

# Estimating Indirect Costs of Natural Disasters: effects of the rebuilding demand

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# Introduction

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# Indirect economic impacts definition



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*Indirect economic impacts* generally arise due to the disruption of the flows of goods and services (and therefore economic activity) because of a disaster. (IPCC - SREX 2012)

# Diverse modeling methods<sup>1</sup>

## Computable General Equilibrium (CGE)

Better adapted for long term analysis (substitution of factors and inputs)

e.g. Rose, Liao, and Bonneau, 2011

## IO-Model

Better adapted for short term analysis (no substitution)

e.g. Hallegatte, 2013

## Agent based models

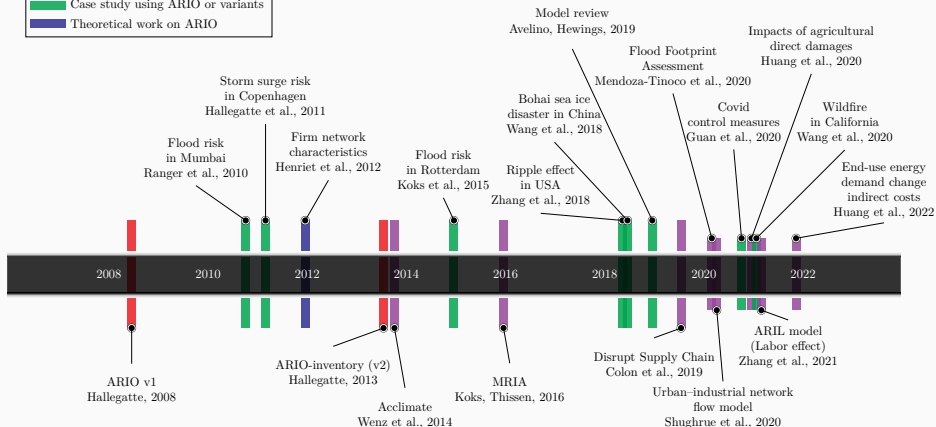
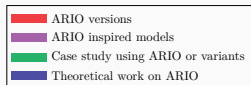
More versatile, but require to calibrate many parameters

e.g. Otto et al., 2017

ARIO model

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<sup>1</sup>A review of these: Botzen, Deschenes, and Sanders, 2019.



What is the robustness of the modelling of indirect economic impacts of natural disasters ?

# Main findings

- Modeling demand surge is key
- In this case:
  - Rebuilding process pace has the most implications
  - High sensitivity to economic data (MRIOT)
  - Higher sensitivity to model parameters (than without demand)

# Methodology


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# Evaluation framework

## **ARIO model**

Widely used model, basis for other indirect costs models.

 BoARIO: Open -source -access Python implementation (generic, modular, efficient, documented)

## **Economic data**

Three different Multi Regional Input Output Tables (MRIOTs) (year 2000 and 2010):

- EXIOBASE3 (163 sectors, 44 countries and 5 RoW regions)
- EORA26 (26 sectors, 189 countries)
- EUREGIO (14 sectors, 247 UE NUTS2 regions, 16 countries)

# Case study : July 2021 floods in Germany



Flash floods in Insul, Germany - July 2021 - AP Photo/Michael Probst

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- Direct impacts well evaluated (BMI, 2022; Trenczek et al., 2022; Munich RE, 2005)
- Large scale event: €33.4 billion direct damages
- In UE (matches EUREGIO MRIOT)

# ARIO model essentials

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# Rebuilding/Recovery scenarios simulated

We consider two cases:

- No rebuilding demand, but a gradual recovery of production capacity
- A rebuilding demand corresponding to the direct damages, production capacity restored as demand is answered

And different rebuilding/recovery duration:

- 3 months
- 6 months
- 12 months
- 18 months
- 24 months

(We also run simulations for a wide range of values for other parameters of the model)

# Results

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## Indirect production change two years after the shock

