



**SWATDRAIN**  
SWAT CONFERENCE 2015 PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
October 12-16

# Impact of Tile Drainage on Hydrology and Sediment Losses in an Agricultural Watershed using SWATDRAIN

Golmar Golmohammadi, Shiv Prasher, Ramesh Rudra,  
Ali Madani, Mohamed Youssef

# Outline

---

- Introduction
- Objectives
- SWATDRAIN
- Impact of tile drainage on watershed hydrology and sediment loads
- Conclusions



# Why SWATDRAIN?

---

- SWAT
  - ✓ Surface flow
  - Subsurface flow
  - Water table depth
- Modified SWAT
  - Hooghoudt and Kirkham approaches
    - Volume drained and WTD relationship
- DRAINMOD
  - ✓ Subsurface flow
  - Water table management practices
  - Water table depth
- Inclusion of DRAINMOD into SWAT

# Model Development Objectives

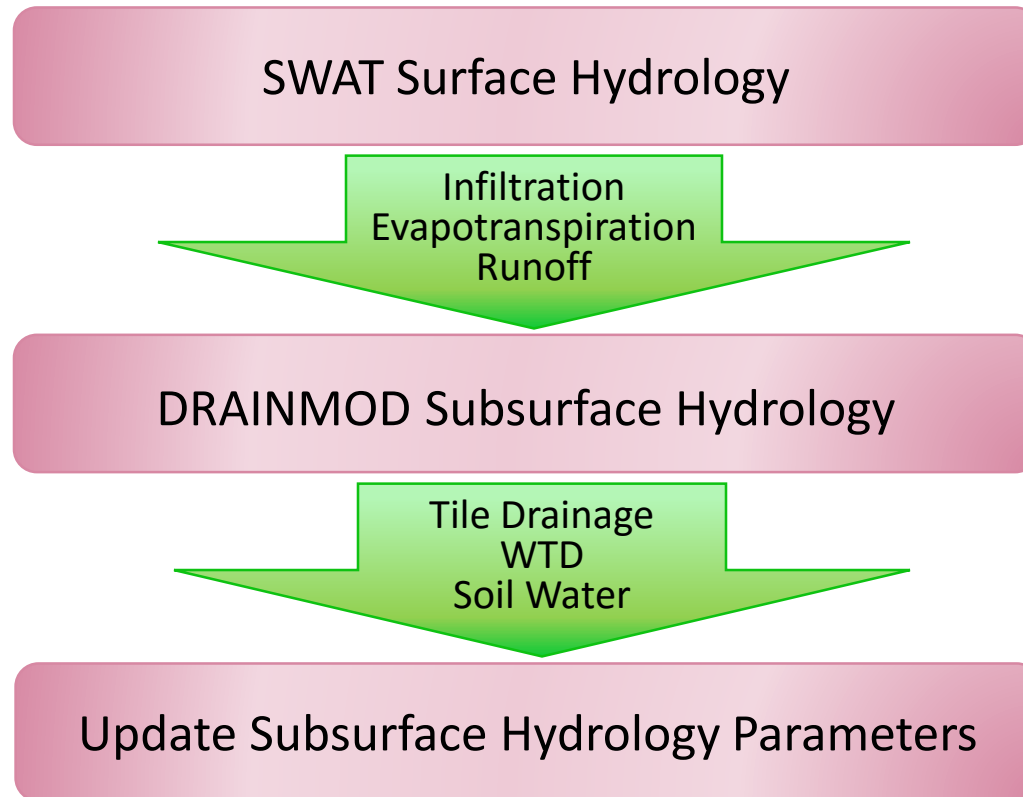
---

- Main goal:
  - ✓ Develop SWATDRAIN to simulate surface and subsurface hydrology of agricultural tile-drained watersheds
- Specific objectives:
  - ✓ - SWATDRAIN – incorporate DRAINMOD into SWAT
  - ✓ - Evaluate SWATDRAIN model on a fully tile-drained agricultural Watershed
  - ✓ Use the SWATDRAIN model to assess impacts of water management systems on watershed hydrology
  - Evaluate SWATDRAIN model for a partially tile-drained agricultural watershed and assess the impact of tile drainage on watershed hydrology and sediment loading

