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A Collaborative Model Process to Examine Temperature TMDL's and Related Remediation Strategies for the Willamette Basin

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Motivation

GENTLEMAN, IT APPEARS TO BE UNANIMOUS

THAT WE CANNOT AGREE

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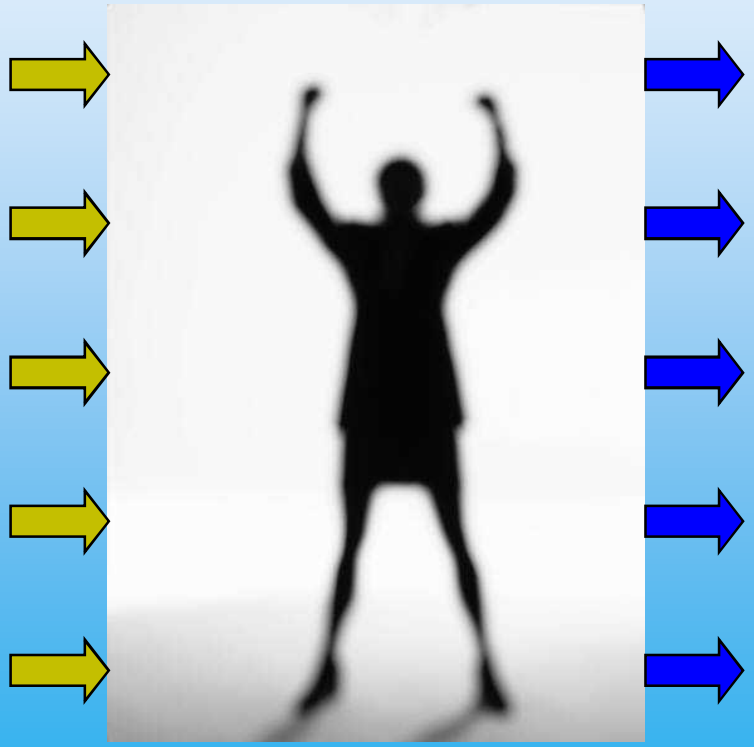
What is the Problem?

- Persistent conflict is becoming ‘the norm’ in water resources management
- Conflicts occur because of:
  - Complexity & uncertainty in natural systems
  - Lack of insight of cause and effect
  - Conflicting interests & values
- Need to integrate technical analysis into a public, multi-stakeholder decision process
- Previous efforts demonstrate the value of combining computer tools within collaborative processes

Motivation – 30,000 ft

To Turn Information into Insight

- **Understand cause and effect**
  - **Physical systems**
  - **Human systems**
- **Inform the decision making process**
- **Create an environment for consensus and agreement**



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Integrated Approach

- Understand basic hydrology, ecology, economics, etc
- Accurately represent the linkages between these areas

Technical tools

- Understand institutional setting
- Develop ways engage stakeholders
- Build trust

Process skills

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Collaborative Modeling

- Involving stakeholders in the modeling process
  - Data collection and/or analysis
  - Development of the cause and effect relationships
  - Technical analysis

❖Builds understanding of the system

❖Builds confidence in the analysis

❖Builds trust between stakeholders

Shared Vision Planning

- **Integrates**
  - **Planning principles**
  - **Systems level analysis**
  - **Collaborative modeling**
- **Addresses need for broad involvement**
- **Technical analysis is done collaboratively**

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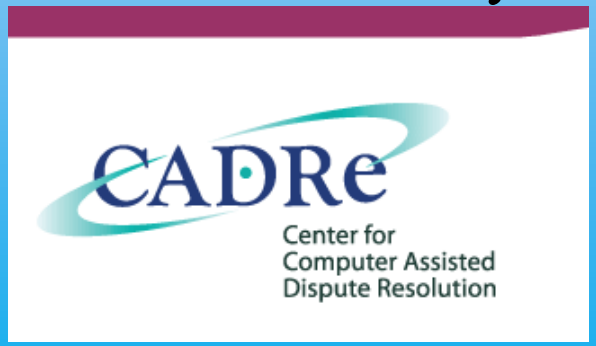