Without rebuilding demand



EORA26

EUREGIO

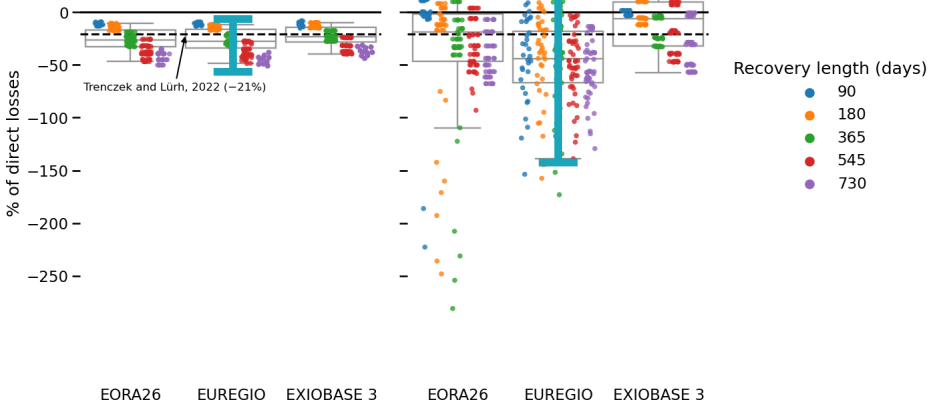
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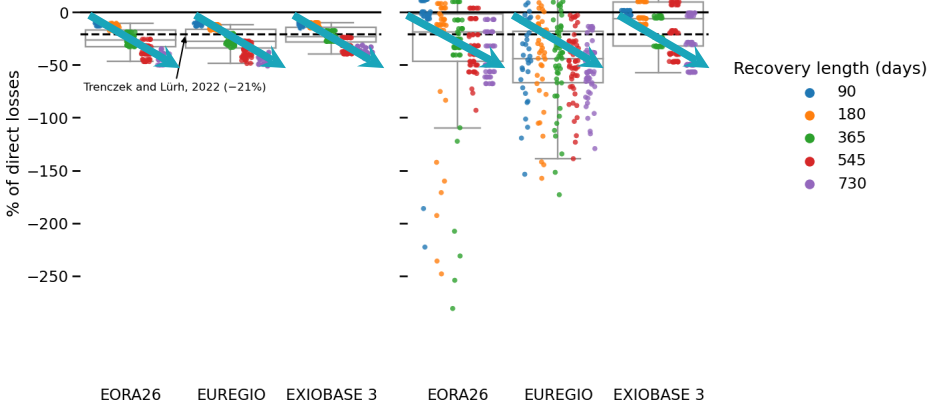


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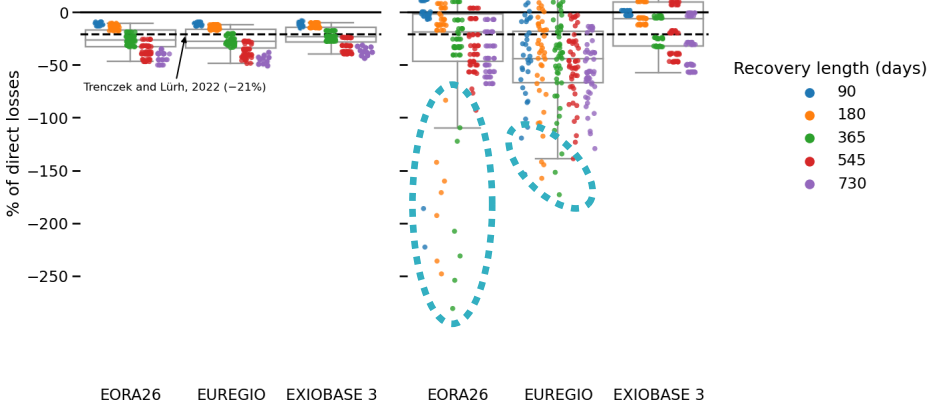


