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**International Joint Commission
Great Lakes Science Advisory Board-Research Coordination Committee**

***Development of a Great Lakes Groundwater and Surface Water
Conceptual Framework***

Webinar Presentation

May 24, 2022

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WEBINAR AGENDA

- **Presentation (30 minutes)**
- **Q&A (~30 minutes)**

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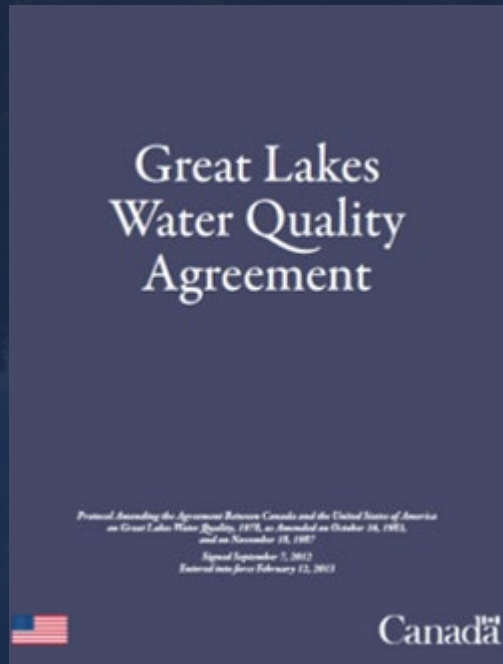


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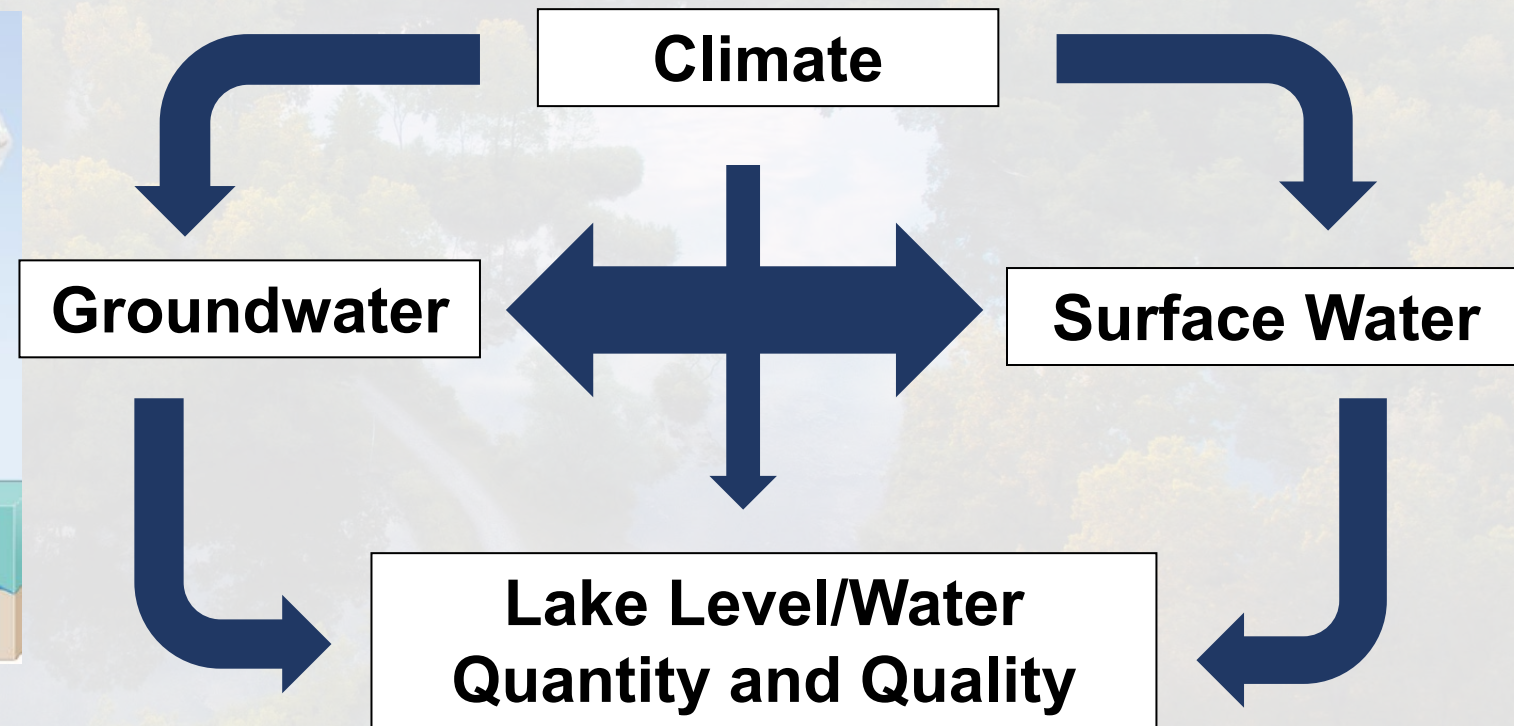
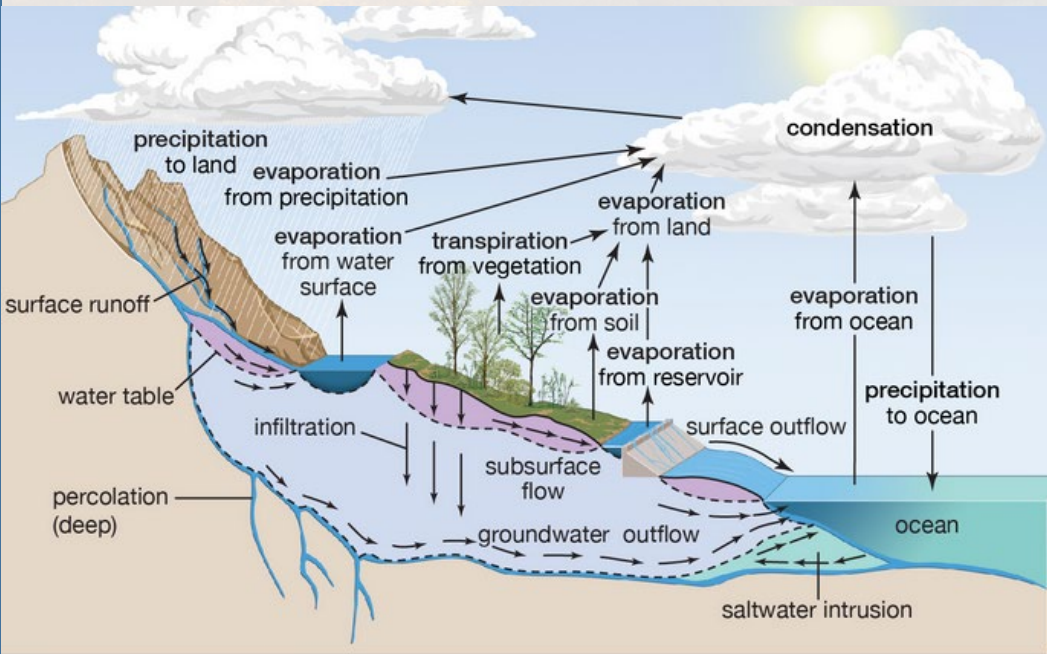
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WHY A GROUNDWATER-SURFACE WATER STUDY?



