



Coupling for IAM: LAND



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LAND IN INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT MODELS

Input: Drivers of change

Economic Growth | Diets | Prices | Policies

Process: Interaction and resolution

Earth System

Natural processes resolved

e.g., hydrological & biogeochemical cycles

ITEMS RESOLVED

Carbon storage
Natural GHGs
Soil fertility
Land cover
Precipitation
Temperature
Solar radiation
Biomass productivity

Agriculture

ITEMS RESOLVED
Crop types (irrigated, bioenergy, rainfed)

Agricultural emissions
Irrigation
Livestock

Land use types
Crop production and management

Human processes resolved

e.g., agricultural practices and trade

Output: Questions addressed

How might climate change and policy affect...?

Crop Yields

Water Use

The Economy

Deforestation

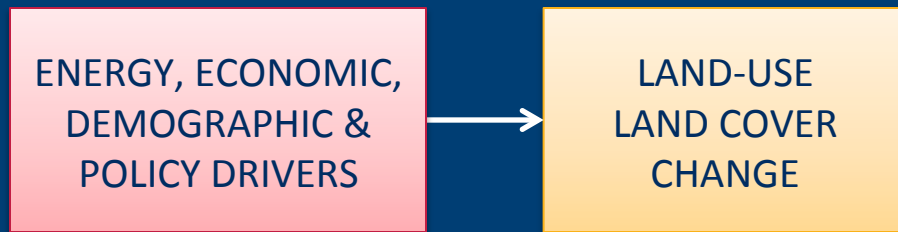
“RCP LULCC FRAMEWORK”

ENERGY, ECONOMIC,
DEMOGRAPHIC &
POLICY DRIVERS



LAND-USE
LAND COVER
CHANGE

“RCP LULCC FRAMEWORK”



- Resolution of agro-forestry sector in global economic model
 - Representation of various crop types
 - Managed and natural forests
 - Pastureland and natural grassland
 - Livestock
- Interaction with other sectors of the economy
- Representation of trade between various regions of the world
- Demand for agriculture
 - Crops for food & bioenergy
 - Forest products for construction and bioenergy

AGGREGATION OF ELECTRICITY IN IGSM

Regions	Industries
United States	Crops
Canada	Livestock
Japan	Forestry
Australia-New Zealand	Food
European Union	Coal
Eastern Europe	Crude Oil
Russia plus	Refined Oil
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Coal
Gas
Refined oil
Hydro
Nuclear
Wind
Solar
Biomass
Natural gas combined cycle
Integrated gasification combined cycle

DISAGGREGATING CROPS IN IGSM

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Paddy Rice
 Wheat
 Other grains
 Vegetables, fruits,
 & nuts
 Oil Seeds
 Sugar Cane, Beet
 Fiber Crops
 Grass Biomass
 Woody Biomass
 Other Crops

“MIT LULCC FRAMEWORK”



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- Requires climate information
 - Climate driven by GHG & aerosols emissions (incl. LULCC w/o climate impacts)
- Requires coupling to a terrestrial ecosystem model / crop model
 - With representation of carbon-Nitrogen dynamics (GHG emissions)
 - Consistent physical and economic representation of crops
- Uncertainty analysis
 - Single crop model vs. crop emulator
 - Single climate model vs. multi-model ensemble vs. climate emulator

=> Different LULCC projection depending on climate / crop model simulation

“ENHANCED LULCC FRAMEWORK”



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- Requires coupling to a water resources management model
 - Competition for water between energy, agriculture and domestic uses
 - Water availability responds to climate change (i.e. runoff)
 - Water demand responds to climate change (i.e. irrigation needs)
- Requires disaggregation of rainfed and irrigated croplands in the economic model
- Requires estimating the cost and scope to expand irrigable land given available water resources

