THTF Involvement in Phase 7 Watershed Model Development

Timber Harvest Task Force

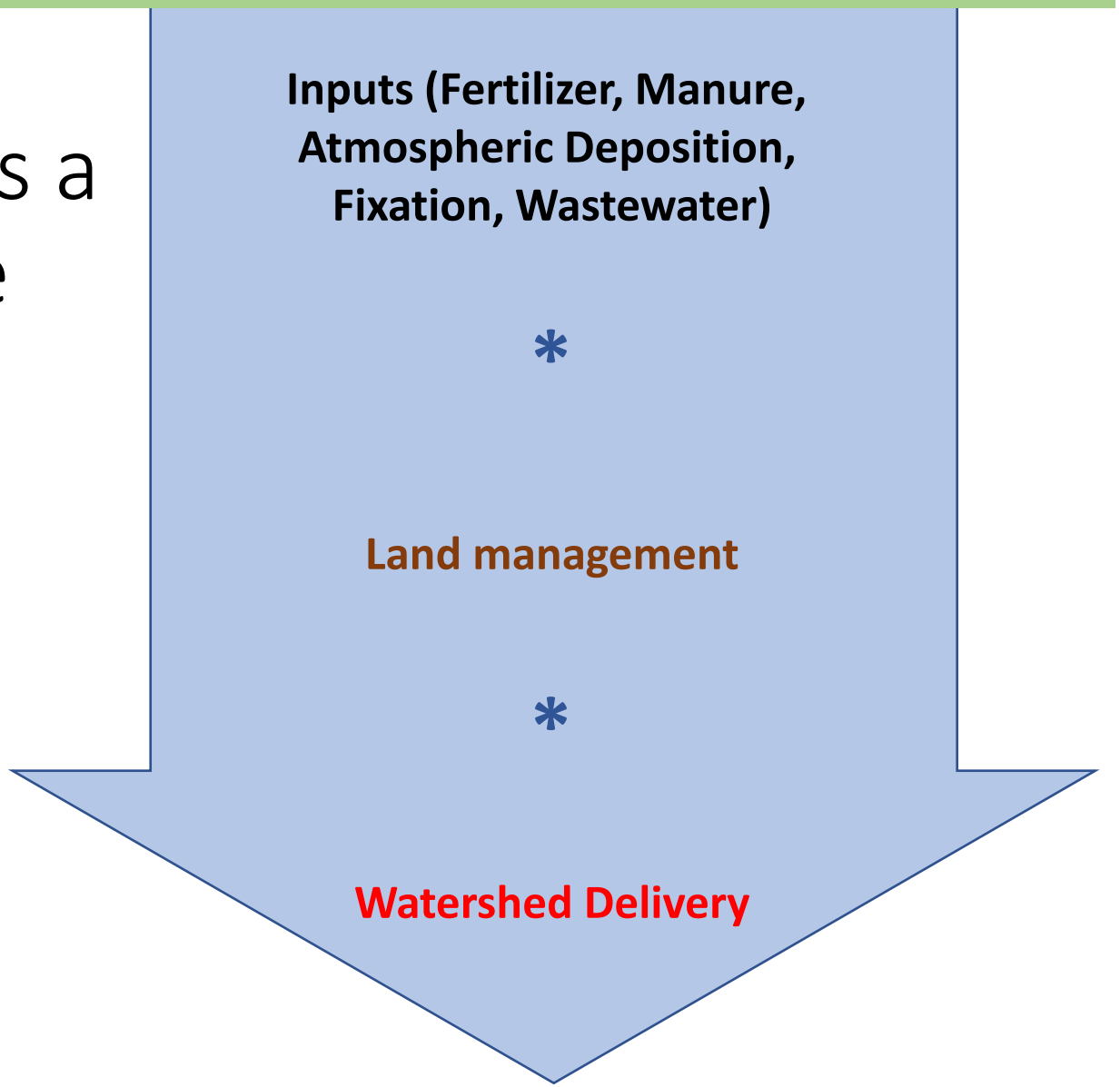
3/11/2024

Outline

- Background on Watershed Model
- Bay TMDL Summary
- Data ideals for management models
  - Consistency > Accuracy
  - Weather independent values > Actual values
- Timber Harvest Parameters

CAST Structure

CAST is a simple model



Load by land-river segment and land use

CAST is a simple model

CAST Structure

Inputs (Fertilizer, Manure, Atmospheric Deposition, Fixation, Wastewater)

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Land management

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Watershed Delivery

Load by land-river segment and land use

CAST Structure

Average Load

+

△ Inputs * Sensitivity

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BMPs

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Acres

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Land to Water

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River Delivery

Load by land-river segment and land use

CAST Structure

Illustrative example

Average Load

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Land to Water

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River Delivery

Average nitrogen load to stream for Harvested Forest watershed wide is 12 pounds per acre per year

Load by land-river segment and land use

CAST Structure

Illustrative example

Average Load

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Acres

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Land to Water

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River Delivery

Load by land-river segment and land use

Your area receives 16 lbs of atmospheric deposition while the watershed wide average is 10.

Each additional pound of atmospheric deposition results in 0.16 lbs of runoff

12 + (15-10) * 0.16 = 13 lbs/acre

CAST Structure

Illustrative example

Average Load

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BMPs

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Acres

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Land to Water

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River Delivery

BMPs are applied which give, in aggregate, a 8% reduction

13 * (1-8%) = 12 lbs/acre

Load by land-river segment and land use

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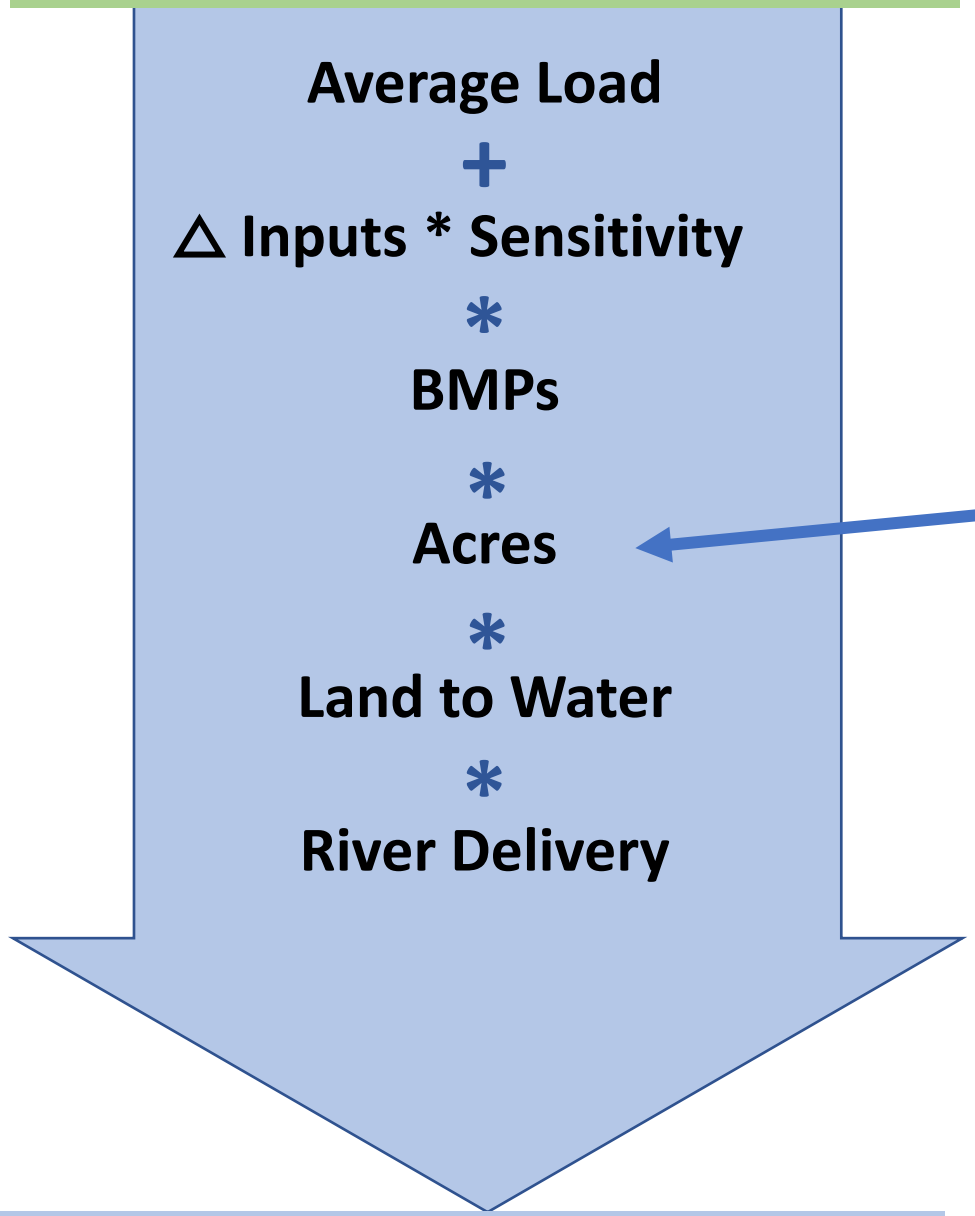

