

# Groundwater Modeling

## Training materials

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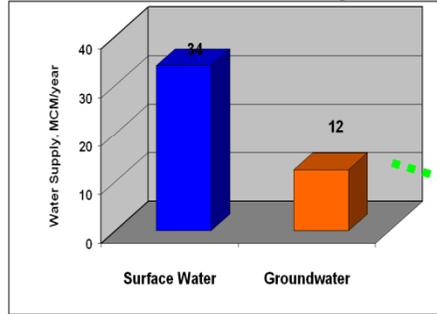
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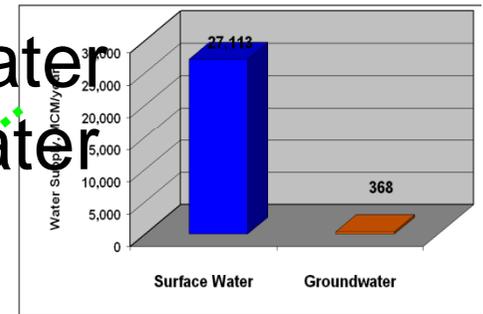
# Part 1 Introduction

- Water Problem
- GW study necessity
- GW model necessity as tools

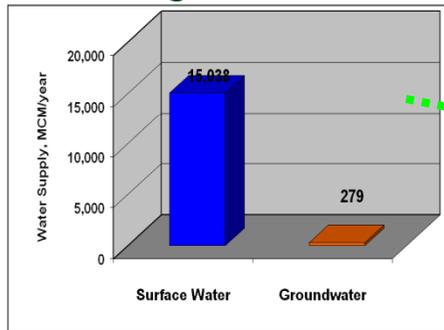
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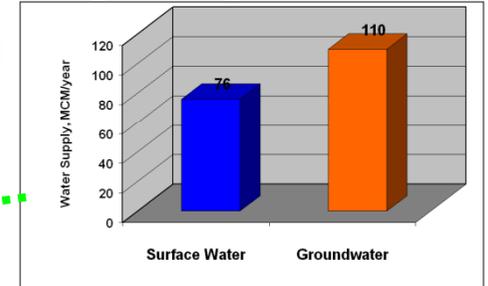
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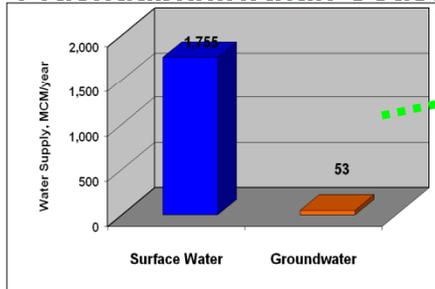
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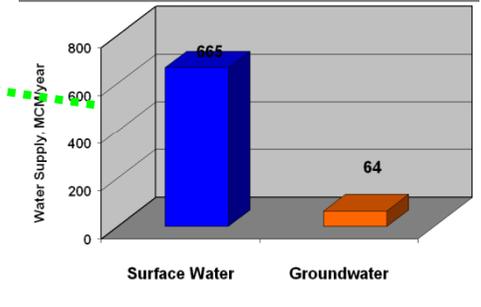
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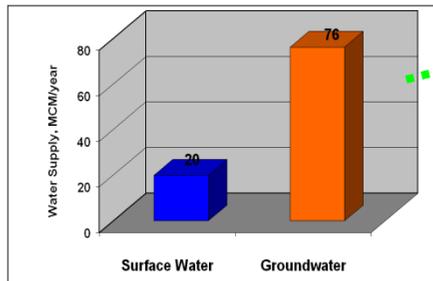
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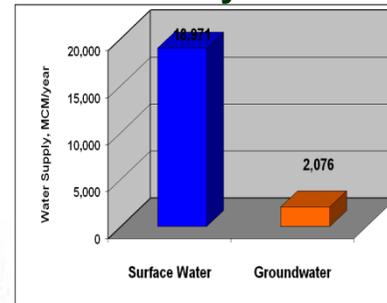
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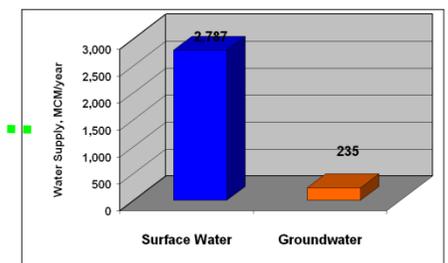
### Peninsula- West Coast



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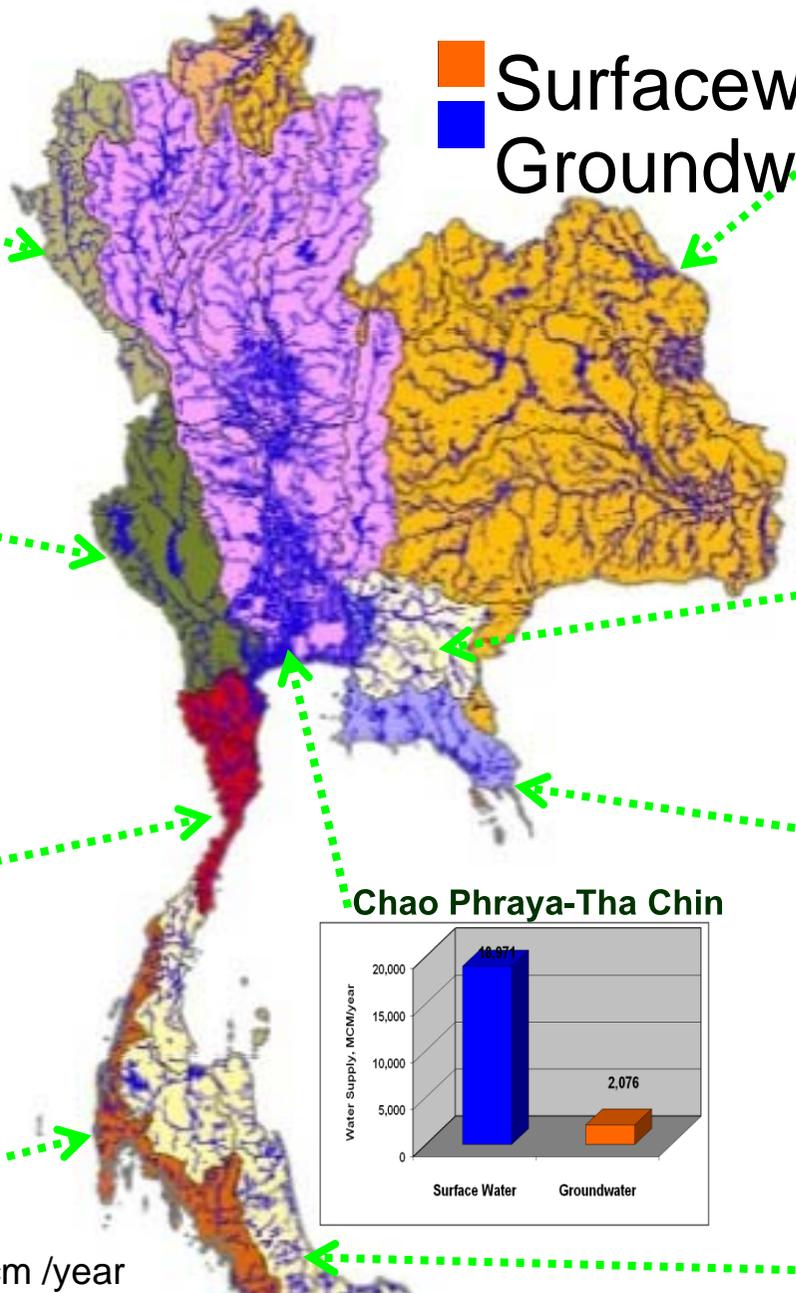
### Peninsula - East Coast



Unit : mcm /year

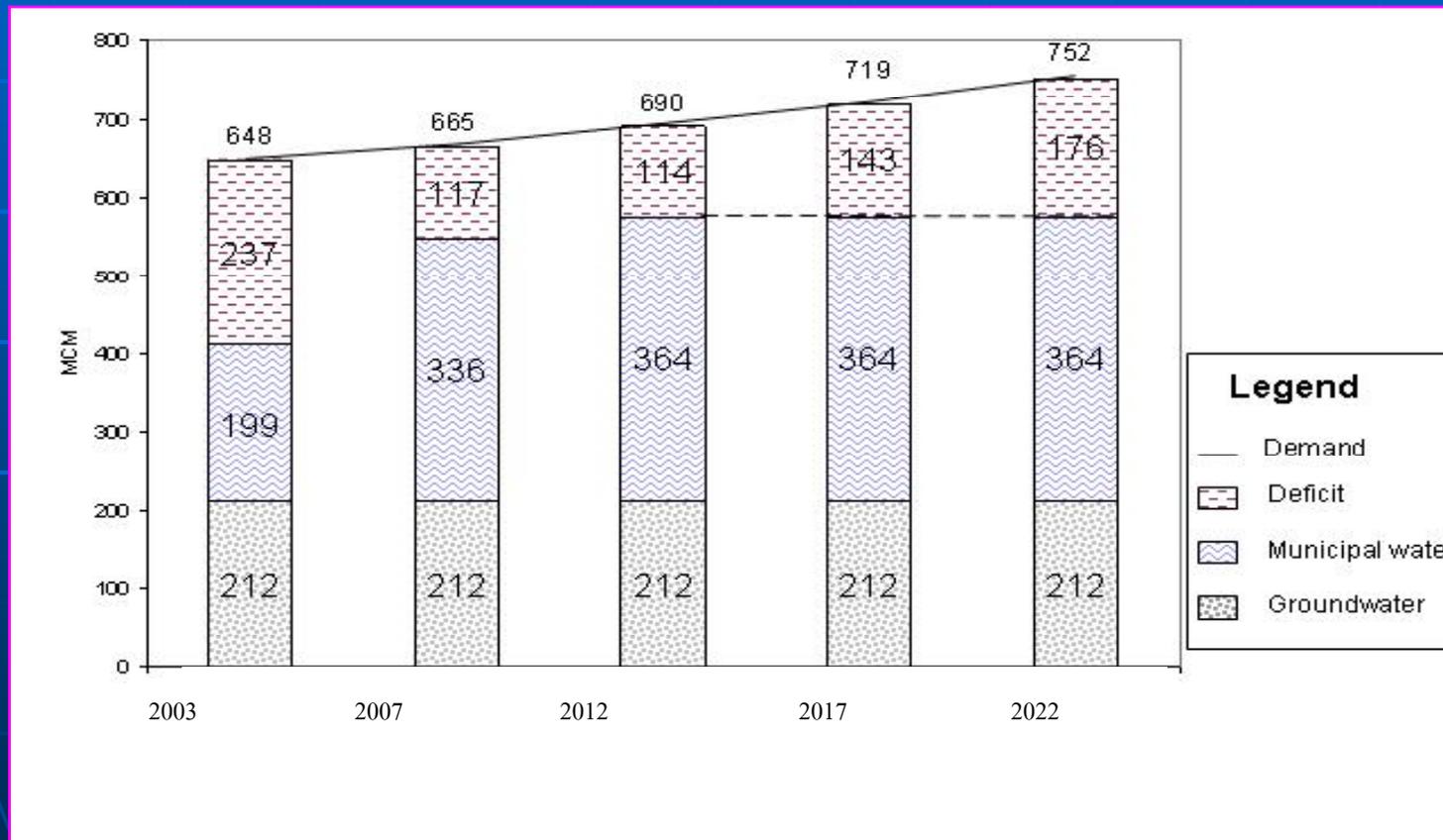
# Water use by sources (2003)

■ Surfacewater  
■ Groundwater



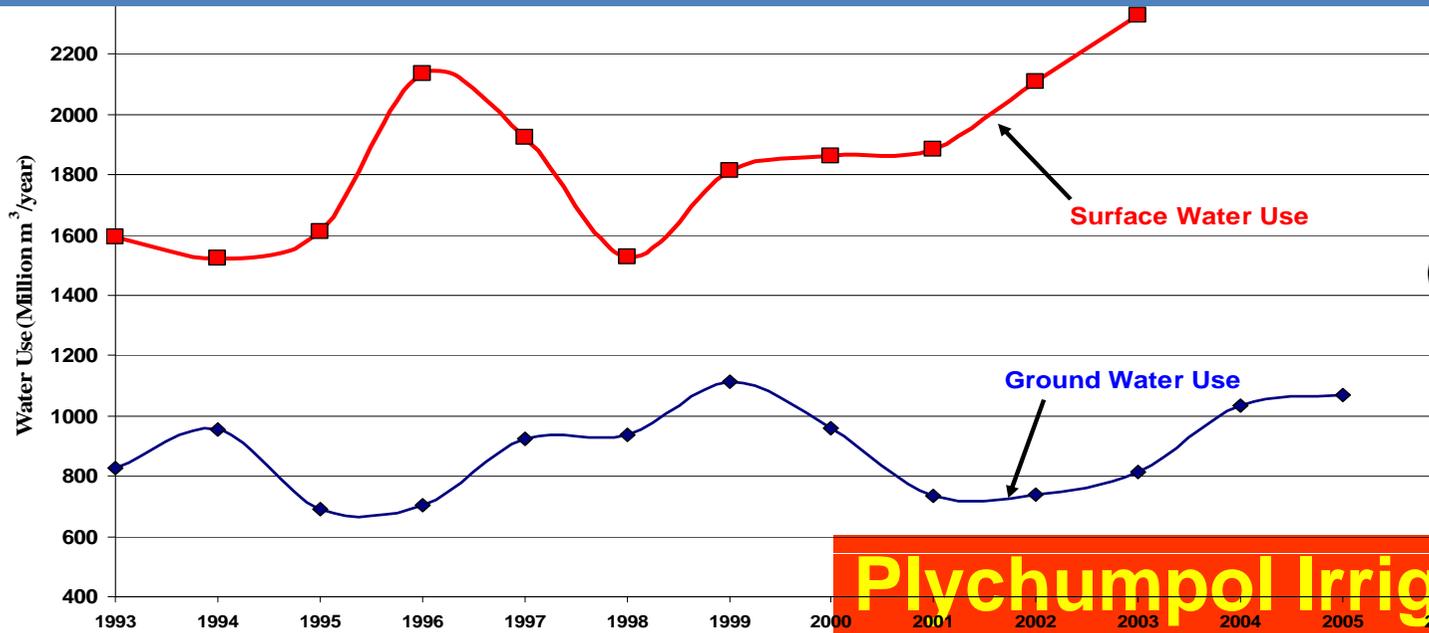
# Water Problem

- Demand increase



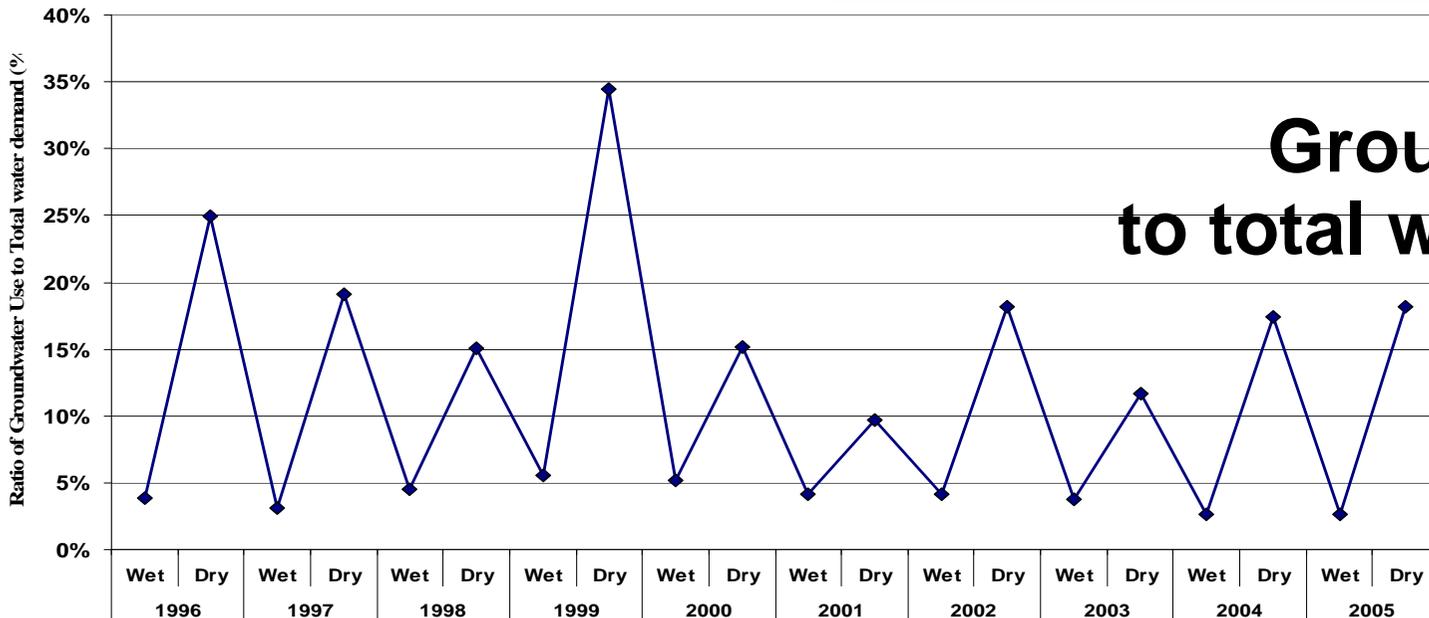
Bangkok Metropolitan and its vicinity water use

# Groundwater dependency



**Surface and Groundwater Use**

**Plychumpol Irrigation project**



**Ratio of Groundwater Use to total water demand**

# GW study necessity

- potential study
- surface water interaction
- contamination

# GW study necessity

GW potential study in sub-basins

2.3 (6.3)  
Mae rampun

0.4 (2.0)  
Ping 4

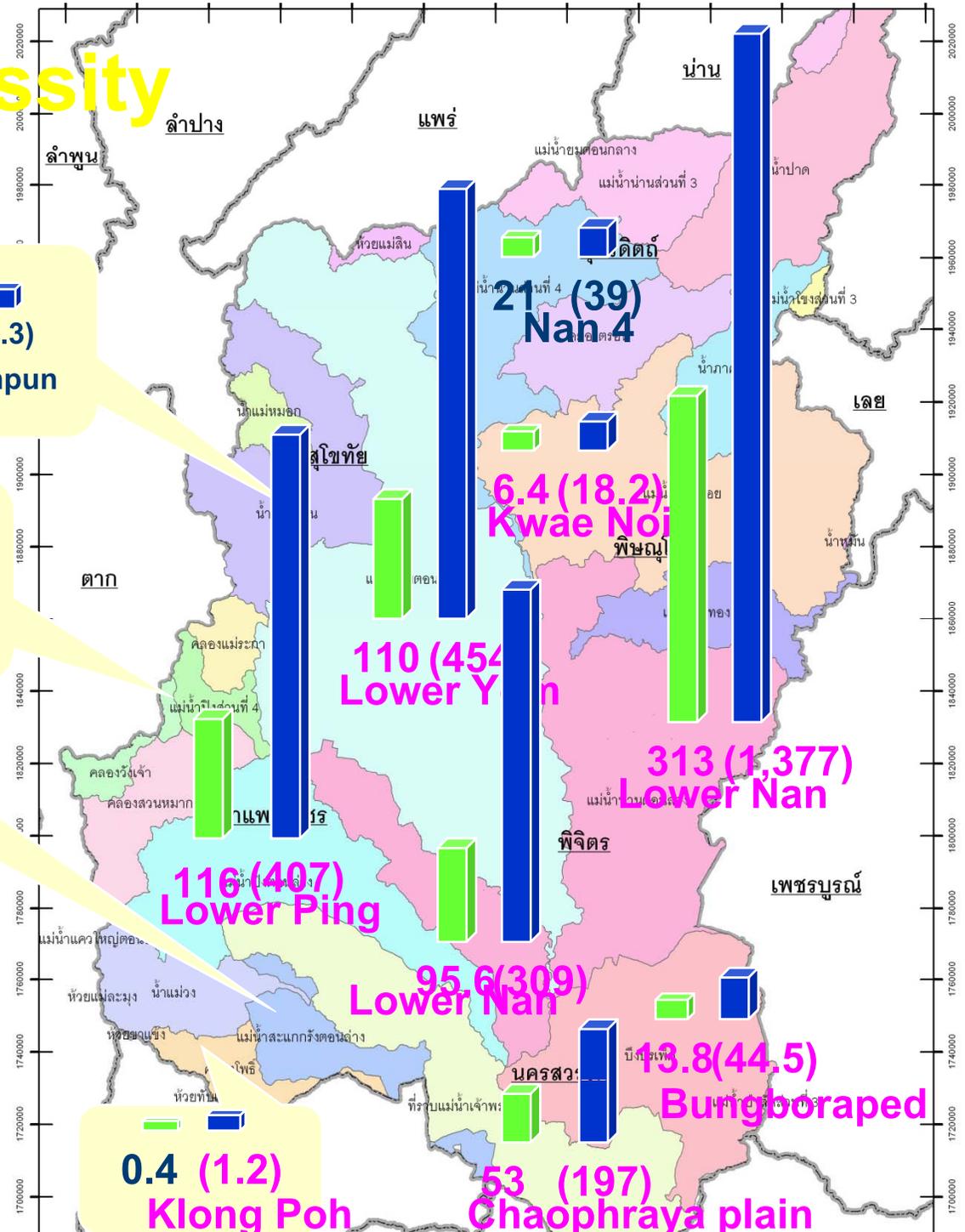
3.5 (13.7)  
Lower Sakakang

 Groundwater use in 2003  
 (Potential)

