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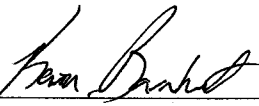
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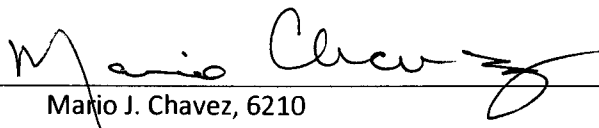
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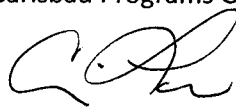
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## **1 Introduction**

This report documents the preparation of a potentiometric contour map and particle track for the Culebra Member of the Rustler Formation in the vicinity of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), for inclusion in the 2011 Annual Site Environmental Report (ASER), which summarizes 2010 data. The driver for this analysis is the draft of the Stipulated Final Order sent to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) on May 28, 2009 (Moody, 2009). This Analysis Report follows the procedure laid out in SP 09-09 (Kuhlman, 2009), which is based upon this NMED driver. This report is a revision of Kuhlman (2010), where the same analysis is being performed on February 2010 data, rather than June, 2009 data.

Beginning with the ensemble of 100 calibrated MODFLOW transmissivity (T), horizontal anisotropy (A), and areal recharge (R) fields (Hart et al., 2009) used in WIPP performance assessment (PA), three average parameter fields are used as input to MODFLOW to simulate freshwater heads within and around the WIPP land withdrawal boundary (LWB). PEST is used to adjust a subset of the boundary conditions in the ensemble-average model to obtain the best-fit match between the observed freshwater heads from February 2010 and the model-predicted heads. The output of the averaged, PEST-calibrated MODFLOW model is both contoured and used to compute an advective particle track forward from the WIPP waste handling shaft.

## 2 Scientific Approach

### 2.1 Overview

Steady-state groundwater flow simulations are carried out using much the same software and approach used in the analysis report for AP-114 Task 7 (Hart et al., 2009) to create the calibrated fields used as inputs – see Table 1 for a summary of all software used in this analysis. The MODFLOW parameter fields (including transmissivity (T), anisotropy (A), and recharge (R)) used here are an ensemble average of the Culebra parameter fields used for WIPP PA in the CRA-2009 performance assessment baseline calculations (PABC). To clearly distinguish between the two MODFLOW models, the original MODFLOW model, which consists of 100 realizations of calibrated parameter fields (Hart et al., 2009), will be referred to as the “PA MODFLOW model.” The model derived here from the PA MODFLOW model, used to construct the resulting contour map and particle track, is referred to as the “averaged MODFLOW model.” The calibrated model T, A and R input fields, model boundary conditions, and other model input files are appropriately averaged across all 100 calibrated realizations to produce a single averaged steady-state MODFLOW flow model that can be used to predict regional Culebra groundwater flow across the WIPP site.

The calibration process that resulted in the 100 model realizations of the PA MODFLOW model used PEST to adjust spatially variable model parameters, while assuming fixed MODFLOW boundary conditions. The calibration targets for the PA MODFLOW model were both snapshots of undisturbed heads across the site and transient head responses to large-scale pumping tests. Hart et al. (2009) describe the forward model setup and PEST calibration effort for the CRA-2009 PABC. An analogous but much simpler process is used in the averaged MODFLOW model; here PEST is used to modify a subset of the MODFLOW boundary conditions (see boundaries marked in red on Figure 1). The calibration targets for PEST associated with the average MODFLOW model are the February 2010 freshwater heads at Culebra monitoring wells. Boundary conditions are modified while holding spatially variable model parameters (T, A, and R) constant; in the calibration of the PA MODFLOW model, the boundary conditions were fixed, while adjusting the spatially variable parameters.

Table 1. Software used

Software	Version	Description	
ODFLOW-2000	1.6	Flow model	Acquired; qualified under NP 19-1 (Harbaugh et al., 2000)
PEST	9.11	Inverse model	Developed; qualified under NP 19-1 (Doherty, 2002)
DTRKMF	1.00	Particle tracker	Developed; qualified under NP 19-1
Python	2.3.4	Scripting Language (plotting)	Commercial off the shelf

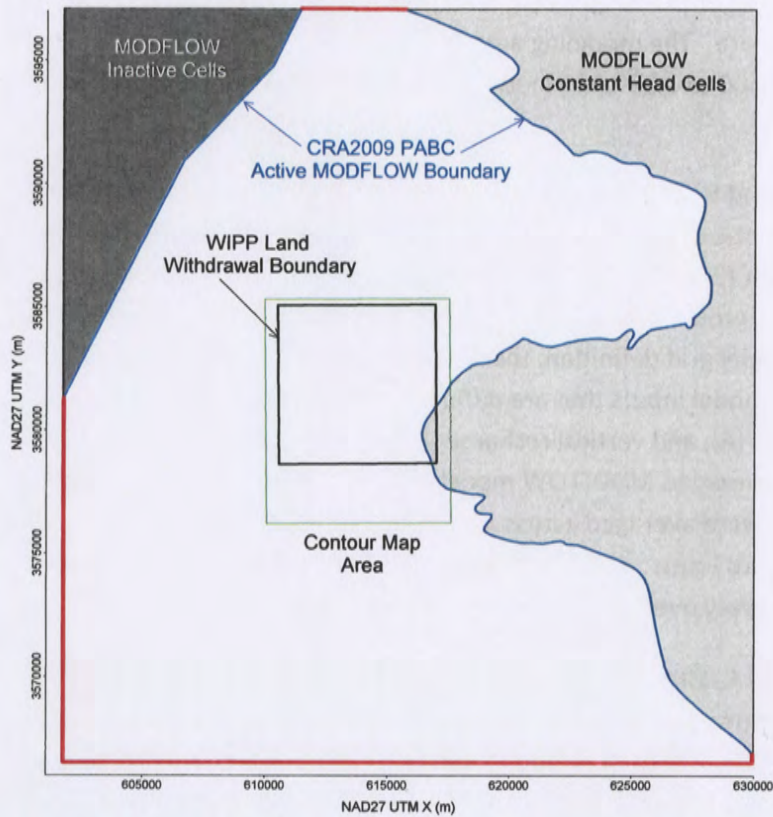


Figure 1. MODFLOW-2000 model domain, adjusted boundary conditions shown in red, contour area outlined in green.

The resulting heads from the PEST-calibrated ensemble-average flow model are contoured over an area surrounding the WIPP site using the matplotlib Python graphics library (a subset of the complete MODFLOW model domain – see the green rectangle surrounding the WIPP LWB in Figure 1). The track made by a conservative (i.e., non-dispersive and non-reactive) particle released from the waste handling shaft to the WIPP land withdrawal boundary is computed from the resulting flow field in MODFLOW using DTRKMF, and also plotted with matplotlib. Scatter plot statistics summarizing the fit of the PEST-calibrated model to the observed freshwater head at Culebra monitoring wells are created in matplotlib. MODFLOW, PEST, DTRKMF, and the Bash and Python scripts written for this work were executed on the

PA Linux cluster (`alice.sandia.gov`), while the plotting and creation of figures was done using Python matplotlib scripts on an Intel-Xeon-equipped desktop computer running Ubuntu Linux 9.04.

## 2.2 Creating Ensemble Average MODFLOW Simulation

An ensemble-average MODFLOW model is used to compute both the freshwater head and flow vectors across the model domain; the heads are then contoured and the cell-by-cell flow vectors are used to compute particle tracks. The ensemble-averaged inputs are used to create a single average simulation that produces a single output, rather than averaging the 100 individual outputs of the Culebra flow model used for WIPP PA.

The MODFLOW model grid is a single layer, comprised of 307 rows and 284 columns, each model cell being 100 meters square. The modeling area spans 601,700 to 630,000 meters in the east-west direction, and 3,566,500 to 3,597,100 meters in the north-south direction, both in UTM NAD27 coordinates (zone 13).

The calibrated T, A, and R parameter fields from the PA MODFLOW model were checked out of the CVS repository using the `checkout_average_run_modflow.sh` script (all scripts are listed completely in the Appendix; input files are available on the attached media). The model inputs can be divided into two groups. The first group is the model inputs that are the same across all 100 calibrated realizations; these include the model grid definition, the boundary conditions, and the model solver parameters. The second group is the model inputs that are different for each realization; these include transmissivity (T), horizontal anisotropy (A), and vertical recharge (R). The constant model inputs in the first group are used directly in the averaged MODFLOW model (checked out from the CVS repository), while the inputs in the second group were averaged across all 100 calibrated model realizations using the Python script `average_realizations.py`. All three averaged parameters were log transformed before being averaged, since they vary over multiple orders of magnitude.

## 2.3 Boundary Conditions

The boundary conditions taken from the PA MODFLOW model are used as the initial condition from which PEST calibration proceeds. There are two types of boundary conditions in both MODFLOW models. The first type of condition includes geologic or hydrologic boundaries, which correspond to known physical features in the flow domain. The no-flow boundary along the axis of Nash Draw is a hydrologic boundary (i.e., the boundary along the dark gray region in Figure 1). Also, the constant-head boundary along the halite margin corresponds to a geologic boundary (i.e., the eastern irregular boundary adjoining the light gray region in Figure 1).

Physical boundaries are believed to be well known, and are not adjusted in the PEST calibration. The second type of boundary condition includes the constant-head cells along the rest of the model domain; the linear southern, southwestern, and northern boundaries that coincide with the rectangular frame surrounding the model domain are all of this type (shown as a heavy red line in Figure 1). The value of specified head used along this second boundary type is adjusted in the PEST calibration process.

The Python script `boundary_types.py` is used to distinguish between the two different types of specified head boundary conditions based on the specified head value used in the PA MODFLOW model. All constant-head cells (specified by a value of -1 in the MODFLOW IBOUND array from the PA MODFLOW model) that have a starting head value greater than 1000 m (corresponding to the land surface) are left fixed and not adjusted in the PEST optimization. The remaining constant-head cells are distinguished by setting their IBOUND array value to -2 (which is still interpreted as a constant-head value by MODFLOW, but allows simpler discrimination between boundary conditions in scripts elsewhere).

Using the output from `boundary_types.py`, the Python script `surface_02_extrapolate.py` computes the heads at active (IBOUND=1) and adjustable constant-head boundary condition cells (IBOUND=-2), given parameter values for the surface to extrapolate.

#### **2.4 PEST Calibration of Averaged MODFLOW Model to Observations**

There are three major types of inputs to PEST. The first type of input includes the set of February 2010 freshwater head values used as targets for the PEST calibration. The second class of inputs includes the entire MODFLOW model setup derived from the PA MODFLOW model and described in the previous section, along with any pre- or post-processing scripts or programs needed; this comprises the forward model that PEST runs repeatedly to estimate sensitivities of model outputs to model inputs. The third type of input includes the PEST configuration files, which include parameter and observation groups, indicating which parameters in the MODFLOW model will be adjusted in the inverse simulation.

Freshwater head values used as targets for the PEST calibration were collected in February 2010 (Waterson, 2011) and are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. Calibration targets used in PEST, from Watterson (2011).

