

Phase 6 October Draft Recalibration – Status Update

Modeling Workgroup Quarterly Meeting – October 2017

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Presentation outline

1. Incorporation of partnership review comments in the re-calibration
2. Removal of enhanced vegetation index (EVI) based nitrogen land to water (L2W) delivery variance factors (DVF_s)
3. Flow-weighted observations
4. Stream loads based on Chesapeake floodplain network (CFN) regressions (Noe et al.)
5. Incorporation of organic scour processes
6. Brief review of state-basin loads – September Draft

SCHEDULE FOR PHASE 6 WATERSHED MODEL COMPLETION

Disclaimer: Any additional tasks or priorities may adversely impact the proposed schedule.

October Re-calibration Timeline

September 26 – all inputs are final for the October re-calibration. **DONE**

September 26-Oct 12 – four auto-calibrations & analysis [1] (4 x 3 days = 12 work days) **DONE**

October 6 - Select auto-calibration runs to go forward with and combine the four auto-calibrations as needed to make the final auto-calibration run. **DONE**

October 12 – WQGIT: report out progress and completed products at WQGIT conference call

October 13 – Auto-calibration final (1 work day) **DONE**

October 17 – Mod WG Quarterly – progress on Phase 6 calibration status including nutrient budgets by basin and State incorporating tidal shoreline and atmospheric nutrients

October 16-19 – hand calibration (3-4 work days)

October 20-27 – lower Susquehanna reservoirs + DE (5-6 work days)

October 23 – WQGIT: report out progress and completed products at WQGIT conference call

October 30-30 – below fall line (1 work day)

October 31-31 – calibration final (1 work day)

November Post Re-calibration Timeline

November 1-8 – Key scenarios [2] completed by the WSM including 2010 No Action, 1985, 1993, 2013, 2010 WIP2 LOE, 2010 E3, All-Forest, and other scenarios (6 work days - See note 2)

November 6-10 – CERF

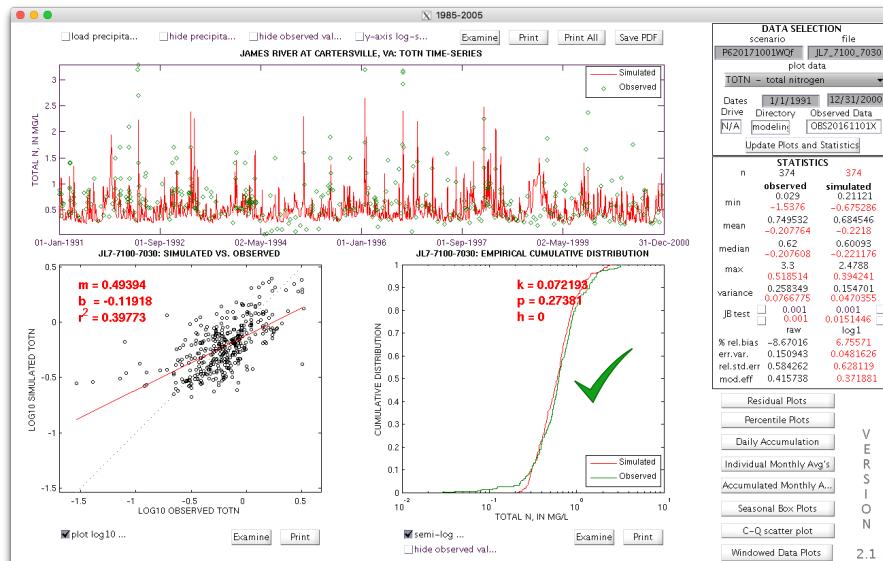
November 9-13 – Generate calibration plots.

November 13 – WQGIT: report out progress and completed products at WQGIT conference call

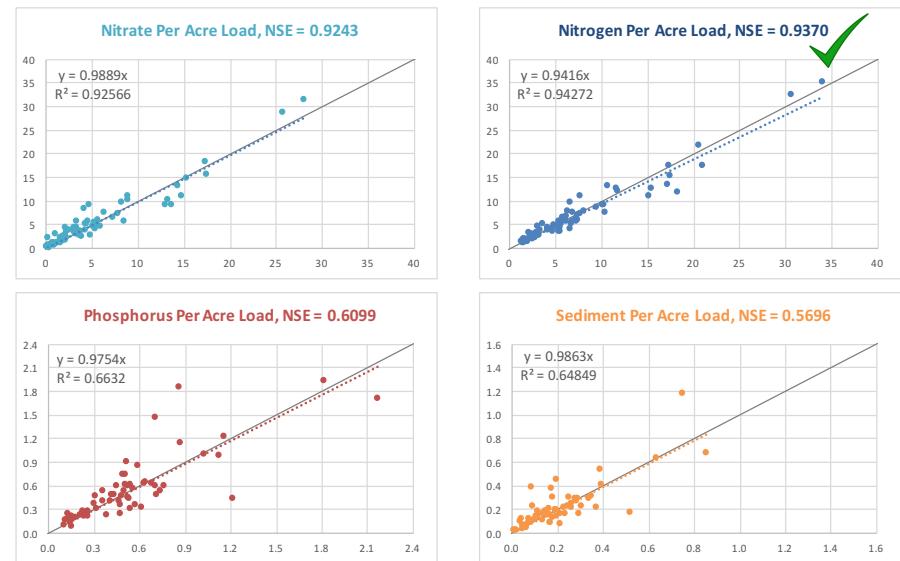
[1] 3-4 auto calibration: (a) pending changes, (b) Without EVI, (c) Noe/Claggett Bank & Floodplain, (d) Daily weighted observations. Each requires hours to days of preparation.

[2] (a) Baseline, (b) 2010WIP2+90s, (c) *Baseline+Conowingo Infill*, (d) 2010WIP2+Conowingo INfill, (e) Baseline+CC, (f) 2010WIP2+Conowingo Infill+CC, (g) 1985 Progress, (h) 2010 No Action, (i) 2013 Progress, (j) 2010 E3

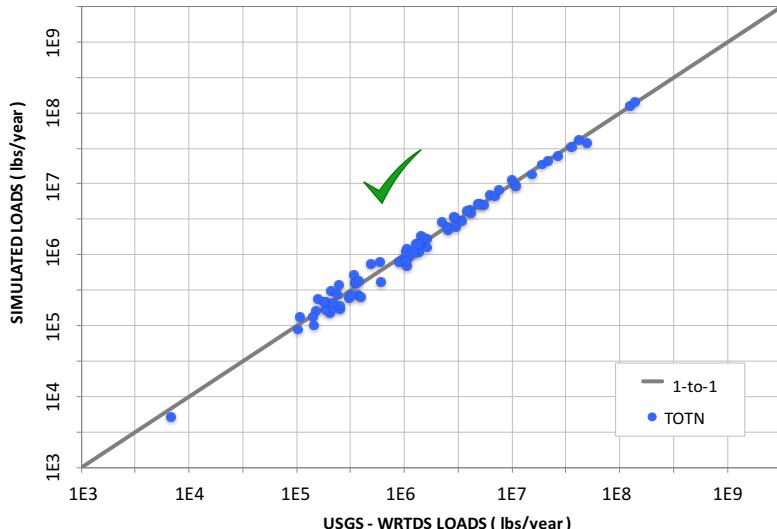
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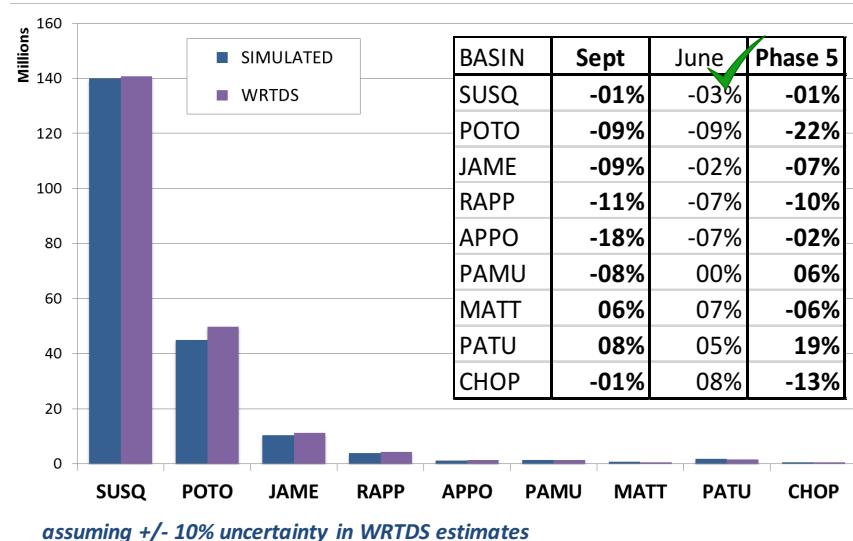
[1] Model calibration is made to improve agreement with monitoring data



[2] Simulated vs. WRTDS Per Acre Load and the Geographic Efficiencies



[3] Simulated vs. WRTDS loads



[4] Agreement between the simulated and WRTDS loads at the RIM sites

1. Incorporation of partnership review comments

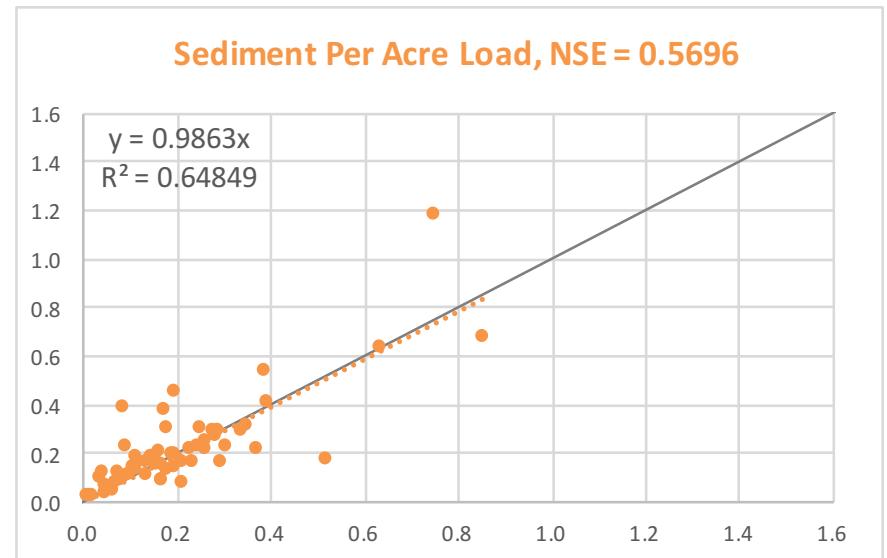
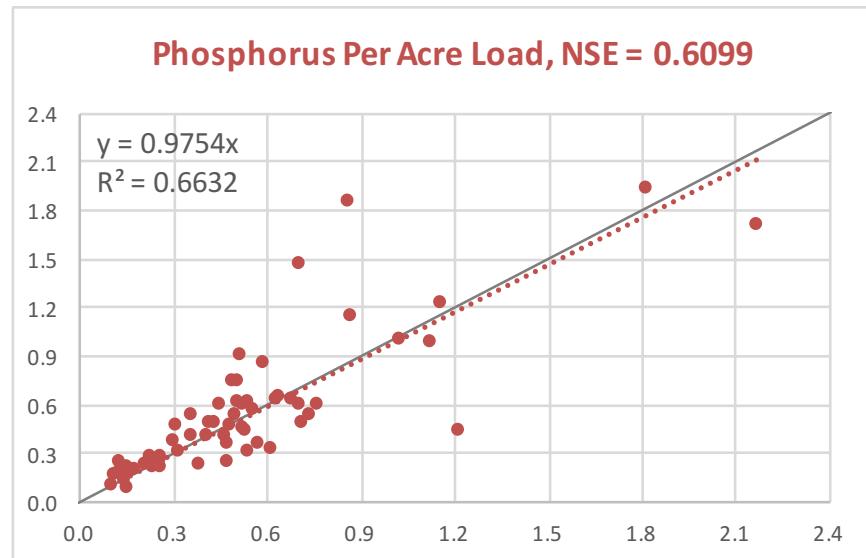
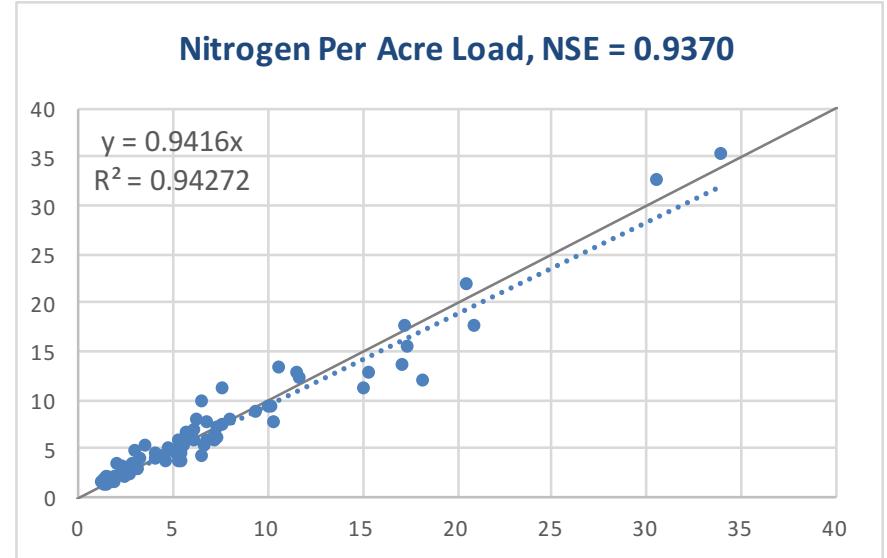
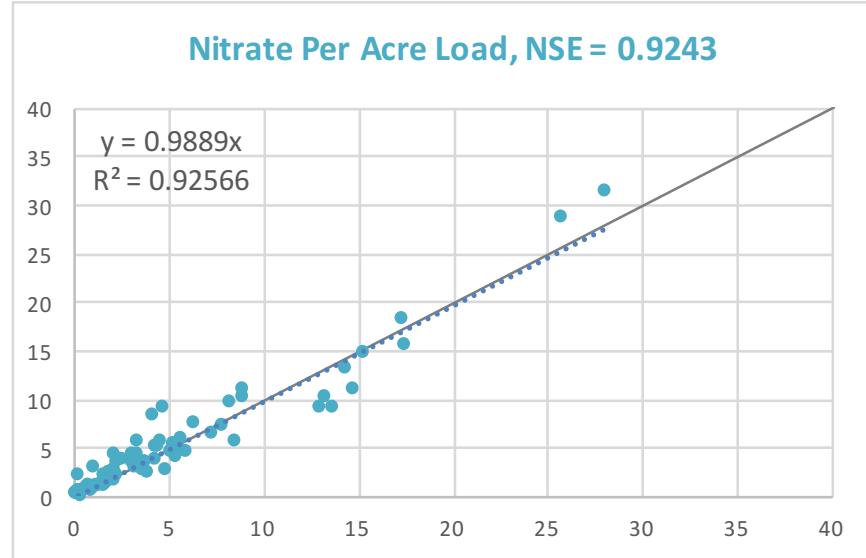
- Incorporation of fatal flaw review comments as the starting point for October re-calibration
- New starting point for other calibrations

June Auto Calibration

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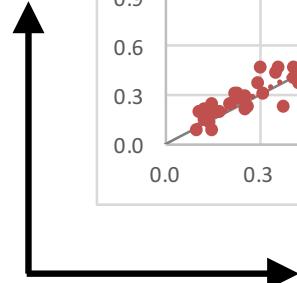
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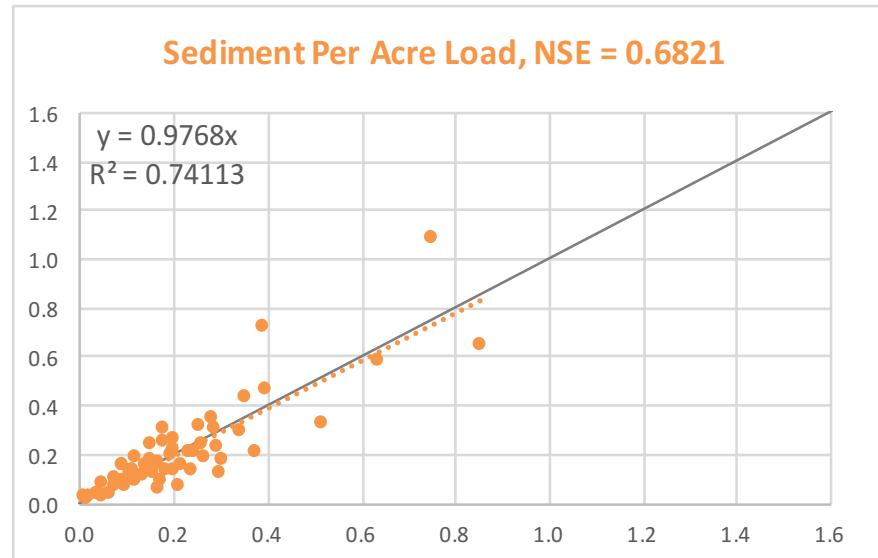
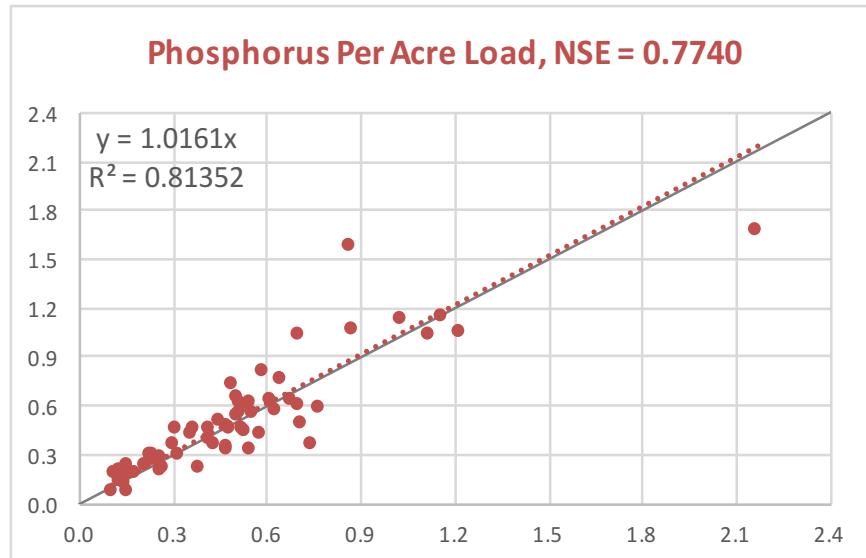
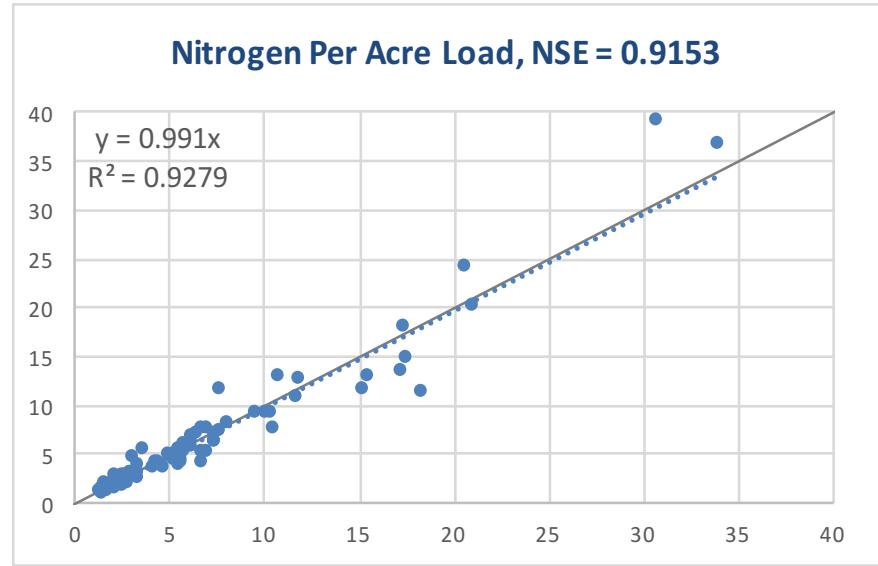
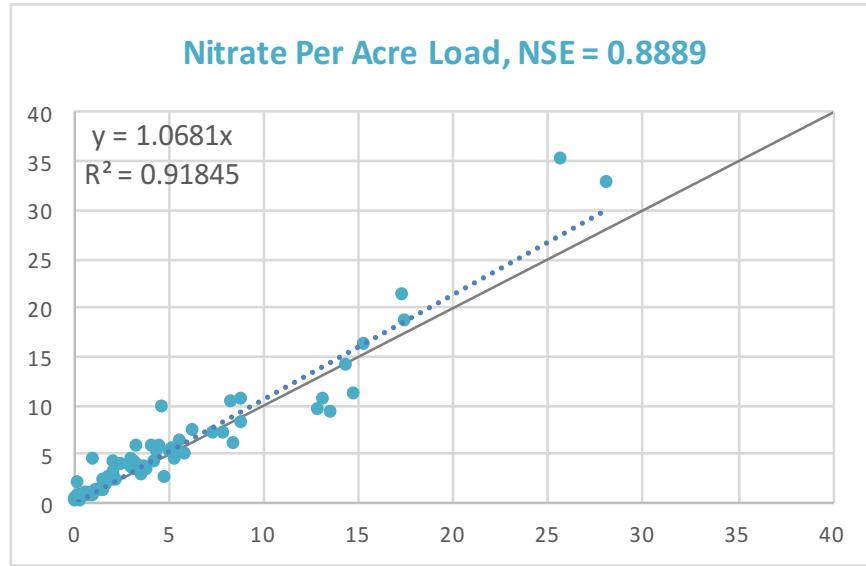


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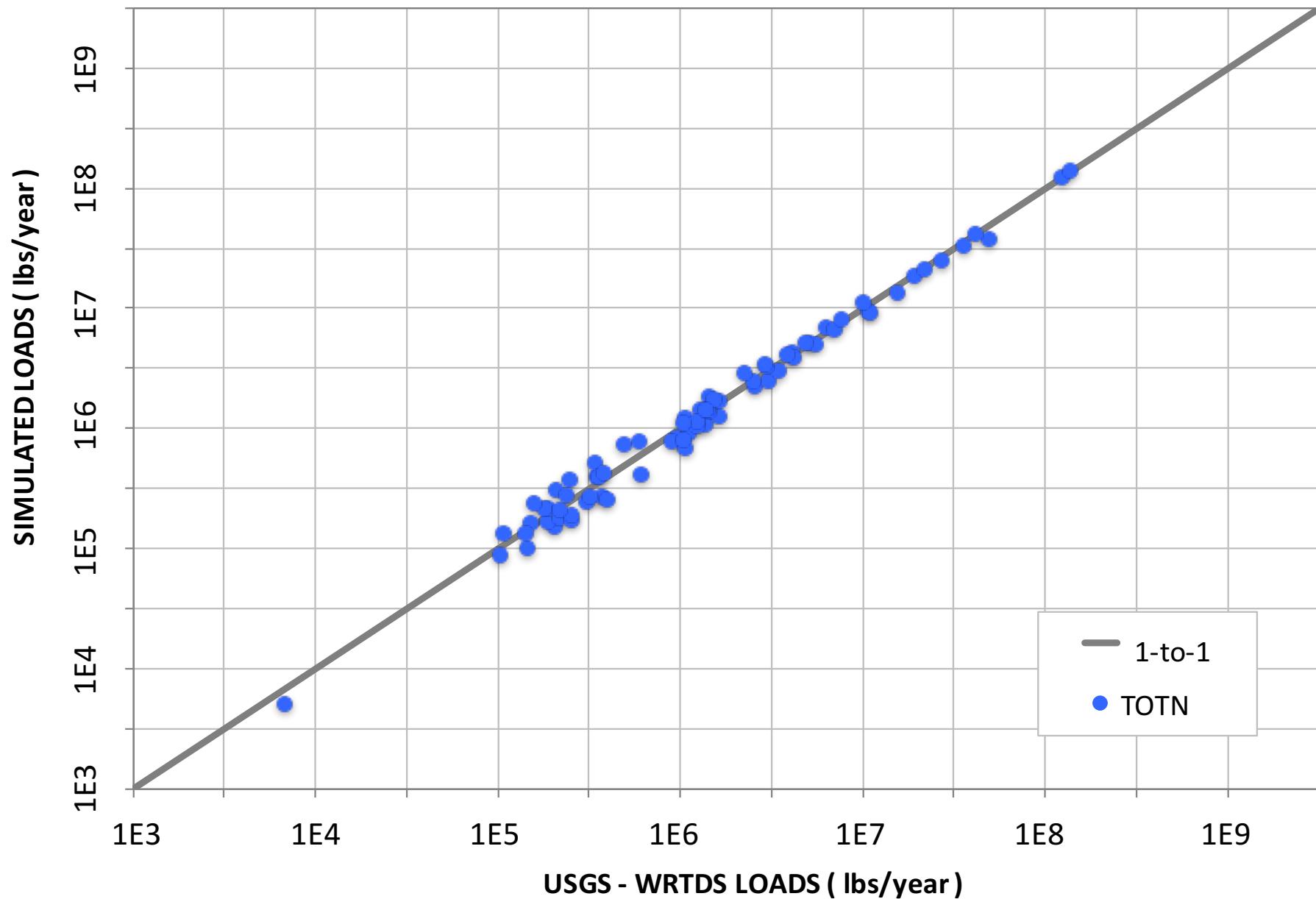


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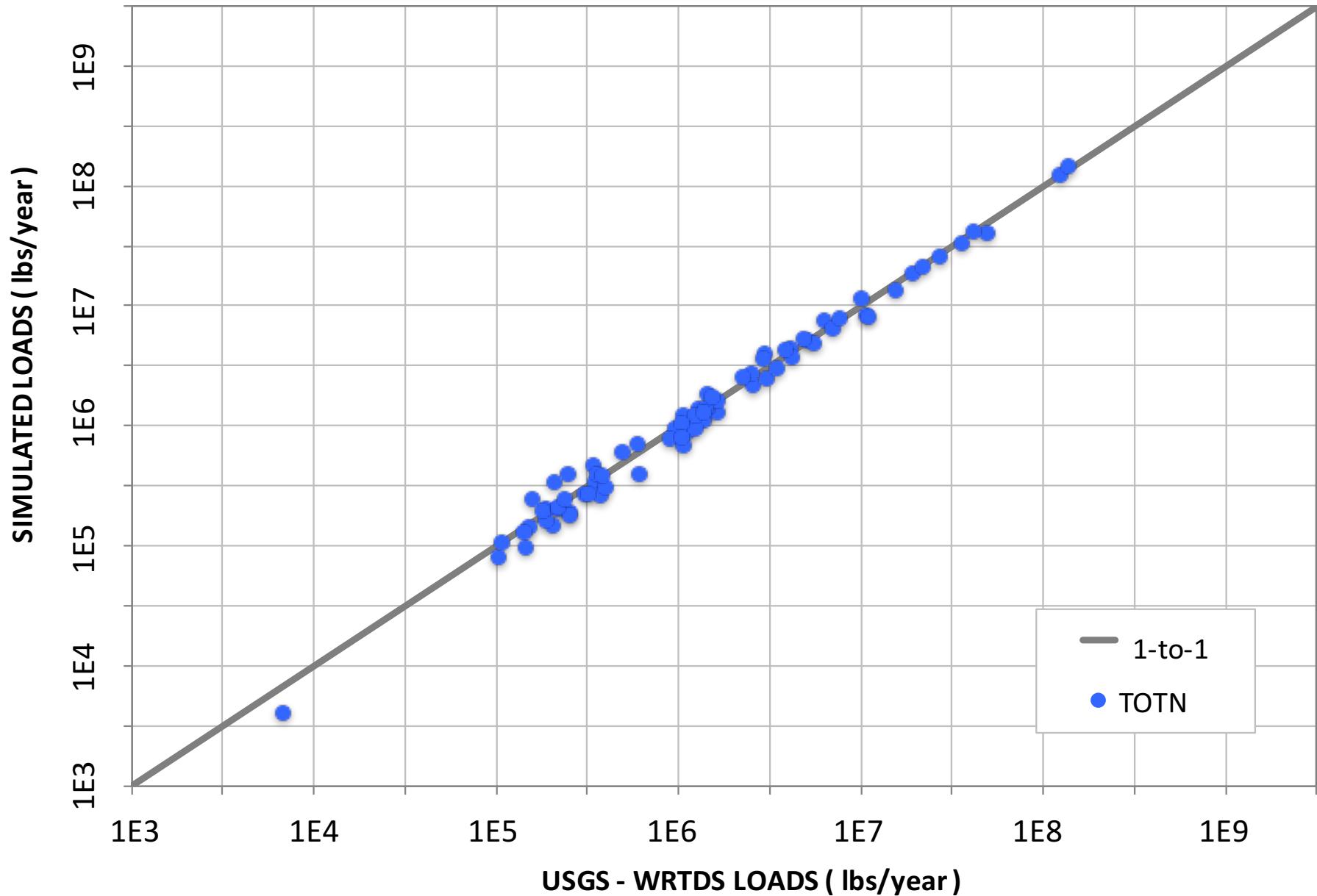
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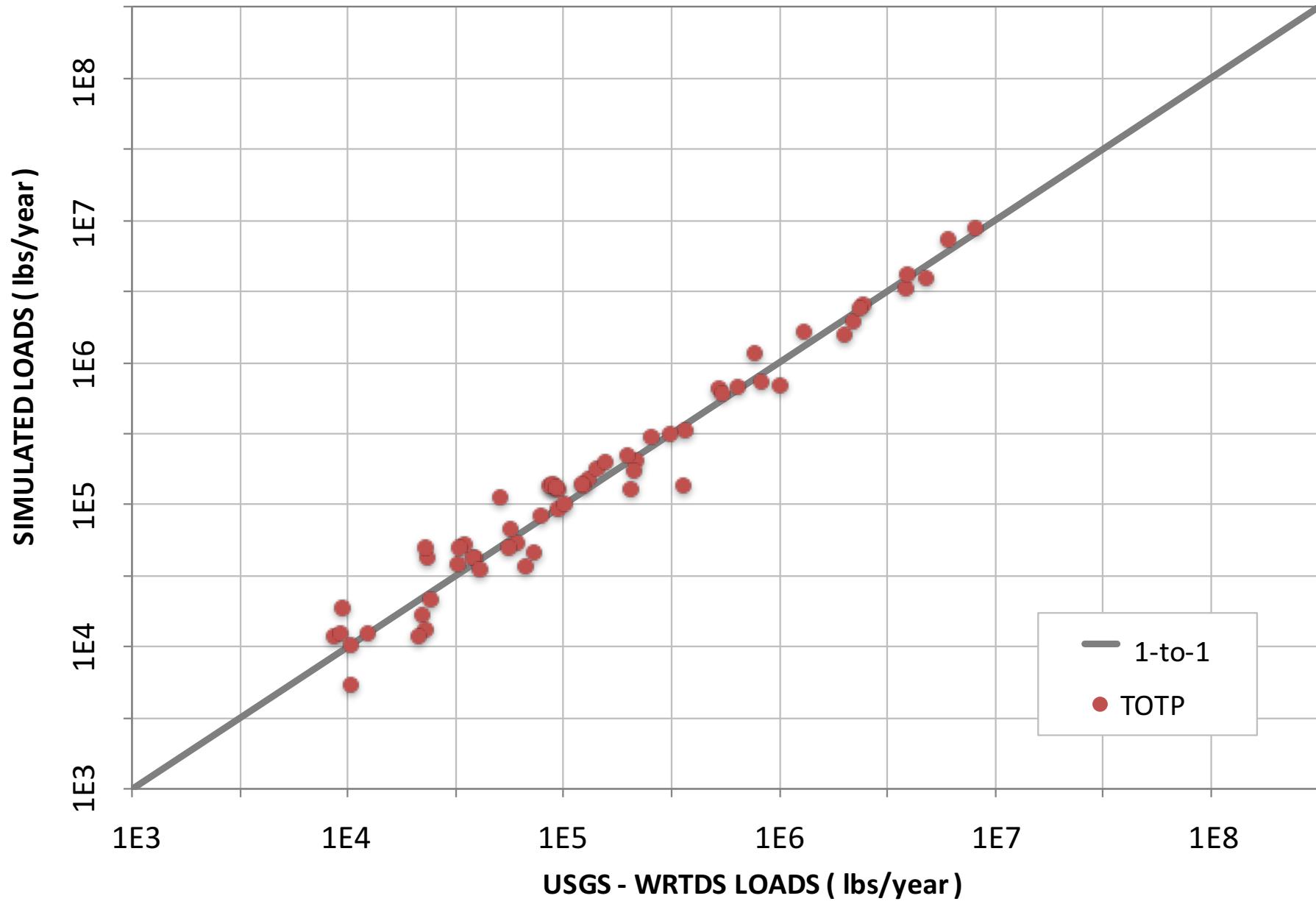
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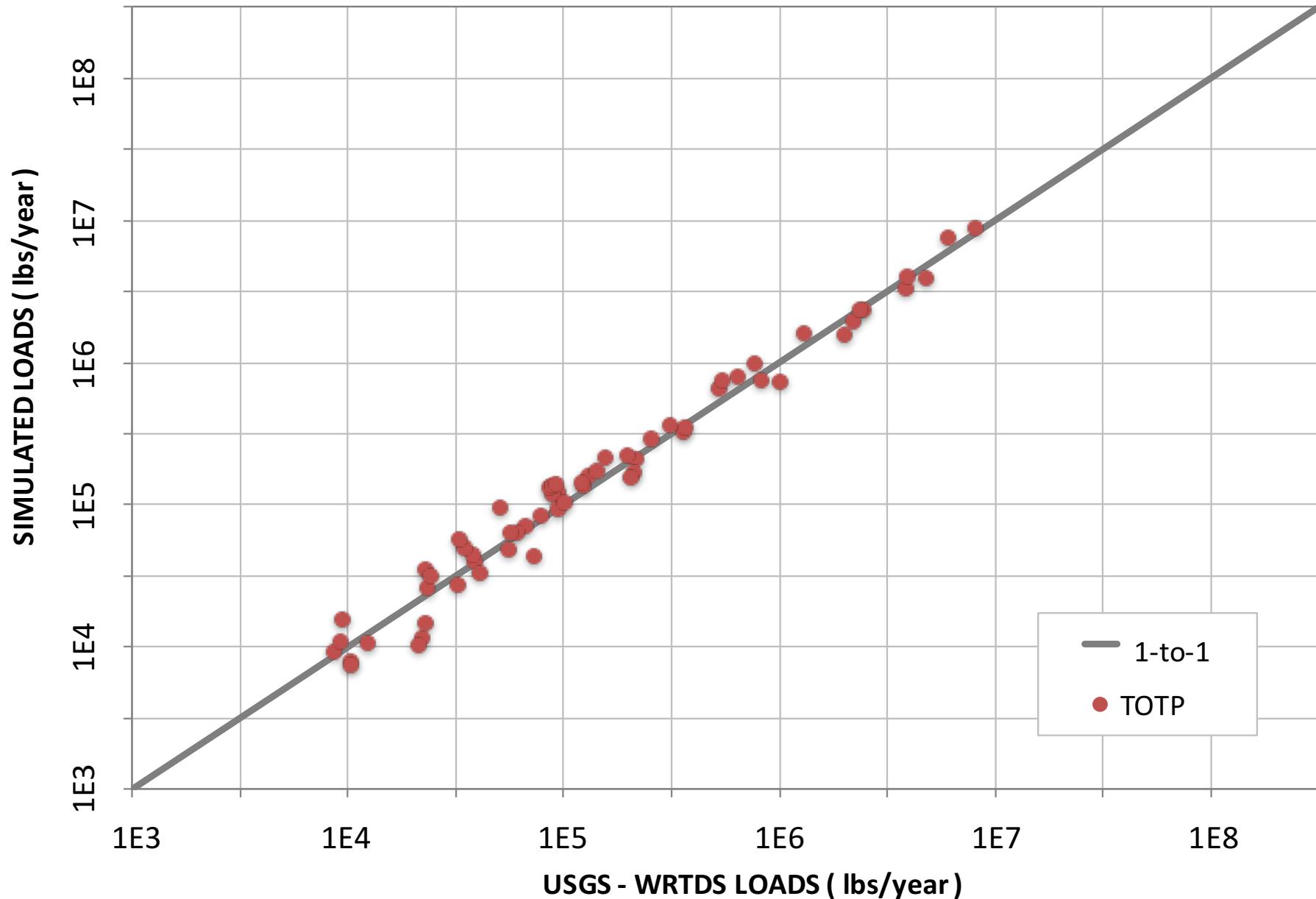
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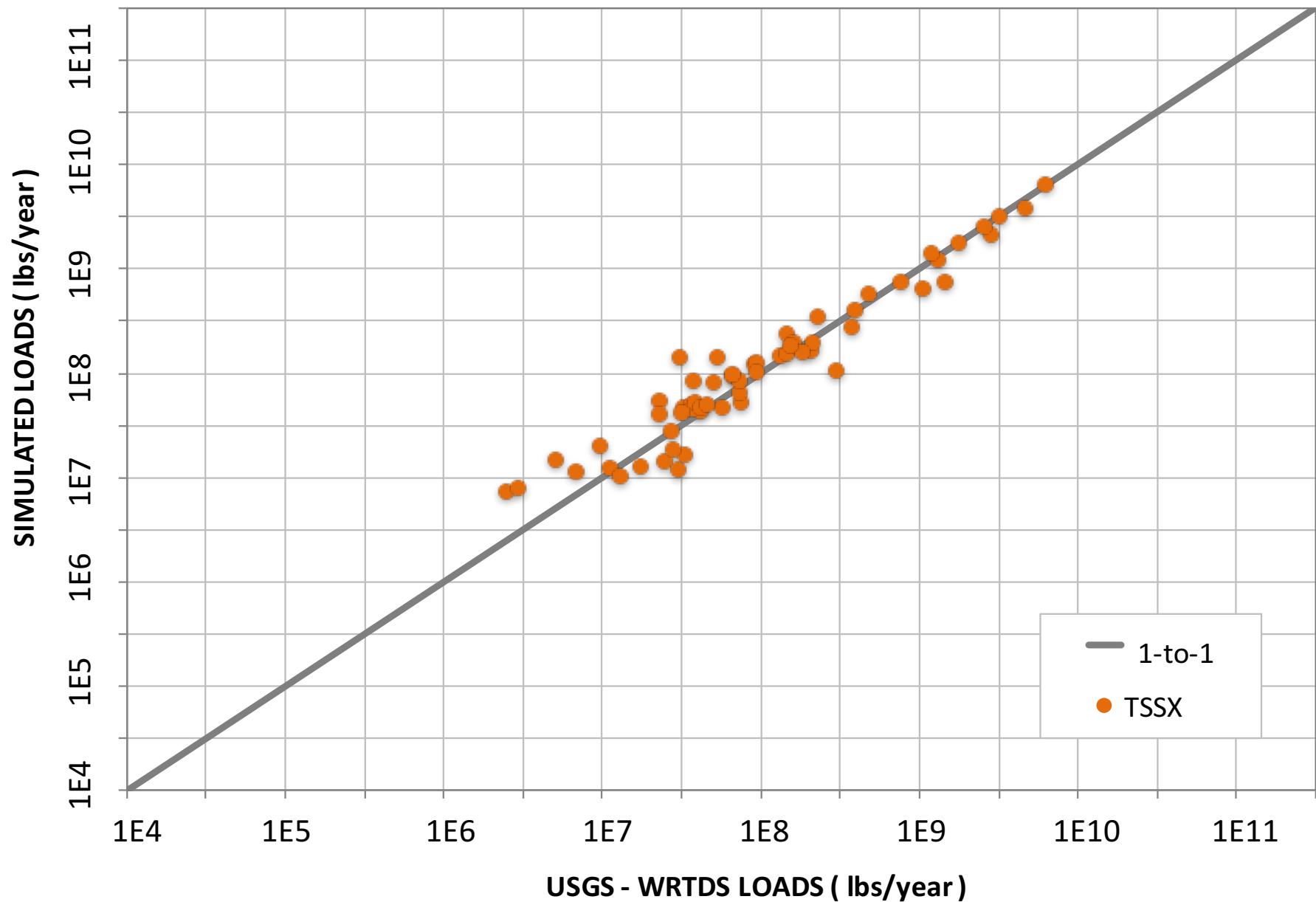
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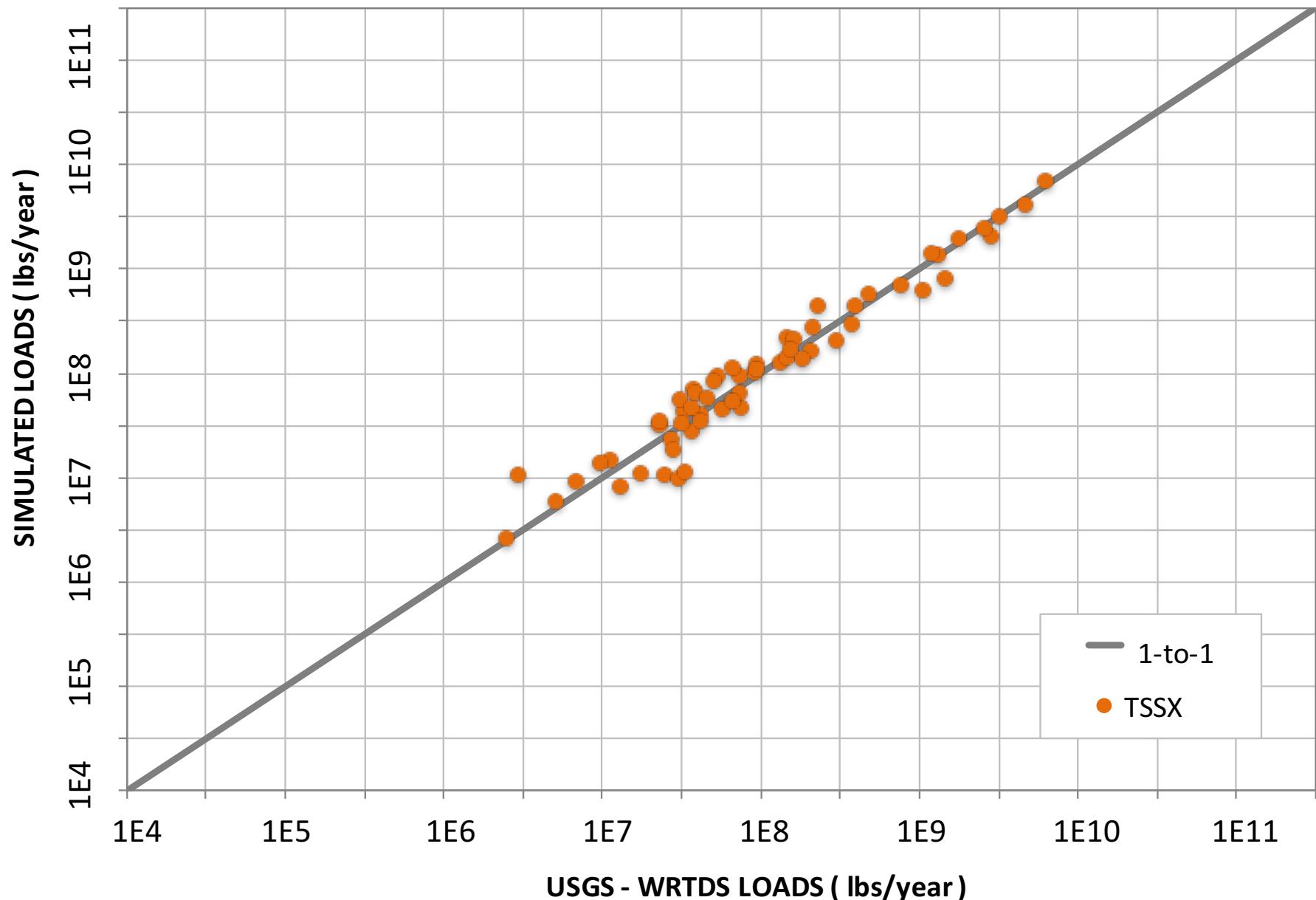
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2. Removal of enhanced vegetation index (EVI) based nitrogen land to water (L2W) delivery variance factors (DVF_s)

