

# Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) System Recovery Initiation Index

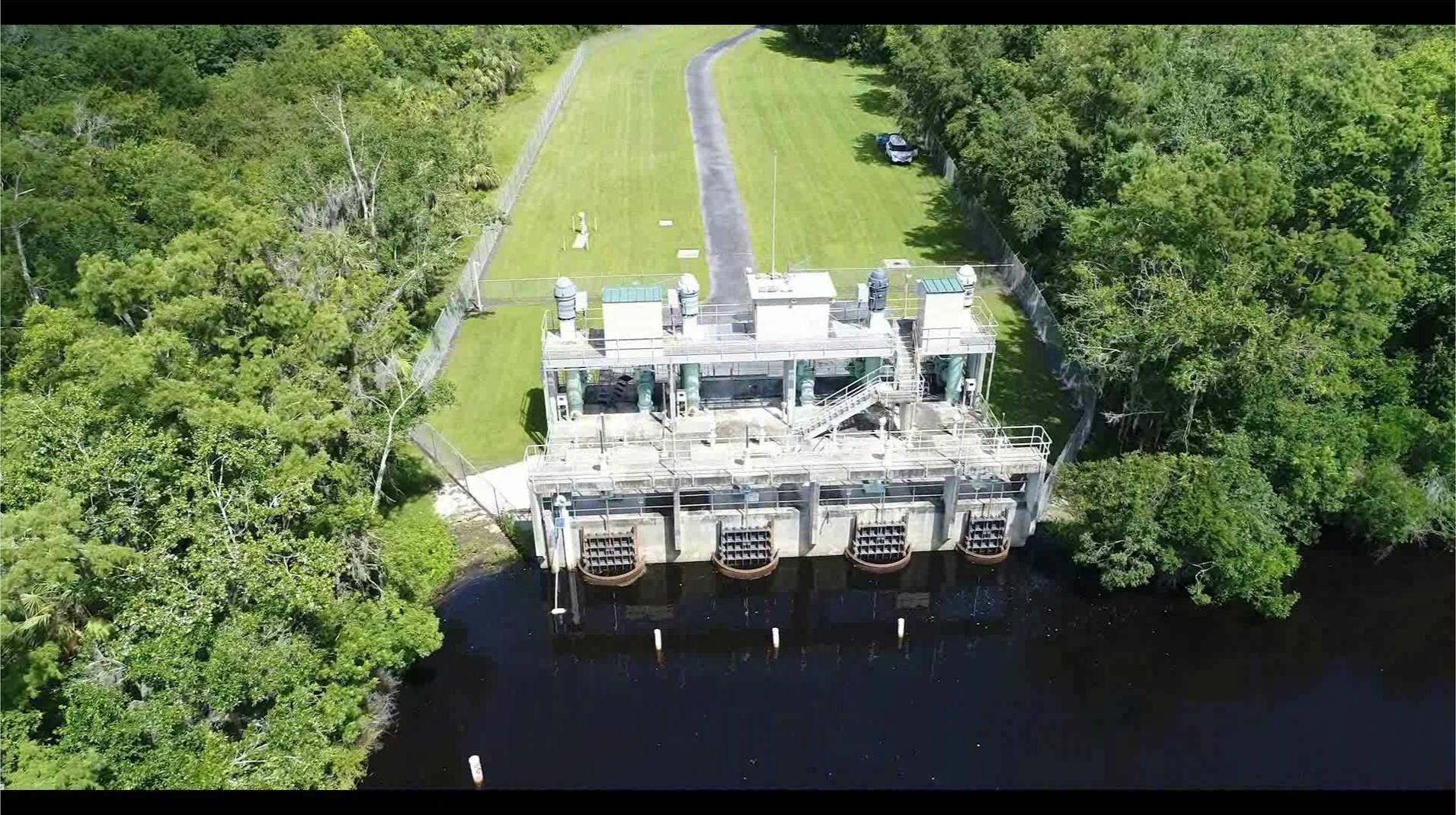


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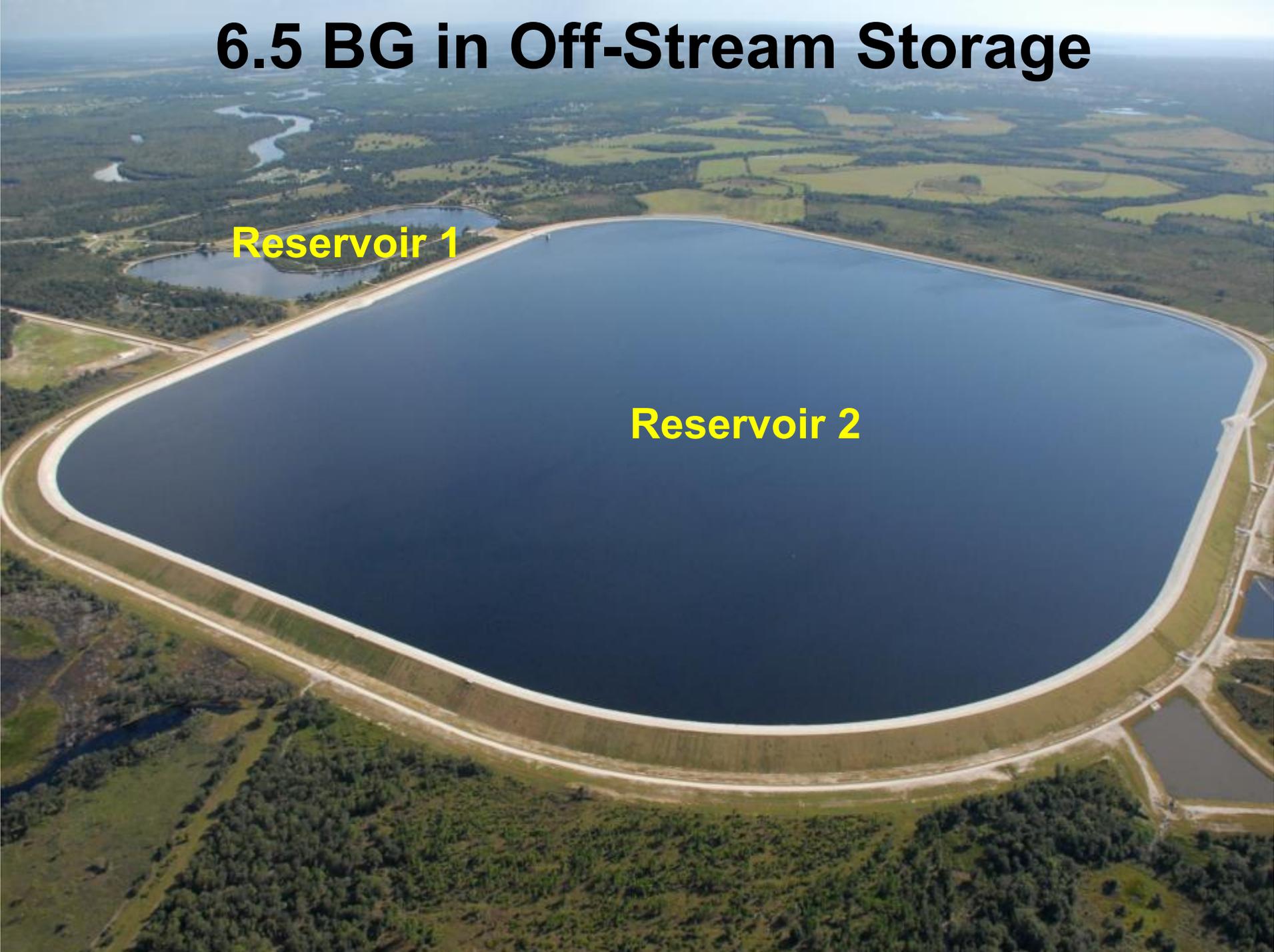
# 120 MGD River Intake Pump Station



