# Education evenings 2016

*Practical introduction to groundwater modelling*

Computer exercises
03 02 Particle tracking

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# Purpose

In this example, we will use the Rocky Mountain Arsenal model, one of the examples that come with ModelMuse, to set up

- ✓ forward particle tracking to visualize advective flow paths from a disposal pond, and
- ✓ backward particle tracking to map an (advective) well capture zone.

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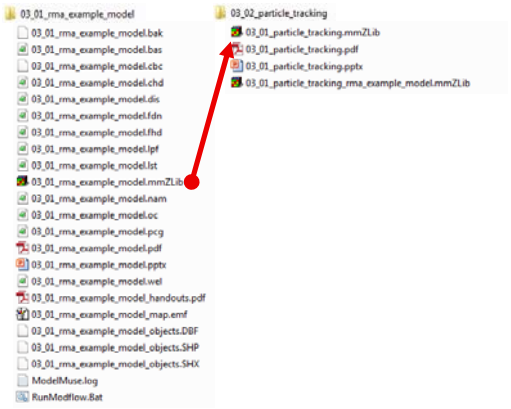
# Copy example model

- ✓ Copy the model from the previous exercise "03_01_rma_example_model.mmZLib" to folder "/03_02_particle_tracking/",
- ✓ and rename the copied file to "03_02_particle_tracking.mmZLib".
- ✓ Another option is to copy file "03_01_rma_example_model.mmZLib" in folder "/06_solutions/".
- ✓ Double click the new file to open ModelMuse.

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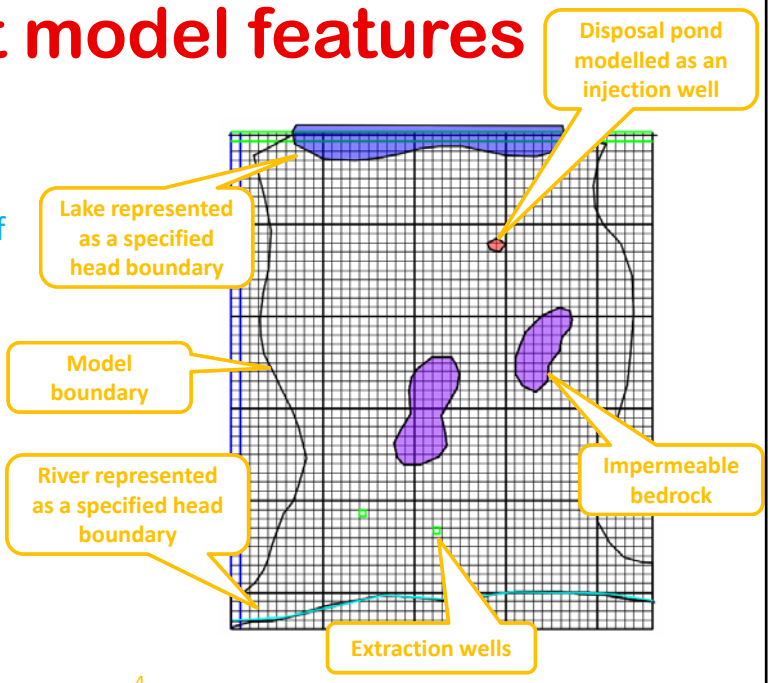
# Inspect model features

Take some time to inspect the objects and learn what model features they define, if you did not just create them yourself in the last exercise.

- ✓ What is the lake head?
- ✓ How is the river head specified?
- ✓ How is the impermeable bedrock simulated?
- ✓ How much does the extraction well pump?
- ✓ How much does the disposal pump leak?

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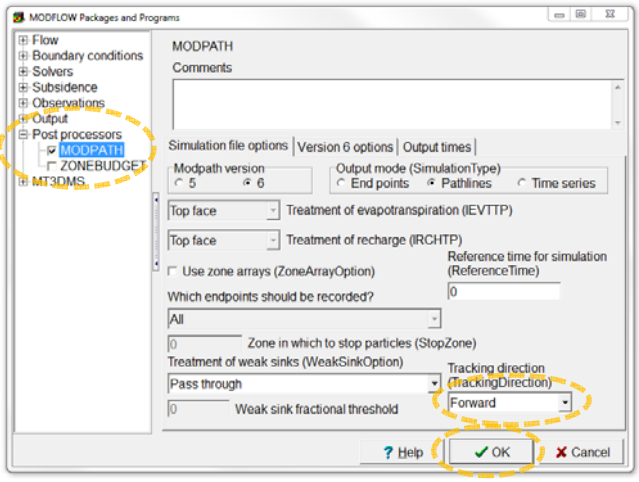
# Enable MODPATH

