

The Chesapeake Bay Program's Watershed Model Phase 6

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Loads and Sensitivities Webinar

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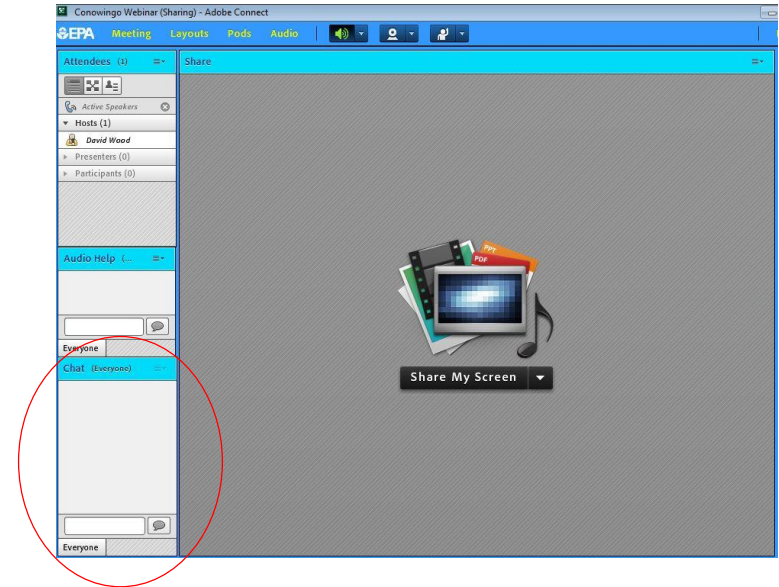
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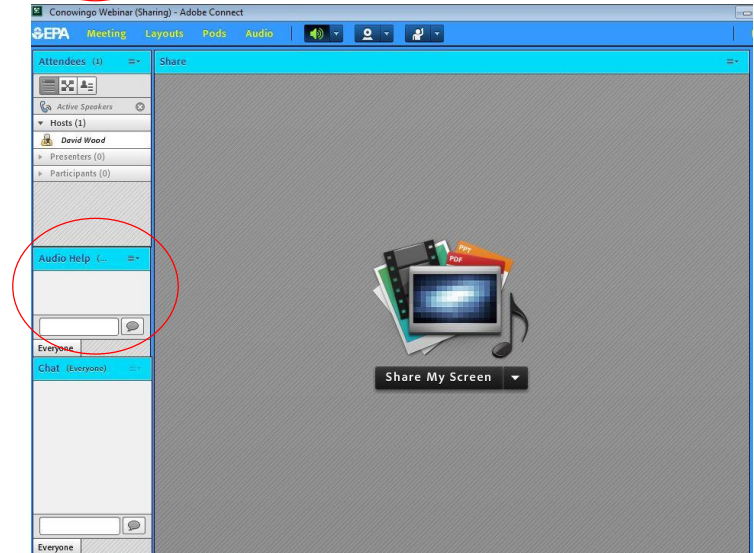


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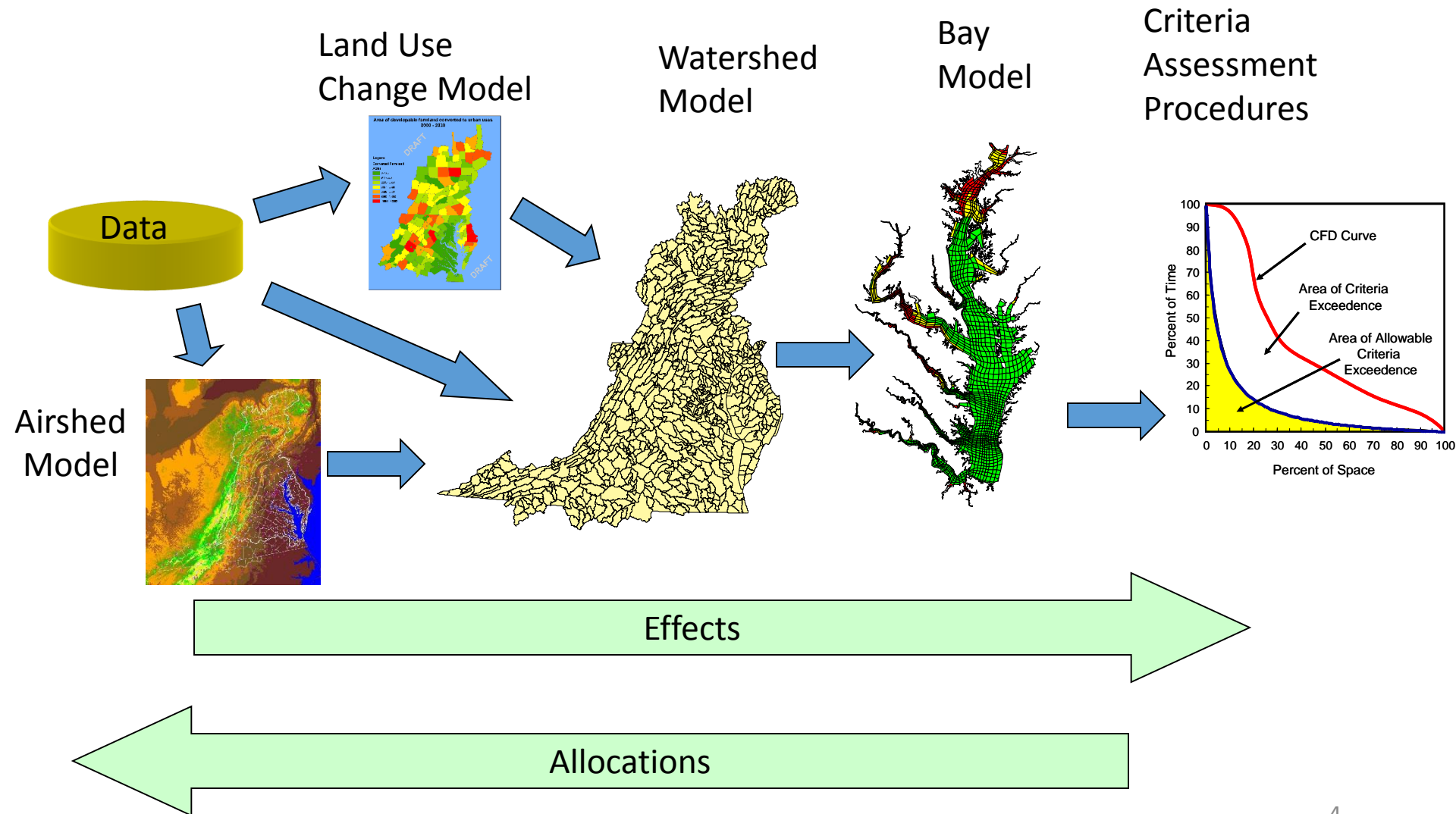
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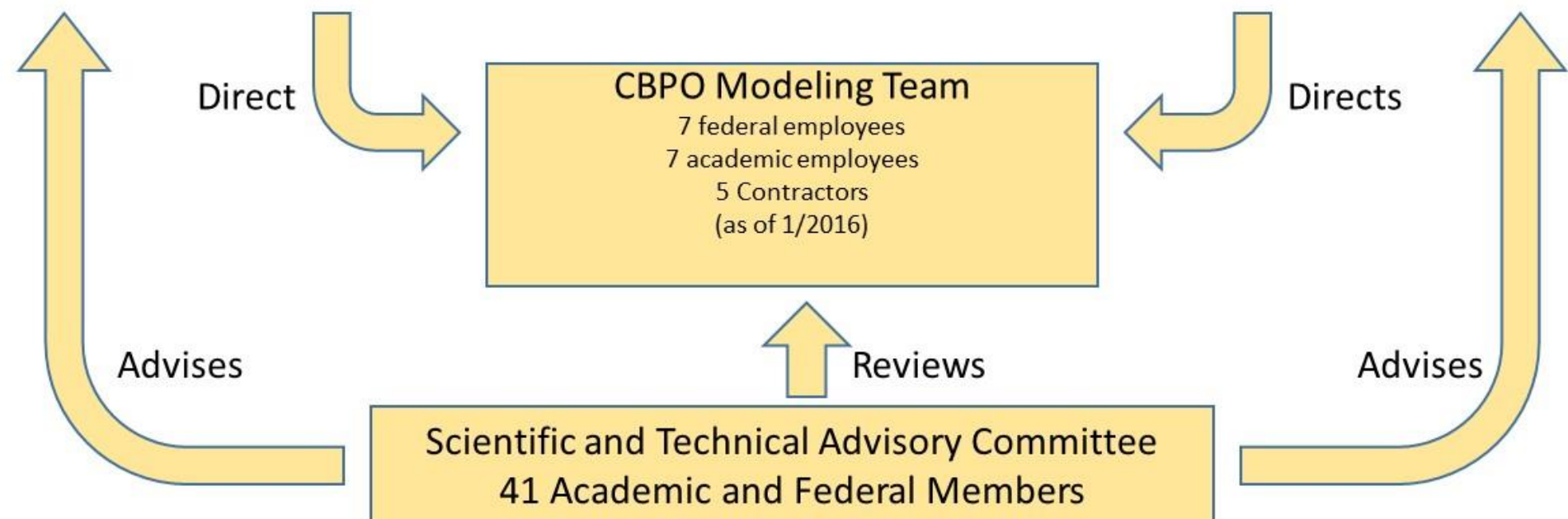
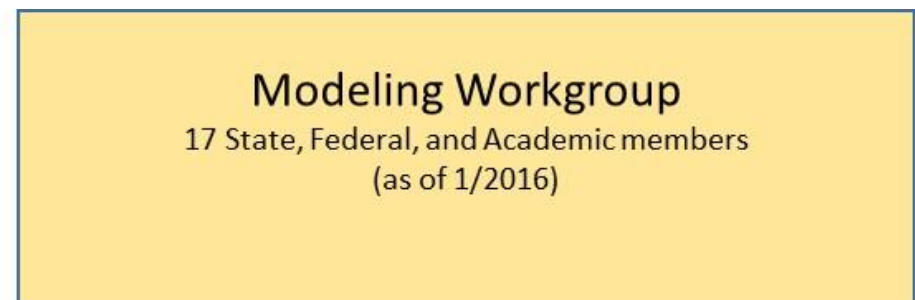
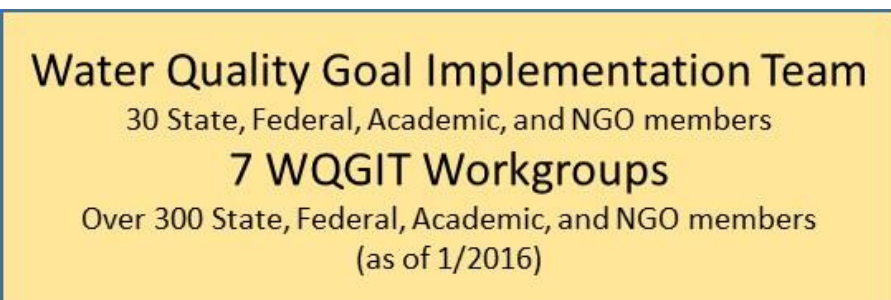
Decision Support System



Continual Updates to Models

Year	Model Phase	Goal
• 1987	0	40% reduction
• 1992	2	40% of controllable loads
• 1997	4.1	Confirm 1992 loads
• 2003	4.3	Reallocation
• 2010	5.3.0	TMDL
• 2011	5.3.2	Phase 2 WIP targets
• 2017	6.0	Phase 3 WIP targets





Partnership Feedback on Modeling

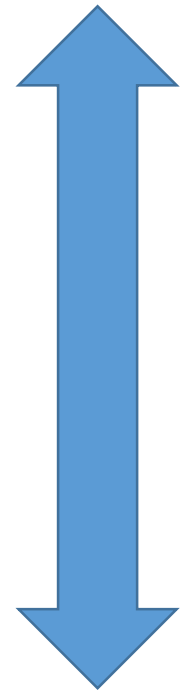
- **Water Quality Managers**

- Need more **transparent and easier** to understand decision-support tools to enable successful engagement of local partners

- **Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee**

- Multiple Models
- Phosphorus
- Complex Reservoir Dynamics
- Fine-scale processes

