

Application of Continuous Simulation Modeling to Inform Hydromodification Management Design Decisions



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Modeling for Hydromodification

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Objectives



- Impact Evaluation
- Management Strategies
- BMP Sizing Sensitivities



Hydromod
Impact

$$= f \left(\begin{array}{l} \Delta \text{hydrology,} \\ \Delta \text{channel geometry,} \\ \Delta \text{bed \& bank material,} \\ \Delta \text{sediment supply} \end{array} \right)$$



Restoration vs. Hydromod Management

Hydromodification = Changes in runoff characteristics and in-stream processes caused by altered land use.

Restoration vs. Hydromod Management



fix an existing
geomorphic
impact



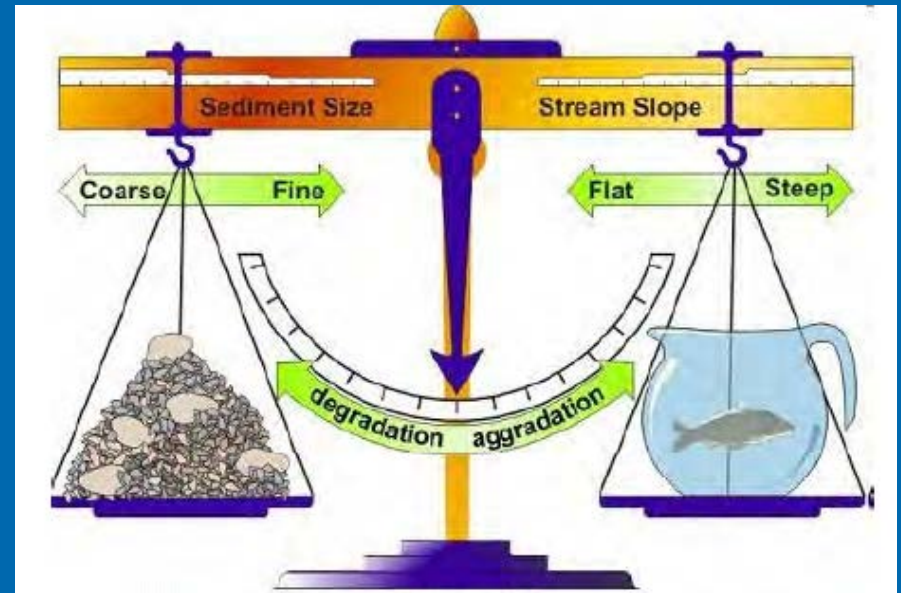
prevent a future
geomorphic
impact

Impact Evaluation

How are hydromod impacts modeled?

Qualitative: Lane (1955)

$$Q_s D_{50} \propto Q_w S$$



Source: Rosgen (1996), From Lane, 1955.
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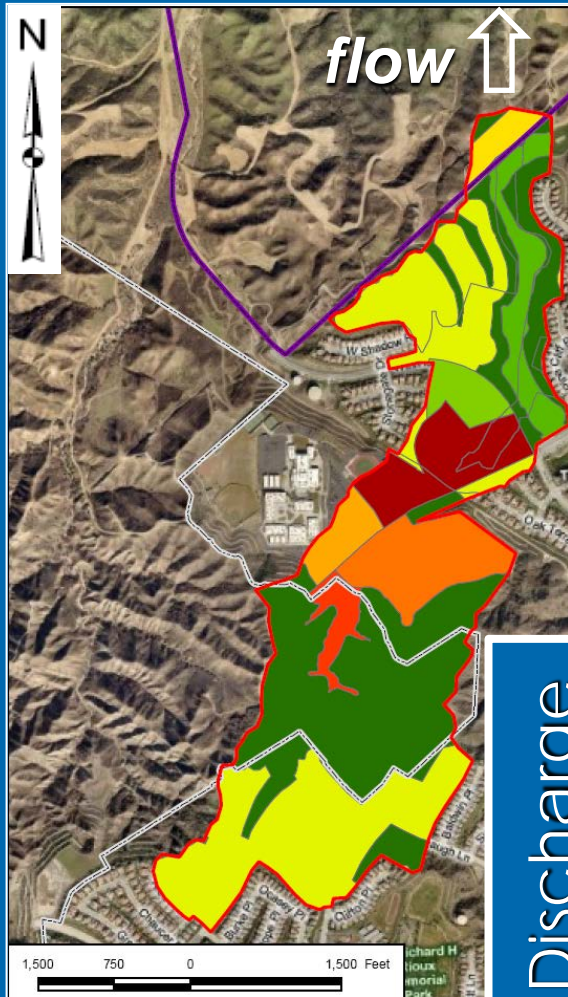
Quantitative:

**Geomorphic
Impact**

$$= f \left(\begin{array}{l} \Delta \text{hydrology,} \\ \Delta \text{channel geometry,} \\ \Delta \text{bed \& bank material strength,} \\ \Delta \text{sediment supply} \end{array} \right)$$

Δ hydrology

Simulate the hydrologic response of catchments under pre- and post-developed conditions for a continuous period of record.

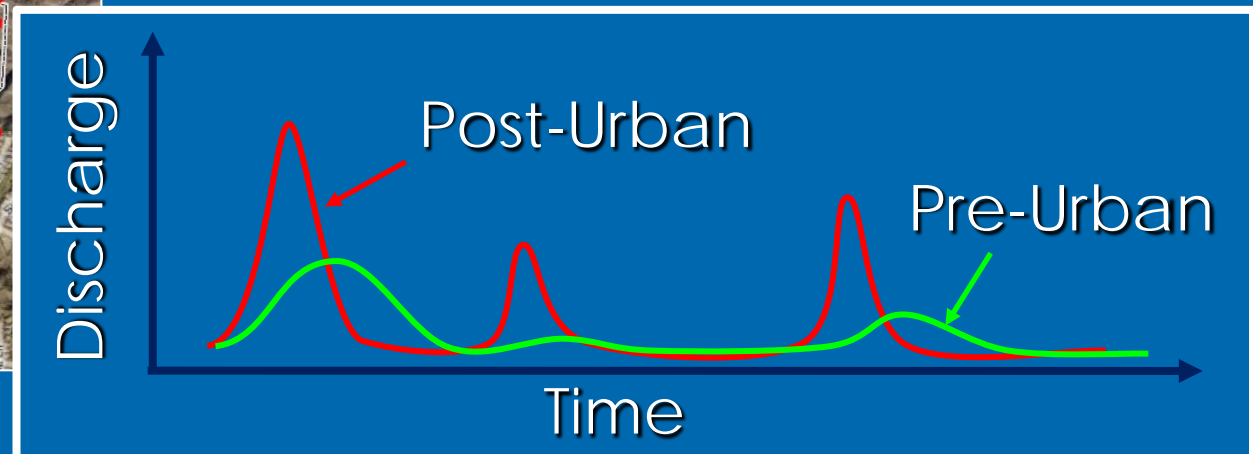


Input:

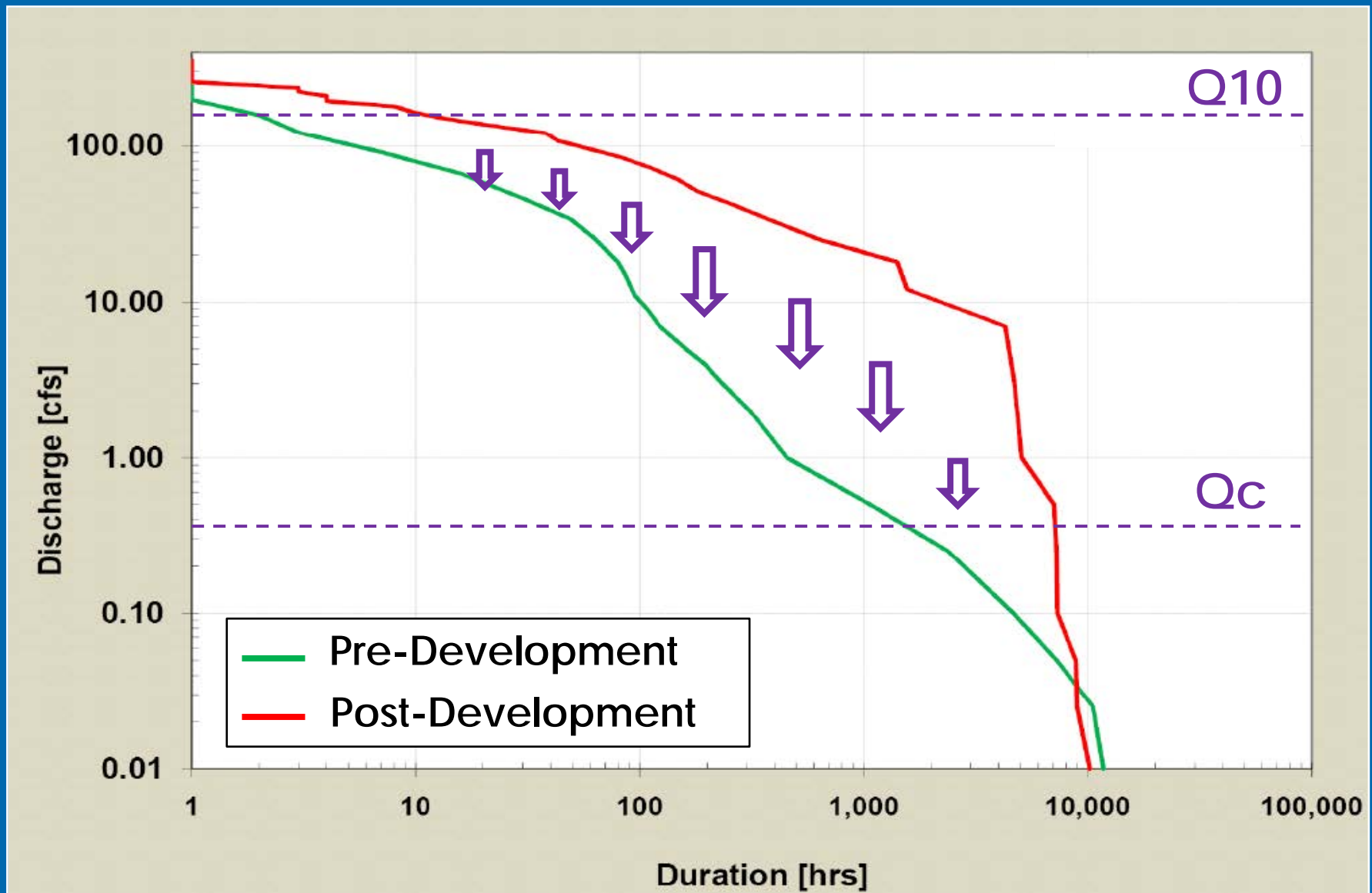
- Rainfall
- Catchment Delineation
- Soils
- % *Imperviousness*
- Lag Time
- In-stream Infiltration
- Evapotranspiration

Output:

- Flow

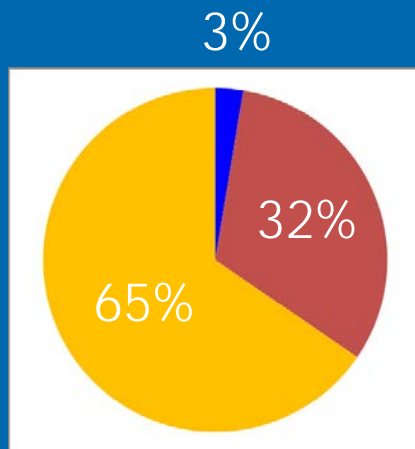
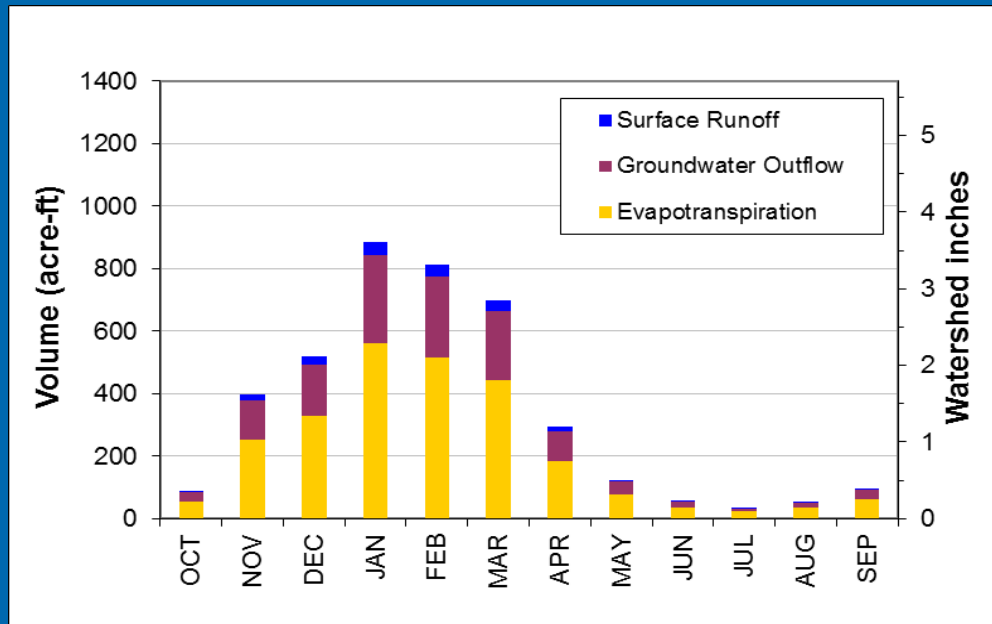


Δ hydrology Flow output from hydrologic model is used to generate flow duration curves.

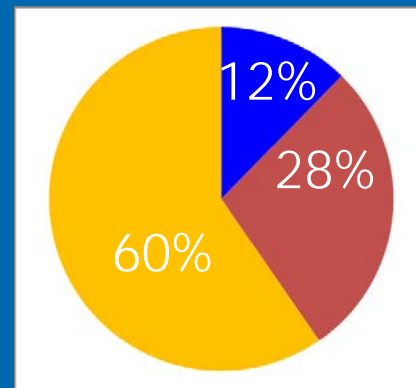


Δhydrology

Output from hydrologic model can be used to evaluate water balance.



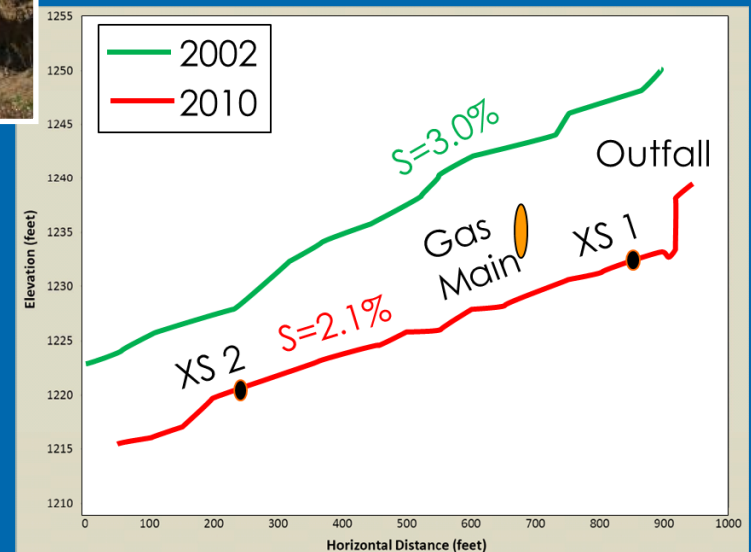
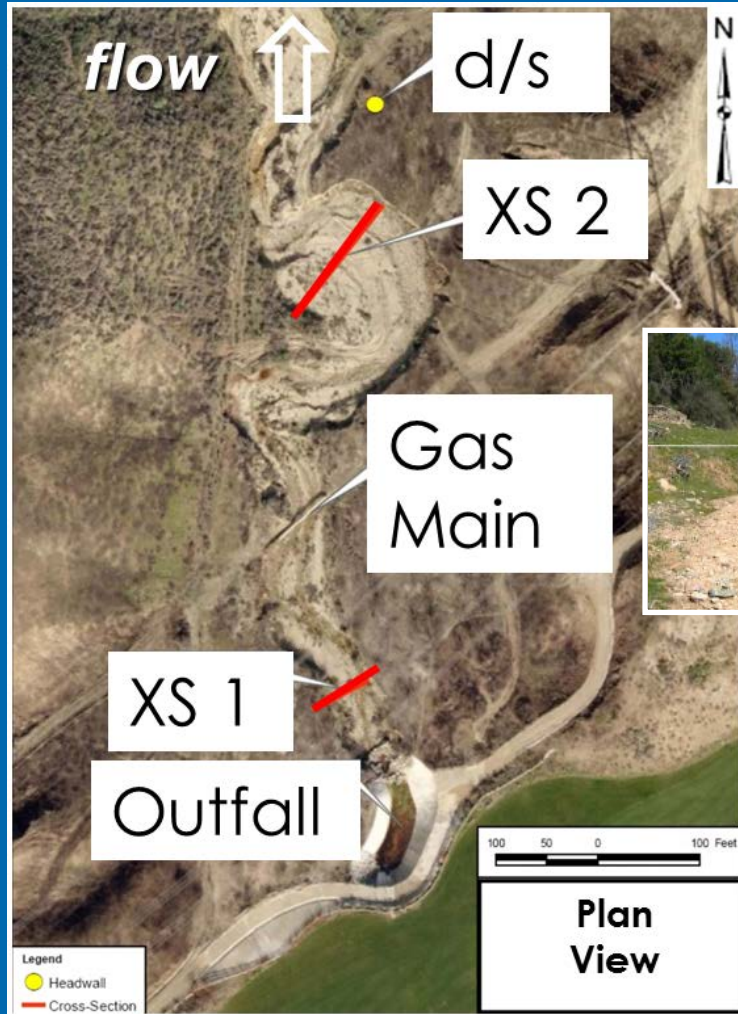
Pre-Development



Post-Development

Δchannel geometry

Cross-sections and longitudinal profiles of the active channel are surveyed at strategic locations.



Δbed & bank material strength

For each reach surveyed, a measure of critical shear stress is based on the bed and bank material.

