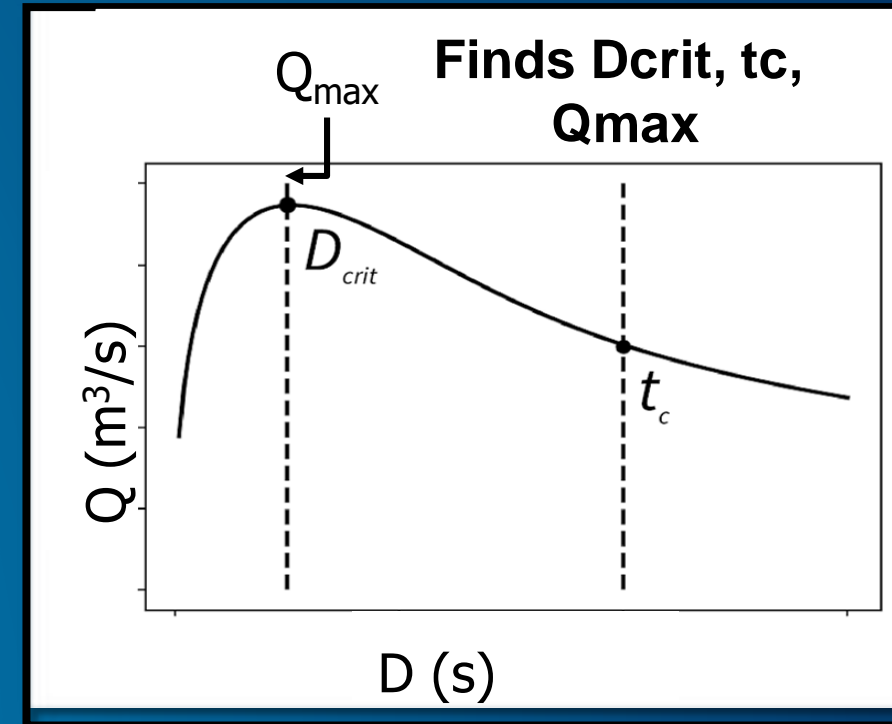
Optimize Critical Duration

$$Q_{max} = CAI$$

IFD parameters (K, b)
Soil Ks



Analytical solution
for overland flow
on hillslopes with
curvature

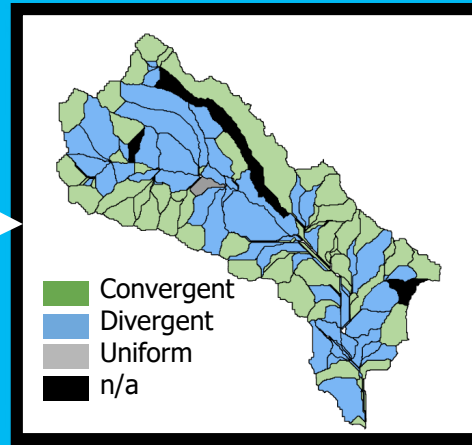


Example outputs

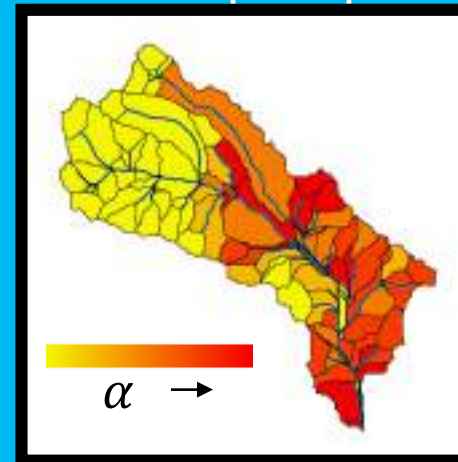
