

The Intersectoral Impact Model Intercomparison Project (ISI-MIP)

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Leading questions

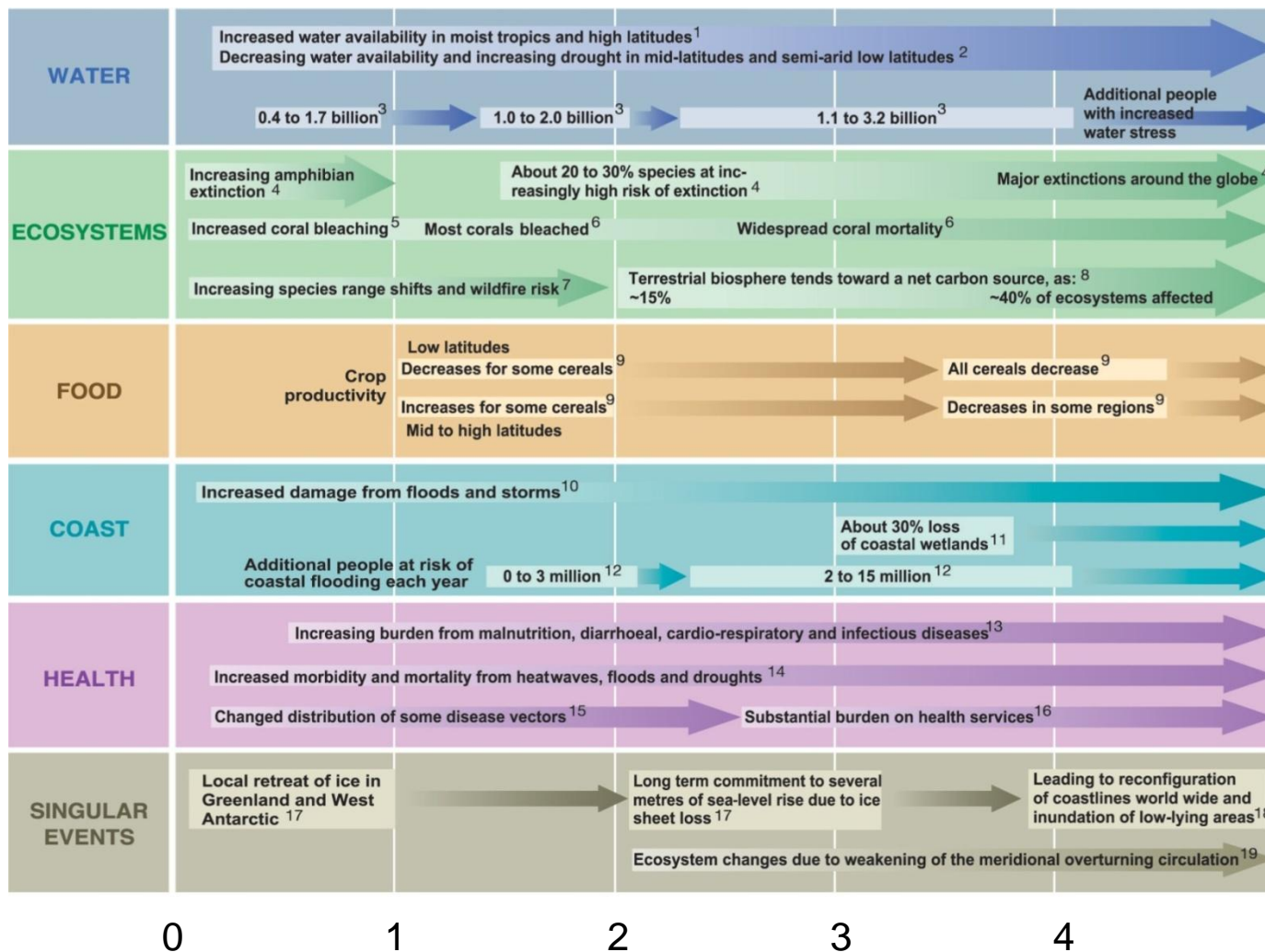
Why should we pay a lot of money for achieving a 2°C instead of 3°C world?

How good are we at telling the difference between a 2°C and a 3°C world ?

What are the related uncertainties?

Are there essential deficiencies in our process understanding or the way processes are represented in impact models?

Current status of impact studies



IPCC AR4,
WGII, Table
20.8

Global Mean Annual Temperature Change Relative to 1980-1999

What is ISI-MIP?

