

# Upland Erosion Losses Sediment Sources and Sediment Yield

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## Objectives

Brief overview of catchment modeling and  
trap efficiency of reservoirs:

1. Upland Sediment Sources;
2. Upland Erosion Modeling;
3. Dynamic Watershed Modeling;
4. Sediment Delivery Ratio;
5. Trap Efficiency.

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## 1. Upland Sediment Sources

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Mangun mountain, South Korea



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Crop field area of the Imha watershed, S.K.



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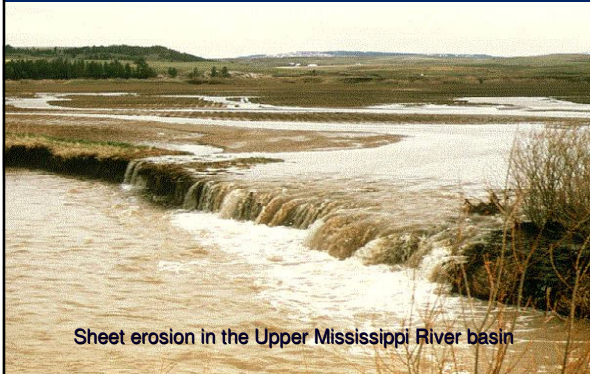
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## Upland Erosion (continued)



Sheet erosion in the Upper Mississippi River basin

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Upland Erosion of the Loess Plateau  
of the Yellow River Basin

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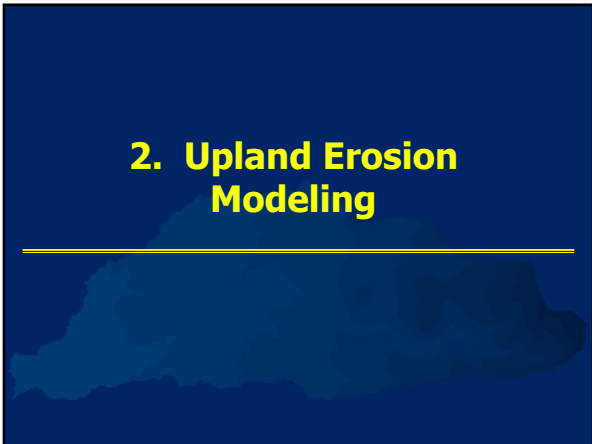
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## RUSLE

- Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation
- Widely used method for estimating soil erosion
- The original USLE is an empirical equation
  1. Derived from more than 10,000 plot years of data
  2. Natural runoff plots (72.6ft length, 9% slope)
- Originally developed for agricultural purpose.

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## Main parameters

$$A = R K L S C P$$

- A is the computed average soil loss (tons/acre/year)
- R is the rainfall-runoff erosivity factor
- K is the soil erodibility factor
- L is the slope length factor
- S is the slope steepness factor
- C is the cover management factor
- P is the support practice factor

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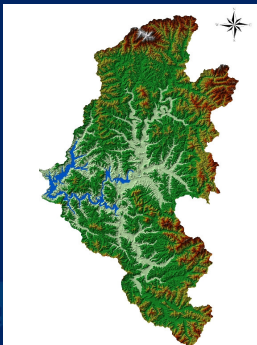
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## Imha Watershed, South Korea



- Watershed area: 1,361km<sup>2</sup>
- Channel length : 96 km
- Average watershed slope: 40%
- Fast and high peak runoff characteristics

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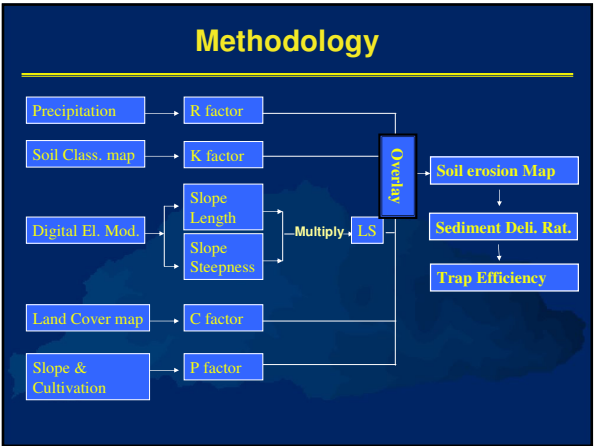
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### Parameter estimation: Rainfall erosivity (R)

