

KLIWAS: organisational aspects and current work of BfG on climate change



1st Rhine-Mekong Symposium

“Climate change and its influence on water and related
sectors”

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Drought

Low flow Rhine river 2003



Uncertainty, global Scale: Range of GCM: 21 Projections (A1B)

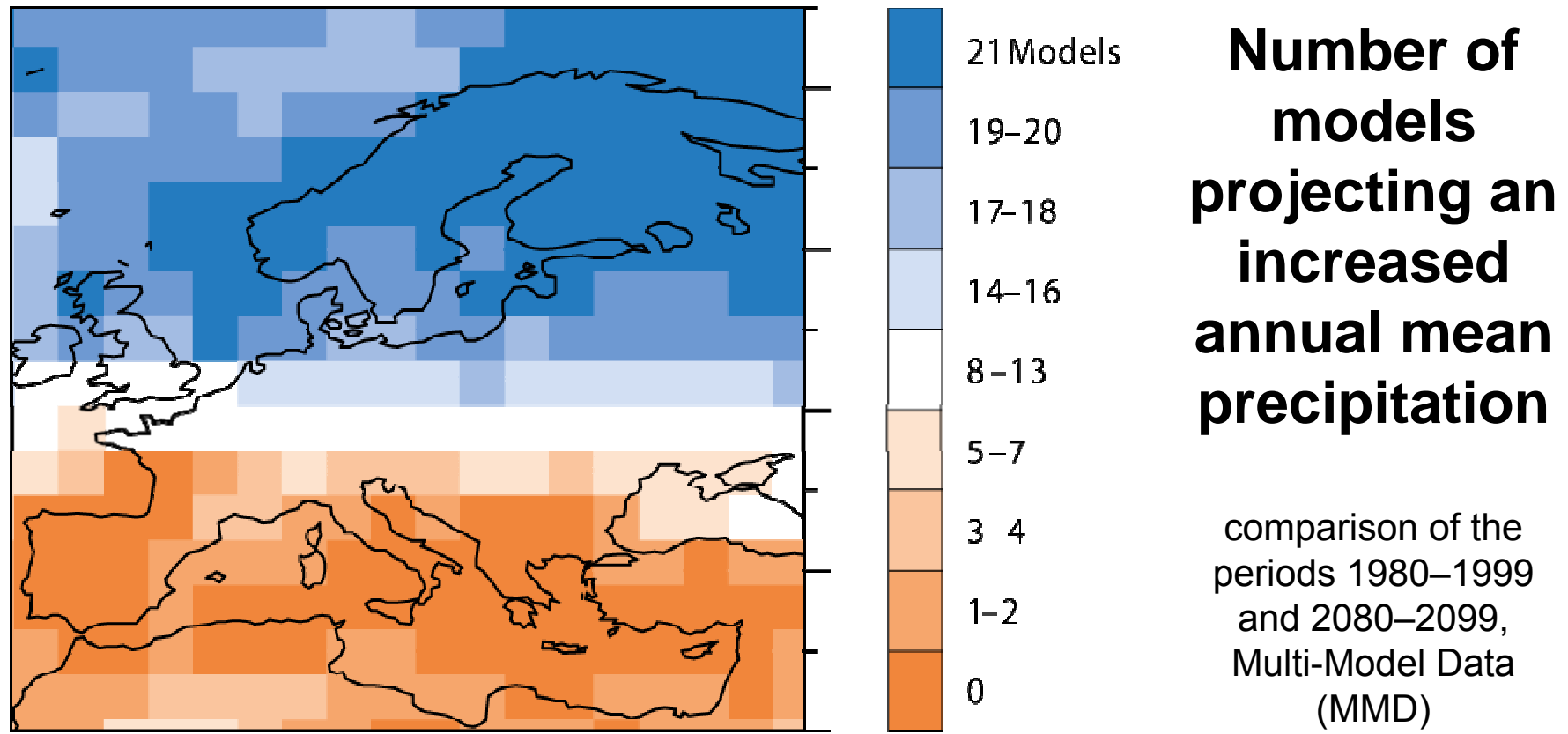


Figure 1: Number of models projecting an increased annual mean precipitation (comparison of the periods 1980–1999 and 2080–2099, Multi-Model Data (MMD), A1B Scenario)

Reliable supply?



- How will climate change influence inland and coastal waterways in Germany?
- When will changes occur?
- What is the range of regional potential changes?
- What adaptation measures can help?



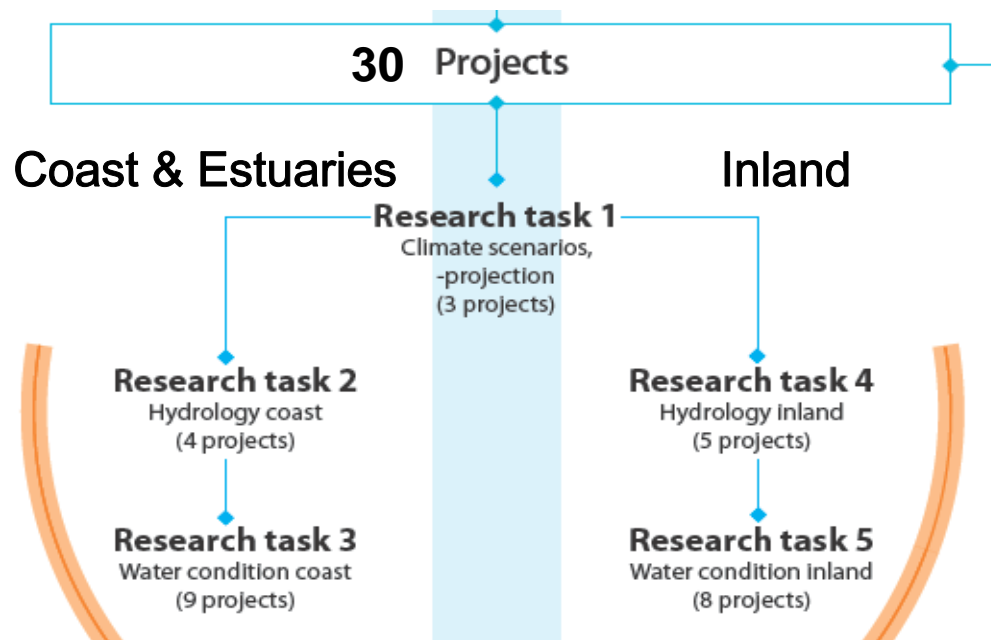
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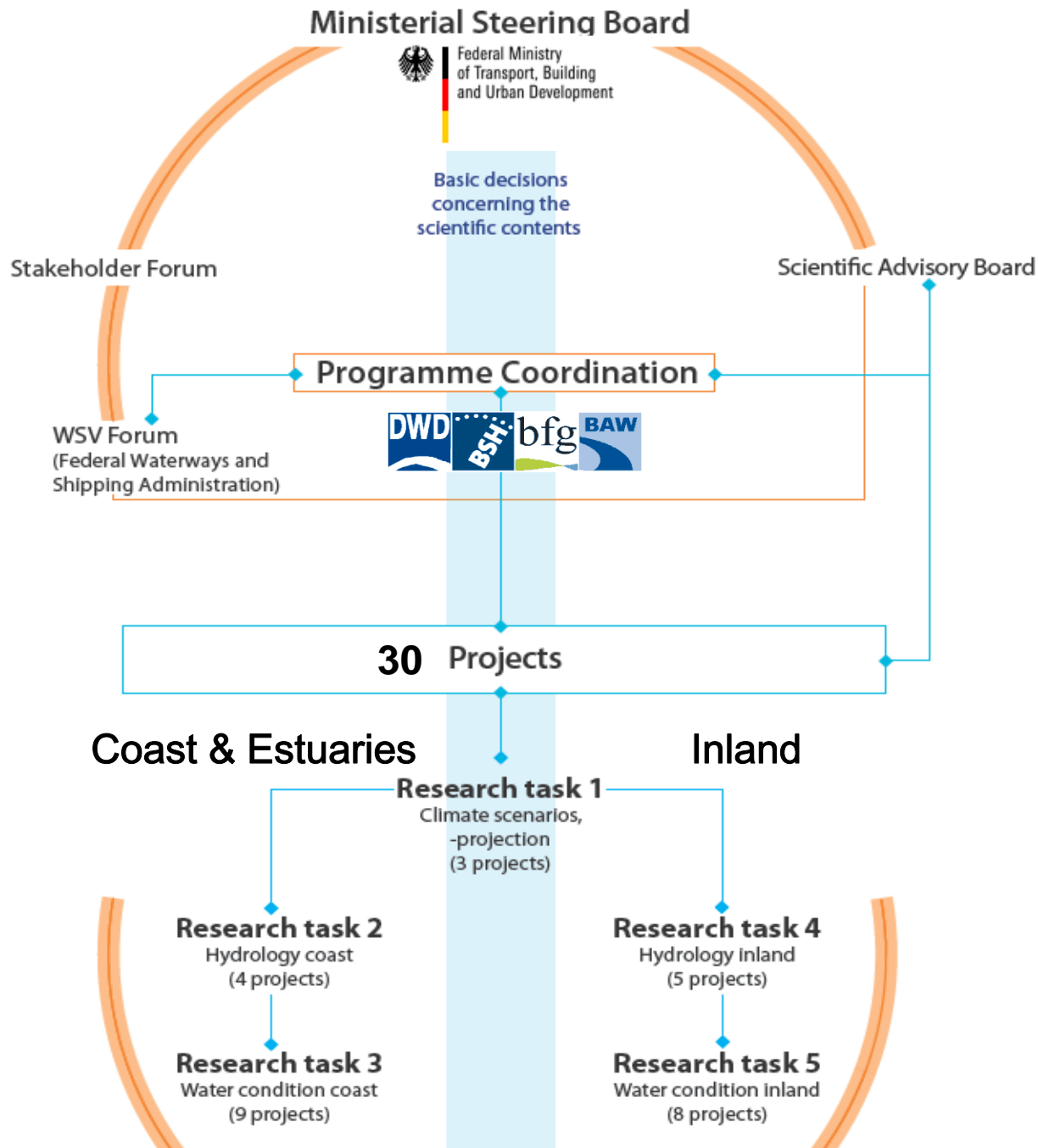
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30 Projects

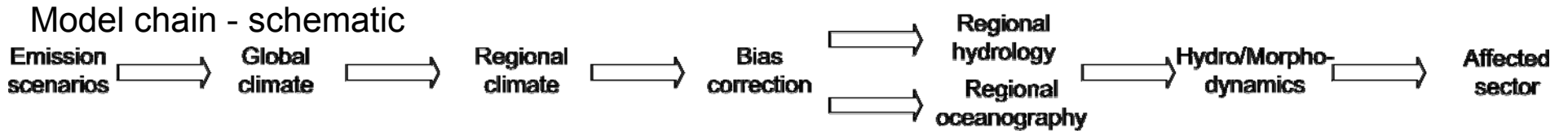


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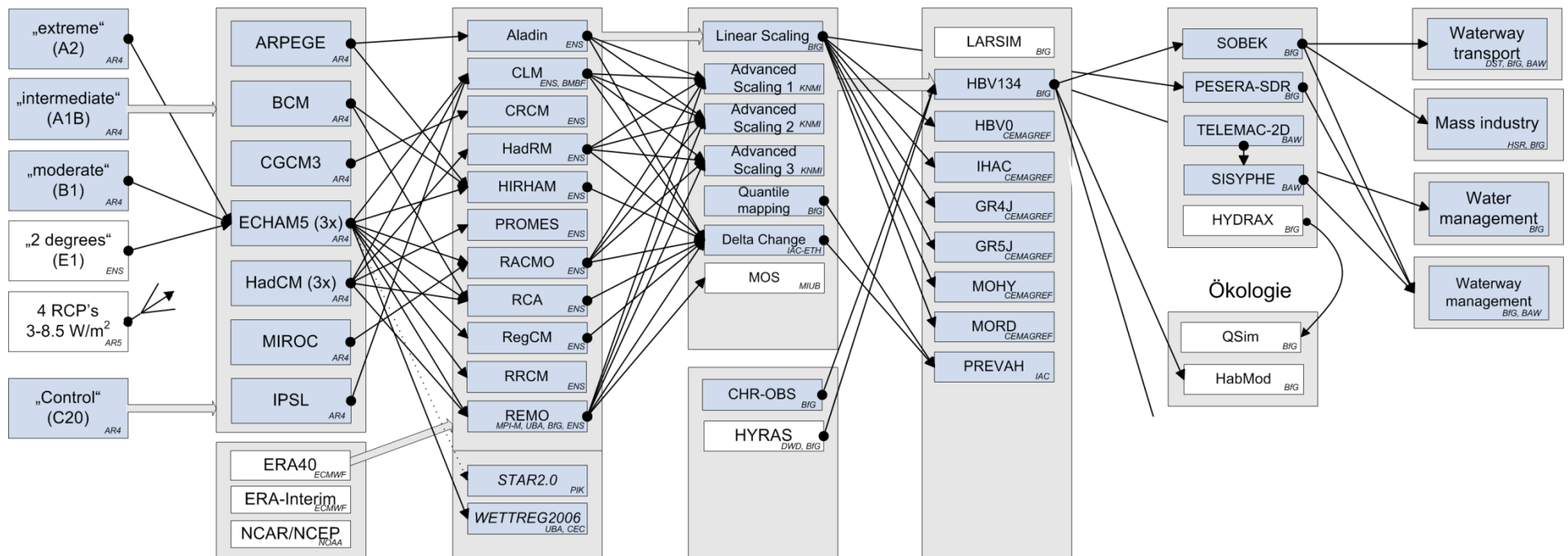




Multi model approach



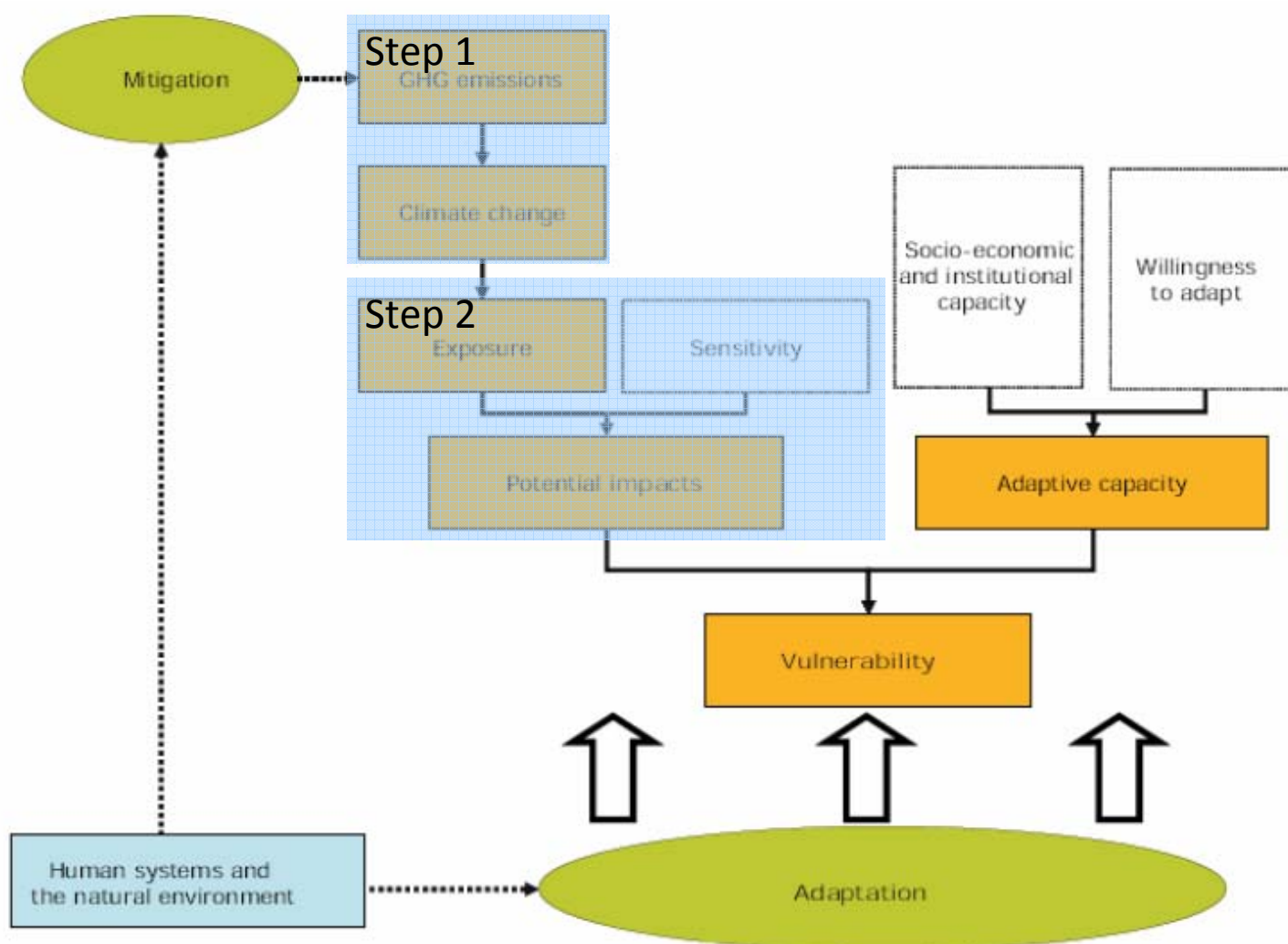
Model chain - data



Selection of relevant indicators

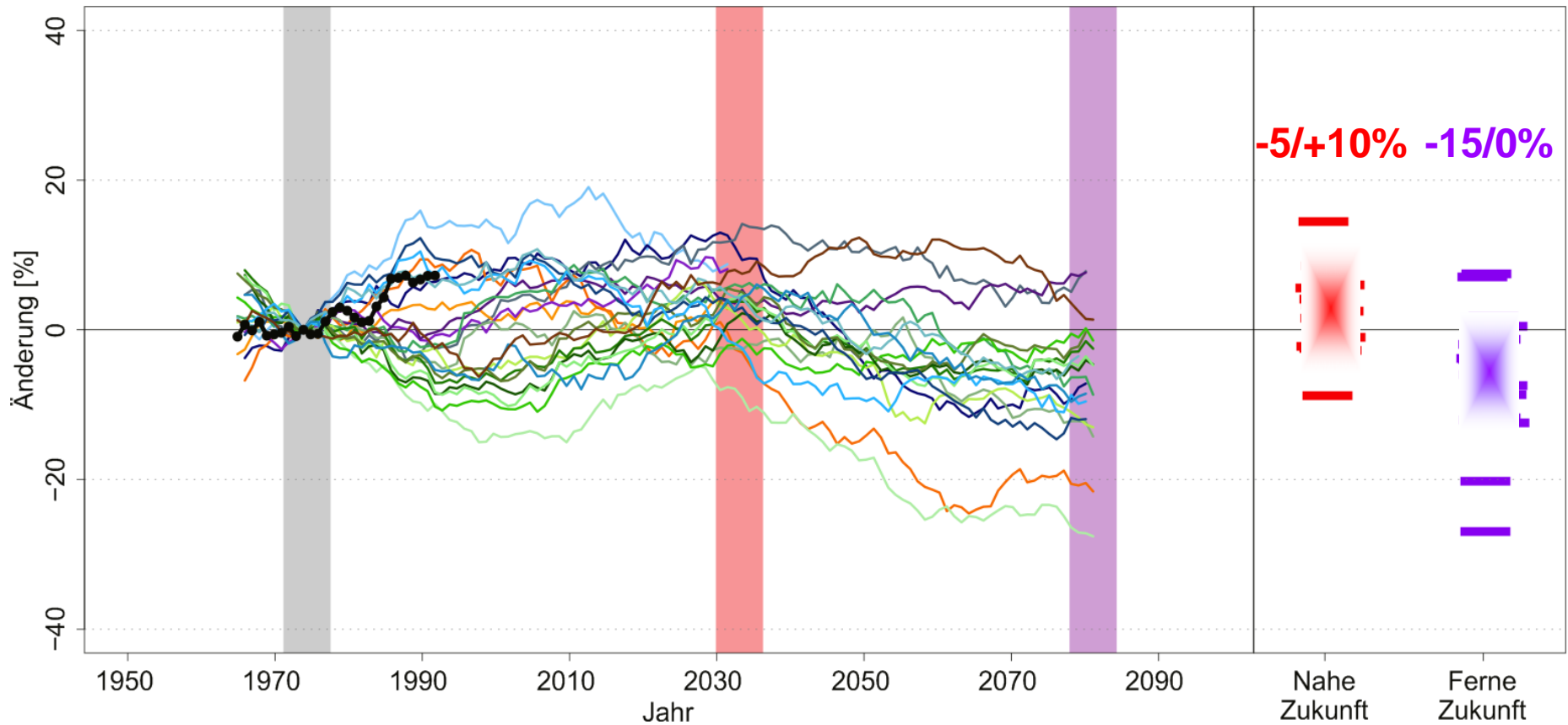
Diagnosics	Notation	Unit	Description and definitions
Average discharge	MQ	m ³ /s	Mean discharge; arithmetic mean of daily mean discharge per time-span (annual and seasonal, with reference to the hydrological year or hydrological season); averaged to 30- year long-term annual seasonal means; hydrological yearbook primary statistic
Low flow	NM7Q	m ³ /s	Lowest arithmetic mean of discharge during 7 consecutive days; calculated per hydrological season; averaged to 30- long long-term annual or seasonal means
	FDC_Q90	m ³ /s	Discharge undershot on 10% of all days of a 30- year period (i.e. the 90th percentile of the flow duration curve representing 10950 days, no leapeyears taken into account)
High flow	MHQ	m ³ /s	Mean maximum discharge; arihtmetic mean of all annual maximum discharges (per hydrological year) per timespan (here: 30- year, 3000- year); hydrological yearbook primary statistic
	HQ10	m ³ /s	Discharge corresponding to a 10- year return period, i.e. discharge which occurs once every 10 years; calculated from a fitted distribution to the annual (hydrological year) maximum discharge values per timespan in a return level plot; for HQ10 a 30-year time-span is used
	HQ100	m ³ /s	Discharge corresponding to a 100- year return period; a 3000-year time-span from the rainfall generator is used

