

- Advanced Data Mining International, LLC
  - Greenville, SC; founded 2002
  - Clients – Alcoa, BP, B&V, state agencies, water utilities, USACOE, USGS, USDOE, WERF, WRF.....
- Focus
  - Problem solving through data mining
  - Solutions deployed with Decision Support Systems (DSS)
- Expertise
  - Industrial – polymers, metals, oil & gas
  - Water – treatment optimization, DBPs, event detection systems (EDS)
  - Natural Systems – surface & ground water modeling for resource management, TMDLs
    - Projects in FL, GA, OR, SC, WI

# **Estimating Salinity Effects Due to Climate Change on the Georgia and South Carolina Coasts**

**Water Research Foundation (WRF) Project 4285**

**Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority (BJWSA)**

**ADMi**

**U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)**

**University of South Carolina (USC)**

**South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium (Sea Grant)**

- Published Sept. 2012
- Shortened version of full USGS report to come
- Written for utility personnel
- Even shorter white paper is available

## Tailored Collaboration

Estimating Salinity Effects Due to  
Climate Change on the Georgia  
and South Carolina Coasts

Web Report #4285



Subject Area: Water Resources and Environmental Sustainability



# Utilities with intakes at risk from climate change & sea-level rise (SLR)

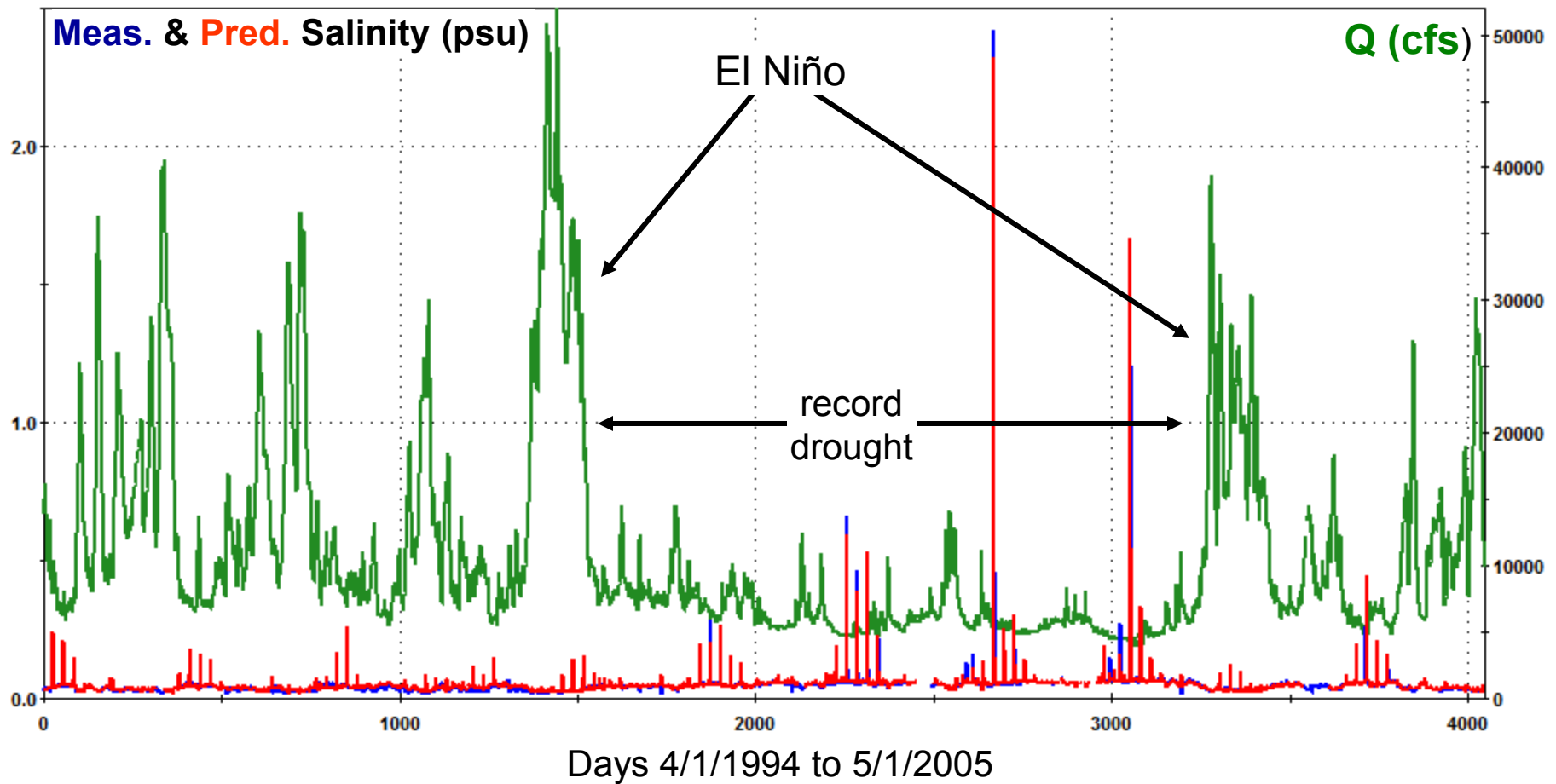


Source: modified from Furlow et al. 2002



- Goal - develop practical method for utilities to assess vulnerability to climate change and SLR
- Thesis
  - Because of past storms and droughts, long-term historical data already contains the information about how a hydrologic system will respond
  - Accurate models for the full range of historical forcing can be used to asses risk.

# Droughts, El Niño, intrusion events (Savannah River Estuary)



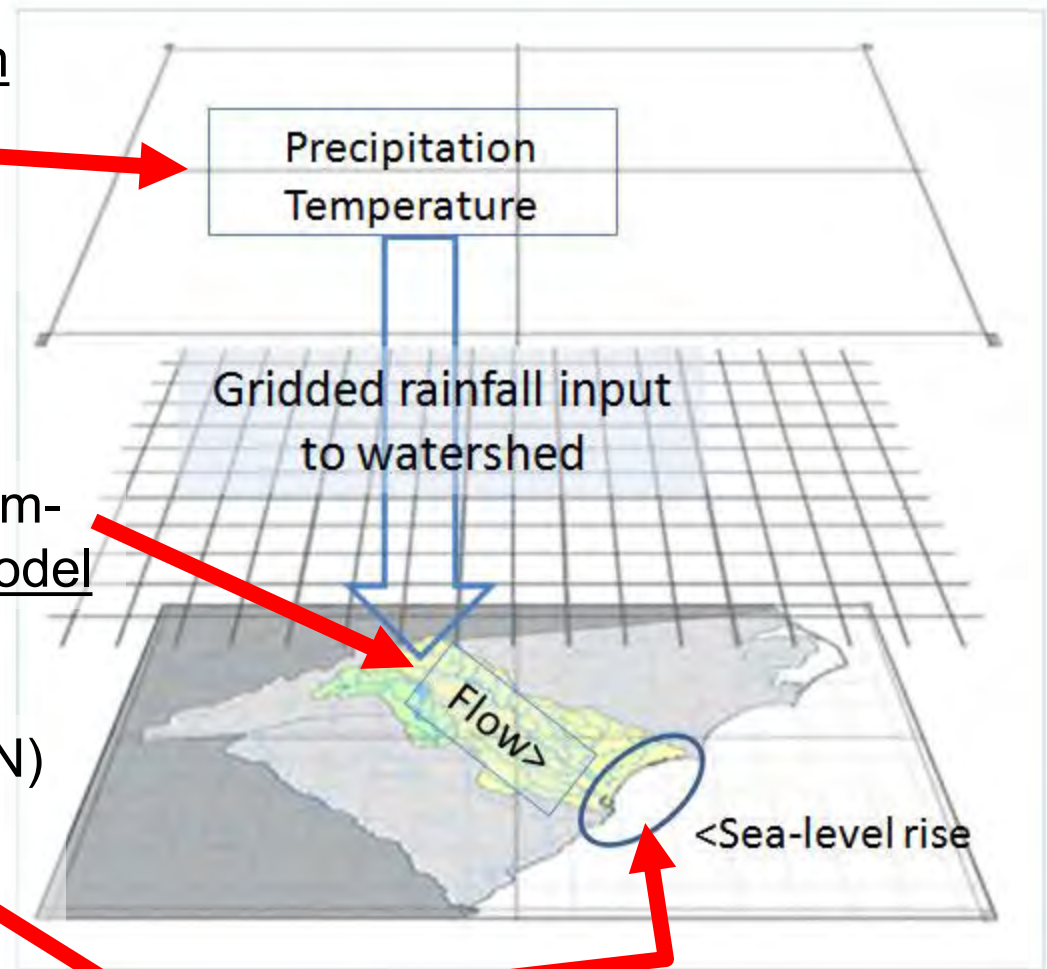
# Technical Approach

# Integrate 3 models

ECHO-G global circulation model (GCM) with A2 future carbon emissions scenario

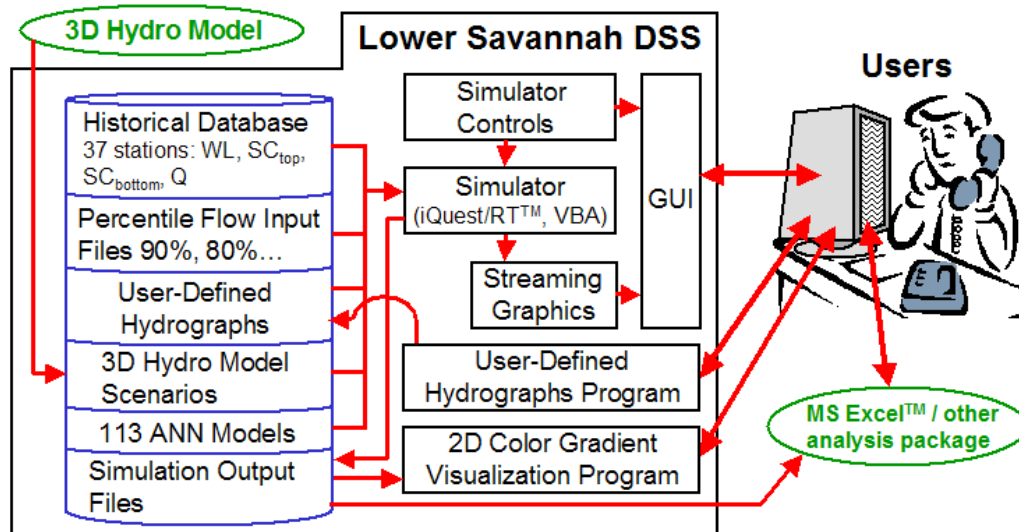
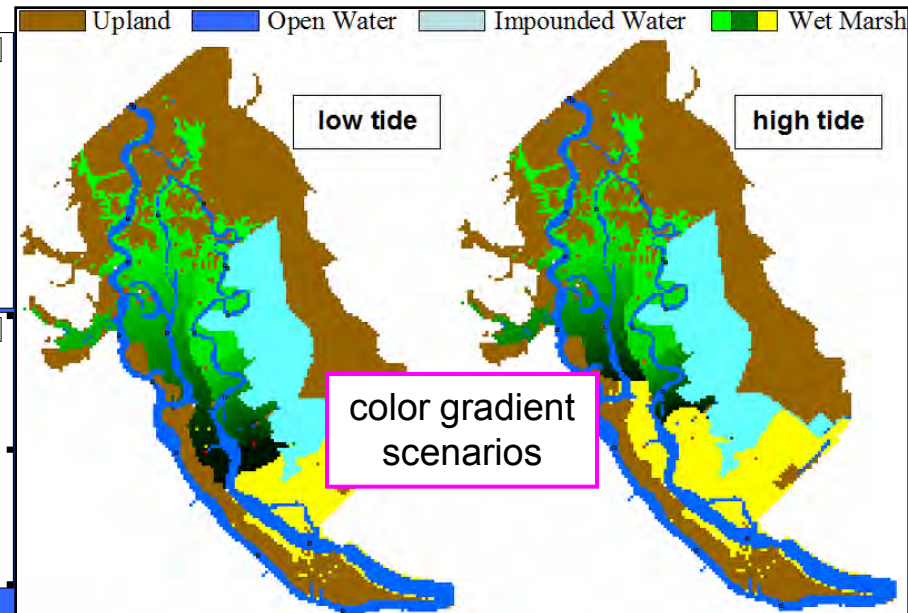
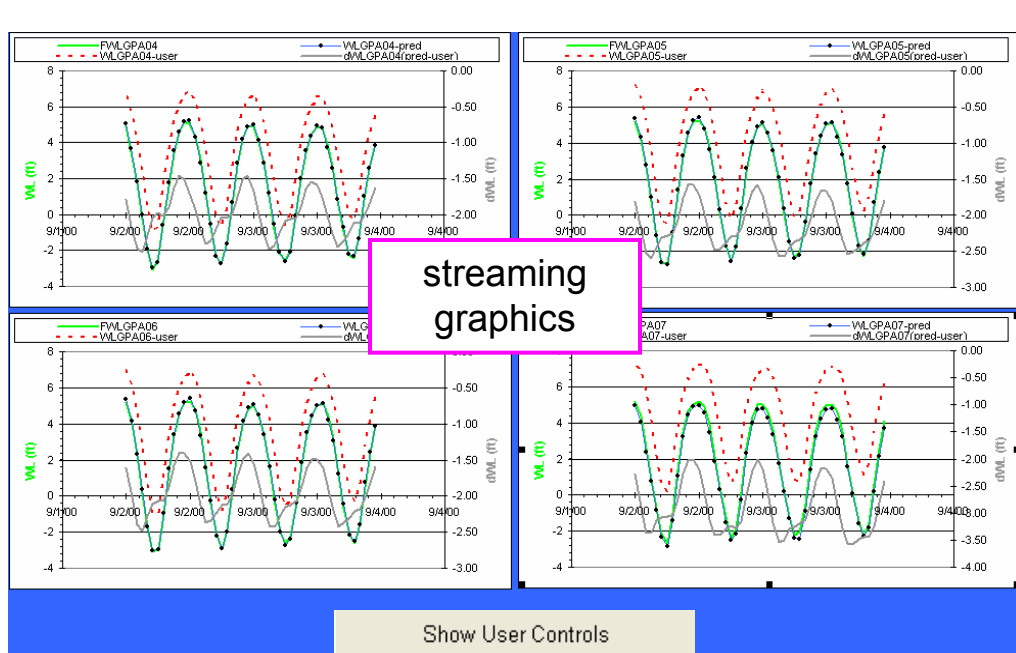
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# Decision support systems (DSS)



