

# Assessment on the impact of climate change on water resource at watershed scale: a case study in River Xiangxi



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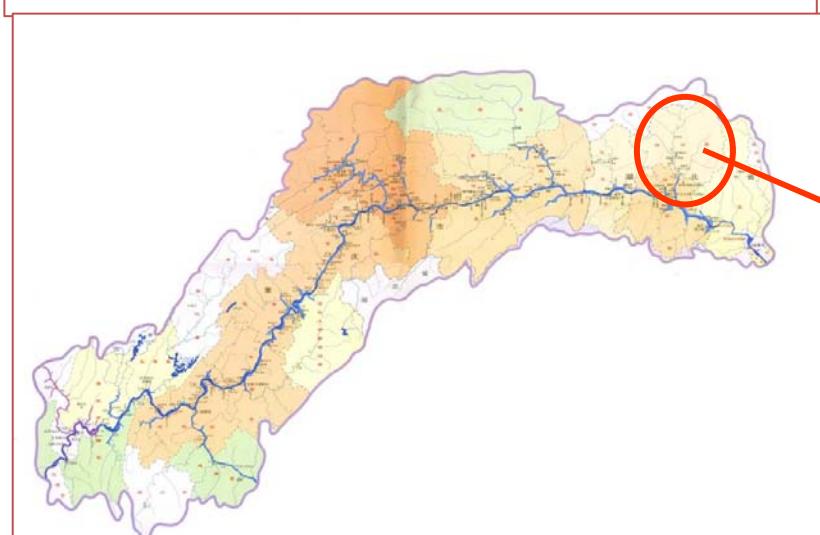
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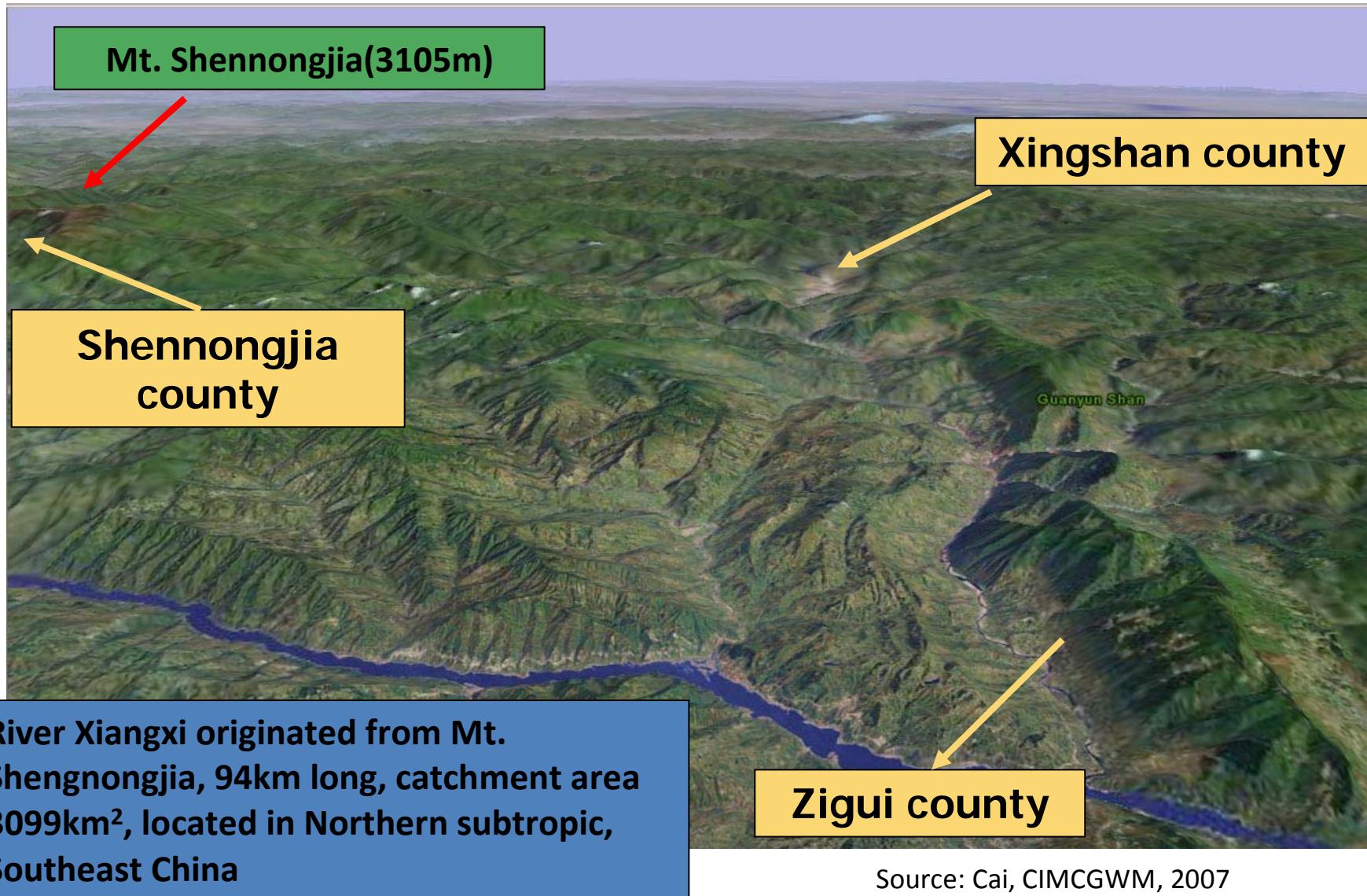
# 1. Study Area: Yangtze Valley, the Three Gorges Reservoir (TGR) and River Xiangxi



**Xiangxi River** is the largest tributary in Hubei part of TGR, most close to the Dam.

Source: Cai, CIMCGWM, 2007

# 1. Study Area: Location of River Xiangxi



# 1. Study Area: River Xiangxi

- Annual precipitation observed from 1961 to 2004 is 1100mm and ranges from 670mm to 1700mm with considerable spatial and temporal variations.
- The distribution is characterized by a dry winter and a summer monsoon from May to September.
- Annual average temperature from 1961 to 2004 is 15.6°C and ranges from 12°C and 20°C.
- The slopes are covered by forests. The main agricultural crops are rice and wheat in the valleys. Terraced fields are often used for corn and potatoes and a considerable area of tea.
- The soils are mainly limestone soils in the upper regions and brown and yellow- brown soils in the lowlands.



# 1. Study Area: High Erosion and Nutrient Transport in River Xiangxi



Source: Vortrag CIMCGWM, 2007

## 2. Hydrological Modeling Based SWAT : General Description of SWAT

SWAT (Soil and Water Assessment Tool) is a continuation of nearly 30 years of modeling efforts conducted by the USDA Agricultural Research Service .

- A semi-distributed hydrologic model
- Water fluxes, Nutrients, Yield, Pesticides
- Continuous Time
  - Daily Time Step
  - One day to Hundreds of Years
- Unlimited numbers of Subwatersheds
- Comprehensive-Processes Interaction
- Simulation Management
- Programmed in FORTRAN
- User interfaces for GRASS, ArcView, ArcGIS

## 2. Hydrological Modeling Based SWAT: Model Setup and Evaluation

### **Method:**

Potential eva-potranspiration: Hargreaves function  
Surface runoff : SCS CN method  
Routing processes: Muskingum method

**Time Scale:** Monthly

### **Evaluation: For discharge**

Mean and standard deviation of discharge (SD),  
Coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ )  
Nash-Sutcliffe efficiency ( $E_{ns}$ )

## 2. Hydrological Modeling Based SWAT: Sensitivity, Auto-calibration, Uncertainty in SWAT2005

### **The LH-OAT sensitivity analysis**

Latin-hypercube simulations

One-factor-At-a-Time sampling

**Parasol (Parameter Solution method)** : optimization and uncertainty analysis in a single run

Optimization method:

The Shuffled complex evolution algorithm

Objective function: SSQ, SSQR

Multi-objective optimization

Parameter change options:

A lumped way, a distributed way by

Addition of an absolute change, multiplication of a relative change

**Uncertainty analysis method** (Threshold value)

$\chi^2$  method

Bayesian method

## 2. Hydrological Modeling Based SWAT: Data Sources

DATA	SOURCE
DEM	1:250,000 from China Fundamental Geographic Information Center
SOIL	1:1,000,000 from Environment and Ecology Scientific Data Center of western China, National Natural Science Foundation of China
LAND USE	1:100,000 from Hubei Land Management Bureau, and Inner mongolia
METEOROLIG CAL DATA	Daily observation station from Hubei and Inner mongolia Meteorological and Bureau( <b>OBS</b> ) ,Monthly girded observation data of CRU3.0(1960-1990)(0.5°x0.5°) from Climate Research Unit, University of East Anglia,UK( <b>CRU</b> )
DISCHARGE DATA	1970-1986 monthly and daily discharge from Hubei Hydrological Information Center for River Xiangxi, and 1963-74 monthly and Daily discharge from Hydrological Annual Report for Huangfuchuan basin