# 6.5 BG in Off-Stream Storage

Reservoir 1

Reservoir 2

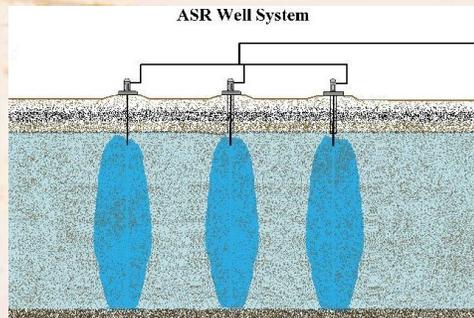


# 51 MGD Treatment Capacity

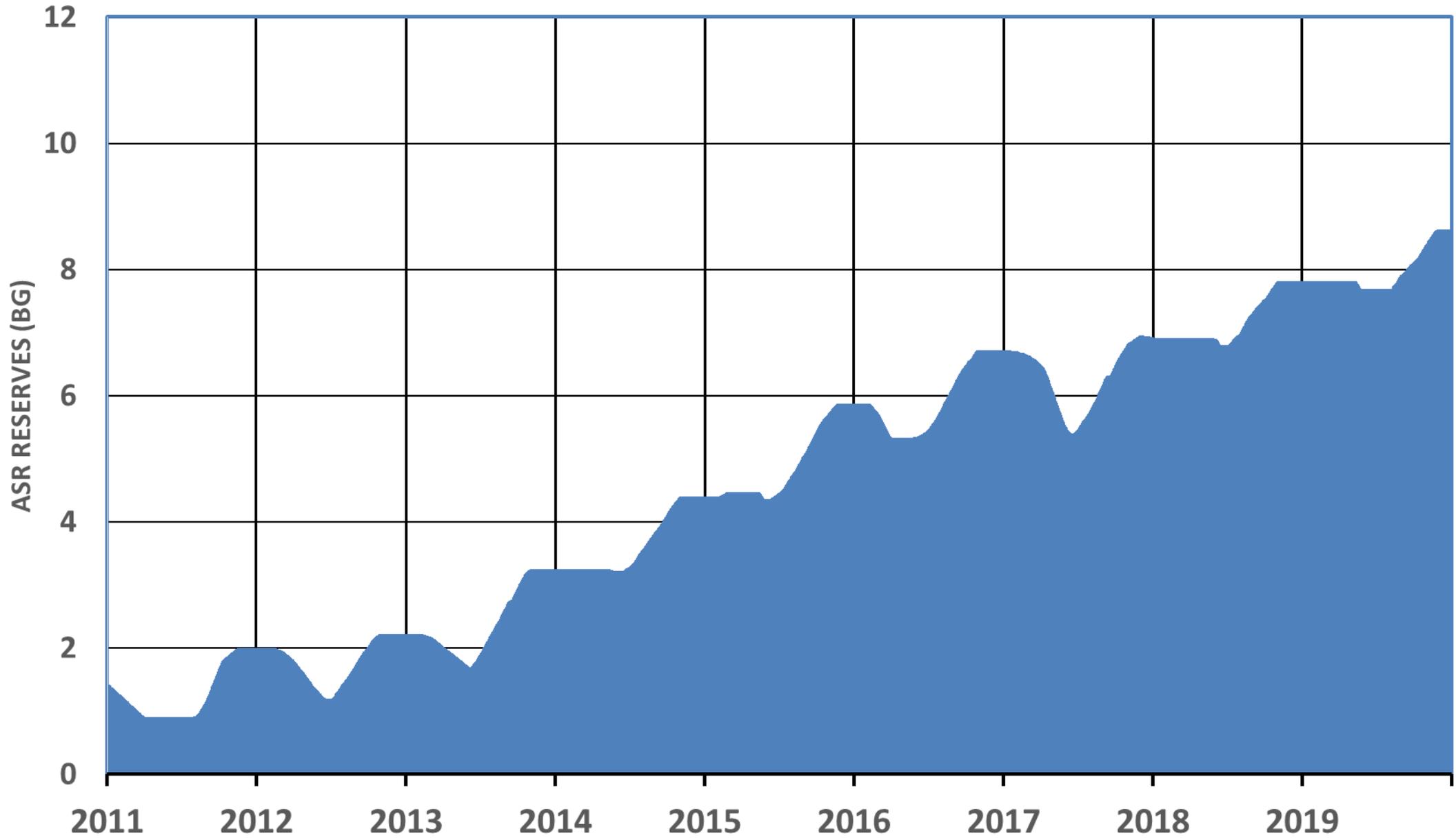


# 7 BG in Underground Storage

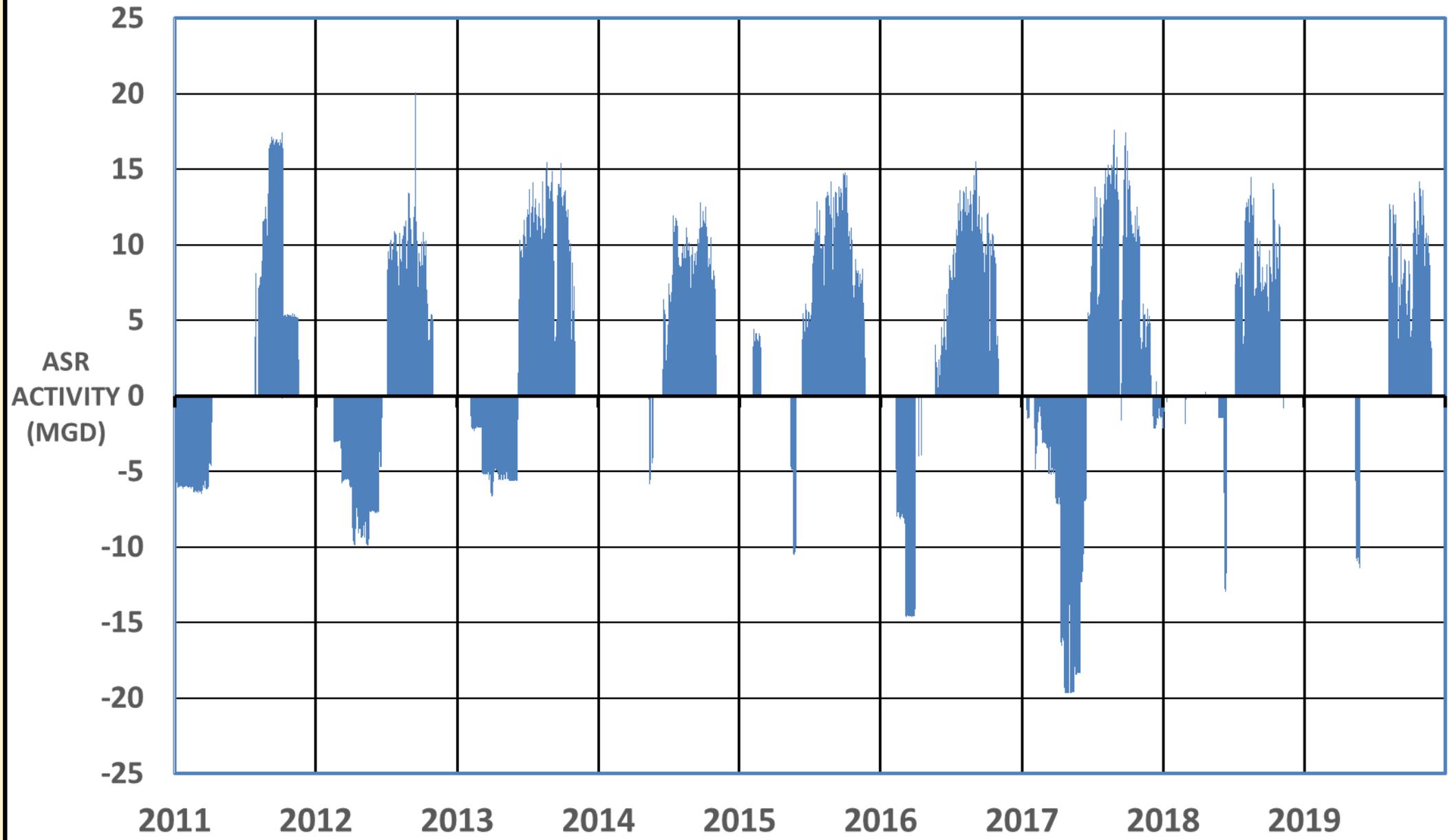
## 21 Finished Water ASR Wells



# ASR RESERVES



# ASR ACTIVITY

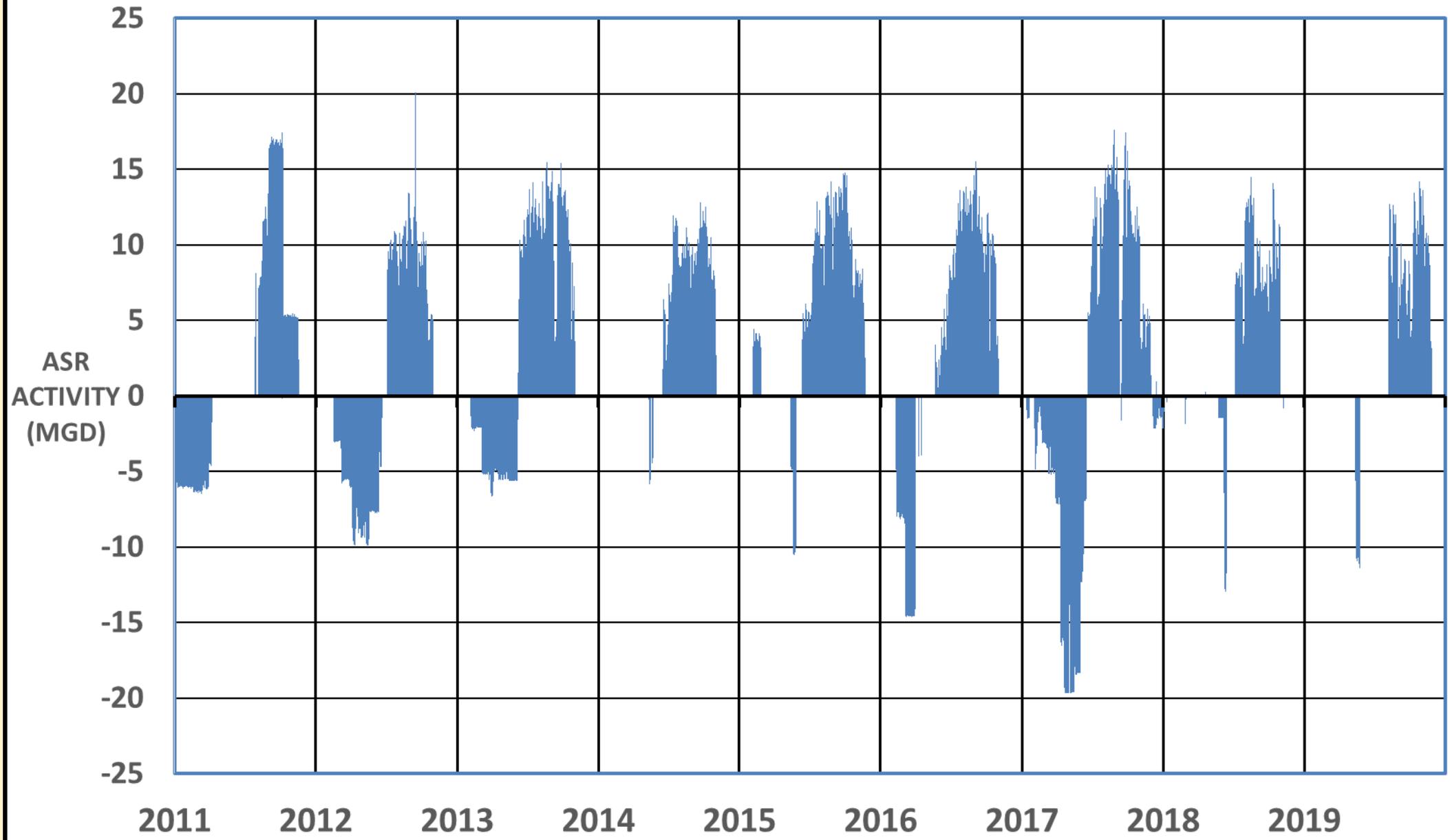


