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Climate Change Impacts on Dams Projects on Transboundary River Basins. The Case of Mesta/Nestos River Basin, Greece

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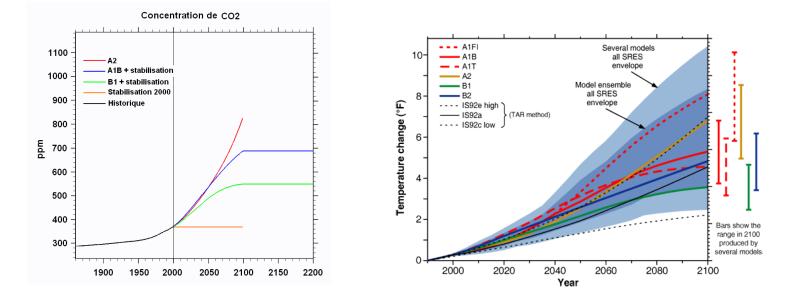
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The climate change scenarios

The IPCC scenarios

In 1996 the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) created a report, the « **Special Report on Emission Scenarios » (SRES)**. It describes the possible climate change scenarios: « stabilisation 2000 », B1, B2, A1, A2 and their variants.



The temperature augmentation (1.4 to 5.8°C) is related to:

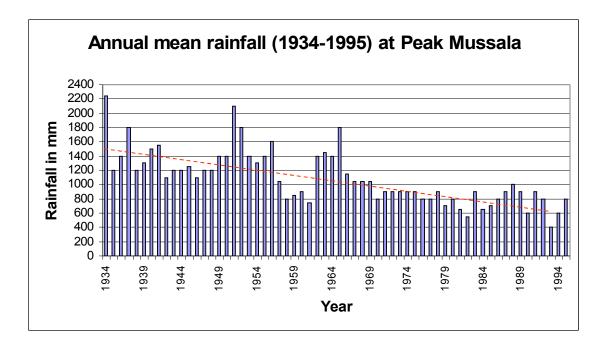
- a) the diminution of precipitation
- b) the increase in evapotransiration

Climate Change: A local reality ?

A probable decrease of the precipitations:

The monitoring of annual rainfall from 1934 to 1995 at peak Mussala (Rila Mountains), indicate a decreasing trend.

Climate change?

