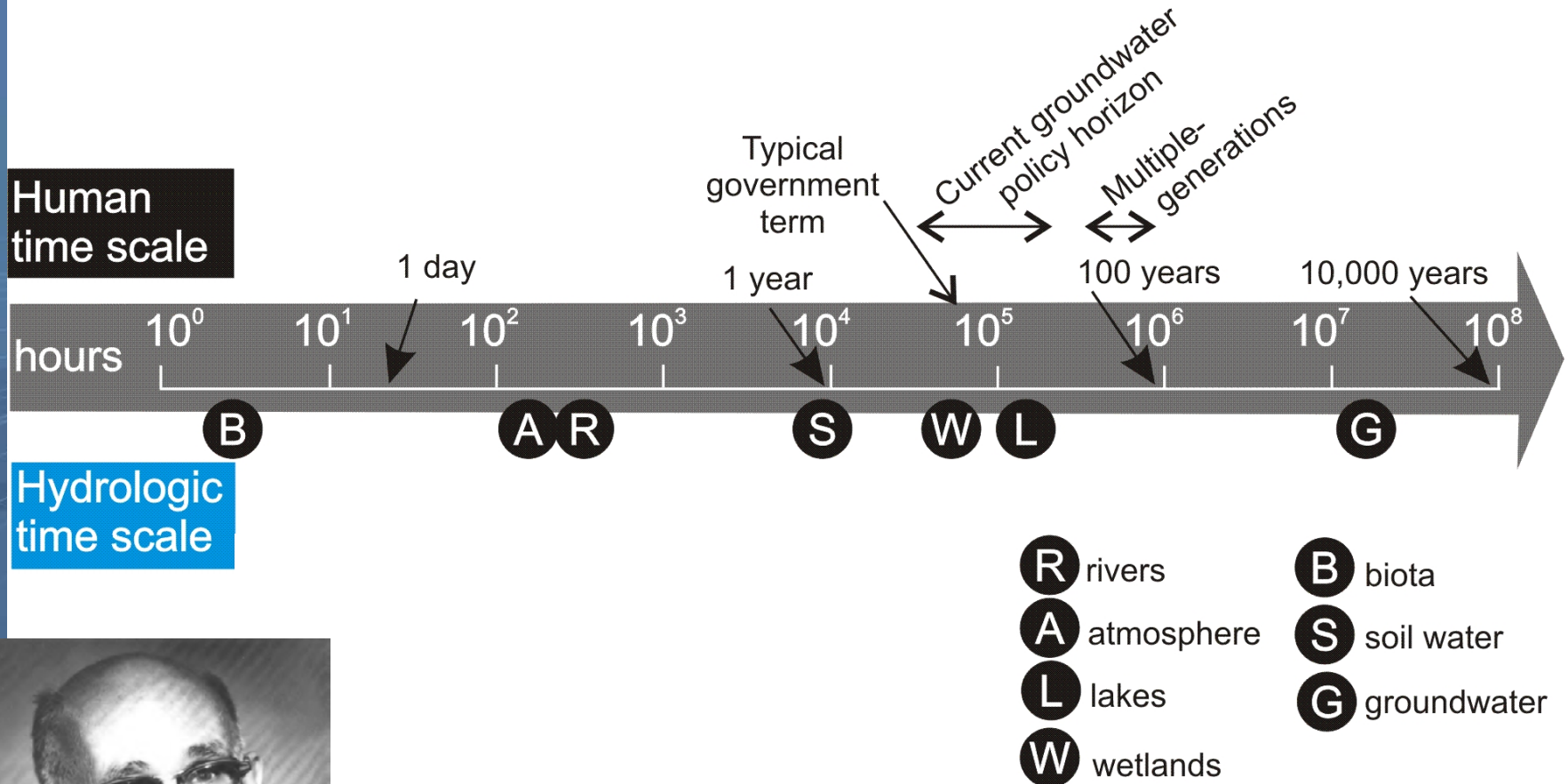


# Groundwater Availability and Time



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# Human vs Hydrologic Time Scales

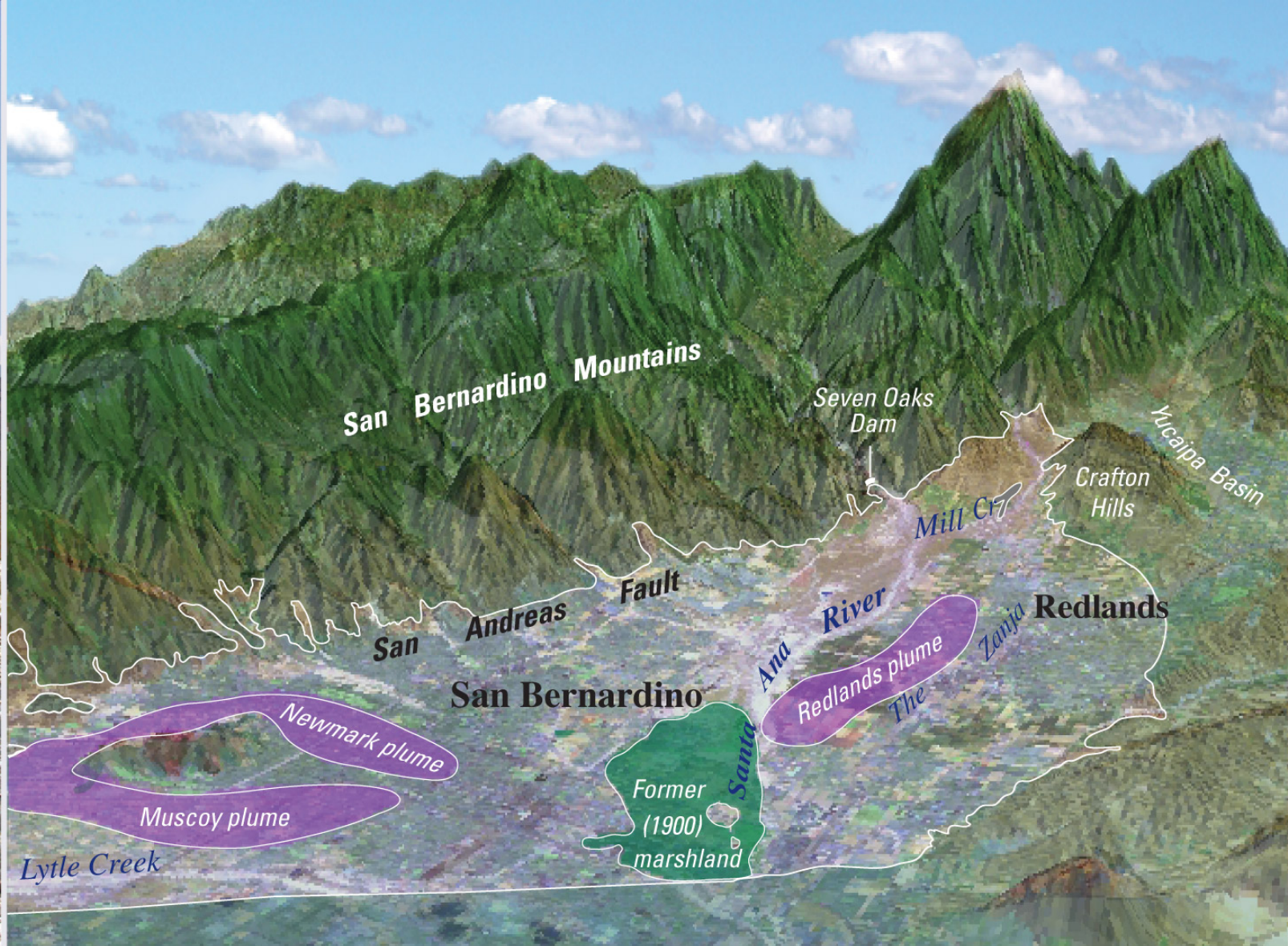


Gleeson et al. (2012)