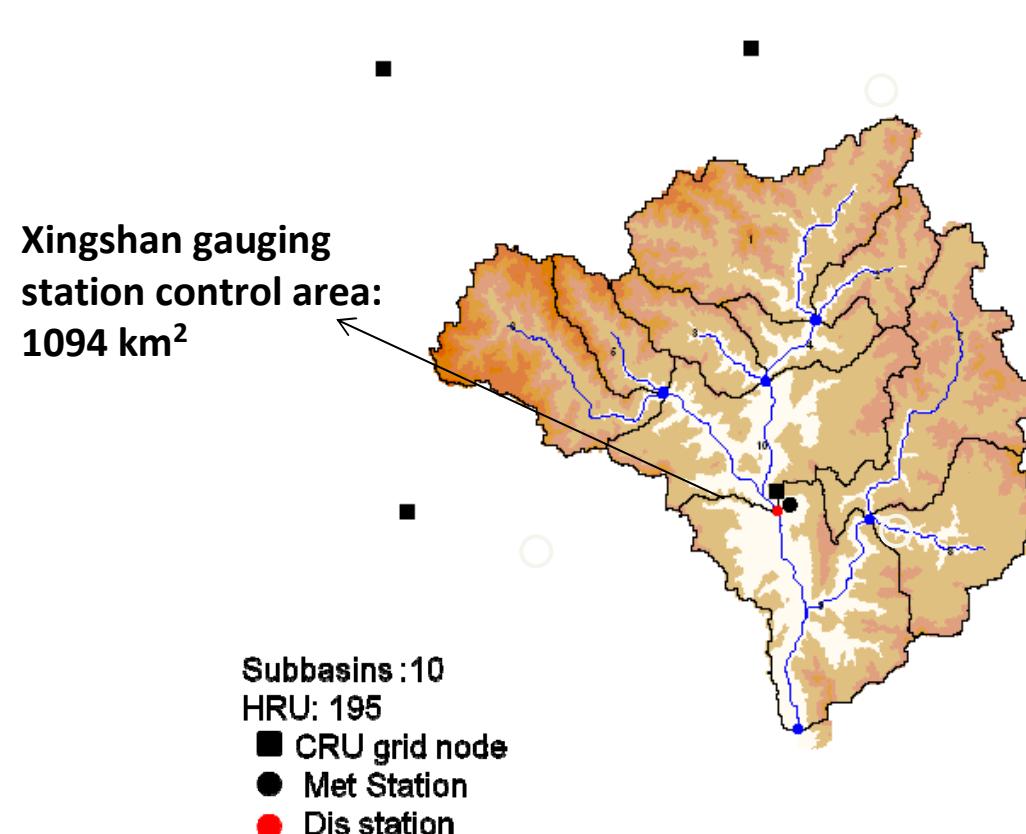
## 2. Hydrological Modeling Based SWAT: Soil Attribute

Attribute Data Set: “*Soil Species of China (six volumes)*” and other sources  
Total Information includes 7,300 soil profiles collected from all over China  
Some attribute data of one soil profile within GSCC

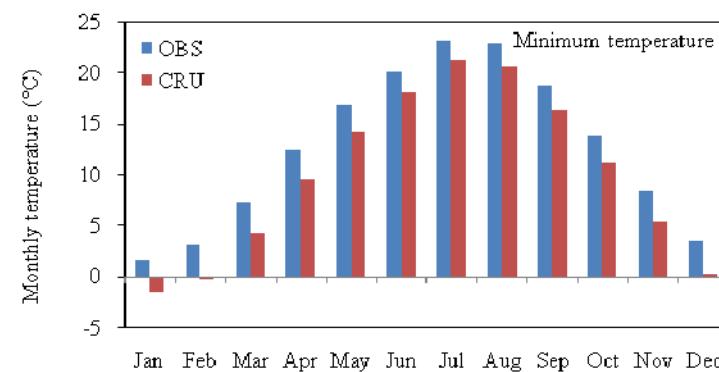
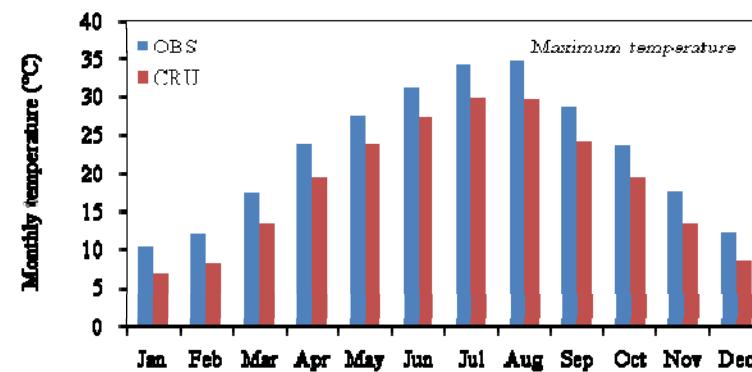
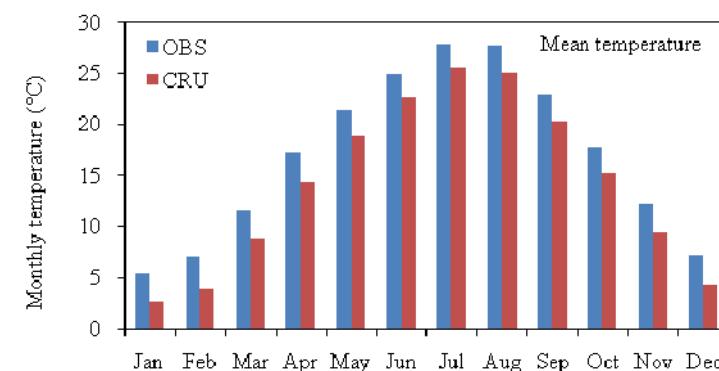
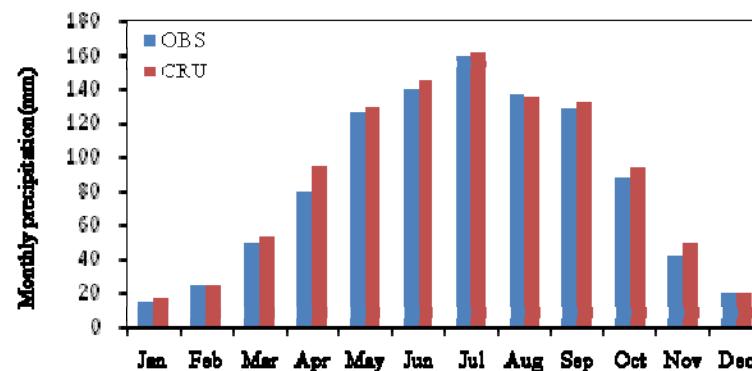


Order	Great group	Sub group	Family	Species	Horizon	Thickness (cm )	Sand (%)	Silt (%)	Clay ( % )	Buck density
Anthro-sols	Paddy soils	Redoxing paddy soil	马肝泥田	马肝土	Aa	15	29.38	46.12	24.5	1.25
					Ap	10	32.18	50.32	17.5	1.43
					P	25	25.79	42.01	32.2	1.54
					W1	24	23.44	37.97	37.9	1.57
					W2	26	14.92	40.98	44.1	1.48

