

A Case Study on Investigating the climate change impact on flooding in the Sittaung river basin

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Agriculture in Myanmar

Myanmar is one of the few developing nations to be a net exporter of food, which accounted for

- ✓ 20% of its foreign exchange earnings
- ✓ Agriculture generated roughly 2/3 of employment
- ✓ 42% of the recorded GDP

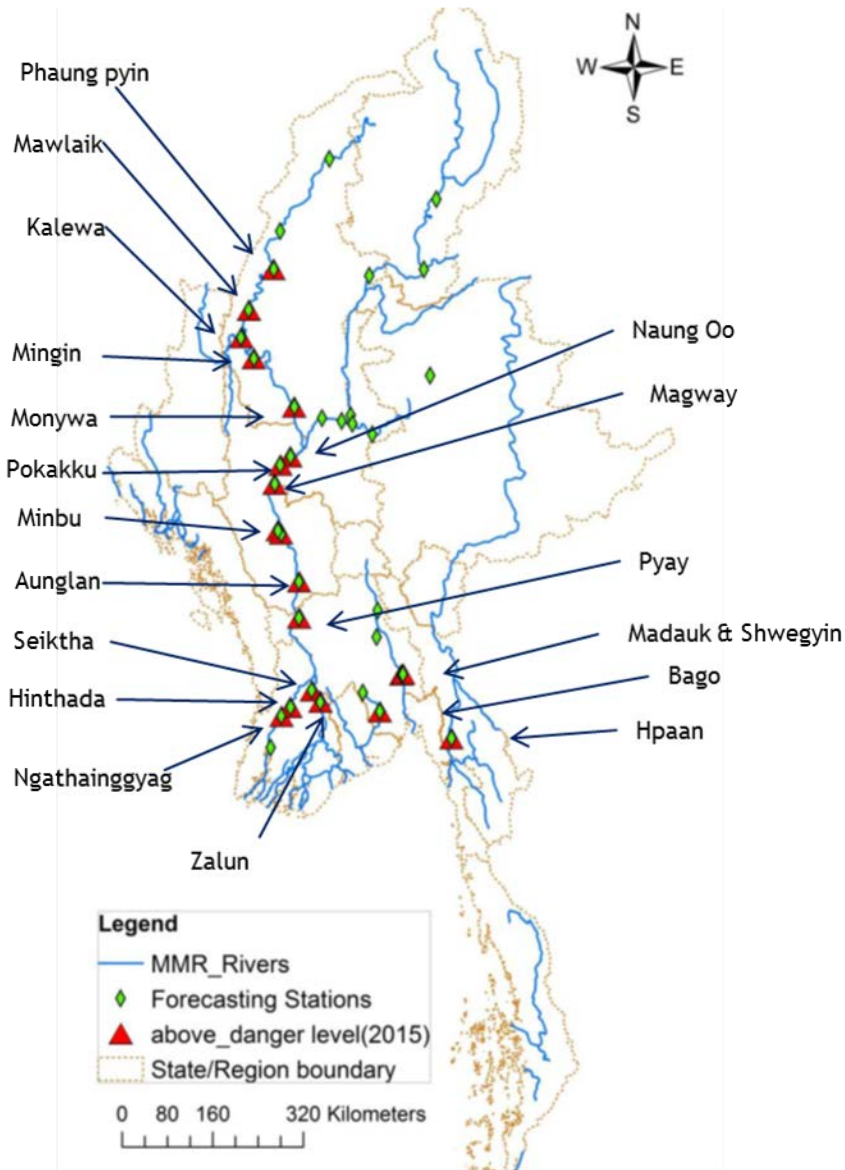
✓ farmers rely on the monsoon season as their primary water source and are subject to the recent fluctuating/changing weather patterns.

✓ Eg. Rice crop was negatively affected by a record high rainfall during the prolonged 2011 monsoon season which resulted in a projected 10 percent drop in production.

✓ Addressing climate change and its impact on agriculture is one of the top most priority in Myanmar



History of Disasters



Map of disaster prone areas

Major disasters:

- 2006 Apr Cyclone Mala
- 2008 May Cyclone Nargis
- 2010 Oct Cyclone GIRI
- 2011 Mar Tarlay Strong Earthquake
- 2011 JJA Heavy Rain & Floods
- 2011 Oct Pakokku Flash Flood
- 2012 JJA Lower/NE Myanmar Floods
- 2012 Nov Shwebo Strong Earthquake
- 2013 May Cyclone Mahasen
- 2013 J-O Heavy rain triggered secondary hazards.
- 2015 July Cyclone Komen, Heavy Rain & Floods
- 2016 July Heavy Rain & Floods

