

Lake Okeechobee System Operating Manual

POST Iteration 2 Modeling Evaluation

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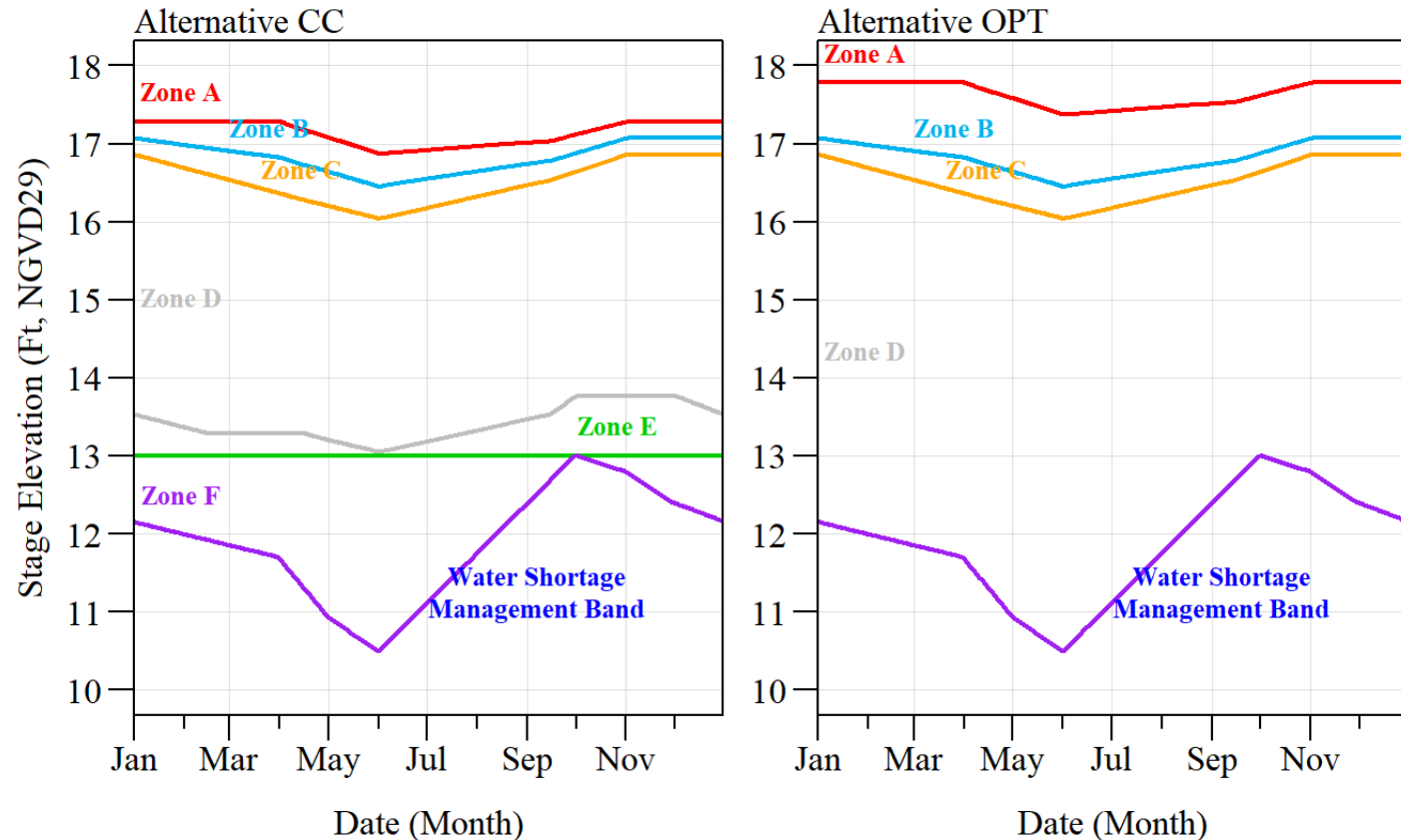
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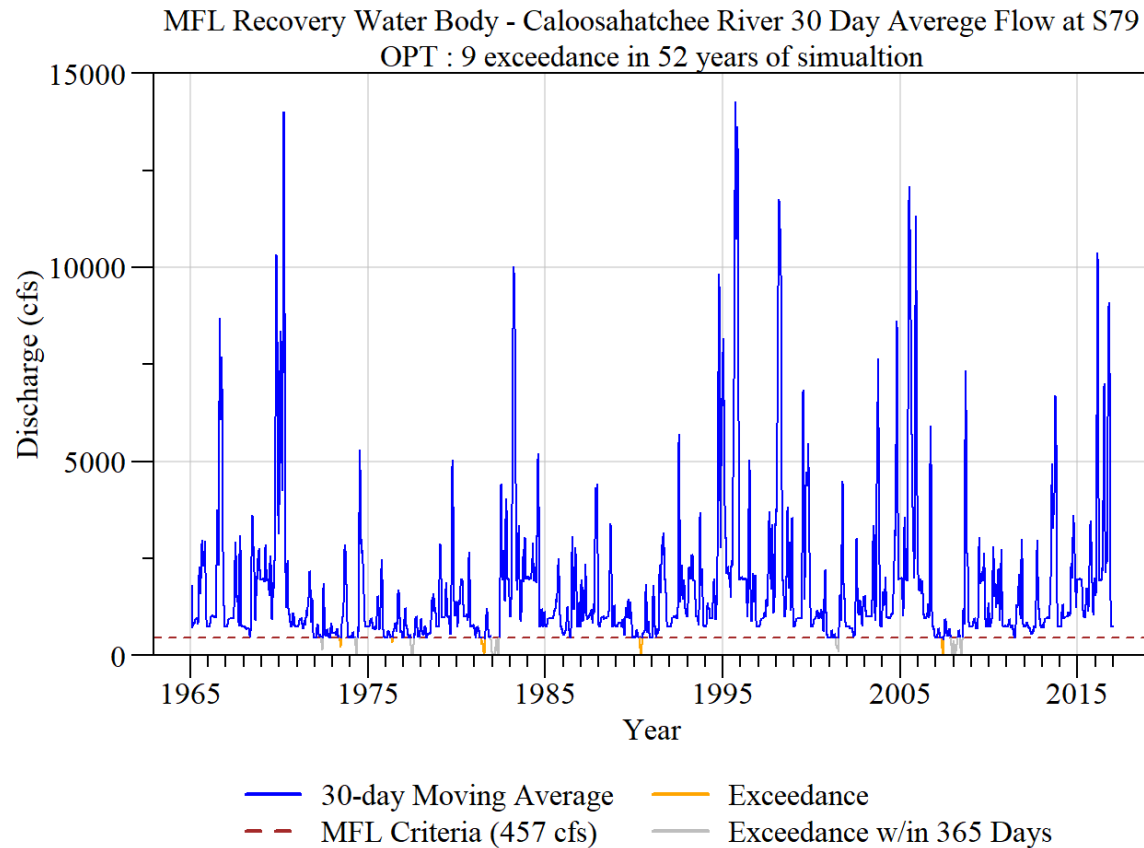


Regulation Schedule



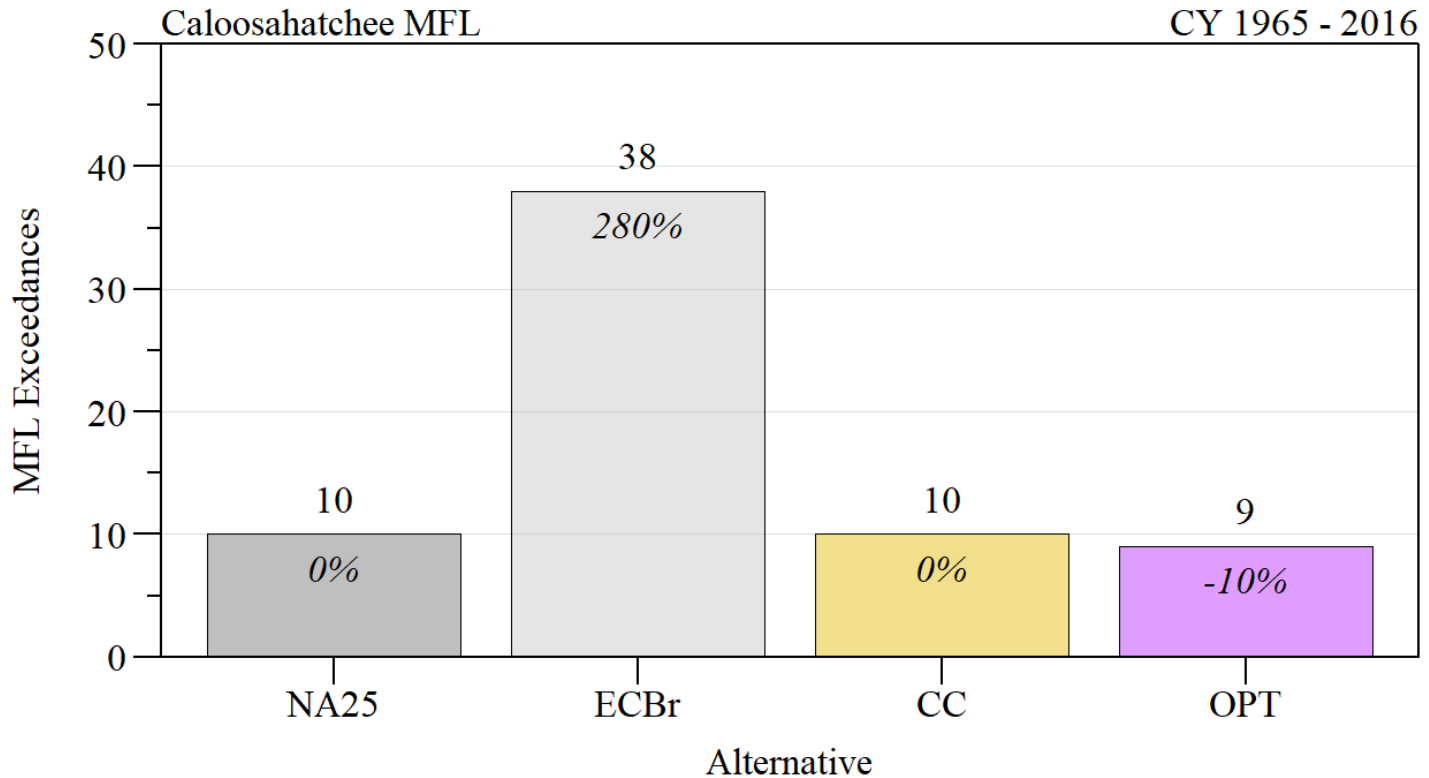
Regulation Schedule with zones identified for CC and OPT

Caloosahatchee MFL



Minimum flow and levels evaluation for the Caloosahatchee River Estuary for alternative 'OPT' during the simulated period of record.

Caloosahatchee MFL



Comparison of MFL exceedances across FWO, ECB, CC and OPT during the simulated period of record. Percentage within bar represents percent difference relative to FWO.

Average annual regulatory flows (QFC flow tag; CRE: S77; SLE: S308) and stress and damaging events based on RECOVER salinity envelope 14-day event counts for Caloosatchee and St Lucie estuaries.