- ✓ Select **Model|MODFLOW Packages and Programs…**,
- ✓ expand **Post processors**, and
- ✓ check the check box for **MODPATH**.
- ✓ Leave the default options as they are, but note we will be doing **Forward** tracking,
- ✓ and press **OK**.

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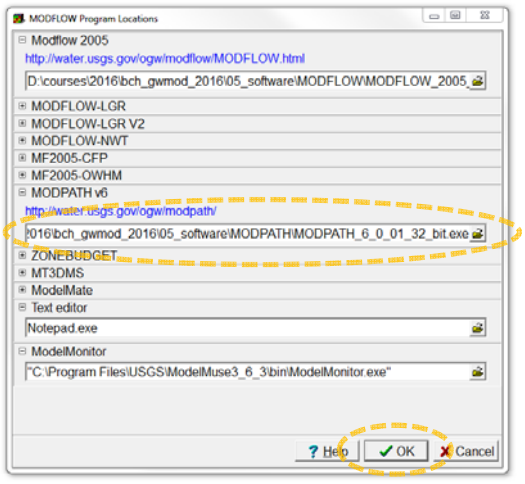
# Set the MODPATH program location

- ✓ Select **Model|MODFLOW Program Locations**, and
- ✓ fill in the path to your preferred MODPATH executable in folder "/05_software/MODPATH/".
- ✓ Then press **OK**.

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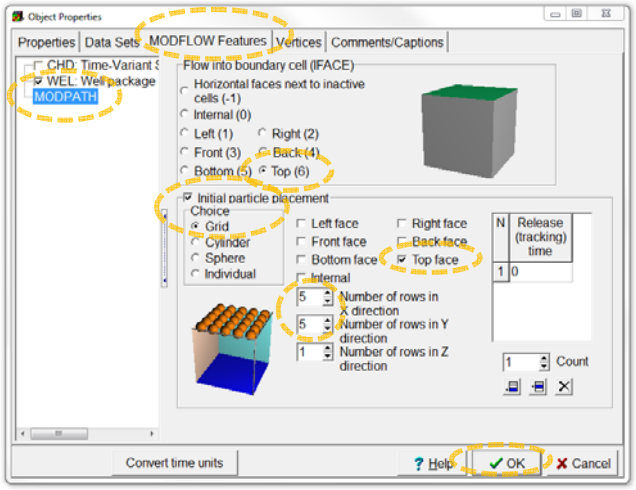
# Define initial particle placement

- ✓ Double click on the disposal pond object,
- ✓ and in the **Object Properties** dialog box, select **MODFLOW Features**, and click on **MODPATH**.
- ✓ Set the flow into the cell at the **Top** face, and
- ✓ put 5 by 5 particles at the **Top face** in the **Grid**.
- ✓ Then press **OK**.

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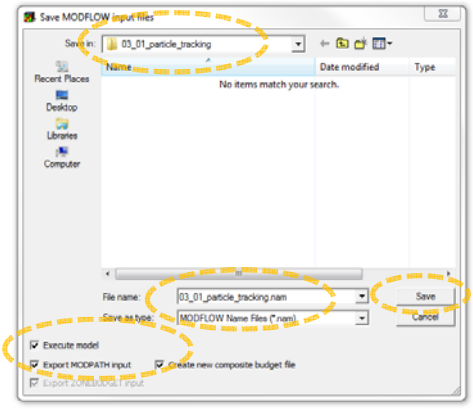
# Run model (1/2)

- ✓ Run MODFLOW by saving the MODFLOW input files.
- ✓ Note that the **Export MODPATH input** checkbox is selected as well, and
- ✓ check the **Create new composite budget file** checkbox.
- ✓ Press **Save** to save and run the model.

