

# APPLIED ANALYTICS TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVESTMENT IN HYDRO POWER



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# A Little About myself...



- Born in Mogi Mirim, SP – Brazil (1982)

- Professional Preparation

- B.S. in EE (2005)



- M.Sc. in EE (2007)

- Ph.D. in ORIE (2011)



- Appointments

- Assoc. Consultant and Partner (2006 – 2013)



- Asst. Professor (2013)



- Postdoc Researcher (2015)



- Res. Asst. Professor (2016)

**My research focus on applied decision-making and analytics with focus on optimization (stochastic, linear, integer, dynamic and large scale), simulation, clustering methods, benchmarking and decision analysis. Hands-on experience solving problems in sustainable systems, renewable energy, climate influence in the water-energy nexus, scheduling, planning, and transportation**

# Introduction



# Introduction

- **Renewable power** sources became a key aspect around the world by **disrupting old frontiers**
- These energy sources are linked to **sustainable development** that is one of the main goals of the modern society these days
- **The raise of renewable power installed** capacity demands new studies about its effects
- **Modeling and decision making techniques** are essential for operational and planning actions



# Climate Effects in Energy Systems

# Climate Impacts in Electricity Generation

## Climate Change Evaporates Part of China's Hydropower

The nation's hydropower production dropped by 25 percent thanks to an unusual drop in river flow

By Coco Liu and ClimateWire | Tuesday, November 8, 2011 | 28 comments

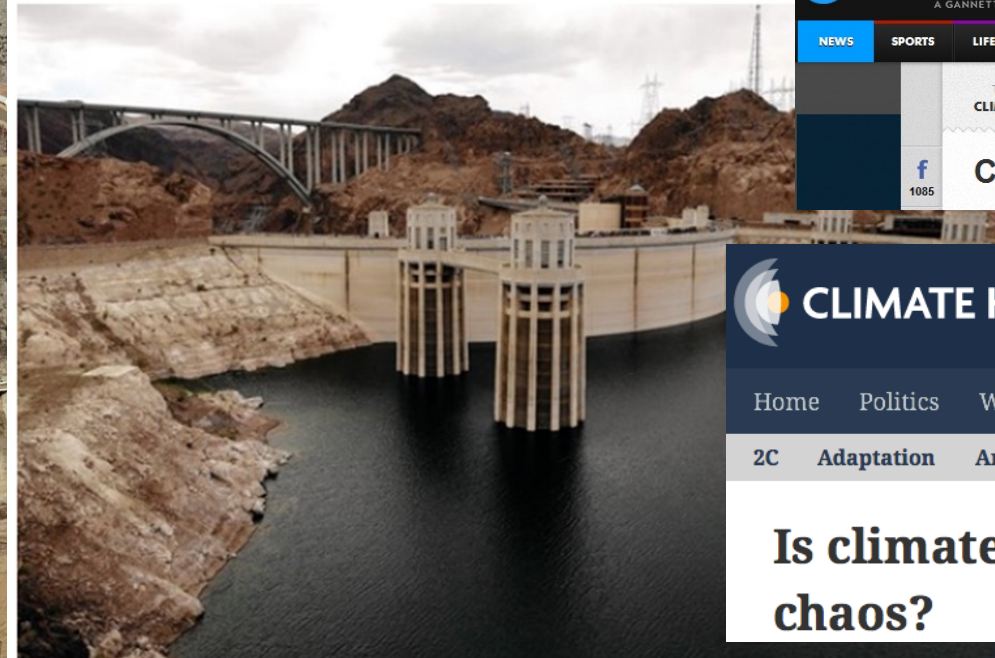
THE WALL STREET JOURNAL. U.S.

U.S. NEWS

## Decade of Drought Threatens West

By JIM CARLTON [CONNECT](#)

Aug. 16, 2013 7:10 p.m. ET



The Hoover Dam at Lake Mead. Associated Press

## California's Hydroelectricity Production Is Vulnerable to Climate Change

Kaveh Madani, former researcher at UC Riverside, says hydropower stations would generate less electricity in summer under climate warming

By Iqbal Pittalwala On AUGUST 6, 2012

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## Is climate change driving Brazil's drought chaos?

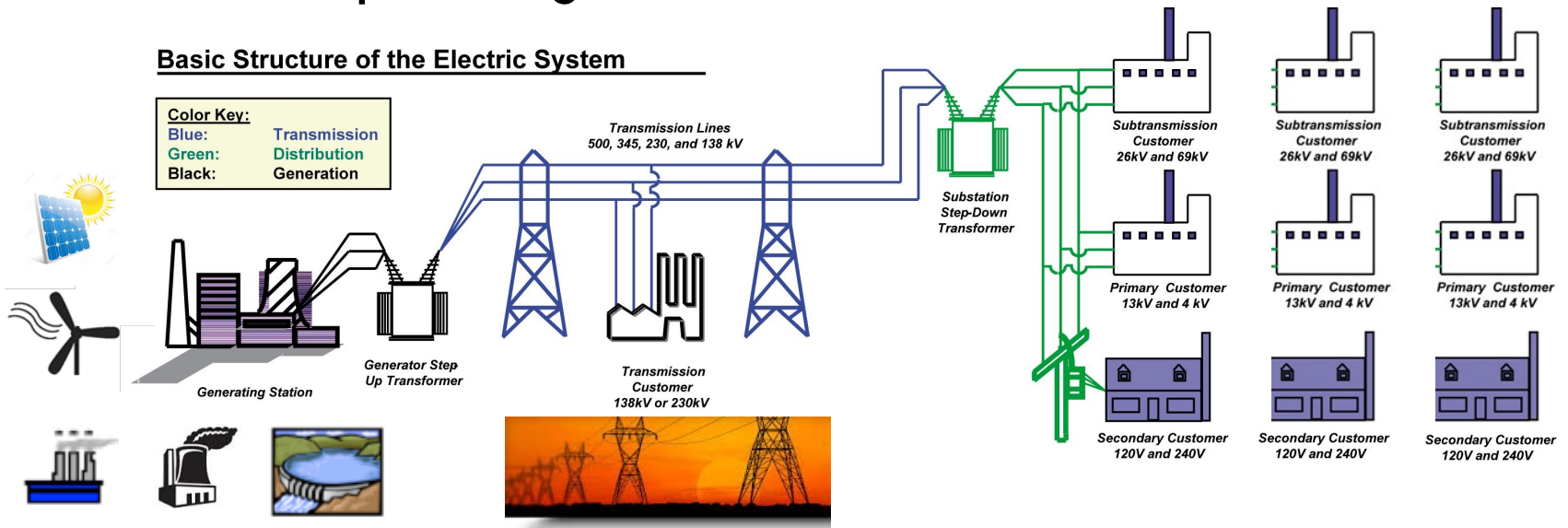
# Climate Change and the Future

- Strong evidences related to climate change have emerged over the years
- In this context it is necessary to understand the importance to consider this information in different spheres:
  - Agriculture
  - Water supply
  - **Electricity production**
  - Biodiversity
  - Society as a whole
- Need to plan for the future



# Power Generation Planning

- Generally, planning studies for capacity expansion in terms of power generation do not consider climate



- Basically the system planner looks how the load will likely to grow in the future and make decisions





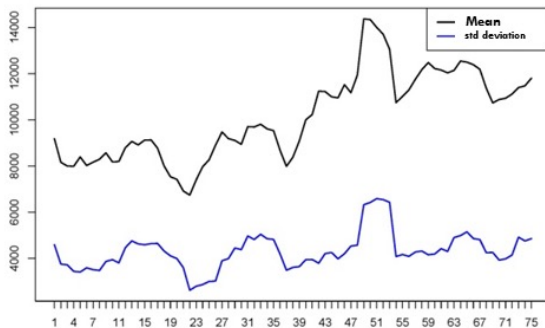
# Climate Change – Basics

- First of all what is climate change?

