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**ISIMIP**  
Inter-Sectoral Impact Model  
Intercomparison Project

# News from ISIMIP

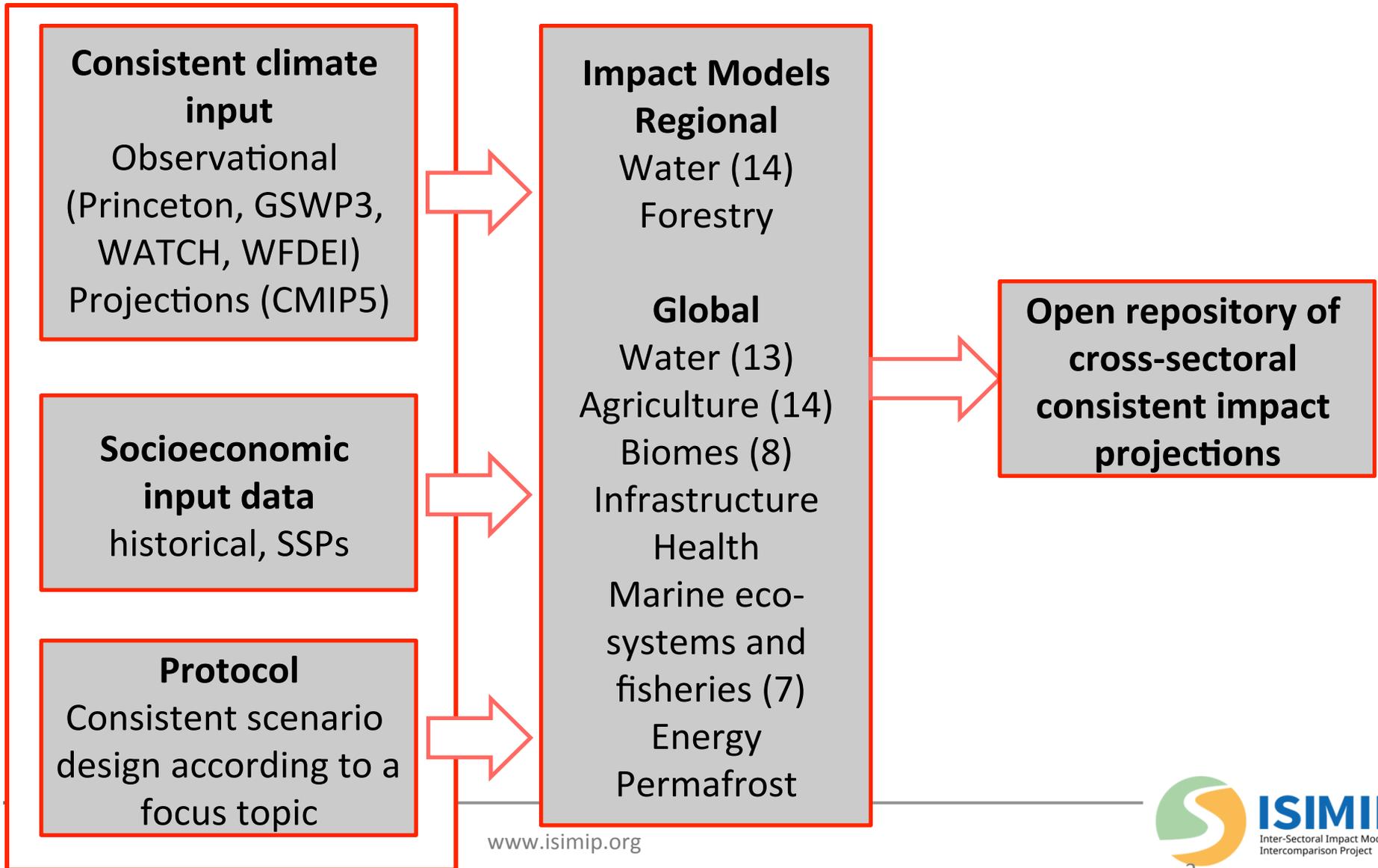
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# Outline

- **What is ISIMIP?**
- **Current activities: ISIMIP 2a**
- **Next step: contribution to 1.5° report (ISIMIP 2b)**
- **Economic integration**
- **Links to other communities**
- **Conclusion: what do we have to offer?**

# ISIMIP in a nutshell



# What ISIMIP can provide now:

- **Basic data:**
  - **Crop yields, irrigation water withdrawal (annual)**
  - **Monthly carbon fluxes and pools, net primary production**
  - **Daily runoff, discharge, irrigation water demand, actual irrigation water withdrawal and consumption**
  - **Total catch of fish, total ocean biomass density**
  - **Malaria – climate suitability, length of potential transmission season, population at risk**
  - **Coastal infrastructure – costs, people affected, adaptation costs**

# What ISIMIP can provide in the near future:

## Process based models

- Flooded areas, flood depths
- Reductions in capital stocks due to extreme events (e.g. flood events, tropical cyclones)
- Number of people affected by floods and tropical cyclones
- Changes in agricultural production
- (National) water scarcity indicators, droughts
- Inundation areas due to sea level rise (+ storm surges)

## Based on empirical approaches

- Changes in heating and cooling demands
- Changes in Labor productivity due to heat
- Heat and cold related mortality



→ **What are useful indicators for IAMs? How to aggregate them?**



# What can be done with this?

- **Impact model uncertainty (many papers)**
- **Cross-sectoral analyses:**
  - **Impact hotspots (Piontek et al. 2014)**
  - **Feedbacks/links between sectors (Elliott et al. 2014, Frieler et al. 2015)**
- **Differential impacts of global warming (Schleussner et al. 2016)**
- **Efforts under way include links between agriculture and health (malnutrition) or agriculture and fisheries (fish availability for food)**
- **Input for derivation of socio-economic impacts**