Summarized Data							Percent Different from FWO				
Estuary	Alt	Regulatory Flows (kacft/yr)	Stress Events From LOK ³	Stress Events From Basin ³	Damaging Events From LOK ⁴	Damaging Events From Basin ⁴	Regulatory Flows (kacft/yr)	Stress Events From LOK ³	Stress Events From Basin ³	Damaging Events From LOK ⁴	Damaging Events From Basin ⁴
CRE ¹	NA25 ²	528	183	118	186	173					
	ECBr	515	190	153	205	225	-2.5	3.8	29.7	10.2	30.1
	CC	578	289	89	156	174	9.5	57.9	-24.6	-16.1	0.6
	OPT ²	487	65	144	72	187	-7.8	-64.5	22.0	-61.3	8.1
SLE	NA25	187	148	210	142	428					
	ECBr	231	162	186	160	432	23.0	9.5	-11.4	12.7	0.9
	CC	72	13	308	17	469	-61.7	-91.2	46.7	-88.0	9.6
	OPT	109	23	288	28	467	-41.8	-84.5	37.1	-80.3	9.1

¹ CRE: Caloosahatchee Estuary; SLE: St Lucie Estuary; ² NA25 = Future without project (FWO)

³ Stressful Flows:

CRE: ≥ 2100 cfs & < 2600 cfs

SLE: ≥ 1400 cfs & < 1700 cfs

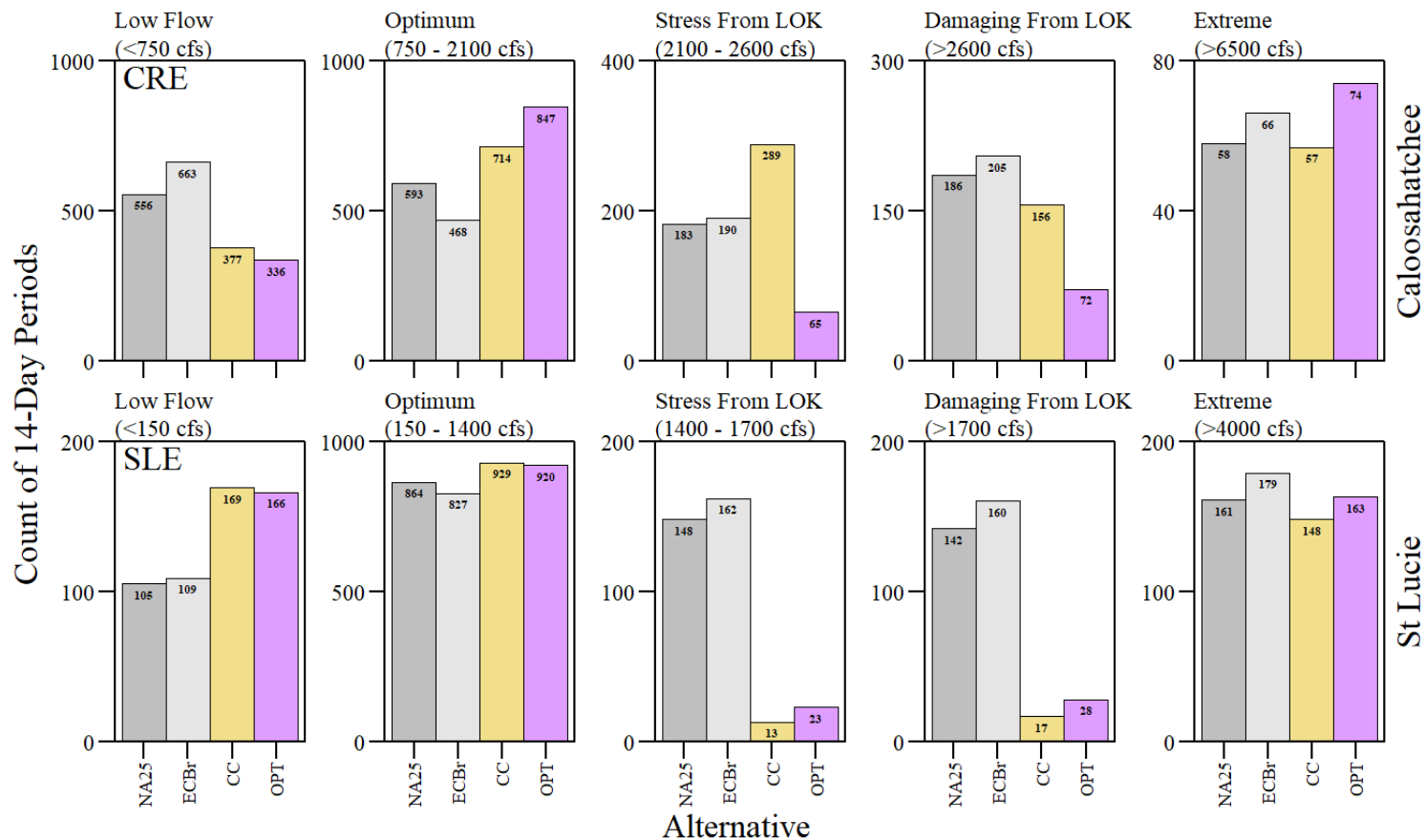
⁴ Damaging Flows:

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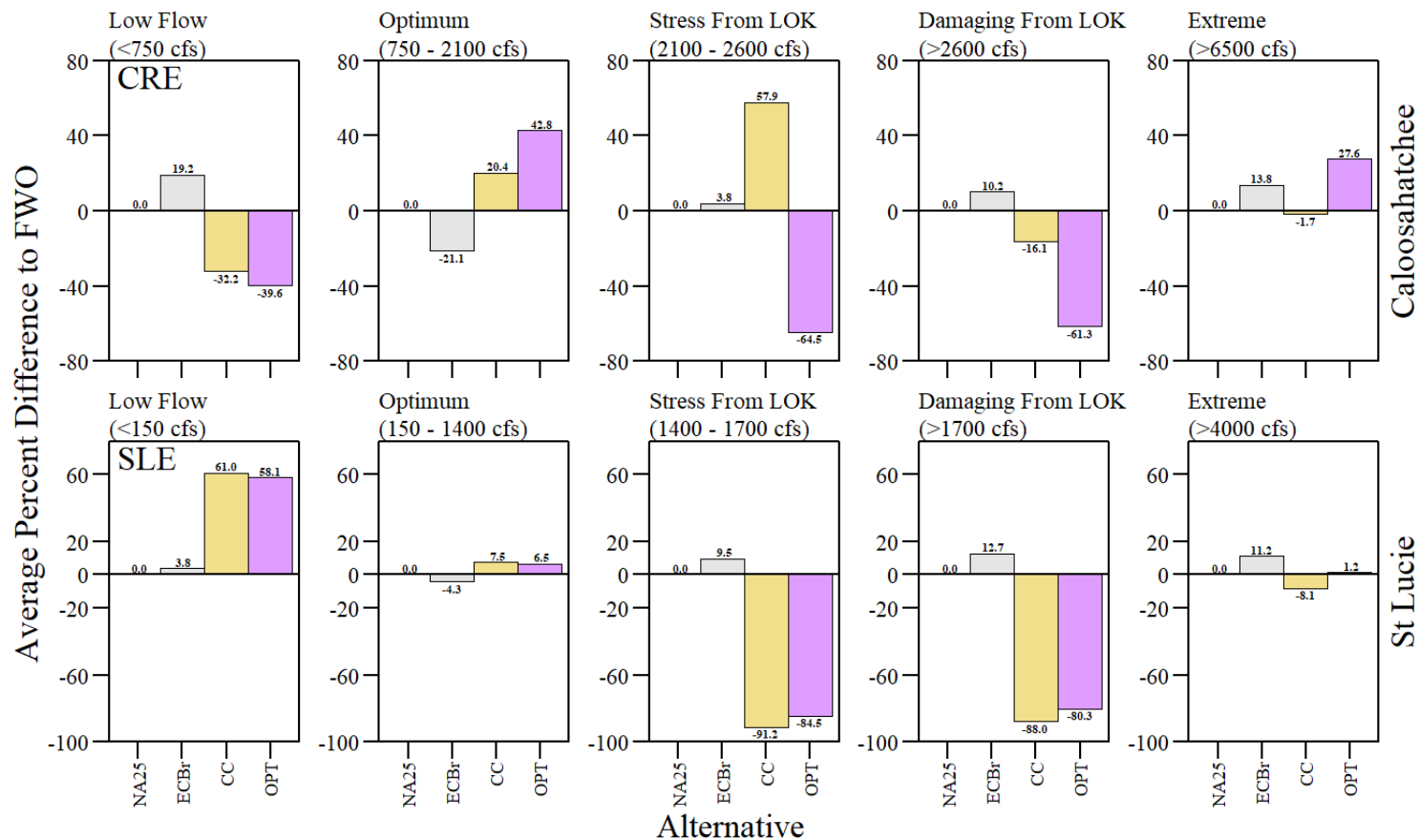
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RECOVER Metric



RECOVER salinity envelope evaluation during the simulation period of record for Caloosahatchee (top) and St Lucie (bottom) estuaries.

RECOVER Metric



RECOVER salinity envelope evaluation relative to FWO (NA25) during the simulation period of record for Caloosahatchee (top) and St Lucie (bottom) estuaries.

Daily count of low, optimum, stress and damaging flow events for Caloosatchee and St Lucie estuaries.

Summarized Data								Percent Different from FWO					
Estuary	Alt	Low	Optimum	Stress	Stress	Damaging	Damaging	Low	Optimum	Stress	Stress	Damaging	Damaging
		Events	Events	Events	Events	Events	Events			Events	Events	Events	Events
				From	From	From	From	Events	Events	From	From	From	From
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CRE ¹	NA25 ²	7743	6344	261	488	1988	2169	---	---	---	---	---	---
	ECBr	9354	3769	246	706	2015	2903	20.8	-40.6	-5.7	44.7	1.4	33.8
	CC	5058	8420	450	519	2199	2347	-34.7	32.7	72.4	6.4	10.6	8.2
	OPT ²	4558	10993	101	642	407	2292	-41.1	73.3	-61.3	31.6	-79.5	5.7
SLE	NA25	1943	10112	388	593	1444	4513	---	---	---	---	---	---
	ECBr	2045	9725	405	516	1567	4735	5.2	-3.8	4.4	-13.0	8.5	4.9
	CC	3110	10433	0	759	201	4490	60.1	3.2	-100.0	28.0	-86.1	-0.5
	OPT	3039	10374	0	716	360	4504	56.4	2.6	-100.0	20.7	-75.1	-0.2

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Low Flows CRE: < 750 cfs; SLE: < 150 cfs

