



Developing a Robust Water Strategy for Monterrey, Mexico: Diversification and Adaptation for Coping with Climate, Economic, and Technological Uncertainties

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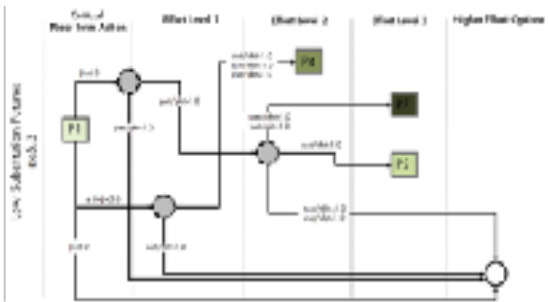
Traditional infrastructure planning approaches are not pertinent in Latin-American

- Vast set of uncertain stressors
 - Complex social phenomena
 - Natural disasters
 - Rapid demographic change
 - Economic and regulatory instability
- Investment decisions with long lasting effects
 - Backward infrastructure systems
 - Highly sensitive to new investments

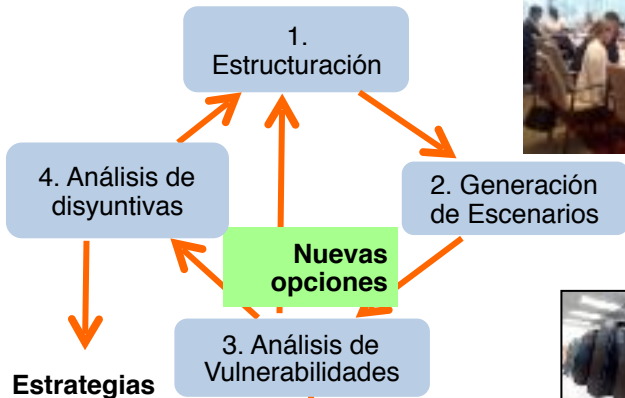


Robust Decision Making (RDM) has proven to be useful in these sort of infrastructure planning contexts

Algoritmos de optimización y aprendizaje maquina identifican y comparan diferentes estrategias adaptativas



Estructuración participativa



Recursos computacionales de alta capacidad

Estrategias Robustas

Escenarios que iluminan vulnerabilidades

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Algoritmos de aprendizaje no supervisado identifican factores críticos



Tecnológico de Monterrey, FAMM and RAND reshaping long-term water planning in Monterrey, Mexico

- Monterrey is Mexico's 3rd largest metropolitan area
- Rapidly expanding population and economy
- At its limit of developed supplies
- Potentially sensitive to climate change

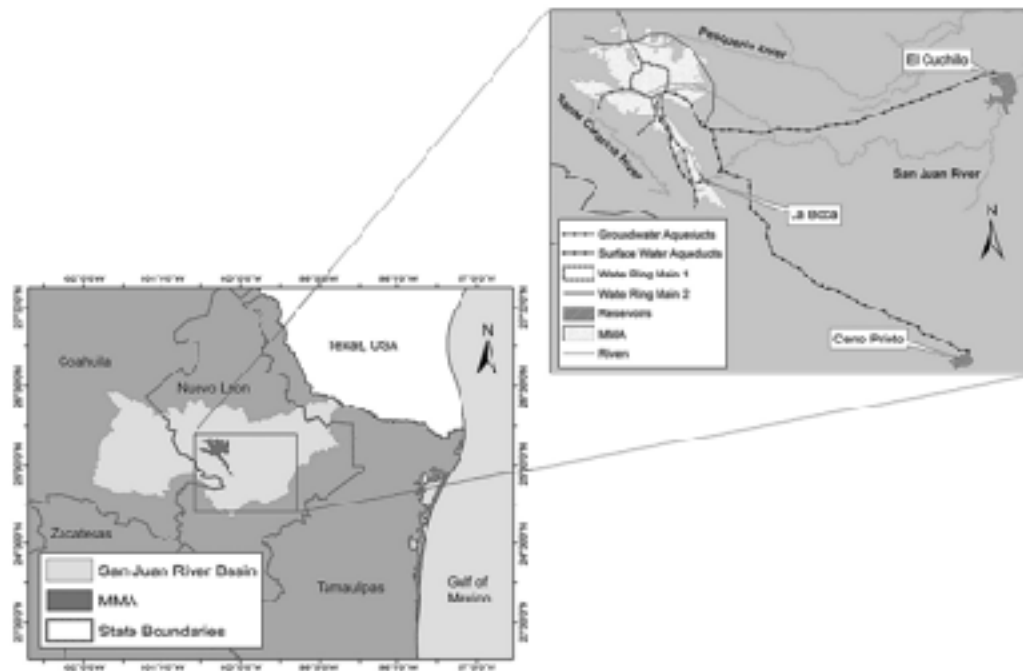
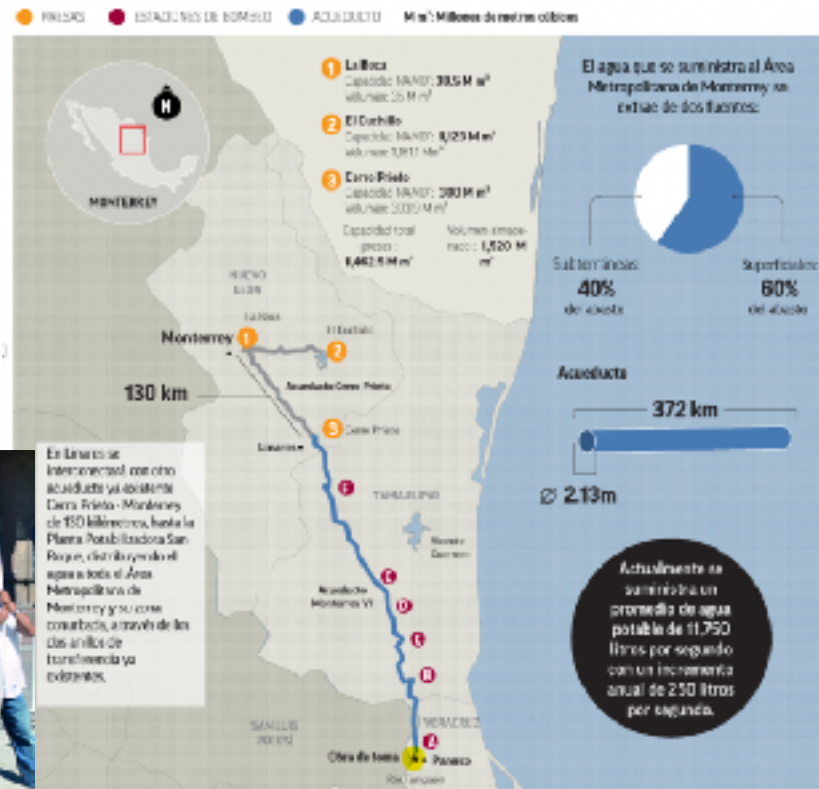


Fig. 1. San Juan River Basin (SJR), Monterrey Metropolitan Area (MMA) and MMA water supply system. Source: Authors' own.