Seven Oaks Dam



## Introduction

### San Bernardino Study Area

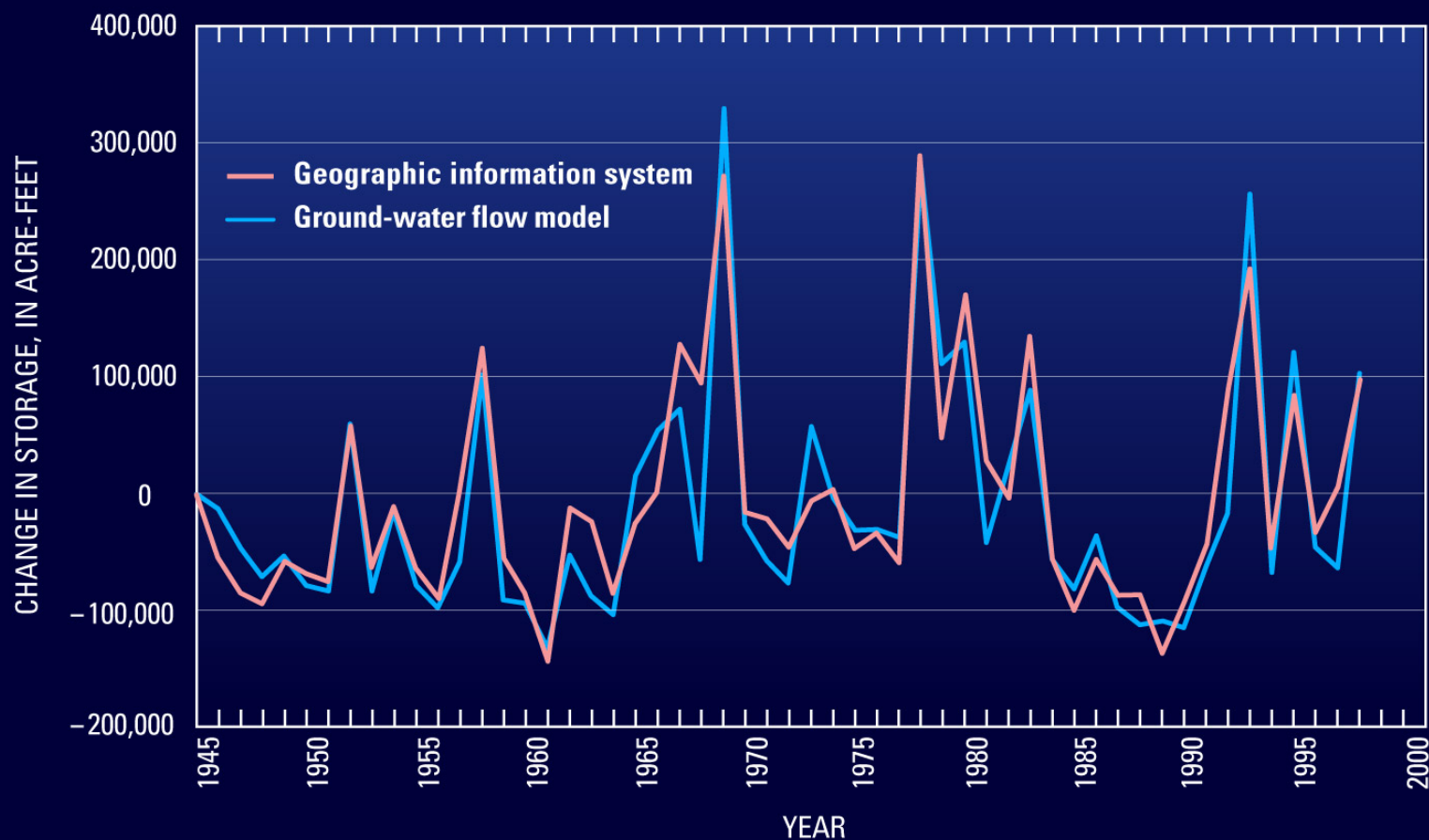
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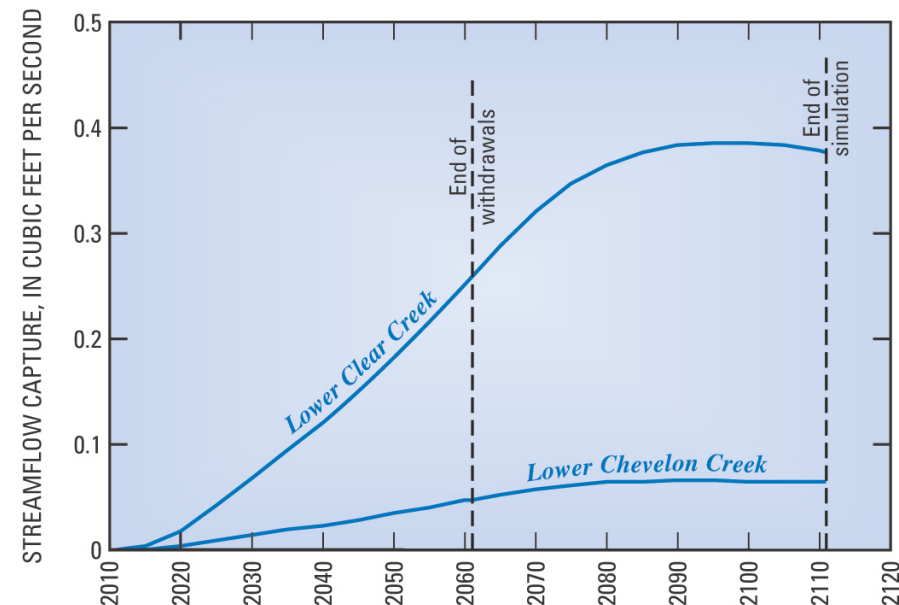
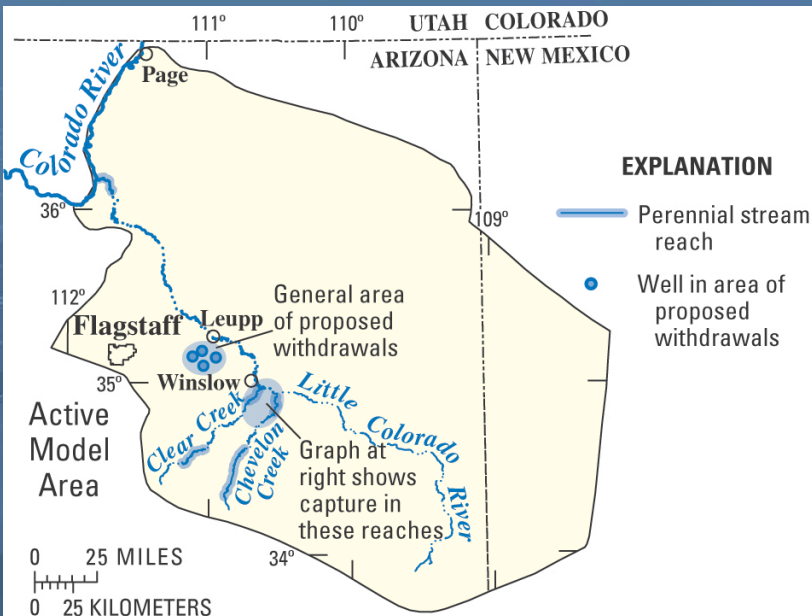