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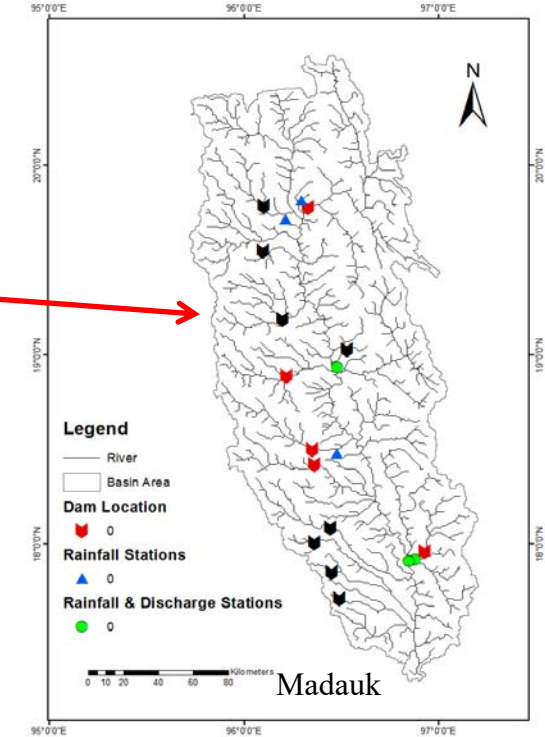
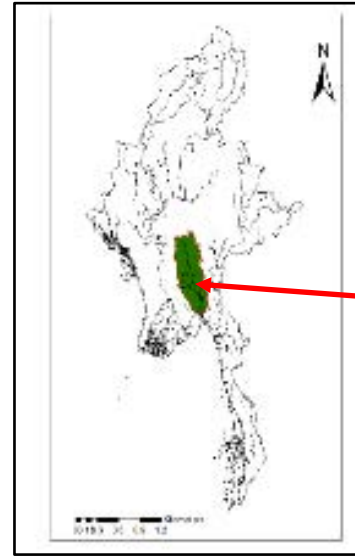
Basin Characteristics

Catchment Area - 34, 450 Km²

(4th Largest River Basin in Myanmar)

Main River Length - 422 km

Population - 3.92 million (2014 Census)



Sittaung River Basin
(Dams and Hydro-Met stations)

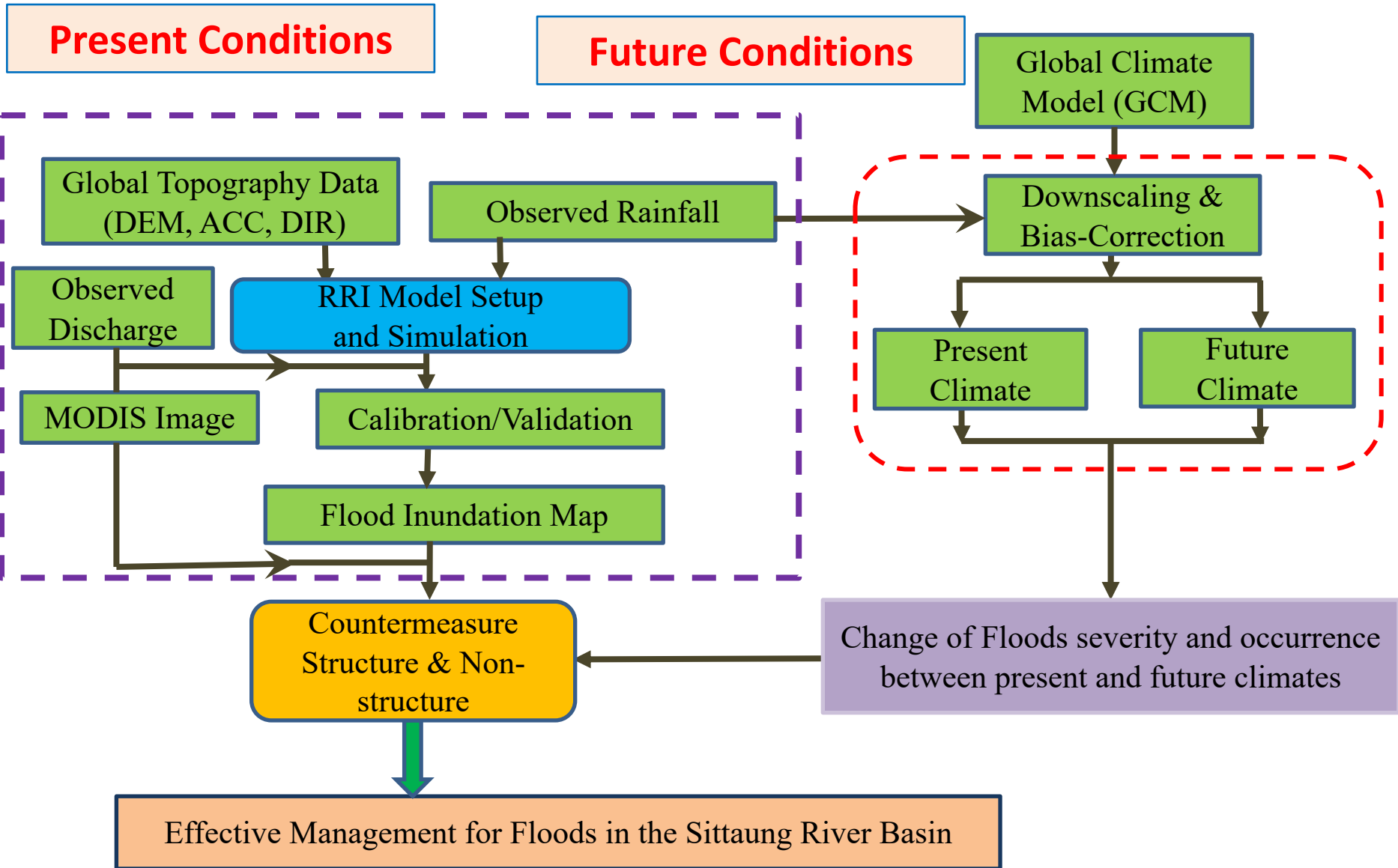
Objectives of the Study

- To analyze hydrological responses of the past flood events (2012 - 2015) using RRI model
- To analyze change in precipitation and river flows under future climates
- To propose the development of the countermeasures