There are 100 acres of Harvested Forest in this segment

12 lbs/acre * 100 acres = 1200 lbs

Load by land-river segment and land use

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Illustrative example

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Acres

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Land to Water

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River Delivery

The land here is 50% leaker than average due to high groundwater recharge in the piedmont carbonate

The river system reduces loads by 50% by passing through a reservoir

1200 lbs * 1.5 * (1-.50) = 900 lbs
Delivered to the Bay from this land use and segment

Load by land-river segment and land use

Three linked models

Phase 7 CAST Structure

Average Load
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Land to Water
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River Delivery

Load by land-river segment and land use

Inform

Constrain

CalCAST

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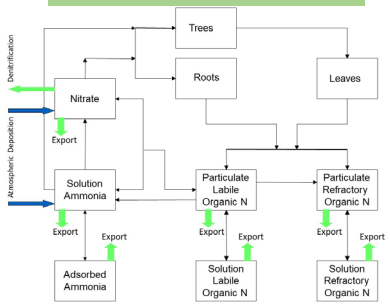
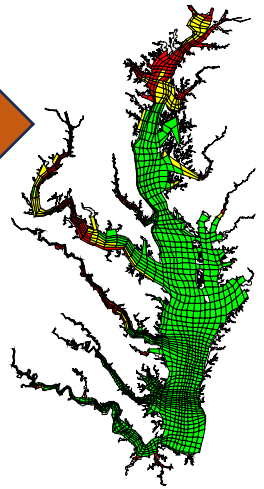
River Delivery

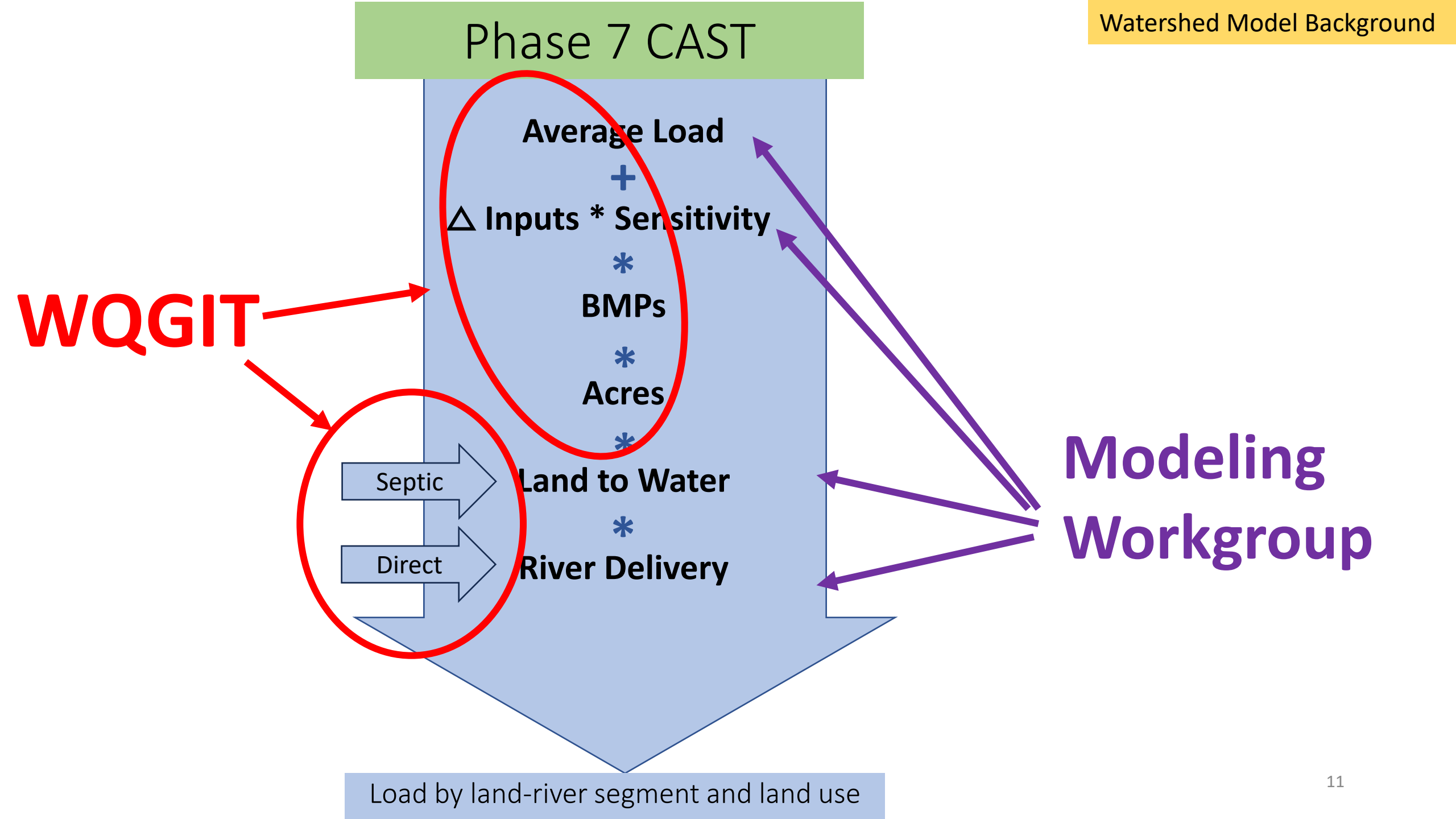
Load by land-river segment and land use

Temporal downscaling model





CAST model documentation; section 1
https://cast.chesapeakebay.net/Documentation/ModelDocumentation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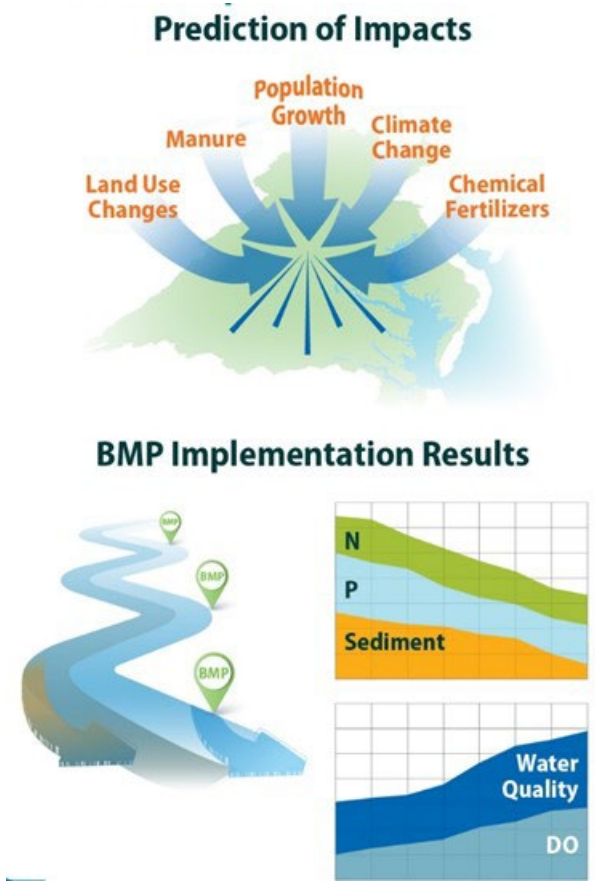
WQGIT
Modeling Workgroup
Load by land-river segment and land use