Unit : mcm/year

total 766 (2870) mcm/year

27 % of total potetial



# GW study necessity

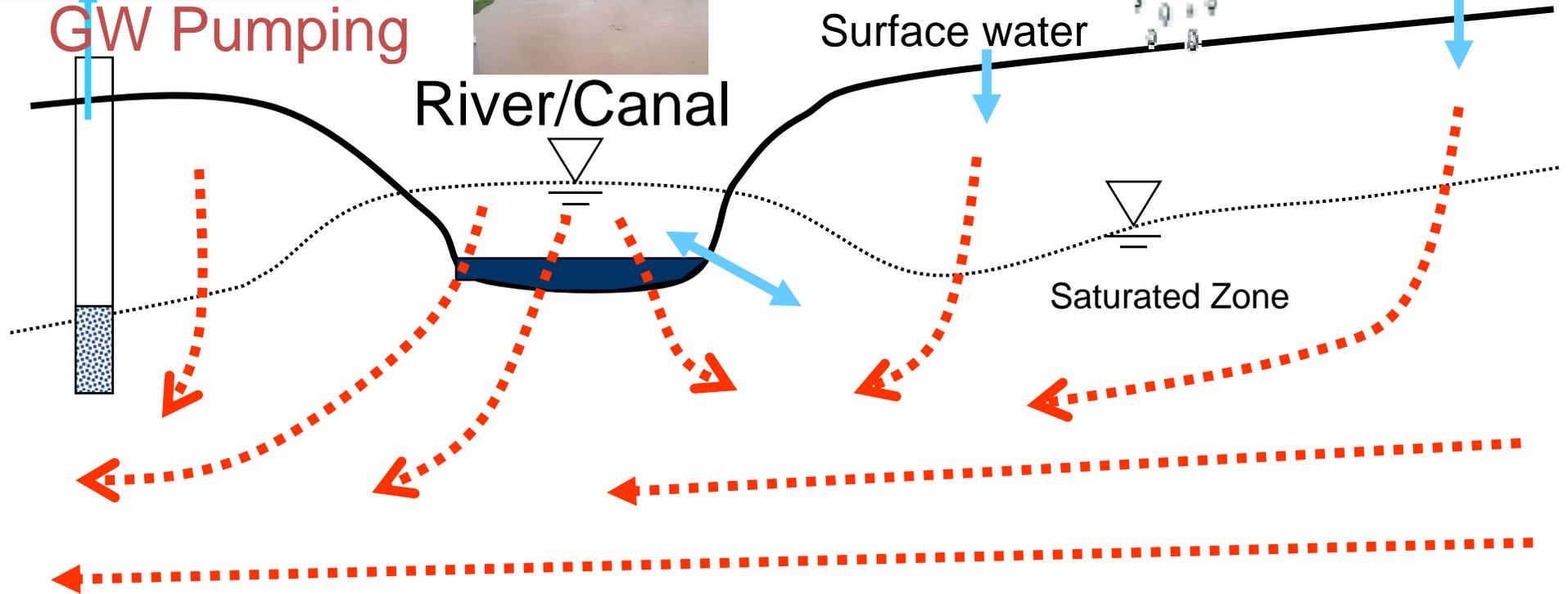
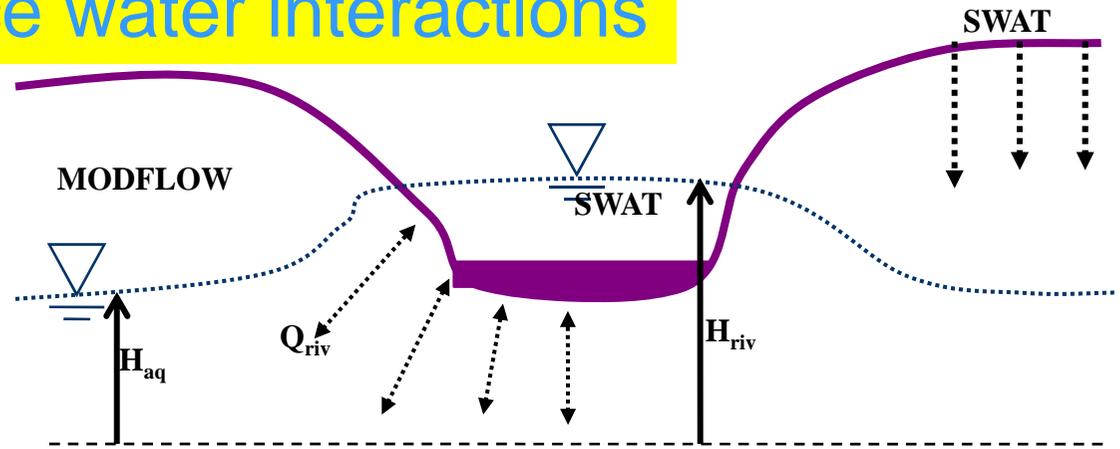
## surface water interactions



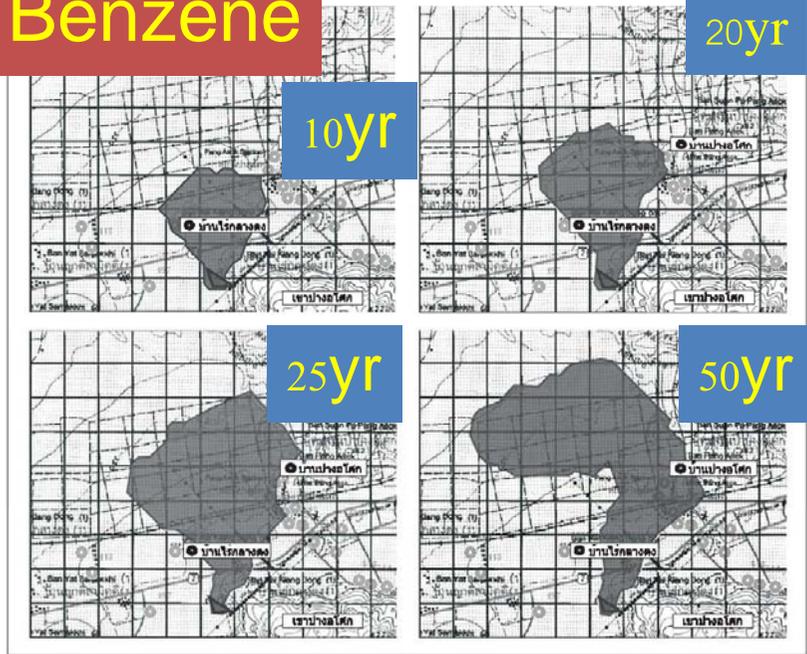
GW Pumping



River/Canal



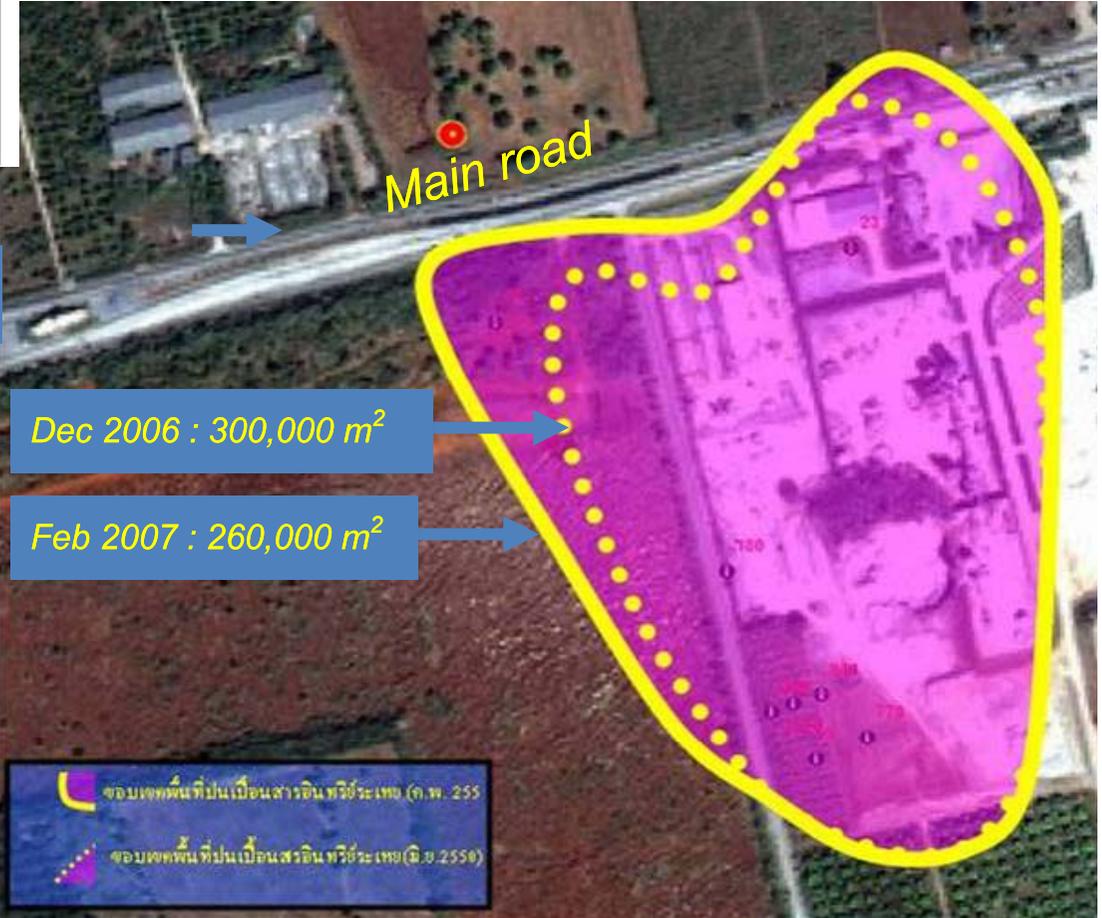
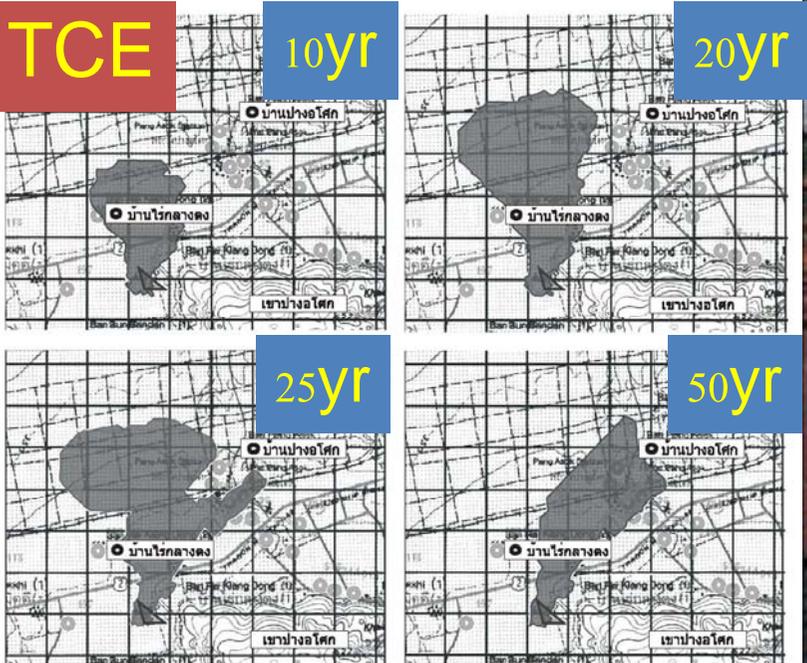
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# GW study necessity

## Contamination

# TCE



# GW model necessity as tools

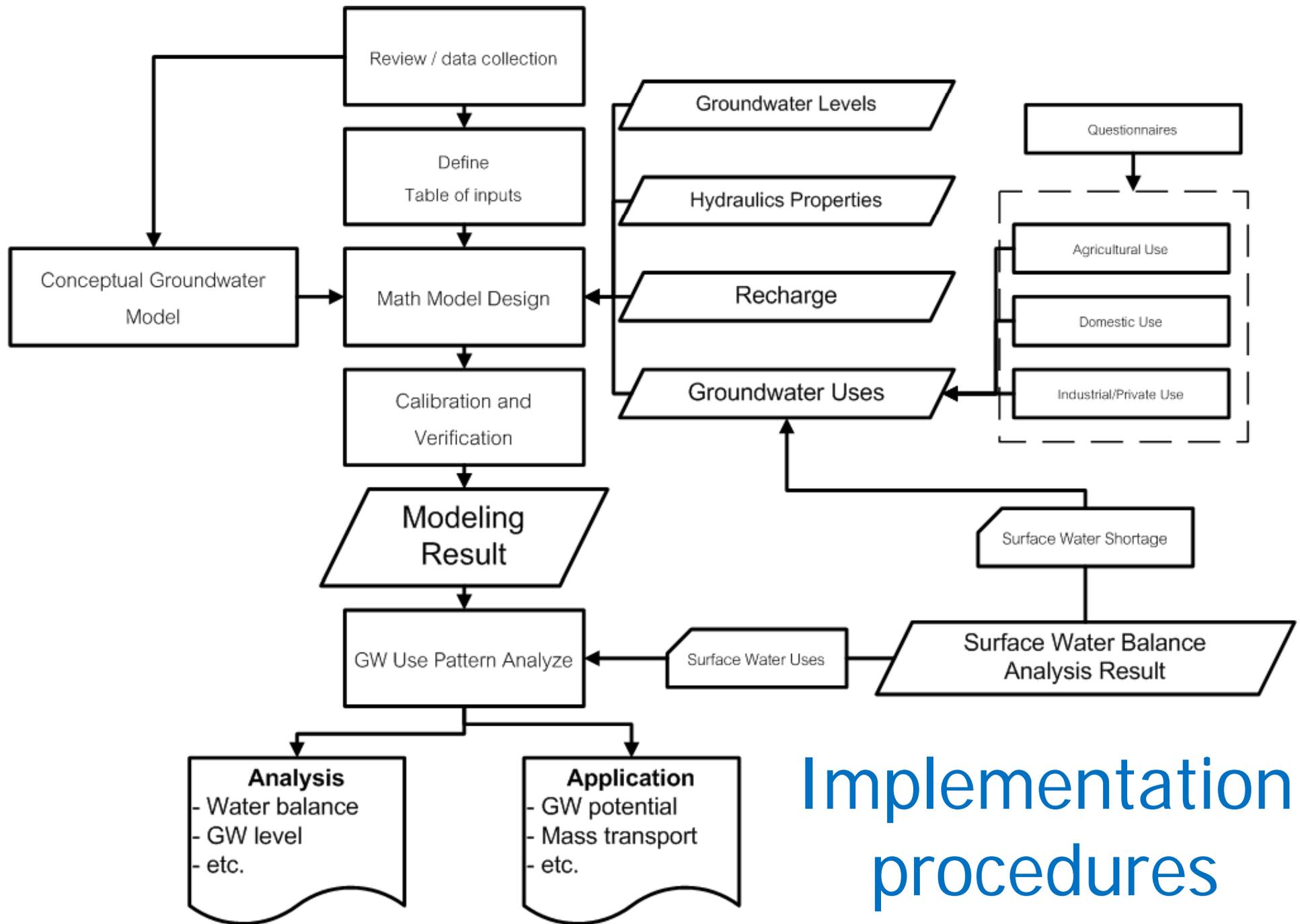
groundwater models are able to provide data on seepage, groundwater flow, chemical/mass movement and natural protection

# Part 2 GW Modelling

- GW model types
- Implementation procedures
- Model development
- Calibration/validation

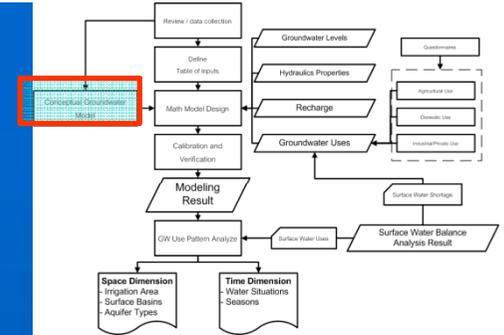
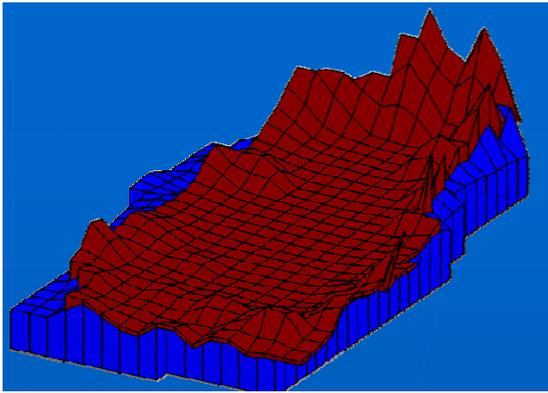
# GW model types

- Groundwater quantity
  - MODFLOW-96, MODFLOW-2000 (saturated)
  - Hydrus 1-D,2-D (variably saturated)
- Groundwater quality
  - MT3D (solute transport)
  - FEMWATER (solute transport, FEM)
  - UTCHEM (multi-phase transport)
  - SUTRA (density-dependent flow )

