

# ***Review on how AGWA works:***

*GIS and hydrologic modeling*

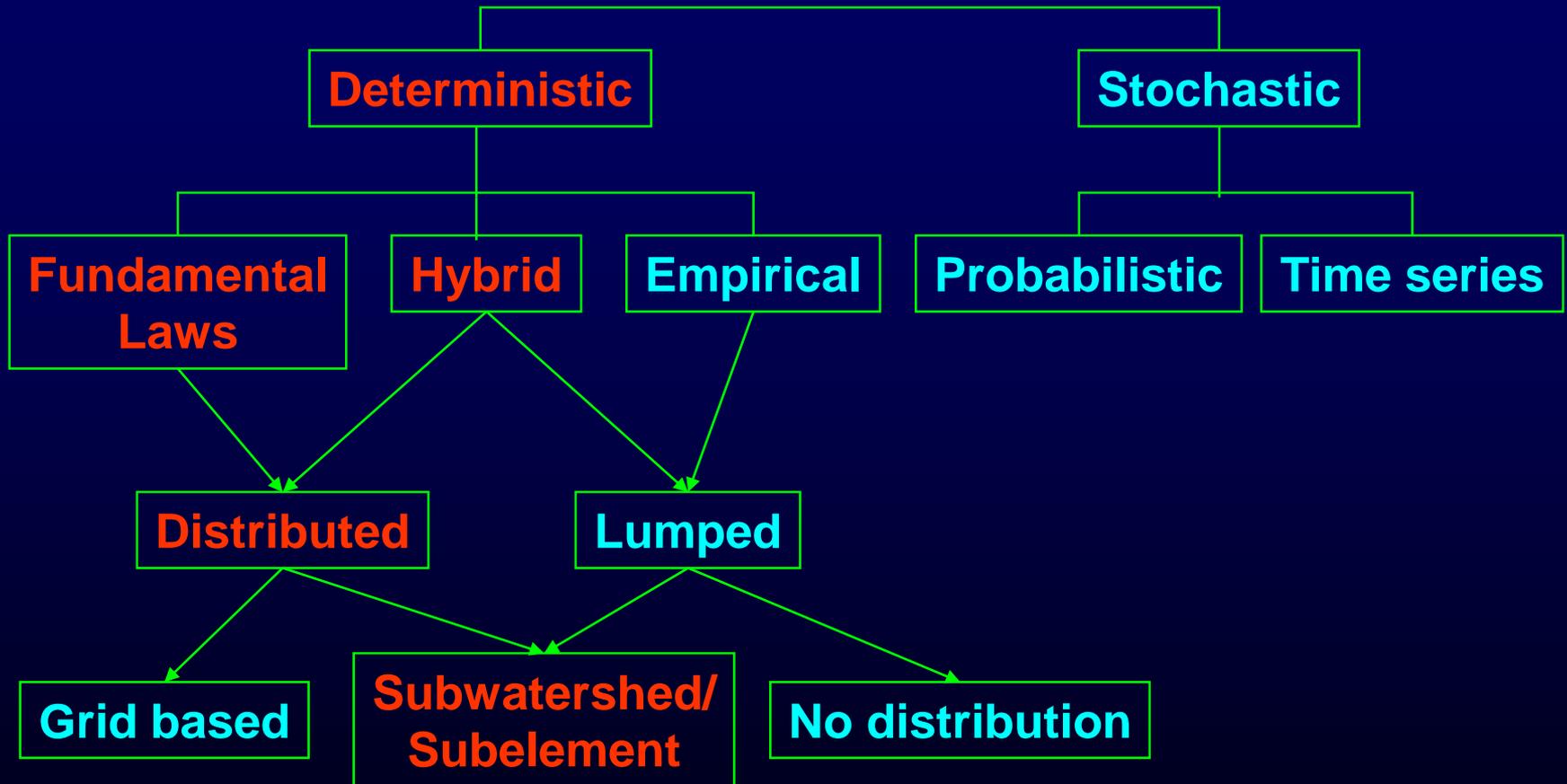
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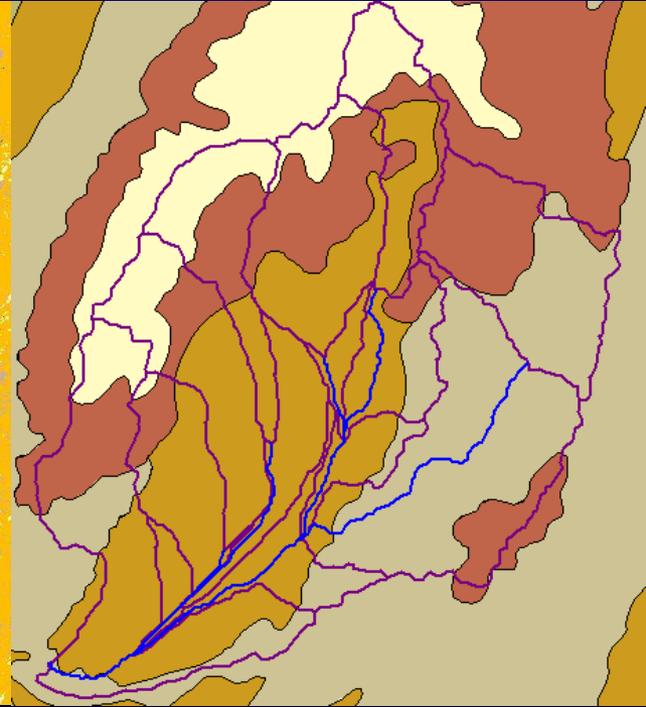
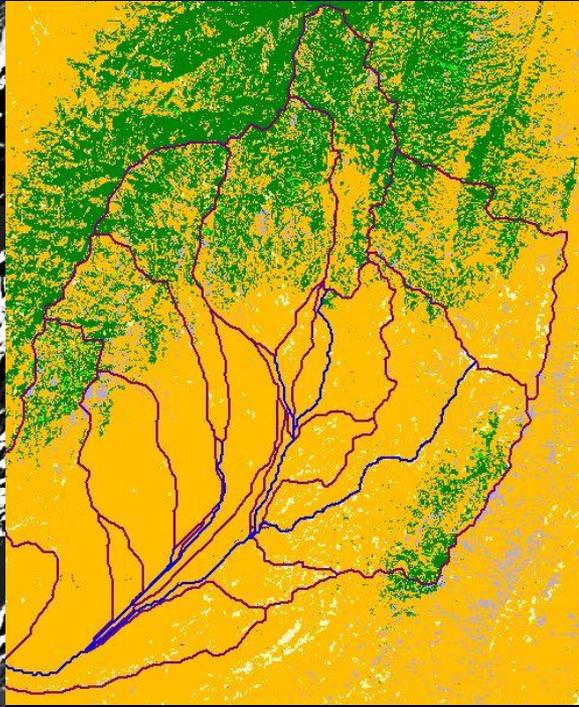
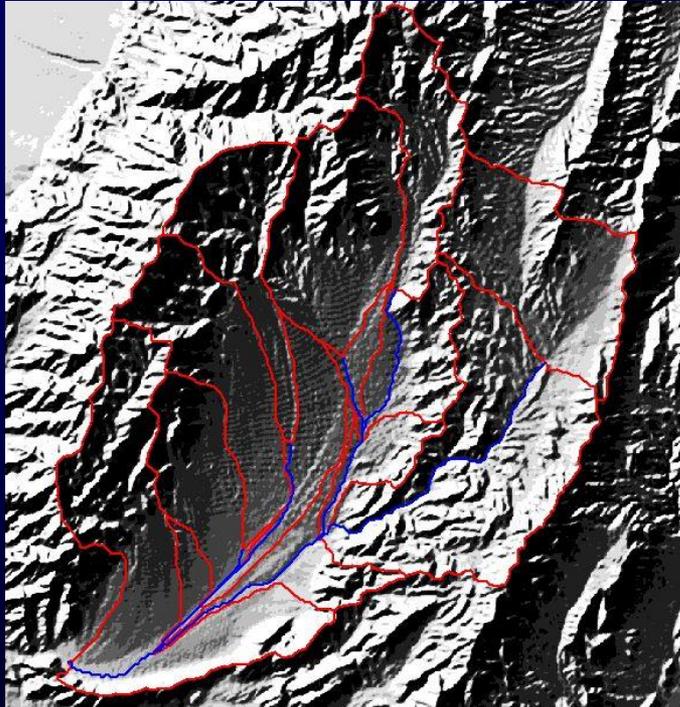
# Classification of Hydrological Models