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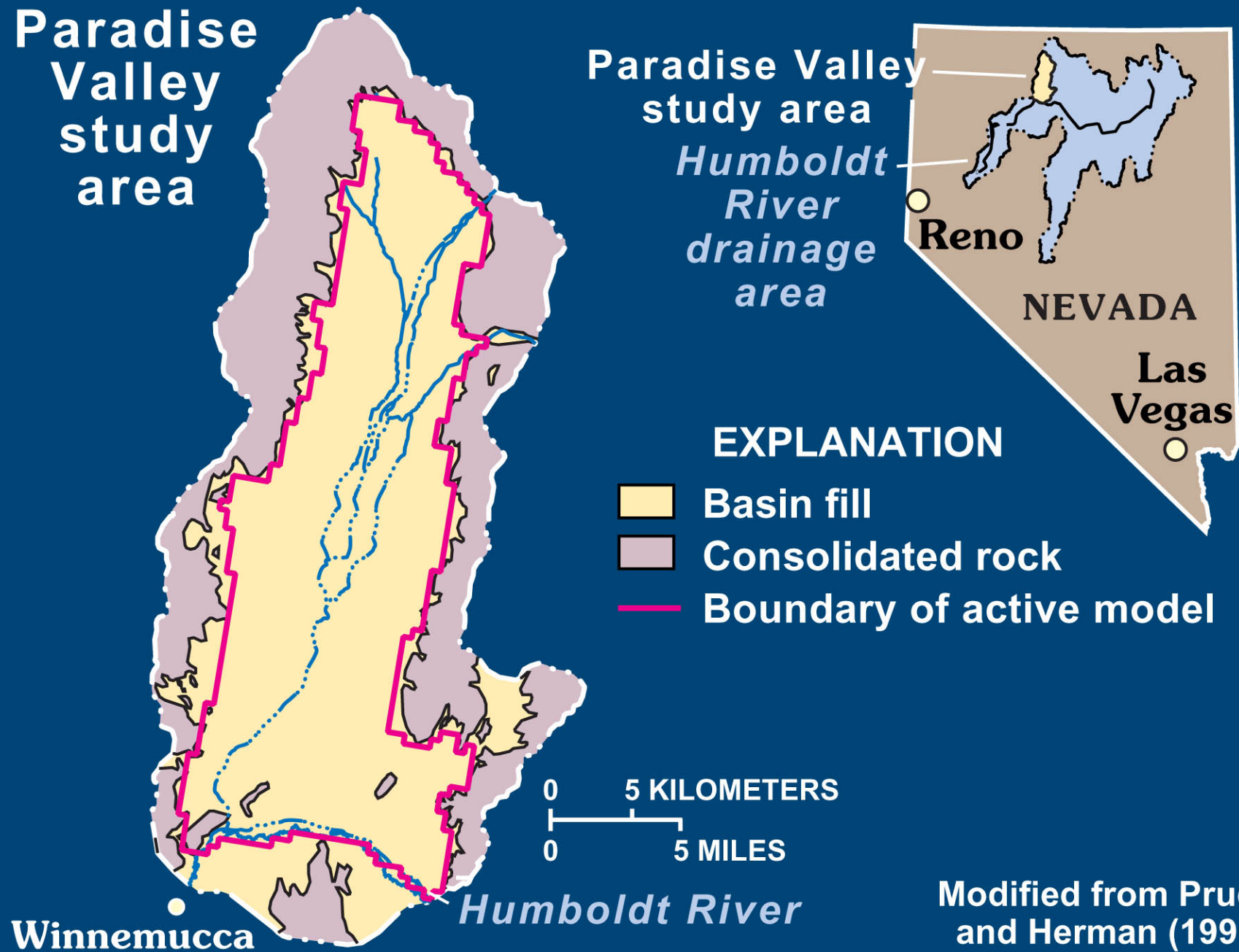
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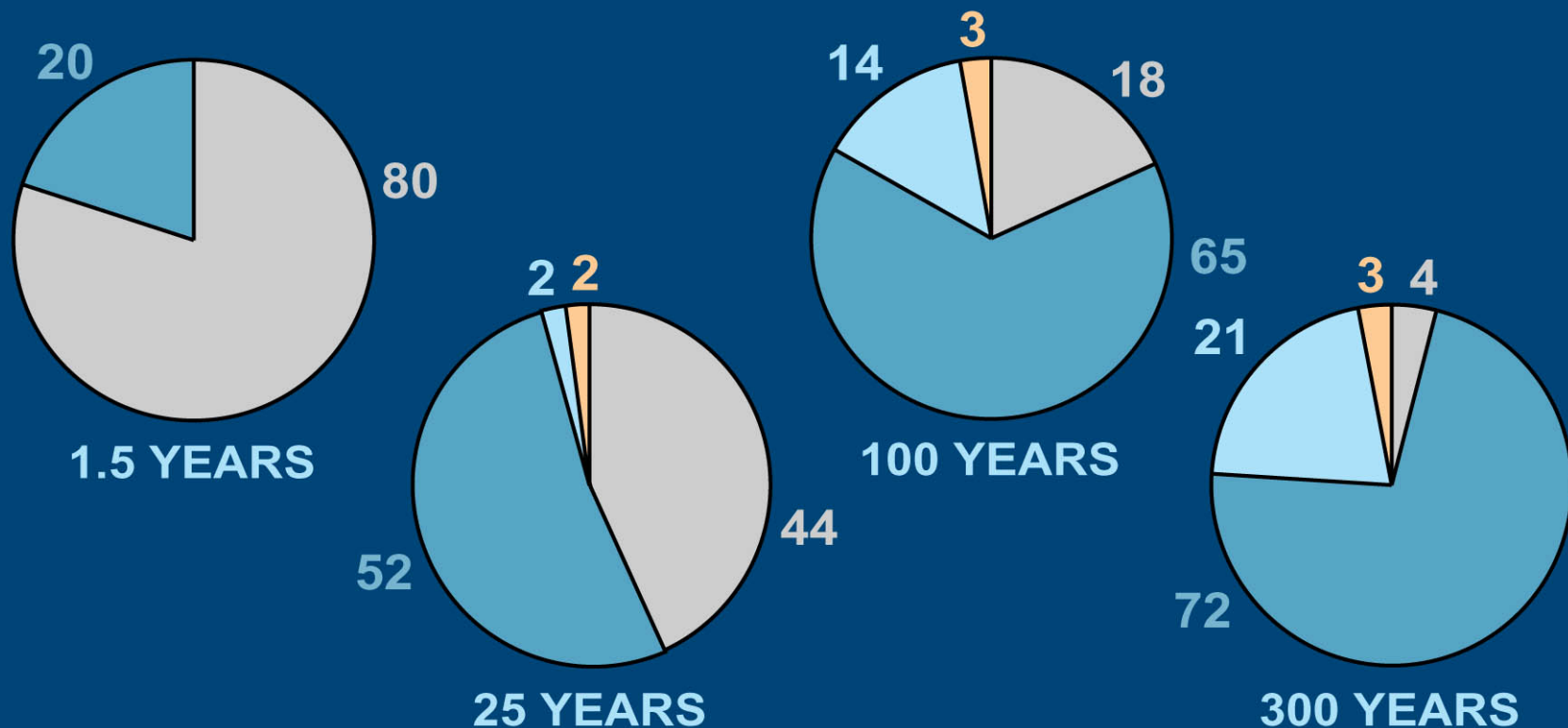


