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Analysis of Transport of Radionuclides in the Hydrosphere: Need For Modeling

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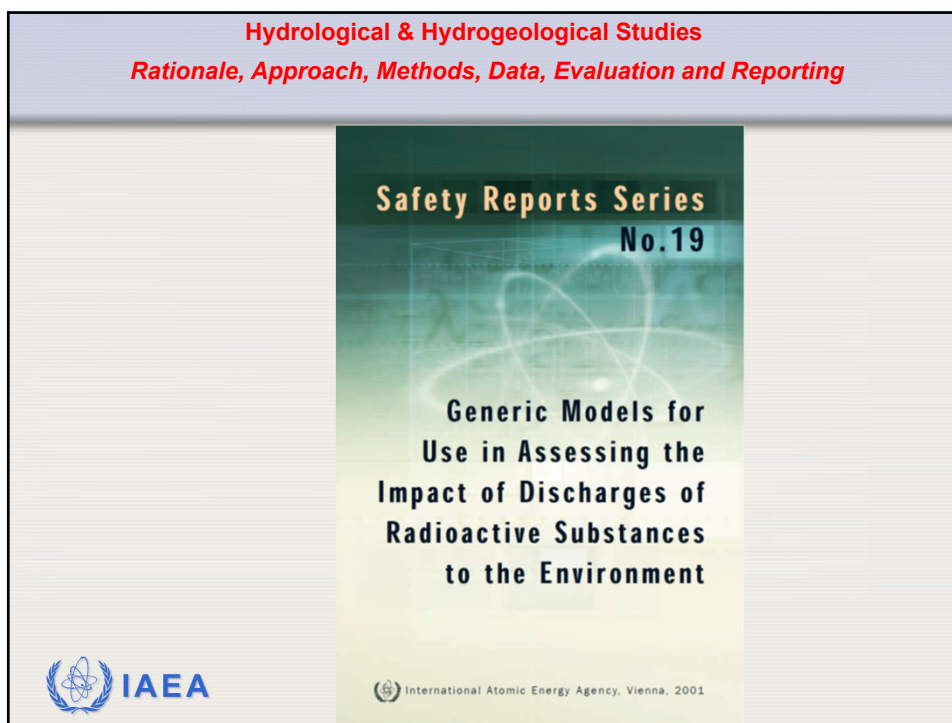
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SAFETY GUIDE

No. NS-G-3.2





2. GENERAL APPROACH AND CONSIDERATIONS SSR-1

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS

2.4. IAEA requirements documents specify that all significant exposure pathways shall be identified and evaluated; these requirements are reproduced below:

SSR-1 under Requirement 12 in para. 4.39 states:

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Para 6.6 states:

"The programme of hydrogeological investigations for the region shall include investigations of the **migration and retention characteristics of radionuclides in groundwater** and investigations of the associated exposure pathways.

Para 6.7 states:

"The hydrogeological and hydrological investigations shall determine, to the extent necessary, the dilution and dispersion characteristics of water bodies, the re-concentration ability of sediments and biota, **the migration and retention characteristics of radionuclides, the transfer mechanisms for radionuclides in the hydrosphere, as well as the associated exposure pathways.**



2. GENERAL APPROACH AND CONSIDERATIONS

The **information** necessary to perform **dose assessment** relating to exposure pathways in the hydrosphere includes:

- the source term for the discharge of radioactive material to the environment;
- hydrological, physical, physicochemical and biological characteristics governing the transport, diffusion and retention of radioactive materials;
- relevant food-chains leading to humans;
- locations and amounts of water used for drinking and for industrial, agricultural and recreational purposes;
- dietary and other relevant habits of the population, including special occupational activities such as the handling of fishing gear and recreational pursuits such as water sports and fishing.



GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

3.1. The hydrosphere is a major exposure pathway by which radioactive materials that are routinely discharged under authorization or are accidentally released from a nuclear power plant could be dispersed to the environment and transported to locations where water is used by or for the population in the region of the site.

Radionuclides are transported rapidly in some surface waters such as rivers, and very slowly in groundwater.

3.2. A detailed investigation of the hydrosphere in the region should be carried out.

Calculations of dispersion and concentrations of radionuclides should be made to show whether the radiological consequences of routine discharges and potential accidental releases of radioactive materials into the hydrosphere are acceptable.



GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS NS-G 3.2

The **results of the hydrospheric investigation** should be used for the **following purposes**:

- to **confirm the suitability of the site**;
- to **select and calibrate an appropriate dispersion model for the site**;
- to **establish limits** for radioactive discharges into water;
- to **assess the radiological consequences** of releases; and
- to assist in demonstrating the **feasibility of an emergency plan**.

They should also be used to **develop a monitoring programme** and a **sampling strategy** for use in the event of an accidental radioactive release.



OBJECTIVE

Radioactive materials discharged from a nuclear power plant might reach the public and might contaminate the environment in the region by way of both direct and indirect pathways.

The objective of this Safety Guide is to provide guidance on the studies and investigations necessary for **assessing the impact** of a nuclear power plant **on humans and the environment**.

It also provides guidance on the feasibility of an effective emergency response plan, in consideration of all the relevant site features.

***Guidance on the dispersion of effluents in air, surface water and groundwater.**

- * Determine whether the site selected for a nuclear power plant **satisfies national requirements** and whether possible radiological exposure and hazards to the population and to the environment are controlled within the **limits set by the regulatory body**, with account taken of international recommendations



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TECHNICAL APPROACH & METHODOLOGY

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Objective;

PREDICT **THE RESPONSE** OF THE GROUNDWATER SYSTEM IN THE SITE

AT LOCATION (X,Y,Z)

AT TIME (t)

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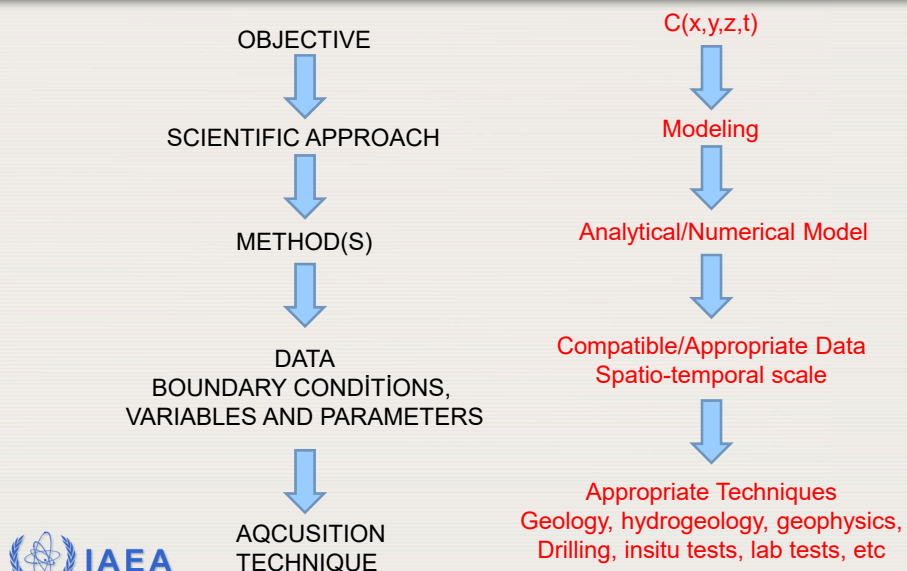
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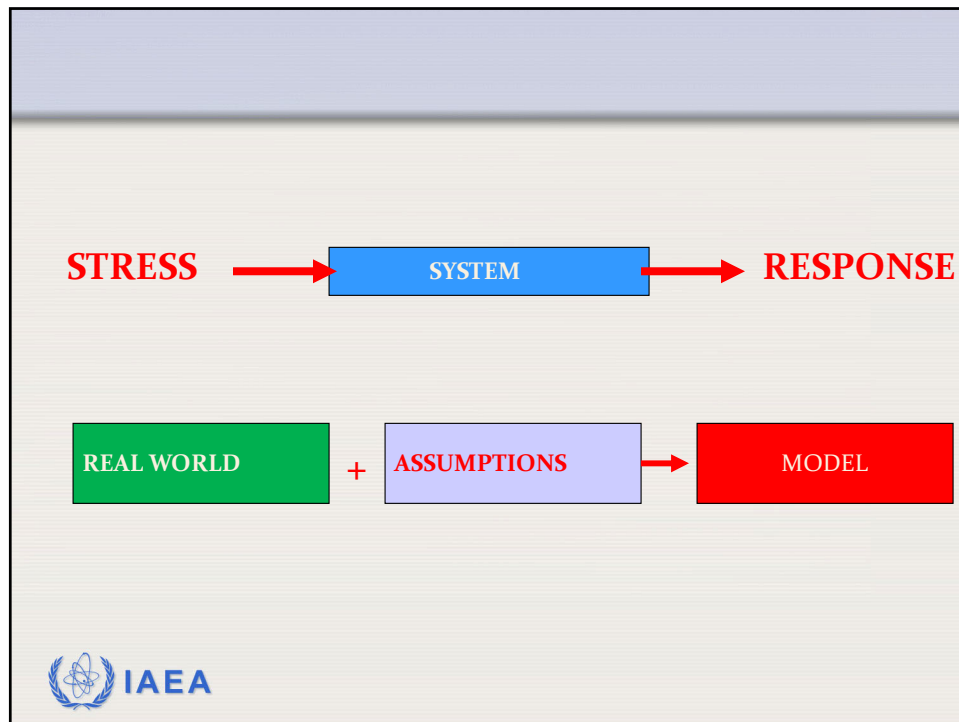
EFFECTIVE AT TIME (t)

AT ANY OTHER LOCATION (X,Y,Z)



TECHNICAL APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY





MATHEMATICAL MODEL: Mathematical expression of a physical (natural) system (phenomenon)..

Physical Phenomenon: Vibration of a wire

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

Solution **$u(x,t)$**

We can use this model

- 1-to better understand the behaviour of the system (informative)
- 2- to predict the response of the system to any impact (predictive)

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Physical Phenomenon: Groundwater Flow

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(K_x \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(K_y \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(K_z \frac{\partial h}{\partial z} \right) = S_s \frac{\partial h}{\partial t}$$

Solution: $h(x,y,z,t)$... Groundwater velocity distribution

Physical Phenomenon : Advective, dispersive, sorptive, radioactive transport of radionuclides in groundwater systems

$$-v_x \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + D \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\rho_b}{n_e} K_d \frac{\partial C}{\partial t} - \lambda C = \frac{\partial C}{\partial t}$$

Solution: $C(x,t)$... Spatio-temporal distribution of contaminant concentration



Types of Solutions of Mathematical Models

- **Analytical Solutions**: $h = f(x,y,z,t)$
(example: Theis eqn., Toth 1962)
- **Numerical Solutions**
Finite difference methods
Finite element methods
- **Analytic Element Methods (AEM)**



(From M. Anderson)

WHAT DOES A SOLUTION REQUIRE?...