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# Characterizing the Watershed

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complex topography

land cover/use

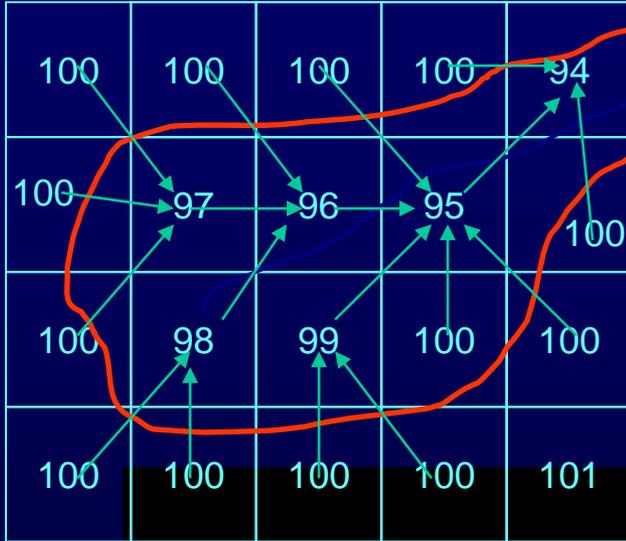
soils

high spatial variability

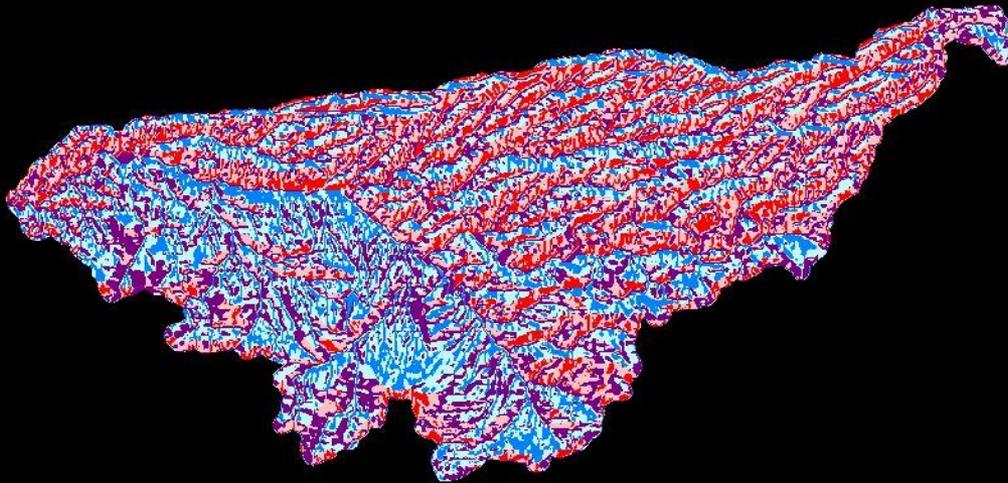
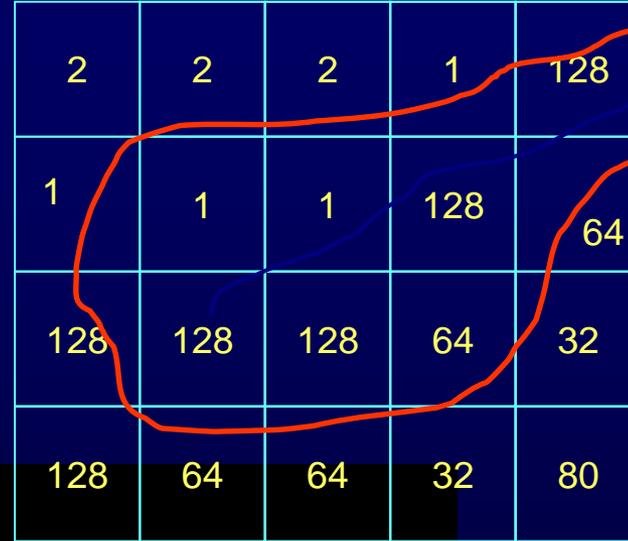
complex watershed response

# GIS Background: Flow Direction

Original Surface



Flow Direction Surface



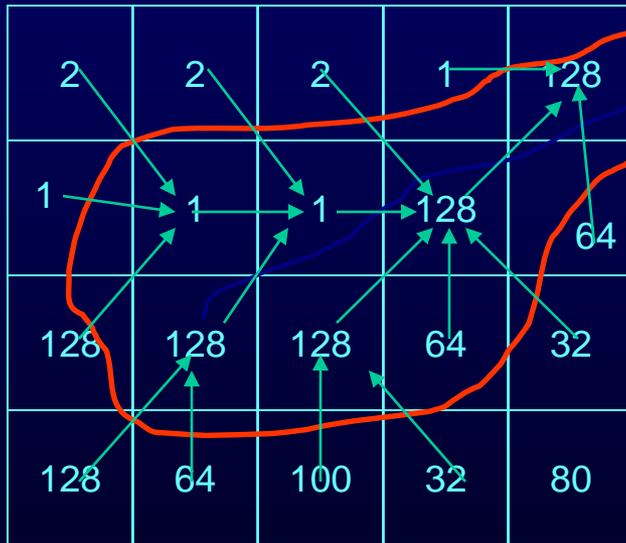
Direction of Water Flow

- East
- South - East
- South
- South - West
- West
- North - West
- North
- North - East

