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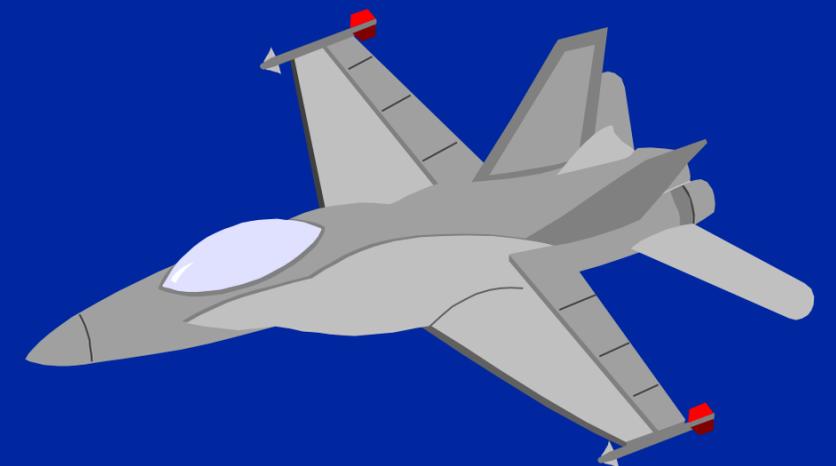
# **MAROS Decision Support System for Optimizing LTM Programs: Application to Fort Lewis Logistics Center**

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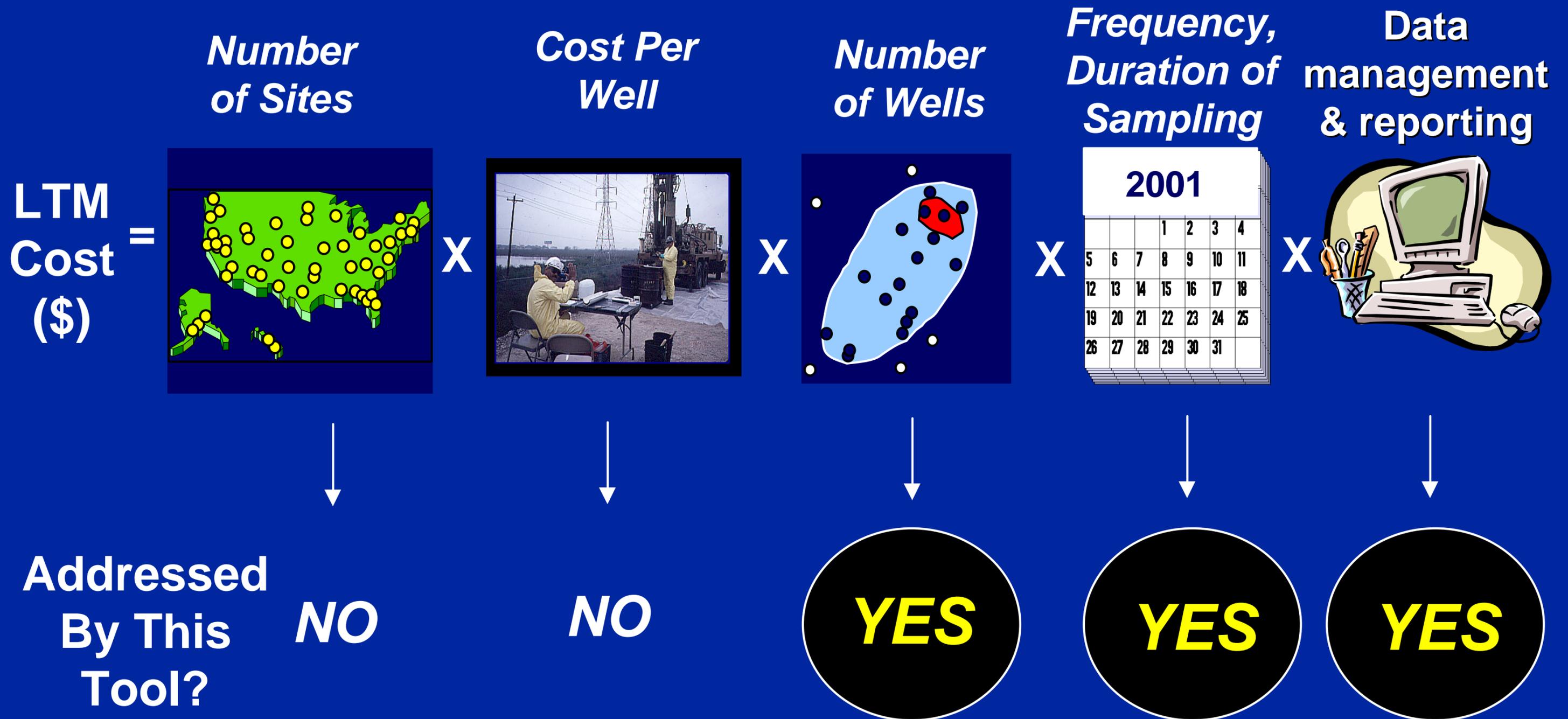
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# Long-Term Monitoring Calculus



# ***Key Concept: Knowledge of Plume Trend Can Translate into LTMP Cost Savings***

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## ***Example 1:***

expanding, chlorinated, fast gw

***More Intensive LTMP: MORE wells, MORE frequent***

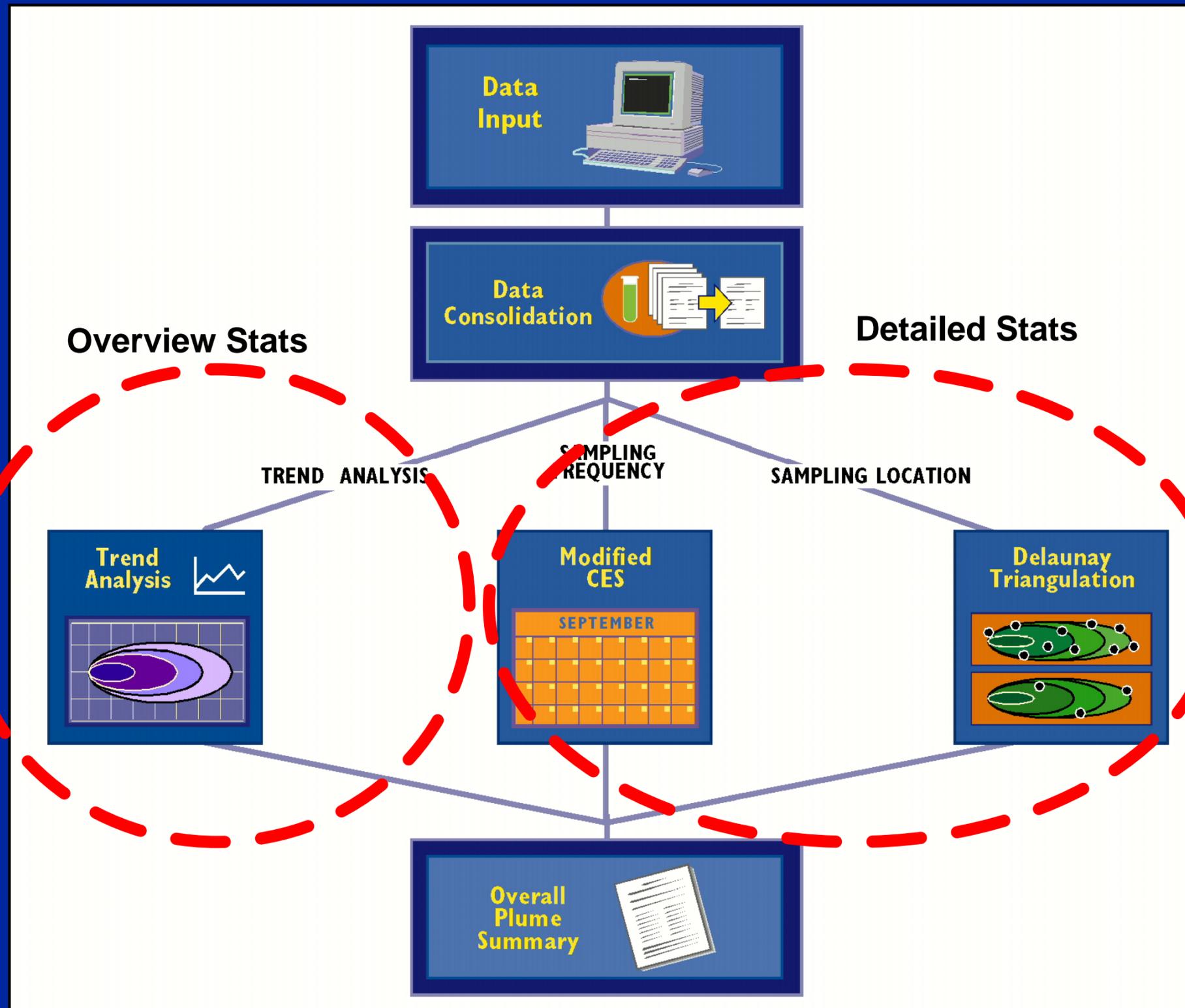
## ***Example 2:***

shrinking, BTEX slow gw:

***Less Intensive LTMP: FEWER wells, LESS frequent***

***MAROS provides a first-cut blueprint for a LTMP***

# MAROS Analysis Road Map



- **Database Input**

- **Automated Data Consolidation**

- **Optimization Tools:**

## **Overview Stats:**

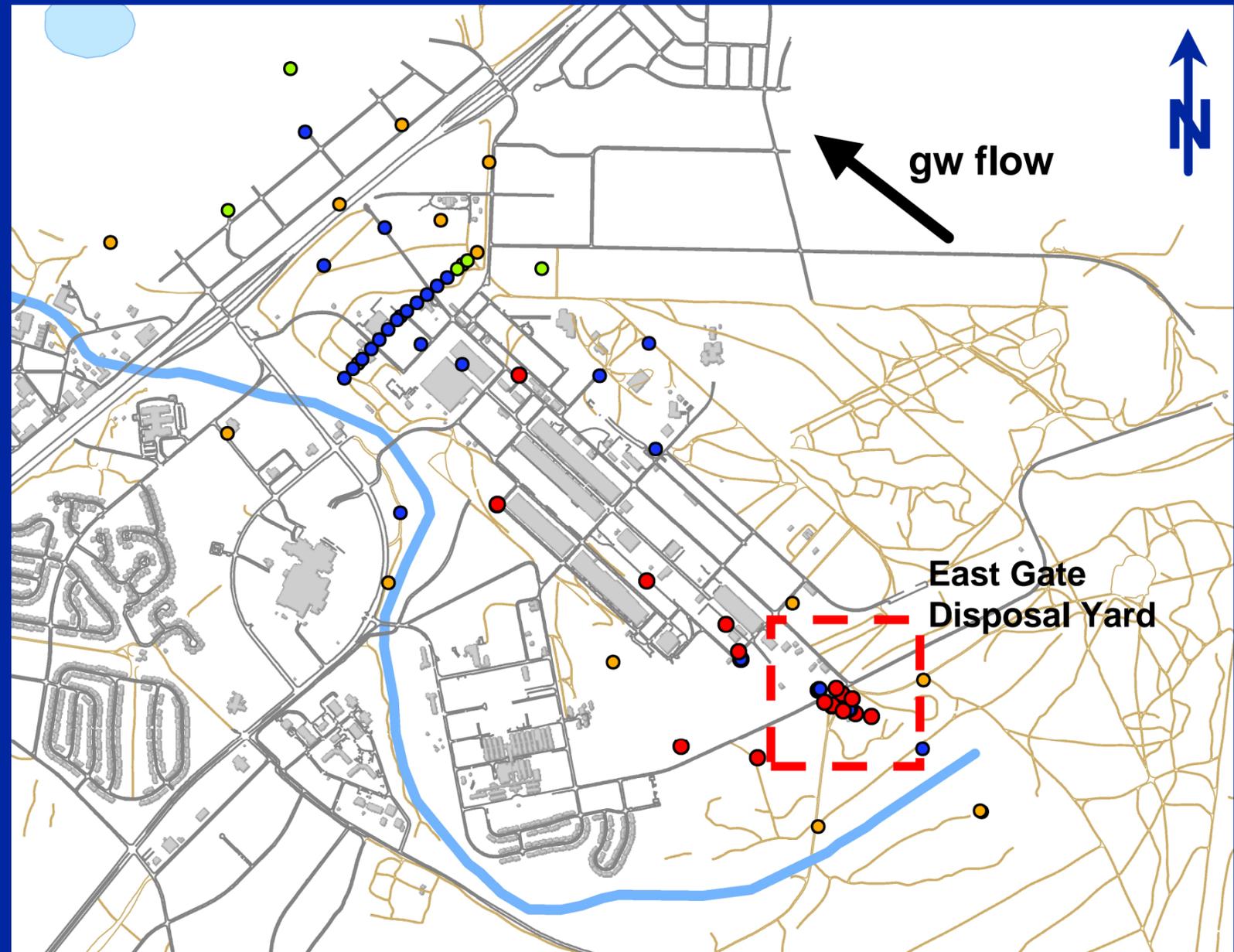
- *Plume Trend Analysis*
- *Moment Analysis*

## **Detailed Stats:**

- *Well Redundancy*
- *Well Sufficiency*
- *Data Sufficiency*

# Site Description

- MAROS Analysis performed on a TCE plume monitoring network, Fort Lewis Logistics Center, Pierce County, Washington
- TCE used as a degreasing agent until 1970's
- Chlorinated solvents: historically TCE up to 250 mg/L, NAPL present
- Plume Length: 10,000 ft  
Plume Depth: 60 – 80 ft
- Under Active Remediation: pump and treat system in since 1995



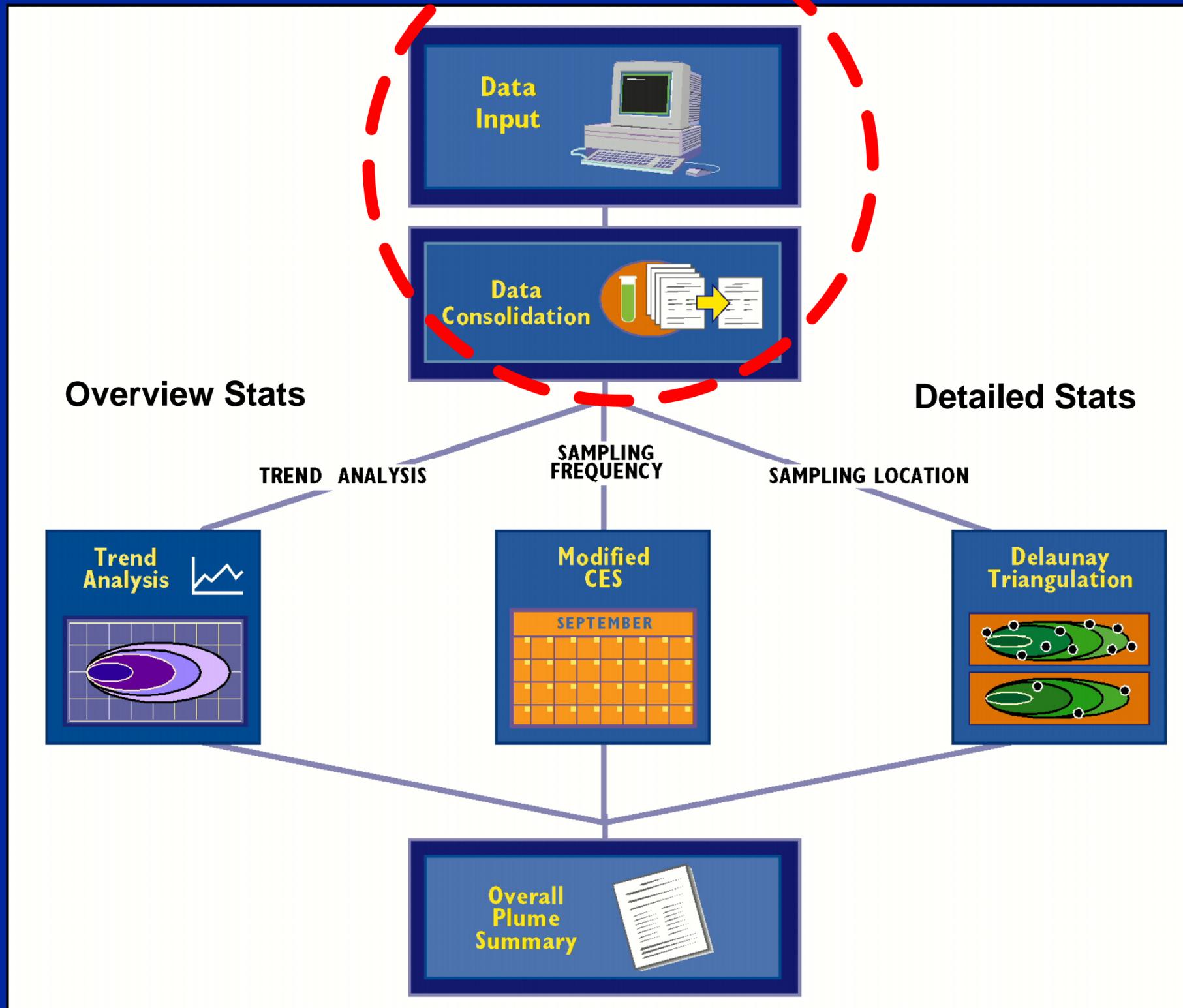
# Hydrogeologic/Well Network Parameters

## PARAMETER

■ Representative Media Type	Outwash Sand and Gravel
■ Depth to Water (ft, BGS)	10 – 30
■ Saturated Thickness (ft)	Upper Zone: 60
■ GW Seepage Velocity (ft/yr)	550
■ Extraction Wells	Upper Zone: 21
■ Monitoring Wells	Upper Zone: 43
■ Quarterly monitoring	
■ 7 years of sampling data	



# MAROS Analysis Road Map



- **Database Input:** Excel or Access Files, Archive files, simple updates
- **Automated Data Consolidation:** Dups, ND's, and J Flag Values
- **Optimization Tools:**
  - Overview Stats:**
    - *Plume Trend Analysis*
    - *Moment Analysis*
  - Detailed Stats:**
    - *Well Redundancy*
    - *Well Sufficiency*
    - *Data Sufficiency*

# MAROS Data Input: *Data Requirements and Analysis Methods*

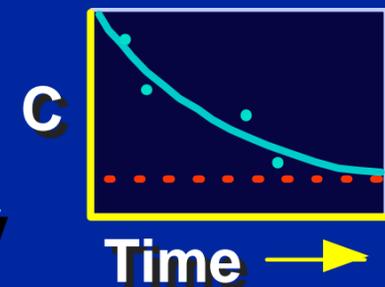
## **Data Requirements**

Historical measurements of plume concentrations: multiple sampling events (including upgradient, downgradient, and 2 or more plume wells.)

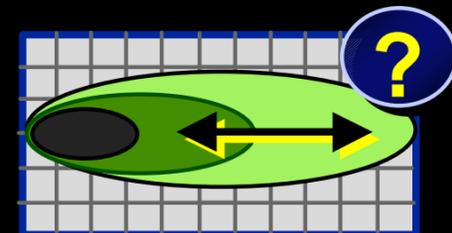


## **Data Consolidation**

Assign representative results for sample events: non-detects, duplicates, trace levels, and irregularly sampled wells.



**GOAL:** Establish plume status as stable, shrinking, or expanding based on historical data.



# Data Input & Data Reduction

Monitoring and Remediation Optimization System (MAROS)

## Data Reduction: Part 1 of 2

**Period of Interest**

The current dataset contains data within the following time interval.  
From: 10/4/1988 To: 12/19/1998

Specify the period of interest below or leave blank if you would like to use all of the data.  
From: 10/4/1988 To: 12/19/1998

**Data Consolidation**

Choose the option to define the time period to consider within the dataset.