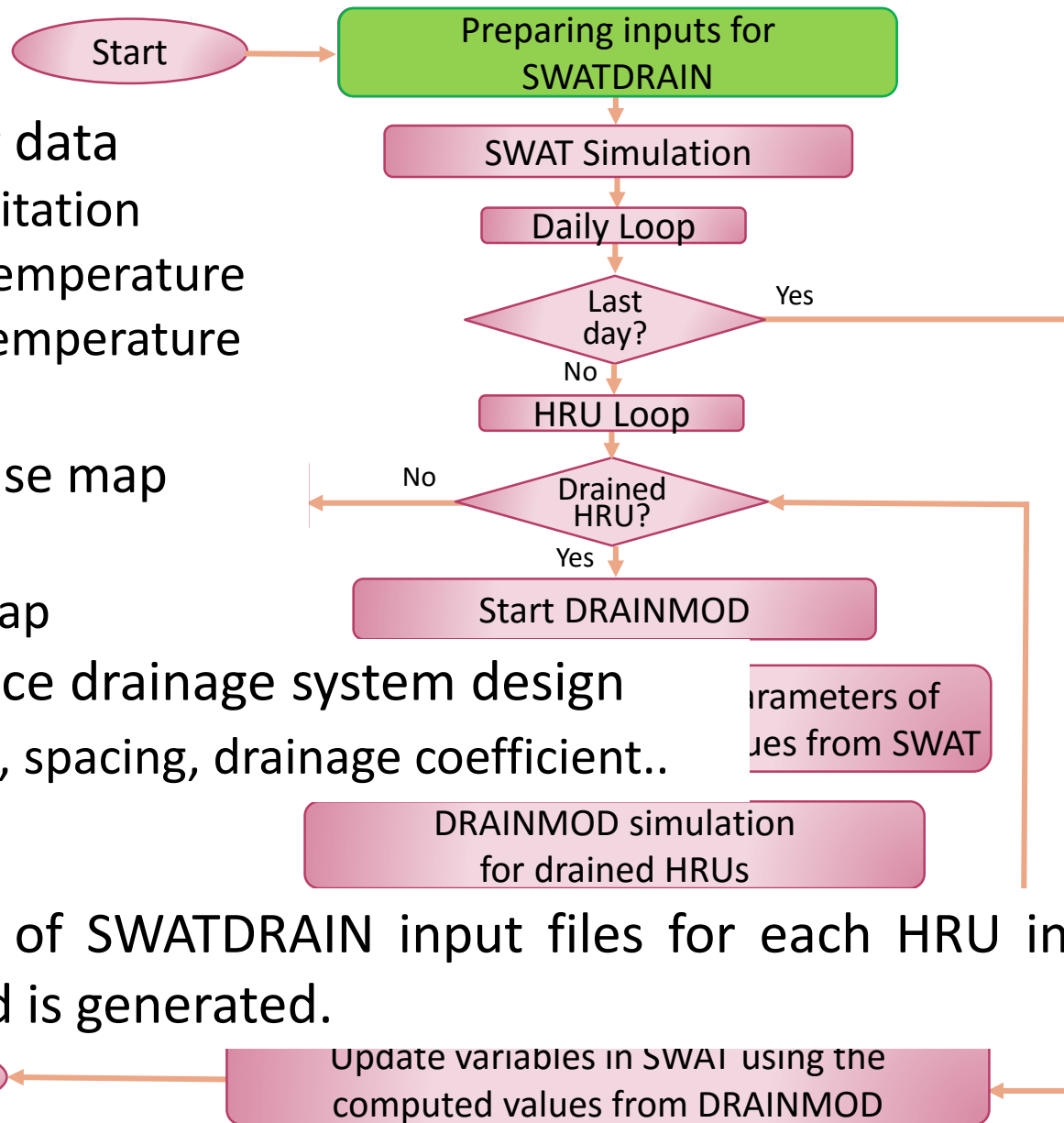
# Overall Modeling Approach

---

DRAINMOD was fully incorporated into SWAT model



- Weather data
  - Precipitation
  - Max temperature
  - Min Temperature
- Crop
  - Landuse map
- Soil
  - Soil map
- Subsurface drainage system design
  - Depth, spacing, drainage coefficient..



A full set of SWATDRAIN input files for each HRU in the watershed is generated.

Parameters of DRAINMOD from SWAT

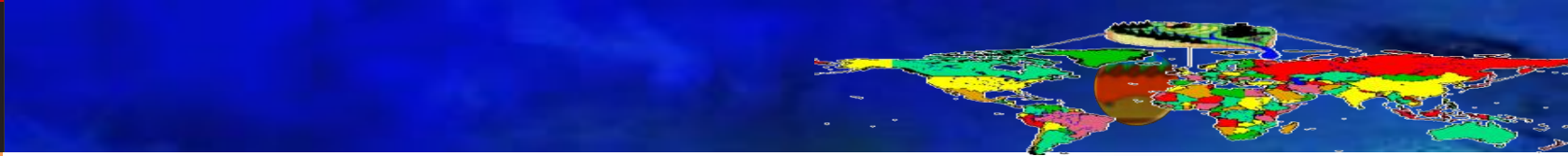
# Different Approaches for Tile Drainage and WTD