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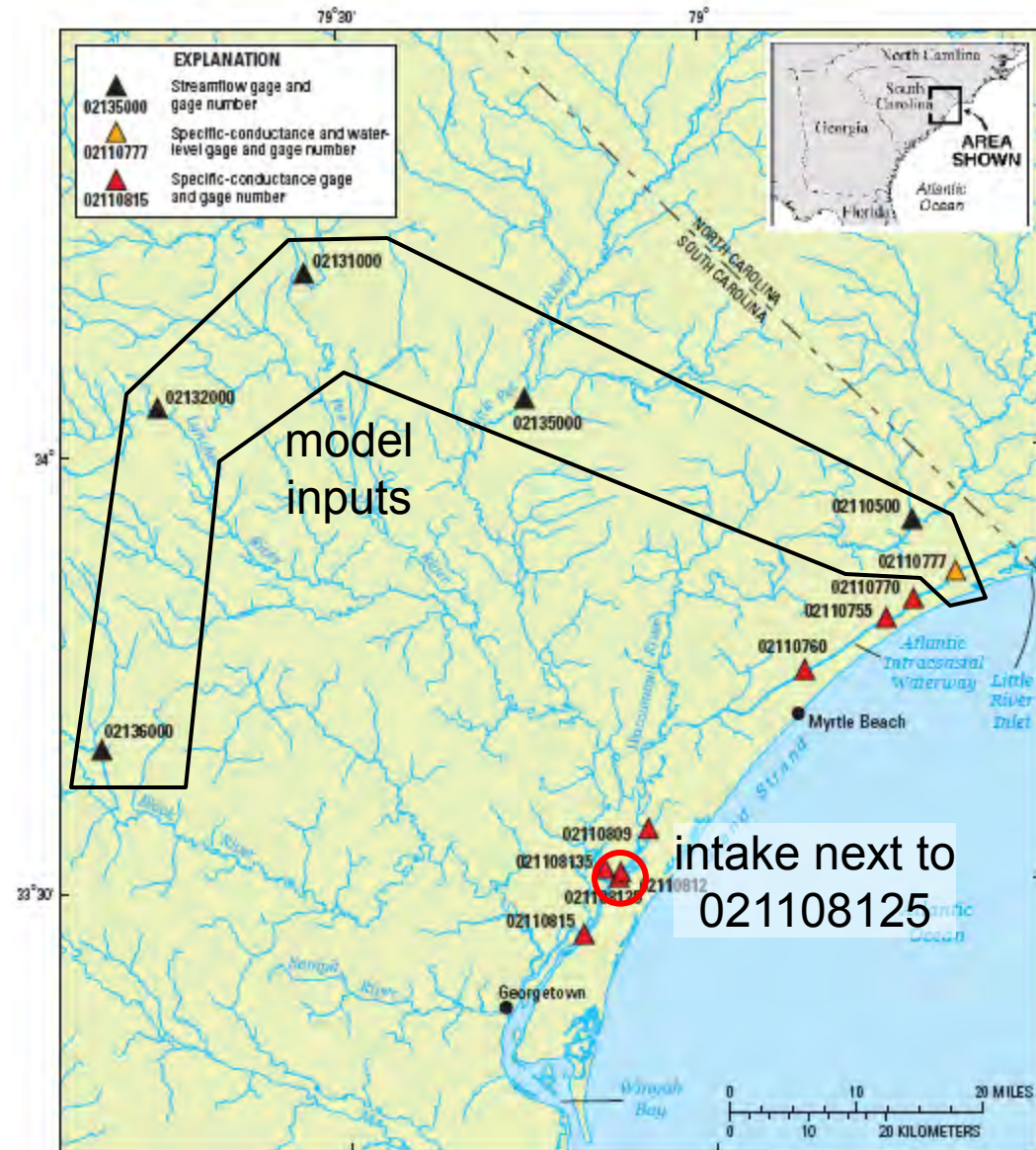
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simulation controls

- Pee Dee Basin
  - Intake on Waccamaw River
  - Preexisting model - PRISM (2007) for FERC relicensing of dams
  - This project – GCM + watershed model + estuary model DSS
- Lower Savannah River
  - Intakes on Albercorn Creek and Savannah River
  - Preexisting model - M2M (2006) for Savannah Harbor deepening
  - This project – used only estuary model DSS

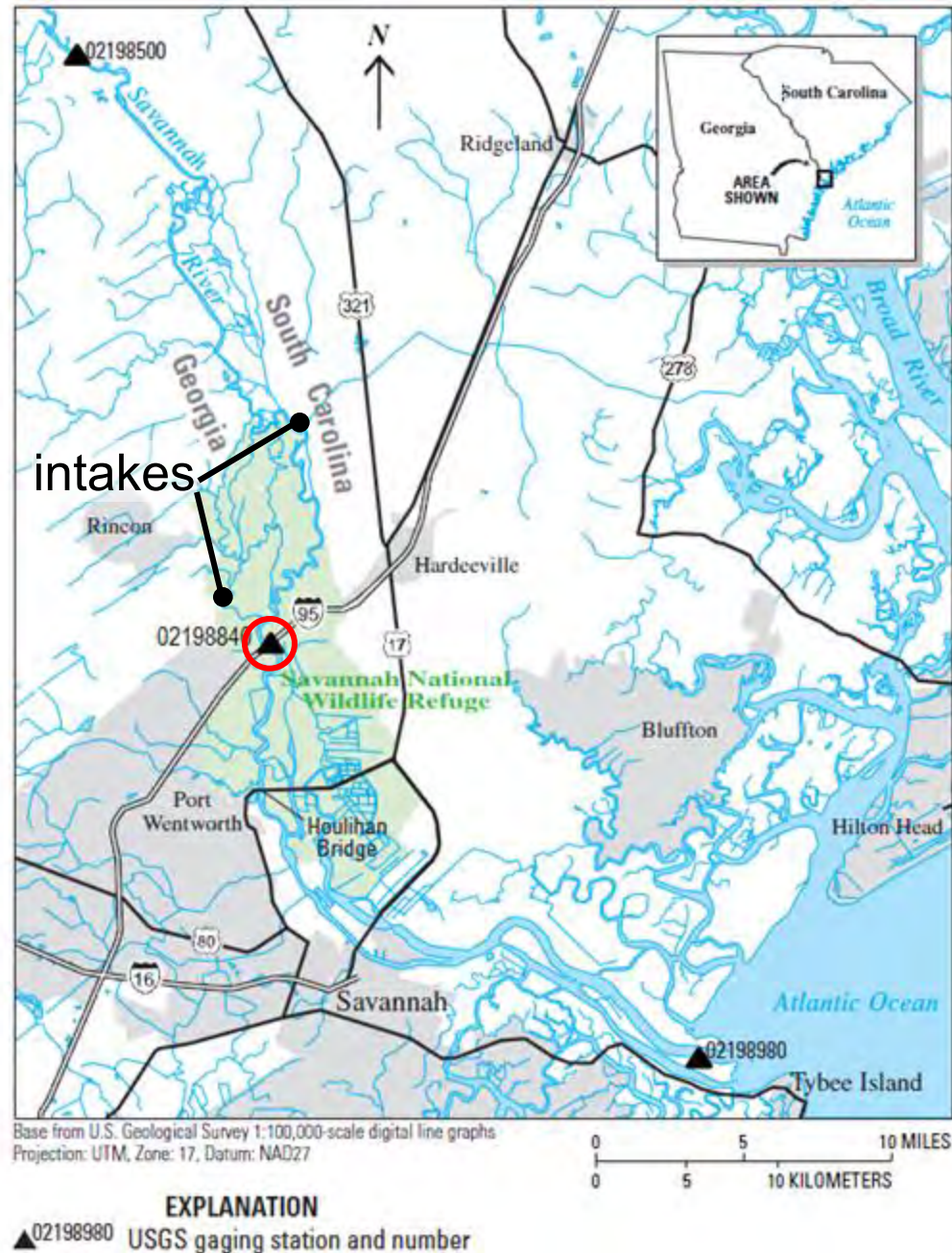
- PRISM DSS (Pee Dee River and Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Salinity Intrusion Model)
- FERC relicensing of NC dams
- Calibrated 1995-2009
  - added new data for this project





# Lower Savannah River

- M2M DSS (Model to Marsh)
- Modeled impacts of harbor deepening on SNWR
- Connects EFDC to UFL's "Plant Succession Model"
- Calibrated 1994-2005



- WRF & BJWSA - sponsors
- USGS – originated idea, tech team coordination, climate change modeling
- USC\* – downscaling model to Pee Dee River basin, outreach workshops with DSSs to Grand Strand and Savannah stakeholders
- ADMi+ – developed estuary models and DSSs
- SC Sea Grant\* – outreach workshops