Non-cohesive bed:

Wolman Pebble Count
and/or Sieve Analysis

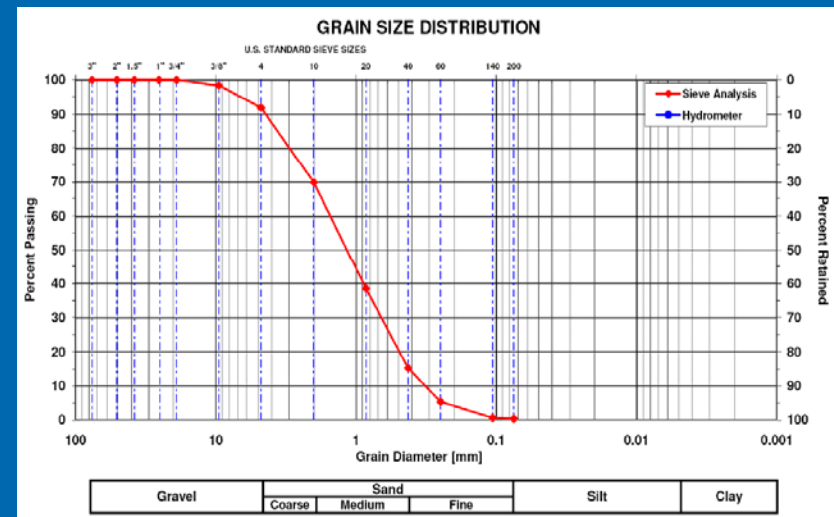
Cohesive bed and bank:

Jet Test or Tables

Vegetated bank:

Tables

| Bank Material Type | τ_c (lbs/ft ²) |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| ASCE Manual No. 77 | |
| Hardpans | 0.67 |
| Compacted Clays | 0.50 |
| Stiff Clays | 0.32 |



Δ bed & bank material strength Δ channel geometry



Google Trekker for geomorphic monitoring



Discussion to follow on Geomorphic Monitoring by Felicia

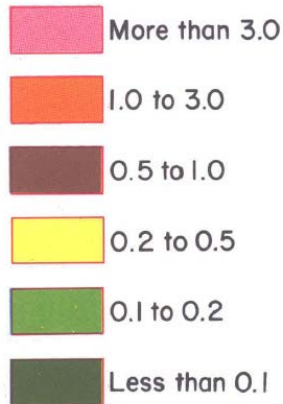
Δsediment supply

Bed sediment yields are estimated using field data and GIS analysis of hillslope gradient, geology, and land cover.

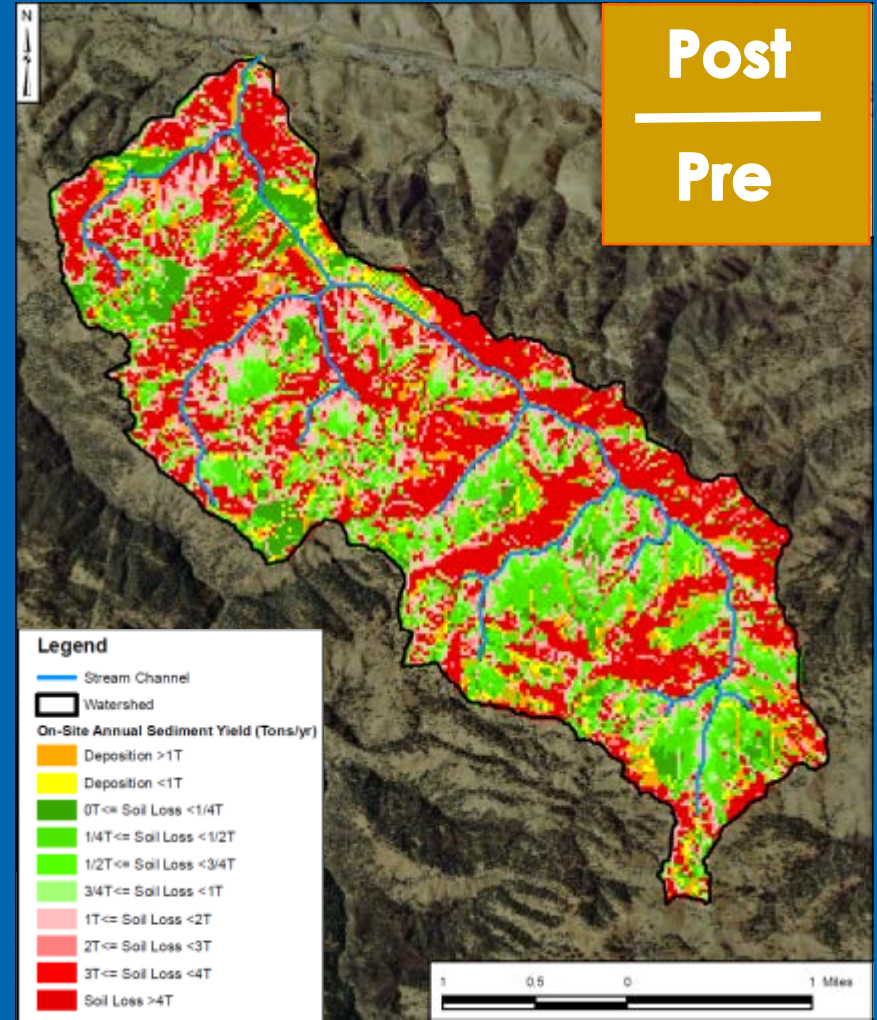


SEDIMENT YIELD RATE CLASS

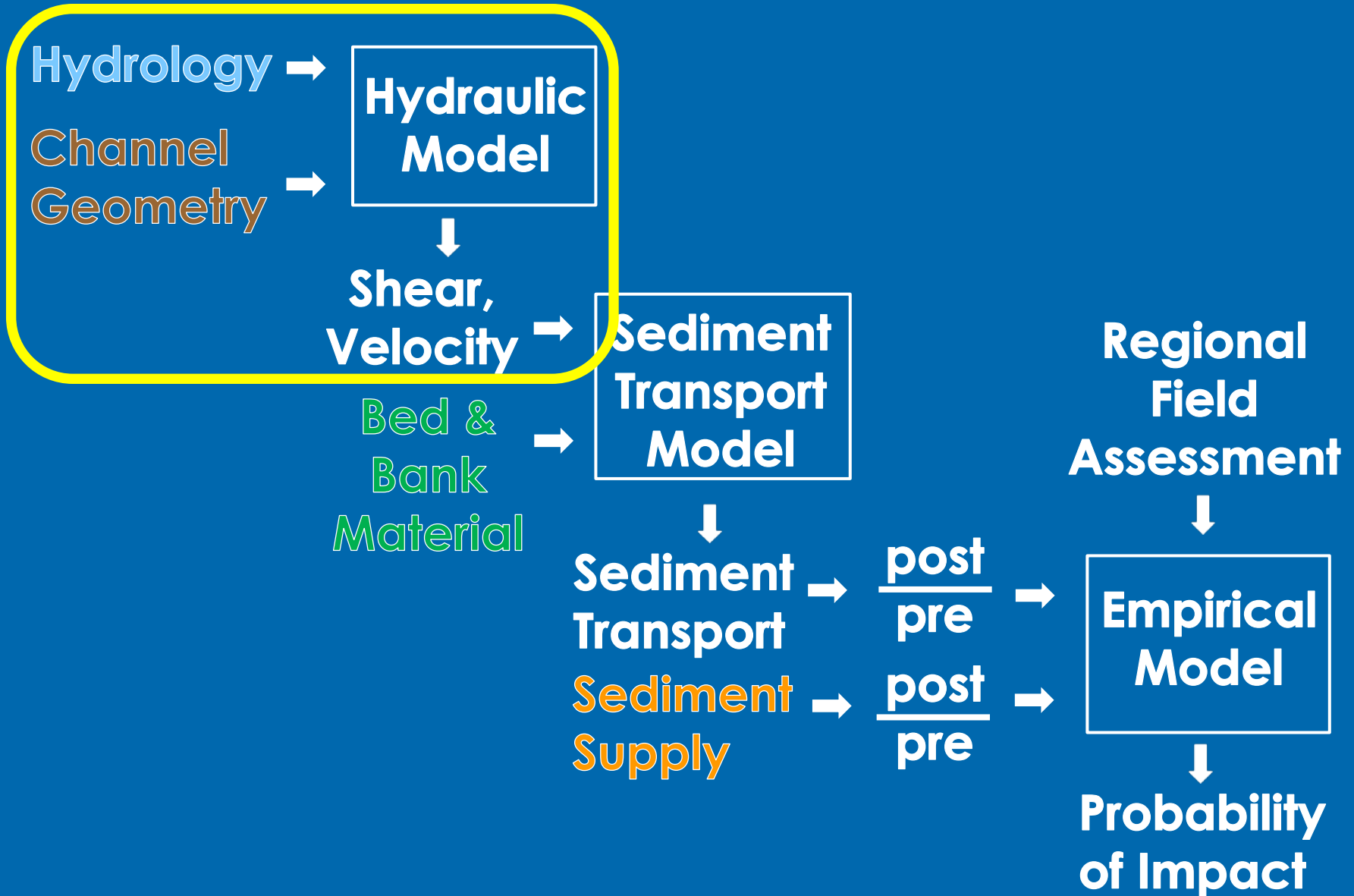
ac. ft./sq.mi./year



Discussion to follow on sediment supply assessment by Cid

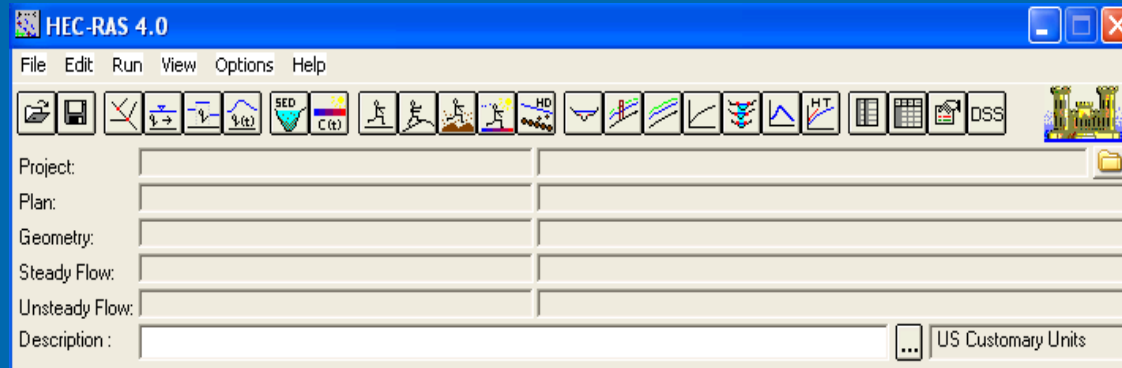


Model Summary



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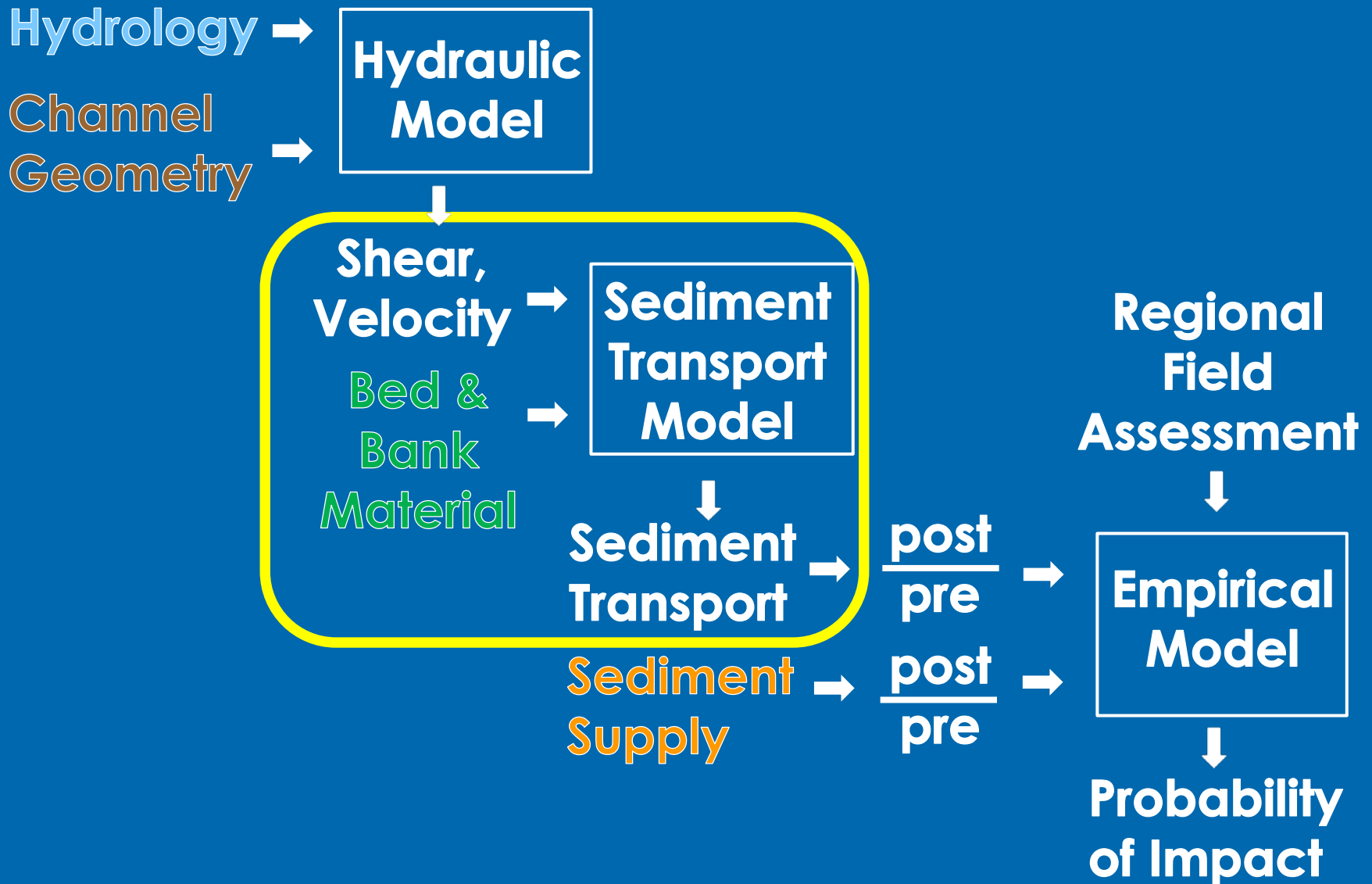
Stage, effective shear stress, and flow velocity are computed using discharge and channel geometry data as inputs to a hydraulic model.



$$\tau = \gamma R S$$

$$V = \frac{1.49 R^{2/3} S^{1/2}}{n}$$

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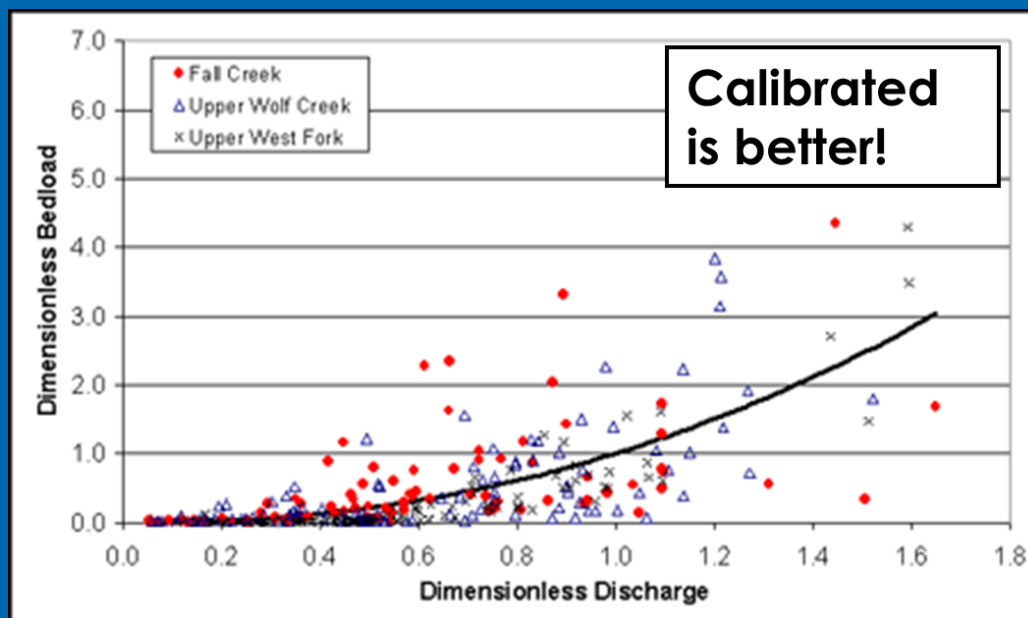


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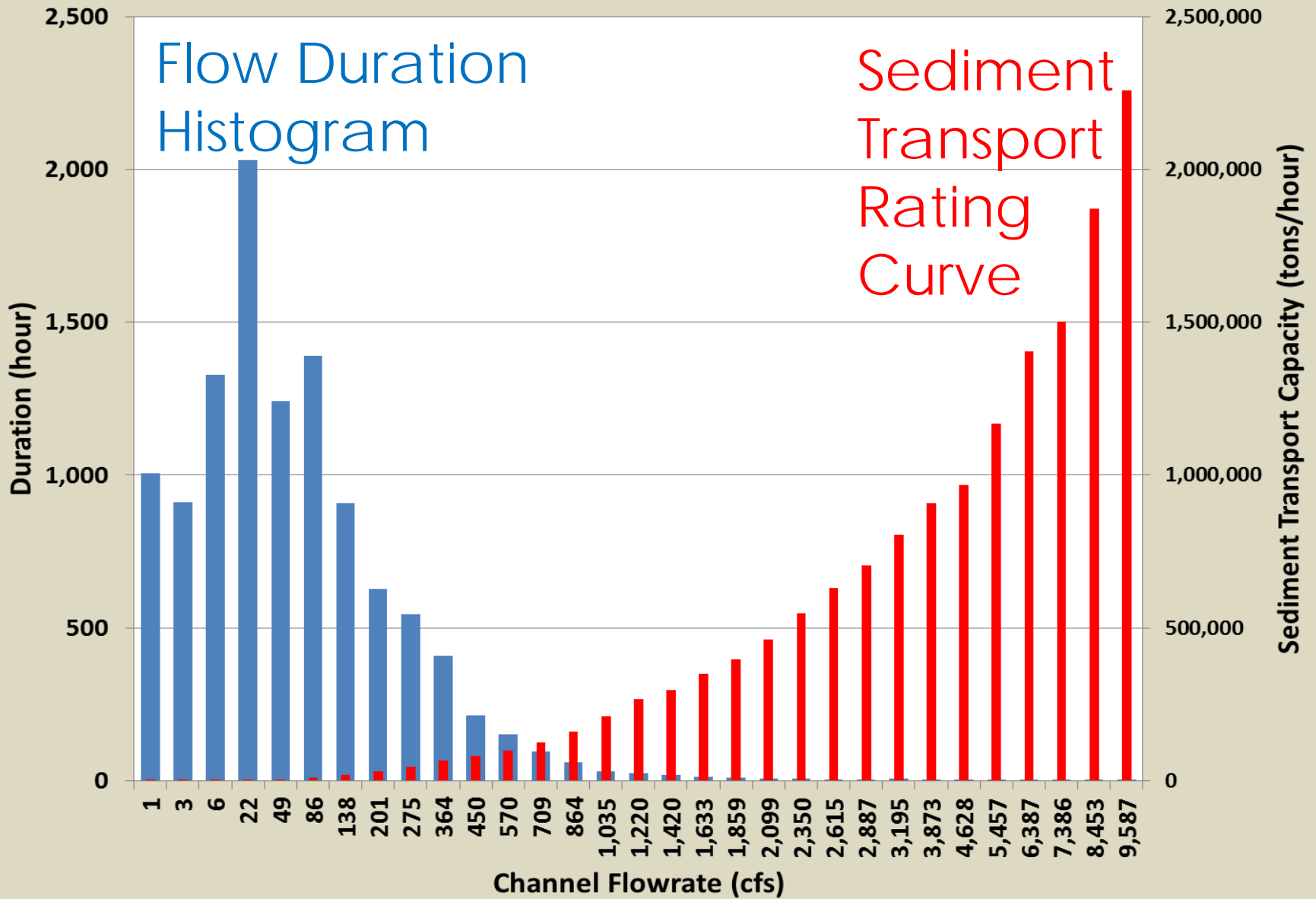
Stage, effective shear stress, flow velocity, and **critical bed / bank material strength** are input into the applicable work or sediment transport equation and summed over the period of record.