# Current phase – ISIMIP2a: Model validation regarding extreme events and variability

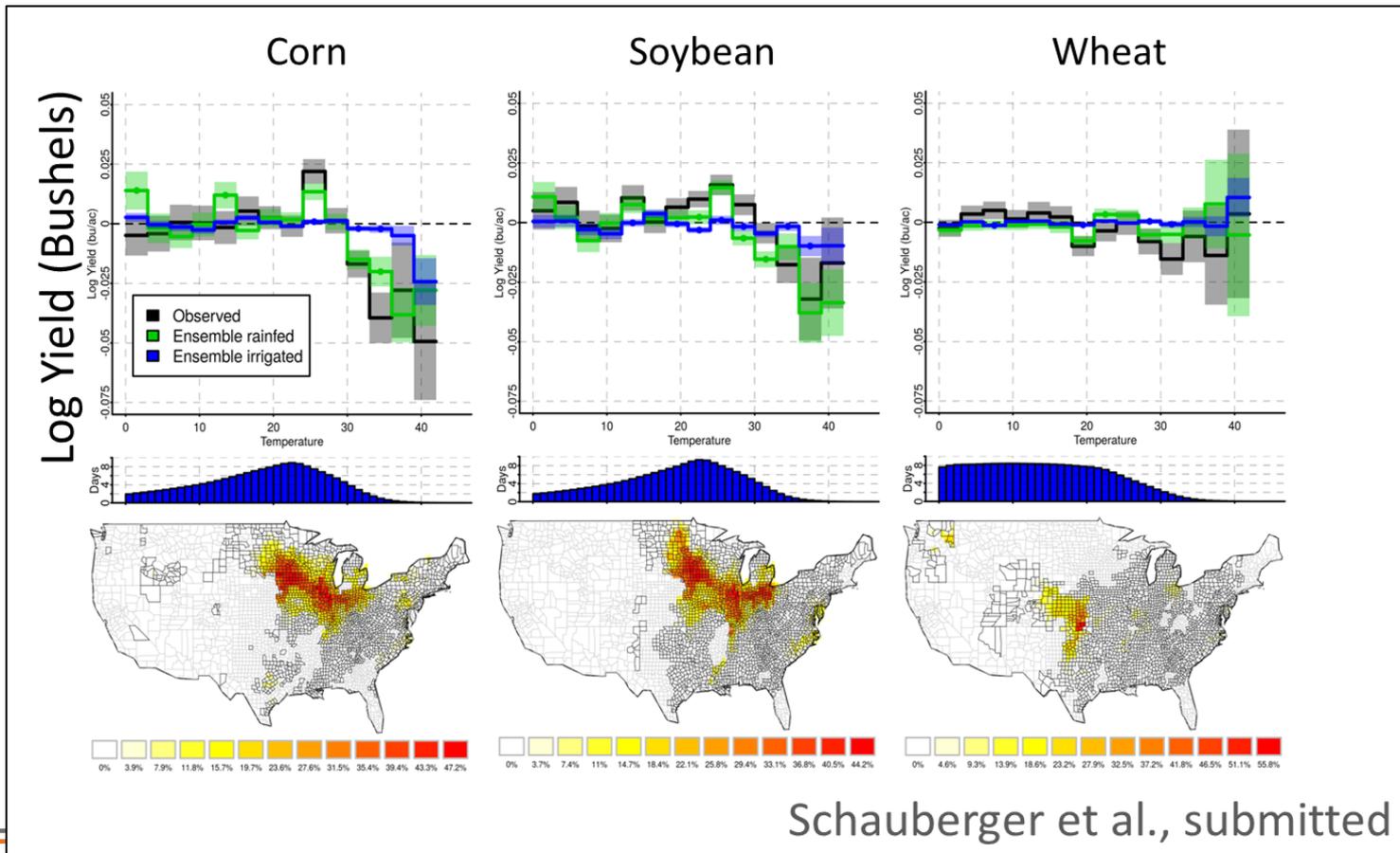
- **Goal: understand ability of models to reproduce observed features, identify key areas of improvement**
- **Data input:**
  - **Climate: PGMFD v.2 (Princeton), GSWP3, WATCH (WFD), WFDEI.GPCC**
  - **Land use: historical cropland patterns and historical area covered by natural vegetation from HYDE3.1 and MIRCA, soil map**
- **Simulation time frame: 1971-2012**
- **0.5° resolution**

# Key analyses (ERL Open Special Issue)

- **Water: Machine-learning approach to create a multi-model combination estimate as an ensemble summary indicator of hydrology models informed by model performance and weighting – more robust than simple ensemble mean (Zaherpour et al.)**
- **Biomes: (Francois et al.): ecosystem productivities under droughts and heat waves in Europe sensitive to model but less to land use change or historical climate data set**
- **First FISH-MIP results (Eddy et al.)**
- **Cross-sectoral: impacts of the 2003 European heat wave (Schewe et al.)**

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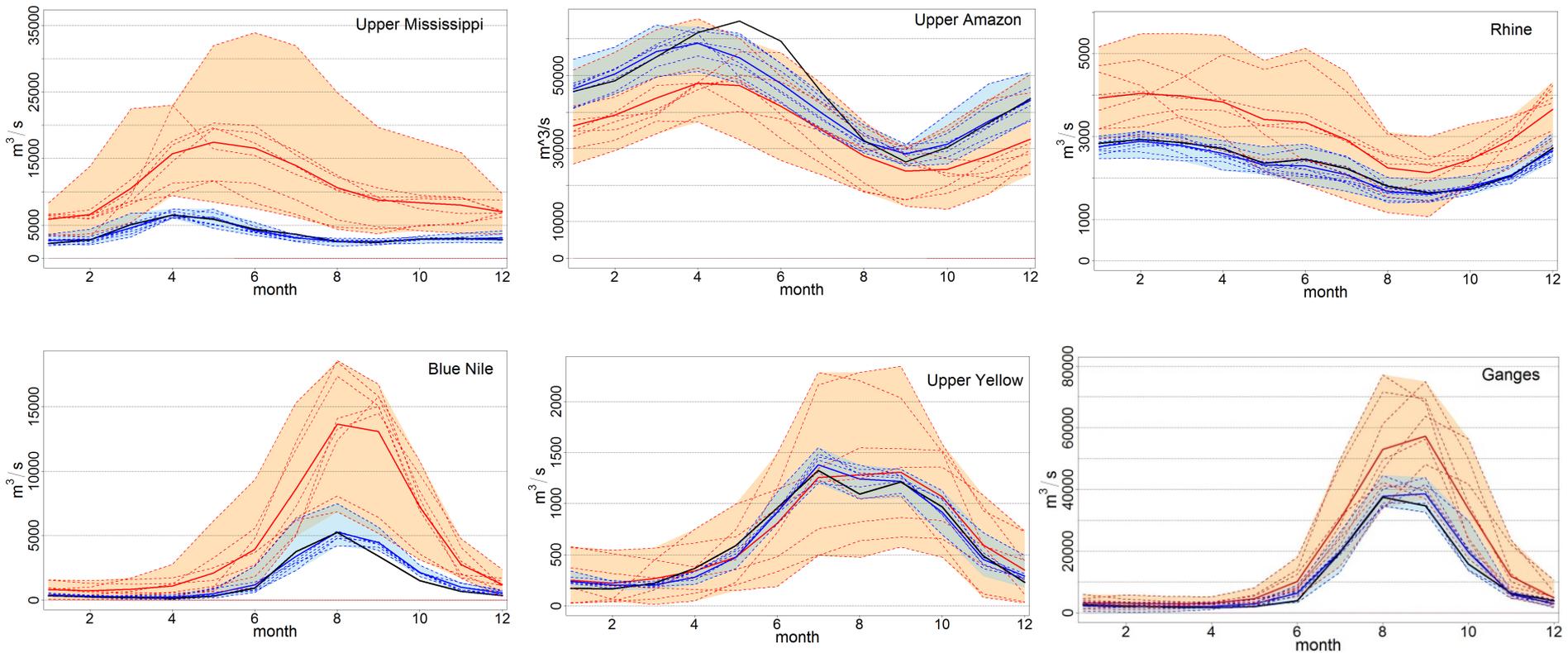
Agriculture: reproduction of statistical results on temperature dependency of crop yields using crop models (Schauberger et al., under review)



