

A coupled food-energy-water model for the Phoenix AMA

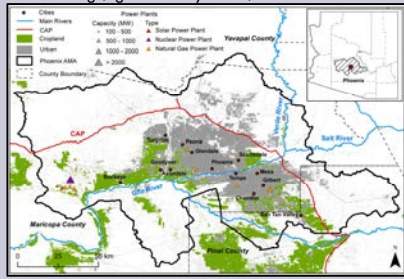
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Project Design

- The food-energy-water (FEW) sectors (as networked material and energy flows) co-occur in the urban metabolism system (UM) along with 1) Governance networks, 2) Urban infrastructure and form, and 3) Socio-Economic drivers. This holistic representation of the FEW system provides a robust conceptual model
- Our team will focus on the FEW nexus as influenced by climate change, agricultural dynamics, growth, and the role of governance in the Phoenix Active Management Area (AMA)
- We are developing a FEW framework: a user interface & visualization tool coupled to a FEW model:
 - WEAP (plus MABIA)
 - LEAP
 - Statistical Crop Model (SCM)
- Scenarios (a few):
 - Cropping patterns, extent, & water use
 - Energy sectors and the impact on farming
 - Urban water dynamics, and population growth and efficiencies: regional water use



Software

Python.org
python

JavaScript
Octoparse.com

WEAP and LEAP:
Stockholm Environmental Institute

Simulations/ Analyses conducted for this poster

What We Simulated

- AMA Agriculture
- 12 Irrigation Districts (ID)
 - 14 Crops
 - Ten years (calibration period)

Outputs We Examined

- Agricultural Water
- Groundwater Pumped
 - Crop Transpiration
- Agricultural Energy Use
- Energy Used in Pumping
- Empirical Data: Crops
- Relative Area and Value

Modeled Crops:

Alfalfa-hay
Alfalfa-haylage
Barley
Corn-grain
Corn-silage
Cotton
Durum Wheat
Other-hay
Potatoes
Sorghum-grain
Sorghum-silage
Sugarbeets
Vegetables/Fruit
Winter Wheat

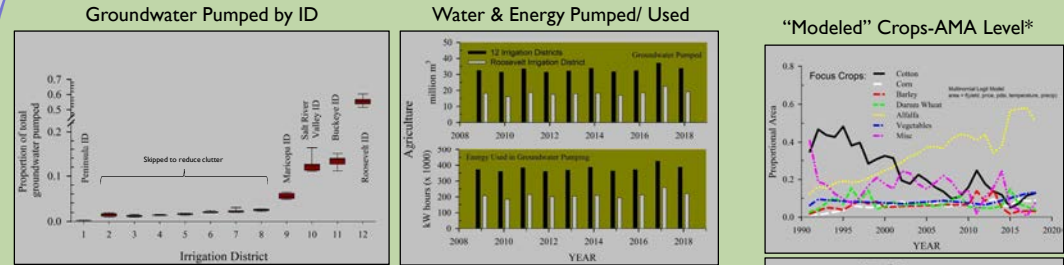
Research Directions

- We are using two off-the-shelf programs and one statistical model to create a credible, integrated model that captures the metropolitan-scale FEW interactions.
- We will explore the notion that integrative modeling can improve governance across food, energy, and water sectors.
- Human-computer-interactions along with alternative visualizations will assess what technologies can best support sense making when analyzing the FEW nexus.
- The potential role of climate change impacts on land shares under different crops in the Phoenix metropolitan region will be examined.

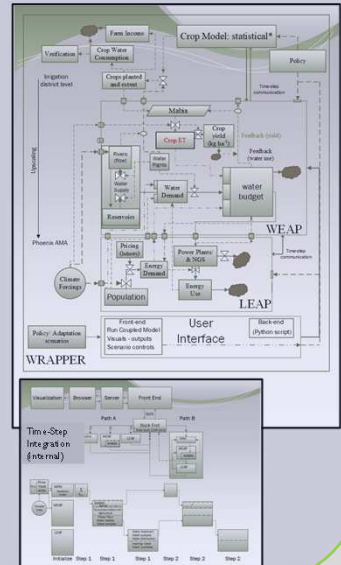
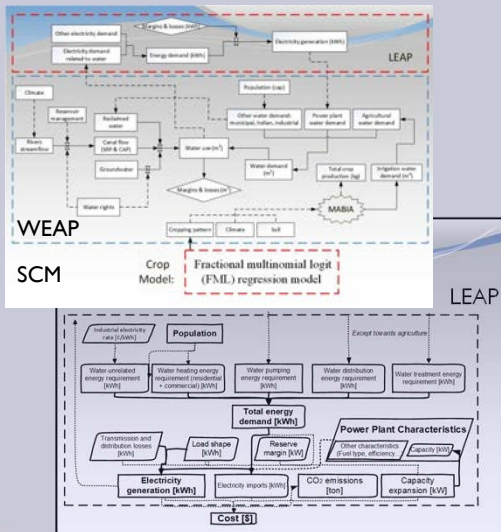
Preliminary Results & Discussion

Simulated

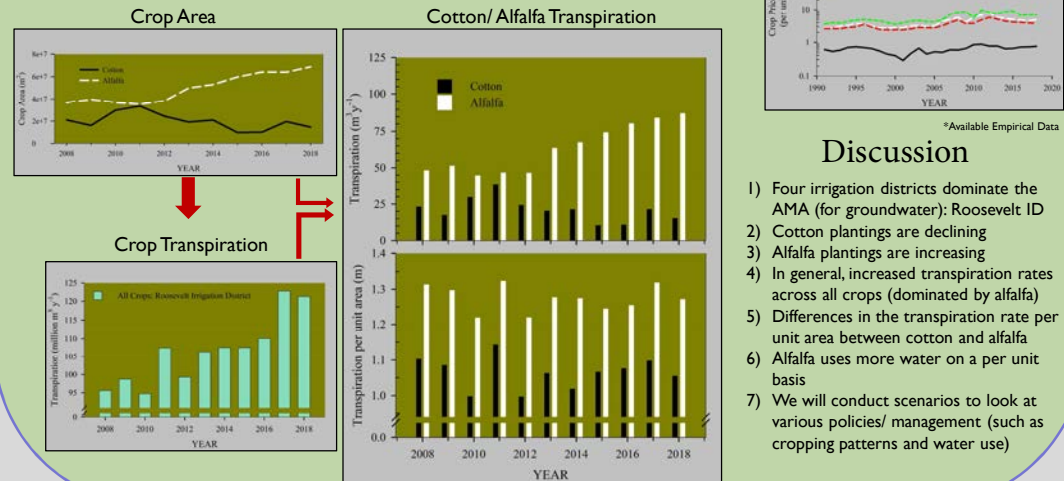
Empirical



Conceptual Models



Roosevelt Irrigation District



Discussion

- Four irrigation districts dominate the AMA (for groundwater): Roosevelt ID
- Cotton plantings are declining
- Alfalfa plantings are increasing
- In general, increased transpiration rates across all crops (dominated by alfalfa)
- Differences in the transpiration rate per unit area between cotton and alfalfa
- Alfalfa uses more water on a per unit basis
- We will conduct scenarios to look at various policies/ management (such as cropping patterns and water use)

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