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# Water sector analysis in the ISI-MIP project

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### 1A. Introduction

- Inter-Sectoral Impact Model Intercomparison Project (ISI-MIP)
  - cross-sectoral global impact assessment
  - 4 specialized sectors (water, biomes, agriculture and health)
  - with recently developed climatic and socio-economic scenarios
  - coordinated by Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (Germany)
  - >30 model teams are participating



## 2. Background

## Problems in impact studies

- Different GCMs and future socio-economic scenarios produce different future projections
  - Projection with multi-GCM and multi-scenario has been standard for impact studies
- Impact studies largely depend on adopted models
  - Discrepancies between models would sometimes become larger than signals themselves
  - Characteristics of individual model (esp. in comparison with others) are UNKNOWN

## 1B. Introduction Multimodel comparison in ISI-MIP

- ISI-MIP also aims to clarify characteristics of models
  - "multimodel comparison"
  - common settings and meteorological forcing data sets are required
    prepared & distributed by ISI-MIP



#### 3. Water sector

## Participating model teams

- Water sector
  - 12 model teams are participating

frequently used in impact studies

Model	Country	Model	Country
LPJmL	Germany	MacPDM	UK
ORCHIDEE	France	WBM	USA
JULES	UK	MPI-HM	Germany
VIC	Norway The Netherlands	PCR-GLOBWB	The Netherlands
H08	Japan	DBH	China
WaterGAP	Germany	MATSIRO	Japan

## 3. Water sector

# Analysis

- Analysis
  - period 1970-2099 (1950-1969 for spin-ups)
  - 5 GCMs (HadGEM, IPSL, MIROC, GFDL and NorESM)
  - 4 scenarios (RCPs 2.6, 4.5, 6.0 and 8.5)
- Elements to be reported:
  - natural hydrological elements



(e.g., runoff, river discharge, evapotranspiration, soil moisture, snow amount)

water consumptions by human activities

(e.g., agricultural irrigation withdrawal, industrial water withdrawal).





#### 3. Water sector

## An example of fast-track results





### 4. Timeline

# Planned activities in 2013

- Ongoing & forthcoming activities
  - Writing reports on their fast-track results
  - A special issue: to be published in 2013 (PNAS)
  - Eminent results will be presented in an international conference (Potsdam, Germany, in May 2013)

• Further information on the ISI-MIP:

http://www.isi-mip.org/

Thank you

- Total = (5GCMs) X (4RCPs+Historical) X (95 or 35yrs) X (# of elements) X (data size per year) for each model
- Daily output data ~ 100Mbytes / year
  - runoff
  - river discharge etc.
- Monthly output data ~ 1 to 3Mbytes / year
  - evapotranspiration
  - potential evapotranspiration
  - soil moisture
  - withdrawals for human activities (irrigation, industrial, ...)
  - consumptions for human activities (irrigation, industrial, ...) etc.

## Supplement

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