# GIS Background: Flow Accumulation

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Flow Direction Surface

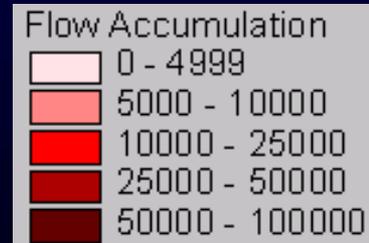
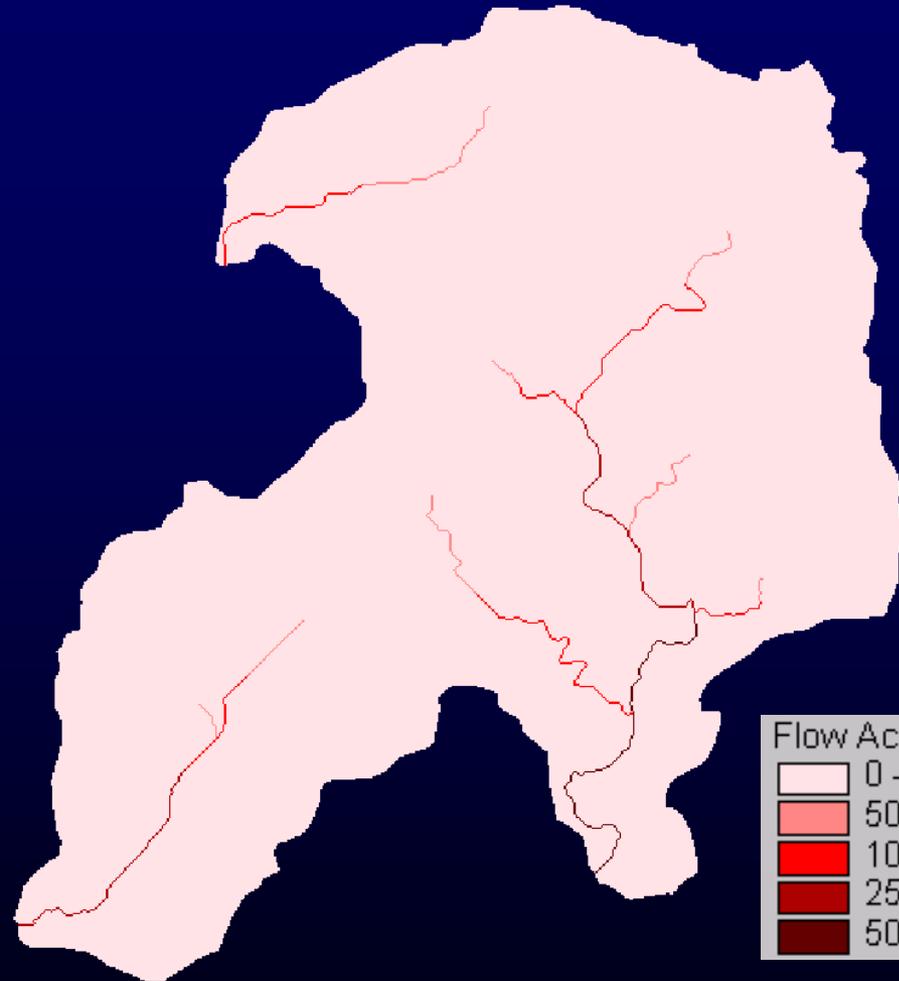
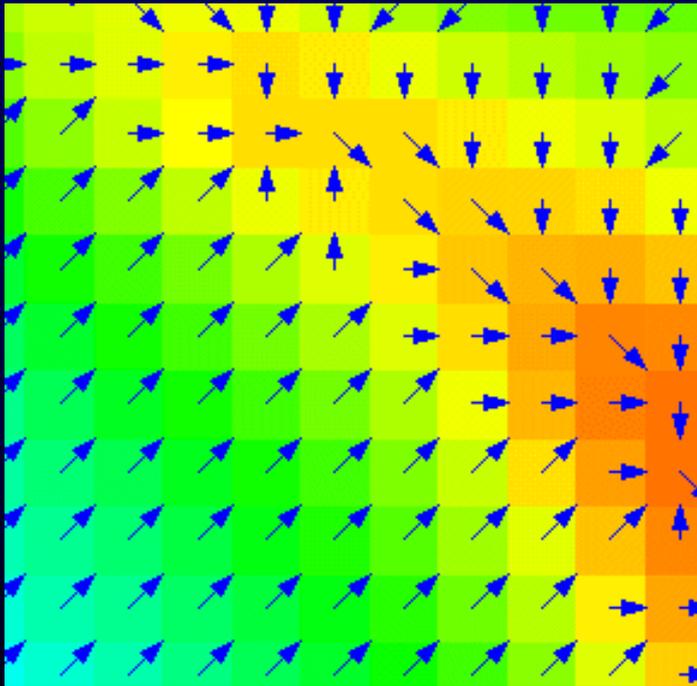