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Present Conditions

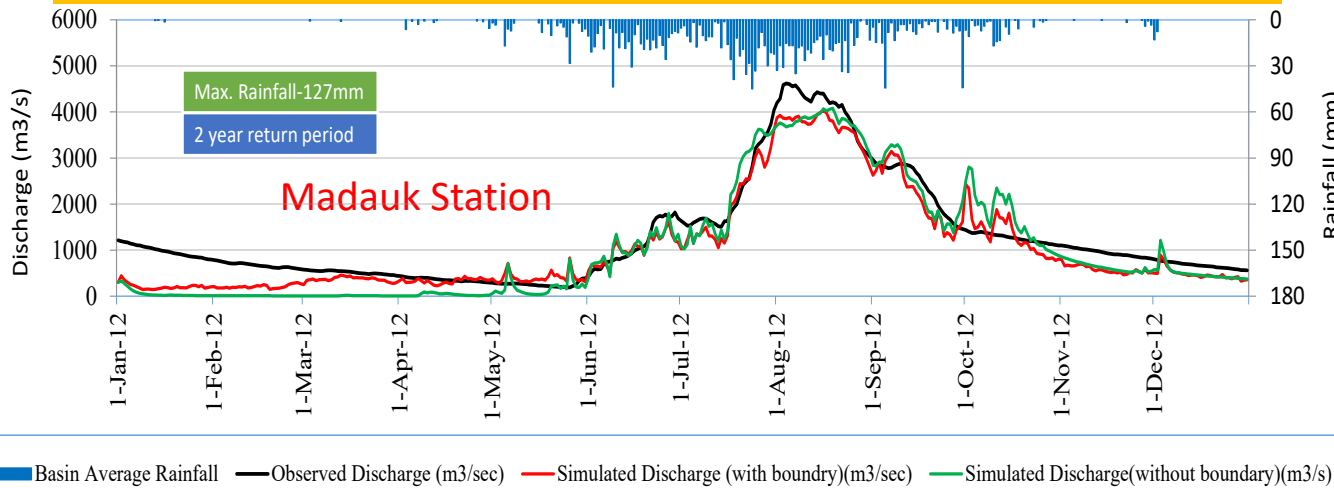
Future Conditions



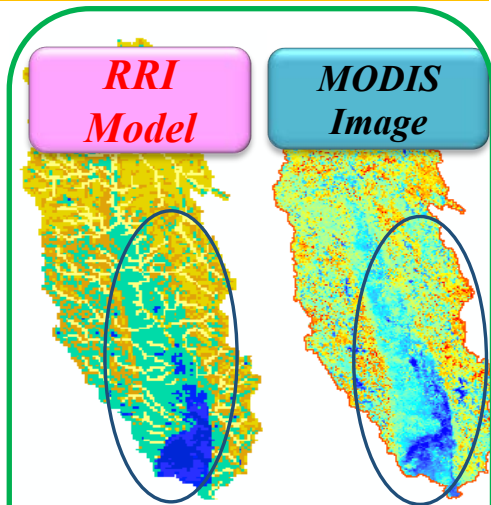
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Analysis of hydrological responses of the past floods (2012 - 2015) using RRI model

Comparison of simulated discharge with and without dam boundary conditions (2012 Flood)

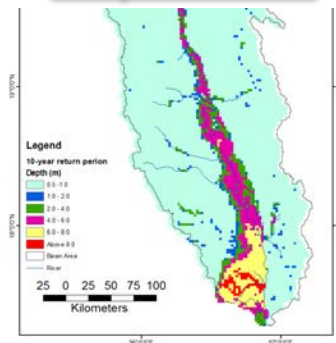


Comparison of flood inundation (2015 Flood)

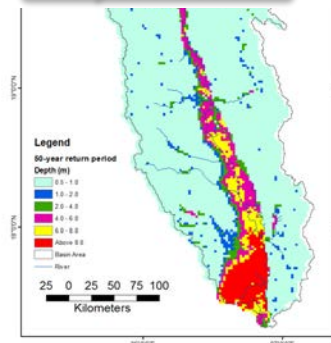


Flood Hazard Maps

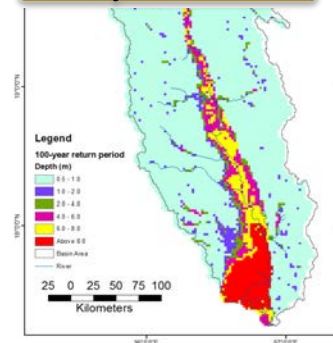
10-year Flood



50-year Flood



100-year Flood



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Analysis of changes in precipitation and river discharge under climate change