- Calibration Run #B removes the EVI based Nitrogen L2W factor.
- Also updates with final soil phosphorus

Removing Enhanced Vegetation Index From Nitrogen Delivery Variation Factor

- Enhanced Vegetation Index (EVI): remote-sensing measure of vegetation density
- EVI used in SPARROW CBTN_v4 as TN land to water delivery factor—coefficient has negative sign, higher EVI means less N transported
- Problems with using EVI in P6 DVF:
 - Correlated with land use
 - Correlated with plant uptake
 - Responsible for high DVFs, particularly in Baltimore City, Alexandria, Virginia Beach, and Coastal Plain areas
 - Effects of low EVI (high DVF) downstream of SPARROW calibration points

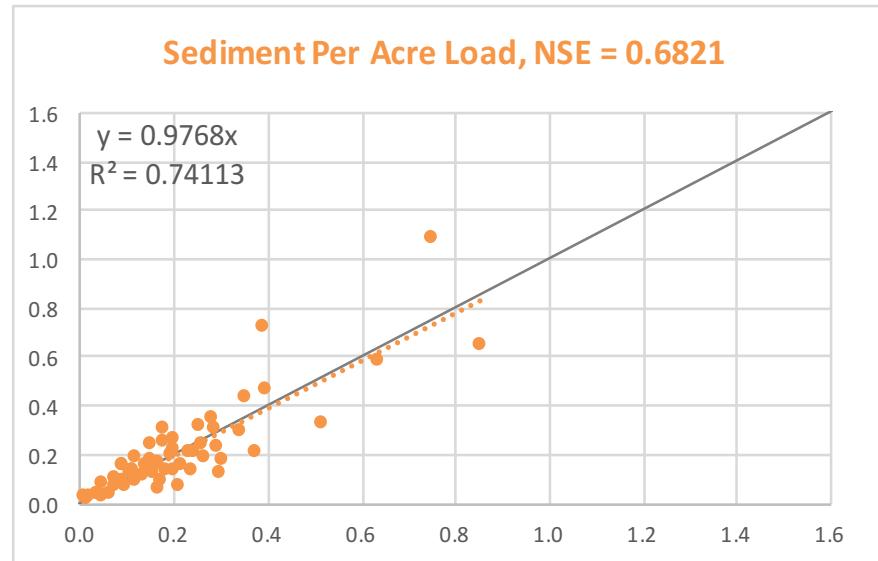
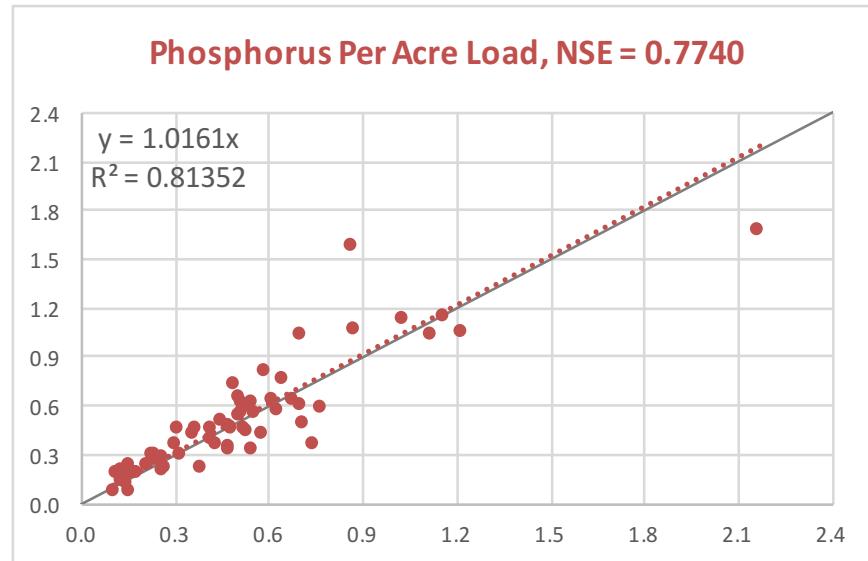
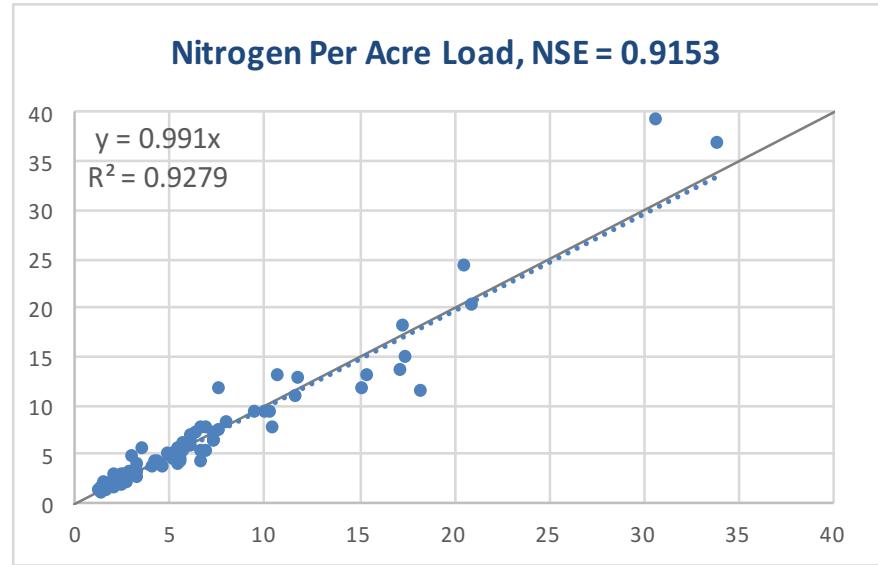
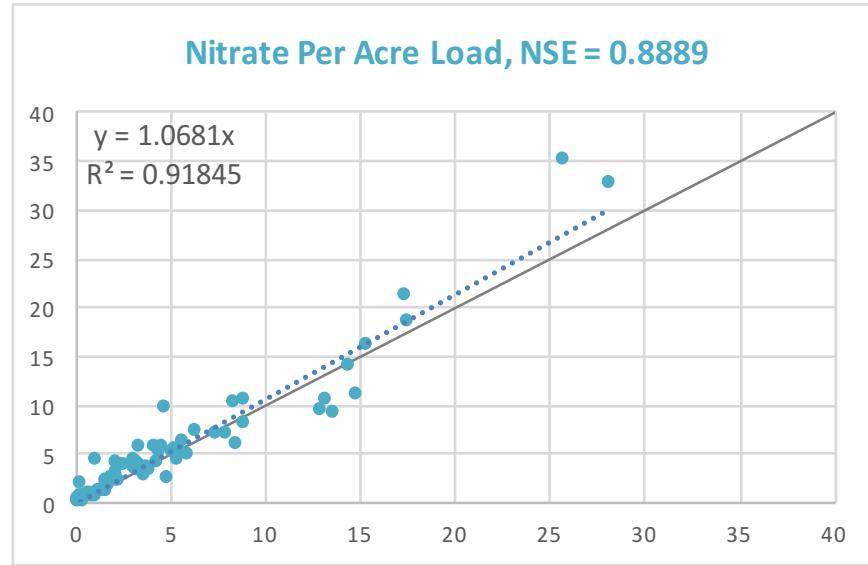
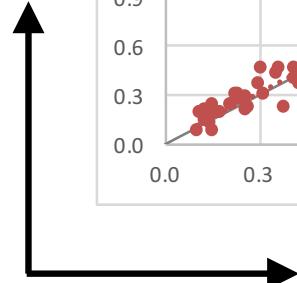
TN DVF Range With and Without EVI

Cover Class	DVF With EVI		DVF Without EVI	
	max	min	max	min
crop	6.05	0.46	2.41	0.54
pasture/hay	4.99	0.47	2.41	0.54
developed	7.35	0.46	2.42	0.54
natural	5.08	0.47	2.42	0.54

Name	Land Segment	River Segment	Developed DVF	Developed DVF
			With EVI	Without EVI
Virginia Beach	N51810	JB0_7662_0000	7.35	1.91
Alexandria	N51179	PLO_5495_0000	4.43	0.87
Baltimore City	N24510	WM0_3961_0000	4.10	0.85

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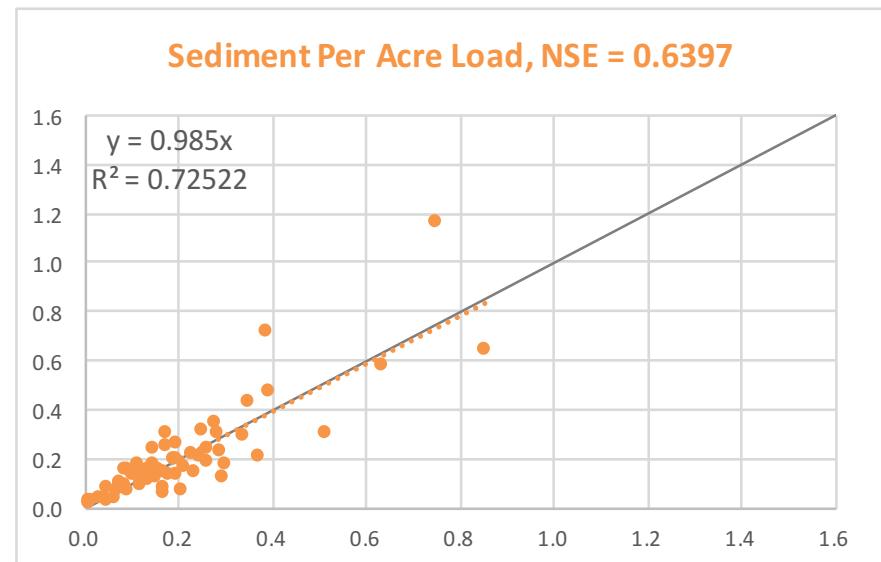
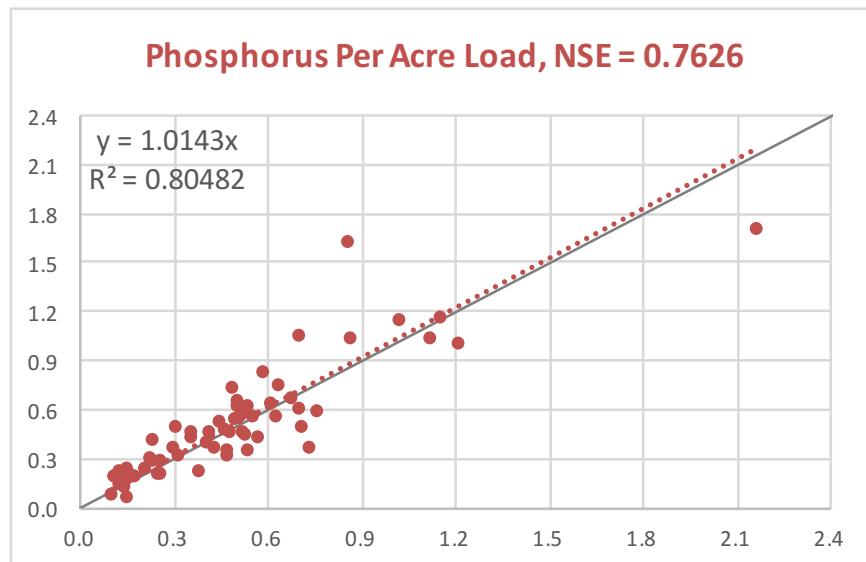
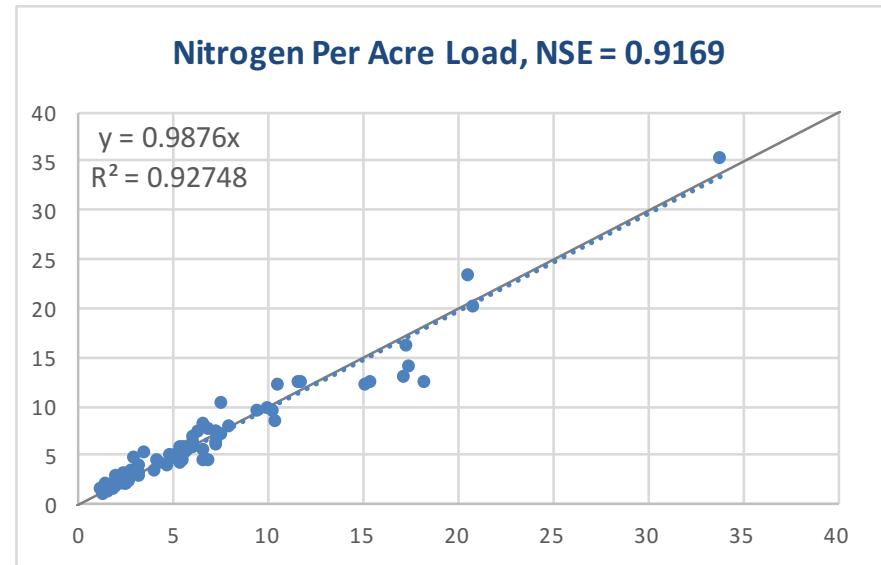
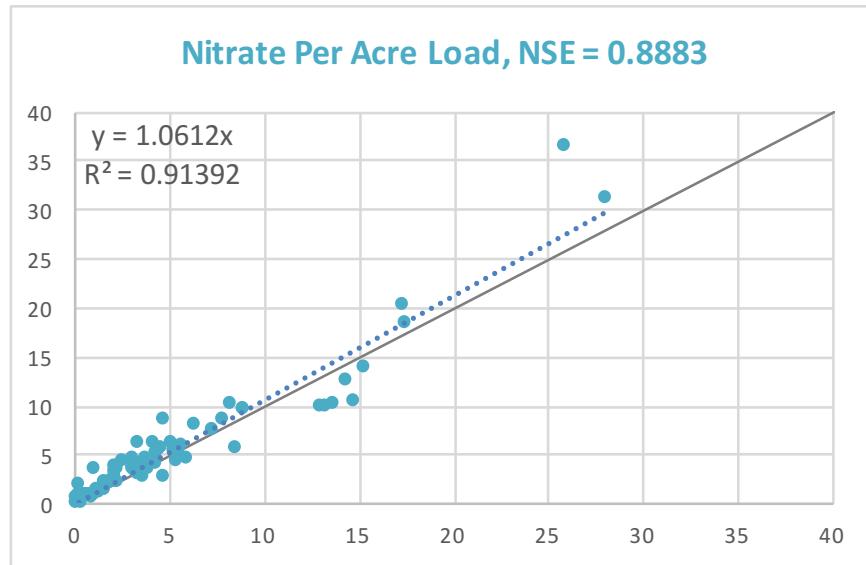
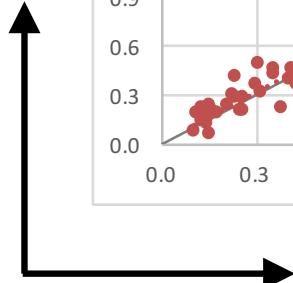
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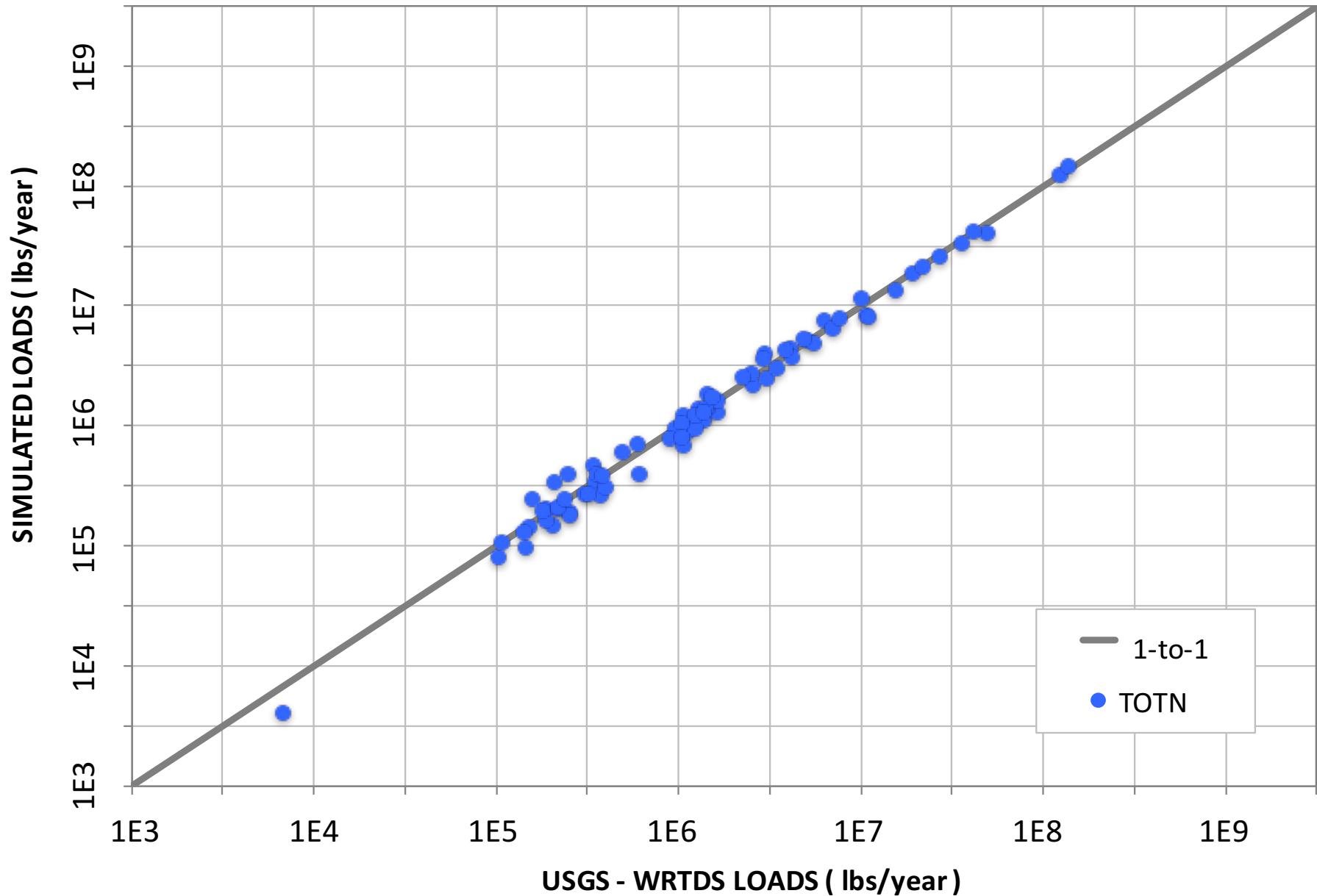
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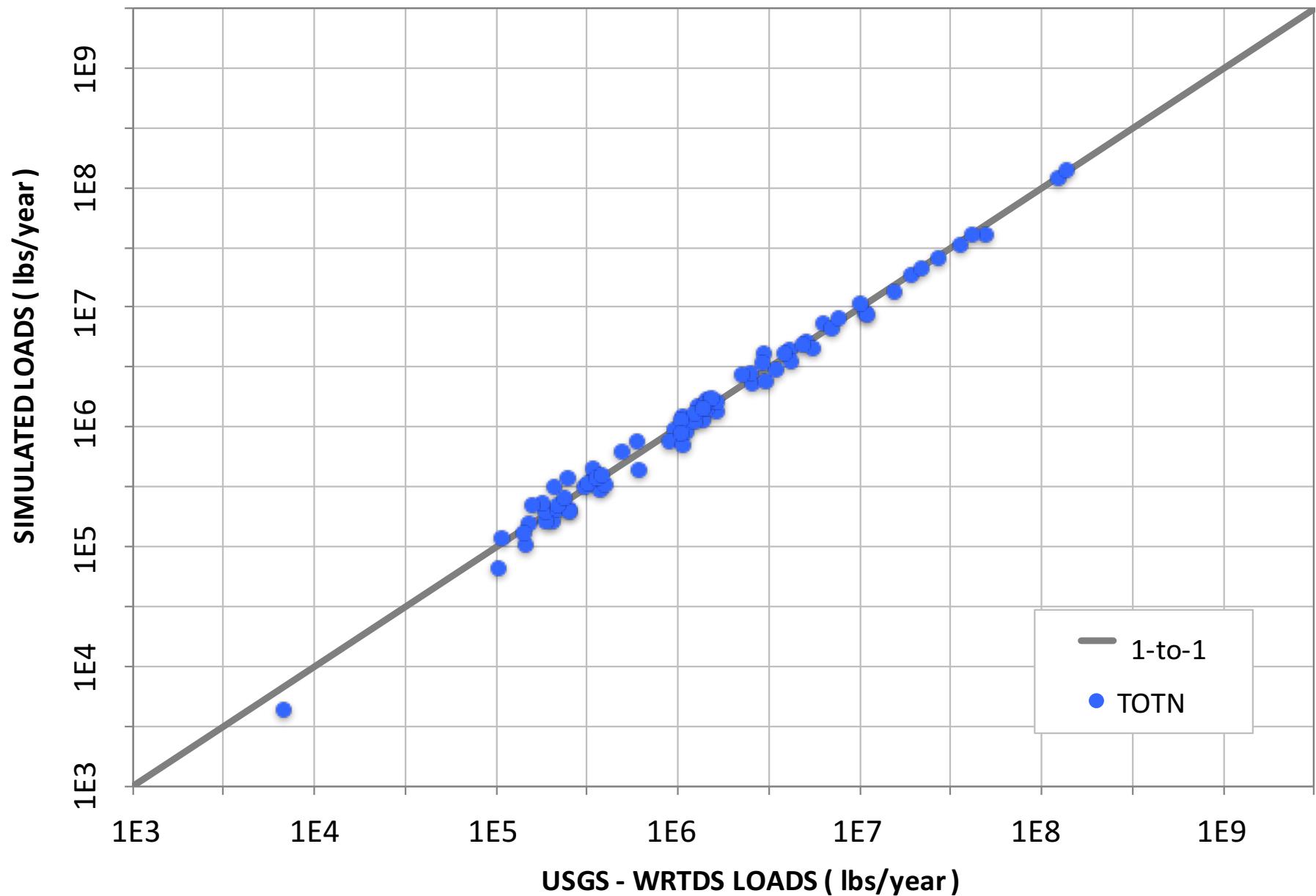
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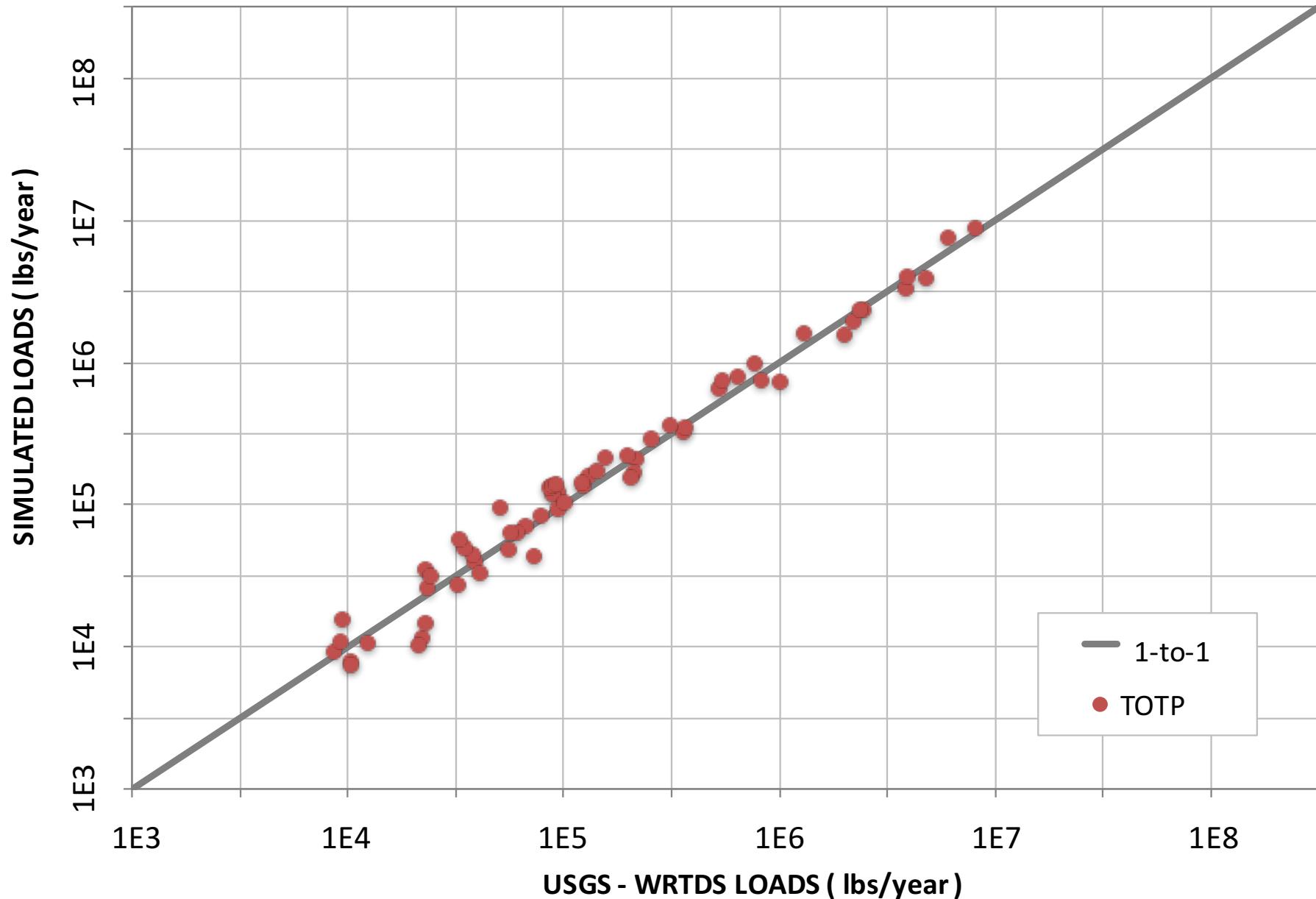
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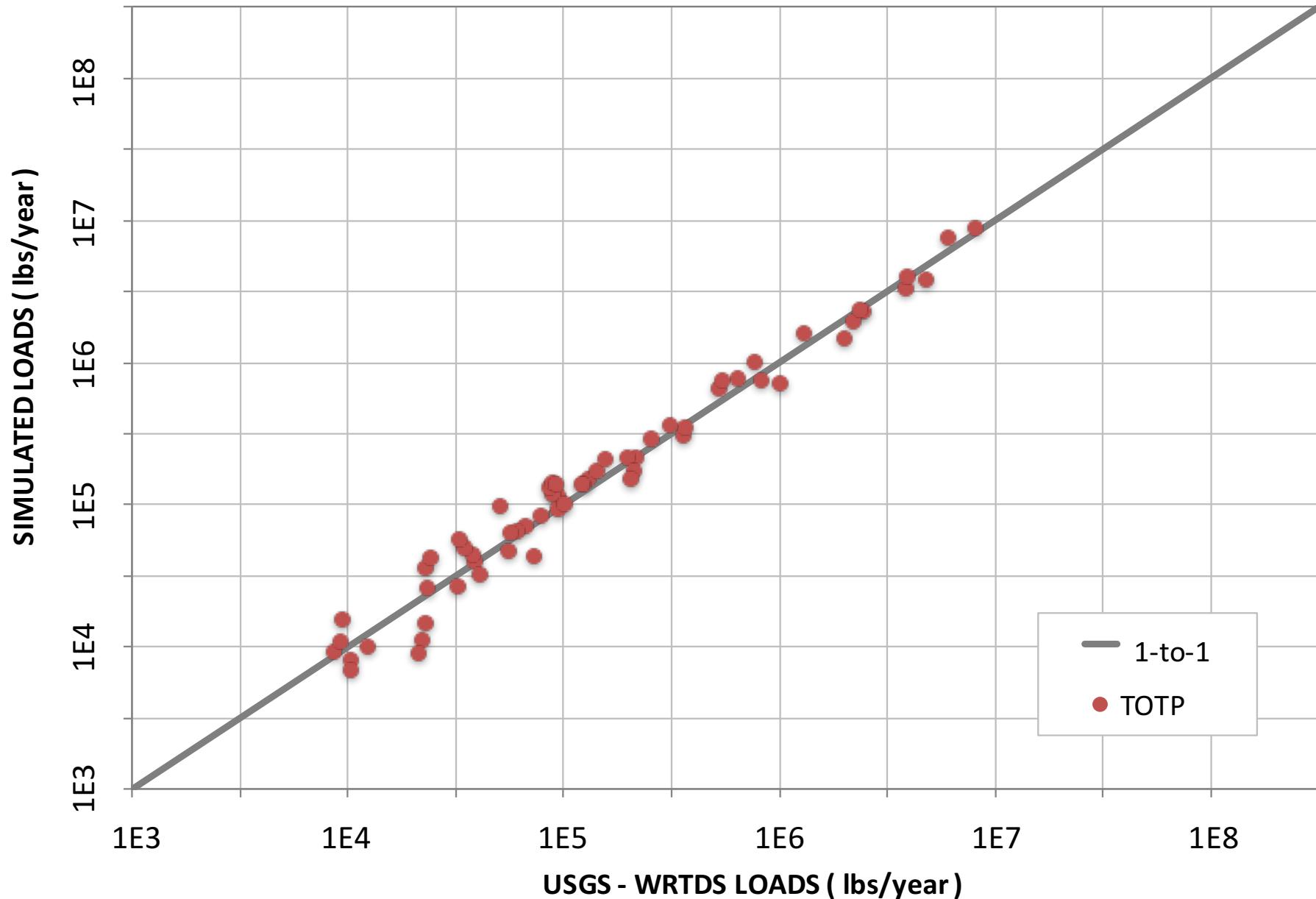
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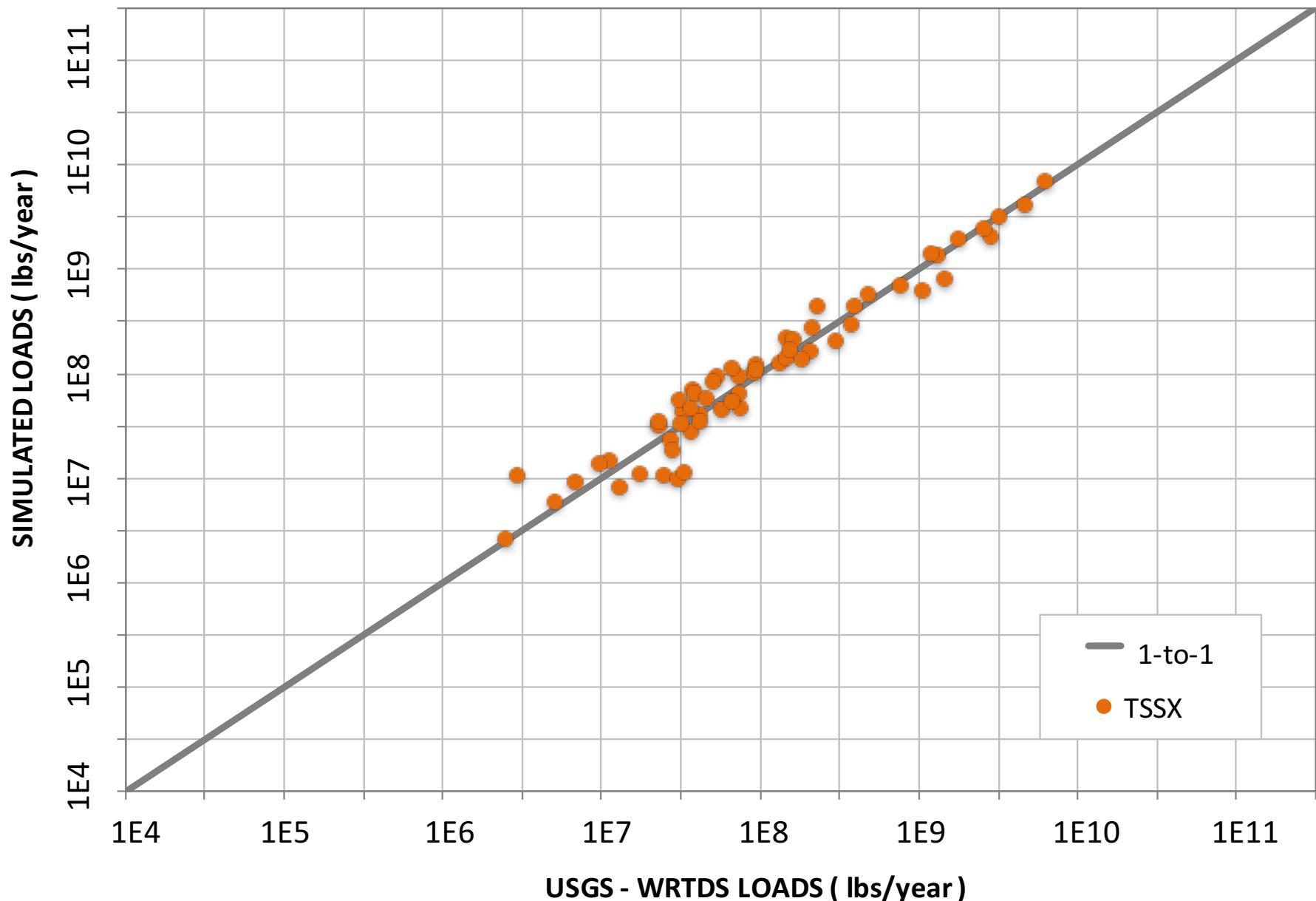
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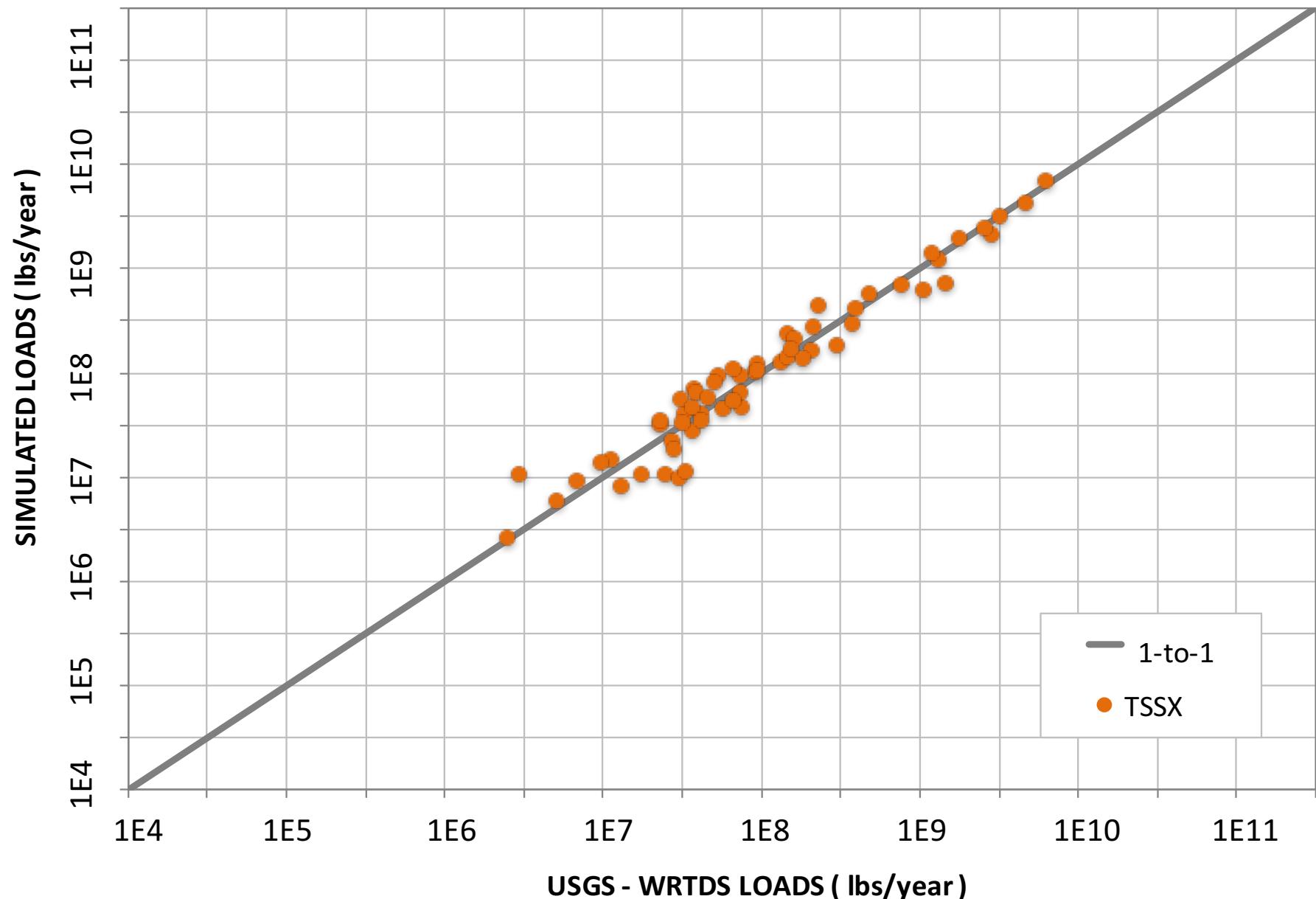
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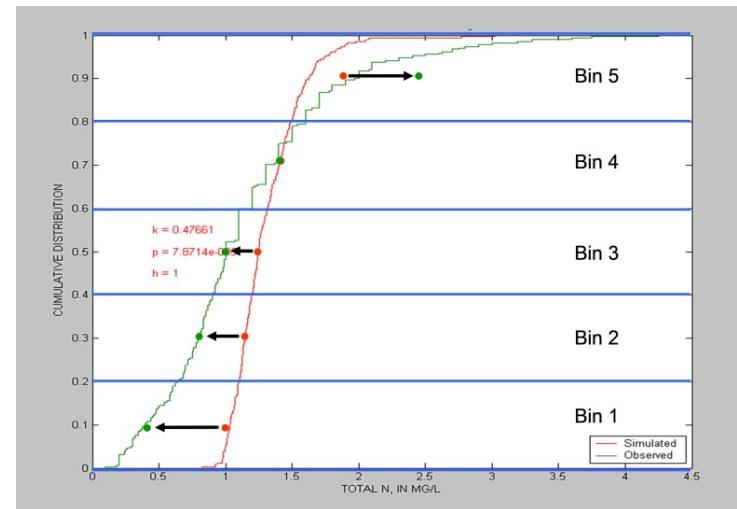
- Exclude EVI N-DVFs
 - Responds to partner request
 - EVI has no benefit to calibration
 - EVI has its highest effects in areas that are below observation stations and therefore not considered in the sparrow model that produced them
 - EVI is spatially correlated with land use which is already considered