vulnerability



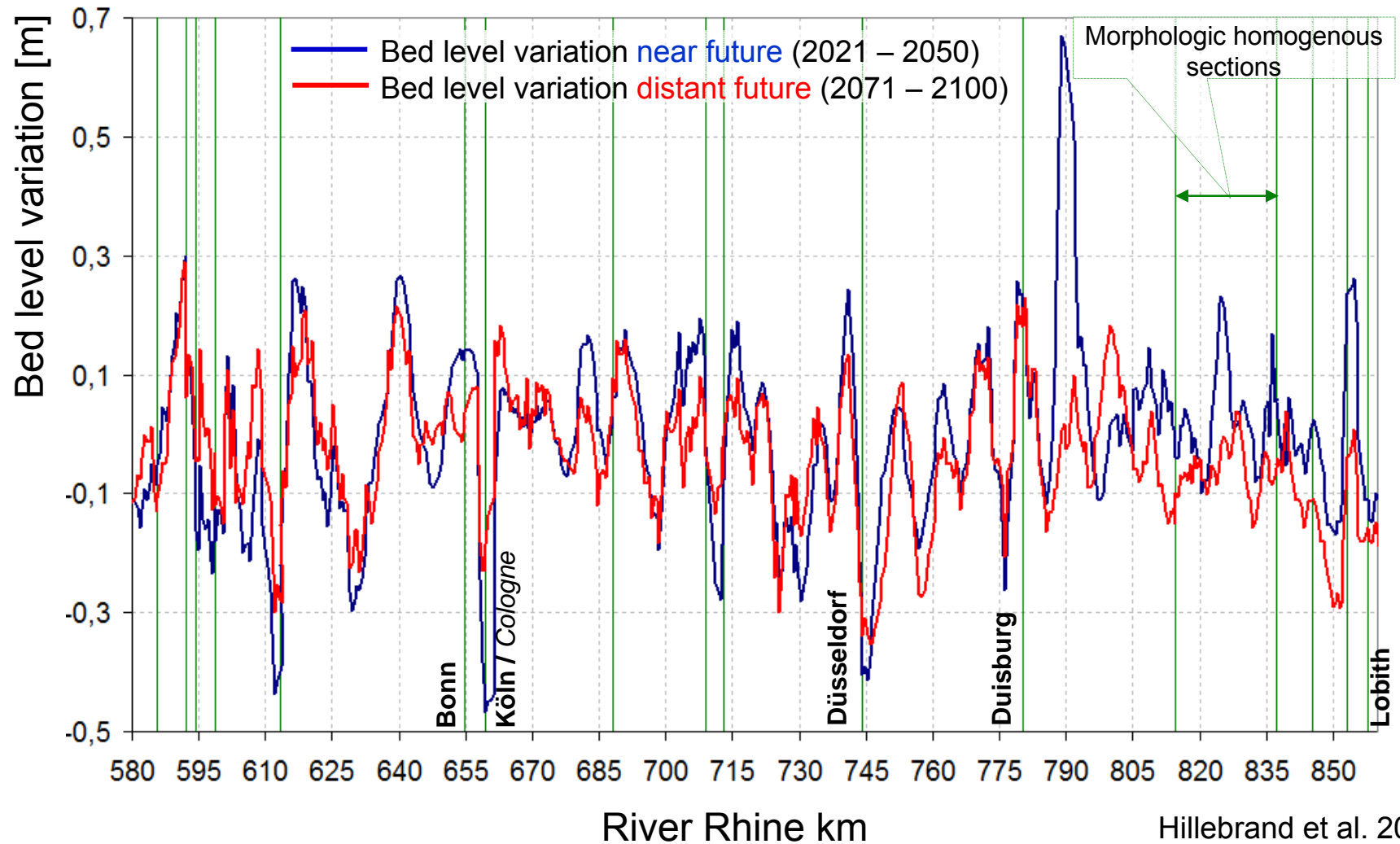
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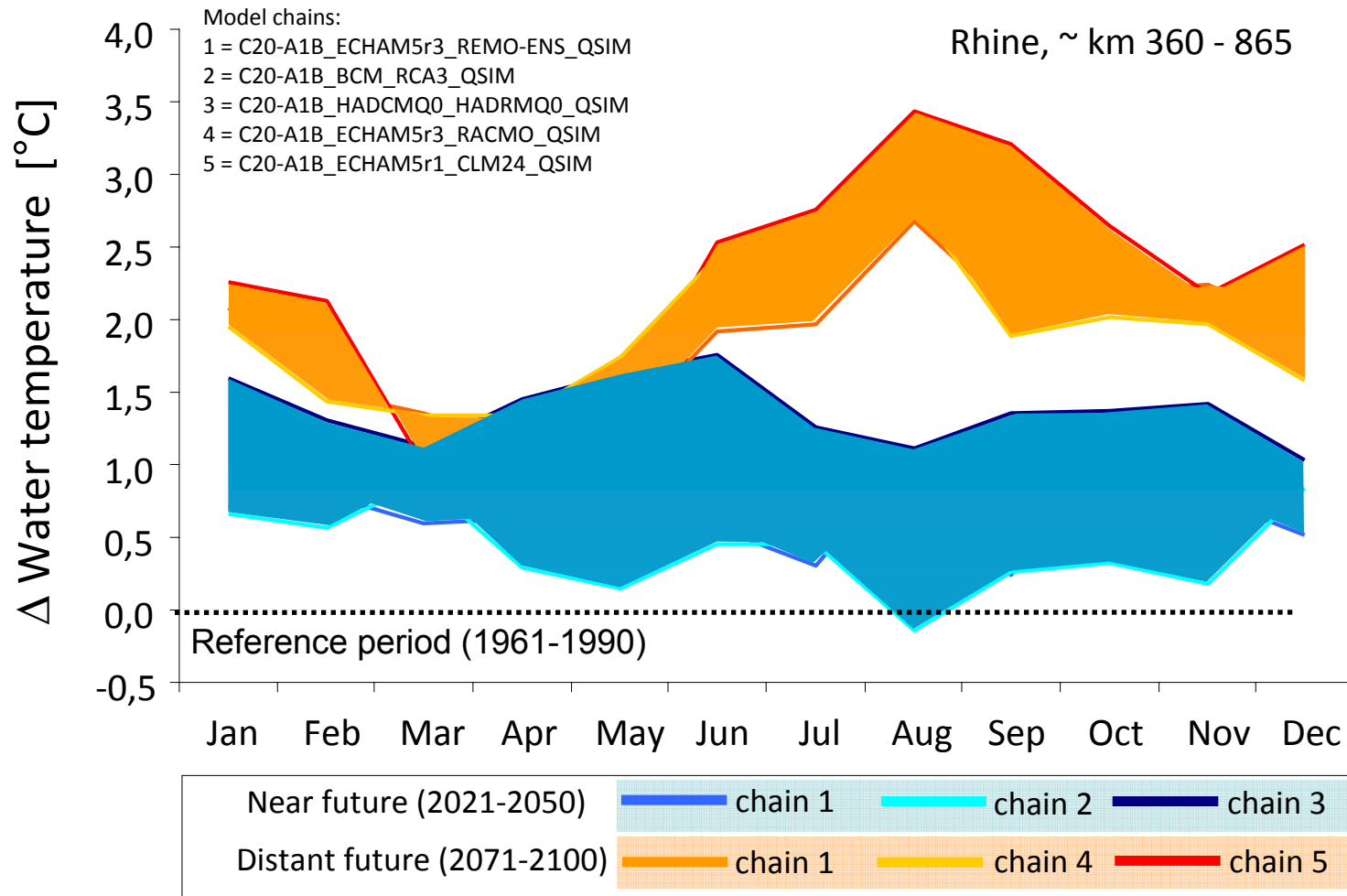


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River Rhine



Water temperature

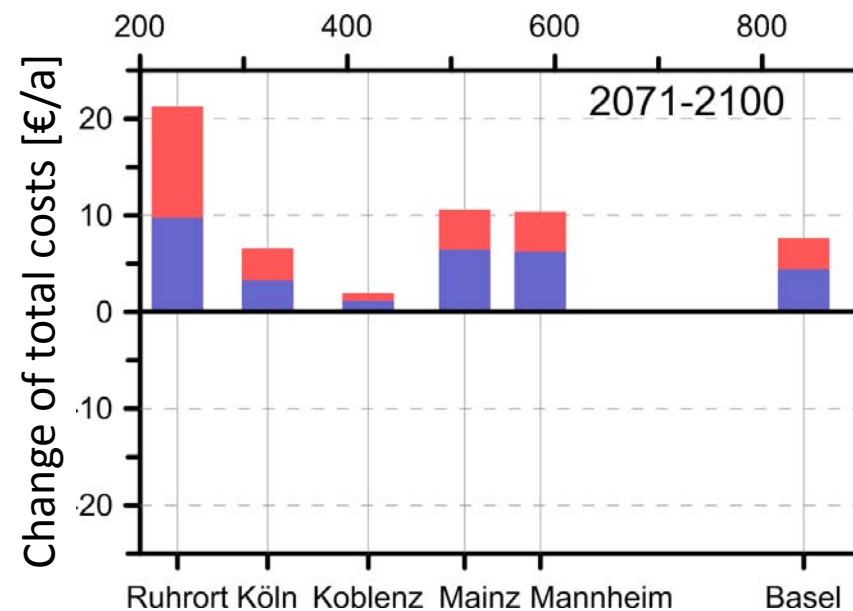


Impacts of climate change on annual total transport costs [€ /a]



→ Optimistic and pessimistic discharge scenario

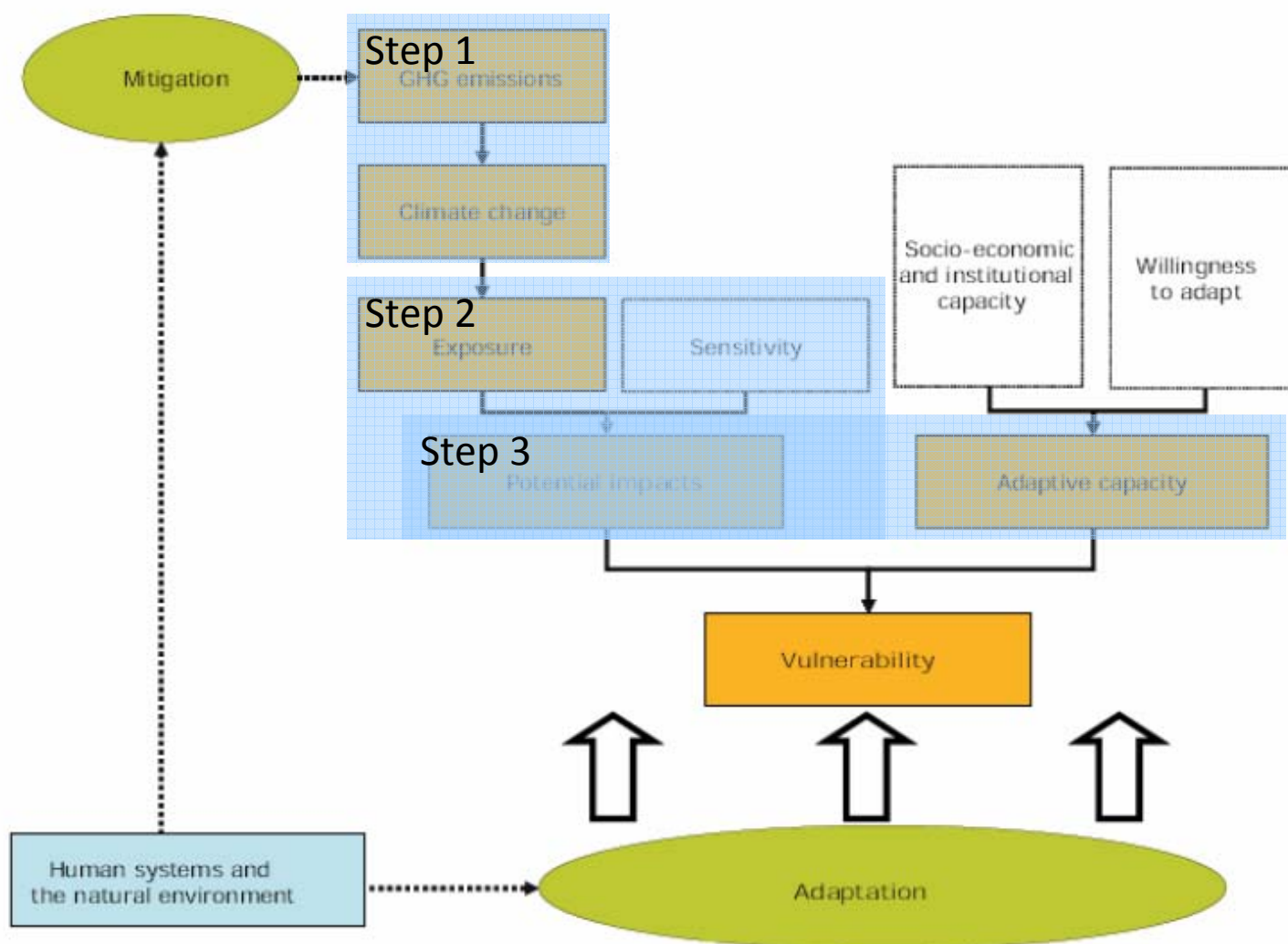
Distant future



Cost rise
~30 Mio. EUR/a ~ 5%

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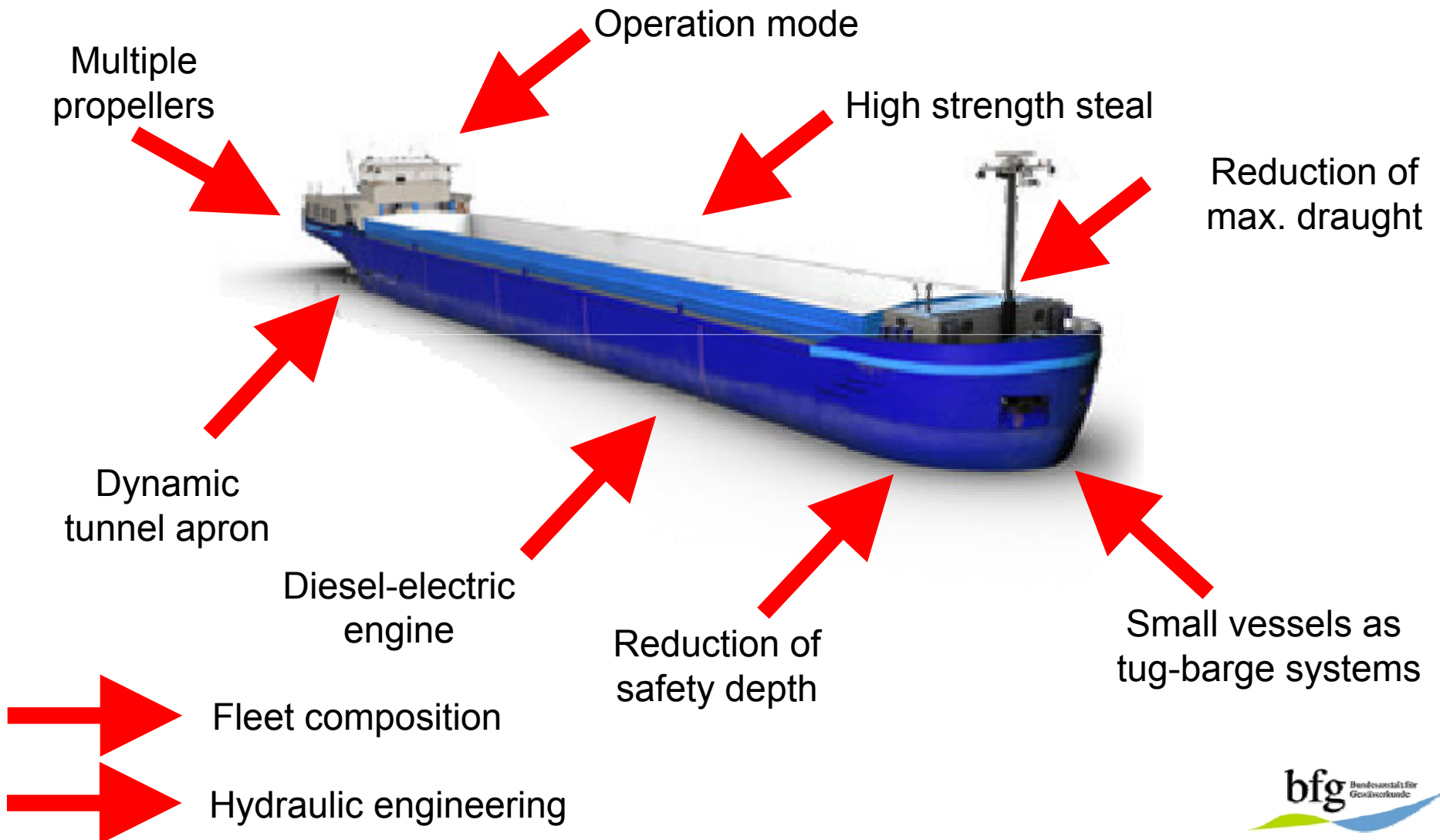


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Science + responsibility

Uses/functions depending on	Parameters	Need for action with view to		Assessment of information	
		River basin/ waterway	Period	Signal intensity	Confidence
Water supply (e.g. water abstractions)	MQ (mean river discharge), hydrological year (Nov.-Oct.)	Rhine	-	0	+
		Elbe	Since 2050	++	+
		Danube	Since 2050	++	+
Summer flow (e.g. water resources management)	MQ (mean river discharge), hydrological summer (May-Oct.)	Rhine ^o	Since 2050	++	++
		Elbe	At once	+	++
		Danube ^o	At once	+	++
Minimum water volume (e.g. fish migration, navigability)	NM7Q (lowest mean discharge in a period of 7 days) or NMoMQ (lowest mean monthly discharge), water year (Apr.-March)	Rhine ^o	Since 2050	+	++
		Elbe	Since 2050	++	+
		Danube ^o	At once	+	++

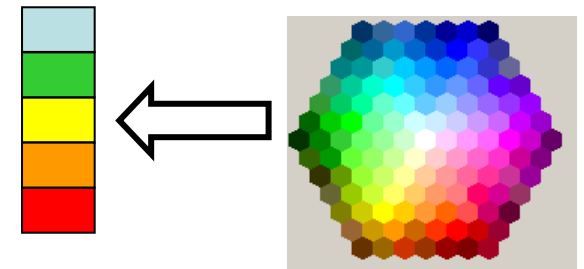
Technical and operational adaptation options



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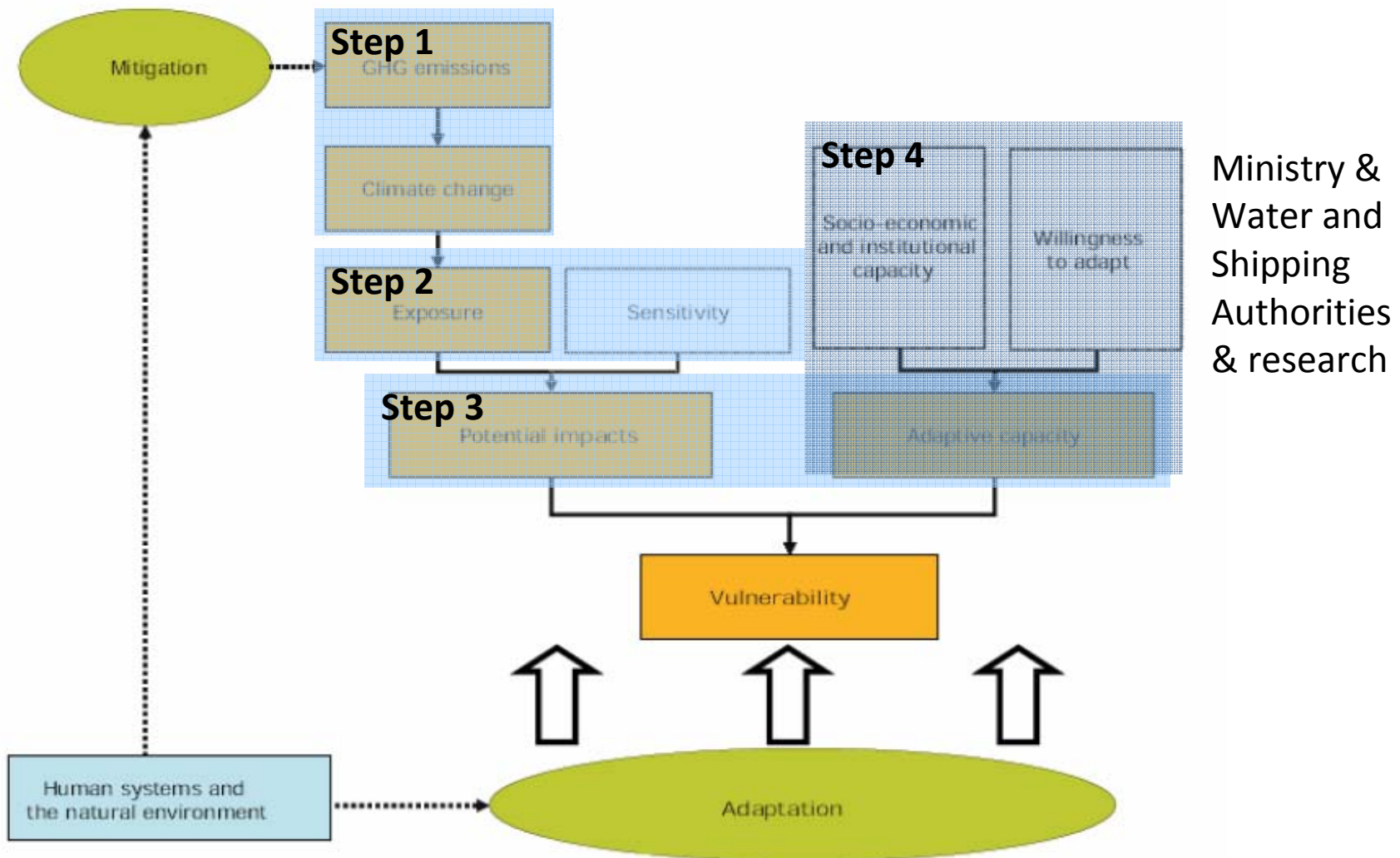
- Project reports & publications
dimension of climate signals & when,
dimension and relevance of impacts for
running the waterways, adaptation options

- Synthesis for decision makers



- Synthesis on methodology
- → contributions for the GFCS

Currently + outlook



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Currently ...

