Conjunctive Use Analysis Using MODFLOW with the Farm Process

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What Do HYDROLOGIC MODELS Provide? >Understanding of Regional Flow Systems Complete Assembly of Hydrologic-Budget Components Systematic Analysis of All Hydrologic Components >Linkage between Databases, Monitoring Networks, **Model Input Requirements, and Decision Makers**

Flexibility for testing Policies, Projects, & Remediation

>Vehicle for mediation between transboundary neighbors

>Systematic estimate of Uncertainty and Sensitivity

> Vehicle for Communication & Understanding



Our Goal and Philosophy for Resource Simulation and Analysis -> ONE WATER !

Sustainability: Development and use of water in a manner that can be maintained for an indefinite time without causing unacceptable environmental, economic, or social consequences.

Conjunctive Use: Joint use and management of surface-water and groundwater resources to maximize reliable supply and minimize damage to the quantity or quality of the resource.

<u>Adaptation</u>: Modification of use, movement, and storage of water to promote sustainability of water, food, and energy security that is physically, economically, politically, and socially feasible.





Modified from Puri & Arnold, 2002

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USGS MODFLOW → MODULAR EXPANSION Ground-water Flow Model → Full Hydrologic Model → Coupled Hydrologic Models → Coupled Other Models

PROCESS MODELING

- * Ground Water Flow Modeling
- * Estimating Ground shaking
- * Seismic Wave Propagation and Earthquake Relocation
- * Fault Interactions and Tectonic Strain Accumulation
- * Natural-Source Contamination





Simulation of Conjunctive Use Components



Two types of Interdependency **>** head-dependent flows and flow-dependent flows

➢ Indirect → Transfer of Flow in one Process/Package indirectly affects flows in another through the simulation of Groundwater Flow & Heads in Groundwater Flow Process (GWF) → original MODFLOW!!!

Direct → Transfer of Flows from one Process/Package to another Types of other Processes that control Use & Flows: Landscape → Farm Process (FMP), Riparian-ET (RIP-ET) Surface-water → Streamflow Routing (SFR), Surface-Water Routing (SWR), Lake Package (LAK) Subsurface → Subsidence (SUB, SWT), Unsaturated Flow (UZF), Conduit-Flow (CFP), Multi-Node Wells (MNW1, MNW2), Groundwater Management (GWM)



For concept 1, T_{c-act} varies linearly (eq. 2) between revealed revealed of upper transpiration extinction h_{ux} , and the elevation of the root-zone bottom, h_{rb} . For heads below the root-zone bottom, T_{c-act} is constant and reduced by the ratio between the anoxia fringe, a, and the total root zone, r. In eq. (3), T_{gw-act} varies linearly between the elevation of upper transpiration extinction, h_{ux} , and the elevation of wilting zone extinction, h_{wx} . For heads between h_{wx} and root-zone bottom, T_{gw-act} is constant and reduced from T_{c-pot} to a maximum actual transpiration from groundwater, T_{gw-act} act-max, by the ratio between the sum of anoxia and wilting zones, a + w, and the total root zone, r. T_{gw-act} also varies linearly between the head elevations between the root-zone bottom and lower transpiration extinction, h_{lx} . In eq. (4), T_{p-act} is equal to T_{p-pot} , except when limited to the remainder of T_{c-act} that is not yet satisfied by transpiration fed by T_{gw-act} .

surface elevation at which bottom of the which gone, w, is at groundsurface elevation, g (elevation of wilting zone extinction) (L), h_{lx} = head elevation at which top of capillary fringe, d, is at bottom of root zone, h_{rb} (elevation of lower transpiration extinction) (L).

For 'Concept 2,' wilting and anoxia above the water level are not simulated (a & w = 0 in eqs. (2) & (3)), but T_{c-pot} is still linearly reduced to T_{c-act} (eq. (2)) or T_{gw-act} (eq. (3)) as the active root zone is reduced by a rising water level. T_{c-act} equals T_{c-pot} for water levels below the root-zone bottom and T_{gw-act} reaches T_{c-pot} for water levels located at the root-zone bottom.



