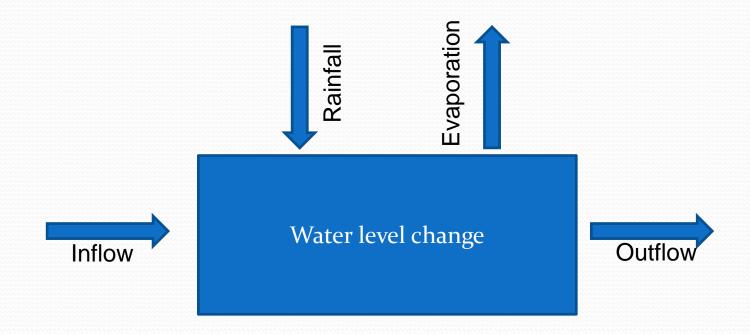
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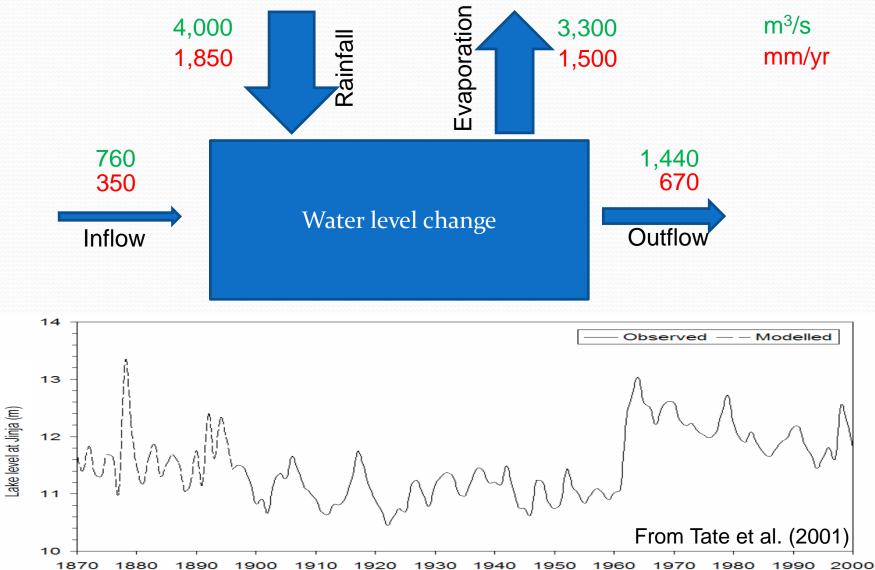


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## Water balance equation



#### Water balance equation LV



1870 1880 1890 1910 1920 1930 1940 1930 1900 1970 1980 1990 2000

#### Impacts of changes

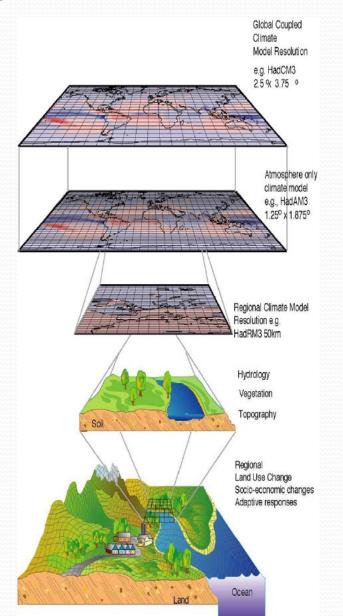
Net water balance =>

- Hydropower potential
- Downstream flow
- Water quality

Reduced water level =>

- Fisheries, navigation
- Habitats, biodiversity

#### The scaling challenge



#### GCM projections: (UK MET office)

Dynamical Downscaling

RCM projections: (UK MET office)

