



POTSDAM INSTITUTE FOR  
CLIMATE IMPACT RESEARCH

# Accounting for Climate Change Impacts in Integrated Assessment Modelling

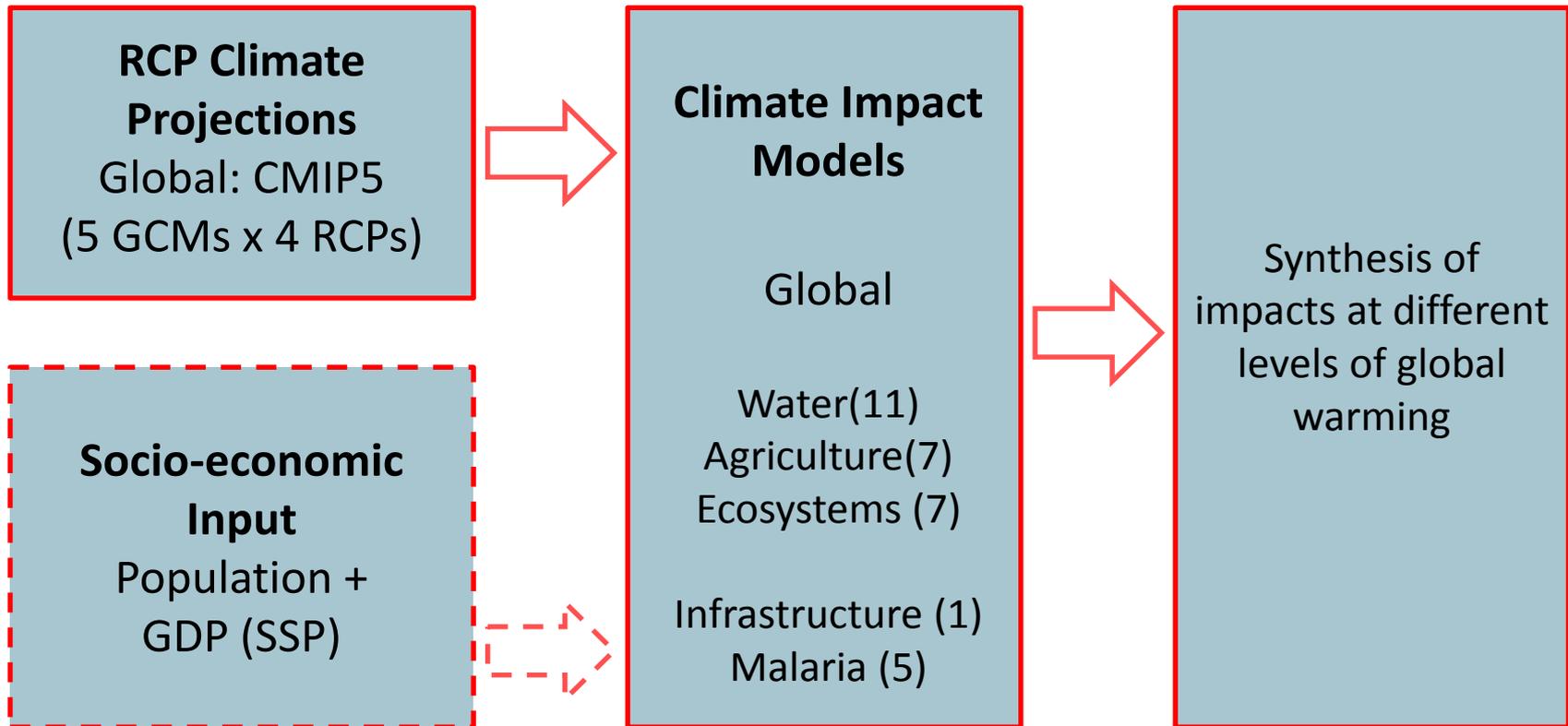
## How could the ISI-MIP data be used?

Katja Frieler

# What does ISI-MIP provide? – The raw material

# The Inter-Sectoral Impact Model Intercomparison Project

Access to Multi-Impacts Model Projections across different sectors

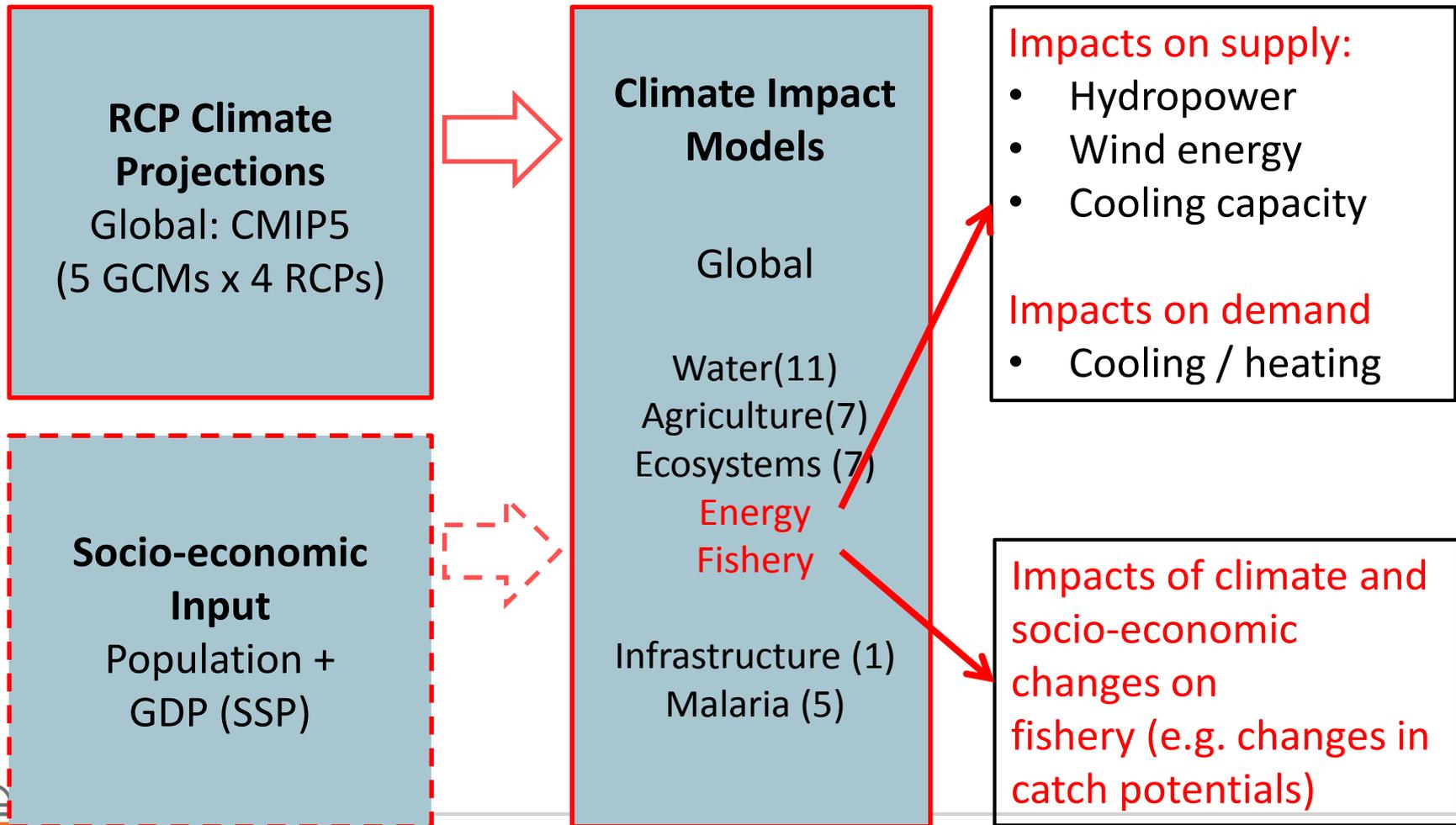


Simulations are available via the open ISI-MIP repository

[www.isi-mip.org](http://www.isi-mip.org)