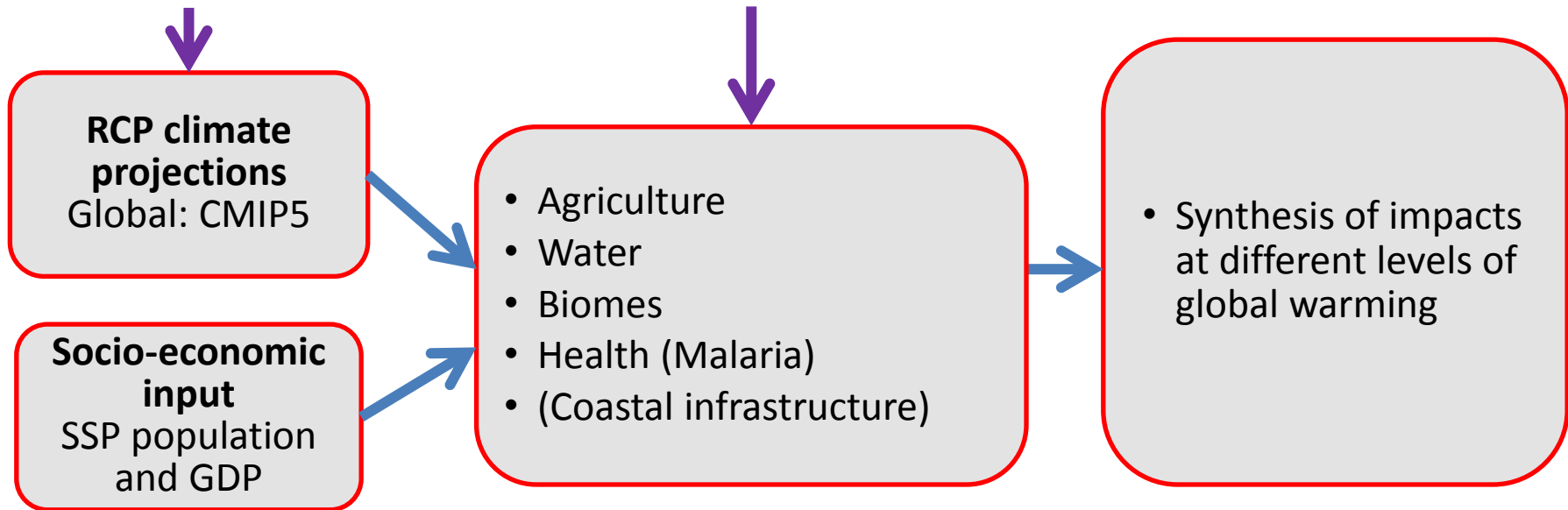
Multiple climate models
& latest socio-economics
(no further
harmonization!)

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Multiple global impact
models per sector