Work
Equation:

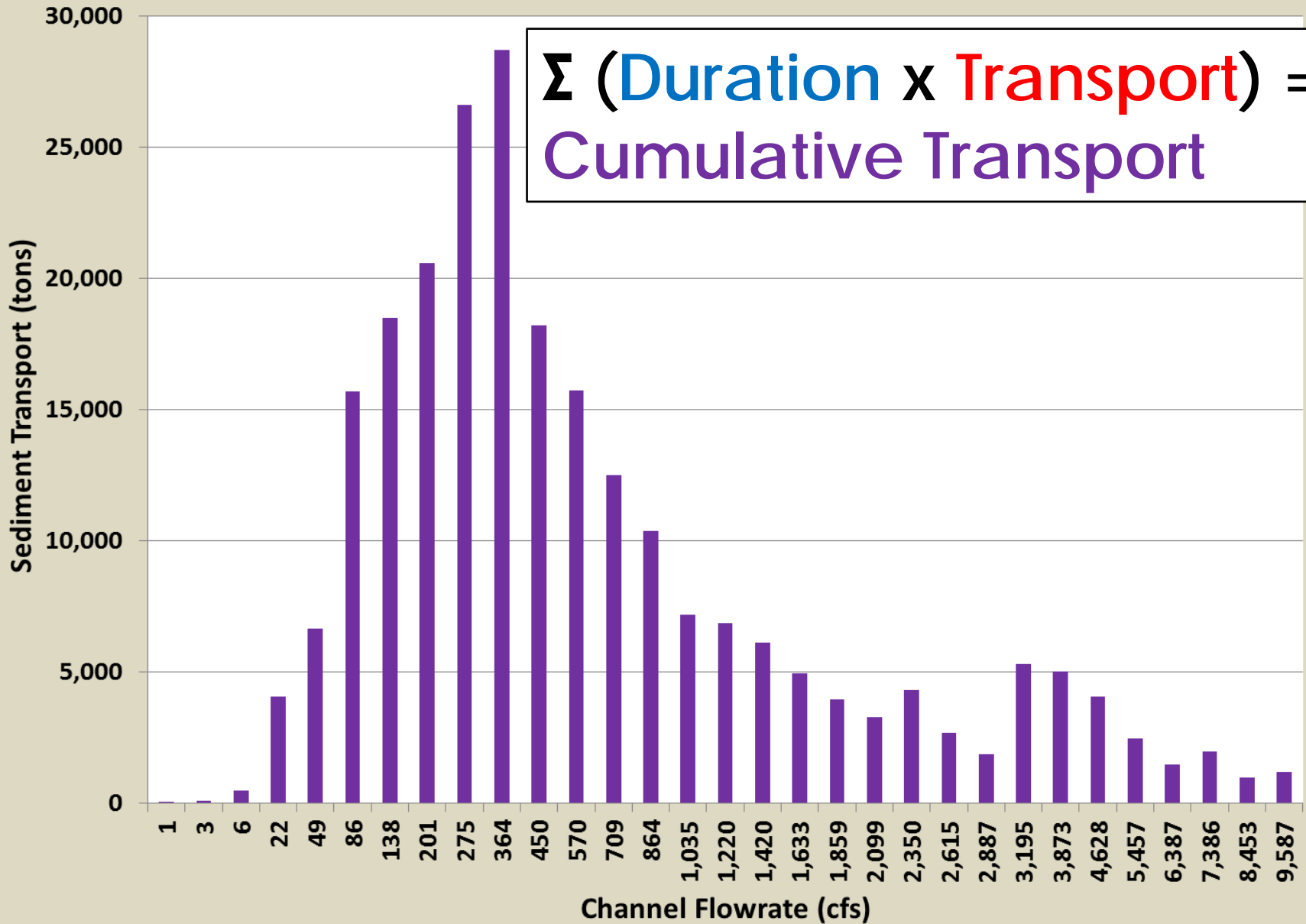
$$W = \sum_{i=1}^n (\tau_i - \tau_c)^{1.5} \cdot V \cdot \Delta t_i$$



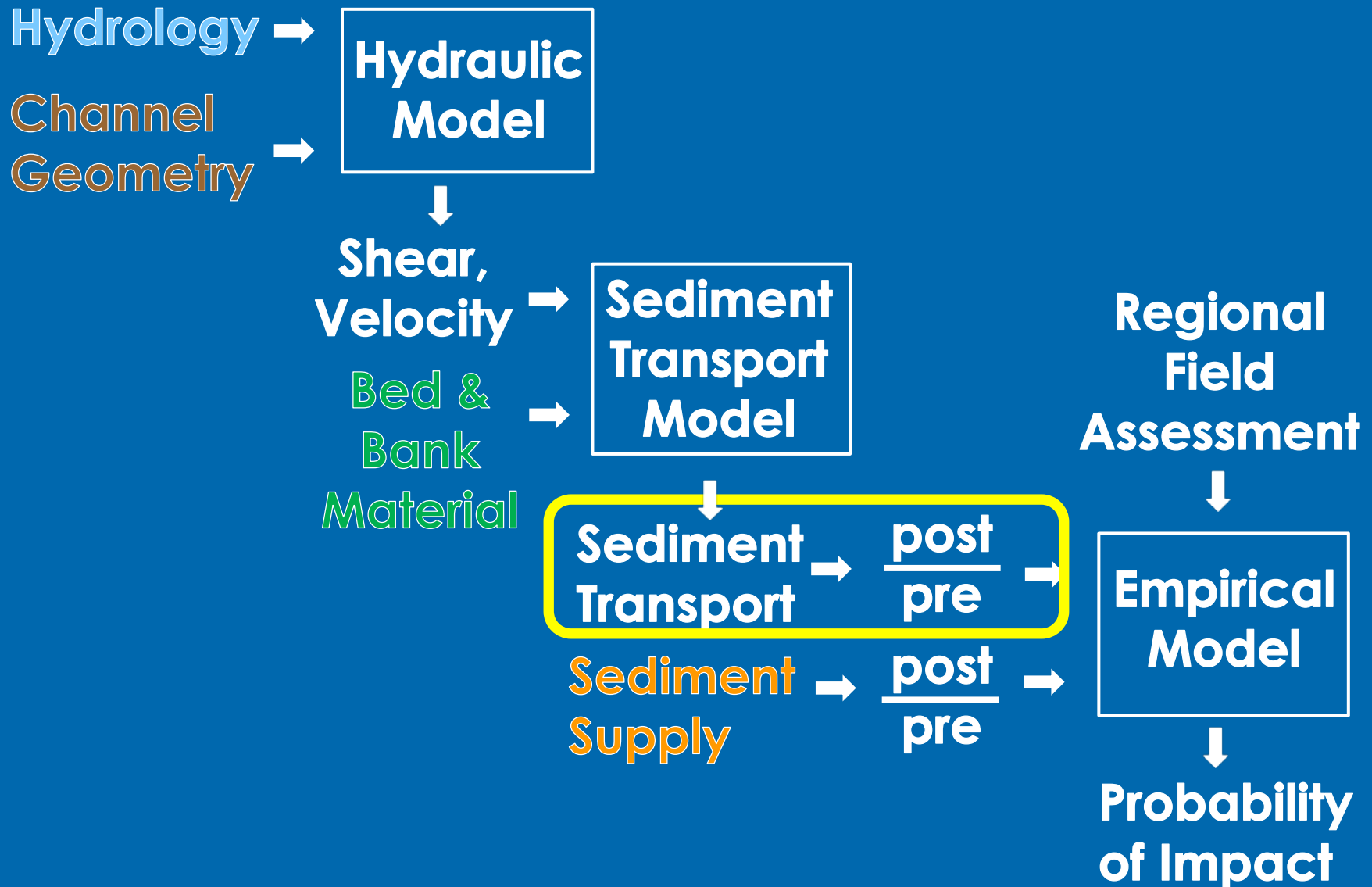
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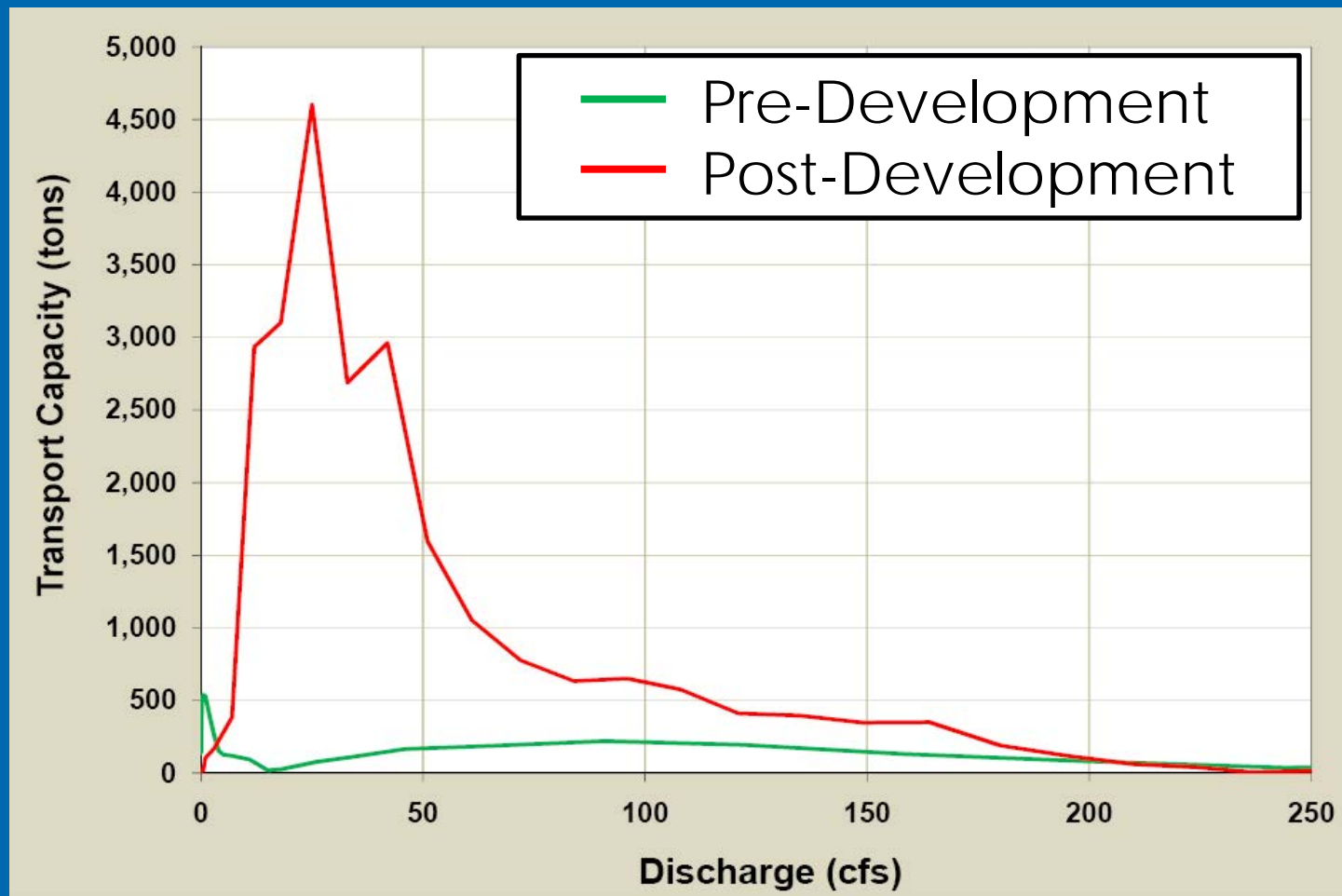


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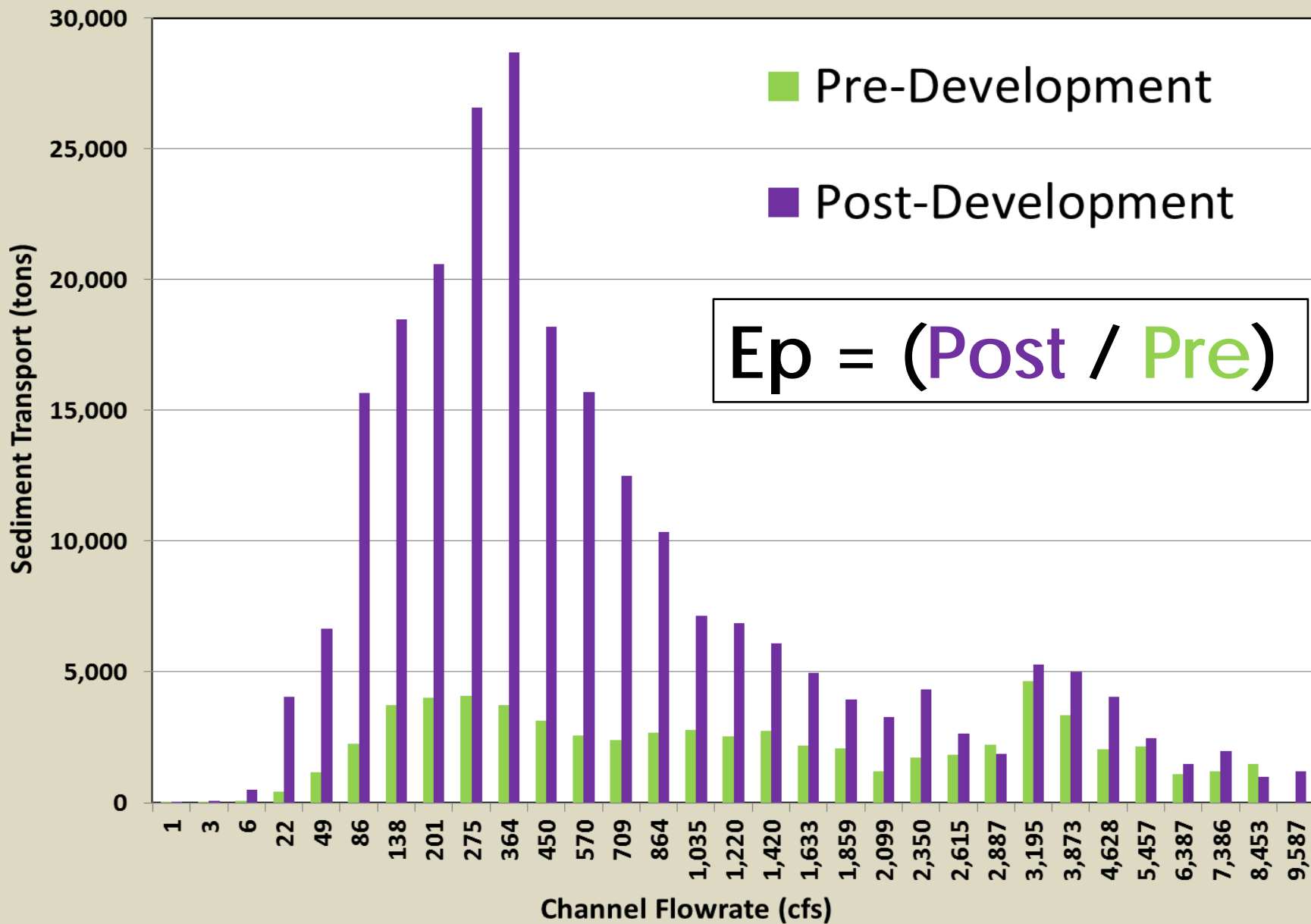


