

The Need and Development for Dynamic Integrated GIS Enhancement and Support Tools (DIGEST) – The Geospatial Project Management Tool (GeoProMT)

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The LESAM Mission:

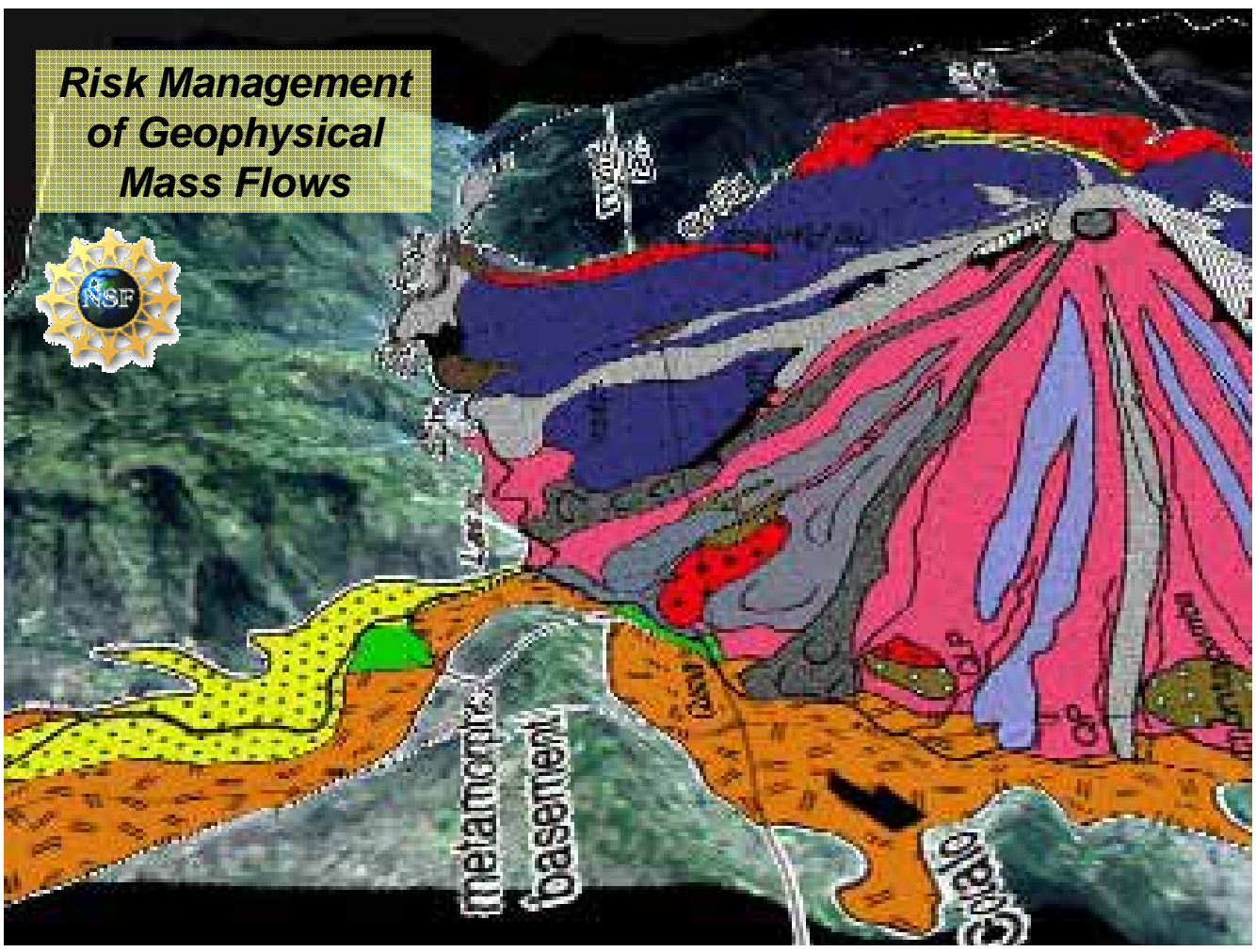
The development and integration of appropriate and user-friendly analysis and modeling techniques in

GIScience and Environmental Modeling Tools

with readily available data sets

**to support a rapid, practical and effective decision-making
in natural resources and natural hazard management.**

Risk Management of Geophysical Mass Flows



The GeoWEPP Project –

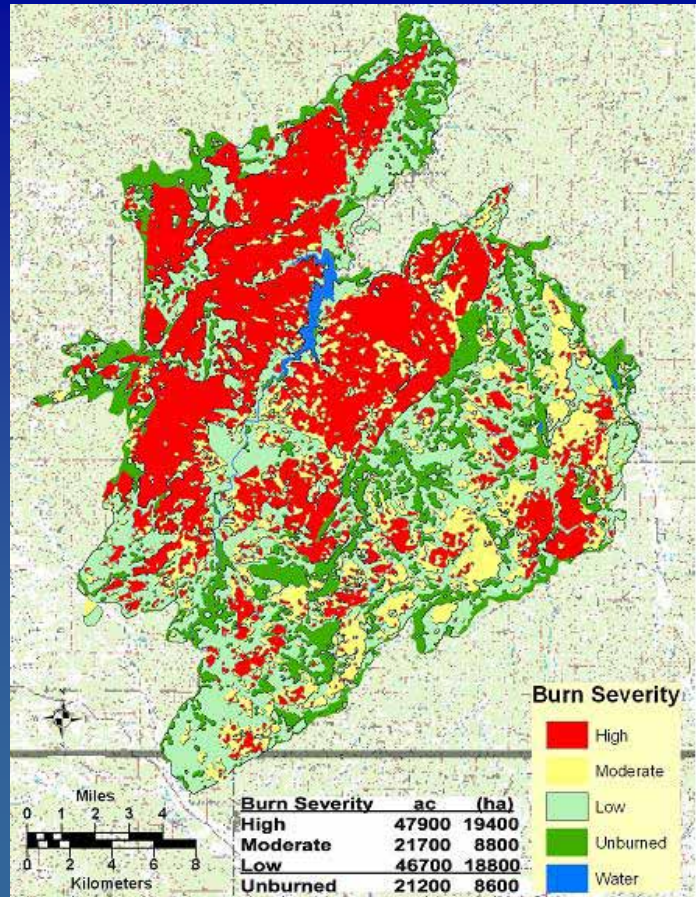
Preventive and Post-Wildfire Rehabilitation Management of Soil Erosion in Forest & Rangelands






Symbol/Color	Description
Yellow	1.75 to 2.00
Light Green	2.01 to 2.25
Dark Green	2.26 to 2.50
Red	2.51 to 2.75
Blue	2.76 to 3.00

Hayman Fire, Colorado August 2002 ~470 km²



View of Spring Creek downstream after the fire but **BEFORE** the 12 July 1996 rainstorm



Same view of Spring Creek downstream after the fire but **AFTER** the 12 July 1996 rainstorm