**Do Not Perform Time Consolidation**

Quarterly

Yearly

Other Time Interval

Choose the option to define the representative statistical dataset.

Median

Geometric Mean

Average

Maximum (Highest)

\* Data consolidation is recommended for datasets with greater than 40 sample events.

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## Well Network Input Data:

- 10 Source Wells
- 33 Tail Wells
- 21 Extraction Wells

## Data Consolidation:

- Post-remediation start-up data:  
1995 – 2001
- One COC for site:  
TCE
- No Time Consolidation

# Data Reduction

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## Data Reduction: Part 2 of 2

Select the factors by which you would like to limit the data.

"Non-Detect (ND)"

1/2 Detection Limit  
 Detection Limit  
 Fraction of Detection Limit   
 Specified Detection Limit

COC	Detection Limit (mg/L)
BENZENE	
ETHYLBENZENE	
TOLUENE	
XYLENES, TOTAL	

Duplicates

Average  
 Maximum  
 First Result

"Trace (TR)"

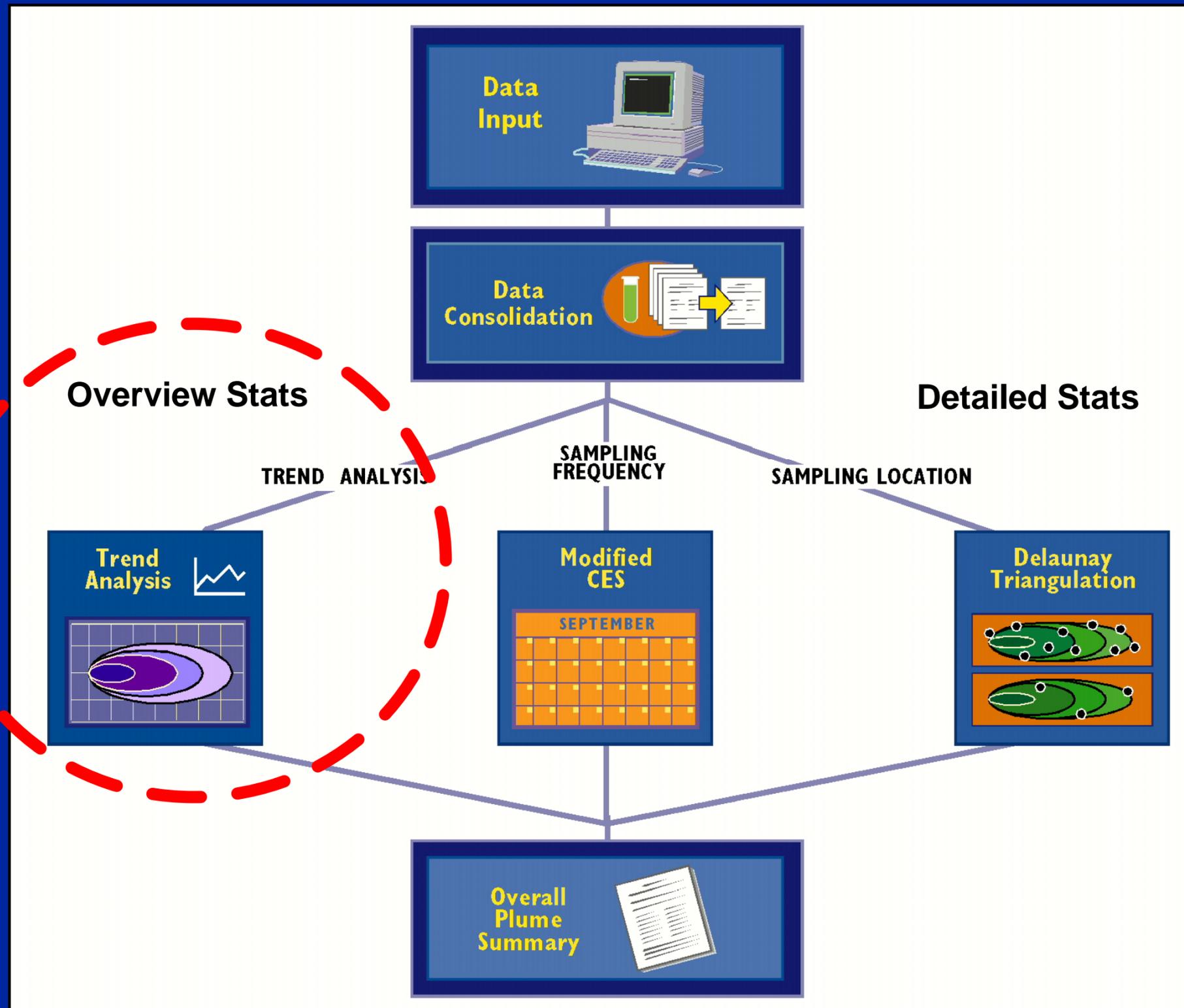
Actual Value  
 1/2 Detection Limit  
 Detection Limit  
 Fraction of Actual Value

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## Data Consolidation:

- Non-detect values set to minimum detection limit.
- Average Duplicates
- Trace Values set to actual values

# MAROS Analysis Road Map

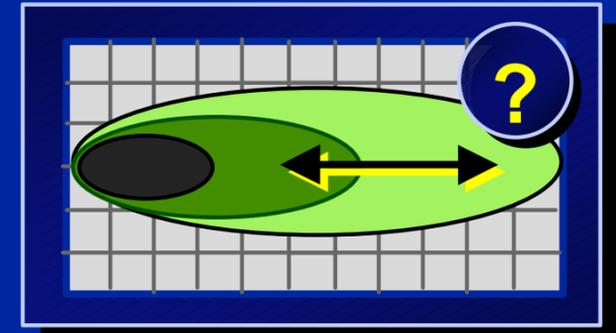


- **Optimization Tool:**
  - **Overview Stats:** Plume Stability and Individual Well Trend
  - Analysis:** Conc. vs. Time Data, Simple Stats, Moment Analysis

# MAROS Temporal Trend Analysis

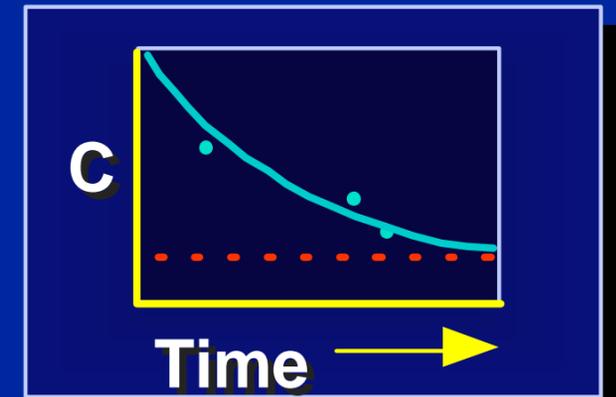
**WHAT**

**Define ground water plume status as stable, shrinking, or expanding.**



**HOW**

**Evaluate historical concentration measurements in ground water.**

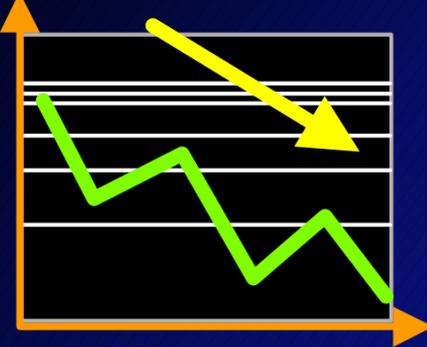
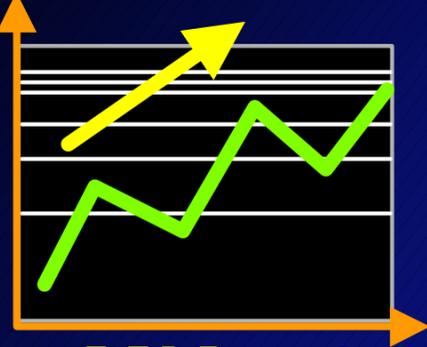
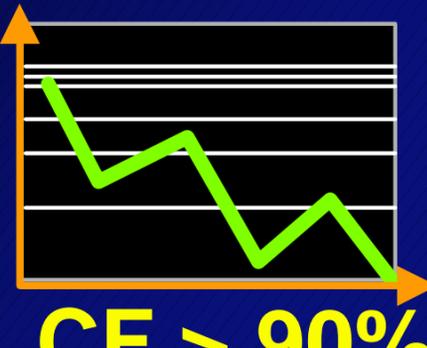
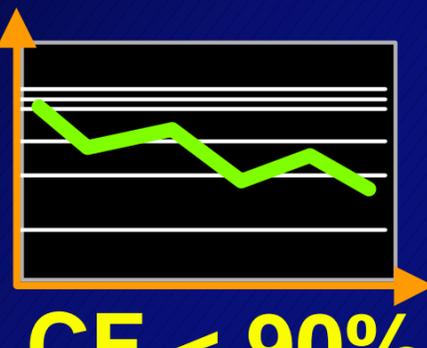
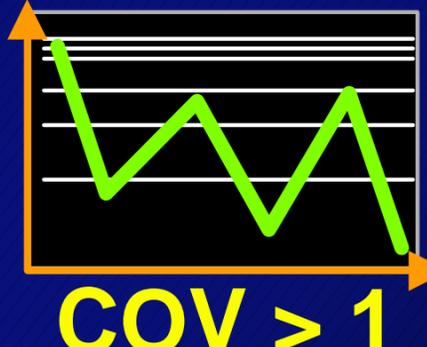


**WHEN**

**Always apply based on sufficient historical data.**



# Interpretation of Mann-Kendall Tests

<b>MK Statistic (S)</b>	 <p><b>Decreasing Trend</b></p> <p><math>MK &lt; 0</math></p>	 <p><b>Increasing Trend</b></p> <p><math>MK &gt; 0</math></p>
<b>Confidence Factor (CF)</b>	 <p><b>Strong Trend</b></p> <p><math>CF &gt; 90\%</math></p>	 <p><b>Weak Trend</b></p> <p><math>CF &lt; 90\%</math></p>
<b>Coefficient of Variation (COV)</b>	 <p><b>Stable Trend</b></p> <p><math>COV &lt; 1</math></p>	 <p><b>Fluctuating Trend</b></p> <p><math>COV &gt; 1</math></p>

# Mann-Kendall Analysis

Monitoring and Remediation Optimization System (MAROS)

## Mann Kendall Statistics

The Mann-Kendall Analysis is used for analyzing a single groundwater constituent, multiple constituents are analyzed separately. Each "tab" below shows the statistics for one constituent.