## 2. Hydrological Modeling Based SWAT: CRU Grid Node, Meteorological and Discharge Station in River Xiangxi

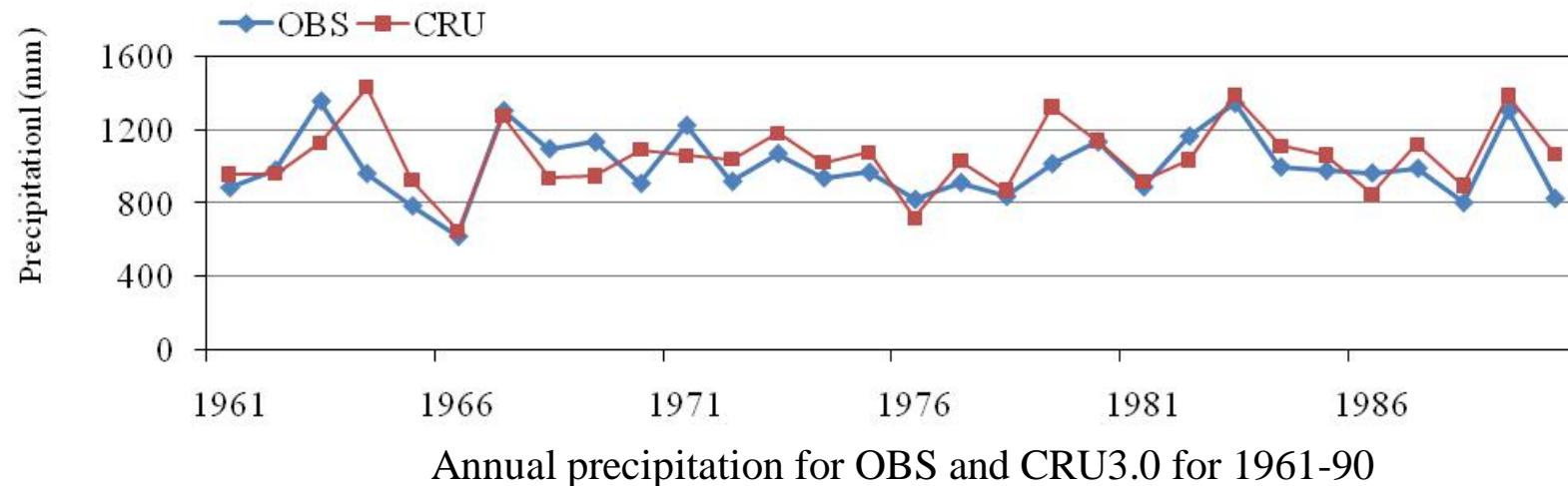


## 2. Hydrological Modeling Based SWAT: Precipitation and Temperature (OBS and CRU , 1960-90) in River Xiangxi

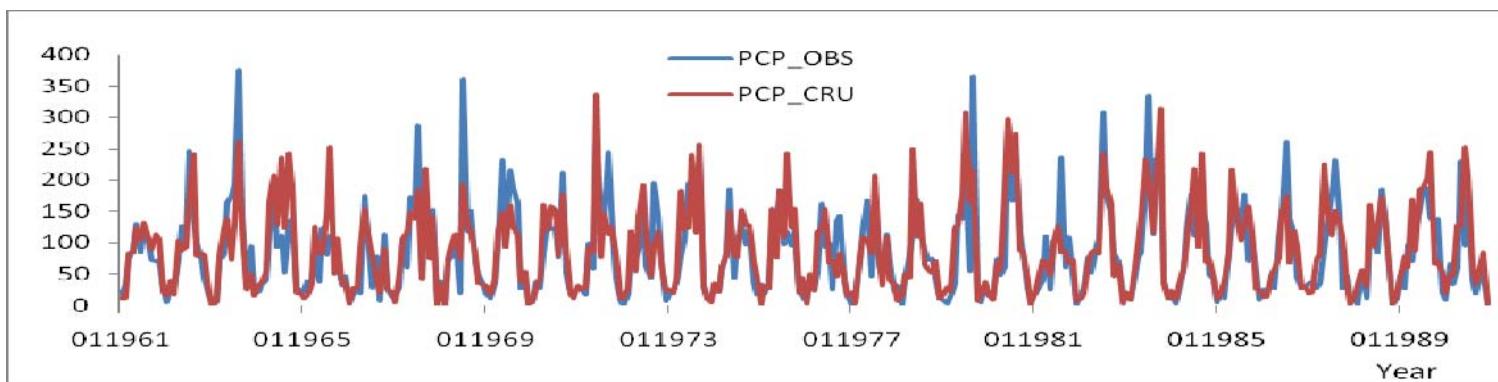


Average monthly precipitation, and mean, maximum and minimum temperature variation for OBS and CRU

## 2. Hydrological Modeling Based SWAT: Precipitation (OBS and CRU , 1960-90) in River Xiangxi



Annual precipitation for OBS and CRU3.0 for 1961-90



## 2. Hydrological Modeling Based SWAT: Statistics of Precipitation (OBS and CRU , 1960-90) in River Xiangxi

Statistics of OBS and CRU (average over all three CRU grids) precipitation for period 1961-1990

Monthly data	OBS	CRU
Average monthly total (mm)	83.6	87.7
Standard deviation (mm)	70.1	69.9
Average winter (DJF;mm)	57.2	59.8
Average spring (MAM;mm)	253.6	277.0
Average summer (JJA;mm)	435.0	440.5
Average autumn (SON;mm)	257.2	274.9
Daily data	OBS	CRU
Rain days	136	117
Wet day amount (mm)	7.38	9.18
Wet day std deviation (mm)	11.75	18.71
Median (mm)	2.7	2.3
Maximum daily value (mm)	160.8	225.0

More heavy rainfall

## 2. Hydrological Modeling Based SWAT: Sensitivity Results by SWAT2005:OBS and CRU in River Xiangxi

Sensitivity results for pre-define parameters by SWAT2005 based on OBS and CRU dataset  
 (parameters with no appearance of sensitivity give rank 28)

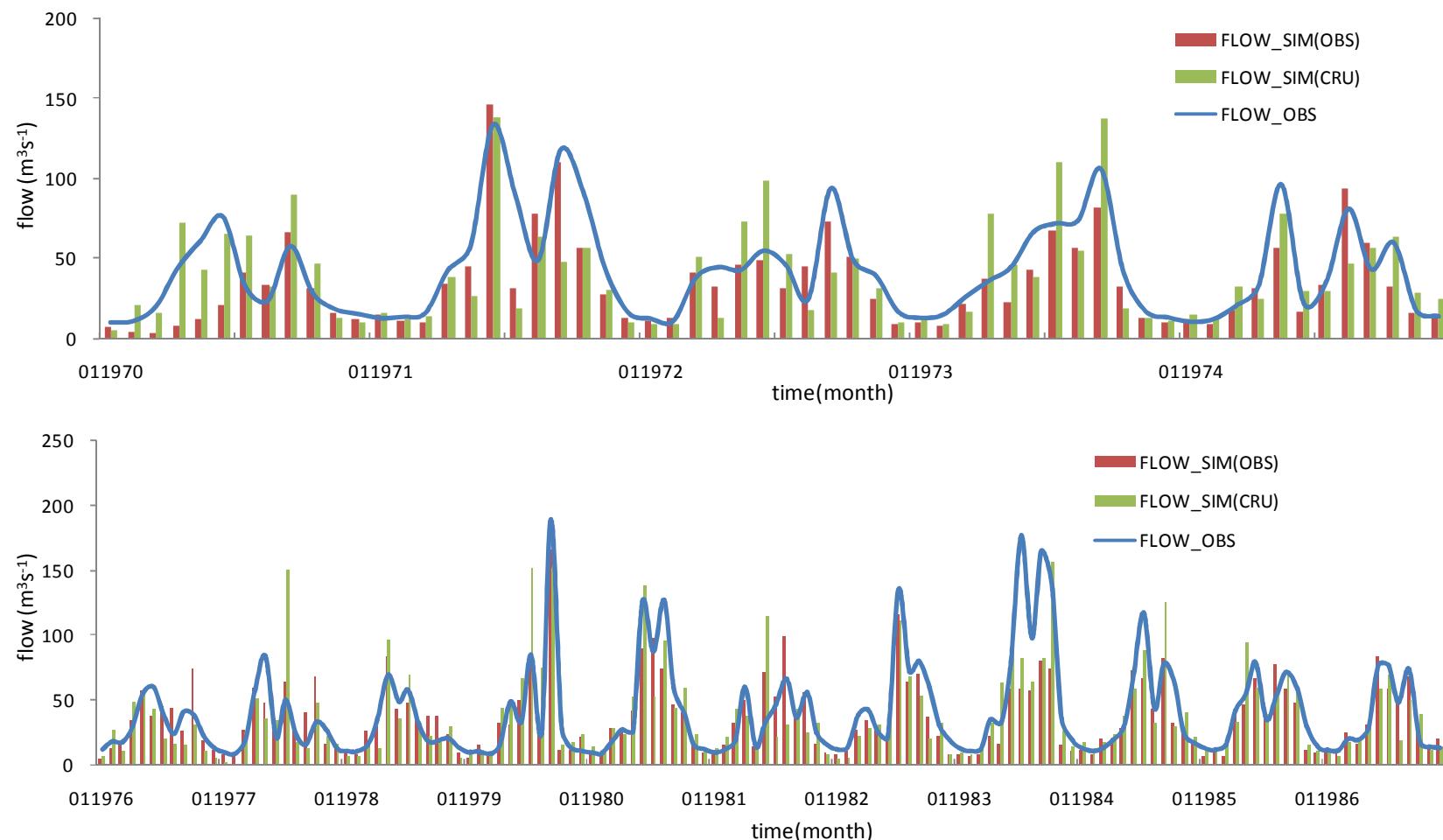
Name	Processes	OBS	CRU	Name	Processes	OBS	CRU
CN2	Runoff	1	1	SMFMX	Snow	14	11
CANMX	Runoff	2	2	TIMP	Snow	15	13
SOL_AWC	Soil	3	3	CH_N	Channel	16	18
SOL_Z	Soil	4	4	SMFMN	Snow	17	17
ESCO	Evaporation	5	5	SLOPE	Geomorphology	18	19
BIOMIX	Soil	6	6	SOL_ALB	Evaporation	19	12
SOL_K	Soil	7	8	GWQMN	Soil	28	28
ALPHA_BF	Groundwater	8	7	GW_REVAP	Groundwater	28	28
CH_K2	Channel	9	14	REVAPMN	Groundwater	28	28
SURLAG	Runoff	10	16	SLSUBBSN	Geomorphology	28	28
SMTMP	Snow	11	10	TLAPS	Geomorphology	28	28
EPCO	Evaporation	12	15	GW_DELAY	Groundwater	28	28
SFTMP	Snow	13	9	RCHRG_DP	Groundwater	28	28
				BLAI	Crop	28	28