Indefinite (General) vs Definite (Specific)

1. Initial and Boundary Conditions ($t=0$ $y=?$; $x=0$ $y=?$)
2. Parameters

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 0 \longrightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = a \longrightarrow dy = a dx \longrightarrow \int dy = a \int dx$$

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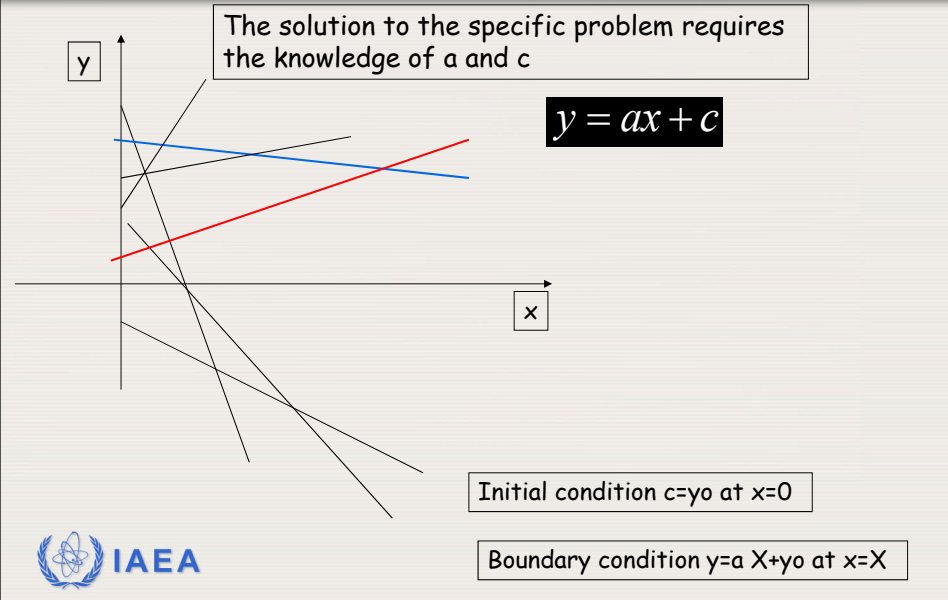
$$y = ax + c$$



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Straight line with a slope of a and interception of c ..

But which line is the solution?...



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Numerical Solutions

- Differential equations are converted to algebraic matrix equations and solved for dependent variables
 - Derivatives are defined using series...
- Two common techniques
 - Finite Difference
 - Finite Element

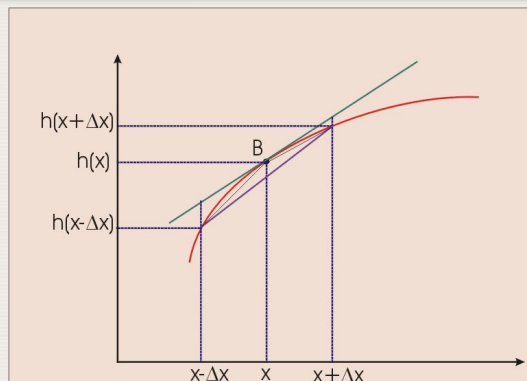
Advantage over Analytical solution

Not limited to specific initial and boundary conditions

Not limited to a specific configuration of the flow domain



Finite Difference Technique



Forward $x = x + \Delta x$

Backward $x = x - \Delta x$

Taylor Series

$$f'(a) \equiv \left. \frac{df(x)}{dx} \right|_x = a$$

$$f''(a), f'''(a), f^{(4)}(a)$$

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(a) \frac{(x-a)^1}{1!} + f''(a) \frac{(x-a)^2}{2!} + f'''(a) \frac{(x-a)^3}{3!} + \dots$$



$$f(x) \approx f(a) + f'(a)(x-a)$$

Components of a Mathematical Model

- Governing Equation
- Boundary Conditions
 - 1st type or Neumann (Specified head)
constant head
 - 2nd type or Dirichlet (Specified flux)
no flux
 - 3rd type or Cauchy
- Initial Conditions (for transient conditions)



Mathematical Model of the Toth Problem

$$h = c x + z_0$$

Laplace Equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

$\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = 0$

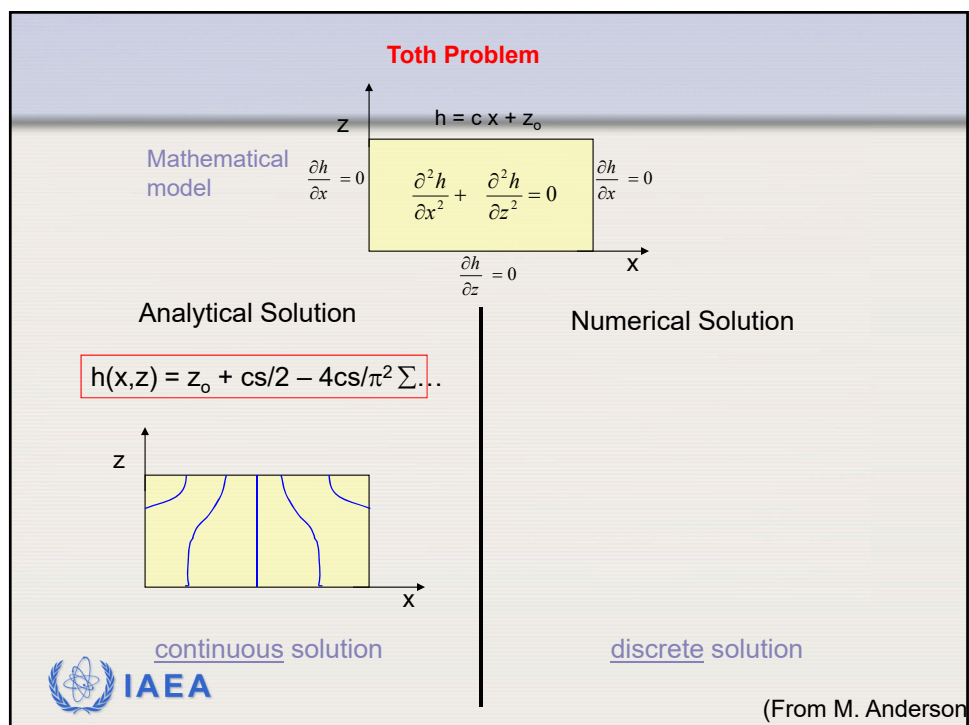
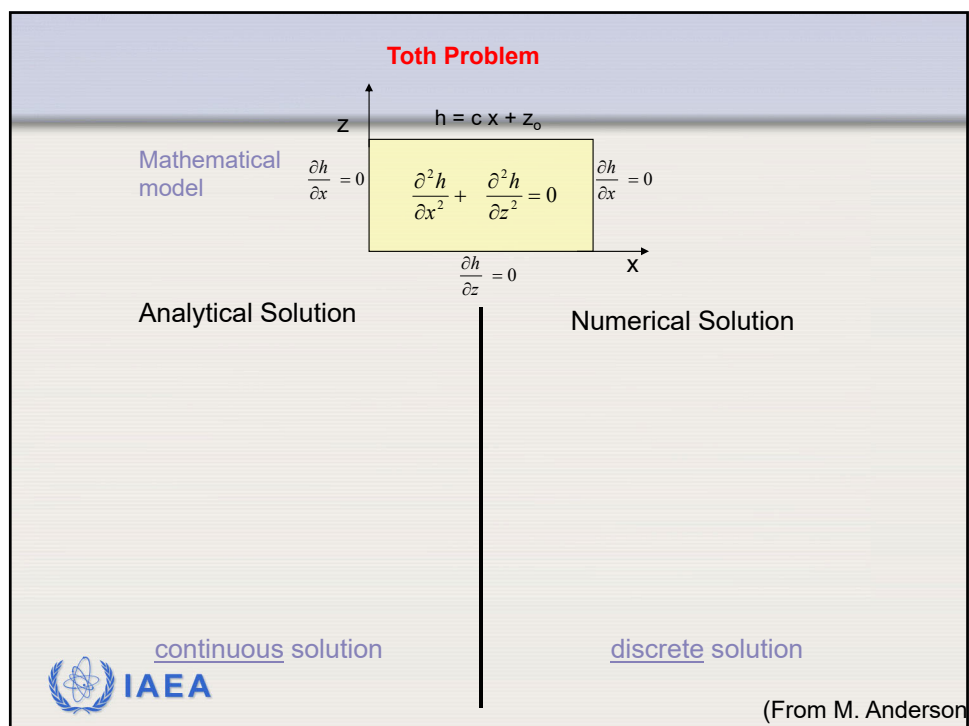
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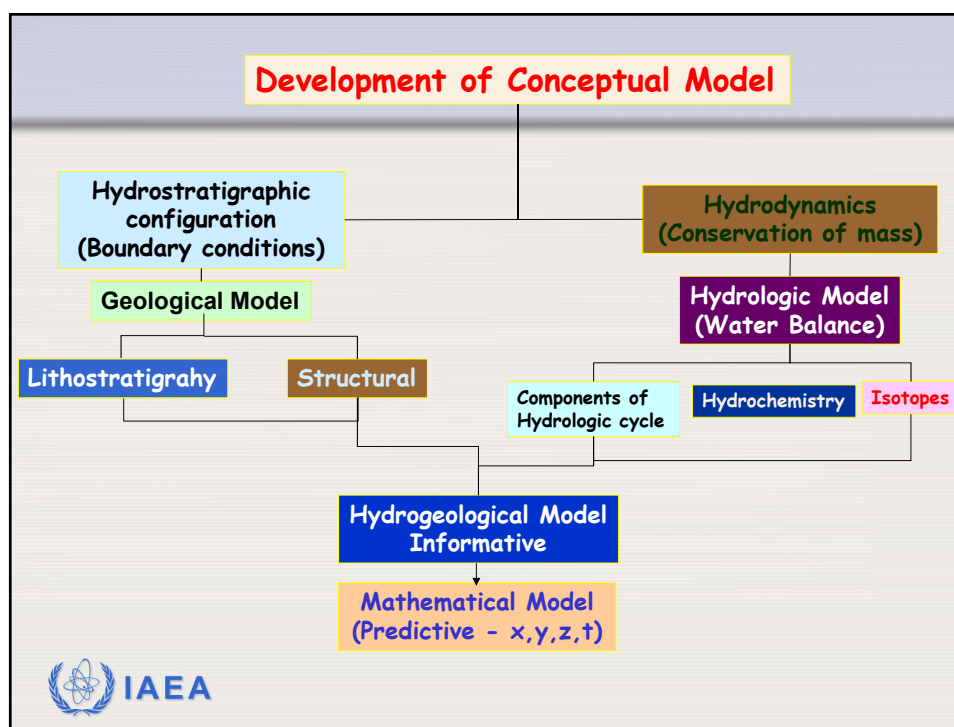
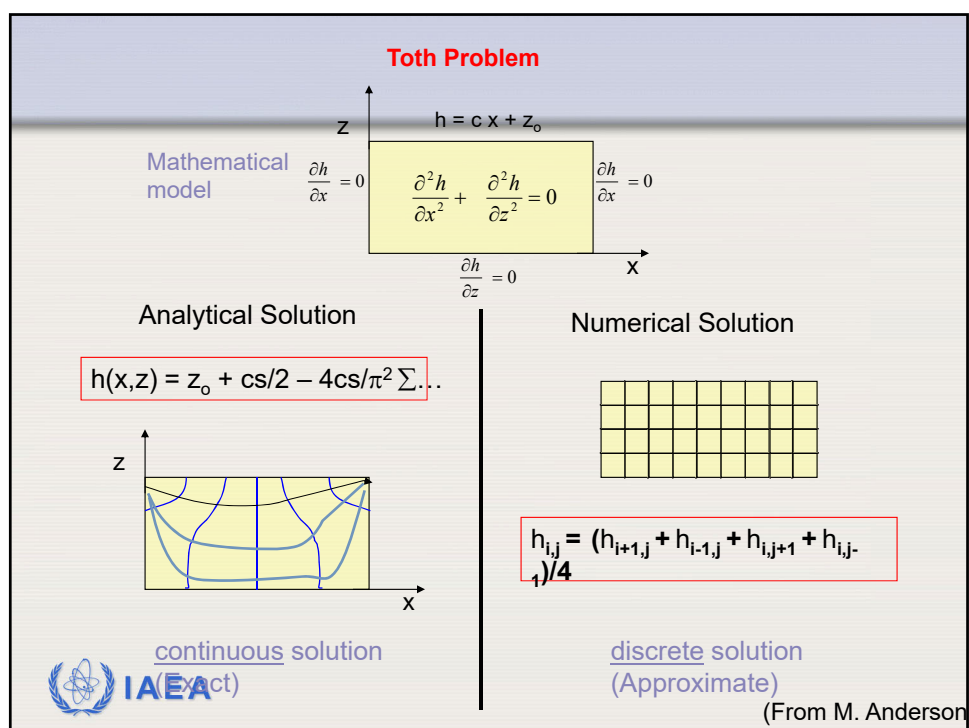
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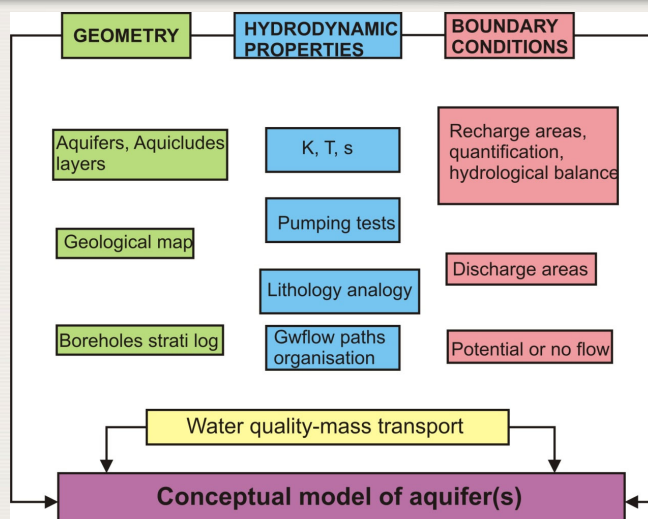
2D, steady state