Partitioned hillslopes



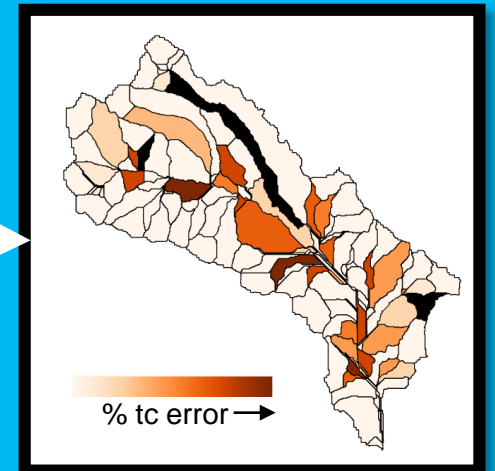
Hillslope width function



Hillslope alpha



Critical Duration



Demonstration

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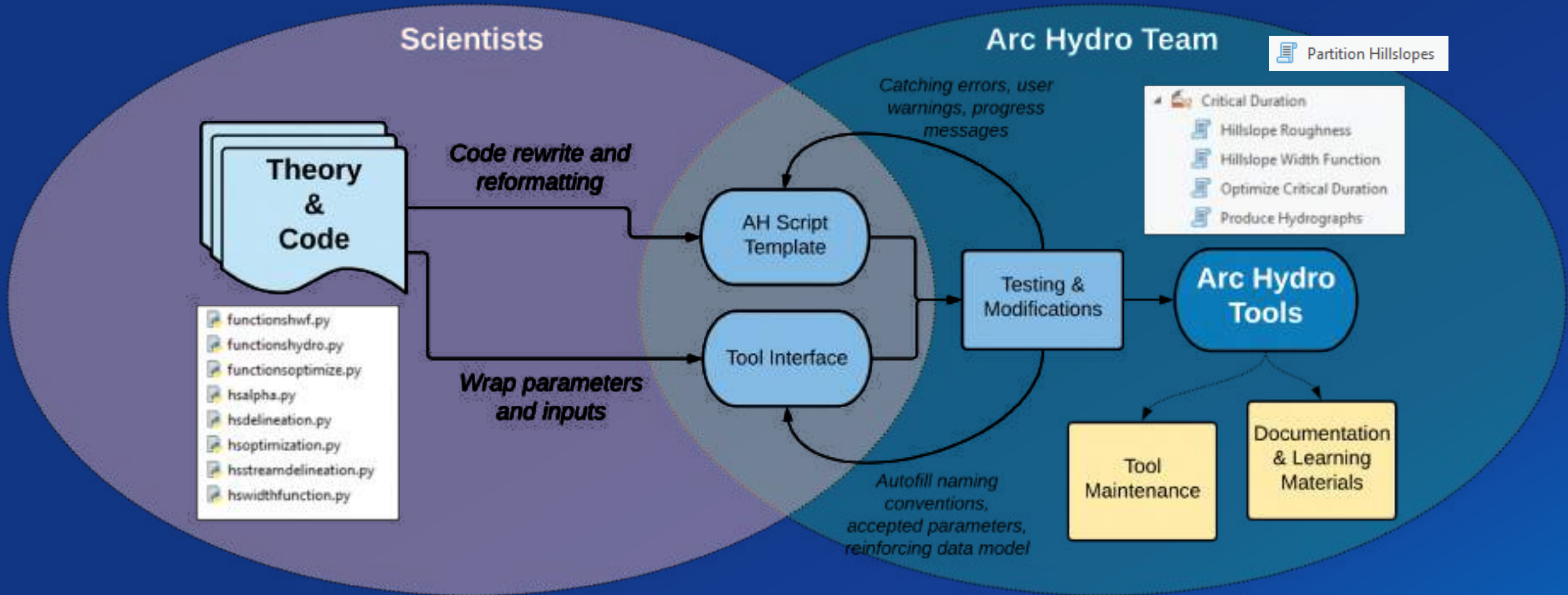
Arc Hydro Hillslope
+ Critical Duration
Tools: A Quick Demo

