

The representation of water systems in GCAM: A perspective of the human dimension in CESM

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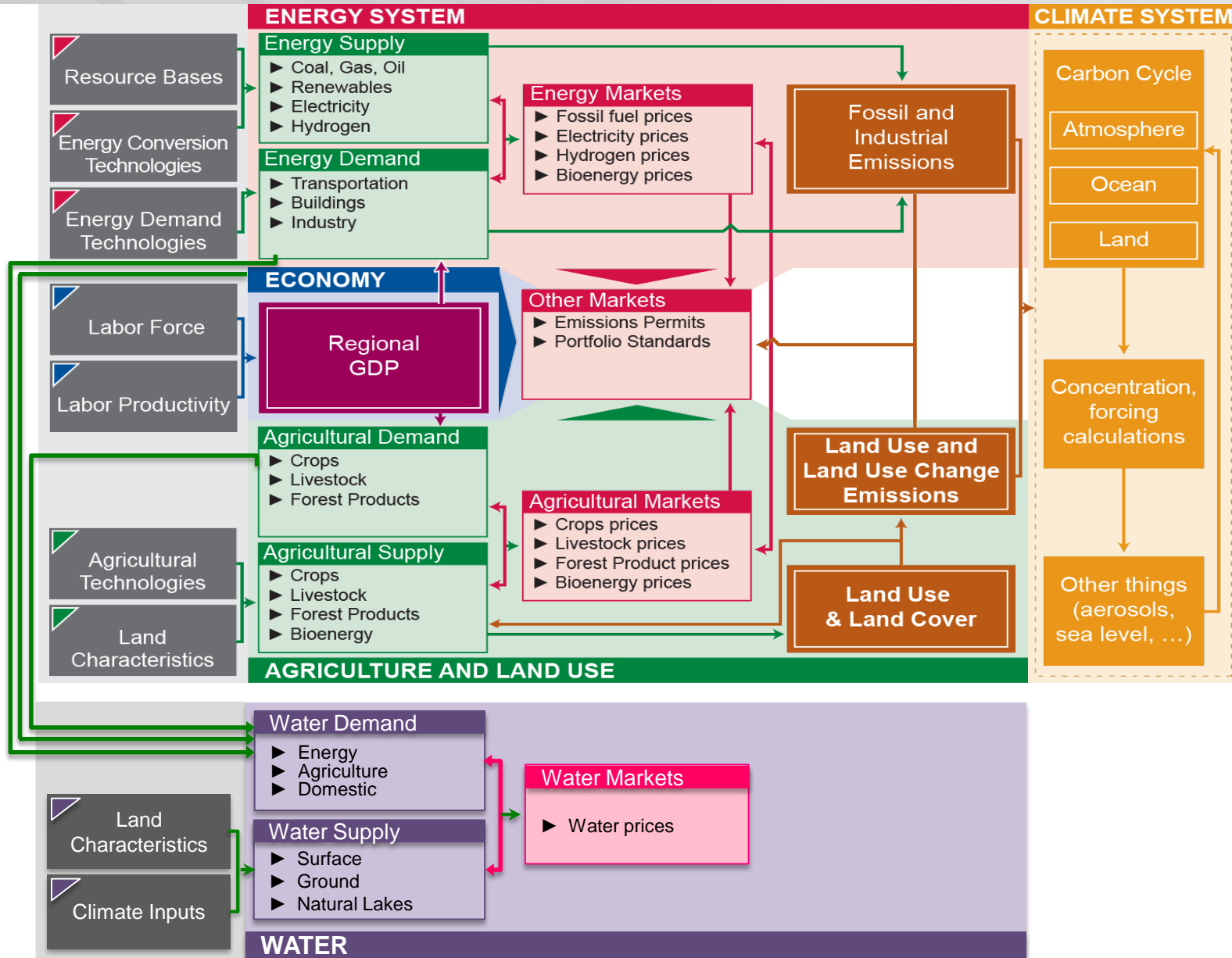
▶ GCAM

- The representation of the water system in GCAM
- GCAM experiments pertaining to water

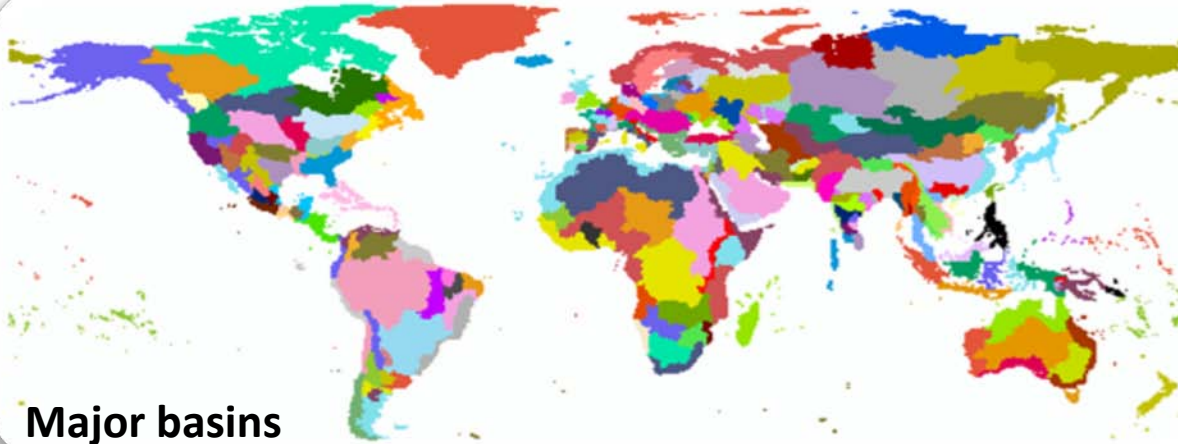
▶ Coupling GCAM to CESM (CLM-MOSART-WM)

- Level of handshaking
- The US Midwest Experiment
- Future directions

Water in GCAM

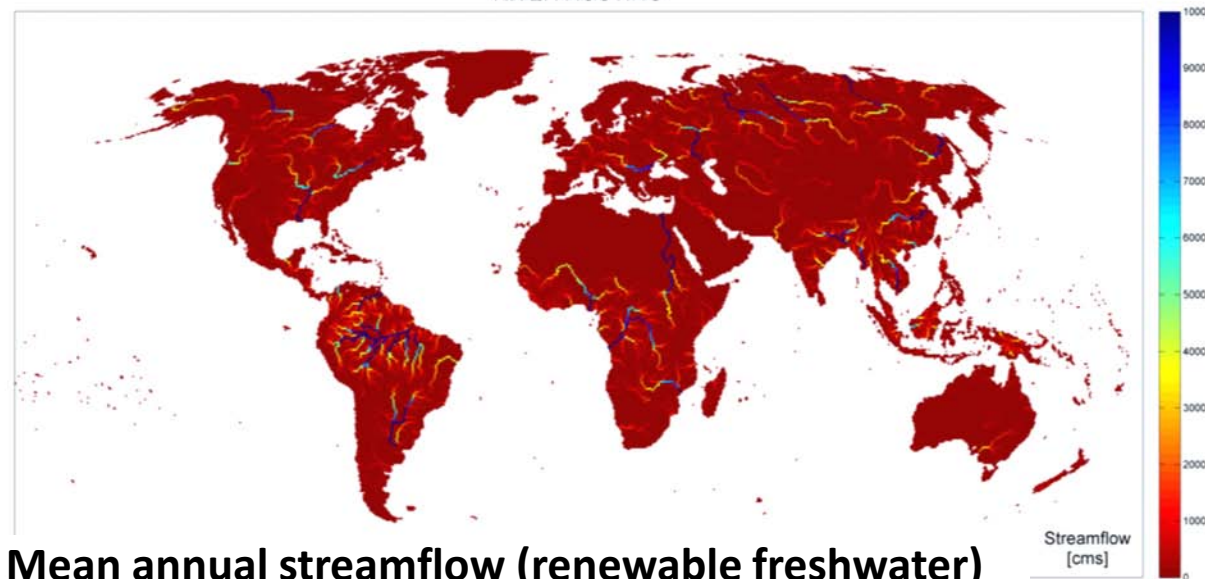


Water Supply – A Global Hydrologic Model



Major basins

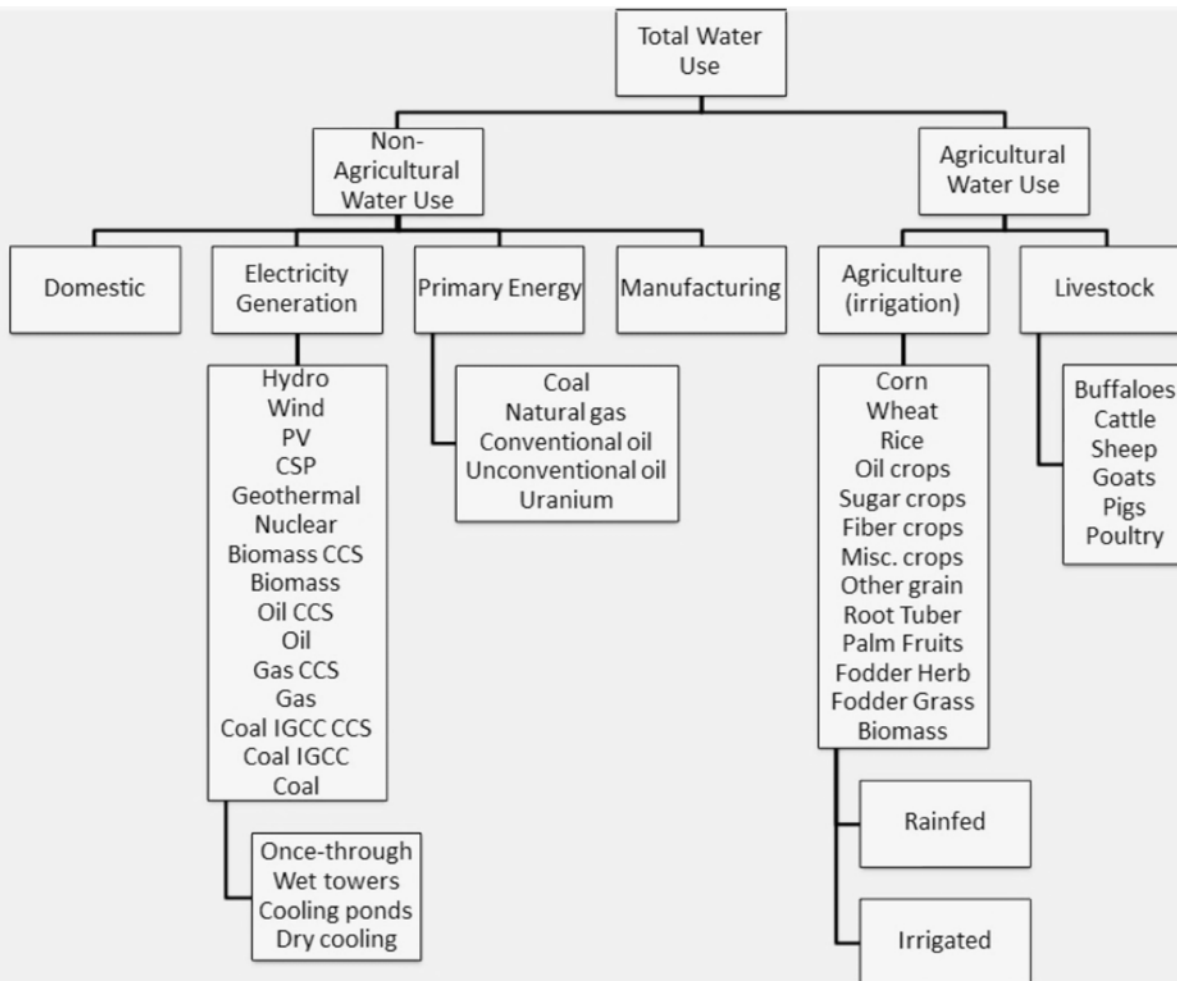
RIVER ROUTING



Mean annual streamflow (renewable freshwater)