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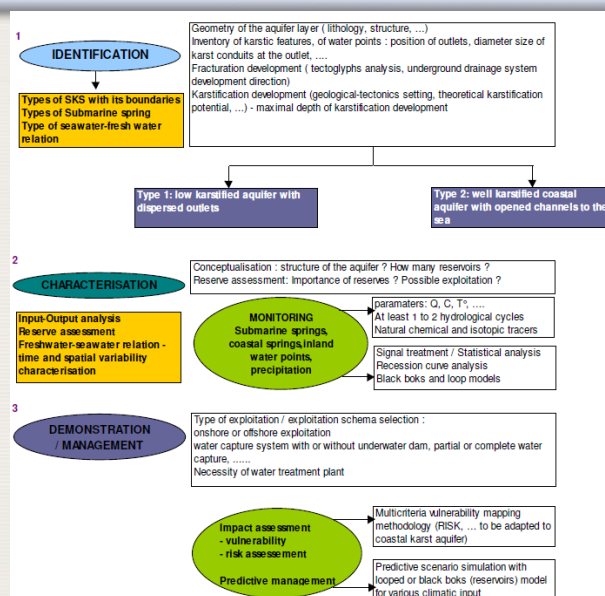


Characterisation of non-karstic aquifers

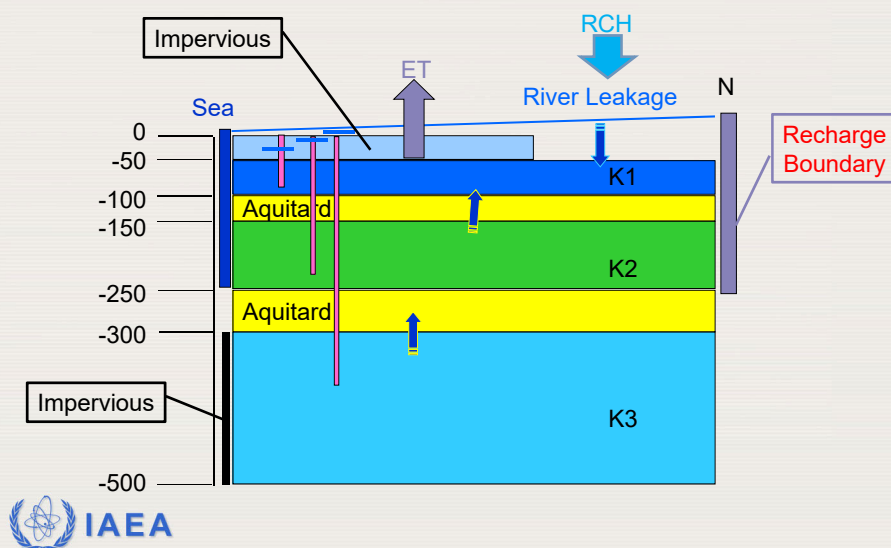


(Bakalowicz, 2005)

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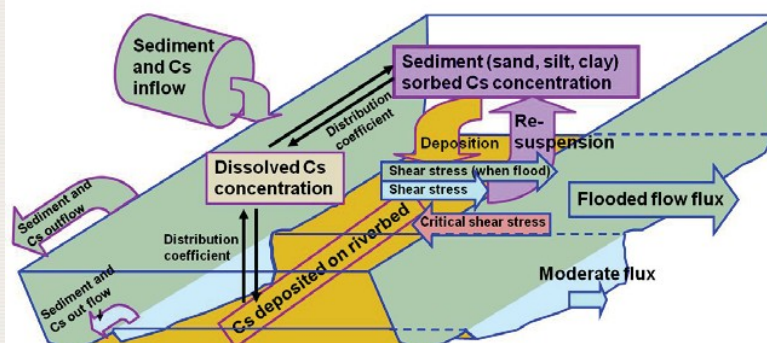


Conceptual Model for Seyhan Plain Aquifer-Turkey



Conceptual Model for Transport One-Dimensional Degradation and Migration Model (TODAM)

Model treats dispersion equations of sediment concentration (sand, silt, clay) and cesium concentration (dissolved, sediment-sorbed)



TODAM: developed by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
Nays2D: developed by Hokkaido University

STEPS IN CONSTRUCTION OF A MATHEMATICAL MODEL

Problem Definition

Desktop study: analysis and evaluation of data
Collection/production of new data

Conceptual Model Construction
(Definition of hydrostratigraphic configuration and water budget)

Mathematical Model Construction
(Transfer of conceptual model to an appropriate computer code)

Model Calibration
(Check if the model gives observed results)

Sensitivity Analysis
(check the sensitivity against variables and parameters)



Simulation for Prediction-Interpretation

Major Computer Codes for Surface Runoff Rainfall-Runoff

- Stanford watershed Model of 1966 - first digital code
- US Army Corps of Engineers Hydrologic Engineering Center (HEC) models - 1970s to the present
- HEC-HMS and HEC-RAS (1990s release)
- EPA in 1969 - Storm Water Mgt Model (SWMM)
- USDA and others developed codes in mid 1970s
- EPA currently supports a suite of advanced models for analyzing water quality in streams and lakes
- Development of FEMA (1970s) - floodplain mapping and the federal flood insurance program - HEC models



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COMPUTER CODES COMMONLY USED IN GROUNDWATER MODELING

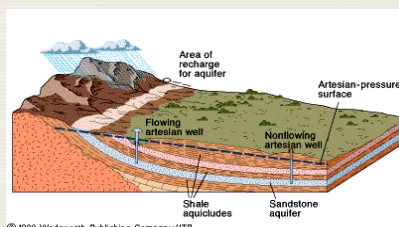
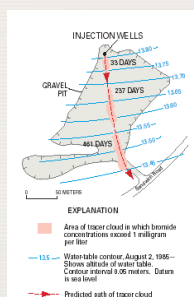
- **MODFLOW** – Modular Groundwater Flow Model / [MODEL MUSE](#)
- **MOC3D** – Method of Characteristics Transport Model
- **HST3D** – Heat & Solute Transport Model
- **SUTRA** – Saturated-Unsaturated Transport Model
- **VS2DT** – Variably Saturated Transport Model
- **HYDROTHERM** – Heat Transport and Flow Model
- **FEFLOW** – Flow, mass transfer and heat transfer in porous media and fractured media. Finite element analysis to solve the groundwater flow equation of both saturated and unsaturated conditions as well as mass and heat transport, including fluid density effects and chemical kinetics for multi-component reaction systems.

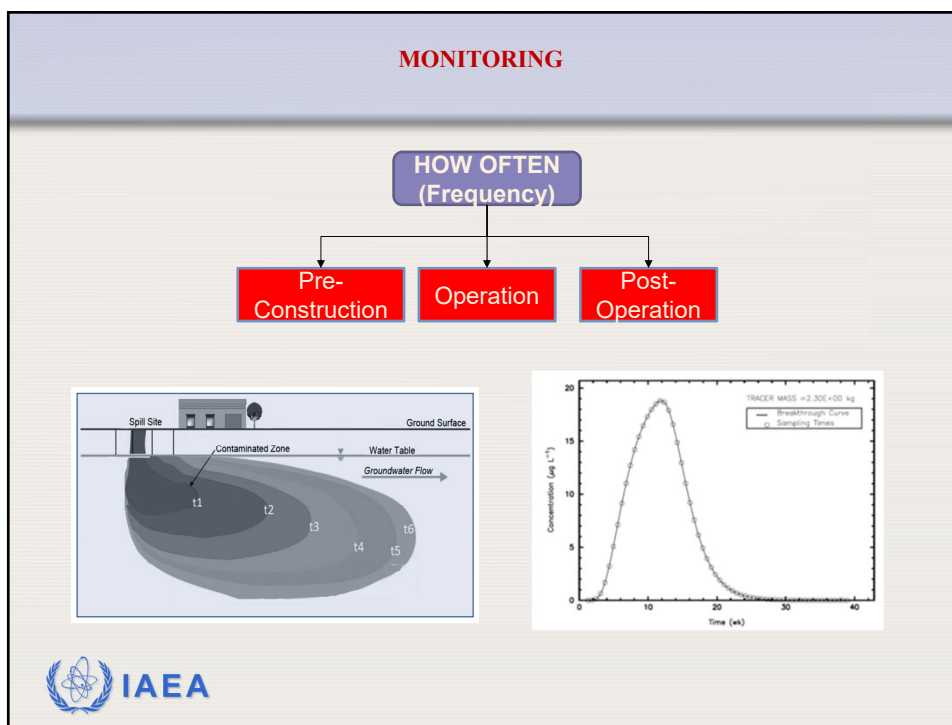
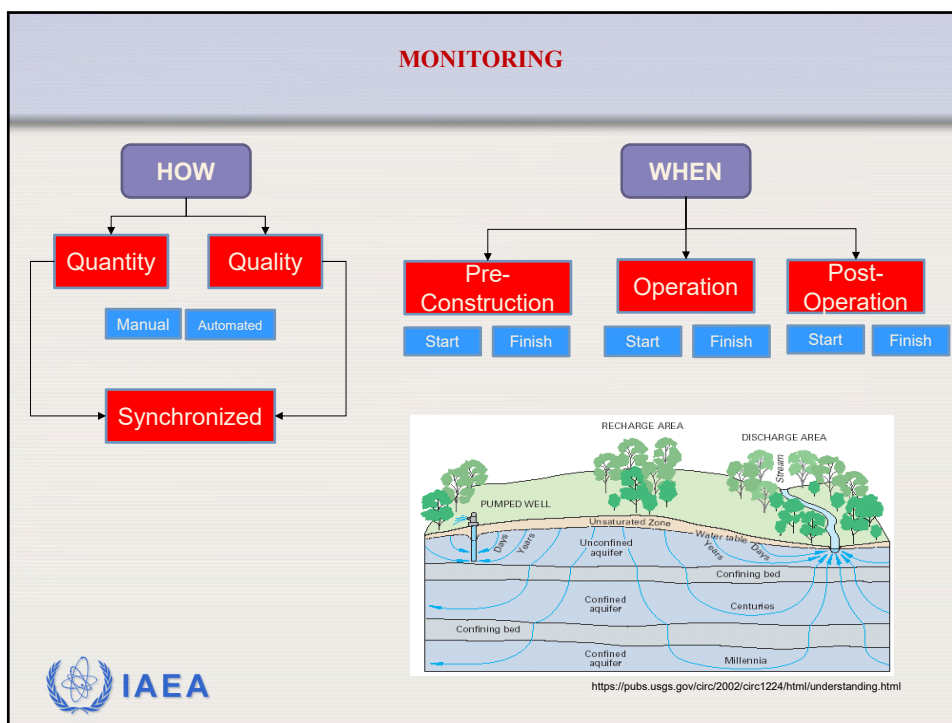