\* funded by NOAA

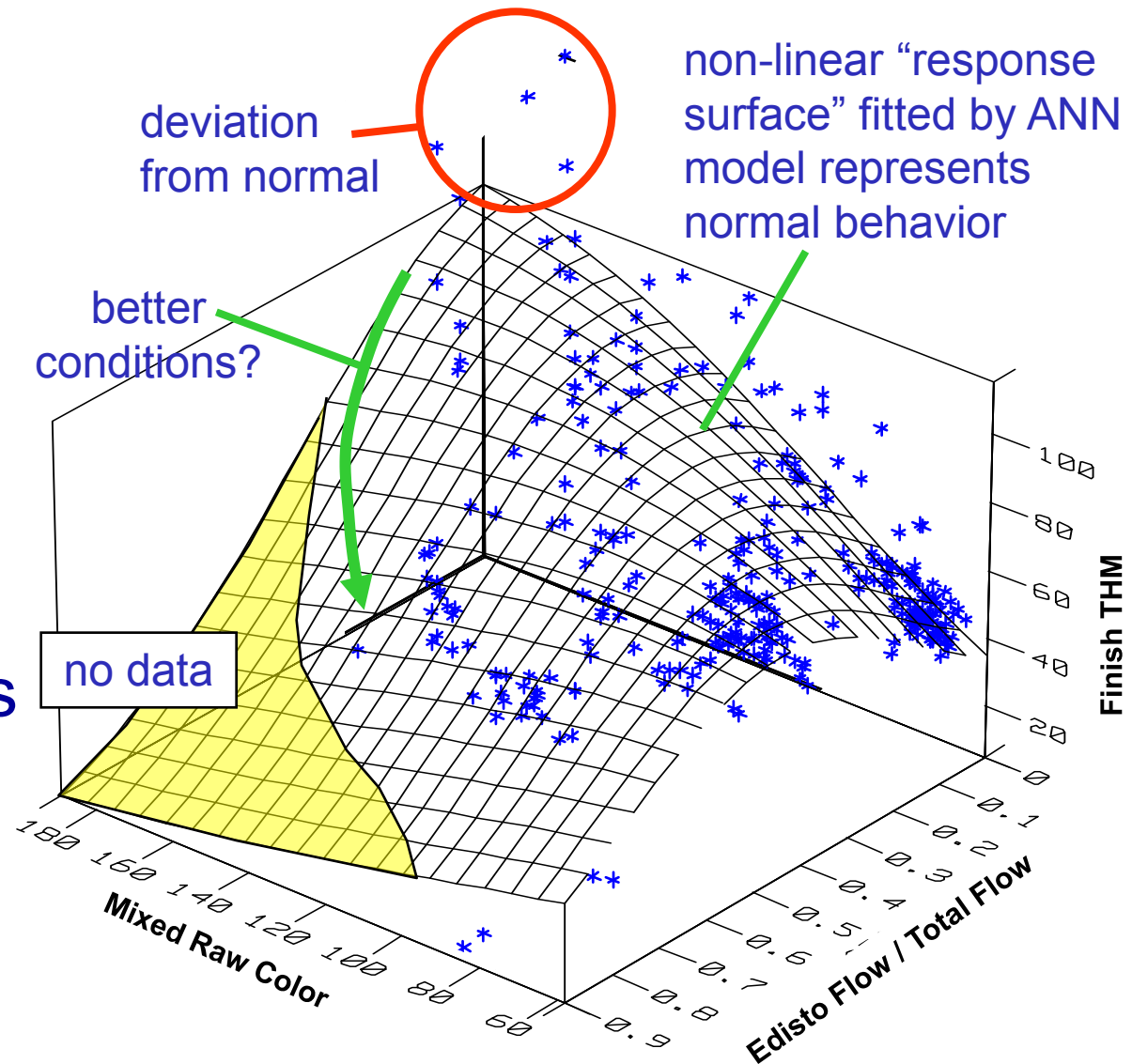
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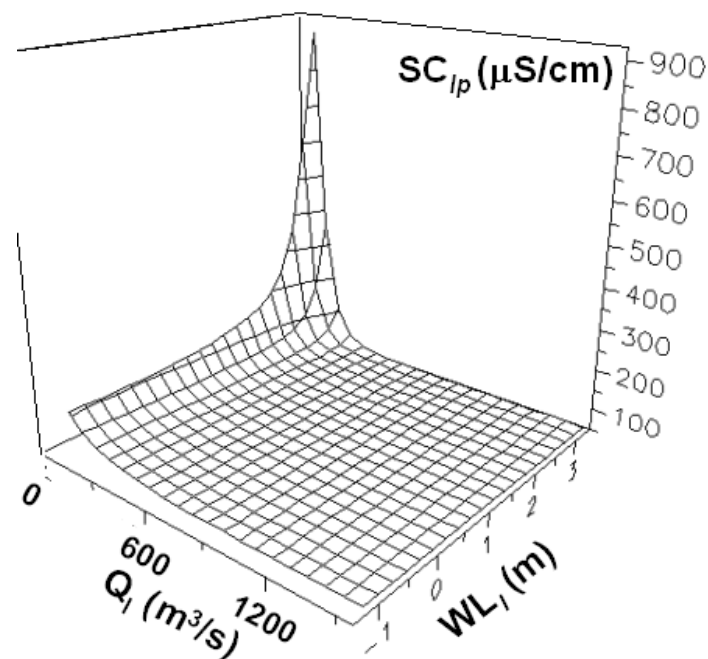
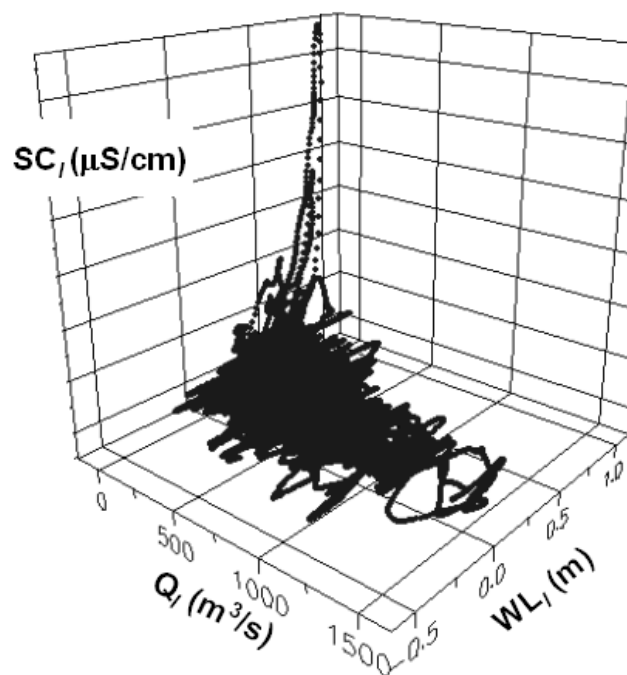
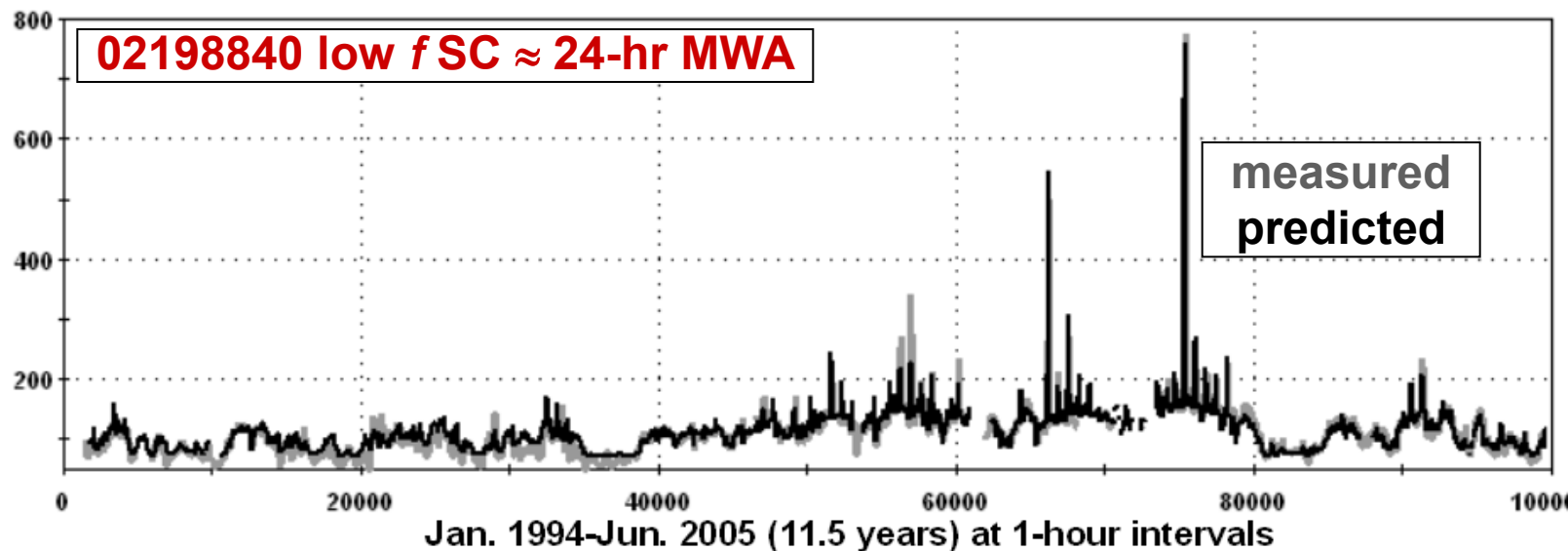
# About ANN Modeling

# Process modeling with artificial neural networks (ANN)

- Multivariate curve fitting
- Fits are “learned”, not prescribed like least-squares
- Used in continuous process industries