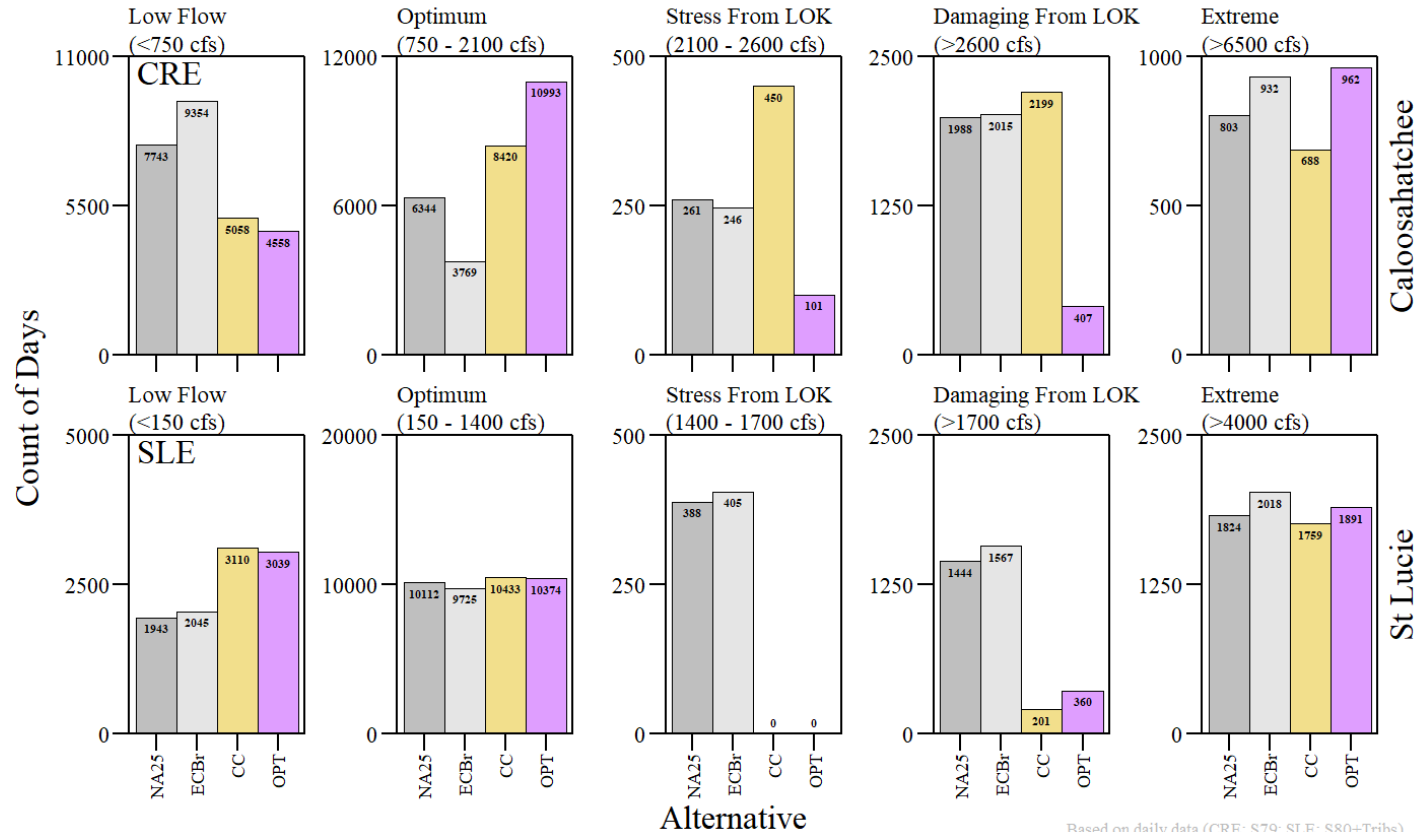
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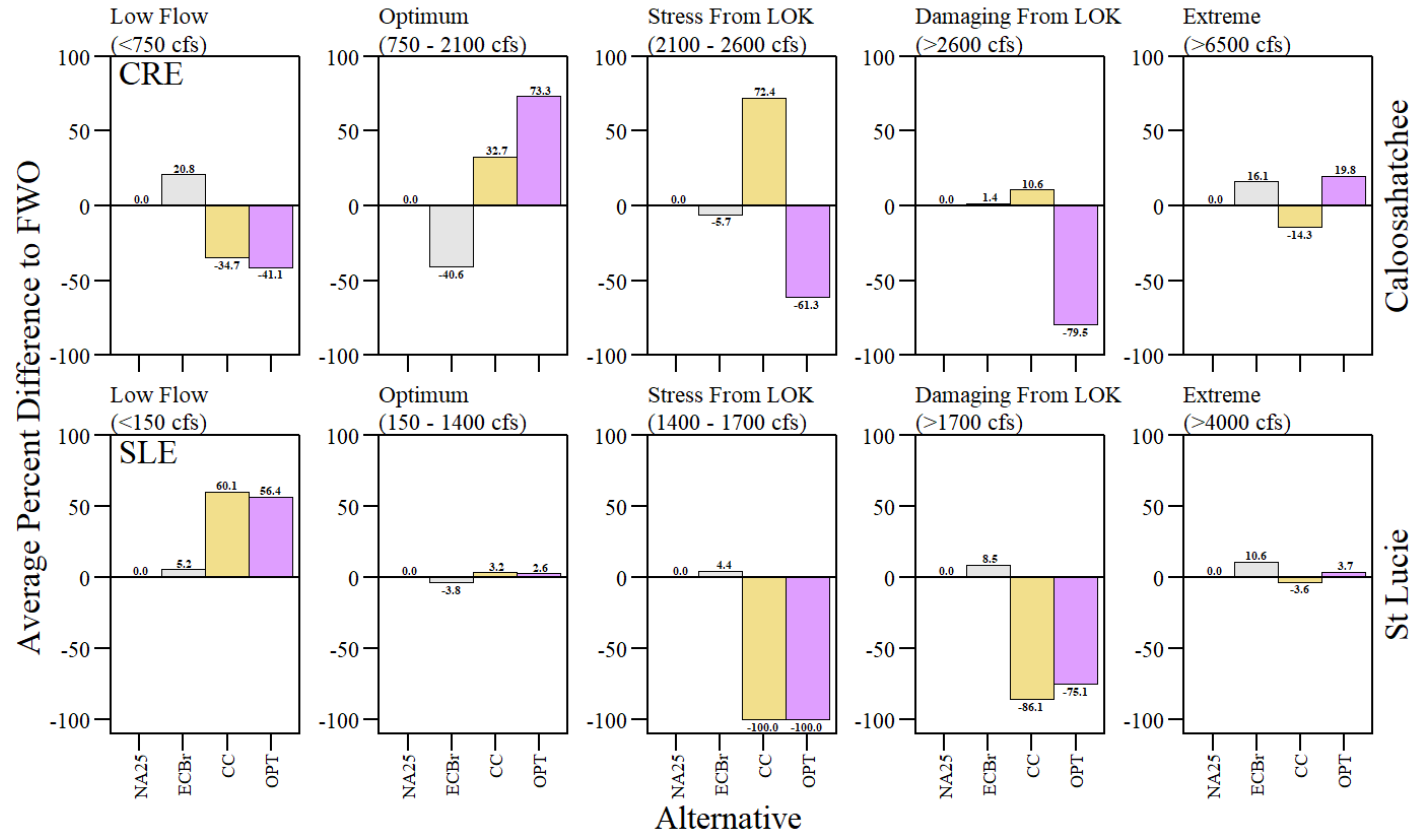
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Daily Metric



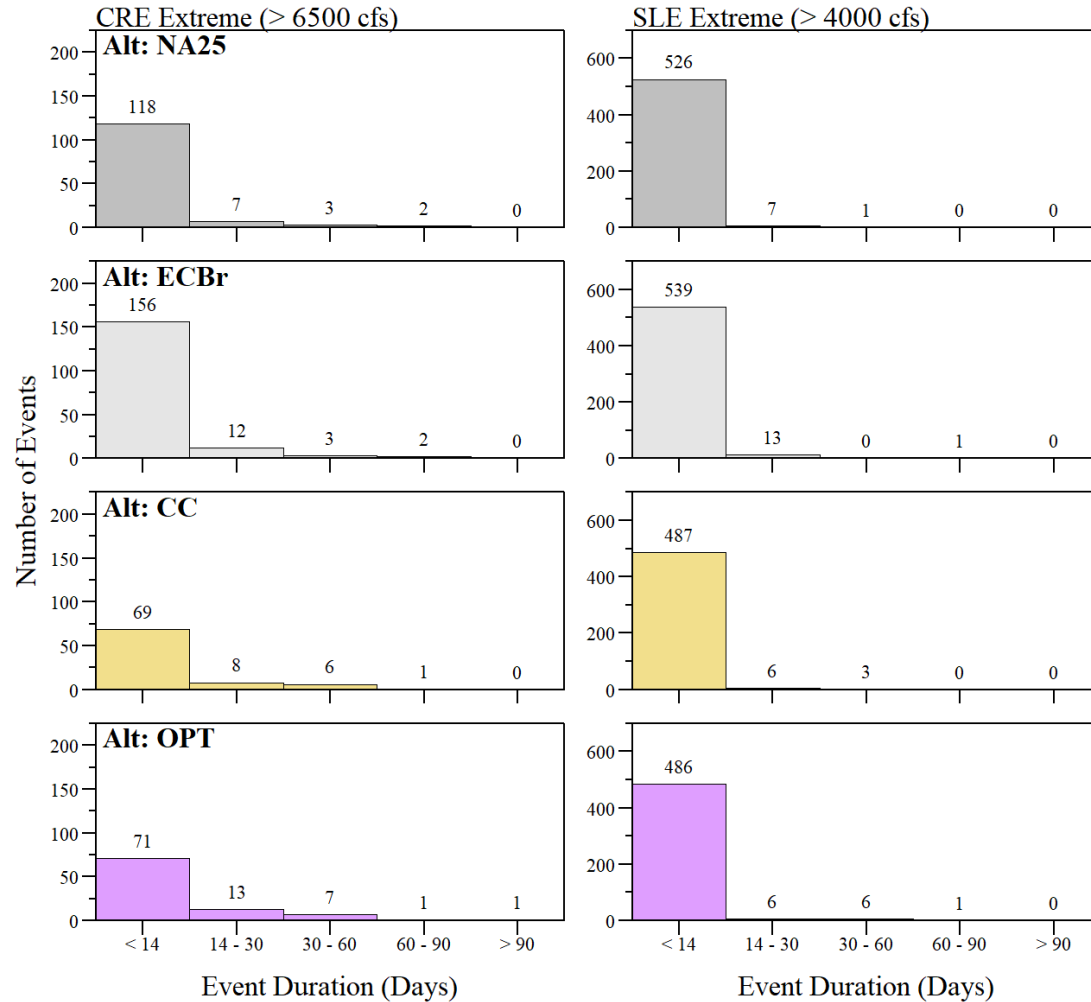
Daily salinity envelope evaluation during the simulation period of record for Caloosahatchee (top) and St Lucie (bottom) estuaries. Low, Optimum and Extreme events are from all sources.

Daily Metric



Daily salinity envelope evaluation relative to FWO (NA25) during the simulation period of record for Caloosahatchee (top) and St Lucie (bottom) estuaries. Low, Optimum and Extreme events are from all sources.

Daily Metric - Extreme Events



Monthly count of low, optimum, stress and damaging flow events for Caloosatchee and St Lucie estuaries based on monthly mean discharge data.