•<u>Irrigation</u>: MF-FMP computes I as the portion of actual transpiration and evaporation (7) after potential input from groundwater and then precipitation and divided by the crop irrigation efficiceincy for that farm/crop: $CIR = ET_{i-act} = T_{i-act} + E_{i-act} \longrightarrow I^{t,k+1} = \frac{ET_{i-act}^{t,k+1}(h^{t,k})}{e^{t}}$ (7)

<u>Runoff</u>: MF-FMP computes R as the portion of crop-inefficient losses from precipitation (5) or irrigation (6) that contribute to runoff/returnflow:

$$R_{p} = (P - ET_{p-act})f_{r}^{P-loss}$$
(5)
$$R_{i} = (I - ET_{i-act})f_{r}^{I-loss}$$
(6)

Deep Percolation: MF-FMP computes DP as the sum of deep percolation below the root zone from precipitation and irrigation (8). It is the user-specified portion of losses of precipitation and irrigation that are not consumptively used by plants and not lost to surface water runoff:

$$DP = (P - ET_{p-act}) \left(1 - f_r^{P-loss}\right) + (I - ET_{i-act}) \left(1 - f_r^{I-loss}\right)$$
(8)

USGS MODLOW with the FARM PROCESS—Features and Capabilities Supply-and-Demand Modeling Framework Connected to Nature and Humanity

Farm Demand for Irrigation

Non-Routed Deliveries as Water Transfers

Routed Surface-Water Delivery to Farm

Groundwater Pumpage by Well

Streamflow Conveyance and Drain Network Natural and Artificial Recharge Water-Use Management Irrigated → Dry-Land Farming Water Markets Aquifer-Storage- and -Recovery Systems Supply-and-Demand Analysis Transpiration from Native and Riparian Vegetation

Fully Coupled Groundwater/Surface-water and Landscape Flow and Use of Water "Accounts for All Water Everywhere in the Simulated System"



(Schmid and Hanson, 2009; Hanson et al., 2010)

Theory of FMP

Why do we need a "Farm Process?"





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Features, Capabilities, Advantages

MODEL ESTIMATION FEATURES

Irrigation Demand Surface-Water Deliveries Ground-water Pumpage Net Recharge ET, Runoff, & Deep Percolation Complete Linkage to Groundwater and Surface-water Flow

CAPABILITIES

Supply-and-Demand Analysis for Historical and Future Land Use & SW/GW conjunctive Water-Use Management Natural Agricultural (Irrigated & Dry-Land Farming) Urban Analysis of optimal, improved, or alternative water use subject to Insufficient Supply (drought conditions) Climate changes and Climate change adaptation Aquifer-Storage-and-Recovery Systems: Storage in times or regions of higher abundance and release during peak demand Water markets between wetter supply regions and drier demand regions

ADVANTAGES FOR MODELERS & WATER MANAGERS

No need for separate indirect estimates of Pumpage, Recharge, ET, Runoff, or Surface-water deliveries

Uses Natural Data → Easy to Update Model

Easy to Analyze Flows and Movement of Water

Saves time & money for constructing, operating, & updating models

Facilitates Operational and Forecasting Simulations





Current Features of MF2005-FMP2

- Demand and Supply (Demand-Driven/Supply-Constrained)
- •Demand Drivers (ET, ASR-Wellfields)
- Resource Constraints (Surface-Water Rights, max. <u>GW pumping</u> capacities, Surface-Water/Groundwater Allotments)
- Return Flows (Natural and Irrigation Returnflows -- Runoff, Percolation / Recharge)
- Drought Scenarios/ Conjunctive Use/ Sustainability Analysis











Features of MF2005-FMP2

- Calculation of Farm Irrigation Demand after taking into account
 - consumption of available precipitation and GW root uptake
 - in-efficient losses
- Simulation of Water Supply Components in following sequence
 - water transfers (imported water, deliveries from well fields, ASR recovery wells)
 - surface-water routed via conveyance network
 - groundwater pumpage
- Simulation of Surface-Water Supply according to Water Rights Schemes
 - equal appropriation (correlative water right)
 - prior appropriation with or without maximum allotment
- Estimation of Percolation (instant and delayed Recharge) and Return Flow
- Calculation of several Mass Balances
 - Groundwater Budget (+ Farm Wells & Net Recharge) for entire Domain or for Zones
 - Farm Budget of all Mass Inflows and Outflows
 - Farm Demand and Supply Budget

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- Adjustment of Out-of-Balance Demand and Supply
 - drought scenarios (for deficiency) or recharge options (for excess supplies)



- Crop coefficients and reference evapotranspiration
 - crop specific crop coefficients (K_c) available in literature databases (e.g., FAO 56);
 - regional reference evapotranspiration (ET_r) data available (e.g., California Irrigation Management Information System, CIMIS);
 - FMP calculates product: $ET_{c-pot} = K_c \times Et_r \rightarrow ET_{act} = ET_{c-pot} * FTR$
- Root uptake under variable saturated conditions
 - for certain crops and riparian vegetation (e.g., rice and willow trees) that do not reduce uptake as a result of anoxic conditions in the unsaturated zone;
 - reduction of uptake as positive pressure heads increase in the saturated root zone.
- Simulation of non-irrigation conditions for non-irrigated vegetation.
 - Not calculated: irrigation requirement or excess irrigation return flows;
 - Still calculated: transpiration & evaporation portions fed by precipitation & groundwater, and runoff-return flows & deep percolation from excess precipitation.
- Matrix of on-farm efficiencies by farm AND by crop type.