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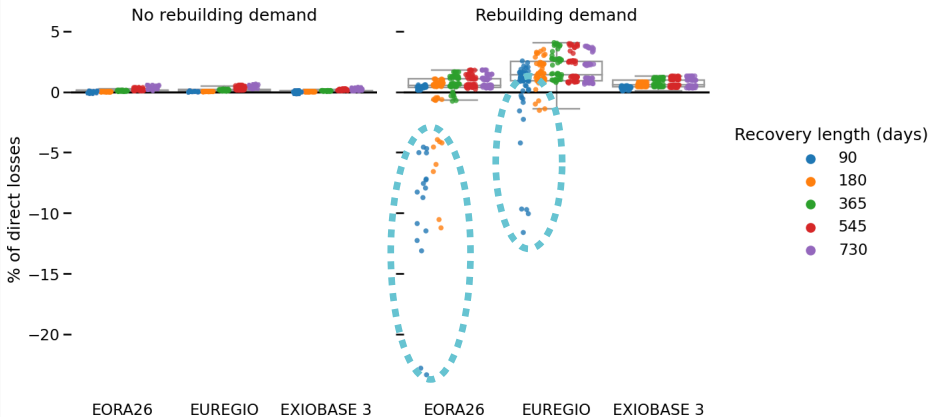
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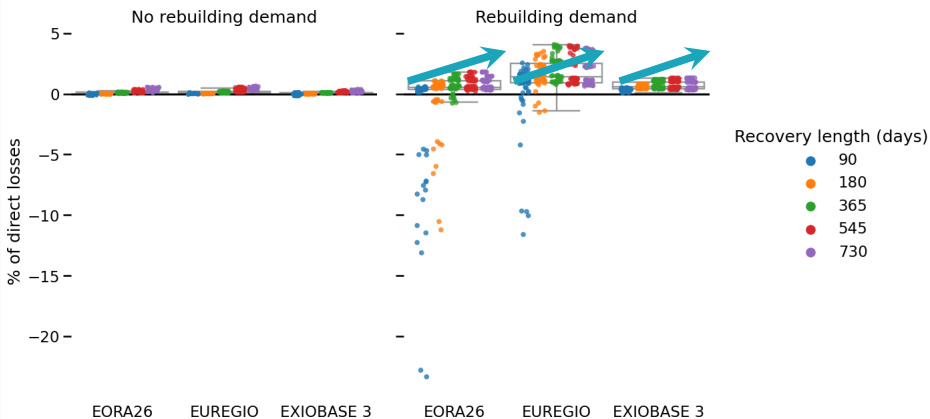
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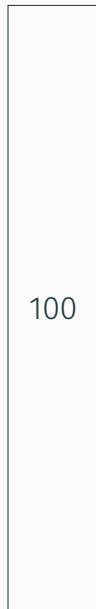
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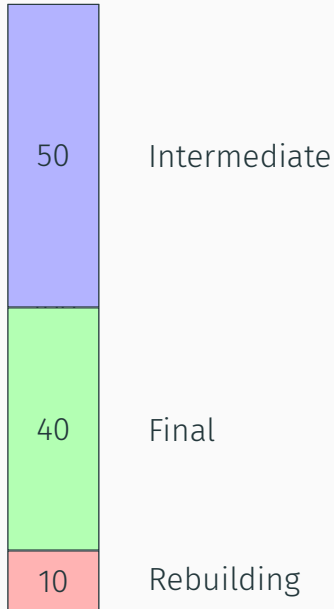
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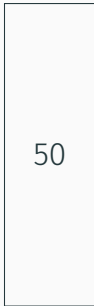
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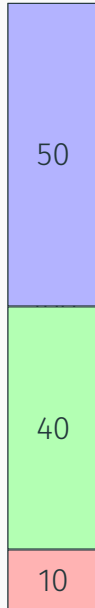


