

Workshop Brief: Integrated Assessment (IA) and Impact, Adaptation, and Vulnerability (IAV) Modeling

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Workshop Overview

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IA-IAV-ESM WORKSHOP
TOWARD MULTI-MODEL FRAMEWORKS
ADDRESSING MULTI-SECTOR
DYNAMICS, RISKS, AND RESILIENCY

A Workshop of the U.S. Global Change Research Program's
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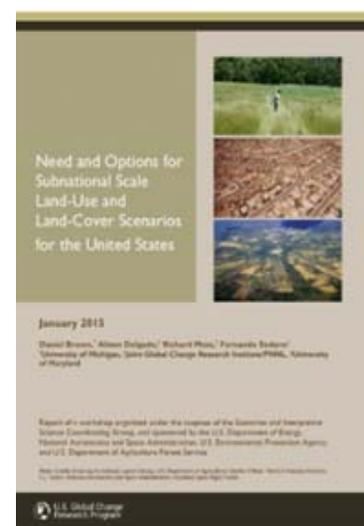
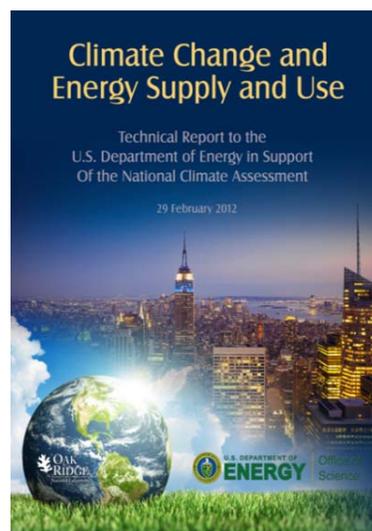
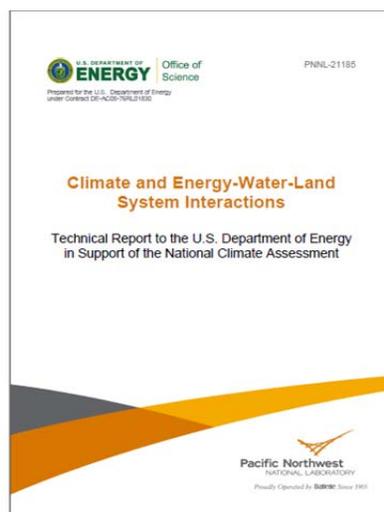
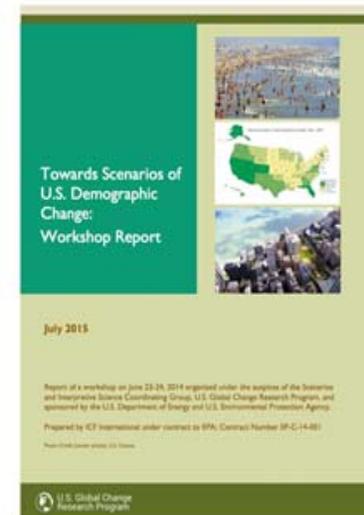
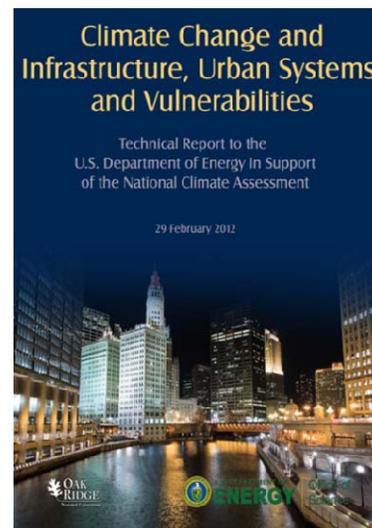
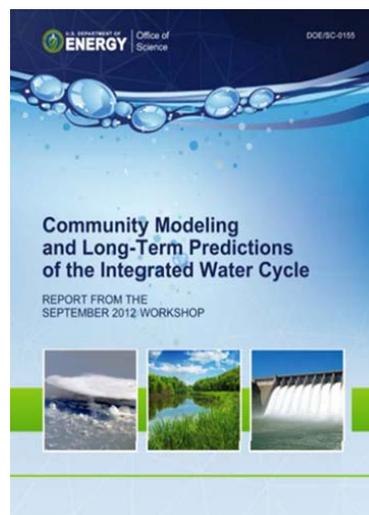
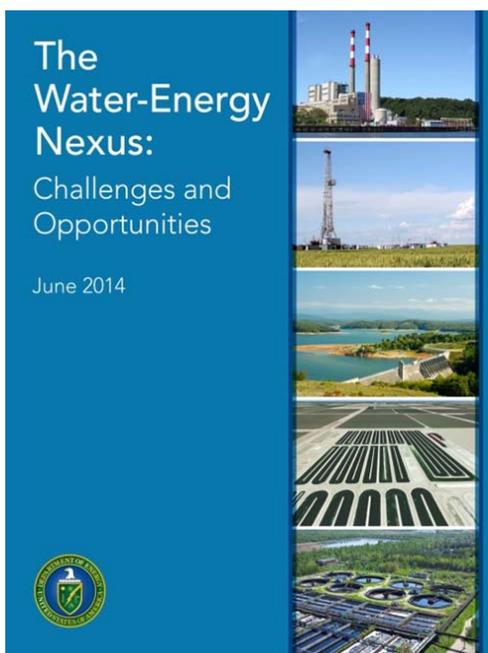
- Sponsored/led by DOE and organized by USGCRP interagency group with external science committee
- Over 50 experts: federal government, academia, national labs, and private organizations
- Organized around a representative set of societally relevant scientific topics/questions