Evaluating the Effectiveness of Postfire Rehabilitation Treatments

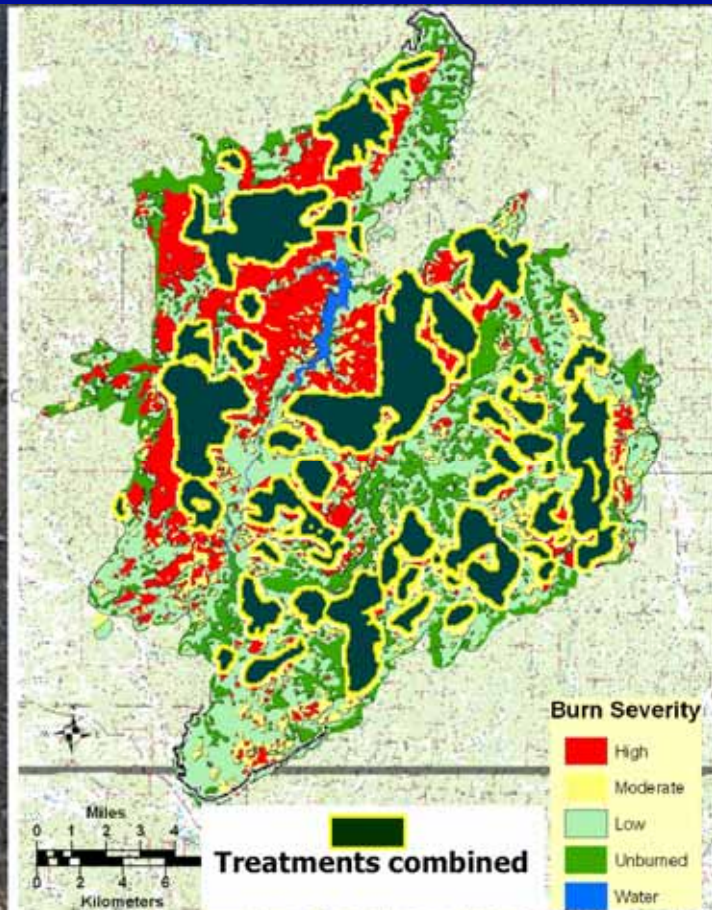
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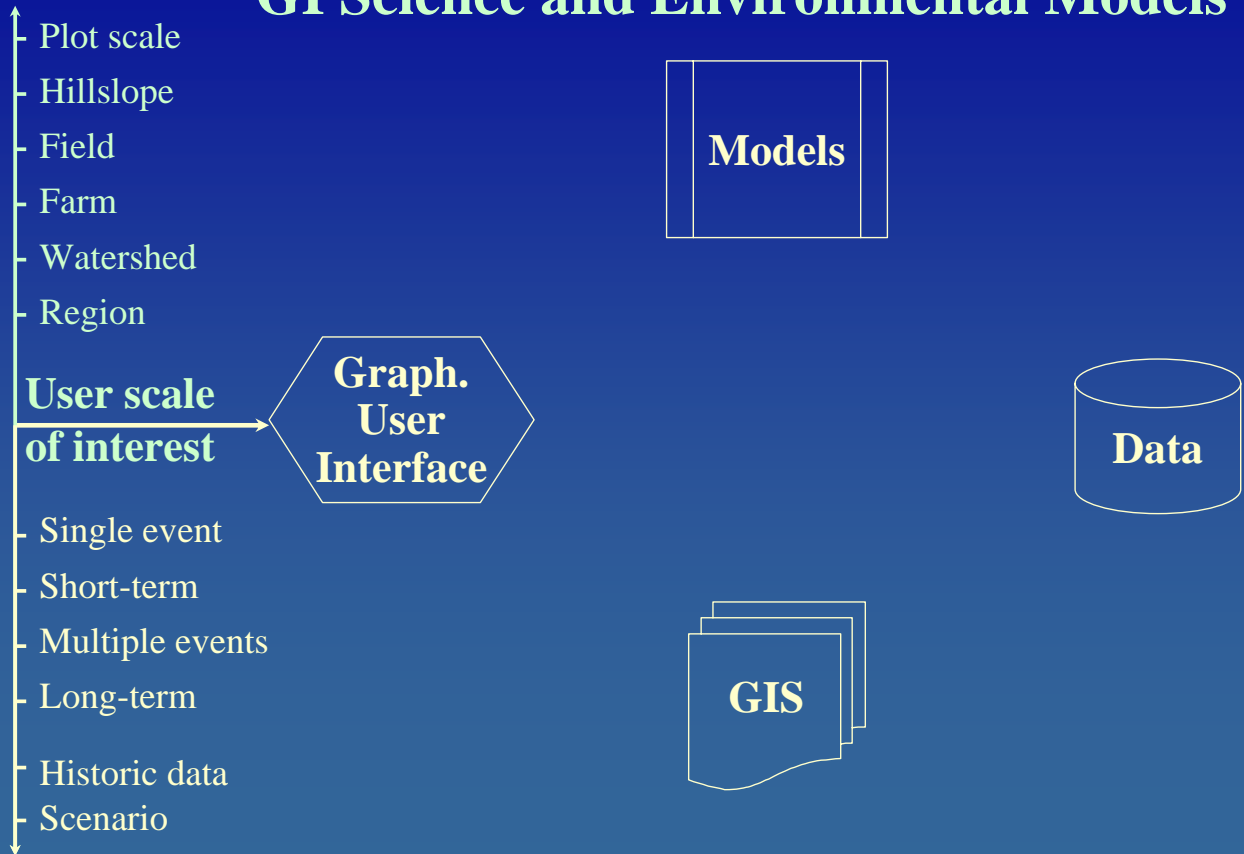
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**Hayman Fire Review
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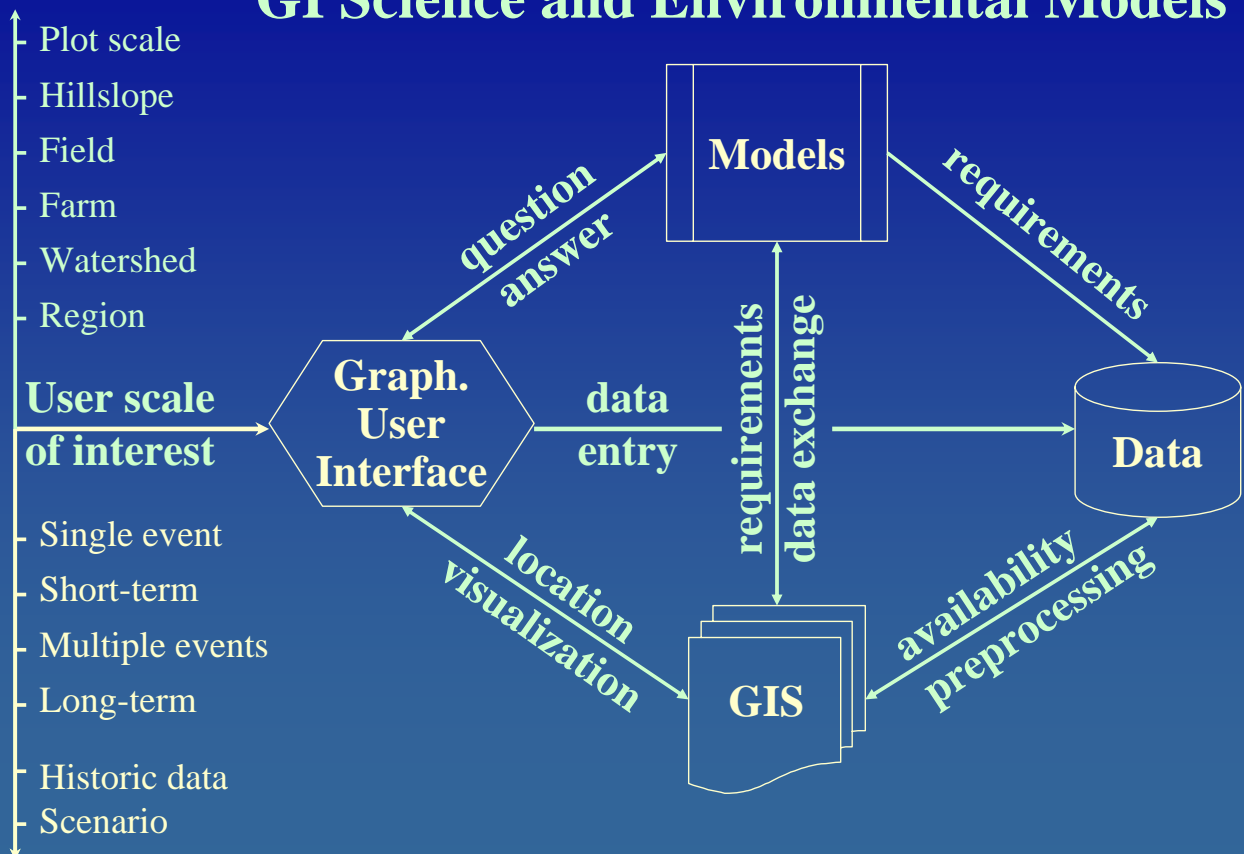
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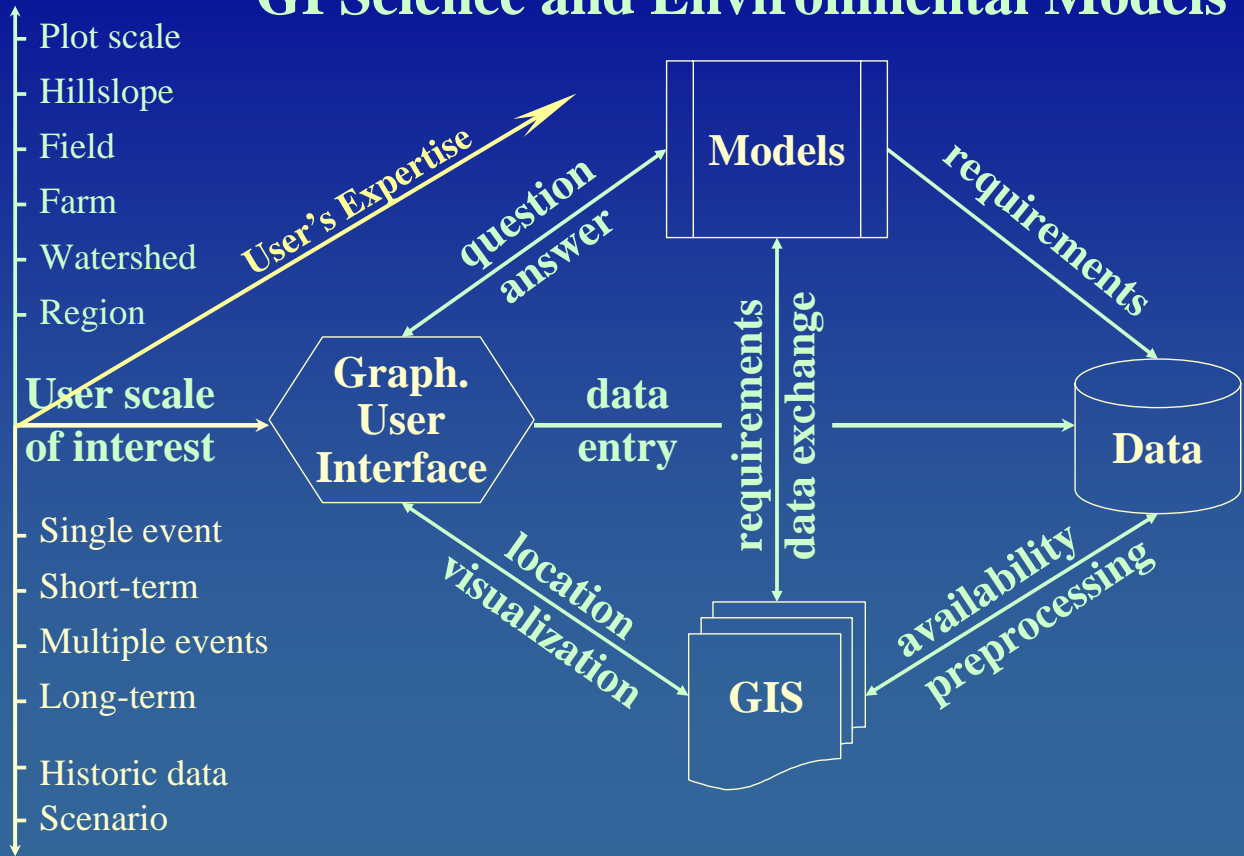
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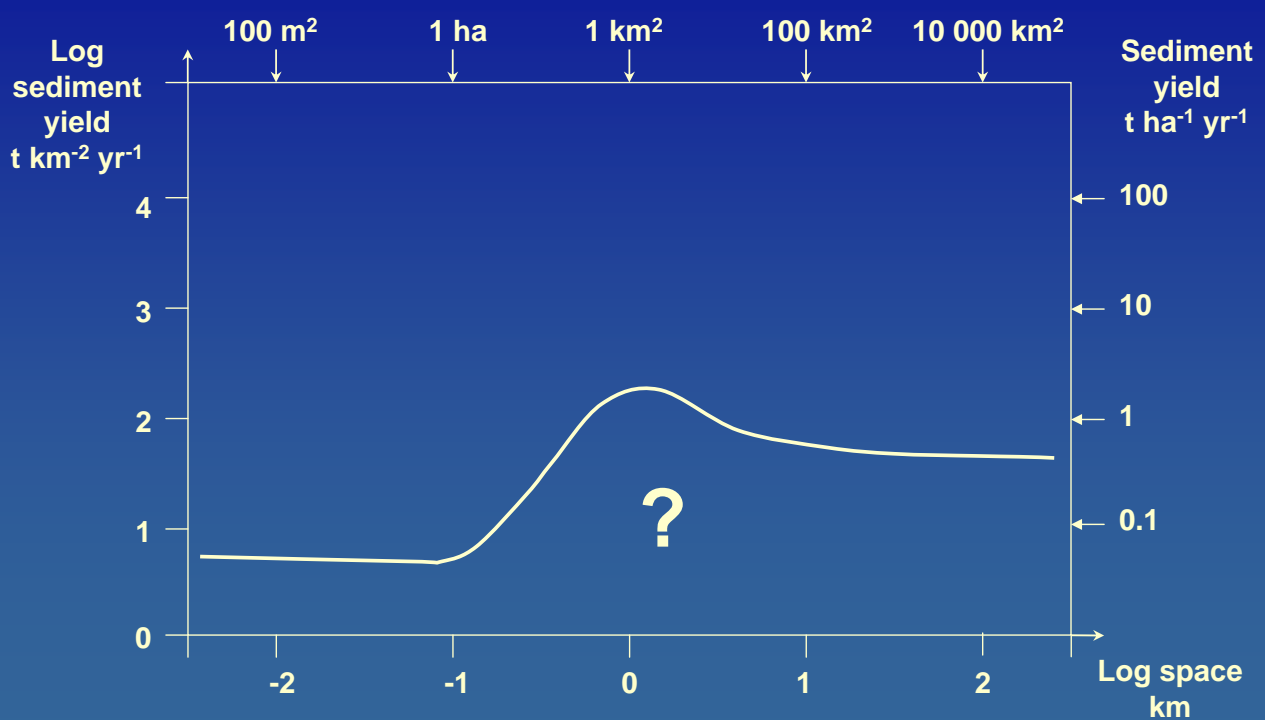


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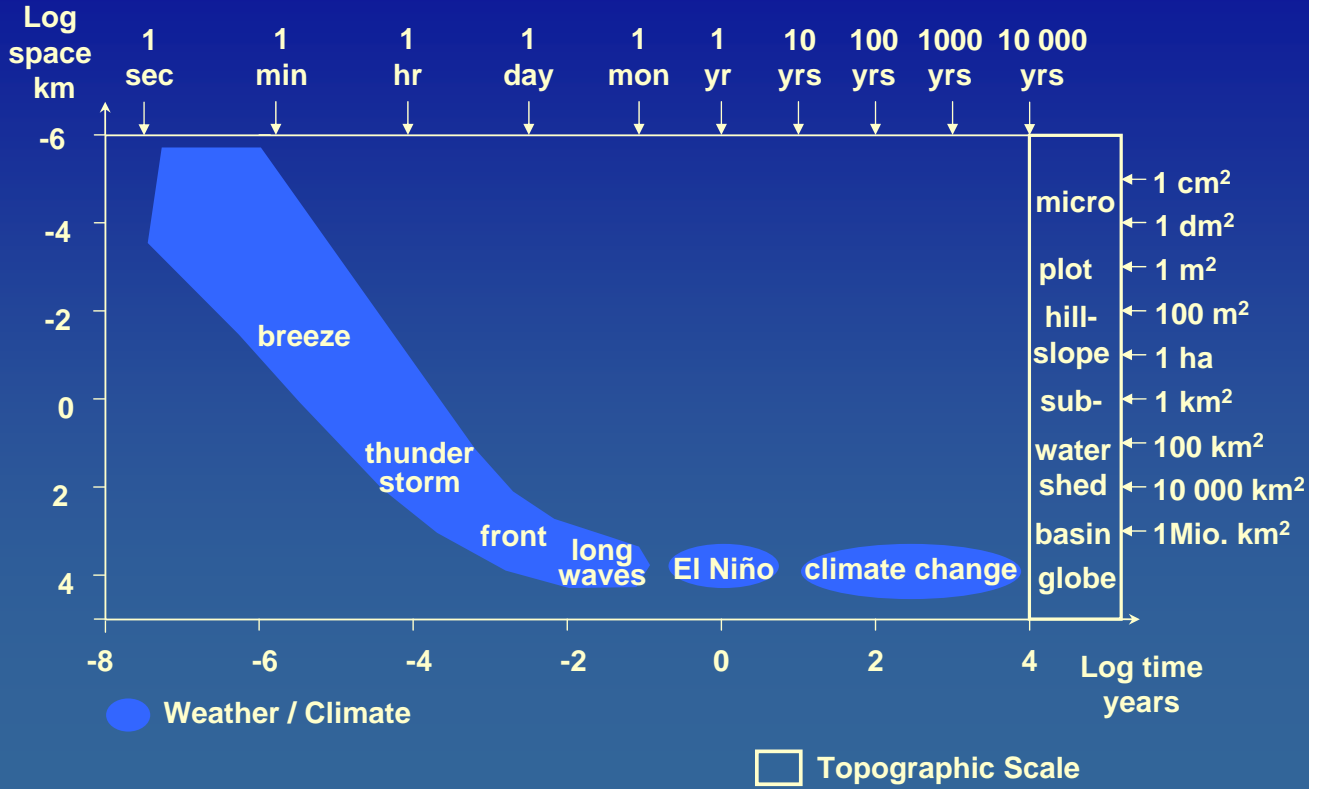


Scale of erosion processes and sediment yields

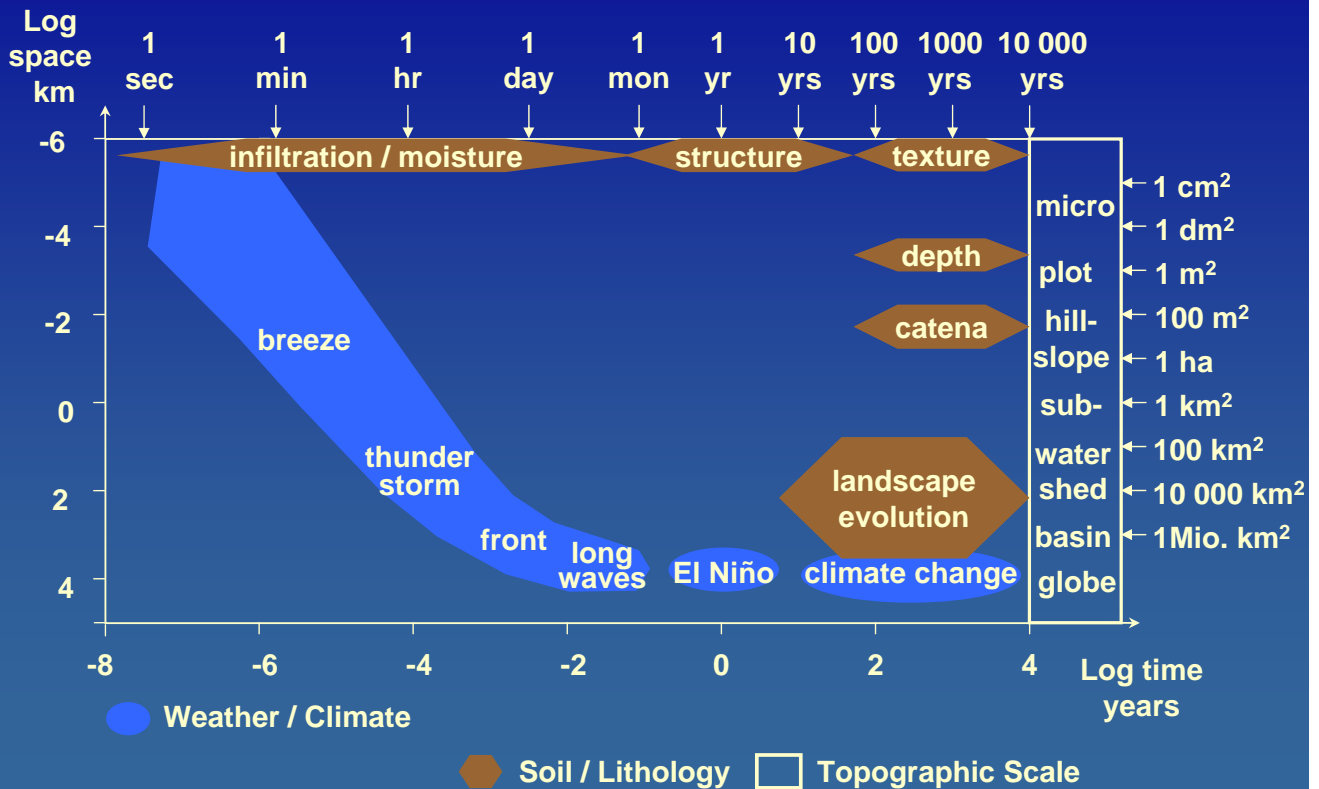


Susquehanna River Basin, PA (modified from Osterkamp & Toy, 1997)