Flow Accumulation Surface



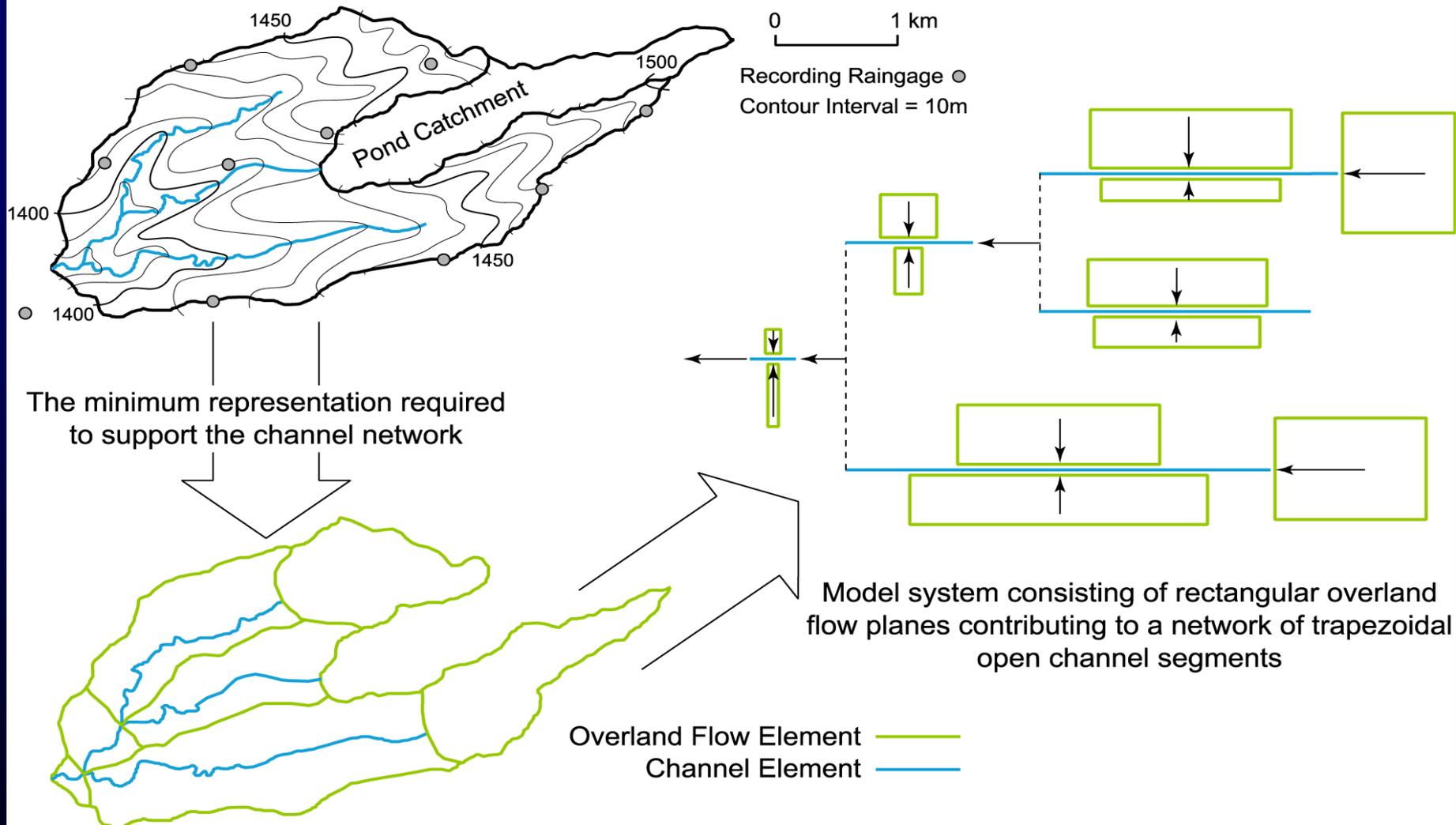
# GIS Background: Flow Accumulation

DEM → Flow Direction  
→ Flow Accumulation



Flow Accumulation Surface

Walnut Gulch Subwatershed No. 11 showing the watershed boundary and primary channel network (the pond catchment is a noncontributing area).



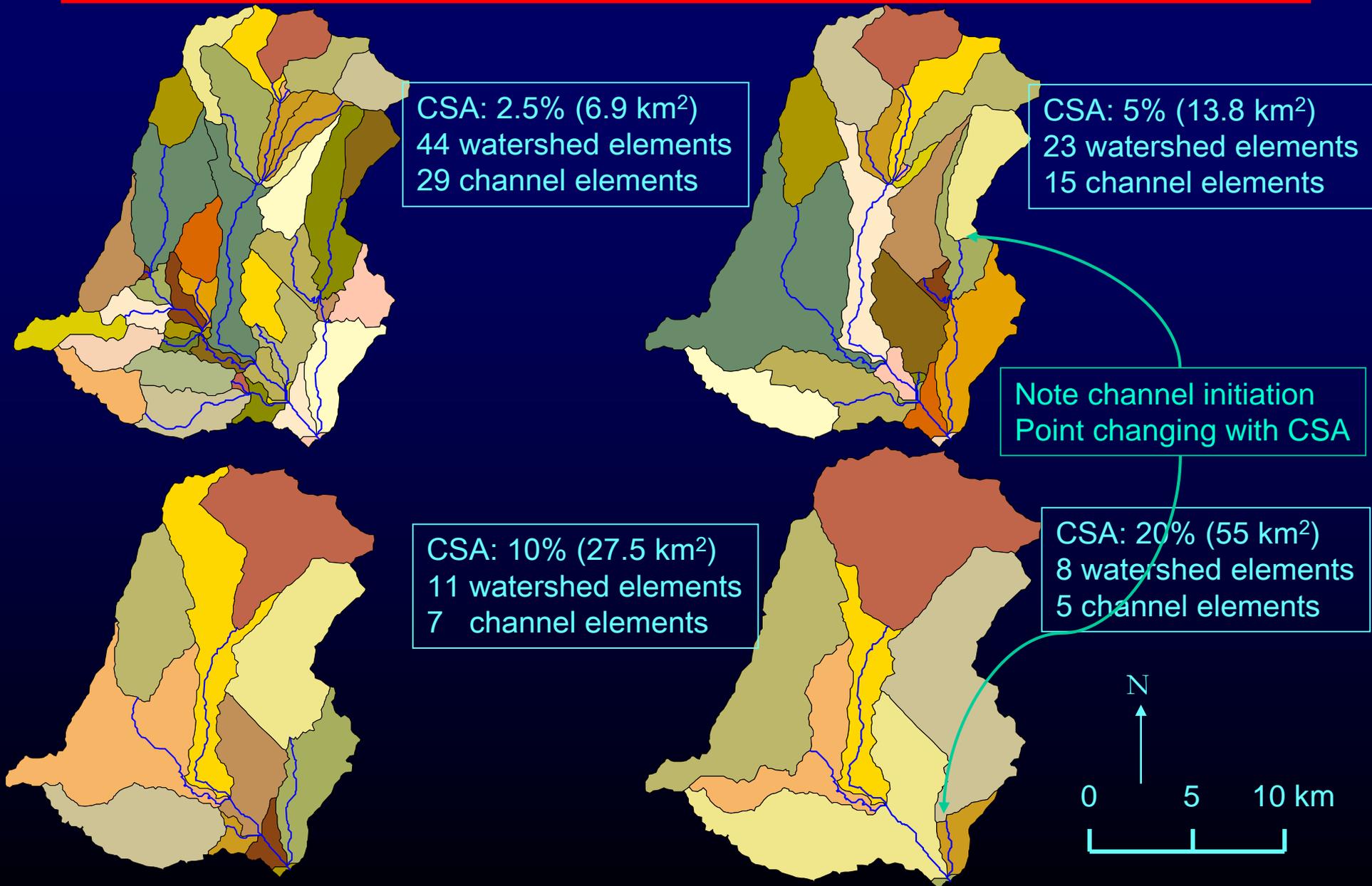
Example of watershed discretization for parameterizing KINEROS. Model parameters are averaged for each overland flow and channel element.