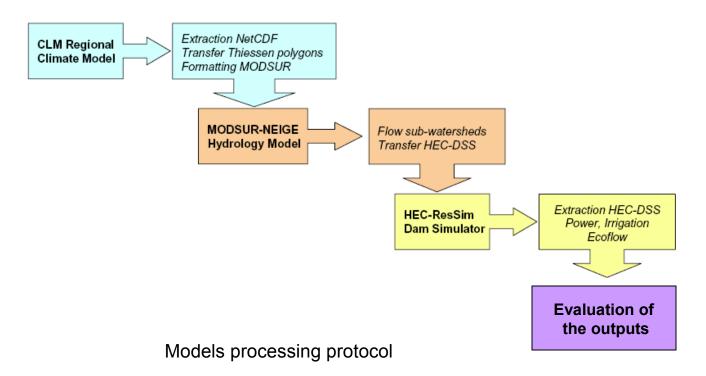


Objectives of our project

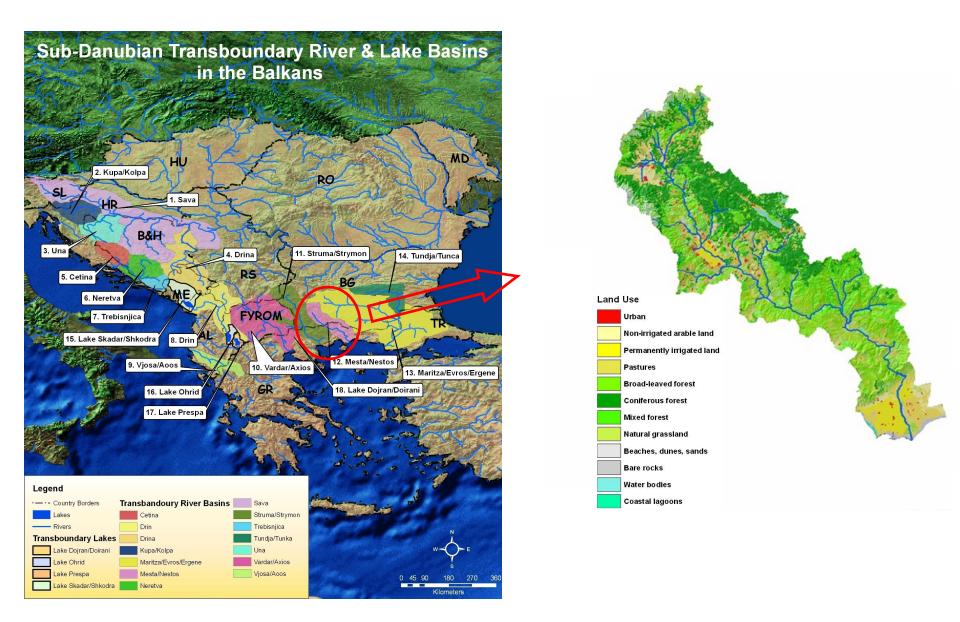
To examine the climate change impacts on existing and future dams on the Mesta/Nestos River basin.

A cascade of mathematical models were used:

- Climate model: CLM
- Hydrological model: MODSUR-NEIGE
- Dams-Reservoir model: ResSim



The Mesta/Nestos River basin

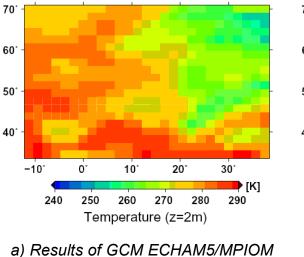


The Regional Climate Model CLM

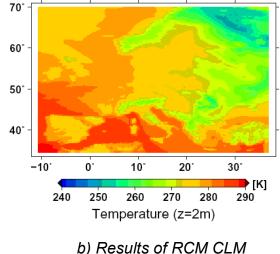
For the needs of our work, we used the latest results of Regional Climate Model **CLM** of **Max Plank Institute, Germany**. They are available on line in the World Data Center for Climate, Hamburg (CERA).

It produces data of temperature, precipitation and evapotranspiration as monthly mean values on a grid of 20 km (square cells).

The data series correspond to the **IPCC-SRES B1 and A1B scenario** for the period 2000-2100



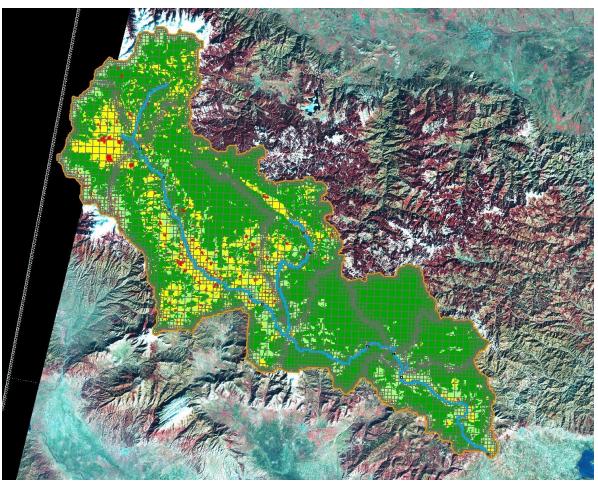
Scale reduction with CLM



MODSUR-NEIGE hydrological modeling

The distributed model MODSUR-NESTOS

This model is based on the spatial discetisation of the surface domain which is represented by square cells of variable size (250 m).