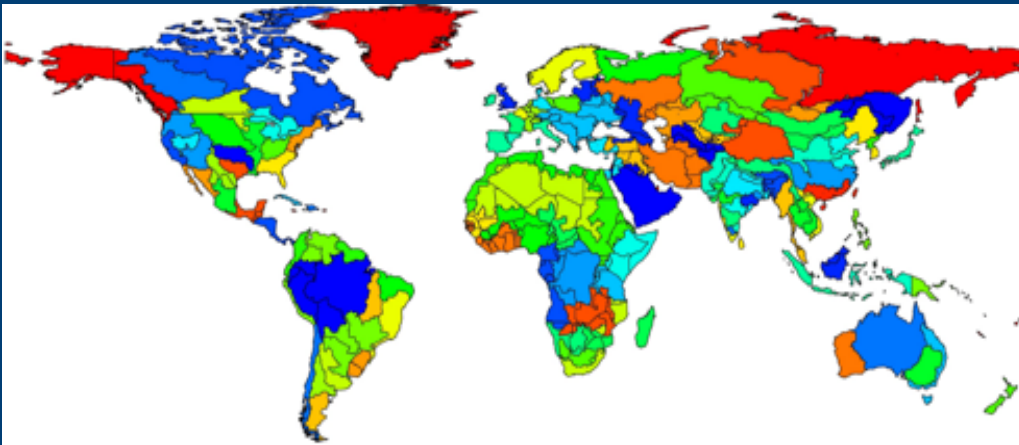
AGGREGATION IN THE STANDARD IGSM MODEL

Regions	Industries	Production factors
United States	Crops	Capital
Canada	Livestock	Labor
Japan	Forestry	Coal resources
Australia-New Zealand	Food	Oil resources
European Union	Coal	Gas resources
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EXTENDING LAND TYPES IN THE IGSM

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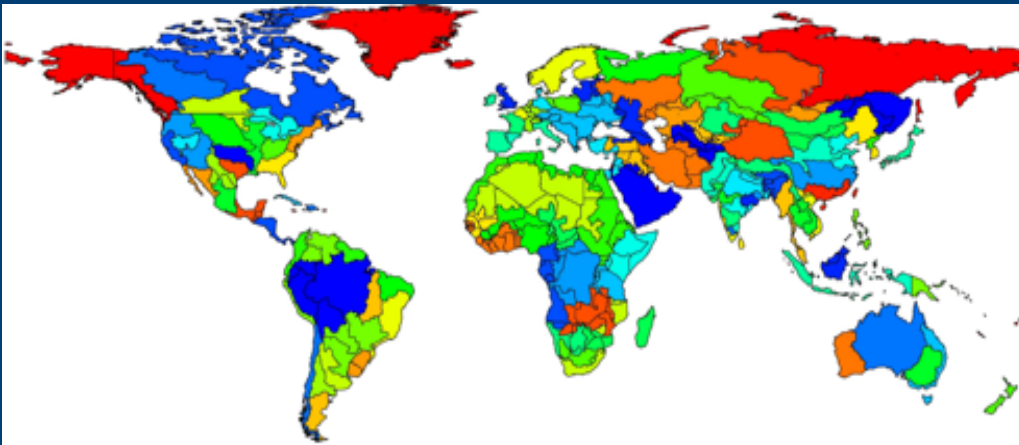
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- translates into additional hectares of irrigated land based on crop/climate characteristics
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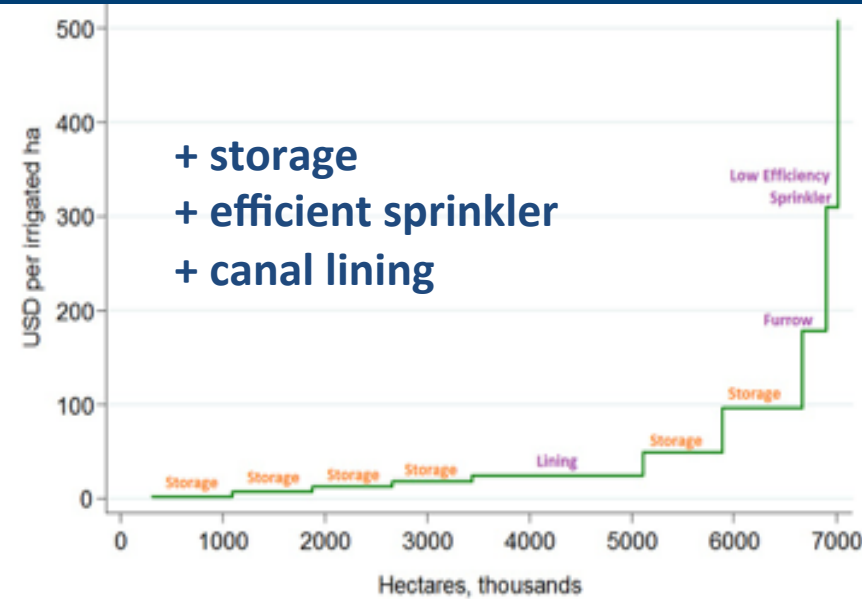


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Supply curve for additional irrigable land in the Mississippi River water region