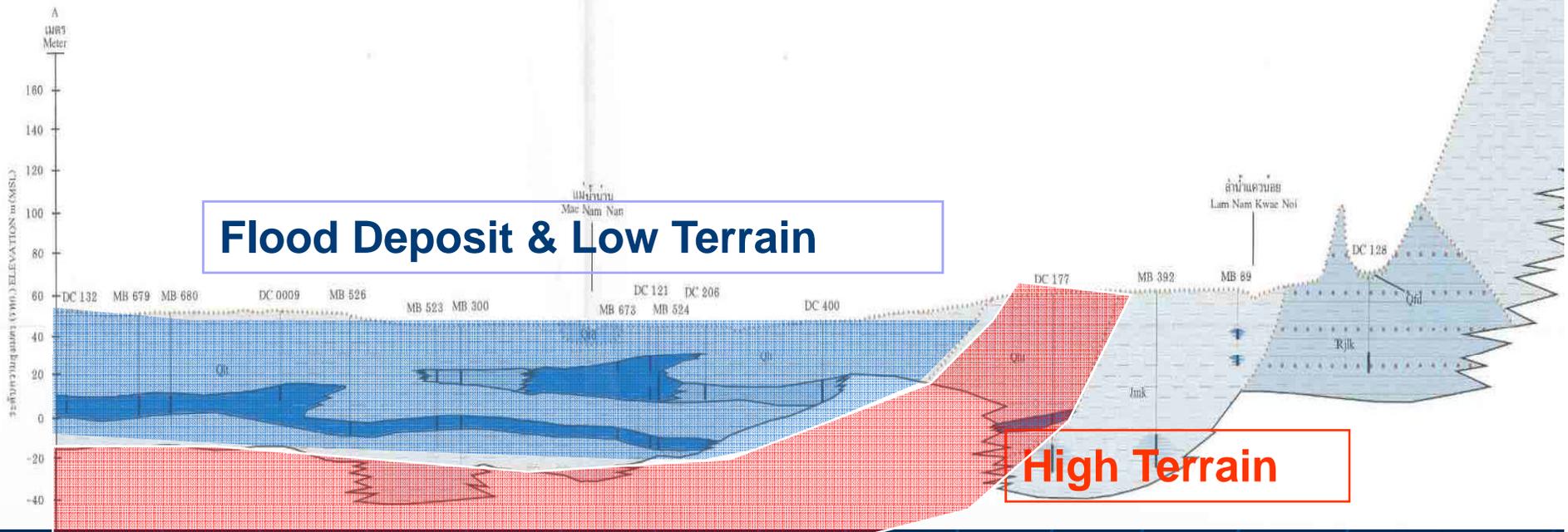


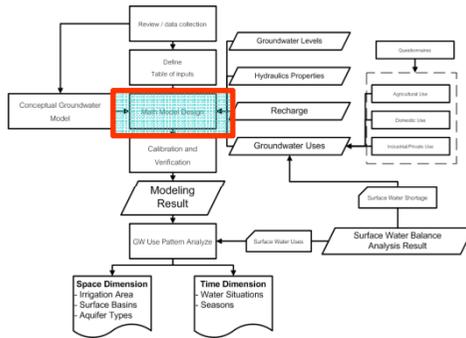
Implementation procedures





# Layer Classification



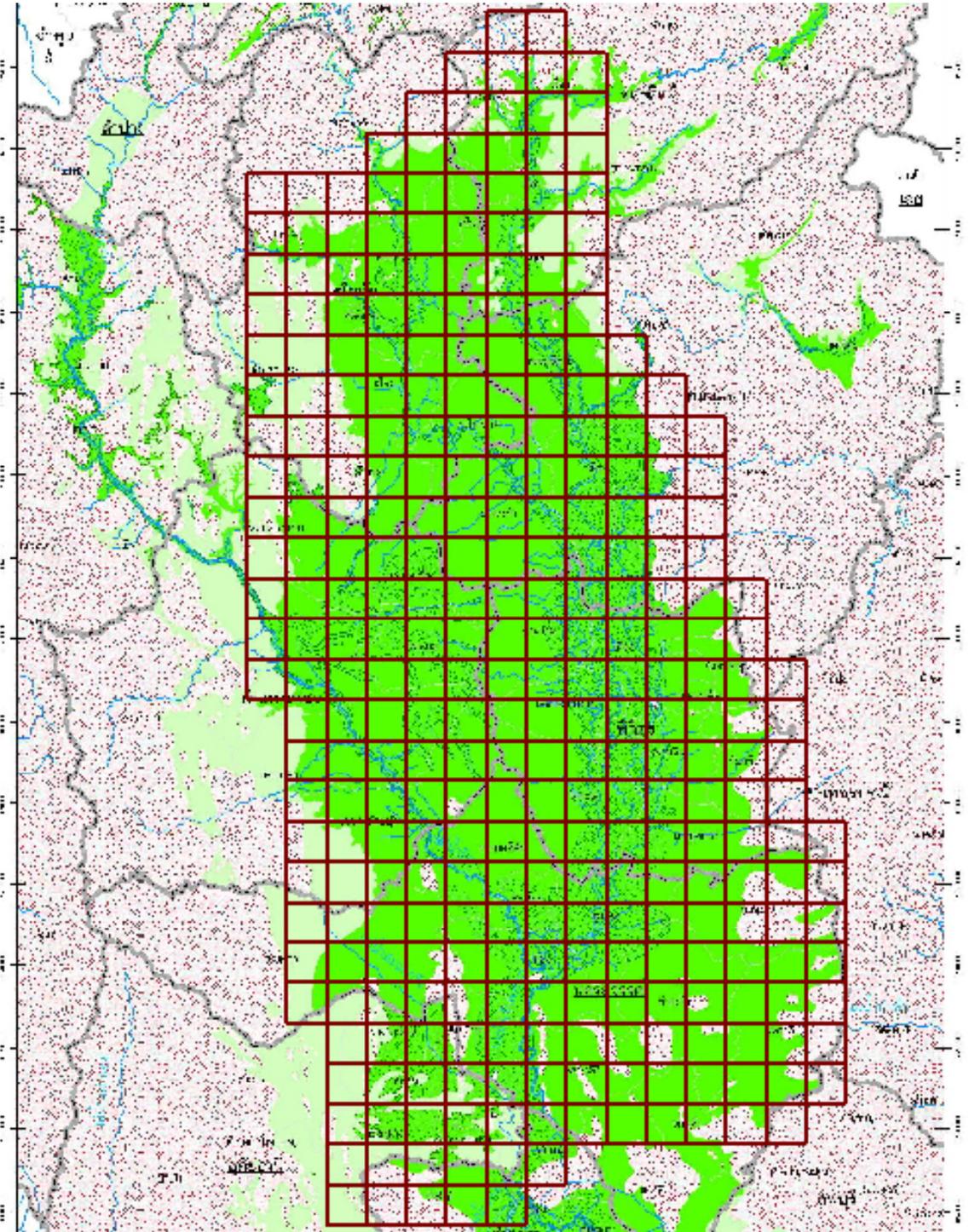


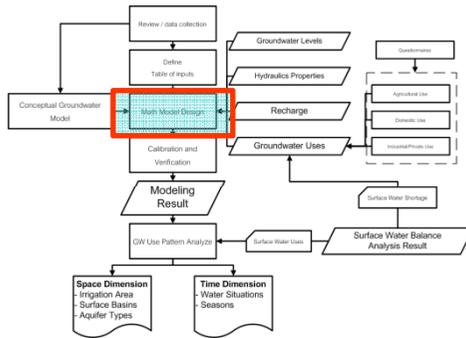
- Flood Deposit
- Low Terrain



15 by 30 grids  
320 Grids Total

# Layer1 Grid

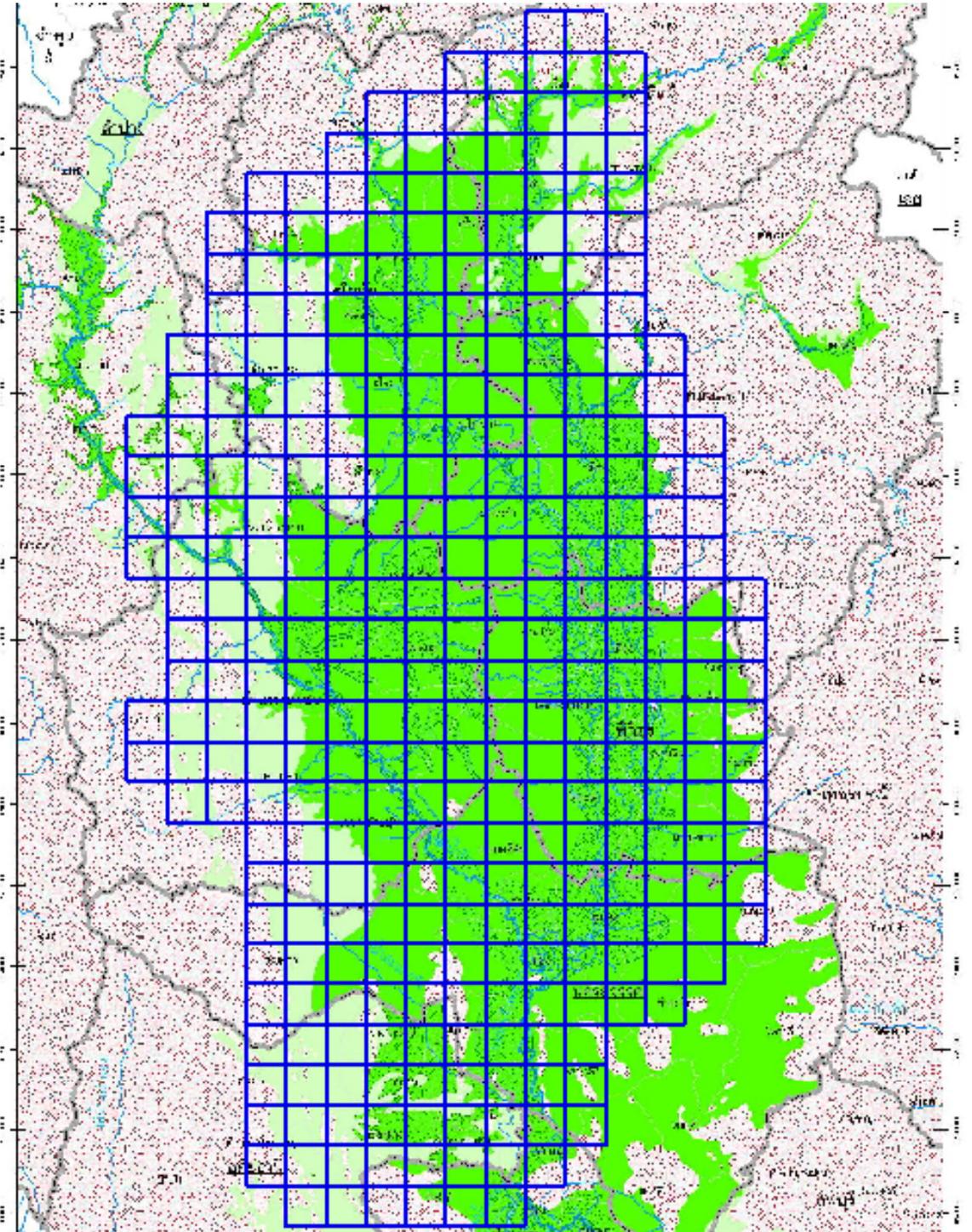


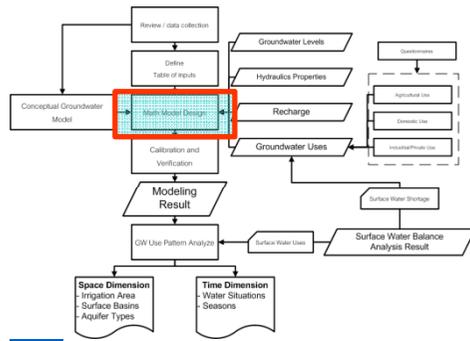


# •High Terrain

16 by 30 grids  
346 Grids Total

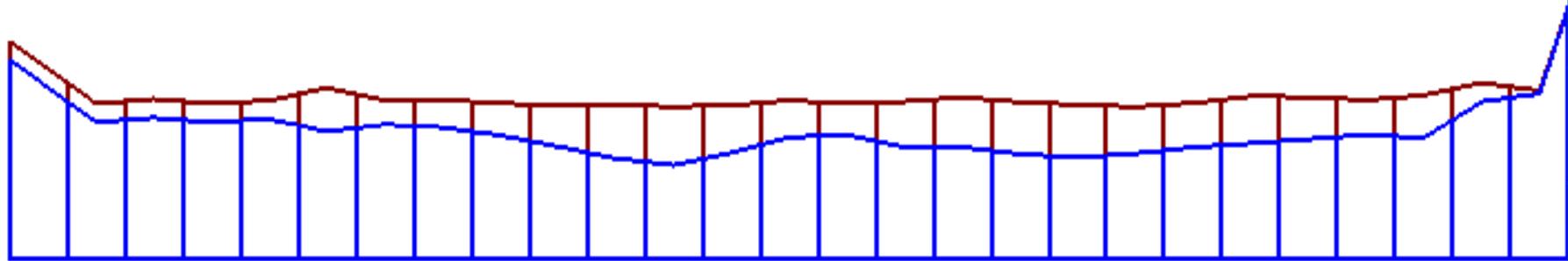
# Layer2 Grid





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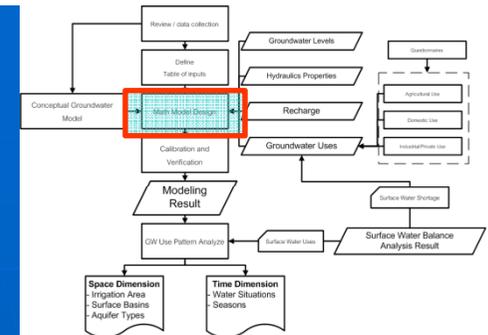
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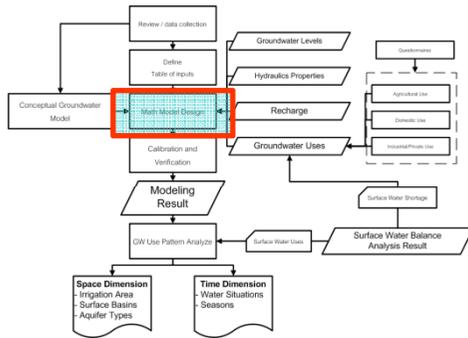
# Grid Cross-section N-S



# Boundary conditions



- In/out flow condition
- No-flow condition
- Fixed head
- Fixed gradient

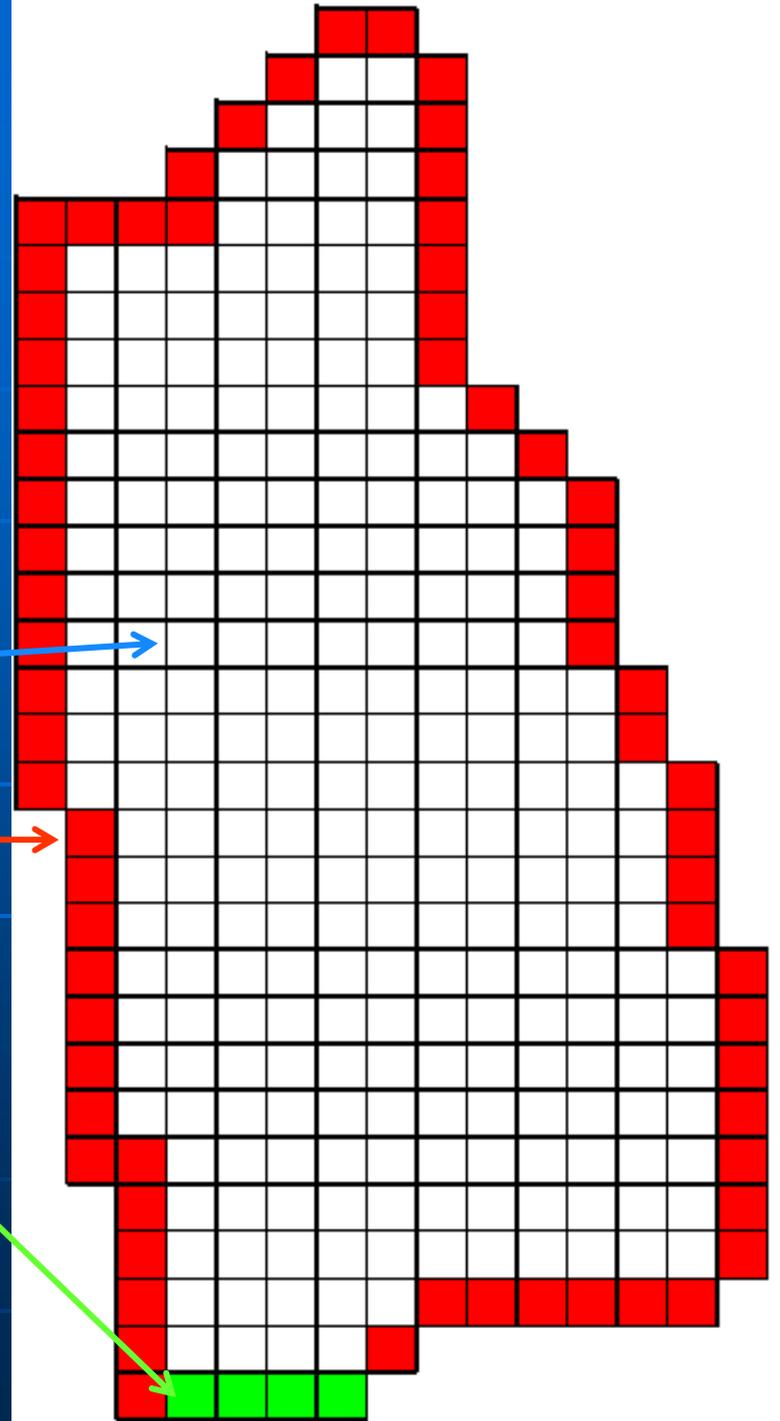


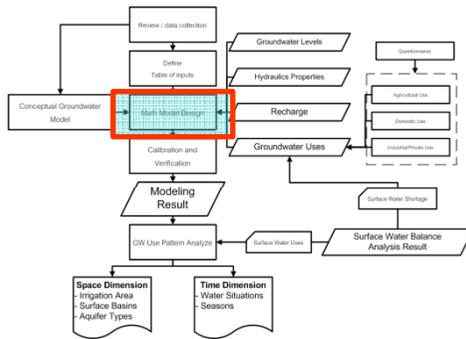
Active cell

Inflow boundary

Outflow boundary

**Flow  
Boundary**



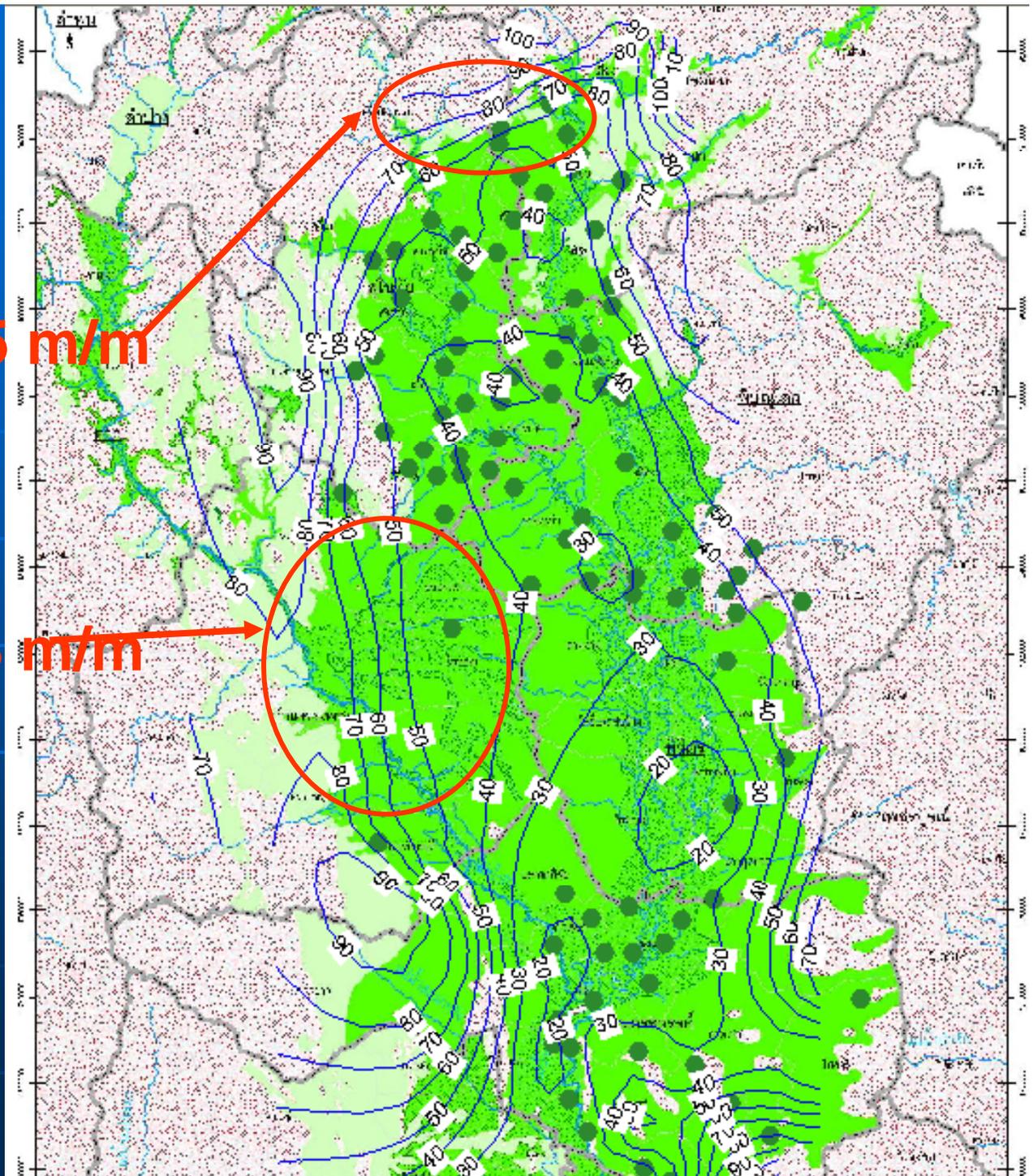


Gradient,  $i=0.0025$  m/m

$$Q=KiA$$

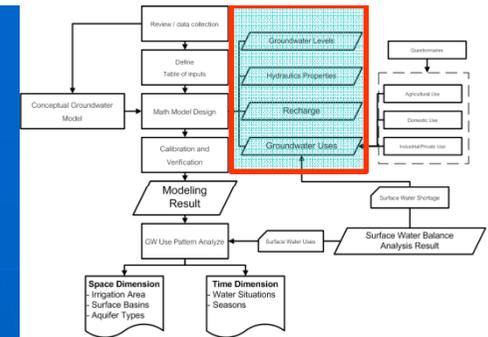
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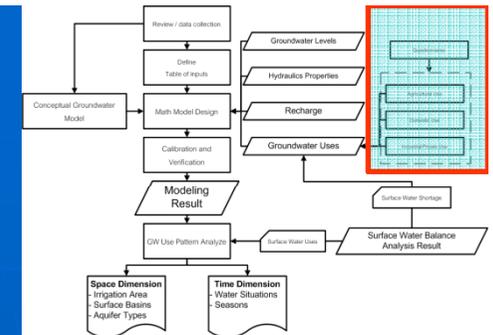
Lateral  
Flow In  
Calculation



# Input parameters

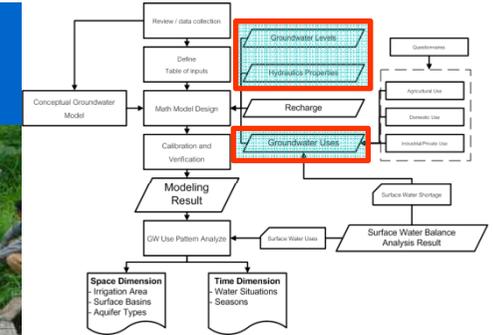
- Well Distribution
- Kinds of Well Consumption
- Pumping test
- Recharge rate  
(by test / survey / statistical method)





# Groundwater well exploration

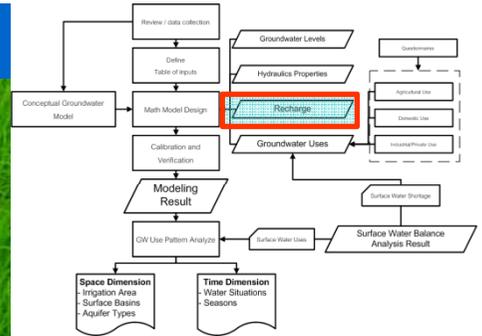




**Questionary  
Pumping test**

**Streamflow measurement**

**Field activities**



## Soil water potential

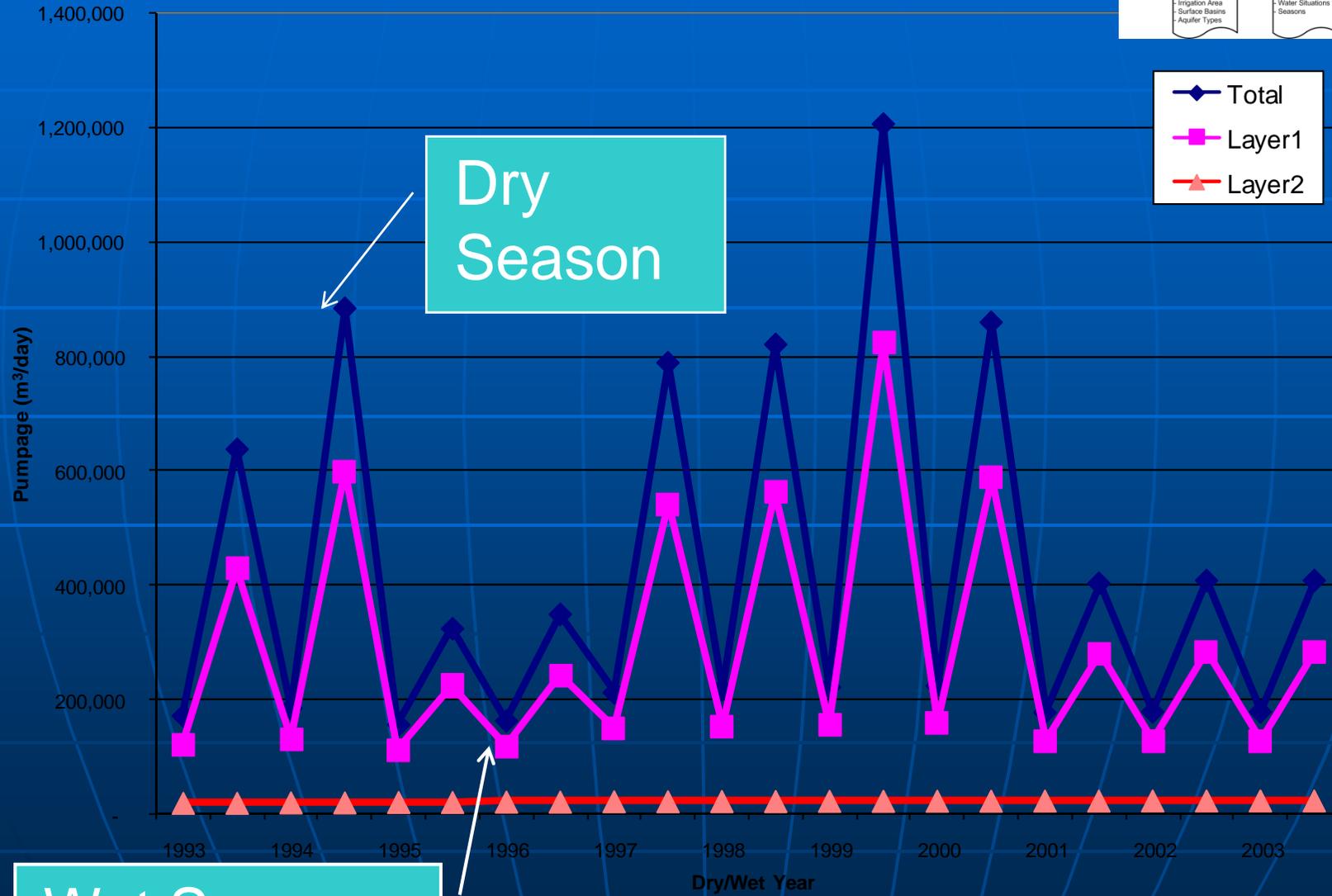
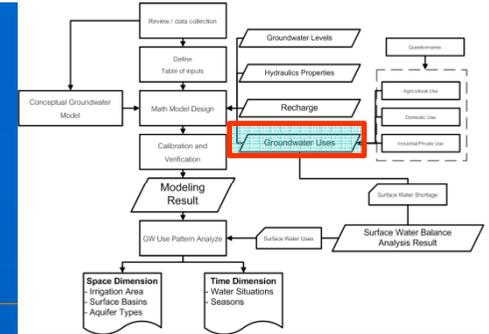