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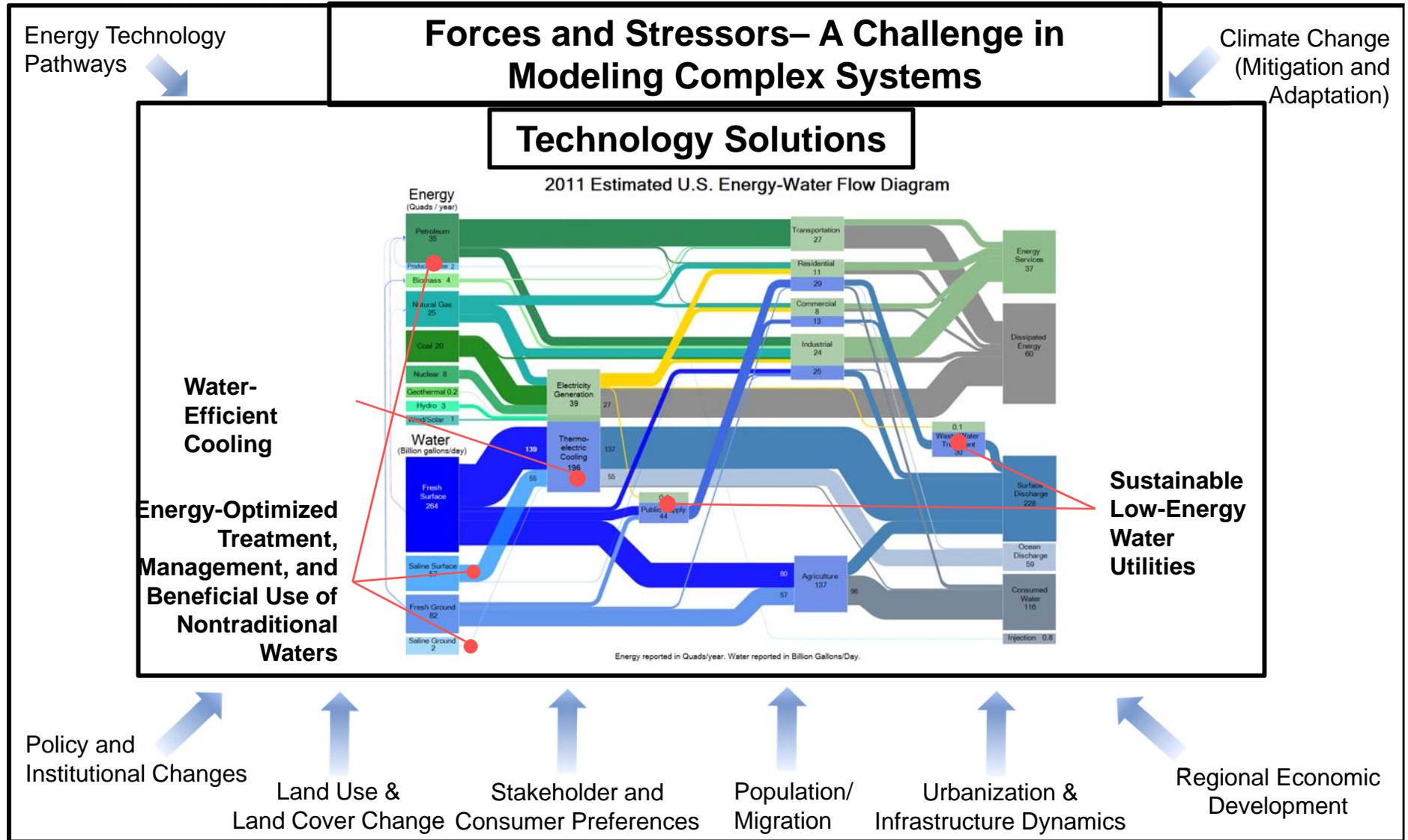
Context –Scientific Publications and Motivations