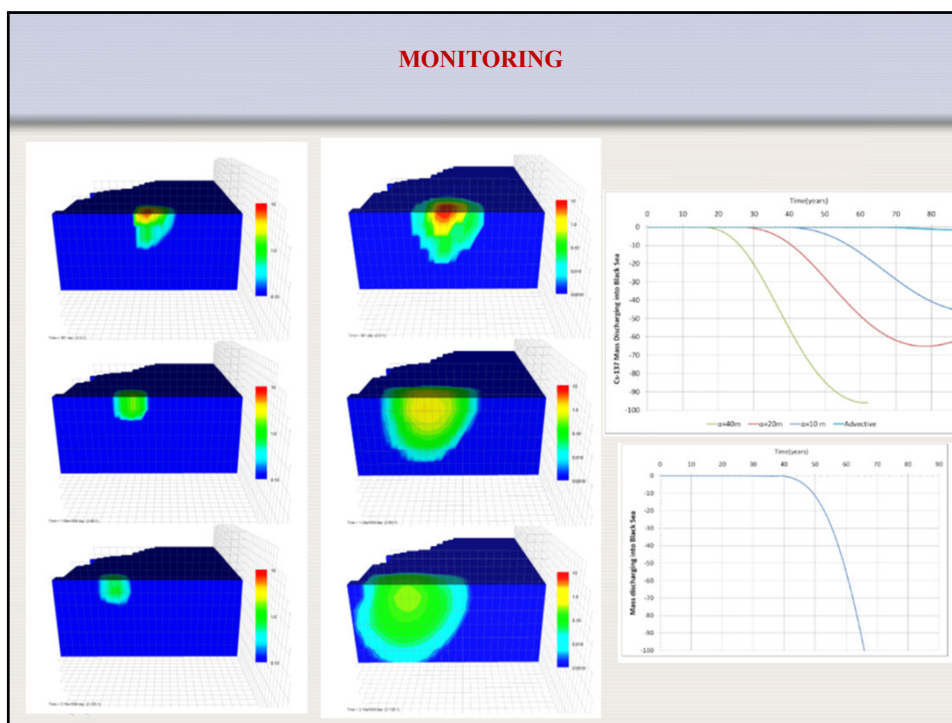
MONITORING

At least two-fold use..

Validation of the model constructed for the site
Taking actions







Model Documentation

Model documentation includes written and graphical presentations of model assumptions and objectives, the conceptual model, code description, model construction, model calibration, predictive simulations, and conclusions.

1. Introduction

- a. Modeling Objectives
- b. Model Function
- c. General Setting

2. Conceptual Model

- a. Aquifer System
- b. Hydrologic Boundaries
- c. Hydraulic Properties
- d. Sources and Sinks
- e. Water Budget

3. Computer Code Description

- a. Assumptions
- b. Limitations
- c. Solution Techniques
- d. Effects on Model



4. Model Construction

- a. Model Domain
- b. Hydraulic Parameters
- c. Sources and Sinks
- d. Boundary Conditions
- e. Selection of Calibration Targets and Goals
- f. Numerical Parameters

5. Calibration

- a. Qualitative/Quantitative Analysis
- b. Sensitivity Analysis
- c. Model Application Verification

6. Predictive Simulations

7. Summary and Conclusions

8. References

Model Archive

Maintain a **model archive** consisting of sufficient information generated during the modeling effort that a **post-modeling audit could be adequately performed by a third party** and such that future reuse of the model is possible. Components of the archive include the copies of the original data used to construct the model, simulation logs, a copy of computer codes used in the effort, a copy of the report documentation, and copies of model input and output (hard copy or digital format, or both, as appropriate) for the final calibration simulation and predictive simulations explored.

Simulation Logs

—Archive a paper copy of the simulation log for each significant model simulation, that including the modeler's name, the simulation date, the project name/number, the simulation number, the code used (and version), the purpose of the run, the input file names, comments on the input data, the output file names, and comments on the results.



Computer Code

—Archive a digital copy of the executable code and if possible a copy of the source code for computer codes used in preprocessing, simulating and postprocessing. Include documentation or references for computer codes used.

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Input and Output

—At a minimum, archive model input and output for the calibration simulation, the model verification simulation, sensitivity analyses and predictive simulations



INTEGRITY AND CONSISTENCY

INTEGRITY:

- All chapters should be relevant to the main objective and the scope
- Balance between chapters

CONSISTENCY

- Consistency between the objectives and the scope..
- Consistency between data, findings, analysis, results and conclusions
- Consistency among chapters

e.g.

- The “previous” should be consistent with the next.. Data, findings, results and evaluations should be consistent and more importantly should support the results, findings and evaluations in the later chapters..
- Geology should support hydrostratigraphic descriptions
- Hydrostratigraphy and structural elements (e.g. faults) should support the findings of groundwater occurrence and distribution



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INTEGRITY AND CONSISTENCY

- Groundwater level (potentiometric) map should confirm and should be confirmed by the described hydrostratigraphy and hydrogeological role of structural elements
- Geology/hydrostratigraphy and groundwater levels should support the defined type on aquifers/flow domain (unconfined, confined, leaky etc.
- The hydrostratigraphic description should be consistent with the observed well productivity/hydraulic characteristics
- Identification of recharge and discharge areas of the flow domain should be consistent with the flow direction
- The hydrological calculations (e.g. water balance, behavior of hydrographs etc) should be consistent with the overall understanding of the dynamics of the flow domain; in terms of recharge-storage and flow-discharge relations



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INTEGRITY AND CONSISTENCY

- Data acquisition should be consistent with the method(s) of analysis and computations...
- The accuracy and precision of calculations should be consistent with the spatial and temporal scale of data.. Be aware of over-interpretations→speculations
- Environmental isotope contents (oxygen-18, deuterium, helium/tritium etc) and their spatio-temporal variations should be explained on the basis of the hypothesized hydrogeological conceptual model
- Observed hydrogeochemical properties and their spatio-temporal variations should be explained on the basis of hydrogeochemical evolution as suggested by the suggested conceptual model
- Modeling/parameters and boundary conditions should be consistent with the suggested hydrogeological conceptual model

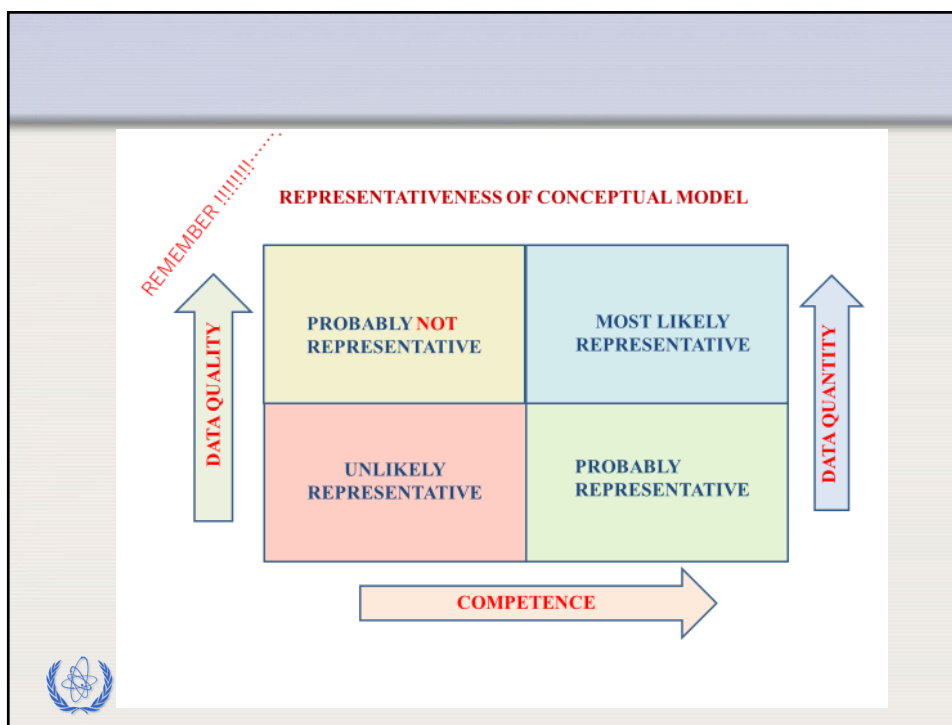






Figure 2.3. The project area covering the SNTC site and its near vicinity

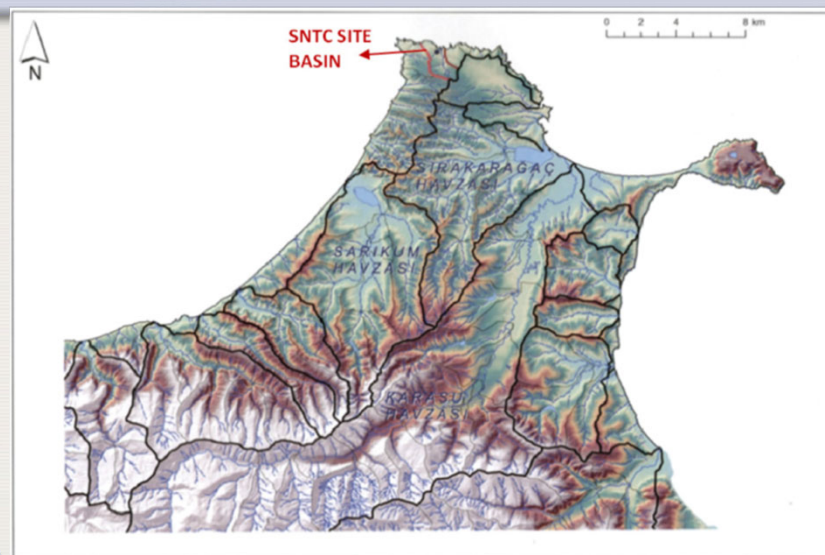
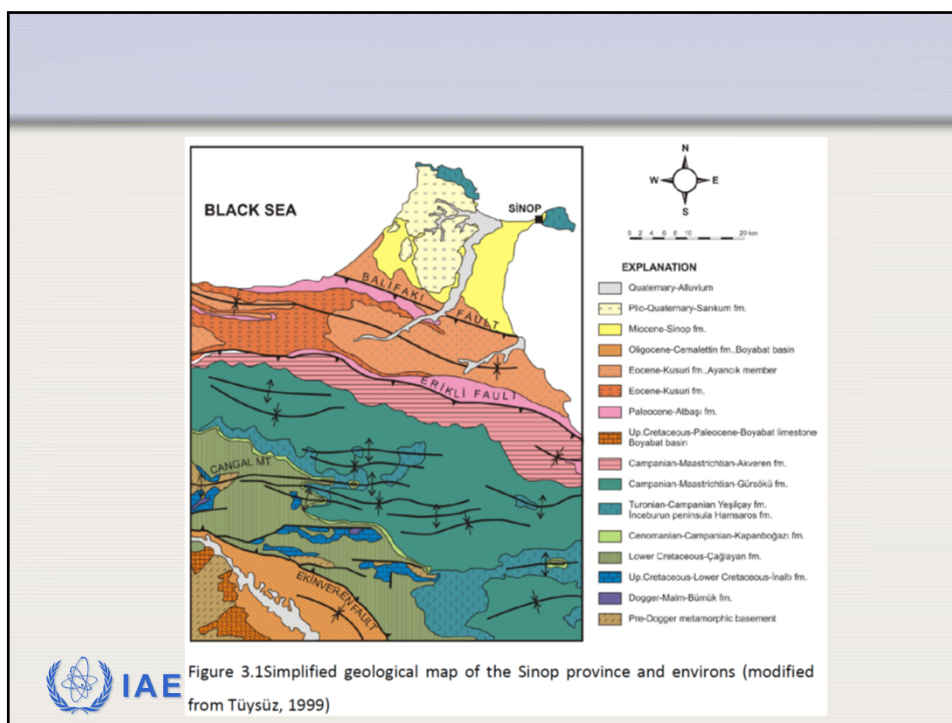


Figure 2.4. Hydrological basins delineated on 1/25000 scale topographical map.