Seasonal prognosis/ decadal projections

2021-2050

2071-2100

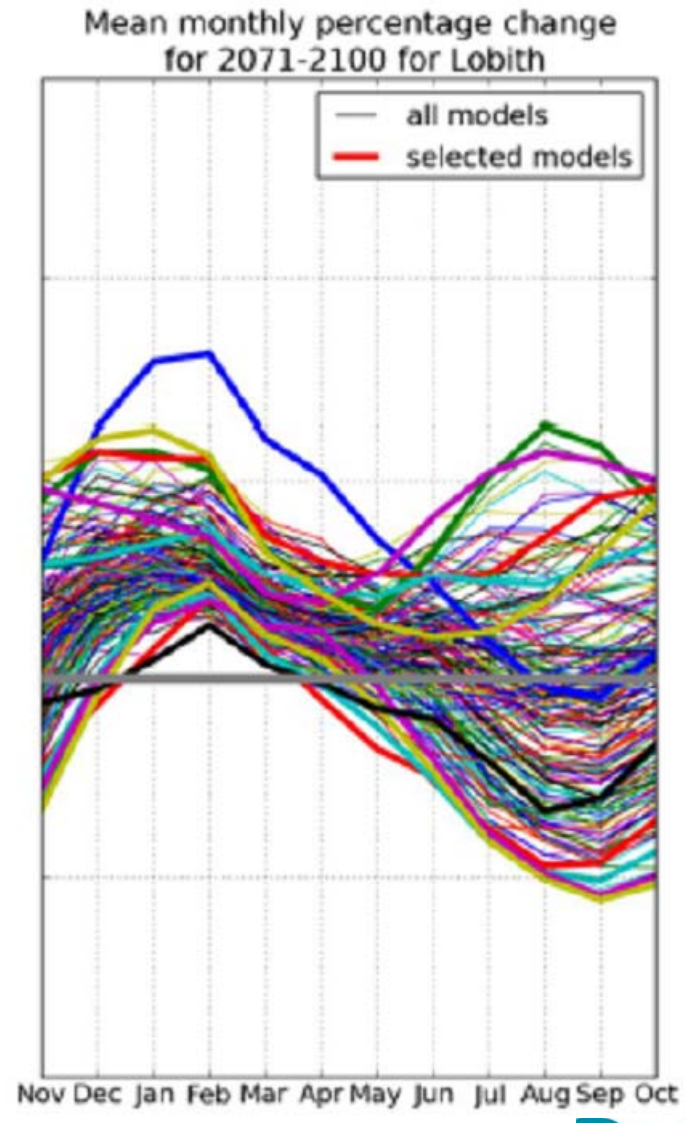
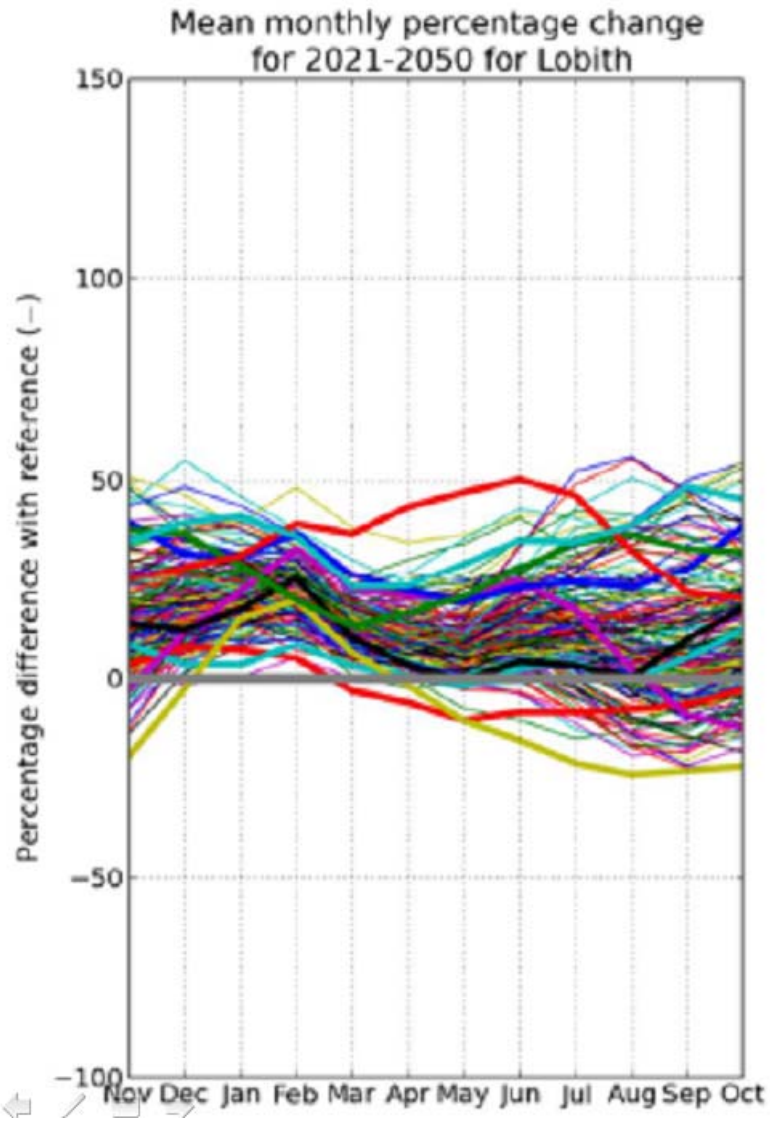
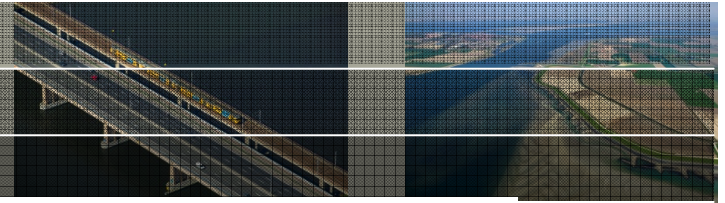
Short-term

long-term



planning
horizon
investments in
infrastructure

outlook: new projections



Source: Sperna Weiland & Bouaziz (2014)

outlook: consistent scenarios for all transport modes



Source: dpa (2013)

Thanks



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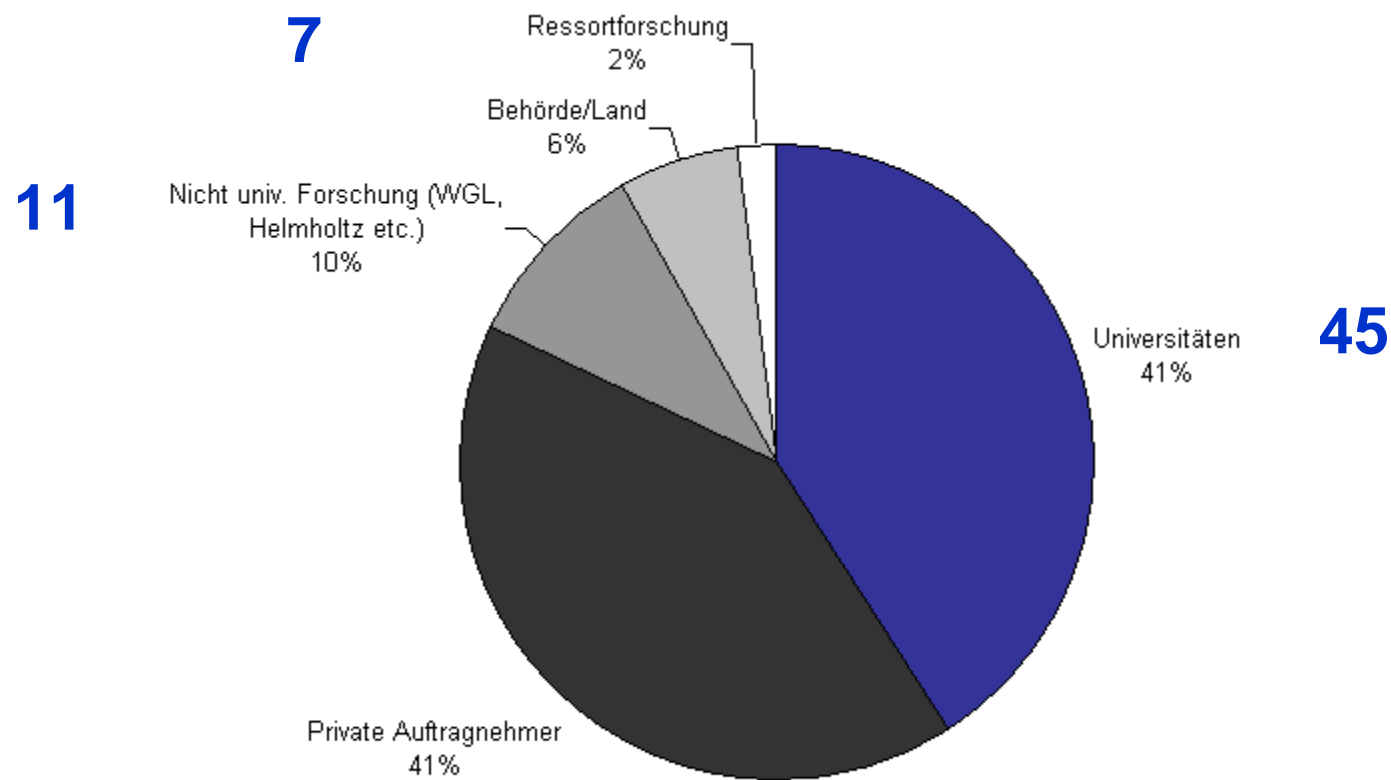
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within the network of science and departmental research



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110 cooperations
100 partners

Projections, near & distant future

Short-term

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2071-2100
long-term



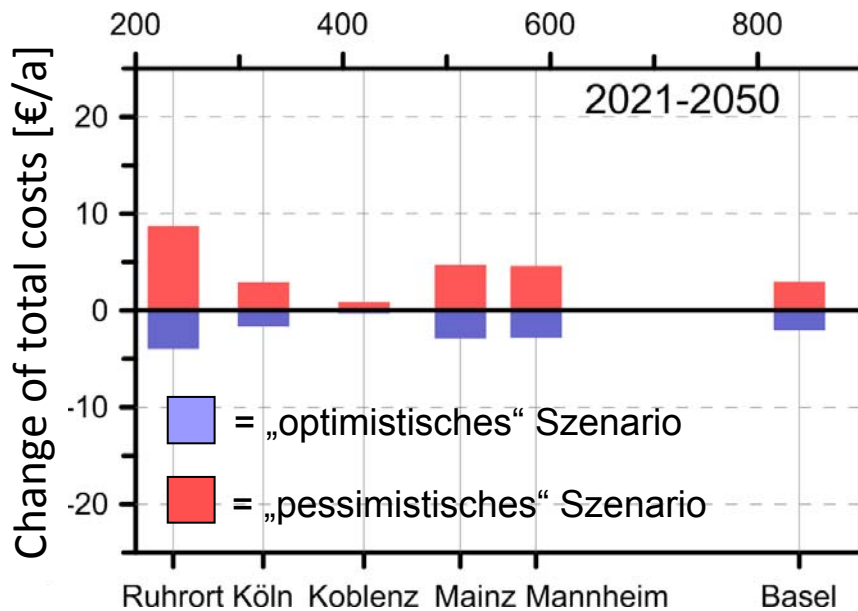
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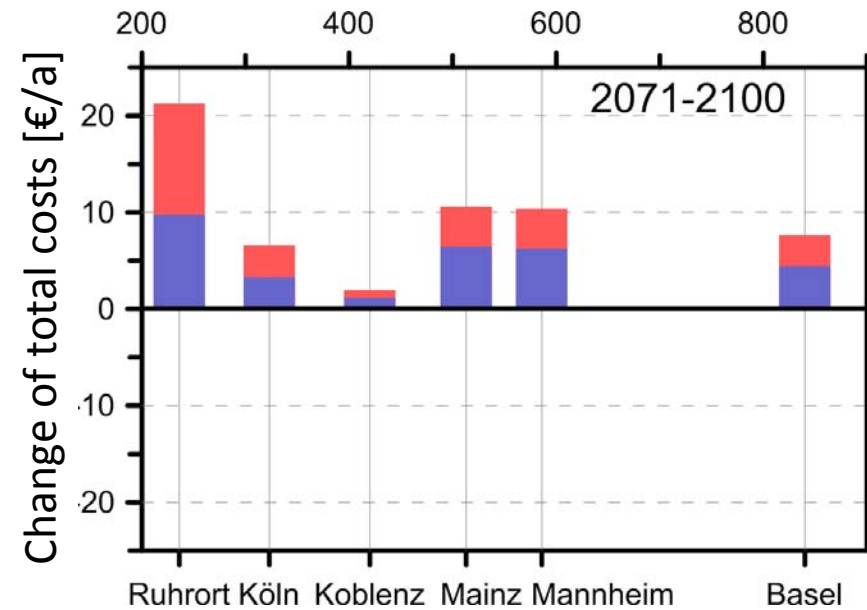


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Near future



Distant future



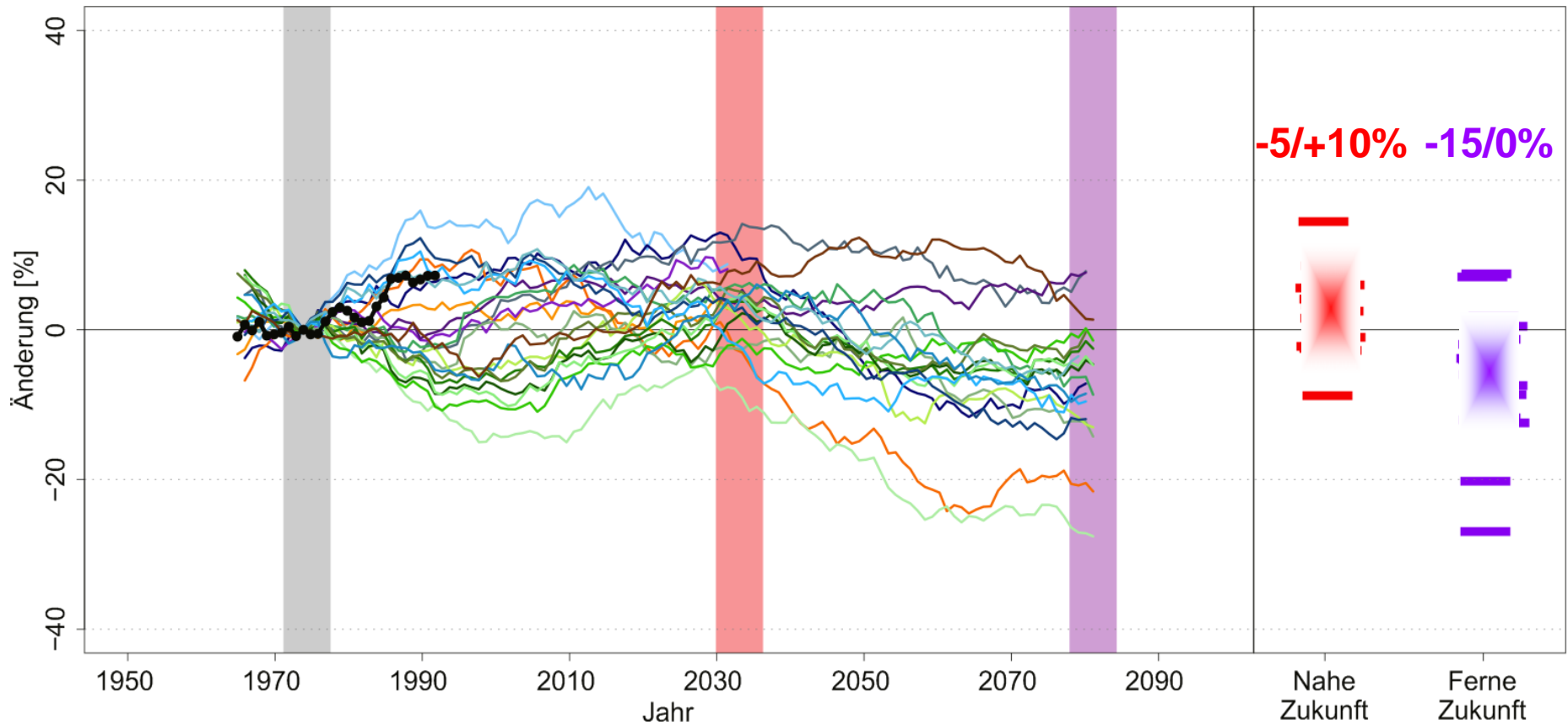
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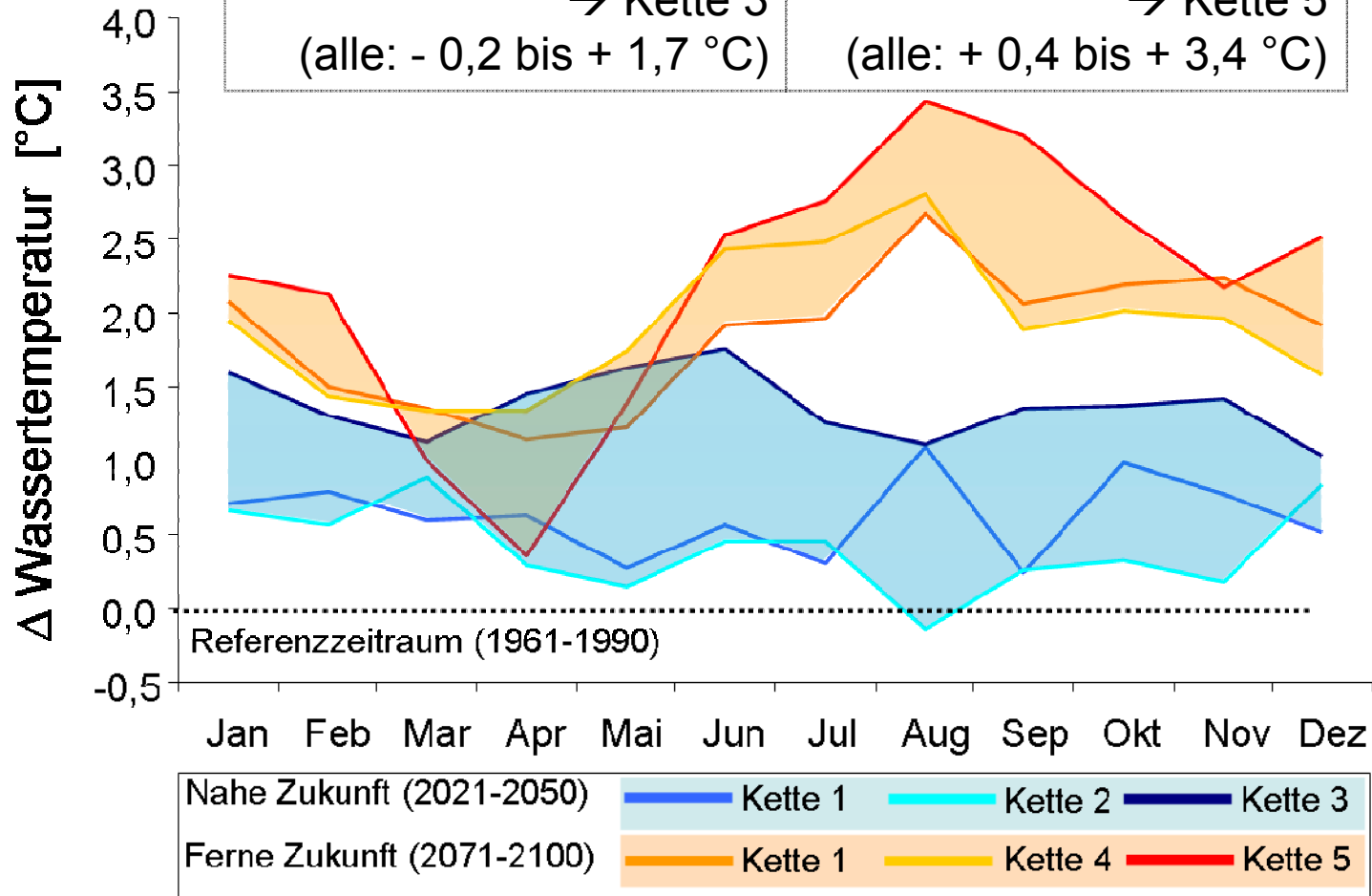
Water temperature



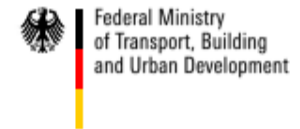
- ferne Zukunft alle Ketten: + 2 °C (Mittelwert über 9 Stationen)

- Monatsmittelwerte: Δ **nahe Zukunft: + 1,7 °C** Δ **ferne Zukunft: + 3,4 °C**
 → Kette 3 → Kette 5
 (alle: - 0,2 bis + 1,7 °C) (alle: + 0,4 bis + 3,4 °C)