Well	Measurement Date	Freshwater head elevation (ft)	Freshwater head elevation (m AMSL)	Water Density
AEC-7	02/09/10	3065.10	934.242	1.080
C-2737 (PIP)	02/10/10	3022.51	921.262	1.027
ERDA-9	02/10/10	3033.60	924.642	1.070
H-02b2	02/10/10	3045.97	928.411	1.011
H-03b2	02/10/10	3014.90	918.943	1.042
H-04bR	02/08/10	3008.06	916.857	1.018
H-05b	02/09/10	3082.24	939.466	1.096
H-06bR	02/08/10	3071.78	936.278	1.037
H-07b1	02/08/10	2998.55	913.959	1.006
H-09c (PIP)	02/08/10	2998.59	913.971	1.006
H-10c	02/09/10	3028.11	922.969	1.091
H-11b4	02/09/10	3006.87	916.493	1.060
H-12	02/09/10	3008.00	916.838	1.097
H-15R	02/10/10	3018.86	920.149	1.120
H-16	02/10/10	3047.09	928.754	1.039
H-17	02/08/10	3008.66	917.039	1.135
H-19b0	02/10/10	3015.14	919.016	1.067
IMC-461	02/08/10	3045.85	928.376	1.007
SNL-01	02/09/10	3083.66	939.899	1.030
SNL-02	02/08/10	3072.56	936.516	1.008
SNL-03	02/09/10	3082.66	939.594	1.032
SNL-05	02/08/10	3075.58	937.438	1.009
SNL-08	02/09/10	3052.63	930.443	1.093
SNL-09	02/08/10	3055.05	931.179	1.018
SNL-10	02/09/10	3054.46	930.999	1.009
SNL-12	02/08/10	3003.62	915.502	1.004
SNL-13	02/09/10	3011.86	918.014	1.025
SNL-14	02/08/10	3005.84	916.179	1.046
SNL-16	02/08/10	3010.49	917.597	1.015
SNL-17	02/09/10	3006.36	916.337	1.005
SNL-18	02/09/10	3075.17	937.311	1.005
SNL-19	02/08/10	3072.98	936.644	1.007
WIPP-11	02/10/10	3082.54	939.557	1.037
WIPP-13	02/10/10	3077.56	938.039	1.045
WIPP-19	02/10/10	3064.23	933.978	1.051
WQSP-1	02/10/10	3075.76	937.491	1.046
WQSP-2	02/10/10	3083.53	939.860	1.045
WQSP-3	02/10/10	3073.40	936.774	1.144
WQSP-4	02/10/10	3015.72	919.190	1.074
WQSP-5	02/10/10	3013.44	918.496	1.025
WQSP-6	02/10/10	3025.16	922.068	1.014



To minimize the number of estimable parameters, and to ensure a degree of smoothness in the constant-head boundary condition values, a parametric surface is used to extrapolate the heads to the estimable boundary conditions. The surface is of the same form described in the analysis report for AP-114 Task 7. The parametric surface is given by the following equation:

$$h(x,y) = A + B (y + D \text{sign}(y) \text{abs}(y)^\alpha) + C (E x^3 + F x^2 - x)$$

where  $\text{sign}(y)$  is the function returning 1 for  $y > 0$ , -1 for  $y < 0$  and 0 for  $y = 0$  and  $x$  and  $y$  are coordinates scaled to the range  $-1 \leq \{x,y\} \leq 1$ . In Hart et al. (2009), the values  $A=928.0$ ,  $B=8.0$ ,  $C=1.2$ ,  $D=1.0$ ,  $\alpha=0.5$ ,  $E=1.0$ , and  $F=-1.0$  are used with the above equation.

PEST was then used to estimate the values of parameters  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$ ,  $E$ ,  $F$ , and  $\alpha$  given the observed heads in Table 2. The Python script `surface_02_extrapolate.py` was used to compute the MODFLOW starting head input file (which is also used to specify the constant-head values) from the parameters  $A$ - $F$  and *exponent*. Each forward run of the forward model corresponded to a call to the Bash script `run_02_model`. This script called the `surface_02_extrapolate.py` script, the MODFLOW-2000 v1.6 executable, and the qualified PEST utility `mod2obs.exe`, which is used to extract and interpolate model-predicted heads from the MODFLOW output files at observation well locations.

The PEST-specific input files (the third type of input) were generated from the observed heads using the Python script `create_pest_02_input.py`. The PEST input files include the instruction file (how to read the model output), the template files (how to write the model input files), and the PEST control file (listing the ranges and initial values for the estimable parameters and the weights associated with observations).

## 2.5 Figures Generated from Calibrated MODFLOW Model

The MODFLOW model is run predictively using the ensemble-averaged model parameters, along with the PEST-calibrated boundary conditions. The resulting cell-by-cell flow budget is then used by DTRKMF to compute a particle track from the waste-handling shaft to at least the edge of the WIPP land withdrawal boundary. The Python script `convert_dtrkmf_output_for_surfer.py` converts the IJK cell-based results of DTRKMF into a UTM  $x$  and  $y$  coordinate system, saving the results in the Surfer blanking file format to facilitate plotting with Surfer. The heads in the binary MODFLOW output file are converted to an ASCII Surfer grid format using the Python script `head_bin2ascii.py`.

The resulting particle track and contours of the model-predicted head are plotted using Surfer 9 for an area including the WIPP land withdrawal boundary, similar to the region shown in previous versions of the ASER (e.g., see Figure 6.11 in DOE (2008)), see green outline in Figure 1. The modeled heads extracted from the MODFLOW output by `mod2obs.exe` are then merged into a common file for plotting using the Python script `merge_observed_modeled_heads.py`.

## **3 Results**

### **3.1 Freshwater Head Contours**

The model-generated freshwater head contours in Figure 2 and Figure 3 show the known characteristics of groundwater flow in the Culebra at the WIPP site. There is a roughly east-west trending band of steeper gradients, corresponding to known lower transmissivities. The uncounted region in the eastern part of the figure corresponds to the portion of the Culebra that is located stratigraphically between halite in other members of the Rustler Formation (Tamarisk Member above and Los Medaños Member below). This region east of the "halite margin" is represented as having high head but extremely low permeability, essentially serving as a no-flow boundary in this area.

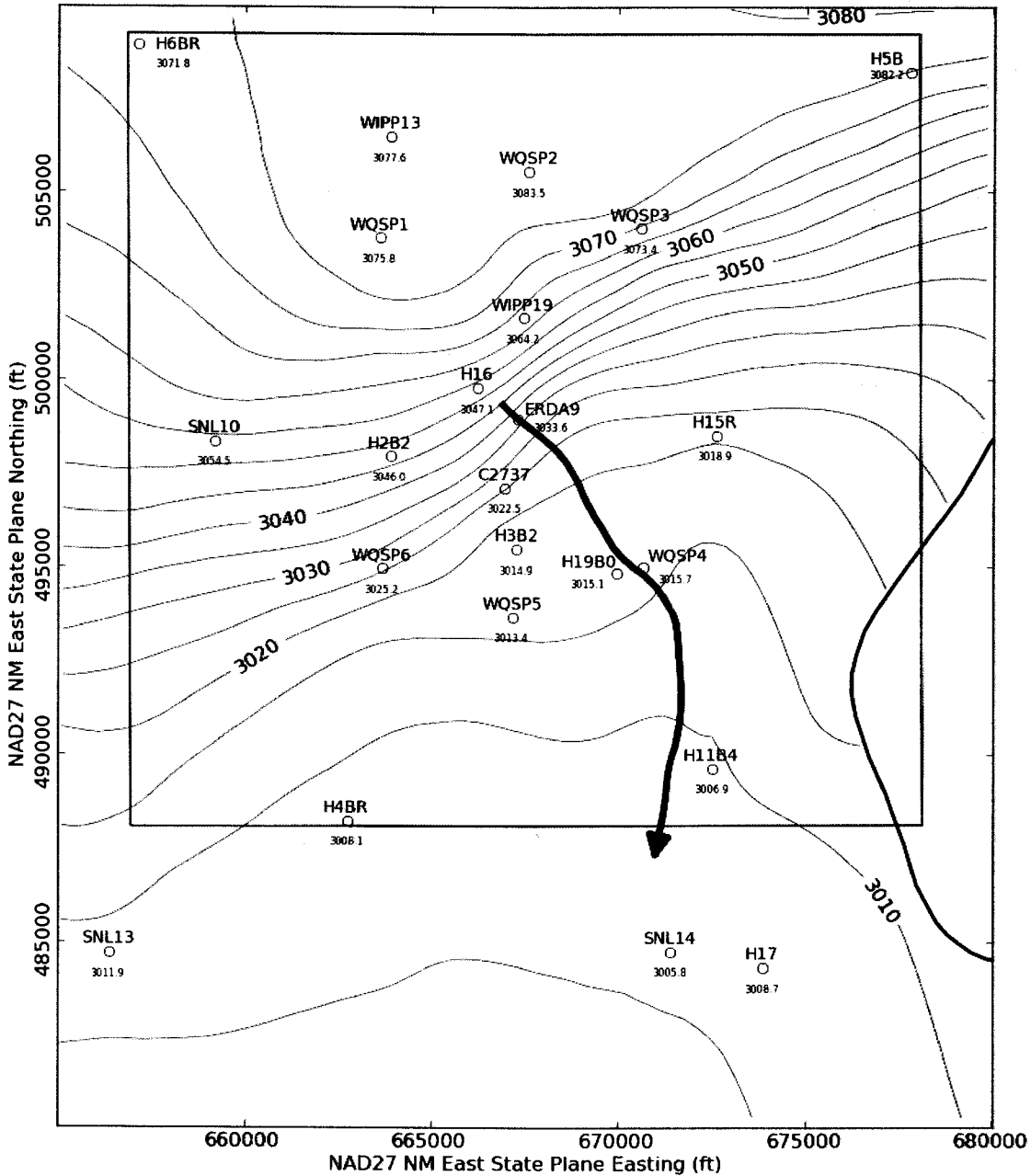


Figure 2. Model-generated February 2010 freshwater head contours with observed head listed at each well (5-foot contour interval) with blue water particle track from waste handling shaft to WIPP LWB

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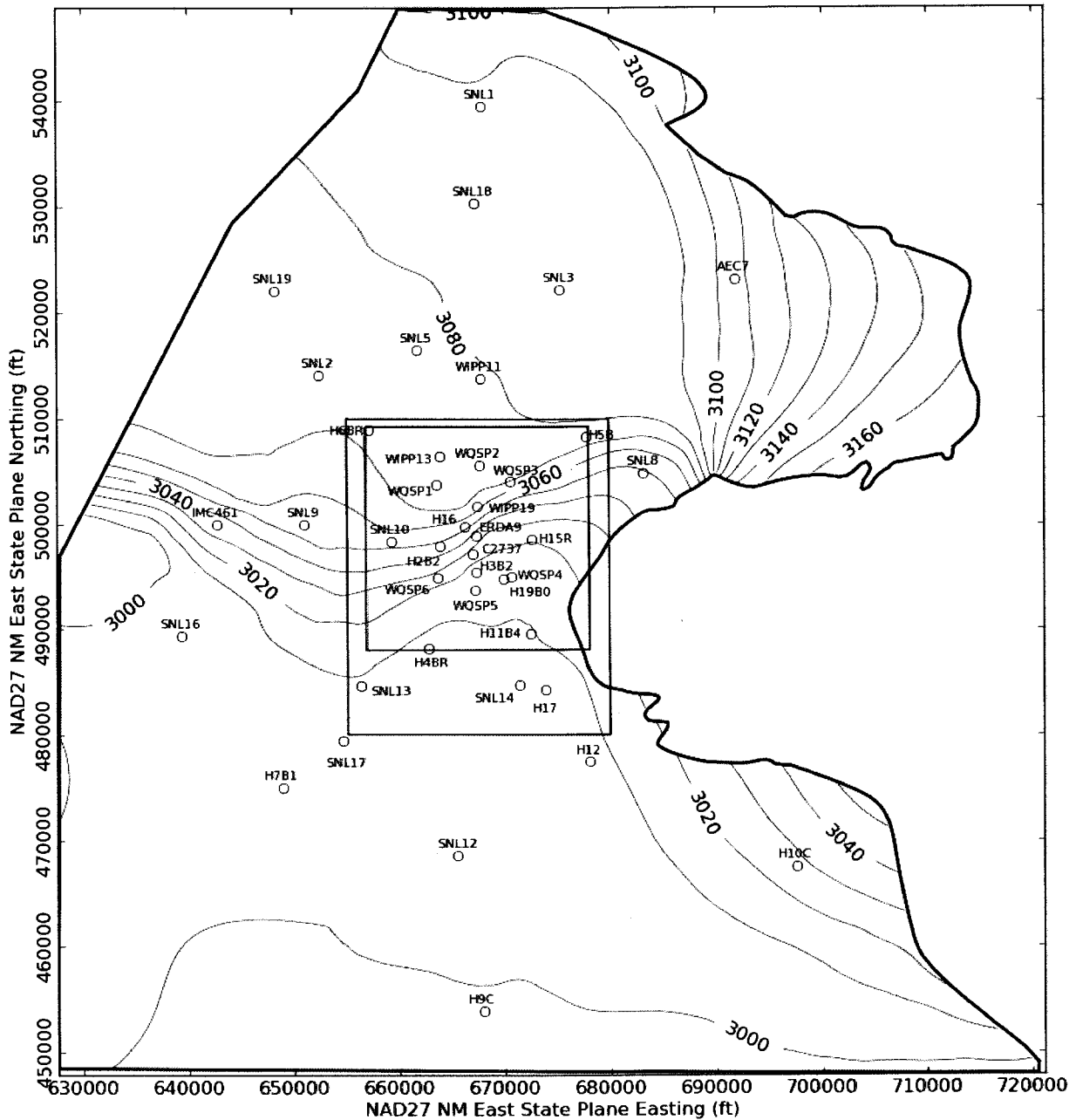


Figure 3. MODFLOW-modeled heads for entire model domain (10-foot contour interval). Green rectangle indicates region contoured in Figure 2, black square is WIPP LWB.