TMDL summary

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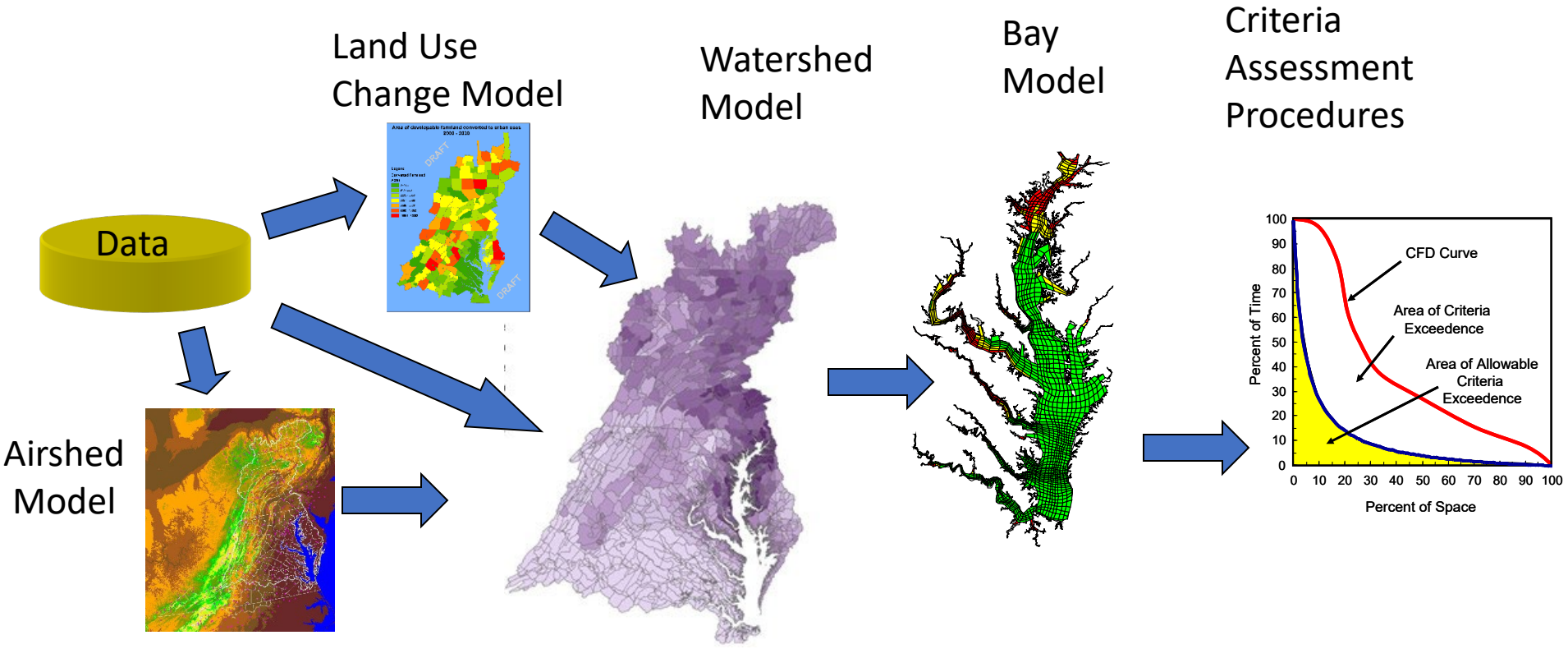
CBP Decision Support System



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Guidelines for WIP Planning Targets

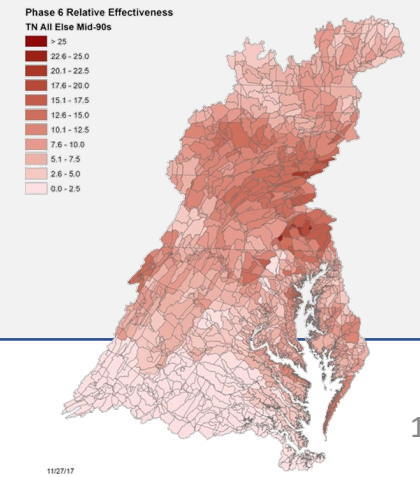
Everything
Everywhere
Everyone

Effort

No BMPs

Effectiveness

Increasing relationship between
Relative Effectiveness and Effort



Nutrient Targets

Major	State		2018 Planning Targets approved by PSC	
Major	State	StateBasin	Nitrogen	Phosphorus
Potomac	DC	DC Potomac	2.42	0.130
Eastern Shore	DE	DE Eastern Shore	4.55	0.108
Eastern Shore	MD	MD Eastern Shore	15.21	1.286
Patuxent	MD	MD Patuxent	3.21	0.301
Potomac	MD	MD Potomac	15.30	1.092
Susquehanna	MD	MD Susquehanna	1.18	0.053
Western Shore	MD	MD Western Shore	10.89	0.948
Susquehanna	NY	NY Susquehanna	11.53	0.587
Eastern Shore	PA	PA Eastern Shore	0.45	0.025
Potomac	PA	PA Potomac	6.11	0.357
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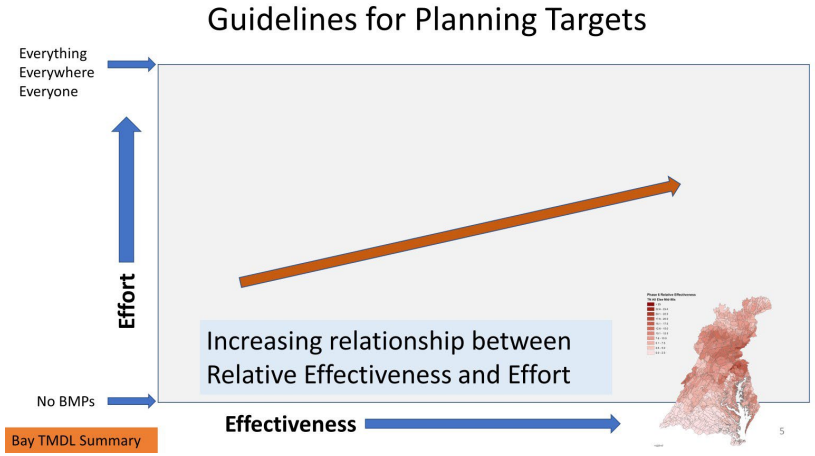
York	VA	VA York	5.52	0.556
James	WV	WV James	0.04	0.005
Potomac	WV	WV Potomac	8.18	0.427

- Nutrient loads in million lbs/year
- Long-term hydrology
  - When the targets are reached, these are the annual average loads
  - **These are NOT** the cap for the wettest year or the 90th percentile year
- Will be reevaluated with new models and climate change through 2035 in 2027/2028

Primary use of the CBP Watershed Model

- Represent anthropogenic changes in load
- Set and track reduction goals

- Ideally:
  - Include all load sources
  - Treat all jurisdictions equally
  - Track actions that change loads
  - Factor out the temporal variability of weather



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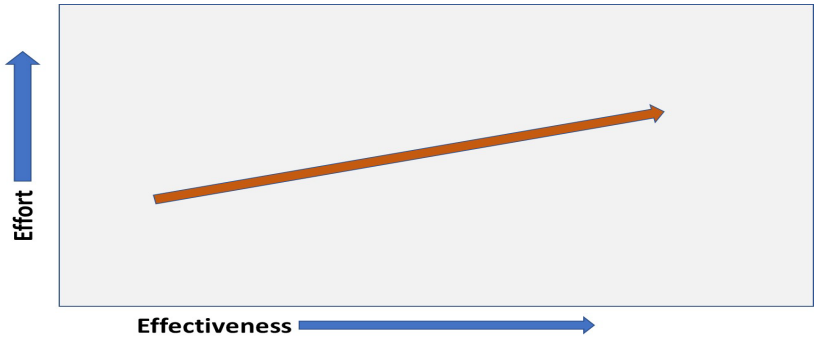
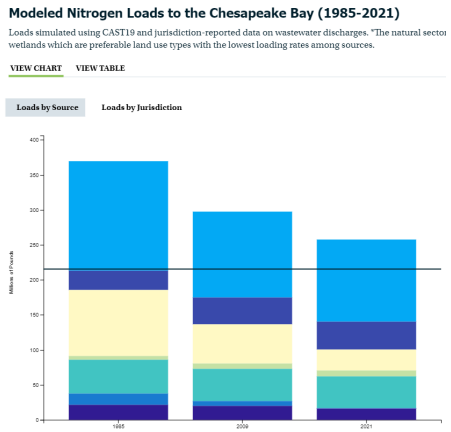
Data Ideals