#### Basic equations (Wischmeier, 1959)

$$R = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \sum_{k=1}^m (E)(I_{30})_r \right] \quad R = \sum EI_{30}(10^{-2})$$

- R=average annual rainfall erosivity (ft-tonf-in-acre<sup>-1</sup>·h<sup>-1</sup>·yr<sup>-1</sup>)
- E=Total storm kinetic energy (ft·tons-in-acre-1·h-1)
- I<sub>30</sub>= Maximum 30-min rainfall intensity
- j=Index of number of years
- K=Index of number of storms in a year
- n=number of yrs used to obtain average R, m=number of storms

$$E = 916 + (331) \log_{10}(I), \quad I \leq 3.0 \text{ in/hr}$$
$$E = 1074, \quad I > 3.0 \text{ in/hr}$$

- I=Rainfall intensity

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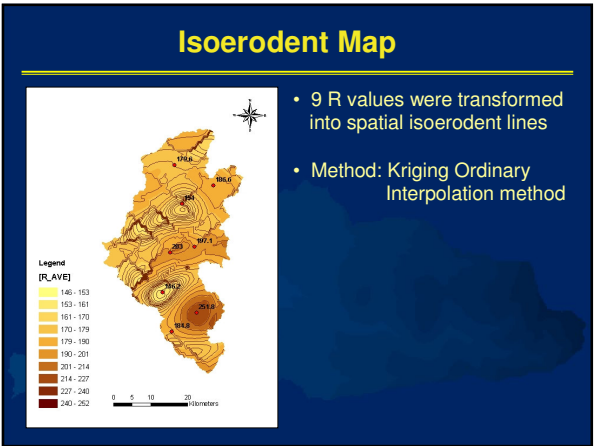
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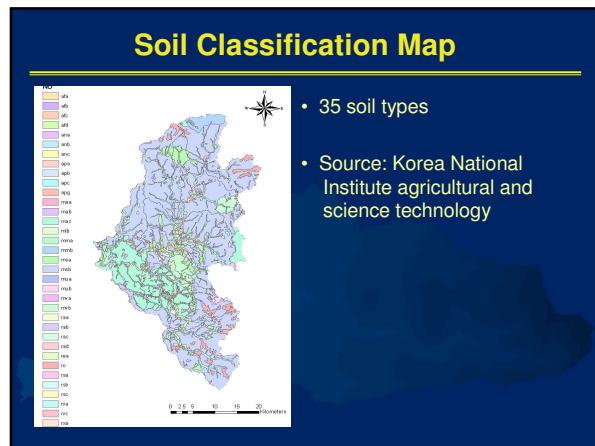
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### Soil Erodibility Factor (K)

**Applied soil erodibility factor (Schwab, 1981)**

Textural Class	Organic Matter Content (%)	
	0.5	2
Fine sand	0.16	0.14
Very fine sand	0.42	0.36
Loamy sand	0.12	0.10
Loamy very fine sand	0.44	0.38
Sandy loam	0.27	0.24
Very fine sandy loam	0.47	0.41
Silt loam	0.48	0.42
Clay loam	0.28	0.25
Silty clay loam	0.37	0.32
Silty clay	0.25	0.23