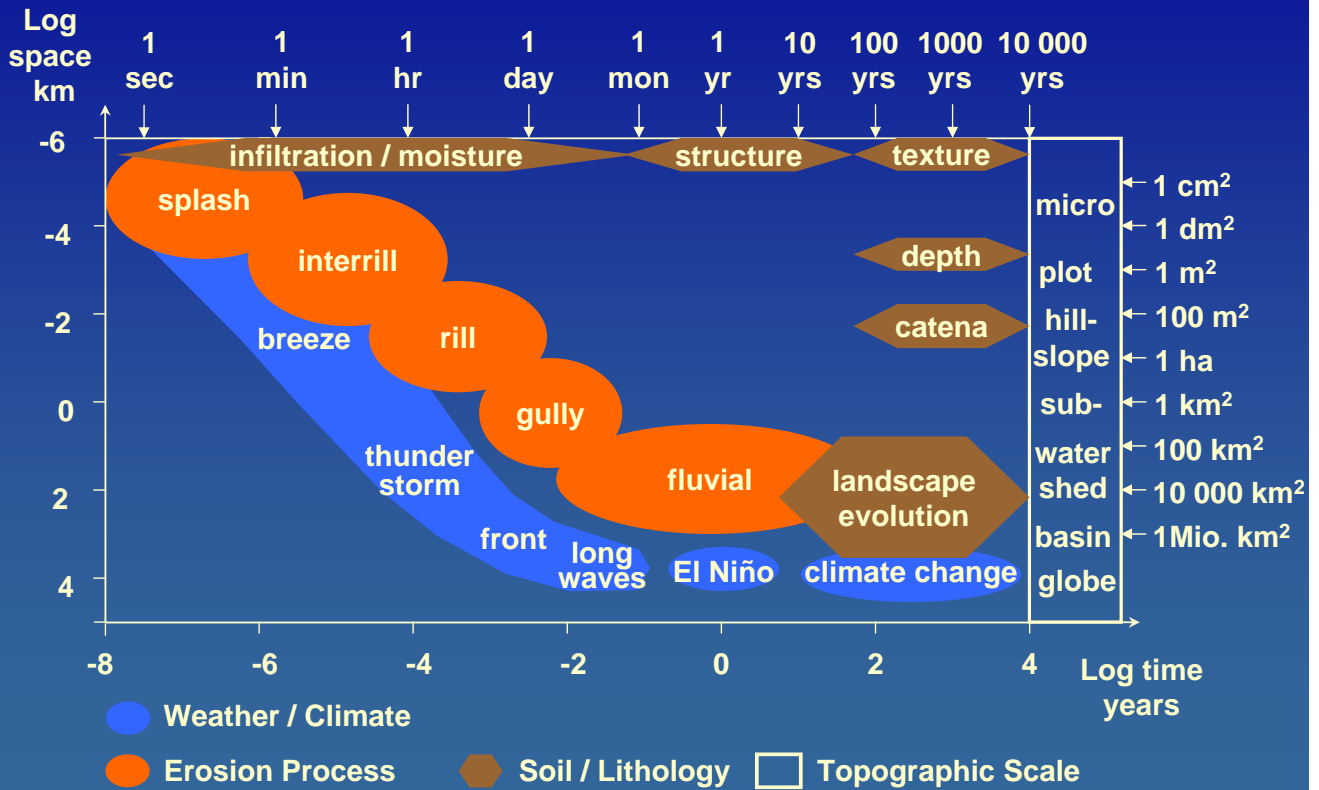
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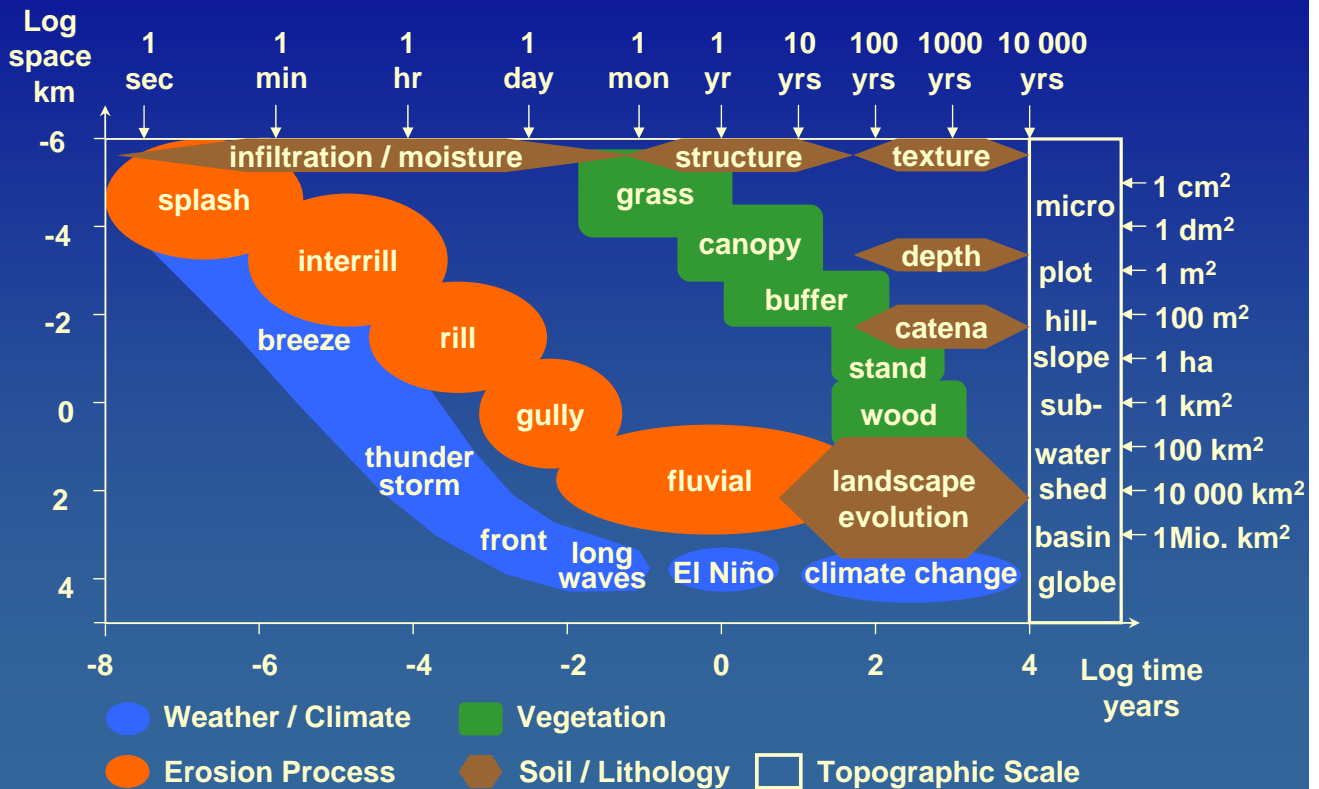
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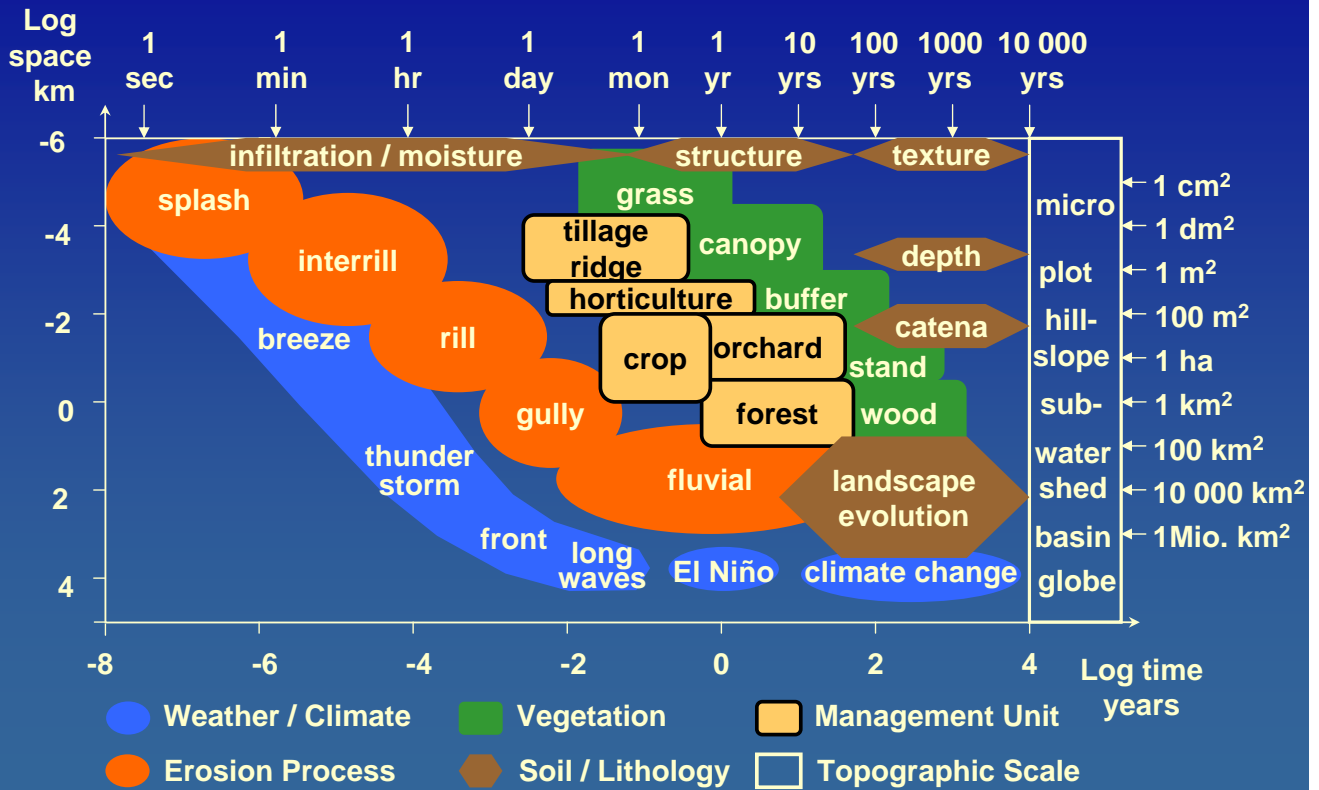
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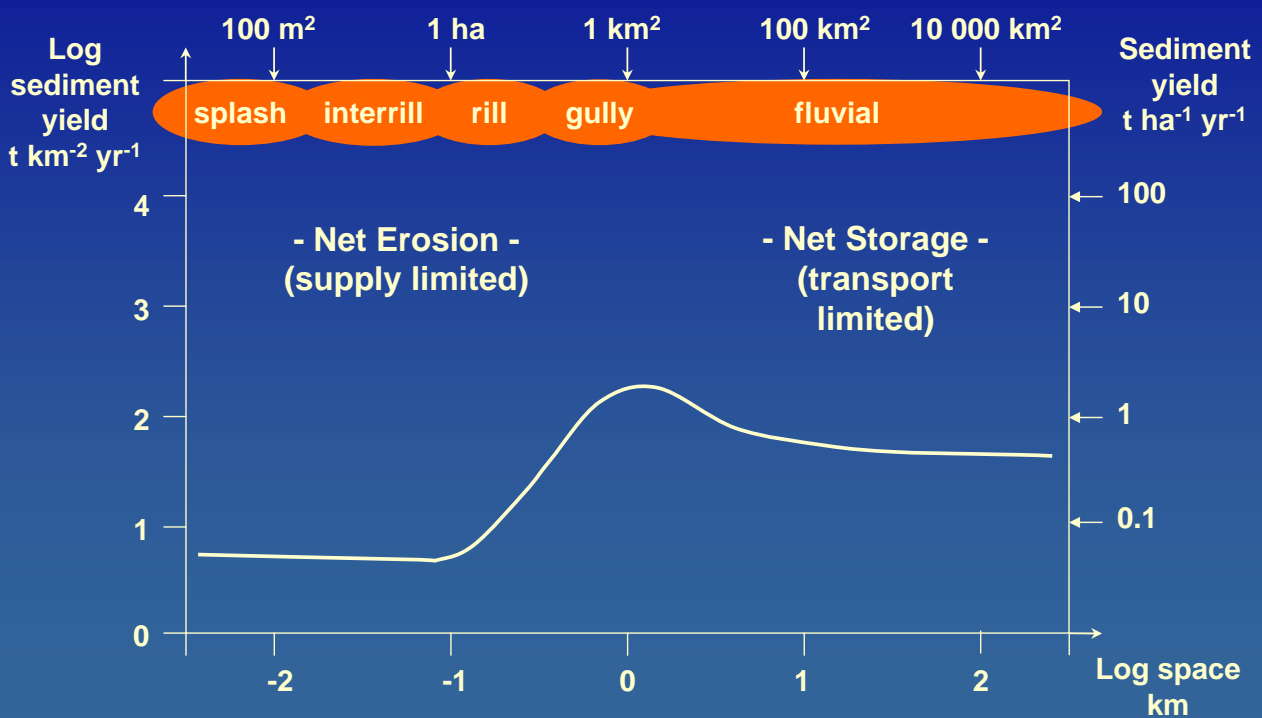
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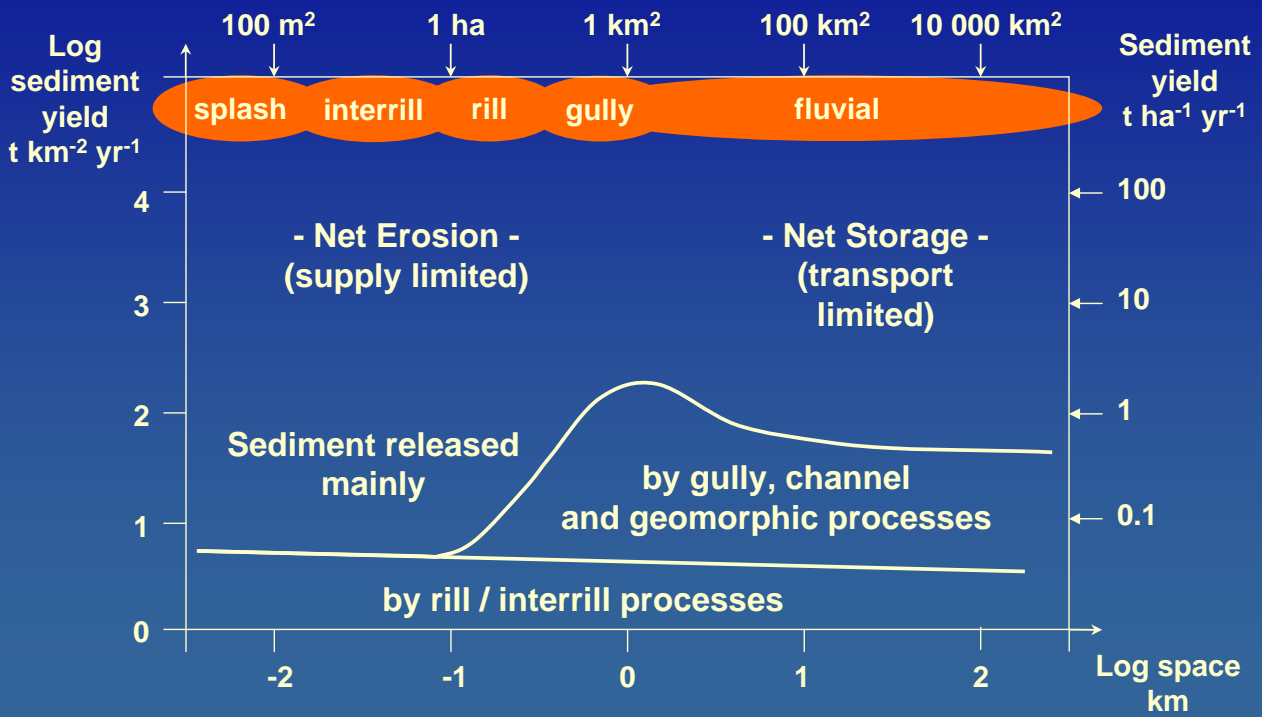