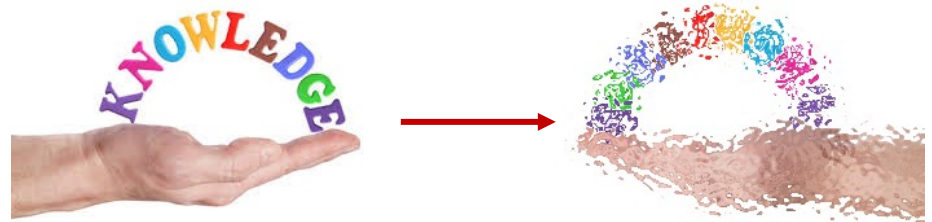


“Climate change is a **change in the statistical distribution of weather patterns** when that change lasts for an **extended period of time**” (Wikipedia, 2016)

**“Scientific evidence for warming of the climate system is unequivocal”**

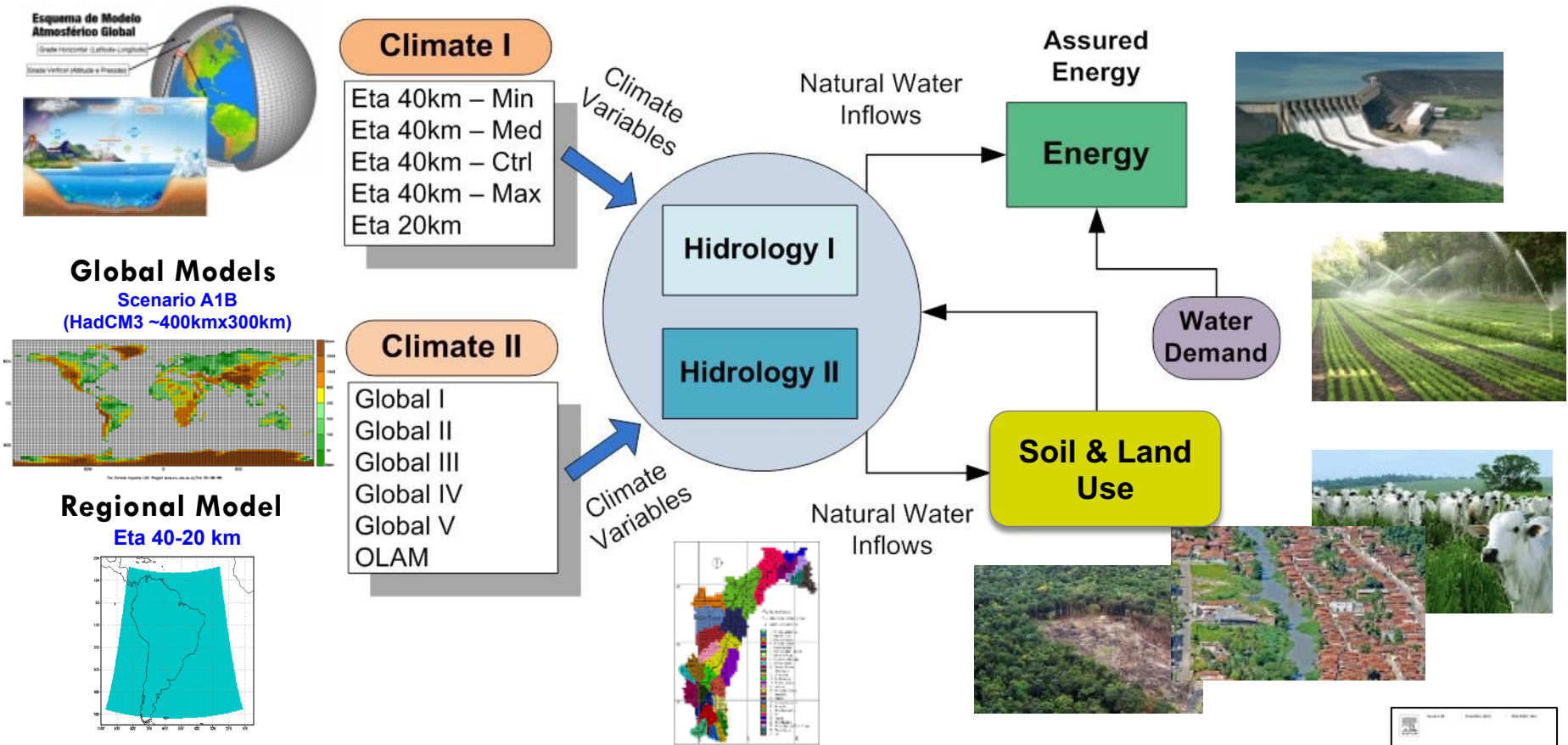


4<sup>th</sup> IPCC report ← (NASA, 2016)