See manual text or "Help" for description of trend determination method.

BENZENE | ETHYLBENZENE | TOLUENE | XYLENES, TOTAL

Statistical Analysis Results. Last column is the result for the trend.

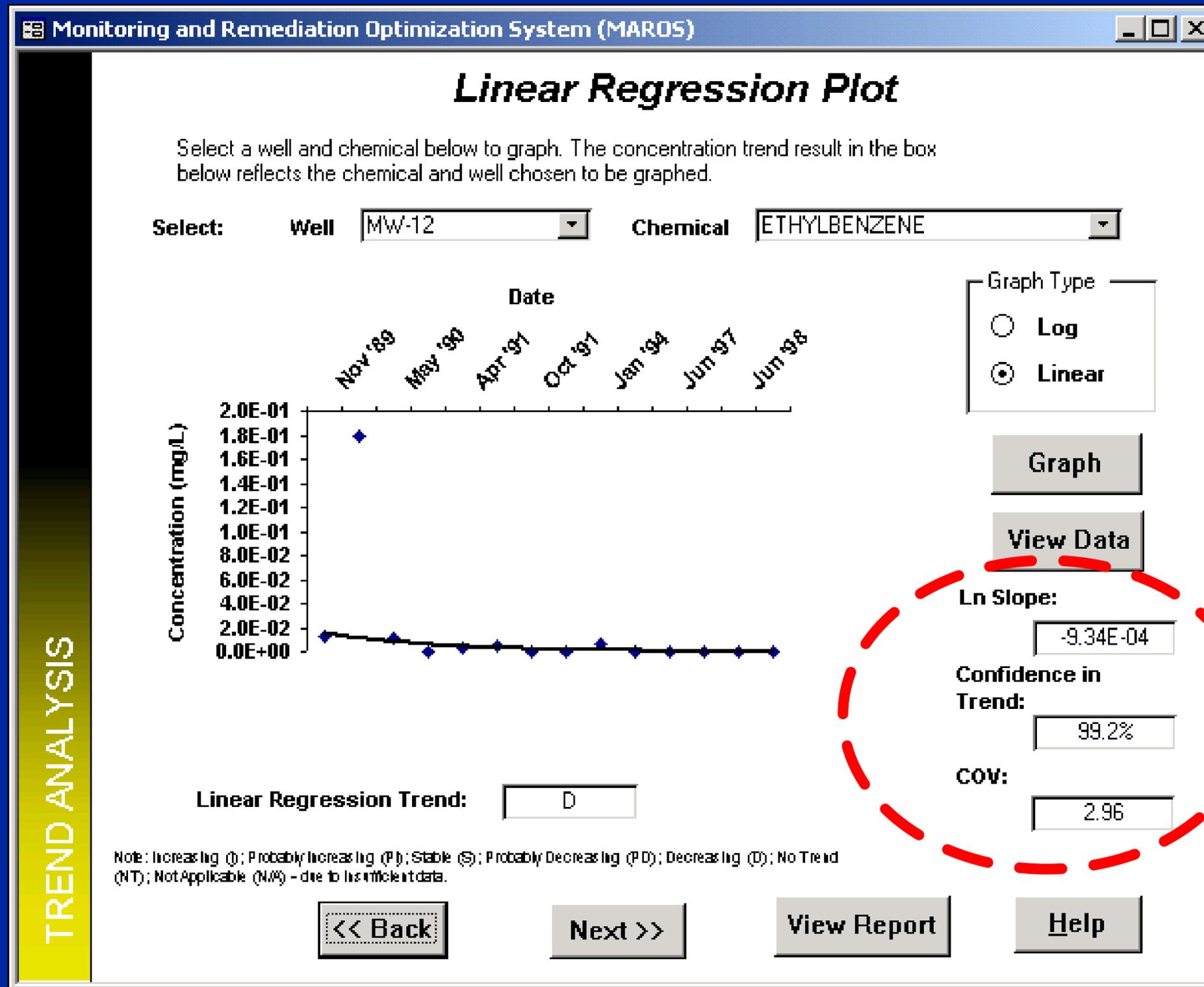
Well	S/T	COV	MK (S)	Confidence in Trend	Concentration Trend
MW-15	S	0.000	0	42.3%	S
MW-14	S	1.606	-50	99.9%	D
MW-13	S	1.106	-53	99.8%	D
MW-12	S	1.591	-68	100.0%	D
MW-1	S	1.701	-15	98.5%	D
MW-8	T	0.985	-11	70.5%	S
MW-7	T	0.249	-7	62.6%	S
MW-6	T	0.000	0	47.8%	S

Note: Increasing (I); Probably Increasing (PI); Stable (S); Probably Decreasing (PD); Decreasing (D); No Trend (NT); Not Applicable (N/A); Source/Tail (S/T); COV (Coefficient of Variation); MK(S) Mann-Kendall Statistic

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# Linear Regression Analysis



# Mann-Kendall and Linear Regression Analysis Results

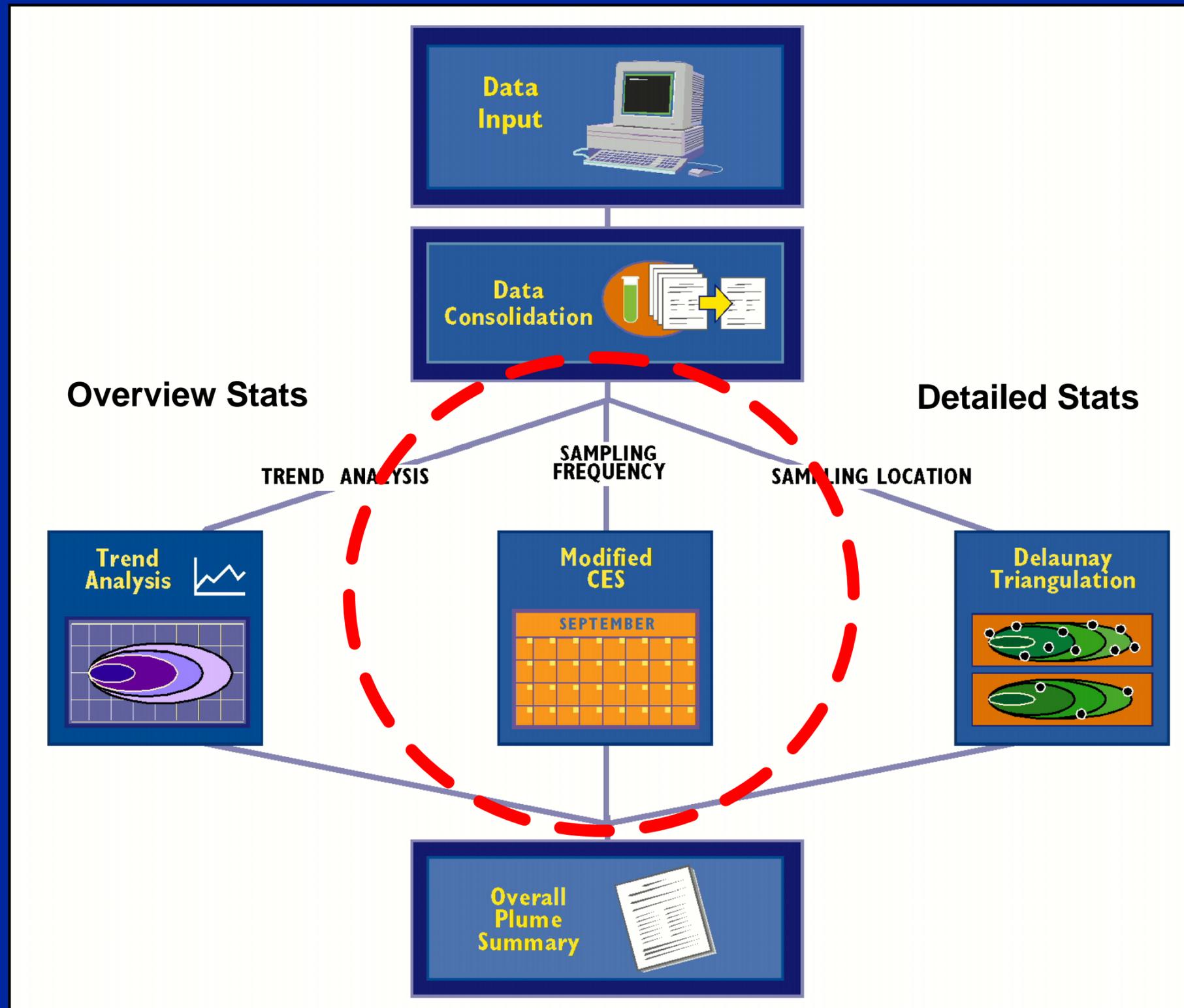
MAROS Trend Analysis		
Well Type	PD, D, S	I, PI
Source	6 of 10 (60%)	4 of 10 (40%)
Tail	15 of 33 (45%)	11 of 33 (33%)
Extraction	18 of 21 (85%)	2 of 21 (9%)

- Increasing (I) 
- Probably Increasing (PI) 
- No Trend (NT) 
- Stable (S) 
- Probably Decreasing (PD) 
- Decreasing (D) 

# Moment Analysis Results

Mann-Kendall Trend Analysis		
Moment Type	Trend	Comment
<b>0<sup>th</sup>: Mass Estimate</b>	<b>Increasing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extraction system moving high concentration groundwater from source zones to nearby monitoring wells OR</li><li>• Change in monitoring wells sampled</li></ul>
<b>1<sup>st</sup>: Center of Mass</b>	<b>Stable</b>	Only slight movement forward or backward along the direction of groundwater flow.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>: Plume Spread</b>	<b>Decreasing</b>	Indicates that wells representing very large areas both on the tip and the sides of the plume show decreasing concentrations.