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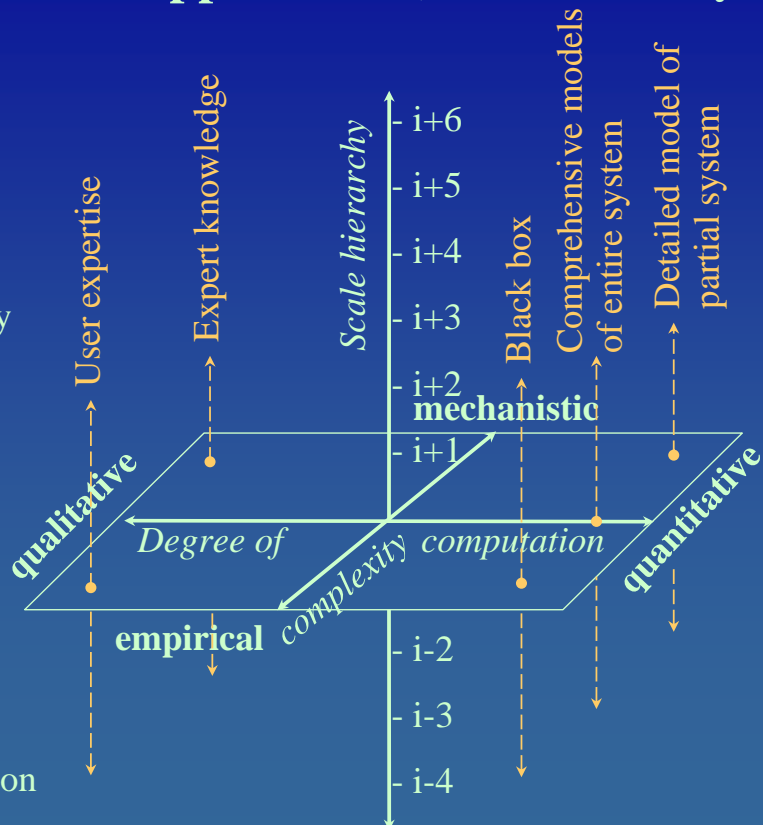
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Classification of model approaches (Hoosbeek & Bryant)

- World
- Continent / Basin
- Region
- Watershed / County
- Catena / Farm
- Polypedon / Field
- Pedon / Plot
- Soil Horizon
- Soil Structure
- Basic Structure
- Molecular Interaction



Model concepts to simulate landscape processes

Pedon

Flowpath / Catena

Hillslope / sub-catchment

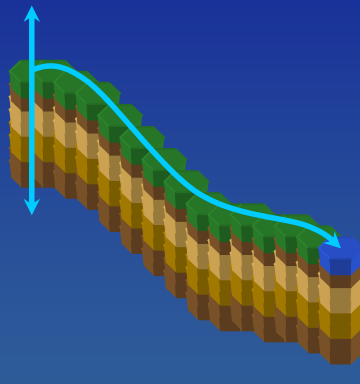
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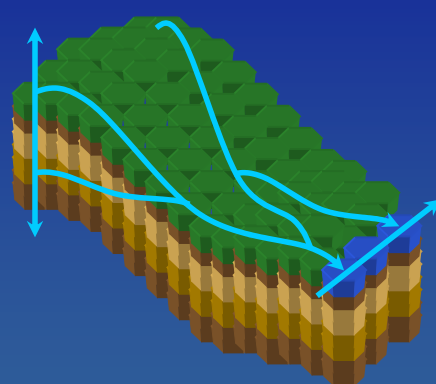
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Water balance
at point scale



Surface runoff &
soil erosion
at flowpath scale



Water balance
& geomorphology
at hillslope scale

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "USDA:NRCS:Gateway:index - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar shows "http://lighthouse.nrcs.usda.gov/gateway/NextPage.asp". The website header includes the USDA logo and "Geospatial Data Gateway". Below the header is a navigation menu with "Home", "About", "News", "Help", "Contact", and a date "Nov 11 10". The main content area is titled "S1 Step 1" and contains instructions for locating an area of interest. A map of the United States is displayed, with state abbreviations labeled. A scale bar at the bottom of the map indicates "0 841 mi". The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the "Internet" icon.

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S1 Step 1

Instructions

Locate your area of interest, using the zoom in, zoom out, recenter, or pan controls.

Select your area of interest, using the define order area control. Once an area has been selected you will proceed to Step 2

Options

Quick Search for a city, county, or state.

Quick Order data by county.

S1: Locate Area S2: Select Products S3: Data Format S4: Shipping Info S5: Confirm Order

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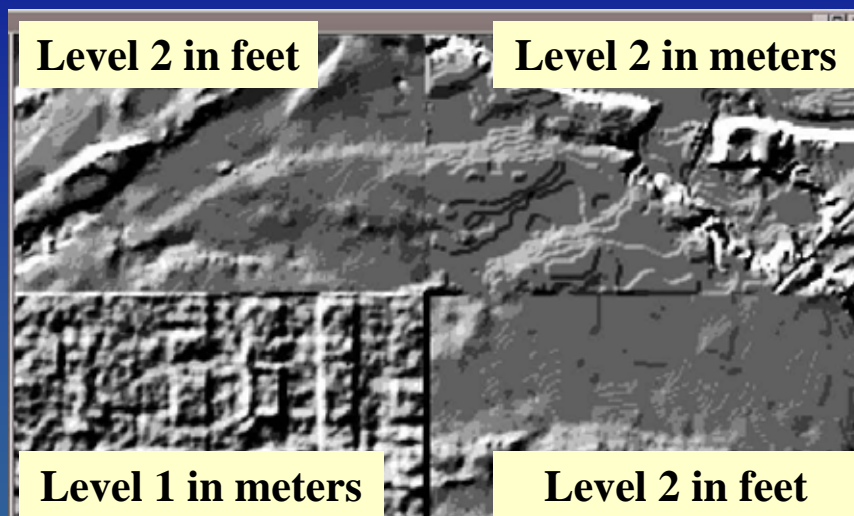
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Internet

Commonly Available U.S. Data Sources

Information	DEM/Topography	Land Use/Cover	Hydrography	RS Imagery
Source Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Field survey •Photogrammetry •Interferometry •LIDAR •Topographic Maps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Classification of Landsat images 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •TIGER database •FEMA Flood Data •Water Bodies •Hydrologic Units 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Landsat TM •Landsat ETM •National Aerial Photography Program (NAPP)
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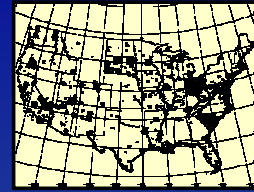
USGS DEM Vertical Resolution



- The hill shade view of several DEM quads allows you to quickly evaluate their accuracy

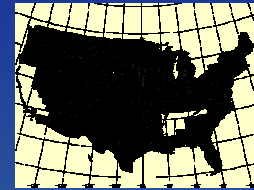
USGS Digital Elevation Data (1:24,000)

DLG - Digital Line Graph

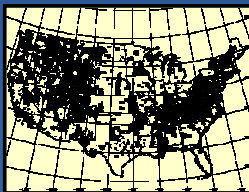


DEM - Digital Elevation Models:

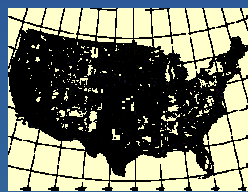
Topographical maps (DRG)



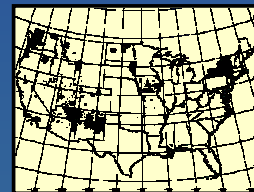
Level 1 / 30m*



Level 2 / 30m



Level 2 / 10m



*High altitude Photogrammetry U.S. Geological Survey, 1999

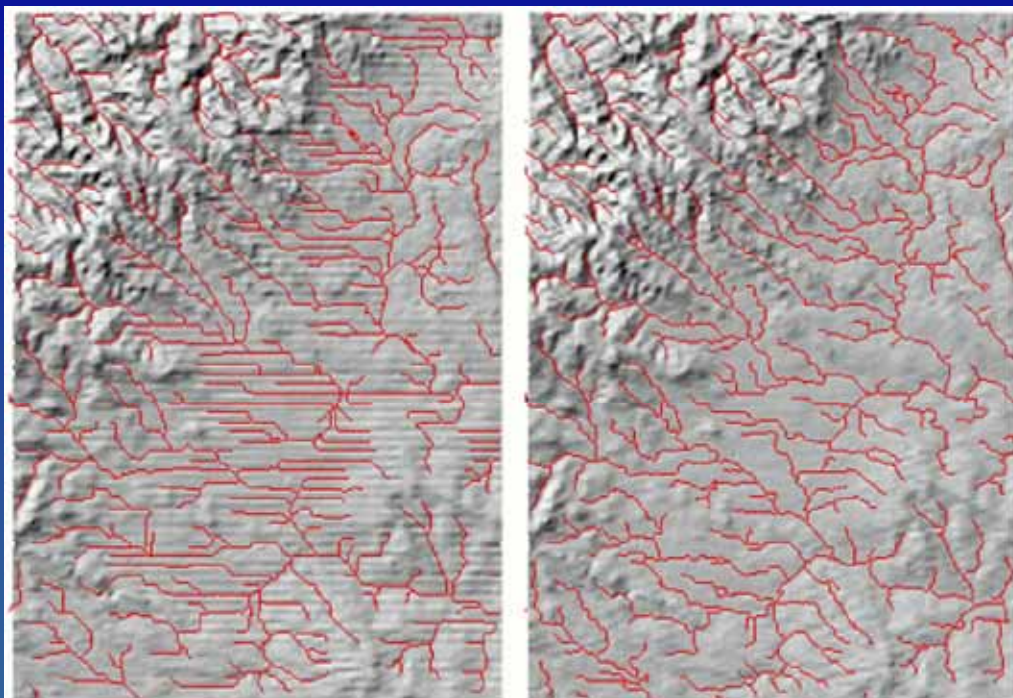


Figure 2: A shaded-relief representation of the Rockypoint, Wyoming, 7.5-minute digital elevation model is shown above on the left. The same area is shown on the right after NED artifact filtering has been performed. The superimposed red lines are synthetic drainage networks derived from each elevation dataset.