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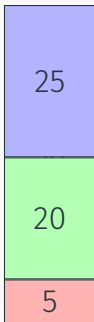
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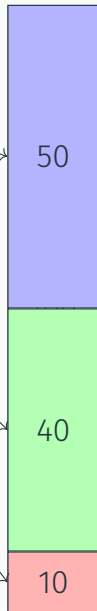
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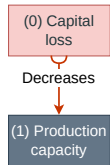
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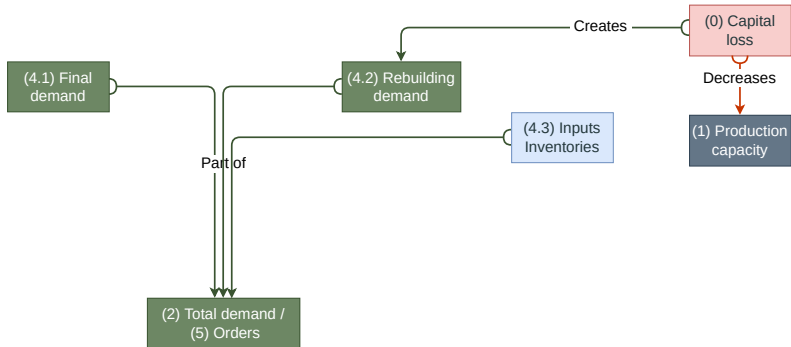
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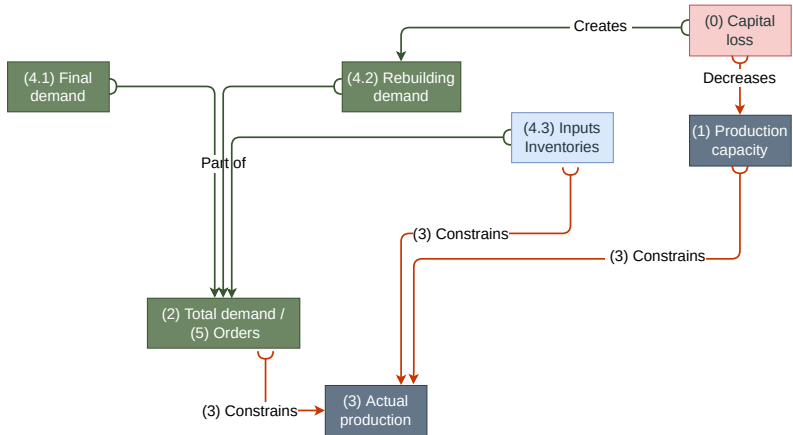


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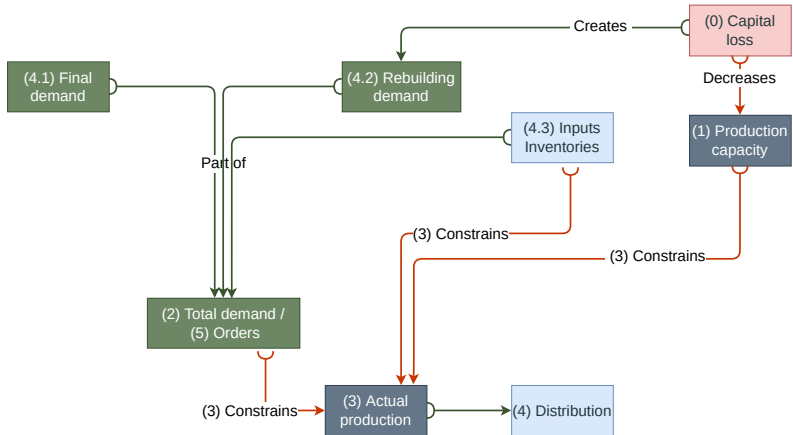




