### Why all (Urban) Hydrology is Social Hydrology? Evidence from Bangalore, India

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# Social Hydrology in Bangalore 101

- Bangalore, Background Drivers:
  - (Short-term) average rainfall: 850 mm
  - City Area: ~ 700 Sq. Km
  - Total rainfall: 1630 MLD (million liters a day)
- Bangalore, Anthropogenic Drivers:
  - Surface water import: 1400 MLD (85% of rainfall)
  - Groundwater extraction: ??
  - "Artificial" recharge rates: ??

# Metabolic Urbanism: What do we not see on these maps?





# Bangalore (like any other city) is a living organism

- This is from my nephew's 1<sup>st</sup> grade science book
  - Living things breathe
  - Living things need food
  - Living things excrete
  - Living things grow (usually only for a part of their lives)
  - Living things die

### The Problem

- We understand a lot about Bangalore's circulatory system
  - The flow of rupee and (especially) dollar through the city.
  - The circulatory system is what economics and business is interested in.
- However, what about the digestive system?
  - What does Bangalore consume?
  - What does Bangalore excrete?

## What are these metabolic flows?

- Food (Organic waste and sewerage)
- Energy (air pollution)
- Water (BWS<u>S</u>B)
- Metals and plastic (recyclable waste)

 Metabolic flows share a two-way relationship with the circulatory system

### Three ways to characterize metabolism

- Social Justice
  - How are the flows distributed between different people in the city?
- Ecological sustainability
  - What volume of flow is sustainable?
- Economic Efficiency
  - How are the flows distributed between different activities in the city?

- Bangalore as a living organism is sick and unhealthy on all three counts
  - The political economy of distribution is fraught with inequities on multiple dimensions
  - Most metabolic flows are not physically sustainable
  - The flows are often not economically efficient either

#### How has the city grown?

Year	Population (million)	Density (persons per sq. km)	Built-up area (% urban footprint)
1971	1.7	9,465	20%
1981	2.9	7,990	26%
1991	4.1	9,997	39%
2001	5.7	11,545	69%
2011	8.5	12,142	Na
2014	~ 9.3	~ 13,280	~75%

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#### **Surface Water Supply**













Population(Thousands)









#### **Biophysical links**



#### The water balance: people + ecosystem



#### **Biophysical impact: groundwater**

Plausible recharge scenarios: city as one unit

Mm/y	Natural	Natural + Leakage	Natural + Leakage + Return flow
Rainfall recharge	63	63	63
Piped supply Leakage (30%)		140	140
Net pumping (150lpcd –Domestic)		- 360	-360
Return Flow (30% of domestic consumption)			138
Net recharge	63	-157	-19

### human-biophysical feedbacks



### human-biophysical feedbacks

Plausible change in groundwater DEPTH; MONTHLY ANIMATION



#### Human-biophysical feedbacks: water quality



Source: CGWB











#### Slum types and adaptation strategies: identifying policy-relevant differences in Bangalore

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Acknowledgement: Field investigations for this study were in large part supported by the Jana Urban Foundation (JUF), a not-for-profit company, having its registered office **ABSTRACT** An empirical analysis of the lived experiences of more than 2,000 households in different Bangalore slums shows how migration patterns, living conditions, livelihood strategies and prospects for the future vary widely across distinct types of slums that were initially identified from satellite images and studied over a 10-year period. Shocks and responses vary in nature and intensity, and coping and accumulative strategies diverge across slum types. More fine-grained policy analyses that recognize this diversity of slum types will help people deal with shocks and increase resilience more effectively.

KEYWORDS Bangalore / coping strategies / geo-referencing / migration / shocks / slums / slum types / social mobility / urban poverty

#### I. INTRODUCTION

As slums have continued to expand across Indian cities, official and scholarly attention has grown rapidly in recent years. For the first time, the Census of India 2011 presented separate estimates of the population in slums,<sup>(1)</sup> and recent reports from other official agencies have also added much-needed knowledge about slums and slum dwellers.<sup>(2)</sup> Scholarship, which previously focused mostly on rural poverty, has more recently been restoring the balance by looking at poverty in urban slums.