- GCAM has a macroscale global hydrologic model
- Simulates runoff and streamflow (1901-2100)
- Requires climate information from GCMs as inputs
- 233 basins globally
- 18 basins in the US consistent with the USGS WRRs
- Monthly temporal scale
- 0.5x0.5 degree spatial resolution

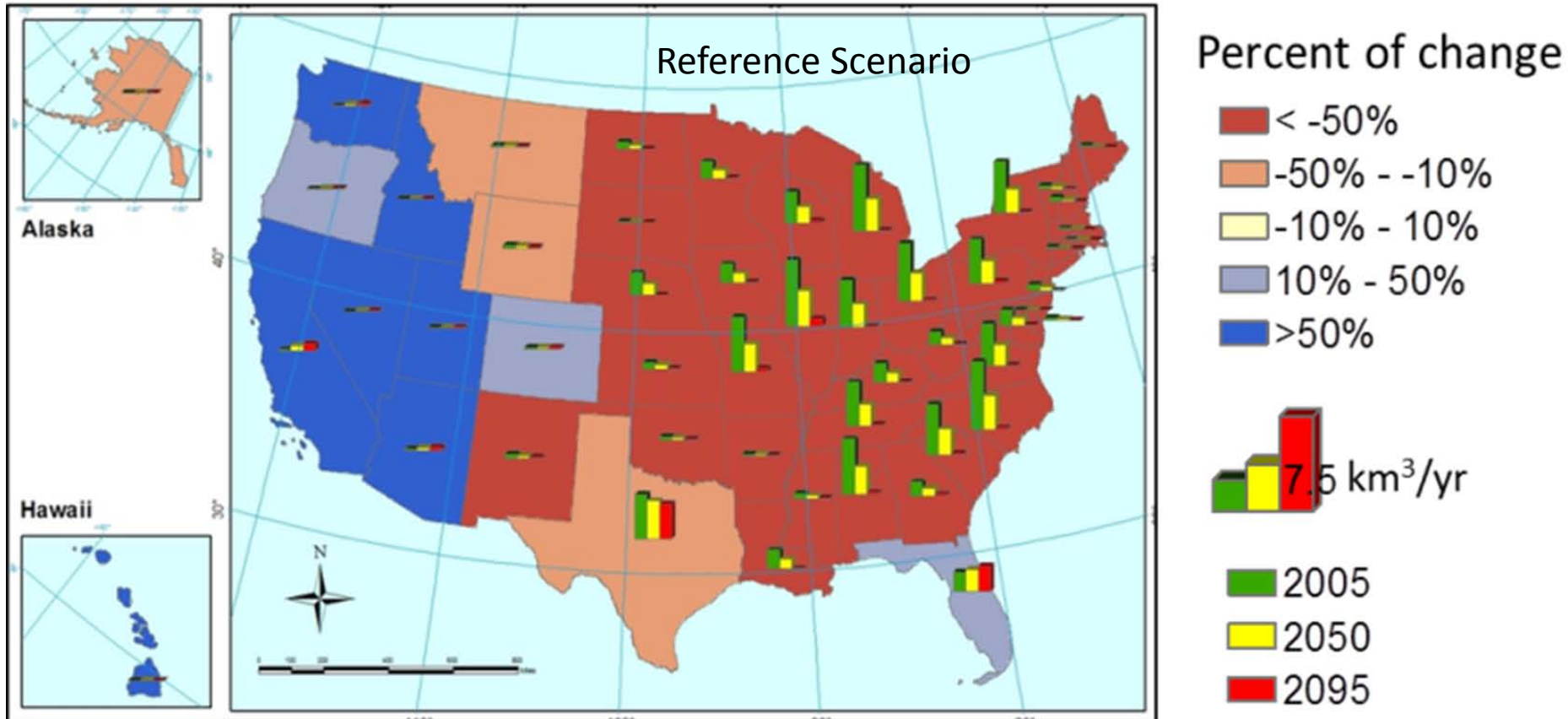
Water Demands in GCAM



- ❑ Technologically detailed representation of water demand sectors
- ❑ Tracks water demands for several sectors, subsectors, and technologies
- ❑ Tracks water demands at various spatial scales (regions, state, agro-ecological zones)
- ❑ Tracks both annual withdrawal and consumptive water use
- ❑ Endogenously incorporated in GCAM

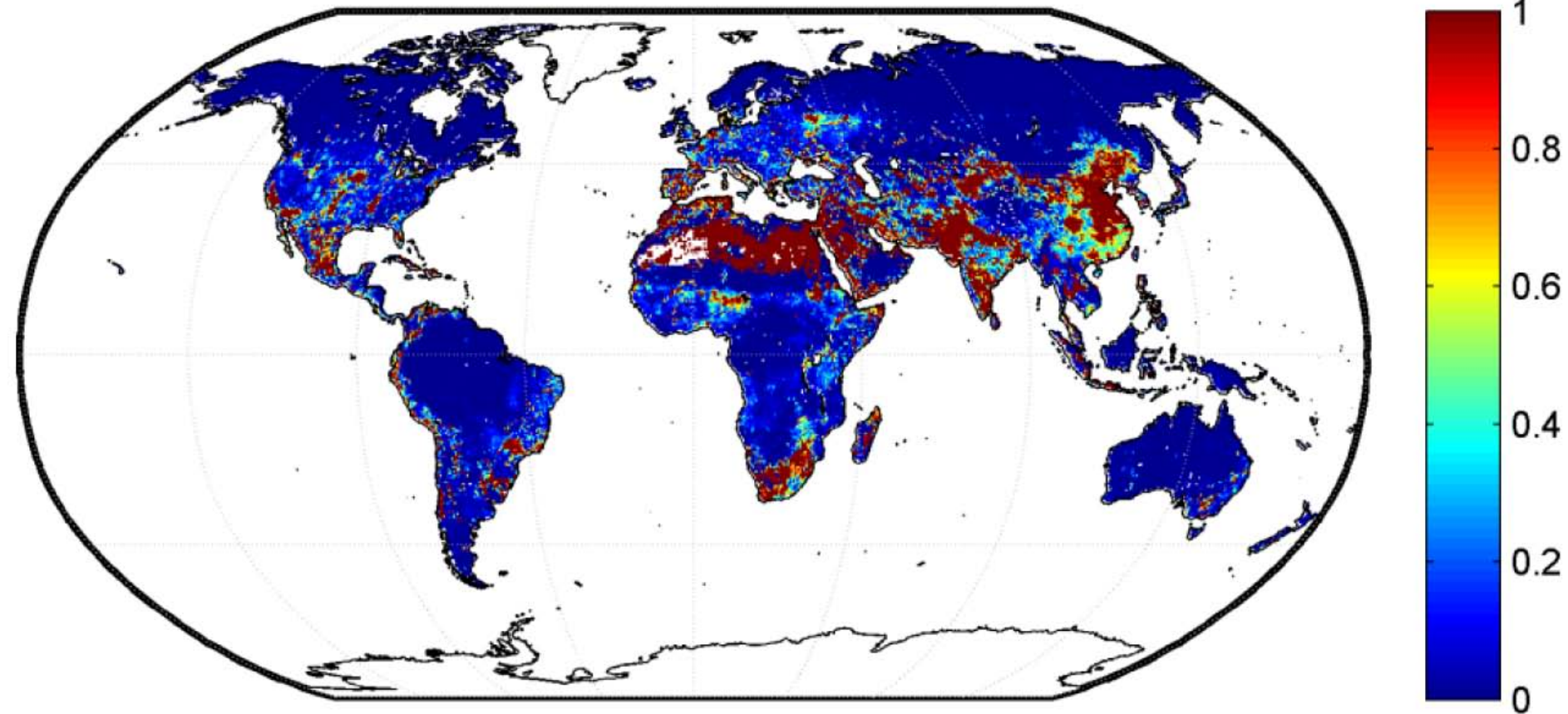
U.S. Electricity Water Use—By State

- ▶ Electricity water withdrawals will increase in the west and decrease in the east (factors: population movement, GDP, cooling techs, fuel mix, etc.)
- ▶ There is a trade-off between consumption and withdrawals (not shown)



Superimposing water demand and supply at finer spatial scale – Water scarcity in 2100

- ▶ GCAM water demand results are downscaled to grid scale using a suite of downscaling algorithms and proxy information