# MAROS Analysis Road Map

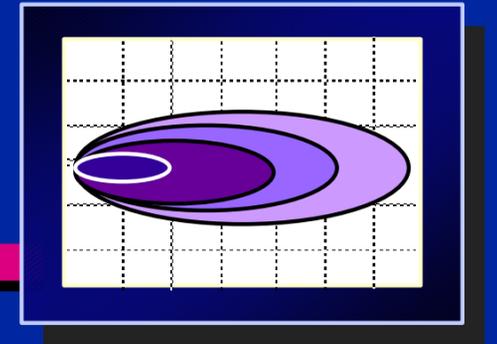


- **Optimization Tools:**
  - **Sampling Location:**  
*Well Redundancy*

**Cost Effective Sampling  
(Ridley, 1998)**

**Overview: Estimate lowest frequency of sampling for a monitoring location but still provide enough information for regulatory and remedial decision making.**

# Sampling Frequency



## Modified CES Steps:

- Approximate frequency based on recent (6 events) trends – consider ROC and MK results
- Adjust frequency based on overall trends – consider MK results
- Reduce frequency based on risk (MCL for COC)

\* Linear Regression used for ROC and Mann-Kendall Analysis used to assess trends. Consider both Magnitude and Direction of the Rate of Change (ROC)



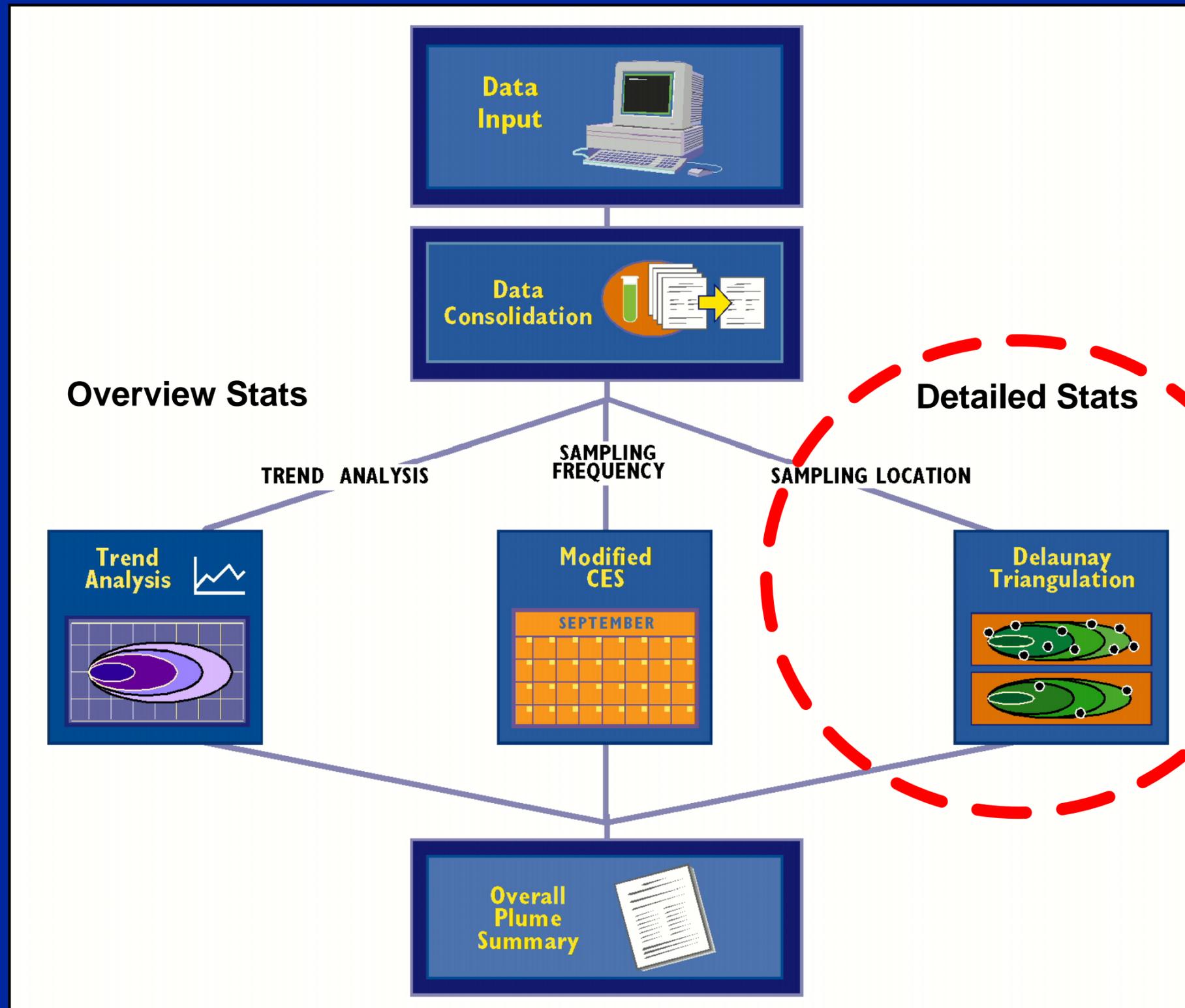
# Sampling Frequency Analysis Results



<b>Frequency Analysis: Modified CES</b>			
<b>Monitoring Wells</b>	<b>Current Sampling Frequency</b>	<b>Recommended Sampling Frequency</b>	<b>Number of Wells</b>
<b>Group 1</b>	Quarterly	Annual	16
<b>Group 2</b>	Quarterly	Semiannual	3
<b>Group 3</b>	Quarterly	Quarterly	12 (No Change)
<b>Group 4</b>	Quarterly	Biennial	7

Note: Cost Effective Sampling (CES)

# MAROS Analysis Road Map



- **Optimization Tools:**
  - **Sampling Location:**  
*Well Redundancy*

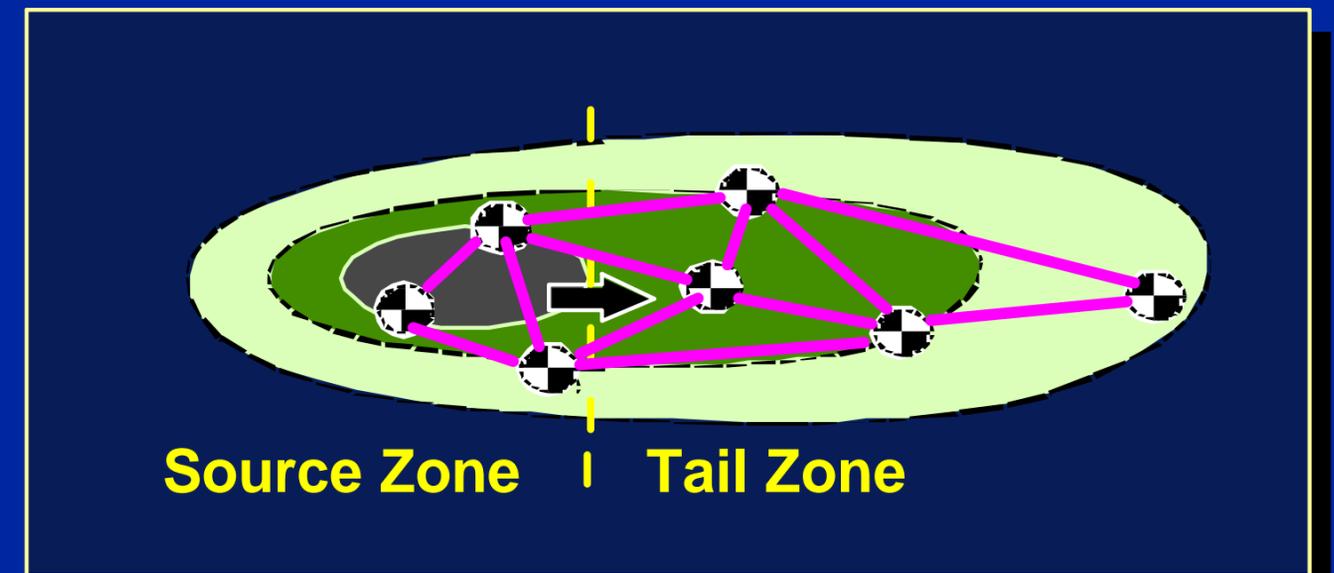
# Well Redundancy and Sufficiency Analysis

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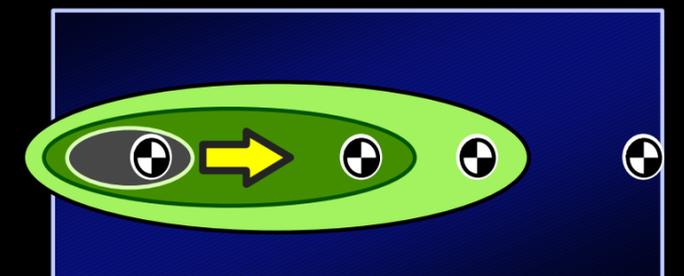
- Evaluate significance of current sampling locations in monitoring network (eliminate “redundant” wells)

OR

- Add wells in areas of the well network with high level of plume concentration uncertainty.