3. Flow-weighted observations

- Modify observed data set that are used in the model calibration so that multiple observations on a single day are used as a single flow-weighted observation

Averaging Observations Taken on Same Day

- Calibration based on comparing CFDs of observed and simulated concentrations
 - Individual grab sample observations
 - Paired daily average simulated concentrations



- What happens if there are multiple observations in a single day?
 - Multiple observations on the same day in CFD, compared to
 - Multiple copies of the same average daily simulated concentrations
- Ideal solution: if there are multiple observations on the same day, use flow-weighted average of concentrations, but
 - Some WQ data not associated with USGS gage
 - Some gages do not have instantaneous/hour flow data
 - Almost all stations do not have instantaneous flow data over entire calibration period.

Example: NE Branch Anacostia TSS (top bin)

Observed					Simulated		
Date	Flow (cfs)	Flow Percentile	TSS (mg/l)	Samples Collected on Date	Date	Flow Percentile	TSS (mg/l)
4/2/2005	1,500	0.996167	1,980	1	10/8/2005	0.999382	2,418.1
5/26/2009	2,100	0.998162	1,730	4	10/8/2005	0.999382	2,418.1
8/14/2011	572	0.977513	1,730	2	10/8/2005	0.999382	2,418.1
8/14/2011	572	0.977513	1,710	2	10/8/2005	0.999382	2,418.1
1/14/2005	2,110	0.998279	1,670	4	7/8/2005	0.992935	2,417.9
8/28/2009	498	0.971568	1,600	4	7/8/2005	0.992935	2,417.9
7/8/2005	975	0.991083	1,580	5	7/8/2005	0.992935	2,417.9
8/12/2010	575	0.977786	1,430	1	7/8/2005	0.992935	2,417.9
6/3/2009	420	0.964685	1,400	2	7/8/2005	0.992935	2,417.9
9/30/2010	1,420	0.995581	1,310	4	3/23/2005	0.997704	2,242.9
1/14/2005	2,110	0.998279	1,300	4	3/23/2005	0.997704	2,242.9
8/18/2010	2,020	0.998045	1,290	3	3/23/2005	0.997704	2,242.9
8/15/2011	517	0.973837	1,230	1	3/23/2005	0.997704	2,242.9
8/28/2009	498	0.971568	1,180	4	3/23/2005	0.997704	2,242.9
5/9/2008	1620	0.996832	1170	3	3/23/2005	0.997704	2,242.9
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Multiple samples on same date

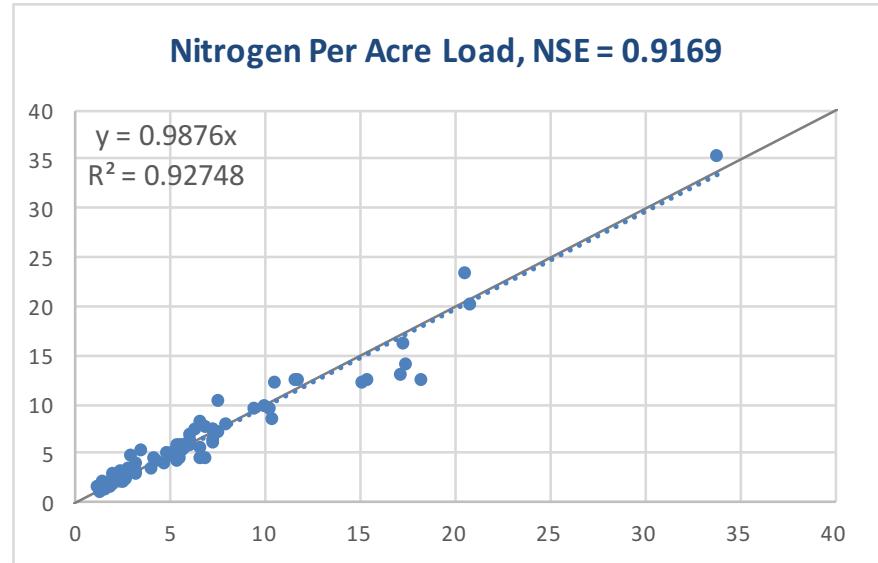
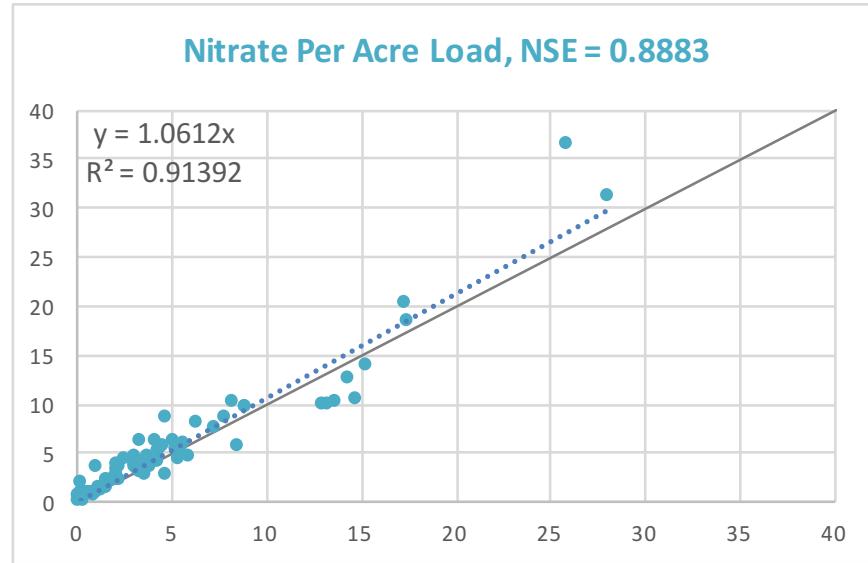
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Implementation of WQ Averaging

1. Find surrogate gages for reaches without instantaneous/hourly flow data
2. Average to flows to hourly time scale
3. Averaging: if every observation in a day has associated hourly flow, take flow-weighted average; otherwise take arithmetical average
4. Qualifier: if any observation is less than reported value, the qualifier of the average concentration is given qualifier of less than reported value

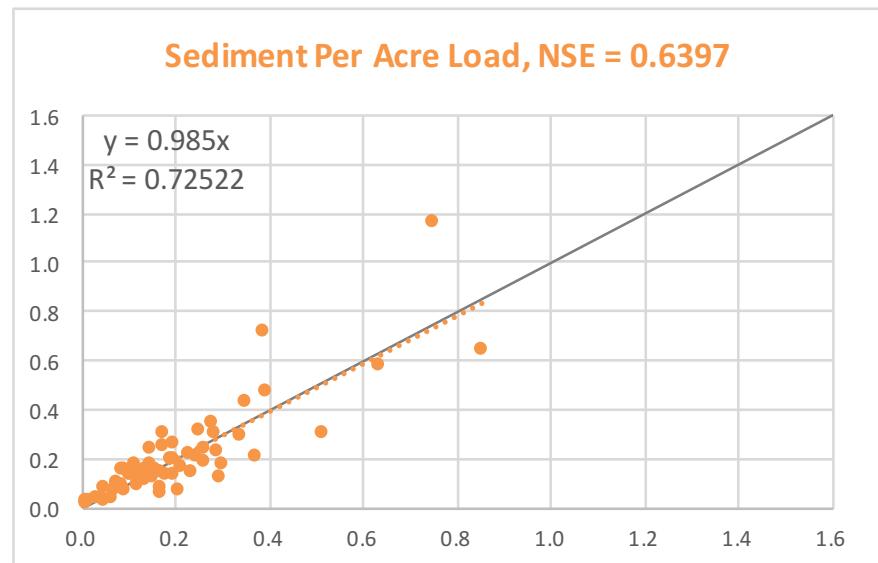
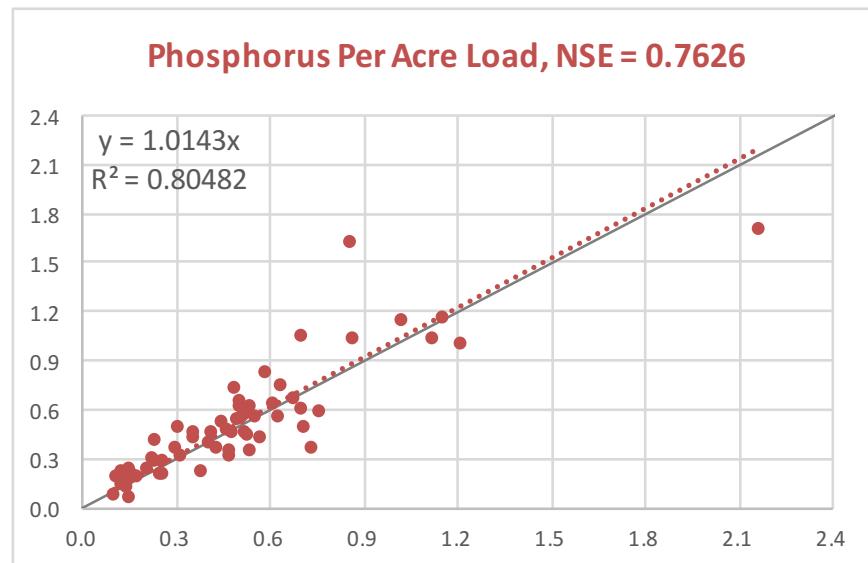
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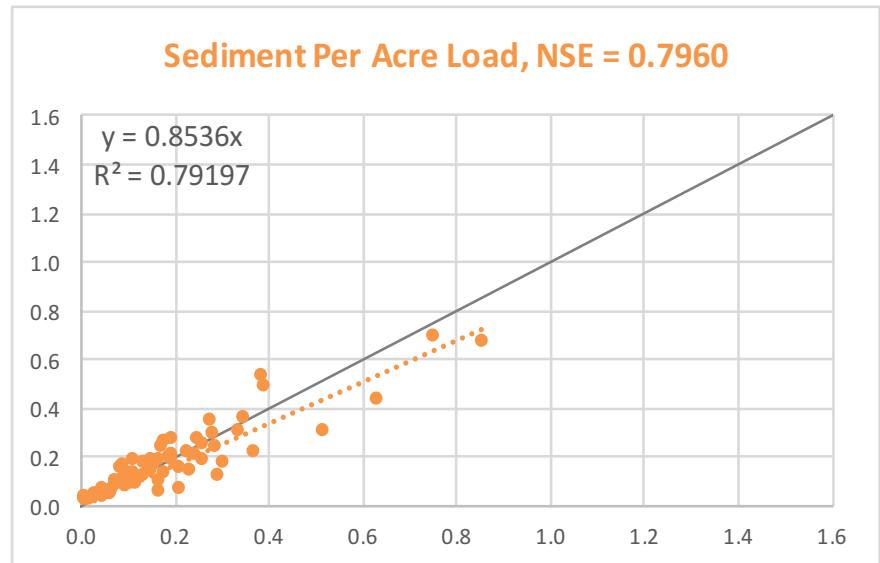
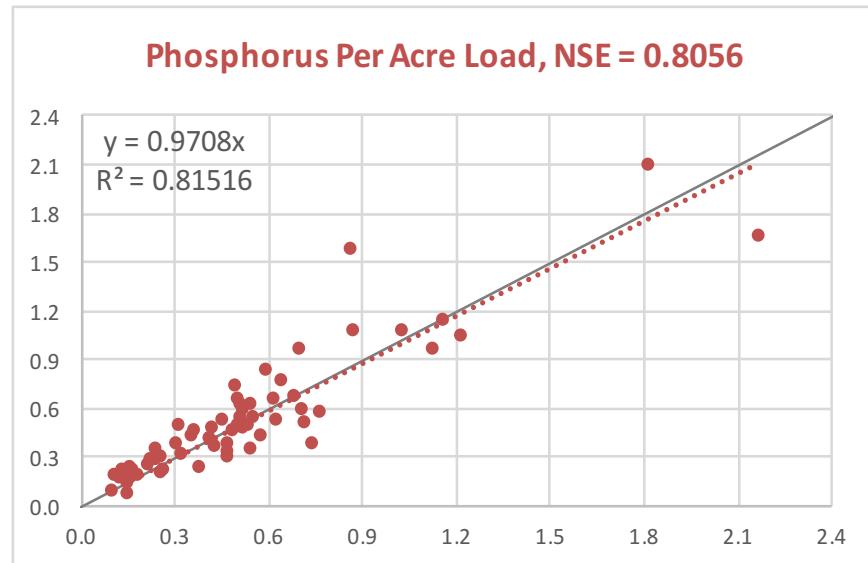
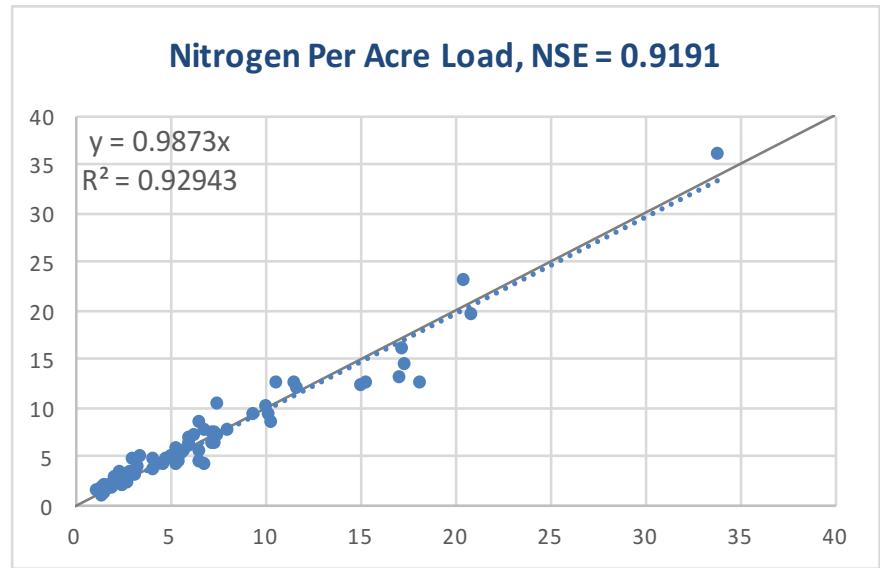
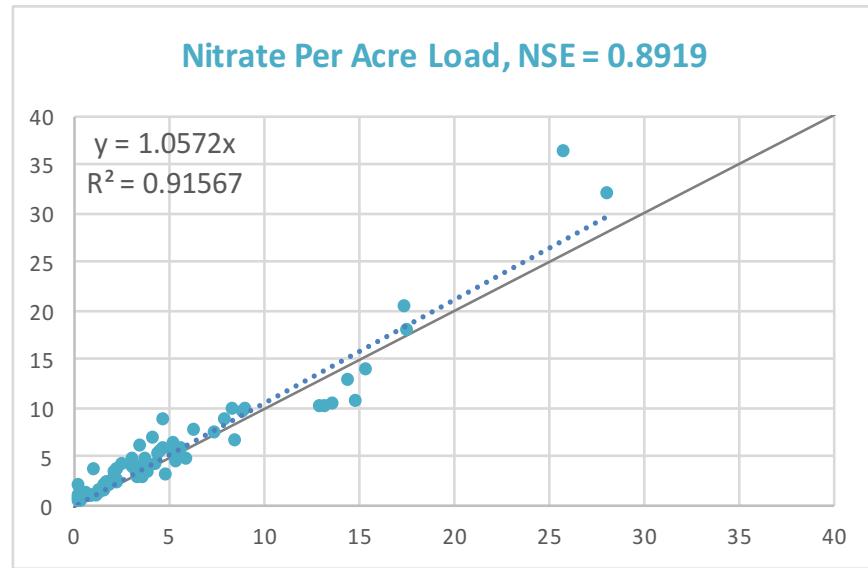
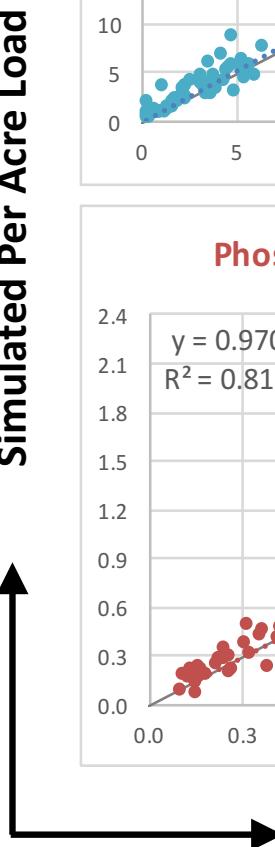
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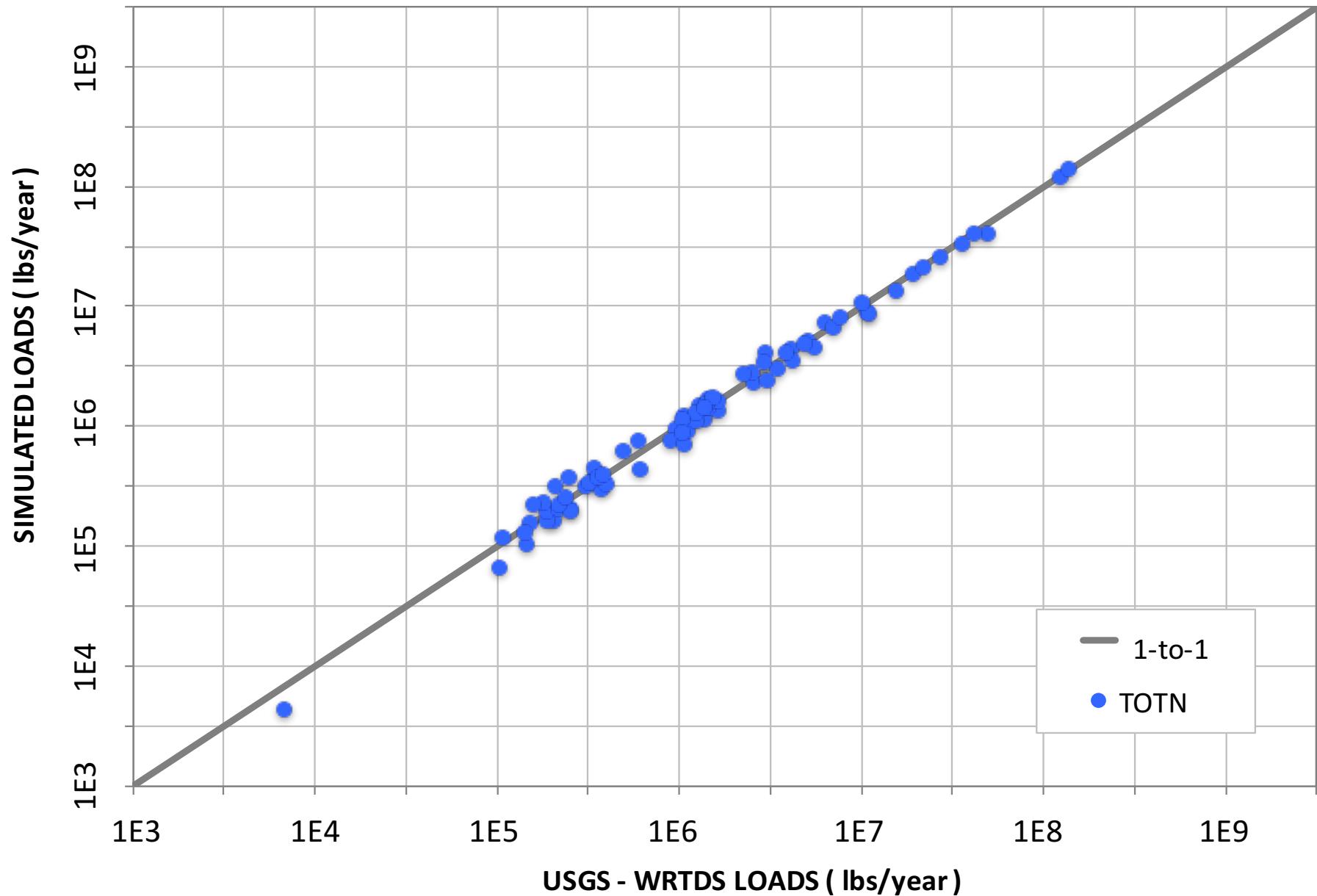
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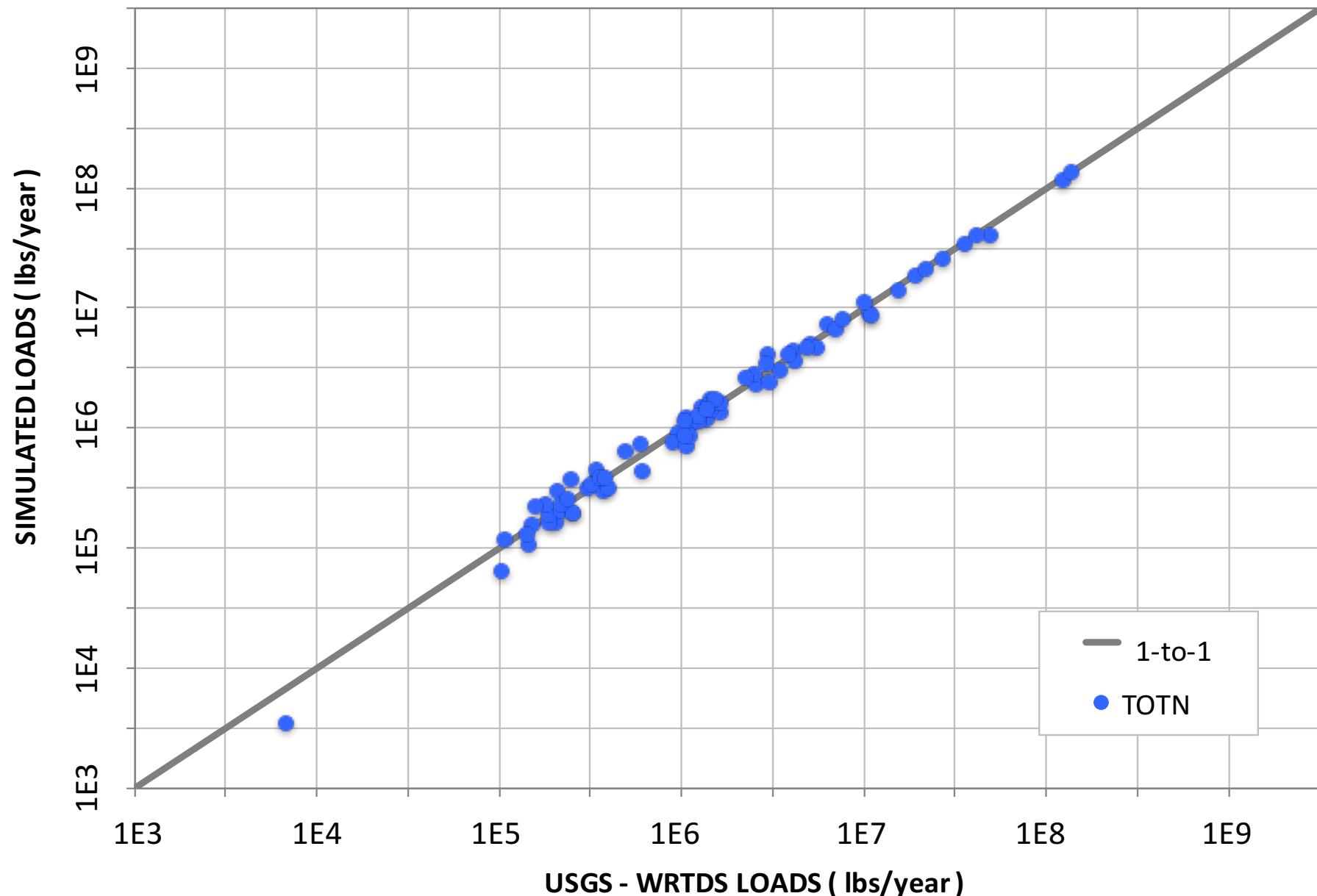
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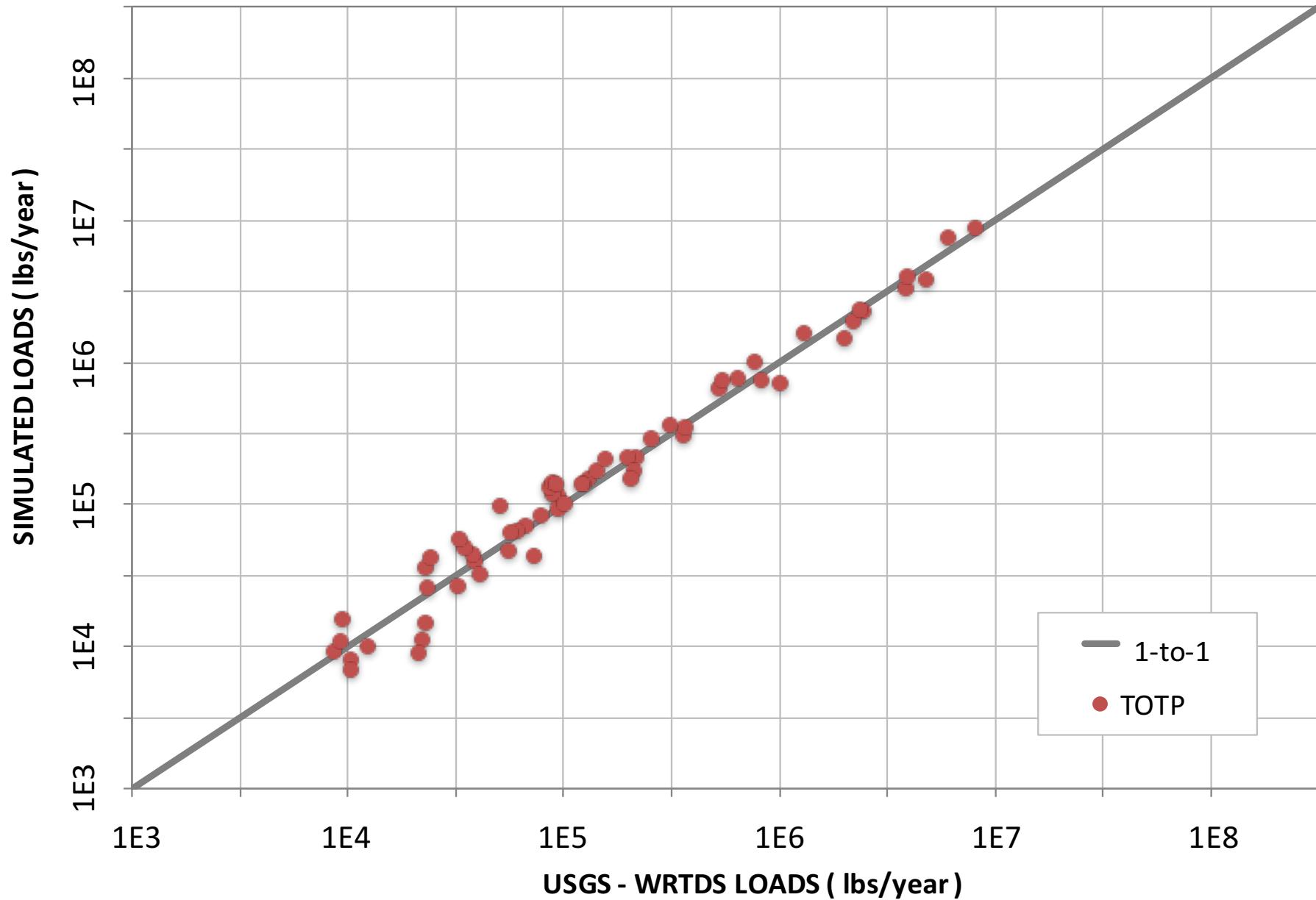
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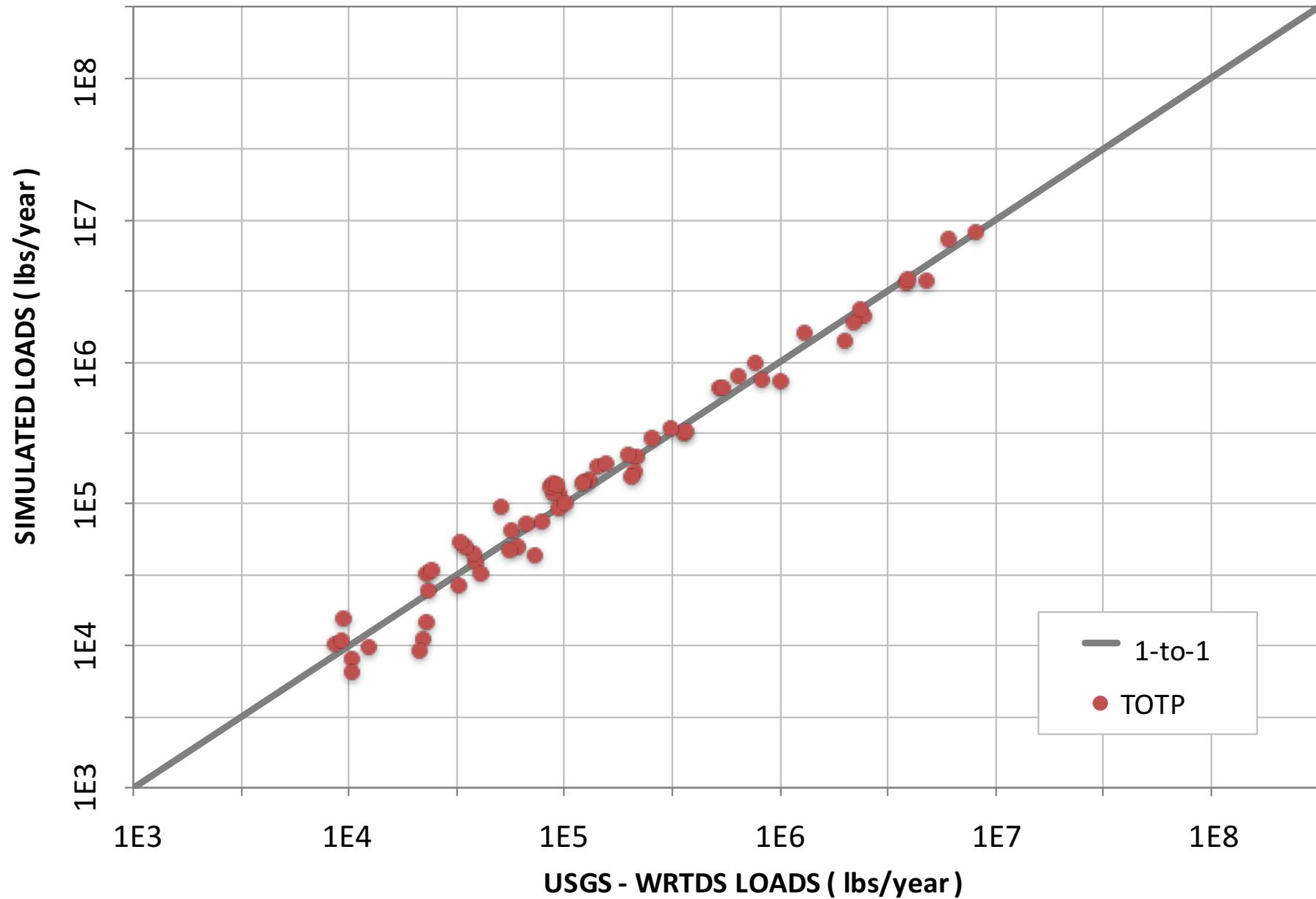
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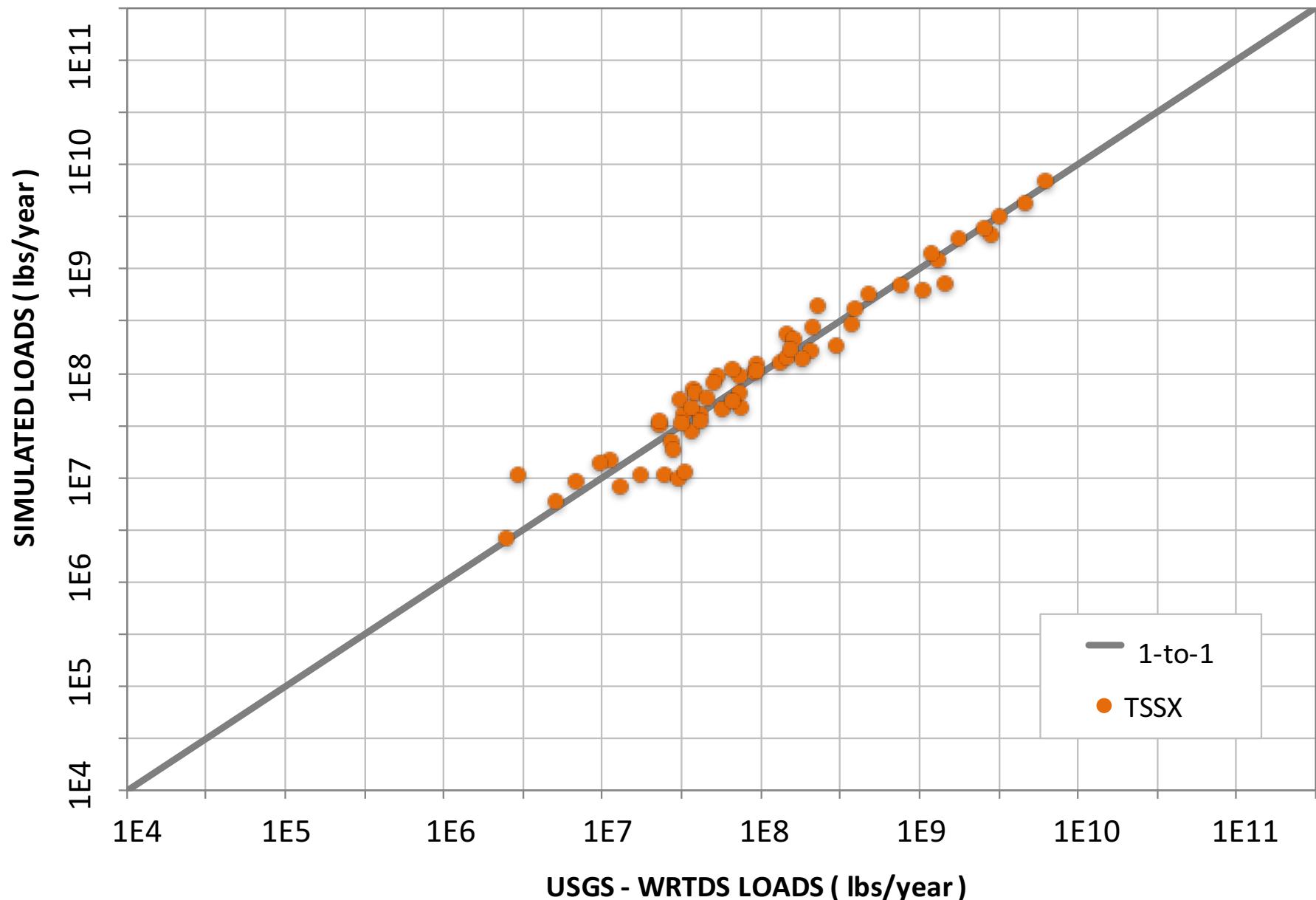
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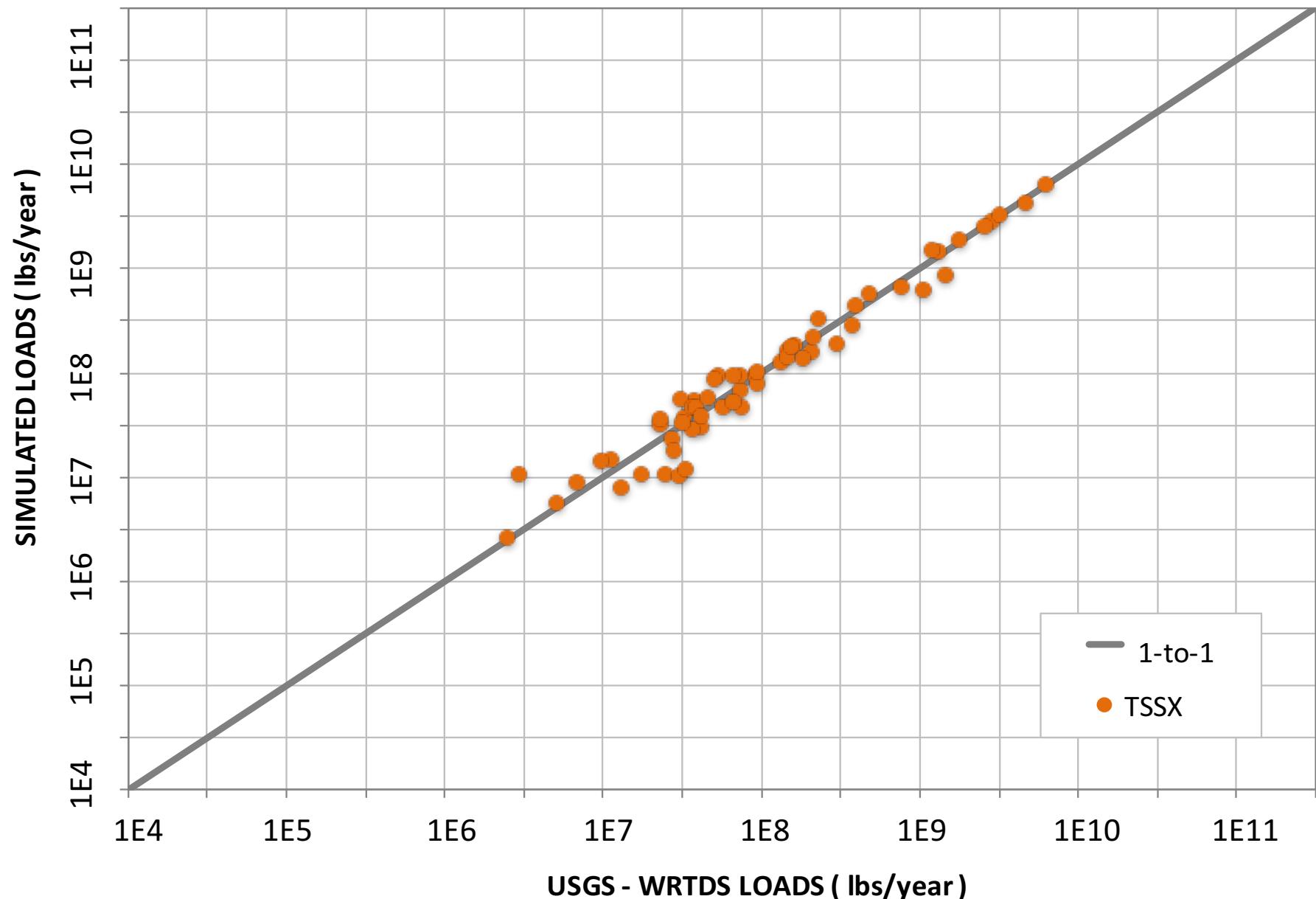
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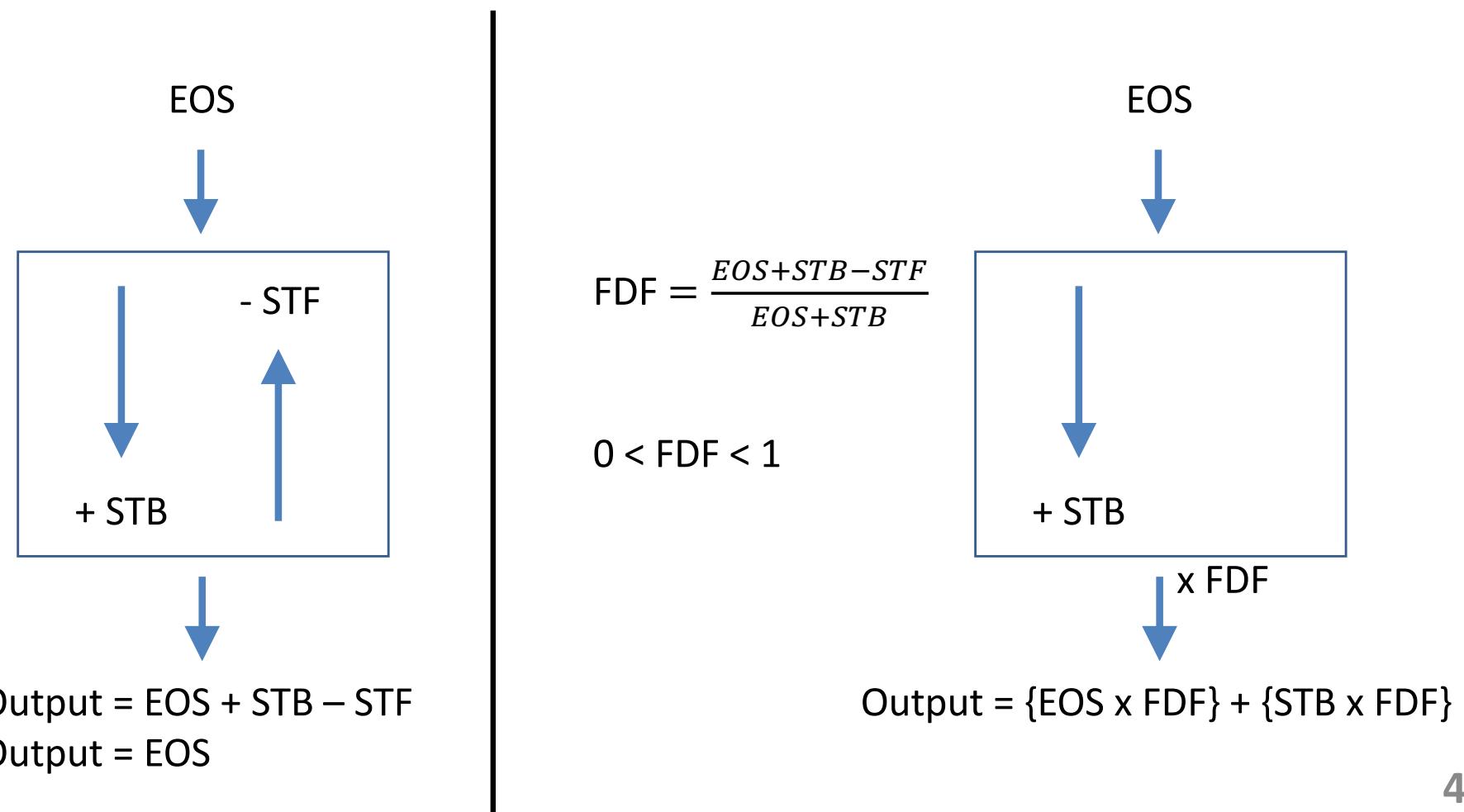
- Use flow-weighted observations
 - Responds to partner request
 - Calibration is improved