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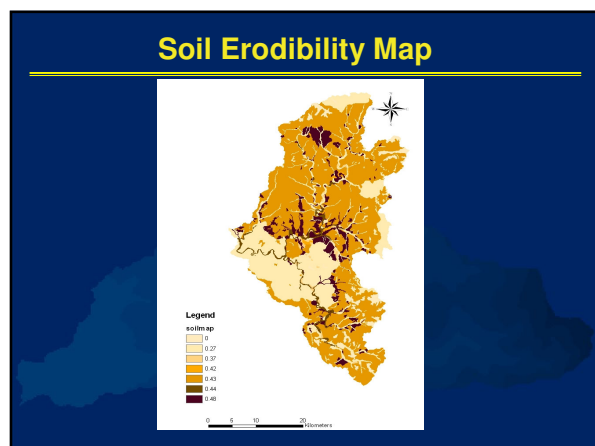
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## Slope length/steepness factor (LS)

Basic equations (Renard, McCool, 1997)

$$L = (X_h / 72.6)^m$$

- $X_h$ : the horizontal slope length (ft)
- $m$ : a variable slope length factor

$$S = 10.8 \times \sin \theta + 0.03, \quad \sigma \leq 9\%$$

$$S = 16.8 \times \sin \theta - 0.50, \quad \sigma > 9\%$$

- $\theta$ : the slope angle (degree)
- $\sigma$ : the slope gradient percentage(%)

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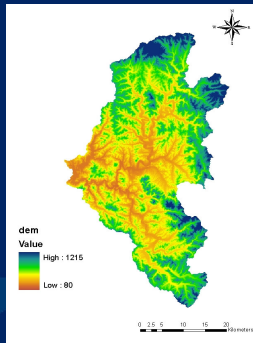
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## Digital Elevation Model



- 30 x 30m resolution.
- Source: Korea Ministry of Construction and Transportation

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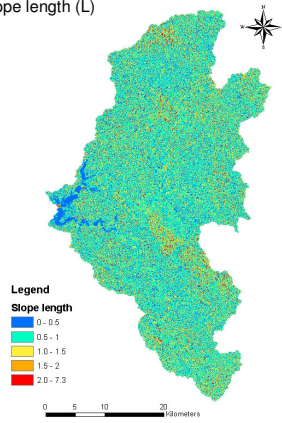
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## Slope length & steepness

Slope length (L)



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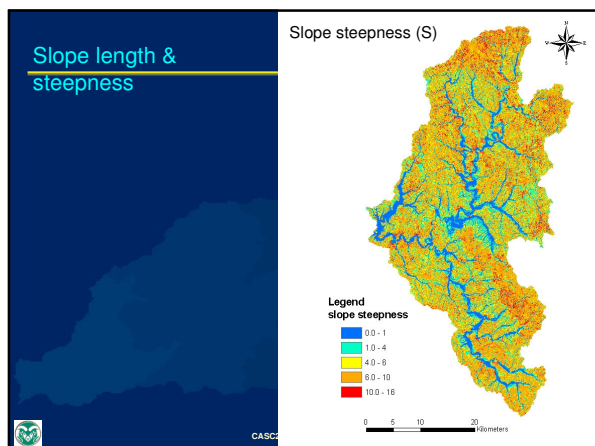
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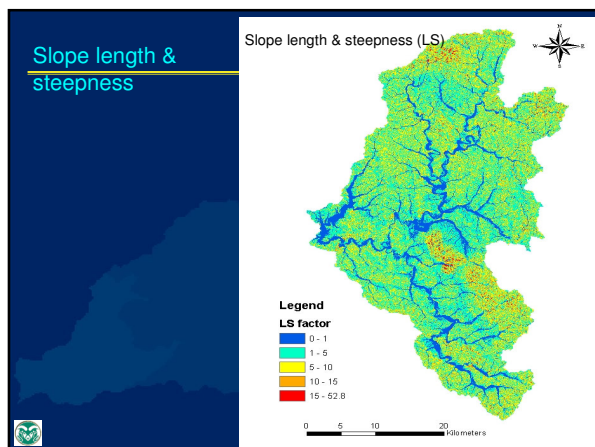
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**Cover Management Factor (C)**