Climate mitigation policies will change the geography of the water scarcity map

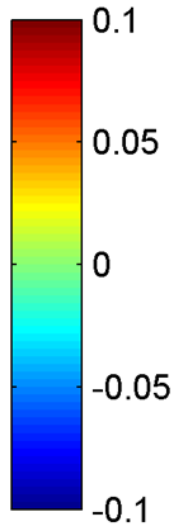
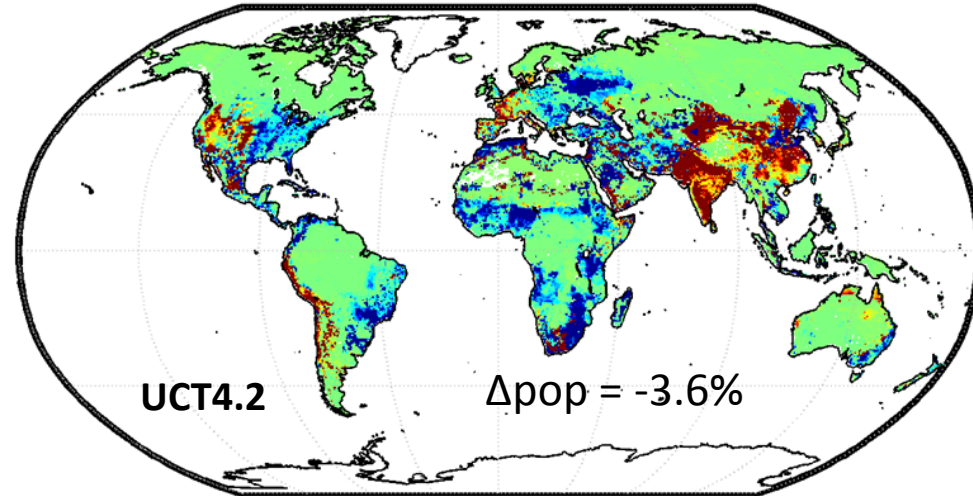


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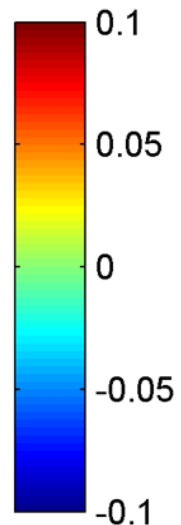
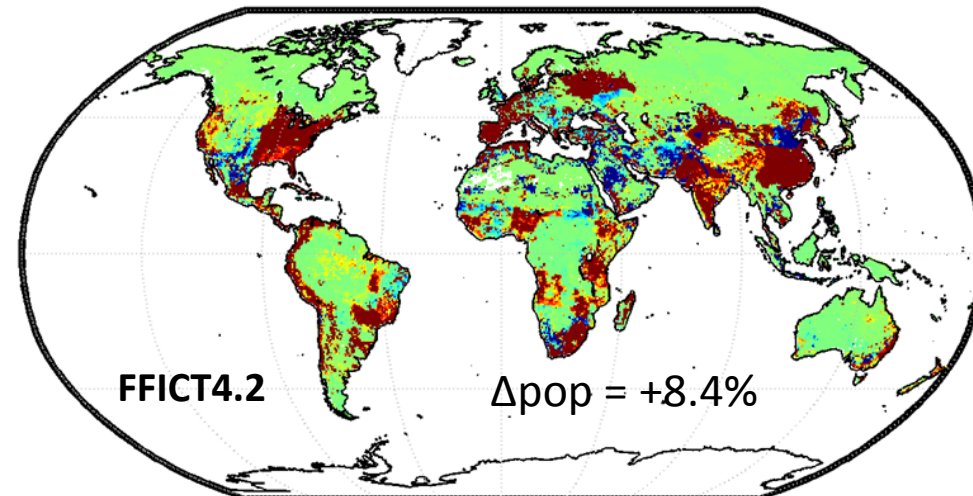
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- ▶ Climate mitigation will affect water scarcity
- ▶ The type of climate policy and stringency of target matter
- ▶ Climate mitigation will generally alleviate water scarcity. But, policies favoring bio-energy will exacerbate water scarcity
- ▶ Location matters – there are winners and losers

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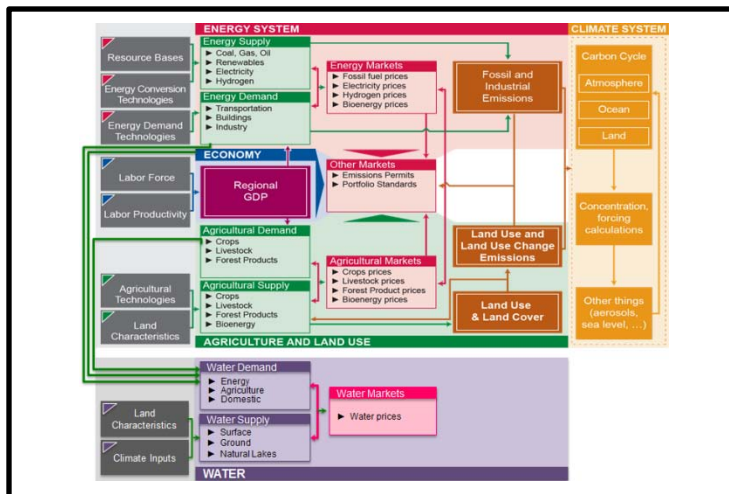


GCAM-CESM coupling (a water focus)

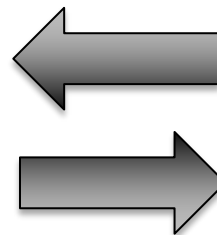
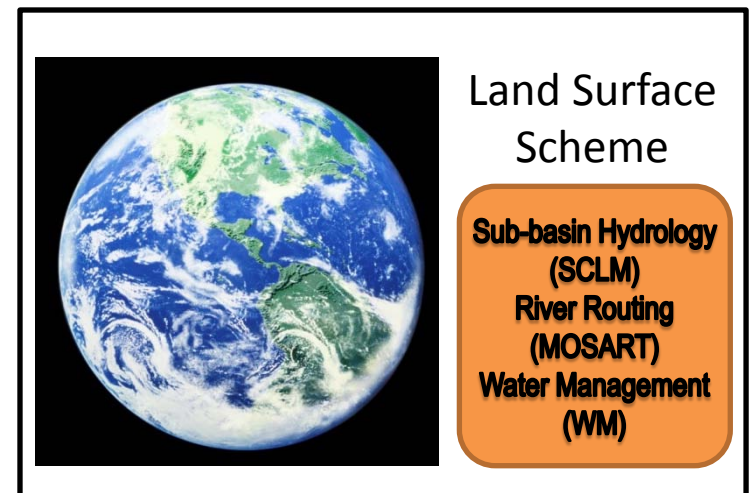
► Objectives:

- The linkage of the Global Change Assessment Model (GCAM) and the land surface component of Community Earth System Model (CESM) – including the Community Land Model (CLM), the Model for Scale Adaptive River Transport (MOSART), and the Water Management (WM) components
- The propagation of human decisions pertaining to water demand per sector and technology from the GCAM decision framework to CESM at the appropriate temporal and spatial scales