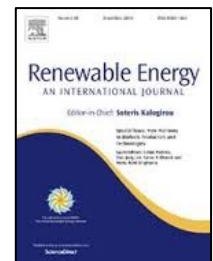


- Climate change may modify our knowledge about the system

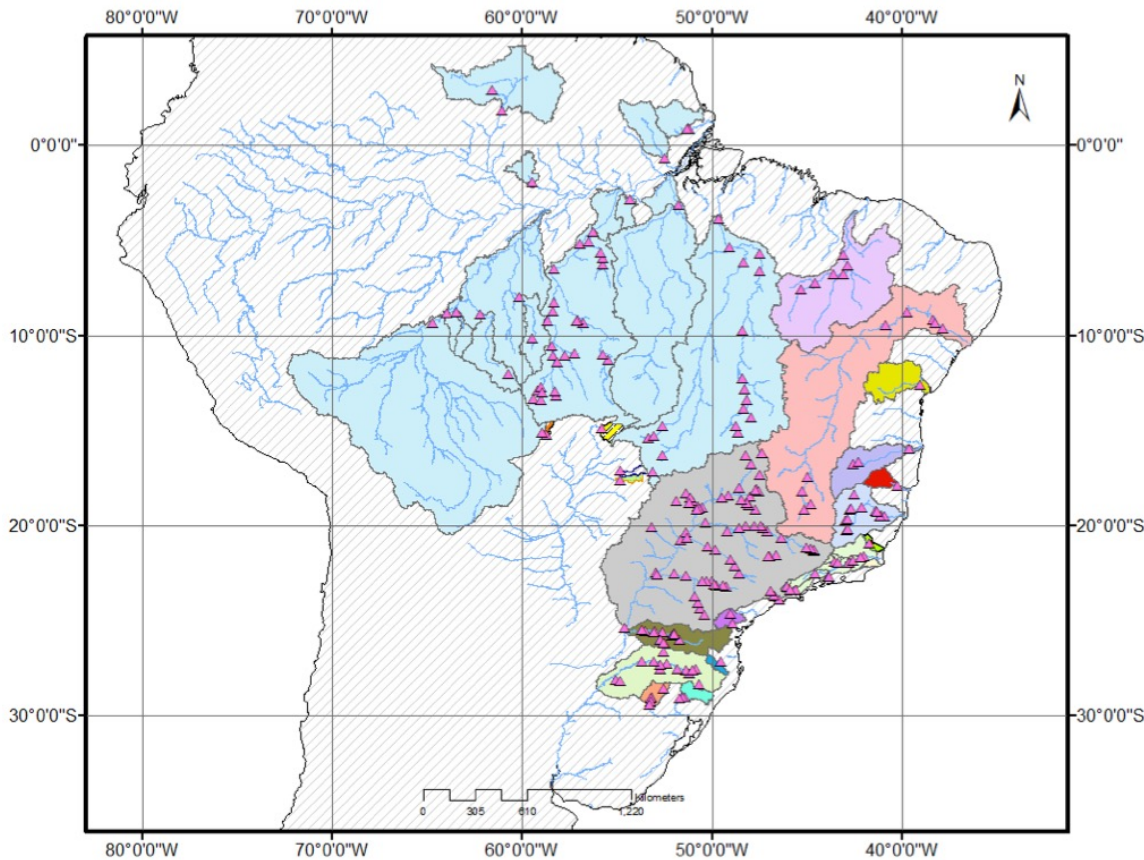
# Water-Energy Nexus



de Queiroz, A.R., Lima, L.M.M., Lima, J.W.M., Silva, B.C., Scianni, L.A., (2016) Climate Change Impacts in the Energy Supply of the Brazilian Hydro-dominant Power System, Renewable Energy, 99: 379-389



# Brazilian Interconnected Power System



## Existing Generation Park (EGP)

157 Hydro Plants

76% of the power generation installed capacity (110 GW)

## Future Generation Park (FGP)

245 Hydro Plants

67% of the power generation installed capacity (170 GW)

Most of the Power Generation Expansion in the North Region



# Action Items

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- AI01.** Identify if there are **evidence of climate change** effects in the water inflows patterns
- AI02.** Assess the **potential impacts in hydro** generation under different climate scenarios
- AI03.** Analyze possible **attractive investment opportunities** for hydro generation

# AI01: Climate Effects in Water Inflows

- We want to evaluate potential trends positive (or negative) in water inflows
- We use monthly data series from 1931 up to 2012
- We run different tests to obtain our results

# Basins Characteristics



## Largest basins of the system

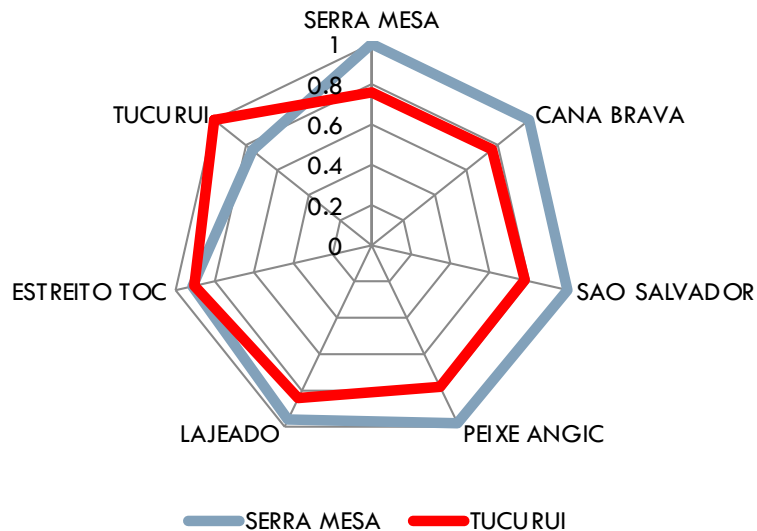
	<b>CAPACITY [MW]</b>	<b>% of the Total</b>	<b>Avg. Inflows [m<sup>3</sup>/s]</b>	<b>% of the Total</b>
<b>Amazonas</b>	7480	8.1%	21408	41.0%
<b>Tocantins</b>	12780	13.8%	10980	21.0%
<b>Atl. Norte/ Atl. Nordeste/ Parnaíba</b>	237	0.3%	463	0.9%
<b>São Francisco</b>	10577	11.4%	2746	5.3%
<b>Atlântico Leste</b>	1030	1.1%	586	1.1%
<b>Paraná / Paraguai</b>	49237	53.2%	12119	23.2%
<b>Uruguai / Atlântico Sul</b>	7337	7.9%	2318	4.4%
<b>Atlântico Sudeste</b>	3789	4.1%	1608	3.1%



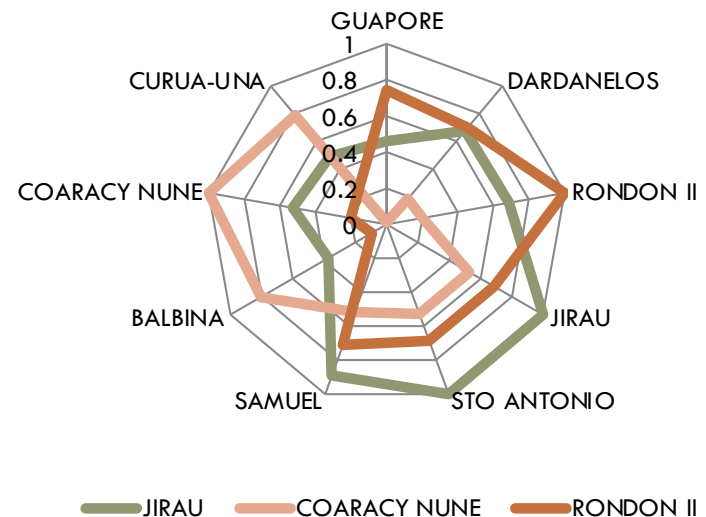
# Stationarity Analysis

- The **water inflows series** for hydro plants inside the same basin **are strongly correlated**
- For a single basin, we evaluate the stationarity hypothesis for the "representative(s)" hydro plant(s)
- We aim to identify if such series are influenced by time