Region was on the cusp of implementing a costly mistake

- Large expensive water transfer project
- Many potential impacts and opposition
- Uncertain benefits





FAMM funded RAND and Tecnológico de Monterrey to support Monterrey Water Plan

Take a diversified water planning approach

Develop a water planning model w/ best available scientific information

Explore vulnerabilities of current system

Evaluate different portfolios that ensure reliability at lowest possible cost

Use RDM to develop adaptive plan

MONTERREY

Plan Hídrico de NL costará 6 mil mdp

Nuevo proyecto sustituye a Monterrey VI, el cual valía 62 mil millones de pesos.

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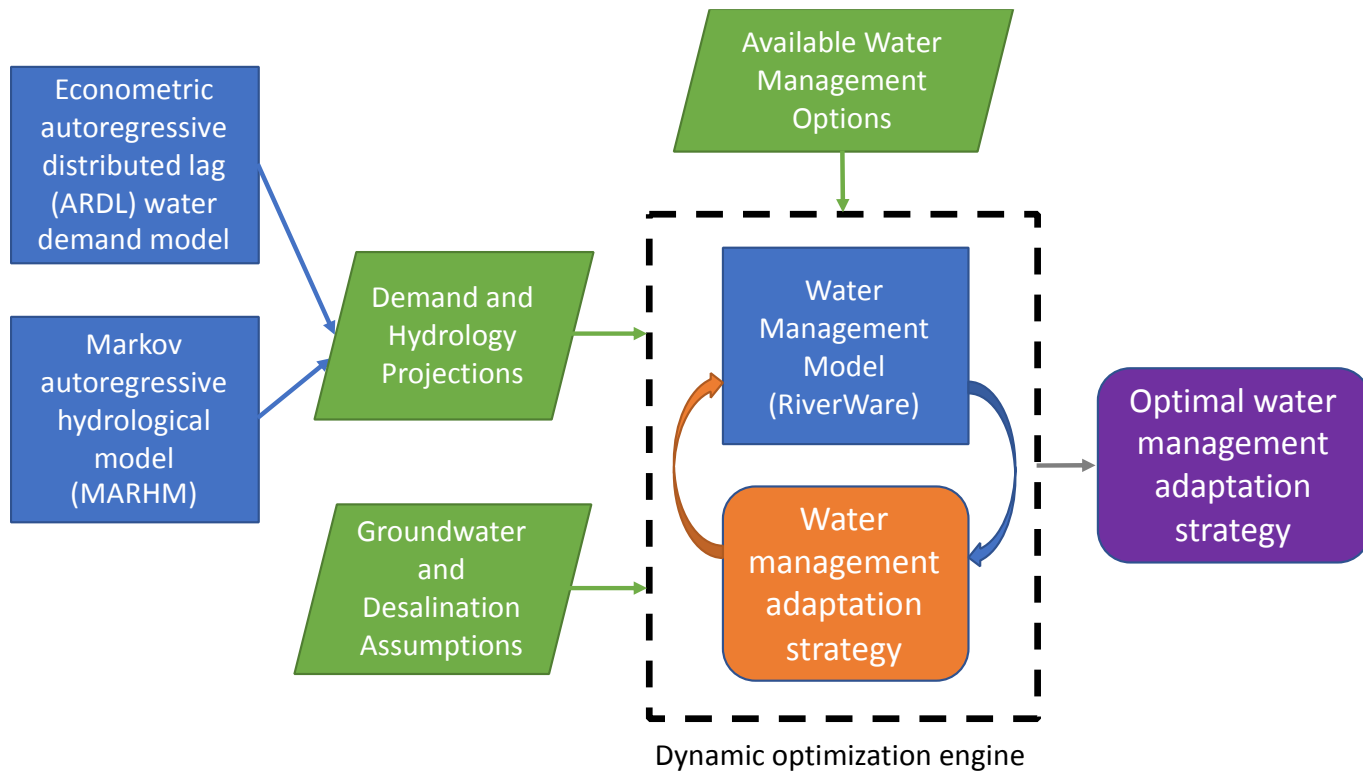


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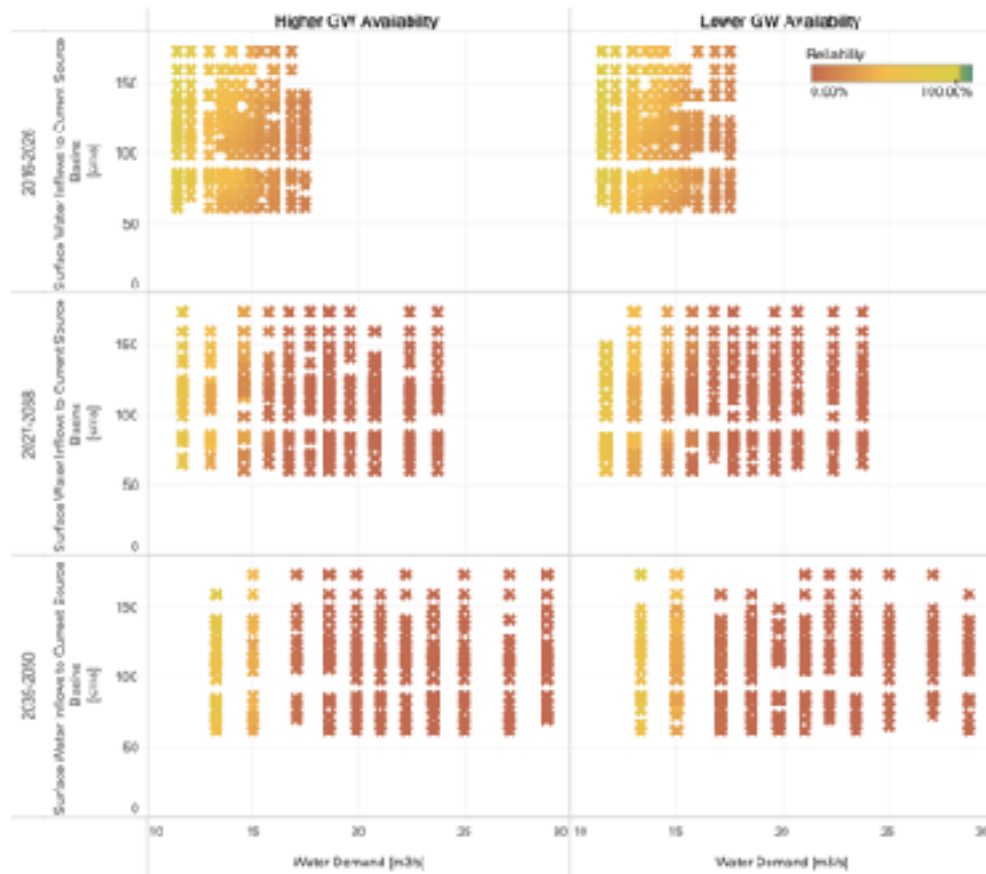
Met with stakeholders and worked with modelers to develop tools to evaluate many plausible futures