---

Algorithm	Tile drainage	Water table depth
SWATDRAIN	ITDRN=2, DRAINMOD approach of tile drainage determination incorporated	IWTDN=2, DRAINMOD approach of WTD determination incorporated
SWAT (Original)	ITDRN=0, original tile drainage equation	IWTDN=0, the soil profile above the confining layer is allowed to fill with water up to field capacity
SWAT (Modified )	ITDRN=1, incorporates Kirkham and Hooghoudt tile drainage equations	IWTDN=1, drainage volume converted into WTD using a variable water table factor

---





# Model Evaluation

## Canagagigue Creek West Watershed (Partially Tile-Drained)





Northwest Territories  
**CANADA**

Previous Study - Green Belt

Canagigue Creek

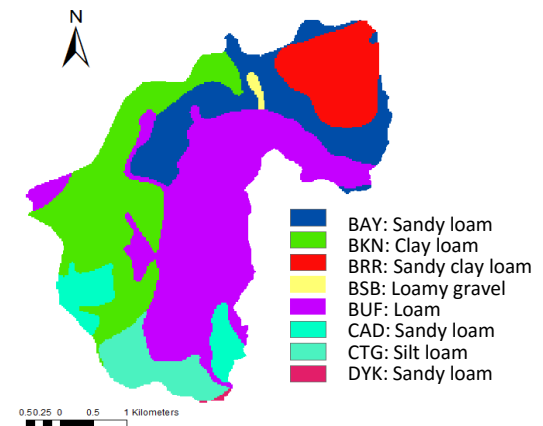
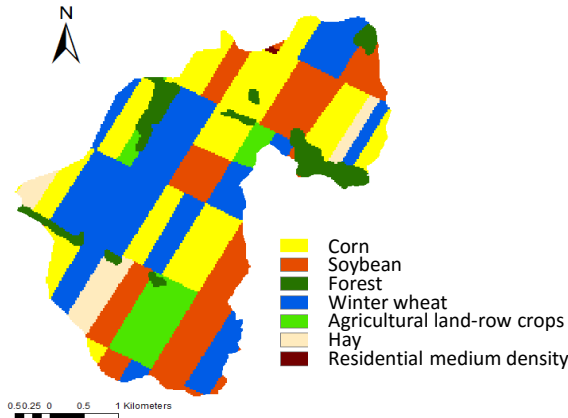
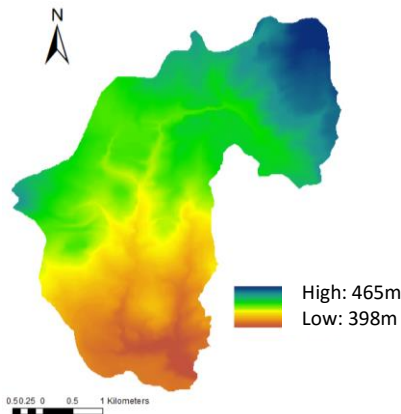
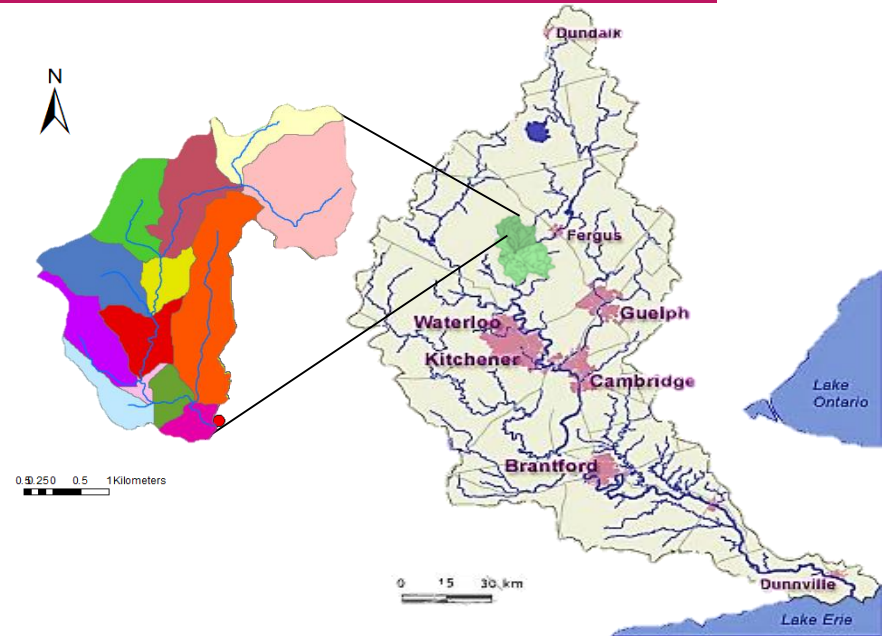
UNITED STATES

● Province or territory capital  
Scale 1:34,500,000  
Lambert Conformal Conic Projection  
standard parallels 52°N and 74°N

