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# Climate and Urban Water Management Modeling

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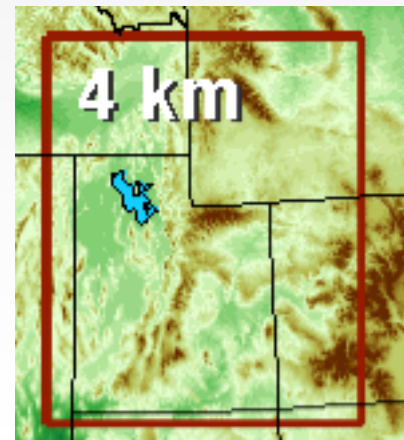
## Climate modeling

Completed development of our CI-WATER climate modeling framework (Strong et al. 2014):

- Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) model with a 4-km inner domain nested within larger 12-km and 36-km domains
- Incorporated an urban irrigation model
- Incorporated model of Great Salt Lake
- Completed suite of sensitivity analyses

Strong C, Kochanski AK, and Crosman ET (2014), A slab model of the Great Salt Lake for regional climate simulation, *Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems*, **6**, 602–615.

Inner domain  
with 4-km resolution

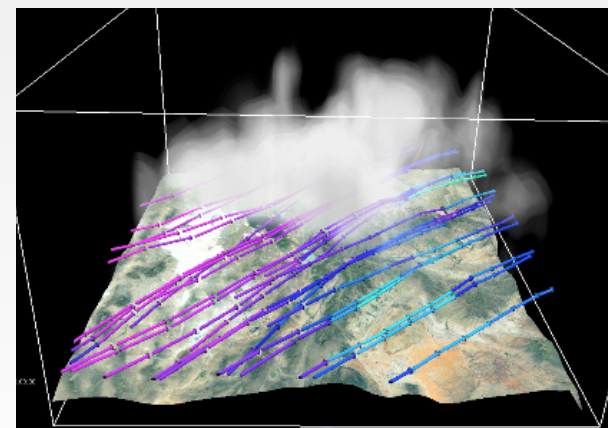




## Climate modeling

- Completed historical reference period 1985-2004 using boundary conditions from the Climate Forecast System Reanalysis (CFSR)
- Determined that the Community Climate System Model (CCSM) provides the most reliable boundary conditions for simulation of Great Basin precipitation (Smith et al., 2014)
- Completed decade centered on 2090 using output from CCSM as boundary conditions

visualization of  
clouds and wind



Smith K, Strong C, Wang S (2014) Connectivity between historical Great Basin precipitation and interannual to multidecadal Pacific Ocean variability: A CMIP5 model comparison, *Journal of Climate*, conditionally accepted.

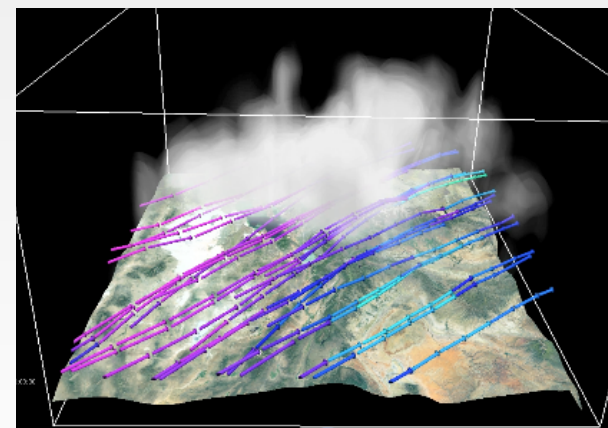


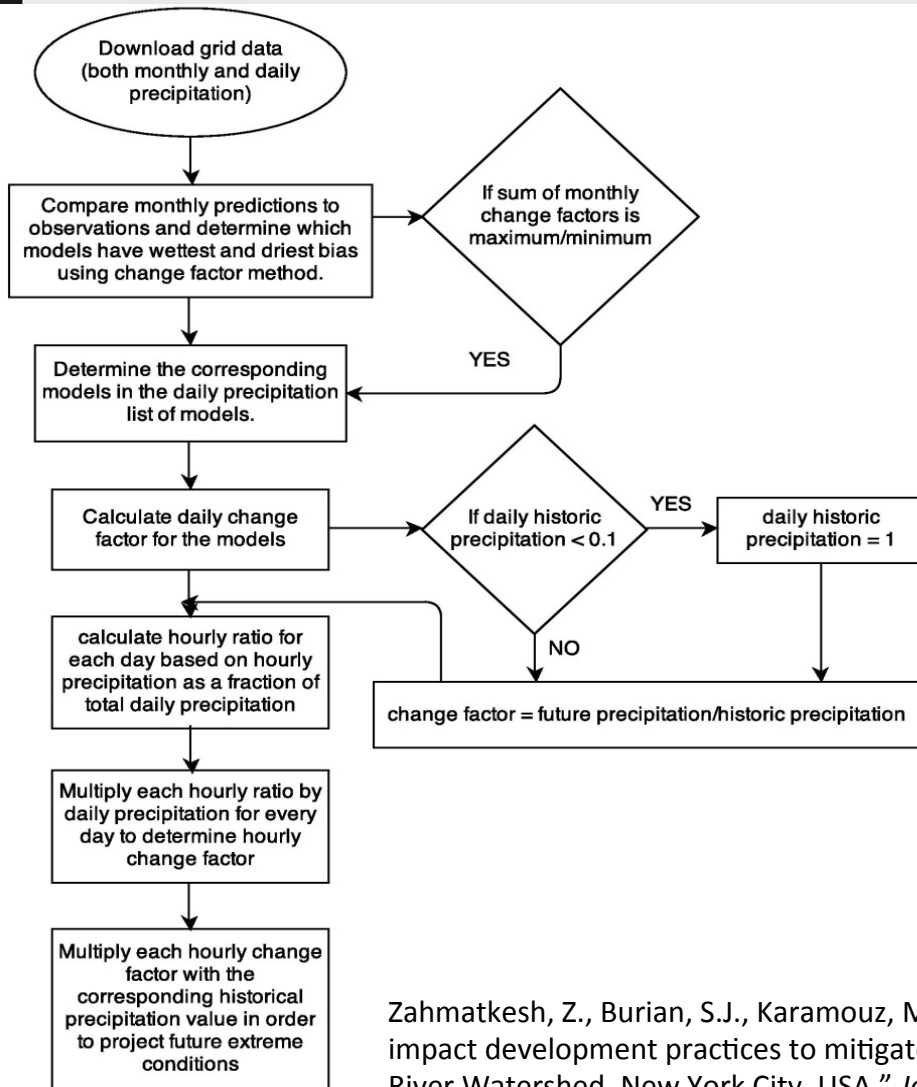
## Climate modeling

### To be completed this year:

- Future decades centered on 2030 and 2060 using output from CCSM as boundary conditions (utilizes existing allocation on Yellowstone)
- Decomposition of future snowpack change into effects related to temperature, humidity, and storm track shifts (will require additional allocation on Yellowstone)

visualization of  
clouds and wind





## Climate Data Access

- Using CMIP5 projections
  - Code identifies GCM with wettest and driest bias (BCSD 5)
- Or
- Any individual model upon user request
  - Disaggregates wettest & driest scenarios to hourly (BCCA 5)
  - Applicable for entire U.S.

Zahmatkesh, Z., Burian, S.J., Karamouz, M., Tavakol-Davani, H., and Goharian, E. (2014). "Potential of low impact development practices to mitigate climate change effects on urban stormwater runoff in the Bronx River Watershed, New York City, USA." *Journal of Irrigation and Drainage Engineering*, DOI: 10.1061/(ASCE)IR.1943-4774.0000770.

# CMIP5

- Directory (Download NetCDF)
- FTP connection (Query NetCDF)

Model, emission scenario, time step, period, etc.