Schauberger et al., submitted

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Cross-scale: cross-scale comparison of regional and global hydrological models for 12 river basins (Hattermann et al., under review)



River discharge

- Average: gl. models
- Range: gl. models
- Average: reg. models
- Range: reg. models
- Observed discharge

# Next step: ISIMIP 2b – input for 1.5° Special Report

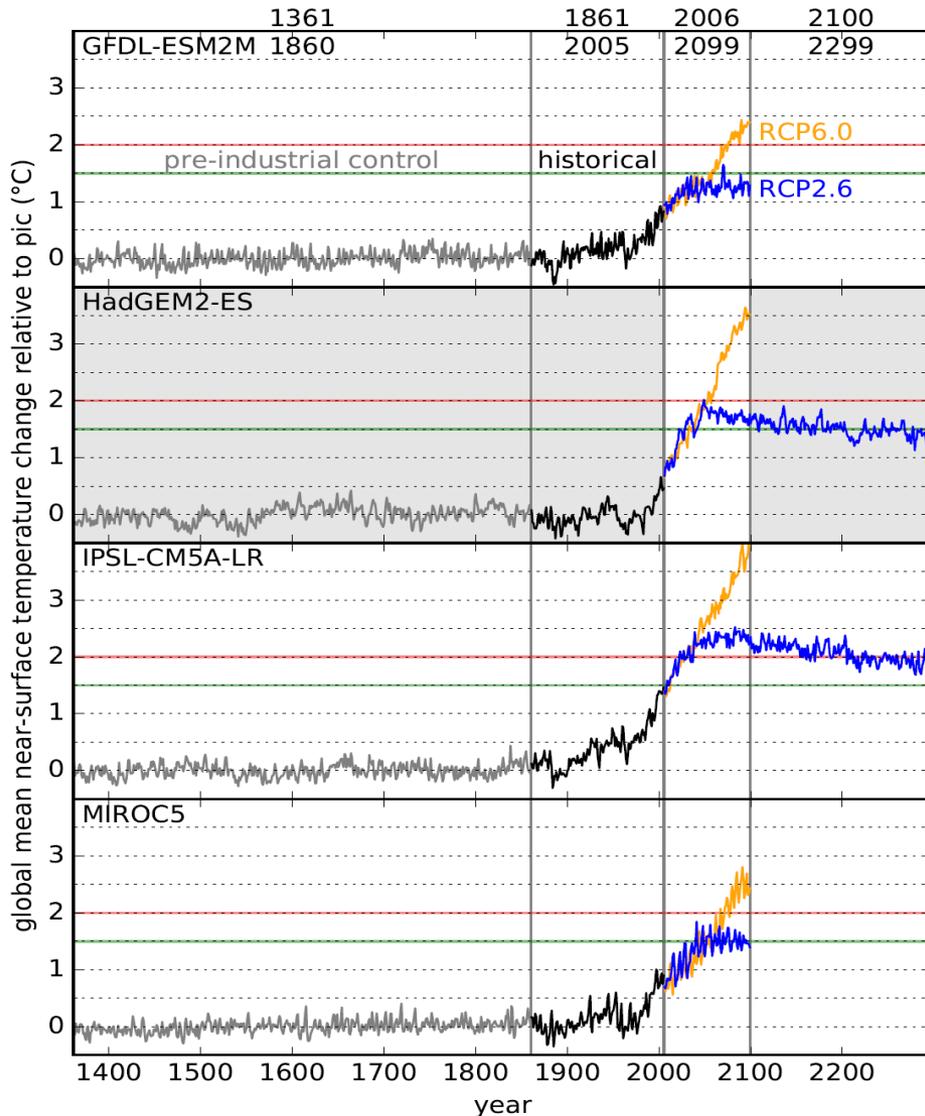
## Key goals:

- Separate impacts of historical warming starting from pre-industrial conditions from other human drivers (e.g. historical land use changes)
- Quantification of additional warming to 1.5° including potential overshoot and long-term effects up to 2300
- Quantification of pure climate effect with fixed socio-economic conditions

## Timeline:

- Bias correction of GCM data and land use patterns under way → data provision by late summer
- Impact results available December 2016/January 2017
- Paper submission deadline September 2017?

# Input data



## Other input data:

- **Historical land use: Hurtt**
- **Future land use: patterns from MAGPIE (and others?)**
  - Includes total crop land (irrigated/non-irrigated), grass land, area for 2nd generation biomass, forest (managed/non-managed), natural other vegetation
- **Historic population: Hyde3.2**
- **Future population: SSP2**
- **GDP: World Bank/SSP2 (country-level)**
- **Nitrogen deposition**
- **Sea-level rise projections**