Distributed Modeling

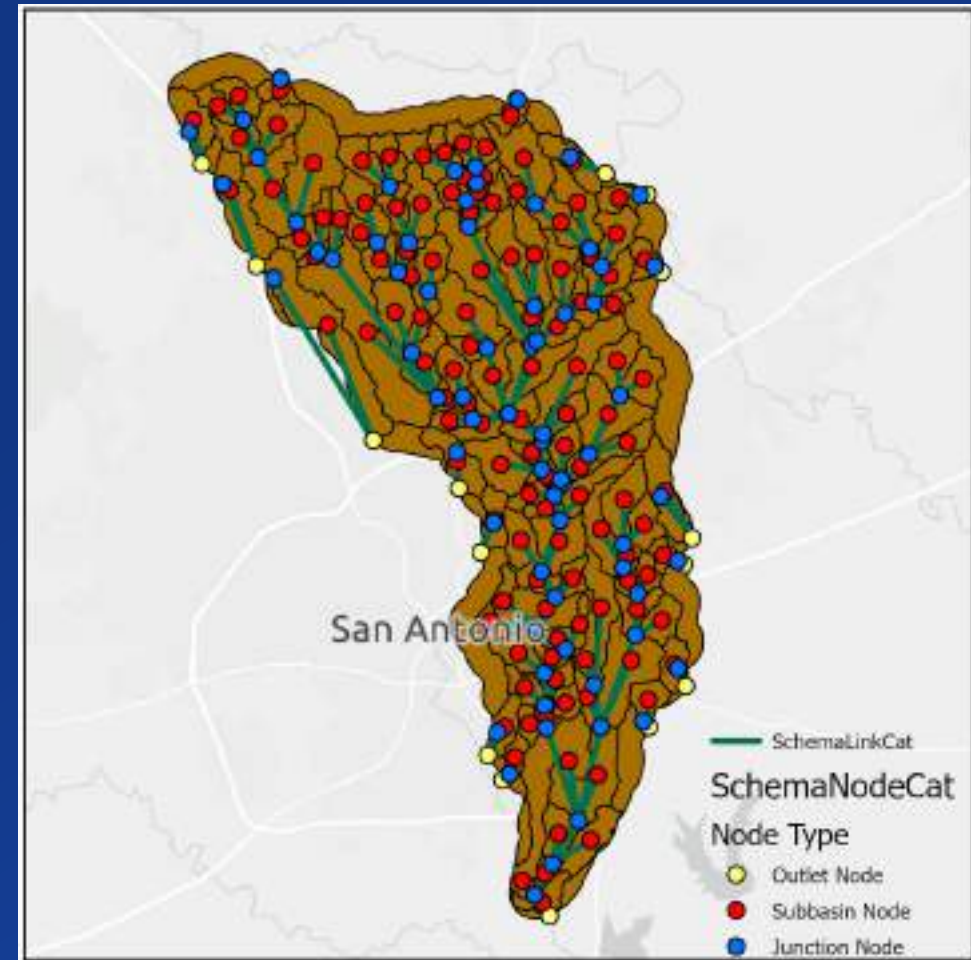
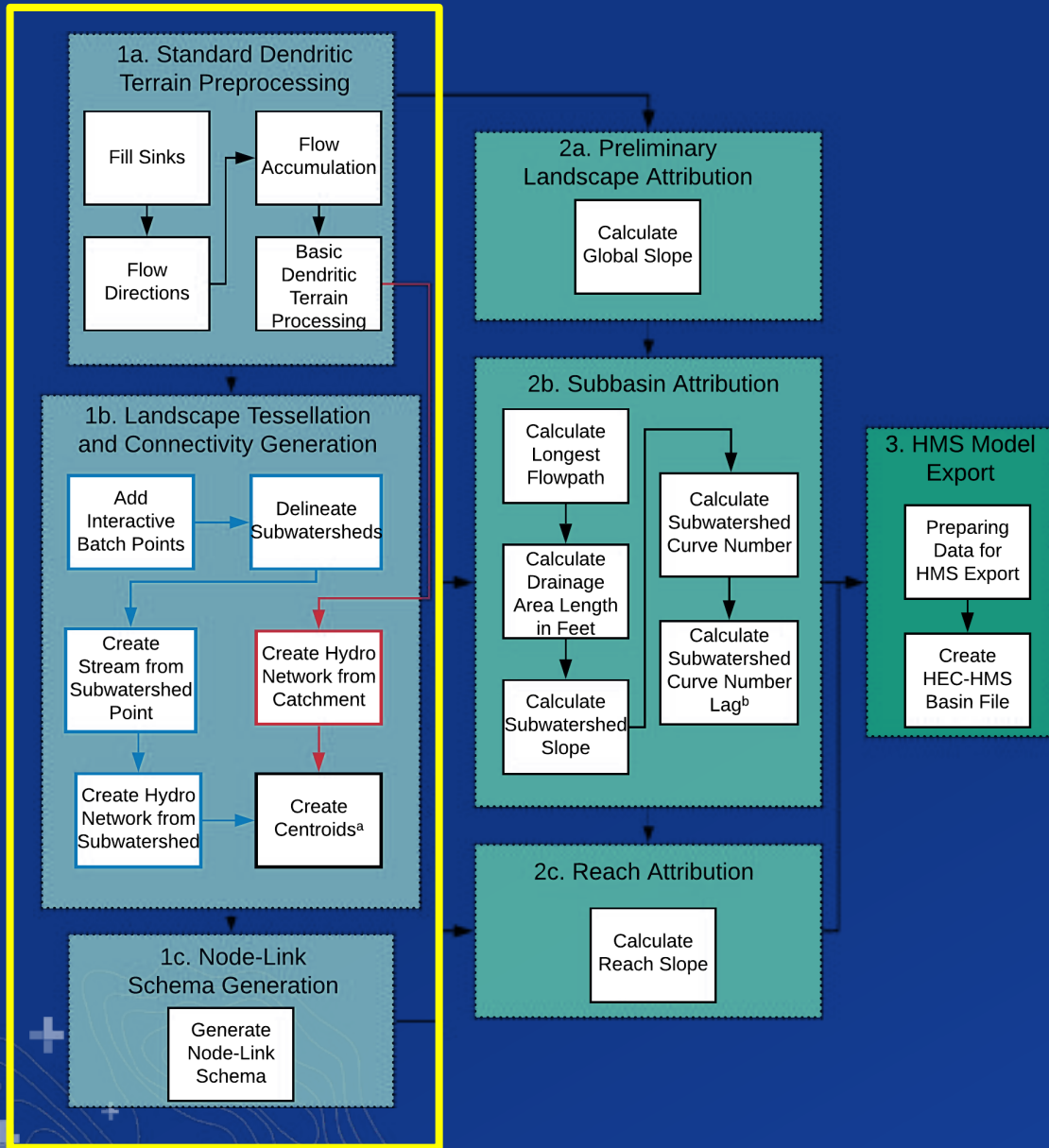
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