# ISI-MIP2

## Inclusion of regional impact models and new sectors



# Available biophysical impact projections on a common 0.5 x 0.5 degree grid

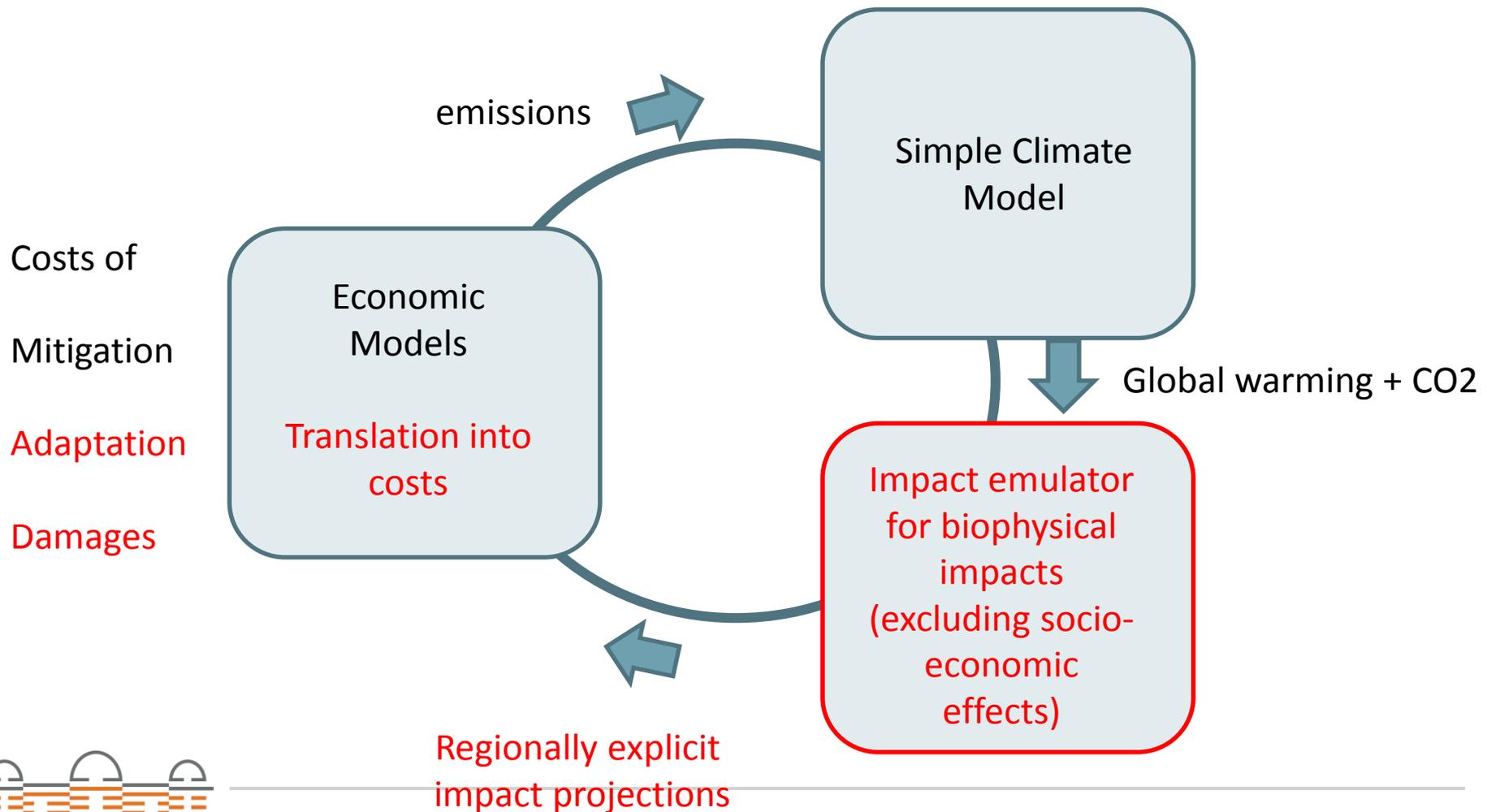
- **Water:** Runoff and discharge (daily data)
- **Agriculture:** Crop yields (pure crop runs for wheat, maize, soy and rice; fullirr, rainfed; annual data)
- **Biomes:** Changes in C and water fluxes and pools (pure natural vegetation runs; annual data)

# How can we make the data usable in Integrated Assessment Studies?

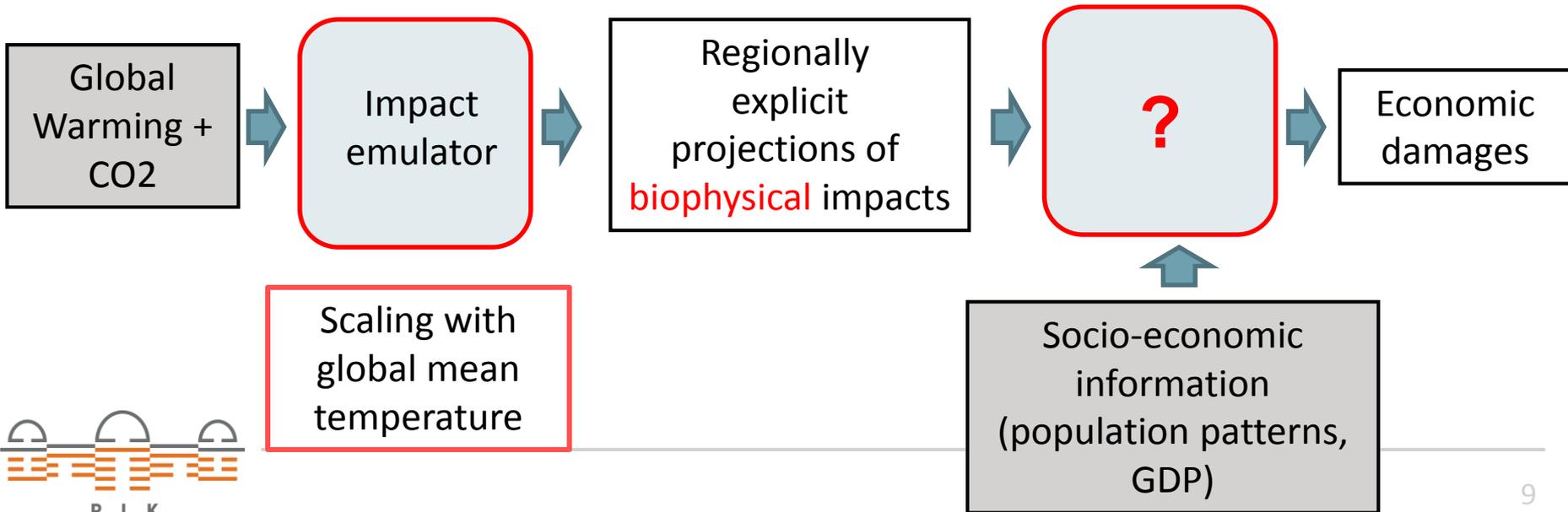
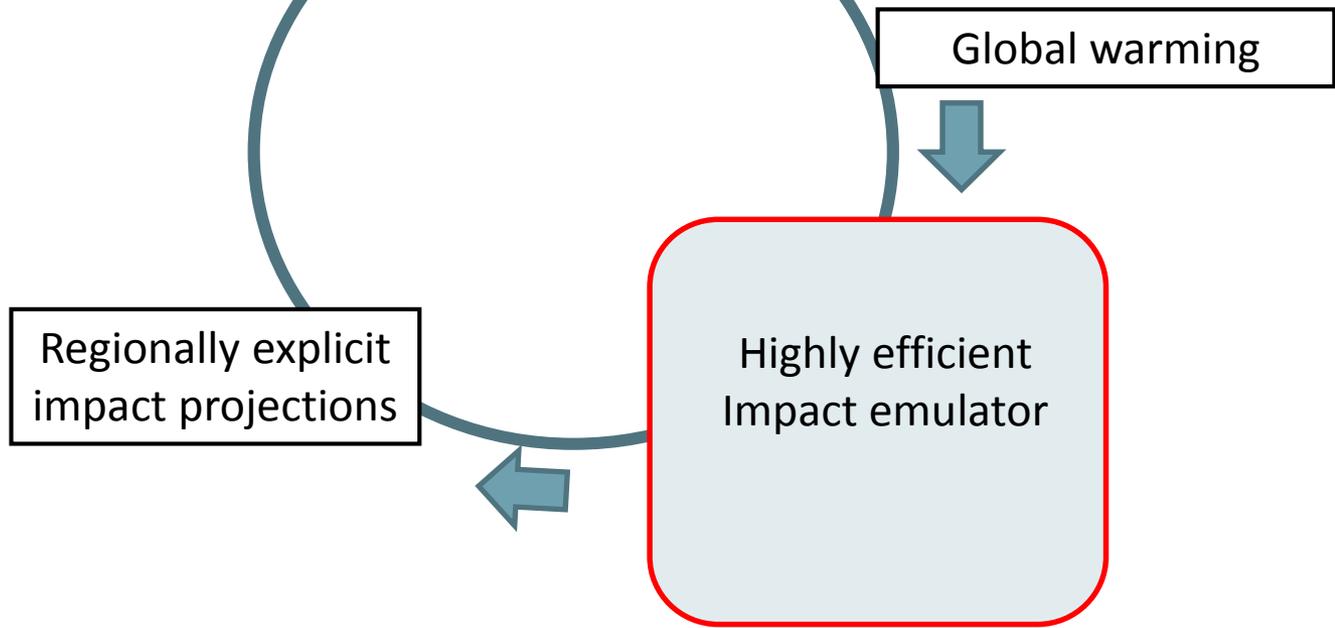
# General Problems:

1. Translation of impact to other emission scenarios
2. Estimation of associated costs

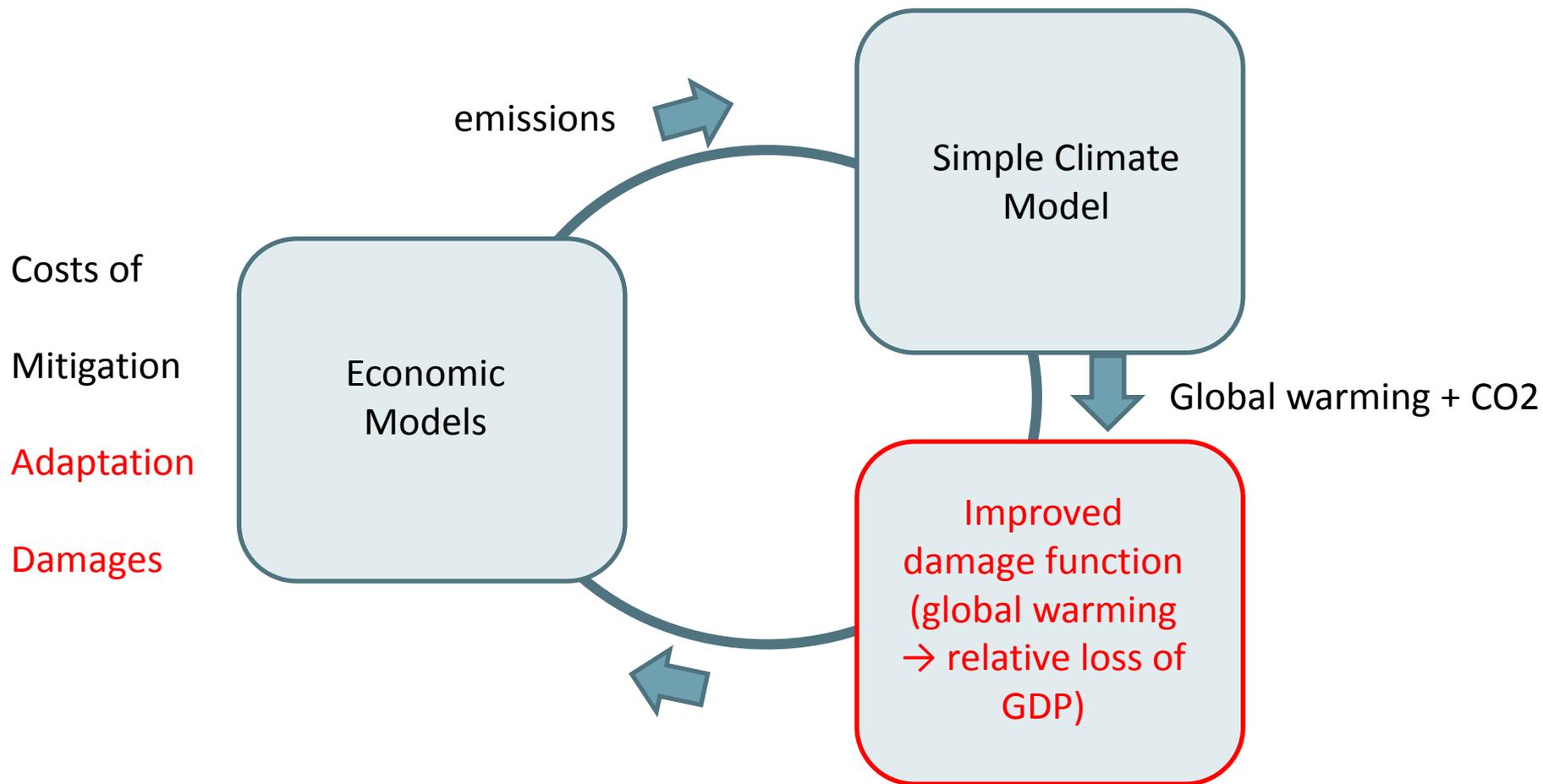
# Option 1: Scaling of the biophysical impacts of climate change with global mean temperature and later translation into costs



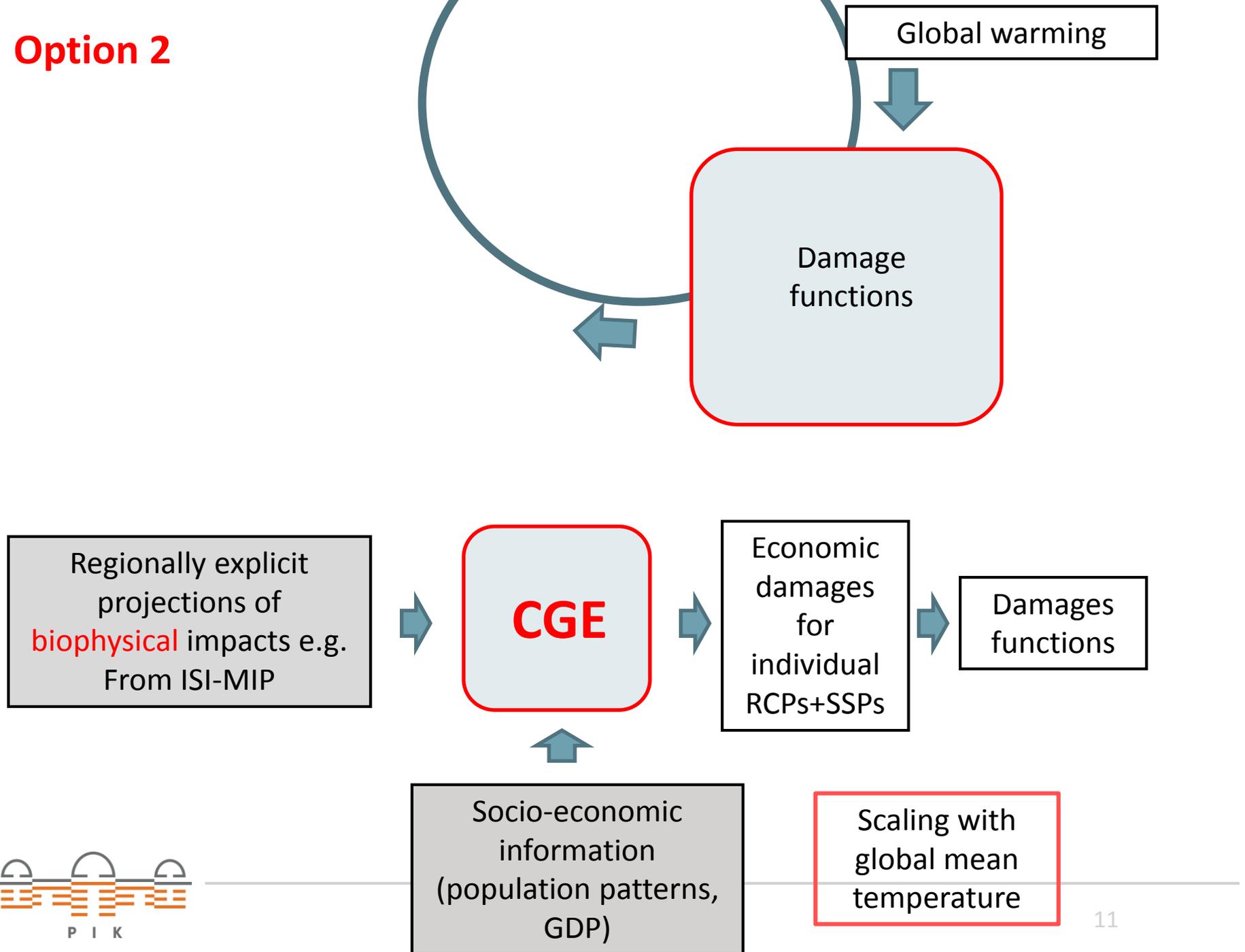
**Option 1:  
Scaling is  
restricted to  
the  
biophysical  
component  
of the  
impacts**