Store data in local machine

# Data Bridge



- Developing Code

Call requested data

Changing the File Format

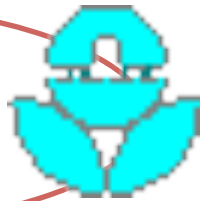
- Generate Output

# User Interface

- Request (Year, Model, Me, etc.)
- Requested Model
- Download Output in Desire Format
- Run SWMM



**StormWater Management Model (SWMM)**







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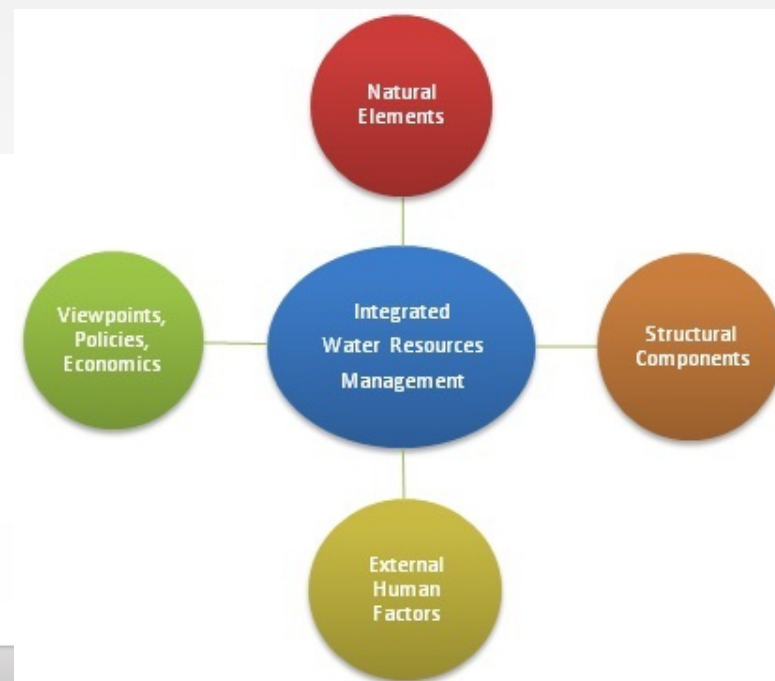
## Simulate the integrated urban water system

- Goal: Develop capacity to simulate the integrated urban water system of SLC to study climate, population growth, and other impacts on system sustainability

Processing Modelling

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System Modeling



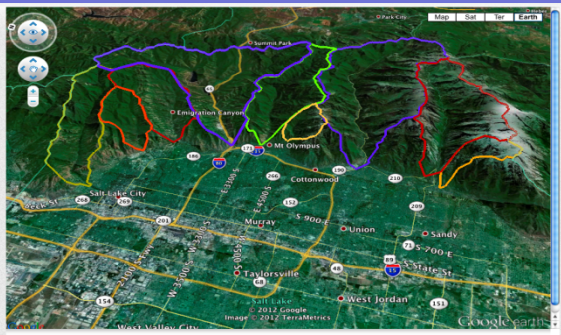


# Supported Tools and Models

| Tools                             | Models   |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Watershed Delineation (TauDEM)    | ADHydro integrated distributed hydrologic model              |
| Data Access                       | UEB Snowmelt   |
| Model element and mesh generation | GSSHA gridded surface subsurface hydrologic models           |
| Rescaling data in space/time      | <b><i>Integrated Water Resource Management (GoldSim)</i></b> |
| Results visualization             |  |

# Use future climate modeling and downscaling to inform probabilistic scenario development

## Natural system hydrologic and hydraulic modeling



streamflow forecasts

climate change flows

<http://www.hiddenwaters.org/>

Operations model

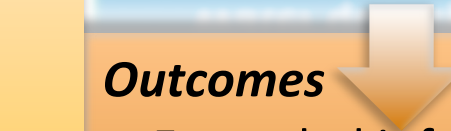
Planning model

*Water System Models*

Demand scenarios



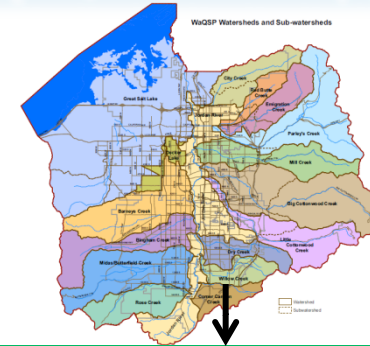
- Outcomes**
- Expanded information for:
    - climate-water science
    - water operations
    - long-term planning
    - infrastructure upgrades

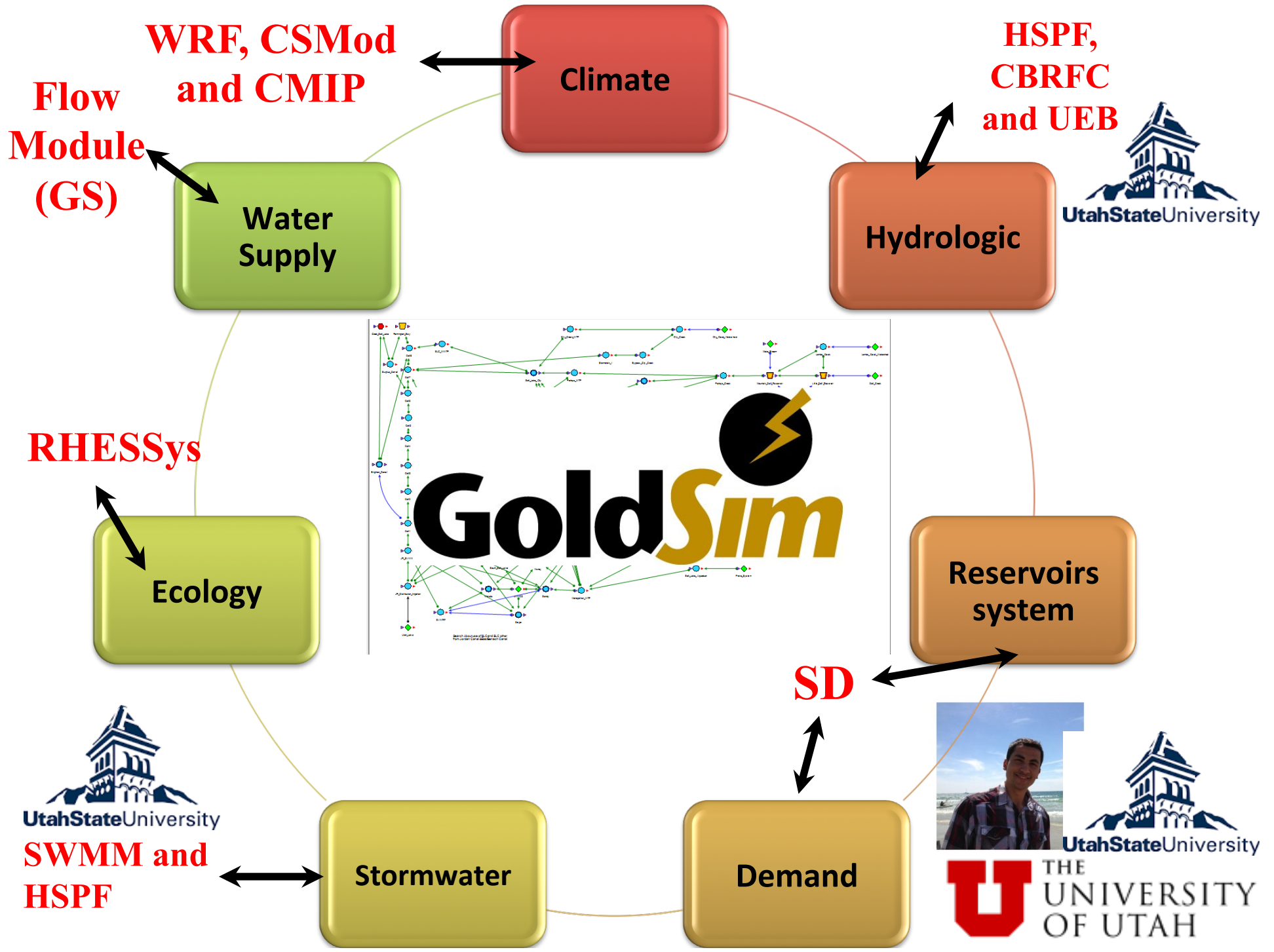


## Water quality modeling

## Urban watershed and green infrastructure modeling

*Hydrologic Models*







## Case Study

- 60% from the four of the seven canyons above the City:

City Creek,

Parleys Creek,

Big Cottonwood and Little Cottonwood

- 20% Deer Creek and Provo System
- Rest from wells, springs and groundwater

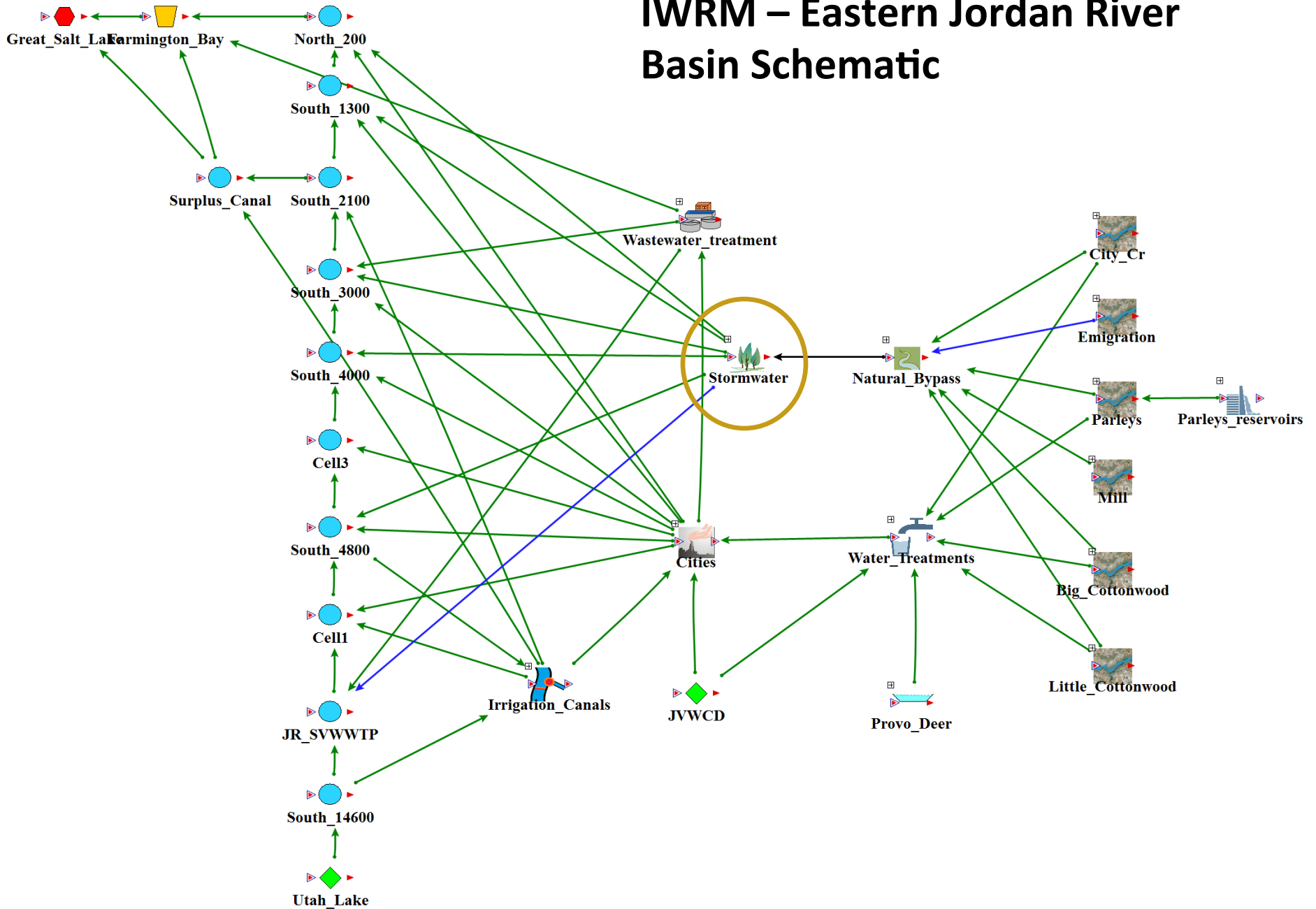




## Targeted Users/Partners

- **Researchers** need a modeling framework to analyze future climate, population growth, water management, etc. impacts on water system performance
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# IWRM – Eastern Jordan River Basin Schematic