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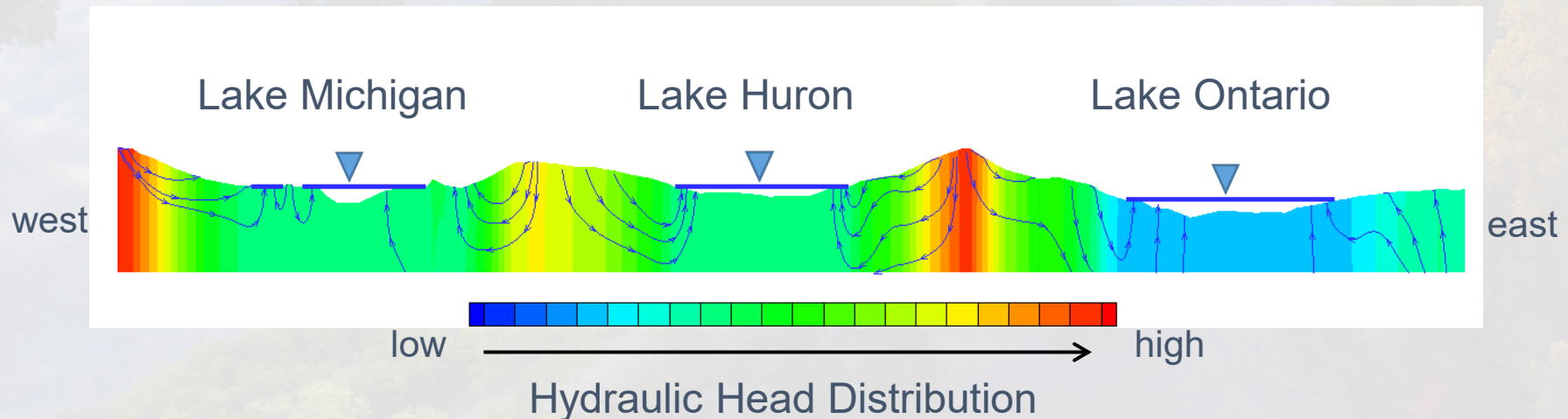
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PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. Develop a conceptual framework of groundwater-surface water (GW-SW) **management elements** with stakeholder input and context.
2. Develop a conceptual framework of **scientific elements** of a basin-scale numerical model with a catalog of data sources
3. Provide recommendations on how to develop basinwide GW-SW models for the Great Lakes