## □ Tocantins Basin

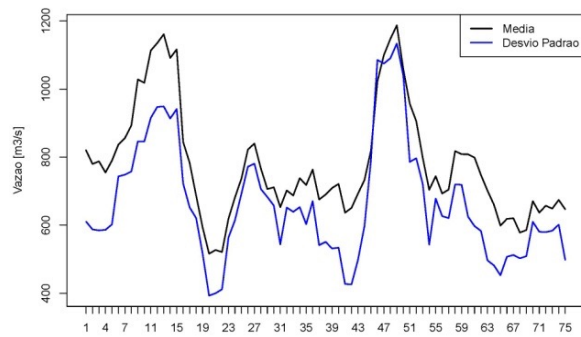


## □ Amazonas Basin

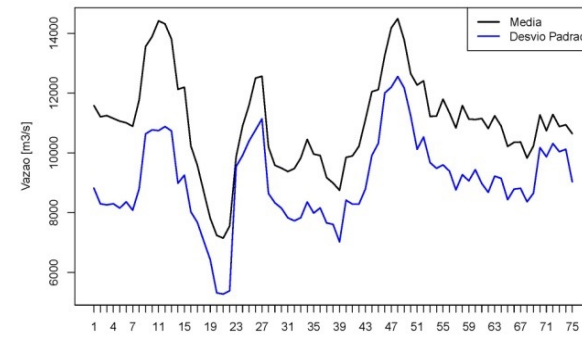


# Mean and Standard Deviation Analysis

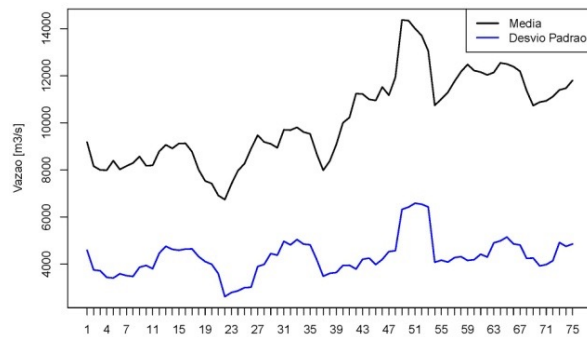
## HPP Serra da Mesa



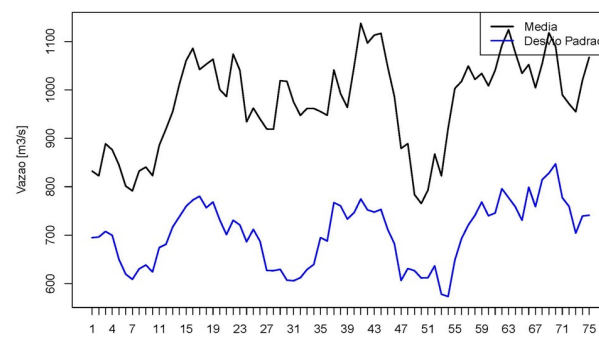
## HPP Tucuruí



## HPP Itaipu

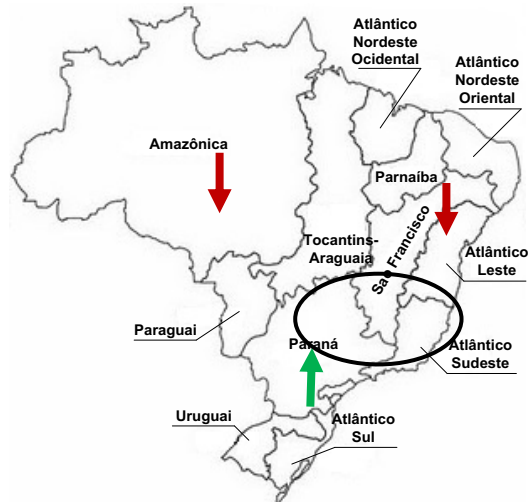


## HPP Coaracy Nunes



# Stationarity – Annual Analysis

- We test stationarity in the data using:
  - **Mann Kendall**
  - **Spearman Correlation**
- The hypothesis test was designed as:
  - **H<sub>0</sub>: no trend**
  - **H<sub>a</sub>: there is a trend (either + or -)**
  - **Reject H<sub>0</sub> when p-value  $\leq 0$**

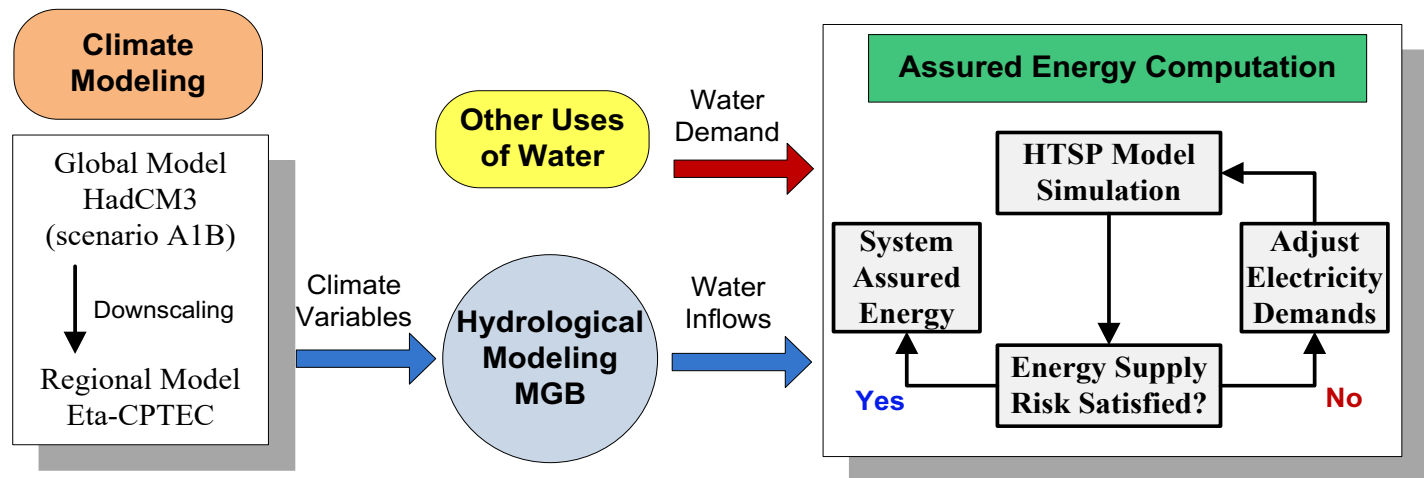


*There are trends  
in these series  
that maybe  
explained by  
climate change*

Hydro Plant	Mann Kendall	Spearman Correlation
HPP JIRAU	Stationary	Stationary
HPP RONDON II	Decrease	Decrease
HPP COARACY NUNES	Increase	Increase
HPP TUCURUI	Stationary	Stationary
HPP SERRA MESA	Stationary	Stationary
HPP SOBRADINHO	Decrease	Decrease
HPP ITAPEBI	Stationary	Stationary
HPP P. CAVALO	Stationary	Stationary
HPP AIMORÉS	Decrease	Decrease
HPP PARAIBUNA	Stationary	Stationary
HPP FURNAS	Stationary	Stationary
HPP BARRA BONITA	Increase	Increase
HPP JUPIA	Increase	Increase
HPP ITAIPU	Increase	Increase
HPP G.B. MUNHOZ	Increase	Increase
HPP P. PEDRA	Increase	Increase

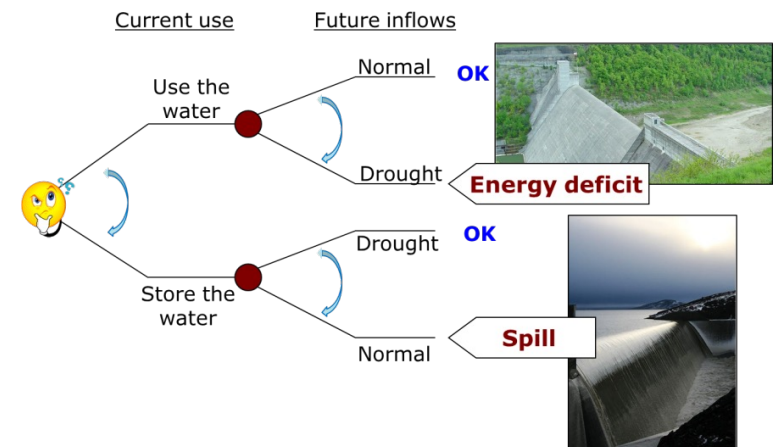
# AI02: Potential Impacts in Hydro

- Given this context, how the system may behave in the future if we continue to experience changes in climate?
- We designed a **simulation-optimization framework** to investigate such question and support decision-making
- A stochastic model for the **hydro-thermal scheduling problem** (HTSP) is used to identify the system's potential (assured energy)

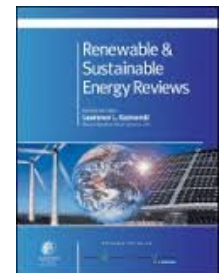


# Stochastic Hydro-thermal Coordination

- Find the sequence of **hydro releases** and **thermal plant dispatches** for a planning horizon to match system demand
  - Resource management
  - Input variable forecasting
  - Operational aspects
- Basic economic criterion
  - **Minimize operational costs** (present + expected future)
- Usually modeled as Multi-stage Stochastic Linear Program (SLP- $t$ )



de Queiroz, A.R., (2016) Stochastic Hydro-thermal Scheduling Optimization: An Overview, Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews, 62: 382-395