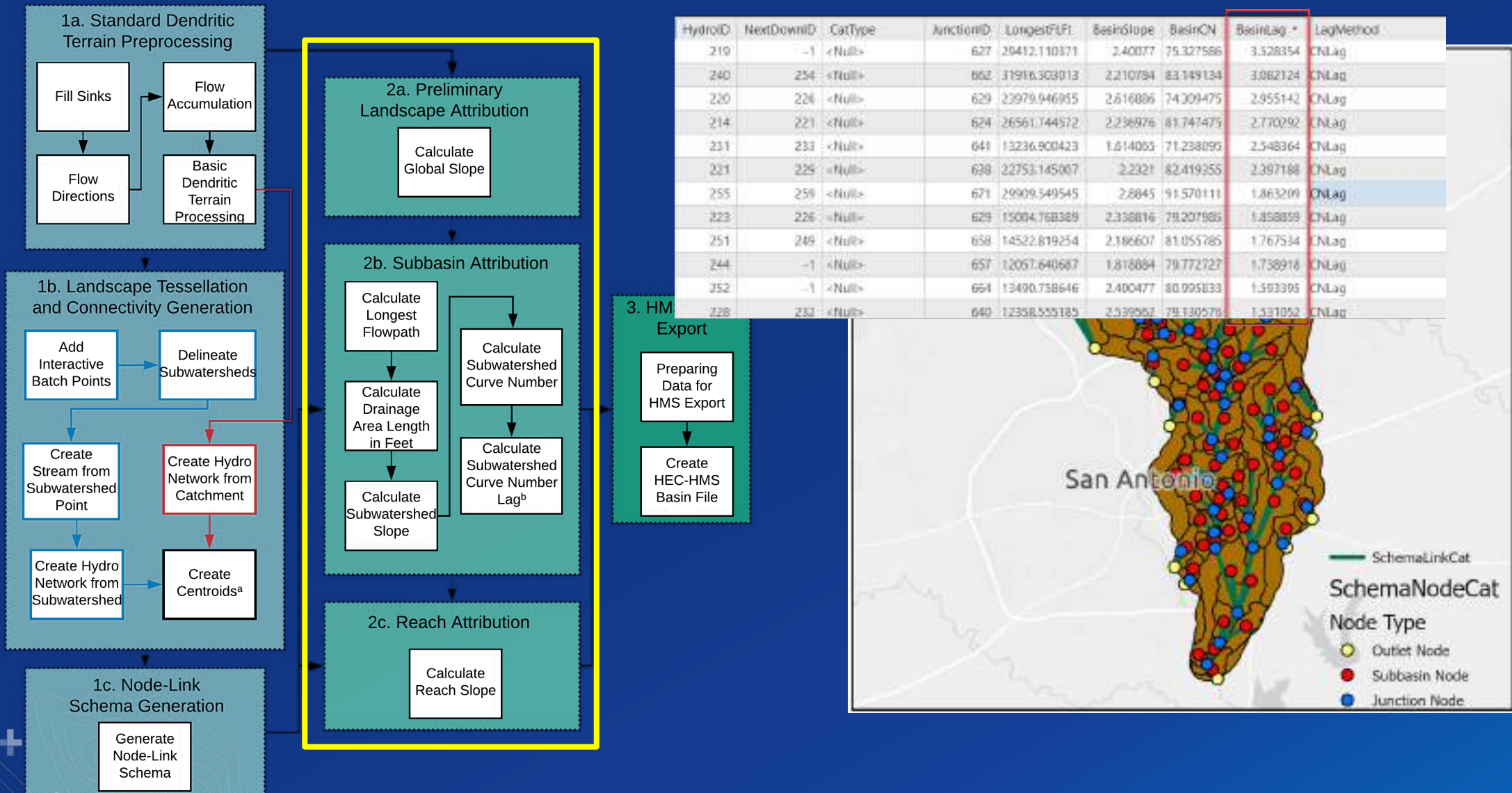
Collaboratively Implementing the Science as an Arc Hydro tool