- Improved surface-water "plumbing" for deliveries & return flows
 - in addition to fully routed runoff return flow, new option to specify locations (reaches) along the stream network, where runoff should be return to.
 - deliveries only from <u>diversion segments</u> & return flows only to <u>non-diversion segments</u> or deliveries from <u>any type of segment</u> and return flows to <u>any type of segment</u>.
- Pumping of wells restricted in areas with no crop irrigation requirement
- Delayed recharge and rejected runoff by link to UZF package
 - FMP-simulated percolation beyond root zone treated as UZF-infiltration into vadose zone;
 - Simulation of delayed recharge beneath farms and/or virtual farms (e.g., ASRs);
 - Simulation of runoff from infiltration in excess saturated hydraulic conductivity;
 - Simulation of runoff from rejected runoff and groundwater discharge to land surface;
 - Correction of FMP percolation and runoff by the above runoff components.
 - → Linkage between UFZ and FMP yields delayed recharge, various runoff components, and delayed recovery.





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Linked Mass Flows





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Soil Water Balance in FMP



Changing parameter		Impact on	Method
Water level		 active root zone (q_t, q_{t-gw}) transpiration extinction (q_{t-gw}) evaporation extinction (q_{e-gw}) 	Linear approximations verified by HYDRUS2D results
Anoxia depth	Crop type Soil type Root Zone Depth Capillary Fringe Potential Transp.	- active root zone (q _t , q _{t-gw})	Analytical Solutions verified by HYDRUS2D results
Wilting depth		- active root zone (q _{t-gw})	



FMP checks if Farm Demand can be met by Supply Components

Step 1: Irrigation Demand

Total Farm Delivery Requirement, depends on:

- > Crop Evapotranspiration (Climate, Aquifer), Effective Precipitation (Climate)
- > Uptake from Groundwater (Aquifer head)
- > On-Farm Efficiency, OFE, (Management)





Adjustment of "Out-of-Balance" Farm Demand & Supply Budget

What if Irrigation Requirement does not match the actual Irrigation Supply ?

Q_{i-req} > Q_i

Irrigation Deficiency:



Application of Drought Policies in FMP

- Deficit Irrigation;
- "Water Stacking" onto Priority Crops;
- Optimization of agricultural profit against irrigated acreage;
- "Zero Scenario:" Demand supplemented by outside Sources.

Irrigation Surplus of Nonrouted Deliveries:



Inject Surplus into Farm Wells, or
 Recharge Surplus back into adjacent Canal

Allows "non-farm" water allocations (e.g. for Aquifer-Storage-and-Recovery)





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Ongoing FMP Developments (soon to be released)

- Climate Change Adaptation and Non-Adaptation Scenarios
- Linkage of FMP models to Regional or Global Climate Models
- Subsidence Linkage to Aquifer (LPF) & Surface Features (FMP, SFR, & SWR) → Vertically deforming mesh & changes in Streamflow, Runoff, Etgw
- •Physiologically-based Plant-Colony Riparian ET (RIP-ET)
- Local Grid Refinement → Parent and Child Models with FMP and SFR
- •Changing Water-Balance Regions → Changing Land-Use
- Groundwater Allotments → Sustainability Analysis/Water Rights
 Assessment
- •Variable Water-Accounting Subregions → Changes in Land
 Use/Ownership & potential linkage to Land-use models





- Additional Types of Physical Flow Budgets
 - ET by crop type within each farm (sub-budgets of Farm Budget)
 - Separation of ET and Recharge in Groundwater Budget (or ZONEBUDGET) (already split in Farm Budget)
- Subsidence
 - Subsidence already jointly simulated with FMP Models by SUB Package
 - Central Valley Hydrologic Model
 - Feedback of vertical displacement to:
 - > deforming mesh and hydraulic properties (LPF Package)
 - > changes in ground-surface elevation affecting runoff and root uptake from Groundwater (FMP)
 - > changes in streambed elevations and slopes affecting streamflow (SFR)



MODFLOW-FMP2 SUBSIDENCE LINKAGE – CONJUNCTIVE-USE ANALYSIS

Supply-Constrained/Demand-Based Hydrologic Model System

Read SUBSIDENCE PACKAGE Options (Linking Vertical Displacements)