## Summary of ASR Recovery Cycles 2011-2019

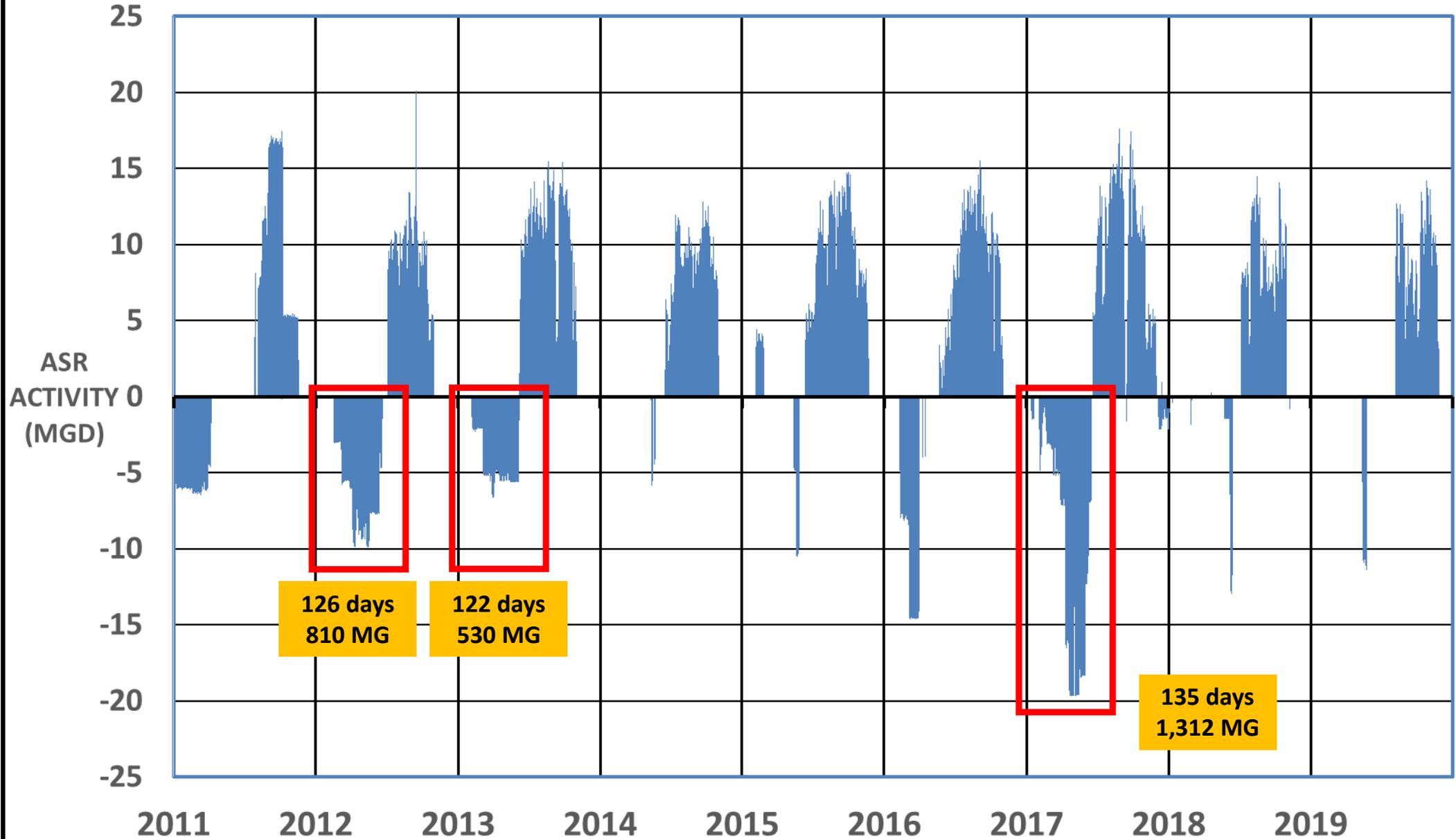
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# ASR ACTIVITY



### 3 Significant ASR Recovery Periods 2011 - 2019



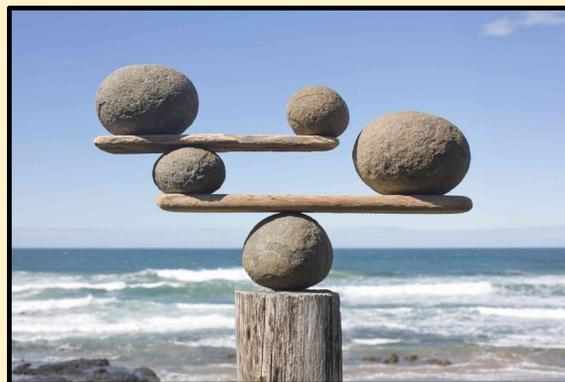
# Why the Timing of ASR Recovery Matters

- **If we start too soon**

- Added cost