# Option 1: Scaling of the costs of climate change impacts (damage functions)



## Option 2



# Option 1



# There is some hope that the first step can be done...

Global Warming + CO2

Impact emulator

Regionally explicit projections of biophysical impacts

Economic Model

?

Economic damages

A set of multi-GCM-multi-Impact Model simulations for a limited number of scenarios

Socio-economic information (population patterns, GDP)

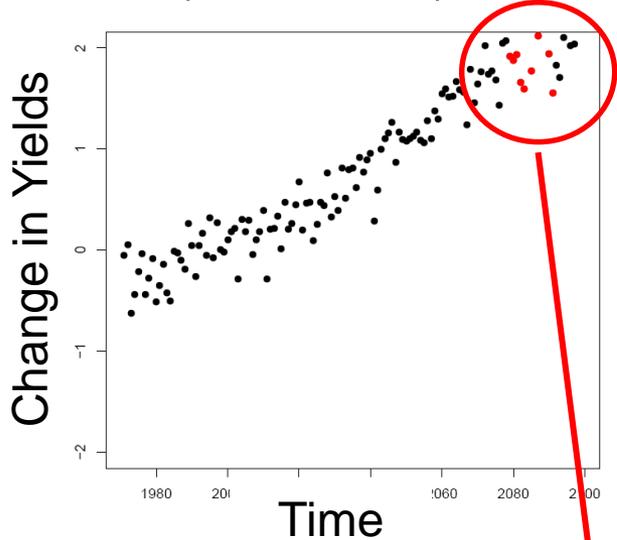


Purely biophysical information

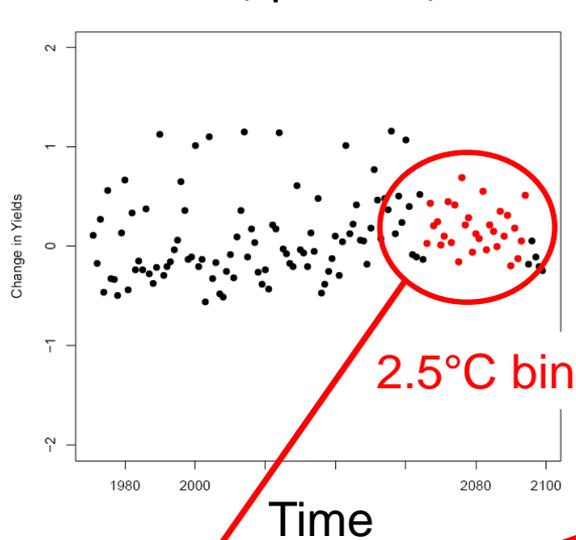
Addition of socio-economic information

# Yield changes in terms of global mean temperature change

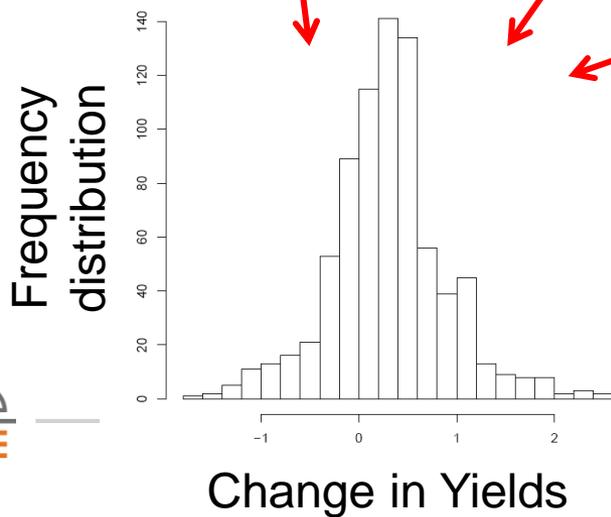
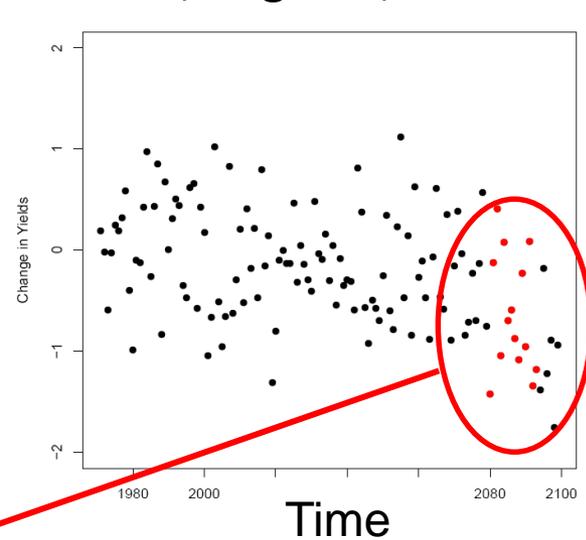
GFDL, LPJ-GUESS, RCP8.5



HadGEM, pDSSAT, RCP4.5



IPSL, Pegasus, RCP6.0

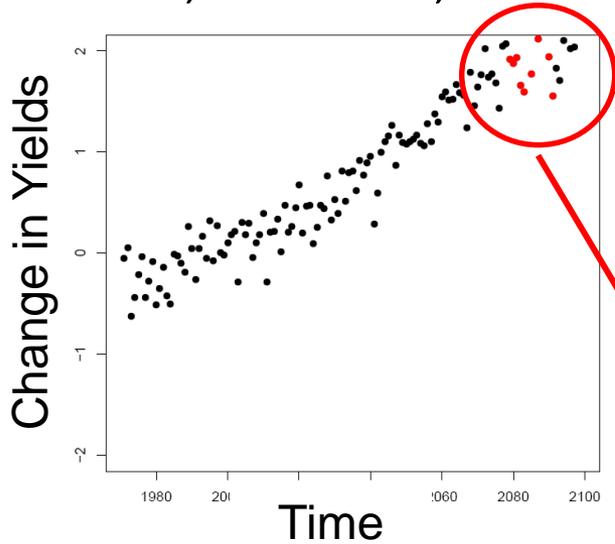


Which fraction of the variability can be explained by

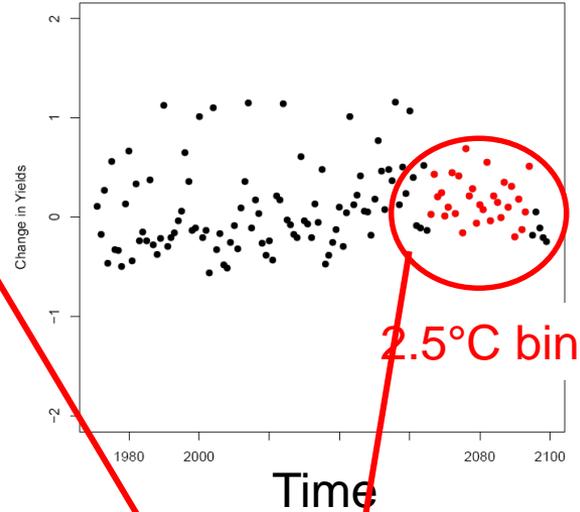
- 1) inter-climate-model spread
- 2) inter-impact-models spread and
- 3) scenario-dependence