# M2M – salinity intrusion



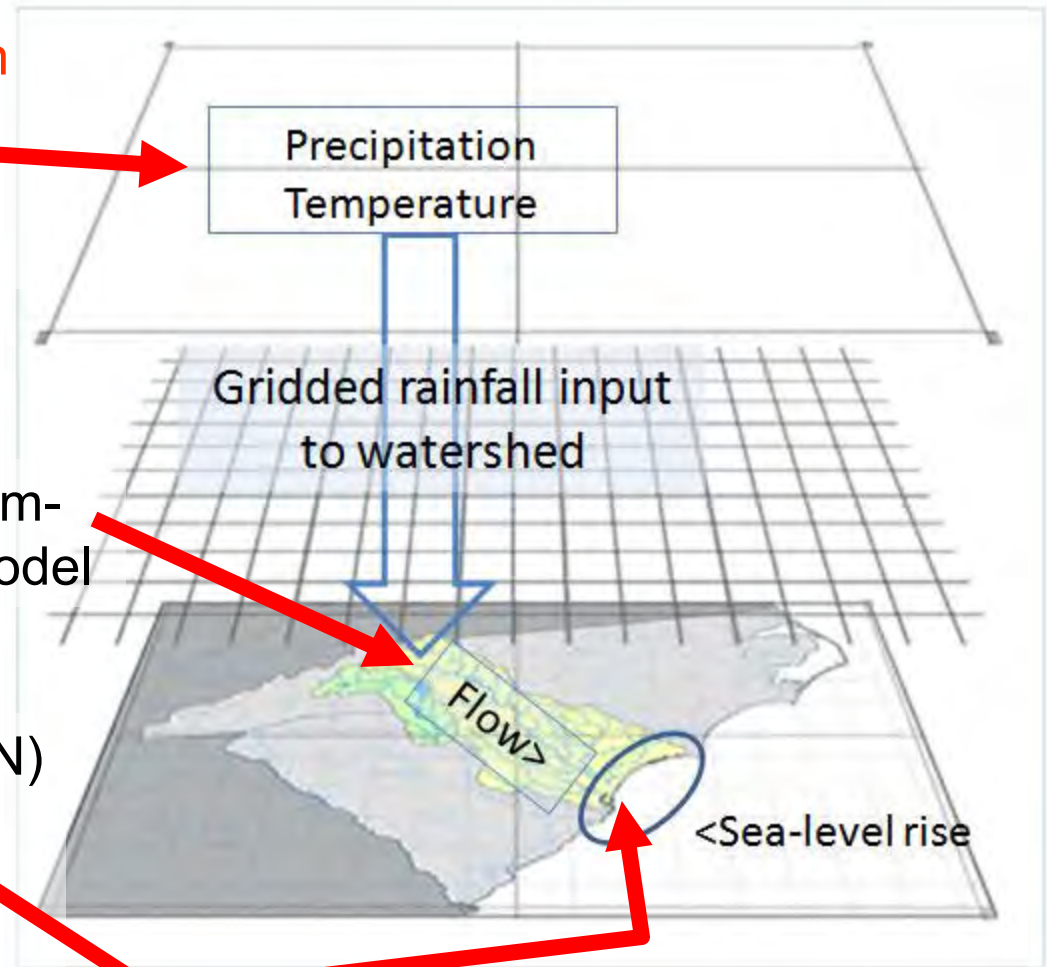
# Model Calibration

# Evaluated 4 GCMs (with calibrated HSPF)

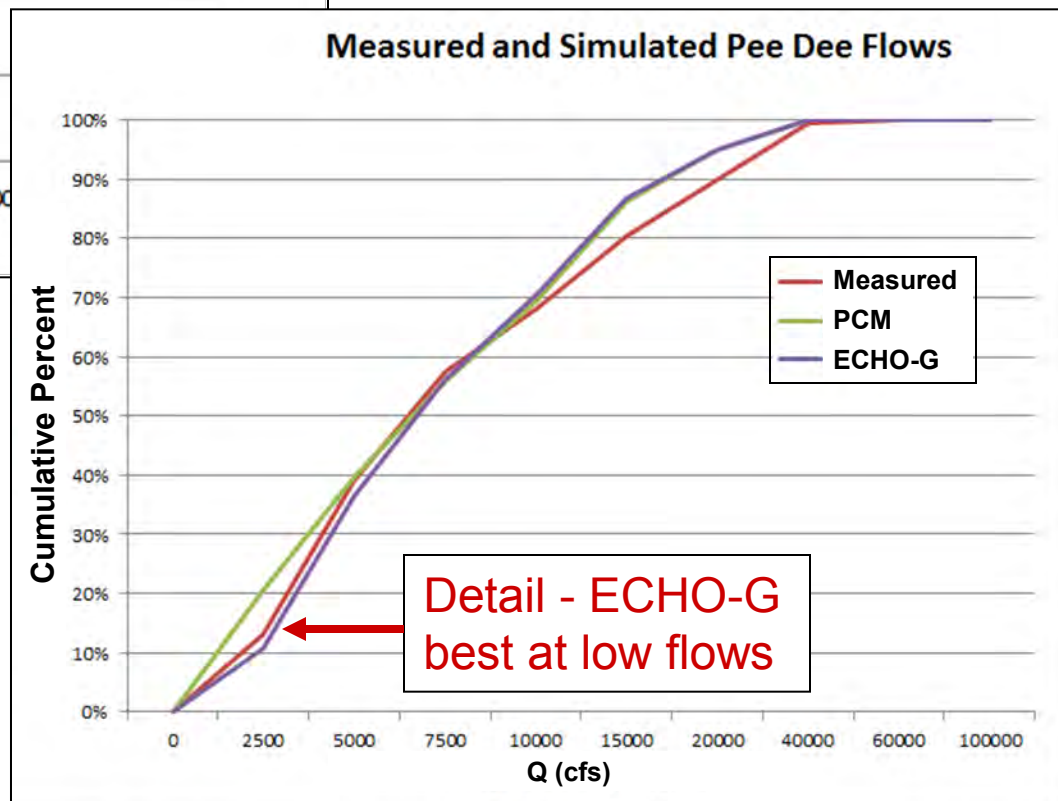
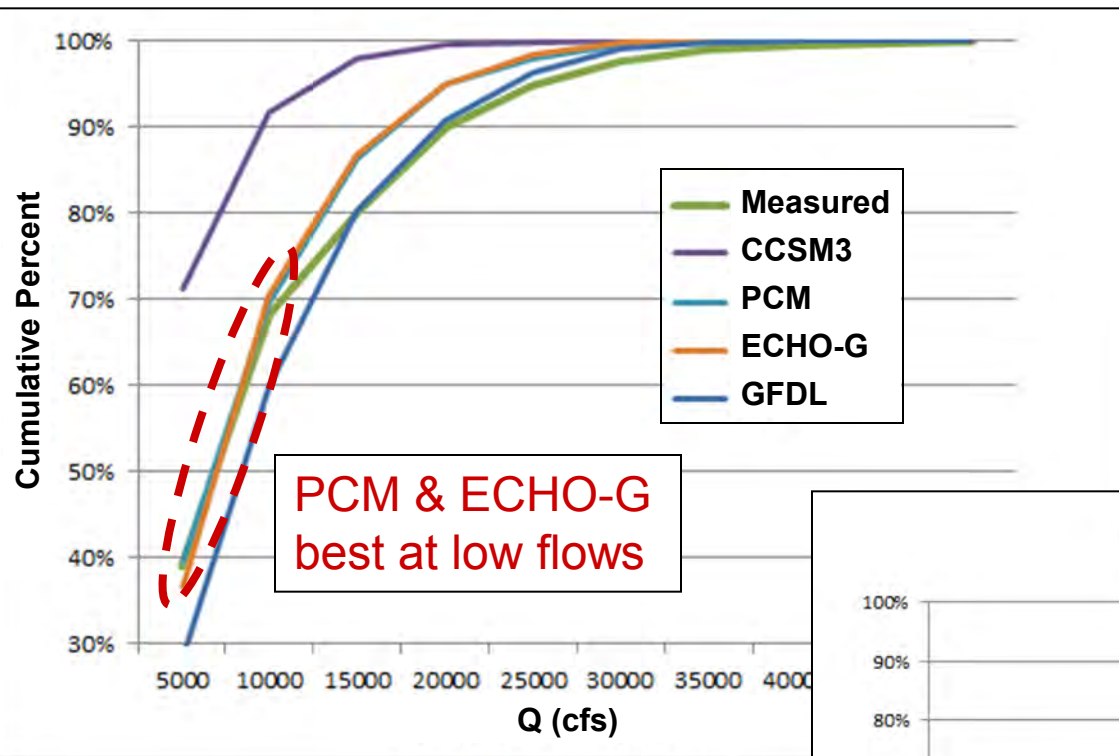
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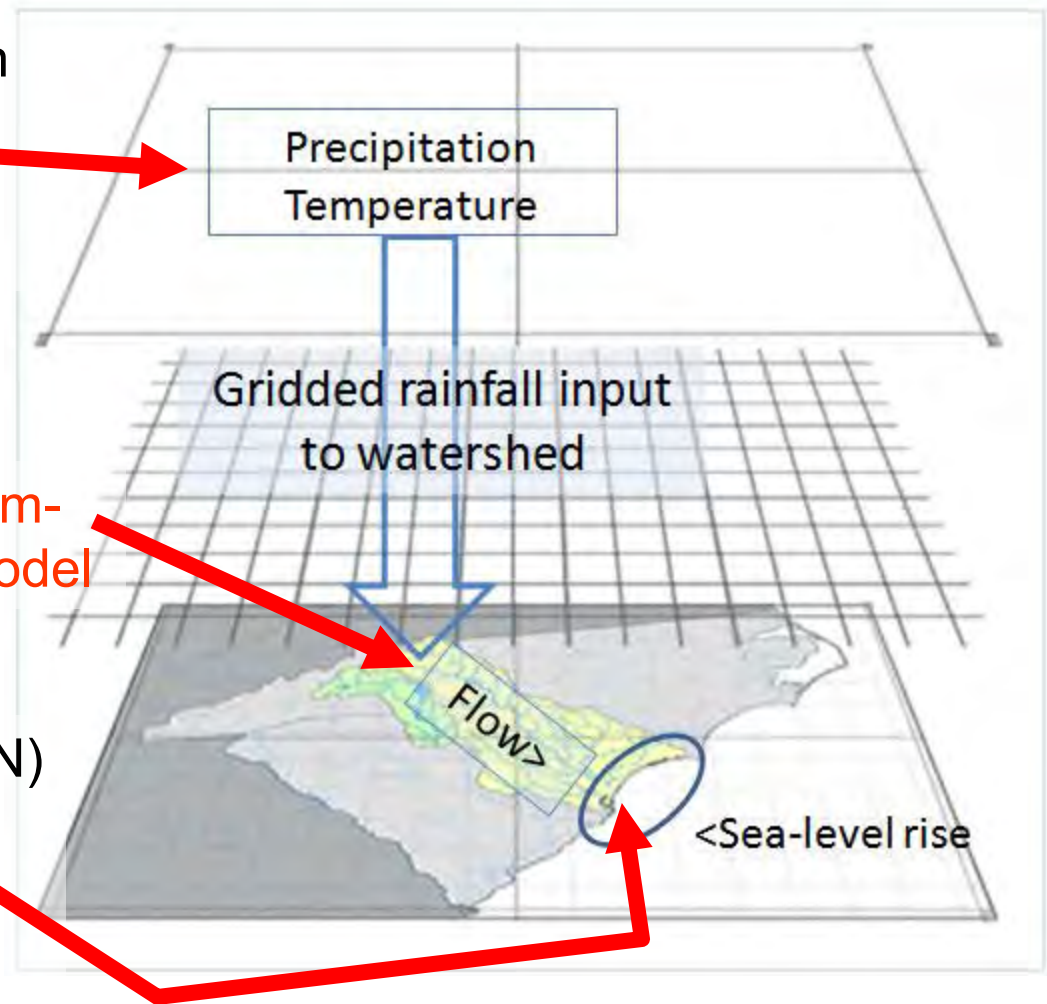