**Applied cover management factor**

Num	Land cover type	Cover Management Factor (C)	Applied method
1	Water	0.00	
2	Urban	0.01	Urban density
3	Wetland	0.00	
4	Forest	0.03	Trial and Error
5	Paddy field	0.06	Kim, 2002
6	Crop field	0.37	NIAST, 2003

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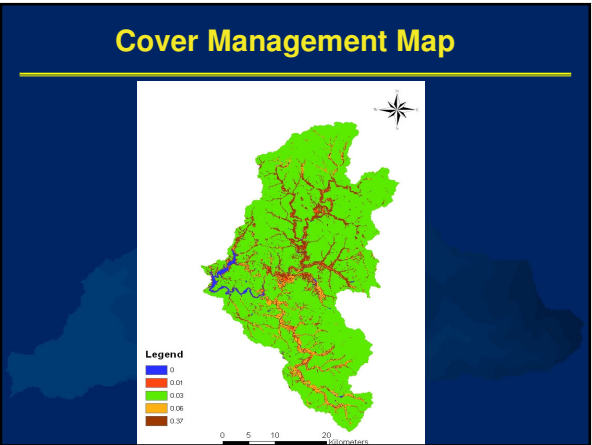
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### Support Practice Factor (P)

Applied support practice factor

• Cultivation method and slope (Shin, 1999)

Slope (%)	Contouring	Strip Cropping	Terracing
0.0 - 7.0	0.55	0.27	0.10
7.0 - 11.3	0.60	0.30	0.12
11.3 - 17.6	0.80	0.40	0.16
17.6 - 26.8	0.90	0.45	0.18
26.8 >	1.00	0.50	0.20

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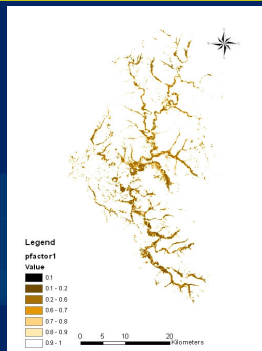
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## Support Practice Map




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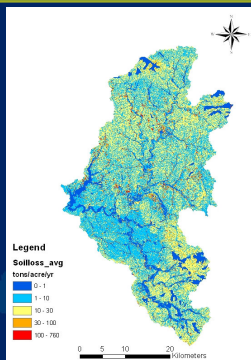
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## Results: Annual average soil loss map



- Annual average soil loss: 3,450 tons/km<sup>2</sup>/year.

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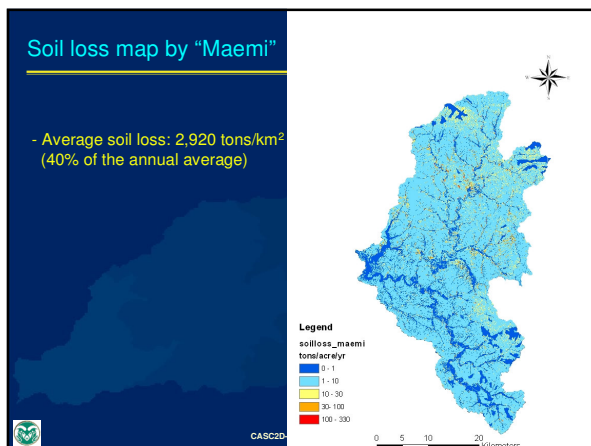
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## Soil loss map by "Maemi"

- Average soil loss: 2,920 tons/km<sup>2</sup> (40% of the annual average)




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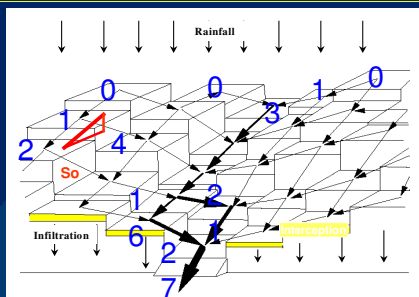
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#### CASC2D-SED

