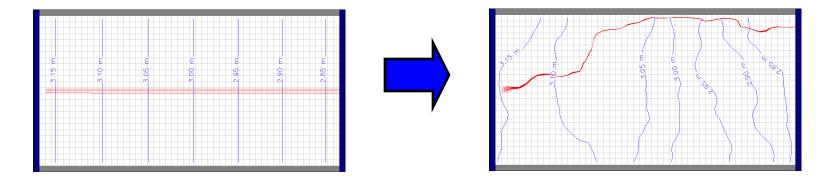
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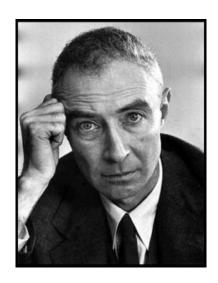
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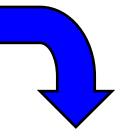
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Outline

- Motivation
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- PMWIN
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- Summary



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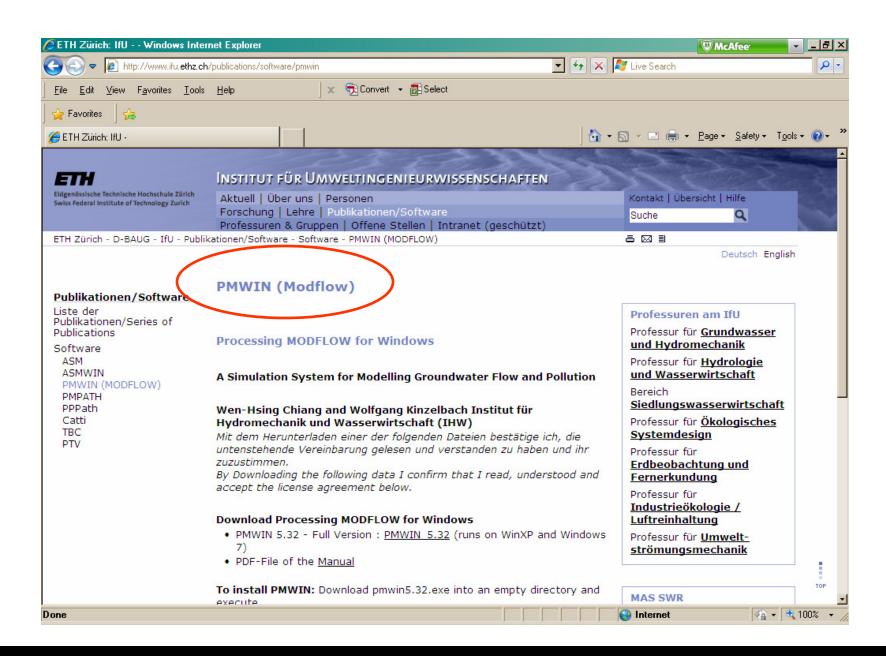
Why Stochastic Modeling?

- Translate research to practice
- Demonstrate evaluation
 - top level of Bloom's Taxonomy
- Show humility
 - All models are wrong, but some are useful (Box 1979)