- Water quality from ASR will degrade the longer you pump
- “Clearer” water in reservoirs increases risk of algae blooms

- **If we start too late**

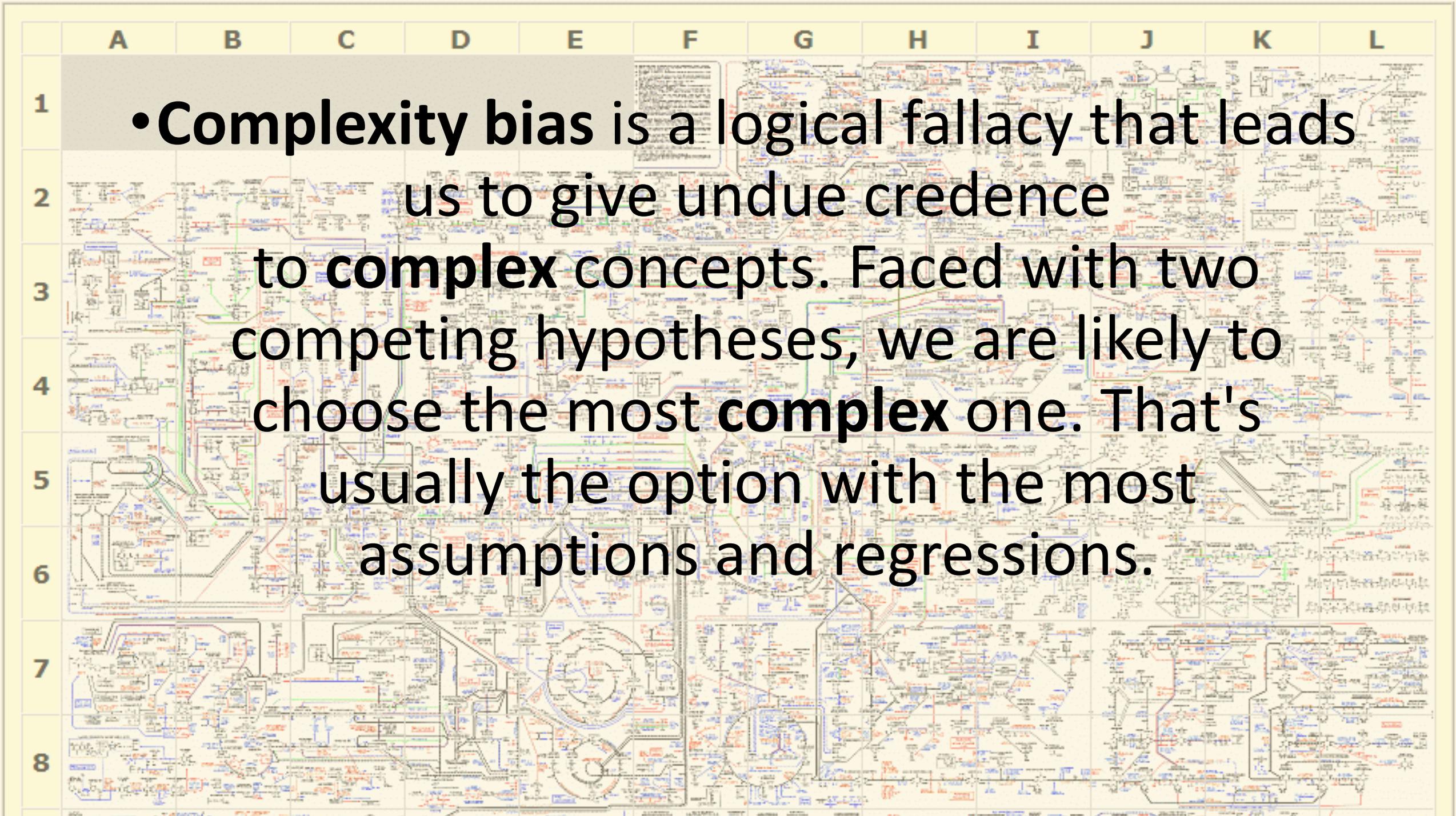
- Risk running out of water
- May have to pump harder, can lead to upconing of saline water
- Less surface water to dilute groundwater minerals