# Variables & Parameters

## □ Sets:

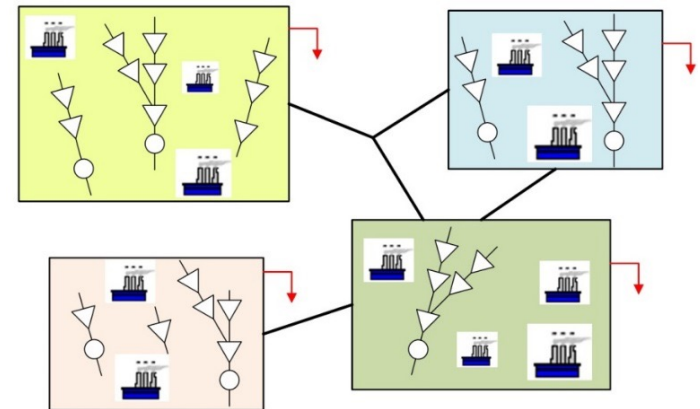
- Set of **hydro power plants**:  $i \in I$
- Set of **thermal power plants**:  $\ell \in L$
- Set of time stages:  $t \in T$
- Set of electrical **subsystems**:  $r \in R$
- Set of **curtailment levels**:  $k \in K$
- Subset of upstream reservoirs:  $M_i$

## □ Decision variables:

- **Hydro generation**:  $GH_i^t$
- **Spilled volumes**:  $S_i^t$
- **Water volume storage**:  $x_i^t$
- **Thermal generation**:  $GT_\ell^t$
- **Energy transfers between regions**:  $F_{r r'}^t$
- **Load curtailment**:  $GD_k^t$

## □ Parameters:

- Future water inflows:  $b_t, b_{t+1}, \dots, b_T$  (uncertainty)
- Electricity demand at region  $r$ :  $D_{tr}$
- Bound limits:  $\underline{x}, \bar{x}$



# HTCP Model Formulation for Stage-t

$$h_t(x^{t-1}, b_t^\omega) = \min \underbrace{\sum_{\ell \in L} c_\ell^t GT_\ell^t + \sum_{k \in K} u_k^t GD_k^t}_{\text{Present Cost}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{(1 + \beta)} \mathbb{E}_{b_{t+1}|b_1, \dots, b_t} h_{t+1}(x^t, b_{t+1})}_{\text{Expected Future Cost}}$$

**Water Balance**

$$\text{s. t. } x_i^t + GH_i^t + S_i^t - \sum_{j \in M_i} (GH_j^t + S_j^t) = x_i^{t-1} + b_{t+1}^\omega \quad \forall i \in I$$

**Demand Satisfaction**

$$\sum_{i \in I_r} \rho_i GH_i^t + \sum_{\ell \in L} GT_\ell^t + \sum_{k \in K} GD_k^t - \sum_{\substack{r' \in R \\ r' \neq r}} F_{r r'}^t + \sum_{\substack{r' \in R \\ r' \neq r}} F_{r' r}^t = D_{tr} \quad \forall r \in R$$

**Simple Bounds**

$$\underline{x}_i^t \leq x_i^t \leq \bar{x}_i^t \quad \forall i \in I$$

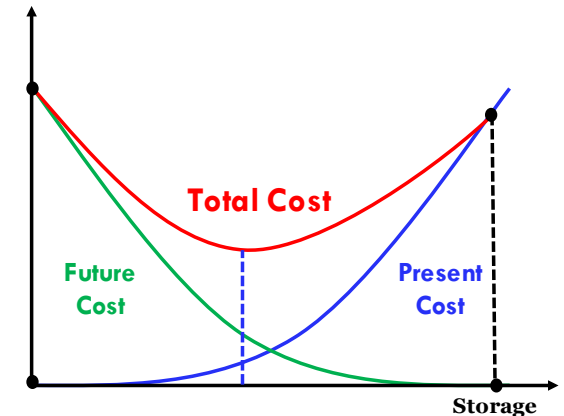
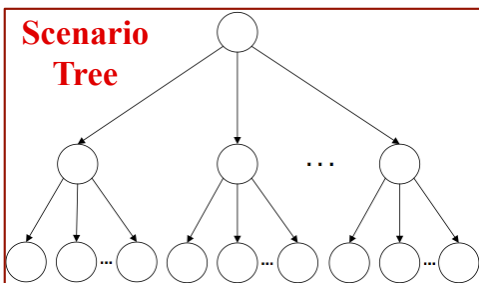
$$0 \leq GH_i^t \leq \overline{GH}_i^t \quad \forall i \in I$$

$$0 \leq S_i^t \quad \forall i \in I$$

$$\underline{GT}_\ell^t \leq GT_\ell^t \leq \overline{GT}_\ell^t \quad \forall \ell \in L$$

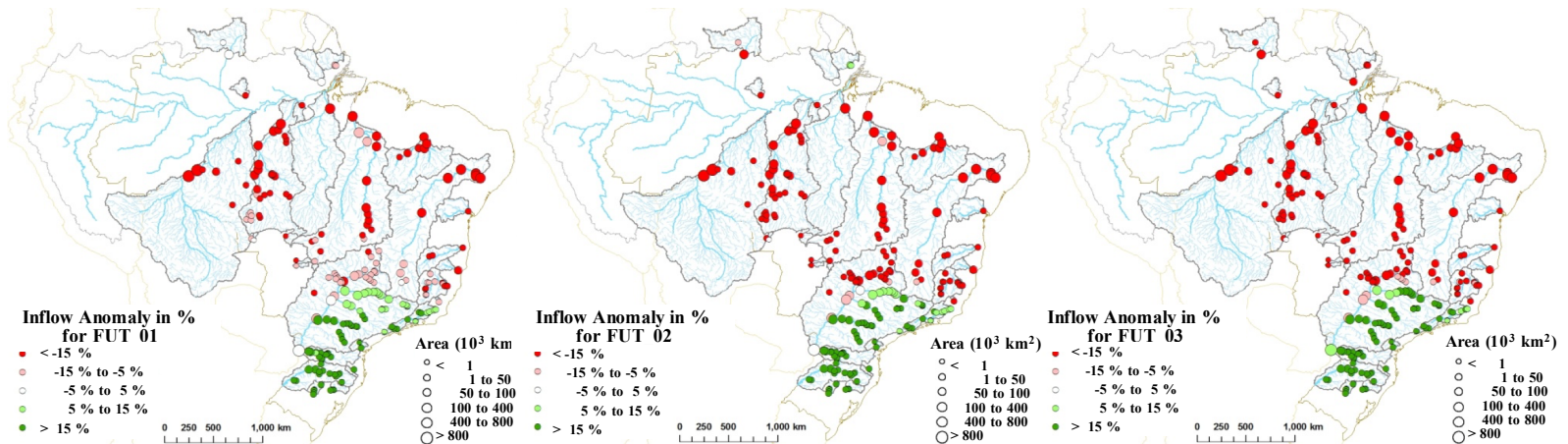
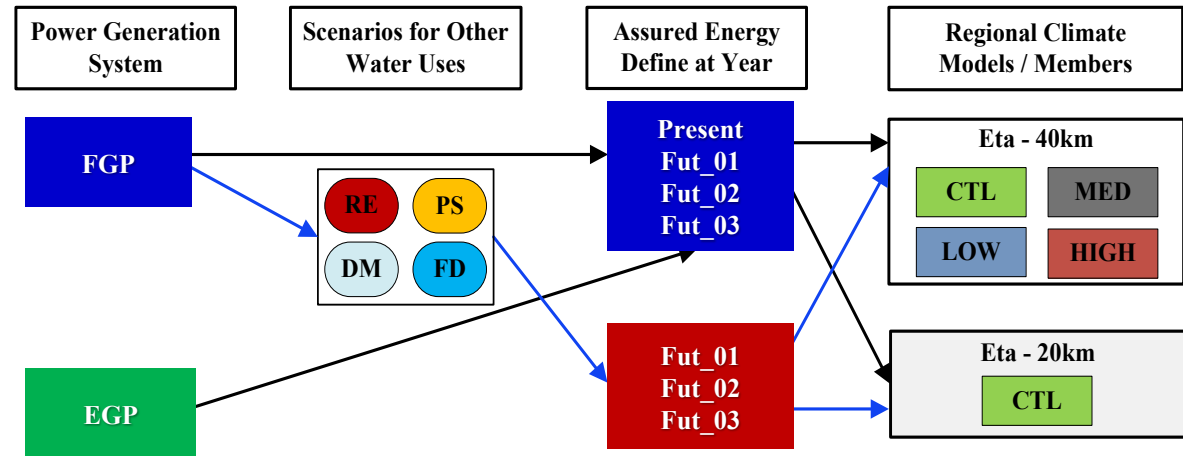
$$0 \leq GD_k^t \quad \forall k \in K$$

