

# Analytic and Numerical Solutions to the Kinematic Wave equation

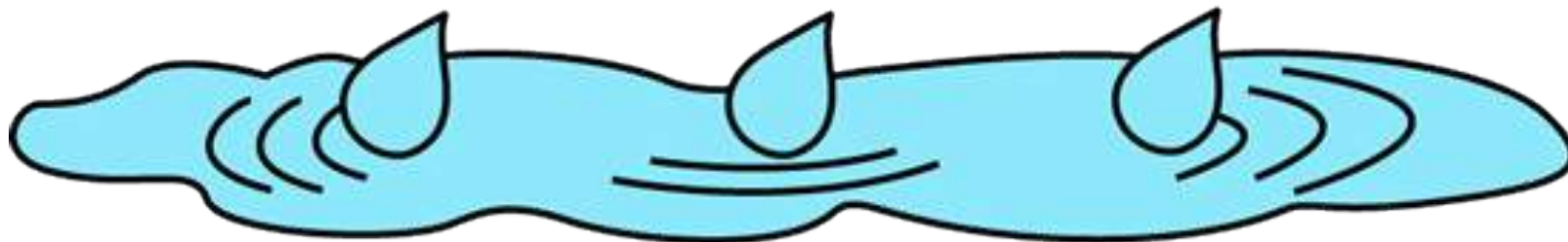
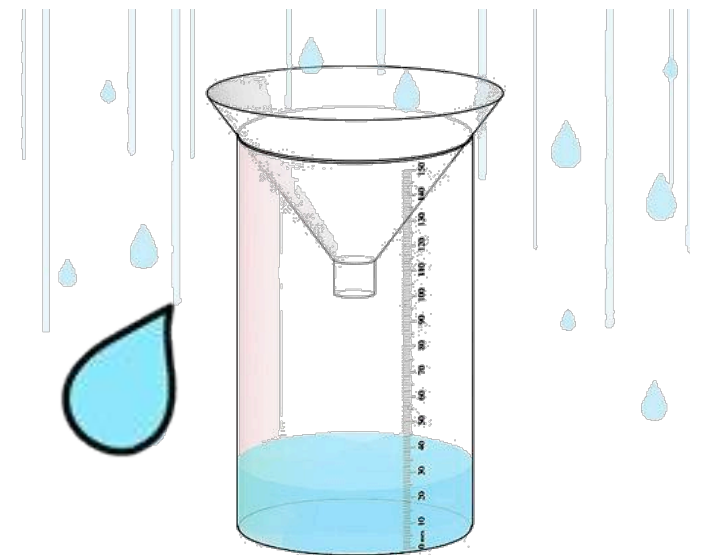
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$$\rho \frac{D\vec{U}}{Dt} = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla(\nabla \vec{U}) + \rho g \delta_{i,3}$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} = r - f$$