- Network of stations
- Thiessen polygons
- CLC data

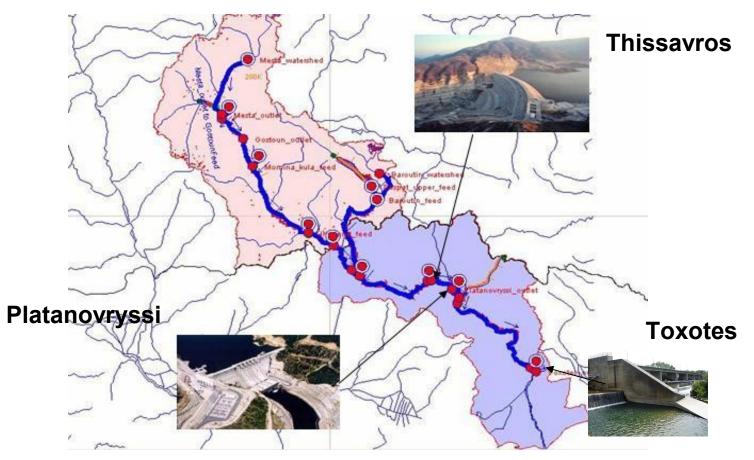
The great advantage:

Simulation of the flow at any "river cell", thus: *Thissavros*, *Platanovryssi*, Temenos (future project)

Hydro-electric modeling

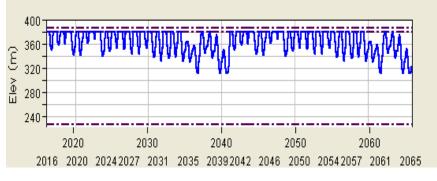
The objective of the dam's simulation is to evaluate, the economic and operational feasibility in long term, of the existing dams in the Greek part of the basin.

The modeling procedure of the Nestos dams was realised with the program **HEC-ResSim (USACE).** This tool works in hourly step and optimises the flows by taking into account the constraints of the exploitation (power, discharge).



Results of dams simulation

Reference climate: Duplication of the past climate

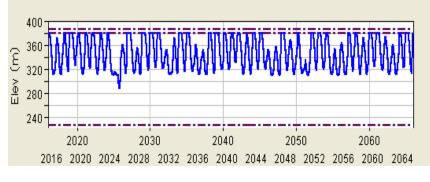


a) Thissavros dam elevation

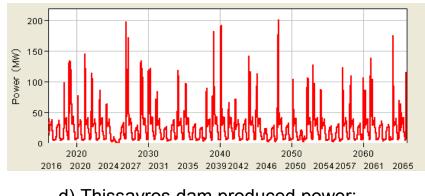
Power (MW) 2020 20242027 2031 2035 20392042 2046 2050 20542057 2061

b) Thissavros dam produced power: 36,5 MW or 877,1 MWh

Climate change scenario IPCC-SRES B1



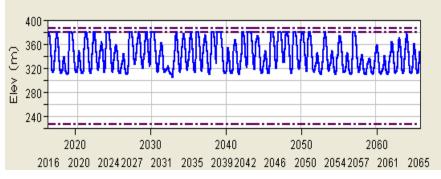
c) Thissavros dam elevation



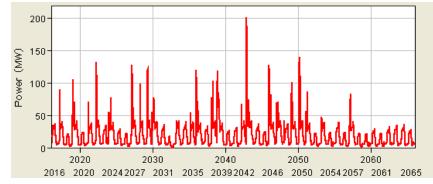
d) Thissavros dam produced power: 24,6 MW or 590.7 MWh

Results of dams simulation

Climate change scenario IPCC-SRES A1B



e) Thissavros dam elevation



f) Thissavros dam produced power: 19,1 MW or 459,0 MWh

	Generated Power MW	Generated Energy MWh
"Reference" Climate Change scenario	36.5	877.1
CLM B1 Climate Change scenario	24.6	590.7
CLM A1B Climate Change scenario	19.1	459.0

Conclusion: A cascade of realistic simulations through computer based models

Thank you for your attention!