$$0 \leq F_{r r'}^t \leq \overline{F}_{r r'}^t \quad \forall (r, r') \in R$$



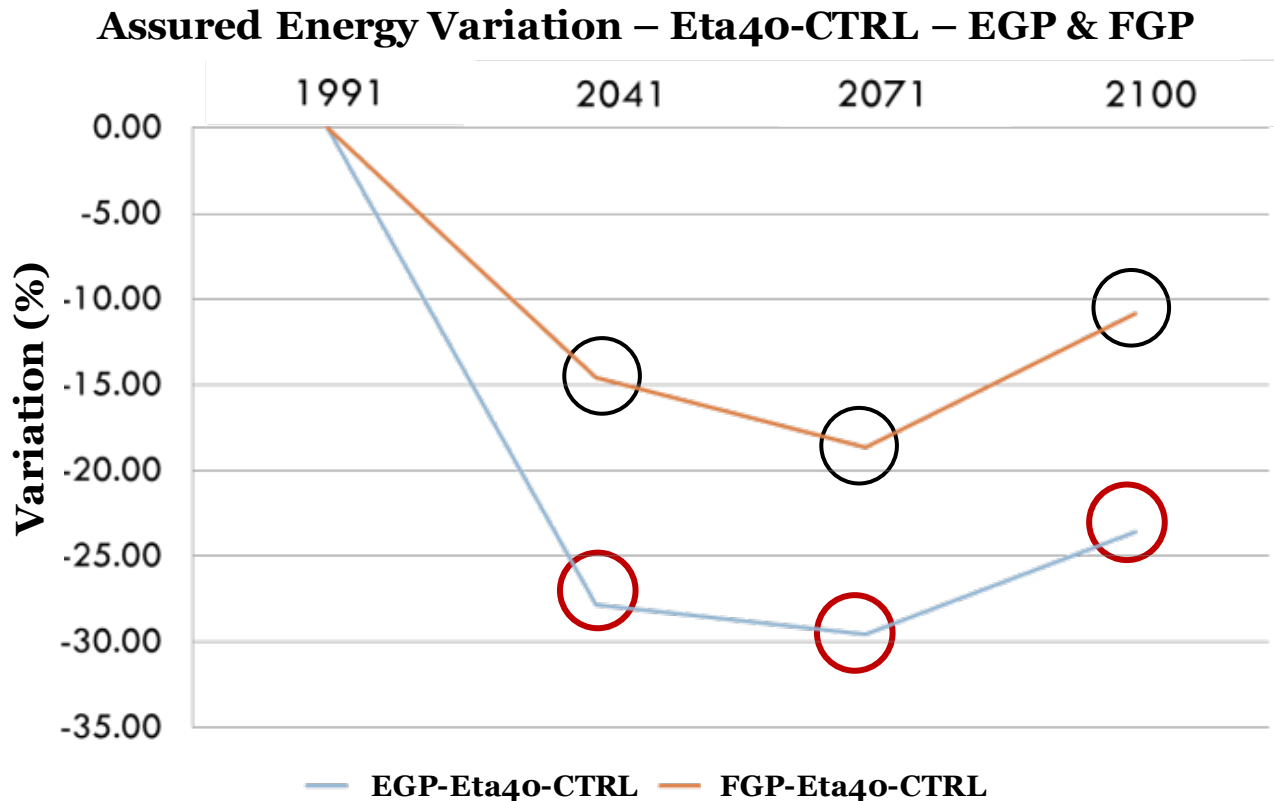
# Simulation-Optimization Framework

Framework used to obtain the hydro potential under different scenarios



Water inflows obtained from physical hydrological models that use climate information

# Overall System Results



***Larger reductions in the FGP due to the new hydro plants in the North – not producing as planned***

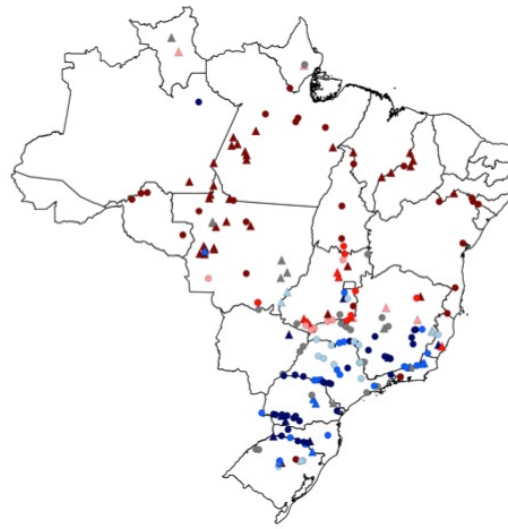
# AI03: Investment Opportunities

- We noticed that there are **potential problems** for the **total system assured energy** related to hydro
- However, there are places with positive trends of water inflows (historical and climate scenarios)
- One question that arises is: **do these new hydro projects make sense?**
- Another question is: should someone invest in projects for **hydro rehabilitation** (retrofit)?

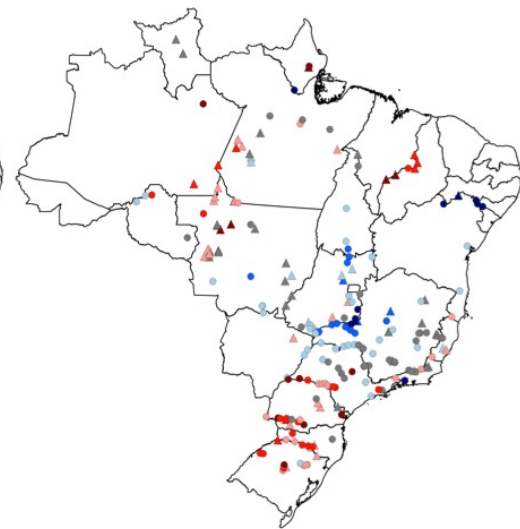
# Do These new Projects Make Sense?