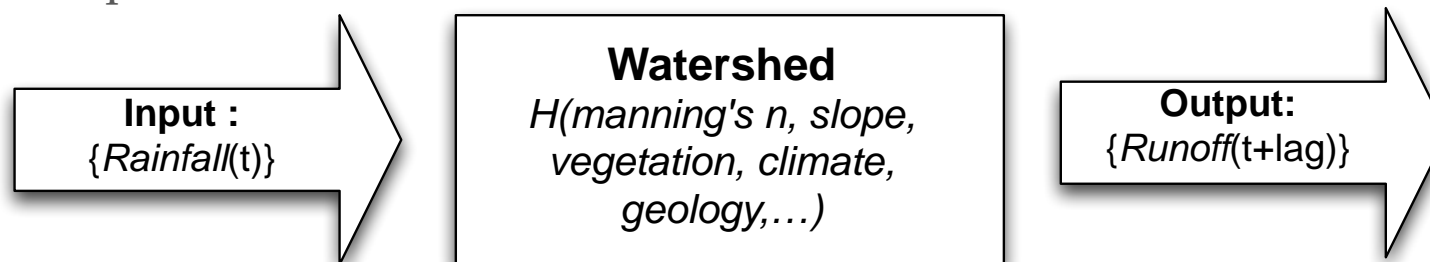


# INTRODUCTION: PROBLEM MOTIVATION



# INTRODUCTION: HYDROGRAPH GENERATION

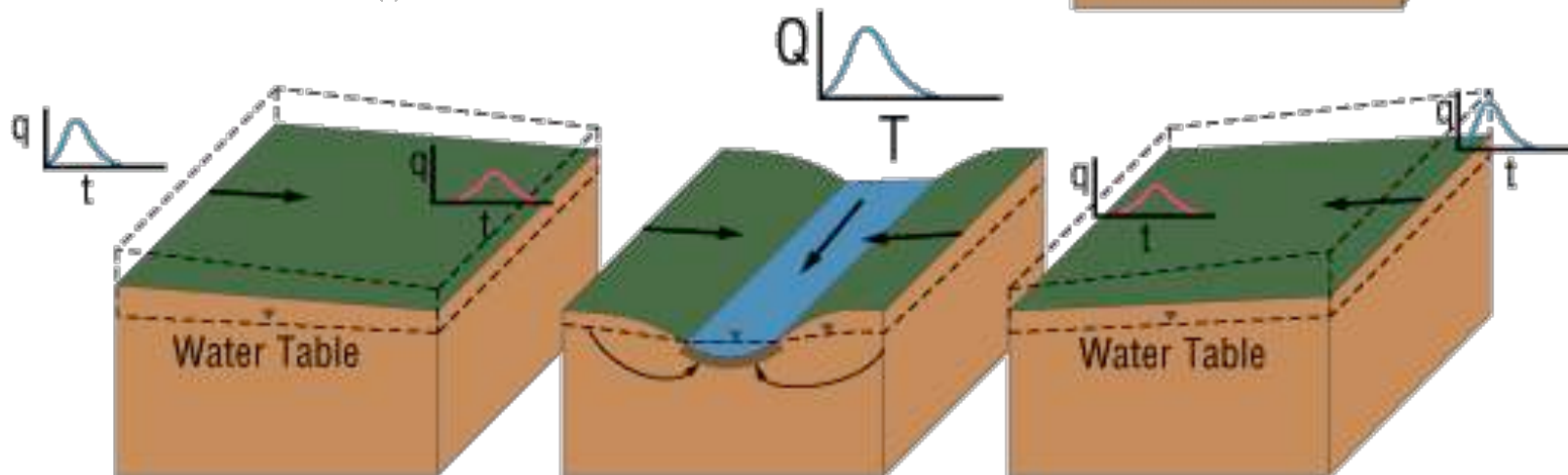
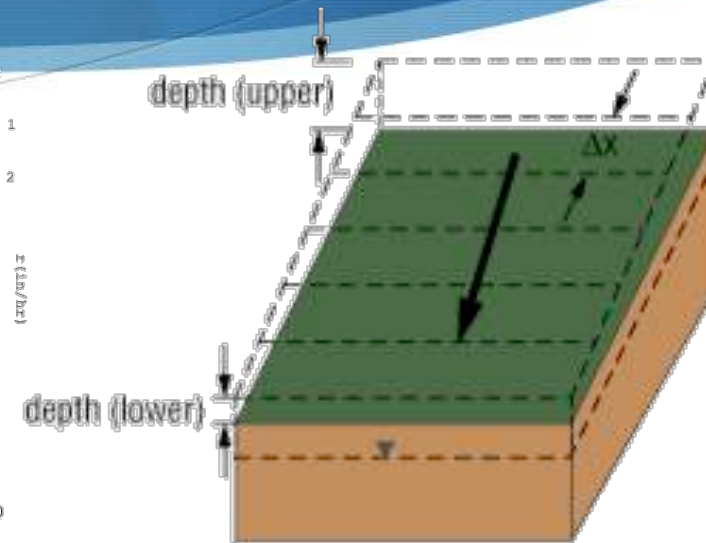
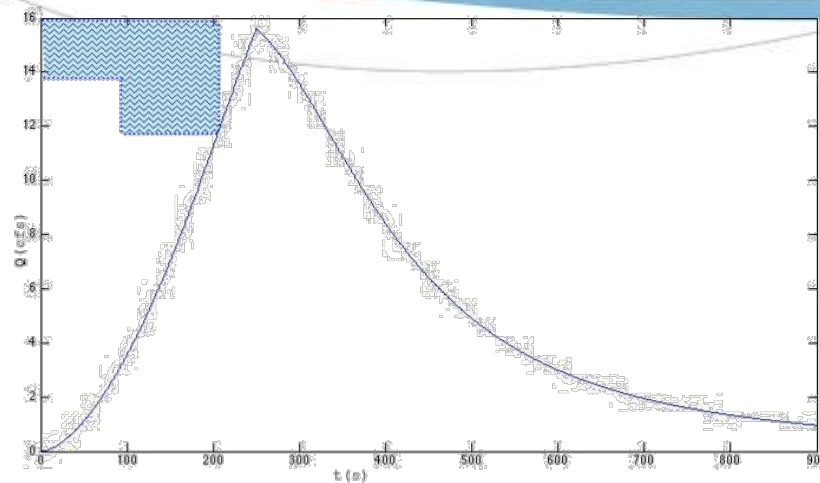
- Usual assumption: Watershed is an LTI System
  - Input: rainfall (hyetograph)
    - Measured by rainfall gauge.
  - Output: runoff (hydrograph)
    - Measured by stream gauge at watershed outlet.
  - Watershed defines a system transfer function
    - Finding transfer function allows prediction of flood events!
- Many methods to find:
  - Distributed parameter physical system; let's model it!
  - Objective is to use minimal number of gauges to estimate watershed response.





# INTRODUCTION

## PROBLEM SETUP



# INTRODUCTION:

## PRIMARY PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- **Analytical** derivation:
  - Overland Flow
  - Method of Characteristics.
- **Numerical** simulations of solution:
  - Steady rainfall and runoff rate
  - Temporally- and spatially- varying rainfall and runoff rate

# ANALYTIC SOLUTION FROM NAVIER-STOKES TO SAINT-VENANT IN 1 MINUTE

Conservation of momentum in Navier-Stokes:

$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t} + u \left( \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \phi_1 \right) + \bar{w} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial z} = -g \sin \theta - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \nu \nabla^2 \bar{u} - (\nabla \cdot \bar{v}') \bar{u}' = 0$$

Use Leibniz's rule, the free-surface condition and  $\int_0^h \bar{u}^2 dz = V^2 h$

$$\rightarrow \int_0^h \frac{\partial(\bar{u}^2)}{\partial x} dz = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} V^2 h - \bar{w} \bar{u} \Big|_{z=h} + \bar{u}_{z=h} \frac{\partial h}{\partial t}$$

For laminar and transitional flows, use KE correction coefficient:

$$\rightarrow \beta_c = \int_0^h (\bar{u} / V)^2 dz / h$$

# ANALYTIC SOLUTION FROM NAVIER-STOKES TO SAINT-VENANT IN 1 MINUTE

Some additional assumptions yield:

$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}(V^2 h) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(Vh) + hg \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + S_f - S_o \right) = 0$$

Shear stress; bed slope

More commonly written as:

$$\rightarrow V \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + g \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + S_f - S_o \right) + \frac{iV}{h} = 0$$

Simplified  
form of  
continuity  
equation is:

$$\frac{\partial h_p}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial q_p}{\partial x} = i$$

Small departure from uniform steady flow by substitution of

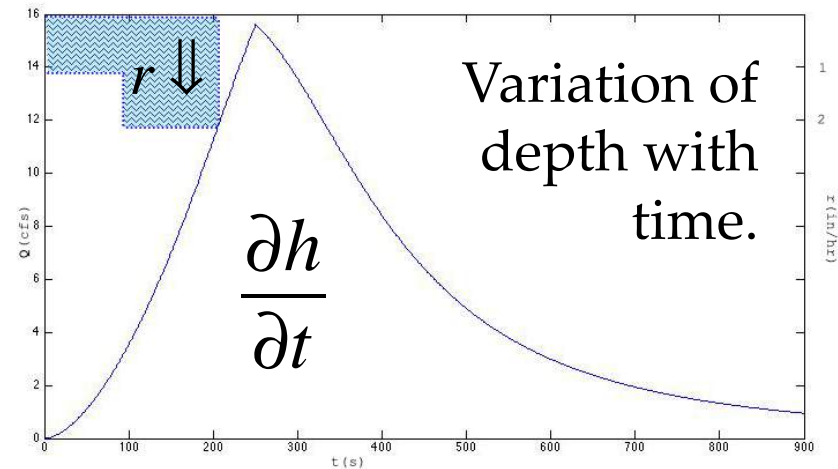
$$V = V_0 + V_p \text{ and } h = h_0 + h_p$$

$$\rightarrow V_0 \frac{\partial h_p}{\partial x} + h_0 \frac{\partial V_p}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial h_p}{\partial t} - i = 0$$