Context – DOE Broad Interests...from Science to Solutions

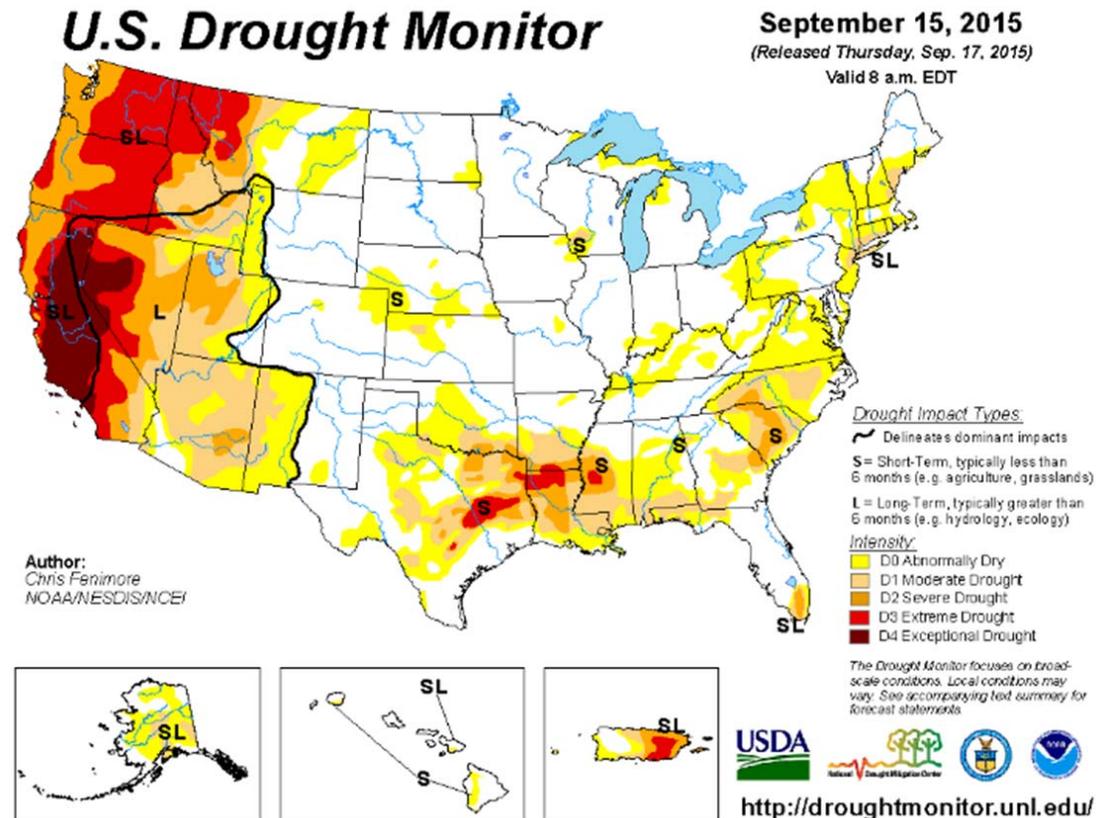
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Context – Natural Hazards, Disruptions, and the Growing Imperative

- California drought is cited as the worst recorded in **1200 years***
- California recently passed Italy and the Russian Federation to become the world's 8th-largest economy.



* "How unusual is the 2012–2014 California drought?," Geophysical Research Letters, Daniel Griffin and Kevin J. Anchukaitis, December 2014.



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Context – The Flip Side...and Concentrated, Connected Infrastructure

Over four days in 2014 (Aug. 8-11) **70,000+ U.S. structures were damaged** in the Midwest, Northeast, Mid-Atlantic.*