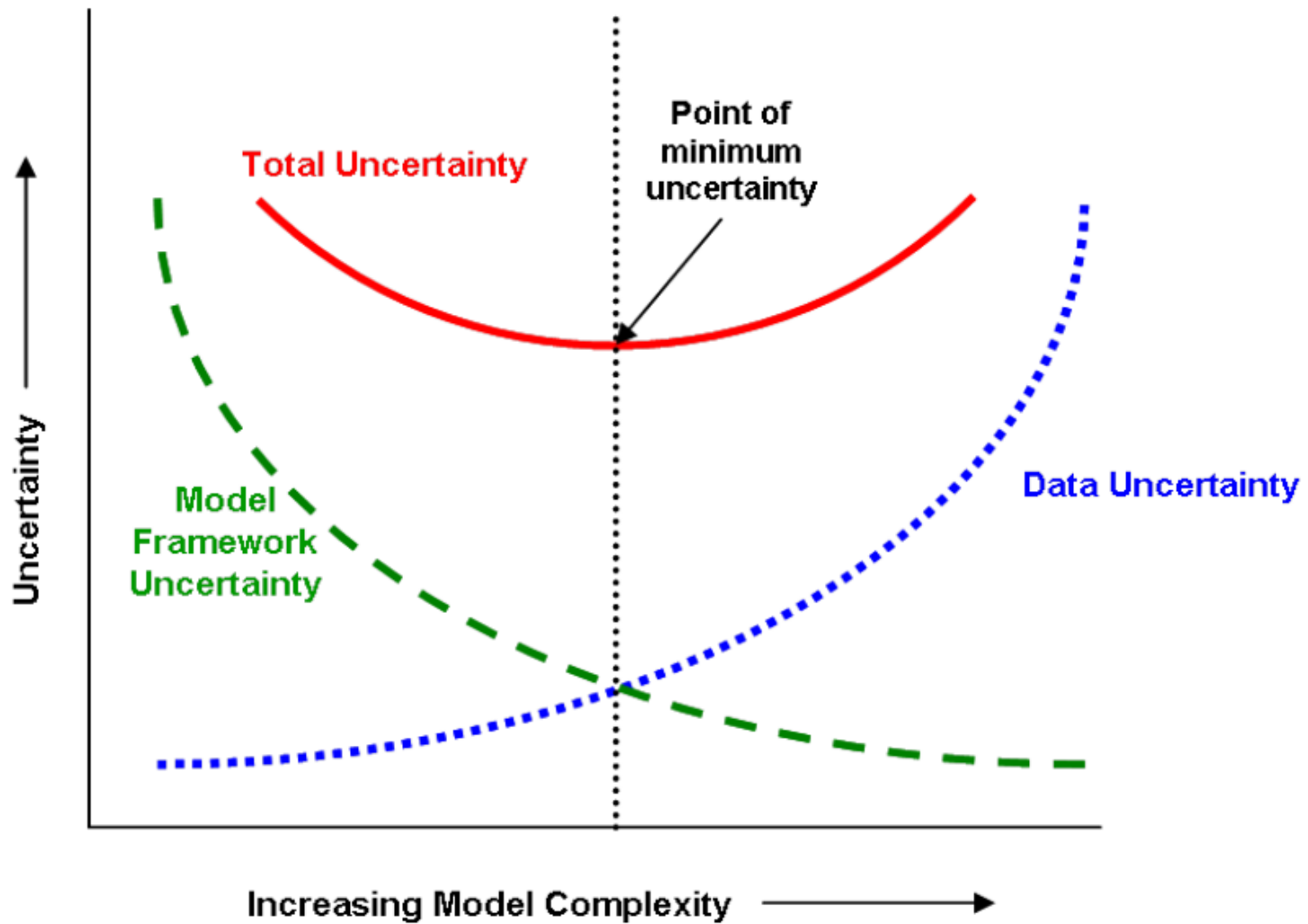
Keep it Simple!!



Include Everything!!!

Main Prediction of the Watershed Model for decision support

- Change in Anthropogenic Load
 - BMPs
 - WWTP
 - Land use Change
 - Response to Change in inputs
- How to keep it simple and include everything?



Relationship between model framework uncertainty and data uncertainty, and their combined effect on total model uncertainty. Application niche uncertainty would scale the total uncertainty. Adapted from Hanna (1988) and EPA (2009a).

Phase 6 Model Structure

Average Load + Δ Inputs * Sensitivity

Land Use Acres

BMPs

Land to Water

Stream Delivery

River Delivery

Direct Loads

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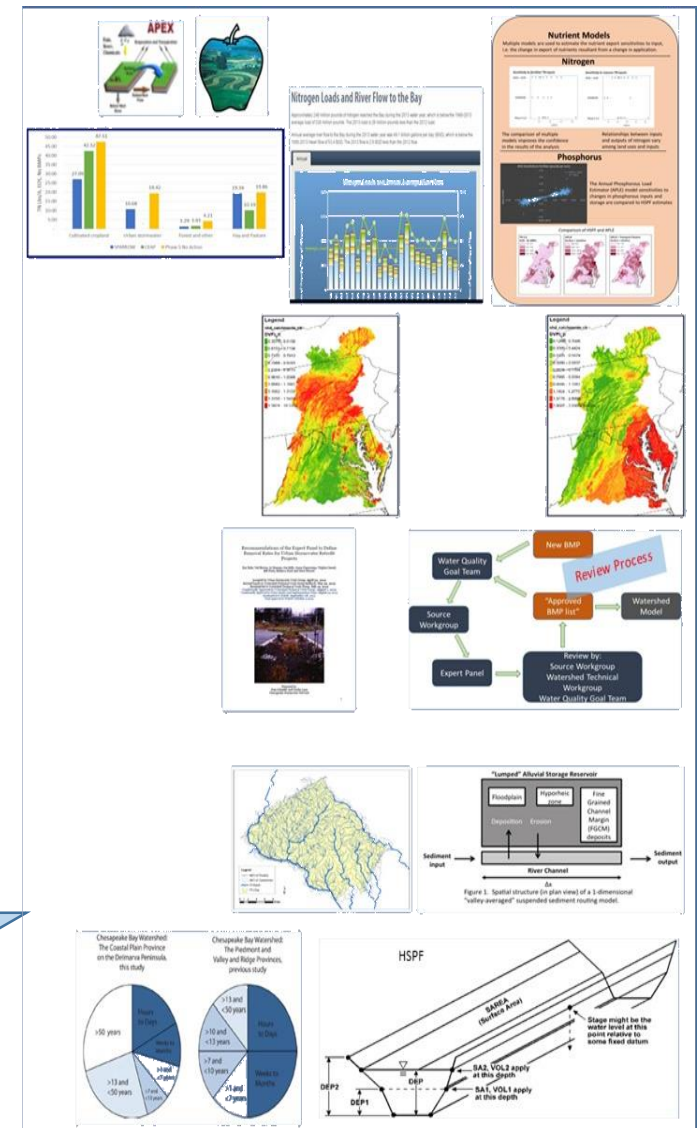
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Phase 6 Model Documentation

Section 1:
Overview

Section 2:
Ave Load

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Section 3:
Inputs

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Section 4:
Sensitivity

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Section 5: Land Use

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Section 6: BMPs

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Section 7: Land to Water

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Section 9: Stream Delivery

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Section 10: River Delivery

Section 14:
References

Section 8:
Direct Loads

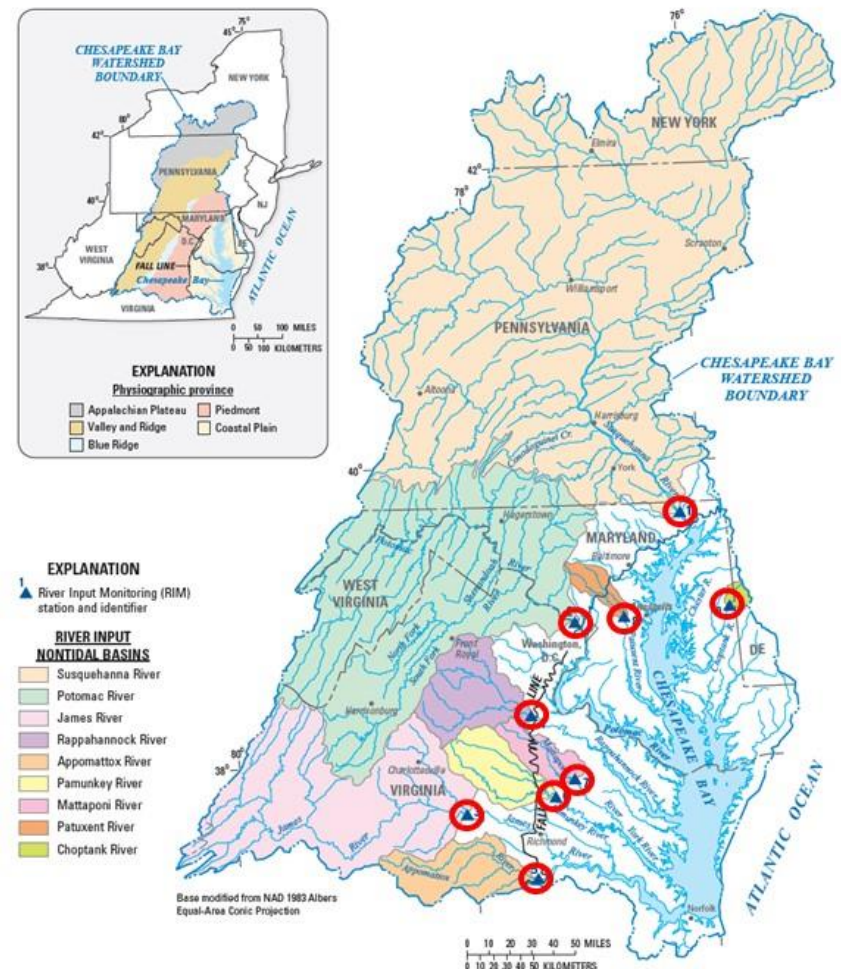
Section 11:
Physical Setting
Section 12:
Applications
Section 13:
Reviews

Average Loads

Average Loads – Average edge-of-small-stream loading rate for a given land use for the entire CB watershed

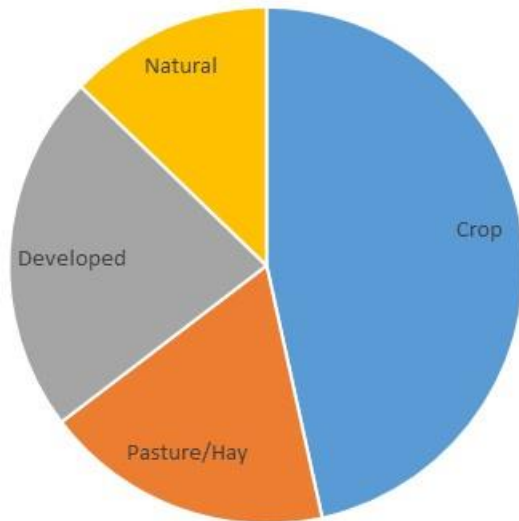


Estimate Total Non-point Source
Modeling Workgroup



Average Loads

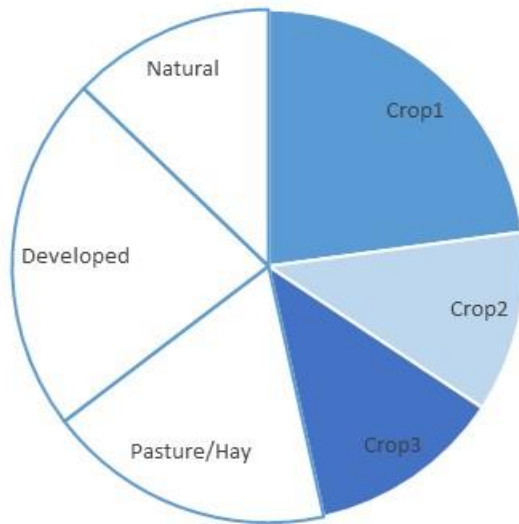
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Divide into Broad Classes
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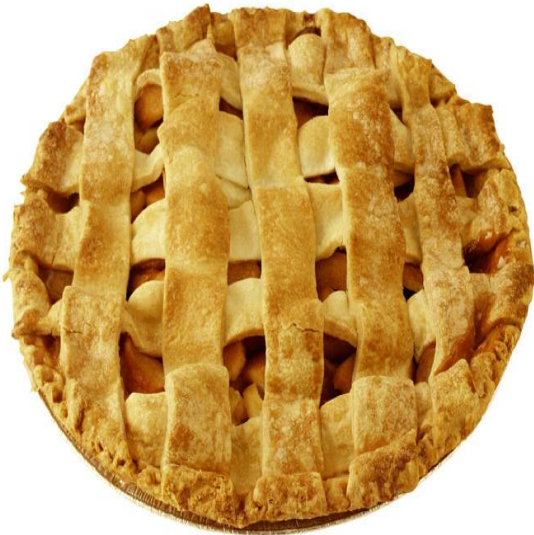
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WQGIT Workgroups

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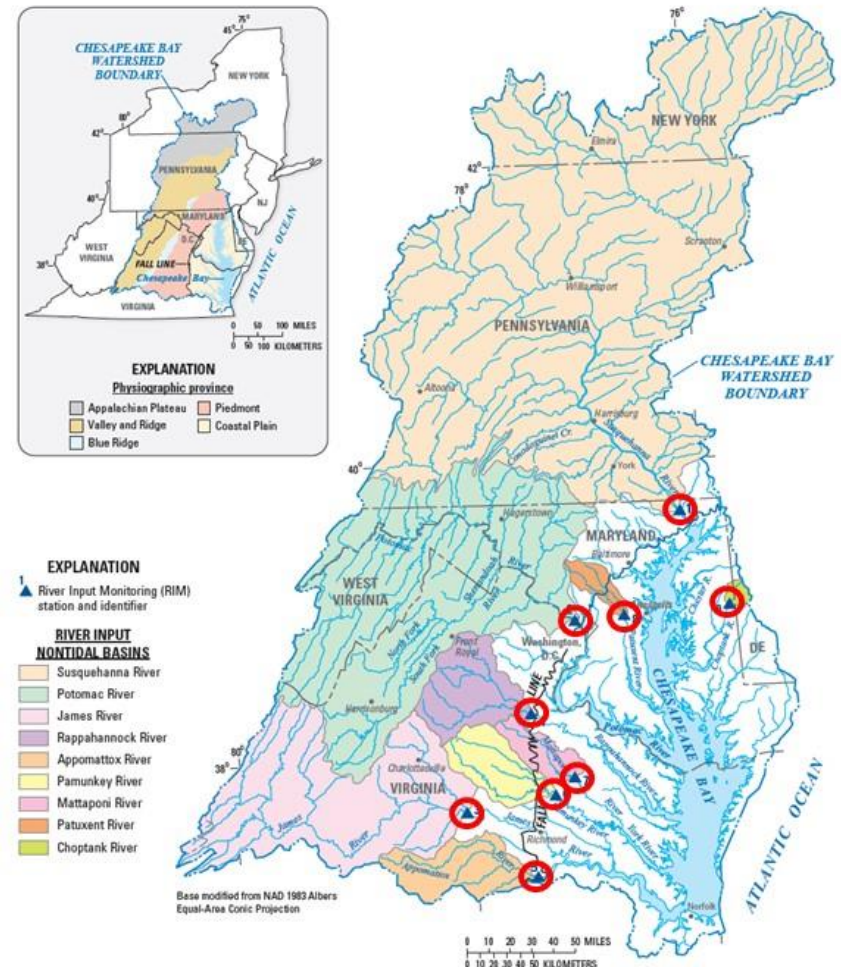