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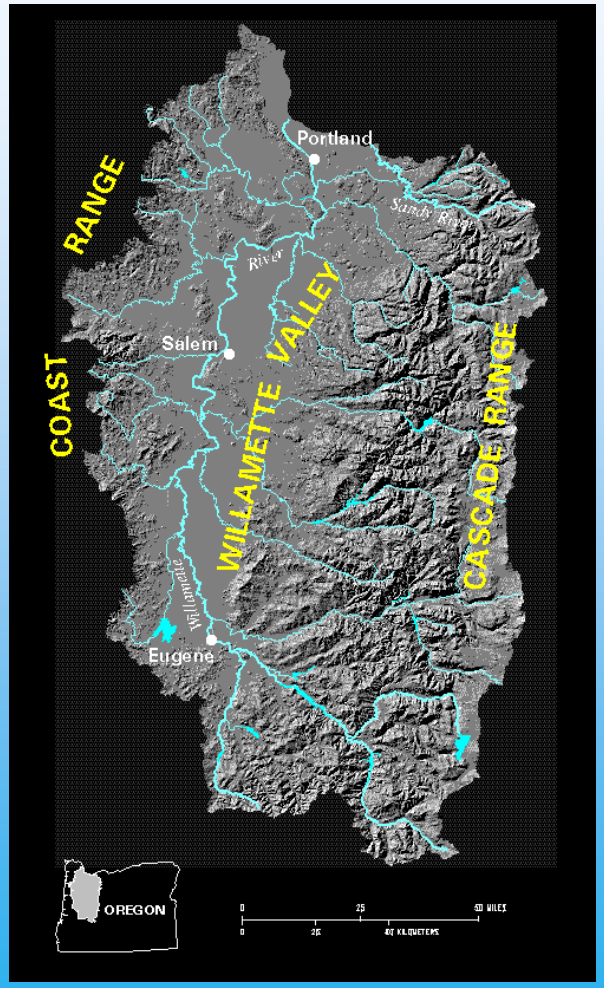
Willamette Basin



- 28750 km^2
- 300 km long
- 68% of Oregon's Population
- Flow at mouth:
  - 225 to 2000 m^3/s
  - 13th largest in the US
  - Most runoff per unit land area of any of the 12 larger rivers

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Motivation – Ground Level

- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality - TMDL
  - Protect aquatic ecosystems from anthropogenic heating and cooling
    - Salmonids, bull trout
  - 7 day average of maximum daily temperature (7dADM)
  - Developed through detailed modeling using CE-QUAL-W2
- Key Players
  - USACE reservoir operations
  - Point sources
    - Municipal
    - Industrial
  - Near stream land cover
  - Stream morphology
  - Willamette Partnership
    - Coordinated approach
    - Leverage conservation expenditures
    - Ecosystem marketplace