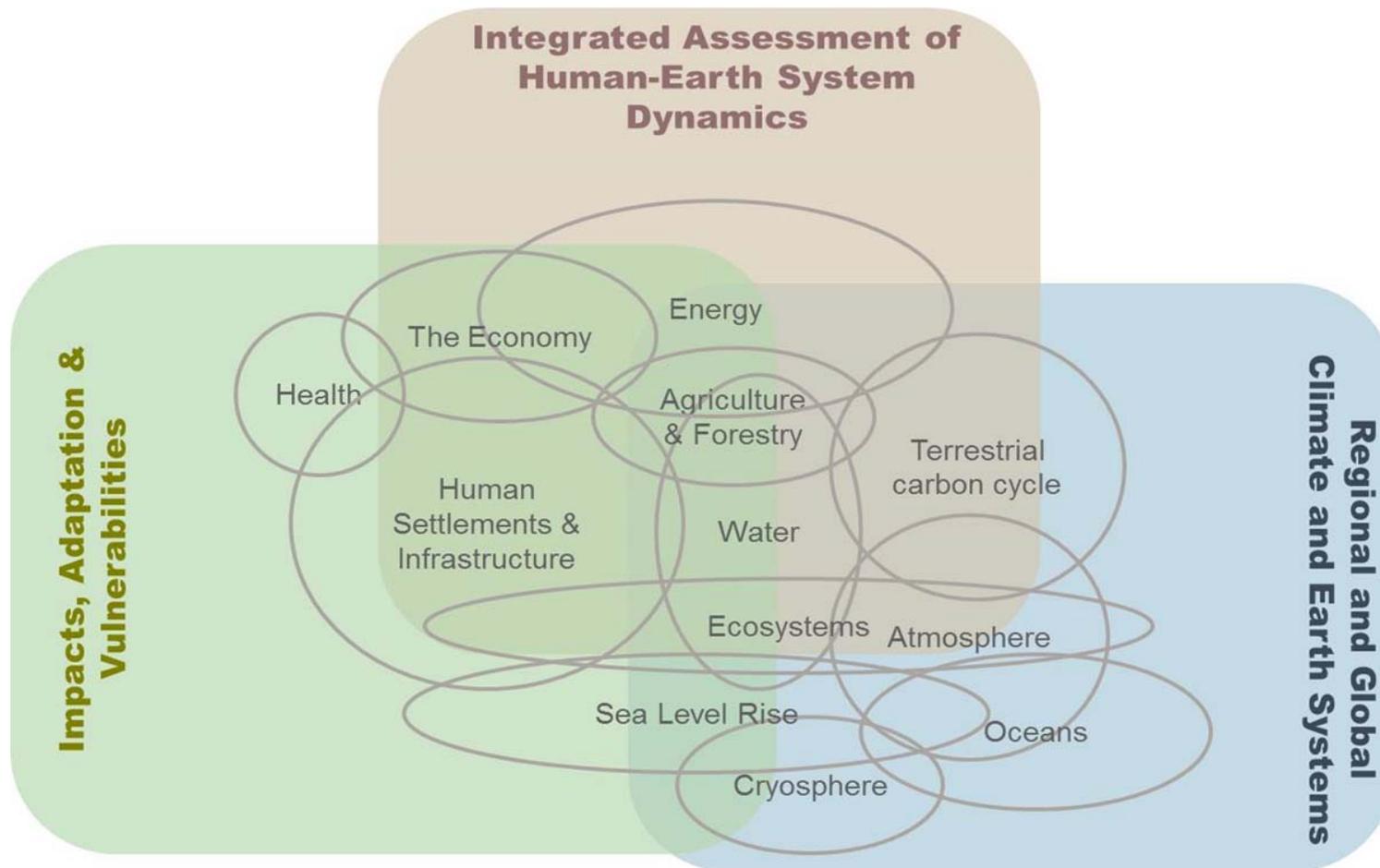
The number of flooding days in the U.S. has increased markedly since the middle of last century, by as much as **900 percent** in Annapolis and Baltimore.**

* Global Catastrophe Recap, Aon Benfield, September 2014.

** "Nuisance flooding' an increasing problem as coastal sea levels rise," NOAA, July 2014.



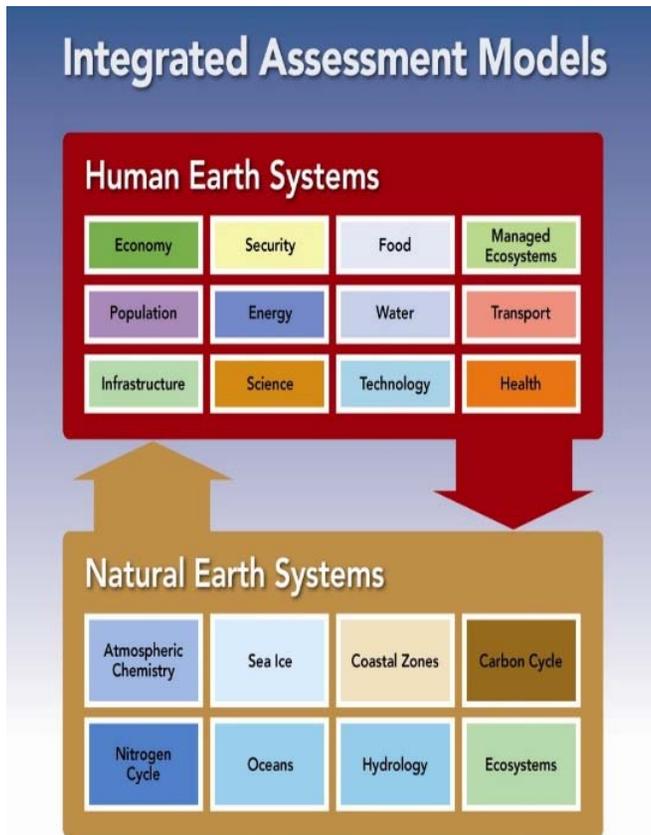
Context – Convergence of Scientific Communities and Modeling Domains