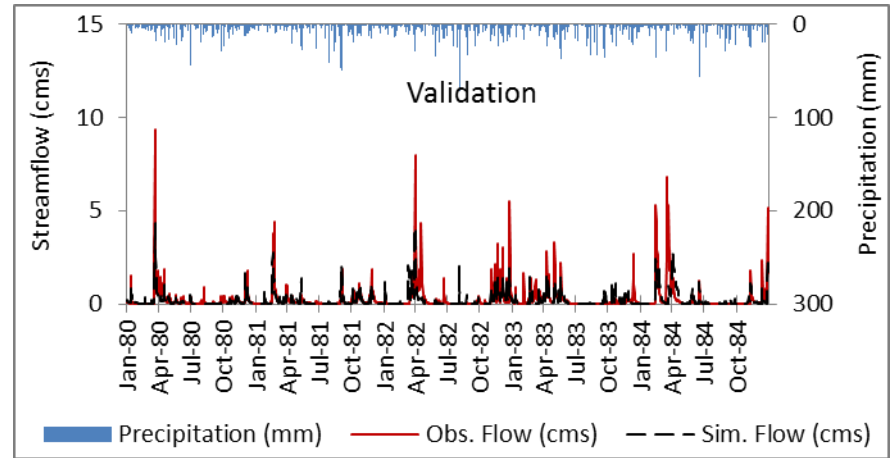
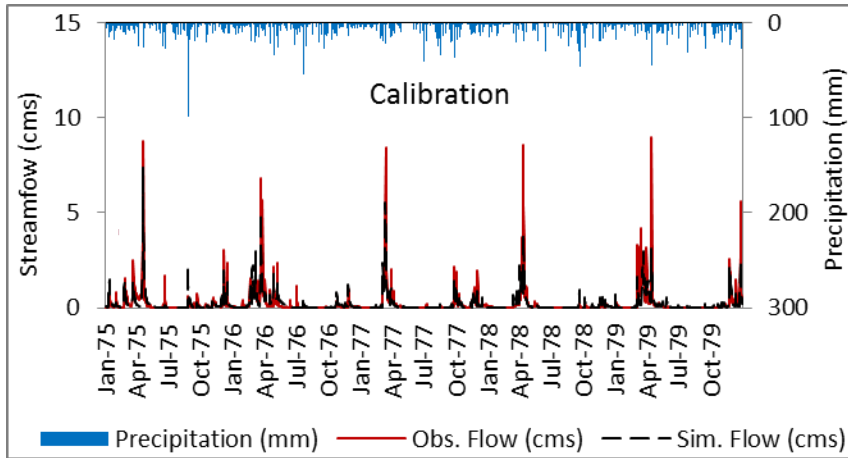
0 200 400 Kilometers

# Canagagigue Creek Watershed

- Canagagigue Creek
- Area: 18 km<sup>2</sup>
- Topography: flat-to-undulating
- Land use: agriculture
- Soil: loam or clay loam
- Tile drainage systems (Laterals: 20 m apart and 1 m deep)