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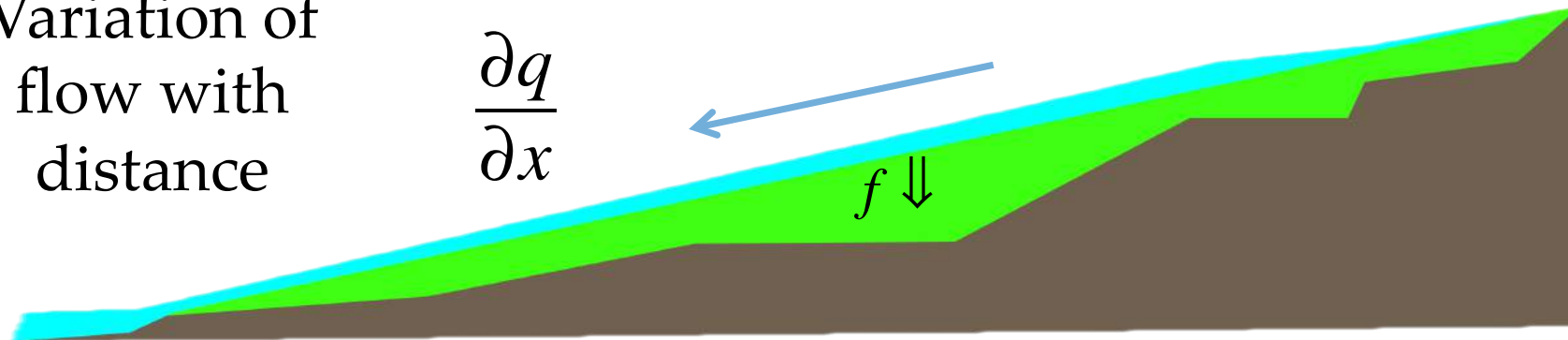
Take  
inflow = rainfall – infiltration

to get: 
$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} = r - f$$



Variation of  
flow with  
distance

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial x}$$





# ANALYTIC SOLUTION

## ASSUMPTIONS, BC/IC, AND CHARACTERISTICS

### Explicit form:

$$q = \alpha h^m \quad \alpha = \frac{1}{n} \sqrt{S_0}$$

Flow vs. Height    Manning's  
Law

### Characteristic Equations

$$dh / dt = r - f$$

$$dx / dt = \alpha m h^{m-1}$$

### Initial BC/IC

$$h(0, t) = 0, \quad h(x, 0) = 0$$

Zero flow at initial  
time and distance

### Characteristic Domains

$$\text{Domain 1: } t = t_p, \quad 0 < x < L.$$

$$\text{Domain 2: } x = 0, \quad 0 < t_0 < t_r.$$

$$\text{Domain 3: } t_r = t.$$

# ANALYTIC SOLUTION

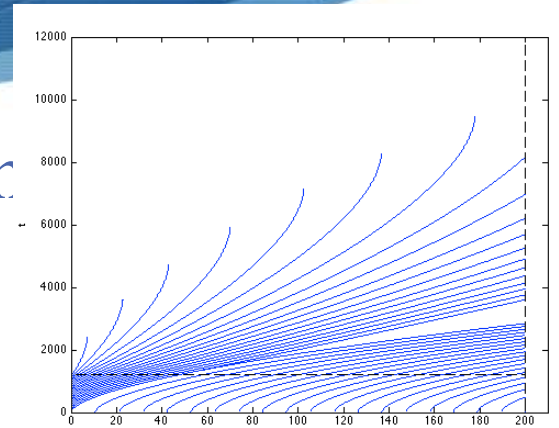
## CHARACTERISTIC DOMAIN I

$$t = t_p, \quad 0 < x < L$$

### Ponding Time      Smith-Parlange Infiltration

$$t_p = \frac{S^2}{2rK_s} \ln\left(\frac{r}{r-K_s}\right)$$

$$t - t_p = \frac{S^2/2}{K_r^2} \ln\left[\left(\frac{r-K_s}{r} \frac{f}{f-K_s}\right) - \frac{K_s}{f} + \frac{K_s}{r}\right]$$



$$\int_0^h dh = \int_{t_p}^t (r - f) dt = (r - f)(t - t_p) - \int_f^r (t - t_p) df$$

$$\int_0^x dx = m\alpha \int_{t_p}^t h^{m-1} dt = m\alpha \int_0^h \frac{h^{m-1}}{r-f} dh (t - t_p) = -m\alpha \frac{S^2}{2} \int_f^r \frac{h^{m-1}}{f^2 (f - K_s)} df$$

$$x - x_0 = 2\alpha \left(\frac{S^2/2}{K_s}\right)^2 \left\{ \frac{r^2 - f^2}{2rf^2} + \frac{r - K_s}{K_s} \cdot \left[ -\frac{1}{f} + \frac{1}{2K_s} \ln\left(\frac{r - K_s}{r} \frac{f}{f - K_s}\right) \right] \cdot \ln\left(\frac{r - K_s}{r} \frac{f}{f - K_s}\right) \right\}$$

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## CHARACTERISTIC DOMAIN II

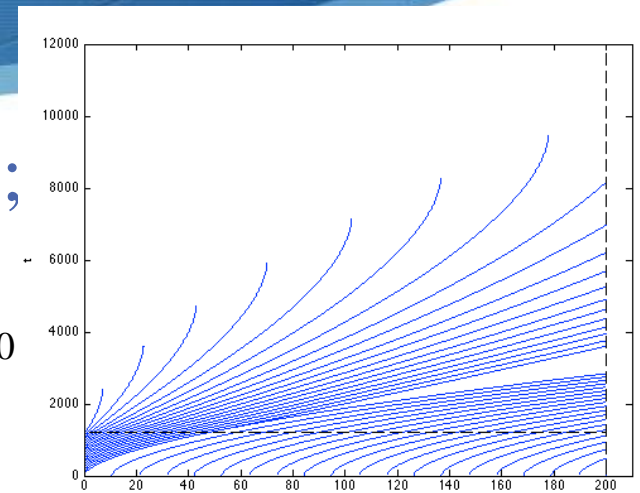
$$x = 0, \quad t_p < t < t_r$$

Characteristics emanate from time axis;

$$h = \int_{t_p}^t (r - f) dt = (r - f)(t - t_0) - \int_f^{t_0} (t - t_0)$$

$$h = \frac{S^2 / 2}{K_r^2} \left[ (r - k) \ln \left( \frac{f_0 - K_s}{f_0} \frac{f}{f - K_s} \right) - r K_s \left( \frac{1}{f} - \frac{1}{f_0} \right) \right]$$

$$\int_0^x dx = \alpha \int_{t_p}^t h^{m-1} dt$$



$$x = -2\alpha \left( \frac{S^2 / 2}{K_s} \right)^2 \left\{ \frac{r - f_0}{f_0} \left( \frac{1}{f} - \frac{1}{f_0} \right) - \frac{r}{2} \left( \frac{1}{f^2} - \frac{1}{f_0^2} \right) + \left[ \left( \frac{r - K_s}{f K_s} - \frac{r - f_0}{f_0 K_s} \right) - \frac{r - K_s}{2 K_s^2} \cdot \ln \left( \frac{f_0 - K_s}{f_0} \frac{f}{f - K_s} \right) \right] \cdot \ln \left( \frac{f_0 - K}{f_0} \frac{f}{f - K} \right) \right\}$$