J. Edmonds, PNNL, with modifications



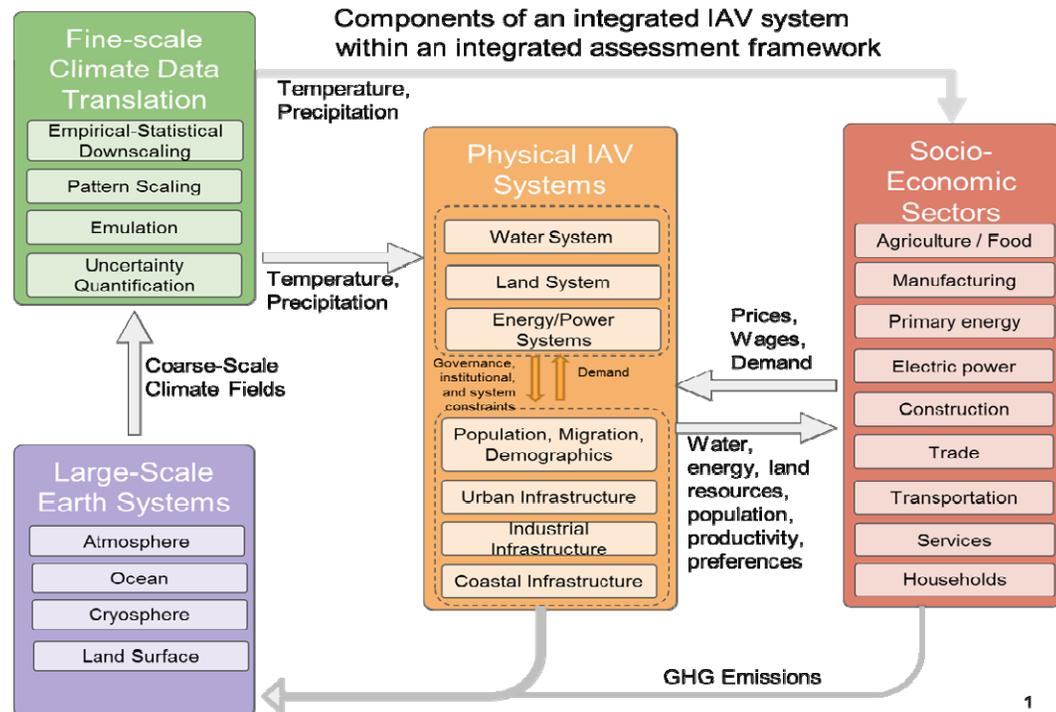
Integrated Assessment Research – Three Emerging Emphases



IAMs

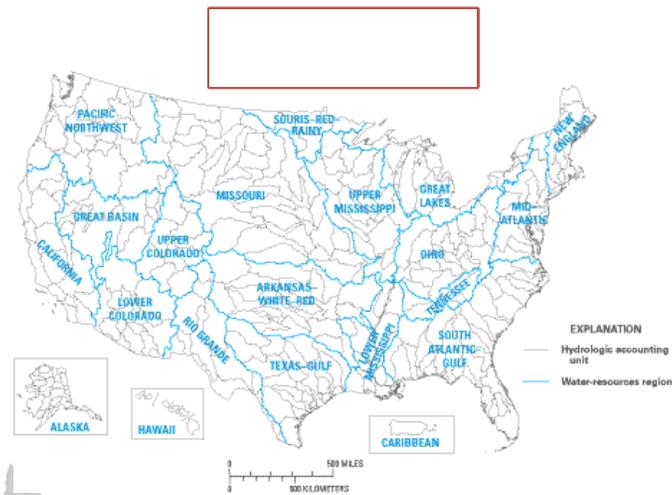
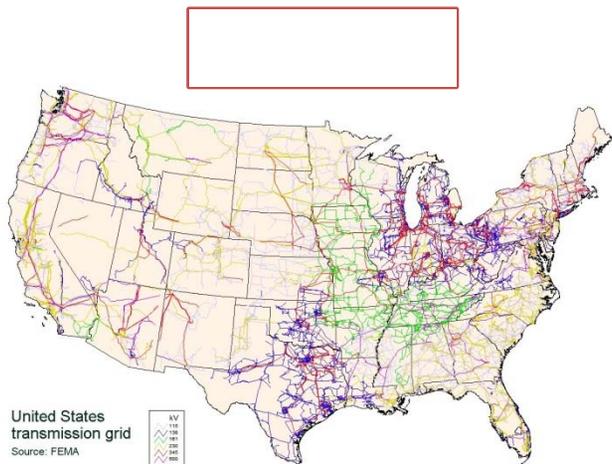
EWN and IAV Data-Knowledge Systems