# Three Ways to Characterize a Watershed

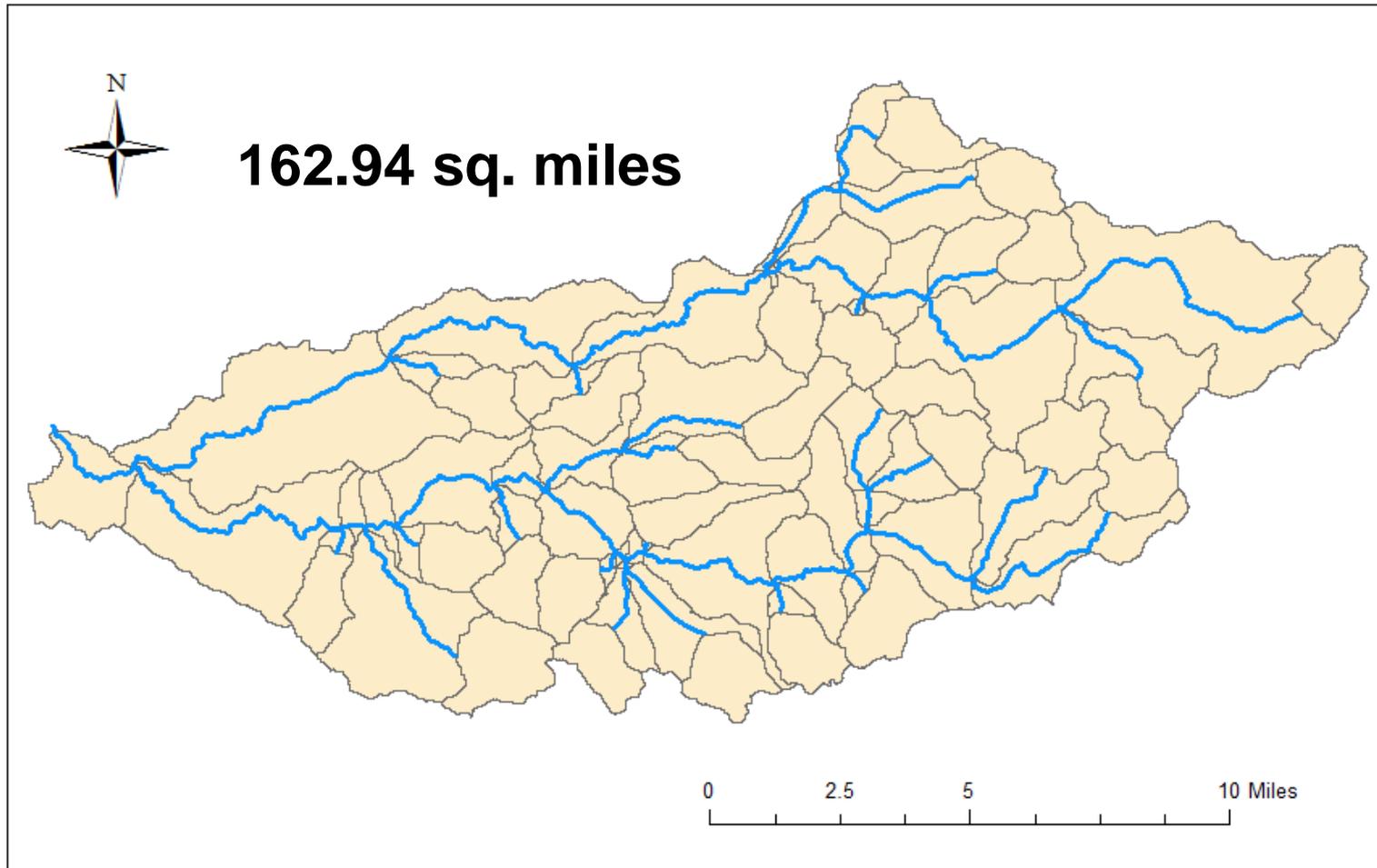
- Contributing Source Area (CSA threshold)
  - Area need to start a channel
- Flow Length (FL threshold)
  - Maximum length of a hillslope
  - Important for Erosion Modeling
- Use Stream Network
  - NHD Stream Lines – locate end of channels
  - Used to define the outlet for zero order basins
  - Channels are still defined based on DEM