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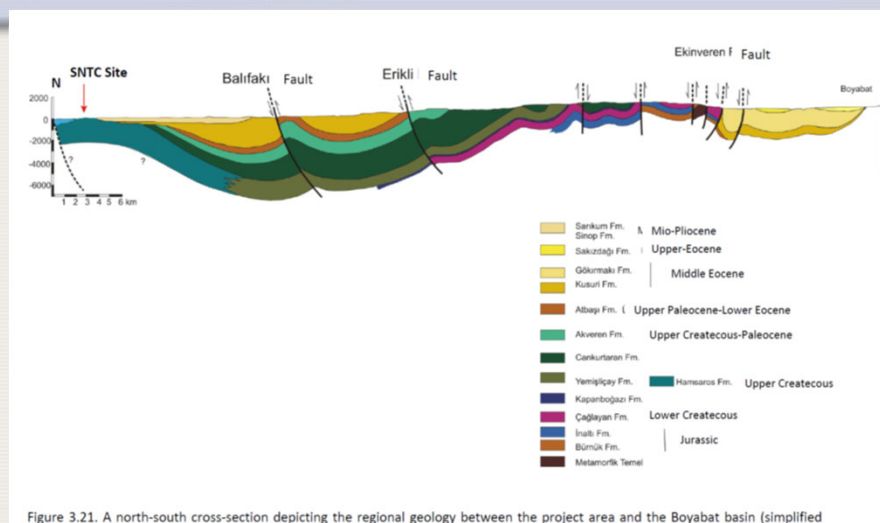


Figure 3.21. A north-south cross-section depicting the regional geology between the project area and the Boyabat basin (simplified)

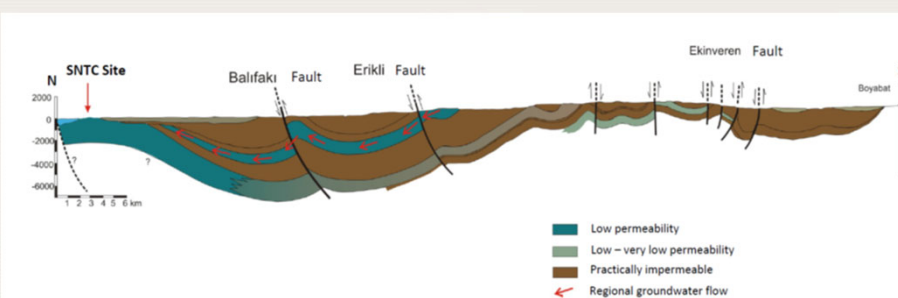


Figure 3.22. A north-south hydrogeological cross-section depicting the regional groundwater flow between the project area and the Boyabat basin (modified after Gedik and Korkmaz, 1984).



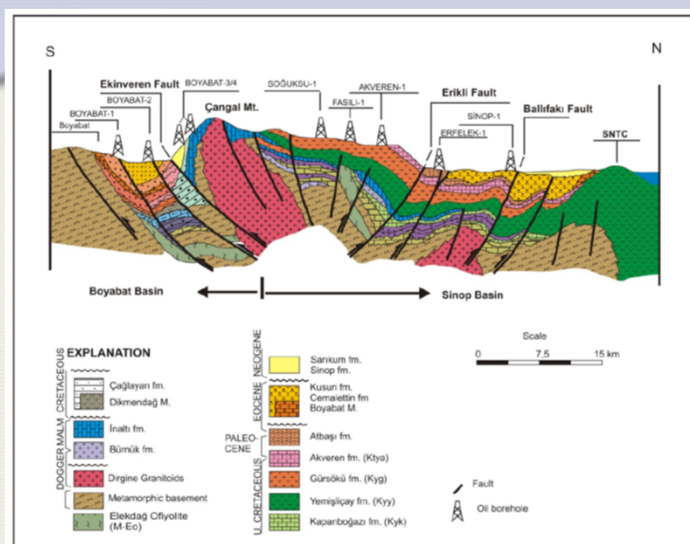


Figure 3.23. Regional tectonic setting in the Sinop province and near vicinity (from

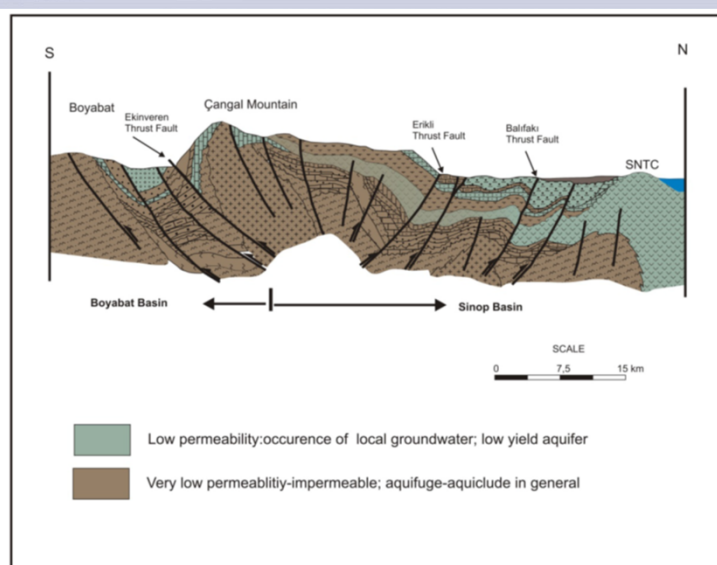


Figure 3.27. The regional hydrogeological setting in Sinop province





Figure 4.1. The major river basins located in the study area



Figure 4.2. Sub-basins located around the SNTC

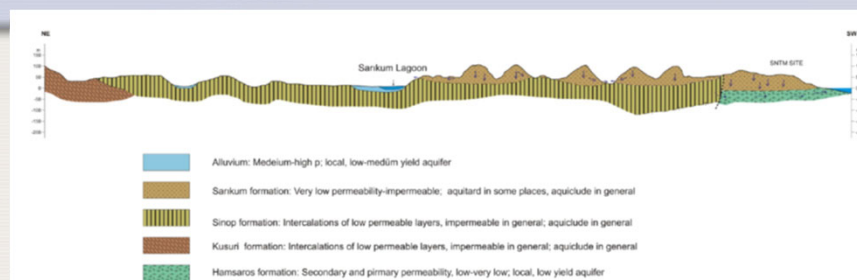


Figure 2.7. Cross-section depicting the geological structure between the SNTC site and the Sankum lagoon

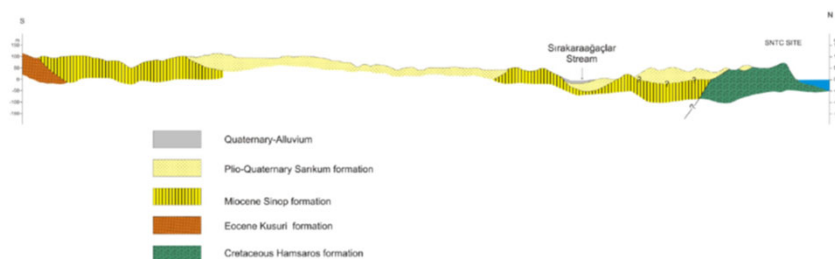


Figure 2.8. Cross-section depicting the geological structure between the SNTC site and the Sirakaraağaçlar stream



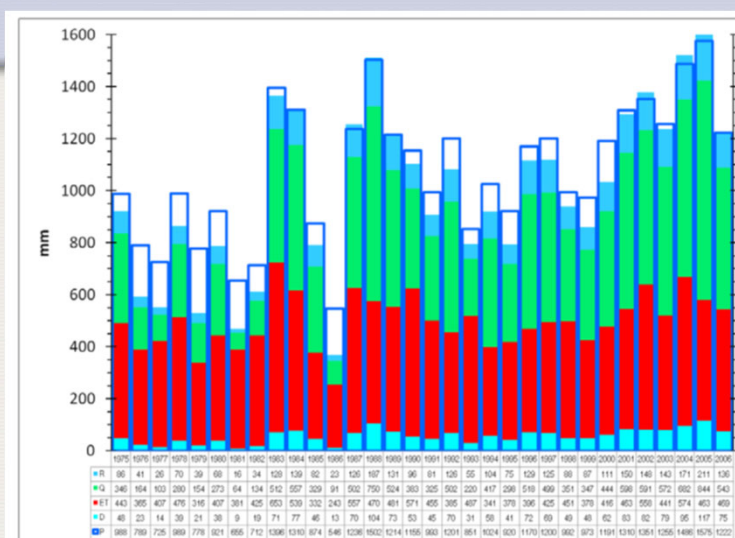
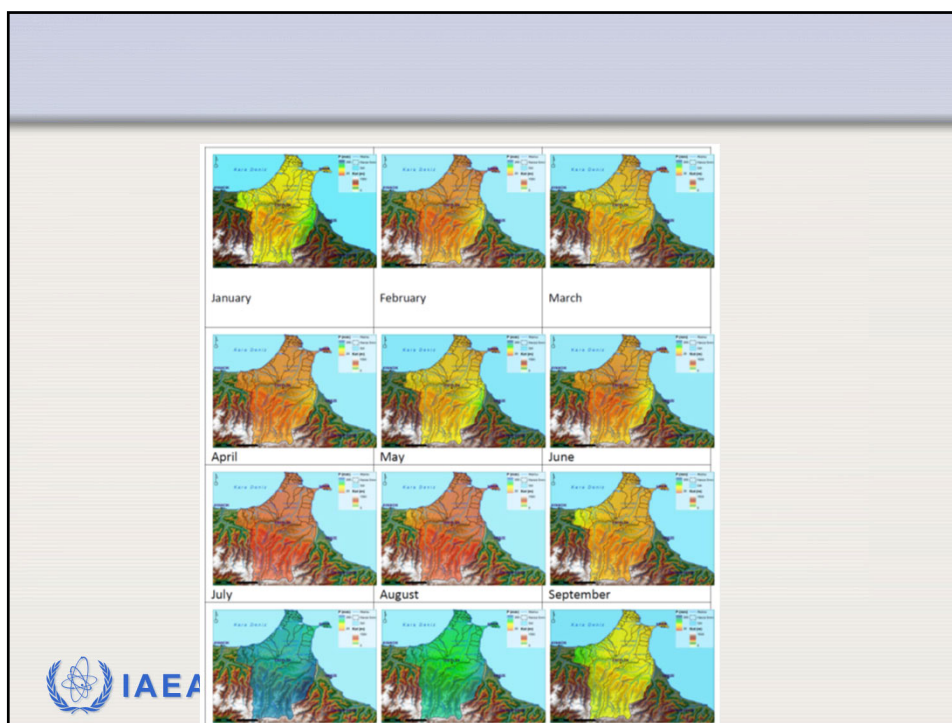


Figure 4.32. The temporal distribution of the water budget components in Karasu River basin

AREAL EXTENSION AND THICKNESS OF THE AQUIFER UNITS IN THE PROJECT AREA

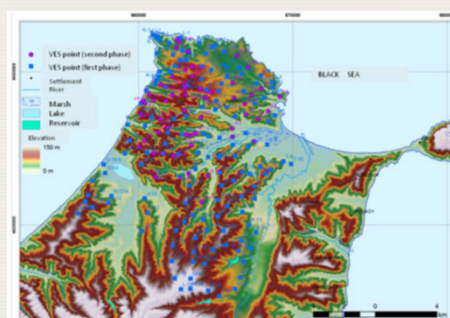


Figure 5.1. Distribution of geoelectrical soundings performed in the project area

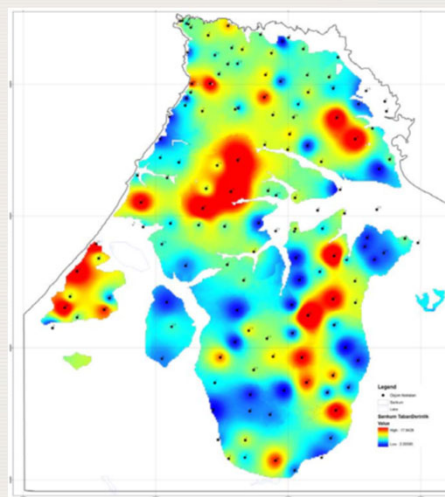


Figure 5.4. Map of lithological units underlying the Sarikum formation as deduced from geophysical survey.