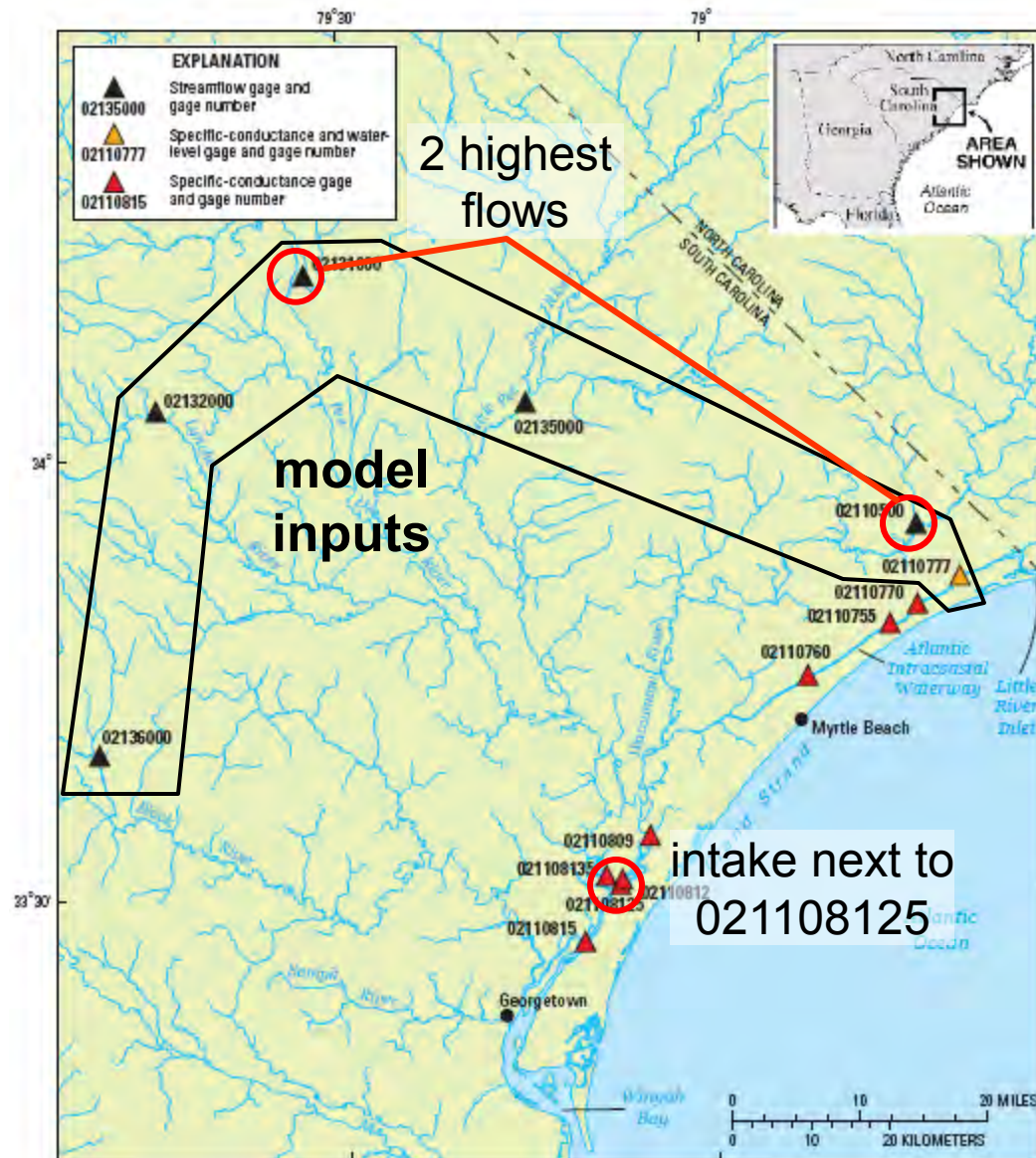


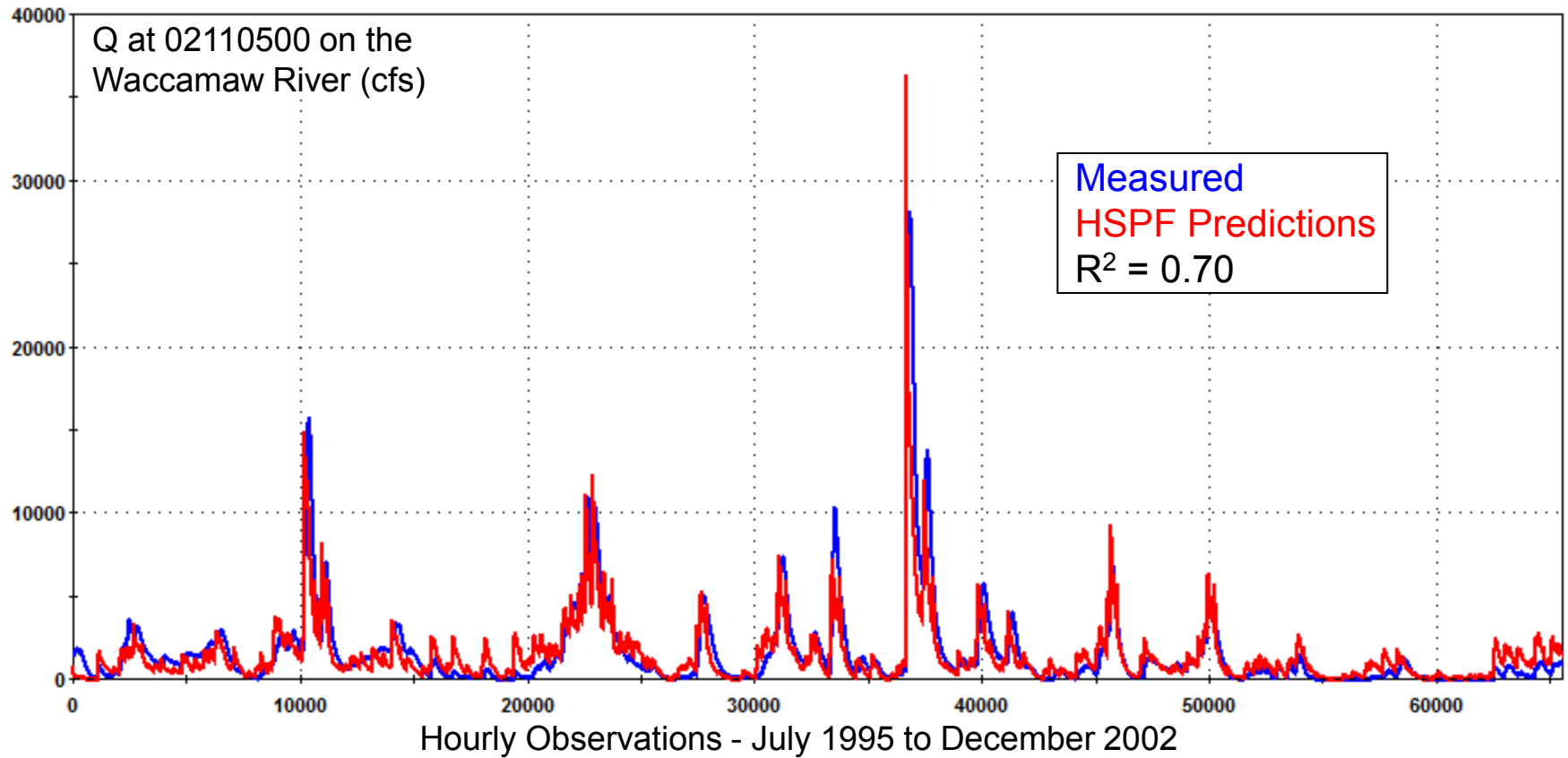
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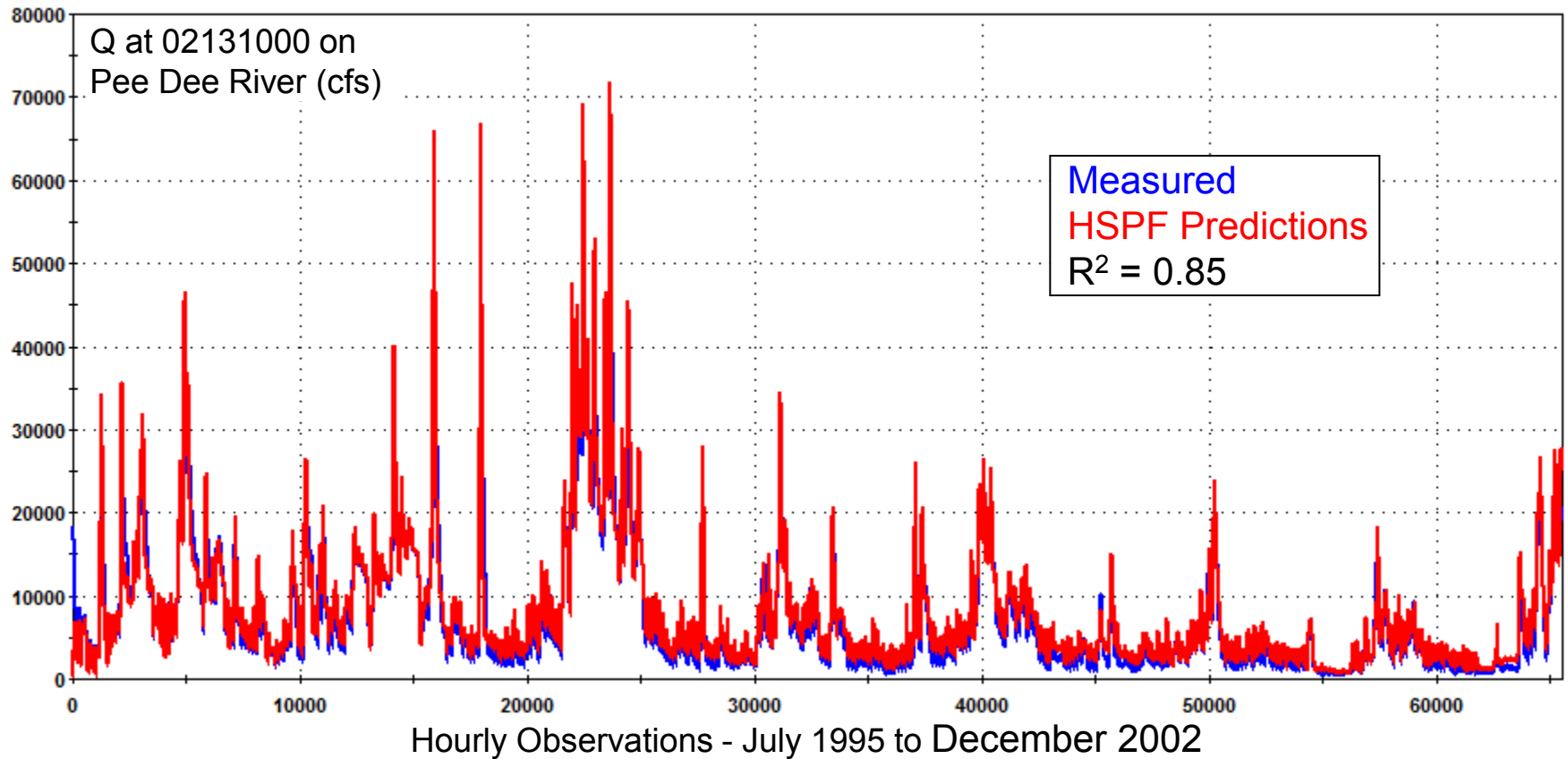
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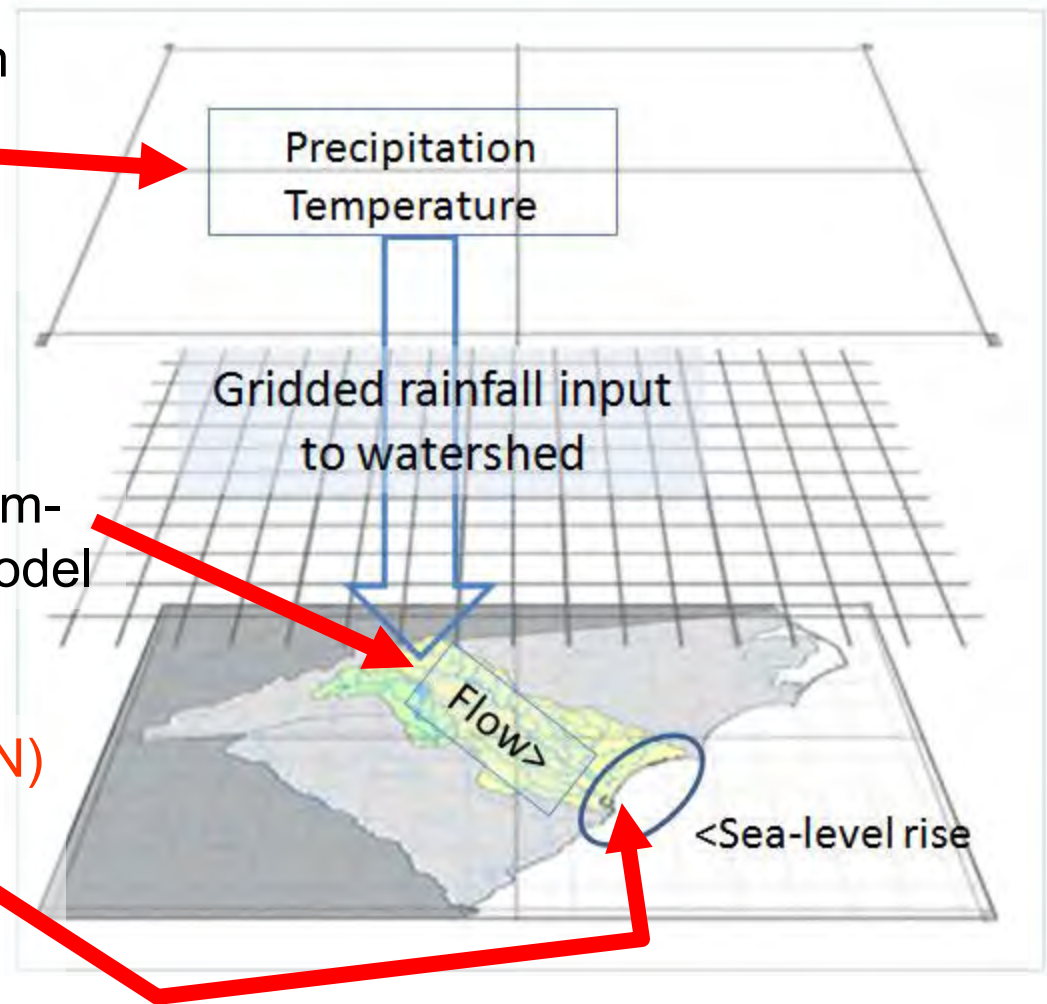