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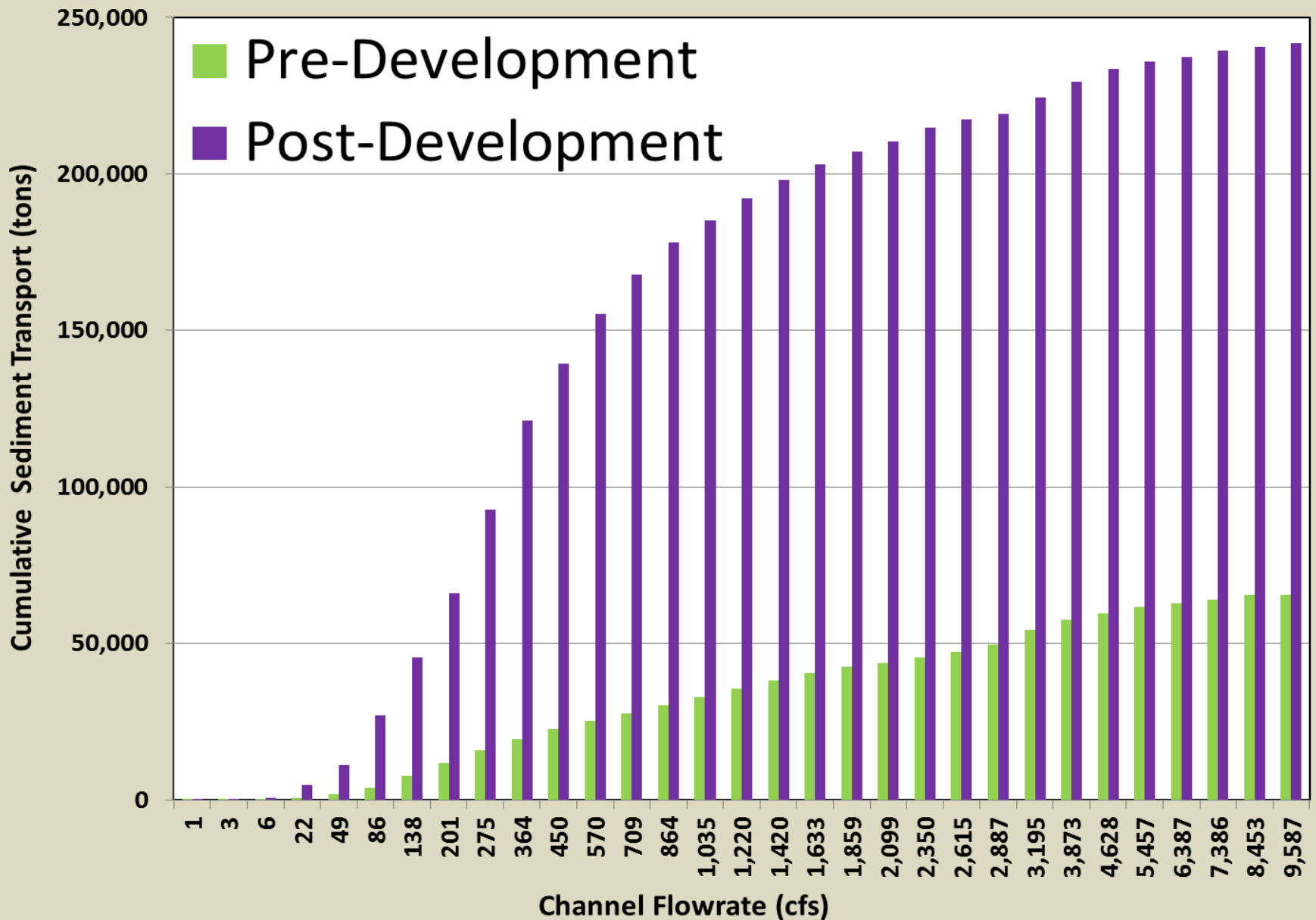
Erosion Potential (E_p) is calculated by comparing relative change in cumulative sediment transport capacity in the pre- and post-development conditions:



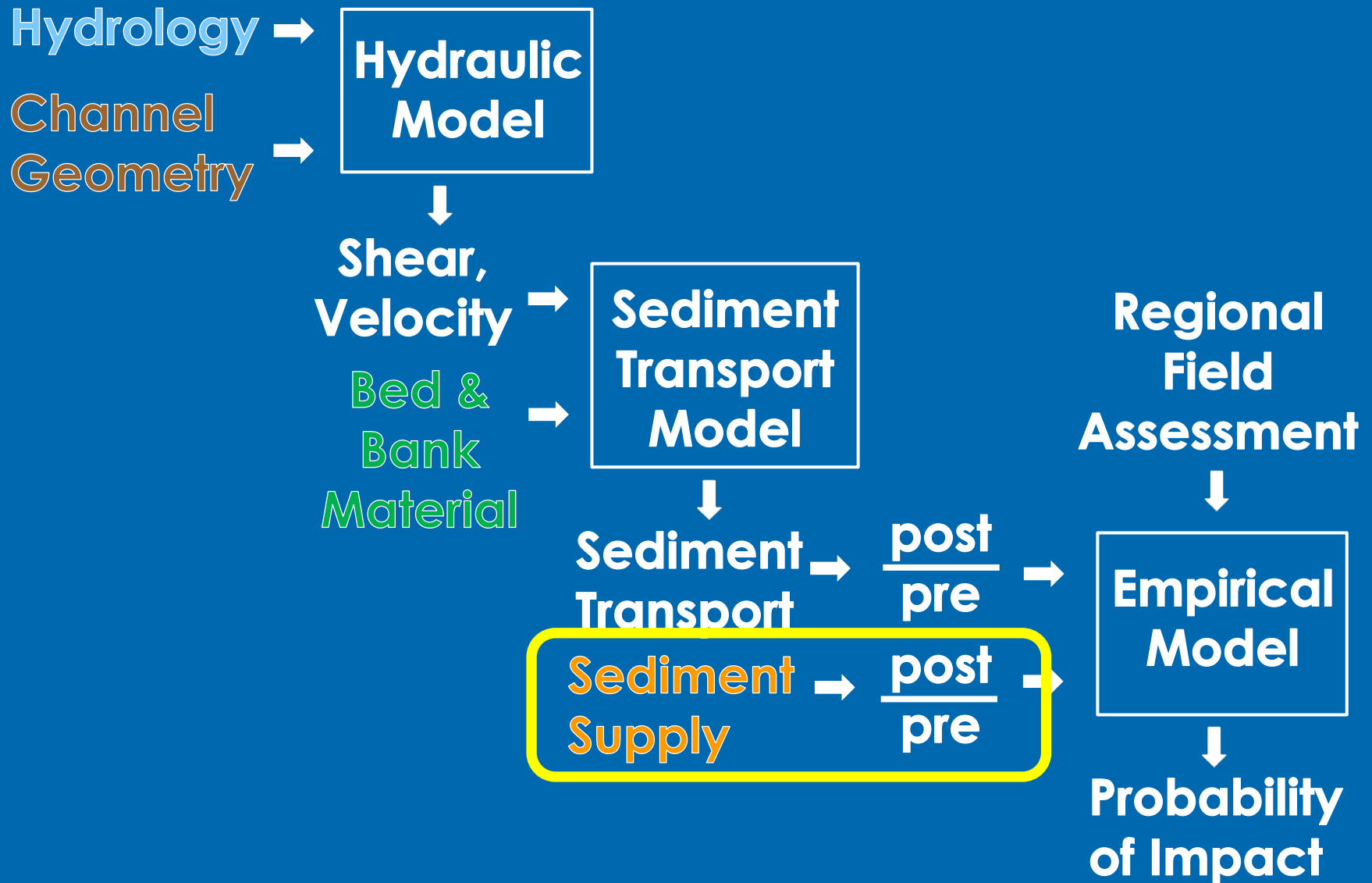
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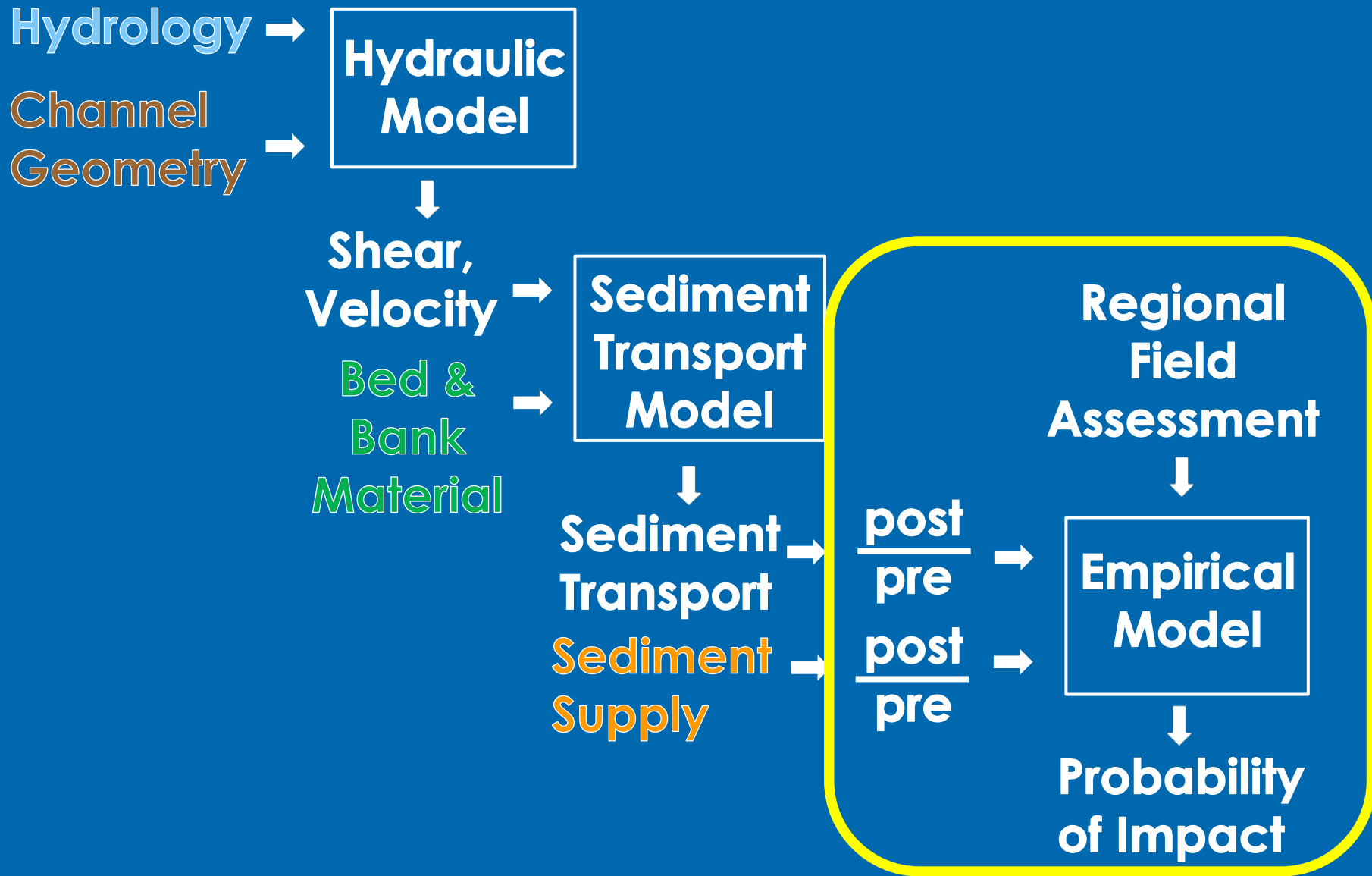
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Sediment supply loss can be accounted for by reducing the Target E_p by the ratio of bed sediment supply (S_p) to that computation point.

$$S_p = \frac{\text{Sediment Supply post}}{\text{Sediment Supply pre}}$$

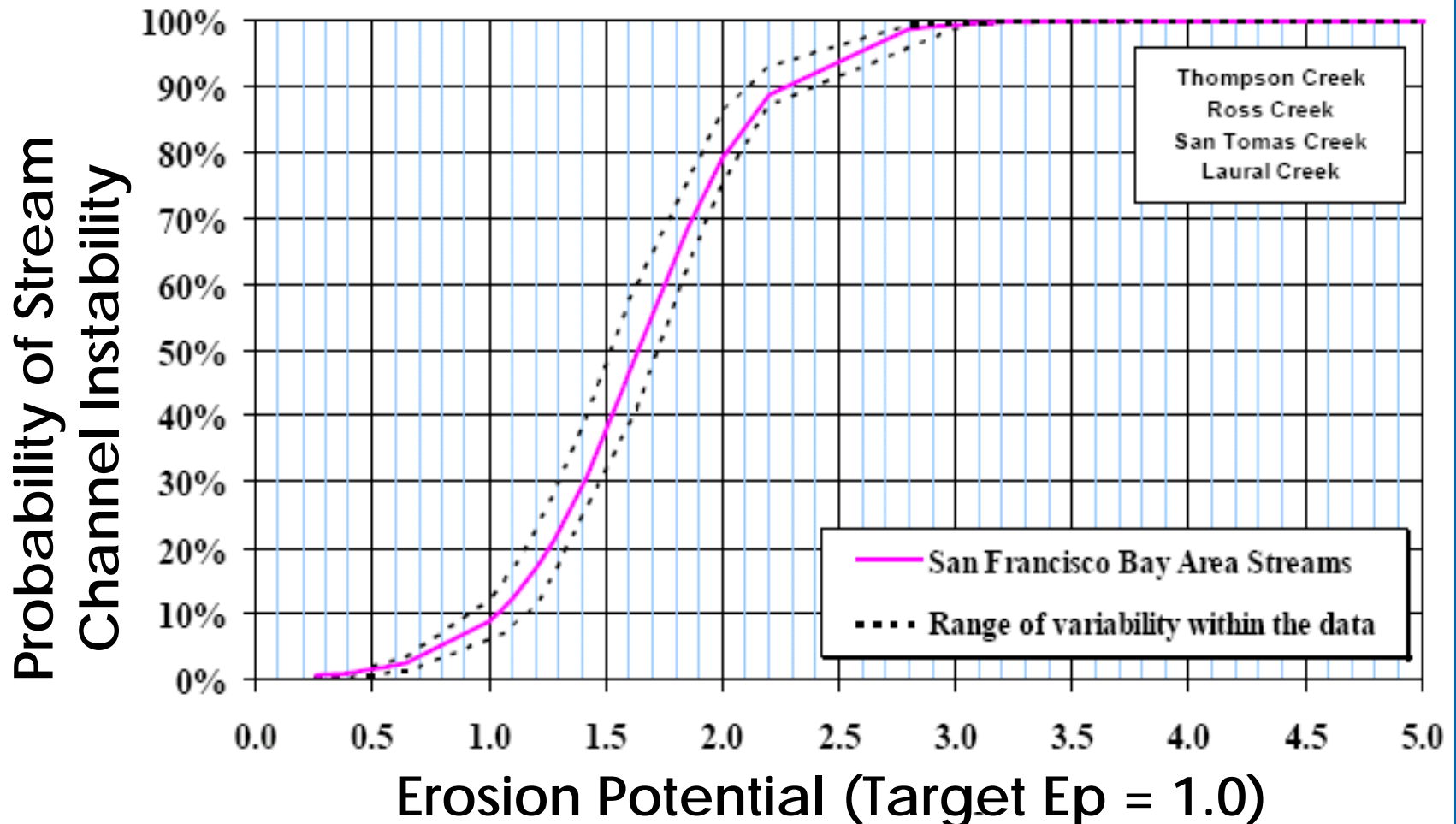


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E_p is compared to the Target E_p (S_p) to get a Probability of Channel Instability.

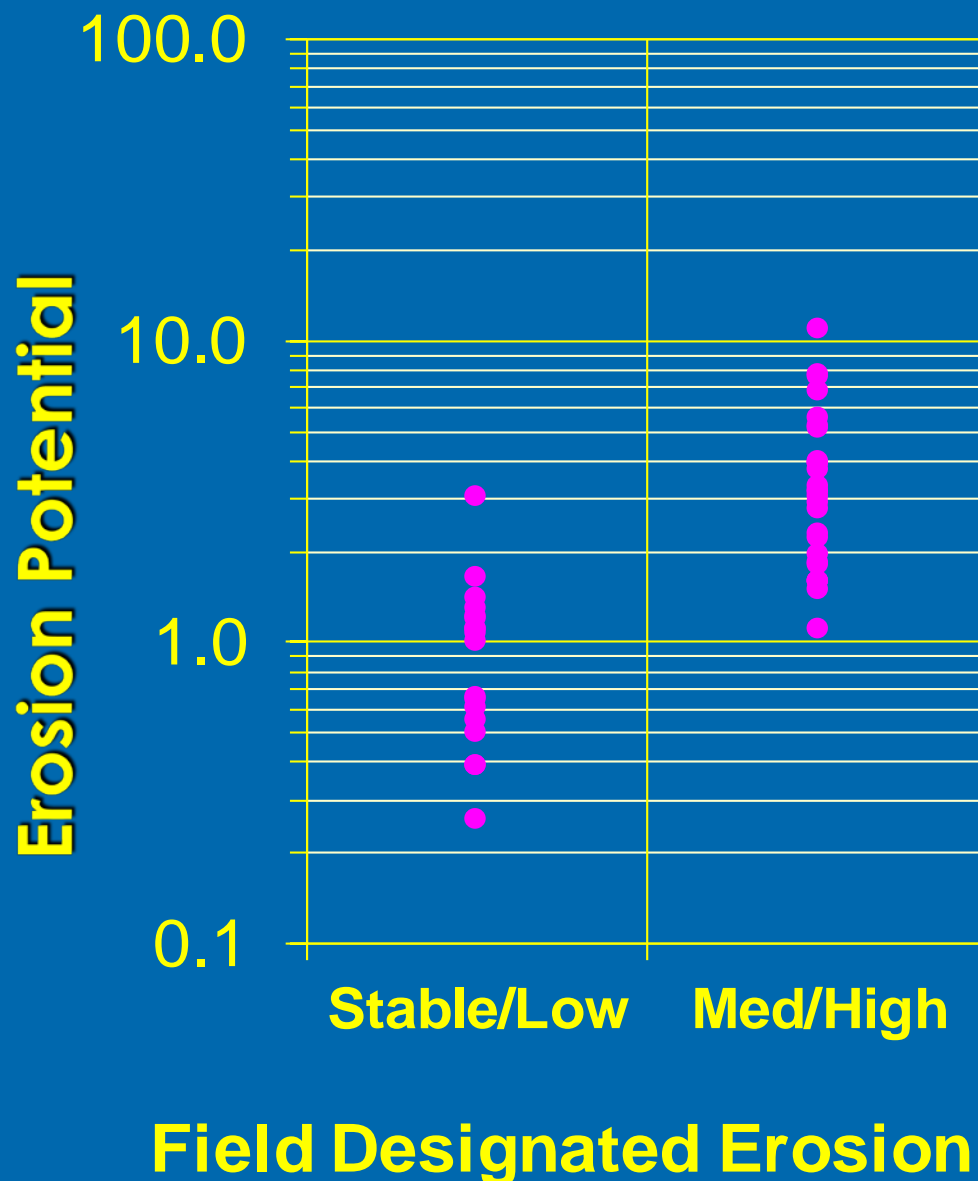


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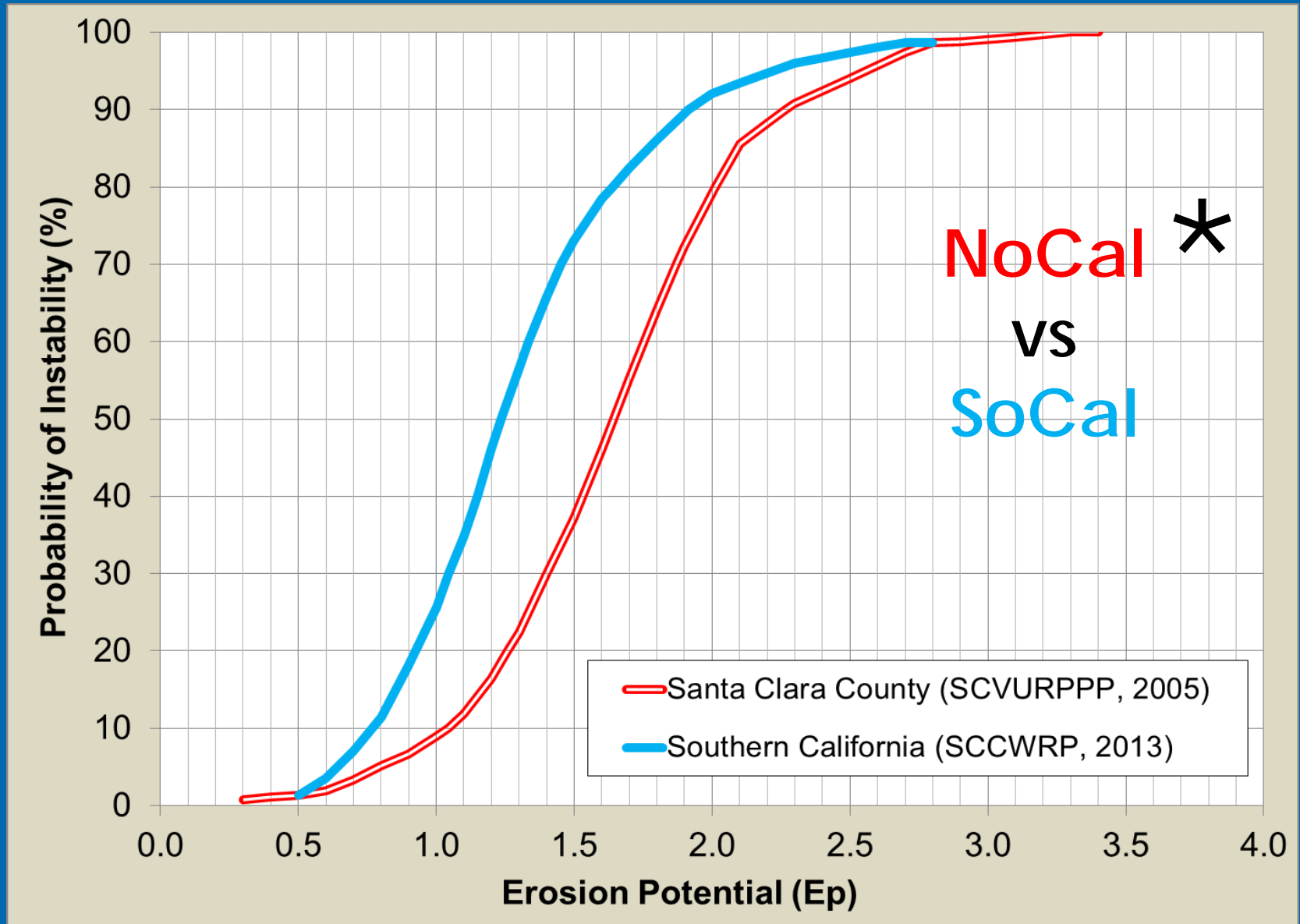
Santa Clara Valley Hydromodification Management Plan