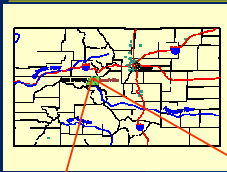
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  1. Rainfall
  2. Infiltration
  3. Overland and Channel Flow
- Sediment
  1. Upland Erosion and Deposition
  2. Channel Processes
  3. Sediment yield

#### CASC2D-SED

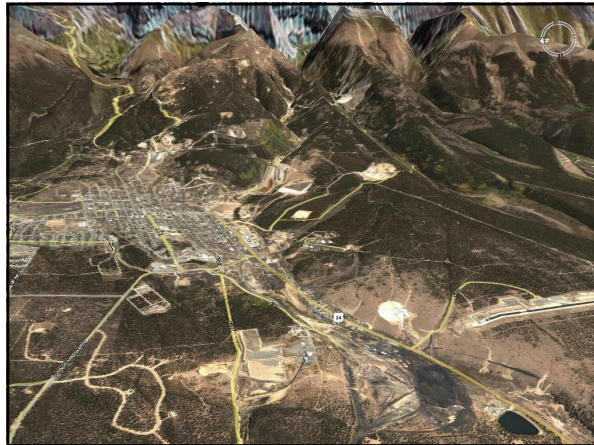
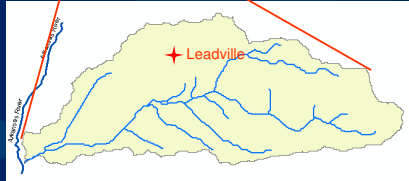


CASC2D- Julien et al. (1995)  
CASC2D-SED – Johnson et al. (2000), Rojas (2002)

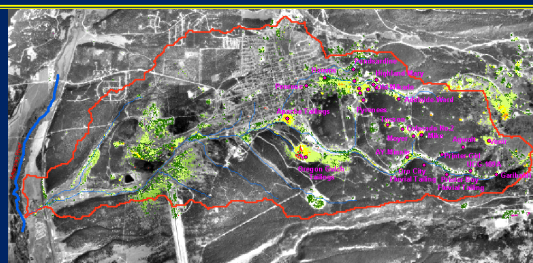
## California Gulch Watershed



- EPA Superfund Site
  - Location: Lake County (CO)
- 100-year flood: 2-h: 1.73 in



## California Gulch Watershed



**ACIDIC  
High Leachability**

- Pyrite
- Low pH water
- Jarosite
- Jarosite + Goethite Areas

**NEUTRAL  
Low Leachability**

- Goethite
- Hematite 1
- Hematite 2

## Input Data (DEM)

Digital Elevation Model




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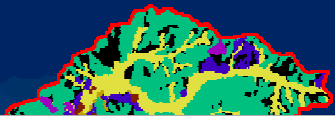
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## Input data (soil type)

Soil Type  
Calloway  
Fallaya  
Grenada  
Loring  
Collins  
Memphis  
Gullied land



Soil Parameters		Number of different soil types: 7						
Soil Type	Soil Index	Infiltration			Erosion			
		Hydr. Cond. [cm/h]	Suction Head [cm]	Moisture Deficit [cm <sup>3</sup> /cm <sup>3</sup> ]	Sand [%]	Silt [%]	Clay [%]	K <sub>USLE</sub> [-]
Calloway	1	0.350	22	0.34	0.25	0.55	0.20	0.4
Fallaya	2	0.320	14	0.34	0.25	0.55	0.20	0.1
Grenada	3	0.370	17	0.34	0.3	0.6	0.10	0.2
Loring	4	0.380	22	0.34	0.25	0.55	0.20	0.6
Collins	5	0.360	18	0.34	0.3	0.6	0.10	0.2
Memphis	6	0.450	22	0.34	0.3	0.6	0.10	0.5
Gullied Land	7	0.400	15	0.34	0.25	0.55	0.20	0.1