Multi-Sector, Multi-Model IAV Models

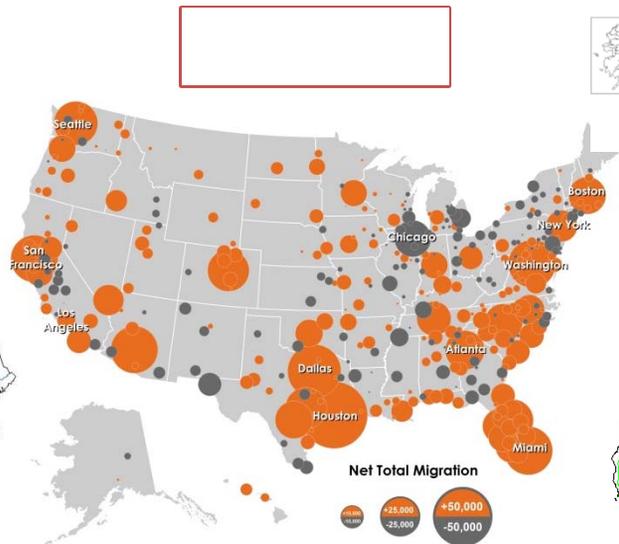
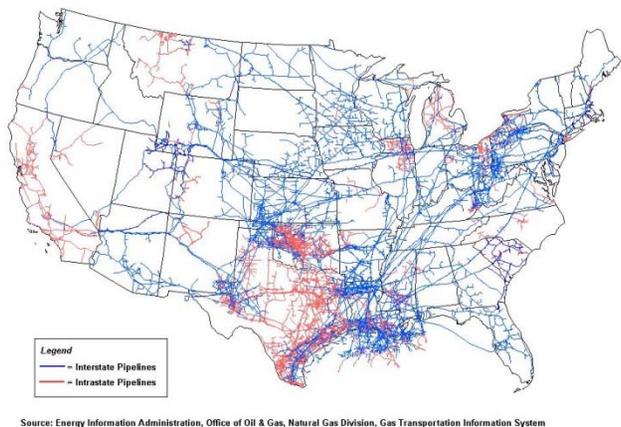




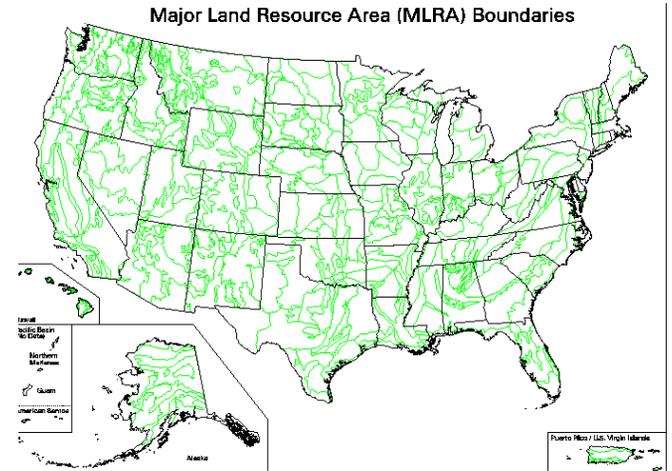
Integrated Assessment Research – Systems Dynamics and Multi-Scale Interactions