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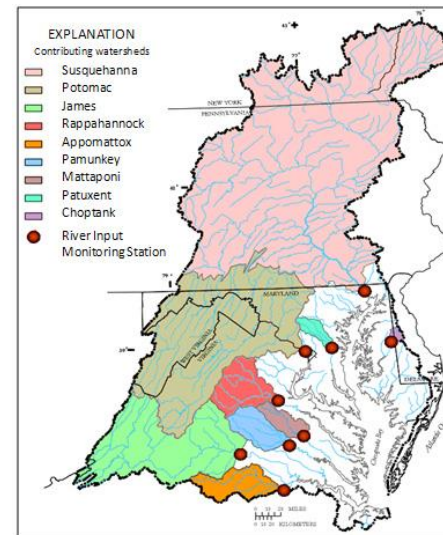
Monitoring Data

subtract point source
divide by transport



Watershed Land Loads

- Monitored loads at RIM stations 1990-2014, averaged
- Subtract out:
 - BMP effects
 - River attenuation effects
 - Waste water
 - Animal feeding space
 - Riparian pasture direct deposition
 - Atmospheric deposition to water
 - Septic
 - Rapid infiltration basins
 - Small stream attenuation effects
- Leaves edge-of-stream loads to distribute to land

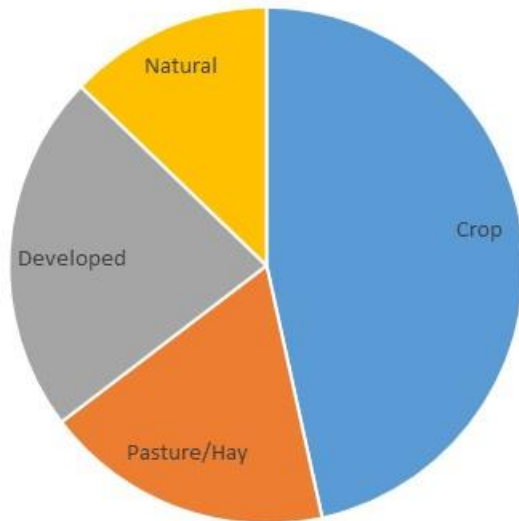


Draft Phase 6 Values

Component	Total Nitrogen		Total Phosphorus	
	Factor (%) or Amount (million pounds per year)	Load (million pounds per year)	Factor (%) or Amount (million pounds per year)	Load (million pounds per year)
Monitored Load at Rim Stations	NA	210.3	NA	13.8
BMP Effects Removed	15.6	226.5	1.5	15.3
River Attenuation Removed	74.7%	270.6	86.9%	19.3
Wastewater Removed	30.8	239.8	5.2	14.1
Animal Feeding Space Removed	18.2	221.7	0.7	13.3
Riparian Pasture Deposition Removed	5.8	215.9	1.8	11.6
Atm. Deposition on Water Removed	6.5	209.4	0.2	11.3
Septic Systems Removed	5.9	203.5	NA	11.3
Rapid Infiltration Basin	0.1	203.5	0.002	11.3
Small Stream Attenuation Removed	89.3%	219.7	88.2%	10.0
Global Edge of Small Stream Load	NA	227.9	NA	12.8

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Multiple models

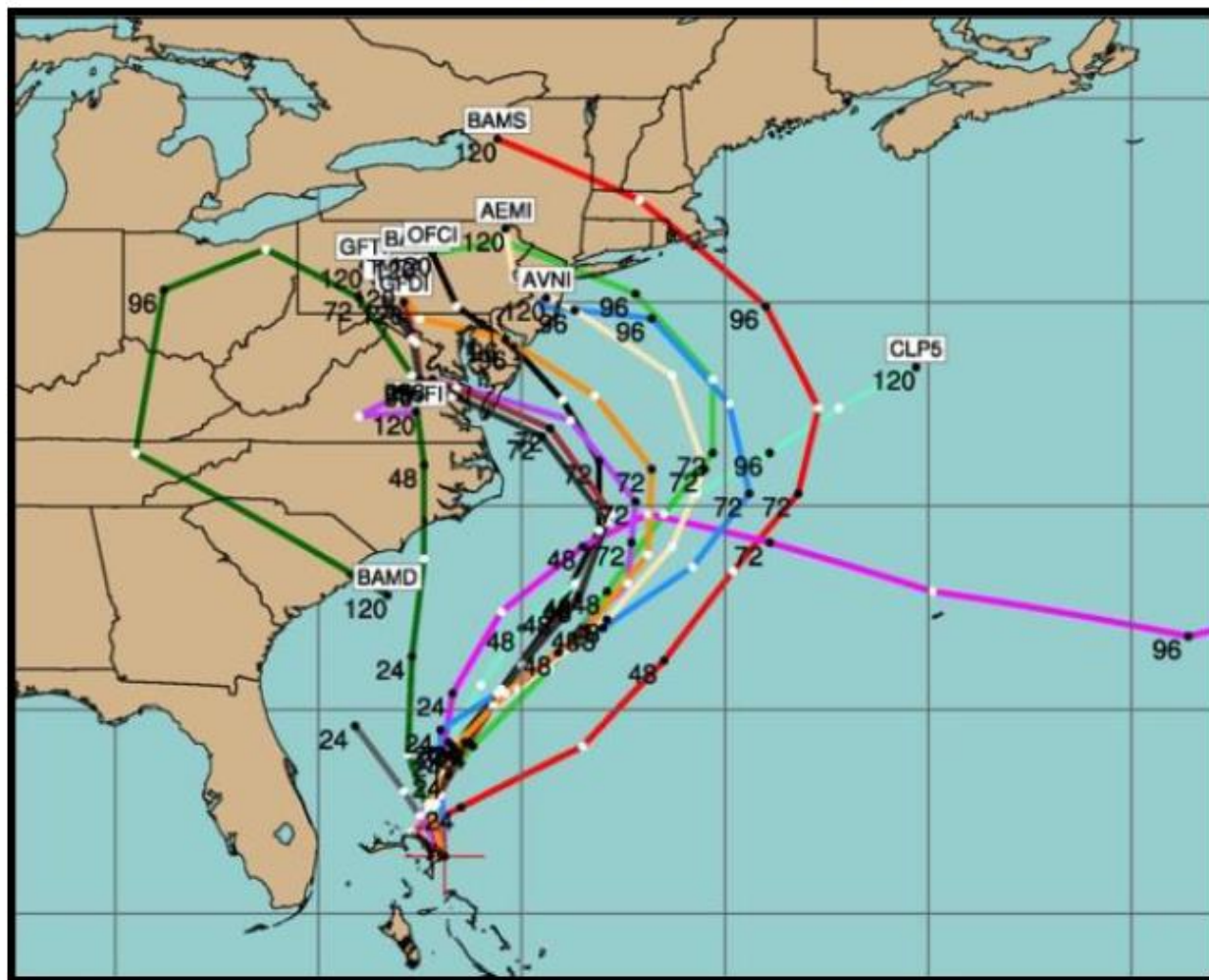
Phase 5.3.2

Sparrow

CEAP

STAC Guidance

Multiple Models for Management in the Chesapeake Bay



Use of Multiple Models for Nitrogen Export Rate

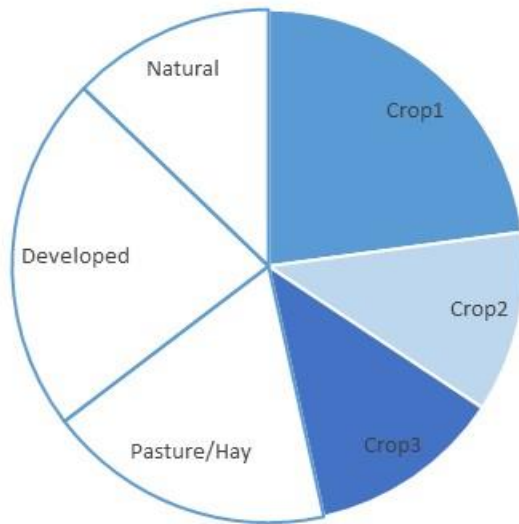
Land class	Crop	Pasture/Hay	Developed	Natural
Acres	2,620,895	4,535,321	2,690,480	21,458,991
P532 No BMP Loading Rate (pounds per acre per year)	47.51	14.95	16.80	4.21
CEAP Loading Rate (pounds per acre per year)	42.52	10.19	Not used	1.61
SPARROW Loading Rate with BMP effects removed (pounds per acre per year)	22.35	7.30	8.35	0.40
Average Ratio to Cropland Rate	1.00	0.29	0.36	0.05
Average Land class Loading Rate (pounds per acre per year)	38.22	11.22	13.90	1.84
Total Land class Load (million pounds per year)	100.16	50.88	37.39	39.45

Use of Multiple Models for Phosphorus Export Rate

Land class	Crop	Pasture/Hay	Developed	Natural
Acres above RIM stations	2,620,895	4,535,321	2,690,480	21,458,991
P532 Loading Rate (pounds per acre per year)	2.23	1.48	1.22	0.12
CEAP Loading Rate (pounds per acre per year)	3.12	1.29	Not used	0.10
SPARROW Loading Rate with BMP effects removed (pounds per acre per year)	0.94	0.22	0.34	0.06
Average Ratio to Crop Rate	1.00	0.44	0.46	0.05
Average Land class Loading Rate (phosphorus pounds per acre per year)	1.87	0.81	0.85	0.09
Total Land class Load (million pounds per year)	4.89	3.69	2.38	1.98

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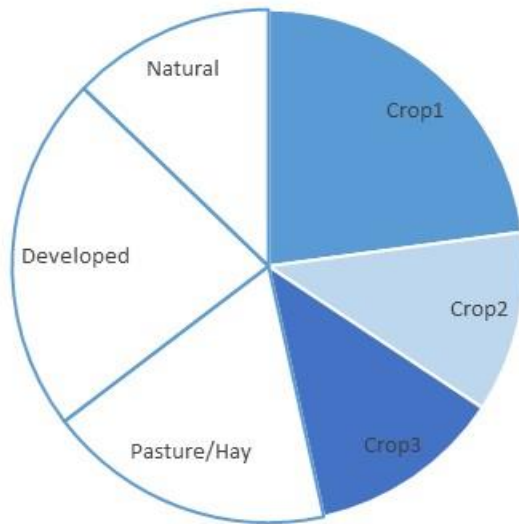
Split Classes into individual land uses

WQGIT Workgroups

Multiple lines of evidence to develop ratios

- for example silage is 16% higher than grain

Average Loads



Perform this process for all
nitrogen classes

Perform this process for
phosphorus in the developed and
natural land classes

Split classes into individual land uses – Crop Nitrogen

Land class	Land Use	Acres	Loading Rate Ratio	Loading Rate (lb/ac/yr)
Cropland	Double Cropped Land	165,396	0.79	30.87
	Full Season Soybeans	282,456	0.71	27.74
	Grain with Manure	389,811	1.4	54.7
	Grain without Manure	451,318	1	39.07
	Other Agronomic Crops	417,838	0.45	17.58
	Silage with Manure	392,156	1.62	63.3
	Silage without Manure	69,204	1.16	45.33
	Small Grains and Grains	291,677	0.84	32.82
	Specialty Crop High	35,525	1.34	52.36
	Specialty Crop Low	125,509	0.31	12.11

Split classes into individual land uses – Crop Nitrogen

Land class	Land Use	Acres	Loading Rate Ratio	Loading Rate (pounds per acre per year)
Pasture	Ag Open Space	140,316	0.43	5.07
	Legume Hay	728,148	0.74	8.72
	Other Hay	1,294,306	1.04	12.26
	Pasture	2,372,549	1	11.78

Split classes into individual land uses – Crop Nitrogen

Land class	Land Use	Acres	Loading Rate Ratio	Loading Rate (pounds per acre per year)
Developed	Buildings and Other	39,580	0.81	18.08
	Construction	1,516	1.19	26.8
	Roads	10,849	1.02	22.87
	Tree Canopy over Impervious	4,466	0.91	20.49
	Tree Canopy over Turfgrass	15,934	0.38	8.53
	Turf Grass	29,800	0.5	11.19

These rates apply across the three management categories of Non-regulated, MS4, and Combined Sewer

Split classes into individual land uses – Crop Nitrogen

Land class	Land Use	Acres	Loading Rate Ratio	Loading Rate (pounds per acre per year)
Natural	CSS Forest	25,062	1	1.68
	CSS Mixed Open	11,193	1.46	2.45
	Harvested Forest	264,474	7.07	11.88
	Headwater or Isolated Wetland	350,820	1	1.68
	Mixed Open	895,240	1.46	2.45
	Non-tidal Floodplain Wetland	397,778	1	1.68
		19,550,675		
	True Forest		1	1.68

Split classes into individual land uses – Crop Phosphorus

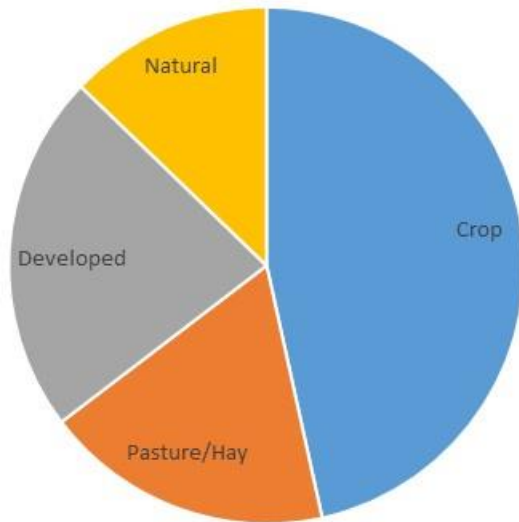
Target Land class	Land Use	Acres	Loading Rate Ratio	Loading Rate (pounds per acre per year)
Developed	Buildings and Other	39580	0.83	0.69
	Construction	1516	3.89	3.21
	Roads	10849	1.04	0.86
	Tree Canopy over Impervious	4466	0.91	0.75
	Tree Canopy over Turfgrass	15934	0.79	0.65
	Turf Grass	29800	1.04	0.86

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	Headwater or Isolated Wetland	350820	1	0.08
	Mixed Open	895240	5.69	0.43
	Non-tidal Floodplain Wetland	397778	1	0.08
	True Forest	19550675	1	0.08

Average Loads



The Agricultural Land Use Loading Rate Subgroup determined that the phosphorus export rate for cropland and pasture land uses is a function of the soil P storage and landscape properties rather than land use.