*Balance is important*

# Possible Variables Considered

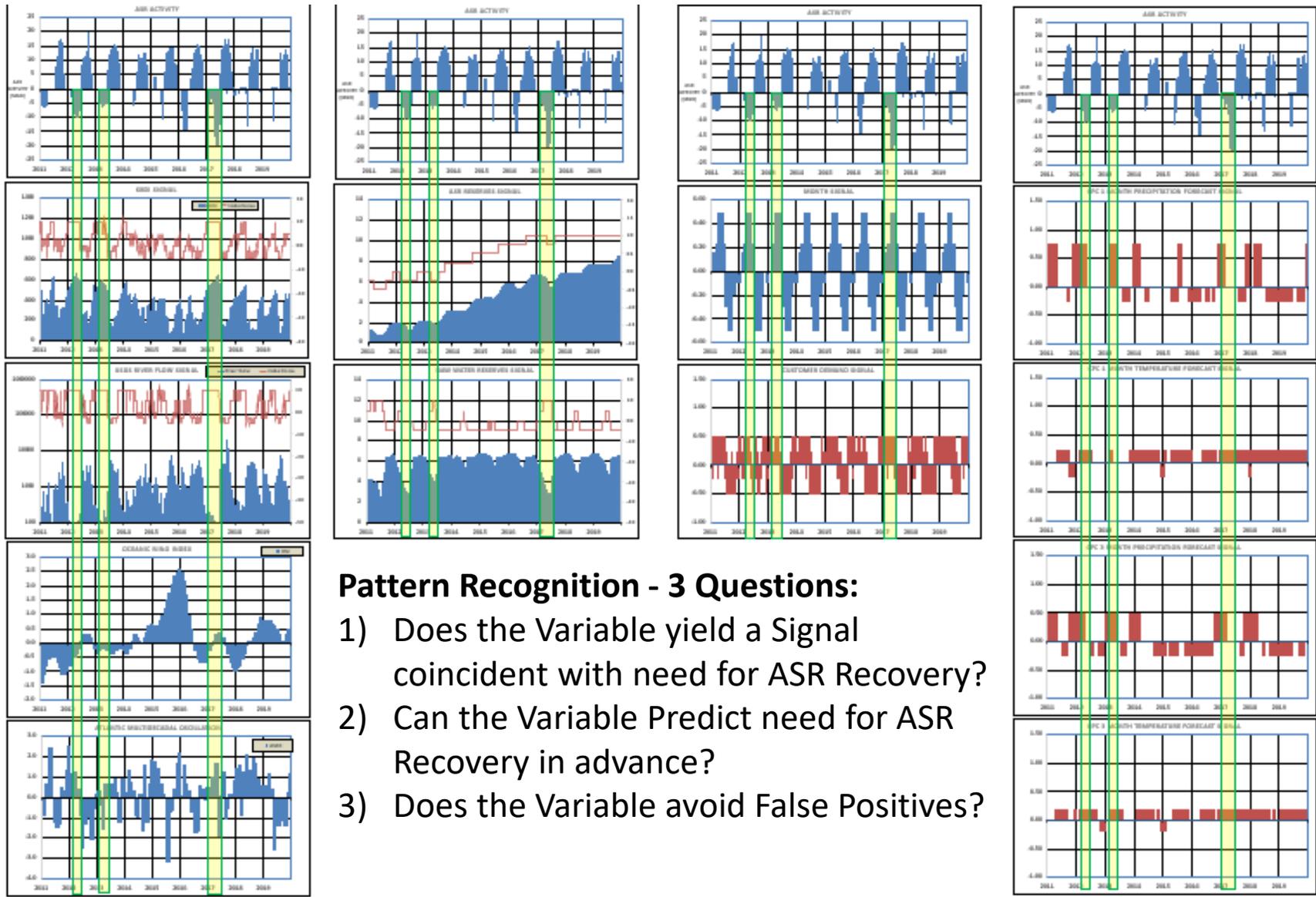
- River Flow
- Keech Byram Drought Index
- Time of Year (month)
- Customer Demands
- Climate Prediction Center
  - 1 Month Precip Forecast
  - 1 Month Temp Forecast
  - 3 Month Precip Forecast
  - 3 Month Temp Forecast
- Raw Water Reserves
- ASR Reserves
- Oceanic Nino Index
- Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation



1 • **Complexity bias** is a logical fallacy that leads  
2 us to give undue credence  
3 to **complex** concepts. Faced with two  
4 competing hypotheses, we are likely to  
5 choose the most **complex** one. That's  
6 usually the option with the most  
7 assumptions and regressions.  
8

# Only These 3 Variables Competently Predicted Need for ASR Recovery

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**Pattern Recognition - 3 Questions:**

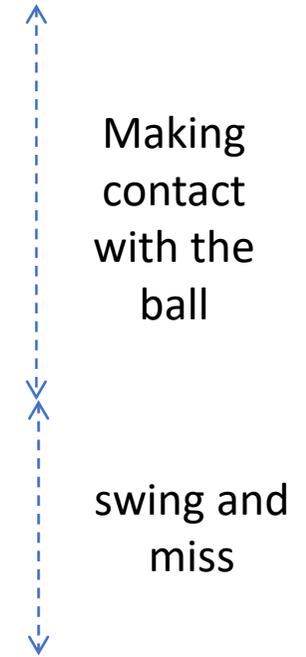
- 1) Does the Variable yield a Signal coincident with need for ASR Recovery?
- 2) Can the Variable Predict need for ASR Recovery in advance?
- 3) Does the Variable avoid False Positives?

## Relative Skill of Indicators

### Coincident with the Need for ASR Recovery



Indicator	Recovery of 2012	Recovery of 2013	Recovery of 2017
Month	+	+	+
Customer Demands	+	+	+
CPC 3 Month Temperature Outlook	+	+	+
Raw Water Reserves	+	+	+
KBDI	+	+	+
River Flow	+	+	+
ONI	+	+	0
CPC 1 Month Temperature Outlook	+	0	+
AMO	-	+	-
CPC 1 Month Precipitation Outlook	-	-	0
ASR Reserves	-	-	-
CPC 3 Month Precipitation Outlook	-	-	-



strong agreement	+
neutral	0
disagreement	-

**Relative Skill of Indicators As a  
Predictor in Advance  
of the Need for ASR Recovery**



Indicator	Recovery of 2012	Recovery of 2013	Recovery of 2017
Month	+	+	+
Raw Water Reserves	+	+	+
KBDI	+	+	+
River Flow	+	+	+
ONI	+	+	+
CPC 1 Month Temperature Outlook	+	0	+
CPC 3 Month Temperature Outlook	+	0	+
Customer Demands	+	-	+
CPC 1 Month Precipitation Outlook	-	0	-
ASR Reserves	-	-	-
AMO	-	-	-
CPC 3 Month Precipitation Outlook	-	-	-



fair ball

foul ball

strong agreement	+
neutral	0
disagreement	-

**Relative Skill of Indicators as an  
Exclusive Predictor  
of the Need for ASR Recovery**

Indicator	Recovery of 2012	Recovery of 2013	Recovery of 2017	Is the Indicator an <b>Exclusive Predictor?</b> <i>(does not yield false signals)</i>
Raw Water Reserves	+	+	+	+
KBDI	+	+	+	+
River Flow	+	+	+	+
Month	+	+	+	-
ONI	+	+	+	-
CPC 1 Month Temperature Outlook	+	0	+	-
CPC 3 Month Temperature Outlook	+	0	+	-
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Home run