**Key Point:** Does estimated concentration change if well is removed?



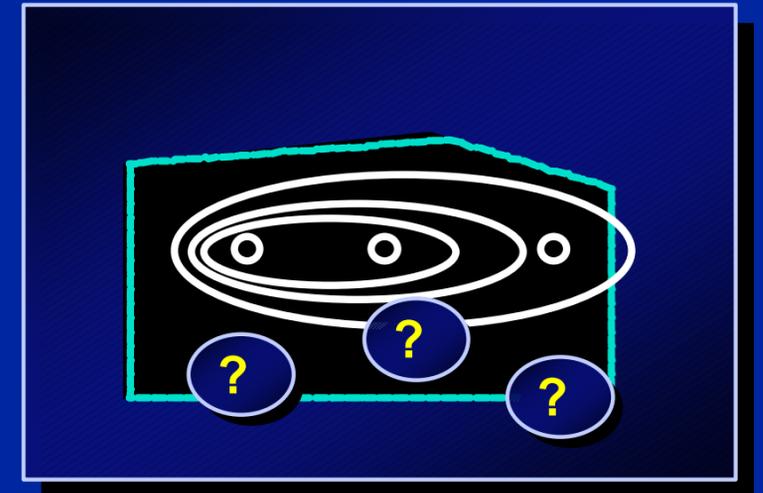
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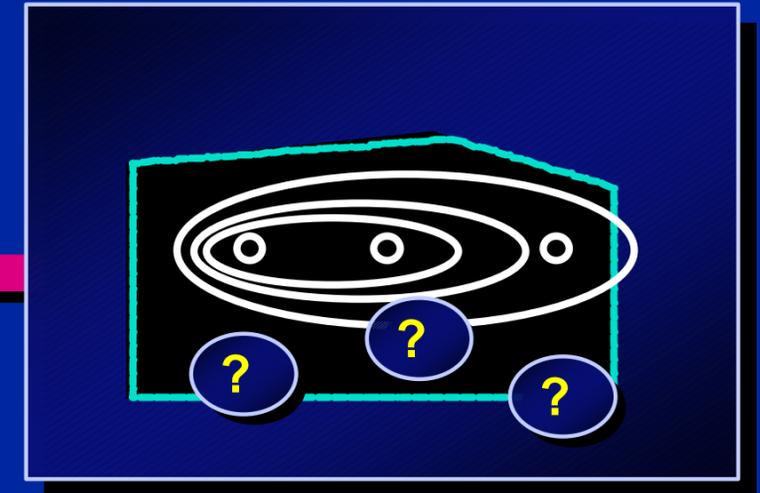
## Information Loss?

Compare before network information before elimination and after

- Average Concentration Ratio
- Area Ratio
- Slope Factor Ratio  $\rightarrow 1$ , information loss minimal, well is possible candidate for elimination.
- Slope Factor Ratio  $\rightarrow 0$ , information loss significant, well should be maintained in the well network.

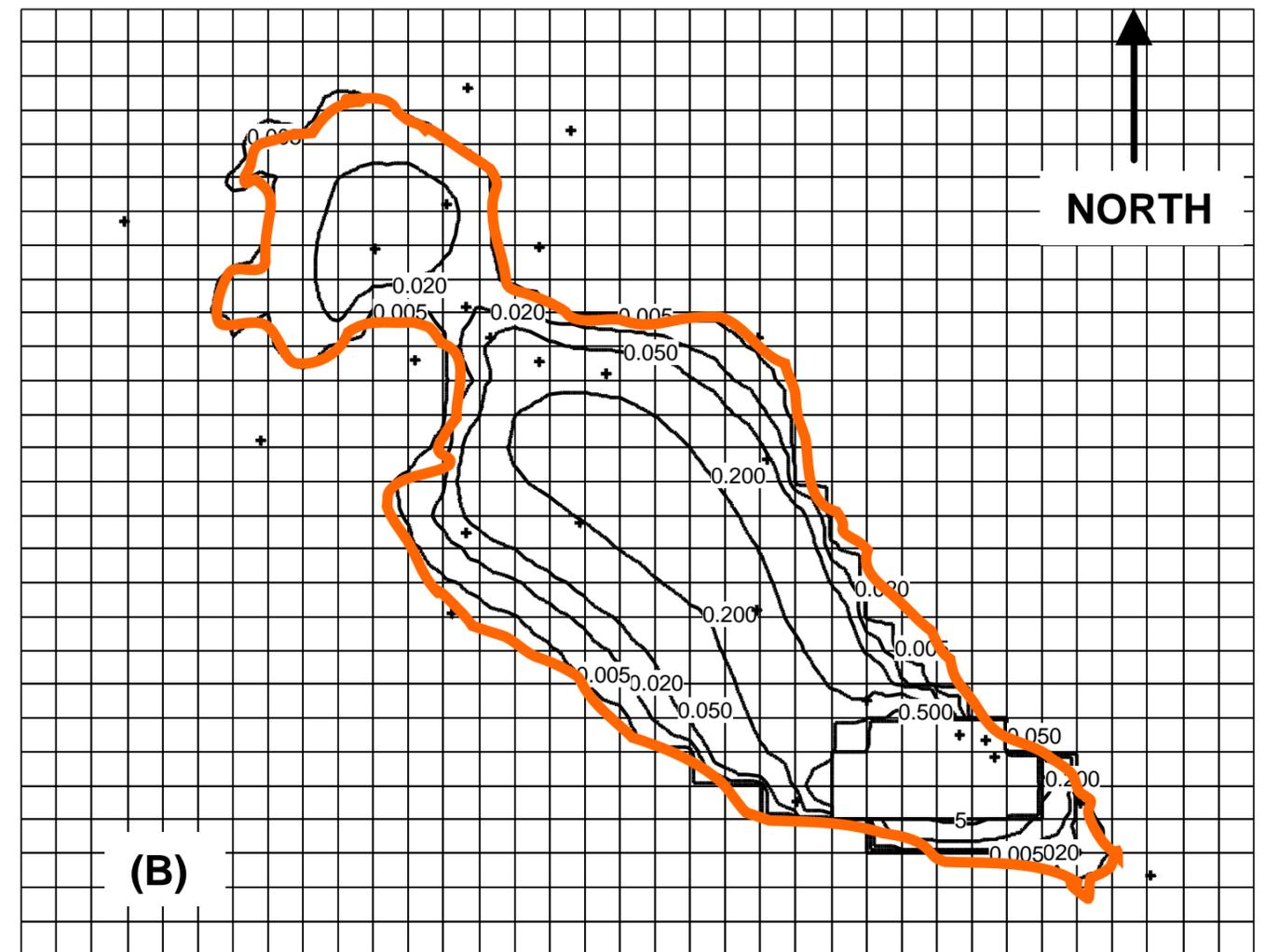
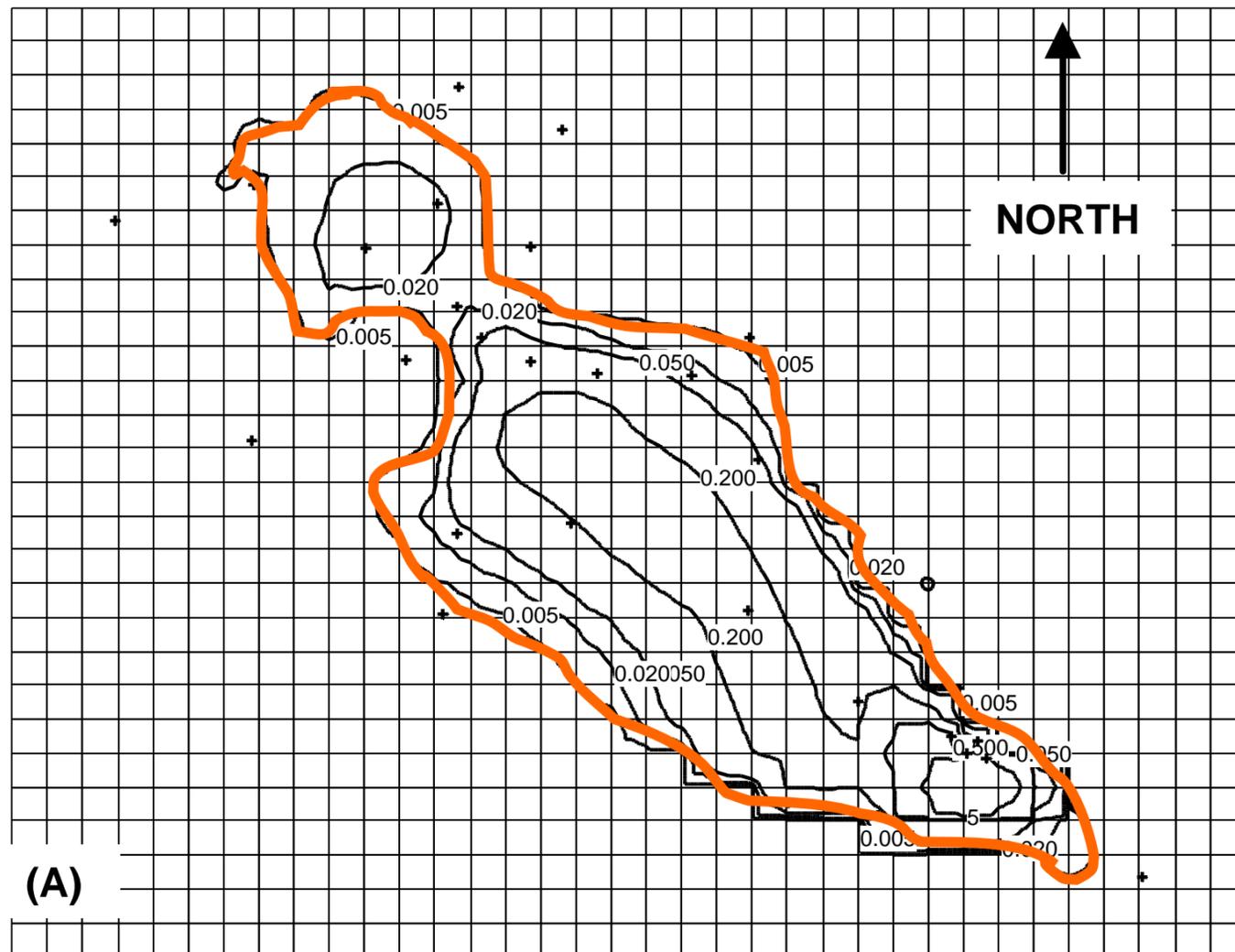