Identified future conditions in which current strategy would not suffice

- Evaluated model under 648 plausible futures
- Identified key drivers of low reliability (vulnerability)
 - High demand
 - Low inflows





Used optimization to determine which investments would most cost effectively improve supply reliability

Future water demand



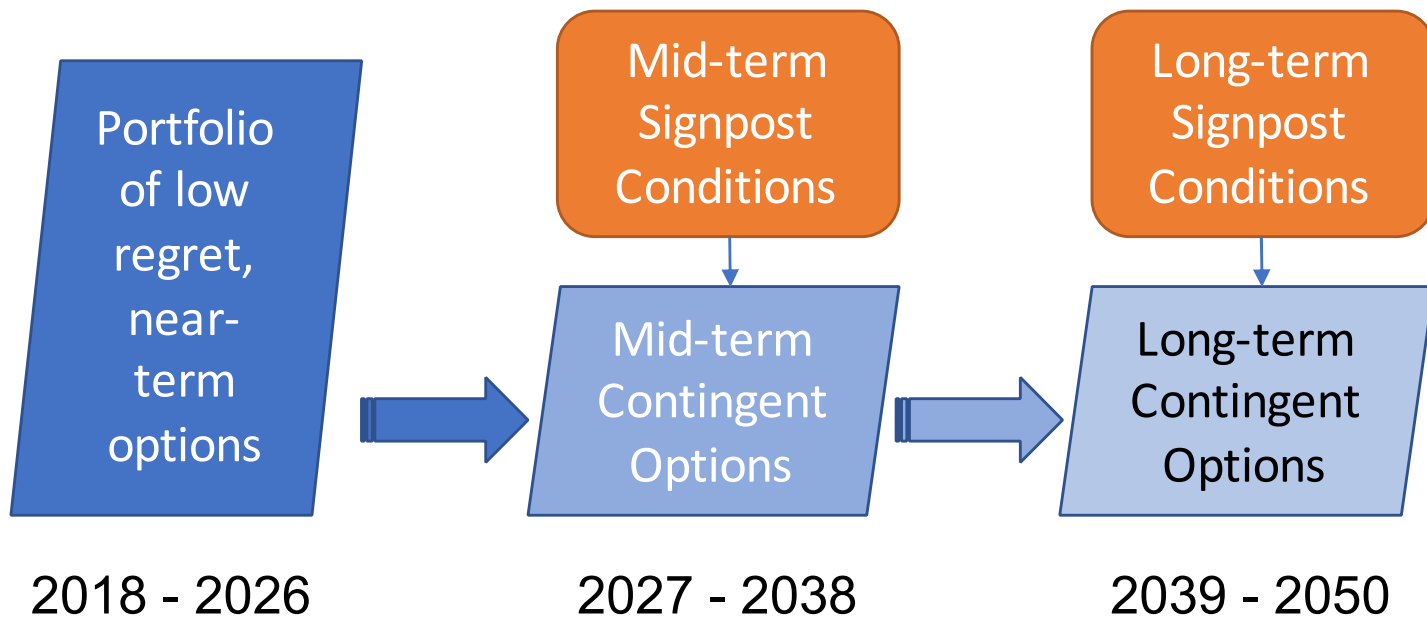
Total Cost
Reliability

Individual
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options and
investments



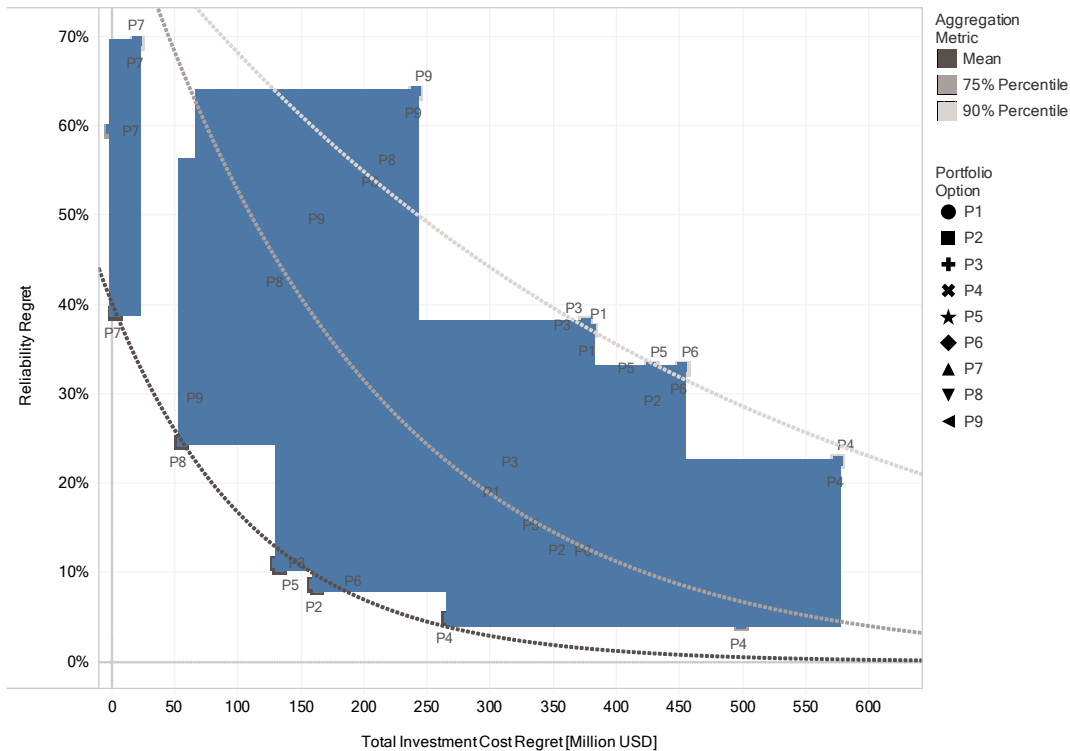
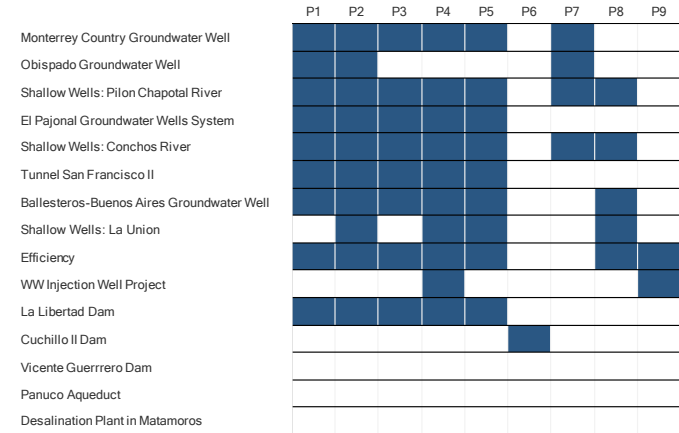