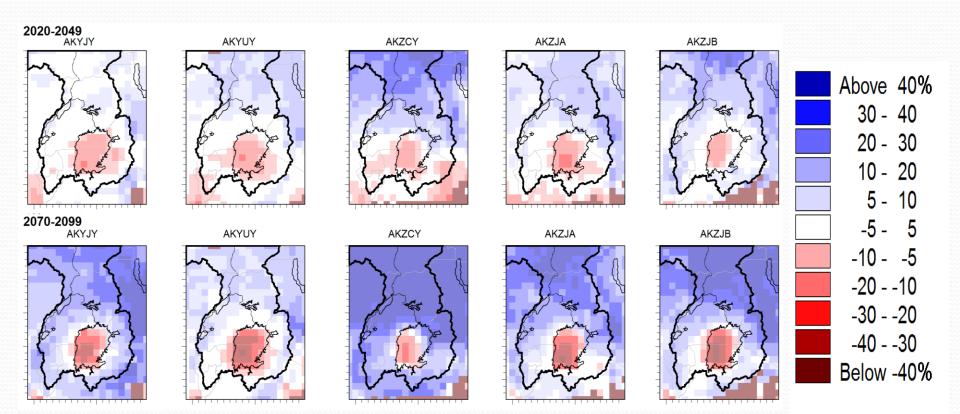
Statistical Downscaling

Basin Climate simulations (Change Factors)

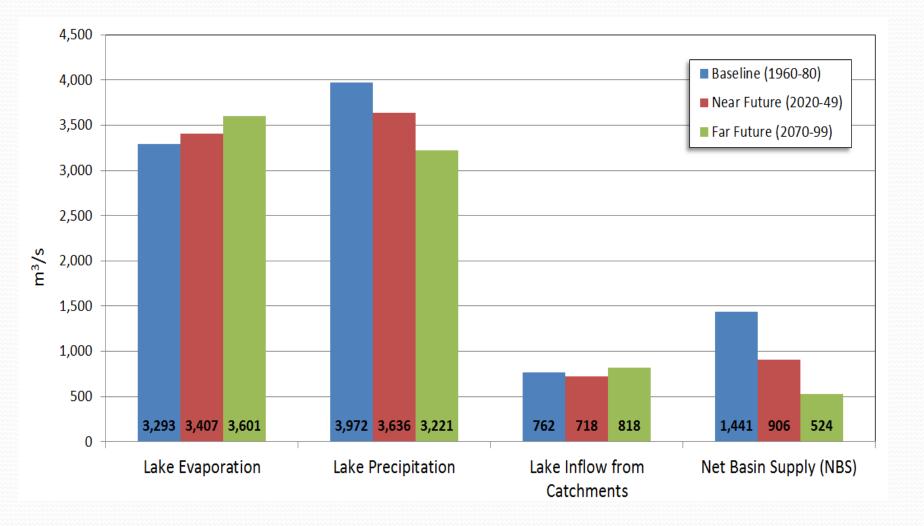
**Basin Hydrological simulations** 

#### Local Hydrological simulations

## Rainfall projections under five different Climate Change ensembles



### Water balance projections



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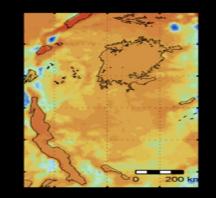
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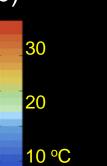


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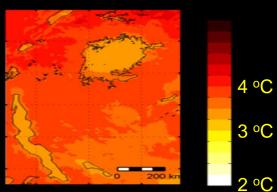
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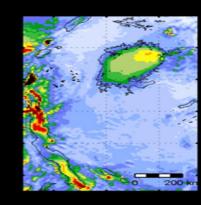


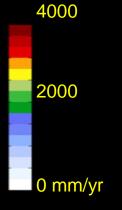


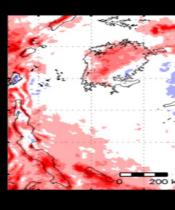


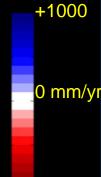
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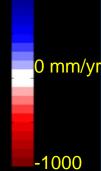