STUDY METHOD

- Developed management elements:

- Interviewed agency representatives
- Surveyed >100 individuals

- Developed scientific and technical elements:

- Engaged with experts
- Compiled relevant data and information



KEY STAKEHOLDER ADVICE

Questions that Would Inspire Funding and Strategic Resource Investment

Better understanding of tributary baseflows

Enhance climate change modeling

Ensure that the terms of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement are met

Provide context for regional and local water management

Improve water quality models

KEY STAKEHOLDER ADVICE

Spatial and Temporal Scales Relevant to Decisions

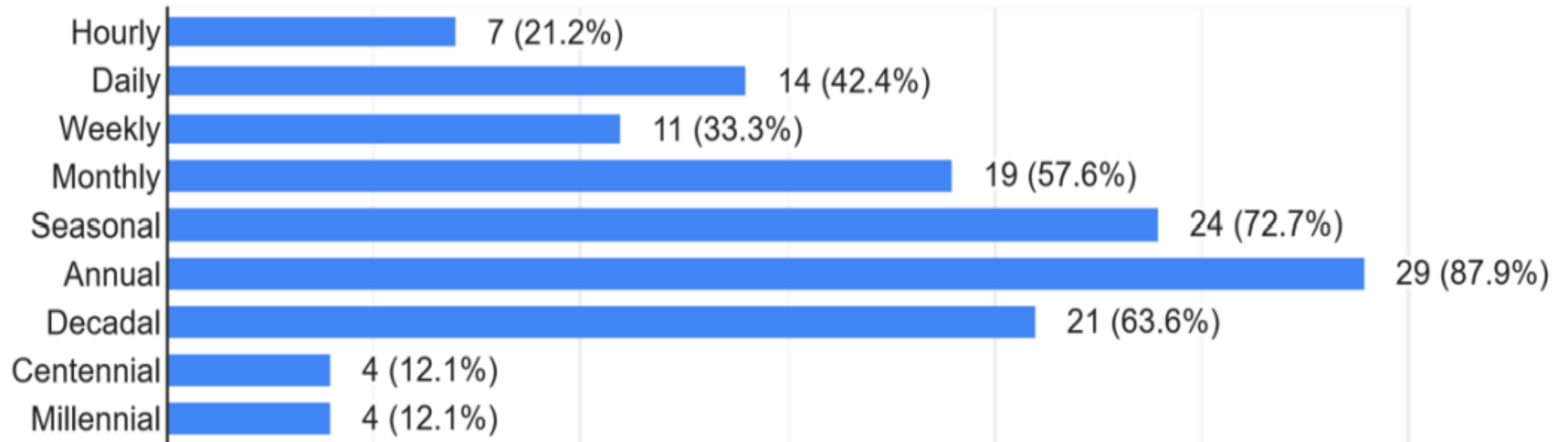
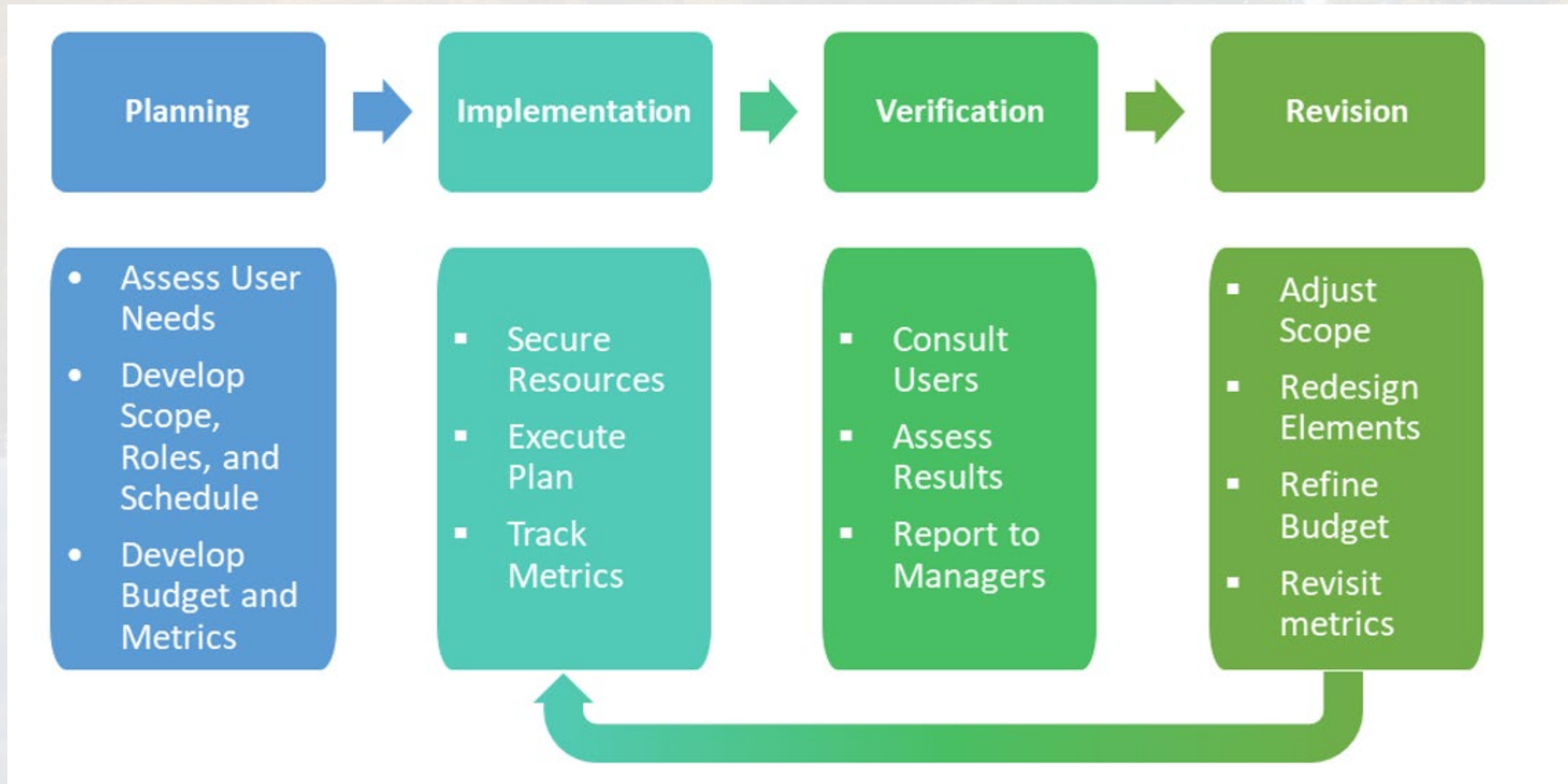
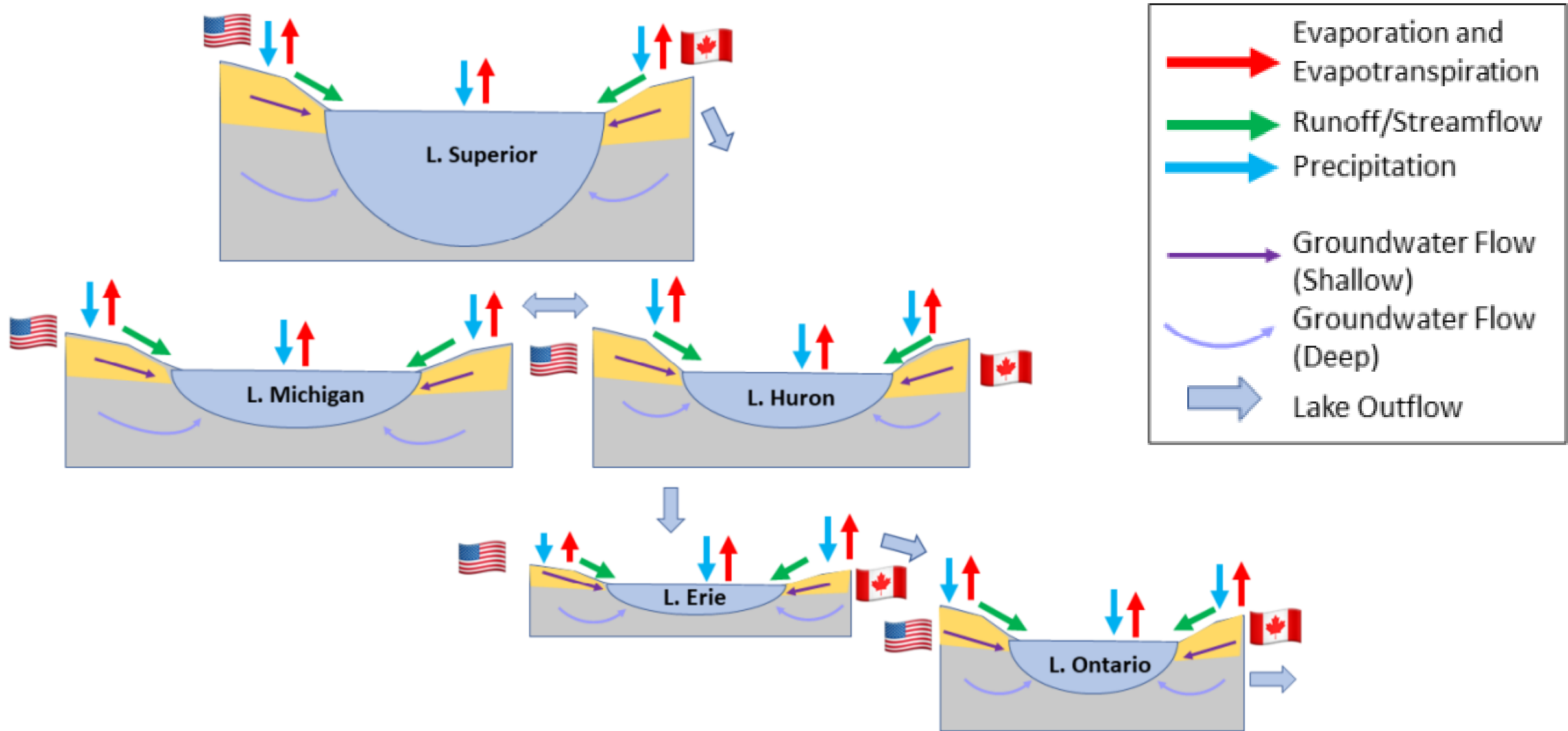