Develop an approach to define robust, adaptive strategies



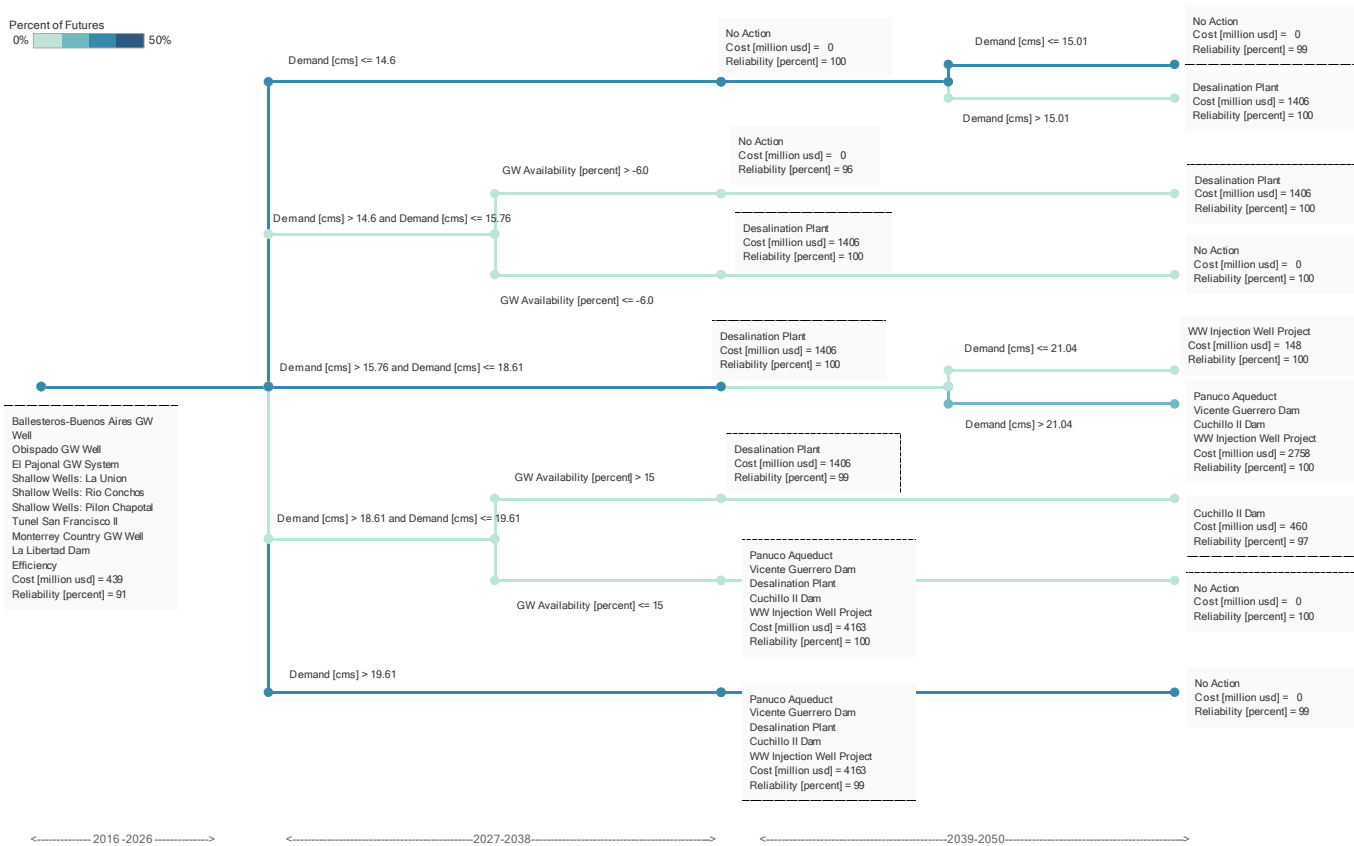


Analysis of optimal portfolios across scenarios reveal “low-regret, near-term options”





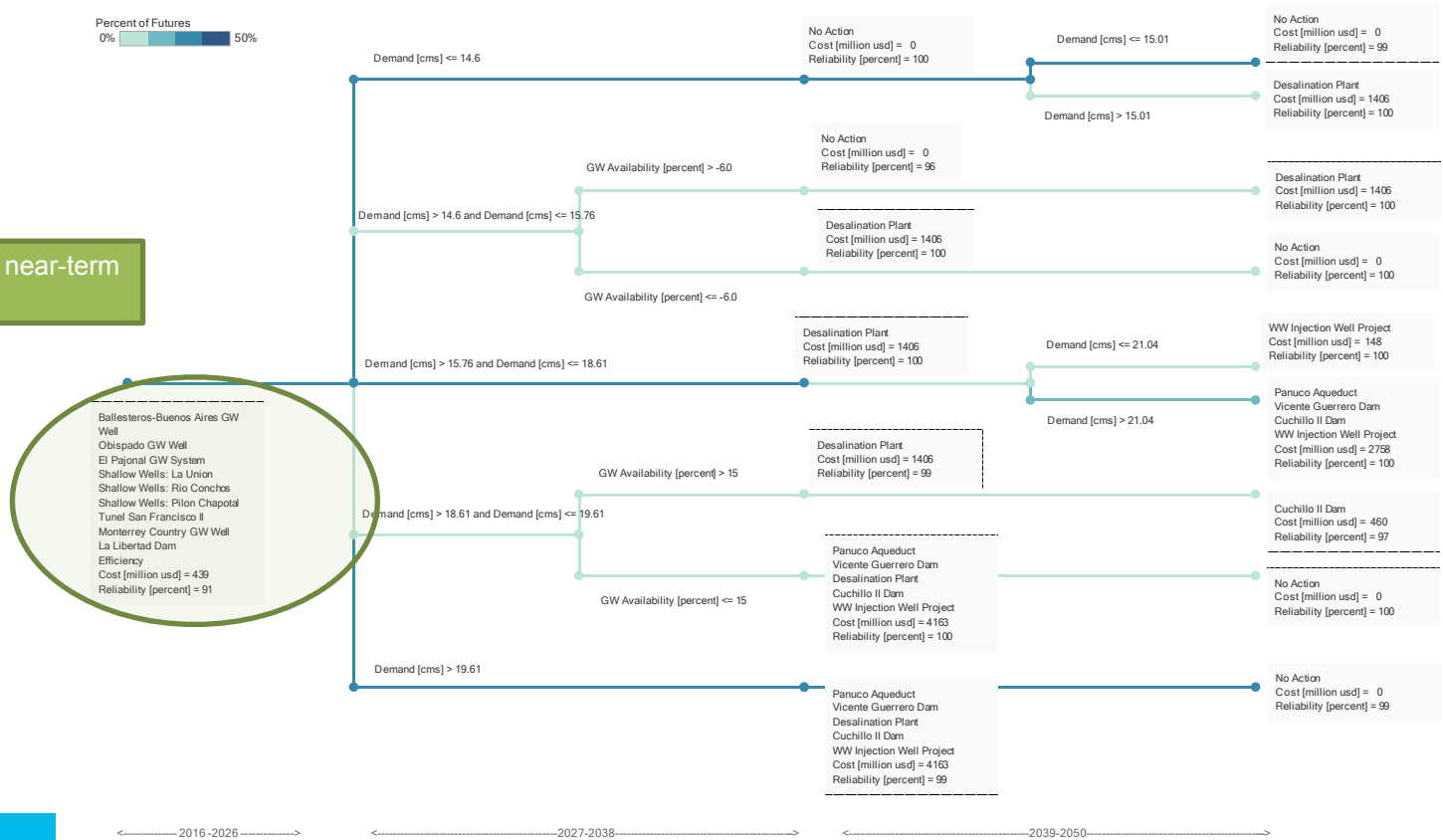
Successive optimizations (4.9 million runs) used to define decision trees describing later contingent options





