Managed water resource systems: the human dimension of the global water cycle

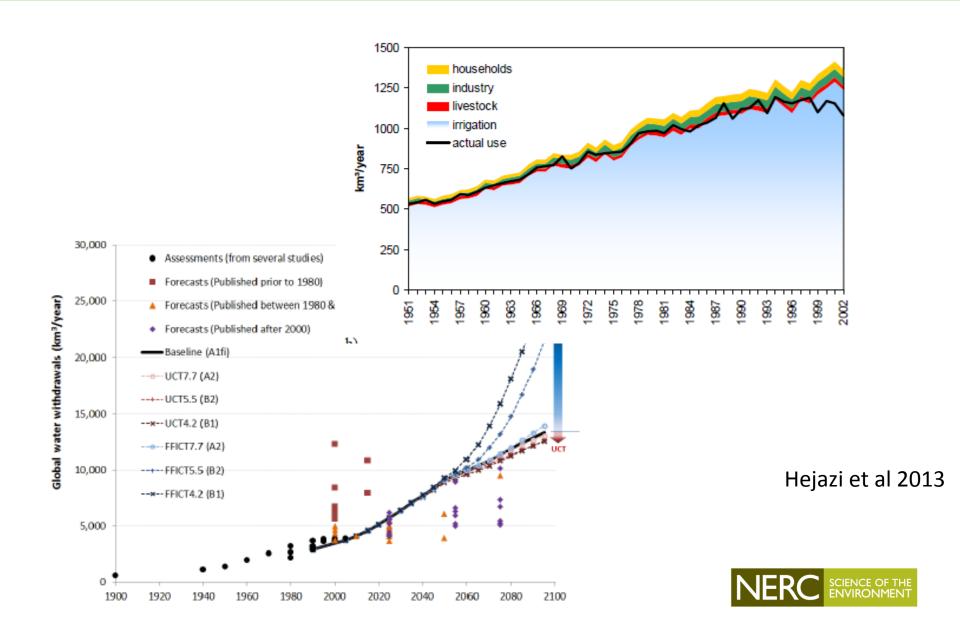
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Global Water Use



Global Water Resources

TOTAL ANNUAL LAND PRECIPITATION = $115 \times 10^3 \text{ KM}^3$ TOTAL ANNUAL RUNOFF = $49 \times 10^3 \text{ KM}^3$ TOTAL CAPACITY OF RESERVOIRS = $7.4 \times 10^3 \text{ KM}^3$ ANNUAL WATER USE FOR IRRIGATION = $\sim 1.5 \times 10^3 \text{ KM}^3$ UNSUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION = $0.23 \times 10^3 \text{ KM}^3 \text{ Y}^{-1}$

TOTAL GLOBAL LAND AREA = $149X10^3 \text{ KM}^2$ TOTAL IRRIGATED AREA (YEAR 2000) = $2.6 \times 10^3 \text{ KM}^2$