Rhein



Departmental Research

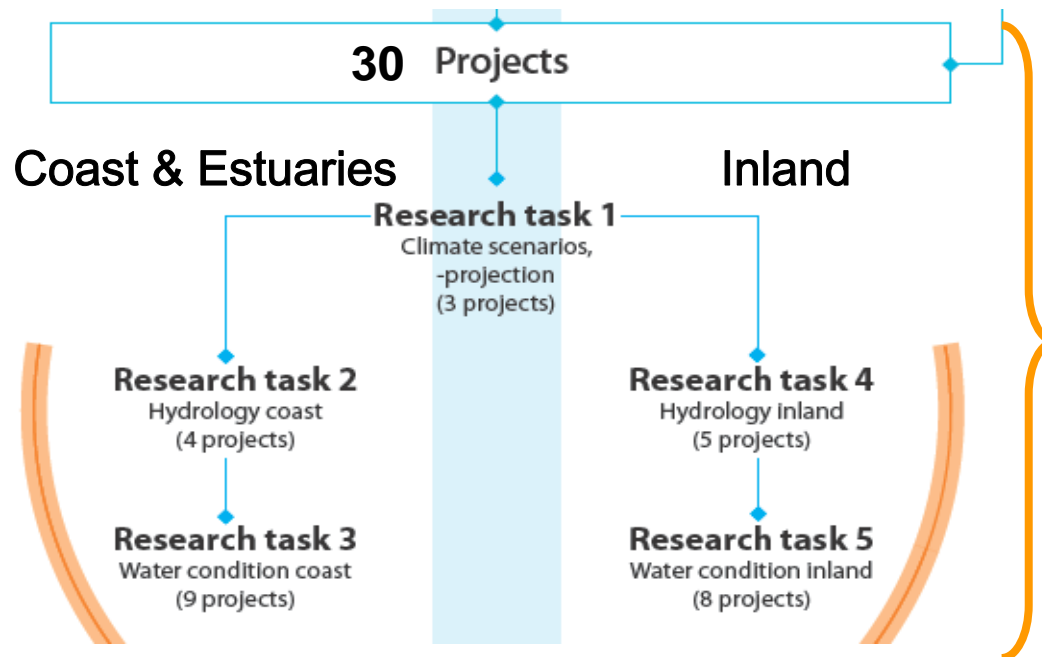


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- meteorological climate scenarios, regionalisation, reference data
- changes in the oceanographic & hydrological system
- morphological, qualitative, ecological impacts on waters
- options to adapt

Low flows Rhine 2011



Courtesy: TM



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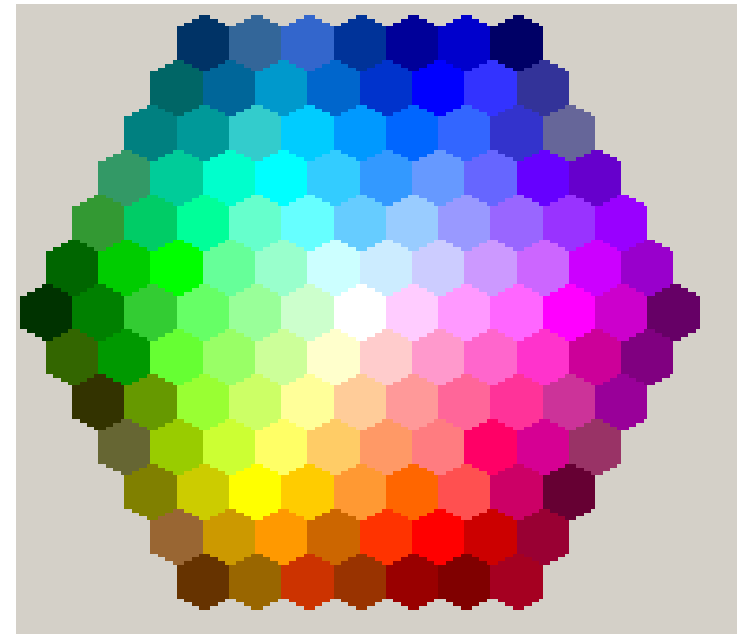
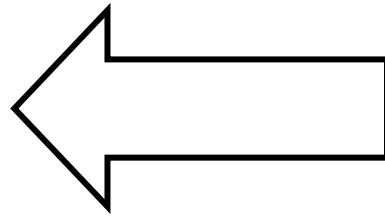
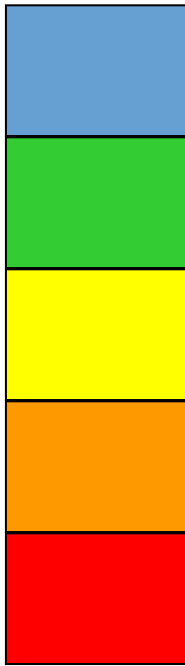
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Low flows Rhine 2003

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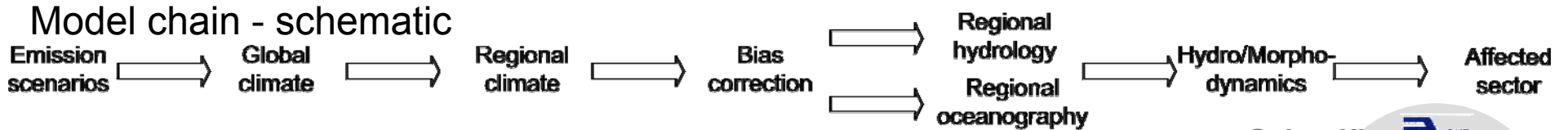
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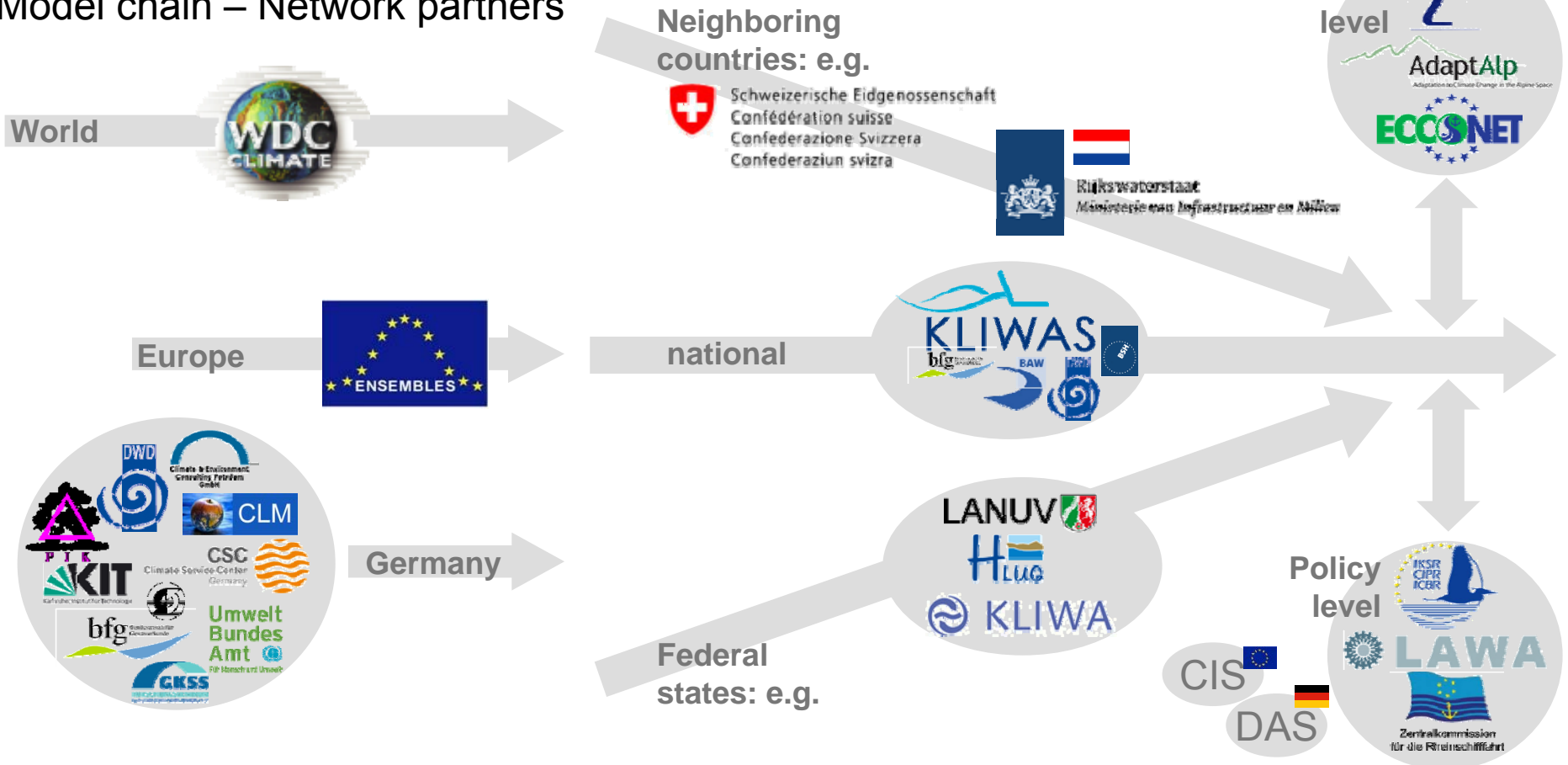
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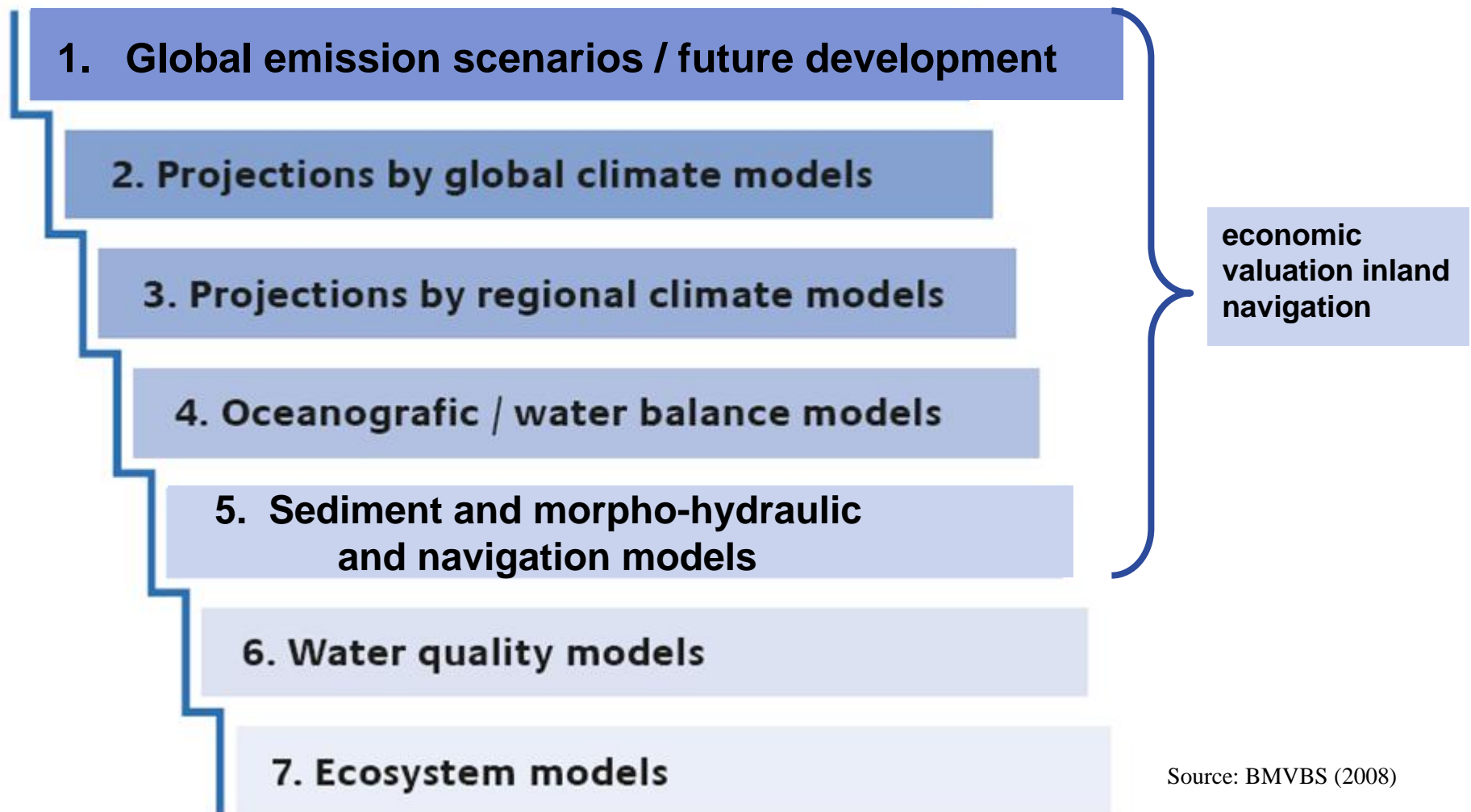
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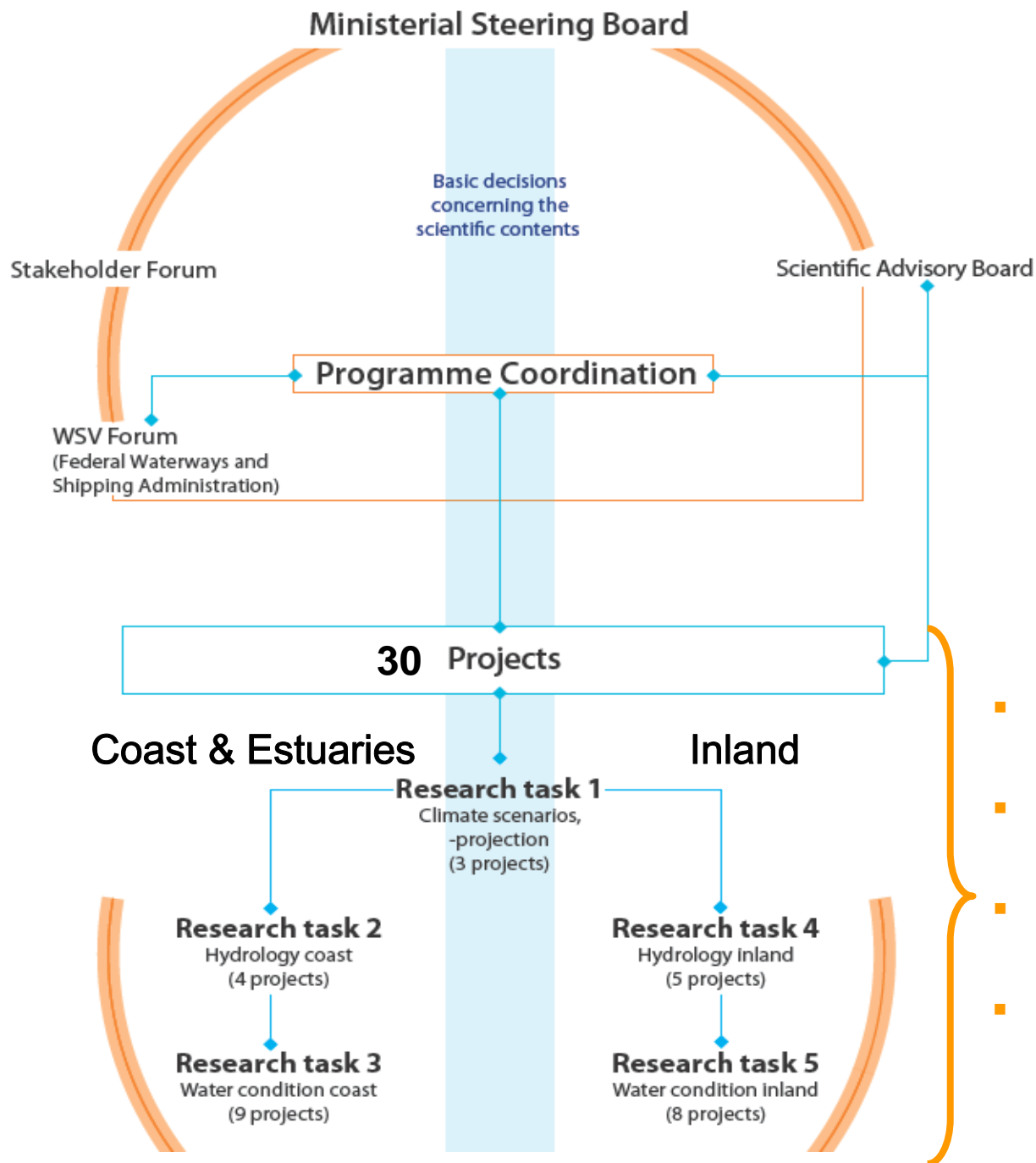
Model chain – Network partners



Model Chain

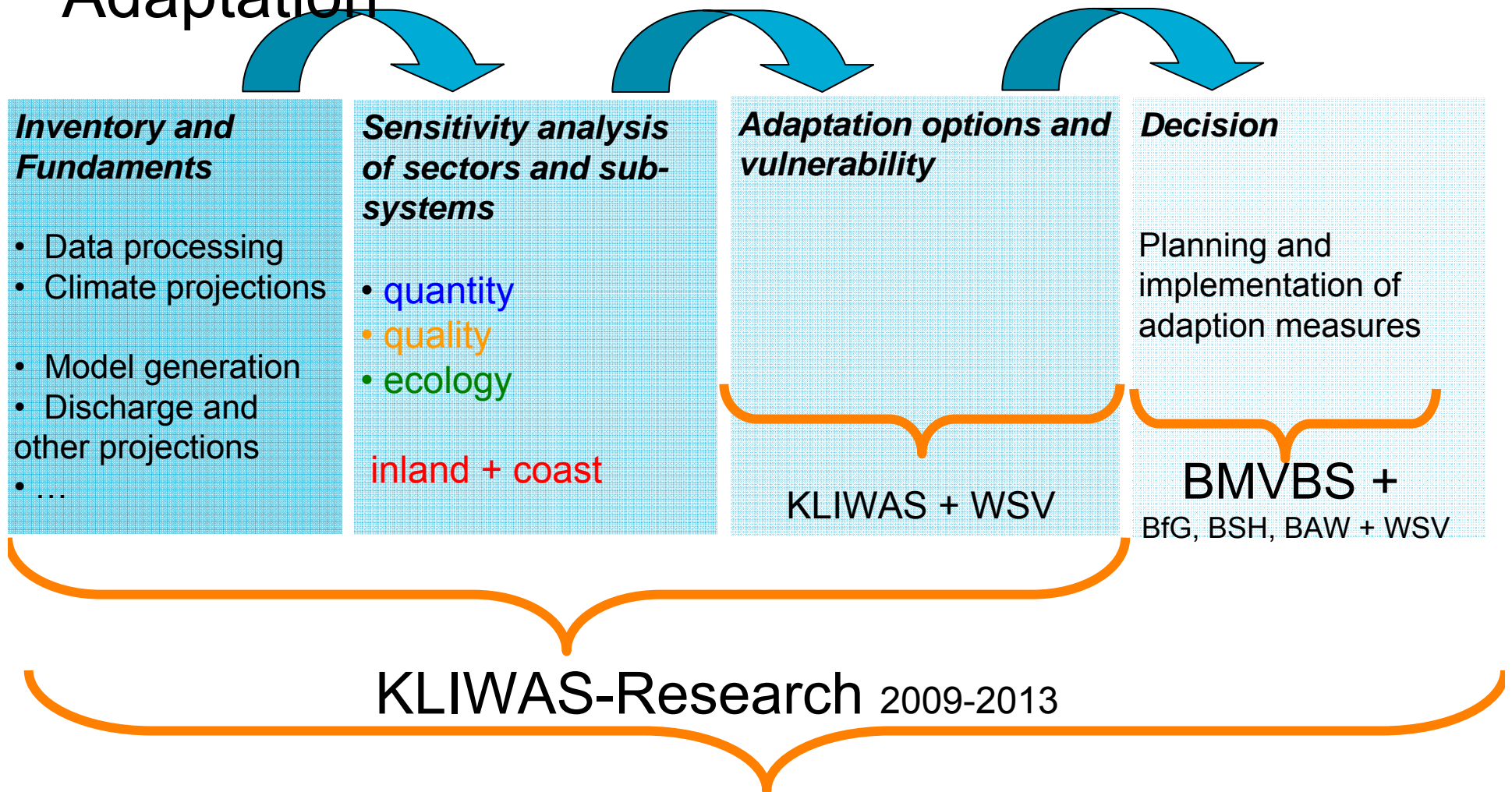


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Impact of CC: Research → Adaptation