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Diversified near-term projects

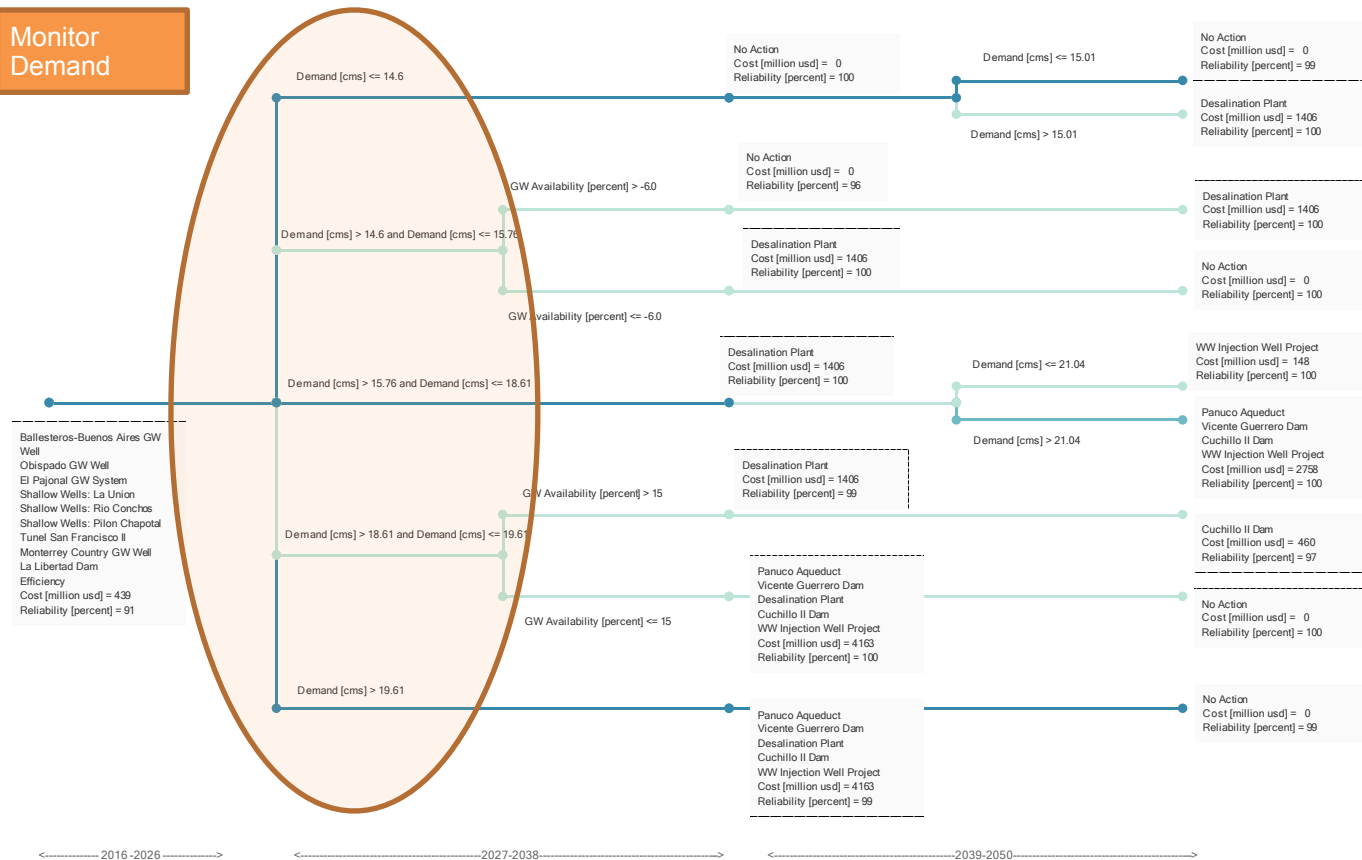


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- Obispado GW Well
- El Pajonal GW System
- Shallow Wells: La Union
- Shallow Wells: Rio Conchos
- Shallow Wells: Pilon Chapotal
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- Monterrey Country GW Well
- La Libertad Dam
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WW Injection Well Project
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 Reliability [percent] = 100

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Cuchillo II Dam
 Cost [million usd] = 460
 Reliability [percent] = 97