Global land

Precipitation

Mean: 872 mm yr⁻¹

Evaporation

Mean: 499 mm yr⁻¹ Range: 415-586 mm yr⁻¹

Runoff

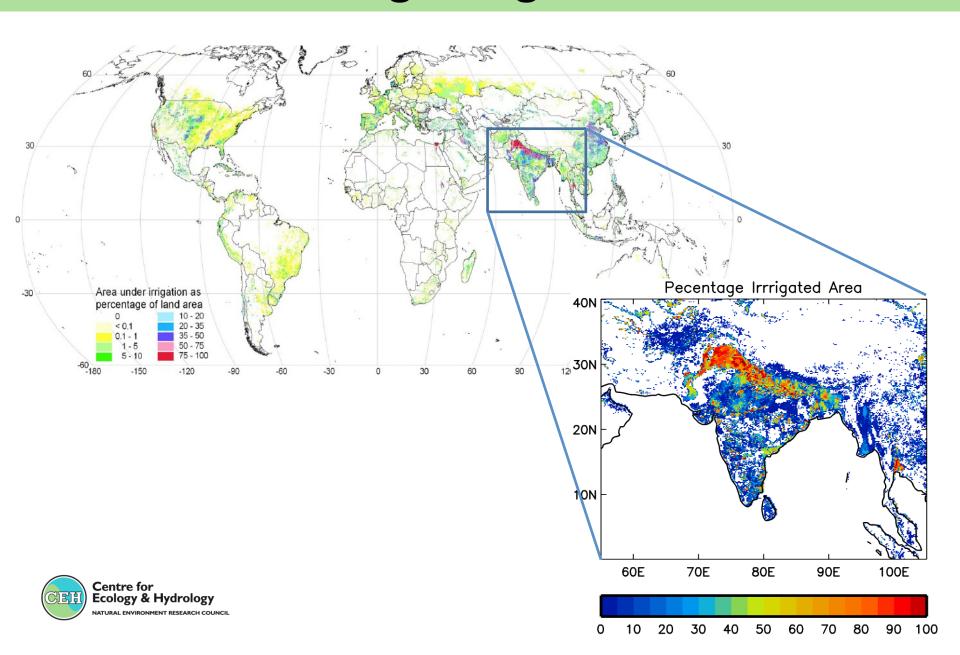
Mean: 375 mm yr⁻¹
Range: 290-457 mm yr⁻¹

 Δ Soil = 16 mm, Δ Snow=33mm





Percentage Irrigated area



India: Water: sources and use

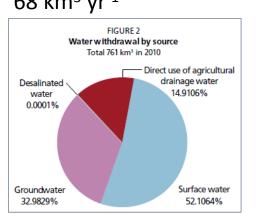
Renewable freshwater resources

Precipitation (long-term average 1 170 mm/yr)	3.8 x10 ³ km ³ yr ⁻¹
Internal renewable water resources (long-term average)	1.4 x10 ³ km ³ yr ⁻¹
Total actual renewable water resources	1.9 x10 ³ km ³ yr ⁻¹
Total dam capacity 2005	224 km³

Water withdrawal

Total water withdrawal 2010	761 km³ yr ⁻¹
- irrigation + livestock 2010	688 km³ yr ⁻¹
- municipalities 2010	56 km³ yr ⁻¹
-industry 2010	17 km³ yr ⁻¹
per inhabitant 2010	630 m3/yr
Surface water and groundwater withdraw as %	
of total actual renewable water resources 2010	40 %
Non-renewable extraction (Wada et al 2011)	68 km³ yr ⁻¹





Water Scarcity 20th and 21st C

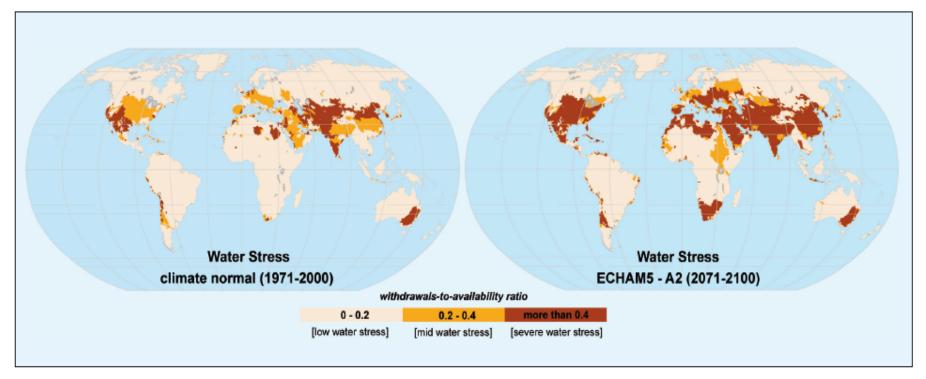
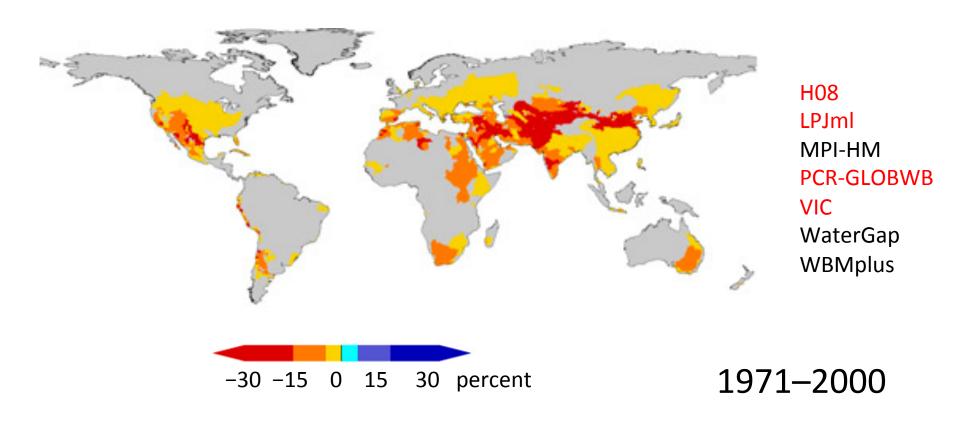