### 3.2 Particle Track

The heavy blue line in Figure 2 shows the DTRKMF-predicted path a water particle would take through the Culebra from the coordinates corresponding to the WIPP waste handling shaft to the land withdrawal boundary (a DTRKMF-computed path length of 4.075 km). Assuming a thickness of 4 m for the transmissive portion of the Culebra and a constant porosity of 16%, the travel time to the WIPP LWB

is 6283 years (output from DTRKMF is adjusted from an original 7.75-m Culebra thickness), for an average velocity of 0.65 m/yr.

### 3.3 Measured vs. Modeled Fit

The scatter plot in Figure 4 shows measured and modeled freshwater heads at the observation locations used in the PEST calibration. The observations are divided into three groups, based on proximity to the WIPP site. Wells within the LWB are represented by red crosses, wells outside but within 3 km of the LWB are represented with green "x"s, and other wells within the MODFLOW model domain but distant from the WIPP site are given by a blue asterisk. These groupings were utilized in the PEST calibration; higher weights (2.5) were given to wells inside the LWB, and lower weights (0.4) were given to wells distant to the WIPP site, while wells in the middle received an intermediate weight (1.0); AEC-7 was given a low weight (0.01), to prevent its large residual from dominating the optimization. Weights were determined through trial and error. Additional observations representing the average heads north of the LWB and south of the LWB were used to help prevent over-smoothing of the estimated results across the LWB. This allowed PEST to improve the fit of the model to observed heads inside the area contoured in Figure 2, at the expense of fitting wells closer to the boundary conditions (i.e., wells not shown in Figure 2).

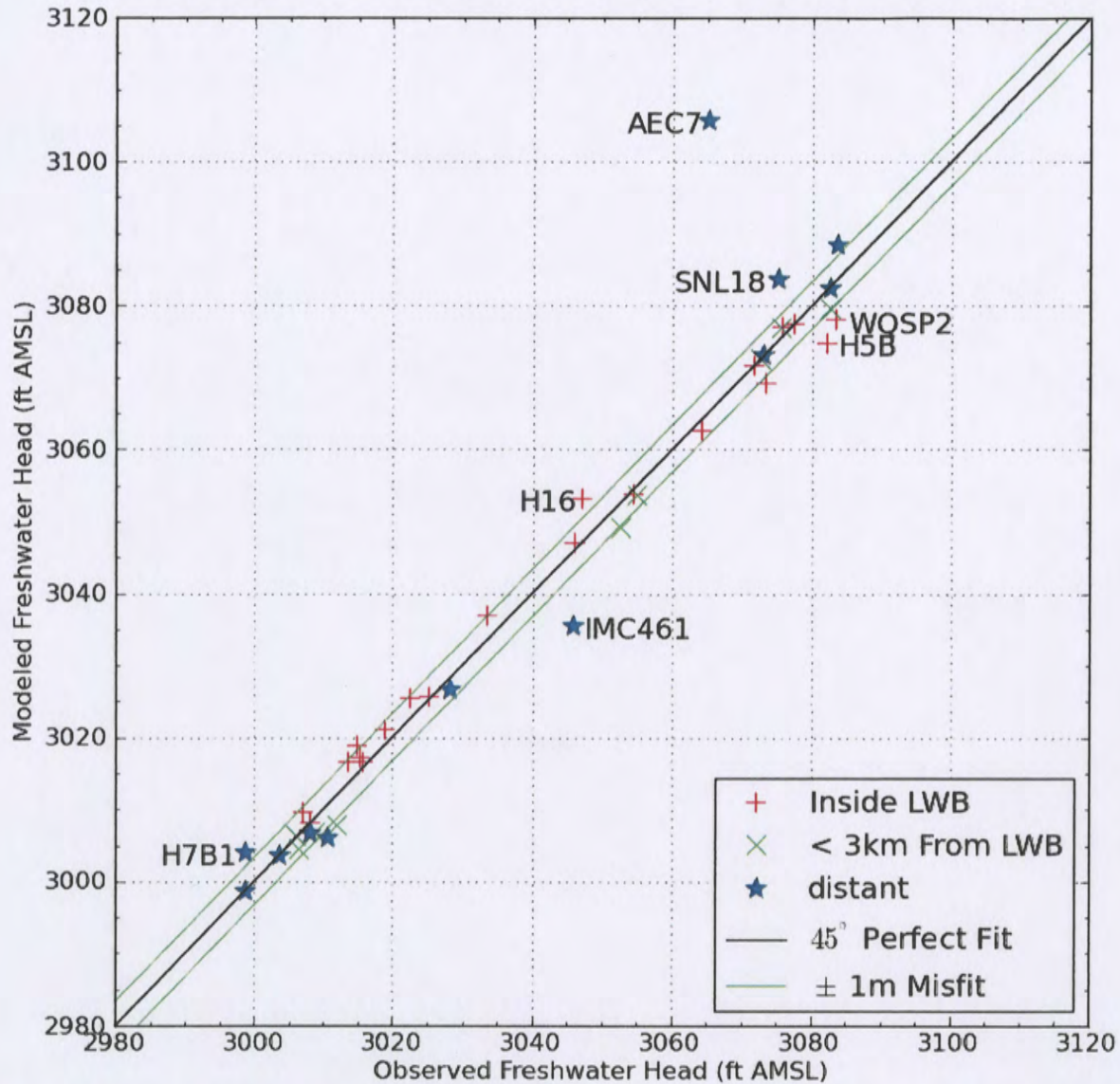


Figure 4. Measured vs. modeled scatter plot for PEST-calibrated MODFLOW-2000 generated heads and February 2010 observed freshwater heads

The central diagonal line in Figure 4 represents a perfect model fit (1:1 or 45-degree slope); the two lines on either side of this represent a 1-m misfit above or below the perfect fit. Wells more than 1.5 m from the 1:1 line are labeled. AEC-7 has a large misfit (12.4 m), for two reasons. First, this well has historically had an anomalously low freshwater head elevation, lower than wells around it in all directions. Secondly, it did not have a May 2007 observation (due to ongoing well reconfiguration activities) and therefore was not included as a calibration target in the PA MODFLOW model calibration. The ensemble-average T, A, and R fields used here were not calibrated to accommodate this observation. This well is situated in a low-transmissivity region, and near the constant-head boundary

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associated with the halite margin, therefore PEST will not be able to improve this fit solely through adjustment of the boundary conditions indicated with red in Figure 1.

The squared correlation coefficient ( $R^2$ ) for the measured vs. modeled data is listed in Table 3. Figure 5 and Figure 6 show the distribution of errors resulting from the PEST-adjusted fit to observed data. The wells within and near the WIPP LWB have an  $R^2$  of greater than 99%. The distribution in Figure 5 is roughly symmetric about 0, indicating there is not a strong bias.

Table 3. Measured vs. Modeled correlation coefficients

dataset	measured vs. modeled squared correlation coefficient
wells inside WIPP LWB	0.9911
wells <3km from WIPP LWB	0.9903
all wells	0.9467

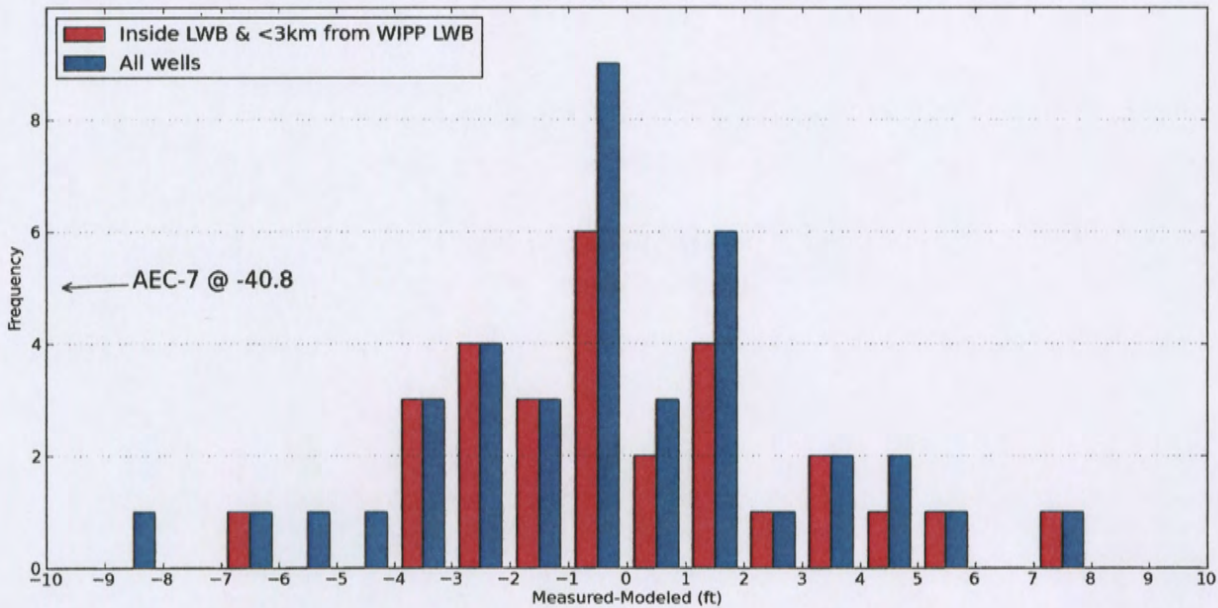


Figure 5. Histogram of Measured-Modeled errors

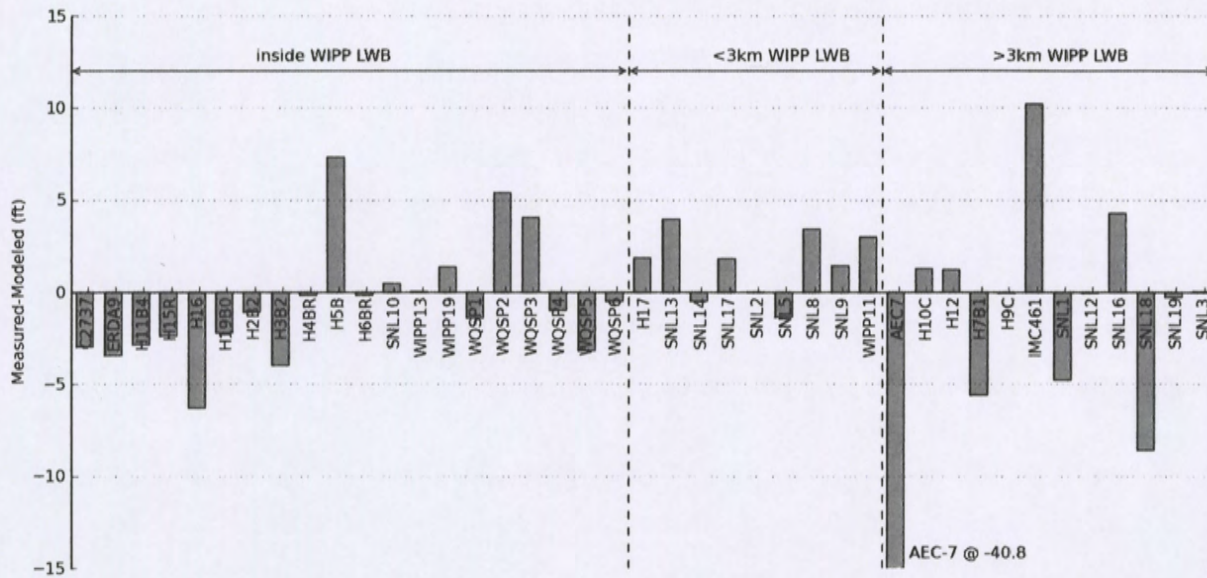


Figure 6. Measured-Modeled errors for each well

Aside from AEC-7, and to a lesser degree some other distant wells whose modeled values do not greatly impact the contours shown in Figure 2, the model fit to the February 2010 observations is very good. The ensemble-average model captures the average Culebra behavior, while the PEST calibration improved the model fit to the specific February 2010 observations.