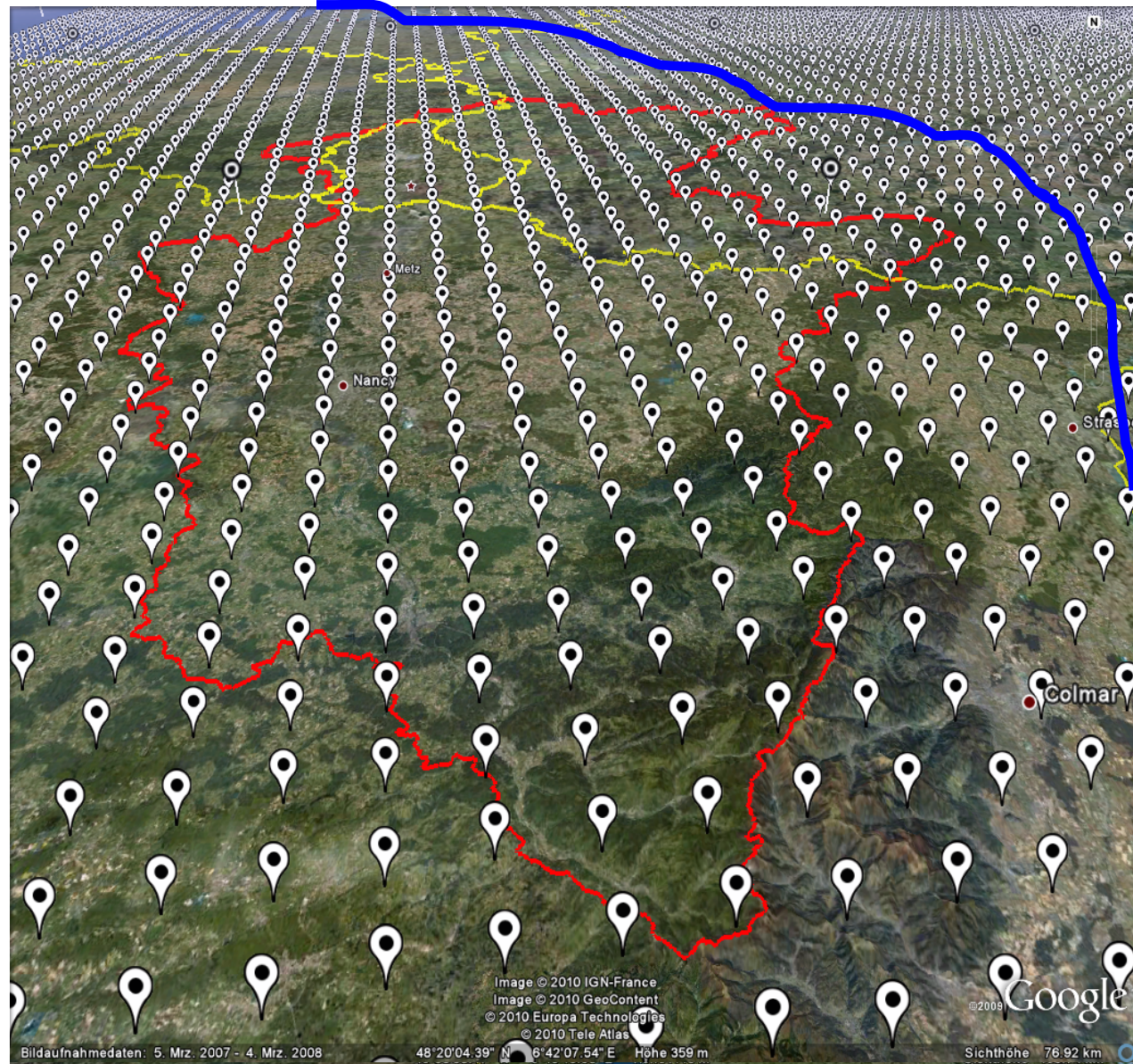


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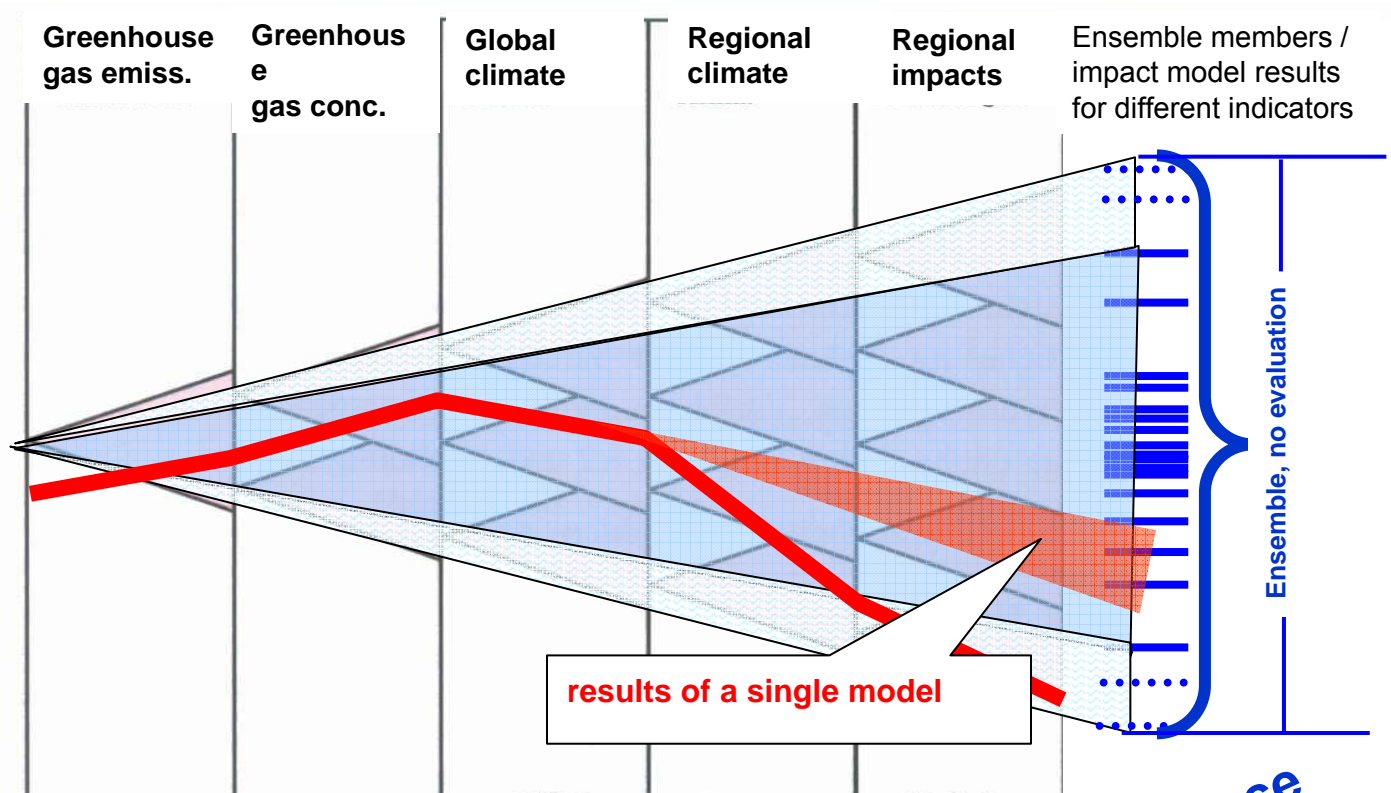
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GCM

RCM

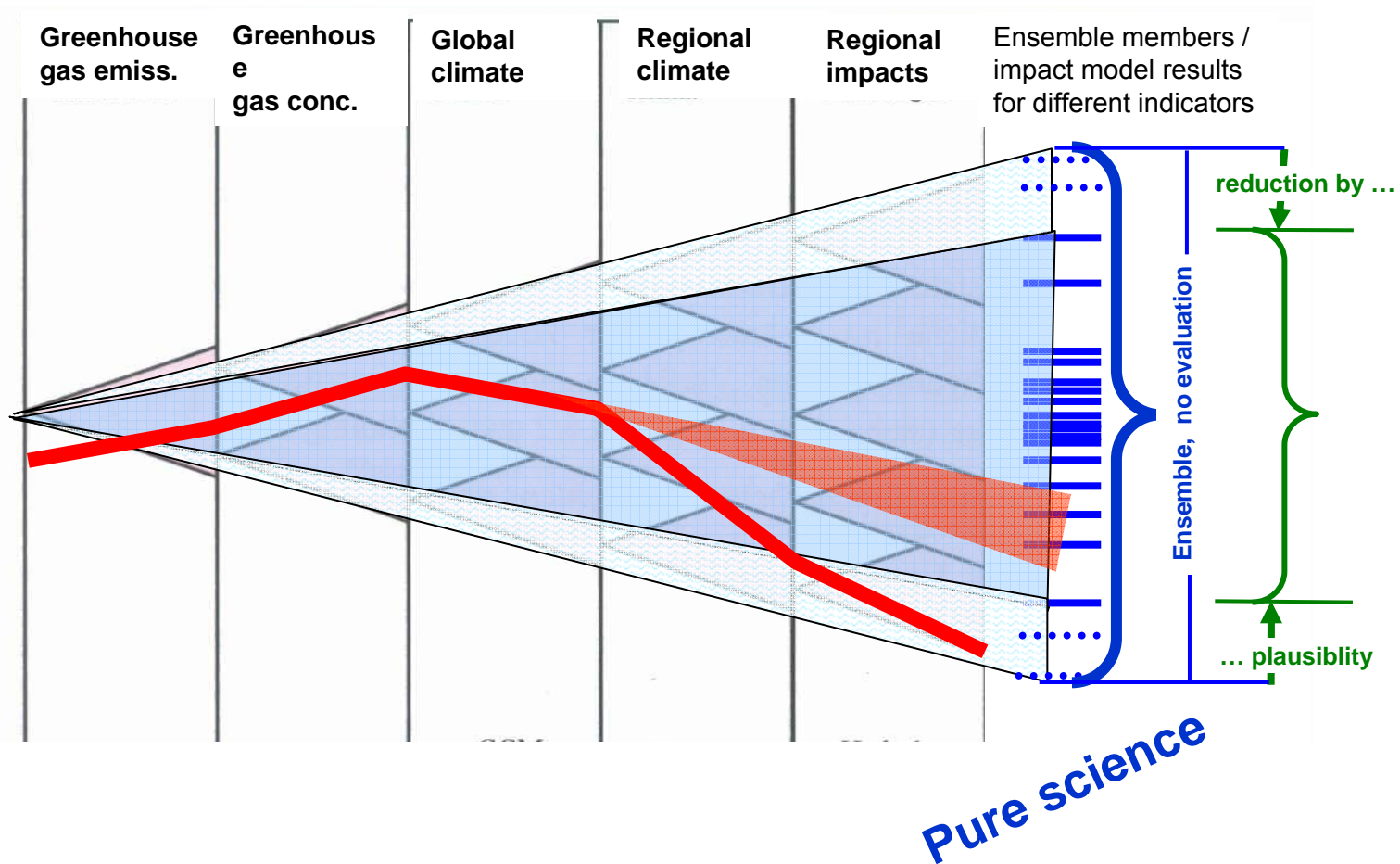


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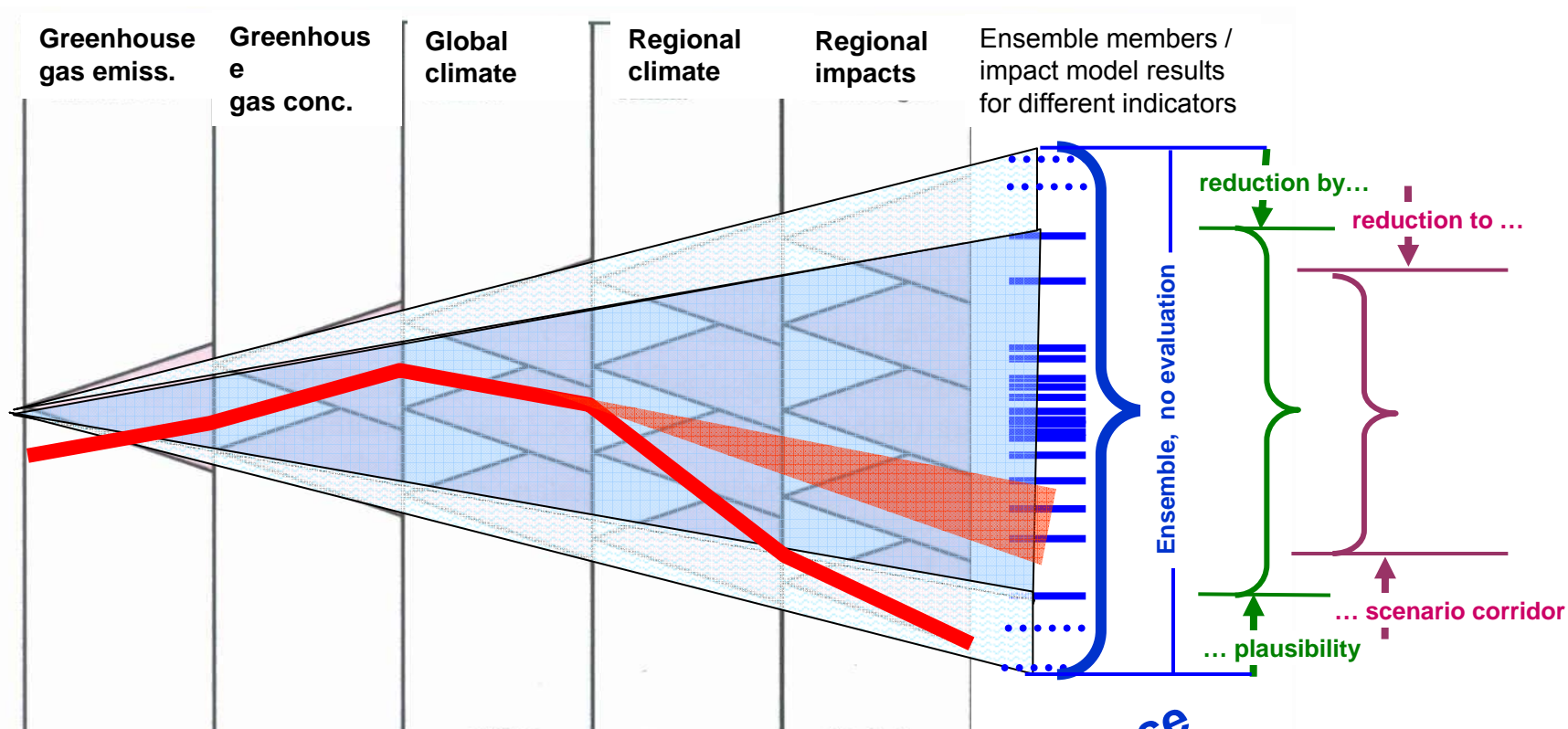


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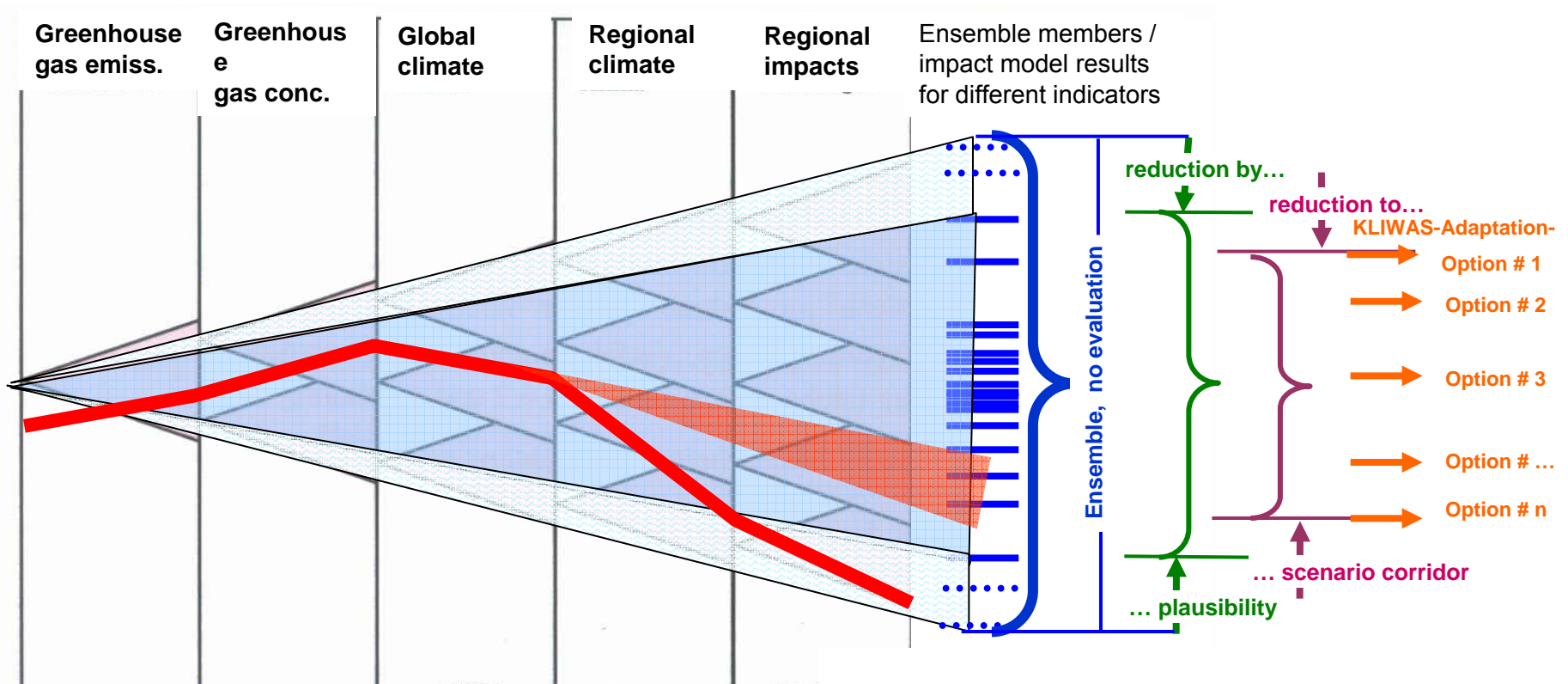


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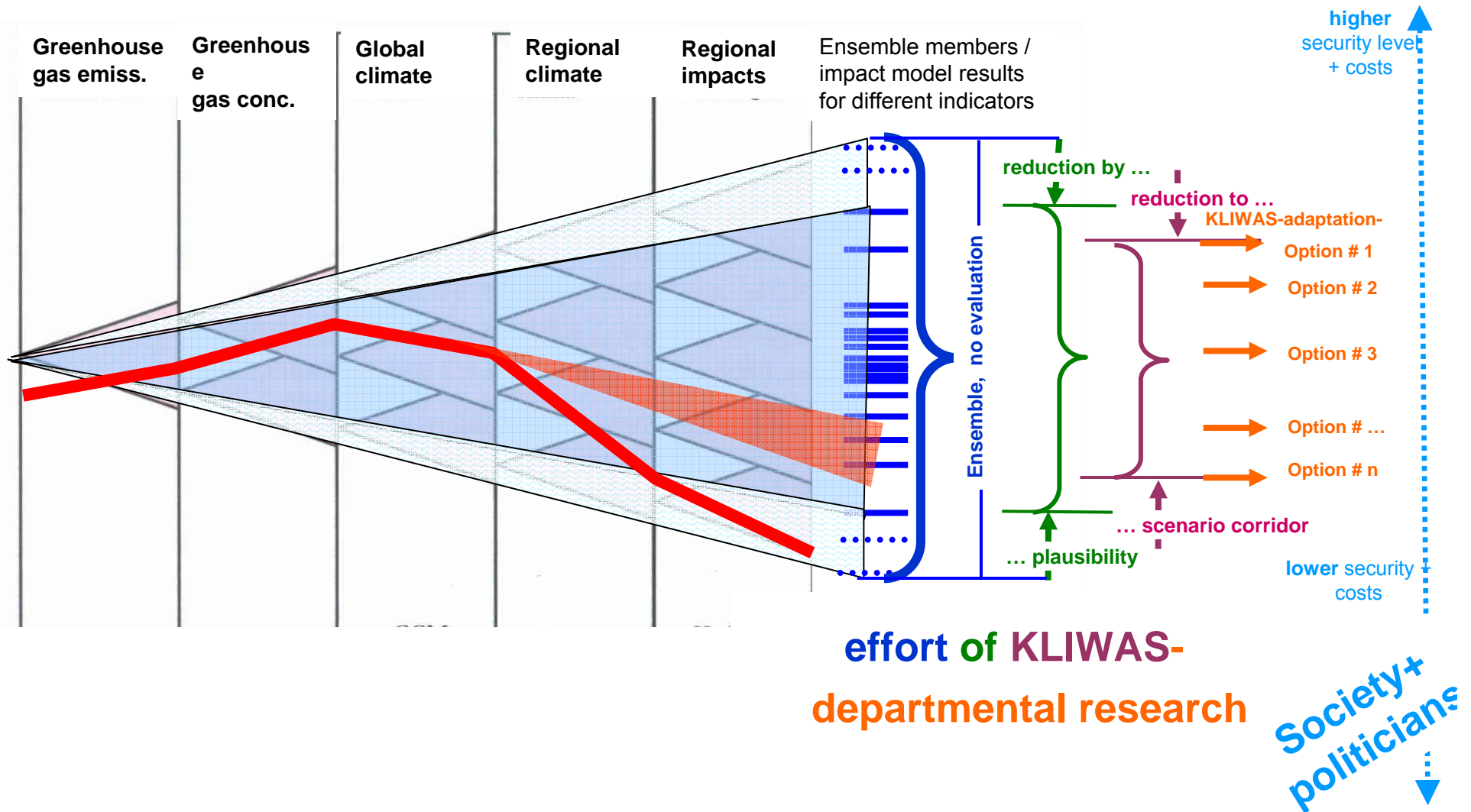
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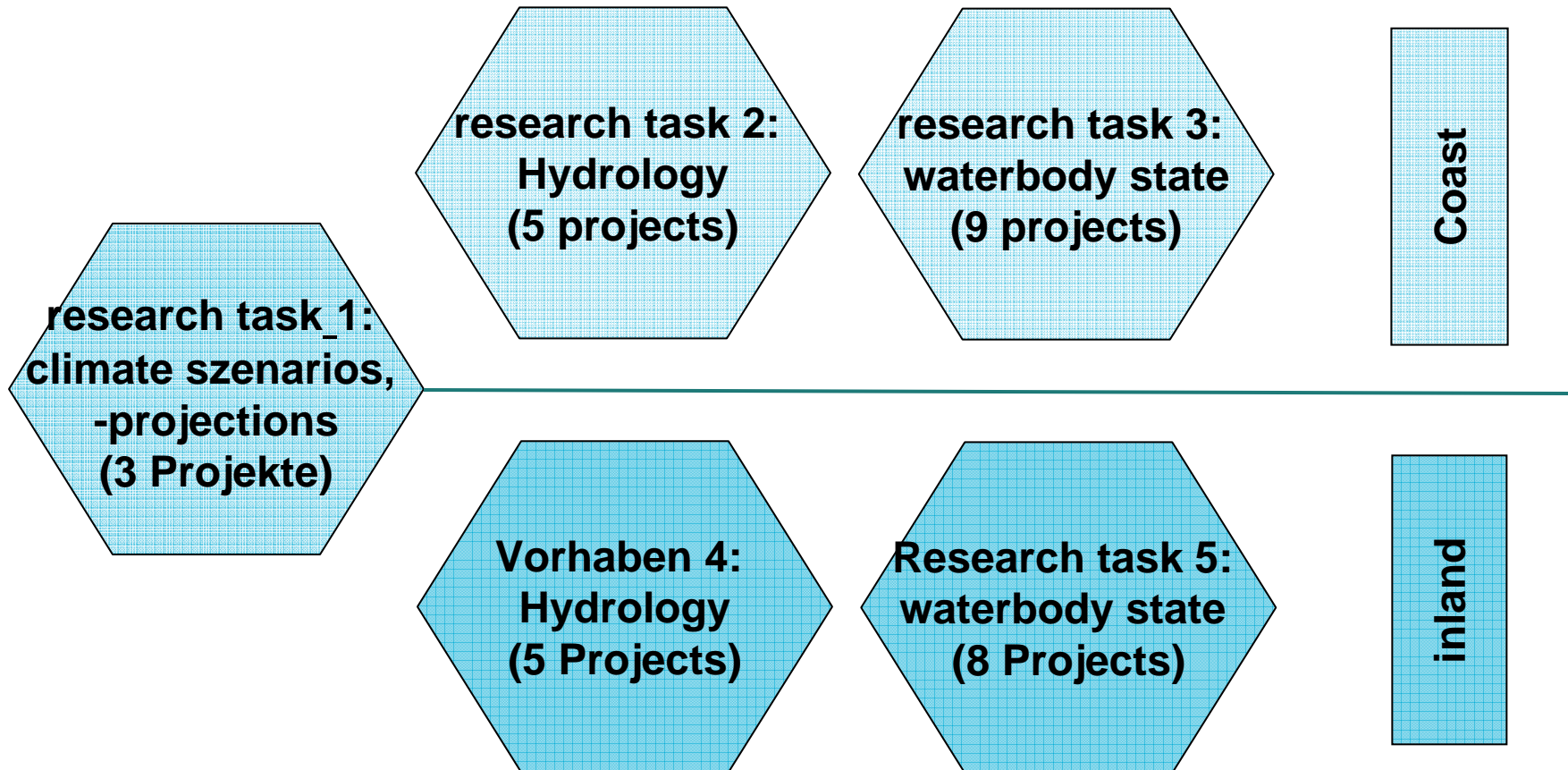


