

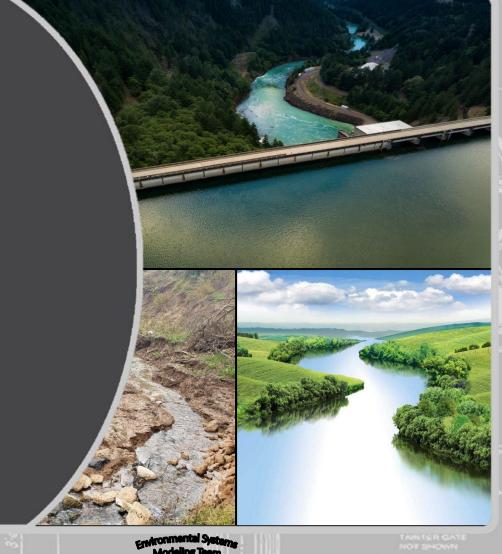
#### **DISSOLVED OXYGEN CASE STUDY**

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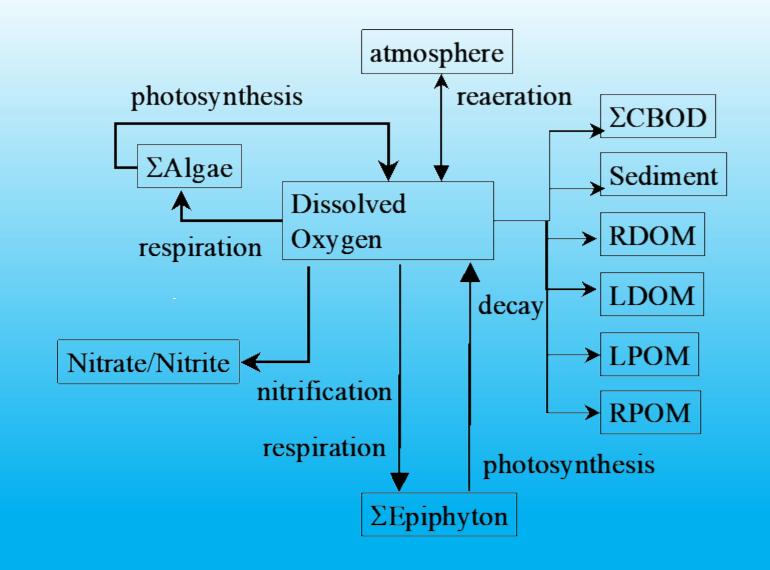






## **CE-QUAL-W2 DO**

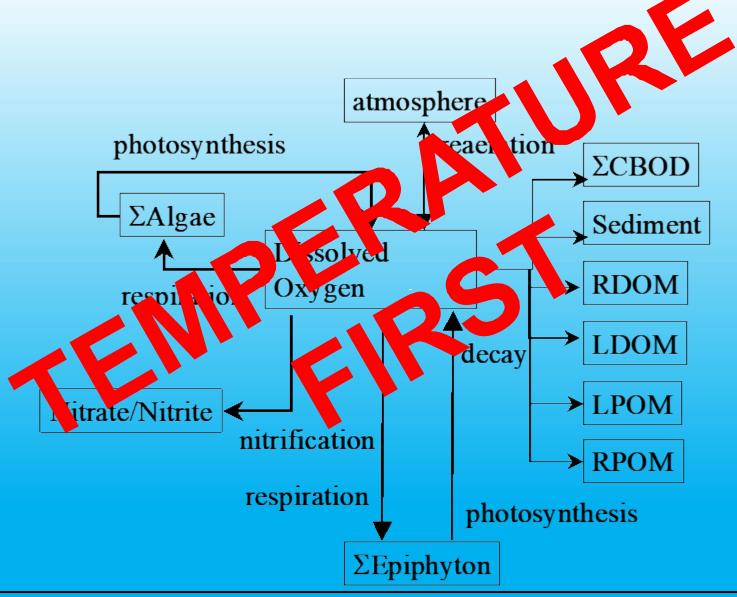
- Complete model DO process
- Typically reduced suite of variables and processes
- Minimum required:
  - Dissolved Oxygen
  - Reaeration
  - Oxygen demand



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### **CE-QUAL-W2 DO**



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## **DO Modeling Requirements**

- Typical Sources:
  - Boundary Conditions for all inflows
  - Initial Conditions for water body
  - Reaeration
- Typical Sinks
  - Water quality variables that utilize DO in their kinetic processes
  - CBOD, DOM, POM, SOD, etc...
- Interactions in the DO cycle are temperature dependent.
- Efforts to model DO without reasonable temperature model are futile.