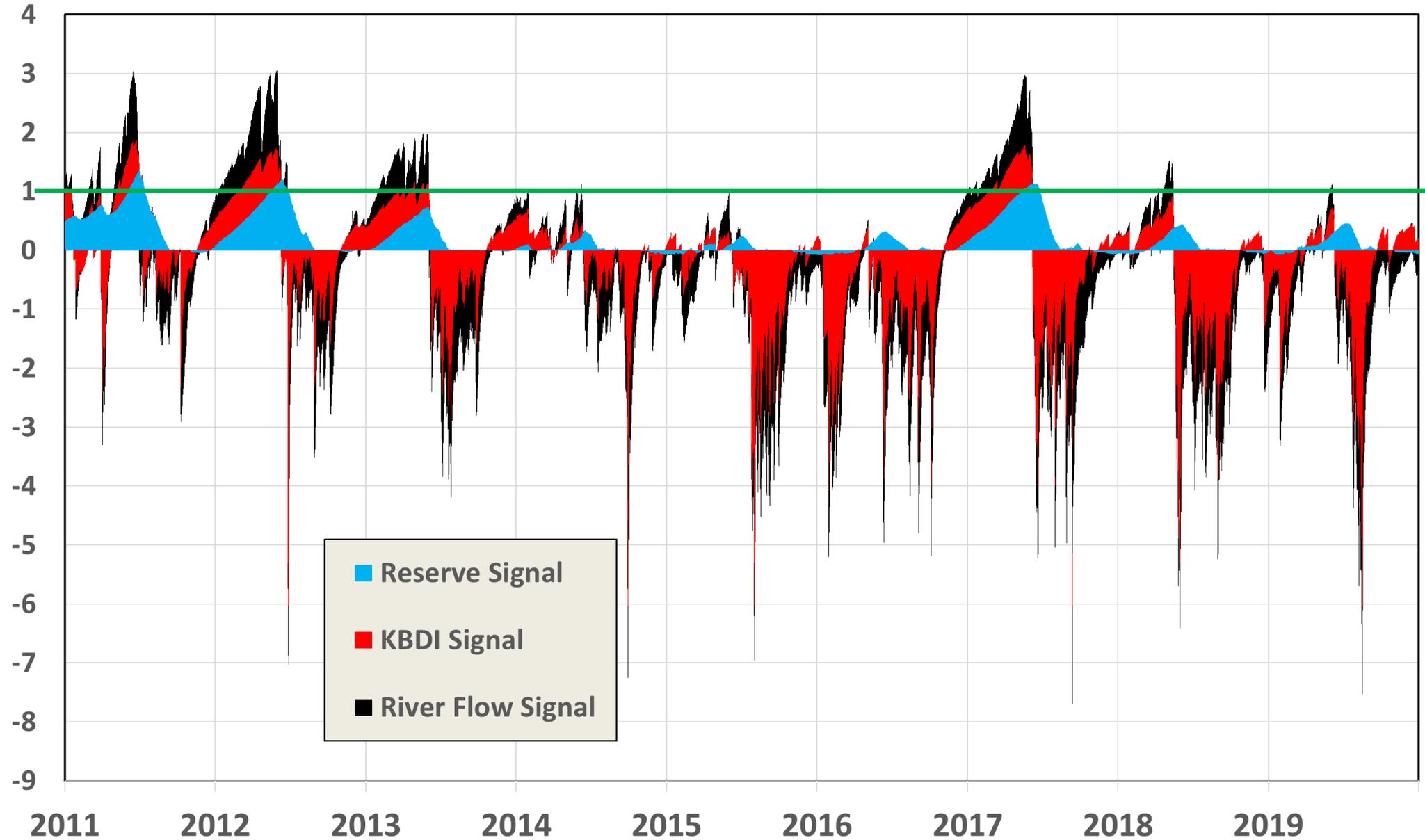
Any other outcome

strong agreement	+
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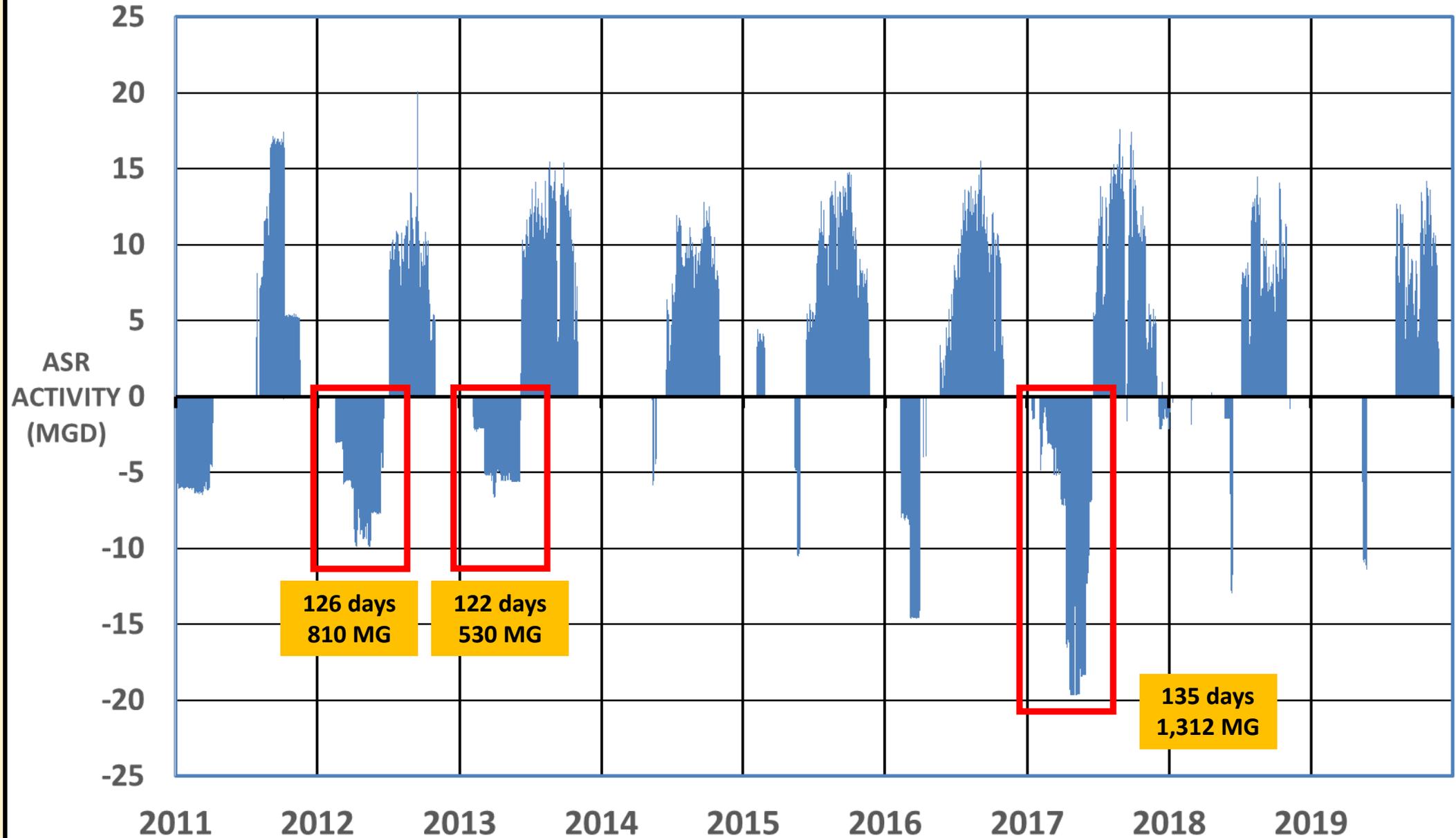
# A Competent Predictive Model Should be Composed of Balanced Signal Responses