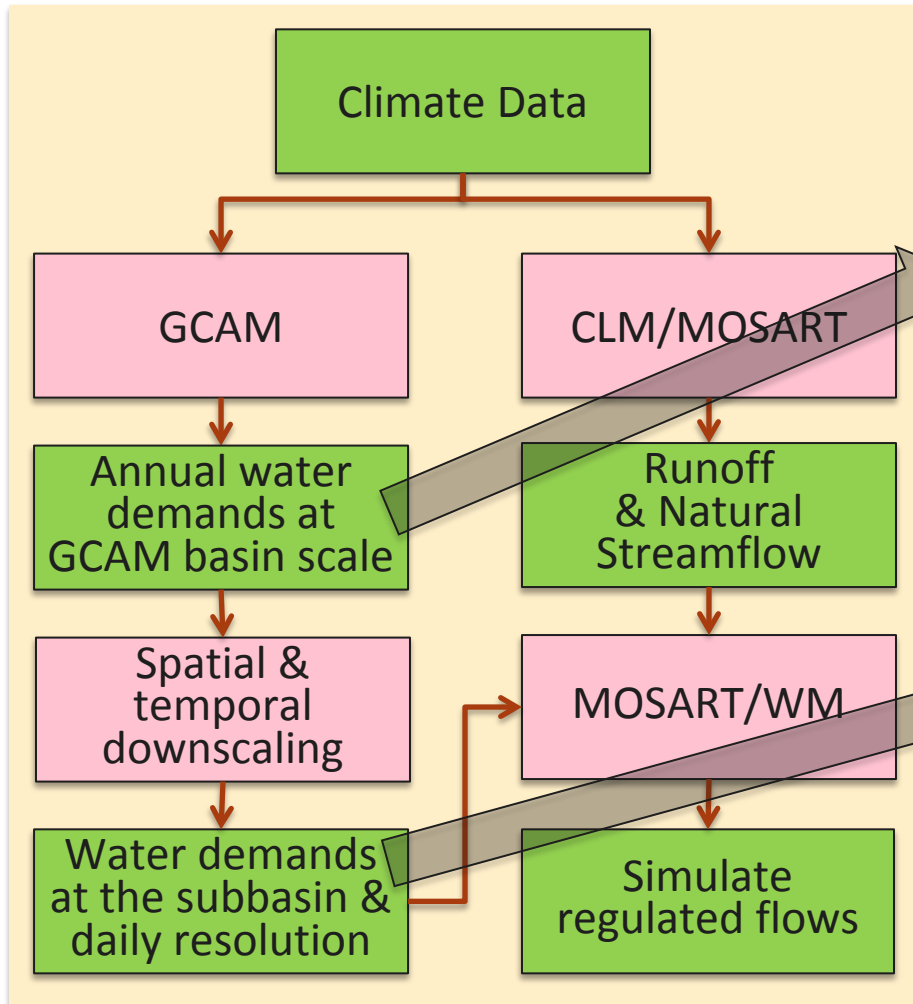
Global Change Assessment Model



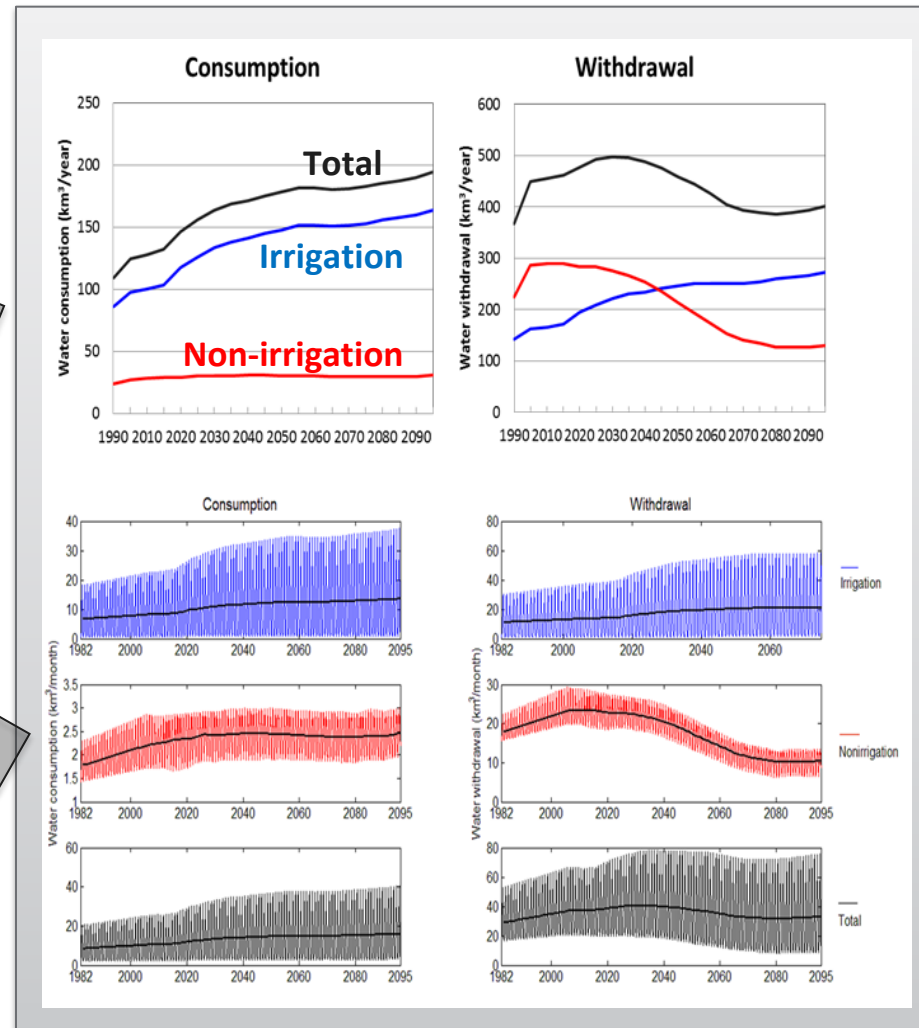
Community Earth System Model



Flow Diagram and Results (US Midwest)

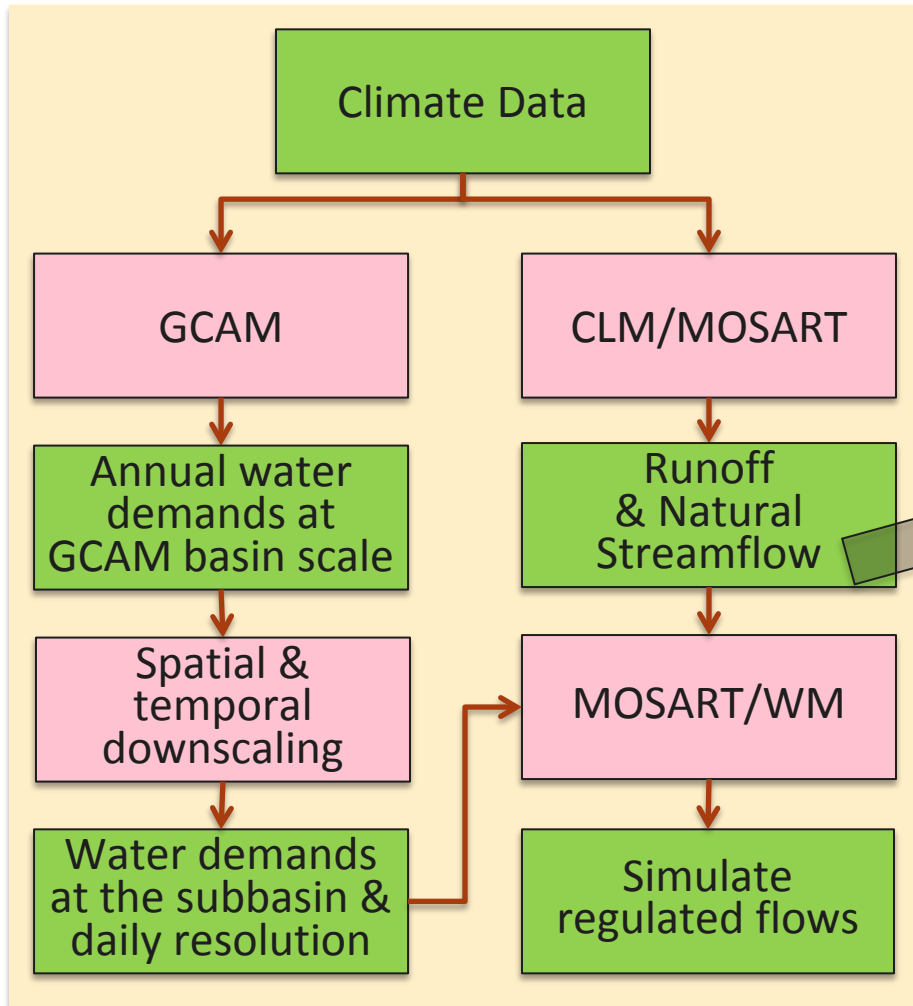


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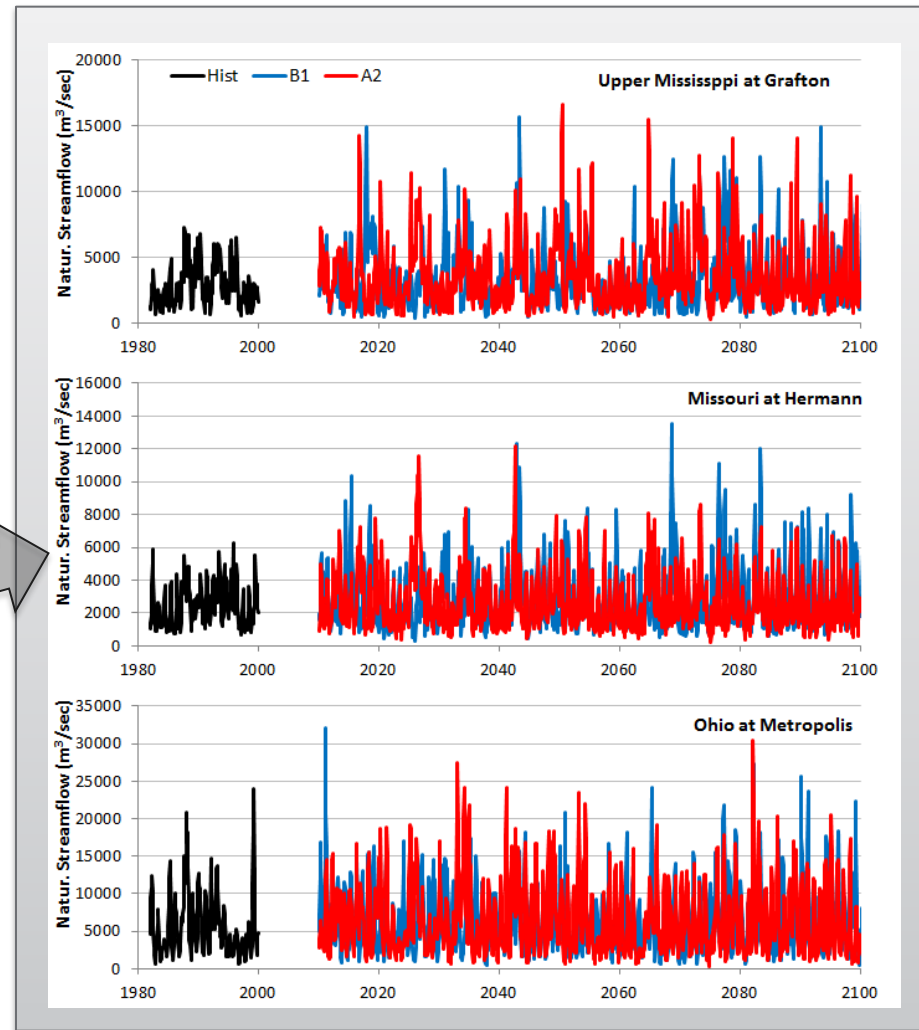


Annual water demand by sector from GCAM for the time period of 1990-2095 (upper panel), and monthly downscaled water demand by sector for the time period of 1982-2095 (lower panel).