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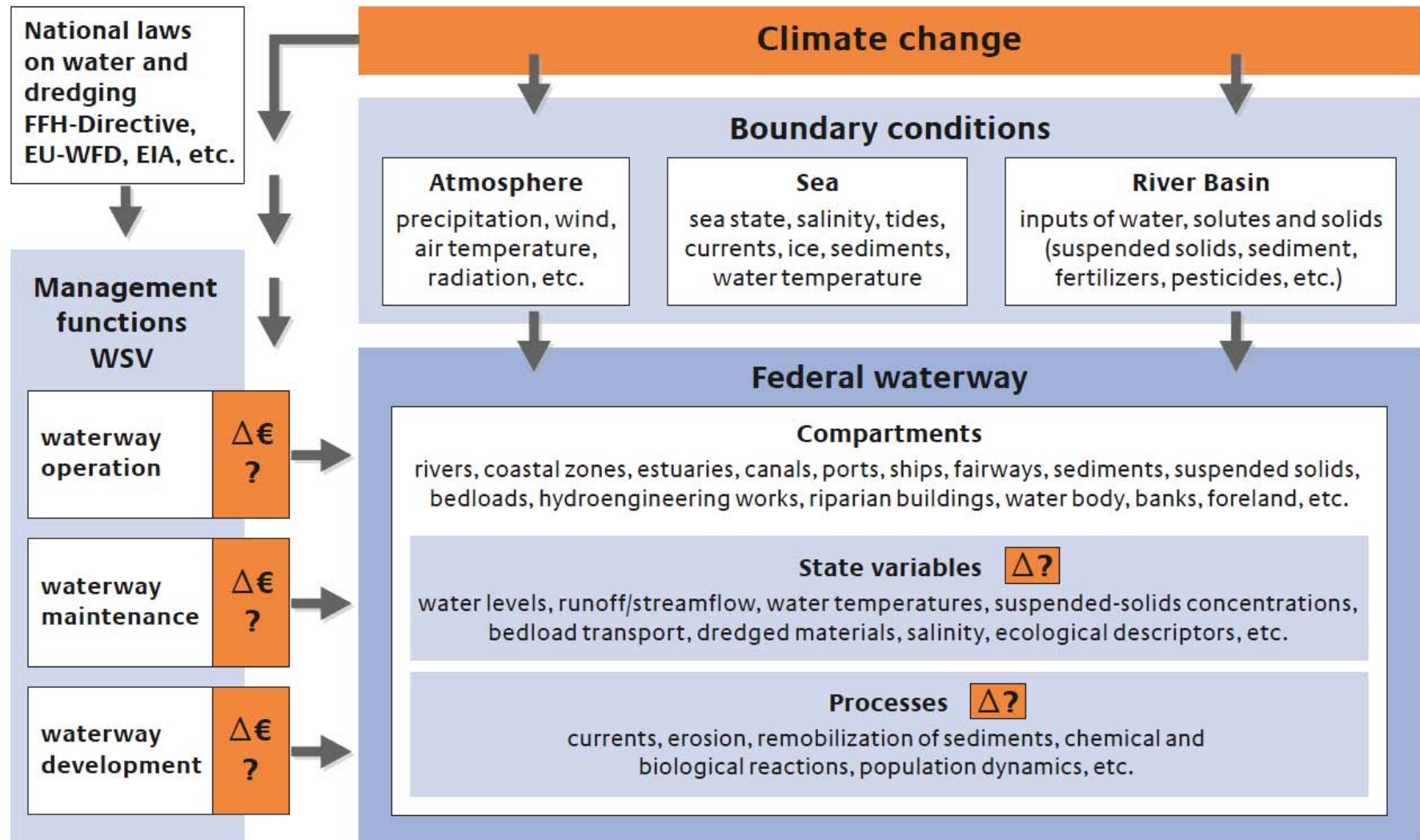
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Research programme



System of the Waterways

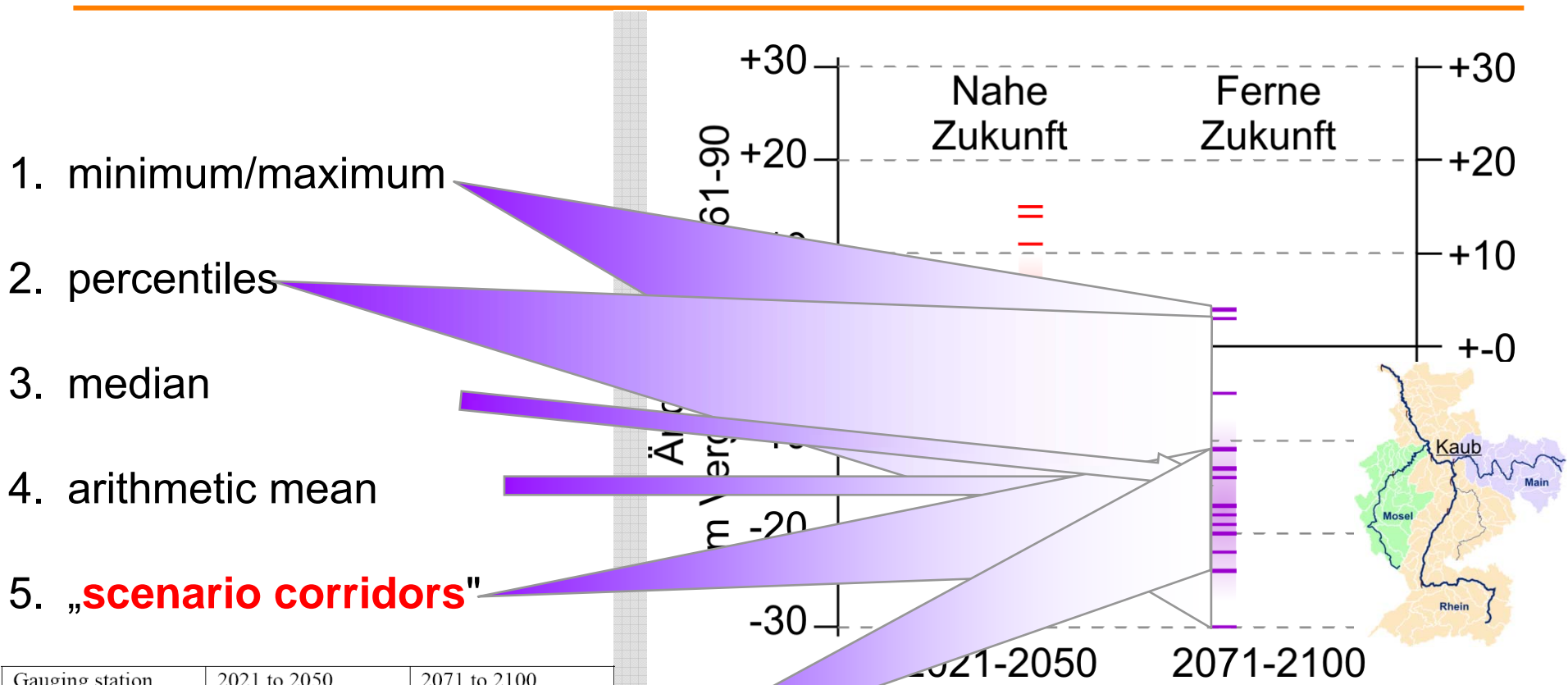


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- KLIWAS-Berichte
 - z.B. Vorhaben 4 (Hydrologie Binnen)
 - Neue Projektionen
 - CMIP5 (5. IPCC Sachstandsbericht)
 - EURO-CORDEX
 - Bewirtschaftungsszenarien
 - Natürliche Wasserdargebotsänderungen + anthropogene Einwirkungen
 - BfG-Projekt, KHR-Aktivität
 - Verkehrsträgerübergreifende Szenarien
 - Expertennetzwerk des BMVI (DWD, BfG, BAW, EBA, BAST, BBSR)

handling the uncertainty

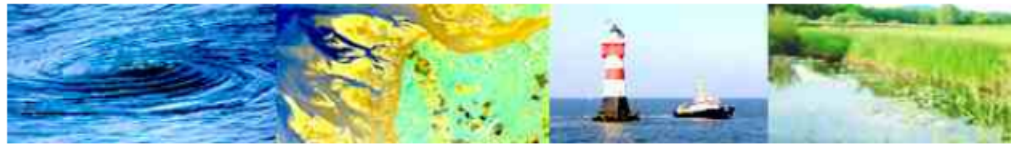


Niedrigstes 7-Tagesmittel (NM7Q) am Pegel Kaub, hyd. Sommer



Gauging station	2021 to 2050	2071 to 2100
Basel	+/- 10%	-20 to -10%
Maxau	+/- 10%	-20 to -10%
Worms	+/- 10%	-25 to -10%
Kaub	+/- 10%	-25 to -10%
Köln	+/- 10%	-30 to -10%
Lobith	+/- 10%	-30 to -10%
Raunheim	0 to +20%	-20 to 0%
Trier	+/-20%	-50 to -20%

Source: Nilson, E. (2011) http://dx.doi.org/10.5675/KLIWAS_Statuskonferenz_2011_4



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- November 29./30. 2012, Dresden: Colloquium on the future of the water balance of the Elbe catchment

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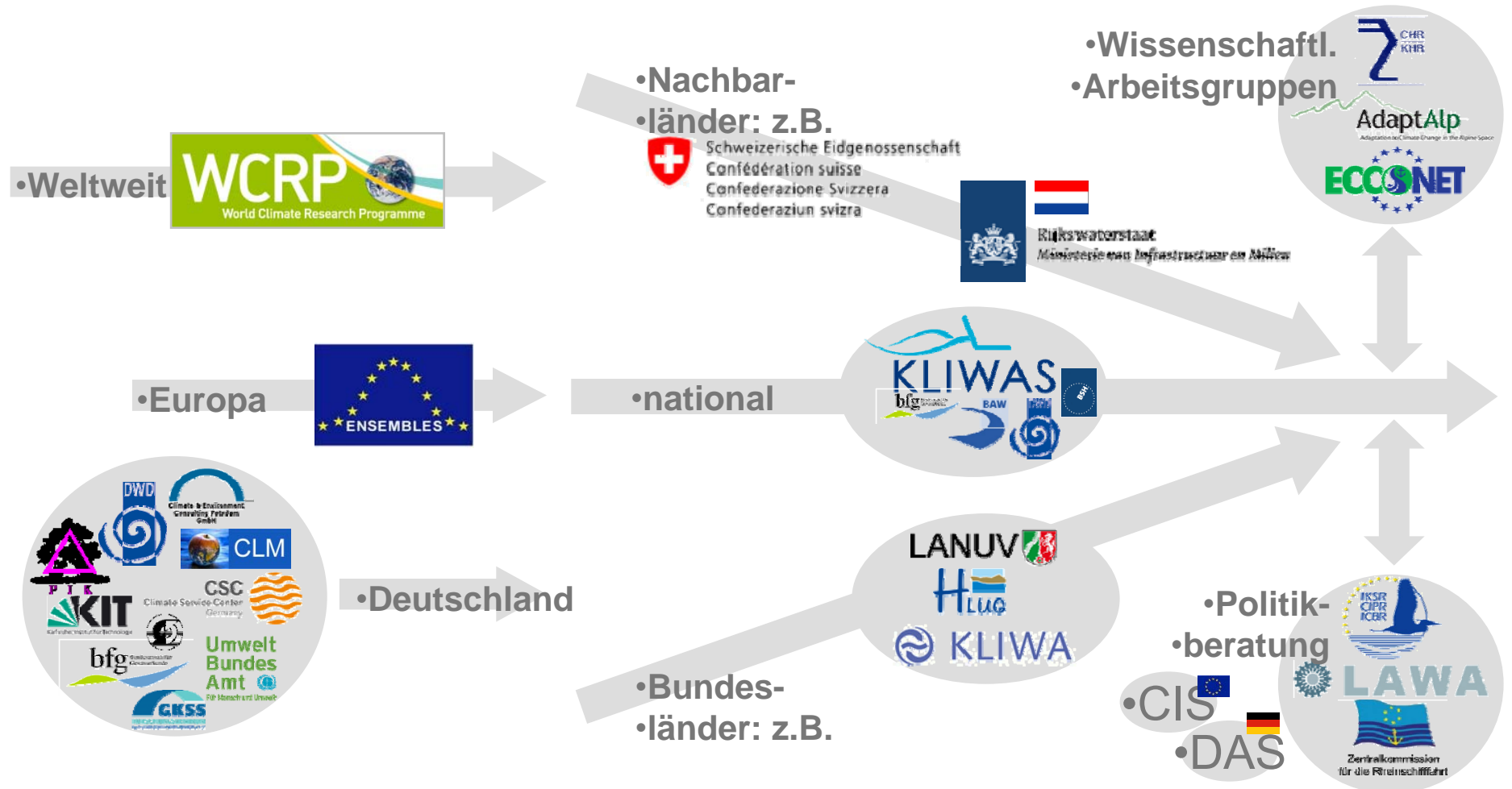
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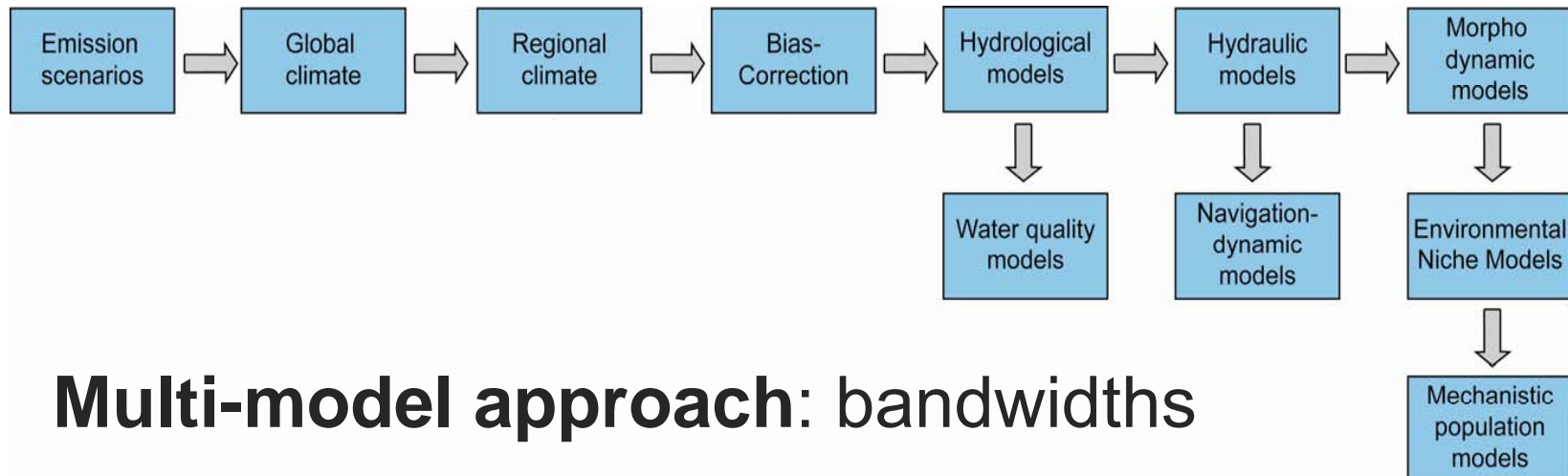


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KLIWAS approaches

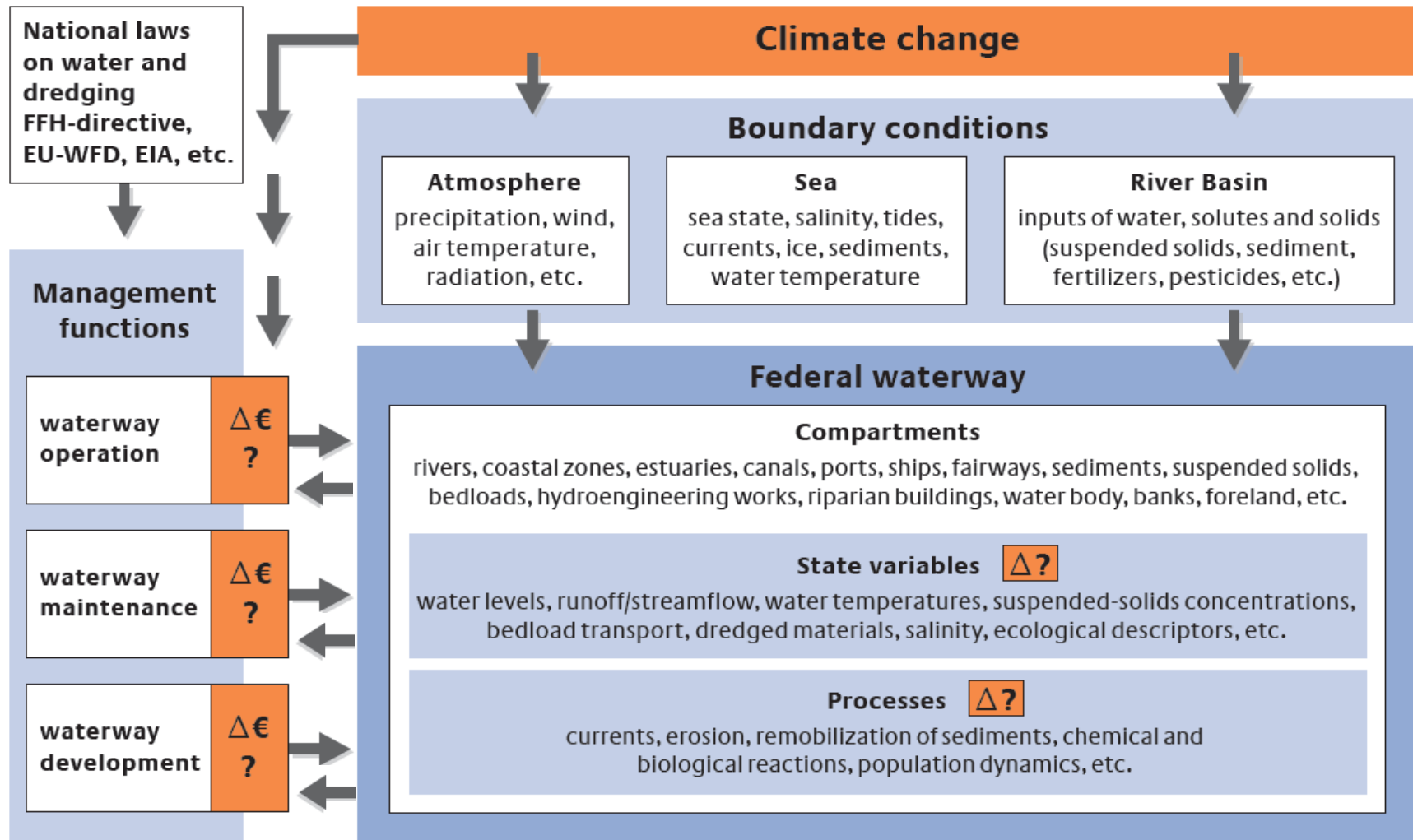
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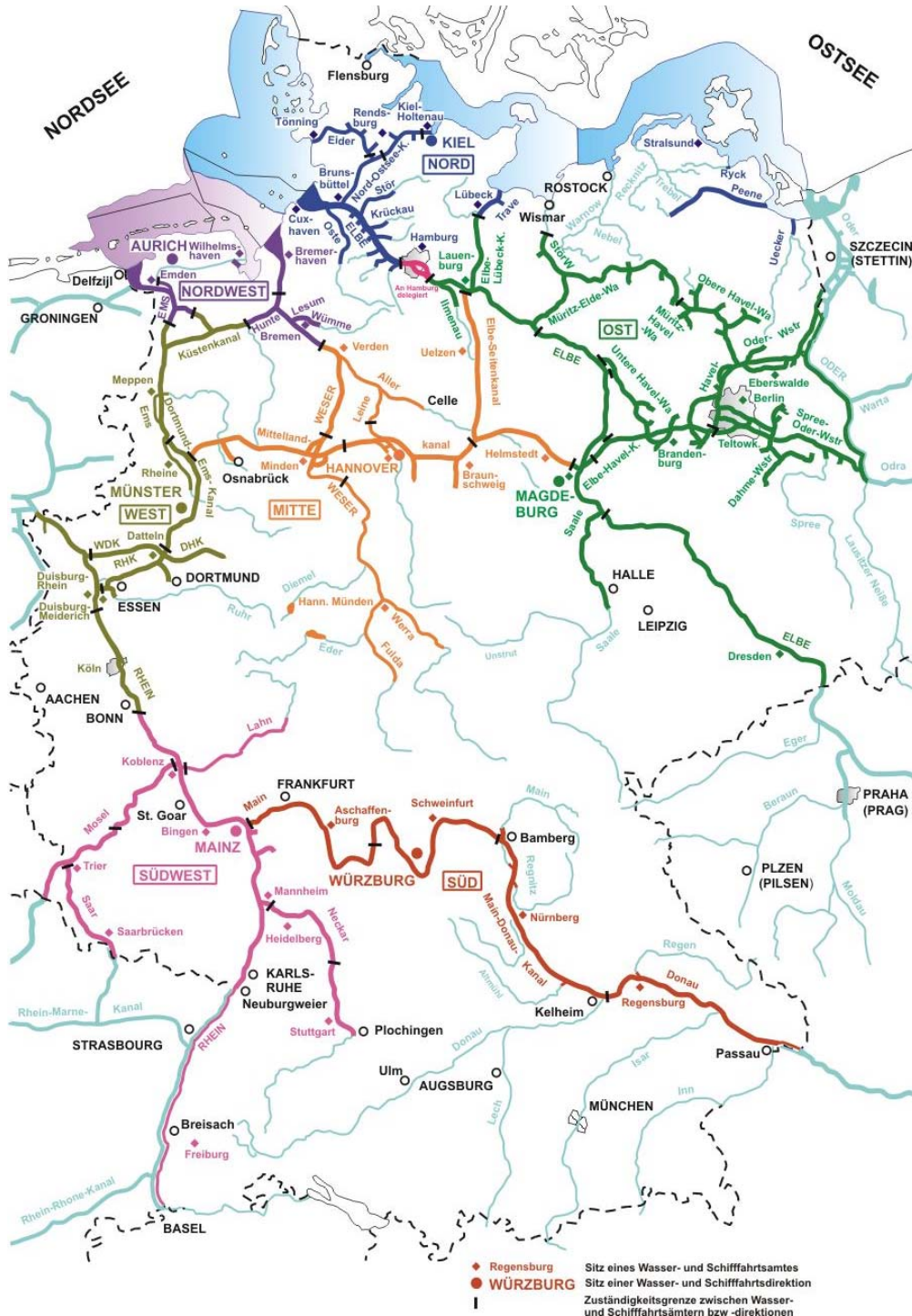
■ Multi-model approach: bandwidths