# Well Redundancy Analysis Results



Summary	Before Optimization	After Optimization
Redundancy reduction	38 wells	8 candidates for removal
Removal Candidates	LC-136b, LC-137a, LC-149d, LC-19b, LC-19c, LC-44a, LC-51 and LC-66a	

# Visual Comparison of TCE Plumes

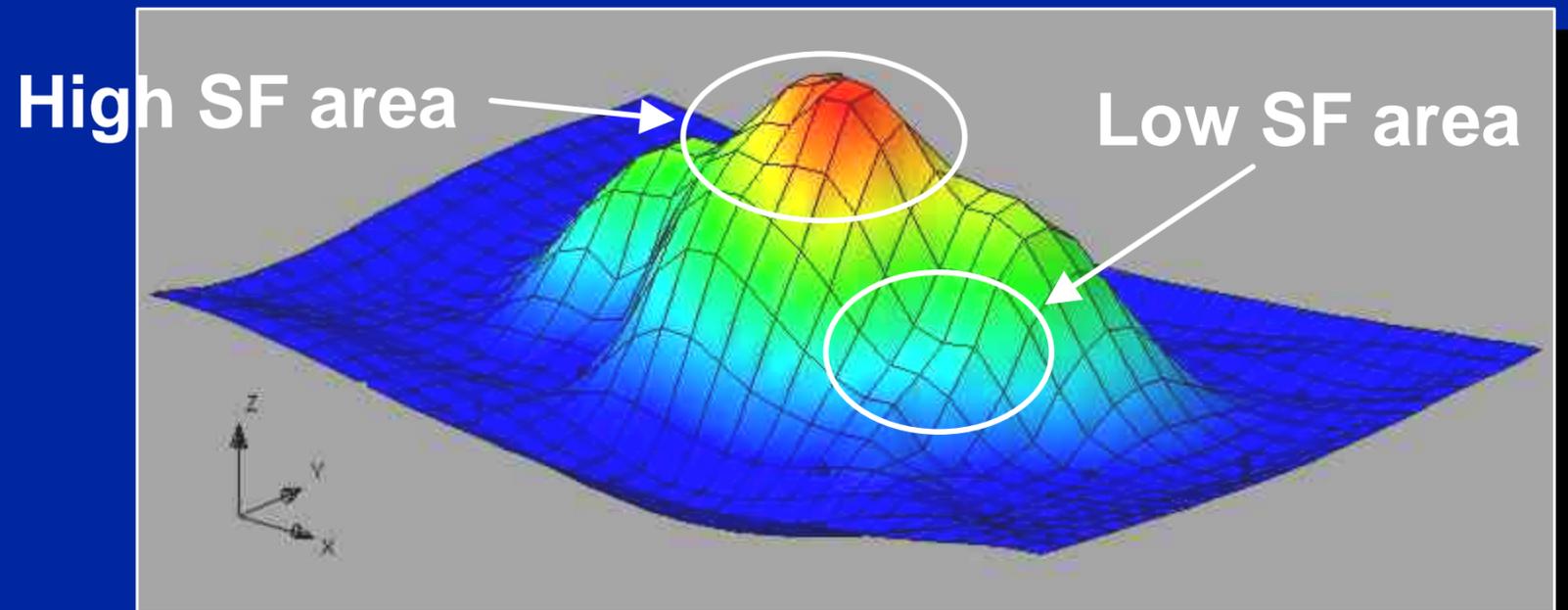


(A) September 2001  
**Before** Optimization

(B) September 2001  
**After** Optimization

# Well Sufficiency Analysis

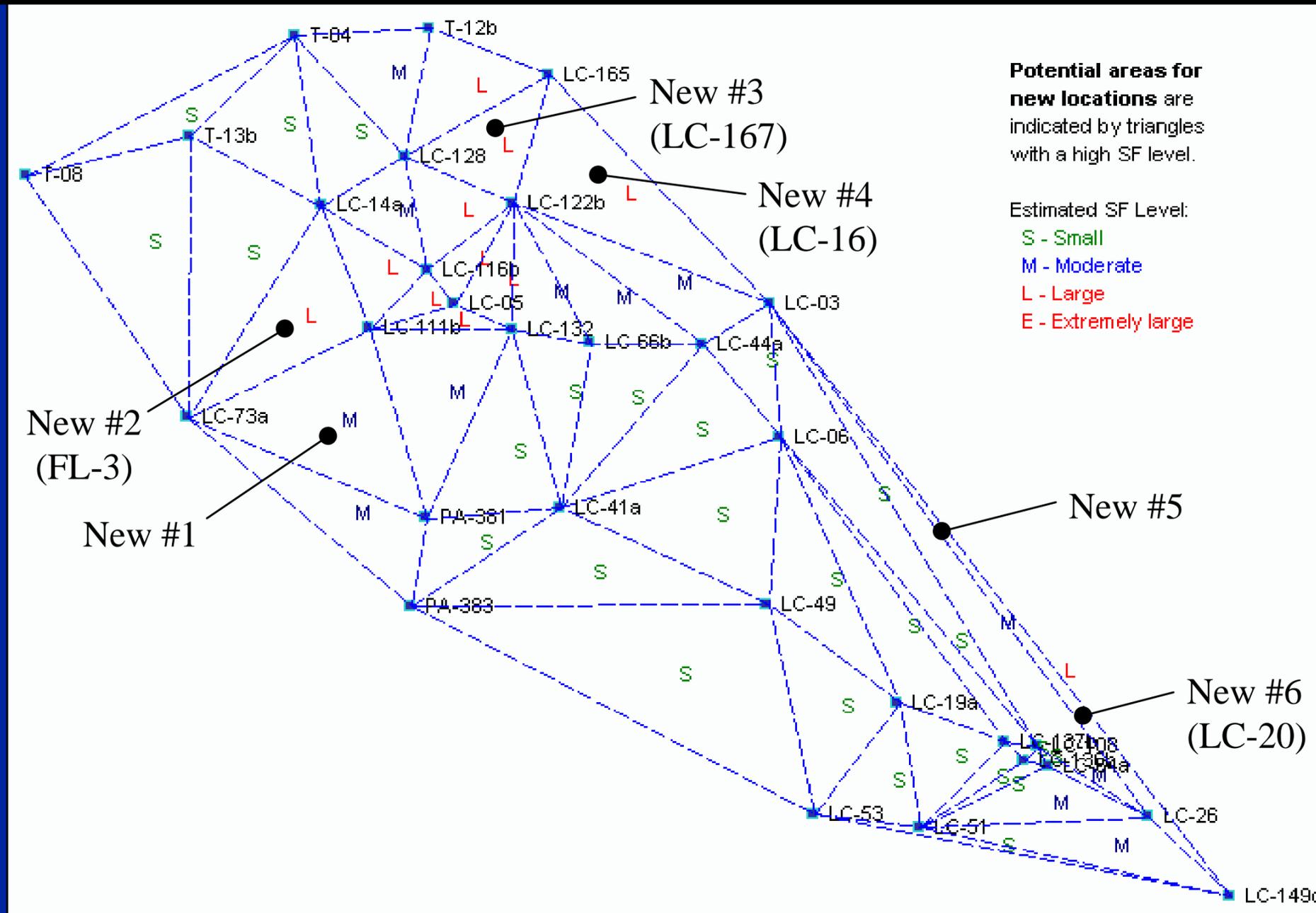
Generate **estimation uncertainty plot** based on SF values



*High SF areas → High estimation error → Possible need for new locations*

*Low SF areas → Low estimation error → No need for new locations*

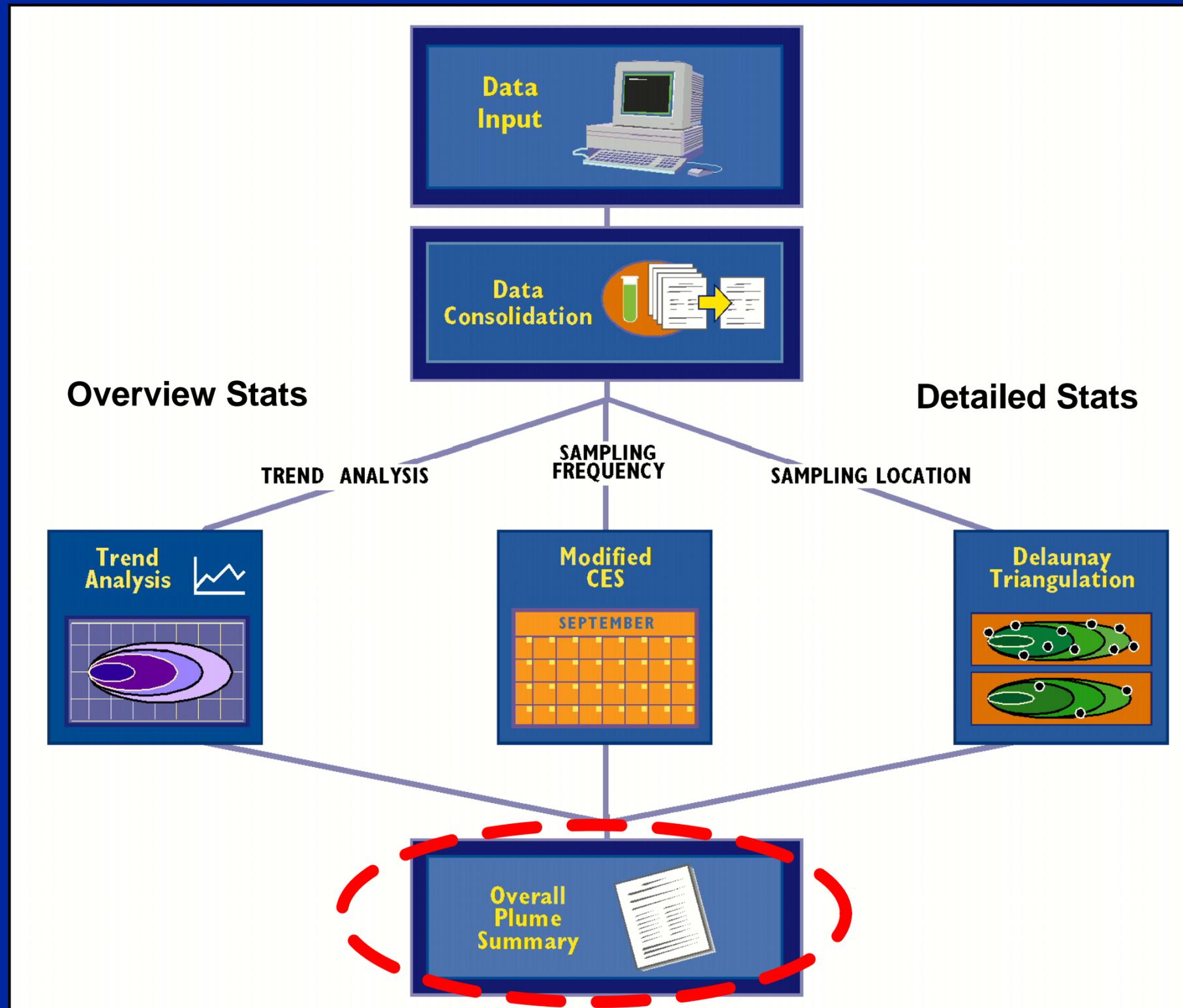
# Well Sufficiency Analysis Results: New Sampling Locations