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Representation	Measurement Scale	Observation Unit (measurement device)

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Digital Domain

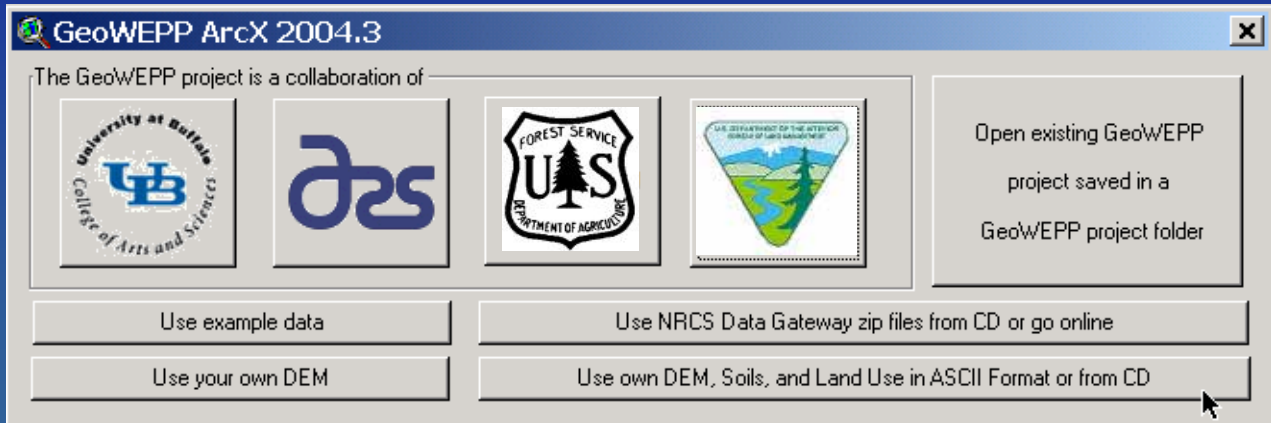
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Integrated Modeling System 1

Soil Erosion Assessment with
the Geospatial Interface to the
Water Erosion Prediction
Project (GeoWEPP)

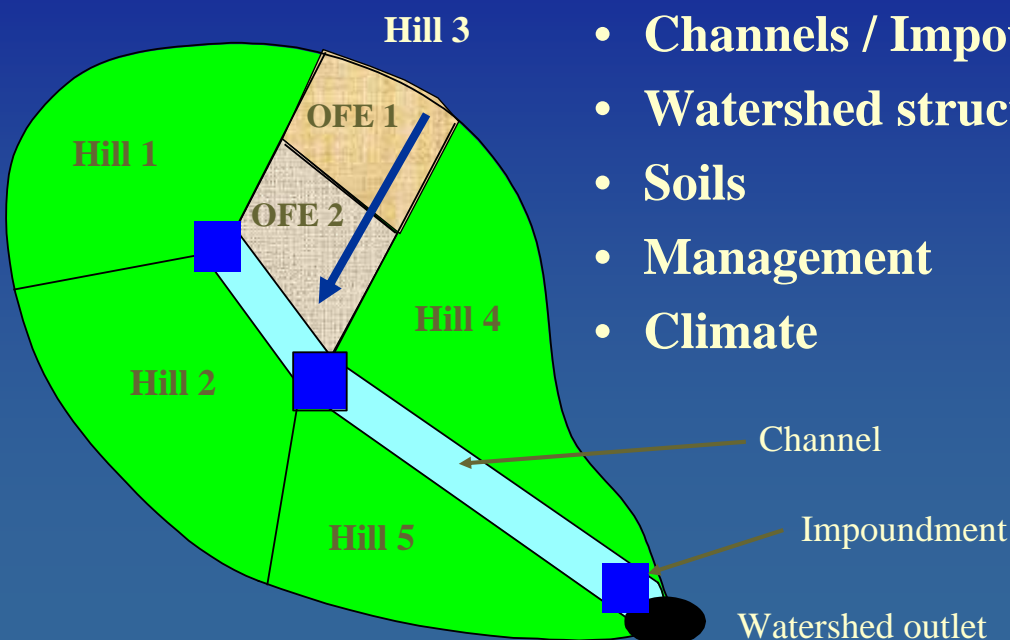


Geo-spatial interface for the Water Erosion Prediction Project – GeoWEPP

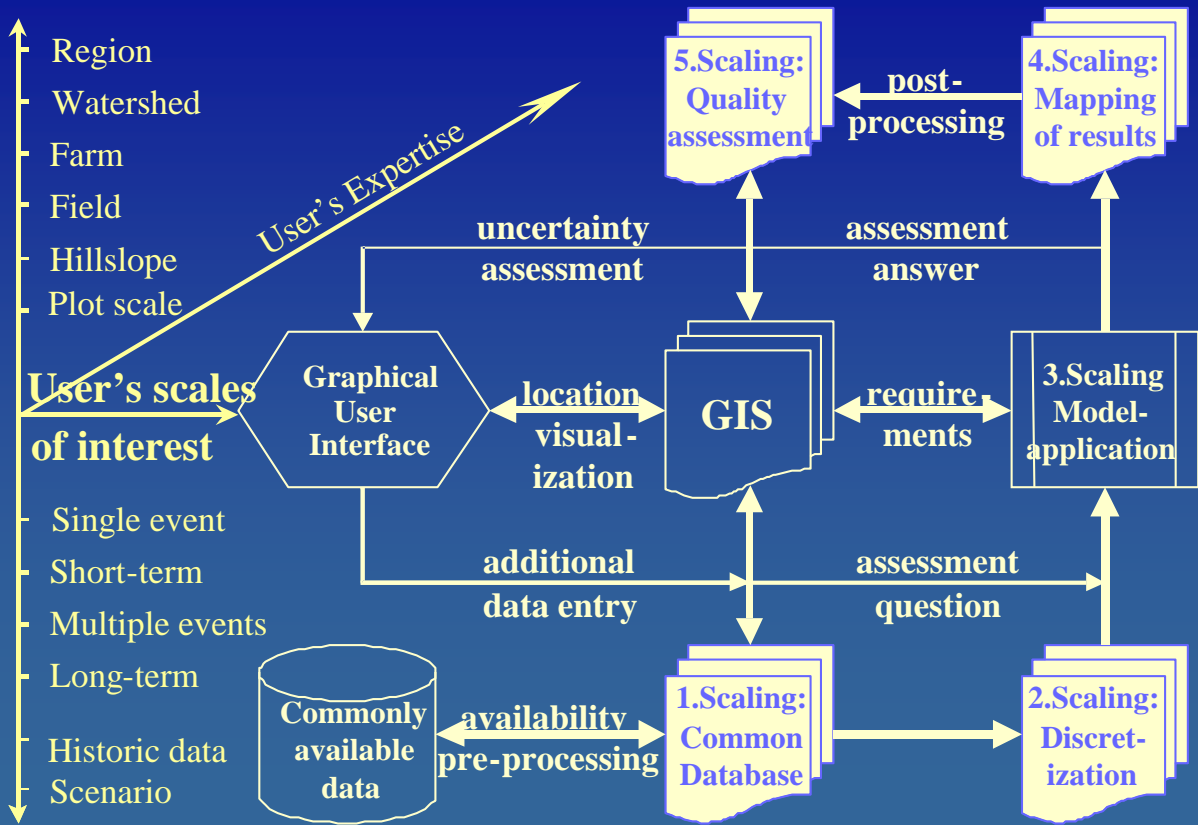


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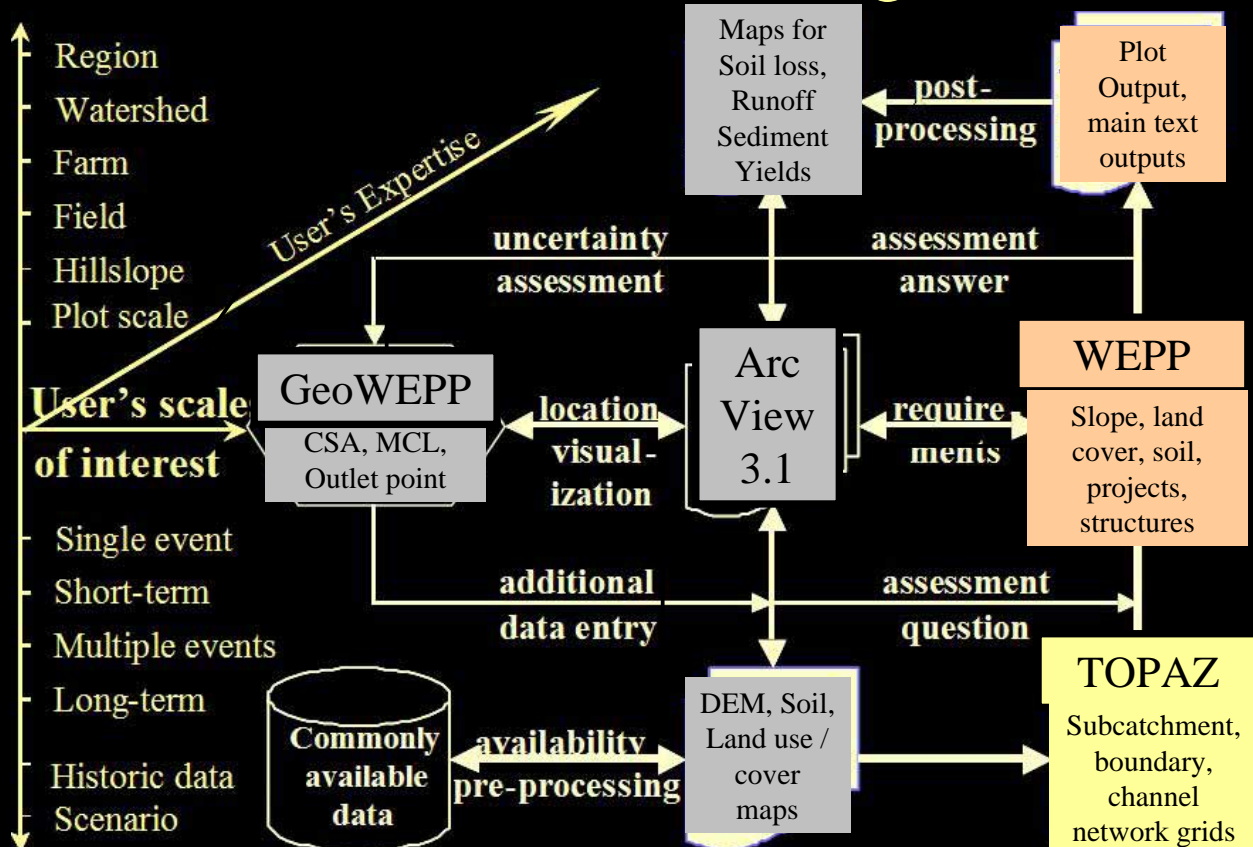
- Hillslopes
 - Overland flow elements OFE's
- Channels / Impoundments
- Watershed structure
- Soils
- Management
- Climate



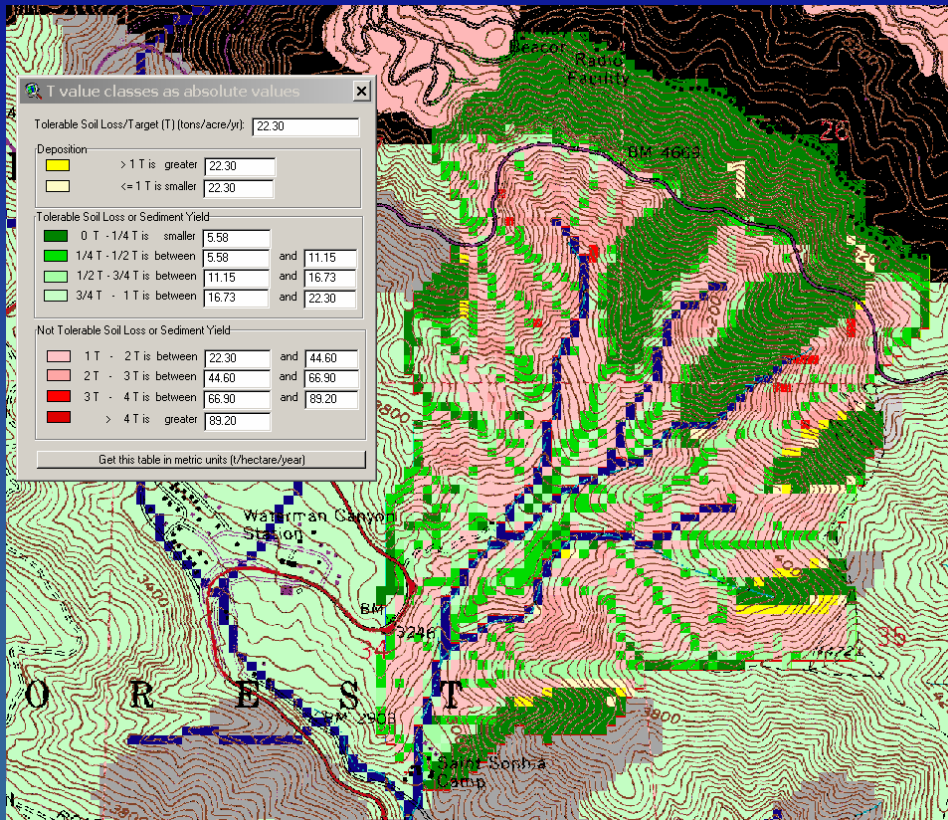
Scaling theory to integrate environmental models and GI science



WEPP - GIS model integration



Old Fire (Waterman Canyon, Dec '03)