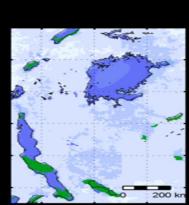


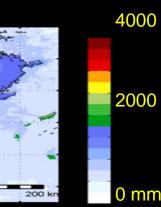


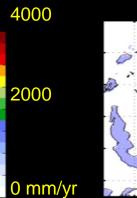
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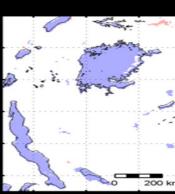
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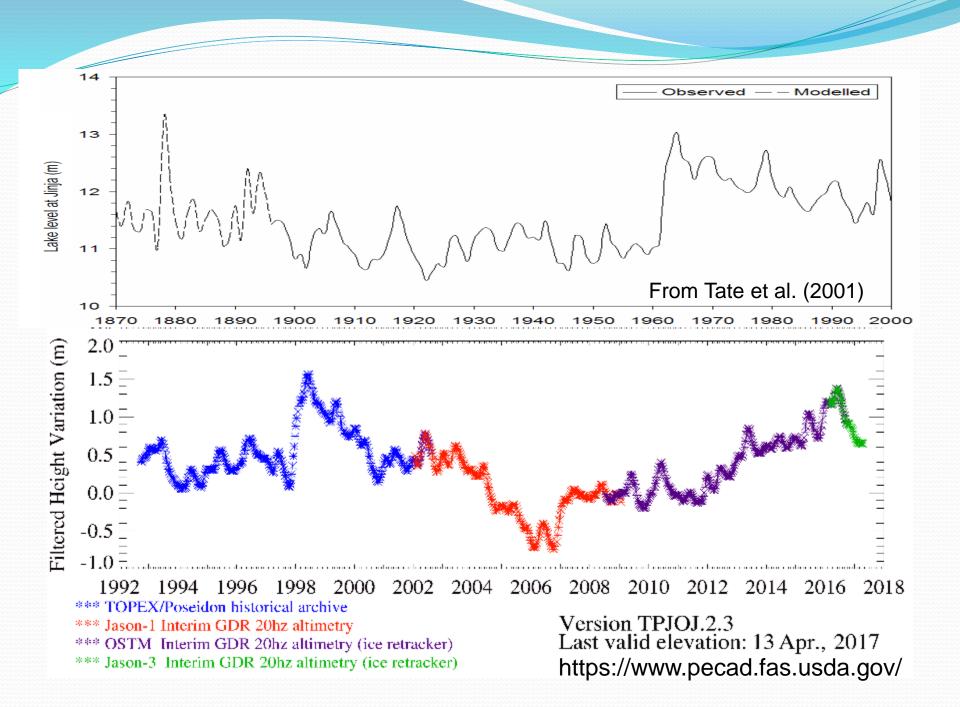