# Inclusion of CO2 levels as an additional predictor

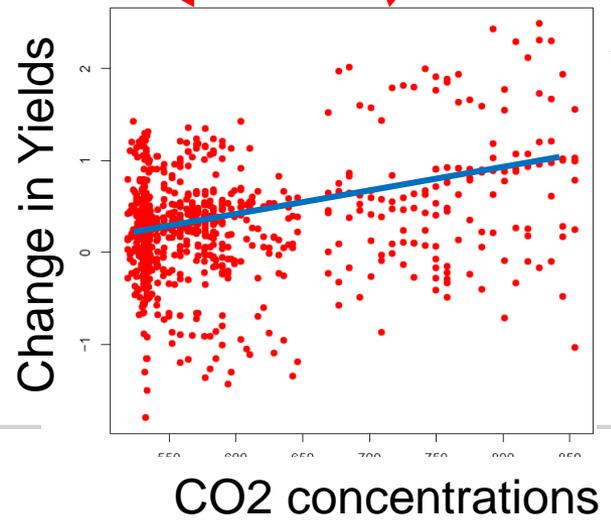
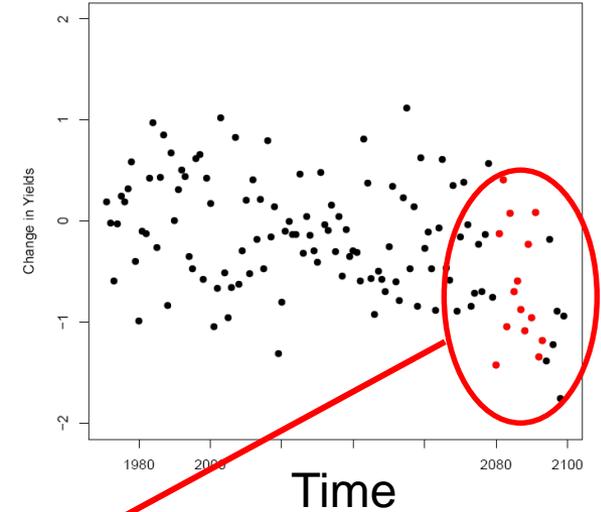
GFDL, LPJ-GUESS, RCP8.5



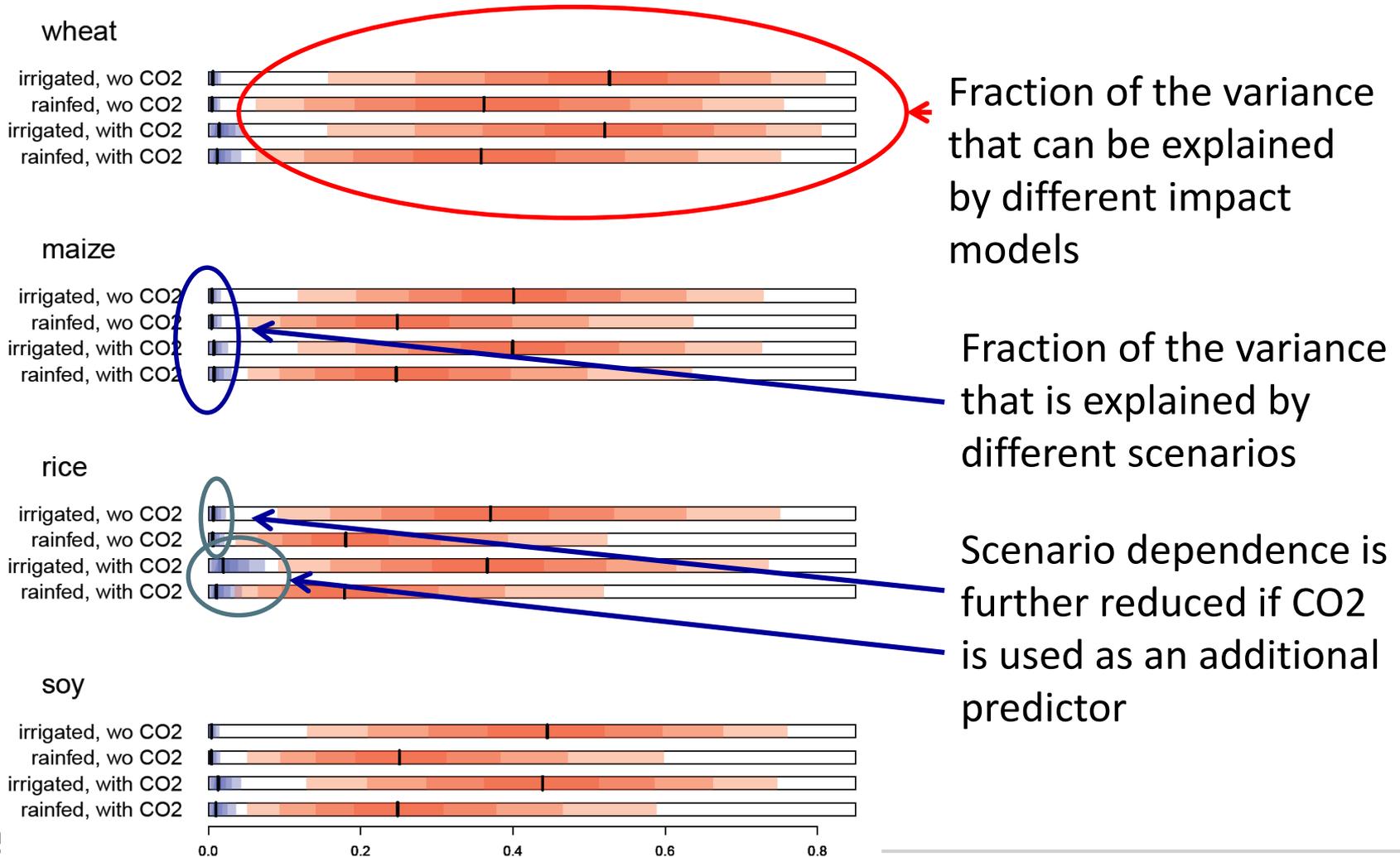
HadGEM, pDSSAT, RCP4.5



IPSL, Pegasus, RCP6.0



# Impact model dependence in comparison to scenario dependence



# Summary

Yield changes at given levels of global warming seem to be quasi independent of the emission scenarios.

That may justify the use of averaged (but impact model and GCM specific) yield patterns representative for a given warming level

# Translation into costs given socio-economic effects has to be handled within the economic component:

If we had a global yield pattern at  $X^{\circ}\text{C}$  of global warming it could be masked by any land use pattern to calculate production...