## 2. Hydrological Modeling Based SWAT: Autocalibrated Parameters ( OBS and CRU, monthly) in River Xiangxi

Autocalibrated parameters selected for discharge simulation of the SWAT2005 model based on OBS and CRU

Parameter	Definition	Range	OBS	CRU
CANMX	Maximum canopy storage	0-10	2.23	2.59
ESCO	Soil evaporation compensation factor	0-1	0.33	0.53
CH_K2	Effective hydraulic conductivity in the main channel	0-150	146.3	146.9
SURLAG	Surface runoff lag coefficient	0-10	3.80	8.22
CN2	SCS runoff curve number for moisture condition II	35-98	82.3	71.8
BIOMIX	Biological mixing efficiency	0-1	0.74	0.83
ALPHA_BF	Baseflow alpha factor (days)	0-1	0.03	0.03

## 2. Hydrological Modeling Based SWAT: Observed and Simulated Discharge (Monthly) in River Xiangxi



Monthly discharge at Xingshan gauging station for calibration and validation period

(upper: calibration, bottom: validation, the blue line is observed discharge, and red box is discharge simulated by OBS climatic datasets, and the green box is discharge simulated by CRU climatic datasets)

## 2. Hydrological Modeling Based SWAT: Observed and Simulated Discharge Statistic (Monthly) in River Xiangxi

Observed and autocalibration tool parameter adjustment discharge simulation statistics  
based on OBS and CRU ( $\text{m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ month}^{-1}$ )

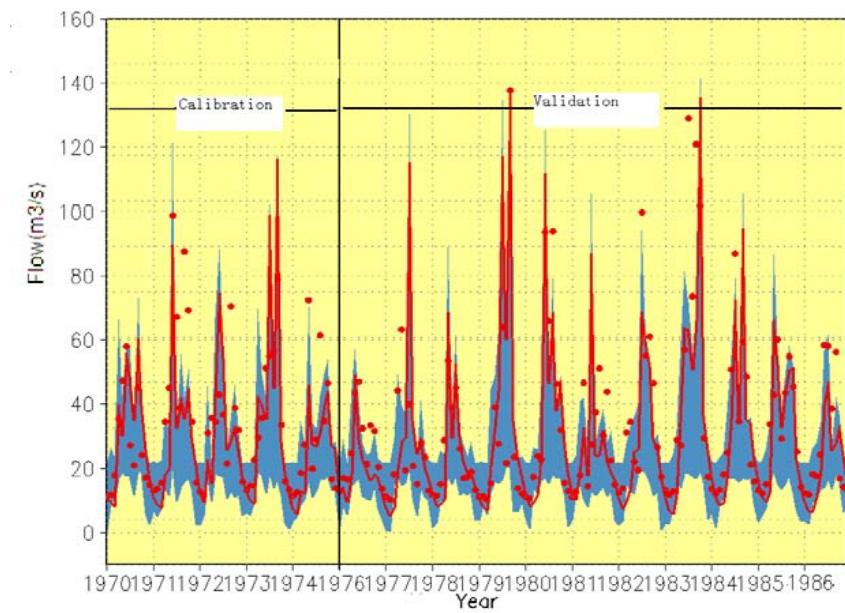
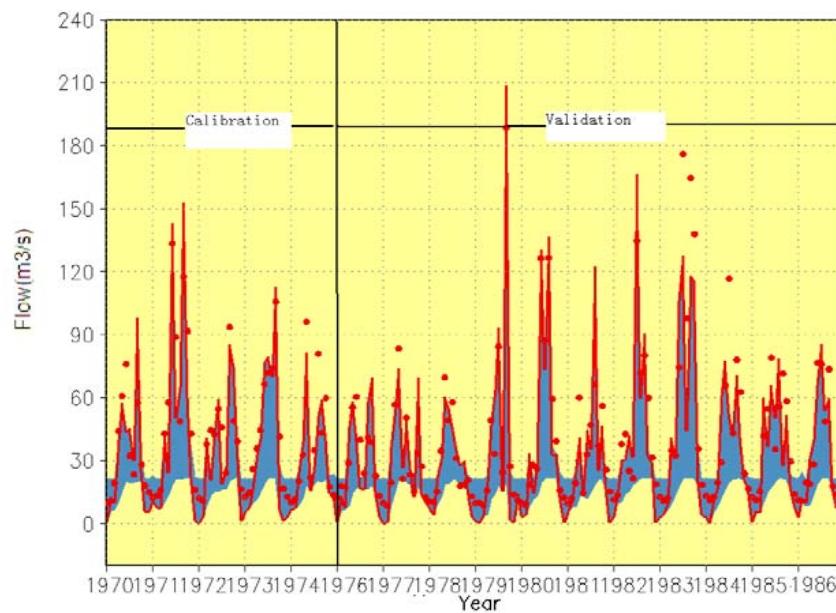
Period	Observed		Simulated by OBS				Simulated by CRU			
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Nash	R <sup>2</sup>	Mean	SD	Nash	R <sup>2</sup>
Calibration (1970-1974a)	42.0	30.0	36.7	34.4	0.50	0.7	31.2	22.4	0.45	0.5
Validation (1976-1986a)	39.8	35.5	36.2	36.5	0.64	0.8	30.5	26.1	0.55	0.6

## 2. Hydrological Modeling Based SWAT: Simulated Water Balance (OBS and CRU) in River Xiangxi

Water balance for 1961-1990a simulated based on OBS and CRU (mm)

Average Annual (mm)	OBS	CRU_3.0
Precipitation	1003	1052
Surface Runoff	100	88
Lateral Soil Flow	380	420
Groundwater flow	1	4
ET	522	541
PET	1269	1063

## 2. Hydrological Modeling Based SWAT: Uncertainty of Discharge Simulation (OBS and CRU) in River Xiangxi



Right: Uncertainty based on OBS, Left: Uncertainty Based on CRU

### 3. Climate Change Impact: Climate Scenarios

1. Baseline:

CRU detrended climate data 1961-90 (CRU\_DTF)

2. Scenarios:

1-6 °C increase in global mean temperature for HadCM3

2 °C increase across all seven GCMs

UKMO HadCM3 & HadGEM1, CCCMA, CSIRO, IPSL, MPI and NCAR

All four SRES (A1B, B1, B2, A2) scenarios on HadCM3 (2010-99)

SRES A1B across all seven GCMs (2010-99)

### 3. Climate Change Impact: Change in Temperature in River Xiangxi

Anomalies of annual temperature under 1-6 DG and 2DG global warming based CRU\_DTF(1961-90) (°C)

Scenarios	UKMO_HA DCM3_1DG	UKMO_HA DCM3_2DG	UKMO_HA DCM3_3DG	UKMO_HA DCM3_4DG	UKMO_HA DCM3_5DG	UKMO_HA DCM3_6DG	
anomalies of annual temperature(°C)	1.42	2.36	4.25	5.67	7.09	8.51	
Scenarios	UKMO_GE M_2DG	NCAR_CCS M30_2DG	MPI_ECHA M5_2DG	IPSL_CM4_2DG	CSIRO_MK 30_2DG	CCCMA_C GCM31_2DG	AVE_2DG
anomalies of annual temperature(°C)	2.18	2.32	2.56	2.83	2.25	2.60	2.46

### 3. Climate Change Impact: Change in Temperature in River Xiangxi

Anomalies of annual temperature under SRES A1B scenarios based CRU\_DTF(1961-90) (°C)

Scenarios	UKMO_HA DCM3_A1B	UKMO_G EM_A1B	NCAR_CC SM30_A1B	MPI_ECH AM5_A1B	IPSL_C M4_A1B	CSIRO_M K30_A1B	CCCMA(CG CM31_A1B)	AVE_A1B
2010 - 39a	1.70	1.07	1.00	1.64	1.62	0.93	1.41	1.34
2040 - 69a	3.41	2.14	2.00	3.39	3.35	1.87	2.90	2.72
2070 - 99a	4.85	3.06	2.85	4.94	4.91	2.66	4.16	3.92

Anomalies of annual temperature under SRES A1B, B1, B2 and A2 scenarios based CRU\_DTF(1961-90) (°C)

Scenarios	UKMO_HADC M3_A1B	UKMO_HADC M3_B1	UKMO_HADC M3_B2	UKMO_HADC M3_A2
2010 - 39a	1.70	1.54	1.73	1.57
2040 - 69a	3.41	2.56	2.96	3.23
2070 - 99a	4.85	3.40	4.20	5.55

### 3. Climate Change Impact: Seasonal Temperature and Precipitation in River Xiangxi

The scenarios trend in temperature and precipitation based CRU\_DTF(1961-90)