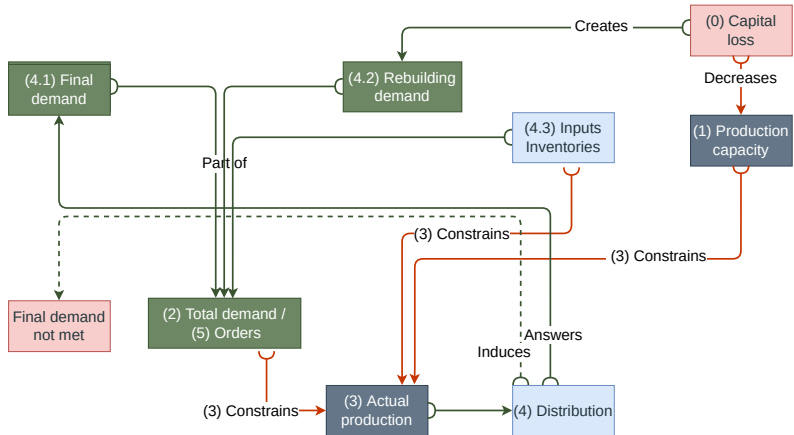
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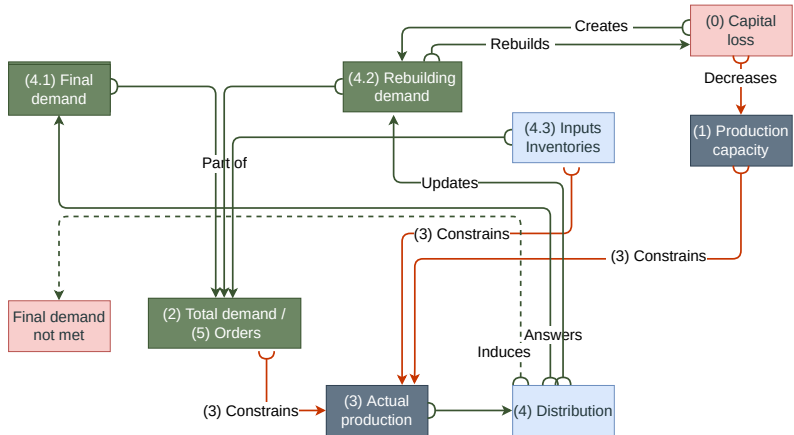
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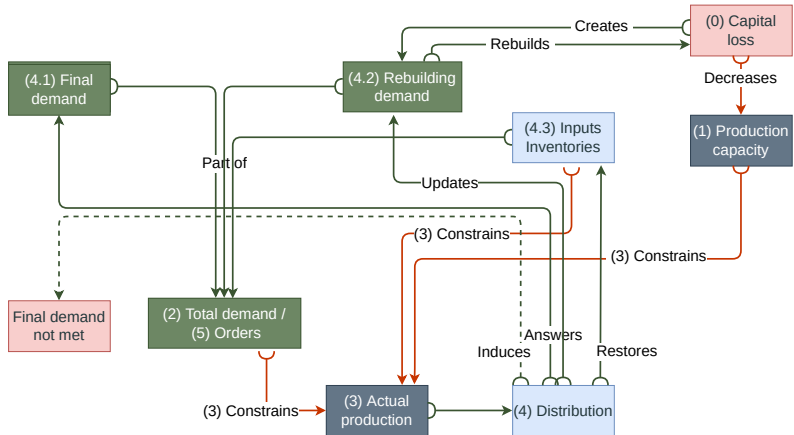
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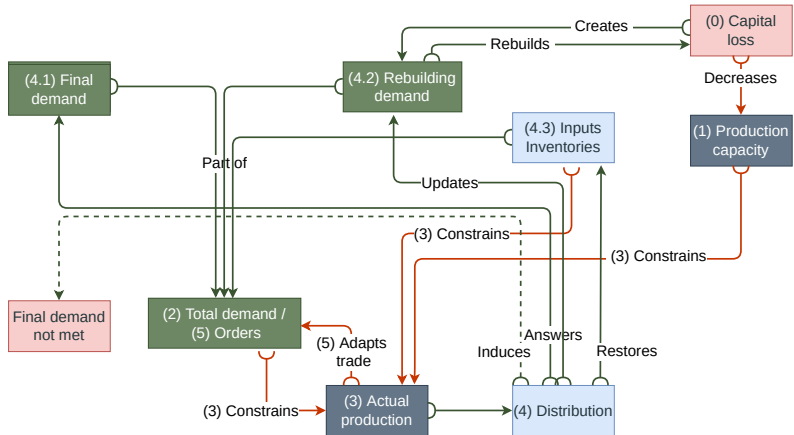
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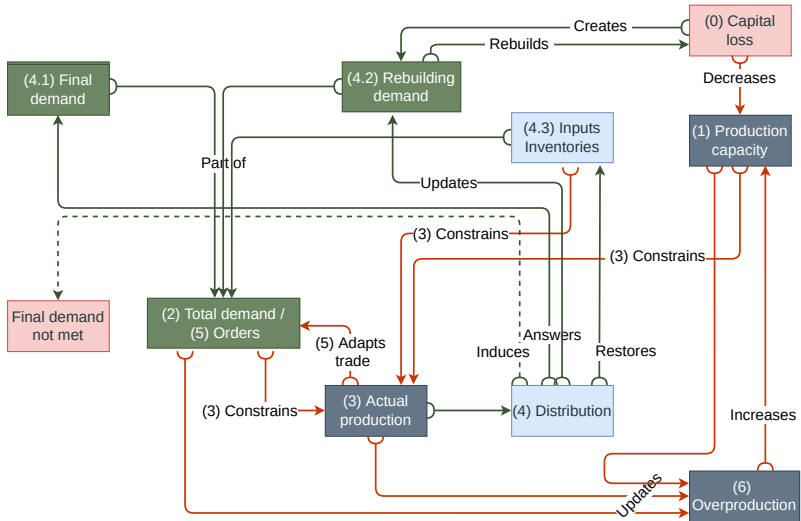
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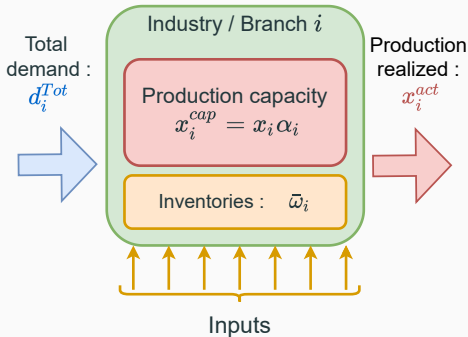
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Point of view of an *industry*,  
(i.e a sector in a region)