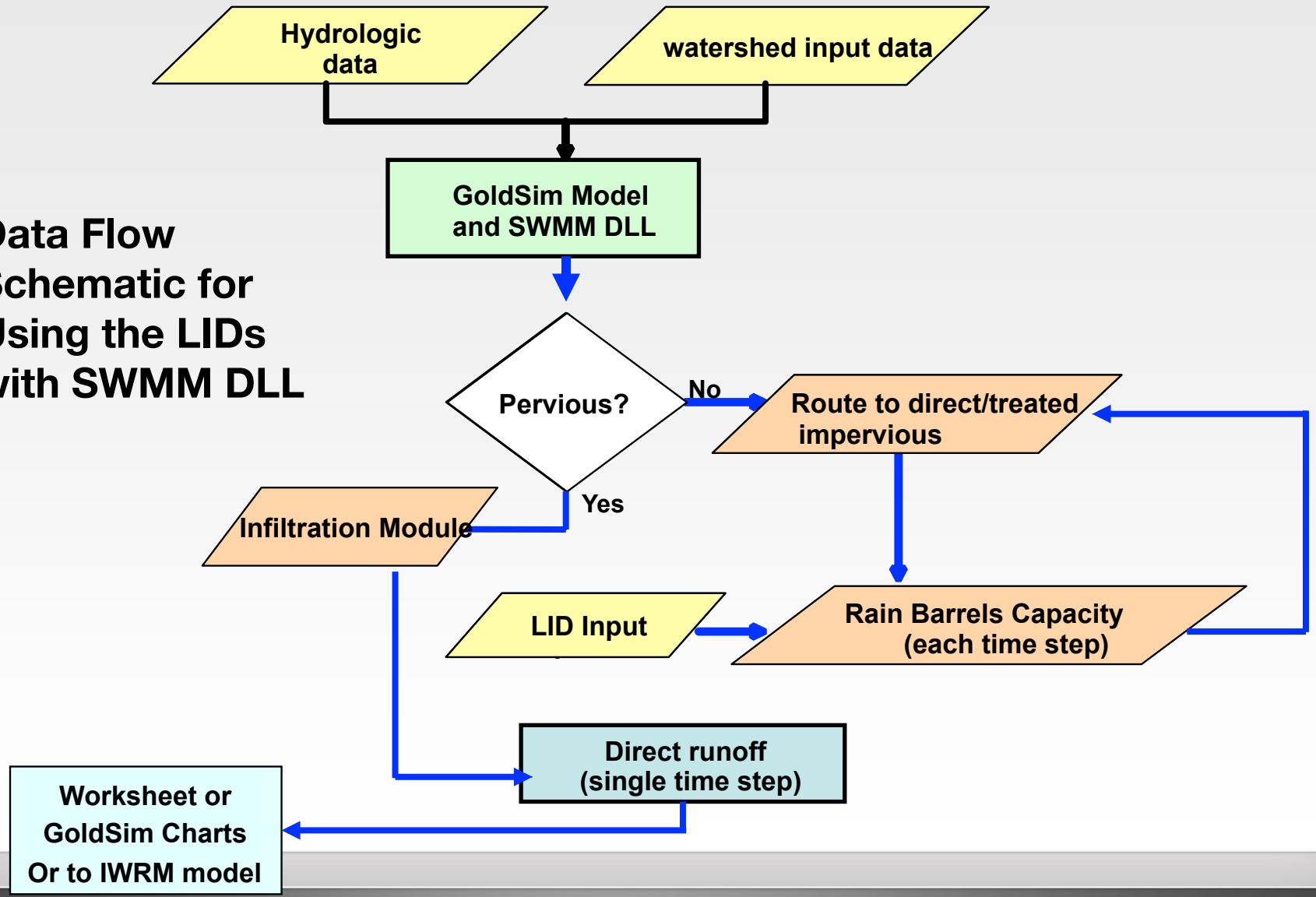








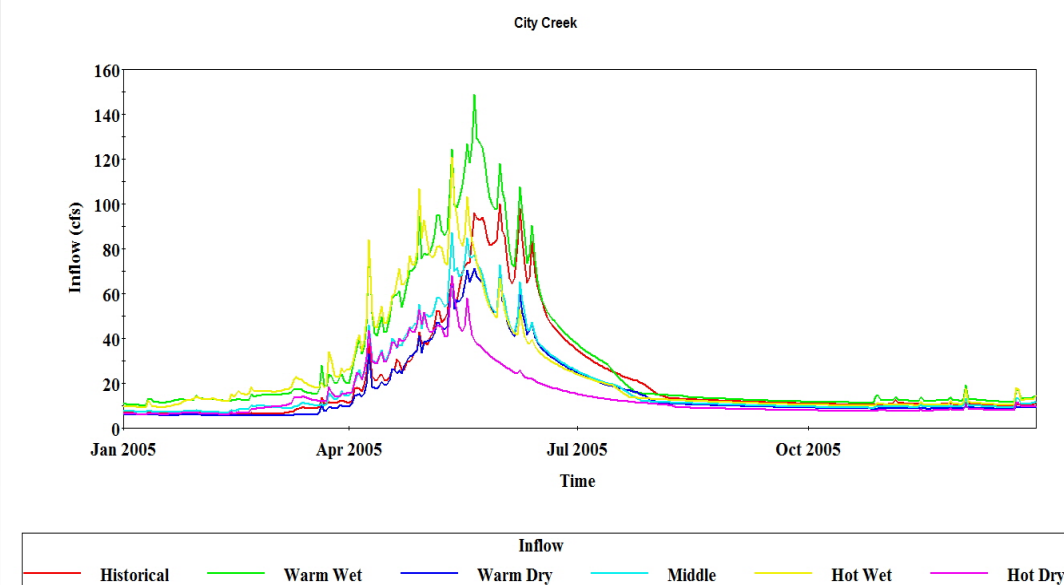
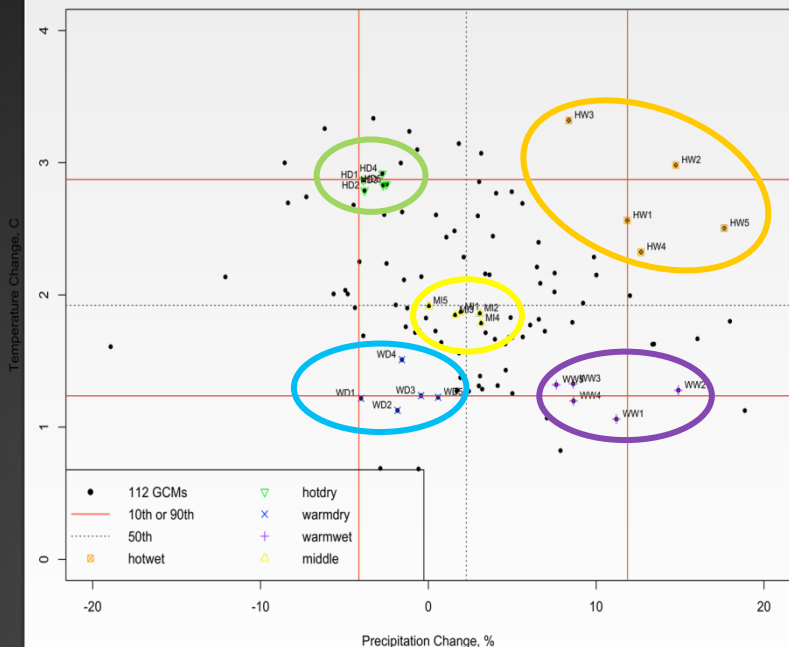
## Data Flow Schematic for Using the LIDs with SWMM DLL





## Climate Change Evaluation

Changes in Mean Annual Temp & Precip  
comparing Oct 2035- Sep 2065 to Oct 1980- Sep 2010



Bardsley, T., Wood, A., Hobbins, M., Kirkham, T., Briefer, L., Niermeyer, J., and Burian, S. (2013). "Planning for an uncertain future: Climate change sensitivity assessment towards adaptation planning for public water supply." *Earth Interactions*, 23 (Paper 23).

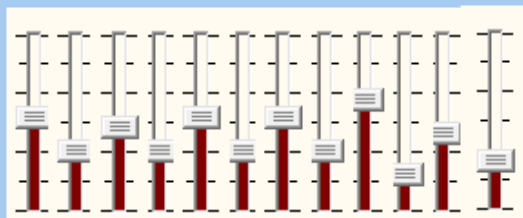
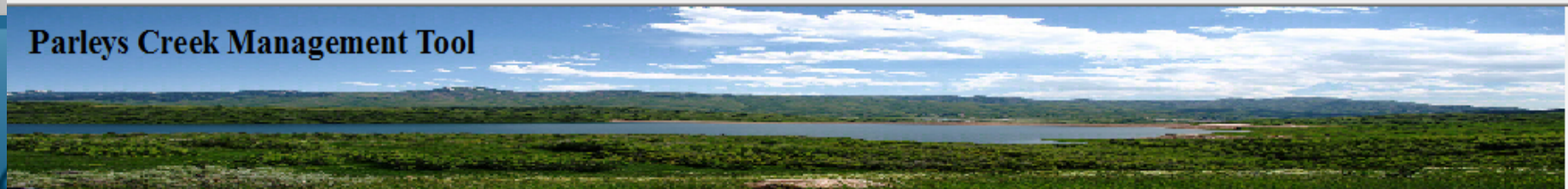


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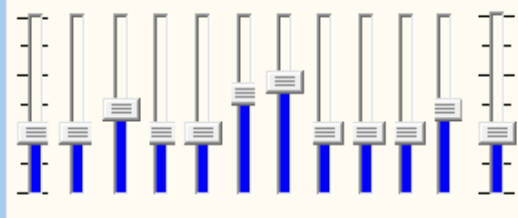
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## Parleys Creek Management Tool



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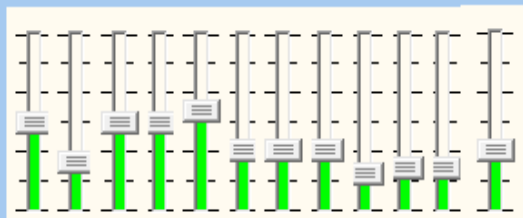
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### General Mountain Dell Reservoirs Characteristics

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Capacity [af]       | 3200 |
| Dead Pool [af]      | 800  |
| Initial Volume [af] | 2000 |

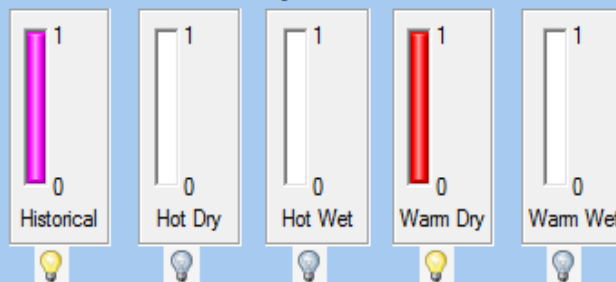
### General Little Dell Reservoirs Characteristics

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Capacity [af]       | 20000 |
| Dead Pool [af]      | 0     |
| Initial Volume [af] | 5700  |



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### Reliability Results



### Choose a scenario

Warm Dry



Run the Model

Simulation Settings

Historical Run

### Mountain Dell Reservoir

Scenario Results

Historical Result

### Little Dell Reservoir

Scenario Results

Historical Result

### Reliability

Scenario Results

Historical Result





## SWMM Runoff Model (GoldSim)

Model Snowmelt?

Open Snowmelt Dashboard

### Evaporation Corrections

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| Pan_Correction_Factor | 0.75 |
|-----------------------|------|

Edit Monthly Evaporation Recovery Rates

### Runoff Parameters (SWMM)\*\*

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Area [acre]                            | 4621  |
| Slope (ft/ft)                          | 0.092 |
| Width [ft]                             | 37240 |
| Fraction Impervious                    | 0.26  |
| Mannings_N_Pervious                    | 0.25  |
| Mannings_N_Impervious                  | 0.01  |
| Surf_Storage_Impervious [in]           | 0.05  |
| Surf_Storage_Pervious [in]             | 0.75  |
| Fraction of Impervious with No Storage | 0     |

### Groundwater Parameters (HSPF)

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Groundwater_Recession_Daily (AGWRC)           | 0.98 |
| GroundwaterSlopeIndexInitial (AGWS init) [in] | 0    |
| Initial_Groundwater_Storage (AGWO init) [in]  | 0    |
| SlopeIndexMultiplier (KVARY) [1/in]           | 0    |

[Link to SWMM Documentation](#)

Open Parameters  
Container to View  
Explanations

[Link to HSPF 12 User's Manual](#)

