Bringing it all together

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What have I learned today?

- Texas drought is very complex
 - On a physical level as to causes in the atmosphere and their translation into water conditions in the land surface and subsurface
 - On a biological level as to impacts on plant and animal life
 - On a human level as to impacts on water supply, power plant operations, air pollution

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Operational Forecasting Models: Summer 2011





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Source: Julia Slingo, UK Met Office

Ensemble Forecasting and Statistical Summary



Source: Julia Slingo, UK Met Office

Proposed 1 km Simulation Domain for North America



Source: Pier Luigi, University of Reading



http://www.geo.utexas.edu/scientist/david/rapid.htm



Integrated River Modeling



Atmospheric Model or Dataset



Land Surface Model



"Blue Line" River Network -High-Performance Computing River Network Model

We need to add Groundwatear!



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Gravity Anomaly for Texas

http://www.csr.utexas.edu/grace/

- GRACE Mission measures the force of gravity from space
- Gravity varies with time because of water storage variations
- Possibly use this as a Texas Water Index





Central Texas Hub

http://www.centraltexashub.org/wiskiweb.htm



Web Map – Published as Map Service



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World Water Online

- Bring together water information for the whole earth
- All spatial scales: global, regional, local
- Both geospatial and temporal information
- Linking data and modeling
- Everything on the web





.... a transformation of our world!

Scales of HydroInformatics Global, National Assessment How much water? Landscape Management Regional, State **River Basin**, Solving water problems Aquifer My house, Engineering Local, Persona my well, How does this my ranch affect me?



ArcGIS Online



.... is making map information globally and freely accessible



Date-3/9/2011 29 1995 30°21'49.38" N 97°51'34.63" W elev 713 ft Eve alt 1167 ft

Global Topographic Basemap in ArcGIS Online

Information contributed by many cities and countries



Tiled base map synthesizing information across map scales

A Connected System Over all Spatial Scales

Watershed Analysis





River Mapping



Observations



1,150

200

12/17/2011



12/24/2011

12/31/2011

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Water Web Services HUB



Maps

Summary

- Today has been an exciting experience for me.
 I've learned a lot about the complexity of the problems we face and the talents we have to bring to solve them
- We need to work together to solve these problems using the facilities of the University as a shared resource