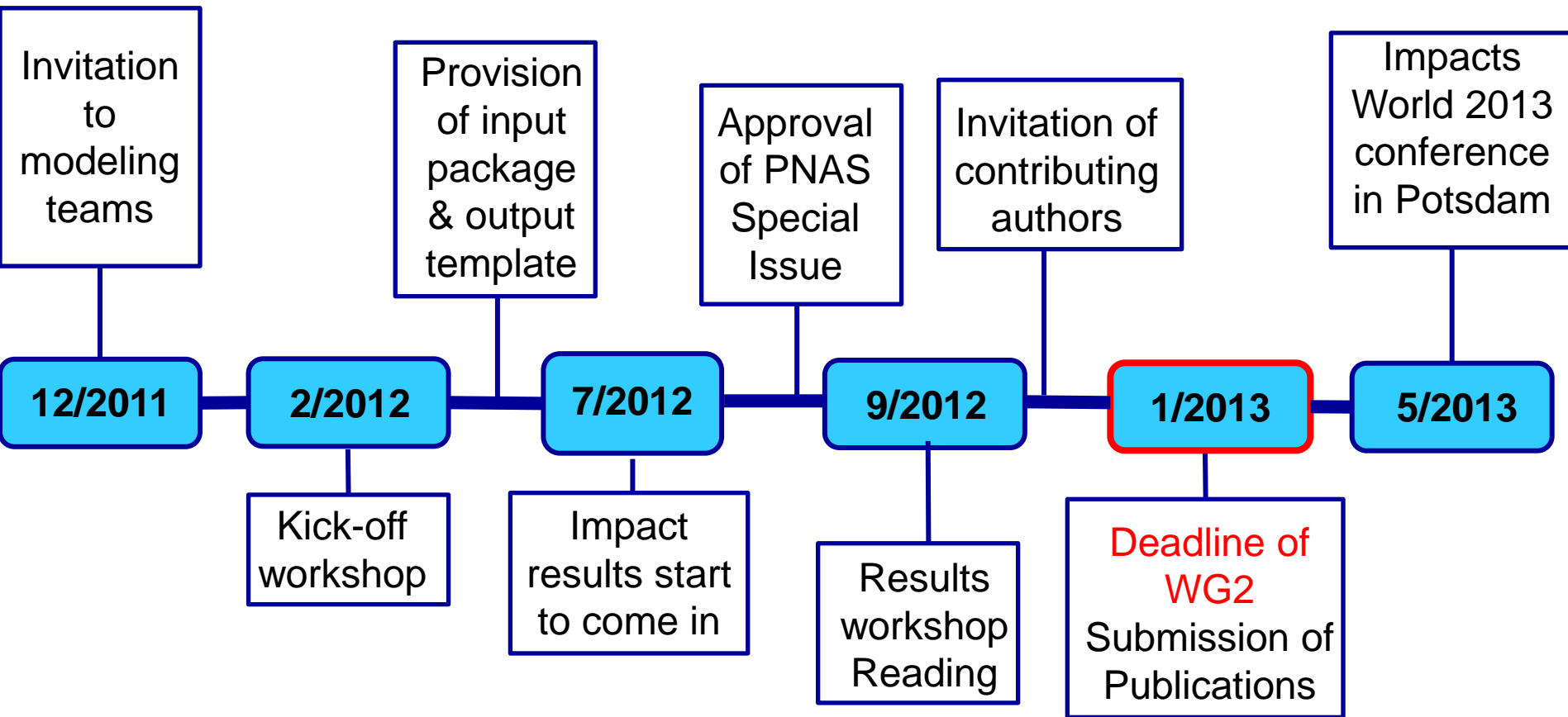
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Fast track contribution
to AR5



- What is the difference between a 2°, 3° and 4°C world?
 - How good are we at telling this difference?
- Are there essential deficiencies in our process understanding or the way processes are represented in impact models?
 - Are these deficiencies persistent across different impact models?

Time line



Participating models: 5 sectors, > 30 models, 11 countries

- 9 **water** models: VIC, H08, WaterGAP, MacPDM, WBM, MPI-HM, PCR-GLOBWB, DBH, MATSIRO
- 5 **biomes** models: Hybrid, Sheffield DGVM, JeDi, ANTHRO-BGC, VISIT
- 8+2 **agriculture** models: GEPIC, EPIC, pDSSAT, DAYCENT, IMAGE, PEGASUS, LPJ-GUESS, MCWLA + MAgPIE, GLOBIOM, ...
- 3 **cross-sectoral** models: LPJmL, ORCHIDEE, JULES
- 5 **health** models (= malaria): MIASMA, MARA, VECTRI, WHO CCRA Malaria, LMM 2005
- 1 **infrastructure** model: DIVA