# ANALYTIC SOLUTION

## CHARACTERISTIC DOMAIN III

$$t_r = t_f$$

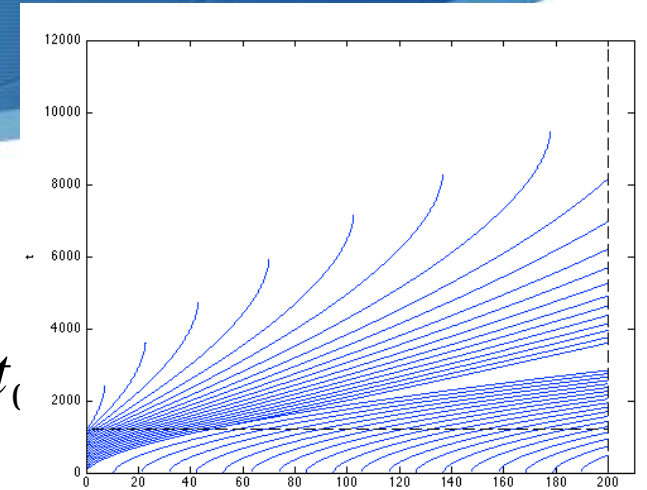
Now no rain, so:  $dh / dt = -f$

$$h - h_* = \int_{t_r}^t -f dt = -f(t - t_r) - \int_f^{f_*} (t - t_c)$$

$$h - h_* = -\frac{S^2 / 2}{K_r^2} \ln \left( \frac{f_r - K_s}{f_r} \frac{f}{f - K_s} \right)$$

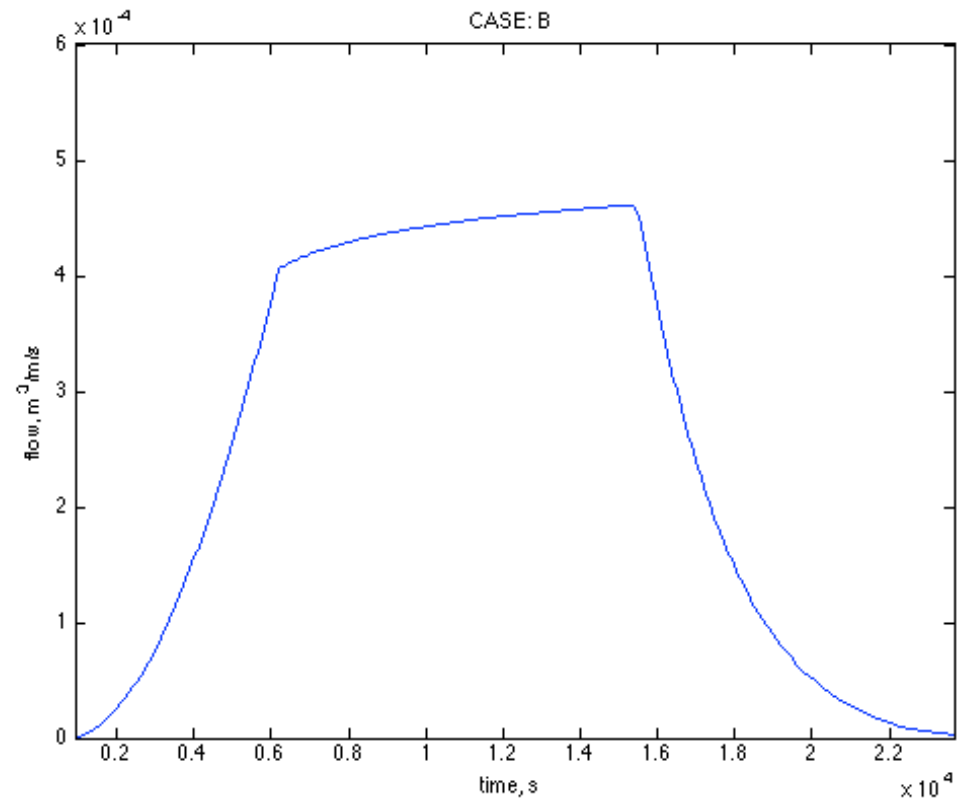
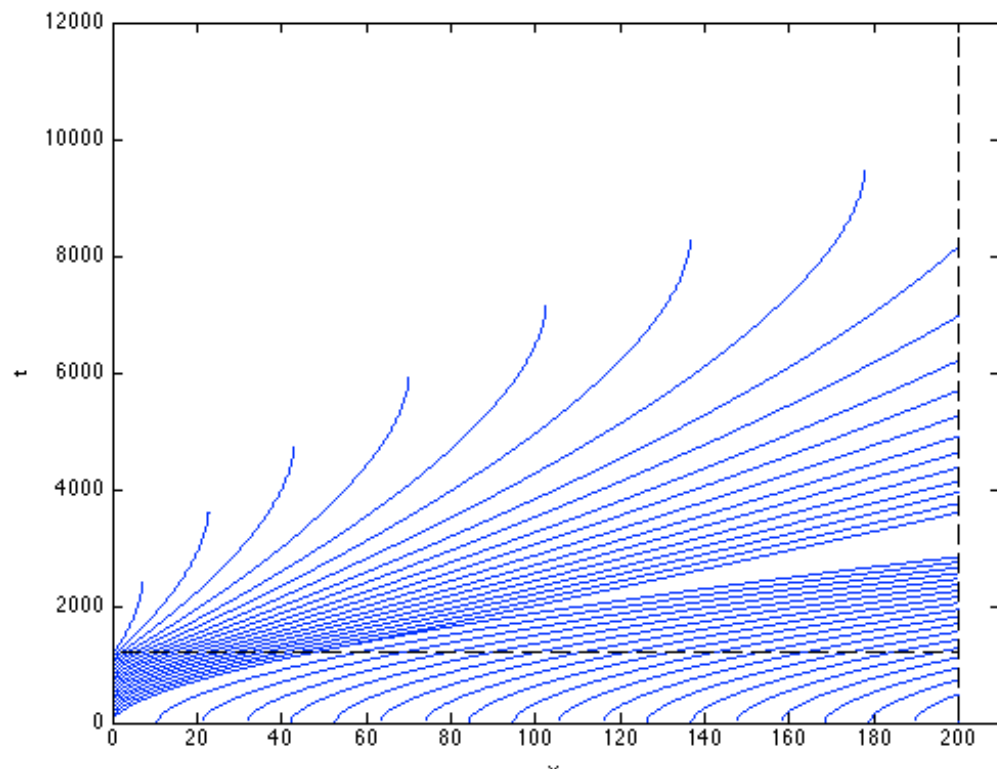
$$f_{zw} = K_s \left[ m \frac{f - K_s}{f_r} \exp \left( \frac{h_* K_s}{S^2 / 2} \right) \right]^{-1}$$

$$x - x_* = 2\alpha \left( \frac{S^2 / 2}{K_s} \right) \left\{ \left( h_* - \frac{S^2 / 2}{K_s} \right) \left( \frac{K_s}{f} - \frac{K_s}{f_r} \right) + \left[ \frac{S^2 / 2}{K_s} \left( \frac{f - K_s}{f} + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{f_r - K_s}{f_s} \frac{f}{f - K_s} \right] \right) - h_* \right] \cdot \ln \left( \frac{f_r - K_s}{f_r} \frac{f}{f - K_s} \right) \right\}$$