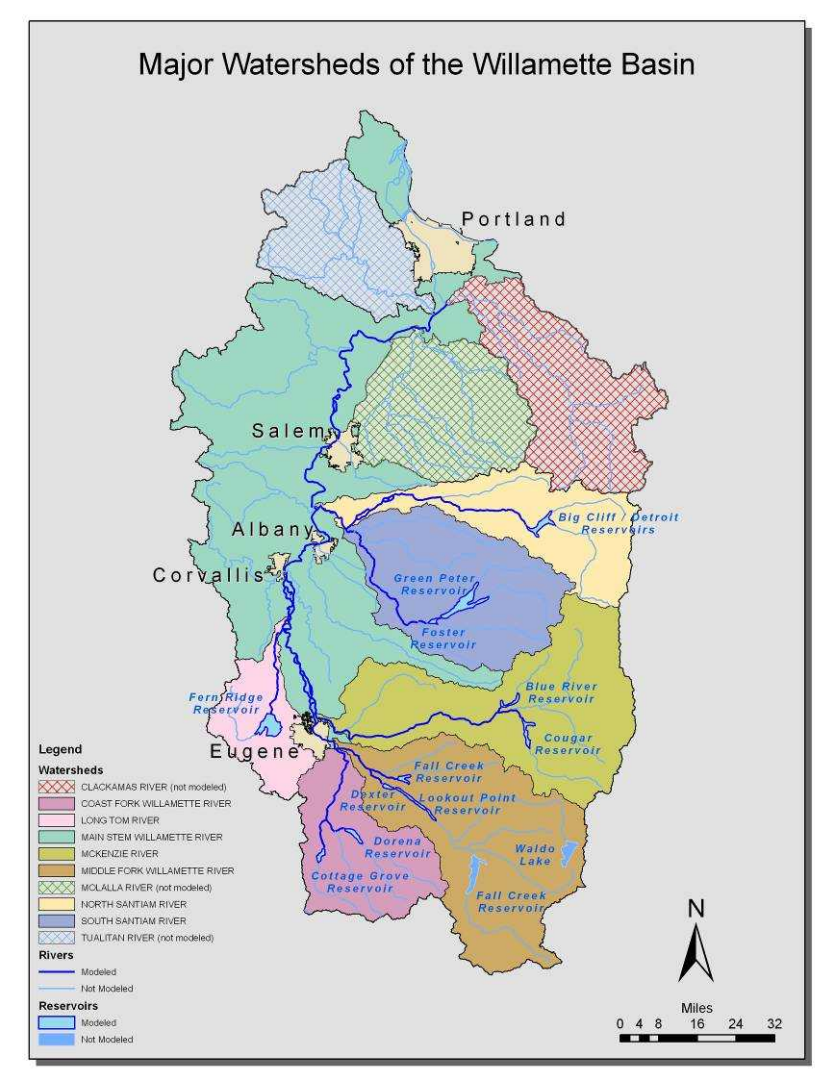
Shared Vision Planning

- Met with Willamette Partnership
  - Liked the idea
  - Wanted to use the tool when it was done
  - Didn't have the resources to consistently engage
  - Model Objectives
- Technical Advisory Group (TAG)
  - Group of local experts
  - Trusted by stakeholders

Model Objectives

- Temperature dynamics for the entire basin
  - Reservoirs
  - Streams
  - Riparian shading
  - Point source discharges
- Reservoir Operations
- Impacts on fish ‘habitat’
- Impacts on recreational opportunities
- Impacts on power generation
- Economic considerations - Recreation
- Test viability of ecosystem marketplace
- Fast execution for rapid scenario screening

Willamette Basin – Model Domain



- **Seven Sub-basins**
  - **Willamette**
    - **Coast Fork**
    - **Middle Fork**
    - **Main stem**
  - **Santiam**
    - **North**
    - **South**
  - **McKenzie**
  - **Long Tom**
- **12 Reservoirs**