Split classes into individual land uses – Crop Phosphorus

Target Land class	Land Use	Acres	Loading Rate Ratio	Loading Rate (pounds per acre per year)
Cropland	Double Cropped Land	165396	1*	1.87*
	Full Season Soybeans	282456		
	Grain with Manure	389811		
	Grain without Manure	451318		
	Other Agronomic Crops	417838		
	Silage with Manure	392156		
	Silage without Manure	69204		
	Small Grains and Grains	291677		
	Specialty Crop High	35525		
	Specialty Crop Low	125509		

At the direction of the Agriculture Land Use Loading Rate Subgroup, the entire crop category was treated as a single unit. The weighted average of all crop types is 1.87 lbs/acre. They are differentiated by inputs and sensitivities as described in sections 3 and 4.

Split classes into individual land uses – Crop Phosphorus

Target Land class	Land Use	Acres	Loading Rate Ratio	Loading Rate (pounds per acre per year)
Pasture	Ag Open Space	140316	1	.81
	Legume Hay	728148		
	Other Hay	1294306		
	Pasture	2372549		

Phase 6 Model Structure

Average Load + Δ Inputs * Sensitivity

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BMPs

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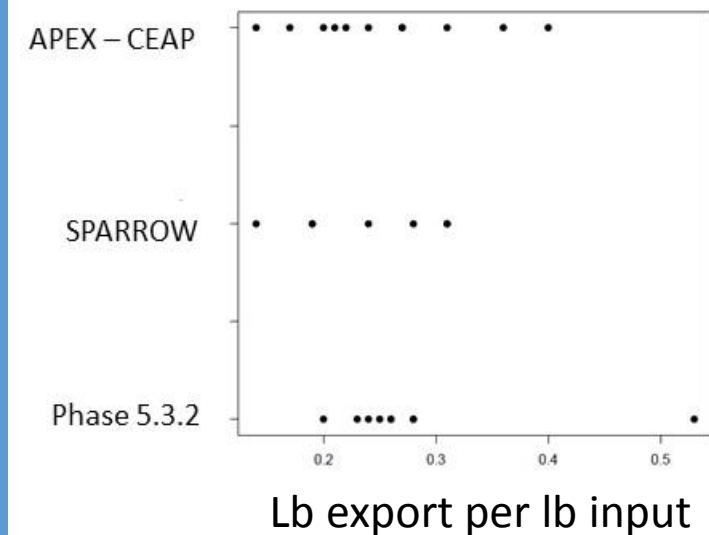
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Sensitivity

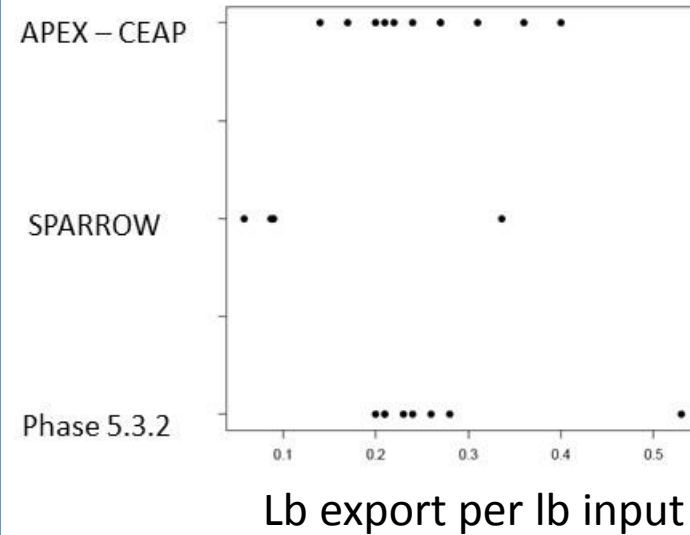
- **Sensitivity is defined as the change in export load per change in input load.**
- Absolute Sensitivity =
$$\frac{\text{Change in output}}{\text{Change in input}}$$
- Relative Sensitivity =
$$\frac{\text{Percent Change in output}}{\text{Percent Change in input}}$$

Nitrogen Sensitivity

Definition – Average Change in export per change in input



Commercial Fertilizer

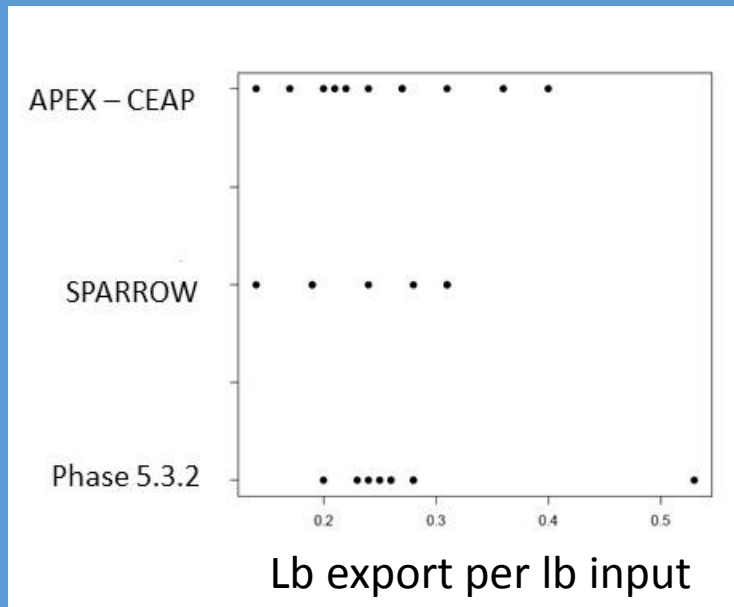


Manure

Multiple Model comparison – All in general agreement on the average effect

Nitrogen Sensitivity

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Modeling Workgroup Decision:

Use Phase 5.3.2 for global sensitivities

- Supported by CEAP and SPARROW results
- Answers the right question
 - **Change** in export per **change** in input
- No direct access to APEX-CEAP
- Sparrow had different land use classifications

Sensitivity Runs

- Use Phase 5.3.2
- Base scenario 1997 No Action
- Adjust: Fertilizer, Manure, Atdep, Crop Uptake, Fixation, and Crop Cover
- By: -60% -30% 0% +30% +60%
- Constituents: TN, NO₃, NH₃, and ORGN
- Land Uses
 - Hightill with manure
 - Hightill without manure
 - Hay without nutrients
 - Alfalfa
 - Pasture
 - Pervious developed
 - Impervious developed
 - Forest

Sensitivity of Phase 5 Hightill with Manure land use

	NH3	NO3	ORGN
Atmospheric Deposition	0.01	0.226	0.083
Fertilizer	0.018	0.19	0.073
Manure	0.005	0.067	0.104
Fixation	0.01	0.19	0.101
Crop Uptake	0	-0.057	0
Vegetative Cover	-0.012	0.012	-0.404

Sensitivities are modified according to relative loading rates

Adjust by load ratio => $\frac{\text{Phase 6 Grain with Manure}}{\text{P5.3.2 Hightill with Manure}} = 0.931$

Adjusted GWM = Hightill sensitivity * 0.931



Average Load + Δ Inputs * Sensitivity

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Average Load + Δ Inputs * Sensitivity

N Load from grain without manure =
54.7 + 0.262 * (fertilizer – 106) lbs
+ 0.297 * (atmospheric deposition – 13.2) lbs
- 0.053 * (uptake – 81.2) lbs
- 0.376 * (cover – 0.66) percent

Phase 6 Model Structure

Spatially differentiated by Transport
1/20/17 Webinar



BMPs



Land to Water



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STAC Guidance on Phosphorus

A Review of Agricultural P-dynamics in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Model



“...output from CBWM [indicated] major reductions in P losses from cropland on the Maryland Eastern Shore that seemed to be inconsistent with research findings and monitoring data in the region.”



STAC Recommendations [...]

- **Track drawdown and buildup of soil P reservoirs by segment as a source of P runoff**
- **Get better manure, fertilizer, application method, and soil P data**
- **Account for management (method, timing, tillage, etc)**

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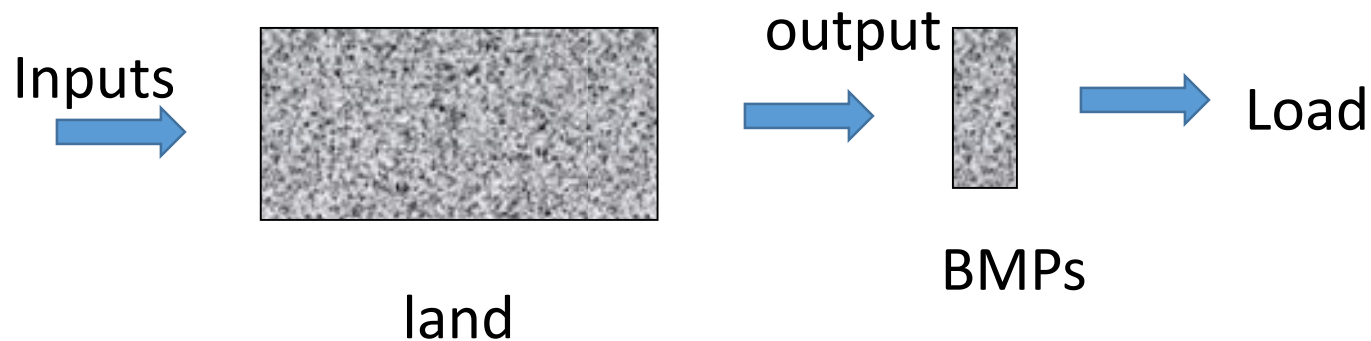
The State of the Science of Phosphorus

This symposium drew 350 attendees seeking to better understand the current state of science surrounding phosphorus transport, soil dynamics, legacies, modeling, and its impact on water quality. **Experts** on the science of phosphorus from across the country were featured on the **program**.