Figure 3. Temporal scale preferences of survey respondents.

MANAGEMENT ELEMENTS OF CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

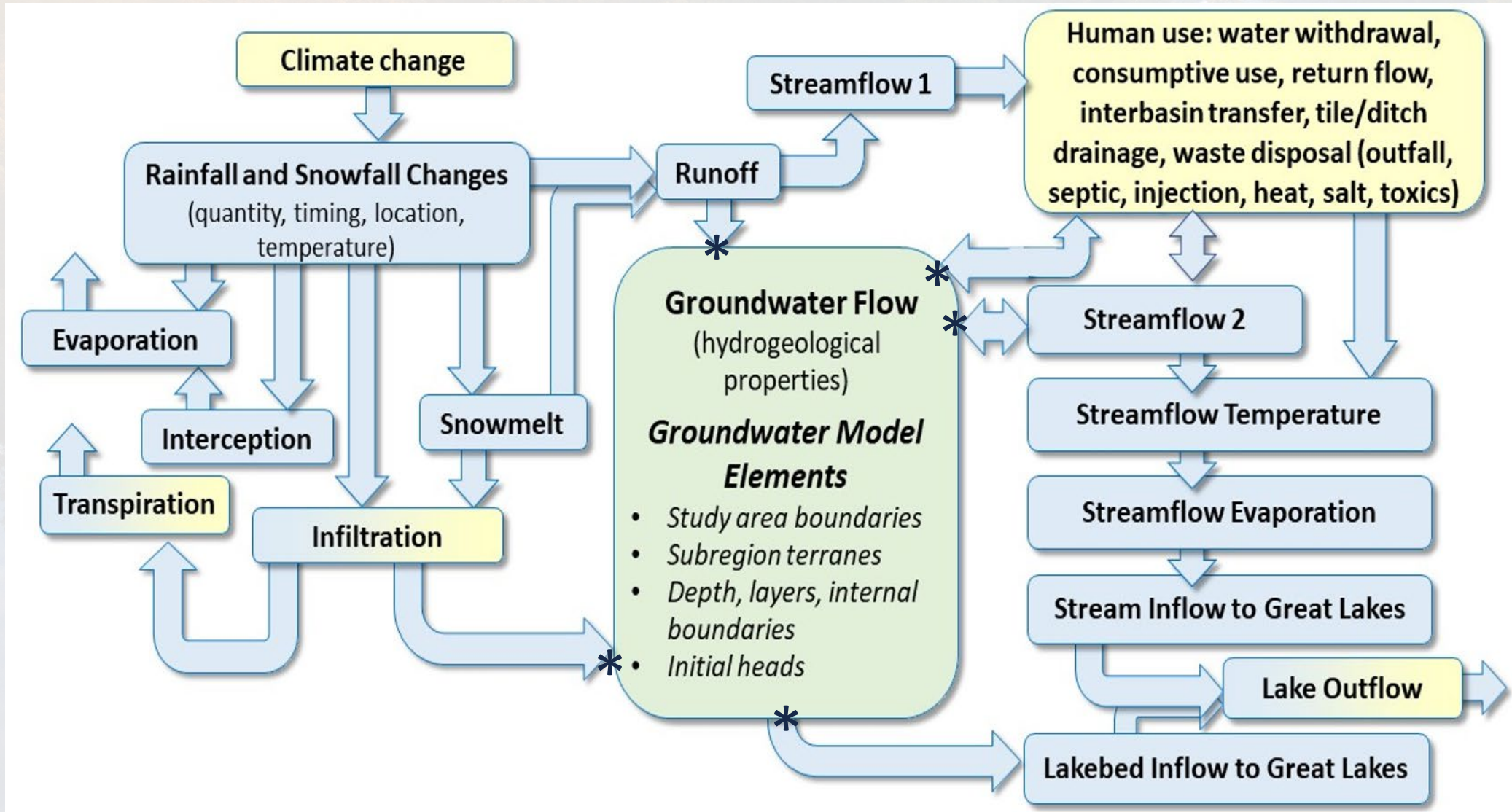


SCIENTIFIC ELEMENTS OF CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