4. Stream loads based on Chesapeake floodplain network (CFN) regressions (Noe et al.)

- Current method is using Chesapeake Floodplain averages and multiplying by the length to get stream erosion and deposition.
- Stream erosion and deposition are assumed equal to each other
- The deposition is converted to a stream delivery factor
- Trial – removing length based estimates and using regression based estimates instead

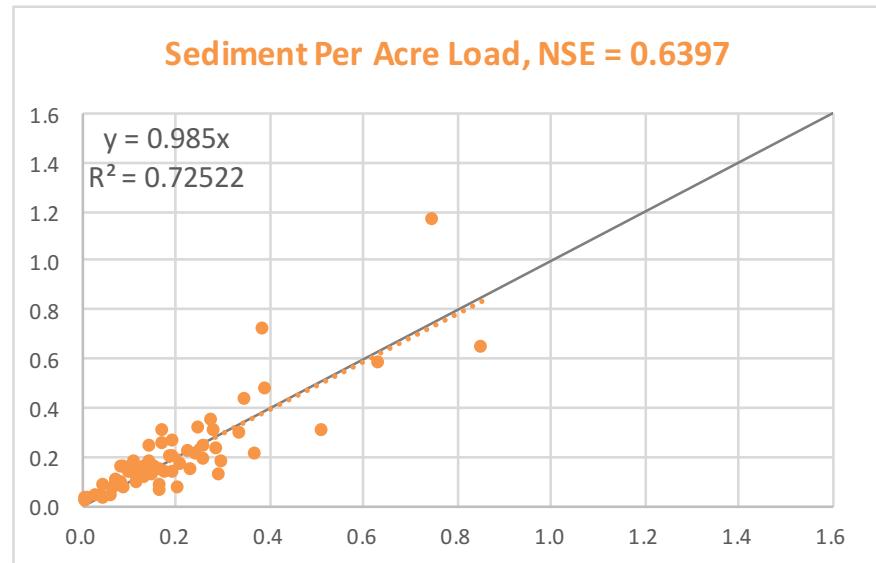
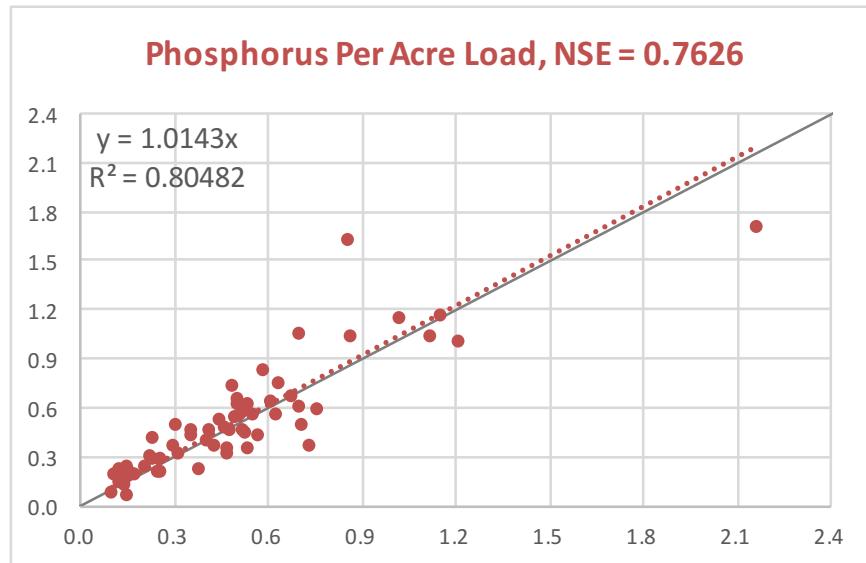
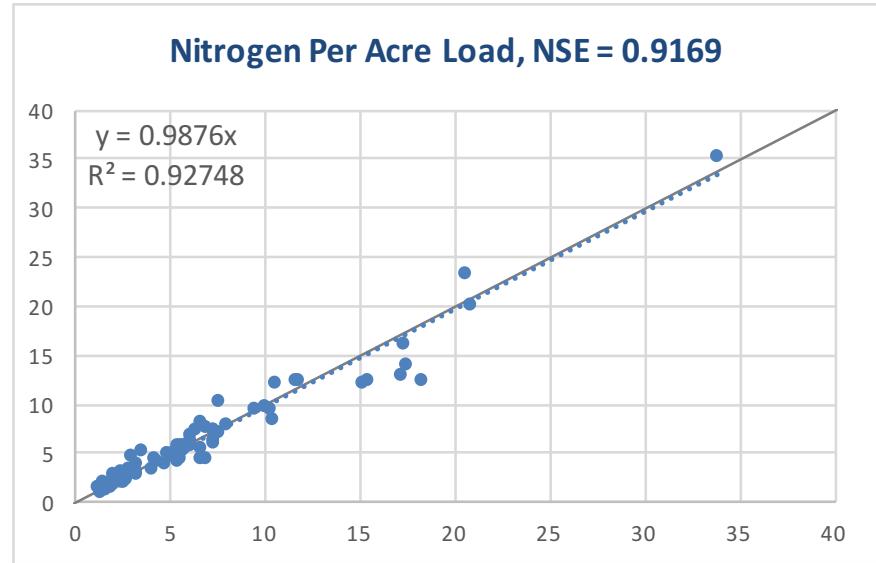
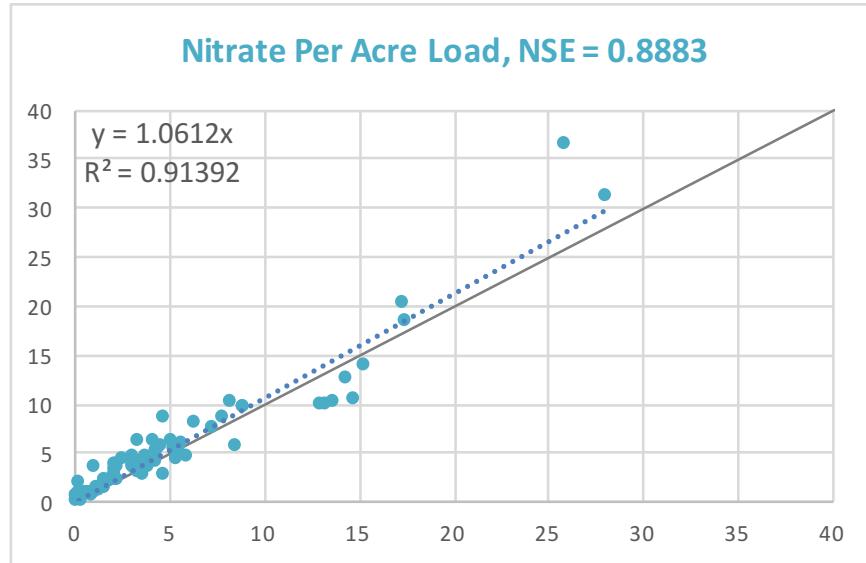
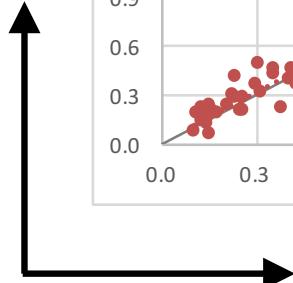
June to September/October transition

- STB estimated from CFN average and stream length, + 4/3 x Impervious SS
- STF = STB, but STF applies to all load sources
- STB changes for scenarios with changes in EOS



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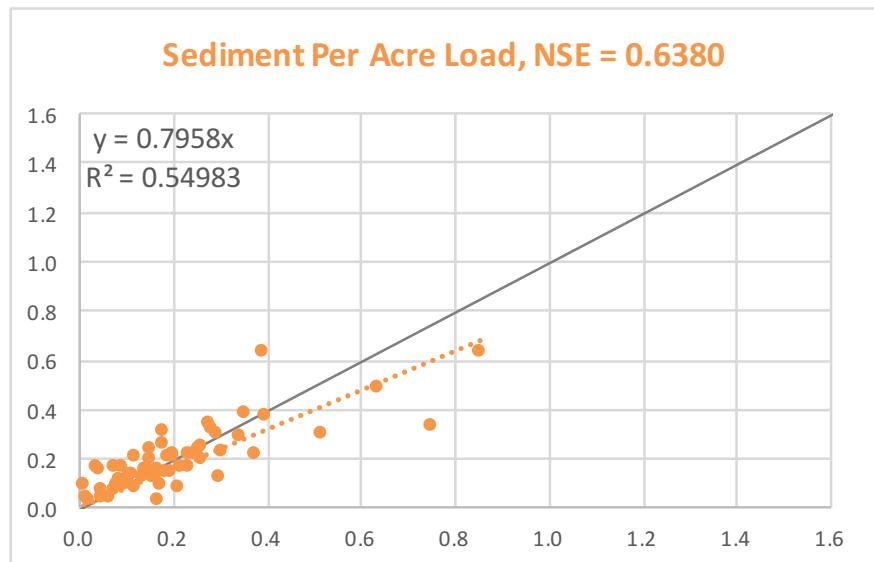
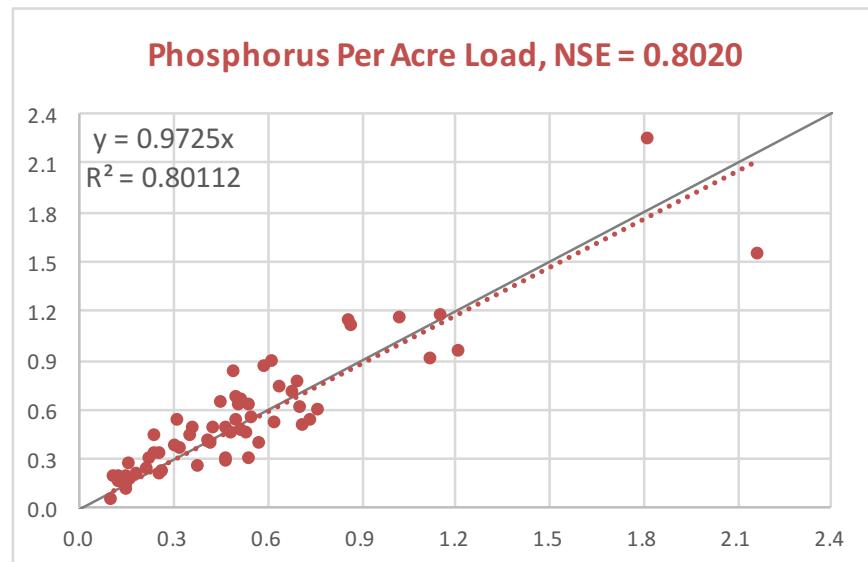
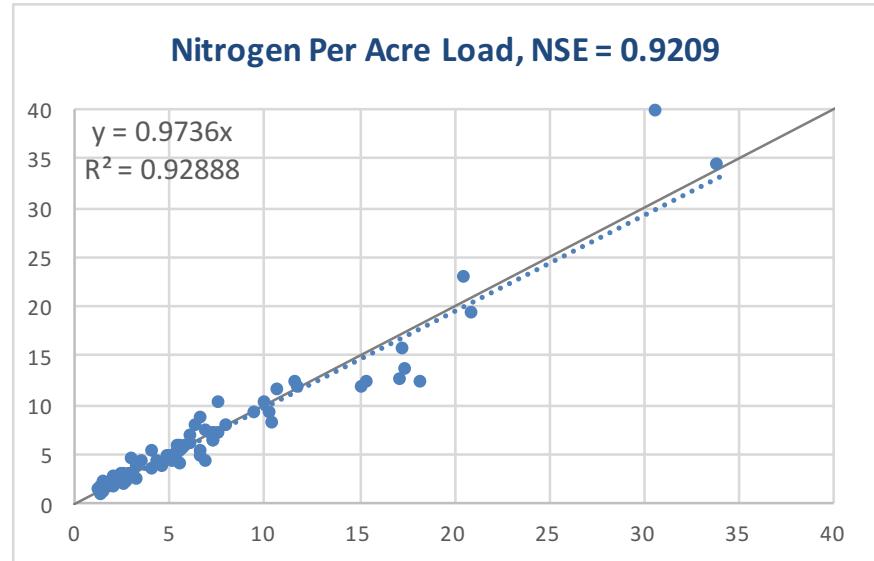
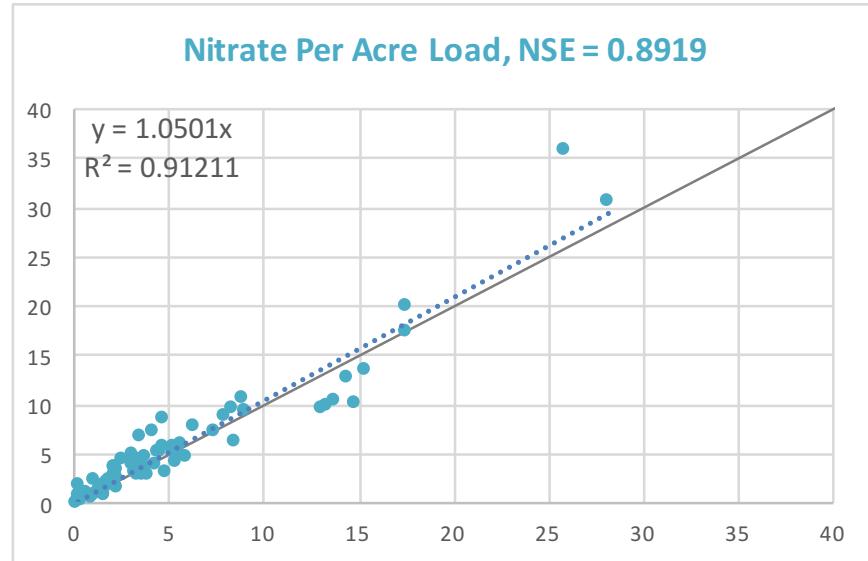


#C: +CFN Regressions

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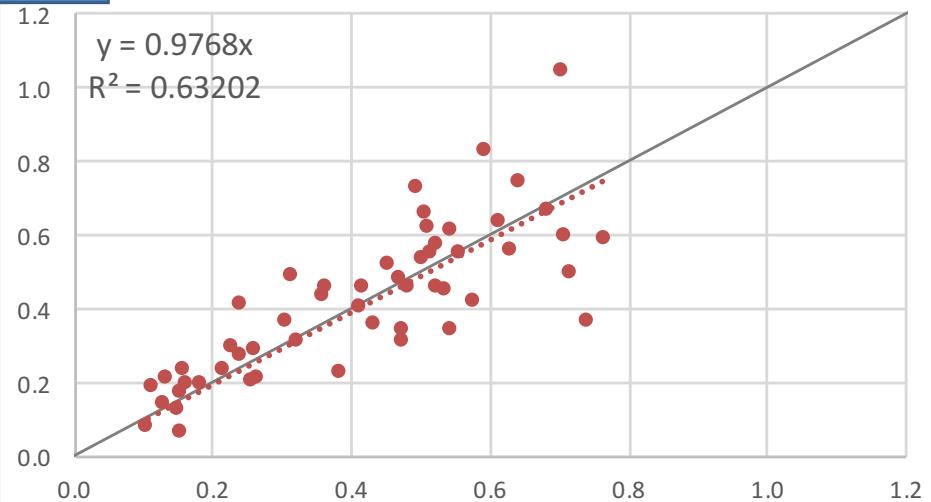


WRTDS Per Acre Load



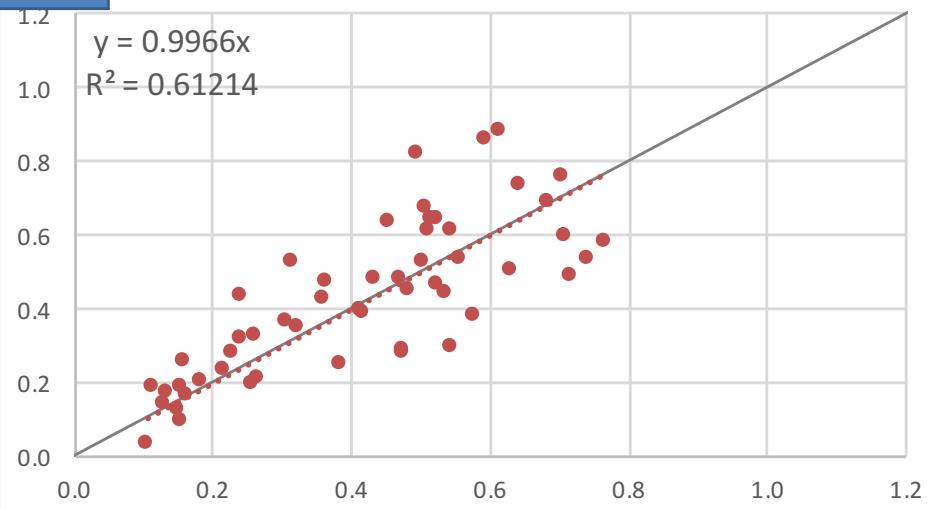
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Phosphorus Per Acre Load, NSE = 0.7559



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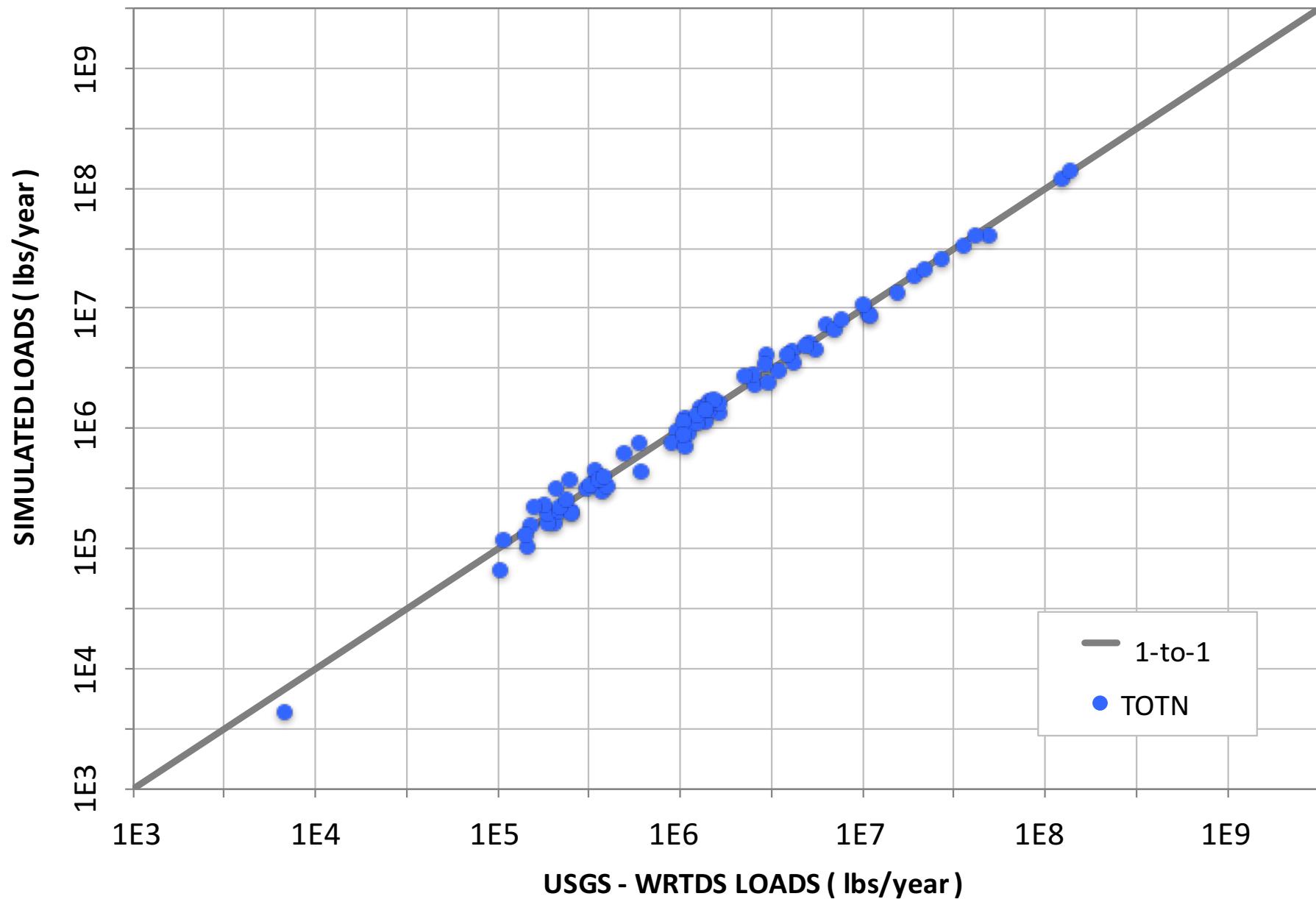
Phosphorus Per Acre Load, NSE = 0.7331



Examination of segments with < 0.85 P-lb/ac, where majority of WRTDS sites are located, shows more scatter when Noe-regression is used.