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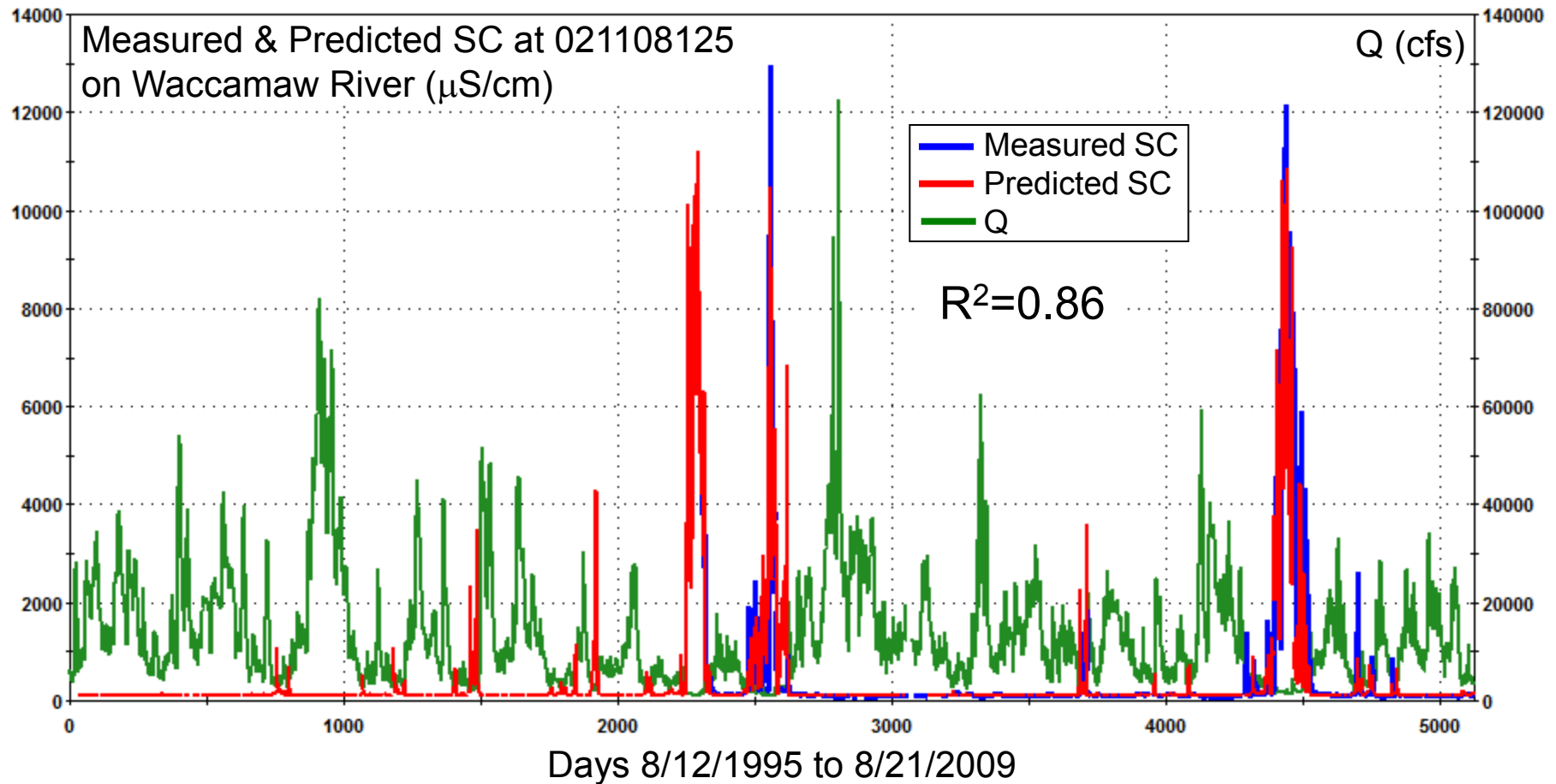
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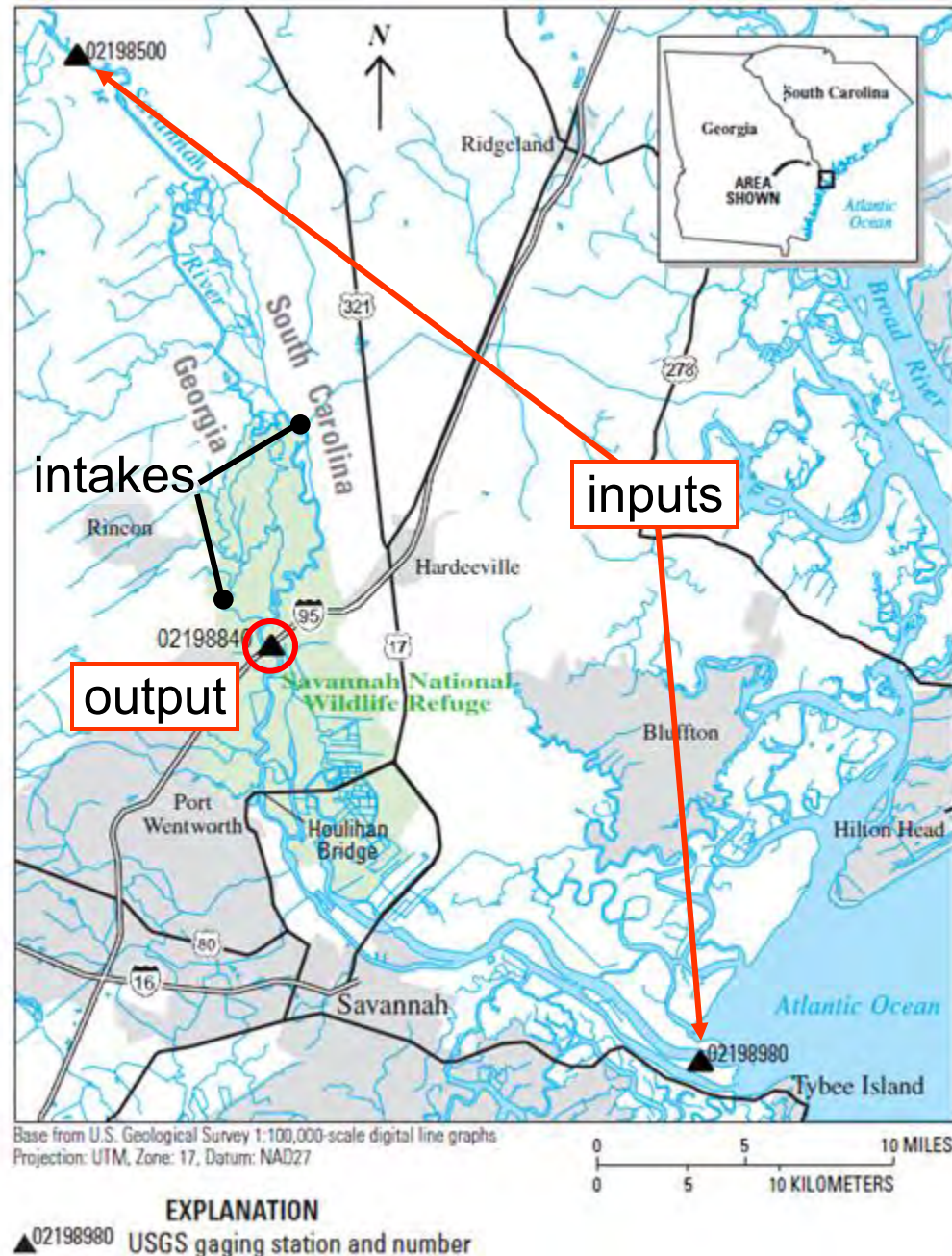
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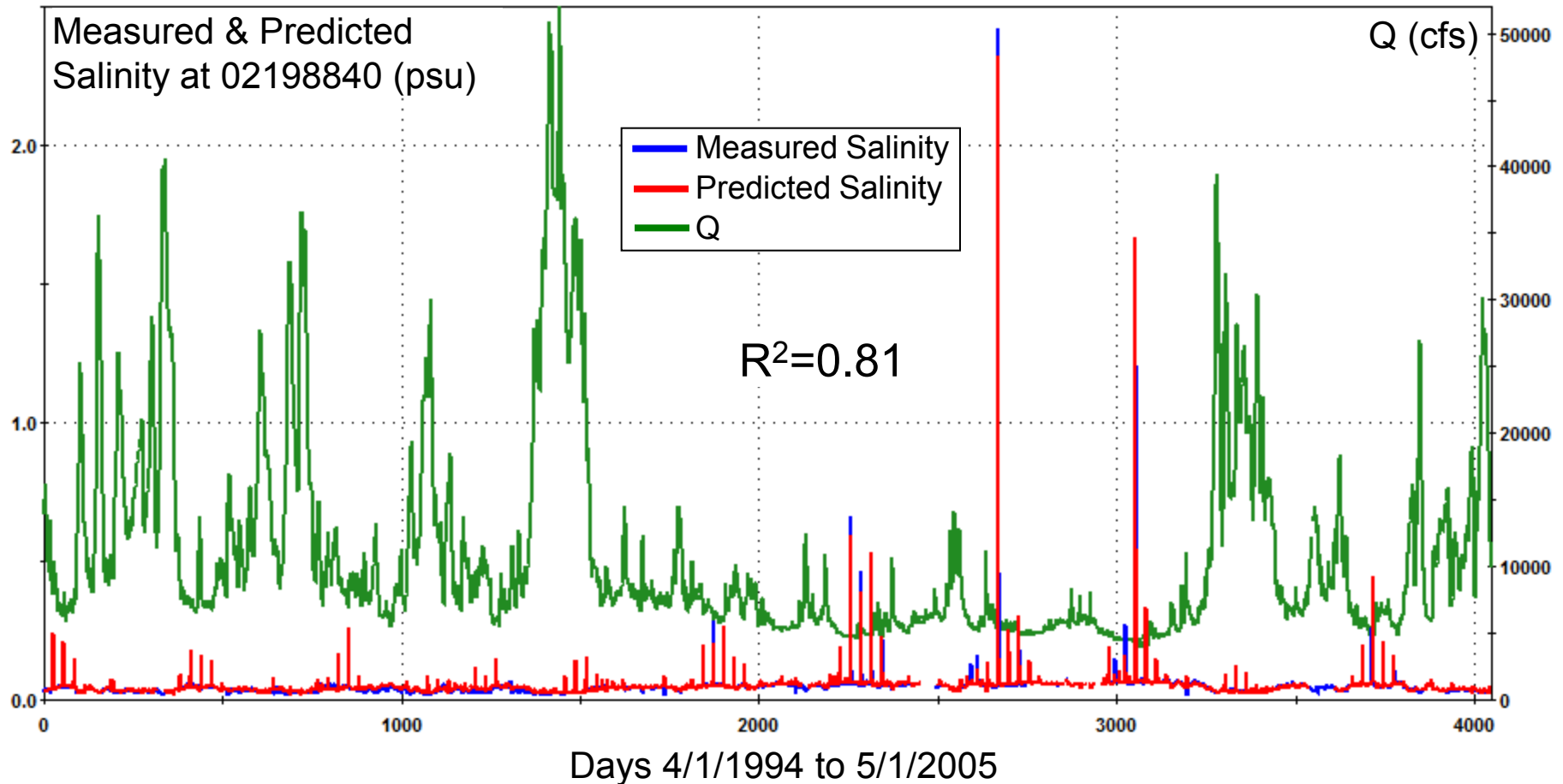
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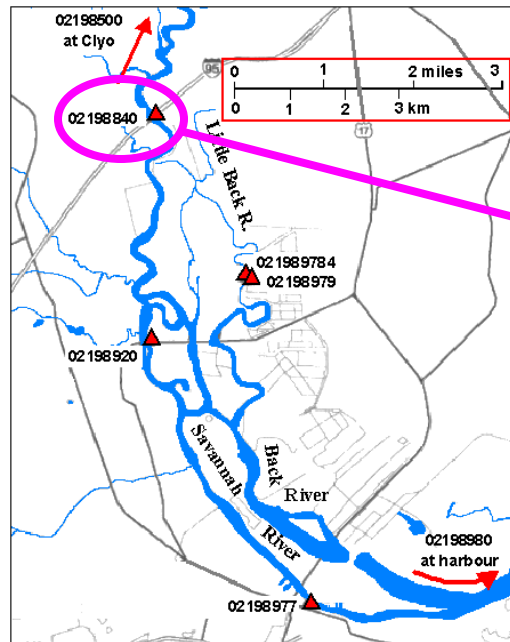
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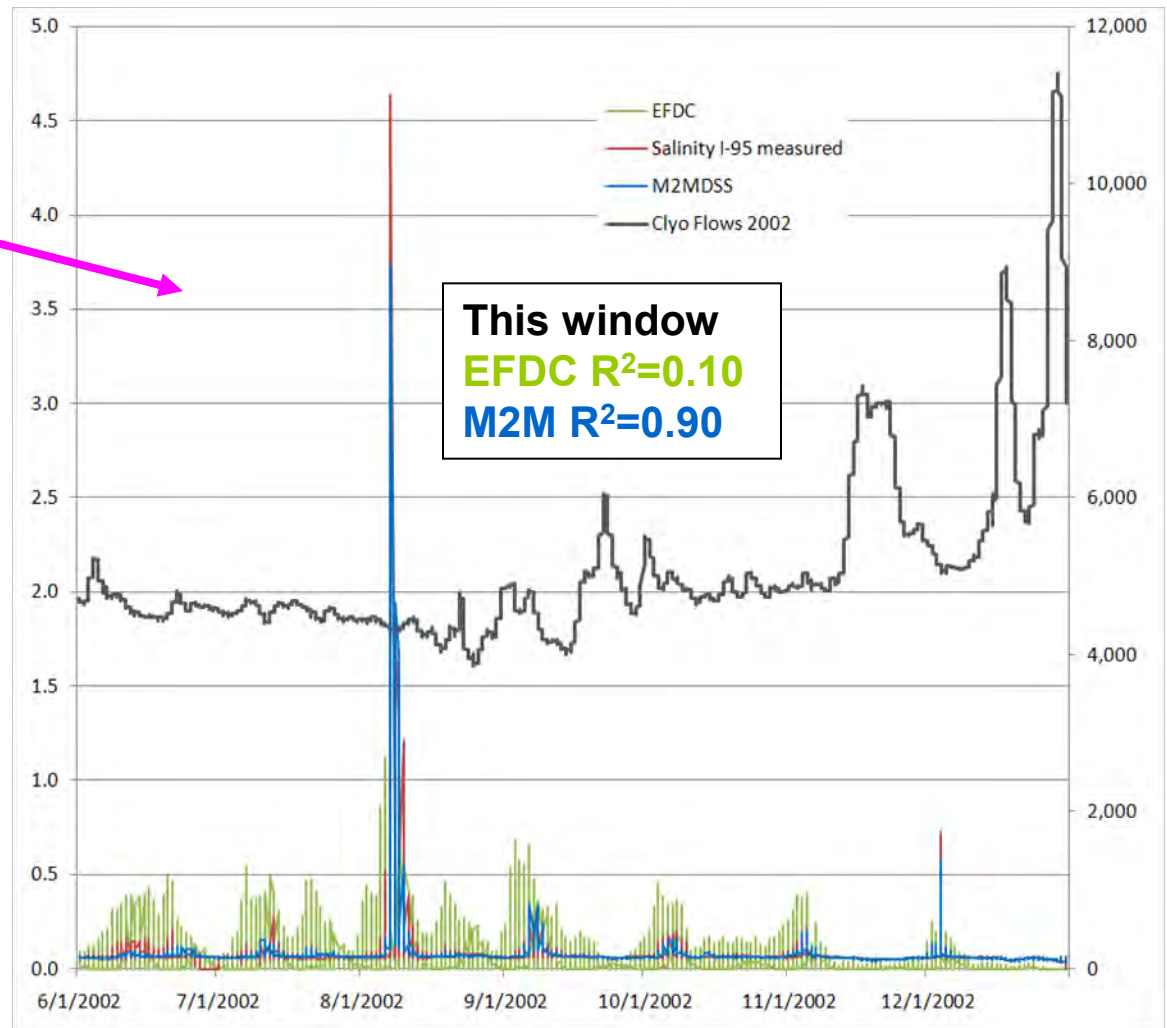