Leake, Hoffmann, and Dickinson, 2005

# Paradise Valley study area



Modified from Prudic and Herman (1996)

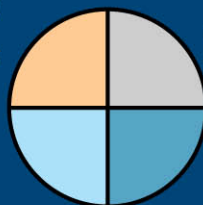


### EXPLANATION

Sources of pumped water, in percent, at end of selected time periods

Decreased outflow to  
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Increased inflow from  
Humboldt River Valley



Water from storage

Reduction in evapotranspiration

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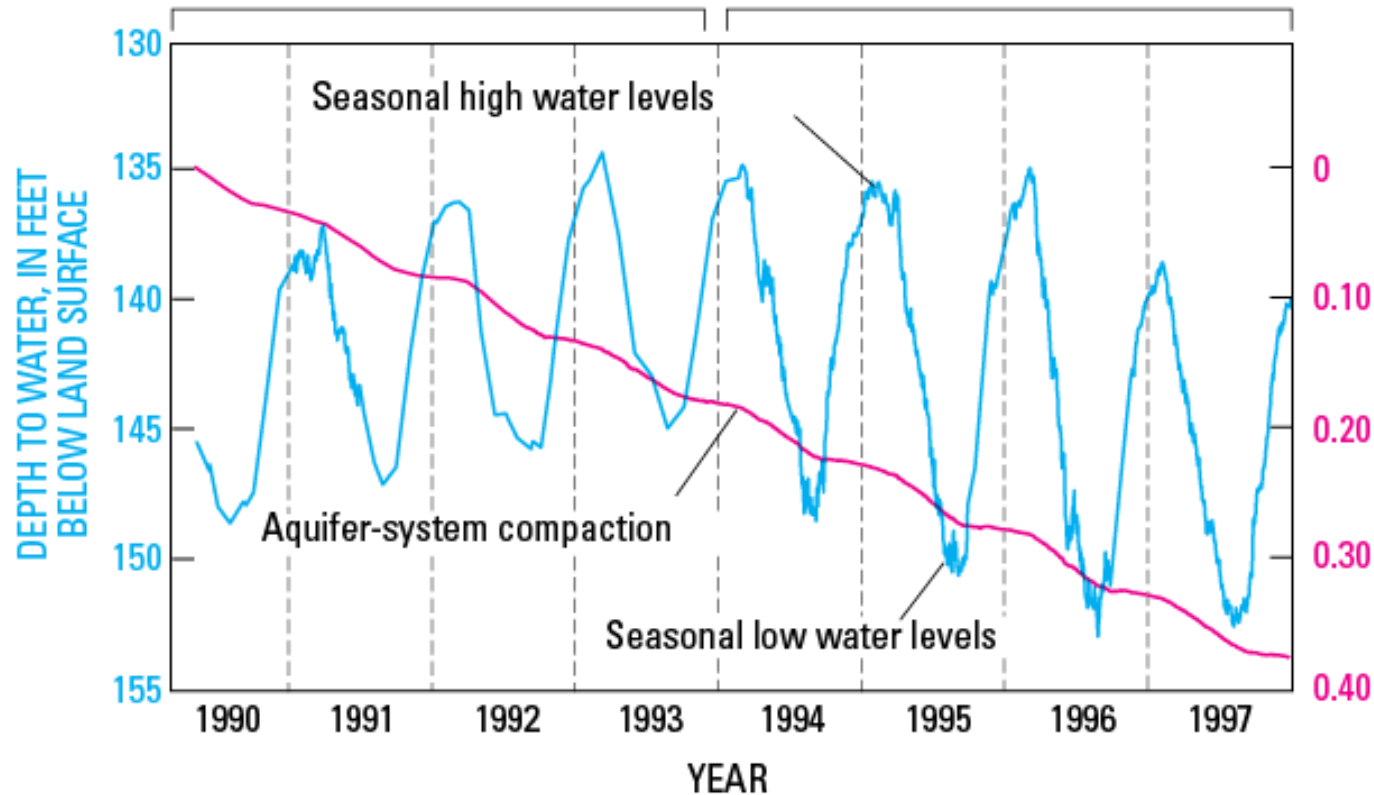