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## 5 Run Control Narrative

This section is a narrative describing the calculation process mentioned in the text, which produced the figures given there.

Figure 7 gives an overview of the driver script `checkout_average_run_modflow.sh` (§A-4.1); this script first exports the 4 parameter fields (transmissivity (T), anisotropy (A), recharge (R), and storativity (S)) from CVS for each of the 100 realizations of MODFLOW, listed in the file `keepers` (see lines 17-26 of script). Some of the realizations are inside the `Update` or `Update2` subdirectories in CVS, which complicates the directory structure. An equivalent list `keepers_short` is made from `keepers`, and the directories are moved to match the flat directory structure (lines 31-53). At this point, the directory structure has been modified but the MODFLOW input files checked out from CVS are unchanged.

Python script `average_realizations.py` (§A-4.2) is called, which first reads in the `keepers_short` list, then reads in each of the 400 input files and computes the arithmetic average of the base-10 logarithm of the value at each cell across the 100 realizations. The 400 input files are saved as a flattened 2D matrix, in row-major order. The exponentiated result is saved in 4 parameter fields, each with the extension `.avg` instead of `.mod`. A single value from each file, corresponding to either the cell in the southeast corner of the domain (input file row 87188 = model row 307, model column 284 for K and A) or on the west edge of the domain (input file row 45157 = model row 161, model column 1 for R and S) is saved in the text file `parameter_representative_values.txt` to allow checking the calculation in Excel, comparing the results to the value given at the same row of the `.avg` file. The value in the right column of Table 4 can be found by taking the geometric average of the values in the text file, which are the values from the indicated line of each of the 100 realizations.

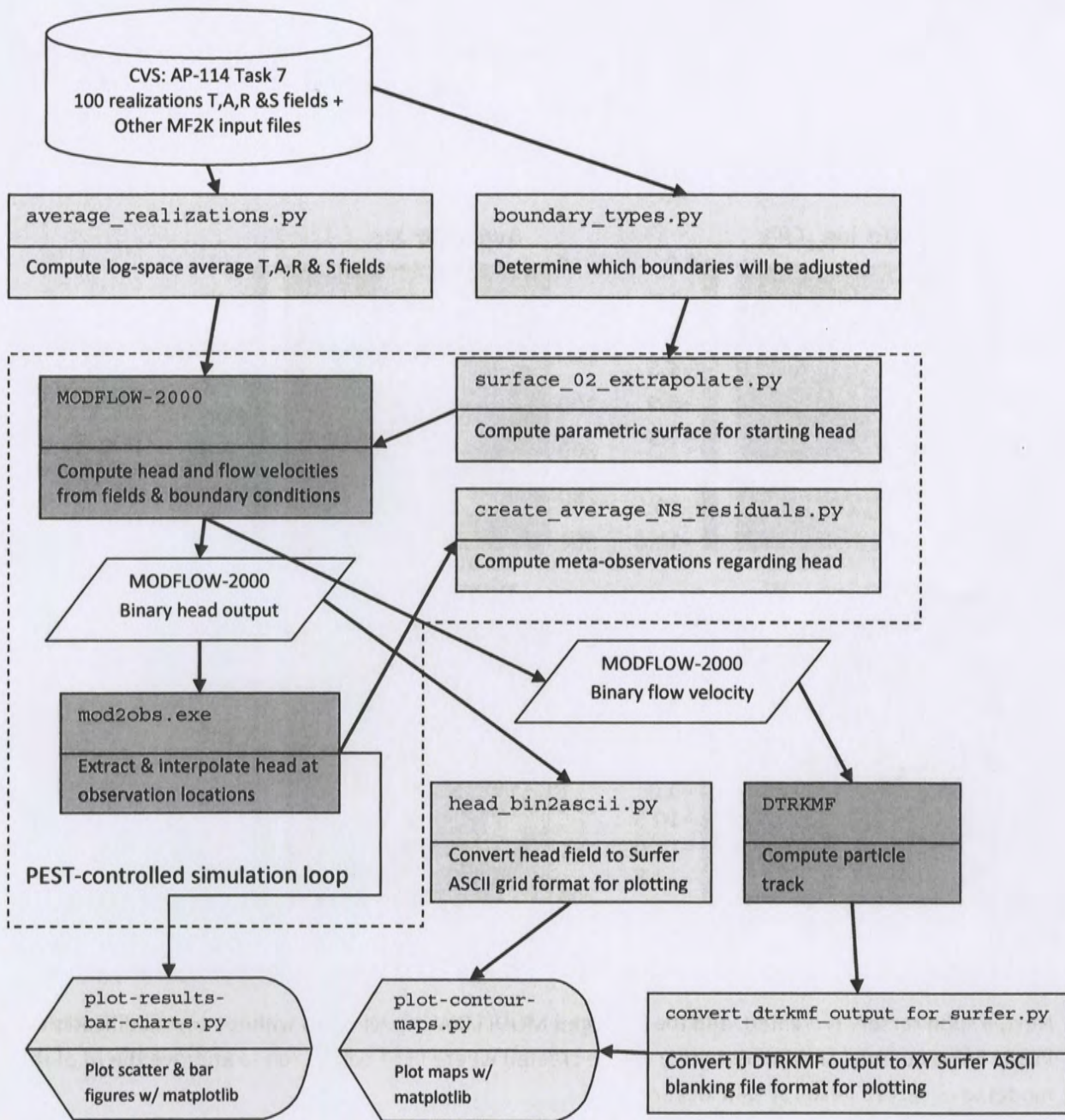


Figure 7. Process flowchart; dark gray indicates qualified programs, light gray are scripts written for this analysis

Table 4. Averaged values for representative model cells

Field	Input file row	Model row	Model column	Geometric average
K	87188	307	284	9.2583577E-09
A	87188	307	284	9.6317478E-01
R	45157	161	1	1.4970689E-19
S	45157	161	1	4.0388352E-03

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Figure 8 shows plots of the average  $\log_{10}$  parameters, which compare with similar figures in Hart et al. (2009); inactive regions  $<1.0E-15$  were reset to 1.0 to improve the plotted color scale. The rest of the calculations are done with these averaged fields.

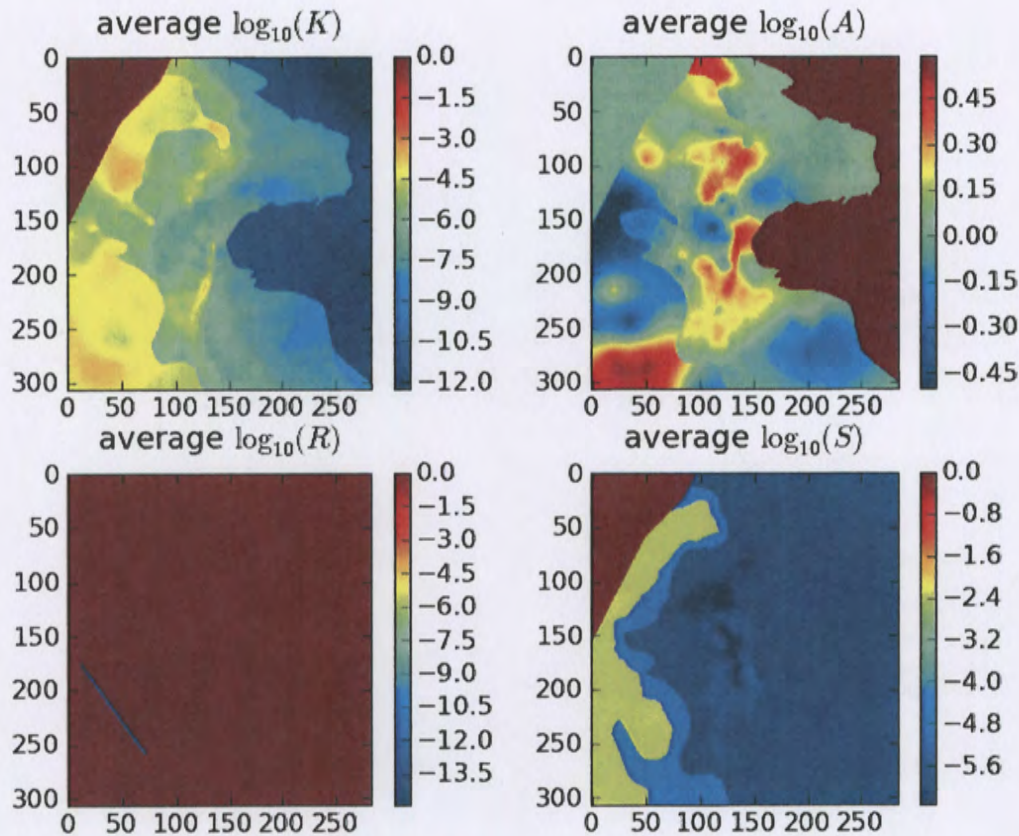


Figure 8. Plots of base-10 logarithms of average parameter fields; rows and columns are labeled on edges of figures.

Next, a subdirectory is created, and the averaged MODFLOW model is run without any modifications by PEST. Subsequently, another directory will be created where PEST will be run to improve the fit of the model to observed heads at well locations.

The next portion of the driving script `checkout_average_run_modflow.sh` links copies of the input files needed to run MODFLOW-2000 and DTRKMF into the `original_average` run directory. Then MODFLOW-2000 is run with the name file `mf2k_head.nam`, producing binary head (`modeled_head.bin`) and binary cell-by-cell flow budget (`modeled_flow.bud`) files, as well as a text listing file (`modeled_head.lst`). DTRKMF is then run with the input files `dtrkmf.in` and `wippctrl.inp`, which utilizes the cell-by-cell budget file written by MODFLOW to generate a particle track output file, `dtrk.out`. The input file `wippctrl.inp` specifies the starting location of the particle in DTRKMF face-centered cell coordinates, the porosity of the aquifer (here 16%), and the

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cells as constant head which have an IBOUND entry < 0, so both -2 and -1 are the same to MODFLOW, but allow distinguishing between them in the Python script which extrapolates the heads to the boundaries.

The required PEST input files are created by the Python script `create_pest_02_input.py` (§A-4.4). This script writes **1**) the PEST instruction file (`modeled_head.ins`), which shows PEST how to extract the model-predicted heads from the `mod2obs.exe` output; **2**) the PEST template file (`surface_par_params.ptf`), which shows PEST how to write the input file for the surface extrapolation script; **3**) the PEST parameter file (`surface_par_params.par`), which lists the starting parameter values to use when checking the PEST input; **4**) the PEST control file (`bc_adjust_2009ASER.pst`), which has PEST-related parameters, definitions of extrapolation surface parameters, and the observations and weights that PEST is adjusting the model inputs to fit. The observed heads are read as an input file in the PEST borehole sample file format (`meas_head_2009ASER.smp`), and the weights are read in from the input file (`obs_loc_2009ASER.dat`).

PEST runs the “forward model” many times, adjusting inputs and reading the resulting outputs using the instruction and template files created above. The forward model actually consists of a Bash shell script (`run_02_model`) that simply calls a pre-processing Python script `surface_02_extrapolate.py` (§A-4.5), the MODFLOW-2000 executable, the Python script `create_average_NS_residuals.py`, and the PEST utility `mod2obs.exe` as a post-processing step. The script redirects the output of each step to `/dev/null` to minimize screen output while running PEST, since PEST will run the forward model many dozens of times.