Consistency > Accuracy

Spatial and temporal trends are more important that the absolute value



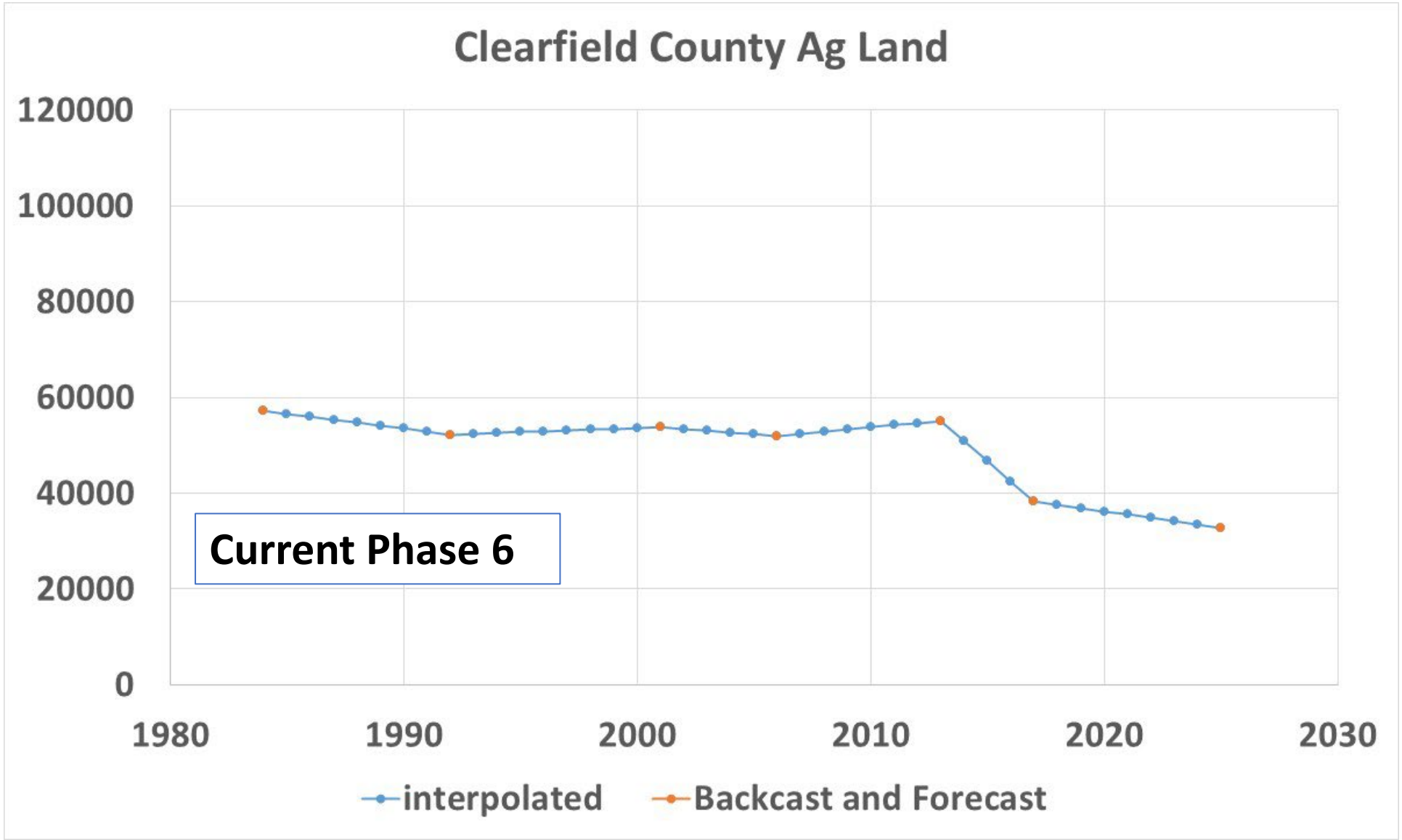
Spatial - Model used to allocate responsibility between jurisdictions



Temporal - Model used to track TMDL, based on changes since 1995

Data Ideals

Consistency example



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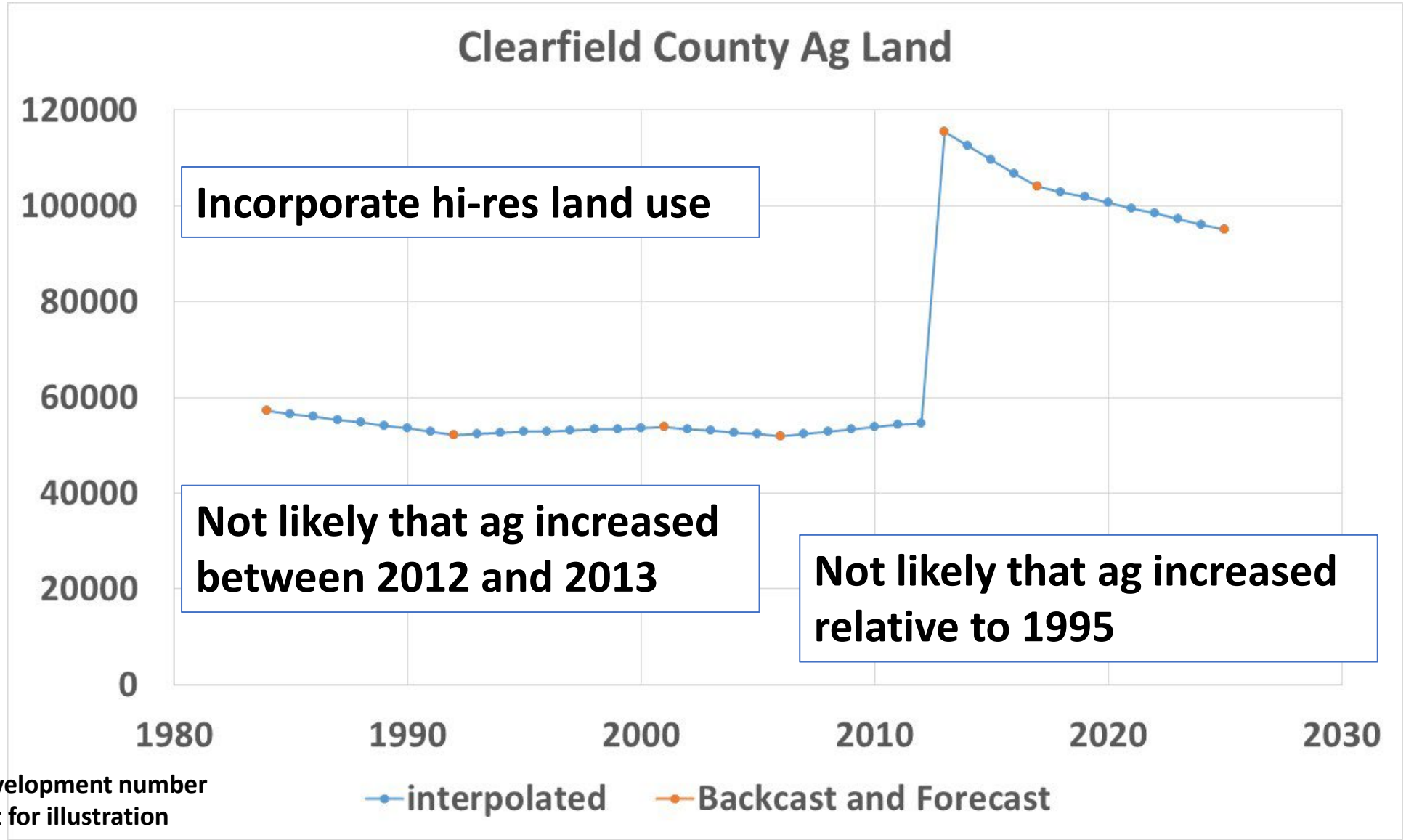