# Lower Savannah - EFDC vs. M2M



Salinity, Practical Salinity Units



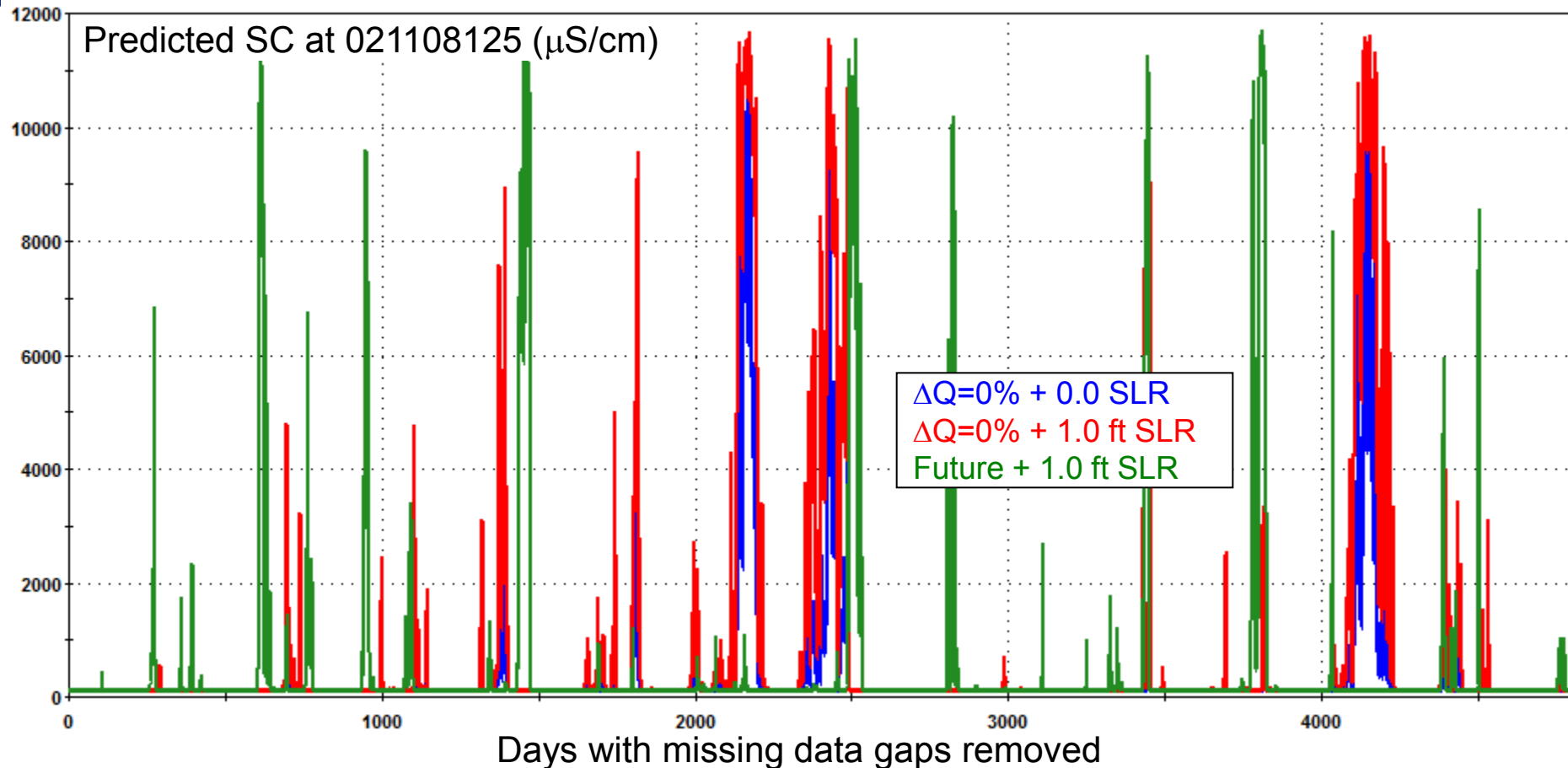
Streamflow (cfs)

Conrads, P., and Greenfield, J., (2008), "Effects of Reduced Controlled Releases from Lake Thurmond on Salinity Intrusion in the Lower Savannah River Estuary", 2008 South Carolina Water Resources Conferences.



# Pee Dee Basin Results

# Pee Dee - 3 prediction scenarios



- $\Delta Q=0\%$  = historical flow
  - 1.0 ft SLR increases event magnitude and duration
- Future = 1995-2005 study period +60 = 2055-2069
  - ECHO-G with IPCC “business as usual” A2 emissions scenario
    - Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
  - Future is wetter, more events of shorter duration

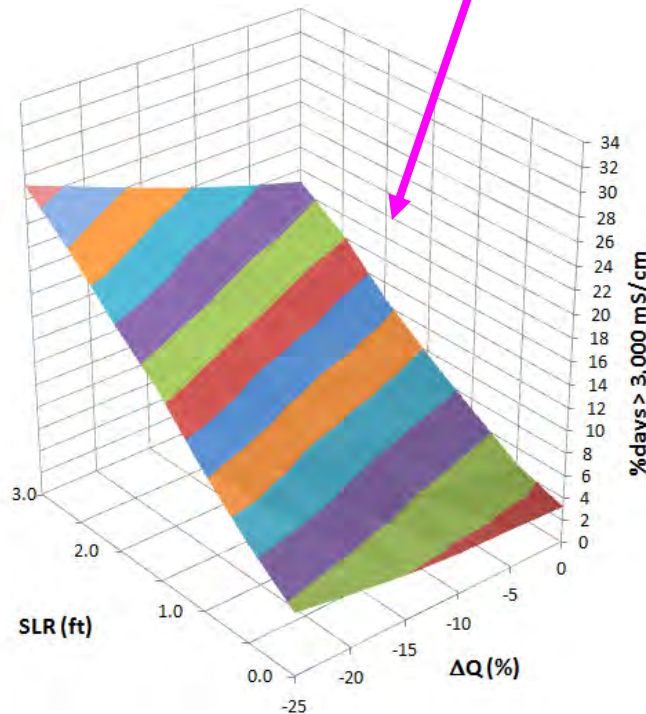
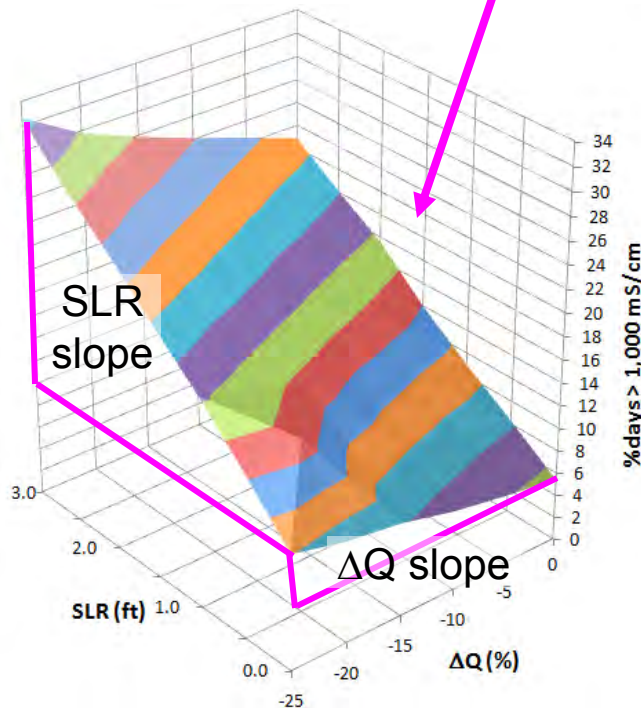
# Modulate historical Q and SLR

$\Rightarrow \%days > x \mu S/cm$

Decrease Q  $\downarrow$

Increase SLR  $\rightarrow$

$\Delta Q/SLR$ (ft)	%days > 1,000 $\mu S/cm$							%days > 2,000 $\mu S/cm$							%days > 3,000 $\mu S/cm$						
	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0
0%	5	8	11	14	18	20	23	4	6	9	11	15	18	20	3	5	7	10	13	16	19
-5%	6	9	12	16	19	22	25	4	7	9	12	16	19	22	3	5	8	11	14	18	20
-10%	7	10	13	17	20	23	26	5	8	11	14	18	20	23	4	6	9	12	16	19	22
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-20%	9	15	17	20	23	27	30	6	9	13	17	20	24	27	5	8	11	15	19	22	25
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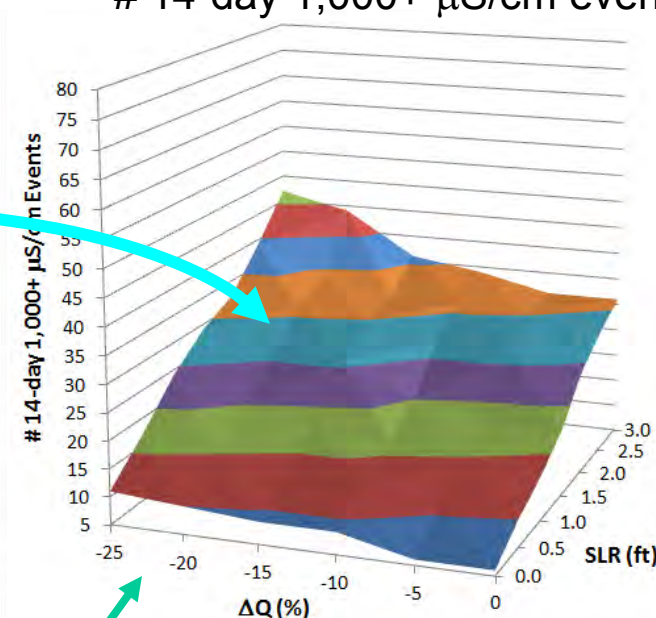
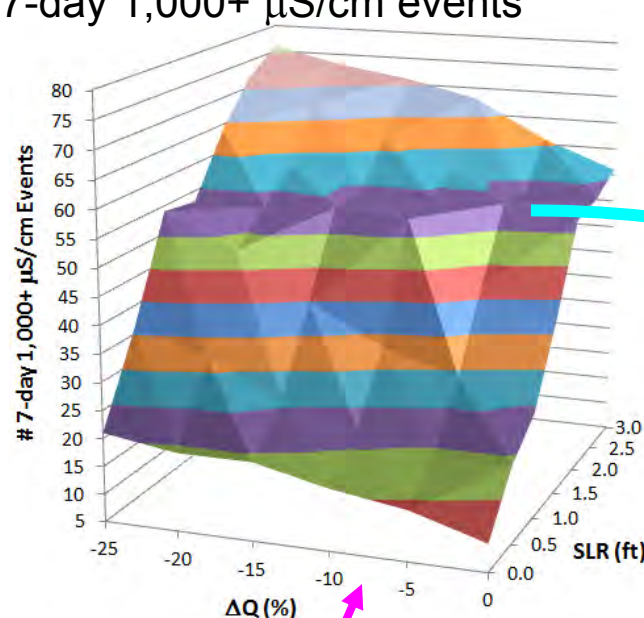


- 42 simulations
- SLR has bigger impact than Q decrease

# # Consecutive day events > x $\mu\text{S/cm}$

# 7-day 1,000+  $\mu\text{S/cm}$  events

# 14-day 1,000+  $\mu\text{S/cm}$  events



#1,000+  $\mu\text{S/cm}$  events

	# 7-day 1,000+ $\mu\text{S/cm}$ Events							# 14-day 1,000+ $\mu\text{S/cm}$ Events							# 21-day 1,000+ $\mu\text{S/cm}$ Events						
$\Delta\text{Q}/\text{SLR}$ (ft)	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0
0%	10	19	24	37	52	53	56	6	10	13	17	24	28	31	4	4	5	8	11	14	18
-5%	14	19	29	42	54	53	61	6	11	15	18	27	30	31	4	4	6	10	12	16	18
-10%	16	22	33	53	54	57	68	9	13	16	20	27	31	34	4	4	8	11	13	18	18
-15%	19	26	40	54	54	62	71	9	13	18	26	30	31	36	4	5	10	11	16	18	21
-20%	19	32	48	53	58	68	73	10	15	20	26	31	34	44	4	6	10	17	18	18	21
-25%	21	36	54	53	64	72	76	11	17	24	29	32	39	47	4	8	11	18	18	21	26

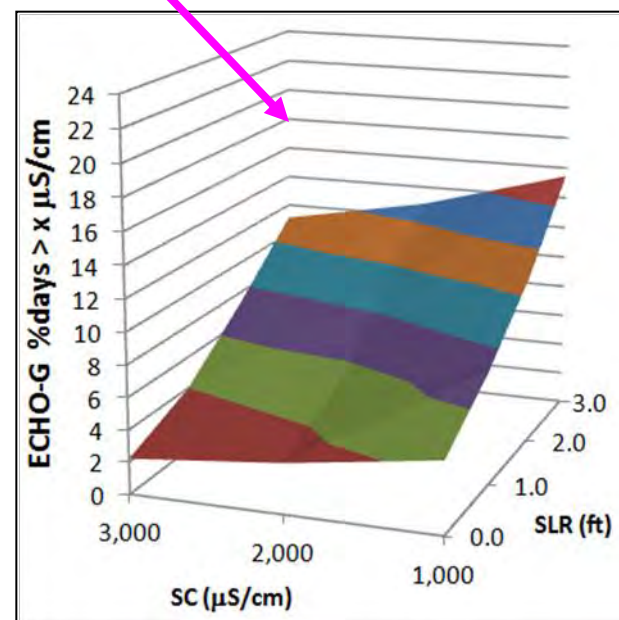
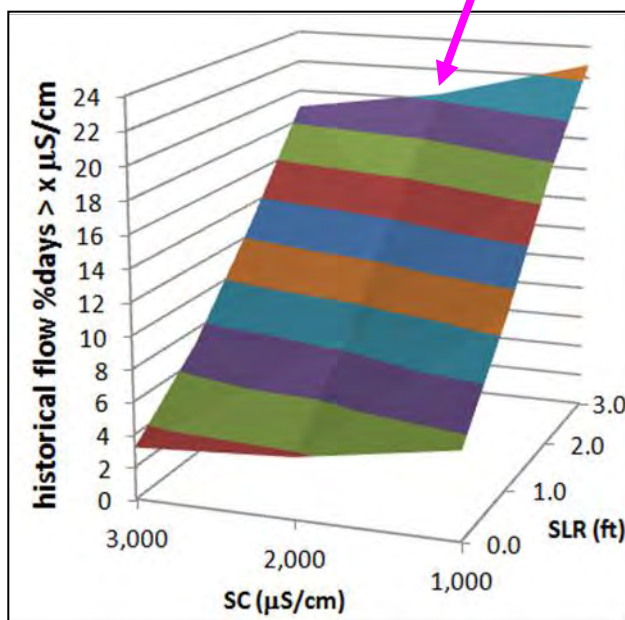
#3,000+  $\mu\text{S/cm}$  events