The Python script `create_average_NS_residuals.py` takes the output from the PEST utility `mod2obs.exe` and creates a meta-observation that consists of the average residual between measured and model-prediction, only averaged across the northern or southern WIPP wells (the wells in the center of the WIPP site are not included in either group). This was done to minimize cancelation of the errors north (where the model tended to underestimate heads) and south (where the model tended to overestimate heads) of the WIPP. The results of this script are read directly by PEST and incorporated as four additional observations (mean and median errors, both north and south of WIPP).

The pre-processing Python script `surface_02_extrapolate.py` reads the new IBOUND array created in a previous step (with -2 now indicating which constant-head boundaries should be modified), the initial head file used in AP-114 Task 7 (`init_head_orig.mod`), two files listing the relative X and Y coordinates of the model cells (`rel_{x,y}_coord.dat`), and an input file listing the coefficients of the parametric equation used to define the initial head surface. This script then cycles over the elements in the domain, writing the original starting head value if the IBOUND value is -1 or 0, and writing the value corresponding to the parametric equation if the IBOUND value is -2 or 1. Using the parameters corresponding to those used in AP-114 Task 7, the output starting head file should be identical to that used in AP-114 Task 7.

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After PEST has converged to the optimum solution for the given observed heads and weights, it runs the forward model one more time with the optimum parameters. The post-processing Python scripts for creating the Surfer ASCII grid file and Surfer blanking file from the MODFLOW and DTRKMF output are run and the results are plotted using additional Python scripts that utilize the plotting and map coordinate projection functionality of the matplotlib library.

These two plotting scripts (`plot-contour-maps.py` and `plot-results-bar-charts.py`) are included in the appendix for completeness, but only draw the figures included in this report, and passed on to WRES for the ASER. These two scripts automate the plotting process and take the place of the Microsoft Excel, USACE Corpscon, and Golden Software Surfer input files that were previously used.

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## 6 Appendix: Files and Script Source Listings

### 6.1 Input File Listing

bytes	file type	description	file name
2.1K	Python script	average 100 realizations	average_realizations.py
2.3K	Python script	distinguish different BC types	boundary_types.py
6.6K	Bash script	main routine: checkout files,run MODFLOW run PEST, call Python scripts	checkout_average_run_modflow.sh
809	Python script	convert DTRKMF IJ output to Surfer X,Y blanking format	convert_dtrkmf_output_for_surfer.py
3.2K	Python script	create PEST input files from observed data	create_pest_02_input.py
48	input listing	responses to DTRKMF prompts	dtrkmf.in
4.2K	Python script	convert MODFLOW binary output to Surfer ASCII grid format	head_bin2ascii.py
1.1K	input	listing of 100 realizations from CVS	keepers
1.4K	input	observed February 2010 heads in mod2obs.exe bore sample file format	meas_head_2010ASER.smp
1.2K	Python script	paste observed head and model-generated heads into one file	merge_observed_modeled_heads.py
76	file listing	files needed to run mod2obs.exe	mod2obs_files.dat
138	input listing	responses to mod2obs.exe prompts	mod2obs_head.in
372	file listing	files needed to run MODFLOW	modflow_files.dat
401	input	listing of wells and geographic groupings	obs_loc_2010ASER.dat
215	file listing	files needed to run PEST	pest_02_files.dat
2.3M	input	relative coordinate $1 \leq x \leq 1$	rel_x_coord.dat
2.3M	input	relative coordinate $1 \leq y \leq 1$	rel_y_coord.dat
389	Bash script	PEST model: execute MODFLOW and do pre- and post-processing	run_02_model
26	input	mod2obs.exe input file	settings.fig
47	input	mod2obs.exe input file	spec_domain.spc
1.7K	input	mod2obs.exe input file	spec_wells.crd
2.7K	Python script	compute starting head from parameter and coordinate inputs	surface_02_extrapolate.py
506	input	DTRKMF input file	wippctrl.inp
5.6K	Python script	plot contour map figures	plot-contour-maps.py
6.7K	Python script	plot bar and scatter figures	plot-results-bar-charts.py
90	plotting data	UTM coordinates of ASER map area	ASER_boundary.csv
9.2K	plotting data	UTM coordinates of MODFLOW model area	total_boundary.dat
6.7K	plotting data	UTM coordinates of WIPP LWB	wipp_boundary.csv

Table 1: Listing of Input Files

## 6.2 Output File Listing

bytes	file type	description	file name
19K	DTRKMF output	particle track results	dtrk.out
16K	DTRKMF output	particle track debug	dtrk.dbg
2.0K	script output	heads at well locations	modeled_vs_observed_head_pest_02.txt
1.1M	script output	formatted MODFLOW heads	modeled_head_pest_02.grd
5.3K	script output	formatted DTRKMF particle	dtrk_output_pest_02.blm
16K	PEST output	matrix condition numbers	bc_adjust_2010ASER.cnd
2.7K	PEST output	binary intermediate file	bc_adjust_2010ASER.drf
7.4K	PEST output	binary intermediate file	bc_adjust_2010ASER.jac
7.5K	PEST output	binary intermediate file	bc_adjust_2010ASER.jco
9.9K	PEST output	binary intermediate file	bc_adjust_2010ASER.jst
3.8K	PEST output	parameter statistical matrices	bc_adjust_2010ASER.mtt
477	PEST output	parameter file	bc_adjust_2010ASER.par
62K	PEST output	optimization record	bc_adjust_2010ASER.rec
4.6K	PEST output	model outputs for last iteration	bc_adjust_2010ASER.rei
8.4K	PEST output	summary of residuals	bc_adjust_2010ASER.res
28	PEST output	binary restart file	bc_adjust_2010ASER.rst
24K	PEST output	relative parameter sensitivities	bc_adjust_2010ASER.sen
4.0K	PEST output	absolute parameter sensitivities	bc_adjust_2010ASER.seo
213K	png image	matplotlib plot (Fig. 2)	aser-area-contour-map.png
223K	png image	matplotlib plot (Fig. 3)	large-area-contour-map.png
33K	png image	matplotlib plot (Fig. 5)	model-error-histogram.png
55K	png image	matplotlib plot (Fig. 6)	model-error-residuals.png
93K	png image	matplotlib plot (Fig. 4)	scatter_pest_02.png

Table 2: Listing of Output Files

## 6.3 Individual Script Listings

### 6.3.1 Bash shell script checkout\_average\_run\_modflow.sh

```
1  #!/bin/bash
2
3  # set -o xtrace # for debugging
4  set -o nounset # quit if using an un-initialized variable
5  set -o errexit # exit on non-zero error status of sub-command
6
7  # this script makes the following directory substructure
8  #
9  # current_dir \----- Outputs (calibrated parameter fields - INPUTS)
10 #              \----- Inputs (other modflow files - INPUTS)
11 #              \----- original_average (foward sim using average fields)
12 #              \----- bin (MODFLOW and DIRKMF binaries)
13 #              \----- pest_0? (pest-adjusted results)
14
15
16 echo " ~~~~~~ "
17 echo " checking out T fields"
18 echo " ~~~~~~ "
19
20 # these will checkout the calibrated parameter-field data into subdirectories
21 # checkout things that are different for each of the 100 realizaions
22 for d in 'cat keepers '
23 do
24     cvs -d /nfs/data/CVSLIB/Tfields checkout Outputs/${d}/modeled_{K,A,R,S}_field.mod
25 done
26
27 # checkout MODFLOW input files that are constant for across all realizations
28 cvs -d /nfs/data/CVSLIB/Tfields checkout Inputs/data/elev_{top,bot}.mod
29 cvs -d /nfs/data/CVSLIB/Tfields checkout Inputs/data/init_{bnds.inf,head.mod}
30 cvs -d /nfs/data/CVSLIB/Tfields checkout Inputs/modflow/mf2k_culebra.{lmg,lpf}
31 cvs -d /nfs/data/CVSLIB/Tfields checkout Inputs/modflow/mf2k_head.{ba6,nam,oc,dis,rch}
32
33 # modify the path of "updated" T-fields, so they are all at the
34 # same level in the directory structure (simplifying scripts elsewhere)
35
36 if [ -a keepers_short ]
37 then
38     rm keepers_short
39 fi
40 touch keepers_short
41
42 for d in 'cat keepers '
43 do
44     bn='basename ${d}'
45     # test whether it is a compound path
46     if [ ${d} != ${bn} ]
47     then
48         dn='dirname ${d}'
49         mv ./Outputs/${d} ./Outputs/
50
51         # put an empty file in the directory to indicate
52         # what the directory was previously named
53         touch ./Outputs/${bn}/${dn}
54     fi
55
56     # create a keepers list without directories
57     echo ${bn} >> keepers_short
58 done
59
60 # -----
61
```

```

62 echo " ~~~~~ "
63 echo " perform averaging across all realizations "
64 echo " ~~~~~ "
65
66 python average_realizations.py
67
68 # checkout MODFLOW / DTRKMF executables
69 cvs -d /nfs/data/CVSLIB/MODFLOW2K checkout bin/mf2k/mf2k_1.6.release
70 cvs -d /nfs/data/CVSLIB/MODFLOW2K checkout bin/dtrkmf/dtrkmf_v0100
71
72 # check out pest and obs2mod binaries
73 cd bin
74 cvs -d /nfs/data/CVSLIB/PEST checkout Builds/Linux/pest.exe
75 cvs -d /nfs/data/CVSLIB/PEST checkout Builds/Linux/mod2obs.exe
76 cd ..
77
78 # -----
79
80 echo " ~~~~~ "
81 echo " setup copies of files constant between all realizations "
82 echo " ~~~~~ "
83
84 # directory for putting original base-case results in
85 od=original_average
86
87 if [ -d ${od} ]
88 then
89     echo ${od}" directory exists: removing and re-creating"
90     rm -rf ${od}
91 fi
92
93 mkdir ${od}
94 cd ${od}
95 echo `pwd`
96
97 # link to unchanged input files
98 for file in `cat ../modflow_files.dat`
99 do
100     ln -sf ${file} .
101 done
102
103 # link to averaged files computed in previous step
104 for f in {A,R,K,S}
105 do
106     ln -sf ../modeled-${f}_field.avg ./modeled-${f}_field.mod
107 done
108
109 ln -sf elev_top.mod fort.33
110 ln -sf elev_bot.mod fort.34
111
112 echo " ~~~~~ "
113 echo " run original MODFLOW and DTRKMF and export results for plotting "
114 echo " ~~~~~ "
115
116 # run MODFLOW, producing average head and CCF
117 ../bin/mf2k/mf2k_1.6.release mf2k_head.nam
118
119 # run DTRKMF, producing particle track (from ccf)
120 ../bin/dtrkmf/dtrkmf_v0100 <dtrkmf.in
121
122 # convert binary MODFLOW head output to Surfer ascii grid file format
123 ln -sf ../head_bin2ascii.py .
124 python head_bin2ascii.py
125 mv modeled_head_asiihed.grd modeled_head-${od}.grd

```

```

126
127 # convert DTRKMF output from cells to X,Y and
128 # save in Surfer blanking file format
129 ln -sf ../convert_dtrkmf_output_for_surfer.py .
130 python convert_dtrkmf_output_for_surfer.py
131 mv dtrk_output.blm dtrk_output- $\{od\}$ .blm
132
133 # extract head results at well locations and merge with observed
134 # head file for easy scatter plotting in Excel (tab delimited)
135 for file in `cat ../mod2obs_files.dat`
136 do
137     ln -sf  $\{file\}$  .
138 done
139
140 ln -sf ../meas_head_2010ASER.smp .
141 ln -sf ../obs_loc_2010ASER.dat .
142 ../bin/Builds/Linux/mod2obs.exe <mod2obs_head.in
143 ln -sf ../merge_observed_modeled_heads.py
144 python merge_observed_modeled_heads.py
145 mv both_heads.smp modeled_vs_observed_head- $\{od\}$ .txt
146
147
148 # go back down into root directory
149 cd ..
150 echo `pwd`
151
152 echo " ~~~~~~"
153 echo " setup and run PEST to optimize parametric surface to set BC "
154 echo " ~~~~~~"
155
156 for p in pest_02
157 do
158
159     if [ -d  $\{p\}$  ]
160     then
161         echo  $\{p\}$ " directory exists: removing and re-creating"
162         rm -rf  $\{p\}$ 
163     fi
164
165     mkdir  $\{p\}$ 
166     cd  $\{p\}$ 
167     echo `pwd`
168
169     # link to unchanged input files
170     for file in `cat ../modflow_files.dat`
171     do
172         ln -sf  $\{file\}$  .
173     done
174
175     # link to averaged files computed in previous step
176     for f in {A,R,K,S}
177     do
178         ln -sf ../modeled- $\{f\}$ _field.avg ./modeled- $\{f\}$ _field.mod
179     done
180
181     # link to mod2obs files (needed for pest)
182     for file in `cat ../mod2obs_files.dat`
183     do
184         ln -sf  $\{file\}$  .
185     done
186
187     # link to pest files
188     for file in `cat ../ $\{p\}$ _files.dat`
189     do