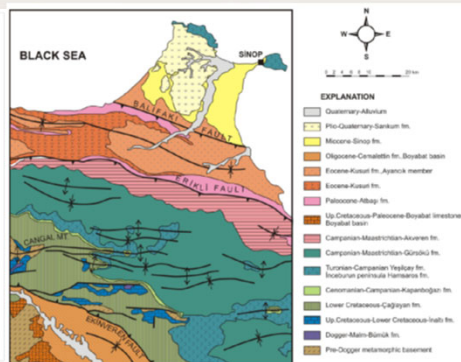


Figure 3.1. Simplified geological map of the Sinop province and environs (modified from Tüysüz, 1999)



Drilling Activities



Water Pressure Tests

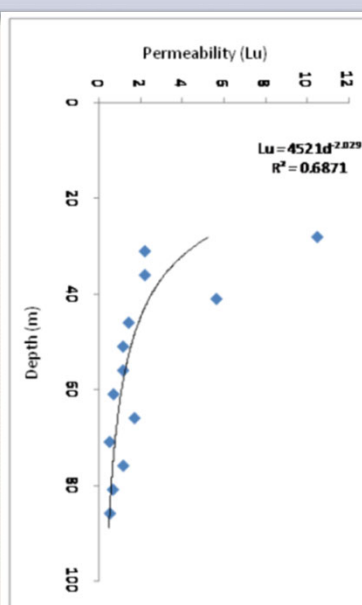
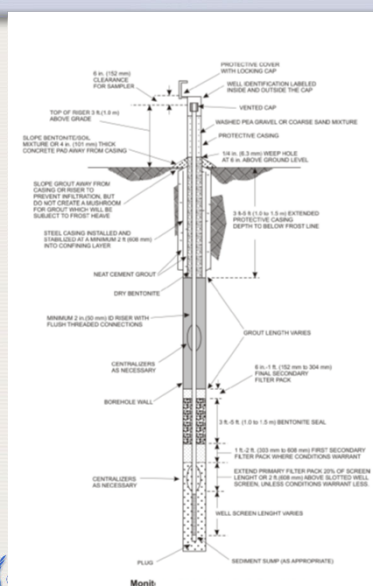
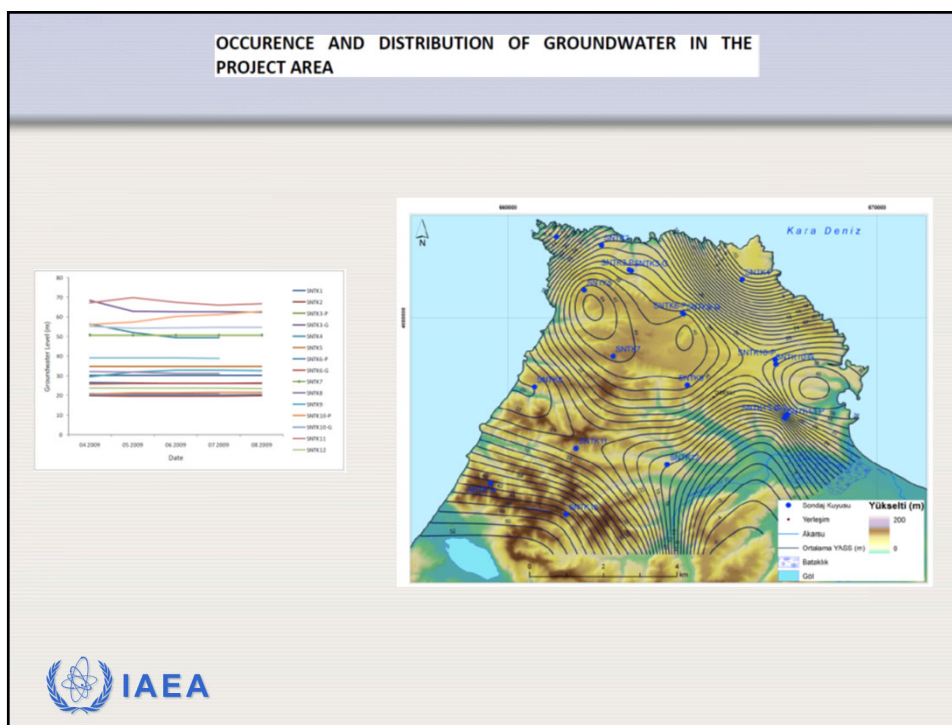
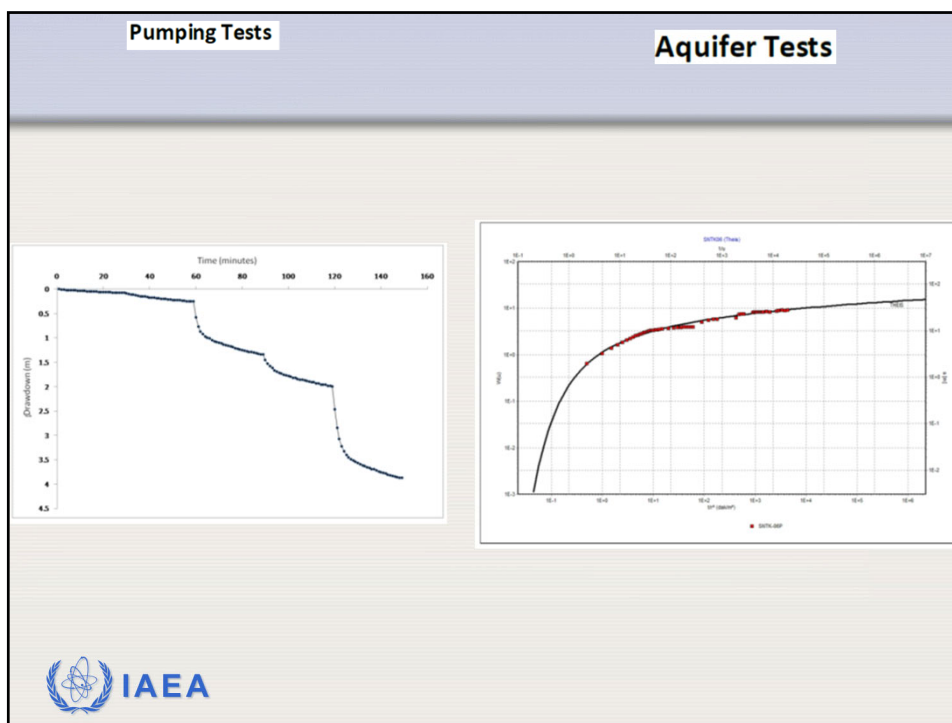
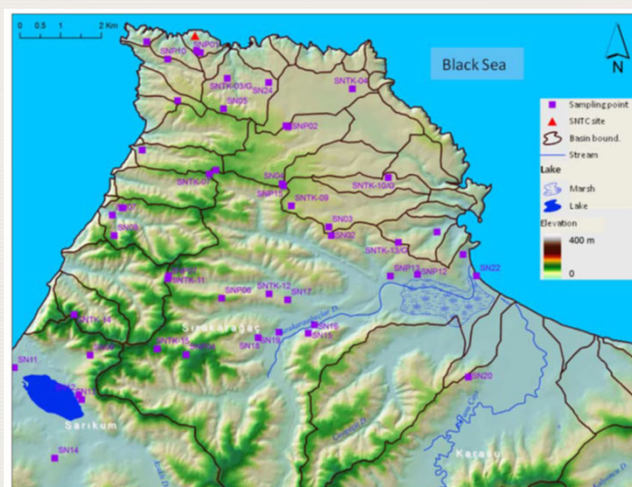


Figure 2-10. Construction of a water pressure test well.