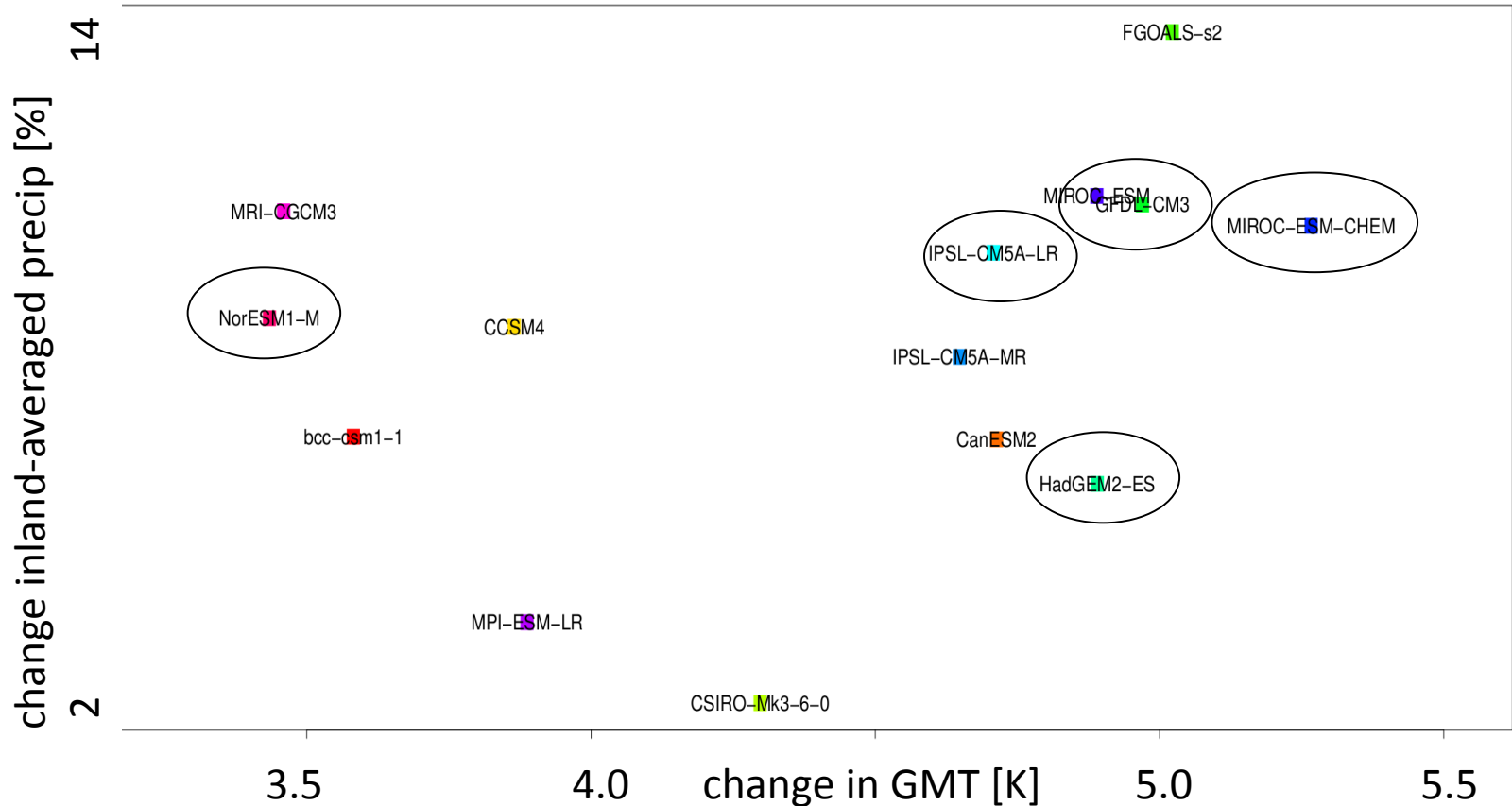
- Collaboration with



Input data & setup

- „ISI-MIP Project Design and Simulation Protocol“
- Database for input & output data → DKRZ/
Climate Service Center Hamburg & mirror at
Earth System Grid
 - to be transformed into a public database
after fast track

Input data & setup: GCMs [HadGEM2-ES, MIROC-ESM-CHEM, IPSL-CM5A-LR, GFDL-ESM-2M, NorESM1-M]



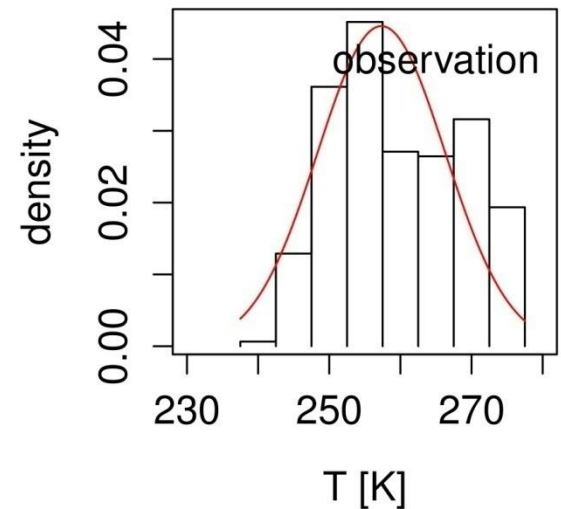
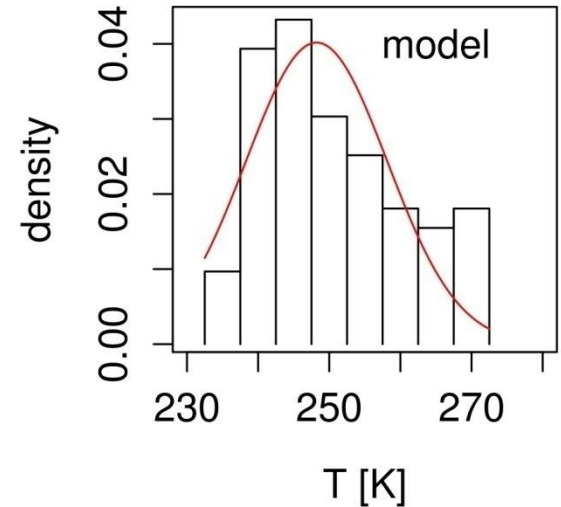
5 GCMs with 4 RCPs each – 2 criteria:

→ Variable availability

→ Predicted temperature and precipitation

Input data & setup: bias correction

- applied within impact studies to correct AOGCMs and regional models for systematic deviations from observations due to systematic errors
- 2 steps (based on Piani et al. 2010, Watch Forcing Data): correction of monthly mean & adjustment of daily variability - trend of temporally interpolated data is preserved with respect to the monthly mean!



Scenario setup – minimal setting

- 1 GCM (HadGEM2-ES) with all RCPs
- GCM 2-5 with RCP 2.6 & 8.5
- Sensitivity tests with GCM1 & RCP8.5: no CO₂ fertilization, irrigation, human influence (water)
- Socio-economics: SSP2 GDP and population - mostly post-processing

Analysis Workshop, September 6-9, Reading (UK)



PNAS Special Issue on ISI-MIP results

Dead-
line of
WG2

1/2013

Submission of
Publications

- **2 cross-sectoral papers:**
 - feedbacks and interlinkages between sectors
 - impact hotspots and vulnerability
- **6 sectoral overview papers:** water, biomes, biophysical crop models, agro-economic models, malaria, coastal infrastructure
- **Other topics (8 invited papers):**
 - Extreme events
 - Water supply vs. water demand
 - Gaps in current impact modeling
 - Effects of CO₂ fertilization
 - Regional focus China → bridge to regional models

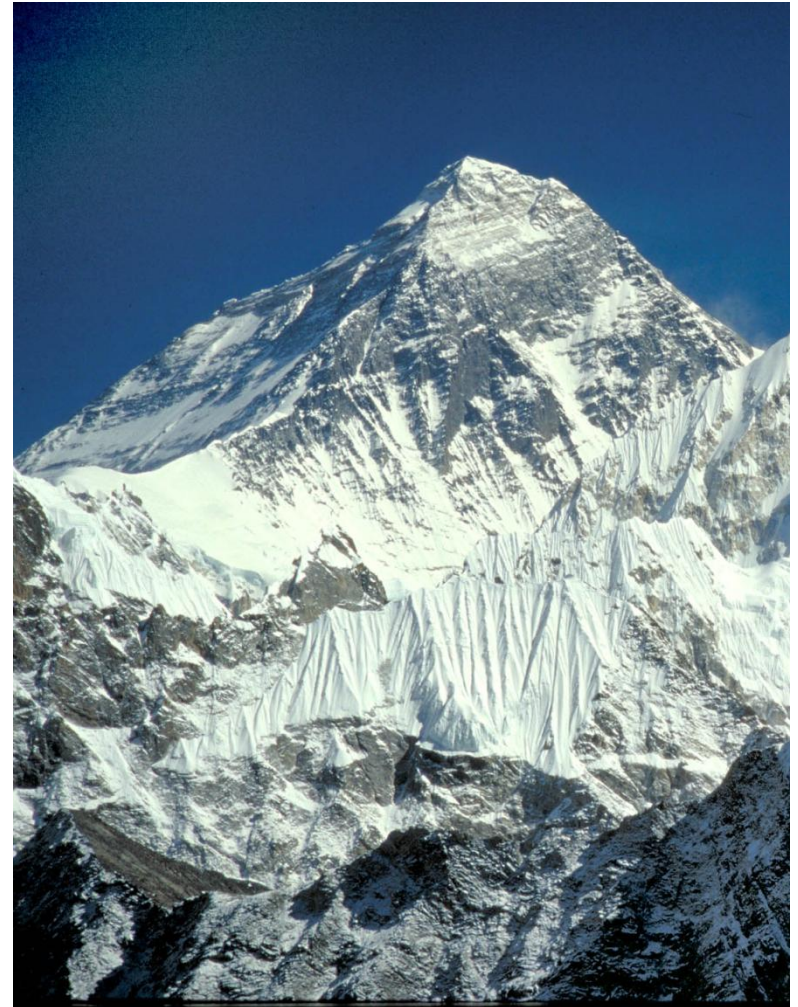
Publications

- 36 proposed paper ideas
- Longer-term Special Issue in Earth System Dynamics
- Many other exciting papers