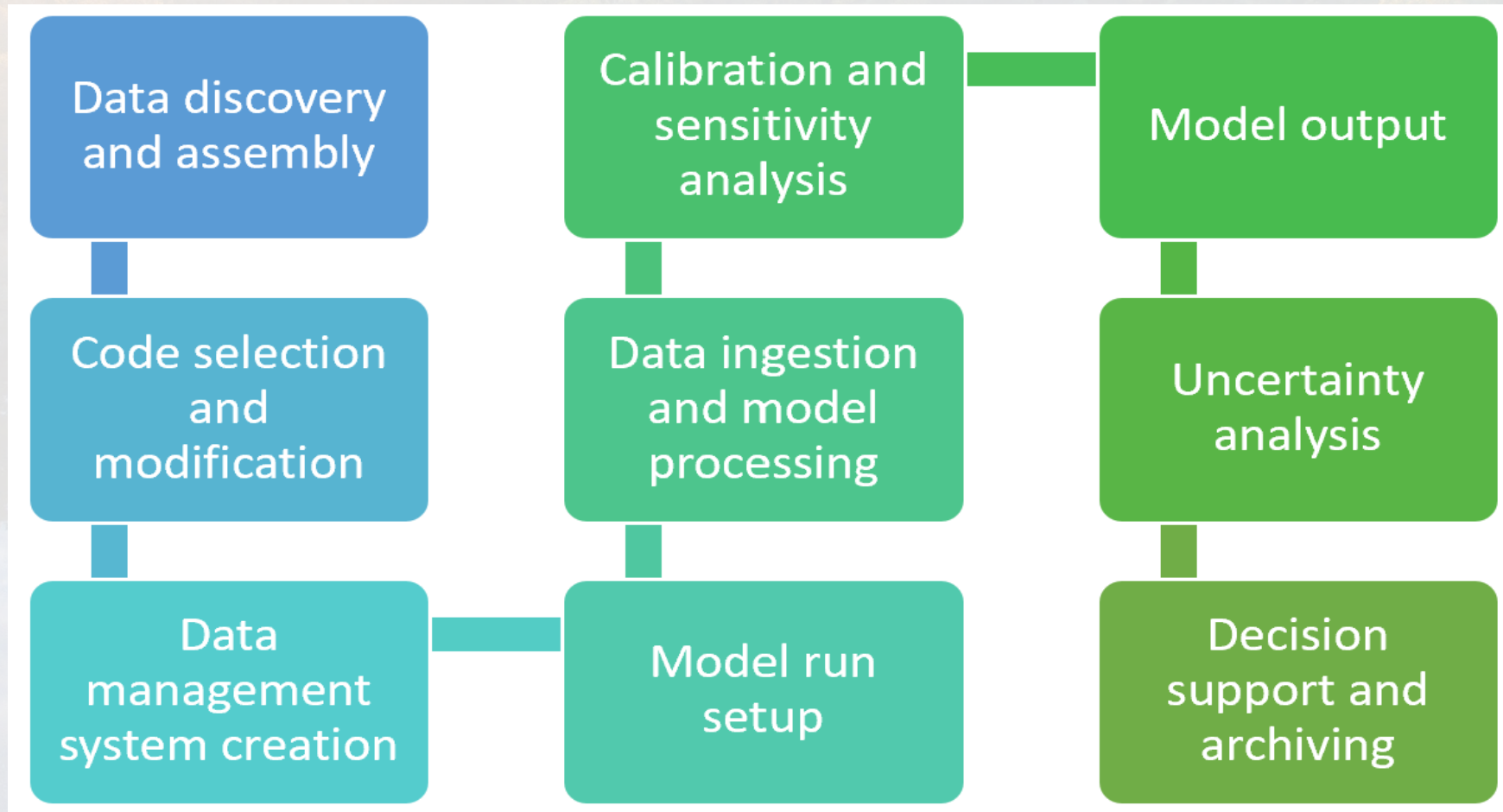


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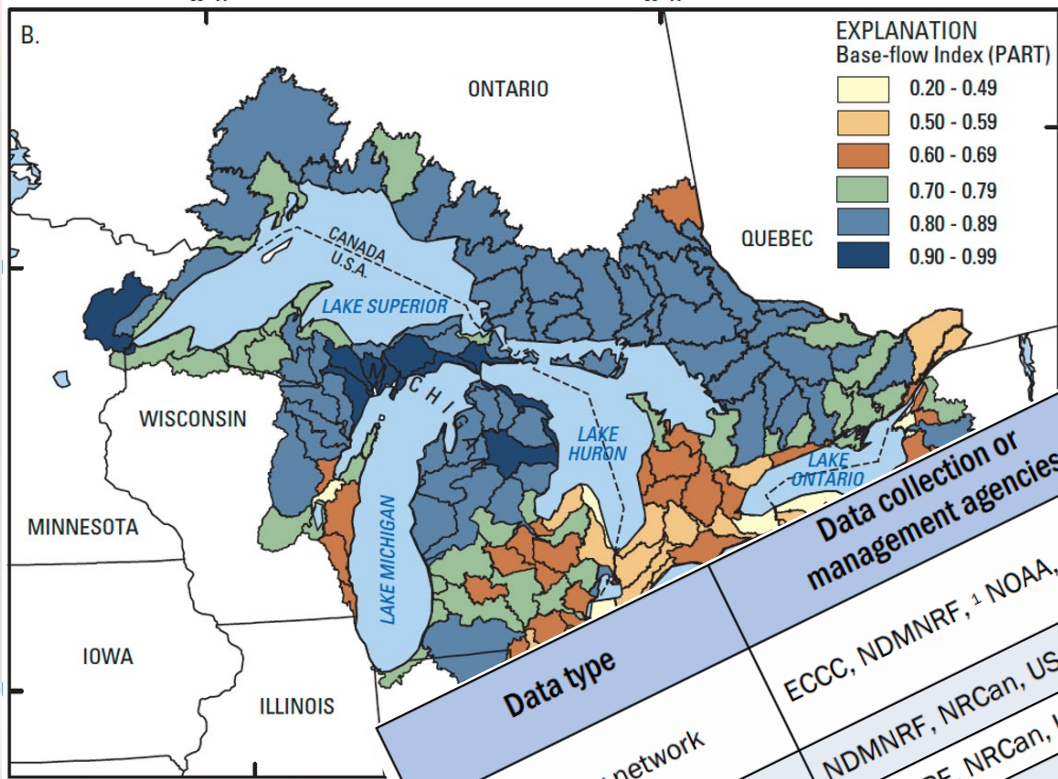
Natural (blue or green) and Human-influenced (yellow) Elements