Figure 1: Water stress, calculated as the ratio between water withdrawals and availability, for the late 20th and 21st centuries (see Flörke and Eisner 2011).





Human Impact on river discharge

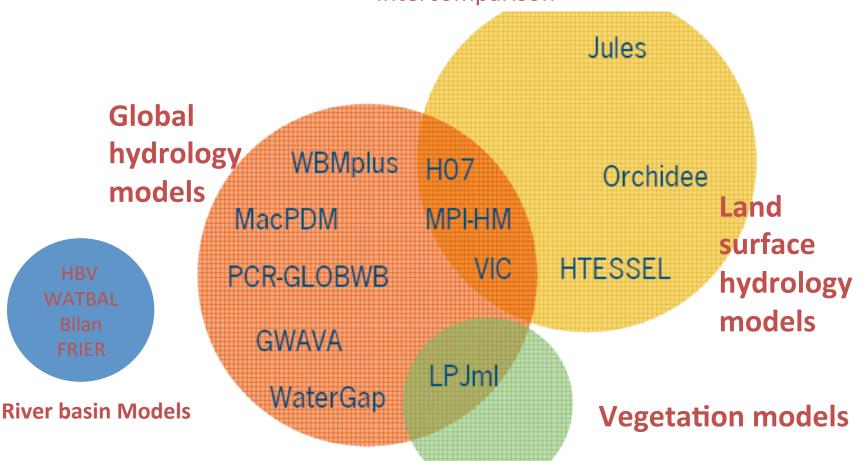


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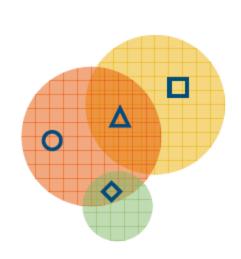


WaterMIP: Land Surface Hydrology Model/ Global Hydrology Model Intercomparison

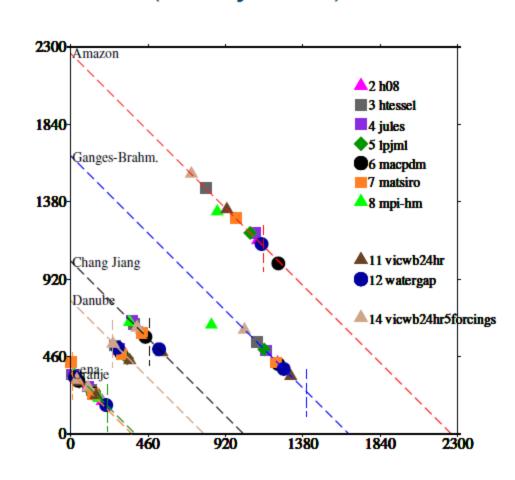




Mean annual water fluxes (mm year-1)







Estimating water resources

Scenarios and policy

Climate (rainfall – evaporation)



Catchment characteristics (geology, topography, land use, groundwater)

Demand (agriculture, domestic, industry)



Human interventions (dams, extractions, irrigation ...)