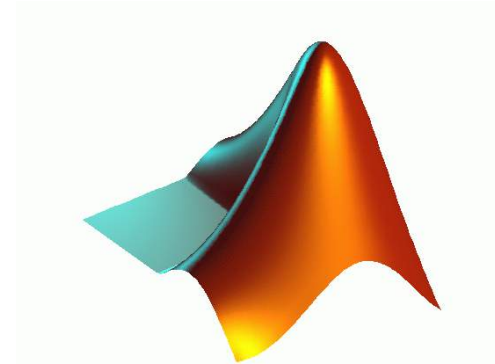
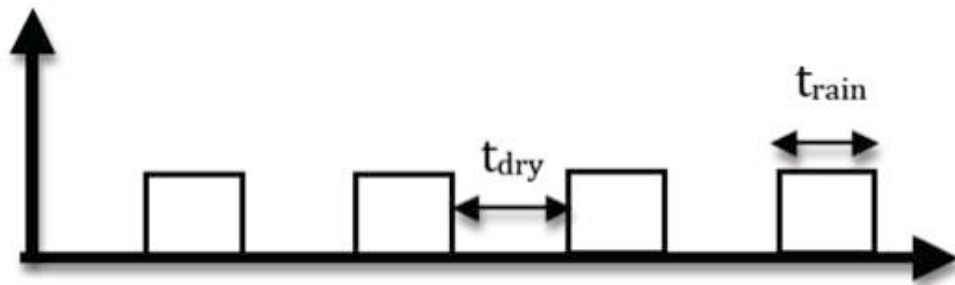
# ANALYTIC SOLUTION RESULTS



# ANALYTIC SOLUTION

## DISCUSSION

- Can only work for very specific cases of physical settings
- Try to solve analytically with changes will become a mental gymnastic exercise. (we tried to solve it with two storms)
  - Rescue ? Go Numerical – finite difference schemes



# NUMERIC SOLUTION

## Explicit Finite-Differences Solution

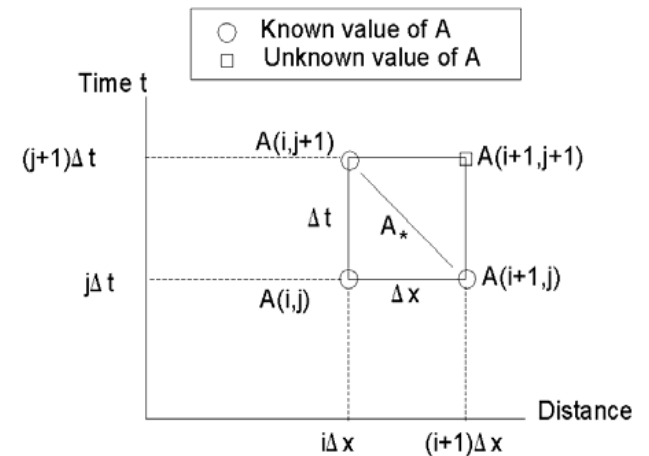
Start with discrete uniform rainfall and infiltration:

$$q_{i+1}^{j+1} = \alpha (y_{i+1}^{j+1})^m$$

$$\frac{q_{i+1}^{j+1} - q_{i+1}^j}{\Delta x} + \frac{y_{i+1}^{j+1} - y_{i+1}^j}{\Delta t} = (i - f)_{i+1}^j,$$

Write as an update function

$$f(y_{i+1}^{j+1}) = \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \alpha (y_{i+1}^{j+1})^m + y_{i+1}^{j+1} - \left[ \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \alpha (y_{i+1}^j)^m + y_{i+1}^j + \Delta t (i - f)_{i+1}^j \right]$$



# NUMERIC SOLUTION

## EXPLICIT FINITE-DIFFERENCES SOLUTION

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} + \alpha \frac{\partial A^m}{\partial x} = \bar{q}$$

$$Q = \alpha A^m$$

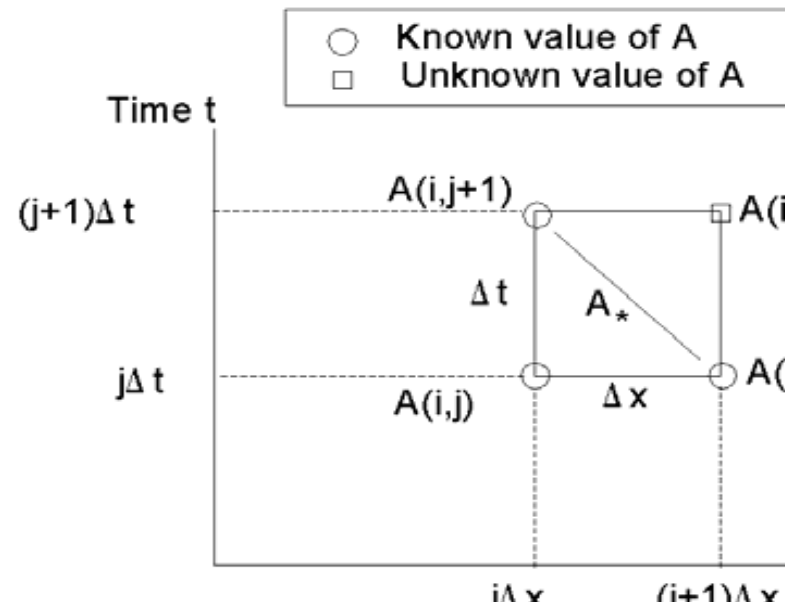
$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial x} \approx \frac{A_{i+1}^j - A_i^j}{\Delta x}$$

$$A_* \approx \frac{A_{i+1}^j + A_i^j}{2}$$

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} \approx \frac{A_{i+1}^{j+1} - A_{i+1}^j}{\Delta t}$$

$$\bar{q} \approx \frac{q_{i+1}^{j+1} + q_{i+1}^j}{2}$$

$$\frac{A_{i+1}^{j+1} - A_{i+1}^j}{\Delta t} + \alpha \left[ \frac{(A_{i+1}^j)^m - (A_i^j)^m}{\Delta x} \right] = \frac{q_{i+1}^{j+1} + q_{i+1}^j}{2} = \bar{q}$$