2013 is current development number
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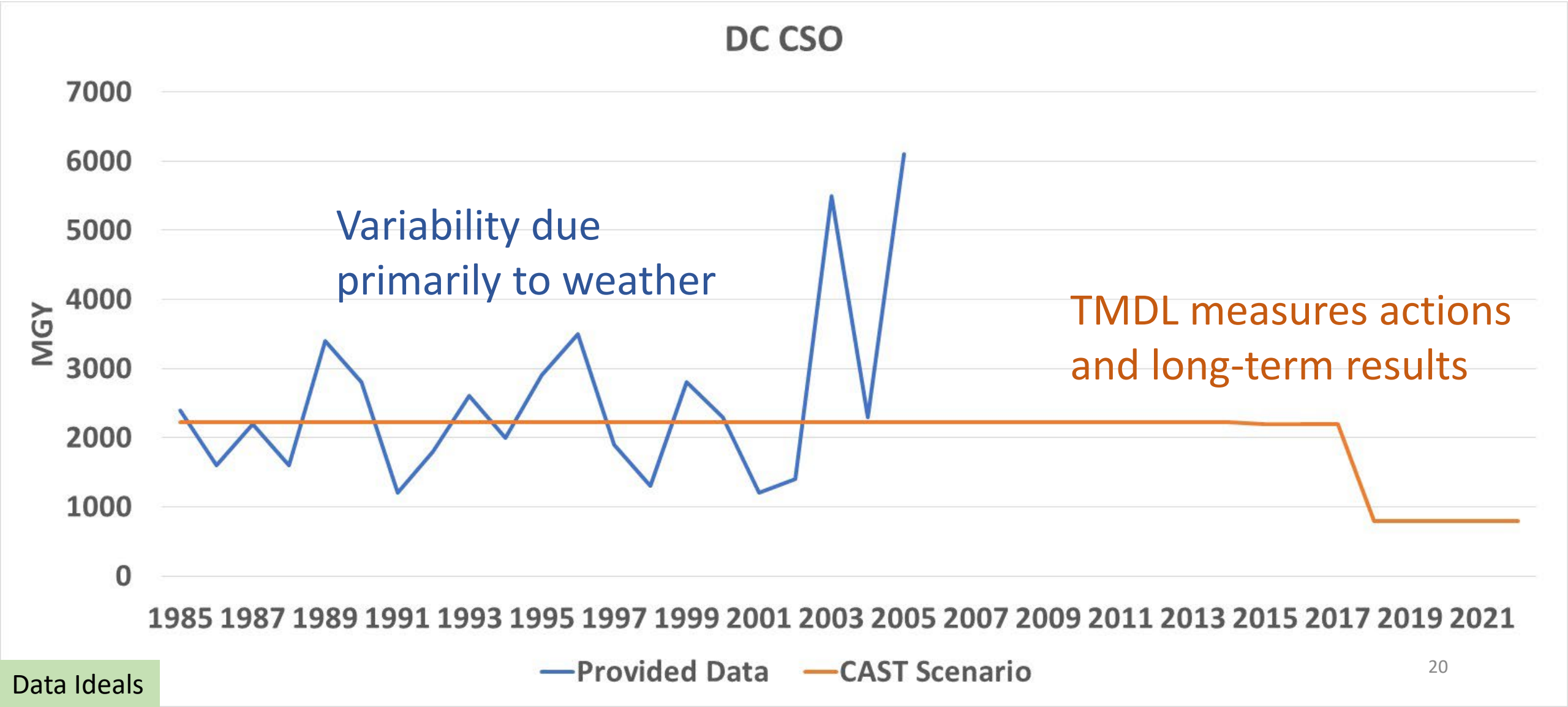
Data Ideals

Weather independence > Actual Values



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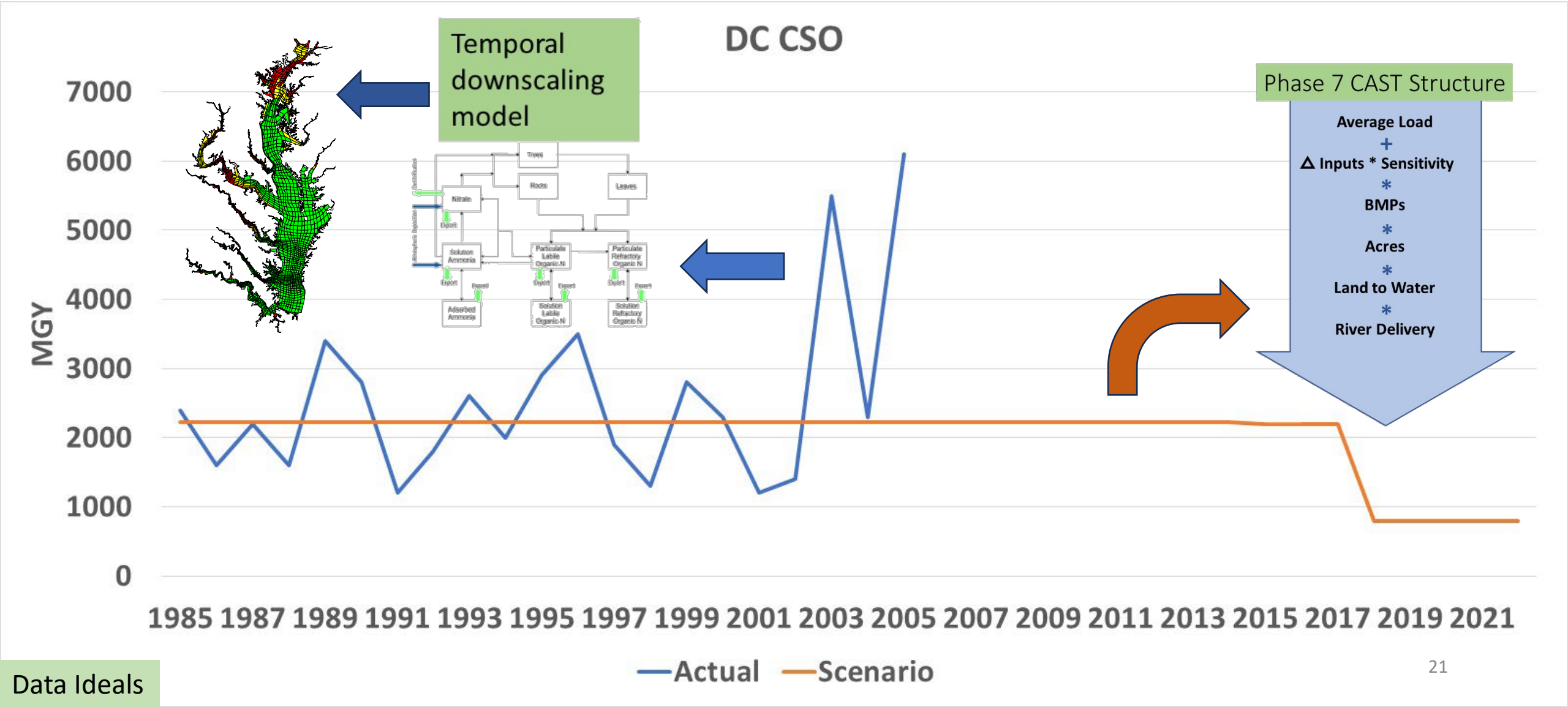