- 3 Additive Components: **River Flow**<sub>Signal</sub> + **KBDI**<sub>Signal</sub> + **Reserves**<sub>Signal</sub>
- Goal = Sum of Components Signal > 1 When ASR Recovery is Needed
- **River Flow Signal:**  $\text{Flow}_{\text{river}} = 1.05 * \log_{10}[1/(Q_{\text{river}}/250)]$   
*yields 0.33 @ 122 cfs River Flow USGS Gauge at Arcadia*
- **KBDI Signal:**  $\text{ASR}_{\text{KBDI}} = 1.2 * \log_{10}[(\text{KBDI}/325)^2]$  yields  
*yields 0.33 @ 445 KBDI Myakka River Fire District*
- **Raw Water Reserve Signal:**  $\text{ASR}_{\text{raw}} = 3.0 * \log_{10}[1/(\text{Reserves}/6.5)]$   
*yields 0.33 @ 5.05 BG in Raw Water Reserves*

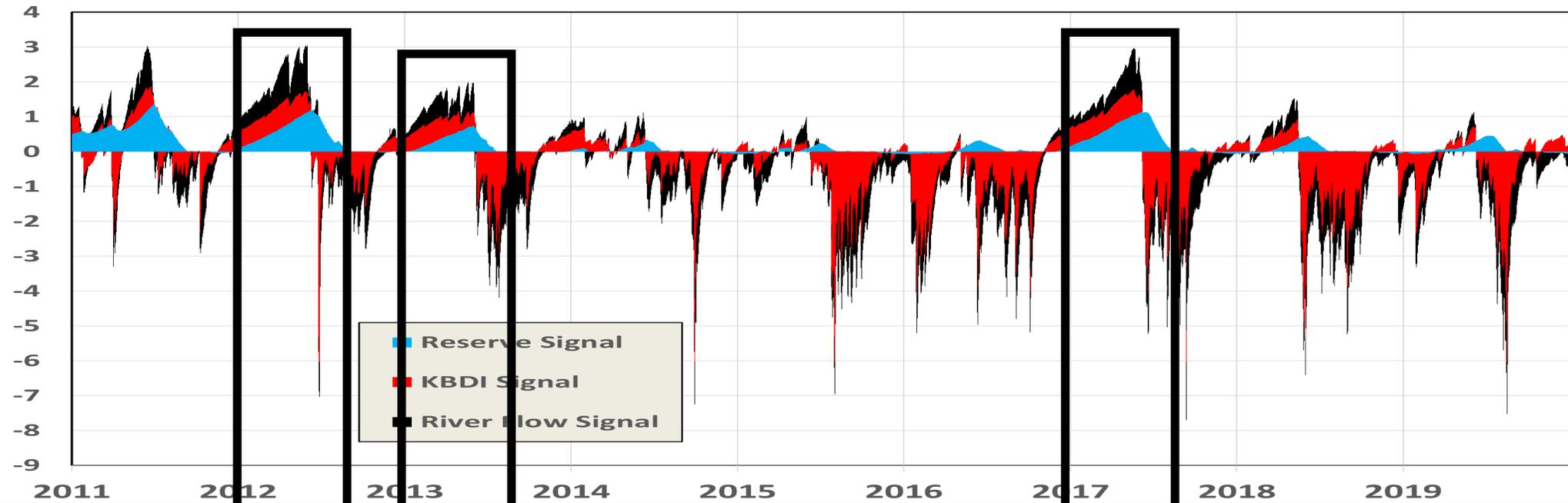
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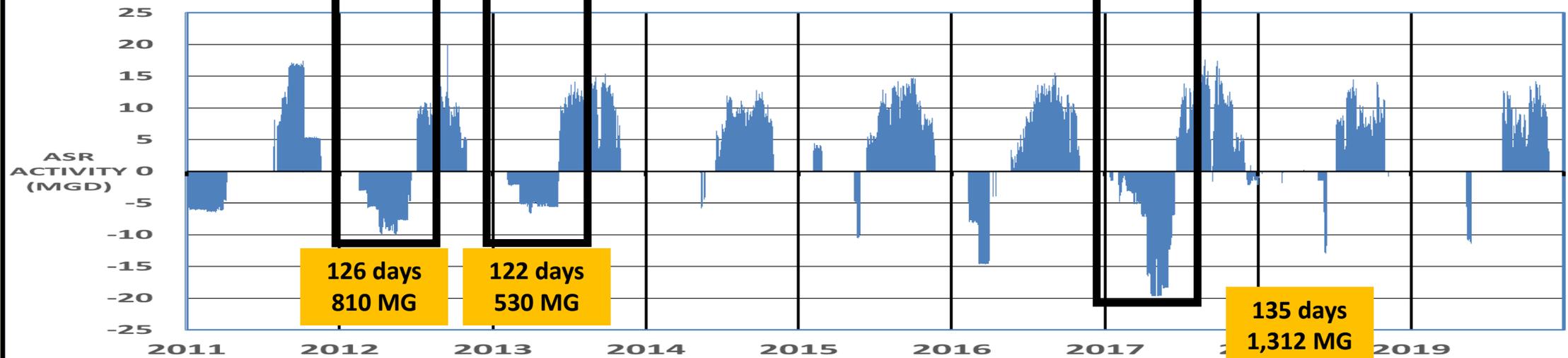
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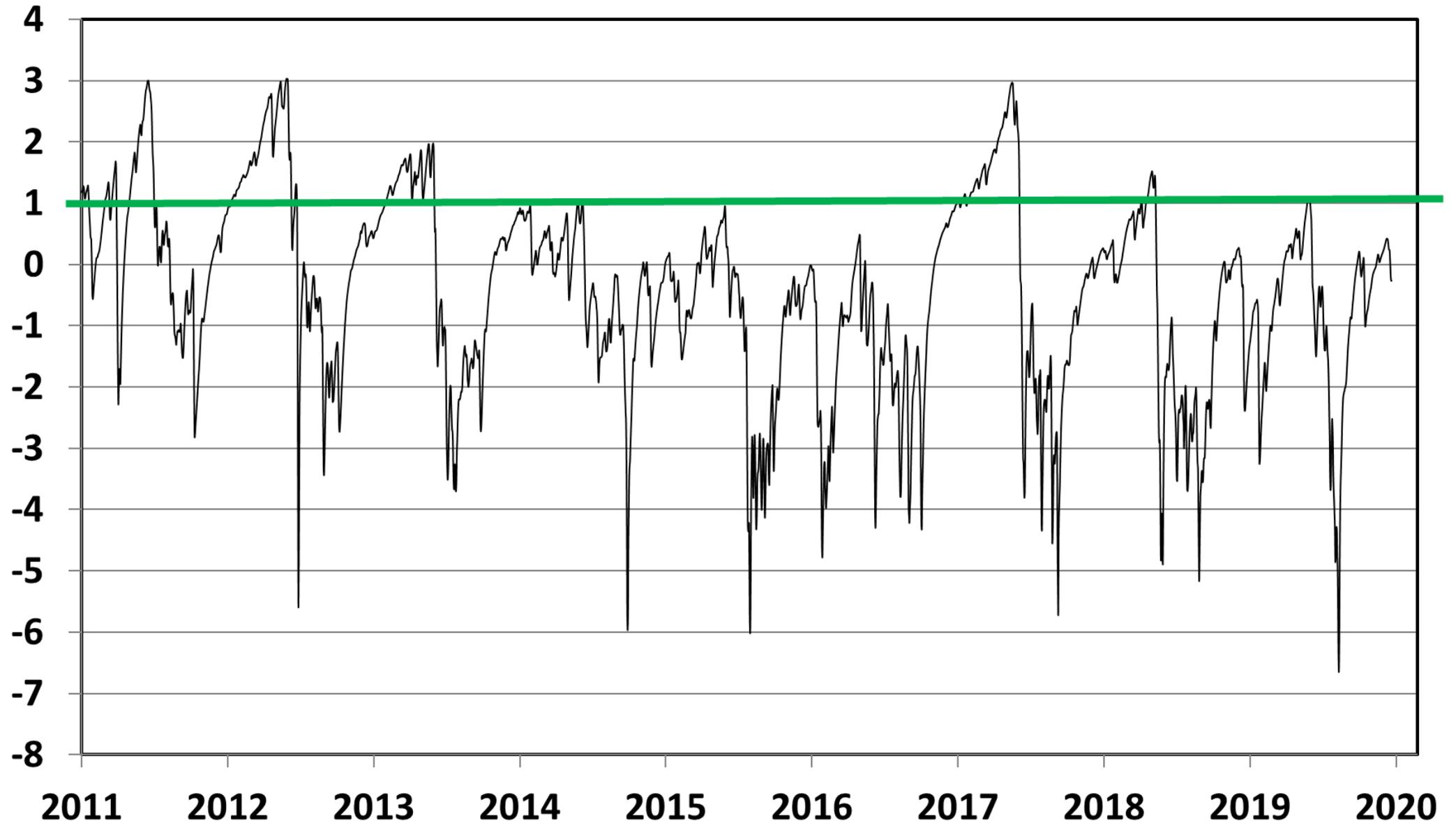
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## ASR ACTIVITY