### Select Infiltration Method\*

- Horton
- GreenAmpt
- CurveNumber**

### Horton Infil. (SWMM)

|                                       |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Min. Infiltration Rate [in/hr]        | .01 |
| Max. Infiltration Rate [in/hr]        | 1   |
| Max. Total Infiltration [in]          | 0   |
| Decay Rate of Infiltration [1/hr]     | 4   |
| Days to Regenerate Infiltration [day] | 7   |

### GreenAmpt Infil. (SWMM)

|                                    |      |
|------------------------------------|------|
| Saturated Hyd. Conductivity [ft/s] | 0    |
| Avg. Capillary Suction [ft]        | 0.25 |
| Max Soil Moisture Deficit          | 4    |

### CurveNumber Infil. (SWMM)

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Curve_Number      | 76.9 |
| Drying_Time [day] | 7    |

Edit Weather Forcing Time Series

Run Model

Open Results Dashboard

\*Only the parameters associated with the selected infiltration method need to be filled out. The parameters associated with



## RWH Dashboard

### Jordan River Subbasin

Rainbarrel Numbers

200 Gal      2,500 Gal

Percentage of roofs  
from Imperv area

### LCC Subbasin

Rainbarrel Numbers

200 Gal      2,500 Gal

Percentage of roofs  
from Imperv area

### LRB Subbasin

Rainbarrel Numbers

200 Gal      2,500 Gal

Percentage of roofs  
from Imperv area

RWH 1

Total RWH used for  
outdoor demand (Gal)

### LEM Subbasin

Rainbarrel Numbers

200 Gal      2,500 Gal

Percentage of roofs  
from Imperv area

### LPC Subbasin

Rainbarrel Numbers

200 Gal      2,500 Gal

Percentage of roofs  
from Imperv area



2 containers with the maximum  
size of 100 gallons each on-site  
Price: ~ \$200 each one

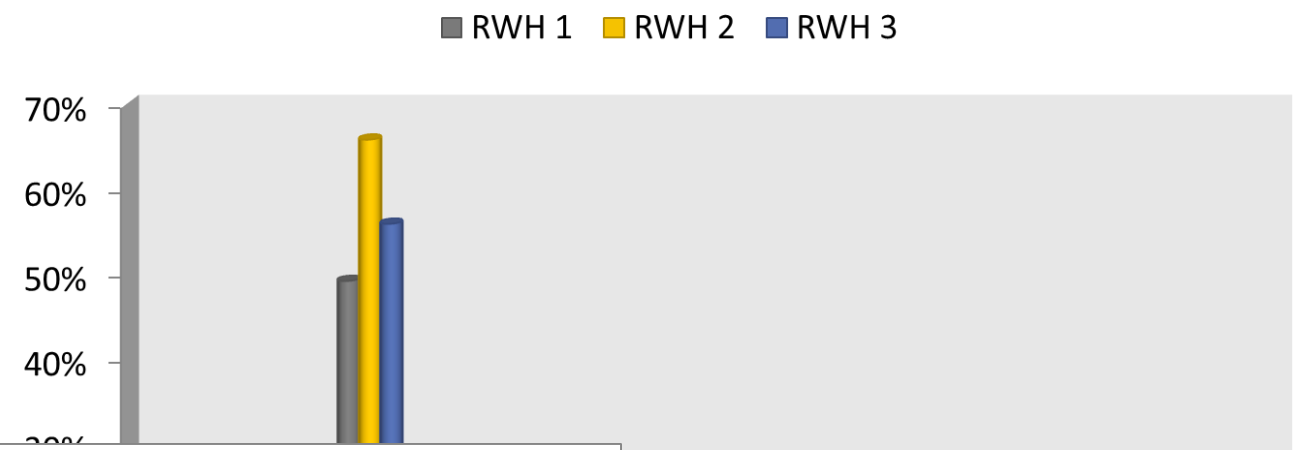


Underground storage and the law permits  
up to 2,500 gallons in one container.  
Price: ~ \$2500-\$3000

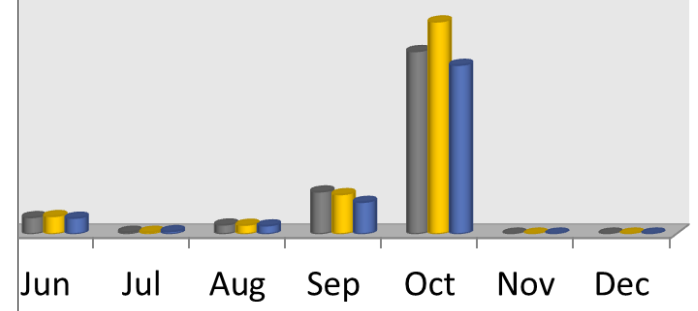
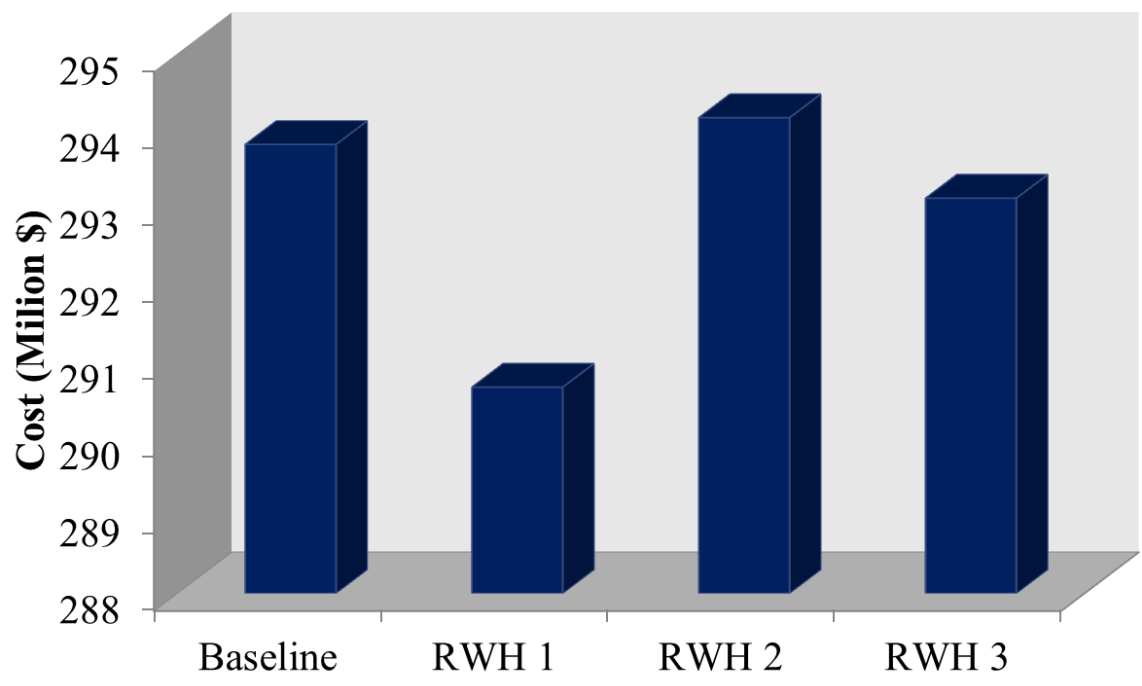
About 80,000 buildings, parks and properties serviced by the Public Utilities. I'd say use 75,000 to  
exclude industrial users and multiple users per building.