SUB-LINK Activated Layer-Flow Properties (LPF) → Updated Elevations affect Hydraulic Properties (LPF) and Thickness of Model Layers (BAS)

Updated Features used in Next Time Step (MF-FMP2) Linkage to LPF and BAS

(1) Vertically deforming Mesh

 (2) Reductions in Lateral Conductance & Aquifer Storage
 (3) Other Packages that use BOTM array (SFR, SWR, FMP, UZF, MNW1) SUB-LINK → Vertical Displacements Shared with SFR, SWR, & FMP & Linked through LPF and BAS

At the end of Each Time Step → Update Elevations and Slopes

SUB-LINK Activated Farm Process (FMP)→ Updated Elevations and Slopes affect Surface Runoff and Depth to Groundwater (uptake)

Updated Features used in Next Time Step (MF-FMP2) User Specified Flow Linkages between

- (1) FMP and SFR (Deliveries /Returnflows)
- (2) FMP and SWR (Deliveries)
- (3) SFR and SWR (Deliveries)
- (4) FMP Overland Runoff/ReturnFlows

SUB-LINK Activated

Streamflow Routing Package (SFR2) → Updated Elevations and Slopes affect Streamflow Routing through Natural Streams and FMP-linked Diversions

SUB-LINK Activated

Surface-water Routing Package (SWR)→ Updated Elevations, Slopes, & Freeboard affect Canal Conveyance through Aqueducts and SFR/FMP-linked Diversion (Surface-water Deliveries)

Changes in Aquifer Properties Induce changes in other Conjunctive-Use Components Changes in Inflows and Outflows Affect Surface-water Deliveries , Returnflows, and Pumpage Demand Applied to Revised CVHM Model Used to test alternatives of Conjunctive Use (Canal Deliveries Versus GW Pumpage)





Will also include displacements for Drain Package and NWT's UPW Package





EXAMPLE 1



San Joaquin River Restoration Project
→ Detailed Child models with regional CVHM Model



Seepage in vineyard on right bank of San Joaquin River during high flows (4/13/2011)



Ongoing MF-FMP Developments

- Linkage to Local Grid Refinement (LGR)
 - Objectives: Link FMP to LGR
 - Conserve Mass of Farm In- and Outflows and Balance Demand against Resources available across parent/child model domain boundaries.
 - Ink local small-scale models to a regional model without preprocessing of hydrologic data:
 - FIST STEP: Child model not to straddle existing farm boundaries:
 - > inflows: supply from parent model supply sources (diversions and wells)
 - > outflows: return flow to parent model return-flow reaches
 - •SECOND STEP: preprocessor for numbering and setup of child model input data.
 - •Future STEP: child models allowed to straddle current farm boundaries:
 - Budgets (e.g., Physical Budget, Demand and Supply Budget) available for finerscale farms of each child model.
 - > Sub-budgets of "residual" parent-model farm and "cut-out" child-model farm
 - > Requirement at this stage: numbering and input data files for child models.





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Future FMP Developments

- Linkage of FMP to Precipitation/Runoff Models
- On-farm storage (Ponds/Snow) and effluent re-use
- Add Soil Moisture Storage
- Salinity Management
- Linkage of FMP to System Dynamics (Allocation) Models





- Linkage of FMP to Precipitation/Runoff Models
 - Goal: Better Representation of Timing and Processes of Runoff.
 - Linkage to Basin-Characteristics Model (BCM).
 - Streamflow & infiltration simulated by Precipitation-Runoff models (e.g., PRMS in GSFLOW). PRMS can link with FMP models through SFR, LAKE, and UZF packages.
- On-Farm Water Storage and Release (water reuse: re-useable effluent)
- Soil moisture storage
 - Of minor importance for long-term farm budget components and/or for sufficiently irrigated farms, which do not experience long-term depletions of soil moisture.
 - Yet, multi-year depletions and changes in precipitation patterns may lead to a non-zero change in soil moisture even over one or several hydrologic years





Future Features of MF-FMP

- Solute Transport and Salinity Management
 - Calculation of solute concentration within and out of the root zone
 - Calculation of solute concentration of irrigation water supply and return flow
 - Update of salt build-up & salinity dependent evapotranspiration in root zone
- MF-FMP linked to System Dynamics (Allocation) Models
 - representation of "valley-scale" distributed hydrologic processes by MF-FMP
 - interaction between valley-scale processes and basin-scale decisions by PowerSim@, CALSIM, Riverware, etc.
- Transition of MF-FMP to a Self-Updating Model
 - by linkage to remotely sensed and real-time data