# Automated Watershed Characterization

➤ the influence of CSA on watershed complexity

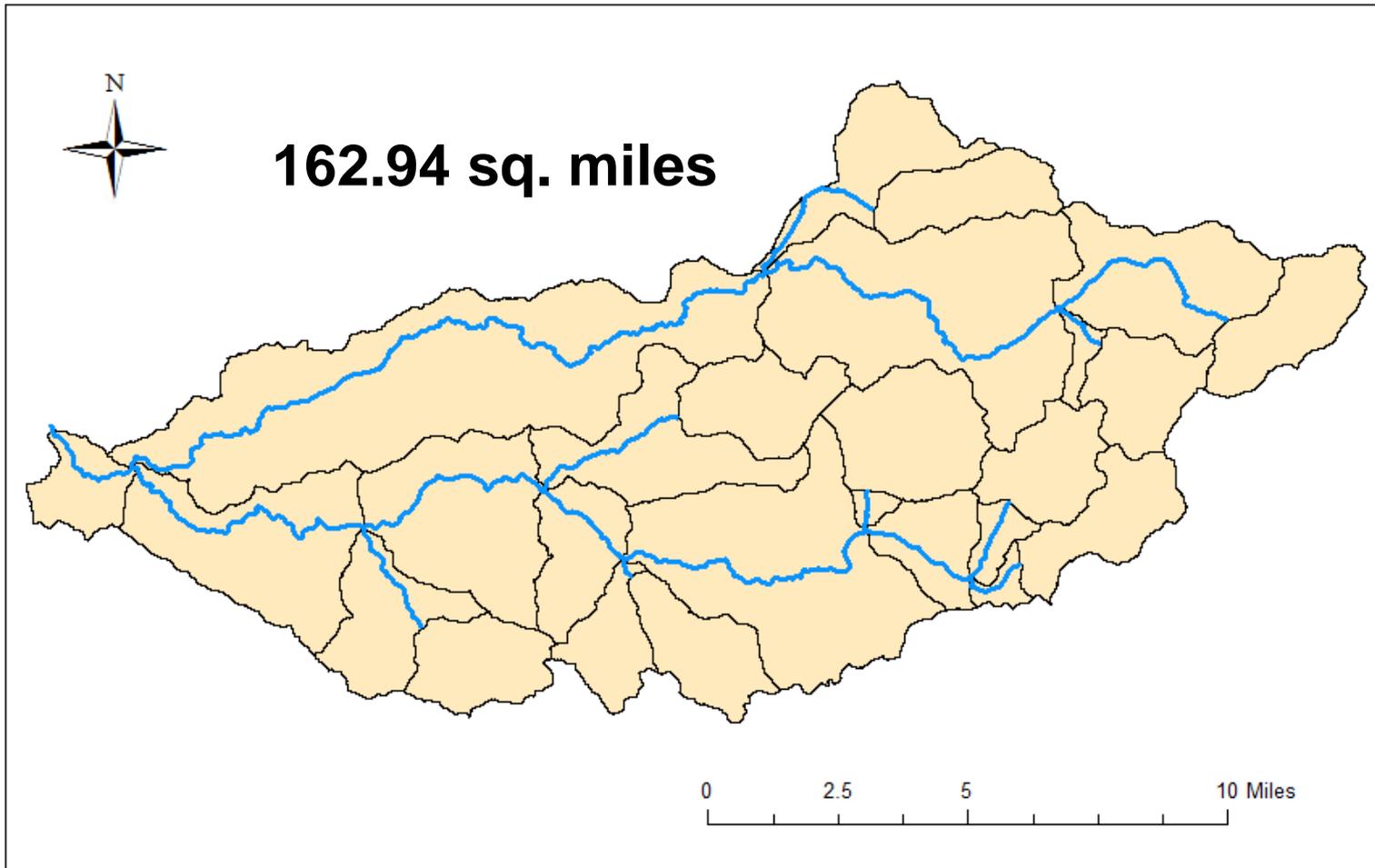


CSA 1%



**Stream Length = 103.14 miles**  
**Average Element Size = 1.32 square miles**

CSA 2.5%



**162.94 sq. miles**

0 2.5 5 10 Miles

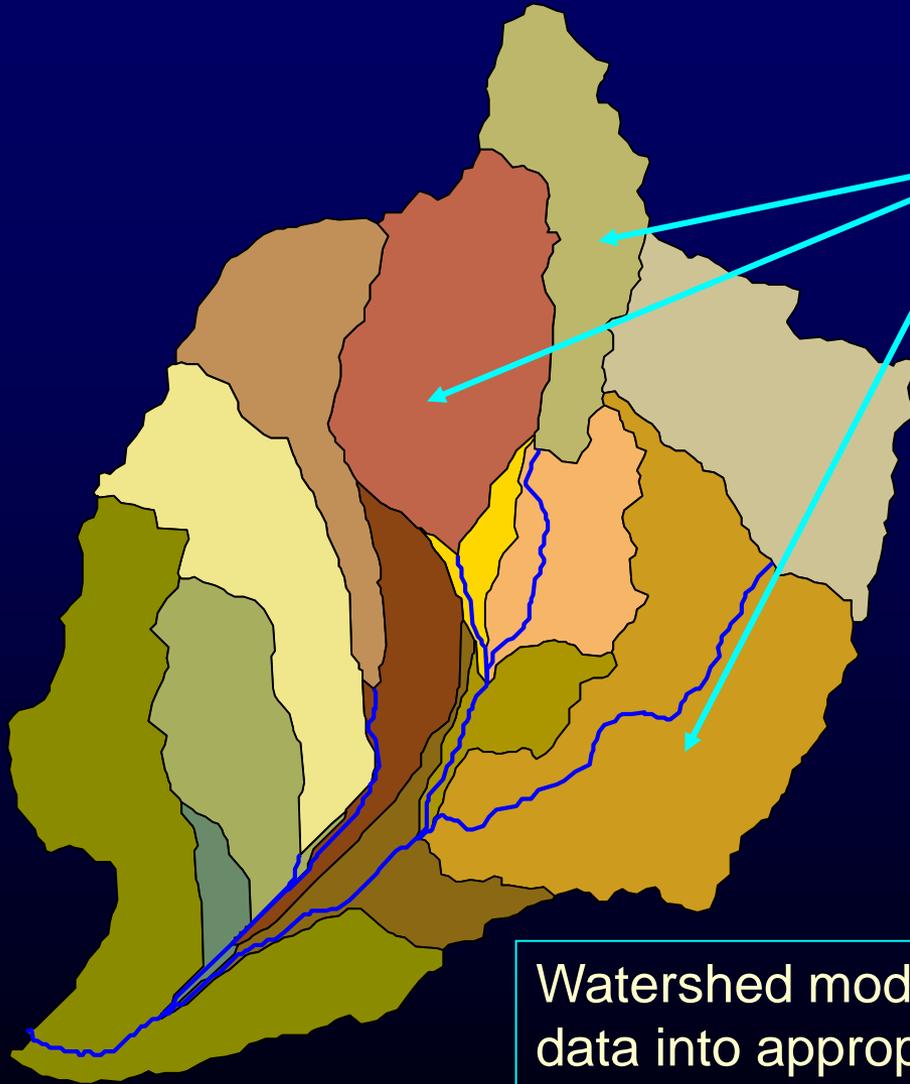
**Stream Length = 71.83 miles**  
**Average Element Size = 3.79 square miles**

# Effects

- The Smaller Modeling Element the Greater the Channel Length
  - Ephemeral Channels – Decrease in Runoff
    - Higher Transmission Losses
  - Perennial Channels – Increase in Runoff
  - More efficient routing – more channels
    - Higher Peak Discharge
    - Higher Sediment Yield (channel erosion)
  - More spatial variability
    - Weighted averaging a smaller area
    - The affect of “rare” types retained.
  - Longer processing times

# Characterizing the Watershed

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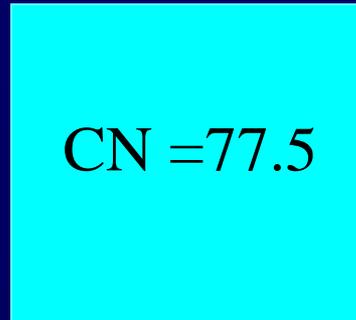


- Homogeneous planes
- Hydrologic parameters represent intersections of topo., cover, soil
- Information loss as  $f$  (geometric complexity)
- Scaling issues
- Assigned the weighted average

Watershed modeling relies on condensing spatial data into appropriate units for representing processes  
*leaves plenty of room for error!*

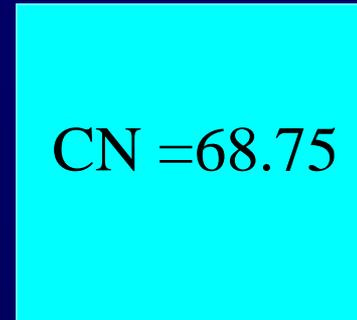


What would be the runoff from a 1" rainfall event?



Arithmetic Average

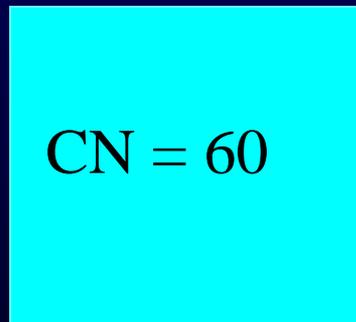
Runoff = 0.053"



Weighted Average

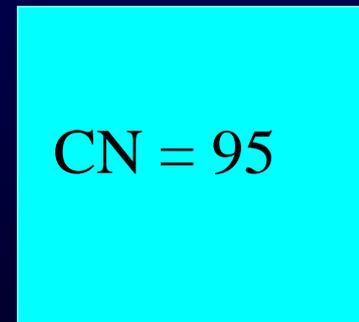
Runoff = 0.002"

AGWA uses a weighted average to assign values to subwatershed?