40 Cross Sections:

- Thompson Creek
- Ross Creek
- San Tomas Creek



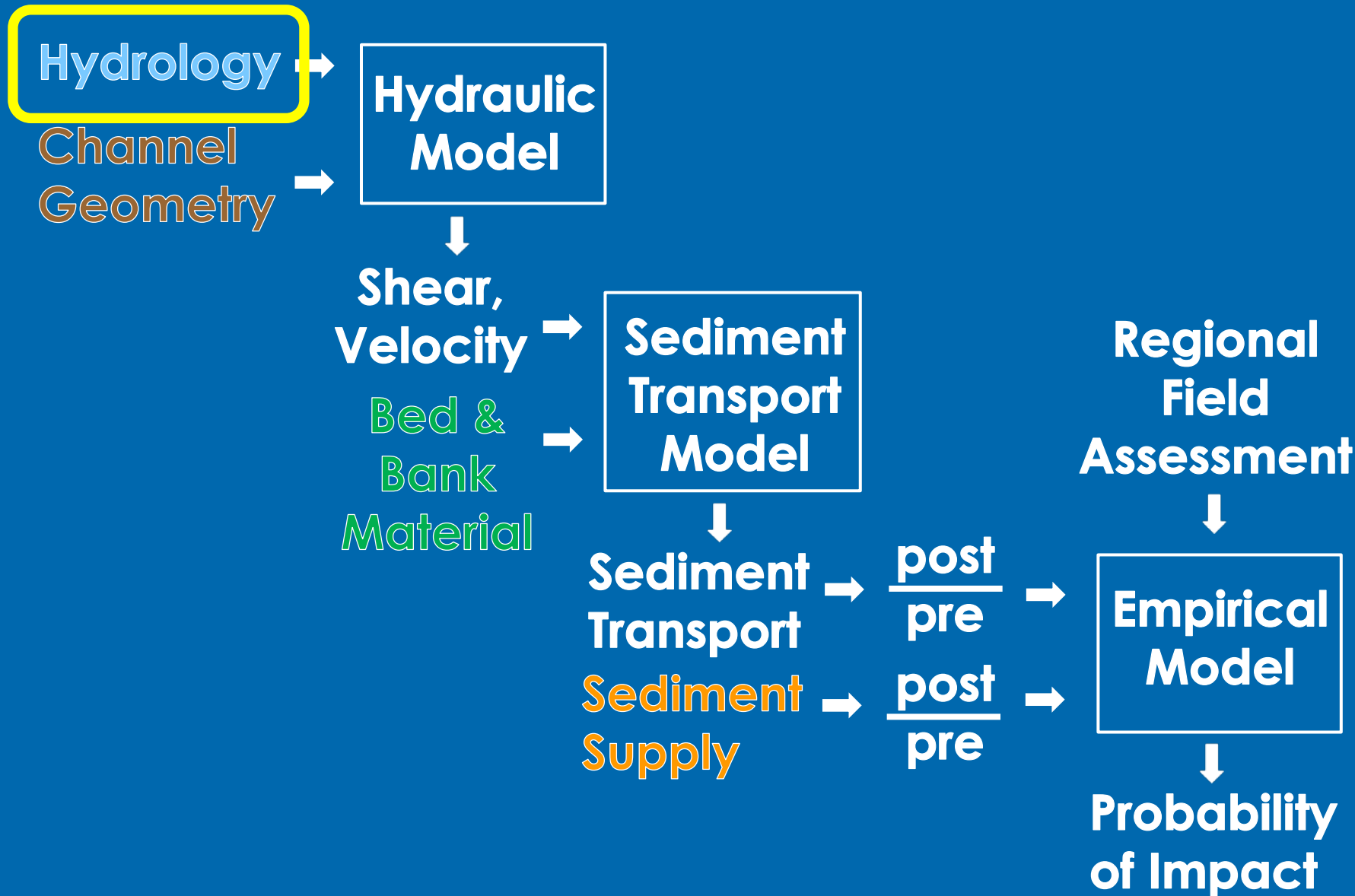
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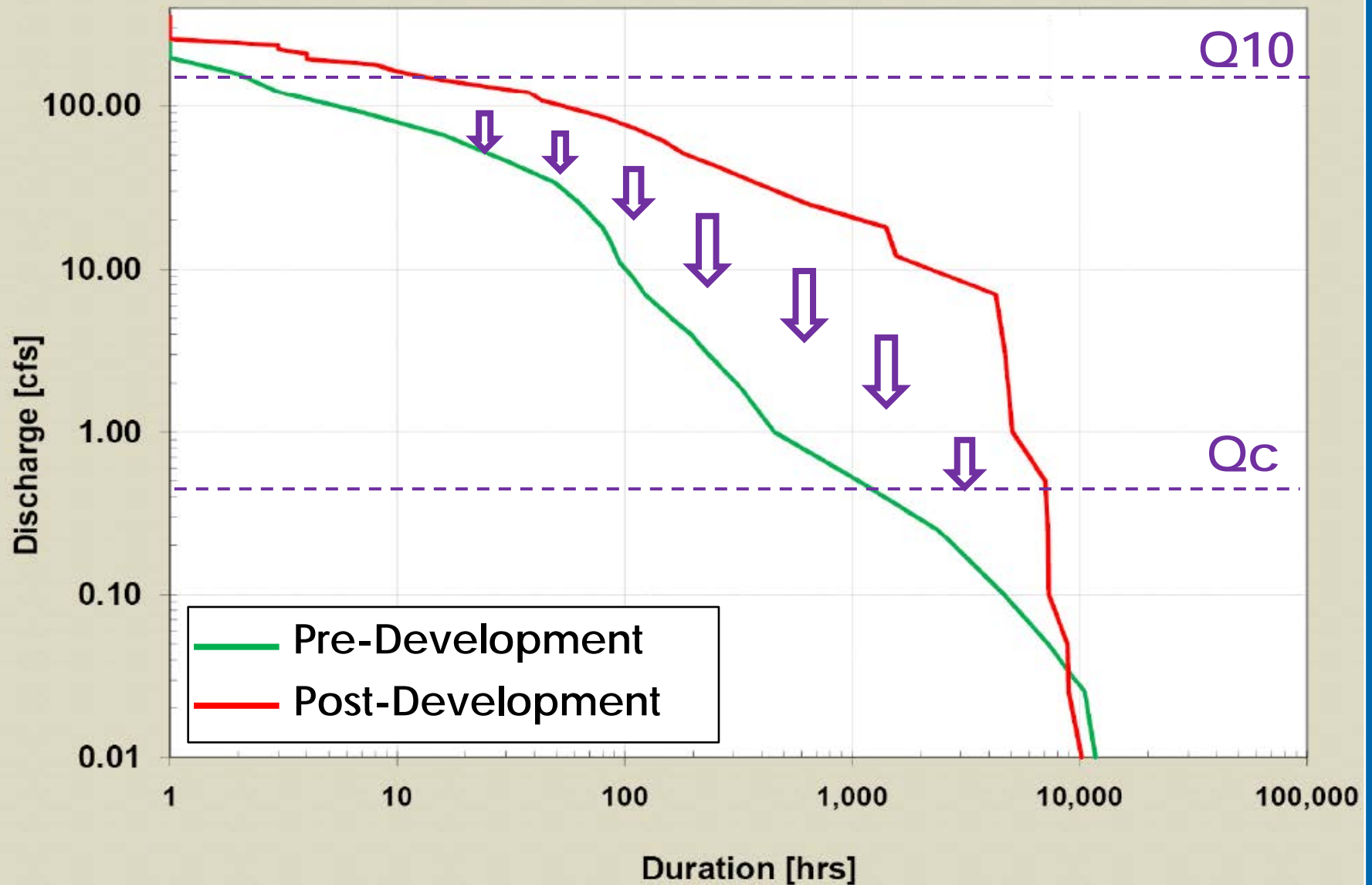
Discussion to follow on probabilistic models by Ashmita

Management Strategies

Out-of-Stream Management

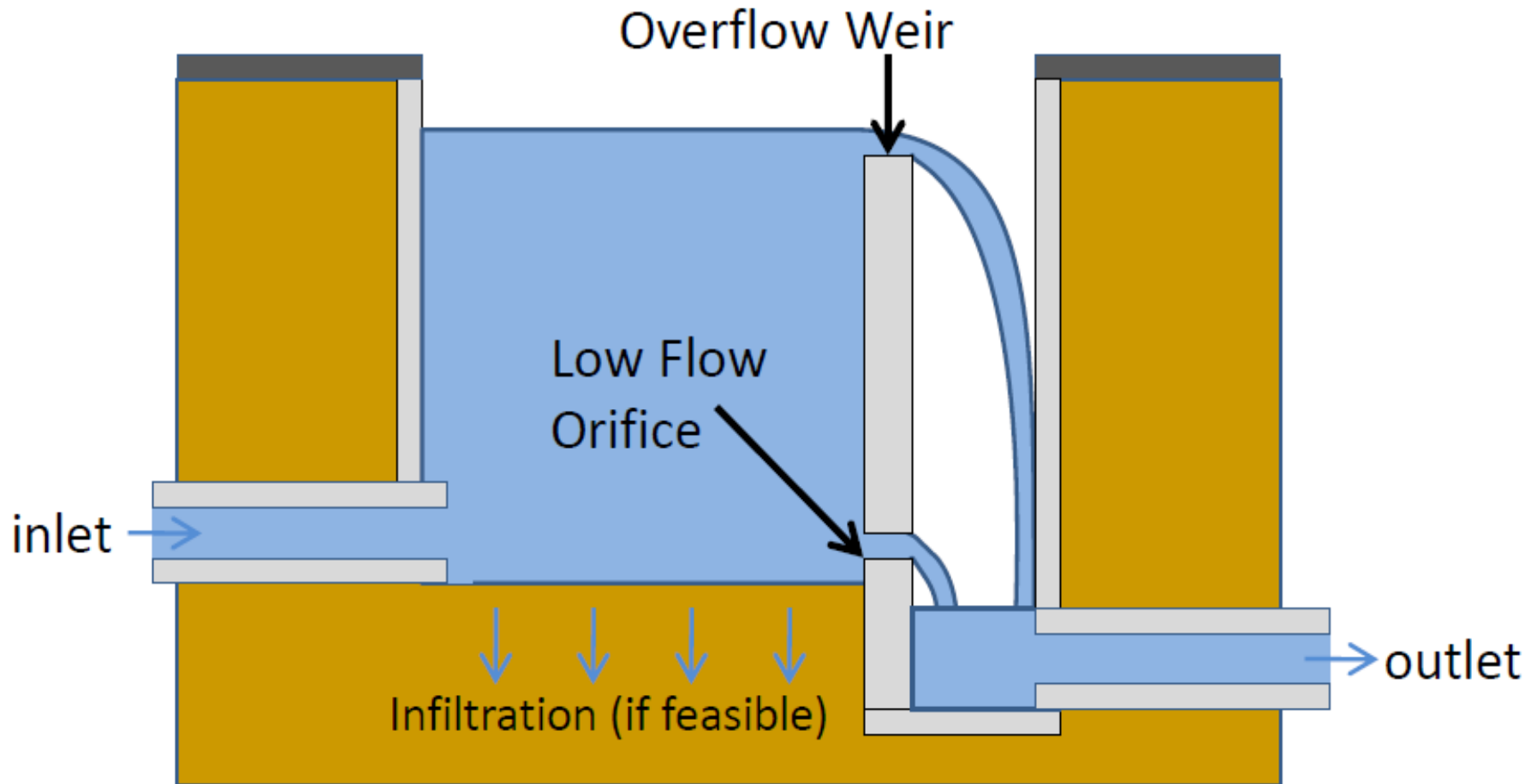


Out-of-Stream Management



Out-of-Stream Management

Route post-development runoff through BMPs to mimic pre-development hydrology.



Out-of-Stream Management

Regional Detention Basin



*Discussion to follow on
Flow Monitoring by
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Onsite Bioretention