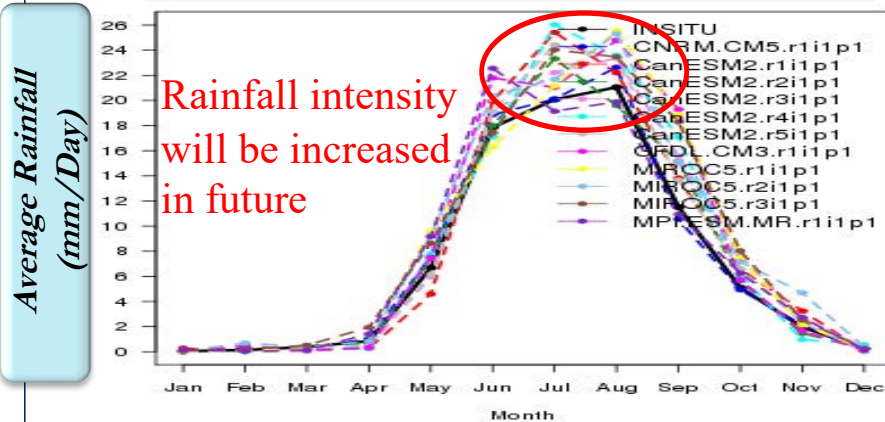
Five GCMs output of CMIP5 (Coupled Model Inter Comparison Project) were selected for study:

(1) CNRM-CM5, (2) GFDL-CM2, (3) CanESM2.1, (4) MIROC5, (5) MPI-ESM-MR

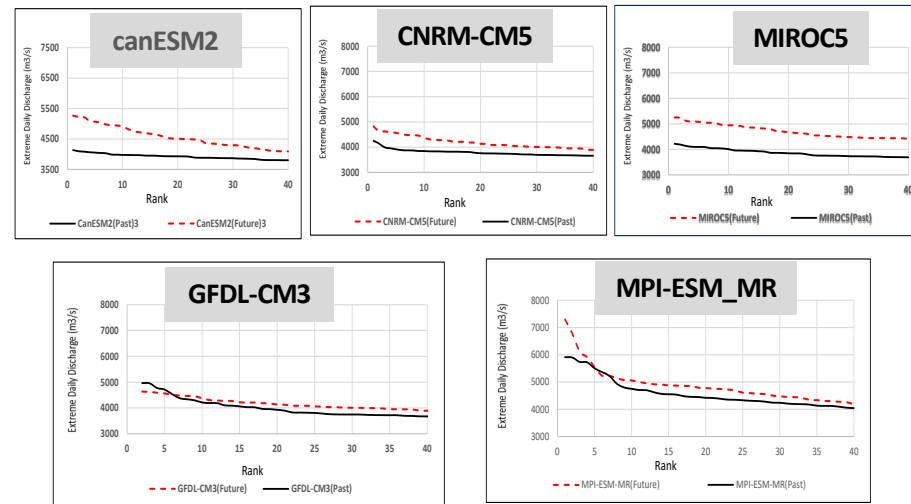
- Present Climate: 1990-2005 (16 Years)
- Future Climate: 2046 to 2061 (16 Years)

Comparison of precipitation between several model outputs from CMIP5 (CMIP5: Coupled Model Inter comparison Project Phase-5)

Monthly corrected rainfall (Future)



Comparison of simulated discharge at Madauk Station



Red-dashed line: Future Climate(2046-2061)

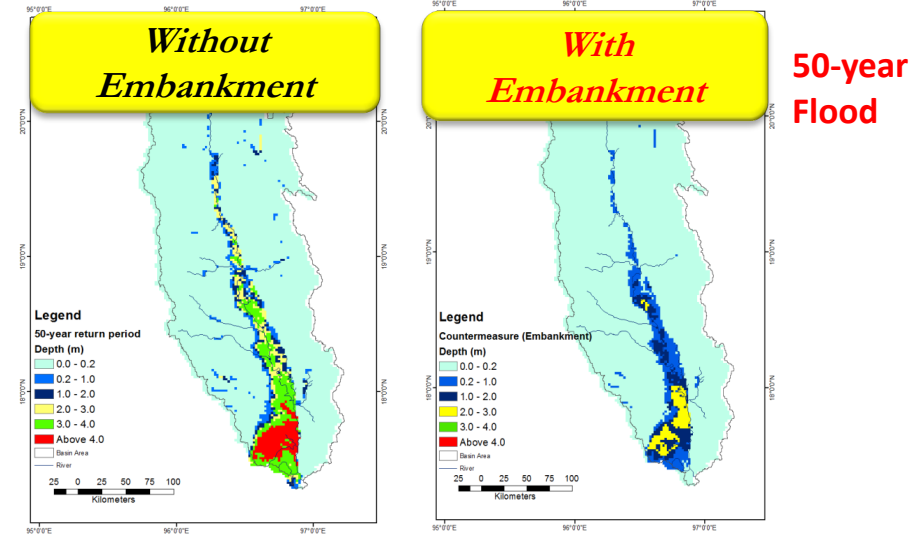
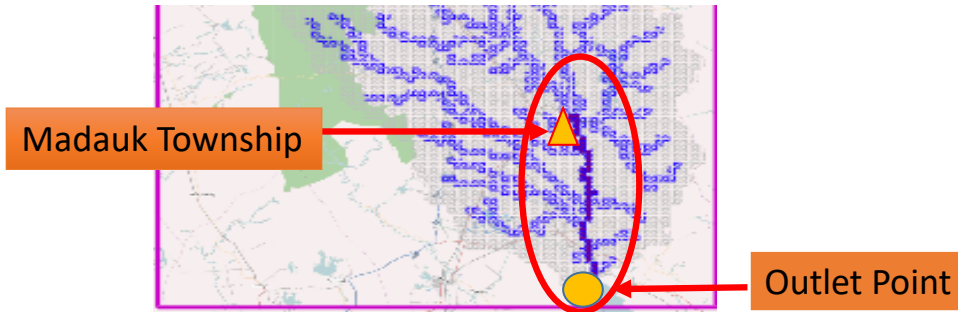
Black line: Present Climate (1990-2005)