## Percentage Supply of Outdoor Demand By RWH



## Total Price







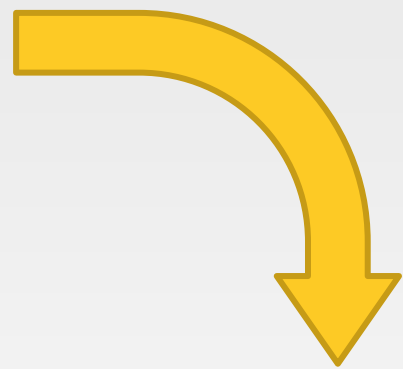
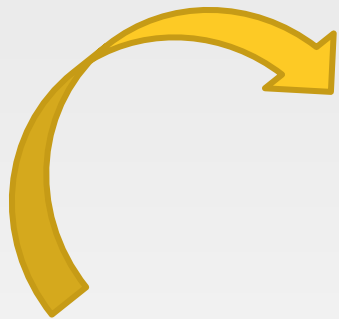
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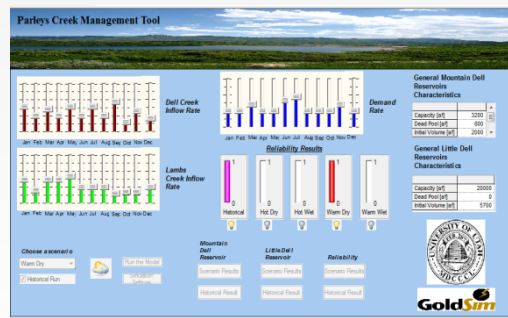
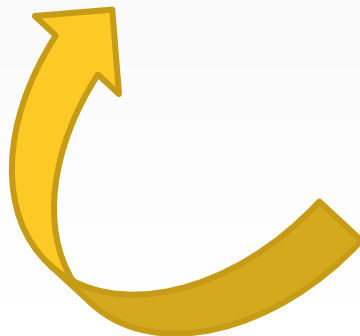
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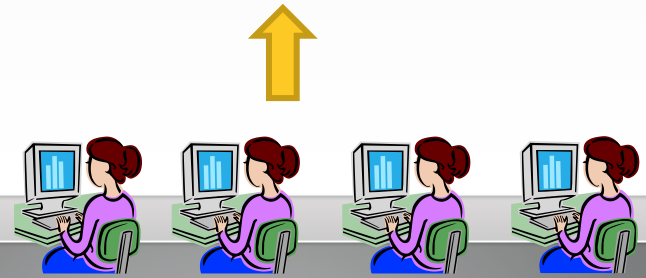


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OGC Web Service utility library




Highcharts JS





## The Engineering Toolbox for Hydrologic Simulation (TETHyS)

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- Open source
- Python Powered
- Data Management and CKAN
- Geospatial Datasets
- Cloud Computing Resources
- Post Processing
- Visualization

The screenshot shows the TETHyS website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the 'tethys' logo and menu items: 'Apps', 'Datasets', 'Organizations', 'Groups', and 'About'. A search bar is located on the right. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'Home / Apps'. On the left side, there is a section titled 'What are Apps?' with a brief description: 'Apps are mini applications custom tailored for specific datasets or models. They provide simple workflows for analyzing, executing, and visualizing the data involved.' The main content area displays a grid of nine app tiles, each with a representative image and a title: 'UEB Model Builder', 'GSSHA Explorer', 'ADHydro Explorer', 'Early Flood Warning', 'Parleys Creek Management Tool', 'Burned Area Flooding', 'Spring Runoff Modeling', 'Urban Stormwater', and 'Wasatch Front Simulator'. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with 'About TETHyS' on the left and 'Powered by ckan' on the right.



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Ready? Let's get Started

Click on the "New Scenario" button to begin.

[+ New Scenario](#)

Want to review past scenarios? Click here to view them.

[Scenarios](#)



### Parleys Creek Management Tool

The Parleys Watershed is one of four drainages that are included in Salt Lake City's "Protected Watershed" Canyons. Parleys Creek Basin, located on western slope of Wasatch Mountains, includes two reservoirs, Little Dell and Mountain Dell. The reservoirs were developed with the primary use of municipal and industrial water supply and secondary use of flood control. The primary inflows are generated from Lamb's and Dell Creek.

This application can be used to evaluate various management scenarios for the Parleys' Creek system to give this ability to managers, stakeholders, and users to test different alternatives. This also can be used to test climate change scenarios (uncertain future extreme climate conditions) to evaluate the reservoirs' performance. Click on the "New Scenario" button to get started.

Apps / Parleys Creek Management Tool / General Characteristics

Need Help?

In this page, user can select and modify reservoir characteristics, to design and test new infrastructure developments. Default values show existing properties of reservoirs.

### Mountain Dell Reservoir Characteristics

Capacity  ac ft

Initial Volume  ac ft

Dead Pool  ac ft

### Little Dell Reservoir Characteristics

Capacity  ac ft

Initial Volume  ac ft

Dead Pool  ac ft

Cancel Back Next

<http://ciwweb.chpc.utah.edu/>

Apps / Parleys Creek Management Tool / Scenarios

### Scenarios

Home New

| Name                    | Description          | Date              | Status  | Results   |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------|---|
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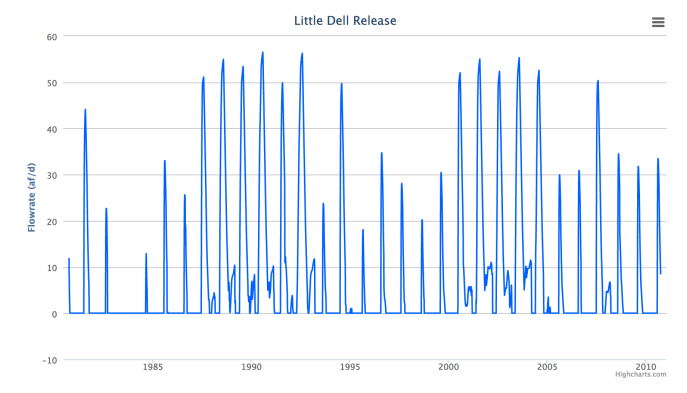
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RELIABILITY  
1.0

- LITTLE DELL RESERVOIR
- Volume
- Release
- Spill
- MOUNTAIN DELL RESERVOIR
- Volume
- Release
- Spill
- DELL CREEK
- Inflow
- LAMBS CREEK
- Inflow

Back Download Results

### Results for Run 9





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## Climate Change Vulnerability assessment

- $Vulnerability = RVI_{\downarrow CC} \times W_{\downarrow rv} + PI \times W_{\downarrow p} + S \times W_{\downarrow s} + PS \times W_{\downarrow ps} + WSACI \times W_{\downarrow w} + SACI \times W_{\downarrow s}$
- Pair-wise comparison among the variables and Analytic Hierarchy Process (**AHP**) to calculate related weights
- **Jenks Optimization method** is a data classification method designed to determine the best arrangement of values into different classes.



# Water system performance index

Determining Dependence between Simulation Inputs

Using copula function

Estimating the Copula dependent

Selecting best copula function

Developing Water System Performance Index



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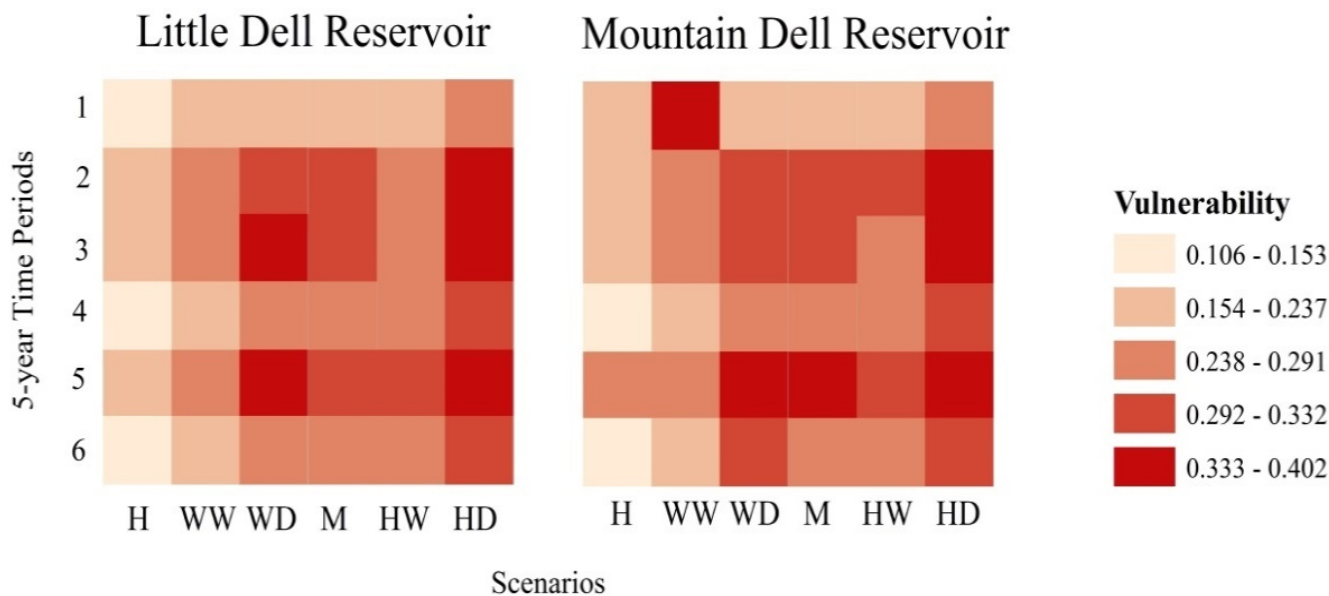
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3  ##### 'Frank', 'Galambos', 'Gumbel-Hougaard', 'Plackett', 'Genest-Ghoudi', 'JOE', 'Gumbel-Barnett' ###
4  ##### By "Erfan Goharian" #####
5  ##### University of Utah #####
6  ##### Version 1.00 10/13/2014 #####
7
8  -  clc;
9  -  clear all;
10 -  close all;
11
12  % Loading Data
13
14 -  P=xlsread('Metrics 2.xlsx','F:G');
15
16 -  rel=P(:,1);
17 -  vul=P(:,2);
18
19  % plot rel and vul
20 -  figure(1)
21 -  plot(rel,vul, 'ro')
22 -  xlabel('Reliability')
23 -  ylabel('Vulnerability')
24 -  print('-dpng', 'x_y.png')
25
26  % draw the scatter plot of data with histograms
27 -  figure(2)
28 -  scatterhist(rel,vul,'Direction','out')
29
30  % Parameter Estimation for Generalized Pareto Distribution