Write as an update function  $A_{i+1}^{j+1} = \bar{q} \Delta t + A_{i+1}^j \left[ 1 - \frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\Delta x} (A_{i+1}^j)^{m-1} \right] + \frac{\alpha \Delta t}{\Delta x} (A_i^j)^m$



# NUMERIC SOLUTION

## 4-POINT IMPLICIT FINITE DIFFERENCE

Use weighting parameter for spatial derivative:

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \theta \frac{y_{i+1}^{j+1} - y_i^{j+1}}{\Delta x} + (1 - \theta) \frac{y_{i+1}^j - y_i^j}{\Delta x}, \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{y_i^{j+1} - y_i^j}{\Delta t} + \frac{y_{i+1}^{j+1} - y_{i+1}^j}{\Delta t} \right]$$

Plug into previous update function:

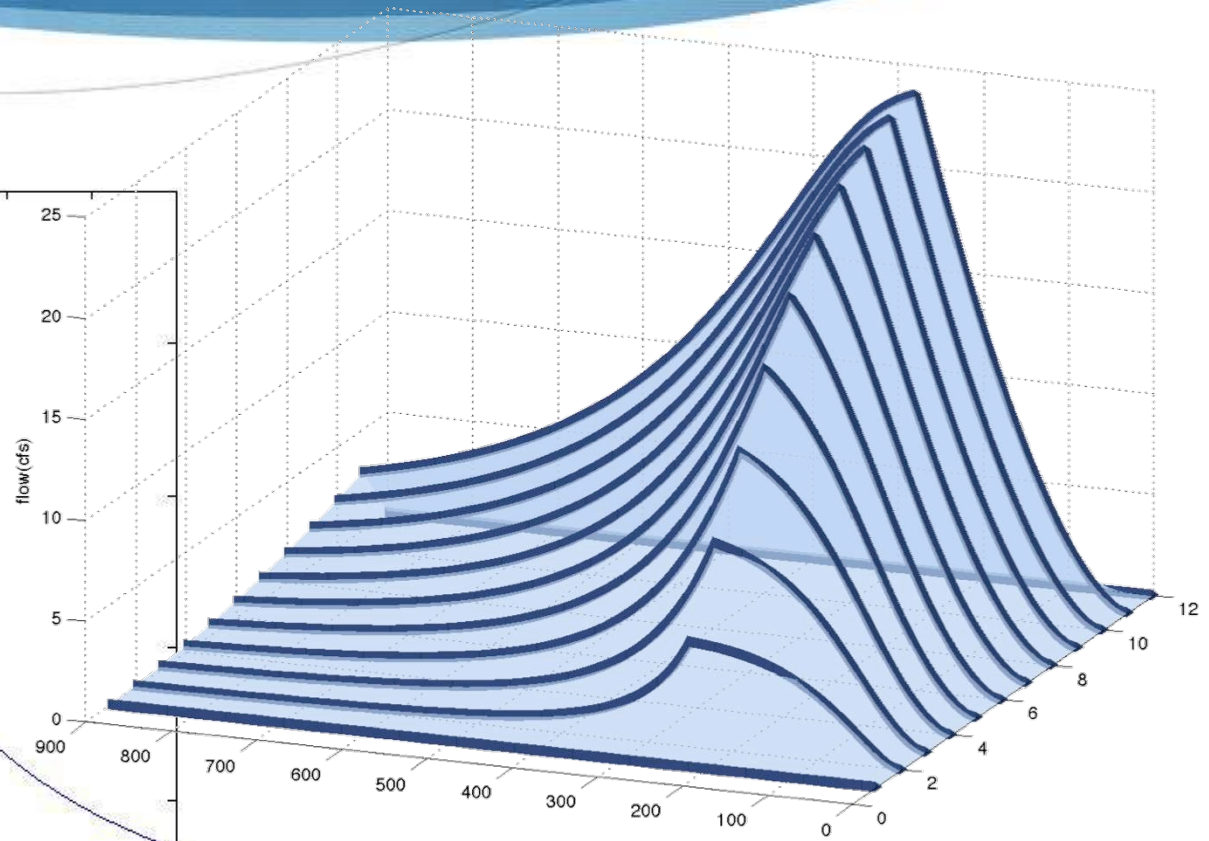
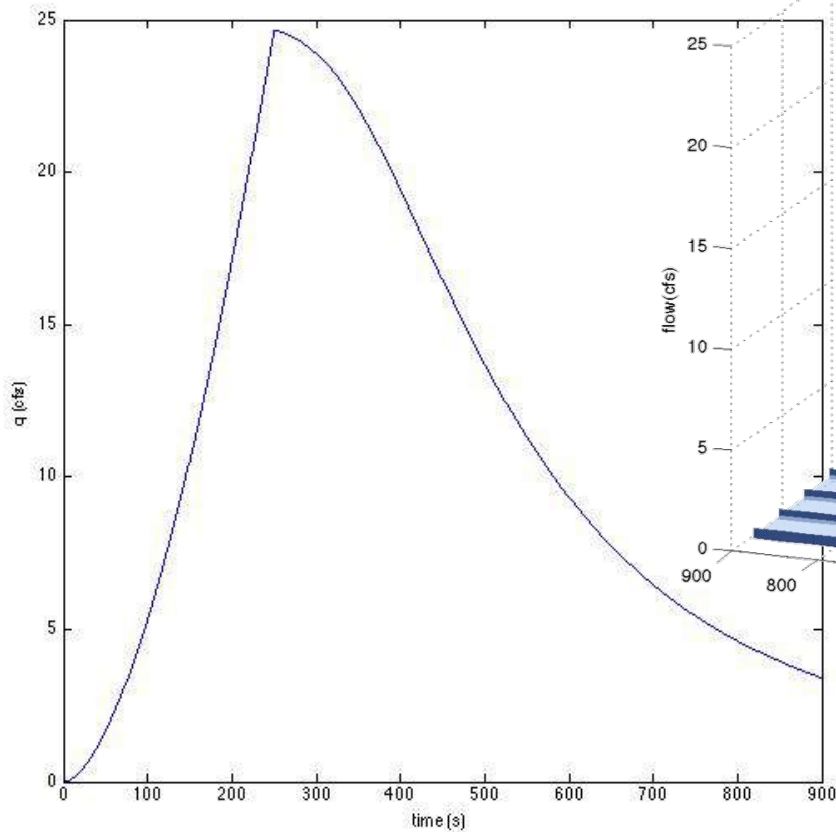
$$y_{i+1}^{j+1} - y_{i+1}^j + y_i^{j+1} - y_i^j + \dots$$