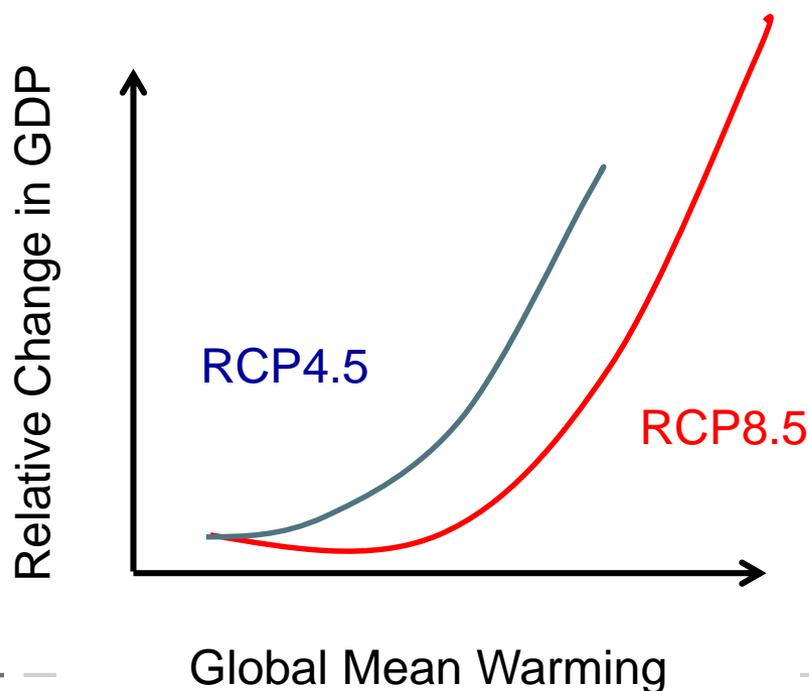
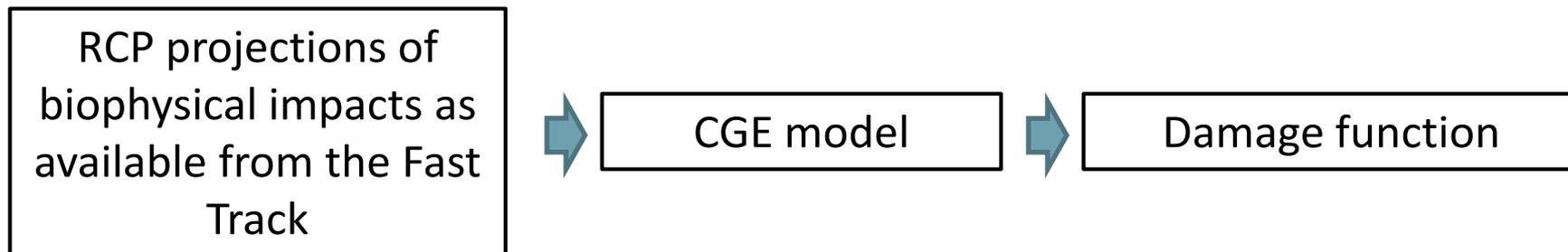
If we had a distribution of inundation areas at  $X^{\circ}\text{C}$  of global warming it could be multiplied by any map of assets at risk to calculate damages...

If we had pattern of runoff at  $X^{\circ}\text{C}$  of global warming it could be used to estimate irrigation potentials...

**If this cannot be handled within the  
economic model...**

**Option 2**

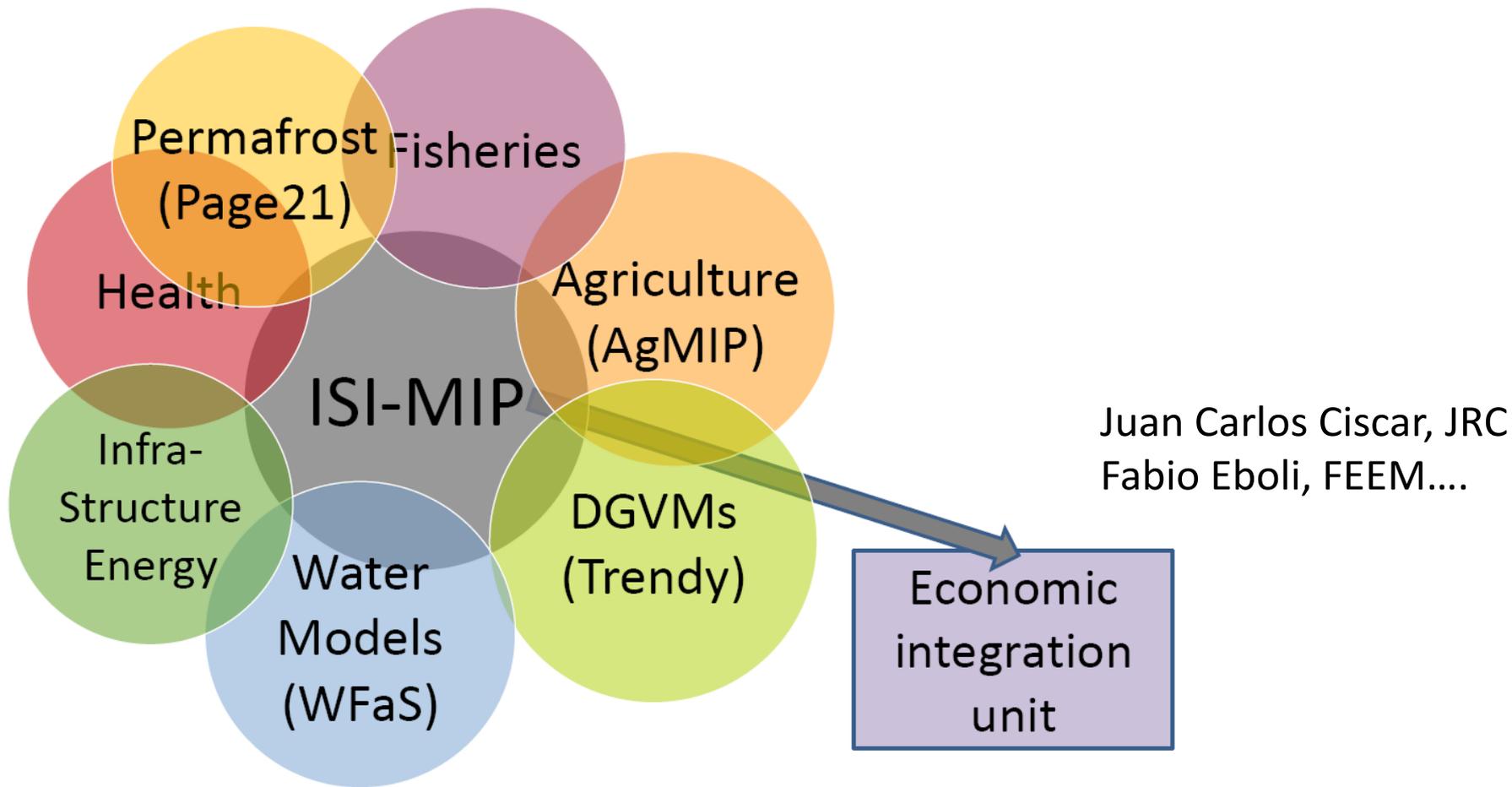
# Option 2: Improved Damage Functions



Potential problem: Damage function may be scenario dependent as e.g. the timing of the warming differs and therefore it hits a richer, poorer, smaller or larger populations