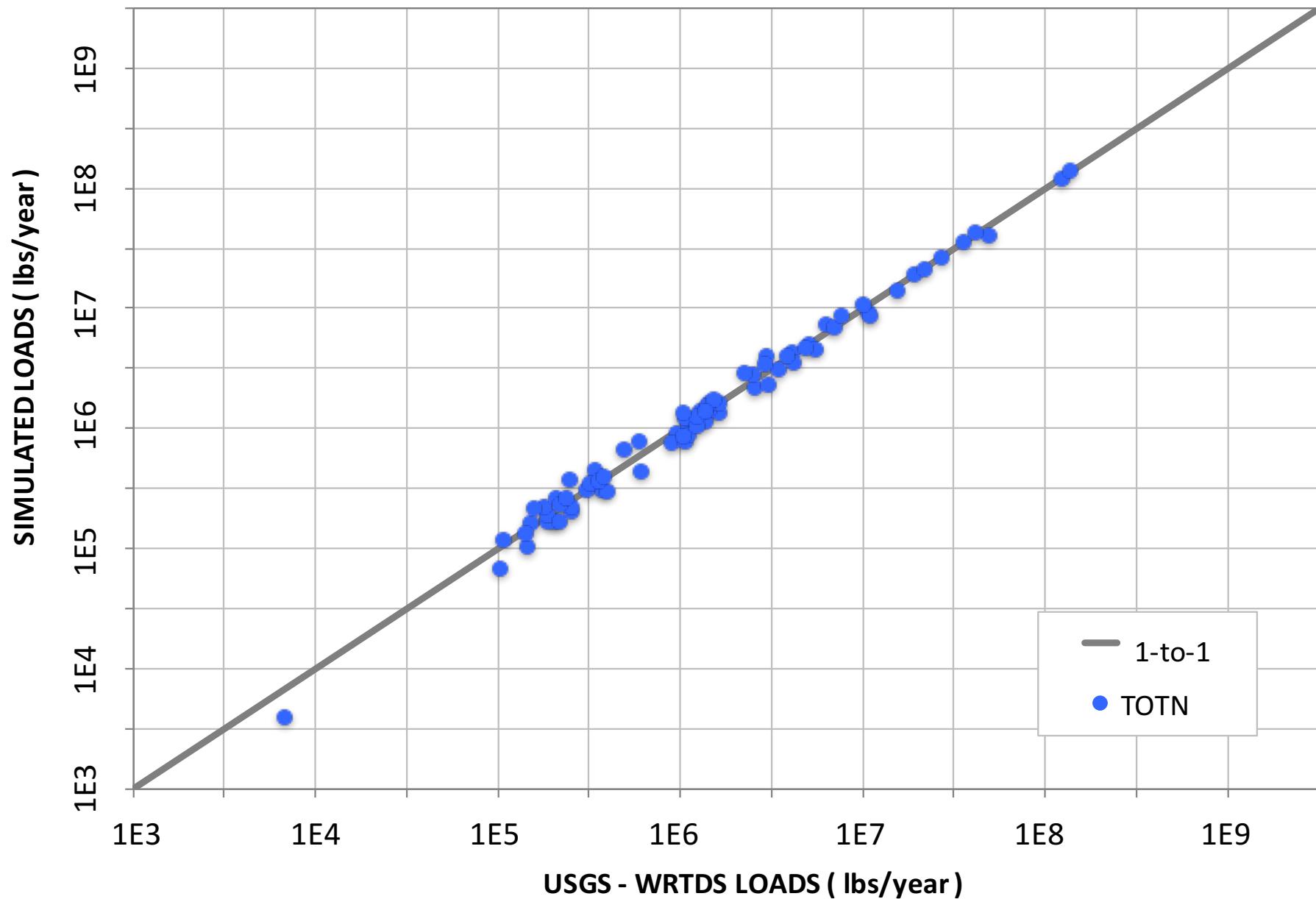
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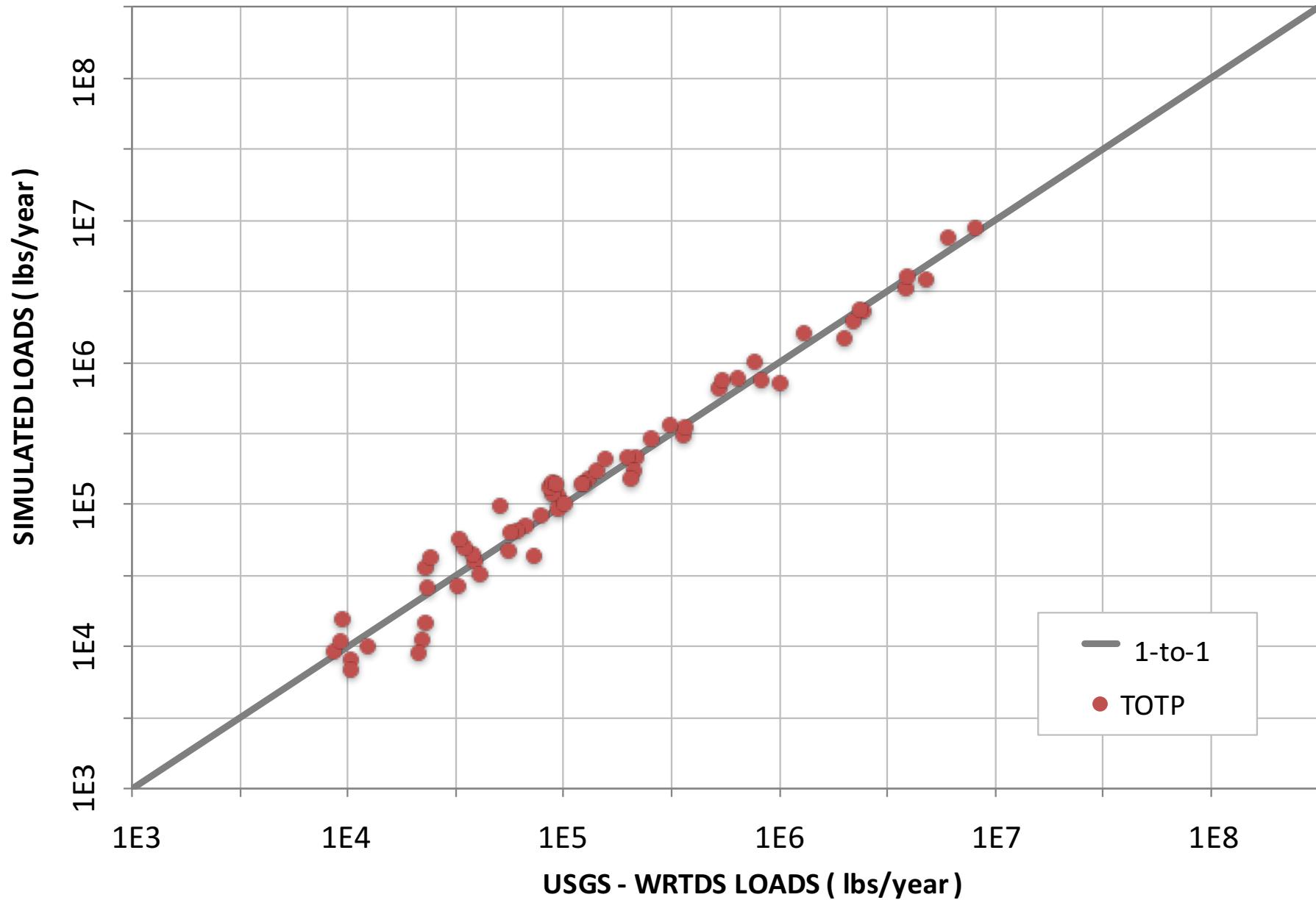
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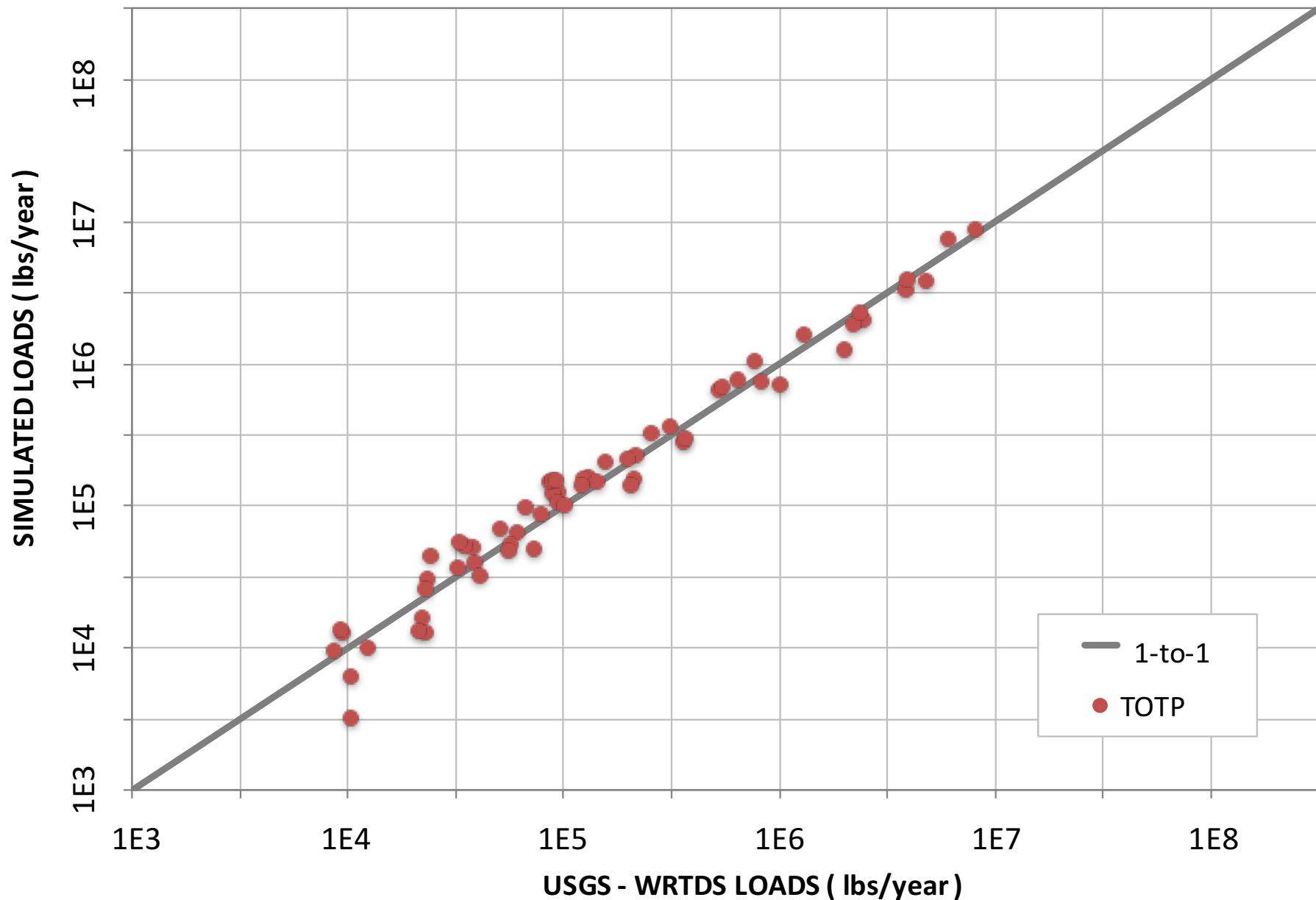
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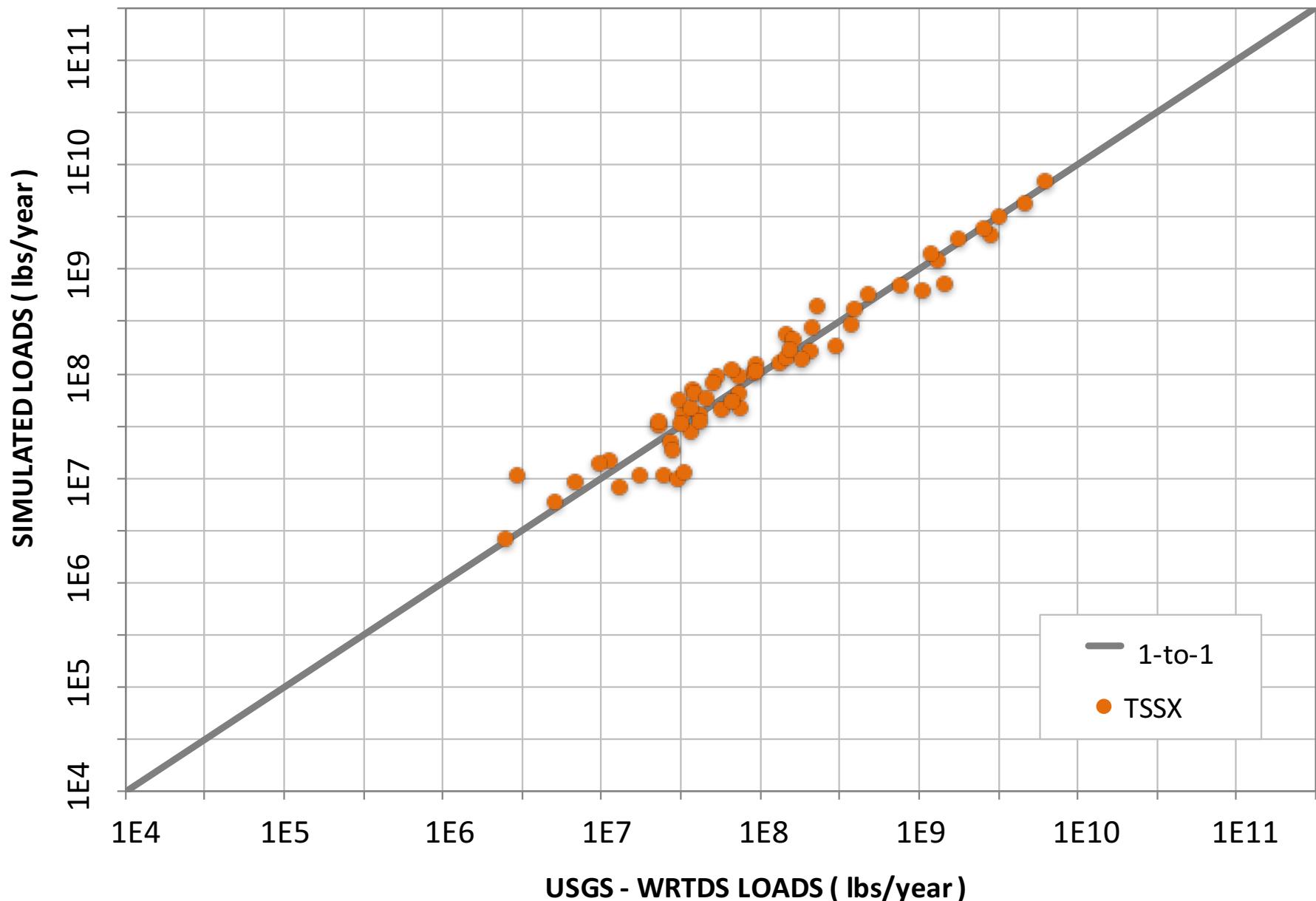
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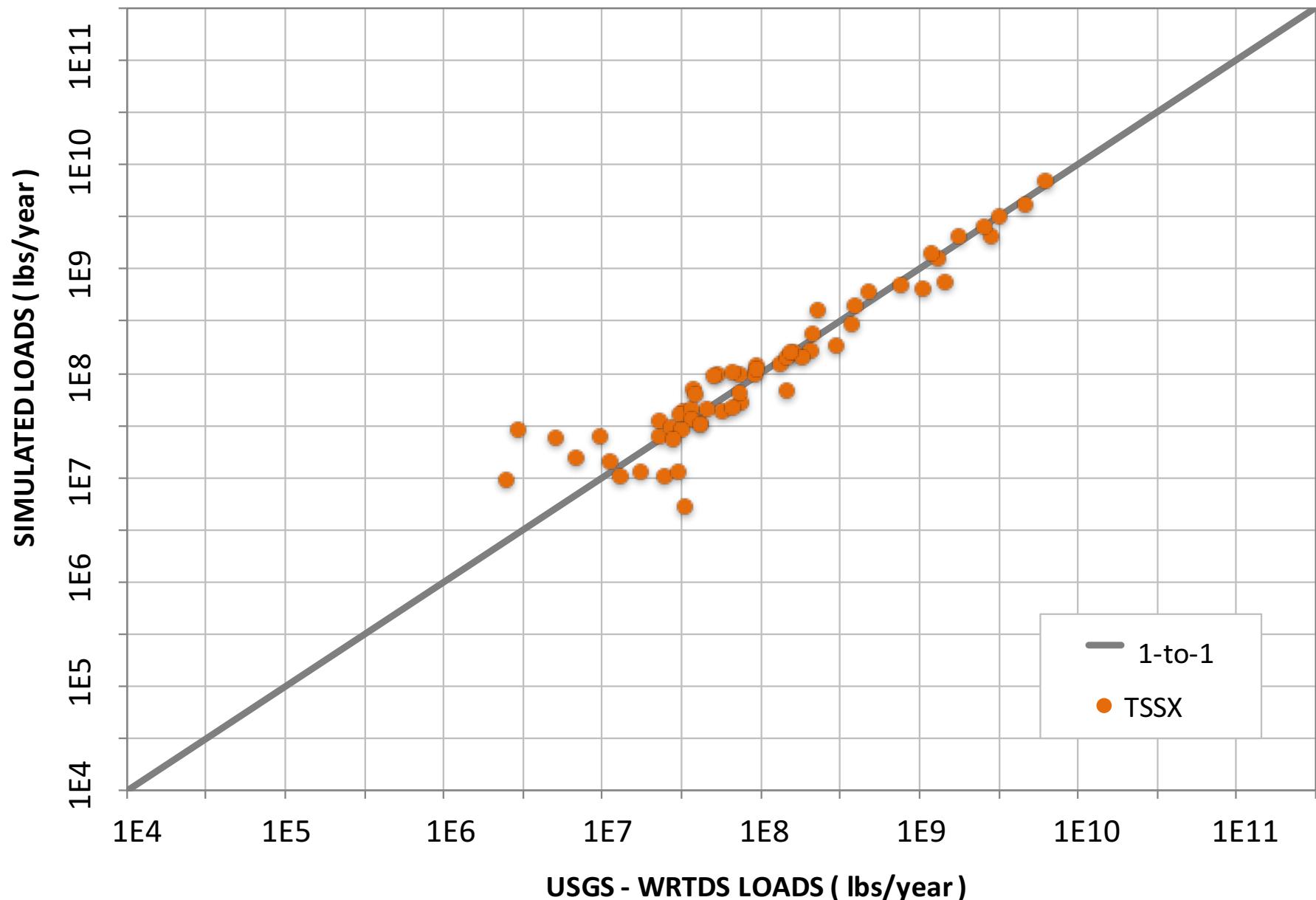
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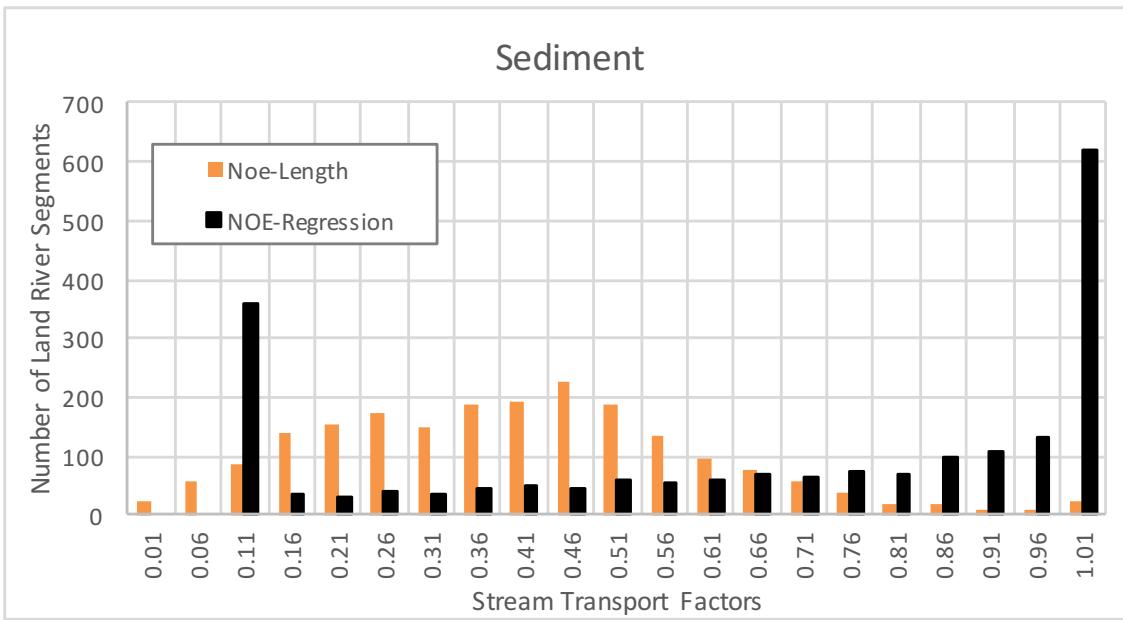
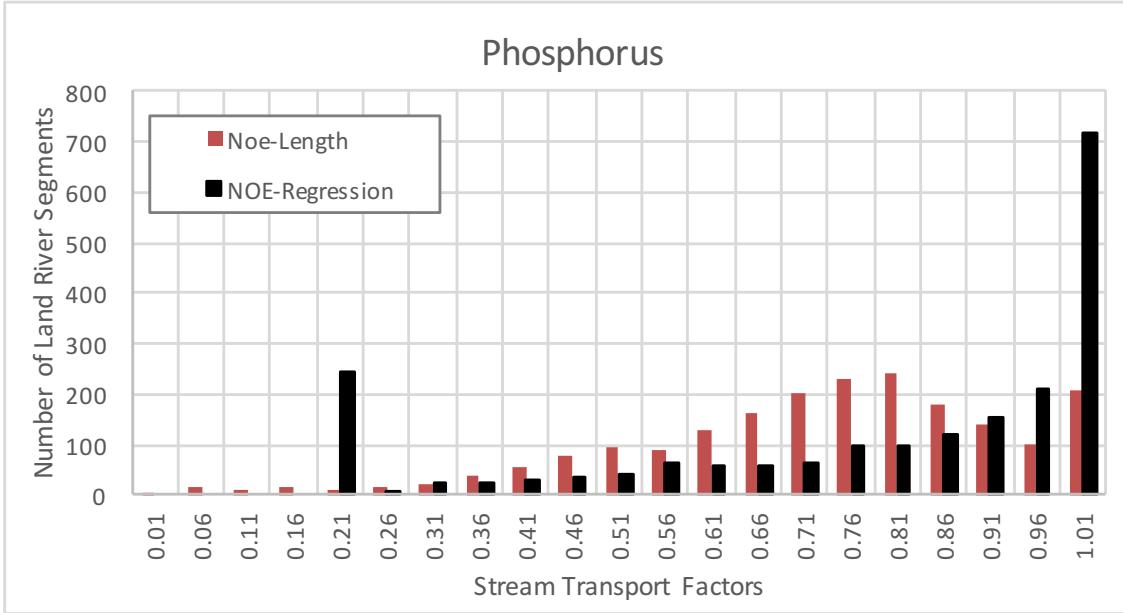
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#C: +CFN Regressions

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$$FDF = \frac{EOS + STB - STF}{EOS + STB}$$

$$STF = \frac{EOS + SER - SDP}{EOS + SER}$$

Noe-regression results in several LR-segments with extreme stream transport factors.

Suggested resolution

- Using CFN averages rather than regression predictions
 - Unclear change in P calibration
 - Worse sediment calibration
 - Introduced variability would not be well understood
 - Variability due to developed area handled separately

Summary tables

Geographic efficiencies

		CBP Review updates	A + New Soil P + no EVI	B + CFN Regression	B + Flow Weighted Observations	
Constituents	Phase 5	June Auto	#A	#B	#C	#D
Nitrate	0.8284	0.9243	0.8889	0.8883	0.8919	0.8919
Nitrogen	0.8704	0.9370	0.9153	0.9169	0.9209	0.9191
Phosphorus	0.6321	0.6099	0.7740	0.7626	0.8020	0.8056
Sediment	-0.0770	0.5696	0.6821	0.6397	0.6380	0.7960

NSE closer to 1 the better

Nitrogen at RIM

BASIN	June Auto	#A	#B	#C	#D
SUSQ	-03%	-01%	-04%	-04%	-07%
POTO	-26%	-22%	-21%	-22%	-21%
JAME	-20%	-30%	-25%	-26%	-25%
RAPP	-11%	-14%	-20%	-20%	-18%
APPO	-07%	-09%	-02%	-02%	-02%
PAMU	00%	-09%	-01%	-02%	-02%
MATT	23%	13%	19%	25%	16%
PATU	06%	07%	07%	06%	07%
CHOP	43%	14%	18%	28%	25%

Phosphorus at RIM

BASIN	June Auto	#A	#B	#C	#D
SUSQ	14%	20%	20%	17%	16%
POTO	-18%	-17%	-17%	-17%	-10%
JAME	-01%	-08%	-11%	-20%	-17%
RAPP	01%	19%	16%	14%	18%
APPO	13%	17%	11%	18%	08%
PAMU	21%	31%	28%	23%	17%
MATT	-14%	-17%	-19%	-16%	-20%
PATU	11%	14%	12%	11%	12%
CHOP	13%	-17%	-19%	10%	-20%

Phosphorus at RIM

BASIN	June Auto	#A	#B	#C	#D
MARI	05%	06%	05%	04%	-03%
POTO	-18%	-17%	-17%	-17%	-10%
JAME	-01%	-08%	-11%	-20%	-17%
RAPP	01%	19%	16%	14%	18%
APPO	13%	17%	11%	18%	08%
PAMU	21%	31%	28%	23%	17%
MATT	-14%	-17%	-19%	-16%	-20%
PATU	11%	14%	12%	11%	12%
CHOP	13%	-17%	-19%	10%	-20%

Suspended Solids at RIM

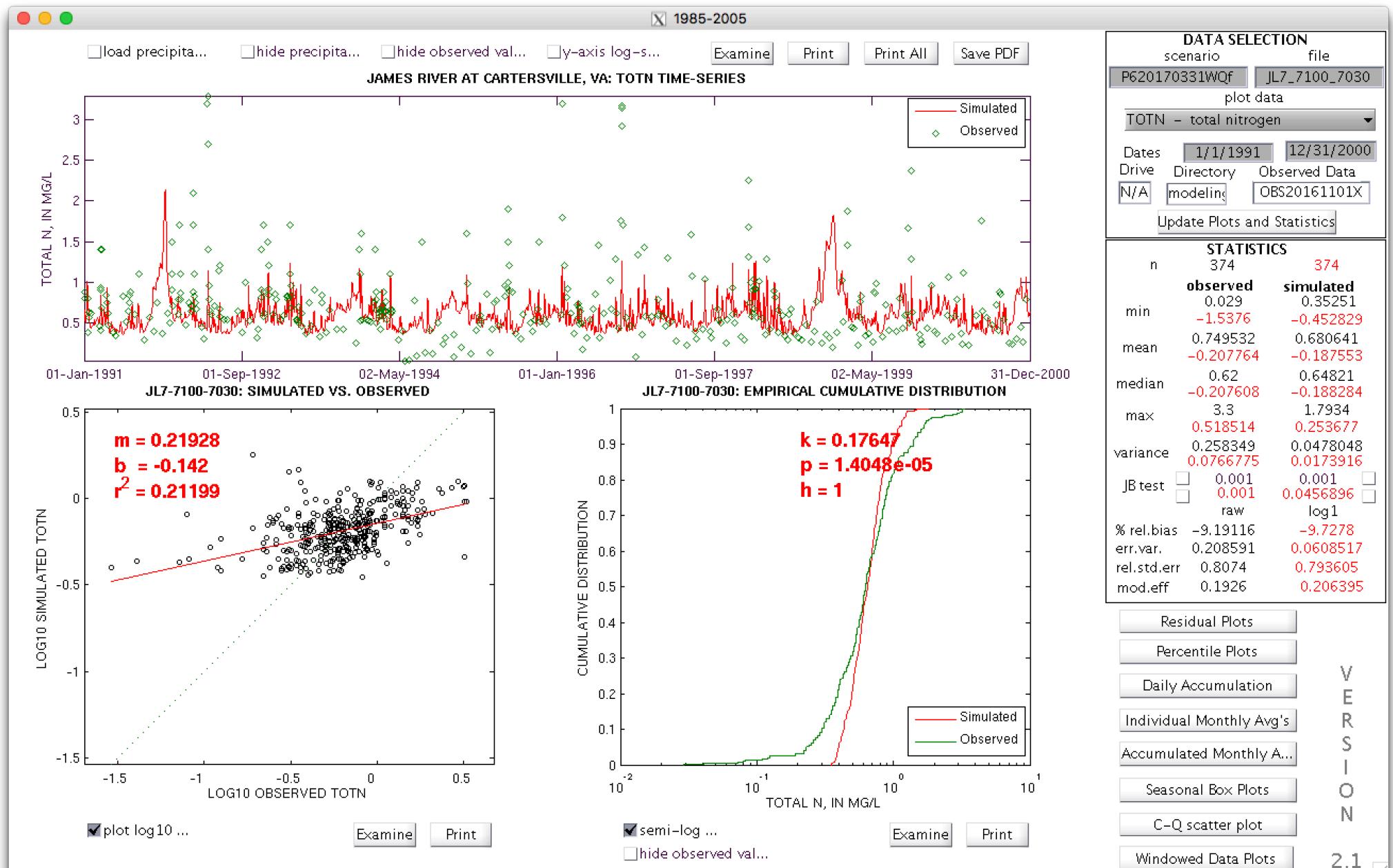
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POTO	-31%	-31%	-30%	-31%	-06%
JAME	-14%	-02%	-14%	-10%	05%
RAPP	-04%	09%	01%	08%	05%
APPO	36%	26%	17%	25%	09%
PAMU	40%	65%	58%	48%	36%
MATT	91%	35%	35%	142%	41%
PATU	53%	58%	53%	77%	61%
CHOP	171%	07%	07%	352%	06%

Suspended Solids at RIM

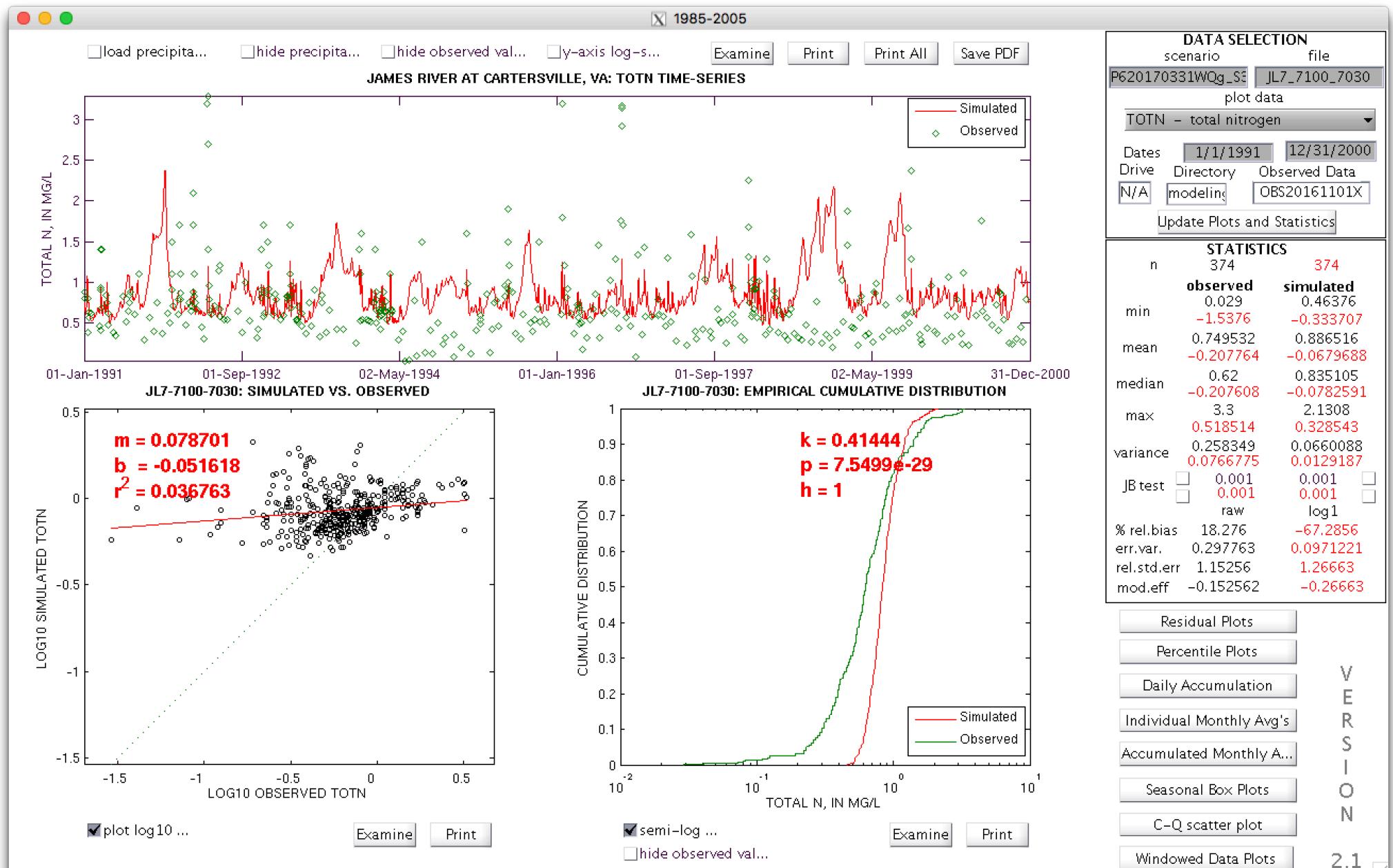
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5. Incorporation of organic scour

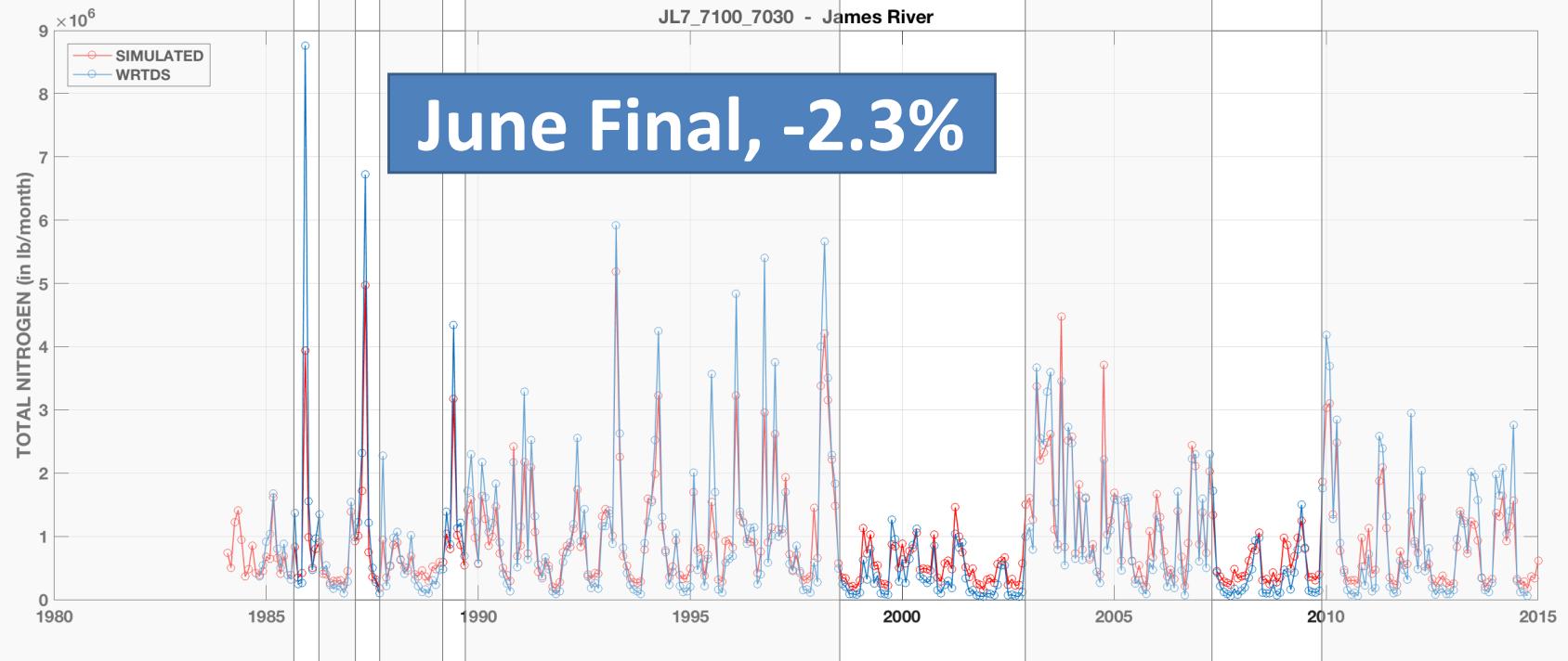
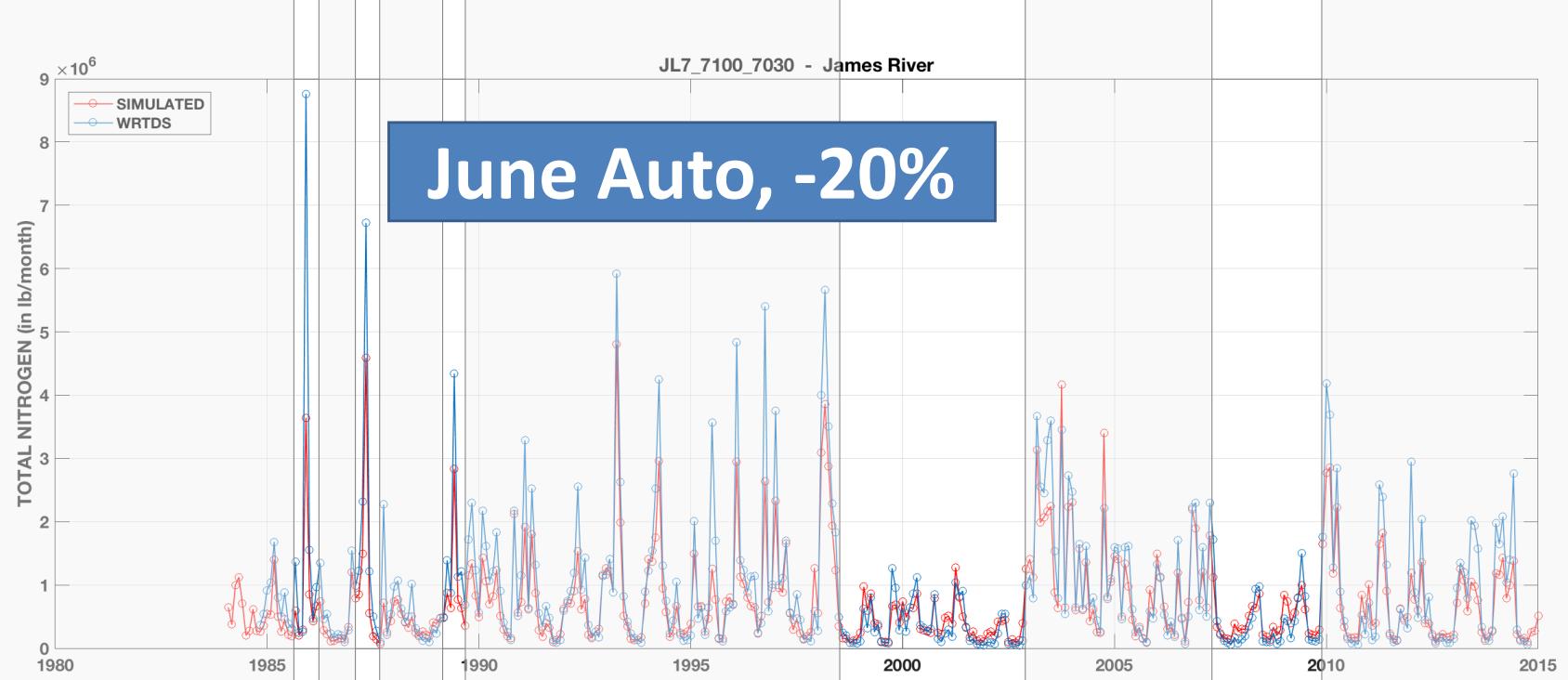
- HSPF reach and reservoir simulation does not provide a mechanism for refractory organics scour.
- An examination of prior model calibrations along with the monitoring data provide a strong evidence for the presence of organic scour, particularly during large stormflow events.