# Land Subsidence

*Compaction progresses steadily despite water-level recoveries*

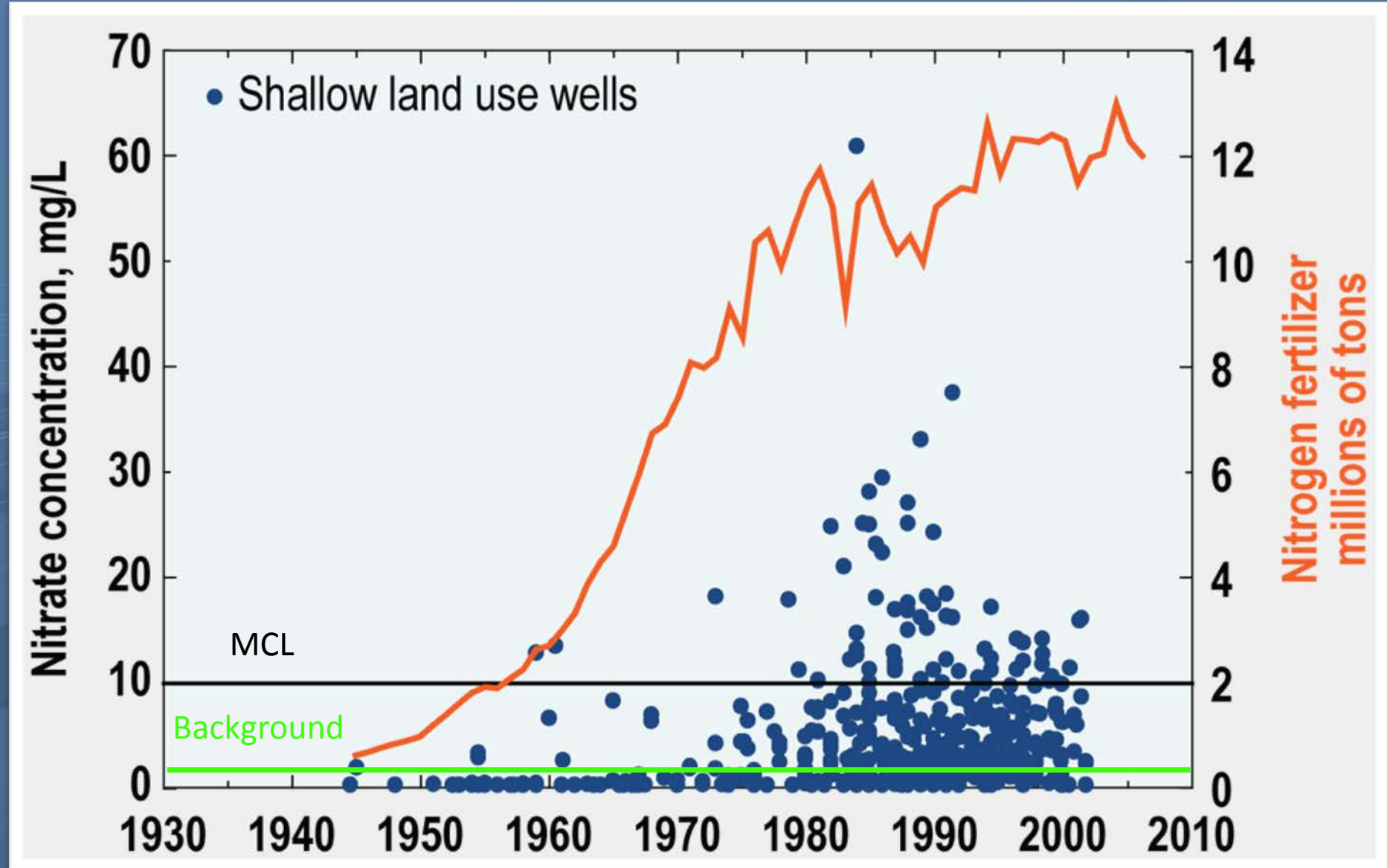
*Further water-level declines do not cause accelerated subsidence*