Scenarios	Anomalies of Mean Temperature(°C)					Percentage Change of Precipitation(%)				
	MAM	JJA	SON	DJF	Average	MAM	JJA	SON	DJF	Annual
CRU_DTF	14.49	24.31	14.24	3.58	14.20	65.92	288.8	437.26	261.33	1053.3
UKMO_HADCM3_1DG	1.7	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.4	7.8	4.5	7.0	13.6	8.2
UKMO_HADCM3_2DG	2.8	2.9	1.8	2.0	2.4	9.3	6.1	24.6	24.4	16.1
UKMO_HADCM3_3DG	5.2	4.3	3.2	4.3	4.3	18.8	11.8	25.4	38.7	23.7
UKMO_HADCM3_4DG	6.9	5.7	4.3	5.7	5.7	26.1	11.3	34.9	56.7	32.3
UKMO_HADCM3_5DG	8.6	7.2	5.3	7.2	7.1	29.4	13.6	45.3	78.7	41.8
UKMO_HADCM3_6DG	10.3	8.7	6.4	8.6	8.5	36.7	16.0	52.2	89.3	48.6
UKMO_GEM_2DG	2.6	2.3	1.8	2.0	2.2	9.1	-13.7	2.5	11.1	2.2
NCAR_CCSM30_2DG	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.3	11.6	13.4	3.8	3.5	8.1
MPI_ECHAM5_2DG	2.5	2.3	2.9	2.6	2.6	11.3	-3.6	-8.6	7.7	1.7
IPSL_CM4_2DG	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.8	14.3	2.3	4.6	-16.1	1.3
CSIRO_MK30_2DG	2.6	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.2	4.9	5.5	-13.8	19.4	4.0
CCCMA(CGCM31_2DG)	2.3	2.0	3.3	2.8	2.6	18.1	12.7	3.8	9.9	11.1
UKMO_HADCM3_B1	1.7	2.9	3.3	1.9	2.4	4.6	5.3	21.3	33.7	16.2
UKMO_HADCM3_B2	2.2	3.5	3.7	2.2	2.9	6.1	6.2	24.3	41.9	19.6
UKMO_HADCM3_A2	2.6	4.0	4.3	2.6	3.4	8.1	6.7	25.9	46.6	21.8

### 3. Climate Change Impact: Water Balance in River Xiangxi

Water balance change based on UKMO\_HADCM3 output for temperature increased 1-6°C(%)

Water Balance Component	UKMO_HA DCM3_1DG	UKMO_HA DCM3_2DG	UKMO_HA DCM3_3DG	UKMO_HA DCM3_4DG	UKMO_HA DCM3_5DG	UKMO_HA DCM3_6DG
Precipitation	5.6	11.0	11.8	22.2	27.6	32.9
Surface runoff	22.5	41.3	43.8	116.1	138.7	155.9
Lateral soil Flow	6.8	13.0	14.2	23.6	29.2	35.3
Percolation	13.4	34.4	18.7	76.9	101.5	145.4
ET	2.9	6.3	6.6	11.1	14.5	17.8
PET	4.9	6.4	14.4	19.3	24.2	29.2

Water balance change based on 6 GCMs models output for temperature increased 2°C (%)

Water Balance Component	UKMO_GE M_2DG	NCAR_CCS M30_2DG	MPI_ECHA M5_2DG	IPSL_CM4 _2DG	CSIRO_M K30_2DG	CCCMA(CG CM31_2DG)
Precipitation	-1.6	-1.6	-0.1	6.3	1.6	11.5
Surface runoff	-0.2	79.1	14.2	33.8	5.0	40.0
Lateral soil Flow	-0.6	9.9	0.4	6.6	2.4	12.1
Percolation	-9.0	20.7	-12.8	6.2	-22.5	11.0
ET	-2.5	4.8	-1.8	3.2	0.9	8.1
PET	7.4	5.9	8.3	9.3	8.9	8.3

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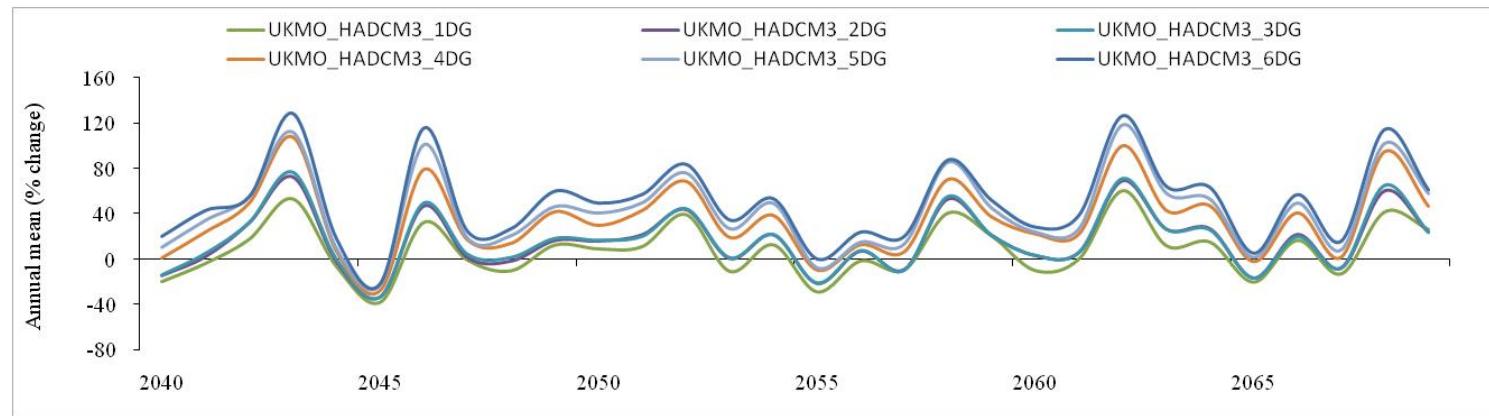
Water balance change based on 7 GCMs models output for SRES A1B (%)

Water Balance Component	UKMO_HA DCM3_A1B	UKMO_G EM_A1B	NCAR_CC SM30_A1B	MPI_ECH AM5_A1B	IPSL_C M4_A1B	CSIRO_M K30_A1B	CCCMA(CG CM31_A1B)
Precipitation	-1.3	12.5	9.1	0.0	7.4	1.4	12.3
Surface runoff	-6.3	16.7	40.9	9.5	20.9	0.2	21.8
Lateral soil Flow	-1.0	13.5	8.6	-0.1	7.5	1.8	13.1
Percolation	22.0	51.3	54.0	17.6	31.9	28.2	59.0
ET	-1.3	10.8	5.8	-1.1	5.6	0.9	10.3
PET	6.6	10.8	4.6	10.2	10.6	6.8	8.5

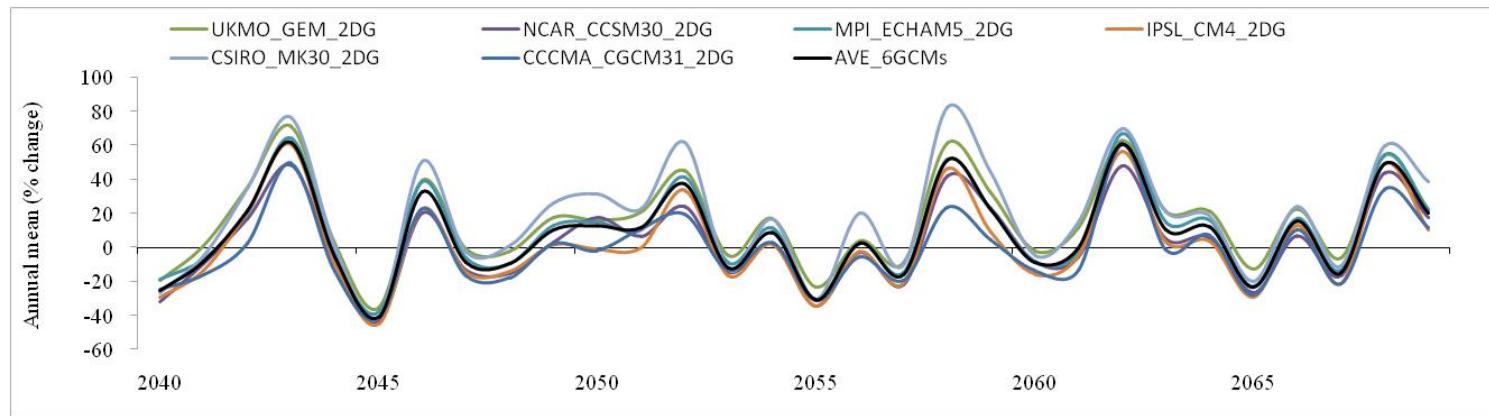
Water balance change based on UKMO\_HADCM3 output for SRES B1, B2, A2, A1B(%)

Water Balance Component	UKMO_HA DCM3_A1B	UKMO_HA DCM3_B1	UKMO_HA DCM3_B2	UKMO_HA DCM3_A2
Precipitation	-1.3	9.5	11.2	12.9
Surface runoff	-6.3	10.9	5.4	17.8
Lateral soil Flow	-1.0	10.6	12.0	13.7
Percolation	22.0	47.8	46.9	44.7
ET	-1.3	8.0	10.7	11.4
PET	6.6	8.1	9.6	11.3