Summarized Data								Percent Different from FWO					
Estuary	Alt	Low Events	Optimum Events	Stress	Stress	Damaging	Damaging	Low Events	Optimum Events	Stress	Stress	Damaging	Damaging
				Events	Events	Events	Events			Events	Events	Events	Events
				From LOK	From Basin	From LOK	From Basin			From LOK	From Basin	From LOK	From Basin
CRE ¹	NA25 ²	212	225	37	19	70	61	---	---	---	---	---	---
	ECBr	253	153	33	25	76	84	19.3	-32.0	-10.8	31.6	8.6	37.7
	CC	149	243	96	15	54	67	-29.7	8.0	159.5	-21.1	-22.9	9.8
	OPT ²	137	353	17	24	27	66	-35.4	56.9	-54.1	26.3	-61.4	8.2
SLE	NA25	23	314	31	35	46	175	---	---	---	---	---	---
	ECBr	23	308	30	26	47	190	0.0	-1.9	-3.2	-25.7	2.2	8.6
	CC	30	363	0	47	8	176	30.4	15.6	-100.0	34.3	-82.6	0.6
	OPT	29	359	1	45	13	177	26.1	14.3	-96.8	28.6	-71.7	1.1

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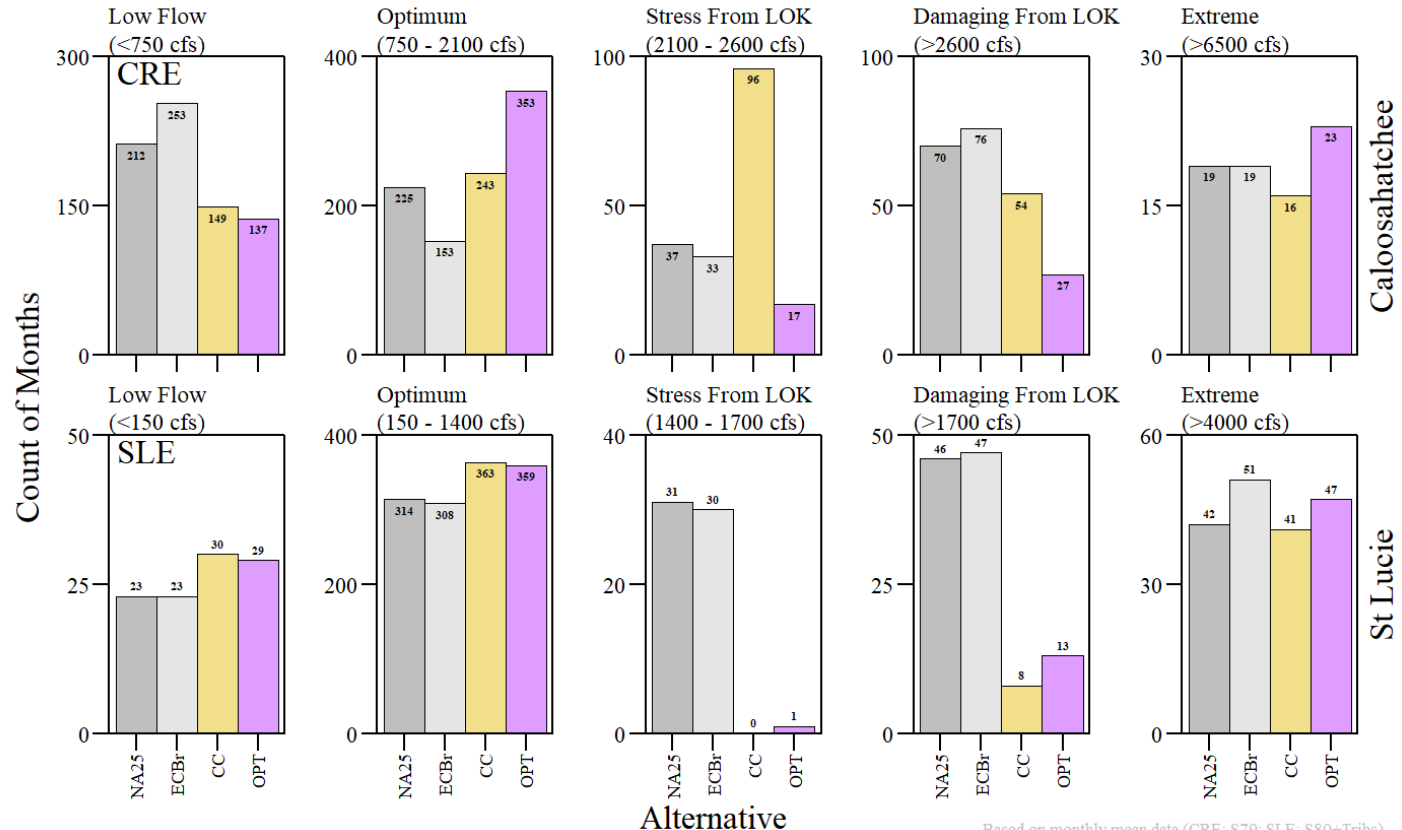
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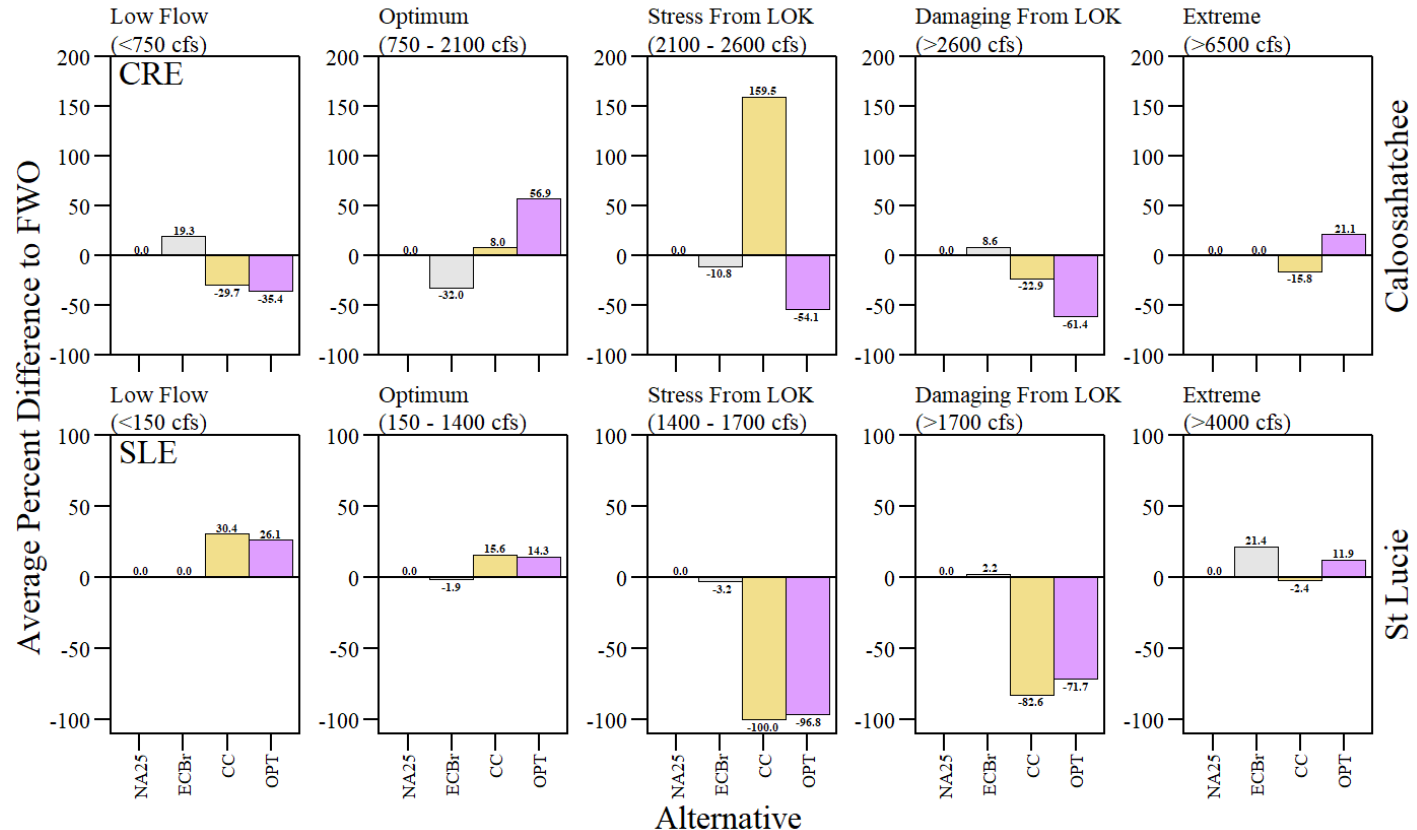
Monthly Metric



Based on monthly mean data (CRE: S79; SLE: S80+Tribes)

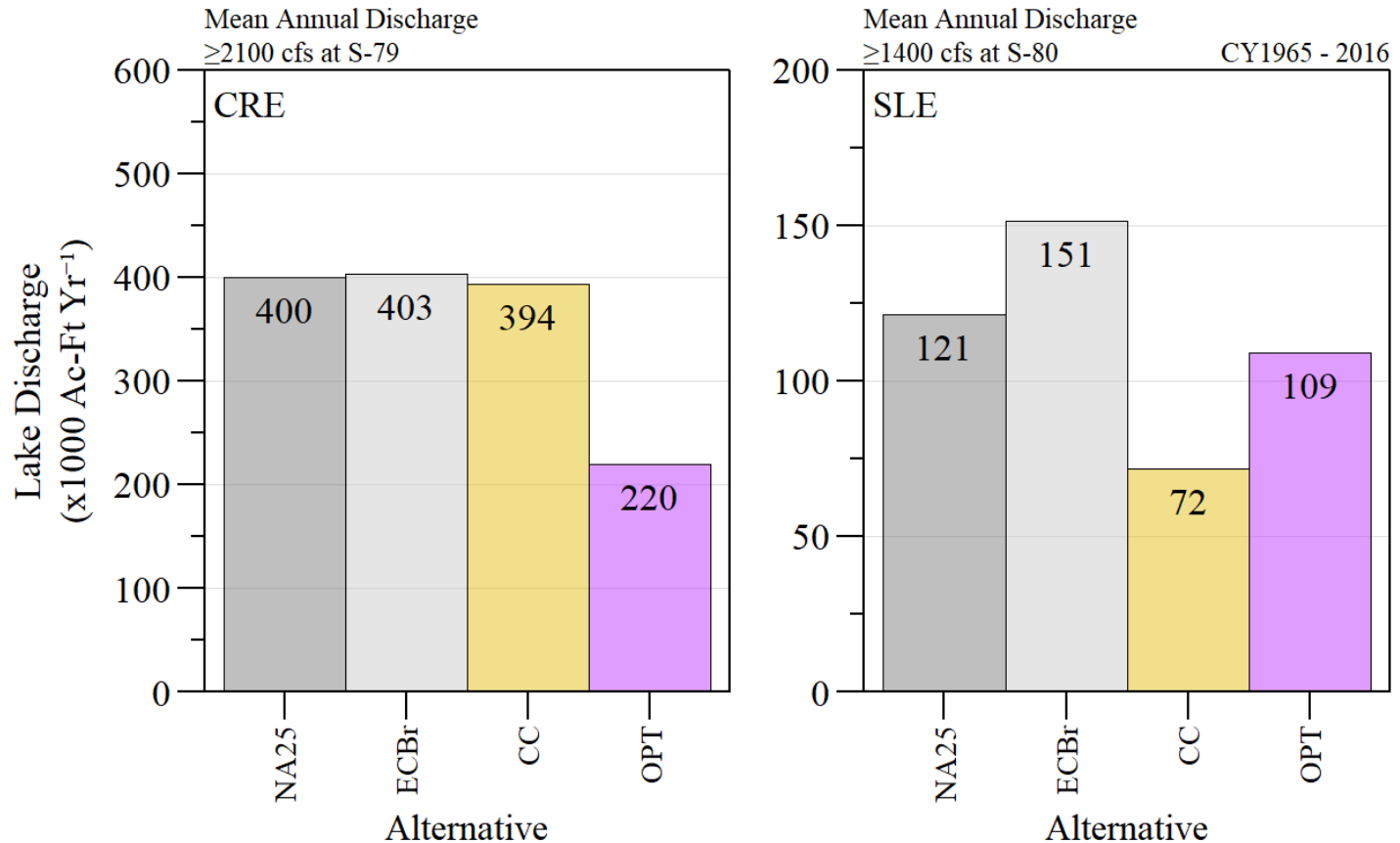
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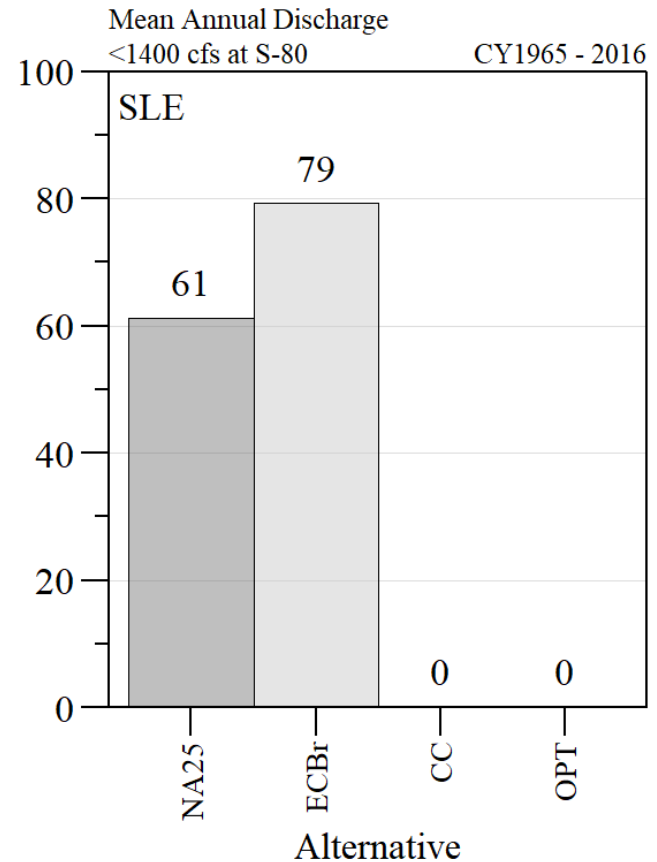
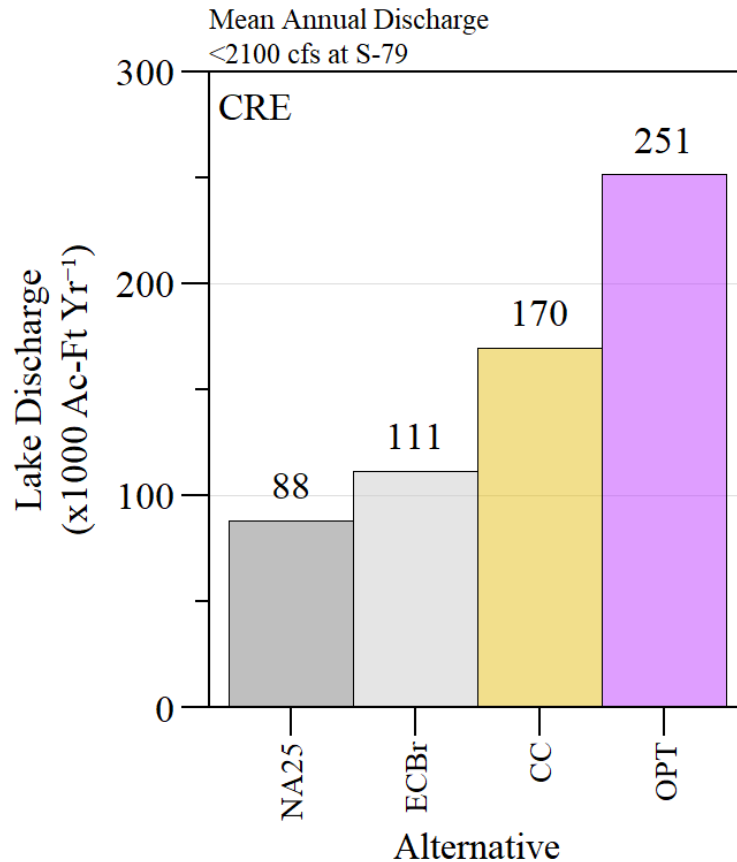
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Lake Discharges