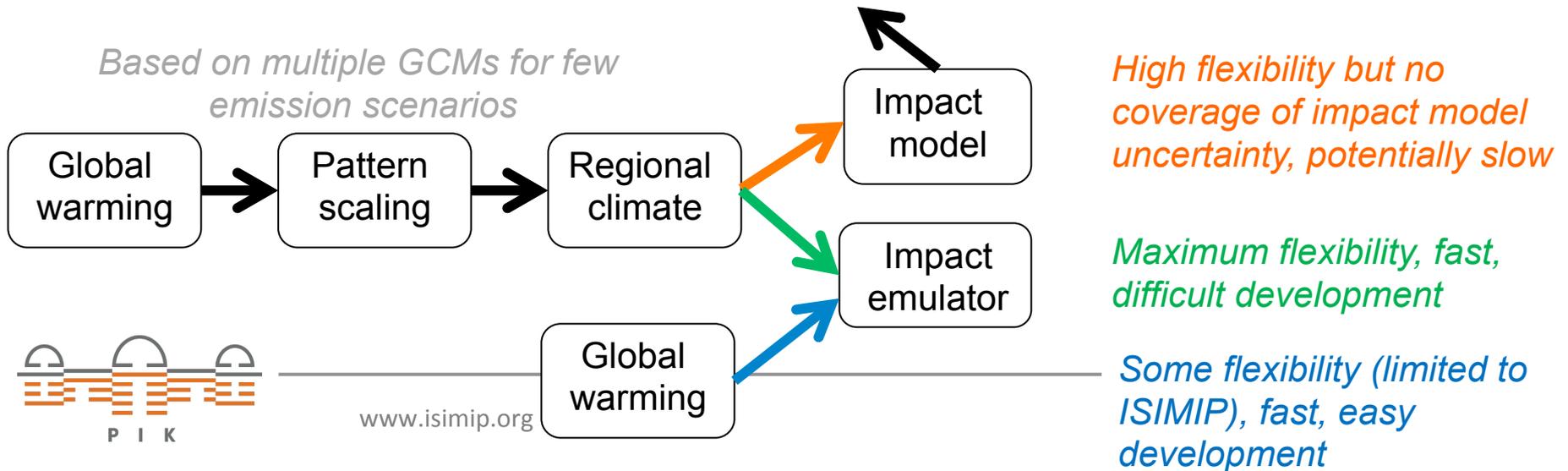
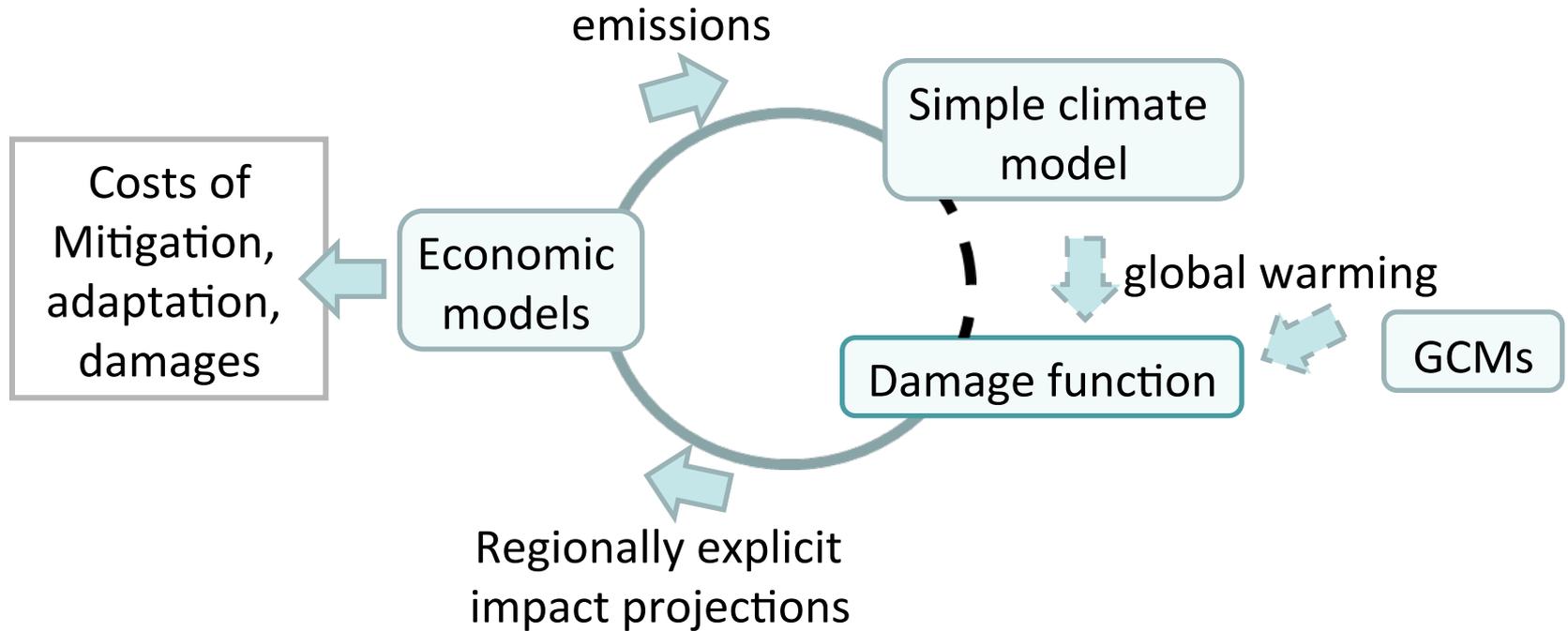
# Long-term plans

- **Broader stakeholder involvement in ISIMIP process (e.g. ISIMIP3 focus topic)**
- **ISIpedia – online platform providing overview of available ISIMIP data, visualization of key indicators, access to the database, information on performance and uncertainties**

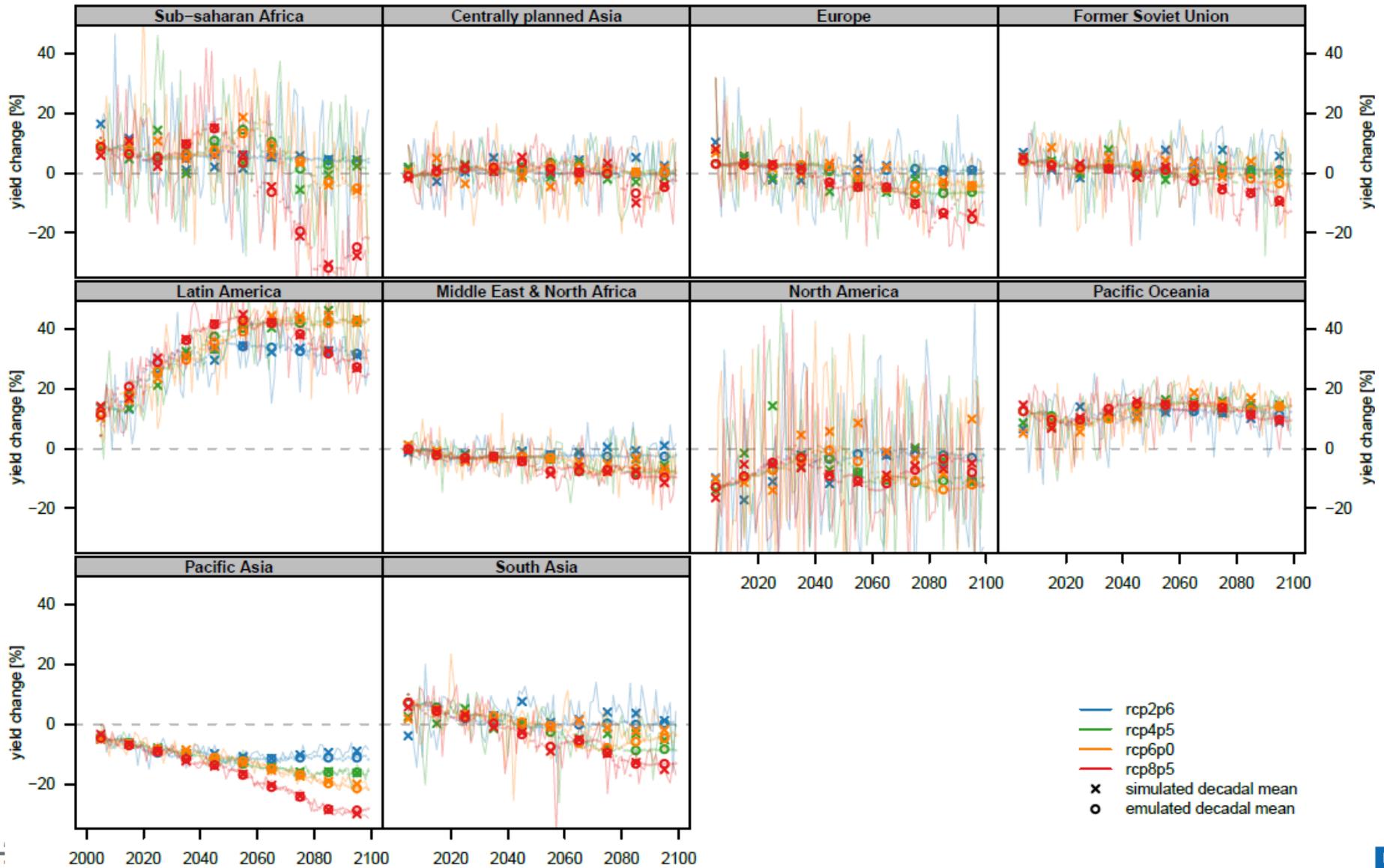
## Challenges:

- **New approaches to include other sectors (health, infrastructure)**
- **More cross-sectoral analyses**
- **Economic integration**

# Economic integration



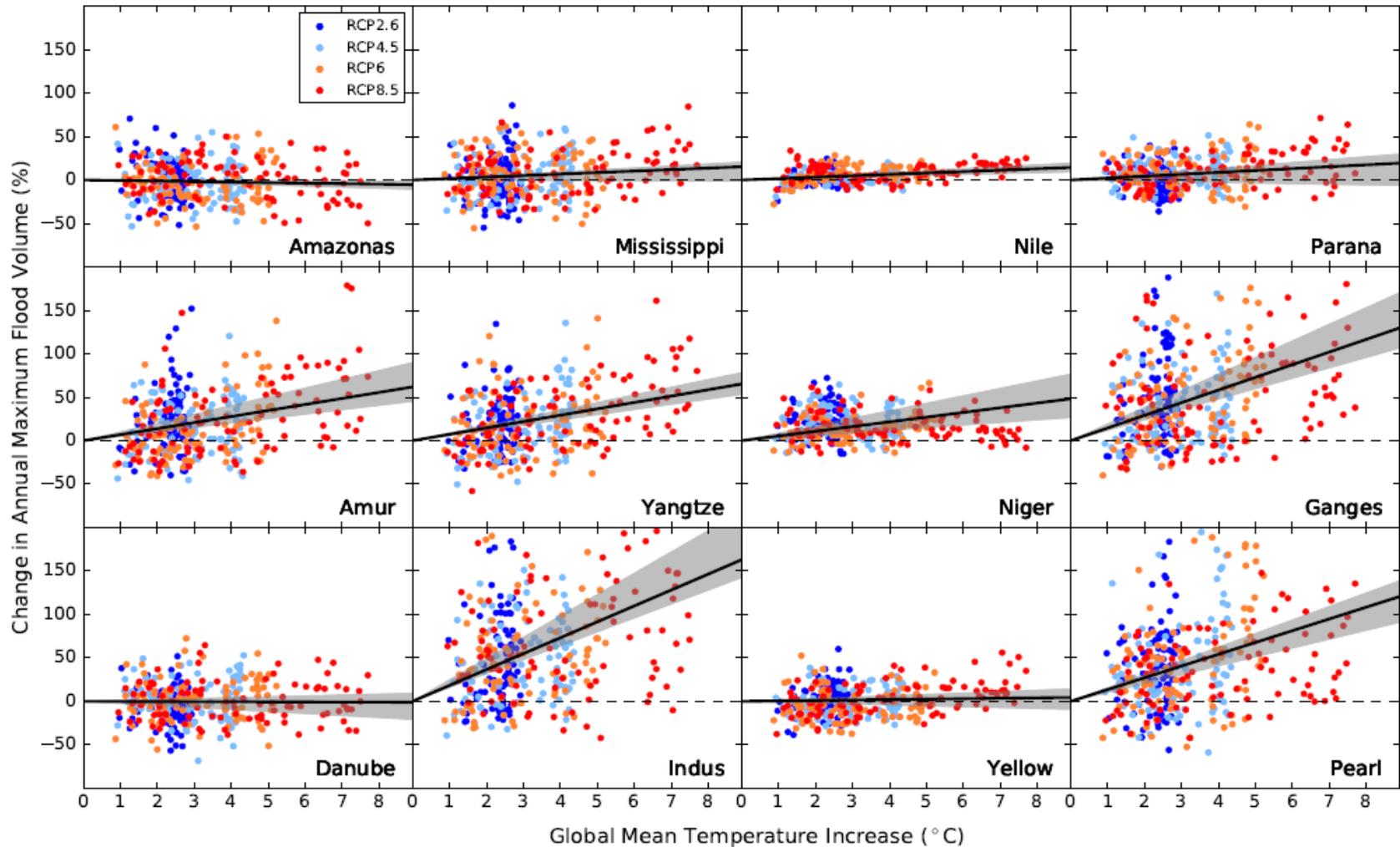
# Examples for emulators in progress: crop yields