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| # | Reliability | Vulnerability | WSPI   |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------|
| 1 | 0.0083      | 0.9883        | 0.9997 |
| 2 | 0.7250      | 0.6301        | 0.1771 |
| 3 | 0.1833      | 0.8801        | 0.9862 |
| 4 | 0.7833      | 0.4365        | 0.0034 |
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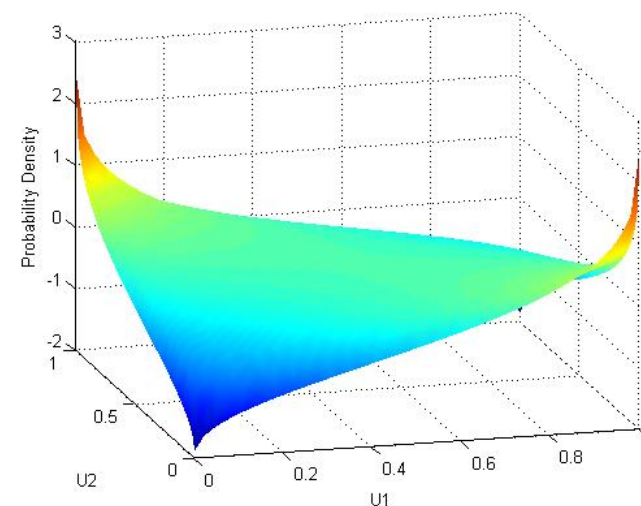
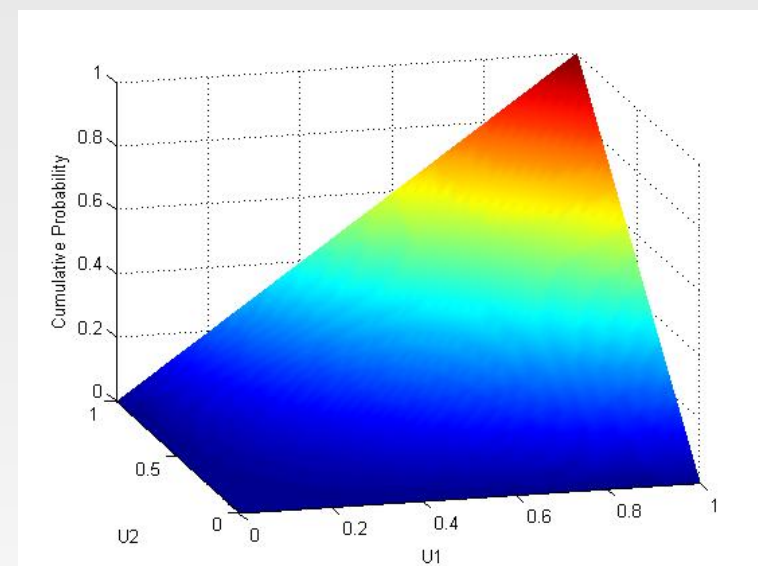
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## Water System Performance Index

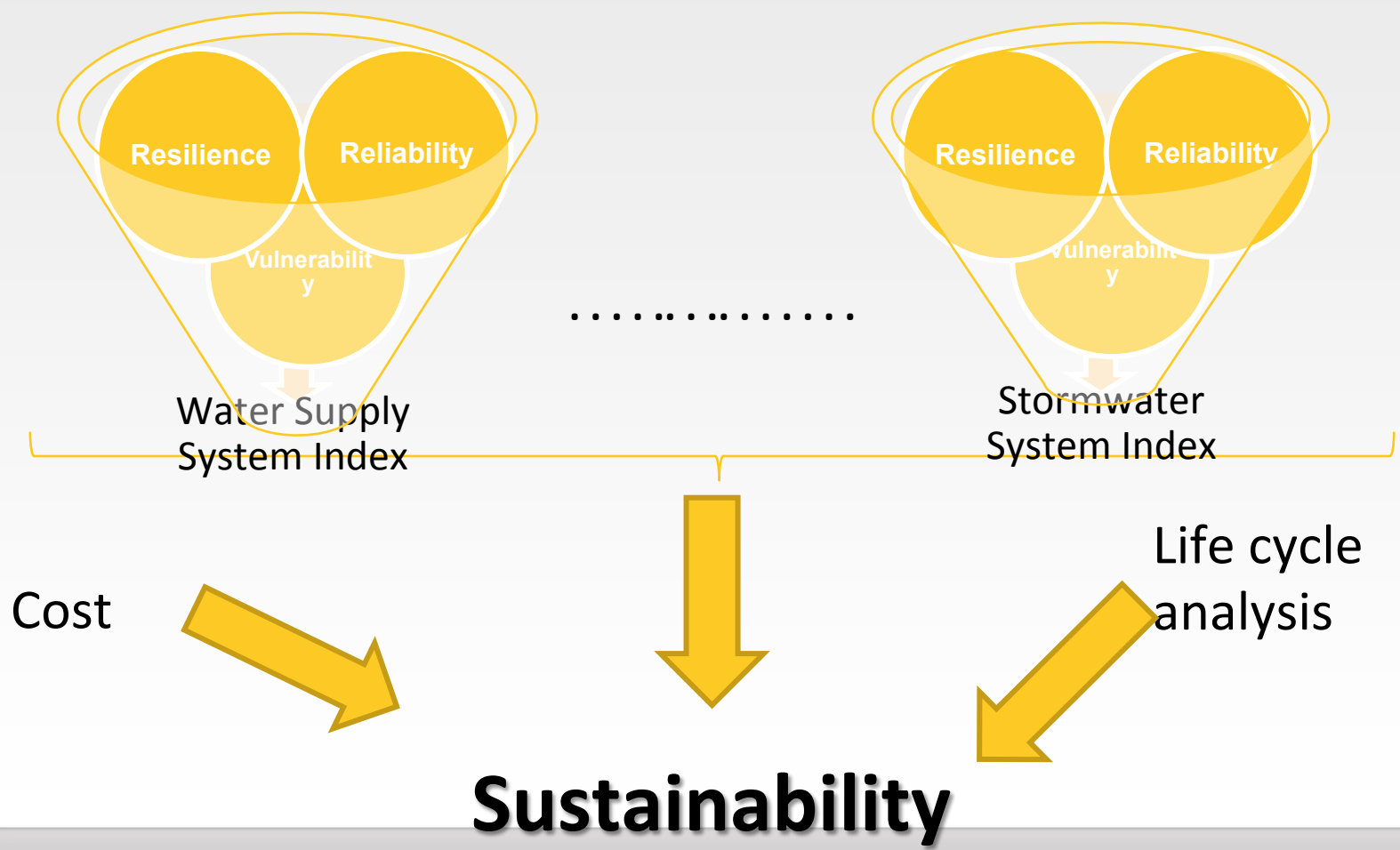
$$WSPI = P(R > r, V \leq v)$$

| # | Reliability | Vulnerability | WSPI   |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------|
| 1 | 0.0083      | 0.9883        | 0.9997 |
| 2 | 0.7250      | 0.6301        | 0.1771 |
| 3 | 0.1833      | 0.8801        | 0.9862 |
| 4 | 0.7833      | 0.4365        | 0.0034 |
| 5 | 1.000       | 0.0000        | 0.0000 |