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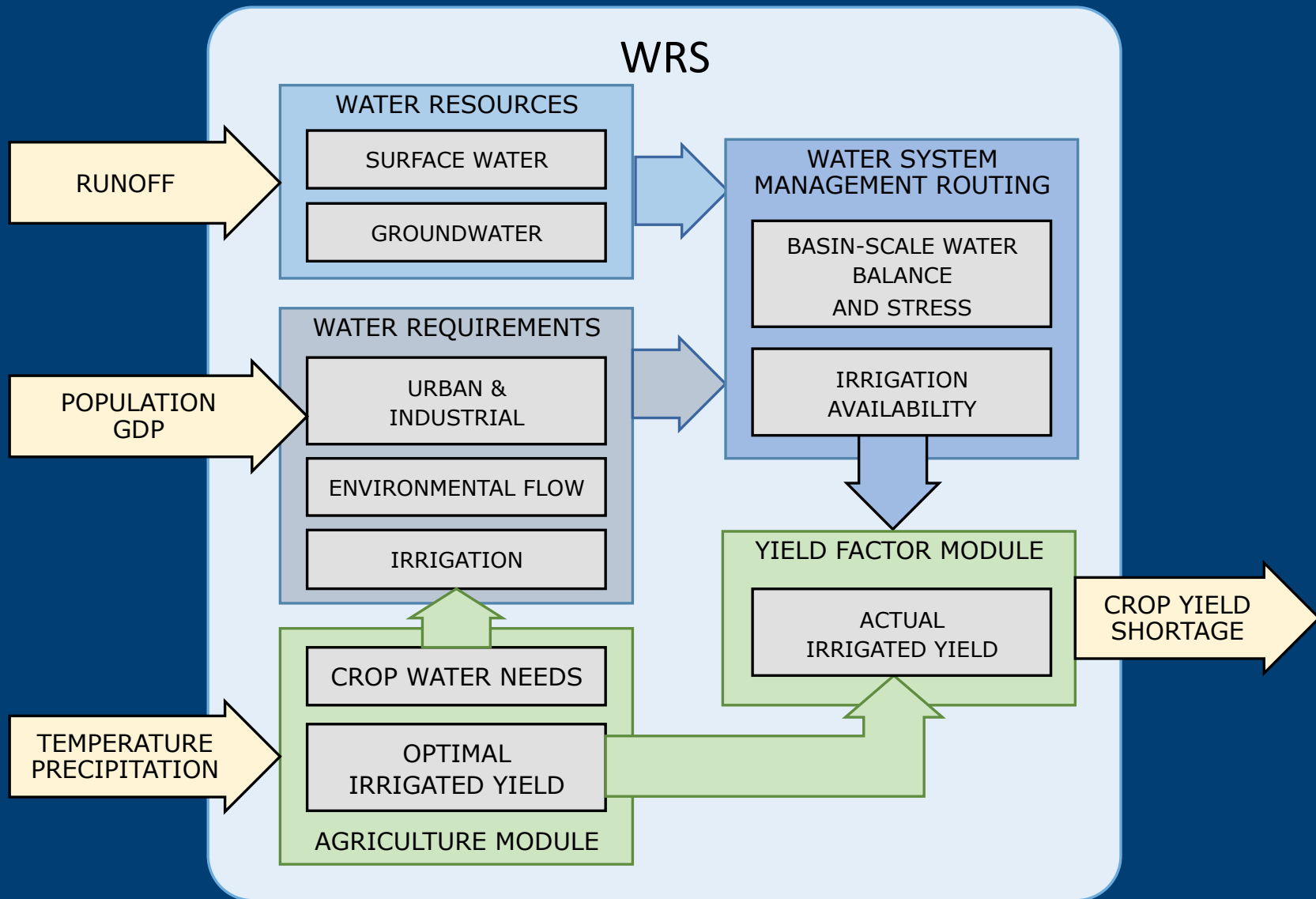
Effect of Water Limits on Land, billion hectares

Scenario	Crop land type	2010	2025	2050
Proportional expansion, rainfed & irrigated	rainfed	1.24	1.24	1.39
	irrigated	0.34	0.35	0.39
Irrigated/rainfed split current water supply	rainfed	1.24	1.26	1.44
	irrigated	0.34	0.32	0.35
Irrigated/rainfed split 80% water supply	rainfed	1.24	1.28	1.46
	irrigated	0.34	0.32	0.33