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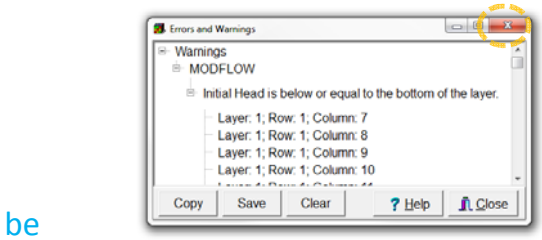
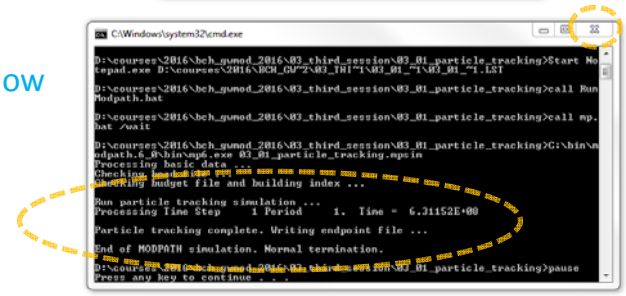
# Run model (2/2)

- ✓ You can neglect the warnings and close the **Errors and Warnings** window.
- ✓ Note that when you close ModelMonitor, MODPATH will be launched as well.
- ✓ Close the command line window after it has finished.

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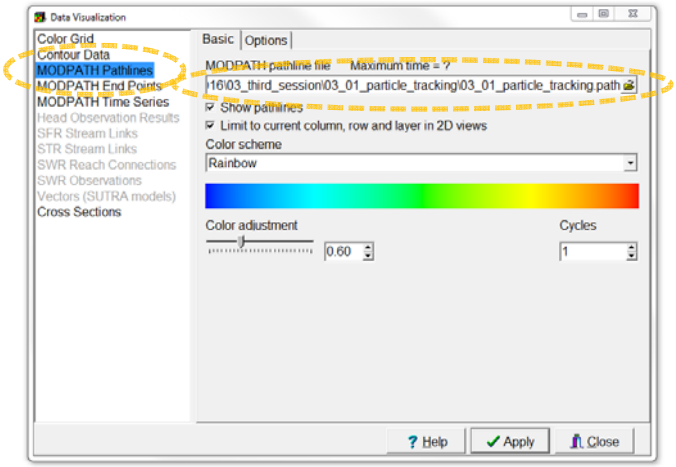
# Visualize pathlines (1/2)

- ✓ Select **Data|Data Visualization…** or use the corresponding button,
- ✓ and choose **MODPATH Pathlines**.
- ✓ Select the MODPATH pathline file "03_01_particle_tracking.path".

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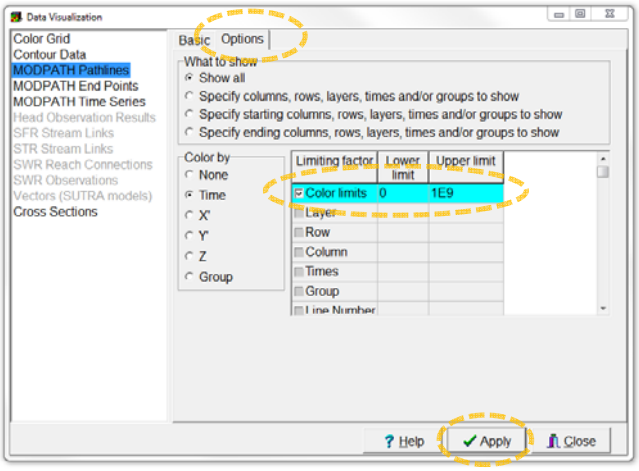
# Visualize pathlines (2/2)

- ✓ Switch to the **Options** tab, and
- ✓ set the **Color limits** to 0 and 1E9.
- ✓ Then press **Apply**.