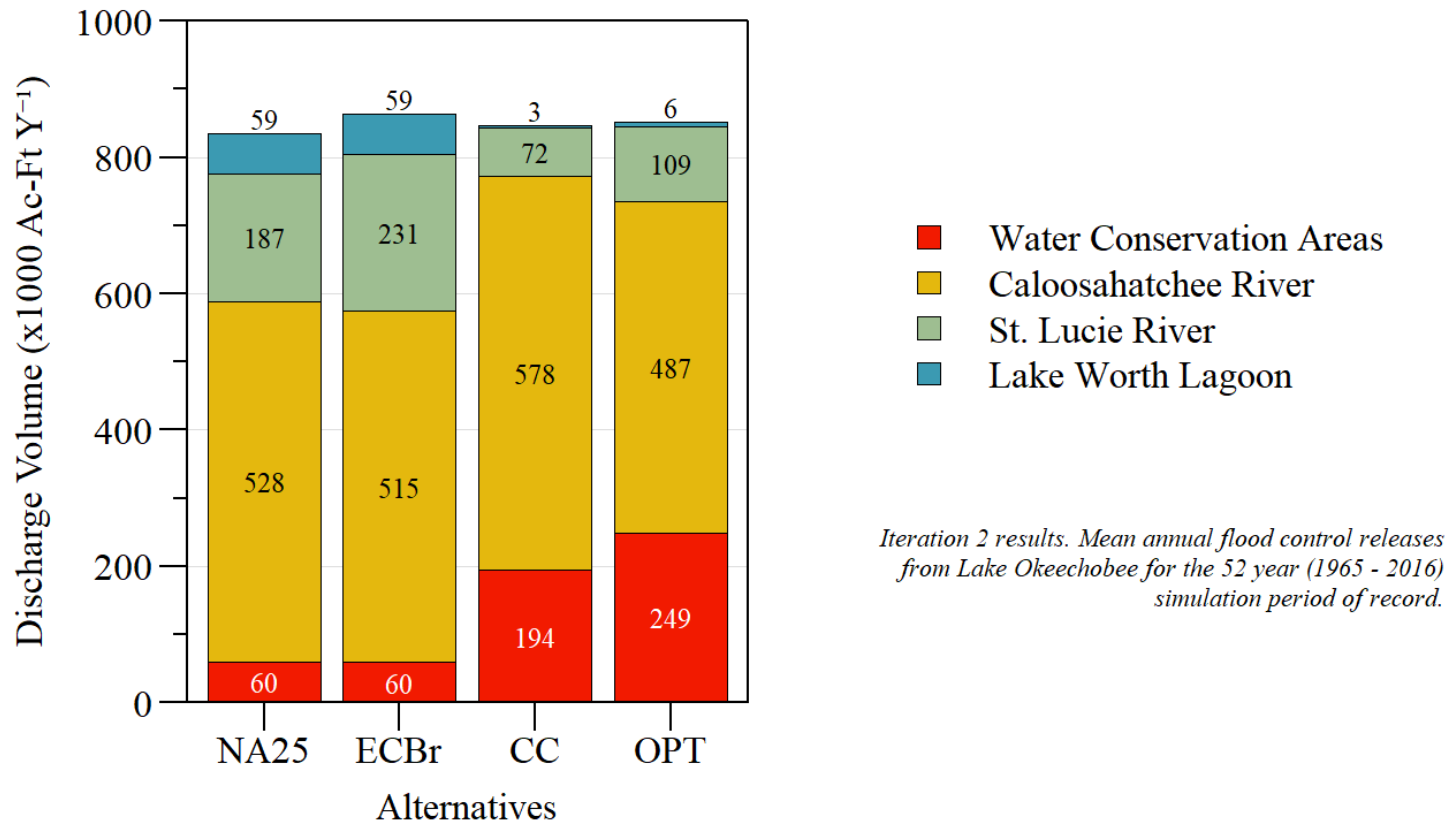
Average annual lake discharge volume over the simulation period of record when stress and damaging discharge at S79 and S80, respectively.

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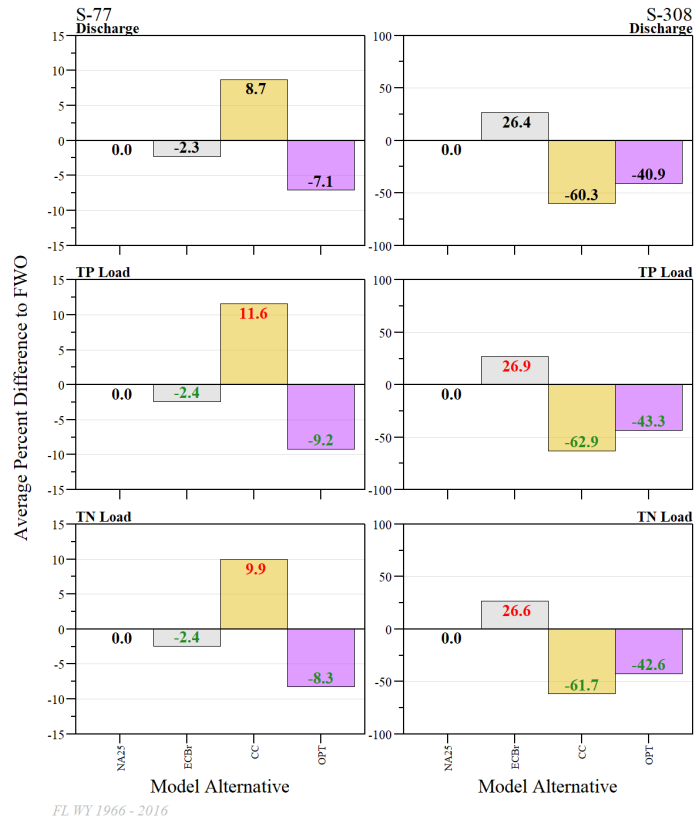
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Flood control discharges



Average annual flood control discharges from Lake Okeechobee to Water Conservation Areas and Northern Estuaries over the simulation period of record.

Load



Average percent difference from FWO (NA25) for discharge and estimated nutrient loads over the May 1965 - April 2016 (FL WY 1966 - 2016) period of simulation.

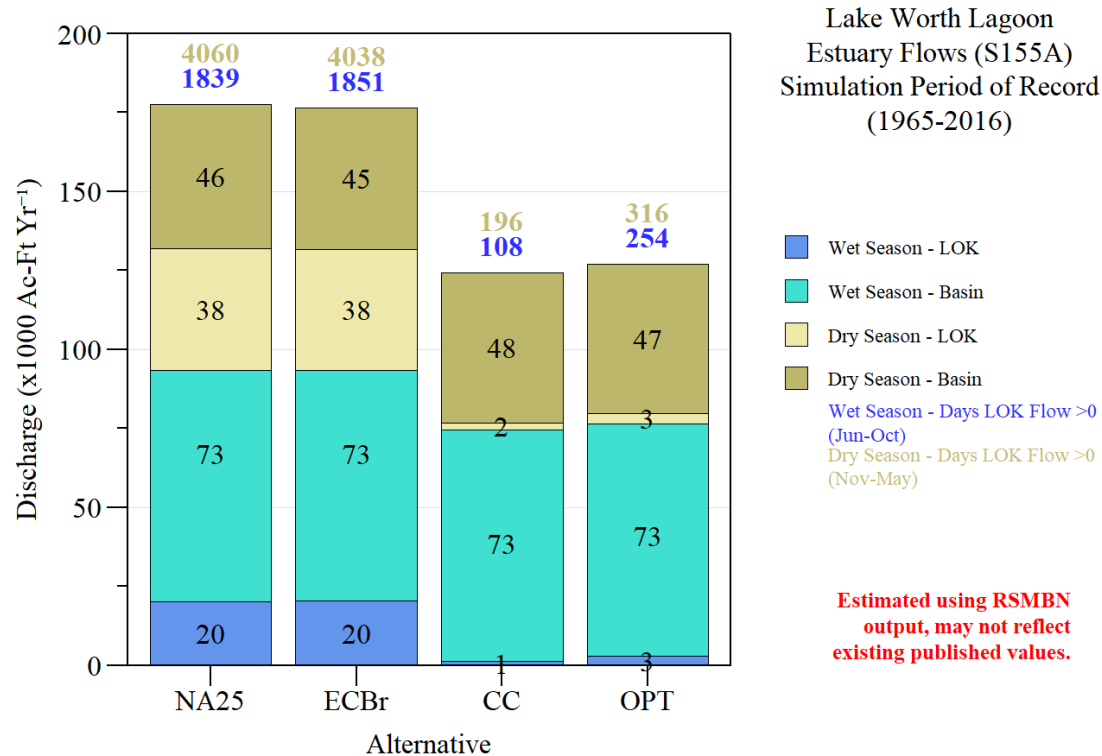
Back Flow/Pump

Average annual load and average percent change relative to FWO (NA25) over the simulation period or record between May 1965 and April 2016 for back flow/pumping from S77, S308 and EAA (S2, S3 and S4) to Lake Okeechobee.