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Analysis of effectiveness of structural countermeasures (Dam, Embankment) using RRI model

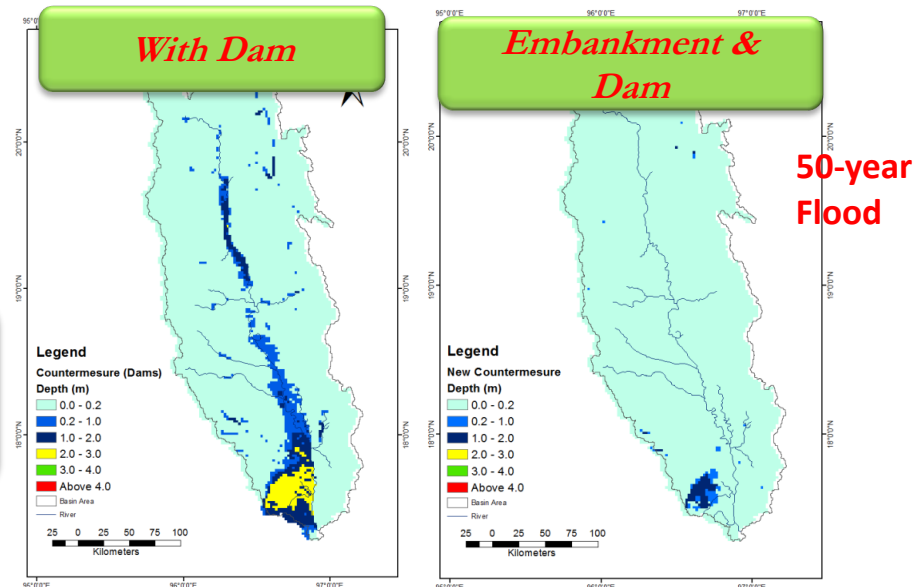
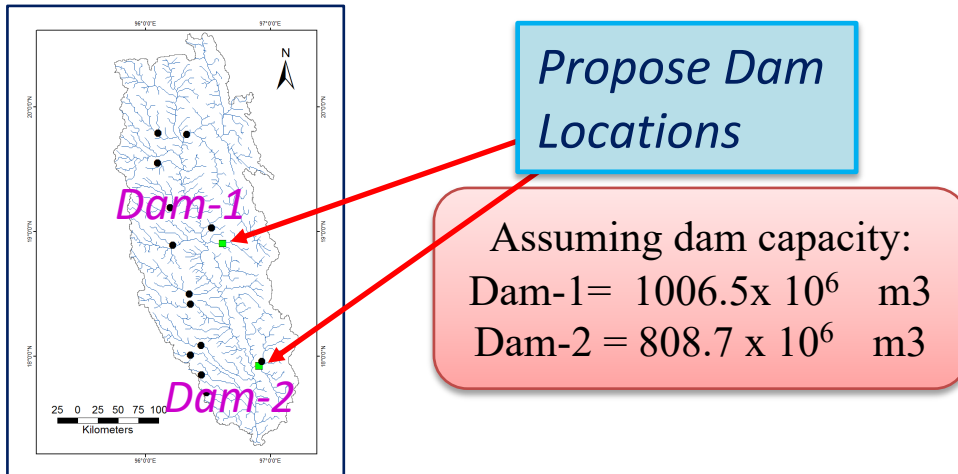
Case-1: New embankment

- Construction of 3.0 m high embankment along the bank of river from Madauk Township to the river outlet



Case-2: New Dams

- Construction of dam near the Taungoo station in the upstream area and Shwegyin station