Soil infiltration test

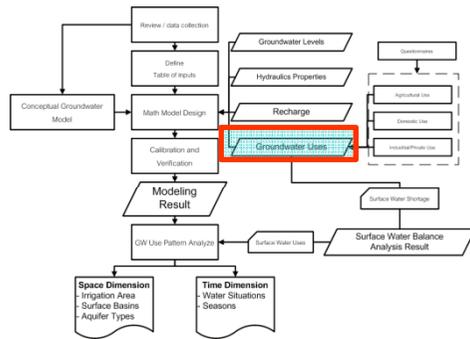
Field activities



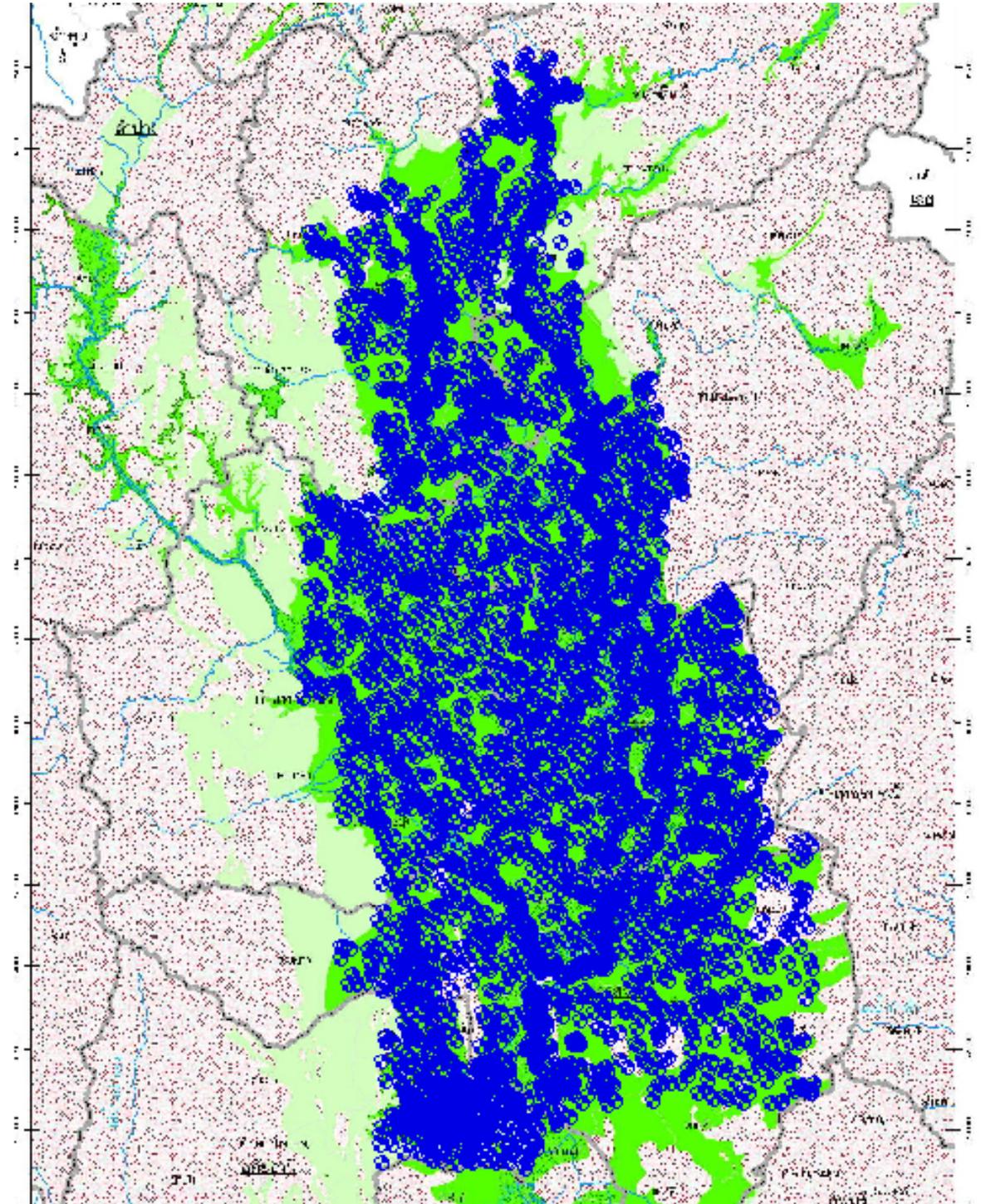
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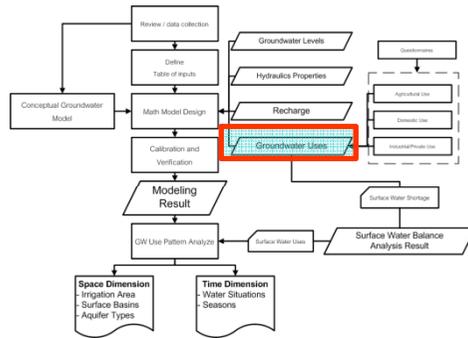


Wet Season

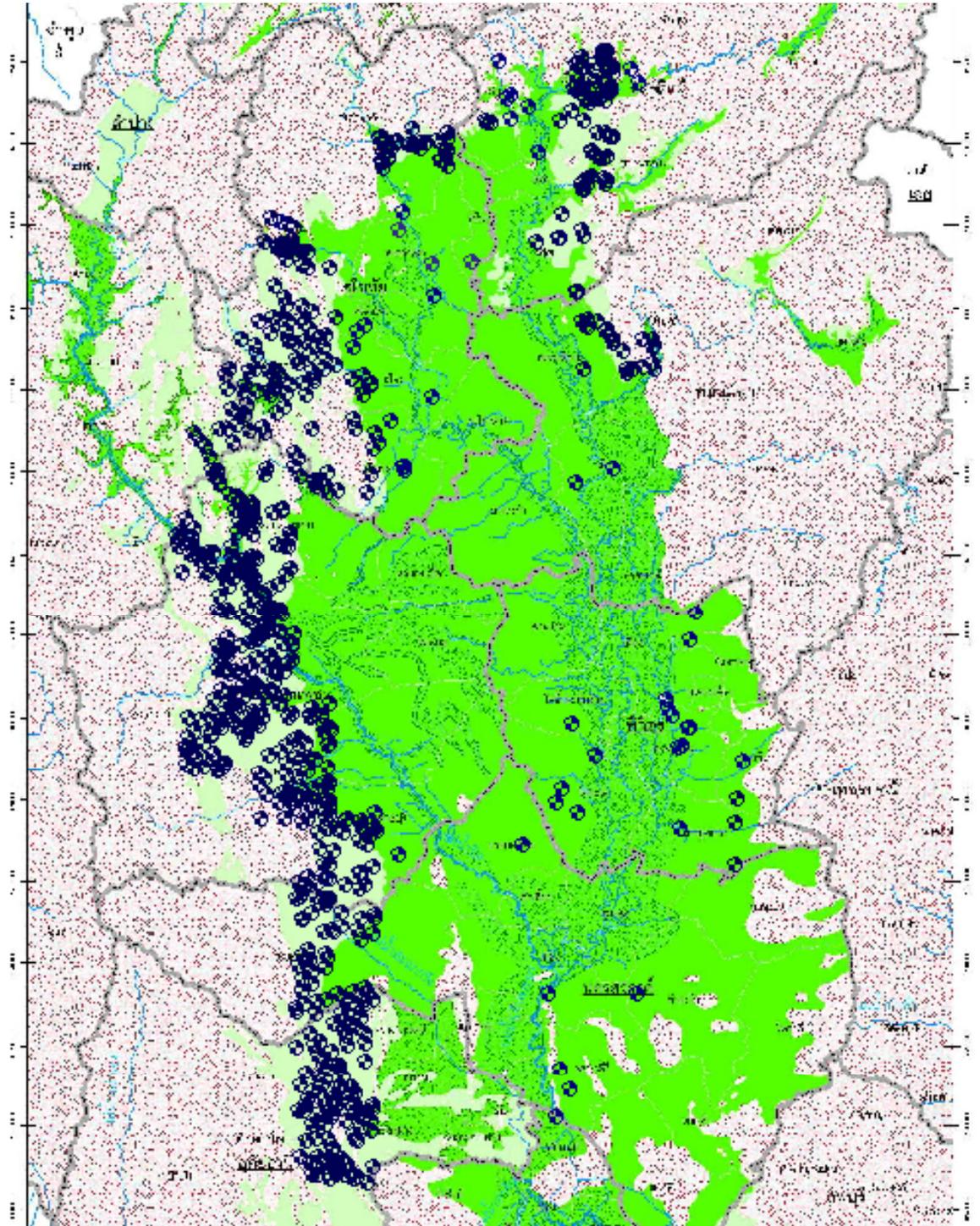


Layer1  
model  
pumpage

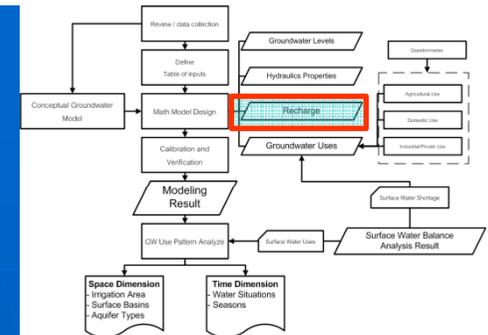




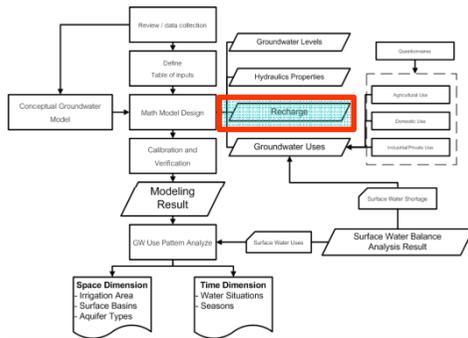
# Layer2 model pumpage



# Recharge



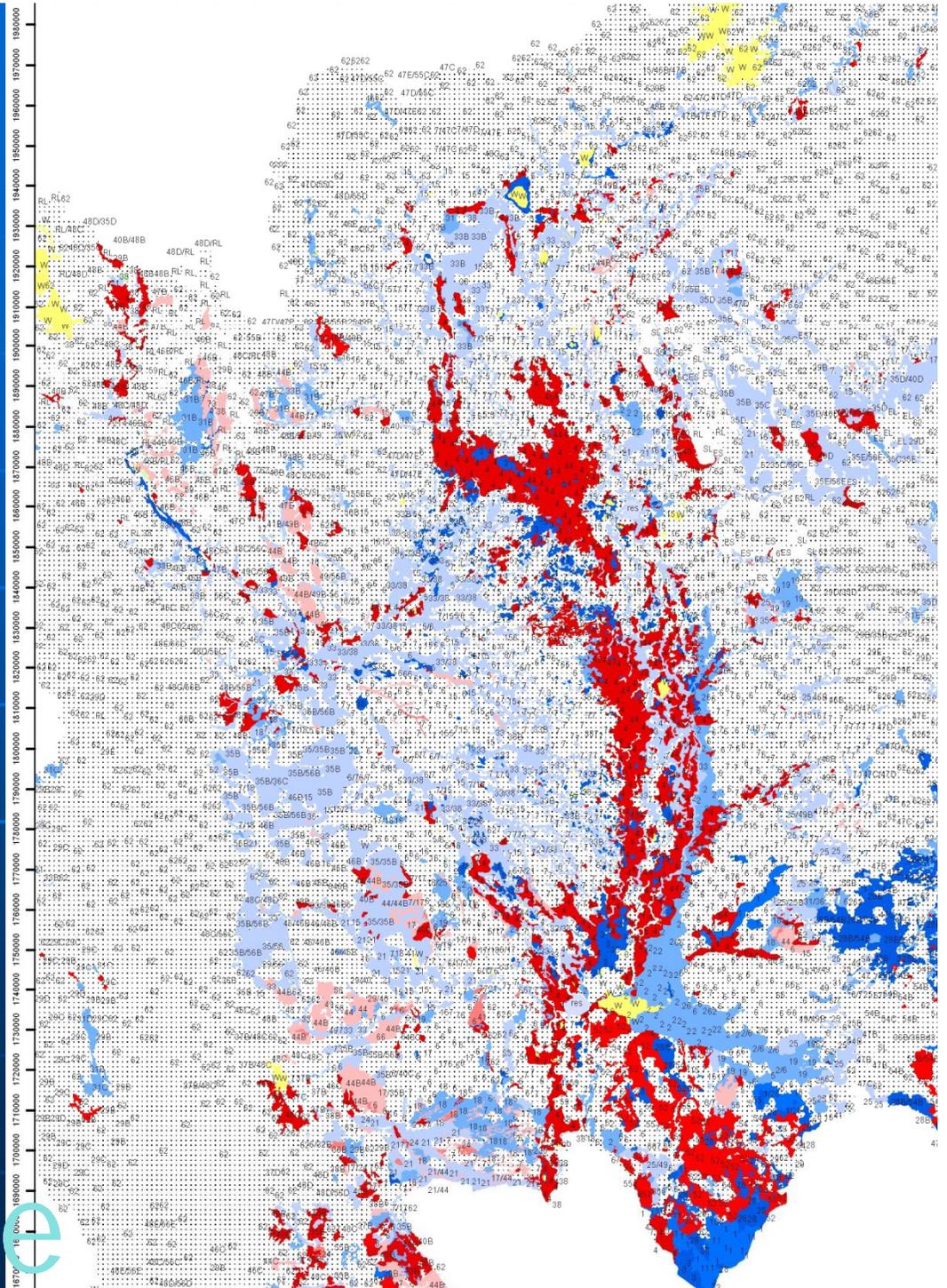
- Areal Recharge
  - Soil Types
  - Rainfall
- Channel Recharge
  - River bottom bed
  - Section
  - River Stage

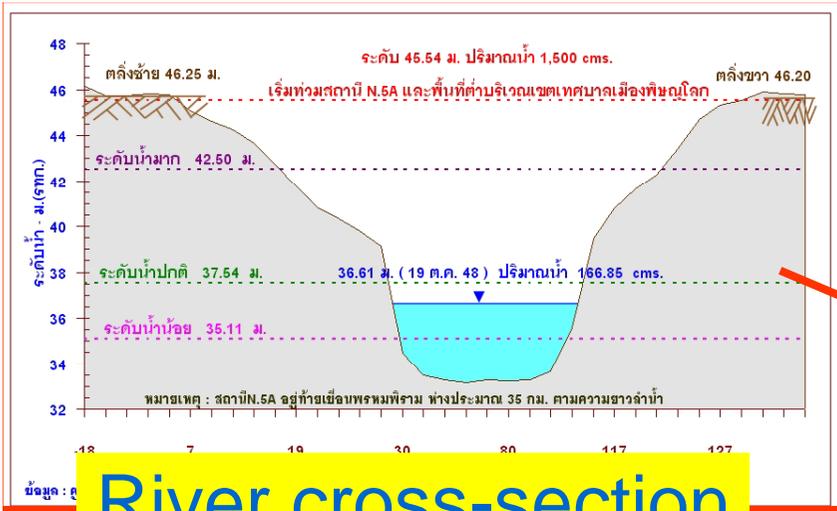


## Infiltration rate (% of rainfall)

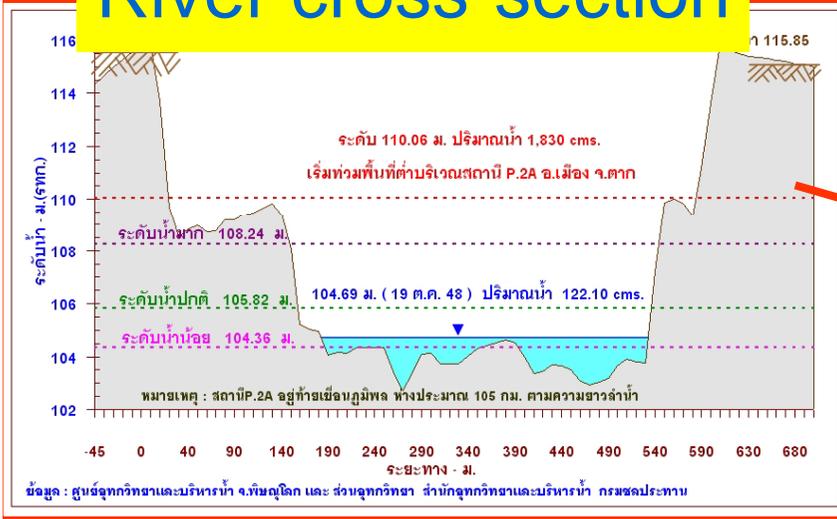
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0.4
0.5
0.6
0.7
0.8
1.0

# Top Soil Classified Zone

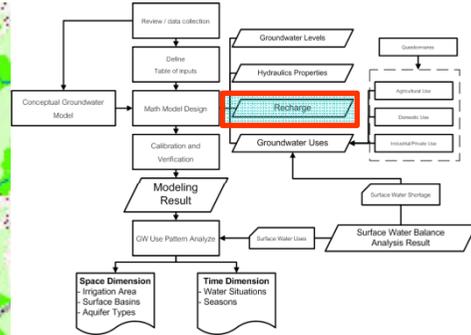
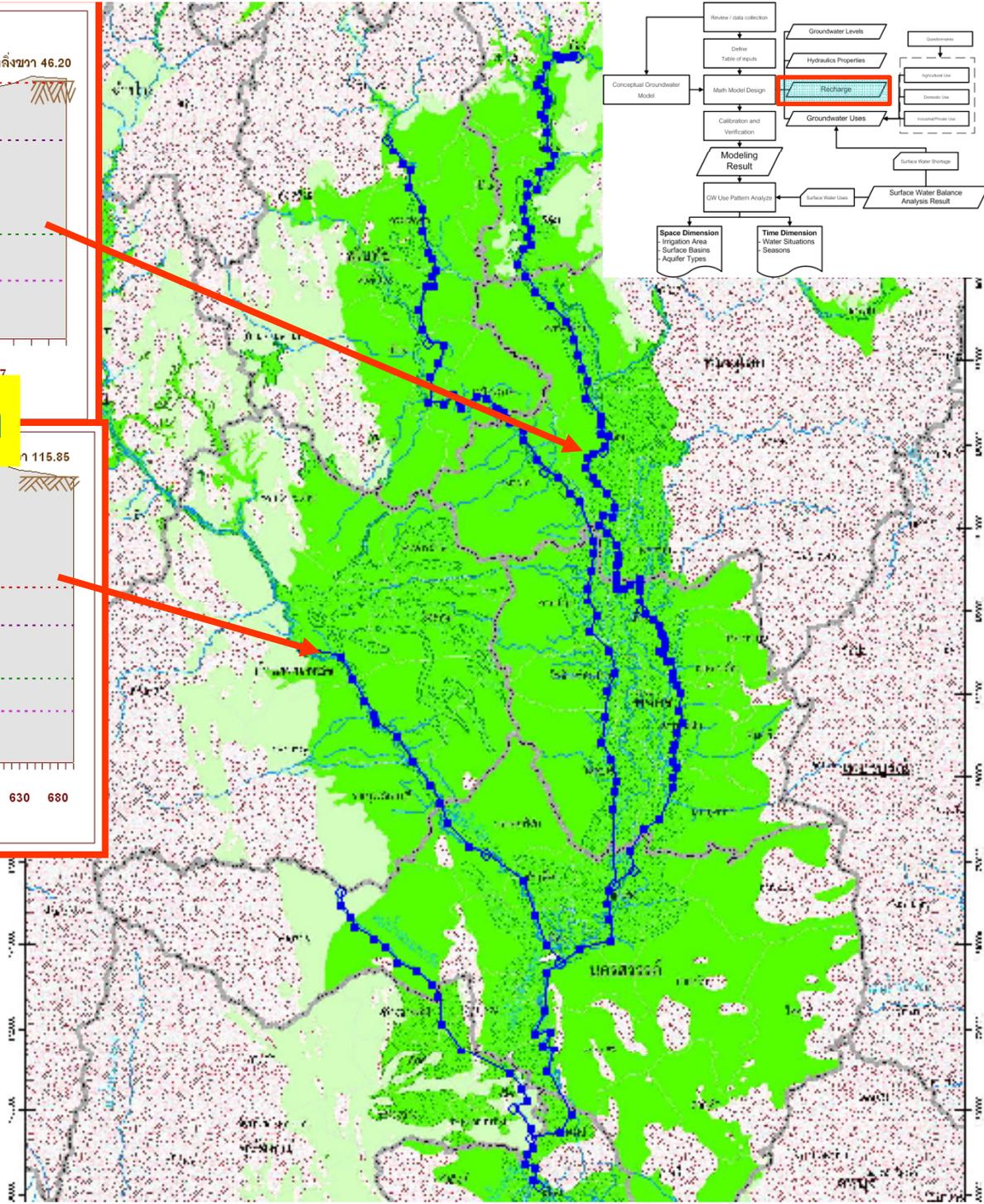