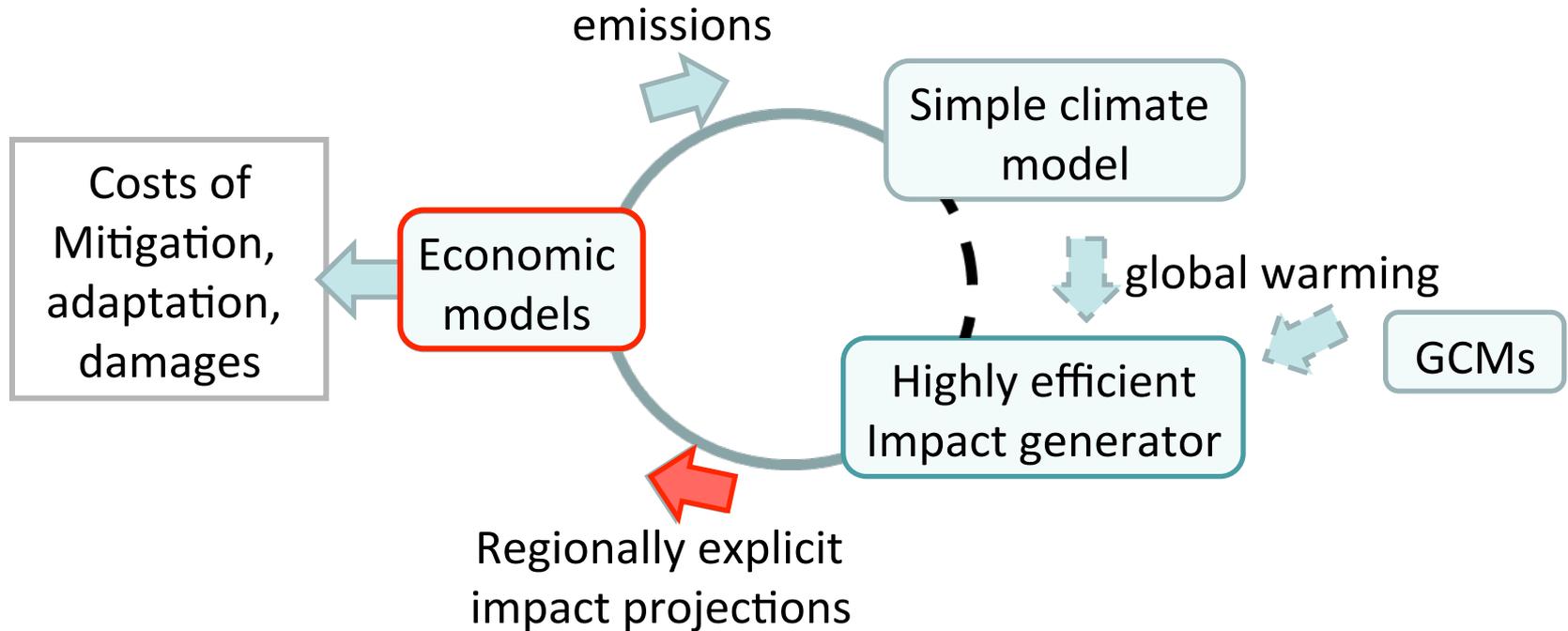
Emulated LPJmL Maize yield changes with CO<sub>2</sub> effect for climate model HadGEM2-ES and emulator method 2

# Examples for emulators in progress: flood volume

Results from LPJmL model driven by bias-corrected HadGEM2-ES forcings

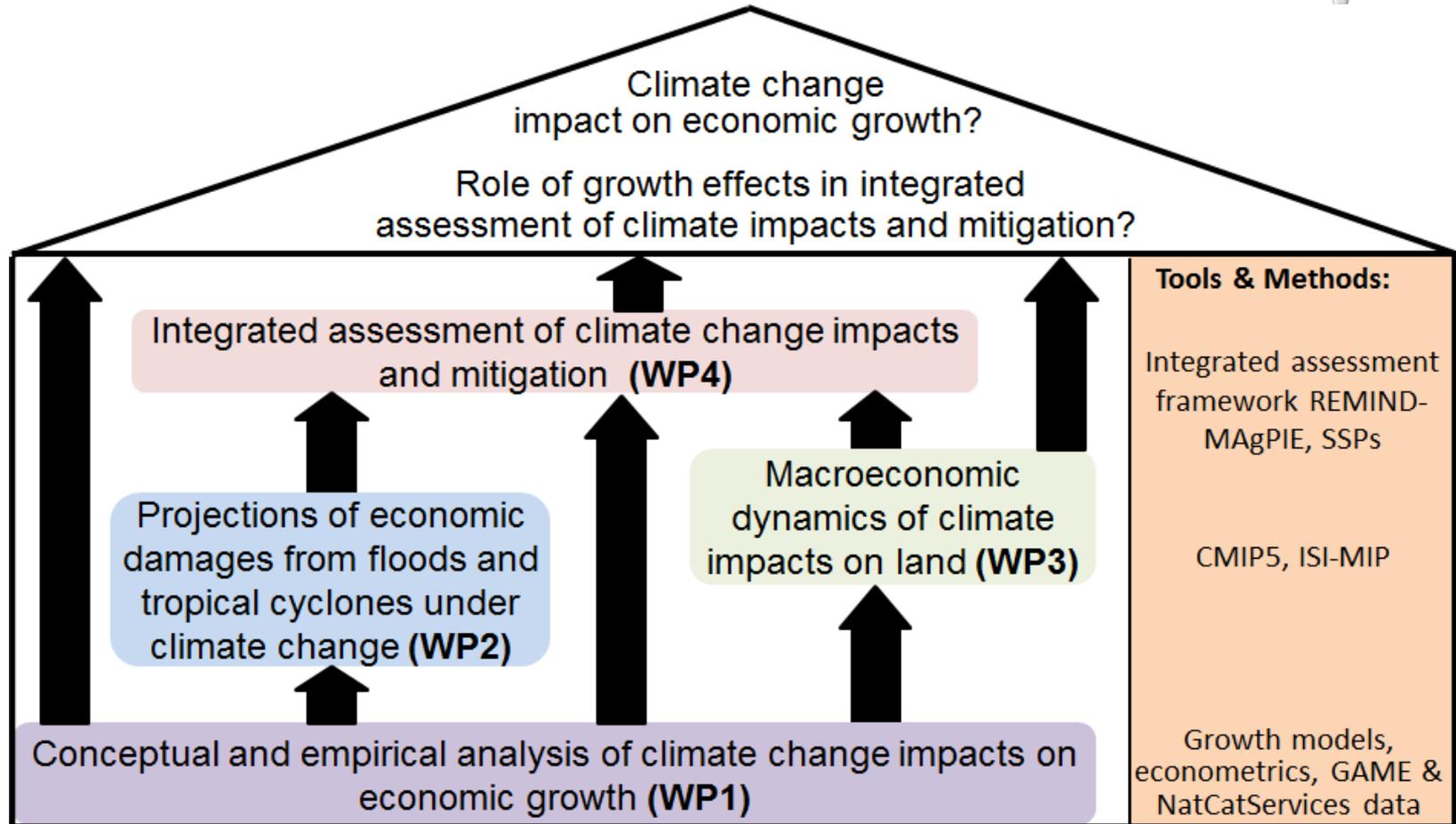


# Economic integration



- **Need for increased economic process understanding:**
  - What are critical impact channels, what is their dynamics?
  - Are there effects on economic growth?
- **Other relevant metrics beyond costs!!**

# Economic growth impacts of climate change (ENGAGE)



# Workshop with empirical and numerical modelers on growth impacts



- More process understanding needed: what shock from what type of impact affects what type of capital in what type of household with what type of loss?
- Mechanisms for growth impacts: human capital effects, permanent destruction of natural resources, lack of capital for reconstruction/adaptation, poverty traps, weak institutions, repressed investments due to high risk aversion
- Need a mix of macro- and micro-level indicators beyond the SCC
- Need to take into account distributional impacts across sectors, households and countries
- Adaptation (high income, macroeconomic dynamics, double counting)



# ISIMIP links with other communities

## ESMs:

- List of required variables provided to CMIP6
- Special requirements e.g. from energy sector (wind speed at hub height) or FISH-MIP
- ISIMIP3 – test effect of higher resolution input data set
  - Sectors with little experience in dealing with climate data (e.g. health)
  - More critical than climate data is detailed representation of human management (e.g. fertilizer input, dams, ...)