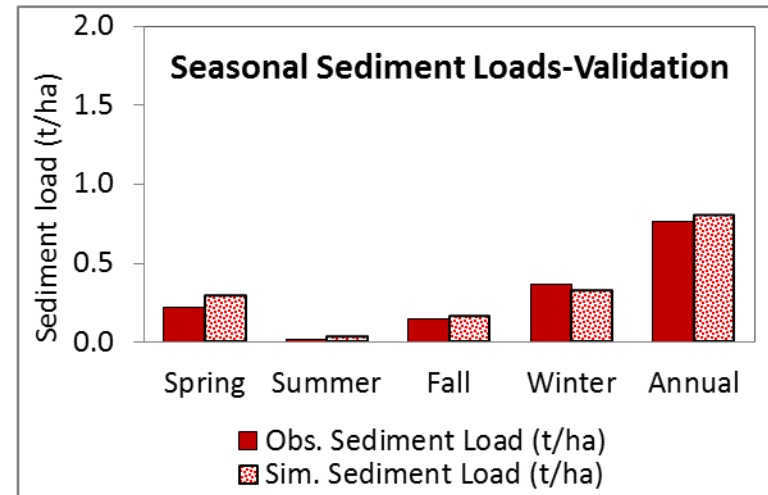
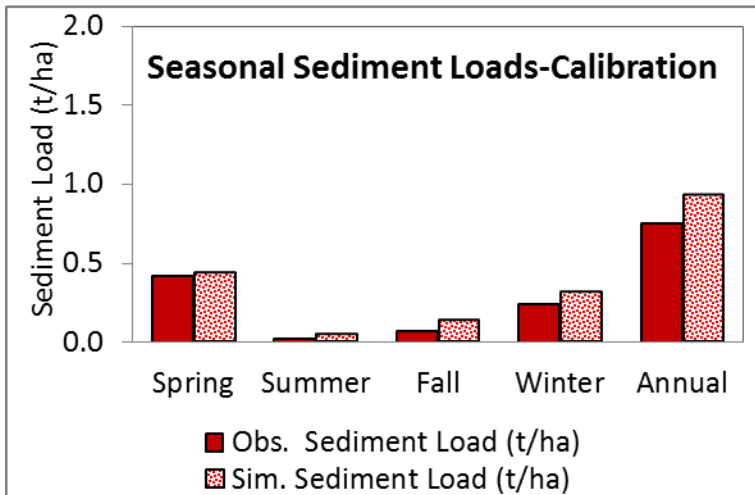
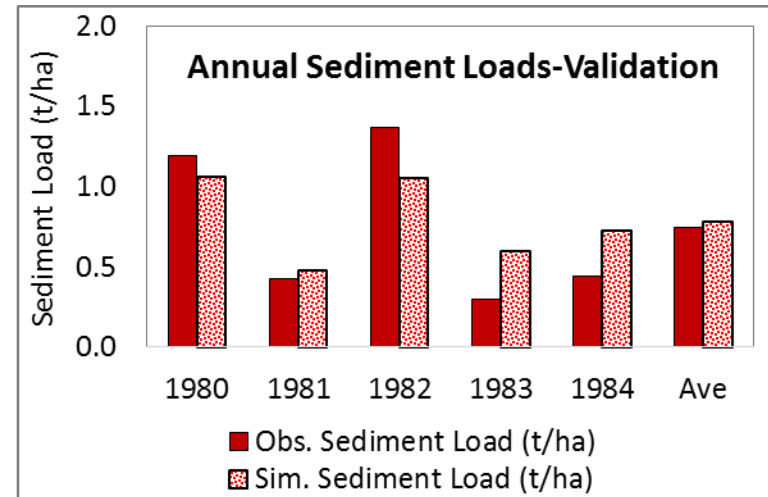
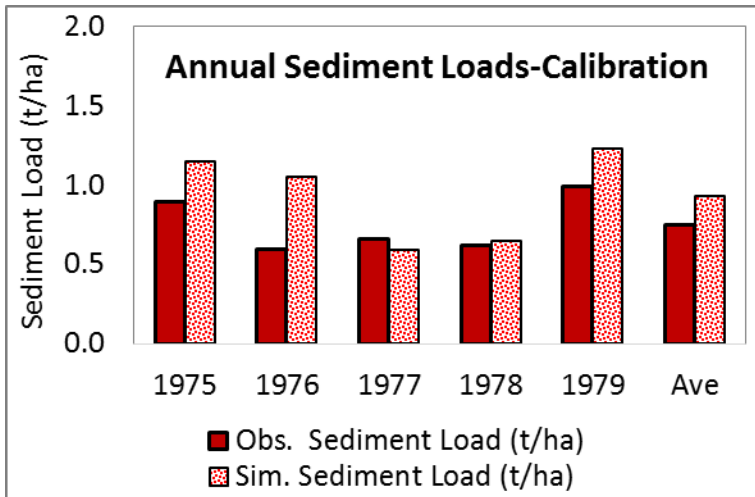
# Streamflow