Present - Fut\_01



Fut\_01 - Fut\_02



Fut\_01 - Fut\_03

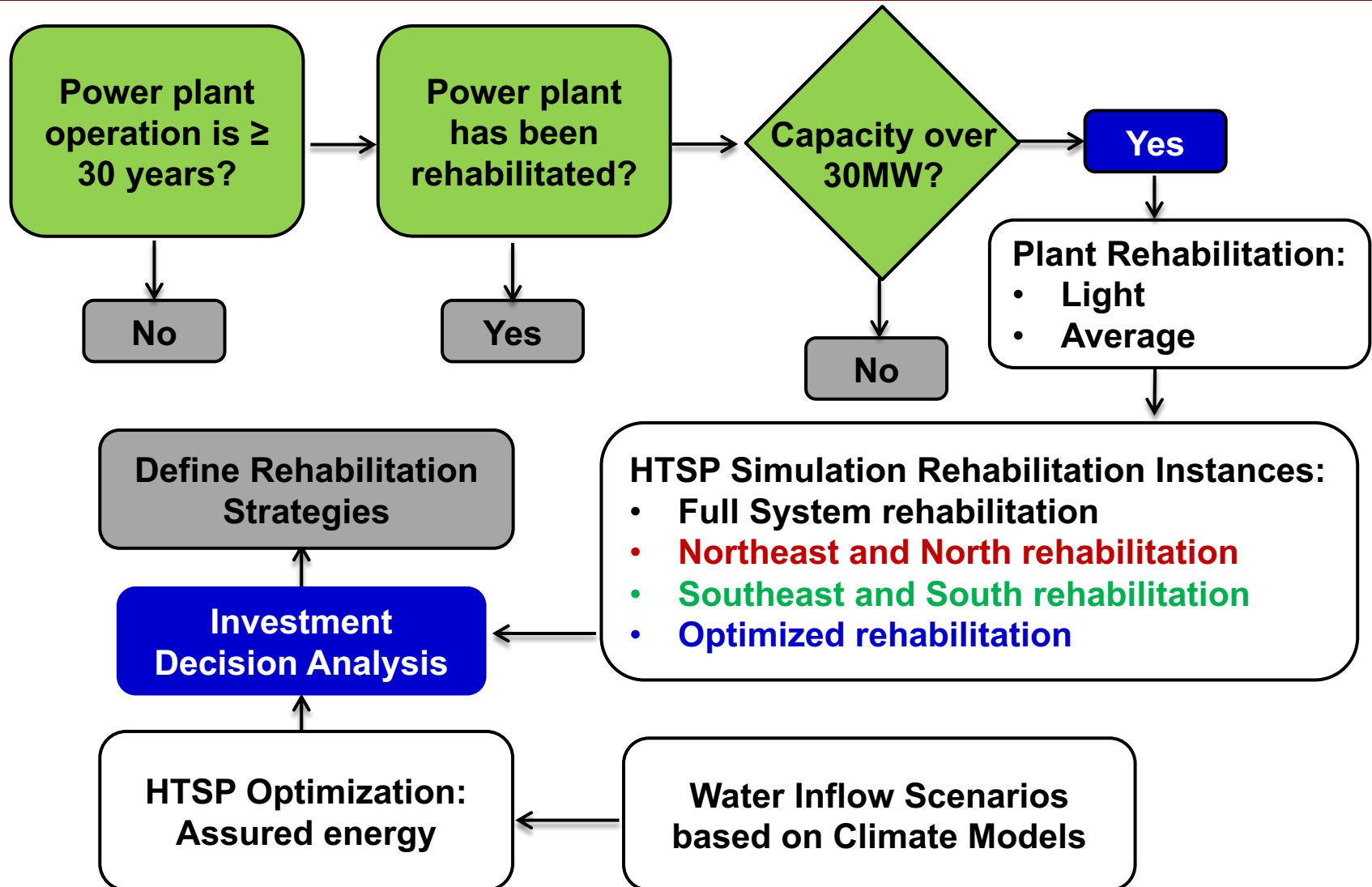
Hydro plant Exist - New	Percentage Changes in AE	Number of hydro plants		
		P - F1	F1-F2	F2-F3
● - ▲	<-25%	63-43	28-35	9-5
● - ▲	-25% to -15%	30-17	11-6	19-9
● - ▲	-15% to -5%	10-3	7-5	21-21
● - ▲	-5% to 5%	11-3	22-8	34-25
● - ▲	5% to 15%	8-1	18-4	36-8
● - ▲	15% to 25%	7-0	20-6	13-3
● - ▲	>25%	12-6	35-9	9-2

***The answer we got at the individual level using different climate scenarios is that most of these new projects do not make sense!***

# The Other Question...

- Should someone invest in projects for **hydro rehabilitation** (retrofit)?
- Decide to invest or not in improvements in existent plants to increase their efficiency and capacity

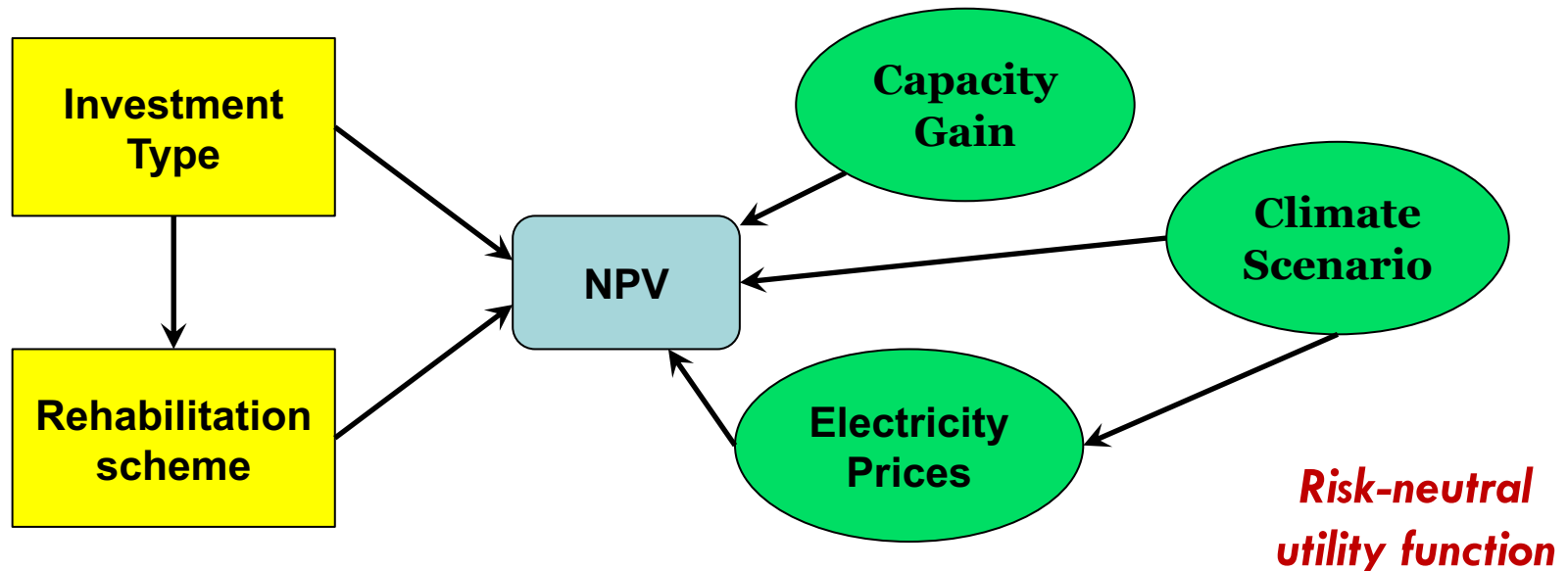
# Investment Decision Analysis Framework



