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Climate Model Projections: Sea-Level Rise and Impacts on Coastal Defense Decision-Making

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The continued rise of sea levels poses risks for millions of people in diverse groups around the world. A sound understanding of the processes contributing to future sea levels is critical for protecting population, infrastructure and other interests along the world's coasts. Estimates of coastal impacts from climate changes hinge critically on projections of future hazards, including potential changes in coastal sea levels and storm surges, as well as drivers of compound flooding such as streamflow and precipitation extremes. However, these projections are deeply uncertain. Consequently, uncertainties in the geophysical processes involved, the mathematical models used to approximate those processes and the observational data used to calibrate those models all lead to uncertainty in coastal impacts and the efficacy of strategies to manage coastal risks. Thus, careful modeling of these processes and characterization of uncertainties is critical for managing risks in coastal zones. [...]

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