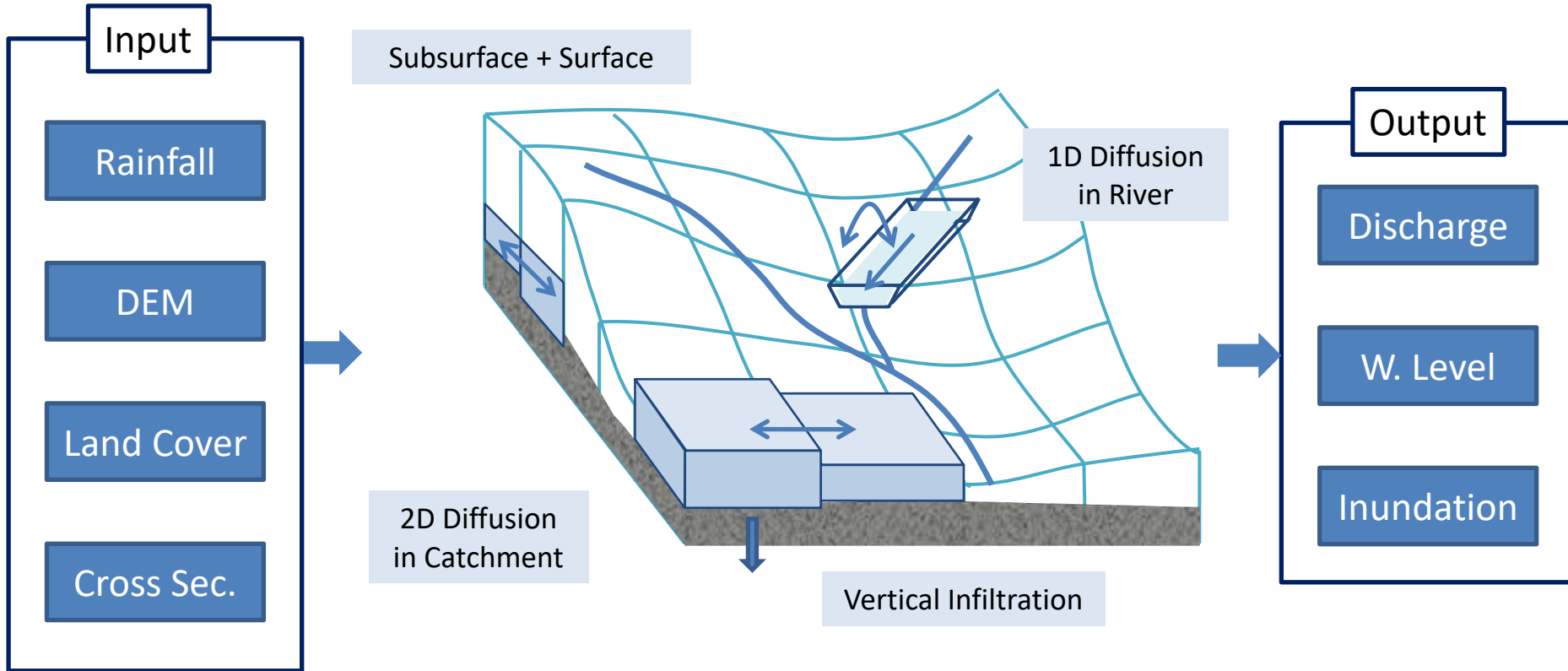
Framework for Assessing Flood, drought & Climate Change Impacts on Agriculture

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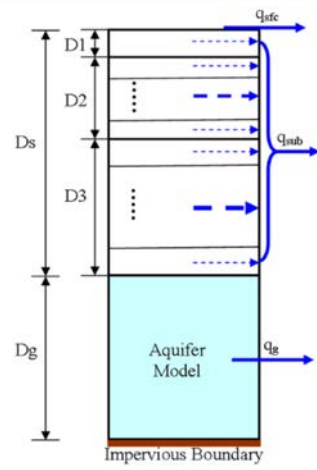
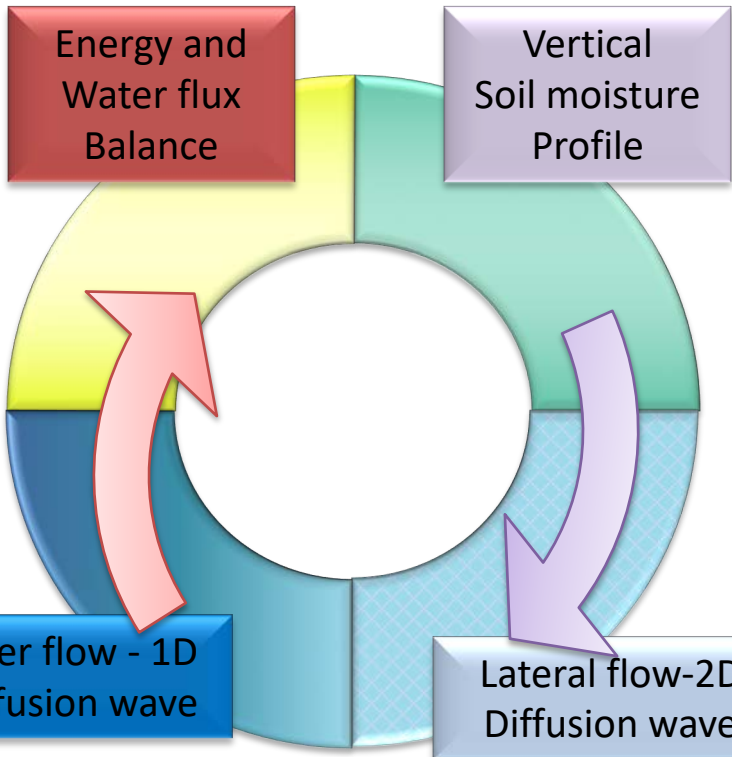
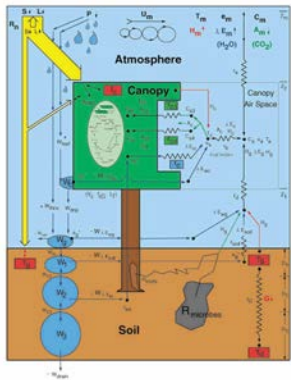
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Structure of RRI Model