$$\dots + \frac{2\Delta t}{\Delta x} \left\{ \theta \alpha \left[ (y_{i+1}^{j+1})^m - (y_i^{j+1})^m \right] - (1 - \theta) \alpha \left[ (y_{i+1}^j)^m - (y_i^j)^m \right] \right\} - \dots$$

$$\dots - \Delta t \left[ (i - f)_{i+1} + (i - f)_i \right] = 0$$

# NUMERIC SOLUTION

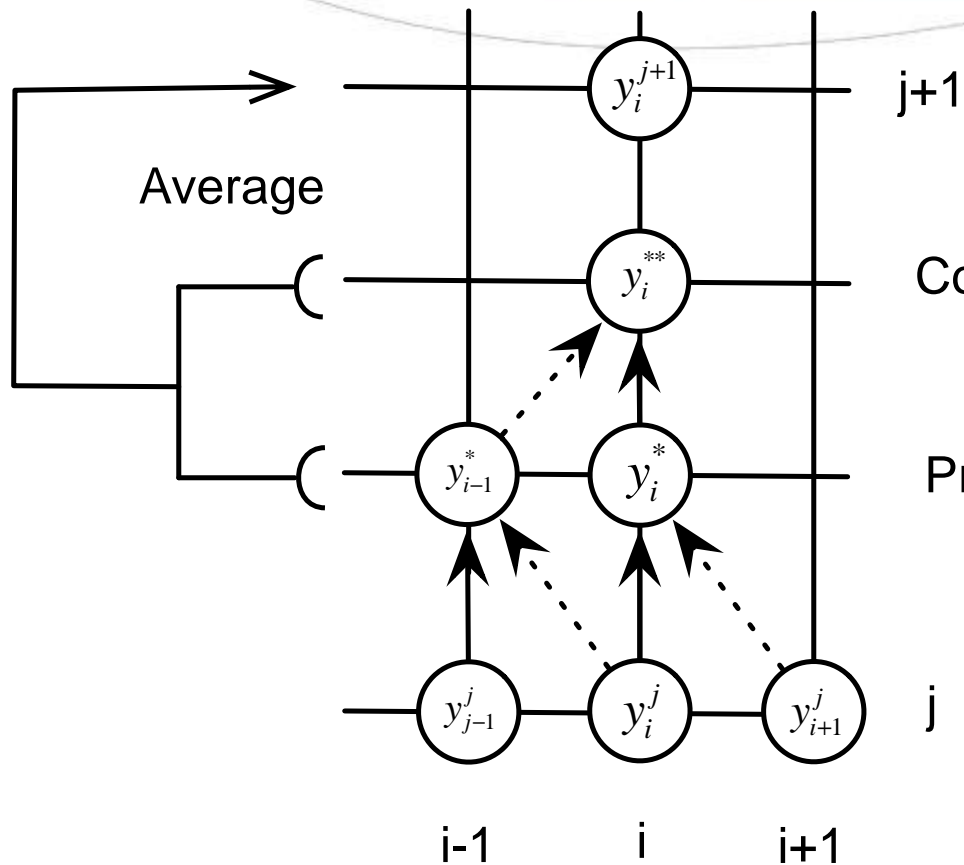
## EXPLICIT FINITE-DIFFERENCES SOLUTION



# NUMERIC SOLUTION

## McCORMACK SPLITTING METHOD

### CONCEPT



$$\frac{u_j^{n+1} - u_j^{**}}{(\Delta t/2)} = -a \left( \frac{u_j^* - u_{j-1}^*}{\Delta x} \right)$$

where  $u_j^{**} = \frac{1}{2}(u_j^n + u_j^*)$

$$u_j^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (u_j^n + u_j^*) - \frac{a\Delta t}{\Delta x} (u_j^* + u_{j-1}^*) \right]$$

Correction

Prediction

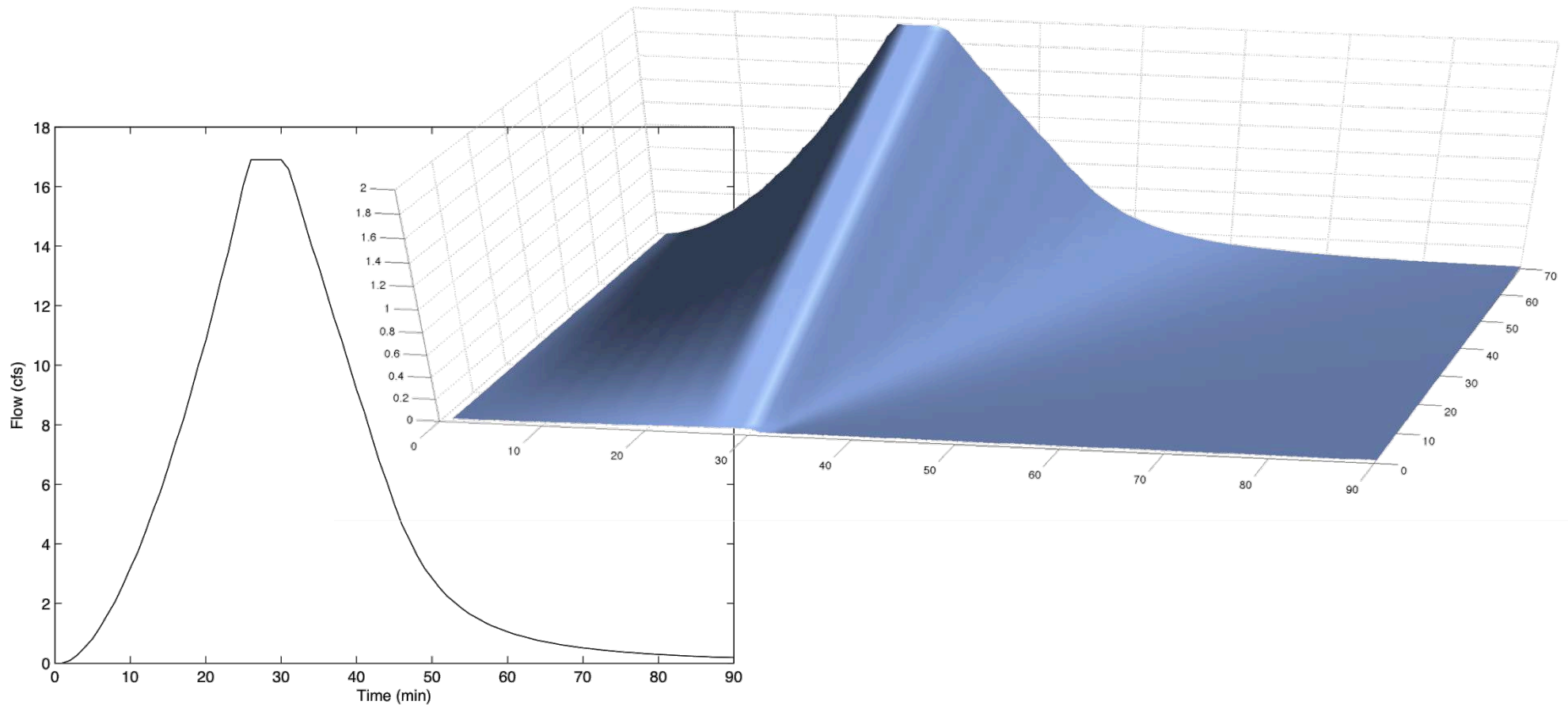
$$\frac{u_j^* - u_j^n}{\Delta t} = -a \left( \frac{u_{j+1}^n - u_j^n}{\Delta x} \right)$$