TN under simulated by 20% wrt WRTDS



TN under simulated by 2.3% wrt WRTDS



Incorporation of organic scour

- Processes representing the scour of organic nitrogen and organic phosphorus were added.
- The scour occurs in conjunction with the scour of sediment.
- Scoured organics is proportional to net sediment scour as:

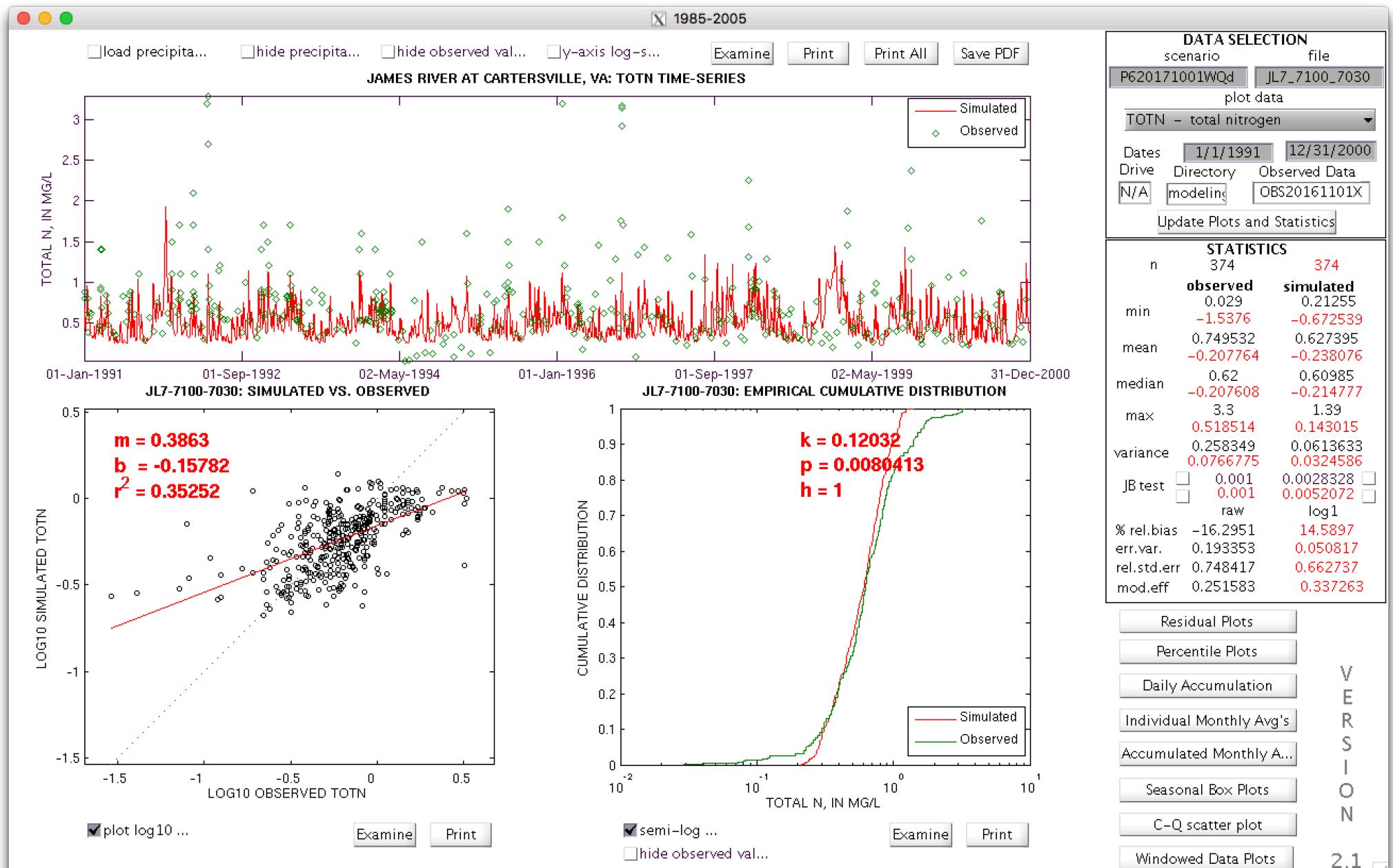
Organic scour = K × Net sediment scour

where, K is a concentration parameter

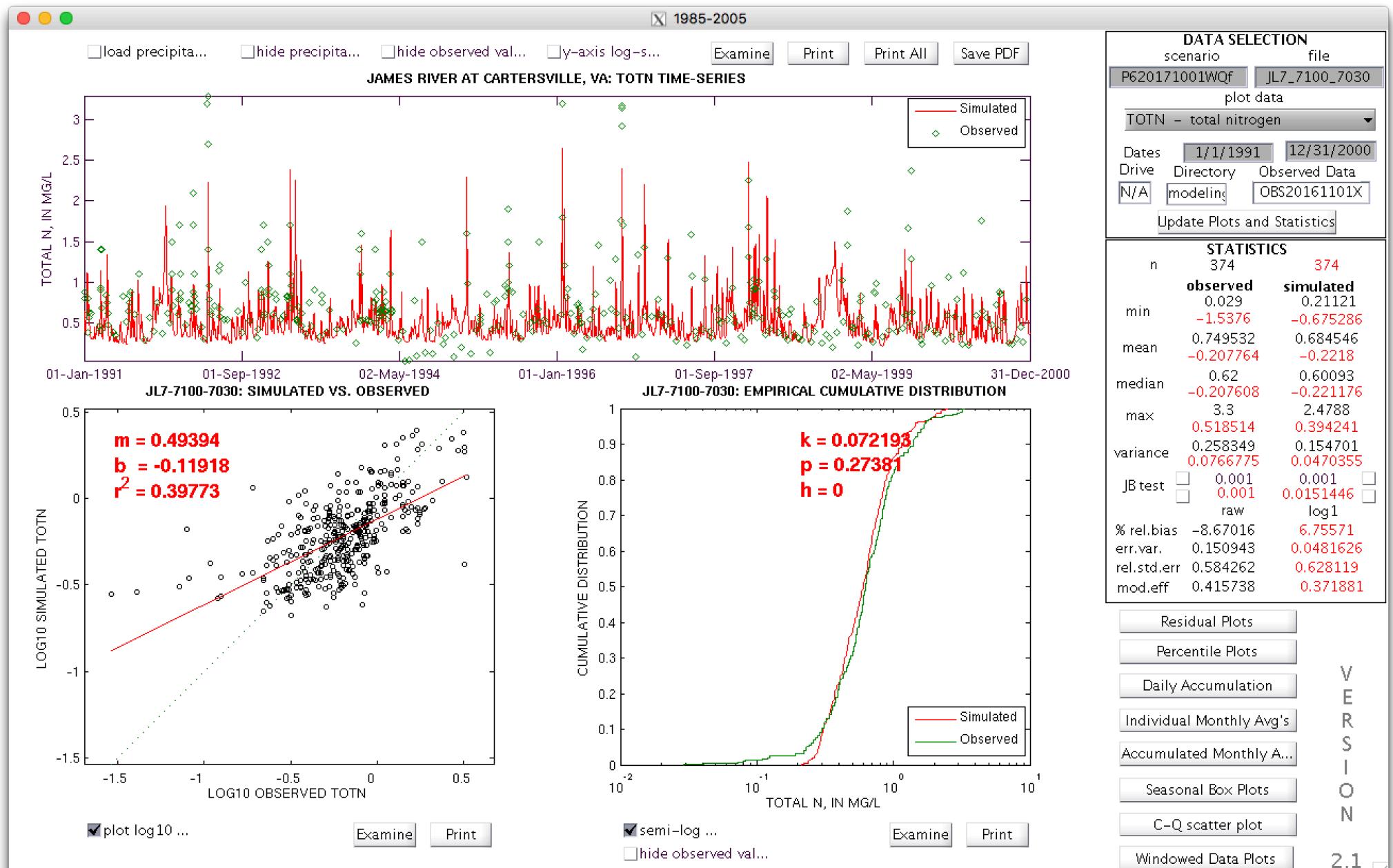
#D: Flow-weighted Obs

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TN under simulated by 25% wrt WRTDS



TN under simulated by 13% wrt WRTDS

Suggested resolution

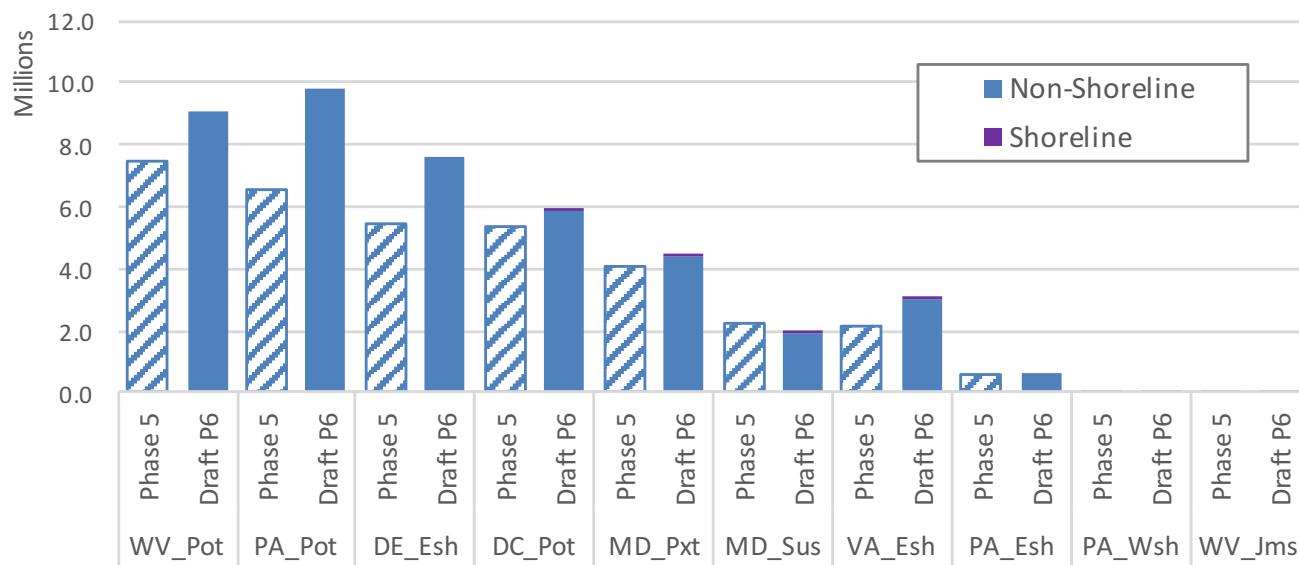
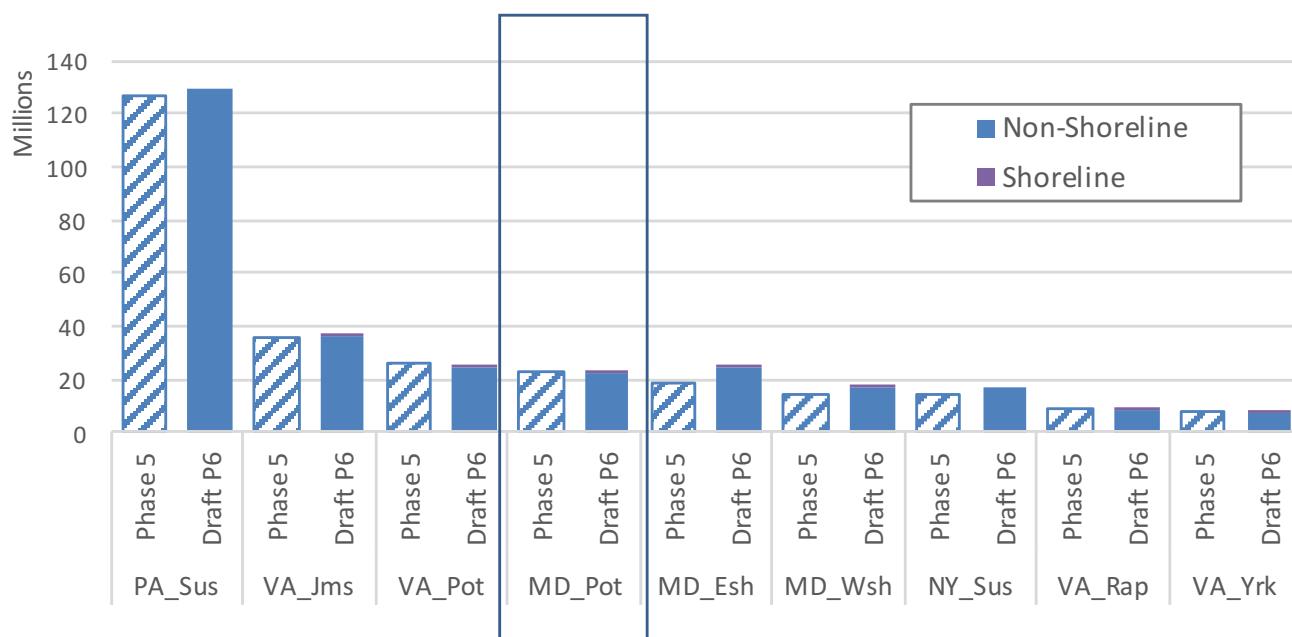
- Incorporate organic scour
 - Calibration is improved
 - It works with the auto-calibration framework
 - It can be used in the post auto-calibration phase to further improve the calibration by appropriately balancing the inorganic and organic loads

6. Brief review of state-basin loads

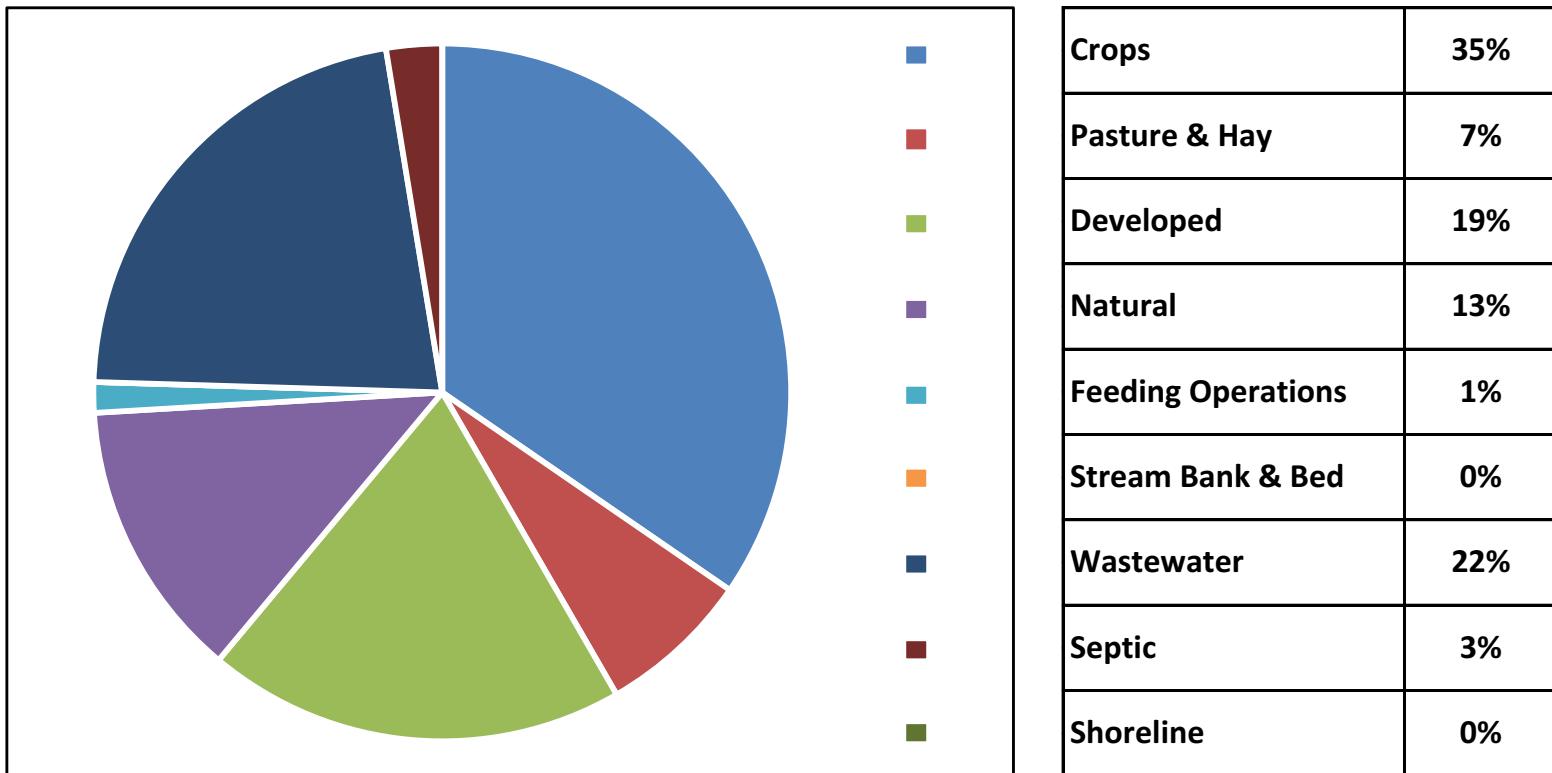
- An analysis was made to compare **Phase 5** and **Phase 6 Draft September Final** state-basin loads

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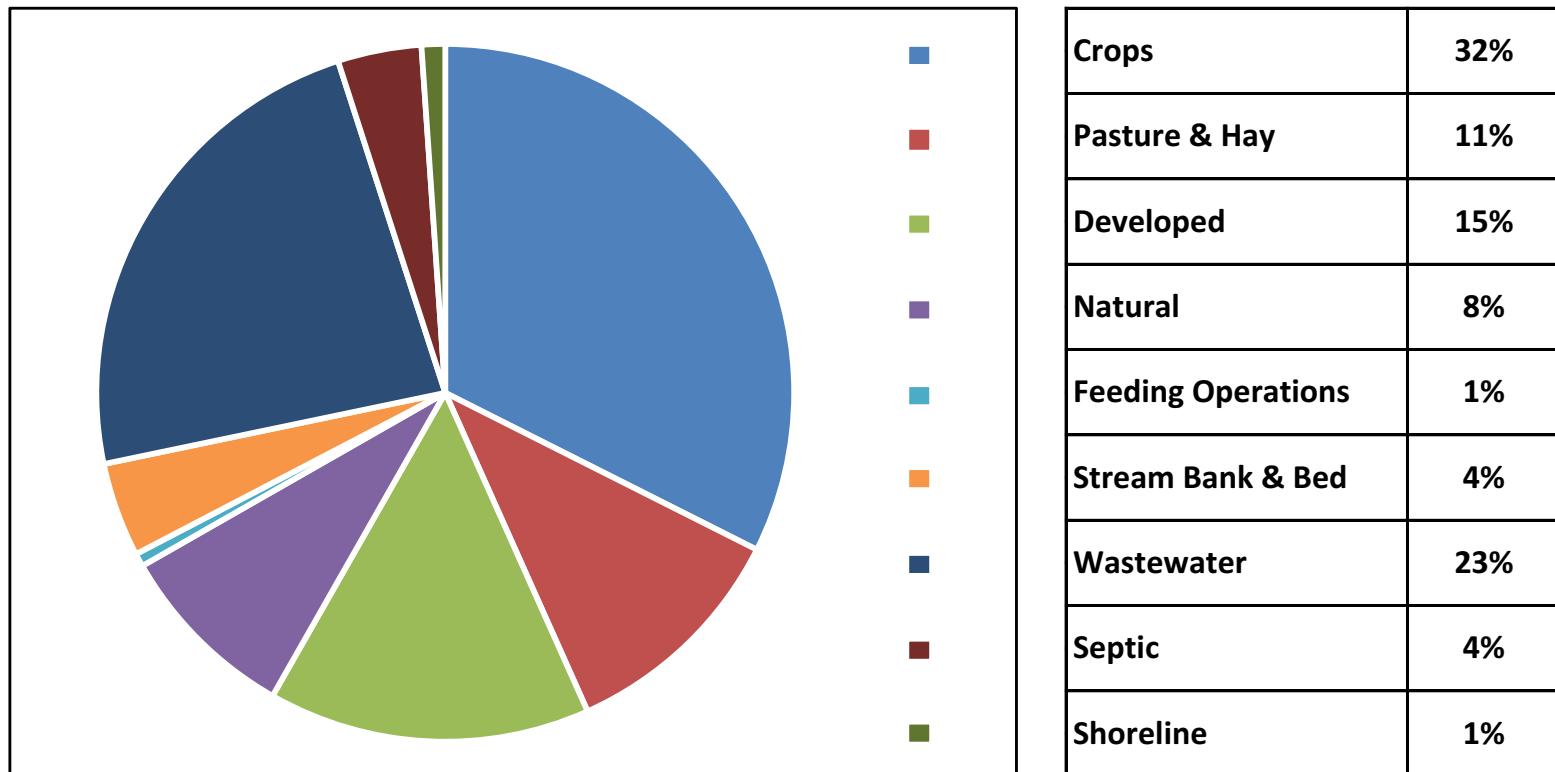
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Phase 5: Nitrogen – MD Potomac

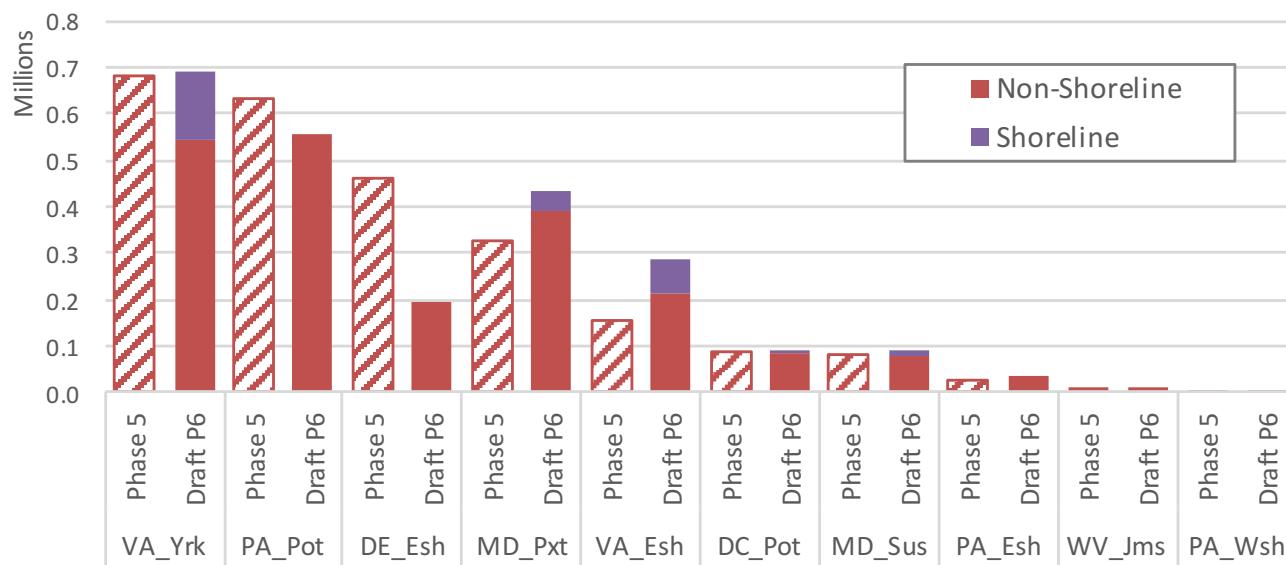
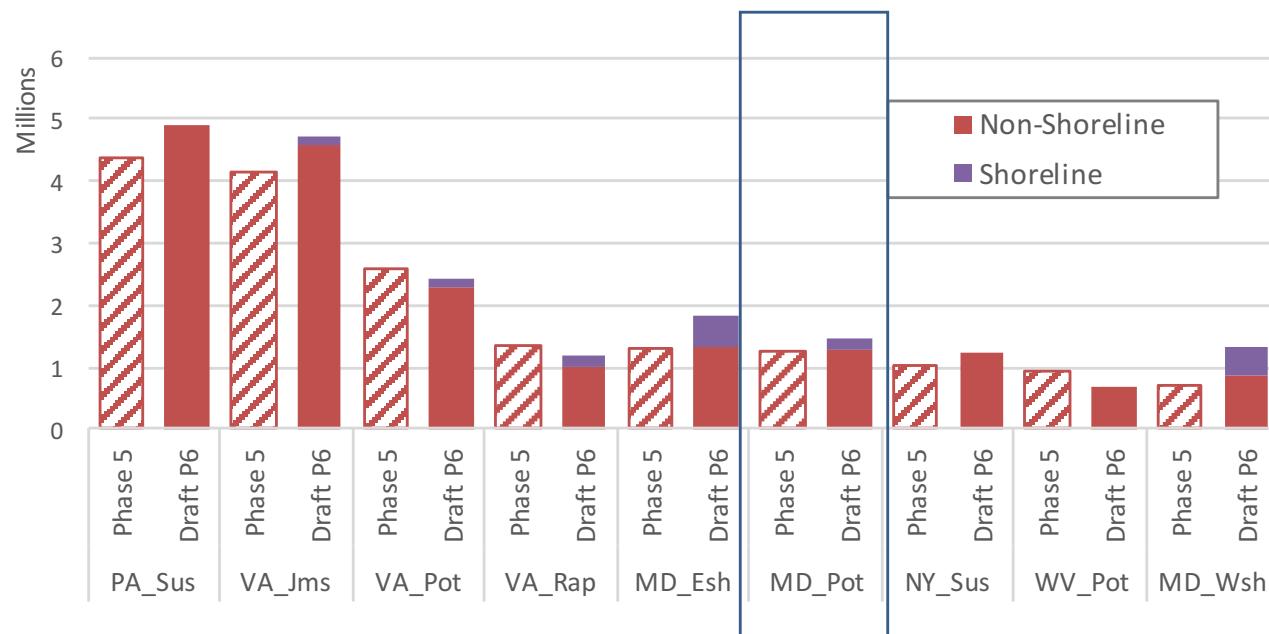


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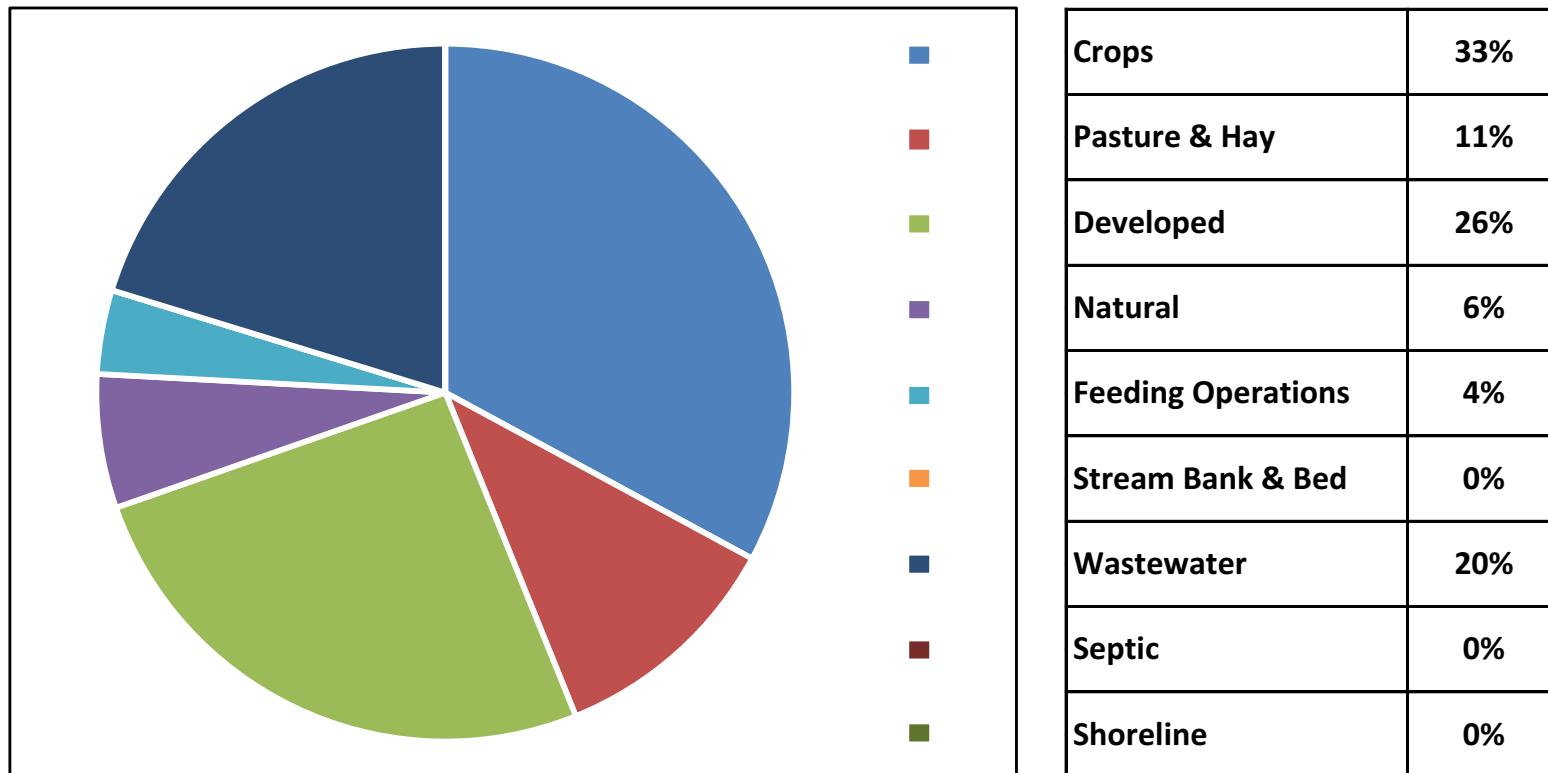