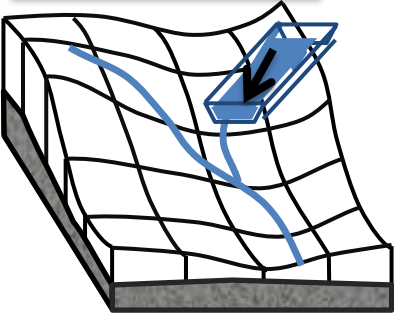


- Two-dimensional model capable of simulating **rainfall-runoff and flood inundation simultaneously**
- The model deals with slopes and river channels separately
- At a grid cell in which a river channel is located, the model assumes that both slope and river are positioned within the same grid cell

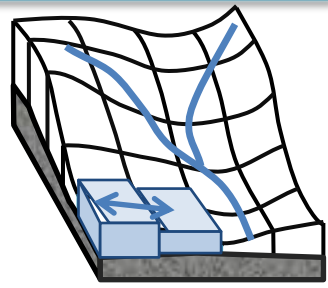
WEB-RRI: Coupling Hydro-Sib-RRI with RRI Model



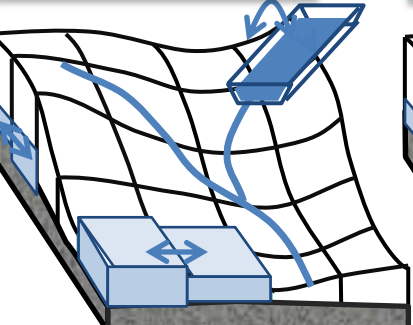
River Routing



Surface flow



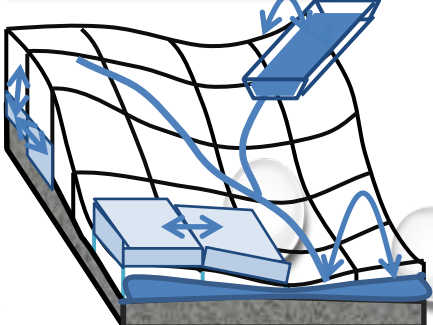
Slope-River Interaction



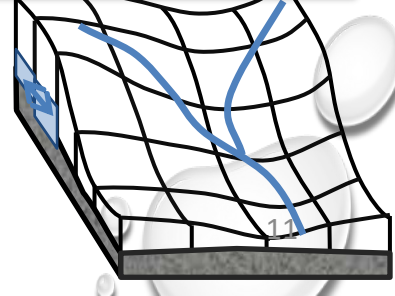