Majority

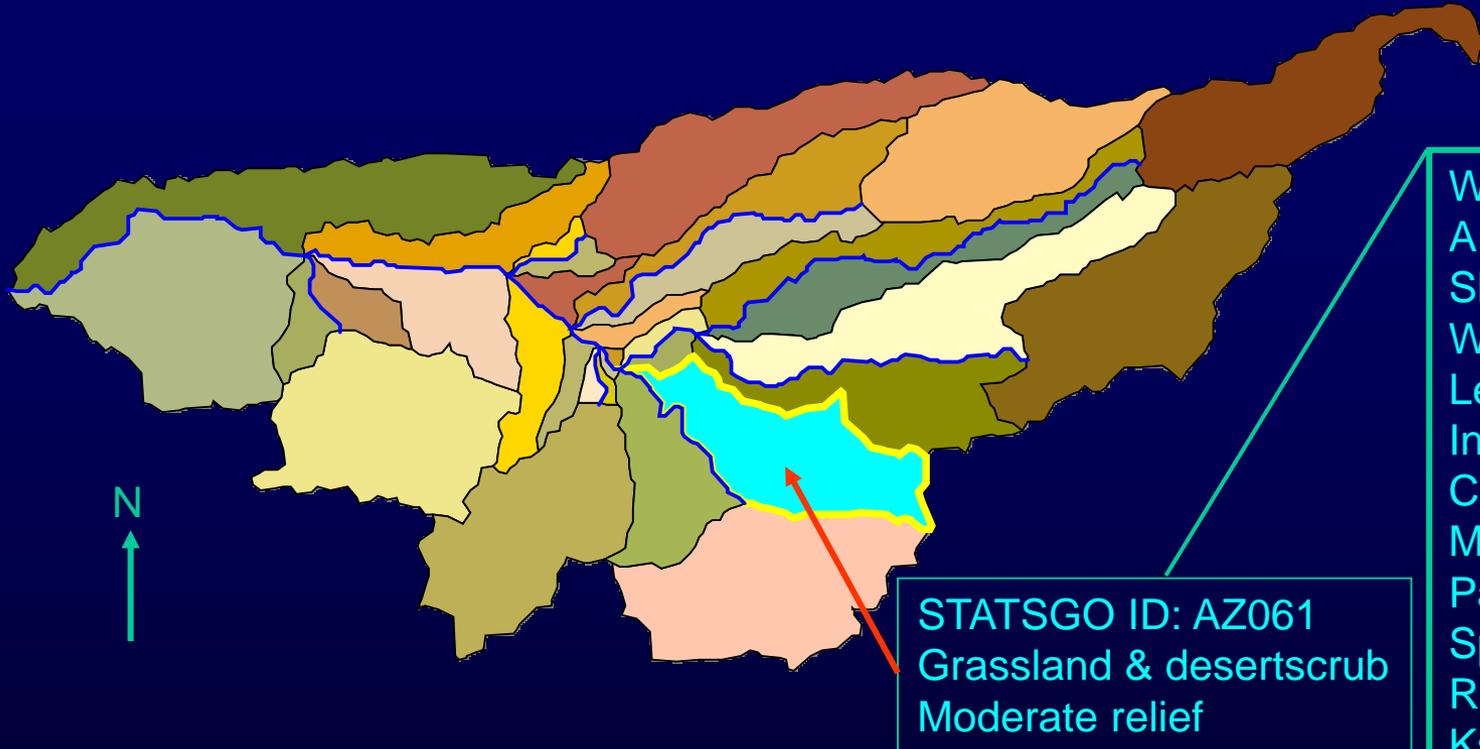
Runoff = 0.000"



Maximum

Runoff = 0.563"