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Nitrogen Conceptual Model



1 lb reduction in fertilizer is about a quarter lb reduction in output

Phosphorus Conceptual Model

Phosphorus

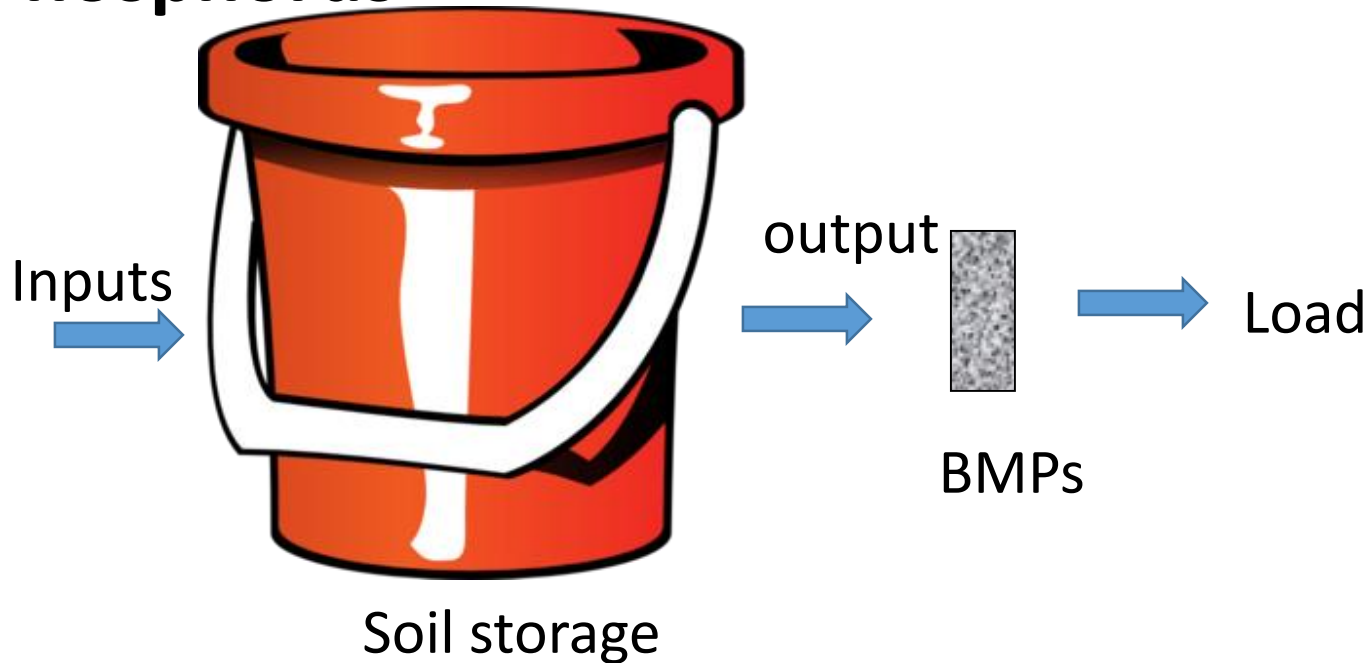
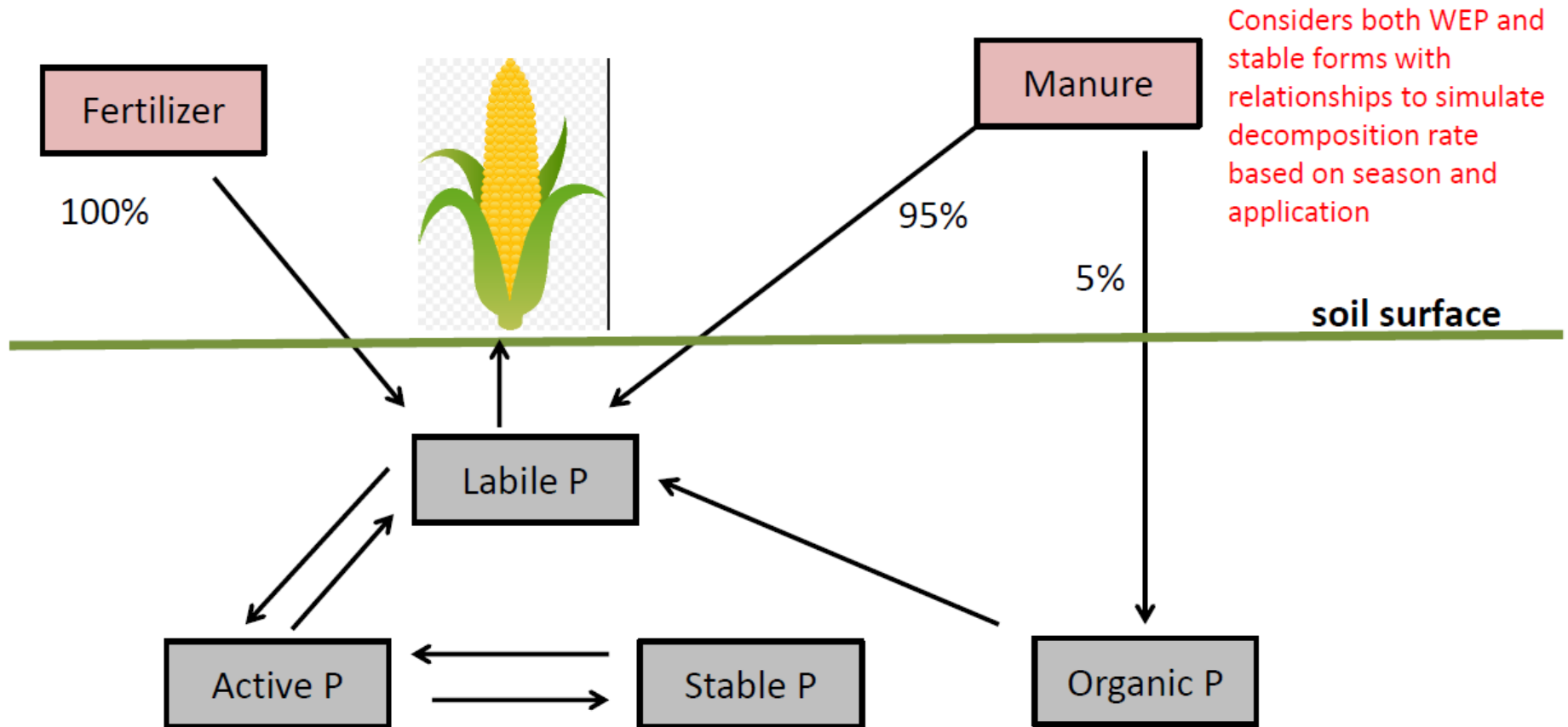


Diagram of APLE Nutrient Sources and Soil Pools



Equations to estimate Manure runoff P, Fertilizer runoff P, Sediment P loss, and Dissolved Soil P runoff

APPLE Hightill Landuse Sensitivities

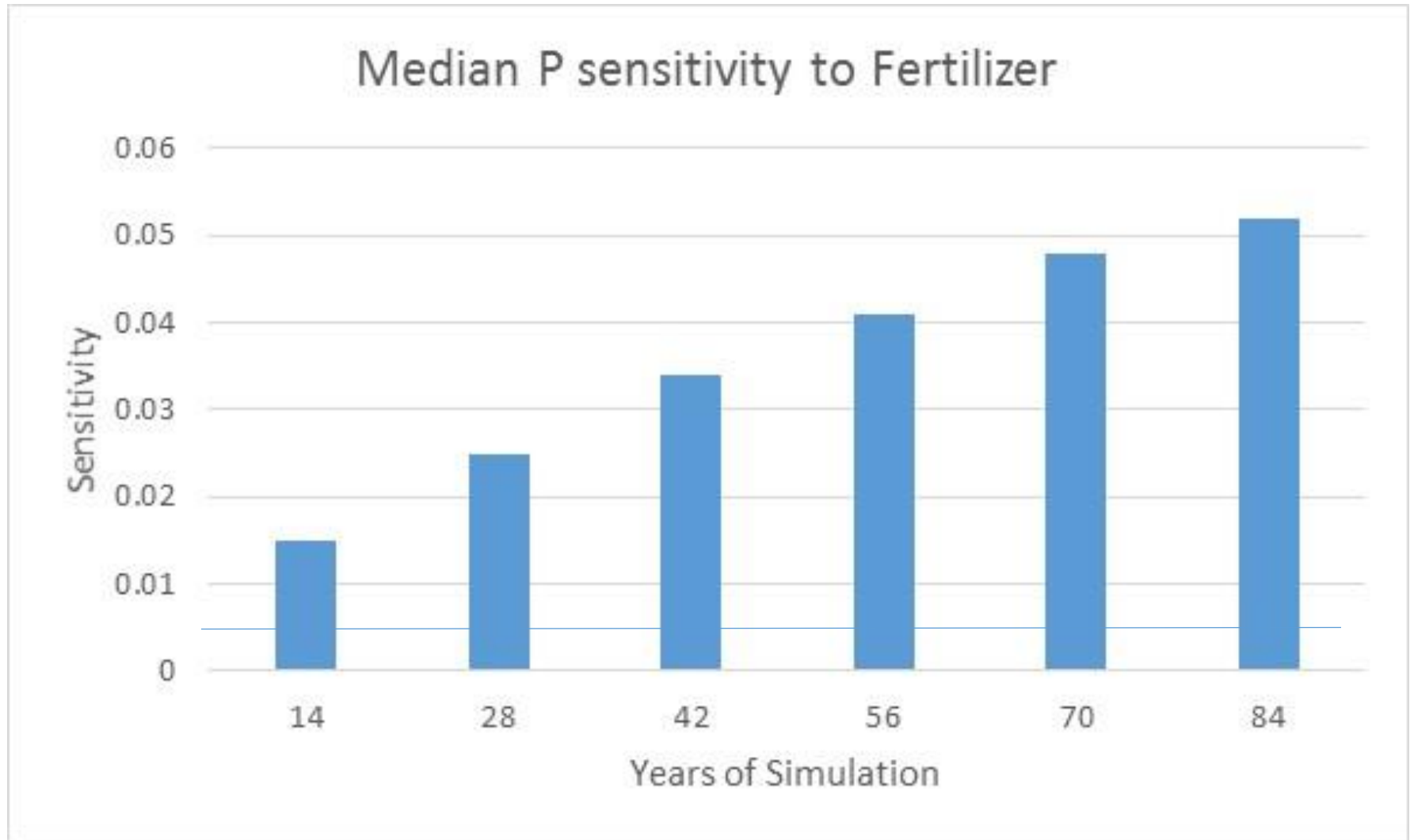
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Runoff	Inches	0.064	0.057	0.403	Moderately sensitive
Water Extractable P	lbs/acre	0.021	0.018	0.187	Slightly sensitive
Manure	lbs/acre	0.008	0.007	0.111	Slightly sensitive
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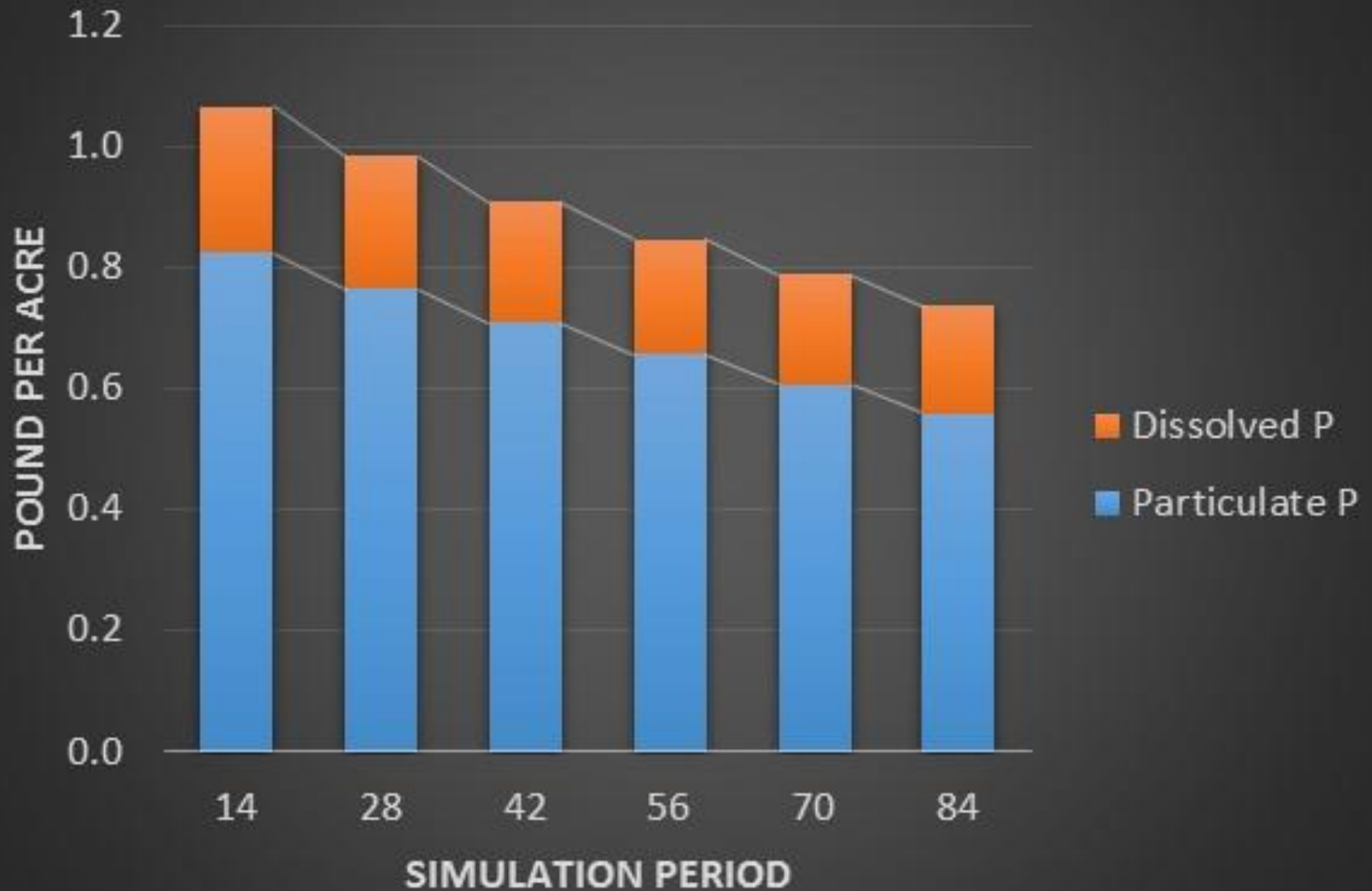
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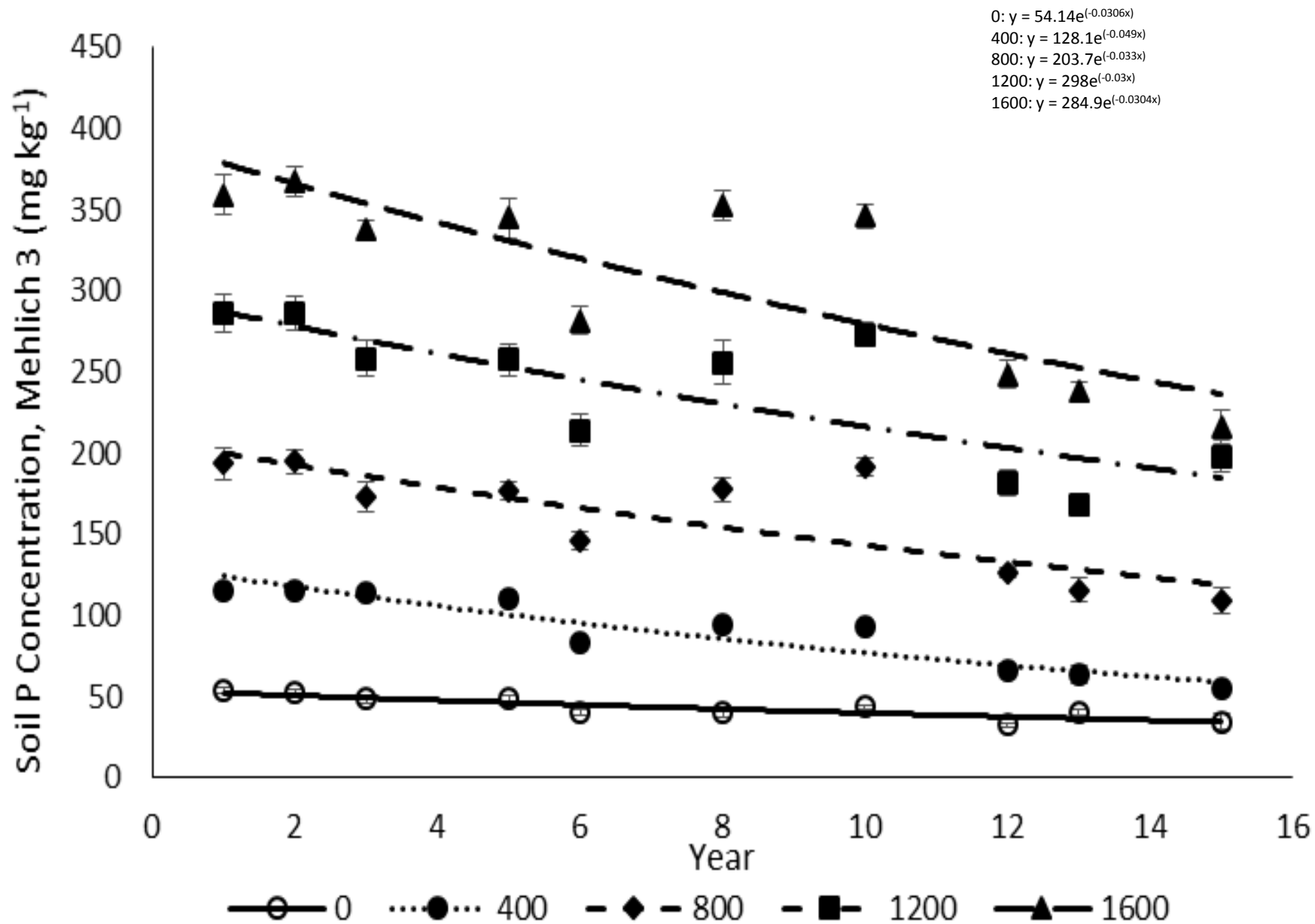
- Soil Storage
- Sediment Washoff
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 - Water Extractable P Applications
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 - Fertilizer
 - Uptake