TECHNICAL ELEMENTS OF CONCEPTUAL MODEL

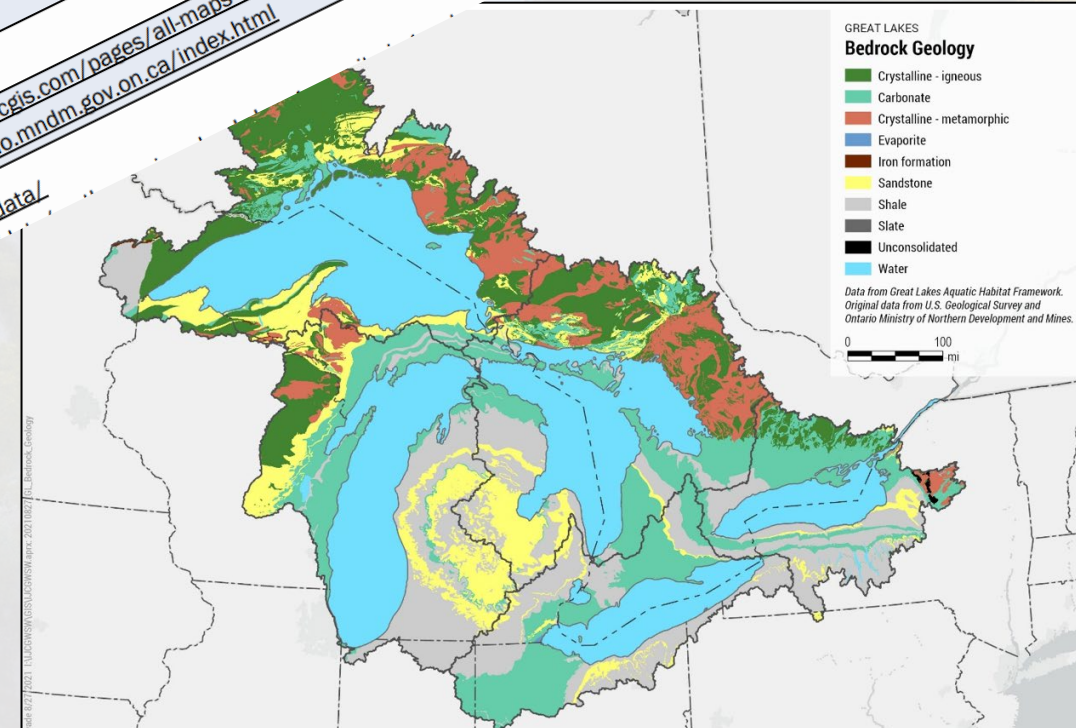


GREAT LAKES HYDROGEOLOGY AND DATA AVAILABILITY



State and Province boundaries from ESRI, 1999

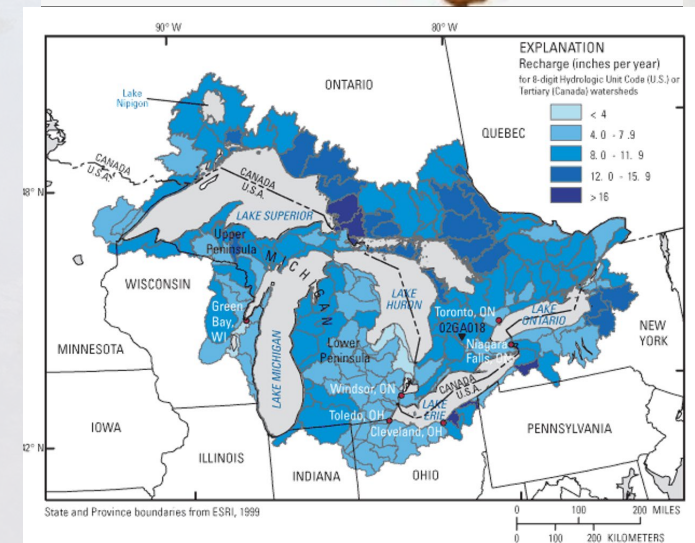
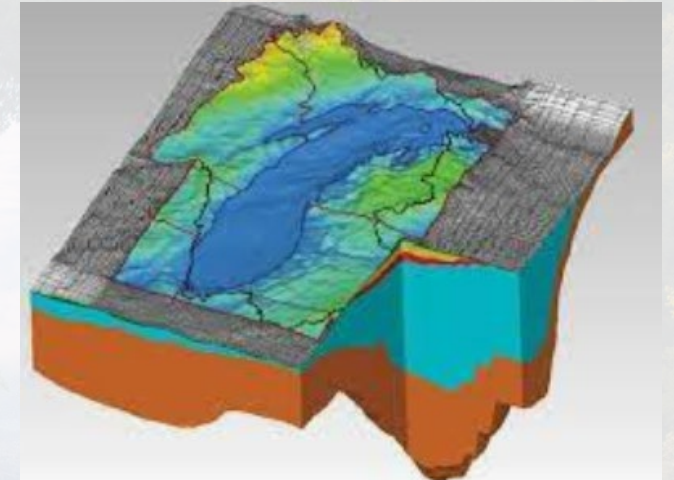
Data type	Data collection or management agencies	Reference or website
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Bedrock geology	NDMNRF, NRCan, USGS	glahf.org/data/
Glacial geology	NDMNRF, NRCan, USGS	glahf.org/data/
Conductance and aquifer storage	NDMNRF, State agencies	gis-egle.hub.arcgis.com/pages/all-maps-and-apps geology.ontario.mndm.gov.on.ca/index.html
Land use/land cover	North American Land Change Monitoring System, USGS	glahf.org/data/



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Recommendations

- Conceptual framework as a guide for basinwide modeling to answer specific and temporal questions.
- Governments should maintain and enhance 3D hydrogeological data collection and monitoring programs in areas where GW-SW conditions change rapidly.



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Recommendations

- Lead government GW-SW modeling agencies should develop a basinwide monitoring enterprise plan.
- Federal agencies with strongest technical skills in GW-SW modeling should lead an effort to compile a joint scoping document for the development of a binational numerical GW-SW model.



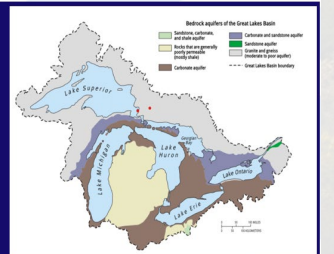
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Recommendations

- IJC, GLWQA Annex 8, and Great Lakes Commission should support a binational collaborative of Great Lakes GW-SW modeling, management and policy.



GLWQA
Annex 8
Groundwater



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AUDIENCE Q&A

- Please use the Q&A, not the chat



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Thank you!

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