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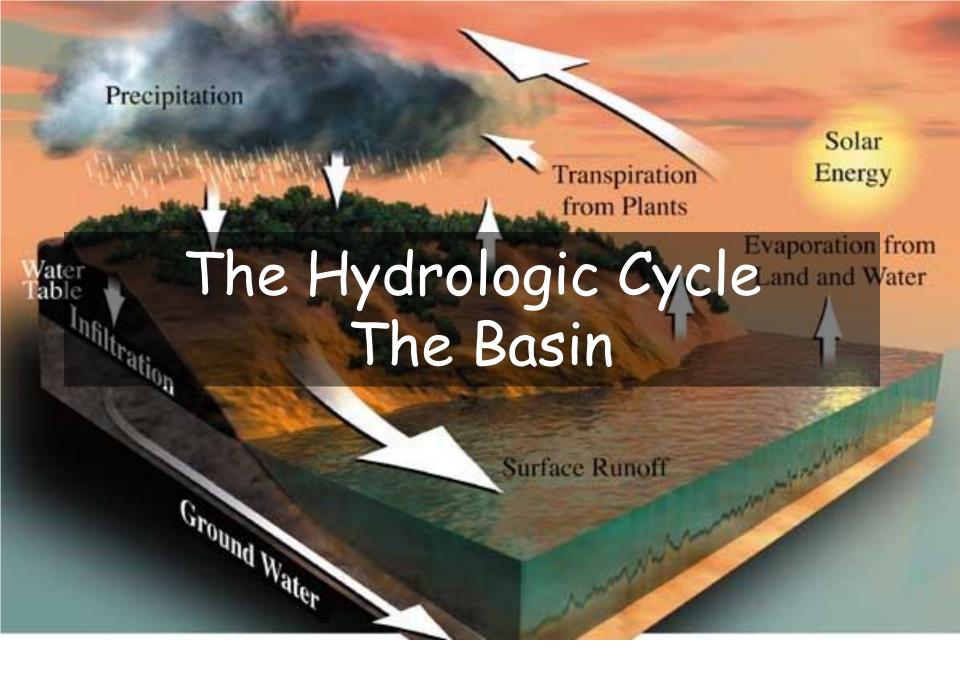
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- HYDROLOGY is the science of water that is concerned with the origin, circulation, distribution and properties of water of the earth.
- FOREST HYDROLOGY is the branch of hydrology which deals with the effects of vegetation and land management on the quantity, quality and timing of water yields, including floods, erosion and sedimentation



The hydrologic cycle

The hydrologic cycle is the *continual* transfer of water, in various phases, among reservoirs (stores) in the atmosphere, ocean, and continents.

Traditional view of the hydrologic cycle

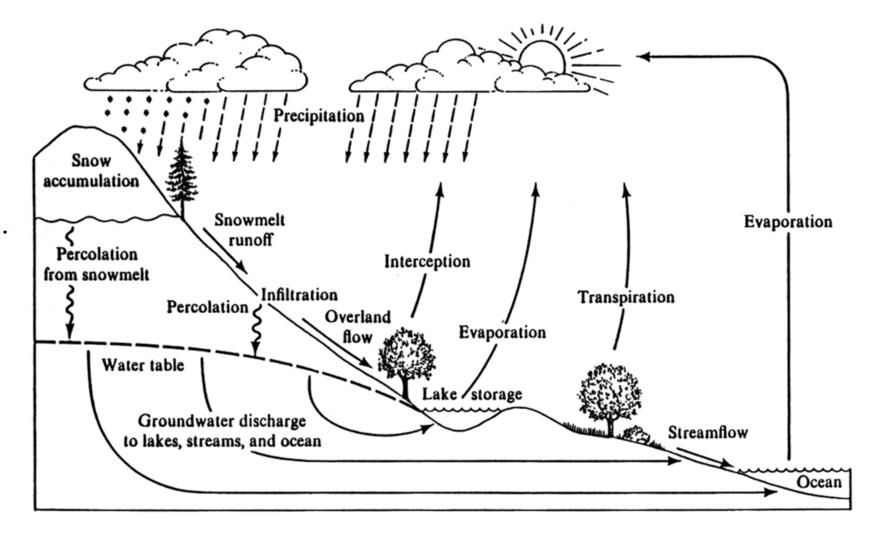
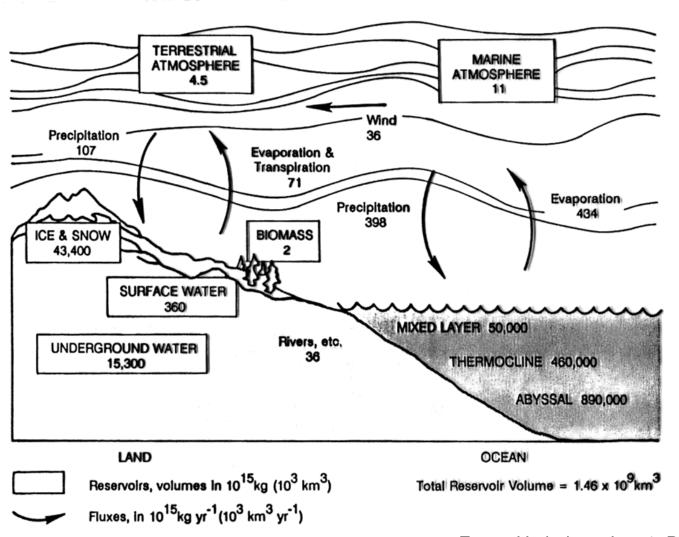


Figure 1-1 Schematic diagram of the hydrologic cycle.

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Modern view of the hydrologic cycle



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