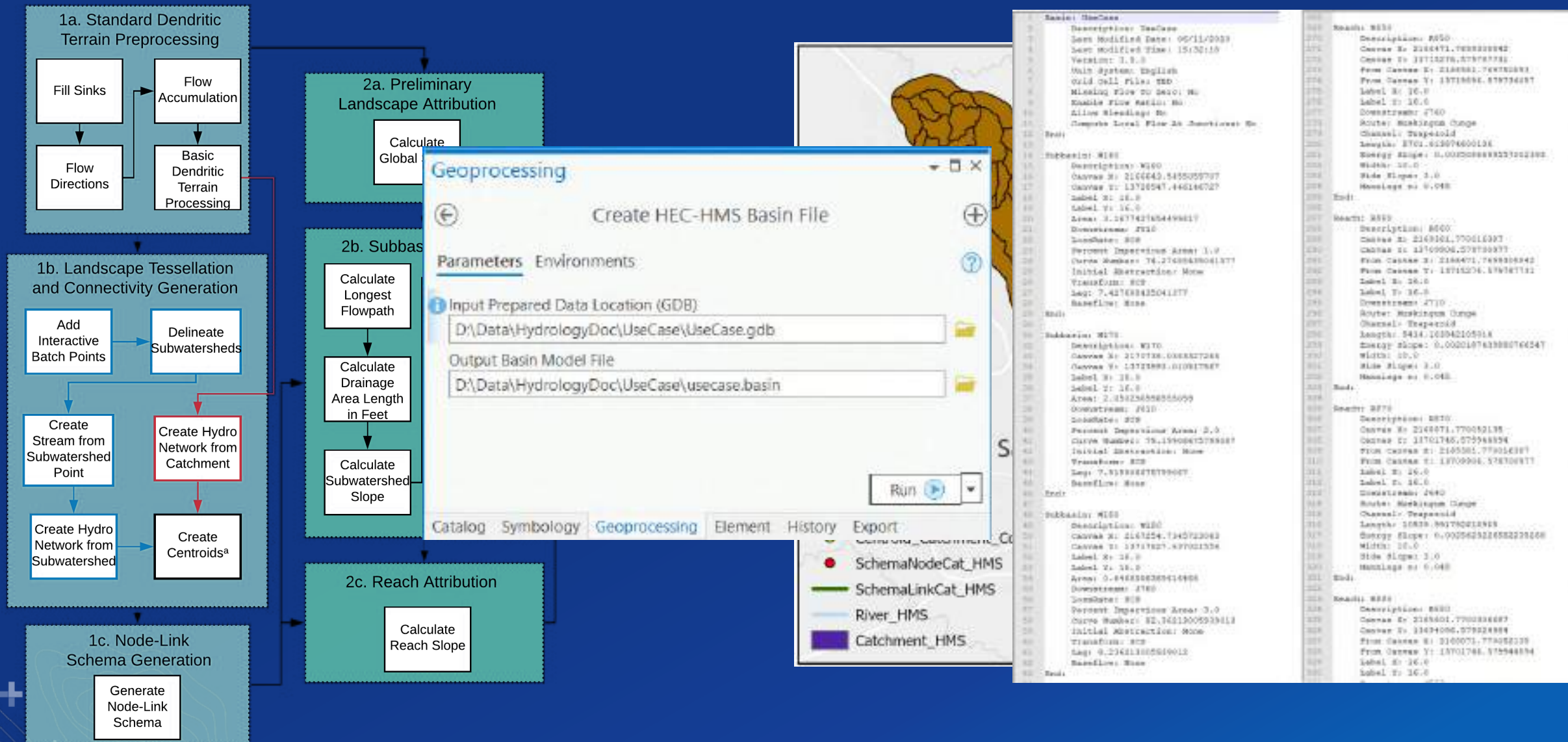
From Watershed Characterization to Simulating Hydrologic Processes