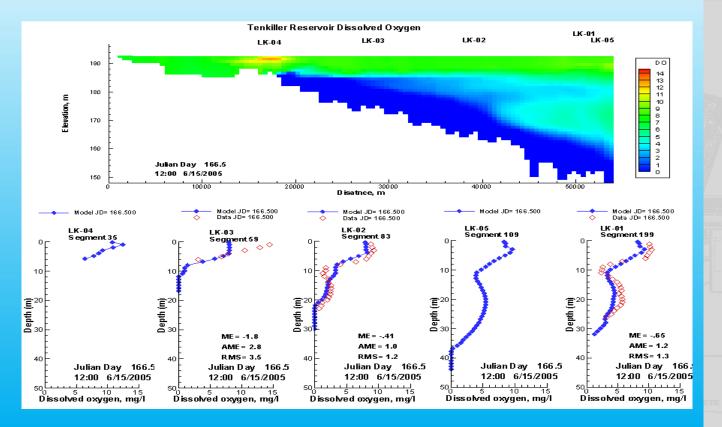


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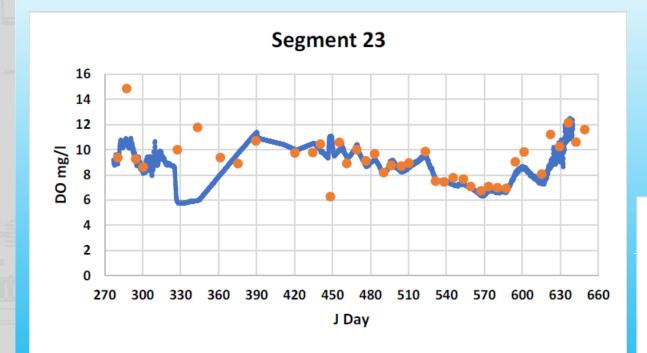
- Dissolved Oxygen Observed Data
  - Boundary conditions
  - Estimates of initial conditions
  - In-situ comparisons with model predictions for Calibration/Validation
  - Understanding of system behavior and model performance
- Oxygen Sinks
  - Boundary conditions and in-situ values
  - External loadings (Point and Non-point source)
  - Sediments
- Meteorological Data

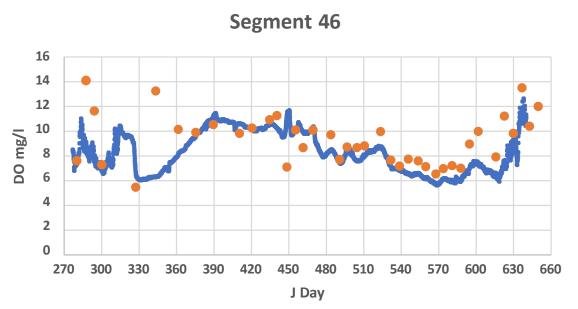
#### **Model DO Performance**

- Compare Model output with observations
- Evaluate Model DO performance using:
  - Time Series
  - Water Column Profiles
  - Statistics
- Incorporate model Temperature performance in assessment, aka does it look right?

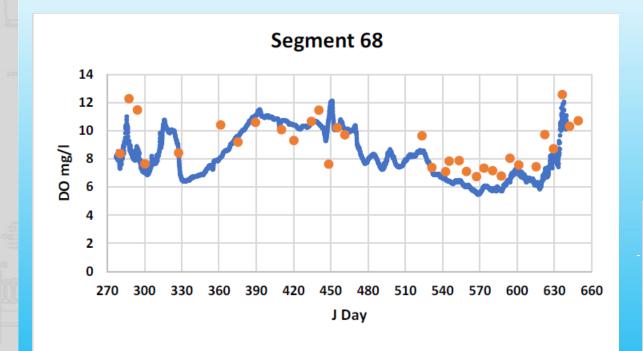


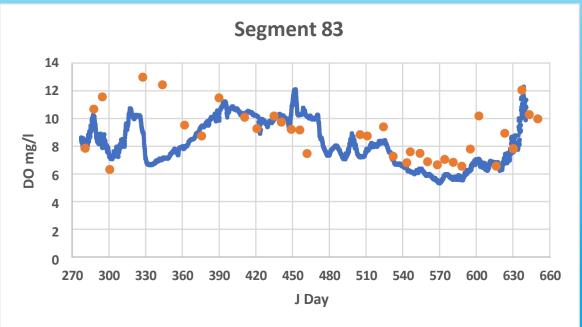
#### Minnesota River DO





# Minnesota River DO (cont.)



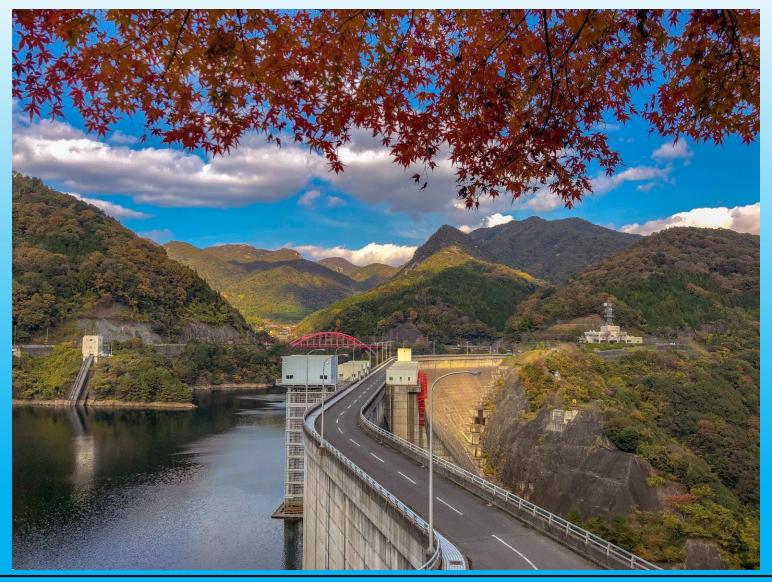


## **Evaluating Model DO Performance**

- DO is culmination of all other processes occurring in model.
- DO Predictions <u>sensitive</u> or <u>insensitive</u> depending upon location and conditions in model.
- Proceed slowly



## **Questions?**



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