Different Simulation Periods to Evaluate Sensitivities



Frederick VA – Phosphorus Loss



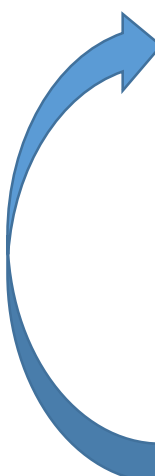


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**Soil Storage is the history of applications and uptake over time.
The current year's applications are not very important**

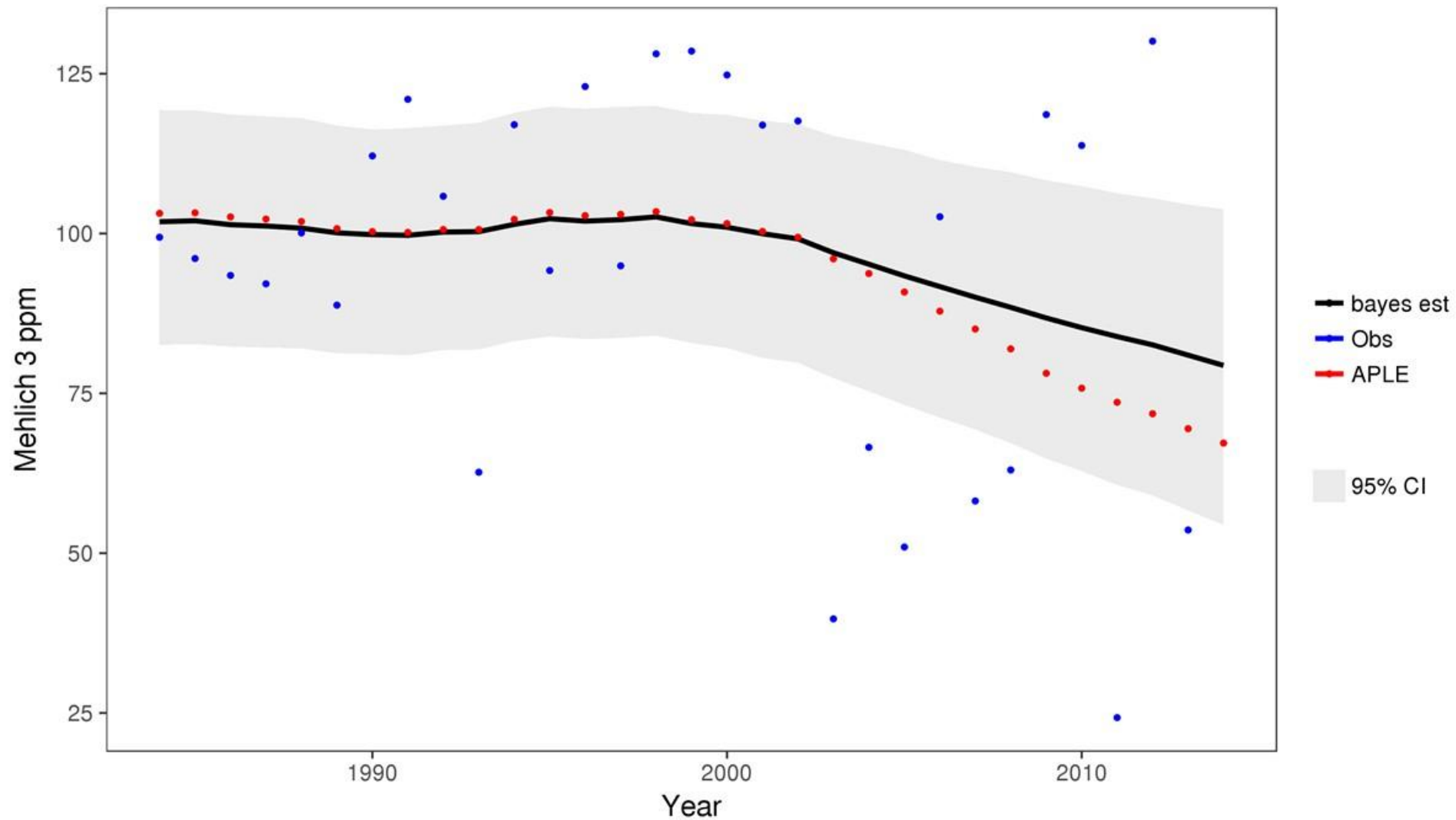
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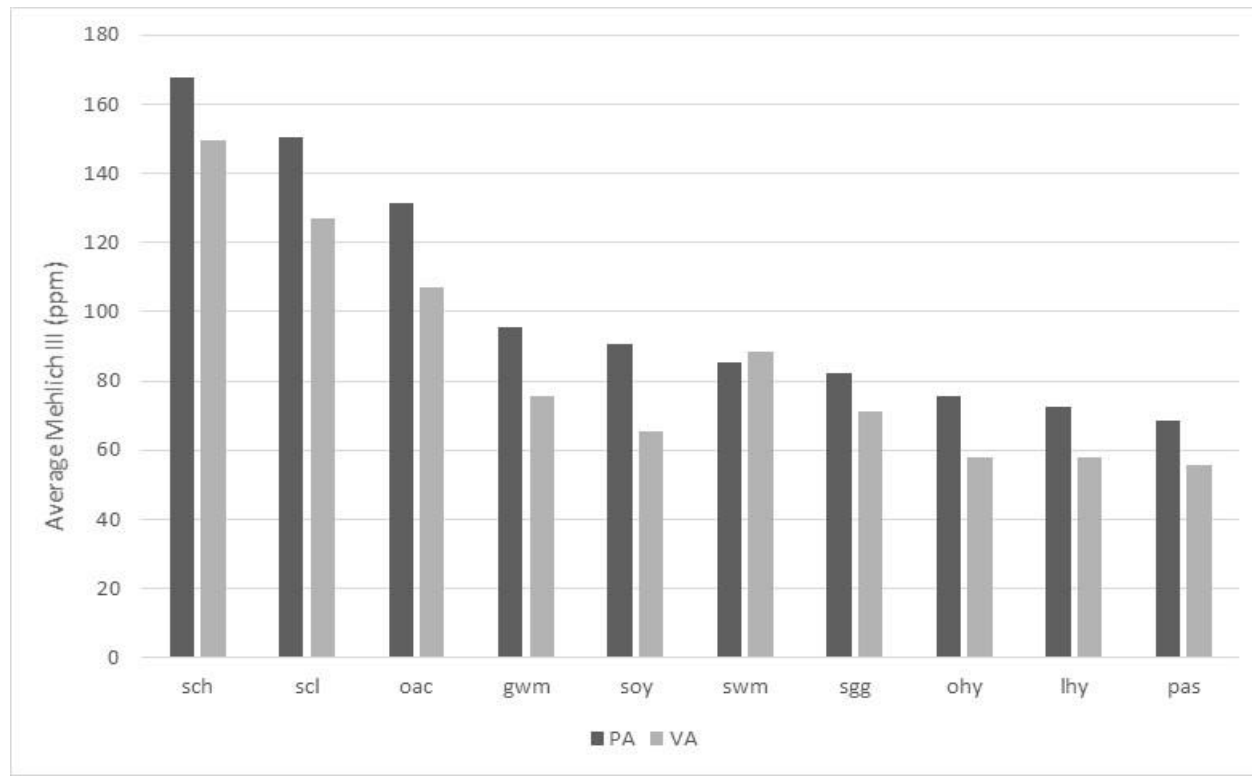
N24033 Est Soil History



Double Crops in Prince George's County, Maryland

Additional Notes for soil P

- Soil P is shared among major crops in a county to account for rotations
- Soil P for other ag land uses are set based on ratios derived from soil P data.



Additional Notes for P sensitivities

- Pasture sensitivities are set through a similar process with APLE
- The results are consistently lower, reflecting lower pasture loads.
- Runoff coefficients are relatively higher reflecting application methods

Non-Agricultural P sensitivities

- Sensitivities are little used as applications, sediment washoff, and stormwater runoff are not changed in scenarios generally
- Sensitivities supplied for developed based on the urban nutrient management panel recommendations
- Natural areas use scaled pasture sensitivities

Phase 6 Model Structure

Average Load + Δ Inputs * Sensitivity

Land Use Acres

BMPs

Land to Water

Stream Delivery

River Delivery

Direct Loads

Phase 6

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Average Load + Δ Inputs * Sensitivity

Sensitivities modified by phase 5 – phase 6 translation of 0.862

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Average Load + Δ Inputs * Sensitivity

P Load from grain without manure =
1.87 + 0.013 * (Mehlich – 98.2) ppm
+ 0.144 * (storm runoff - 6.73) inches
+ 0.049 * (sediment loss - 4.75) tons
+ 0.015 * (WEP – 14.3) lbs