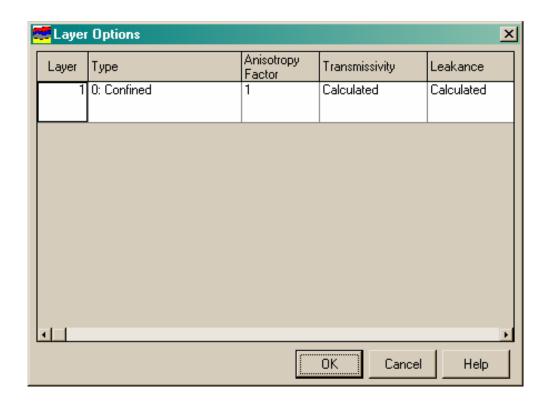
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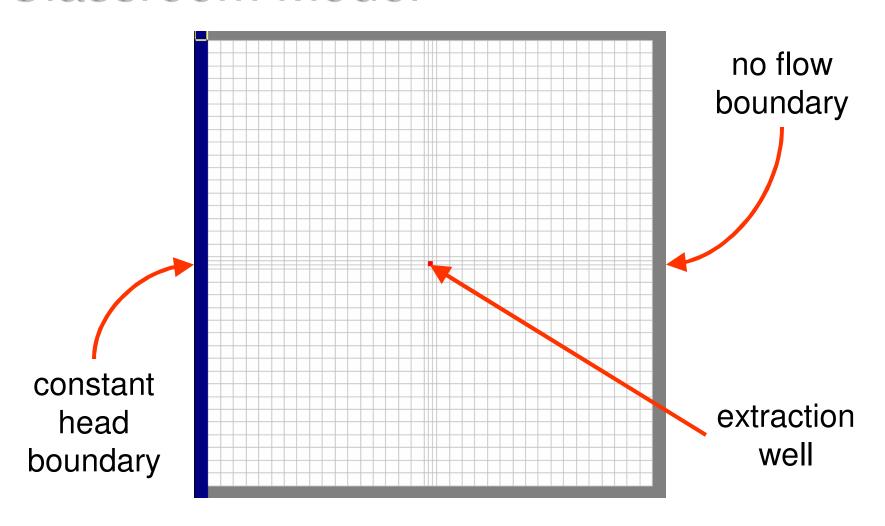
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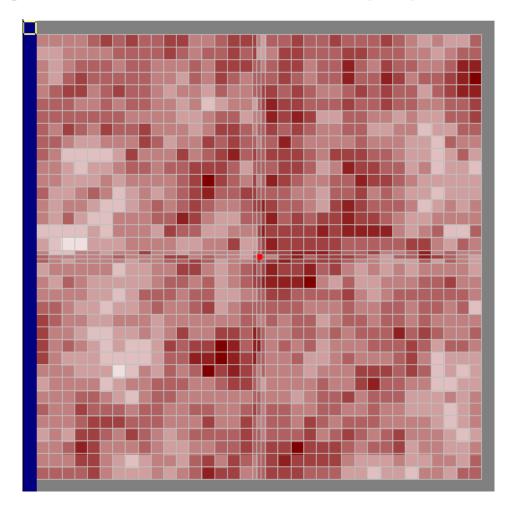
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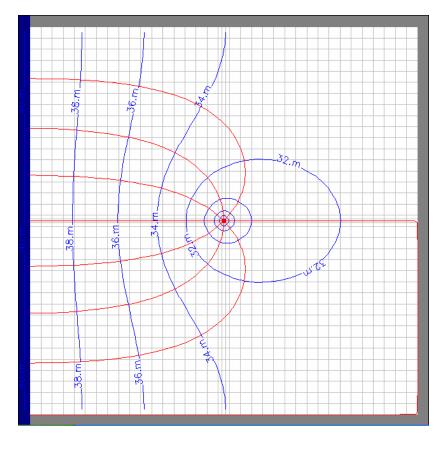
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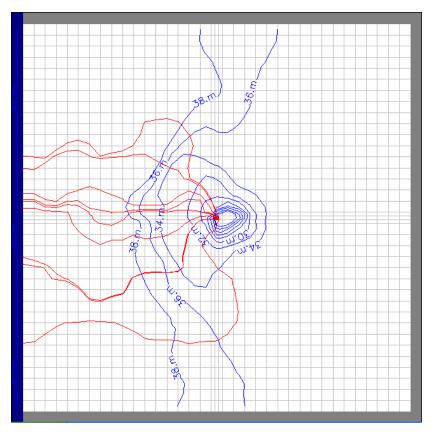


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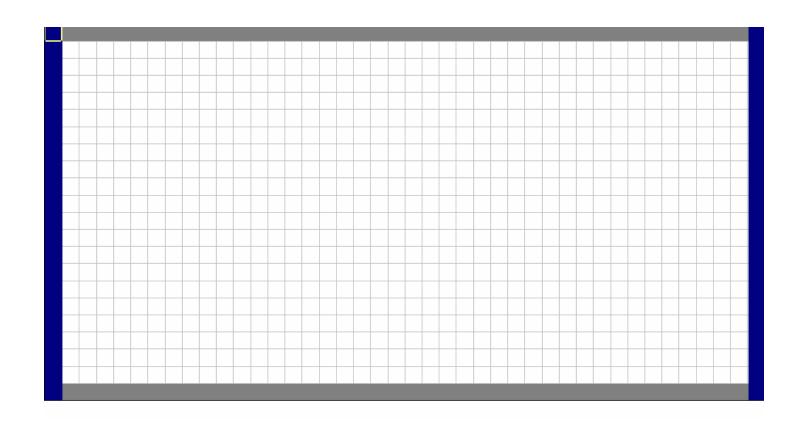