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Summary of Features and Advantages of FMP

• MODEL FEATURES MADE EASY

- Estimates Irrigation Demand
- Estimates Surface-Water Deliveries
- Estimates Ground-water Pumpage
- Estimates Net Recharge
- > Estimates all Components for ET, Runoff, and Deep Percolation
- Integrated Hydrologic Model ->
- Complete Linkage to Groundwater and Surface-water Flow

ADVANTAGES FOR MODELERS

- No need for indirect estimates of Pumpage, Recharge, ET, Runoff, or Surface-water deliveries
- > Saves time and money for constructing, operating, and updating models
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Summary of Additional Features and Advantages of MF-FMP

- Additional MODEL FEATURES MADE EASY

 - Enhanced HYDMOD Additional Subsidence Attributes

 - Enhanced Output with UZF components
- Additional ADVANTAGES FOR MODELERS
 - > No need for indirect estimates of Hydraulic Properties for alluvial aquifers
 - > Additional Well Types -> Easy to split pumpage for hydrologic Model Budgets
 - > More Observation Types for Constraining Parameter Estimation
 - More Complete Hydrologic Budgets and Budget Categories







Office of Groundwater, Groundwater Resources Program

The Farm Process Version 2 (FMP2) for MODFLOW-2005— Modifications and Upgrades to FMP1



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FMP has many options but is easy to use (especially in data deficient settings)

Not all FMP options have to be used → Start simple!

FMP options can be implemented incrementally and easily changed

FMP makes you think about hydrology plus all of the flows, climate, soils, & vegetation

FMP requires more analysis (flows and heads)

FMP requires more associations (wells, diversions, rivers, etc)

FMP is easy to build

FMP can be estimated from simple and primary data

We are not Irrigation Schedulers → Demand from Soil Moisture is a separate issue managed locally by farmers

Limitations of FMP (and how to overcome some of them)

- No changes in soil moisture storage in root zone
 - by FMP for calculation of short-term irrigation requirement (but through link to UZF changes in soil moisture storage with respect to calculation of delayed recharge) → NOT for Irrigation Scheduling!!
- ET is still instantaneous source pulse out of the ground-water

• and remains to be that way ... Advantage: FMP splits ET into T and E, while UZF, RIP-ET, & other ET Packages or Processes such as PRMS, BCM, etc do not).

- One MNW1 well per model cell.... This constraint will be eliminated with connection to MNW2
- •One surface-water allotment specified in "height" for entire model region.

• e.g., acre-ft / acre = ft) for the entire domain. Farm specific allotments for surface-water deliveries are needed.





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Applications in western United States/northern Mexico





Pajaro Valley Hydrologic Model

Modified from Hanson et al., 2008

Water-balance subregions used in PVHM to assess conjunctive use, coastal pumpage, and related sea water intrusion in Pajaro Valley, California (modified from Hanson et al. 2008).



Pajaro Valley Hydrologic Model

Close-up view of coastal region with the coastal distribution system, ASR, recycled water and supplemental groundwater supplies used to analyze conjunctive use and alternative supplies in Pajaro Valley, California (modified from Hanson et al. 2008).

Modified from Hanson et al., 2008



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Modified from Hanson et al., 2008

Diagram showing (A) structure of the local deliveries and (B) the hierarchy of order of operation of the ASR and CDS deliveries as part of the conjunctive use simulated by MODFLOW with the Farm Process within the Pajaro Valley, California (modified from Hanson et al. 2008).



Performance of ASR and CDS **System Components Graphs showing:** (A) the temporal distribution of the surface water constrained supply and reported deliveries. (B) The multiple farm driven demand for the combined simulation of the aquifer storage and recovery system and coastal delivery system as part of the conjunctive use simulated by **MODFLOW** with the Farm Process within the Pajaro Valley, California.



Problem: Release to diversion hydrology altered by groundwater pumping in New Mexico





Streamflow below Caballo (Release)

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Conclusion → Why Use MF-FMP?

- (1) <u>Integrated Hydrologic Model</u> → Physically Based simulation of Surface Water, Groundwater, & Landscape water
- (2) <u>Conjunctive Use Supply-and-Demand Modeling</u> <u>Framework</u> → Connected to Natural and Human Uses & Movement of Water
- (3) <u>FMP's Mission</u> → Simulates All the Water All the Time – Everywhere in the Simulated Hydrosphere
- (4) Directly Addresses the Supply & Demand Components and interchanges of Conjunctive Use → Supply Constrained & Demand Driven Use and Movement (Flows) of Water throughout the Hydrosphere