```

```

190     ln -s ${file} .
191 done
192
193 # rename 'original' versions of files to be modified by pest
194 rm init_head.mod
195 ln -sf ../Inputs/data/init_head.mod ./init_head_orig.mod
196 rm init_bnds.inf
197 ln -sf ../Inputs/data/init_bnds.inf ./init_bnds_orig.inf
198
199 # create new ibound array for easier modification during PEST
200 # optimization iterations
201 python boundary_types.py
202
203 # create the necessary input files from observations
204 python create_${p}_input.py
205
206 # run pest
207 ../bin/Builds/Linux/pest.exe bc_adjust_2010ASER
208
209 # last output files should be best run
210 # extract all the stuff from that output
211 #####
212
213 ln -sf elev_top.mod fort.33
214 ln -sf elev_bot.mod fort.34
215
216 ../bin/dtrkmf/dtrkmf_v0100 <dtrkmf.in
217
218 ln -sf ../head_bin2ascii.py .
219 python head_bin2ascii.py
220 mv modeled_head_asiimed.grd modeled_head_${p}.grd
221
222 ln -sf ../convert_dtrkmf_output_for_surfer.py .
223 python convert_dtrkmf_output_for_surfer.py
224 mv dtrk_output.blm dtrk_output_${p}.blm
225
226 for file in `cat ../mod2obs_files.dat`
227 do
228     ln -sf ${file} .
229 done
230
231 ../bin/Builds/Linux/mod2obs.exe <mod2obs.head.in
232 ln -sf ../merge_observed_modeled_heads.py
233 python merge_observed_modeled_heads.py
234 mv both_heads.smp modeled_vs_observed_head_${p}.txt
235
236 cd ..
237 done

```

### 6.3.2 Python script average\_realizations.py

```
1 from math import log10 ,pow
2
3 nrow = 307
4 ncol = 284
5 nel = nrow*ncol
6 nfr = 100 # number of fields (realizations)
7 nft = 4 # number of field types
8
9 debug = True # set to True to get output described in RunControl narrative
10
11 def floatload(filename):
12     """Reads file (a list of strings, one per row) into a list of strings."""
13     f = open(filename , 'r')
14     m = [float(line.rstrip()) for line in f]
15     f.close()
16     return m
17
18 types = ['K', 'A', 'R', 'S']
19
20 # get list of 100 best calibrated fields
21 flist = open('keepers_short', 'r')
22 runs = flist.read().strip().split('\n')
23 flist.close()
24
25 # initialize to help speed lists up a bit
26 # nfr (100) realizations of each
27 fields = []
28 for i in xrange(nft):
29     fields.append([None]*nfr)
30     for i in xrange(nfr):
31         # each realization being nel (87188) elements
32         fields[-1][i] = [None]*nel
33
34 # read in all realizations
35 print 'reading ...'
36 for i,run in enumerate(runs):
37     print i,run
38     for j,t in enumerate(types):
39         fields[j][i][0:nel] = floatload('Outputs/'+run+'/modeled_'+t+'+_field.mod')
40
41 # save file with one cell from each realization for checking in Excel
42 if debug:
43     print 'writing debugging output for checking'
44     fd = open('parameter_representative_values.txt', 'w')
45     fd.write('%s %18s %18s %18s %18s\n'%
46             ('rzn', types[0], types[1], types[2], types[3]))
47     for i,run in enumerate(runs):
48         fd.write('%s %.14e %.14e %.14e %.14e\n' %
49                 (run, fields[0][i][-1], fields[1][i][-1],
50                  fields[2][i][159*284], fields[3][i][159*284]))
51     fd.close()
52
53 # open up files for writing
54 fh = []
55 for t in types:
56     fh.append(open('modeled_'+ t + '_field.avg', 'w'))
57
58 # transpose fields to allow slicing across realizations, rather than across cells
59 for j in range(len(types)):
60     fields[j] = zip(*(fields[j]))
61
62 print 'writing ...'
63 # do averaging across 100 realizations
```



```
64 for i in xrange(nel):
65     if i%10000 == 0:
66         print i
67     for h,d in zip(fh, fields):
68         h.write('%18.11e\n' % pow(10.0, sum(map(log10, d[i]))) / nfr )
69
70 for h in fh:
71     h.close()
```

### 6.3.3 Python script boundary\_types.py

```
1  # this python script computes some summary residuals
2  # based on the concept of "north of WIPP" and "south of WIPP"
3  # to get PEST to honor the areas outside the steep gradient
4  # across the site.
5
6  nx = 284      # number columns in model grid
7  ny = 307     # number rows
8  nel = nx*ny
9
10 def intload(filename):
11     """Reads file (a 2D integer array) as a list of lists.
12     Outer list is rows, inner lists are columns."""
13     f = open(filename, 'r')
14     m = [[int(v) for v in line.rstrip().split()] for line in f]
15     f.close()
16     return m
17
18 def intsave(filename, m):
19     """Writes file as a list of lists as a 2D integer array, format '%3i'.
20     Outer list is rows, inner lists are columns."""
21     f = open(filename, 'w')
22     for row in m:
23         f.write(' '.join(['%2i' % col for col in row]) + '\n')
24     f.close()
25
26 def floatload(filename):
27     """Reads file (a list of real numbers, one number each row) into a list of floats."""
28     f = open(filename, 'r')
29     m = [float(line.rstrip()) for line in f]
30     f.close()
31     return m
32
33 def reshapev2m(v):
34     """Reshape a vector that was previously reshaped in C-major order from a matrix,
35     back into a matrix (here a list of lists)."""
36     m = [None]*ny
37     for i, (lo, hi) in enumerate(zip(xrange(0, nel-nx+1, nx), xrange(nx, nel+1, nx))):
38         m[i] = v[lo:hi]
39     return m
40
41 #####
42
43 # read in original MODFLOW IBOUND array (only 0,1, and -1)
44 ibound = intload('init_bnds_orig.inf')
45
46 # read in initial heads
47 h = reshapev2m(floatload('init_head_orig.mod'))
48
49 # discriminate between two types of constant head boundaries
50 # -1) CH, where value > 1000 (area east of halite margin)
51 # -2) CH, where value < 1000 (single row/column of cells along edge of domain)
52
53 for i, row in enumerate(ibound):
54     for j, val in enumerate(row):
55         # is this constant head and is starting head less than 1000m ?
56         if ibound[i][j] == -1 and h[i][j] < 1000.0:
57             ibound[i][j] = -2
58
59 # save new IBOUND array that allows easy discrimination between types in python script during
60 # PEST optimization runs, and is still handled the same by MODFLOW
61 # since all ibound values < 0 are treated as constant head.
62 intsave('init_bnds.inf', ibound)
```

### 6.3.4 Python script create\_pest\_02\_input.py

```
1  # this python script computes some summary residuals
2  # based on the concept of "north of WIPP" and "south of WIPP"
3  # to get PEST to honor the areas outside the steep gradient
4  # across the site.
5
6  prefix = '2010ASER'
7
8  #####
9  ## pest instruction file reads output from mod2obs
10 fin = open('meas_head_%s.smp' % prefix, 'r')
11
12 # each well is a [name,head] pair
13 wells = [[line.split()[0],line.split()[3]] for line in fin]
14 fin.close()
15
16 fout = open('modeled_head.ins', 'w')
17 fout.write('pif @\n')
18 for i, well in enumerate(wells):
19     fout.write("l1 [%s]39:46\n" % well[0])
20 fout.close()
21
22 # exponential surface used to set initial head everywhere
23 # except east of the halite margins, where the land surface is used.
24 # initial guesses come from AP-114 Task report
25 params = [928.0, 8.0, 1.2, 1.0, 1.0, -1.0, 0.5]
26 pnames = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'exp']
27
28 fout = open('avg_NS_res.ins', 'w')
29 fout.write("""pif @
30 l1 [medianN]1:16
31 l1 [medianS]1:16
32 l1 [meanN]1:16
33 l1 [meanS]1:16
34 """)
35 fout.close()
36
37
38 #####
39 ## pest template file
40 ftmp = open('surface_par_params.ptf', 'w')
41 ftmp.write('ptf @\n')
42 for n in pnames:
43     ftmp.write('@      %s      @\n' % n)
44 ftmp.close()
45
46
47 #####
48 ## pest parameter file
49
50 fpar = open('surface_par_params.par', 'w')
51 fpar.write('double point\n')
52 for n,p in zip(pnames, params):
53     fpar.write('%s %.2f 1.0 0.0\n' % (n,p))
54 fpar.close()
55
56
57 #####
58 ## pest control file
59
60 f = open('bc_adjust_%s.pst' % prefix, 'w')
61
62 f.write("""pcf
63 * control data
```

```

64 restart estimation
65 %i %i 1 0 2
66 1 2 double point 1 0 0
67 5.0 2.0 0.4 0.001 10
68 3.0 3.0 1.0E-3
69 0.1
70 30 0.001 4 4 0.0001 4
71 1 1 1
72 * parameter groups
73 bc relative 0.005 0.0001 switch 2.0 parabolic
74 """ % (len(params),len(wells)+4))
75
76 f.write('* parameter data\n')
77 for n,p in zip(pnames,params):
78     if p > 0:
79         f.write('%s none relative %.3f %.3f %.3f bc 1.0 0.0 1\n' %
80                (n, p, -2.0*p, 3.0*p))
81     else:
82         f.write('%s none relative %.3f %.3f %.3f bc 1.0 0.0 1\n' %
83                (n, p, 3.0*p, -2.0*p))
84
85 f.write("""* observation groups
86 ss_head
87 avg_head
88 * observation data
89 """)
90
91 ## read in observation weighting group definitions
92 fin = open('obs_loc_%s.dat' % prefix, 'r')
93 location = [line.rstrip().split()[1] for line in fin]
94 fin.close()
95
96 weights = []
97
98 for l in location:
99     # inside LWB
100     if l == '0':
101         weights.append(2.5)
102     # near LWB
103     if l == '1':
104         weights.append(1.0)
105     # distant to LWB
106     if l == '2':
107         weights.append(0.4)
108     if l == '99':
109         weights.append(0.01) # AEC-7
110
111
112 for name,head,w in zip(zip(*wells)[0],zip(*wells)[1],weights):
113     f.write('%s %s %.3f ss_head\n' % (name,head,w))
114
115 # one fewer N observation (WIPP-25 removed), there were 13
116 # there are 12 N observations in the average and 11 S, therefore
117 # split the weight between the mean and median
118 f.write("""medianN 0.0 18.0 avg_head
119 medianS 0.0 16.5 avg_head
120 meanN 0.0 18.0 avg_head
121 meanS 0.0 16.5 avg_head
122 """)
123
124 f.write("""* model command line
125 ./run_02_model
126 * model input/output
127 surface_par_params.ptf surface_par_params.in

```

```
128 modeled_head.ins modeled_head.smp
129 avg_NS_res.ins avg_NS_res.smp
130 """)
131 f.close()
```