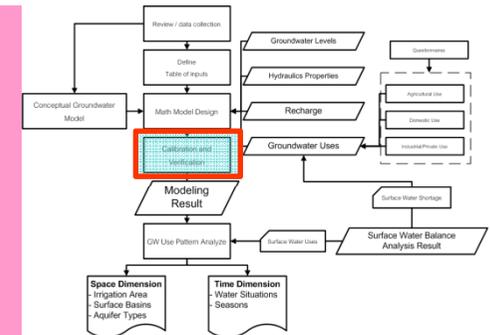
**River cross-section**



# Main River Paths



# Calibration and verification



1. Steady Calibration : 2003
2. Transient Calibration : 1993-2003
3. Model Verification : 2003 - 2005

1993 -> Starting Head

1. Steady -> K

1993

3. Transient -> Spec. Storage

2003

2005

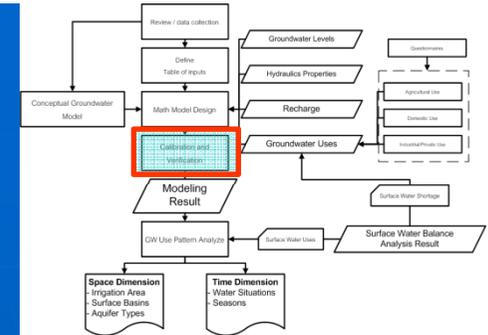
4. Verification



# Observed-Head Data Set

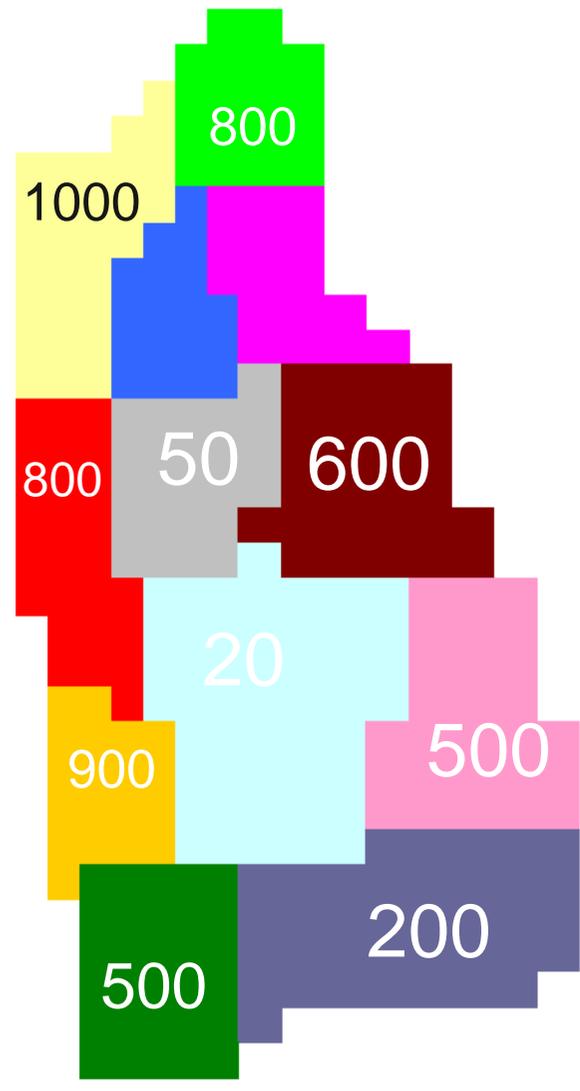
Steady : Dry season 2003

Transient : 1993-2003

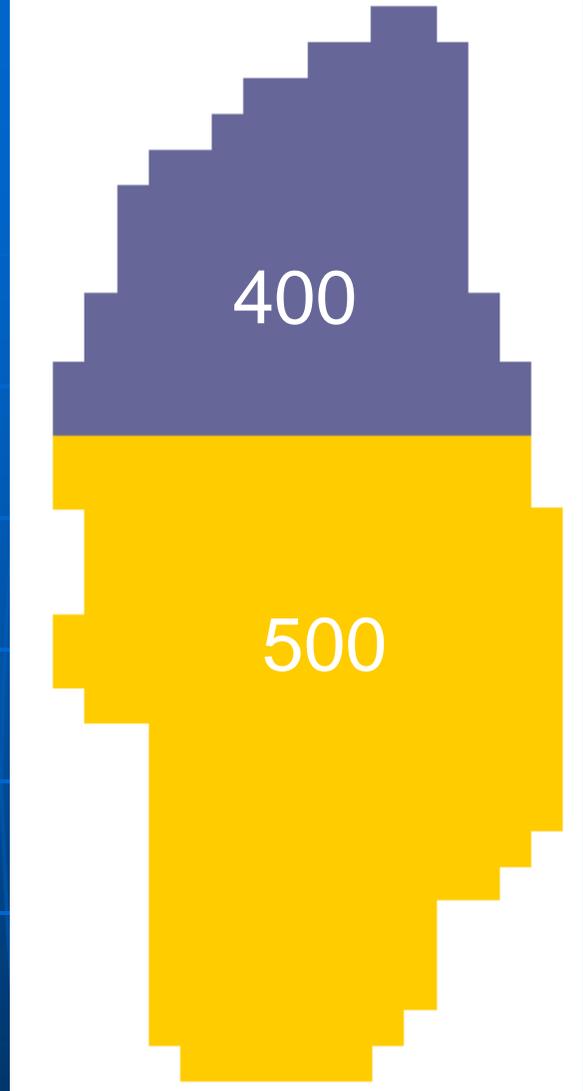


Unit : observed wells

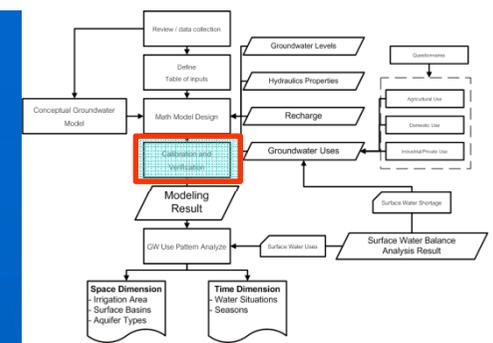
State	Layer1	Layer2	Total
Steady	93	13	106
Transient	135	10	139



L1



L2

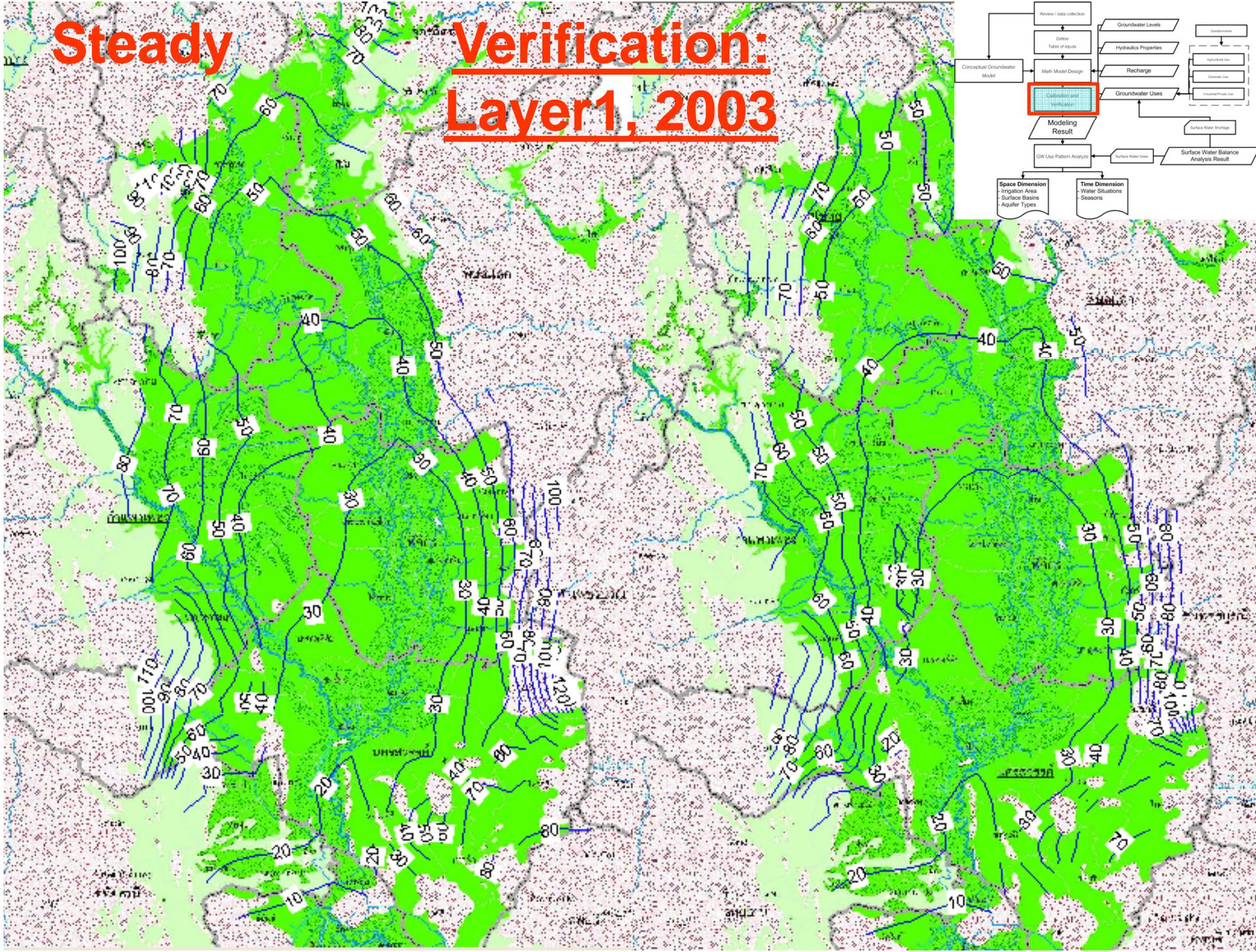
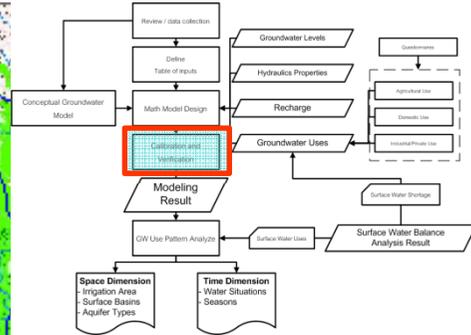


Transmissivity  
Unit : m<sup>2</sup>/day

# Transmissivity. Calibrated zones

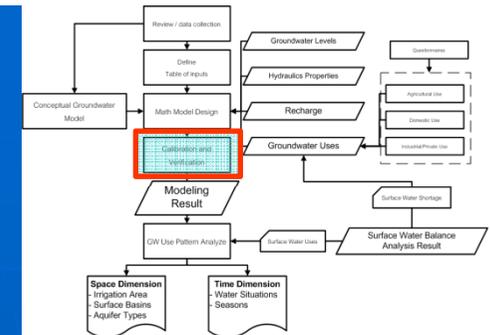
# Steady

# Verification: Layer 1, 2003



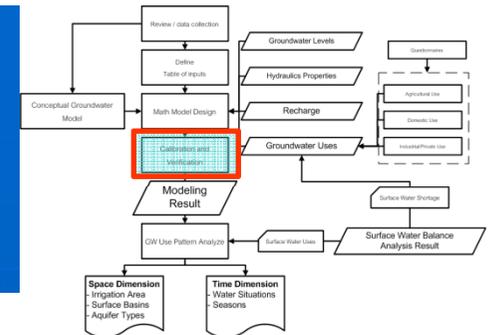
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## Transient State 1993-2003

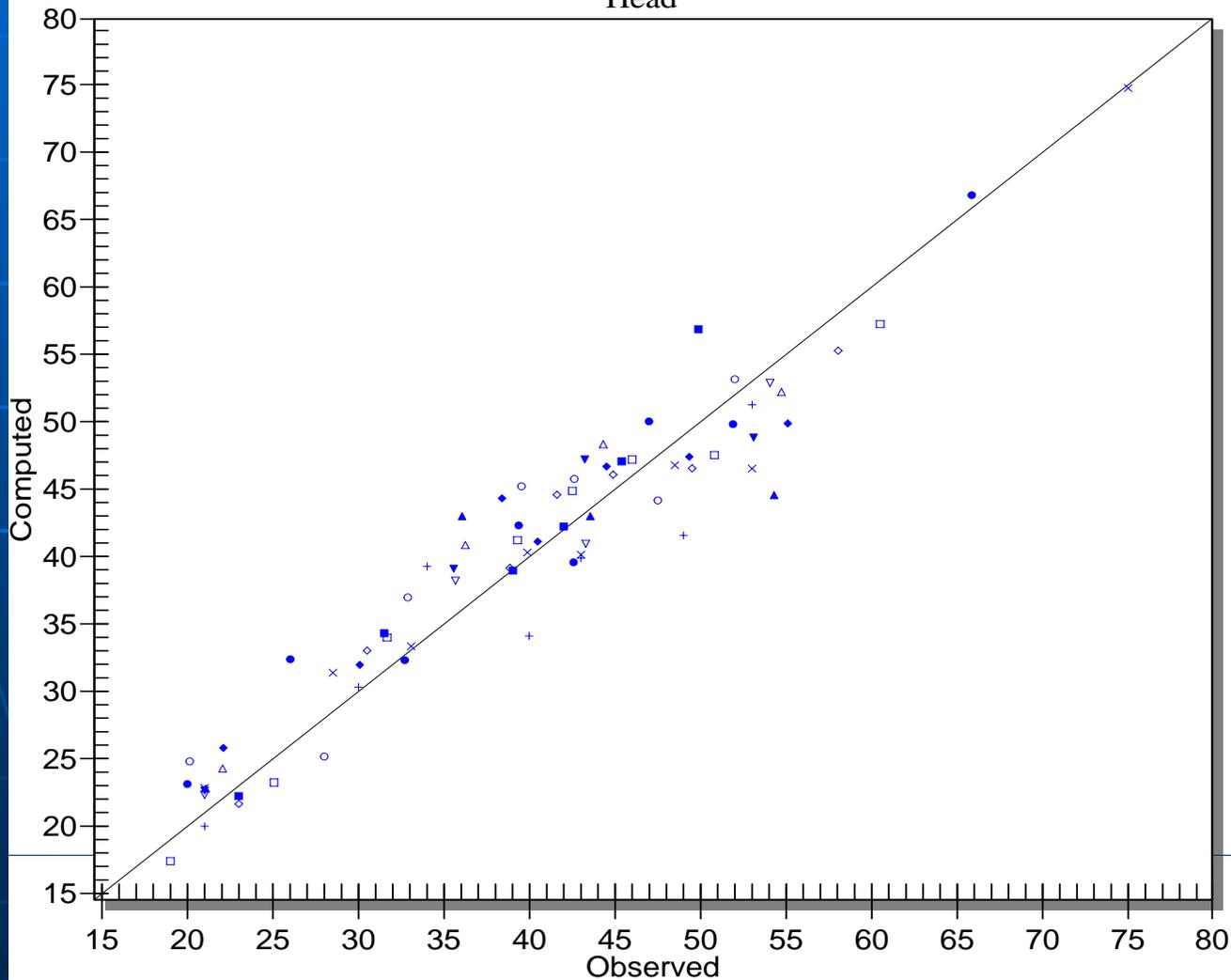


Layer	Mean	Abs. Mean	Root Mean Square
Layer1	4.51	6.08	7.60
Layer2	6.16	5.68	7.60

# Steady State Error Summary Layer 1



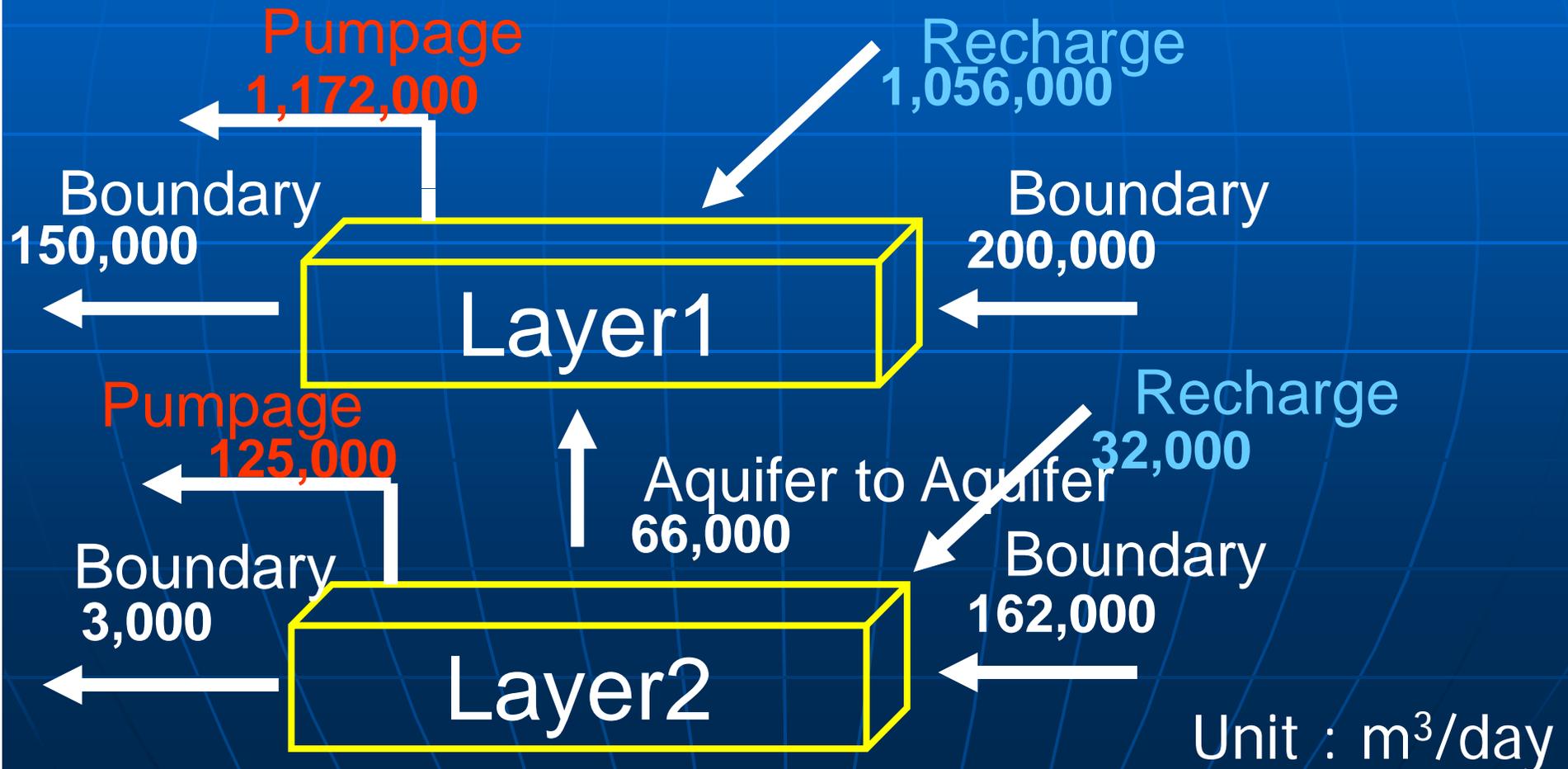
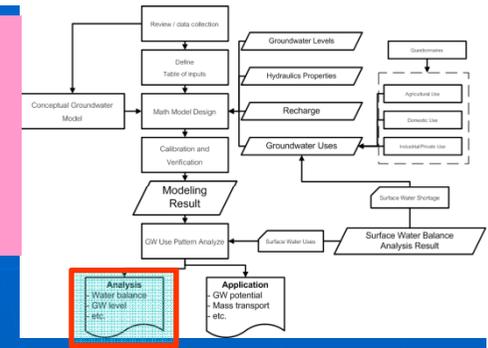
Computed vs. Observed Values  
Head