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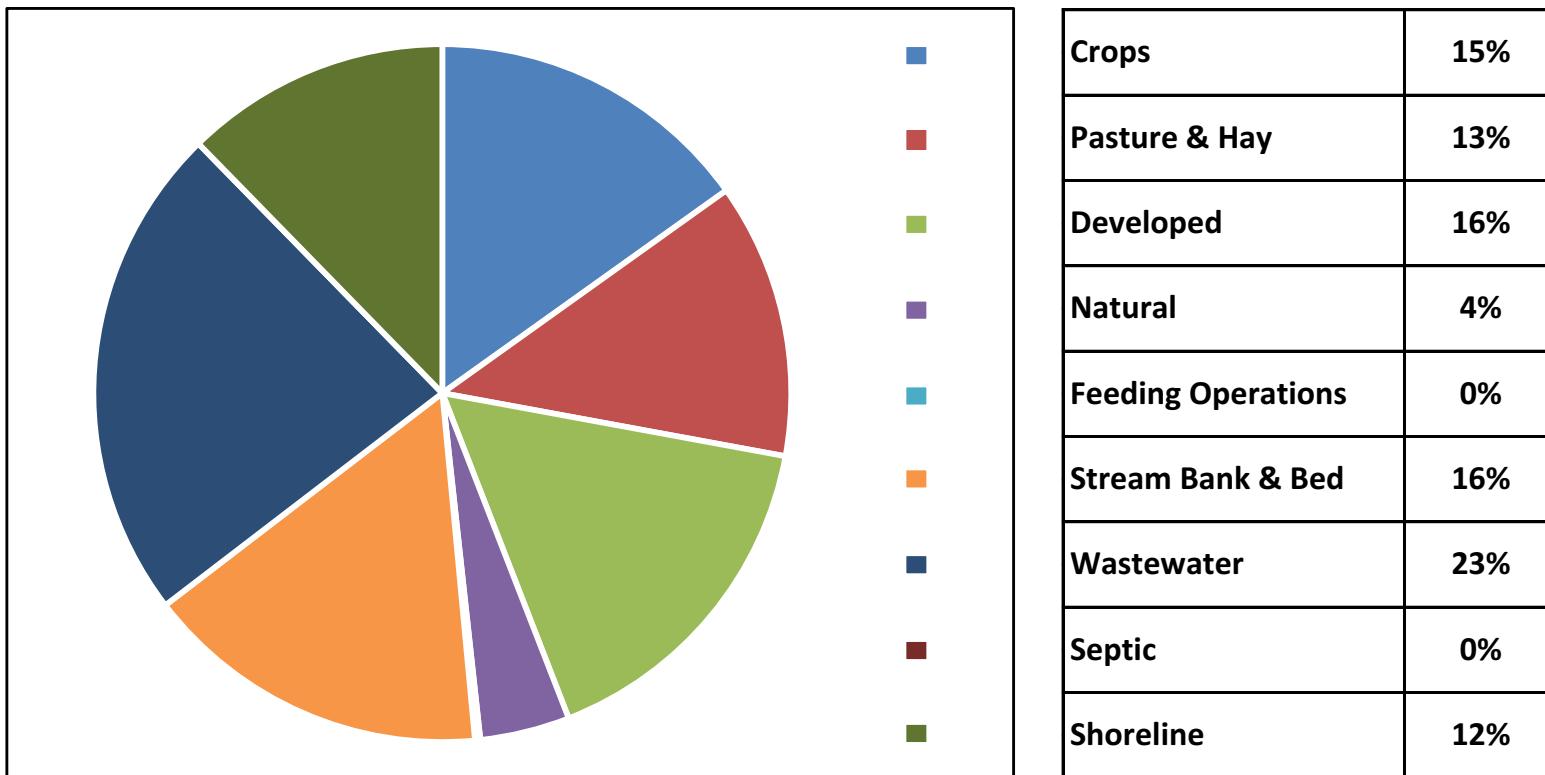
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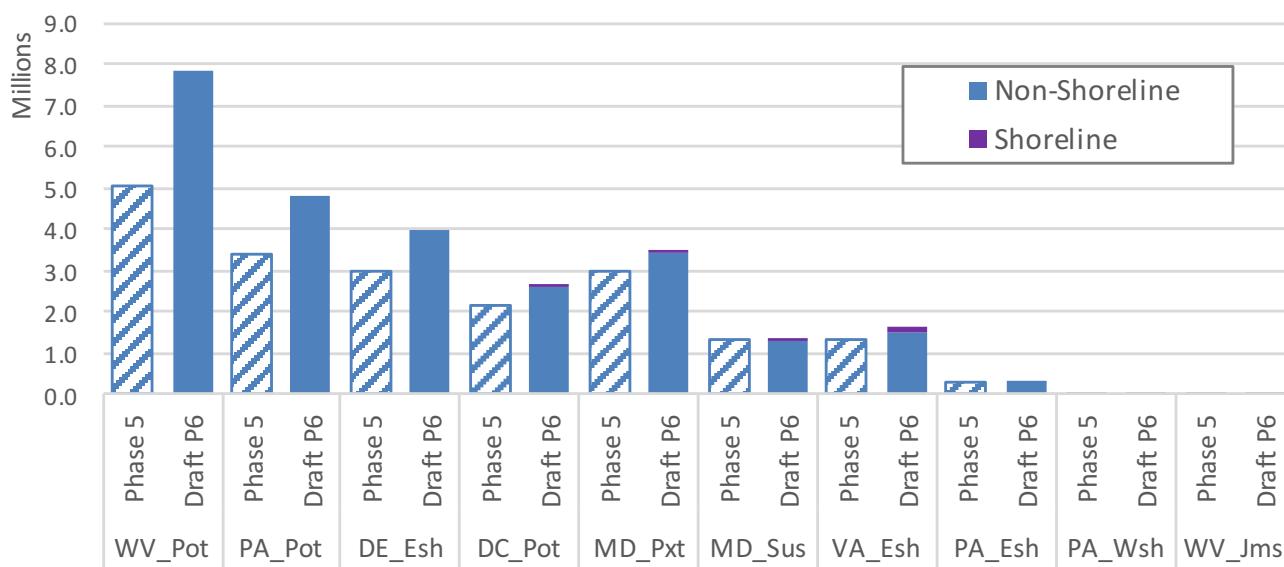
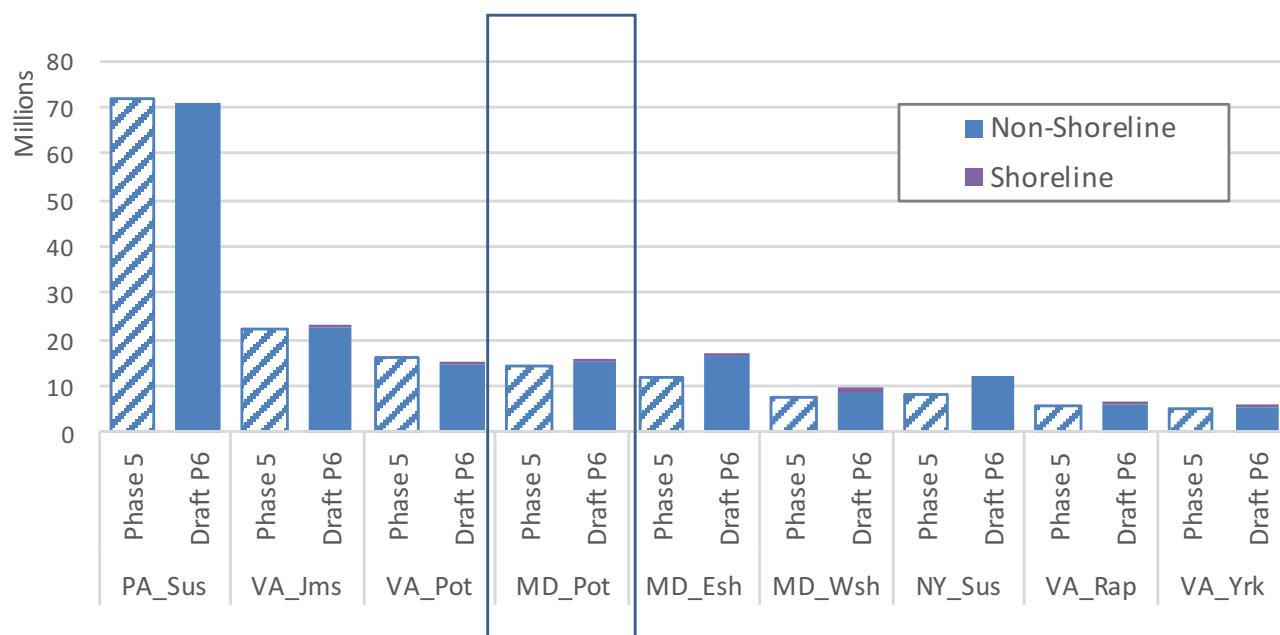


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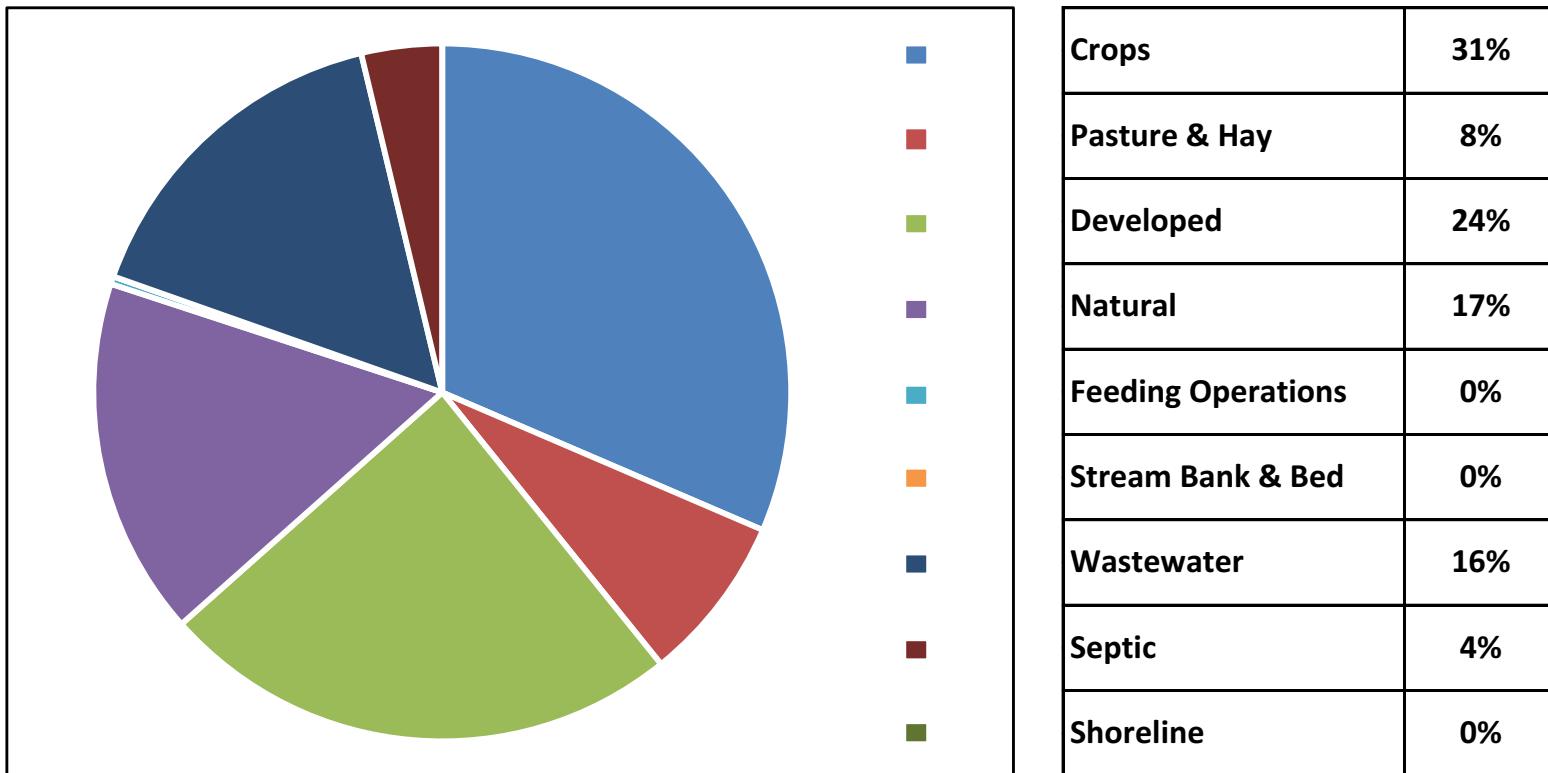


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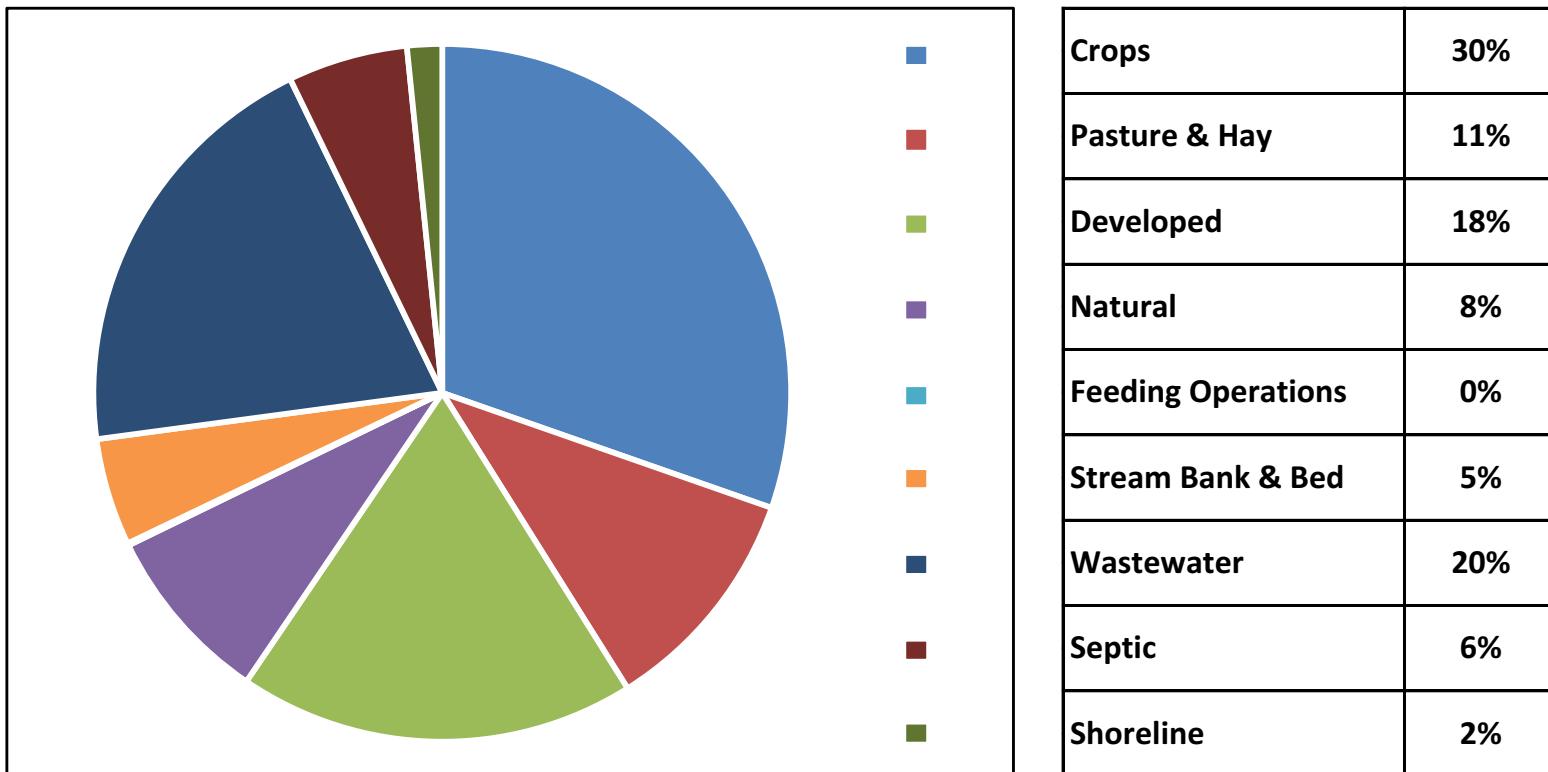


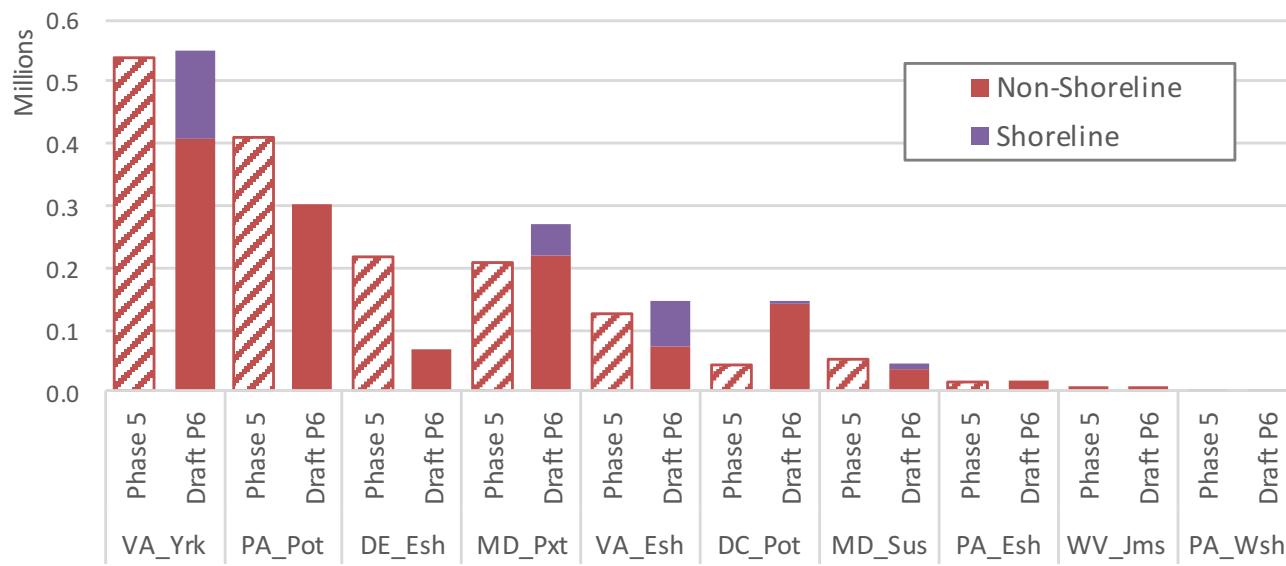
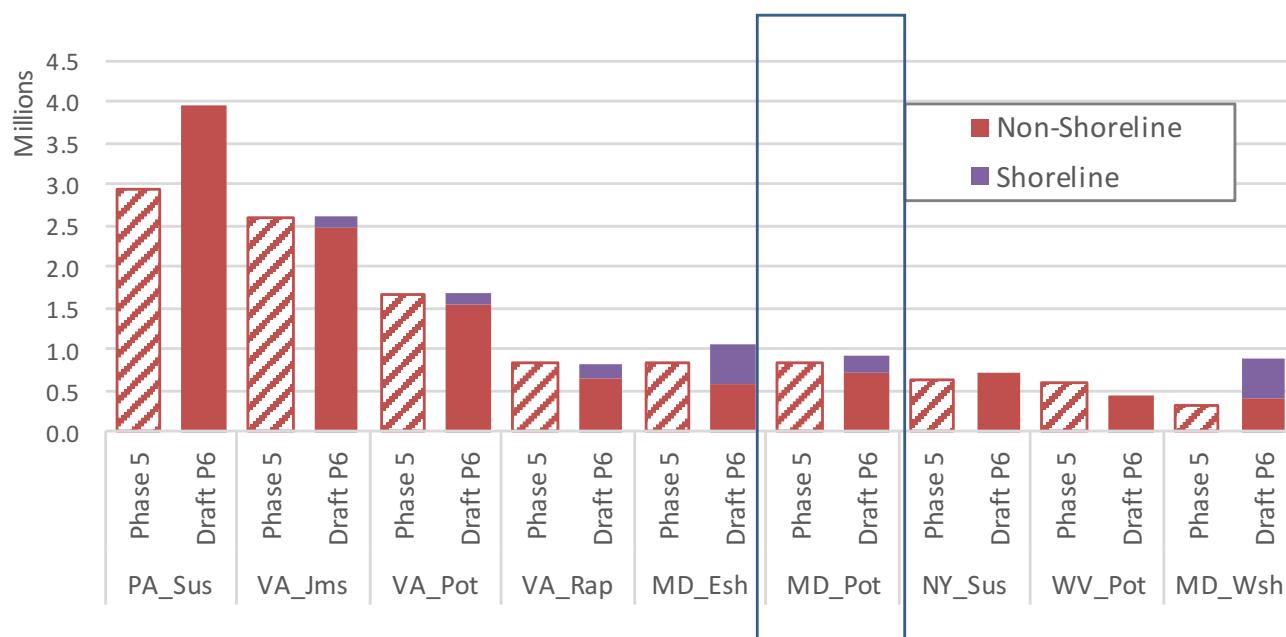


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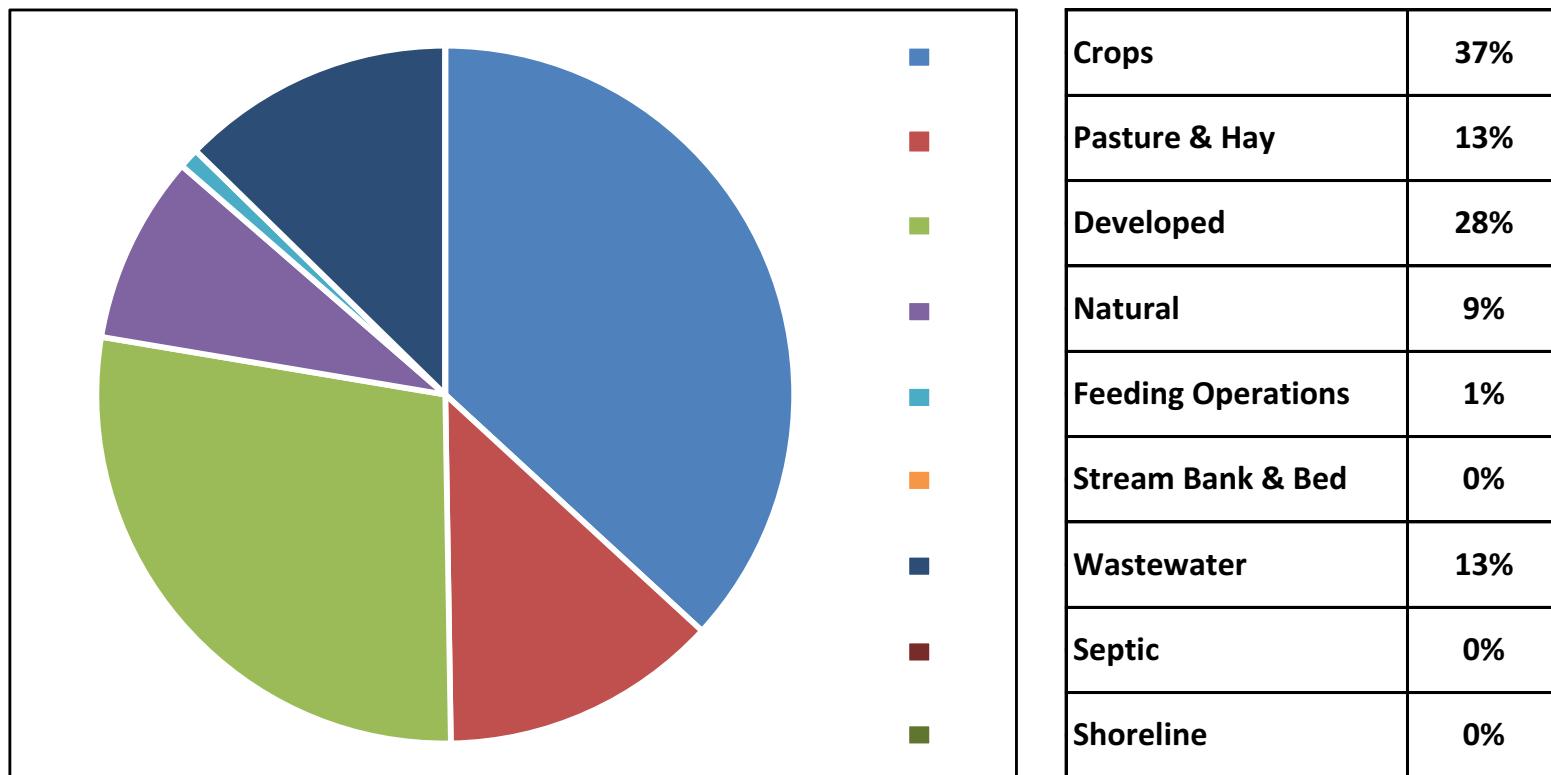


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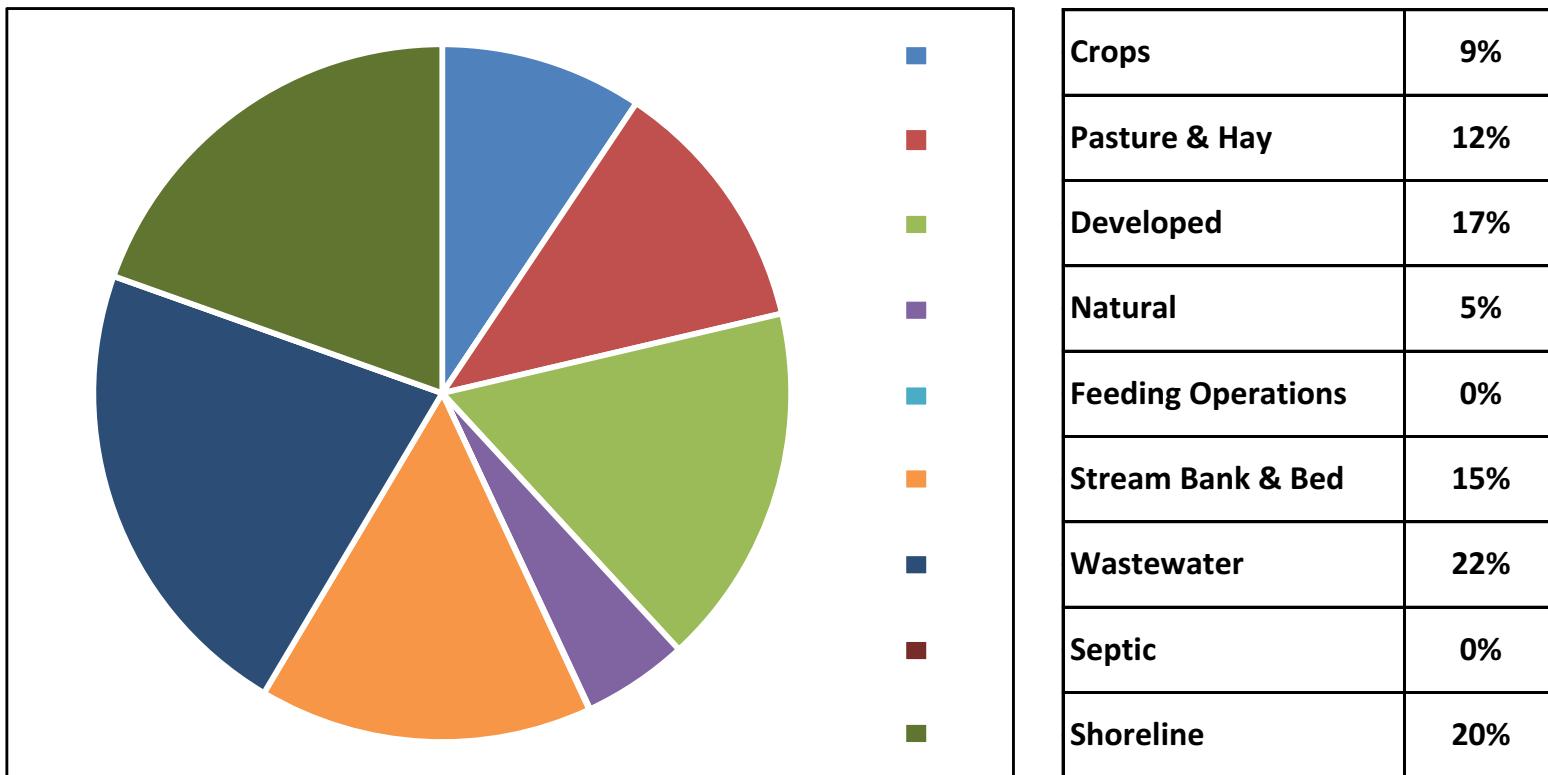




Phase 5: Phosphorus - MD Potomac



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Summary and Conclusions

- The re-calibration is underway with an anticipated completion date of October 31st.
- The Chesapeake floodplain network regression negatively impacted the model calibration.
- The calibration responded positively to – (a) the exclusion of enhanced vegetative index based nitrogen delivery variance factor, (b) flow-weighted monitoring data, and (c) scour of organic- nitrogen and phosphorus.
- After the completion of re-calibration, the Key scenarios runs will be made with an anticipated completion during the first fortnight of November.

Appendices

June Auto Calibration Final
P620170331WQf

Calibration #A
(P620171001WQa)

- + October Inputs
- + Calibration targets
- + Model updates
- + Stream transport factors (STF)

Calibration #B
(P620171001WQb)

- + Calibration #A
- + APLE with final inputs, Bayesian Soil P, Calibration target
- + Remove EVI DFs, renormalize DVFs, update FDF, update EOR direct load inputs (ind, mun, rib, rpa, sep)

Calibration #C
(P620171001WQc)

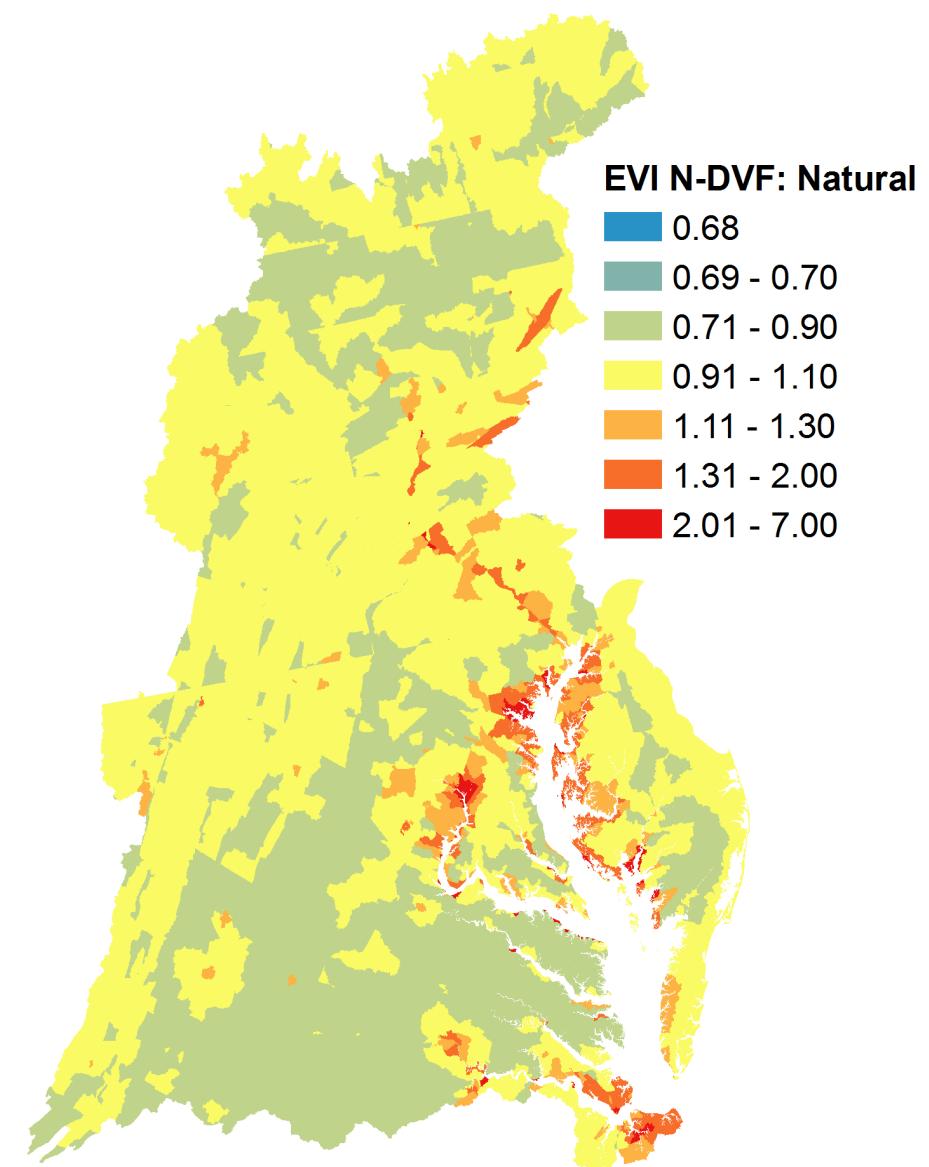
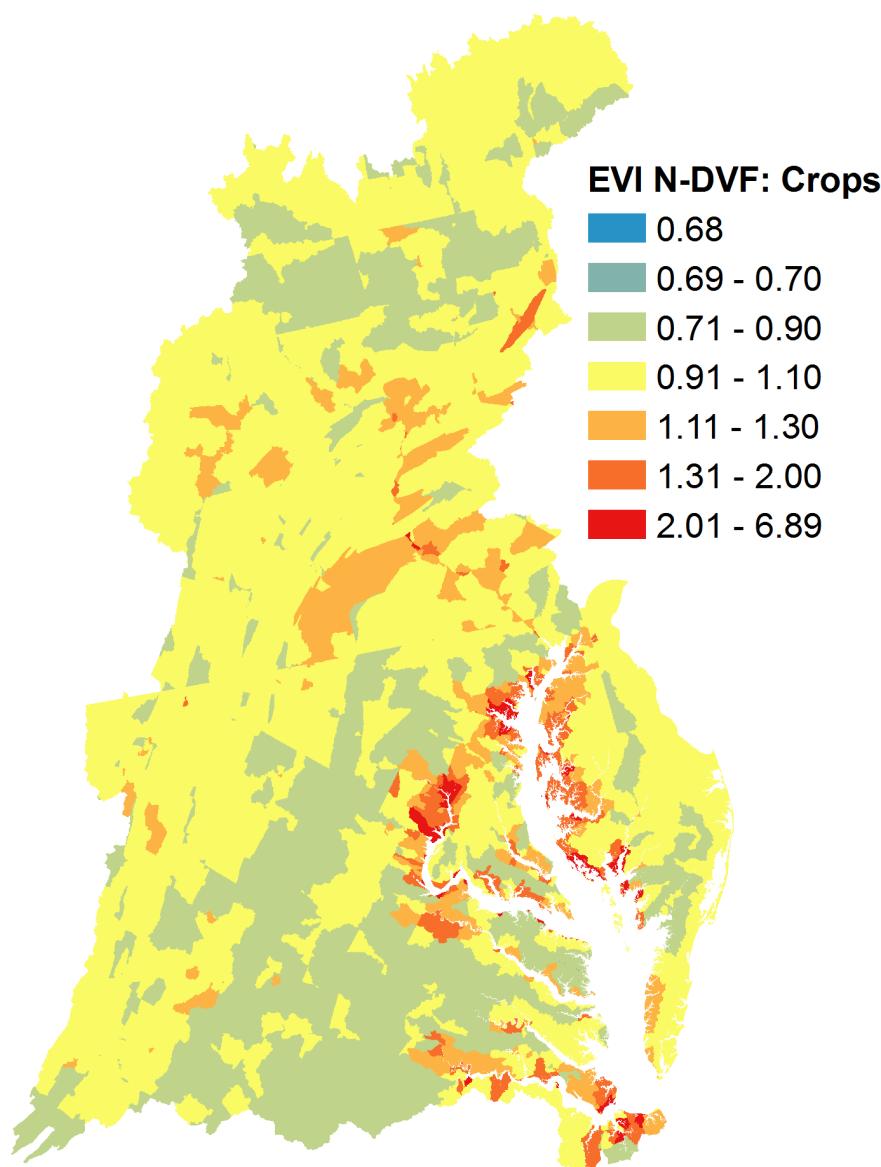
- + Calibration #B
- + Erosional and Depositional loads based on Noe/Claggett regressions, update calibration target, update SDR, calculate EOS, redo STB, calculate FDF, update EOR direct load inputs

Calibration #D
(P620171001WQd)