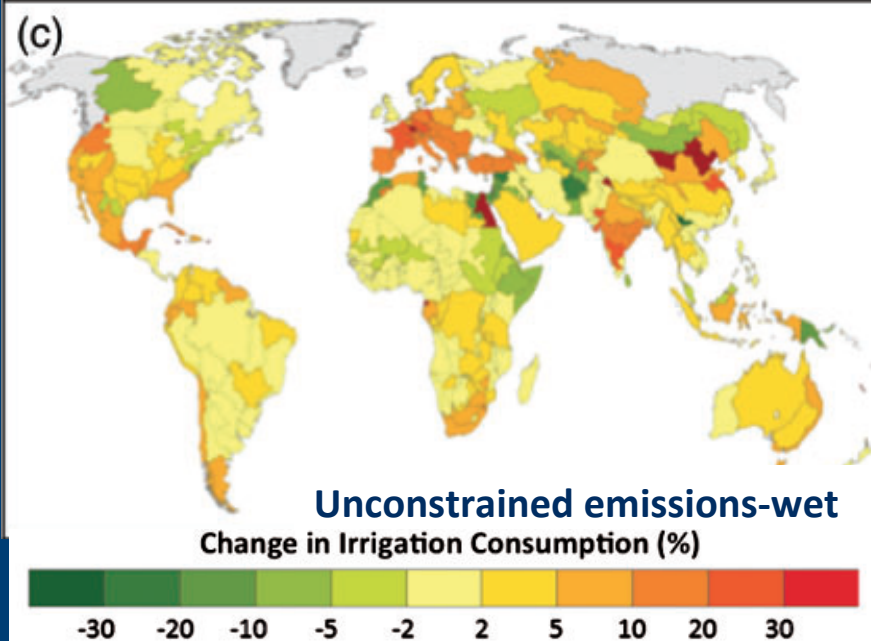
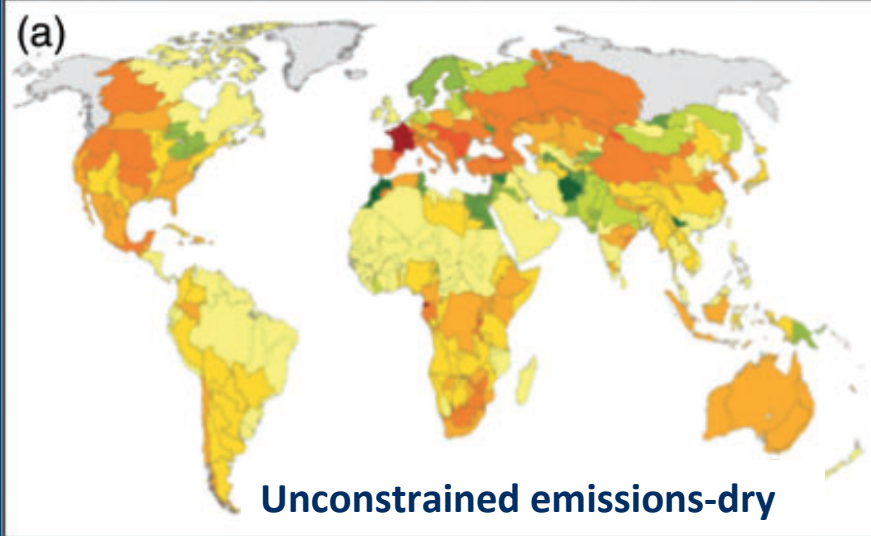
- Greater increase in rainfed land than reduction in irrigated land
- Irrigated land is more productive
- Total expansion by 2050: .20 (prop.); .21 (current); .23 (80%)

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WATER RESOURCES SYSTEM (WRS) MODEL