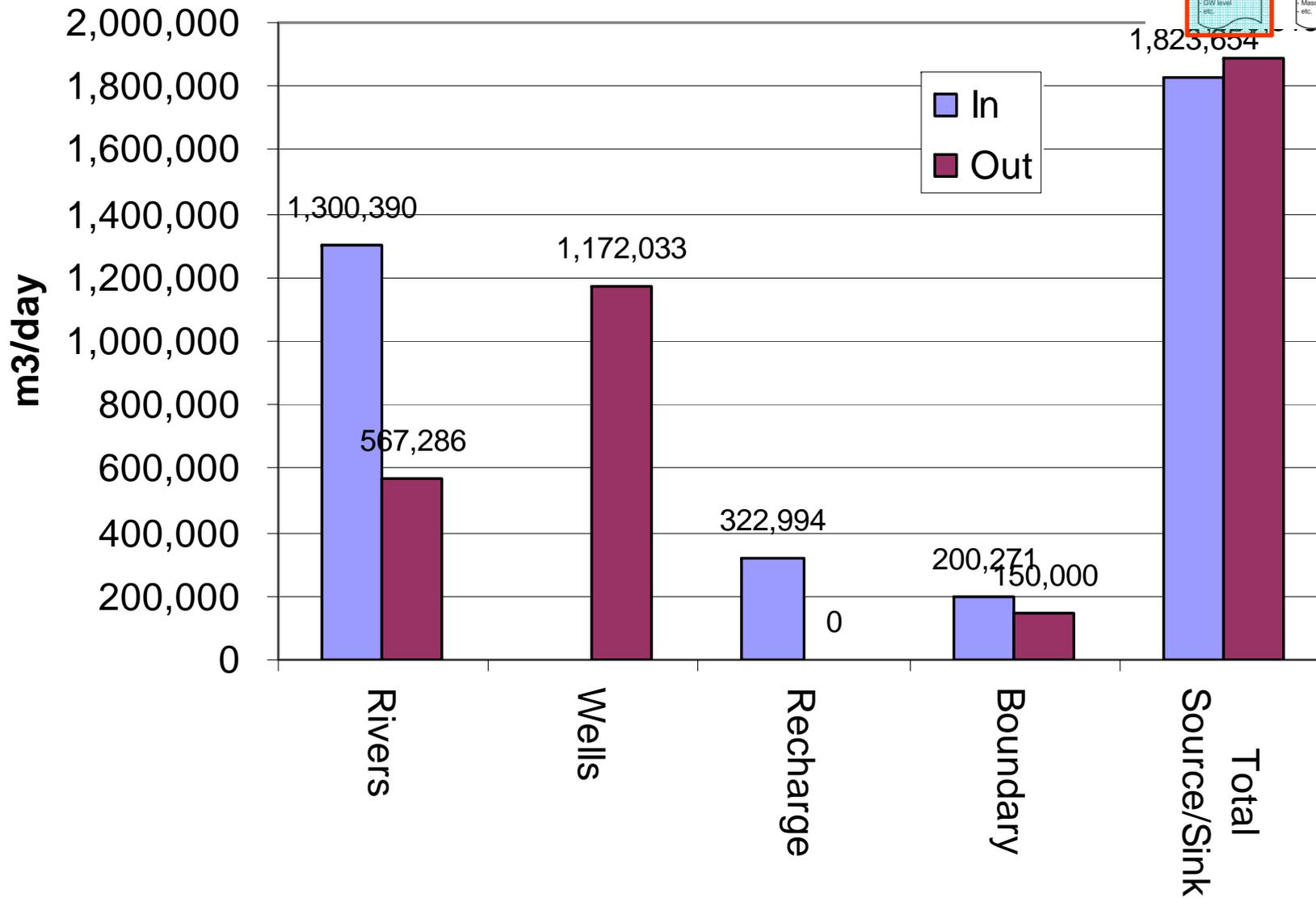
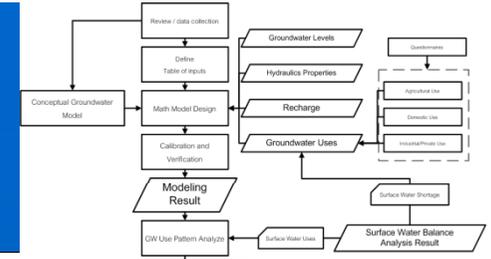
# Modeling Result

## Groundwater Balance

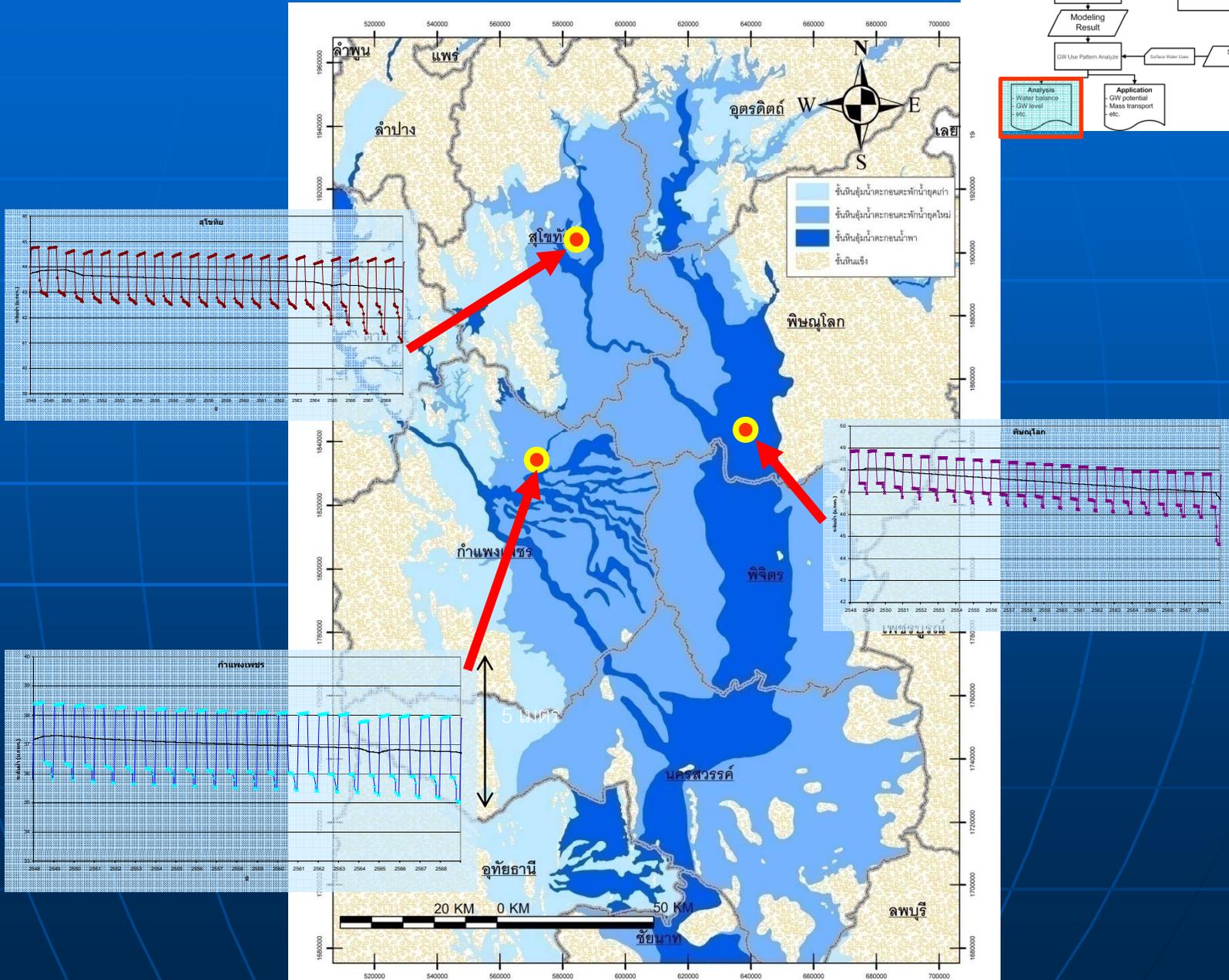
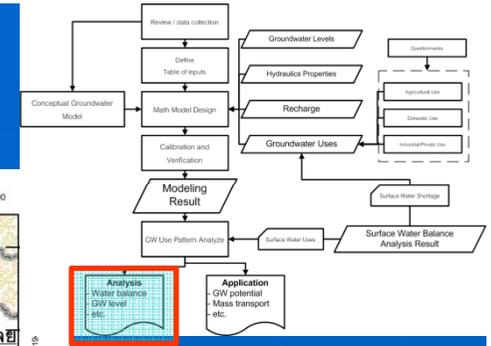
(Dry season, 2003: Drought Year)



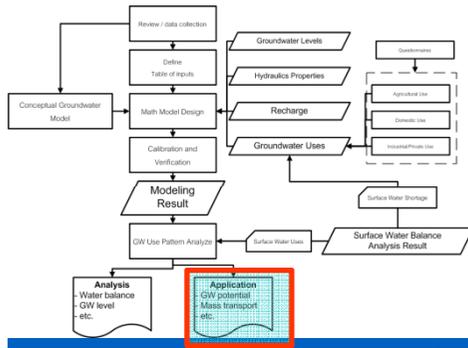
# Layer1 Flow Interaction



# Groundwater Level

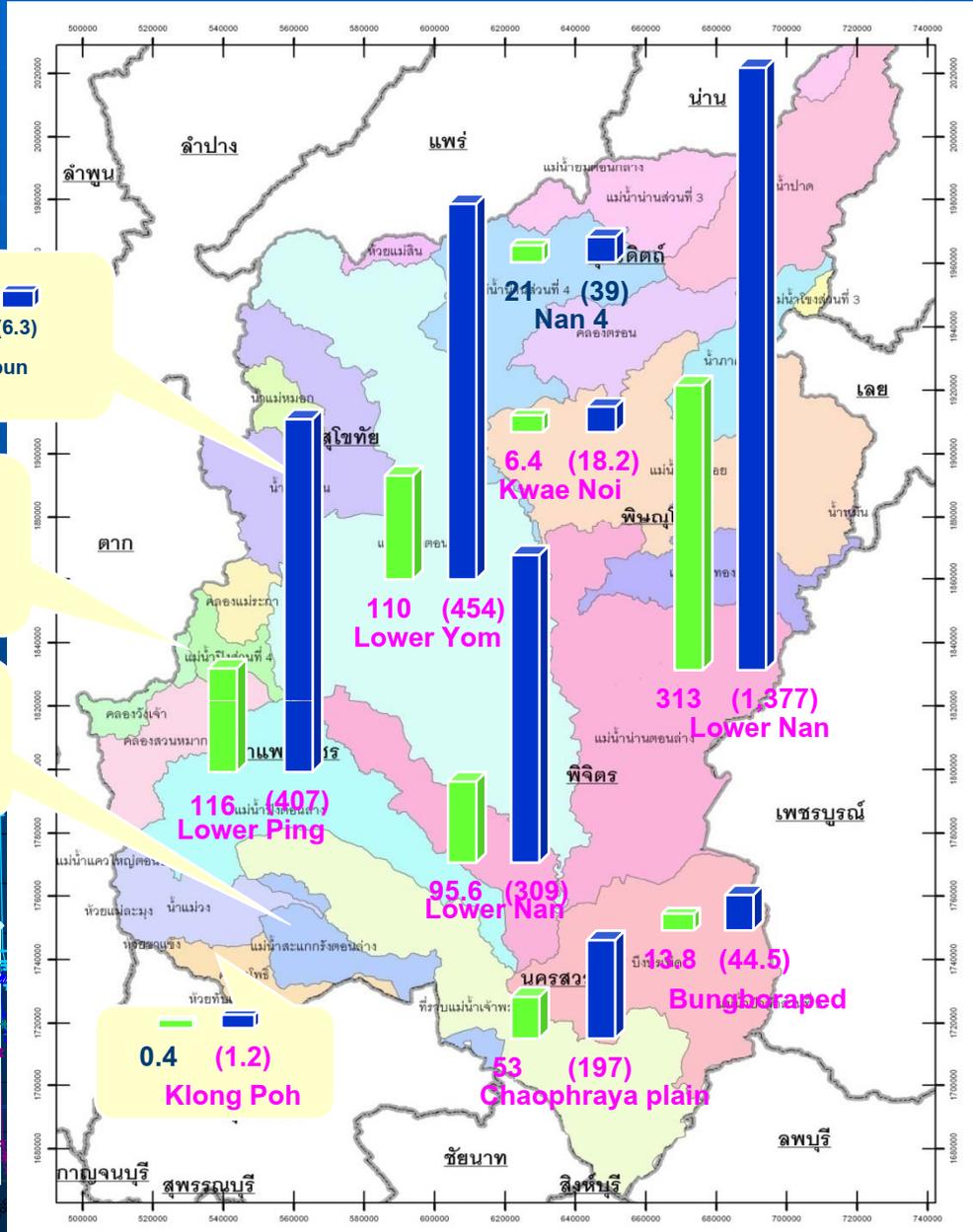
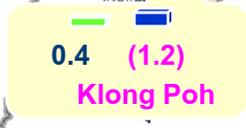
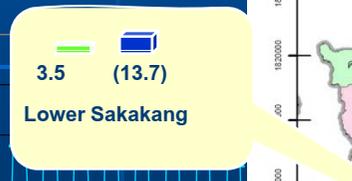
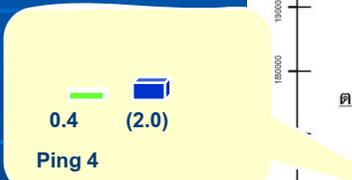
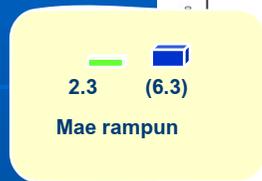
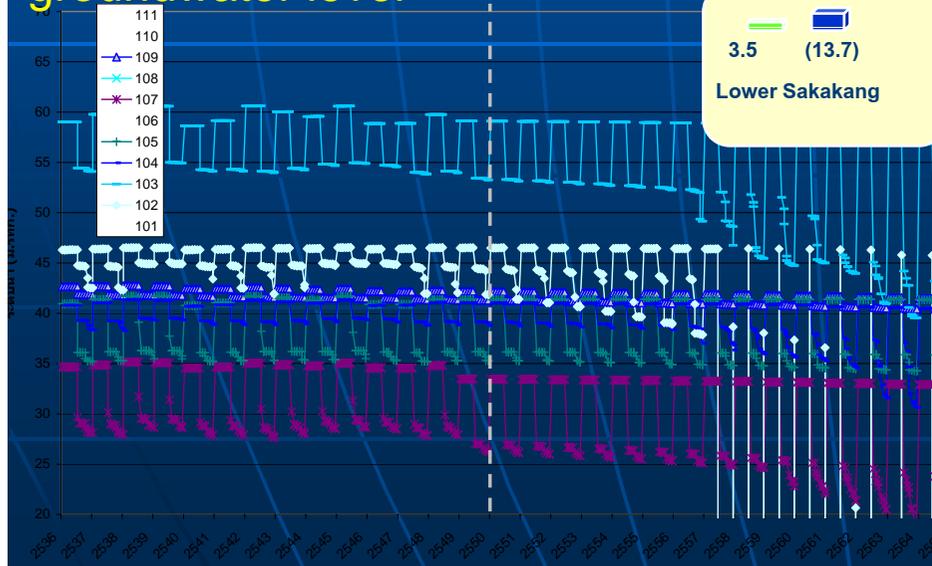


# Analysis / Application



## Groundwater potential investigation

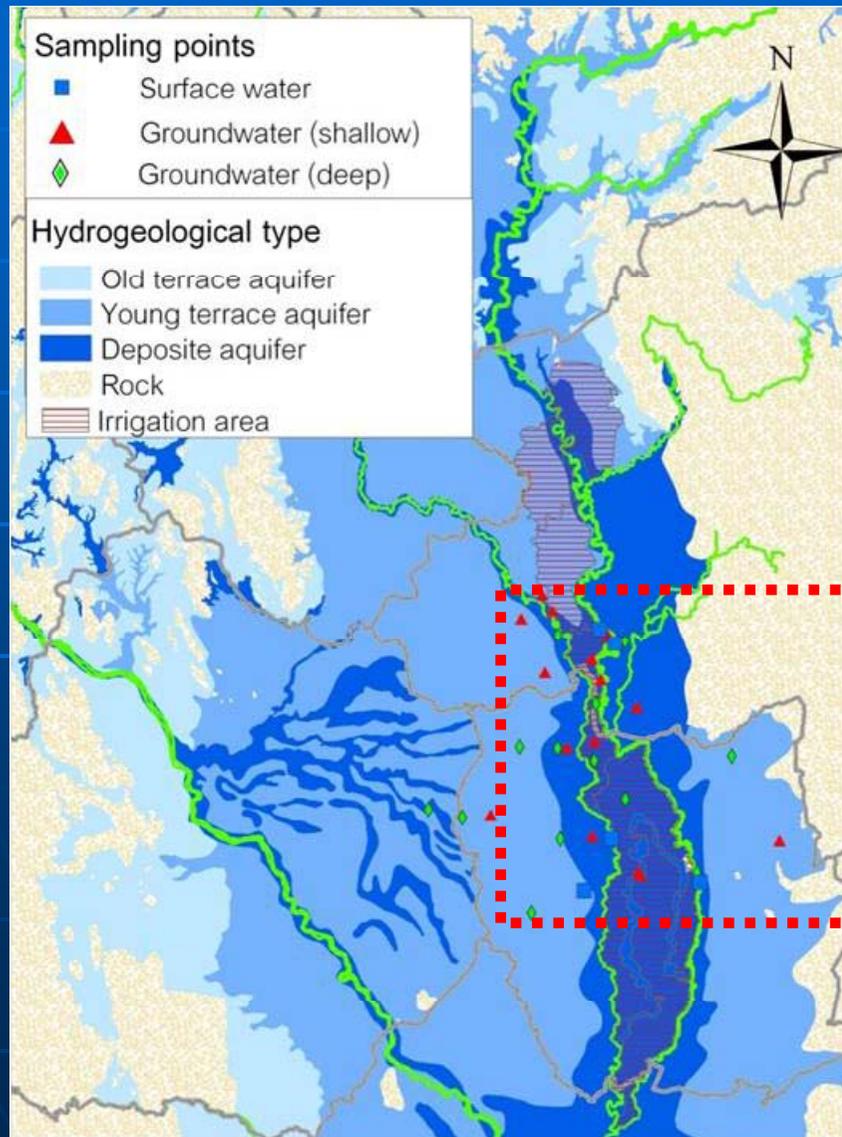
### Simulated future groundwater level



# Part 3 Application cases

- Isotope Application
- Climate Change Impacts Assessment

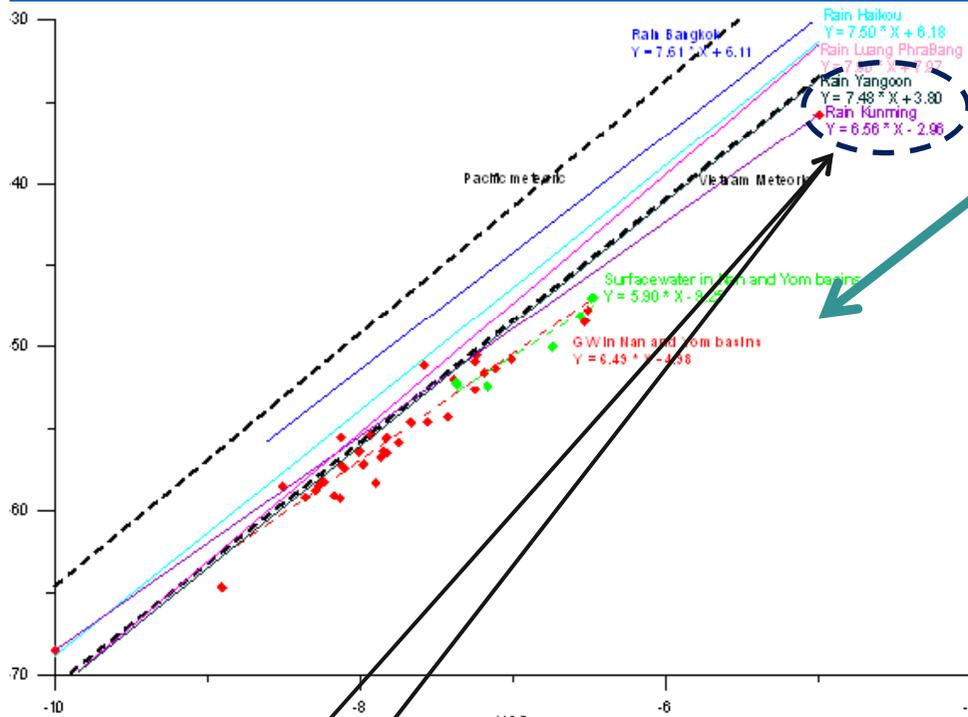
# (1) Isotope Application



Location of samples

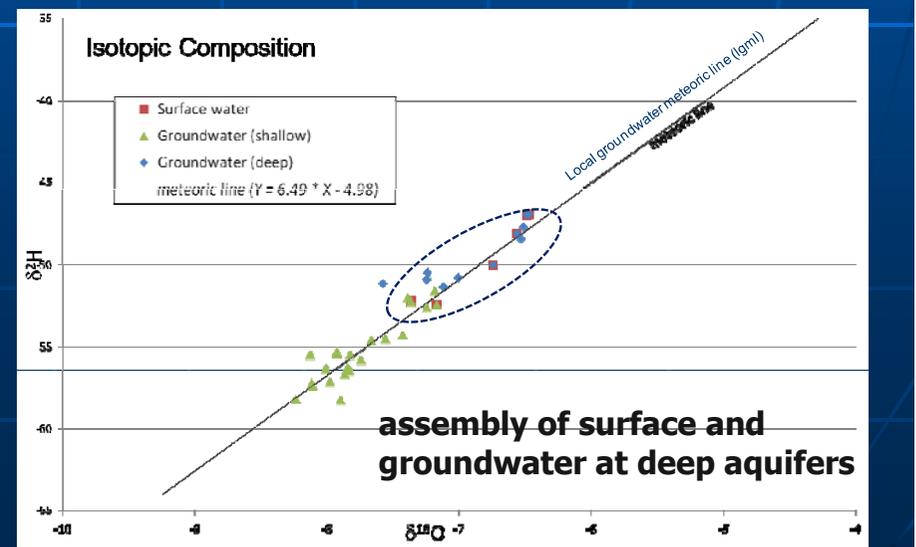
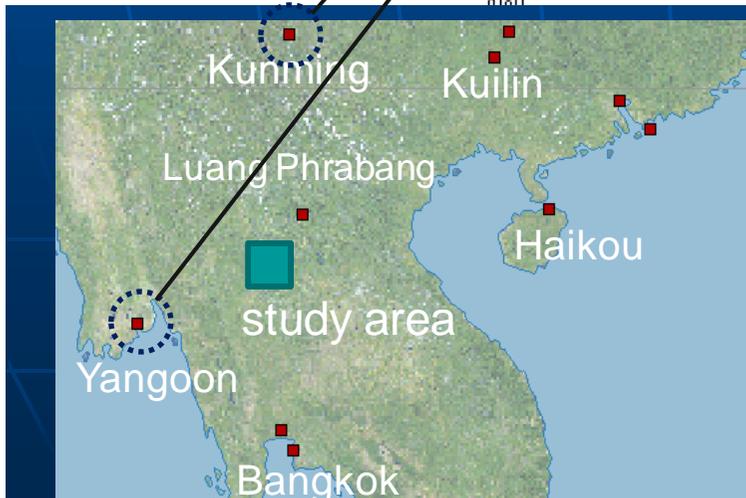