**6 new wells are proposed inside the well network**

**Note: Only applicable for areas inside the well network**

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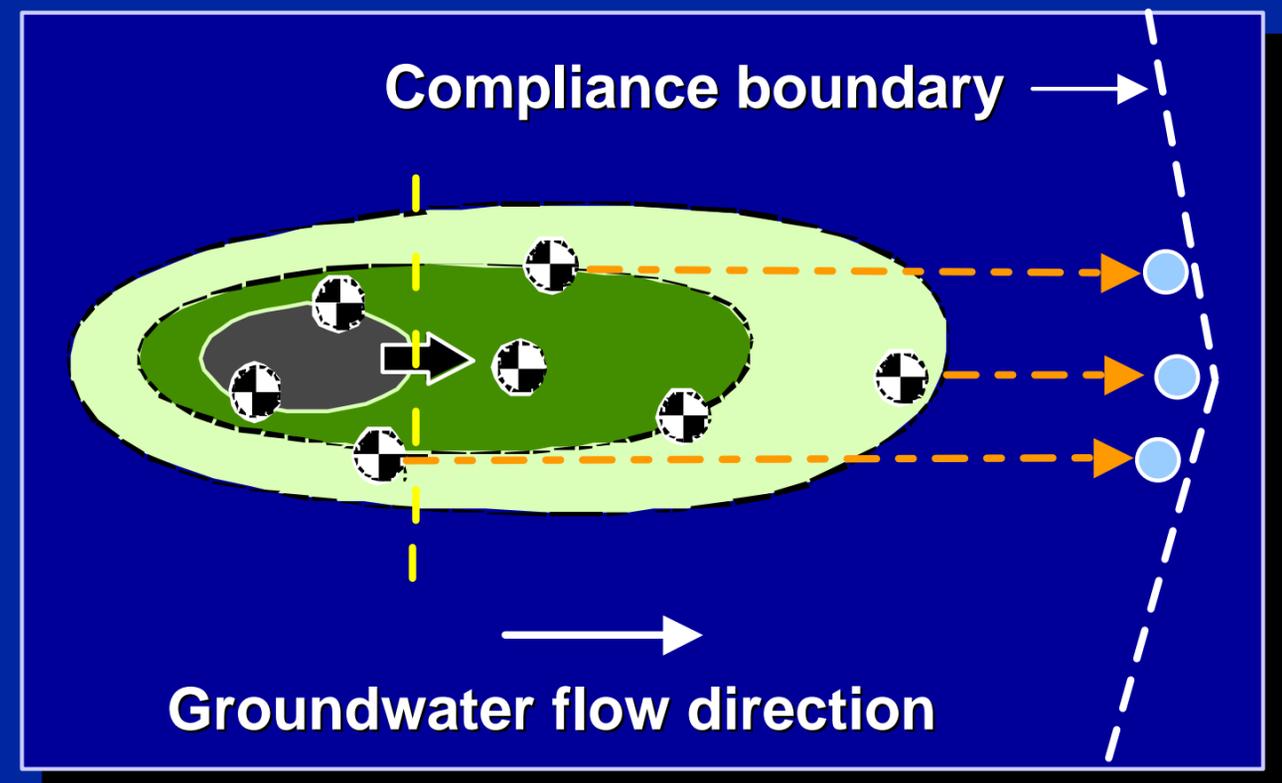


- **Optimization Tools:**
  - **Data Sufficiency:**  
**Power Analysis**

# Data Sufficiency: Power Analysis

**Risk-based goals require cleanup standards be met at the compliance boundary**

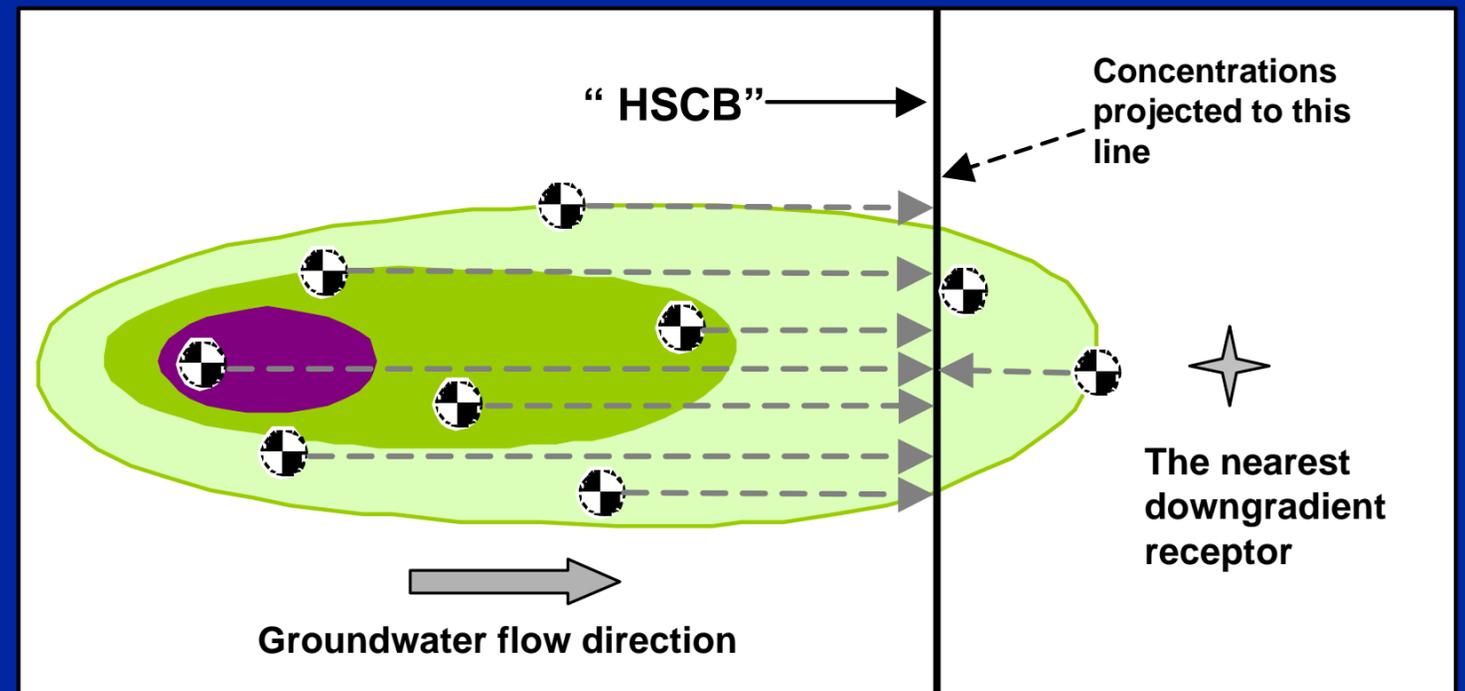
- Establish **“virtual” wells** at the compliance boundary
- **Project** concentrations at these “virtual” wells
- Perform statistical **power analysis** with these projected concentrations



# Data Sufficiency Analysis – Results

## Risk-based site cleanup status

1000 ft down-gradient	2000 ft down-gradient
Close to Statistically protected	Statistically Protected
<b>Conclusion: The site monitoring system is sufficient to accurately reflect the location of the plume relative to the compliance boundary</b>	



HSCB: Hypothetical Statistical Compliance Boundary

# **MAROS Application Conclusions**

## **1 Plume Stability**

- Plume Stable to Decreasing

## **2 Frequency Analysis**

- Majority of wells can be sampled Annually

## **3 Well Redundancy Analysis**

- Remove 8 monitoring wells

## **4 Well Sufficiency Analysis**

- Add 6 new monitoring wells

## **5 Data Sufficiency**

- Currently Statistically Protected 2000 ft downgradient

# Conclusions and Future Work

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- **MAROS 2.0 software has been applied to optimize the Upper Aquifer groundwater long-term monitoring plan at the Fort Lewis Logistic Center, approximate Cost Savings: \$58 K per year.**
- **EPA Geostatistical Study: To compare MAROS 2.0 with other optimization methods to find out its merits and shortcomings.**
- **MAROS Version 2.0 (release 3/02)**

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