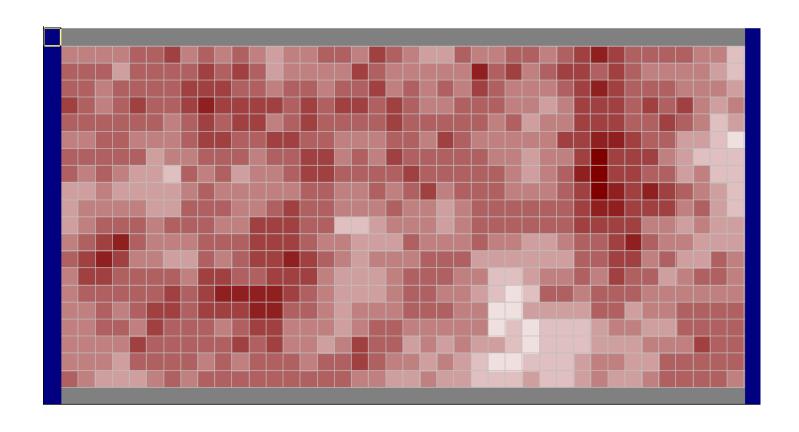
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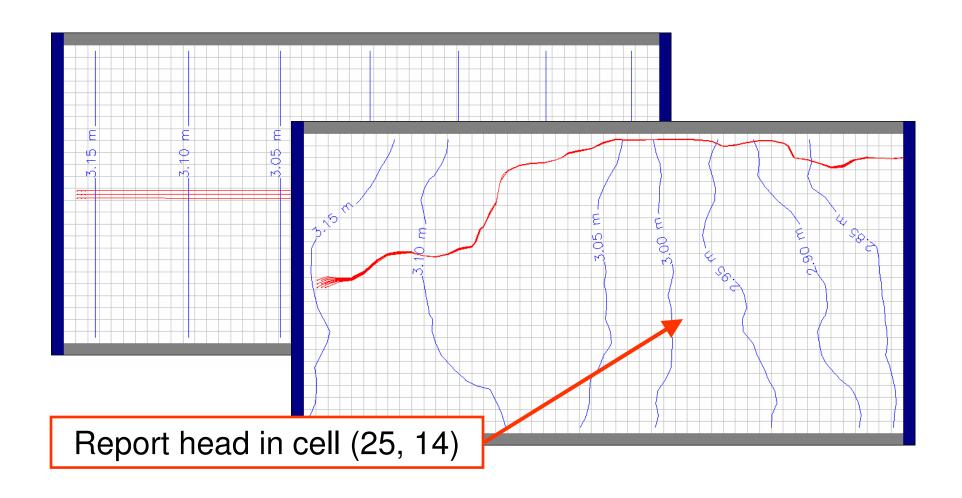
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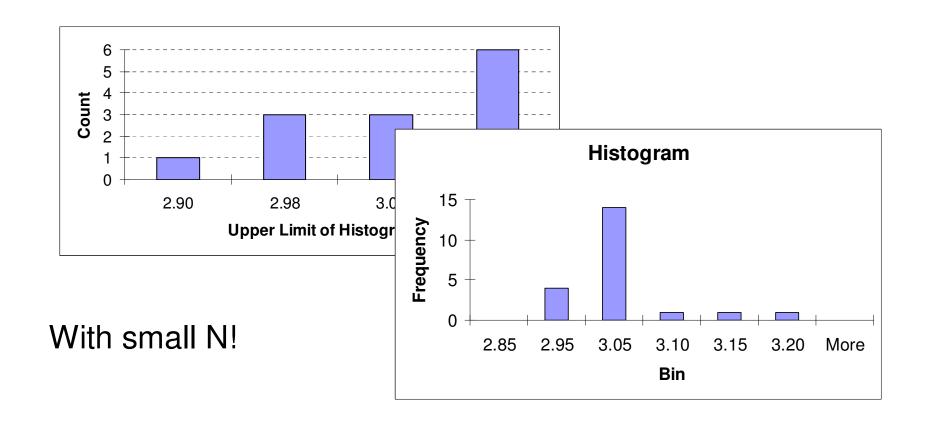
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Homework Exercise



Monte Carlo Simulation



Summary

- 1. Stochastic modeling—worthwhile!
- 2. Real estate analogy for spatial correlation
- 3. PMWIN for teaching Modflow
- 4. Monte Carlo through "crowdsourcing"
- 5. Give it a shot—fast, fun, and free

Thank You!

FOR MORE DETAILS

- learning objectives
- step-by-step instructions
- Likert assessment results

Mays (2010)

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