# Isotope Application



## Comparison of meteoric line.

Location	Meteoric line
Surface water: Northern Thailand (This study)	$\delta^2D = 5.90 \times \delta^{18}O - 9.25$
Groundwater: Northern Thailand (This study)	$\delta^2D = 6.49 \times \delta^{18}O - 4.98$
Bangkok, Thailand	$\delta^2D = 7.67 \times \delta^{18}O + 6.88$
Global	$\delta^2D = 8 \times \delta^{18}O + 10$
Northern hemisphere	$\delta^2D = (8.1 \pm 1) \times \delta^{18}O + (11 \pm 1)$
Maritime	$\delta^2D = 8 \times \delta^{18}O + 22$
Mediterranean/Middle East	$\delta^2D = (8 \pm 0.1) \times \delta^{18}O + (12.1 \pm 1.3)$
Tropical Island	$\delta^2D = (4.6 \pm 0.4) \times \delta^{18}O + (12.1 \pm 1.3)$
North eastern Brazil	$\delta^2D = 6.4 \times \delta^{18}O + 5.5$
Northern Chile	$\delta^2D = 7.9 \times \delta^{18}O + 9.5$
Groundwater: Taipei, Taiwan	$\delta^2D = 8.2 \times \delta^{18}O + 11.6$
Groundwater: Shaanxi Province, China	$\delta^2D = 7.85 \times \delta^{18}O + 12.94$
Groundwater: Pacific Ocean, Japan, East China, South Korea	$\delta^2D = 7.73 \times \delta^{18}O + 12.7$
Groundwater: NAMĐINH, Vietnam	$\delta^2D = 7.44 \times \delta^{18}O + 3.755$



# Isotope Application

- **Isotopic compositions of surface and groundwater are similarly in dry season.**
- **Precipitation in the Yom and Nan river basins are not related to precipitation in Bangkok but it may be from the same sources as of Kunming's and Yangon's.**
- **Seasonal change in groundwater and surface water fingerprints requires the second set of samples was collected in rainy season during July to August to compare seasonal effects on groundwater recharge.**

# (2) Climate Change Impacts Assessment

## Condition of simulate groundwater

### Periods

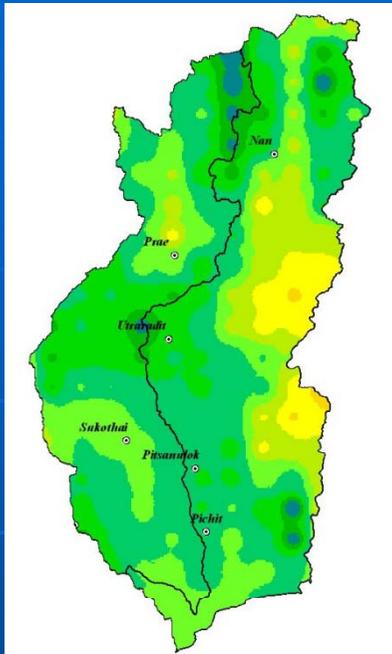
Past:	1982 – 2005	(Real Data)
Near Future:	2015 – 2039	} Downscaled MRI GCM
Future:	2075 – 2099	

### Seasonal

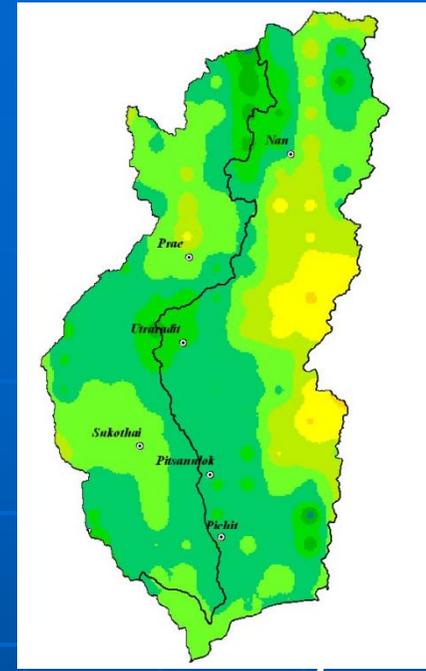
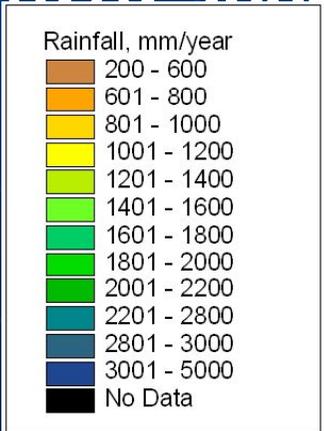
Wet (May - October)    Dry (November - April)

### Water Year

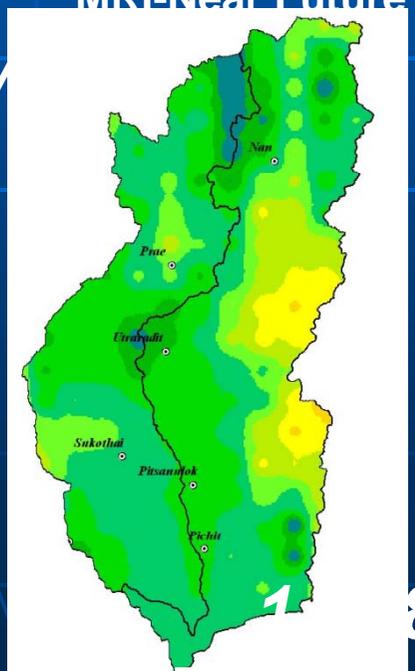
Wet, Normal, Dry and Severe Year depend on the actual storage of Sirikit Dam (considered the irrigation water demand from paddy only)



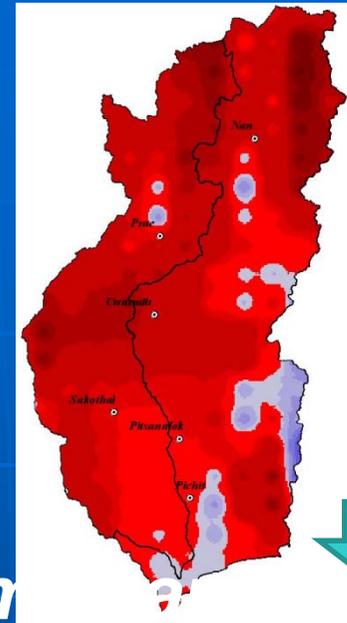
**1,657 mm/yr**  
**MRI-Present**  
**(1970-2006)**



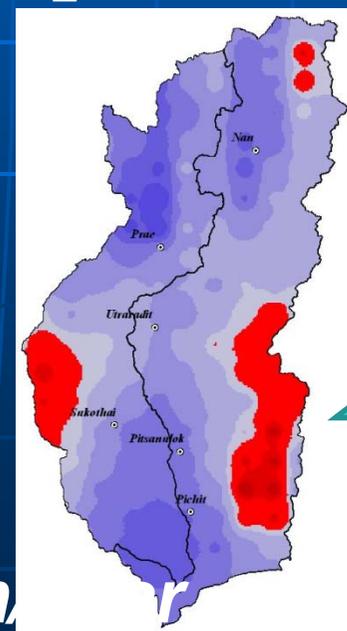
**MRI-Near Future**



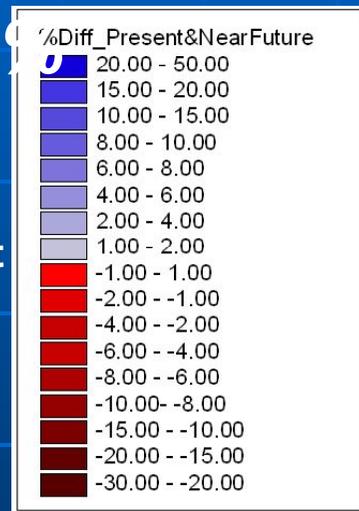
**MRI-Future**



**%Diff\_Near Future-Present**



**%Diff\_Future-Present**



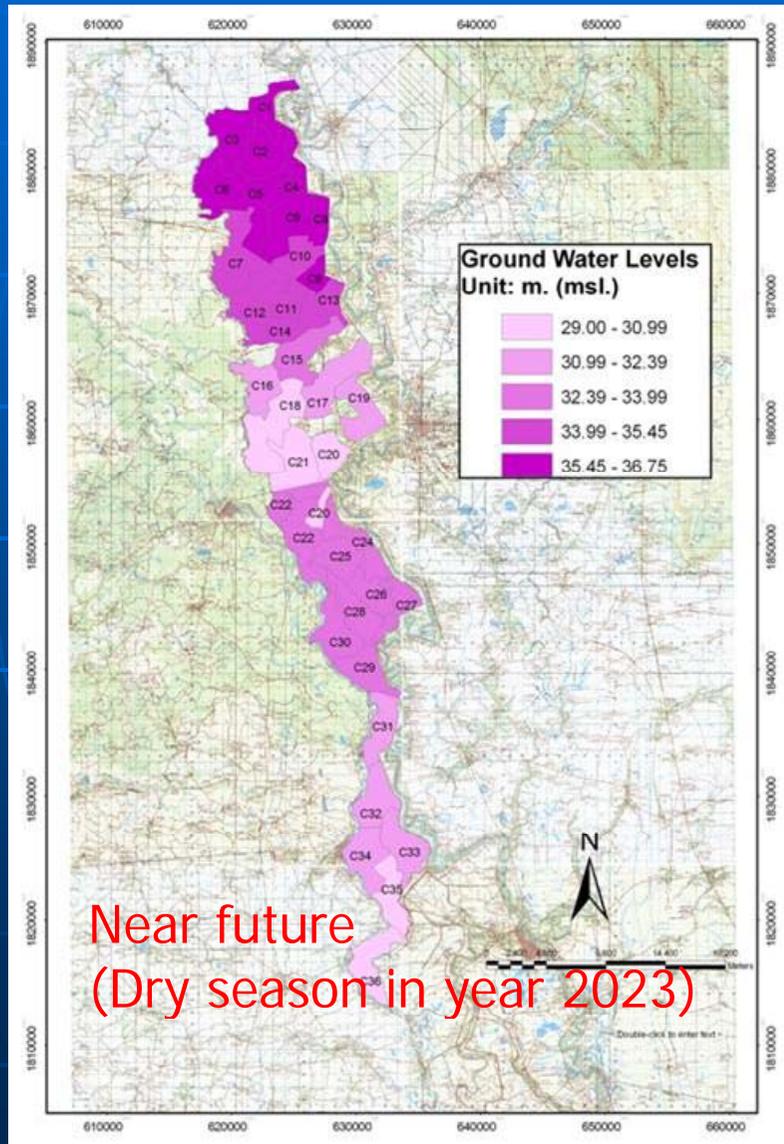
**8 mm/yr**

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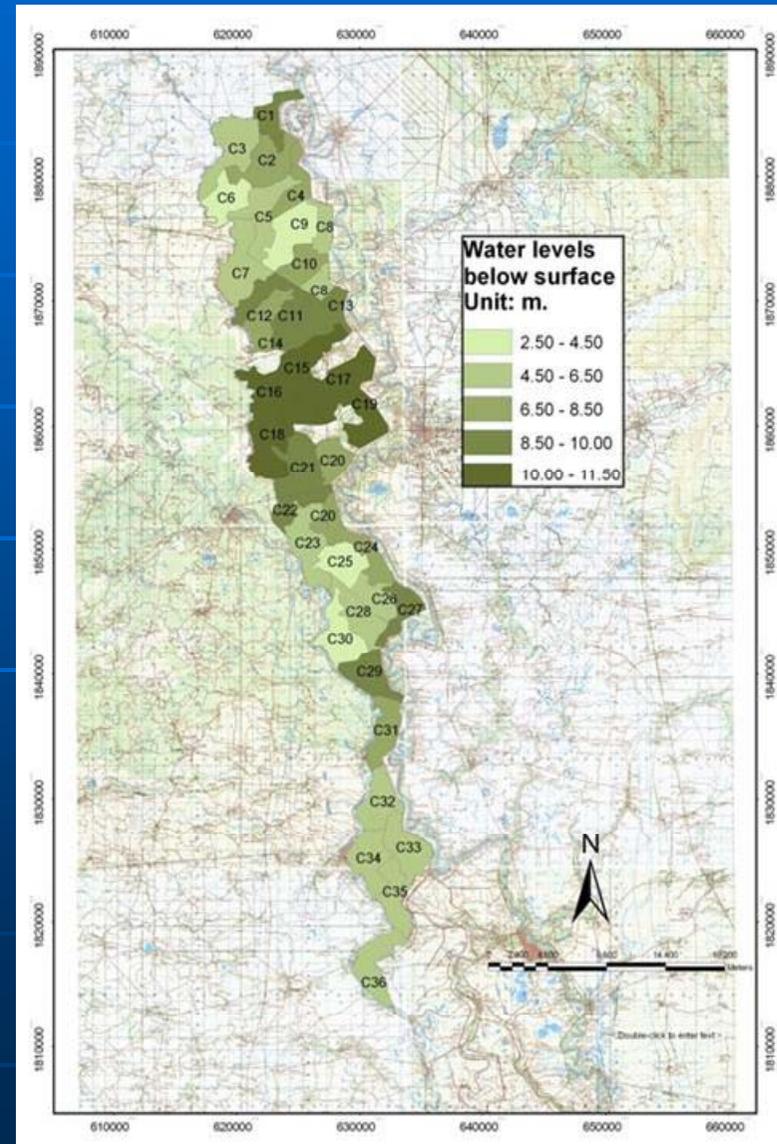
**3.55%**

**4.26%**

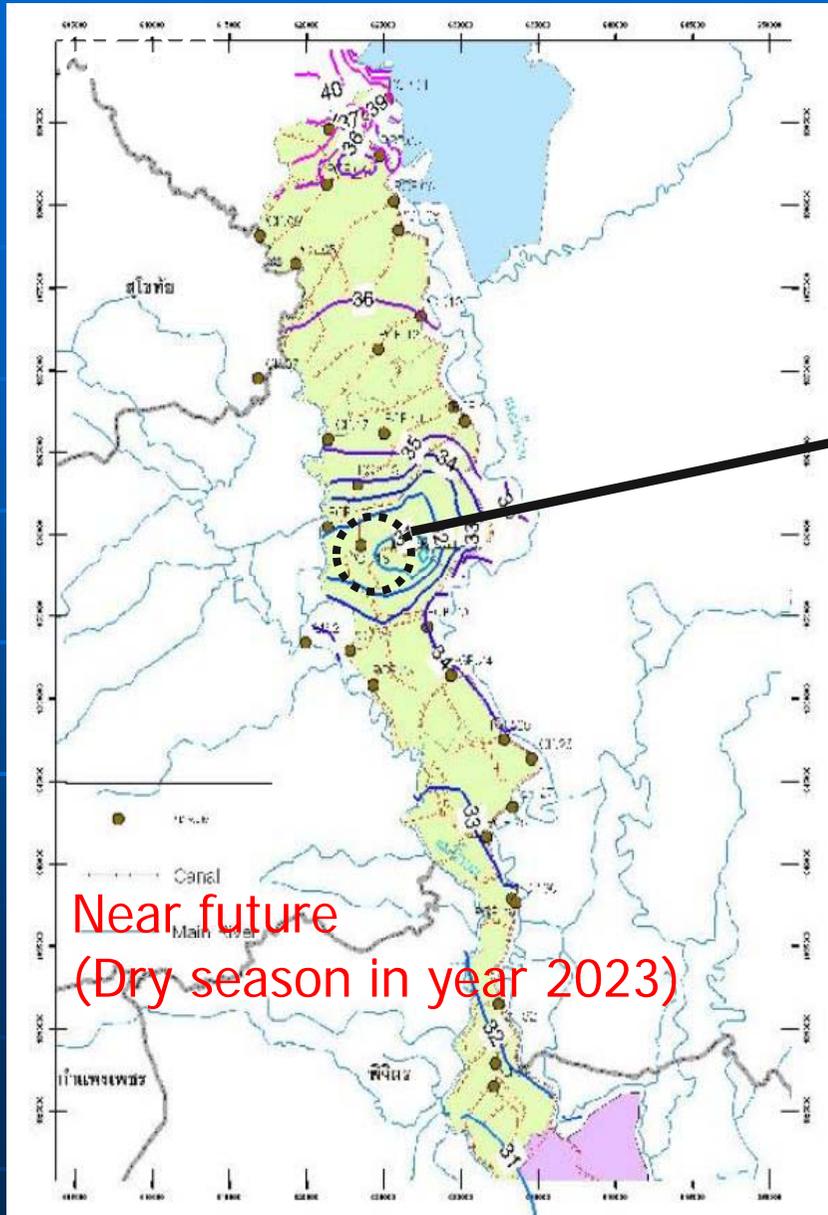
# Water level



# Area below ground surface over 10 m.

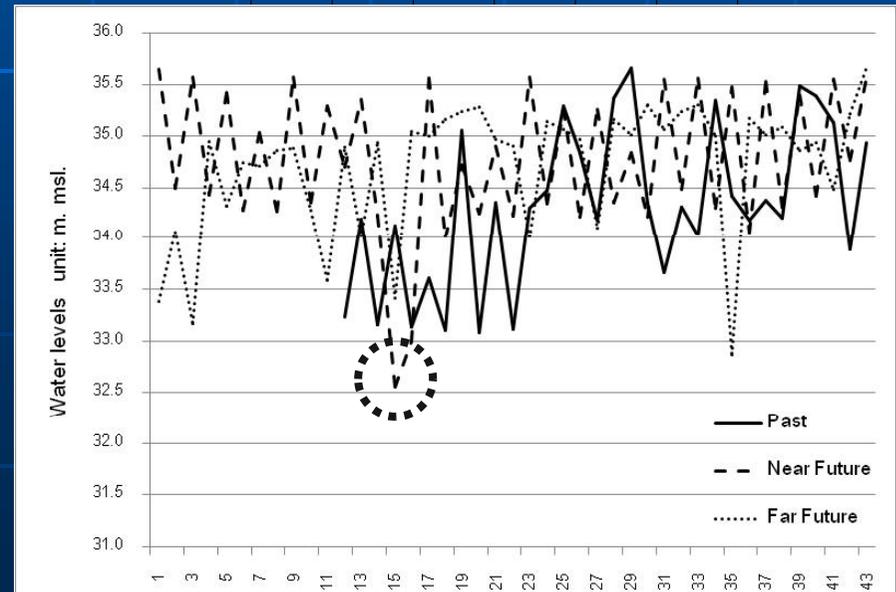
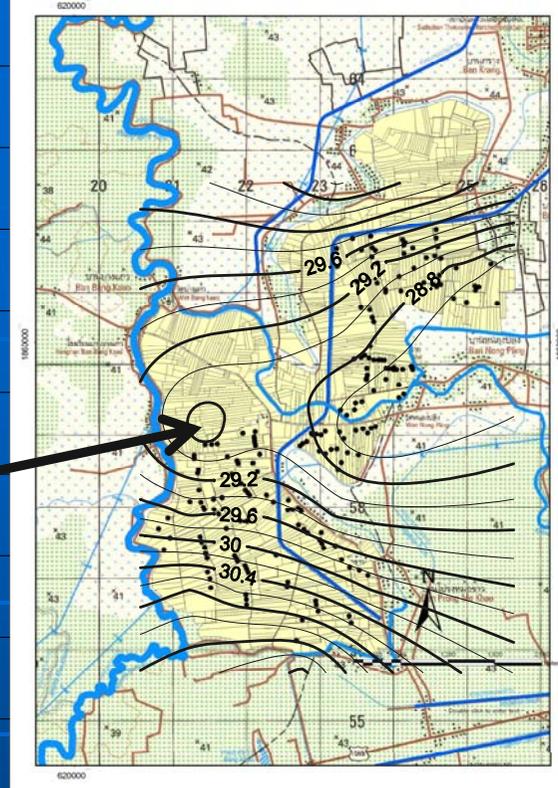


# Location of critical



Near future  
(Dry season in year 2023)