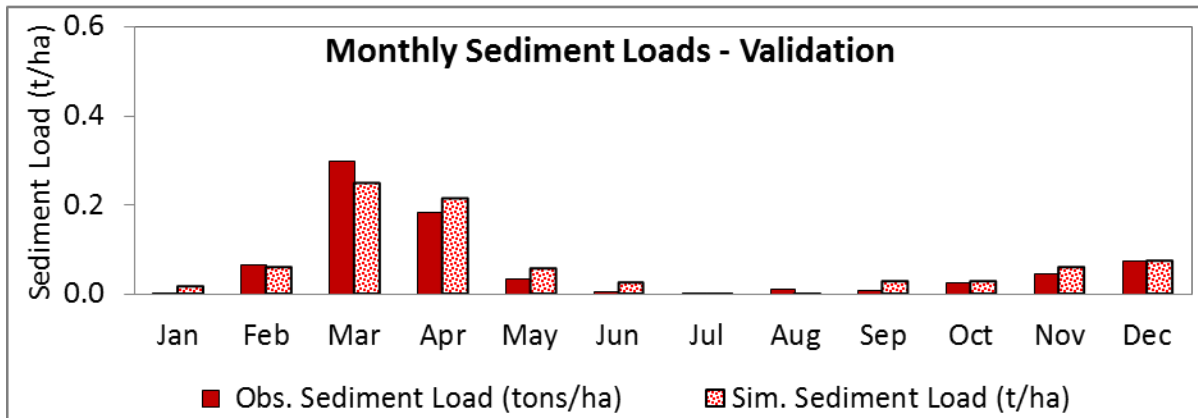
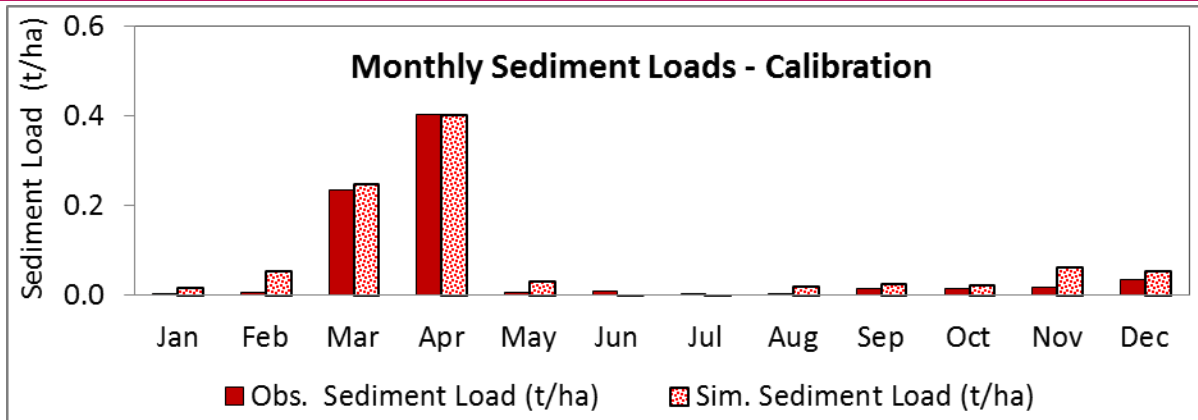
Index	Daily		Monthly	
	Calibration	Validation	Calibration	Validation
R <sup>2</sup>	0.74	0.62	0.93	0.75
PBIAS	1.60	17.90	1.60	17.90
NSE	0.72	0.63	0.92	0.73



# Annual and Average Seasonal Sediment Loads



# Average Monthly Sediment Loads



Index	Monthly	
	Calibration	Validation
R <sup>2</sup>	0.84	0.78
PBIAS	-13.75	2.74
NSE	0.80	0.68





**SWATDRAIN**  
SWAT CONFERENCE 2015 PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
October 12-16

# Impact of Tile Drainage on Water Balance and sediment Loads

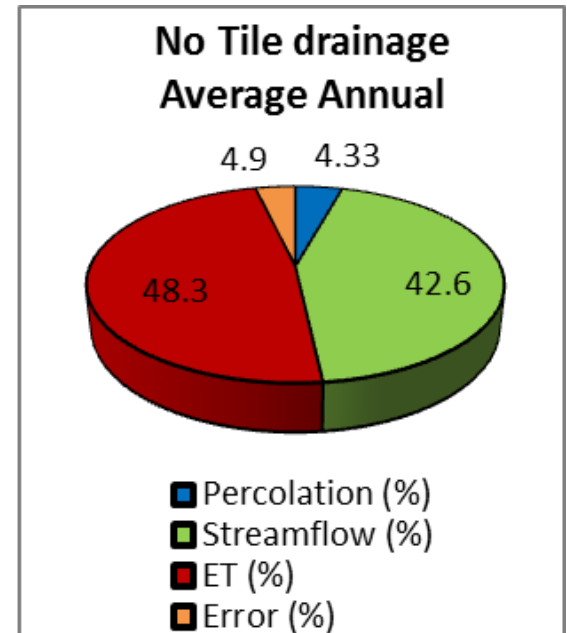
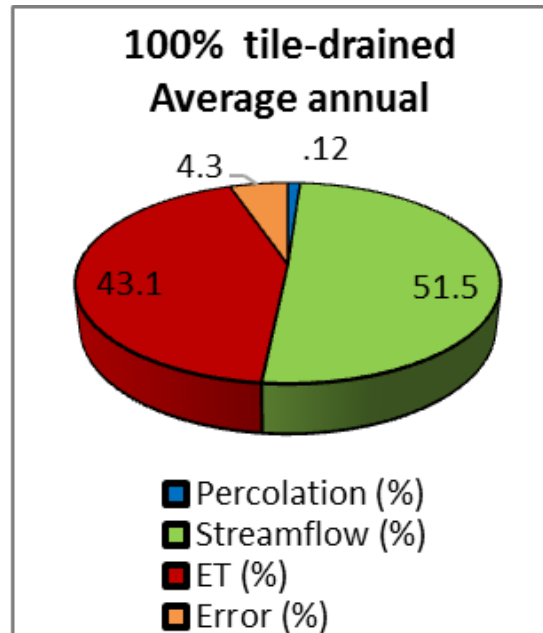
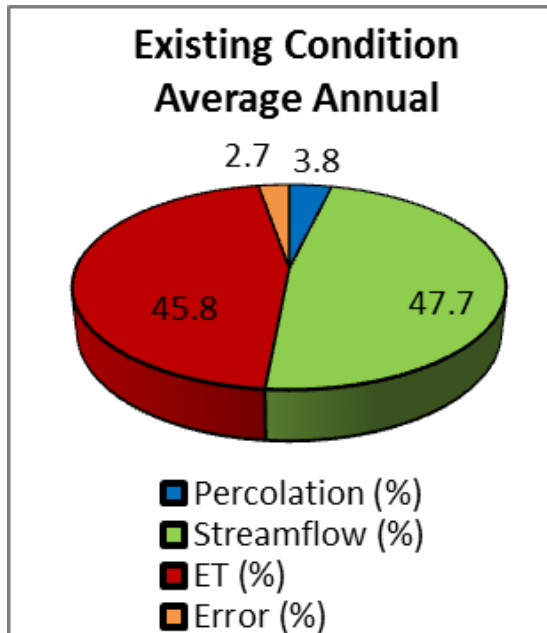
# Different Tile Drainage Scenarios