**Courant Condition:**  $\frac{a\Delta t}{\Delta x} \leq 1$

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## McCORMACK SPLITTING METHOD

### RESULTS



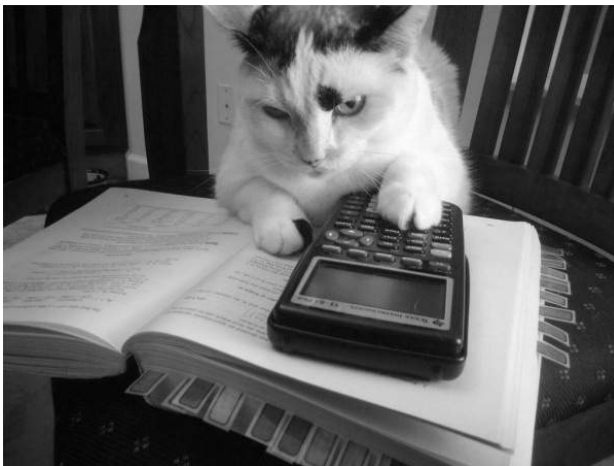


# DISCUSSION

## NUMERIC VS. ANALYTIC

- 💧 Work in Progress
- 💧 Numerical errors expected
- 💧 Initial condition and the forcing turn
- 💧 Unsteadiness

VS.



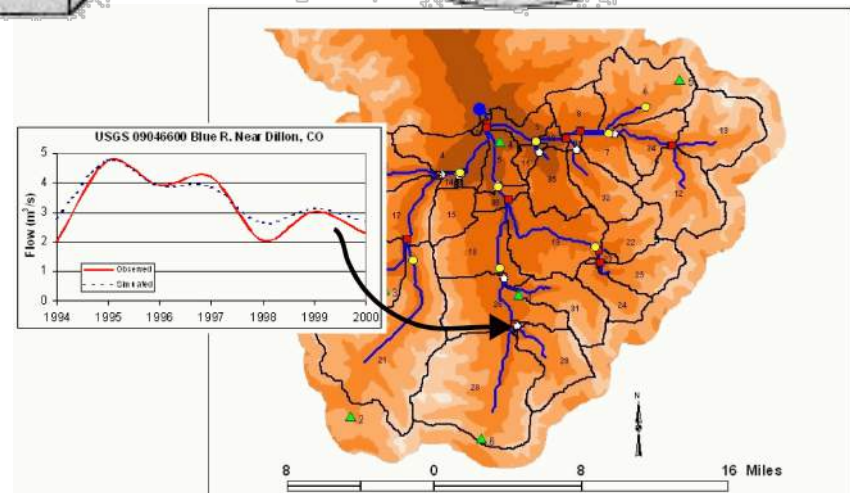
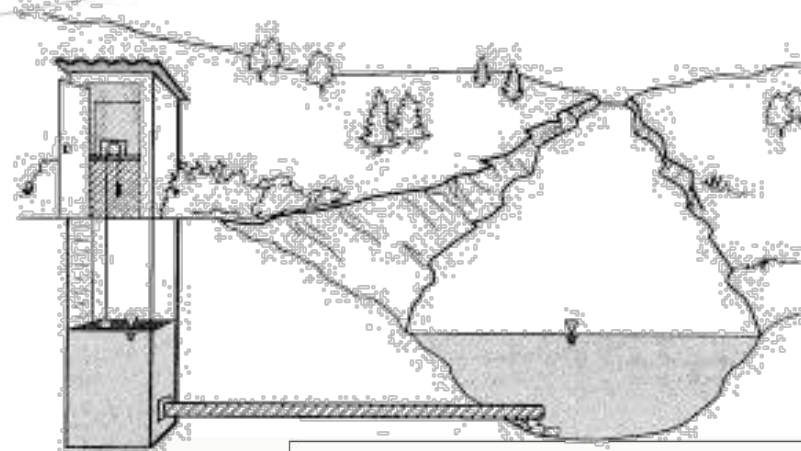
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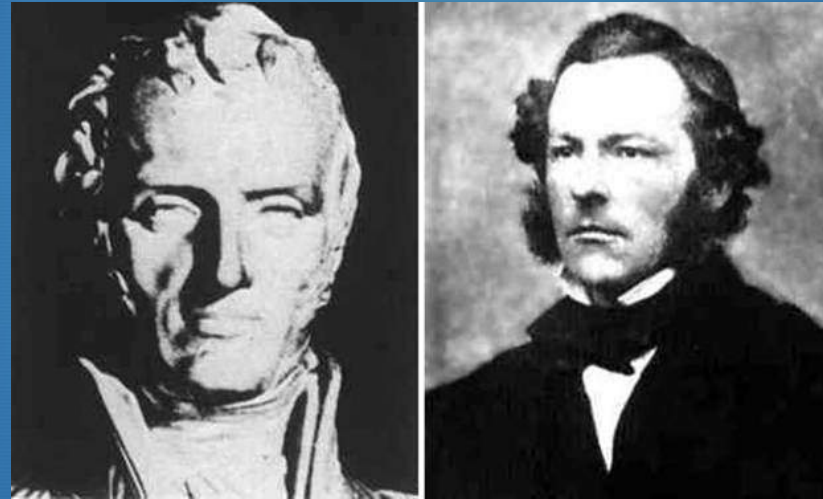
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# CONCLUSIONS & FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- Analytic solution is elegant, but limited
- Numerical schemes are powerful but subject to approximation errors
- Validate using empirical unit hydrograph approach
- Use a spatial grid of interpolated, real infiltration data and rainfall



# THANK YOU!



## QUESTIONS?

*e.g., Who Are Those People?*

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