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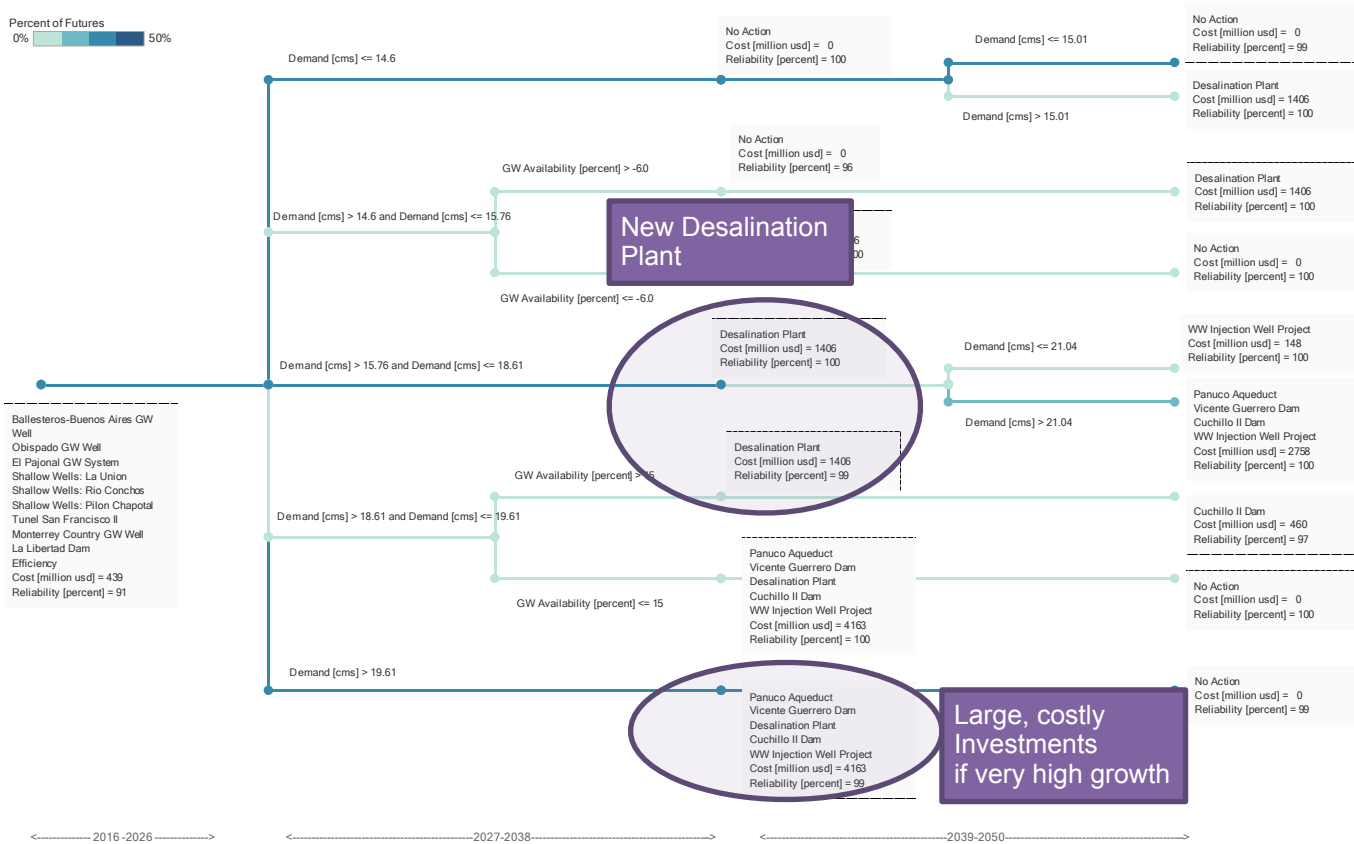
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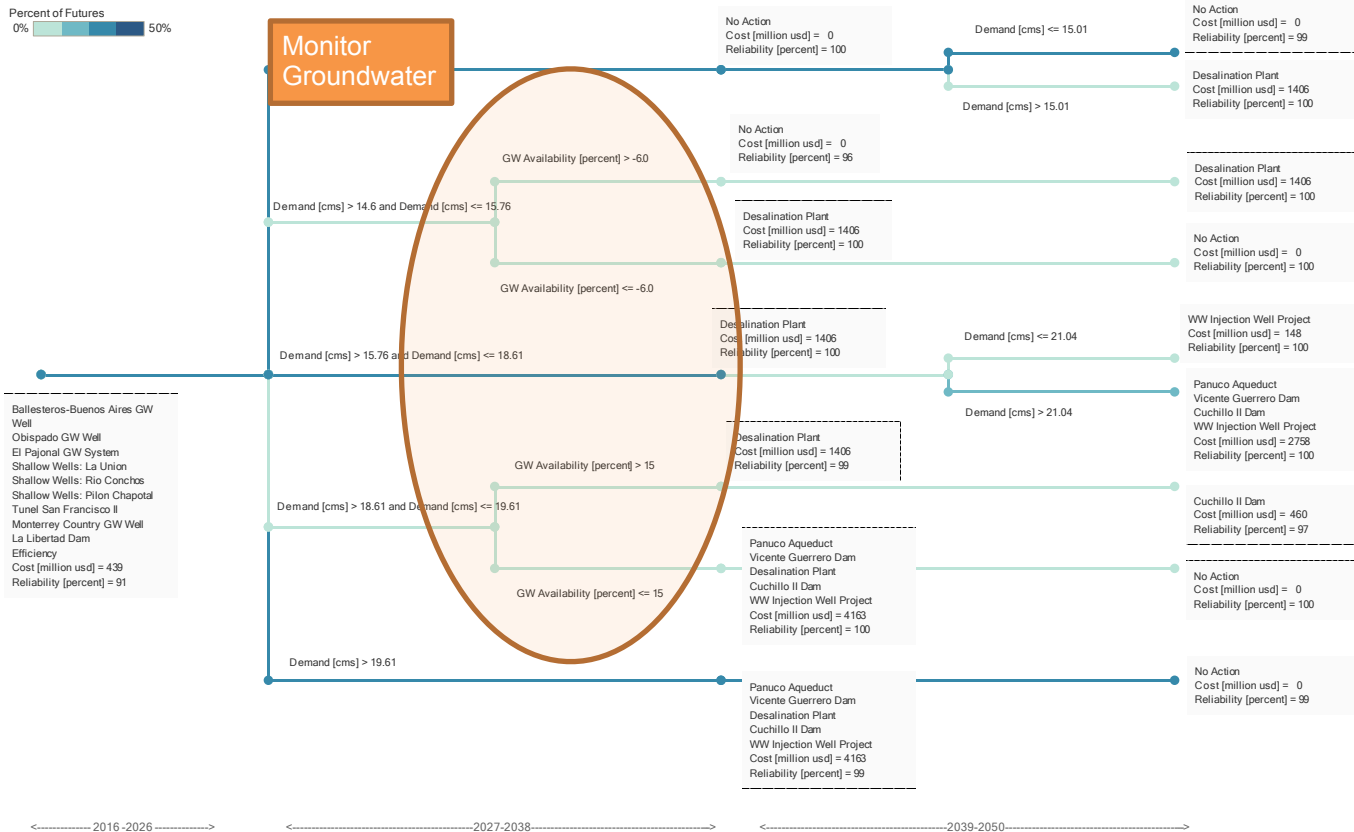
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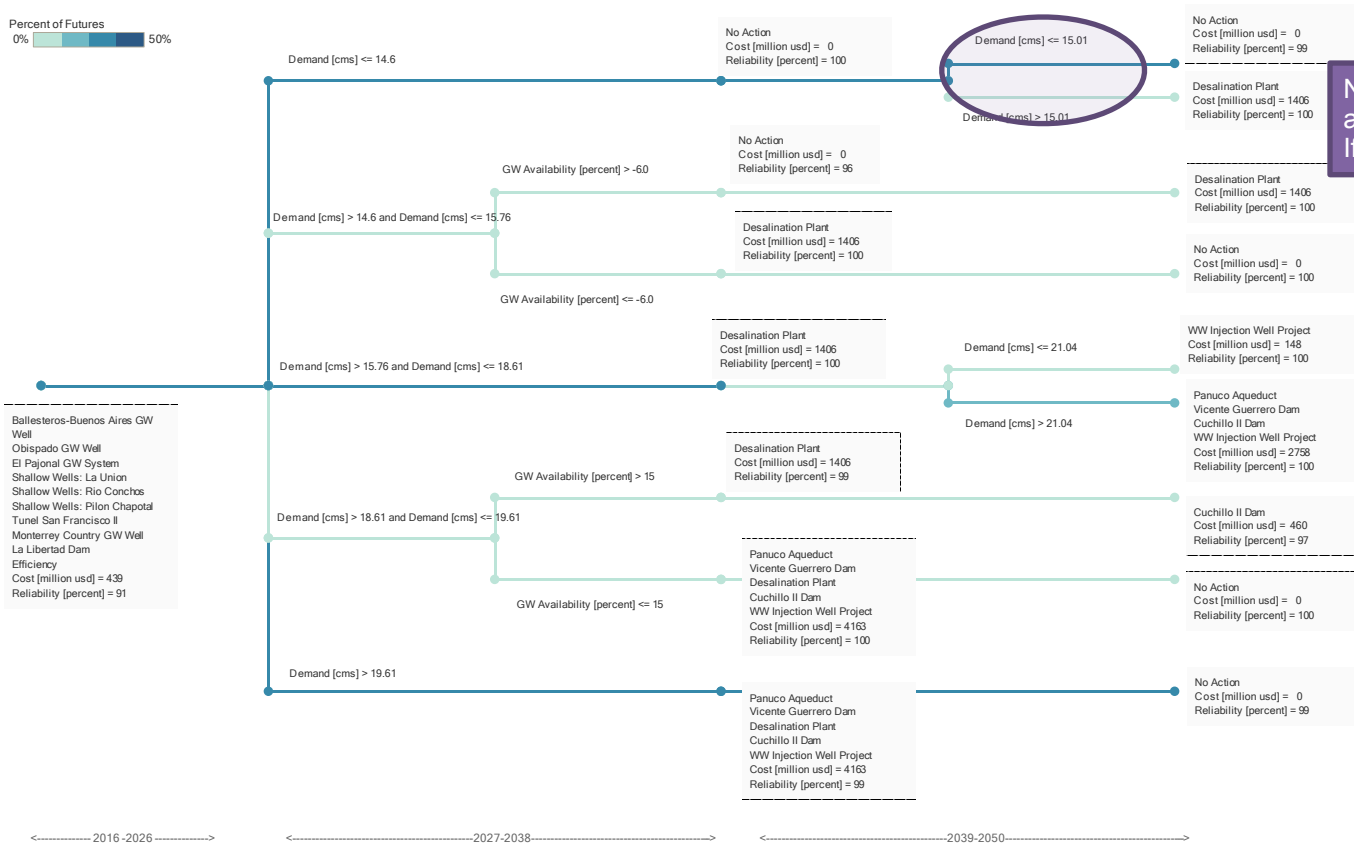
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No additional action required if demand is low