---

- Existing condition (65% of the watershed under tile drainage);
- Entire watershed is tile-drained; and
- No tile drains installed in the watershed

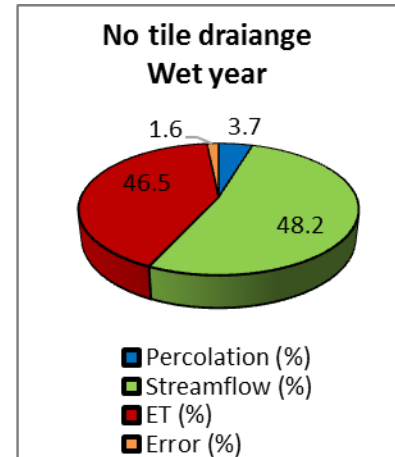
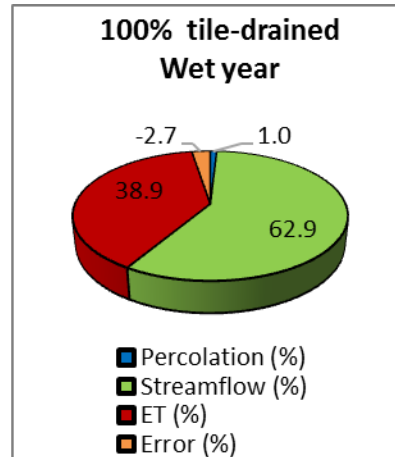
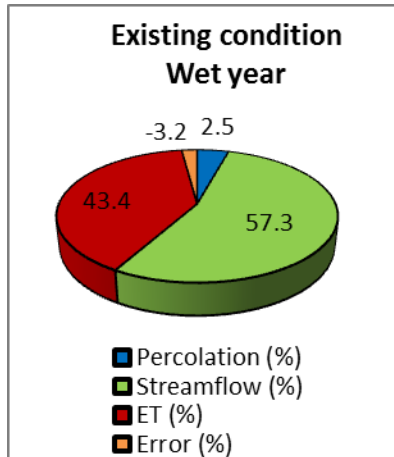


# Water Balance – Average Annual Precipitation

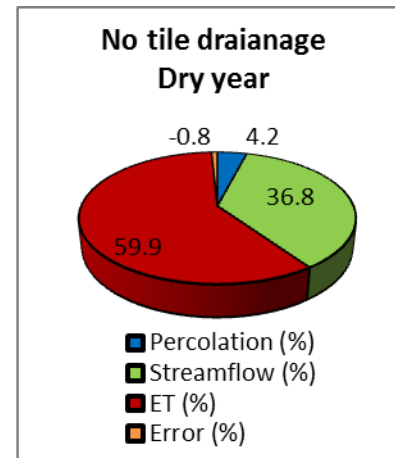
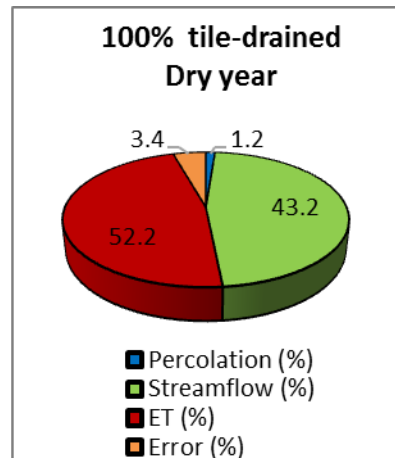
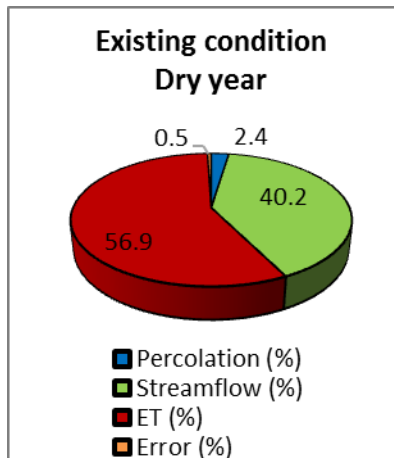