## IAMs:

- ENGAGE
- Economic session at last ISIMIP workshop – to be continued at Impacts World 2017 (October 2017, Potsdam)
- Future coordinator of emulator work: Detlef van Vuuren

# What ISIMIP has to offer:

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## Impact Model: LPJmL

LPJmL

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### Basic information ^

Sector<sup>®</sup>: *Water (global)*

Region<sup>®</sup>: *global*

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Simulation Round<sup>®</sup>: *ISIMIP2a*

Reference Paper: Main Reference<sup>®</sup>: *Evaluation of ecosystem dynamics, plant geography and terrestrial carbon cycling in the LPJ dynamic global vegetation model.*

Reference Paper: Other References<sup>®</sup>:

- *Contribution of permafrost soils to the global carbon budget.*

### Resolution v

### Input Data v



## What ISIMIP has to offer:

- Consistent multi GCM, multi impact model data for historical and future periods from a number of sectors
- New website with impact model database
- Public data archive with input and output data:  
<https://esg.pik-potsdam.de/projects/isimip-ft/>
- Bias corrected climate input
- Support with data processing
- Development of impact emulators
- Access to a multisectoral impacts community

# Thank you!



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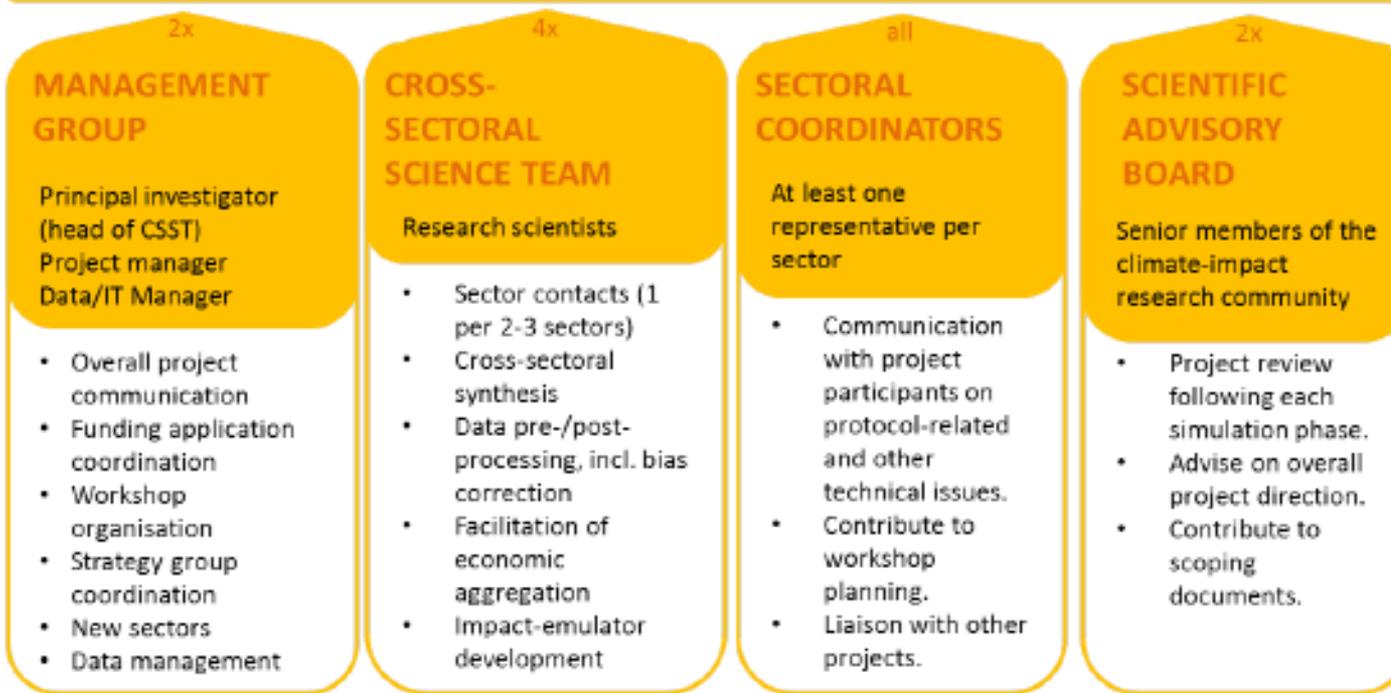
[www.isimip.org](http://www.isimip.org)



# Full organizational structure

- Decision on focus topic
- Scientific design of simulation tasks
- Development of the protocol
- Liaison with other MIPs
- Workshop program

## STRATEGY GROUP



## MODELLING TEAMS

- Provide climate-impact simulations in one or more sectors in accordance with the ISIMIP simulation protocol.
- Primary access to full cross-sectoral simulation
- repository for use in analyses for single-sector or cross-sectoral publications.
- Participation in ISIMIP workshops.