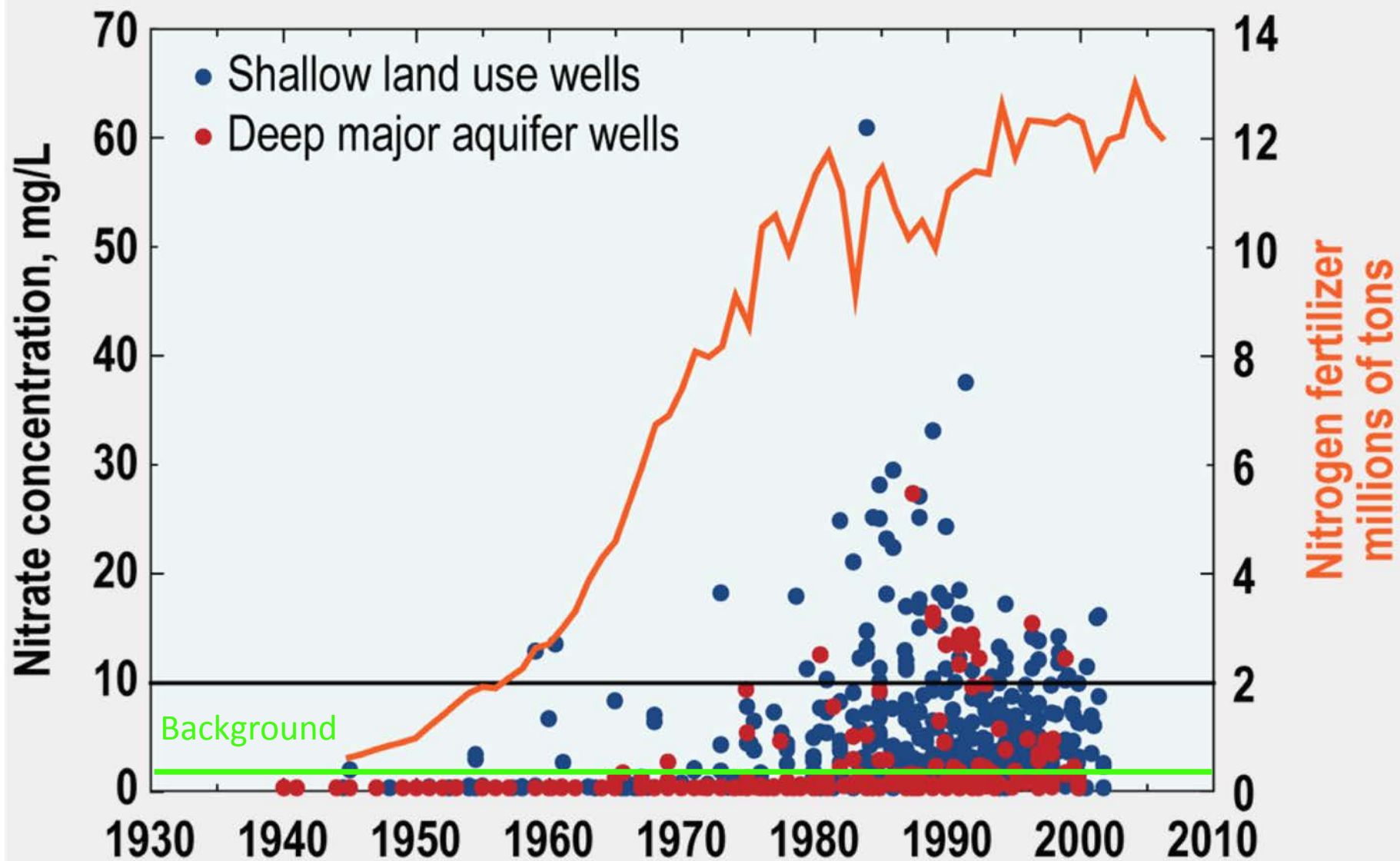
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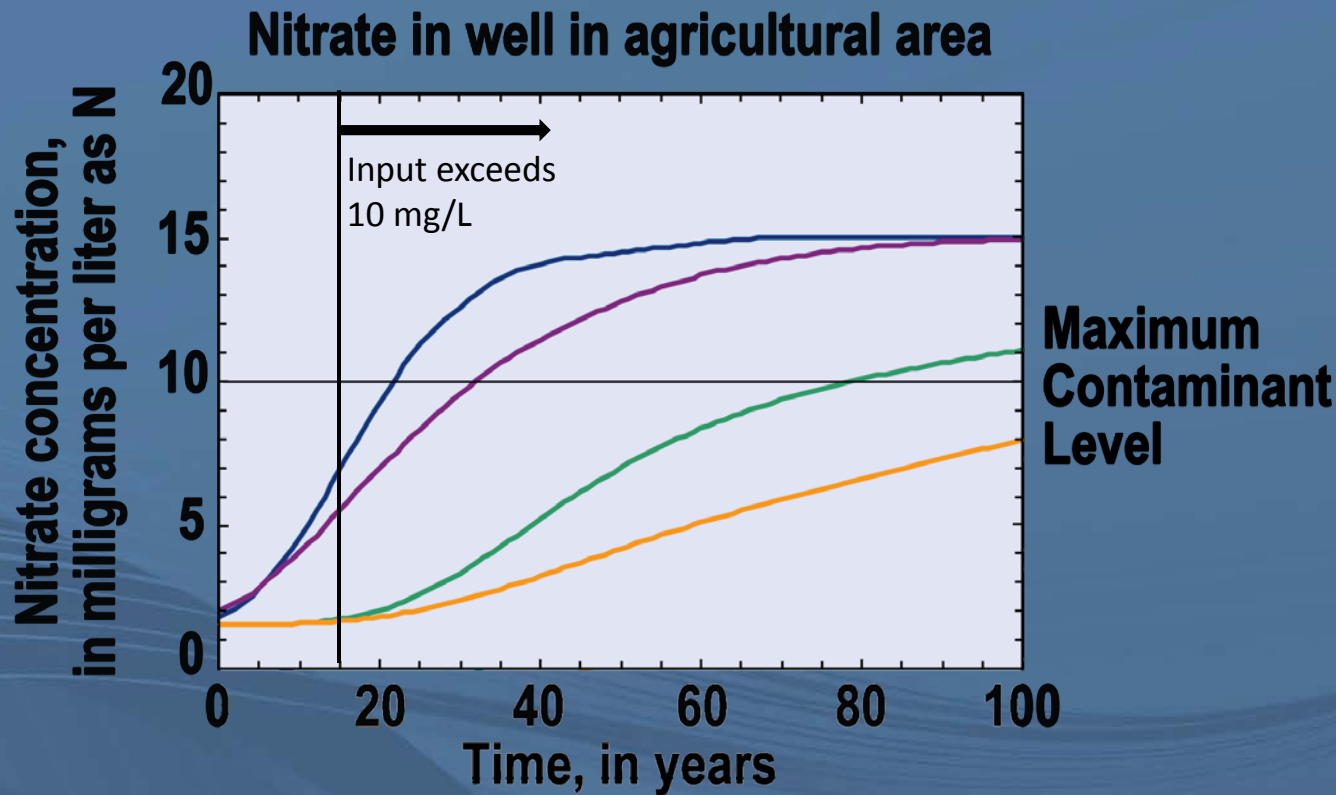
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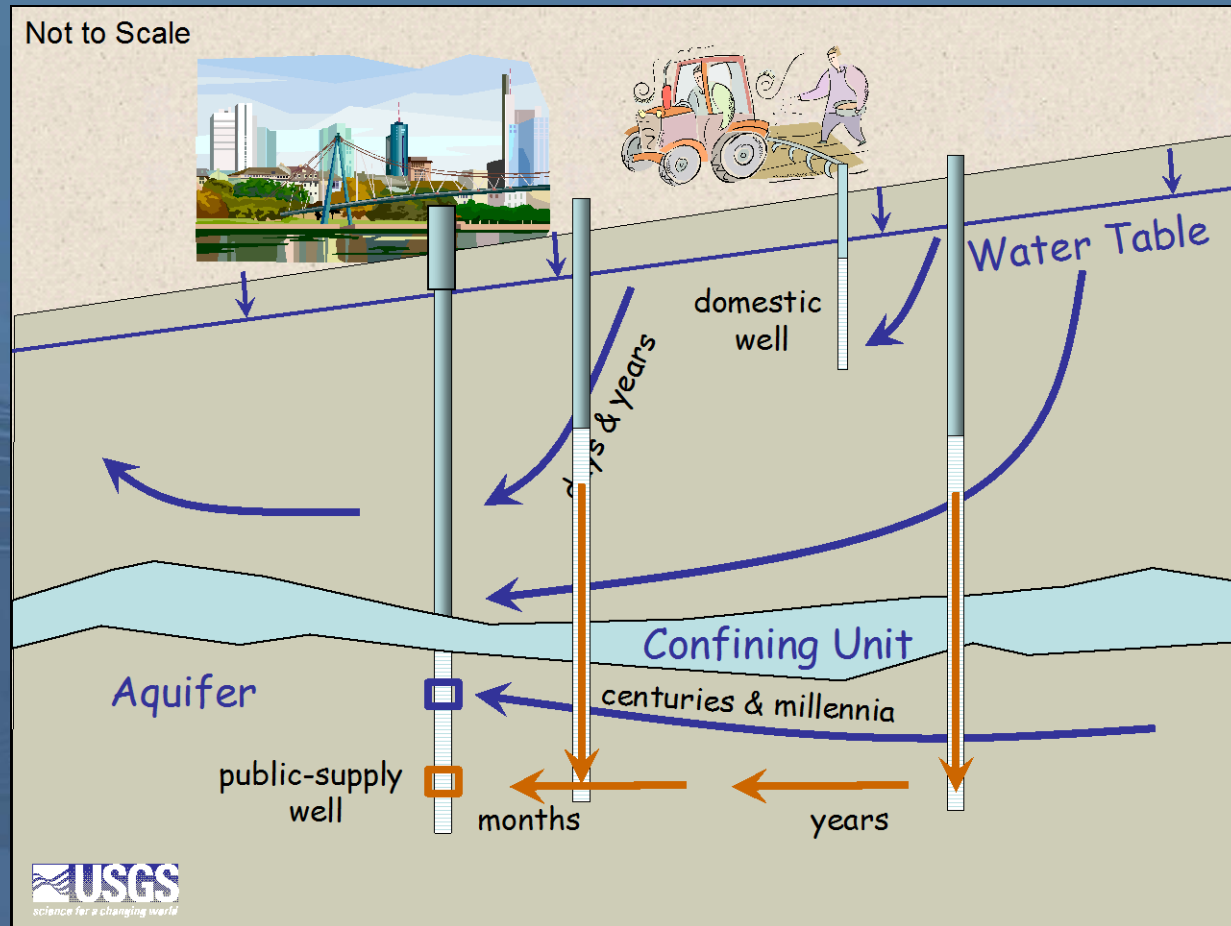




**Time-series nitrate concentration in well in selected principal aquifers**

- Thick unconsolidated sand and gravel—Central Valley
- Thick unconsolidated sand and gravel—High Plains
- Thin unconsolidated sand and gravel—Glacial
- Carbonate rock—Floridan