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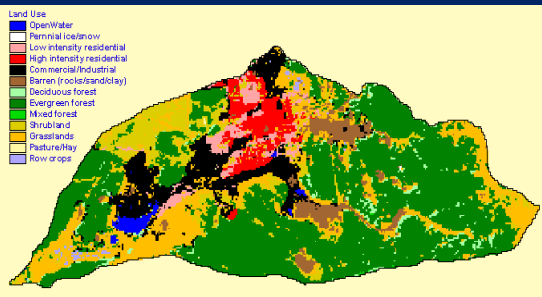
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## Land Use Data




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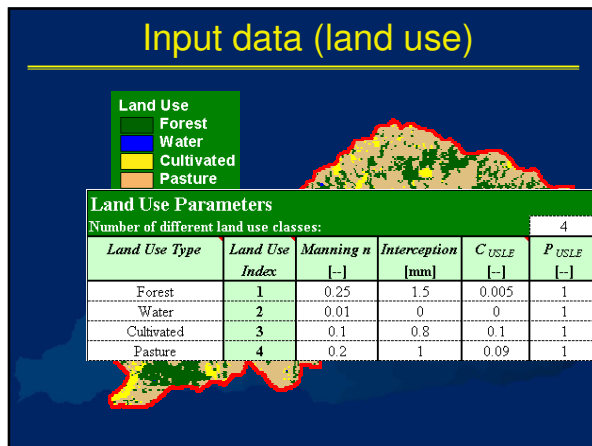
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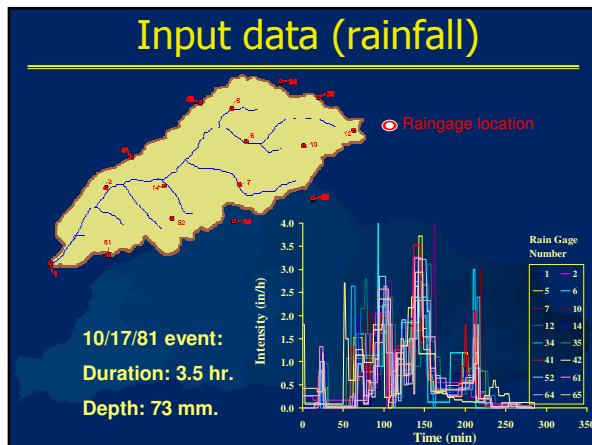
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## Input data (rainfall)




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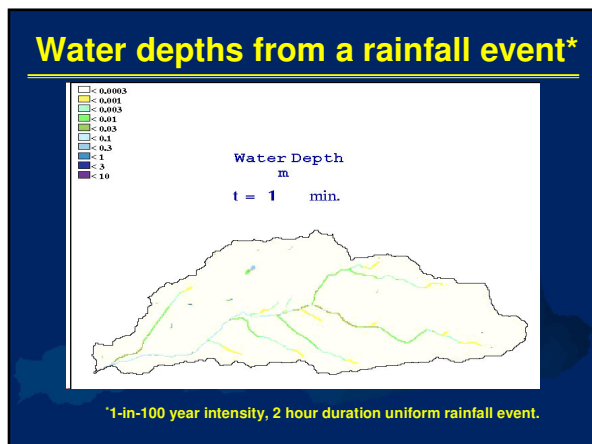
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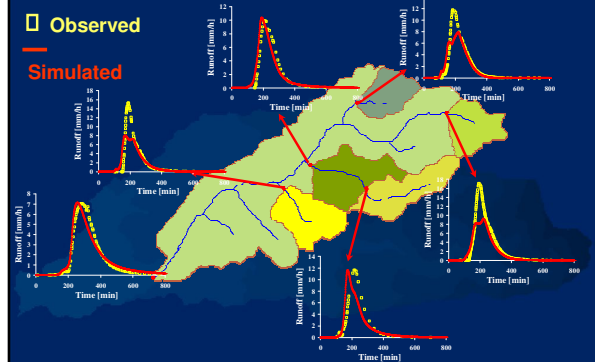
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## CASC2D-SED Hydrographs