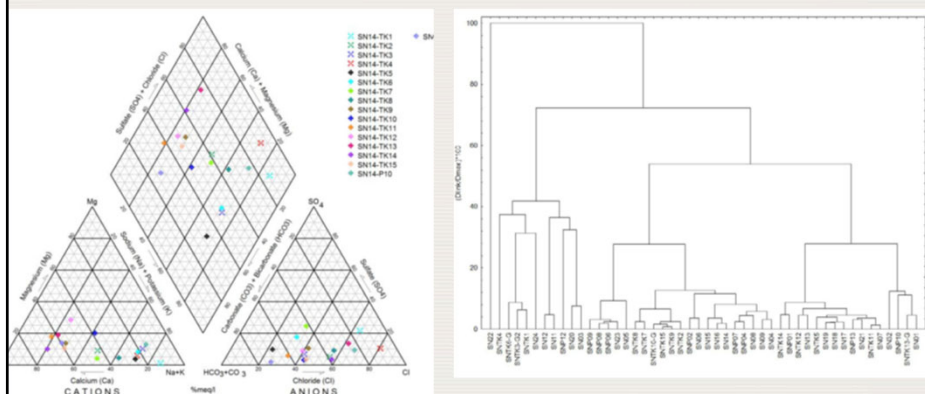
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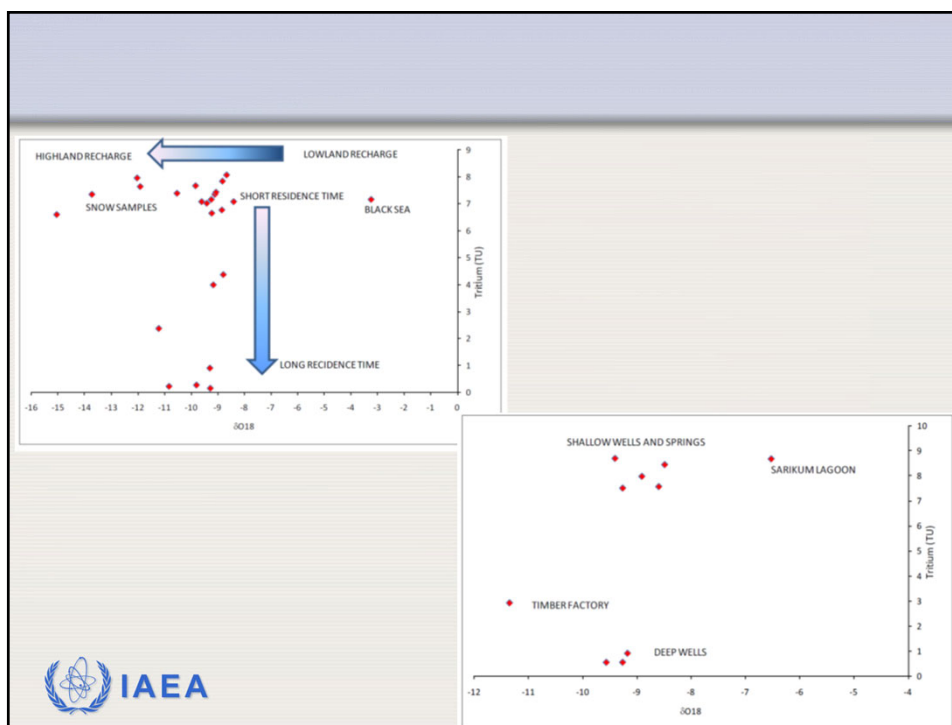
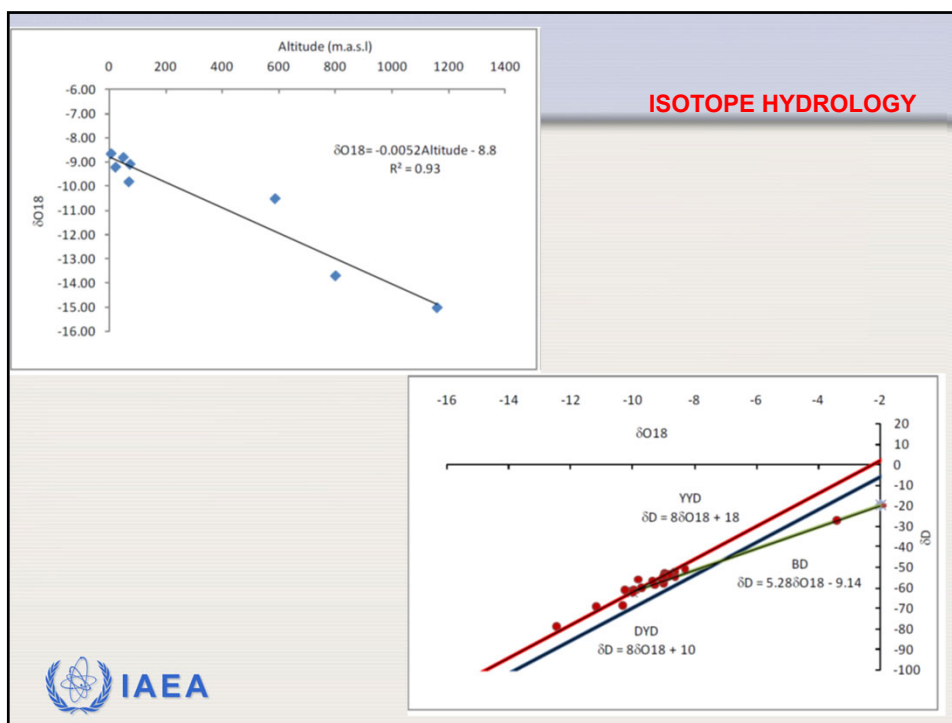
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Figure 8.1. Location map of the sampled water points

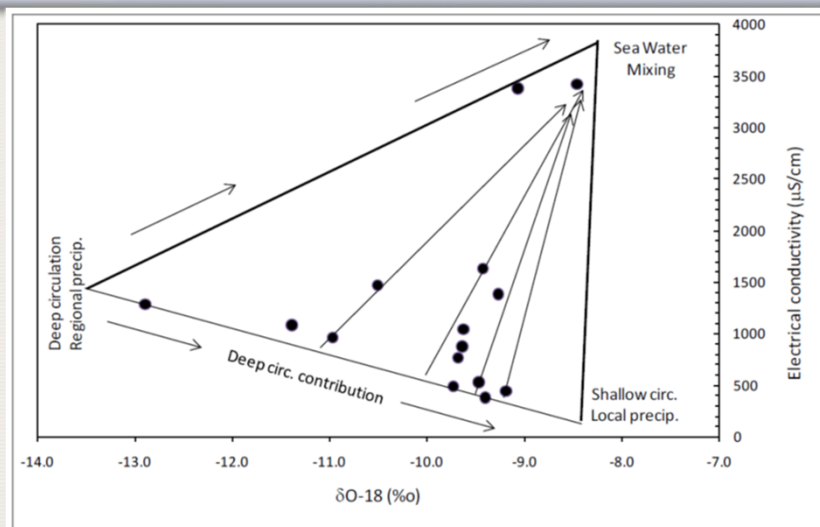
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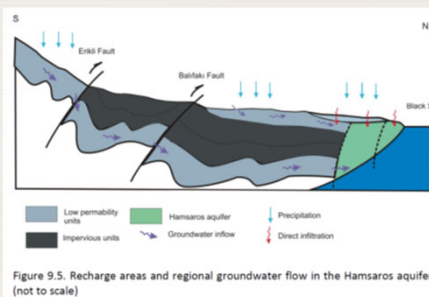
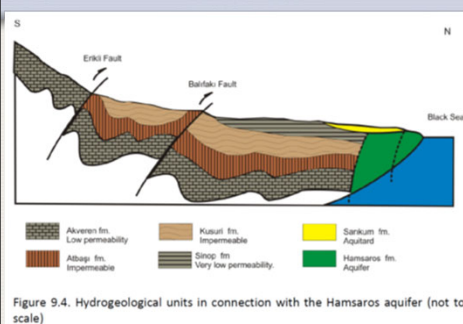
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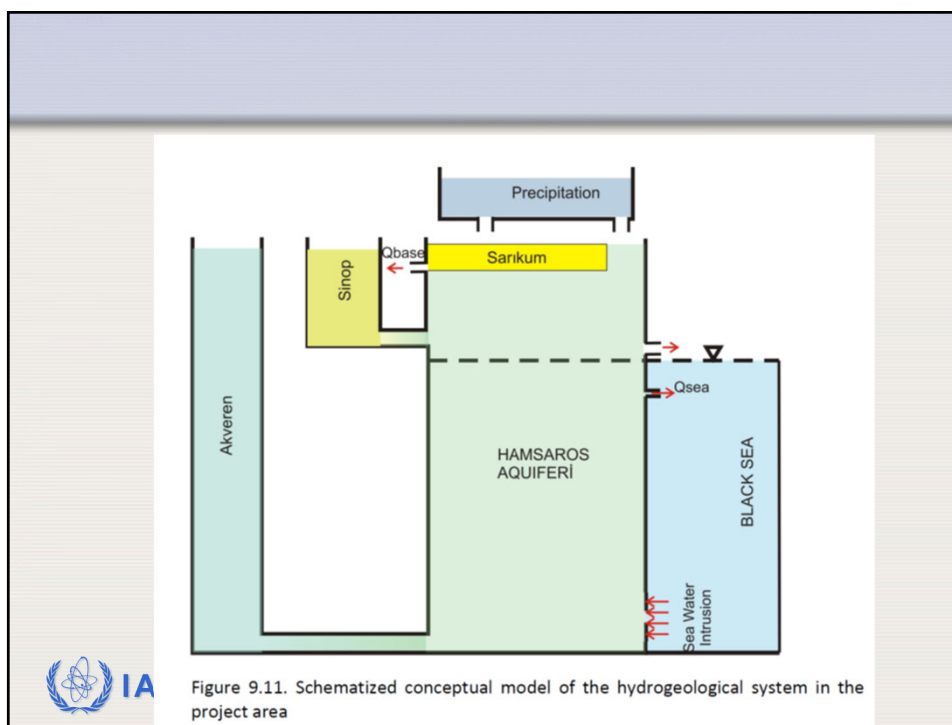
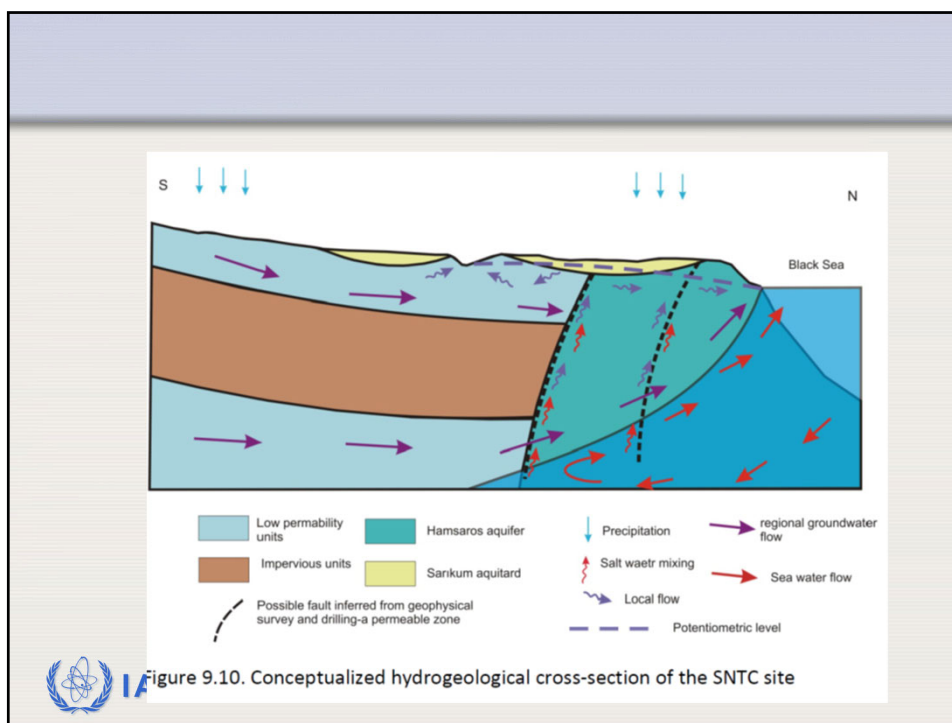