### 3. Climate Change Impact: Annual Mean Discharge in River Xiangxi

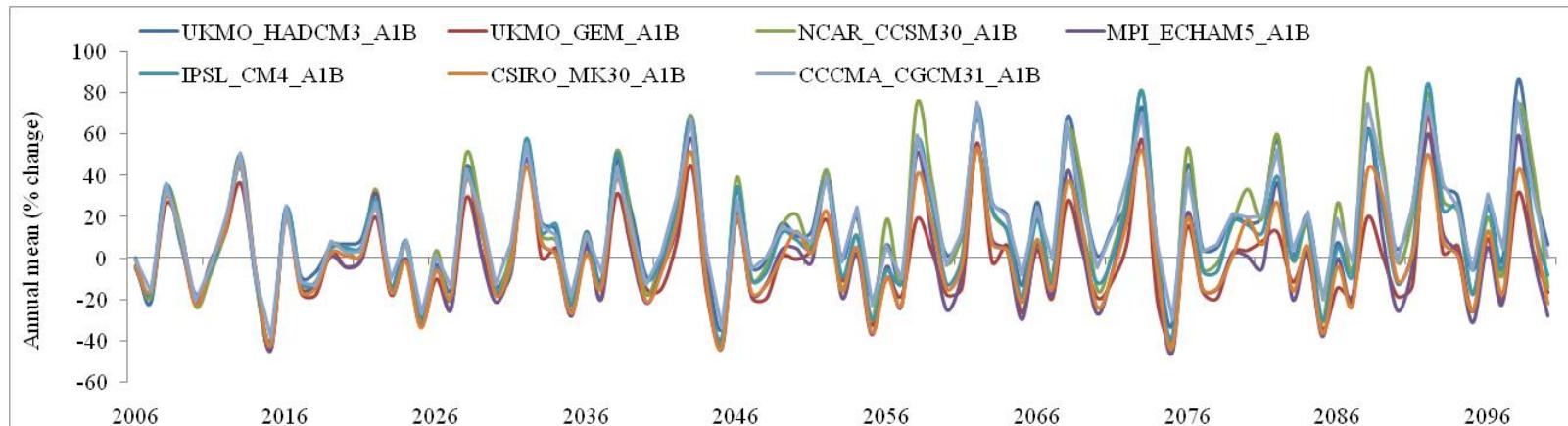


Changes in annual mean discharge simulated for 1-6DG global warming scenarios by UKMO\_HADCM3

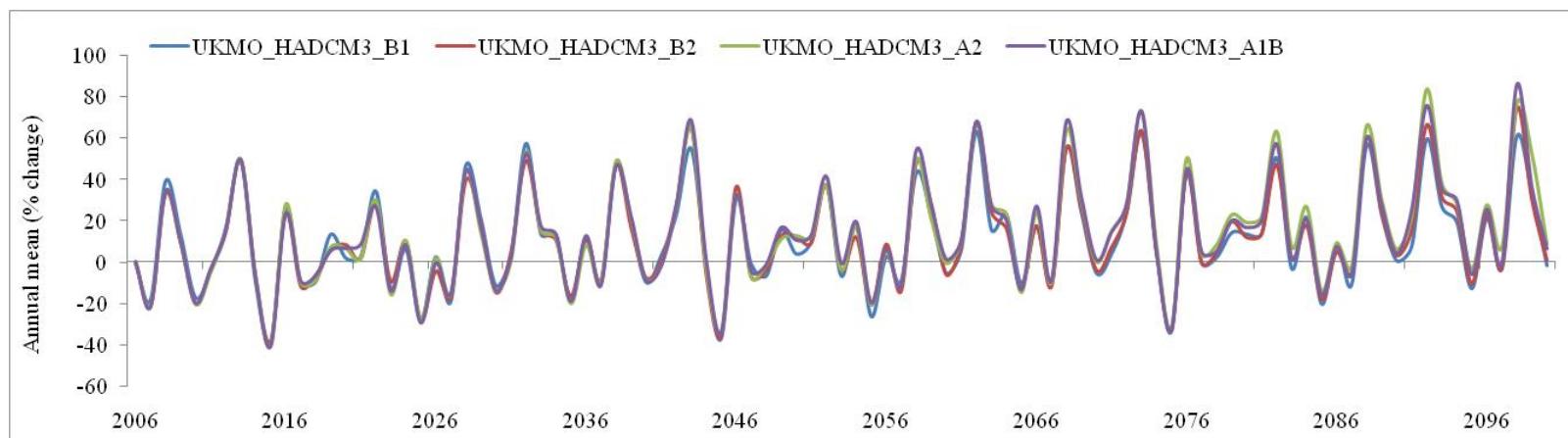


Changes in annual mean discharge simulated for 2DG global warming scenarios by 6 GCMs

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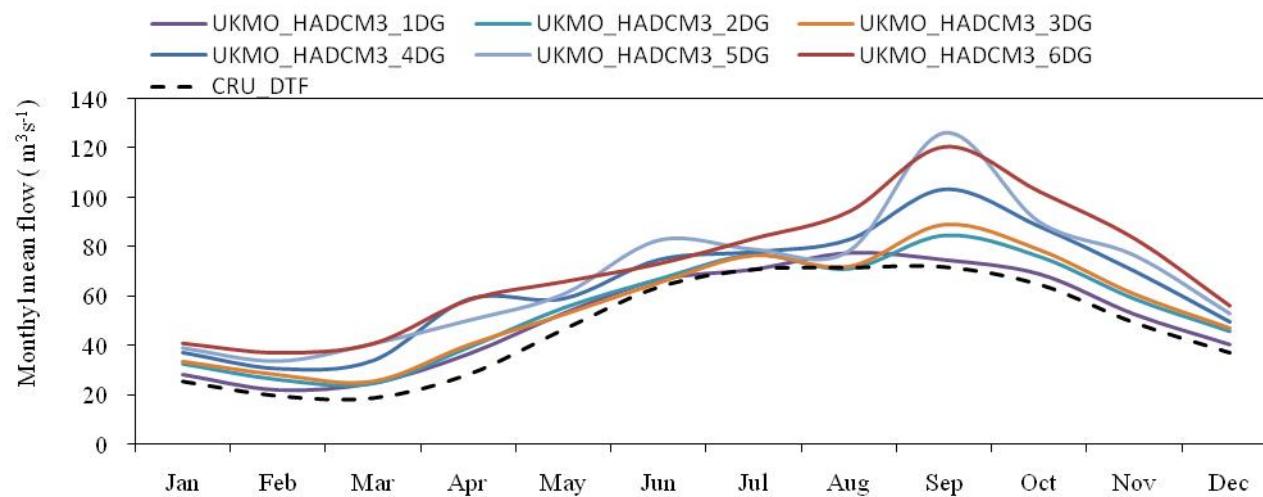