## Sustainability decision analysis (SDA)



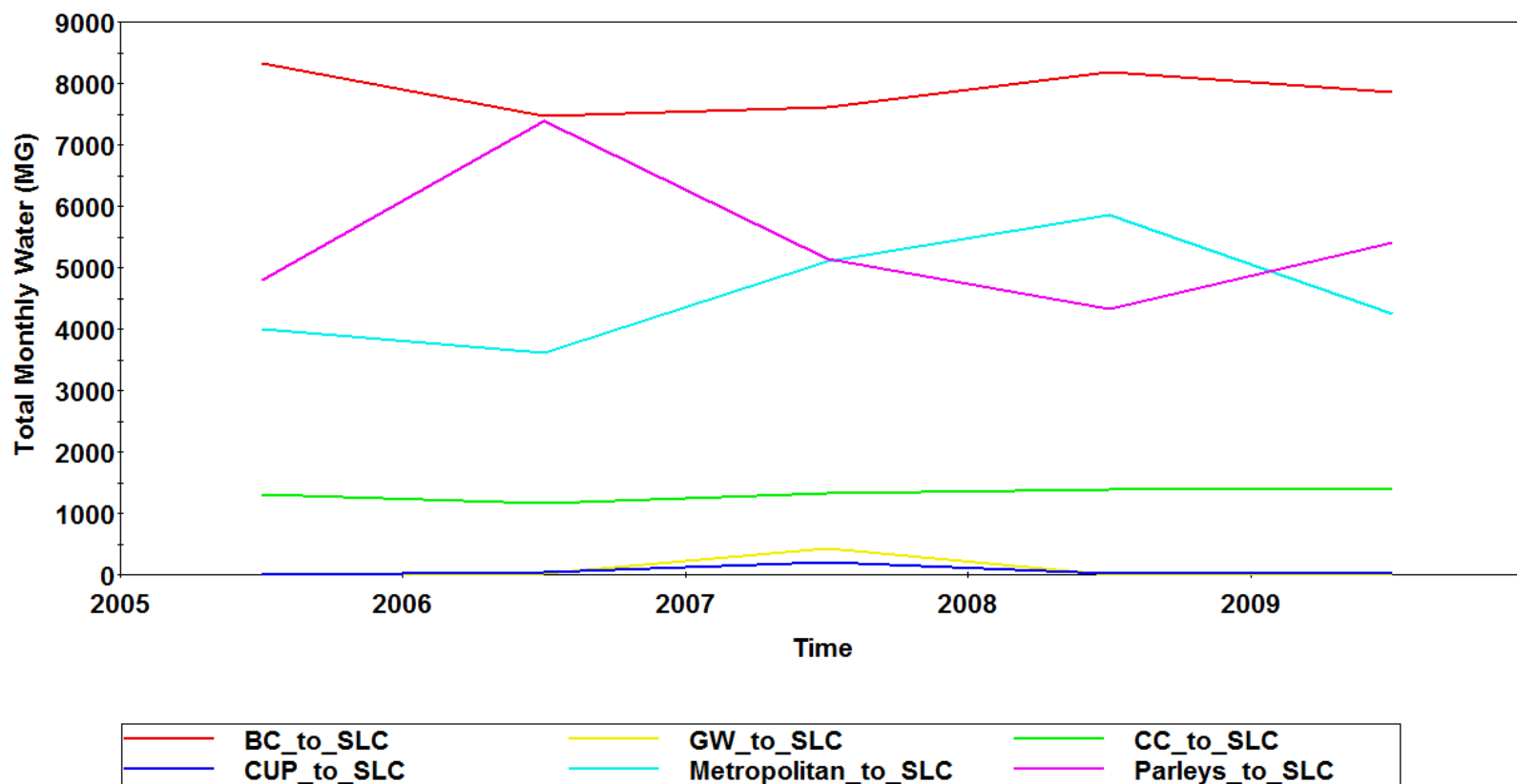


## Next steps

- **WRF Simulations, CSMOD Development, Climate Data Access for Urban Water Modeling, Post processor for sustainability and resiliency evaluation, Web-Based Model**
- **Papers:**
  - **Macro water budget (Strong et al.)**
  - **Use of copula functions to produce integrated urban water system vulnerability metrics (Goharian et al.)**
  - **Climate impacts on integrated water resources system sustainability (Goharian et al.)**
  - **Demonstration of WamDam for urban water management (USU + UU collaboration)**
  - **LID controls for urban water system resiliency (Hansen et al.)**
  - **Web-based simulation (BYU + UU collaboration)**

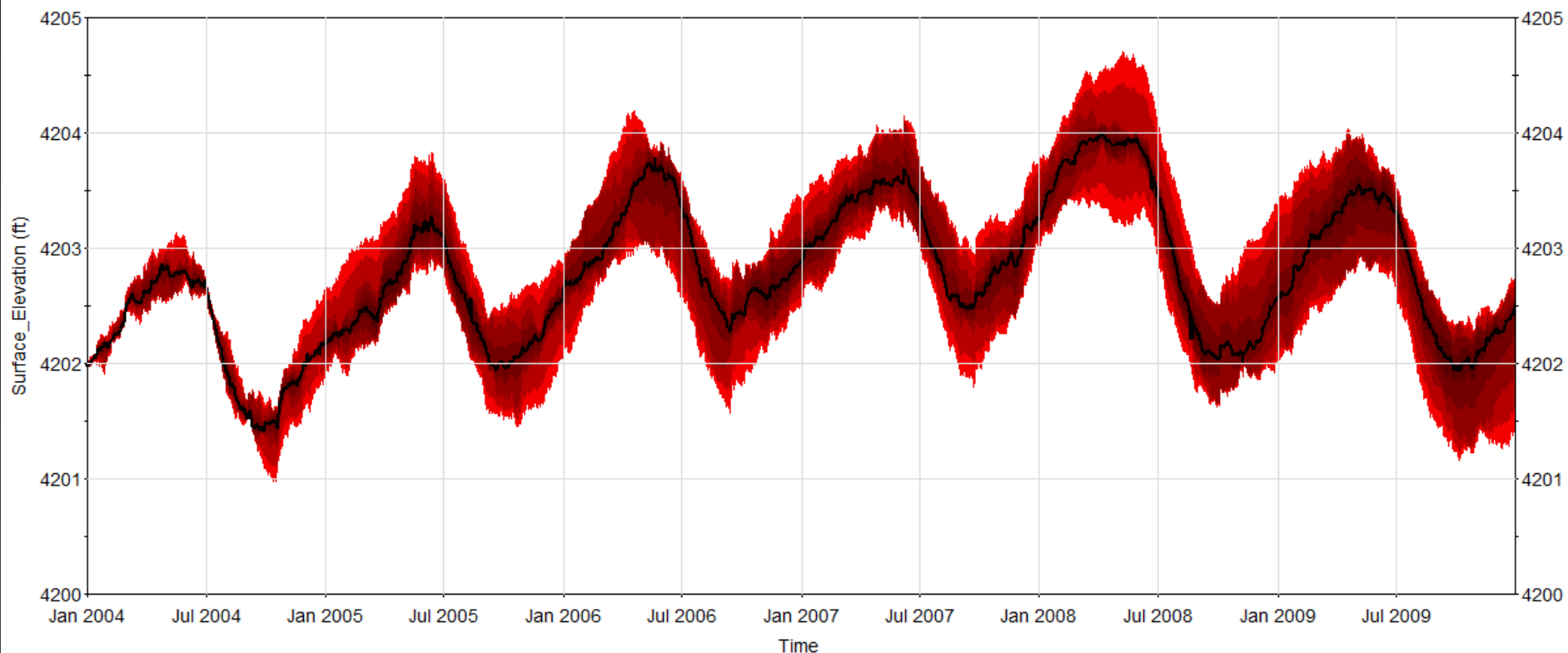


## Water Supply to Salt Lake City





## Monte-Carlo Simulation



Statistics for Surface\_Elevation

|                     |                     |                    |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Min..1% / 99%..Max  | 1%..5% / 95%..99%   | 5%..15% / 85%..95% | 15%..25% / 75%..85% |
| 25%..35% / 65%..75% | 35%..45% / 55%..65% | 45%..55%           | 50%                 |