Natural Gas



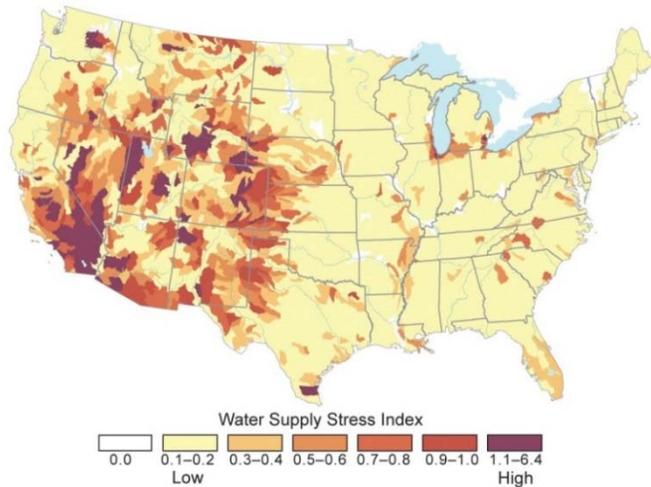
Land



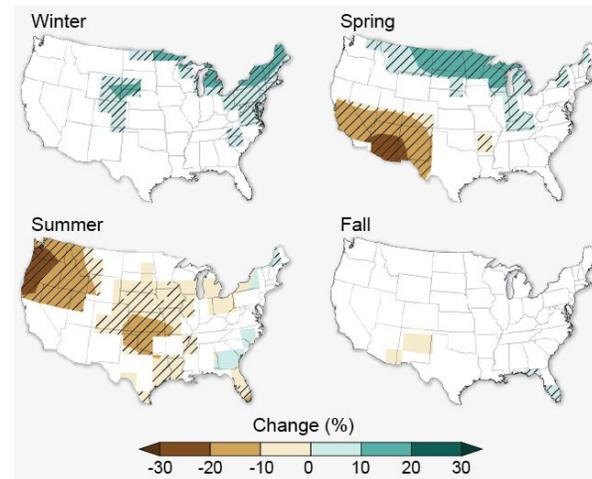


Integrated Assessment Research – Scales of IAV “Stressors” and Responses

Water Stress in the U.S.



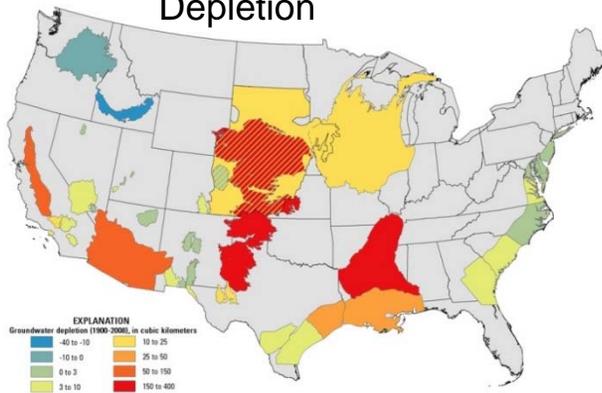
Projected Changes in Seasonal Precipitation



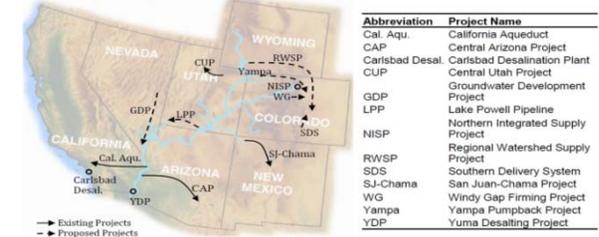
Groundwater Depletion

Present

Future

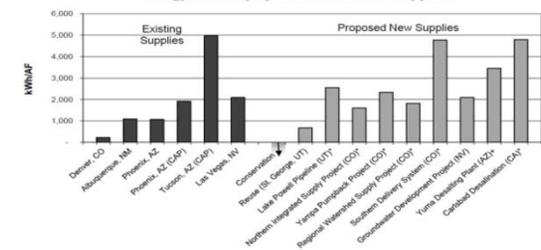


Existing and Proposed Water Supply Projects



Example: Growth in Energy Demands for Inter-basin pumping

Energy Intensity of the West's Water Supplies





Data, Modeling, and Analysis

- **New Stanford led-multi-institutional Cooperative Agreement (CA) awarded for multi-scale, -sector modeling framework**
- **New SFA established under PNNL with LANL, NREL, UCAR, and other universities on regional scale EWN/IAV modeling.**
- **Two new CAs competed and awarded for university led multi-institutional teams addressing fine-scale climate analysis and human feedbacks for EWN**
- **PNNL-JGCRI Scientific Focus Area (SFA) aligned around EWL, triennial review conducted, funding augmented in key areas.**
- **MIT Cooperative Agreement supplement provided and renewal proposal under review with focus on EWL interactions.**
- **ORNL led data-knowledge system project reviewed and initiated with collaborators: ANL, NASA DAAC (Columbia), others**
- **Co-planning of Land-Modeling strategies spanning IARP/GCAM and ESM/ACME**
- ★ **Major interagency/intra-agency EWN and IAV effort launched through local and follow-up Snowmass workshops.**





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Workshop – Goals & Strategies

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Goals:

Meet growing national/international need for understanding multi-sectoral interdependencies and the implications of climate and complex, interacting stressors:

- Incorporate evolution in society, economy, and environment in addition to changes in Earth systems, with a particular interest in **co-evolutionary pathways among interdependent systems**.
- Provide capacity for if-then analysis of technology and institutional options
- Improve fundamental understanding of cascading failures, modes of adaptation, and potential feedbacks (e.g., at the mitigation-adaptation interface).