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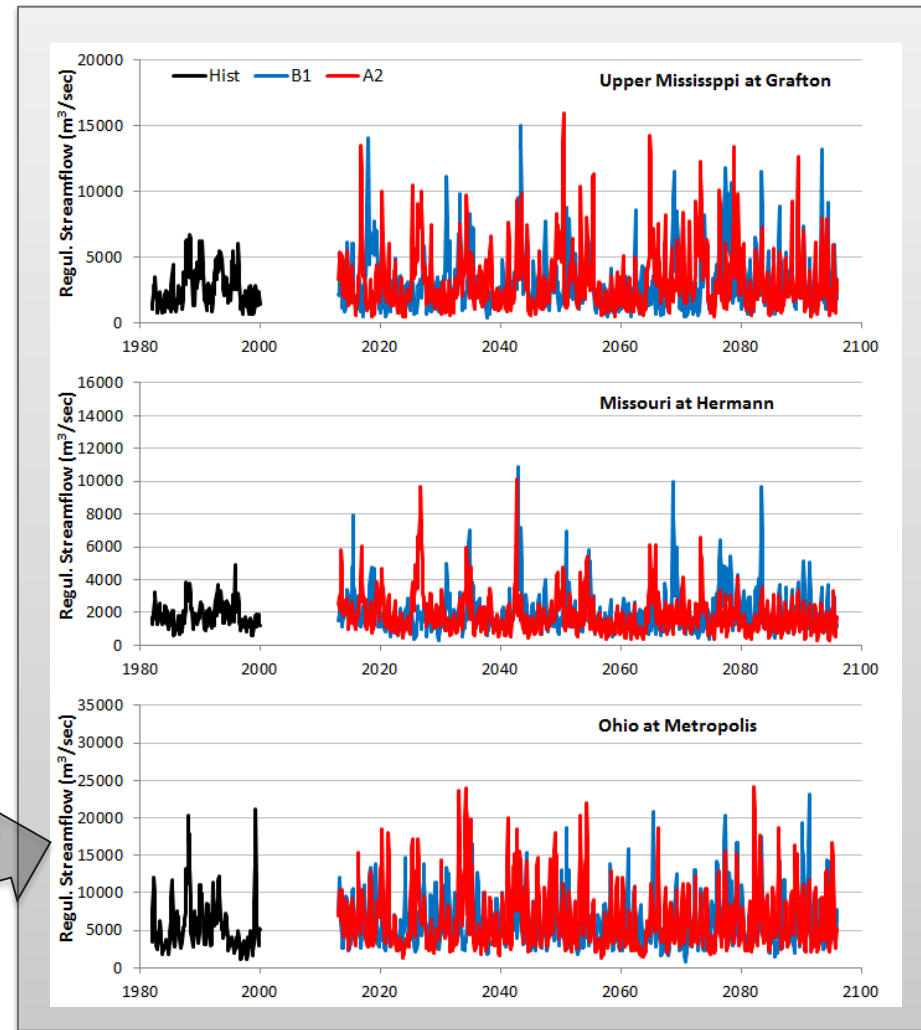
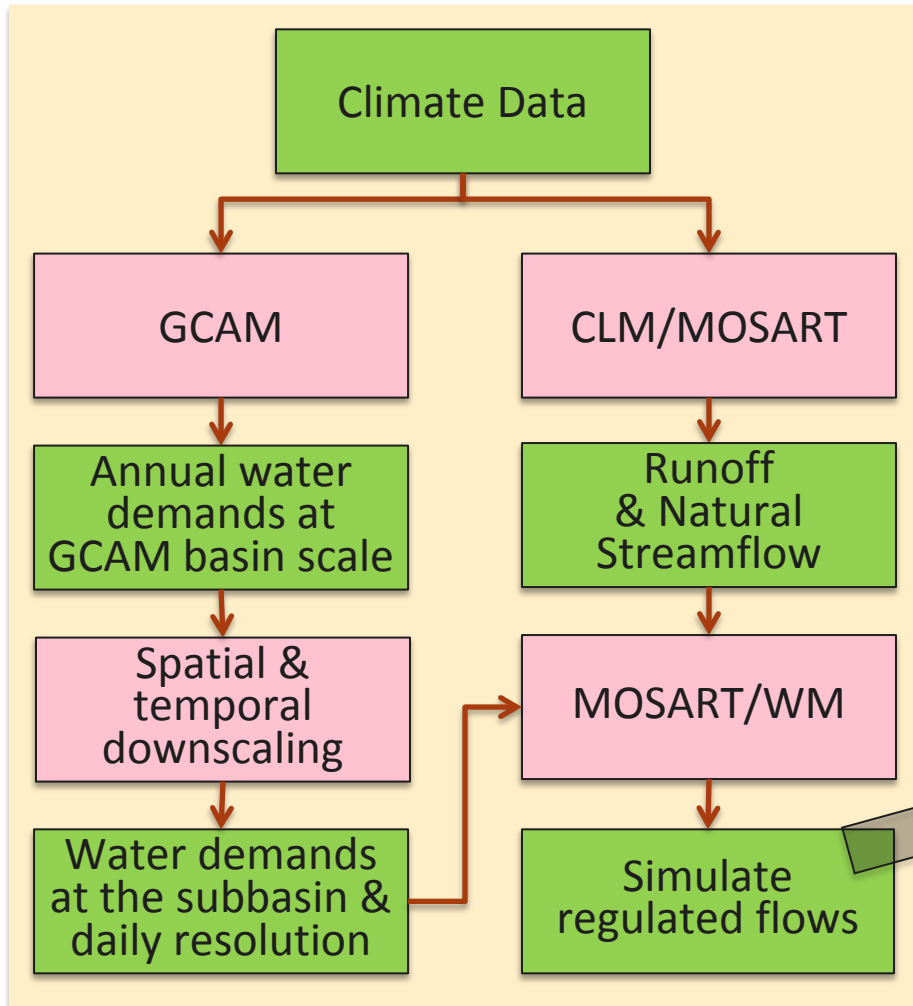


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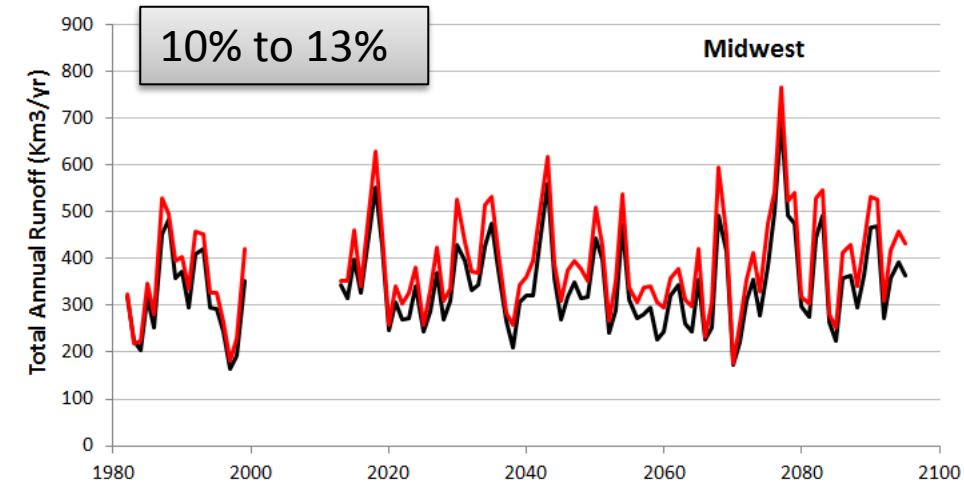
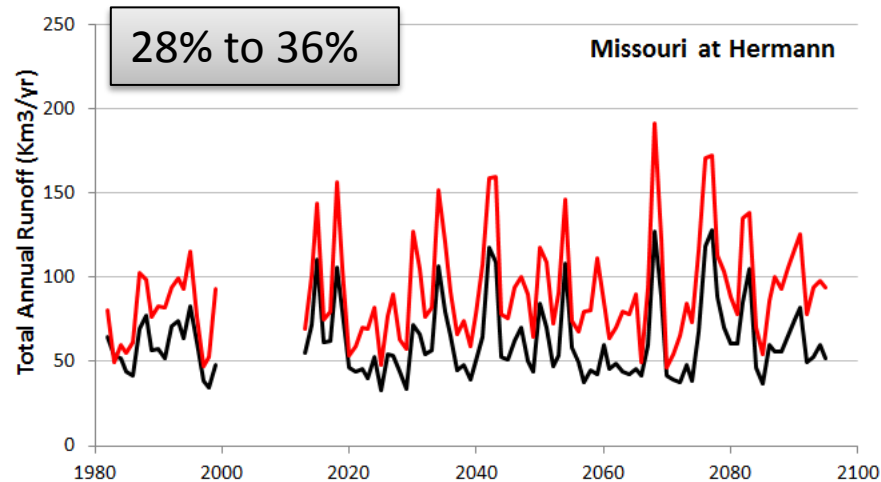
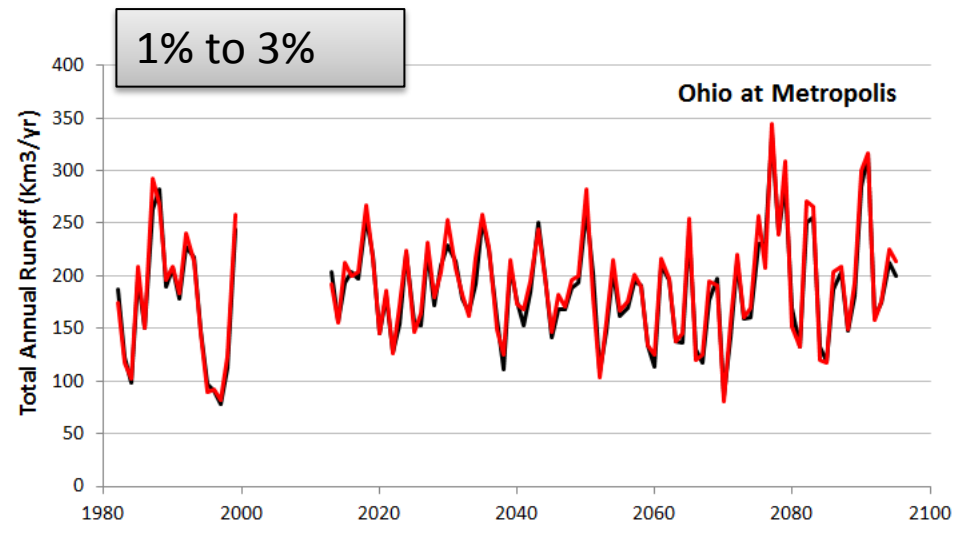
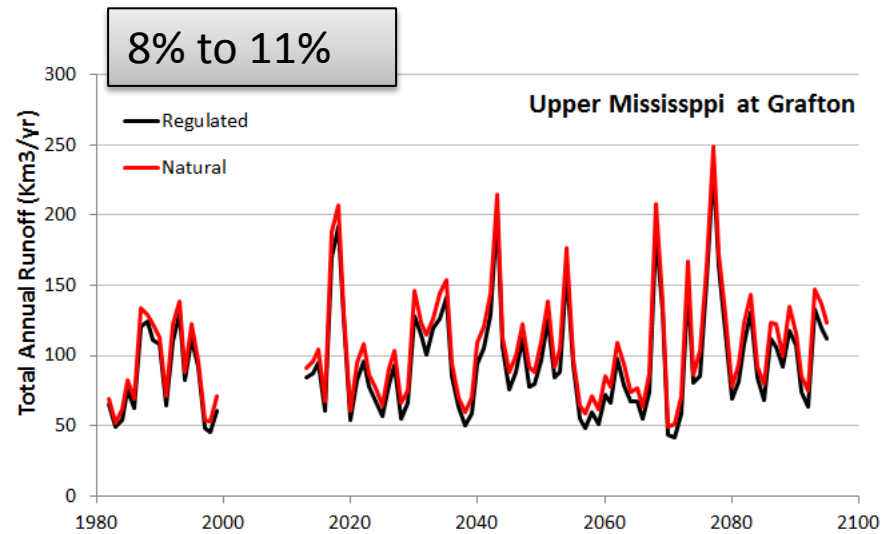
Monthly natural streamflow for the time periods of 1982-2009 (hist) and 2010-2100 (B1 and A2 scenarios).