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$\Delta\text{Q}/\text{SLR}$ (ft)	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0
0%	7	12	17	25	40	48	51	3	7	11	15	22	24	29	4	4	5	6	9	14	15
-5%	8	15	19	34	41	48	55	3	8	12	17	23	29	31	4	4	6	7	12	15	15
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-25%	14	25	39	47	57	64	69	9	13	21	26	30	35	44	4	6	8	17	16	20	23



# Compare historical and future %days > x $\mu\text{S/cm}$

SLR (ft)	%days > 1,000, 2,000, and 3,000 $\mu\text{S/cm}$								
	historical SC			historical Q			ECHO-G/HSPF Q		
	1,000	2,000	3,000	1,000	2,000	3,000	1,000	2,000	3,000
0.0	7	4	4	5	4	3	4	3	2
1.0				11	9	7	7	5	4
2.0				18	15	13	11	9	7
3.0				23	20	19	15	13	11

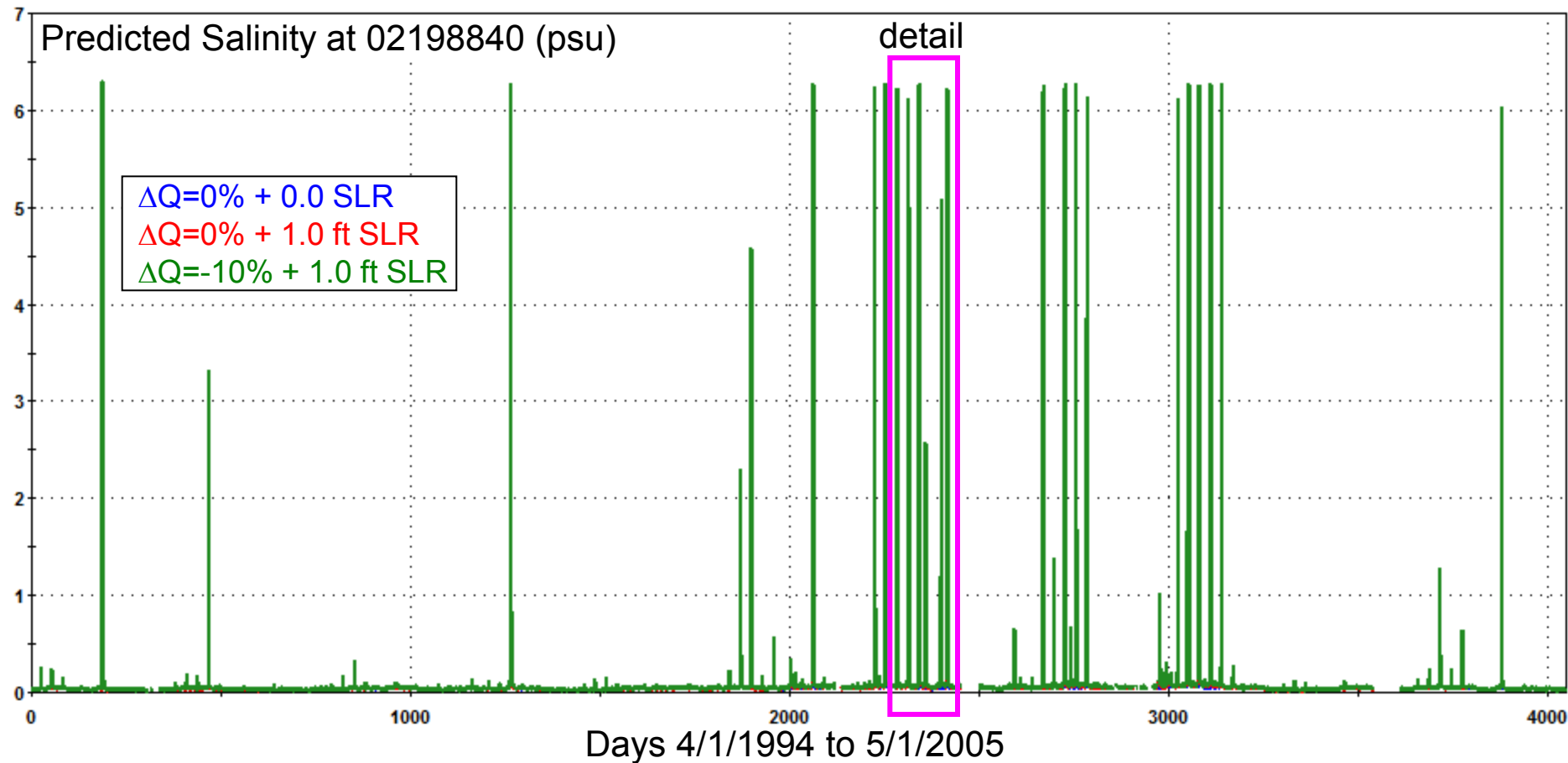


- Predicted wetter future has fewer %days > x



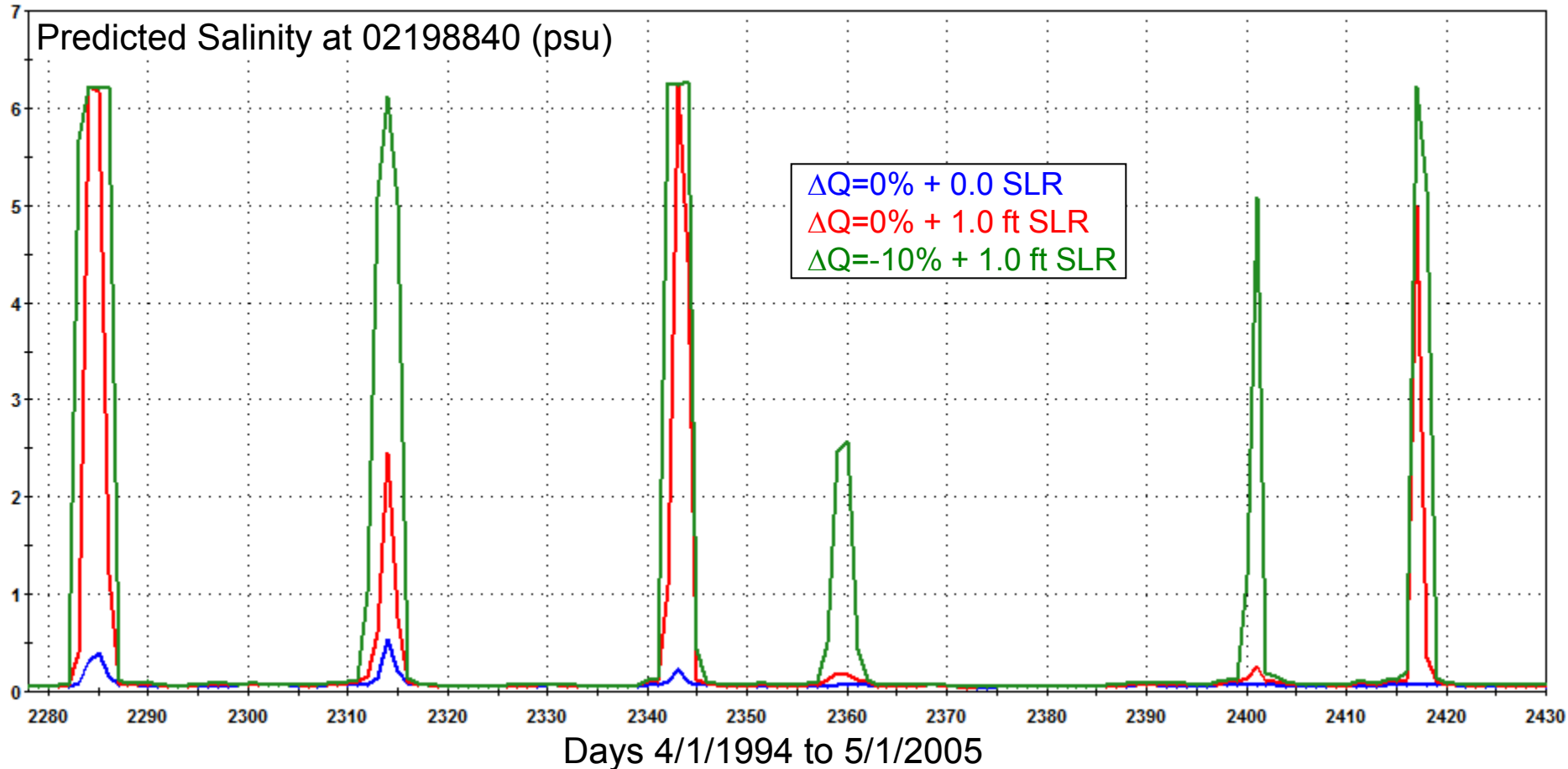
# Lower Savannah Results

# Savannah - 3 prediction scenarios



- No future scenario for Savannah
- 3<sup>rd</sup> scenario obscures other 2 – see detail

# Detail – 3 Savannah scenarios

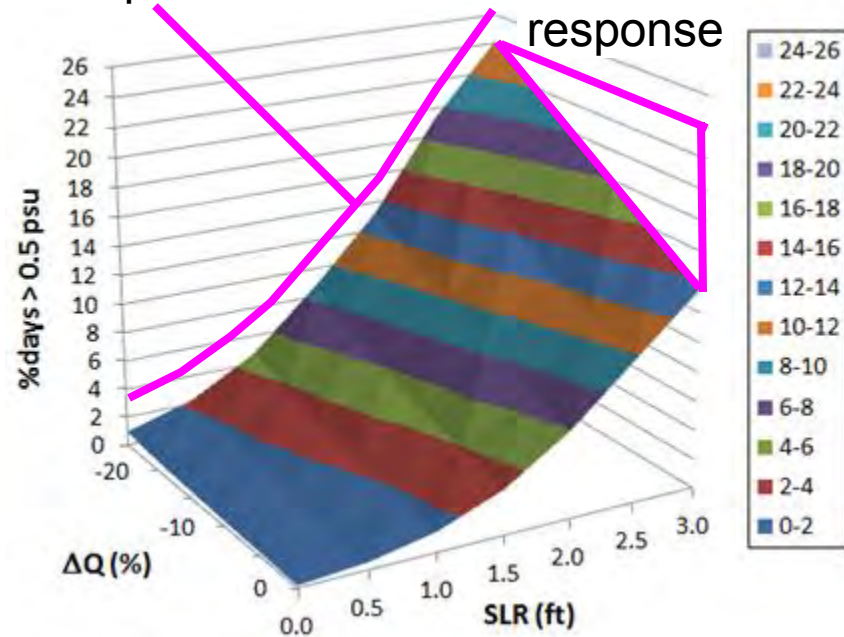


- 3<sup>rd</sup> (worst) scenario really is worst!
- Some spikes –  $\Delta Q + \text{SLR}$  effect  $\gg$  SLR alone  
– unlike Pee Dee

	%days > 0.5 psu						
$\Delta Q$ / SLR (ft)	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0
0%	0.2	0.5	1.4	3.1	5.9	9.7	13.6
-5%	0.3	0.7	1.8	3.9	7.0	11.2	15.4
-10%	0.4	0.9	2.3	4.6	8.6	12.5	17.7
-15%	0.5	1.4	3.0	5.8	10.0	14.5	20.0
-20%	0.6	1.7	3.8	7.1	11.4	16.8	22.0
-25%	1.0	2.2	4.7	8.7	13.3	19.3	24.1

exponential  
SLR response

large  $\Delta Q$   
response



# Conclusions



- The Method
  1. Site-specific estuary model needed to credibly assess vulnerability
    - empirical model may be
      - more accurate
      - easier to develop, operate, and update with new data
      - faster turn-around for “What ifs?”
  2. Long-term, site-specific data needed to calibrate model
    - past behaviors likely span much of future range
    - droughts, hurricanes / storms, El Nino
    - If in hand, ready to model. If not, start collecting.
  3. Run scenarios  $\Rightarrow$  easy-to-understand tables & graphs
    - modify historical data
    - future forecasts, e.g., GCM+carbon emissions scenarios
- Method applicable to other resources, e.g., groundwater.