Connecting surface water and groundwater supply and demand over time and space to support sustainable water management.



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Streamflow Depletion

 Pumping 'captures' groundwater that would have discharged into a stream and/or induces infiltration from the stream into the aquifer



Estimation Approaches

- Guess!
- Analytical
- Numerical
- Statistical / ML
- Observation
- Analytical Depletion Function



Analytical Depletion Function



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Analytical Depletion Function Evaluations

- vs uncalibrated numerical model (British Columbia, California)
- vs calibrated numerical model created for purposes other than streamflow depletion (SFD) (British Columbia)
- vs coupled SW/GW model for SFD (California)
- vs calibrated numerical model for SFD, for interstate compact (Colorado/Kansas)

Comparison Results

- Similar estimates of streamflow depletion with lower data and computational costs
- ADF suitable for determining:
 - Which stream will be most affected by pumping?
 - What will the impact be on that stream?
- Perform best in flatter terrain, with wells located within a few km of streams



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Applications

- Best suited for screening level evaluation of impacts from existing or new proposed wells
- Ability to implement in decision-support tools can amplify the benefits of speed and simplicity (and transparency)

Foundry Spatial Water Framework

Web-DSS

Investigation Pathways:

- Stream
- Well
- Aquifer



Pumping and associated depletion over time







Past / Present / Future Depletion from all wells



Thank you!

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