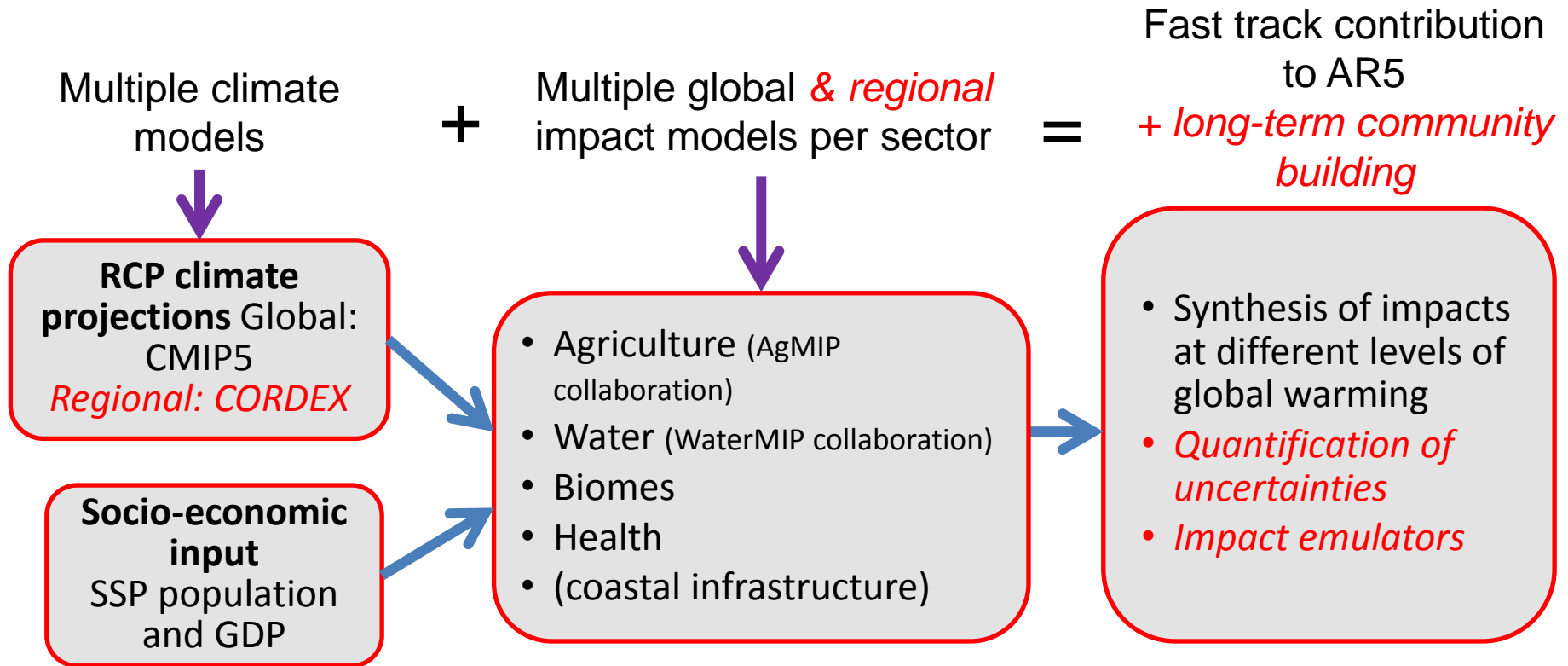
So close



... and yet so far



What is ISI-MIP after the fast track?



➤ Regular, consistent and quantitative assessment of impacts

IMPACTS WORLD 2013

International Conference on Climate Change Effects
Potsdam, May 27–30



- Cross-sectoral integration
- Bridging the global-regional divide
- What is missing?
- Quantifying uncertainty
- Stakeholder communication



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- Discussion-based interactive format, not just reporting results
- Agenda setting for coordinated, community-driven future research

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