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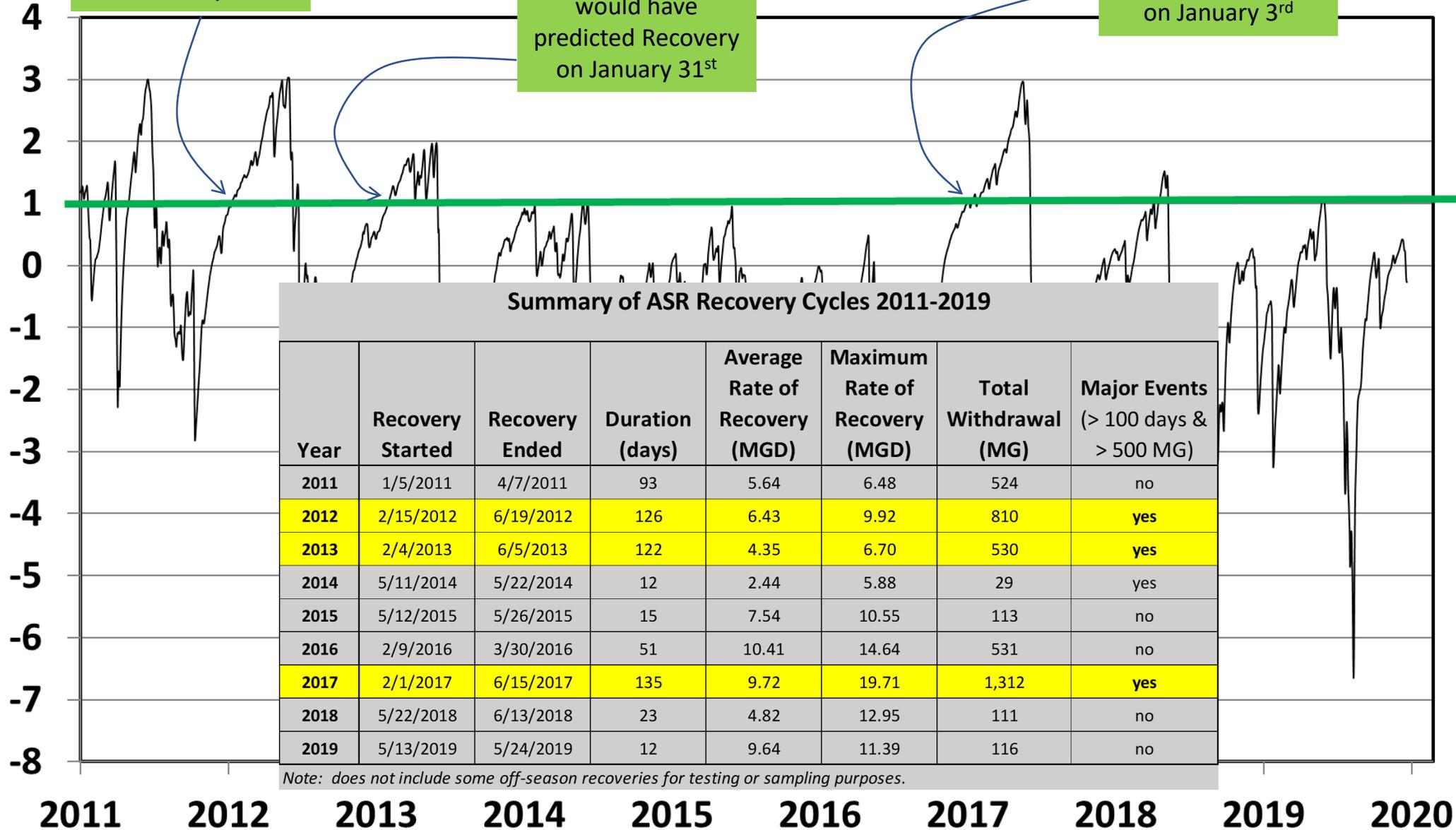


# ASR Recovery Index

In 2012 ASRRI would have predicted Recovery on January 10<sup>th</sup>

In 2013 ASRRI would have predicted Recovery on January 31<sup>st</sup>

In 2017 ASRRI would have predicted Recovery on January 3<sup>rd</sup>



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# Wrap Up

- Additional complexity is not always an improvement
- Not an Indictment of Accuracy for Variables excluded from ASRRI
- Thoughtfully constructed Pattern Recognition Exercises are valuable
- The ASRRI is only one Decision Support Tool
- Is there still Confirmation Bias?
- ASRRI warrants additional thought & development
- Looking forward - KBDI (Soil Moisture) via satellite measurements

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