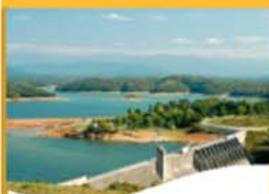
Strategies:

A flexible framework of interconnected systems of models, data, and analysis methods:

- Understanding and development in a context of **use/user typologies**
- Build on agency-specific modeling capabilities across sectors
- Provide software, data, visualization, and other tools to facilitate integration
- Orient around compelling, issues and topics aligned with cross-agency interests
- Engage best talent across agencies and academic community
- Hard and soft coupling strategies



Agency Example Uses: Concentrated and Connected Infrastructure



1.1 Electric system reliability and demands affected by water quantity/quality |

Room 4102, Plenary

ICG co-chair: Robert Vallario

SSG co-chair: Scott Backhaus



1.2 Health services affected by cascading infrastructure failures and interdependencies |

Room 4056, Small Conference Room

ICG co-chair: John Balbus

SSG co-chair: Christopher Barrett



1.3 Coastal city inundation affected by sea level rise and extreme weather events |

Room 4046, "Classroom"

ICG co-chair: Charles Covell

SSG co-chair: Ali Abbas



1.4 Urban socioeconomic systems and vulnerable communities affected by heat waves and air quality events | Room 3502, JGCRI Third Floor

ICG co-chair: Jia Li

SSG co-chair: Jennie Rice



Agency Example Uses: Drought and Increased Variability of Water Supply



2.1 Reservoir resilience affected by droughts, floods, and changing extremes |

Room 4102, Plenary

ICG co-chair: Kate White

SSG co-chair: Patrick Reed



2.2 State economies, including agriculture, affected by drought |

Room 4056, Small Conference Room

ICG co-chair (facilitator listed first): Ronald Sands and Alexander Ruane

SSG co-chair: Karen Fisher-Vanden



2.3 Planning for wildfire impacts and management under changing climate, environmental, demographic, and policy futures |

Room 4046, "Classroom"

ICG co-chair: Linda Langner

SSG co-chair: Claudia Tebaldi



2.4 Surface water quality and ecosystem services affected by droughts, floods, and changing land use/land cover trends |

Room 3502, JGCRI Third Floor

ICG co-chair: Anne Grambsch

SSG co-chair: Ian Kraucunas



Workshop – Types of Interdependencies

- **Physical:** interaction through a physical system (climate-river routing, atmosphere-air quality) or infrastructure attribute (freight and passenger rail travel affected by system capacity)
- **Functional:** one system is connected to another (water for cooling, energy for pumping water, ...)
- **Geographic:** proximity leads to correlated responses in multiple systems
- **Economic and financial:** e.g., supply chains; market impacts on multiple processes such as investment cycles, price structures, etc.
- **Institutional and policy:** a law or regulation affects multiple sectors and decisions or transactions
- **Social:** relations across social groups (individuals or organizations) affect vulnerability, coping, long-term adaptive capacity of other groups

Source: Dawson, R. (2015). "Handling Interdependencies in Climate Change Risk Assessment." *Climate* **3(4)**: 1079.



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Workshop – Characteristics of Interdependencies

- Spatial scale
- Temporal scale
- Interaction strength
- Interaction complexity
- System state
- Range of perturbations
- Socioeconomic context



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Workshop – Preliminary Inventory of Capabilities

- Categories of capabilities identified:
 - 70-80 capabilities in 16 categories identified spanning climate, land, ecological, coastal, fluvial, surface hydrology, air quality, infrastructure sectors, agriculture, economic, demographic, institutional
- Common requirements across multiple areas:
 - **Represent shocks and non-linear processes**
 - **Characterize uncertainty**
 - **High resolution**
 - **Nested**
 - **Flexible**



Workshop – Next Steps

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- **Build a community practice and view framework development as a process built around science and capability requirements**
 - Importance of “use context” and maintaining connectivity with users to define required outputs and model components, coupling, data, analytic tools, visualization, decision support...
- **Develop regional test beds**
 - Clearly defined use of information
 - Model and data integration
 - Explicit processes for testing model validity and evaluating utility of the output for users
- **Resulting framework components**
 - Repository of modeling components/tools (including enabling software)
 - Data
 - Decision support tools
 - Educational resources/capacity building



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Features:

- Regional-scale DMA tools and multi-model frameworks centered around IAV models (including infrastructure models), IAMs, and ESMs.
- Focus on two topics/themes:
 1. *Energy in Water-Stressed Regions*
 2. *Connected Infrastructure Vulnerabilities (including but not limited to urban systems)*
- Three test beds in adjacent regions (or regions with significant teleconnections) to improve understanding of regional DMA resources, heterogeneity of DMA challenges, regional interdependencies, and **gradient** and “boundary” issues.
- One test bed designed and developed to be more detailed and robust, paving the way for growth into an **Integrated Field Laboratory (IFL)** incorporating observatories and data networks.
- Lab-led broader collaborations with engagement of regional research and stakeholder communities.
- Competitive awards with potential for multiple awards.
- Scoping in FY 16 with deployment beginning in FY17