Area	Alt ¹	Average Annual ¹				% Change Compare to FWO		
		Percent Total Inflow Water Budget ¹	Discharge (kAcf-Ft WY ⁻¹) ¹	TP Load (kg WY ⁻¹)	TN Load (kg WY ⁻¹)	Discharge	TP Load	TN Load
S77	NA25	1.8%	34.0	5957	70334	---	---	---
	ECBr	1.8%	35.2	6370	74002	3.7	6.9	5.2
	CC	1.6%	31.5	5839	66730	-7.3	-2.0	-5.1
	OPT	1.7%	33.3	6142	70661	-1.8	3.1	0.5
S308	NA25	2.1%	38.8	9894	84024	---	---	---
	ECBr	2.4%	45.9	11421	96162	18.2	15.4	14.4
	CC	2.4%	45.6	11882	101066	17.5	20.1	20.3
	OPT	2.3%	43.4	11315	95784	11.9	14.4	14.0
EAA	NA25	2.5%	47.3	13790	169512	---	---	---
	ECBr	2.7%	52.8	14516	187490	11.7	5.3	10.6
	CC	3.4%	64.4	15760	228985	36.2	14.3	35.1
	OPT	3.8%	73.9	16916	265371	56.3	22.7	56.5

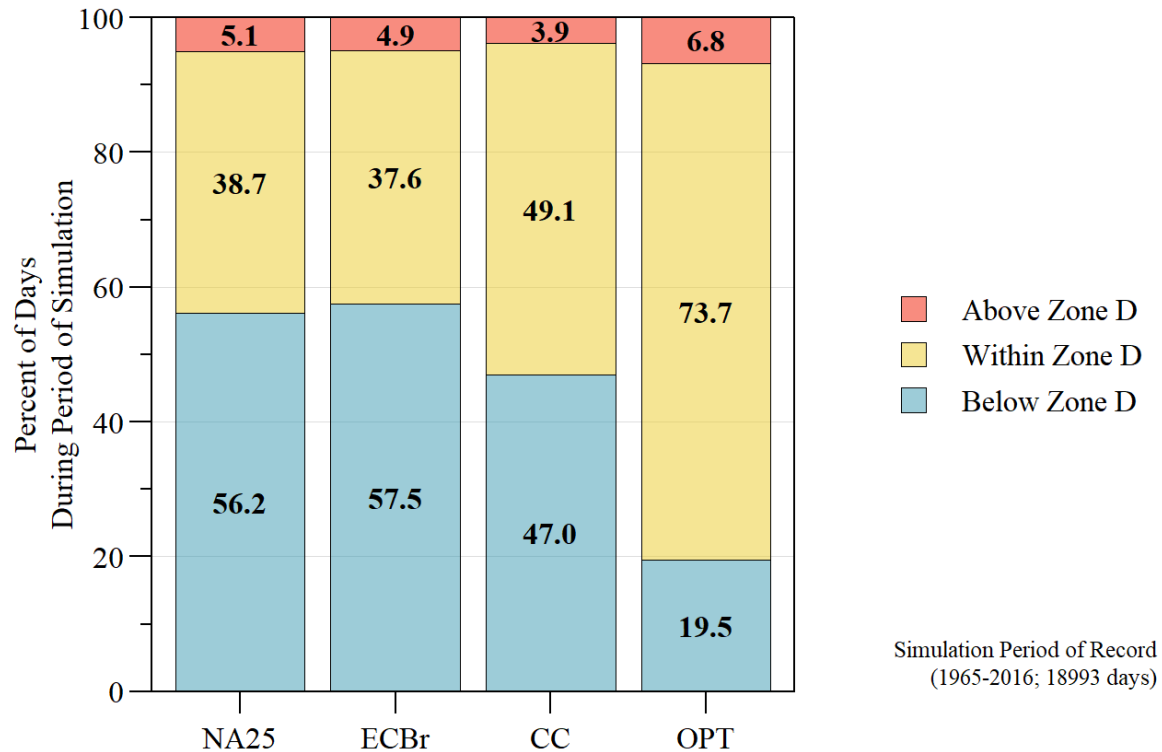
¹Simulation period of record between Florida Water Year 1966 - 2016 (May 1965 - April 2016)

Lake Worth Lagoon



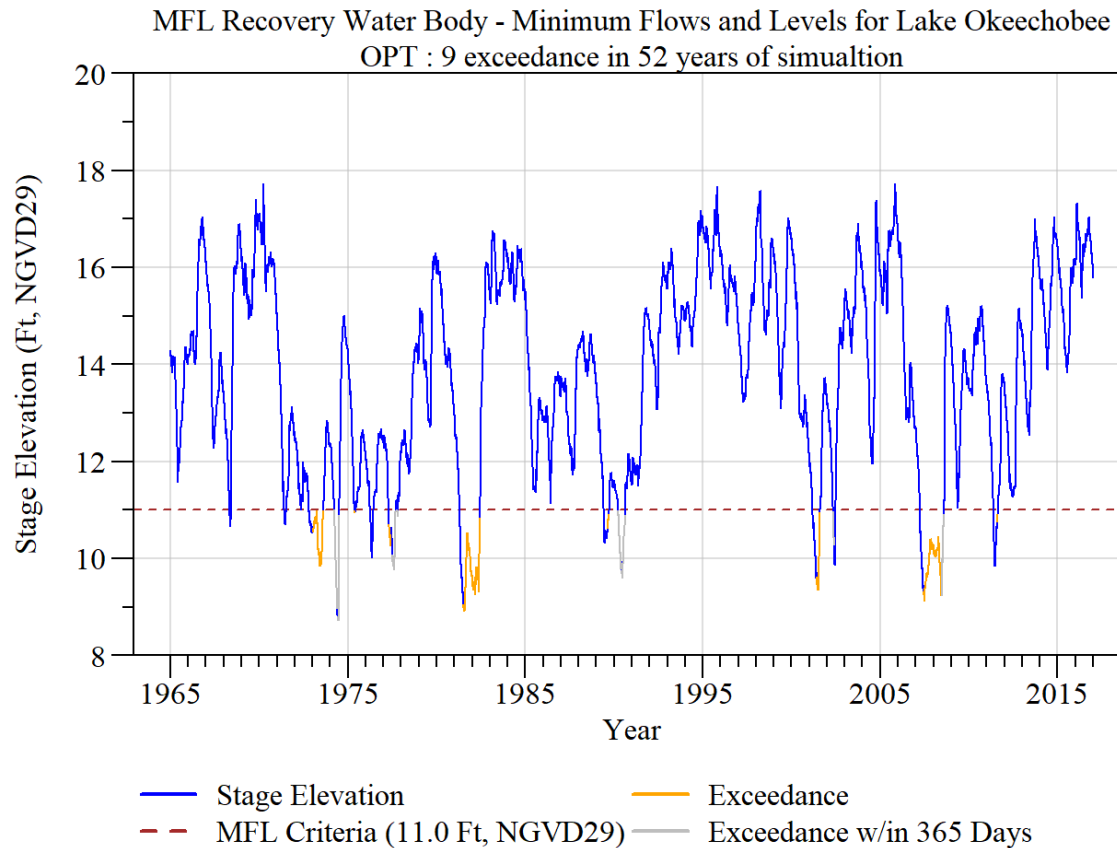
- Prior analysis uses a combination of RSMBN (C10A) and RSMGL (S155A) models.
 - RSMGL provides a finer detail modeling of flows used within the basin that is passed through S155A.
- Due to limited information (for OPT Alternative), RSMBN was used to evaluate LOK and Basin flows to LWL.

Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule



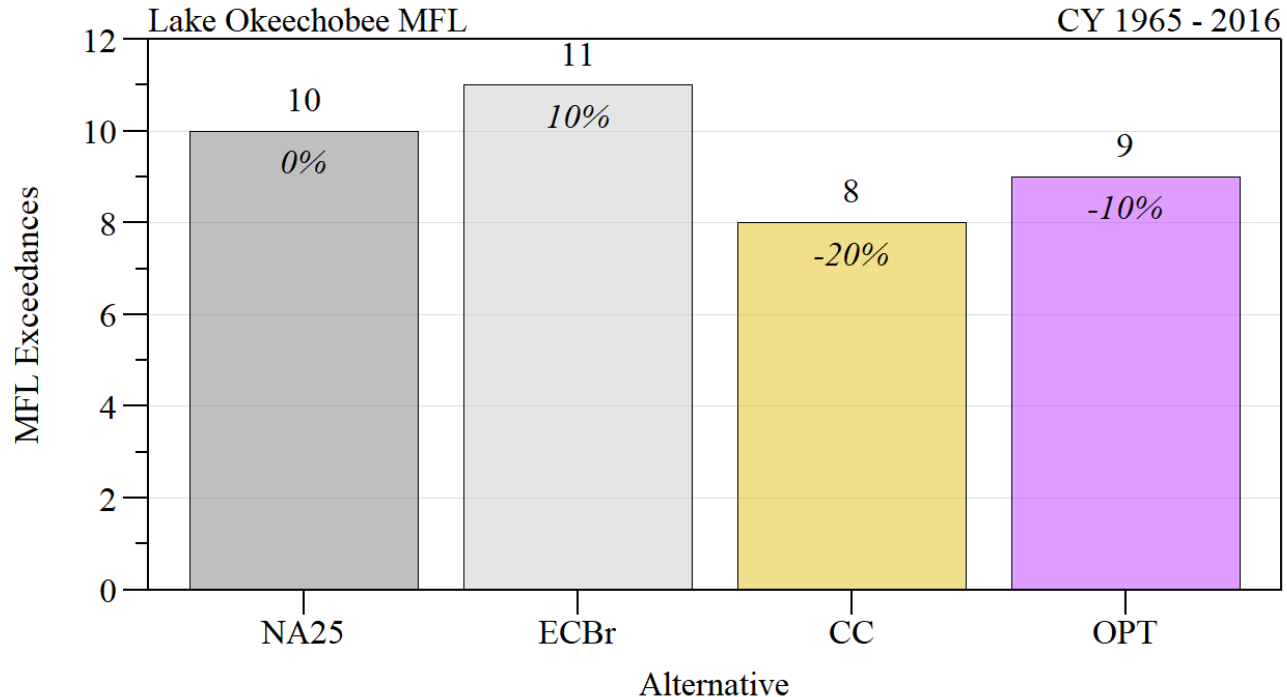
Percent of time above, within, and below Zone D of the regulation schedule.

