Climate projections for the XXI century over the Mediterranean area with COSMO-CLM and induced variations on hydraulic and geological hazards

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Modeling chain for weather-induced hydraulical-geological hazard



for back-analysis, observed dataset of meteorological data are used

adopting early warning systems, weather forecasts are considered



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Climate models outputs are usually adopted as input for impact models

THIS STEP IS NOT OBVIOUS:

- at the moment, GCM spatial (20-100 km) and temporal resolutions are not appropriate for such impact studies and so the adoption of dynamical/stocastical downscaling approach is unavoidable.
- Providing an explicit representation of atmospheric mesoscale processes (e.g. usually driving heavy precipitations) dynamical downscaling through high resolution Regional Circulation models (RCM) represents, albeit marked by much higher computational effort, more consistent physical approach able to significantly improve atmospheric variables simulations (Maraun et al., 2010)
- However, further mismatches of scale for meso- and small-scale watershed and systematic biases (due to coarse representation of terrain, cloud and convective precipitation parameterization, surface albedo feedback) usually threaten the direct use of RCM outputs for assessing hydrological impacts at catchment scale..

TO OVERCOME SUCH CONSTRAINTS, TWO WAYS ARE USUALLY ADOPTED IN IMPACT STUDIES:

- use of ENSEMBLE of RCM simulations:
 - able to reduce the spread covering a more realistic range of uncertainty (Deque et al., 2007)
 - ensemble median fits observation better (Jacob et al.,2007)
- use of BIAS CORRECTION approaches:
 - ease of application, ability to allow future changes in variability, flexibility to correct climate simulations for the parameters of interest (Johnson & Sharma, 2012), low computational requirements (Li et al.,2010)

Method	Variable	Short Description	Advantages (+) and Disadvantages (-)	References
Raw RCM Output Data	Precipitation Temperature	 RCM-simulated time series are used directly without any bias correction 	 + simplest way to use RCM data – systematic model errors are ignored – can cause substantial errors in impact studies 	
Precipitation Threshold	Precipitation	 an RCM-specific threshold is calibrated such that the number of RCM-simulated days exceeding this threshold matches the number of observed days with precipitation rarely used as a "stand-alone" method but often combined with other correction procedures 	 + wet-day frequencies are corrected - mean, standard deviation (variance) and wet-day intensities are not adjusted 	Schmidli et al. (2006)
Delta-Change Correction	Precipitation Temperature	 RCM-simulated future change signals (anomalies) are superimposed upon observa- tional time series usually done with a multiplicative correction for precipitation and an additive correction for temperature 	 + observations are used as a basis, which makes it a robust method + corrects the mean - standard deviation (variance), wet-day frequencies and intensities are not corrected - potential future changes in climate dynamics and variability are not accounted for - all events change by the same amount 	Gellens and Roulin (1998) Graham et al. (2007a, b) Johnson and Sharma (2011) Lettenmaier et al. (1999) Mpelasoka and Chiew (2009) Middelkoop et al. (2001) Moore et al. (2008) Rasmussen et al. (2012) Shabalova et al. (2003)
Linear Transformation	Precipitation Temperature	 adjusts RCM time series with correction values based on the relationship between long-term monthly mean observed and RCM control run values precipitation is typically corrected with a factor and temperature with an additive term 	 + corrects the mean + variability of corrected data is more consistent with original RCM data - standard deviation (variance), wet-day frequencies and intensities are not corrected - all events are adjusted with the same correction factor 	Lenderink et al. (2007)

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Local Intensity Scaling (LOCI)	Precipitation	 combines a precipitation threshold with linear scaling (both described above) 	+ corrects mean, wet-day frequencies and	Schmidli et al. (2006)
			 intensities + variability of corrected data is more consistent with original RCM data 	
			 standard deviation (variance) is not corrected 	
			 all events are adjusted with the same correction factor 	
Power Transfor- mation	Precipitation	 a precipitation threshold can be introduced a priori to avoid too many drizzle days (i.e., very low but non-zero precipitation) is a non-linear correction in an exponential form (a × P^b) that combines the correction of the coefficient of variation (CV) with a linear scaling 	 + corrects mean and standard deviation (variance) + events are adjusted non-linearly + variability of corrected data is more consistent with original RCM data ± adjusts wet-day frequencies and intensities 	Leander and Buishand (2007) Leander et al. (2008)
Variance Scal- ing	Temperature	 combines standard linear scaling with a scaling based on standard deviations 	 + corrects mean and standard deviation (variance) + variability of corrected data is more consistent with original RCM data - all events are adjusted with the same addends and correction factor 	Chen et al. (2011)
Distribution Mapping	Precipitation Temperature	 matches the distribution functions of observations and RCM-simulated climate values a precipitation threshold can be introduced to avoid substantial distortion of the distribution caused by too many drizzle days (i.e., very low but non-zero precipitation) also known as "quantile-quantile mapping", "probability mapping", "statistical downscaling" or "histogram equalization" 	 + corrects mean, standard deviation (variance), wet-day frequencies and intensities + events are adjusted non-linearly + variability of corrected data is more consistent with original RCM data 	Block et al. (2009) Boe et al. (2007) Déqué et al. (2007) Ines and Hansen (2006) Johnson and Sharma (2011) Piani et al. (2010) Rojas et al. (2011) Sennikovs and Bethers (2009) Sun et al. (2011)

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Monitoring started in 1982

for each of seven monitoring stations, instrumented boreholes provide displacements values (through inclinometers) and piezometric levels (piezometers) at several depth within the soil.



average movement rate -> 2mm/year cumulative displacements->60mm in 30 years max yearly displacement > 7-8mm



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Hydrological model: TOPKAPI



River basin balance: RIBASIM



RIBASIM (RIver Basin SIMulation) is a water balance model developed by DELTARES on the basis of MITSIM model from MIT

The hydrological network is defined by links and nodes and water is distributed through links according to schematization and water demand at the nodes.

Nodes represent flow input sites (coupling between TOPKAPI and RIBASIM), groundwater and surface water reservoirs, irrigation areas, pubblic water supply points, control/ calibration section where verify the model performances

Links represent spatially homogenous river or channels, recharge, abstraction and outflow of groundwater diverted flow, backwater flow of the surface reservoir to end users













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Climate simulation analysis

Rainfall Depth-Duration-Frequency (DDF) curves

- quantify a precipitation event in function of its duration and rarity (ie frequency)
- tool to design urban infrastructures (like sewerage systems or flood protection structures) thus they may be used to check/quantify vulnerability and adaptability of infrastructures to climate change

COSMO-CLM data are available with 6 hours time step, we investigate the DDF curves variability at 6, 12, 24 hours under RCP4.5 and RCP8.5 in 2071-2100 with respect to 1981-2010

Changes in extreme precipitation affects the peak flood distribution with consequent impacts on the infrastructures on rivers. The example reported here is for Secchia River in Emilia Romagna and it accounts for both climate and land use changes

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Projected variations in peak flood