### 6.3.5 Python script surface\_02\_extrapolate.py

```
1  # this python script is used in the analysis associated
2  # with SP 9-9: "Analysis Report for Preparation of 2010 Culebra Potentiometric
3  # Surface Contour Maps."
4  # by Kris Kuhlman (2011)
5
6  from itertools import chain
7  from math import sqrt
8
9  def matload(filename):
10     """Reads file (a 2D string array) as a list of lists.
11     Outer list is rows, inner lists are columns."""
12     f = open(filename, 'r')
13     m = [line.rstrip().split() for line in f]
14     f.close()
15     return m
16
17  def floatload(filename):
18     """Reads file (a list of real numbers, one number each
19     row) into a list of floats."""
20     f = open(filename, 'r')
21     m = [float(line.rstrip()) for line in f]
22     f.close()
23     return m
24
25  def reshapem2v(m):
26     """Reshapes a rectangular matrix into a vector in same
27     fashion as numpy.reshape().
28     which is C-major order"""
29     return list(chain(*m))
30
31  def sign(x):
32     """ sign function"""
33     if x<0:
34         return -1
35     elif x>0:
36         return +1
37     else:
38         return 0
39
40  #####
41
42  # read in modified IBOUND array, with the cells to modify set to -2
43  ibound = reshapem2v(matload('init_bnds.inf'))
44
45  h = floatload('init_head_orig.mod')
46
47  # these are relative coordinates, -1 <= x,y < +1
48  x = floatload('rel_x_coord.dat')
49  y = floatload('rel_y_coord.dat')
50
51  # unpack surface parameters (one per line)
52  # z = A + B*(y + D*sign(y)*sqrt(abs(y)))+C*(E*x**3 - F*x**2 - x)
53
54  finput = open('surface_par_params.in', 'r')
55  try:
56     a,b,c,d,e,f,exp = [float(line.rstrip()) for line in finput]
57  except ValueError:
58     # python doesn't like 'D' in 1.2D-4 notation used by PEST sometimes.
59     finput.seek(0)
60     lines = [line.rstrip() for line in finput]
61     for i in range(len(lines)):
62         lines[i] = lines[i].replace('D', 'E')
63     a,b,c,d,e,f,exp = [float(line) for line in lines]
```

```

64 finput.close()
65
66
67 # file to output initial/boundary head for MODFLOW model
68 fout = open('init_head.mod','w')
69 for i in xrange(len(ibound)):
70     if ibound[i] == '-2' or ibound[i] == '1':
71         # apply exponential surface to active cells (ibound=1) -> starting guess
72         # and non-geologic boundary conditions (ibound=-2) -> constant head value
73         if y[i] == 0:
74             fout.write('%.7e \n' % (a + c*(e*x[i]**3 + f*x[i]**2 - x[i])))
75         else:
76             fout.write('%.7e \n' % (a + b*(y[i] + d*sign(y[i])*abs(y[i])**exp) +
77                                     c*(e*x[i]**3 + f*x[i]**2 - x[i])))
78     else:
79         # use land surface at constant head east of halite boundary
80         # ibound=0 doesn't matter (inactive)
81         fout.write('%.7e\n' % h[i])
82
83 fout.close()

```

### 6.3.6 Bash shell script run\_02\_model

```
1  #!/bin/bash
2
3  #set -o xtrace
4
5  #echo 'step 1: surface extrapolate'
6  python surface_02_extrapolate.py
7
8  # run modflow
9  #echo 'step 2: run modflow'
10  ../bin/mf2k/mf2k_1.6.release mf2k_head.nam >/dev/null
11
12 # run mod2obs
13 #echo 'step 3: extract observations'
14  ../bin/Builds/Linux/mod2obs.exe < mod2obs_head.in >/dev/null
15
16 # create meta-observations of N vs. S
17  python create_average_NS_residuals.py
```

### 6.3.7 Python script head\_bin2ascii.py

```
1 # this python script is used in the analysis associated
2 # with SP 9-9: "Analysis Report for Preparation of 2010 Culebra Potentiometric
3 # Surface Contour Maps."
4 # by Kris Kuhlman (2011)
5
6 import struct
7 from sys import argv, exit
8
9 class FortranFile(file):
10     """ modified from May 2007 Enthought-dev mailing
11     list post by Neil Martinsen-Burrell """
12
13     def __init__(self, fname, mode='r', buf=0):
14         file.__init__(self, fname, mode, buf)
15         self.ENDIAN = '<' # little endian
16         self.di = 4 # default integer (could be 8 on 64-bit platforms)
17
18     def readReals(self, prec='f'):
19         """Read in an array of reals (default single
20         precision) with error checking"""
21         # read header (length of record)
22         l = struct.unpack(self.ENDIAN+'i', self.read(self.di))[0]
23         data_str = self.read(l)
24         len_real = struct.calcsize(prec)
25         if l % len_real != 0:
26             raise IOError('Error reading array of reals from data file')
27         num = l/len_real
28         reals = struct.unpack(self.ENDIAN+str(num)+prec, data_str)
29         # check footer
30         if struct.unpack(self.ENDIAN+'i', self.read(self.di))[0] != 1:
31             raise IOError('Error reading array of reals from data file')
32         return list(reals)
33
34     def readInts(self):
35         """Read in an array of integers with error checking"""
36         l = struct.unpack('i', self.read(self.di))[0]
37         data_str = self.read(l)
38         len_int = struct.calcsize('i')
39         if l % len_int != 0:
40             raise IOError('Error reading array of integers from data file')
41         num = l/len_int
42         ints = struct.unpack(str(num)+'i', data_str)
43         if struct.unpack(self.ENDIAN+'i', self.read(self.di))[0] != 1:
44             raise IOError('Error reading array of integers from data file')
45         return list(ints)
46
47     def readRecord(self):
48         """Read a single fortran record (potentially mixed
49         reals and ints)"""
50         dat = self.read(self.di)
51         if len(dat) == 0:
52             raise IOError('Empty record header')
53         l = struct.unpack(self.ENDIAN+'i', dat)[0]
54         data_str = self.read(l)
55         if len(data_str) != l:
56             raise IOError('Didn't read enough data')
57         check = self.read(self.di)
58         if len(check) != 4:
59             raise IOError('Didn't read enough data')
60         if struct.unpack(self.ENDIAN+'i', check)[0] != 1:
61             raise IOError('Error reading record from data file')
62         return data_str
63
```

```

64 def reshapev2m(v,nx,ny):
65     """Reshape a vector that was previously reshaped in C-major order from a matrix,
66     back into a C-major order matrix (here a list of lists)."""
67     m = [None]*ny
68     n = nx*ny
69     for i,(lo,hi) in enumerate(zip(xrange(0, n-nx+1, nx), xrange(nx, n+1, nx))):
70         m[i] = v[lo:hi]
71     return m
72
73 def floatmatsave(filehandle,m):
74     """Writes array to open filehandle, format '568%e12.5'.
75     Outer list is rows, inner lists are columns."""
76
77     for row in m:
78         f.write(''.join([' %12.5e' % col for col in row]) + '\n')
79
80 # open file and set endian-ness
81 try:
82     infn,outfn = argv[1:3]
83 except:
84     print '2 command-line arguments not given, using default in/out filenames'
85     infn = 'modeled_head.bin'
86     outfn = 'modeled_head_asciihed.grd'
87
88 ff = FortranFile(infn)
89
90 # currently this assumes a single-layer MODFLOW model
91 # (or at least only one layer of output)
92
93 # format of MODFLOW header in binary layer array
94 fmt = '<2i2f16s3i'
95 # little endian, 2 integers, 2 floats,
96 # 16-character string (4 element array of 4-byte strings), 3 integers
97
98 while True:
99     try:
100         # read in header
101         h = ff.readRecord()
102
103     except IOError:
104         # exit while loop
105         break
106
107     else:
108         # unpack header
109         kstp,kper,pertim,totim,text,ncol,nrow,ilay = struct.unpack(fmt,h)
110
111         # print status/confirmation to terminal
112         print kstp,kper,pertim,totim,text,ncol,nrow,ilay
113
114         h = ff.readReals()
115
116 ff.close()
117
118 xmin, xmax = (601700.0,630000.0)
119 ymin, ymax = (3566500.0,3597100.0)
120 hmin = min(h)
121 hmax = max(h)
122
123 # write output in Surfer ASCII grid format
124 f = open(outfn,'w')
125 f.write("""DSAA
126 %i %i
127 %.1f %.1f

```

```
128 %.1f %.1f
129 %.8e %.8e
130 """ %(ncol , nrow , xmin , xmax , ymin , ymax , hmin , hmax) )
131 hmat = reshapev2m(h , ncol , nrow)
132
133 # MODFLOW starts data in upper-left corner
134 # Surfer expects data starting in lower-left corner
135 # flip array in row direction
136
137 floatmatsave(f , hmat[:, :-1])
138 f.close()
```



### 6.3.8 Python script merge\_observed\_modeled\_heads.py

```
1 # this python script is used in the analysis associated
2 # with SP 9-9: "Analysis Report for Preparation of 2010 Culebra Potentiometric
3 # Surface Contour Maps."
4 # by Kris Kuhlman (2011)
5
6 fobs = open('meas_head_2010ASER.smp', 'r') # measured head
7 fmod = open('modeled_head.smp', 'r')     # modeled head
8 fwgt = open('obs_loc_2010ASER.dat', 'r') # weights
9 fdb = open('spec_wells.crd', 'r')        # x/y coordinates
10
11 fout = open('both_heads.smp', 'w')       # resulting file
12
13 # read in list of x/y coordinates, key by well name
14 wells = {}
15 for line in fdb:
16     well, x, y = line.split()[0:3] # ignore last column
17     wells[well.upper()] = [x, y]
18 fdb.close()
19
20 fout.write('\t'.join(['#NAME', 'UTM-NAD27-X', 'UTM-NAD27-Y',
21                      'OBSERVED', 'MODELED', 'OBS-MOD', 'WEIGHT']) + '\n')
22
23 for sobs, smod, w in zip(fobs, fmod, fwgt):
24     obs = float(sobs.split()[3])
25     mod = float(smod.split()[3])
26     name = sobs.split()[0].upper()
27     fout.write('\t'.join([name, wells[name][0], wells[name][1],
28                          str(obs), str(mod), str(obs-mod),
29                          w.rstrip().split()[1]] + '\n'))
30
31 fobs.close()
32 fmod.close()
33 fwgt.close()
34 fout.close()
```

### 6.3.9 Python script convert\_dtrkmf\_output\_for\_surfer.py

```
1 # this python script is used in the analysis associated
2 # with SP 9-9: "Analysis Report for Preparation of 2010 Culebra Potentiometric
3 # Surface Contour Maps."
4 # by Kris Kuhlman (2011)
5
6 # grid origin for dtrkmf cell -> x,y conversion
7 x0 = 601700.0
8 y0 = 3597100.0
9
10 dx = 100.0
11 dy = 100.0
12
13 fout = open('dtrk_output.blm', 'w')
14
15 # read in all results for saving particle tracks
16 fin = open('dtrk.out', 'r')
17 results = [l.split() for l in fin.readlines()[1:]]
18 fin.close()
19
20 npts = len(results)
21
22 # write Surfer blanking file header
23 fout.write('%i,1\n' % npts)
24
25 # write x,y location and time
26 for pt in results:
27     x = float(pt[1])*dx + x0
28     y = y0 - float(pt[2])*dy
29     t = float(pt[0])/7.75*4.0 # convert to 4m Culebra thickness
30     fout.write('%.1f,%.1f,%.8e\n' % (x,y,t))
31
32 fout.close()
```