Underground Detention/Retention

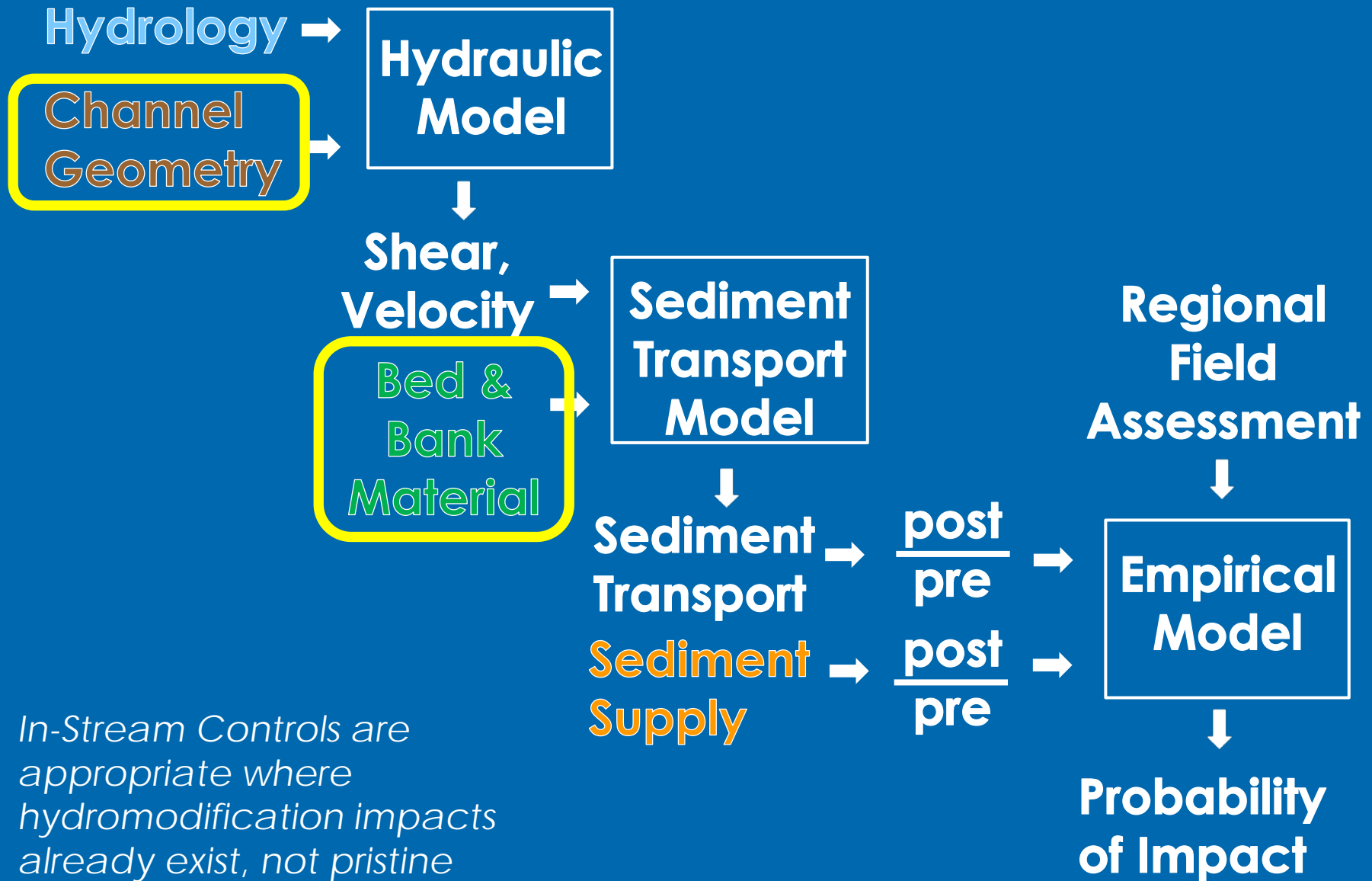


CONTECH



StormTrap

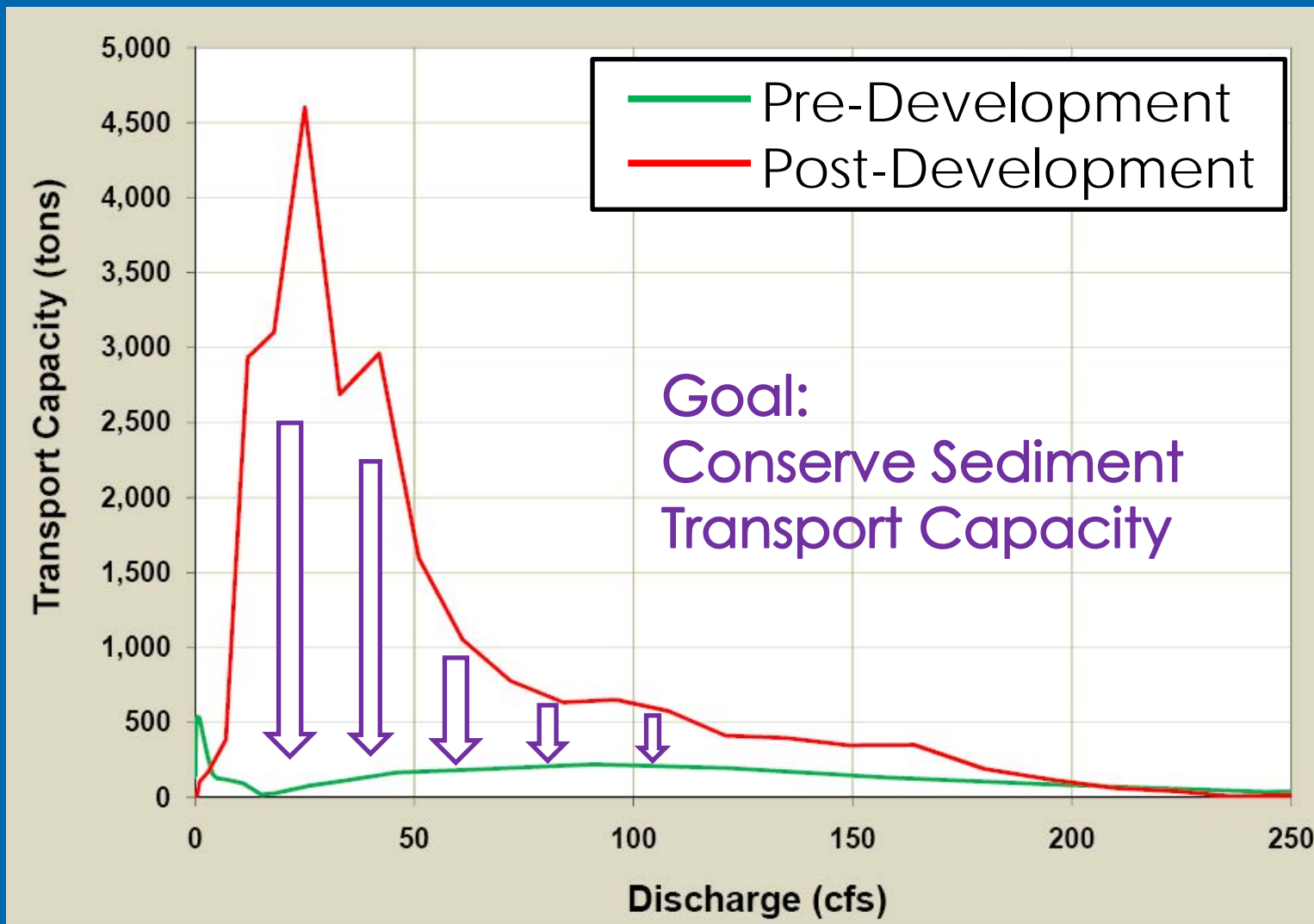
In-Stream Management



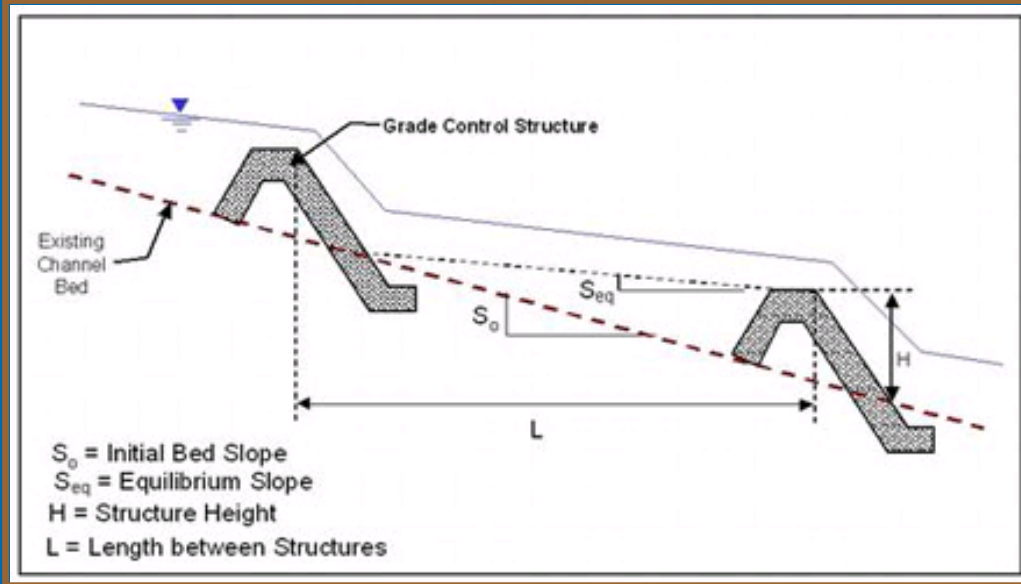
In-Stream Controls are appropriate where hydromodification impacts already exist, not pristine streams.

In-Stream Management

Modify the stream morphology to mimic pre-development work/sediment transport.



In-Stream Management



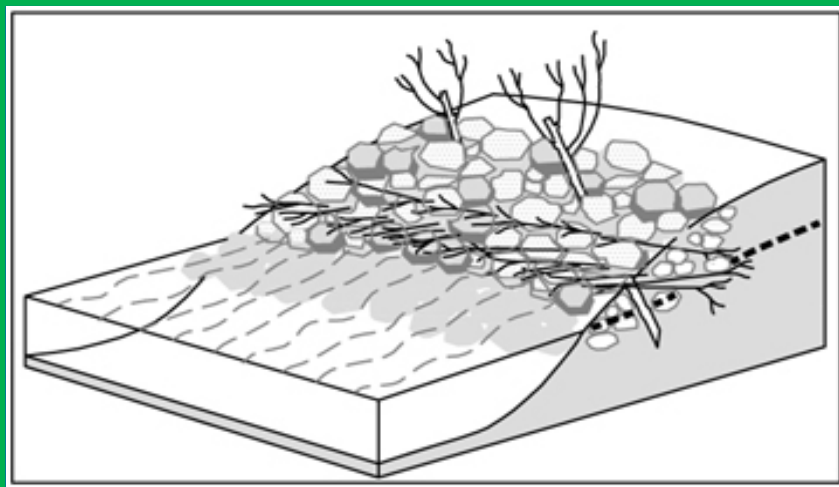
ESA-PWA

Grade Control



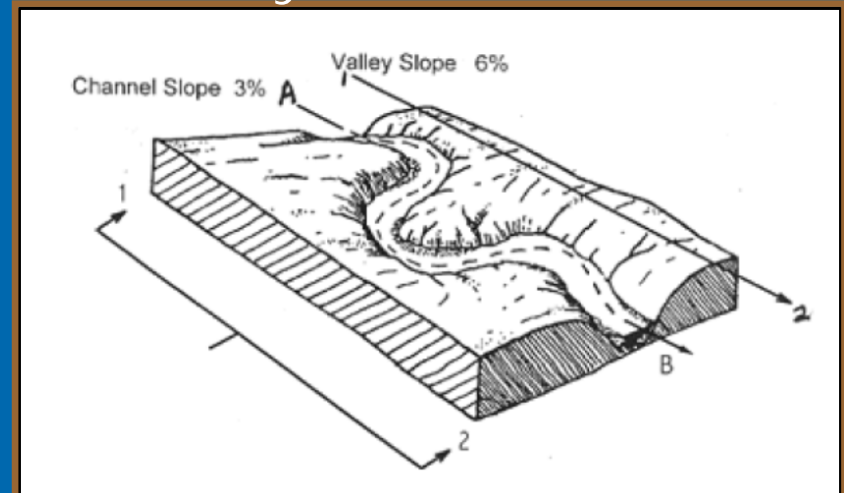
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Channel Reinforcement



Salix Applied Earthcare, 2004

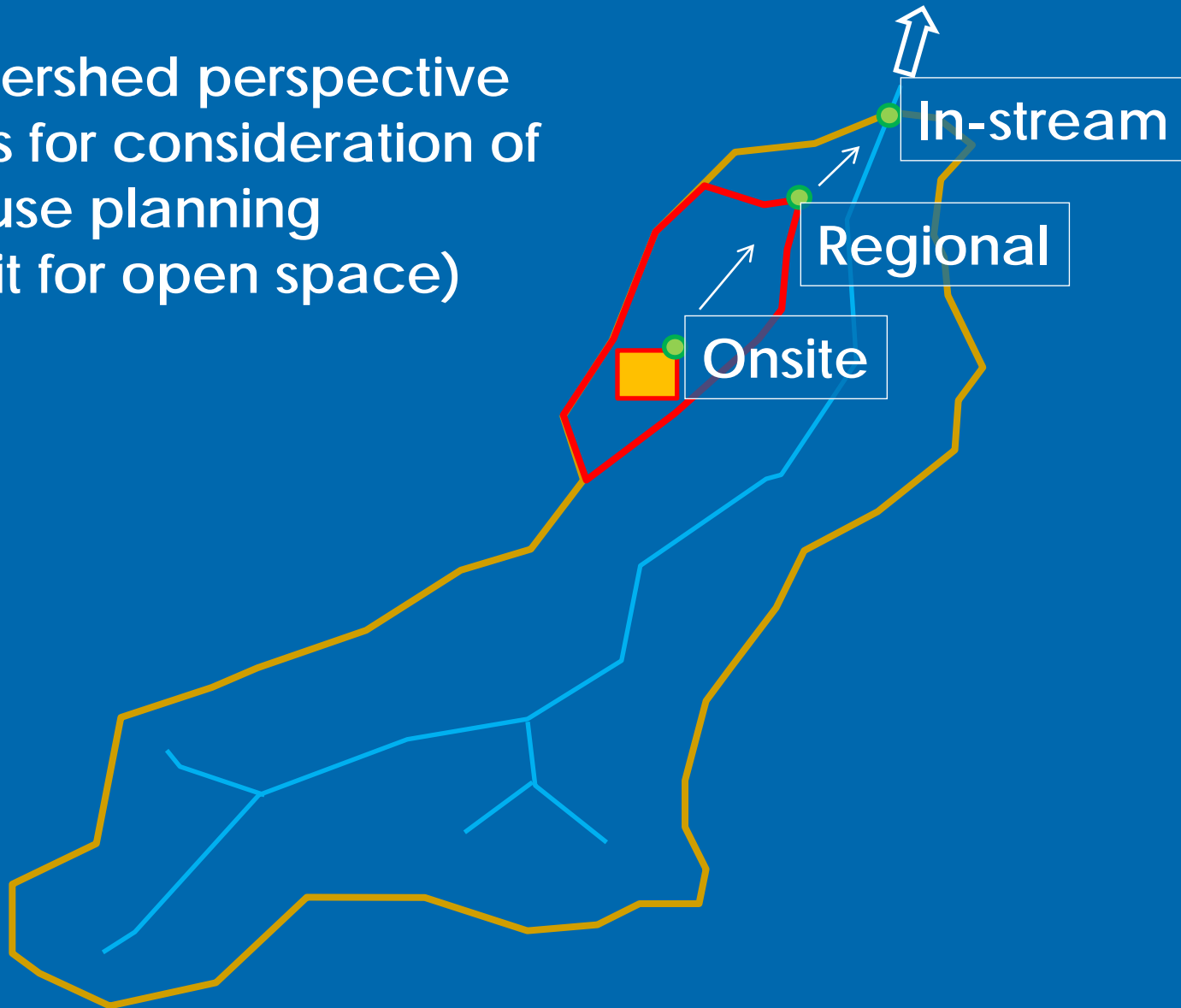
Sinuosity



County of San Diego, 2009

Management Scales

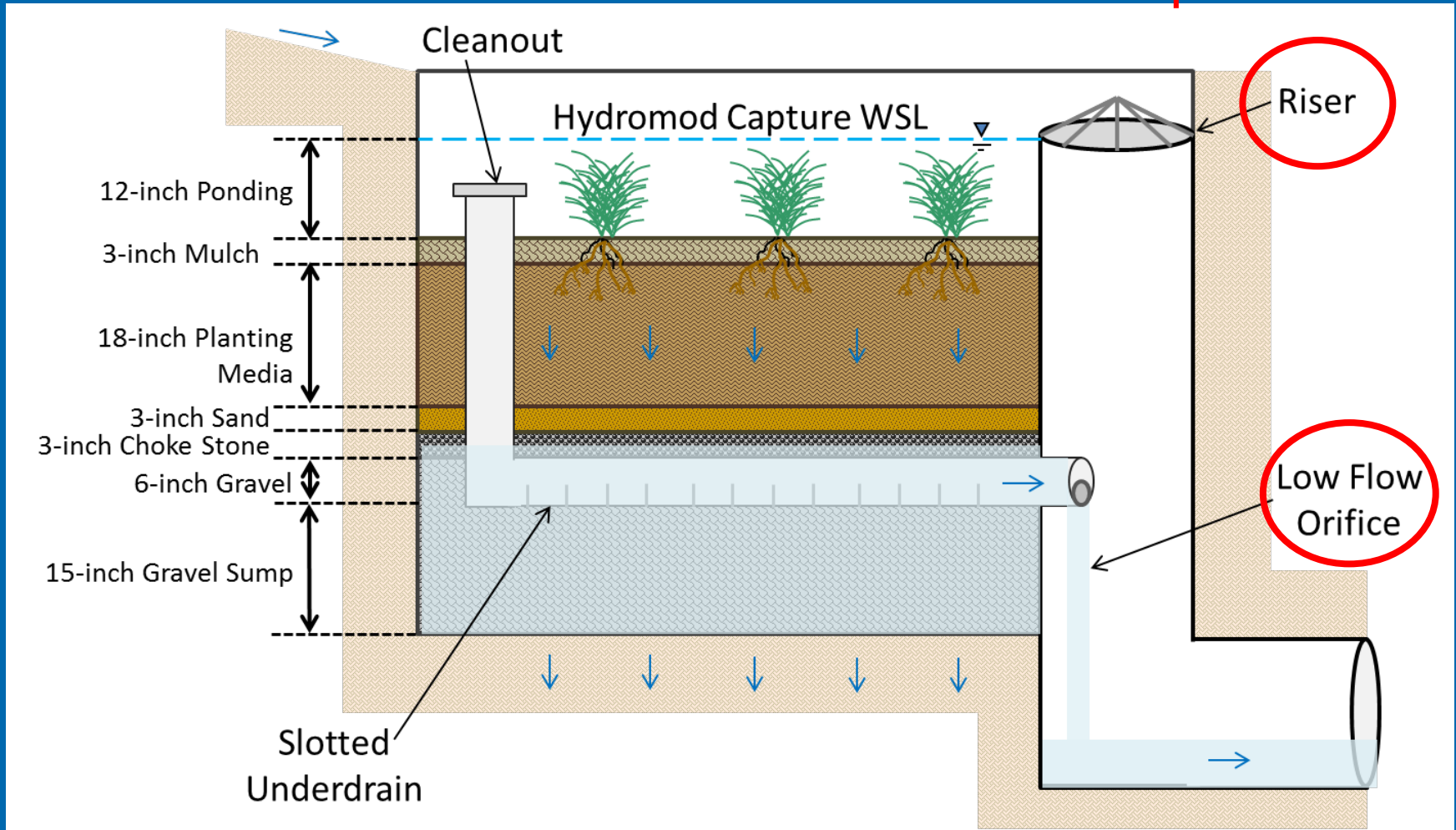
A watershed perspective allows for consideration of land use planning (credit for open space)



BMP Sizing Sensitivities

LID-Type BMPs

simple outlet



Hydromod LID BMPs look similar to those designed for surface water quality, except they tend to be larger.

Performance Standard

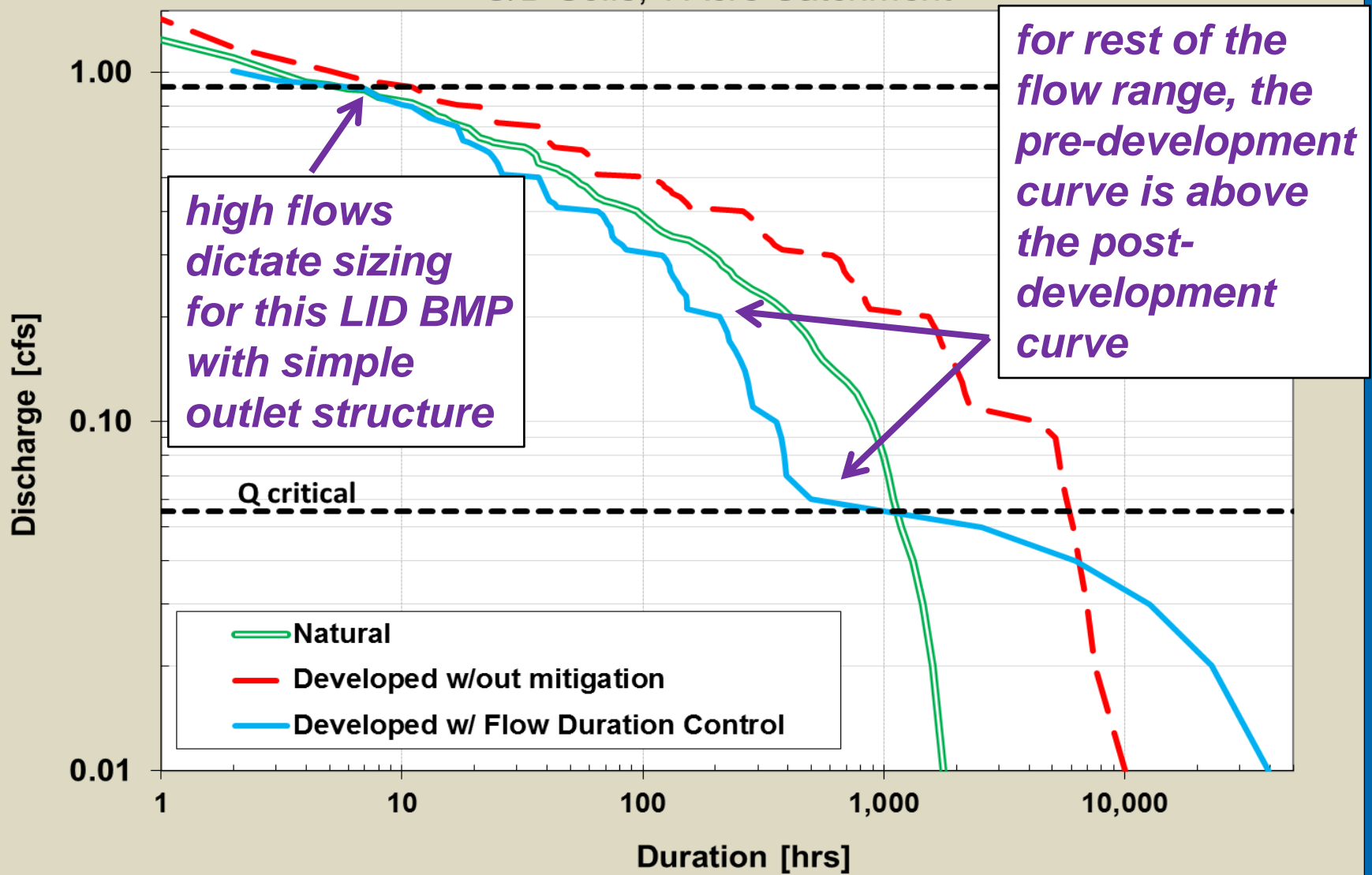
Flow Duration Control (FDC)

VS.