Flow Diagram and Results (US Midwest)



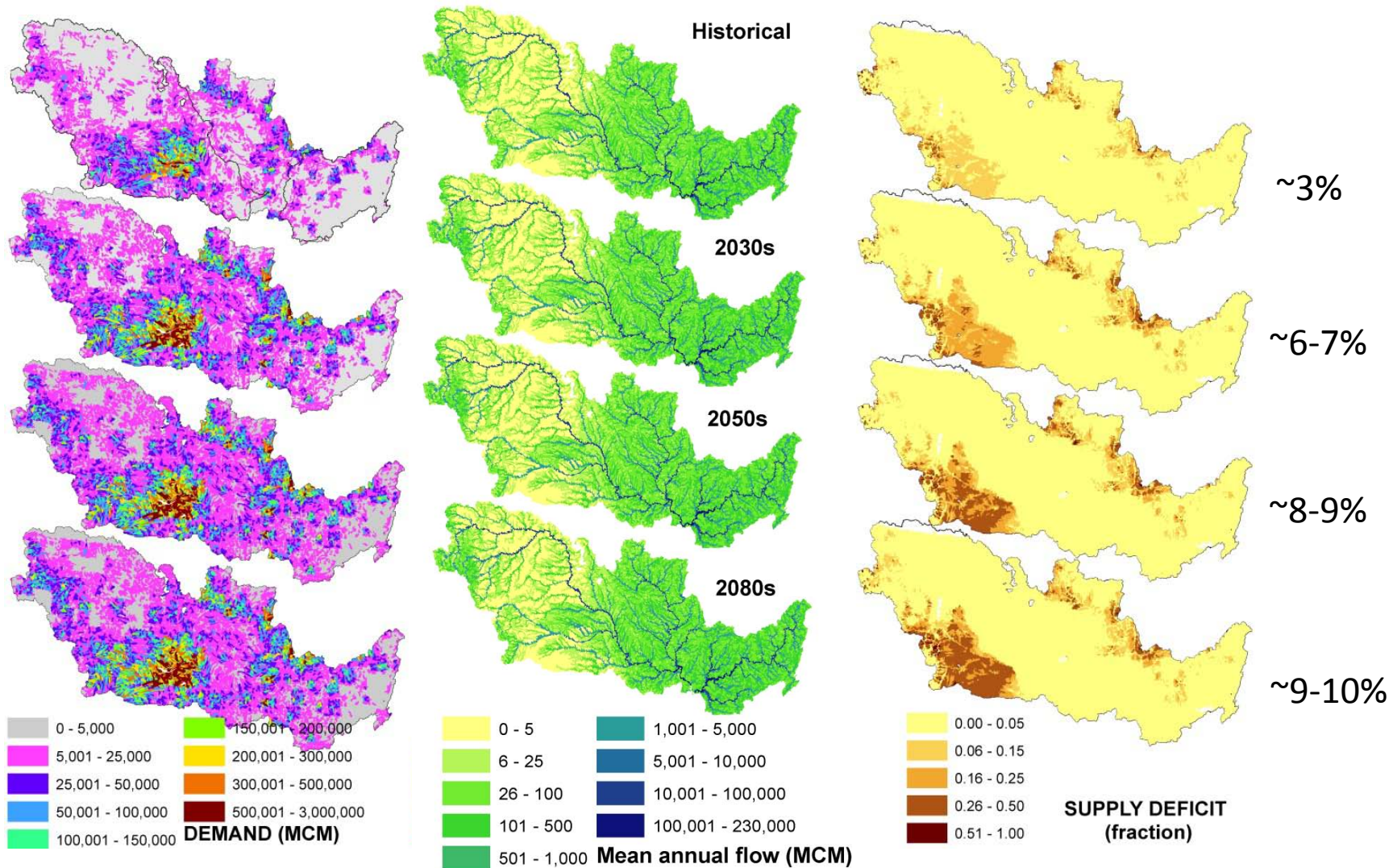
Monthly regulated streamflow for the time periods of 1982-2009 (hist) and 2010-2100 (B1 and A2 scenarios).

Results: Regulated vs. Natural Flows (B1)



long term simulated time series of historical and future (B1) total annual regulated and natural runoff for the three regions and the Upper Midwest.

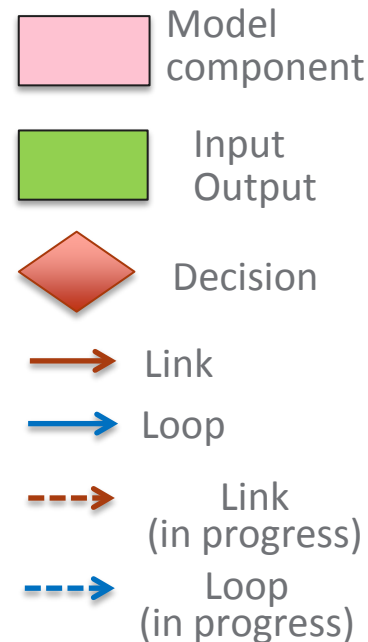
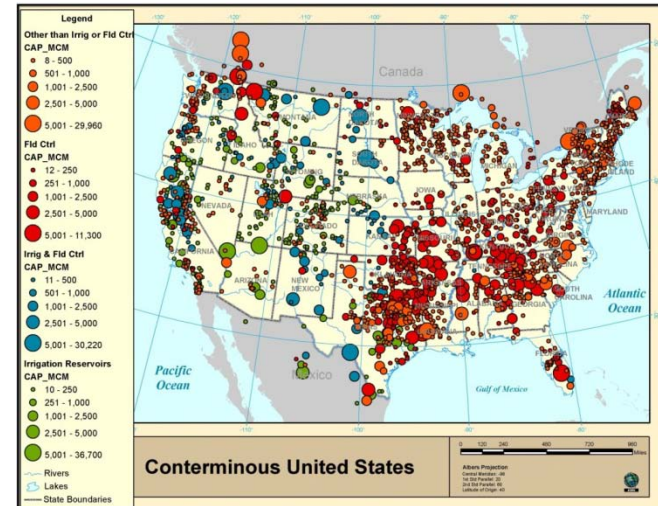
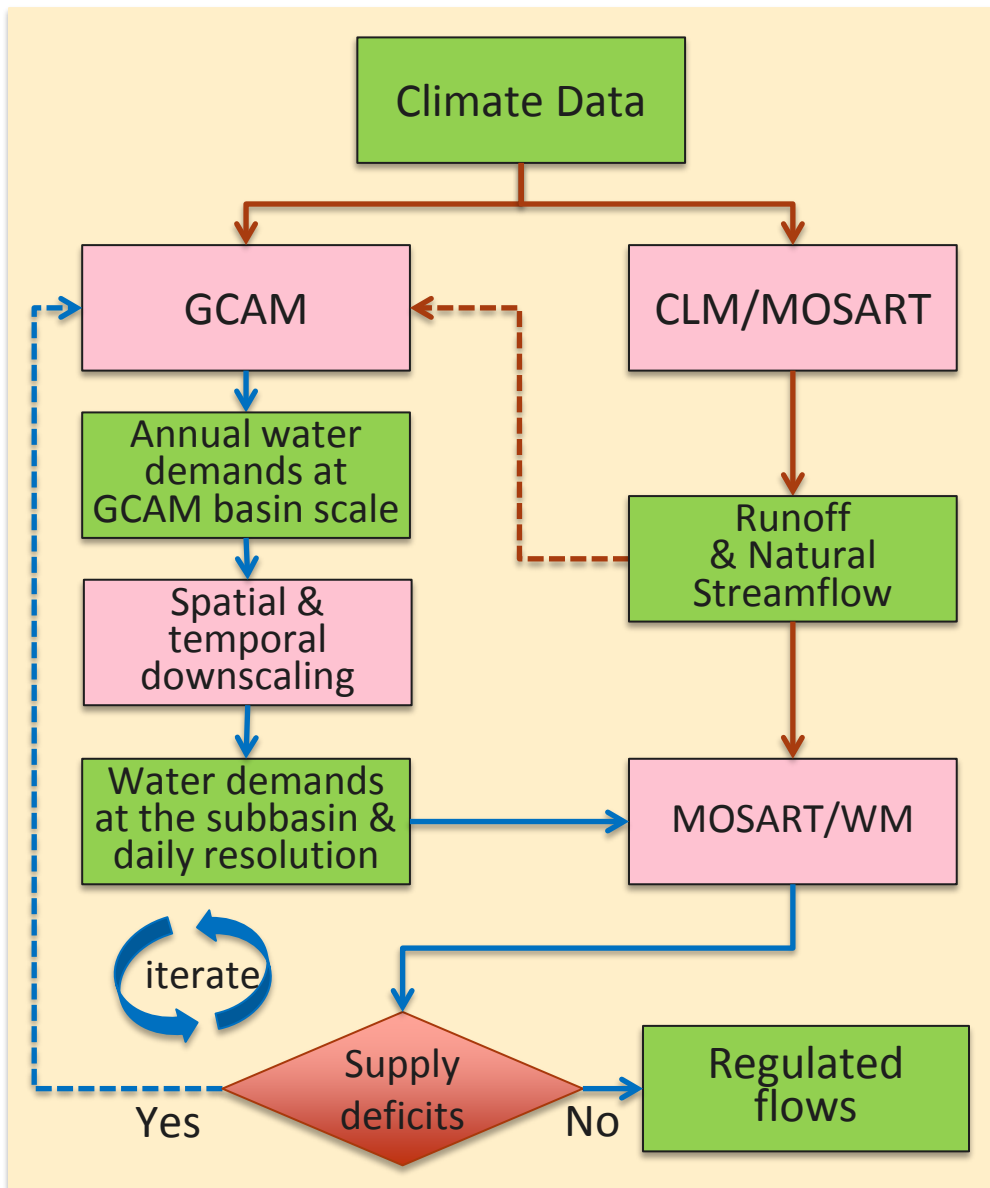
Results: Spatial Distribution of Water Supply Deficit (B1)



Annual total water demand (left) and water supply (center) in cubic meters, and fractional water supply deficit for historical and future B1 periods.

Moving forward: The next numerical experiment

– A two way coupling over the U.S.



