



#### Towards Integrated Solutions for Water, Energy, and Land using an Integrated Nexus Modeling Framework

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# **Population and Development Continues**



#### Middle of the Road scenario

33% more people by 2050
 compared to 2010 globally
 (6.8 billion to 9.1 billion)

Population in [billion] GDP [1000 billion US\$/yr] GDP per cap (PPP) in [1000US\$/cap/yr

#### <u>Africa</u>

Pop:	1.0	to 2.0	2 times more
GDP:	2.8	to 19.2	7 times more
GDP pc:	2.7	to 9.5	3.5 times more
<u>Asia</u>			
Pop:	4.1	to 5.1	1.3 times more
GDP:	26	to 123	5 times more
GDP pc:	6.2	to 24.1	4 times more

# Water Demand - Asia



Water demand in Asia region, by sector (km<sup>3</sup>/yr).

Asian total water demand in the 2010s is about 2410 km<sup>3</sup>/year and will be 3170 - 3460 km<sup>3</sup>/year (increase 30 - 40%) under the three scenarios





# **UN SDGs and Water-Food-Energy Nexus**



## **The Nexus Challenge**





# **Nexus Integration towards SDGs**





#### Innovative water supply analysis

High resolution hydrological modeling with local calibration



# Future Groundwater Sustainability – how much pumping unsustainable [Fraction; 0.5 = 50%]



#### Energy intensity of water supply options



Data sources: Fan et al. (2013); Wada et al. 2014; hydroBASINS (2015).

## Water Management Options and Economy?



We present six strategies, or water-stress wedges, that collectively lead to a reduction in the population affected by water stress by 2050, despite an increasing population.

- Water productivity crop per drop
- Irrigation efficiency decrease losses
- Water use intensity industry and domestic
- Population
- Reservoir storage
- Desalination



## **Hydro-Economic framework for investment options**



# Key features represented in the model:

**Drivers:** Demand growth; Resource availability; Climate change; etc.

**Processes:** Reservoir management; Irrigation use; Electricity generation; Water pumping; End-use efficiency; Wastewater treatment; etc.

**Impacts:** Prices; Demands; Emissions; Water quality; Environmental flow; Groundwater depletion; Resource security; etc.

**Decisions:** Extract resources; Operate infrastructure; Expand infrastructure; Trade resources

#### Innovation

Multi-scale modeling incorporating basin-level decision making

#### Catchment-scale w/ reduced form network



### Assessment of adaptation measures: technical potential and costs

Supply enhancement	Demand management
<ul> <li>Build/enlarge dams</li> <li>Rainwater harvesting</li> <li>Drill/improve wells</li> <li>Reuse of wastewater</li> <li>Desalination</li> <li>Reprogram reservoir operation</li> <li>Inter-basin transfer</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Efficient irrigation technologies</li> <li>Efficient domestic water appliances</li> <li>Energy cooling technologies</li> <li>Better crop management</li> <li>Diet change</li> <li>Food loss reduction</li> <li>Improving education</li> <li>Controlling population growth</li> </ul>

# **Model application: the case of Africa**

Three socio-economic and climatic scenarios:

1/ Middle of the Road (*MoR*): SSP2-RCP6.0

2/ Regional Rivalry (*RR*): Water demand increases over time in all water sectors and water availability decreases, compared to *MoR*.

3/ Sustainability **(Sust)**: Water demand decreases over time in all water sectors and water availability increases, compared to *MoR*.





## **Relative change in human water use**



## **Results:** Water demand and withdrawals Water supply



Total water demand increases in 2050 by 190-520 Km<sup>3</sup> (40-110%) compared to historical demand

This increase requires the implementation of demand and supply management options to balance available supply and demand

After implementing demand management options, withdrawals increase in 2050 by 100-360 Km<sup>3</sup> compared to historical withdrawals





Adaptation of the water resource system to future socio-economic and climatic changes may involve tradeoffs among various environmental and economic objectives

Some of the identified adaptation options may be inconsistent with climate change mitigation targets because they involve high energy consumption, such as desalination, recycling, pumping, and pressurized irrigation systems

Our findings highlight that electricity use in the water sector can increase five-fold (or by 125 TWh) by 2050 compared to 2010 in the *RR scenario* 

## **Results:** Energy use intensity

## **Results:** Cost implications

Increase in the use of seawater cooling in coastal basins

Increase in the use of once-though and closed-loop in inland basins (depending on scenarios)

Water system cost in Africa is expected to increase from 67 billion USD in 2010 to 70-130 billion USD in 2050 (+5 - +100% compared to 2010)

Following a sustainable pathway (Sust scenario) will result in a smooth increase in the water system cost while following the rocky road (RR scenario) will result in a disproportionate increase in the water system cost

The largest cost by country is in South Africa, followed by Egypt and Sudan, and by basin is in the Nile, Mediterranean South Coast, Niger and Zambezi

# Half our planet's population still suffer from water insecurity



Absent/unreliable water supply



Floods & droughts







**Poor sanitation** 



Poor irrigation and food production





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