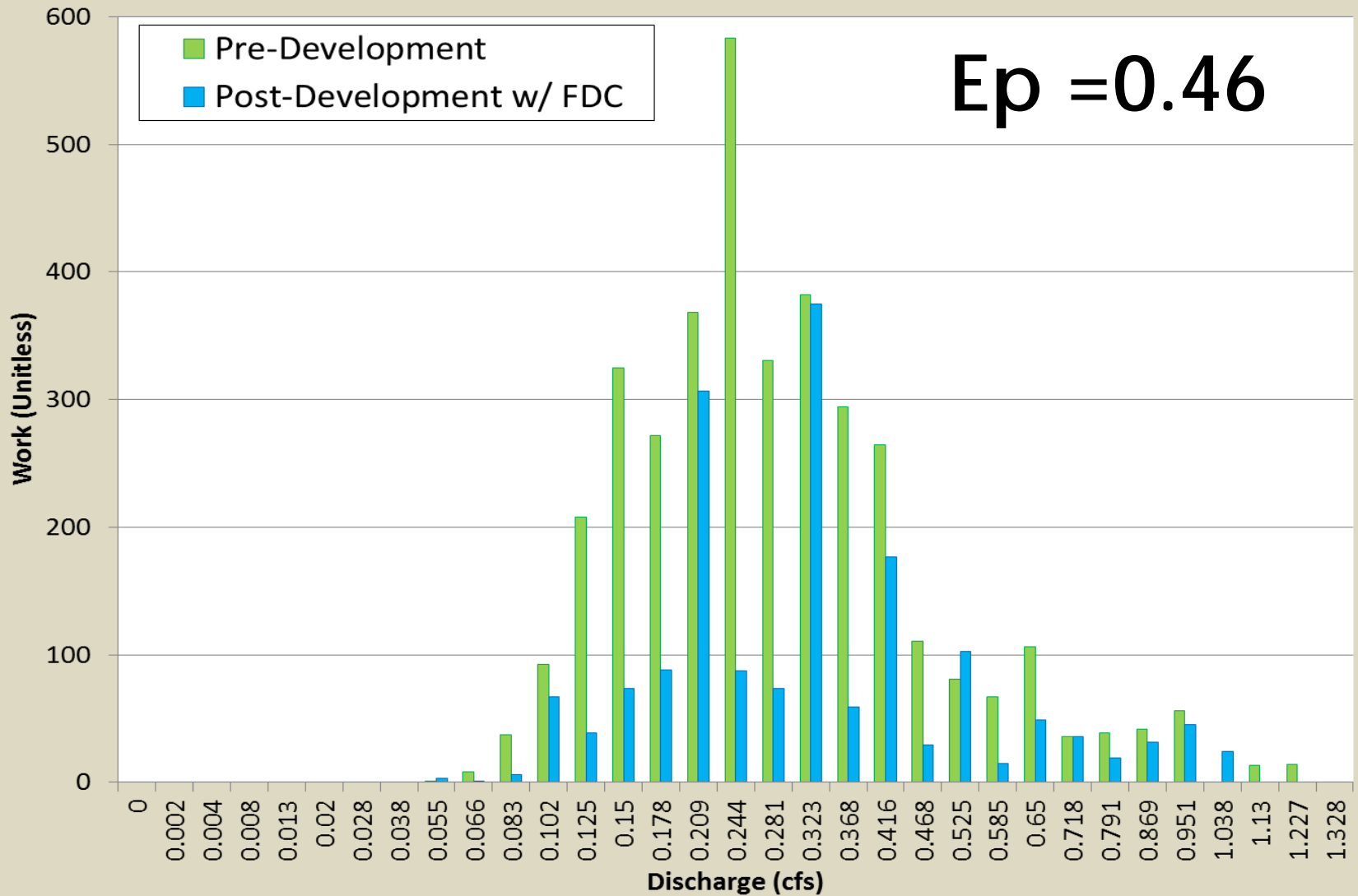
Erosion Potential (E_p)

Performance Standard

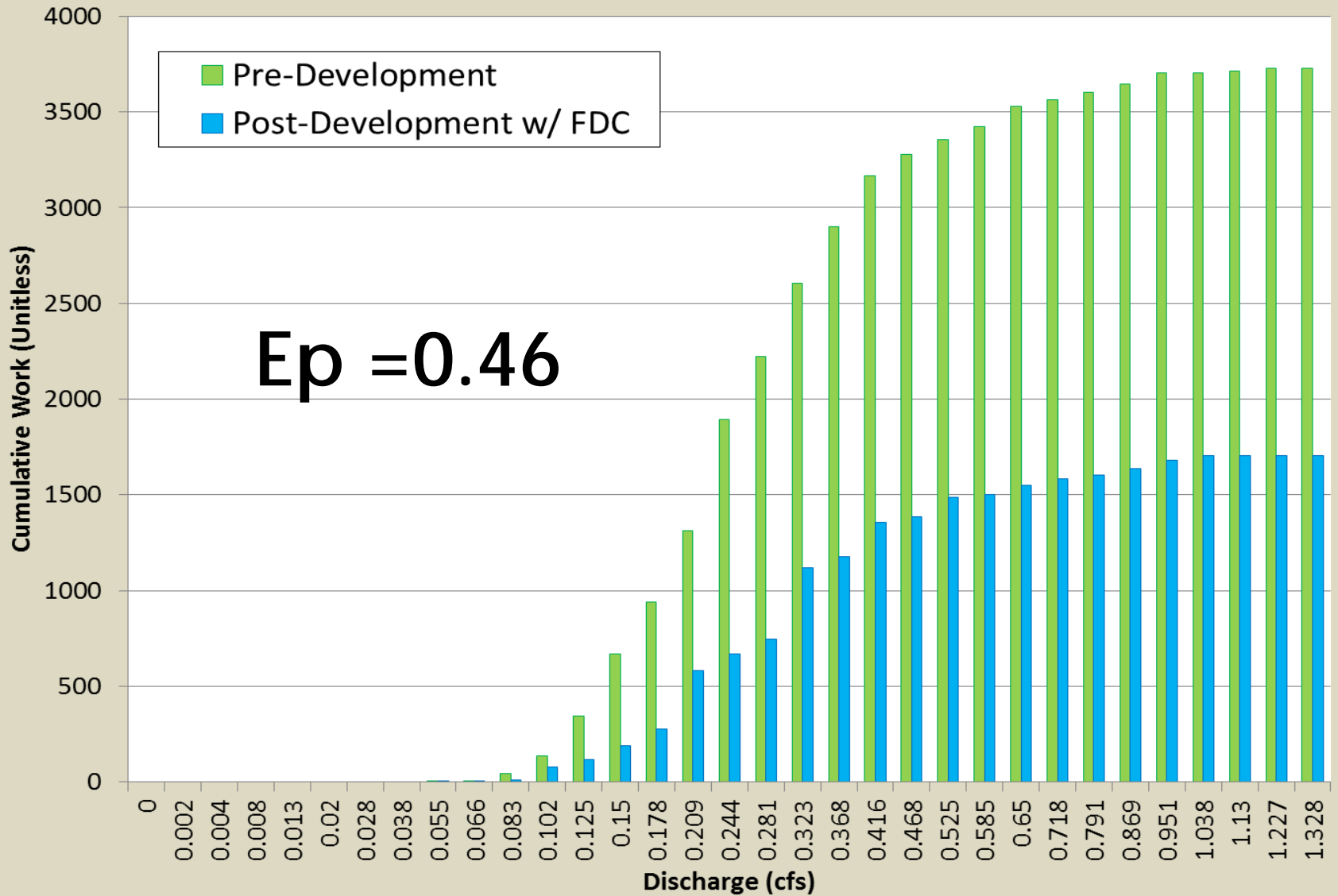
Flow Duration Curves for Bioretention
C/D Soils, 1 Acre Catchment



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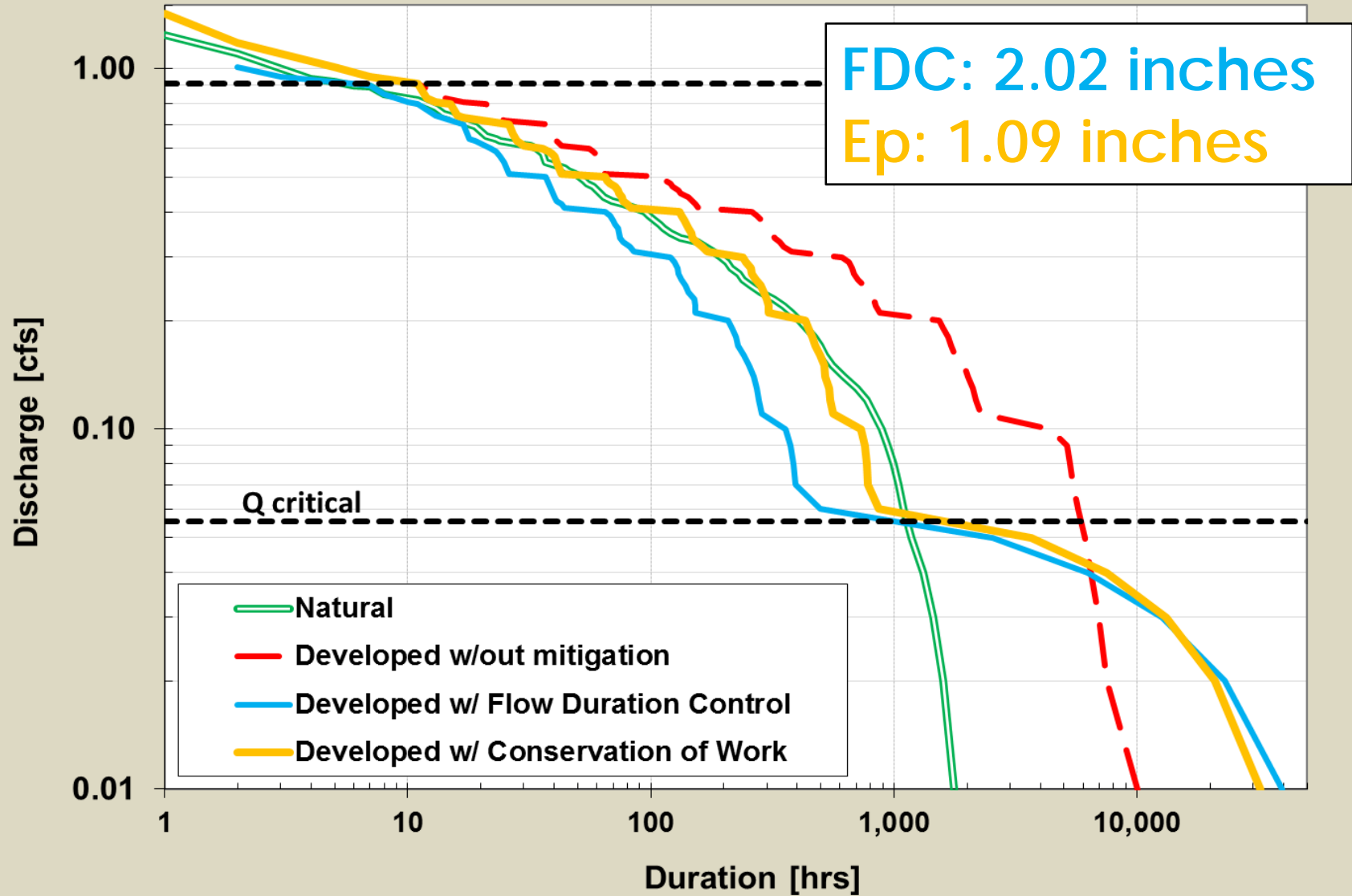


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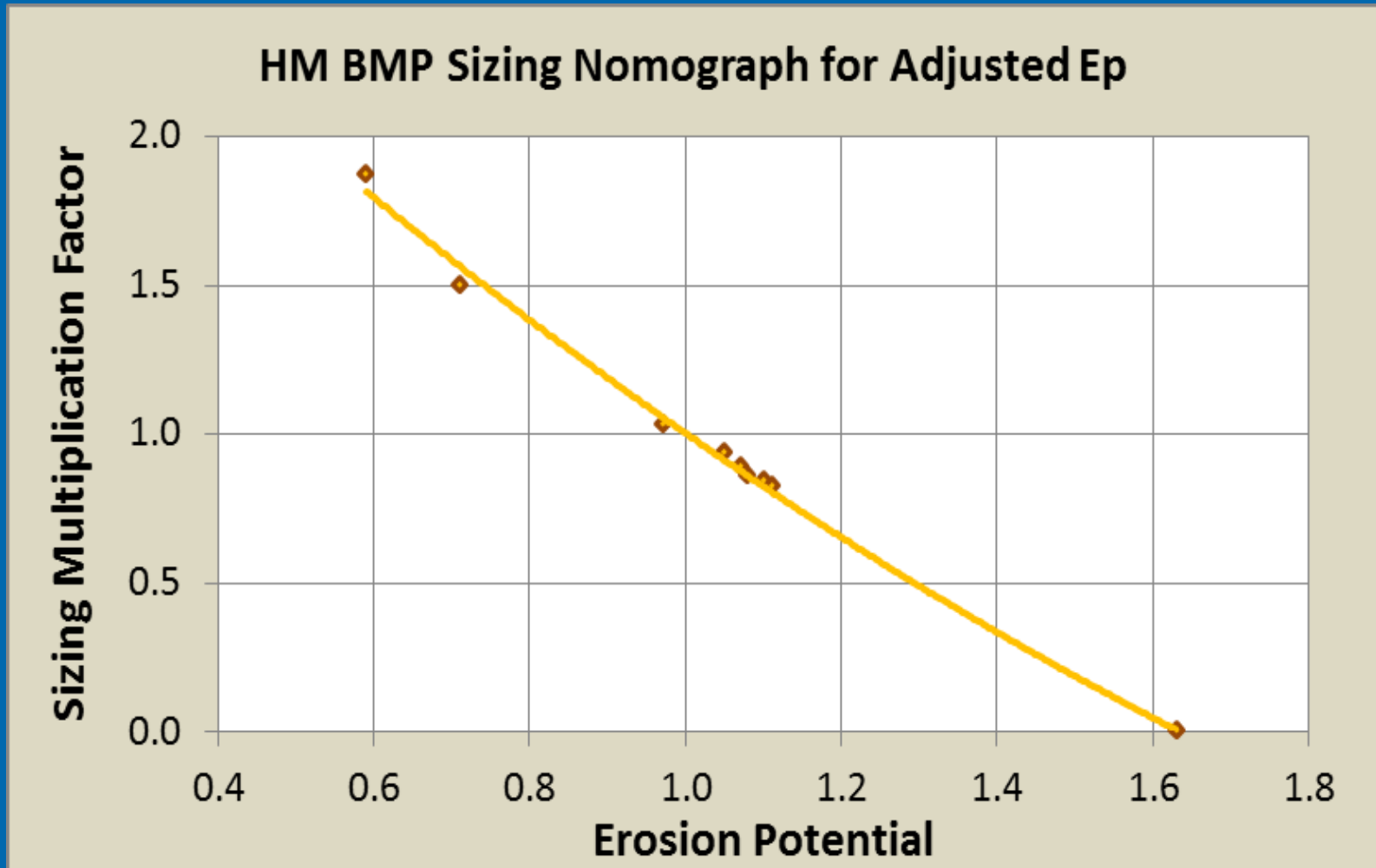
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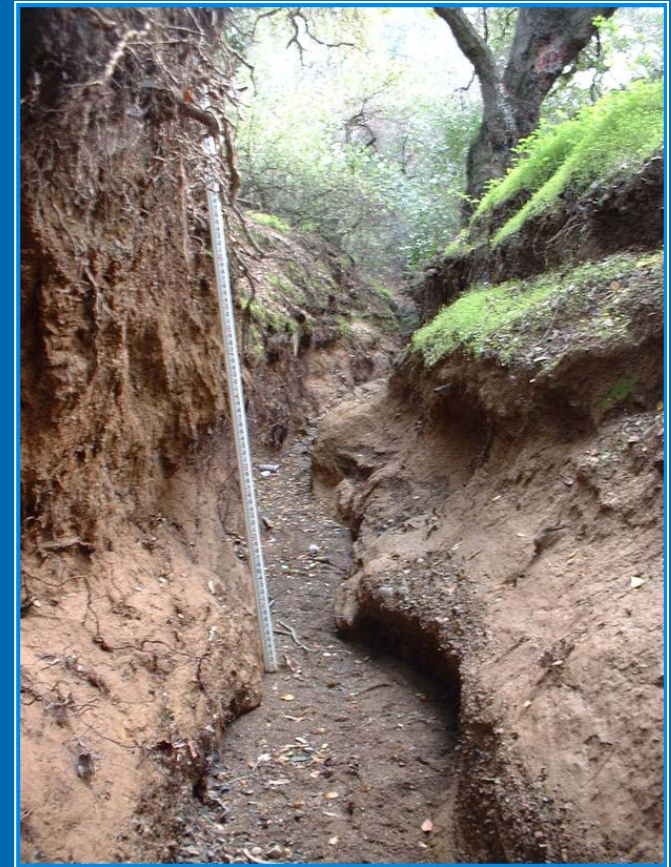
Performance Standard