Do we have to include other socio-economic predictors

# Option 2: Steps planned within ISI-MIP

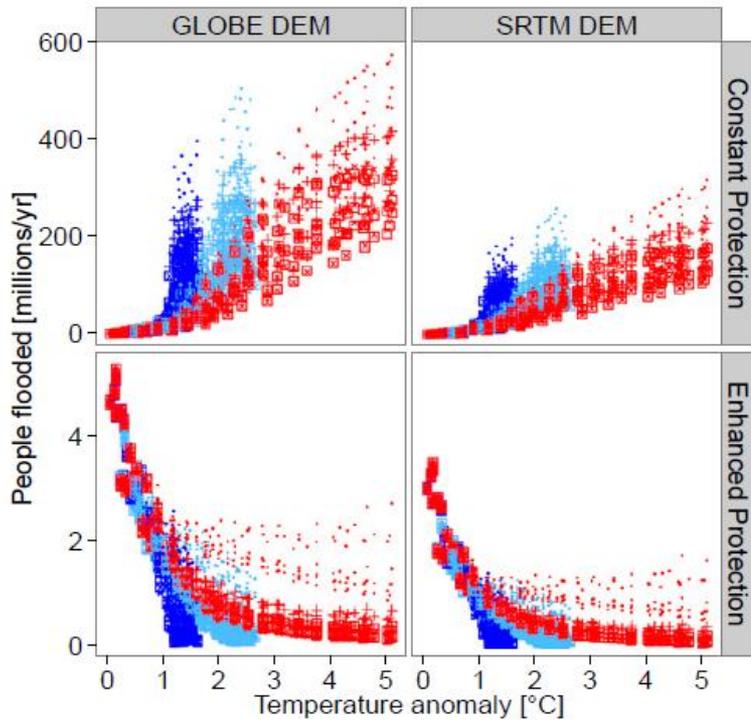


# Summary

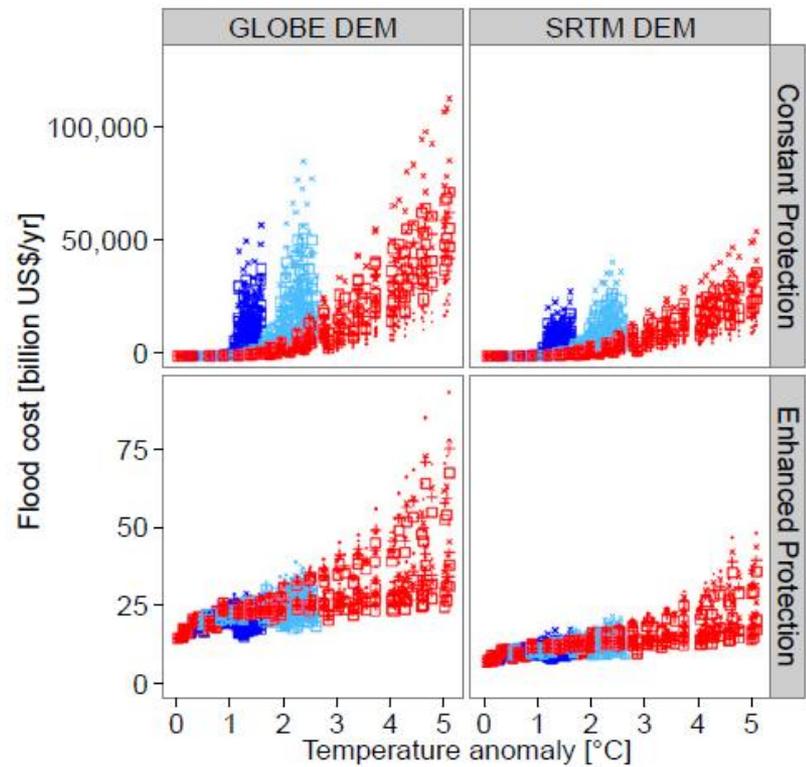
What is the appropriate way? Is there a third one?

What are the steps, that have to be done anyways?

- Translation of runoff in inundation areas (flood risk)



- RCP2.6
- RCP4.5
- RCP8.5
- SSP1
- + SSP2
- SSP3
- × SSP5



- RCP2.6
- RCP4.5
- RCP8.5
- SSP1
- + SSP2
- SSP3
- × SSP5



# Available biophysical impact projections on a common 0.5 x 0.5 degree grid

- **Water:** Runoff and discharge (daily data)
- **Agriculture:** Crop yields (pure crop runs for wheat, maize, soy and rice; fullirr, rainfed; annual data)
- **Biomes:** Changes in C and water fluxes and pools (pure natural vegetation runs; annual data)

+

- **Coastal infrastructure:** Number of people flooded, annual losses of GDP, protection costs
- **Malaria:** Length of transmission period, population at risk

# Data requirements

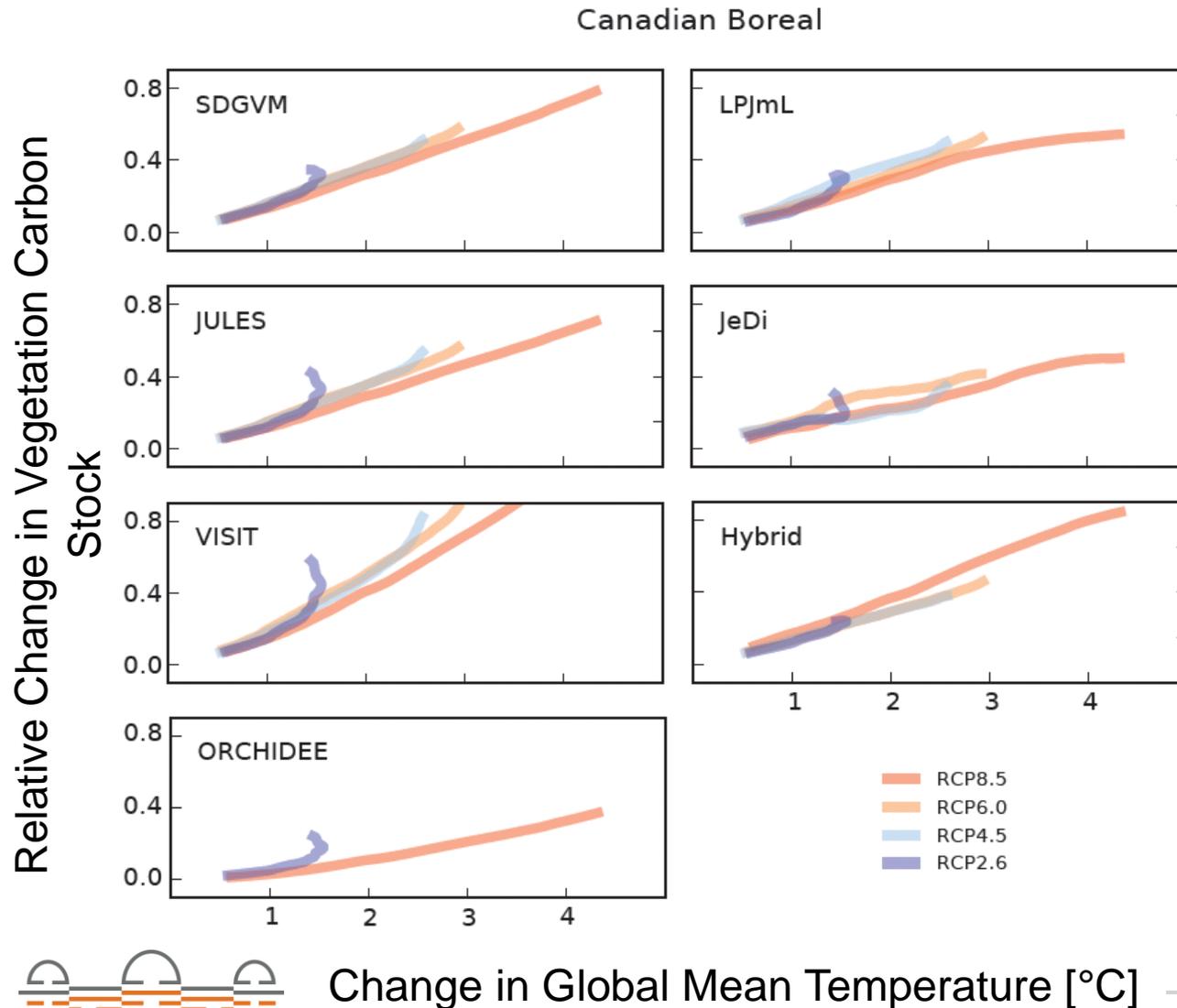
Input data provided within ISI-MIP		
Surface air temperatures Tavg, Tmin, Tmax	tas, tasmin, tasmx	daily
Precipitation (snow and rainfall separately)	pr (prsn)	daily
Surface radiation (short- and longwave downwelling)	rsds rlds	daily
Near-surface wind speed (east- and north-ward)	uas vas	daily
Surface air pressure	ps	daily
Near-surface relative humidity	rhs	daily

Daily variability has to be added to the changes in long term mean.