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Phase 6 Model Structure

Spatially differentiated by Transport
1/20/17 Webinar



BMPs



Land to Water



Stream Delivery

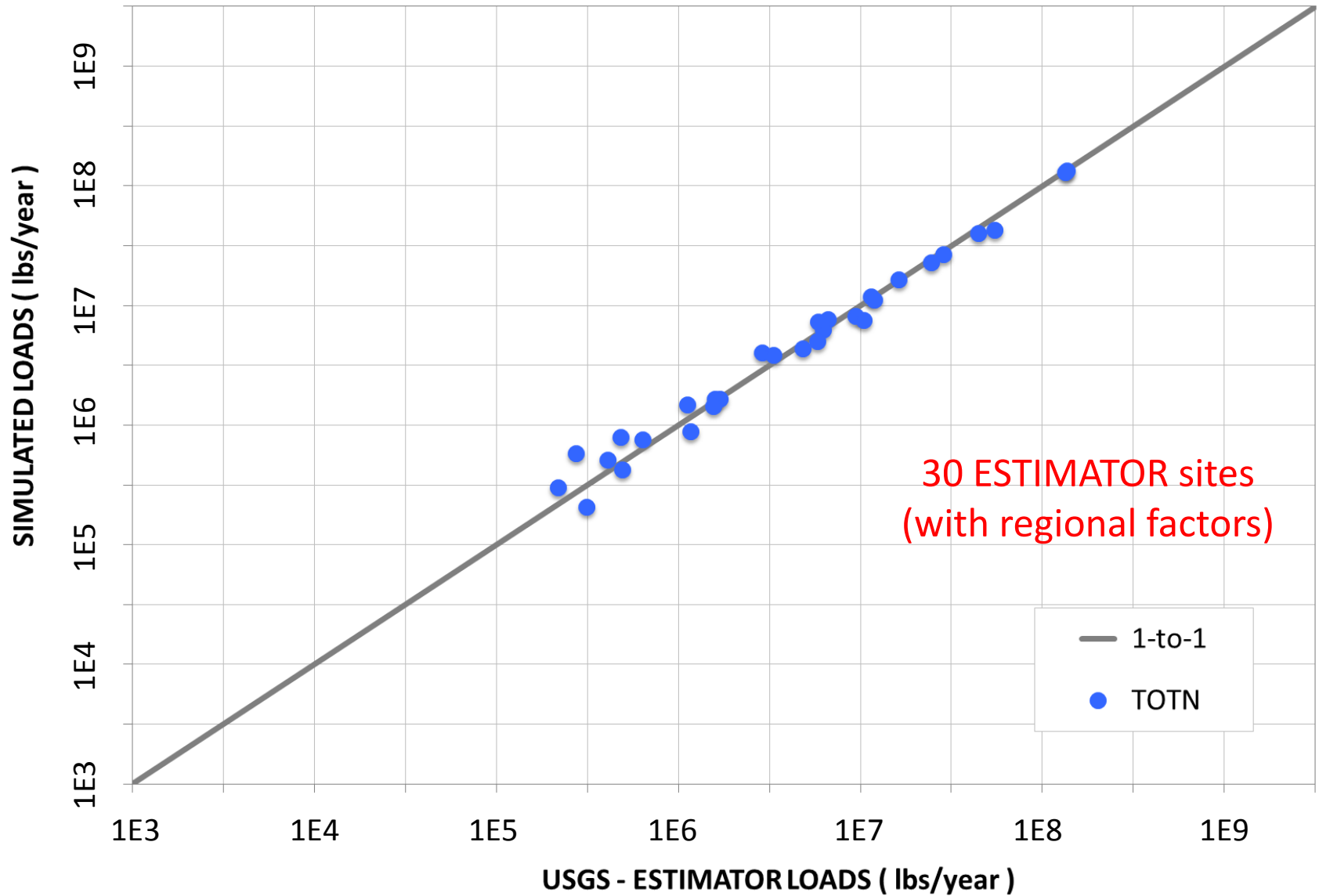


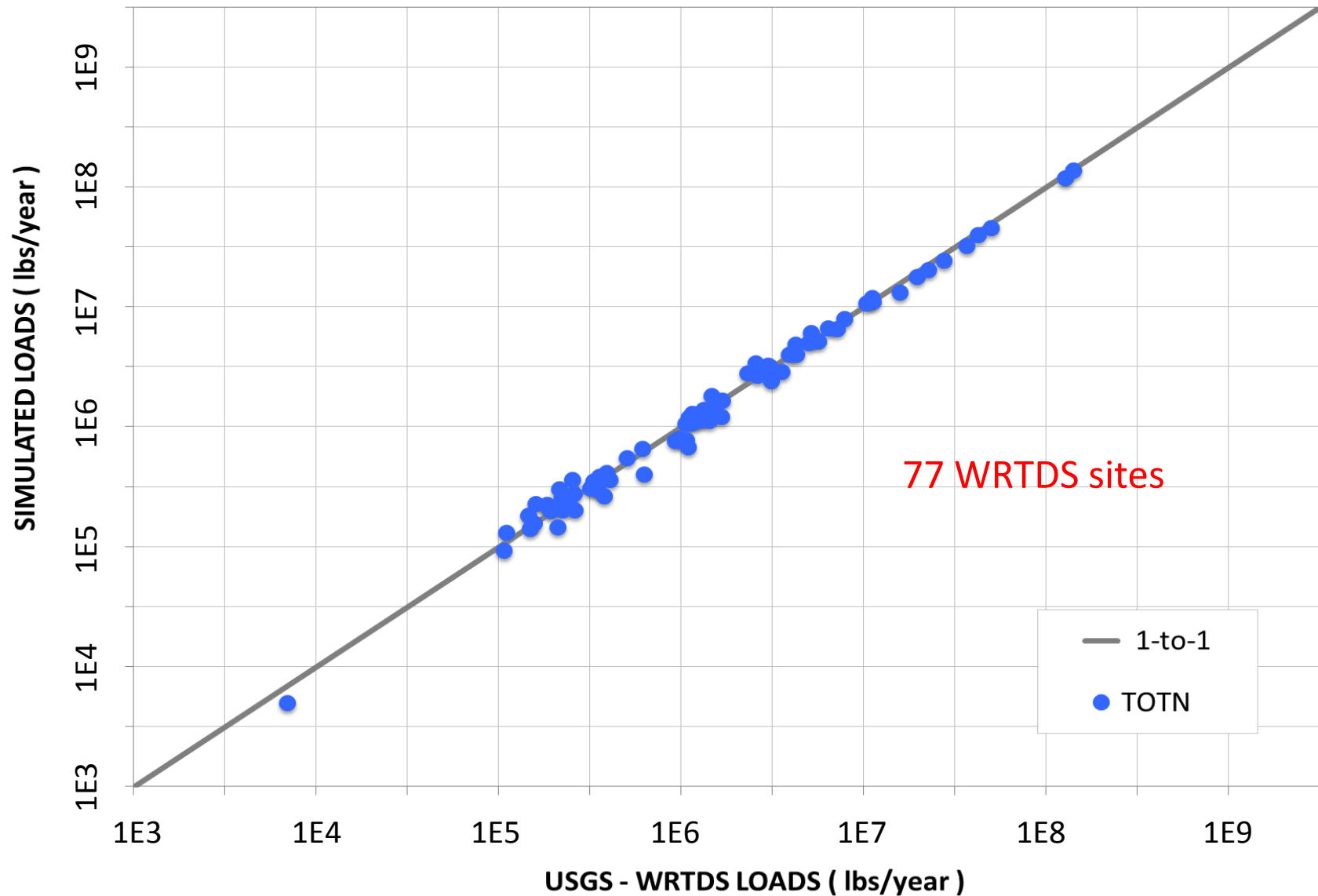
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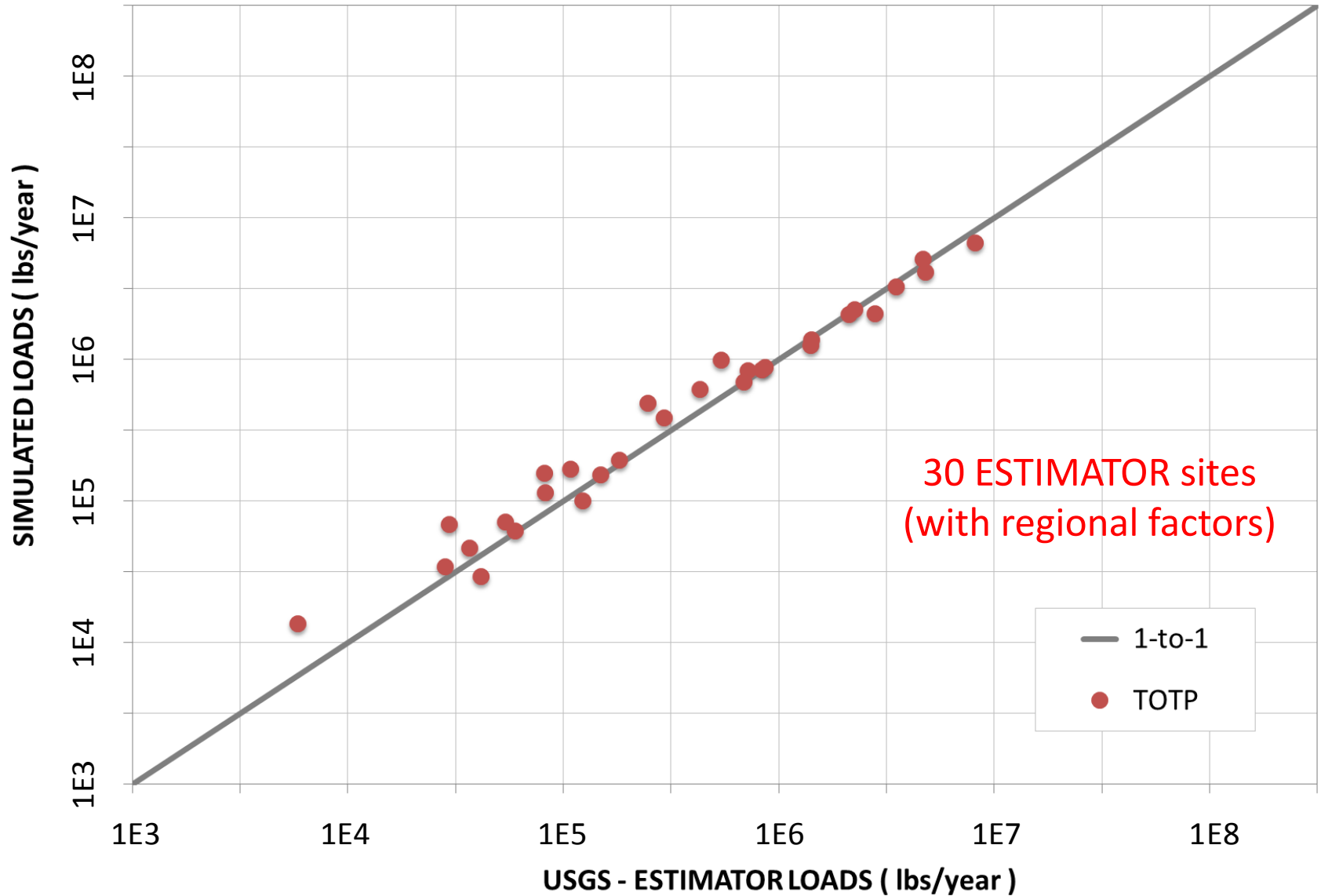
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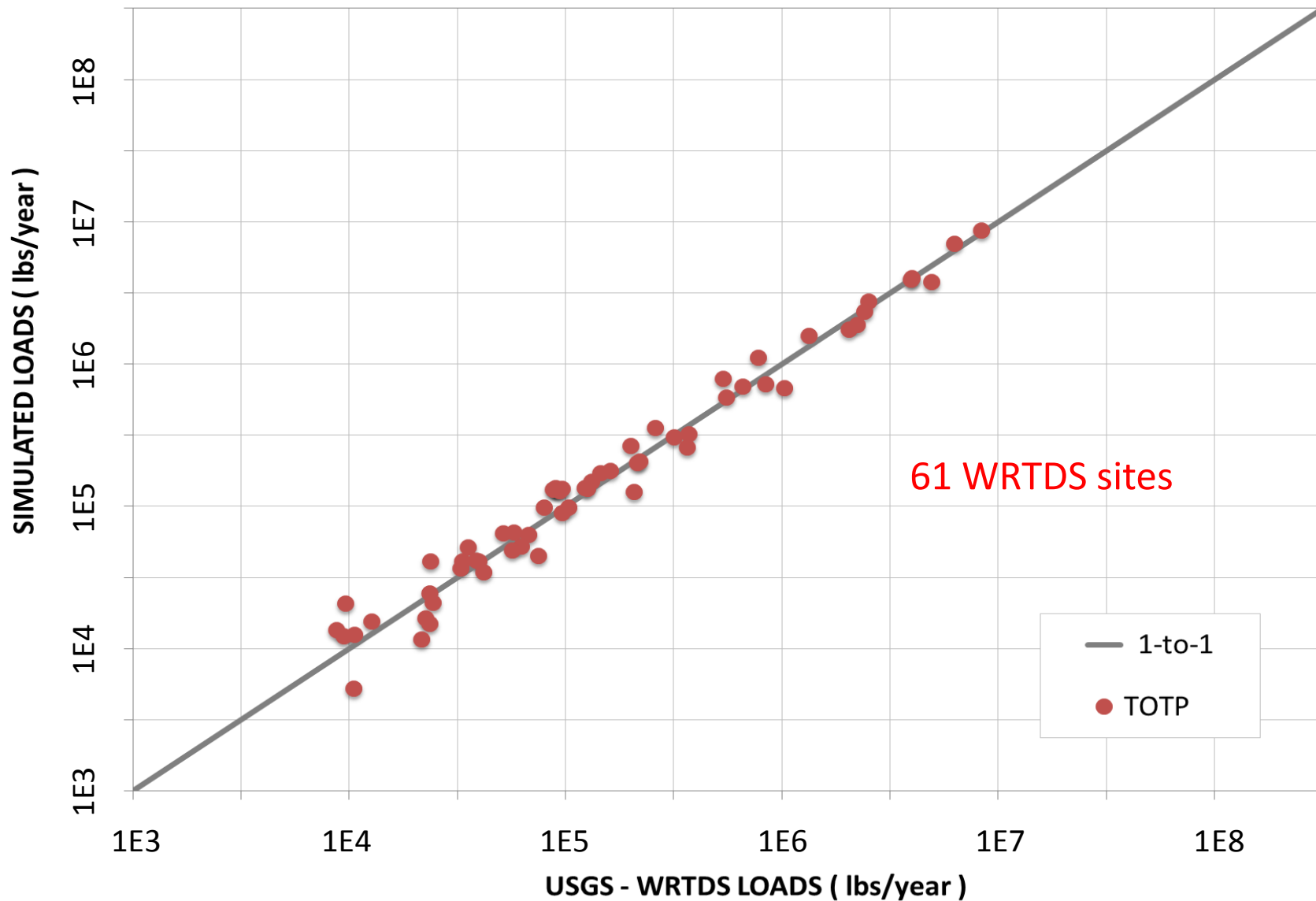
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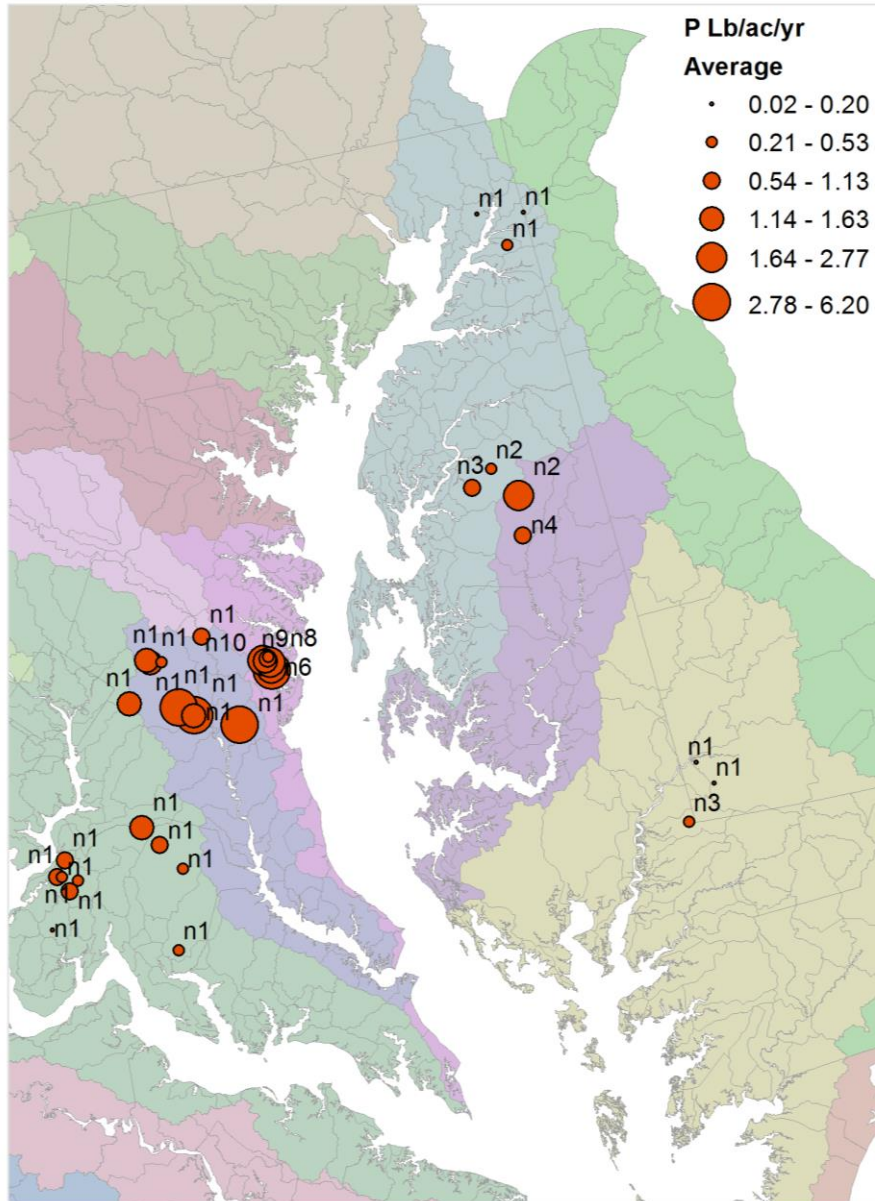