- + Calibration #B
- + Daily flow weighted observations

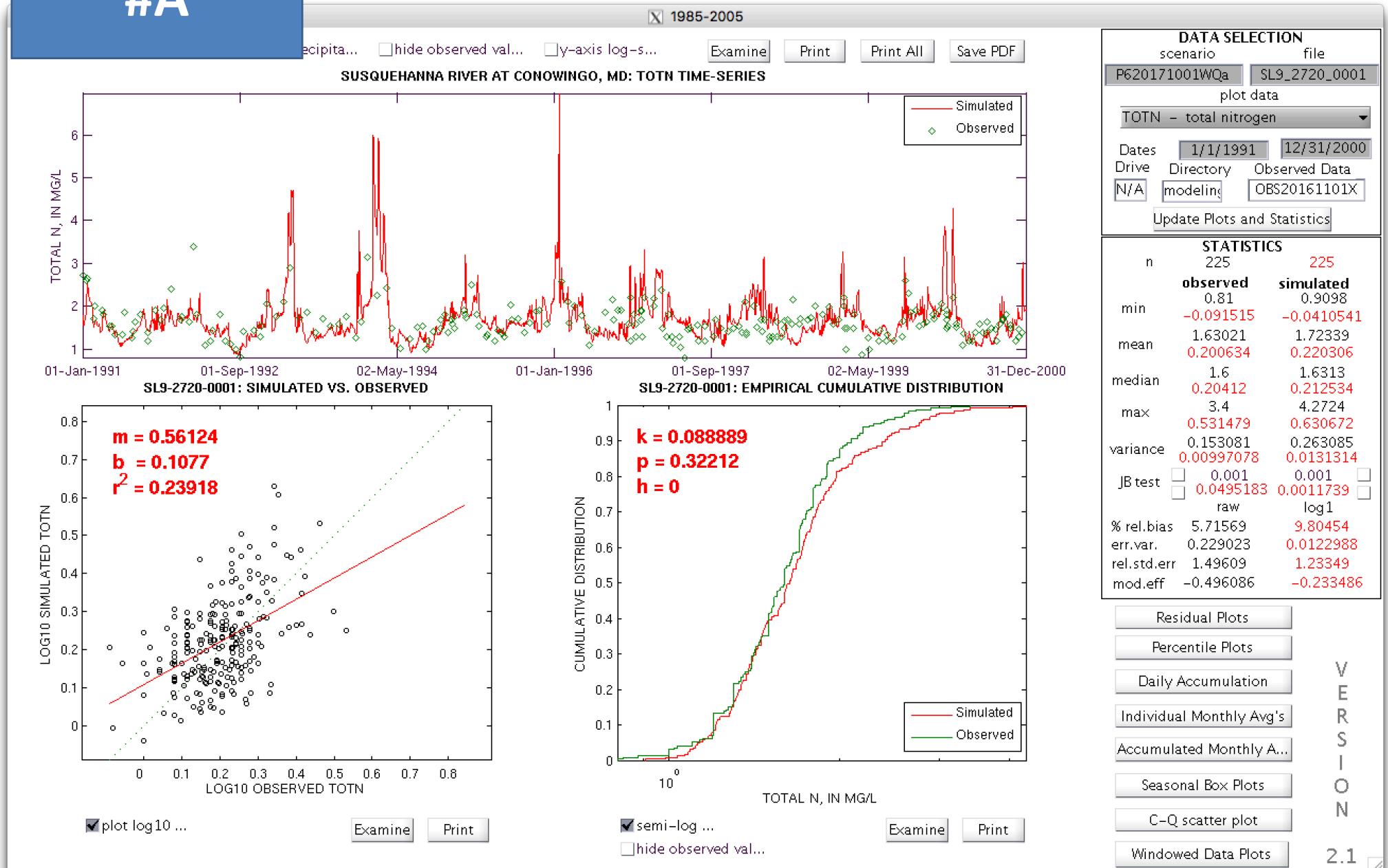
Calibration #F
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- + Calibration #D
- + Scour of organic nitrogen and phosphorus



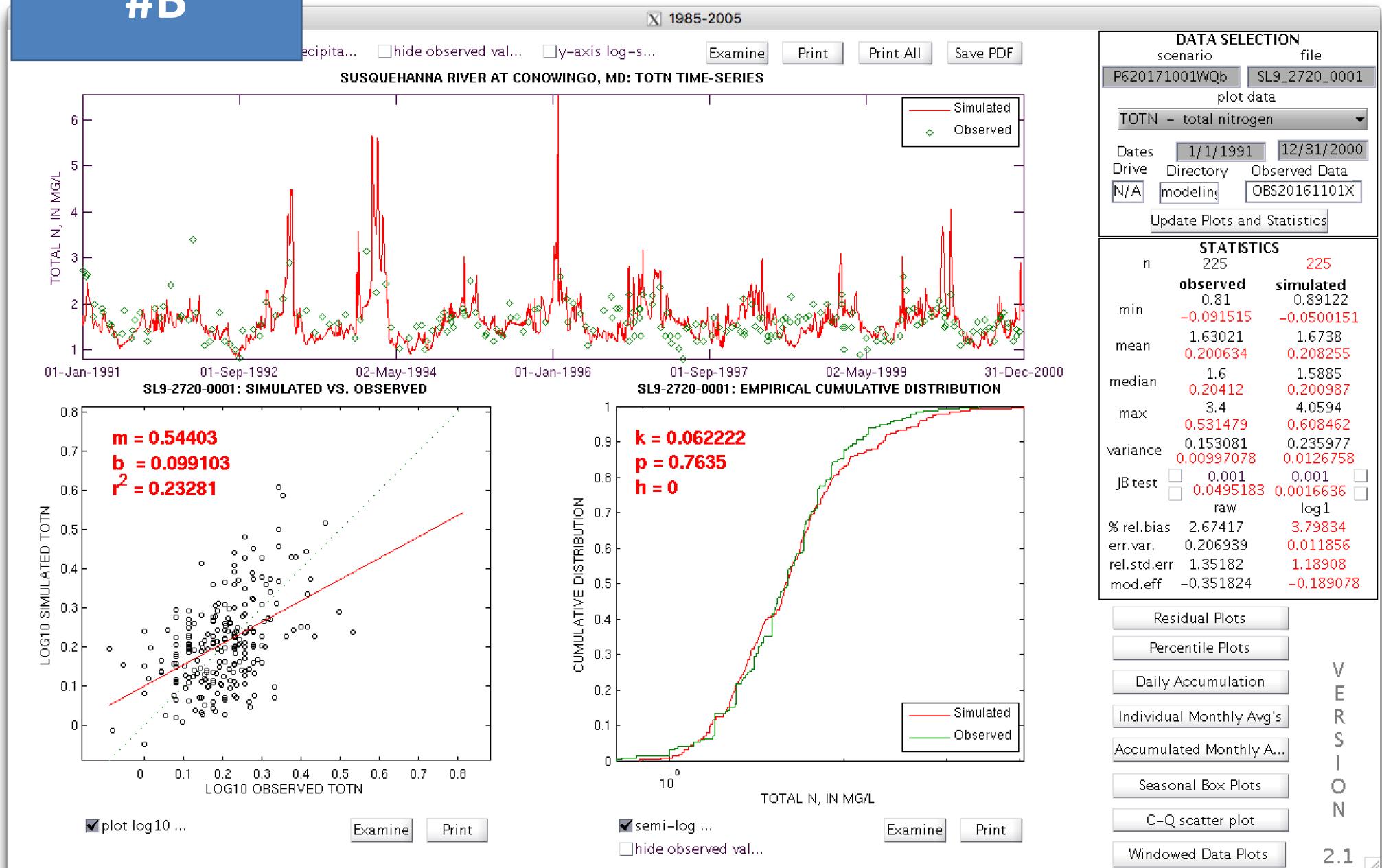
Performance at large scale – with EVI N-DVF

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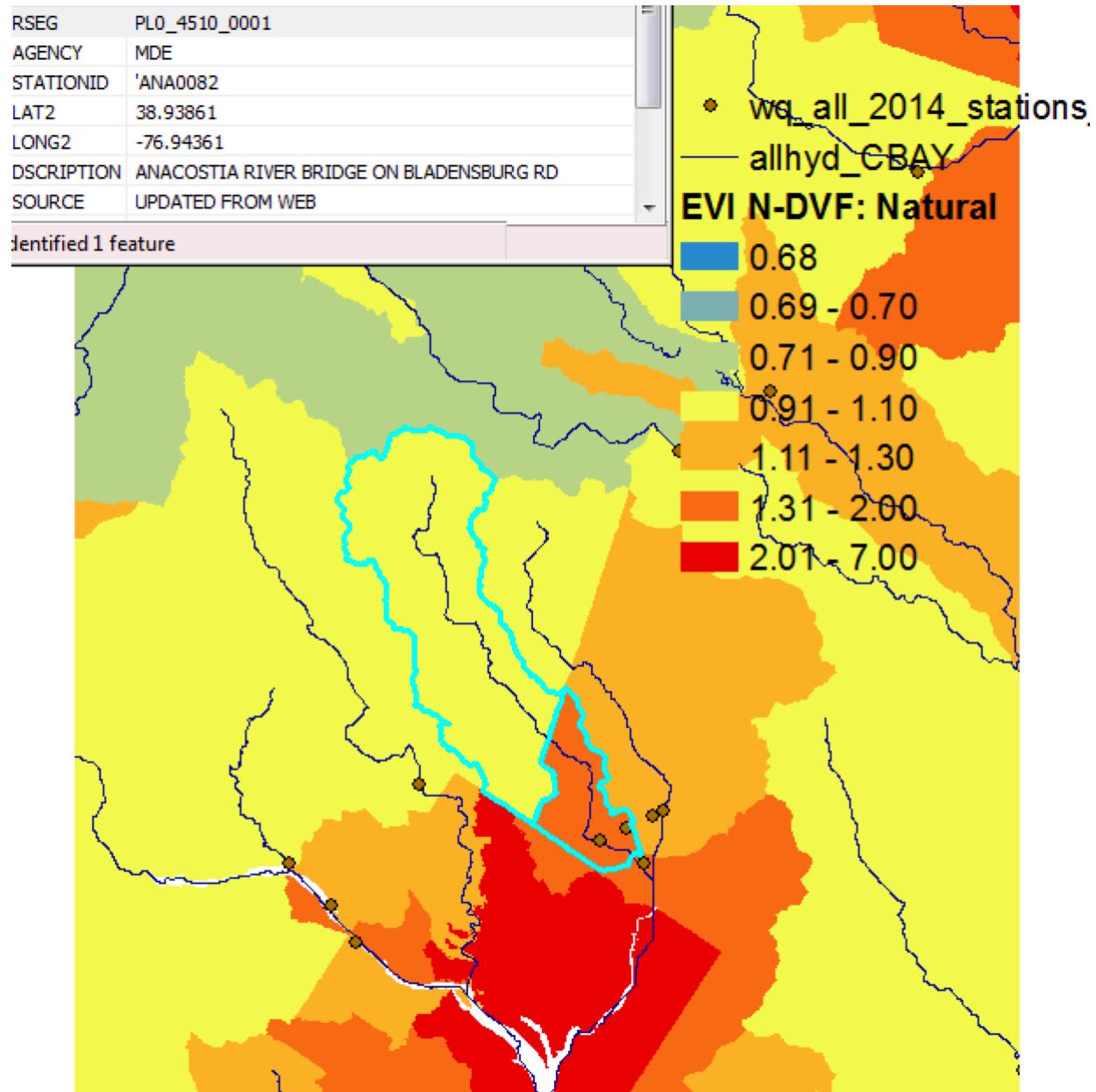
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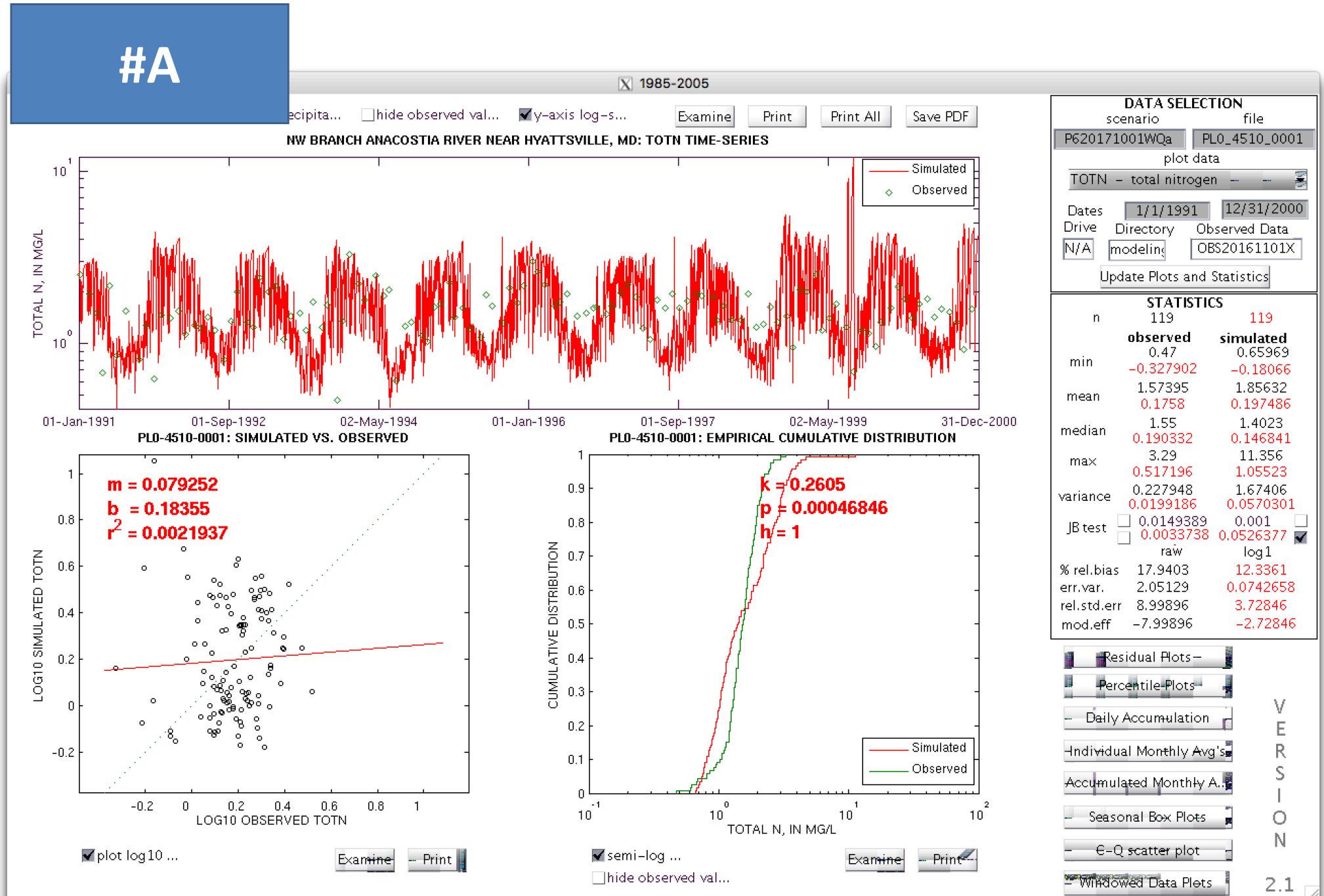


Some improvement in the agreement between the cumulative distributions

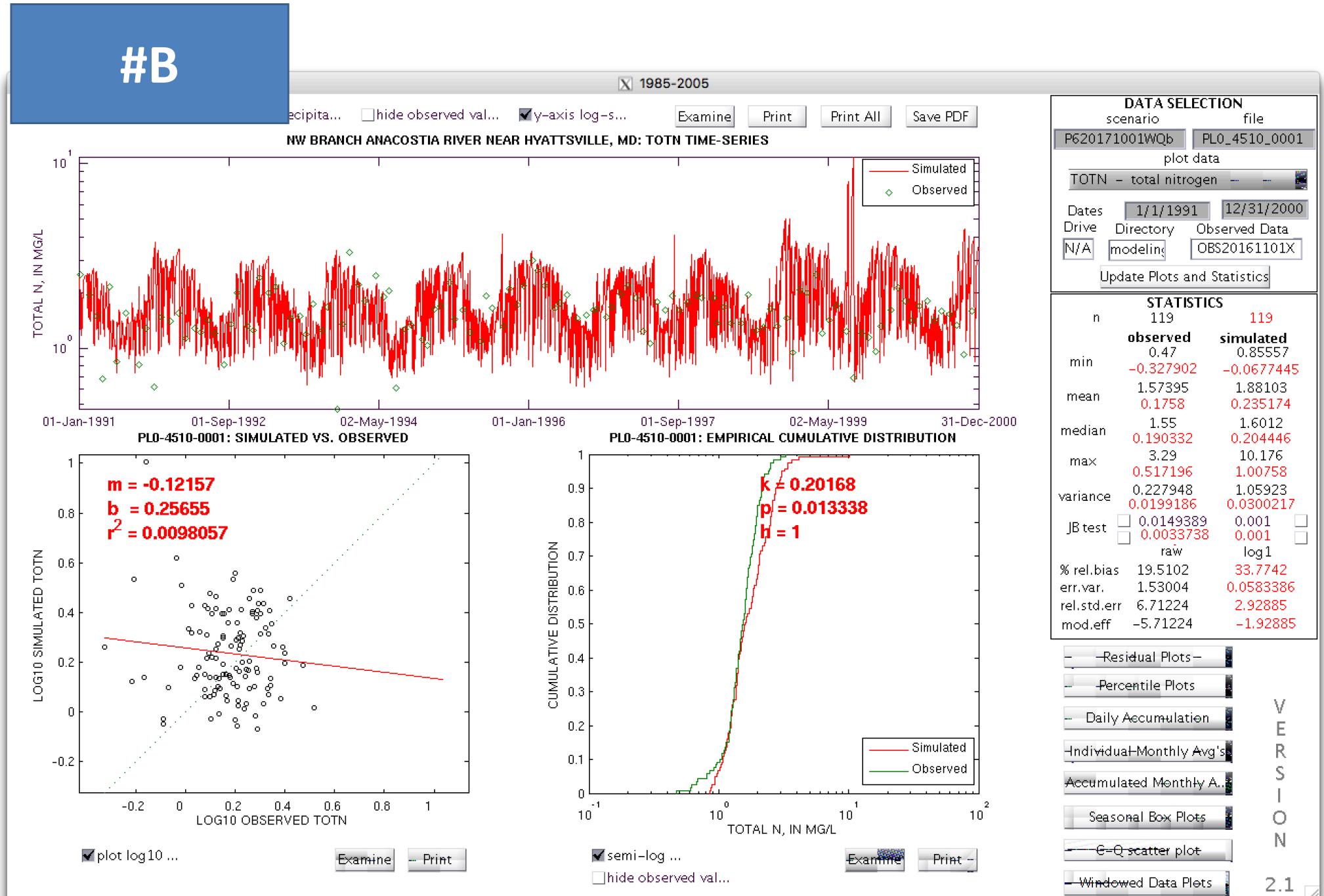
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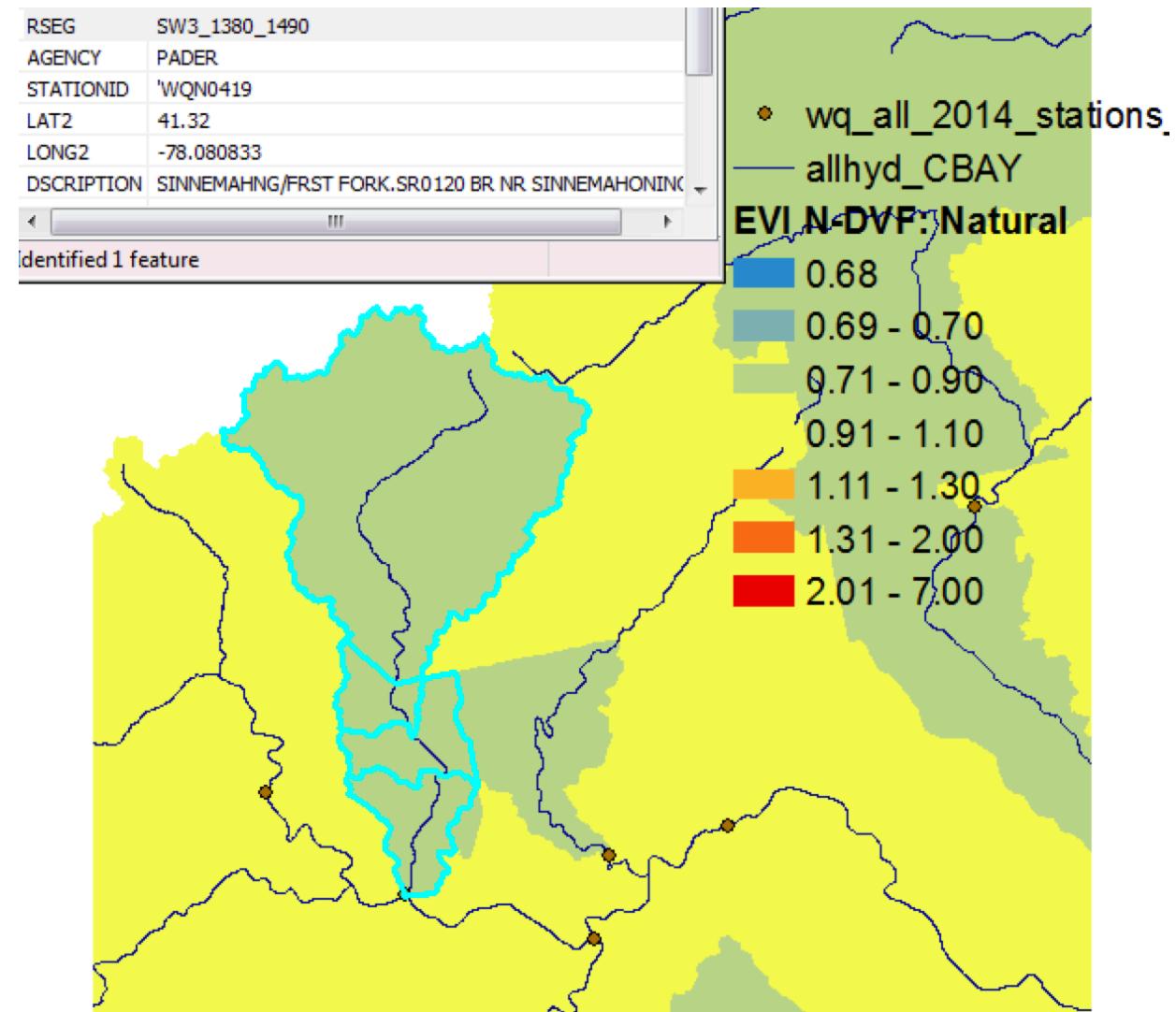


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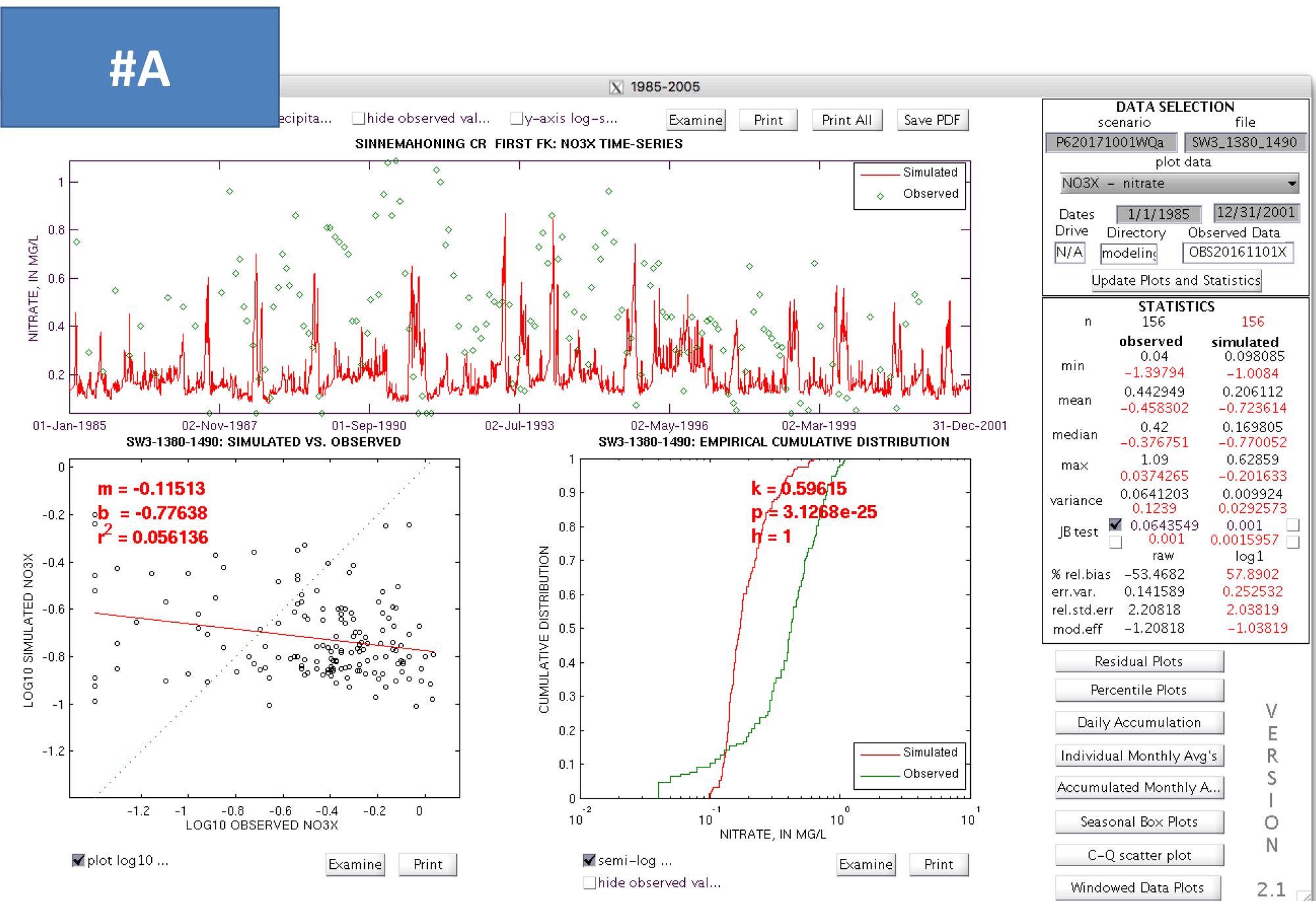


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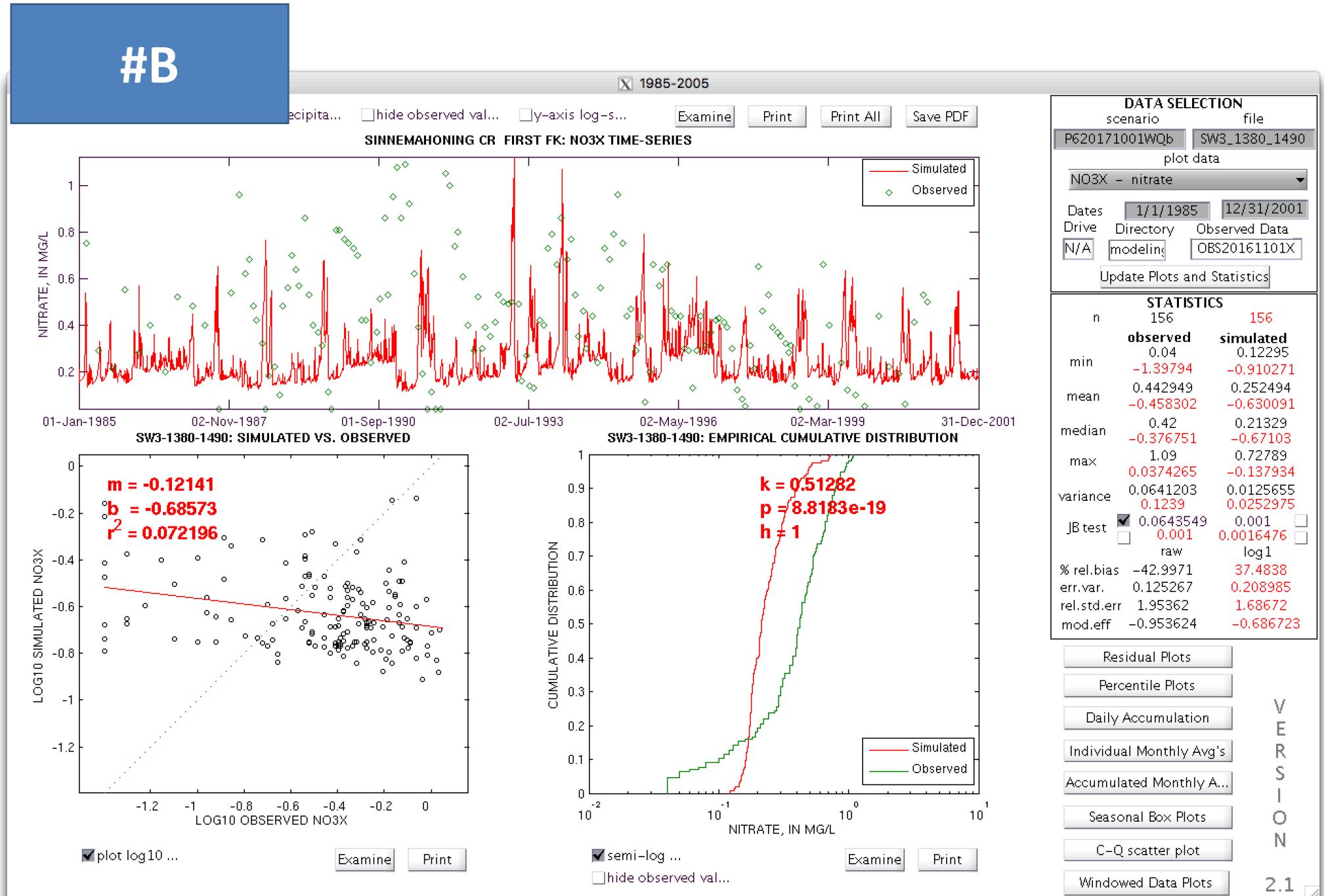
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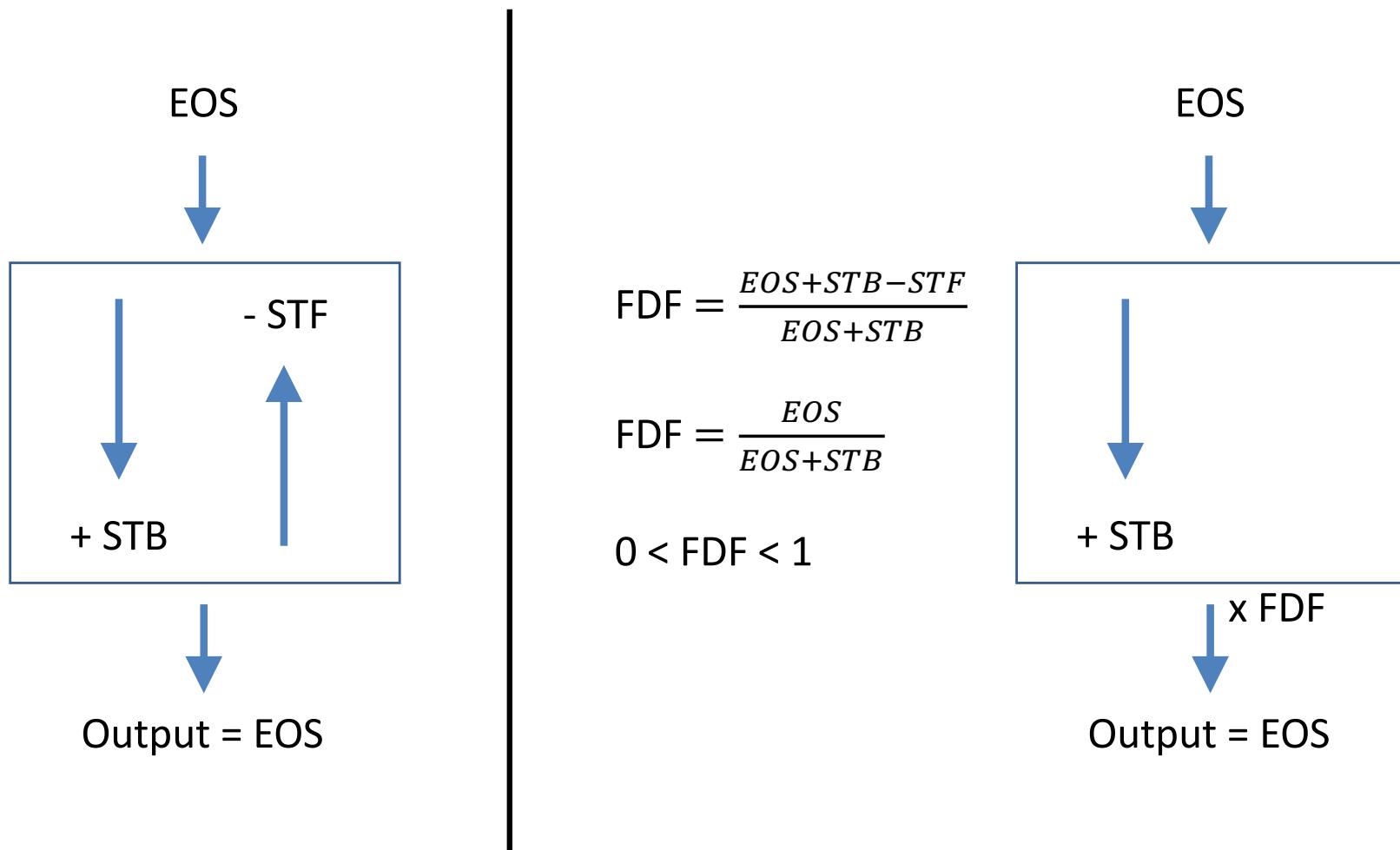
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Some improvement in the agreement between the cumulative distributions

June to September/October Transition

- STB estimated from obs. load/length data, and stream length, + 4/3 x Impervious SS
- STF = STB, but STF applies to all load sources
- STB changes for scenarios with changes in EOS

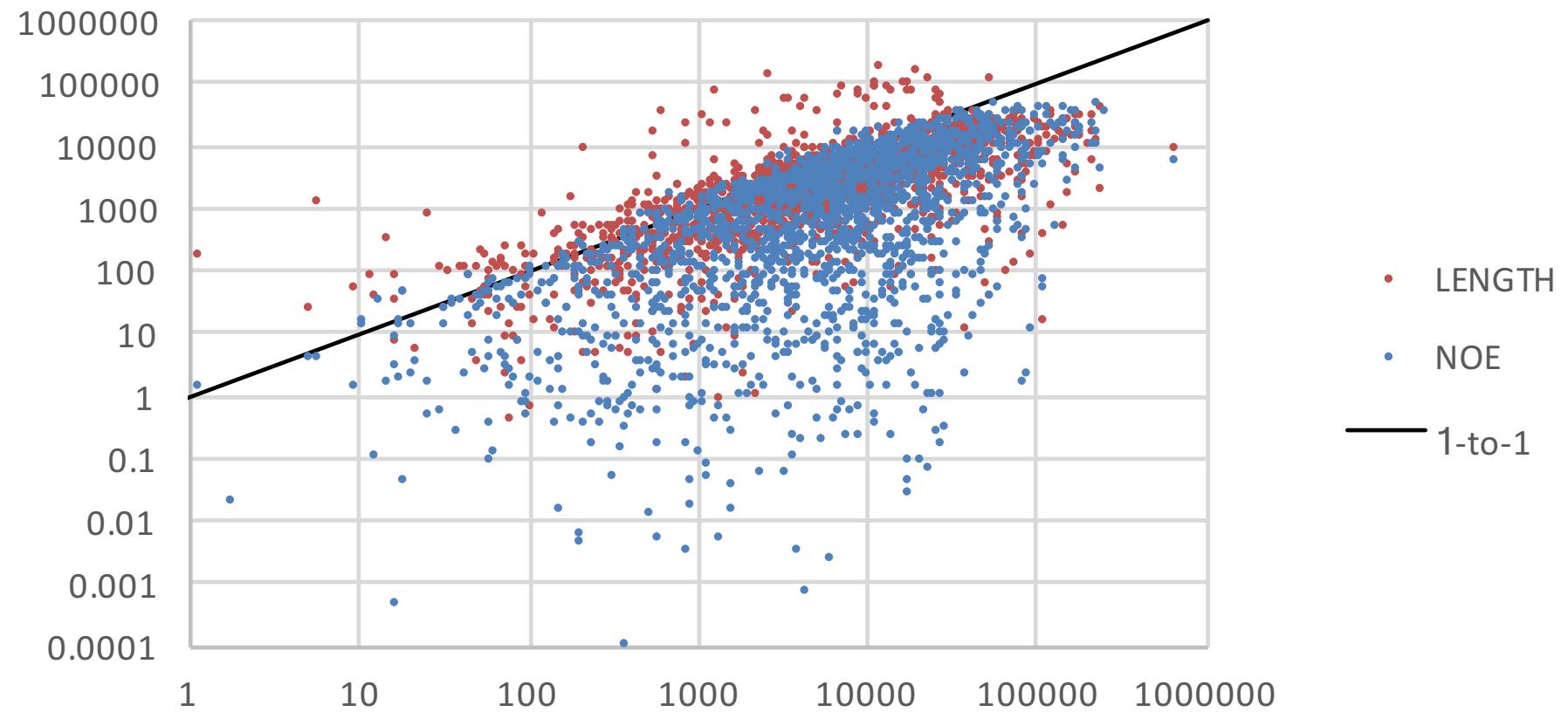


Noe/Claggett CFN in October Calibration Test

- SER (ER for erosion) estimated from Noe/Claggett CFN regression
- SDP (DP for deposition) estimates from Noe/Claggett CFN regression
- SER changes for scenarios with changes in EOS



EOS vs. Stream: Phosphorus



EOS vs. Stream: Sediment