Challenges:

- Accounting for changes in variability under global warming
- Physical consistency across the different variables

# Multi-Model Simulations of Vegetation Carbon Change



Relationship between  
global mean  
temperature change  
**not necessarily linear**  
**but scenario**  
**dependent**

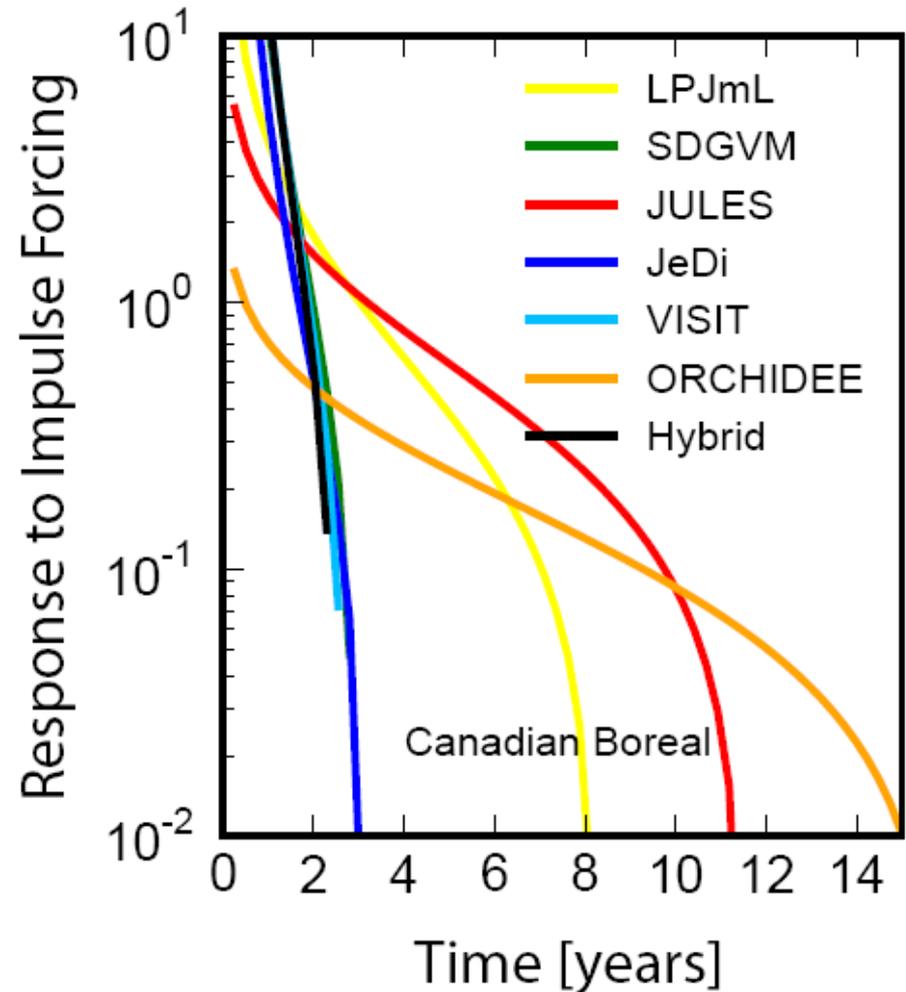


# Emulation Approach: Response Functions

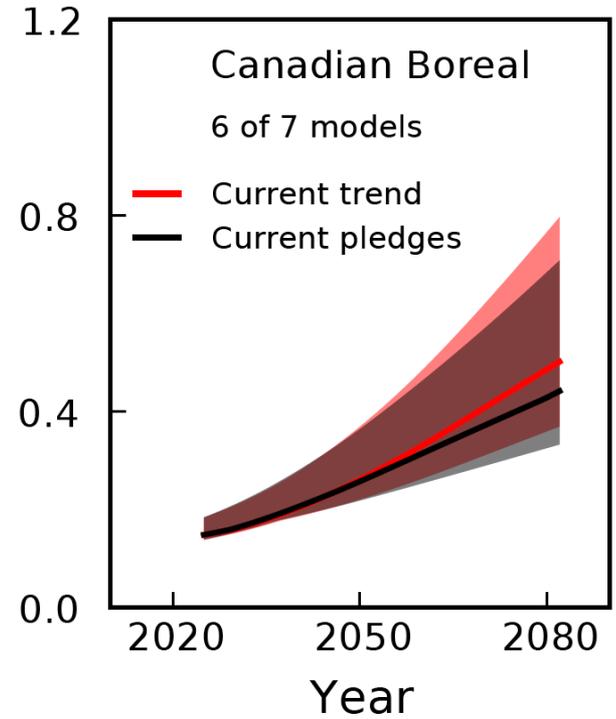
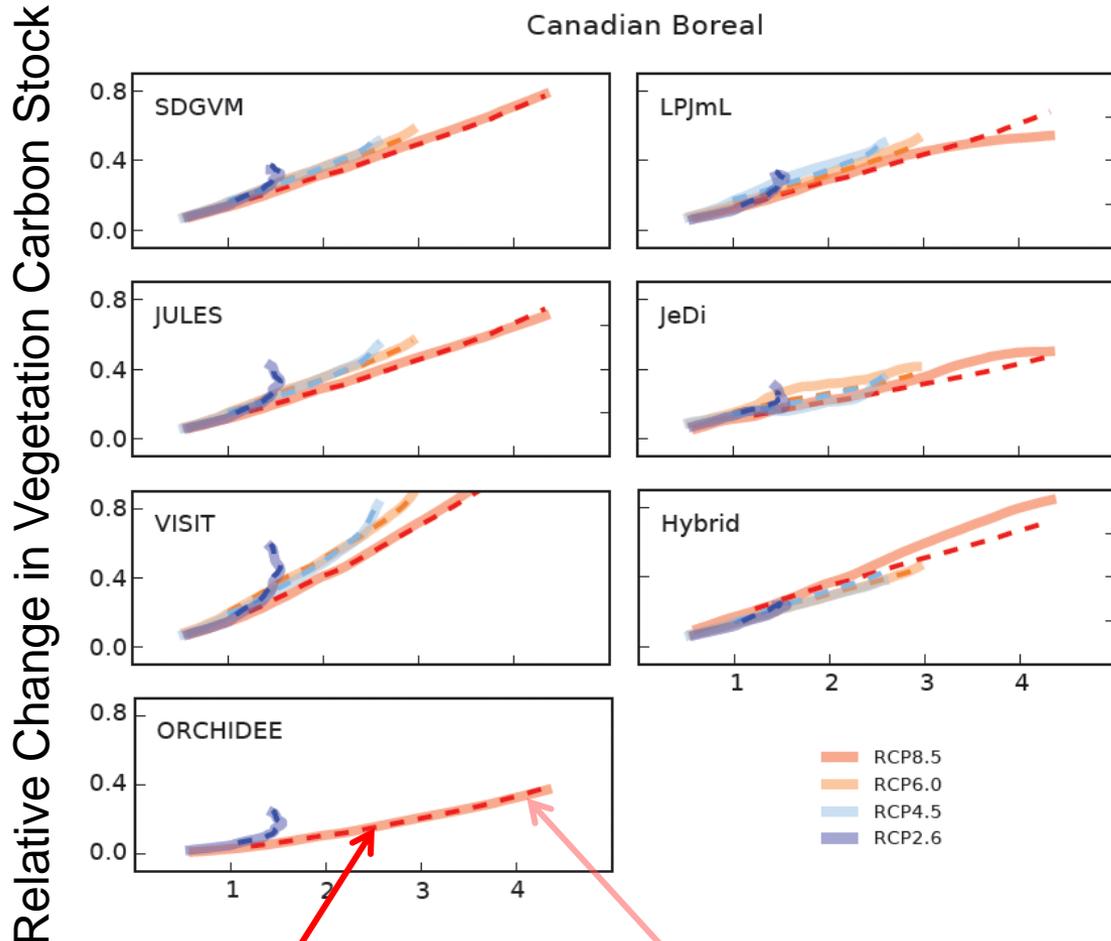
$$\frac{d\Delta\tilde{C}_{\text{veg}}}{dt}(t)$$

$$= \int_0^{\tau_{\text{max}}} R(\tau)\Delta T_{\text{global}}(t - \tau)d\tau$$

$$R(t) = At^{-g} - B$$



# Reproduction of Simulated Response and Projections



Emulation

Original  
simulations