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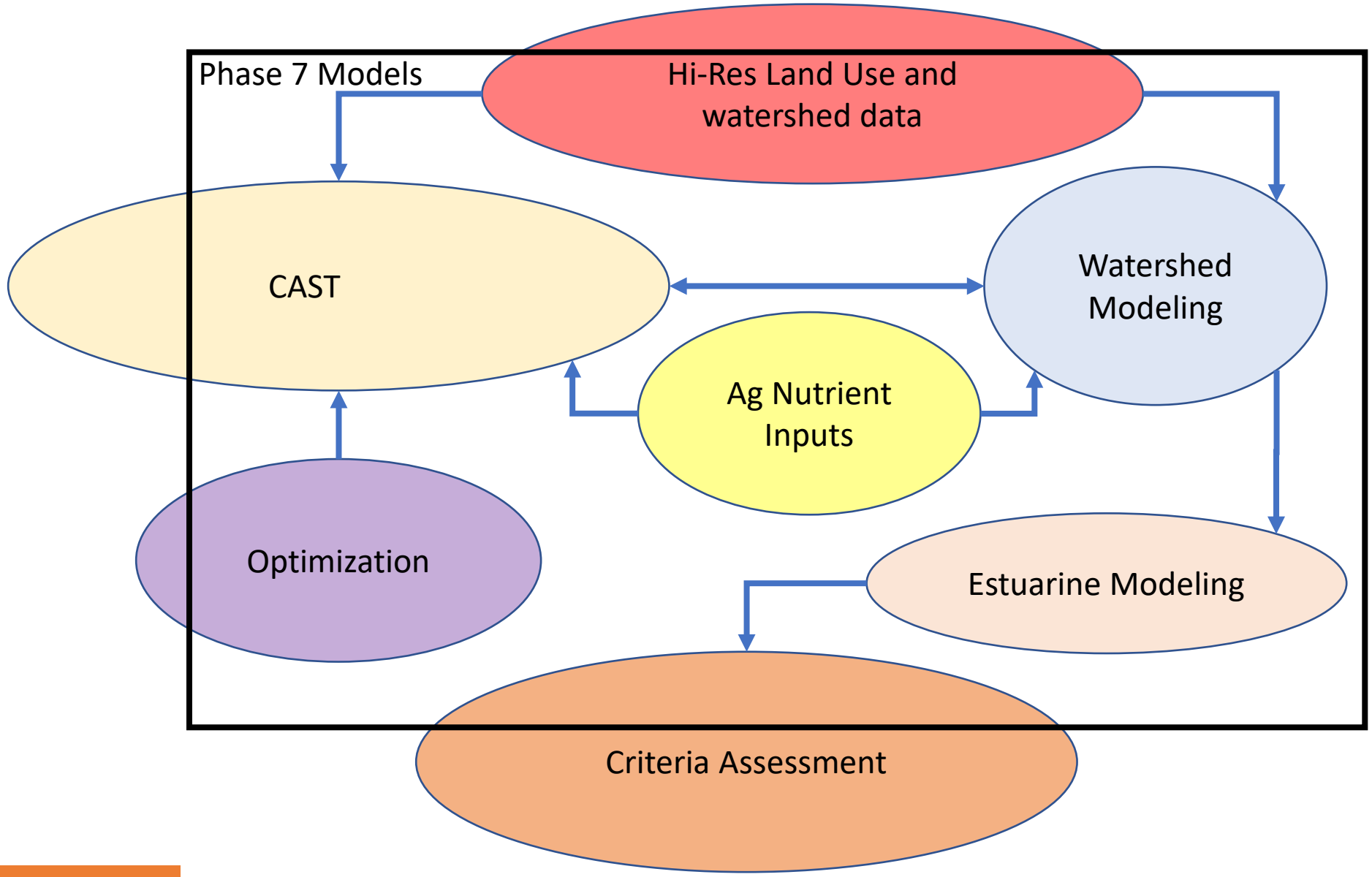
Phase 7 Development Tracks



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- Overview
- Seven Projects
  - Descriptions
  - Documents
- Linked from
  - Modeling Workgroup
  - WQGIT
  - Many WQGIT WGs

Phase 7 Model Development | Ch

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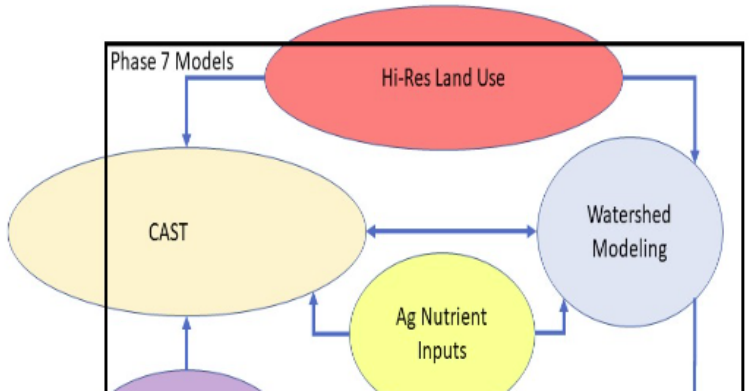
Phase 7 Model Development

The Chesapeake Bay Program is updating its modeling and analysis tools used in the Chesapeake Bay TMDL.

Currently in development, the Phase 7 Modeling Tools will be used by the partnership to inform decisions related to nutrient and sediment reduction goals outlined in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement. Integral to this updated suite of tools is the ability to project climate change effect through 2035. The model, which will be ready for use by 2027, consists of six interrelated projects:

1. High Resolution Land Use
2. Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool (CAST)
3. Optimization
4. Agricultural Inputs
5. Watershed Modeling
6. Estuarine Modeling
7. Criteria Assessment



Modeling

Phase 7 Model Development

Programs & Projects

Modeling
Monitoring
Quality Assurance
Resource Lands Assessment
Chesapeake Bay TMDL
Watershed Implementation Plans
BMP Verification

Bay TMDL Summary

Watershed Model Plan – Big Picture

2022	2022	2022	2022	2023	2023	2023	2023	2024	2024	2024	2024	2025	2025	2025	2025	2026	2026	2026	2026
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Work plan			Build	Work plan	Build Models			Work plan	Build Models			Work plan	Build Models			Review Models			
Build Model Structure				Improve Models												Review Models			

THTF can re-examine

- Land use types
- Relative Loading Rates
- Sensitivities – types and numbers – advise MWG
- Inputs
- BMPs

P7 Mapped land uses

Forest and Wetlands

- 40 Forest
- 41 Tree Canopy, Other
- 53 Riverine Wetlands Tree Canopy
- 54 Riverine Wetlands Forest
- 63 Terrene Wetlands Tree Canopy
- 64 Terrene Wetlands Forest
- 50 Riverine Wetlands Barren
- 51 Riverine Wetlands Herbaceous
- 52 Riverine Wetlands Shrubland
- 55 Riverine Wetlands Harvested Forest
- 60 Terrene Wetlands Barren
- 61 Terrene Wetlands Herbaceous
- 62 Terrene Wetlands Shrubland
- 65 Terrene Wetlands Harvested Forest

Harvested / Succession

- 42 Natural Succession Barren
- 43 Natural Succession Herbaceous
- 44 Natural Succession Shrubland
- 45 Harvested Forest Barren
- 46 Harvested Forest Herbaceous

Phase 6 Land Uses
True Forest
Headwater or Isolated Wetland
Non-tidal Floodplain Wetland
Harvested Forest
Mixed Open

Phase 7 CAST

Average Load

Δ Inputs * Sensitivity

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BMPs

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Acres

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Land to Water

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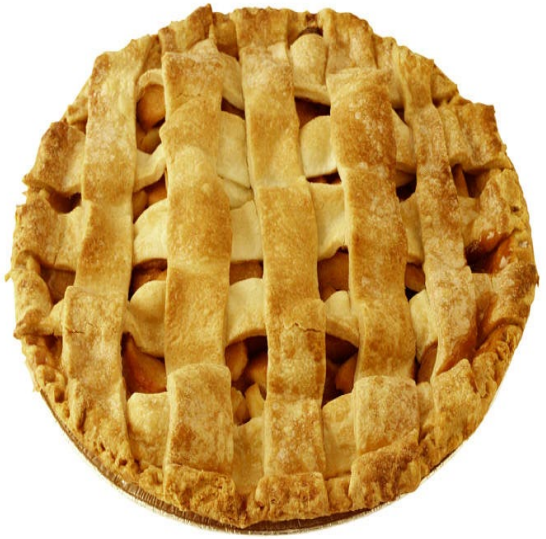
River Delivery