Lake Okeechobee MFL



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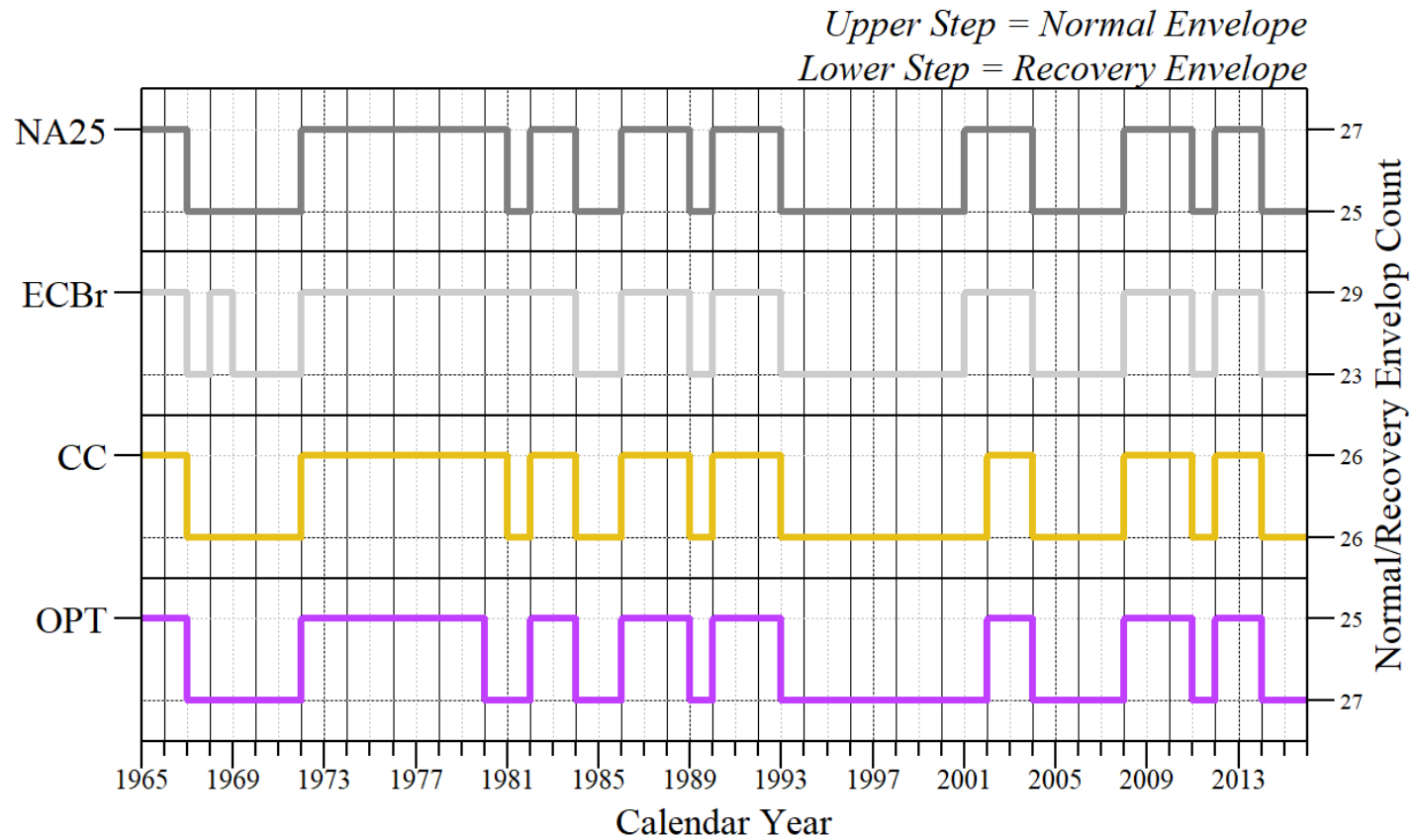
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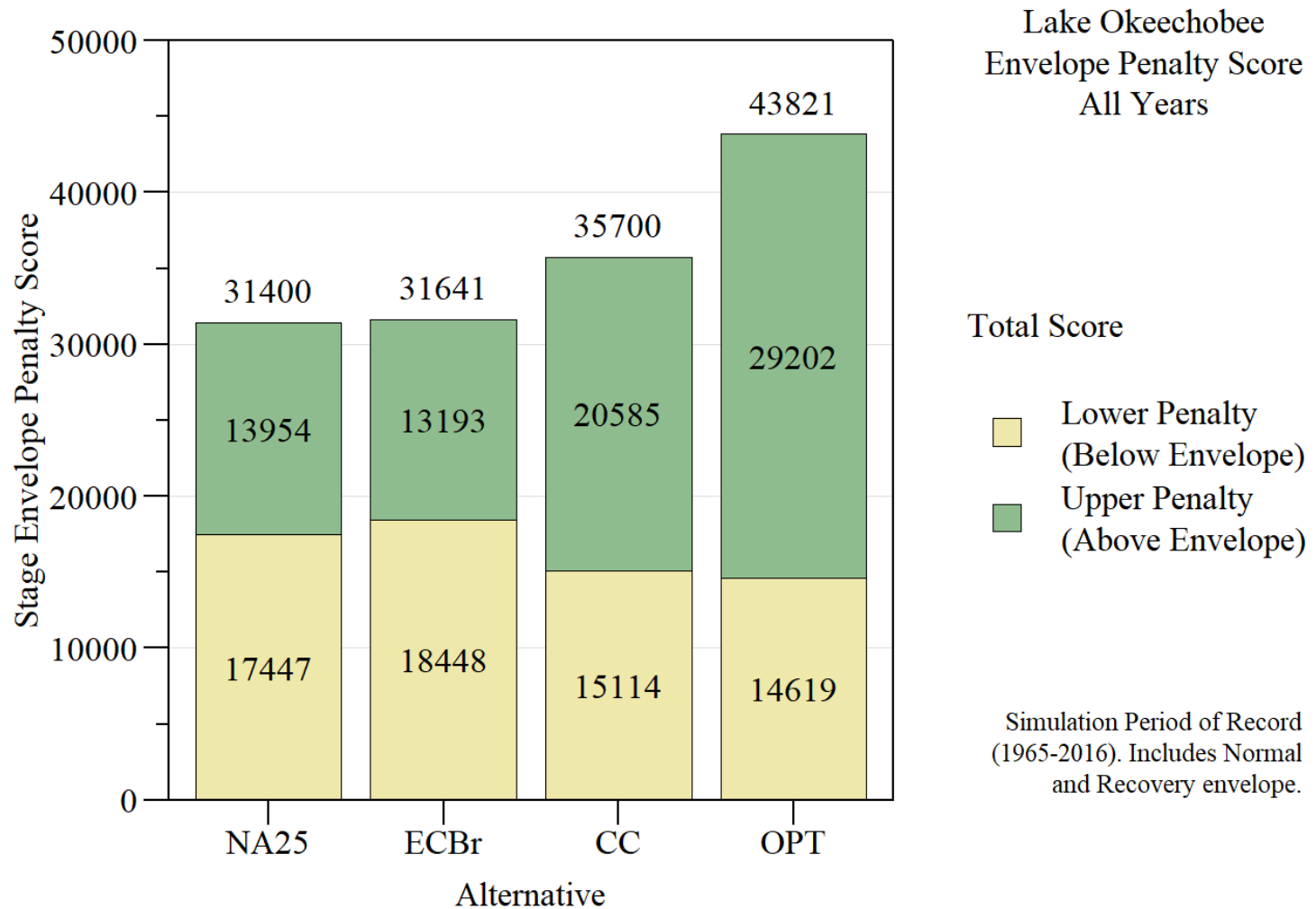
Comparison of MFL exceedances across FWO, ECB, CC and OPT during the simulated period of record.

- In our analysis ECBR had 11 exceedances (USACE is reporting 12 **currently troubleshooting**)