▶ GCAM

- Extending the downscaling algorithms (spatial/temporal) to global scale at finer spatial resolution
- Enhancing the spatial downscaling to be consistent with the land use and emission downscaling algorithms
- Incorporating a conceptual reservoir module to account for seasonality and storage capacity
- Run GCAM with an annual time step

▶ CESM (CLM-MOSART-WM)

- Accounting for return flow and ground water vs surface water use
- Returning information about crop yields, biophysical water use, crop seasonal patterns
- Providing GCAM with water supply and water deficit information
- Provide GCAM with initial reservoir storage and total capacity
- Extend the WM module to include Hydro and reconcile with GCAM

- ▶ GCAM includes a detailed representation of water demands by sector, subsector and technology level and a macro-scale global hydrologic modules and is able to investigate the effect of climate mitigation on water scarcity
- ▶ Coupled a global integrated assessment model (GCAM) in a one-way fashion with a land surface hydrology – routing – water resources management model (SCLM-MOSART-WM)
- ▶ A spatial and temporal disaggregation approach is developed to downscale the annual regional water demand simulations into a daily time step and grid representation that is needed by CLM
- ▶ Work is in progress to perform a two-way coupling over the entire U.S.
- ▶ The work will be extended to global domain through ACME

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One-way coupling of an integrated assessment model and a water resources model: evaluation and implications of future changes over the US Midwest

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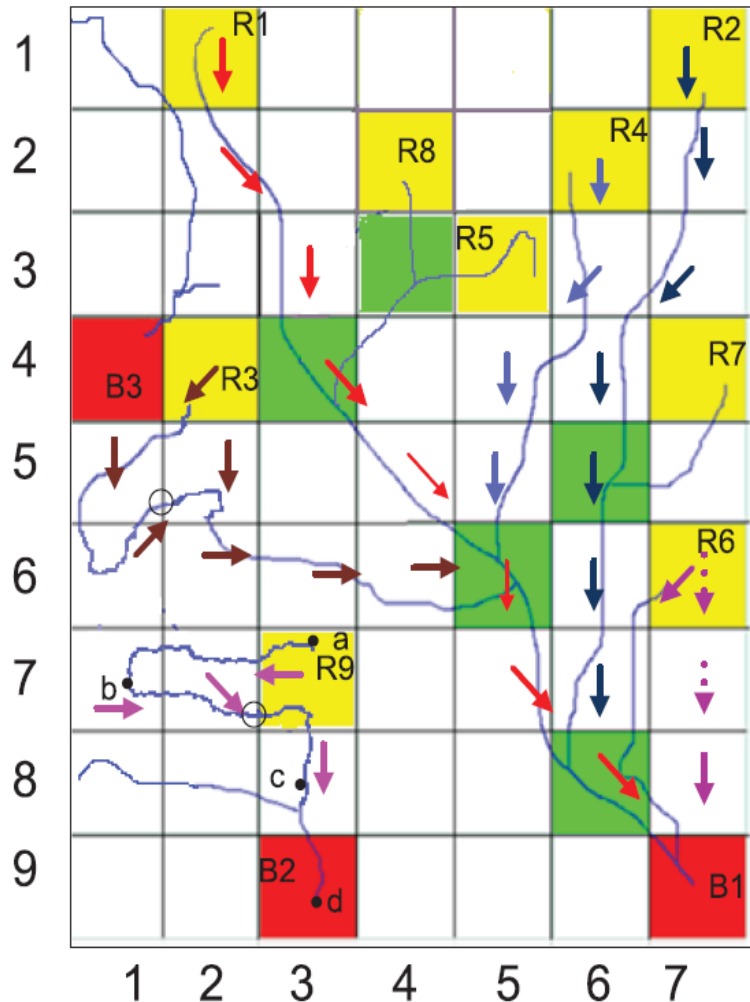
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Implementation of River Routing in GCAM

Modified River Transport Model scheme



Adapted from Wu et al., 2011

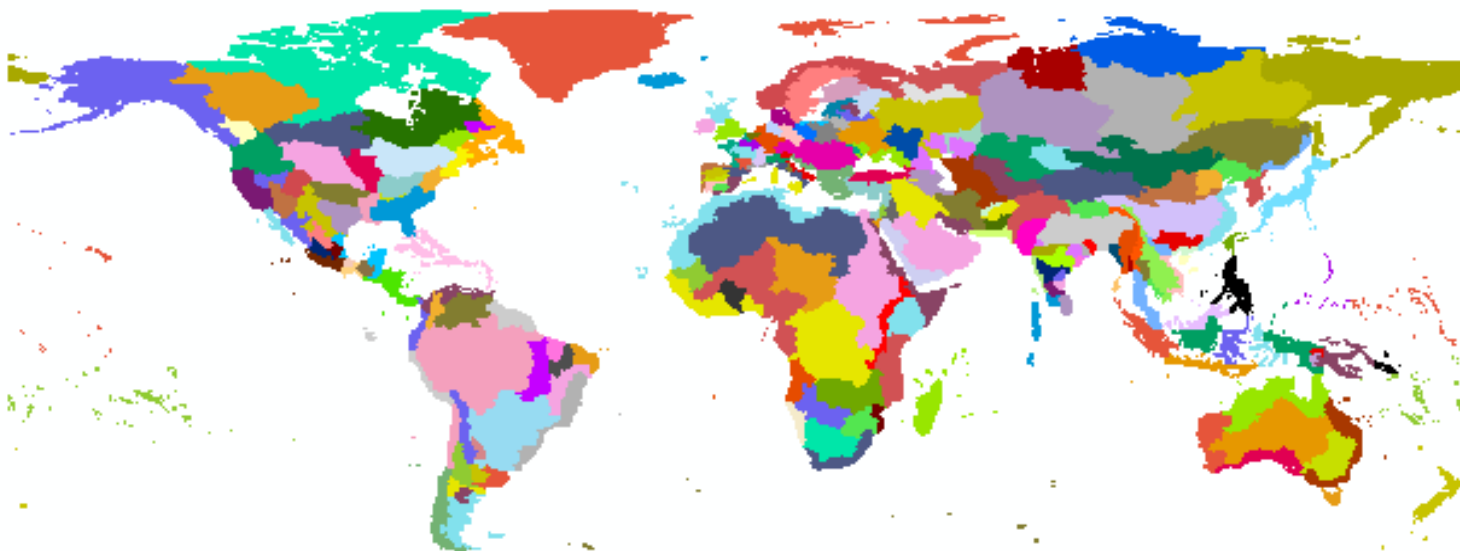
- ▶ Cell-to-cell routing with a linear advection model
- ▶ Realistic river network delineated with a hierarchical dominant river tracing algorithm
- ▶ Low computational cost
- ▶ Flexible to be extended to represent human activities (e.g., reservoirs, thermal power plant etc.)

Harmonize databases

14259 basins
in CLM



233 basins
in GCAM



Reservoirs and water use in the study region

The reservoir database by type of operating rules

Missouri (194):

- Irrigation (125)
- Irrigation and Flood Control (29)
- Other uses (40)

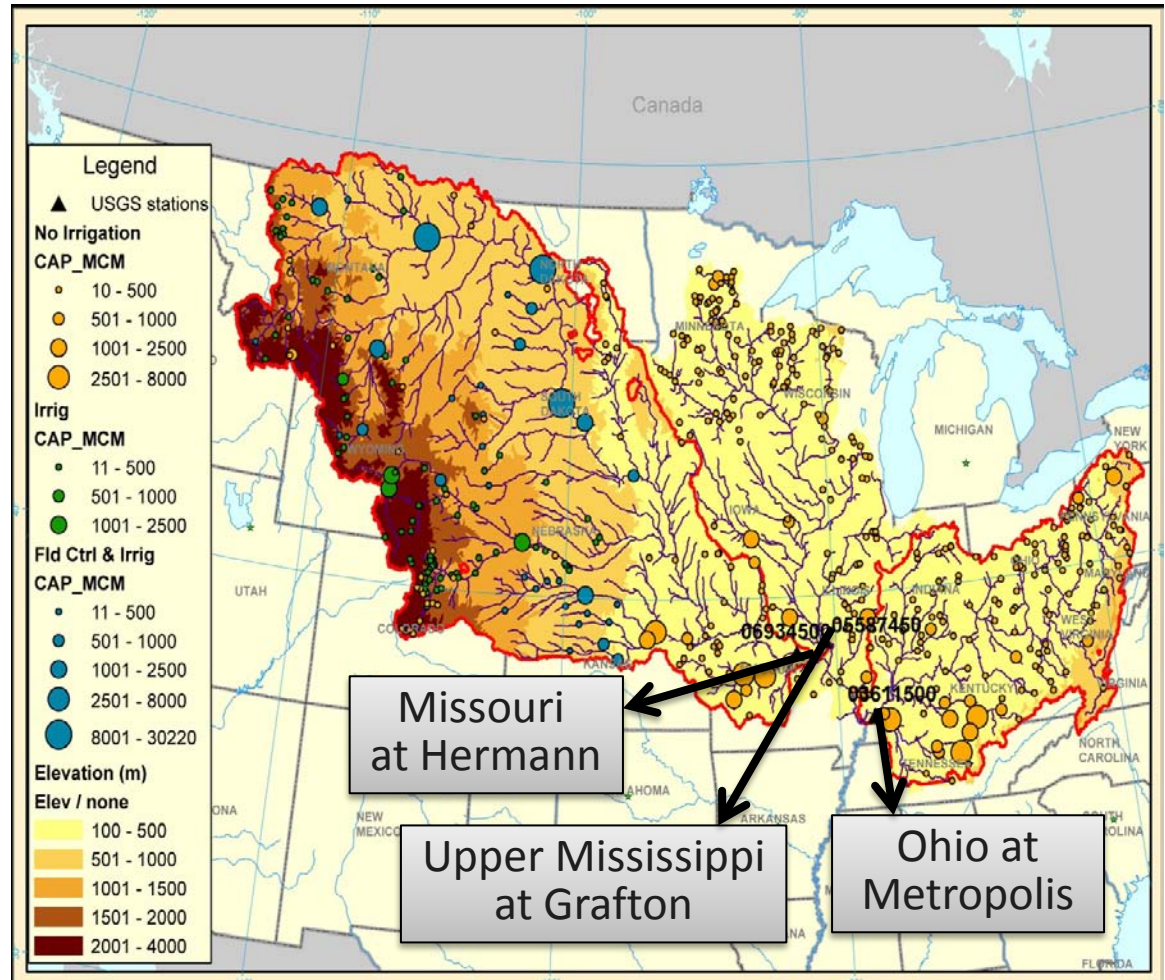
Upper Mississippi (220):

- Irrigation (0)
- Flood Control (25)
- Other uses (195)

Ohio (131):