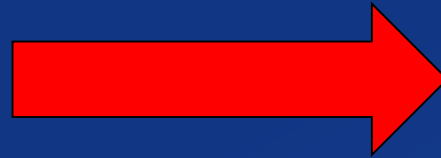
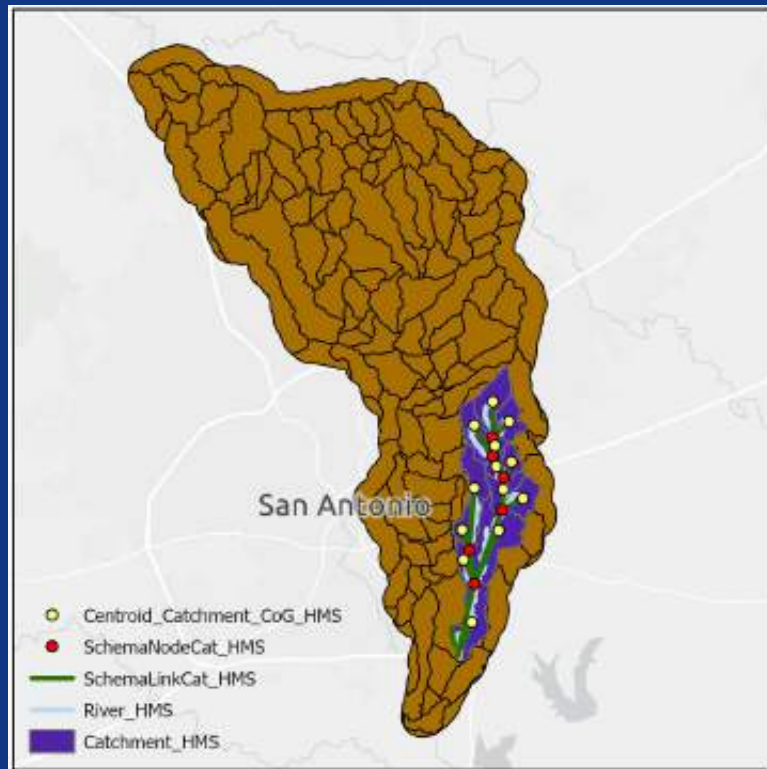
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HEC-HMS 4.3.1 [C:\V\H_Hydrology\HydroDoc\HydroDoc.hms]