# Water Balance – Dry Year and Wet Year



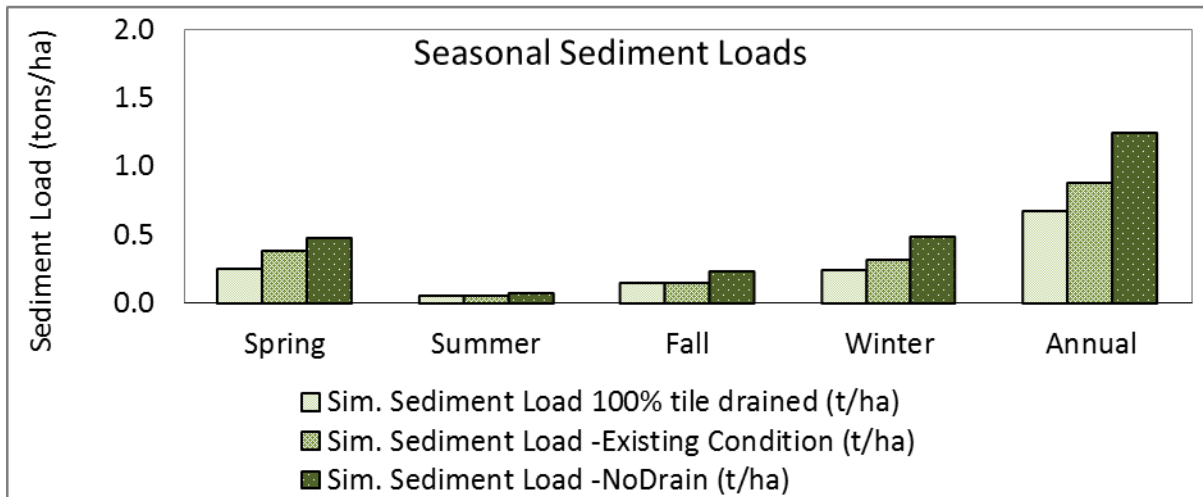
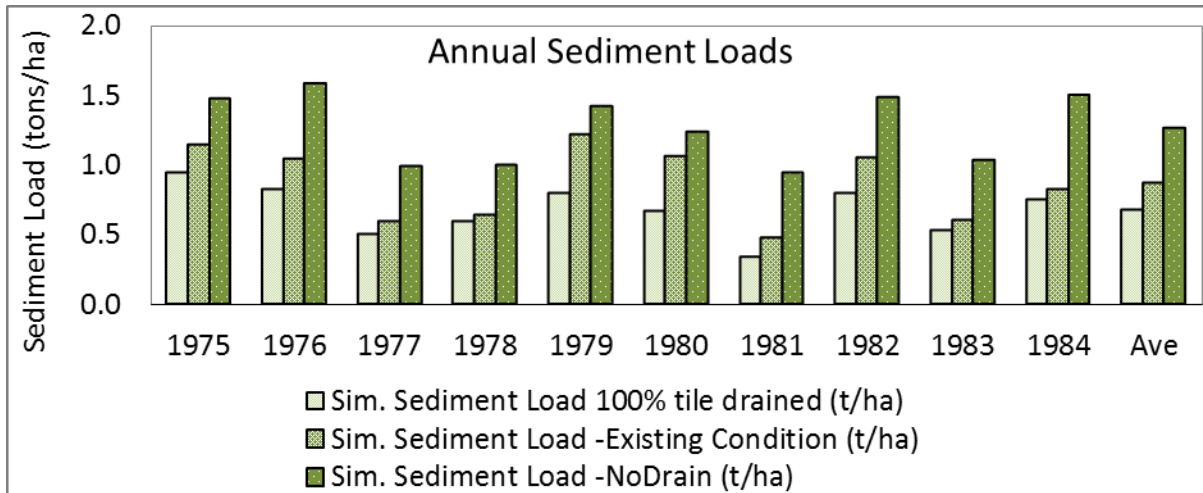
In the wet year, precipitation was 92.3 mm (~10%) higher than average.



In the dry year, precipitation was 144.0 mm (~15%) lower than the average.



# Annual and Seasonal Sediment Loads



# Conclusions

---

- A new model, called SWATDRAIN, has been developed by fully incorporating DRAINMOD into SWAT in order to improve its capability to predict subsurface hydrology of agricultural tile drained watersheds. The model works well for both fully drained and partially drained watersheds.
- The model appears to predict well the impact of tile drainage on hydrology and sediment loads in tile-drained watersheds.

**Thank You!**