Phase 6 method

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

Average Loads



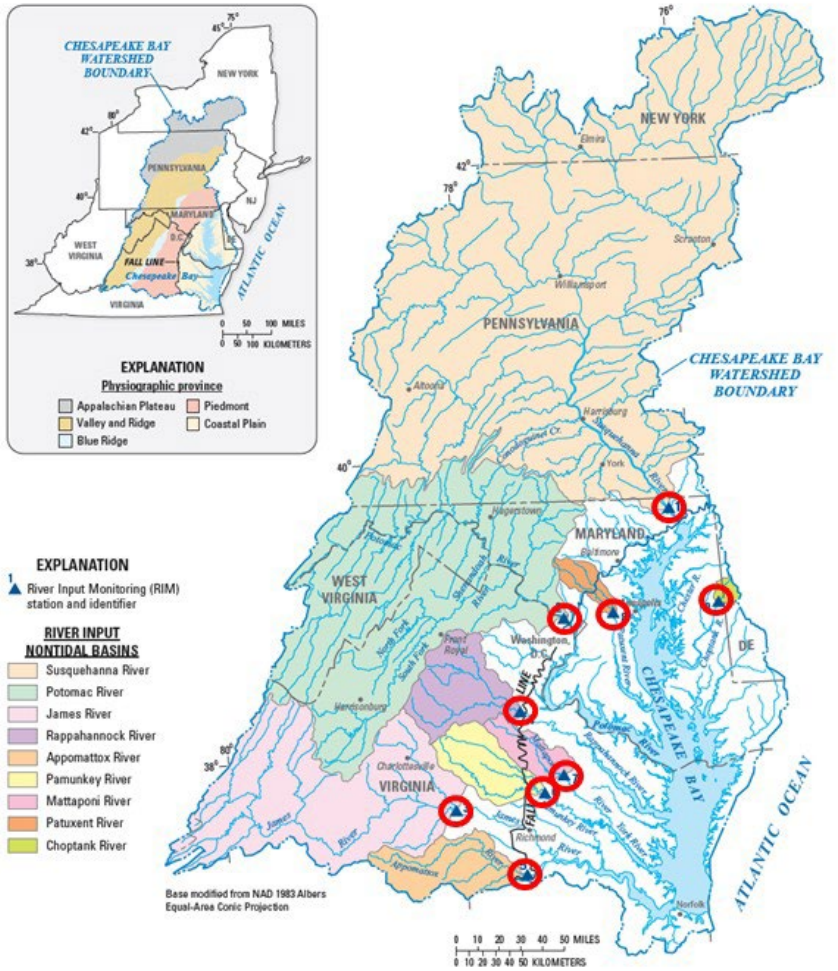
Estimate Total Non-point Source

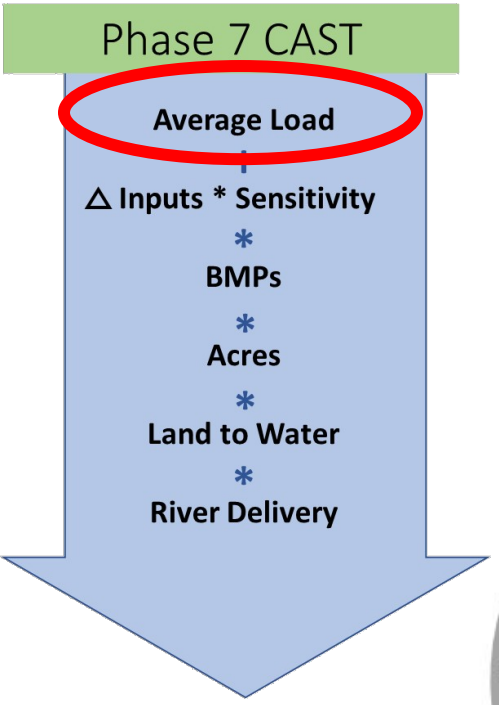
Modeling Workgroup

Monitoring Data

subtract point source

divide by transport





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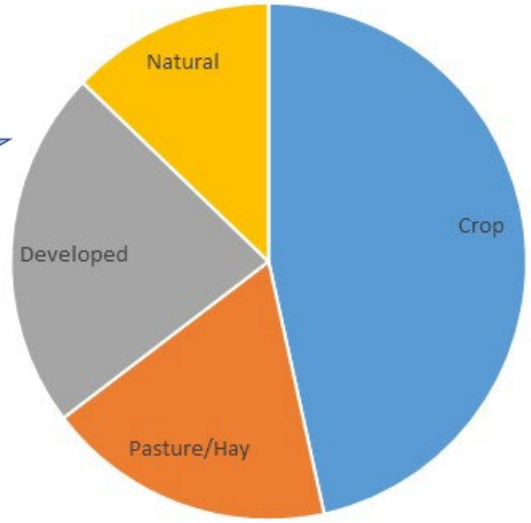


Divide into Broad Classes

Modeling Workgroup

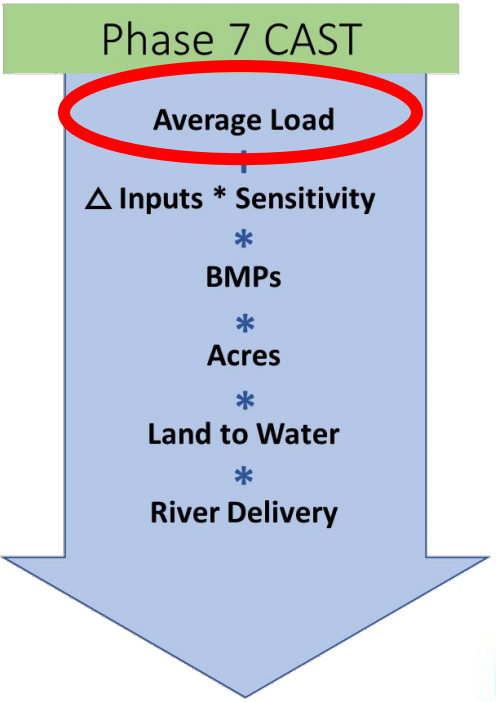
P5: Multiple models

Phase 5.3.2

Sparrow

CEAP

P6: Multiple Models and CalCAST



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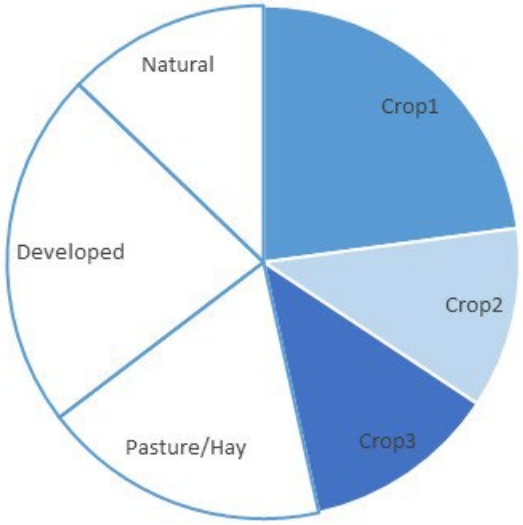

Split Classes into individual land uses

MWG and WQGIT Workgroups

Multiple lines of evidence to develop ratios

- for example silage is 16% higher than grain

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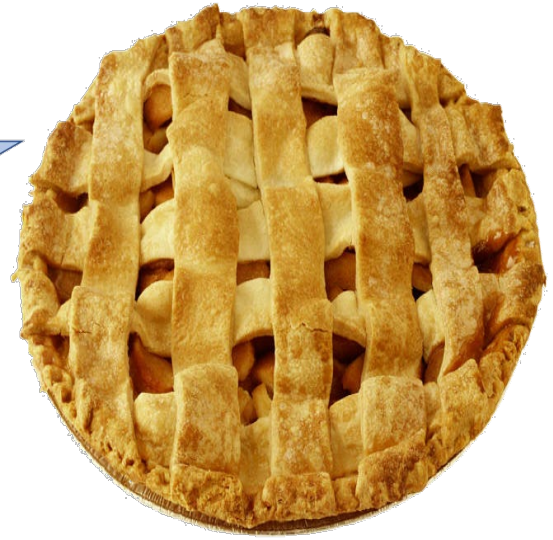
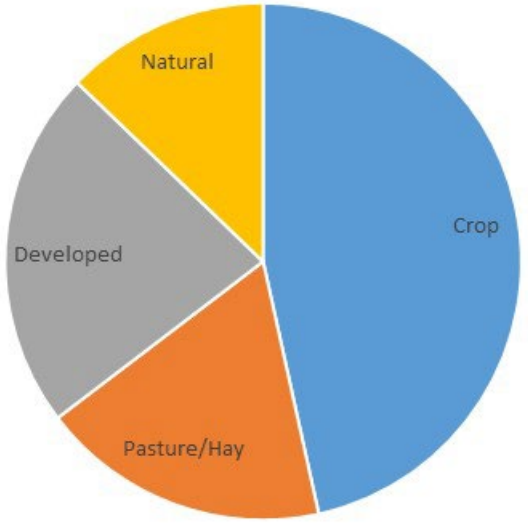
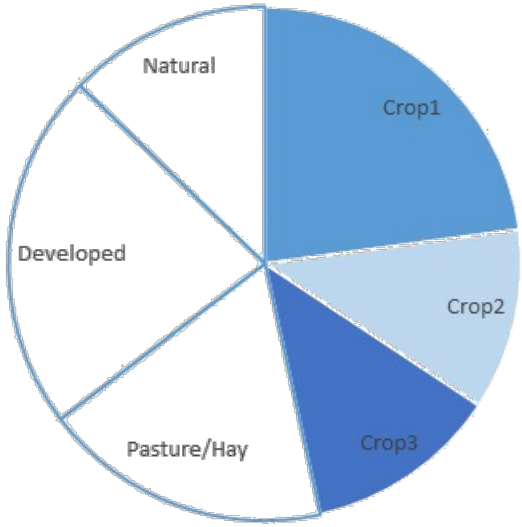
Phase 7 method