### 6.3.10 Python script plot-results-bar-charts.py

This script is not run on the QA linux cluster, `alice.sandia.gov`. This script is run on a desktop PC, but is only used to create figures for the analysis report. This script is only included here for completeness.

```
1 # this python script is used to plot results associated
2 # with SP 9-9: "Analysis Report for Preparation of 2010 Culebra Potentiometric
3 # Surface Contour Maps."
4 # by Kris Kuhlman (2011)
5
6 import numpy as np
7 import matplotlib
8 matplotlib.use('Agg')
9 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
10
11 fname = 'modeled_vs_observed_head_pest_02.txt'
12
13 M2FT = 0.3048
14
15 # load in observed, modeled, obs-mod, (all in meters)
16 res = np.loadtxt(fname, skiprows=1, usecols=(3,4,5))
17 # load in weights
18 weights = np.loadtxt(fname, skiprows=1, usecols=(6,), dtype='int')
19 # load in names
20 names = np.loadtxt(fname, skiprows=1, usecols=(0,), dtype='!S6')
21
22 ## checking locations / zones
23 # *****
24 wipp = np.loadtxt('wipp_boundary.dat')
25 x,y = np.loadtxt(fname, skiprows=1, usecols=(1,2), unpack=True)
26
27 fig = plt.figure(2, figsize=(18,12))
28 ax1 = fig.add_subplot(121)
29 ax1.plot(x,y, 'k*') # wells
30 ax1.plot(wipp[:,0], wipp[:,1], 'r-') # WIPP LWB
31 buff = np.loadtxt('wipp_boundary.dat')
32 buff[1:3,0] -= 3000.0
33 buff[0,0] += 3000.0
34 buff[3:,0] += 3000.0
35 buff[2:4,1] -= 3000.0
36 buff[0:2,1] += 3000.0
37 buff[-1,1] += 3000.0
38 ax1.plot(buff[:,0], buff[:,1], 'g--') # WIPP LWB+3km
39 for xv,yv,n,w in zip(x,y,names,weights):
40     plt.annotate('%s %i'%(n,w),xy=(xv,yv),fontsize=8)
41 plt.axis('image')
42 ax1.set_xlim([x.min()-1000,x.max()+1000])
43 ax1.set_ylim([y.min()-1000,y.max()+1000])
44 ax2 = fig.add_subplot(122)
45 ax2.plot(x,y, 'k*') # wells
46 ax2.plot(wipp[:,0], wipp[:,1], 'r-') # WIPP LWB
47 ax2.plot(buff[:,0], buff[:,1], 'g--') # WIPP LWB+3km
48 for xv,yv,n,w in zip(x,y,names,weights):
49     plt.annotate('%s %i'%(n,w),xy=(xv,yv),fontsize=8)
50 plt.axis('image')
51 ax2.set_xlim([wipp[:,0].min()-100,wipp[:,0].max()+100])
52 ax2.set_ylim([wipp[:,1].min()-100,wipp[:,1].max()+100])
53 plt.savefig('check-well-weights.png')
54
55 # convert lengths to meters
56 res /= M2FT
57
58 # create the histogram of residuals for ASER
59 # *****
60
61 # -10,-9,...8,9,10
```

```

62 bins = np.arange(-10,11)
63 rectfig = (15,7)
64 squarefig = (8.5,8.5)
65
66 fig = plt.figure(1,figsize=rectfig)
67 ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
68 # all the data, all but distant wells
69 ax.hist([res[weights<2,2],res[:,2]],bins=bins,range=(-10.0,10.0),
70         rwidth=0.75,align='mid',
71         color=['red','blue'],
72         label=['Inside LWB & <3km from WIPP LWB','All wells'])
73 ax.set_xlabel('Measured-Modeled (ft)')
74 ax.set_ylabel('Frequency')
75 ax.set_xticks(bins)
76 ax.set_ylim([0,10])
77 ax.set_yticks(np.arange(0,10,2))
78 plt.grid()
79 ax.yaxis.grid(True,which='major')
80 ax.xaxis.grid(False)
81 plt.legend(loc='upper left')
82 plt.annotate('AEC-7 @ %.1f'%res[0,2],xy=(-9.75,5.0),xytext=(-8.5,5.0),
83            arrowprops={'arrowstyle':'->'},fontsize=16)
84 plt.savefig('model-error-histogram.png')
85 plt.close(1)
86
87 # create bar chart plot of individual residual for ASER
88 # *****
89
90 # separate wells into groups
91 resin = res[weights==0,2]
92 resnear = res[weights==1,2]
93 resfar = res[weights==2,2]
94
95 nin = resin.size
96 nnear = resnear.size
97 nfar = resfar.size
98
99 # separate names into groups
100 namin = names[weights==0]
101 namnear = names[weights==1]
102 namfar = names[weights==2]
103
104 # get indices that sort vectors
105 ordin = np.argsort(namin)
106 ordnear = np.argsort(namnear)
107 ordfar = np.argsort(namfar)
108
109 # put vectors back together (groups adjacent and sorted inside each group)
110 resagg = np.concatenate((resin[ordin],resnear[ordnear],resfar[ordfar]),axis=0)
111 namagg = np.concatenate((namin[ordin],namnear[ordnear],namfar[ordfar]),axis=0)
112
113 fig = plt.figure(1,figsize=rectfig)
114 ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
115
116 wid = 0.6
117 shift = 0.5 - wid/2.0
118 ab = np.arange(res.shape[0])
119
120 ax.bar(left=ab+shift,height=resagg,width=0.6,bottom=0.0,color='gray')
121 ax.set_ylim([-15.0,15.0])
122 ax.spines['bottom'].set_position('zero')
123 ax.spines['top'].set_color('none')
124 ax.xaxis.set_ticks_position('bottom')
125 plt.xticks(ab+wid,namagg,rotation=90)

```

```

126 # vertical lines dividing groups
127 ax.axvline(x=nin,color='black',linestyle='dashed')
128 ax.axvline(x=nin+nnear,color='black',linestyle='dashed')
129 ax.axhline(y=0,color='black',linestyle='solid')
130 ax.axhline(y=-15,color='black',linestyle='dotted')
131 plt.grid()
132 ax.yaxis.grid(True,which='major')
133 ax.xaxis.grid(False)
134 ax.set_xlim([0,res.shape[0]])
135
136 plt.annotate('',xy=(0.0,12.0),xycoords='data',
137             xytext=(nin,12.0),textcoords='data',
138             arrowprops={'arrowstyle':'<->'})
139 plt.annotate('inside WIPP LWB',xy=(nin/3.0,12.5),xycoords='data')
140
141 plt.annotate('',xy=(nin,12.0),xycoords='data',
142             xytext=(nin+nnear,12.0),textcoords='data',
143             arrowprops={'arrowstyle':'<->'})
144 plt.annotate('<3km WIPP LWB',xy=(nin+nnear/3.0,12.5),xycoords='data')
145
146 plt.annotate('',xy=(nin+nnear,12.0),xycoords='data',
147             xytext=(nin+nnear+nfar,12.0),textcoords='data',
148             arrowprops={'arrowstyle':'<->'})
149 plt.annotate('>3km WIPP LWB',xy=(nin+nnear+nfar/3.0,12.5),xycoords='data')
150
151 plt.annotate('AEC-7 @ %.1f'%res[0,2],xy=(nin+nnear+1.0,-14.5),xycoords='data')
152
153 ax.set_ylabel('Measured-Modeled (ft)')
154 plt.savefig('model-error-residuals.png')
155 plt.close(1)
156
157
158 # create scatter plot of measured vs. modeled
159 # *****
160 m = 1.0/M2FT
161 sr = [2980,3120]
162
163 print 'modeled-vs-measured correlation coefficients\n', \
164       'all data:', np.corrcoef(res[:,0], res[:,1])**2, '\n', \
165       'inside WIPP:', np.corrcoef(res[weights==0,0],res[weights==0,1])**2, '\n', \
166       'inside 3km:', np.corrcoef(res[weights<2,0], res[weights<2,1])**2
167
168
169 fig = plt.figure(1,figsize=squarefig)
170 ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
171 ax.plot(res[weights==0,0],res[weights==0,1],color='red',markersize=10,
172         marker='+',linestyle='none',label='Inside LWB')
173 ax.plot(res[weights==1,0],res[weights==1,1],color='green',markersize=10,
174         marker='x',linestyle='none',label='< 3km From LWB')
175 ax.plot(res[weights==2,0],res[weights==2,1],color='blue',markersize=10,
176         marker='*',linestyle='none',label='distant')
177 ax.plot(sr,sr,'k-',label='$45^\{\degree\}$ Perfect Fit')
178 ax.plot([sr[0],sr[1]],[sr[0]+m,sr[1]+m],'g-',linewidth=0.5,label='$\pm$ 1m Misfit')
179 ax.plot([sr[0],sr[1]],[sr[0]-m,sr[1]-m],'g-',linewidth=0.5,label='__nolegend__')
180 ax.set_xticks(np.linspace(sr[0],sr[1],8))
181 ax.set_yticks(np.linspace(sr[0],sr[1],8))
182 ax.set_xlim(sr)
183 ax.set_ylim(sr)
184 plt.minorticks_on()
185 plt.legend(loc='lower right',scatterpoints=1,numpoints=1)
186 plt.grid()
187 for j,lab in enumerate(names):
188     if res[j,2] < -1.5*m:
189         # plot labels to left of value far above 45-degree line

```

```
190     plt.annotate(lab,xy=(res[j,0],res[j,1]),
191                  xytext=(res[j,0]-(2.9*len(lab)),res[j,1]-2.0),fontsize=14)
192 elif res[j,2] > 1.5*m:
193     # plot labels to right of value far below 45-degree line
194     plt.annotate(lab,xy=(res[j,0],res[j,1]),
195                  xytext=(res[j,0]+2.0,res[j,1]-2.0),fontsize=14)
196 ax.set_xlabel('Observed Freshwater Head (ft AMSL)')
197 ax.set_ylabel('Modeled Freshwater Head (ft AMSL)')
198 plt.savefig('scatter_pest_02.png')
```



### 6.3.11 Python script plot-contour-maps.py

This script is not run on the QA linux cluster, `alice.sandia.gov`. This script is run on a desktop PC, but is only used to create figures for the analysis report. This script is only included here for completeness.

```
1 # this python script is used to plot figures associated
2 # with SP 9-9: "Analysis Report for Preparation of 2010 Culebra Potentiometric
3 # Surface Contour Maps."
4 # by Kris Kuhlman (2011)
5
6 import numpy as np
7 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
8 from mpl_toolkits.basemap import pyproj
9
10 # http://spatialreference.org/ref/epsg/26713/
11 # http://spatialreference.org/ref/epsg/31013/
12 putm = pyproj.Proj(init='epsg:26713') # UTM Zone 13N NAD27 (meters)
13 pstp = pyproj.Proj(init='epsg:32012') # NM state plane east NAD27 (meters)
14
15 def transform(xin, yin):
16     """does the default conversion from utm -> state plane
17     then also convert to feet from meters"""
18     xout, yout = pyproj.transform(putm, pstp, xin, yin)
19     xout /= M2FT
20     yout /= M2FT
21     return xout, yout
22
23 cfname = 'modeled_head_pest_02.grd'
24 pfname = 'dtrk_output_pest_02.blm'
25 wfname = 'modeled_vs_observed_head_pest_02.txt'
26
27 M2FT = 0.3048
28
29 # read in well-related things
30 # %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
31 # load in observed, modeled, obs-mod, (all in meters)
32 res = np.loadtxt(wfname, skiprows=1, usecols=(3,4,5))
33 res /= M2FT # convert heads to feet
34 wellx, welly = transform(*np.loadtxt(wfname, skiprows=1, usecols=(1,2), unpack=True))
35 names = np.loadtxt(wfname, skiprows=1, usecols=(0,), dtype='|S6')
36
37 # read in head-related things
38 # %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
39 h = np.loadtxt(cfname, skiprows=5) # ASCII matrix of modeled head in meters AMSL
40 h[h<0.0] = np.NaN # no-flow zone in northeast
41 h[h>1000.0] = np.NaN # constant-head zone in east
42 h /= M2FT # convert elevations to feet
43
44 # surfer grid is implicit in header
45 # create grid from min/max UTM NAD27 coordinates (meters)
46 utmy, utmx = np.mgrid[3566500.0:3597100.0:307j, 601700.0:630000.0:284j]
47
48 # head contour coords
49 hx, hy = transform(utmx, utmy)
50 del utmx, utmy
51
52 # read in particle-related things
53 # %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
54 px, py = transform(*np.loadtxt(pfname, skiprows=1, delimiter=',',
55                             usecols=(0,1), unpack=True))
56 part = np.loadtxt(pfname, skiprows=1, delimiter=',', usecols=(2,))
57
58 # read in MODFLOW model, WIPP LWB & ASER contour domain (UTM X & Y)
59 # %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
60 modx, mody = transform(*np.loadtxt('.../total_boundary.dat', unpack=True))
61 wippx, wippy = transform(*np.loadtxt('.../wipp_boundary.csv', delimiter=',',
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