# Many systems have “short circuits” that result in rapid movement of contaminants to public wells

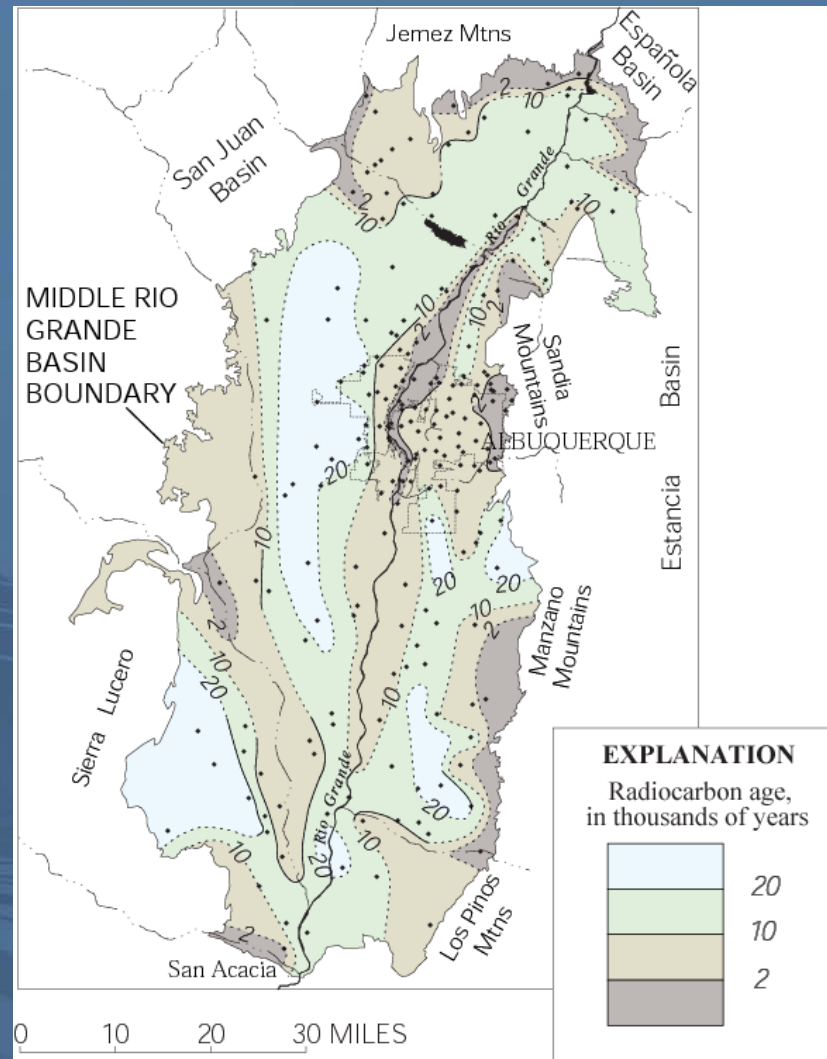


Source: S. Eberts, USGS

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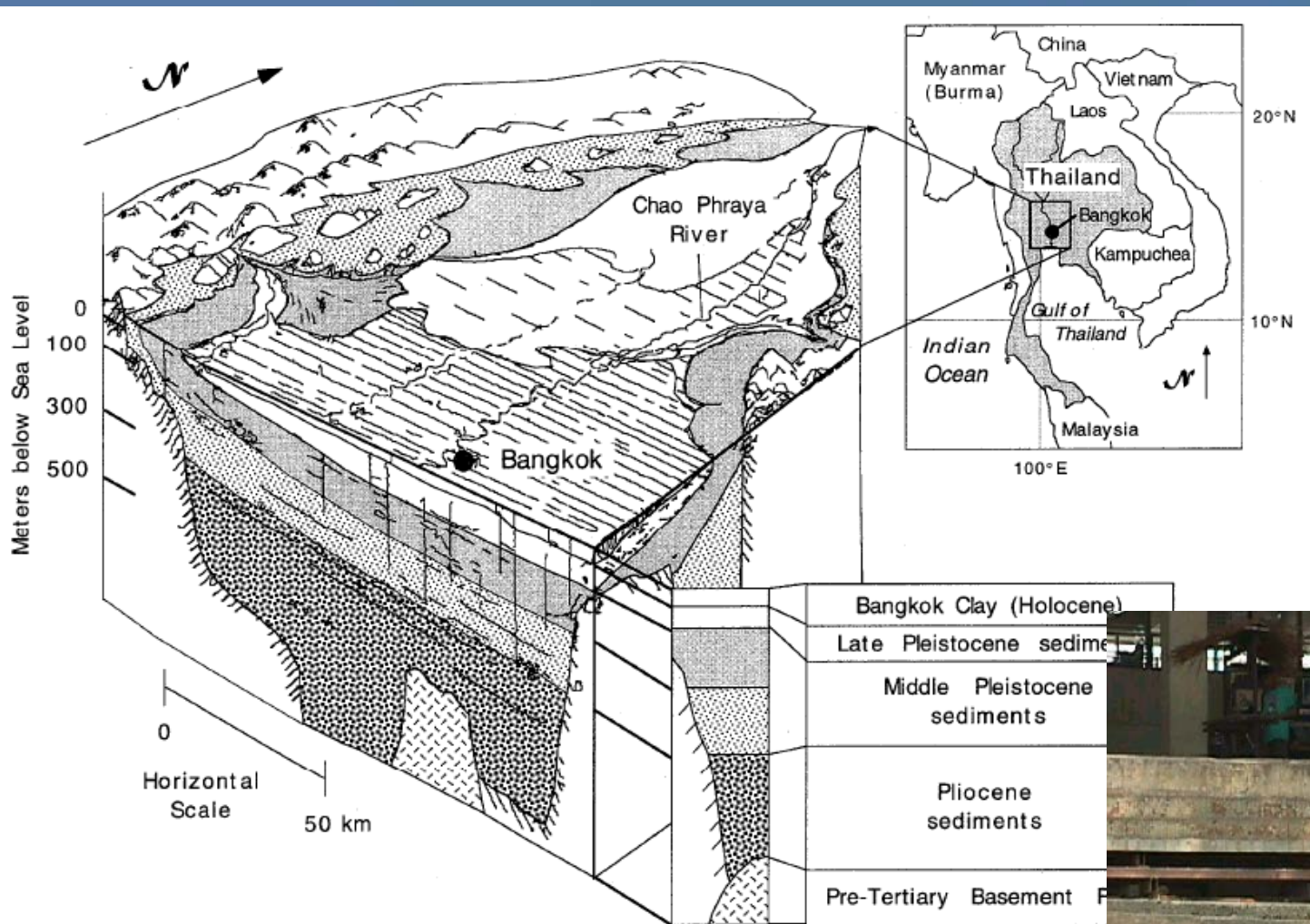