Simultaneous Estimation with CalCAST







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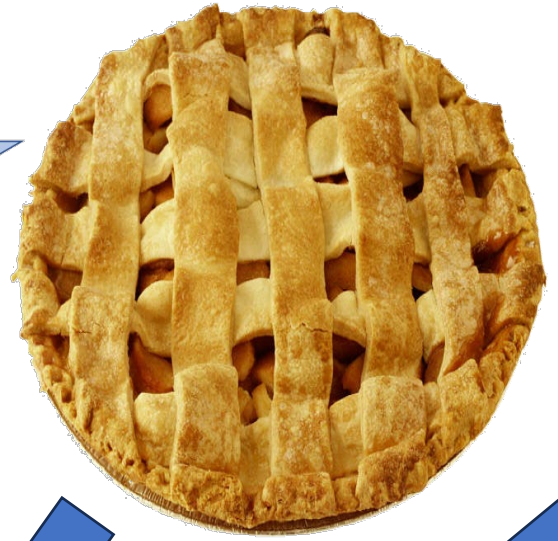

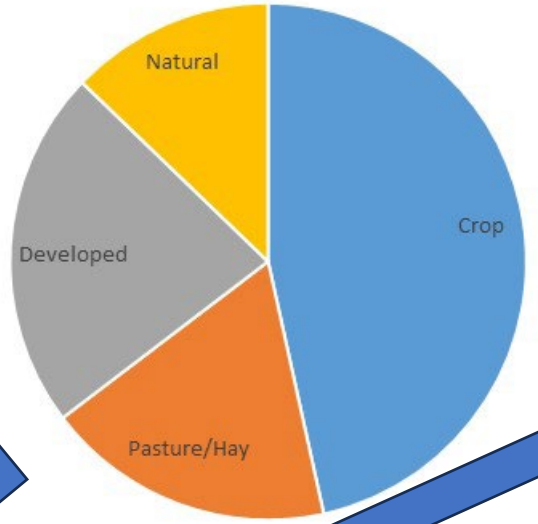

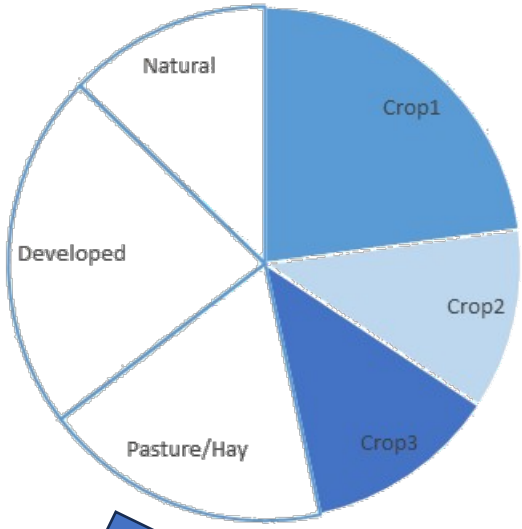

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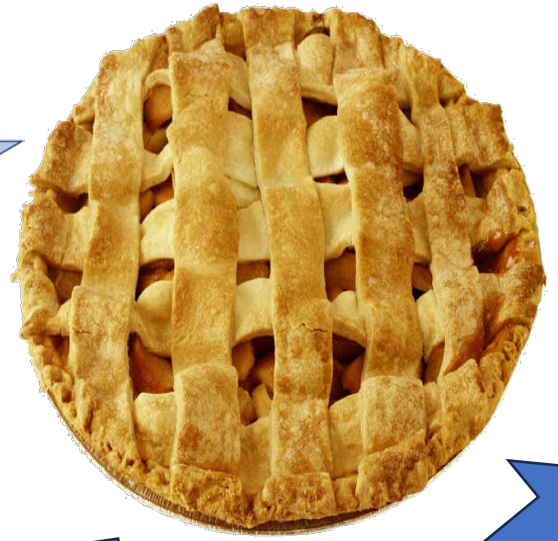
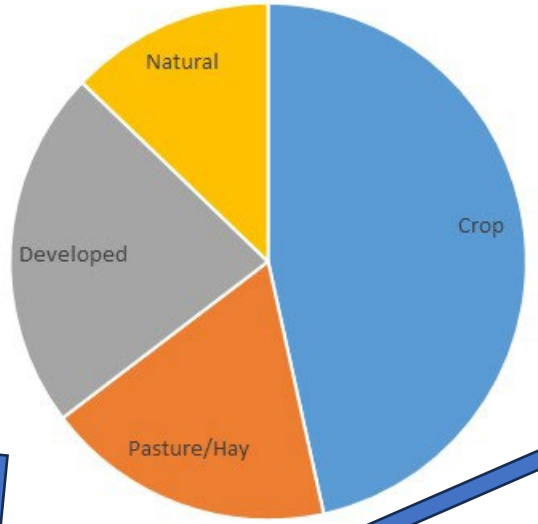
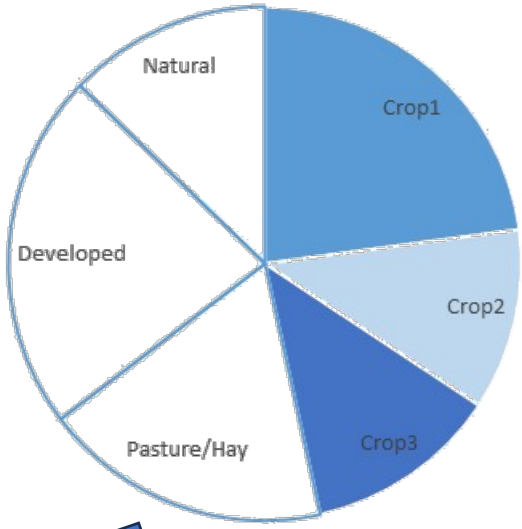
CalCAST can help identify parameters







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Loading Ratios

		Nitrogen		Phosphorus	
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True Forest: Reference Land Use	19,575,737	1	1.68	1	0.08
Headwater or Isolated Wetland	350,820	1	1.68	1	0.08
Non-tidal Floodplain Wetland	397,778	1	1.68	1	0.08
Harvested Forest	264,474	7.07	11.88	3.12	0.24
Mixed Open	906,433	1.46	2.45	5.69	0.43

Sensitivities and inputs – P6

Major Nutrient	Input Type	Forest/Wetland	Harvested Forest	Unit
TN	AtmDep	0.0227	0.1608	lbs/lbs
TP	Stormflow	0.0074	0.023	lbs/inch
TP	Sediment	0.0117	0.0365	lbs/ton

- N sensitivity based on average response of Phase 5 watershed model
  - Harvested forest is the loading rate ratio * forest rate.
- P sensitivity based on pasture sensitivity * load ratios
  - Harvested forest is the loading rate ratio * forest rate.

THTF can re-examine

- Land use types
- Relative Loading Rates
- Sensitivities – types and numbers – advise MWG
- Inputs
- BMPs