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Objective



- Explore geospatial differences in energy-water-land interactions:
 - By NCA region, and
 - By state.



Bilateral Interactions

- Effect of ENERGY on WATER use
 - Water used for energy production (power plant cooling, mining, etc.)
- Effect of WATER on ENERGY use
 - Energy to move, lift and treat water
- Effect of WATER on LAND use
 - Blue water: irrigated cropland and reservoirs
 - Green water: dry land farming and forests
- Effect of LAND on WATER use
 - All water use except for energy
- Effect of LAND on ENERGY use
 - Energy consumption associated with land development
- Effect of ENERGY on LAND use
 - Land used for energy development (power plants, pipelines, etc.)





Framework for Interpretation



Supply-Demand Functional Linkage $f_{SD} (N_S, E_S, N_D, E_D) = f_{SD} (N_{SD}, E_{SD}),$ where N_{sp} and E_{sp} represent the notional combining of N_s with N_p and E_s with E_p, respectively Resource Resource Demand Sector Supply Sector (e.g., Energy) (e.g., Water) **Endowment Attributes Bi-Lateral Interface** Demand Attributes - Type of Resource - Type of Application / Use - Location & Source Location & Infrastructure - Supply Infrastructure Quantity & Quality Required - Quantity & Quality - Use Rate Profile - Sustainable Withdrawal Rate - Use Demand Duration - Supply Renewal Rate - Value of Resource to End-Use - Availability, Cost, Competing Uses Technologies & Processes **Technologies & Processes** - Natural: N_s (*a*, *b*, ...) - Natural: N_D (*m*, *n*, ...) - Engineered/Manmade: E_D (x, y, ...) - Engineered/Manmade: E_s (i, j, ...)

Effect of Land on Energy Use





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Effect of Water on Land Use





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Effect of Energy on Water Use



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1. Effect of Energy on Water (Water for Energy) Mgal/yr : Thermoelectric





1. Effect of Energy on Water (Water for Energy) Mgal/yr : COAL





1. Effect of Energy on Water (Water for Energy) Mgal/yr : Ethanol

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1. Effect of Energy on Water (Water for Energy) Mgal/yr : Oil





1. Effect of Energy on Water (Water for Energy) Mgal/yr : Natural Gas

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Effect of Water on Energy Use



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~6% of electricity use goes to providing water services.

Source: Tidwell et al. 2014



State-Level Comparison





NCA Region Comparison





Effect of land on energy use



Effect of water on land use: Bluewater





Effect of energy on land use



Great Plains

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Midwest

Northeast

Northwest

Southeast

Southwest

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