- Different SRES scenarios (IPCC AR4)
- 17 plausible GCM-RCM-combinations
- two different bias-corrections
- Attempted are at least two different hydrological models for each river basin

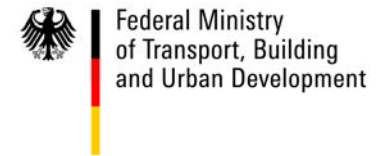
System analysis



after BMVBS (2007): Proceedings of First KLIWAS Status Conference, Berlin



◆ Regensburg Sitz eines Wasser- und Schifffahrtsamtes
 ● Würzburg Sitz einer Wasser- und Schifffahrtsdirektion
 | Zuständigkeitsgrenze zwischen Wasser- und Schifffahrtsämtern bzw. -direktionen

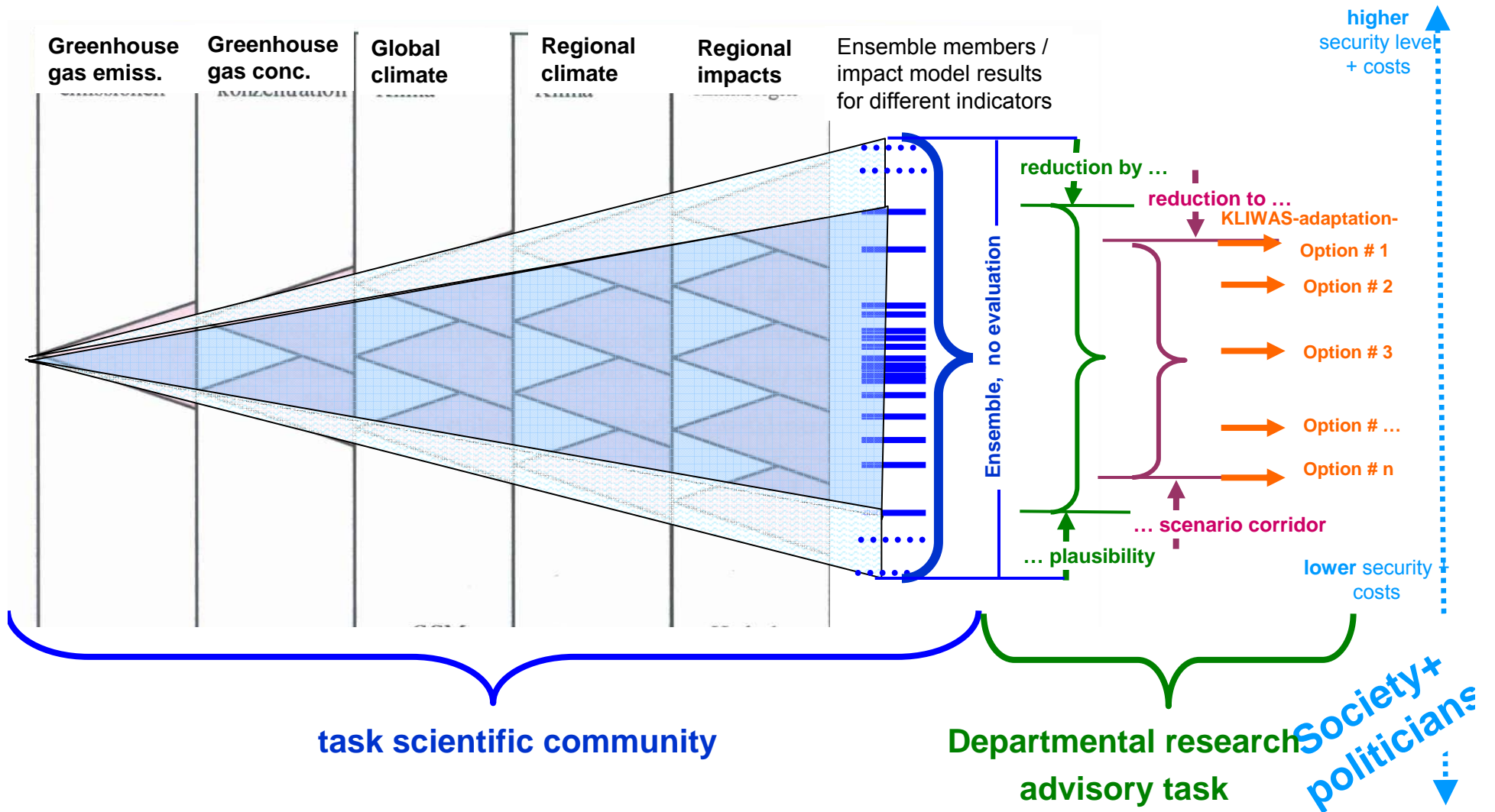


Navigable waterways in Germany

Rivers and canals 7.300 km
 Coastal waterways 23.000 km²

managed by the
 Federal Waterways and Shipping Administration (WSV)

Adaptation decisions reflecting uncertainty



Assessing the Impacts of Climate Change on Navigation and Waterways

The German Departmental Research Programme KLIWAS
- Approach and recent results -

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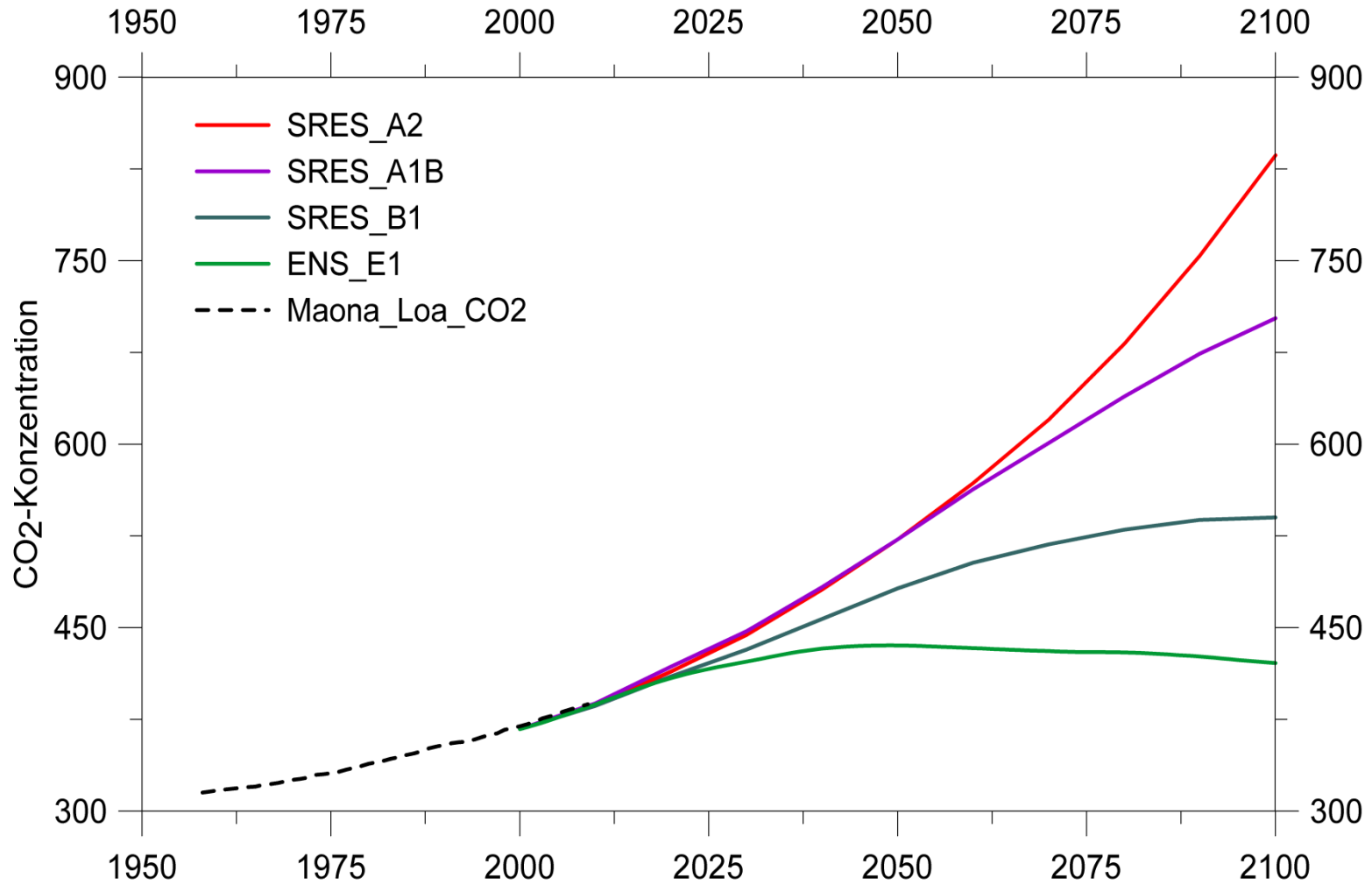
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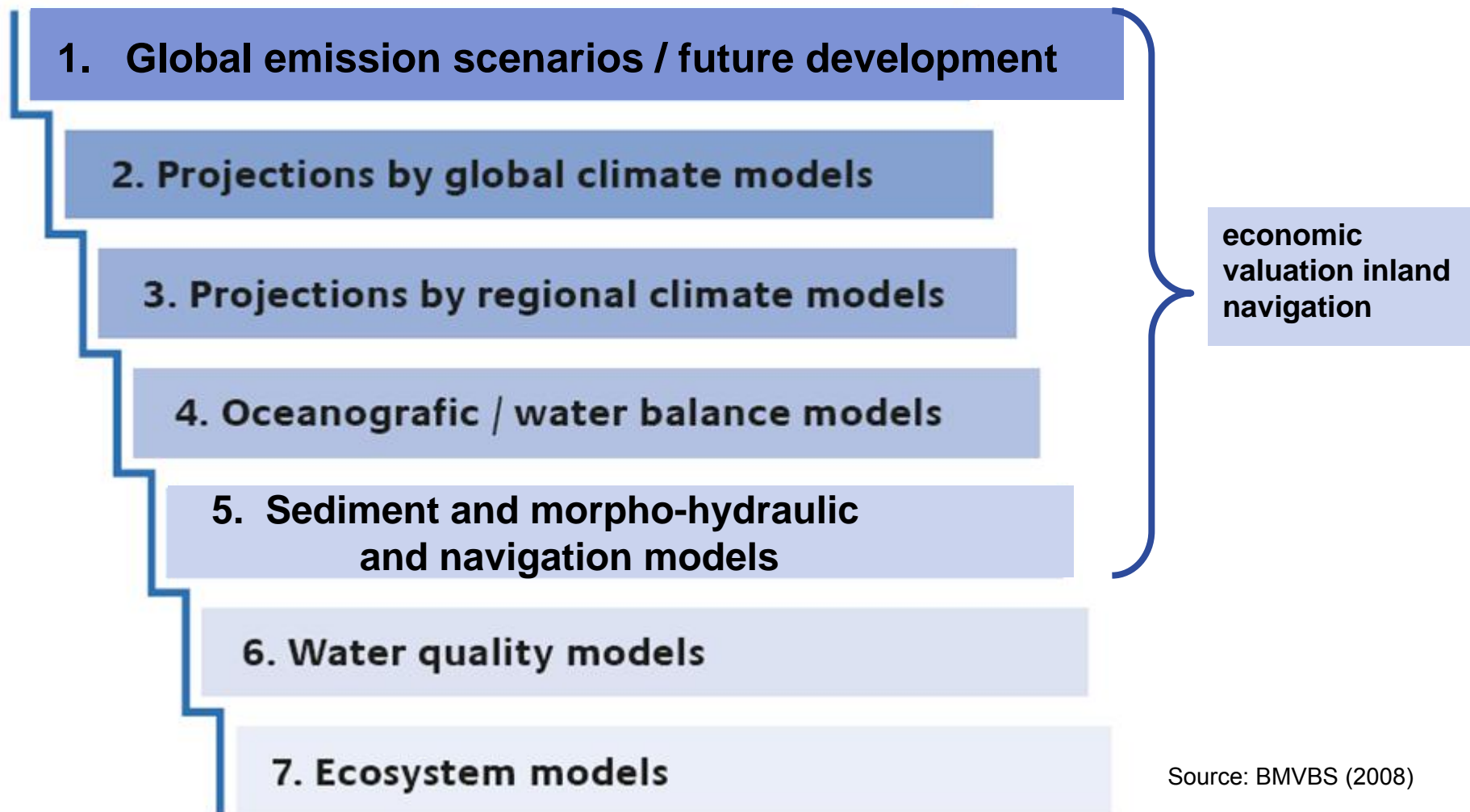


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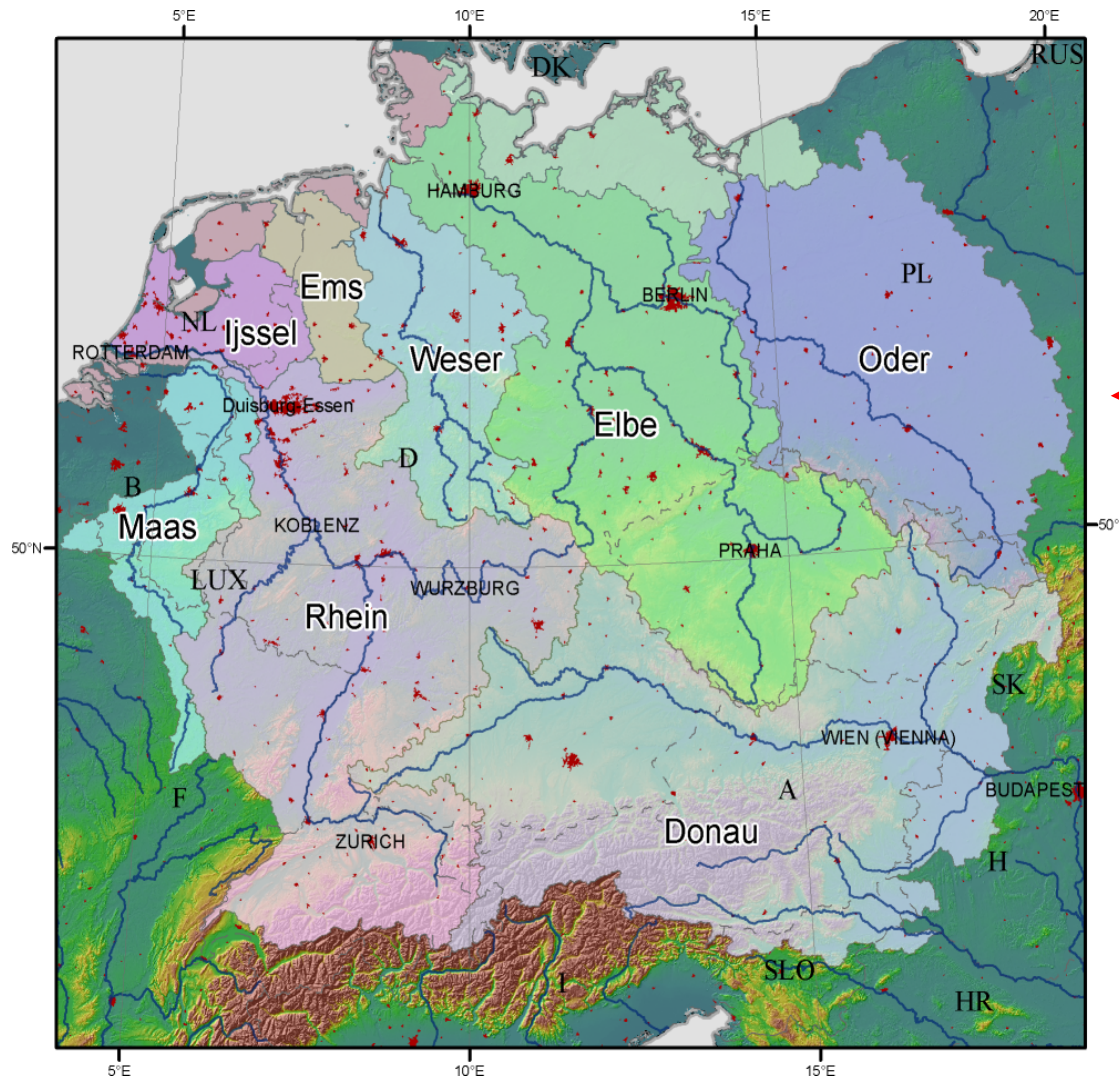
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System oriented Approach: Model Chain



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River Basins, Central Europe

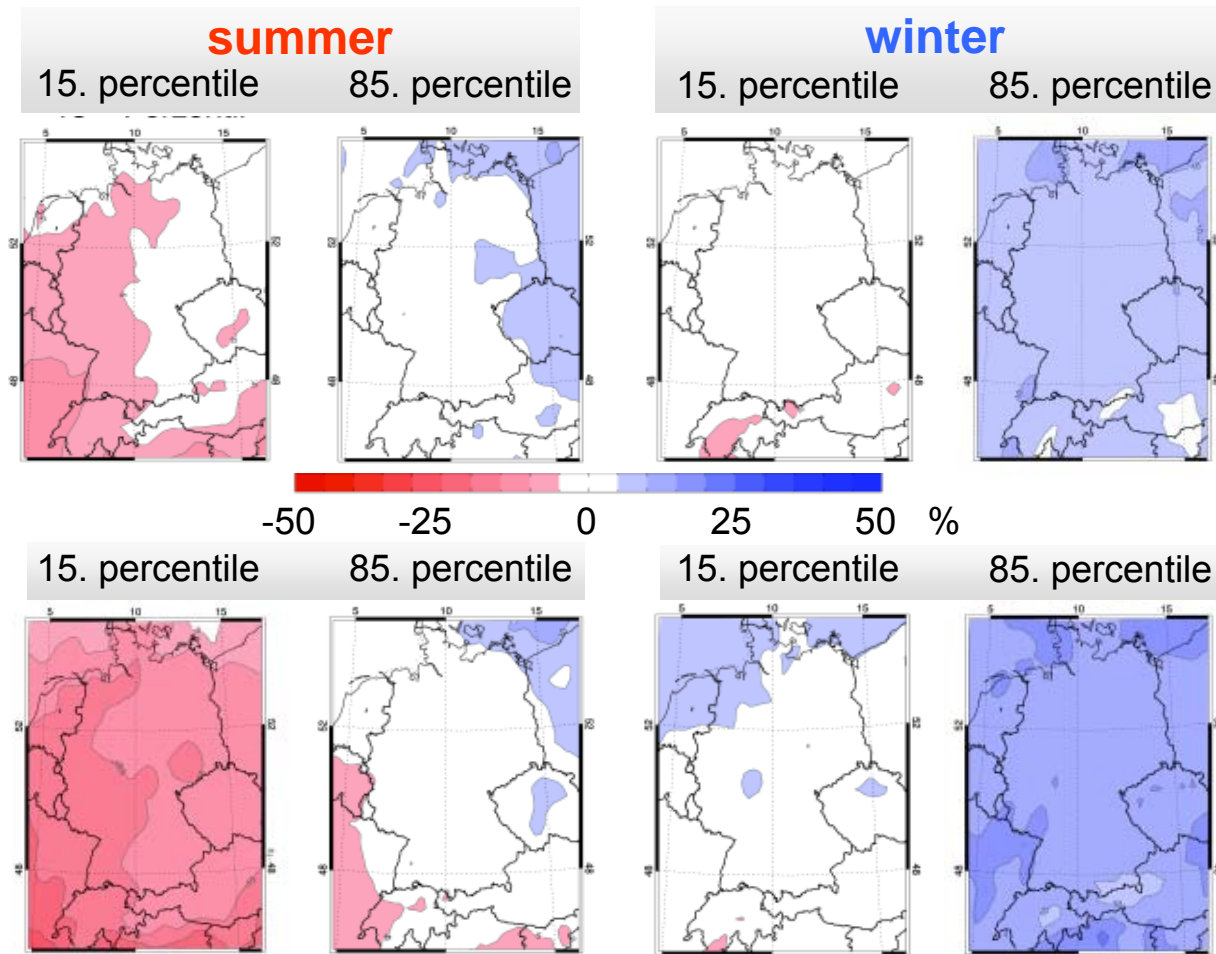


~ 1.000 km
Scale

Uncertainty, regional Scale: Range of RCM: 19 Projections (A1B)