River flows, groundwater etc





Demand and allocation into Climate models?

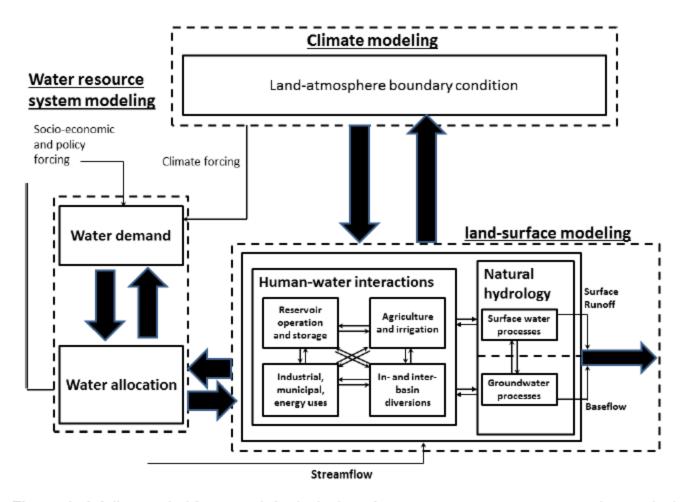
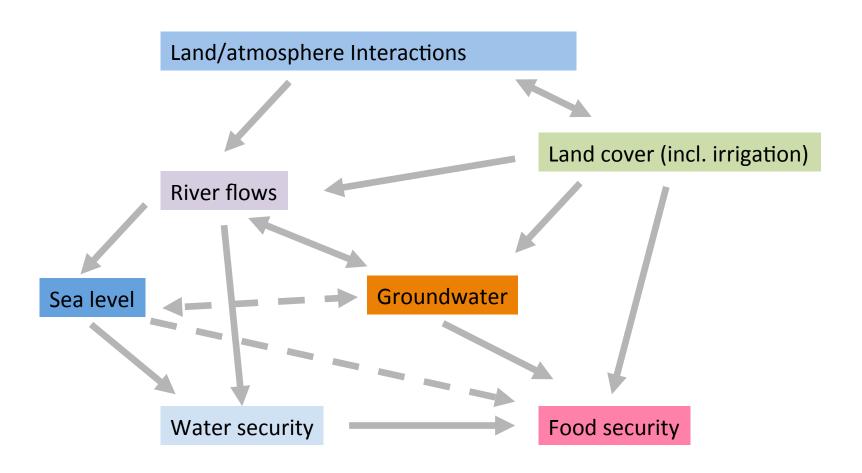


Figure 1. A fully coupled framework for inclusion of water resources management in a typical LSS grid.





Human impacts - interactions







Crosscut: Modelling Human Impacts on freshwater 1: topics

Quantifying the Human Impact on the World's freshwater

- Water supply uncertainties in P-E
- Demand linked to supply
- Management seasonality and extremes, ground water extraction, basin transfers
- Land cover? irrigation, rainfed agriculture and deforestation etc
 - Coupled models?
 - Scale regional vs global?
 - Data issues
 - Complexity
 - Role of calibration
 - Scenarios



Crosscut: Modelling Human Impacts on freshwater 2: activities

Progress so far:

Hague July 2014 – proposed

Informal committee: Richard Harding, Howard Wheater, Taikan Oki, Ruby Leung, Jan Polcher, Eric Wood, Ali Nazemi

Pasadena Dec 2014 – draft plan

- Ongoing review (web based? what are we doing?
 - where are the global data gaps?
- Modelling Workshops with GLASS
 - RHPs
 - link to local operational models
- Inter-comparison? land MiP
- Sessions at International meeting