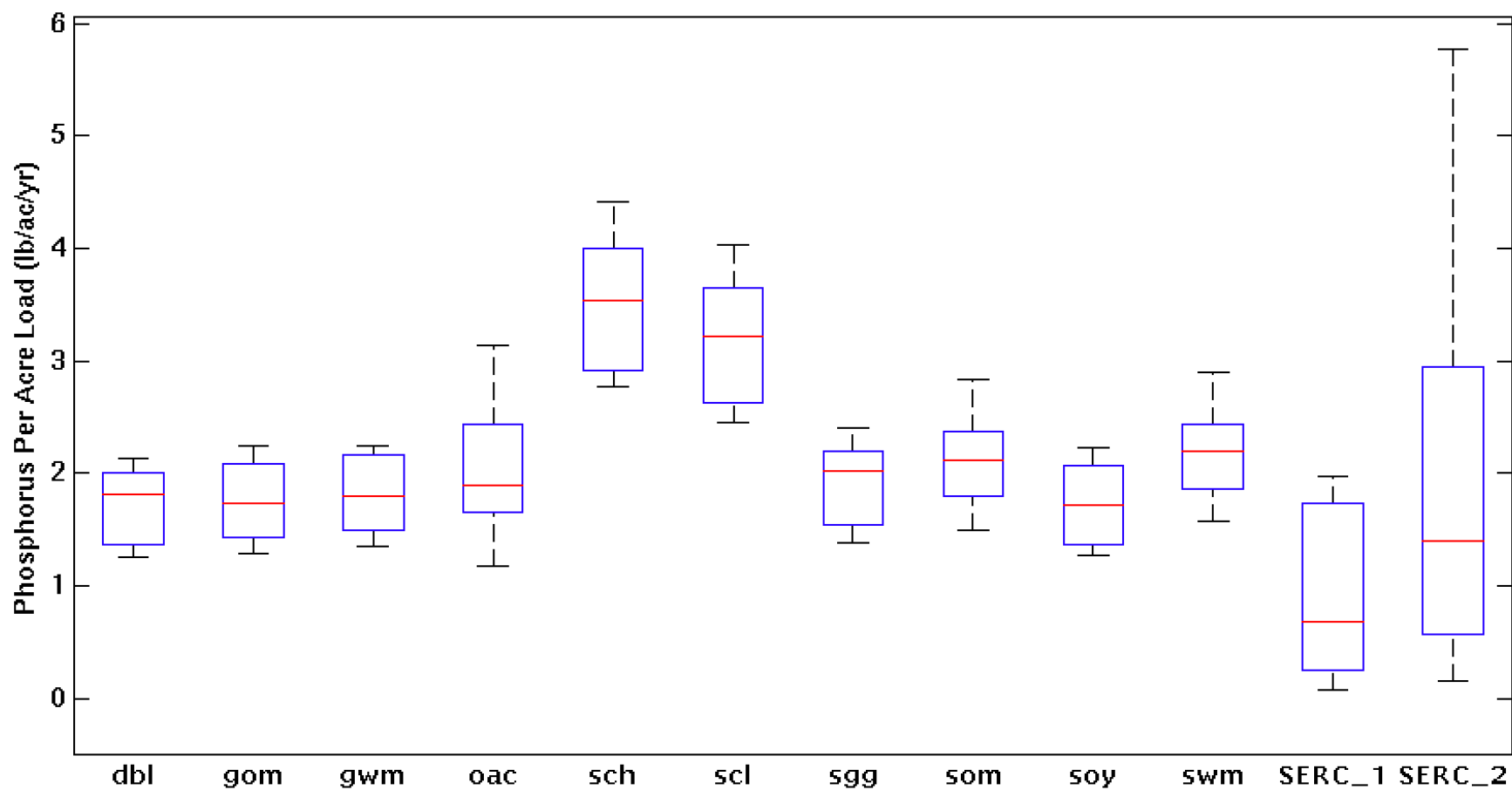




Annual Phosphorus Runoff



Major/Minor Basin	Nobs
Eastern Shore of Chesapeake Bay	19
Upper Eastern Shore	8
Middle Eastern Shore, including Choptank River	6
Lower Eastern Shore	5
Western Shore of Chesapeake Bay	71
Lower Western shore	71
Patuxent River Basin	9
Patuxent River below Bowie, Maryland	9
Potomac River Basin	10
Lower Potomac River, below Chain Bridge	10

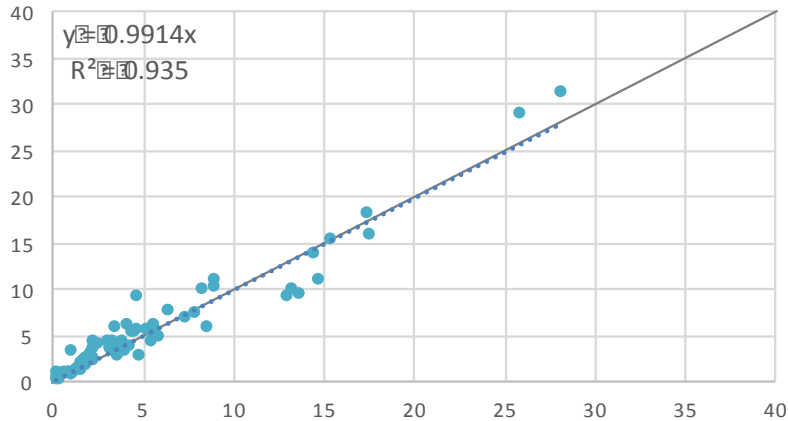


SERC_1 – phosphorus per watershed acres

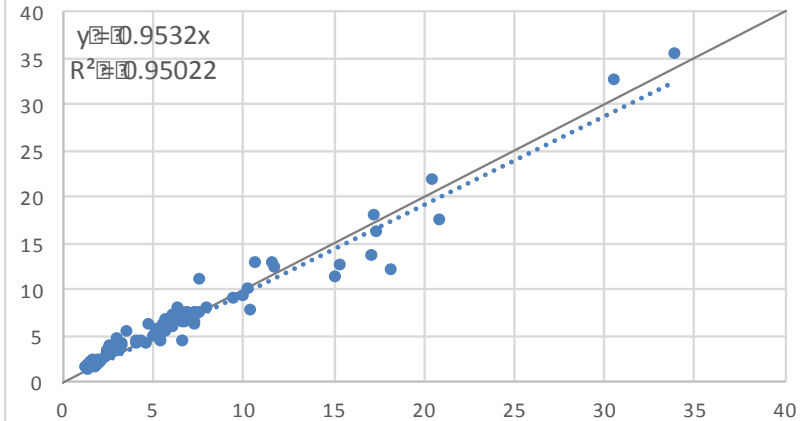
SERC_2 – phosphorus per non-natural acres

Draft Phase 6 – geographic efficiencies

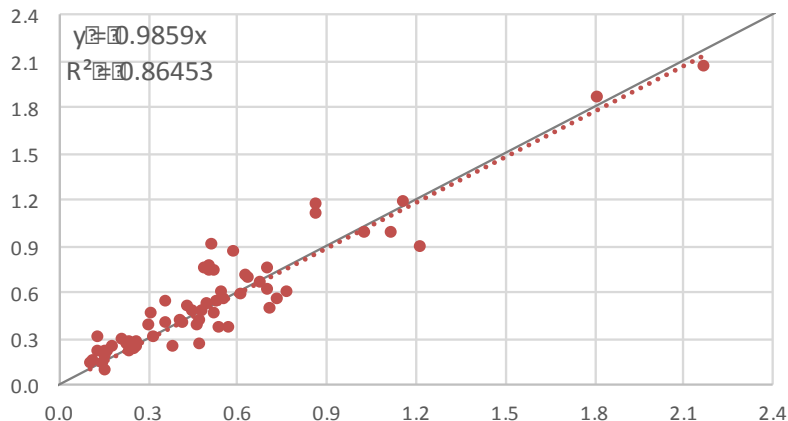
Nitrate Per Acre Load, $NSE = 0.9336$



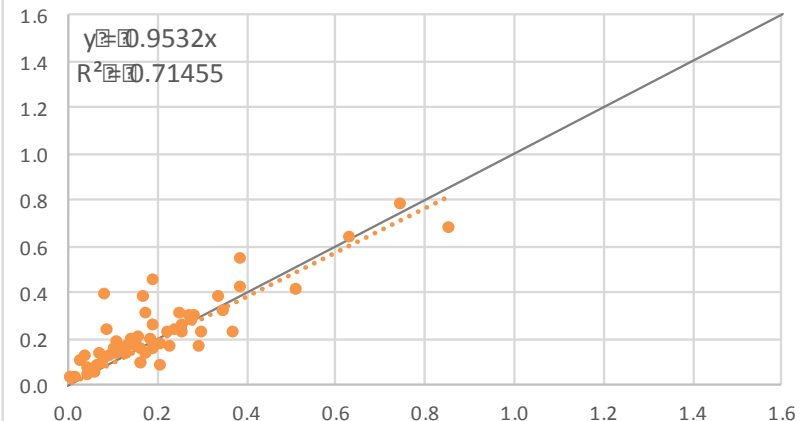
Nitrogen Per Acre Load, $NSE = 0.9483$



Phosphorus Per Acre Load, $NSE = 0.8657$



Sediment Per Acre Load, $NSE = 0.7428$



Simulated Per Acre Load

WRTDS Per Acre Load

Summary of geographic efficiencies

Constituents	Phase 5	Draft Phase 6
Nitrate	0.8284	0.9336
Nitrogen	0.8704	0.9483
Phosphorus	0.6321	0.8657
Sediment	-0.0770	0.7428

Summary

- The CBP partnership built the Phase 6 model using a simplified structure
- Load differences between land uses are based on multiple models and multiple lines of evidence and calculated from monitoring data
- Load differences within land uses are determined by differences in inputs multiplied by coefficients.
- The resulting model is better able to match spatial differences in monitored stream loads.

Access to Overview of the Integrated Air Watershed and Bay Models Webinar Recording

A recording of this webinar along with the presentation will be posted to the following page on the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership's website:

Phase 6 Model Overview Webinar Calendar Page:
<http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/25114/>

The final Phase 6 Webinar

Phase 6 Physical Transport Webinar

June 20, 2017 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Adobe Connect: <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/mpawebinars>

Webinar Calendar Page:

<http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/25116/>

Webinar Leads: [Gary Shenk](#) and [Gopal Bhatt](#)

This webinar will review in detail the processes of riverine and small stream transport as well as the attenuation of nutrient and sediment loads.

Questions and Answers Session

- To Ask a Question
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