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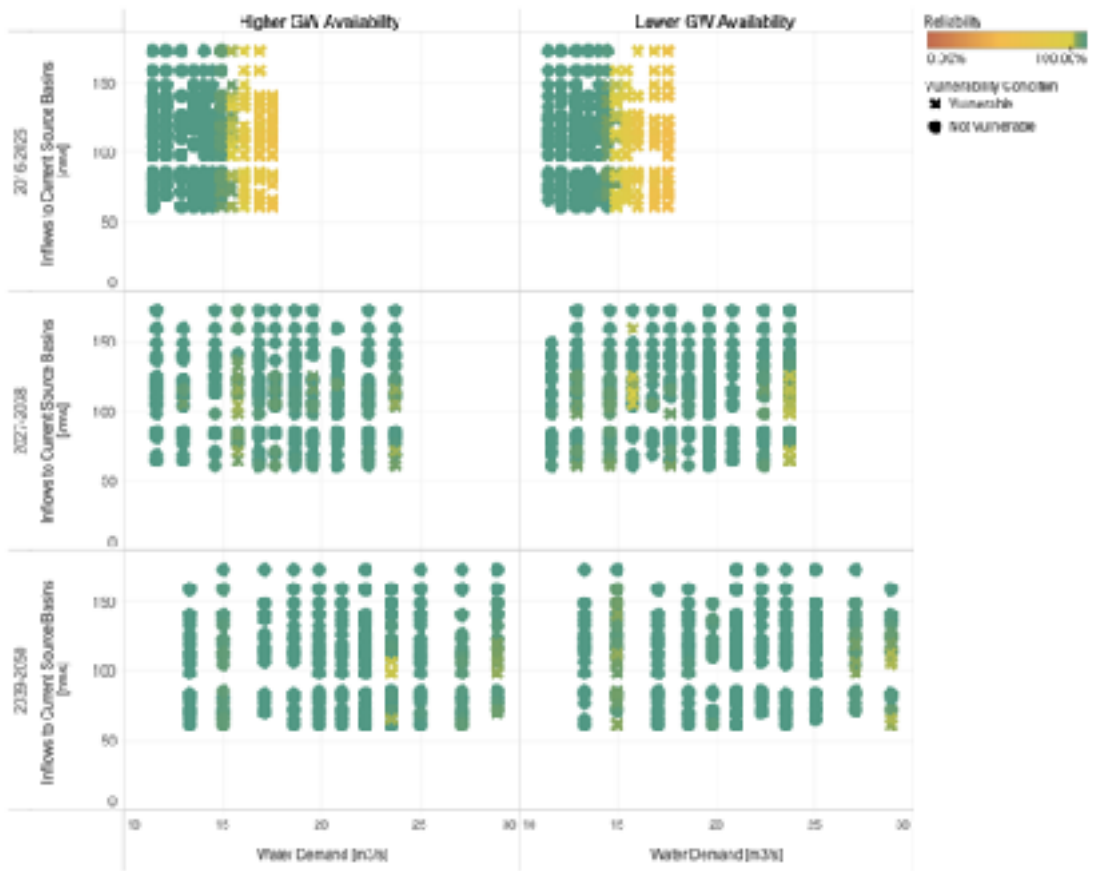
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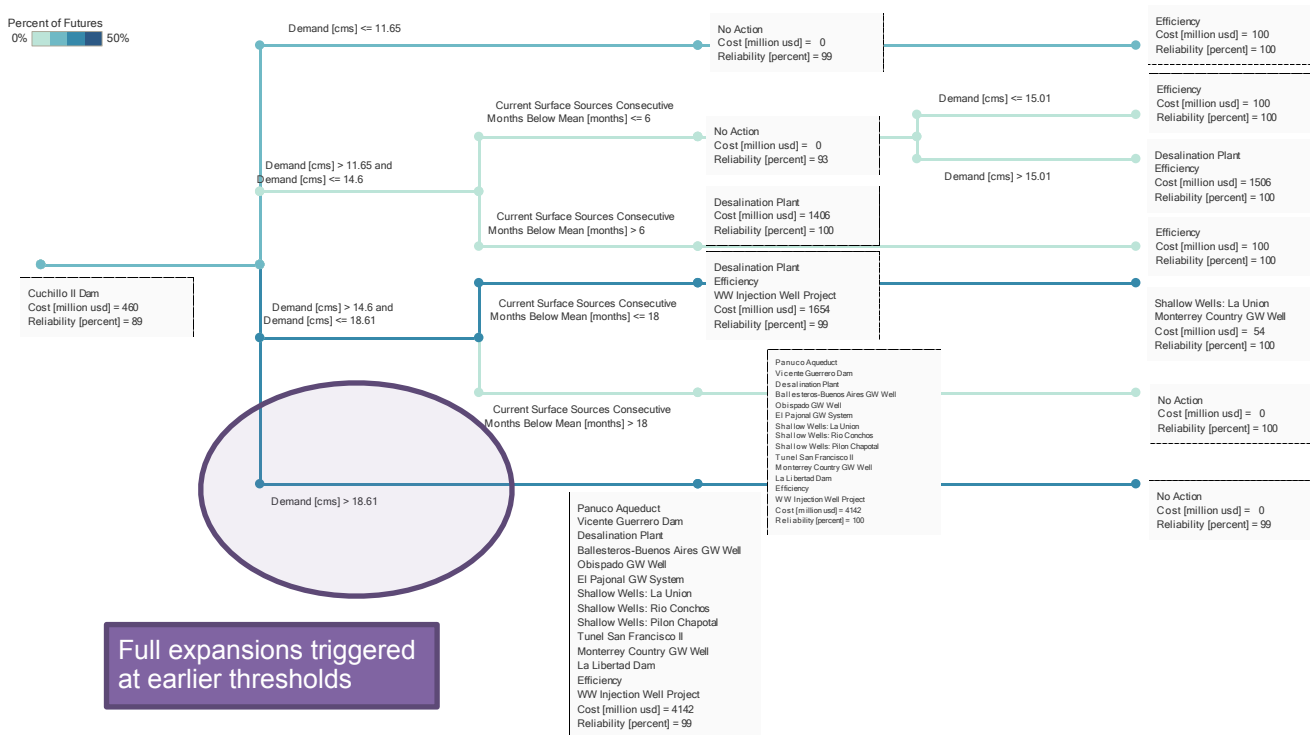