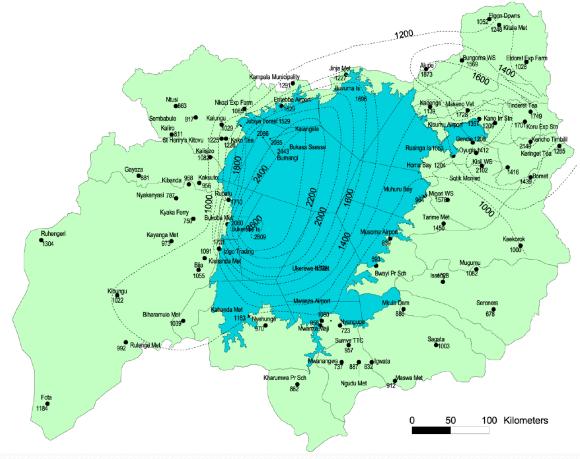




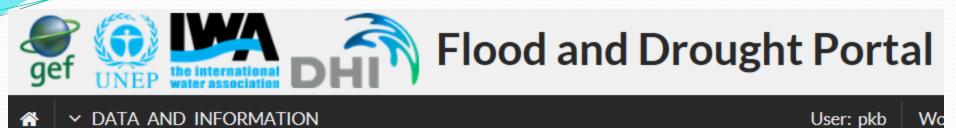


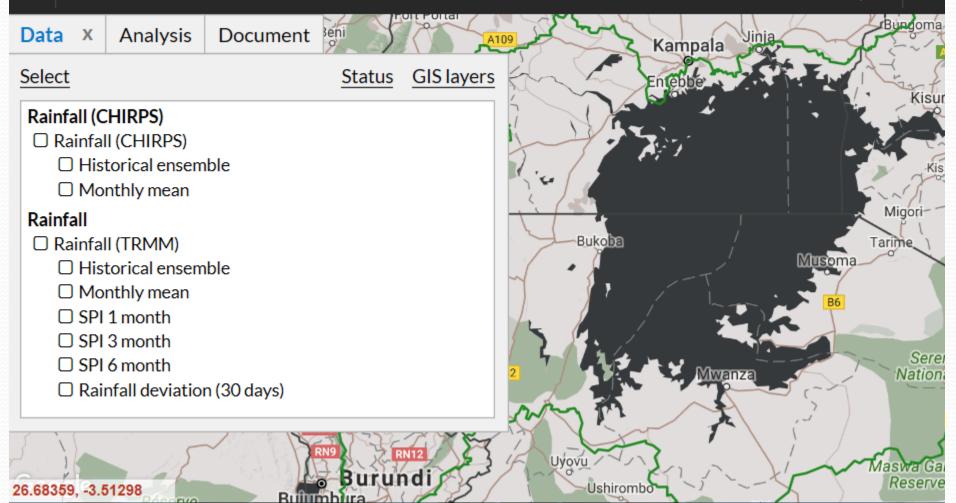


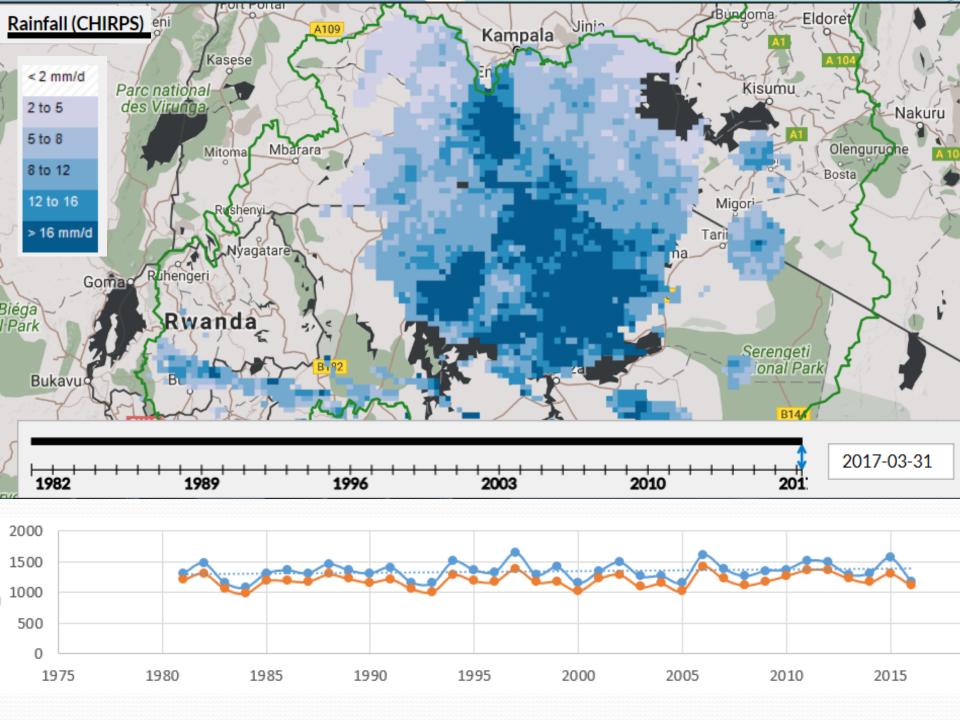
#### Mean annual rainfall



Source: LVEMP, 2002







## Key messages

- Lake Victoria water balance very sensitive to CC
- Available model projections suggest reduced net water balance over the next century
- A reduced net water balance would have direct effects on hydropower and downstream water availability
- Strong need for more refined model projections of rainfall, evaporation and riverine inflows under CC scenarios
- Strong need for more observation data of rainfall, evaporation and water flows.