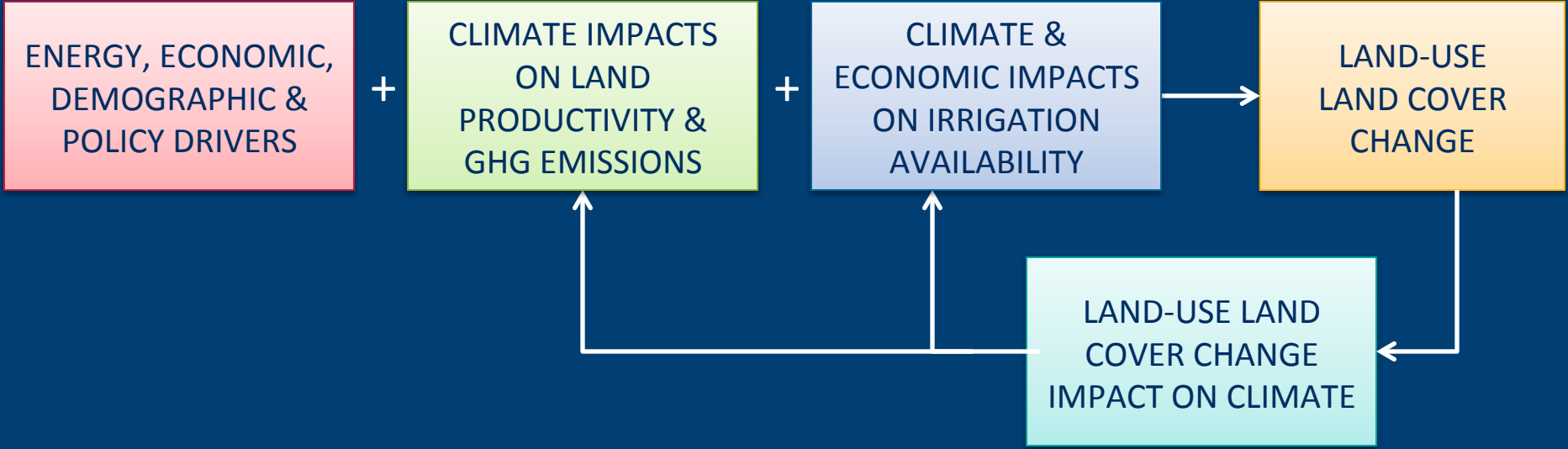
IRRIGATION REQUIREMENT UNDER GLOBAL CHANGE



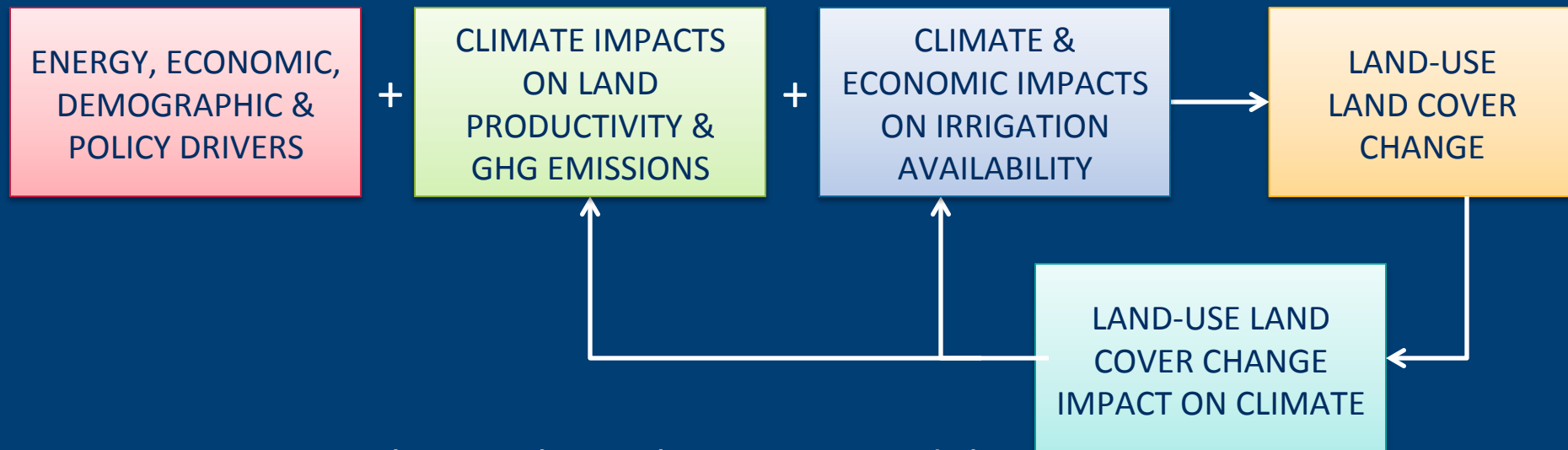
- Climate change increases irrigation water requirements by 2050 in most regions
- Higher temperatures increase evapotranspiration except in a few areas where precipitation increases more
- Different climate model runs results in different pattern, magnitude and even sign of changes in irrigation consumption

Source: Schlosser et al. (2014) The future of global water stress: An integrated assessment *Earth's Future* **2(8)**: 341-361