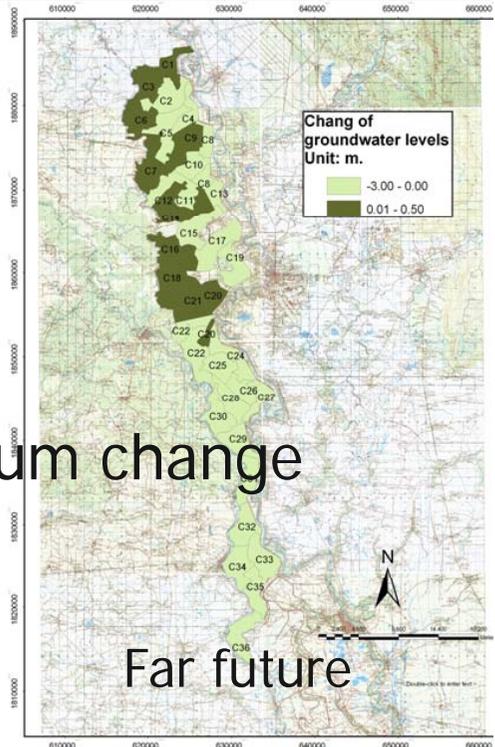
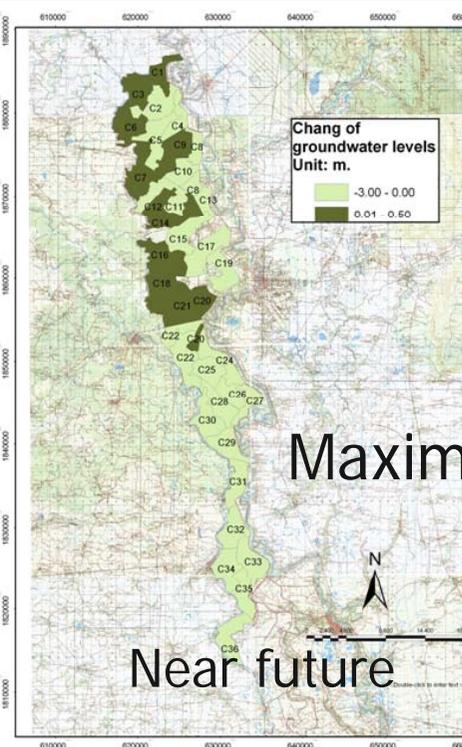
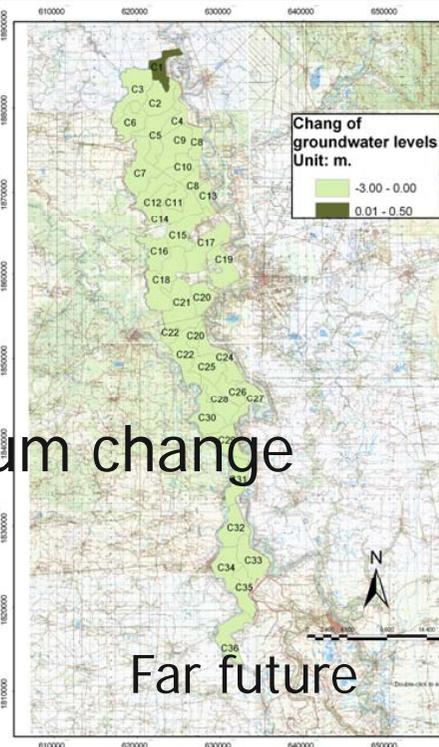
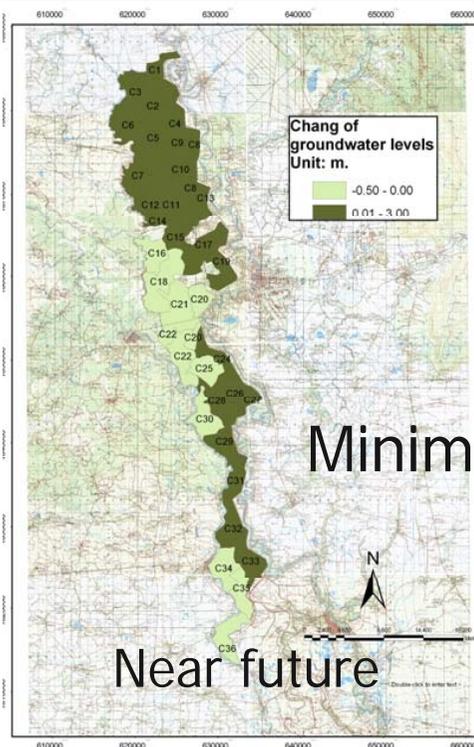
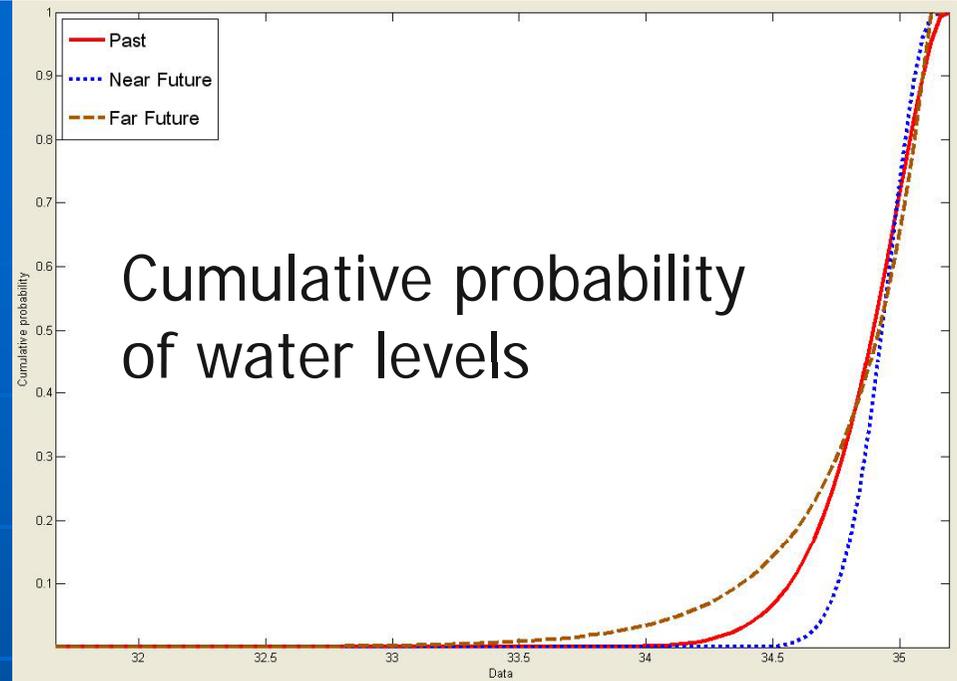
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# Change of water levels

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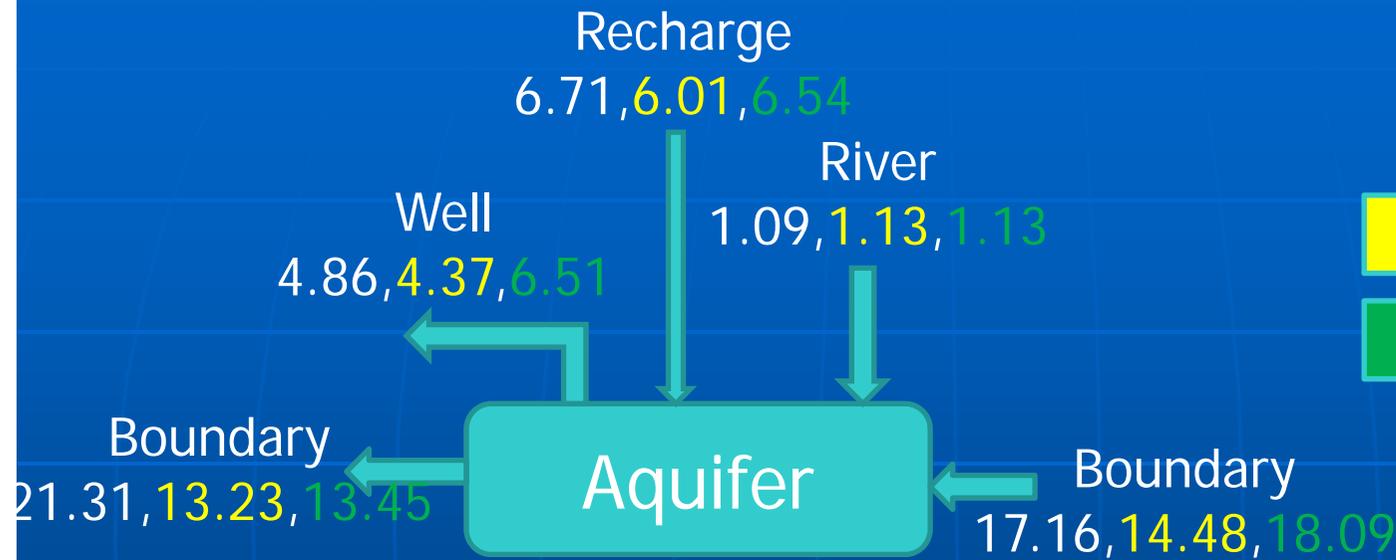
Change (+)



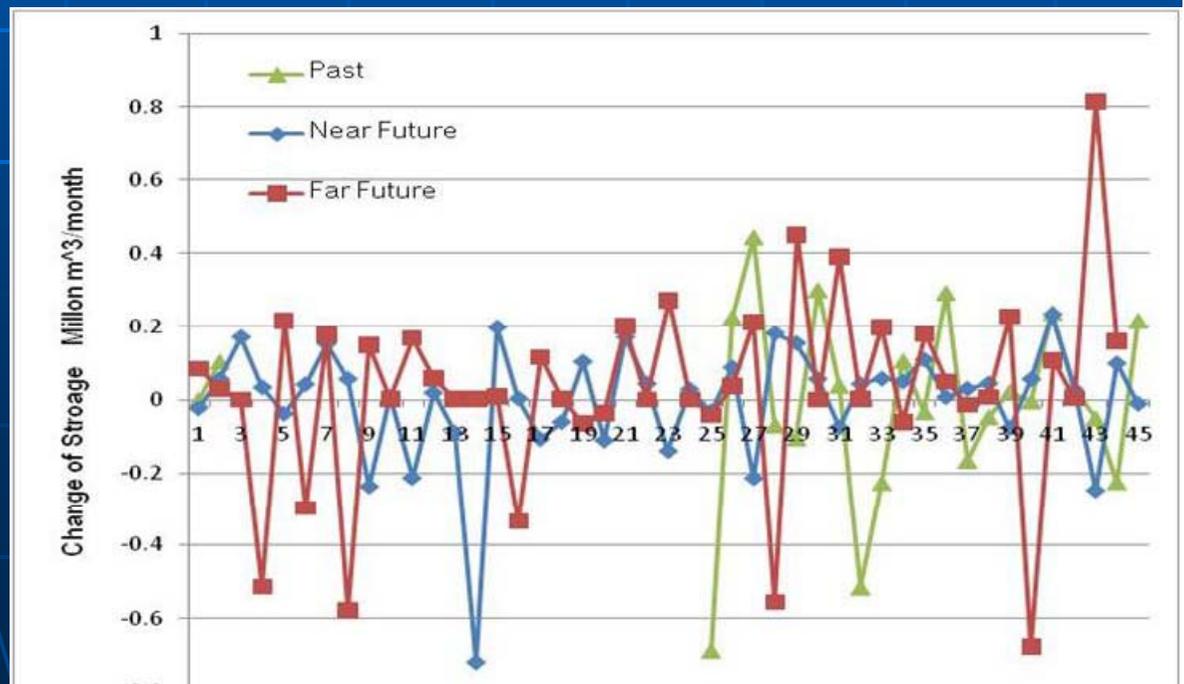
# Modeling conclusion

Groundwater flow	Pumpage (million m <sup>3</sup> /month)					
	Past		Near Future		Far Future	
	Flow in	Flow out	Flow in	Flow out	Flow in	Flow out
Groundwater Basin	17.16	21.37	14.48	13.23	18.09	13.45
River	1.09	0.05	1.13	0.03	1.13	0.03
Wells	-	4.86	-	4.37	-	6.51
Recharge	6.71	-	6.01	-	6.54	-
Total (rainy)	24.96	26.29	21.62	17.64	25.76	19.99
Groundwater Basin	15.82	17.95	18.99	17.82	26.11	25.68
River	1.13	0.05	1.06	0.13	1.09	0.09
Wells	-	7.92	-	8.95	-	8.24
Recharge	0.940	-	1.738	-	2.114	-
Total(dry)	17.89	25.92	21.78	26.90	29.31	34.00

# Groundwater Balance



Unit : million m<sup>3</sup>/month



# Climate Change Impacts Assessment

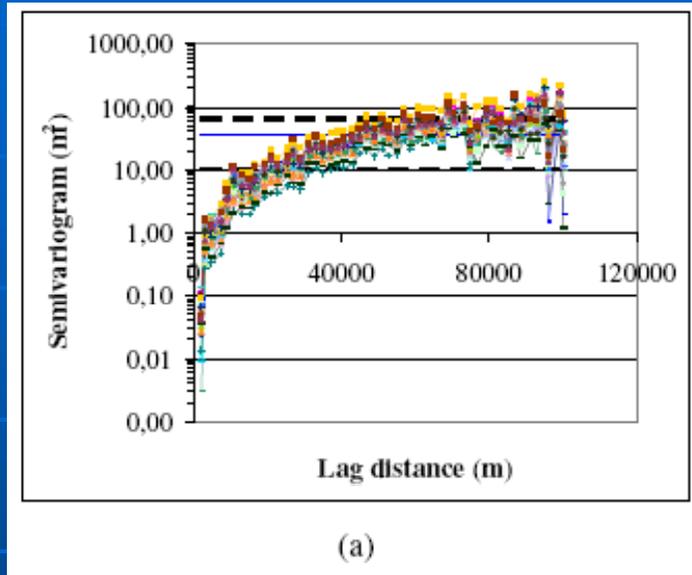
- Trend of rainfall in dry season increase (near future & far future) may not effect in groundwater use and water levels.
- Groundwater levels below 10 m in critical year in zone C15, C16, C17, C18 and C19.
- Trend of change of storage in groundwater both of near future and far future will increase.

# Part 4 Future trends

- New technologies
- New Area
- New Applications

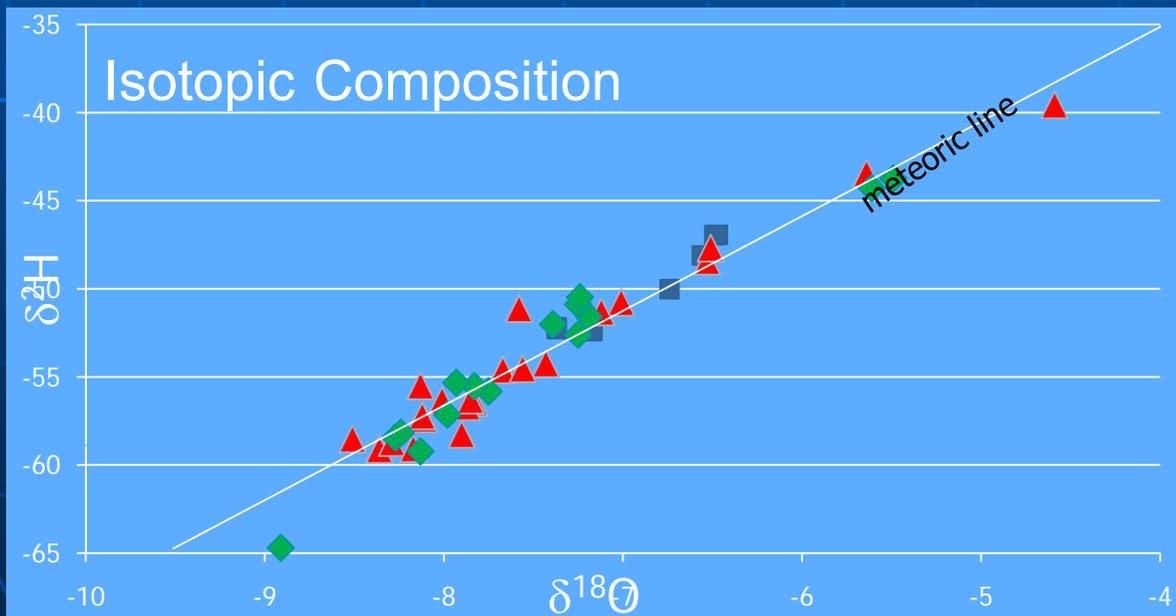
# New technologies

- Stochastic



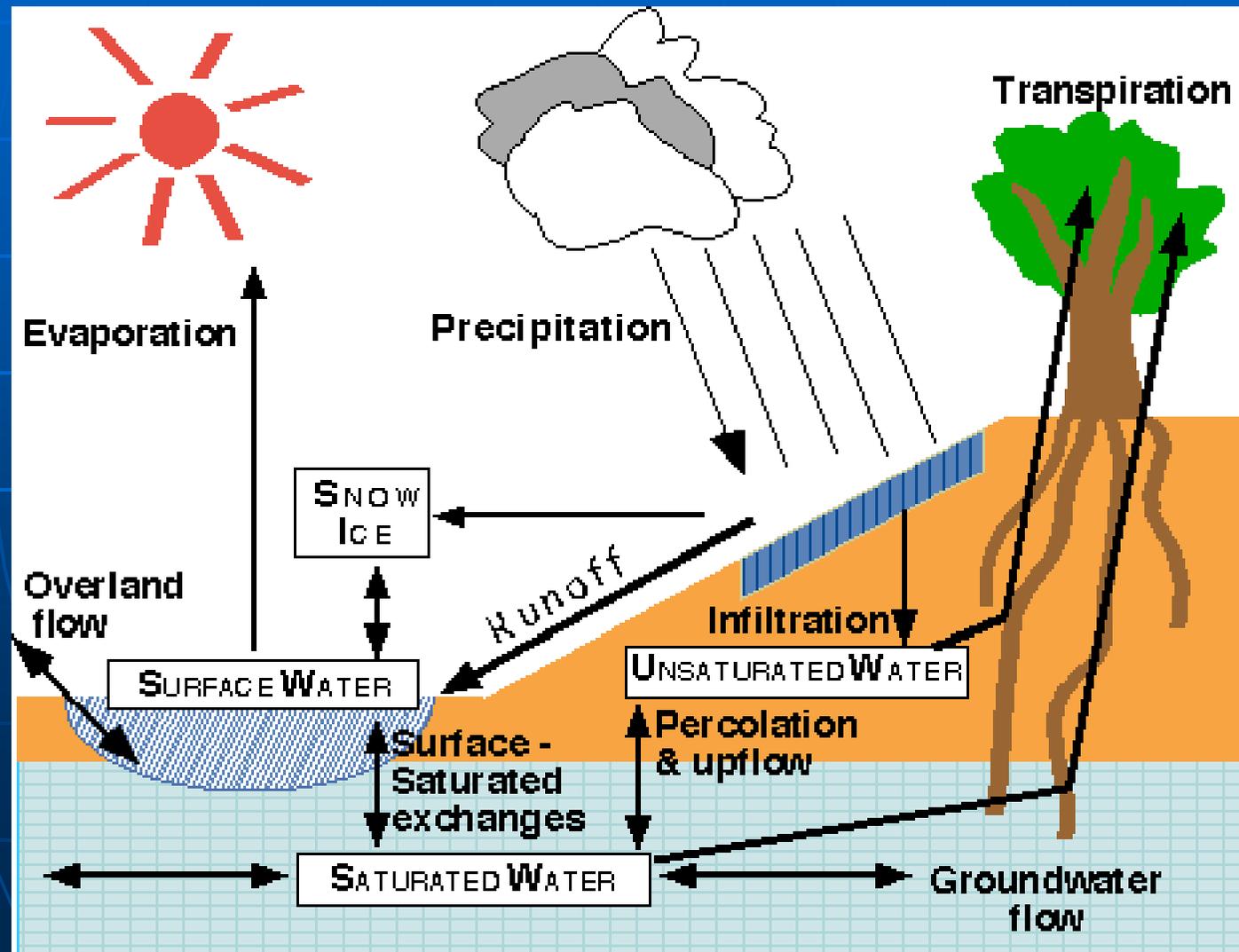
Simulated variograms of groundwater table

- Isotope



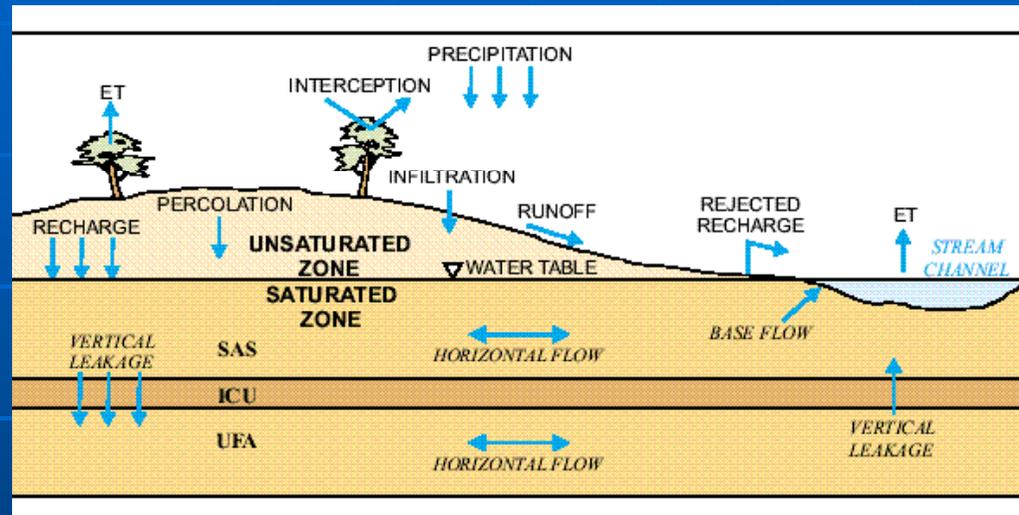
# New Area

- Unsaturated zone



# New Applications

- Integrated with surface water



- Contamination issues



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### Background

The rapid development of urban areas following the government's economic and social development plans has caused unprecedented problems in several communities in Thailand, including Bangkok. Among the frequently-found difficulties are the lack of water for general usage and consumption, the imbalanced water allocation for the residential and agricultural areas, the mass usage of underground water which leads to the land collapse, the frequent floods and failure in water drainage system, as well as the ineffective waste water management. These obstacles not only cause inconvenience for parties involved, but also bring about environmental problems in the areas.

### Problem Solutions

Many relevant governmental agencies have been working on solving the water-related problems caused by rapid expansions in the