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## Erosion and Sediment Transport



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## ... and Deposition



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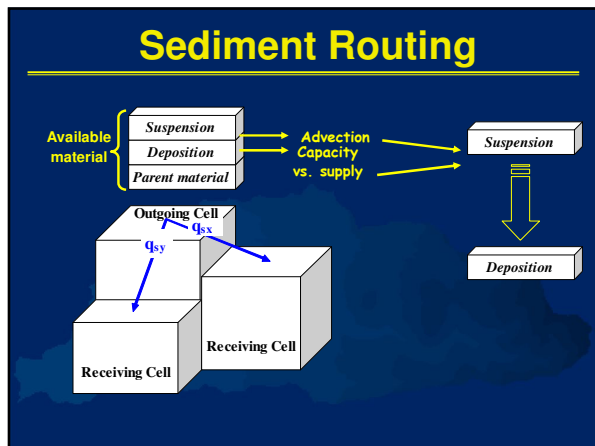
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## Upland Erosion (2-D)

Modified Kilinc and Richardson equation for sheet and rill erosion:

$$q_t \text{ (tons / m}^2 \cdot \text{s)} = 23210 S_o^{1.66} \left( \frac{Q}{W} \right)^{2.035} \frac{K}{0.15} C P$$

Labels pointing to the equation:

- Land use** points to  $C$
- Soils** points to  $P$
- DEM** points to  $S_o$
- Hydraulics** points to  $\left( \frac{Q}{W} \right)^{2.035}$

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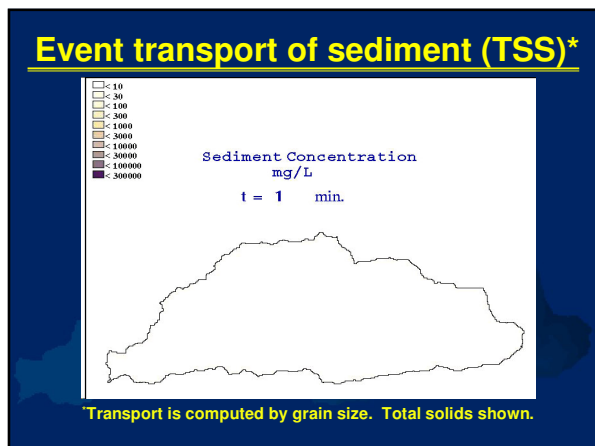
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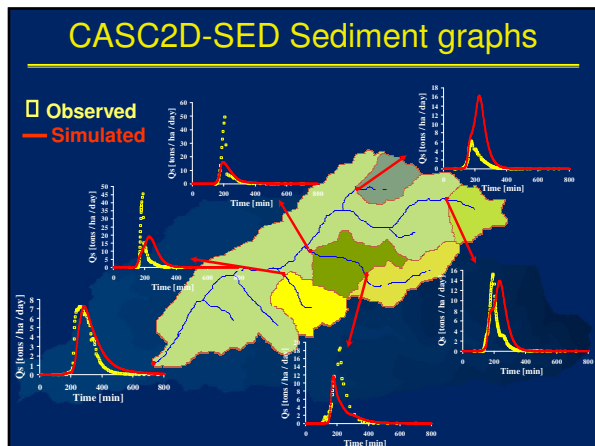
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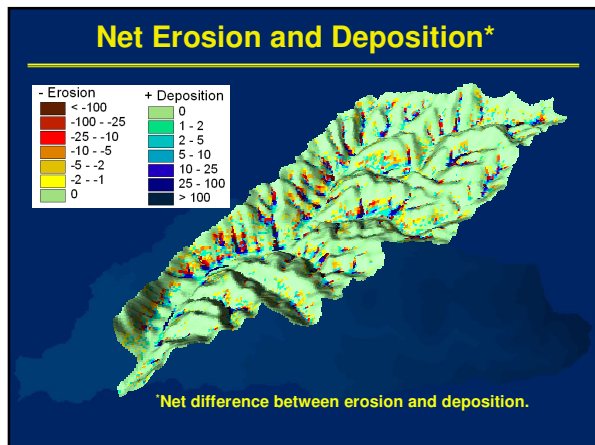
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## 4. Sediment Delivery Ratio