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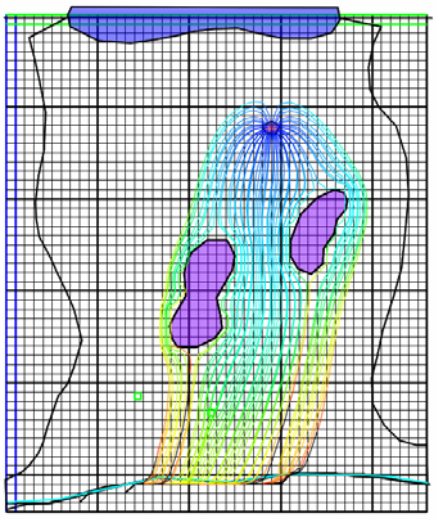

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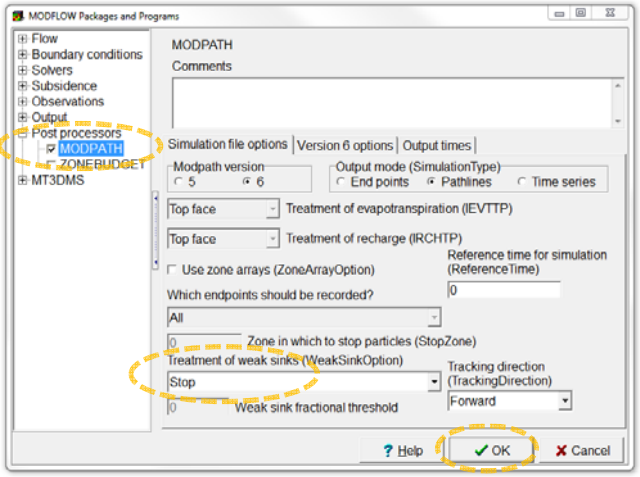
# Rerun MODPATH without weak sinks (1/3)

- ✓ Select **Model|MODFLOW Packages and Programs…**,
- ✓ go to **MODPATH**,
- ✓ and set the **Treatment of weak sinks** to **Stop**.
- ✓ Then press **OK**.

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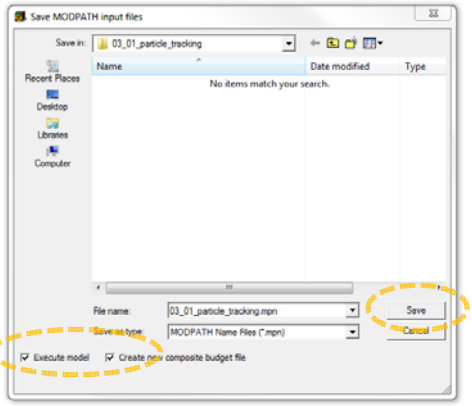
# Rerun MODPATH without weak sinks (2/3)

- ✓ Select **File|Export|MODPATH Input Files**,
- ✓ check the **Execute model** and **Create new composite budget file** checkboxes, and
- ✓ press **Save**.

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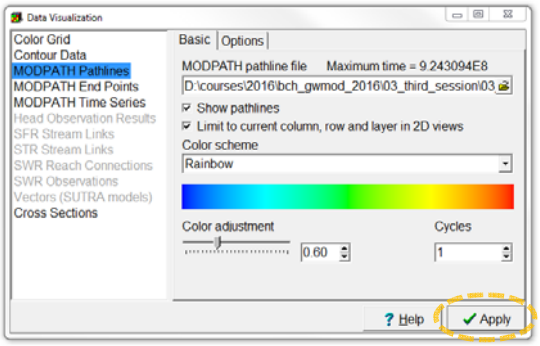
# Rerun MODPATH without weak sinks (3/3)

- ✓ Now update the visualization in the **Data Visualization** dialog box, by pressing **Apply**,
- ✓ and click **Yes** to import the new file.
- ✓ Can you see what has changed by stopping the particles at weak sinks?

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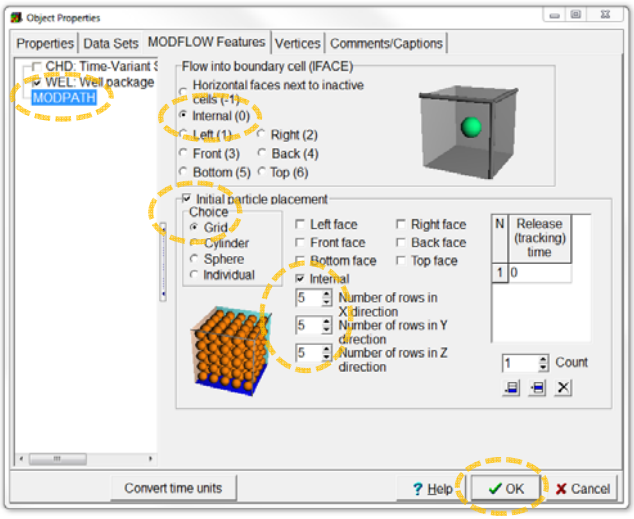
# Define particles at well cells

- ✓ Double click on each of the extraction well objects,
- ✓ go to the **MODFLOW Features** tab in the **Object Properties** dialog box, and
- ✓ set **IFACE** to **Internal**,
- ✓ the **Initial particle placement** to **Grid** and **Internal**, and
- ✓ use 5 by 5 by 5 rows.
- ✓ Then press **OK**.