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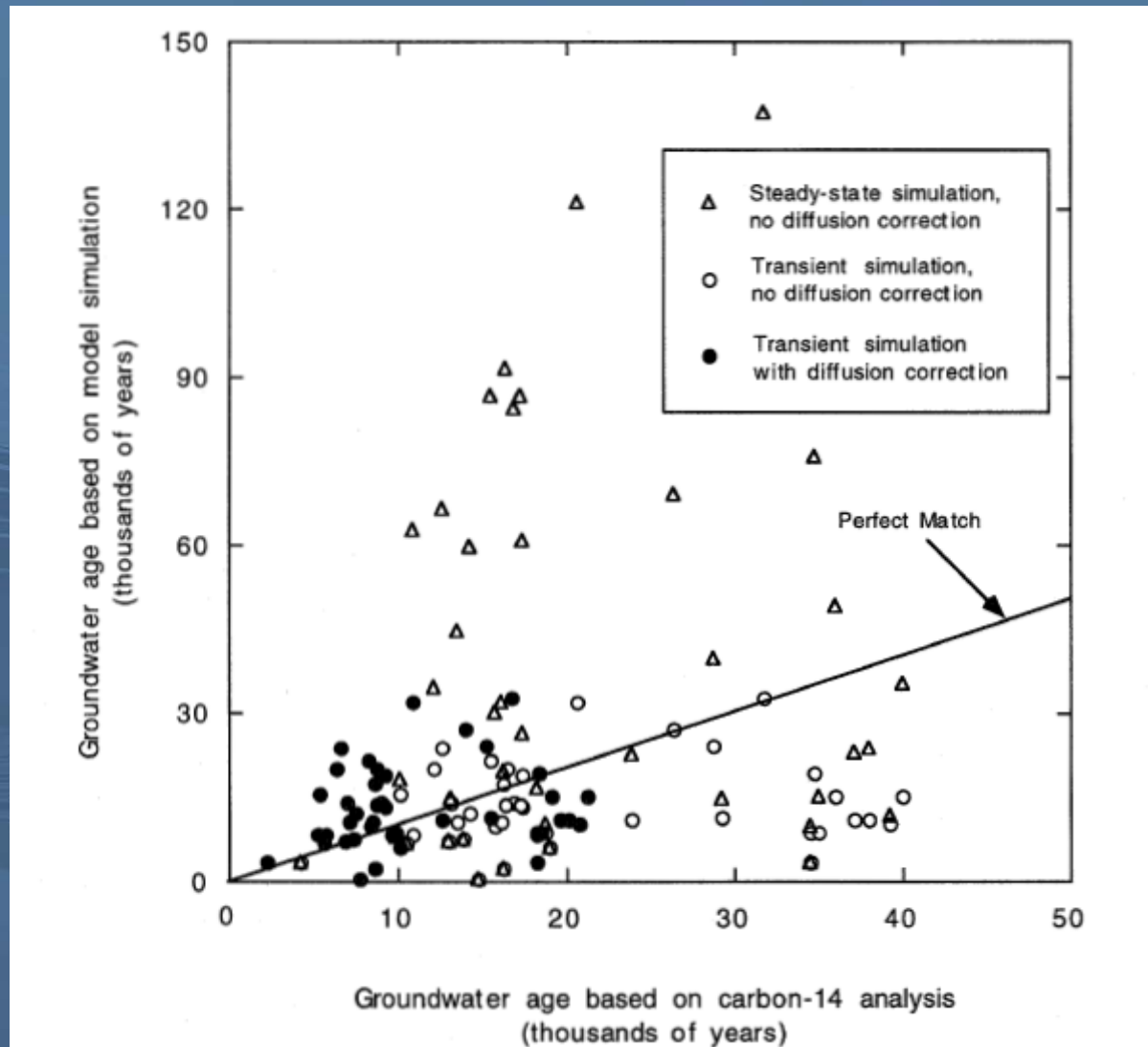
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# Bangkok Basin, Thailand



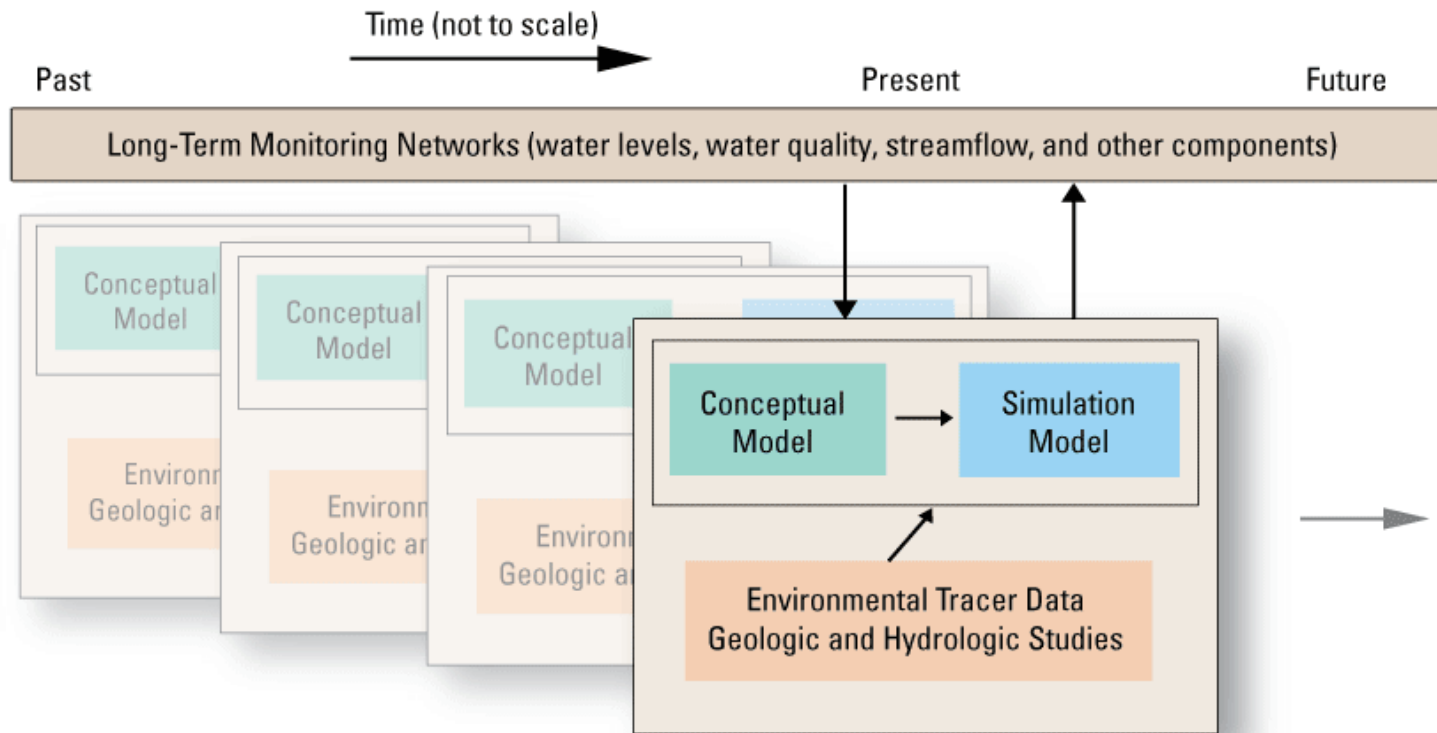


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Sanford and Buapeng (1996)

# Integrated Monitoring and Modeling



Alley (2006)