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## Sediment Delivery Ratio

Defined as the ratio of the sediment yield at a given stream cross section to the gross erosion from the watershed upstream

$$SDR = \frac{Y}{A_T}$$

- Y: sediment yield  
-  $A_T$ : gross erosion

### • SDR equations

Boyce (1975):  $SDR = 0.31 A^{-0.3}$

Vanoni(1975):  $SDR = 0.42 A^{-0.125}$

- A : the catchment area (mile<sup>2</sup>)

Renfro (1975):  $\log(SDR) = 2.94259 + 0.82362 \log(R/L)$

Williams (1977):  $SDR = 1.366 \times 10^{-11} \times A^{-0.0998} \times (R/L) \times CN^{-5.444}$

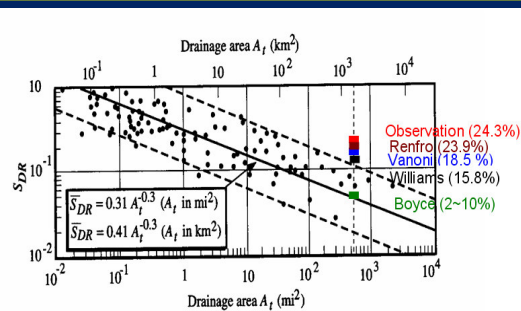
- A : the catchment area (Km<sup>2</sup>)

- R : relief of a watershed (difference elevation between max. and outlet)

- L : maximum length of a watershed

- CN: the long-term average SCS curve number

## Sediment Delivery Ratio



## 5. Trap Efficiency of Reservoirs

## Imha reservoir




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## Trap Efficiency

Defined as the percentage of the total inflowing sediment that is retained in the reservoir

$$TE = \frac{Y_s(in) - Y_s(out)}{Y_s(in)}$$

- $Y_s(in)$  : sediment yield in inflow
- $Y_s(out)$  : sediment yield in outflow

### TE equations

Julien (1998):  $TE = 1 - e^{-\frac{K}{Vh} W}$  -  $Vh = q$  (unit discharge)

Brown (1943):  $TE = 1 - \left[ \frac{1}{1 + KC / W} \right]$

Brune (1953):  $TE = 0.97^{0.19 \log \left( \frac{C}{T} \right)}$

- $K$  : coefficient  $k$  ranges from 0.046 to 1.0
- $C$  : reservoir capacity (acre-ft)
- $W$  : watershed area (miles<sup>2</sup>),  $I$  : inflow rate (acre-ft/year)

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## Results of trap efficiency

Methods	Julien(1998)	Brown(1943)	Brune(1953)
TE (%)	99	96	98

- Results of TE range from 96 to 99% at the Imha reservoir.
- Considering the spillway discharge for flood season, TE of Imha reservoir might be around 95%

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## CASC2D-SED Web Page

- At Colorado State University
- Under direction of Dr. Pierre Julien

[pierre@engr.colostate.edu](mailto:pierre@engr.colostate.edu)

- Current manual, source code, example, MPEG movies

[http://www.engr.colostate.edu/%7epierre/ce\\_old/projects/casc2d-Rosalia/index.htm](http://www.engr.colostate.edu/%7epierre/ce_old/projects/casc2d-Rosalia/index.htm)

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