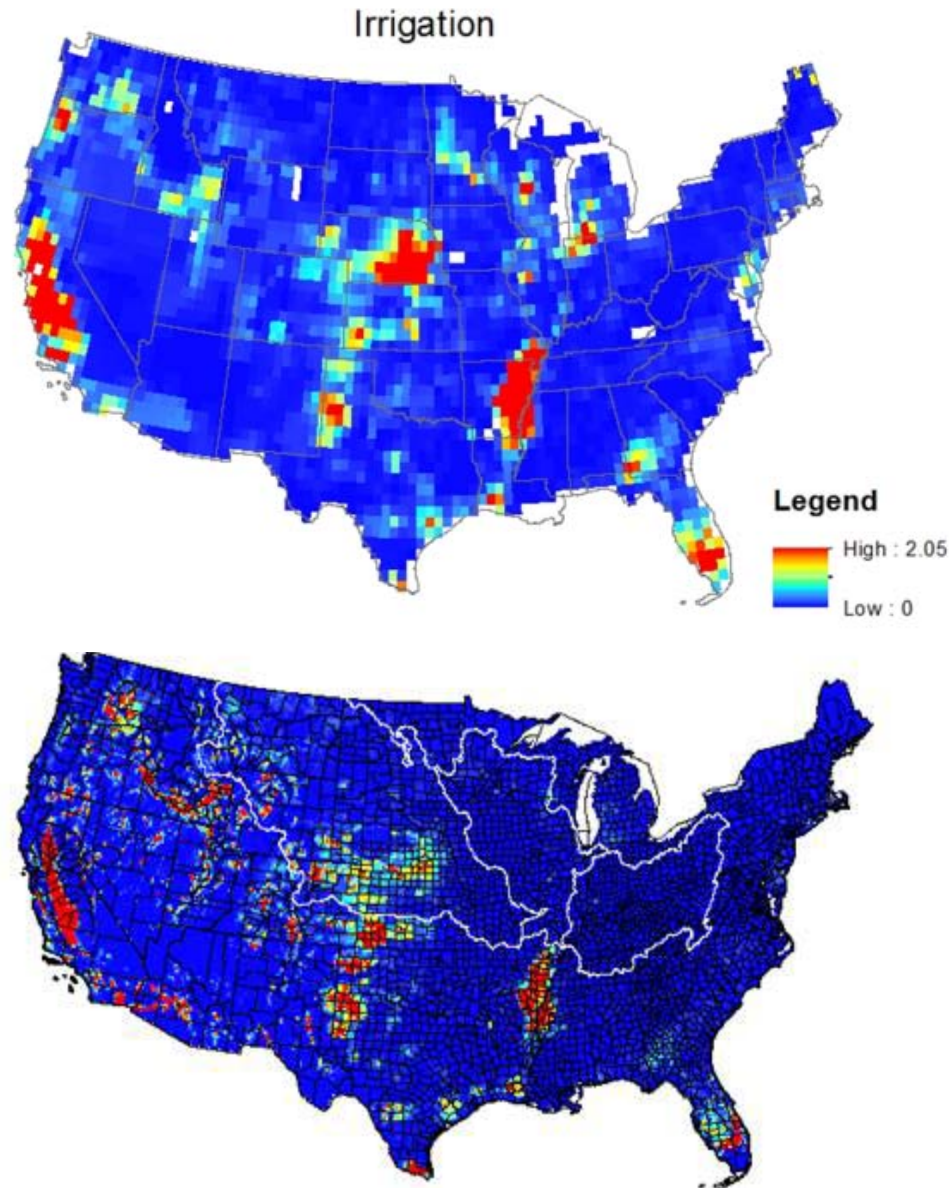
- Irrigation (0)
- Flood Control (71)
- Other uses (60)

*Other uses: hydropower, navigation, municipal water supply, recreation



Flow is validated at the outlet of the three regions: Missouri at Hermann, Upper Mississippi at Grafton and Ohio at Metropolis.

Comparison with USGS Irrigation



Improving Spatial Downscaling for Electricity Generation in the U.S.



Legend

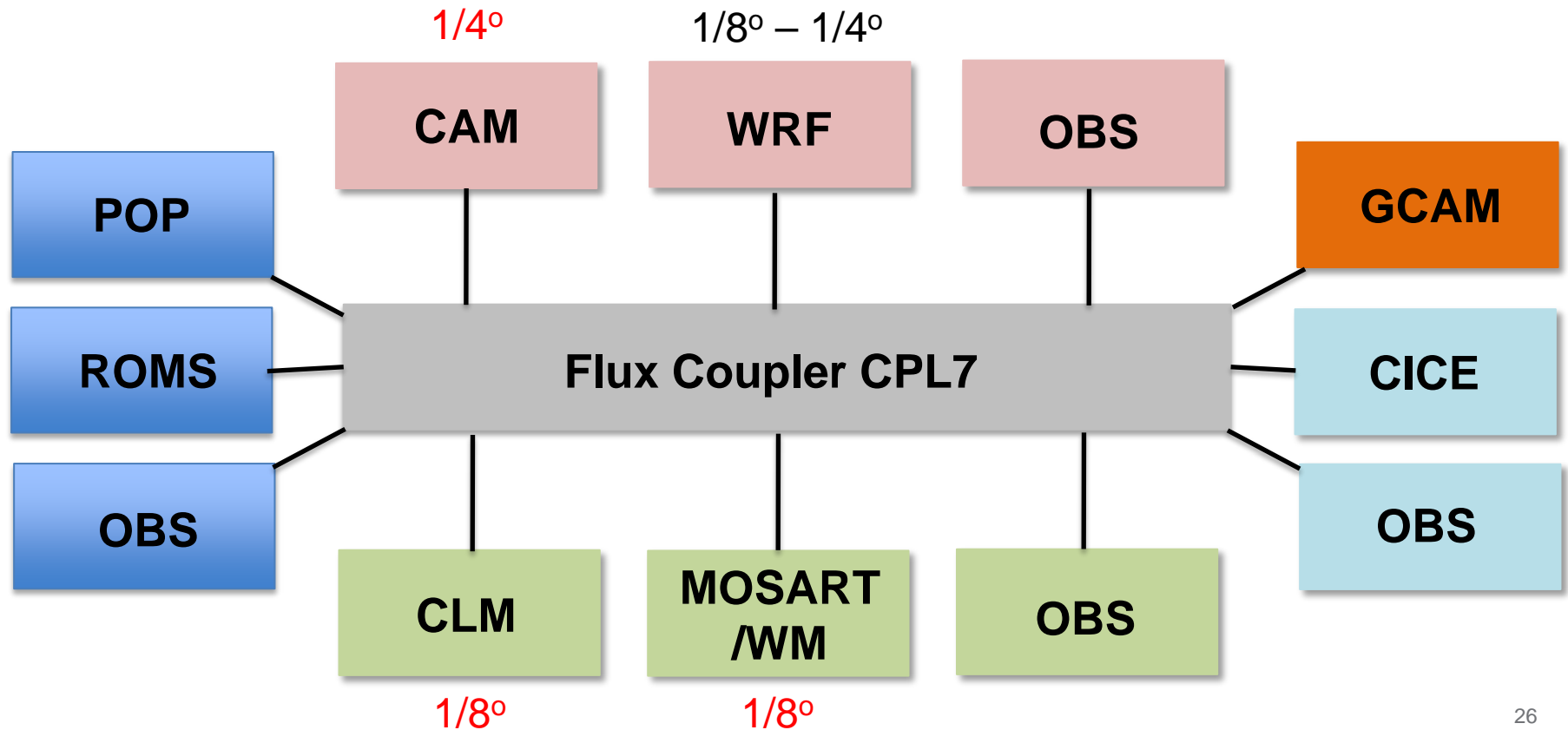
- Biomass
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- Solar
- Wind

Electricity

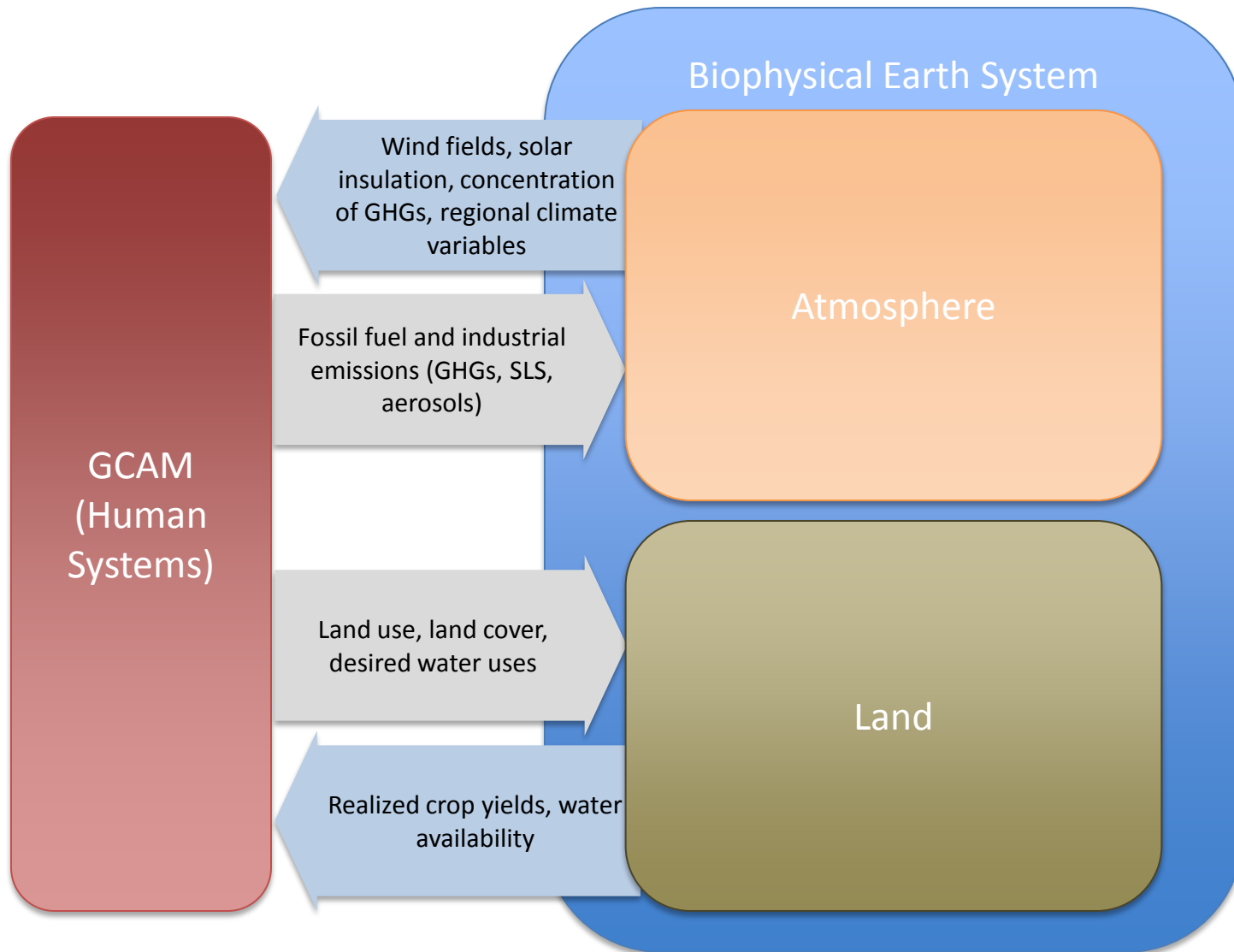
Model coupling

- ▶ Currently coupling of GCAM with CLM/MOSART/WM is achieved through PRIMA developed scripts
- ▶ In future, all model coupling will be achieved through the CESM flux coupler framework under ACME

ACME resolutions in red



Moving forward: ACME—Accelerated Climate Modeling for Energy



▶ ACME will couple human systems with biophysical Earth systems.