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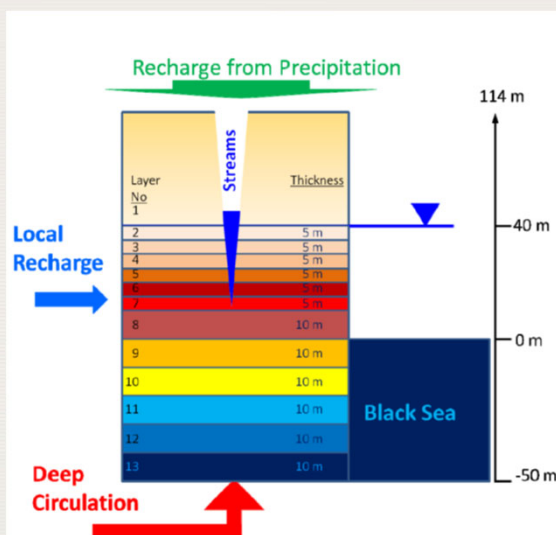
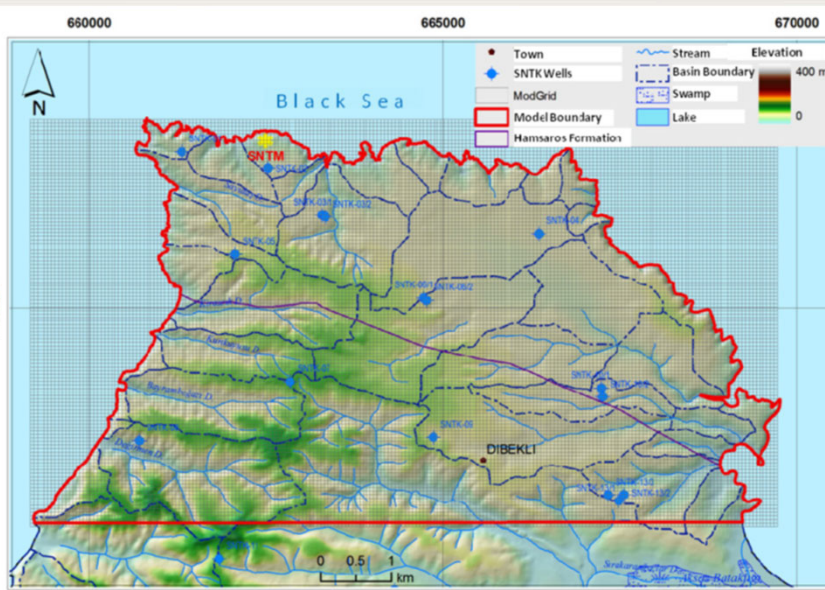
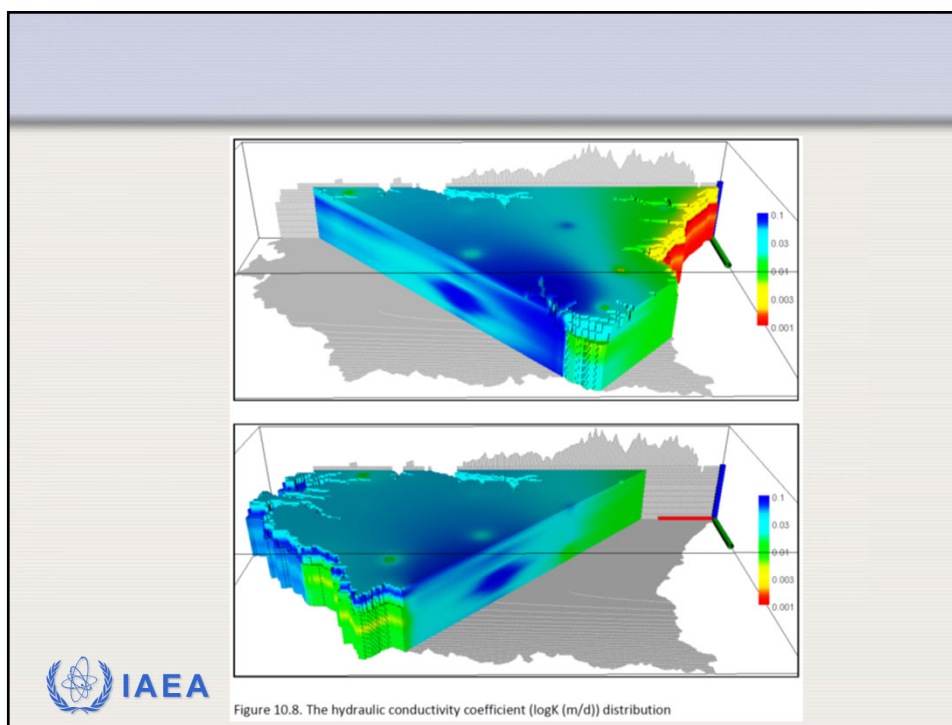
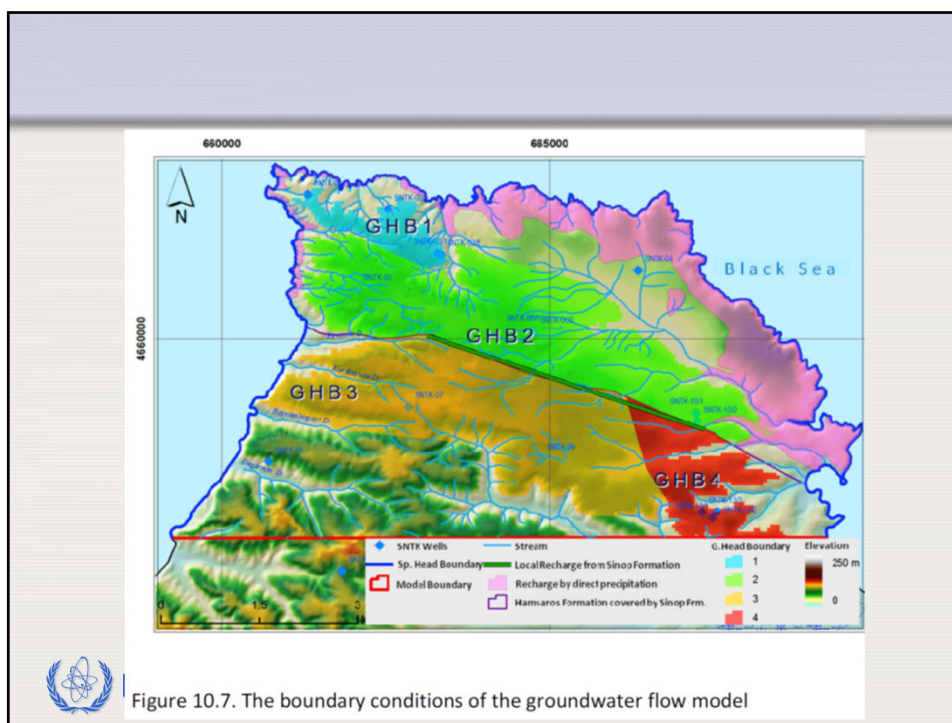


Figure 10.5. The model layers and their thickness values

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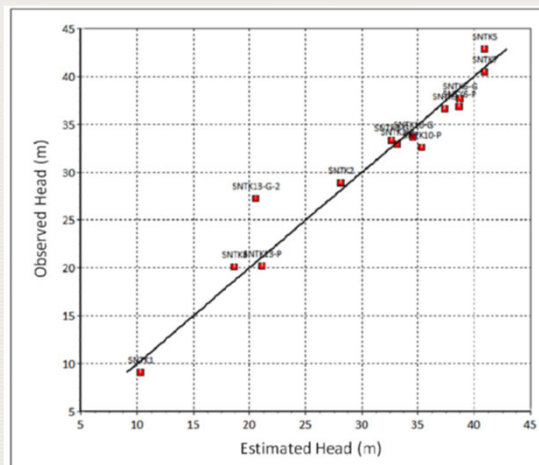


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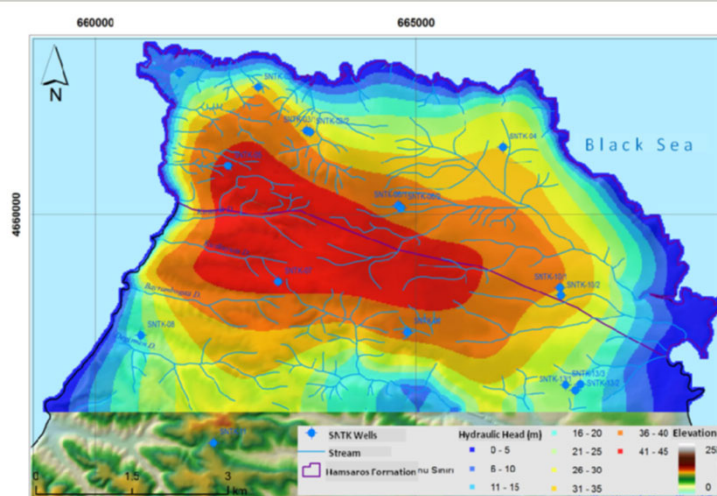


Figure 10.10. The calculated hydraulic head distribution after calibration process

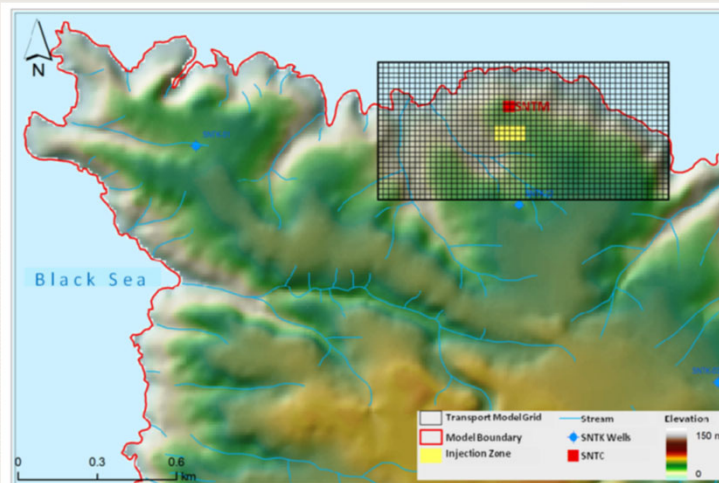
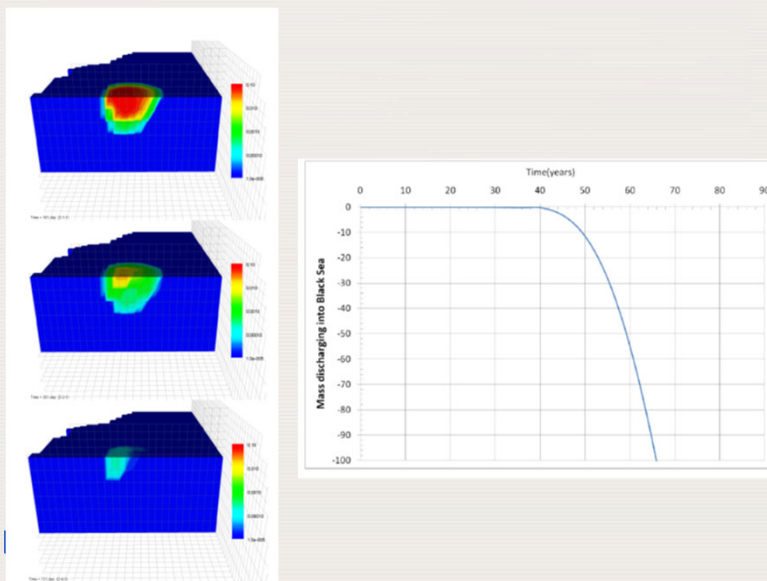
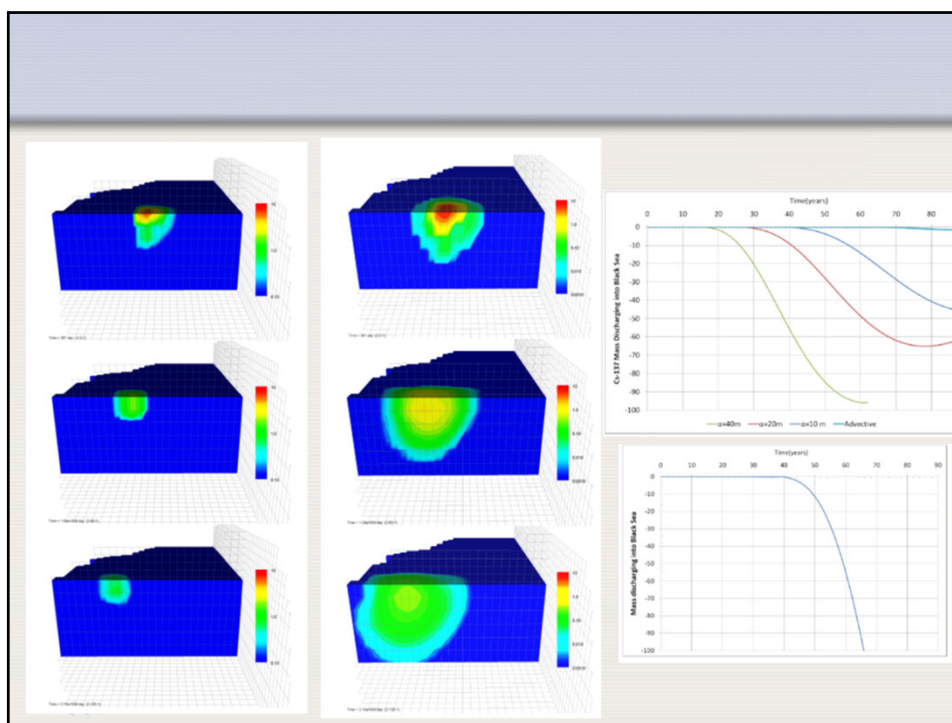


Figure 10.11. The locations of the transport cells and the injection area





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