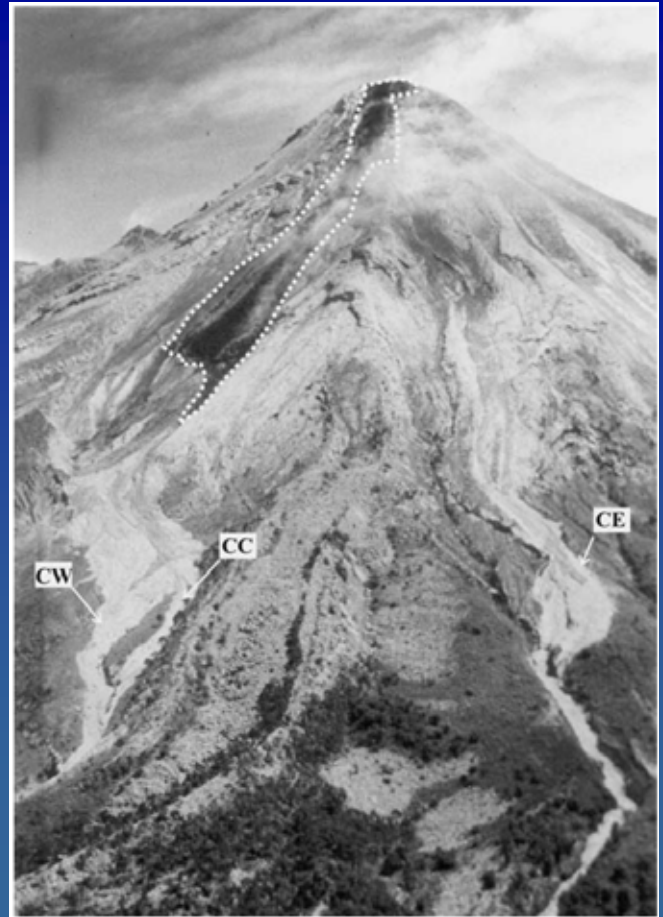
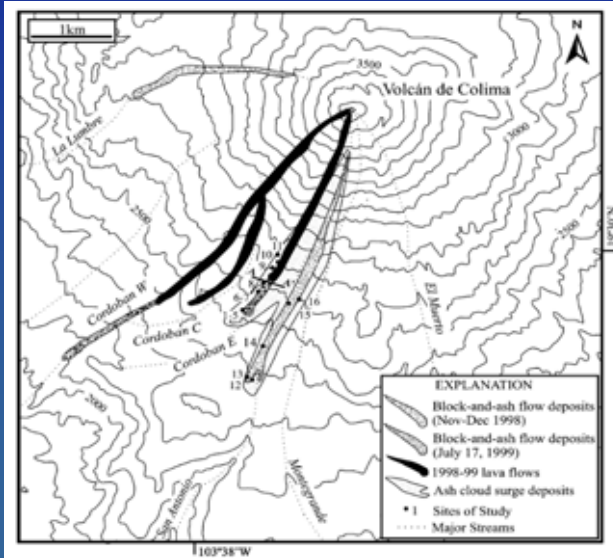


Integrated Modeling System 2

Volcanic Debris Flow
Assessment with TITAN2D

Flow Extents

- Colima, Mexico

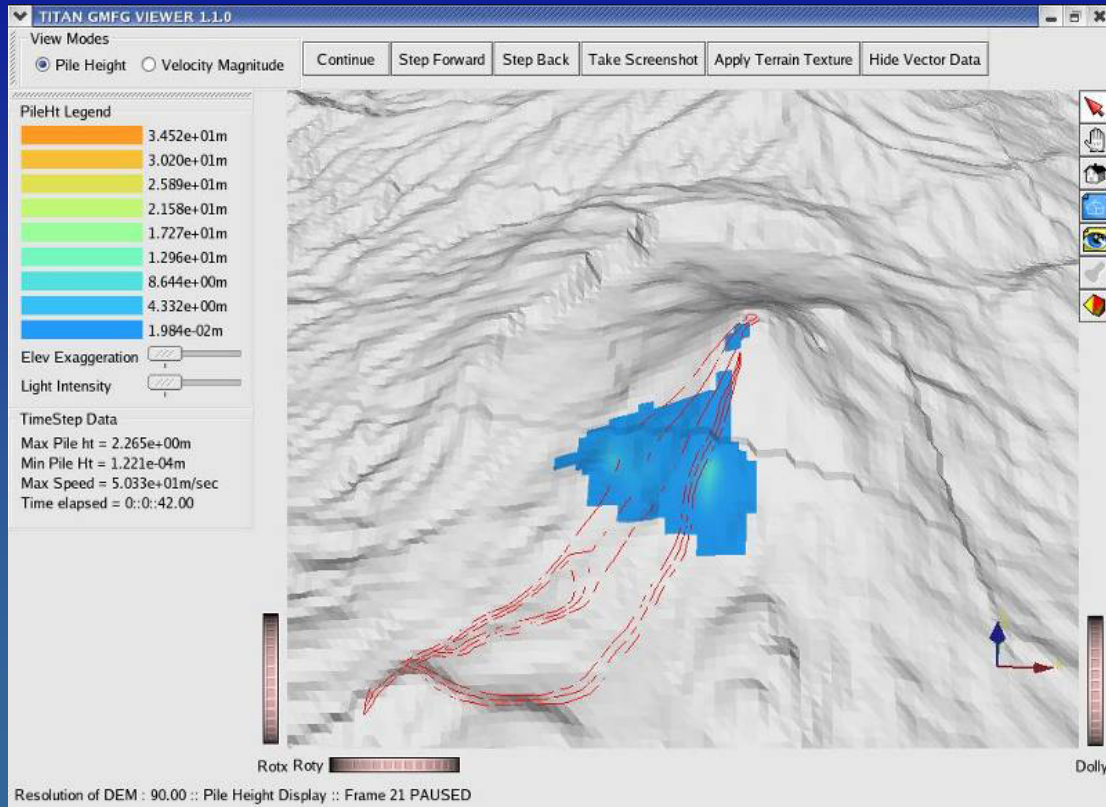


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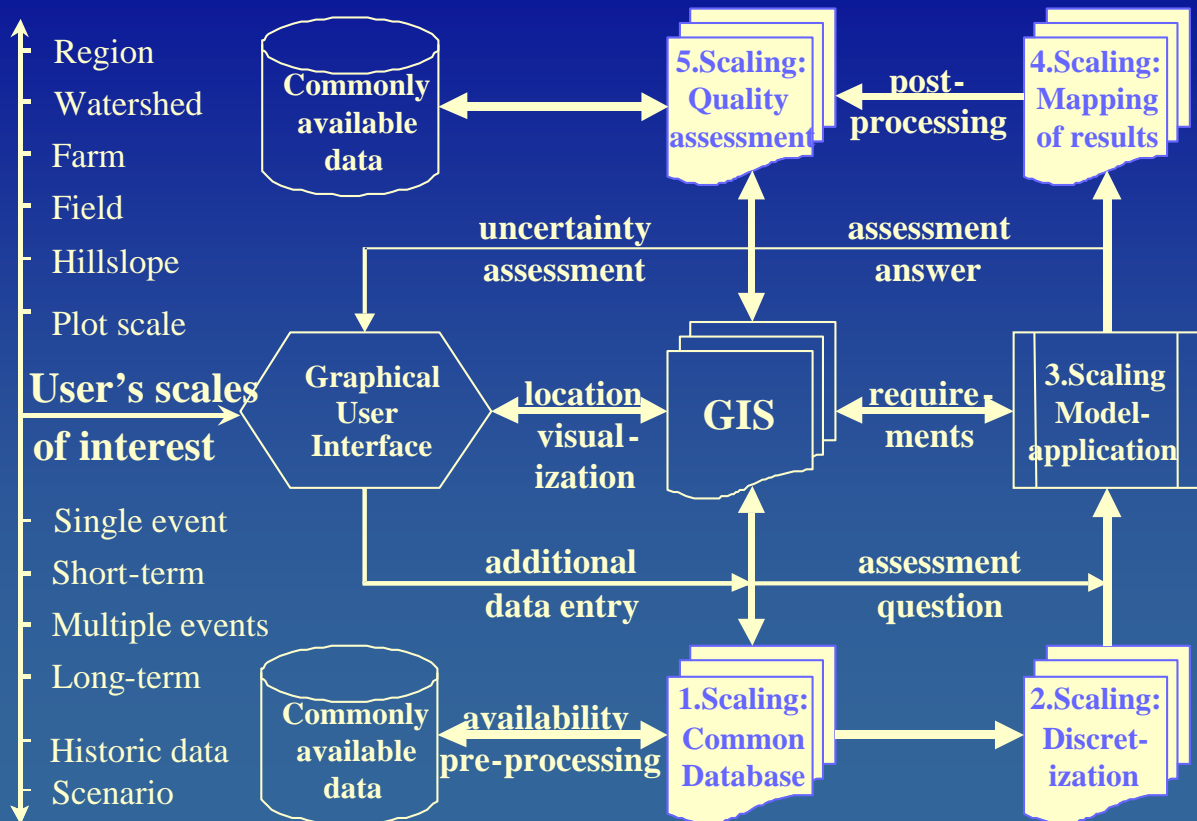
TITAN2D

- **Mathematical, deterministic, and dynamic model of avalanches and debris flows.**
 - Flows triggered by volcanic and seismic activities, and extreme precipitation events.
 - Particles - centimeter to meter-sized.
 - Flow travels at up to hundreds of meters per second, over tens of kilometers.

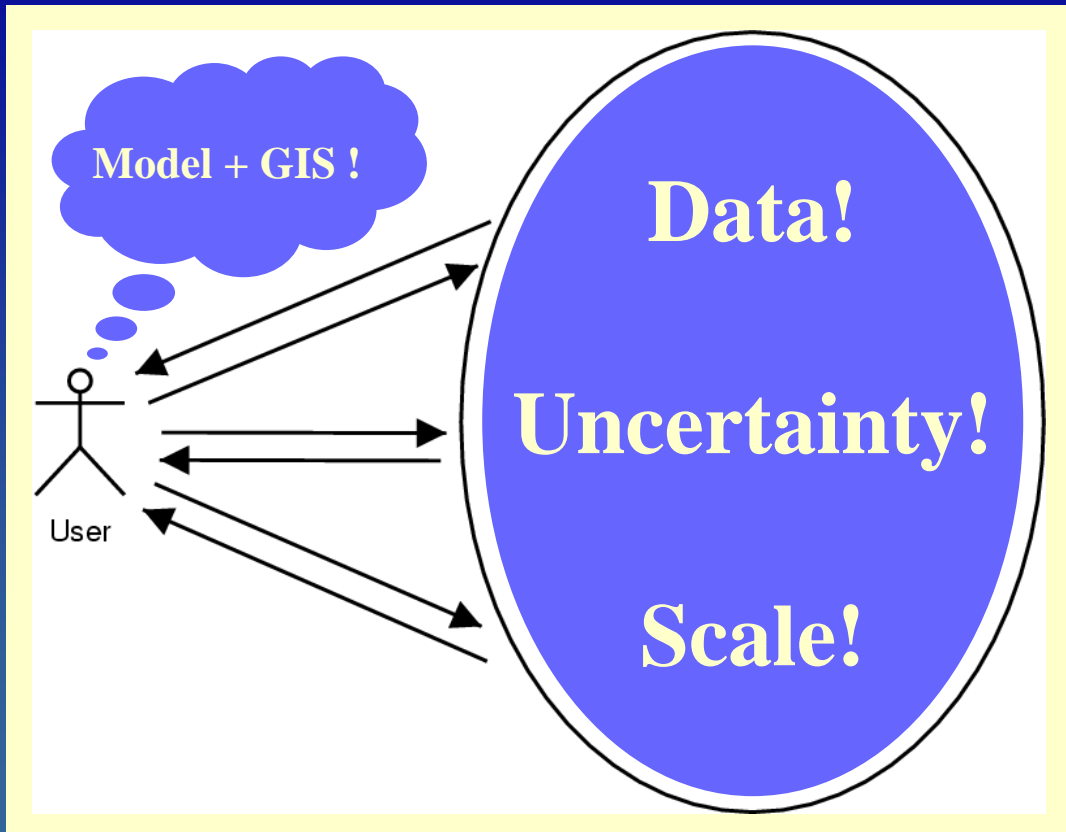
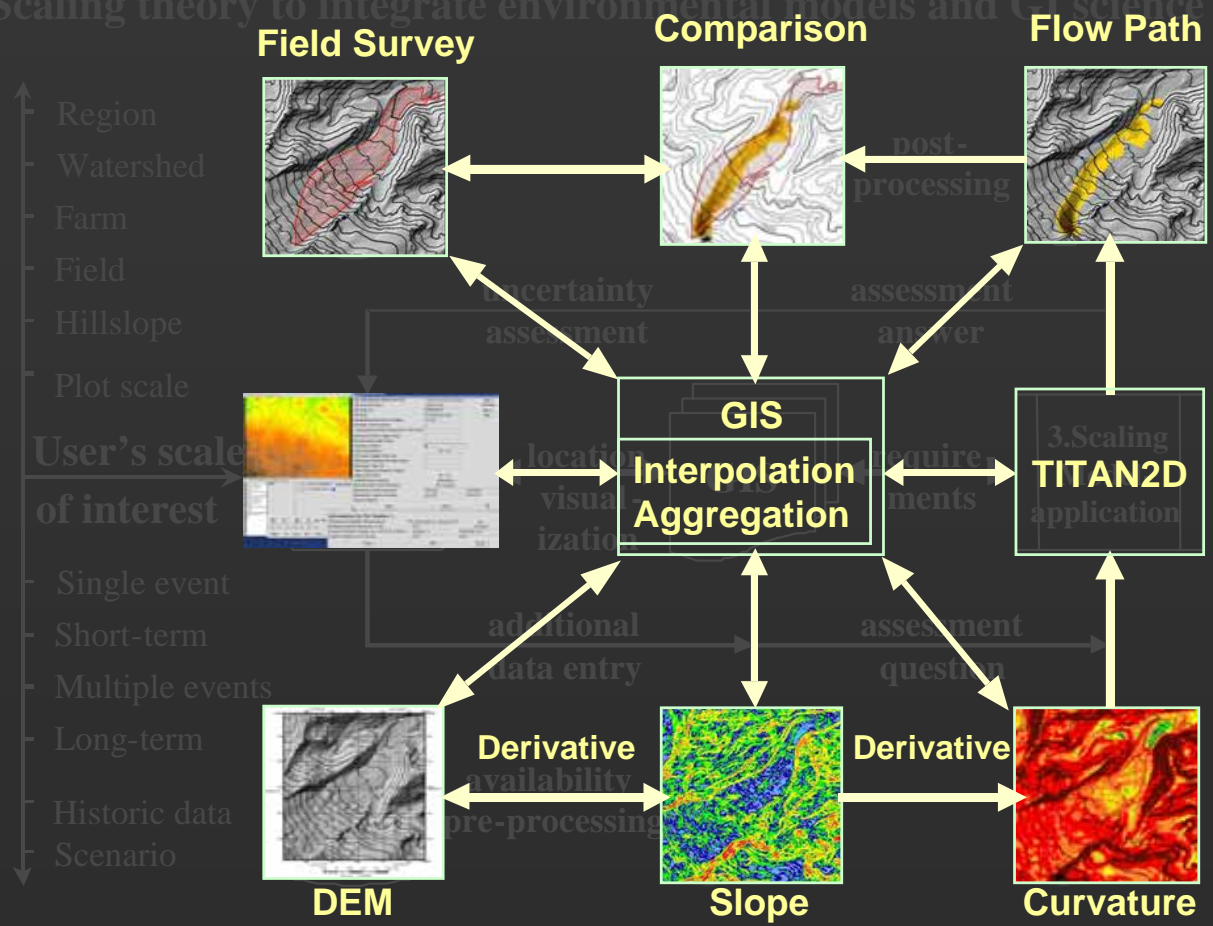
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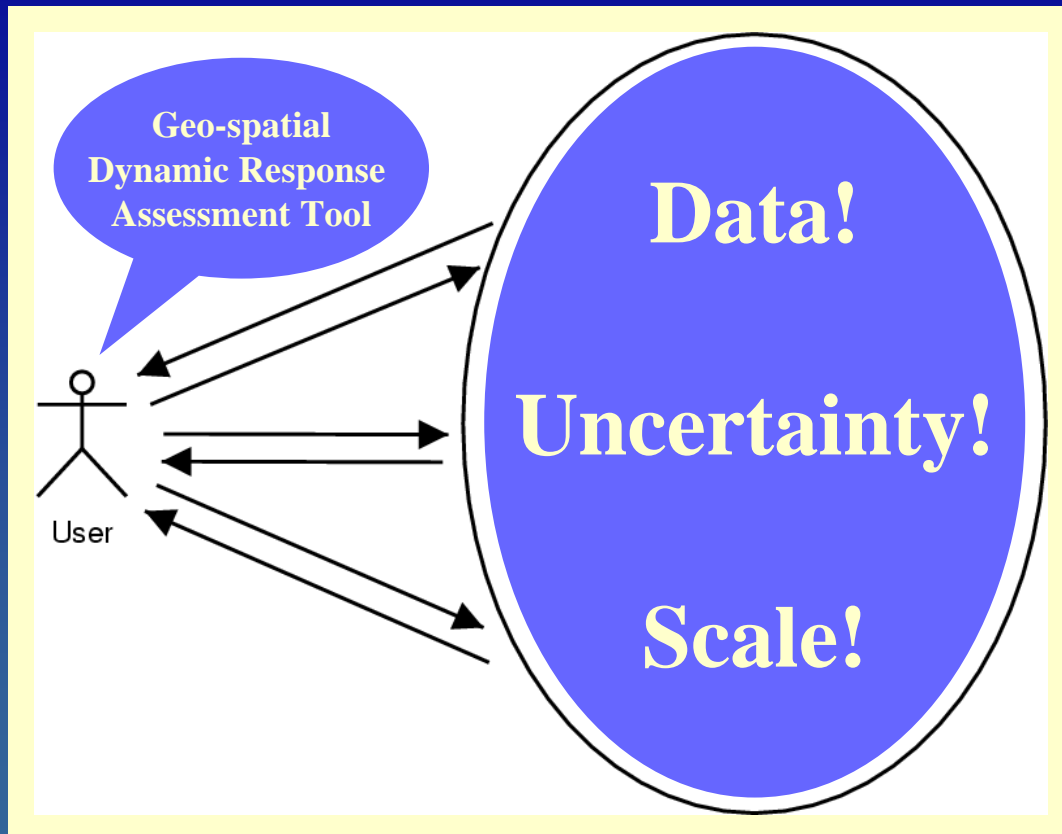