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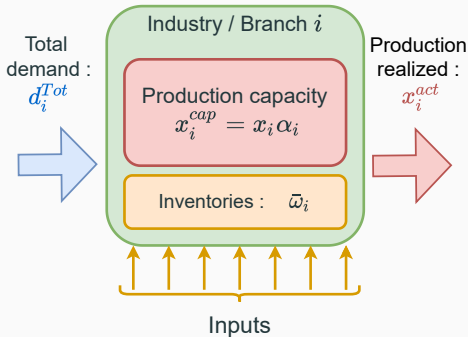


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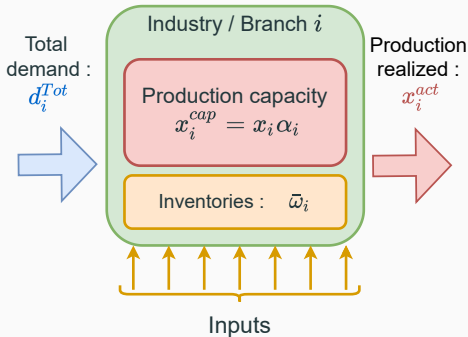


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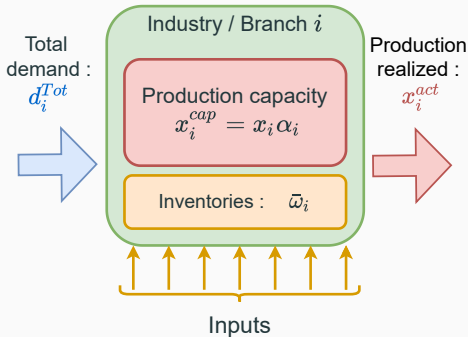


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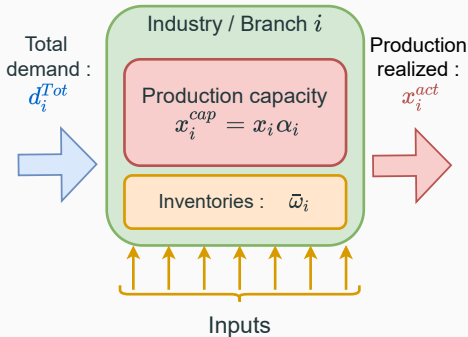


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# Production distribution

Proportional rationing : if production of  $i$  is  $n\%$  of  $d_i^{tot}$ , then each “client” (intermediate and final) receive  $n\%$  of its demand. Inventory begin to deplete.

Final demand not met is not reported but recorded as a loss. [menu](#)

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# Damages effect

On production:

1. Direct damages distributed along a selected set of *impacted* sectors
2. Distribution proportional to GDP share of sector (in IO table)
3. Production reduction equal to ratio of damages over sector capital stock estimate.

On demand:

1. Rebuilding demand equal to direct damages
2. Distributed towards a selected set of *rebuilding sectors*

# Recovery process

Huge shift in production distribution in one day appears unrealistic

→ Smooth production allocation towards rebuilding.

$$\gamma(t+1) = \gamma(t) + (\gamma^{max} - \gamma(t)) \frac{d^{rebuild} - x^{rebuild}}{d^{rebuild}} \cdot \frac{1}{\tau^{rebuild}}$$

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