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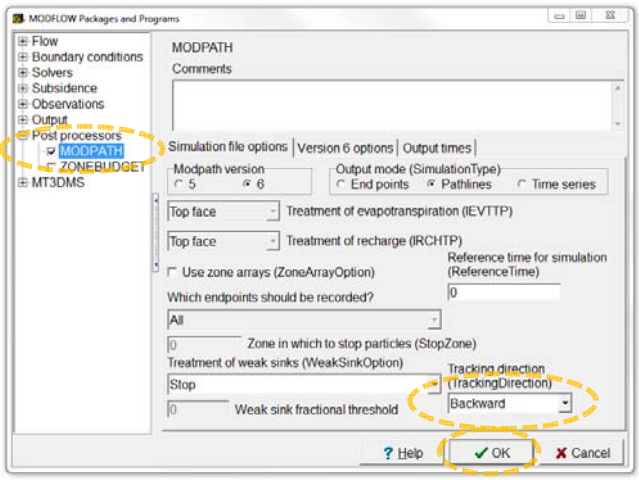
# Rerun MODPATH with backward tracking (1/3)

- ✓ Select **Model|MODFLOW Packages and Programs…**,
- ✓ go to **MODPATH**,
- ✓ and set the **Tracking direction** to **Backward**.
- ✓ Then press **OK**.

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# Rerun MODPATH with backward tracking (2/3)

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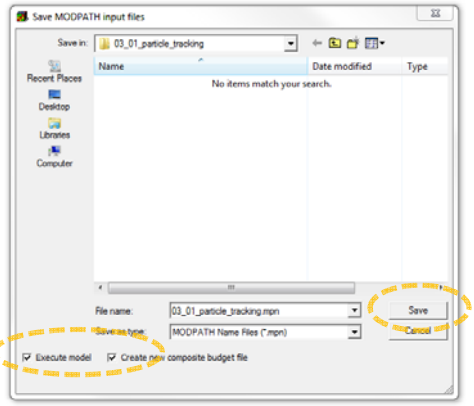
- ✓ check the **Execute model** and **Create new composite budget file** checkboxes, and
- ✓ press **Save**.

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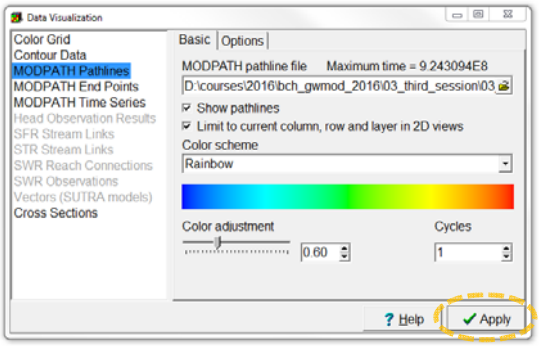
- ✓ and click **Yes** to import the new file.

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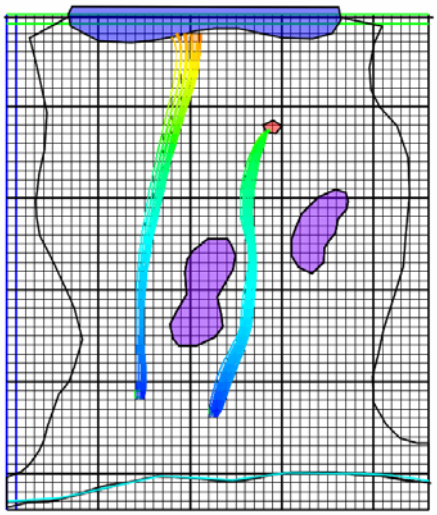

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