Considerable gaps in knowledge remain, however, with that described below being especially important:

 Unhelpful typologies and shaky estimates: There are diverse estimates by government agencies of the number of slums and the size of the slum population, with different views about what constitutes a slum. For example, the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) considers a slum to consist of at least 20 households, while the Census of India 2011 sets the threshold at 60–70 households. There are practical implications: in 2009, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation estimated, based on the NSSO definition, that 16.5 per cent of the urban population of Karnataka lived in slums; only two years later the census came up with a figure of 12.2 per cent.

Official agencies also acknowledge only two broad types of slums: officially declared ("notified" or "recognized") slums, and a second omnibus category that includes all other low-income settlements.<sup>(3)</sup>

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PHOTO 1 Example of a blue polygon settlement: Quadrant IV – Tigalarpalya © Ajay Parikh, 4 August 2013







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#### **Biophysical impact: Energy and Emissions**

#### **Energy consumption from public water supply:**

- Pumping from river sources and through the distribution network requires a total of 60 booster pumps, 52 reservoirs in the city 277 and close to 6000 km of pipeline.
- The total energy consumed is approximately 50 GWH/month
- Electricity charges alone account for 280 crore rupees annually (~9.2 million USD)
- ~ 450 Kilo-tones CO2 emissions (at 0.75 tCO2/MWh)

**Biophysical impact: Energy and Emissions** 

Energy consumption from only domestic water use?

• Public supply ~ 220 GWh (less uncertain)

#### Pvt pumping = 164 GWh/y (more uncertain)

City-wide assumptions for private pumping (probably worst case)

- 150m constant depth
- 65% efficiency of pumping
- 150 lpcd total actual consumption

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### Biophysical impact: Energy and Emissions CO2 from domestic water use

Public supply = 165 Kt/yr

Pvt pumping (worst case) = 118 t Co2/yr

However, private pumping energy and emissions depend heavily on groundwater water depth.

Range of 15kT/yr-118kt/yr

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#### Water: domestic consumption, million liters/year

#### From public supply

From private self-supply (pumping)



#### Energy consumption for domestic water supply , MWh/year

From public supply

From private self-supply (pumping)





#### Per Capita CO2 Emissions from domestic water consumption, kg/y

From public supply

From private self-supply (pumping)





# Total Per Capita CO2 Emissions from domestic water consumption, $$\rm kg/y$$



### Uncertainties

- Uncertain knowledge today
  - We do not know extraction rates and demand by source, other than piped supply (e.g., tankers, private borewells, local water bodies), or how much is being pumped from what depth
  - We do not know leakage rates from piped supply with certainty
  - We only have partial information about the groundwater level
  - We do not know return flows and consumptive use
- Uncertain futures
  - Changing economic opportunities (high-tech, manufacturing)
  - Growing population and expanding city
  - Changes in the Cauvery and Arkavathy watersheds beyond the city boundaries
  - Attitudes toward "reclaimed water", PPP arrangements, etc.

### **Uncertain Futures: Scenarios**

- Evaluate system performance over a range of plausible conditions; different from traditional "design event" approach
- Explicitly recognize that **critical uncertainties**—highimpact and high-uncertainty drivers and events influence the system
- Rely upon two way communication with stakeholders to capture their understanding of the system and the way in which they evaluate competing goals
- Can result in robust decisions—strategies that are least likely to fail across a range of plausible futures

#### Don't let expectations of the future be dictated by your experience of the present



Scientists from the RAND Corporation have created this model to illustrate how a "home computer" could look like in the year 2004. However the needed technology will not be economically feasible for the average home. Also the scientists readily admit that the computer will require not yet invented technology to actually work, but 50 years from now scientific progress is expected to solve these problems. With teletype interface and the Fortran language, the computer will be easy to use.

## Scenarios vs. Sensitivity Analysis

- Scenarios are distinguished from each other by "critical uncertainties"
- Critical uncertainty:
  - High **uncertainty**
  - High **impact**



# **Scenario Possibilities**

- A list of possible values for each of the critical uncertainties
  - Typically 2-4 per critical uncertainty
  - Should be distinct possibilities



# **Building a Framework**

- For each critical uncertainty, choose one possibility
- Each combination of possibilities labels a scenario



### The User's Mental Model Becomes Part of the Model



### **Control Panel Mockup for Scenario Explorer**



### **Output Example**

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#### **Tools for Integrated Water Resources Management**



### **WEAP Network Schematic**



### Putting it All Together