...and ensures water supply reliability over wide range of plausible futures



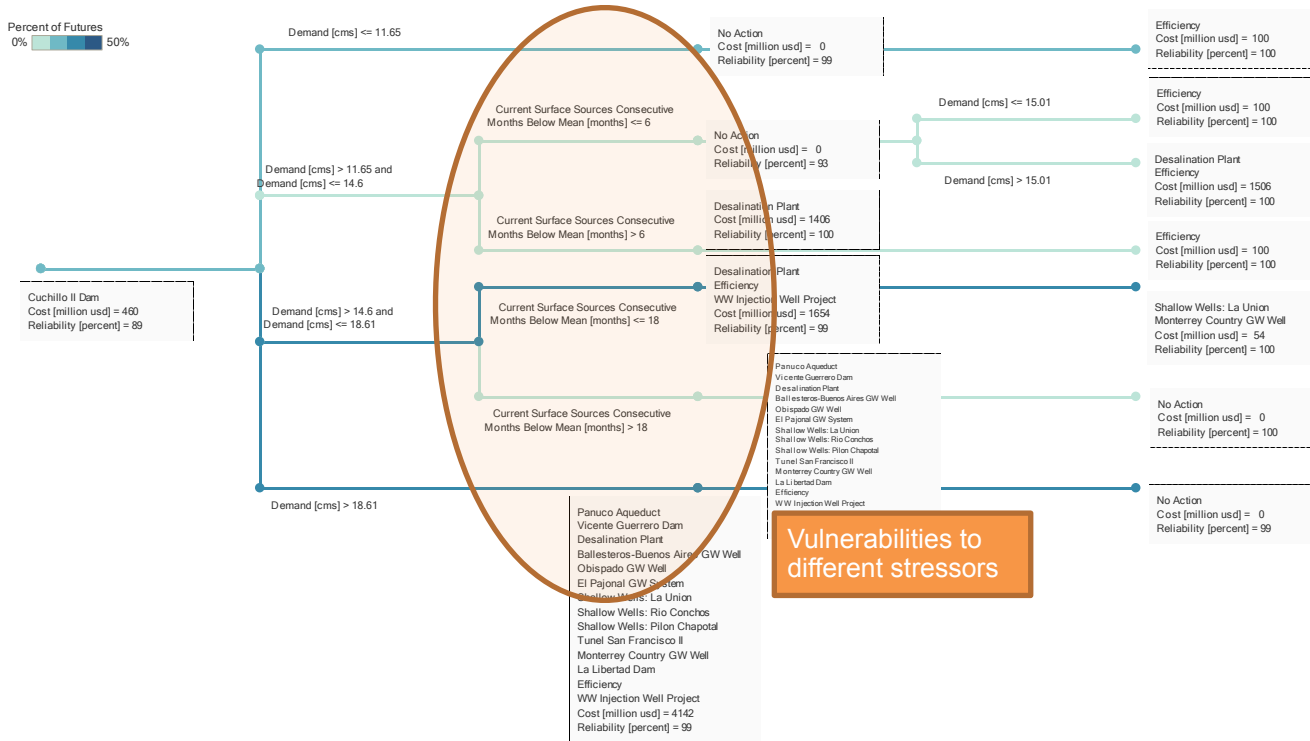


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Monterrey Study Outcomes

- Monterrey Water Plan complete and moving towards implementation (first Water Plan in Mexico) <http://planhidrico.nl.mx/>
- Inclusion of innovative options such as network efficiency and ww injection
- New groundwater monitoring program established
- Elevated role of planning in state, supported by the Water Fund



Report will be published in the coming days

Monterrey, Mexico's fifth largest metropolitan area, faces future water security challenges as the region grows. Fondo de Agua Metropolitana de Monterrey (FAMM), commissioned staff from Tecnología de Monterrey in partnership with the RAND Corporation in Monterrey, and to help design a long term robust water strategy for City of Monterrey. The study documented in this report uses the Robust Decision Making (RDM) framework to synthesize the analysis and was carried out in close collaboration with Monterrey's water planning community. The results of the initial assessment of vulnerabilities showed that the current capacity of Monterrey's water system is not sufficient to sustain current reliability levels in the short, medium, or long term. Increases in water demand will reduce the reliability of the system below current levels, i.e., 97 percent of the water is not for deliveries to most residential areas, current service basins and groundwater sources. These results confirm the intuitive and previous analysis of local stakeholders regarding the need for expanding the supply capacities of the current system if nothing is done to expand the capacities of the system—or to make it more efficient—the reliability of Monterrey's water system is likely to progressively erode in the coming years.



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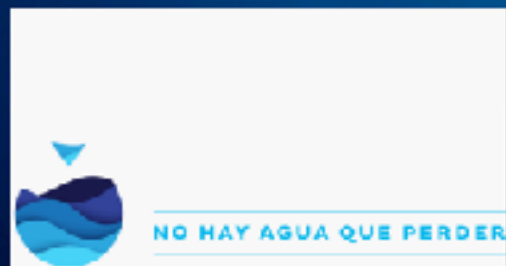
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