GW-River Interaction



GW-Soil Moisture Interaction

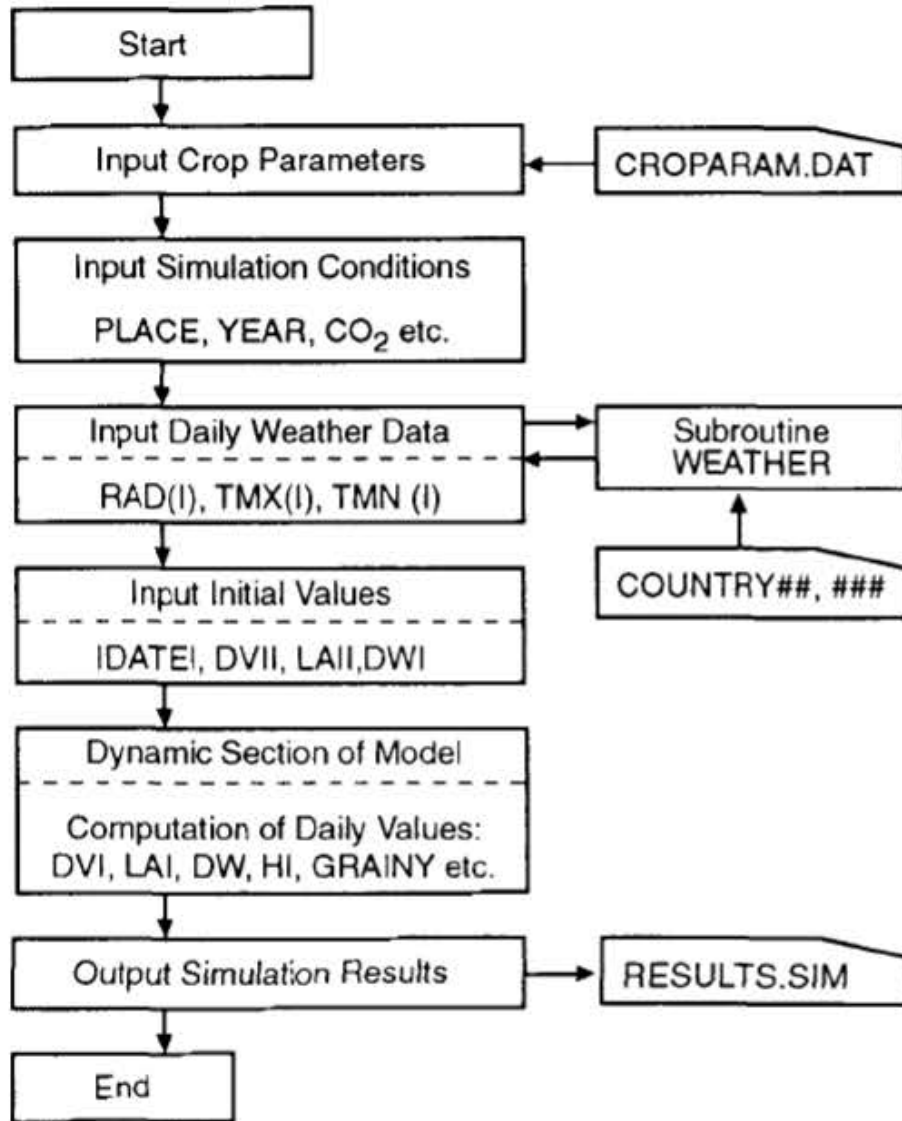


Ground water Flow



$$Q_{RF} = \frac{K \cdot L \cdot W}{h_c} (h_{ra} - h) = c_{gr} (h_{ra} - h)$$

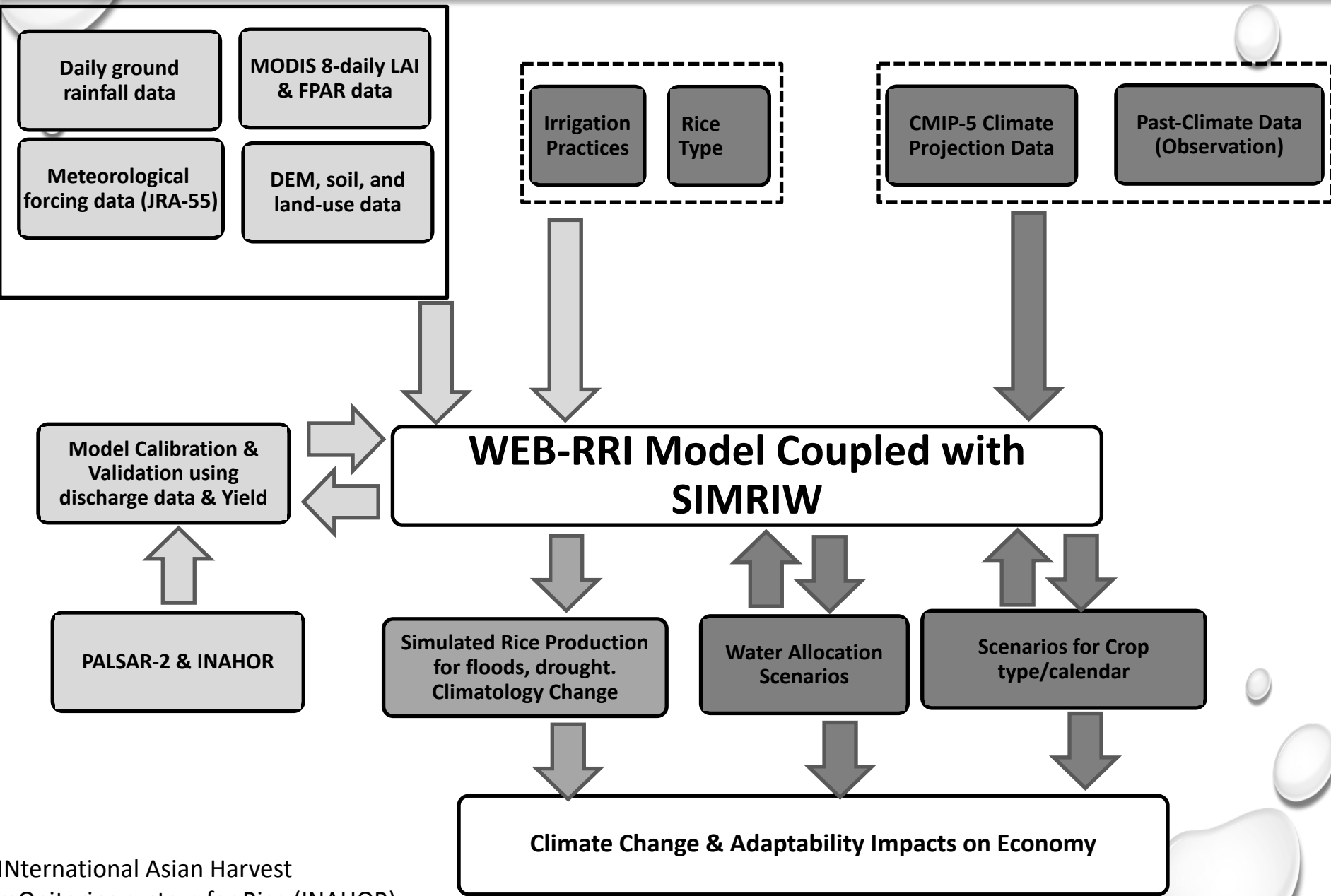
Simulation Model for Rice-Weather Relations



Overview of simulation model of the SIMRIW model developed by Prof. Horie (1987)

SIMRIW predicts the potential yield that can be expected from a given cultivar under a given climate

Framework for Assessments of Climate Change Impacts on Agriculture



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