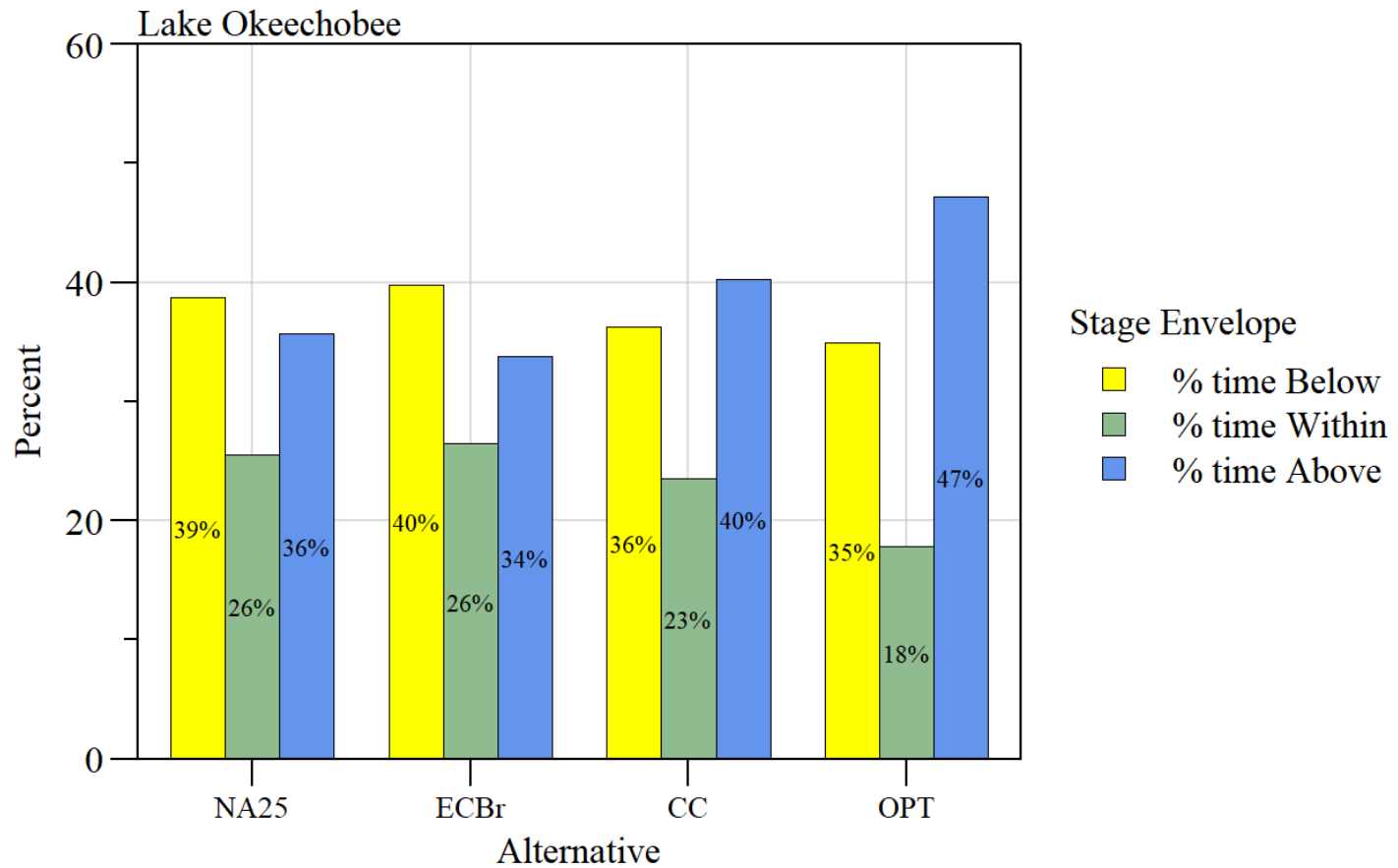
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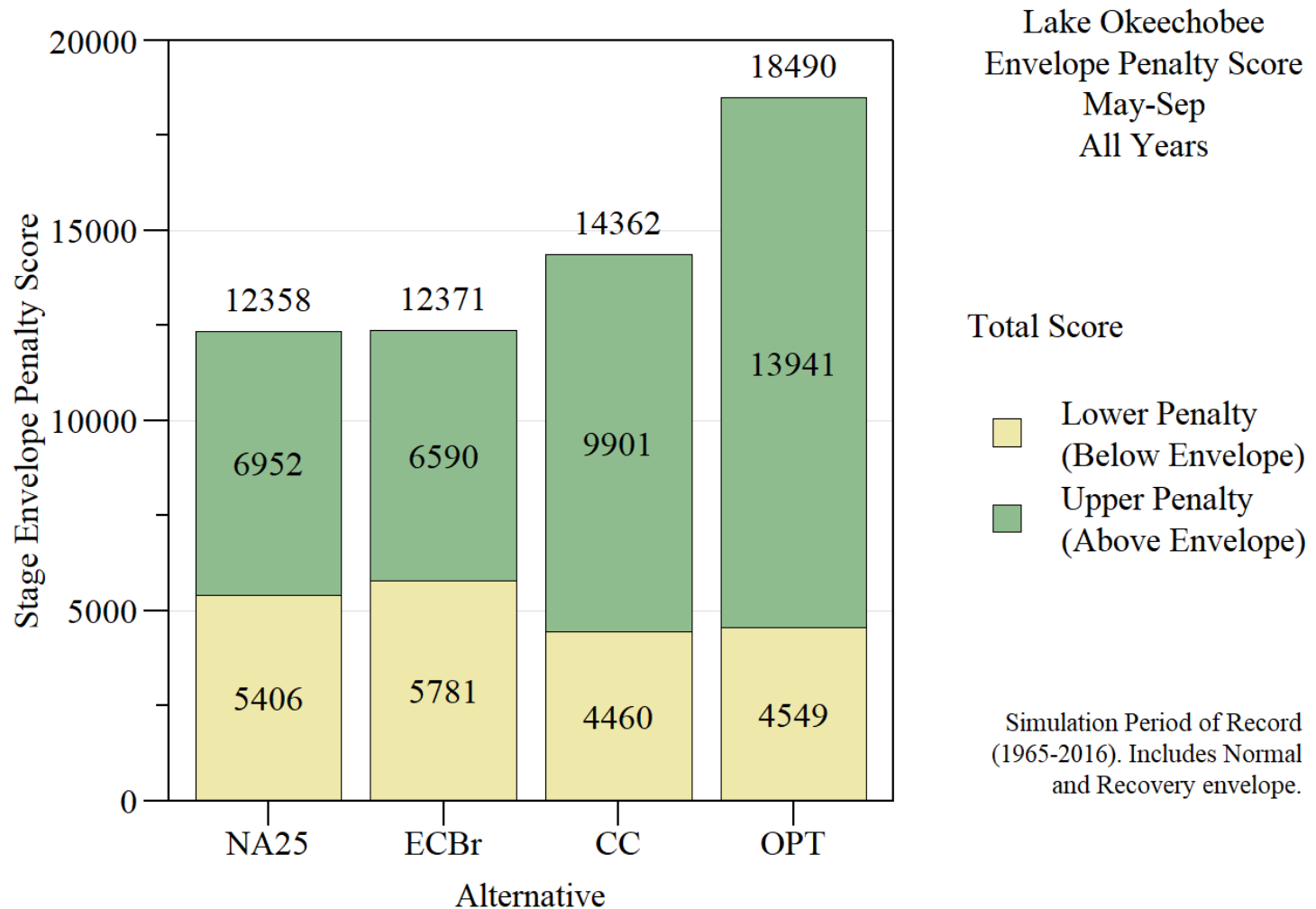
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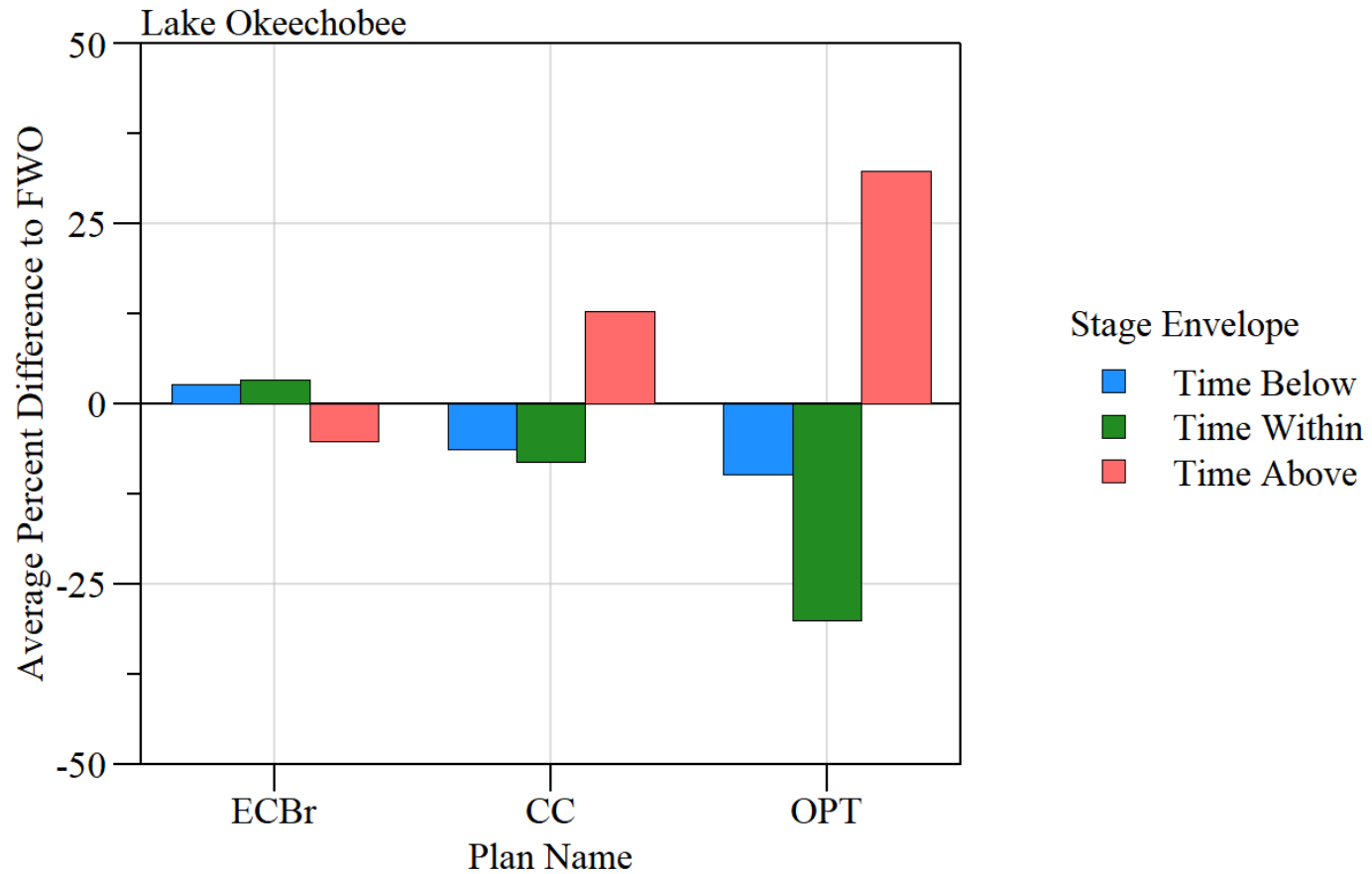
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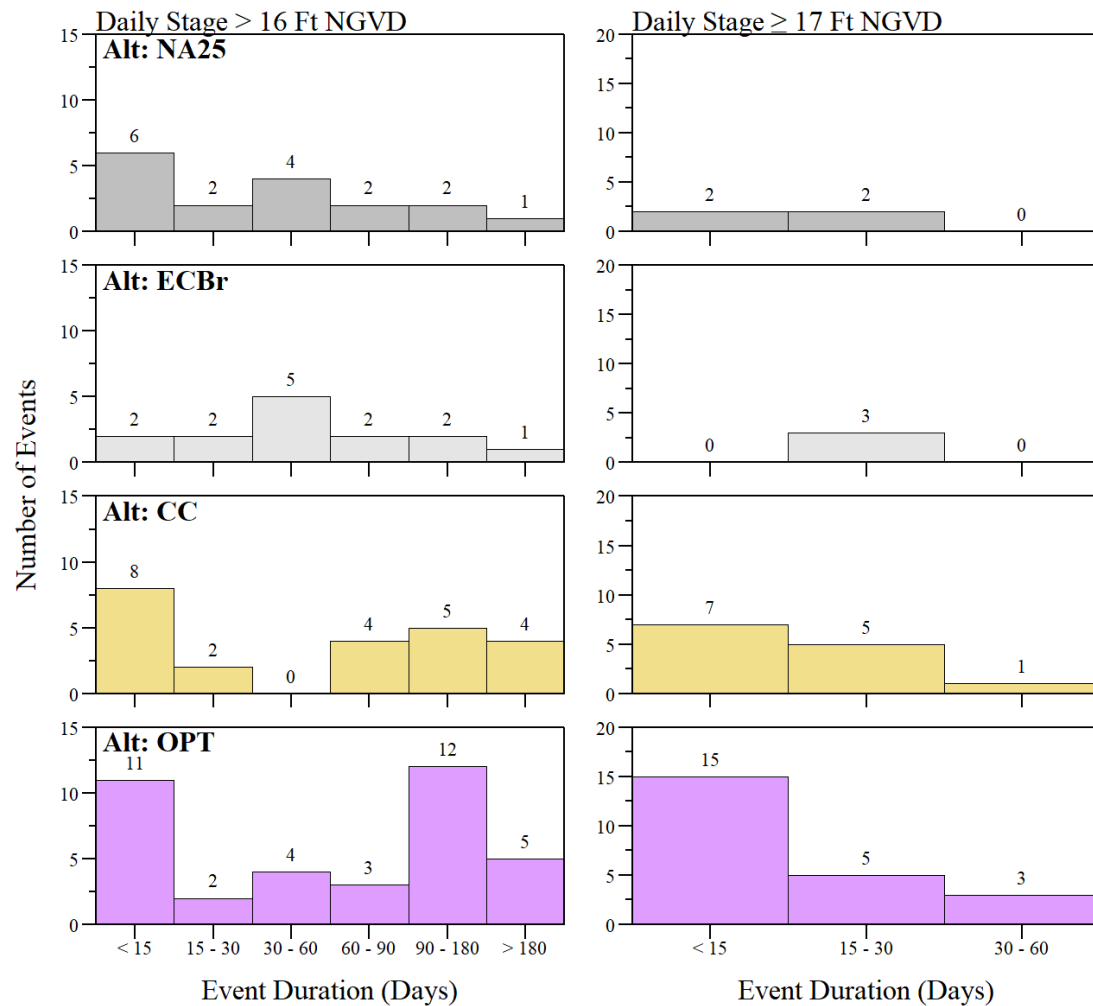
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Lake Okeechobee - High Stage Events



Lake Okeechobee - Low Stage Events