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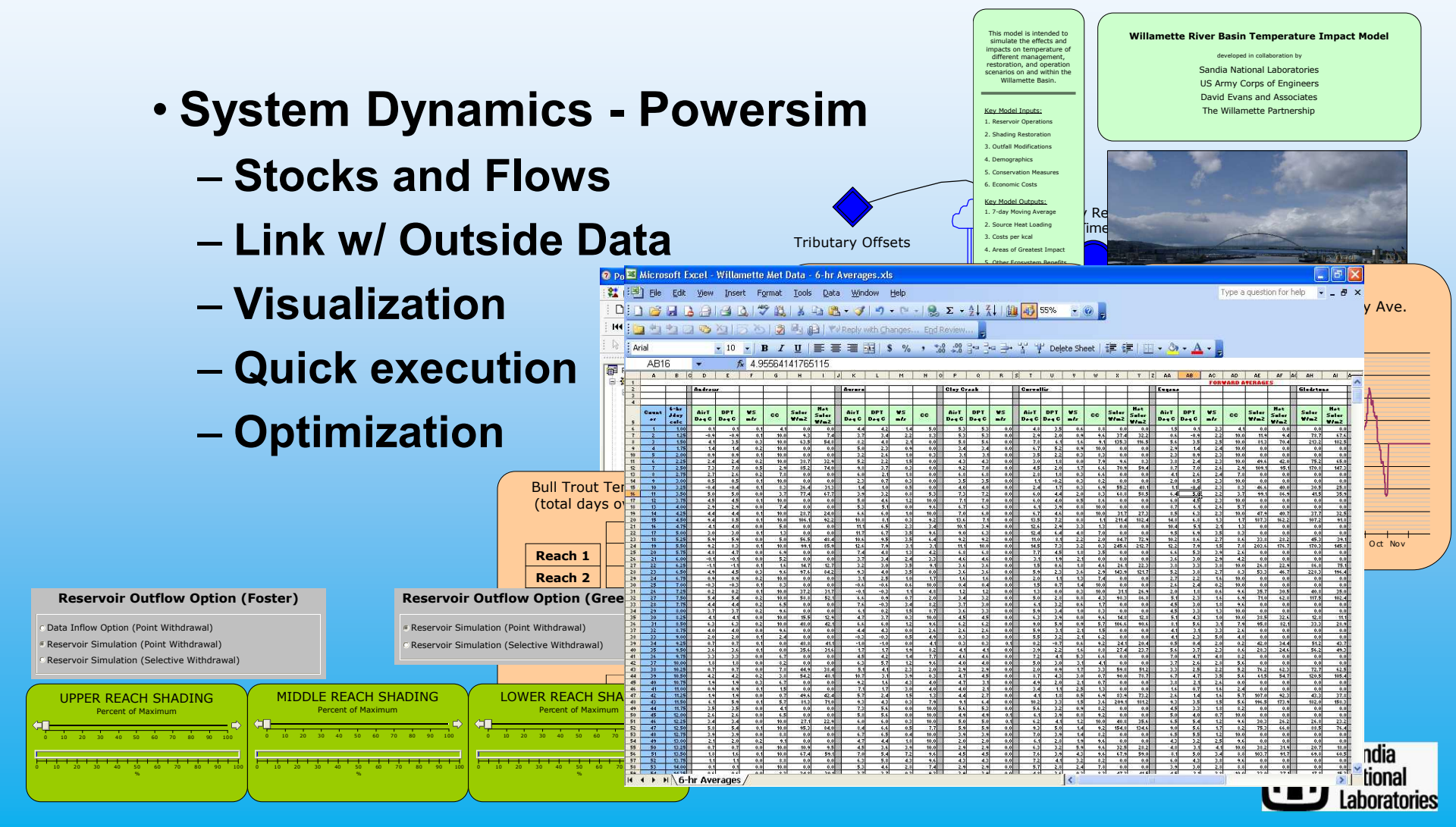
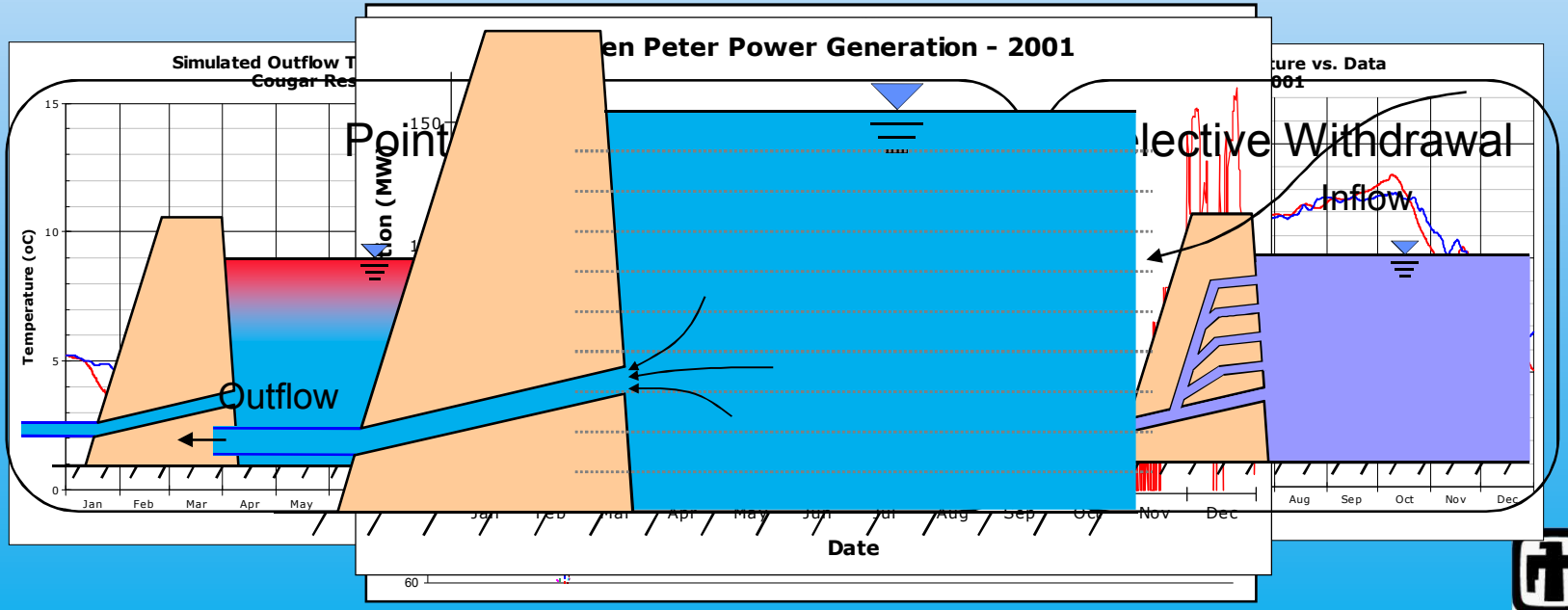
Modeling Approach

- System Dynamics - Powersim
  - Stocks and Flows
  - Link w/ Outside Data
  - Visualization
  - Quick execution
  - Optimization



Reservoir Modeling

- Model
  - 1-d vertical
  - Inflows and outflows from data
  - Selective vs. point Withdrawal
  - Power generation
  - Reservoir operations
- Calibration
  - Outflow temperature
  - Vertical temperature profiles