Scaling theory to integrate environmental models and GI science



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Goals for GeoDRAT Platform with Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)

Integration of tools in interdisciplinary projects involving

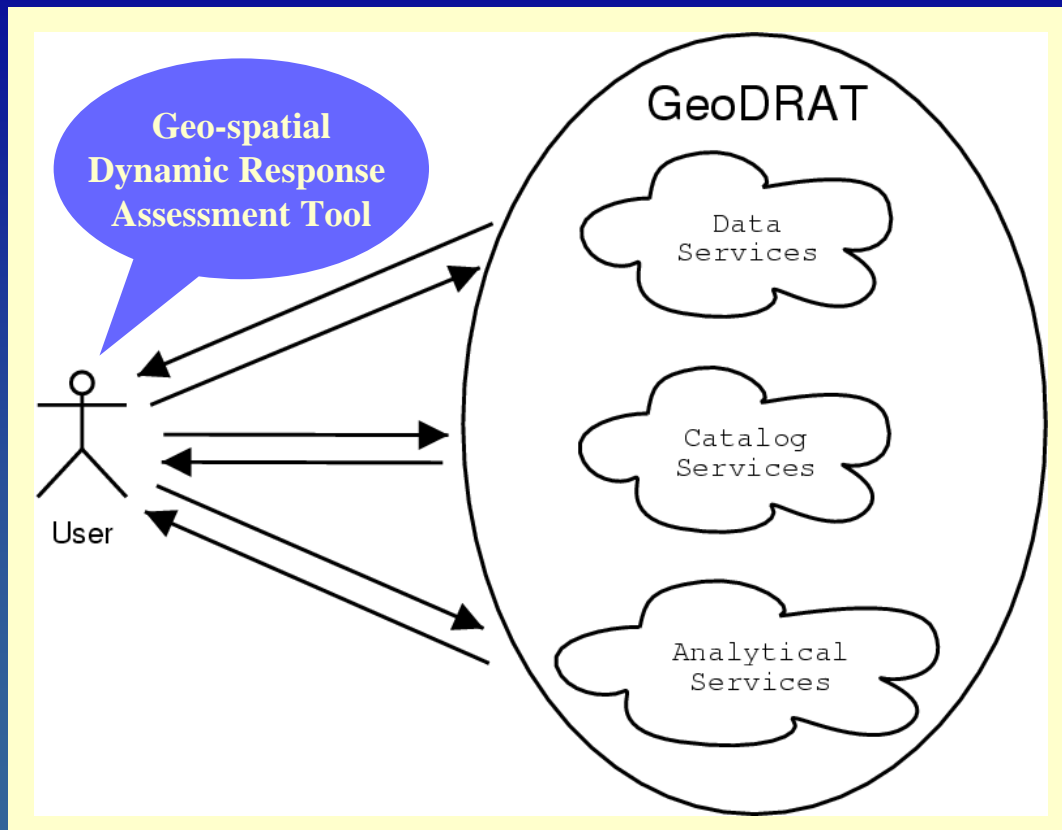
- spatial data processing,
- environmental process modeling,
- geo-visualization, and
- decision-making components.

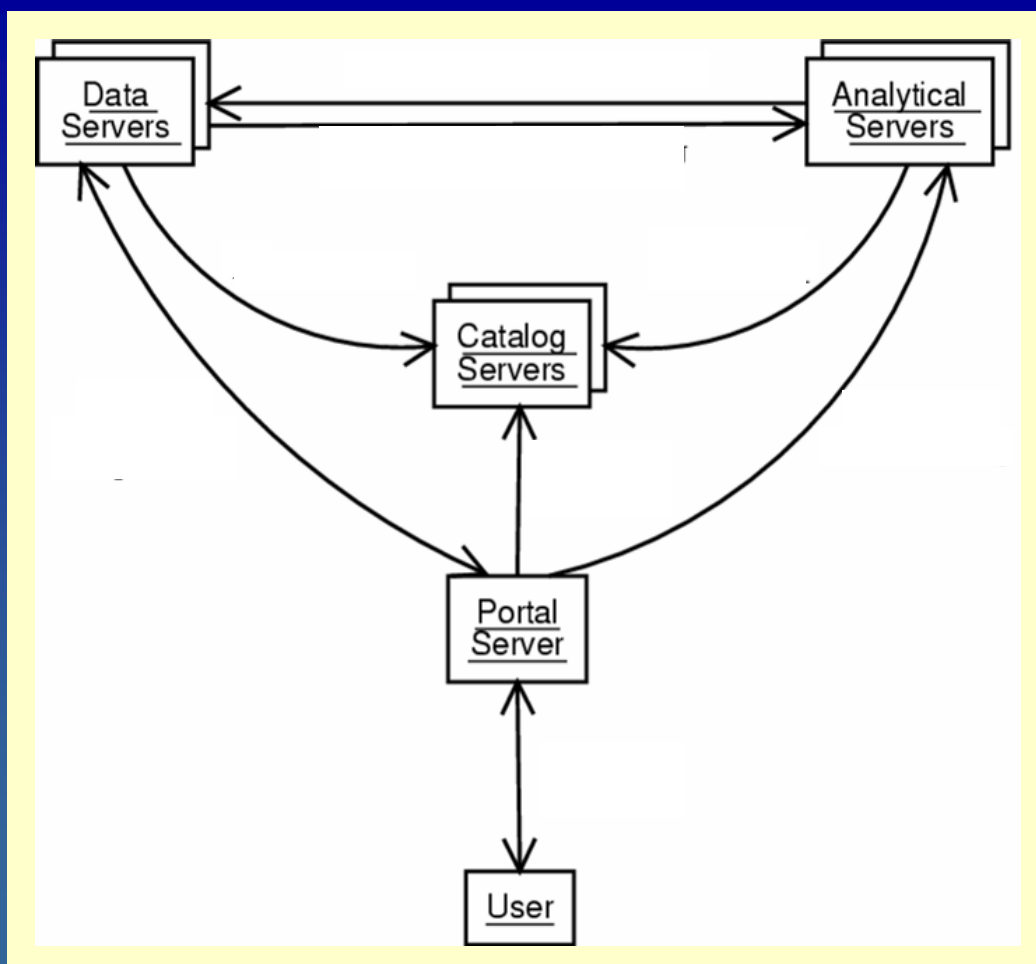
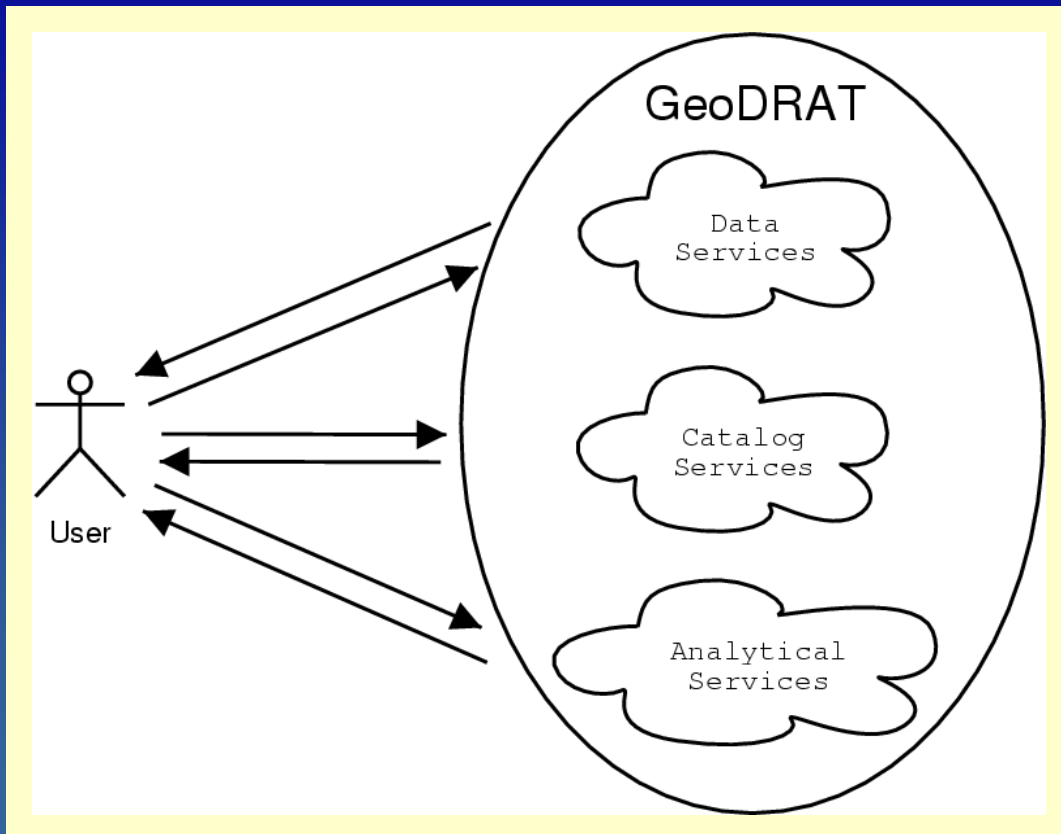
Consideration of Data, Scales and Uncertainties through:

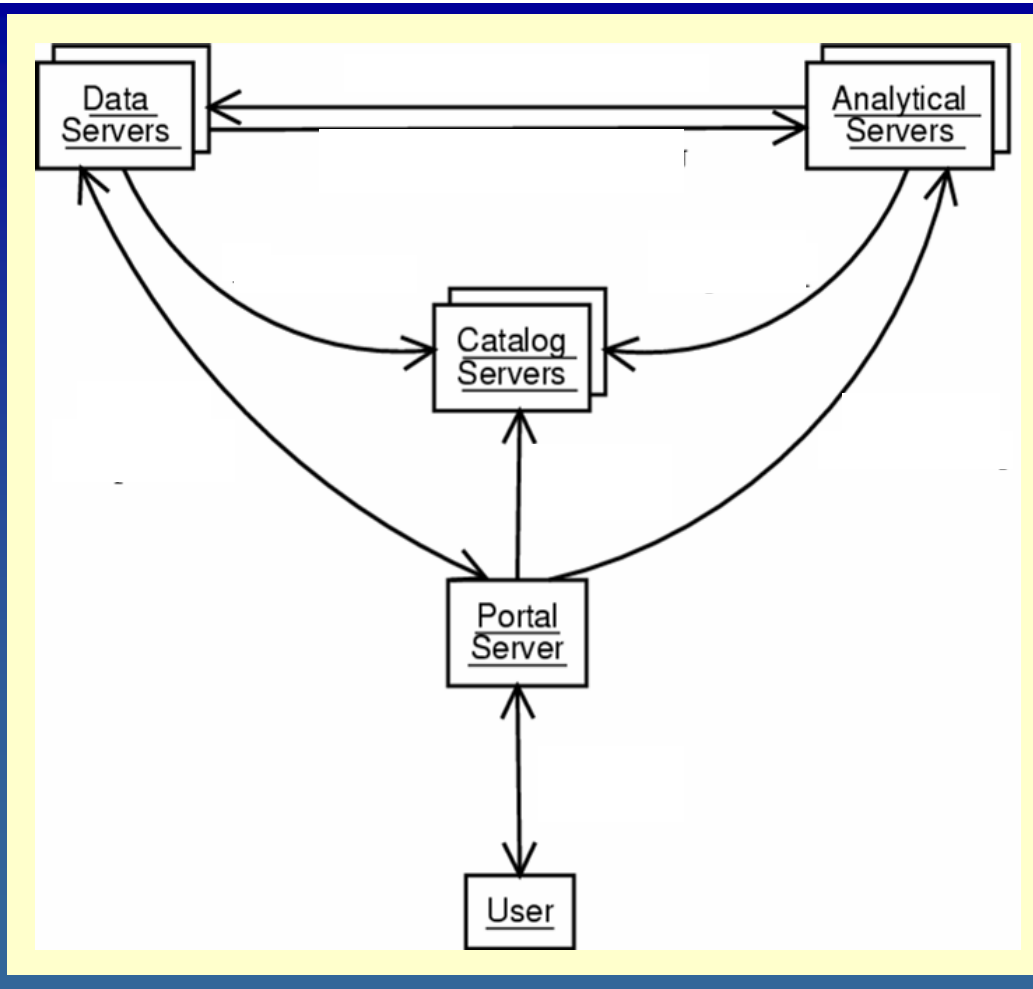
- effective and seamless spatial data processing/sharing, and
- minimizing the impact of data processing algorithms on results.

GeoDRAT Services

- utilize network data processing capabilities
- access shared data sources
- share own data and processing capabilities
- streamline interaction among interdisciplinary research groups.







GeoDRAT Prototype - Results

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<input type="checkbox"/> Topographic	no description found.	Virtual Reality Modeling Language	--	Download File View Info
<input type="checkbox"/> Topographic Elevation	Digital Terrain Model	Raster image	--	Download File View Info
<input type="checkbox"/> Topographic Geology	Geology Map Scan	Raster image	--	Download File View Info

GeoDRAT Prototype - Upload: ArcView shape file

Upload: ArcView shape file

Name: [text input]

Description: [text input]

Modeling Area: [text input]

File: [file selection]

Upload button

Current Project Title

Welcome: First Last

Projects

New Project

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Project Description

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Modify

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Project Overview

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Project Workflow



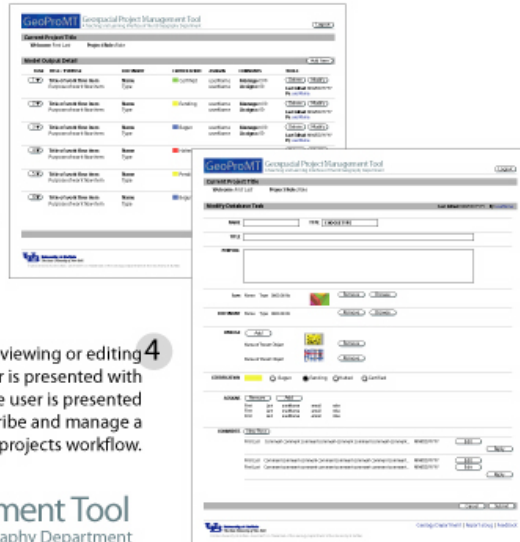
1 After logging into GeoProMT the user is presented with a listing of the projects that he has a role in. He is also presented with the option to create a new project or view an existing project.



2 When viewing a project the user is presented with an overview of the project stages and workflows. This view gives the user a quick look at the progress of the project and allows the user to view details of a whole project stage (item 3) or to look at a specific document within a workflow (item 4).



3 The detail view allows a user to see an overview of all the documents for a given stage of the project. They are also presented with tools to create a new document, and edit or delete an existing document.



4 Whether adding a new document, viewing or editing an existing document the user is presented with the document view. In this view the user is presented with all the tools to describe and manage a document that is a part of the projects workflow.

GeoProMT Geospacial Project Management Tool
A Teaching and Learning Interface of the UB Geography Department

Integrated Geospatial Data Modeling System

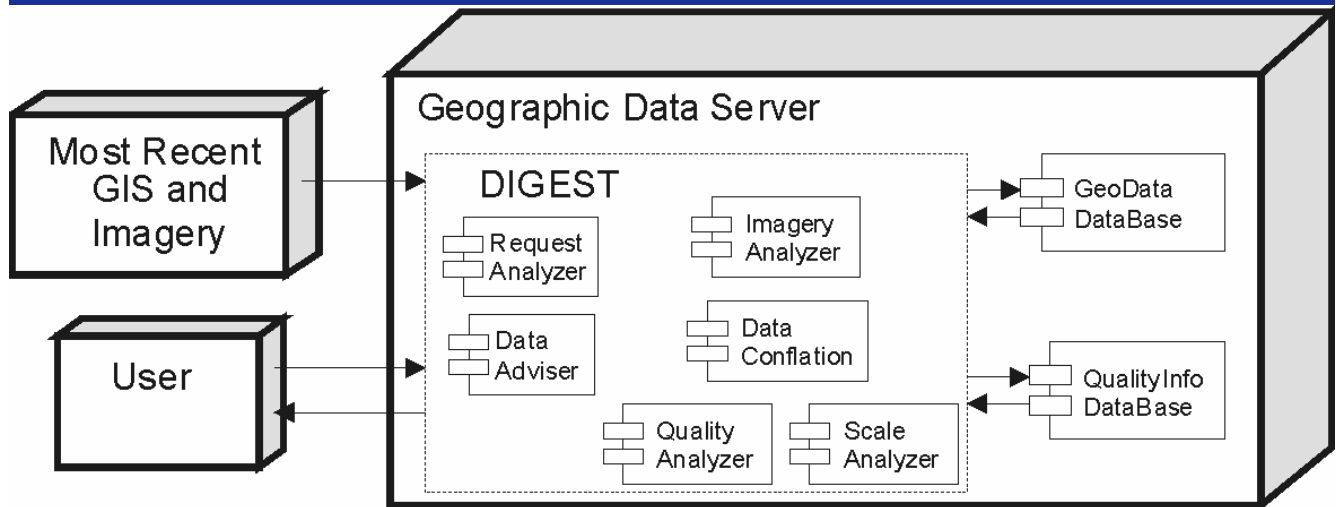
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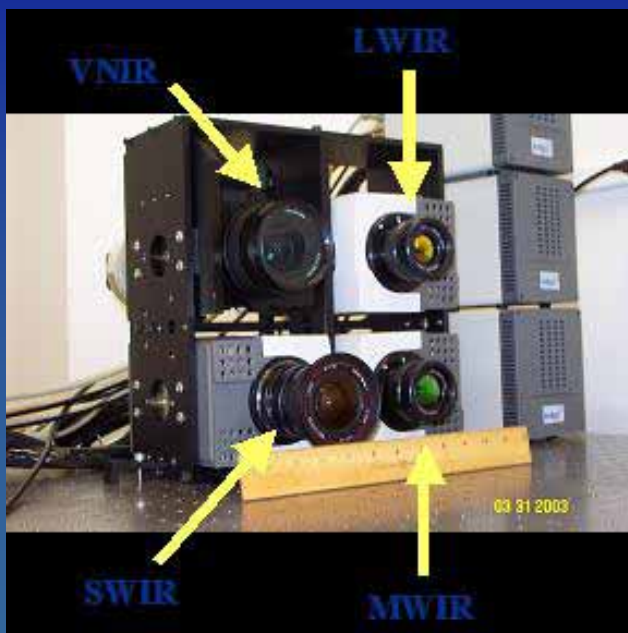
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Dynamic Integrated GIS Enhancement and Support Tools (DIGEST)

DIGEST system integrated in a Geographic Data Server



Mapping Camera System for Real-time Images and Algorithm Validation

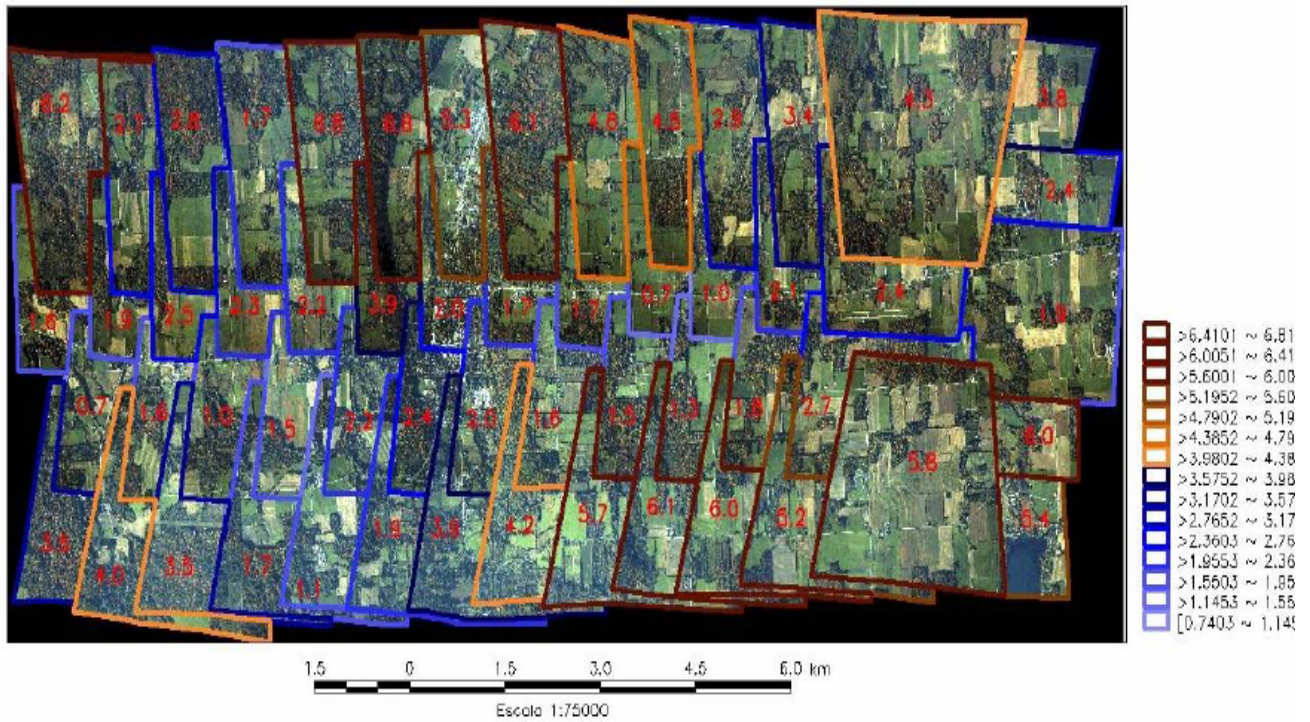


**Visible-Near (VN),
Short (SW),
Medium (MW), and
Long Wave (LW)
Infrared (IR)**

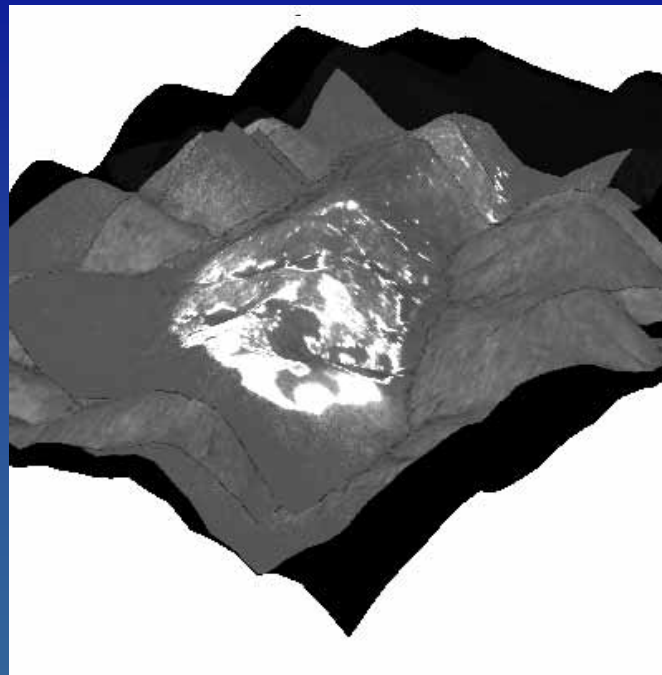
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WASP Warsaw Image Error Analysis

Comparison between WASP image and Orthophoto



Time Sequence of Fire Propagation in LWIR



Conclusions:

Integrating GI Science & Environmental Models

- **Interdisciplinary development / implementation**
- **Process-based approaches for wide application**
- **Evaluation of data scaling effects are essential**
- **Utilizing commonly available data sources**
- **Include educational tools to understand processes pattern, basic problems and practical solutions**