Annual mean discharge changes simulated for SRES A1B by 7GCMs

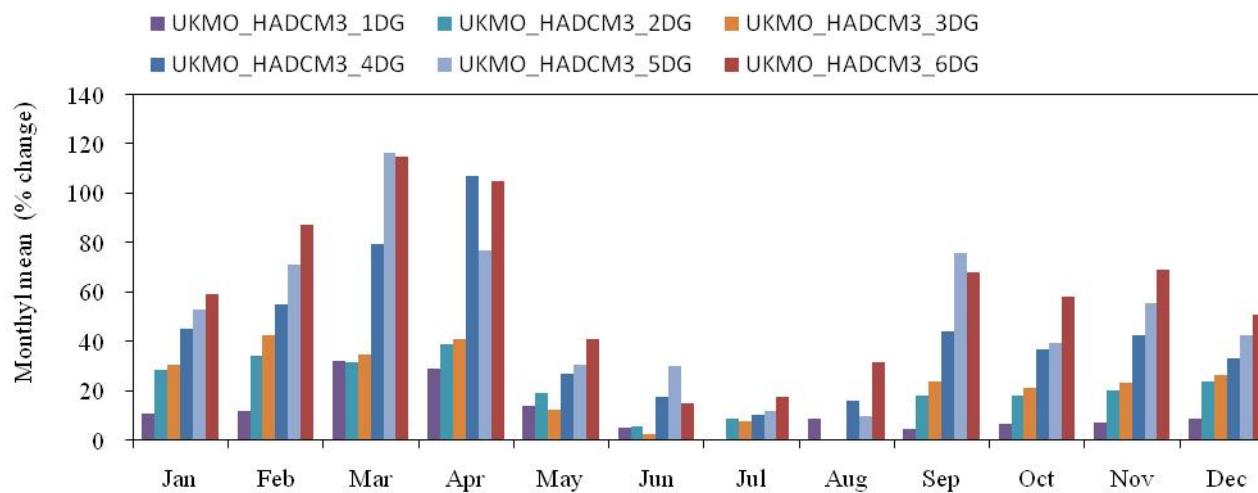


Annual mean discharge changes simulated for SRES B1, B2, A2, A1B by UKMO\_HADCM3

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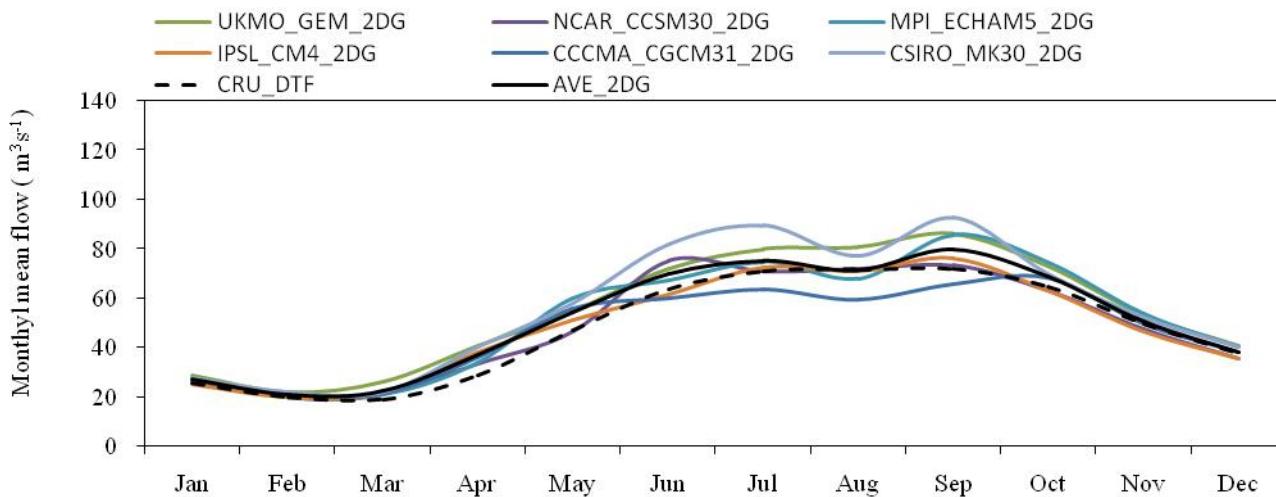


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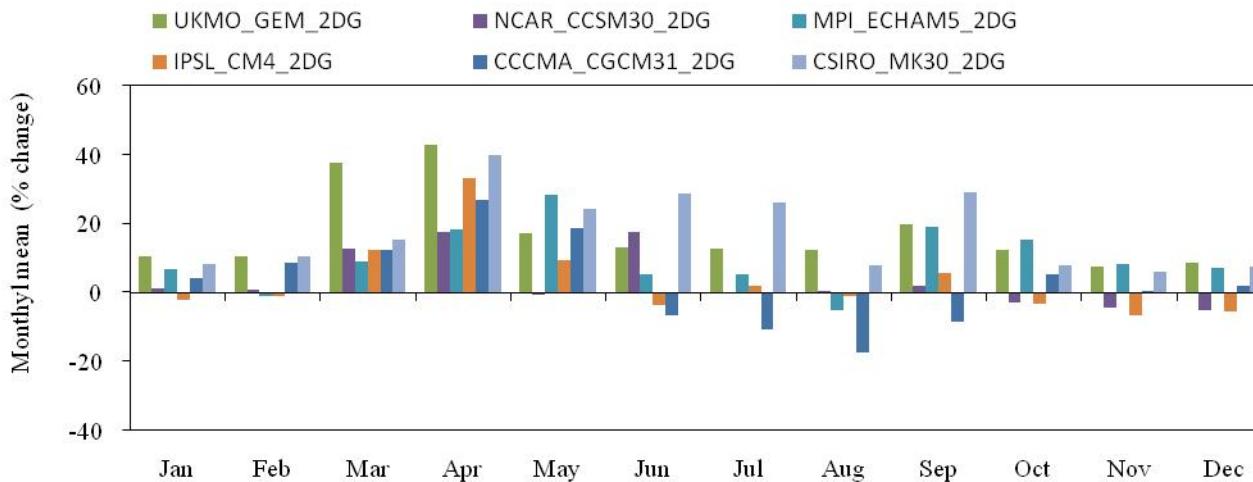


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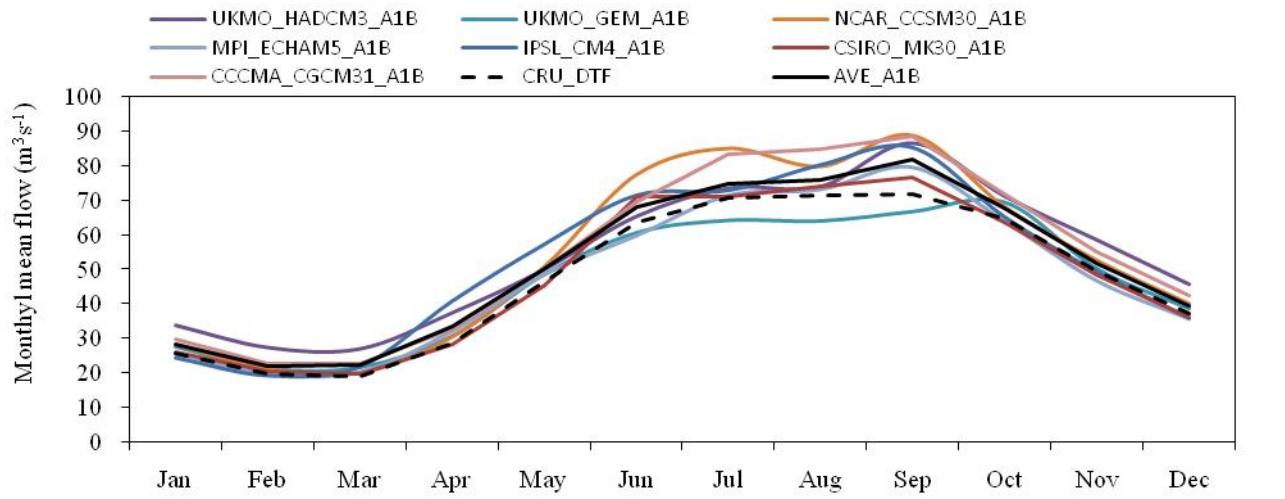


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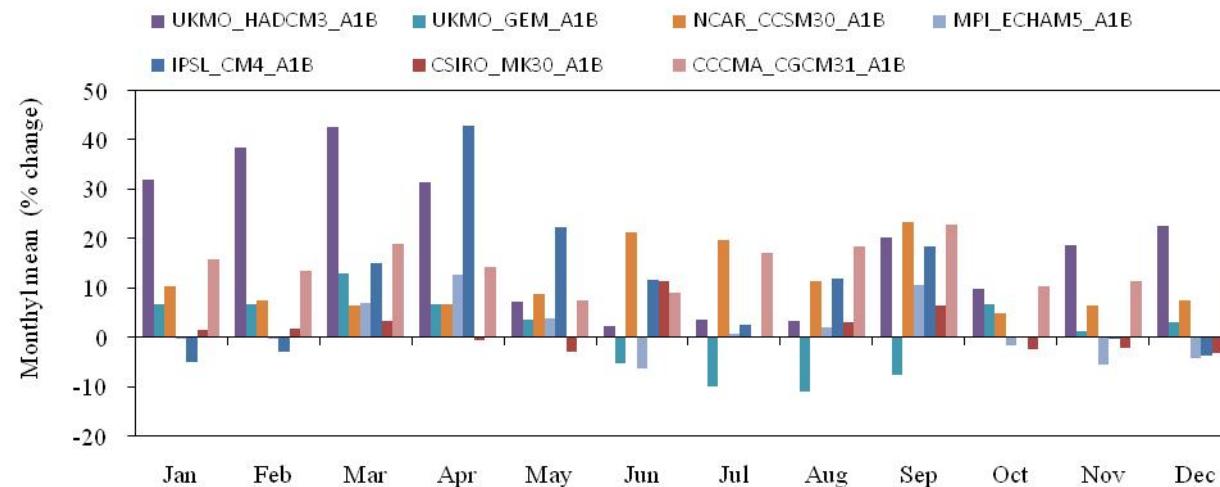