Ep lends itself to incorporating changes in sediment supply



Performance Standard

- FDC is the status quo, but E_p can result in smaller BMPs for simple outlets
- E_p alone does not mimic the distribution of erosive flows
- E_p can account for sediment supply loss, but FDC cannot



ESA-PWA

Low Flow Threshold

5% Q_2

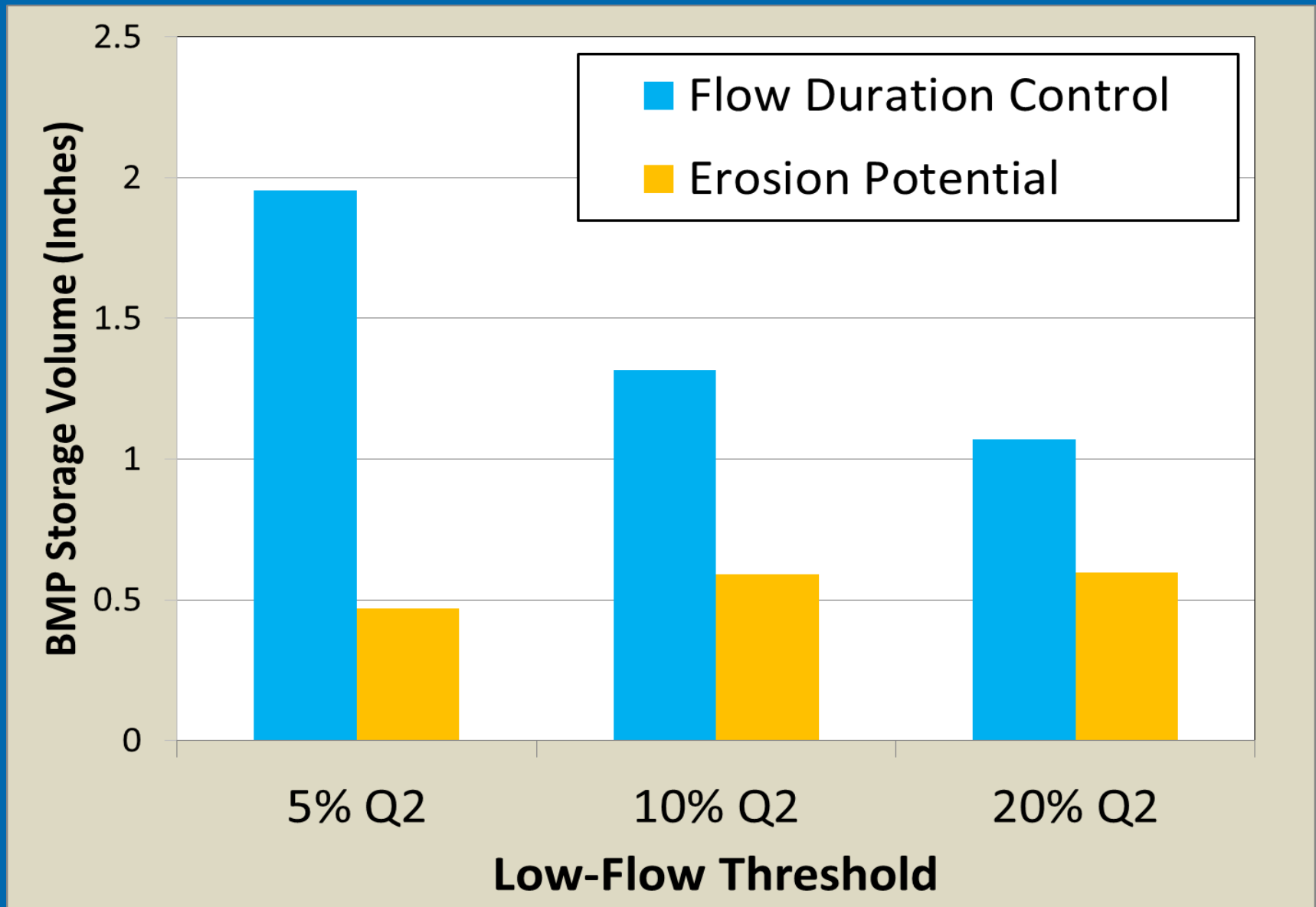
vs.

10% Q_2

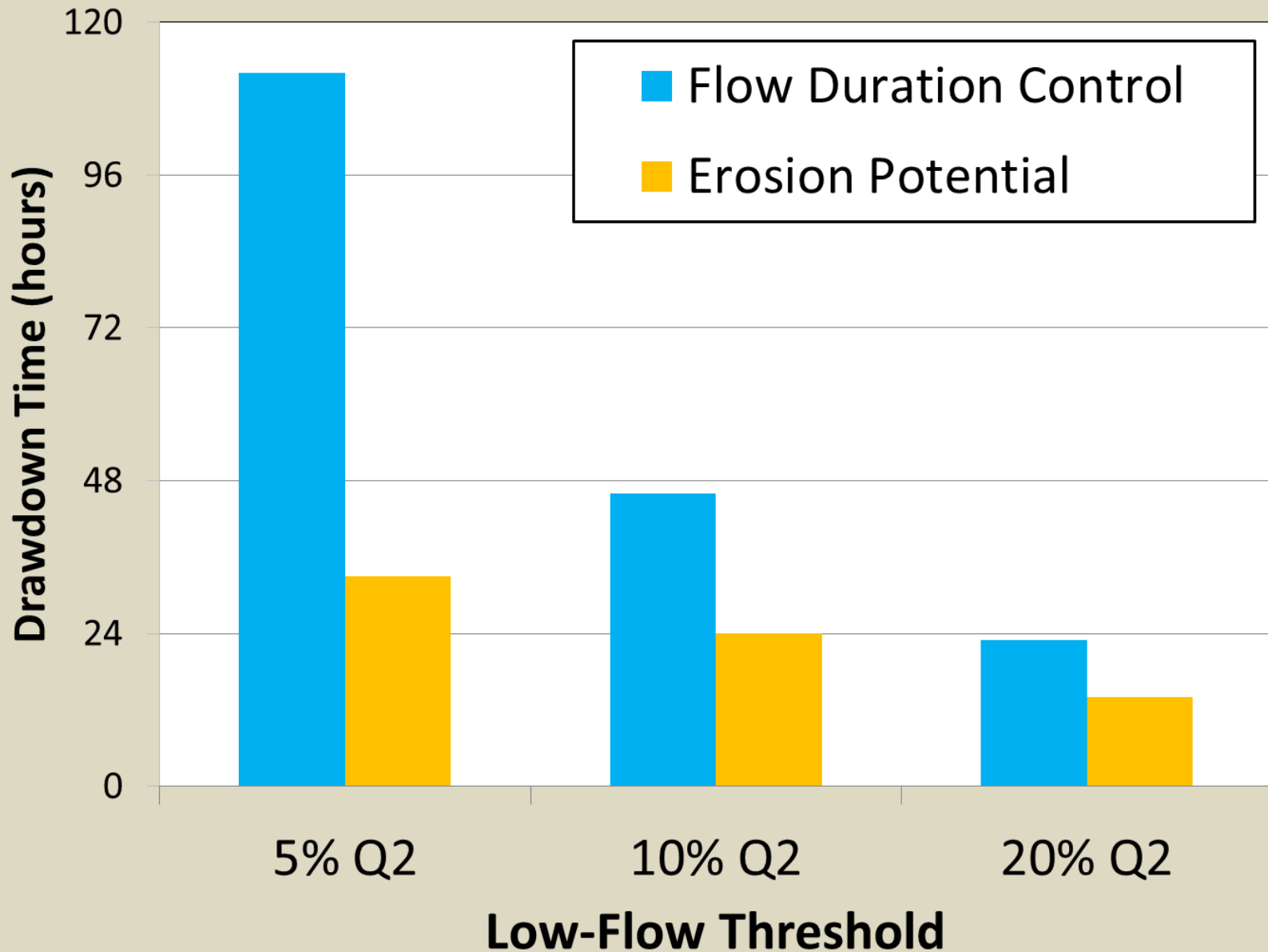
vs.

20% Q_2

Low Flow Threshold



Low Flow Threshold



Low Flow Threshold

➤ FDC

- BMP size & drawdown time decrease with increased low flow threshold

➤ Ep:

- BMP size is not as sensitive to low flow threshold
- BMP drawdown time decreases with increased low flow threshold



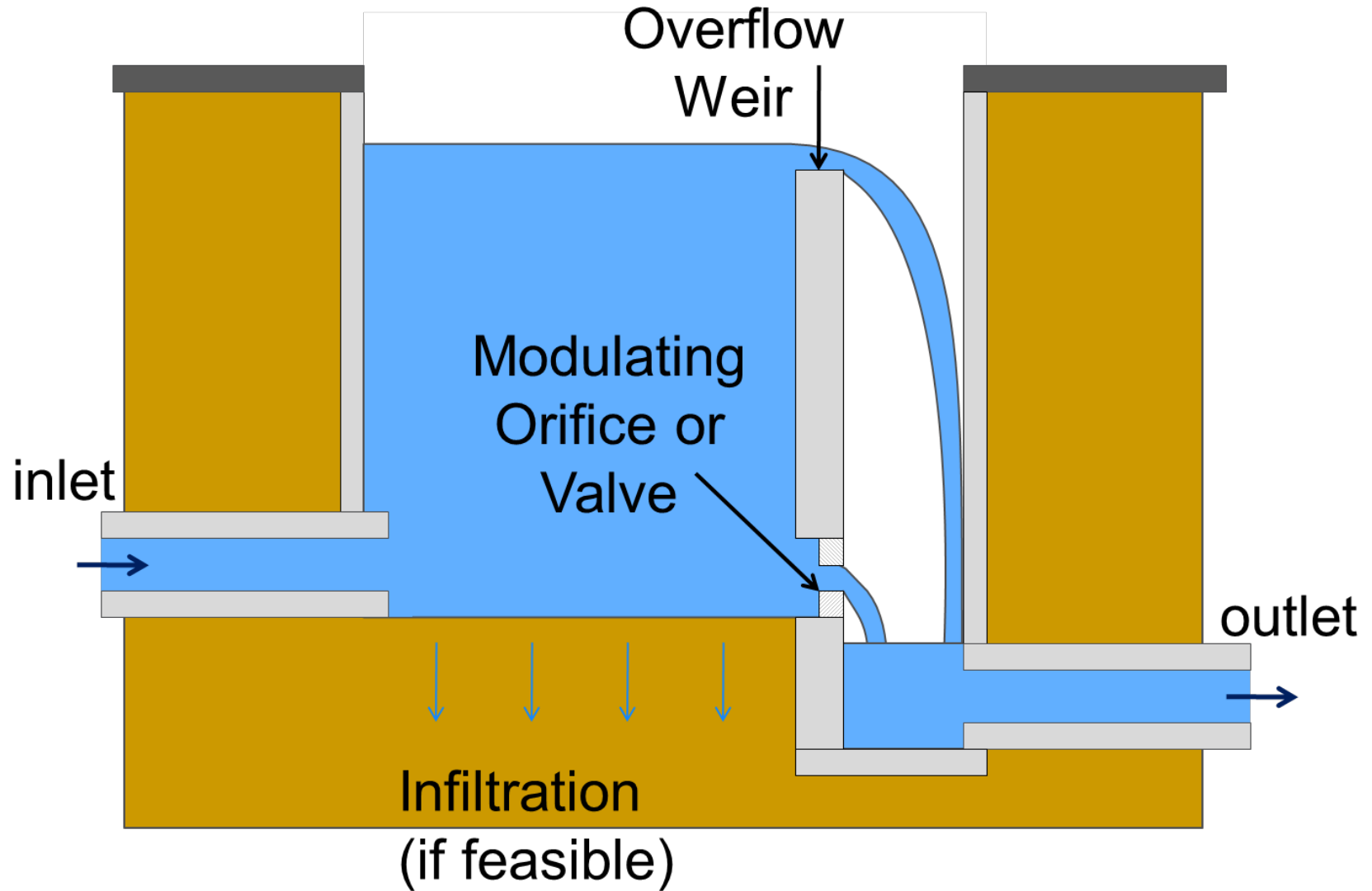
Outlet Design

Passive Controls

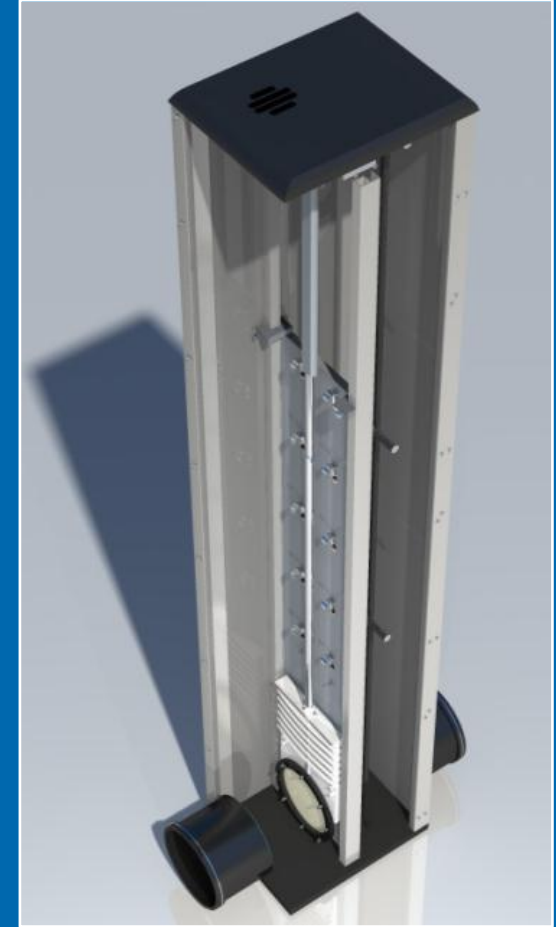
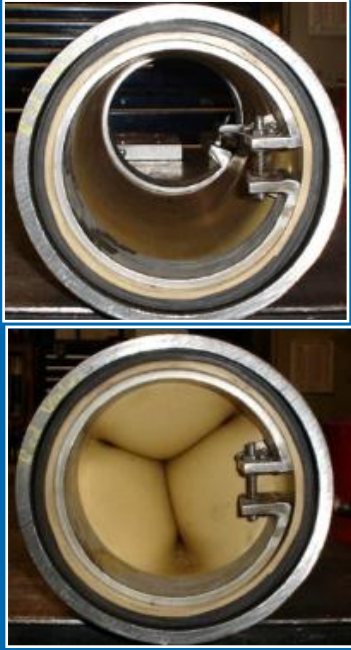
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Active Controls

Outlet Design



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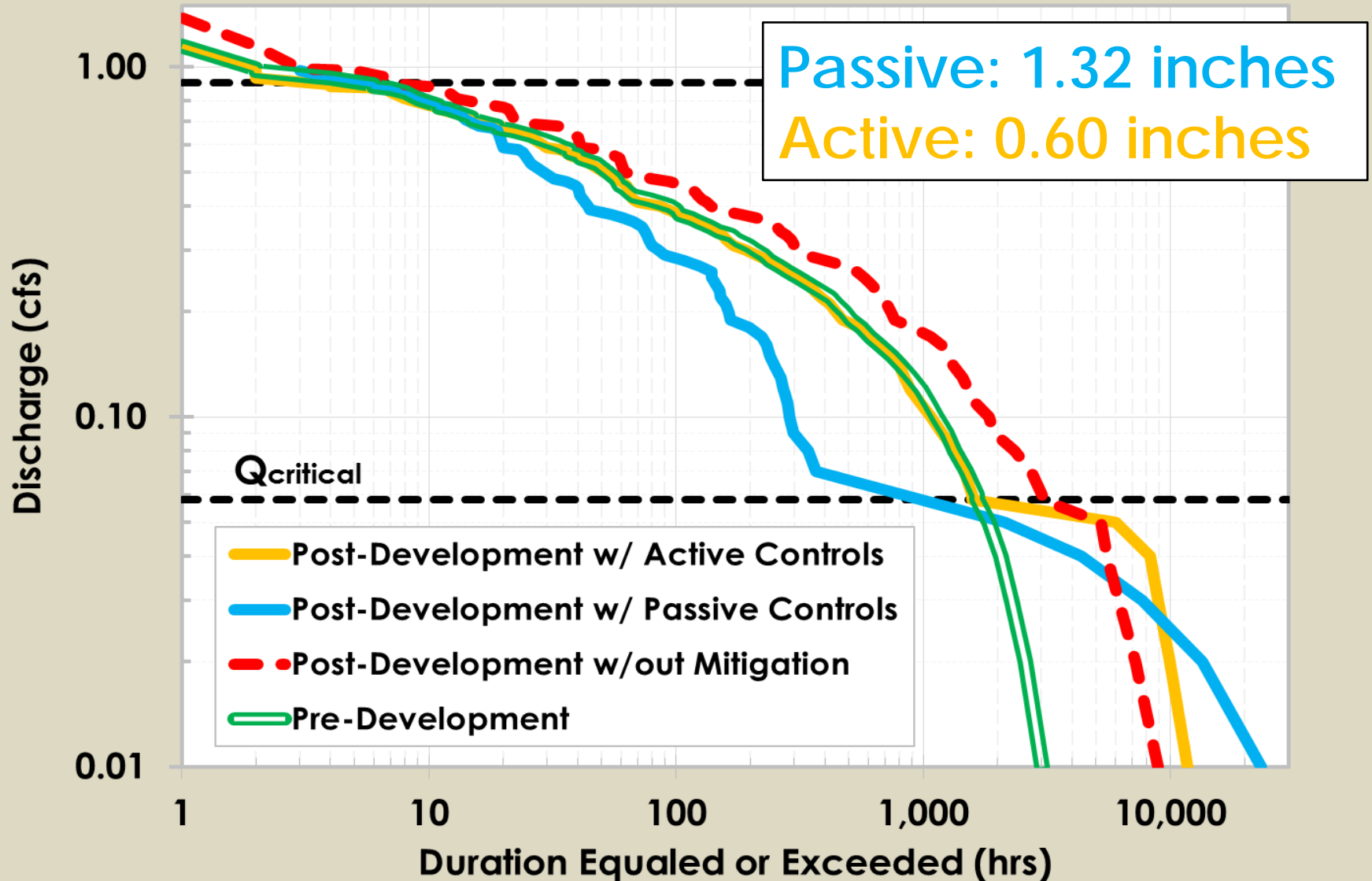


Active
Controls



Outlet Design

Flow Duration Curve Comparison



Outlet Design

Benefits of Active Controls

- Retrofit
 - Existing flood control basins can provide hydromod control
- New Development
 - BMP size decreases, making hydromod management feasible
- Adaptive Management
 - Data available in real-time
 - Adjust flow releases without physical retrofit



Thank You!

Questions?

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