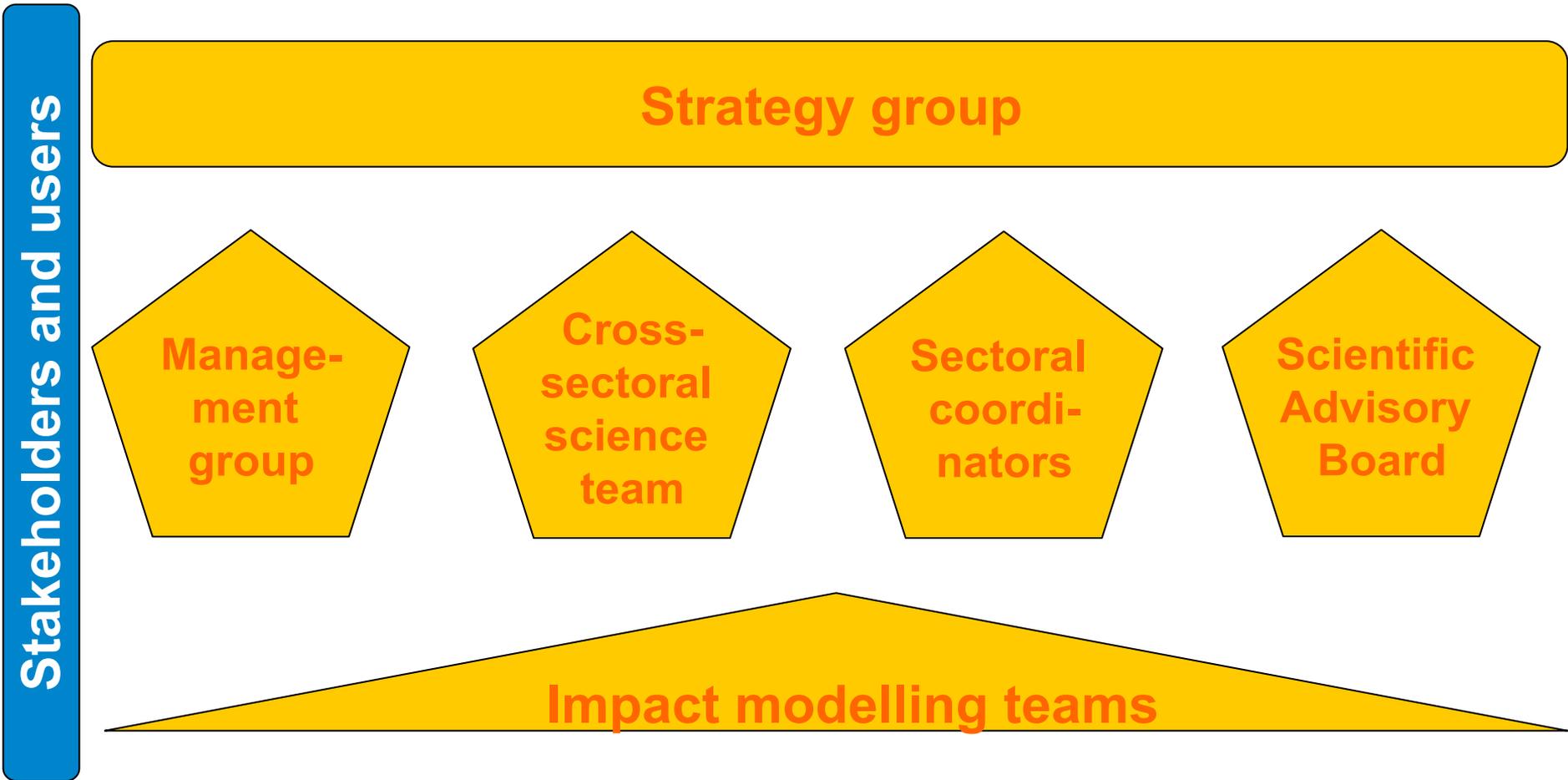
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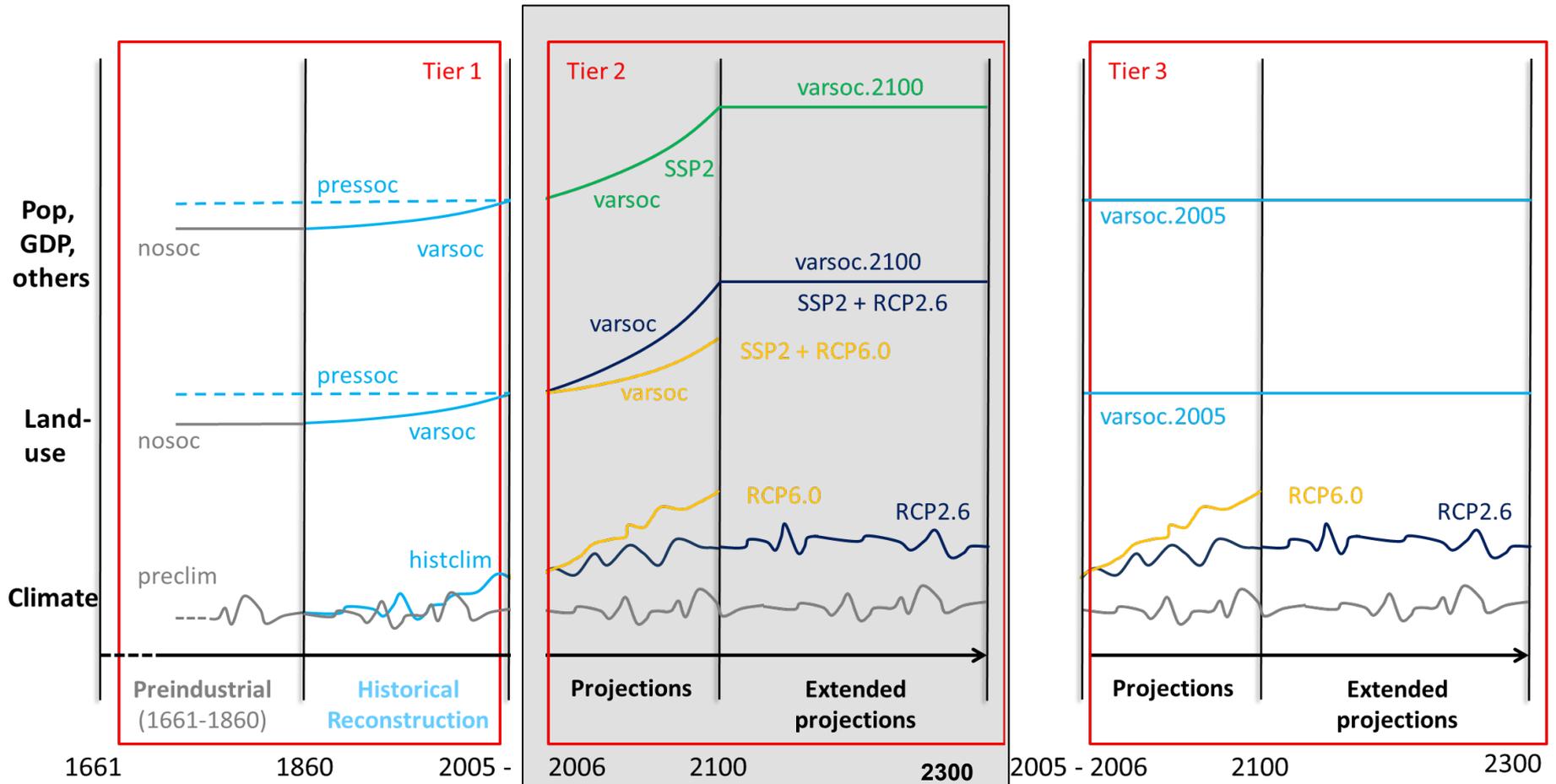
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# Organizational structure



# Setup of runs



# Sea level rise needs another approach