# Sample Configuration - KINEROS



STATSGO ID: AZ061  
Grassland & desertscrub  
Moderate relief

Contributing Source Area: 2000 acres

- ~5% of total watershed area

33 planes

- 7 upland elements

- 25 lateral element

19 channels

Watershed ID: 73

Area: 7.45 km<sup>2</sup>

Slope: 3.53 %

Width: 945 m

Length: 7876 m

Interception: 2.60 mm

Cover: 13.70 %

Manning's n: 0.052

Pavement: 0.00 %

Splash: 24.91

Rock: 0.43

Ks: 6.67 mm/hr

Suction: 115 mm

Porosity: 0.459

Max saturation: 0.93

Cv of Ks: 0.95

Sand: 50 %

Silt: 33 %

Clay: 17 %

Distribution: 0.30

Cohesion: 0.006

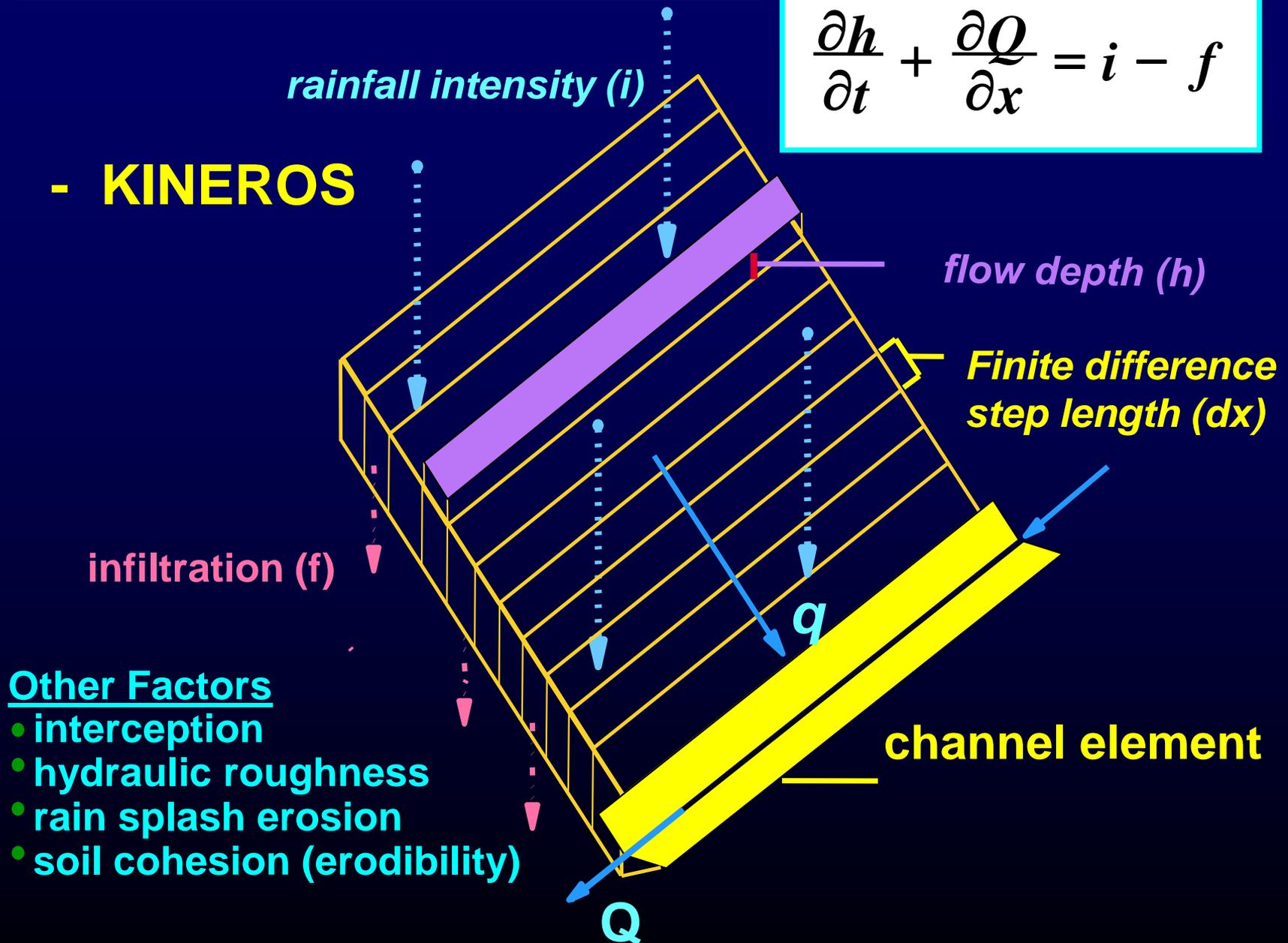
# Channel Parameters

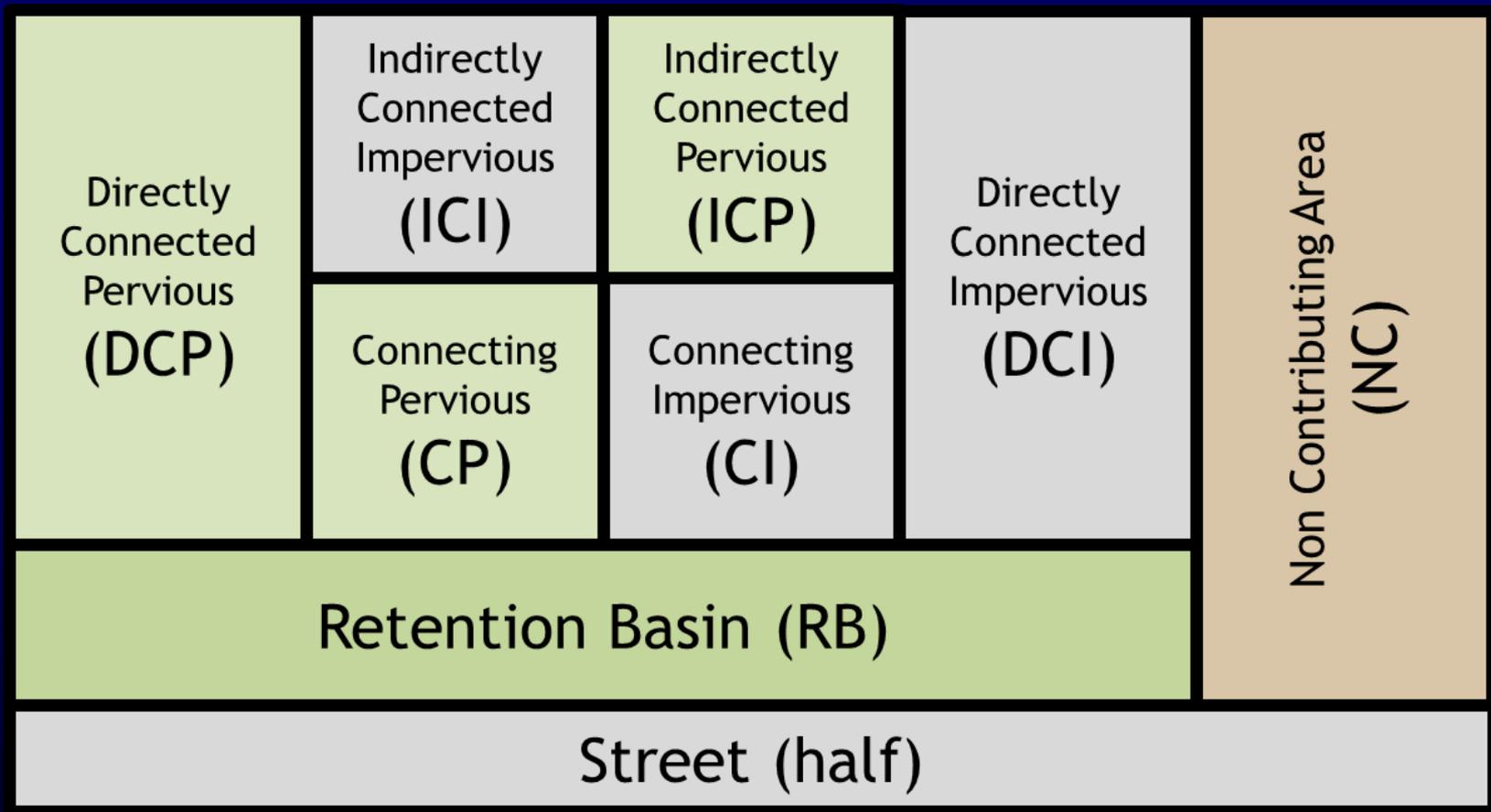
- Channel Parameterization
  - Width-Depth (Regional Geomorphic Relationships)
  - Hydraulic Conductivity (Transmission Losses)
    - Recommend Zero for Perennial Streams
  - Roughness (Manning's  $n$ )
  - Armoring (Erodability)
  - Compound Channel (Natural Riparian)
  - Each channel reach can have unique parameters
- Set a Constant Baseflow

# Excess Runoff From a Plane

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = i - f$$

## - KINEROS





# KINEROS Parameter Look-Up Table

WS#	Mann_n	Pave	Splash	Rock	Ks	G	Por
61	0.050	0.11	20.46	0.43	5.15	143.92	
62	0.052	0.00	24.91	0.43	6.67	114.97	
63	0.053	0.00	24.91	0.43	6.67	114.97	
71	0.052	0.01	24.42	0.43	6.50	118.14	
72	0.054	0.01	24.61	0.43	6.57	116.95	
73	0.052	0.00	24.91	0.43	6.67	114.97	
82	0.051	0.00	24.91	0.43	6.67	114.97	
83	0.034	0.00	24.91	0.43	6.67	114.97	

## BEGIN PLANE

**ID = 71**, LEN = 1303.0, AREA = 10783378.3  
 SL = 0.029, MAN = 0.052, X = 593519.0, Y =  
 CV = 0.92, PRINT = 1  
 KS = 7.94, G = 118.14, DIST = 0.3, POR = 0.459, ROCK = 0.43  
 FR = 0.49, 0.33, 0.17, SPLASH = 24.42, COH = 0.006, SMAX = 0.93  
 INTER = 2.56, CANOPY = 0.133, PAVE = 0.00

## END PLANE

## BEGIN PLANE

**ID = 72**, LEN = 765.0, AREA = 4357163.9  
 SL = 0.043, MAN = 0.054, X = 591637.8, Y = 3507025.3  
 CV = 0.93, PRINT = 1  
 KS = 7.77, G = 116.95, DIST = 0.3, POR = 0.459, ROCK = 0.43  
 FR = 0.49, 0.33, 0.16, SPLASH = 24.61, COH = 0.006, SMAX = 0.93  
 INTER = 2.85, CANOPY = 0.112, PAVE = 0.00

## END PLANE

## BEGIN PLANE

**ID = 73**, LEN = 945.0, AREA = 7405044.9  
 SL = 0.038, MAN = 0.052, X = 593864.3, Y = 3507560.5  
 CV = 0.95, PRINT = 1  
 KS = 8.19, G = 114.97, DIST = 0.3, POR = 0.459, ROCK = 0.43  
 FR = 0.5, 0.33, 0.16, SPLASH = 24.91, COH = 0.006, SMAX = 0.93  
 INTER = 2.6, CANOPY = 0.137, PAVE = 0.00

## END PLANE