File Edit View Components Parameters Compute Results Tools Help

Basin Model (UseCase)

Basin Name: UseCase
Element Name: W160
Description: W160
Elevation: 2080
Area (sqft): 1.097
Latitude Degrees:
Latitude Minutes:
Latitude Seconds:
Longitude Degrees:
Longitude Minutes:
Longitude Seconds:
Canopy Method: None
Surface Method: None
Loss Method: SCS Curve Number
Transformation Method: SCS Unit Hydrograph
Baseflow Method: None

Basin Name: UseCase
Element Name: W160
Initial Abstraction (in):
Curve Number: 75.838
Impervious (%): 11.8

Basin Name: UseCase
Element Name: W160
Graph Type: Standard (TRF-44)
Lag Time (hr): 7.0000

Basin Name: UseCase
Element Name: W200
Observed Flow: None
Observed Stage: None
Observed SWE: None
Flow-Discharge: None
Def Flow (WS/%)
Rain/Lake

W160 2000: Begin spring event "Furber" in directory C:
W160 2000: Finish spring event "Furber" in directory C:
W160 2000: Control basin model "Hydro" at time 20000
W160 2000: Control basin model "UseCase" at time 20000

The screenshot displays the HEC-HMS 4.3.1 software interface. The main window shows a Basin Model (UseCase) with a network of sub-catchments and links. The left pane shows a tree view of the model components, with a red box highlighting the 'Basin' folder. The bottom pane shows the 'Basin Model (UseCase)' window, which displays the network of sub-catchments and links. The right pane shows the 'Basin Model (UseCase)' window, which displays the network of sub-catchments and links. The bottom pane shows the 'Basin Model (UseCase)' window, which displays the network of sub-catchments and links.

Final Thoughts

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Arc Hydro in Action Webinar Series

2/25/21: Arc Hydro in ArcGIS Pro

3/11/21: Arc Hydro: Flooding & Forecasting

3/25/21: Arc Hydro: Hydrology & Hillslope

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GIS for integrated H&H modeling.

Why GIS is not just model pre- and post-processor.



Questions?



Getting involved

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