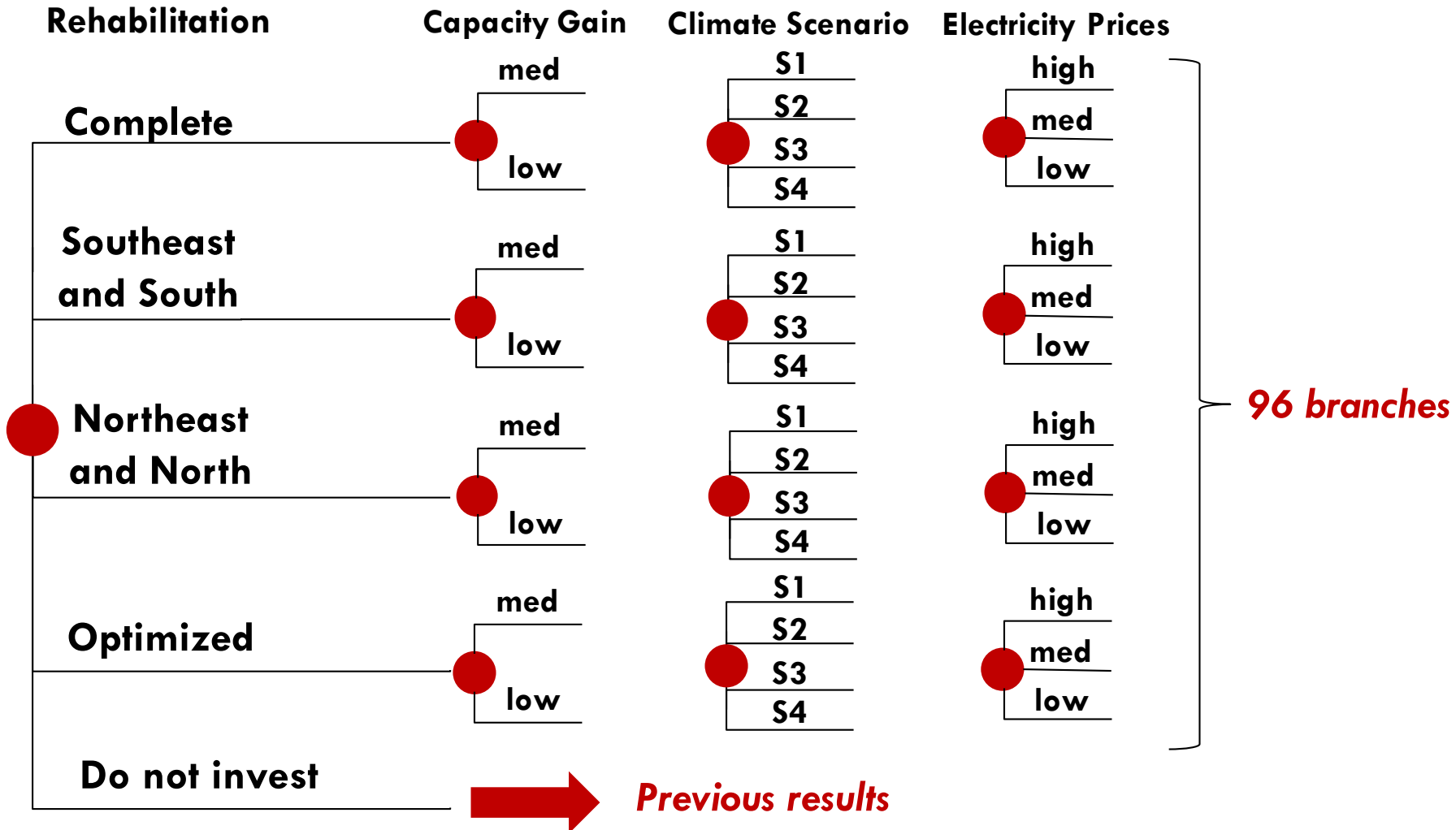


# The Decision Analysis Problem

- There are a total of 50 candidate hydro plants - 28,083 [MW]
  - 33 SE (16941 MW), 9 S (5497 MW), 7 NE (5567 MW), 1 N (78 MW)
  - Optimized investment 24 plants from SE and S (9795 MW)
- We use the influence diagram to indicate existent dependencies among uncertainties and decisions



# Reduced Scenario Tree



# Modeling Uncertainties

- Capacity gain (based on information of 16 executed projects)
  - ▣ Low (light rehab.): 8% capacity ↑ (prob = 56.3%)
  - ▣ Medium: 15% capacity ↑ (prob = 43.7%)

\*increase in capacity and probability based on historical information

- Climate scenario
  - ▣ Four scenarios (different CO<sub>2</sub> concentration)
  - ▣ Equal probability assigned to each scenario

$$\{P_H | I_H \&\} = \frac{M_{P_H | I_H}}{M_{I_H}}$$

- Electricity prices
  - ▣ Long-term energy auctions (H - 103, M - 85, L - 67 [\$/MWh])



**Two were considered  
as low water inflow  
scenarios**



	Electricity Prices		
Inflow	High	Medium	Low
High	9.5	50.5	40
Medium	24.5	58.6	16.9
Low	26.5	52.9	20.6



# Obtained Results

Rehabilitation	Investment [M US\$]	NPV [Millions R\$]
Complete	2,657	-996
Southeast and South	2,123	-870
 Northeast and North	1,603	-283
 Optimized	927	377
Do not invest	0	0



*Calculated for 15  
years using a 10%  
discount rate*

*The best  
alternative is  
given by the  
optimized  
investment*

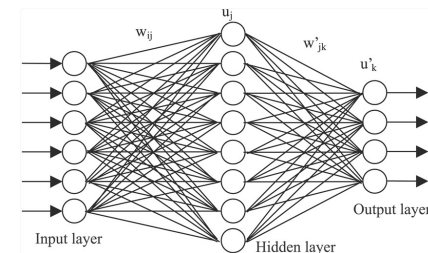
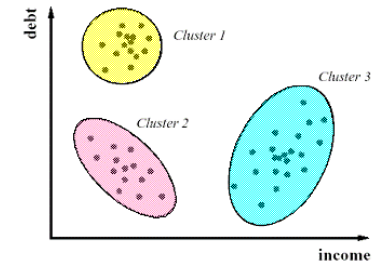
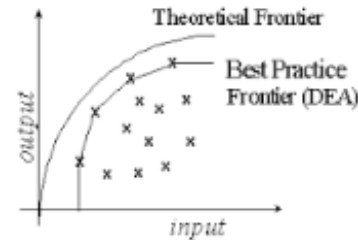
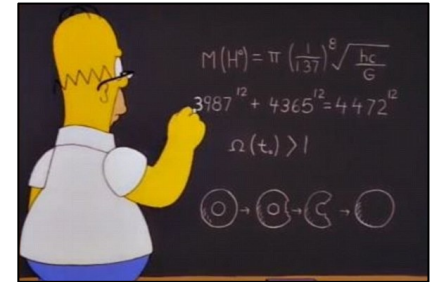
## Final Comments

# Final Comments

- We have presented the use of **applied analytics** to assess and evaluate the effects of **climate change in hydro power**
- We discussed a framework based on **stochastic programming and decision analysis** to provide useful information and support decision-making in problems related to investments in hydro power

# Other Research Topics

- Optimization Modeling and Analysis
- Benchmark Regulation
- Clustering Analysis
- Artificial Neural Networks
- Design of Experiments
- High-performance computing
- Portfolio Optimization



# Thank You !

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