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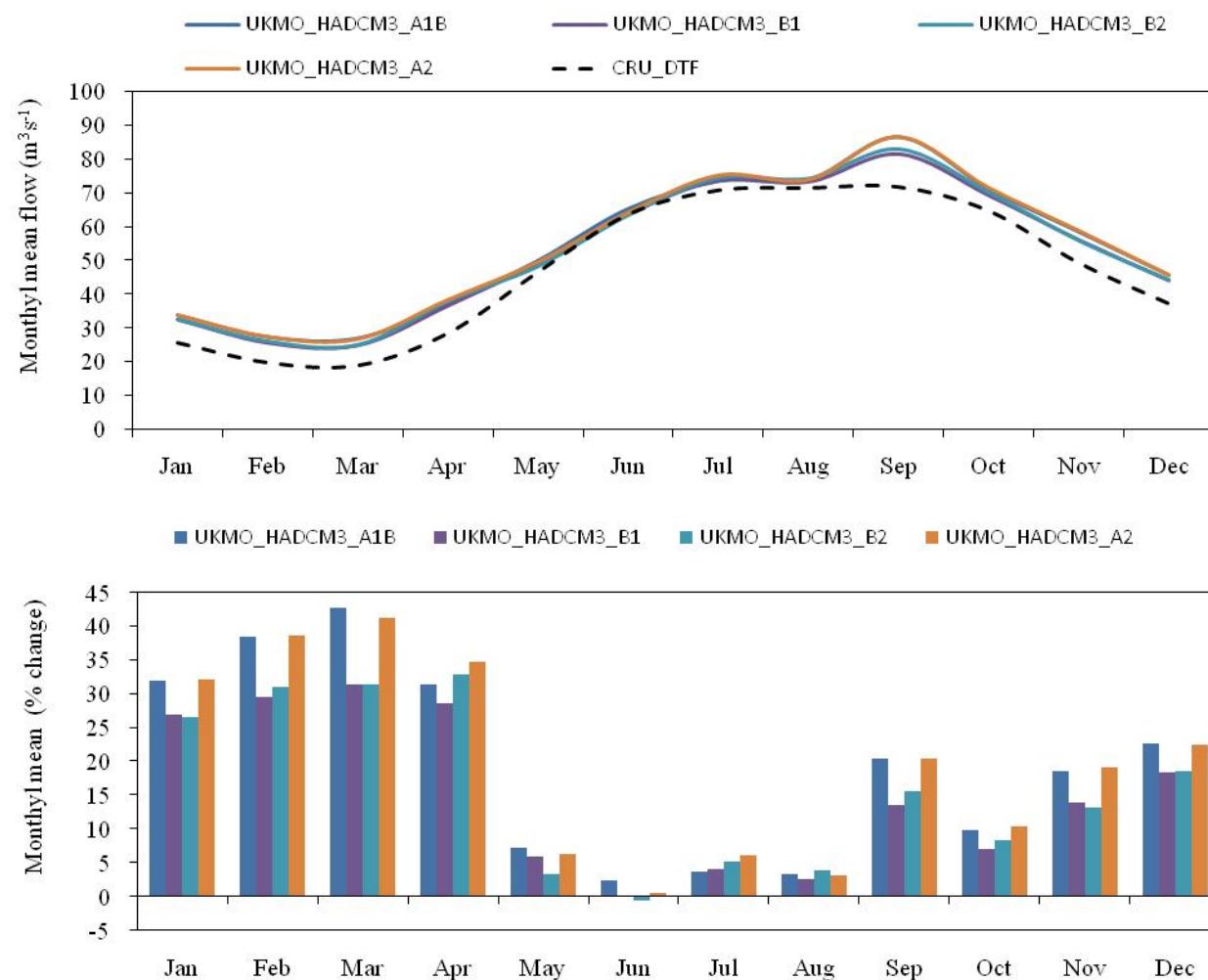


Monthly mean discharge simulated for SRES-A1B by 7 GCMs for 2010-99

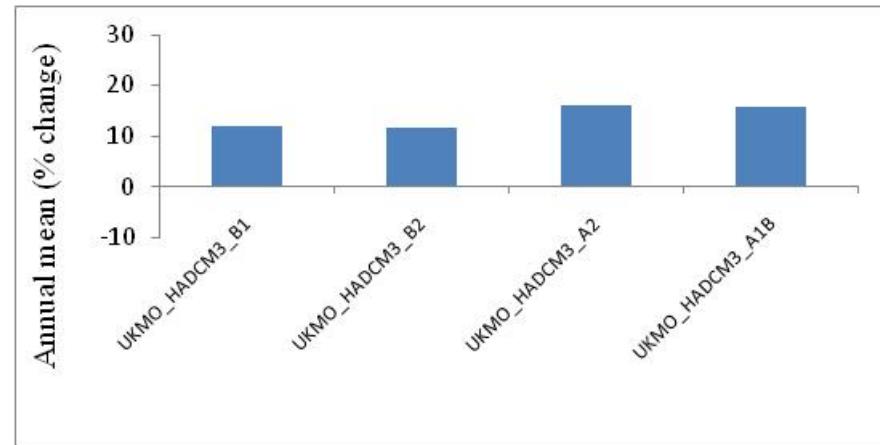
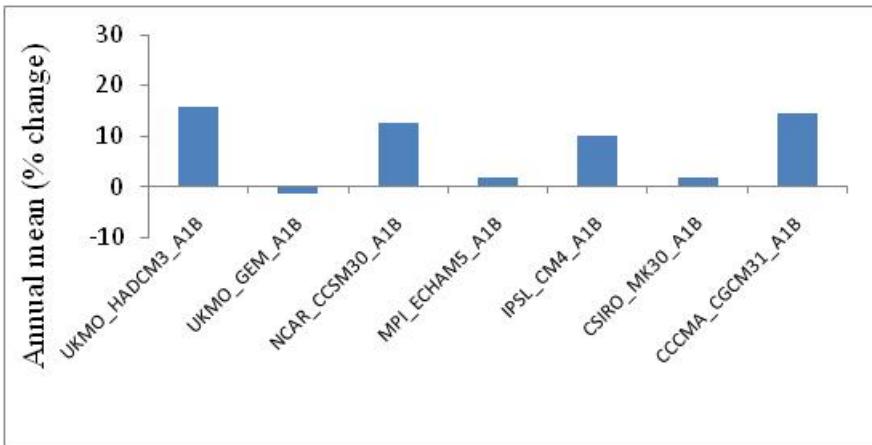
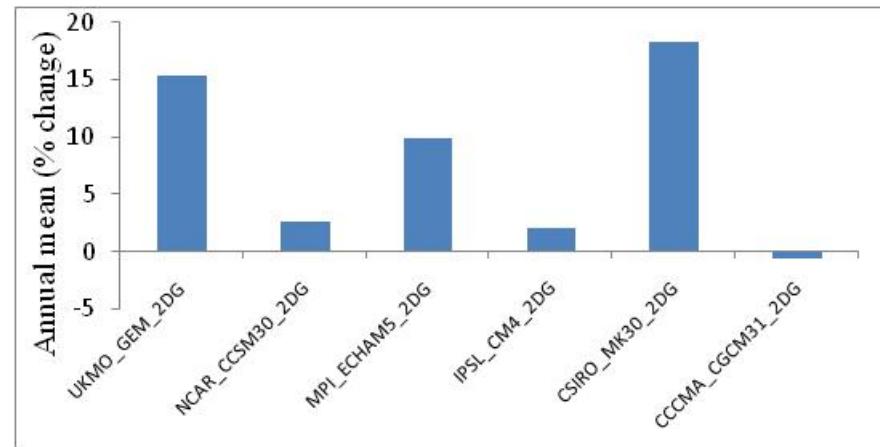
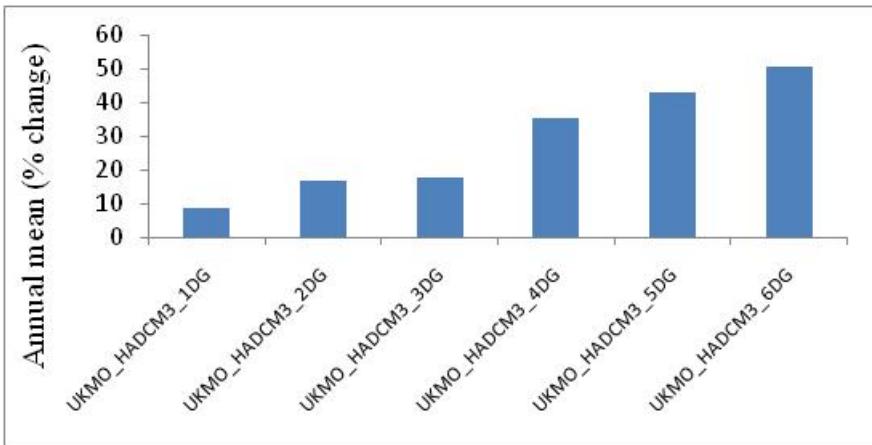


Changes in monthly mean discharge simulated for SRES-A1B by 6 GCMs for 2010-99

### 3. Climate Change Impact: Monthly Mean Discharge in River Xiangxi



### 3. Climate Change Impact: Changes in Annual Mean Discharge in River Xiangxi



## 4. Summary and Outlook

- After model calibration, CRU data shows good for discharge simulation in the study area based on SWAT2005 . CRU data maybe very useful for data-sparse area in hydrological modelling.
- Climate change have direct impact on water cycle: surface runoff, lateral runoff, percolation, and ET. For most scenarios, surface runoff and percolation are most sensitive to climate change.
- Climate change impacts on water resources strongly depend on the applied climate scenario. It is very important to quantify the uncertainty of climate change impact on water resource
- Hydrologic impact of climate change using multi-model ensembles of future climate and hydrological model ensembles



*Thanks for your attention!*

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