2021 - 2050
2071 - 2100

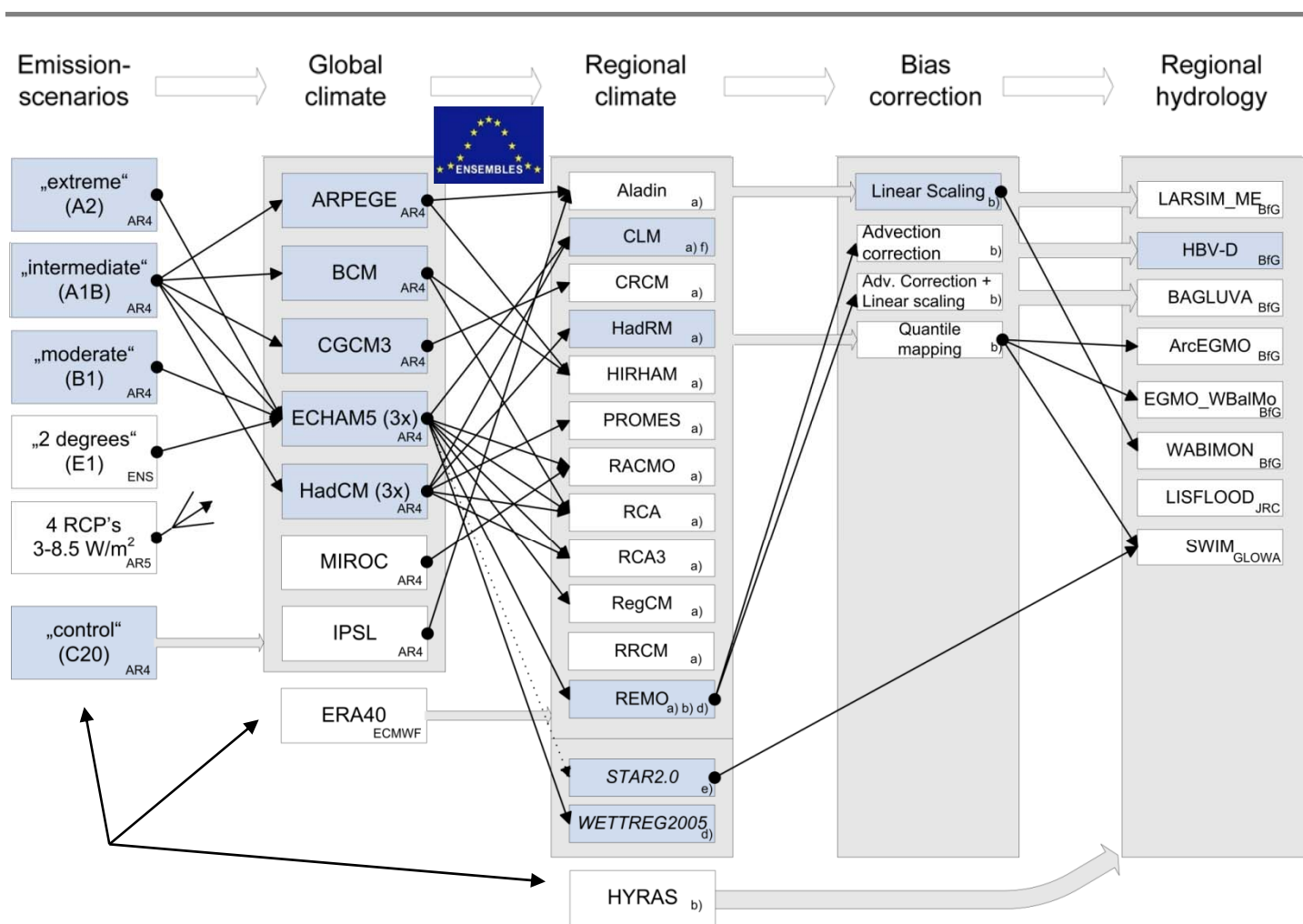


**likely changes
in annual
mean
precipitation**

relative to 1971-2000;
climate model
ensemble at DWD

Operational Uncertainty Assessment

Model chain + Multi-Model approach



“Climate Variables” - Indicators



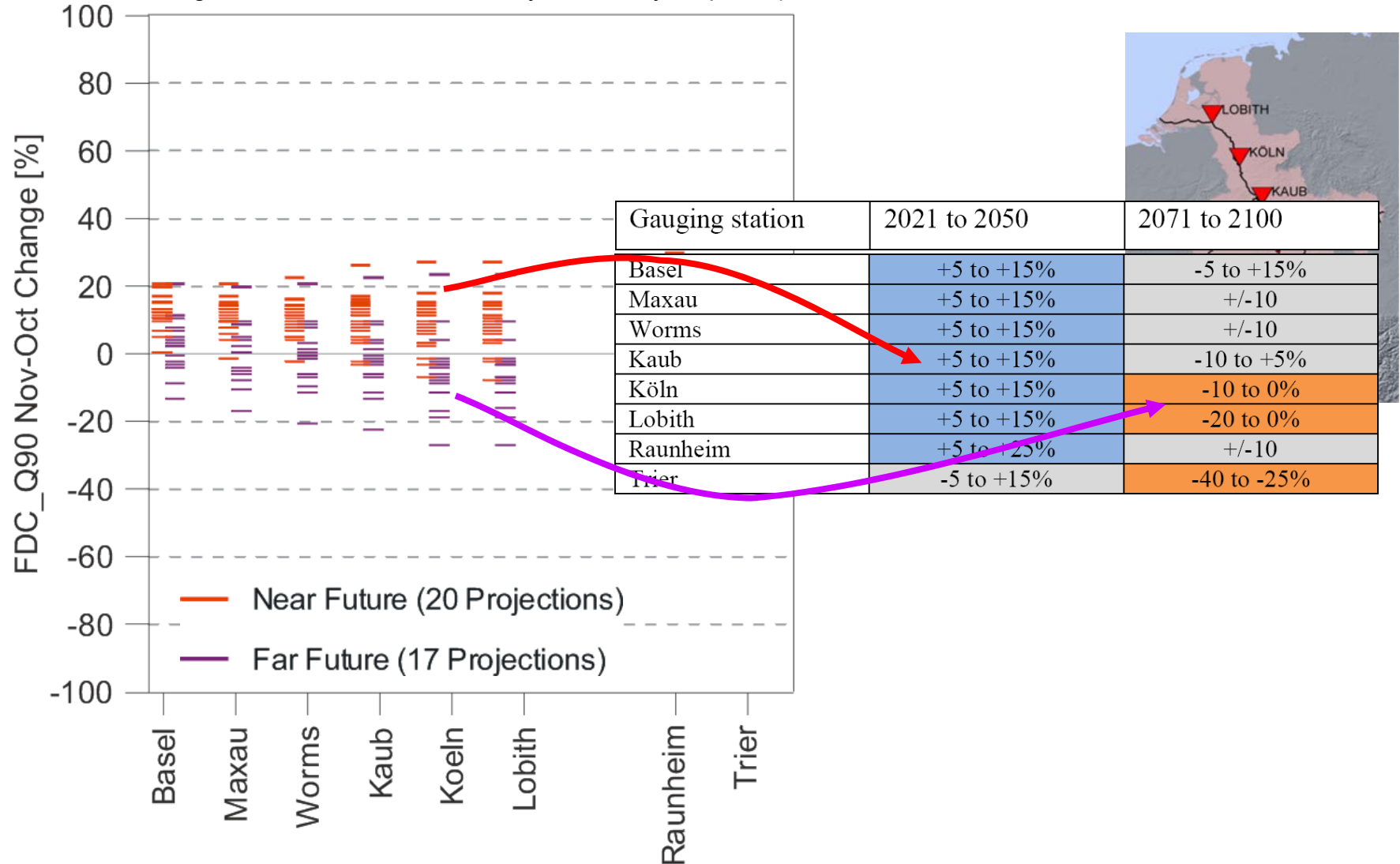
- Inland navigation
- low/high water periods,
- water depth, navigability
- water temperatures (warming, ice)
- water quality,
- water ecology
- ...

- Maritime navigation
- sea level changes
- tidal dynamics
- waves, wind
- water temperatures (warming, ice)
- water quality,
- water ecology
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Operational Uncertainty Assessment

Impacts by Projection Ensembles

low flow, discharge undershot on 10% of all days of a 30- year period)



Scientific Findings

1. Air temperature: Increase of annual average at least 1.5°C (far future, regional differences)
2. Precipitation tendency: Decrease in summer and increase in winter
3. Sea level rise: Further research need (unknown effects concerning melting of ice caps and connecting ocean-atmosphere models), no acceleration of sea level rise (1mm-3mm/a) at present but possible in future (first observations)
4. Discharge: Magnitude of changes in main rivers 10 up to 30% (2100, far future)

Conclusions, adaptation messages

1. research and operational task:
dealing with uncertainty
2. ensembles and multi model results
= „state of the art“ for policy advise
3. Communication of projection uncertainties is
essential for decision making
4. Adaptation challenge: Options → selection → taking
measures at the right time & on an appropriate level

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- global organisation
- guidance for sustainable waterborne transport and infrastructure sector.
- Permanent Task Group on Climate Change (PTGCC)
- Review CC drivers, impacts, responses + mitigation

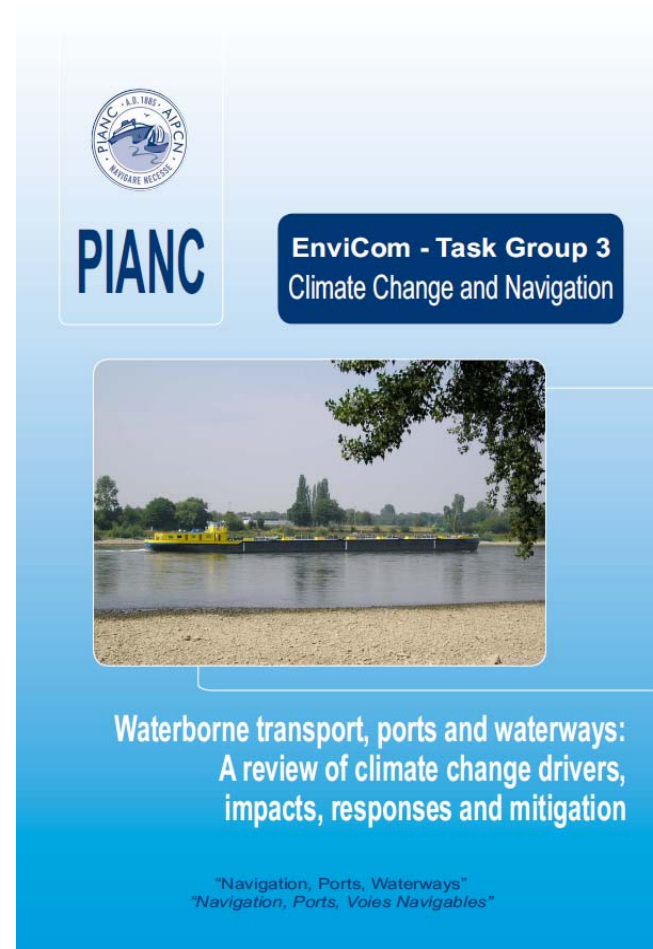


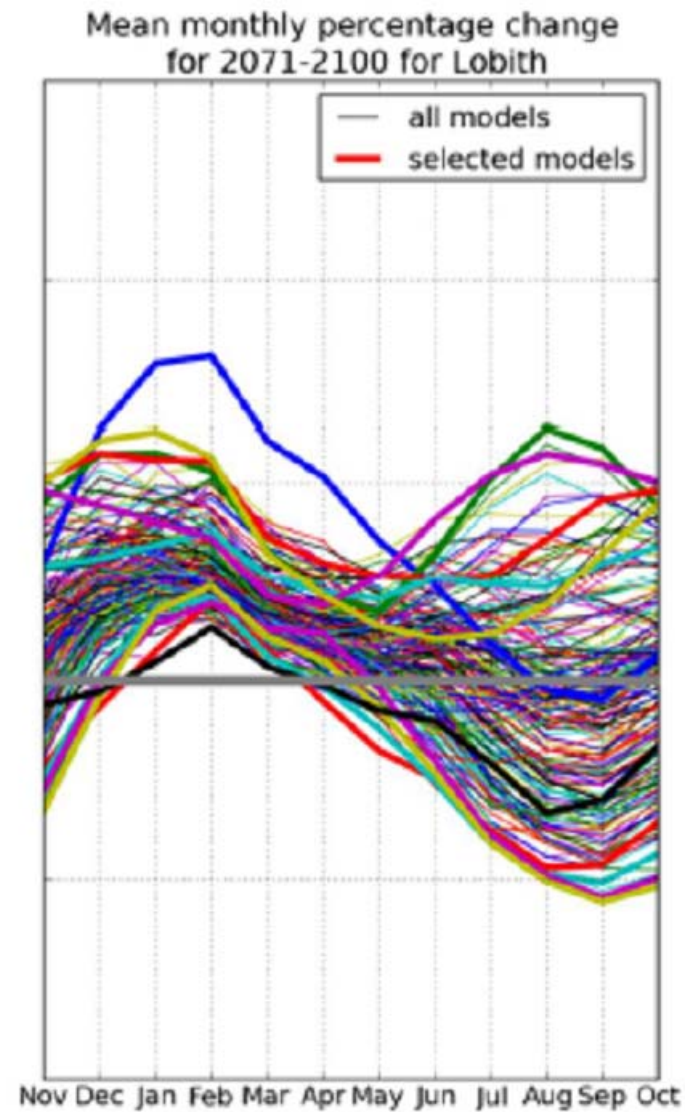
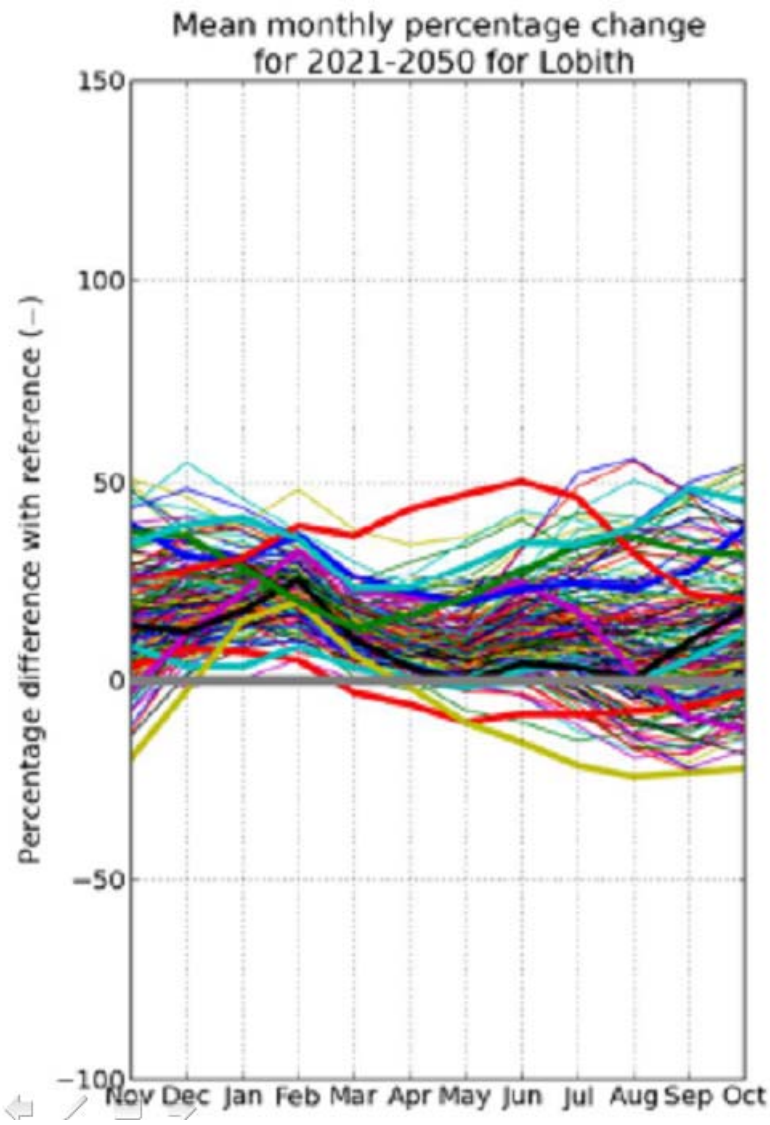
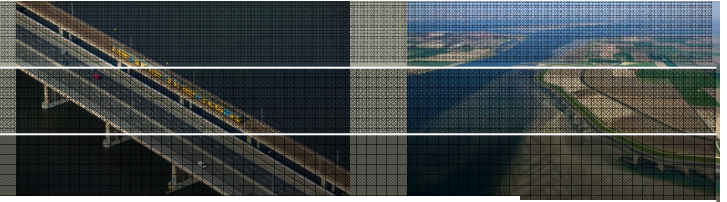
Table 3.2: Range of responses of navigation to possible future climate change

Area of intervention	Response (measures)
Maritime infrastructure design	Redevelopment of wharf fendering (to barrier ships at dock)
	Increase of quay levels, sea wall structures and connected area behind to overcome increased frequency of overtopping and low land flooding
	Lowest point in buildings placed at a higher level
	Revision of ship tunnel dimensions
	Relocation or strengthening of less protected marinas for pleasure boats
	Stronger and higher salt water erosion resistant bridges needed
	Overtopping and stability of breakwaters: crest height and armour unit block size increased; possible reorientation
	Restrictions on existing port developments, and limitations on location of new ports
	In the absence of site-specific guidance, a sensible allowance for sea level rise is 5 mm/yr
	A sensible response to possible future wave condition change is to check that design and operability are not seriously affected by a blanket 10 % increase in offshore wave heights (plus 5% increase in wave periods to maintain the same wave steepness): Defra (2006)
Maritime infrastructure operation and maintenance	For nearshore wave conditions affected by wave breaking, change in sea level (and hence water depth) is another consideration: apply the 10% precautionary increase in deep water wave height, and then break the waves to the limit determined by the water depth at any particular location
	A reasonable test of sensitivity to possible future wind condition change is to check that design and operability are not seriously affected by a blanket 10 % increase in wind speeds: Defra (2006)
	Communities and industrial facilities in coastal zones may already be threatened or forced to relocate, while others face increasing risks and costs
	Rebuilding or new design elements of land-based Arctic infrastructure may be required by melting permafrost: ACIA (2004)
Maritime navigation practice	Increased maintenance and replacement costs of port, coastal and sea platform infrastructure
	Increased maintenance due to increased storm surge damage to coastal protection infrastructure, seawalls, dunes, breakwaters etc.
Maritime navigation practice	More sedimentation at river outlets, increasing dredging need
	Adapting to fish migration, changes in fishing fleet design and harbour location
	Fishing fleet needs bigger boats to maintain activity if wave height increases, or else the work time is changed
	Change in beach erosion may require new or changed beach nourishment
	More frequent moist and cold air requires more compact and airtight equipment to avoid condensation problems
	Pilot meeting places may need to be altered
Terminals for smaller passenger boats may need to be relocated; use of "quieter" parts of the coastline	

Table 4.3: Possible responses of inland navigation to climate change impacts

Area of intervention	Response (measures)	Additional information
Waterway design and maintenance	Creation of water storage facilities	(Upstream) reservoirs needed for flood mitigation could also be used to improve navigation
	Deepening of channels instead of widening	
Waterway operation	Managing water flow	Store water in times of high water flow, release water in times of low flow
	Improving forecast of water level	Better information, further ahead, could optimise the use of vessel capacity for given conditions, and reduce uncertainty margins
	Improved queuing procedures	Decision support systems and automation of queuing could help to overcome capacity restrictions of waterway infrastructure
	Implementation of River Information Services (RIS)	RIS in general support safe and efficient navigation
Transport management	Providing up-to-date electronic charts of fairway with water depth information	Better information to optimise use of vessels in given conditions, and reduce uncertainty margins
	Chartering of additional vessels	
	Increasing daily operation times of vessels	
Vessel operation	Cooperation with other modes of transport	Contractual arrangements with road and rail transport can be made for times of reduced navigability
	Increased storage of goods	
Vessel design	Employing sophisticated Inland ECDIS (Electronic chart display and information system)	Provision of all necessary and always up-to-date information, better to utilize given navigation possibilities
	Reduction of weight	Using alternative design or materials, installing lighter equipment
	Increasing width	Wider vessels need less draught

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