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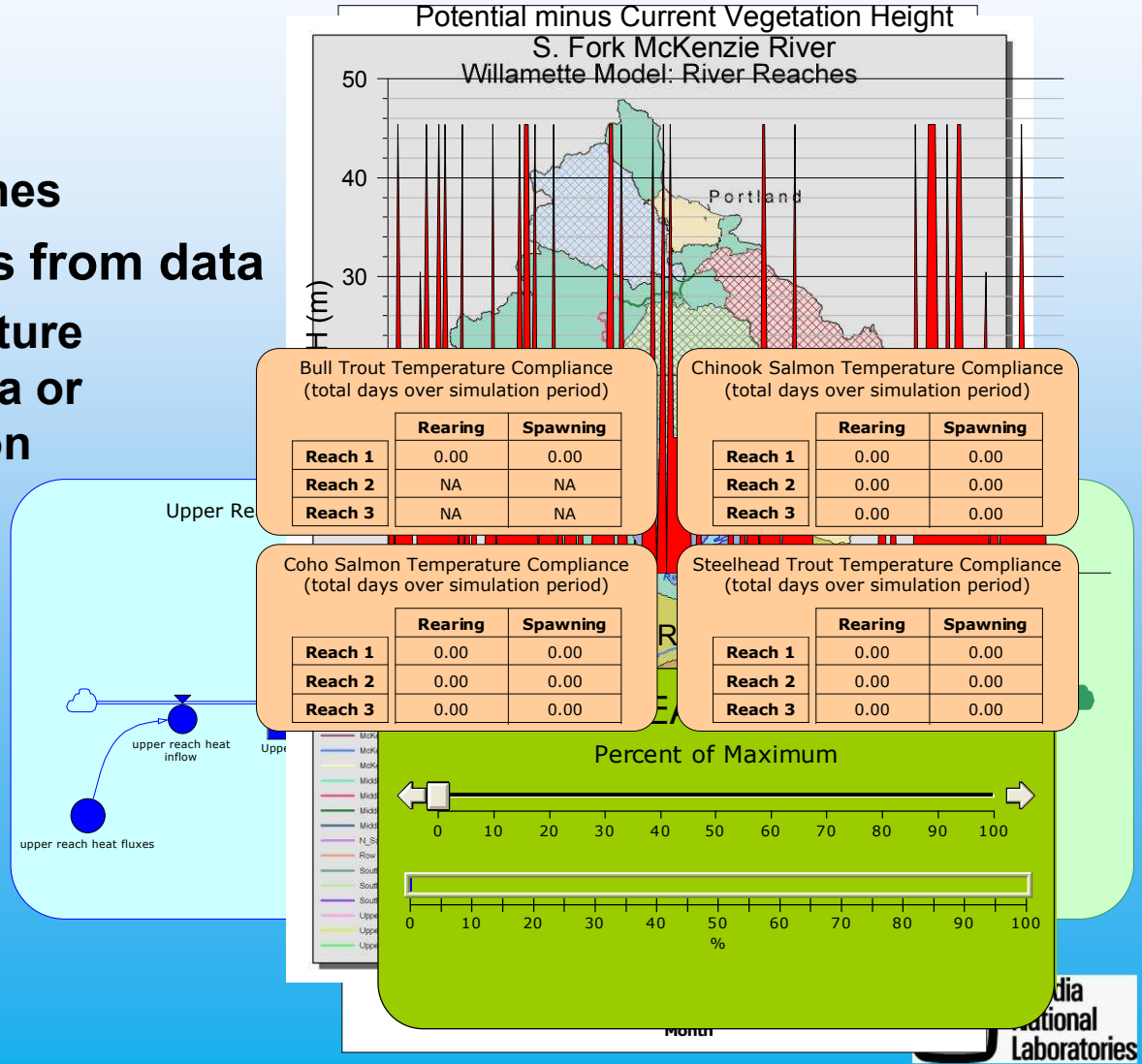
River Modeling

- **Model**
  - **Lumped Parameter**
    - **1 to 3 stream reaches**
  - **Inflows and outflows from data**
    - **Upstream temperature boundary from data or reservoir simulation**
  - **Shading**
  - **Fish ‘windows’**
  - **Relative C, N**
- **Calibration**
  - **Stream storage**
  - **W2 7dADM**



Status

- Assembling the river modules
- Replicating the reservoir models (4 out of 12)
- Coding the reservoir rules
- Building the GUI

Anticipated completion – end of January 2008

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