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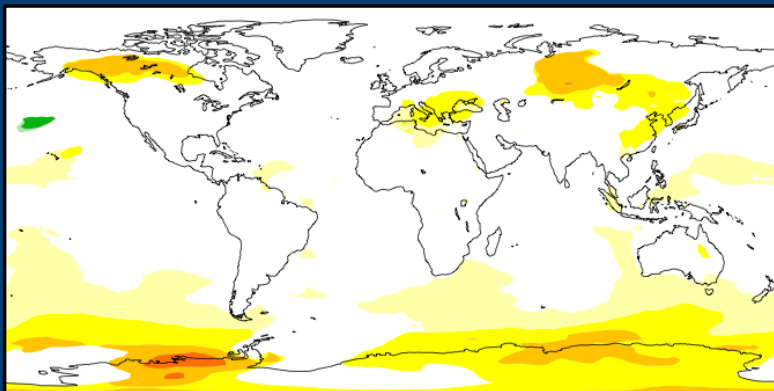


- Requires coupling with Earth System Model
- Focuses on feedback, but major challenge for uncertainty analysis
 - Single ESM
 - Computationally expensive
- Significant impact of LULCC on climate locally & regionally

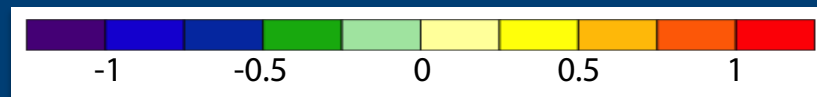
=> could be a paradigm shift in LULCC modeling

LAND-USE CHANGE IMPACT ON CLIMATE

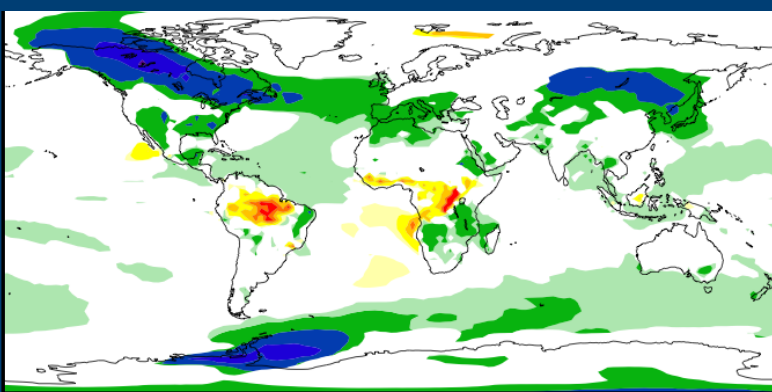
BIOGEOCHEMICAL IMPACTS (TEM)
GHG LAND-USE CHANGE EMISSIONS



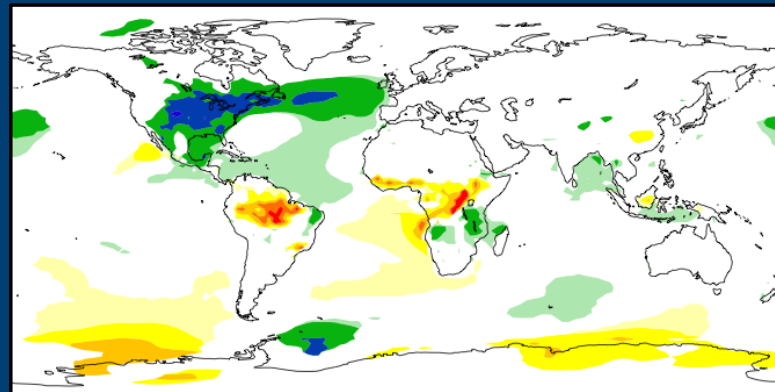
MARGINAL EFFECT OF
LARGE-SCALE BIOFUEL
DEPLOYMENT BY 2050



BIOGEOPHYSICAL IMPACTS (CLM)
CHANGE IN ALBEDO & HYDROLOGY



TOTAL IMPACTS (MESM)



Source: Hallgren et al. (2013) Climate impacts of a large-scale biofuels expansion. GRL, 40(8), 1624-1630.

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2) Temporal resolution / coupling strategies

- Hourly-to-daily for extreme events
- 5-year time step for the economic model
- Is the mean land productivity and/or water scarcity the most relevant metrics to inform the economic model (instead of more detailed statistics)

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- Natural disturbances (wildfires, storms, pest...)
- Natural plant migration
- Protected areas
- Expansion of available land through permafrost thaw
- Atmospheric chemistry (ozone damage, nitrogen deposition...)
- Past land legacy effects impact present and future GHG fluxes and land productivity (past land transitions/irrigation practices)

THANK YOU

ANY QUESTIONS?