Future discharge of the French tributaries of the Rhine

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Future discharge of the French tributaries of the Rhine: A semi-distributed multi-model approach using CMIP5 projections

Needs to update our knowledge of future discharge with new projections
Sources of uncertainties considered in the project: ARs, GCMs, downscaling methods, HMs, HMs calibration conditions, sampling

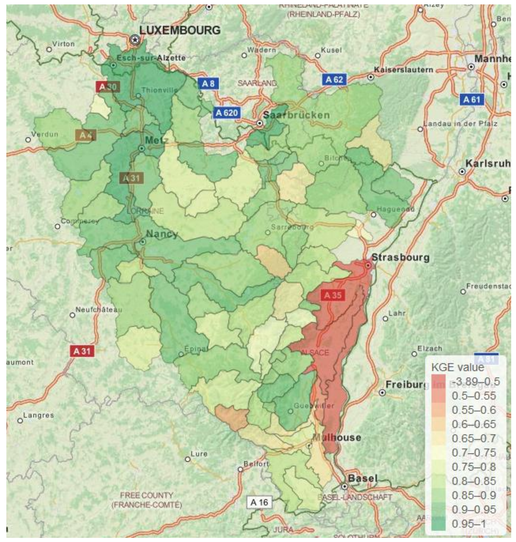


Fig. 1: Performance of the GRSD model over the MOSARH21 area

Methodology

- Multi-hydrological model (HM) approach *(only one on this poster)*
- Re-use of AR4 projections from former projects
- Use of new AR5 projections *(not in this poster)*
- Disentangling sources of uncertainty

Uncertainties

- Use of a Bayes estimator for the sampling uncertainty
- Calibration on different past periods of the GRSD model (de Lavenne et al., 2016): split-sample test + rolling periods
- Several GCMs and downscaling methods will be used

End-users

Methods and hydrological indices are discussed and adapted to the Water Agency demands in order to answer to their operational needs

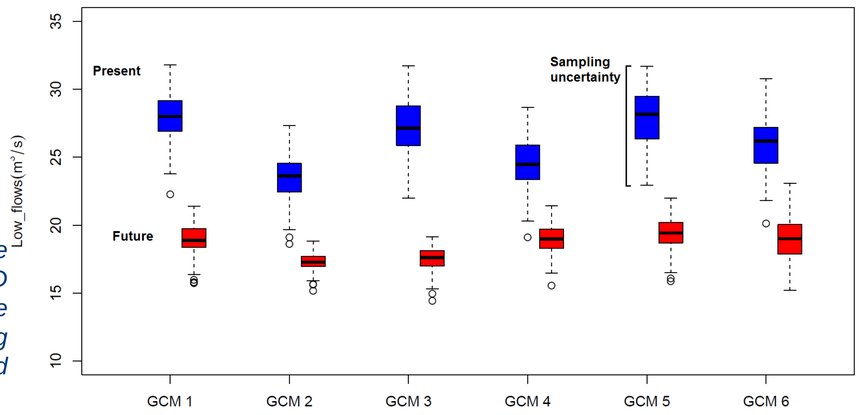
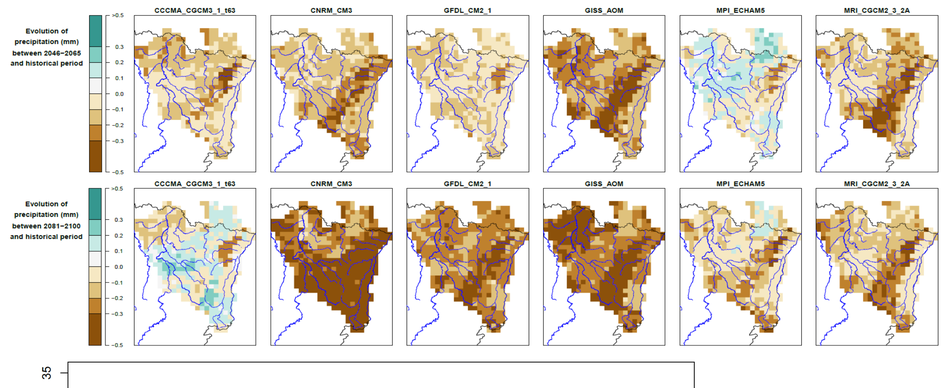


Fig. 3: Low flows values (monthly discharge with a 5-year return period) for the GRSD model calibrated over a single period. Here the impacts of GCMs, time periods and sampling uncertainty can be distinguished

Fig. 2: Evolution of precipitation for AR4 Scratch08 projections



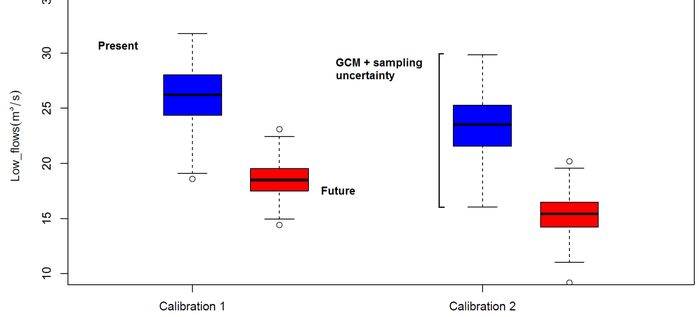


Fig. 4: Impact of the calibration of the GRSD model on low flows

Conclusions

GCM and sampling uncertainties are of a higher order on low flows than calibration
We will investigate the sources of uncertainty on different ranges of flow

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